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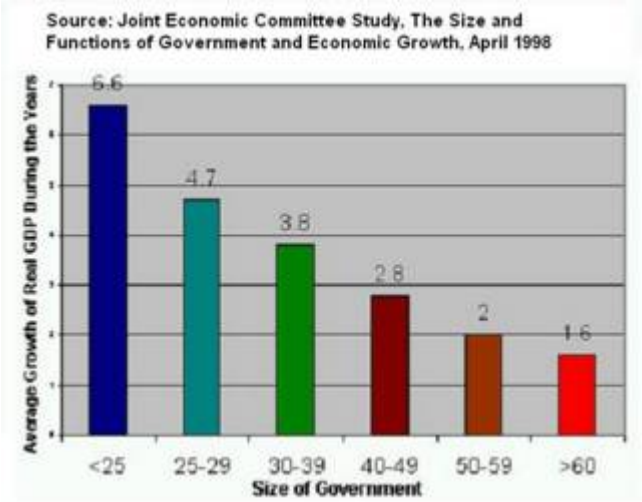

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Chapin Nation

OK, girls, here's the disclaimer. This web site is for guys. Not the sensitive 90's pansies you were brainwashed to like in college, we're talking old school, real men. Men that got in fights in school. Men that picked up a gun and went to war to protect the homeland. Men that didn't major in philosophy, sociology or feelings. Men that if you're with on a date, you feel safe. Men that don't cry.

Part of being real men, means you like women. And none of these "modern day women" that look like men, dress like men, and try to be men. We're talking real women. Women that a proud of their femininity and like showing it off in dresses...or perhaps a little less. So don't be going and complaining to me when you see the occasional photo of a dolled up moll on this site. Just accept it and read what they have to say. It'll help out more than the 10 years of counselling you've been getting.

Election Year Economics 101

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Morons. I'm surrounded by morons.

Everyday I wake up and be it the radio, the TV, or (if I'm especially blessed) in person, I am inundated with morons. It was almost as if God decided to give 90% of the population just enough brain cells to form incredibly uninformed and stupid opinions. And if that wasn't enough he went a brain cell or two beyond that to create "Uber-Morons;" morons with the confidence that their opinions are somehow worthy of broadcasting.

But during an election year it seems the moron population doubles, especially the Uber-Morons. And more and more I hear things like:

"This is the worst economy in 50 years."

and

"Unemployment is reaching Great Depression levels."

and

"This is the largest deficit in history."

Which is irksome, because as an economist, I actually know something about unemployment rates, the Federal Budget, and GDP growth figures, unlike these morons.

But what is even more irksome than listening to the electoral year morons regurgitate their lines received from socialist headquarters, is when I'm listening to talk radio and I find out that these guys, who are allegedly the front line of defense against the forces of socialism, are morons too!

And there I sit, hopelessly in traffic, without a cell phone, listening to two morons duke it out, sadly forming the opinions of thousands of other morons.

"This is the worst economy in 50 years."

"No it's not!"

"Yes it is."

"Nuh-uh!"

"Yeah-huh!"

"Oh yeah? Well my dad can beat up your dad!"

Morons!

Thus, it seems to be my calling to inform the masses about some simple, basic economics because it doesn't seem like anybody else is going to do it. That and it might just play a larger role than you'd think in helping you determine who to vote for, which ideology to subscribe to and a whole host of other things.

But first off, let's educate ourselves on the difference between "thinking" and "knowing."

Thinking is what children, liberals, socialists, college students and other people who don't work do. They are faced with a problem and with that limited "moron +2 brain cells" brain of theirs they single handedly solve the world's problems and form opinions.

"If we just printed off more money then all of our problems would go away."

Or one of my favorites,

"I just *feel* that if we taxed the rich a little bit more we could afford adequate health care and education for everybody." (Note "*feeling*" is very much like "thinking," except requiring no brain at all.)

"Knowing" is all together a different universe. Knowing takes what is called "intellectual honesty." Which means you do not sit on your ass at some coffee shop with a bunch of other suburbanite sociology majors pondering the world's problems whilst you sup a cup of $4 latte on your daddy's dime. It means you get off your ass, you go to the library or computer and find out the facts for yourself.

Sadly too many people do too much "thinking" and not enough "knowing."

So let's go through an exercise in "knowing."

Take unemployment or the statement commonly heralded from the left that "unemployment is approaching Great Depression levels." Can they cite what the unemployment rate is? Can they tell you what it was? Do they even know where to go to get the unemployment rate?

Of course not. They're too busy thinking in their cushy little office at the local NGO, regurgitating what they heard on NPR.

But we are more intellectually rigorous than that. We know that there must be some government database out there with a historical record of unemployment. And sure enough there is; the FRED database at the Federal Reserve.

http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/UNRATE/12/Max

And shucks howdy will you look at that. The question you should be asking yourself is if you've ever seen that graph before in your life. And if you haven't; have you ever dared argue anything regarding the unemployment rate without this seemingly vital piece of information?

Thankfully you've been spared becoming one of those morons who insist on spouting off an uninformed opinion. Furthermore, you're probably one of 2% or so of people in the United States that has even bothered to look at that chart and therefore can competently argue about it. But most importantly you now have KNOWLEDGE. You KNOW that;

1. The unemployment rate is only at 5.4% and that is not only historically low, but considered full employment by most economists.

2. The peak rate it achieved in this last recession (6.3%) is absolutely nothing compared to the peak it reached during the Volcker Recession.

3. The peak rate is absolutely nowhere near the 25% unemployment rate during the Great Depression.

And chances are your brain, after looking at the chart is saying...

4. "Gee, that last recession doesn't look too severe."

And this is a good sign. For this is what we call "called for thinking;" thinking that has been triggered by KNOWLEDGE not hopeful wishing, or feeling or thinking or pondering. Thinking that pioneers new questions, questions that can be satiated with further knowledge. Coincidentally leading us into our next exercise in "knowing;" the economy.

Exactly how is the economy performing? Ask any socialist or aging CBS anchor and our economy is horrible. Ask any union leader or Lou Dobbs and we are hemorrhaging jobs to China. Ask your friendly neighborhood Democrat and they'll say, "This is the worst economy in 50 years."

Really?

Aren't you glad all these people are here to do all the thinking for you? Why, you just sit back and relax and don't worry that little head of yours with such pointless and

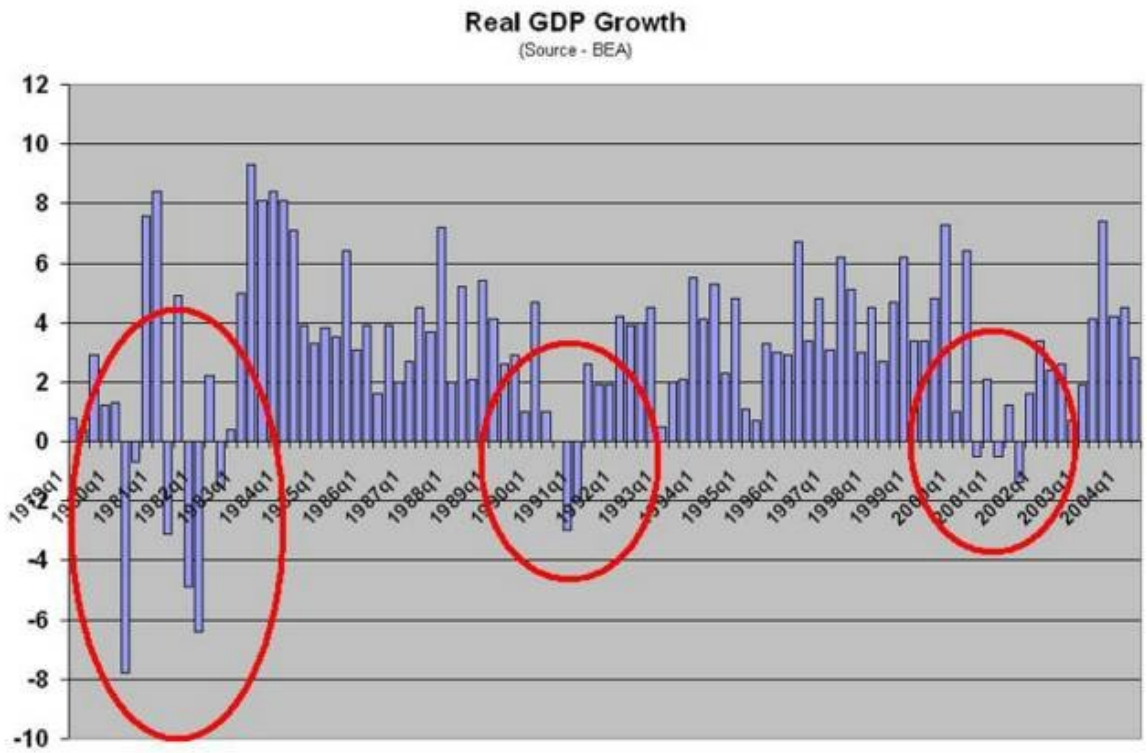
bothersome questions.

Well, surely there must be a government database somewhere with GDP figures? And as luck would have it there is! The Bureau of Economic Analysis actually calculates GDP figures on a quarterly basis and is even so kind enough to calculate year over year growth for us.

http://www.bea.gov/bea/newsrelarchive/2004/gdp204p_fax.pdf

Of course this only goes back a couple years. Remember, John Kerry and Friends say this is the worst economy in 50 years. The data is there, you would just have to copy, paste it, and then chart it yourself in Excel. Fortunately Captain Capitalism has come to the rescue and already done this for you. And surprise surprise. This "Horrible Recession," this "Worst Economy in 50 Years" this "pox GW has cast upon America" turns out to be

THE MILDEST RECESSION IN RECORDED HISTORY!



This, the mildest recession in recorded history, coming off of a Dotcom Mania crash that tanked stock markets by 50%, a terrorist attack and accounting scandals than ran rampant during the 90's. If anything it is a tribute to the rapid and effective fiscal and monetary policies implemented by Mr. Bush and Mr. Greenspan.

But not only that (and here's the real kicker to flabbergast all the morons at parties)...

IT WASN'T EVEN AN OFFICIAL RECESSION!!!!

In order to qualify as a recession, GDP must contract for two quarters in a row. This last "recession" was a Kerry Recession where it "flip-flopped" (ha ha ha) for three quarters between growth and contraction. And although certainly not a booming economy, it technically can't even be called a recession.

But yet, even more stupidity from the mouths of morons. For while the recession ended approaching a full three years ago, the left so desperate to hold onto the past, insists this economy is still in the dumps, or at best suffering a very slow and weak recovery. Two and a half years of solid economic growth averaging 4% a quarter makes one think what exactly would qualify as a "rapid and strong" recovery in the eyes of the left?

Our third and final excursion into the Realm of Knowing is the deficit.

"The largest deficits in history." "Deficits, bankrupting the future of our children." "Mortgaging the future at the expense of social security." And so forth and so on.

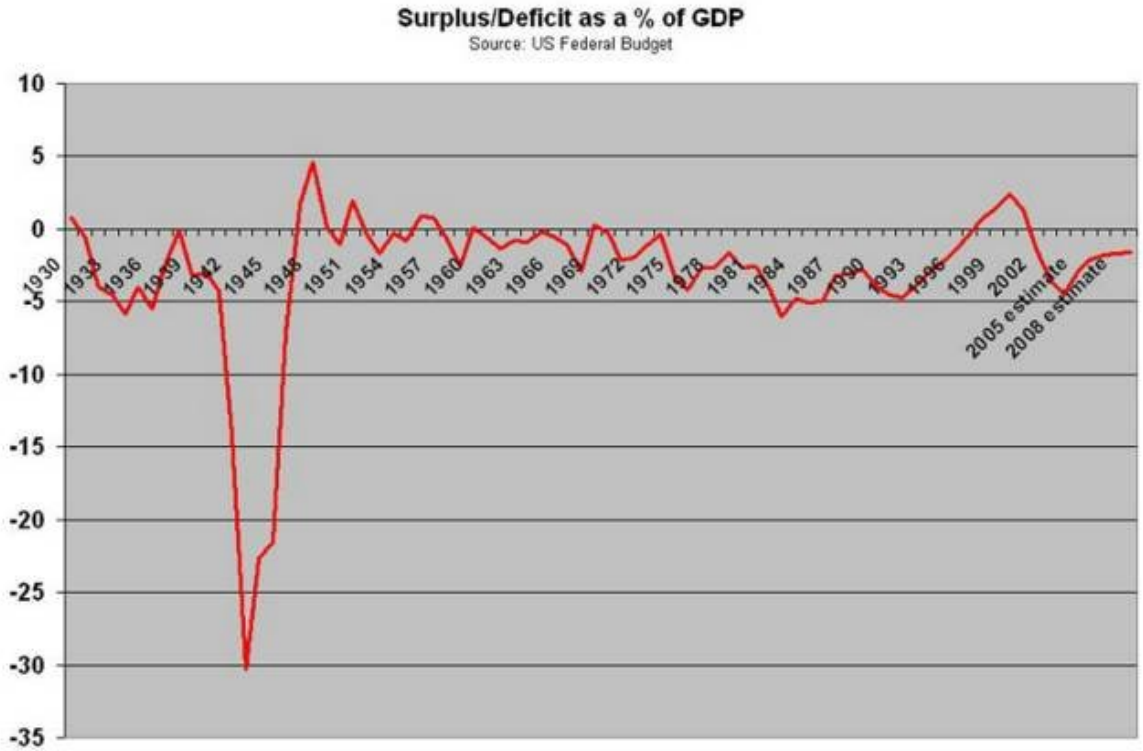
But unlike the above, the morons are actually correct to a certain extent. By no fault of their own mind you. Inevitably if you think enough thoughts, one or two will accidentally be right. It is true, deficits are the largest they have ever been. And it is true, chronic government deficits do "crowd out" other investments, eventually driving up interest rates. And it is true, deficits are nothing more than a mere post-poning of taxes into the future. It is about the only legitimate criticism of the Bush administration heralded by the left that I happen to agree with. But let us put things into context.

The simplest reason deficits are the largest they've been in recorded history is because our society and thus economy has grown. Adjust for inflation and who knows whether deficits are truly "the largest in history."

But fortunately there are people who do know. Savvy individuals with that rare combination of looks and intelligence. Individuals with charisma that make women blush and men speechless. Individuals that rank right up there with "fireman, police officer, the Pope and the President" when first graders are asked what they want to be when they grow up;

Economists.

Yes, it is hard to believe that in addition to calculating GDP growth rates at the BEA, tracking the unemployment rate all the way back to 1947, and gently turning down scores of romantic advances from members of the opposite sex, these people still have time to take deficits and put them in terms of the total economy. More specifically; "Federal Deficit as a Percent of GDP."



The great thing about this information is that it really puts things in context. WWII experienced a government deficit of 1/3 our entire economy. Of course that was a world war. A more reasonable comparison would be the *real* worst economy in 50 years, the Volcker Recession, when then President Reagan ran deficits on the order of 5%GDP. GW comes in a full point below that at 4%. Certainly not good, but not necessarily the crisis those morons *think* it is.

Next Lesson; "Common Criticism of Economics by the Left; How They *Feel* About These Figures and *Think* They Should Be."

Ode to the Baby Boomers - Part 2

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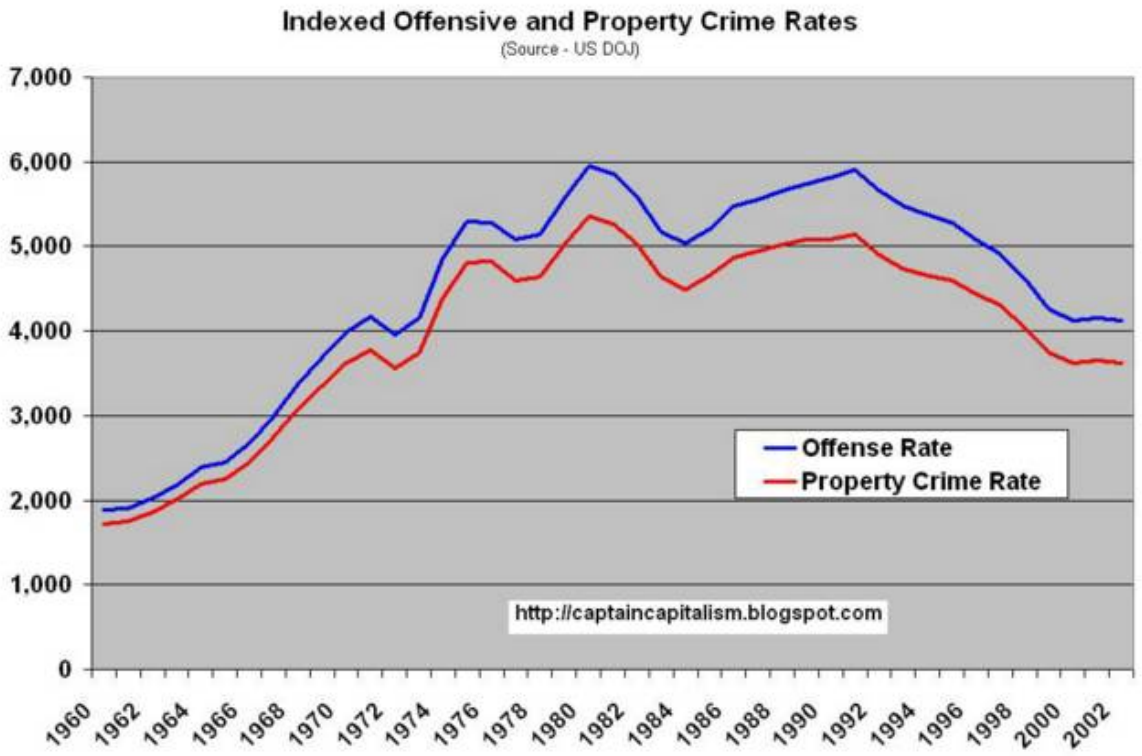
In my previous ode to the Baby Boomer generation I basically ripped them to shreds, accusing them of everything from the deterioration of American culture to the break down of the American economy. But one ranting economist blogger making outlandish claims doesn't make it so. What would make it so would be a little empirical proof and that's what this week's post is about.

Now, admittedly, some of the "societal ills" I accused the Baby Boomers of wreaking on America is simply opinion. It is only my opinion that Frank Sinatra's music was infinitely better than Jim Morrison. And it is only my opinion that dancing is a better way to meet women than to go to the bars and get them drunk. It is only my opinion that traditional religions are better than satanic ones. And it is only my opinion that the fashion and etiquette of Doris Day is forever superior to the likes of Janis Joplin.

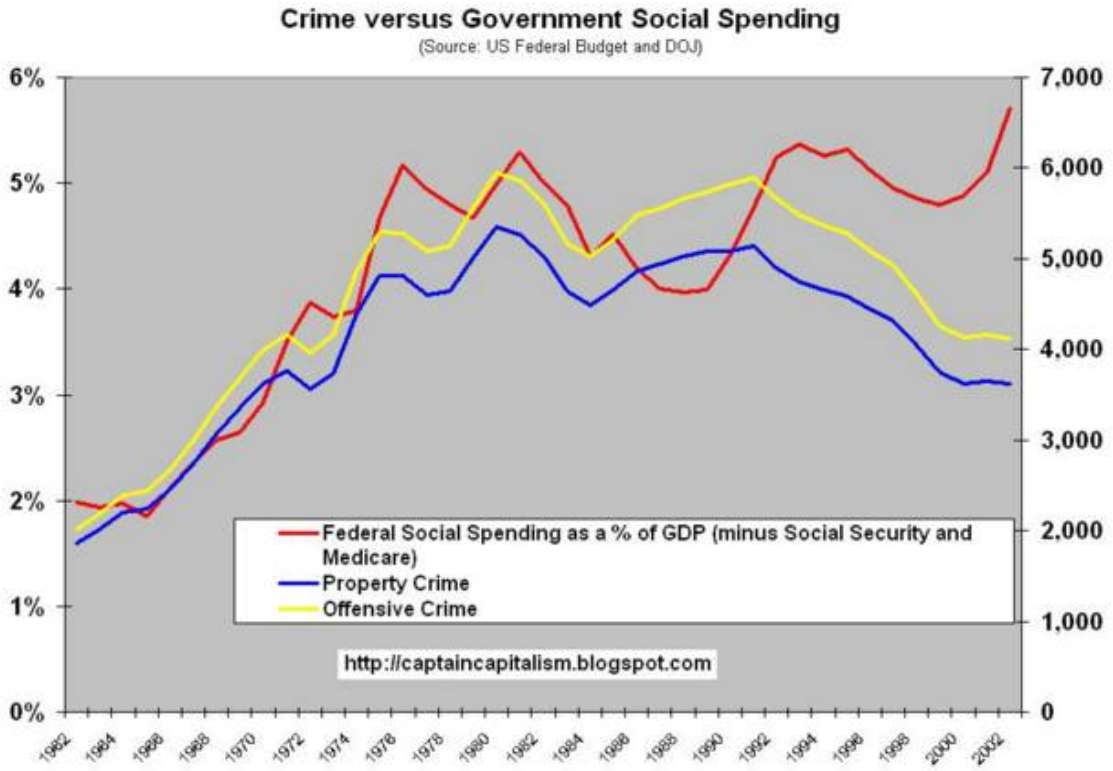
But what is not my opinion is what happened to the bevy of various social and economic indicators by which we gauge and measure the quality, strength and performance of society under the reign of the Baby Boomers. Things like economic growth, divorce, debt, teen pregnancies, etc.; it is these things that provide us with the pulse of society and for which the Baby Boomer generation has much to answer for.

My favorite metric is crime. What better way to gauge a generation's stewardship of society than to look at how much crime that generation committed against society? Upon the Baby Boomers' entrance into adulthood offensive crime nearly quadrupled in the 20 years following 1960, peaking during the Volcker Recession. Property crime followed a similar pattern, and in both categories a resurgence in crime occurred as the Baby Boomer's offspring (with fine, stable upbringings) came of adolescence and crime-committing age. It wasn't until the economic boom of the 90's and the Baby Boomers entrance into middle age did crime start to fall.

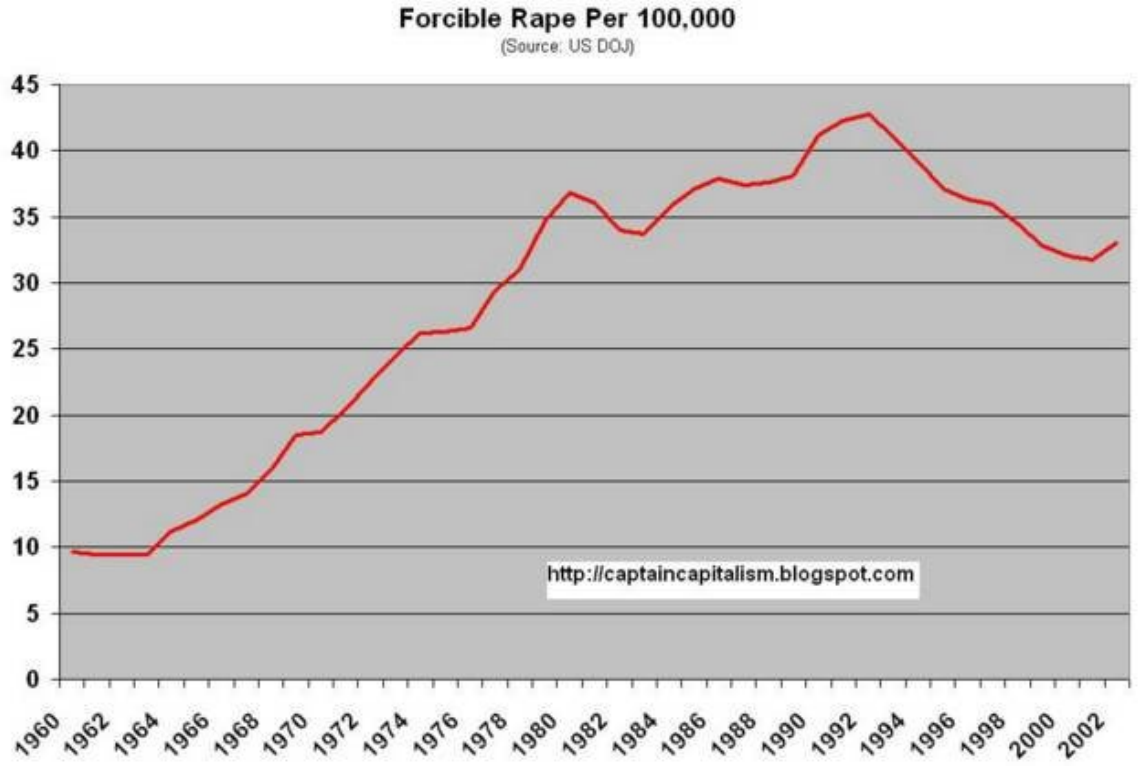


(These crime measures are indices, incorporating all crimes (burglary, rape, assault, murder, etc.) into two overall crime measures)

Ironically, this skyrocketing crime coincides with another defining trait of the Baby Boomer generation; skyrocketing spending on government social programs, namely, "The Great Society." These programs were supposedly designed to lower or eliminate such social ills as crime, poverty, drugs, etc. However, it's almost as if the more money we spent on the social ills, the worse they became...something that liberals CERTAINLY to not want to hear!



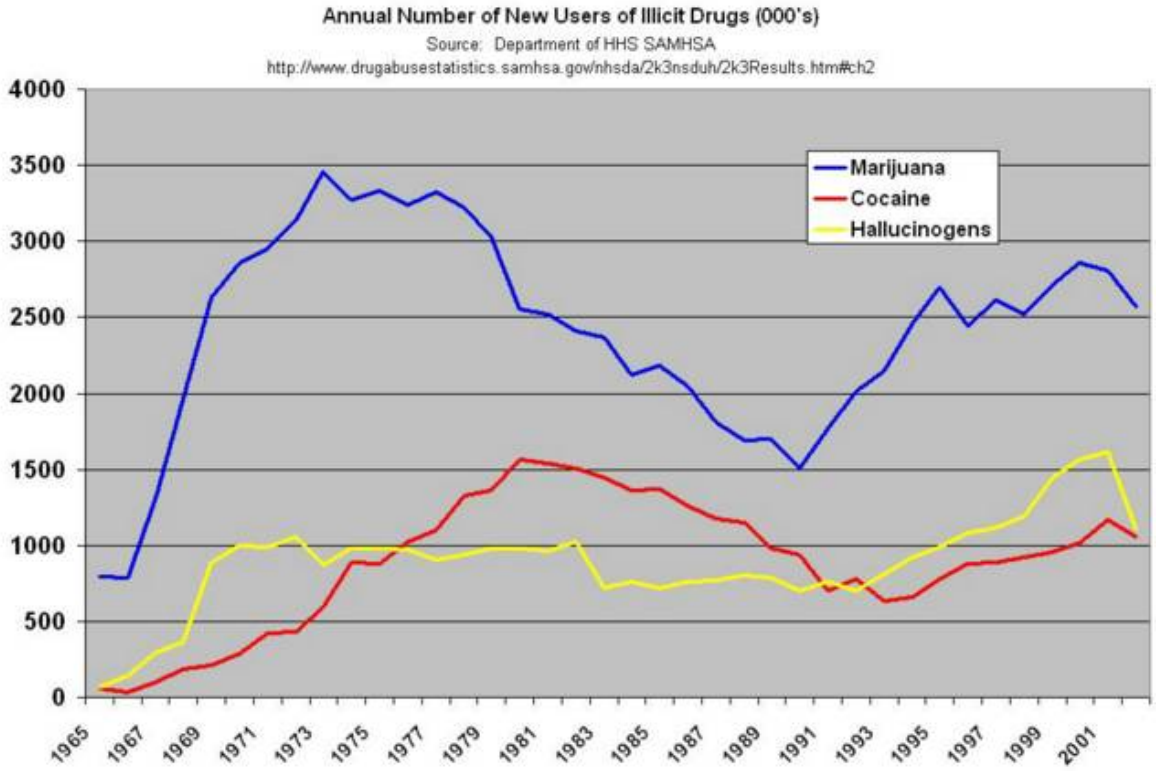
Even more ironic than that, and what I find particularly disgusting, is the revolting increase in rape that occurred as the Baby Boomers became participating members or society. And what is particularly ironic about this, is that this was under the reign and heyday of the "women's liberation movement" which was allegedly supposed to decrease such atrocities.



Of course, some will argue this is due to the fact that women were being raped all the

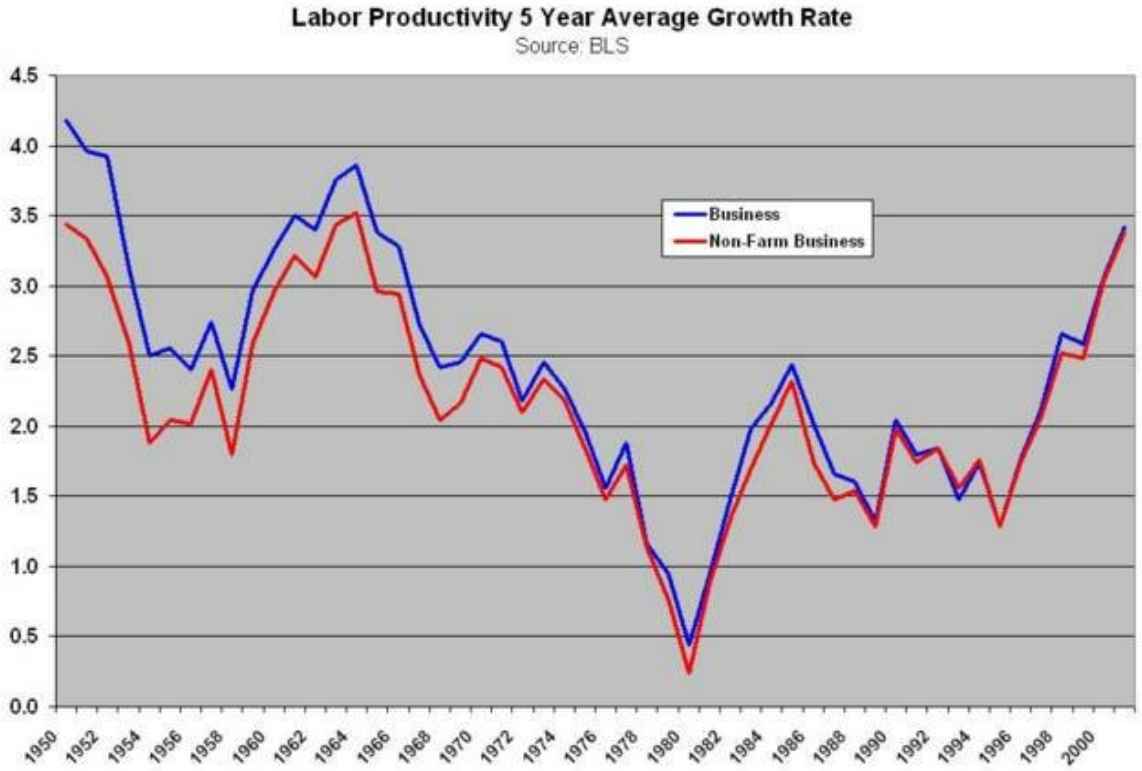
time, but never came forward. It wasn't until women were "liberated" that they felt comfortable coming forward, thus the increase in rape can be considered a good thing. However, I'm more inclined to subscribe to another theory; that feminists were 100% successful in eliminating that sexist and oppressive patriarchical behavior known as "chilvarly," yet, chivlary (or at least an upstanding father figure in the household) was the key ingredient in not only preventing rape, but instilling respect for women in men. But alas, I'm sure this correlation is spurious and I'm just some dumb economist jumping out of trees, running into the bushes and climbing rocks. I'm sure the women's lib movement has really improved the lives of women all around and has made them much happier.

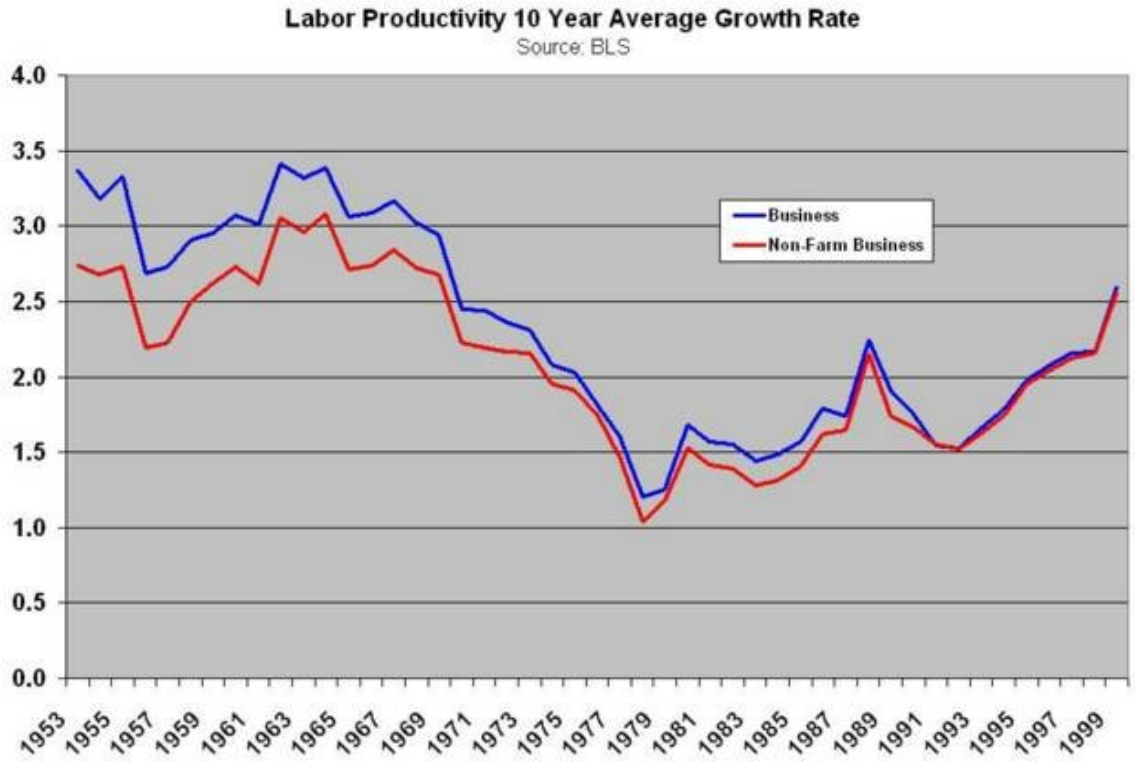
Closely related to crime and certainly contributing to it during the 70's and 80's was drugs, another ailment brought to prominence by the Baby Boomers. Before 1965 the recreational use of illicit drugs was practically non-existent. It wasn't until Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin started to eclipse Frank Sinatra in album sales that the first Baby Boomers entered (again) "adulthood" and made narcotics a booming industry. Marijuana alone experienced a 500% increase in new users in the eight years following 1965. Cocaine was a late bloomer, not reaching its peak of popularity until 1981; perhaps it was just a favorite among the younger Baby Boomers.



It should also come as no surprise that as drug use went up labor productivity might suffer. Averaging about a 3% annual growth rate during the 50's and 60's, labor productivity growth started to tank in 1965, once again coinciding with the entrance of Baby Boomers into the labor force. Labor productivity growth continued to tank for the next 15 years where it bottomed out at roughly 1/3 its 1965 high. Alas, it is a sad irony that droves of Baby Boomers entering the labor force seemingly "drove" (HAR HAR HAR!)

labor productivity growth down.

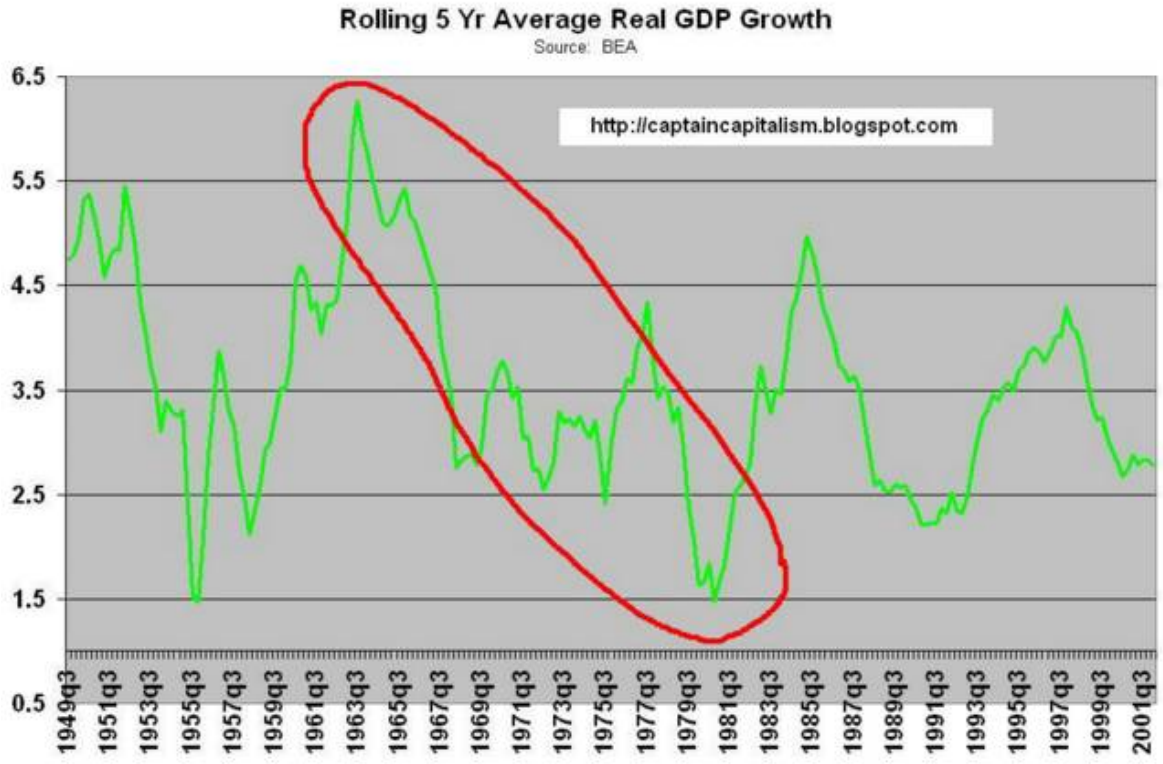


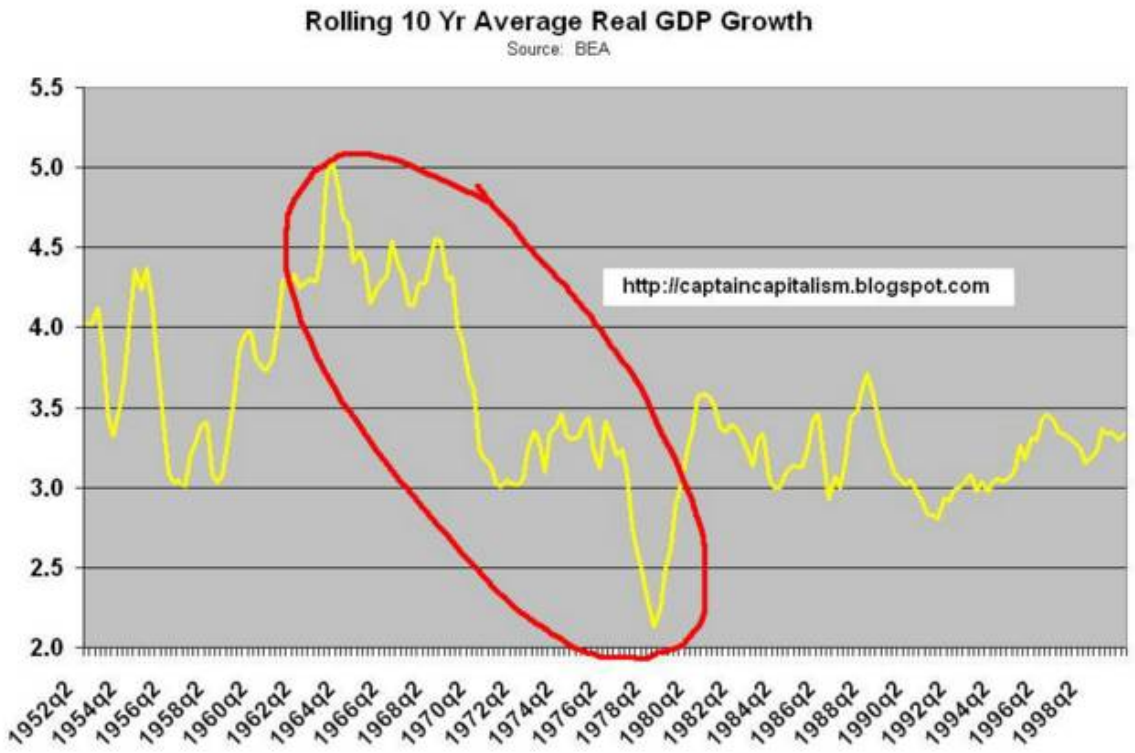


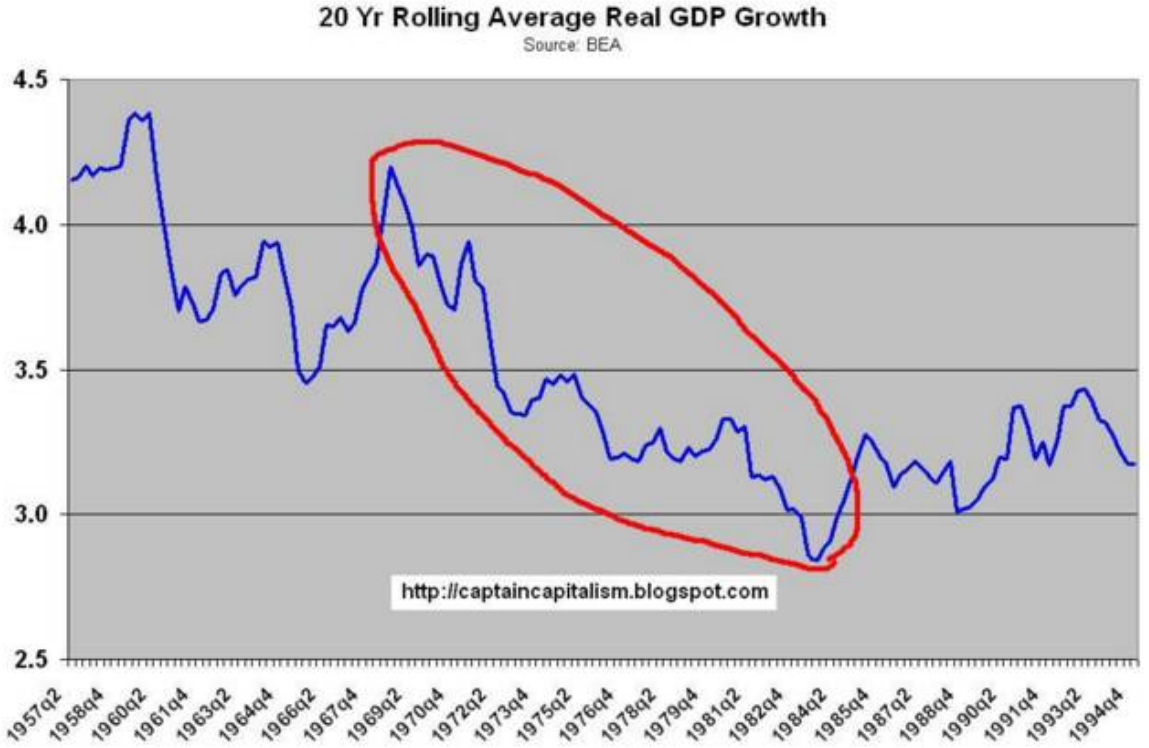
(Note- I used rolling averages since labor productivity is very volatile and no trend would be able to be discerned visually. The rolling averages are not a trailing average, but a centered average, meaning the number you see in, say the 10 year rolling average takes the average of the past 5 and future five years to get its data point)

The negative effects of lower labor productivity may not be readily apparent to those who

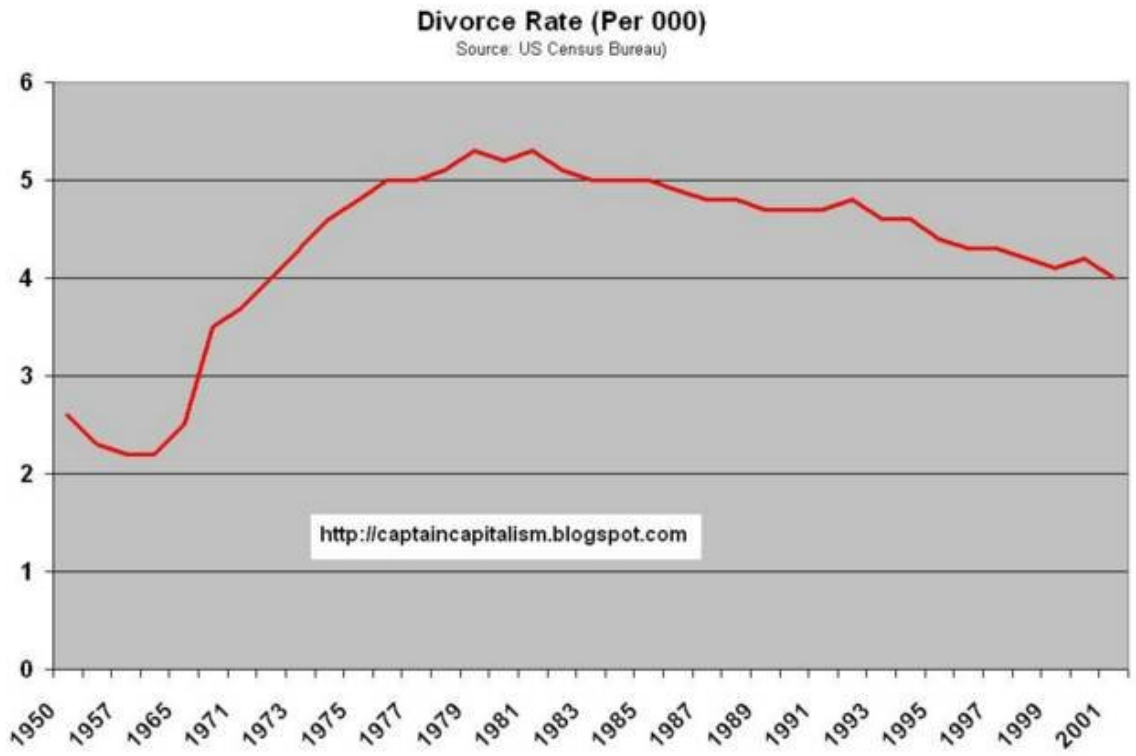
are able to attract members of the opposite sex - i.e. - those who aren't economists. However, the reason why labor productivity is so important is that all goods and services (i.e.-wealth) are derived from labor, which means ultimately our standards of living are based on how productive we are. This decrease in labor productivity growth, combined with oil embargoes and a politically placating monetary policy resulted in the pathetic economic growth rates of the 70's and the worst recession we've had since the Great Depression, the Volcker Recession (something older Gen X-er's may remember). When all was said and done a decade's worth of economic growth was wasted, standards of living had flatlined, inflation was running at 14% and unemployment was at European levels.







But to be fair, I must admit there was a silver lining to the economic malaise of the 1970's. A particular group of people were actually doing very well; divorce lawyers. Business for them almost tripled under the Baby Boomers, almost as if the Baby Boomers made divorce an Olympic event.



Of course, there is the argument often posed by feminists that divorce is a good thing and in some cases, it certainly is. However, the problem with divorce is not the hardship the husband and wife must go through, but what the children must endure. And here is where the children suffer on two fronts (and where I'm particularly livid with the Baby Boomers and especially my generation).

One is simply that the kid does not have a stable family household. Be it the parents arguing, abuse, using the kid as a chess piece in a tug of war match, or whatever, ultimately the kid is without one of his/her parents and the kid's dreams of going to Yellowstone park for a family vacation are somewhat dashed. Sadly the percentage of kids living under these households has gone from 11.9% of total households in 1970 to 27.9% in 1996.

Table C.
Children by Presence of Parents: 1970 and 1996
(Numbers in thousands)

Living arrangements	1996	1970
Children under 18 years	70,908	69,162
Percent living with:		
Two parents	68.0	85.2
One parent	27.9	11.9
Mother only	24.0	10.8
Father only	3.9	1.1
Neither parent	4.1	2.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

The second front is that rarely do people contemplate the responsibility of having a child before they get married. Or more specifically, "If I were to marry person X, would we be

able to provide a stable, nurturing environment to a child if we were to have one?" It's all about them, and no thought is given to the potential future would-be child. This is what I call "The SUV Kid Syndrome."

"The SUV Kid Syndrome" is where people have children not because they want to bring in another living human being that is in part a piece of themselves or because they want to share their lives with that child and bring it up the best they can. But because they "want a child" like they "want an SUV" or they "want an X-Box" as if children were an item, a piece of furniture to make the house complete. Forget whether *they should* have a child, or whether *they can afford* a child, or if *they have the time* for a child; such questions are inconsequential. It only matters if you want a child. Thus, the child takes on the characteristics of an object in that it can be "put away" or "turned off" in case it inconveniences you and your life.

Don't want to be inconvenienced bringing up your child? Outsource the responsibility to day care!

Can't afford day care? No problem, there's free government babysitting programs called Head Start and the public schools!

Don't want to teach them morals or ethics? Let Paris Hilton and Snoop Dogg do it for you!

Is your kid running around, all full of energy, bouncing off the walls like...well... a kid? Give him ritalin!

Really don't like the spouse you chose and wish you could trade him/her in for a better model, but you have a child? Heck, get divorced anyway!

Would you like to go out and get drunk, but you have to deal with that annoying kid? Lock him up in the trunk!

And is that kid interrupting your drug binge again??? That bastard! How dare he! Let the little twerp starve.

And when you're done pursuing your busy career and life, maybe you can stop in sometime and pick him up from the kennel for a walk...er...I mean "spend some quality "*family*" time together."

Alas, such a selfish and shallow approach to children did not exist in the 1940's, but give it two generations and a women's liberation movement and look how far we've come.

But hey, let's not go so hard on those people who have children and then get divorced. Some, don't even bother getting married at all. In 1960 only about 5% of all births in the

United States were to unmarried women (the politically correct version of "illegitimate births"). Today that number is 33% and for blacks an inexcusable and pathetic 67%.

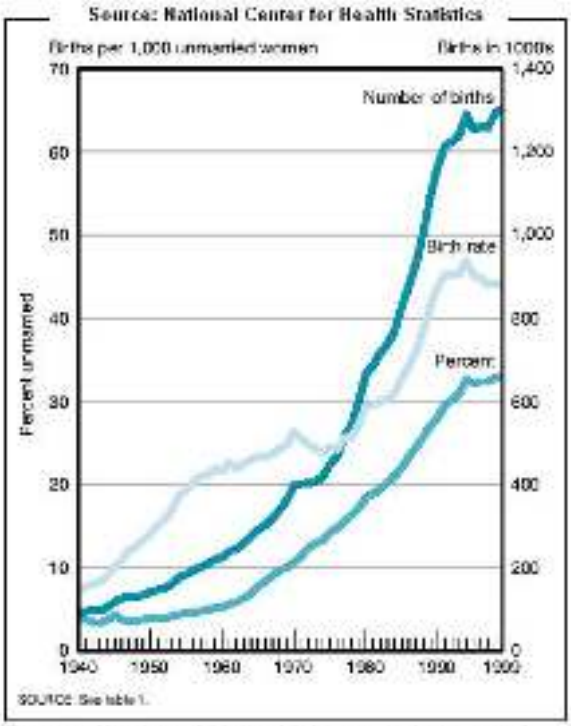


Figure 1. Number of births, birth rate, and percent of births to unmarried women: United States, 1940–99

But again, I could be wrong. Feminists in all their wisdom contest that there's nothing wrong with single-parent households. Some even go so far as to admire those truly independent women that are single-mothers on purpose. And while there are instances where a poor parent certainly should be jettisoned from the household leaving a single mother or father to rear the children, it is the utmost of greed, self-centeredness and arrogance to *purposely* become a single-parent. It is these people whose desire to have a child supercedes the upbringing they can give to the child, and thus they impose fatherless or motherless childhoods on children. These are the people are the epitome of "SUV Kid Syndrome."

But let's be open-minded...reeeally open-minded. Let's just let the feminists and feminized men have that one. Let's just toss out all the research that says otherwise and accept that a child is going to be just as well served under a single-parent household as they would a nuclear family. Show me the argument then that shows children do just as well with unmarried teenage mothers as they do older more "traditional" parents.

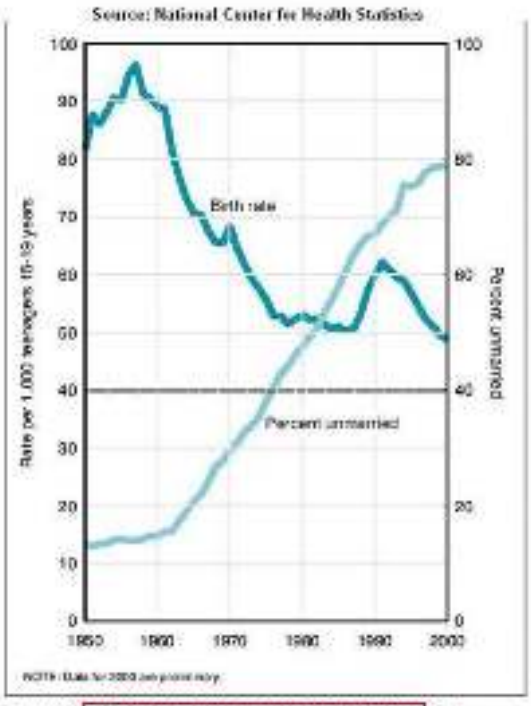


Figure 1. Birth rate for teenagers 15–19 years and percent of teenage births to unmarried teenagers: United States, 1950–2000

Ahhh yes, another social indicator through the roof during the Baby Boomer-inspired American cultural renaissance called "The 70's." I'm not going to even bother arguing why teenage pregnancy is "bad" but no doubt feminists are working 'round the clock on a rationale as to why it "is a good thing."

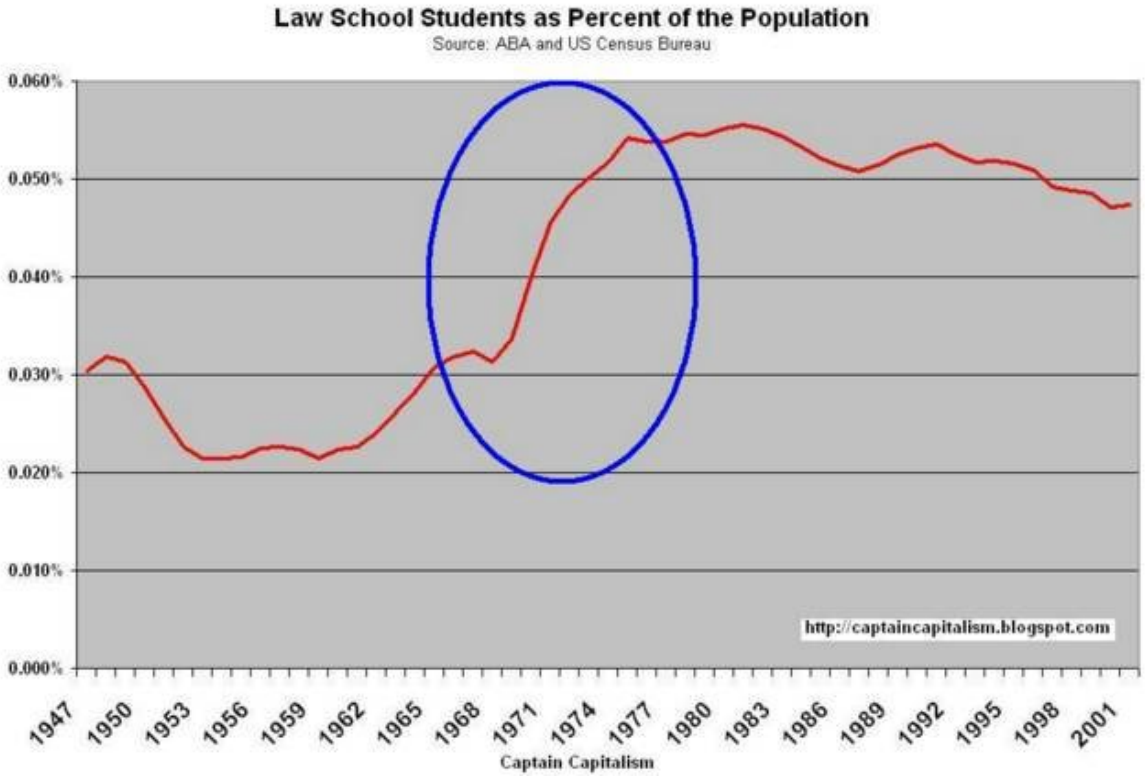
But while the economy was tanking, our labor productivity slowing, responsibility being thrown out the window, and children being raised in broken homes, there was an element festering in America that posed a much greater and long term threat to America. An element so evil the devil could only envy it. A force so despicable, one could say it is the moral opposite of the US soldier who landed at Omaha beach; lawyers.

Ahhh, yes, lawyers.

I had always had this stereo-type or perhaps "sneaky feeling" that a lot of Baby Boomers had entered law. For example, whilst working security at college, I noticed that the majority of the law professors were not only of Baby Boomer age, but also had the most anti-American, leftist propaganda on their office doors. Another thing was the poster-children of the Baby Boomers (Bill and Hillary Clinton) were both lawyers, Hillary being the true embodiment of the backstabbing, Machiavellian lawyer. But what really clinched it was a 60 Minutes special I saw about the 1968 democrat convention riot in Chicago where they interviewed a now 50 year old pony tailed hippie protestor and an old retired cop. The cop was retired, the hippie was now a trial lawyer.

Alas I was compelled to investigate further and created the "Lawyer Index;" an index which measures the percent of the population that is lawyers and law students. And what

do you know, I was right. In the mid sixties only about .025% of the population was in law school. Ten years later that number more than doubled to .052%, again coinciding with the Baby Boomer generation entering college age.



Five years later when these students graduated and entered the profession the number of lawyers as a percent of the population jumped from .2% of the population to .27%. (This jump occurred from 1979 to 1983 which coincidentally are the exact same years the US suffered its worst recession since the Great Depression.)

The question though is, did they really do any damage? Sure, opinions and anecdotal experiences with lawyers has earned them a very poor reputation with the public. And we crack jokes about them everyday, but do they deserve it?

And the answer is a resounding, "Hell yes."

And I say that not just because I've had to deal with now two personal injury lawyer parasitic scum in my own life, but because the costs to society imposed by lawyers truly are disgusting.

Frivolous law suits (tort) cost America roughly 2% of it's GDP each year, which is up from .5% back in the 1950's. The increase YET AGAIN coincides not only with the entrance of the Baby Boomers into the labor force, but with their disproportionate participation in law. Notice the particular jump in costs from 1984-1987, which immediately followed the

bumper-crop generation of Baby Boomers that graduated from law school from 1979-1983. This suggests that this increase is a "supply led" increase, meaning fundamental demand for such services has not increased (people aren't really getting hurt more), as much as it has been lawyers going out and trying to find any reason to sue; thus fat people suing McDonald's and smokers cigarette companies, and other such outlandish law suits that are highlighted in the news today.

As an economist, though I think about two things. One, I speculate about the opportunity costs of losing a full 2% of our GDP each year to what are most likely frivolous lawsuits. That money could have been spent or otherwise reinvested back into the economy, producing easily enough wealth to solve our little social security problem. And a rough estimate in the head gives me a figure of at least a 10% increase in our income per capita. Money now currently going to pay for increased insurance premiums and Lexuses of lawyers. Two, I'm wondering if it was possible lawyers at one time had a reputable reputation before the Baby Boomers entered the field and drove up insurance premiums and tort costs. Perhaps we will never know.

Now I could go on and on about untold numbers of various social indicators and how their deterioration amazingly coincides with the advent of the Baby Boomer generation;

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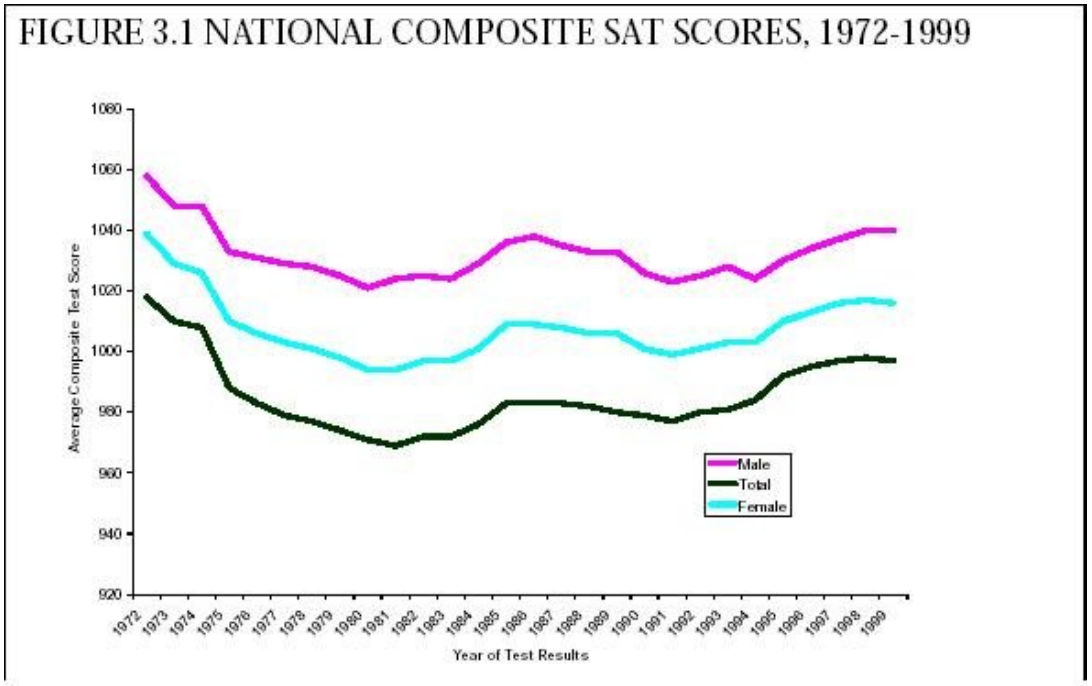

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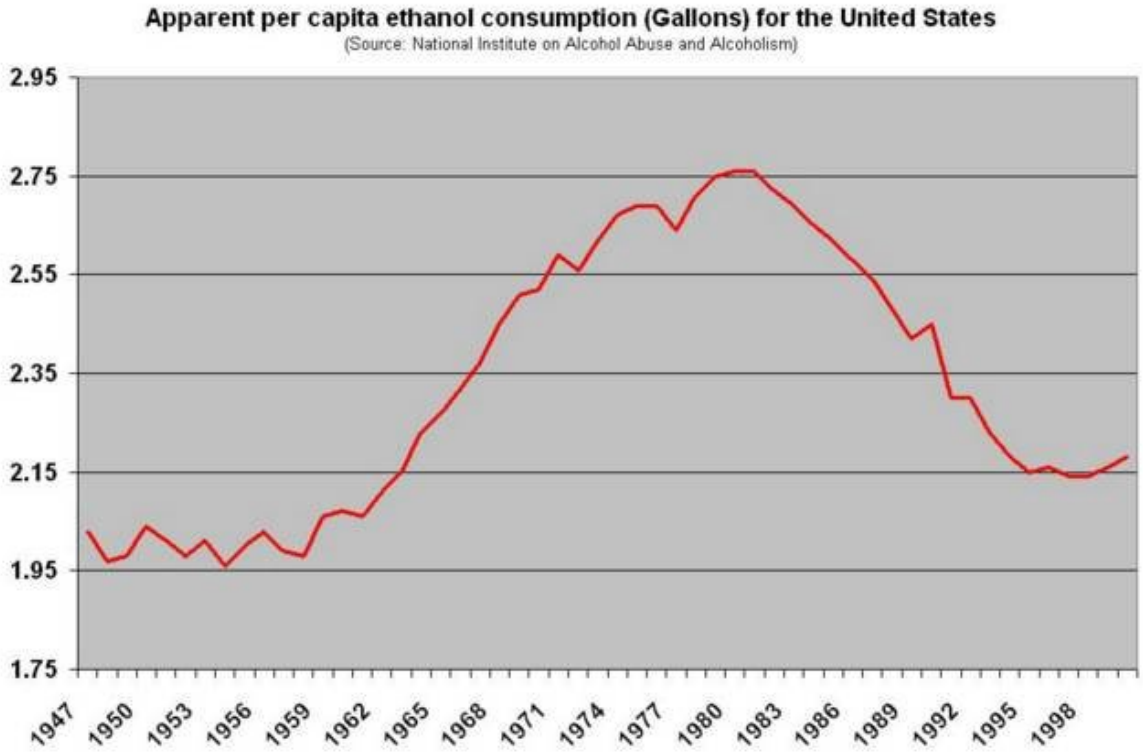

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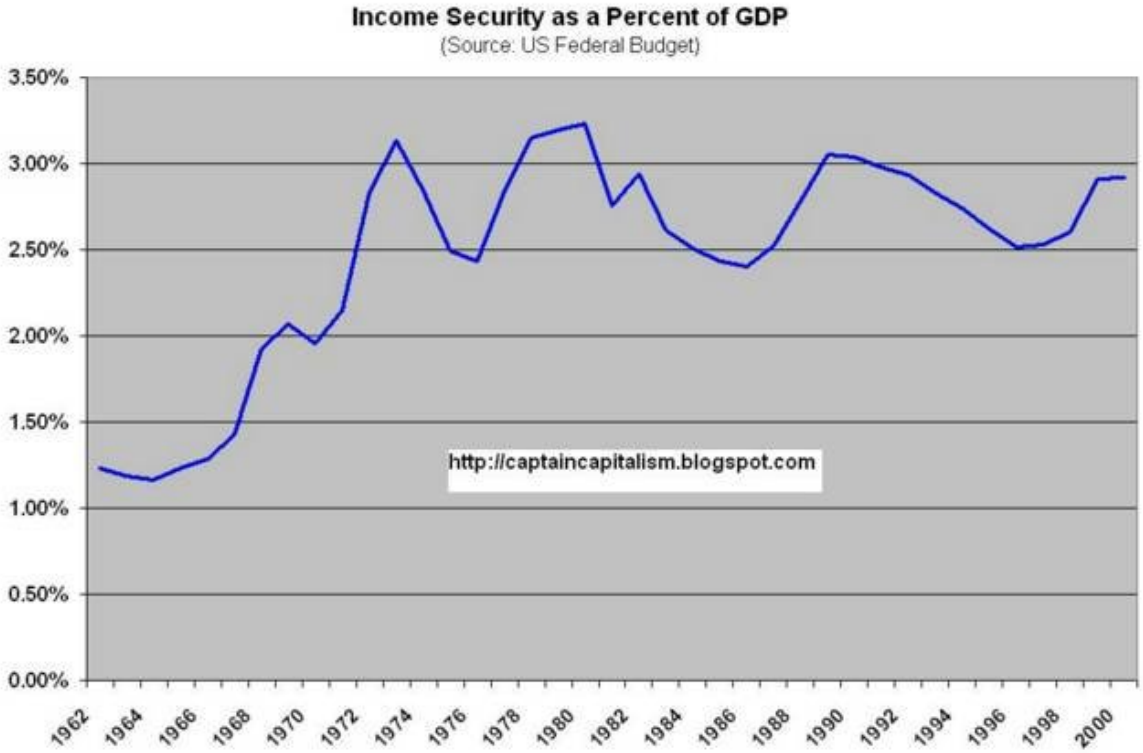

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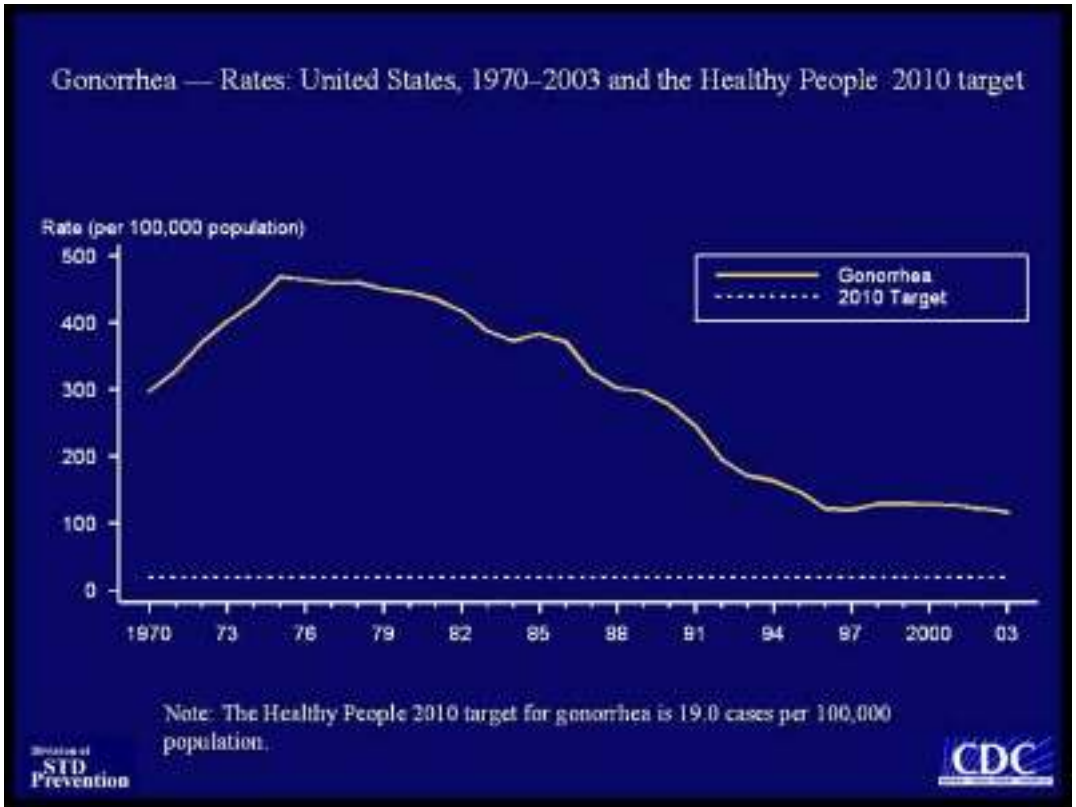
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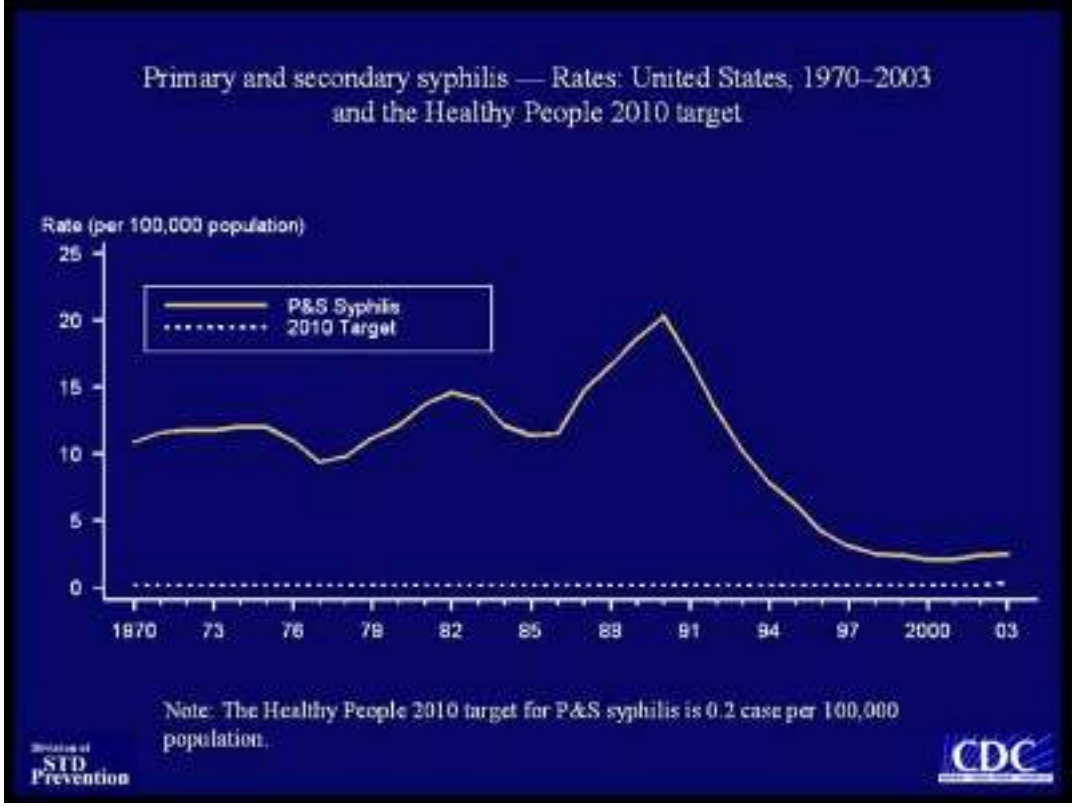
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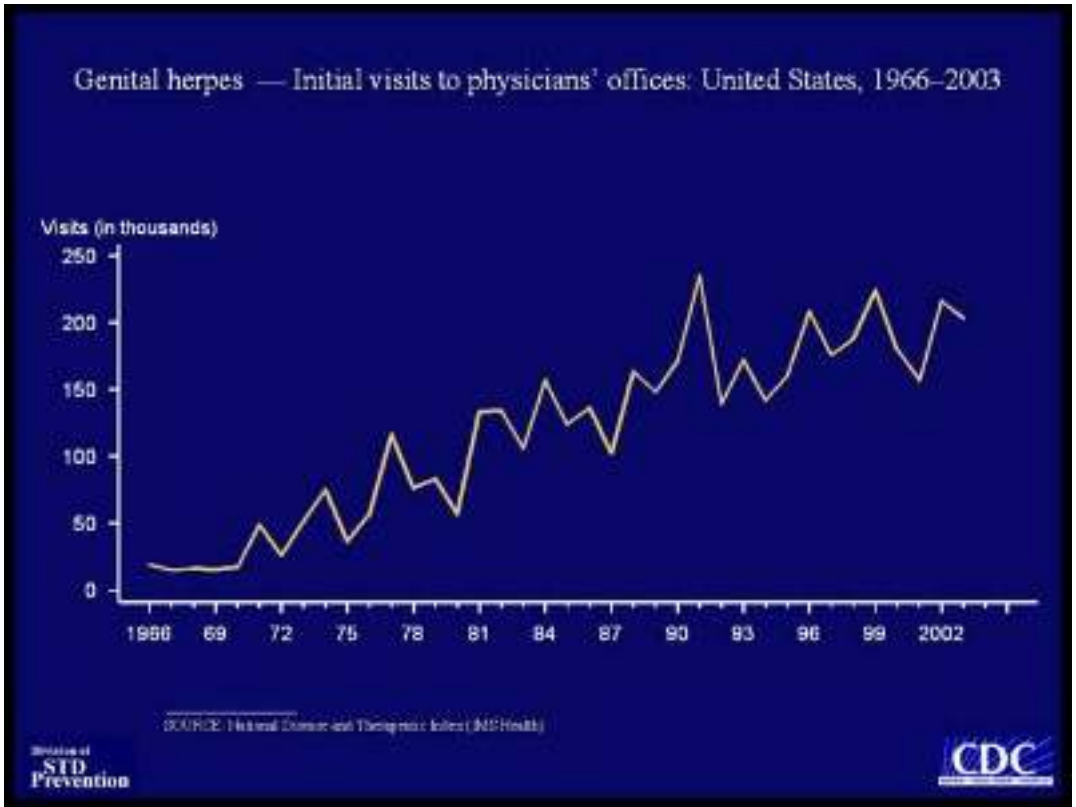

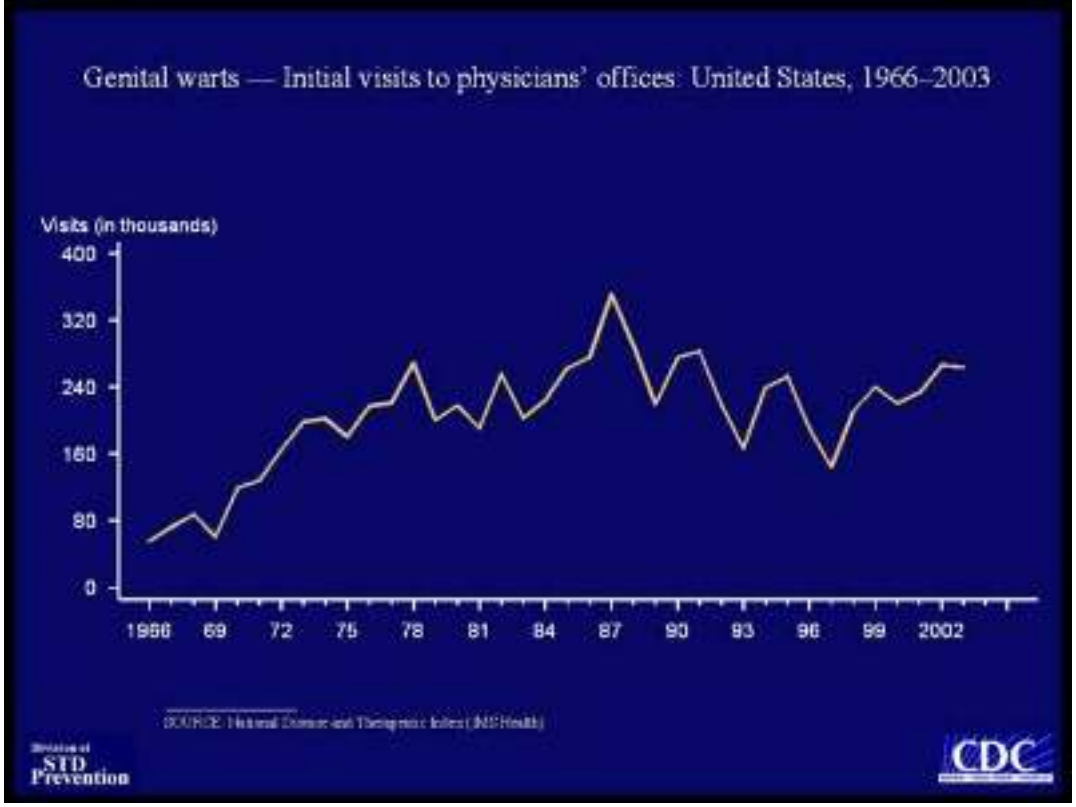

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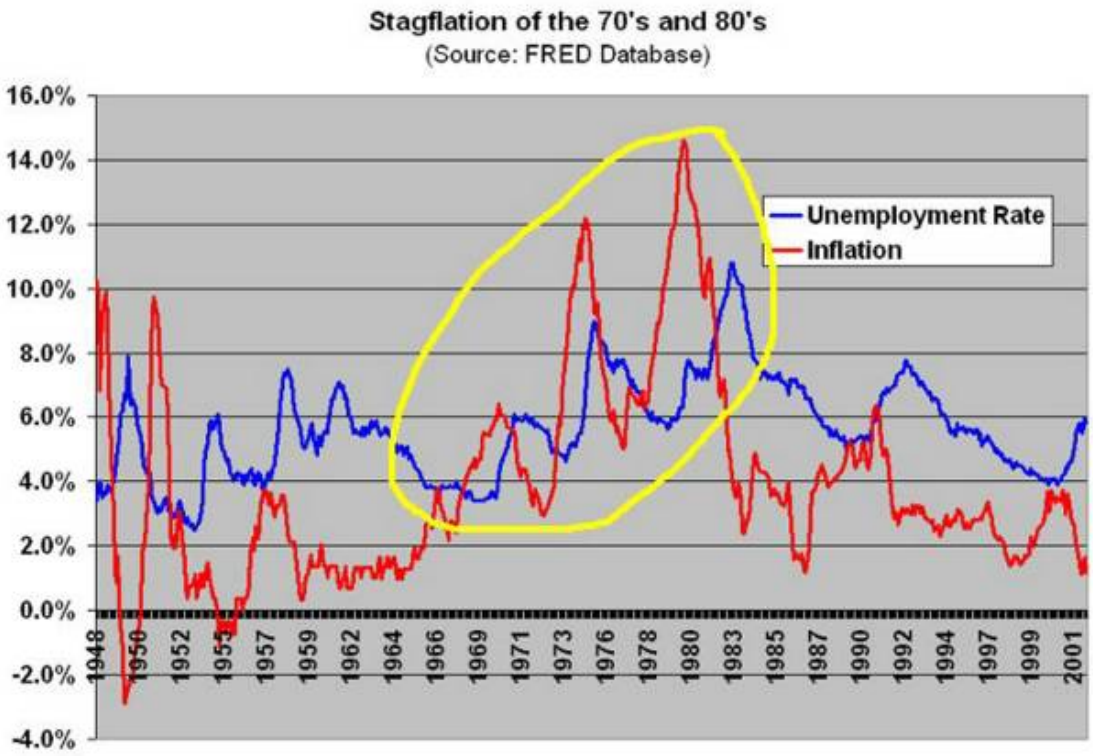

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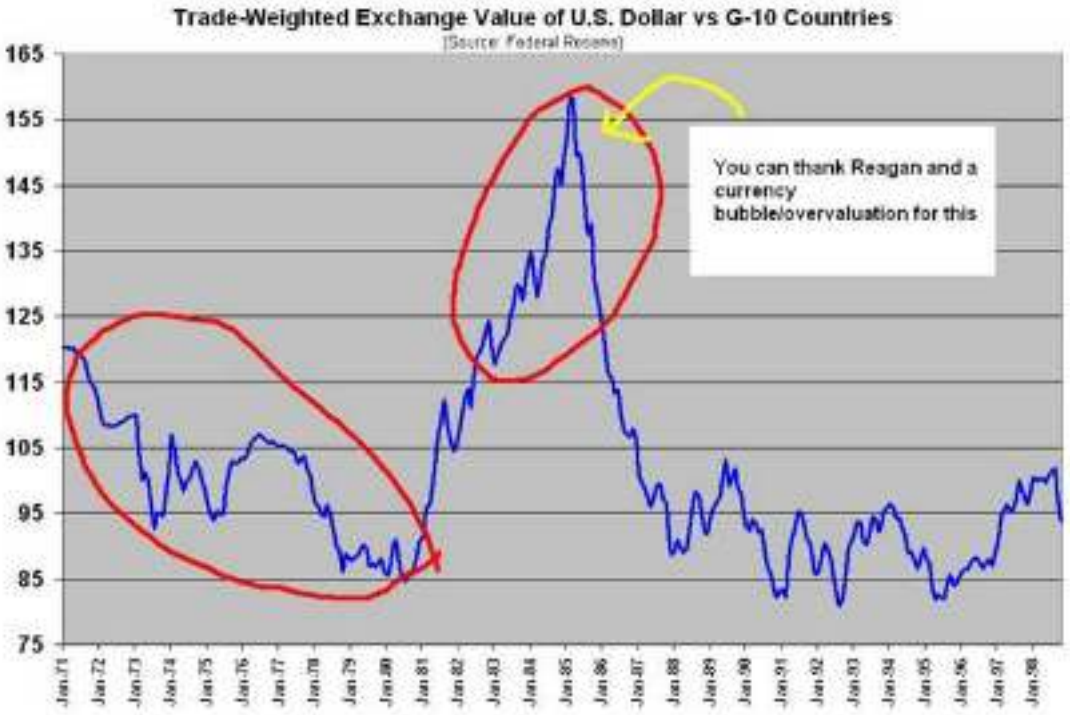

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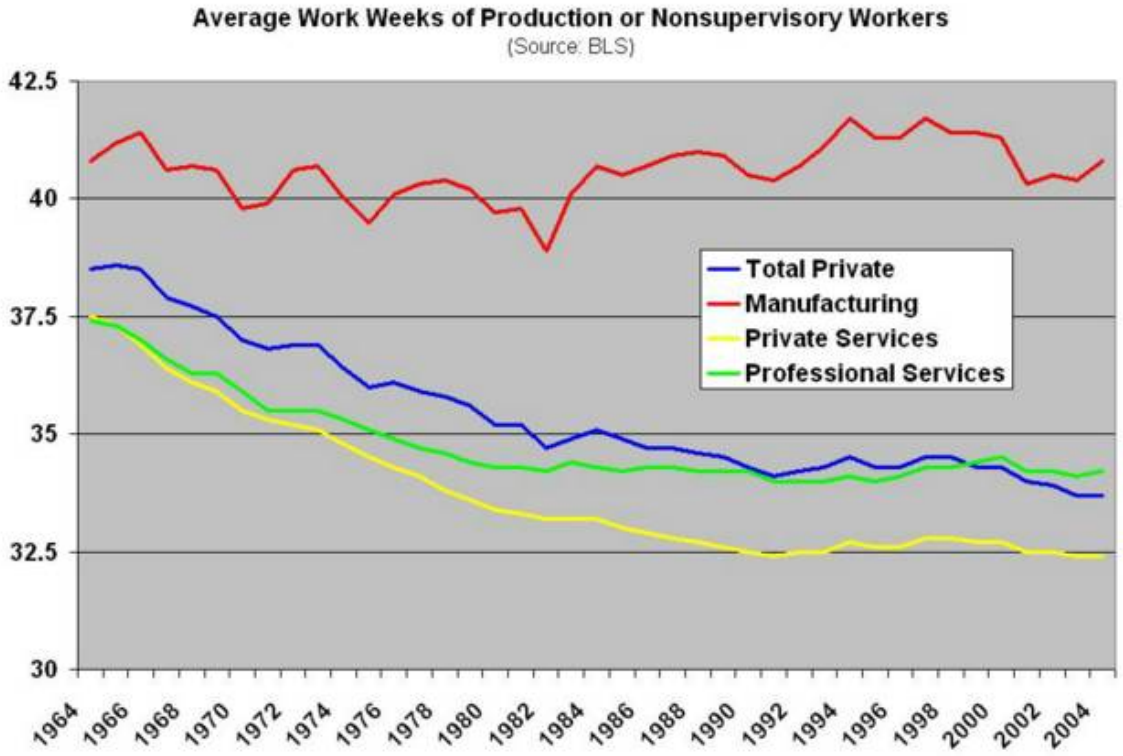


I could even talk about the "Misery Index;"

I could talk about practically any social indicator and metric you could ever think of and in the vast majority of cases they will have worsened under the Baby Boomers.

But forget all of it. Forget everything I've ever said. Take all the various social ailments I addressed above and throw them out the window. Forget the atrocious increase in crime. Forget that "work ethic" was not part of the vocabulary during the late 60's and 70's. Forget that pot replaced milk as a staple of diet. Forget that the economy tanked and that

the lawyer population exploded. And forget how children became more and more like furniture. Forget it all!

Matter of fact, just write me off as a raving lunatic "age-ist" with an agenda and that I'm just bigoted towards people between the ages of 40-62 simply because of a bad experience in the 3rd grade where I got questions 40-62 wrong on a test, and thus I'm forever psychologically scared for life. Whatever it is, just disregard everything I just said.

No matter how "bigoted" I am, no matter how hate-filled you may find me, and no matter how much you may disagree with me there is no denying that the Baby Boomers have fumbled the ball worse than Daunte Culpepper when it comes to;

Fiscal responsibility

Spending money as if they were married to a ketchup heiress, never has a generation ran such a deficit between the amount of resources they've consumed and the amount of wealth they've provided in return. Incapable of producing enough goods and services to satisfy their demands, yet still wishing to maintain the consumption of kings, the Baby Boomers needed a way to enjoy higher standards of living without having to do all that pesky additional work.

Enter in the master stroke of genius. The mantra by which the Baby Boomers have lived since the 1970's. The legacy the Baby Boomers will leave behind, pass onto their children and for which all of history will remember them for; this ingenious little concept called "debt."

Debt is a magical thing. Impervious to time and adhering to no laws of physics, space or time, debt allows you to have your cake and eat it too.

The way debt works is the following;

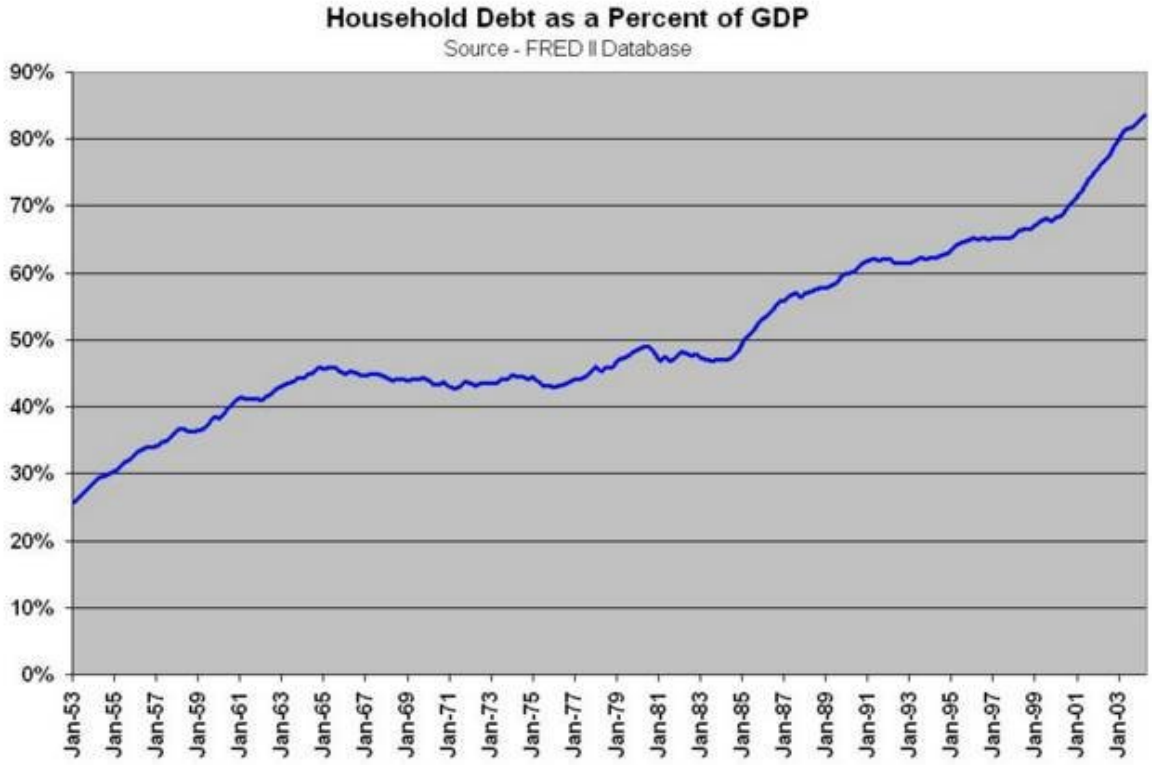
1. You want something/s
2. You want something/s now.
3. You're too damn lazy to get off your fat ass to get a job and work up the money for it.
4. Thus, you take somebody else's money, promising to pay them back, but maybe you do or maybe you don't...but hey, that's their problem.

And boom! The magic of debt has worked. You've been able to acquire wealth on somebody else's dime.

Of course we operate under the assumption that people will always pay their debts back, and thus debt is not bad. But let me address that later. First let's take a look at just how much debt the Baby Boomers (and Generation X as well) has racked up over the course

of their lives and then we'll worry about the issue of paying it back.

First, let's look at household debt. Household debt is the total amount of debt people have incurred, including mortgages.



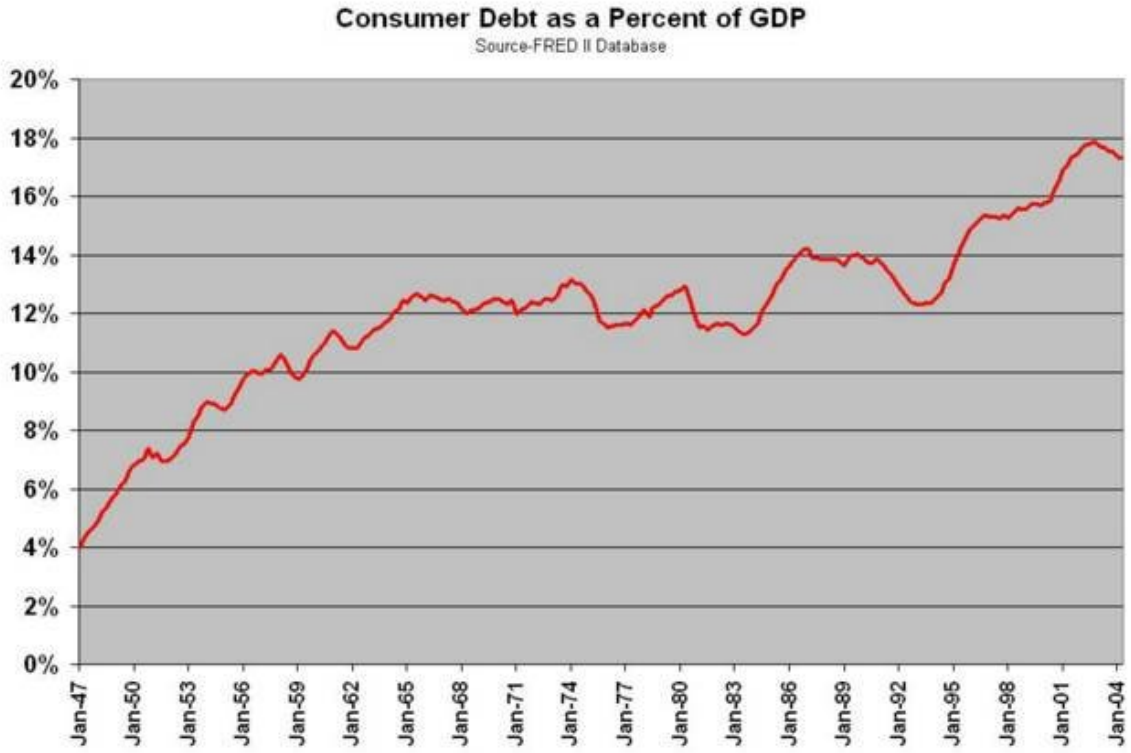
(Adjusted for GDP so we know truly just how much debt has been incurred)
Now most would point out that "a house is a good investment" and that if there's something to take debt out for, a house is certainly not as frivolous as say a portable DVD player. And for the most part they're right. On principle I have no problem with people borrowing money to pay for a house.

The problem I have with people taking money out for houses now is that property is insanely overvalued.

Enter in the fact that the Baby Boomers will soon begin their journey towards nursing homes, retirement communities, and ultimately death, that means there will be a glut of property hitting the market for sale, thereby driving down prices. Barring a huge wave of

immigration (and that's assuming these immigrants have the money to buy houses, which they don't) you can expect a drop or at least a long term decline or stagnation of property prices. But, don't listen to me, rack up that debt, take out that home equity line and buy yourself a fancy SUV, I'm just a dumb, bigoted economist.

But let's just assume for the moment that I truly am a dumb, bigoted economist and ignore the issue of overvalued property. Let's assume that property is a great reason to take out a loan and focus on the portion of household debt that is for non-mortgage (read "frivolous") items. We call this consumer debt.



Consumer debt has increased from 4% of GDP during the WWII Generation to now 18% of GDP (equivalent to the entire US Federal budget). And unlike the rest of this post, the Baby Boomers are not the only ones to blame for this increase. Generation X has some explaining to do as well.

Now on the face of it, consumer debt of only 18% GDP is really not all that bad. It would only require some astute fiscal discipline for a year or six to pay that back. Maybe you'd have to forego that plasma TV or little Jr.'s pocket bike, but it could be done. And thus, you're probably concluding, "hey, the amount of debt we've accumulated isn't that bad."

But, oh you foolish little boy. For that's just the beginning of the debt legacy the Boomers (and Gen X) have built up. We have much further to go. For households and individuals are not the only entities that can accumulate debt. Governments can accumulate debt too! Oh goodie!

If there is an example of having their cake and eating it too, government debt is the

prime example. Wanting all these various social programs and the attainment of the "Great Society" the Baby Boomers voted politicians into office to increase spending on welfare, social security, education and the limitless number of other various social programs. And while on the face of it, it was to address the social ailments that arose during the 60's and 70's, methinks it was more to provide employment for people who were too lazy to major in engineering and computers, and thus wanted to become social workers, counselors, teachers and other varied sorts of lazy AFSCME members, but I digress.

Whichever the case, these programs needed money.

"What, you want MONEY to fund these programs?" the people would say.

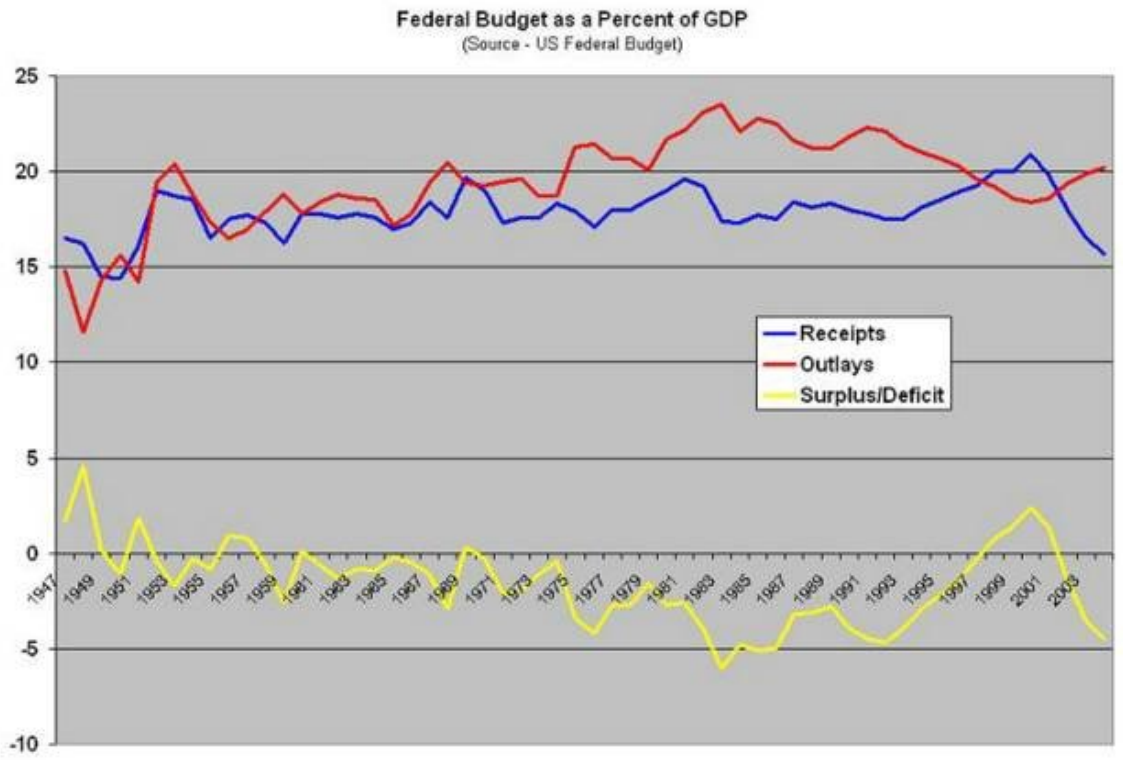
Hearing their indignation, and worried about losing their cushy government jobs, politicians had to come up with a plan. The people wanted the government to pay for more things, and lavish them with money, but they didn't want to pay the taxes necessary to finance such operations(anybody remember The Bear Patrol from "The Simpsons?").

Enter in "the free lunch."

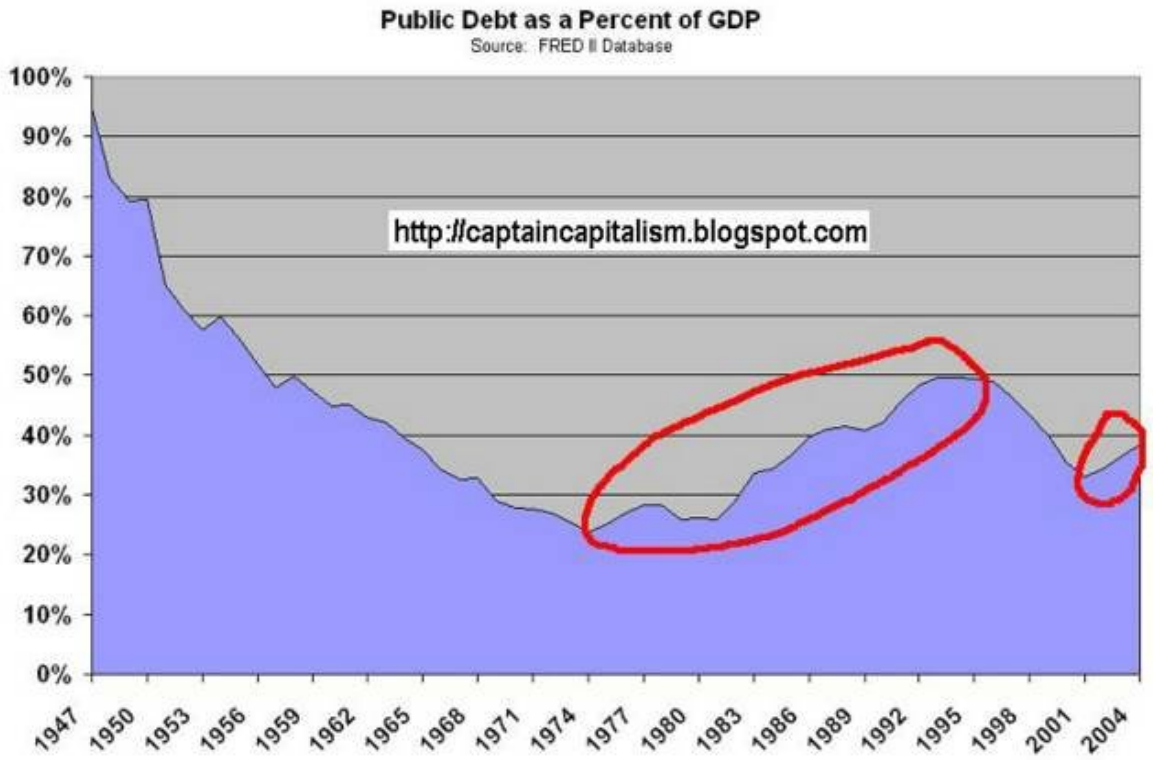
The free lunch was an ingenious concept developed by politicians in the 70's and 80's. How it worked was that the politicians realized if they could borrow money to pay for these various government social programs four things would result;

1. The programs would be funded and the people would be happy.
2. Not only would the people NOT have to pay for the programs (now), but politicians could even promise them tax cuts.
3. People with lower tax bills and increased government programs would be more prone to vote for these politicians, thus extending their political careers.
4. The politicians would die before the people realized the piper had to be paid and there really is no such thing as a free lunch and escape their wrath.

Welcome the era of perpetual expansionary fiscal policy (deficit spending). Unable to grow the economy from its base with legitimate increases in labor productivity and hard work, yet still wanting the bevy of social programs promised by The Great Society the Baby Boomers looked for a cheap out and turned to government deficit spending to get them out of the economic malaise that plagued them in the 70's and early 80's.



And the result of two decades worth of deficit spending? $5 trillion in debt.



Unfortunately, the problem is that unlike consumer or household debt, government debt can (actually, must) be passed one from one generation to the next. It doesn't go away. The question is who will bite the bullet? Who will have to work to pay off these debts? Will it be the people who incurred the debt in the first place and used it to pay for cushy government programs and subsidized tax cuts? Or will we just roll over the debt allowing future generations to pay it off instead? With the imminent retirement of the Baby Boomer generation upon us, you can expect Generation X to carry the torch and inherit

the $5 trillion in accumulated government deficits because there is not enough time for the Baby Boomers to work up the money to pay back what they borrowed.

Alas it seems the Baby Boomers got to enjoy all the "benefits" of The Great Society and Generation X gets to pay for it.

Ain't debt a bitch?

But what's $5 trillion between friends? More so, what's $5 trillion between family? I'm constantly told by my Baby Boomer predecessors that blood is thicker than water. And besides, it's only money.

Truth is, even if I believed that, if all we'd have to inherit from our Baby Boomer predecessors was the $5 trillion, I would be the happiest man in the world. I would gladly accept that $5 trillion in debt from my parent's generation. But sadly, that $5 trillion is not all we will get to pay for. For that $5 trillion is all the debt that has been accumulated thus far. That $5 trillion is historic, it's all in the past. It says nothing about what we get to pay for or how much more debt we will accumulate in the future.

Enter in the two greatest scams...errr...I mean "achievements" of the democratic party and their patron saint, FDR;

Social Security and Medicare.

Every month I get a card in the mail from a comedy company and it is hilarious. I rarely laugh harder. My good friends at the Social Security Administration send me my "account balance" for social security. I open it up with my friends while we're drinking and boy do we have a good guffaw. Some guys laugh milk through their nose, others cry because it's so funny. Oh, those funny clowns at the SSA!

And the reason it's so funny is they actually act like they're concerned about us. Like we're really going to get this money we've socked away. Now, forking over 15.3% of my income every year, one would naturally ask "where is this going?" An investment account? An IRA? My own safety box at the SSA?

You're almost as funny as the SSA!

No, silly, it goes right out immediately as payment to current recipients on social security.

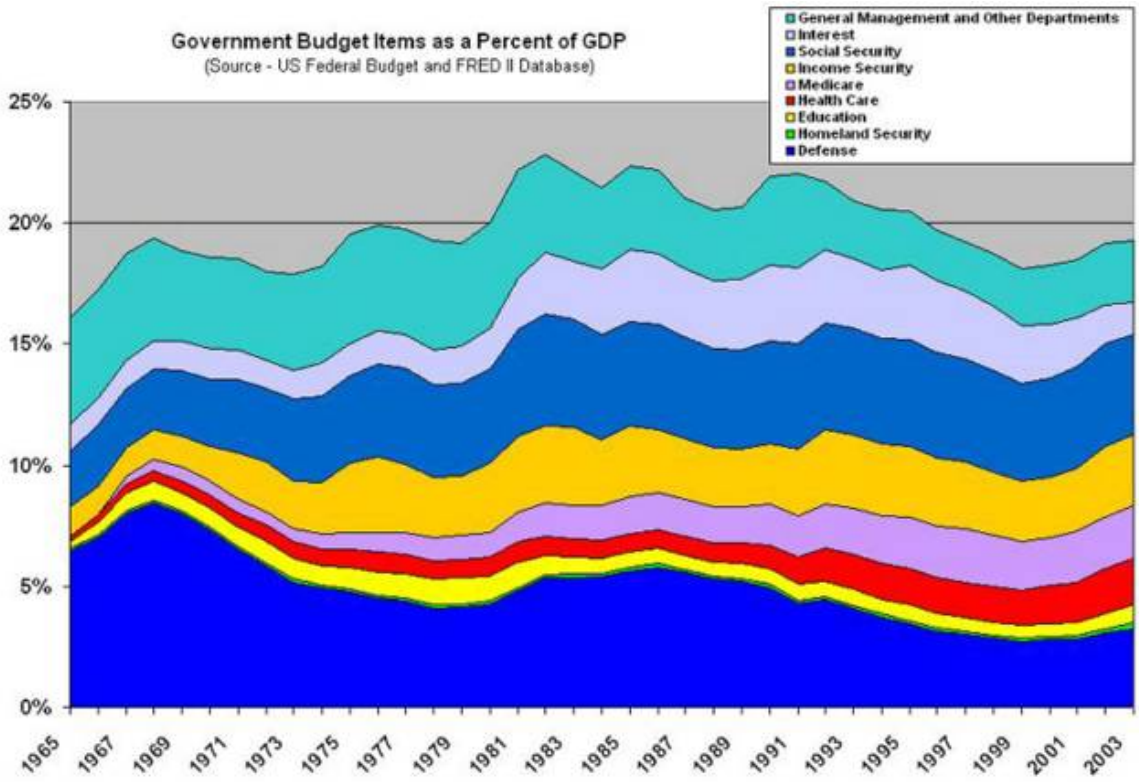
The next natural question to ask is "well, where did all their contributions go?"

Weren't you paying attention?

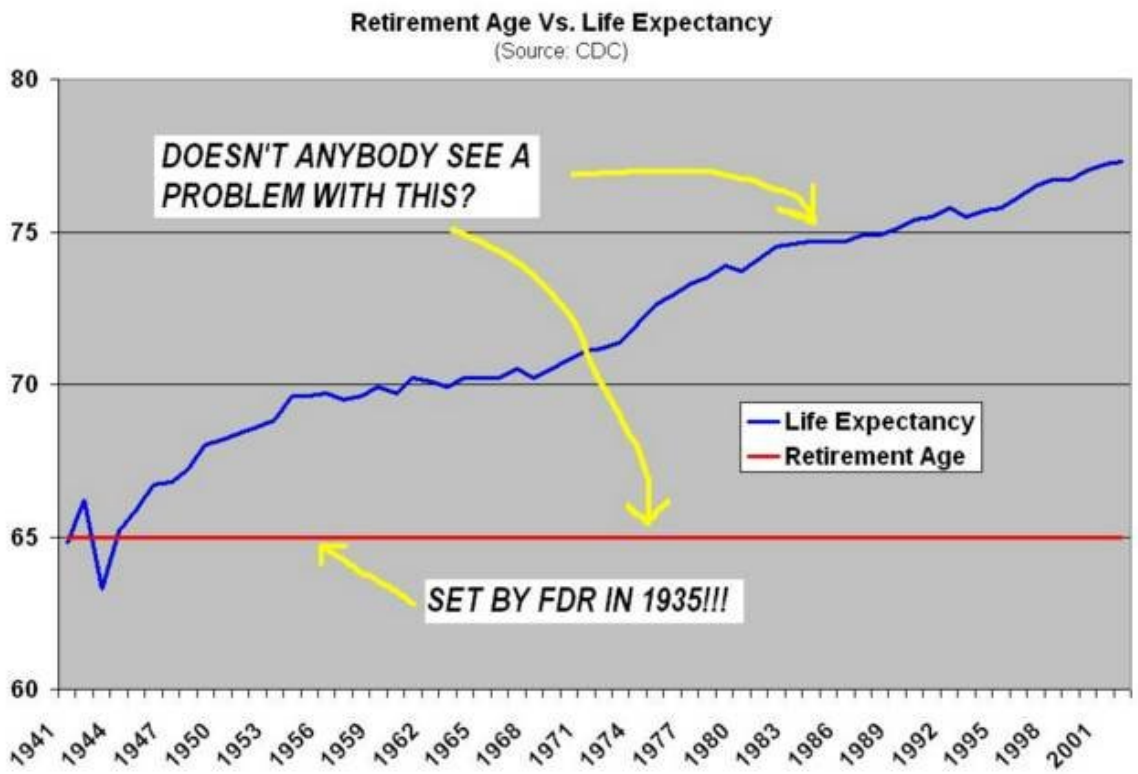
Their contributions are gone. The government has been running deficits ever since the Baby Boomers took over in 1971.

And where did they piss it all away...er... I mean "spend" this money?

I'll post it again;



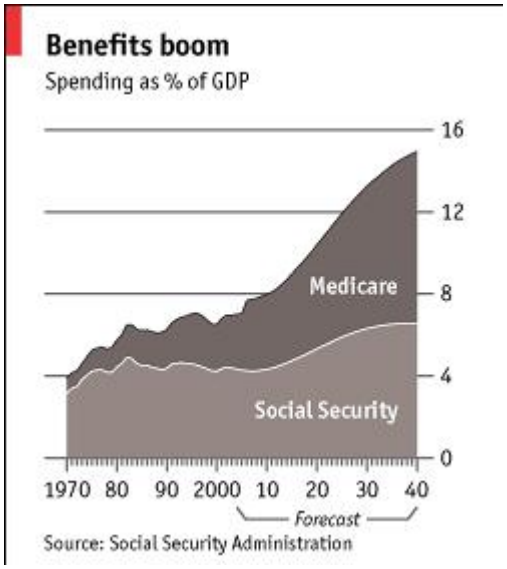
But if you think that's funny, just wait till you hear this one! What I love is how politicians, the media, pundits, lawyers or even AARP make it sound like social security is this vast, insanely complex issue with complex problems and no simple solutions. That you morons, you Red State plebs, you Wal-Mart workers are too stupid to understand this and thus we need journalists, professors, Hillary Clinton and other intellectual elites to solve this problem for us. Why you just can't possibly understand this chart here below!



(Rimshot - Thank you, thank you! I'm here every Thursday! Don't forget to tip your waiters and waitresses!)

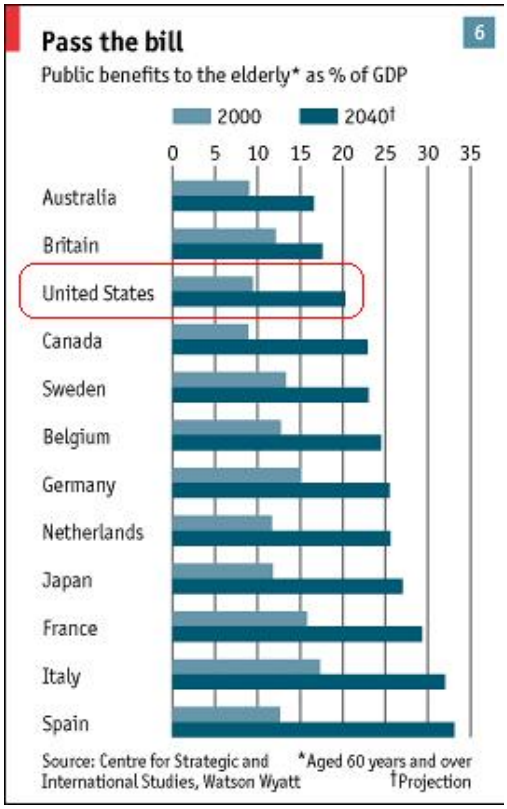
And we wonder why social security is in such a mess.

But like I said, we can't dwell on the past. What's done is done. We have that $5 trillion in debt to deal with and we'll just have to accept it. Besides, there are more pressing issues to worry about. Namely, how much more these programs are going to cost us in the future.



And will you look at that. If you thought $5 trillion was a lot, get ready for some fun times because the amount of money spent on just those two items; social security and Medicare, is set to double going from 7% of GDP to about 15% in 2040 once the Baby Boomers start retiring.

Add to that all the various social programs outside the realm of social security and Medicare that go to the elderly, and total spending on the elderly is predicted to consume a full fifth of our GDP; equivalent to spending the ENTIRE US FEDERAL BUDGET ONLY ON THE ELDERLY!

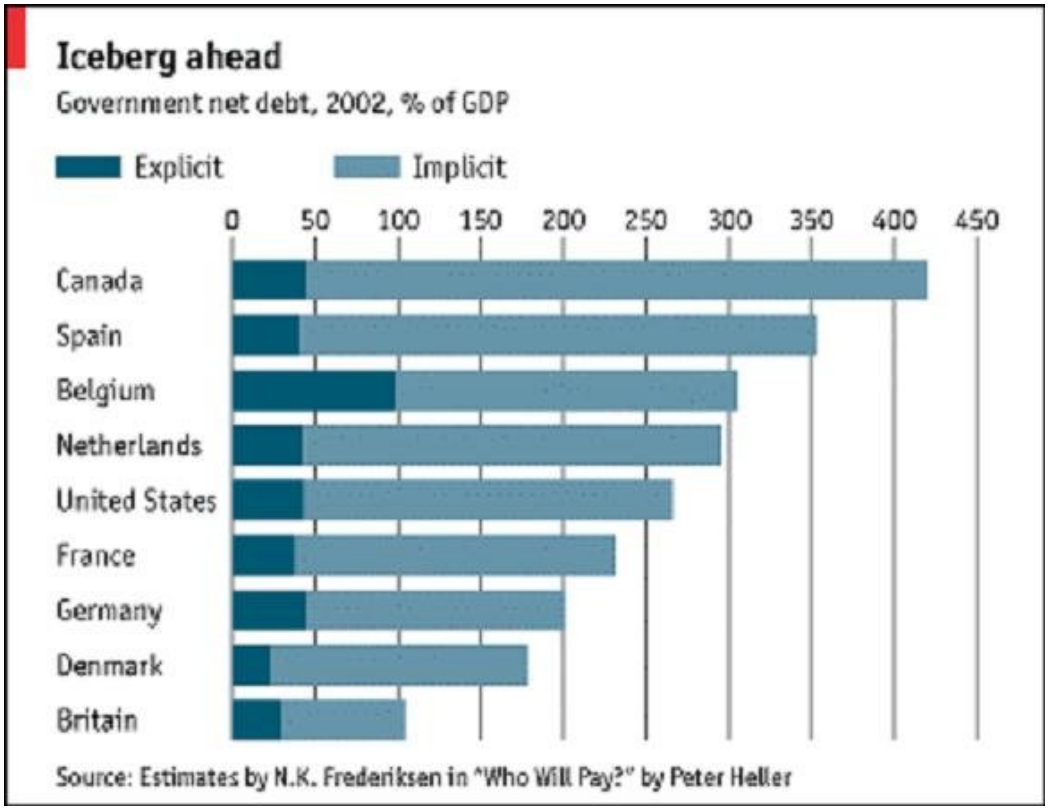


Yeah, kiss that cabin up north good-bye.

Could it possibly get any worse? Could we have put ourselves in more of a hole? Could other people have promised themselves so much without thinking of the true cost of their actions?

Oh, of course.

That just covers spending on the elderly. The Great Society promised everything for everyone! When all future promised obligations and entitlements are considered (things like welfare, income security, bailing out the underfunded pensions, Fannie Mae, Fannie Mac, etc.) and is compared to estimated tax revenues, the IMF estimates that our true debt level doesn't stand at roughly 40% GDP, but actually more like 250% GDP. That means you'd have to work 2.5 years, and be taxed at 100% to pay for all this. I think they have a similar arrangement in North Korea.



Now of course, these figures are all estimates and not set in stone. Some estimates are as low as $22 trillion, some as high at $44.2 trillion. Regardless of the figure, that's still a lot of dough. And the question then becomes how are we going to pay for this?

Thus far our Asian friends have been nice enough to loan us the money to at least finance our deficits (not pay for them). However, the point will come where they probably won't loan us anymore and ultimately we'll have to pay for it. The reason why? Quite bluntly, put yourself through the conversation;

Hu Jintao - "So, you'd like to borrow $30 trillion?"

You - "Yes."

Hu Jintao - "What will you spend it on?"

You - "The elderly, namely social security and Medicare."

Hu Jintao - "So let me get this right. You're going to borrow $30 trillion from us."

You - "Yes."

Hu Jintao -"Spend it on old people who are not working, thus providing you with no wealth in return. It's strictly an income transfer. It will do nothing to increase the US' ability to pay us back."

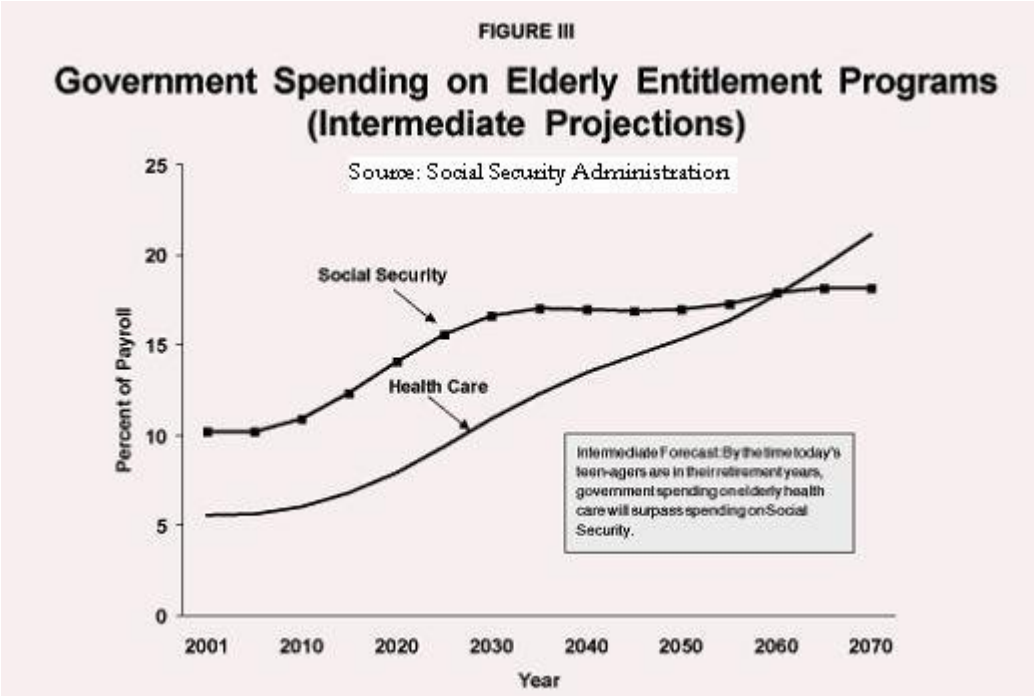
You - "Yes."

Hu Jintao -"And then you'll spend some of that money to help keep them alive for another 6 months only to have them die and not work in return, again, no return for the People's Republic of China."

You - "Yes."

As cold and callous as that may sound, that is exactly how any creditor is going to look at the arrangement. Thus, you can be rest assured that we're going to have to pay for this baby ourselves via hard work, more work, and higher taxation because (Baby Boomers, plug your ears)

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH!!!!



The result? You can expect your payroll taxes to increase by roughly another 10-15% points depending on how old you are today…unless of course you are a Baby Boomer, which means you'll not have to pay these taxes because you'll be retiring soon.

Now would be the point in our show where I give the standard "ol' funny economist prep talk" and make some commentary about how chicks dig me and what we need to do in order to fix this problem, and continue on into a bright, happy economist future. But I have one more joke for you. It's the biggest joke of all time.

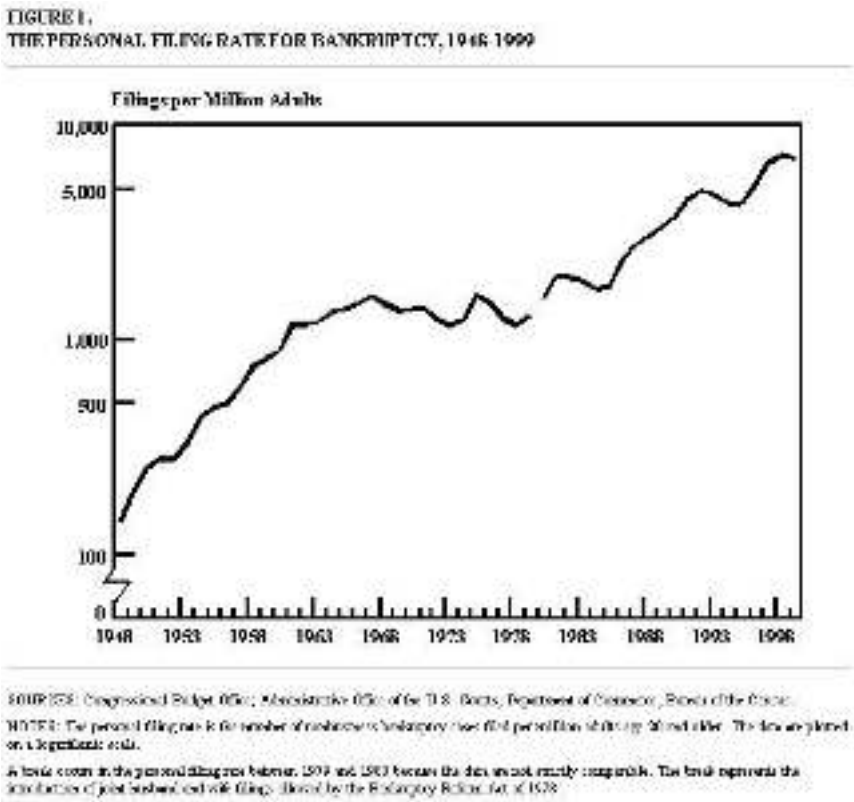
You have this massive financial crisis that threatens to destroy America's economy, a threat that in my humble opinion dwarfs the threat of terrorism, and who do we call upon to save the country?

Generation X.

It's like asking for Superman and getting Cheech and Chong.

I don't know if you've noticed this, but my generation ain't exactly the quality and caliber of the WWII generation. This is the generation that has made reality TV and hip-hop culture popular. This is the generation that made Kirk Cobain go platinum and grunge a popular fashion. This is the generation that grew up on MTV and thinks being a good citizen means you "Rock the Vote" or get your news from The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. And this is the generation whose only response to tragedy seems to be candle-light vigils or grown men crying.

Now, of course to be fair, much of the above are social criticisms and has no bearing on the fiscal discipline, work ethic or wealth generating ability of Generation X. And truth be known, I'm a member of Generation X and I hold to the most rigorous fiscal austerity. I also know many members of Generation X who are contributing members of society and a borrower nor lender are. So just how good is Generation X with money management and debt, and how capable are they to face the oncoming financial crisis?



(Please note that the scale of this chart is logarithmic and bankruptcies have skyrocketed under Generation X.)

You might as well be asking the French to defend Paris.

Want Grandchildren?

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There’s not many times nowadays that I can safely bring a girl home to meet the parents. Back when I was younger it was actually an advantage. My mother is very motherly and would make my lady friend some cookies while my dad would interrogate her from the recliner as to what’s wrong with her for going out with me in the first place. If anything, it made me look good…or at least a victim deserving of pity.

But those days are long gone as the overriding theme today seems to be “When are you getting married and giving us grandchildren?”

It’s not “Hi, nice to meet you!”

Or “Oh, you’re Captain's friend, he’s told us so much about you.”

Or even “What’s your name?”

First thing out of their mouths are “So, are you guys going to give us grandchildren?”

And it does not seem that I am alone in this particular experience. The majority of my friends, also in their late 20’s and early 30’s, are expressing the same problems. It seems our parents, while patiently waiting for us to finish college and establish careers, have simultaneously run out of patience and have launched a coordinated multilateral attack on my generation to start proposing and start producing.

Unfortunately for them our answer seems a resounding “NO!” The average age of a couple getting married just recently passed 30 and is higher than it’s ever been. In America and many western European countries birth rates are so low that our populations would be shrinking if it weren’t for immigration. And more and more women are putting off having children to pursue careers as their labor participation rates soar to their highest levels ever.

Of course this confuses the Baby Boomer generation as evidenced by the multitudes of articles, research and papers trying to explain “why” my generation is not having children. Why are we waiting so long to get married. Why, if we do have children, we are not having a full litter of them. And, heaven forbid, why are more and more of us swearing off children completely.

Sacrilege!

The irony is that despite all the effort and resources poured into finding the answer as to

our abysmally low birthing rates and our geriatric marriage ages, there still is no answer. Even more ironic is in all these articles and papers I have not seen one of them that polled, interviewed, or plain outright asked us why we aren't producing little children. But what is the ultimate irony is that all this time, energy and resources spent on taxpayer funded research as well as worrying about whether they'd ever have grandchildren has all been in vain because the answers are so simple;

Divorce, social security and the women's liberation movement.

One of the main reasons a lot of the Baby Boomers are not seeing grandchildren is divorce. Now while the Baby Boomers may have made divorce an Olympic event, most of the people in my generation remember the halcyon days of divorce during the late 70's and early 80's and don't really care to relive those events. Thus, we are taking our time in choosing a life long mate and putting potential contenders through a bit more scrutiny than has been done in the past. And so with the average age of first time marriages surpassing 30, I'm sure the Baby Boomers can understand why they'll just have to wait a little bit longer to hear the pitter patter or little feet.

Secondly, this little thing called social security. Frankly, we've abandoned all hope of ever collecting, and have thus resolved ourselves to the fact that we're just going to fork over 15.3% of our money to the Baby Boomers with no return. This means we have to take the appropriate financial counter-measures to ensure we can afford our OWN retirement. And since kids kind of run around $164,000, which after investing in the average performing mutual fund over 18 years would yield $650,000, a lot of us have opted for that extra 401k or mortgage payment instead of Pampers or Gerber baby food.

Thirdly, and perhaps the most devastating to the Baby Boomers' chances of seeing grandchildren is the minor effects this fine study called "feminism" has had on both sexes. From the female standpoint, women are told, and it is quite literally true, that they do not need men. A nuclear family is not necessarily desirable nor optimal, and a taboo is placed on those women who wish to stay at home and raise kids. This sort of "pox upon your family" should a young woman opt for a traditional lifestyle, is indoctrinated in them during their freshmen year at college, reinforced for the remainder, and so it should come as no surprise to you that they are deterred from having children.

The guys standpoint, of which I'm intricately familiar with, is a bit more simple;

Girls are not nice anymore.

I know guys, myself included, who would gladly sacrifice two decades of their lives and risk getting shot in WWII to be able to go back to the 1940s and have that selection of women. Not so much because they were allegedly more "docile" or "subservient" but if for any other reason because they were NICE! They wore dresses. And they didn't pierce

their tongues. They were WOMEN!

Not to say we are able to compare today's women to those back then. But I'm willing to bet that people like my grandmother, despite her obvious submission to the patriarchal dictatorship, despite belittling herself by cleaning the house, making food, and other such menial tasks unbecoming of today's modern women, was a hell of a lot nicer, loving and fun than today's average "independent" 20-something female. That and I'd take Jayne Mansfield over Janis Joplin and J-Lo any day.

Whatever the case, the women's liberation movement has provided great disincentive to get married. It has convinced young women that traditional marriage is a disgrace and has seriously lowered the quality of women we men get to choose from.

The whole point, be it the women's lib movement, social security, or divorce is that there's just no incentive to breed. It's too expensive to have the kid. It's too risky to get married. The legal consequences of being married and having children is infinitely more complex AND disadvantageous than being single. And it's just a more promising and care free life not to marry or have kids, especially with the quality of people to chose from.

So I sincerely hope the Baby Boomers enjoy those social security payments. I sure hope they enjoyed competing for the gold medal in divorce. And I sure hope women are "liberated" from that evil, fascist oppressive regime known as the nuclear family. Because for a lot of the Baby Boomers out there that wish that wish they had grandchildren, unfortunately the closet thing to a grandchild they'll be seeing is a social security check.

I'm In Love!

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A Truly Independent Girl

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A girl with a rifle and if I'm not mistaken a pistol tucked into her pants. Something tells me she isn't a counselor at a public school.

Of Black Helicopters and Big Oil

March 6, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A quick story.

Whilst teaching economics at the local community college where they accepted nothing but the best the public schools had to offer, prices for a gallon of gas were persistently over $2 a gallon.

My students, the savvy geopoliticians they were, were all lit up about the high gas prices and were even more ecstatic about a boycott that was coming up that was "going to stick it to big oil."

"Huh," I said to myself, "that's interesting. I'd like to see how they boycott oil."

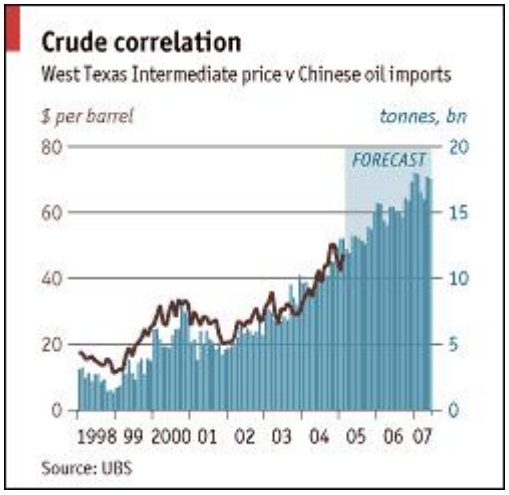
Upon further investigation I heard that there was this movement all across America for everybody to boycott oil on the same day and that would show those corporate executives at Exxon Mobil!

If you cannot see the weakness and stupidity in this boycott, you are at a loss, for I am too busy to berate you right now.

Anyway, I said, "Well, there are several reasons for the high prices of oil, but big oil is not one of them." I then went on to discuss how what was considered "big oil" were really more transporters and refiners and had to buy the crude oil on the market from primarily OPEC, and that they really didn't control the price of oil as much as forces of supply and demand.

Of course, this is not as romantic or exciting as being oppressed by big oil, so they did what any brainwashed students would do and believe what they wanted.

So, it was a pleasure when I saw the following chart.



In addition to OPEC tinkering with supply, on the other side of the equation is China's voracious demand for oil. I knew this, in combination with other things, was one of the contributing reasons for the increasing price of oil, but I didn't know just how much.

Unfortunately, if forecasts of Chinese economic growth prove correct, and the correlation holds, they aren't just joking or trying to make headlines with the $70 barrel of oil.

Gerrymandering

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Reminisce back to your middle school days and if you were paying attention in Civics or Government you would have remembered the cool term "Gerrymandering." And because it was such an odd term you probably exactly remember its definition, so I shall spare you an explanation. I knew stuff like gerrymandering happened, but in a recent article in The Economist, I happened upon this chart. And like many charts from The Economist, I just had to share it with you all.

But is She a Capitalist?

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She certainly is a babe...although a little fatter and fuzzier than I like them, but is she a capitalist?

Well I am reliably informed by her owners that "Louise" the fat dachshund from Wisconsin is indeed a capitalist canine...which makes her smarter than most human democrats.

Though not human, I will make this exception and allow Louise the Fat Dachshund from Wisconsin to enter the 2005 Babes of Capitalism Calendar Competition.

Advice to Rush and Others from the Rookie Radio Show Host

March 21, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Yesterday I was a guest host on a local radio talk show. In preparation for my two hours of fame I had spent the better part of the week preparing topics, questions and what I was going to say about them. However, unlike my veteran talk radio counterparts, I absolutely refused to talk about Terrie Shiavo.

And I still refuse to talk about her.

However, the same cannot be said for the entire talk radio industry, for today I had to endure from 9AM to 6PM non-stop, incessant jabbering about Terrie Shiavo.

Was she being fed?

Was she still alive?

What did the husband do?

Did it go to the courts?

Did it go to congress?

Is she really a vegetable?

Here's the only question I have;

WHO GIVES A F*CK?????

My God, man! Get the hell off the case already!

An entire day of stay-at-home religious right female maniacs who only derive value for their pathetic lives by engaging in these stupid crusades calling into talk radio! Minute by minute updates on whether she was drooling or not. And pointless, mind-numbing speculation about the motives and incentives of all the people involved. It's so bad I've started listening to Air America just because they're covering something different!

ENOUGH!!!!

The sad thing is that I fundamentally acknowledge this is an important issue to resolve,

but the overkill coverage of it has been so drowning that I'm so put off by it that I'm actually cheering for her to have a quick death, regardless of what moral ramifications that has for me, just so we can get back to having decent talk radio!

Perhaps it is on an economic perspective that it doesn't make sense. The amount of time, energy, effort, money, resources, media coverage, protests, etc., etc., that has been expended on this one person is more than what most people will accomplish in their lifetimes. In otherwords if you were to add up all the time people are spending on this, it amounts to the equivalent of a lifetime. If you were to add up all the money and resources spent on this one person, it adds up to more GDP and income that one person could every make. And if you add up all the resources spent on this, it would add up to more resources than she'd ever consume.

So my advice to all the talk show hosts out there,

GET THE HELL OFF THIS DUMBASS TOPIC AND MOVE ON TO BETTER THINGS!

Your entire listening audience consists of people other than those who read the Enquirer and watch day time soap operas.

I'm Now Officially In Favor of Cloning

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It’s Not that Complicated People

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If you put weight on the end of a see-saw, the other end will go up.

If you let go of a rock atop a cliff, it will fall.

And if you light a match and put it to gasoline, it will ignite.

These common sense things are common sense because they are dictated by physics. Laws that we and everything in the universe must abide by.

And while the study of economics can claim no such simplicity, every once in a while a theory is so proven and so commonsensical that it is for all practical purposes a law and can be treated as such.

What is funny though, is how humans, particularly those of lefter leaning ideologies, refuse to believe these laws and try to some how circumvent them. As if through creative fiscal policy and government programs they can create the scenario of having their economic cake and eating it too. It is quite literally no different than jumping off a cliff and thinking gravity will not apply to you.

But the particular law of economics I have in mind today is one my father would say;

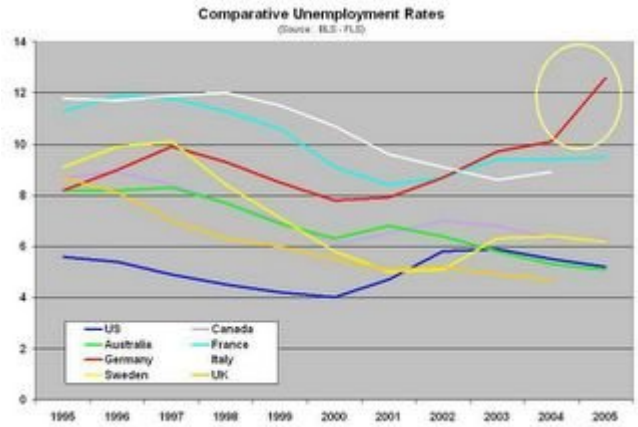
“You don’t work, you don’t eat.”

Or in other words;

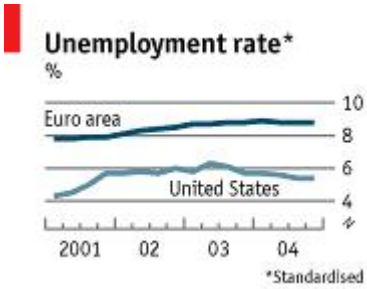
“If people don’t work, then there is no production and therefore no wealth.”

You’d think we’d have learned this very important lesson by watching the Soviet Union, Chairman Mao and varied other sorts of communists kill 100 million people and impoverish a billion more. But, ahhh, you so underestimate the ignorance and outright stupidity of the left. For one just has to look at the backlash Gerhard Schroeder suffered from his Hartx IV reforms and to a larger extent the slothful work ethic of Europe in general.

Recently unemployment in Germany reached a post WWII high at 12.6%. Certainly the worst of the European Brady Bunch, but not by much. France and Italy among others are pushing for double digit unemployment as well.

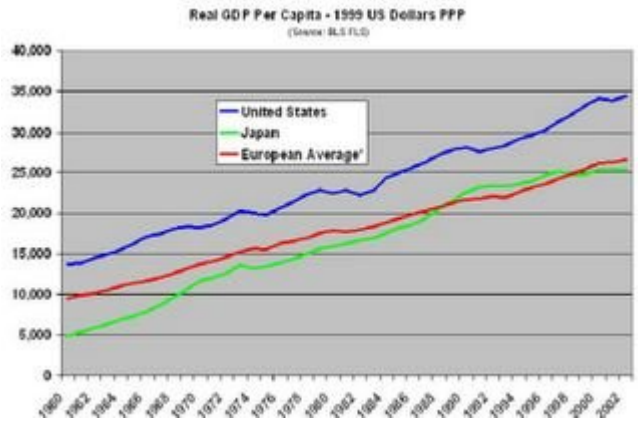


And while the above chart, with its many lines, may be a bit confusing, perhaps this chart from The Economist will make my point a bit clearer.



Again, remember folks, according to the left, our economy was “the worst economy in 50 years” when unemployment was at 6.3%. Yet at the same time they so desperately wish to emulate our European counterparts. Hypocrisy abound.

But what of the second part of the law; there is no wealth. Certainly unemployment itself is bad, but the European model cushions such unemployment and maintains similar standards of living, do they not? Well that could be said for the 16 million Swedes and Norwegians, as for the remaining 500 million Europeans, sadly this is not true. On the average, Europeans have suffered lower standards of living than Americans ever since GDP per capita has been recorded for all said countries. Furthermore, despite having access to the same technology and the $350 billion (translate that into roughly $2 trillion in today’s money) from the Marshall Plan, Europeans, unlike their Japanese counterparts, have failed to catch up. Worse still is the fact that while standards of living have improved, the gap between America and Europe has widened from roughly $5,000 to $8,000.



But then again, don’t listen to me. I’m just some dumb economist who when he’s not

staving off the romantic advances of scores of women, he’s just jumping out of trees, running into the bushes and climbing rocks. But you’re going to have a hard time to convince me otherwise that if you pay people not to work (GASP!)

THEY WON’T!

Meat for the Lions

April 8, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dear readers, I apologize for the lack of posts, but unfortunately the past several months, particularly the last three weeks have been, quite frankly, the worst days of my life. Not to be sarcastic, nor to collect pity, but just to inform you as to the reason why for the lull in posts.

Anyway, a very brief post as I am working on a much larger post to honor those that have been with me during these darker days.

It's not economics related, but interesting none-the-less. And not to be a Drudge-esque type site, but it's just a link.

http://www.livescience.com/technology/050407_earth_drill.html

Perhaps it is OK to take a break from economics every once in a while.

3 for the Price of 1

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Ahh yes, Iowa.

The Tax Wedge Blues

April 12, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

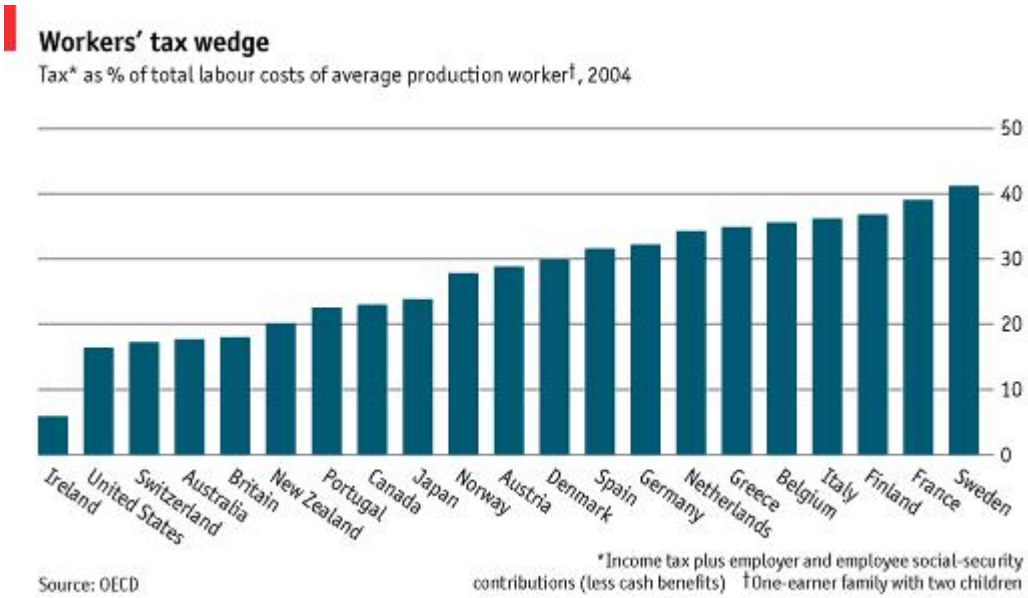
I like charts.

I mean, I really like charts.

One could go so far as to consider me a connoisseur of charts.

And while, no doubt my charts are the best charts that ever were charted, I have to admit that The Economist comes out with some really kick ass charts that I occasionally liberate from them.

One such chart is the one below; the Worker's Tax Wedge.



What the tax wedge shows us is the percentage of labor costs that are due to taxes. Specifically income taxes plus the social security contributions of BOTH the employer and the employee. In other words, the difference between what the employee takes home and what it costs to employ him.

A rough translation of the figures above would mean Sven in Sweden makes $10 an hour, but only takes $6 home. And Seamus in Ireland who is paid the same $10 an hour wage takes $9.50 home.

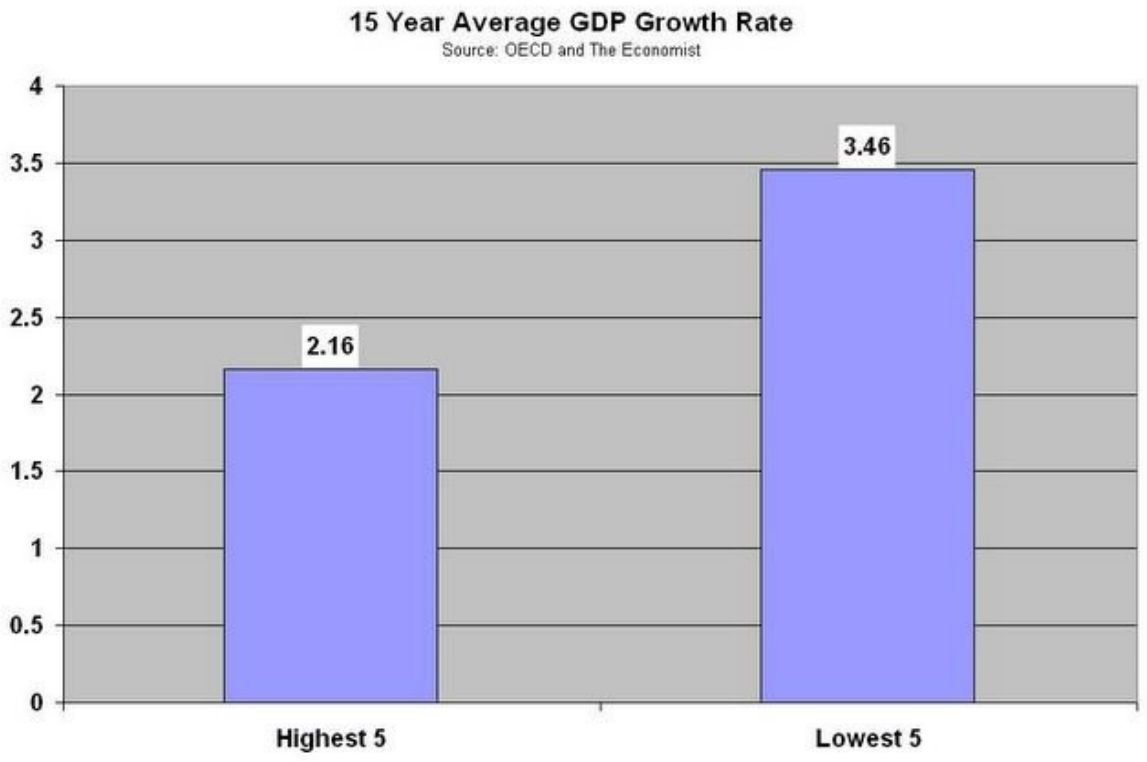
Of course this is a rough translation, as it ignores the fact that the employer also has to pay taxes on employing labor, namely in the form of social security contributions (and in other countries, payments into health care programs, etc.) Thus, the higher the tax, the less incentive a company or employer has to set up shop there. Or perhaps looking at it the other way, the more the governments of Sweden, France and Germany demand their employers (and employees) pay in taxes, the more they incentive corporate investment

and talented labor to move offshore and flee to the likes of Ireland or the United States.

This, in theory, should result in lower economic growth rates for those countries that tax their labor higher. Of course those on the left will never admit such things occur and dismiss such theories as right wing tripe, highlighting Sweden and Norway as examples of socialist success.

But, you guys know me. I'm not much of one for theories. I'm more concerned about data and statistics. Which is why I took the countries in the above chart with the 5 highest tax wedges and compared them to the 5 countries with the lowest tax wedges in regards to economic growth. Specifically their 15 year average GDP growth rates.

Now I know that to be thorough about it, I should really do an average tax wedge over 15 years, run some correlations, etc. etc., but you know something? I'm just too damn lazy. And until somebody from the left cares to do a more thorough job in crunching these numbers to debunk me, I think my case stands.



What I Get for Reading The Economist

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Understand that one of my favorite things to do is to go to a couple joints here in Minneapolis, find a quite corner, order a glass of wine and read The Economist.

Also, I do a significant amount of latin dancing, and so every time I go out dancing I bring an issue of The Economist with me as there are literally 3 guys for every girl, and thus, instead of being one of the pathetic saps that rushes out to the dance floor, scurrying for a girl, I maintain my cool, by retiring to a quiet table and read The Economist until the next song comes along.

Of course, chicks take notice of this, and while fending off the desperate, broken-English advances of Jose and Juan they see me and say, "My goodness. Who is that secure and sexy man just sitting at the table. And what is that he's reading? OH MY GOD! IT'S THE ECONOMIST! I MUST HAVE HIM!"

And this happens all the time, because, as you know, economists are sexy.

Thus, it was only inevitable my friends would mock and ridicule me for my readership of The Economist, resulting in a friend sending me this comic.

Enjoy.

Ode to Tax Season

April 16, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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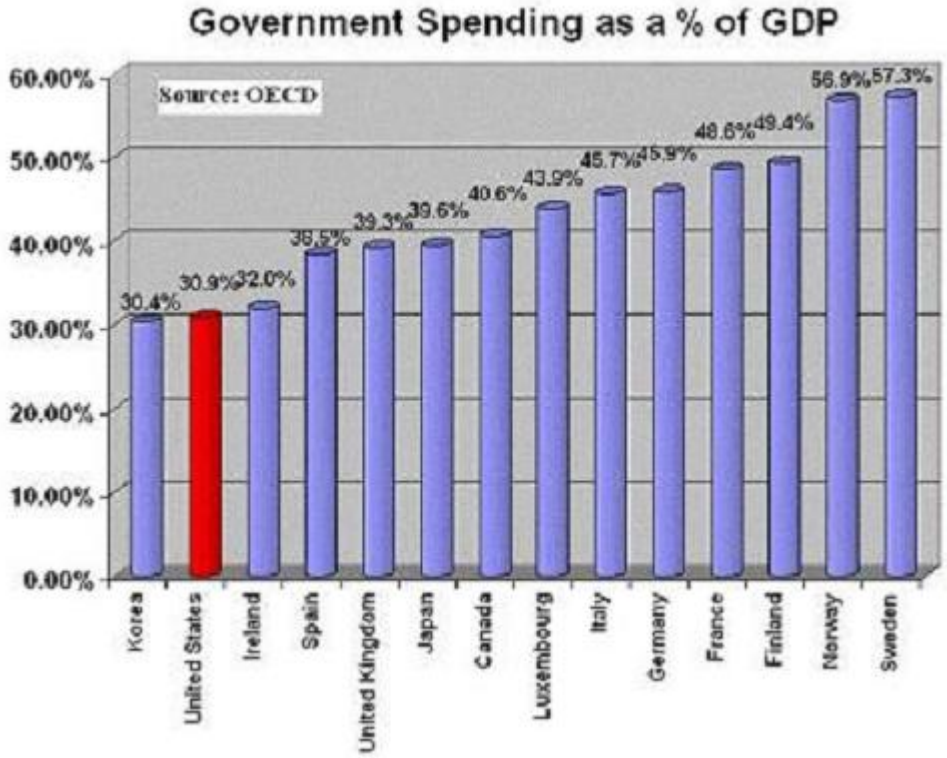
Figured I'd have to repost this on Tax Day! Rememeber to forward it to all your friends and have everybody click on links so that I may retire early and never work again.

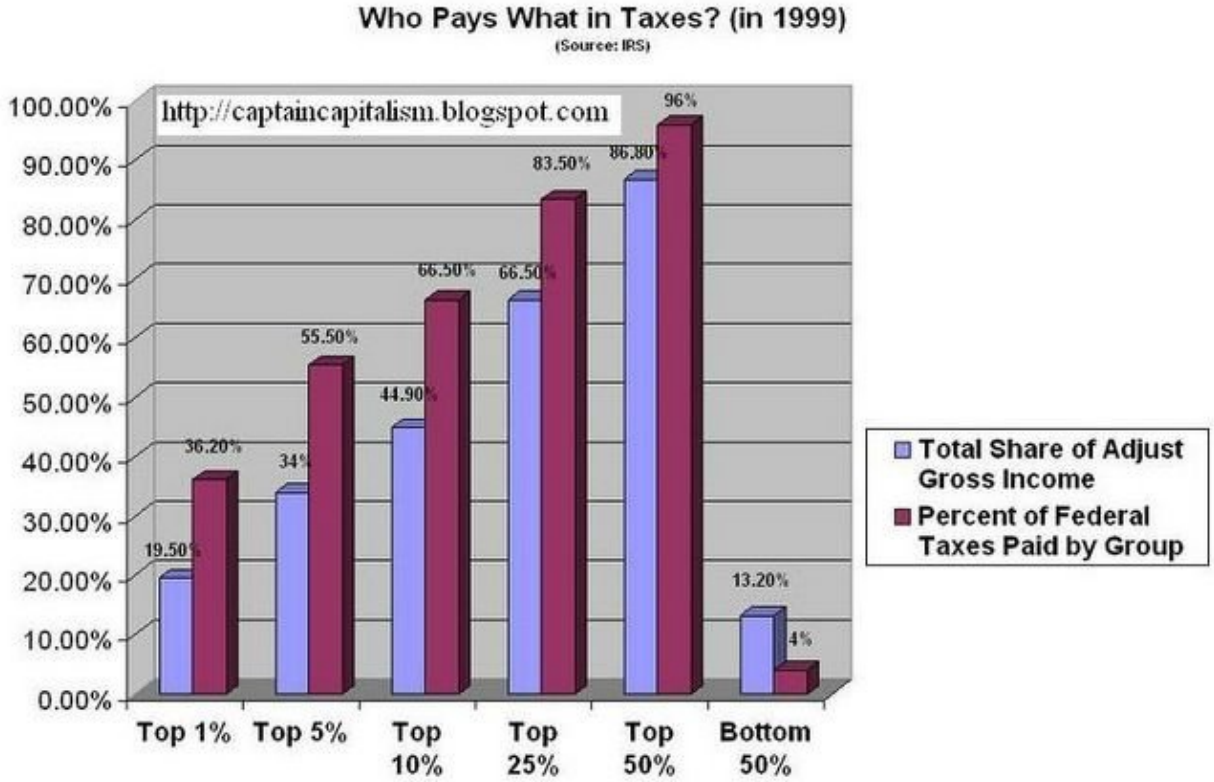
Some get a refund
Some get to pay in
When the governments take a third



Only liberals find it no sin
As a capitalist
How can I win?

When it is tax season?

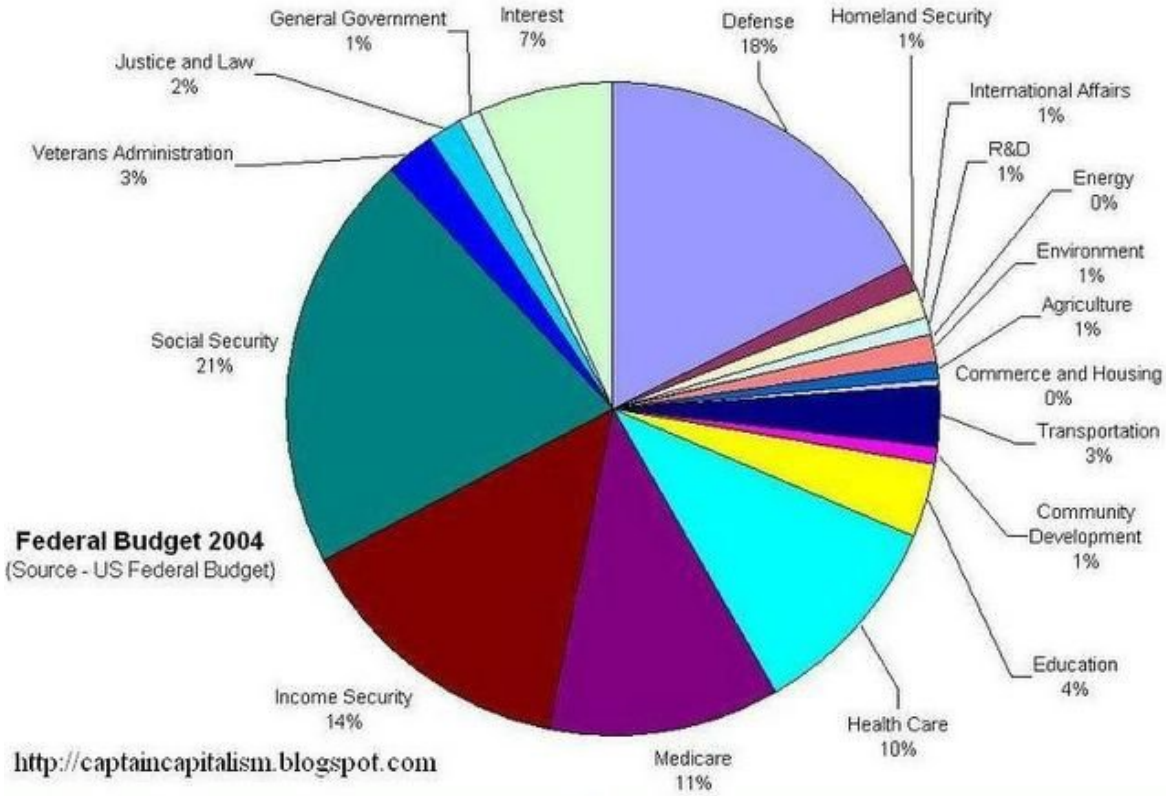
If you are leftist
And you hate the rich,
I suggest you keep quiet,
I suggest you not bitch
For the bulk of the work
And taxes they have pitched



For the rich pay the most when it's tax season.

Single filers	Married filing jointly or qualifying widow/widower	Married filing separately	Head of household	Tax rate
Up to $7,000	Up to $14,000	Up to $7,000	Up to $10,000	10%
$7,001 - $28,400	$14,001 - $56,800	$7,001 - $28,400	$10,001 - $38,050	15%
$28,401 - $68,800	$56,801 - $114,650	$28,401 - $57,325	$38,051 - $98,250	25%
$68,801 - $143,500	$114,651 - $174,700	$57,326 - $87,350	$98,251 - $159,100	28%
$143,501- $311,950	$174,701 - $311,950	$87,351 - $155,975	$159,101 - $311,950	33%
$311,951 or more	$311,951 or more	$155,976 or more	$311,951 or more	35%

Where does it go?



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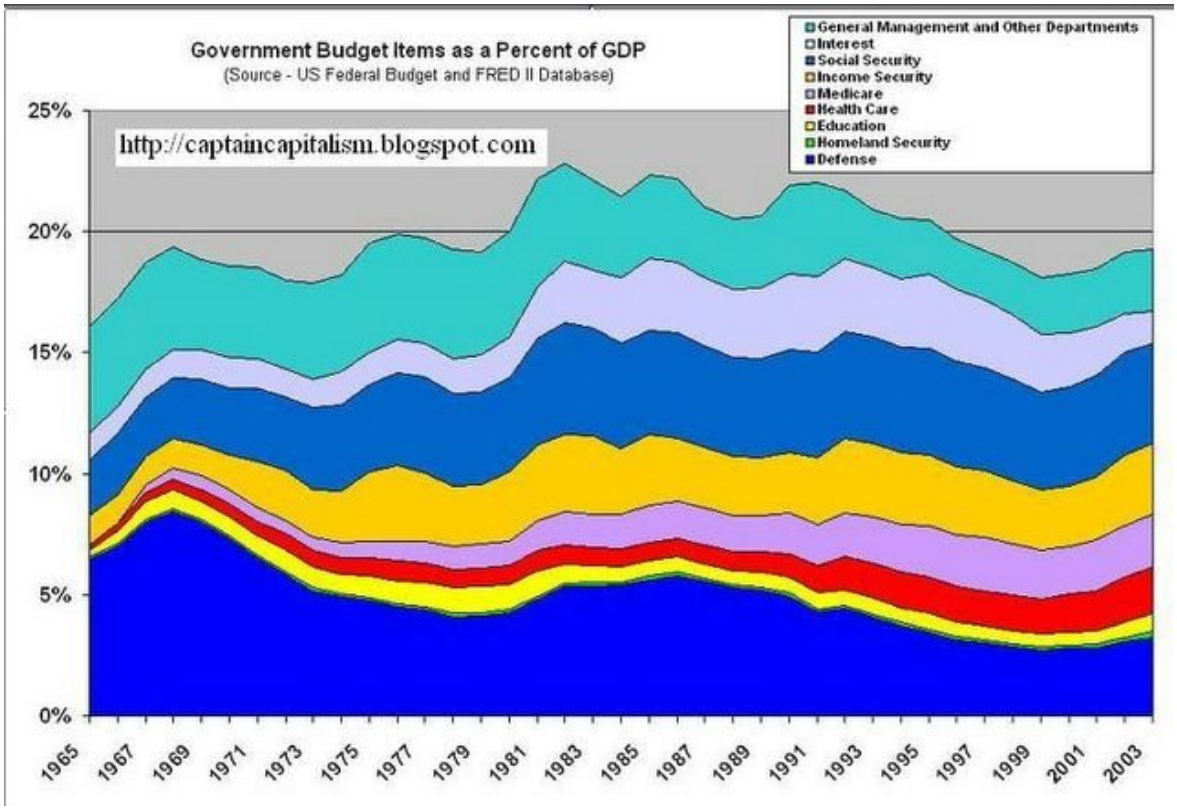
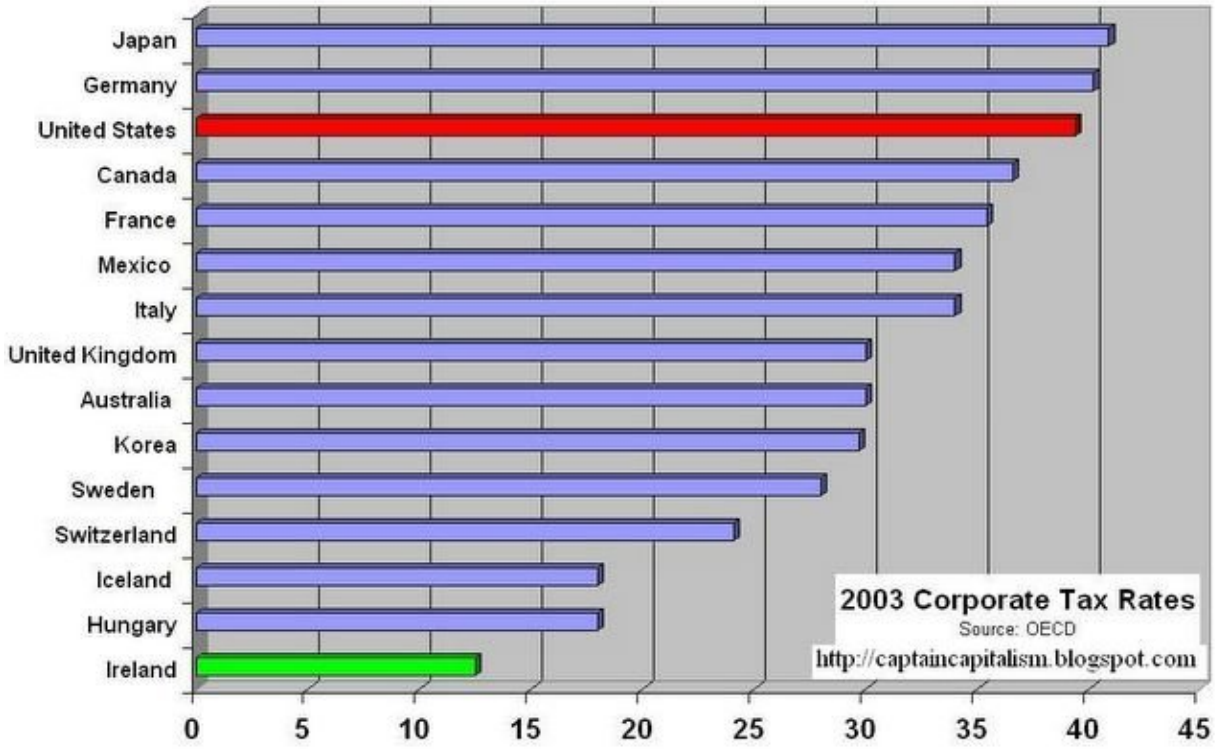


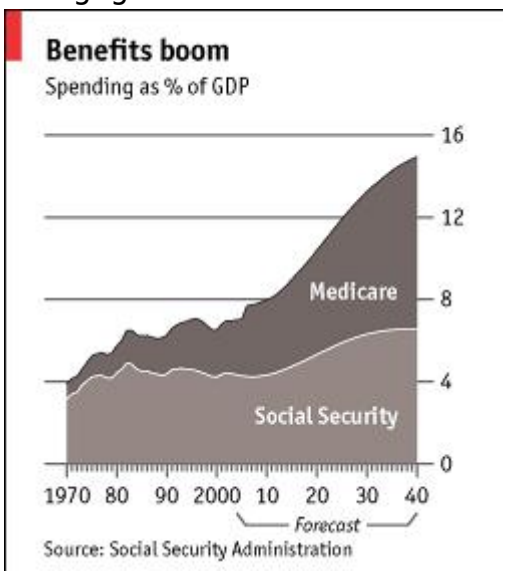
With corporate taxes so high



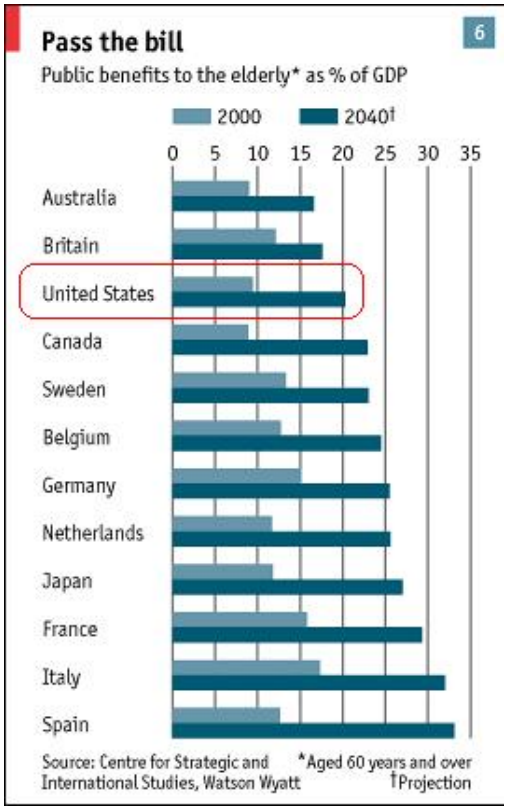
You wonder why US companies have said “so long”
You ignorant leftists
Quit it with your wealth redistribution song

For corporations and employers will move to avoid tax season.

Mortgage the future.



Pass on the buck.



Are you in Gen X?

Well I guess that's tough luck.

For you yongsters will find out shortly that indeed;

http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com

When you pay for other people's Medicare, Medicare, Welfare, Social Security, education and $2 trillion worth of other social spending when it's tax season!

Wishing you and yours a Very Captain Capitalism Tax Season!

Another Link for the Masses to Digest

April 22, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Kyle Eubanks. He just started up, but it is scary how much we think alike, and thus he is obviously a genius and worth linking to. His URL could use some simplification though.

http://blog.360.yahoo.com/blog-RxwD5hglcKPLUB9DWJKQsg--

Ahhh, Real Women

April 25, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I think these four women did more in their lives to advance not only the cause for women, but advance, improve and defend all that is good and noble in the world than all of the feminists and all of the women's studies majors have done and ever will do in their pathetic and self-serving lives.

Girls today could learn a lesson or 12 from these dames.

The Elusive Libertarian Economist Chick

April 27, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm a lazy procrastinating economist, but have recently made efforts to start linking the various kind hosts who have been kind enough to promote the epic economic adventures of Captain Capitalism.

Ms. Passey is one of them.

Well, it's actually Ms. Mackie Paisley Passey, but that is too long, so I just call her JMPP.

Interestingly enough, she is not only an economist (economist dames are rare enough), but a libertarian as well. This is almost, ALMOST as unique as the dancing, video-game, fossil-hunting economist.

Recently her and her cadre of bloggers seem to be on a movie kick, citing Firefly (a good short-lived TV series), but every once in a while they manage to fit in some economics.

Pay young JMPP a visit sometime.

http://jacquelinepassey.blogs.com/

When One Follows the Advice of Women

May 9, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

After much beratement and criticism (from no less than 2,200 readers! – Many, many sincere thanks for all the press JMPP and Marginalrevolution!) as to how I fumbled the ball with this economist babe by not asking for her number, I took it upon myself to remedy the situation and implement some of the advice and strategies different people suggested and see if they worked. And I figured whose advice better to follow than the experts on courtship, dating and romance; women.

The most common criticism I received from women centered around one general theme;

That I did not show initiative/aggression/courage, thereby failing to prove to her I was a skilled hunter and courageous defender, capable of providing for her and our would be children and defending them from the roving bands of wild rabid mammoth that frequently roam the Minnesota plains here.

Thus I formulated a cunning plan.

My cunning plan was this;

1. Take initiative and look up the offices of where she said she worked.

2. Be aggressive and courageous and buy her a simple single flower with a polite note attached asking if she was ever going to take me up on the offer of dancing and dining (and that my poor economist heart was broken, sniff sniff)

3. Show that I had interest by dropping it off at the front desk of her workplace enroute to my favorite lake for my daily run.

By logical reasoning, this would no doubt display that I was aggressive, courageous, had interest and much initiative. And how could it possibly fail? For this plan was designed to do exactly what all the women here have been advocating me to do.

Which reminded me of a theory I concocted back in my college days;

“When you devise a plan and are so confident in it that you ask yourself the question, how can it possibly fail?…you will soon find out.”

Key to this plan was to just drop off the flower with the receptionist in a clandestine operation sort of way and get out of there, ensuring that I would not be seen as the stalker type. This would allow her to throw the flower away and not have to respond

unless she really wanted to.

And since I was enroute to a run and had no intention of meeting her I was dressed in my running gear; cut off sweat pants, my Boston Red Sox hat and a Mr. Bubble T-shirt I got from sending in the $4.95 with proof of purchase of Mr. Bubble Bubble Bath. Damn did I look sexy.

So I park the car, feed the meter, run to the skyscraper, hit the elevators, go to the correct floor, follow the signs to the suite number, and noticed it's not that big of an office. Just a simple door with a buzzer. So I clicked the buzzer, waited and who do you suppose answers the door.

Oh joy. It's the economist babe.

So much for the covertness of this clandestine operation.

Trying to put on my best smile given I was wearing my fetching Mr. Bubble-T-Shirt, I gave her the flower and the note and said, "hi!"

Her face was pure panic. I could have just as well handed her an ebola-infested live tarantula.

Obviously scared, she said, "how did you know where I worked?"

Realizing that she now viewed me as your friendly neighborhood stalker-man, I tried to calm her down by reminding her that, "You told me you worked here."

Realizing my cunning plan was an utter failure and that she was actually scared by my appearance, I wanted to get hell out of there fast as possible so as not to worry her anymore. Maintaining my smile I said, "well I gotta go. Hope you like the flower," did an about face, bouncily jogged to the elevator and made way to my favorite lake for my daily run.

Now I enjoy my daily run for it's just over 6 miles long and it gives me a fair amount of time to ponder and reflect about life's daily occurrences. And during this particular daily run, I drew several important lessons from this whole ordeal that I think all men should heed and follow;

1. It is infinitely better to be viewed as an unaggressive, unmotivated man who has not the courage to ask you for your number than to be viewed as a stalker. i.e.- Ball in Court Theory is a great theory!

2. Today it is no longer socially acceptable to give a girl flowers unless you know her,

otherwise you run the risk of being misperceived as a stalker, see lesson 1. Ergo, no more flowers for the ladies (Besides they cost $2.95, that's like almost a shot of whiskey!)

3. Women do not appreciate the Mr. Bubble line of designer T-Shirts.

4. Appreciate Adam Smith's theory of specialization and stick with what you're good at.

5. Baghdad Bob's intelligence on Iraqi and US troop movements during the invasion is supremely superior to women's intelligence on themselves. i.e.- Don't listen to women's advice about women.

Alas, it seems to me I shall stick with my time-tested, well-devised and energy-saving strategy of letting them come to me.

HAR!!!

May 11, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm not a big supporter of Bush, but this is a good guffaw.

http://www.cartoonistgroup.com/store/add.php?iid=10347

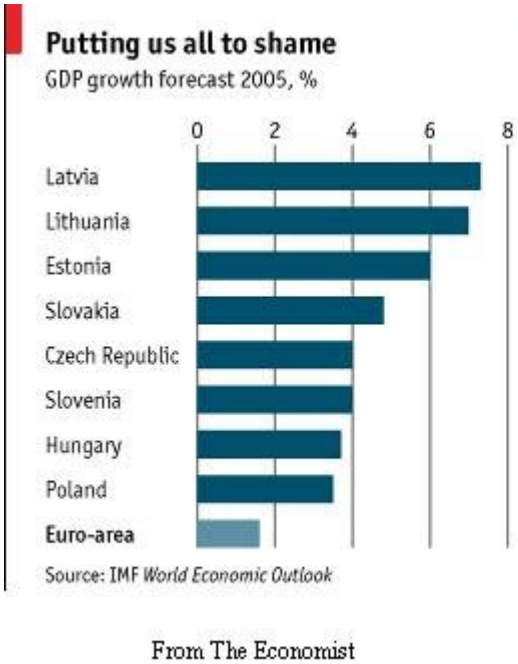
Old Versus New Europe, Taxes and Growth

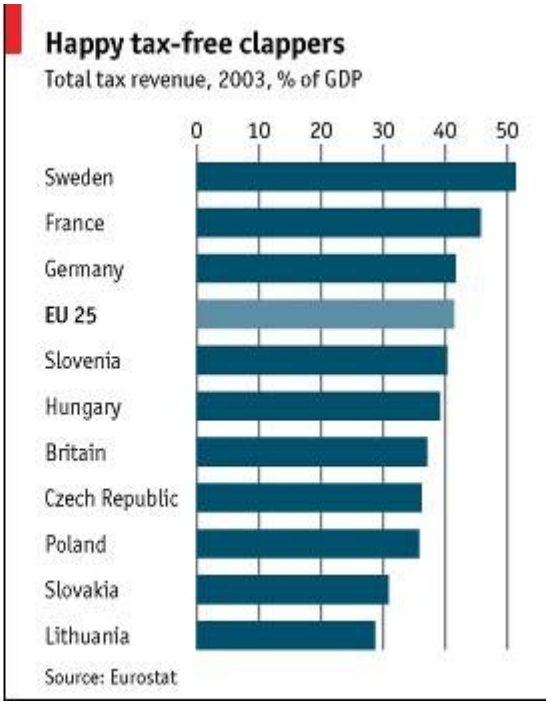
May 12, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

To dull the relentless assault of pain and agony that we call “life” I employ a wide sort of medicines and remedies. Sometimes I submerse myself in work, making sure the finances are all secure and that future sources of revenue are certain. More recently since February I have worked out, running and lifting weights to kill the time during slow season (and may I say with a little pride, added to my peck-age and bicep-age). And then there is always video games; ahhhh yes, video games, where you can go to a foreign, make-believe world and fool yourself into thinking that somehow you’re actually doing something for society like killing Nazi’s or shooting aliens. But last night I opted for booze, which I have laid off recently, and made up for last night.

The problem is when I drink I typically do it at a bar. And when at the bar I usually bring some work to do or something to read. Of course work and reading do not mix well with booze, so it has been on more than one occasion that I had a poor recollection of the articles I’ve read and had to double check my work from the night before.

But drunk as I was, even a liberal high on pot, heroin, Windex, and a Krugman article combined would have been able to draw the connection between two charts I saw.



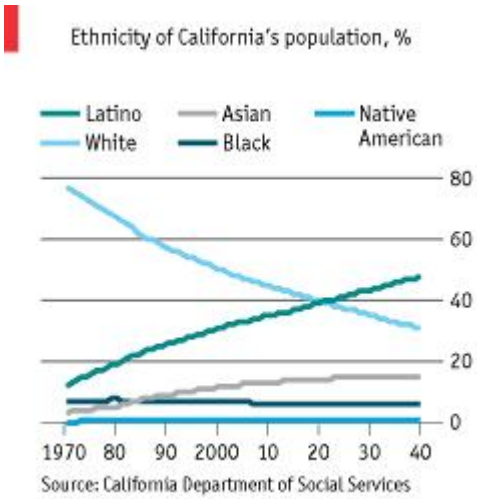


And since this post has been made on a Thursday morning, I’m going to assume most of you are at work and reasonably sober, and therefore can make the connection yourself.

Things that Make You Say "Hmmmm...."

May 15, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just found this interesting. Like when Johnny Depp in "Pirates of the Carribean" found out there was a curse he said, "So there is a curse. That's interesting."



505025

May 15, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Every spring and fall a local WWII historical society hosts a hangar dance as a fund raiser. They deck out an old hangar with WWII memorabilia, bring some old WWII planes like the B-25 and P-51 out on the tarmac, and encourage people to show up in vintage attire. Fortunately for me I have an old Army Air Corps uniform and when donned with my bomber jacket I look the part rather well. Add to all of this about 700 people, the majority of which are in uniform and era clothing, and an 18 piece big band, and you have what I deem to be the closest re-enactment we can achieve today of what was the pinnacle of American culture for a glorious, but all too brief four hours.

But I take what brief American-glory-day hours I can get, and this past weekend presented such an opportunity, for there was such a hangar dance at scenic Fleming Field.

I arrived with a cadre of friends and about 20 students as I also teach dance on the side and host field trips to such events. And since most of my friends are just friends, and most of my students are middle aged married folk, I opted to mingle my way into the crowd to see if I could find myself a cute girl or twenty to dance with.

Bethel College, a local uber-religious college where they ban sex, kissing, holding hands and just plain looking at the opposite sex, oddly enough sent no less than 50 female representatives in sort of a "false advertising" sort of way. Of course I didn't know they had such representation until I danced with enough of them to know where they were sitting, who they were talking to, and just how numerous they were. But once ID'd, I knew who not to ask to dance as it would be futile.

This still left of bevy of immaculately dressed women, one of which in particular caught my eye; a 20-something platinum blond with a 1940's turquoise dress gift-wrapping an amazing figure. And knowing that in about an hour they would have all the men in uniform parade around the hangar, and knowing I had not brought a date, I would have to secure myself a girl in vintage attire to be on my arm for this parade. Thus, it was time to turn on the ol' Captain Capitalism charm.

I spent the next hour dancing the plurality of dances with this girl. Putting on some of the more flashy, yet easy to follow moves, thereby impressing her and at the same time making her think somehow she was a great dancer. I'd make some witty commentary about how she looked like Ingird Bergman, and then quote Casablanca. And as it was somewhat of a chilly evening, I employed a rather cunning tactic; when dancing on the tarmac I would have her wear my bomber jacket to keep her warm.

Oh yeah, I was in.

And I was, for when they announced the parade was about to start, she agreed to be on my arm for the parade.

So there we were. Me in my smart uniform, looking as if I had just got off the Memphis Belle. Her, with her nice blue eyes accompanying her turquoise dress, blushing a bit as she was a little embarrassed. All in the shadow of a B-25 bomber and an 18 piece big band playing away. It couldn't have gotten any better.

Which means it only could have gotten worse.

For while we were parading around the hangar and people were cheering us on, we approached a group of Bethel girls that I had recognized from the earlier that evening. They were looking at me and cheering me on giving me the thumbs up. But as I got closer I realized I misread their line of vision by a few arcseconds, for they weren't looking at me and giving me the thumbs up, they were looking at the girl on my arm. And sure enough as we passed, "Wooo! Way to go Jessica!"

Great, I had a Bethel girl on my arm.

"So, you go to Bethel?" I asked.

"Yeah, how'd you know?"

"Oh, just a guess....so hold old are you?"

"I'm 19."

Great, I was dancing with a child this entire time. And a religious nut on top of it.

Now, there is an element of strategy to these hangar dances. For unlike most other dances, the hangar dance attracts people that I deem to be morally similar to myself. In other words, in the past when I have gone out on dates with the girls I've met at the hangar dance, they tend to be of a bit higher quality and caliber. Furthermore, since the hangar dance is held only twice a year, it is somewhat urgent and important that you play your cards right and spend your time wisely. I just blew 2.5 hours on a 4 hour dance that would not be repeating itself for another 6 months.

Grand.

So I did what any other normal red-blooded American male would do, I got myself a beer. The bar was inconveniently placed in a high traffic area, near the band and the dance

floor. And immediately after I had finished my drink and turned around, I almost bumped into the most attractive girl in the entire dance.

I hadn't mentioned this girl before, for even though I noticed her very early on in the dance, up until that point in the dance, she was irrelevant. She was WAAAAY TOO ATTRACTIVE to mention. And even though she was one of the very first things I saw, she was soooooo attractive that I wrote her off like a brand new computer under section 179 because she was out of my league.

And now she was right infront of me.

Now, normally I don't bother with chicks out of my league. Which then prompts the typical discussion, "well, some of these girls are so good looking that they intimidate most guys and are actually rarely approached." None of which entered into my mind, because I was busy blurting out, "hey, wanna dance?"

"Yes."

So there I am dancing with the girl who is hands down the most attractive, drop dead gorgeous woman in the entire joint. (Mind you, this isn't my opinion. She just literally was that good looking!) And as I made my way through the dance, spinning her and so forth, I got to appreciate the amount of care and attention she put into her outfit. It was a stunning black ruffled, knee-length vintage dress that she accented with a cropping hat, black fishnets and cute 1940's heels. She had her hair done up in a tight style which displayed her face perfectly. Rarely am I intimidated, but she was so impressive that I was actually a little off in my dancing.

I thanked her for the dance, still under the impression I was not in her league and the dance was charity, but as the night went on, I noticed she was standing by herself, on the edge of the dance floor more often than not. And whilst enroute to the bathroom, something made me change my path and I asked her to dance again. This time smiles were exchanged, banter was engaged in, and another dance promised. This led to more dances which led to more conversation which led to more smiles, and soon flirting (which Bethel College also bans).

By the end of the night I had danced with this girl more than anybody else. And after we had finished our 6th dance, I asked her, "Hey, you going to dance next week by the same band?"

She said, "I don't know, I just heard about it tonight."

"Well, I know a guy who might be interested in taking you."

"Really? I might know a girl who might be interested."

"Really, well, how about I give you my number and you can give it to the girl. And you give me your number and I'll give it to the guy. And then maybe we can go on a double date."

"Maybe."

"And then in the unlikely event that they stand us up, perhaps we can go to the dance together, you know, as back up."

And with a little smirk and a sexy squint she said, "Maybe."

And so I sashayed to the bar to jot down my number, returned for one final dance, gave her my number and said, "it was a pleasure." She reached out and touched my arm and said, "likewise." I headed home and fell asleep.

Now what does all of this have to do with 505025?

505025 is a theory I concocted back in my college days, that most of my male friends appreciate and deem one of my better theories. And it basically states;

"50% No x's 50% Show = 25% Go."

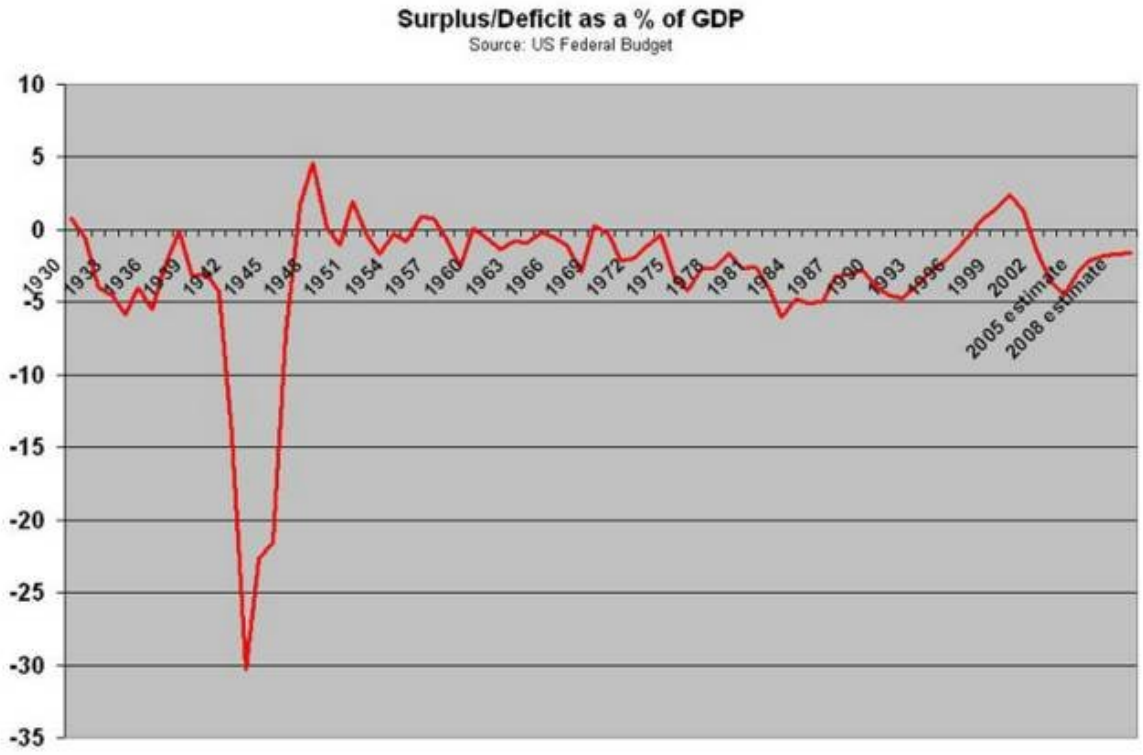
And it was the theory running through my head while I drove back to my humble abode that night, for during college my friends and I noticed that while a fair amount of girls would say yes to a date, a disturbingly high percentage of them would cancel or stand you up. Thus, on the onset, there is a 50% chance the girl will say no. But even if she says "yes" that doesn't mean she's actually going to show. i.e.- there is only a 50% chance of her showing up on the date, and thus an overall initial chance of a 25% chance of actually going on a date.

Now, empirically, the theory is more something like "30% No x's 25% Show = 17.5% Go" as sadly the majority of girls would say yes, but unfortunately, the majority of them would bail before the date (thereby unnecessarily raising your hopes, and crushing them later). And while I'd like to think that the banter, conversation, interaction and flirting I had with this knock out 40's babe was unique and special, sadly I had been in the position before where I was just as supremely confident and the random fates of chaos dealt me a different hand. Of course, I also subscribe to Oddball's theory from Kelley's Heroes, which advocates positive waves, but the economist in me really has a hankering for empirical and historical data.

Regardless, what does this tell us about economics? Nothing, directly anyway. But I

guarantee you there is a lesson in economics to be learned here. For while it may not be obvious now, it will become very apparent in a future post.

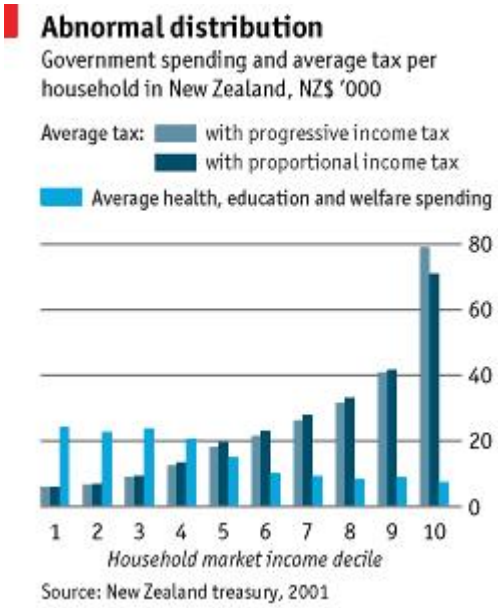
But for those of you who insist on getting your daily economic fix, here's an interesting chart continuing with the theme and hailing back from the days of WWII.



Of Producers and Parasites

May 18, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found this chart reading an article about the flat tax, and while it's original purpose was to demonstrate that even under a flat tax New Zealand's rich would still be paying the lion's share of the taxes, I noticed that the poor got one heck of a deal (either way) in that they contributed nowhere near the amount of resources they consumed.



Would be curious if anybody has/knows of similar data for the US or other OECD countries.

Coase Colored Glasse

May 25, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ye, another link for thee to digest. But this is no ordinary regular economist link to digest, but an environmental economics link to digest.

Understand I was never a big fan of environmental economics. I always thought trying to value things like "scenery" and "pollution" was similar to trying to program a model that predicts the minds of women; rather impossible. But hey, that's why we economists insist on using all the letters in the Greek alphabet when developing our formulas. They may be worthless, but, hey, they're pretty and sure impress the heck out of actuaries!

So freshen up on the positive and negative externalities of blogging and pay a visit to Coase Colored Glasses.

College Campuses? Cripes.

May 25, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I ranted once about how Academia (among other non-profit institutions) attracted the left because unlike the real world (AKA, the "private sector") you didn't have to produce anything of worth, nor compete, nor have any real skills. Actually, it's probably best you don't because it seems as far as I can tell, Academia's primary purpose is not to educate, but employ those who would otherwise be unemployable.

Thus, when I saw this on Market Power (hail another economist!), I had to post it here as well.

http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/04RESOURCES/Flynn-BlueCampuses.htm

I Left Nothing in San Francisco

June 5, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Somebody might have left their heart in San Francisco, but I even had reservations about going to the bathroom in San Francisco and thus leaving anything there.

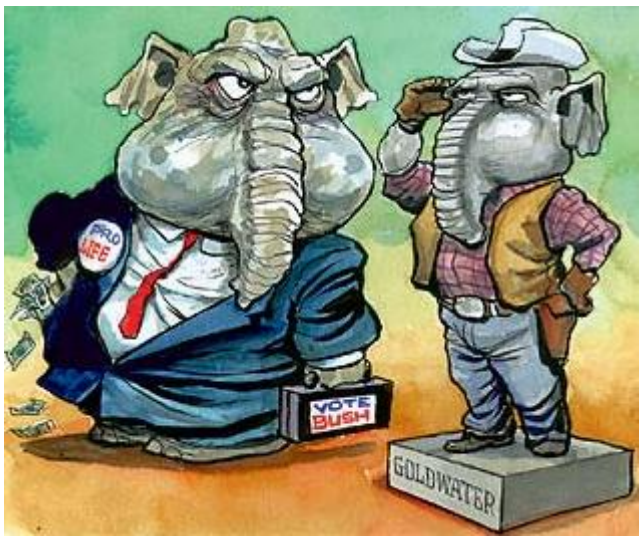
Outside a trip to Yosemite National Park and visiting some obscure relatives in the hinterland of California, the majority of my trip was spent with my sister and her new boyfriend in scenic San Francisco. The highlight of the trip was a visit to one of the 5 remaining Federal Reserve Banks I had yet to visit and a salsa club on the south side of town where the skill level and friendliness level of the local ladies outranked the ladies of Minneapolis.

Regardless, I am back and after catching up on e-mails and work, will start to give you your semi-weekly/daily/random fix of economics.

The Times When Republicans Were

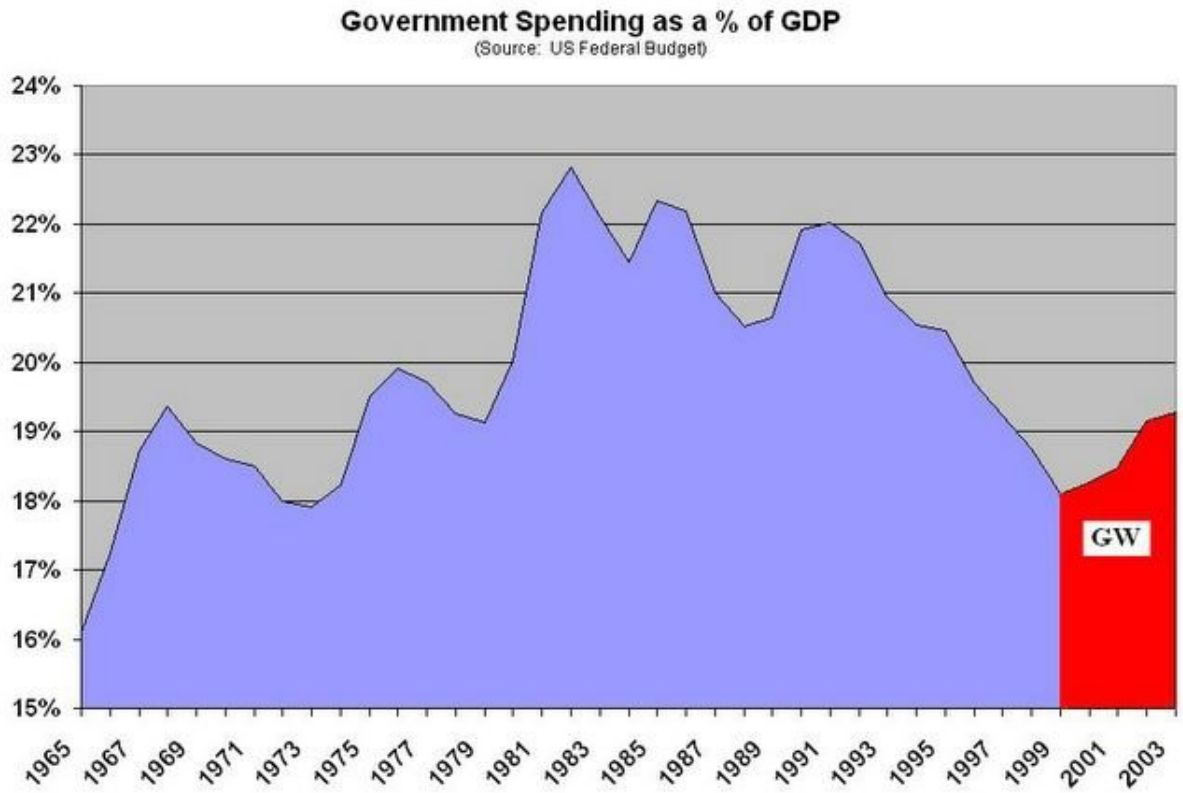
June 6, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It was on my flight out to scenic San Francisco that I had the time to catch up on the three neglected issues of my favorite periodical. And whilst reading the back issues I happened upon this hilarious picture which reminded me why I'm no big fan of George Bush.



For if George Bush was a true Republican, then he'd be more fiscally conservative. Alas he is not. For aside from the war (which I'm for) he's still managed to blow wads of taxpayer's money on frivolous social programs/causes, including the $50 billion education bill, another $15 billion for fighting AIDS in Africa, and let's not forget that minor little $800 billion (AND RISING) boondoggle on Medicare (yes, all frivolous, don't get into it with me).

All of this (and more) has increased government spending as a percent of our economy from 18% to 19.5% (as of 2003). This may not seem like a lot, but keep in mind this is while the economy was growing by leaps and bounds. i.e.-government spending under GW has increased faster than the economy has been growing. The result? GW has only been outspent by LBJ and his idiot-mollifying, vote-bribing policy called "The Great Society."



Joy.

But this behooves the question that has been plaguing me for some time; “why does the left hate GW so much, and herald Bill Clinton as their god, when the opposite should be true?”

Alas, perhaps I am foolish in assuming democrats do as they “should” or adhere to some sort of logic…alas, perhaps I may also be foolish in thinking that people in general look at these charts.

Gorgeous George Stikes Again

June 9, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had always suspected that the world's two greatest evils (Islamic terrorism/fascism and communism) would join forces, despite historical differences, to form a united assault against the world's greatest good (capitalism). And it seems British PM, George Calloway, who was heralded by the American media when he blasted Norm Coleman about his investigation into the UN, is the missing link and proof of the two combining forces;

http://littlegreenfootballs.com/weblog/?entry=16140_The_21st_Century_Lord_Haw_Haw&only

Hosting a Talk Show!

June 10, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Fellow readers, great news;

A while ago I entered a contest at the local talk radio station called "The Next Big Thing," a radio version of reality TV where they profile rookie talent in search for somebody who may become "the next big thing."

Well two months after I did my stint they called back asking if I'd sub for their regular 8-10PM host, Chris Krok on his show "Krok Talk."

Needless to say I am very happy, however, after receiving this opportunity immediately returning from San Francisco necessitating preparation for the show, I've had no time to dedicate to my blog, which begets further apologies.

HOWEVER, the good news is that you can listen in and hopefully I can make up for the neglecting of my blog and you can get an uber economics fix by listening in.

For those locally in the Twin Cities area, you know the station. For those of you not so local (for some reason there sure are A LOT of Canadians that read my blog for some reason), I think you can listen online via their website www.am1500.com Furthermore, there is a 1-800 number you can call if you're out of state if you so desired to participate in the discussion. I'll be broadcasting Minnesota Time (central standard???) from 8-10PM June 15th-17th. So be sure to tune in.

And maybe, someday, they'll have my face on their billboard on I-94 and Hwy 280, and then that economist babe will see it and rue the day that she shot me down saying, "oh, why didn't I go out with him when I had the chance. Sigh!" Oh yeah, it's fated to happen!

Tapping Collective Intelligence

June 13, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, 3 days until the big broadcast. Have composed a wide array of topics which I will whittle through and think about later tonight whilst I drink and eat at my favorite local eatery and drinkery.

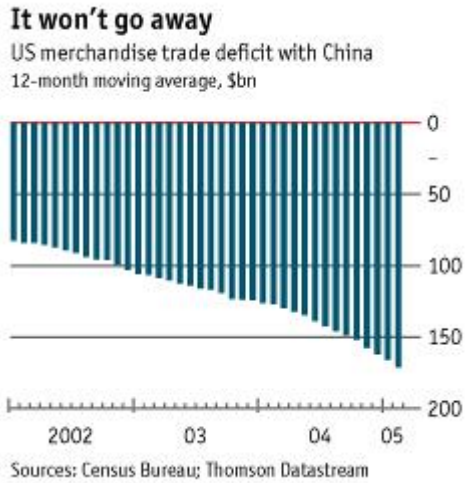
Having said that and being confident that the topics will be entertaining, I'm wise enough to appreciate the power of the market and recall the most successful local talk show host here say, "I don't get to talk about what I want, I talk about what they want."

So help me out and submit any topics you'd think would do well, I would most certainly appreciate it.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Chinaman

June 13, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A short post again as I am short on time. But here's the twelve month trailing average trade deficit between the US and China.



Now, call me crazy, but something tells me that this deficit exists because the Chinese produce stuff we want and we don't produce stuff the Chinese want. I mean, what American doesn't want cheap clothing, electronic gadgets and consumer electronics. But tell me how many Chinese demand "grief counseling" or self-help books or the services of sociology majors and other such products that the US is seemingly only capable of producing?

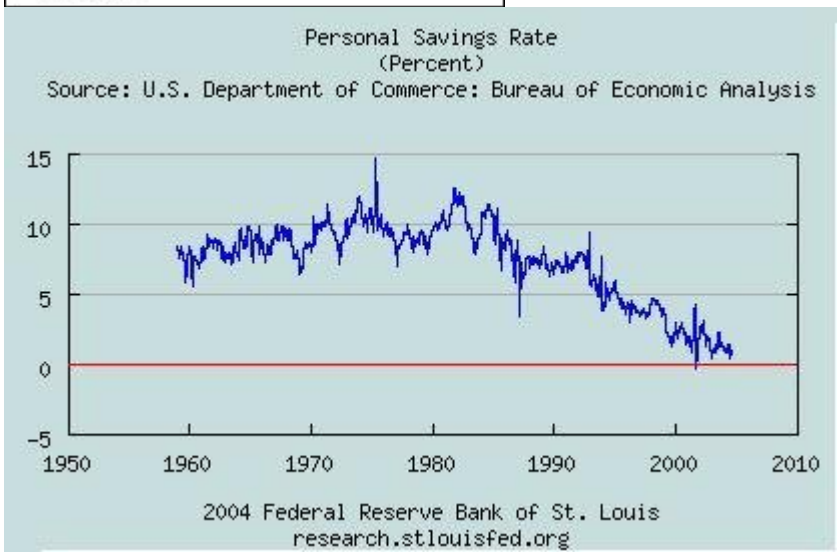
For AM 1500 Listeners

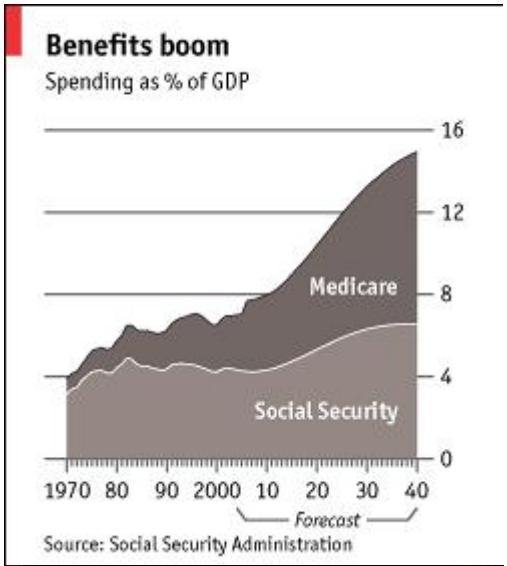
June 15, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

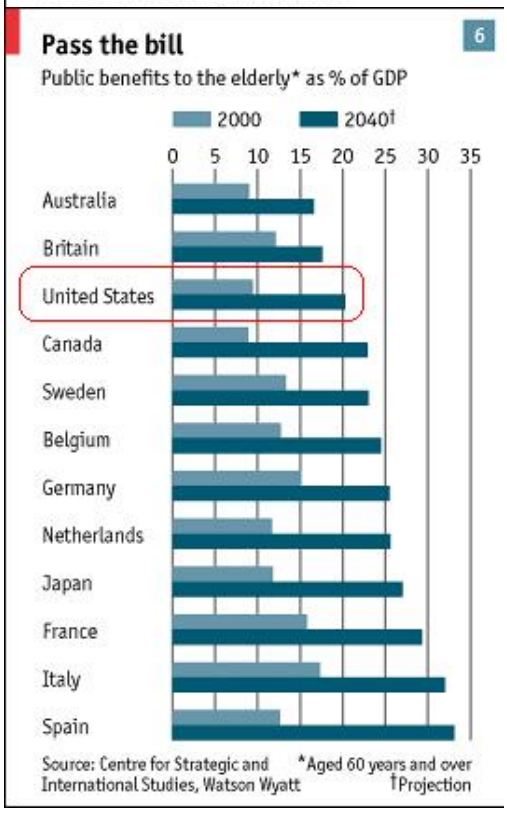
Fellow readers and AM 1500 listeners,

Thanks for tuning into the show. Here are the charts that accomodate the topics covered on the show. I hope they supplement your understanding and make sense of what I was blathering about on the air!

Best of luck!







The S&P 500 PE ratio is below

Marginal Costs of Time

June 28, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I get a temporary radio gig where I get to sub for a reasonably well known radio host.

Of course, never being on radio before, I have to dedicate significant resources to ensure the topics are good, engaging and fresh. This wipes out any free time I had two weeks ago and thus keeps me from my blog.

Then comes my annual vacation to South Dakota which involves an eclectic mix of hiking, fishing, fossil hunting and hitting on an insanely cute park ranger. The preparation, researching of fossil sites, not to mention a 26 mile hike straight through the gorgeous backcountry of Badlands National Park, all of which wiped out any free time I had last week.

Which brings me to today, 48 hours after my return and three Bengay bottles later, and I'm just catching up with all I had left behind. Sadly though the marginal utility I receive from expending one additional unit of time on my blog is not enough to compensate me for other things (paying the mortgage, paying the bills) and thus I have to delay any serious posting of economic wit. However, (while waiting to get some research back from the University of Minnesota) I will be making a post that will prove worthwhile and certainly raise the ire of women.

US Universal Health Care is a Reality

June 28, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

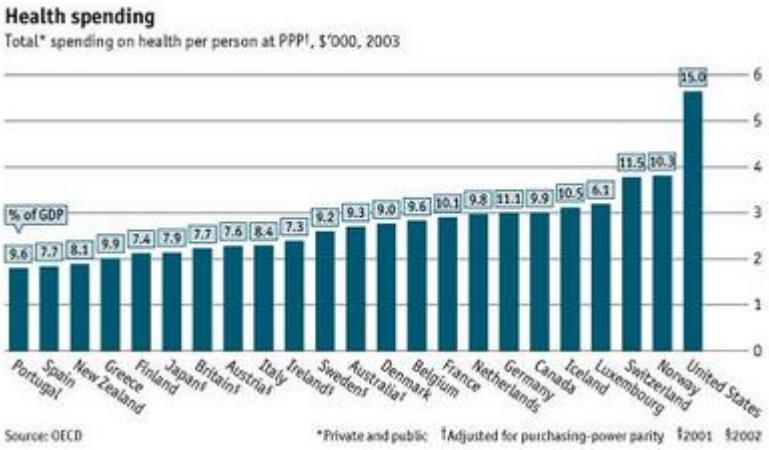
I live in a neighborhood of Minneapolis called Seward. During the elections in 2004 if you looked at an electoral map the entire area in the metro was red, except for this densely populated dot of communist haven, Seward. It is only because of the 40,000 or so public sector/academian oafs here that Bush did not carry Minnesota.

Thus my neighbor is the one with the "Willing to Pay for a Better Minnesota" signs in their yards. Not to mention "Bush is the Terrorist," "Bush Lied, How Many Died," and the seemingly never-falling-out-of-fashion "Kerry Edwards."

But there are a couple putzes in the hood that are unashamedly socialist and they're the ones with the "Universal Health Care Now!"

OK, once again here people, it looks like I'm going to have to take the baseball bat of Capitalism and beat you freaking senseless with it because I'm just so sick and tired of people's ignorance.

The US spends more per person on health care than any other nation in the world, and not marginally so, but quite literally double our European counterpart's average. This translate (logically) into the fact that we spend twice as much as our GDP on health care



than our European counterparts. Where my ire is raised and the rationale for a beating the Seward socialists with the baseball bat of Capitalism is warranted is that 45% of that spending is through government social programs. Be it Medicare or Medicaid or here in Minnesota the state health care program, MinnCare, we not only effectively spend the same amount of government money on health care (as our European friends) but, and are you ready for the real kicker?

WE EFFECTIVELY ALREADY HAVE FREAKING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE!!!!

Cripes people! Where are the sick and the corpses laying about the streets? How many

news stories do you need about single mothers getting free health care for their multiple-fathered children at some clinic, or how illegal immigrants are bankrupting California's hospitals? Last I checked the idiot teenage mothers and illegal immigrants weren't exactly thinking ahead saying, "gee, I better get some health care coverage before I get pregnant." And I don't think I can recall a story about illegals asking their coyote transporters where they can get some affordable health insurance once inside California.

Let's Bang Our Head Against the Wall Again

July 5, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Short on time, but I just can't let this one go unaddressed.

Live 8 or Aid or whatever the hell it's called.

Ugh.

Idiots.

OK here people, let me explain it for you nice and easy so that even those of you with public school educations can understand.

Remember back when we were kids in the 80's and we all sent our money into Ethiopia? And then 5 cents would feed a kid for 12 weeks or something like that. Yeah, look at Ethiopia now! What success!

Africa has received over the past 30 years roughly $200 billion in aid. Adjust for inflation and you're looking at more around $350 billion - Marshall Plan levels of aid. And I'm willing to bet that figure is a little low.

Yet, despite this aid Africa is the only, ONLY continent where standards of living have actually gone down! The only other country in the world where this has happened is Venezuela where (surprise surprise) a socialist dictator, Hugo Chavez, has taken the reigns and driven living standards down despite high oil prices.

The problem isn't that money won't help, it will, but it's who's delivering the money. Thus far it's been the most incompetent entities the world has ever created; government, international organizations (UN), NGO's, and charities. Bastions of employment for those who are not only leftists, and not only people who majored in worthless subjects like peace studies, but incompetent oafs as well with no practical skills to speak of.

Don't believe me? Look at the latest member to this fine front to fight poverty in Africa; artists!

"I look at the news, I see people starving, I am crying, I'm a total mess"
Icelandic singer **Björk**

"We'll jump if you jump and we're all jumping on behalf of those who can't even crawl"
Bob Geldof warns G8 leaders meeting in Scotland to take action against poverty

“For Aids in Afghanistan, is it?”
Marty Gradwell, from Ontario

BONO, LEAD SINGER OF U2 (London)
"The rock stars and the hip hop stars can't change anything, but our audience really can. "We're not asking you to put your hand in your pockets, but we are asking people to put their fists in the air."

What insane insight to the inner workings of geopolitics and international economics! Certainly the University of Chicago should award all of these geniuses honorary doctorates in economics! With such geniuses playing music to alleviate poverty, how can it possibly fail?

No, sorry, the only entity thus far capable of delivering money to a country and having it make any significant progress towards eliminating poverty, raising standards of living and increasing the health and wealth of a nation is capitalism, namely foreign investment.

Don't believe me? Look at China and India. They've done more to raise their massive populations out of poverty by opening their borders up to investment from foreign companies than any government, charity, aid or debt forgiveness program ever would.

Of course, you don't want to believe this, because it's contrary to what you've been told this entire time. That, or perhaps to the average liberal, it's more important to feed their ego than to actually accomplish anything (which is why, by in large, most of your projects fail, but hey, even though Jamal is starving in Somalia, at least you feel good about it because you went to a concert!) But don't worry, you're a liberal, we understand. We're getting used to dealing with such ignorance and hypocrisy.

African Economists are Like Any Other, We're ALL Geniuses!

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Excellent article in SPIEGEL.

Thanks Arcane!

Update on Aid Figures to Africa

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So Rush Limbaugh quoted a source of over $600 billion in the past 43 years from the US ONLY!

Now, I know putting a number that Rush quotes will not win any faith from the left, but for those of us on the right who know better, that's a fair chunk o' change.

Men Getting Hosed on the Lakes

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I used to run only about 3 miles every other day just as a bare-minimum maintenance sort of work out. Make sure I didn't get fat, keep my heart in shape, that kind of thing. But then events had transpired that I needed to run, and I needed to run A LOT. Blood pressure had gone through the roof (160/110) resting heart rate wasn't good either (90BPM) and sleep was just not coming. I needed something that would lower my blood pressure and heart rate, physically exhaust me so I'd sleep, and help me avoid that minor thing called pre-mature death.

Goodbye 3 miles when I feel like it, hello 6 miles 4-5 days a week.

Now, these events that transpired, transpired in late January to early February. So I figure 5 solid months of running, 4.33 weeks per month, that's 21.65 weeks, 151.55 days, 4.5 out of 7 I was running, which means I ran a total of 97 days, at 6 miles per day translates into a grand total of 584.55 miles (and two inches off my waste I might smugly add!).

Now these 584.55 miles have been ran on a bevy of trails in the Twin Cities areas including parks, riverways, roads, DT Minneapolis, DT St. Paul, but the majority of them have been run around two main routes I like to take;

1. The West/East River Parkway. Gorgeous area that follows the west and east sides of the Mississippi river just downstream of Minneapolis down and back to the Minnehaha Falls area.

2. A combination of Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun in the Uptown neighborhood of Minneapolis.

These two areas are quite popular with runners, cyclists, rollerbladers, etc., and in those 584 miles I've seen a rather large and representative sample of the people that use them. But it wasn't until just 1 hour ago when I finished my latest run around the lakes that a twingling in the back of my head, came full rush forward and transformed itself into an articulate thought;

The men are getting hosed on the lakes.

We are soooo getting hosed on the lakes.

And it's not just the lakes, but the riverways, trails, and practically every other place you have runners, cyclists and rollerbladers. Especially during the summer.

And the reason we're getting screwed is because in addition to the gorgeous scenery of the trees and rivers and waterfalls and lakes, women should also be a part of that scenery. Attractive sexy looking women enhancing that scenery for us. Be they young or old, a run around the lakes without pretty dames it like having cake without icing. Alas, the women that are out there are NOT enhancing the scenery.

Now you can go ahead and say that I am crude boar. A sexist pig who only views women as toys or objects for his disgusting selfish entertainment. And how dare I say such a mean thing.

Well, it's very simple how I can say such a mean thing. It's because it's true. The women out there running for the past 5 months are NOT attractive at all. This last run I kept a tally, and there were no more than 3, count them, 1,2,3 attractive women that could be considered "in-shape" or "athletic" or "attractive." And that's with literally hundred of women out there.

Now, of course the criticism I lay forth is rather one-sided. I have not mentioned the men, but I didn't say we were getting shafted for no reason. For the men on the other hand, are by and large in very good shape. Not that there weren't any guys out there that should be required by law to put a shirt on, but for every attractive woman, there was literally about 17-18 good looking guys. Guys who had every right to run without a shirt on. Guys who you could tell worked out as well as ran. Guys who were providing ample scenery for the ladies.

No doubt the good looking girls must be somewhere, but on the lakes and parkways they're not. Alas, this is perhaps why Minneapolis has one of the largest gay populations in the United States.

10 Year Olds Having Sex

July 11, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Gee, I don't know why aid to Africa doesn't work or why the continent is such a sh$thole. This is just sick.

Here's the article.

Here's the study.

Remember, according to our leftist friends; "no culture is superior to one another, just different."

Thanks to Drudge for getting this, but the report was released in October of 2004.

Ugh.

Those Falling Deficits, Outside my Window

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The primary reason I became a capitalist is because it is reality. Every economic system that has been implemented otherwise has failed or failed to achieve similar standards of living for their people. Sure you have your Norway's and Luxembourg's (although different factors are afoot there), but by and large if you really care about society, you really care about your fellow man, you really care to eliminate poverty and increase standards of living for all, you will become the most ardent supporter of capitalism. End of story.

Thus, I like it when things like this happen. Empirical things that once again prove that capitalism and lowering taxes, and the very simple concept that if you allow people to have economic freedom they will produce more wealth than they would under economic tyranny or confiscation.

Seems that GW's tax cuts are starting to pay off. With 4 years of solid and higher than average-boom economic growth that the tax base has grown. It has grown so much that it's actually almost paying for all of GW's increased spending (WHICH IS A HECK OF A LOT and why I'm not terribly a big fan of Bush) not to mention the Iraq war/War on Terror. The deficit now sits at a roughly very low 2.5% of GDP while the left's darling children of Germany and France are seeing decifits in excess of 3% and climbing with NO economic growth.

No doubt the left will come up with some reason as to why there socialist economies look so sh!tty compared to the evil tyrannical capitalist fascist blah blah blah US economy.

Can You Guess the Pet Peeve?

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OK, Superior Mortgage commerical comes on the air. And guess what those funny marketing geniuses come up with as a skit for a commercial?

A guy who calls the Federal Reserve asking for Alan Greenspan so he can ask Al to keep interest rates down so he can afford a mortgage.

So young apsiring junior deputy economists, what's economically wrong with this commercial?

I shall await your responses.

OK, update here. Per request I have decided to provide some sort of incentive. Thus the person to guess first why the Superior Mortgage commerical is rubbing me the wrong way will win...

$5 OF CAPTAIN CAPITALISM'S MONEY

AND

BE DEPUTIZED AS AN OFFICIAL "JUNIOR DEPUTY ECONOMIST!!!" (tin badge included!)

And who doesn't want that on their resume!?

Let China Buy Us Out

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An interesting article from The Economist. Unfortunately you need a subscription to read it, but the basic jist of it is that China should be allowed to buy the likes of Unocal, Maytag, etc., simply because they're willing to overpay. Parallels are then drawn between China's acquisitive actions and Japan's acquisition binge in the late 80's. Interesting in the light Unocal rejected China's bid.

The Most Important Decision

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As an economist you get to ponder a lot of life's major issues. Questions of life and death. Qualitative judgements. Things like;

"Do we continue to give aid to Africa or do we cut them off completely, knowing full well there will be millions of deaths, but we'd be saving millions of more in the future as the population would dwindle to a point where the economic infrastructure would be able to support it."

Or;

"At what point is it not worth paying for the elderly's health care? Should we drop $100,000 just to keep an decrepit old man alive another 6 months, or should we just let him die?"

Or;

"How much is a person's life really worth in the case of a wrongful death lawsuit? How much should the plantiff be awarded for the loss of her child/husband?"

We are unfortunately put in the position of being forced to play God.

But recently I was put in the position to make a decision that I would have never imagined I would have to make. A decision that without a doubt will be the biggest one I ever have to make. Bigger than what do I do with my life and career. Bigger than do I join the military and go to Iraq. And bigger than who do I choose to marry.

I am being forced to choose between South Park, The Family Guy and The Simpsons as to which is the funniest cartoon ever made.

I am leaning towards The Family Guy, although I certainly would appreciate any advice or commentary you might have.

For the Canadian Readers

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Cripes!

Stupid Acronyms #1

July 27, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Some people get up every morning, go to work and crunch numbers. Some go to construction sites and build houses. And some go to a burger joint to flip burgers. But while seemingly everyone else in the United States is in one way or another producing wealth and contributing to GDP, there are a group of people, predominantly leftists, who are seemingly only capable of coming up with the most stupid acronyms for some of the most stupid organizations with the most stupid causes. Drives me fricking batty.

Thus every time I come across one of these lame organizations, I shall highlight them and their inane acronym so that they may be mocked and ridiculed.

Today's stupid acronymn hails from San Bernardino where the schools insist on teaching the black students in ebonics and encourage the further butchering of the English language.

SANKOFAI

Students
Accumulating
New
Knowledge
Optimizing
Future
Accomplishment
Initiative

Rock on San Bernardino Public Schools! Nothing like keeping blacks down and impoverished while lying to their face!

The Costs of Having a Child

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Children, as we all know, are evil.

For those with children, one only needs to look upon their happy and carefree single, childless days as testament to that fact.

And for those of us without the hell-minions, we are constantly reminded of this fact everytime we call up one of our fallen brethren to see if they want to get a beer.

"Hey John, want to get a beer?"

"No, little Skyler contracted Ebola at school and infected the rest of us at the house. I'll be able to go out again in 18 years...assuming my wife doesn't want to have another one."

Of course, those with children will always say they are happy that they had children, but we know several things are wrong with this;

1. Misery loves company and their advocation of having children is merely propaganda for you to join them in Hell on Earth.

2. It's not like they can say, "Gee, I really wish I didn't have children." NOBODY will ever say that. Instead they will ALL say that "they're glad they had children." The way to tell the liars from the truth-tellers is that the liars aren't smiling when they say it and say it with a tone that sounds forced. Whereas those truly compassionate about children will not only tell you how happy they are they had children, but won't shut up about them either!

3. It's a fact of psychology that people don't like to admit they've made a mistake, so they'll trick themselves into believing they actually enjoy having children.

But the ultimate proof as to the evilness of children is that it says so in the bible.

Corinthians VI, Chapter 83, Verse 142

"Children are evil, sayeth the Lord. Have not any and thou shalt live a beautiful life, free of stress and pain."

The only reason you've never heard that is because it's a conspiracy of the religious right to increase their ranks through birthing more members.

Regardless, I only speak of children because at the age 30 I'm experiencing something I think some of the Luftwaffe pilots experienced in late 1940 when they challenged Britain,

Dwindling numbers.

Six years ago, there were scores of us. Hundreds of us, elite fighters and bombers, all flying in formation, carrying out our missions, flying about freely in the sky, drinking, dancing, hitting on girls at clubs, sleeping in till whenever we wanted. Then out of nowhere, droves of British Spitfires came in and started pouring hell on us. We immediately lost the stragglers, some of the weak ones in the herd, but were optimistically confident in our abilities and thought we could hold our formation. Oh, but how foolish we were, for those Spitfires were unrelenting.

With vastly superior firepower, speed and maneuverability we started taking heavy casualties from the Brits. Superior guns and marksmanship ensured their bullets met their mark with deadly accuracy. Bf-109s and wreckage of Ju-87's were falling from the sky, even I couldn't escape unscathed and suffered a hit. And before I knew it there was nobody left. Just me and a couple of fighters from St. Paul that had managed to escape the deadly wrath of being married with children.

Sadly we couldn't raise anybody on the radio to see if they'd want to get a beer. No, just their British captors would be on the other end saying, "John can't go out with you tonight. He has to go to church and then we're putting in pot rack and he's driving me to pilates."

Oh how the mighty have fallen.

Thus, I feel it my patriotic and American duty as one of the few free fighters left in this god-foresaken war to remind you all about the evils of children and point out some of the economic ramifications of having them. Namely, what they cost.

Not many years ago when teaching at the local community college where they only accept the best the public schools have to offer, I noticed a fair amount of female students already had children, no husband to speak of, of course, but they had children. The trick was how could I adroitly show them what moronic sluts they were without getting in trouble with the PC powers that be. Thus to display the concept of "opportunity cost" I looked up what it costs to raise a child, $160,140 (circa 1999), and then deduced the following opportunity costs;

- a brand new Ferrari
- a doctorate degree at Harvard
- a new house
- a luxury yatch

- a Cray super computer
- 534 X-Boxes
- 457 pure bred wiener dogs
- a 5 year vacation
- roughly $600,000 had it been invested in the S&P 500 Index

When put in this kind of context, it should really make you ponder whether you want to dedicate such resources to the upbringing of ONE CHILD!!! Those of you having three children could have either been millionaires by now or had a luxurious 15 year vacation. And this says nothing about the headache, yelling, screaming, disease transmission nor lack of sleep you will surely endure.

Also be aware that $160,140 figure does NOT include college.

Now, this was somewhat dated material and like mortgages, retirements, etc., there are calculators online that allow you to calculate the costs of raising a child. Furthermore, these calculators are a bit more robust in that they'll allow you to change some variables. So for those of you stupid enough to pay for your little child's degree in Peace Studies or Sociology, you can include that in your calculations.

Best site I've found is this one at The Baby Center

So, to all of you out there with children or aspiring to have one, don't say I didn't warn you.

As for me and my few remaining battlefield friends, I think I shall get myself a little nap before I go out and treat myself to a nice dinner and maybe a show…all of which will be done on the spur of the moment as I need not find a baby sitter.

Wish One of 'Em was a Video Game Playing Economist

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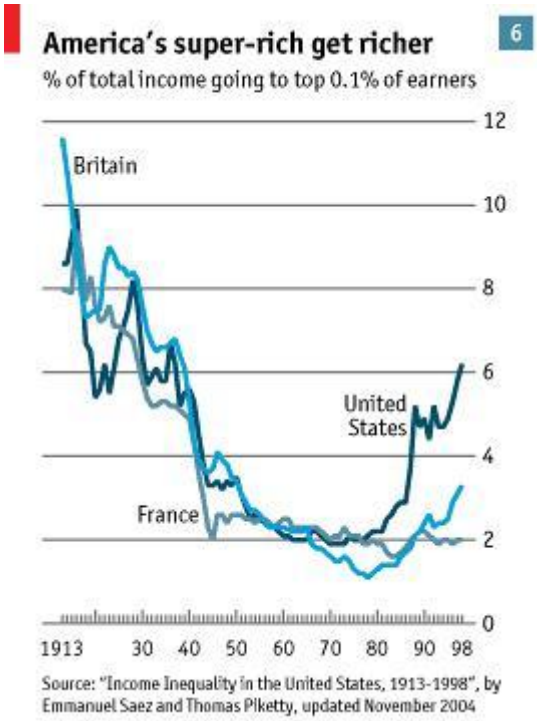
Very interesting chart in The Economist couple issues back. I figure .1% of the top income earners, given roughly half of the population works, which means there's 140 million income earners, so that's the top 140,000 income earners in the US. At least one of them HAS TO BE A SEXY VIDEO GAME PLAYING ECONOMIST BABE!!!



A Woman After My Own Heart

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Great minds think alike.

JMPP strikes again!

Life is Harsh, and So am I

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Greetings fellow readers;

Before reading on, make sure you read this and then this.

It shall put things into context.

Enjoy!

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-10-internet-defamation-case_x.htm

And here's another.

http://www.redorbit.com/news/technology/711046/lawsuits_aim_at_libelous_bloggers/index.html?source=r_technology

What's the word I'm looking for? Precedent?????

Those Chinese Bastards! How Dare They!

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Whilst in slow season I participate in a political discussion group to beat some sense into the group. They mock and ridicule me, but the chicks secretly find me sexy.

However, one of the bigger differences I have with two of the guys in the group is whether a strong China would be a good China. This of course depends on who is in command and a bevy of other factors, but there are basically two camps;

- As China gains economic and military power the communists will inevitably crush the US through military or economic warfare.
- As China gains economic power and further free up their economy, the communists will only be communists in name and they will form an economy mutual advantageous to both the US and China and will become probably one of our best allies in the long run.

I am in the second camp as I am always right.

Thus, it was a pleasure to see this in the news today;

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050808/ap_on_bi_ge/china_boeing

I Was Stabbed in the Back!

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I was a young and foolish 23 year old at the time and it was the only time (at least to my knowledge anyway) that a girlfriend cheated on me. A knock out dame that she was, but she was what most people would consider to be a bitch. A bulimic, soap opera queen from L.A. that would nit pick the minorest of things to make a big drama out of it. Add to that the person she cheated on me with was a 36 year old personal injury lawyer who had wined and dined her at the most expensive places in the Twin Cities metro, offered to buy her a car and pay her way through college while he was married no less, and it made for quite the colorful story of betrayal.

This was one of the more forming experiences in my life especially in the department of trust. Never again did I approach a date or a potential courtship with optimism or hope, but rather skepticism and very cautious and very measured optimism. But beyond that my faith and trust in things outside girls, dating and courtship didn't change for I didn't perceive the threat of betrayal from those aspects of my life.

Well now, 7 years later, I am shocked and without words. For I have been betrayed even worse than the time Bulimic Babe cheated on me. I am more betrayed than when Brutus killed Cesear. I am more betrayed than when JFK left the Cuban fighters to die in the Bay of Pigs invasion.

My stalwart companion, my friend of all friends, an entity I have known and trusted for over 9 years, has stabbed me in the back. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the cover of the most recent issue of The Economist.

Those bastards!

The Merits of Video Games

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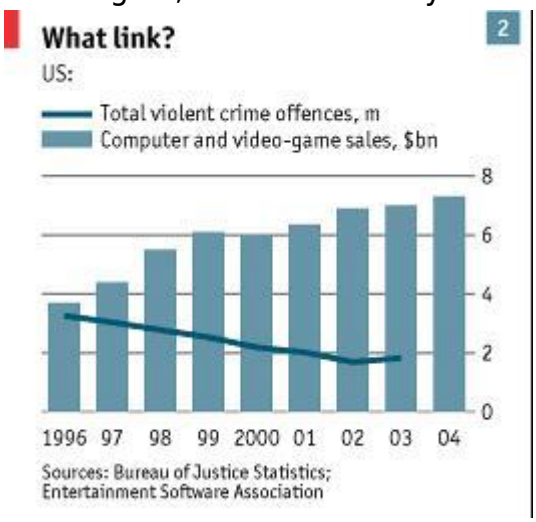
A wise sage that shall in this post only be referenced to as "Kilgs" was so wise that he was actually able to convince women that playing video games was indeed a good thing for their boyfriends and something they should endorse. He did it by stating some simple facts;

1. You know where they are.
2. You know they are not going to get into a fight or commit crimes.
3. It costs less than going out and boozing it up and clubbing.
4. And, if anything video games act as an enforcer of loyalty because you KNOW FOR A FACT there aren't any other women there.

It was because of the wise Kilgs that myself and the St. Paul boys were able to experience a Golden Age of Video Games where we would hold weekend long Halo extravaganza's and the girlfriends were only too happy to drop on by, airlift us food and beer, and then promptly leave whilst we slaughtered each other over the DSL cables.

But alas, this isn't enough to convince the Nanny Fascists from trying to ruin our fun. On top of finding ways to tax smoking, banning smoking, and make headway into villianizing unhealthy foods, the Nanny Fascists are now talking about the "evils" of video games. Making for odd bed-fellows between the religious right fanatics and their traditional tax-for-any-reason-we-can communist enemies.

Once again, time to defend your fun boys against the true forces of evil.



The Standard Bearer for Women Has Passed Away

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I get the vast majority of my morals from dogs.

Dogs are probably the most honorable, upstanding, creatures on the face of the planet and you can learn a lot of things from dogs.

For example my first dog, Pretzel, was a proud, fierce dachshund. He would take on German Shepherds regardless of whether they took him seriously or not. He was insanely loyal. He loved his family unconditionally. And despite his physical handicap of being a wiener dog, that never stopped him from pointlessly trying to kill as many squirrels, chipmunks, badgers, raccoons, and cats (his total kill tally was 0).

His replacement was Louise, a fat, orphaned dachshund that was very motherly. So motherly she would bark in a lecturing tone if people hadn't gotten up at a certain time. Upon our first meeting when I had come back home from college and was shredded from a 24 hour shift she somehow sensed that I was weakened and tired and "protected" me all night by sleeping at the foot of the futon in case I was somehow attacked by a late night assailant. The next day I immediately got the impression that she viewed me as her son as she followed me around not in a "gee you wanna play" manner, but a very protective, authoritative, but caring manner.

Constantly wanting attention. Constantly wanting to kiss me. Constantly wanting to set at the couch next to me. Constantly excited any time I would show up.

Over the years I noticed that Louise displayed a whole bevy of characteristics that if they were to be imbedded in a human woman, it would make for the perfect girl.

She was unrivalledly sweet, kind and caring.

She had unconditional and limitless love for her family.

She was so excited to see me she could barely control herself...and many times didn't as she would wet the floor...this last aspect would not be desirable in a girl.

She was completely loyal and protective.

She wouldn't just kiss me, she'd smother me with attention.

She would always want to play and appreciated the gifts I'd bring her (her favorite of which were squeak toys)

Sadly, Louise was a dog and dogs don't live forever, and thus, she passed away today. But as all dogs before her she left me something very important; a standard by which I judge all human girls.

Alas, it's a standard very few human girls meet, but that's just how great a dog she was.

That's What I'm Talking About!

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I like betting liberals. Quickest way to make a quick buck and to make your point.

It's seems my Russian comrades have the same idea.

Of course, soon they will find out that unless they nail the specifics of the bet down and have it in writing and have a concrete way of determining who won, the leftists will try to weasel their way out on a technicality or crap data.

Ode to Cindy Sheehan

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I really couldn't care less about Cindy Sheehan and the circus that surrounds her, but she is the perfect example of where a person's ego supercedes the cause.

Regardless of what you think of the war, here you have a mom who has used the death of her son to masturbate her own ego. Forget that her son was totally for the war and made the ultimate sacrifice. Forget about his wishes or even showing respect for her son. Forget that she's destroyed her family and prompted her husband to file divorce while trying to feed the unsatiable beast known as her ego. She gets all the attention in the world, instant celebrityship and notoriety from millions of people throughout the world that have equally pointless and hallow lives and thus need something to give them definition and meaning in their lives. All for the small selling of her soul by using her son's corpse as a pawn.

Lady, you're scum on the lowest order and if my mom ever did this (which she wouldn't because she's loving and caring and doesn't have such an ego, unlike you) I would come back from the dead and beat you freaking senseless.

Thus, aspiring young economists and capitalists, it's time to review, for I'm going to say it again;

Their egos supercede the cause. Learn it, know it. For it is your enemy and it is the enemy within.

Review #1
Review #2

Who Doesn't Like a Good Chart

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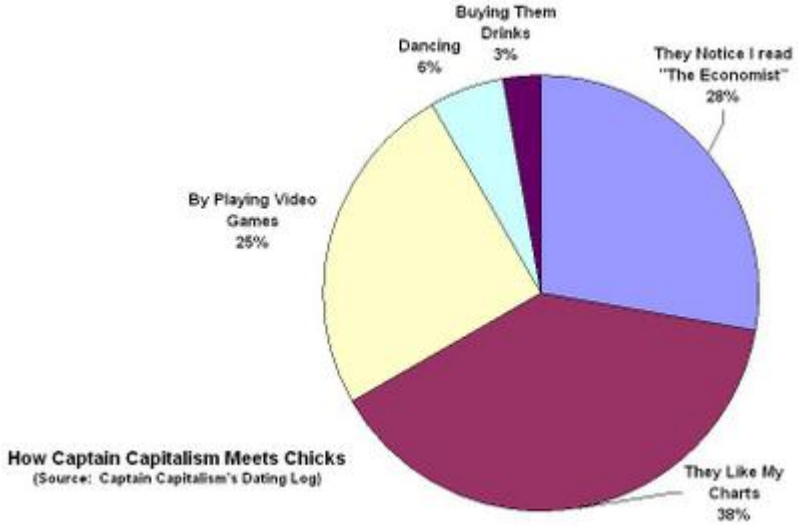
I like charts.

Charts are cool.

And we all know that chicks dig guys who can make good charts.

I mean, I don't know how many times I'd be sitting there at the bar or the jazz club with my laptop, watching all these foolish guys trying to smooth talk the ladies or buy them drinks. And then all I do is fire up Excel, type some random numbers into the spreadsheet and make a pointless pie chart, and BOOM! They just flock to my table.



Now, as you all know I pride myself on my charts, but mention should be given to others who appreciate the value and merits of charts.

Brad DeLong is one of those people.

Of course, his blog doesn't have quite as many charts as I have, but he still can whip up a mean chart!

Check out his blog

Oil Prices for the Masses

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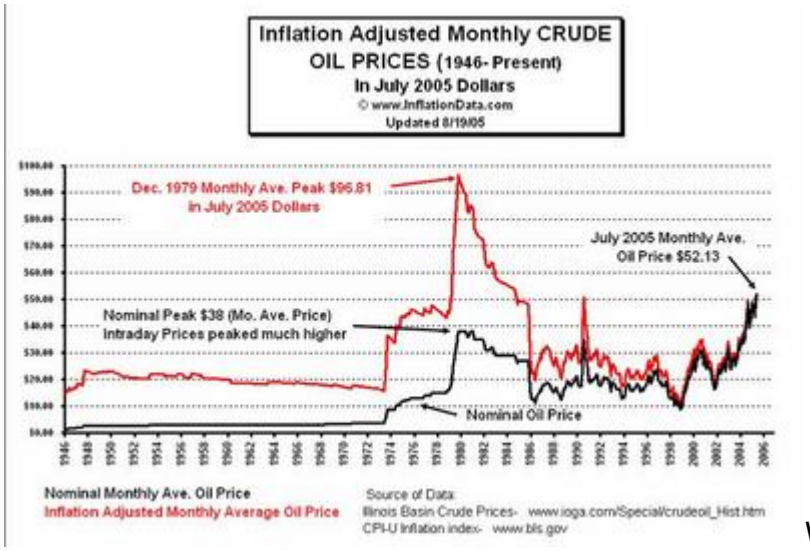
OK, so I've gotten enough requests to throw this chart up, so here it is.



We've still got a ways to go before we hit our inflationary-adjusted highs.

$20 I Didn't Want to Win

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As I have pointed out before, I am a cynic.

Thus last week when one of my male friends came up to me and said he had a date for Thursday (today) certainly I was happy for him, but my first question was;

"What do you think the chances are she'll show?"

I asked this not because I am cynical, but because this friend of mine is not some old, battle-hardened, seasoned veteran of the Courtship Wars, but rather a youthful 26 year old kid who still has that glimmer of hope in his eyes. Who still has that optimistic choo-choo that could mentality. Who watches a lot of movies and still believes in the tooth fairy and Santa Claus. And worse still, he believes that when a woman says yes to a date, that means he's actually going out on it.

I just wanted to prepare him for what I inevitably saw happening; "The Worst."

"The Worst" is not something that can happen to an old cynic like you or me. But it can happen to kids out there that are so young, youthful and idealistic they still get that "giddy" feeling. Remember that feeling from LOOONG ago? Like when you finally asked Suzie Johnson out in biology and she said yes? Why you were on cloud nine for the rest of the week. Brimming at the edge with anticipation and excitement of the upcoming date.

Yeah, well scratch that, for that "giddy" feeling has been pummeled out of us. For after countless last minute cancelltions, family emergencies, and well, just out right stand ups, us experienced folk never take it for granted that we're actually going on the date.

Sadly, the same cannot be said for these young, idealistic kids.

Thus "The Worst" isn't when old farts like you or me get cancelled on at the last minute. Heck no, most of us even prepare for it, having a back up date/plans in reserve. "The Worst" is when some young innocent kid with romantic notions of chivalry and kindness rockets to Cloud #9 on 100% Giddy Up n' Go Fuel, and then plummets back to Earth at the speed of sound when the girl cancels at the last minute.

Flower in hand, tickets in pocket, a droopy look on his face. The poor kid didn't see it coming.

Which is why I was so blunt and cynical, for I did not want my young friend to suffer such a fall.

Of course not everybody shared my views. For last night, T-24 hours to the date, we were all having dinner with some friends. One of which was a female friend who watched even MORE movies than the other guy and even believed in things like Leprechauns, the UN, and social security.

And when my young friend said,

"I don't know about my date tomorrow, I'm getting the feeling she's gonna bail"

She said,

"No, she wouldn't cancel on you. She'll show up"

That's when my capitalistic Spidey Senses started tingling, for I knew there was profit to be had.

"I'll bet you $20 she bails."

Being nice and brainwashed by watching too many G-rated movies the girl practically jumped across the living room to accept my wager and shake my hand.

"I'll take that $20!" she said confidently enough that I was somewhat worried my Spidey Senses had failed me.

I looked to my friend and asked,

"Is she American?"

"Yes."

"Brought up in America?"

"Yes."

"You're so on! $20 it is."

Fast forward 22 hours later and I get a call. A call from my young friend.

"You were right, she bailed."

Ahhh, the sweet joys of victory. Almost worth more than the $20 I'm going to collect. You can always rely on the American woman to act in a manner that does not warrant chivalry nor respect.

But having said that and being totally honest, I wish I didn't have to collect that $20. It certainly would be worth $20 for my young friend to be happy, to go on a date, and eliminate the need to be so cynical. It would certainly be worth the $20 to eliminate the cynicism and replace it with that good ol' fashion giddy feeling we used to get when we were young. It certainly would be worth $20 for American women to act in a manner that would warrant chivalry and respect.

Alas, that is wishful thinking on the order of thinking Santa Claus will bring me a Bloomberg Terminal and my own personal F-16 fighter plane this upcoming Christmas.

But there is hope. Hope that came from out of nowhere and from a sector I wasn't expecting. For you may have noticed my insistence on using the adjective "American" in the term "American woman."

Alas, it is more than manual labor that can be outsourced and cultural diversity isn't necessarily a bad thing I'm finding out.

I must thank Doinkicarus.

Broadcasting Again / Who Defines You

August 26, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Well two things here folks;

1. I'll be broadcasting from AM 1500 again in scenic St. Paul Minnesota from the Minnesota State Fair. Certainly feel free to tune in or do that internet radio link up thing or webcast or whatever they call it.

2. Interesting conversation I had recently where I was asked who defines you, fictional or otherwise.

Nicholas Wolfwood
Jubei Kibagami
Oddball from Kelly's Heroes
Spike Spiegel

Only the truest of nerds will get this.

When Idiots Try to Become Economists

August 31, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'm a short, skinny white guy.

That's why I don't try to become an all-star basketball playing, pimping, frisbee-gold wearin', hip-hop-rappin', ghetto-blastin' home boy.

Word up g.

I know my strengths and I know my place.

Leave it to idiots to think they somehow have what it takes (ie-a brain and a positive IQ) to become an economist.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the dumbest, most spoiled brat Americans in the world; The people who drafted this e-mail;

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>> September 10th - Gasoline Strike Day
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>> IT HAS BEEN CALCULATED THAT IF EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES DID
NOT
>> PURCHASE
>> A DROP OF GASOLINE FOR ONE DAY AND ALL AT THE SAME TIME, THE OIL
>> COMPANIES WOULD CHOKE ON THEIR STOCKPILES.
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>> AT THE SAME TIME IT WOULD HIT THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY WITH A NET
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>> OVER 4.6
>> BILLION DOLLARS WHICH AFFECTS THE BOTTOM LINES OF THE OIL
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>> DAY" AND
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>> THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION SHOULD NOT BUY A SINGLE DROP OF
GASOLINE
>> THAT
>> DAY.
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>> THE ONLY WAY THIS CAN BE DONE IS IF YOU FORWARD THIS E-MAIL TO
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>> MANY
>> PEOPLE
>> A S YOU CAN AND AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN TO GET THE WORD OUT.
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>> WAITING ON THIS ADMINISTRATION TO STEP IN AND CONTROL THE PRICES
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>> ARAB NATIONS PROMISED TWO WEEKS AGO?
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>> REMEMBER ONE THING, NOT ONLY IS THE PRICE OF GASOLINE GOING UP
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>> THE SAME TIME AIRLINES ARE FORCED TO RAISE THEIR PRICES,
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>> COMPANIES ARE
>> FORCED TO RAISE THEIR PRICES WHICH EFFECTS PRICES ON EVERYTHING
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IS
>> SHIPPED. THINGS LIKE FOOD, CLOTHING, BUILDING MATERIALS, MEDICAL
>> SUPPLIES
>> ETC. WHO
>> PAYS IN THE END? WE DO!
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>> WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IF THEY DON'T GET THE MESSAGE AFTER
ONE
>> DAY, WE WILL DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.
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>> SO DO YOUR PART AND SPREAD THE WORD.
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>> PLEASE FORWARD!!!!!

Some Good News

September 2, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Remember, this economy sucks.
http://www.breitbart.com/news/2005/09/02/D8CC4H205.html

Some Good News and Some Bad News

September 4, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I almost forgot.

The bad news is that my main day time gig has slowed down to the point that I'm looking at about 20 hours a week. This is during slow season, so I'm being driven slowly insane without any work (but is why you're getting such great posts and economic wisdom).

The good news is that I work a lot from home and my boss is cool enough that I'm now independently contracted.

The further good news is that (remember, this economy sucks now) I already found a job in a month of looking. God bless the US of freakin' A!

The uber good news is this combined with my consulting/dancing/fossil hunting that should start in a month, my old streamlined job and rental income, boo koo coin is coming in. It has never been better.

The bad news is that once this starts and I'm in busy season, this blog is going to suffer a severe lack of attention. So the posts are going to be a little more sparse and less verbose.

My apologies to the readership in advance.

Why Journalists Will Always Be Inferior to Economists

September 5, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

NO EFFING SH!T, BRAD!

More Money for Less Work

September 7, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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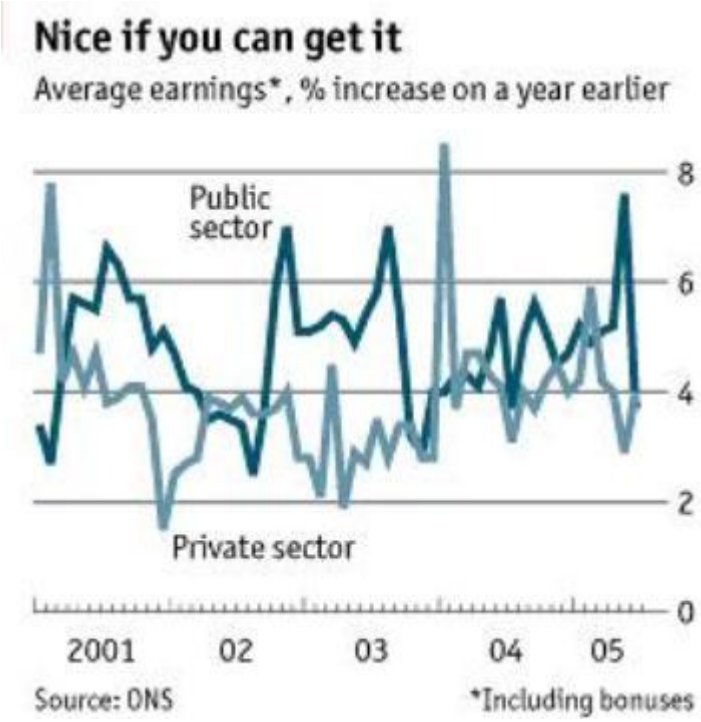
I will continue to claim that public sector workers are not as efficient as private sector ones.

Oh, go and contest me if you want. But the biggest public sector employers, ie- communist economies, show that they are insanely incompetent at producing wealth.

Funny then that those in the public sector should get higher raises and pay than their private sector counterparts (in Britain anyway).



Alas, I contend employees of the public sector should pay and "inefficiency tax" in addition to their regular taxes.

Cindy who?

September 7, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I wonder how the bitch is handling not only the loss of her son, but the loss of all the attention.

And I'm willing to bet when she's talking to her therapist it ain't about her son, but the sudden collapse of her 15 minutes of fame.

Scott Stantis, Freaking Hilarious

September 7, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, new favorite political cartoonist.

Scott Stantis.

Check his web site out because I don't have the time to upload all his cartoons here and I'm sure on some level it's illegal and the lawyers are currently filing a law suit against me and my massive deep-pockets blog operation.

The Highest Rank is Captain

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There's Captain's Quarters. There's Captain America. There's Captain Captain Capitalism.

And then there's Captain Mike.

Captain Mike reminds me of Peter Griffin only because he goes to college in Connecticut. Now most people would say, "Yeah, but Peter Griffin lives in Quahog, Rhode Island." And you're right, but I don't know anybody in Connecticut. The closest person I know to Connecticut is Peter Griffin in Rhode Island.

Now anal-rententive idiots will say, "But Peter Griffin is a cartoon character and Captain Mike is a real person."

Yeah, well I don't know any real people in the North East period, so this is the best I got, deal with it.

Anyway, Captain Mike runs a pretty good blog. He's a ghetto college kid who probably listens to enough old school it might cost him a GPA point or two, but don't let the fashion fool you. He's more articulate than most college professors and provides entertaining insight to the epic battle being waged across America's campuses between the entrenched and established left and the revolutionary rebellious right.

Waiting for when the chicks notice the guys on the right are the real rebels.

Debit Cards for Strip Clubs?

September 8, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Let it be officially known that I can’t really muster up a care about the people of New Orleans. And while there are no doubt some innocents that were caught by the forces of nature and bad luck, the majority of them decided to live in a city that was below sea level…near the sea…and did not heed warnings or orders to leave the city. And now these idiots are costing me $2,000 per debit card.

Sorry for being so blunt and cold hearted, but sadly the reality is that life is that way too.

One More Time for the Oil Idiots

September 8, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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OK.

It seems that there is still some confusion as to what's causing high oil prices.

So I'm gonna break it down nice and easy so that everybody can understand.

And if after this explanation, you still insist on believing that it's a conspiracy, that it's Big Oil and GW and Haliburton, well then there's nothing I can do for you, for you really don't care to know what the truth is, you just want to bitch and whine because you get some kind of psychotic kick out of it.

So here it is people;

The Top 7 Reasons Why Gas Prices are So High

1. China’s booming economy demands oil.
2. America, the largest economy in the world, is booming, which demands oil.
3. The world, global GDP growing at 3.8%, demands oil.
4. Refining capacity has been limited here in the US primarily due to environmental regulations and activism.
5. The multitude of local government regulations requiring a whole host of detergents, additives, etc., be added to the gas makes refining hundreds of grades of gas somewhat costly.
6. Gas taxes.
7. A weak dollar.

I have spoken.

The Germans are Coming

September 10, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Entry #1, our good friend Daniel from Germany;

Just read about your chart thingie, and me likey.. like some sitcom dude would say. My chart proposal is the 1 year frame of the German DAX index. My reason for why this is the best chart: "Who thought Old Europe couldn't outperform anybody?" This may be a bit simplistic, but nevermind.. ;-)

For Bucktown, BradMan, and all the Other Horn Dogs Out There

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I have implemented a new policy.

It was requested some time ago that I post a picture of a knock out babe I had gone out with a couple of times. I of course held reservations about throwing some girl's mug up on the internet to have a bunch of hormone crazed econo-types drool over her. That and I date a fair amount.

But two things have convinced me otherwise;

1. While I banter about my exploits in dancing and chatting up the ladies, I have now received several e-mails contesting my looks and my ability to get a hot girl. That indeed I am a nerdy economist who is ugly and cannot possibly attract the type of girls I am describing. That being an economist and dating a hot babe are mutually exclusive events.

Oh yeah, well I'll show you! I'll defy the laws of physics!

2. As with most courtships, they end and do not end up in marriage. The girl bails, stands you up, there ain't no chemistry, you talk too much, she talks too much, etc. Whatever the case, if the game is over, it's over and as long as their identity is kept anonymous and the picture is tactful, I see no reason not to grant you loyal-reading-econo-pervs (just kidding guys!) your wish.

So here's the latest, the "Russian Babe" as she were. Sweet kid, nice girl, very intelligent, just chalk up the failure to forces outside my control. Regardless, American women could learn a thing or two from her.

Right is Way Better Looking Than the Left

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Truth. Lefter leaning sorts are less attractive than those of us of righter - leaning faiths.

And don't argue with me on this. They are. I've been watching, looking, and running an informal toll in my brain looking at those on the Right versus those on the left and I'm sorry, I'd rather court the fair lasses on the Right.

It orginally started when I saw the Wellstone Memorial on TV and the eclectic mix of college students, environmentalists socialists, etc., make complete asses of themselves and tip the senatorial battle to Norm Coleman. Within 48 hours I was at the Republican victory party at the Radisson in suburban Minnesota looking at a bevy of hot and fine ladies. And the looks battle could not have been more lopsided.

Ever since then I've been driving on the interstate, looking at people with Bush bumper stickers, versus Kerry bumper stickers. Bush yard signs versus Kerry yard signs. Support our troops decals, versus "Bush Lied, How Many Died" signs. Ann Coulter and Michelle Malkin versus...well...anybody.

And again, I say this not to be inciteful, but because it's true, I really think people on the Right are better looking folk than those on the left.

Now this could be for any number of reasons, but without pondering it much I have a sort of half-ass theory; Darwinism. Specifically, survival of the fittest.

You see, democrats do not like competition. They like fairness and a level playing field. Heck, they don't even like to play, they just like ties and we all go home winners. Republicans know better. Republicans know that competition and survival of the fittest is what governs the world. It's not how we'd like it, that's just how it is.

Don't believe me? Well no doubt you're a union member seeing your job being obsoleted by foreign competition and want the government to come in an protect your job (yet your loyalty to diversity and the global community runs contradictory to this...oh you poor confused leftists).

Anyway, in the competition for mating, you try to go home with the penguin with the poofiest chest. The cardinal with the brightest red. Of the man with the biggest....car. Either way, democrats fair badly in these categories on both sexes. The men are usually wimpy, skinny emasculated men who are in touch with their feelings and couldn't protect their family from an assailant if they wanted to. The women are (frankly) fat and not attractive and thus can only attract the bottom bracket of men.

There is also the element of income. Women are more attacted to men with larger....incomes. Why settle for the wiener who is a professional peace activist, living at home with his parents, when you can have the MBA graduate with a $70,000 a year job lined up. And as you make more money, people have a tendency to vote Republican more often because of the ass-raping they receive in the upper income brackets. Thus, the more attractive women can get a higher income, and thereby, more likely to be Republican guy.

The end result; the ideologies attractive different people based on how prone they are to engage in competition. And ugly people don't like engaging in competition, be it for mates or jobs in the shunned private sector. Alas, why you have not only ugly liberals, but the majority of liberals employed in sectors of the economy that require no competition; non-profit, government, charities, academia.

Either way, more proof for my theory came in the mail yesterday when the Minneapolis democrats sent in the mail their list of preferred candidates. I don't have a scanner, but I went online and put together a mural of their "beauty" queens and kings. Sure, there's a couple good looking people in there, but most are ugly.

I shall point out a couple other things, for they seem to be consistentcies across the left;

The women wear those glasses that just scream "LIBERAL." I don't know if it's the glasses or that they're all fat and the cheecks combined with glasses give it the liberal effect.

The men look gay. I mean this not as an affront to gay people. I like gays. I'm for gay marriage. It's just usually they men aren't gay, they're just feminine.

Every guy in this picture I could take in a fight in their prime, except for the old guy. He seems to be an old-school democrat who might have played some football and worked in the private sector.

Not one girl in this picture would I sleep with, even in their prime, and even if I was paid a tidy sum.

Anyway, yes, blanketing statements across the board. But I'll see if I can scrounge up the Republican ones and do a comparison.

I'll Say it Again, Lefties Ain't as Attractive as the Righties

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The less-than-happy campers of Crawford

Seems nobody is missin' a meal in Crawford.

The Force is Strong with this One

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Well I must tip my hat.

It takes a lot to impress me with charts, but it seems our punk rockin', business majoring, aspiring Economic Jedi Knight, Cpt. Mike has managed to do just that. And in one swift parry of his light saber has managed to destroy the fallacy that somehow global warming brought Katrina to our southern shores.

But what is particularly impressive is he made his own chart.

See kids, take note. It's one thing just to pilfer a chart from some place (which of course I do when I'm short on time), but to really impress the chicks, you gotta make your own charts.

No doubt Cpt. Mike has several female skippers lusting after him after seeing that chart.

Memorable Charts of 2005 - Chart 1

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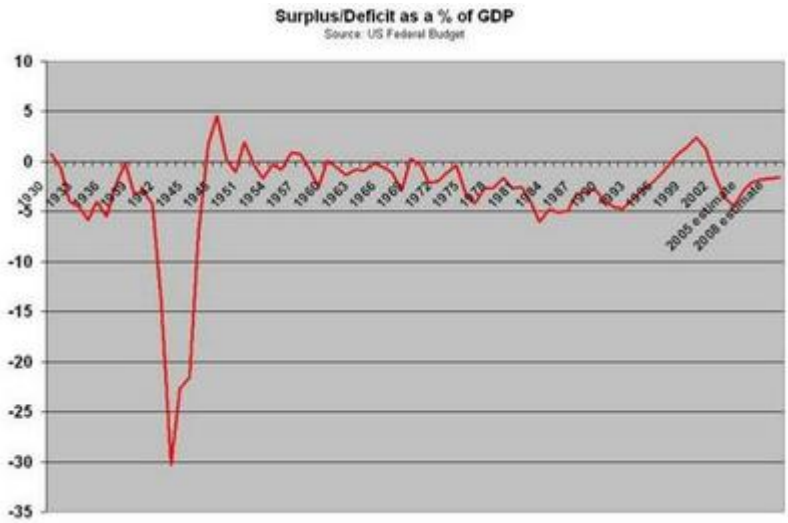
One of my favorite charts in 2005 was this one.



It shows you just how drastic and epic WWII really was and furthers my belief that today's generations (Baby Boomers and Gen X-ers) have no clue what it means to sacrifice and suffer...and it also makes me work on my magical time machine where I can go back to 1940 and hit on them classy 40's dames.

Favorite Charts of 2005 - Opportunity Does Not Knock

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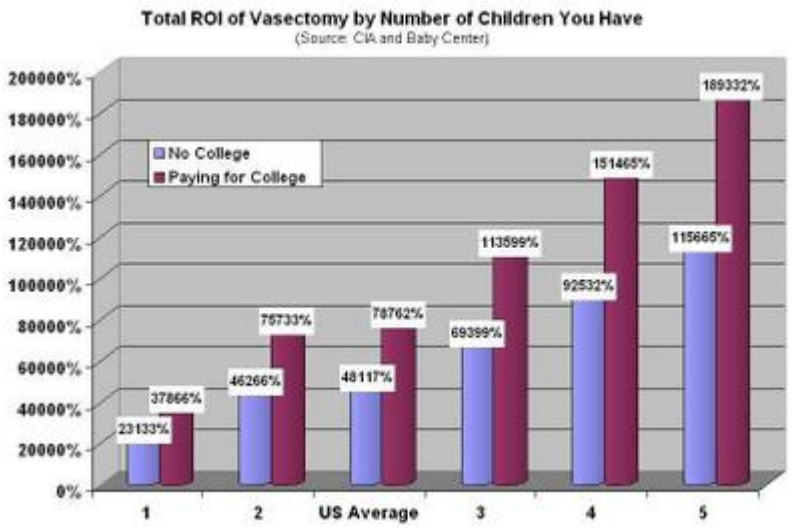
Children, again, as we all know, which is blantantly obvious, and proven by scientists at NASA are;

EVIL

And I'd like to say "they're evil primarily because..."

But there are so many reasons that one of them standing alone would be enough to convince a jury that they are evil.

Among these are disease transmission, loss of sleep, loss of friends, you don't own your own life any more, they could be born deformed and put you in the poor house, they could grow up to become a mass murderer, the legal liability of having one, having to discipline it then getting sued because you spanked a child, bring a child into today's world is just making them slaves to social security and medicare and the rest of the social programs that go to lazy bums.



But the biggest reason is their cost.
Pure 100% extract o' evil.

OK, Fine, Win $25 Then

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OK, it seems that $5 of my money is not enough. And since I'm a lazy guy I've upped the winnings to **$25 to whoever comes up with the best chart.**

The rules are:

1. Create or find a chart you think will be the best.
2. E-mail it to me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com
3. I will post it here and the best chart by the time I get around to concluding the competition, wins.

Now get off your lazy asses and send me charts! Especially all you teachers that read this blog. $25 to some of your little rug rats is serious coin.

More Plausible than Moore

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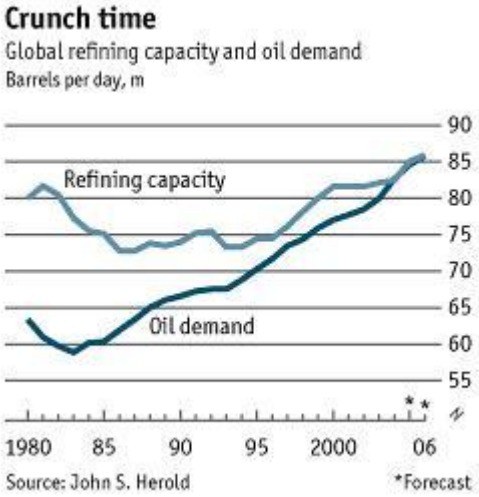
So in a previous post I said that the left was obscurely to blame for the high oil prices. I then cited environmental regulations and environmentalists requiring a bevy of different grades and detergents be added to the gasoline and then also the minor issue of refining capacity being choked by enviro-freaks.

I said this was a little more plausible than Michael Moore's contentions that Bush is a terrorist and he knew and blah blah blah.

Well, make it a lot more plausible. For while in the past high oil prices were brought on by supply shocks induced by OPEC, this current spat is brought on by demand from China and the US. And with the world's two largest economies growing at full steam, it should be no surprise that when you don't build new refineries to keep up with demand, prices will go up.



To paraphrase the South Park kids "They killed the economy!" "YOU BASTARDS!"

Al "Calvin Klein" Greenspan

September 22, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

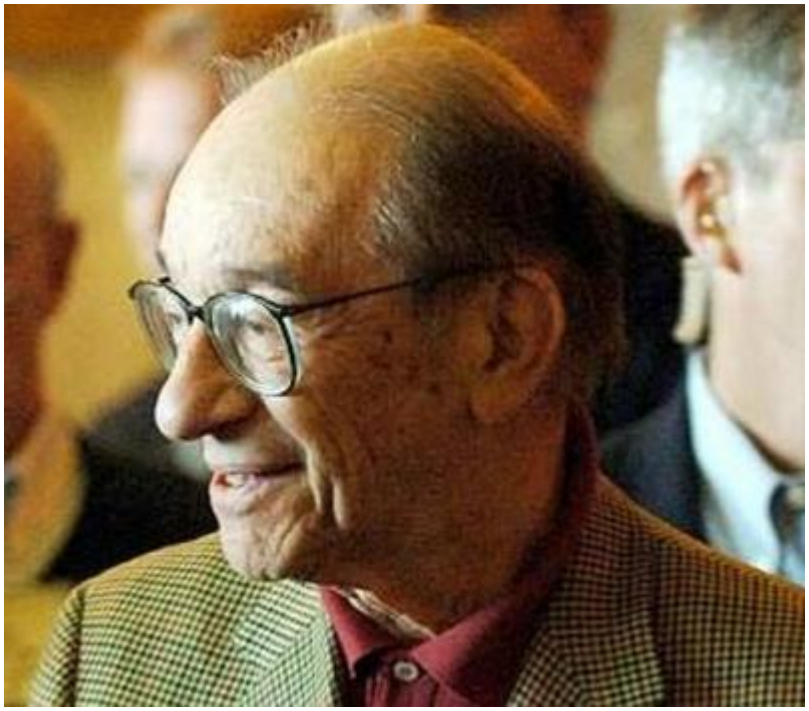
No economics lesson to pull from this, other than to show all of you doubting Thomases what studs we economists truly are. Not only are we capable of running regressions and using the entire greek alphabet in a formula (with absolutely NO NUMBERS mind you), little did you realize we are on the cutting edge of fashion.

12 is the new 11.

Monday is the new Sunday.

And Greenspan is the new Klein.

Don't believe me? Well just look at this!



Sportin' a maroon colored business casual shirt with a "green" tweed overcoat for GREENspan (huh, get it, huh, HUH? The pun?)

I mean, I must really apologize to all you ladies out there. As if the economics profession and its professionals weren't heart throbbing enough, as if you weren't tortured enough by only being able to look, but not touch such low hanging, but forbidden fruit. Now we gotta lay this down on ya, that we're fashion models as well.

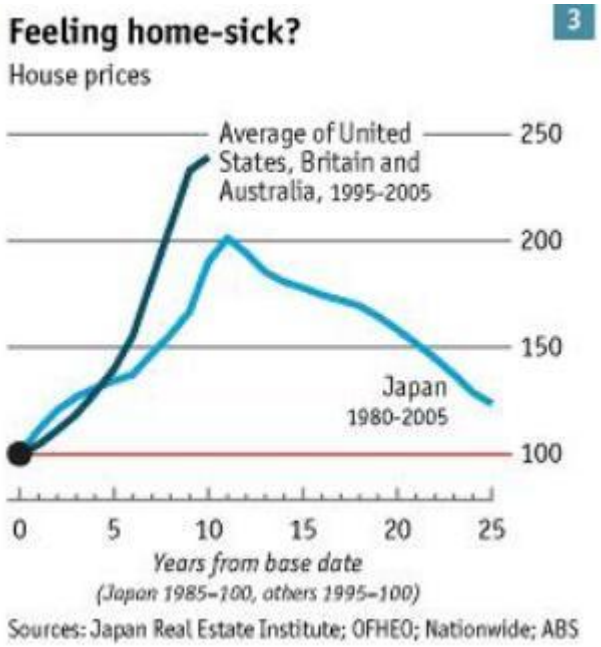
Will the world ever know and more sexy and dashing person than the economist?

I doubt it.

Americans are Too Weak to Handle This

September 28, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I seriously doubt we will have the stomach to handle the inevitable decline in housing prices.

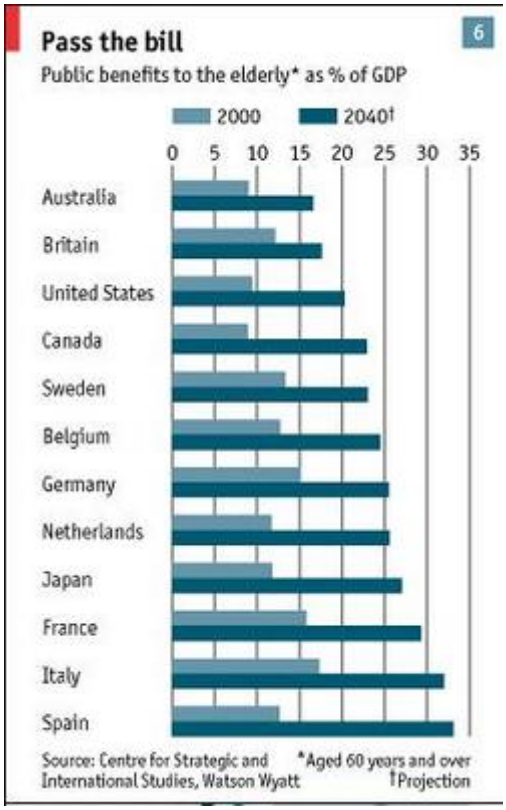


And then I seriously doubt whether we'll be able to continue borrowing money from the equity in our houses so that we can spend more than we make falsely propping up this economy...

http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/data/PSAVERT_Max.png

And then I seriously doubt whether we'll be able to handle the recession that will ensue due to drastically slowing consumer spending...

And then I really seriously doubt we'll be able to handle really bad timing that this recession should hit once the Baby Boomers start to retire and put a further strain on our economy.



But then again, I'm just a dumb economist. What do I know?

Yeah, Whatever MSM

October 1, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Sure you've seen it, but if you haven't.

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It Ain't 1955 No More

October 2, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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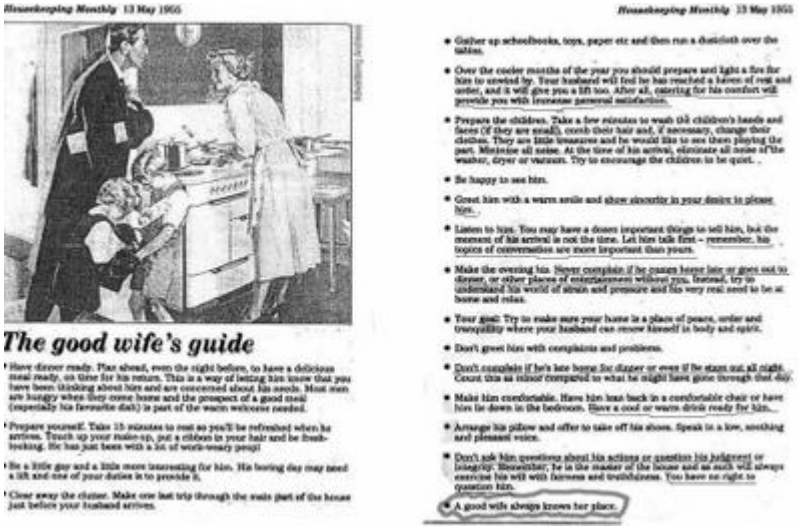
Before I am deluged with a torrent of hate mail from women I;

1. Did not write this
2. Do not endorse everything on it
3. Did not underline or circle anything on this, it was sent to me as is.
4. Am displaying this to show the stark differences between today and yesteryear.
5. Am fully aware this may be a photoshop hoax.

All that being said, Men, I'll say it again, I'd gladly go back to 1940 to risk getting maimed or killed in WWII to live the life afterwards.



Housekeeping Monthly 13 May 1955

The good wife's guide

- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready, on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal (especially his favourite dish) is part of the warm welcome needed.
- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people!
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.
- Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives.

Housekeeping Monthly 13 May 1955

- Gather up schoolbooks, toys, paper etc and then run a dustcloth over the tables.
- Over the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair and, if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part. Minimize all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet.
- Be happy to see him.
- Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first – remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner, or other places of entertainment without you. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his very real need to be at home and relax.
- Your goal: Try to make sure your home is a place of peace, order and tranquility where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he's late home for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through that day.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or have him lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgment or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the house and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him.
- A good wife always knows her place.

For JTapp

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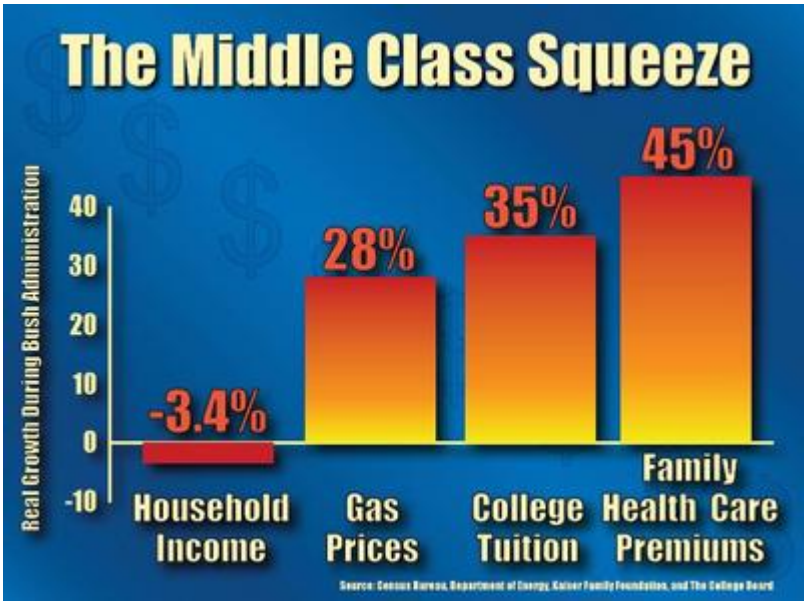
An entry to the chart competition that I've been procrastinating over because I'm a lazy bastard. 

Understand JTapp purposely chose charts from the Democrat's senate floor charts to cause a ruckus.

So young aspiring deputy economists, what's wrong with this picture?

Big Coin, Not Enough Time

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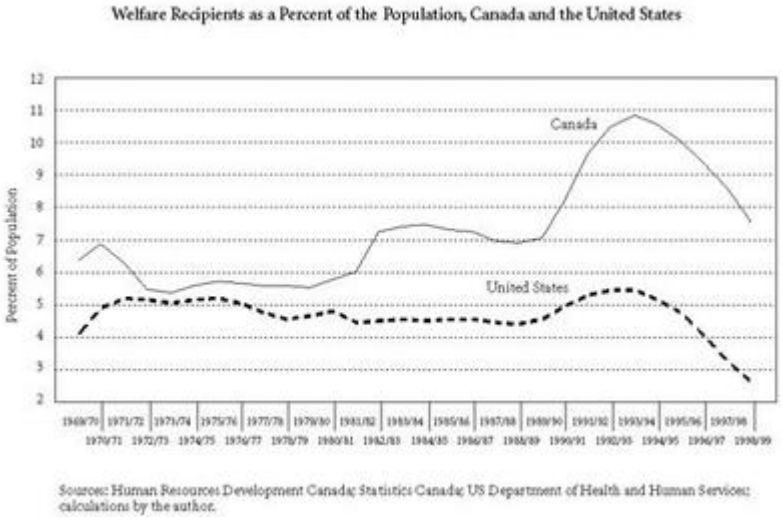
Loyal aspiring economist, I must apologize for my lack of posts, but busy season has started and unlike my previous job, my new job consumes about 40 hours a week.

Thus, between the job, the consulting, the dance classes...battling communism, contributing to GDP, satisfying the ladies and in general being an all around cool guy, I have had little time to give the blog a good contribution.

That being said, I will largely just be posting charts and graphs with little commentary or really short things. When slow season starts again, I will become a bit more verbose.

But, in the meantime, I chart for all my Canadian readers...which seem to make up about 96% of my readership.



Recommended Jack-O-Lanterns?

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This is my pumpkin from last year. Since I live in Commie Central, I had about three parents turn the pumpkin around whilst their kids trick-or-treated, which I had to turn back to make sure they ask questions.

Odd how the word "Republican" is viewed by parents much like the word "sex." They try to keep their kids away from it as much as possible. Oh well. Just doing my part to piss off my pansy ass neighbors.

I will take any recommendations for this upcoming Halloween.

You Had Your Come-Uppance

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Quick story.

Went to Target last night.

Looking for moth balls, a club for my new car and if they had it, was going to start pricing DVD burners on the off chance they'd have 'em.

I go to one of the stock boys and say, "Hey, you guys got moth balls?"

The guy turned to me and said, "yeah, they're over on isle E14"

So I find the mothballs, couldn't find a club, nor price DVD burners. But that guy that helped me...somehow I knew him.

It kept pestering me until I figured it out heading south on 35W past Washington.

He was a guy I remembered in college. Hung out at some of the same parties he was at. Didn't know much about him except he hung out with a REALLY liberal crowd. Him and his friends all worshipped Paul Wellstone and all majored in crap.

And that's the lesson. I'm 30 now. So is he. But I studied finance and economics. I think he majored in sociology or art history.

I don't work at Target as a stock boy.

He does.

At least I have respect for him in one respect...he didn't go into the public sector as a social worker, and is thus contributing more to GDP and society than his surely public sector putz counterparts.

Wonder how long it'll be until he votes Republican.

1 Pissed Economist

October 18, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Short on time. Not that this is yet another excuse as to why I haven't made a post in a while. No, this is to set the context for my tirade.

For it is one thing if it is slow season and I am literally trying to kill time.

It's another if its busy season, I got a 40 hour/week day time gig, on top of consulting and seminars and time becomes very valuable.

Thus whereas 5 months ago if some girl had 505025'd me, it just further convinced me the selection of women today is utter crap. But now, not only do they confirm my belief the selection of women is utter crap, but there was an opportunity cost and I'm mightily pissed because that time could have been spent on something else. Say, like sleep. Or catching up on my now 5 unread issues of The Economist. Or quarterly taxes or raking the yard or running or anything aside from cleaning out the car and ironing a shirt for a girl that is a flake.

Thus, you women have asked for it.

You see, we men (and I mean real men, not the ones who's dad set them up with a job, or some loser of a guy, I'm talking the guys with jobs and class and humor, and yes, good looks too) more or less subscribed to the theory you would get out of that 14 year old girl mentality by now. We thought you'd throw away the Cosmo mags, get a freaking job, and maybe be intellectually honest to the point you'd realize Sex in the City was a TV SHOW and not reality, and that you'd grow the F up.

But no. 30 years old and I'm running into women in their 30's that still think the middle school tactics of playing hard to get works like it did in college.

Now, I was telling myself, "no, Cappy Cap, this is just a statistical anomaly. Just something in your selection process that is resulting in these flakey chicks."

And then it occurred to me that this sounded eerily reminiscent of my high school days where I thought I was the one with the problem. Then when I taught college economics and realized what a bunch of bimbos and ditzes the typical twenty something broad is it all became very clear. The rare instance where the individual is not the one with the problem, but society is the one with the problem. And I felt a little confirmed when sitting at the barber shop I picked up a issue of Cosmo-esque magazine and found an article outlining how a girl should play hard to get. I then went online and hit a couple discussion board and found that this theory is widely believed by women. And if that wasn't enough,

mercy I have not the time to tirade about “The Rules” a book written by a now-divorced woman.

So, as a service to society, as a service to you girls to help you grow up and become women, how about you set the effing Cosmo-mag down and listen to a guy who has his act together. And if you want to be told what you want to hear, don’t read beyond this. You want to read and find out what might actually WORK, well then sit down, grab a pen, and take some notes, you will be insulted, but that means its’ reality talking, not this tripe you tell yourself watching those god damned soaps.

#1 The Rule of Kilgs

Kilgs is a great philosopher in St. Paul when he’s drunk, and thus came up with a hierarchy by which you can gauge where you stand base on how many times you’ve played your stupid 6th grade games.

When a guy asks you out you originally start out at the “Wine and Dine and Dancing” stage.

This is the highest stage.

Do not goof it up. For here the guy is willing to take you to a classy joint, drop a fair amount of money on you and still has the obligatory, polite respect for you. He will be willing to impress you and take you out dancing or something unique; more than just a movie.

If you bail at the last minute or say you’re hair isn’t dry yet or get the butterflies in your stomach, you are then downgraded to the “Dinner Girl” stage.

We’ll forgive you once. Things come up, we understand, but our natural sense of self-respect kicks in and you don’t get any more chances. You can still make it up to us, and we’ll take you to a decent place for dinner, but not the fancy joint we were thinking nor are we planning anything particularly special. Just a good dinner.

If you bail on us a second time you are now downgraded to “Applebee’s Girl.”

At this stage you are largely something to entertain us, to kill time, with the outside chance you’ll be something unique. You are now required to do all the work and impress us. We are relatively indifferent to you and can only rationalize spending $10 or so on drinks and bad food.

If you are so stupid as to bail on us a third time, seriously, and for your own sake, you will not want to go out with us again (and that’s in the unlikely event we return your call), for

you have been downgraded to the worst of them all

“Property.”

You are a now officially a “thing.” Particularly a “sex thing.” We have no intellectual or romantic interest in you. You botched that up long ago. You are functionally no different than a gumball machine; throw some money in you in the form of drinks and maybe we get a prize. We will take you to a party where there are other friends so we don’t have to listen to you and waste no more of our time. And if there is no party we take you to a crappy bar with cheap drinks in the hope of getting you in the sack.

I don’t want to hear from any of you that “you know some guy who doesn’t fit this procedure” and blah blah blah. There is always going to be an exception to the rule.

Rule # 2 Women Will Always Find Reasons Not to Do Things and Rarely Find Reasons To.

Want to know why men make more money?

Because we take risks. We’re more adventuresome.

I don’t know how many times I’ve seen entire tables of girls refuse to dance with a guy at a ballroom or swing dance or latin dance. I don’t know how many times I’ve tried to get female friends to go out and go to a party or get a drink with the intent of setting them up. I don’t know how many times I’ve seen women at clubs or bars reel their wandering friend back in to the herd so they can keep her company in misery when the girl wanted to talk to a buddy of mine. And I don’t know how many times I’ve seen women refuse to “go out to happy hour” or go “grab a bite to eat” after work or some event.

There’s a reason why the term “sausage party” has no female counterpart. Because women will not stay out, take that many risks, nor be that adventuresome. Men will.

And that’s fine. OK, cool, men=aggressor, women=chasee.

JUST DON’T BITCH ABOUT THERE NOT BEING ANY GUYS OUT THERE!

You sit at home and watch Desperate Housewives till you’re 40, then you’ll know what it’s like to be just plain desperate.

Rule #3 Speaking of 40…

You’re approaching it. Hell, forget 40, try 33. Rarely do I see a decently attractive dame over the age of 33. And you want to know what’s great? Men typically date younger and we age more gracefully. You may think you’re hot stuff, and you are now. Just keep being

a flake and before you know it you'll have wrinkles forming on the outskirts of your eyes, stretch marks showing on your ass, and instead of tight fitting lingerie, you'll be wearing the loser sorts…not that we'll notice because we're dating a 27 year old because you keep consistently making it down to Applebee's Girl stage.

That's enough tirading for now.

Working Hard and Smarter

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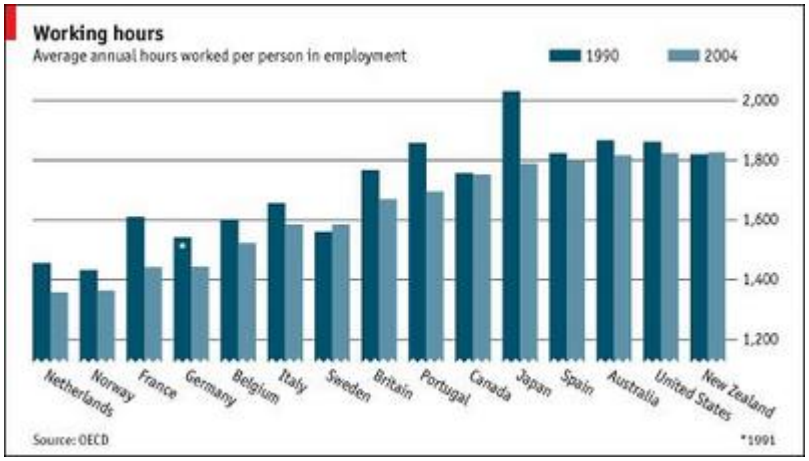
Can't figure out why the US keeps dominating over Europe.



Really leftists, economics isn't that hard.

Oh, the Crash is Coming

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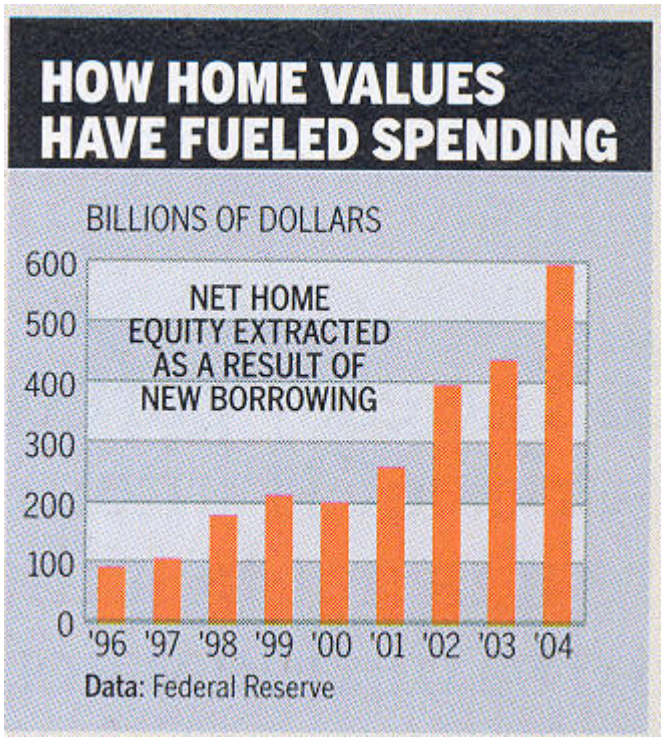

Interesting chart done by Greenspan.

No wonder savings rates are now negative.

Two Thoughts

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1. So it's been 60 years since WWII ended and you have the two main Axis powers whose economies were in desperate need of reform. Japan is currently implementing and pursuing further reforms while Germany is sitting on its ass. I predict in as little as 5 years time there will be a drastic difference in the two's standards of living.

2. OK, so I figured out an ultimate poetic justice scenario. The unions and their "legacy costs" (read pensions for old, retired union members) have renders their employers uncompetitive against their foreign and immigrant labor competitors. So as a way to help employ all those laid off union members from Northwest Airlines, United, and soon to be Delphi, GM and Ford, I have the perfect job for them;

Bounty hunters.

But not any normal bounty hunters. Illegal immigrant bounty hunters.

We put a bounty of $1,000 for every illegal immigrant. The recently laid off union workers whose jobs were eliminated by cheap foreign labor (overseas or illegally domestic) can get training in bounty hunting and recoup their lost wages by hunting down those who are partially responsible.

It's a TV reality show in the making.

The Truth Hurts, Confucius Say

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I love the truth.

Truth is a great thing.

Like for example, you're really not going to insult anybody by calling them a "nooney-head."

The person would look at you knowing full well they aren't indeed a nooney-head, simply because there is no such thing as a nooney-head.

But call a fat woman fat

Or a hen-picked man his "wife's bitch"

Or a women's studies major who still lives off her dad as "dependent"

Woo Hoooooo! Look out.

And you see, that's the trick. Pay attention young aspiring economists. Take notes. If you really want to hurt somebody, or obliterate them in debate, all you have to do is point out the truth.

For example I was courting a crazy woman quite some time ago. And during a "Cosmo-Mag Inspired Argument" I needed something that would obliterate the opposition by showing her just how crazy she was.

Well, I couldn't very well say, "Hey, woman, you be crazy, you crazy person you."

You see, that wouldn't do it.

But when I said,

"Hey, at least I digest my food"

that had more of a crushing, end-all, obliterating effect for she was a bulimic.

The result, she was silent, and I had made my point. For how can you refute the truth?

Thus, it must really be tough being a leftist. And I'm not talking the "I'm leftist because

it’s COOL because all the kids are democrats and green party members in college cause I’m going to change the world cause I don't know what the f I'm talking about” leftist.

I’m talking the hard core, zealots. The true believers in socialism.

For year over year, day by day, second by second, evidence of socialism’s failure just keeps on racking up and trillions of dollars’ worth of evidence that capitalism is indeed the optimal economic system racks up as well.

Or should I say, “Tens of trillions of yuans’ worth” for China is that evidence.

Of course, that’s assuming the leftists out there bother to pay any attention to economics, data, statistics, etc., outside their own cherry-picked data. Heck, I’d be happy if they had data instead of theories, concepts and feelings.

“Well, you see, I just don’t believe GDP is a great measure of standards of living. It doesn’t take into consideration happiness. You know, Europeans are much happier than Americans. They prefer leisure to more money, and just look at our society, it sucks, we’re not as enlightened as them and I feel that America’s children are…” blah blah blah.

OK, so let me explain it to you leftists out there nice and simple so even you public schooled kids can understand;

Europe’s economy sucks.

There was a big study done just this past month called, “The Big Study Done This Month on Whether or Not Europe’s Economy Sucks” and it had all the great economic minds in the world attend it. If you never heard of this study it’s because you are not a great economic mind and weren’t invited. And what we (I was there) concluded is that with unemployment rates at double the US’ and GDP growth rates of less than 1% and debt up to the wazoo as well as social security programs that make us look stingy, no amount of intangible “good happy touchy feely Human Development Indexy” leisure could make up for the economic gap.

Of course we did take out central Europe and the Baltics because “they don’t count” because they’re not really European. They do that weird ass “flat tax” BS and that ain’t European at all!

Anyway, back to my point about China.

So China was once a very commie place and Mao Tse Tung was happy and the people were happy, for DAMNIT, if they weren’t, they’d be shot…or just starved to death in one of dem der “Great Leaps Forward.”

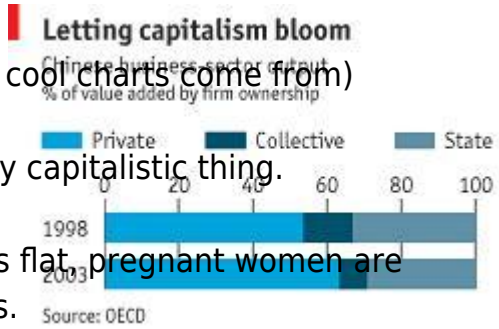
Implementing every leftist idealistic economic policy that their modern day Move-On.org counterparts would love to implement.

Aawwwww. But it didn't seem to help much.

Now the "communists" of China are marching to a slightly different tune. The privatized property. They allowed for private companies. They opened their borders to investment. And they actually have lower taxes than the US on corporations (and please don't give me no guff on loopholes). In otherwords, they let a private sector exist and look what happens.

A country that only 20 years ago was a third world nation, is now solidly second world nation, and has an economy when adjusting for PPP that is larger than Japans.

And who do they owe all this growth and production to?(BTW, this chart is from The Economist, where most cool charts come from)



Why the private sector…which last I checked was a very capitalistic thing.

So, you leftists, you keep on telling yourself the world is flat, pregnant women are beautiful, Julia Roberts is attractive and socialism works.

When the Chinese are kicking our asses and out-competing us because they have a harder work ethic, send their kids into engineering and incentive their people to work harder, don't complain when our jobs are undercut because everything is going over seas…oh, wait, it already has.

(This post written in fond memory of all the union jobs lost at Northwest Airlines and soon to be the Ford Ranger plant in St. Paul. Keep up the good work unions!!!!!)

My Anger Issues and the Mad Doctor's

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I've often been told that I have "anger issues" by several people.

Of course, the people who have this observation all have a common trait I've found in that their lives have been a relative cake walk.

Did they ever drop 30 pounds because they couldn't afford 3 meals a day and had a physically exhausting job?

No.

Did they become a real adult at the age of 18 meaning they supported themselves completely and could claim they'd be in the same situation as they are today had their parents died and left them nothing?

No.

Did they ever know the meaning of poverty and have to live in a room that rented for $179 a month to make ends meet?

No.

I've often found it a losing proposition to try to convey struggle and strife to them, because unless you've been through it yourself, it's impossible to convey it to other people. And so I largely shut up and hope the imminent economic chaos and collapse that is sure to strike us in the next 20 years will give them a dose of reality and vindicate my cynicism and "anger." Of course, by that time, what will it really matter.

That being said, it's nice to know that I'm not the only cynical bastard out there.

Welcome The Mad Doctor.

His blog, Universe on the Couch, is kind of a sounding board I use to make sure that somebody outside the economics profession sees what I see and to make sure I'm not crazy.

He shares the same dismal hopes for America and I'm predicting he shares the same disdain for the Baby Boomer generation that I do as his latest post is pointing towards that.

Alas, it seems to me the good doctor footed his own bill through college and wasn't spared any of the lessons from the school of hard knocks.

Visit the good Mad Doctor when you have a chance.

How Can't You Visit a Guy Named Cenk?

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Never enough time. Never enough time to do half of what I have to do and none to do what I want to do.

One of those things is to study up on central Asia and Middle Eastern history. Very weak in that area and since it's one of the craddles of civilization I know I'm missing out on much.

Enter Cenk Sumbas

Guy highlights some of the more interesting things in that world I know so little of. Recommends books that are recommendable. If I ever get the time to pursue central Asian history, Cenk shall be the launch point.

The Happy Carpenter

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If you've ever done carpentry work, it's hard not to be happy.

I mean, there you are, working hard, with your hands, making something for yourself to live in or enhance your current living.

I know when I put together my bar and martini lounge in the basement I kind of sat back with a little bit of pride once it was done.

Anyway, the Happy Carpenter has long had me linked to his site and since I'm caught up with a lot of work I'm linking to all those worth a visit. Has some interesting candid photos of "Looter" the famed celebrity of New Orleans not to mention an eclectic mix of, uhhh....eclectic stuff.

Why I'm in "Tuesday's Whitie Tiddies" I don't know.

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Heck, anybody else going to send in charts???

Was an ingenius idea of mine to put a $25 bounty up for the best chart submitted by a CC reader thereby allowing me to focusing on work and busy season. Alas JTapp seems to be the only one who submitted one.

I leave the competition open for the next week.

JTapp can go unchallenged and win the $25 and the much coveted picture of Cpt. Capitalism in a fine Goodwill purchased picture frame.

Why Men Make More $ Than Women - According to JTapp

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A 50 50 mix of data downloaded from the US Department of Labor and some anecdotal evidenced shared by Justin.

http://justintapp.blogspot.com/2005/10/why-men-make-more-than-women.html

And while I've yet to see statistics on the "urgent conference" or "women's lunch time habits" put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, I will concur that I've experienced similar things in my past work history, albeit anecdotally.

Still, I don't know one woman who has come close to matching my longest work day; 42 hours.

Whereas I can name 3 other men who have.

But again, I'm sure this is anecdotal too.

Another Cool Chart

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This one from JMPP.

Made an overdue visit to her site and found an interesting chart.

She is rather adamant in her disgust with children. That being said, it seems I only have to wait another decade and a half by the time women my age start to get wise and not have children.

For the Birds

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OK, short post, two things and then to bed.

1. Why the hell with all the years of evolution and the obvious brains to fly in V-formation are the Canadian geese flying NORTH? It occured to me, particularly this year they're flying north most of the time. Are they hooking up to some jet stream that will inevitably head south? Any fowl experts out there let me know.

2. I'm mightily peeved at the men in the SE metro. I got, not 1, not 2, but 8 EXTRA FREAKING GIRLS in the dance class. 6 of which are married!

OK, look, guys, WTF? You married the girl, can you please sign up for the damn dance class with them to make them happy? I am amazing, but I can't handle 8 extra women at one shot that's why I have to bring my male friends to help me...and dont worry, these younger, stronger and better looking men will be more than happy to look after your wives. But seriously, it's always been an internal debate with me whether or not I would have an affair with a married woman. I cannot see how this would reflect any immorality on my part. Either the guy ain't paying her any attention or the girl is being philanderous. In either case, I can't see how it's my fault, yet that being said I'd just prefer not to get into the mess.

Furthermore, if the institution of marriage meant anything, I'd respect it. Now, it's almost like high school. Get married for two years, ehh, heck, get divorced. I might as well respect that as much as the girl in college you had a boyfriend overseas, wouldn't go out with me, but then managed to bang the guy immediately after I asked her out.

Time for sleep. 80 hours of continual contribution to GDP this week.

Like You Have a Choice

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What I love the most about leftists is they think they have a choice when it comes to economics. Like they can stop globalization or somehow institute a massive welfare system without impairing the economic engine that would finance it or just "tax the rich" as if it's like turning on a light and then come to find out that it deters investment and the rich just move their money.

Same thing with Germans, the French and Italians.

Some of them think that somehow globalization and foreign competition is an "option."

Their stupidity rivals that of the unions in America who have bankrupted the airlines and put the US auto industry on their death bed.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/latimests/20051027/ts_latimes/wantedpolishworkers

My favorite quote in the whole thing is;

"The struggling economies of France, Italy and Germany worry that low-paid Poles will bring capitalist-style competitiveness that will jeopardize the welfare state"

"Worry?"

Oh, don't worry about it. It's going to happen. The question is whether you can deal with it.

A New Tabloid - USA Today

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Journalism majors are a joke. Just like theater majors and English majors and music majors.

Like you need to go to school for that.

The idiocy of these people. No, can't just go and practice on your own which is what will make you great.

No, you have to pay a s-load of money for a crappy degree to turn out tripe like this.

USA Today, I'll be expecting to see you in the check out line at the grocery store right next to Soap Opera Digest and People Magazine.

You verminous scum.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Democrats

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http://www.zombietime.com/2000_iraq_deaths_party/

The post itself is good on it's own.

All I will add to it is that this further confirms my theory that members of the left are not as attractive as members on the right.

The True Measure of Socialism

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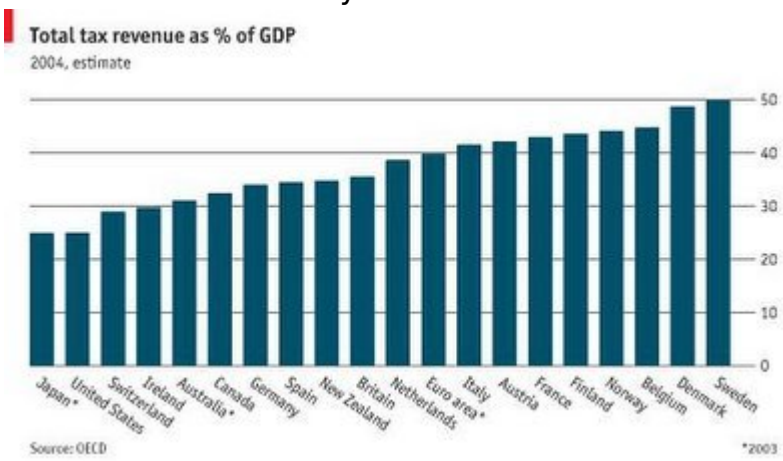
The Economist (which by now all you aspiring economists should be subscribing to by now for it is the easiest way to pick up chicks and impresses cool guys like me) comes out with this chart annually. One of the better ones out there.



Who Could it be Now?

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Remember that 80's song?

"Who can it be knocking at my door?
Stay away, don't come round here no more."

Or so the lyrics go.

Alas, 3 teenage girls beheaded in Indonesia.

Now, for 40 points and a chance at the Grand Prize, tell me who are the primary suspects;

a) Black Southern Baptists
b) White Protestants
c) Pakistani and Indian Hindus
d) Small Penis'ed Muslim Freaks

I will promptly remove this post once it is proven not to be "d"

A Very Cappy Cap Halloween

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So Halloween always lands in the middle of busy season, which means my costume must accomodate not only party going, but largely ballroom/latin/swing dancing as well since I take my students on field trips. This Halloween was no exception. And since Halloween landed on a Monday, the previous weekend consisted of a party, a field trip and dancing.

The field trip was what taught me the very Captain Capitalism Lesson of the Day;

That I should have been born in 1920.

For the field trip was a costume party dance in scenic Hamel, Minnesota where the "Rockin' Hollywoods" a 1950's and 1960's coverband played the night away. Of course the VAST majority of people there were Baby Boomers and older. And my costume only served as a catalyst because it was a 100% vintage US Army Air Corps uniform from WWII.

And yes, I did look damn sexy.

The problem was that the few girls my age there wouldn't give me the time of day. I ask three girls to dance, all of which said no.

But there was a line as long as the social security queue of middle aged women looking me up and down, complimenting me and sometimes outright saying crass and lewd things! And I was shocked, SHOCKED I tell you, for I am a preacher's son and have these virgin ears.

Anyway, I left scenic Hamel and went to a party, and there the catalyst powers of my uniform ended, for this party was populated with more people my age, particularly a cute redhead that I haven't had a hard time looking at yet. And aside from the normal comments about "hey, nice costume" what few advances I made were more or less repelled. I may as well have dressed in blue jeans.

Home started calling and my couch was beckoning me so I left the party and went to bed.

Now today, Halloween proper, I had to go to the office, and there it is populated with mainly middle aged women. And without the booze supplied to their Hamel counterparts, their commentary was much more polite, but sincere and you could tell they were actually impressed that their friendly neighborhood capitalist cleaned up a bit.

The moral of the story; modern day chicks don't dig classy dudes. You could be Cary

Grant in a major's uniform and they'd shug their shoulders and say, "eh."

Alas, there was one gal that dressed somewhat 40's which made for a good "Very Cappy Cap Halloween Picture."

So wishing you and yours a very happy Halloween. Feel free to e-mail your costume pictures and I'll throw them up here.

Tigger was an Economist

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So I have the nick name "Pooh Bear" at work, which was not my doing but the doing of two sweethearts in the office. Nice kids, thus, when one of them was down today I forwarded her a link to a website full of economist jokes and listed on the subject line "Tigger would find these funny" playing off of the inside joke of Winnie the Pooh.

She doubted Tigger was an economist and thus I posed my theory, which turned out better than I had anticipated;

Well, it's a well-kept secret that in the evening Tigger would moonlight on the side as an economist.

You ever wonder how all those animals could just go about looking for honey or bouncin' without ever having jobs? And Roo, the single mother, how she got by without alimony or child support? And Eeyore! The donkey is so depressed all the time, you know he ain't holding down a job. Kind of seems like "Friends" where nobody's working, but they all don't seem to be missing a meal.

Well Tigger was the financial engine behind that. You see, he was a savvy investor and established a Winnie the Pooh Mutual Fund with a loan from Christopher Robin's dad who was an investment banker. Well Tigger knew about indexed P/E ratios and market inference pricing techniques, so he was able to sell out of his tech positions before the crash in 2000.

But what was Tigger's real stroke of genius was that he was able to see that a slowing economy would lower long term interest rates, which would then lead to a housing boom. He gambled that despite the terrorist attacks and stock market crash, the economy would have endured these temporary hurdles in the long run due to massive restructurings in the early to mid 90's and the investment in technology infrastructure.

So what did he do? He swapped out all his holdings in technology and invested in REIT's based here in America.

I think now, Tigger is slowly moving his position from property into developing markets, namely China. I think he's betting on an inevitable free float of the Yuan.

Whatever the case, with such wise investments, Pooh, Piglet, Rabbit and the whole gang life off of the dividend income from the Winnie the Pooh Mutual Fund.

But that's just what I've heard

Hypocrisy Served in Under 5 Minutes

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And only a 20 something chick can do that.

This post is for two groups of people;

1. College age youths, because the economic lesson is worth listening to.
2. Twenty something chicks that wish NOT to become like their pissed-off, psycho 30-something predecessors.

I had gone into my day time gig early one morn because I had some work I needed to do. This more or less gave me my choosing of the best parking spot in the entire parking lot.

3 hours later a friend of mine comes upstairs to chat with me and my other co-workers.

She says, "What's that rollerskate doing in my parking spot?"

"Rollerskate?" I asked.

She said, "Yeah, that Volkswagen piece of crap you have." referring to my 1996 Volkswagen.

I was previously under the impression she did not have a car because she commuted. So I asked her, "I thought you didn't even have a car. I thought you commuted."

"HELLO??? I have a 2003 Monte Carlo SS!"

I said, "So why do you commute?"

"HELLO??? GAS PRICES???"

Now, contextual knowledge you do not have to this story is that my friend commutes 1 hours 15 minutes a day ONE WAY. So, being a an economist, or heck, just being a logical normal thinking human being, I asked,

"Why don't you move closer to work?"

"HELLO??? Property prices are too high?"

Now, being a property owner in Minneapolis and a landlord as well, I know that there is a glut of rental property in the Twin Cities market. And while prices may be high, we are in

a property bubble because the plausible rents of those properties would not warrant such lofty valuations. Thus with the over supply of rental property in the Twin Cities I said,

"Well, there's a glut of rental units in the Twin Cities. Certainly you should be able to find yourself an affordable apartment."

"HELLOOOO??? I don't want my kid being raised in an apartment building."

Now, contextual knowledge you do not have to this story is that my friend just had herself a child. And children in this office are considered holy because not only do the women have pictures of their children up, but pictures of the other womens' children up at their desks. And I am literally considered by many in this group to have mental problems because I do not want children.

Also, contextual knowledge you do not have to this story is that my friend is approaching her 30th birthday.

Thus, when the "mother hen" of our group (who is this sweetheart of a woman) asked her, "So, you're approaching the big 3-0. Are you where you'd like to be in life by now?"

My friend said, "No, I was thinking that I'd have more kids by now, but I'm just married with 1."

So here's my question, and tell me if I'm wrong. But why the hell is my car a piece of crap and why the hell is there something wrong with me for not wanting to have children?

If I am not mistaken, here in front of me is a woman who is proud of not only her car, but her son as well, and wishes to have more.

But at the same time, wanting these THINGS (yes, the child I am categorizing now as a "thing") hampers her lifestyle and forces a lower standard of living upon her.

And I'm supposed to believe that this is the life she wants? Or that she is happy?

Thus, I speculate (as I have before) that the majority of women who have children do so only for biological and instinctual reasons. They don't THINK. And therefore when the economic realities of having children dawn on them, they have a choice;

Realize the mistake I've made

or

RATIONALIZE the "choice" I've made.

This results in what I think constitutes the majority of women. Whereas previously they were independent minded, individuals with dreams and goals and desires and plans. Now they are beholden women to children (and cars or material items they can't afford). And rather than face up to their mistake and suffer a blow from reality, they deny reality and ACT like they're happy. And not only that, they go so far as to constantly pummel me with pro-child propaganda and some even berated me for not fawning over their children and saying nice things to them whenst in the office (even though this would be pointless as most of the children at the age of 1 ARE NOT FLUENT IN ENGLISH!!!) Worse still, I get the impression some of them hate me, for on Monday morning when we recap what we did on the weekend I say,

"Well, I went dancing, had some martini's, had a spectacular dinner at my favorite Italian joint, slept in till noon each day, had a date, got a little play, played video games, worked on the house, and had 100% of my time to me"

and they say,

"Little Johnny puked and we took him to the hospital at 3AM. Then I had to get back and make a crappy dinner because we can't afford to go out and eat at good restaurants. We stayed in and watched the game but we wanted to go to a movie, but we couldn't find a baby sitter, and then we had to get up this morning at 5AM to get here today."

So here's the economic lesson of the day for all you college youths. You have a choice when it comes to cars;

1. Buy a cheap, but reliable used car and then live where you want, eat where you want, have a short commute, have no car payment, have minimal car insurance and have money left over to invest in property or stocks or something or...

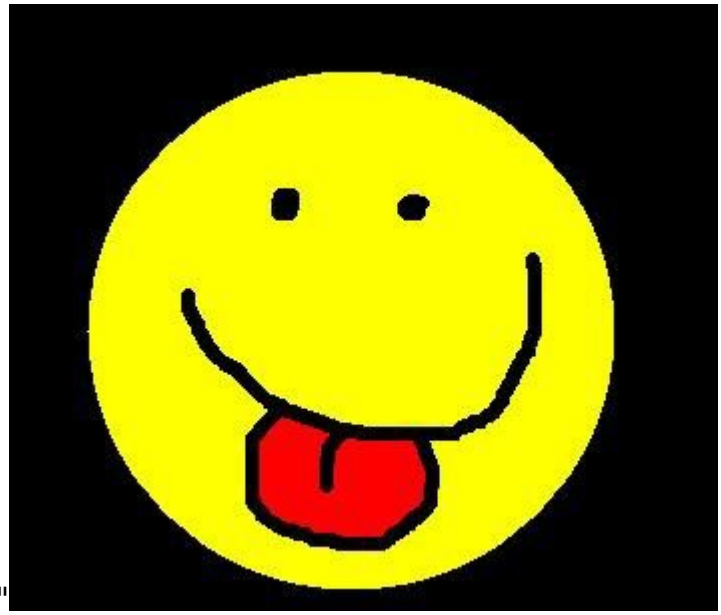
2. Buy a brand new car fresh out of college and be a slave to the car payments until you're 30 and be forced to live far away from any sort of metropolitain culture.

And for you 20 something women who think your life is meaningless unless you have a child;

Do not have children just because everydody else does. Go and live your life and figure out what YOU want to do. Do you like animals? Well become a vet first, then have children. Do you like hiking? Well become a forest ranger first and then become a mother. Whatever it is you like to do, please do it before you become like everybody else. For I cannot tell you how drab and boring and common and how quick-lived a date is with a girl that says, "well, I have 2 children and I love them, they're the best children in the world. Ooops! I have to leave, the baby sitter is only paid till 10PM."

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to live my horrible life. I have to go to dinner at a nice Italian restaurant where I'll meet some students before we go dancing at one of my favorite jazz venues. No doubt I'll have a martini, and might even meet a cute girl tonight. Either way I'll be getting home around 1AM to drift off for 10 hours of uninterrupted sleep with no particular responsibilities tomorrow. Although I might play some video games before I go to bed and finish off that great pasta I got last night that's in the fridge.

I just need to find a baby sitter...OH! Wait, that's right. I don't have children. I can "just go."



Save France...Again

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Just wondering if the MSM in the US is going to cover the riots in France anytime soon here.

I'm also wondering if we're going to have to go in their and save their asses for the 3rd TIME IN A CENTURY!

Come on guys, haven't we paid back our debts for your help in the Revolutionary War?

Oh, and is this yet ANOTHER instance of muslims not getting along with their neighbors?

DAMN!

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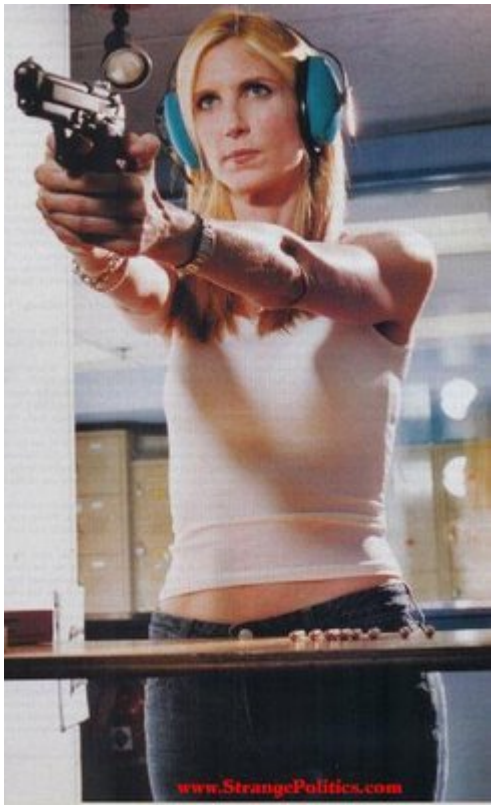

Women of the World Unite…If You're Not Sick

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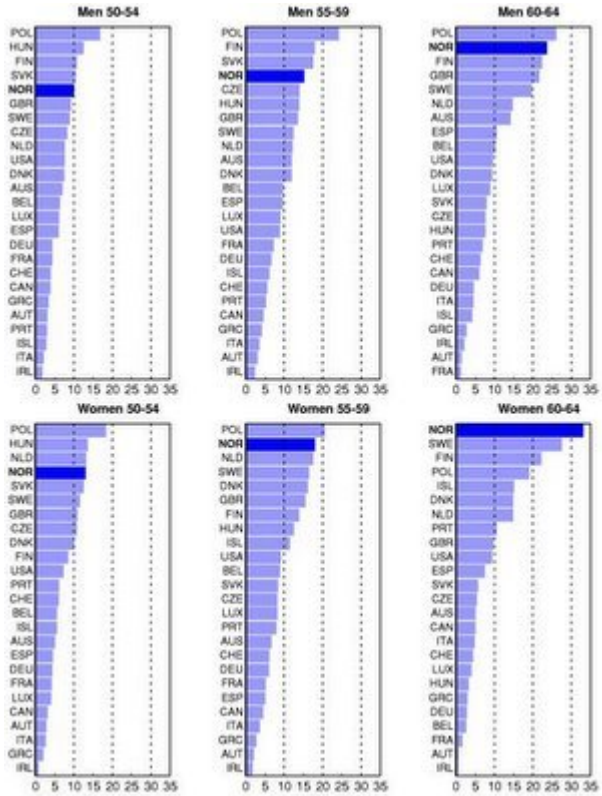
Found this chart whilst doing research to see if oil is the main reason Norway has been doing so well (it is). It shows days of work lost to inactivity (health, sickness, PTO, etc.) for various OECD countries and they break it down by age and sex.



Now, I have an anal retentive socialist friend who in his many feeble and failed attempts to debate me always reverts to his last ditch, desperate argument that socialists always resort to when they're getting their asses handed to them by a capitalist machine gunning them down with empirical data;

I don't believe. You didn't source the data.

Now, most people would accept what I've posted here as true as I cited the OECD. Most people would say, "Oh, the OECD. Reputable organization. And given he was looking for oil information in Norway the context of this research wasn't biased to find out why women make less than men."

But no, this SOB wants the exact URL and then should that URL change over the years, he wants it changed too.

So here it is you anal rententive putz;

http://www.oecd.org/document/46/0,2340,en_33873108_33873681_35190766_1_1_1_1,0

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Now, as I was saying, this argument that women make less because of sexism and blah blah blah, is largely one to benefit women unfairly painting them as a victim (which seems to be a popular tactic by the left nowadays). Just some more information to show you why I don't bother listening to those idiots.

Also, note Ireland (IRL).

Again people, economics is not that hard. The harder and smarter you work, the more wealth you have. And damn could I go for a redheaded Irish girl with a doctorate in economics and an aptitude in playing Halo.

There's Nothing Special About Our Dirt

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Real quick here, then I must go.

Went out with what amounted to the most interesting person I've meet in about 8 years.

She was a Vietnamese immigrant who escaped the communists in 1975. Among MANY other things, what I was particularly impressed with was how quickly she adapted and pursued the American dream.

Now 30 years later she is a doctor in optometry providing one heck of an upbringing for her children. By the end of our conversation I literally could not be more impressed.

Anyway, long story short, she complained about how immigrants come to this country not wanting to pursue the American dream, but basically just for the money. I was a bit shocked, knowing that SOME of the immigrants do that, but didn't think it was that widespread. I said, "Are you sure."

Oh yes, she was.

And it reminded me of something that I thought of when running one time.

There's nothing special about our dirt.

You see aspiring or current immigrants, in America, our dirt is the exact same as the dirt in your home country. There's nothing special about it.

What makes America special and great is freedom. What makes America great is democracy. What makes America great is the mix of laws, people, society, history and culture that is "American."

It other words, it's the people that make a country great, not the dirt.

This is why we're great.

The question is why did your home country suck?

And while some of you were escaping communists and dictators and the suckiness of your country was out of your control, there is no denying that a country is only as great as its people. And if you insist on bringing your bad habits to this country (say like female genital mutilation) and continue pursing the aspects of your culture that made your home

country suck (wanting around for handouts from the government), you will never escape what you were running away from.

Thus, as a service to all aspiring immigrants I am going to provide you some advice. THis is advice you're not going to like to hear, but in the long run you'll appreciate it because then you will not suffer the same fate as the Arabs living in public housing in France.

1. NO COUNTRY BECAME GREAT WITH ITS PEOPLE LIVING OFF OF WELFARE. If you're here for the free ride, go to hell. Matter of fact, you'll already be there and you will also condemn your children to such a hellish lifestyle too.

2. Find out why America is great. Don't just believe that it is great and move your whole damn family here. Find out why first so that you may become part of that greatness.

3. The Democrats are not your friends. They want your votes so they can stay in power and will bribe you will benefits and welfare and free health care and housing. If this sounds too good to be true, it is, because this inevitably will turn into communism and you can talk to my Vietnamese friend about that.

4. The Republicans will let you fend for yourself and don't much care if you make it or not, but at least they're honest about it.

5. For God's sake, go to college and major in the sciences. Engineering. Math. Computers. This will make you more successful than your average white American counterpart because the majority of them major in crap (sociology, women's studies, philosophy).

6. Don't have more than 3 children. I don't care what your culutre says.

7. Rap and the ghetto hip-hop lifestyle is a farse. Make sure your kids don't fall into it in school. Matter of fact, if you can afford it, send your kids to private school.

Big Oil, Time for a Review

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Seems I need to remind some folks again.

Sometimes I wonder if there's enough bullets to slay all the idiots in the world. And then I wonder even if I had enough bullets, do I have enough life expectancy left to deliver a bullet into each idiot's skull? I mean think about that, that's a serious undertaking requiring at least some consideration of the logistics behind an operation like that. Slaying all the idiots in the world.

Oh well, guess I'll just blog about it instead.

OK, last time here people. I don't know about you, but I'm getting mighty sick and tired of the suburbanite kids too lazy to major in something worthwhile, whose only skill it seems is to regurgitate the talking points that were spoon fed to them in their indoctrination at the local university whilst they pursue a degree that shields them from any real work and responsibility whilst their Daddy dimes their education for them.

Ran into one of their numbers at a local bar last night complaining about (who other than…)

BIG OIL!

"Yeah, man, like it's the US oil companies that are keeping the prices high and making us pay for it!" said the skinny, goatee wearing wimp who can only attract women who could beat him at his table. Of course he says it loud enough so that those of us who aren't as ignorant as he is knows what he thinks. And what person isn't concerned about what a 20 year old college student thinks. I mean, come on, they're our future.

So I'm going to do everybody a favor. I'm going to put it to rest where the power lies in terms of "big oil."

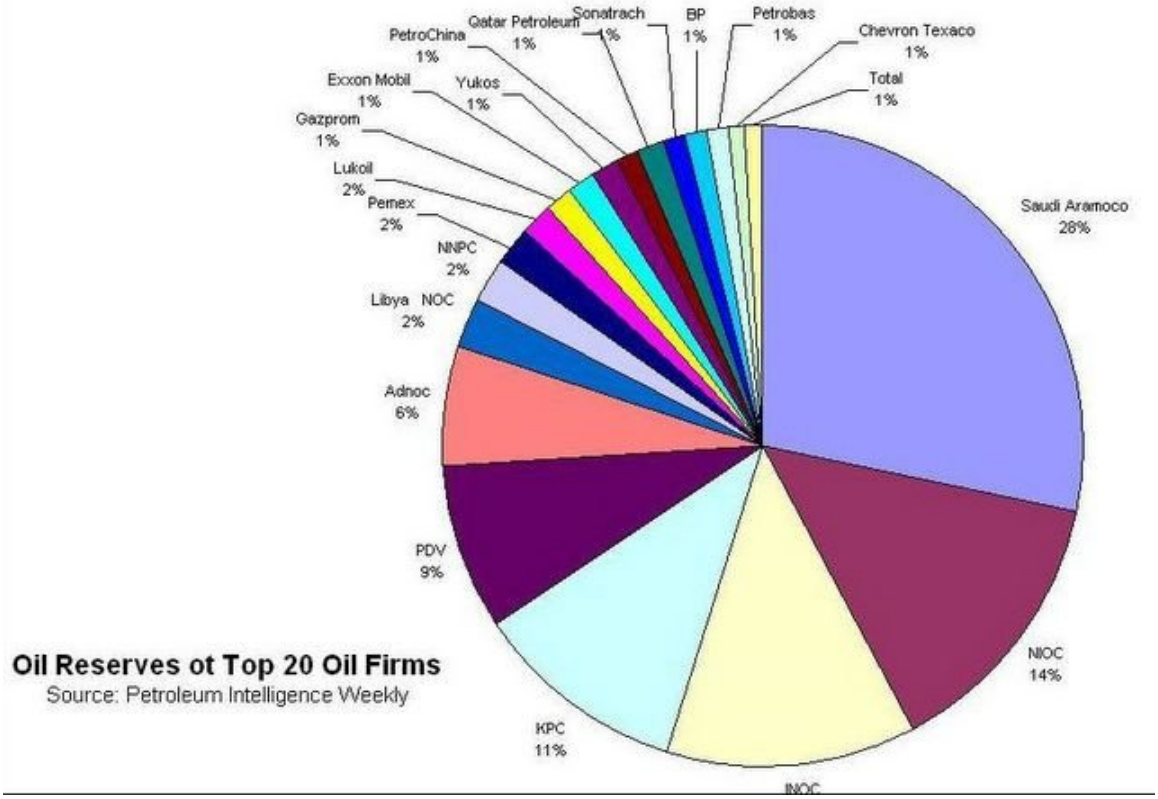
It's not Exxon Mobil.

It's not Chevron Texaco.

It's not even our British big oil rival, BP.

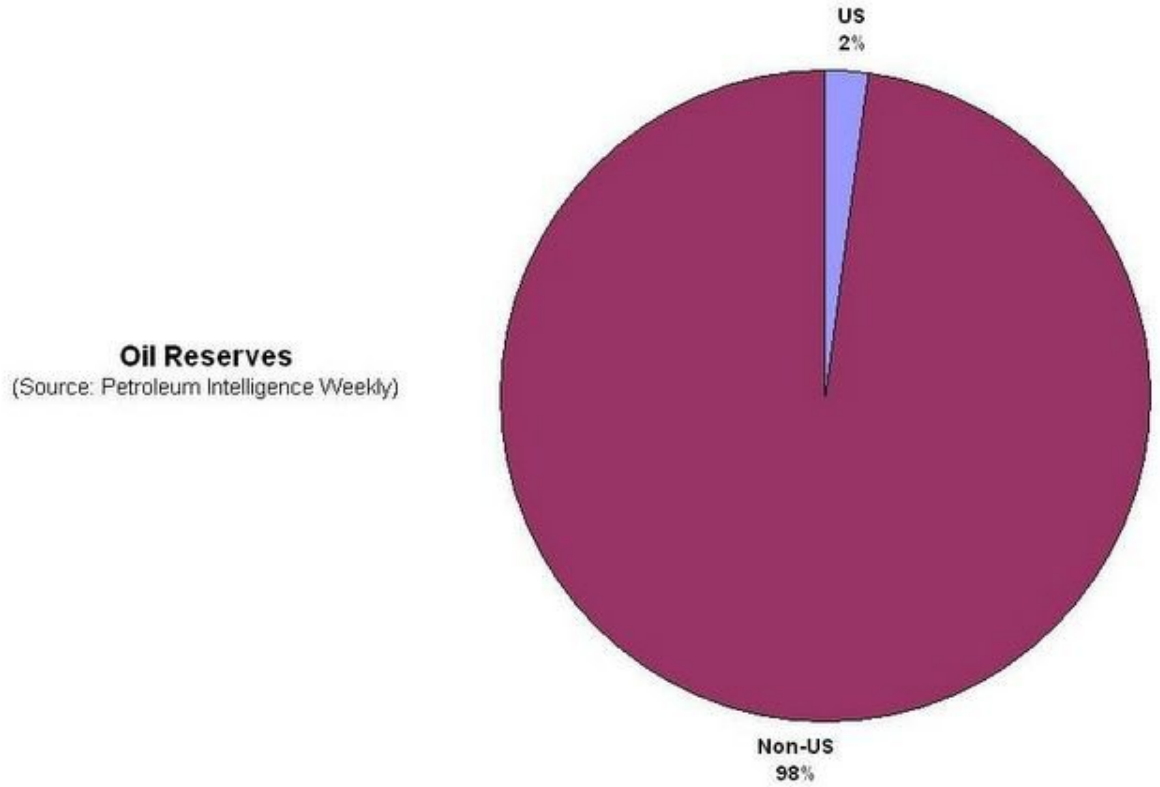
It's the multitude of (take note leftists) STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES of the OPEC nations and Russia that wield the most control over oil prices.

Now to make a pretty picture for you and to make it all nice and clear I've taken the top 20 oil producing firms in the world and made this pretty little chart for you;



Notice your much hated US big oil firms each have a whopping one percent of the total oil reserves in the world.

Now, I know this may be confusing for you to add up 1 and 1 because you went to the public schools and were taught by idiots like this goatee wearing wimp who no doubt majored in education because he thought everybody should share in his wisdom, so what I did is I simplified the chart so that it is broken down between US and Non-US oil firms.



Notice “BIG US OIL” controls all of 2% the oil in the world (and this is not including the bevy of minor players not included in the top 20).

Now, let’s put on our thinking caps and let’s try really, really hard. Almost as hard as the kids in the special education programs in the public schools try to drool on their own along with members of the teacher’s union (sorry, budget battle going on in the Minnesota legislature this week, guess whose asking for more money).

Who is most likely to have control over the price of oil and who is most likely to really just be a transportation, refining and distribution company?

You see with 98% control of the world's oil reserves...ah, heck. Forget it. The left is going to believe what it wants.

Two Charts from the U of Berkeley

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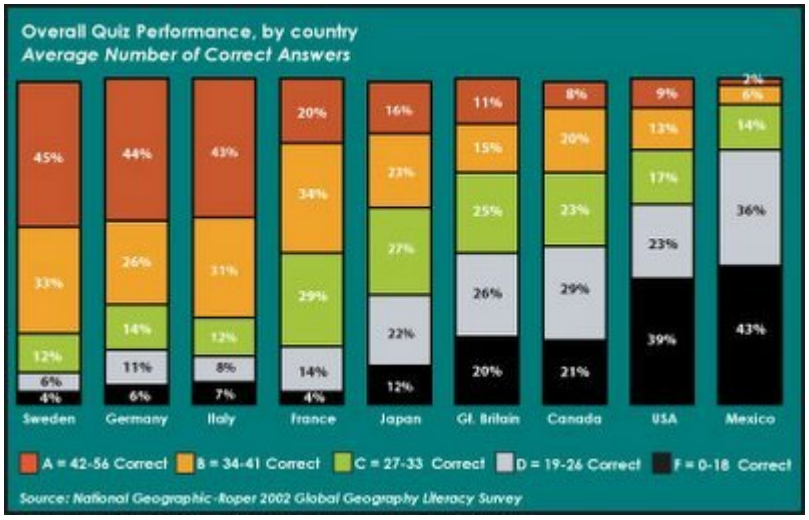
My Sister is a communist at the U of Berkeley in California where she is pursuing her doctorate in Bio Chemistry and her lab wanted me to throw these two charts up there;

I suppose I am to take from this graph that all Republicans today want slavery as there must be a correlation between voting patterns in 2004 and slave legality in 1862. I guess I'm supposed to also forget the fact that it was the Republican party that waged a civil war to free slaves. But that's just what I'm guessing.



The irony here is that no doubt the majority of Berkeley academians voted down the California proposition last week to require teachers work 5 years before they get tenure. Last I recall California was ranked 46th in the country in terms of education and accounts for a plurality of our population.

Can Buy Me Love

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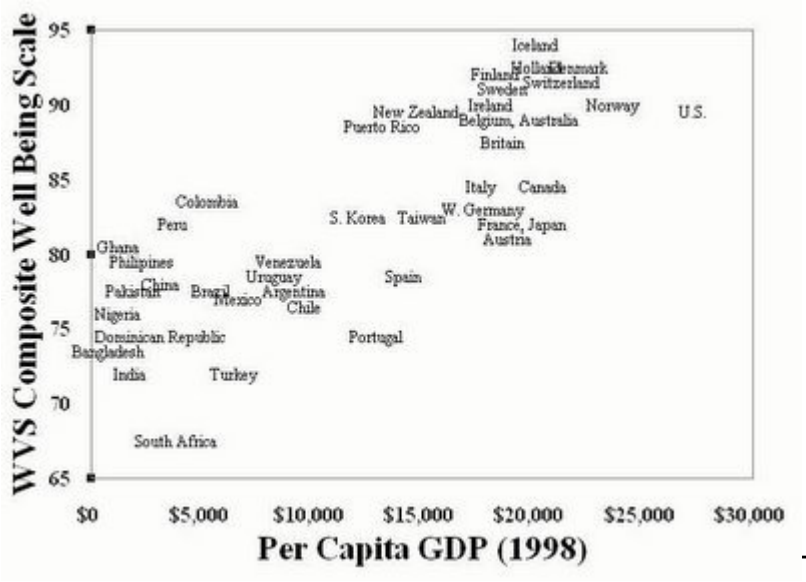
Ultimately if you push a leftist far enough in their thought, there are several T-intersections their mind will come to;

1. Happiness isn't all about money.
2. GDP or Income per capita isn't an effective measure of standards of living.
3. I just don't believe the data.
4. George Bush sucks.

Well, at least you can knock out two of these 4 mainstay arguments of the left. Many thanks to Sunrunner 4 for this spiffy chart;



The research was done by professor Richard Easterlin of southern California. He seems pretty happy, but that's because he's an economist and we economists always have chicks chasing us.

The Idiots of Argentina

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To reiterate the stupidity of those Argentinian protestors.

And to add to that, I must put in the original a post made regarding this. "Eagle Eye" Seanchile noticed the signs were in Portugese, indicating this is actually Brazil. Good catch. He also pointed out something I forgot about Argentina. His post in below.

I think those are actually Brazilians (the signs are in Portuguese). However, very similar or even identical (Spanish) signs were being hoisted by protestors in Argentina (it's pretty ironic calling Bush a Nazi when YOUR country welcomed a large number of Nazi fugitives after WWII). I definitely agree (with you).

New Kid on the Block

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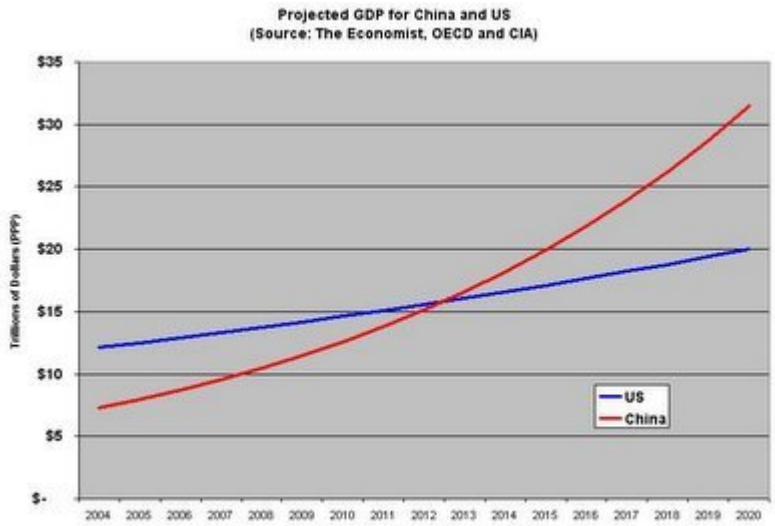
And he's been taking his vitamins and eating his vegetables...he's also been cutting taxes and transforming a backwater 3rd world nation into what will soon be the world's largest economy.

Based on the past 20 years of economic growth, I estimate in another 6 years or so China will have the world's largest economy.



But we'll have sociology majors and peace study majors and American Idol and Desperate Housewives and the Jenny Craig Point System? Right? I mean at least we'll still have all that!

Then again, that's if you believe the economic figures China is releasing.

Inventory of Houses that Just Don't Want to Sell

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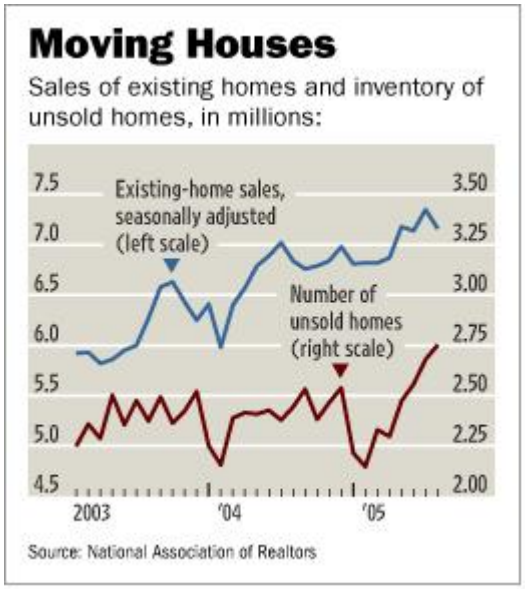

Sing along with me now;

"OHHHH the correction is coming.
Your home equity ain't strumming.
All you idiots that took out second home equity loans to buy SUV's
Will have the repo man take that your home and your TV's
Ohhhhhh you stupid Americans."

My Fondness for Real Majors

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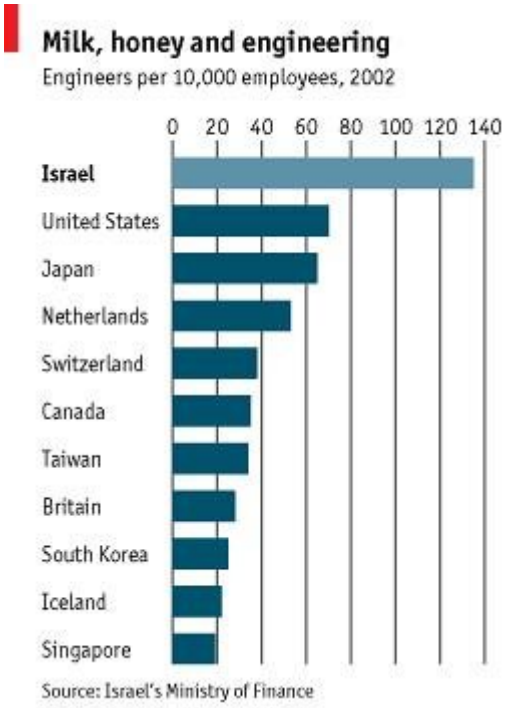
As you know I am an avid supporter of people who major in subjects that will get them jobs. And I largely attribute the majority of world's problems to lazy effers that opt to major in sociology, communications and other crap where inevitably they only find employment in the public sector and political life and largely live off of us and ruin our lives.

Thus, I found this chart from The Economist particularly interesting;



Diagnose a Blogger

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Good Ol' JMPP.

Seems I am now the subject of a psychological study in a crafty idea created by Jacqueline's Ma.

Anyway, for those of you familiar with JMPP, she's back from Costa Rica, has herself a boyfriend and lord knows what else. The girl moves.

So aspiring psychologists and psychiatrists, even though your field is complete BS and if it were up to me we'd tax you guys at 100% and fund social security with it, try your hand at diagnosing bloggers!

For All the Collegiate Capitalists Out There

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Far as I can tell right behind Canadians, the second biggest group of readers I have is college students. And being Captain Capitalism I know how important it is to recognize that the market is always right and you should pander to it.

So for all those collegiate aspiring economists out there an interesting post I got from Young Miriam (Young Miriam is a chemistry student (if I remember correctly) and is a Muslim that I wish more Muslims and women would emulate). Anyway, her post below;

http://www.phds.org/rankings/
(If you choose a hard science and input in a 5 for Scholarly quality and then ask it to display things like %female or the like, the red-green corellations are most amusing.)

Inquiring Capitalists Want to Know

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OK, so I think maybe 1 or 2 liberals or socialists read this blog only to get pissed off because I'm starting to believe more and more liberals just want to be unhappy in their lives.

Regardless, because of the low leftist readership of this blog, this post might need to be forwarded to your leftist friends so I can get a leftist response.

Will somebody on the left tell me which socialist country does better than the US?

I already know the answer, I just want to see if the advocates of socialism do.

PS- Doinkicarus won the best chart competition. I will send the $25 and the sign picture of Captain Capitalism. E-mail me Doink.

Conflicted Socialists

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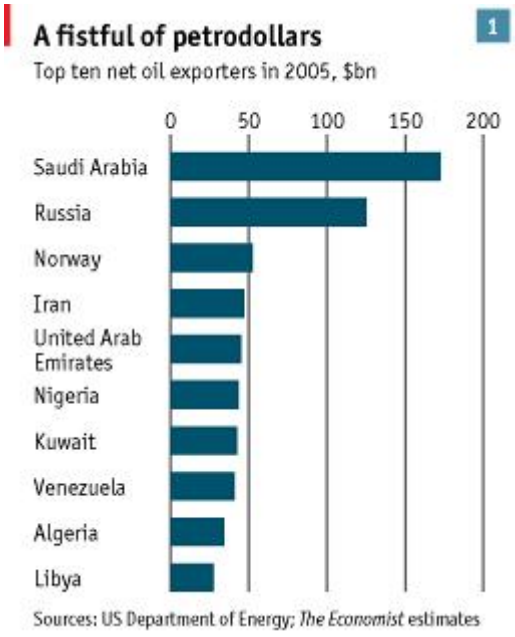
OK, so everytime you get into it with a liberal or a socialist, they always, ALWAYS without skipping a beat go running to the Scandinavian countries as proof positive socialism can work.

Now, the vast majority of them (and actually by definition) have never gone to independently confirm this. They only regurgitate what they heard from their professor or the college friends who are being supported by Daddy. Alas, they don't really know why the Scandinavian countries do so well.

Now, out of all of them, Norway does the best, and by large margin. Norway is a rather successful socialist country (although it is not the one I was asking about in a previous post, there is another). And it has made gains against the US recently in the past 4 years to have an identical income per capita.

There's just one problem;



The source of this newfound wealth and economic success is oil.

How conflicted and hypocritical you liberals must feel.

Revised Empirical Proof

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Many years ago I had taken the 5, 10 and 15 year averages of government spending and receipts as a percent of GDP for all the OECD countries and correlated against their corresponding 5, 10 and 15 year average RGDP growth rates.

It confirmed something that everybody knew;

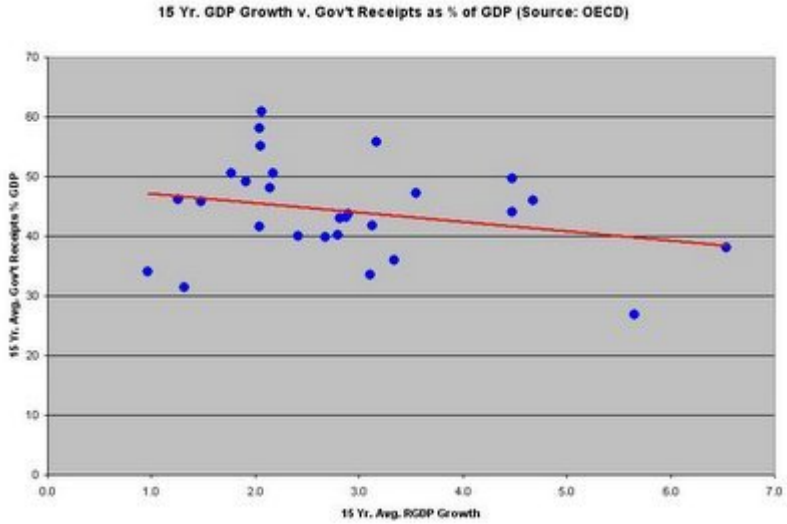
Countries with lower taxes grow faster than countries with higher taxes.

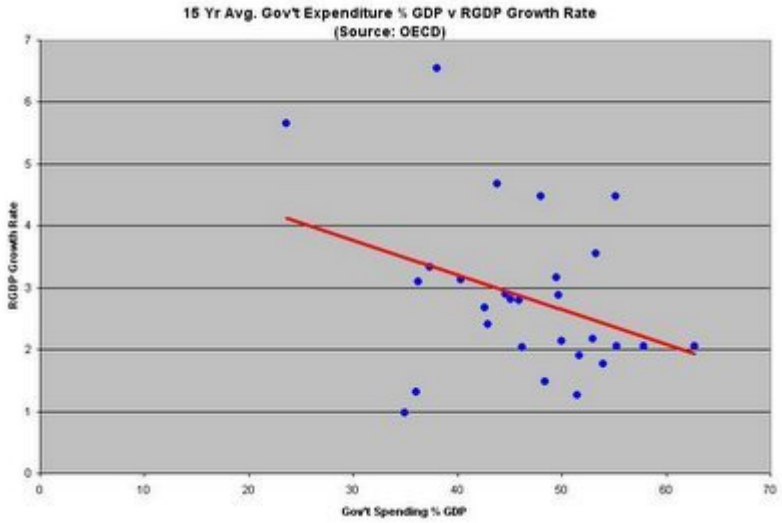
Correlations came in around -.3.

What got me about this data is that very few Republicans, Libertarians and other varied sorts of capitalists knew of this data and would largely rely on anecdotal evidence to support capitalism as the optimal economic system. Sure, they'd use logic. Or cite the utter and dismal record of communism in the glory days of Stalin, Chairman Mao, or modern day Kim Small Jong Il. But never really went out to see, "well, what tends to happen when countries are taxed at a higher rate."

Anyway, so I updated the figures with the most recent OECD data and, well, yeah, communism still sucks. Sorry dems and libs. When you argue against the truth, well, it's uhh...kind of hard to win.

	Correlation Coefficients		
	5 yr	10 yr	15 yr
Expenditure	-0.38	-0.31	-0.36
Receipts	-0.32	-0.21	-0.26

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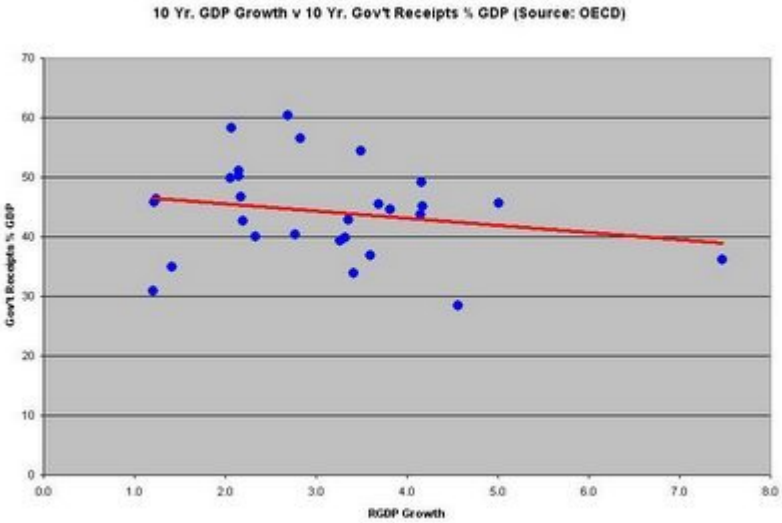
RGDP Growth Rate
Gov't Spending % GDP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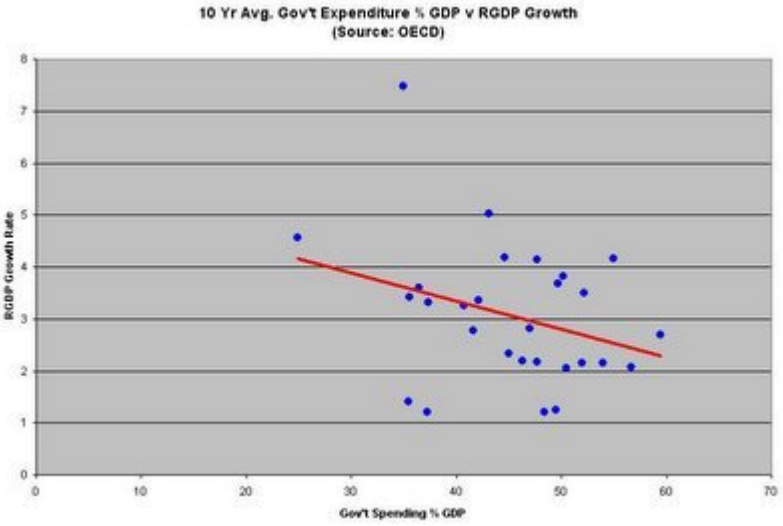
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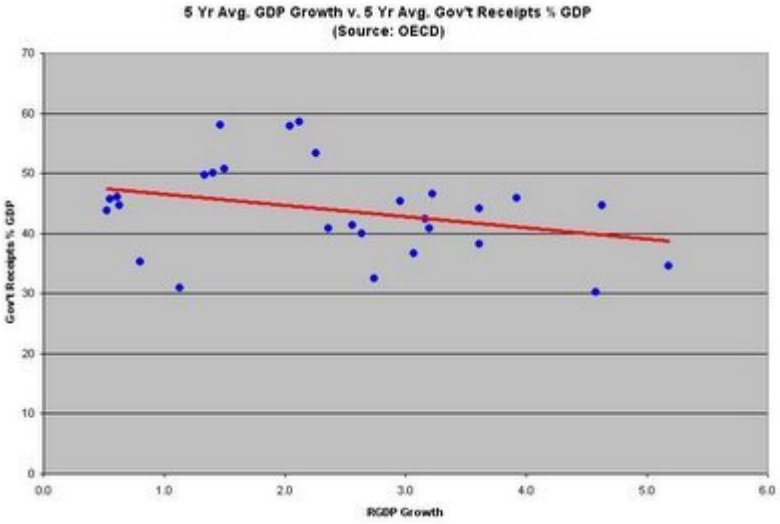
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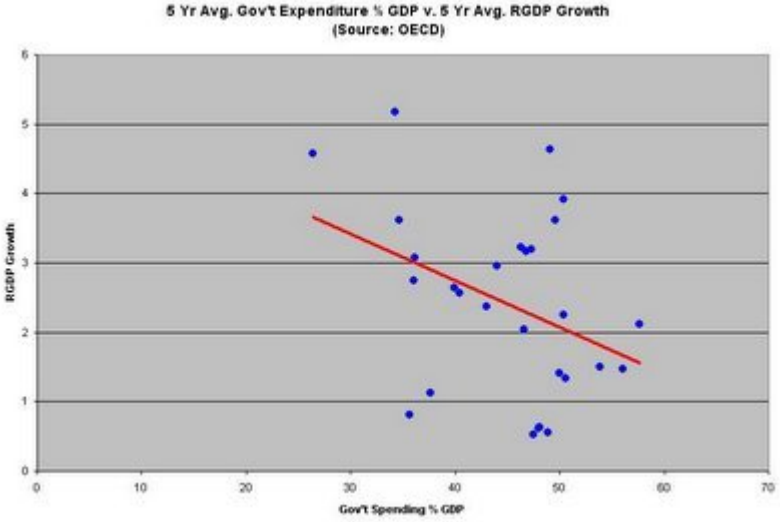
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Go Ahead, Make My Day

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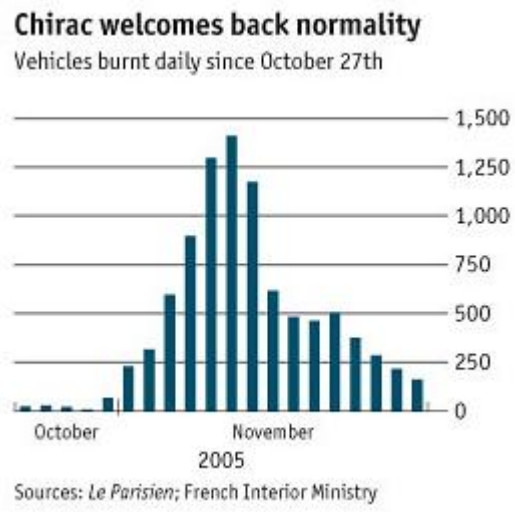

from The Economist again.

I would love to see disgruntled North African and Muslim youth just try to pull this schtick here. Heck, I'd love to see disgurntled youth in general try to pull off this stuff here. Because something tells me that despite attempts to have femininity brow beaten into the American Male and to have us brainwashed into sensitive 90's type pansies, I still think we'd just start shooting these scum bags.

Private Pension Funding

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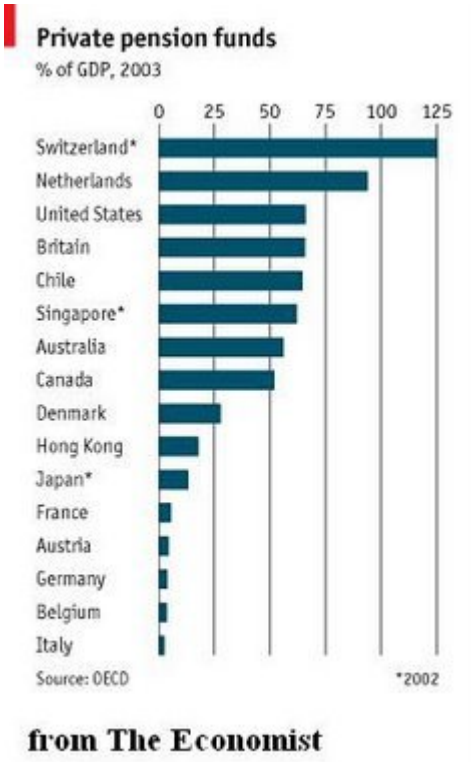
OK, as much as I complain about the inevitable crash of the US pension system (government and private), it would really suck to be Italy, Germany or France. And they're all bucking Government debt as a % of GDP of 100%+.



Yeah, go socialism.

Fodder for Socialists

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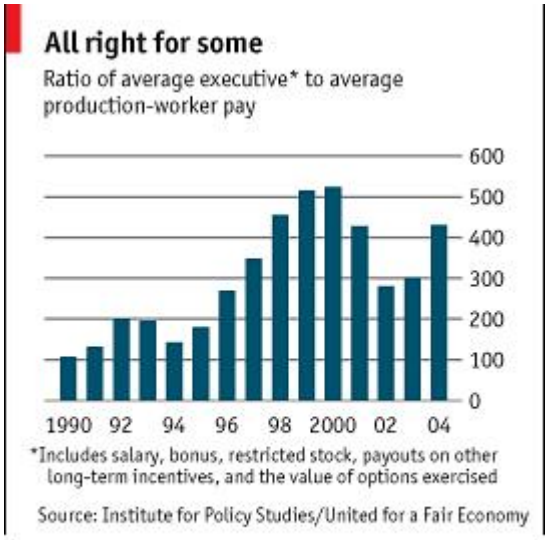

From The Economist

I know why this chart is irrelevant, but it is interesting and when you hear the socialists use their sound byte "evil rich corporate executives" blah blah blah, now you'll know what they're talking about.

Although, I seriously question whether they know what they're talking about.

Pity the Man Who Lives in Portland

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Mercy.

Portland.

What a crappy city.

10% unemployment. Homeless wandering around. And that free bike program where they tried to emulate Holland I think it was. Yeah, that worked out in stars.

I mean with New York, Los Angeles and Chicago you at least have a megalopolis that provides you with the best the world has to offer.

But Portland? You have all the draw backs of a large city and none of the benefits.

Now, just imagine being a capitalist and living in this socialist enclave.

Such is the sad situation for Captain Arbyte.

Visit him and send him an e-mail some time. I'd hate to see the Oregon weather get to him and have him go into a funk.

Oh, and be sure to mention how much you like his new Babe-Magnet Buick LaCrosse.

Look in the Mirror

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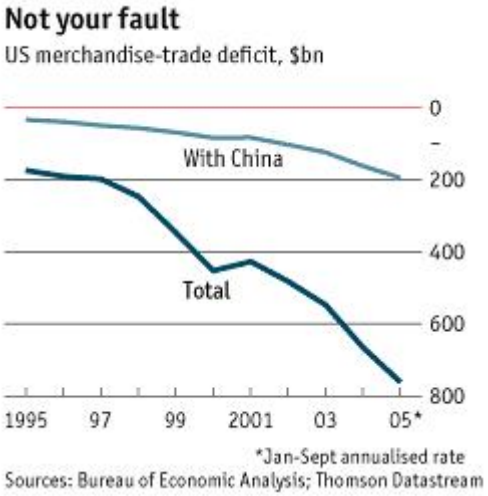
For all the China bashers out there about how it's China's fault we have this huge trade deficit, please refer to the actual data before letting your emotions trump your intellect.



Hmmm. approaching $1 trillion.
From The Economist

Going Nuts

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I just had to post this.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4489792.stm

Perfect Example of Bias

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OK, this article is the perfect example of bias and how the left let's its ideology form its truth instead of the truth forming its ideology.

First, you have this poll "commissioned by WakeUpWalMart.com, a union-funded group"

Stop right there.

It's worthless. You needn't read any further.

It's like saying;

"A poll commissioned by Captain Capitalism to determine who is the world's sexiest man is found that 98% of the people found Captain Capitalism to be the world's sexiest man."

Second, WHO GIVES A DAMN IF 59% OF THE PEOPLE THINK WAL-MART IS BAD FOR AMERICA!

Here's a clue for all you people so concerned about choice and hate Wal-Mart;

THEN DON'T SHOP THERE!!!! You go pay inflated prices to support the Ma and Pa stores. The rest of us will enjoy a higher standard of living.

Third, those out there who THINK Wal-Mart is bad for America, are morons. You're talking auto-union IQ's here where they don't take the time to be intellectually honest and research the basic economic principals of purchasing power and trade. They're sheople just regurgitating the juice fed to them by their leftist overlords and just want to bitch and complain.

One of the best things to happen to the US economy to help raise standards of living for all people, especially the poor. An invention that is on par I'd say with the internet and the left just can't stand it and has to try to besmirch it.

I am finding it harder and harder to believe that the left is misled as much as it is evil.

Confidence Over Fear

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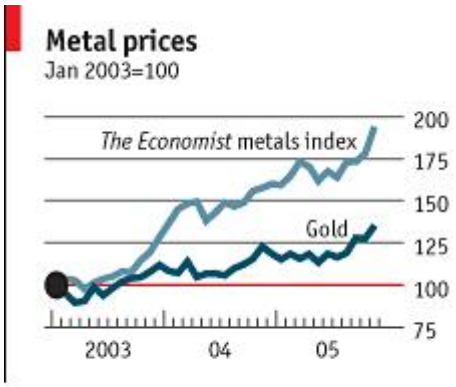
It's seems global growth is contributing more to the increase in industrial metals than fear of the dollar's future is contributing to the use of gold as a safe haven.



from The Economist

Teenage Suicide, Don't Do It

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So only those of Generation X is going to get that one...because, like everybody knows "Teenage Suicide, Don't Do It" is the number one song on the air.

But for those of you a little older or younger, fret not, for it's not about the movie Heathers. But it is about suicide.

Not that I was in a particularly macabre mood, specifically looking for this data, but it just happened upon me; suicide rates by country.

Now what caught my eye is that the WHO ranked it by the MALE suicide rate, presumably because men commit the vast majority of suicides (you'll have to click on the chart to make it legible).

This alone is evidence to me that women drive men crazy, particularly in the former Soviet Union and socialist, developed European countries.

But curiosity got the best of me and so I re-ranked them based on the FEMALE suicide rate.

Somewhat of a correlation, Russian Federation and former Soveit Bloc countries there. As well as a good showing for the developed world in Europe.

And then curiosity got me again. If I really wanted to know which country the women were driven men the maddest, I should calculate the ratio of male suicides to female suicides, resulting in this;

Seems in Kuwait men and women drive each other equally mad while America's poor

ranking further convinces me American women at the behest of Glamour Mag and Women's Studies Departments are the instigators in the majority of cases. But, good lord, stay the hell out of Belize gentlemen.

All this being said, suicide is a serious problem and it should not be made light of.

Dreadful etiquette. I apologize.

HAR!!!!

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I should have posted this on Thanksgiving

http://sinfest.net/d/20050601.html

How the OECD is like Hot Redheaded Economist Babes that Like to Play Halo

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So another article in The Economist about how property markets are overvalued. They seem to have one every three issues. However, instead of quoting the regular ol' House Price to Rents or House Price to Income ratios, they took a report from the OECD which (adjusting for other factors) showed how over/underpriced housing was in different countries.

From The Economist

The report in the OECD was a little older and the above figures were updated by The Economist, so I went and looked for the original report.

Now if any of you know about data mining in the OECD you might as well look for a girl with a doctorate in economics who is a Microsoft Certified Halo Champion and dresses up in french maid outfits. Because these French geniuses who compile an amazing amount of economic data are idiots when it comes to organizing it or making it easy for normal people who land a date every once in a while to find it.

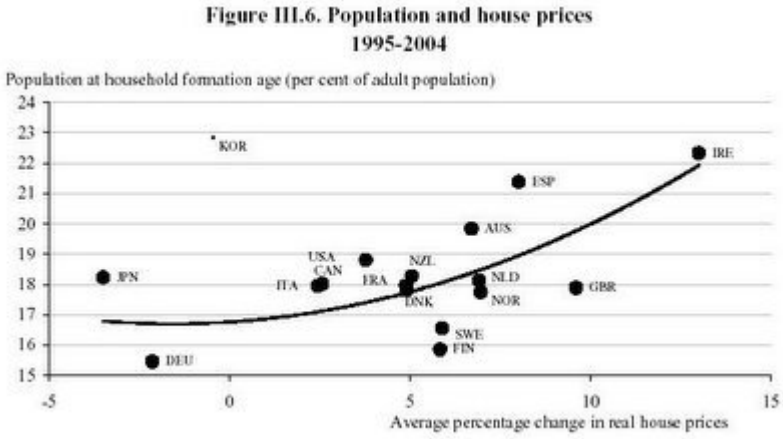
Thus, as with many of my trips to the OECD, it's like Best Buy;

No, they didn't have what I was specifically looking for, but I found some other stuff that I liked.

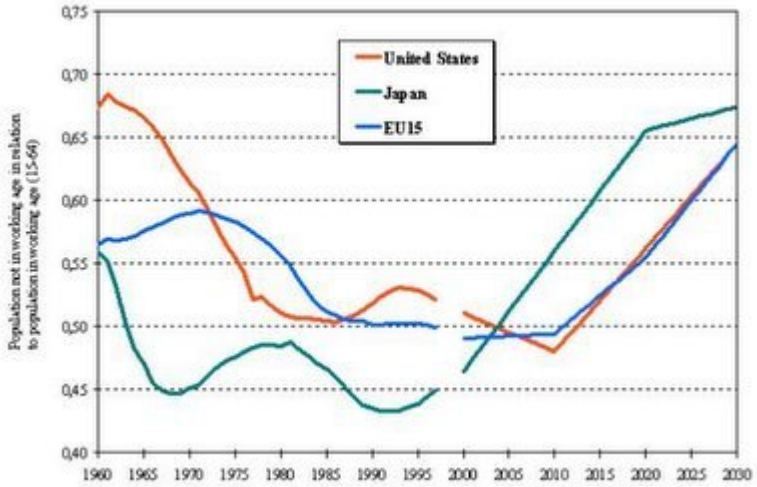
Particularly this report:

http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/40/6/35816576.pdf

which has some good sh!t in it and particularly this chart that correlates home purchasing age with average increase in housing prices, suggesting the relationship between the proportion of a country's population that is of home buying age and housing prices.



Now, like Emril, you kick it up a notch and throw in a little dependency ratio action;



and the fact that the Baby Boomers (across Europe and the US) are going to retire, sell their homestead and secondary houses when they go into assistent living/nursing home, thus adding more supply to a housing market, and

BAAAM!(or whatever the hell he says)

I think, I THINK, it may just add some downward pressure on housing prices.

"SS" is an Appropriate Abbreviation for Social Security

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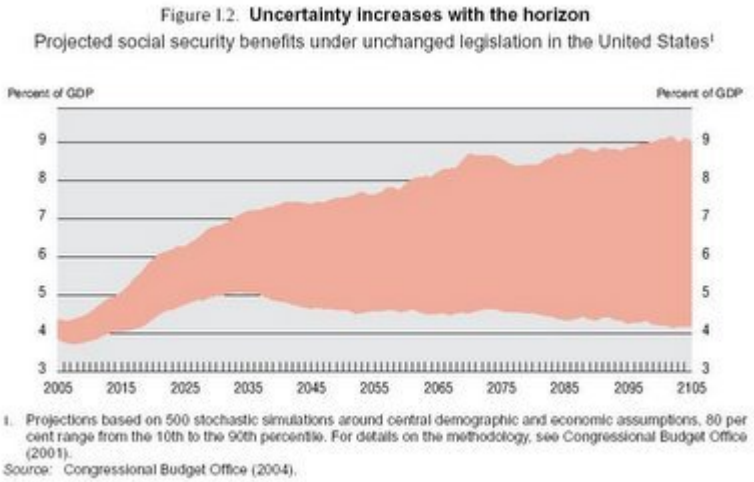

And "Gestapo" or "Nazi" or "Cancer" would be an appropriate surname for AARP as far as I'm concerned.

What Did I Tell You About China

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When a people wishes to work hard to avoid poverty, as opposed to sit on their ass and expect society to provide everything for them whilst they watch Dawson's Creek, WTF did you think was going to happen.

I'm going to brush up on my Mandarin.

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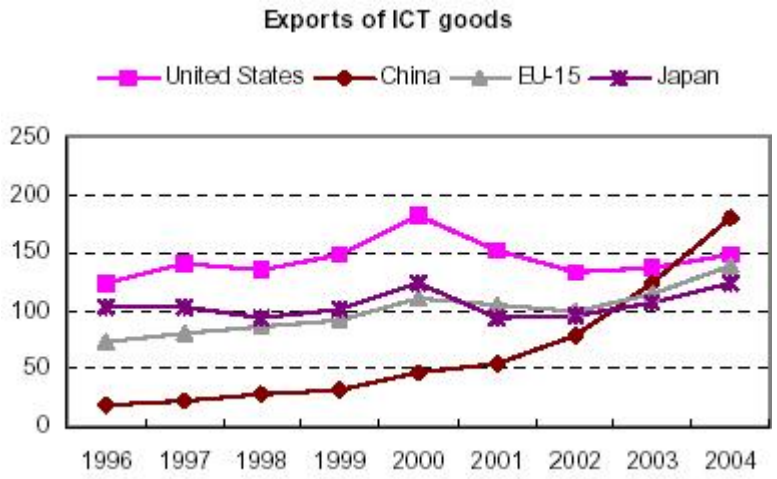

Google is Overvalued, Period

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So I've now had about 3 seperate people ask me about Google and what I think about Google.

Look, people, did we forget so quickly the lessons learned in 1999?

Right now at Google's share price of $420 it has a market cap of $82 billion. That is worth more than Dell Computers, Goldman Sachs, General Dynamic and Target.

It's a freaking web site people.

More Proof of a Politically Incorrect Theory

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Hell, it's a law.

Leftists are just nowhere near as attractive as us Righties.

Hey, chicas, little less protesting and food stamps and a little more stair master.

When You Meet Her

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I fathom when I inevitably meet the legendary redheaded, lingerie wearing, video game playing babe economist it'll go something like this;

http://www.ctrlaltdel-online.com/comic.php?d=20030115

The Economics of Diamonds

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Having trouble trying to find that special gift for that special woman in your life?

http://sinfest.net/d/20001224.html

Somebody explain to me the economic rationale for diamonds? As far as my thinking takes me, it's basically just payment for prostitution. Am I wrong?

Failed Economic Genius

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So I was cleaning out my inbox when I happened upon this little e-mail I had sent to cute little number in an attempt to get some kisses from her.

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Being the economist, I thought it wise to show you
just how important your kisses are to the global
economy, international trade and the fight against
poverty.  For you see, you refusing to sell your
kisses on the international markets would be like the
following countries refusing to offer their
specialized wares/services;

Switzerland, chocolates
Japan, Cars
French, Cowardice
Idaho, Potatoes
Florida, Oranges
Hollywood, Movies
Mexico, Illegal Immigrants
Antarctica, Penguins
Taiwan, Electronics
Italy, Fashion
Chicago, Blues
Australia, Koala's
North Korea, Nuclear Arms
Iran, Terrorism
Saudi, Arabia Oil
Palestine, Suicide Bombers
London, Bad dental services
Germans, Beer
Ireland, drop dead gorgeous men, unrivalled kissing-training
services
Russia, Vodka
Chile, Wine
Iceland...uhh...Ice

This lowers standards of living by requiring other
countries to produce all the goods and services they
wish to consume, regardless of how inefficient they
are at producing it.
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Thus, as you can plainly see your kisses are vital to the economy and advancement of society. I wish it were different, but alas one of the key revelations you have when studying economics is that your personal desires have no bearing on the natural forces of the market and economics. Sorry.

Here's a link to provide you with a basic tutorial in Ricardian trade theory.

http://internationalecon.com/v1.0/ch40/ch40.html

PURE GENIUS I SAY TO USE RICARDIAN TRADE THEORY TO PICK UP A CHICK!!!

I just can't figure out how it failed!

Oooo! Dat's Gotta Hurt!

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OK, so Osama's niece is going to model and show a little skin. And frankly, I won't lie to you, yes, those western infidel men are going to look at her and drool over her, and I'll be the first in line.

That's just gotta piss him off...that's if he wasn't in some rock somewhere where the only communication he has is mule transported paper and he had access to modern day media.

http://www.smh.com.au/news/people/meet-osamas-niece/2005/12/23/1135032164860.html

Would Have Never Guessed

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I will tirade later about the year 2005 in retrospect, but this was brought to my attention;

http://www.bestplaces.net./docs/studies/DatingCities.aspx

So when I bitch about Minneapolis being such a crap hole for courting, you know I'm not just complaining.

Fat Chicks

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So tis the holiday season and what gets me is the hypocrisy of the women at my office.

All Fall the top two topics of coversation were;

1. "Oh, My GOD! Did you see what happened on Desperate Housewives?"

2. Points.

Now, at first, when I heard the ladies talking about "Points" I thought there was this outside chance they were referring to the Band of Brothers episode when the troops were determining whether they had earned enough points to go home.

Of course, I was foolish to think that it was anything as historically high-brow or relevant as this.

For it turned out that the "points' they were talking about were Jenny Craig points.

Girl 1 - "Oh my God! did you know how many points are in a Chipolte fajita's shell? 14!"

Girl 2 - "NO!!!!"

Girl 1 - "Yeah!"

Girl 2 - "Like OMG, no way!"

Meanwhile, I'm reading an article about how China finances our current account deficit, thereby keeping interest rates artifically low, thus arguably inflating our property prices, and all I can think is

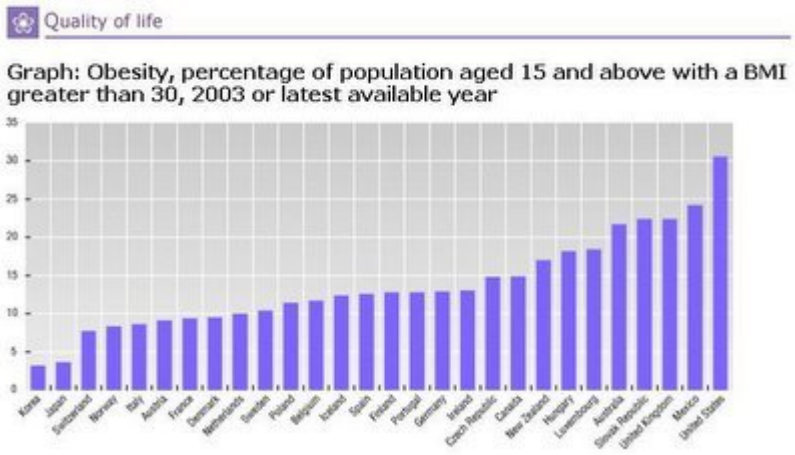
"somebody get me a muzzle."

Anyway, so the ladies of the office are all on some diet kick. Seems everybody is dieting. And truth be known, there are some ladies who aren't just flabbing their gums. Several ladies have lost significant wieght (one woman 75 pounds, another 35) and thus I tip my hat to them.

But for the remaining 46 of them and all their hyperbole about points and dieting and working out, I can't buy it, for it has happened now on several occasions where they'll talk about how they wish they were skinnier, how they are watching their "points" and how

they're working out, and I KID YOU NOT within 30 seconds they're stuffing their face with all the holiday candy and junk food laying around.

Which reminded me of a fancy chart I saw;



Happy Holidays

Interesting Housing Charts

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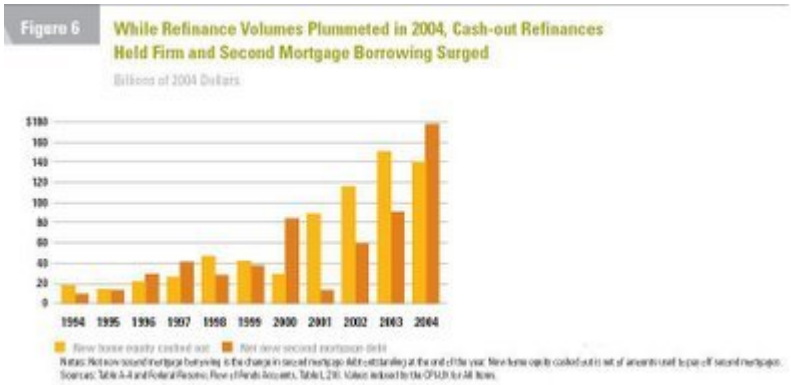
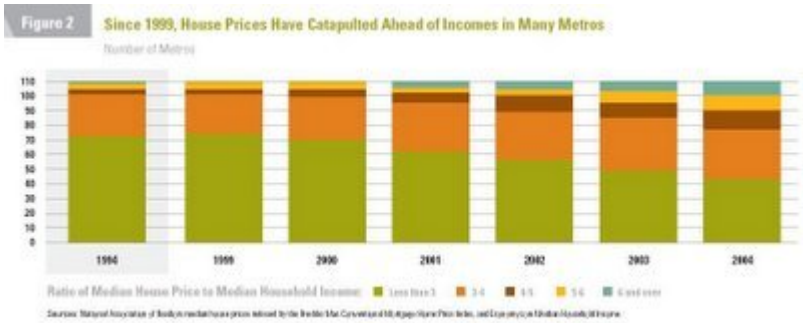
Happened upon these charts whilst looking to buy some property in the Black Hills area. Hard to find Price to Rents data in the more rural parts of South Dakota. Most of them come from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies "State of Housing" Report. The report itself was superb until about half way through it they totally started taking this typical leftist, academian slant, tailoring the report to show how minorities are lagging behind their white counterparts, and woe is them, and oh if we only gave minorities more of a leg up, blah blah blah.

Regardless the charts are good, my favorite of which is at the bottom;

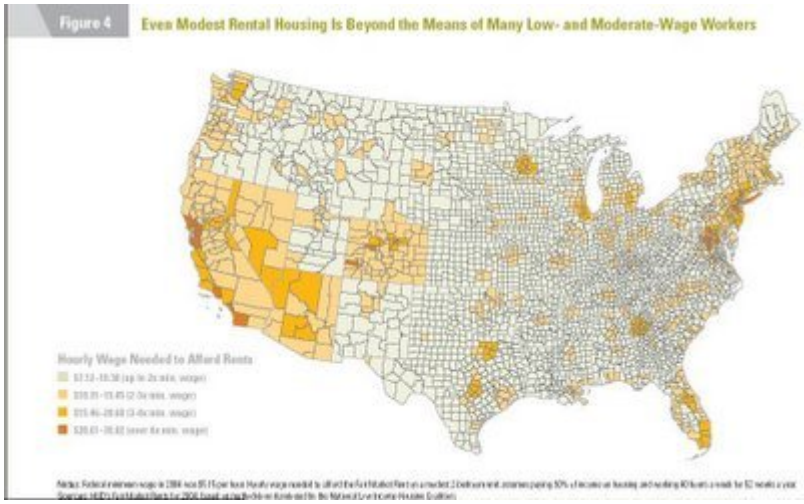
This one is scary as hell.



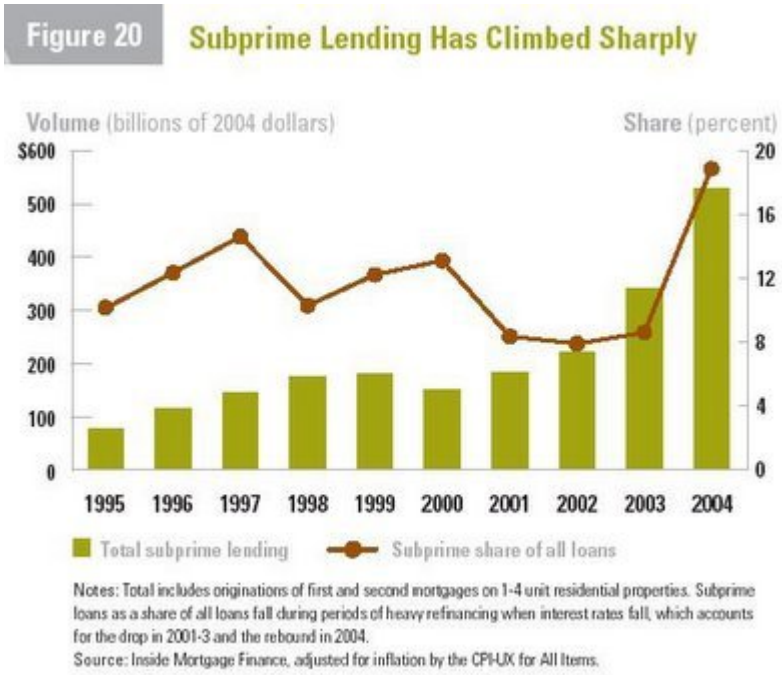
This doesn't make things look better.



This tells me that morons live on the coast...but if you looked at voting pattern chart of the US, it would tell you the same.



This just tells me there's a lot more people applying for HEL's and ARM's to finance their trailer home or mobile homes.



This tells me I should move my tiny white ass out of this bitch ass cold state and move to Atlanta and find me a southern belle.

Metro area	Average condo price	÷	Average annual rent	=	Price-to-rent ratio
San Francisco	$697,301		$1,532 (x12)		38
New York City	$654,570		$1,495 (x12)		36
San Diego	$431,064		$1,182 (x12)		30
Phoenix	$234,400		$683 (x12)		29
Seattle	$268,786		$816 (x12)		27
Baltimore	$309,090		$941 (x12)		27
Los Angeles	$433,135		$1,321 (x12)		27
Washington, D.C.	$356,715		$1,125 (x12)		26
Miami	$276,904		$900 (x12)		26
Tampa	$227,096		$755 (x12)		25
St. Louis	$192,570		$685 (x12)		23
Boston	$402,241		$1,457 (x12)		23
Chicago	$253,236		$944 (x12)		22
Las Vegas	$185,392		$770 (x12)		20
Houston	$145,442		$648 (x12)		19
Denver	$165,764		$740 (x12)		19
Minneapolis	$202,703		$915 (x12)		18
Atlanta	$159,000		$790 (x12)		17
Dallas	$137,912		$706 (x12)		16
Philadelphia	$171,213		$943 (x12)		15

Note: Metro-area condo prices and rents reflect transactions for the first half of 2005, except New York and Boston, for which only first-quarter data were available.
Sources: DataQuick, Northeast Apartment Advisors, Torto Wheaton Research, Zip Realty.

It Ain't Worth it People

December 29, 2005 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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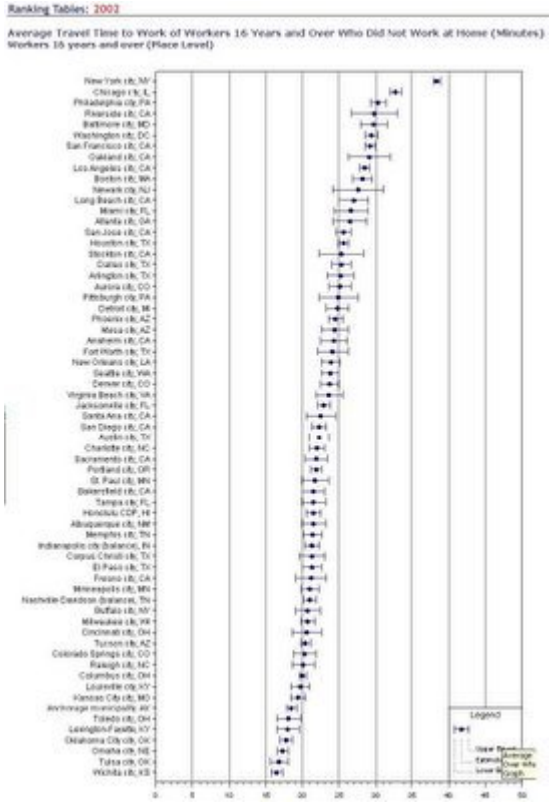
One of the first things I tried to instill in my economics students is this concept of being "finite."

You are going to die. You will end. You get one shot at this and thus;

Time is literally your only asset.

How you choose to spend your time is what will largely determine whether you lead a full and accomplished life...or whether you piss it away watching TV, saying no to dates. saying no to dances, rearing children, not trying new things or staying at home because you're too afraid to go out and live life.

But this is just an inexcusable and pathetic waste of a precious resource;



Do You Hear That?

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It's called "The Winds of Change."

http://upi.com/NewsTrack/view.php?StoryID=20051231-085021-8823r

The "Why" is Irrelevant…and Probably Stupid

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OK, I'm putting an end to this.

Young aspiring male economist romanciers, I am going to educate you on a lesson that is arguably the most important lesson I ever figured out in courting the ladies. It is a lesson that is going to make your courting life a HELL of a lot easier. And I am being 100% totally serious when I say it is a VITAL lesson to learn for I have seen many a-aspiring male economist romanciers go through unneeded and undeserved pain and strife.

Read these comics in order;

http://sinfest.net/d/20020105.html

http://sinfest.net/d/20020109.html

http://sinfest.net/d/20020111.html

OK so this has happened to all of us and recently happened to a friend of mine (which triggered this post). Not to say that we've all had a date go "Oh my God, Dawson Creek is on" and then split on the date. But we all have been in the situation where we;

1. Land a date
2. Get excited about the date
3. And then either the date bails on us at the last minute or is no longer interested after the first date.

The problem is what happens after the girl bails on us or rejects us.

Note how Slick (the kid in the comic) responds in the last strip. He's kicking a can saying, "If I only…If I just….Maybe if I…."

And there's the problem right there.

It is this instantaneous, knee-jerk reaction that when a girl bails on us, men immediately and by default look at ourselves and say,

"*Gosh, what did I do. Maybe if I did this, or maybe if I did that. What did I say? How could I improve.*"

And I too was in your situation as a young 24 year old when a girl cancelled on me on the

last minute. And whilst racking my brain and replaying the events in order to find out what it was that I did wrong that caused her to bail, it then suddenly dawned on me;

WAIT A MINUTE, WHO SAID IT WAS MY FAULT?????

This revolutionary thinking totally changed the premise by actually admitting that maybe, maybe the problem wasn't the guy, but rather the girl. That maybe, it's just possible, that a man can play all of his cards right and the girl might be the one to fumble the ball.

Look at our young friend, Slick. How could an objective observer possibly blame Slick for the failure of the date?

So here's the rule gentlemen, it doesn't matter why the girl bails. **The "why" is irrelevant. The only thing that matters is what "is."** If the girl bails on you, don't rack your brain trying to find out why, you can't! The only thing you can do is accept what "is."

Furthermore, I want you to understand that the "why" is probably and most certainly stupid. The girl gets cold feet. The girl didn't want to go out with you in the first place, but just couldn't hurt your feelings. Dawson's Creek is on. Etc. Whatever the case, I can practically guarantee you that 100% of the time when a girl bails, cancels, etc., her reasoning is flawed and stupid. And that if you were to actually find out the "why" you would probably roll your eyes in disgust.

Alas, the whole benefit of this revelation is that you no longer have to piss away calories of energy, time, effort and thought trying to figure out why. You just accept and move on. Furthermore, there is the confidence that chances are it probably isn't you with the problem, and I am totally serious and I'll say it again, you will find out that, yeah, the VAST majority of the time it's not you, but the girl that has issues.

Of course, **this whole theory is contingent on you playing your cards right and making sure you don't have a problem**. And that means behaving in a manner or being a person that you are proud of. Being a gentleman. Being polite. Being somebody that you can look at and say, "If a girl turns this type of person down, then obviously she is the one that's ef'd up."

I personally aim my best to mimmick a WWII officer and gentleman. I mean, that's pretty safe. What possible rationale would a woman have to reject a WWII, 1940's, Cary Grantish gentleman? Thus, for me, when the girl can't make it because "her hair isn't dry" (I'm not kidding, I received this excuse MORE THAN ONCE IN 2005!!!!), I can sit back in confidence and say, "you know, I played that one pretty good. I was polite. I wasn't pushy. I was charismatic and funny on the phone. I was borderline Private Ryan with an element of Gregory Peck...this girl has issues."

So do yourselves a favor men, make a resolution for 2006. Resolve that you're not going to rack your brains over things that aren't your fault. Be a gentleman, be a good guy, be an upstanding dude. And if the ladies can't appreciate that, then we know whose fault that is.

Real GDP Per Capita

January 4, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

JTapp, our young Lieutenant friend in our southern climes who defends the US with his mechanical abilities has impressed me for within one week of me discovering a web site, he discovered it as well.

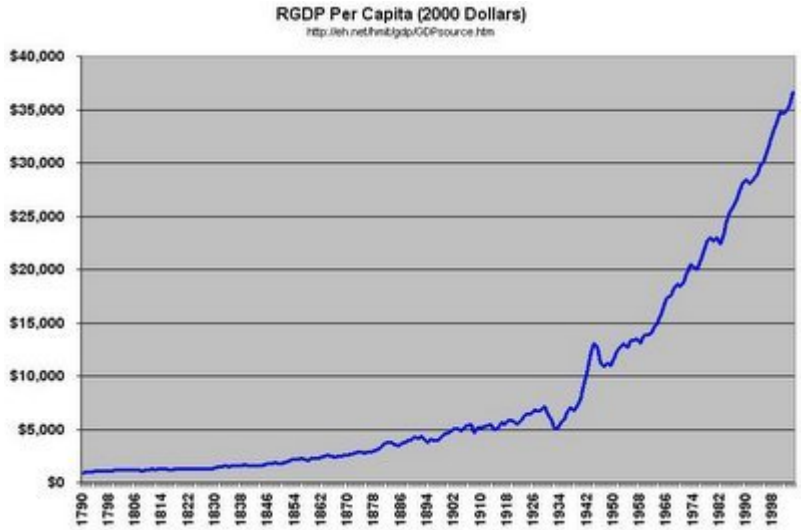
http://www.eh.net/

And so while I normally just cite the website or source of my data, this web site is actually cool enough that it warrants being referenced.

However, my original intention of going to this site was to look up another curiosity of mine and that is how the primary and best measure of standards of living has fared over the course of time; Real GDP Per Capita.

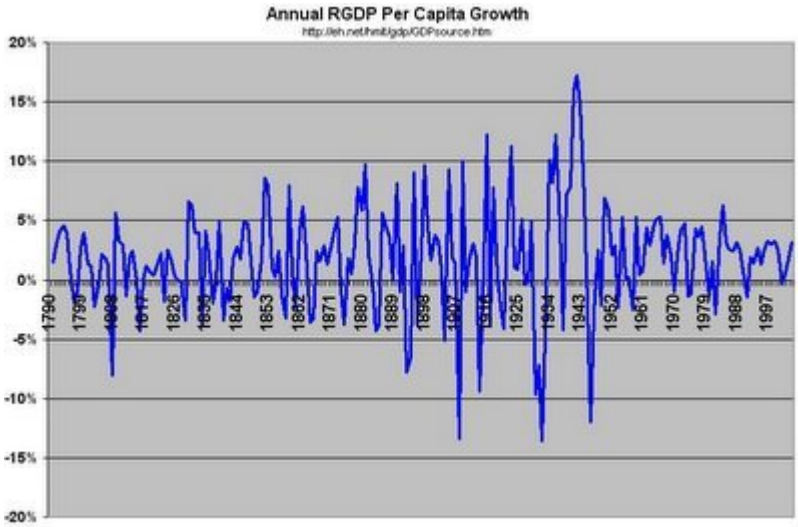
Of course communist weaklings, incapable of living and supporting themselves in the real world will advance their ulterior motive and call RGDP per capita a flawed measure of standards of living and will instead insist on using crap measures such as "the Human Development Index."

But they are public sector and non-profit wimps, and therefore rather than using their HDI which has been with us a whole whopping 5 or 10 years, we will use the adult measure of RGDP per Capita which has been with us (in one way or another) since the beginning of the country;

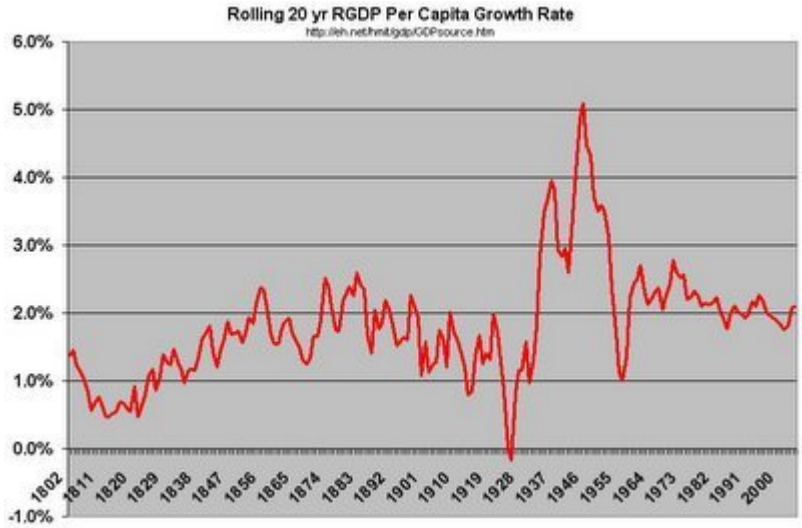


The chart itself is very interesting, note the dramatic drop and then recovery in the Great Depression and WWII. But what I was more curious about was whether we as a country have been improving our standards of living at a faster or slower rate compared to other generations. Thus I calculated the annual change in RGDP per Capita since the beginning

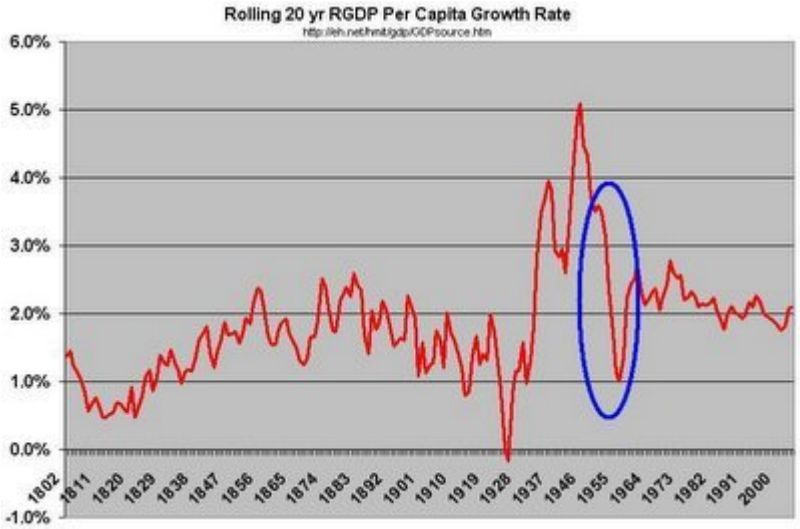
of the country;



Of course, the length of the data and inherent volatility of economics allows for no discernable trend, so I did a rolling 20 year average.

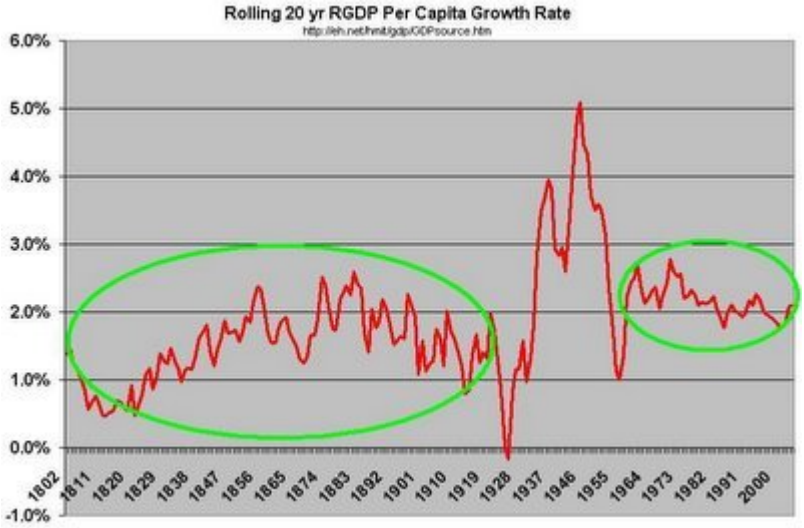


This is where it gets interesting. Notice that for most of the country's existence RGDP per capita grew at about 1.5% or so on the average. Then the Great Depression hit, naturally bringing down standards of living. A rapid increase in RGDP per capita occured when we recovered from the Great Depression. This extremely high growth rate was due to the fact we were coming from such a lowered standard of living that growth rates mathematically were high and the economic boom that WWII brought about. What gets particularly interesting is when RGDP per capita just tanks in the 1950's.



This at first didn't make any sense to me. The 1950's were booming. Economic growth had not been rivalled like that ever in the history of the US. Why were standards of living dropping?

The answer can be found by looking at the "Pre-Great Depression" average growth rate in RGDP per capita and the "Post- WWII" average growth rate in RGDP per capita.



Note that after WWII the standards of living had been increasing at a consistent rate higher than ever before. Traditionally US RGDP per capita grew at about 1.5% per year on the average. After WWII the average was 2%, a full half a percentage point higher.

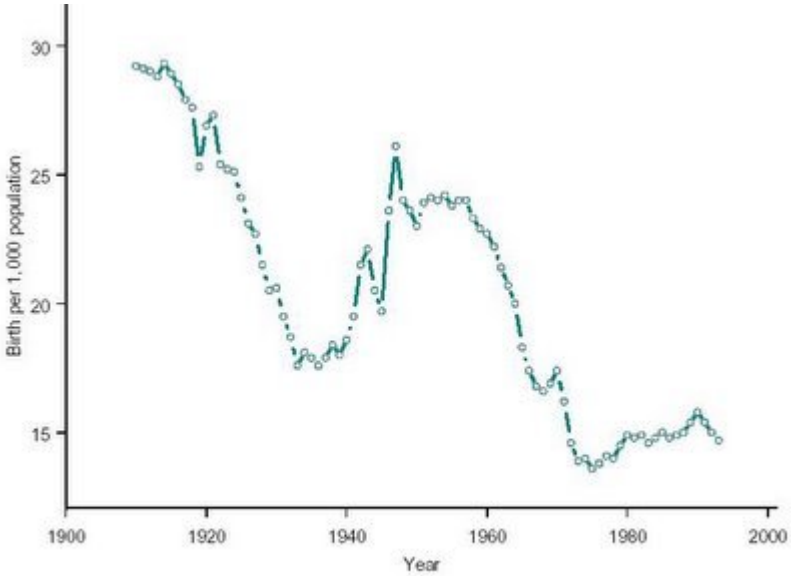
Savvy liberals and socialists desperate for data that "proves" their economic system works will immediately point out that before WWII and the Great Depression taxes were a mere fraction of what they are today. That after we implemented welfare, social security, and the bevy of other socialist programs standards of living increased at a faster rate, ergo, socialism rules.

Silly socialists.

For you see, there is a different variable that is at play here. And when I say "variable" I

should really say "virus" or "sickness" or "epidemic." A plague that has thwarted mankind's attempt to increase their standards of living. A curse that explains the precipitous and contradictory drop in the RGDP per capita growth rate despite a booming economy in the 50's and explains why standards of living are growing faster than they ever have before in the history of the US;

Children.



Birth Rate, United States, 1900 - 1993.
Source: Mitchell (1998).

Yes, children. The agricultural economic equivalent to locust. The more children you have, the more capita you have to divide that RGDP by. It should not be a shock that Ethiopia, Somalia and other sh!tholes in the world that have incomes per capita of $500 per year coincidentally have fertility rates of 6-7 children per woman. It should also not shock you that when the Baby Boom took place, standards of living tanked.

The reverse holds true as well as evidenced by the historically low birth rates in the 1970's to today. The less kids you have, the more RGDP you get to keep for yourself (or for you Jensenite I-bankers out there, the more shares of stock you issue, the more diluted your earnings become). Of course, this sadly points out something we already know; we don't owe our higher standards of living to working harder or smarter or advances in technology. And we certainly don't owe it to the volumes of sociology majors and communcations majors we're producing. We owe it because we're smart enough to make sure the denominator in RGDP per capita stays low.

The Advent of the SUV's Has No Affect on Oil Prices

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I'm more and more convinced that the defining characteristic or trait of a liberal or leftists is that they disregard the truth to believe in whatever they want.

If it sounds good, shifts blame from me, and advances my cause, then screw whatever the truth is.

Alas, we here at Captain Capitalism know that the closer you follow and act on the truth (and implement fiscal and monetary policies that are based in facts) the more successful a person, a life and a country you will be (as Evo Morales and the people of Bolivia are soon to find out in reverse).

So when I read this;

and at heavily subsidised prices to boot. Furthermore, oil prices are unlikely to stay this high over the long term. China's economic growth, which has created much of the demand that has boosted oil prices over the past two years, is still strong, but American consumers seem finally to be rethinking their love affair with gas-guzzling cars and trucks. And members of the OPEC oil producers' cartel are likely to boost their capacity if prices stay high. Oil companies are avidly looking for new fields, and ways to get more out of existing ones, as well as new sources of oil such as shale and tar sands.

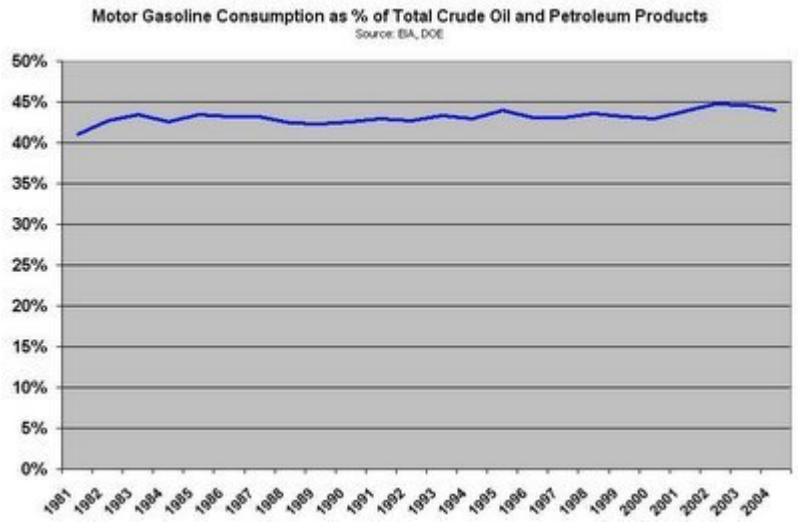
in The Economist, it made me think, "gee, with all the other cars, factories, power plants, etc. that use and consume oil for its energy, do SUV's really have that much of an effect on gas prices?"

Now it becomes tricky because there isn't any data out there that breaks down how much gas was used to fill up SUV's versus cars. And I could go out and look at all the cars produced versus all the SUV"s produced, then also account for all the used cars, and then extrapolate an estimate of how much gas was being used by SUV's versus cars, but that would be too combersome and inaccurate.

Besides, it turned out to be unecessary. Because sometimes other related data will give you your answer. And I found my answer at the Department of Energy. Here, they list total crude oil and petroleum products used in the US going back to 1981. They break this down then between airplane fuel, power plants, heating oil, etc., including total motor gasoline consumption.

I calculated the percent of total crude oil and petroleum products that was used in motor gasoline comsumption, thinking that if SUV's really were to blame for higher oil prices, then we'd see an upward trend, showing that as SUV's guzzled more and more gas, then motor gasoline would consume a higher and higher percentage of our total petroleum consumption.

Well, here you go.



It seems that the advent of SUV's has had no discernable effect on the demand for oil relative to other users of oil. Motor gasoline still consumes roughly 43% of all petroleum, just as it has the past 20 years. Of course, cars have become more fuel efficient, and one could make a good argument that SUV's counter this, but the net effect is nothing. SUV's haven't bolstered oil prices as much as stabilized them.

Well at Least We're Sexier than Them

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And I thought economists were geeks.

http://www.cnn.com/2006/EDUCATION/01/04/largest.prime.number.ap/index.html

What possible practical application does this have?

My Future Wife

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For My Loyal Readers and AM 1500 listeners;

Loyal Readers, do not fret, I know this doesn't make sense, but it is for a radio show i'm doing on Sunday. Please refrain from making any commentary until Monday.

AM 1500 listeners, this is the girl I'm talking about.

Wafah Watch

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OK, so those of you who have known me in the past month or so, know that I am a big fan of Wafah Dafour (Osama Bin Laden's niece) for obvious reasons. What gets me is this girl has no official site and quite frankly for such a drop dead gorgeous creature with such notoriety, not a lot of press or pictures.

That's why, to do my part to piss off Osama Bin Sheep F#cker and be a patriotic American, I'm officially instituting "Wafah Watch," which actually shouldn't be all that painful to do. Should I happen upon any more pictures of this gorgeous work of art, I will post them here. These are the latest I've come across;

Hillary is a Socialist. PERIOD

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http://www.observer.com/thepoliticker/2006/01/clinton-and-belafonte.html

Look, democrats, I'm going to do you a favor. Don't run Hillary in 2008. She's a socialist. Everybody except you see through her...then again you probably think the rest of America wants socialism. Only the lazy people, my fellow democrats, only the lazy people.

Unsustainable and Not Real

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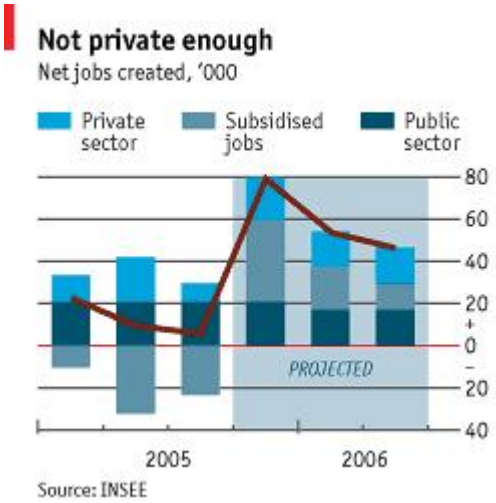
I love this chart from The Economist. Shows you that the majority of the jobs created recently in France have been due to the government (public sector and subsidized). Problem with that is that since the government does not adhere to the demands and desires of the market, all it does is redistribute money from people who would have spent it on what they wanted (thereby maximizing utility and standards of living) and give it to people/employers to create jobs that aren't necessarily in demand, resulting in less production, wealth and utility.



You can expect France to forever trail behind the US.

And You Thought Dotcoms Were Overvalued

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High oil prices seemed to have translated in the Holland Tulip Bulb insanity in the middle east.

Sorry for the Delay

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My apologies for a lack of posts, I had to prep for another radio show. I am told I am one of the 4 finalists in the Next Big Thing competition at AM 1500. There is an actual paying gig to whoever wins.

I made a bunch of posts below, short as I'm short on time, but I think you'll like the charts (not that you wouldn't anyway, because how CAN'T you like charts!?)

Wulf the Teacher

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I was kind of toying with the idea that I might want to teach. Knocked out enough hours in the profit world and thought that if I could instill some basic rules of economics, personal financial management and fiscal austerity in a generation of kids, then I'd have done my part to shore up the future finances of the country.

Then I substitute taught.

Good lord, you want to know where my pure hatred for public schools and teachers comes from, just go and substitute teach for a little bit.

And don't substitute teach because you can't find a job or because you think it's a cake walk. In other words, don't substitute teach for you. No, I want you to go and teach with the idealistic notion that you are to help actually educate the children. That your purpose there is to do your best to make sure they don't miss out on an interesting or important lesson in life.

And then you will see why all public schools must be destroyed.

For while there is a bumper sticker/saying in the Minneapolis public school district;

"Good schools, Great Kids; Minneapolis Public Schools"

You'd find out over the course of subbing that it should really say;

"Crappy, Absentee Parents = Dumbest, Most Retarded Children, + Lazy, Self-Serving Teachers = Biggest Pissing Away of Tax Payer's Money; The Minneapolis Public Schools"

(And I have the proof to prove this!)

Anyway, that's why I have respect for Wulf the Teacher.

Wulf is a science teacher and a conservative one at that. Although I've always noticed teachers of science and mathematics always lean to the right because they deal with reality, not theory. Regardless, how he or anybody else that is sane can tolerate teaching is beyong me. I seriously wanted to beat some of those kids and their parents senseless with multiple baseball bats, and I'm not joking about that either.

Anyway, he also posts at Atlas Blogged, a sharp syndicate of bloggers. Pay young Wulf a visit, he might teach you a thing or two.

Terrorists and Leftists DO Have this in Common

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Read this

http://www.atlasblogged.com/archives/2006/01/angela_bradbery.php

And then read this (albeit lengthy)

http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com/2005/07/what-terrorists-and-leftists-have-in.html

and then tell me I'm not right.

Economics is Becoming Less Volatile

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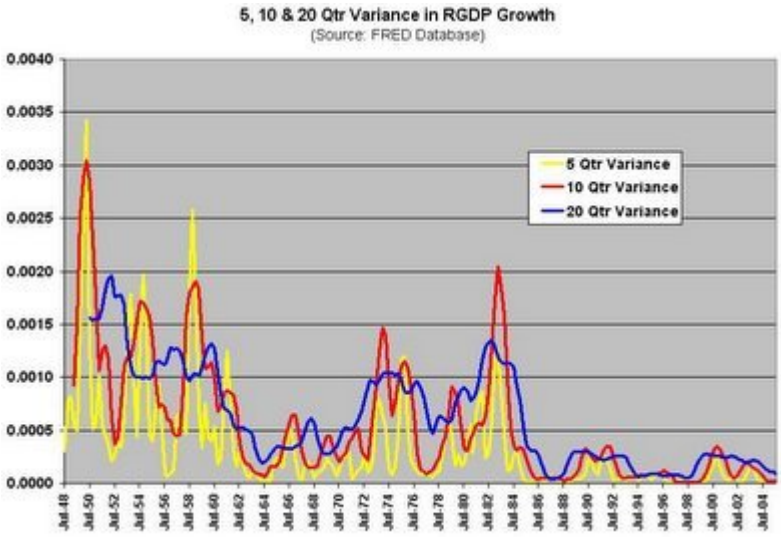
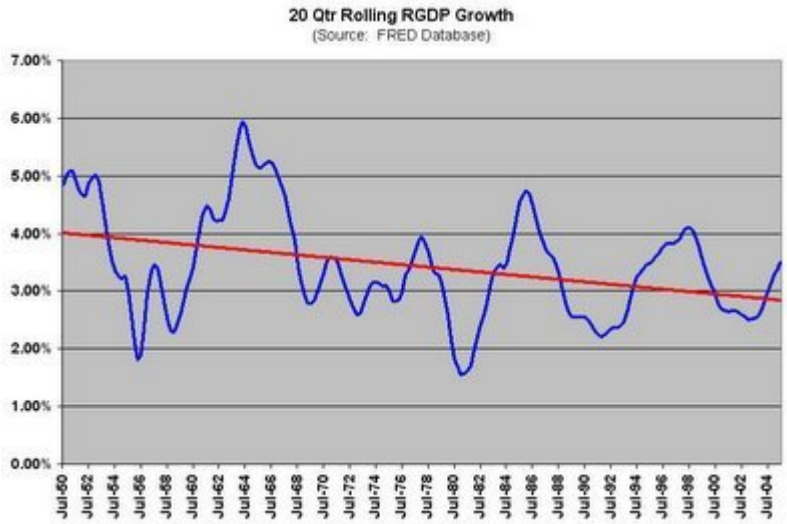
I noticed something visually when I was perusing through some of my old charts and that was GDP growth has been becoming less and less volatile. Recessions are not quite as severe, nor are recoveries quite as heroic.

So what I did was went to EH.net and downloaded RGDP for the US going back to 1790 and calculated the 5, 10 and 20 year variances in RGDP growth rates, resulting in a chart that I left at my other office. Of course, it doesn't matter too much because official GDP data was not consistently compiled before the 1930's, so the estimates are somewhat questionable. Regardless, the chart did confirm what I saw, the volatility in economic growth has been decreasing.

I wanted to use some more consistent data and so I went to the FRED database at the St. Louis Fed and ran the same calculations except since 1947 we've been recording RGDP quarterly, allowing for more datapoints. This resulted in 5, 10 and 20 QUARTER variances shown below;

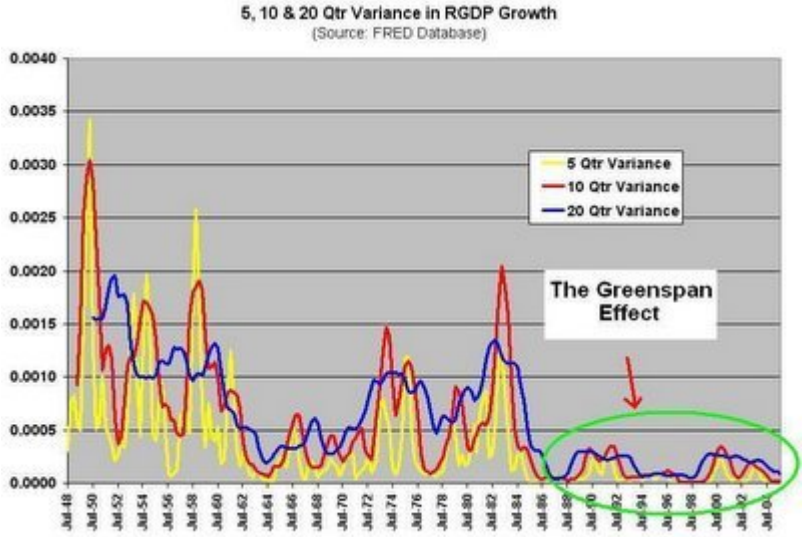


Notice the practical elimination of any volatility in our economic growth. It behooves the question if we're taming economics, learning more and more about what governs and influences the dismal science as time passes. Not mastering it mind you, as that would indicate we'd be able to boost our economic growth rate (which we're not),



but being able to turn the precipitous drops and rapid recoveries into more of gentle ebbs and flows.

Several ideas come to mind. First and foremost my hero, Alan Greenspan. Notice variance all but ceases to exist once Al came in, implemented wise monetary policy, and destroyed inflation. Stable prices I'm sure contribute greatly to this decrease in volatility.



However, I also think the Baby Boomers grew the ef up, and instead of protesting every Saturday, got jobs, had kids, which is certainly a life stablizing factor. Globalization has certainly diversified the economy and made us less susceptible to supply shocks. But I certainly would appreciate to hear what others think.

Regardless, the primary benefit to such consistency is that it would eliminate the riskiness of long term investments (which may in part explain why long term interest rates are so low and we're approaching an inverted yield curve).

I'm busy here, so feel free to do the writing for me and tell me what say you.

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Read this and tell me how this isn't a very well crafted article;

http://www.economist.com/opinion/displaystory.cfm?story_id=5385434

I Want a Medal Too!

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong-Il, right, and top officials of the Korean People's Army salute at a ceremony in 2005. AFP/HO

Seems to me that in the North Korean military you can get a medal for wiping your own ass.

Winger

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So it's Friday afternoon. And we all know that on Friday afternoons the production of GDP in the US drops to levels similarily found in The Republic of Chad.

Thusly, I was perusing about the internet, reading one of my favorite comics, and there's a link with a cartoon guy with a big nose "Winger."

Had nothing else to do so I clicked on it. And it was that one click that reminded me the best things that have happened to me were by taking chances.

"Armed and Dangerous" looked like a stupid video game, but I rented it anyway and found out it was my favorite video game ever.

Didn't see a trail in Badlands National Park, but I did see the buttes I wanted to go to, and so just trekked out right into the field. That resulted not only a great 24 mile hike, but finding 2 fossil sites that hadn't been discovered by humans since the beasts died there.

And let's not forget the radio show competition. Didn't know if I was really up to it, had a lot of competition and no previous experience to speak of. Now I'm one of four finalists in AM 1500's Next Big Thing competition.

Winger is the same thing, teaches you to click on that extra link, take the time to look at new things. ABSOLUTELY FREAKING HILARIOUS! And intelligently so too. And although I'm an adamant despiser of religion, and the hero, Winger, is religious, he actually shows you that you can be religious and an independent thinker and somebody who can function in the real world...of course, Winger is a cartoon whereas I've yet to find a religious person in the real world that does the same.

One final thing I will mention is that I do like the combination 1950's/1940's art with a hint of Japanese animation. It's like Walt Kelly's Pogo meets Cowboy Bebop, classy and modern at the same time.

Anyway, pay young Carson a visit. You shan't regret it.

Wafah Watch 2

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This link was sent to me. Keep sending them.

http://www.damnfunnypictures.com/html/Bin-Ladens-Hot-Neice.html

Hear Ayman al-Zawahri might be dead. I'm still confused how anybody can be criticizing Bush on this war.

Index Mundi

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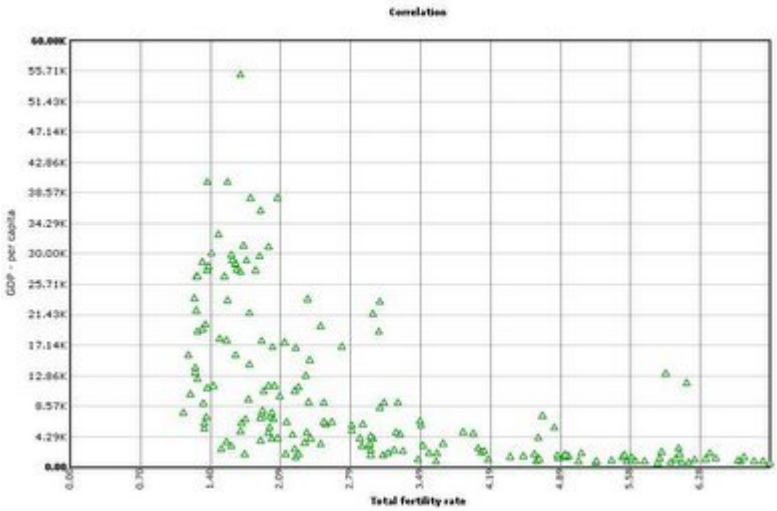
Hands down my favorite web site is Nationmaster.com. The web site is arguably the largest and most comprehensive collection of economic and demographic information about all the countries in the world. You combine that with their charting and graphing functions and only the Legendary Redheaded, Lingerie Wearing, Video Game Playing Babe Economist Who Likes to Serve Irishmen Martini's that the Elder Economist of Yore spoke of could detract me for a Saturday evening.

All that being said, unfortunately the damn site copy rights all their charts, no matter how magnificent they may be. Alas, I can't use them here and share their splendor and glory with all of you.

But I did happen upon Index Mundi, which essentially is the same thing as Nationmaster, but;

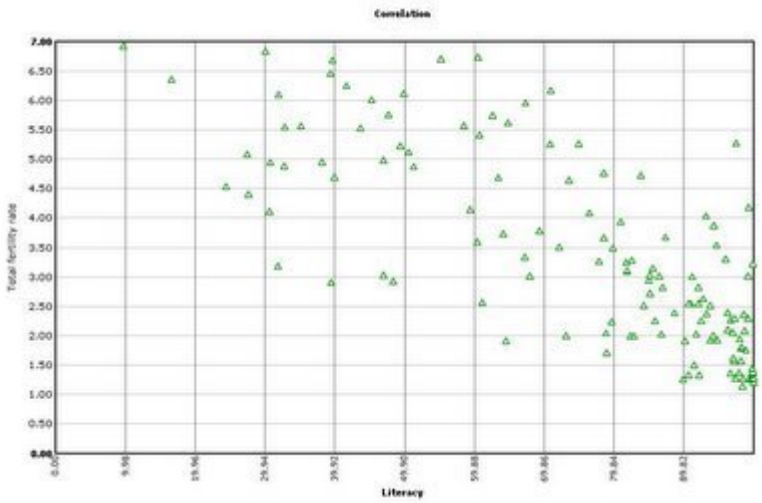
1. It doesn't copyright the charts, thereby allowing for the advancement of economic knowledge
2. It also DOESN'T provide the correlation coefficients and other statistical measures that Nationmaster does. Thus me and Liberal Guy, and Derek cannot debate whether they are statistically significant or not.
3. It has merely a fraction of variables that Nationmaster has.

Regardless, it does make for some pretty cool charts like Fertility Rates versus GDP per capita;



Which proves children are evil.

Or Fertility Rates versus Literacy Rates



Which proves children bring about stupidity.

Regardless, now you too can be cool like real life economists and toy around with the charting function yourself come some Saturday evening when you can't find a date.

Wafah Watch 3!

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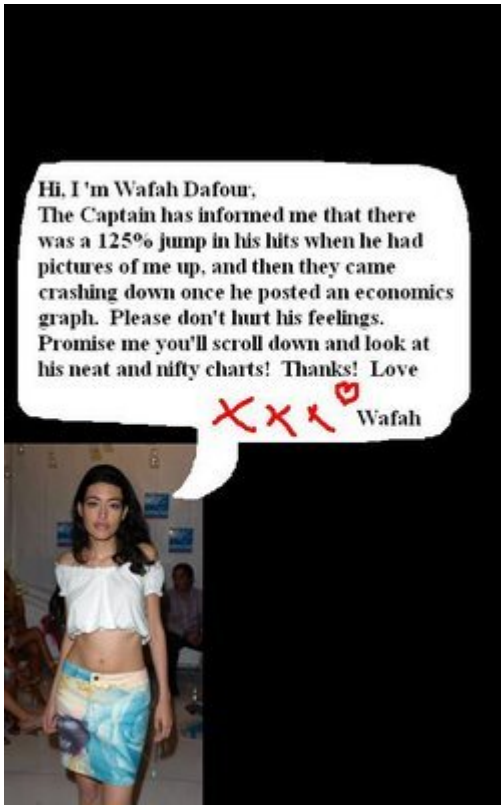

Dude! Totally serious! She said that! I'm not lying!

The Intellectual Aussie Titan Known as Frank

January 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So there are two schools of thought regarding pr0n.

One, endorsed by the intellectual titan known as Frank is that "Pr0n is necessary to be profitble on the internet"

The other, endorsed by Captain Capitalism is that "Pr0n isn't necessary to be profitable on the internet."

What triggered my line of thought on this was that my stats seemingly have a near 1.0 correlation coefficient between hits to my blog and whether I have a picture of Wafah Dafour up or not. And while I'm not necessarily in it for the money, it sure helps my stats to have a babe next to my economics charts. Almost a Vanna White if you will, but instead of turning the letters on Wheel of Fortune the girls would be showcasing charts of equity only inflows into mutual funds as a percent of corporate profits.

Regardless, no, I hold firm to my belief that a blog that profiles emprical evidence that proves capitalism is the one, only and optimal economic system has merit enough on its own.

Then Frank mentions this post. A more recent post of his and the most popular post by far, resulting in now what is probably 4,000+ hits.

Bastard!

For the intellectual titan known as Frank has caught Captain Capitalism in a quandry. While adhereing to his love and affinity for capitalism, Captain Capitalism has made one gapping error. He has failed to recognize that the market is always right. No matter what reservations the Captain may have about throwing pr0n next to his pure and untainted charts, it still doesn't change the fact that;

1. Most economists are male
2. Most males are a bunch of horn dogs
3. Most males would rather look a skimpily clad knock out babe than a chart.

Alas, it seems more and more babes will have to be showcasing my charts.

I'm Impressed

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http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20060119/wl_nm/nuclear_arms_france_dc_2

Just to Remind You

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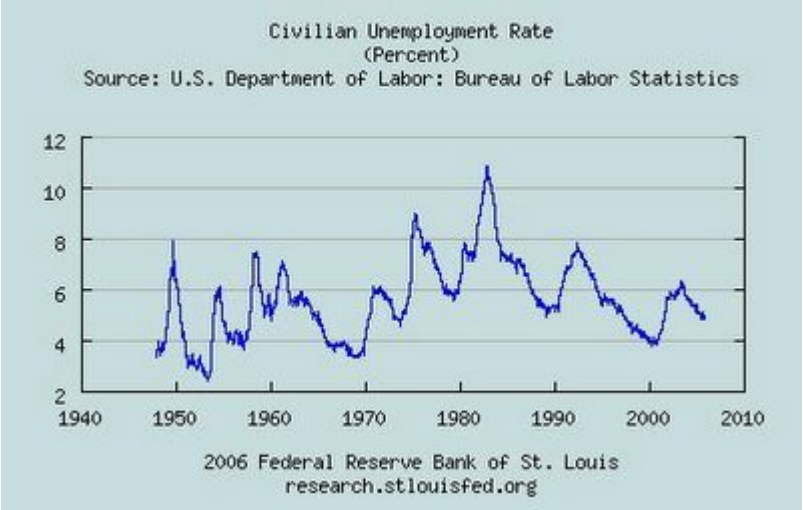
Remember in the 2004 election how this was the worst economy in 50 years?



Just want to remind you folks of what's really going on.

Taxes are Bad for Your Health

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Economists are notorious for proving things we already know. But now you can say things you already know ***with confindence!***

http://www.nationmaster.com/plot/tax_tot_tax_as_of_gdp/hea_sui_rat_mid_age/flag

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Sucks to be You

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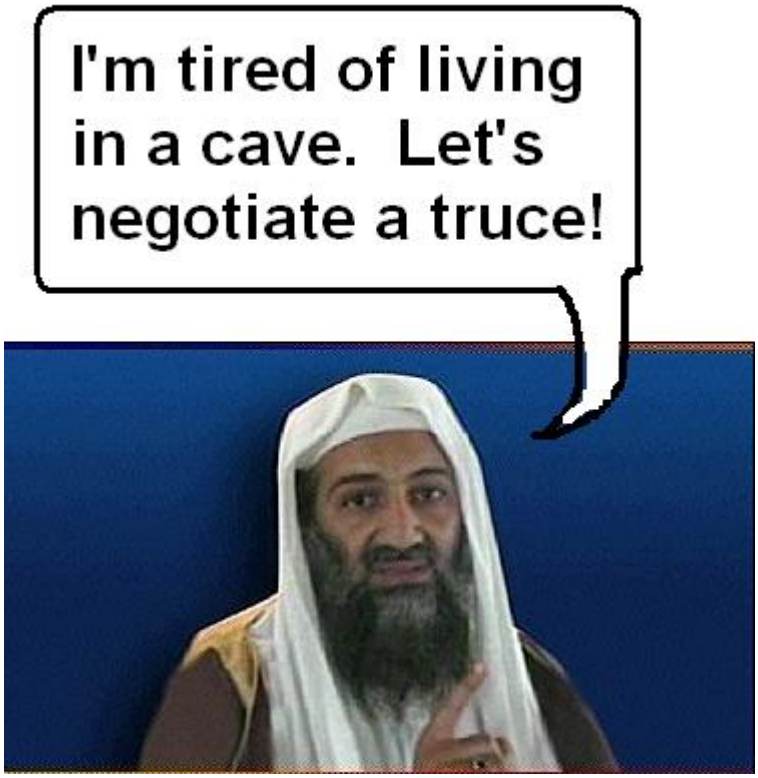

And to Remind You of Inflation

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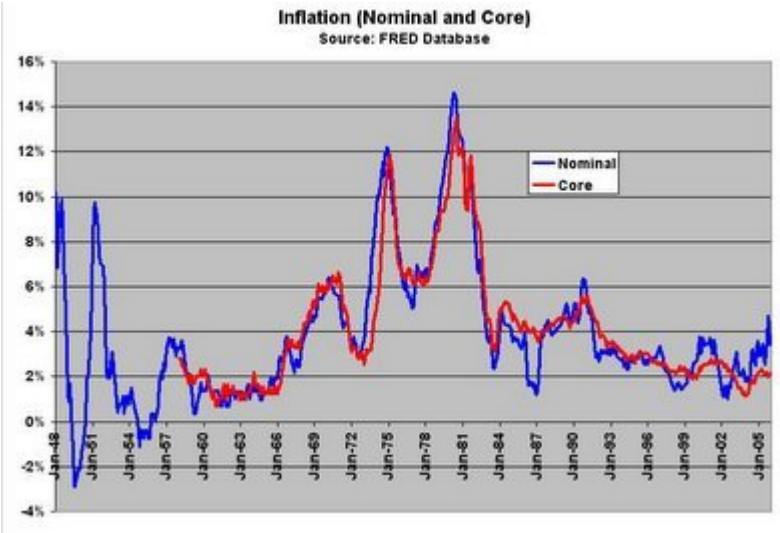

Think a quick review of some basic charts always helps put things in context.

What Absolute Tripe

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Tripe, that's all I can say

We're Hosed!

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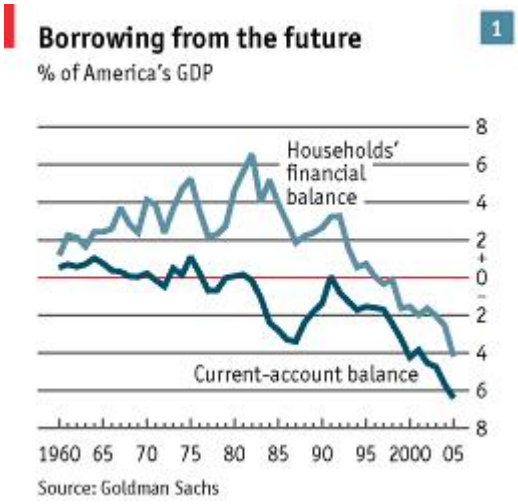

I hate the Baby Boomers.

What's this "We" Schtick?

January 21, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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OK, will somebody please explain to me this "We are pregnant" BS?

It's happen on 3 occasions now that 3 women have gotten knocked up at work and they say, "we are pregnant."

No doubt this is some modern day, feminist, counselor-induced phrase with 1960's and 1970's origins to somehow implicate the guy in pregnancy.

So let me explain it for all you public-school educated morons out there.

"We" are not pregnant.

"YOU" are pregnant. Your husband is not pregnant.

Yes, "he" impregnated "you"...as far as he knows...but "you" did not impregnate "him", for "he" cannot be impregnated and therefore CANNOT BE PREGNANT!!!

So ladies, do us and yourselves a favor. When you get knocked up, quit it with the sensitive 90's, pansy, sissification, "let's all hold a candle light vigil" BS. You are the one who is pregnant. Not your husband. You leave him out of it.

Great Chart at The New Economist

January 24, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I like charts;

http://neweconomist.blogs.com/new_economist/2006/01/the_weak_us_job.html

I speculate the weak recovery is primarily due to the fact that the previous level of unemployment was unnaturally and unsustainably low.

To Those Who Doubt China's Size

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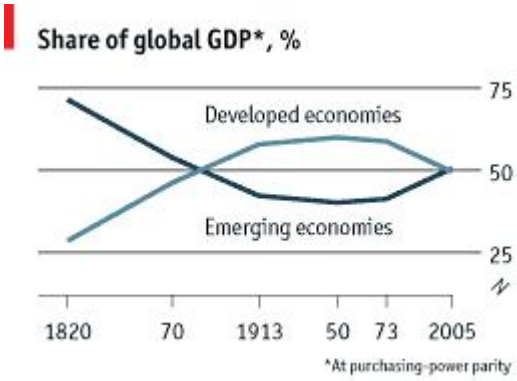
I'll say it again, you look at the Big Mac Index and you can see how GDP figures for developing countries quoted at market exchange rates understate their true size;



You adjust for PPP and they are not as poor (nor as underpaid) as the left would like you to believe.

There's a Shocker

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China

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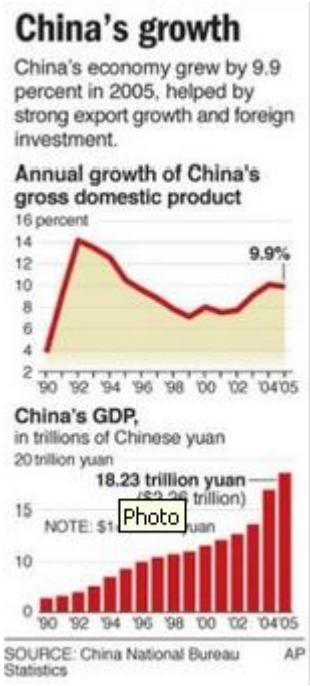

State Gini Coefficient

January 26, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Mind the Gap: Income inequality, state by state

The Economic Policy Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities ranked each state according to the ratio of the average income for the top 5% of families to the average income for the bottom 20% of families. Income listed is after federal tax and includes capital gains. Click on state name for more statistics on major cities and towns.

Rank	State	Avg income of top 5% of families	Avg income of bottom 20% of families	Top-to-bottom ratio
1	Arizona	$231,981	$15,719	14.7
2	Texas	$203,174	$14,724	13.8
3	New York	$216,081	$16,076	13.4
4	New Jersey	$266,869	$20,391	13.2
5	Kentucky	$183,766	$14,014	13.1
6	Tennessee	$187,026	$14,300	13.1
7	Florida	$199,992	$15,296	13.0
8	California	$207,383	$16,773	12.4
9	North Carolina	$183,253	$14,884	12.3
10	Pennsylvania	$223,152	$18,548	12.0
11	Massachusetts	$233,108	$19,690	11.8
12	Maryland	$253,923	$21,490	11.8
13	Arkansas	$163,909	$13,899	11.8
14	Alabama	$172,029	$14,765	11.7
15	Washington	$195,170	$16,911	11.5
16	Louisiana	$153,304	$13,347	11.5
17	Kansas	$209,125	$18,288	11.4
18	New Mexico	$157,011	$13,748	11.4
19	Colorado	$215,109	$19,860	11.3
20	Illinois	$203,876	$18,032	11.3
21	Michigan	$200,814	$17,927	11.2
22	West Virginia	$147,434	$13,208	11.2
23	Virginia	$209,191	$18,710	11.1
24	Connecticut	$231,908	$21,000	11.0
25	Mississippi	$145,342	$13,456	10.8
26	Hawaii	$208,340	$19,264	10.8
27	Ohio	$186,175	$18,216	10.7
28	Rhode Island	$200,969	$18,916	10.6
29	South Carolina	$167,604	$14,957	10.5
30	Indiana	$185,217	$18,090	10.5
31	Maine	$164,232	$15,876	10.3
32	Oregon	$175,979	$17,267	10.1
33	Minnesota	$223,411	$22,608	9.9
34	Utah	$182,142	$19,594	9.3
35	New Hampshire	$226,179	$23,128	9.8
36	Georgia	$159,362	$16,345	9.7
37	Oklahoma	$150,911	$15,483	9.7
38	Missouri	$176,329	$18,482	9.5
39	Nevada	$189,521	$19,743	9.6
40	Vermont	$176,291	$18,848	9.4
41	Delaware	$188,435	$20,225	9.3
42	Montana	$135,164	$14,798	9.1
43	Idaho	$162,923	$17,847	9.1
44	North Dakota	$147,519	$16,895	8.8
45	Alaska	$189,148	$20,510	8.9
46	Wisconsin	$174,919	$20,197	8.7
47	South Dakota	$155,427	$18,353	8.5
48	Iowa	$199,723	$18,500	8.4
49	Nebraska	$165,962	$19,242	8.6
50	Wyoming	$145,587	$18,171	8.0

Scary Chart, Scary Story

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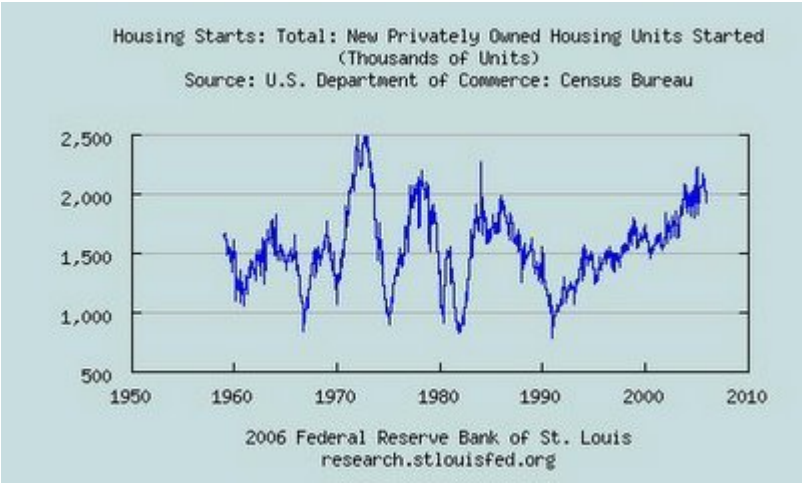

http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0125mccainhouse-ON.html

Oh, no, there's no bubble in housing.

Right to Work States vs. No Right to Work States

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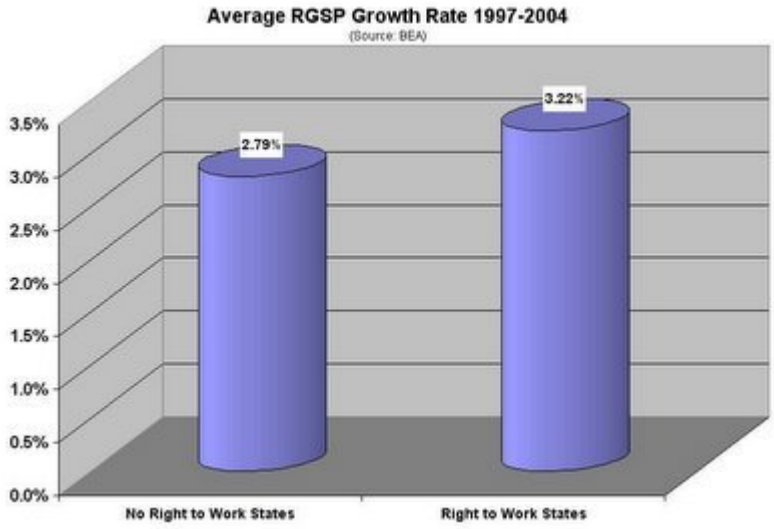

This one's for JTapp.

Hats Off to You, Sir Alan!

January 31, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hell of a job!

I Told You So

February 1, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember posting this chart;

in this post;

http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com/2005/12/google-is-overvalued-period.html

And getting berated for suggesting Google, headed by two socialists, is overvalued. Thus, I ask ye, do you like apples?

How do you like dem apples?

Will You Please Get the Facts Before You Open Your Mouth?

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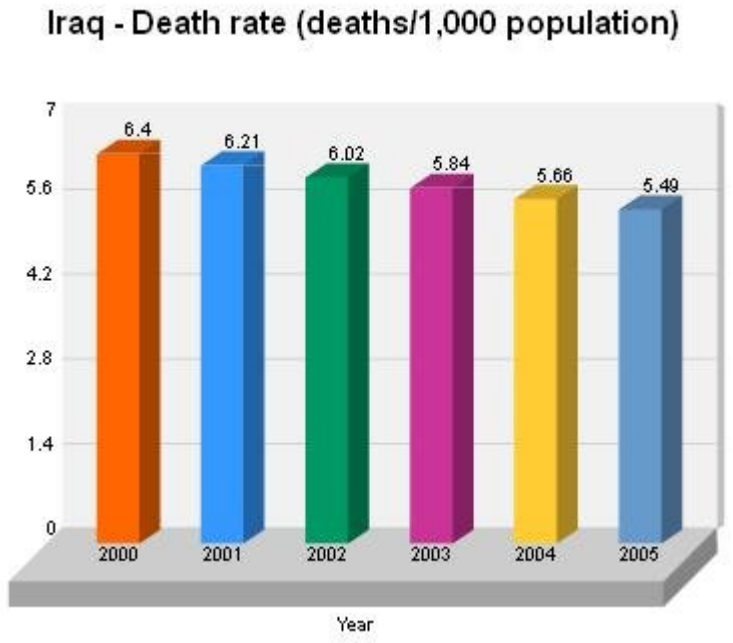
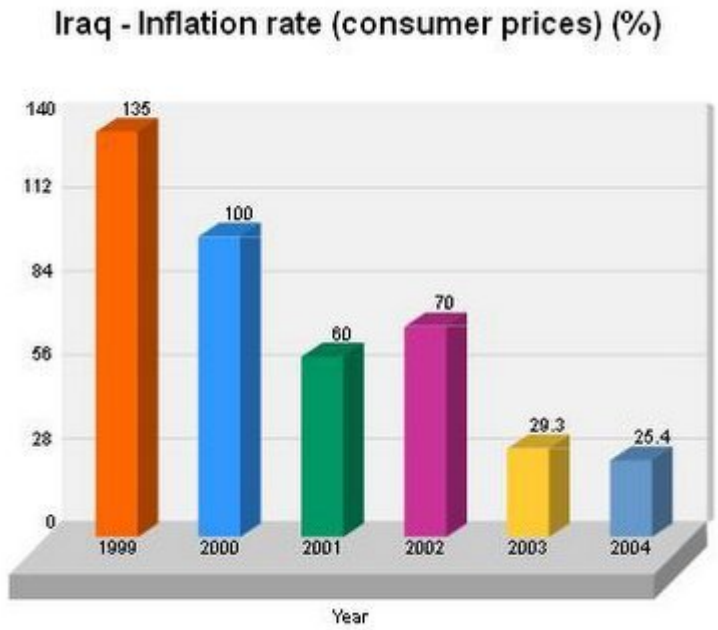
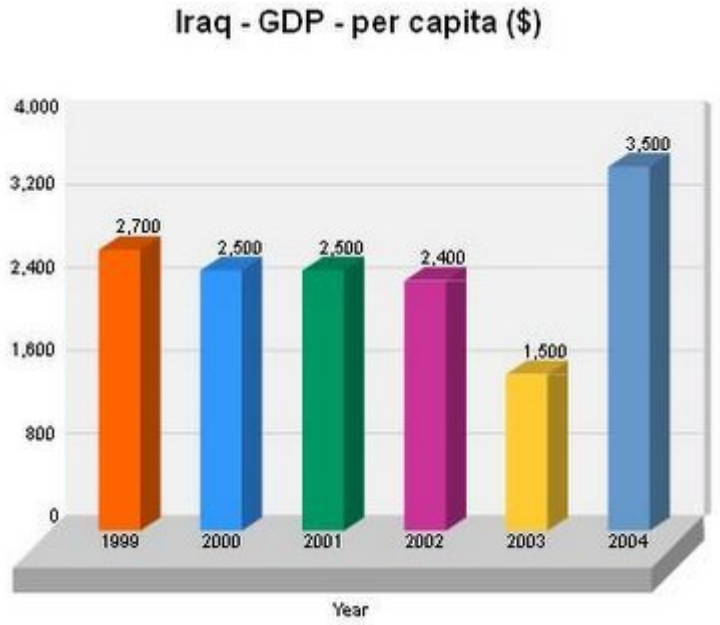
You have this idiot;

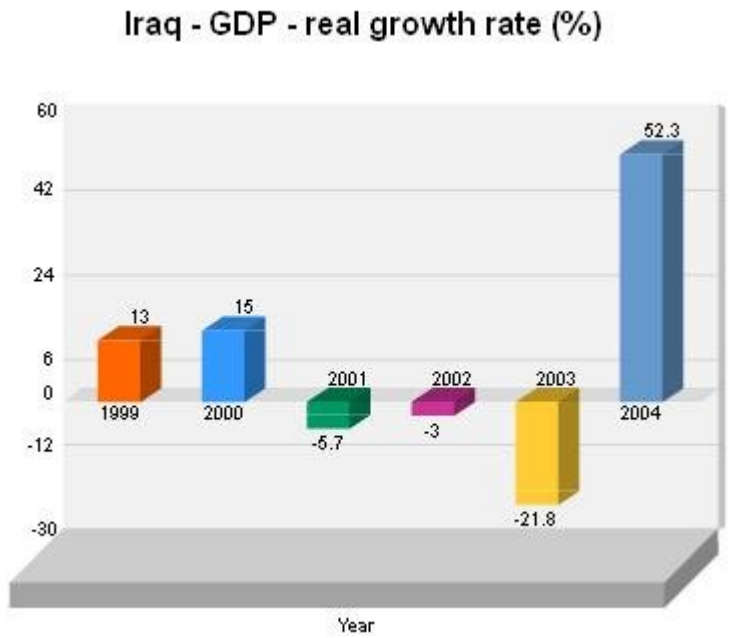
http://exposetheleft.com/2006/01/30/amanpourdisaster/

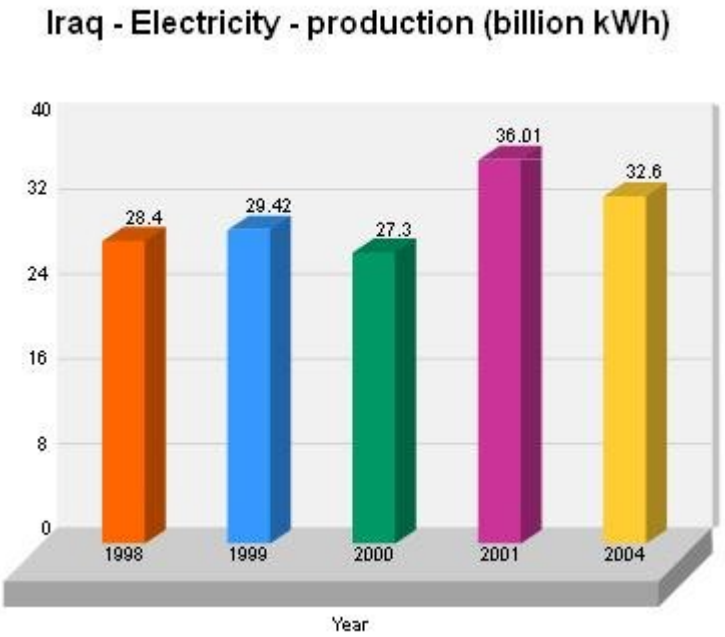
And then you have facts;











I don't think a country has ever done this good under invasion.

Dark Matter in Economics!

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This is actually cool;

Here's a synopsis;

http://www.economist.com/finance/displaystory.cfm?story_id=5408129

Here's the actual study;

http://www.utdt.edu/~fsturzen/FinalDiciembre28.pdf

I just received this from Adam!

http://www.rgemonitor.com/blog/setser/113810

This One's for You, Ginger

February 3, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Sent to me by this Italian putz I know in NC. I love it when God punishes stupid people.

I love it even more when I'm right.

http://www.newsobserver.com/104/story/395863.html

Sheehan, Castro, Hillary, Bellafonte, the Democratic Party, Osama Bin Laden and Hugo Chavez

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All join an elite crowd.

http://today.reuters.com/news/newsarticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyid=2006-02-05T014850Z_01_N04360949_RTRUKOC_0_US-VENEZUELA-CHAVEZ.xml&rpc=22

Do They Have a Clue How Idiotic They Sound?

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The province's director of information, Hamraz Ningarhari, told the BBC that three people were killed, and a policeman and a number of other people were injured.

Demonstrators shouted "death to Denmark" and "death to France", and called for diplomats and soldiers from both countries to be kicked out of Afghanistan.

Both France and Denmark sent troops to Afghanistan as part of international efforts in the US-led "war on terror".

"They want to test our feelings," protester Mawli Abdul Qahar Abu Israra told the BBC.

"They want to know whether Muslims are extremists or not. Death to them and to their newspapers," he said.

In Bagram district, a peaceful protest in the morning turned violent when around 300 "bandits and gangsters" tried to enter the US base, local police chief Mawlana Sayed Khel told the BBC.

A shoot-out with police left two protesters dead, and six police officers injured, he said.

Elsewhere, hundreds protested in Kandahar and Mazar-e-Sharif, while 200 demonstrators gathered outside the Danish embassy in the capital, Kabul.

Civil cost dear Thousands of pol desktop with the new alert service

FROM OTHER NEWS SITES:

- ABCNEWS.com Anti-Cartoon Clashes Spread, Turn Deadly - 26 mins ago
- Los Angeles Times* Clashes Spread, Turn Deadly - 1 hr ago
- Middle East Online Global uproar over cartoons escalates - 2 hrs ago
- New Straits Times Protesters killed as global furore over cartoons escalates - 4 hrs ago
- About these results

* Requires registration

TOP SOUTH ASIA STORIES NOW

- Muslim cartoon fury claims lives
- Date set for key Sri Lanka talks
- Indian shares hit historic high
- New Ambani brothers feud erupts

RSS | What is RSS?

Mariam, where are you on this? You're one of the few muslims that reads this board. Be interested in your take.

More Idiocy

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Did Austria even PRINT THE DAMN PICTURE????

http://today.reuters.com/news/newsarticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyid=2006-02-06T174517Z_01_L06357511_RTRUKOC_0_US-RELIGION-CARTOONS-IRAN.xml&rpc=22

Oh, wait, that's right. I forgot, it really isn't about the picture now is it?

HARRRRR!!!!!

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http://files.bdotson.us/images/islamcontradiction.gif

So Salman Rushdie, Wulf the Teacher and Cappy Cap Walk Into a Bar…

February 7, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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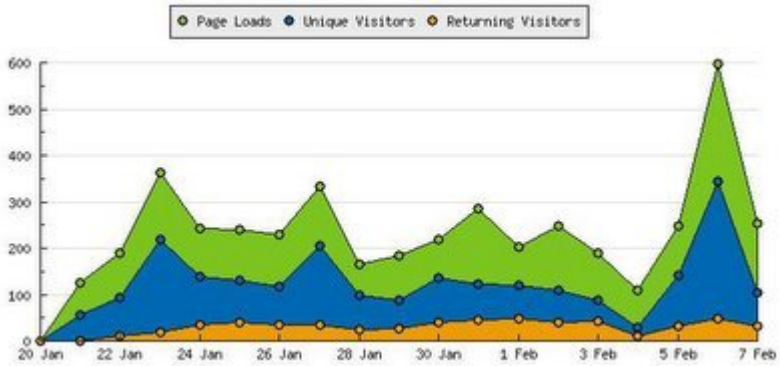
So my hits go through the roof when I posted that picture of Mohammed that all the muslims are getting their panties in a bundle over. And what got me is that I really didn't think it was a particularly great post. Just kind of threw it up there and made a sentence or two of commentary.

Then I noticed my "first time visitor" hits were the primary reason. In otherwords, people who had never visited my site before were visiting now.

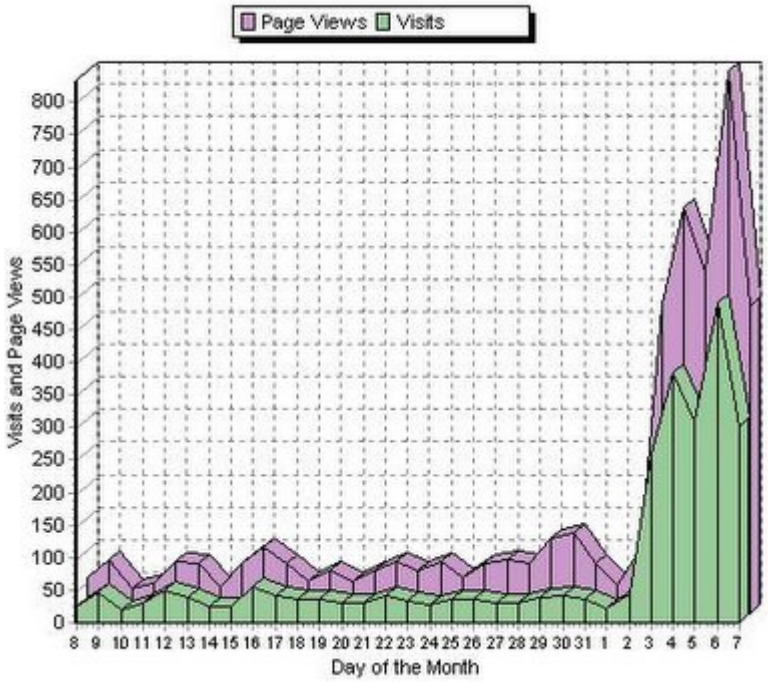
So I wondered if some radical muslim got a hold of this post, and then forwarded it to all of his friends who are now plotting my assassination.

To see if it was just me, I asked Wulf the Teacher over at Atlasblogged if he experienced the same thing.

Well, here's my stats;



And here are his;



Salman Rushdie, we hardly knew thee.

It's the Wellstone Memorial All Over Again!

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http://www.drudgereport.com/flash8.htm

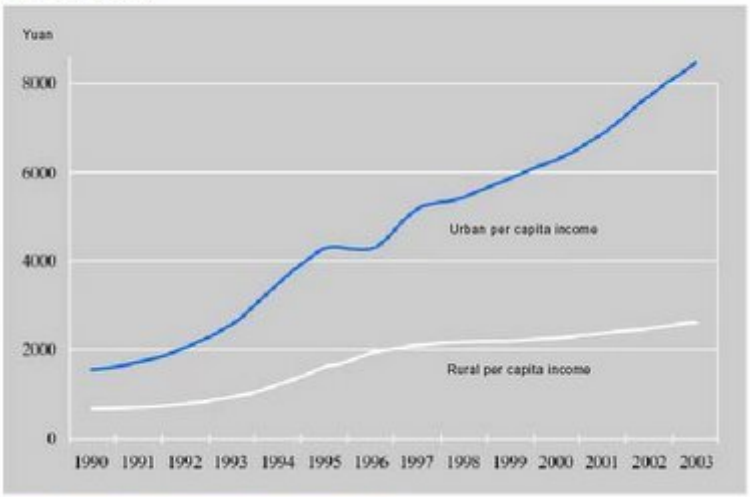
Do they ever learn????

The Childish Psychology of the Left…In China

February 8, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So look at the chart below. And ask yourself one simple question;

Figure 2.1 Trends in per Capita Income Changes of Urban and Rural Residents 1990-2003 (at variable prices)



Source: Based on data of National Bureau of Statistics, 2004: 357.

Is this good or is it bad? Now if you were to be literal about it and honestly answer the question you would say it is a good chart. For it shows that everybody's income per capita is increasing. How could this be bad? How could anybody complain? People are better off than they were before.

Of course leave it to the left to find something to complain about.

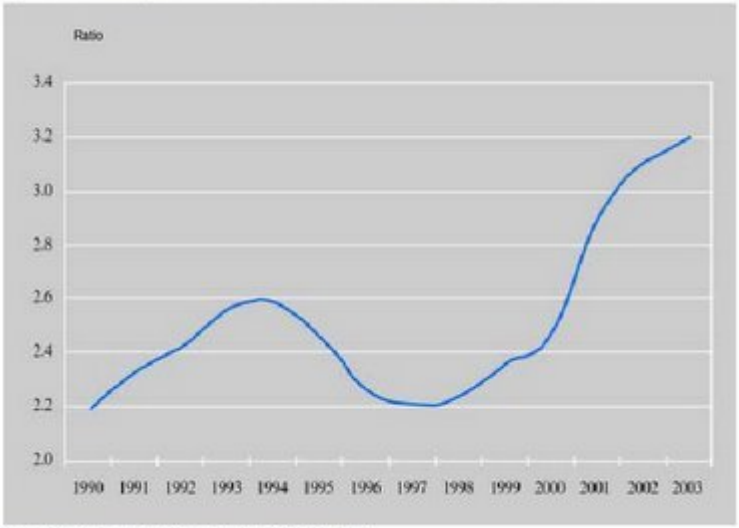
For you see while rural incomes are going up, they are not going up as fast as urban incomes.

And this is a bad thing in the world of socialism.

Thus, the emphasis is no longer on whether or not people are better off than they were before. Oh, no, that would be too simple. It's about the fact that other people are ***more*** better off than others.

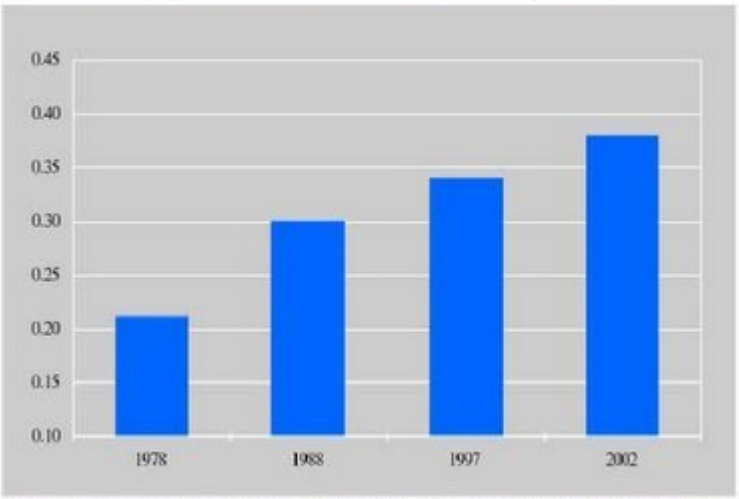
Thus you get retarded measurements like the gini coefficient which leftists will always point to as conclusive proof that the system is failing, despite everybody doing better. And in the case of China, the gini coefficient has been rising showing a widening gap between rural incomes and urban incomes.

Figure 2.2 Changes in China's Urban-Rural Income Inequality, 1990-2003



Source: Based on data of National Bureau of Statistics, 2004.

Figure 2.3 Changes in China's Rural Income Inequality (Gini Coefficient)



Source: Based on data of the household survey conducted in 2002 by the income distribution research team of the Institute of Economics, CASS; Calculation of the National Bureau of Statistics.

What gets me is all the layers of irony afoot here.

A "communist" country is complaining about income distribution, which was brought on by effectively implementing a radically free-market economic system, which has brought standards of living up for everybody.

Heads must be swimming in China's "Communist" Party.

That About Sums it Up

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It isn't even a complex argument. It's quite simple.

Anyway, I'm sure you're aware of them, but if not, you should visit on a daily basis Cox and Forkum. I'm cynical, but these guys make me look like an aloof, ignorant suburbanite girl who is more concerned about American Idol than I am the insanity going on.

www.coxandforkum.com

When People Jump on the Bandwagon

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Markets tend to get overvalued.

Interesting study was highlighted in The Economist about how more and more people are just investing in the index or funds or funds of funds. And as this has happened, genuine stock picking, requiring detailed analysis and insight that nobody else has, has declined.

Thus, consider, if people just invest in the index because it beats the majority of investment professionals, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy as more and more money purchasing indexed funds, drives the price of the index up.

Perhaps we are entering an era where the majority of investment professionals will actually do their job and beat the index....and then I think about my peers at the Carlson School and say naaaaah!

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=849627

BRILLIANT!!!

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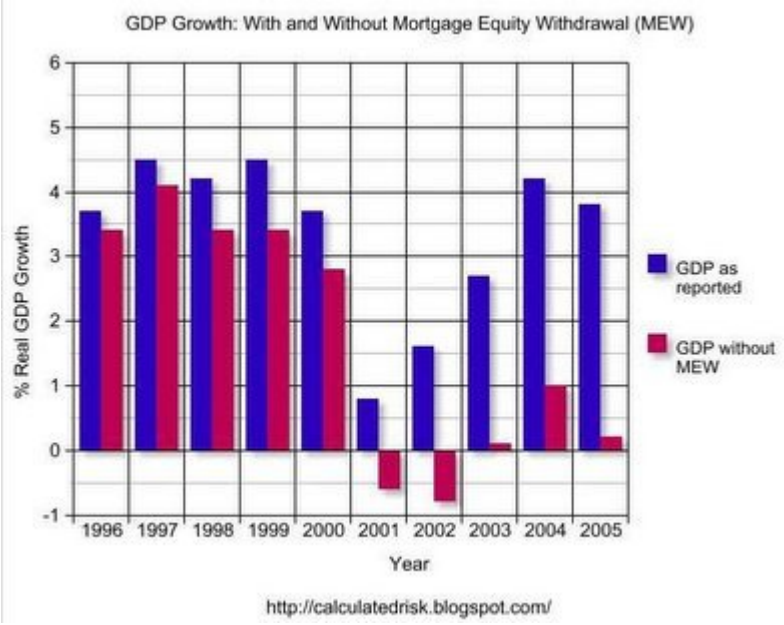
I love charts!!!

This one from Calculated Risk



Shows what GDP growth would have been like if it weren't for all these putzes taking equity out of their houses and instead had to rely on "sweat equity.' Also commonly known as "WORKING!!!!!"

An Aspiring Ms. Capitalism?

February 13, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Just got these delivered to my office;

I told you we economists are sexy beasts!

Self Control

February 13, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I see this;

And somehow I don't feel compelled to start bringing down Iran's foreign embassy, let alone other muslim nations' embassies.

Oh, wait, that's right. I forgot. I have a life, I'm not a brainwashed immature simpleton and I'm not some psychotic muslim freak.

Just can't understand why Iran's GDP per capita is $8,000 and the US' is $40,000.

Chin Up Fellow Aspiring Economists!

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WHAT'S A DEGREE WORTH?
Here are some average starting salaries for the class of 2006:

MAJOR		vs. 2005
Chemical engineering	$55,900	+4.2%
Electrical engineering	$52,899	+3.5%
Mechanical engineering	$50,672	-0.3%
Computer science	$50,046	-2.0%
Accounting	$45,723	+6.2%
Economics/Finance	$45,191	+11.0%
Civil engineering	$44,999	+4.3%
Business administration	$39,850	+3.9%
Marketing	$36,260	-3.4%
Liberal arts majors	$30,828	+6.1%

SOURCE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS

Notice the "liberal" arts majors, which coincidentally is what most liberals major in.

Hee hee...yeah, you guys suck.

Busy as Hell

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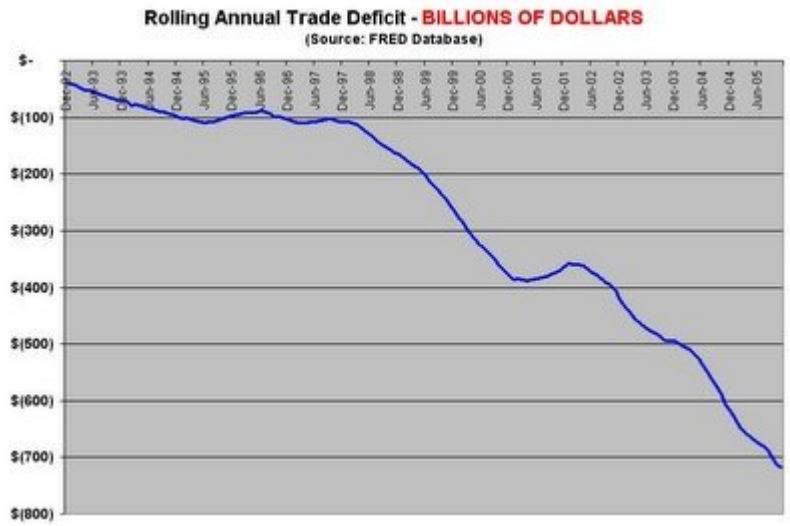
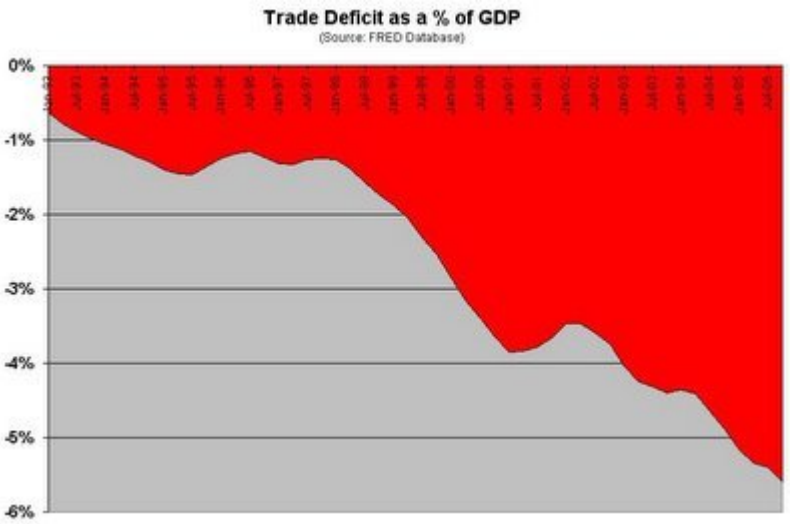
Sorry all. Been out at a seminar for 2 days. Also, it is busy season, tax season and I took a radio gig. Valentine's Day. Haven't had a day off in about a month. Here's some charts to get you by and get you that daily economic fix and further convince me Americans are lazy bums;





When Governments Nationalize Assets

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Good ol' Robert Mugabe and his socialist nationalization of white farms. Oh you leftists are a hoot!

http://www.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/africa/02/17/zimbabwe.fetuses.ap/index.html

The US Military is Good for You

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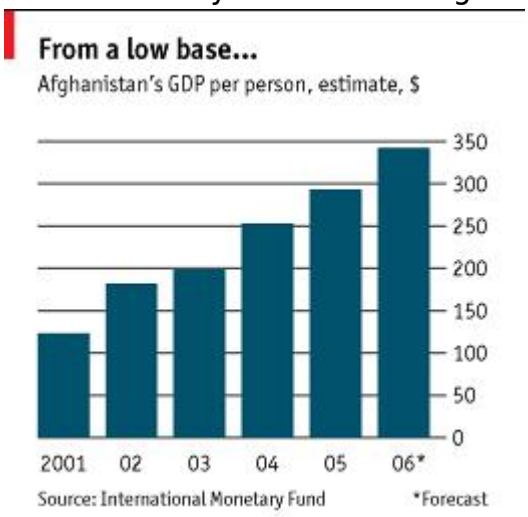
And seemingly every place it invades.

I really get sick and tired of hearing from the ignorant left about how X number of innocent civilians have died in this or that conflict.

Yeah, guess what, it's ain't like the rosy suburbs you spoiled brat sociology majoring freaks grew up in where nothing bad happened. The real world has bad things happening to good people.

Furthermore, as an indirect measure as to just how much care the US military takes in making sure it doesn't needlessly kill civilians or destroy non-military targets, I will once again point out that Afghanistan along with Iraq have been enjoying better economic standards of living since we went in. Amazing how under war/invasion/occupation/whatever you want to consider it, economies tend to grow when the US military is there lobbing missles around.



Foreigners Don't Have Applebee's

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Nor do they have Desperate Housewives

A daddy dimed car

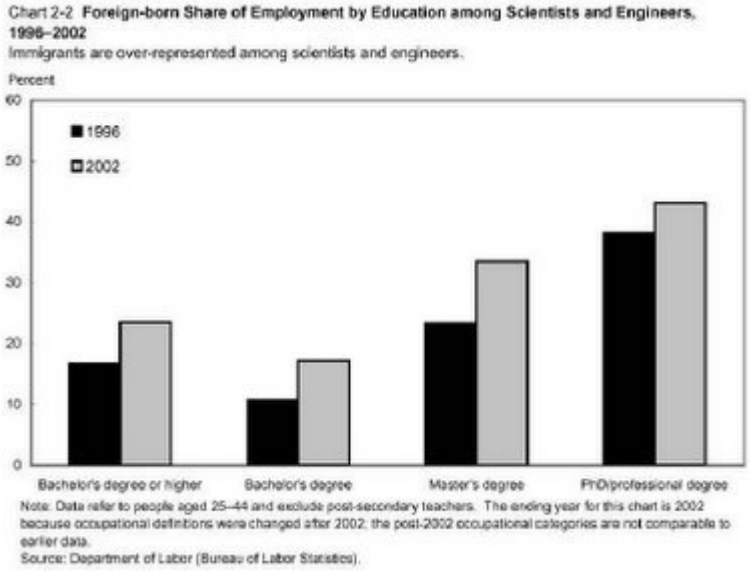
American idol

GAP

or all this other crap the suburbanite masses who piss me off have.

No, they have poverty, famine, disease, human rights abuses.

So when they come here I'm glad to see very few of them have their heads up their asses and insist on majoring in stuff that matters. I'm also glad to see they advance their education beyond that of the typical spoiled brat American and get a doctorate or masters.



Sociology, women's studies, philosophy and peace studies majors in OC, take note.

Working to Pay

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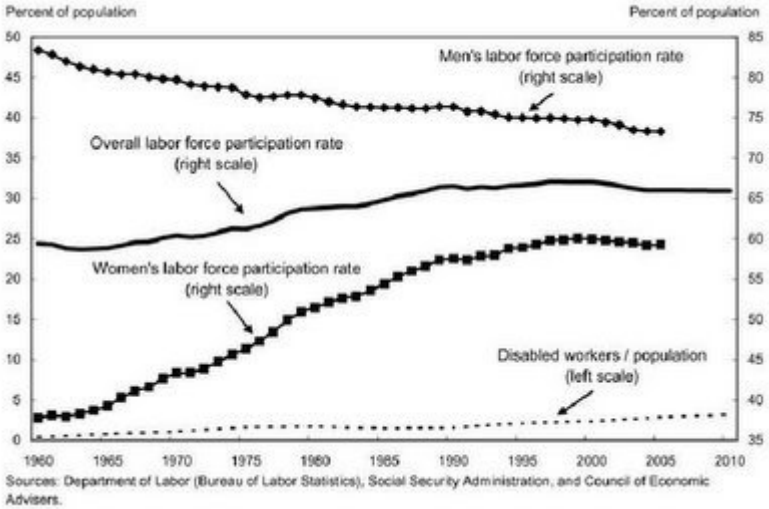
This was an interesting chart I happened upon. I often wonder if women now work just to essentially pay for the increase in taxes and costs of paying other people to bring up their kids. You know, schools, day care, counseling services cause there ain't no parent at home, after school activities.



One might almost think it would be cheaper to stay at home and bring the kid up yourself!!!!

Sacrilege!

A Little Help for Our Chinese Friends

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So I'm reading an article in The Economist, like I do. And I read that the Bank of China might go public. Wanting to invest in a country that is growing and has underdeveloped financial markets, I go to the Bank of China's web site.

Now you gotta give it to them. In their attempts to modernize and emulate American/western companies, they nailed it with the "Let's Throw Up Pictures of Every Race Imaginable and Throw the White Guy in the Bankground if At All in an Attempt to Show How Politically Correct We Are."

Bravo, well done indeed.

The only problem is that usually the people you throw up on your main page are good lookin' folk, models. It almost seems that the BOC went out of their way to find the most bland, average looking folk, although they wanted an element of wierdness with the Asian guy.

But it's progress none-the-less.

Money Down the Drain

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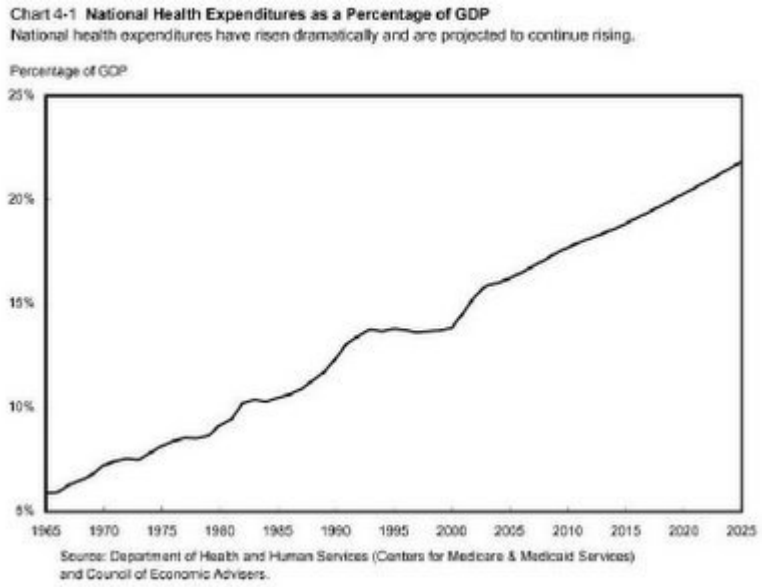

To Remind You All Again

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Well, I've already received some pictures, but they are slow in coming. And I'm going to keep posting this post until we get enough for a good calendar.

When I first started this blog I had an idea that was genius. As with many ingenius ideas, the masses are too stupid to appreciate them. The idea was to put together a calendar of good looking babes that were Capitalists. I was going to call it "The Babes of Capitalism Calendar." I would then take the proceeds and pay off my mortgage.

Of course this fell flat on its face for one simple reason and one simple reason only. And I forgot this reason, thus I have only myself to blame for this because it is a rule, a lesson that I learned many years ago;

Men will always find reasons to do things,
while women will always find reasons NOT to do things.

This undeniable truth largely explains many phenomenon we see in life.

It is why there is no female equivalent to a sausage party.

It is why the majority of asking out is done by men (and the majority of denials are done by women).

It is why you can have a great band, an open dance floor, and swarms of girls, brimming on the edge of their seats, their bodies bouncing to the music, ready to burst out on the floor, and yet when you ask them to dance they say, "well, I just ordered a drink" or "we're about to leave" or "I'm not really in a dancing moood."

And above all, it is the primary reason why men on the average will always make more than women and constitute the majority of astronauts, explorers, economists, enterpreneurs, executives etc. etc.

Thus, I've been barking up the wrong tree.

Yes, it would have been cool to have a calendar that I could offer of all these capitalist babes.

Yes, it would have been cool to have capitalist babes across the fruited plains do this as a little funny ha ha that we could all have a good laugh about and be proud of.

Yes it would have been cool!

But if I wanted something to get done, why did I rely on women?!!? Women will always find reasons NOT to do things.

Thus, it seems, once again, if anything is going to get done around here we're going to have to do it ourselves guys.

Therefore men I propose the;

"16 Month Calendar of Male Economist Extravaganza!"

Yes, 16 rememberable months of 100% pure economist sexiness. Fat or skinny, tall or short, ugly or....ummm...welll, uh, ugly.

All economists are welcome to enter.

Here are the rules;

You can be a professional or amateur. A student or professor. Aspiring or employed. Public sector or private. You needn't be employed as "an economist" you just need to be a student of it and love economics.

The more outlandish the better. This is not supposed to be a sexy calendar (duh). The more hideous/nerdy the better. I fathom seeing a 300 pound economist with swimming trunks reading "Atlas Shrugged" on the beach.

No nudity damn it. If I didn't want the contestants of the BABES of Capitalism to send in nude pictures, I sure as hell don't want you schlepps sending them in either. Keep it clean.

Pictures should be large enough that they'll take up an 8X11 piece of paper without losing resolution.

Inlcude some kind of bio

Once you have your picture, e-mail it to captcapitalism@yahoo.com. Note it is best to copy and paste this e-mail, it is NOT CAPTAINCAPITALISM@yahoo.com, but CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Get off your lazy ass and do it NOW!!!! Don't procrastinate because I have to print these things off myself unless you all want to pay $30 for each calendar!

I shall choose the best 16 pictures sent in. Those chosen will win a free calendar on my dime.

The calendar will then be put up for sale for some reasonable fee. Proceeds will go to the "Help Captain Capitalism Pay Off His Mortgage Early Fund."

Get crackin'!

The Price of Power Drinks

February 26, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I hated coffee. Still do hate coffee. Didn't have a cup of coffee until I was 26. Only reason I drink coffee now is because it has anti-carcinogenic thingies in it. And whilst I lived off of Mountain Dew and the shortly-lived Surge during my collegiate years, I would have killed to have had the power drinks that we have today.

Of course today I do not exert myself physically or mentally anywhere near as much as I did in college, but I have at least one a day, typically two. And depsite all the research and whatever else people say about it;

1. They do wake me up
2. The power drink of my choice has a full supplement of vitamin C in it
3. My liver be damned

But the more I thought about it, the more I realized what a classic, text book example the power drink market was of an industry going from monopoly to a perfectly competitive market. It should be in every modern day economics text book, of course, that would require most economists to get a clue and abandon "widgets" and "utils."

The most obvious characteristic of an industry going from monopoly to perfectly competitive is the decrease in price and the power drink market is no exception.

Notice Red Bull was the first to come out, debuting in 1997. I couldn't afford it back then and it was largely something for preppy frat boys from the suburbs to drink to cure hangovers, not so much as to wake them up cause they only got 3 hours sleep the previous night because they were working. It's market price was $2.12.

What was interesting was the introduction of two new comers to the market, Pepsi's "Amp" and Coke's "Sobe Adrenaline Rush." These (as far as my recollection can tell me)

came in around 1999-2000. However, again adhering to the classical textbook of economics, we had an oligopoly and there seemed to be price fixing (or at least standardization) as prices remained at $2.12. And again, following a classic lesson in economics, product differentiation and improvement occured. Red Bull tasted like sh!t. Rush and Amp did not.

From 2002 or so on the flood gates opened and product differentiation occured. Michael Savage's son started producing "Rock Star" which was just one of a score of "double shots." I remember seeing one called "Bullet" which the can was literally in the shape of a large caliber bullet. I even remember seeing "Boo-Koo" a QUADRUPLE shot of power drink. Your pee would come out an interesting hue of yellowish green.

Come 2003, early 2004 the original players noticed they were being squeezed and thus you started seeing Amp, Sobe and Red Bull being sold at Wal-Mart in 4 packs, effectively bringing their price down to about $1.79. But then came my savior.

You see, even though by this time I was making good coin, I still couldn't get myself to splurge on things that seemed excessive. Maybe it's the economist in me, but I'll never drive a beamer. Beamers are for insecure baby boomers who still think they're in high school and have to impress everybody. I'll never buy anything at Starbucks because I am not a preppy gen-Xer that is stupid enough to drop $3 on frilly girly girl coffee. I'll never buy a suit that costs more than $500. I'll never stay at a fancy hotel when there's a perfectly good way side I can pull the car over and crash. Thus, forking over $2 for what amounted to a fraction of a soda was a no-no as well.

Oh, but the power of the free market should never be estimated for in came Rooster Booster.

4 pack.

$4.27

Full regiment of vitamin C

Cheaper than soda.

You gotta love capitalism.

Thus for the past 2 years I've had my daily Rooster Booster, usually an afternoon one too. I swear by them and the people at my office look at it and then look at me as if I'm some strange zoo animal.

But the forces of capitalism do not relent. For just last week I saw "Vault" the newest

entrant into the power drink market.

Tastes good

Really wakes you up

79 cents.

It's a text book lesson come true.

Cripes

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There are times I am so happy I'm a man. Like, for instance, right now.

http://women.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,17909-2057781,00.html

The New Inflation

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9 is the new 8.

Tuesday is the new Monday.

Economists are the new studs.

And house prices and stock prices are the new inflation.

It's an interesting discussion being circulated on whether or not monetary policy should target asset prices. Traditionally "inflation" only referred to consumer items as a means by which to gauge whether or not prices were increasing. But that doesn't account for all the money being floated around in the system. And if enough money is floating around, prices are bound to go up somewhere.

When it hits consumer goods, we call this "inflation." And it is bad.

When it hits housing or stock markets, we call this "a bull market." And is deemed good.

The problem is, assets or consumer goods, if prices get too out of whack, then this leads to a misallocation of resources. Idiots flooded the stock market during Dotcom mania days. Idiots today leverage up 100% to buy a house or property whose plausible rents could never come close to covering the mortgage payment, thereby driving the prices further. And in both cases savings tanked.

We're in a particularly precarious situation now, where a fair amount of economic growth is due to consumer spending and a fair amount of spending is due to morons squeezing every penny of equity out of their homes.

Of course, as always, when resources are misallocated to a large enough scale, recessions occur.

But you don't want to hear that, you just go ahead and take out that remaining $10,000 in equity in your house to buy that SUV.

The War on Terror Has Cost Us Nothing

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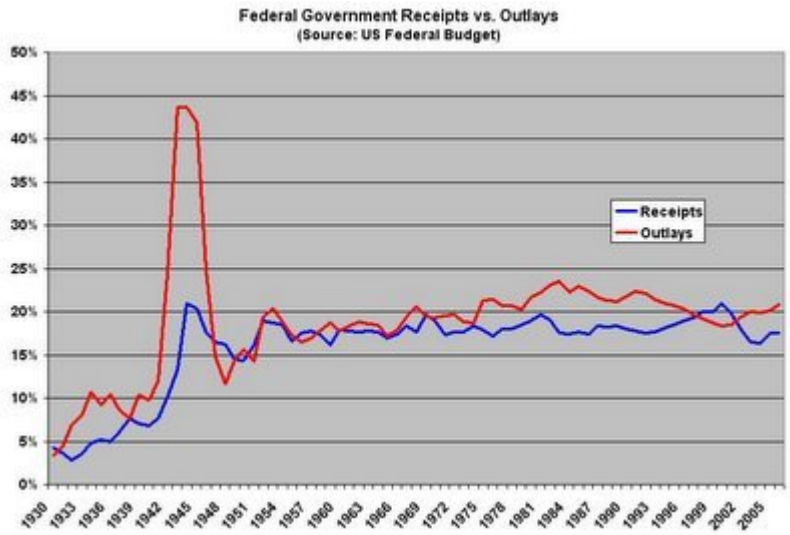
Once again, to quelch the idiot baby boomer hippies-turned career politicians who all of the sudden became fiscal conservatives overnight and contstantly bitch and whine about the costs of this war please note;

2,400 people died in Pearl Harbor.

3,000 died on 9-11

Look at the corresponding response in government fiscal policy and defense spending



Two Last Charts from Al

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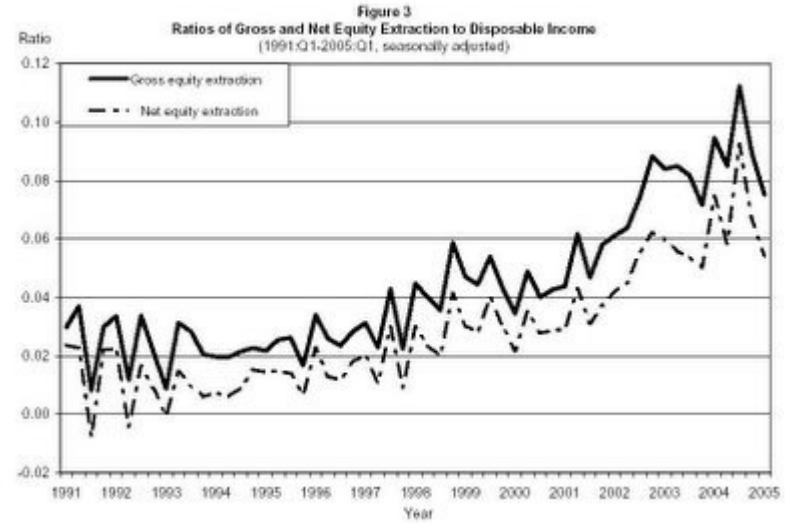
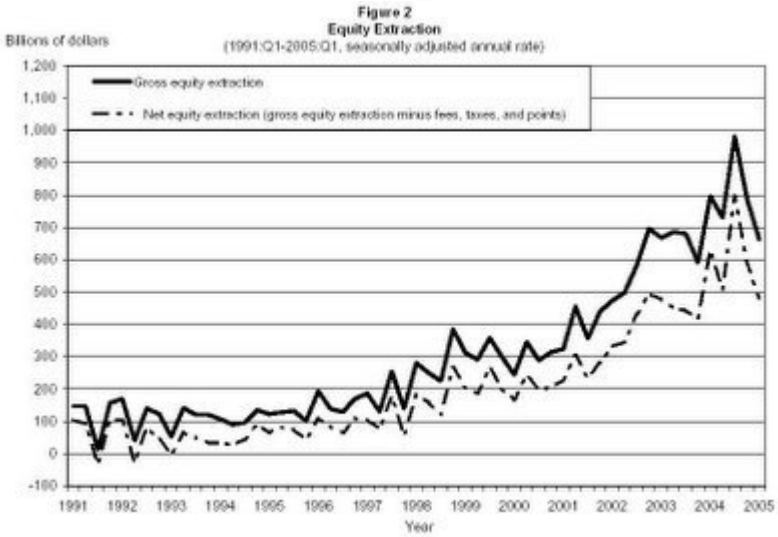
These are charts I gleaned from Greenspan's last report at the Fed.





I will say it again; Americans are lazy and I want to rip the throats out of people who complain about the cost of health care, but would rather instead use the equity in their home to buy portable video games for their little sh!t kids and SUV's for their impotent asses.

Do the Left Even Know This is Where Their Path Leads?

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Sad.

Costs of the War on Terror

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For all of you on the left, please do yourself a favor, and shut the ef up.

My Apologies

March 6, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was hellishly busy this weekend. Tax season and all, plus I started a radio show.

Here's something I've been meaning to get to. Martin Andrade.

Has some great charts here;

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They should show up, if not go to his web site and check them out.

The Burden of the Old

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Figure 3.1. **Public long-term care expenditure by age group** [1]

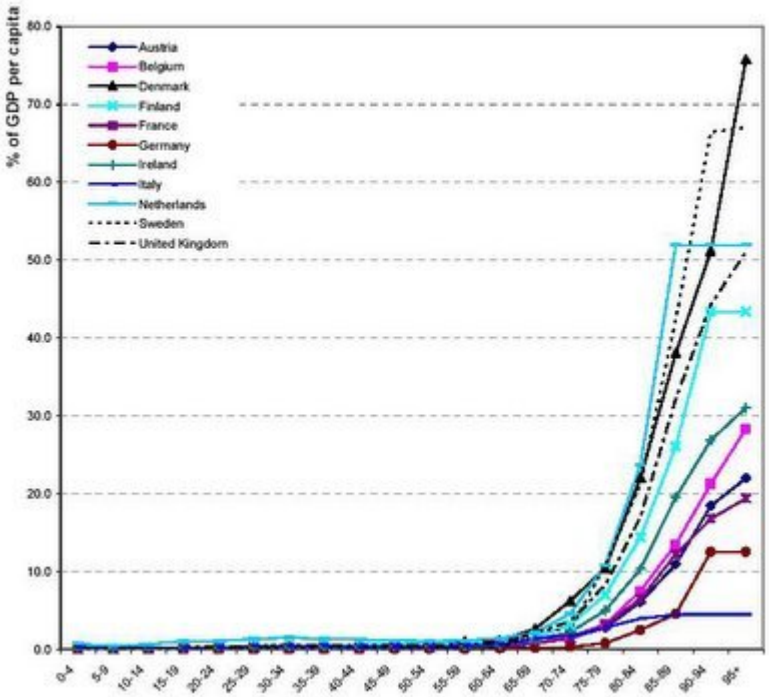
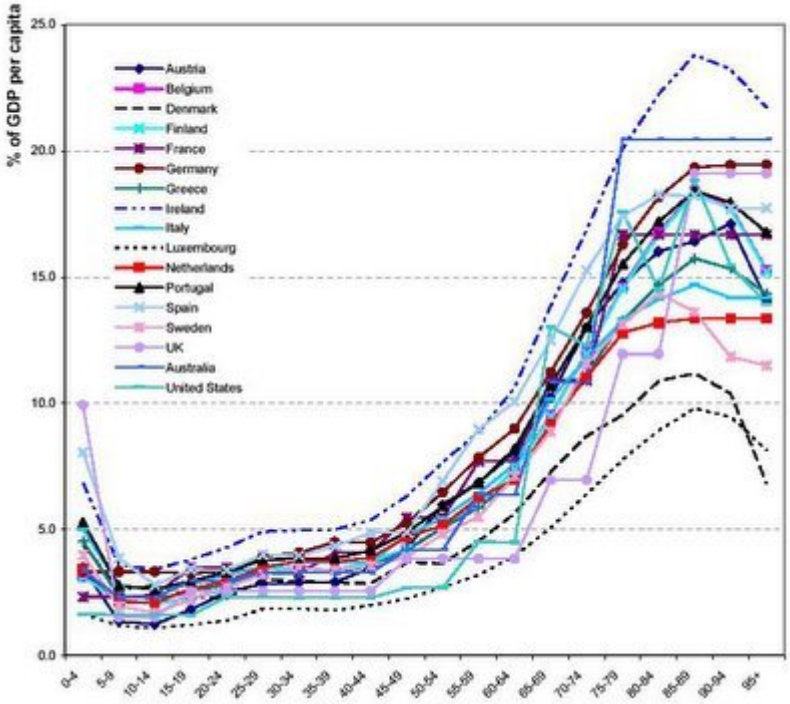


Figure 2.1 **Public health care expenditure by age groups** [1]



I just can't wait to see what happens when the baby boomers hit their 70's.

FREAKING SWEET!!!

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http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060308/ap_on_re_us/border_troops_1

A democrat female with more balls than anybody I've seen except the Israelis saying they'll stop Iran if the UN won't.

She just made herself a viable candidate for the presidency.

Wafah Watch 4!

March 12, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So my future wife and personal-server-of-martini's has made it in the news again.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20060310/tv_nm/leisure_binladen_dc

Unfortunately she will be hosting a reality TV show, which has now just more or less made her the intellectual equivalent of the typical American girl.

I Take it Back About Obese Minnesotan Women

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Wherever There's a Problem...

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You'll find a socialist.

http://www.washtimes.com/world/20060314-125702-7713r.htm

God I hate you people. Of all the well-intentioned people out there that have managed to impoverish if not kill millions, cripes. And this guy is developing a nuclear bomb.

My favorite is how when economies tank because of the leftist policies implemented by these freaks it is blamed on the "capitalist imperialist west."

Cripes.

Give It Away, Give It Away, Give It Away Now!

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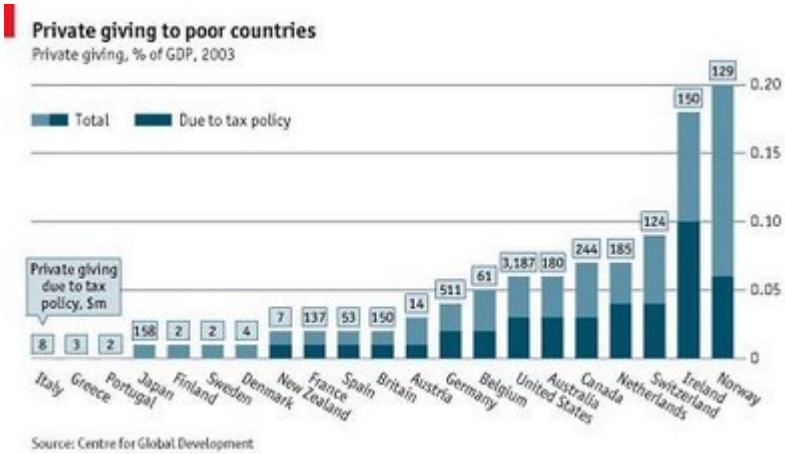
"Private giving to poor countries" is like giving money to my alcoholic, heroin addicted, felonious brother. It is largely pissed away.

Don't believe me? Well, just look at how much $600 billion in aid has helped Africa. And wow, that Live 8 crap sure did wonders didn't it? I mean, not one life has been improved, but we made a bunch of preppy spoiled brat suburbanites across the western world feel good about themselves!

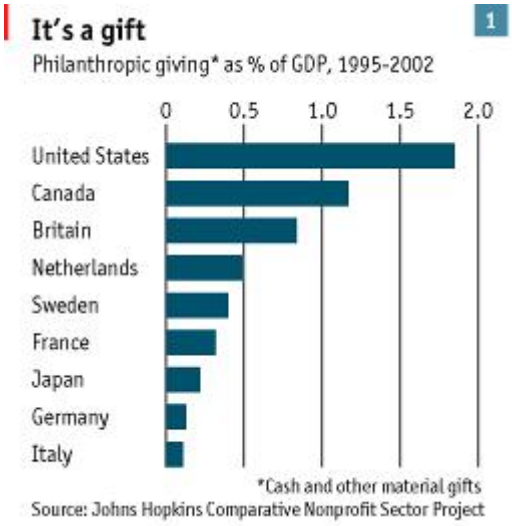
Thus, whilst those on the left complain that the US does not give enough money as a percent of its GDP I'd like to point out two things with the following chart;



1. We give more private money than most of those in Europe who do the majority of the bitching.

2. The smartest people in this chart as far as I'm concerned are the Italians who know their money will be wasted and the most guilt tripped are the Norwegians who are stupid enough to piss away their money.

I'd also like to point out that it isn't always "poor countries" that need be the recipients of money to make it charitable. How interesting the left failed to pick up this data and parade it around;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Philanthropic giving* as % of GDP, 1995-2002
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United States
Canada
Britain
Netherlands
Sweden
France
Japan
Germany
Italy
*Cash and other material gifts
Source: Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project

There's Some Irony for Ya!

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Payback? 86 dead in apparent Iraq reprisal killings

A masked gunman fires at a government building in Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

At least 86 bodies were found in Iraq's capital during a 30-hour period ending at midday Baghdad time today, authorities said, raising fears that sectarian reprisal killings are continuing at a grisly pace. Police say 29 of the bodies were found in a shallow grave on the eastern side of the capital in a Shiite neighborhood. Their hands were tied behind their backs and bullets shot through their heads.

I know things aren't going swell there, but I like the fact they have flat panel TV's in this horrid war.

Bad Credit Analysis

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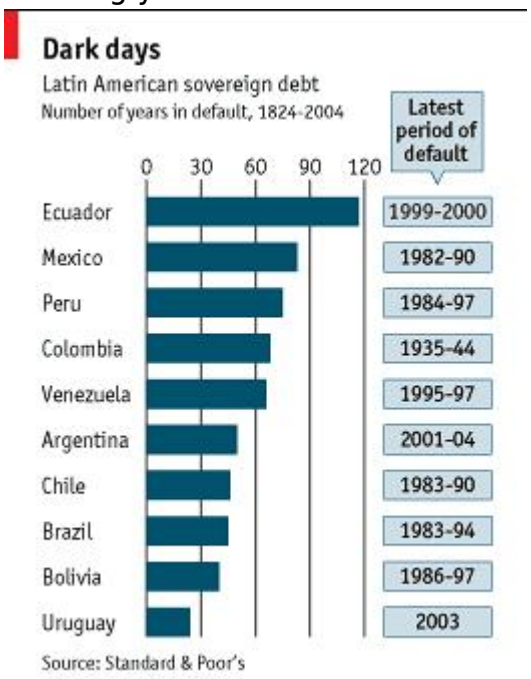
This chart was interesting. How many years various Latin American countries have been in default in the past 180 years. Now, you'd think, 10, maybe 20. Oh no, try like 80-100 freaking years.



Why would any sane rational person loan money to anybody south of Texas and north of the South Pole? Is it any wonder that Argentina defaulted on $132 billion? Is it any wonder why most Hispanic countries have a fraction of the income per capita that Americans do?

Of Course!

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http://www.interfax.ru/e/B/0/28.html?id_issue=11478562

And we're to blame for the tsunami, and Africa's horrible situation and the middle east and AIDS and everything else.

Amazing how when leftist policies don't work that the left resorts to more and more conspiratorial explanations why their lives suck.

Morons.

YOU BASTARDS!!!

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http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,187945,00.html

Cripes, now I gotta go and wait in line for a 360.

The official economist lingo for this is "this effing blows."

I Told You So

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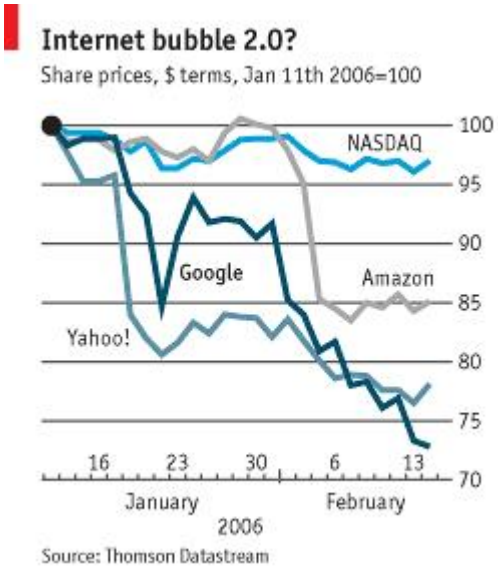

Early Bird I Pod Morons

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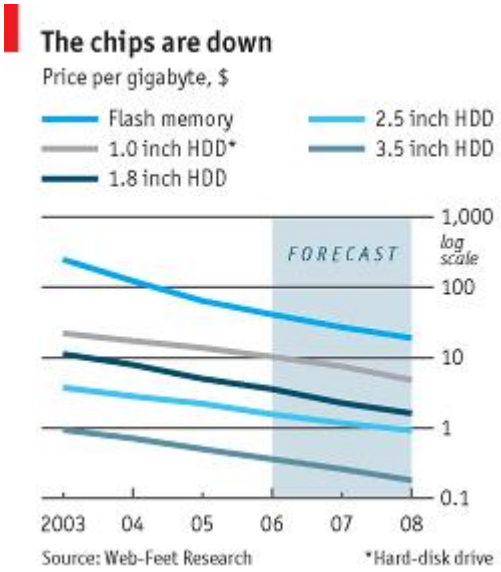
I'm no technological genius, but I knew enough that when the first I Pod came out and all the chachi preppy suburbanite kids wanted to buy this white brick that stored 5 songs for $300, it would be wise to wait just a bit. For memory has a tendency to drop rather quickly. And if I just waited 5 years I could get a phone/memory stick/MP3/WMV/nuclear missile launcher/lightsaber/player for 30 cents as the price of memory came down.



Well, the light saber option hasn't been added yet, so I broke down and dropped $30 on my first I-Pod clone. Holds 40 songs. The merits of being patient and frugal.

Yea, We're Rich in Minnesota, Donchyaknow

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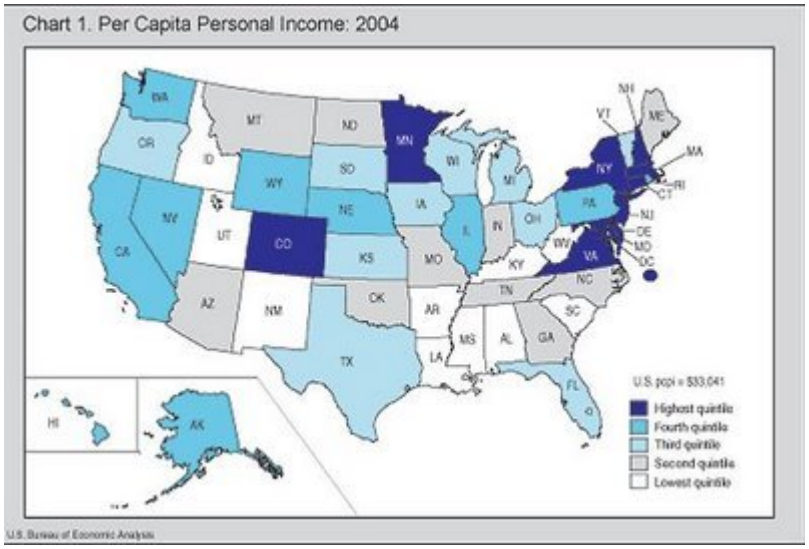

Thought this might amuse some of you.

GOT A PERMANENT RADIO SHOW GIG

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Dear Fellow Aspiring Economists!

Good news. I have been given a permanent radio show gig at AM 1500 in Minneapolis.

Was actually given the gig a couple weeks back, but didn't mention it here because I was contemplating whether I'd want to keep the show and blog seperate entities.

However, I started getting calls from San Francisco and other far flung places whilst broadcasting and it occurred to me that while Minneapolis is a big town, this blog has attracted some of the smarter/more-economically educated people from across the planet which would cause for a more interesting and engaging show.

That and it throws off the radio show folk how I get calls from 2,000 miles away.

Anyway, the show is called "The Economics Supper Club" it broadcasts;

SATURDAYS FROM 1-3PM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

You can go to this web site to get the streamlining/webbroadcasting thing they got going on;

http://www.am1500.com/subpages/streamsupport.htm

The long distance number is 1-877-615-1500

Feel free to listen and call in!

I'm Amazed We Won WWII

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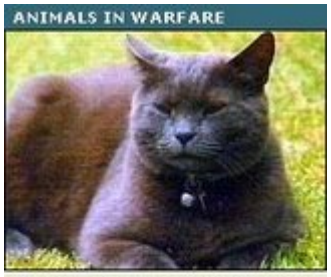

- **WWII:** Attach a bomb to a cat and drop it from a dive-bomber on to Nazi ships. The cat, hating water, will "wrangle" itself on to enemy ship's deck. In tests cats became unconscious in mid-air
- **WWII:** Attach incendiaries to bats. Induce hibernation and drop them from planes. They wake up, fly into factories etc and blow up. Failed to wake from hibernation and fell to death
- **Vietnam War:** Dolphins trained to tear off diving gear of Vietcong divers and drag them to interrogation, sources linked to the programme say. Syringes later placed on dolphin flippers to inject carbon dioxide into divers, who explode. US Navy has always denied using mammals to harm humans

Dutch Schultz and My Newfound Appreciation for Wikipedia

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If you have the time during lunch this is fascinating. And when people usually say that, you say, "yeah sure, right."

Like when your mom forwards you e-mails that you MUST READ and they're pictures of cute cats or something.

But, no, seriously, it's just that freaking cool;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dutch_Schultz

"You can play jacks, and girls do that with a soft ball and do tricks with it.

Oh, Oh, dog Biscuit, and when he is happy he doesn't get snappy"

Yeah, as if.

Ricardian Trade Theorem Applied to Fashion

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Presumably I am "cool" now. And the reason I am "cool" now is because I have this shirt that;

1. Should NEVER be tucked in
2. Has cuffs that should NEVER be buttoned
3. Has buttons that the top two should ALWAYS be left open.

I am also cool in that now I have jeans that look like somebody urinated on them and dragged them through dirt.

I am even cooler because I have new cologne that I didn't pick out and is to replace my Polo cologne that I've had since 1992.

And to top the newfound coolness with even more coolness, 90% of my hair has been chopped off for the short spikey, fresh out of the shower hair look.

So long Captain Jack Sparrow look.

Now, to most normal people I would look like a moron. And I do. I now look like all these 23 year old kids running around the ChaChi bars in the Twin Cities. And I concur, when I look at myself in the mirror, I say, "cripes, I look like a moron."

BUT OOOOOHHHH HOW WRONG I AM!!!

For it doesn't matter what I think of my new fashion.

Oh no.

All that matters is what girls think of my fashion.

You see, the Captain Capitalism Cadre of Friends (it's like Super Friends, but all guys) held a conferenza last night. And the conferenza was about changing the current strategy so that we may;

1. Quit running into so many damn religious chicks
2. Find future Babes of Capitalism
3. Do so with spending less time and money on it as now, seemingly, God has smiled upon us and all of our careers have just skyrocketed through the roof and we have not the time to be chasing futile targets.

And one thing we more or less all universally agreed upon was that we needed to change our style and clothes and image.

Of course, being a bunch of economist, mortgage, banker types sitting around a board room desk in DT Minneapolis on a Saturday night conducting a conferenza, fashion is not exactly our thing. Oh sure, we have suits, but outside that we have no cool clothes. We have dated hair cuts. And I seriously do have Polo cologne from 1992. I am looking at it right now.

We have no freaking clue what is in or hip.

But I do have a clue about the merits of Ricardian Trade Theory.

For yes, we in the Captain Capitalism Cadre of Friends may be clueless about image and fashion, but we are smart enough to outsource that decision to people who aren't.

And how could this cunning plan possibly fail?

We pay the Swiss to make our chocolates.
We pay the Japanese to make our cars.
We pay the Chinese to make our electronics.
And we pay the Irish to make our whiskey.

Why not pay somebody who isn't an economist to make our fashion decisions for us?

Thus, today, two fashionably savvy girls at my office were kind enough to take the raw and hopeless material of a banker, a mortgage guy and an economist and transform them into new and refined products of pure and total hotness.

However, whilst my cadre o' friends were hesitant to spend the money on clothes that were seemingly putrid and haircuts that literally came out of a book, I threw caution to the wind and COMPLETELY outsourced all decisions to the women.

The assistant/sales person helping us at the clothing store with the BOOMCHICABOOM music would come up and ask me what I thought about the shirt I had just put on and I would say, "Ask them what they think."

The salonist asked me what hair cut I was looking for. And I said, "Ask them what I'm looking for."

And when the perfume sniper at the anchor store asked me "What cologne do you like?" I said, "Ask them what I like."

So by the time the day was over, I had some new duds, practically no hair, new stench and a shirt that is so tight that I have a hard time scratching my back.

Thinking that all I did was waste about $300, or 1/2 the annual earnings of a Sudanese, on pure fluff, and recalling the last time I followed the advice from women, it resulted in utter chaos, I was not expecting any results.

Yet, all of 5 hours later, I just met a girl pursuing a degree in finance who would like to go dancing. And, I am being completely serious here, every 20 something girl I have ran into today is responding more positively, where they are actually smiling at me, borderline, dare I say, checking me out? Perhaps even flirting with me?

Alas, perhaps all economists should outsource image management.

Health Care Expenditures as % of GDP

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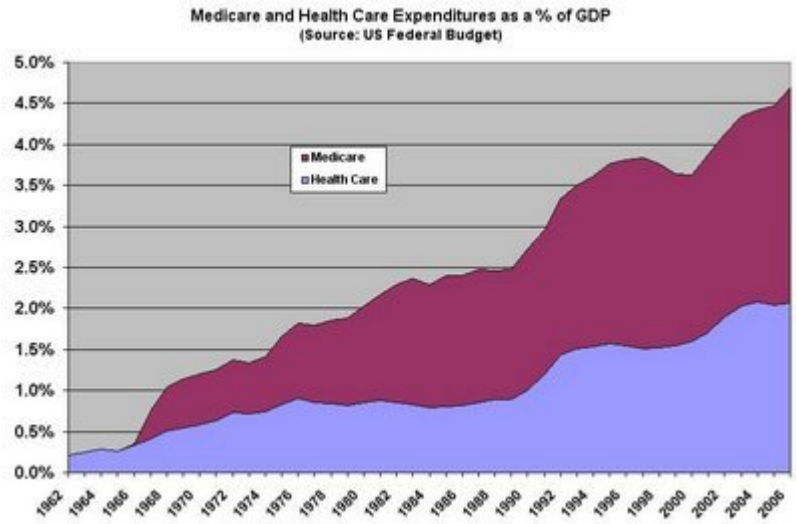

If I hear one more effing socialist say we don't spend enough on health care I will give them reason to wish the government would spend more on their health care personally.

Why Housing is the Sword of Damocles

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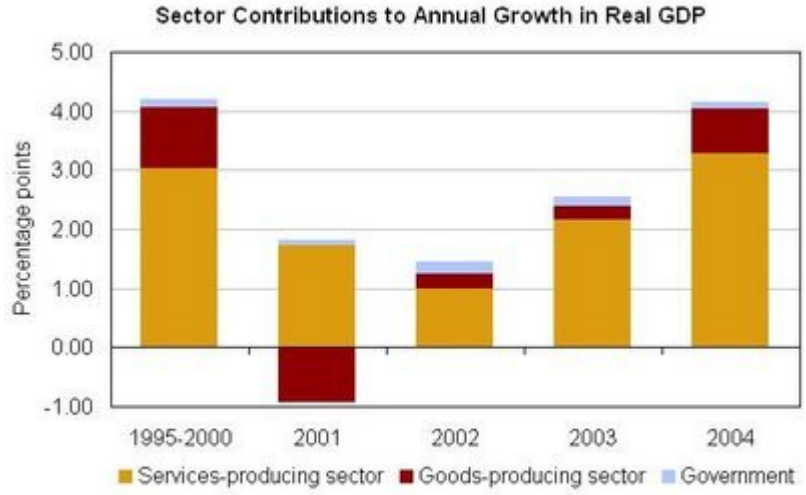
Since the US is not a socialist economy...yet anyway...the majority of our economic growth comes from the private sector. And as our economy has evolved from an agrarian one to an industrial one to a service one, a larger and larger percentage of our economic growth hails from the service sector.

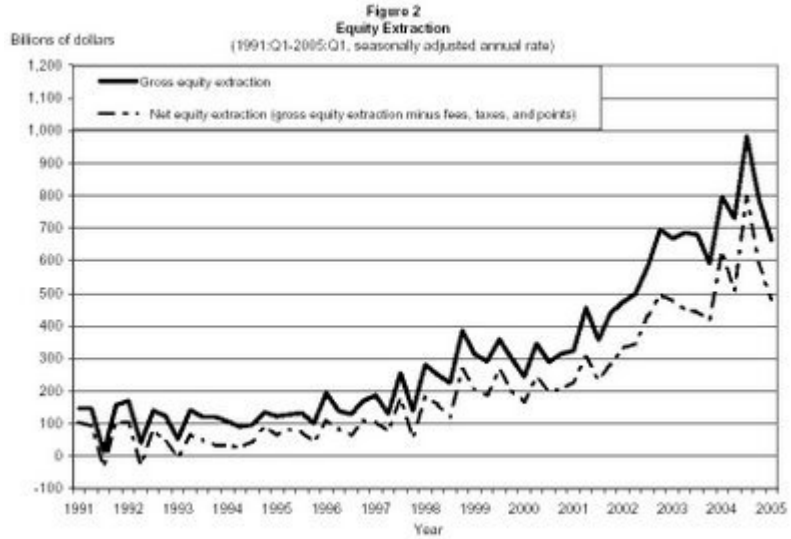
This and the fact unions have priced themselves out of competition doesn't help manufacturing either.

Regardless, if you look at where the majority of us spend our money domestically the majority of it is spent on services. Oh, sure, we buy X-Box's and PS2's, but those are manufactured overseas. Thus it should be no surprise that a vast majority of our economic growth is due to services.



Percentage-point contributions do not sum to goss domestic product because the contribution of "not allocated by industry" is excluded.

Of course, what is the main engine driving this spending on these luxurious services?



"Precarious" is a word that comes to mind.

What the Hell is Up with My Ads?

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Hey, is anybody else out there getting only Google's ad for "Picasa" picture thingy?

I keep reloading the site and it's like it's the only thing being advertised out there.

I Love North Korea

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http://reuters.myway.com/article/20060322/2006-03-22T123122Z_01_SEO27580_RTRIDST_0_NEWS-KOREA-NORTH-RIGHTS-DC.html

Oh, how the feminists must be confused about this one. Do you support the ideology of communism, even though they do not support women abortion rights?

Knowing feminists, they'll go for the money.

Knowing leftists in general, they'll always abandon their pursuit of "social rights" for the money.

Some Housing Stats

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So I hear "record levels of housing inventories" in several articles, but do they make charts?

Hell, no. That would make my job easier.

Then again, if you go to the Department of Commerce's web page and look up the raw data they make it insanely difficult to graph and chart.

But, oh, little did those bastards expect me. I was able to rearrange the data and come up with some nifty ones.

First total houses for sale.

Of course, this does not account for population growth or the size of our economy, so I calculated two additional charts;

Houses for sale as a percent of total housing units

and vacant housing as a percent of all housing units.

Both at all time record highs.

A buyers market it will become.

Savings Rates? I Got Your Saving Rates Right Here!

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Genius, does not strike when you think it should. Genius will strike you when it god damned well pleases.

And genius is finicky.

For example, genius is not going to strike just any ol' dumb person. You more often than not have to be smart. Furthermore, genius is not going to strike people who are anticipating it. For example, your token liberals when they meditate, practice tai-chi, hold candle-light vigils or practice yoga. Oh yeah, like genius doesn't see through that farce.

These are idiots who are just begging for genius to strike them for just once in their lives. Sadly they all majored in sociology and feelings, and thus genius will never strike for they think "it will just come to me, huwaaaa huwaaaaa!!!!!!"

No, genius is much more meticulous than that.

Or at least it was last night. For if you were to have been with genius last night you would have been floating around up in the air over the South Western suburbs of Minneapolis. And at 1Am you could have had your pick of probably over 500,000 people, all awake, some of which certainly deserving of being struck.

But instead, you would have looked down onto highway 62, spotted a smart little convertible heading west and in that convertible would have been a very tired, and physically exhausted man making his way back to his nice humble home in the city. So tired that he would be the last person in the world that you'd judge to be receptive to genius.

But what they hey, strike him anyway.

BOOM!

So there I was, tired as hell, blasting Revco just to stay awake to make it back to my nice warm bed. I was in a suit and was so tired that I fully planned on sleeping in it. Furthermore I remembered I had done laundry and my highly economic and efficient laundry process is to pile all my clean clothes on my bed and put the dirty clothes on the floor. I'd have to burrow underneath the clothes.

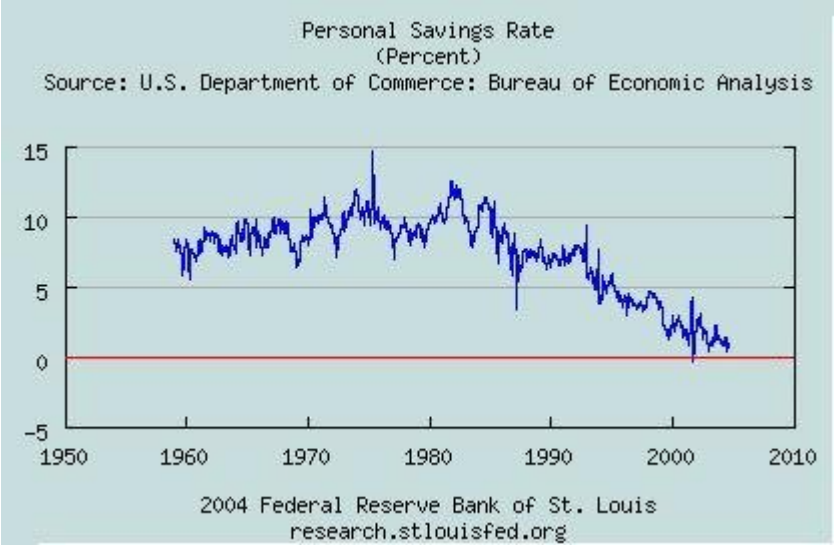
Then it hit me. I wasn't thinking about it. I wasn't pondering anything related to it. But it just popped into my head;

"Hey, why don't we make extra principal payments on debt tax deductible? That would not only serve as a sort of tax cut, but would strengthen the country's fiscal position, and help to increase many people's credit rating. It'd also serve to keep most interest rates, short and long term low, thus attracting investment."

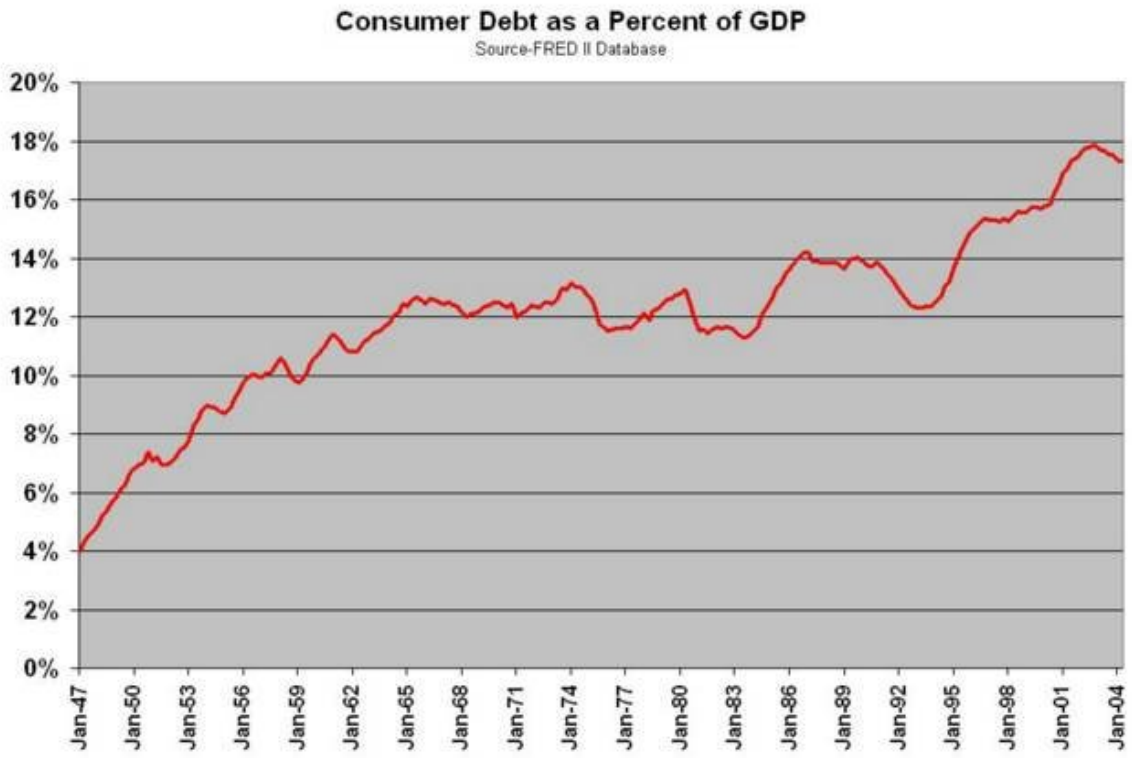
Again, genius strikes when it god damned well pleases.

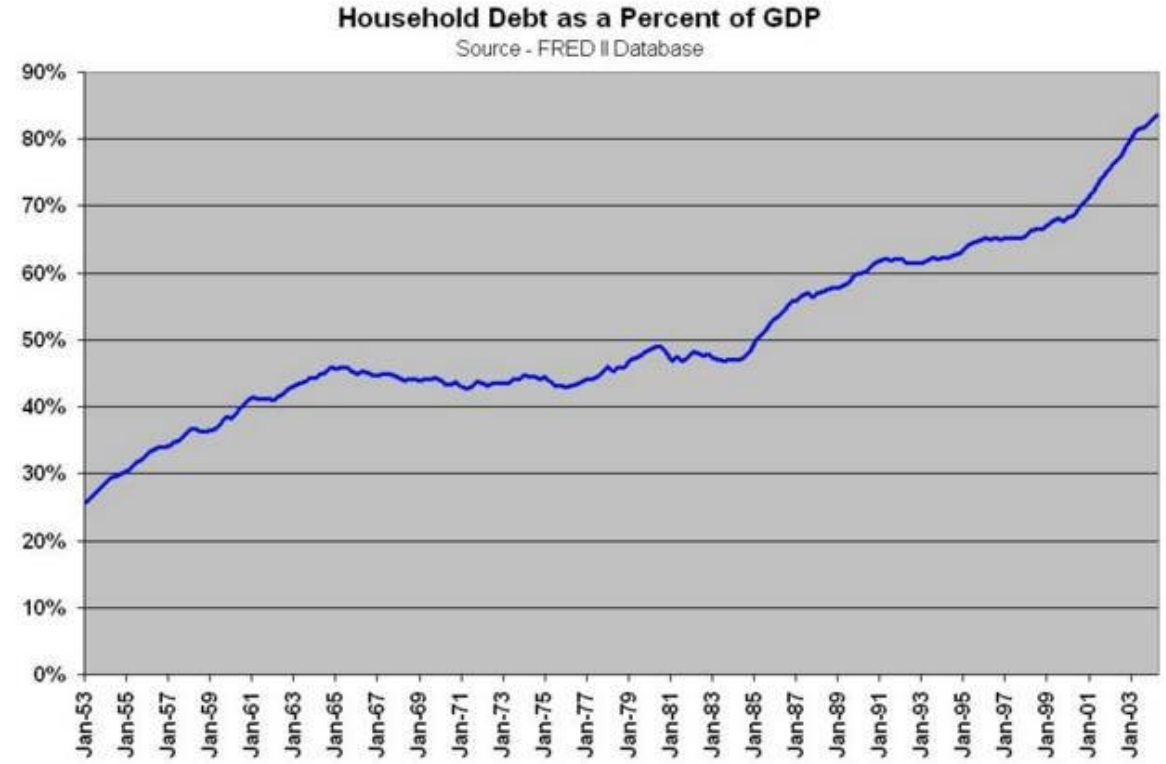
So for the remainder of the trip back home I was contemplating all the benefits that might bring about.

1. It would serve to boost the dismally low savings rate we Americans have.

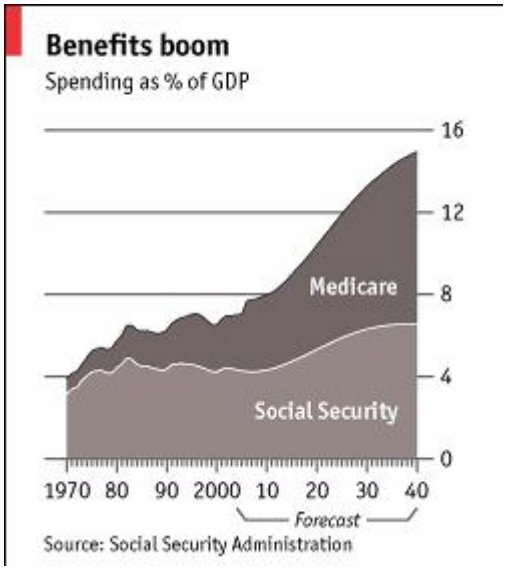


2. The aforementioned benefit of strengthening our financial position.
3. The aforementioned benefit of lower interest rates and the economic growth/investment that would follow.
4. It would lower the currently record high household and consumer debt levels we have.





5. It would put us in a supremely better position to handle the raping...err...I mean...wealth distribution...uh...umm...what I meant to say was fleecing...uh, no, that wasn't it either...oh I meant crisis...uh, no, shoot, Democrats say there's no crisis, ergo there must be none...hmmm...that "social security thing" everybody keeps talking about.



All these benefits and more just for being wise enough to incentive people to adhere to fiscal austerity. Pure genius!

It was such a good idea that I promised myself, first thing in the morning I'd tell my senator so that he'd realize the merits of this and submit a bill right away.

But I forgot that "genius is finicky." And genius "is not going to strike just any ol' dumb person."

Alas, it seems such genius would be lost on all of congress.

Well, it was good idea anyway.

There's No Justice

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This girl is getting 4 - 20 years in jail for sleeping with her students;

This one just got off scott-free.

This is why I naturally do not trust knock out babes. They are SO shielded from the real world that they literally have the minds of little children.

Why Would Business Set Up Shop in France?

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http://today.reuters.com/news/newsarticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyid=2006-03-23T180437Z_01_L23178518_RTRUKOC_0_US-FRANCE.xml&rpc=22

Seriously, who the hell is going to hire these people?

If I want something done in Europe I'll go to the former Soviet Bloc where they're not spoiled brat children.

Broadcasting Again

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Just a reminder you too can tune into The Economics Supper club

This Saturday

1-3PM Central Standard Time

Here's the site you can listen from online

http://www.am1500.com/subpages/streamsupport.htm

Will be talking about who is winning, the left or the right. Will get into Ricardian trade theory and why economists should not dress themselves. And if we have time, we'll talk about how fat chicks get hosed and hot babes get off scott-free.

I'll post the relevant data so you can follow online (hopefully if I have the time)

Why I Don't Trust Finance Professionals

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As far as I'm concerned the most corrupt industry in the world is not the former Suharto regime in Indonesia.

Nor is it the upper echelons of the communist part in China.

Nor is it the nepotistic blue bloods of the Kerry's, Bush's, Kennedy's and Clinton's.

No, it's the entire finance industry in the US.

I'm amazed at times that our corruption index put out by Transparency International isn't lower simply because of the constant sleeze and scum that this industry seems to attract;

This is only the latest to raise my ire.

The US Federal Budget - Don't Leave Home Without It!

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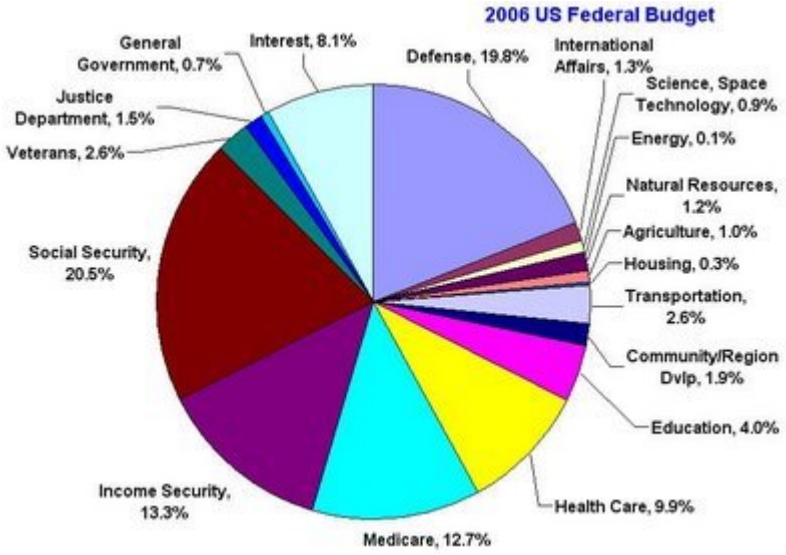
The Federal Budget is a handy thing to have on you whenst debating the mentally-impaired forces of the left. For, after all, their entire chorus consists of repeating that we don't spend enough money on (fill in socialist cause here)_____.

Well, be able to immediately counter your leftist friends with hard core facts and data when you have the ***2006 US Federal Budget!***



More Reasons to Hate France

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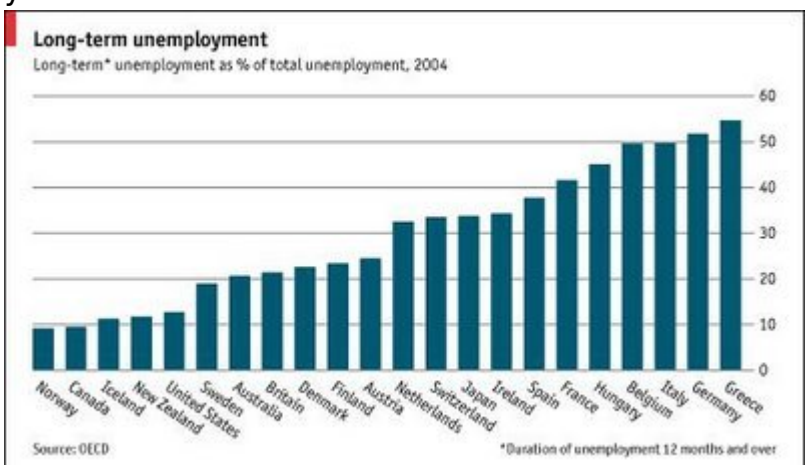
With France imminently approaching national strikes, I just wanted to refresh our memories about long term unemployment.

Long term unemployment is the percent of total people unemployed for more than 1 year.



In France 42% of those who are unemployed have been unemployed for over 12 months.

The reason why this is important is because long term unemployment is an excellent proxy for the laziness of a people.

In the US we're only at 13%

Norway is at 9%.

Perhaps oil is not the only reason for Norway's economic success.

Hell, "I" Don't Understand What's Going On

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Poor kid.

I'm 31 and I'm still having a hard time figuring out "what's going on."

And before this, I thought I had a tough time trying to figure out the opposite sex.

The kids of the next generation are going to be soooo effed up, it should be no surprise that we'll stop reproducing all together and America will just become another Islamist country because of immigration and demographics.

Well, you good little suburbanites keep breeding. Will need somebody to stave off the inevitable collapse of this country so I can enjoy a peaceful retirement.

The Captain Takes a Vacation

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Greetings fellow Aspiring and Junior Deputy Economists!

As you may have noticed (and some of you pointed out/e-mailed me/asked me about) postings are rather curt and focusing a bit more on the charts and a little bit less on analysis. While the gist of Captain Capitalism is to provide you with the empirical evidence you need to wage your own battle against the forces of socialism unfortunately I have been blessed with an ungodly and an incomprehensible amount of luck and success. Revenues for my dance classes and seminars have broken all records, online classes had record enrollments, prospective clients on the horizon and not to mention the radio gig.

All those things considered, I was still able to provide you with the latest and greatest in economic data and statistics. However, this most recent slump you may have noticed is not due to tax season (although that is a factor) but an absolutely freaking hot gorgeous blond that I has captured my attention over the past week.

I could literally write pages about the girl, but you will of course forgive me for taking a wee bit of a sabbatical.

Besides, the never ending battle against the forces of socialism must occasionally yield to the occasional flirtatious skirmish with the local smoking hot blond insurgents. And if I don't deal with them, who will?

Free Labor Markets = More Jobs

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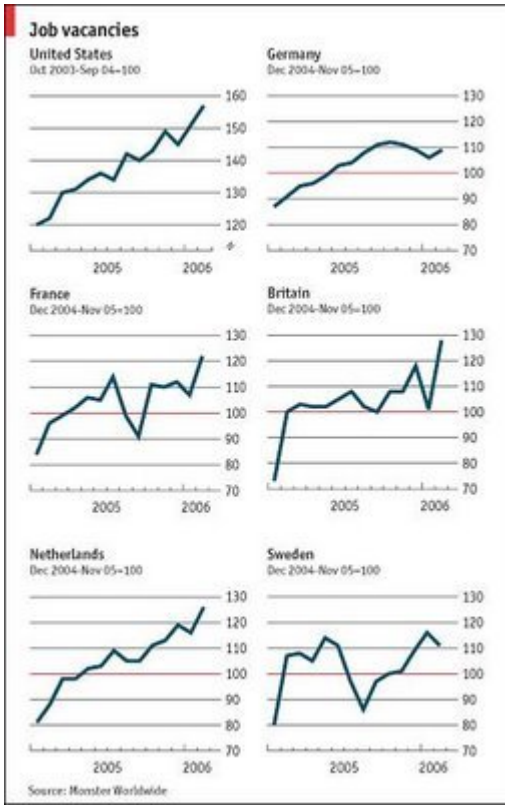

Hmm...

Which country stands out the most...

Hmmmm....

Oh, that's right. The only capitalist one.

God I love The Economist.

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Helen Thomas,

Yeah,

Fat, ugly, old, pissed off socialist chicks are always fun to make fun of.

http://www.wingercomics.com/d/20060330.html

No Broadcast This Weekend

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Just a reminder, there will NOT be a broadcast this Saturday. They will be broadcasting "Bear Facts and Fishtails" LIVE from the sports center!!!

Tune in next week when I talk about whatever the heck I decide to talk about next week.

CNN is for Lefties

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If you need any more proof that CNN and its viewers are to the left, you need look no further.

Nor do you need too look further for proof that Americans are just as stupid in their grossly negligent understanding of economics.

Oh, and we will pay for our ignorance.

Let's Talk Unemployment

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My stats on long term unemployment were questioned several times about whether they were standardized and thus I thought this would be a good time to address the issue of standardized unemployment rates.

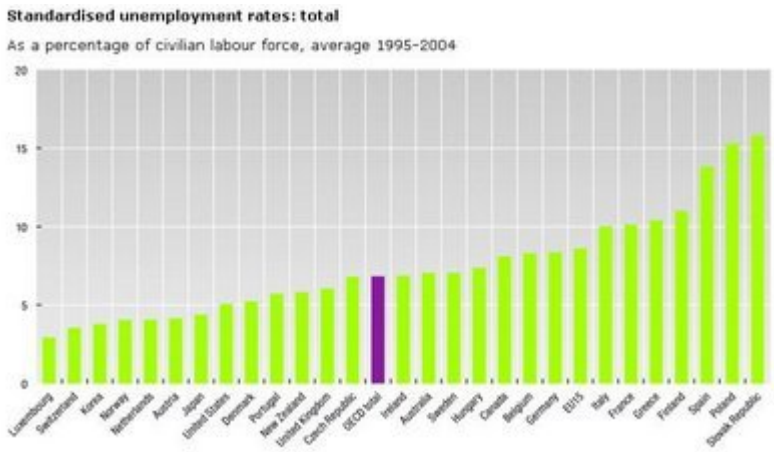
Yes, different countries do measure their unemployment rates differently. This results in incomparable data and is why Japan has always had what was considered an absurdly low unemployment rate. However, institutions such as the BLS, OECD and ILO do standardize the rates, allowing us to compare them against one another.

On March 28th, the OECD came out with their OECD Factbook 2006, thus putting me in a quandry;

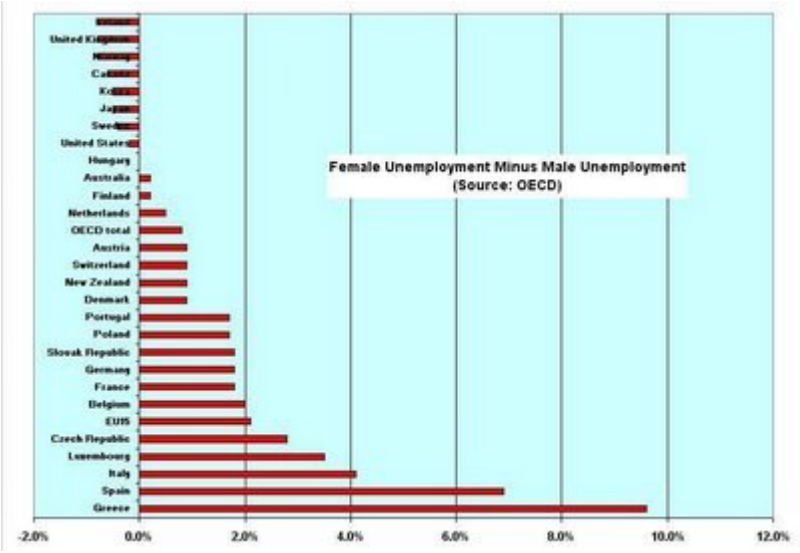
Do I hold true to my economic principles and promptly cancel my date with the impossibly gorgeous blond or

Go out with the blond knowing I have betrayed the Sacred Economic Order.

Regardless, in the Factbook they had standardized rates which would prove useful;



What was also interesting was that they broke down the unemployment rates for men and women. I thus subtracted the female unemployment rate from the male unemployment rate to see where the men were pulling more of their own weight.



It seems Greece and other central European countries have more of their men working than women. Ireland has more of their women working than their men. Alas, it seems this is more of a measure of which countries keep their women at home and not necessarily a reflection upon a stronger male work ethic...it is also futher proof I want a Irish girl.

A Very Vichy Compromise

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A Popularity Contest

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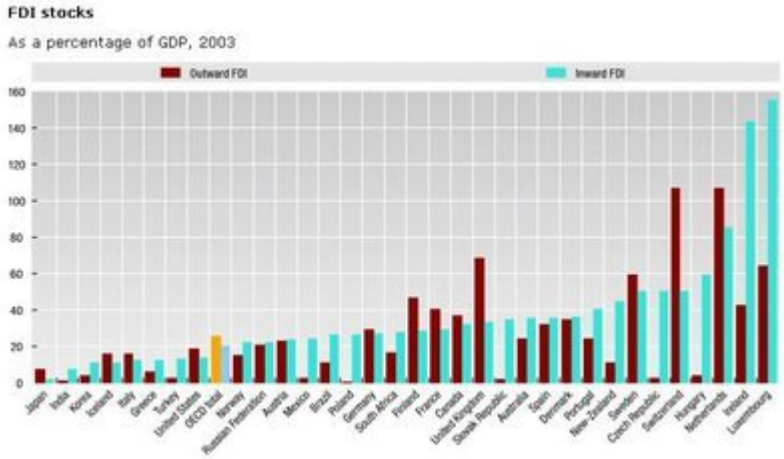
I always viewed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as a popularity contest of countries' economies. Not too unlike high school.

FDI is investment from foreign countries into yours. This is a good thing as the more of it you have the better your economy does. Foreign firms (and governments) want to set up shop in your country to produce goods or sell their goods/services there. This provides employment and boosts GDP.

Typically countries that have lower taxes, low regulation, open markets, and other such fascist imperialistic capitalistic abonimations will attract FDI, just as a high school girl that has big boobs, a tight body and a pretty face will attract the boys.

Thus when we compare FDI INFLOWS and OUTFLOWS as a percent of GDP for various countries, you get a really good idea as to who the most popular girls in high school are.



Alas it seems Ireland and Luxembourg are the most popular girls who receive all the attention, but return very little of it. And if you look for those cute girls next door you'll note Poland, the Czech and the Slovak Republics are also quite popular...I always loved girls in high school with a flat tax.

Trailer Homes

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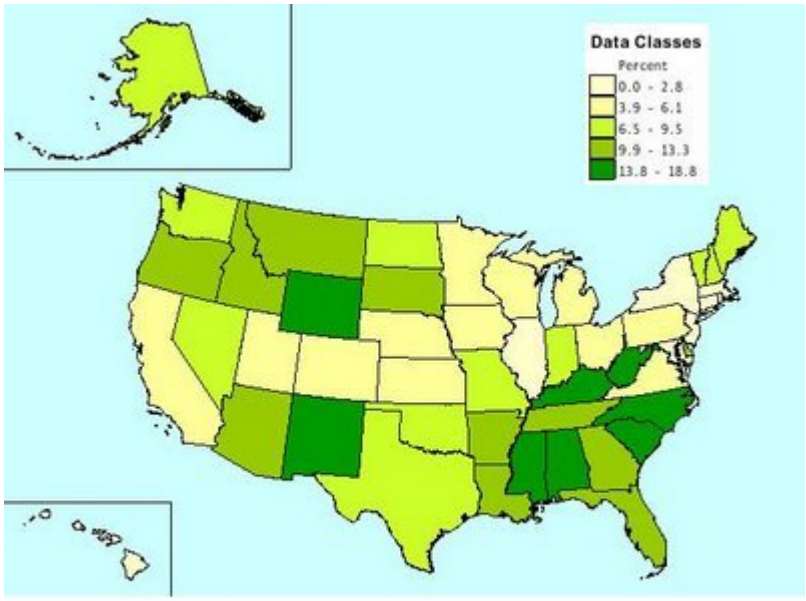
I'm not a big fan of trailer folk. And I don't care how Republican they are or how they have a "Support Our Troops" magnet on their Monte Carlo or Ford F-150 along with their NASCAR paraphernalia, I'd really rather talk to an academian liberal. Seriously, that's how much disdain I have for the Trailer Park People.

Well the Census Bureau has some interesting information. Seems they polled what percent of housing was mobile homes.



Percent of Total Housing Units that are Mobile Homes
Source: US Census Bureau

Scarily enough some states have mobile homes accounting for nearly 1 in 5 of all homes.

I'd rather hang out at a Dunn Brothers.

Government Fun!

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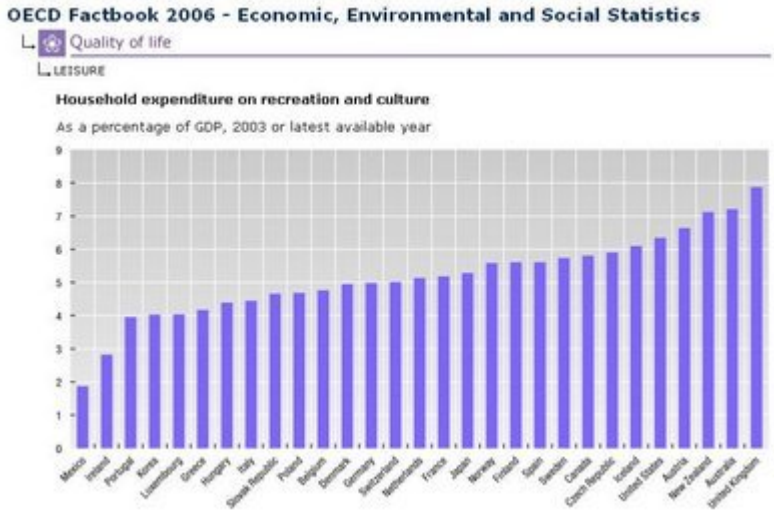
So whilst digesting the OECD's 2006 Factbook I happened upon an interesting chart;

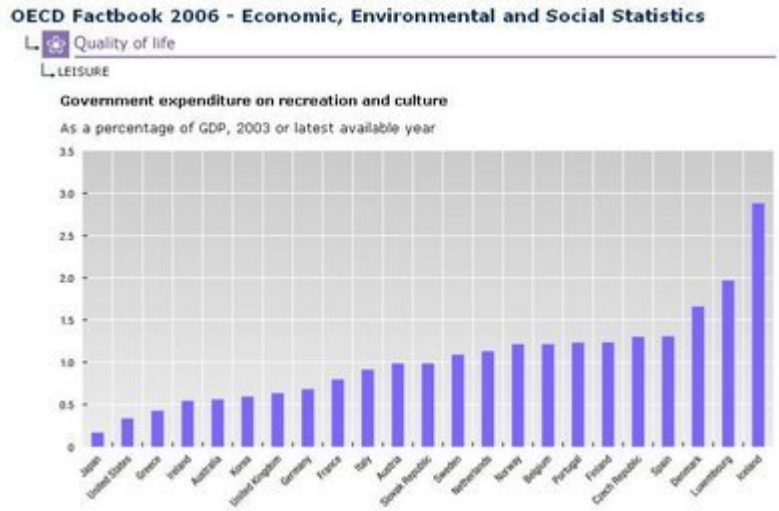
Household expenditure on recreation and culture as a % of GDP;



Seems the good ol' Anglo Saxons spend the most and thus live it up the most spending 6% or more on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Then there was another chart;

Government expenditure on recreation and culture.



Good lord, if a freaking barometer for socialism didn't exist, it exists now!

Nothing better than the government TELLING you what you're going to have fun with and enjoy.

Then again, at least some money is spent on recreation and culture, albeit inefficiently by the government.

I'd be curious to see similar charts for Arab countries.

Work = Wealth

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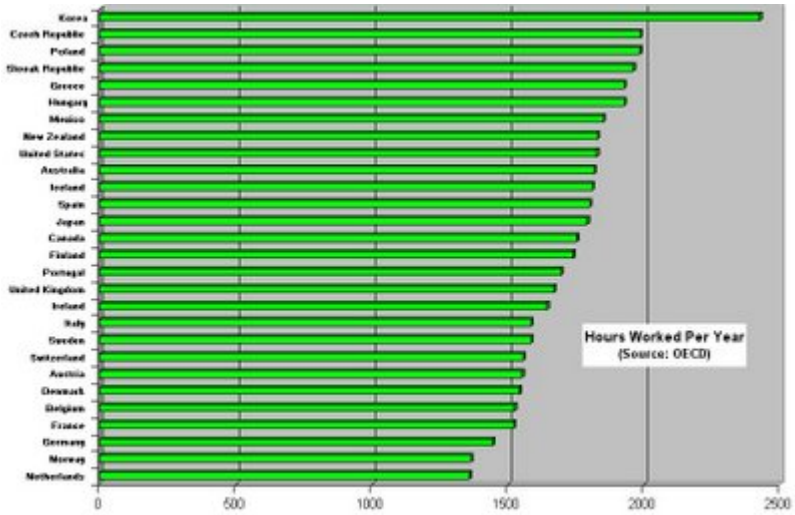
The more you work, the richer you become.

Of course, simple concepts and laws like these run contrary to leftist thought and ideology so what people like me have to do is prove it.

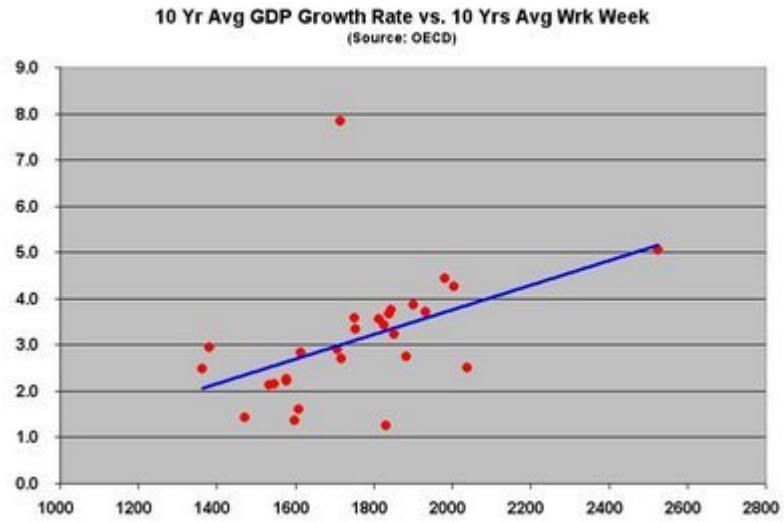
So here is the average hours worked per year for the average person in the following OECD countries (most recent data available);



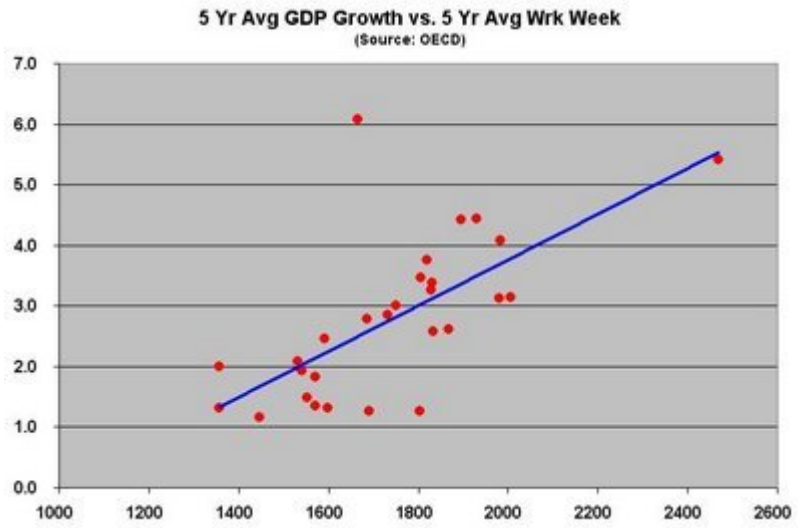
(Note our good French friends are on the lower end of the scale.)

Anyway, that's all nice and well, but if we want to establish the relationship between work and wealth production we have to take a more longitudinal look.

So what I did was take the 5 and 10 year average hours worked per year and correlated them against the 5 and 10 year average RGDP growth rates of all the OECD countries.



(correlation coefficient of .67)



(correlation coefficient of .47)

And surprise surprise (to the socialists anyway), the more you work...

GASP!

THE HIGHER YOUR ECONOMIC GROWTH!!!!!!

Will the amazing science we've all come to know and love known as economics ever cease to amaze?

Ug, Will the MSM Ever Learn

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http://www.mrc.org/cyberalerts/2006/cyb20060406.asp#1

Look, guys in New York sitting atop your Manhattan skyscrapers.

The whole US does not consist of burnout baby boomer wanna be's who protest all the time because their lives are so void and vapid they have to come up with false crusades to make themselves feel better.

You see, if you'd just report the truth then...

Ah to hell with it. The bloggers will just continue to trounce your asses.

Silent on the Economy - Latest Unemployment Stats

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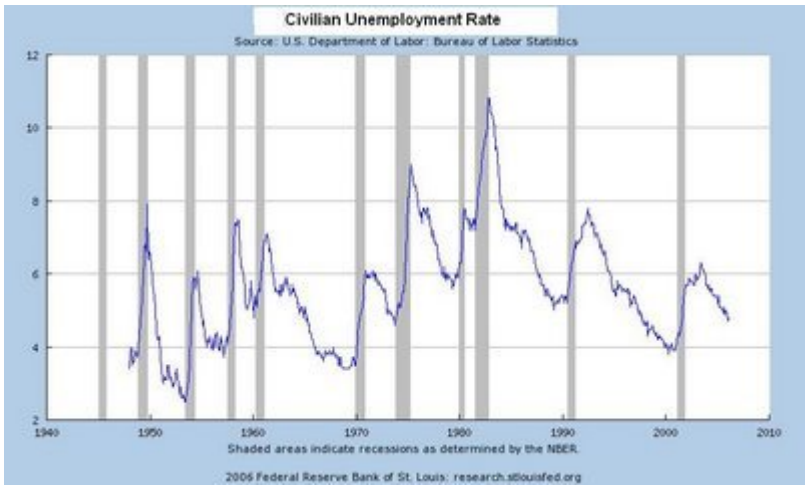

Hmmm...Don't know why the Democrats and the left haven't said a peep about the economy!

This Week on The Economics Supper Club!

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Hey All!

Broadcasting again tomorrow. Saturday, 1-3PM Central Standard Time.

If you care to join us for an economic cocktail, but live outside the Twin Cities area, you can listen online here!

Feel free to call in too 1-877.615.1500

Will be talking about the utter stupdity of people who don't plan for retirement. I will then berate them mercilessly.

Might get around to pondering why I have so many women in my dance class. Haven't figured out the backup topic yet.

Regardless, feel free to call in. It throws off the producer when I get calls out of state!

Follow Along with The Economics Supper Club!!!

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Greetings all readers and listeners!

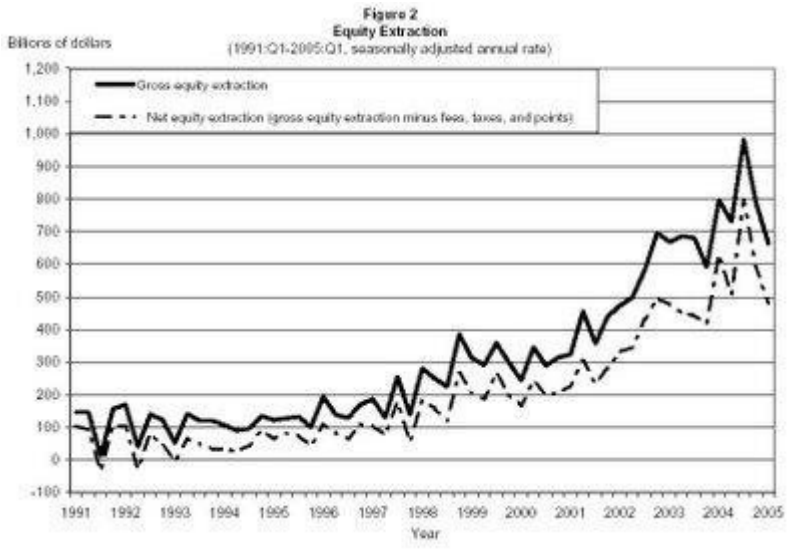
Here's the data and charts that will be accompanying the broadcast on Saturday.

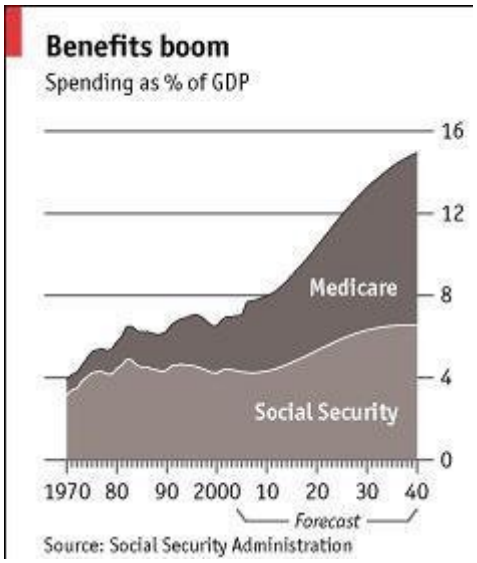
Remember, feel free to e-mail me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com!

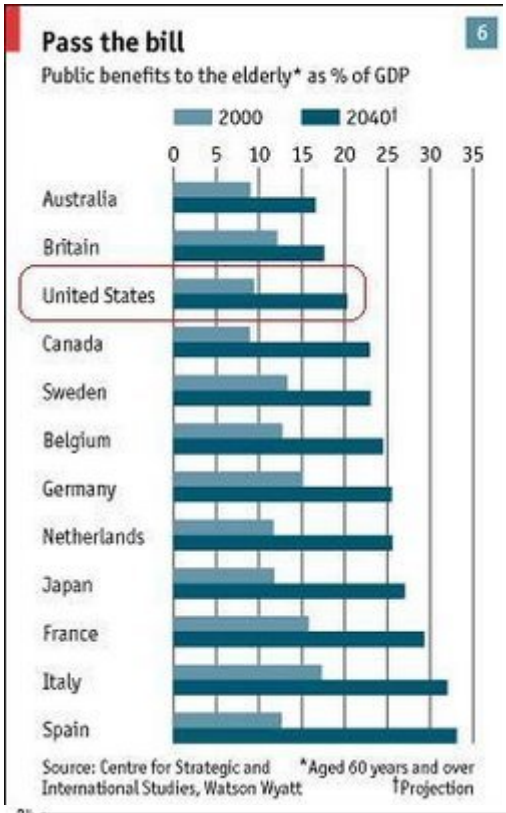
Here's a link we'll be using, you'll probably want to check it out for your own personal financial health;

http://www.banksite.com/calc/retire

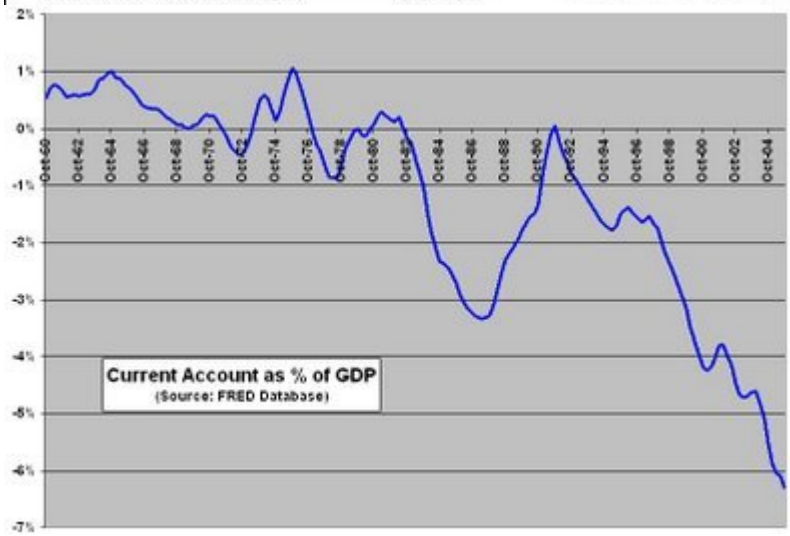
And here are some charts that will accomodate the broadcast





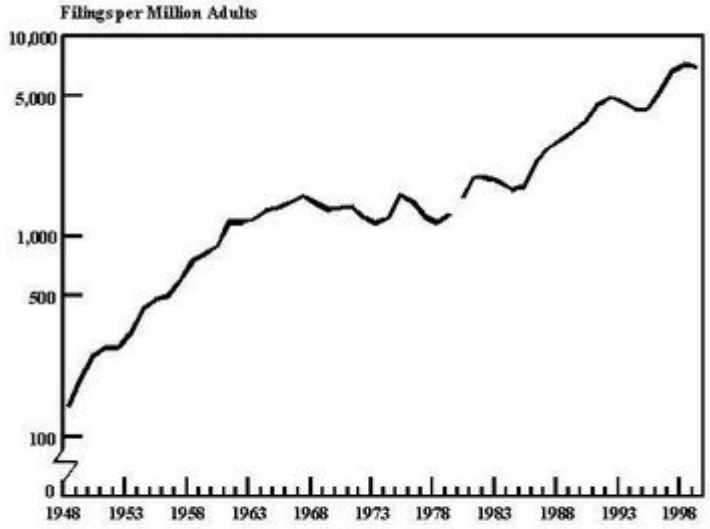

Pass the bill
6
Public benefits to the elderly* as % of GDP
2000
2040†
0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35
Australia
Britain
United States
Canada
Sweden
Belgium
Germany
Netherlands
Japan
France
Italy
Spain
Source: Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Watson Wyatt
*Aged 60 years and over
†Projection

Household Debt as a Percent of GDP
Source - FRED II Database
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
Jan-53 Jan-55 Jan-57 Jan-59 Jan-61 Jan-63 Jan-65 Jan-67 Jan-69 Jan-71 Jan-73 Jan-75 Jan-77 Jan-79 Jan-81 Jan-83 Jan-85 Jan-87 Jan-89 Jan-91 Jan-93 Jan-95 Jan-97 Jan-99 Jan-01 Jan-03


2%
1%
0%
-1%
-2%
-3%
-4%
-5%
-6%
-7%
Current Account as % of GDP
(Source: FRED Database)

Consumer Debt as a Percent of GDP
Source-FRED II Database
20%
18%
16%
14%
12%
10%
8%
6%
4%
2%
0%
Jan-47 Jan-50 Jan-53 Jan-56 Jan-59 Jan-62 Jan-65 Jan-68 Jan-71 Jan-74 Jan-77 Jan-80 Jan-83 Jan-86 Jan-89 Jan-92 Jan-95 Jan-98 Jan-01 Jan-04

FIGURE 1.
THE PERSONAL FILING RATE FOR BANKRUPTCY, 1948-1999



SOURCES: Congressional Budget Office; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

NOTES: The personal filing rate is the number of nonbusiness bankruptcy cases filed per million adults age 20 and older. The data are plotted on a logarithmic scale.

A break occurs in the personal filing rate between 1979 and 1980 because the data are not strictly comparable. The break represents the introduction of joint husband-and-wife filings allowed by the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978.

Drudge is Movin' in on My Territory!

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http://www.census.gov/govs/statetax/05staxrank.html

Bend Over So that China May Kick Your Ass

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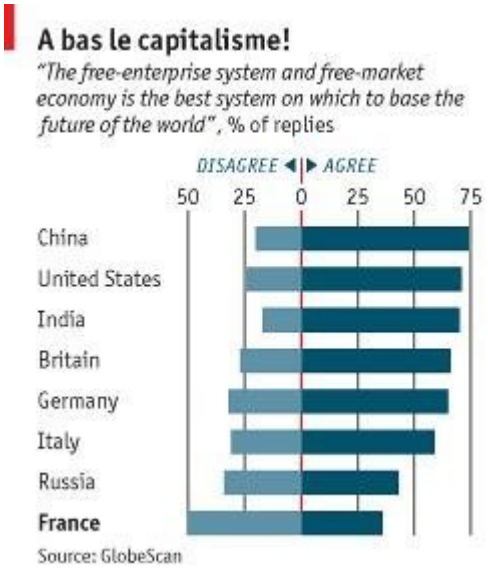

I found this chart fascinating and confirming of what I've always suspected;

That China is only communist in name and is the worst threat to American supremacy;

A pro-capitalist dictatorship that actually knows what it's doing.

It's like a small nimble company that can make executive decisions without worrying about all the minor political ramifications, unlike their larger, slothful big corporation counter parts that just can't seem to move as quick to take advantage of the market.

So while we compromise and meet in the middle to in effect, effect impotent legislation, and further deteriorate into French-like mediocrity, the likes of China and Saudi Arabia (see how they're building a fence, no questions asked, ef the minority and dissenters we're moving on to progress and advance) are making moves to improve themselves.

I Say 2016

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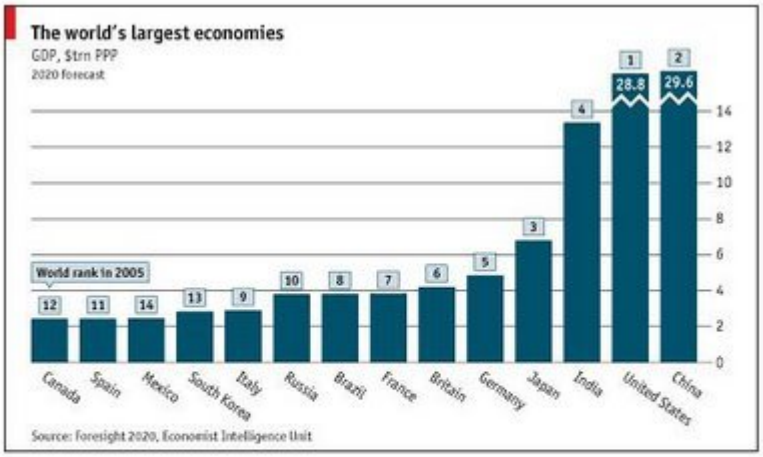


By 2020, China will narrowly outstrip the United States in GDP, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit, a sister organisation of *The Economist*. The forecast uses purchasing-power parities (PPP), which strip out price differences between countries, rather than market exchange-rates to convert national GDPs into a common currency.

But then again, that's just my own personal figures.

Don't Hate Us Because We're Beautiful

April 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just cut your tax rates and free up your labor markets, knock off the socialism and you'll be beautiful too!

The Current Account Deficit

April 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There seems to be confusion abound about the current account deficit and exactly what it means. Oh sure, economists will say;

" The net flow of current transactions, including goods, services, and interest payments, between countries."

And then they wonder why they don't get dates.

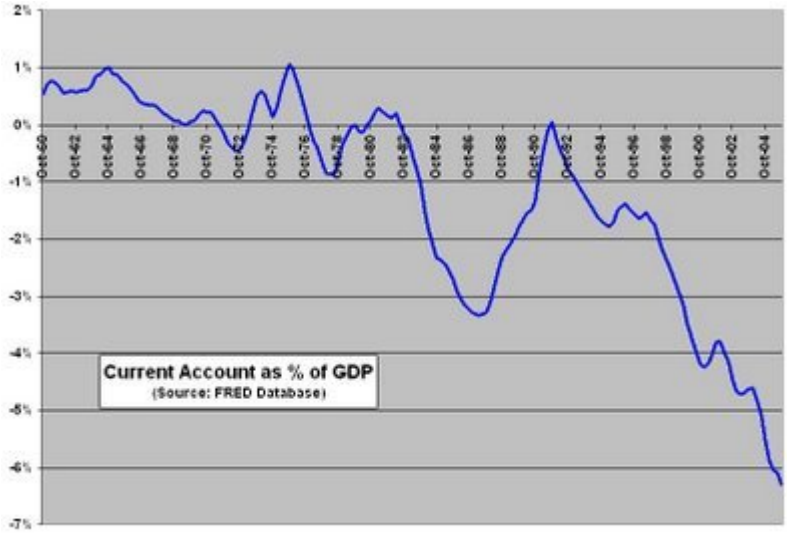
So here is a more real world, simplified application of the current account;

How much more do we consume than we produce as a country.

Or perhaps

How much more do we spend than we earn as a country.

For as Americans have become more lazy and slothful, yet our appetite for SUVs, flat screen TV's, clothes, etc., has not abated, we have to rely on somebody to loan us the money to afford all these things. Thus each year for the past 23 years, we here in America have spent more than we made, and particularly so in the last year, spending a full 6% more than what we produced.



And while we are used to being able to roll over our debts, consolidate them into interest deductible mortgages and refinance at lower rates, that party will surely end soon should even the slightest economic recession hit us as it will be magnified by our gluttonous appetite for debt.

Of course the upside to this is that we nerdy economists who have been paying down our debts, investing in foreign assets and paying cash for our used 1994 Oldsmobile, will all of the sudden become sexy. And the chicks who once chased after Fabio and his 100% leveraged Cadillac Escalade and Interest Only/ARM-financed 4 bedroom house in the suburbs, will become disenchanted with his filing for bankruptcy and be chasing after us for they will appreciate the merits of equity financing...

NAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!!

I'll Say it AGAIN, 2016

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http://business.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,13132-2137778,00.html

How Can I Not Be Right?

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OK, so, I caught a lot of flak for this one.

But in light of yet another muslim idiot blowing himself up, I can hardly see how I'm not spot on.

I also couldn't help but notice he majored in social work.

Ahhhh, Diversity

April 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Well, it was a fun run guys, this whole "United States of America" thing.

No, no, seriously, it was a great shot, good time. We should do it again sometime.

But, now it's time for the party to end and embrace diversity and let any psycho into the country under the guise of "diversity" and "understanding."

Although, I heard there's a great party going on in Ireland and China. Anybody going there?

Michael Hodges and His Grandfather Reports

April 19, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You think I have charts? Wait till you get a load of this!

Charts! CHARTS! AND MORE CHARTS!!!

Actually, I know about Michael Hodges and his Grandfather reports a while ago. He focuses/specializes on the inevitable financial crisis we'll have here in the US due to social security, medicare and in general, lazy bums.

Pay him a visit, but I suggest pouring yourself a hefty martini first. You'll spend a lot of time there and you'll need something to calm you down.

Ode to the Single People and Those Without Children

April 21, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Being a single guy with no children and seeing many of my friends fall to the fates of being married with children, and with the memory of having to check "no, I can claim no dependents" on my taxes and thus my tax bill soared, I thought it about high time to make an ode to single people.

For you see, single, child-free people are the engines of society. We are what defines a culture and makes it dynamic. We are the ones making the headlines. We are the go getters, the fighters, the soldiers, the entrepreneurs. We are the P-51 Mustangs that protect the bombers, chase and hunt down other fighters, we are the swift and nimble, able to adapt and adjust at a moment's notice, turn on a dime, and barrel down the opposite direction with the entirety of our preponderance.

And I'd venture to guess that if you look at the majority of inventions that have advanced society, you'd see they were created by and large by single people or married people that did not have children at the time.

Being so free, swift and nimble, we are the envy of our counter-parts; those with children. They won't admit it, but they envy us and our ability to go and do whatever we want, whenever we want. We can eat sushi once a week and it won't cripple our finances. We don't really get all bothered about the increase in the price of gas, because we don't have to drive little Jimmy to soccer practice and little Jessie to dance class. We just have to drive to the jazz club and back. And without having to pay for childcare or all the fees associated with our children's activities, we can afford a good, warm, professionally made meal, a martini and perhaps buy a DVD on our way back home. Instead of determining which diapers we should buy, we determine which LCD projector we should get for our home theater. Instead of spending 2 hours to track down a baby sitter so that we may go out 3 weeks from now, we spend 2 minutes on e-mail or the phone seeing who wants to salsa dancing tonight. And instead of giving birth to 5 children, only to destroy your body and have your husband in a retaliatory or indifferent nature get a gut, we run, work out and stay fit and trim so that we may be attractive to one another and please each other sexually not to mention lavish our beloved with untold amounts of chocolate, wine, trips to Europe, massages and lingerie.

And, oh sure, when you ask people "do you regret having children" they'll say things like,

"My children are the most important thing in my life"

or

“I love my children.”

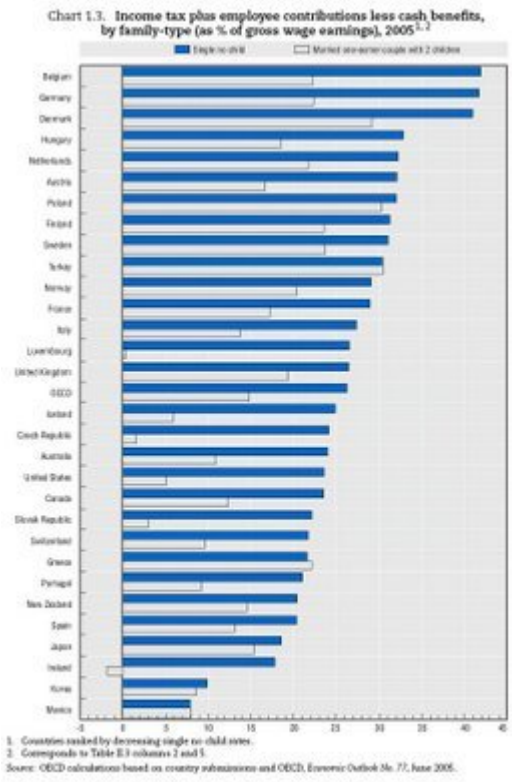
Or

“Well, they can get on your nerves at times” but will immediately follow up hurriedly, “but, oh, no no, of course not, I don’t regret having them.”

Of course we know most of them to be liars, avoiding the question, and refusing to give a yes no answer, knowing full well they cannot admit to such a horrible thing; regretting they had children…or perhaps it’s because they value their egos more than they do their children and thusly could not sustain the damage in admitting they were wrong.

Regardless, don’t worry, those with children have their revenge. And just like Minnesota Nice people, they exact a toll of revenge silently, behind your back. For they make the single people pay for their children.

Be it the property taxes that you pay for a school that we send no children to, or just the higher rates we get hit with, or the lack of deductions and child credits, and let’s not forget the bevy of social programs all dedicated to kids, oh yes my fellow childless, singlehood brothers and sisters, we pay.



But if there is any consolation, my friends, sleep well at night knowing that although we pay for our freedom, at least we have it.

No! They Aren't Actually Listening to....THE MAJORITY??!!!!

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http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/04/24/D8H6H0M00.html

To Further My Point

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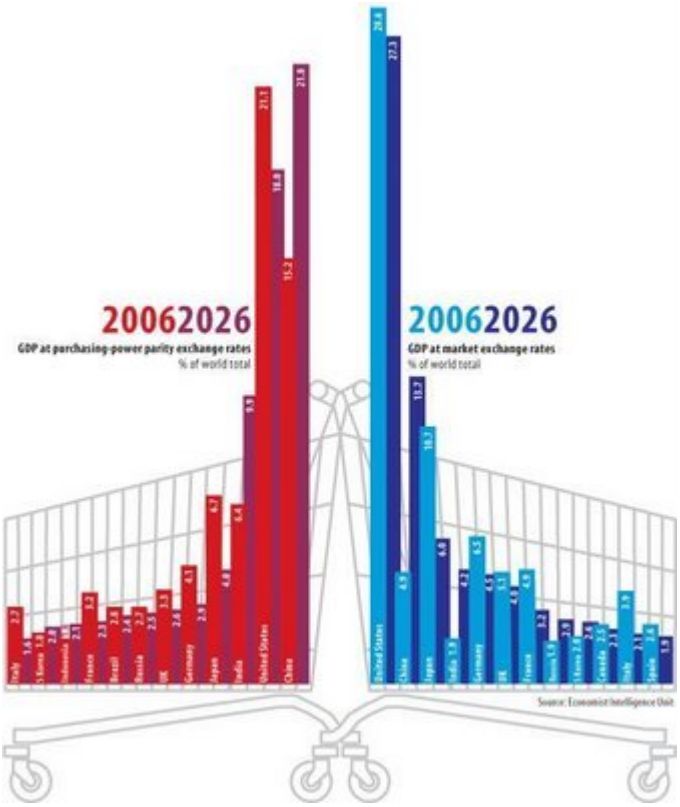


Damn Anglo Saxon Culture

April 25, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Where to go…

Business-trip index, 2006

Rank	Rating	City	Country
1	4.6	Vancouver	Canada
2	4.9	Calgary	Canada
3	5.4	Toronto	Canada
4	8.1	Adelaide	Australia
5	8.4	Honolulu	USA
6	8.7	Brisbane	Australia
6	8.7	Cleveland	USA
8	9.2	Perth	Australia
9	9.5	Melbourne	Australia
9	9.5	Montreal	Canada
11	10.1	Pittsburgh	USA
12	10.4	Sydney	Australia
13	10.5	Atlanta	USA
14	11.3	Vienna	Austria
15	11.8	Boston	USA
16	12.0	Minneapolis	USA
17	12.1	Copenhagen	Denmark
17	12.1	Stockholm	Sweden
17	12.1	Zurich	Switzerland
20	12.4	Geneva	Switzerland
21	12.5	Washington, DC	USA
22	12.6	Miami	USA
23	12.8	Detroit	USA
23	12.8	Helsinki	Finland
25	12.9	Düsseldorf	Germany
26	13.1	Auckland	New Zealand
26	13.1	Chicago	USA
26	13.1	Wellington	New Zealand
29	13.5	Hamburg	Germany
29	13.5	Seattle	USA

…and where not to go

Rank	Rating	City	Country
118	47.0	Phnom Penh	Cambodia
119	47.1	Bogotá	Colombia
120	49.0	Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire
121	49.6	Harare	Zimbabwe
122	51.6	Douala	Cameroon
123	55.1	Algiers	Algeria
124	56.1	Dhaka	Bangladesh
125	58.4	Karachi	Pakistan
126	62.3	Lagos	Nigeria
127	62.9	Port Moresby	PNG

Yeah, that dead white men European culture didn't accomplish squat. Shouldn't be emulated, even in the slightest.

An Aspiring Ms. Capitalism?

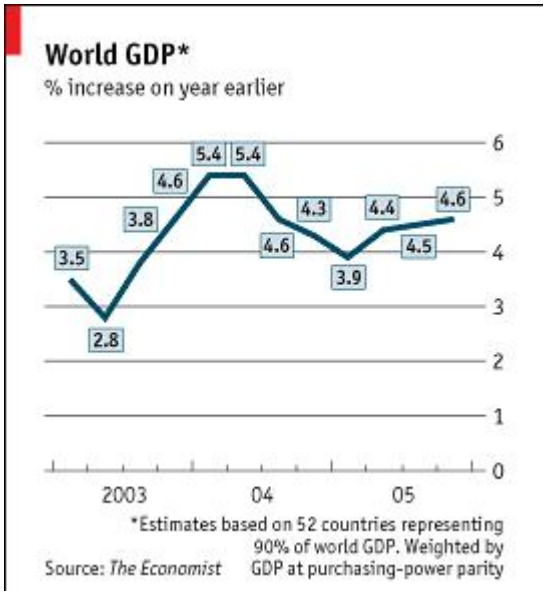
April 25, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just got these flowers delivered to my office;

I told you economists were sexy.

Must Be Price Gouging

April 26, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link



Not insatiable demand from the world economy. That would just make too much f*cking sense!

Broadcasting

April 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Greetings all aspiring economists!

Well I'll be subbing for one of the regular radio show hosts, Dave Thompson, tonight through Friday. 730-10PM Central Standard time.

You can listen online here;

http://www.am1500.com/subpages/streamsupport.htm

Call in at 1-877-615-1500

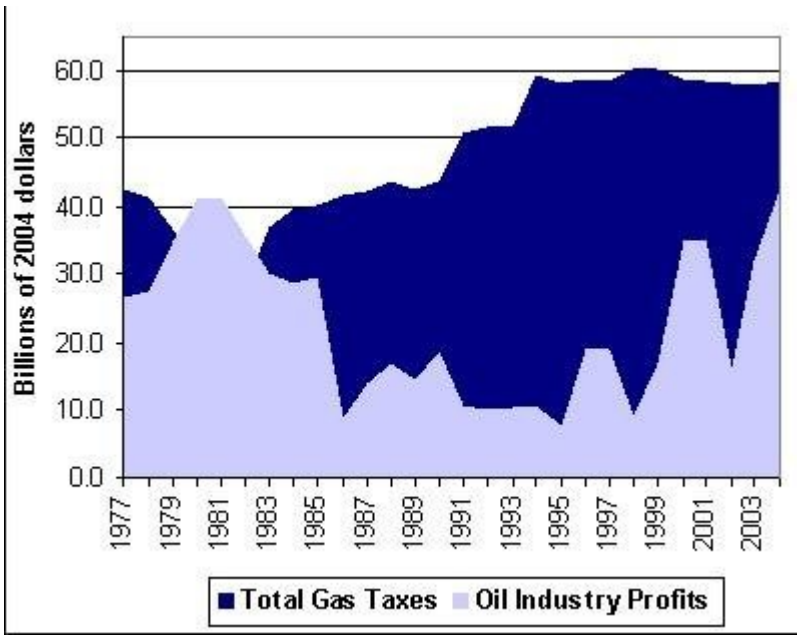
Busy as heck, must bolt.

A New Contender!

April 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well I must admit, this is one heck of a chart.

Submitted to us by young Doinkicarus



Remember, a $25 prize and a fancy schmancy SIGNED photograph of the Captain in an exquisite Goodwill purchased picture frame will be mailed to the winner!

Think you have a better chart?

Send it to captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Terrorists and Leftists Have Something in Common

April 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So I guess with all the calls to the radio show you all wanted this reposted, so here it is. THANKS FOR LISTENING!

When your ego supersedes the truth and the well-being of your fellow man, you got issues. For if I were to bet money on it, I'd say that the instant your desire to advance yourself trumps the rights, livelihood and well-being of others is the instant you have become evil. And nowhere do we see this better displayed than in the two largest drama queens in the world; terrorists and leftists.

Argue as you may that this is slander and rhetoric, but I contend there is a real connection, a bond that the two share and it is an insightful bond for it explains the behavior of both these groups.

I noticed many years ago as a freshman at college that fellow freshmen were looking to join a group. To belong. To have some sort of social network. Now, this would manifest itself in the form of freshmen looking to join fraternities. Perhaps join the student group association for their field of study or join intramural sports.

But what I found particularly disturbing was how many of these freshmen, who never had a day of strife in their lives, who never held down a full time job, never supported themselves nor a family, and in their short 18 years of existence never had any life-forming experience that would make them a wise, experienced adult, would join political groups.

Not that this is a bad thing in itself, but what I found ironic is that political groups, in short, are groups that wish to change the world or lead the world down a certain path. And the arrogance of these 18 year old children, thinking somehow they had the experience and wisdom to dictate to the rest of the country or the world how things should be angers me to no end.

A perfect example would be the idiots in the anti-globalization movement. Here you have a group of (once again) young, stupid college students (some even in high school), going out on some "noble crusade" to help the poorer countries of the world. Did one of them take the time to stop and see if lowering trade barriers does indeed hurt the poor? Of course not, that would take intellectual rigor and effort. Much easier to smoke some pot, pierce your nose, feel sorry for yourself, say, "yeah man, it's like all the corporations dude and they're raping the developing world for their resources!" and then go down to Seattle or Cancun and derail the trade meeting while effectively destroying the town as well in a riot/protest.

Meanwhile (and follow the logic on this), Bukbar in Tanzania who desperately wants to sell his cotton to America and Europe cannot for a bunch of spoiled brat suburbanite American kids with absolutely no education in international economics protested against the lowering of tariffs in order to help him. Insanity.

Another perfect example of leftist's ignorance harming what they're trying to help is when a group of environmentalists destroyed a bunch of genetically modified trees in Britain. Little did they know the trees were genetically modified to be more resistant to insects and therefore would not need pesticides and chemicals making them environmentally friendly.

Such ignorance suggested to me that there was more afoot than just the desire to "belong." That there was another psychological factor driving these leftists. If these people really just wanted to "belong" then they could have joined the badminton team or the broom ball league and left it at that. But no, they insisted on joining "causes" or "crusades." Things that revolved around protesting or changing the world. And then it hit me;

Their egos.

It is human nature to want to go and accomplish things. To build a better mouse trap. To climb the highest peak. To accomplish things to be proud of, and let's admit it, to help build our self-esteem and ego. But those endeavors require something; effort.

Ironically, this runs contrary to another aspect of human nature, particularly leftists; we're lazy. We like to accomplish the most, with the least amount of effort.

Now, take some spoiled brat kid whose parents had the "my child is an honor student at the school for freaking retards" bumper sticker. This kid never had to work, never accomplished anything, but was taught to believe that he is great and destined for great things by his parents and feel-good-touchy-feely-teachers. Take that ego and combine it with the kid's desire to belong to a group, feed his ego, yet expend minimal effort, and when given the choice;

"Hey kid, you can bat this shuttlecock back and forth and belong or...

"Fly out to Seattle against insurmountable odds to protest in an epic and never-ending galactic battle against the evil, villainous forces of Capitalism in a desperate attempt to save no less than THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD from Capitalism's evil clutches!"

What do you think the suburbanite-bred-egomanic kid is going to choose?

Obviously he's going to join the Peace Corps, ACT, ALF, ELF or some anti-globalization

outfit. Why play volleyball when you can become an instant hero in a noble cause without really thinking about it or doing anything. Forget whether the policies work. Forget whether those genetically modified trees would have benefited the environment. Forget that every time countries trade participating countries' standards of living go up. And forget that the last $650 billion in aid to Africa didn't do squat. It doesn't matter, because "I care, I'm helping, I'm making the world a better place." One only has to look to Bob Geldorf, the founder of the failed Live 8 benefit concert;

"Something must be done, even if it doesn't work."

Could a more defining statement of liberalism exist? Alas, this is key to understand the psychology of the left, especially protestors and activists, for...

Their egos supersede the cause. Forget whether the cause is noble or not. Forget whether their cause actually produces tangible results. Forget whether the cause even worsens the situation or perhaps is indeed evil. And heaven forbid you spend any time studying and researching the facts. It doesn't matter because it is more important to these people to masturbate their egos and feel good about themselves than it is to actually alleviate poverty in Africa. Or eliminate the use of pesticides. Or increase the standards of living in poorer countries.

In other words little 19 year old Protestor Patricia should have the right to protest against CAFTA because her self-esteem is more important than the livelihood of Jose Honesto in Costa Rica who just wants to sell his bananas in the US and feed his family.

The question is, does this really significantly differ from that of the psychology of Islamic terrorists?

Note the many similarities between the spoiled brat-come-professional protestor and Islamic terrorists. The majority of these professional activists and protestors do not come from the slums of Cabrini Green in Chicago or the pits of Washington D.C. but from affluent suburbia with all their basic life necessities taken care of by daddy, allowing them the luxury of pursuing intellectual pursuits. The same can be said of Bin Laden and many of the terrorists. For they do not hail from poor, impoverished families in a podunk Pakistani village, but rather are the sons of billionaires, doctors or most recently spoiled kids enjoying the high standards of living in the United Kingdom. Also much like their leftist American counterparts they are all relatively young or were young when they converted to their cause. Most protestors (bar the burnt out loser hippie professor from the 60's) are under the age of 35 as are most of the terrorists, an age at which they are susceptible to indoctrination. The only difference is the tool used for indoctrination. For the American college student it is the seemingly "something for nothing" attraction of socialism. For the young, affluent muslim, it is radical Islam.

And when given the same choice,

"Hey, Rahib. Do you want to go and get a degree in engineering, go to mosque, raise some kids and maybe some goats?

or…

"Go to the Western Infidel stronghold of London and against insurmountable odds wage an underground, underdog war in an epic and never-ending galactic fight against the evil, villainous forces of Capitalism, Christianity, America and Western Culture in a desperate attempt to convert the people of the world to Islam and destroy those that won't, while you guarantee yourself a position in heaven along with 72 brown-eyed virgins even though you have not the equipment to enjoy them!"

Again, what seems more heroic and romantic and would play to the psychoses of a brainwashed Islamic ego-manic?

Thus, it is the attraction of becoming an instant hero, an instant crusader in a glorious and noble cause that tempts the young and the foolish into joining these causes. They are so spoiled, so catered to throughout their lives that they have not the patience, nor the intellectual rigor nor the honesty to go and confirm if the cause is a practical one, or even a good one. Quite the contrary, they are so greedy, lazy and self-centered whether the cause is a noble one, heck, even if it's an evil one is purely secondary. Who cares if socialism accidentally killed 100 million people prematurely and held billions in poverty. Who cares that Islam has kept billions impoverish and condemned billions of women to the status animals and looks set to rival communism in killing a couple hundred million. Who cares, I'm gettin' me some 72 virgins!

And it is this, that is the epitome of evil, when one's ego supersedes the rights, livelihood and well-being of others. It is the most cowardly, childish, weak-minded and self-serving form of evil I have ever come across. Too demand that your ego be fed to the point that you firebomb suburban developments, or destroy genetically modified trees, or torch Hummer dealerships, or bomb abortion clinics, or fly planes into buildings, or blow up explosives in a subway or a hotel is to be the lowest and most evil life form and is a trait many leftists and all terrorists have in common.

The scary thing is that there is one more similarity between the brainwashed masses of American college students and the muslim nutjobs. And that is they share a common enemy;

America and Capitalism.

Of course how could it be any other way? For America and Capitalism share one thing in

common, which is ultimately the true enemy of leftists and terrorists; the truth. For a people that appreciate the truth, seek the truth and then base their actions on the truth, will become the most successful people in the world. The truth is Capitalism is the optimal economic system and America is the result of a people understanding and following that truth.

Alas, it seems that in order to keep their egos intact and well-fed, leftists and terrorists are insistent on destroying America and Capitalism.

But never fear, for at the forefront of the battle against socialists and terrorists will always be that dashingly handsome and sexy beast of an economist, Captain Capitalism...that and the combined powers of the US Armed Forces, CIA, FBI, and NSA.

Who Pays the Bill

April 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

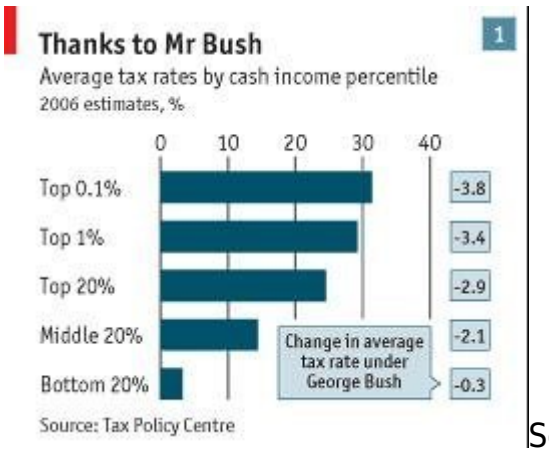
My apologies for getting these stats up here late on Tax Day, but you see, Americans spend about 3.6 billion hours a year doing their taxes. I alone I think accounted for 2.3 billion. And truth be known, the marginal utility I derive from spending one additional unit of time on a cute blond exceeds the marginal utility I'd derive from any other activity, thus, to put it in layman's terms, I've also been busy chasing a cute blond.

All that being said, I wouldn't leave you aspiring economists without a little stats for Tax Day.

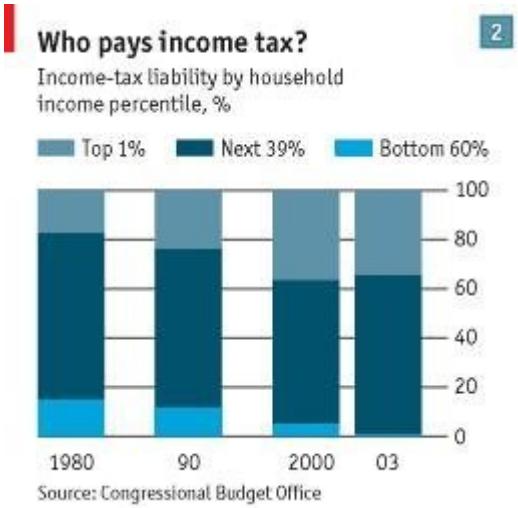
First, all of you who are so blinded by your hate for GW and envy for other people's wealth that all you can do is regurgitate the same old, "tax cuts benefit only the rich."

Well have a cup of shut the f#ck up and have this fact beaten into your head;

Under GW taxes have gone down for everybody.



Secondly, I'm getting mighty sick and tired of your greedy scum bucket parasites known as "the poor" who think you have it so rough when in reality, you don't pay a freaking dime for any government service if you're in the bottom 60% of income earners. Free roads, free schools, free health care, free defense. Let alone you have the audacity to demand that the rich pay more in taxes.



But then again, of course we all know those on the left aren't concerned as much with facts as they are concerned with coming up with rationalizations (read-lies and falsehoods) to redistribute wealth.

I just wish the left would admit to it.

And The There's Idiots Like This

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http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/04/27/D8H8G0SO0.html

Shooting Themselves in the Foot

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OK, so the primary reason so many illegals are here is because not only do the democrats want them here, but the Republicans will turn a blind eye to them because they are cheap labor.

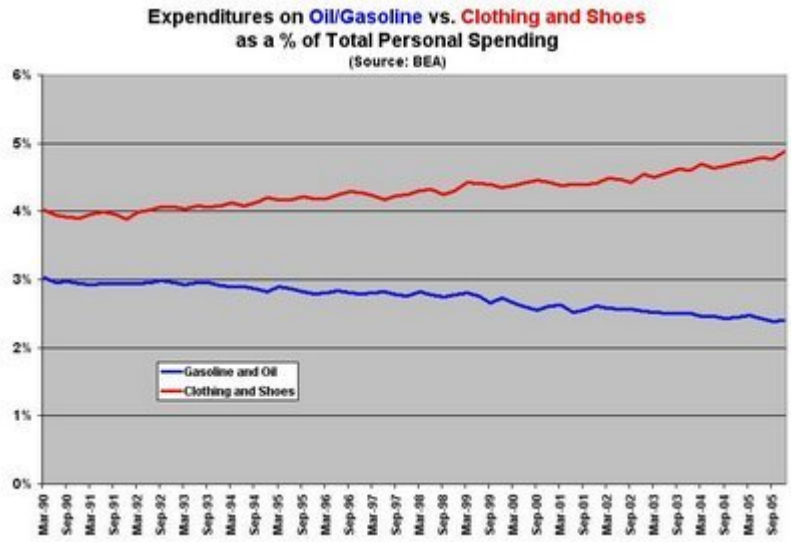
So when they start protesting, threatening to shut down major US cities and acting more and more like their socialist, over-paid, prone-to-protest American union counterparts...

What incentive are the Republicans and businesses going to have to keep them here?

A Much Needed Re-Post

April 29, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Remember, you probably spend more on clothes than you do on gas...or at least the women do.



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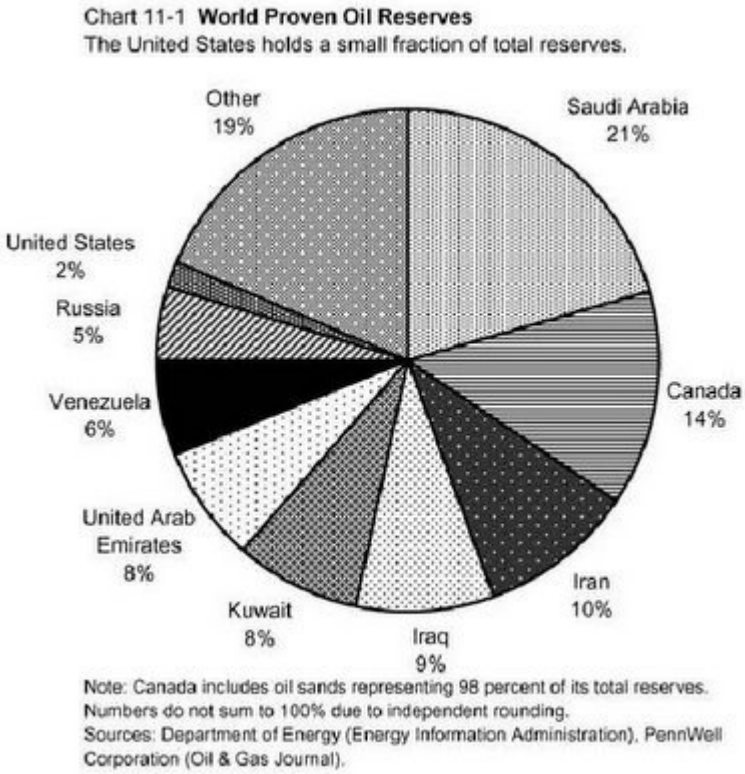

Saw this chart from the Council of Economic Advisers' report to the President.

Of course it's biased tripe because we all know Haliburton and GW control all the oil.

Aboslutely Needed to Repost This

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OK, one more time here you idiots;

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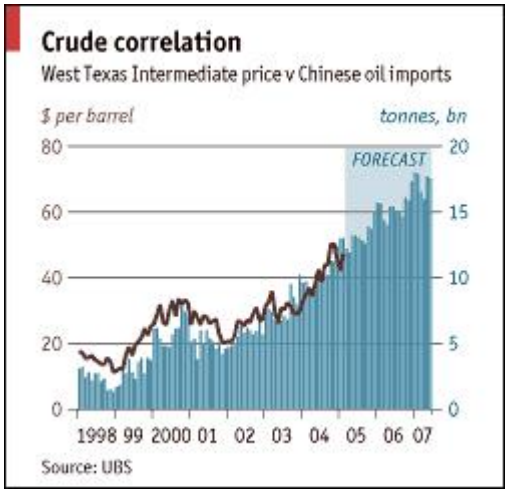
and a little of this



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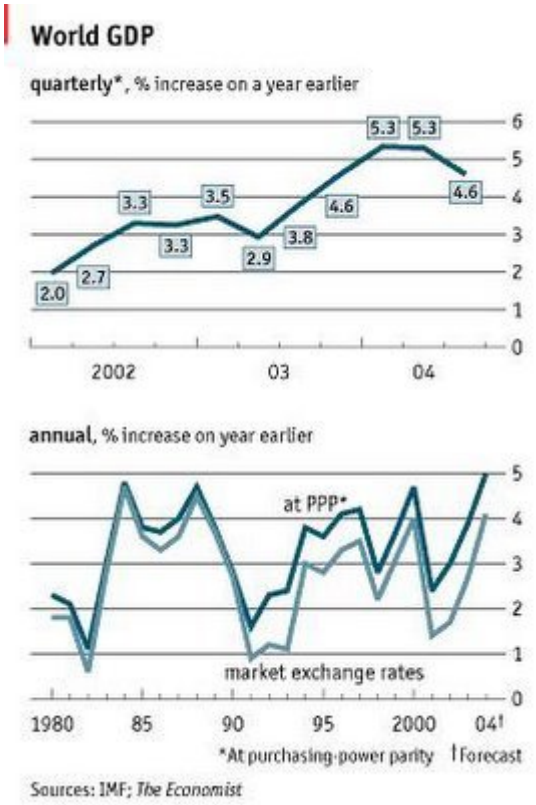

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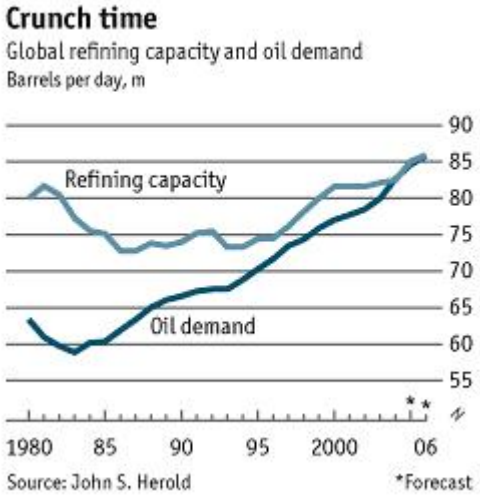

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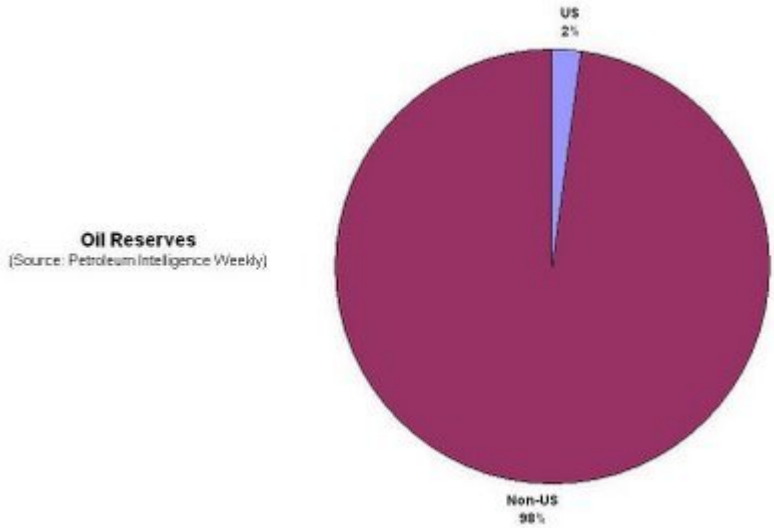
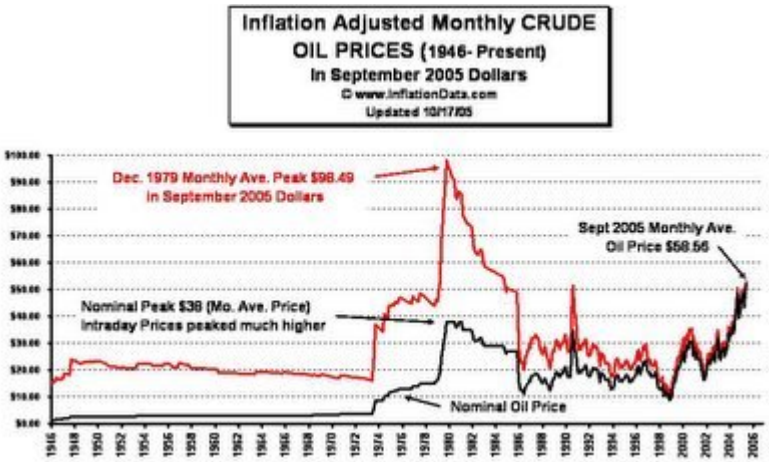


is there any wonder why this



is happening?

But you idiots out there think this;

Gauging the gouging

How do you feel about Enron?
% of respondents, April 2002

Favourable	8
Unfavourable	74
No opinion	18

How do you feel about these industries?
% of respondents, August 2005

Top 3	Net positive rating
Restaurants	50
Computers	47
Farming	45
Bottom 3	**Net negative rating**
Health care	-18
Law	-20
Oil & gas	-42

Source: Gallup

How do you feel about Microsoft?
% of respondents

	Favourable	Unfavourable	No opinion
Mar 1998	58	13	29
Mar 1999	60	14	26
May 2000	65	18	17
Jun 2001	60	17	23
Apr 2002	79	12	9

Why has the price of petrol been rising?
top five responses, May 2004, %

Price-gouging by oil companies and refiners	22
The war in Iraq	19
OPEC/Saudi Arabia manipulating supply	9
Supply and demand	8
The government	7

And that this

http://www.cnn.com/2005/POLITICS/12/21/arctic.drilling.ap/index.html

is a good thing.

What is it with you leftists and your utter impotence when it comes to understanding
basic economics laws like supply and demand.

Does your desire to be a crusader to defile oil companies trump any inkling you have to

find out what might actually be going on????

Oh, wait, I forgot who I was talking about.

Yeah, Dude, Drudge, We Get It

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More Oil

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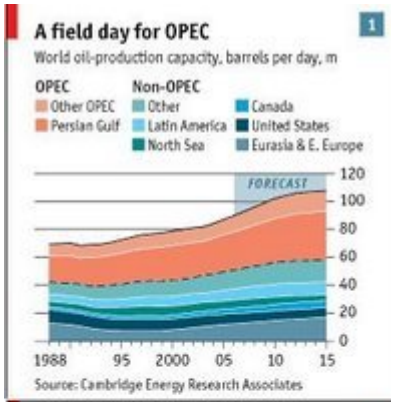

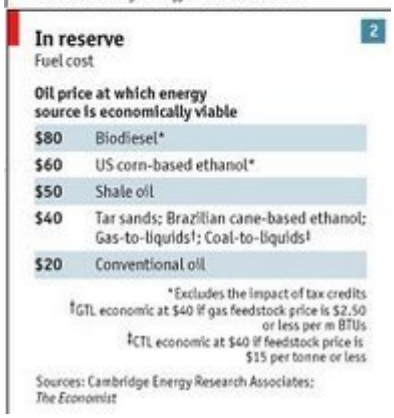

Sorry for being so sparse with the posts. Just busy as hell.

Represent!

April 30, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it seems Captain Capitalism has gone global, minus a presence in Greenland, Antarctica, and Africa...

Or in others words, I've effectively gone global anywhere it matters since the above mentioned areas have no economy to speak of.

Regardless, this was a pretty cool add-in, might want to imbed the code into your web site see where you're getting hits.

You Mean the World is Not Ending????

May 1, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wow, I'm still here.

And my Jimmy John's sub was made like it should have been.

And the roads are flowing.

Electricity is still ample.

The banks are open.

Chaos has not ensued.

Guess you immigrants, illegal or legal, really aren't that vital are you?

Bartiromo Can Move My Markets Anytime

May 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12583997/

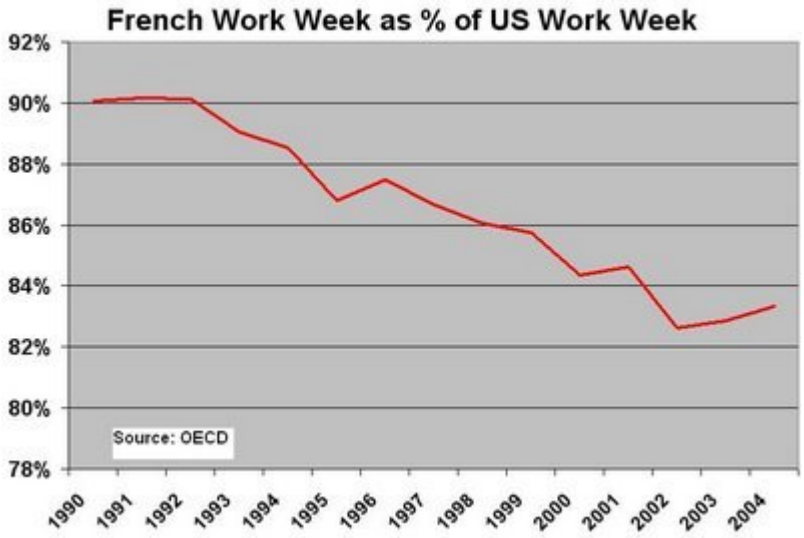
Ahh, the French Work Ethic

May 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Been meaning to get some more originally researched charts.

Now that tax season has abated and I'm not broadcasting everyday this week, I can get back to my old self.

And what better way than slamming on the French?!



Ahh, French Standards of Living

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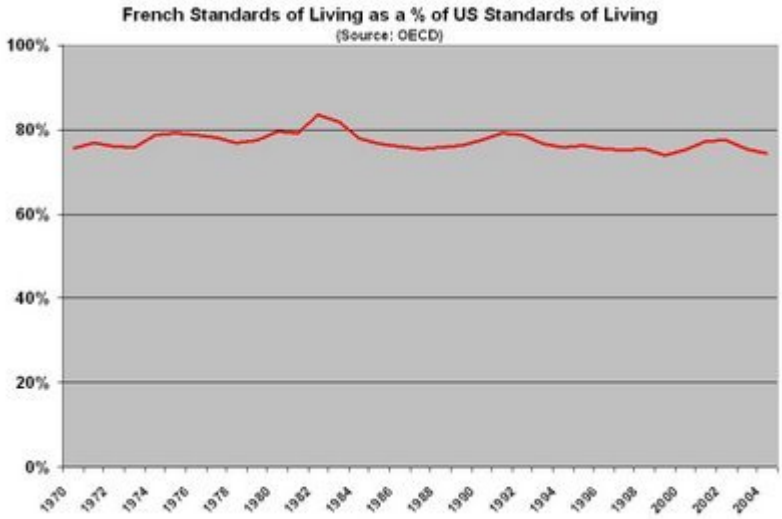
A mere fraction of the US'

Always has been, always will be.



And do my economic spidey senses detect a slight downward trend?

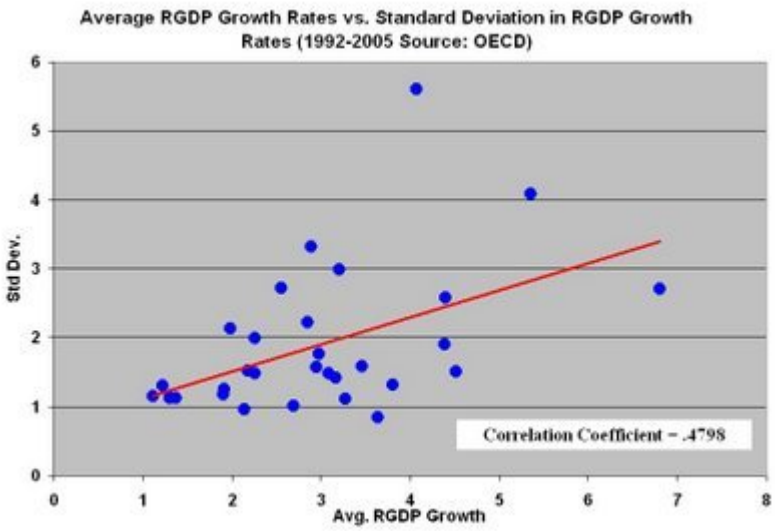
(FYI, this was calculated by French GDP per Capita divided by US GDP per Capita)

Volatility Versus Growth

May 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had a theory that countries that experience more volatile or erratic economic growth probably do so because the government doesn't intervene or try to regulate the ebbs and flows of the economy. Smoothing out what would otherwise be the US rollercoaster ride so that weak-stomached European socialists can be sure their bottle of milk is there everyday...sure it may cost 40 Euros, but the bottle of milk is there. Meanwhile their riskier US counterparts are willing to risk it that their milk may not be there tomorrow or the day after in the gamble and hope that the farmers may have restructured their operations to deliver that same bottle of milk for only $2.

So what I did was run a correlation between the OECD member countries' average economic growth and the standard deviation in that growth to see if more volatile economic growth coincided with high average economic growth;

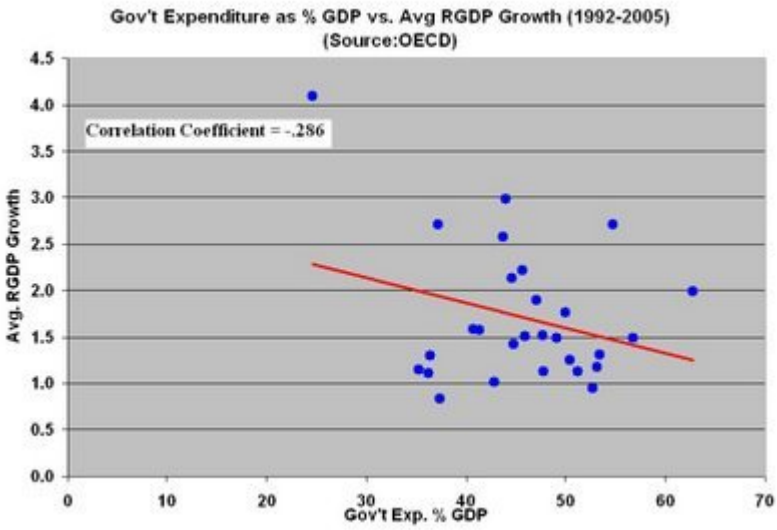


And what do you know, I'm right once again.

It seems that if the government steps aside, lets people make decisions (good or bad) for themselves, the people will inevitably make the right choices. It also suggests that if markets are allowed to be volatile, yes, there may be a rollercoaster, but those markets are allowed to adjust quicker. That capital and resources are allocated more efficiently, and thus losses caused by mistakes are cut short and profitable ventures and industries are allowed to be chased and exploited with the utmost of efficiency...meanwhile the French still pay 50 Euro's for a bottle of milk.

Of course, thus far all I've proved is that economies that are more volatile have on average higher economic growth rates. This says nothing about how much the government intervenes in those countries. Thusly I ran another correlation, this time with government expenditures as a percent of GDP versus the volatility of that country's

economic growth.



Again confirming what I have suspected.

Alas it seems that if you want to get the big economic thrills you have to stomach the big roller coaster rides. Too bad our European counterparts are stuck on the little kiddie rides.

Yeah, That's Going to Attract Investment

May 3, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/9153845/detail.html

Good to see Detroit will remain the sh!thole that it's always been.

Speaking of Labor Productivity

May 4, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I must be on some French kick.

Whenst speaking about various traits and factors that contribute to economic growth and the production of wealth, inevitably the argument goes something like this about the French;

"Their men may be pansies.

75% of their students may expect/wish to have a government job.

They may not realize Poles or Czechs can do just a good of a job as they can for a mere fraction of the cost and without the whining.

And they may never put the two words "defend" and "Paris" together.

But shucks howdy their labor productivity beats most."

It's kind of the silver lining in the cloud.

"We may work only 20 hours a week.

A full 30% of our abled bodied people sit on their asses.

And what people do work it is largely in the public sector, thusly our labors are largely wasted.

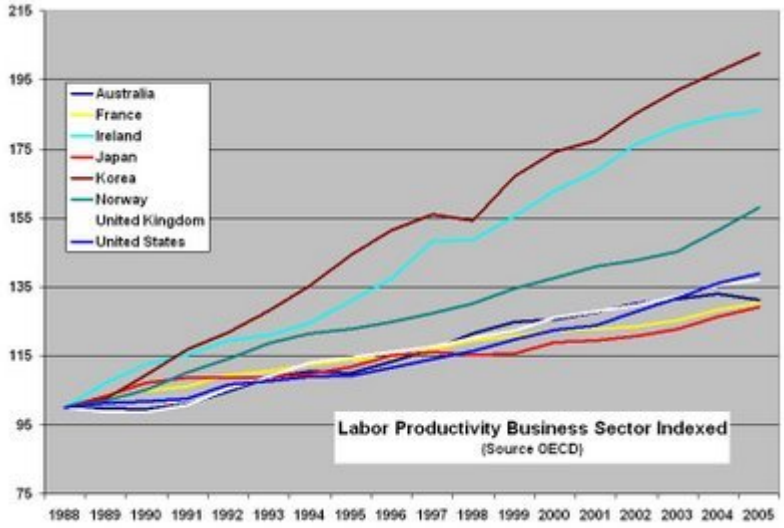
But we're efficient!"

Well good for you.

Or perhaps not.

For while I had some handy dandy charts a couple years old showing various measures of labor productivity, and those figures showed the French did indeed produce more per hour (although what use is it if you're only working 3 hours a day?), when I pulled the most recent figures from the OECD and indexed them, it seems that the French are, well....um...kind of doing like they do in the Tour de France;

Falling behind.



Not that the US itself has been doing any major ass kicking like the likes of Korea or Ireland, but since about the late 90's the French just can't seem to squeeze out that extra production per hour like most other countries.

And I can't wait to see what's happend to labor productivity in 2006 with those protests and all.

Can You Spot the Problem?

May 5, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I know they're getting butchered down there, but let me know if you can spot the problem that's constantly running in the background and is a catalyst for all that plagues Africa.

Would it Kill the Public Sector to Try????

May 5, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, so one major issue I have that delves into environmental economics is the negative externalities I must suffer because various local, federal and state governments insist on implementing some kind of affirmative action program when it comes to architects. For it seems it must be a requirement that they go find some schlepp, with absolutely no artistic or architectural talent about them, to design the most god awful looking heaps of crap that inevitably only become eye sores in our skyline.

I view it no differently than I do graffiti. It's absolutely painful to look at. But at least with graffiti all it costs me is tax payer money to clean it up. When it comes to these buildings we're talking billions of dollars of money pissed away AND IT NEVER GOES AWAY.

Now, I am not absolutely 100% sure, but I'm pretty sure the new Guthrie theater that is under construction has received some tax payer money to be built. And with my newly acquired digital camera I decided to take a picture of it to show you just what how much "talent" and "brilliance" the architect of this "cutting edge and state of the art" theater put into it.

Now, I know, you in the "art" community will no doubt contend this is GENIUS! That I am just a foolish rube who cannot appreciate the complicated design of appreciate the theory that went into this over blown lego.

I'll just tell you what the truth is;

"Minimalist art" is just another word for "Your daddy's rich, and you ain't got no talent, so to spare your feelings, people who feel sorry for you, or are untalented losers such as yourselves will buy your crap."

Sorry, that's just what it is.

Now go and do society a favor and flip burgers or something.

Next up will be the Walker Art Center. But that is for another time.

Remember to Join Us!

May 5, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tomorrow, Saturday for THE ECONOMICS SUPPER CLUB!

AM 1500

1-3PM Central Standard Time

And for those of you stuck near a computer and are out of state and just need that good economics loving' feel free to listen online;

http://www.am1500.com/subpages/streamsupport.htm

1-877-615-1500

Up on tap will be the stupidity of public sector architecture and my recent acquisition of the World in Figures Pocketbook 2006!!!!

What hilarity will ensue???

Find out when you tune into THE ECONOMICS SUPPER CLUB!

Well There's a Shocker

May 7, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wait, wait wait. Lemme see if I get this right.

The one country that doesn't treat their women like cattle,

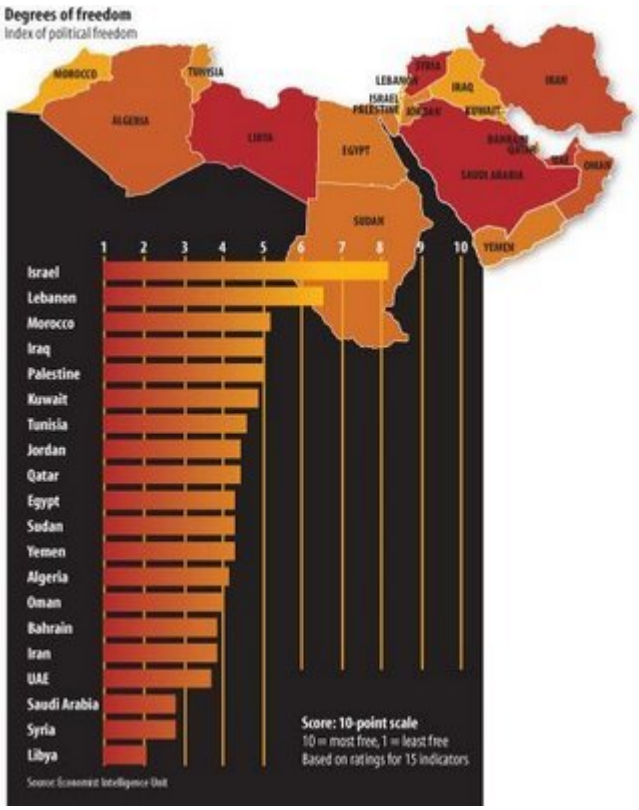
The one country that has a full fledged functional democracy,

The one country that hasn't mixed Islam with government,

The one country with the technical capability of fighting 3 multiple front wars,

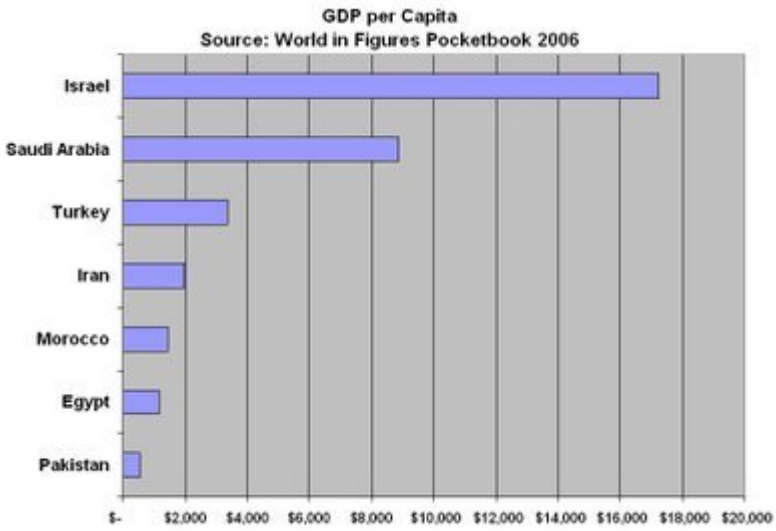
The one country that without oil is still able to manage an GDP per Capita of over $15,000

And the one country that hasn't tendered men to chicken out on life and go bomb some infidels because it's a short cut to heaven



THAT'S ISRAEL?????
How can that be!!???

You know what it is!!!?? It's those damn Jews! That's what it is!



You're right, it IS those damn Jews. Because it certainly isn't Islam that's kickin' economic ass and offering a reason to live and enjoy life (although I will make a tentative exception for Indonesia).

Represent Tasmania!

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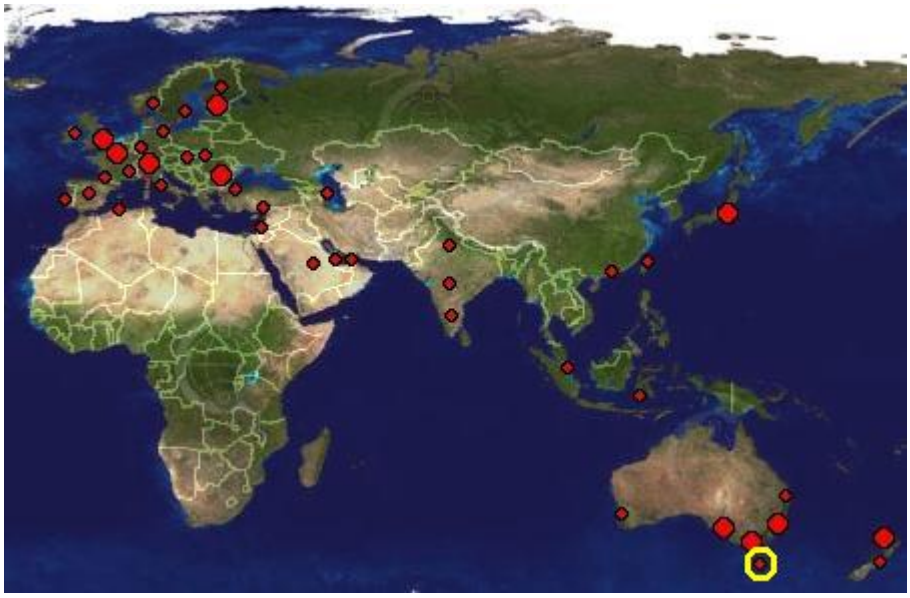
Sweet! Just got representation in Tasmania!



Oddly, I have no representation in Russia. That is odd. What kind of blog gets representation in Tasmania, but not Russia? Why do the Russians hate me so? What have I done to them? Will have to write about Putin or ballet or something.

The Canucks Are Coming!

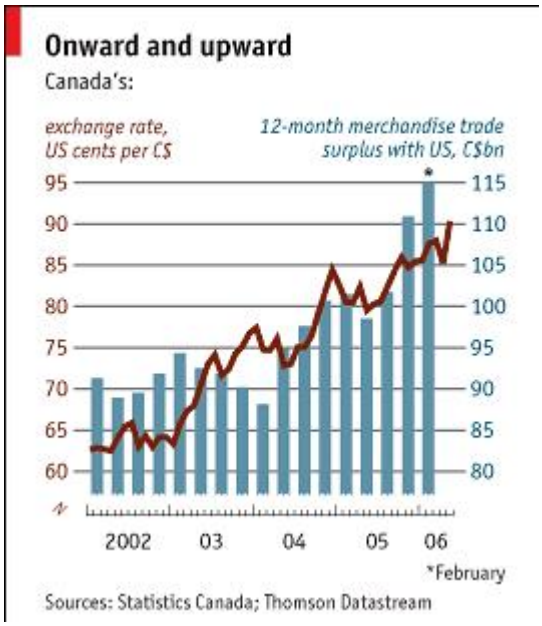
May 8, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Normally when you think of Canada, you think of inferior baseball teams, inferior hockey teams, great snipers, Conan O'Brien, "Strange Brew" and...umm....Brad.

But it seems the Canadians are kicking their southern neighbor's ass in one regard; trade.

Not that I have seen much statistics on the Canadian consumer, but I'd surmise they are a bit more fiscally responsible than their southern American counterparts. That and with the run up in commodity prices, their western provinces have (high time) been kicking the eastern provinces' asses.

They are also kicking the US' ass in trade and it is reflected in our exchange rate.



And I can only surmise what would happen when they manage to get that oil out of their sands there for under $90/ barrel.

Regardless, fishermen and hockey players may give way to future oil barrons and currency raiders, eh?

(future oil barrons?)

(Currency raiders at the gates?)

Well, He's Just an Old Coot

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They Should Do This with Most Major Cities

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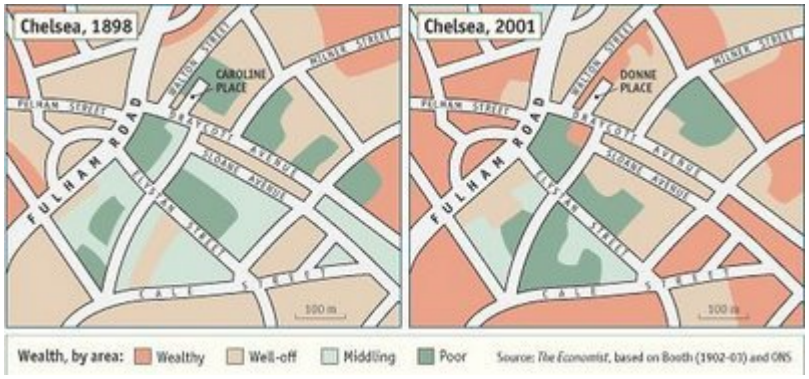

And isn't it nice of The Economist to allow you to read this for free?

http://www.economist.com/world/europe/displaystory.cfm?story_id=6888761

Fat Americans

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Critique our lefter leaning European socialists as I may, but I will admit one thing;

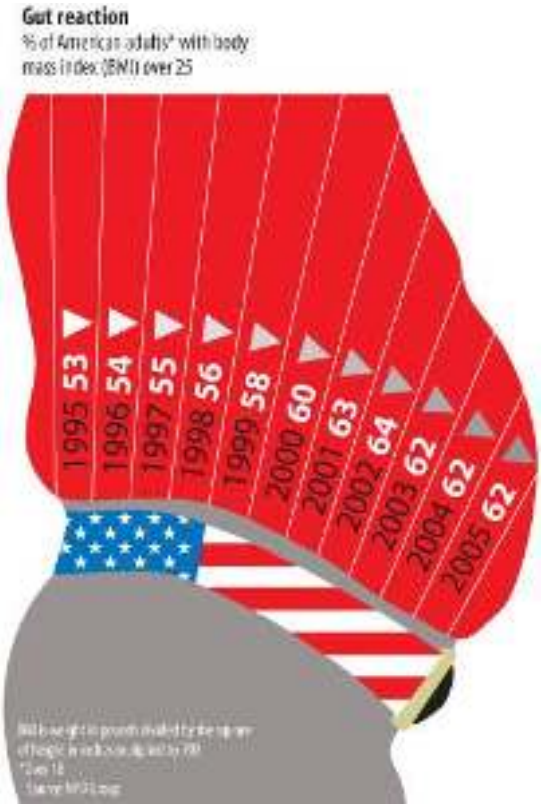
They're in better shape than us.

Heck, most of the world is in better shape than us.

I go to the gas station only to see some fat sow with an arm-load of candy and junk food in her hands drop more on fattening foods (and cigarettes and lottery tickets) than she did on gas.

And their male counterparts, sitting their with their beer in their hands, watching football, don't redeem the men either.

Sad, because you'd think one of the finer pleasures in life is being physically attractive to somebody so you can have wild crazy hot greasy monkey sex.



(From The Economist's The World in 2006, get a freaking subscription already)

Perhaps eating is more enjoyable than sex...though I've yet to have a Chipotle fajita that is that good.

A Damn Good Article

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No, I mean that.

It's like when a guy friend of yours comes up to you and says, "Dude, Captain Capitalism, I met this TOTALLY HOT BABE! You got to meet her."

And then you meet her and she is nothing really attractive.

No, this article REALLY is a hot babe.

Must read.

Do it.

Now!

Reading is manditory.

There will be ramifications for your failure to read.

Please Don't Emulate Us

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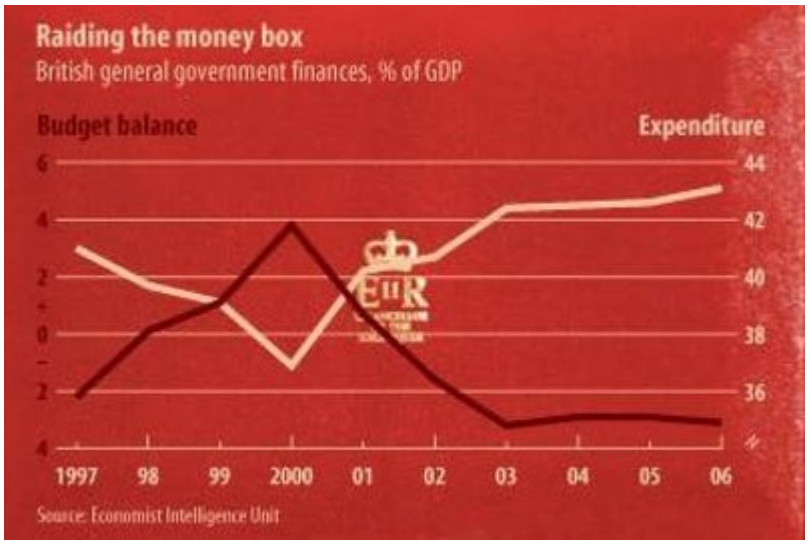
Seems our British counterparts are running eerily similar fiscal balances to us here in the US.



Alas, it seems Blair and Bush wish to accomplish what Reagan did;

Cut taxes to make those who work and contribute happy, while boosting social spending to glean leftists and lazies from the left.

Of course, the gamble they take is that the tax cuts will pay for the increased spending by having the economy grow fiercely, thereby increasing the tax base, and thus increasing nominal tax revenues.

This does work, but the problem is the government spends even more money that what the tax cuts brought in in added government revenue, resulting in deficits, accumulating into debt.

But to the savvy politician, debt is no concern, because you can always rely on a young and ignorant generation to spread their butt cheeks, blissfully unaware of the future financial raping they're about to get in the future.

Hopefully, you will have retired from politics or passed away by that time, effectively pulling off the perfect crime.

Hard Time Finding Reason to Vote Right

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http://www.opinionjournal.com/columnists/pnoonan/?id=110008359

And with Bush trying to get his brother to run, yeah, I'm thinking it's time to punish the Republicans for their insolence.

More Representation

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Well, seems Captain Capitalism has readers in some more exotic locations.

Seems Hawaii finally came around and joined the remaining 49 states.

Mauritius. That's what I'm talking about! What blog can claim representation in Mauritius!?

And by the looks of it, I'd say Churchill off of Hudson Bay. The only reason I know of this town is because the meteorologist in Minneapolis would always check in the temperatures there in January to make out -17 degree day seem balmy. I hate that effer.

And, last, but not least, no doubt my good buddy Hugo down there in Venezuela read my post about what a piss sh!t job he's done running that country into the ground. Great article in The Economist about how he's claiming we're about to invade his country and he'd burn all the oil before he'd let us have it. Such posturing before an election. But that's alright, millions of ignorant Americans will still shop at Citgo everyday giving this impotent dictator enough money to stay in power...not to mention the ignorant Venezuelan simpletons who think socialism is the way to grow the economy.

This Ain't Africa!

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Eh, with deteriorating standards in the west and how we should all embrace cultural diversity. Maybe it's inevitable.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/health/healthmain.html?in_article_id=385968&in_page_id=1774

Sorry guys, try that link.

Current Account and Federal Deficit

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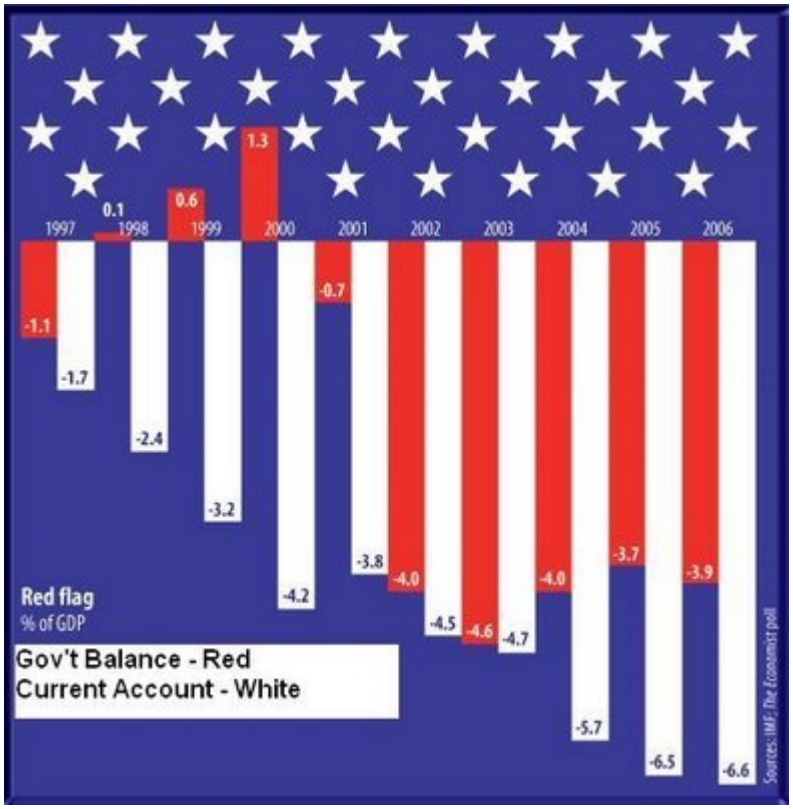

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"Americans Should Stop Complaining"

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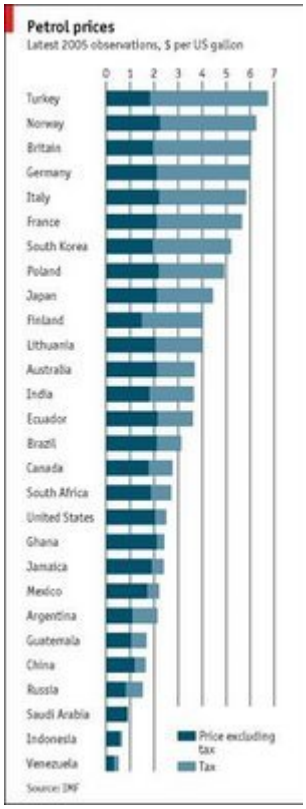

And become brainwashed dolts like Europeans and spread their ass cheeks a little wider and learn to embrace high taxes on gas and never knowing the feeling of hitting the open road with a full tank knowing you can drive cross country and still afford rent that month.

Slave Labor

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I used to work for a software firm that had a fair amount of its programming done in Shanghai. That was of course several years ago, but since then I was always interested in what programmers made out there versus their spoiled, hoity toity American counterparts in Palo Alto (yeah, those $70,000 per year C++ programming jobs didn't last out there did they, boys?)

Anyway, my personal interest aside, what I noticed with these figures is how (BY GOSH!) they're making decent money out there in dem der third world countries. In Kuala Lumpur one can almost make $10,000 a year as a programmer. And don't even get me started about how it isn't adjusted for purchasing power parity.

Regardless, the whole point is how I remember back in the late 80's and early 90's being told that American companies were taking advantage of these poor third world laborers and paying them nickels per decade. That you shouldn't buy Nike because they force children with one arm and 3 toes to work 15 hours a day and drink acid for lunch, if they're lucky enough to have a lunch!

Yes, well every country must start somewhere. Last I recall working on the American frontier in the 1820's wasn't exactly up to UN Human Rights Code. And look, within 15 years and billions of dollars worth of FDI, decent jobs with decent pay are starting to show up in the developing world...well maybe not Bolivia or Venezuela, but the developing world that at leasts wishes to progress.

A Smug American am I

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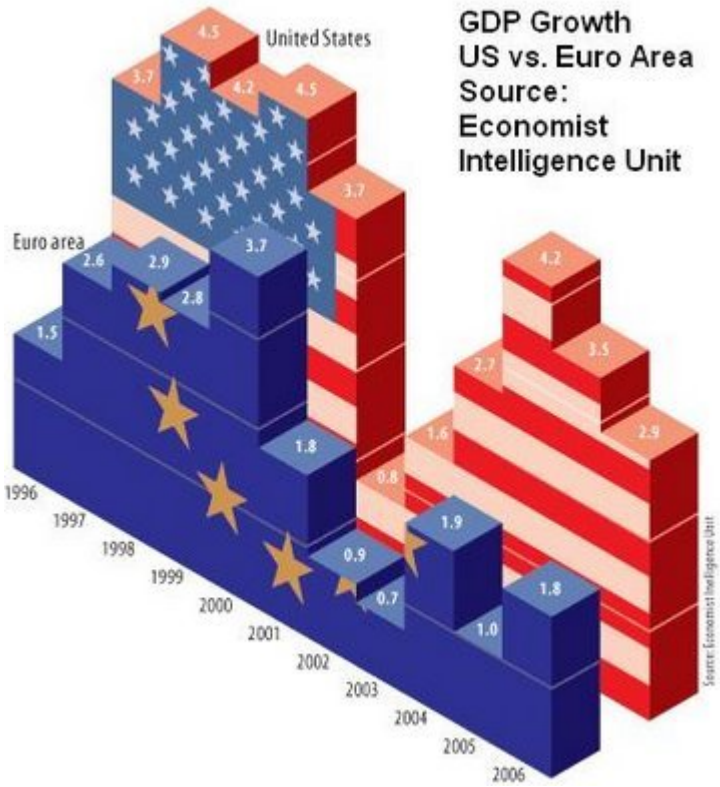
Another good chart in The World in 2006 that I've been meaning to post.



Of course, the knee jerk reaction and retorts to this are;

1. GDP is not a measure of happiness, health, standards of living, candle light vigils, and fluffy good feelings.
2. Europe has free health care and education
3. George Bush sucks
4. This doesn't account for intangible extenalities like pollution, scenery and that George Bush sucks.
5. But the wealth is distributed insanely unequally and you have a very high Gini Coefficient...even though your "poor" is wealthier than the average Frenchman.
6. "Oh yeah, well, did you know that more people in the world watch soccer than American football??? Yeah, that's right!"

All those things being said, we know deep down inside, you're jealous.

And that's OK, because the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem. And once you admit you have a problem, then the road to capitalistic recovery and higher standards of living can take place.

Flowers, Now This

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As you know the Captain has had a surprising amount of luck in the past year or so, some of that luck manifesting itself in the form of a fetching babe that happens to find your beloved Captain Capitalism fetching himself.

And while the Captain is continually amazed how sweet and kind she is, there have been several things that she has done which have just completely floored him and taken him off guard. Things that have gone beyond what most women have done. For example

She said yes to a date.
She showed up for the date.
She agreed to go on a second date.
She surprised him by taking him out to a place he had never been before.
And of course she bought the Captain flowers which he posted on this blog.

However, the fetching babe of capitalism has outdone herself this time;

I am the envy of all economists.

I'm Hurt By My Irish Bretheren

May 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It hurts more because it is the Irish that have stabbed my heart, for despite a thorough, indepth post that glorified Ireland, my ancestrial brothers have seemed not to notice their American cousin for all I've gotten was one lousy stinking hit from the homeland.

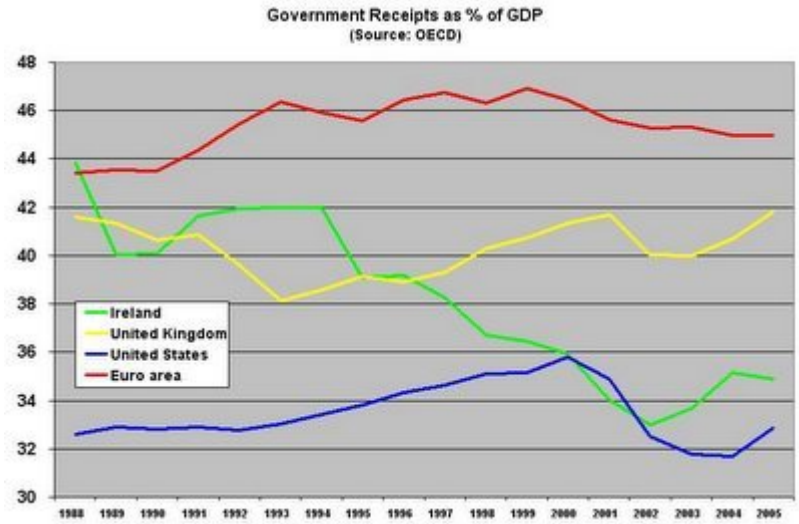
Come on here guys!

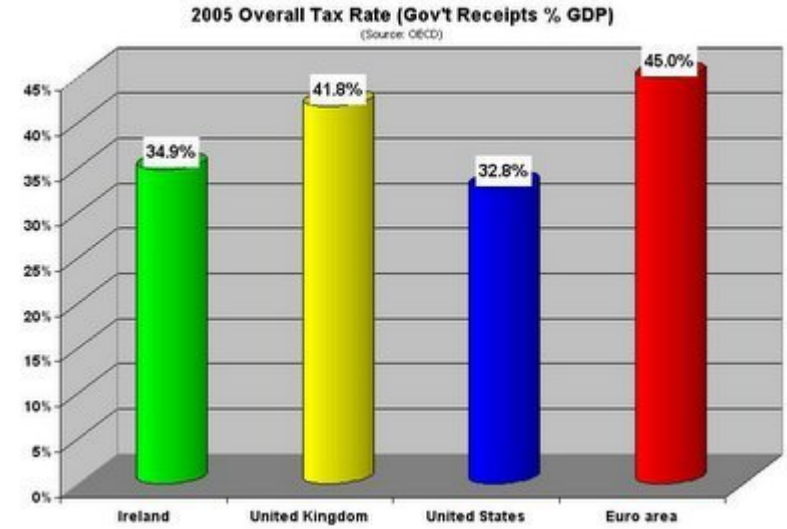
So, in a desperate hope to get more representation from the economic emerald in my eye, I will repost the post on Ireland.

There was a comment made on one of my posts about how he was shocked that Ireland was such an economic success. And I suppose I never really gave much thought about it, but it did occur to me that there are probably some people out there who are still under the impression that Ireland is still the armpit of Europe and are unaware as to just what an economic success story Ireland has become.

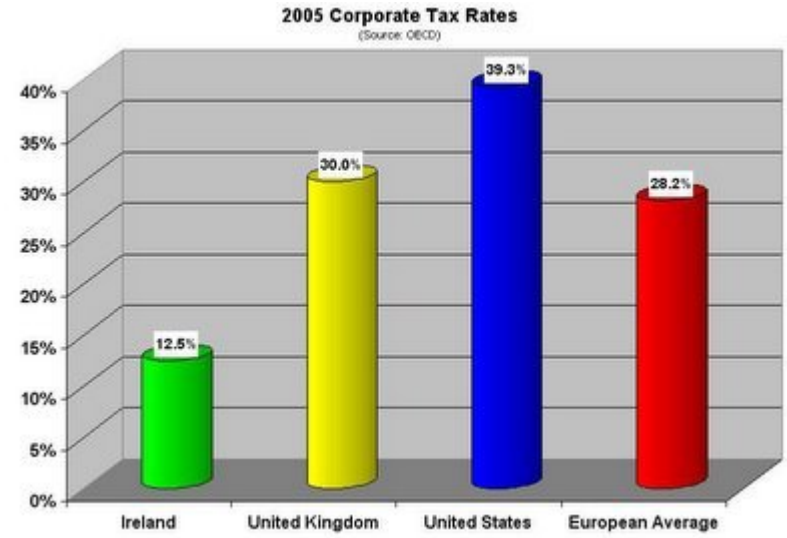
Thus, I've decided to highlight some of the key statistics about Ireland and compare them to the UK, the US and the EU for reference.

First things first. Ireland used to have high tax rates, but has since lowered them to become some of the lowest in Europe going from above 50% of GDP in the 80's to 35% today.





Overall taxes weren't the only things being lowered, as Ireland effectively has become a tax haven for corporation, attracting investment from foreign firms wishing to establish a beach head and gain access to the European markets.

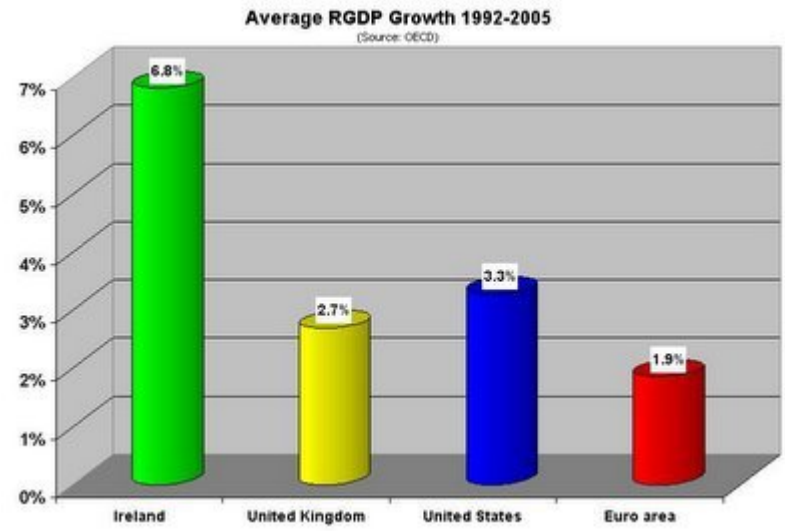


While leftists will contest otherwise, history has shown us that as taxes are lowered, certain things have a tendency to go down.

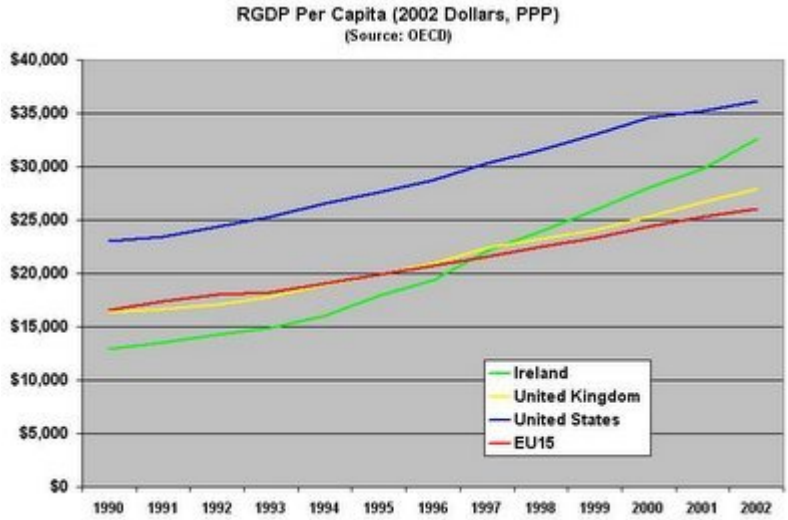
Things like unemployment;

Note the precipitous drop in unemployment from French levels to American levels.

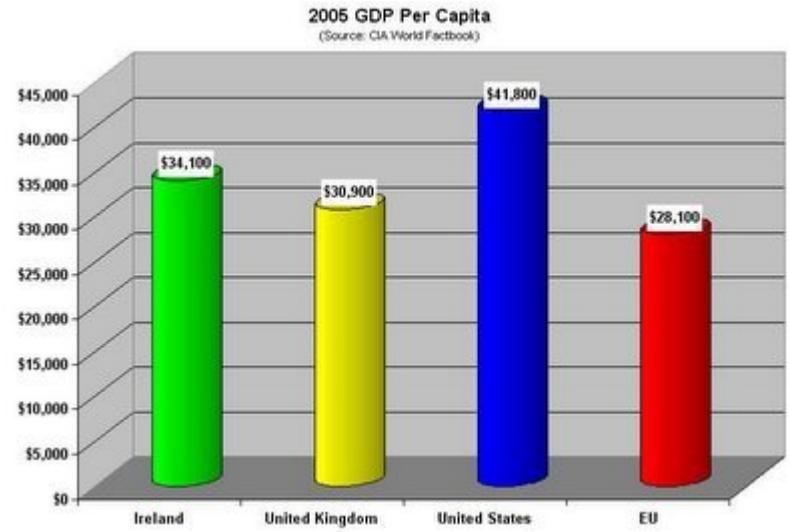
But while unemployment may drop, other things increase when taxes are lowered...like economic growth. Ireland is by far the only European Tiger and leaves most other modern day countries behind, lending credence to my theory that an economy can never grow "too fast."



Higher economic growth results in higher standards of living. This should particularly piss off the Brits since as of 1998, Ireland has surpassed their former overlord's in standards of living and looks set to surpass even US standards (don't ask me why the OECD doesn't have 2003-2005 data).



Today there are very few countries that enjoy higher standards of living than Ireland



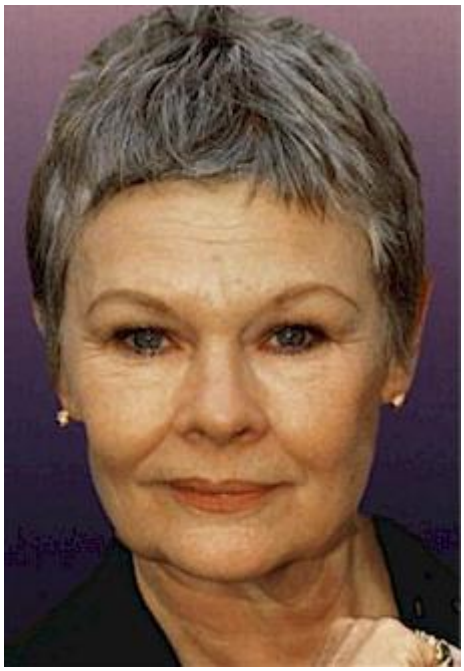
Of course statistics and economics isn't everything. I remember a socialist getting into it with me saying, "You know, the whole world isn't all statistics, Statistics Man. There's things like love and friendship count too..."

I couldn't agree more. What is life I ask you, without love? And how can you possibly measure or apply statistics to love?

Thus a comparison of who I can fall in love with from varying countries is warranted;

I could fall in love with a German, such as Chancellor Merkel;

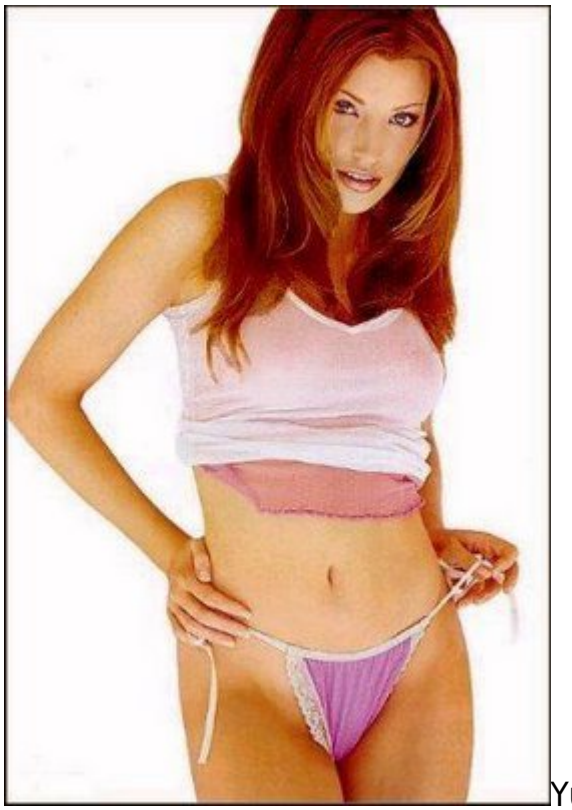
I could court Judi Dench, a renouned, Oscar-winning British actress who currently portrays M in the new James Bond films;



To be fair and representative of all Europeans, we should include some Scandinavians like the head of Sweden's feminist party;

Oh, and let's not forget there's a lot of fine selection in them there US American babes!

And then we have those god-awful redheaded monsters that pass for women in Ireland;



Yuck! What sane, rational-minded, red-blooded male would EVER contemplate moving to Ireland?

Work Smarter, not Harder

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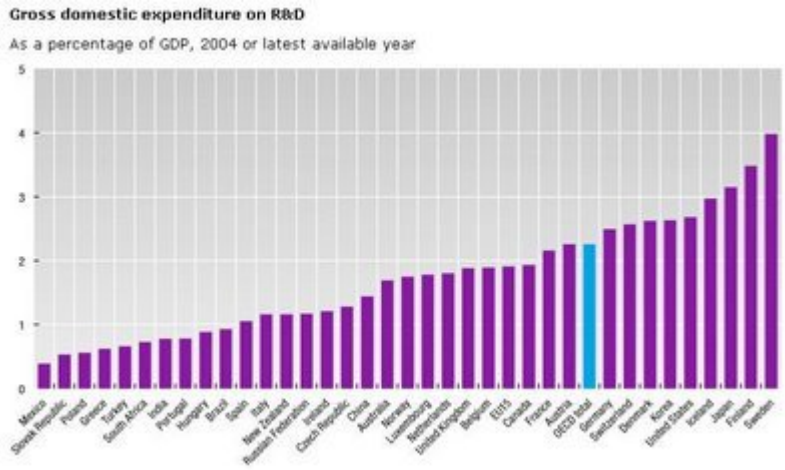
If you think about it, the vast, VAST majority of economic growth and wealth production has come in the form of innovation and creation. Jamal may work 80 hours a week in a field in Nigeria, and Sim Yon may work 70 hours in a factory in North Korea, but in that same amount of time a combine can harvest 1,000 times the amount of wheat than Jamal can and a robot will produce 1,000 more widgets than Sim Yon can, thereby freeing up labor to pursue more advanced, higher end trades.

Of course if you listened to those ignorant leftists and their labor union stooges, any change in the status quo is horrible for today workers and will put millions out of jobs. Again, if today's modern leftists were around in 1898 we'd still all be riding horses, because they'd be more concerned about how many people would be put out of work in the horse industry, instead of how much of a benefit the automobile would bring to society.

This might also explain why leftists abhor the real sciences of engineering, physics, accounting, biology and gravitate towards el-crapo studies of sociology, women's studies, feelings, public policy, health management and basket weaving.

Regardless, for those of you that appreciate reality and would like to see standards of living increase and have no problem with creative destruction, the following chart should explain in part why the US and Korea have had higher than average economic growth rates and why people from Mexico insist on moving here.



Time to Resort to Conspiracy Theories

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I'll say it again;

Democrats, socialists and other varied leftists will always resort to conspiracy theories because they are unable to accept the reality that their policies don't work.

Rather than accept reason, facts, research, statistics and common sense, they insist on living in their own little world where wealth is magically produced out of thin air, socialism works, the terrorists are simply misunderstood, and their relatively low incomes are the result of racism, sexism, ageism, glass ceiling, boys network, Bush and Haliburton.

So what I want you to do is pour yourself a nice tall drink, pull up a chair, and watch the left immediately default to their "Conspiracy Theory Mode" when they read this.

I say they're going to go with the "Big Oil owns Bush and Bush owns this administration and therefore controls the antitrust department" schtick.

Air America

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So now that I'm a big hoopla talk radio show guy thing, it got me thinking a little more about liberal talk radio, particularly Air America. And the question I can't answer is "how will liberal talk radio work?"

Sure, we all listen to Rush and how he bombastically scoffs at their chances. Sure we all know why right wing, patriotic, Republican, Capitalism talk shows work since they serve an underserved market. Sure, we all know that the chances of liberal talk radio succeeding are minimal because we can get it already on NPR. But the answer to the question why, is much more insightful than most of us would realize. Not in as much as it points out the obvious, but that it highlights the fundamental differences between the capitalist and socialist ideologies purported by the Republicans and democrats, respectively.

First, radio talk shows of the right leaning sort have succeeded in the traditional manner that radio has operated; the market.

A host or show entices sponsors to spend money on advertising which finances the show. If the show is successful enough, it attracts enough listeners, and enough listeners then patronize the sponsors which begets more advertising dollars. This is a very simple, yet beautiful example of the market at work.

A service (the radio show) is essentially provided for free (via sponsor's dollars). The market.

Yet after thinking about it, the only real way liberal talk radio would work is purely out of charity, or confiscatory taxes to subsidize it. No legitimate business, concerned about their own survival is going to support left wing radio. What sense does it make for a business to pay somebody to spout ideas of increasing their taxes and vitriol for the entrepreneur? It's counterintuitive.

Therefore, liberal radio is relegated to primarily three main sources of financing:

Charitable contributions from spoiled brat trust fund baby or Hollywood leftists

Socialist political interest groups such as unions or bona fide parties like Democratic Socialists of America, etc.

Organic Coffee Shops

Oh sure, I've heard a couple private sector firms make an advertisement on Air America, primarily investment or insurance shops. Car dealerships and what not. I'm sure socialists buy cars and reluctantly buy insurance (because the government should pay for that, DUH!). But they're eclipsed by the sheer volume of pathetic ads put up by unions, non-profits and other appendages of the democratic and socialist parties in the US.

Thusly, it is this, that is the fundamental reason that liberal radio will at worst fail, at best, never achieve the greatness of right leaning radio, simply because it is not based in the market and will rely on handouts for their financing. No person is willingly going to pay to hear how they should pay more taxes, forgive the terrorists, feel guilty for being white, or pay reparations for minorities of 300 years ago. Only the public sector and those to benefit from such inanity would be willing to pay for it, if for any other reason than job security.

It is the classical battle between the establishment and the people. The people willingly patronizing those that sponsor the right leaning shows, while the left leaning has to go out and (role befitting) beg for their money.

Alas the only real difference I can see between liberal talk radio and NPR is that NPR feigns its objectivity while liberal talk radio emphasizes its bias.

Business Friendliness

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Found via Libertarian Jason.

Small Business Survival Index 2005: State Rankings*

(Ranked from the Friendliest to the Least Friendly Policy Environments for Entrepreneurship)

Rank	State	SBSI	Rank	State	SBSI
1	South Dakota	24.280	27	Wisconsin	47.539
2	Nevada	27.080	28	Kentucky	47.605
3	Wyoming	33.360	29	Oklahoma	48.110
4	Washington	37.430	30	Utah	48.515
5	Michigan	37.490	31	Kansas	50.000
6	Florida	38.525	32	Nebraska	50.493
7	Mississippi	38.970	33	New Mexico	50.620
8	Alabama	39.465	34	West Virginia	50.805
9	Indiana	40.140	35	Louisiana	51.550
10	Colorado	41.190	36	Connecticut	51.830
11	Texas	41.210	37	Oregon	52.980
12	South Carolina	41.790	38	Montana	53.448
13	Virginia	41.885	39	North Carolina	53.851
14	Pennsylvania	42.261	40	Ohio	54.210
15	Tennessee	43.090	41	Iowa	54.317
16	Arkansas	43.832	42	Massachusetts	54.765
17	Arizona	44.238	43	Vermont	56.720
18	Missouri	44.976	44	New York	58.191
19	Idaho	45.020	45	New Jersey	58.905
20	New Hampshire	45.030	46	Hawaii	60.300
21	Alaska	45.140	47	Minnesota	60.360
22	Georgia	45.555	48	Rhode Island	60.390
23	Illinois	45.730	49	Maine	61.069
24	Delaware	45.830	50	California	62.520
25	Maryland	46.445	51	Dist. of Columbia	73.330
26	North Dakota	46.690			

I'll say it again.

Treat business like you treat your wives. If you want them to come to you and invest in you, then give them incentive by treating them nice.

Don't beat them and hit them with high taxes, regulation and vitrolic, socialist hatred.

I highlighted a couple states of interest since I've always advocated (and advised some) Minnesota companies to move to Sioux Falls, SD and we have pretty heavy readership out on the west coast.

Ego Superceding the Cause

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Remember the post I had a while ago about how leftists don't particularly care about helping the poor, or eliminating disease in Africa, because what is really driving them, what their ulterior motive is, is that they want to feel good about themselves but without putting forth the hard work and effort that would actually result in a tangible benefit to society?

"Hi, I'm Al Gore, and I'm irrelevant now, but my ego needs masterbation."

Get your ass in academia you has-been.

We DON'T Have National Health Care?

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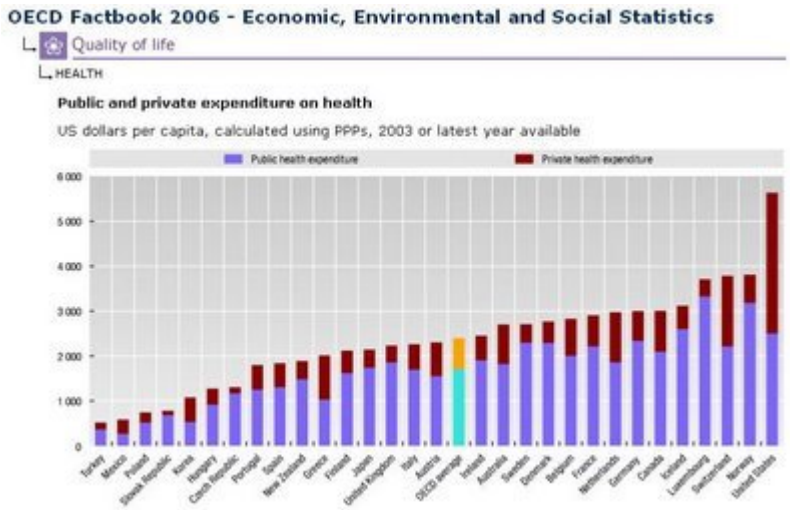

Again, if I hear the left complain that we don't spend enough on health care, I'll post a chart the will be shown to millions of Americans over the internet and with this newfound economic knowledge, the masses' minds will be freed! They will realize that they've been being duped by the left for all these years. And soon, they will vote for capitalists across the board. And then chicks will ask "who was that devishly handsome fellow that showed us the chart that freed our minds and showed us we were being duped by the left?" And people will say, "That handsome fellow is Captain Capitalism." And then there will be Captain Capitalism groupies! And a Captain Capitalism Fan Club. And a Captain Capitalism Cheerleading Squad! And then the world will at last know true peace and experience RGDP growth of 5,000% per year without inflation.

Cultures Aren't Superior, They're Just Different

May 24, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My ass.

What a HORRIBLE Economy

May 25, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The one thing Bush won't get credit for, even though his tax cuts deserve it.

Brits Got Balls

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Would never happen here in the US with that communist group known as AARP.

Poor Bush

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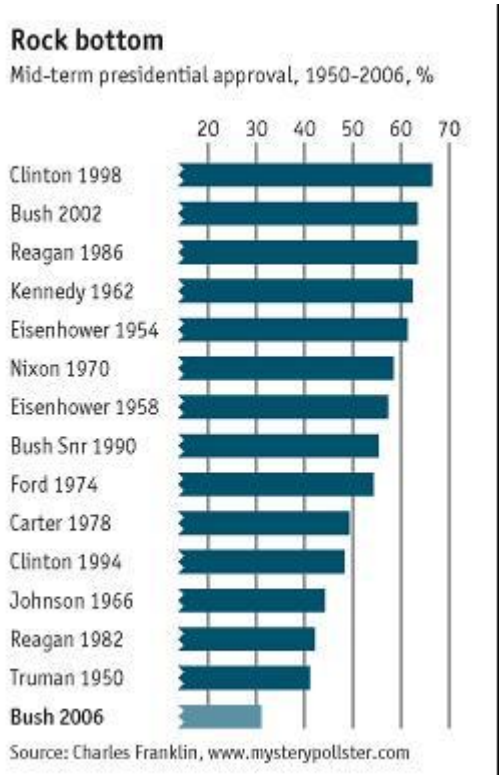

Guess that's what happens when you try to be everything to everyone.

Then again, when you go to the web site, his links are to leftist blogs, but I'm inclined to believe the figures given the inaction of Bush.

Dude, Uh, You're IRRELEVANT?!

May 30, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Awwww.

Wook at da wittle poor vice presidenty wenty.

Why exactly does he think he matters now?

Ahhhh, America

May 30, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

THIS is America.

Screw Economics

May 30, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I figure I just finished off a 9 month marathon of dance classes, seminars, radio shows, non-stop blogging, not to mention a day time racket/gig, and for once I'm going to post about something that isn't economics;

My trip to the Badlands in South Dakota.

I know, I know, you aspiring junior deputy economists had to go an entire extended weekend without your daily dose of economic wisdom, but you'll have to go a day more because you're going to get...

PICTURES FROM THE BADLANDS!!!!

Whether you like it or not.

Truthfully though, if you haven't made it to the Badlands in South Dakota, seriously, take the trip. As I have said before, it's like when somebody says, "Dude, this is a GREAT movie!" Or "You HAVE to read this book!" Or "She was like TOTALLY hot!"

And in your mind you're saying,

"No, it's probably isn't that great of a movie"
"No, I really don't HAVE to read that book."
"And, I don't believe she was really that TOTALLY hot."

Yeah, but really and I'm not joking you here, South Dakota is worth the trip. And I say that not just because they have no state income tax, but it really is worth the flight to Rapid City, SD.

So men, trust me when I say this;

Women are used to the flowers and the dinner crap. Just tell her to pack a back pack, some Gatorade, pack a 45 caliber to shoot any ornary buffalo, and then book a flight and just commit yourself to hiking about 30 miles in waterless terrain for 3 days. It's amazing.

One other thing I shall note about the Badlands and the Black Hills. We're getting a fair amount of representation from India, not just on this blog, but at the Badlands as well. A disproportionate representation from the subcontinent was at the Badlands, not to mention I think there were more foreigners at Mount Rushmore than there were Americans. Regardless, it kind of resulted in a warm fuzzy feeling that all these foreigners

were at Mount Rushmore. Nice to see people from other countries, speaking different languages coming all the way here to see our presidents' mugs up on a mountain. And I don't mean that in the politically correct, obligatory fashion, but in the just-plain-effing-truth fashion. Was nice to see people from a different country, haul their asses all the way over here to see this piece of Americana. Almost left you to believe that there was something people still admired about America.

Anyway, here are the pictures (they're huge if you click on them).

Your enjoyment is manditory.

There May Be Some Real Men Left

May 31, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/05/31/veteran.robbery.ap/index.html

Request

May 31, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

To quote Victor Borge;

"I usually do not do requests, unless of course I have been asked to do so."

So I got a request to post the poem I used on the radio show to introduce the Economics Lesson of the Day. Sadly it will not be accompanied by my voice which sounds like a wounded moose, but some would prefer it that way;

Come on baby if you got the nerve
Let's go down by the river and kiss by the Federal Reserve
You can show your supply and demand curves

When we talk economics.

We'll talk about China and the price of oil,
Run correlation coefficients, baby but don't sweat or toil
Commodity prices are up what the price of aluminum foil?

When we talk economics.

Ohhhhhhh, take me on a whirlwind tour of the banks
and of the mints
Aaaaaaand while we talk about the federal budget,
you can kiss me while money prints.

Give me supply, I'll give you demand
We'll create some equilibrium while hand in hand.
And let's not dance to that inflationary band!

When we talk economics!"

Happy 20th Anniversary!

June 1, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well the Big Mac Index turned 20 this past week and for those economists, aspiring, savvy or not, it is a quick litmus test of sorts to see if currencies are overvalued or undervalued.

My favorite though is the darling child of the left, who whenst talking about standards of living cannot help but immediately mention its name, Norway.

Yeah, that's just what I want to do, pay $7.05 for a freaking Big Mac.

I apologize if the chart doesn't show up well. You can get a better image (and read the entire article) here.

MY SINCERE APOLOGIES

June 1, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So to ban Sanjay I had to turn on this "comments moderation" option on the blog.

It said it would e-mail me anytime somebody made a comment.

Got an occasional e-mail saying I had a comment.

Then I go to the "comments moderation page" and BAAMM!!!

Like 40 posts that I got no e-mail notification for.

Regardless, my apologies for this delay in posting your posts.

Trabajar, Trabajar, Trabajar

June 1, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

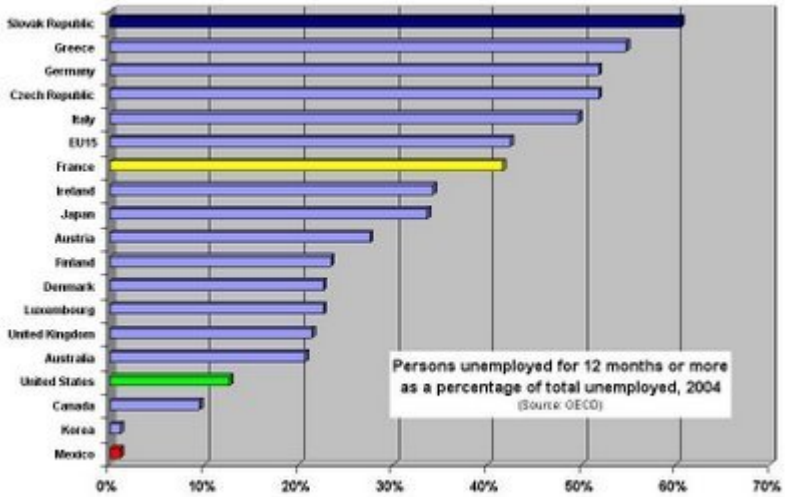
So whilst on my weekly jaunt through the OECD I happened up some updated figures for long term unemployment, ie- the percent of those unemployed that have been so for a year or more.

The reason I particularly like this stat is that it is a function of two things;

1. How lazy a people are in a particular country
2. How generous (or stingy) that country's unemployment benefits are.

However, this time around they included two countries I hadn't noticed before;

Mexico and Korea.



CRIPES!!!

Barely 1% of people unemployed in these countries, have been unemployed for over a year. Contrast that with 13% in the US and I'm almost half tempted to believe there are actually jobs Americans won't work that Mexicans will.

That being said, it's not like 13% is atrocious. Now if you want atrocious, why just take a swim across the Atlantic to our European counter parts where you can find countries like Germany, Italy, Greece and the Slovak Republic where OVER HALF THE UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO FOR OVER A YEAR!

Alas, given the protests in France against the labor market reforms, not to mention the protests against Schroeder's Hartz IV reforms, it seems Europe has no intention on

changing.

2 Apologies in One Day!

June 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I must be slipping.

I was reading through the archives and I will admit, I don't get around to reading all the posts. It seems an anonymous economist was kind enough to send countering data to my post that the more volatile a country's economic growth, the higher it is, whereas I contested the other way around. Since my primary concern is the truth and am always willing to be convinced otherwise as long as the data warrants it, just wanted to make sure this error has been corrected and duly noted.

Here is the study;

http://ideas.repec.org/a/aea/aecrev/v85y1995i5p1138-51.html

that being said it covers 90 some countries, where as my stats only covered the OECD countries (32 of them that had the data available). Also the study is 11 years old, so the relationship could have changed, but I'll just assume I am in error.

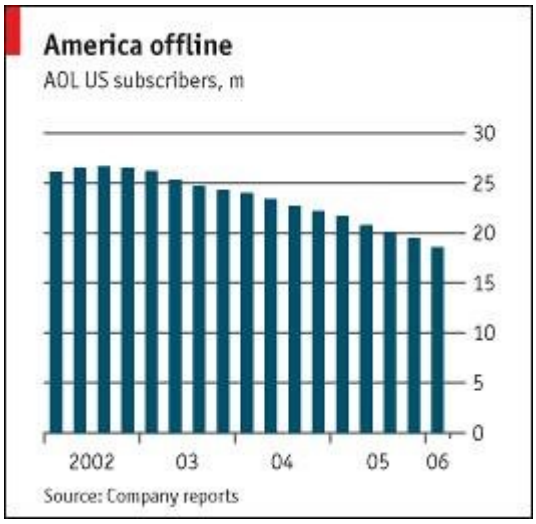
Over-Engineered

June 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I remember havin AOL as my internet provider. As time went on I kept getting more and more updates sent in the mail, to the point that basically my entire hard drive was used to run all the trinkets and crap that came with AOL.

All I wanted was internet access. That's it. So I got rid of them and went with barebones Earthlink.

Seems I'm not the only one who likes simplicity in their internet service.



Ahem!

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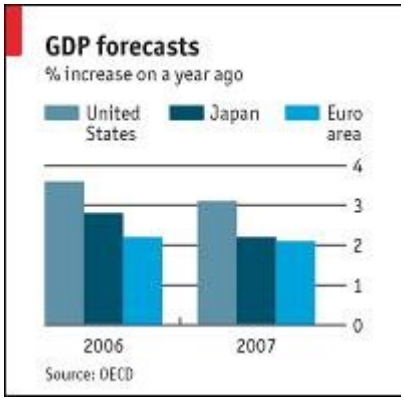


Would It Kill the MSM to Admit the Economy is Great?

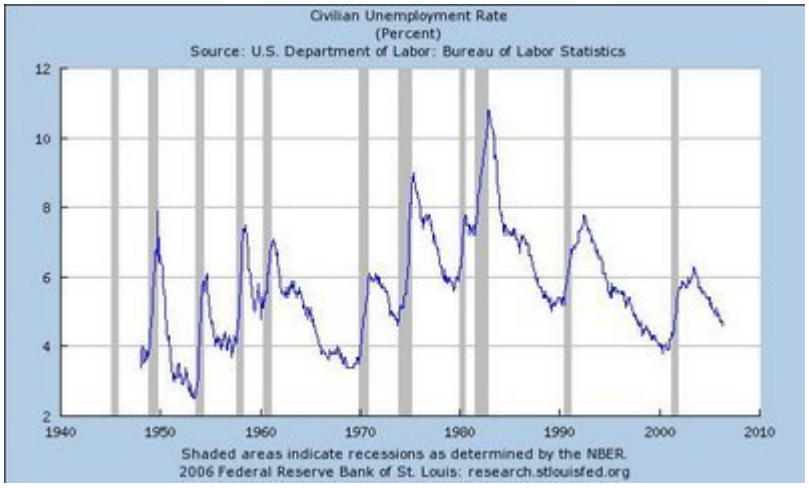
June 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

God, freaking 4.6% unemployment and all the media can do is scour the technicalities to find something wrong with the data.

So I'll do you all your journalists a favor, I'll give you a quick little lesson in economics.

The economy is at full employment. That means anybody who wants a job, pretty much has one, and those 4.6% are probably not looking hard enough, are in no particular rush to find a job (but have not given up, thus are still in the labor force), or perhaps are of a specialized skill set and the job in that industry are not as liquid in the labor market.

Anyway, here's a pretty little chart to show you where unemployment has been.



The Light Saber of a Career Politician

June 6, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Public pensions.

A career politician's dream come true.

Here's a political issue where you're guaranteed votes from not only old, poor people, but from anybody with a heart, and without a brain…of which there are many.

Furthermore, the true costs are deferred so far into the future that you can rely on the ignorance of young people to not look at the pension's underlying finances.

But the biggest benefit, the pure genius of this political tool, is that by the time the sh!t hits the fan, and these behemoths have to actually be funded, you'll be either long retired from politics or dead.

It is literally the perfect crime.

Thus, I found the following data quite interesting.

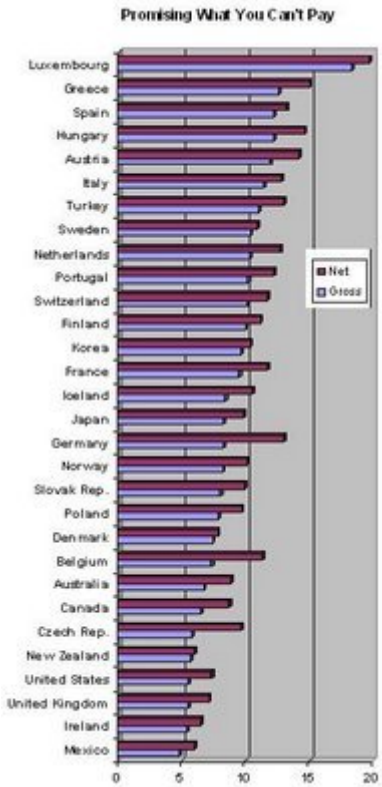
The OECD seems to have calculated a ratio that takes the present value of a country's public pension (ie-what that country can expect to pay out in today's value in pensions) and divided it by total earnings in the economy (net and gross).

In other words what has the government promise to pay the people as a multiple of how much the people are making.

This is key as it is the earnings, what the people are making, that will inevitably have to pay for the pensions.

The more the government promises to pay out relative to earnings, the higher the tax rate.

Of course this tax rate will not befall current day pensioners, but will be deferred to future workers as pensions are paid out over the course of retirement.



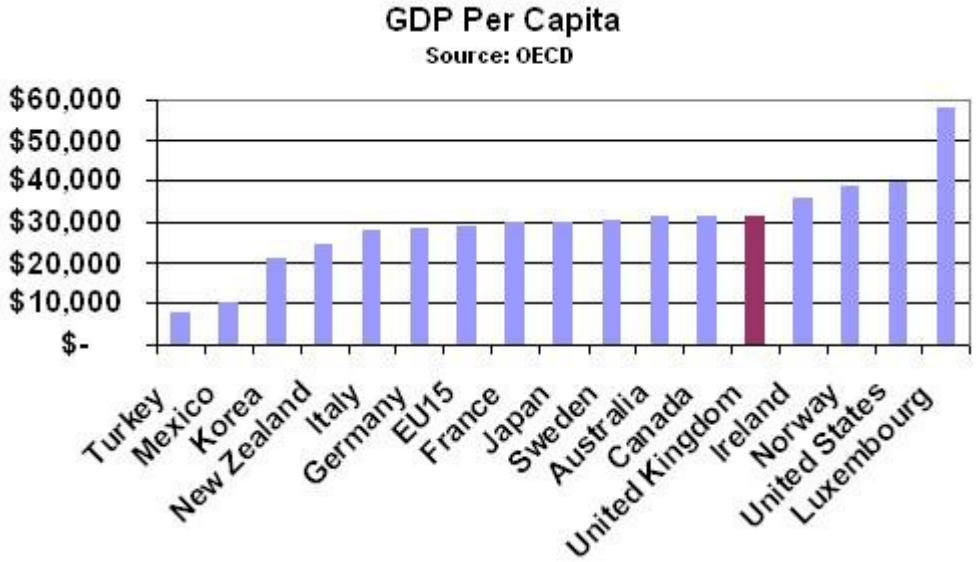
And while I'm a big fan of Luxembourg and their phenomenal economic success, my heart is still learning towards good ol' Ireland.

Ahhhh, Luxembourg

June 7, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Quick post then off to produce more GDP.

I plan on doing a more thorough charting of Luxembourg, but I just wanted to point out how much richer they are than the US.



Now, depending on the measure you use, the US is getting some pretty fierce competition from the likes of Norway, Luxembourg and Ireland. And although most of the figures I've seen still has the US ranked #2 in the world, apparently the World Bank (via NationMaster.com) doesn't think so. Then again, this could be due to a weak dollar and I didn't really check to see if it was adjusted for PPP. Furthermore, methinks the World Bank isn't exactly packed with free-market capitalists and it might have slipped their mind to make those adjustments.

Oh, So There AREN'T 72 Brown Eyed Virgins Afterall

June 8, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

He's dead

We rule

And I've officially started my stop watch to time how long it will be for the left to come out with their conspiracy theories that Bush TIMED this guy's death to help in the midterm elections. That he somehow was holding onto Al-Zarqawi and killed him when it was politically convenient.
Which you know they're intellectually weak enough to do.

Daddy Likes

June 9, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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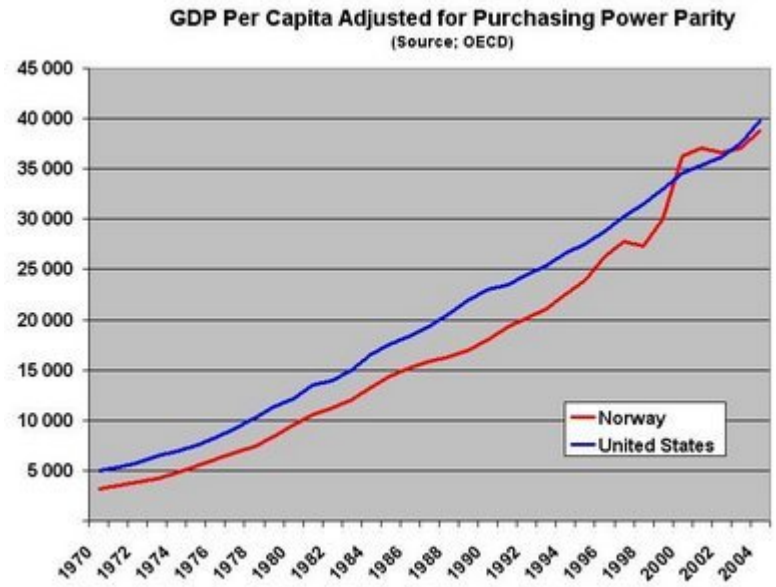
http://today.reuters.com/news/newsarticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyid=2006-06-09T132416Z_01_N09456659_RTRUKOC_0_US-IRAQ-ZARQAWI-SITE.xml&src=rss&rpc=22

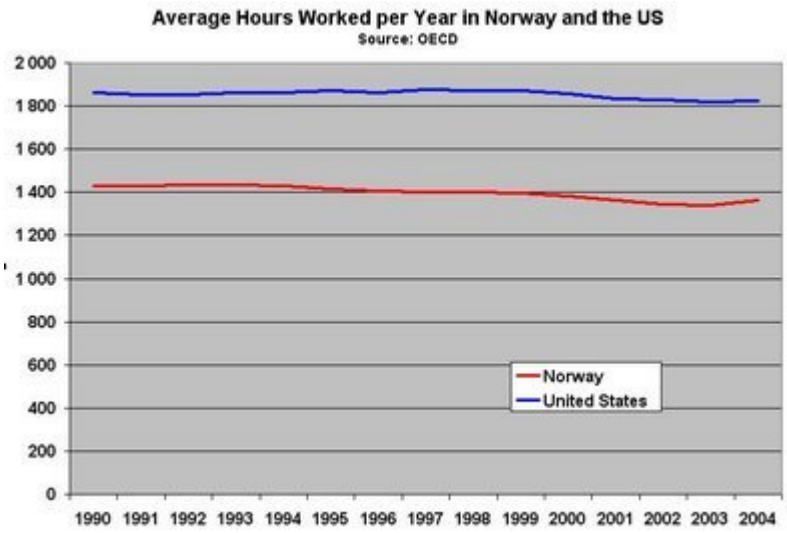
Norway??? No Way!

June 9, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So Norway enjoys the same high standards of living that the US does.



And it kind of miffs me because not only are they socialist, but they have been working a full 25% less per year than their US counterparts. They're working a paltry 1400 hours per year whilst we slave away here in the US for almost 1900 hours, yet they STILL ENJOY THE SAME STANDARDS OF LIVING!



How is this possible?

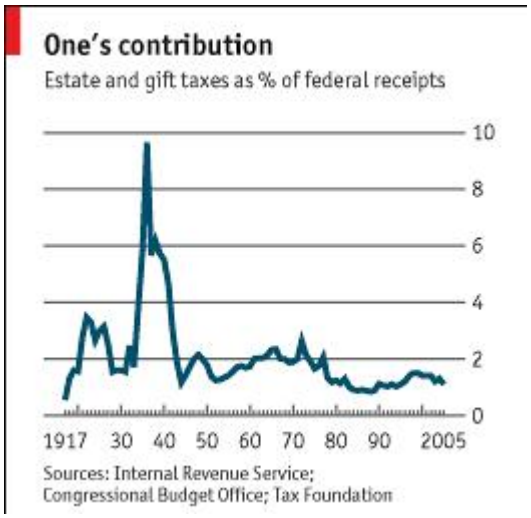
Well I know how they do it, but I'm curious to see if any aspiring economists out there do.

I'm also half tempted to pay for an aspiring economist to come up with a chart the demonstrates what I'm thinking.

Death and Taxes

June 13, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Found this chart interesting. I also found it interesting that when were taxing the richests' estates the most, our economy was doing its worst in the Great Depression.



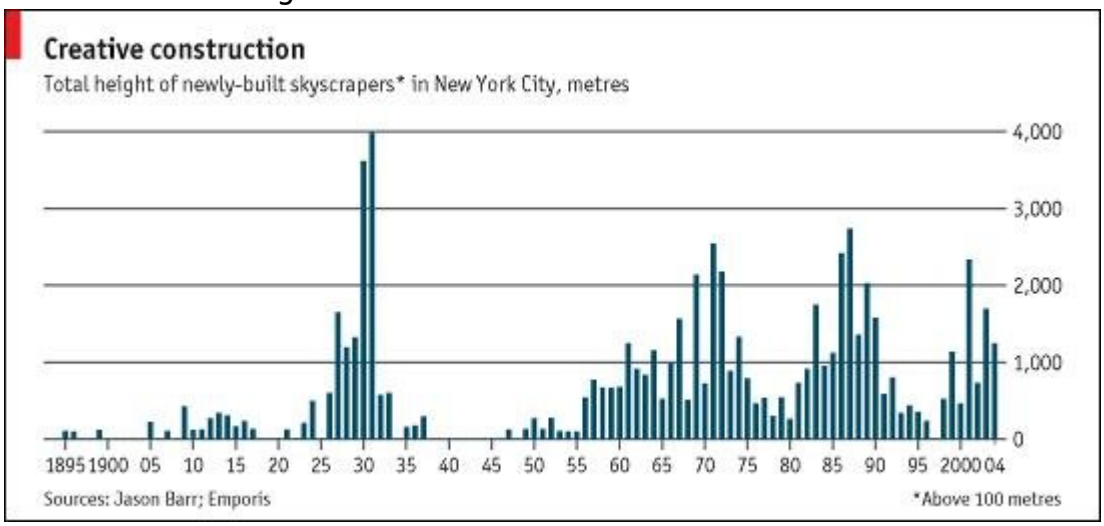
Larry Kudlow also had a nice satirical piece. Sadly for the likes of Sanjay and other sorted socialists, democrats and leftists etc., it wouldn't be a satirical piece but a common conversation.

Skyscrapers!

June 13, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cleaning out more charts in my "Inbox" of charts.

Another interesting one from The Economist.



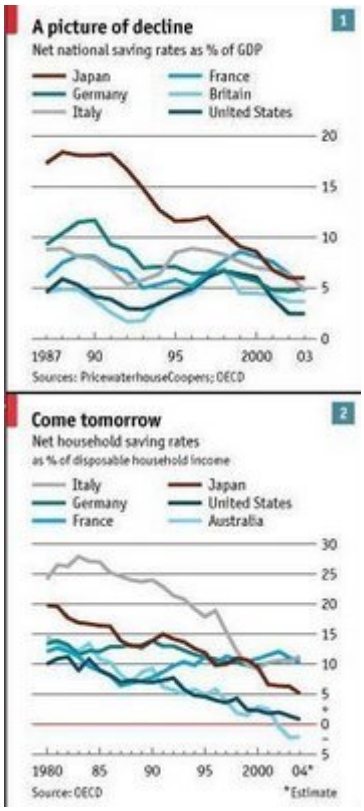
Amazing how in the depths of the depression we're able to create the classical beauties of skyscrapers in New York City with the arcane technology of the 20's and 30's.

Now, we have these minimalist monstronsities being thrown up because materials are cheap and to ornate the building with detail would cost too much money, thus thrusting crappy architecture on the masses. Great.

Savings Rates

June 14, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Been meaning to post this one for a while.



Although as (Jensen I think it was) suggested it would be interesting to see what this would be like when 401k/IRA contributions are considered savings.

How Can't You Be A Happy Libertarian

June 14, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Libertarians, by their nature, are happy. The reason why is because we're always right.

But this post by the Happy Libertarian hits on it a little more precisely.

We appreciate babes.

And that is the true source to all Libertarian's happiness.

The Last Straw

June 15, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, that's it. I'm in favor of nuking Iran.

http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1150191582529&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull

Bastards! How dare they!

No Charts

June 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Something's wrong with Blogger,

Can't post charts.

Energy fading.

Economic super powers, weakening.

Socialism suddenly becoming appetizing.

What Percent of Women Are Gold-Diggers?

June 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, since charts aren't working, let me pose a question to all the aspiring economists out there.

The Beloved and I were discussing one of her friends and how she was "looking for a man that had money."

And I said something to the extent that, "that's pretty sad for somebody to sacrifice soemthing as important as love for something as not-so-vital like money."

And The Beloved said, "yeah, we'll you'd be surprised how many women out there are looking for a guy with money."

Now, I was always under the impression that sure there were gold-diggers out there, but they amounted to no more than 5% of the female population. That surely, my economic spidey senses would tell me whether a girl had ulterior financial aims in courting me. But then again, there has been the RARE occasion that I have actually been wrong about women.

No! It's true! There have been one or two times that I, Captain Capitalism, economist and all-knowing-babe-magnet-extraordinaire, actually had it wrong when it came to the ladies.

For The Beloved claimed A FULL 25% OF THE WOMEN OUT THERE ARE LOOKING FOR MONEY!

Now, pessimistic and critical as I may be about the local Minnesota contingent of women, I would not have imagined it would be so high. But The Beloved has me here as she is a woman, hangs out with women, and would thusly be more of an authority on the matter than I.

Naturally, I'd be very curious to hear what other people would say the percentage is, particularly women, for there may be a bigger problem on our hands than I previously thought.

Minimum Wage

June 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Sorry folks, but the computers I'm relegated to using until I get my new computer are just now being nice with the image uploading, alas I'm stuck with 100% text posts. Thus, I found this one interesting (via Mahan);

http://p076.ezboard.com/fhistorypoliticsandcurrentaffairs68862frm8.showMessage?topicID=4602.topic&index=8

So While the Images are Not Forth Coming

June 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll have to just regale you with one of the funnier comics I read;

http://www.sinfest.net/d/20060607.html

http://www.sinfest.net/d/20060523.html

http://www.sinfest.net/d/20060313.html

http://www.sinfest.net/d/20060308.html

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Intelligence of the Masses

June 19, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So one of the more interesting things I've found in financial theory is the use of markets or "many minds" to forecast or determine the outcome of something. Normally this applies to stocks, but they also use it to predict elections and I think some academians have found some other uses for it.

Thus, I was very happy when my friend sent me this chart;

http://finance.yahoo.com/q/bc?s=NYT&t=5y&l=on&z=m&q=l&c=

If the masses are correct, snooty, out-of-touch media elites will go the way of the Ozone Hole Crisis.

Cripes

June 20, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is just sick and wrong.

Scares the hell out of me.

Visit Sunny North Korea!

June 21, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well, good news, got my computer. Bad news is I'm still tranferring all the old files to the new computer and have been pre-occupied subbing for Dave Thompson last night. Thus I'm still stuck with non-large-image posts.

So when bored what better for economists in the off season than to post pictures from that place we'll never visit;

SUNNY NORTH KOREA!

Here's some pics, unfortunately, they're all copyrighted, but it's worth a click.

My favorites are the empty streets. Almost eerie, like a bad British zombie movie or something. Only communism could pull off a real-life zombie movie.

http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/Asia/North_Korea/photo263764.htm

http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/Asia/North_Korea/photo255945.htm

Yeah, right, and Bush is the fascist here;

http://www.trekearth.com/gallery/Asia/North_Korea/North/Pyongyang-si/photo260824.htm

In Theme with Last Night's Show

June 21, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And since I still don't have no stinking charts;

http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/walterwilliams/2006/06/21/201863.html

Dell Sucks, But Swanblog Don't

June 22, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I spend 3 freaking hours installing software, updating virus protection, deleting all the crap programs that come with new computers, humming along great with my computer on the internet, about to upload my first new spiffy chart on good Ol' Cappy Cap and then, BLAMO!!!

Computer freezes.

Then, after spending another 2 hours with people from Bangalore I finally get to somebody with enough tech experience and not such a heavy subcontinent accent to tell me that the computer is hosed.

So in the meantime, whilst Captain Capitalism is like Popeye without spinach and is chartless, I figured I'd make a long overdue plug to somebody who's been helping me out recently;

Swanblog.

Local guy, known him since college, and he has a forte that I am lacking experience and knowledge in; law.

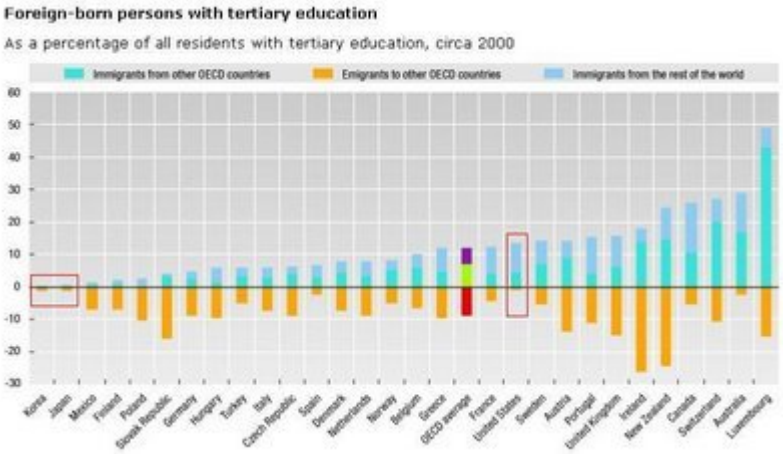
Not that all of his post are about law, he's been known to post about whales recently. Don't think I've ever posted about whales.

Regardless pay young Swanson a visit.

Yeah, the US is SUCH a Horrible Place

June 22, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Which is why NOBODY with a college degree leaves this place and everybody with a college degree wants to come here.



Mariam, I assume you would have a take on this?

Can Socialists Do Anything Right?

June 23, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Iran has oil.

Iran has socialism.

Iran is yet another example of what a pathetic failure socialism is.

VOTE HILLARY 2008!

June 23, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So the Cato Institute e-mailed this to me.

She is such a FREAKING POLITICIAN!!!

I do desperately want her to win the nomination for the Democrats. I'm going to have a Hillary bumper sticker on each of my 4 cars.

This is yet another example of politicians having not the feigntest clue as to the basic principles of economics...or perhaps choosing not to have a clue only because it is politically advantageous.

Tax Children, Not Corporations

June 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Children, as proven by NASA and Harvard scientists over and over, are evil. This well known fact should be taught to every child in Kindergarten so that they know their place; a cage. This no doubt is where they belong, but because of the graces of charity and kindness of us adults, all we ask of them is two minor things;

1. shut the hell up in public places and
2. try their best not to spread disease until they are 18.

This may sound a bit totalitarian, but in reality we adults that do not have children are quite pro-freedom for children.

No, seriously, we are.

We actually encourage kids to be kids. To be free. To do what they want, whenever they want to. And with reckless abandon for the respect for others. To be wild and crazy, as crazy as the kids from the book "Lord of the Flies." This ultimate, irresponsible freedom can be attained just as long as it follows one rule;

It is in the presence and abode of the people that brought them into this world; their parents.

If it's just their parents and their parents' house, I'm all for kids being kids. Write on the walls. Kick your brother. Bring malaria, lice and the plague into the household. Scream at the top of your lungs until 3AM. Demand all resources be spent on you. Play with matches indoors and with gasoline no less. Shave the dog. Light the cat on fire. Fill diapers like Ted Kennedy drains scotch bottles. Run with scissors. Go my little children, become what you've been destined to become! Destroy, DESTROY!!!! MWUAAA-HA HA HAAAAAA!!!!

All I ask is that it be done;

1. In the presence of your parents.
2. In the house of your parents.

The reason we ask this of course, is when children are unleashed upon society, havoc ensues. Children packed SUV's and school buses cripple the entire transportation network to the level only terrorists could envy. We have to pay property taxes so that public schools may baby sit them while their parents pursue a career. They lengthen lines practically everywhere, grocery stores, restaurants, gun shops, crippling not the production side of GDP, but the consumption side. They divert resources from the

Lingerie Fund and Tropical Cruise Fund to the Baby Food Fund and Children's College Fund. They make it so you can only attend movie theaters either LATE at night or during the day time when school is on. (Seriously, tried watching “Cars” over the weekend, needed to either shoot something or drink heavily by the end of the movie.)

They’re screeching in planes, trains and automobiles. Not to mention they drive up the costs of health care. Serious, go to a Minute Clinic. 90% of the people ahead of me are just some panicked, hypochondriac, hyper-sensitive mother with her child that might be suffering from that horrible and wretched thing known as the (GASP) THE COMMON COLD!!!! My lung could be shot out and I’m coughing blood, but no, I got to wait in because Ms. Prissy Suburban Princess’ little boy has a sliver.

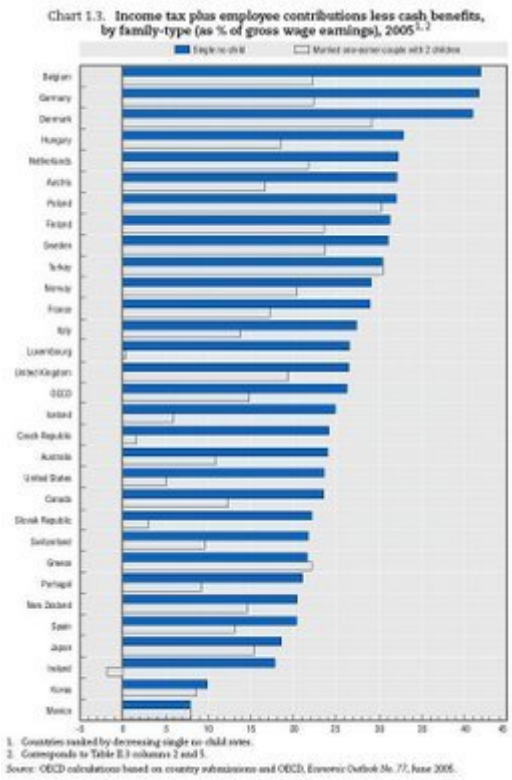
Thus, fellow countrymen and economist lend me your ears. How would any normal economist treat such a ward on society? How do the college text books recommend dealing with such a horribly negative externality.

Well, of course the answer is we tax them.

Just like cigarettes, booze, hard work and other vices, governments tax certain behaviors to deter them. And since children, which have been proven by NASA and Harvard scientists, are evil, we should tax them too.

Alas, we don’t. Matter of fact, in a twisted, bizarre, counter-intuitive fashion that only North Koreans could replicate we SUBSIDIZE CHILDREN! We PAY PEOPLE TO HAVE CHILDREN! WE PAY TO BRING EVIL TO THIS WORLD! And what do we do to those who do not have children? To those who do not bring evil into this world?

We punish them.



This does not make sense when children are such an evil curse upon this world. Why, you don't need NASA or Harvard scientists to prove it, just look at Nation Master.

Oddly we tax another thing that is largely believed to be evil by some, but in reality has literally been the best creation in humankind;

Corporations.

Now I know that the majority of people out there know that corporations are not "living entities" that are evil. That corporations are really owned by people.

And I also know that the majority people know that the majority of shares out there are owned not by rich elitists, but rather everyday people through their 401k plans and IRA accounts via mutual funds and that this is what makes up the majority of everybody's retirement.

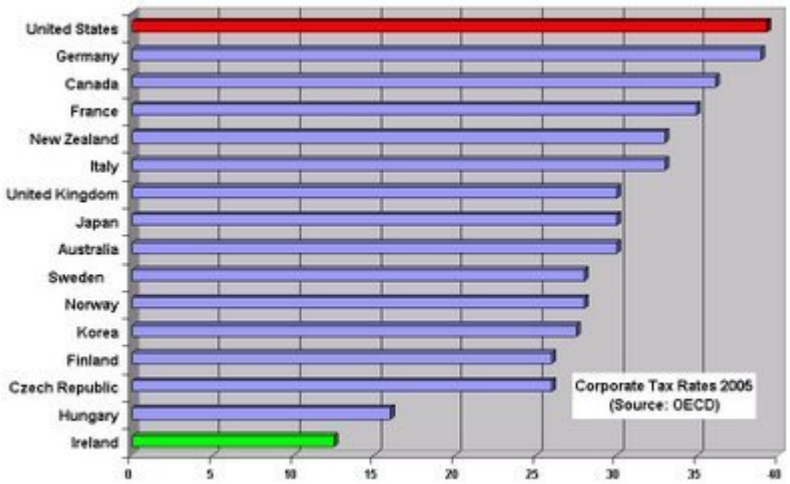
And I also know that the majority of people know corporations tend to bring in jobs, growth, innovation, wealth and GDP growth wherever they go.

And I also know that the majority of people know that if we tax corporations, not only would this bevy of POSITIVE externalities leave, but people's retirement funds would take a hit as the underlying stock prices that make up their retirement funds would tank.

But what I don't get is the NON-STOP assault on corporations from idiots on the left who

think that somehow corporations are these evil abominations that wreak havoc upon society and somehow must be taxed to death and punished as if they were as destructive a negative externality as children (which, unlike corporations, have actually been proven to be evil!) Hell, all you hear is nothing but how EVIL US corporations are. Wal-Mart. Haliburton. Big Oil. “Corporate America” in general. And without pausing for a breath, the left immediately follows up its beratement of corporate America for higher corporate taxes.

Of course, this just goes to show you how ignorant and uninformed people on the left are. It also lends credence to my theory that “leftish” ideology in general is more about giving a person meaning or purpose in life, than anything as noble as trying to figure out what’s best for society, for it seems they get an emotional or psychiatric high from protesting and “crusading against evil corporate America” when in reality
AMERICAN CORPORATIONS ARE NOW THE HIGHEST TAXED CORPORATIONS IN THE ENTIRE OECD (that’s developed world for you people in Amery, Wisconsin)



I’d like to say, “Congratulations! You leftists have won.” but I REALLY don’t think the majority of people who demand higher taxation upon US corporations even know what the corporate tax rate is NOR do they know IT’S ALREADY THE HIGHEST TAXED!!!!

Sadly, nor do I think it would stop them from demanding higher taxes. They doubt to see the similarities between corporations and wives; if you want them to come to you, you should treat them nice, not beat them.

Sadly for the left, the day may come where corporations do leave, and like many a man has learned in the past, when he loses his wife, you don’t realize what you have till it’s gone. And instead of your wife running off with some Italian playboy, the left may beat corporations to the point, they may just run off with a handsome Irish suitor that treats them a heck of a lot better.

More on Corporate Taxes

June 28, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Found this little ditty.

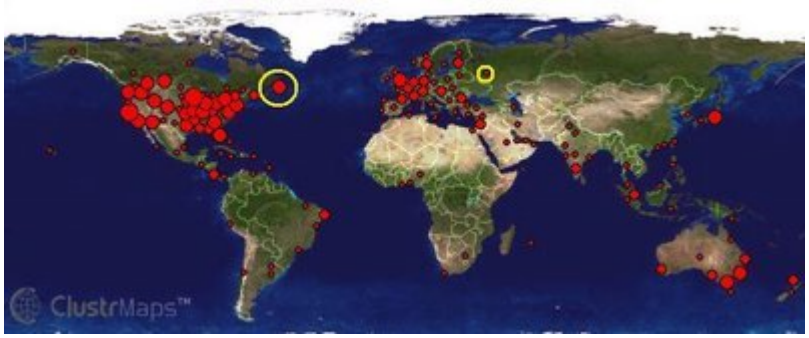
Newfoundland and Russia

June 29, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So a friend pointed out to me that I'm getting a lot of representation in Newfoundland.

Which is great. I'm all about Newfoundland. Don't know anybody out there, but I'd be curious how I'm getting so many people out there.

AND FINALLY RUSSIA!!!!



I was starting to question if Africa was more advanced in that I've gotten more hits from Africa (Nigeria and South Africa, which I'd be curious to see how they came across this site).

Anyway, finally glad to have some representation in the world's largest country.

5.6%

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It just keeps going and going and going.

http://www.bea.gov/bea/newsrelarchive/2006/gdp106f.pdf

What I don't get is how people think the economy is bad. Heck, even last night, a friend of mine, getting her degree in business was talking about buying a house and said, "well if the economy wasn't so bad."

WTF PEOPLE!??!!! Where are you getting the impression the economy is "bad?"

The Only Way Socialism Can Work

June 29, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I will admit;

Socialism, can work...sort of...well, best that socialism *can* work anyway.

But it harps on this theory I've yet to fully develop that only a people who are mature enough and responsible enough to handle a massive welfare state can make socialism not fail miserably or result in a massive genocidal blast like it always has in the past. That those who can resist the human nature-impulses to go on the dole, and instead voluntarily work and pay high taxes so others in society may have free health care, education, etc.

And the best metric that I've found that measures the "maturity" or "responsibility" of a culture is the Corruption Index put out by Transparency International.

CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2005

Notice the countries that are socialist AND have the best scores for Corruption (ie-Scandinavian and Nordic) also have the highest standards of living in Europe. In other words the Danes are much more responsible and are loth to abuse government programs, than say, the Italians.

This results in the average Dane being able to enjoy an average GDP per capita of $34,600 and public debt of GDP of only 37%, while the average Italian only makes $29,200 per person and has abused the good-intentions of the government to the point it has debt equivalent to 107% GDP.

Of course though, I have faith not in Scandinavian culture, but human nature for the long haul. And while it may last for a little while longer, natives in these countries will become spoiled, immigrants without those honorable Scandinavian values will move in there, and

it will inevitably fail, perhaps more spectacularly than the average socialist economy, ending up in what it always does; massive genocide.

Silly Rabbit, Corporations are People!

July 2, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Great article in The Economist if you have a subscription, but they quote another study that was conducted to determine the effects of corporate taxes on wages of their workers.

Now, for those of us who know that corporations, companies, employers and investment are good things that should be wooed into taking up stakes in our country so that jobs, investment, economic production and wealth may occur, this is no shock. Corporations employ people and are going to go where the lowest taxes are. This drives up demand for labor, and thus wages.

Pretty simple ecnoomics.

But for those on the left who deem corporations as "evil" entities that are to be taxed because (to quote Tim Robbin's from "Team America, World Police") "these American corporations are all like, they're um, like, all **corporationy**!" this should hit them upside their hallow heads and given them reason once again to retreat and desperately grasp for sounds reasons why exactly corporations are a bad thing.

I have not read it in its entirety, but one of the more interesting things the study does is compare the effect neighboring countries' corporate tax rates have on other countries. Surprise, surprise, the lower the tax rate in one country, the lower the wages are in a neighboring country.

Perhaps this is why Ireland is richer than most of Old Europe, and why the former Soviet Bloc will be asking itself in 30 years, "Uh, why did we join the EU again?"

Good Charts

July 3, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Communists have invaded the computer industry.

No, I'm serious, they have.

For while in a free market it should normally take, A DAY to get a computer, load up your software and BAMMMM! Be cruising on the internet, it has taken over ONE ENTIRE MONTH (and counting) to get a new computer to replace the Gateway that lasted me 5 years with no problems.

Thus, I conclude, communists, or at least some really hard core East German leftists, have commandeered the computer industry, for who else could produce such spectacular market failure than communists?

So, again, while I'm waiting for Dell and Best Buy and the rest of the communist-soaked computer industry to get their heads out of their asses and provide me a computer, I am once again relegated to posting links and textual posts from the office computer.

Yea.

Anyway, Deroy Murdock had a good piece with some REALLY SPIFFY CHARTS! And, as you may or may not know, I like charts.

So, click here and get your substitute fix for Cappy Cap.

I apologize for the discontinuous supply of charts, but that's what happens when your supply chain is corrupted by communists.

What Better Way to Spend the 3rd of July Than...

July 3, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

With your beloved Captain when he substitute hosts for Dave Thompson TONIGHT!!!

What better way to ring in the birthday of the factually world's greatest nation than to pour yourself a brewski...or perhaps a martini, kick back on this hot 3rd evening and take in all that is the economic wisdom known as The Economics Supper Club.

Will have on tap tonight, which is more important, economic or social rights.

Talk about my experiences talking to Punjab in scenic Bangalore to get my piece o' crap Dell computer to work, and how this is a rare example of free market failure.

Get around to how Bike Messengers are feeling the pinch from technological advances and how technology will obsolete certain labor and industries.

And if we have time find out where the hell all the Mexican woman are on the Latin dance scene.

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The Abe Simpson Generation

July 4, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Led to believe by the politicians they elected that the meager pittance people were throwing into social security was;

1. Enough to provide for the entirety of their retirement
2. Wasn't being pissed away anyway on the "Great Society"

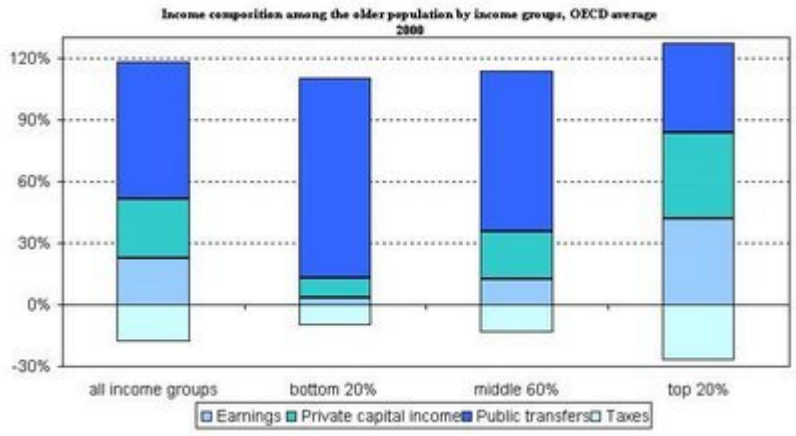
the Baby Boomers, soon to be Abe Simpsons of the world, would ignorantly live life through the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and today thinking somehow they were "entitled" to limitless social security benefits.

This was not just being conducted in the US, but replicated in our oh-so-much-more-intouch European counterparts where they too promised the world to voters.

Of course for those of us who ever bothered to look at government budgets and social pension forecasts, we knew this was nothing more than a ponzi scheme, concocted and perpetuated by politicians to ensure they had the old-fart vote, not to mention the vote of ignorant dumb youths who thought it unfair that retirees be forced to pay for their own retirement, even though they would be the ones bending over to pay for it.

And with a ninja-like cunninginess, the politicians were still able to fend off paying the piper by employing the ingenius use of debt, allowing them to cut taxes, yet increase spending, allowing everybody to have their cake and eat it too, while postponing the inevitable financial hangover far into the future. Far enough that the politcians would be dead and thus pulling off the perfect crime.

Thus leaving us with the current situation we have today, ie-retirees don't pay for their own retirement, but rather rely on current generations to pay for their retirement.



I'm absolutely amazed how the bottom 20%, essentially have a free retirement. I'm equally appalled that the top income earning retirees STILL GET A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY!!!!

Alas, Abe Simpson summarized old people the best when he said this.

Intelligence of the Masses

July 5, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of the more cutting edge frontiers of studies in finance (or at least highlighted) is the use of markets to predict the outcomes of different phenomena.

The classical example is the University of Iowa where they allow people to take bets on which politicians they think are going to win, thus resulting in "stock prices" for different candidates.

Some of the evidence points to the masses (read-the people) are better predictors and forecasters than the alleged "experts" as it is probably better to have a million minds working on a project than just a handful of doctorates.

Of course, this is nothing new as we've been using markets to predict the outcome of stocks for centuries. But what I get a kick out of is how nobody seems to point this out when leftists are elected into office or perhaps NOT elected into office.

Most recently Mexico looks to have elected Calderon over Obrador, the free-marketeer against the socialist. This resulted in Mexican stock markets rallying about 3% on the news, and continuing their rally today;

Of course this is common sense that the markets, which are based on profits, economic growth, sales, etc., would respond positively to a capitalist winning the presidential election. But what I get a kick out of is how nobody points out just what a slap in the face this is to leftists across the globe. That when people are allowed to invest their money and they have to put it down somewhere in a free market, such as the stock markets, they prefer the capitalist crowd. It's the masses telling the left, "socialism sucks, your

policies would result in lower profits, confiscated business assets, lower sales, lower economic growth and all other things that would naturally bring down the markets and make our lives sucky."

What would ultimately prove my point would be to have a chart of the Bolivian stock markets when Morales was elected in Bolivia. And I fully had intended to find a chart and post it here.

Alas, it seems that I am asking too much of a small, socialist country for their stock exchange seems to have absolutely NO INFORMATION ON THEIR WEB SITE! Heck, not even a chart! Not to mention they don't even bother translating it into different languages.

So I am forced to speculate;

HAD Bolivia had a fully functioning stock market

WHICH represented actual stock prices

I WOULD BET A MILLION BOLIVIAN PESOS (read- 3 cents) THAT IT WOULD HAVE TANKED!

Anybody got a line of a good Bolivian chart?

Congratulations to Presidente Calderon

July 7, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Mexico gets a winner -- just

Conservative Felipe Calderon was named the winner of Mexico's presidential election Thursday -- by the slimmest of margins. Calderon had 35.88 percent of the vote and Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador got 35.31 percent, the Federal Electoral Institute said. With 41 million votes cast, they were separated by about 236,000 votes. Lopez Obrador blamed fraud and urged supporters to fill Mexico City's main square Saturday in a show of force.

Congrats Felipe!

And might I congratulate the Mexican people for making a wise choice...just barely!

Bottom Feeders

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So mortgage lingo is not my forte. I had a mortgage banker friend of mine explain these charts and acronyms to me once, but I forgot most of what he said (I also forgot if they applied to the entire housing market or not, so please correct me if somebody knows, otherwise I'm operating on the premise they do).

That being said, all you need to know is two things;

ARM's and Negative Amortization Loans.

We're all familiar with ARM's. Originally intended for people who KNEW they were only going to live in a place for 3-5 years, these loans were a great way for them to build up equity in a house and take advantage of lower, short term interest rates.

Of course, ARM's started getting abused when people who shouldn't have been loaned money bought houses they couldn't afford using ARM's.

They are paying for it now with WSJP and short term interest rates at 8%+.

But my favorite was something that I thought shouldn't have existed.

You know, there are things that just SHOULD NOT EXIST.

Like genetically engineered mosquitos that carry AIDS. That's a bad idea.

Or dance shoes with glass soles. That's a bad idea.

Or surgical gloves laced with Ebola. That's a bad idea.

Or music that is repetitive with no lyrical component, talent or creativity, ie-rap. That's a bad idea.

Now common sense would dictate to most industries that you would not develop a product that would harm the potential customer. But what if your a mortgage banker with few moral scrupples. Everybody with good credit already has a loan. People with marginal credit already have an ARM, leaving only folk with the crappiest of credit. How do you get them a loan and your precious 1% commish?

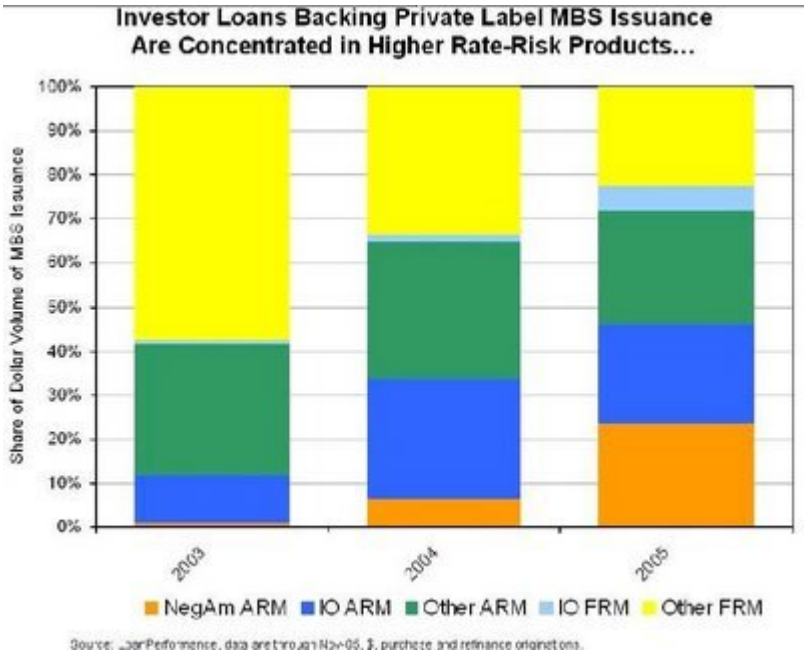
Enter in the negative amortization loan or the "reverse amortization loan."

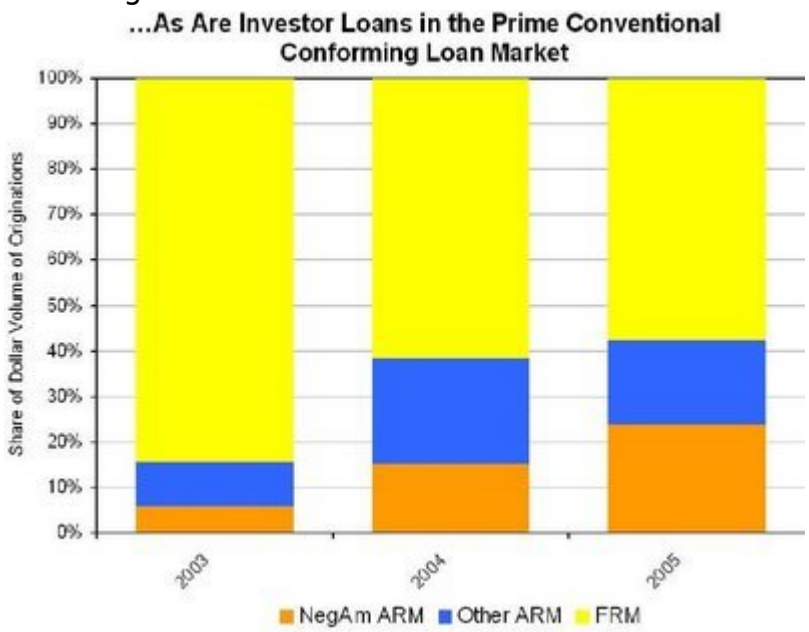
Here's a loan where you are charged interest, but you are so unable to afford the house, you can't even pay the INTEREST on the loan. But that's OK, BECUASE THAT'S THE IDEA OF A NEGATIVE AMORTIZATION LOAN! You pay only PART of the interest and the remaining balance of interest is ADDED to your principal balance on the mortgage. Thus you never actually pay down your mortgage balance, it only GOES UP.

Sudden rap doesn't sound half bad.

What I'm failing to grasp is why would any bank or financial institution push such a product? The only way I can see it, is if they are predatory and fully intend on collateralizing the house when (inevitably) the poor schmoe that was stupid enough to get a reverse mortgage can no longer afford the PARTIAL interest payments.

Of course, that's just how it affects the few unfortunate souls that engage in this sort of financing.





Unfortunately there are not so "few" unfortunate souls as ARM's and, worse still, negative

amortization loans are becoming more and more common. Common enough to the point they no doubt are having an affect on their entire housing market (namely a housing bubble). Thus when 25% of the loans hitting the market in 2005 are negative amortization loans and an additional 23% are interest only loans, this money that should not have been given to people floods the housing market, artificially driving up prices. Artifically I say, because once interest rates go up (which they are), these people will quickly leave the market as they cannot finance the loan, flooding the market with housing that frankly, nobody really needs, and prices will drop to normal levels.

The question is whether this decrease or even temporary halt in housing prices will destroy the "wealth effect" that has prompted American consumers to spend more than they make via the Home Equity Loan, and has been one of the engines of the economy's growth in the past 5 years.

I smell a minor recession coming on.

Laffer Laughs at the Left

July 8, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh, what a sad day for the socialists.

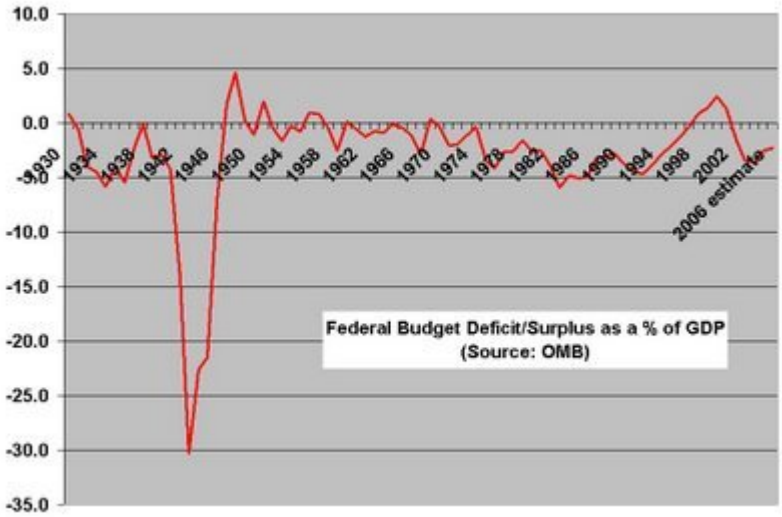
First, it seems the tax cuts are cutting away at the left's only real legitimate criticism of the Bush administration (deficit spending) as those dem der evil tax cuts prompted such economic growth that the deficit is expected to shrink because of unexpected tax revenues.

SECOND, it was the NEW YORK TIMES that wrote the article.

Of course, it's only the New York Times. Main stream media. You know, that ailing dinosaur that is about to become extinct.

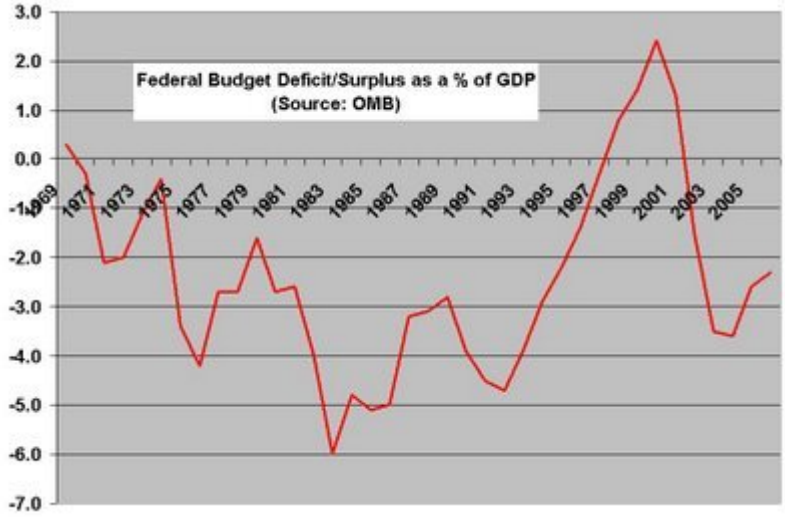
And the reason it's about to become extinct is because of natural predators like myself can outdo them in accuracy and above all CHARTS!!!!

So here it is, the government deficit as a percent of GDP.



My favorite is how the deficit during WWII provides some excellent context as to just how expensive the "War in Iraq" is.

Of course the severity of the deficit during WWII warps and dwarfs other deficits, so I focused in on the last 30 years here;



2.3% of GDP?

Yeah, right, Laffer didn't know squat.

Oh Canada!

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Help the Captain

July 10, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As you know I am a big fan of The Economist. And truth be told, when they had their article about a year or so ago about how they broke the 1 million subscriber mark, rather than celebrate, I sent a letter to The Economist berating them about how was it that such an excellent publication could have so few readers.

I then suggested that they target the Twin Cities market for we here in Minnesota suffer from a duopoly of two main papers, both of which are communist rags, and that The Economist could swoop in and take the market by storm.

The Economist was actually kind enough to have their *main representative* in New York call me and discuss it. I learned that The Economist's target market wasn't the everyday person, but that they were ACTUALLY ADVERTISING ON NPR!!!! That was their target market!!!!! 50 something burnt out hippies that listen to Prairie Home Companion, drive Volvo's and eat only organic food.

This shocked me for it almost seemed that The Economist didn't realize what a boon it is/could be to people of more righter leaning ideologies.

Well fast forward 2 years and many things have changed. One, Captain Capitalism has become a somewhat mentionable blog, but more importantly I got a radio show. And as you know there is no money in radio...unless you get sponsors.

Thus, I see a mutually beneficial opportunity.

I disagree with the marketing department at The Economist, I think there is a voracious demand for no-nonsense, unbiased, economic and political news and this demand is pent up in people who are sick of their schmaltzy, leftist dailies like the Star Tribune, The LA Times, The Pioneer Press, The Miami Herald and other MSM entities that hold metropolitan areas oligopolistic hostage. I see additional voracious demand in the collegiate-aged youth as many of you here have exhibited here.

The Economist does not see that.

The Economist is like that beautiful girl next door that has braces, her hair put up and thick rimmed glasses. AND YOU JUST KNOW IF SHE'D LET IT DOWN WE'D BE ALL OVER HER!!!!

THUS, I am doing what I can contacting their offices here in the States to see if they'd be interested in sponsoring The Economics Supper Club (ahem, which you can listen to on

AM 1500 on Saturdays from 1-3PM Central Standard time!).

What I need is all Junior Deputy Economists, Aspiring Economists, and Captain Capitalism Groupies that have subscribed to The Economist to make a post here so I can show the people at The Economist that there is demand for their services, it's not the Baby Boomer Public Sector Granola Eaters, and that (ahem) if you happened to have subscribed to The Economist because of this blog, that you also make that known ;)

Besides, it's just a crying shame and pity that PEOPLE MAGAZINE has almost 4 times as many readers.

There is something seriously wrong with the world when people care more about Brittney Spear's latest excursion into sluttery than whether the the shrinking budget deficit is the cause of the Laffer Effect.

Al Gore All Over Again

July 11, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cripes, big girls do cry.

How Much You Wanna Bet…

July 11, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It isn't Jewish women between the ages of 45-80 that go to synagogue where a firebrand Rabbi preaches the merits of blowing up those darn Hindu's that pulled this off.

GDP Growth Rates

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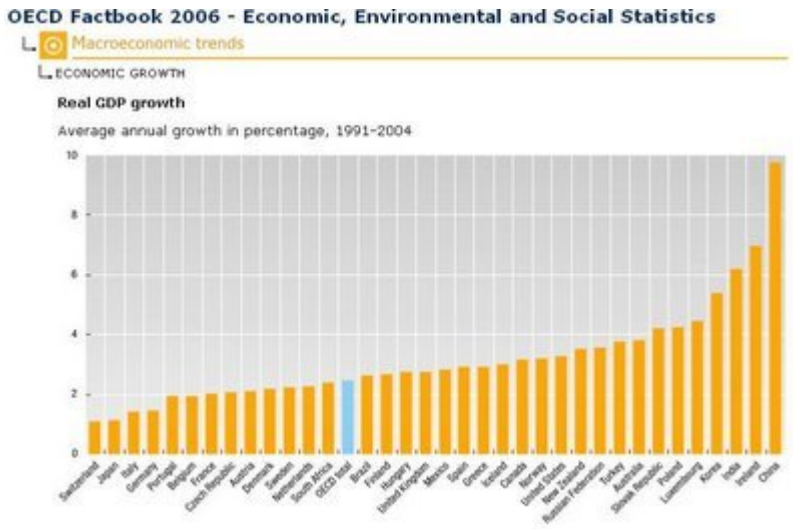


Just a pretty standard chart. Again, note China, India and Ireland are at the top. These three have liberalized their economies more than most, pursuing pro-capitalist policies, and shucks howdy, look at that, they're growing.

Will the insane complexity of economics ever cease?

Norway Part 2 - Repost

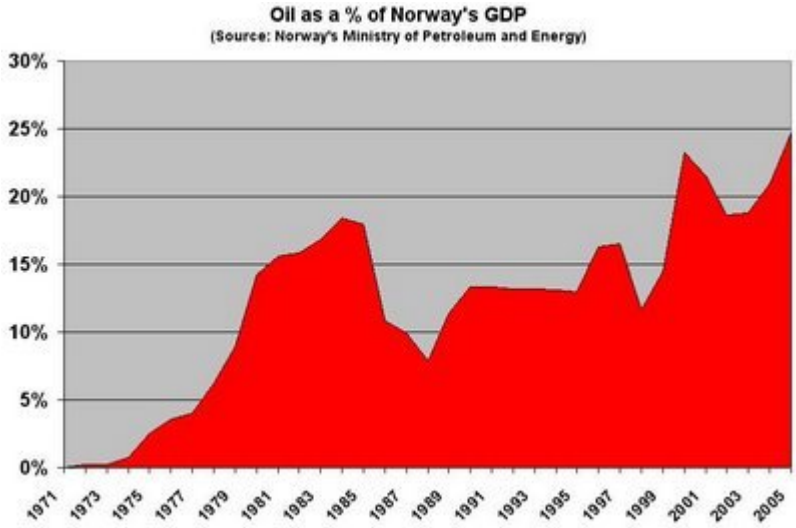
July 12, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As to be expected, when I got into an arugment with a leftist recently, the immediate knee-jerk reaction was that "Norway" rules.

You see, this is why this is an important post, because the left doesn't think. They don't research, they don't study, they just want free money and anything that maybe, sort of seems to support their cause, they will immediately herald as an example of "socialism" working.

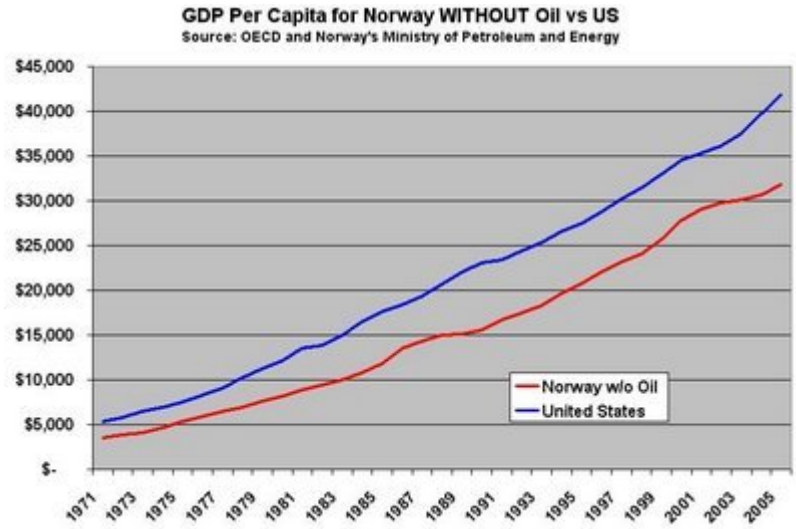
So once again, I shall post this to remind all leftists that your darling children in Scandinavia, while impressive, are no rivals for the US. The only country that beats or rivals the US is Luxembourg and soon to be Ireland.

OK, closest we got was Doink looking up oil as a percent of Norway's GDP for the latest year. Which was what I was trying to get at, but wanted a nice longitudinal chart which you'll see below.



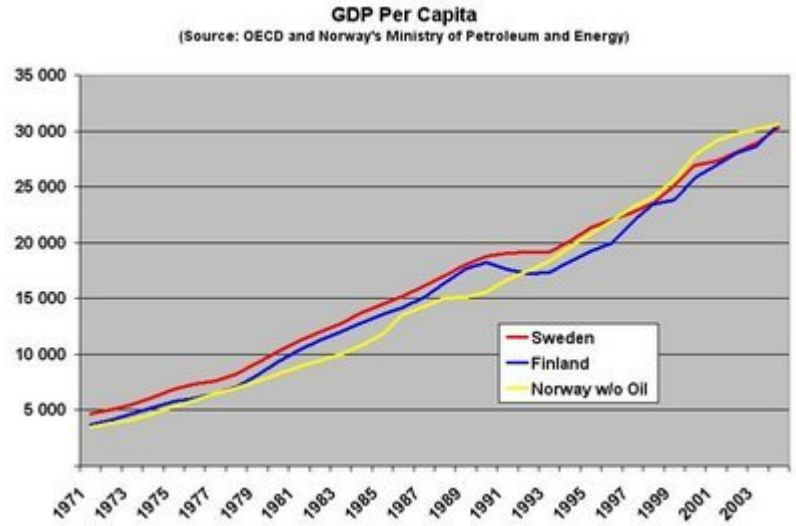
Going from practically nothing in 1971, oil now accounts for a full 24% of Norway's GDP (although I speculate this high percentage has a lot to do with an increase in the price of oil recently and it's traditionally more around 20%).

Regardless, what I did then was calculate Norway's GDP per Capita going back to 1971 WITHOUT that evil capitalist abomination we all have learned to hate and which any good socialist would never associate themselves with or be proud of; oil.



And the results are what we'd largely expect. Norwegians only work about 75% as much as Americans, and thus when you take away their cash cow, they enjoy standards of living of roughly 75%.

This further confirmed something I've always suspected of Norway, and that's if you took away the oil, they wouldn't be materially different than any other Scandinavian country.



So aspiring and junior deputy economists, what's the lesson to learn from all this?

That the next time you hear some leftist idiot start blathering on about how Norway has higher standards of living than the US and is proof positive that socialism works, you can once again, hit them upside the head with the truth and point out to them that, no in fact, Norway really doesn't have higher standards of living and just happens to be lucky geologically…that and they should be ashamed for taking such joy in (GASP!) oil!

If I Could Change One Thing About the US…

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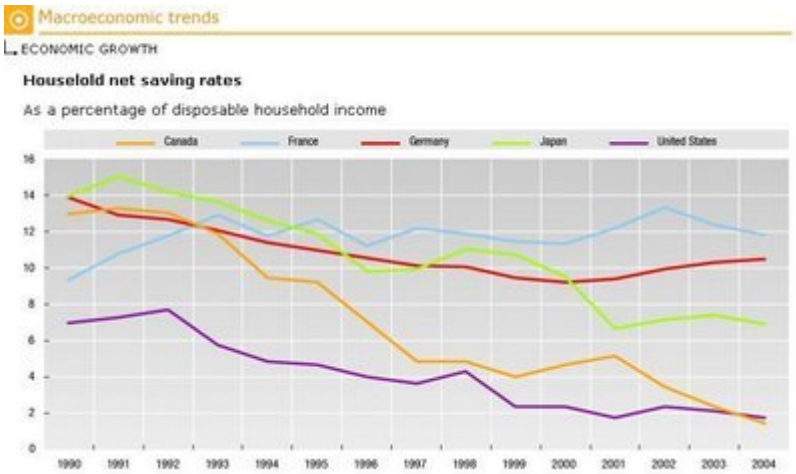
This would be it;



One More Time; THERE WAS NO RECESSION

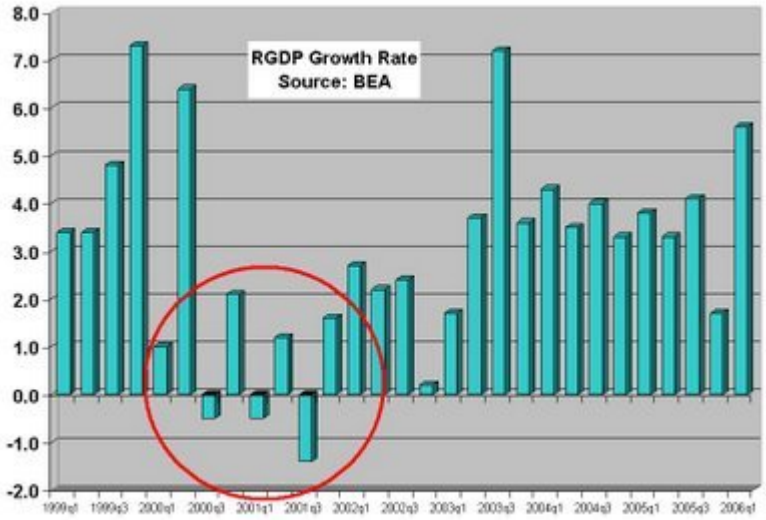
July 14, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So whilst broadcasting (AM 1500, Saturdays 1-3 Central Standard, listen here) last week I got a caller that contested me when I said there was no recession.

Not that he was accusing me of lying or being uninformed, truthfully he sounded like an economist and was just informing me that the government had revised the figures and perhaps there was a genuine recession.

Remember, a recession is when GDP contracts for 2 SUCCESSIVE quarters in a row.

Though not booming economic growth, we did NOT have a recession.



I am vindicated once again...but it's hard to be wrong when you only argue the truth.

The Housing Market Index

July 14, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

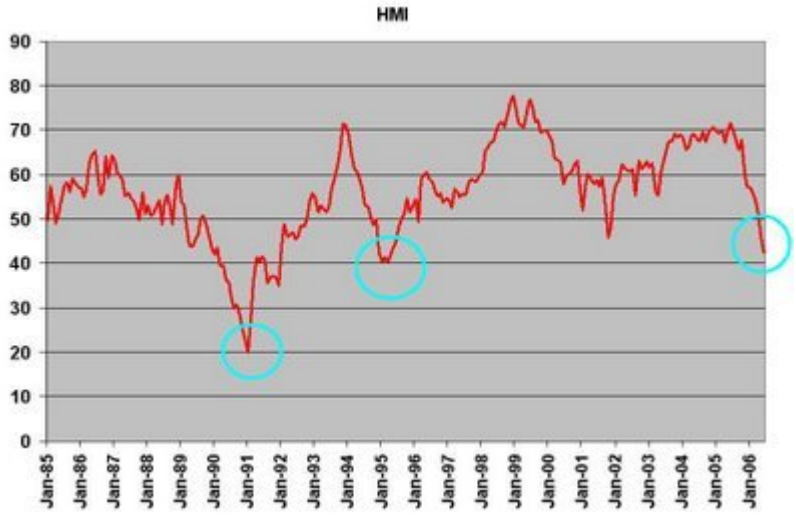
Well, technically the "Wells Fargo" Housing Market Index, as if Wells Fargo paid to have its namesake up on a stadium. Kind of like the "Excel Energy Center" or "Staples Stadium" they have the "Wells Fargo" Housing Market Index.

Anyway, here is what is measures. And if that it too elongated, the HMI basically measures how healthy the housing market is.

And it isn't too healthy. You know those bevy of cookie cutter townhomes/single family homes that form a big massive circle around every major metropolitan area and sprawl out for miles until all you can see is a vast sea of identical and un-unique housing that all of the sudden makes you feel like you're in a public housing project designed by communist architects?

Yeah, those architectural master pieces are foisting a glut of supply on the housing market, driving down prices.

It's also driving down the HMI to it's lowest point in 11 YEARS!



A buyers market for sure, but a market so overvalued you'll definitely want to low ball those selling by a significant margin.

Too Hot? Cool Down with the Captain!

July 15, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All!

Don't know about you, but we have a heat waves here in Minneapolis. Fortunately we live in a nanny state that tells us what to do;

The State of Minnesota Recommends;

1. Drink lot's of alcohol. Alcohol is a better hydrater than water.

2. Run outside a lot. We're talking at least 10 miles. Your body will replace the water you sweat out with the alcohol you just drank.

3. Do NOT run the air conditioner. Air conditioners use energy, and energy pollutes the air with greenhouse gases. So if you all don't use air conditioning, global warming will reverse itself.

4. Listen to The Economics Supper Club, this Saturday from 1-3PM Central Standard Time. Listen on the radio or over the internet via the following link

http://www.am1500.com/subpages/streamsupport.htm

5. Call into The Economics Supper Club 651-646-8255 or 1-877-615-1500.

Remember, if you do what the state tells you, you'll be cool!

All the Sociology Majors in the World…

July 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

…will never work up the wealth to pay for what they demand.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/main.jhtml?xml=/money/2006/07/14/cnusa14.xml&menuId=242&sSheet=/money/2006/07/14/ixcity.html

I Found This Appropriate to Repost

July 17, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Originally posted when Israel started attacking BUT before they went ballistic and started blowing up stuff everywhere.

What I cannot help but notice is how the Lebonese Prime Minister is all of the sudden ***NOW*** *willing to go after Hezbollah.*

See what the threat of death can do?

Regardless, the world doesn't need any more carrots. It needs lots o' sticks.

Hilarious. And cynical. I like their cynicism. As cynicism is usually not cynicism, but reality, it just takes a cynic to realize that. Like their post on April 18th.

Anyway, this cartoon is surely going to be proven wrong as I'm sure we'll be proven right in how we're playing nice with Iran. I mean, cause we're nice, right? I mean, they'll realize we're being nice and understanding, which is why Hitler never invaded Poland or France, because the Allies were so nice and understanding of him before. Maybe if we just gave Iran their equivalent of the Sudetenland they'll comply.

Anyway, visit them if you haven't already. Half thinking about buying some of their auctions.

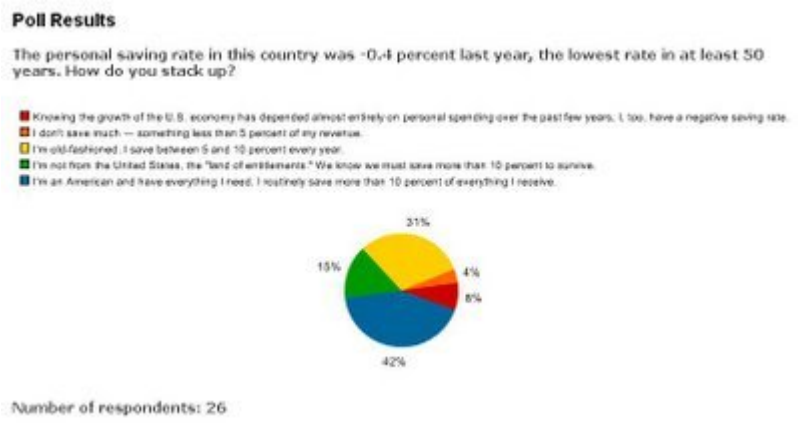
Take the Federal Reserve's Poll on Saving!!!

July 17, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, so the Fed in St. Louis has this poll going on.

And so I click on it, voting that I am an American and save 10% or more each year.

The results come in and I'm actually surprised how many people claimed to be saving as much as they are (I'm also surprise that such a cool hip web site only got 26 respondents).



Then I realized I'm on the St. Louis Federal Reserve's web site and there might be a weeee little bit of sample bias as the majority of the people going to this web site ain't exactly the same people who threw parties when Lil' Kim was released from jail or the morons that actually vote on American Idol.

Why do we economists have to be so responsible?

Housing Affordability Index - REPOST!

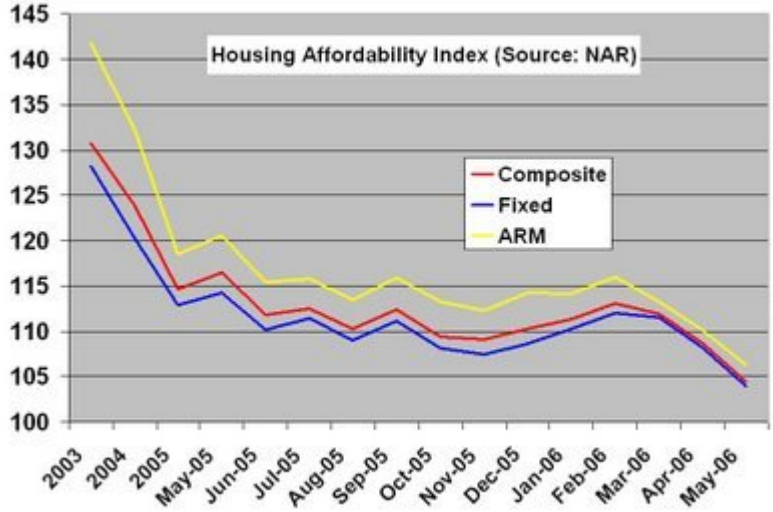
July 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So my realtor forwarded this to me. The "Housing Affordability Index."

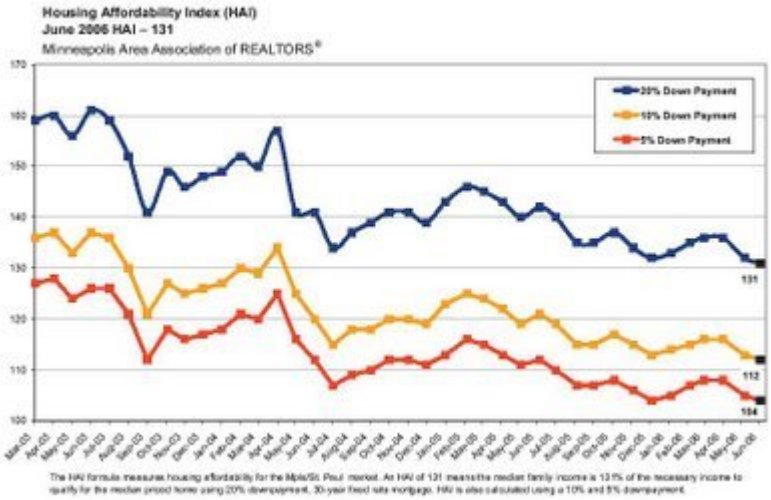
Here's the long version of what it means. But in short, it basically measures how affordable housing is. The higher, the more affordable housing is. The lower, the worse, as housing becomes less and less affordable.

Well, the index has been plummeting as short term interest rates (and long term ones as well) increase, not to mention all the ARM/Reverse Amort. yahoos flooding the market with money they shouldn't have been loaned in the first place has tended to drive prices sky high.

This here's the chart for the nation, unfortunately the NAR is stingy with their data and they don't have monthly data for 2003-2005 (they do, they just don't release it)



Fortunately I found a decent proxy here for the local market, giving you a better idea of the rate at which houses are becoming less and less affordable.



It's a sad day when a realtor admits there might be a bubble.

Like I Said, 2016

July 18, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

China will have a larger economy than the US.

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/e0a7397e-1613-11db-9950-0000779e2340.html

The Law of Supply…and More Supply

July 19, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I never really credit home builders as savvy economists.

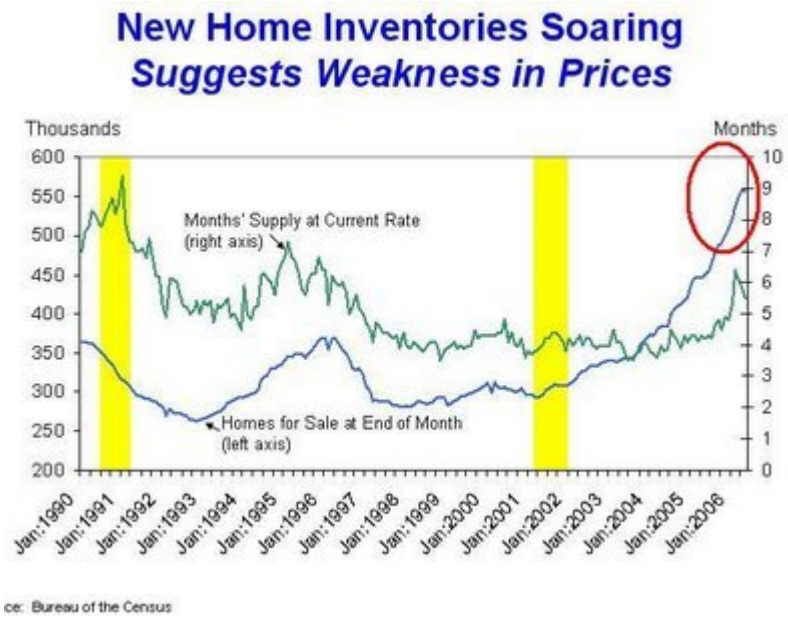
I know of one project in a small Minnesota town where the population is 2,200 people, and the developer wants to put in 115 MULTI-FAMILY UNITS!!!

Just assuming 2 dwellings per unit, that means this guy actually thinks the population is going to grow by 25% in 3 years…and that they're all going to want crappy, cookie cutting side to side town homes.

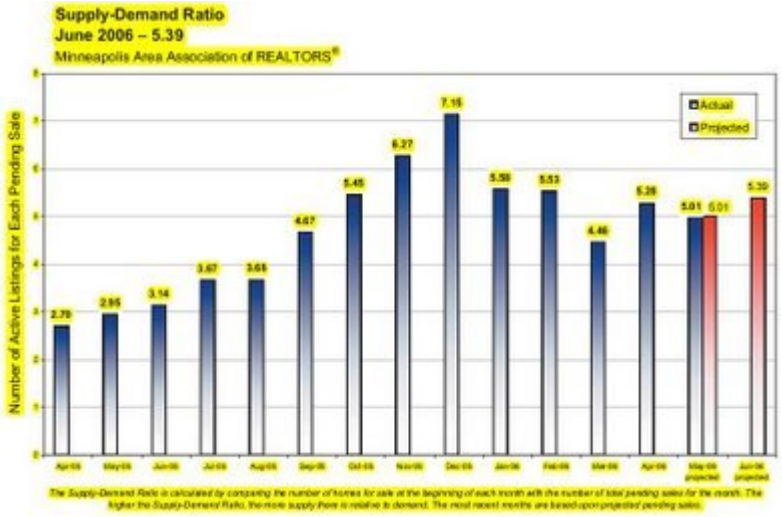
Of course, no study was done to see if demand would actually meet or exceed supply, and home builders just keep on building assuming it will always sell.

Well, aside from high interest rates there's another factor affect/driving housing prices lower; a glut o' supply.

We have record levels of inventory of housing/houses for sale;



And this was an interesting little chart I found, you can read the description below;



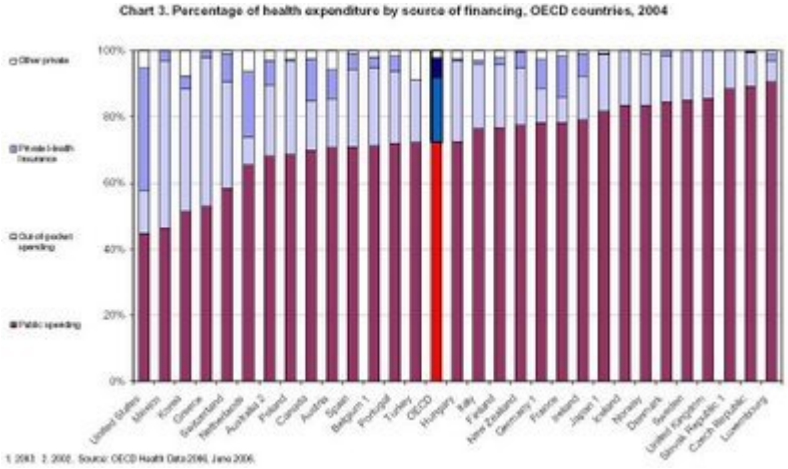
Now, if my economic spidey senses are correct, they tell me that when supply overly exceeds demand something happens to prices. Unforutnately I went to the public schools, so this is a difficult one for me, but I'm guessing, I don't know, maybe they're ummmm **going down????**

How We Pay for Health Care

July 20, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

New report out from the OECD. Found a chart there that was pretty interesting. Shows us how we pay for our health care be it government spending, private health insurance, out of pocket, etc.

Enjoy!



HA HA HA HA HAAAAAA!

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http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2006330629,00.html

Time is Money…Literally

July 22, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found this interesting. "HOURS" is now officially a currency. Be curious to see if there was some room for arbitrage in tradnig HOURS versus the dollar;

http://www.hourexchange.org/drupal/node/5

Join Us for The Economics Supper Club!

July 22, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hey, it's going to be that time of the week again.

Time to pour yourself a cocktail and tune in to The Economics Supper Club!

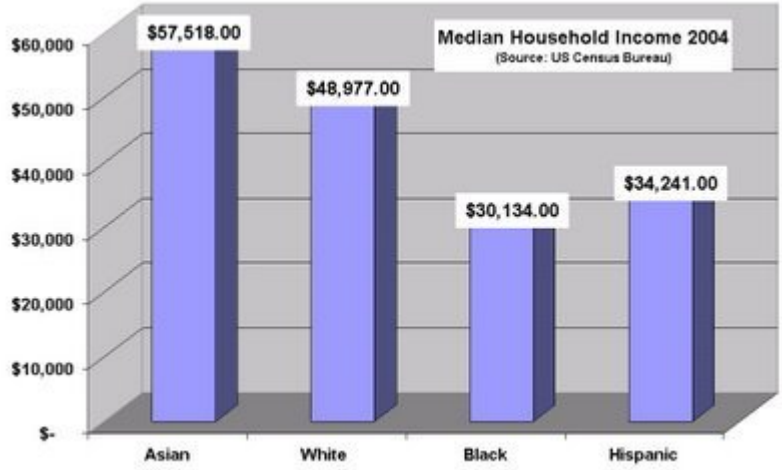
The Station is AM 1500 KSTP

The Time is 1-3PM CENTRAL STANDARD

The phone numbers are 651-646-8255 and 1-877-615-1500

And you can listen online here

On a side note, this chart might come in handy. Will be talking about how more and more Minnesota students (and students in general) are opting to major in crap,...err... I'm sorry, I meant to say, "the social sciences and art." I'll then point out that maybe, just MAYBE, Asians make more than anybody else in the country because they emphasize the sciences. But what the heck do I know? I'm just an economist;



Regardless, be sure to tune in!

A Connection???

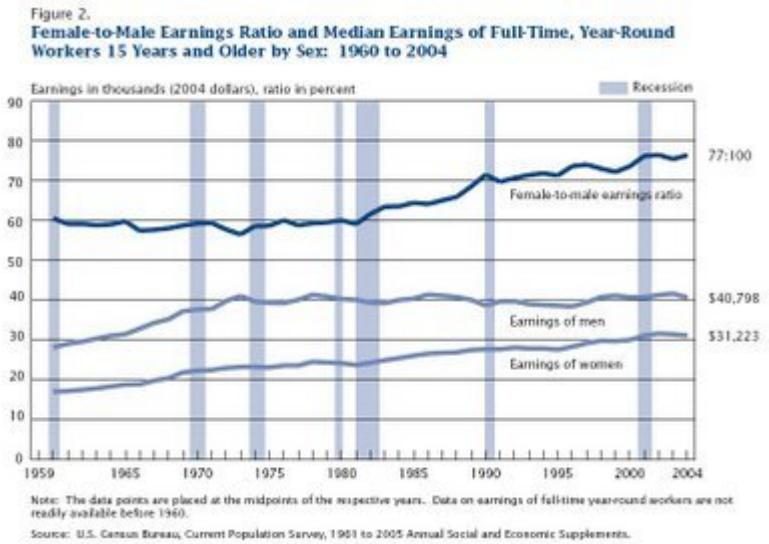
July 22, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It's always been posed that women make less than men because of sexism.

Of course, why would it be any other way? I mean there certainly couldn't be any sociological or demographic reasons for it. Right? I mean, men are evil and oppressive, end of story, now increase my pay you sexist bastard!

Of course there are those that would contest otherwise. Some would contest that it's because of the biological fact that women get pregnant whereas men don't. Some suggest that when you account for degree, education and continual experience, there is no difference. I've been bold enough to suggest that a larger factor in this is that women tend to major in subjects that won't get them jobs, or at least high paying ones.

Regardless women have been catching up.



But I don't think it has anything to do with measures taken by the hyphenating-name/60's-70's/baby boomer crowd and their gender-equalizing legislation. It could be, I don't know, something as simple as women are having less kids and thus have more time for careers (that and men's income hasn't been increasing as fast)?

It's crazy how complicated this economics schtick it.

Regardless, I will point out one final thing;

I find it utterly ironic that data on "births" and children are found at the Center for Disease Control.

How appropriate.

My Archrival in Charts

July 23, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This Calculated Risk fellow has a fair amount of decent charts. I'm somewhat concerned because how else am I supposed to attract the ladies when somebody out there seemingly might have just as good of charts as me????

Anyway, here's one that was BROUGHT to my attention!

I concur with the implication that a recession is on the way.

Fortunately, it will only affect those stupid enough to finance their houses with ARMS or Negative Amortization mortgages.

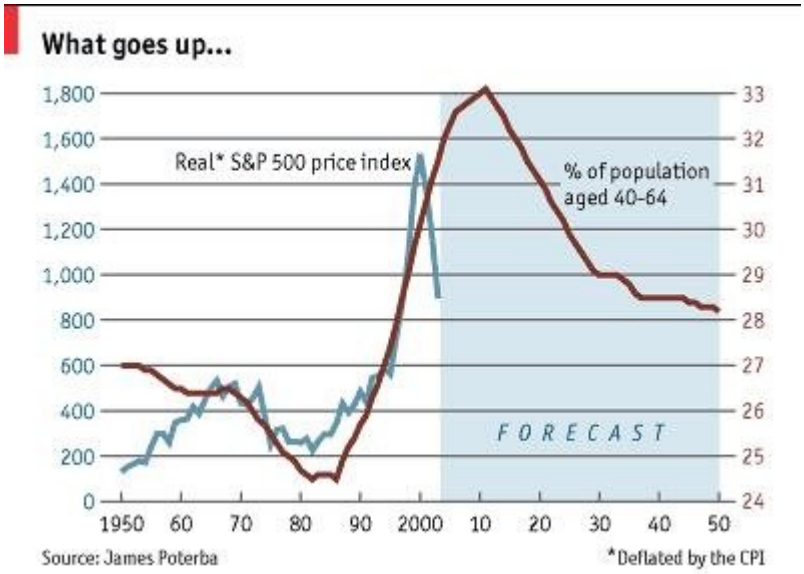
The Baby Boomer Melt Down

July 23, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've often warned people about investing in the US securities markets as a rather large side effect of designating stocks as the "bona fide vehicle for retirement" via 401k/IRA and other retirement programs is that this floods the securities markets with money, thereby artificially driving up prices, only inevitably to come down when the Baby Boomers sell out of their equity positions thereby driving stock prices (and with the presumable switch to fixed income, interest rates too) down.

So I found it interesting when I was cleaning out the house in preparation to move out of the crap hole that is known as the "city" and into those boring, yet low crime and low tax suburbs a couple articles from The Economist I had set aside.

Dated by about 2-3 years, the charts are phenomenal and support my theory that US stock prices are being driven more by retirement cash flows than corporate profits;



Also of concern is the larger and larger percentage the financial sector accounts for in market capitalization, increasing 5 fold since 1980.

But fear not. I'm sure, just like Dotcoms....and Tulip Bulbs...and Beanie Babies...and the South Seas Company...and Indonesia...and the Housing Bubble we're in now, I'm sure, I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE THIS TIME I'M WRONG!

China never looked so good.

I Should Clean More Often

July 24, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cleaning has always been a paradox for me. If it were just up to me, I'd do what I do the majority of the time;

Clean up ONLY the biological messes.

ie-I'll clean the bathroom, wash the dishes, take out the garbage etc., anything that will grow germs, mold and so forth, but I have a hard time finding the rationale for picking up the place, or putting away my video games, organizing that pile of papers, or picking up my clothes, let alone that pointless evil brainwashing process foisted upon us by women; folding them.

These objects are hurting no one, laying there on the floor. They are innocent. They are not spewing disease and fermenting infectious germs like say, children. Thus, I say leave the non-bacterial stuff alone and clean up only what truly matters.

Alas, while these are one of the many benefits of bachelorhood, there comes the time where I unfortunately must clean BEYOND my standards and that is anytime I have the prospect for a date.

Notice, I said "prospect." For we all know that just because a girl says yes to a date, doesn't mean you're actually going on it (thus prompting me to come up with the Theory of 505025). But regardless of the probability that you're actually going to go out on a date, bachelors have to assume that you are going out on the date.

And not only are you going out on the date, but you must also assume the girl will have poor judgement, and therefore you might get lucky and she might actually go home with you, thereby leaving you no option but to fully clean the bachelor pad.

And that is the paradox.

Is the probability that you are actually going to score with a chick worth the AT MINIMUM 4 HOURS of unnecessary cleaning?

The short answer is no, but again it is the only bet you can make, thus you have no choice.
So you spend the next 4 hours cleaning your house head to toe. And based on statistics, 78% of the time it will be pointless, because girls (at least in Minnesota, be curious about other states/countries) bail out at the last minute or somehow fail to show up 78% of the time. And upon further thought, it's even less likely than that, in that it's only about 5% of

the time will the girl actually see the inside of your house.

However, as much as I'd like to say that it ends there, it does not. For while it is most certainly likely a waste of your time to clean the house, you LITERALLY HAVE NO OPTION WHEN IT COMES TO CLEANING YOUR CAR!

I don't know about you, but I use my car as kind of a separate, off-site mobile storage unit. Why rent some place to store my excess wares when I have a perfectly good automobile trunk. And if you don't have children and look in the owners manual of your car, you'll see that the backseat automatically defaults to "Extra Storage Space for Your Crap."

Unfortunately, women don't see the economic genius in using all storage space available to you, so unless she's picking you up or you're biking over to her place, you get to clean the car.
Here is where certainly the 78% Bail Out Ratio becomes tedious and annoying as all hell. Assuming you not only clean out the car, but also wash and wax it, as well as Windex the interior, you at minimum will spend 1.5 hours on that car. Add that to the 4 hours you spend cleaning out the house, you've now spent 5.5 hours in total cleaning.

This unspoken opportunity cost is rarely considered when budgeting yourself for a date. If you take 5.5 hours and multiply it by your hourly wage at work, it will provide some insight as to just how truly costly dating is and that's assuming you're going on the date.

Fortunately, there is a solution, and your Captain Capitalism has found it.

For those aspiring Male economists, we all know that women do not like to be chased.

Actually, let me rephrase that;

We have no freaking clue what women like.

But we do know when we chase them or show any interest in them, they do not have any interest in us. However, when we ignore them and act indifferent to them, then we need sticks and RPG's to keep them away.

Thus, fellow **Economists of the Bachelortude Order**, I propose that for the first date you do not pick them up, but rather meet them at the venue or location of the date. This not gives you the air of indifference to them, thereby making you look irresistible in their feminine eyes, but it also alleviates us of the responsibility of cleaning the car since we will not be picking them up.

Furthermore, should things go so well that there might be the potential for a little

smoochy-smooch, then I suggest you insist on going to her place.

This alleviates you of the responsibility of cleaning the house.

If you follow these rules, I estimate this will save you 5.5 hours worth of labor, which translates into $88 at average market wages.

However, for all the drawbacks of unnecessary cleaning, I must admit today, I'm glad I am cleaning the place head to toe in preparation of selling the house. For not only did I unearth those two old charts from The Economist, but also this political cartoon.

It's 2 years old, but I'd still like to point out where 2 years of negotiations and warm fuzzy puppy talk with the Iranians have gotten us.

Israeli Approach Versus Kofi Approach

July 25, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it took the Israeli's 2 weeks of ass kicking and wreaking revenge to get something that Kofi hasn't been able to do in 6 years of pussy-footing-puppy-talk with terrorists;

Get the terrorists to do capitulate

Kind of reminds me of the mother versus father approach.

Mother approach; "Oh please stop beating up your brother. That's not nice. Oh, think of what you're doing. Please be rational. I'll give you a cookie if you stop peeing on the floor. You don't want me to think about letting you know that I might be contemplating maybe asking you to perhaps go to your room, do you?"

Father approach; **"WHACK!!!!!"** Do that again and I'll beat you effing senseless again!

When Oil Prices Crash

July 25, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So one of the radio show hosts' passion is ethanol. And not that I'm not interested in it, but it's not necessarily a forte or a particular interest of mine.

That is until my daytime gig required I analyze an ethanol plant as a prospective investment.

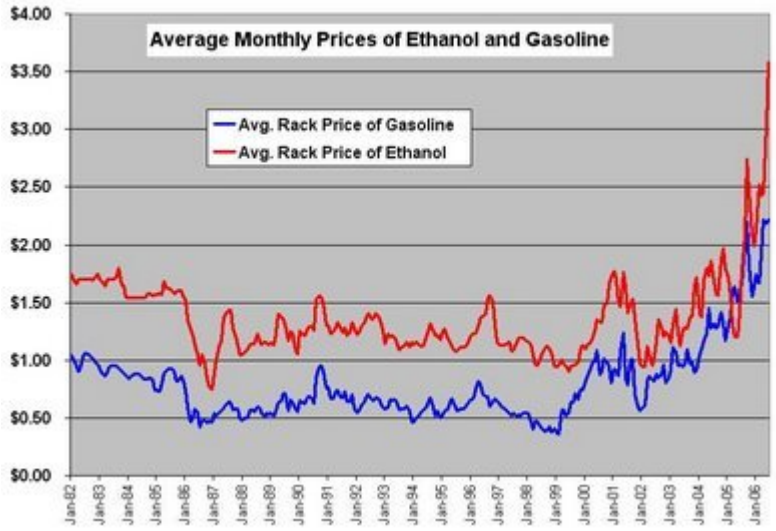
Now, truthfully, I couldn't care less about the ethanol deal. Yeah, I'm sure it's interesting, but as far as I can tell, oil has to be pretty darn high to make ethanol economic WITHOUT the subsidies.

And that's my whole point.

It's only when oil is in the nose-bleed section does ethanol (among other alternative fuels) ever become addressed or contemplated or make the news. Of course oil doesn't remain in the nose-bleed section forever. And if/when any one of the following happens;

1. The Mideast settles down, grows up and instead of killing people to get to Allah they find out they can make a tidy living pumping oil
2. A new large deposit of oil is found
3. The US goes into recession thereby dropping demand for oil
4. China grows only at 7% GDP instead of 12%!
5. We build some refineries

Interest and demand for these alternative fuels are going to tank as the price of oil is going to tank (bringing ethanol prices with it) and thus go back to being once again the fuel of choice;



And while I may lament the loss of ethanol for a discussion topic, when oil tanks (which it will), there will be a much more interesting topic in its place;

How the hell will Hugo Chavez stay in power without his oil money?

The Best Economic Sites

July 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hey all!

So I've been asked to compile a list of sites that are the "best" for researching and studying economics.

Now, if you're like me, you found yourself a bevy of sites, and if those sites suit your purpose, you don't really go out and explore or look around for additional sites. And while I may have a slightly broader list than most, I'd be curious if any of you aspiring, deputy or real-life economists out there could recommend your favorites.

Thus far, some of the key ones off the top of my head are;

www.oecd.org

www.ilo.org

www.bls.gov

www.bea.gov

www.stlouisfed.org

www.nationmaster.com

www.economagic.com

www.transparency.org

www.economist.com

http://origin.www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/

Any others I'd really appreciate!

NEWS FLASH!!! WORLD'S TWO DUMBEST WOMEN FOUND!

July 27, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I don't read the paper. As I've said before, the paper, is for old people who want to be told what to think and how to feel. But there was a copy of the Pioneer Press on the table in the atrium and I couldn't help but notice the headline;

"CHICAGO COUNCIL OKs LIVING WAGE"

What seems to have happened is that Chicago's city council, in all of its wisdom, decided to pass a law requiring employers beyond a certain size to pay $10/hr minimum wage and $3/hr in health benefits.

The purpose in this I presume is to provide the workers of Chicago a living wage.

So riddle me this, riddle me that aspiring and junior deputy economists, WHAT IS THE EFFECT THIS NEW LAW GOING TO HAVE ON CHICAGO'S LABOR MARKET???!!!?!!!?

One doesn't have to be a U of Chicago grad student to realize that companies will just not set up shop in the first place in Chicago, IRONICALLY HAVING THE REVERSE EFFECT OF WHAT WAS INTENDED BY THE IDIOTS IN THE CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL!!!

Again, it seems the parasite has killed off its host and not realized it and in doing so has condemned itself. For while it may be grand that wages are now higher, unfortunately, this will deter companies and potential employers from conducting business in Chicago, and thus THERE WILL BE NO FREAKING JOBS, let alone ones that pay $10/hr. Furthermore, this will contribute to the divide between rich and poor in Chicago as now the only businesses that will set up shop are those that need specialized labor and would have to pay about $10/hr anyway, and thereby denied unskilled and presumably poor labor any employment prospects.

But what I get a kick out of the most is the response of those useful idiots who failed to understand this basic economic concept of the labor market. These morons who don't realize their jobs are gone. These idiots who think 0 jobs at $10 is better than 50,000 jobs at $7 or $8. What is their response?

Jubilation;

CHICAGO COUNCIL OKs 'LIVING WAGE'

Rule applies to big-box retailers; Wal-Mart says it may build elsewhere.

BY ERIK ECKHOLM
New York Times

After months of fevered lobbying and bitter debate, the Chicago City Council passed a ground-breaking ordinance on Wednesday requiring "big-box" stores like Wal-Mart and Target to pay a minimum wage of $10 an hour by 2010, along with at least $3 an hour worth of benefits.

The ordinance, imposing the requirement on stores that occupy more than 90,000 square feet and are part of companies grossing more than $1 billion annually, is the first in the country to single out large retailers for wage rules.

A gallery packed with supporters broke into cheers as the measure passed, by a vote of 35-14, after four hours of heartfelt speeches and debate.

"This is a great day for the working men and women of Chicago," said Alderman Joseph Moore, the measure's chief

U of Chicago graduates, they are not.

A Very Happy 10 Year Anniversary for Welfare Reform

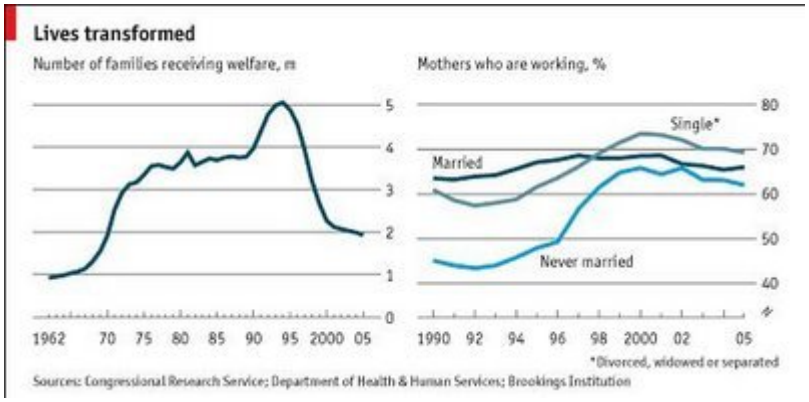
July 29, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've always said,

"If you pay people not to work, guess what, they won't."

And it was with much anger and ballyhoo that the left said welfare reform in 1996 would bring about Great Depression levels of poverty and children would die and have to eat each other's feces to survive.

Well, not only has billions of wealth been produced and millions of people's self-esteem been bolstered, welfare cases have gone down.



Now if we could only force the parasites at AARP to follow the same high standards of our poor.

Spousal Bounty Hunters

July 31, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It started out innocently enough. Bradman and myself were talking about something or other when all of the sudden the conversation took a weird wild tangent;

"I'll pay $1,000 to whoever finds me my future wife."

Tired of going to the clubs and bars (not that I really frequented them anyway) and tiring of courting ditz after drug-addict after psycho-path after spoiled brat daddy's girl, dating has quickly gone from something that would put you on cloud nine for a week when you were 16 to a chore you abhor by the age of 31. And instead of having that giddy optimistic feeling of (what was that thing called again….ummm…OH YEAH) hope, now I find myself asking, "OK, what the hell is going to be wrong with this one." Thus, without any rational economic thinking, I just blurted out, "Look, I'll pay you or anybody who finds me my wife $1,000."

But the more I thought about this idea, the more I realized this was genius. Outsourcing your dating to other people. And not just one person, but allowing the competitive free market to work for you by just posting a bounty and letting other people vie for the money. This would not only free you from the financial burden of going out and the expenses of dating, but would also free up your time to allow you to pursue whatever pursuits you desire. You could play video games all day, work out, swim. A compelling economic argument exists that you could work instead, thereby earning more than the $1,000.

Enthralled by this idea, I was more than willing to pay Brad, or anybody else for that matter, the $1,000 bounty for finding me a spouse.

But Brad is a greedy bastard.

Brad pointed out that;

$1,000 is a one time fee. There is not much economic incentive to go hit the pavement, let a lone poke around when the "benefits of marriage" would arguably be more than one year.
Therefore he should get "retaining fees" or "royalties" annually.

Being the economist, I concurred. Not only should the bounty hunter be rewarded, but this would tie his/her financial incentives in with my long term marriage incentives. For without annual retaining fees, the bounty hunter may have the incentive to just grab any ol' person that can put on a good game for a year, get married, and then make my life

hell for the next 30 years. Thus, I proposed a sliding scale compensation scheme.

Each year the bounty hunter's royalty would be based on the level of "happiness" I would have with my marriage. This would be rated on a scale of 1-10. 1 good, 10 bad and 5 being average. If the marriage scored anywhere between 1-5 then the spousal bounty hunter would receive no royalties. However, if it was rated 6 or higher, the following compensation would be paid out;

6 – I might make it to year 2 - $100
7 – I'm reasonably happy with my wife - $200
8 – Wow, I kind of still actually like my wife and enjoy spending time with here, GOOD JOB BRAD! - $300
9 – DAMN! Life is ACTUALLY BETTER WITH HER! This is a rare woman indeed! - $400
10 – She serves me martini's while in French Maid lingerie, reads The Economist, does not want children, and makes better charts that I" - $500

All good and well, but what incase of divorce? Divorce would be an obvious failure on the part of the spousal bounty hunter. Thus I proposed that if I were to get divorced, Brad would have to pay me $2,000 AND $2,000 towards lawyers fees.

Then the cynical Andrew L came in and suggested this was just an elaborate scheme to swindle $1,000 from Brad. As if I'd go through the hell of being married for one year for a cheap grand.

But that was another point to all this. The original $1,000. Was that the true economic price that somebody would be willing to pay? Would be enough to incentive enough people to look. So I asked around.

I asked my producer who said, "no way, not in a million years for only $1,000."

I asked my best friend, who presumably would just do me the favor of setting me up without financial recompense, "no way, not in a million years for only $1,000."

I asked myself if I would look around if somebody paid me a $1,000. Hell no, it wasn't worth the time.

It seems that it is already well known what a hideous waste of precious time and resources this is, let alone a lot of my friends are already currently pissing away their resources on this futile pursuit. A mere $1,000 is not going to incentive them to bother looking.

So I went and did what all economists try to do but what efficient markets end up doing for us anyway; estimate the price of things that are not estimatible, but we'll give it a go

anyway because an estimate must be concocted.

And based on the projected total outlays for dating and courtship, assuming the average age one gets married, prorating one's time at the market wage and discounting it to today's value I came up with a rough estimate of $44,420. ie- you are going to spend $44,420 in time and money on chasing down your spouse and should be the economic price you are willing to pay to find somebody else out there thereby freeing up your life to pursue other pursuits.

Of course, just like Brad, I am a cheap bastard. That's the costs to me, that doesn't mean I can't tender the offer to the public and let the forces of competition whittle away at the price. Besides, that's the whole idea of outsourcing; specialists can do it better and cheaper than what I can. Furthermore, I should be paid for my financial innovation and genius and being the first to market with this idea.

Alas, I will gladly pay whoever finds me my spouse $5,000, without any of the complicated "retainer fees/divorce penalties" proposed by Brad. Just a straight flat fee of $5,000.

And now that I've effectively outsourced that heinous burden, you'll excuse me whilst I no longer go to a bar or approach a girl ever again and pursue life's pursuits that interest me. Ahhh, the life of an economist.

Whilst Studying Ethanol

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So I'm looking at an ethanol plant, which obviously necessitates a fair amount of economic research, particularly commodity pricing.

However, during my research I happened upon an interesting little chart that highlights the common refrain, "well, if there weren't so many rules and regulations about detergents, additives, etc. on gas, then (fill in state here)_____ wouldn't have such high gas prices."

Not a perfect correlation, but it does seem the Left and East Coasts bring it upon themselves. And if memory serves me correctly, wasn't it California and New York that not only experienced rolling black outs this recent spat of a heat wave this year, but suffered a severe black out a couple years back AND an energy crisis under Gray Davis?

Yeah, NIMBY all the way!

You Can't Make This Up

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I had the unfortunate experience of spending a year in a small Wisconsin town during my youth. And of course the stereotype is that it's a small Wisconsin town, they're all hicks, they drink beer and drive old pick up trucks.

But we have intellectually evolved here in the US to know that stereotypes aren't true. That stereotypes exist for no reason other than to promote bigotry, racism and prejudice. That there isn't a seed, an ounce, a kernel of truth to the stereotypes out there and if you categorize people based on stereotypes you are a racist/bigot/homphobe/sexist, etc.

Yeah right.

A Question Tendered to All You Economists Out There

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Hey all.

Terribly sorry for the delay in posts, but I'm currently working on buying some new property (remember, all aspiring economists, it's now a buyers market out there!).

So to whet your appetite for economic discourse, here's something that's always been bothering me;

Monetary policy.

Monetary policy was never a strength of mine, but I'm finding it harder and harder to see why it's so difficult.

Will somebody please tell me why we have a target inflation rate of 2% and not 0%? And I know that if we get inflation of 0% the deflationary fighters' fear/argument is that, "we could fall into deflation which would have the same misallocation/wealth redistribution effects and problems inflation has except in reverse."

So what?

It would seem to me deflation is the easiest thing to fight and politically beneficial;

PRINT MONEY.

Japan had been staving off deflation for years, most recently by printing money and this was actually heralded as "genius monetary policy" in The Economist no less.

Like to think I'm missing some gapping thing here, but I just can't see it.

Any central bankers out there?

It's Nice to See Efficient Markets Working

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I despise dead beats.

My favorite is when some schmuck who bled every penny of equity out of his house to pay for a brand new pick up truck, an ATV, a flat panel TV and a snowmobile (because he doesn't earn enough money to pay for these things) comes to my company begging for a loan because he can't afford all the new interest he's incurring and needs to consolidate all his debts.

And then when the interest rates on the ARM's adjust, WOW, who would have guessed;

They all go into default.

Now, that's usually on some slack-jawed yokel up in the northern hick suburbs of Minneapolis where (if you're not familiar with the area) it is nothing but a sea of trailer courts and a severe dearth of tornadoes. However, these are not the only dead beats.

The biggest dead beat of them all is probably Argentina.

Remember Argentina? When they defaulted on what amounted to $132 billion in debt (and accrued interest)?

Not a lot of people think about Argentina and ponder even less about the country's historic finances, but I do. And since I so despise dead beats and what an utter parasite they are on society, I thusly despise Argentina. (I further despise the country because the arrogance of some of their people were to BLAME THE US AND THE FOREIGN LENDERS THAT LOANED THEM THE MONEY FOR THEIR INCOMPENTENCE AND INABILITY TO PAY IT OFF!!!! I even recall a couple foreign banks getting torched and destroyed).

Alas, I was very happy to see this;

While most people may have forgotten the fleecing they received for loaning Argentina money, it seems the market's memory is more keen. And this makes me happy for this is exactly what the markets should reflect; Argentina is a higher credit risk in that it cannot be relied on to pay back its debts, therefore it should be charged a higher interest rate as it is essentially a "super-sub-prime-borrower." Even more subprime than the slack-jawed yokels of the northern Minneapolis suburbs (heck Argentina's even worse than Nigeria and Pakistan!)

Now, if you want a good guffaw, check this web site out;

http://www.inversiones.gov.ar/ing_info.htm

I'm glad I could give you your Monday morning laugh.

Whilst Packing for the Burbs

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So I've decided to move to the burbs for reasons that are obvious, but which I'll detail in greater length on my radio show some day.

That being said, when you move, of course you have to start packing, cleaning, and go through boxes you hadn't unpacked from your previous move that contain things that your memory has long forgotten.

And while rummaging through old pictures, post cards, deciding what to keep and what to throw, I happened upon what was arguably my first economic poem ever written, circa 1996.

Only but a junior in college, I was taking a master's level course in international economics because it knocked out two requirements. It also happened to have had a knock out blond in the class who vied for my attention against the professor's lectures.

Of course, college classroom strategery dictated that you wait until most of the people are sitting down on the first day of class before you do so you can choose the seat next to the cutie of the class. And even if there is no assigned seating, people will be prone to sit in the same seat they did on the first day of class, thereby guaranteeing you a spot right next to the cute dame. From thence on you have a captured audience for the next 9 weeks.

So I played by the rules. Didn't hit on her. Let time work to my advantage. And over the course of time found out she was the PRESIDENT of the U OF MN'S ECONOMICS GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION! Could she be any hotter?

And then came my stroke of genius. I would wait until the final was being taken, finish first (which arrogance and cockiness set aside, I knew I would) and then drop off my genius poem that would surely win her heart over and we'd engage ourselves in eternal economic bliss. And how could she refuse? For the poem was pure genius;

While we study the economics of this nation,
A stupid poem in econ translation! :)

In the teaches of Rousseau, Hobbes, and Smith
A good looking girl in econ is only a myth.

I've studied Karl Marx only to find,
communist women are without economic mind.

I dabbled in socialism, the European norm.
Not one girl's looks took me by storm.

Now it is capitalism. Smith, Milton, Mises.
Your looks tear economists' hearts to pieces.

For when I was thinking about John Locke,
I saw you and suffered from "supply shock."

Now I have two tickets for "Don Giovanni."
Which is much more fun than Miller/Modigliani.

So if you don't know, or the words are all lost,
Ask yourself the question,"What's my opportunity

So if you are convinced by this foolish econ poem
My name is below with the number to my home.

Alas, somehow she managed to find a way to refuse, for I never received a call. Of course this is now approaching over a decade ago and I'm very much over it... that bitch.

Gross Municipal Product

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So I finally get around to searching for a concept I had.

We have Gross Domestic Product.

We have Gross State Product.

But if I want to gauge how big a city is (and thus run additional calculations, like overall tax rates, etc), it would be really neat to have GROSS MUNICIPAL PRODUCT (GMP).

The concept already exists, but primarily in Japan where a Google-search turned up maybe a dozen hits of Japanese city's municipal products.

But I got nothing as splendid as a list or a database that shows say the top 50 cities' GMP in the US.

Anybody got a link or know if this information actually exists?

Maybe Reuters Should Hire This Guy

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I can barely tell they're fakes;

http://www.bloggerheads.com/photoshopping/photoshopping_george_w_bush.htm

For Frank!

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You all know Frank.

This one is for him and all the Aussies out there.

Energy Per Unit of GDP

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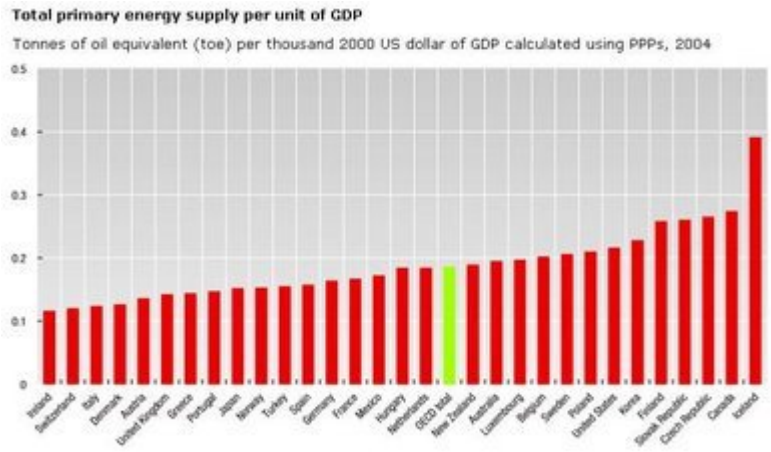
I've often heard people tout stats about how "yes, we use a lot of energy, but given how much GDP we produce with it, we're really not that bad."

Frankly, I couldn't care less how much energy we use to produce GDP as I have a hard time believing in this global warming tripe (which is the underpinning for such a statistic). Additionally, a lot of it depends on what industries compile your economy. A tax haven/financial center is obviously going to use less energy than an industrial/mining/steel mill country. Not to mention if you have a large country and goods require transport, and thus fuel.

Regardless, seems the US isn't terribly efficient with its energy. Ireland (a small, but kick ass island) manages to produce the same amount of GDP with 1/2 the energy. Of course, Iceland (another small island) requires 4 times the energy to produce an equivalent amount of GDP as Ireland.



Of course this all irrelevant as all good economists know what truly matters is which country is more proficient as producing attractive women per unit of energy. Alas, while Ireland may be more efficient at producing GDP per unit of energy, I'm torn between Ireland's ability to produce attractive women per unit of energy;

Miss Ireland 2006

versus that of Iceland's;

Miss Iceland 2006

This requires further study.

IT'S ABOUT EFFING TIME!

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Remember those 11 Egyptians that were going to Montana to blow up sh!t...errr,...I mean "learn English." Well, somebody, after 72 hours, finally got the brilliant idea to release their mug shots.

Cripes, and it was the Canucks that had to get these guys' mug shots up here, not our blessed FBI or authorities.

And I don't believe for one freaking second they were going to Montana just to go where the deer and the buffalo roam.

The Economist is Only a Year Late

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I made these spiffy charts approaching a year ago.

Then The Economist came out with this article this week.

So much for "Big Oil" and additionally, I love being right.

JAWOHL HEIR REALTOR!!!!

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So I was, WAS under the impression MY realtor WORKS FOR ME!

Then I get this e-mail;

"GRAPH THIS FOR ME!"

and embedded in the e-mail is a bunch of data that isn't structured in a manner it can be graphed in Excel.

So I go and I rearranged the data and make a pretty little chart that shows an index of prospective buyers coming through houses for sale.

Hopefully my realtor will not shot me and then send me to the Russian front and then shoot me again.

S&P 500 P/E Ratio

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Come to the Minnesota State Fair!

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I'm not joking. This is real. Besides which I don't work for Reuters, nor do I have Adobe Photoshop;

You just can't make this stuff up.

It's the "Capita" in "Income Per Capita" You Idiots

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Too much capita.

That's my primary complaint.

Too much capita.

You see, "capita" starts out as evil incarnate itself; a child.

These things, as we all know, not only consume resources that should be spent upon yourself, but they also bring in disease, famine and plague and scream a lot in public.

Sarcastic a tone as I may be striking, sadly, children and too much capita is quite literally at the heart of the problem in Africa.

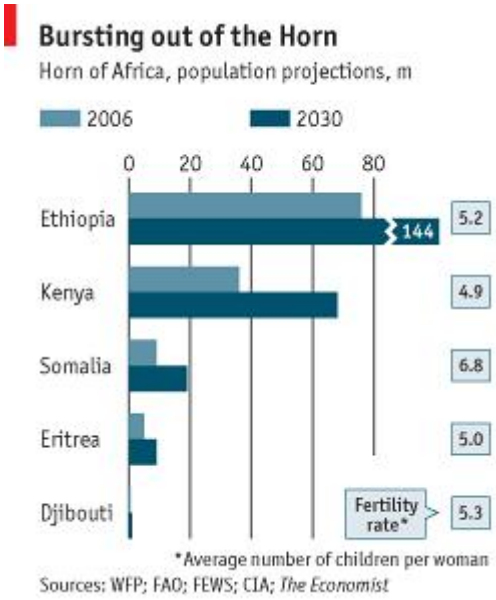
An excellent article in The Economist details all the problems currently plaguing the Horn of Africa, but if you have not the time, just allow me to quote one quip;

"*Then there are the destitute Somalis. Some 6,000 of them live in one slum the size of a football pitch. The number could grow to 10,000 within a year. If fighting breaks out in southern Somalia, it will be even more. It is a typical Horn of Africa slum. Only the air is free. Several families split the rent on a cardboard shack. Fires sometimes break out, fanned by sea breezes, often burning people alive. Wells are private: filthy water is a commodity for sale. There are few jobs for the men. Women venture out to sift through the rubbish that blooms and shines like armour in seemingly every open space in Bossaso. Islamists pass through the slums, looking for likely recruits. Disease is a bigger worry. A local doctor reckons that a new epidemic could easily break out: polio and typhoid are already on the prowl.* "

And then further allow me to point out how all the problems seem to be too many people crammed into not enough space.

It's not that difficult people. It's simple division. If you have $100,000, typically, TYPICALLY, you are considered rich. But if you're the average Somali or Ethiopian and have 6 kids (and assuming the father is still around) you have family of 8, and your income per capita, despite the rare and unlikely salary of $100,000, is only $12,500, a smidge better than your average 2nd world country.

So throw all the aid to Africa in the world you want. Until this changes;



Nothing will.

From My Beloved Sister

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As you all know my sister attends Berkeley where she is a communist. Of course, this isn't by choice, but by city ordinance of the municipality of Berkeley.

She sent me this.

Please don't tell her Berkeley Overlords she mocked the French.

Mold Theory

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Money is the bread by which the mold known as "social ailments" grow on.

That's about as far as I could figure it.

You see, the solution to any social ailment tendered by the left always, ALWAYS consists of spending MORE MONEY on it.

Schools suck?

Spend more money on it.

Health care sucks?

Spend more money on it.

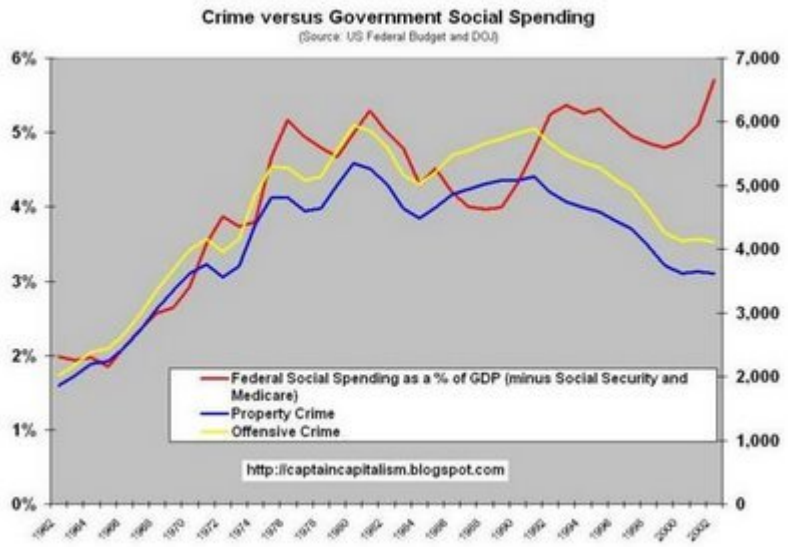
Crime sucks?

Spend more money on it, as long as it's community centers ***and not cops***.

But as far as I can tell, we're just adding fuel the fire with the full expectation that it's going to be put out.

So what I did was chart social spending (minus SS and Medicare) against two crime rates;

Offensive and property crimes.



And shucks howdy, what do you know. It seems government spending on the vast and unending bevy of social programs doesn't actually HELP abate or end these social ailments, but rather FEEDS IT!

Alas, this should come as no surprise when you do not punish people for their criminal behavior, but rather ignore them, borderline reward them with "treatment programs," "free housing," "free health care," and "touchy feeling puppies and bunnies feel good programs."

Of course, there are certainly other factors driving crime and people's lack of stewardship for society. One could make the argument that the dramatic increase in crime over the 60's and 70's was when the World's Most Spoiled Generation entered adulthood and fumbled the ball while voting themselves a boost in social spending to avoid getting real jobs and producing wealth.

One could also make the argument that crime is more driven by economic growth (or contraction) than government spending as you see a rise as we approached the Volcker Recession and then a drop off with the 20 years of basically uninterrupted economic growth to today.

Regardless, one thing can be deduced from this chart;

Government spending on social problems has, if any, a perpetuating effect on social problems.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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So I checked my Adsense account and there are people actually clicking on the links! One of those things that you just think, "eh, not until I'm getting 20,000 hits a day will it really matter."

But all of the sudden I checked the account and I have a little tidy sum there!

MANY THANKS TO ALL YOU ASPIRING AND DEPUTY ECONOMISTS OUT THERE!

The Captain shall release some of these funds and maximize his utility by having a cocktail in your honors!

Mr. Ducks

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MR ducks!

MR not ducks!

OSAR!

CDEDBD wings?

MR ducks!

YIB, MR ducks.

I owe this piece of fine literature to my Geometry teacher, Mr. Katz

The Nazi's are Coming Hurray, Hurray, The Nazi's are Coming Hurray, Hurray

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Cripes.

Crowded Out No More

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Cripes, Blogger. With the reliability and consistency of a North Korea power grid.

Sorry to do this to you folks, but a post without a chart;

I did a piece testing whether or not there was indeed a crowding out effect.

There was.

I emphasize "was" because despite Reagan levels of deficit spending, interest rates under the Bush Jr. administration have remained historically low and for a long time.

Upon further investigation we find out the reason for our debt markets bucking this trend is because the Chinese and Arabs are more than happy to loan us money, thereby financing not only our current account deficit, but also inadvertently triggering a housing bubble through artificially low interest rates.

The fear then was, what would happen when it became apparent an entire generation of sociology majors (read Gen X) would not be able to produce the wealth necessary to pay back the trillions the Chinese and Arabs loaned us? Logic would dictate that they would turn off the valve of cheap money, the US government would have to borrow from a pool of finite domestic dollars, which would drive up interest rates.

But not so fast.

It was whilst driving down Hwy 280 listening to a piano concerto on public radio that this totally unrelated idea popped into my head;

"When the Baby Boomers retire or as they're approaching retirement, they'll switch their massive retirement holdings from equity to fixed income, providing yet another source of loanable dollars, thereby keeping downward pressure on interest rates."

In other words, the Chinese and Arabs may pull out, but the Baby Boomers, looking for consistent income and moving out of riskier assets as their death approaches, will come in. And arguably, this should already be happening as the Baby Boomers aren't exactly young spring chickens any more and the elder of the Baby Boomers no doubt have already switched some of their portfolio into fixed income.

This will of course put downward pressure on long term interest rates and arguably keep long term money cheap, affording younger generations the ability to afford housing. Ironically, it seems the Baby Boomers will contribute something positive to the economy after all.

Diplomatic Immunity

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You remember Lethal Weapon 2?

You know where Mel Gibson goes crazy after he loses yet another girlfriend. Hooks up his truck to the support beam of this hoity toity LA house in the mountains and destoys it. Always wanted to do that, but I wouldn't need the loss of a loved one to drive me to doing that. I just plain want to do it under my own volition.

Regardless, in the end battle scene the bad guy, a diplomat from South Africa who is using his diplomatic immunity to avoid the cops and run drugs, shoots Riggs in the leg and Roger points his gun at him. The diplomat holds up his passport and laughs, “Diplomatic immunity” unaware that the law is quite clear that he can be shot now.

Roger then shoots him in the head and says, “Has been revoked.”

Then you sat there in awe as a 17 year old kid as to the wit and humor of that cool one-liner.

Regardless, it would seem that many New Yorkers and New York cops would like to do the same to UN diplomats in New York. For as a diplomat, it seems you can park wherever you want, drive your convoy through New York streets and hold up traffic, and piss off a town of 12 million people AND not pay a single parking ticket.

So two savvy economists, Edward Miguel and Raymon Fisman, did a study looking at which countries were the worst offenders of New York City parking law. And the results were that it read like a Who's Who list of Transperancy International's Corruption Index.

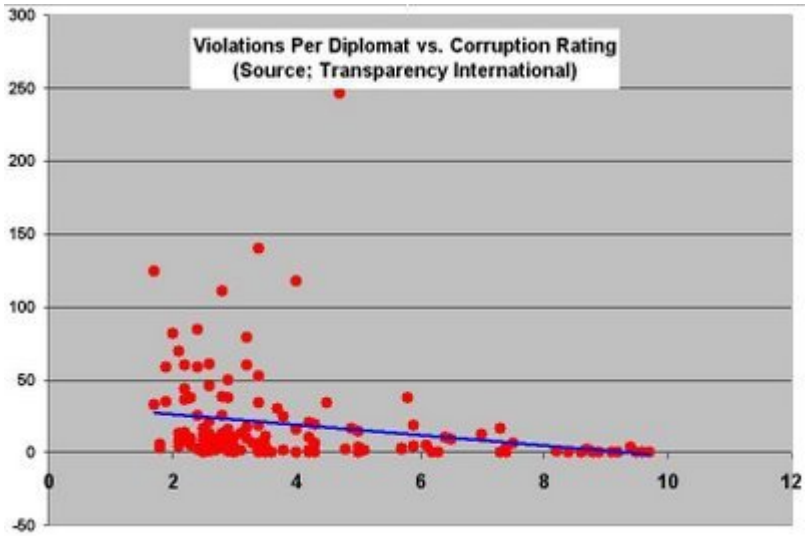
Here are the worst offenders;

Corruption rank	Country name	Violations per diplomat
1	KUWAIT	246.2
2	EGYPT	139.6
3	CHAD	124.3
4	SUDAN	119.1
5	BULGARIA	117.5
6	MOZAMBIQUE	110.7
7	ALBANIA	84.5
8	ANGOLA	81.7
9	SENEGAL	79.2
10	PAKISTAN	69.4
11	IVORY COAST	67.1
12	ZAMBIA	60.4
13	MOROCCO	60.0
14	ETHIOPIA	59.7
15	NIGERIA	58.6
16	SYRIA	52.7
17	BENIN	49.8
18	ZIMBABWE	45.6
19	CAMEROON	43.6
20	MONTENEGRO & SERBIA	38.0
21	BAHRAIN	37.7
22	BURUNDI	37.7
23	MALI	37.4
24	INDONESIA	36.1
25	GUINEA	34.8
26	SOUTH AFRICA	34.0
27	SAUDI ARABIA	33.8
28	BANGLADESH	33.0
29	BRAZIL	29.9
30	SIERRA LEONE	25.6
31	ALGERIA	25.2
32	THAILAND	24.5
33	KAZAKHSTAN	21.1
34	MAURITIUS	20.5

Here are the best behaved;

112	GAMBIA	1.5
113	MALAYSIA	1.4
114	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1.4
115	LEBANON	1.3
116	GERMANY	1.0
117	ERITREA	0.8
118	MOLDOVA	0.7
119	KOREA (SOUTH)	0.4
120	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0.1
121	FINLAND	0.1
122	GUATEMALA	0.1
123	NEW ZEALAND	0.1
124	SWITZERLAND	0.1
125	UNITED KINGDOM	0.0
126	NETHERLANDS	0.0
127	UNTED ARAB EMIRATES	0.0
128	AUSTALIA	0.0
129	AZERBAIJAN	0.0
130	BURKINA FASO	0.0
131	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	0.0
132	CANADA	0.0
133	COLOMBIA	0.0
134	DENMARK	0.0
135	ECUADOR	0.0
136	GREECE	0.0
137	IRELAND	0.0
138	ISRAEL	0.0
139	JAMAICA	0.0
140	JAPAN	0.0
141	LATVIA	0.0
142	NORWAY	0.0
143	OMAN	0.0
144	PANAMA	0.0
145	SWEDEN	0.0
146	TURKEY	0.0

Well, OK, that's how they make it sound. When you run the corruption score against "Parking Violations Per Diplomat," the measure by which Fisman and Miguel gauge a country's propensity to ignore the law or respect foreign culture, the correlation isn't a passage from the Who's Who list, but a pretty decent correlation of -.33.



But as I thought of it further, the implications of this hit on a theory I've been toying around with in my head;

Lower taxes bring about higher economic growth; fine.

Hard work ethic brings about higher economic growth; fine.

But what of the culture of a country?

Spefically how mature and grown up a culture is and how adult they act certainly must have a bearing on the growth and standards of living of a country.

What put me onto this theory was the Scandihoovian countries. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Denmark, all have highway-robbery level taxes, yet still manage to produce the same amount of wealth than their low-taxed counterparts AND WITH LESS DEBT (actually, surpluses in most instances).

Head just a little south where recent French protests against labor law reforms showed just how ignorant and uneducated the French youth are of basic economics, and you have a country with only 75% that of Scandinavian standards of living and a TON OF DEBT that still didn't increase their standards of living.

Go further south and you have Italy where again, taxes are similar, but standards of living are French AND GOVERNMENT DEBT EQUALS 110% GDP.

Alas, the only thing I can chalk the Nordic countries' ability to beat out their high tax, socialist economy rep and post higher standards of living than their mainland European counterparts is that they are a more responsible people, their culture is indeed superior. They are less corrupt (by corruption measures), they are more professional (I would fully expect a Norwegian to be on time as opposed to an Italian), and they seem not to take

advantage of their welfare-state by evidence of their lower unemployment rates. This results in more wealth being produced and the higher standards of living they enjoy, all the while supporting a massive welfare state.

Of course, criticizing cultures and dare saying one would be superior to another is the equivalent to setting off a bomb in an quadrapalegic orhpanage in the political world.

Thankfully I'm not in politics and still appreciate the freedom of speech, not to mention, just the plain truth. Some cultures are superior to one another. It's just that simple. Please, somebody tell me how Somali culture is superior to American culture. Or somebody show me how Venezuelan culture is superior to Luxembourgian (sp?) culture. Or how French culture is superior to...ummm...mold culture.

Additionally, please show me the reason and rationale of the arugment that we shouldn't insist people assimilate into American culture, but rather keep living like they have in the past in a futile and counterproductive pursuit of "diversity" when that diversity, as far as I've seen, translates into wealth tranfers and the criminalization of American culture.

Alas, we will be able to see the effects of culture on economic productivity sooner than we may think. I recall it was Sweden that has massive immigration from countries where their diplomats are some of the worst violators of New York Parking Law. And based on projections, the Swedes will soon be in the minority in their country. No doubt they are passing on their hard work ethic to the new comers?

Captain Capitalism's ADVENTURES IN FARGO!!!

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Yes, Fargo.

The largest town in North Dakota. A place many of you aspiring economists have heard of but never been to.

I've been to Fargo a couple times and being within 4 hours driving distance from it, I thought it not a big deal. But I fathom Fargo to many of you out there is like "Savannah" or "Cancun" to me (neither of which I've been to, but often wonder what it's like).

So to quench your curiosity, I took some pictures of Fargo on my most recent trip to celebrate my buddy Johnny Fargo's wedding, so that all of you may come to know and feel what it's like.

First thing you'll notice is that LaSalle or Wall Street it ain't. This is the main drag of Fargo. This is down town Fargo.

And while it's flat and I meandered about a fair amount, I'm pretty sure this is the tallest building in all of Fargo.

It's a residential building I presume and by the horrible 1970's architecture I surmise it is public housing.

Now you may be laughing, but Fargo is hip. It's cosmopolitan. It, like all other major metropolitan areas has a RED LIGHT DISTRICT! This is the central hub of the district;

But something Fargo doesn't have like major metropolises is expensive gas. I recall gas being $3.50/gallon on Clark and LaSalle in Chicago. Here, smack dab downtown Fargo, gas is a ghastly $2.86.

This alone makes it better to live in than California...then again, California didn't have much going for it anyway.

Another thing that I noticed and was VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH IS THIS PICTURE HERE!

Can you see what I see?

Look closer!

Something a true capitalist and hater of the most oppressive form of taxation ever developed!

Look close! If you live in New York, LA, or heck, any slightly populated area, there's something missing!

That's right! NO PARKING METERS!!!! And this is downtown Fargo!

Seriously, I view this as a major advantage of Fargo over other conventional cities.

Now, of course you're saying, "Gee Captain, we sure don't see a lot of culture or cool fashion in Fargo! We'd almost expect everybody out there to be wearing mullets."

And ohhhh! How wrong you would be to say such a thing. Because the heart of downtown Fargo is beating on the cutting edge of fashion. Some people have Aveda. Some people have Ralph Lauren. Fargo has Josef's!

Now, criticism and humor set aside I will say this; Fargo does actually have better architecture than your average metropolis, BARRING New York and Chicago. Seriously. They haven't torn down all their old buildings and you get the feeling you're in a 1920's bootler, gangster movie, but on the frontier. And while you may have the impression that the people of Fargo are just a bunch of dumb Republican hicks that have mullets and Miller, if you look closer, you couldn't be any more wrong. My impression of Fargonians is that they are a higher class of people there that appreciate the olden days. Civility. Dressing up. Taking time to put on a good ol' hootinany (SP?) and instead of getting plastered at the local BoomChickaBoom Bars, my GOD! They might actually learn a dance step or two and hold a dance in a beautiful hall.

That and out of 24 dances, I was only shot down once. Sadly, the reverse holds true for most other metropolitan areas I've been to. Alas, Fargo may be old fashioned and backwards for today's world, but that is fine with me.

The Federal Budget from 1901-Present

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So I was driving back from Fargo, ND a couple days back when by Fergus Falls, MN my car decided to have issues with the front right wheel hub. Which left me stranded in scenic Fergus Falls for the better part of two days.

Not a lot to do in Fergus Falls, but managed to get what errands I could get done while there.

Got a hair cut.

Walked the 5 miles into town from the interstate to get access to the internet.

Had a decent meal at a local 1940's type diner.

Read through two issues of The Economist.

But when all was said and done, I still had to kill about 6 hours of time waiting, which for my personality is the equivalent of hell.

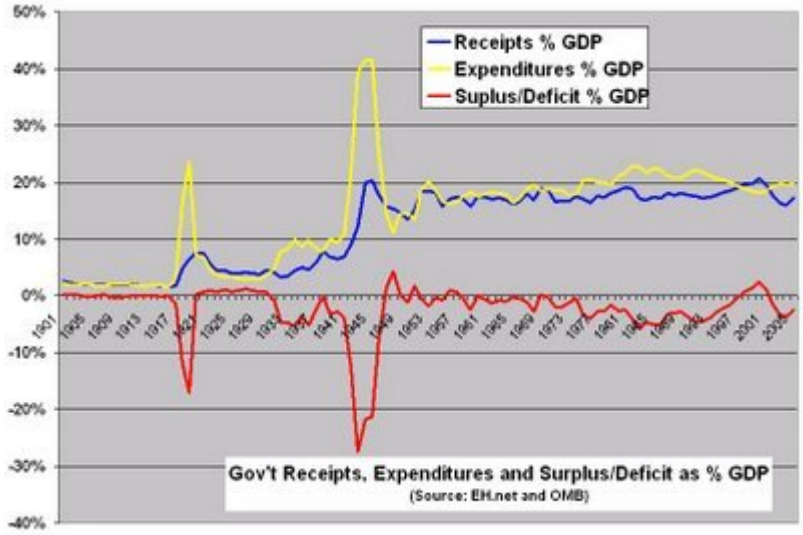
So while suffering the flames of hell waiting for a buddy of mine to pick me up, my brain in desperate bid to stay sane came up with the idea of going back further in the US federal government's history to calculate the overall taxation rate, expenditure rate and surplus/deficit as a percent of GDP.

Up to this point I had received the data available at the OMB. But I recall eh.net having GDP figures going back to 1790. That would make a spiffy chart indeed seeing how federal spending/revenues compared from today to the founding of the country.

Unfortunately, the OMB only has data going from 1789-1900 CUMULATIVELY. In other words, it isn't year by year, they just added up the budgets and the GDP's of the first 111 years of the country and listed in on one line item.

Obviously the economist who thought up that brilliant idea is getting no girly action because he is an idiot.

That being said, at least there was data from 1901 on, which still made for a better chart which only goes back to 1930 and would include WWI.



Several observations I made of the chart.

First, you really get a feel for what a real war costs with the spikes in WWI and WWII. Tragic as the deaths and so forth may be in the current war, but the American people are not suffering or sacraficing squat in this current war. It reminds me of a story I recall where the upper classes of society from the Union decided to take their carriages near the battle frield to "watch the war." Sure enough the Confederacy delivered a defeating blow and the upper classes were shocked as to not only the horrors of war, but were throwing up as mutilated Union soldiers were thrown on their carriages to be evacuated from the battlefield.

Second, after each war, a new and HIGHER level of taxation was established. Previous to WWI the federal government taxed Americans at a rate of about 2.6%(like the shirt says, "Imagine a world with no liberals.") That in itself is worth pondering. Then after WWI, the over tax rate went to something around 5%. FDR, the modern day socialists's All American Hero, kept taxes at that rate, until WWII came about. Today, democrats would cruxify FDR for being such an obvious shill for the rich. Regardless, after WWII the tax rate quadrulped up to just below 20% GDP where it has stayed. If this is the effects of war, I might just become a pacifist.

Third, contrasted to previous generations, you see the reiteration of the Baby Boomer generation voting in congressmen to spend beyond their means and mortgage the future. Right about when Jim Morrison was OD-ing on heroin was about the time balanced budgets would take a 30 year sabbatical from America and we'd run deficits to finance programs that would ultimately do nothing other than transfer wealth and destroy families.

As far as I can tell this chart just shows how a higher and higher percentage of the people are chosing the dead-end road of voting in people who promise to take money from Paul and give it to Peter. The day will come we'll expect the government to provide so much

for us, we'll have no incentive to work, and thus we'll have no wealth. However, we will have one thing; a Bolshevikian revolution.

The only solace I can take in it is that the people will bring it upon themselves and get what they deserve for their ignorance of history and economics.

Is This Real?

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Anybody know if this is a doctored photo? See, unlike Reuters, Time, USA Today and Newsweek I kind of like to make sure before I go and parade such a picture as reality.

Regardless, if this is a legitimate photo, methinks I have to rethink my policy about not using nukes.

Seriously, this fanaticism and brainwashing of the masses is no different than the Japanese during WWII. The parallels between Hirohito's crazed Japan and radical islam carry me to the same solution Truman derived.

The Harsh Realities of the Market

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The market. Ooooo! The cold, hard market.

The one thing in the world where if people are allowed to move their resources freely and do as they want it will result in that thing that the left despises so;

The truth.

And the reason the left doesn't like this is because the truth is, well frankly, most of what the left expouses sucks and nobody wants.

The labor market for example. Most people are willing to pay a chemical engineering major $50,000 fresh out of school because we all need chemicals in the multitude of food we consume, machines we use, etc. A social sciences graduate or education major can expect $31,000 because frankly, nobody needs community awareness, counselling or crappy public school education.

Broad Category Offers to 2005-06 Graduates

Broad Category	Average Salary Offer
Engineering Majors	$49,672
Computer Sciences Majors	$48,717
Business Majors	$40,413
Health Sciences Majors	$39,703
Sciences Majors	$37,734
Home Economics Majors	$33,339
Agriculture & Natural Resources Majors	$32,092
Communications Majors	$31,429
Humanities & Social Sciences Majors	$31,232
Education Majors	$31,015

International markets are also efficient. They've punished Argentina for its greedy and childish default on $132 billion worth of foreign debt.

And I've said it before, I would love to see a stock market index for Bolivia, especially when Evil Moraless decided to nationalize the gas industry...but since it's now ran by a bunch of leftist retards getting a functional stock market seems to be too difficult for this bunch.

But my favorite example of the market reigning cold hearted truth upon the left came as I was broadcasting at the Minnesota State Fair.

Here's all the people that showed up to the AM 1500 stage, the mouth piece of fascists, dictators and Snidley Whiplash;

And here's all the people that showed up to Air America's affiliate, 950 AM;

No doubt this is all Bush's fault.

I Find This Hard to Believe

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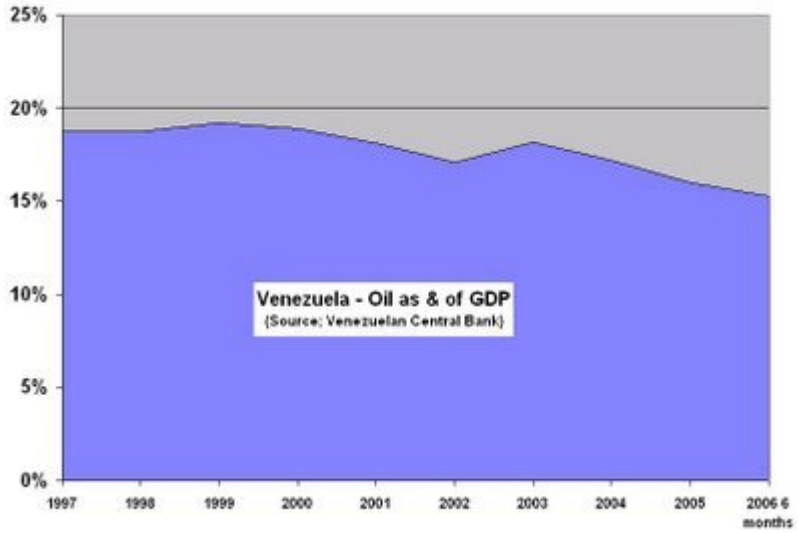
So my good pal Hugo down in that "$5,800-GDP-Per-Capita-Utopia" known as Venezuela likes to blather on about how the US is out to get him and that they're preparing for invasion and he will "save" the "people" from that horrible plague known as capitalism (which for a plague has this amazing track record of eliminating poverty, famine, disease and bringing about untold standards of living).

Thusly, I thought I might pull a Norwegian on him and show the masses that without oil Venezuela would be absolutely nothing and to threaten the US with cutting off the supply of oil would mean slicing his own throat.

Oddly enough, I may be wrong. According to the latest GDP and oil production figures put out by Venezuela's Central Bank it seems oil has ***not*** been taking up a larger and larger percent of the economy and that there has actually been some viable private sector, non-petroleum growth as well. Oil as a take of Venezuela's economy has actually gone down from 19% to just above 15%.



But, I am cynic.

When a girl says yes to a date, I'm experienced and wise enough to know to apply the rule of 505025.

And when somebody says they want to contract me out, I know not to get excited until not only have they actually contracted me out, but until they gave me a check AND THE CHECK HAS CLEARED!

And when a girl actually goes out on the date and impresses me, I know enough that it's

a temporary show and I'm bound to discover 3 dates later some new psychological disorder with its foundings in suburbian 90210-induced hatred for her mother, not to mention some failed-to-be-mentioned-illegitimate-children that were the products of years past, and let us not forget the always reliable Jesus Freak Fanatic that makes radical Muslim terrorists seem quite reasonable.

Oh yes, I know when to be the cynic.

Additionally, my economic spidey senses are tingling about this chart and they've yet to be wrong once.

So my question to those of you who might know something about this, can figures from the Central Bank of Venezuela be relied upon?

I have a hard time believing oil HASN'T taken a higher percentage of Venezuelan GDP especially with the increased social spending and petro-programs Hugo's been splashing his money about with. Not to mention the fact the price of oil has been at historic highs and hasn't seemed to translate into additional GDP. And let's face it, Hugo ain't exactly known for his transperancy in governance let alone government income statements.

What Did You Expect?

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So it seems that Evo Morales and his nutjob leftist government is running into a little trouble with nationalizing the entirety of Bolivia's natural gas industry. Not only do they not have the cash flow to continue operating the newly nationalized firm, but they also lack the scientific and engineering expertise to manage and operate the gas fields (see article in The Economist - need subscription). This has effectively halted the nationalization of the industry, but production I'm guessing as well.

NO!!! SAY IT ISN'T SO!!!!

You mean a bunch of uneducated, leftist, professional activists with no real education, job, work ethic or life experience who now currently head up the Bolivian government are not financially savvy enough to run a multi-billion dollar industry???? Let alone have the engineering know-how to maintain and run has fields???

How can that be???

Well, it isn't terribly shocking when you look at who now currently heads up the Bolivian government. Here's a list of the current cabinet ministers appointed by Morales. If you do a google-search of their names you'll get everything from a Maid Union chief who now heads ***THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT*** to a former guerilla terrorist who is now ***THE VICE PRESIDENT*** (and the leftist nutjobs in America here claim Cheney is the terrorist).

That may take too much time, so just read this article put out by the WSJ, it profiles a couple of these idiots, but you get the idea;

Bolivia is now headed by professional activists, protestors, community workers, and the occasional leftist terrorist, or as the left insists on calling them "progressive revolutionaries," which compose the majority of careers for most leftists, not just in Bolivia, but here in the US and around the world as well, and the results should not be shocking.

Then again, maybe this picture sums it up more efficiently than a background check unto Bolivia's new government. These people;

Bolivian idiots put rocks on the highway, effectively cutting off an artery that transports not just people, but gas and other precious commodities for export. This is done in protest because of their low standards of living. No doubt this action will help bring about higher standards of living in Bolivia.

quite literally are the exact same people now in charge of the Bolivian gas industry. The idiocy is almost as staggering as the french labor protests.

Cripes.

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Loser.

Double Loser.

Economics for Idiots - 101

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Now I know that all you aspiring and junior deputy economists out there are smarter than your average bear.

And I know that economics, when it really boils down to it, is REALLY not that difficult.

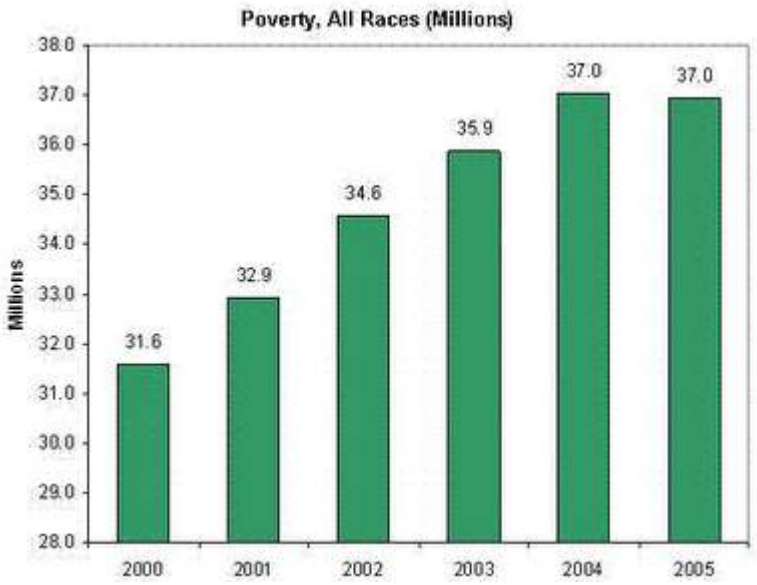
So for your average person, economics should be a pretty easy concept to grasp and usually, it is.
Unfortunately, not everybody is gifted as us. We have people that are not necessarily as smart as us. Some people are poorer and never learned to read. Additionally, the public schools do their darnedest to turn out idiots, and thusly something as simple as economics is like trying to understand quantum physics for a lot of people.

So, because I am a kind, charitable soul, I thought I'd offer a lesson for the stupid people in the world. Kind of an "Economics for Idiots" lesson, so that not only can geniuses like you and me understand economics. Not only can average everyday people understand economics. But complete freaking retards and mollusk can understand economics.

This need for "Economics Lessons for Idiots" was brought to my attention when I got an e-mail from American Progress.org highlighting the recent Census Bureau report on income distriubtion and poverty and wealth as PROOF POSITIVE Bush's economic policies are creating Nazis and killing babies.

The proof?

Well, as you know my affinity for charts, I decided to use the chart they sent me;



A pity. Shame shame shame. Obviously the work of a retard...or a mollusk.

OK, so, let's begin the lesson in Economics for Idiots - 101 because it is glaringly obvious we need one.

First, if you're going to make a chart, don't manipulate it by changing the scale on the Y-axis so that it shows this dramatic increase when in reality, it is quite small. If you are an idiot, you would look at this chart and think poverty has tripled under the Bush presidency. When in reality it's only gone up by 20%.

Now the idiots over at the Center for American Progress will still probably get all in a tizzy over that fact right there, a 20% increase in poverty. They'll salavate over it, ***HEE HEEE HEEEE HEEE! 20% increase, WE HAVE BUSH NOW!!!!***

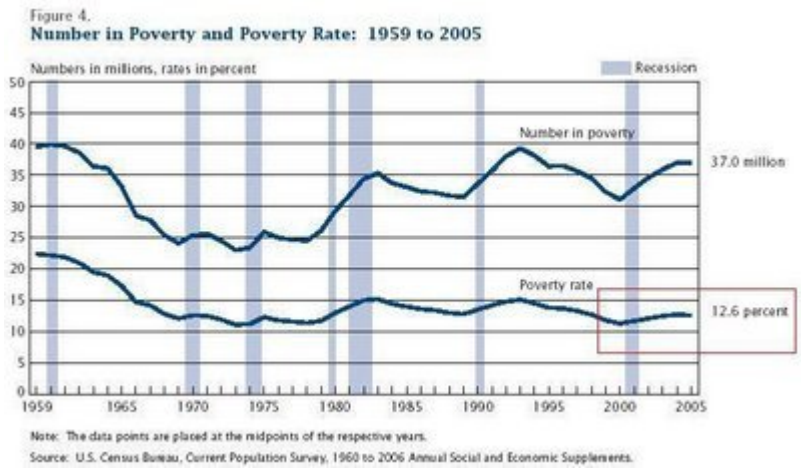
Well, that's because they're idiots.

Any person of average intelligence would say, "*hey, hasn't the population of the country been growing? And wouldn't a more accurate measure be some kind of, you know,* "***poverty rate***," *you know, like the percent of the population that's under the poverty threshold?*" And by golly, those good men and women at the Census Bureau have calculated just such a thing. They call it;

THE POVERTY RATE!

Those crafty devils!

Well here's a chart FROM THAT SAME DAMNING REPORT that shows the poverty rate.



Not quite so damning is it? The poverty rate doesn't show this dramatic increase in poverty as the Center for American Progress would have you believe. Who would have guessed a communist institution like the Center for American Progress would

misrepresent data?

Second, also notice another thing, aspiring and junior deputy economists. Notice how the chart from the Center for American Progress goes back a whopping 5 years. While the good men and women of the Census Bureau go back to 1959. See, this is what we call "context."

With context we see that the poverty rate, though ever so slightly up, is still technically at a historic low. Thus, official economists would come to the professional conclusion that;

"People should shut the hell up and stop their whining. Poverty is not a problem in America."

Third, no doubt you've heard this Census Bureau report being paraded by the left for the fact that incomes have remained stagnant or slightly dropped in the past 4-5 years. Again, PROOF POSITIVE that Bush is out hurling rocks at the elderly and kicking dogs. But do you see a trend here? The left keeps going back only 4-5 years. Might it be time, once again ladies and gentlemen, to use that "context" we learned about earlier?

Well, here's the chart;

When you look at it you'll notice them nice slim shady lines. Those are recessions. Notice after each recession how real incomes historically have dropped and then recovered, as you WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT THEM TO DO???? So perhaps this is just a function of a normally functioning economy and not Bush hurling rocks at the elderly?

You see folks, this what happens when you have publicly educated children who never grow up and major in El Crapo studies in college while working for some non-profit or the government because they have no skills of use that the private sector would actually want to fork over good money for. People who find nothing wrong with misrepresenting data and reality to the detriment of society because it makes them feel good and feel like

their lives actually have a purpose. Because they feel like they're crusaders. Because they feel like they're heroes fighting some imagined evil (If you need an amazingly interesting reference to this cowardly psychology, please feel free to read this post).

Fourth and finally. This will be your assignment in Economics for Idiots - 101. What might the effect be on poverty levels AND WAGES OF THE LOWER INCOME QUINTILES if 10.5 million illegal aliens have entered the country AND if the Census Bureau does NOT exclude non-citizens from the data?

Canadian Invasion!!!

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So I wake up, which I normally do in the morning.

Buy myself my Rooster Booster light and traipse on over to the office in a zombie like state.

Now everybody knows that despite this being the private sector, we're quite literally only a smidge more efficient than North Korea, which necessitiates that we spend at least 1 hour on the internet answering e-mails and checking up on "stuff" and not making a lick of a contribution to GDP.

Now, a lot of people's "stuff" entails logging on to People Magazine to see if Angelina Jolie is still a psycho or whether or not their fantasy football team did well, because lord knows the people who play that stupid game are so out of shape playing a real game of football literally is a fantasy.

My "stuff" is checking the stats and IP addresses to my blog.

So this morning, I pulled up the stats and POW!!!! This is what came up;

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▼	17	Kingston	Ontario	Canada	
▼	14	Atlanta	Georgia	United States	
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The reason it's odd is because of two reasons;

1. Hits had already broken the daily average and it wasn't even double digits in the morning yet
2. All the hits are from Canada!

So I'm trying to find out what gives.

I originally thought it was our very own Junior Deputy Economist in Canada, Bradman, but upon further investigation it's due to a Canuck named Kate with the catchy-named blog;

SMALL DEAD ANIMALS

"*Who doesn't like small dead animals?*" I asked myself aloud early this morning. "*Hard to hate them,*" my co-worker said.

That being said, when you explore young Kate's site you notice;

1. She does art for motorcycle helmets
2. She rides a motorcyle
3. She likes America
4. Probably bends towards the free-market side of things
5. Has a blog
6. She's not to shabby looking.

Which led me only to conclude that no doubt she was an imposter! That this is an elaborate ruse by a crafty leftist trying to infiltrate the pro-capitalist, manly, hockey loving, Canadian blogsphere. Certainly couldn't be real, and I must have drank way too much Blue 100 the night before and was still hallucinating.

Regardless, pay young Kate a visit. Gives us traditional 1940's American types hope that not all the girls in the world are watching Desperate Housewives.

OH!

And while I have the entirety of the Canadian nation's attention, tune into my radio show, this Saturday. Broadcasting from the Minnesota state fair, 1-3PM, Central Standard time.

You can listen online by webstreaming; www.am1500.com

Would be cool if a bunch of Canadians called in. Long distance number is 1-877-615-1500.

Then and Now - Warning, Not Child Friendly

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It’s been a while since I’ve done this, so it’s long over due.

As you may know I am a fan of the 1940’s where more or less I contest that it was the pinnacle of not only American culture, but of the entire world.

And to show you how far our culture has degraded into putresence and filth I occasionally pull the lyrics from a song from the halcyon days of America and compare to the lyrics of a song from modern day America.

This old tune is called "Red Roses For A Blue Lady," it’s one of the songs Dave Thompson plays as a bumper for his show;

"*I want some red roses for a blue lady.*
Mister florist take my order please
We had a silly quarrel the other day
I hope these pretty flowers chase her blues away

I want some red roses for a blue lady
Send them to the sweetest gal in town
And if they do the trick,
I'll hurry back to pick
Your best white orchid for her wedding gown

(I want some red roses for a blue lady)
We had a silly quarrel the other day
I hope these pretty flowers chase her blues away
I want some red roses for a blue, blue lady
Send them to the sweetest gal in town
And if they do the trick,
I'll hurry back to pick
Your best white orchid for her wedding gown
Your best white orchid for her wedding gown"

Now, let us compare and contrast that little ditty with Andre Nickitina’s popular tune; "Smoke Dope and Rap."

"*I smoke chewy like a mother fucking nutYou got a grab bag hit the zags and roll her upCuz a nigga like me, cant fake it when im highGet the visine for the tight red eyesJumped in the Cutlass with the niggas from the setThe blunt went out, but we aint*

done yetGet another one blaze like its barbeque beefit aint nuttin like a blunt for the funk in ya teethyea, im a skinny 6'5" motherfuckerif u didnt know me, you would think i was a cluckerbut im not a clucker im a dodger and a duckercome a lil closer im a show u im a punch yaand if i cant beat u get my gun and im a buck yaturn u over like a bitch pull out my dick and im a fuck yalike a fiend for the weed ill tweak4 15's in ur trunk thats beatproper ass amps abco, alpineput the coke on the dash roll a dolla do a linepump RBL's maybe 1 2 3 or the funky shit by the I.M.Pnow im high like a motherfucking jetfuck a 9 to 5 im a juke on the setslang these thangs and fuck these hoes,one line at a time goes up a niggas nosethe shit clean my sinuses just like a showerindo or tide blend it in with the powdernow im chewy high with a hard ass dickooh there goes my pager could it be a trick bitchoooh its Janine, she licked my dick cleancum right away bring a dime bag of weed Like a nigga thats sick, caught up in the grooveKill the pussy bust a nut and like a vet stick and move Out of that house a quickie I know she got mad Because I killed it and I didn't bring the weed I did bring the weed but I left in the my Cutty Did you really think I would smoke some dank with you dummy? (yeah) No, Dre Dog won't die See my nigga Cougnut nigga let's get high He said I got the drank and you got the dank He said my nigga Dre Dog Frisco is the place For me to get high and you to get drunk We smoke dope we rap and these hoes we fuck Ooh I'm high as hell from snorting that girl Rush Mr. Cee so I could tie me up a curl Out that shop hoes do jock See my Cutty in a rag I will drop top See the freak on the block I think her name was Kim Just stole her in the Cutty like Iceberg Slim I said how you doin, my name is Dre Dog You give me your number I'll give you a call She said my hair looked proper as it blew in the wind But I can't have her number cuz I fucked her best friend It's a pity I'm a nigga that just don't care Except for my dope my money and hair Cuz everywhere I go it's the same damn song Nigga smoke more dope than Cheech and Chong I love to tell the truth but I'm such a good liar The Dre Dog nigga smoke more than Richard Pryor I'm true to the dope that I smoke no joke Check me right now there's a gram in my coat Cocaine blunts (what?) and hip hop tapes (what?) Rubber car keys and ID that's fake And rhymes do pay so my pockets do grow I snort so much snow that they should call me Dre Blow Cuz I don't drink beer I don't drink gin Bust the freak hit the pussy then I try to fuck her friends Dre Dog don't laugh ain't a damn thing funny When niggas talk to freaks who ain't got no money I done smoke enough blunts fool to fill my brain Chewy boy do me raw cut cocaine And niggas get pumped when they smell dank-a-roma When they smell dank-a-roma then they know I'm on the corner They offer me drank but I don't get drunk I smoke dope I rap and these hoes I fuck"

Yes, I’m sure it is only a matter of mere seconds before the culture of Hip Hop ushers in a cultural renaissance for America.

You Gonna Spend That?

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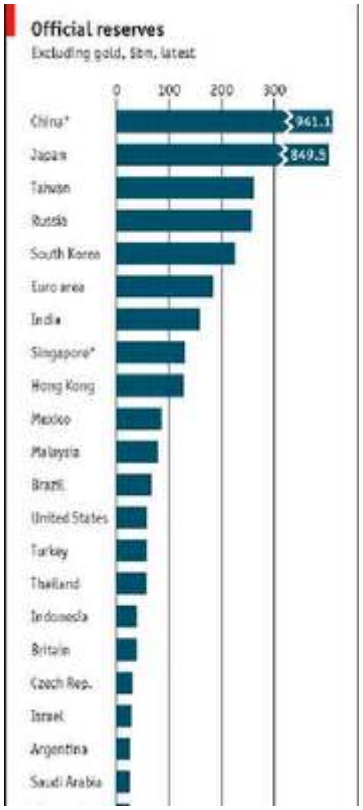
So Japan and China have almost $1 trillion in foreign reserves each. And while I admire such fiscal austerity contrasted with the US' version of imitating a sorority girl with daddy's credit card, there's something to be critiqued about just holding onto cash and not investing it.



I'd be very curious to see if the Chinese government through all its SOE's (state owned enterprises) decides to go on a shopping spree.

We're For Independent Thought...Just as Long as You Think Like Us

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One of the biggest problems I have with primarily liberals and socialists, but Republicans and conservatives are to a lesser extent guilty as well, is how they have absolutely NO PROBLEM brainwashing their kid into a particular ideology before that kid is even the age of 10.

I've seen it at the fair where the parents have their kids carry some damn democratic candidate's balloon around. I've seen it at the Wellstone memorial/rallies/protests where the burnt-out, druggie-come-parent has their infant-kid wear a "Never Park the Bus" Wellstone t-shirt.

The hypocrisy is just so utterly repugnant.

On one hand you have a (typically) liberal who is all about independent thought, the freedeom of this, the freedom of that, moral relativism, nothing is "wrong or right" just different, and pushing open-mindedness, and dont' be so close minded, blah blah blah.

And on the other hand have absolutely no moral qualms about effectively brainwashing their kid at such a young age when all the kid wants to do is go out and play.

I can see it now at the household of the non-nuclear, modern day, hatred is not a family value, government employed granola democratic family;

"Johnny, time for your daily readings from Das Kapital"

"But Mooooommmm!!! Jimmy and Steve are going to the old pond, they said they saw some turtles there!!!"

"NO! What did I tell you about our daily devotionals at the dinner table. You are going to appreciate the values of communism if it's the last thing you do!"

Or heck, these parents who are so freaking green EVERYTHING HAS TO BE ORGANIC!

"Mom, can I have some ice cream?"

"No honey, that's Dairy Queen! They don't have all organic ice cream and probably treat their cows inhumanely."

"But Mooooooommmmm! Jimmy and Steve always get to go to Dairy Queen!"

"Yes, but we go to the Mother Gia Coffee and Ice Cream Haven. Here, have an all-organic scoop of barely-wheatgrass-ice cream. It's made in Kenya by workers who are paid a living wage!"

So you could imagine my infuriation when I read this post by Noahtorious.

At what point do you stop and say, "hey, you know, maybe childhood should be scared and void of brainwashing of any kind???? Maybe I should let my kid just have that childhood innocence and enjoy their youth without making him/her into nothing more than a brainwashed automaton like the radical islamic imams brainwash young boys into becoming suicide bombers?"

Why can't you just let the damn kid be a kid?

Of course, the reason why is two fold;

1. The left derives its value and meaning in life from being a "leftist." It's not, "I'm a good father" or "I run a good plastics firm" or "I'm the best auto-mechanic in town." It's, "I'm a leftist, I care about things and take on noble causes to help the disadvantaged." Translated into English that means, "I don't want get my hands dirty becoming an auto mechanic, besides, that would take effort, I just want to sit and bitch and moan and whine and become a professional activist while I fool myself into thinking it's for the "poor/children/disadvantaged" when in reality, deep down inside, I know it's for myself greedy psycho self and I just wish to masterbate my ego." When this is what the ENTIRE VALUE OF YOUR LIFE is based on, you'll have a tendency to foist such a "noble" philosophy on a 4 year old.

2. They're just plum afraid that if the kid did think about it, and actually had an independent thought, they may come to a different conclusion than their parents. Additionally, they may realize what frauds their parents actually are and hold them responsible for their situation. They might wake up one day and say, "Hey Mom, why was it you and Dad weren't married when you had me. And why was it you guys got divorced, and why did you go to all those protests instead of working up a college fund for me? And why did you prevent me from growing up with the rest of normally functioning society and instead instill this tripe in my psyche." (odd, but that sounds an awful lot like Christianity....HOOOOO! ZINGGGGGGG!!!!)

I'd love to see them explain to their children.

Of course, I already know the answer;

It's Bush's fault.

Is Comic Book Guy a Terrorist?????

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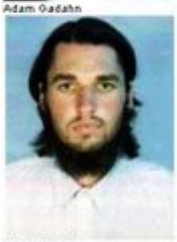
This is another example of what I've been talking about.

His name is Adam Gadahn. This is a before and after picture;



Tell me if I'm wrong, but he looks like one of those fat kids that played too much dungeons and dragons in high school and couldn't land a date if he had a billion dollars (although I think he's finding out terrorists don't have unlimited access to Twinkies in caves). Rather than just become the next Comic Book Guy from the Simpsons, he decides to join Al-Qaida so he can feel like he belongs and be an instant hero. If this isn't the perfect example of somebody who is so greedy and evil that he puts his ego ahead of the lives of millions of innocent people, I don't know what is.

The funny thing is, he'll be a virgin not only on this planet, but in the afterlife as well, because methinks he won't be going where there are 72 virgins.

Why Emulate Europe?

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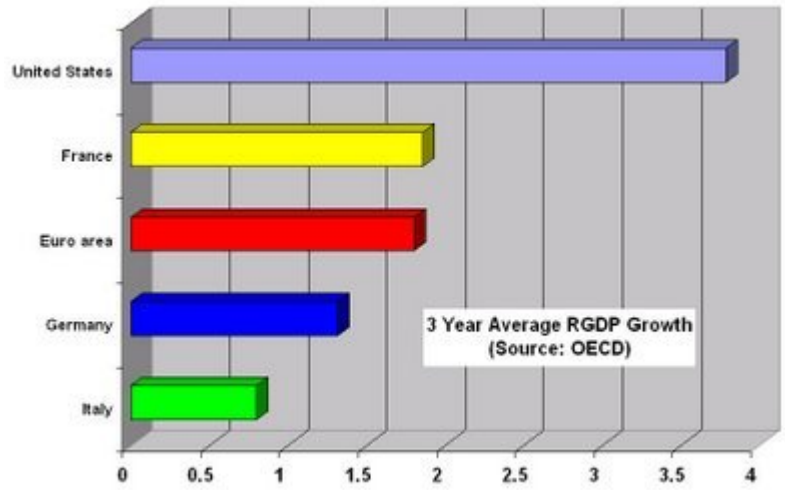
So The Economist came out with this chart.

And if you noticed the same thing I did, it's missing the United States.

So I did two things;

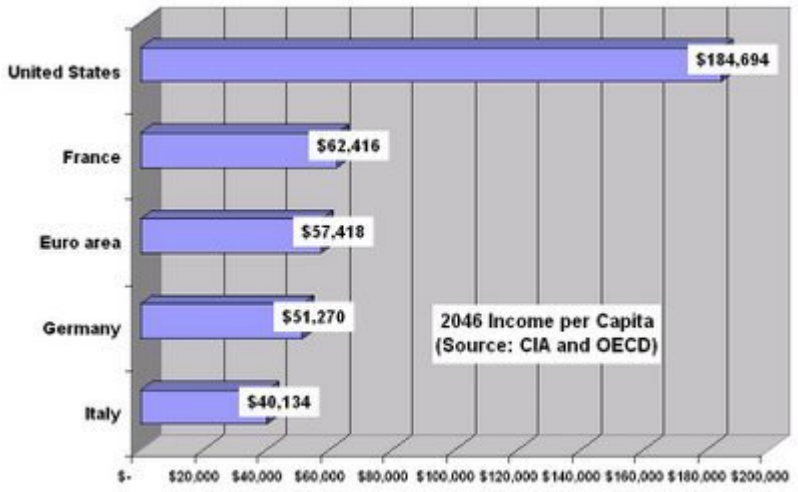
1. I pulled the RGDP growth figures for the US from the OECD to get a comparison.
2. I went back 3 years for the above chart only does the annualized growth from the 2nd quarter of 2005 to the 2nd quarter of 2006 and therefore really isn't a fair comparison of these countries' abilities to produce wealth over the long run.



Heh heh.

So I ask the question, why is it the left wishes to emulate Europe so badly? I mean, sure, they have free health care (technically so do we) and free education, but fast forward 40 years into the future applying the same 3 year average growth rates to current GDPs/capita and this is the standards of living we'll have (I am aware of some of the mathemtical short-comings of this calcualtion, but it's just a ball park figure. Please don't be anal retentive and point them out as to some vast, gapping oversight on my part. Additionally, upon further thought, I will do a more comprehensive calculation and put up

a super spiffy chart addressing this).



Don't you think by this time we'd be able to afford decent health care coverage for all people and it would take a mere fraction of our GDP unlike the current 15% it does now? I mean, you think about it, if you allow an economy to grow, that growth will wipe out more poverty, provide for more schools, health care, etc. etc., that it will effectively dwarf those social ailments. Allowing the economy to grow does more to wipe out poverty than any government social program ever could.

Meanwhile all the left can do is froth at the mouth about redistributing wealth NOW with little regard as to the consequences it will have on the country's ability to produce wealth in the future.

If only the left actually gave a damn about the poor enough to the point they'd take an economics class.

The Adventures of Captain Capitalism in Rapid City!

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Hey All,

Well here's the quick one two;

Thanks to Neal Boortz I got 15,000+ hits in one day. Not to mention over 100 posts/e-mails. Oddly I didn't think it one of my best posts so you should read ALL my posts, tell friends and drive my stats up to the point I don't have to work ever again. Otherwise you are a triple commie weenie.

Unfortunately I won't be able to respond to every e-mail and post but I did want to give you all a sincere thanks for visiting my site.

Second, remember it is your Patriotic and American Duty to tune into The Economics Supper Club this Saturday where I, your host, Captain Capitalism will dispense even MORE wisdom. You can listen online here and call in;

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Thirdly, immediately after the show I'm heading out to Rapid City, South Dakota for a well earned vacation. Well, actually, it isn't a vacation, but more an expedition to scope out property out there as I wouldn't mind retiring in the Black Hills. That being said I'll try to get some fossil hunting in, hiking in, and bring back some pretty pictures. I also want to gamble in Deadwood with a blond, western type moll on my arm because this is America and I deserve it.

The whole point, posts will be a little slow if any for the next couple of days. I'll try to post something though.

A Couple Posts Before I Go

September 9, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Saw this movie.

Great movie, don't get me wrong, but it wasn't anything I didn't already know, but it just made things much more clear.

The footage alone of a 3 year old Muslim girl telling the interviewer she thinks Jews come from apes and monkeys, or literally the DOZEN of different 5-8 year old girls saying they want to kill Bush and see Sharon burn, makes it worth seeing just to see how effed up these people are.

Additionally to see how they portray Jews making "matzo" (I think) in a movie where the Jews sacrifice a Christian boy for his blood to make this food (which presumably is accepted lore in the Arabic world) AND the borderline identical hate-propaganda of the Nazis and the Muslims against the Jews was just amazing.

Regardless, if you are not a Neville Chamberlain type and have your head out of your ass, it will just remind you of the severity of the situation (that are you can just have your jaw drop when you see Brigitte Gabriel come on screen - show looks better in the movie)

Where it would be particularly moving is if you showed it to some of these brainwashed sheople protestor types who think "George Bush is the real terrorist."

If the Shoe Were on the Other Foot...

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I remember this girl called "Michelle" whose last name escapes me now.

Life-long academian, will never amount to anything, will never contribute one penny to GDP. Will just bitch and whine about everything while she pursues her anthropology degree at San Diego State.

She happened to be Asian.

And on a political discussion board she made (and vehemently defended) that only white people can be racist.

Now normally thinking people...heck, just plain THINKING people will realize this is not only utterly stupid, but truly racist. ***Because of your skin color only whites can be racist?***

I can see it now;

"*Me? Oh, I'm not white, so I can spit in your face, burn effigies of white people (or any other people as well I suppose) and should I ever become an HR director discriminate and only hire Asians because I'm not white and thus, it's genetically impossible for me to discriminate.*"

Idiocy.

Now, I'd like to chalk that up to just one enormously stupid and bigotted person. To think that because they're not white, they are incapable of discrimination and prejudice.

I guess I was wrong.

For you see Swanblog went and found something interesting.

His post is a bit lengthy, but the jist of it is there was a coalition of minority lawyer groups in the Twin Cities that wanted to throw a Shrimp Boil. Which is all fine and good. Until you go to the invite which I've posted below incase they take it down.

Now truth be known, I'm all for their right to choose to discriminate on who they let into their little party. If all participating members and groups decided not to let whites in, fine, it's their party, not as diverse as it could be, racist by definition if you're using race as a qualifier to attend the party, but hey, it's not my gig.

But could you imagine what would happen if the reverse was done? That instead of the Asian, Hispanic, Black, etc. lawyers guild exlcuding non-minorities the "Norwegian, British, Irish French" lawyers guild excluded minorities??? You'd have an endless assault of law suits and more media coverage than 9-11.

I guess it truly is only whites that can be racist.

Know Anybody Out in Rapid City?

September 10, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hey aspiring and junior deputy economists.

As you know I'm enroute to Rapid City for my well-deserved vacation.

That being said I know nothing of the social life there and outside camping and scoping out a couple investments DOES ANYBODY KNOW ANYBODY IN RAPID CITY???

I checked the Rapid City Journal and it seems all the have is kareoke and square dancing!!!

Getting...weak...need...jazz....must have...martini...cannot..fight...the...achey...breaky...heart... Line...dancing...weakening...brainwaves....must....find...copy of....Economist

E-mail me captcapitalism@yahoo.com if one would be so kind to line me up with a guide.

Transparent as Glass

September 10, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hey kids and junior deputy economists, before you read on, make sure to read this and then this .

OK, you can go on now.

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U.S. Muslims To React To Alleged Airline Terror Plot

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-MEDIA ADVISORY -

U.S. MUSLIMS TO REACT TO ALLEGED AIRLINE TERROR PLOT

(WASHINGTON, DC, 8/10/06) - On Thursday, August 10, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will hold a noon news conference in Washington, D.C., to offer the Muslim community's reaction to an alleged plot to blow up passenger planes between Britain and the United States.

British officials say 21 people have been arrested after a months-long investigation. American authorities reacted to the arrests by raising the threat level for air transport to "red."

WHAT: CAIR to React to Alleged UK/US Airline Terror Plot
WHEN: Thursday, August 10, Noon
WHERE: CAIR's Capitol Hill Headquarters, 453 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C.
CONTACT: CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper, 202-488-8787 or 202-744-7726, E-Mail: ihooper@cair-net.org

"The American Muslim community supports efforts to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public," said CAIR Executive Director Nihad Awad. "We once again urge law enforcement authorities and elected officials to caution against stereotyping entire religious or ethnic groups based on the alleged actions of individuals."

http://www.cair-net.org/default.asp?Page=articleView&id=2250&theType=NR

ALLEGED? Worried about stereotyping????

How about you guys try this;

"WE'RE SORRY!"

I think you'll get a little further along in your aims in admitting its Muslim radical freaks that are causing this instead of immediately going to defend these dogs. And maybe a condemnation of the action? HMMMM???

I Left My Heart in Deadwood, South Dakota

September 12, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Greetings fellow economists from Spear Fish, South Dakota!

I admit the above title doesn't quite have the ring Tony Bennett or Dean Martin gave San Francisco, BUT

there is no sweeter music to my ears than winning enough at Black Jack to pay for not only lodging but drinks as well.

Sadly I had to leave the black jack table with my winnings and continue on in my pursuit to study the Black Hills as a potential for investment property, but I'll always fondly remember Deadwood.

How Much You Wanna Bet…

September 15, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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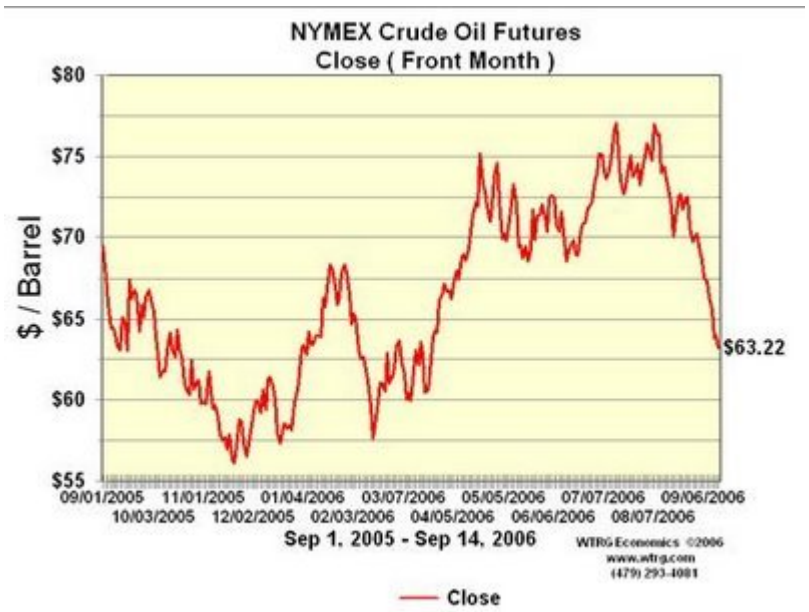
That it's only a matter of time before socialist conspiracy idiots (that would be the mainstream democratic party) starts spewing bumpersticker soundbytes that George Bush is behind the dramatic drop in gas prices in a blantant attempt to affect the 2006 election?



I was going to suggest perhaps the slowing of the GDP growth coinciding with the end of the summer travel season, but that's just too damn logical now isn't it?

Drudge Has a Sense of Humor

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Clooney Urges U.N. Action... Who gives a f#ck?

What else is new?

Really, the Muslims are in a rage over the Pope? Really? No kidding. You mean the same people that killed others because of some political cartoons are easily set off. Wow, who would have guessed.

God, what a sad life to lead. Think about that for a second. Some head of some religion quotes some book of his religion 2,000 miles away, and your life is so void of meaning and you LITERALLY HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO that this is all it takes to get you to take precious and finite minutes and piss it away burning flags??!!!???!!!!

Much as I want to kill terrorists and radicals, something tells me they live in their own hell.

From My Beloved Sister

September 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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One of her friends had a child and she put her doctorate wisdom to use and made this little motivational poster;

You may laugh, but as I've pointed out before, the fertility rate and standards of living are inversely related and children do bring about stupidity.

Muslims Have Humor

September 16, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Once you move out of the medieval ages and join the rest of the world we'll apologize.

Obsession

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So hands down the best movie in the world is Die Hard. No arguing about it, Bruce Willis was fighting terrorism back in 1988! Shows you just how cool he is!

Regardless saw a movie here in Minneapolis that is almost, ALMOST as good. Additionally it's also a documentary. Which would be kind of like when I was in high school, finding a novel that was almost as good as a comic book, but we all know even the best novel can't be as good as the worst comic book.

Anyway, the move is called Obsession. No doubt some of you are aware of it, but if you haven't seen it I'd recommend doing so. If I'm reading the web sites correctly, unfortunately it's only being shown in Minneapolis (which is in part why they'd like to get exposure so they could get nationwide showings). And it's only being shown until THURSDAY.

Here are the show times and locations.

A DVD release will be coming.

Anyway, I'm plugging the movie not because I have a hand in it, but because it really is worth seeing. Not just for evil fascist, right wingers like myself, but for pretty much anybody interested in what makes Muslims tick, and drives some of them to hating you so much they'd like to blow you up even though you've never met them. (It may also go to explain some of the behavior we've seen recently in some of my posts below).

NOT A DATE MOVIE HOWEVER! Kind of more of the serious strain. You know, 3 year olds chanting how they want to blow themselves up to kill Bush and Sharon. Doesn't really put the girl in the mood. Maybe go with the guys. But definitely take some of these nut jobs from the "all cultures are equal" crowd and the brainwashed PC "you can't criticize Islam" crowd. It would make for some excellence silence on their part.

If I Hear About How We Use Slave Labor One More Time...

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I love purchasing power parity. The concept (actually, reality) that what really matters is purchasing power, not the nominal wage a person is paid.

Now, your standard trophy wife sitting in the suburbs whose husband makes all the real money while she contemplates how to make her child psychology degree mean something, sits there and after watching "The View" looks around and says, "gosh, I'm pathetic. I haven't done anything with my life. But I must do something, because my 1970's brainwashing tells me to do so."

Of course most of us know that it would be best if she did NOTHING. That she didn't think, that she sat there innoculated from the rest of the world and continued on to eat her bon bons and leave the world be.

But oh no, they have to go on a crusade.

Now, one of these many crusades they decide to go on is fighting for the poorer people of the world. To fight against "slave labor" and to buy coffee from shops that pay a "living wage."

So with little thinking they read in Mother Jones or what have you that the "poor children of country X are paid 43 cents per decade and must eat shrubs to live" and it's all the fault of rich people in the US (of course they'd be paid NOTHING if it weren't for us, so I guess 43 cent is worse than nothing). Regardless, this is why there's this trend to go "organic" and shop at places like Whole Foods amongst the upper classes.

The problem is that when these wage figures are quoted, they are not adjusted for purchasing power. Yes, of course Akbar may make $3/day which in New York City will get you nothing. But in Indonesia it has the equivalent purchasing power of say $25. It's not too unlike

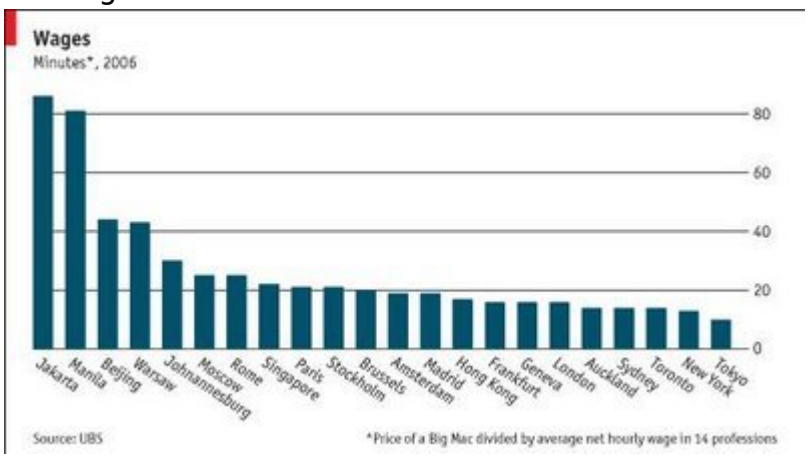
"how much will $10 buy you in Des Moines, Iowa" - Answer 3 heads of cattle, 40 acres of farmland, your own personal F-16 fighter plane and a keg of beer.

versus

"how much will $10 buy you in San Francisco." - parking for 20 minutes.

So to make purchasing power parity understandable, even to the suburbanite trophy wives that could never pass high school algebra, the good men and women at UBS put together this spiffy chart that shows you how long it takes to earn the money to buy a very standard and universal good;

The Big Mac.



I recall being a poo-shoveller making $3.15/hr in the 7th grade, which is about as long as it takes for your average China man to earn the same amount of money for a Big Mac.

"Slave labor" my ass.

The Best of Captain Capitalism – Oil Posts

September 19, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hey Kids,

Are you sick and tired of the other kids on the block regurgitating their bumper sticker sound bytes about how Bush orchestrated the drop in oil prices for the election?

Tired of stupid, brainwashed leftist whiners going out of their way to abandon all rational thinking and logic so they can get their jollies off of subscribing to outlandish conspiracy theories?

Sickened by the utter hypocrisy of socialists who will disregard the pursuit of the truth and the well-being of the nation in order to make themselves feel like intellectuals and espouse ridiculous levels of stupidity?

Well, sit there in utter silence with your jaw on the floor as you cannot comprehend their stupidity no more when you hit them buck-side the back of their head with…(dun dun DUUUUNNNNN!)

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Captain Capitalism Reader #1 – "I used to go to parties, like with all my liberal friends in college. And like they were all like totally going on about how Bush and Cheney controlled the supply of oil. And then I read Captain Capitalism's post about who really owns all the oil reserves and found out that the US "Big Oil" companies really only control 2% of the

world's oil reserves. Likeohmygod! So I printed off the post and showed it to my friends and they sat there in silence and said, "whatever." So the next day they voted me out of the sorority because I violated their weight requirements, but ever since then they haven't talked about big oil and Bush and Cheney! Thanks Captain!"

Captain Capitalism Reader #2 – "So I work at a public school and while in the teachers' lounge I was listening to some of the other teachers talk about how they thought it was highway robbery paying $3.50/gallon for gas to fill their SUV's. They blamed it on Bush. But then I pulled up this post on the Captain's site and showed them that the high prices were really a combination of high global demand for oil, a limited refining capacity, China's voracious demand, and a "risk premium" in the middle east, not to mention a weak dollar. Bush really had nothing to do with it. After that some men in trench coats from the teachers union beat me senseless with a tire iron, but at least the other school teachers don't blather on about Bush and Big Oil anymore! Thanks Captain!"

Captain Capitalism Reader #3 – "Yo man. So I was like hangin with my homies and word up g, get dis. Al Sharpton comes up to me and says, "you know prices are coming down just because Bush wants his cronies getting re-elected." And I was like, "whoa, step-off man! That's like crazy freaky sh!t because my man Captain Capitalism predicted you leftist perps would be push that sh!t on us, thinking we was some dumb flock o' sheep willing to be brainwashed and follow you anywhere. Next thing you know you'd be saying some girl was raped by a bunch of white cops when she wasn't. I owe it to my main man Captain C for keeping in the truth. Thanks Captain!"

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OK, so the latest drop in gas prices have triggered the now-to-be-expected-knee-jerk-reaction that when anything goes well under the Bush administration is was orchestrated to get his cronies elected and further send us down the path to totalitarianism.

Saddam Hussein
Al-Zarqawi
Now gas prices and I'm not joking, THE FREAKING SPINACH!!!

Ug. They complain when gas prices are too high because all of Bush's Big Oil Buddies are making a mint, they complain when it's low because it's obviously a scheme to affect elections. Cripes, the stupidity is really jaw-dropping.

Now, I know, I know, you understand how the price of gas works; SUPPLY AND DEMAND. I understand this. And anybody with Jello for a brain will understand this, but for your standard leftists who really doesn't have a brain, just more really a brain stem actually and is only capable of rote rehearsal and knee-jerk thinking, thus making them susceptible to conspiracy theories I've compiled a list here of reasons why gas prices have come down;

1. GDP has slowed slightly from its previous break neck speed of 5.9% down to 2.9% thereby lowering demand for oil.

2. BP's oil pipeline problems are not as severe as they previously thought.

3. This minor discovery of oil in the Gulf of Mexico that potentially could boost US reserves by 50%.

4. Summer driving season is over.

Understand when you pose these figures/facts to your hot air socialist friends a set of behaviors will occur;

1. They'll shut up for a couple seconds.
2. The next word out of their mouths will be "Well."
As in "well…ummm…you know…"
Or as in "well, that's uhhh…because…"

since they don't know what to say because their brain just got served.

3. They will inevitably ignore the glaring evidence you've pointed to in front of them as being irrelevant and denying the truth.

4. They will then move on to another topic of conversation.

Now, I've receive many complaints from consumers of Captain Capitalism's REALITY in that it doesn't convince leftists they're wrong.

I have to make a clarification here.

Captain Capitalism’s REALITY has made no claims about being able to convert leftists. All it claims to do is get them to shut up. That’s all. Getting a leftist to admit they’re wrong and convert into a capitalist requires something much more Herculean, a life-shattering event that changes their outlook on life…something like them supporting themselves and paying taxes or a Bolshevikian Revolution followed by 70 years of misery and 40 million deaths.

That being said, please feel free to use Captain Capitalism’s REALITY. Something tells me between now and November we’ll need it regarding this gas price tripe.

(PS-I noticed that nobody is clicking on the links, THAT'S WHERE THE REALLY GOOD CHARTS ARE!!!! And they're very pretty too, I used lot's of colors)

Yeah, Right. "Evil" Corporations

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US Treasury Sets New 1-Day Tax Receipt Record Of $85.8 Billion

Tuesday September 19th, 2006 / 0h04

WASHINGTON -(Dow Jones)- The U.S. government recorded record-high overall and corporate tax receipts on Sept. 15, which was a quarterly deadline for tax payments, the Treasury said Monday.

Total tax receipts were $85.8 billion on Friday, compared with the previous one-day record of $71 billion on Sept. 15 of last year, the Treasury said.

Within the overall figure, corporate tax receipts Friday were $71.8 billion, up from $63 billion in September of last year.

Treasury Undersecretary for Domestic Finance Randal Quarles said Friday's numbers provided a "continuing demonstration of the strength of the U.S. economy."

"In fact, Friday's gross receipts were the largest in a single day in the nation's history - 20% higher than receipts on the same quarterly tax payment date last year," Quarles said in a statement.

-By Benton Ives-Halperin, Dow Jones Newswires; 202-862-9255; Benton.Ives-Halperin@dowjones.com

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Next time some spoiled brat socialist whines and gripes about how corporations are evil and that they don't pay their fair share, I'm going to ask them how many social programs $71.8 billion would finance.

Boycott Citgo, DUH!

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This was from NOVEMBER OF 2005. This is why I'm called the "captain." Additionally, I'd like to point out just what a traitorous slob Ted Kennedy is.

So JFK stands up to the communists during the Cuban Missile Crisis only to have his son (?) conspire with a communist for political gain.

http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/11/22/venezuela.us.fuel.ap/index.html

What's sad is the poor people of Boston are not going to see through this farse and think that Chavez and communism are great things. Little do they realize that Venezuelans have seen their standards of living decrease since Hugo came into power and the same would be in store for them if communism were enacted here.

I'll also bet two things;

1. Liberals and democrats will patronize Citgo as Hugo pulls off more and more attention-getting stints like this.
2. Conservatives and Republicans are so placated in their suburbia cookie cutter world, they're too stupid to boycott Citgo.

A Much Needed Repost - You Go for Hugo? I Go for Hugo? We All Go for Hugo!

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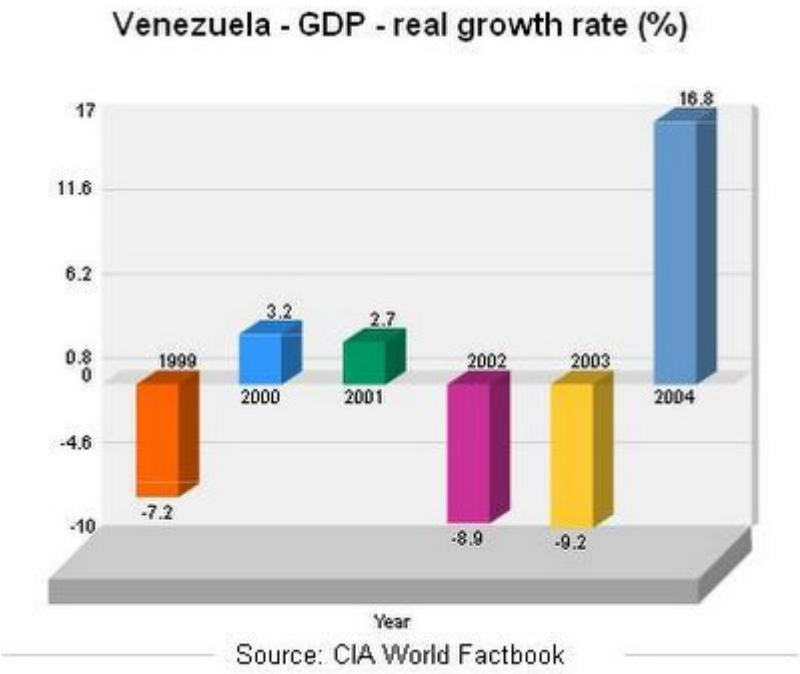
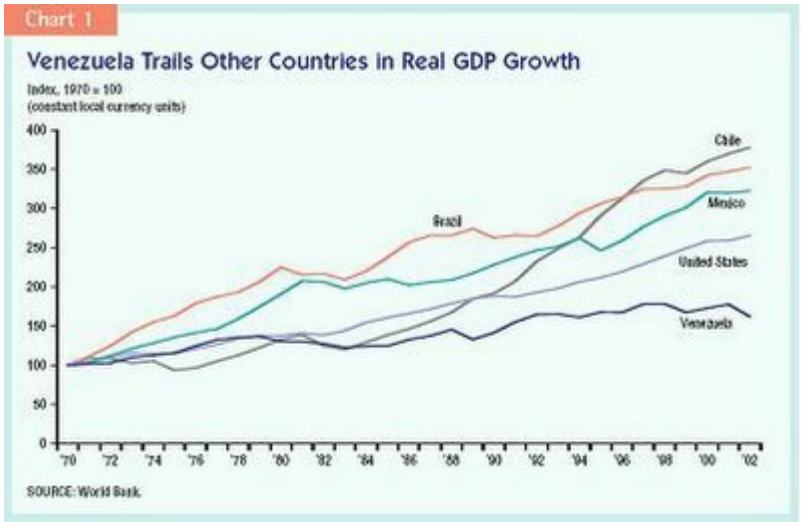
Given Hugo Chavez's comments at the UN recently, I think it necessary to highlight this putz's track record. Additionally I will reinterate my insistence people boycott Citgo;

Since Hugo Chavez seems to be in the news a lot recently being visited by Harry Belafonte and Cindy Sheehan and other varied enemies of the US, I thought it would be beneficial to the readers to highlight Venezuela in a similar fashion that I did Ireland.

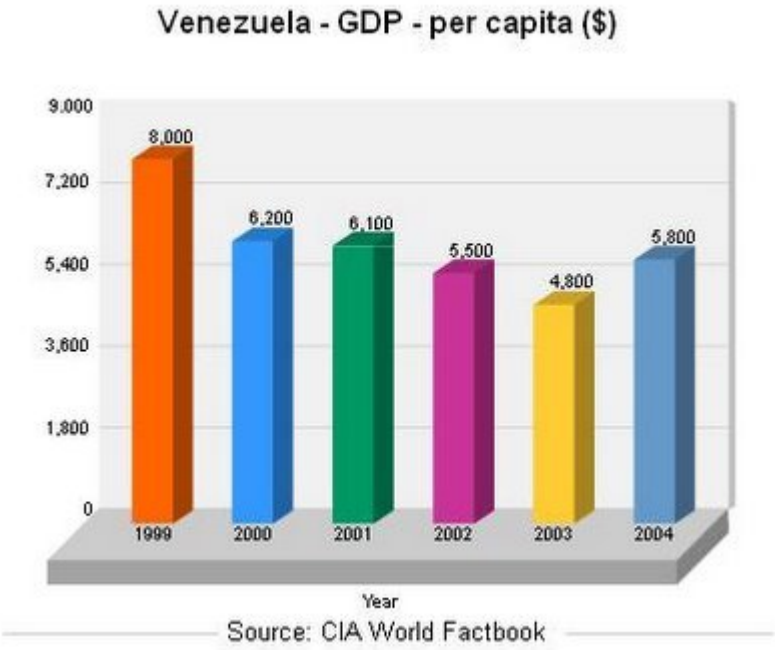
Hugo took over in 1998 and ever since then everything has more or less gone down the toilet. Then again what did you expect when a the self-proclaimed socialist revolutionary starts implementing socialist policies?

GDP has tanked, even during years when oil prices were high, and it wasn't until oil prices got stratospheric did they experience any growth until 2004. Of course none of this has to do with the people working harder or smarter, it just has to do with the price of a commodity increasing.

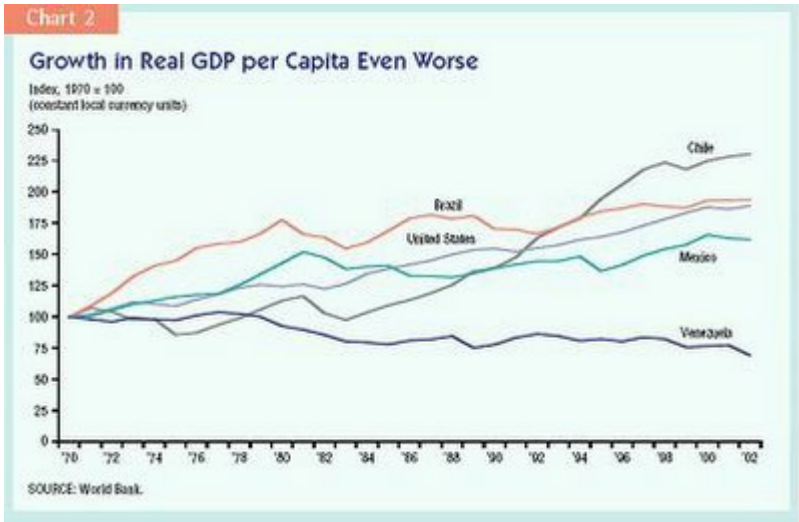




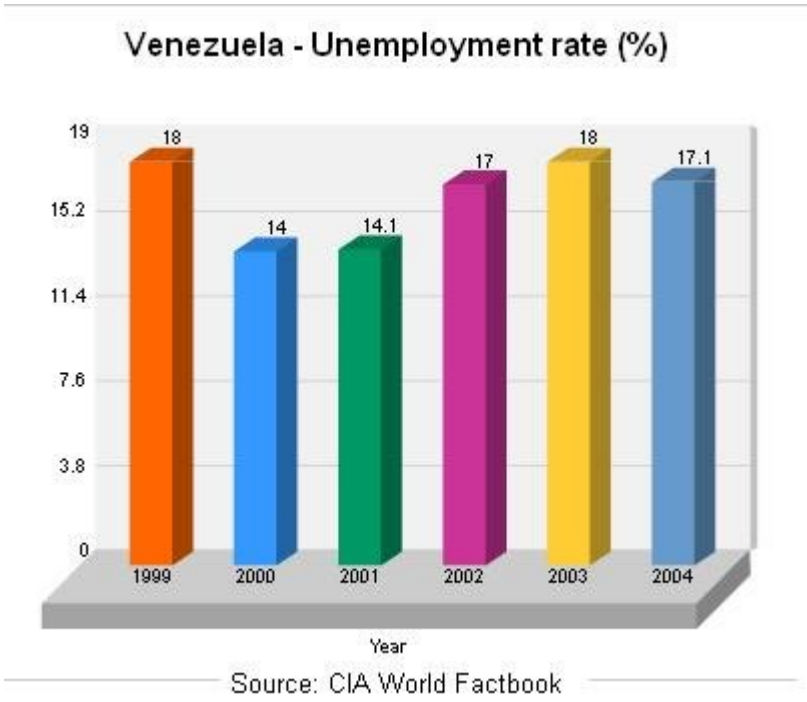
As GDP tanks, so too does a GDP per capita have a tendency to tank. Again, socialists seem more to care about every body being equally miserable than everybody being disproportionately better off.



The most watched TV show in Venezuela seems to be "That 70's Show" as it reminds them of the good ol' days when they were 33% richer. 40 years have passed and they join Africa in one of the few places on the planet where standards of living have actually decreased despite all these technological and commercial innovations and advances.



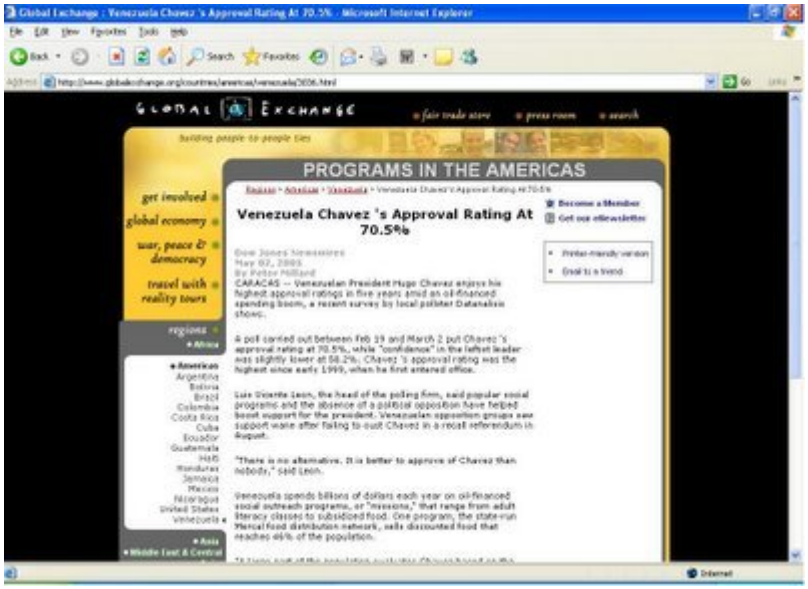
Remember how our economy was the "worst economy in 50 years!" That was with 6% unemployment. The beloved socialist policies the left in America would like to emulate would seem to triple that.



Also Hugo is no Alan Greenspan.

Source: CIA World Factbook

So with chronic deterioration in standards of living, Great Depression levels of unemployment, and all accelerated under the rule of Chavez, how do ordinary Venezuelans repsond?



Alas, it seems 70.5% of the Venezuelans are idiots.

But at least some of their women are pretty hot.

Scott Stantis at It Again

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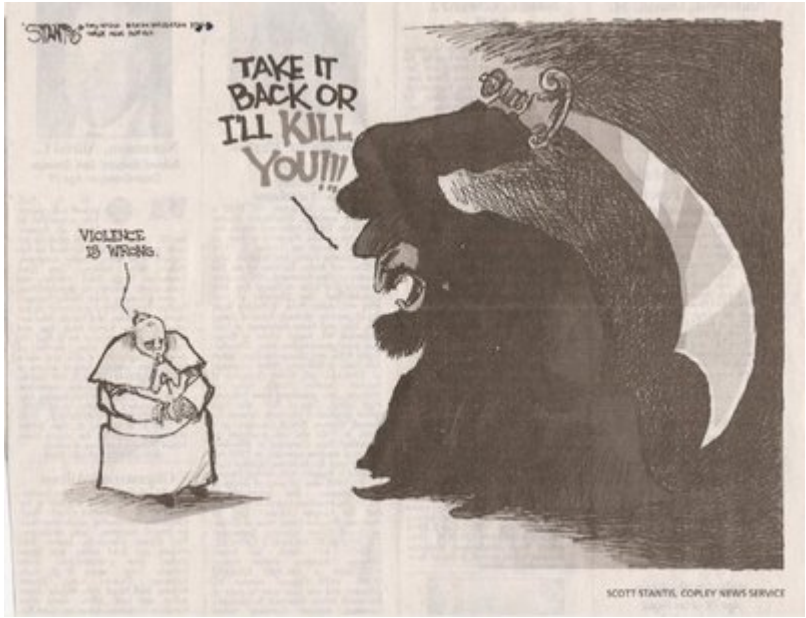
So I'm OK with the ladies.

I'm better with words.

And I'm great with charts.

But Scott has a tendency to wipe me clean on all accounts with his pictures.



As I've said before, go visit him because I don't know how legal it is for me to post his cartoons here.

Wal-Mart is Just SOOOOO EVIL!!!!

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http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060921/D8K9A7TO7.html

The socialists always focus on what Wal-Mart pays its employees, ie-how much people make. They never focus on what truly matters, as it is purchasing power that really determines standards of living.

This is going to drive them nuts; a large, profitable US corporation doing what they couldn't do in 30 years; delivering cheap drugs to the poor.

Morons.

Math Tells Me Yes, But My Heart Tells Me No

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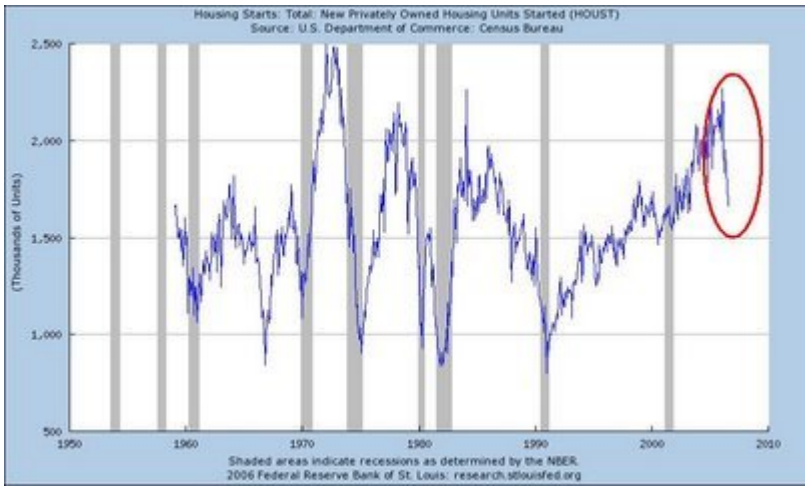
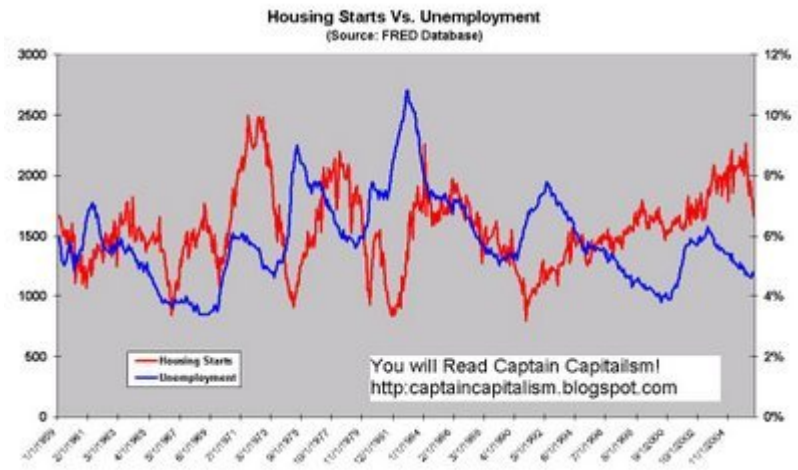
So there are many indicators I look at that to me would predict a recession, but probably the biggest one I look at (probably more because it was something pointed out to me so long ago) was that housing starts were an excellent leading indicator to the rest of the economy. Usually with a 6-12 month lag, when housing starts tank, recessions usually ensue. And ever since the FRED Database at the St. Louis Federal Reserve started imbedding them there nice slim shaddy (get it, "shaddy" because they're gray, like shade, but with the doubling meaning on the obvious ploy of Eminem's song "Slim Shaddy" huh? Get it? The pun I mean???) to indicate recessions, it helps make it very easy to illustrate my point.

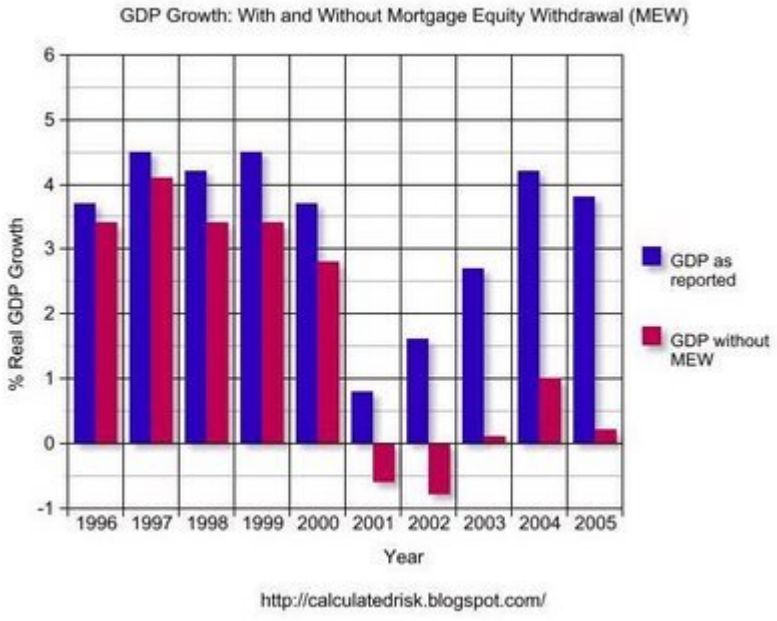


However, it wasn't necessarily the contraction of GDP that tipped me off to the correlation as much as it was how housing starts and unemployment act like a double helix;



Now there are many things that would suggest to me that we're in for a recession. The obvious correlations above. The fact that consumer spending financed by fat-debt-bloated Americans with their addicted home-equity-loan spending has been having an artifical effect on the growth of the economy (and without perpetually increasing property

prices this binge will end).



The utter patheticness of Gen X and future generations insisting on majoring in crap. And let's not forget all of this under the umbrella of constant threats from Muslim nutjobs, with a whimper weak retort from American's "leaders," and the impending social security and medicare crisis.

But it just ain't in my blood. I don't "feel" a recession coming on. It's odd, but contrary to all the mathematical evidence I have, I just got this gut feeling that the economy will be doing just fine for the next 12-16 months.

Alas, perhaps I'm one of the few economists that hasn't had the soul of economics kicked out of me and instead of replacing it with advanced econometrics, statistics, mathematics and models that no matter how complex are still finite, I still have a little faith in chaos, gambling and gut reactions.

Hugo vs. Bush

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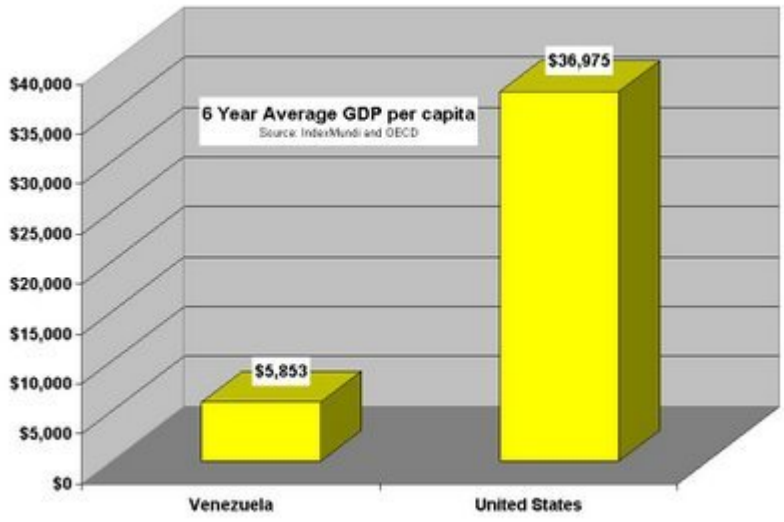
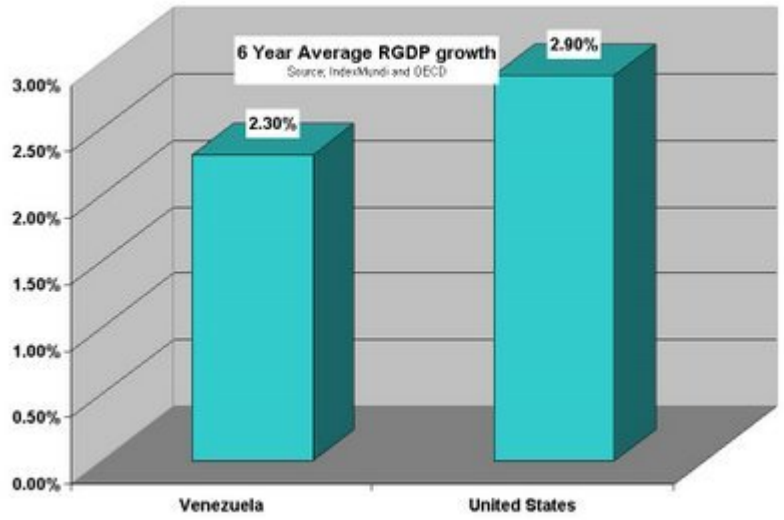
So I figure with Hugo Chavez claiming our president is the devil and such a bad man, and many of you socialists in America agreeing with him, that maybe this might be an appropriate time to dispense a measure of "REALITY." So I took a look at some various socio-economic figures between Bush and Hugo over the past 6 years, to compare the left's hero versus the "devil's" 6 years in office thus far.

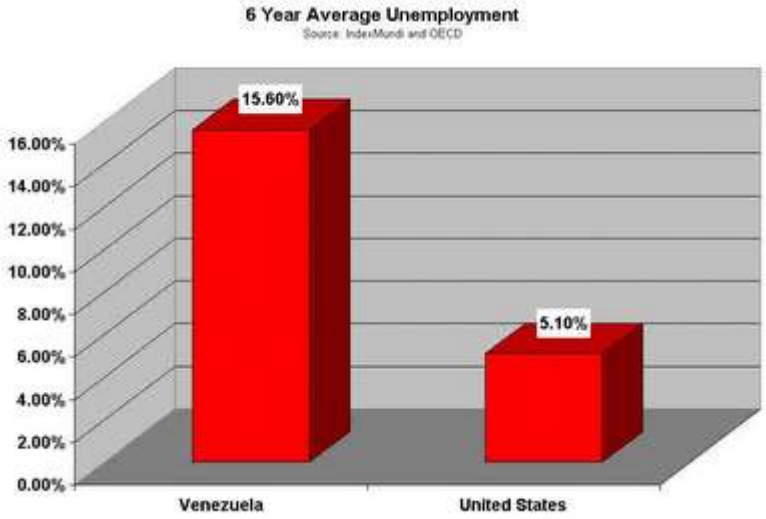
GDP per capita under Bush vs. Hugo



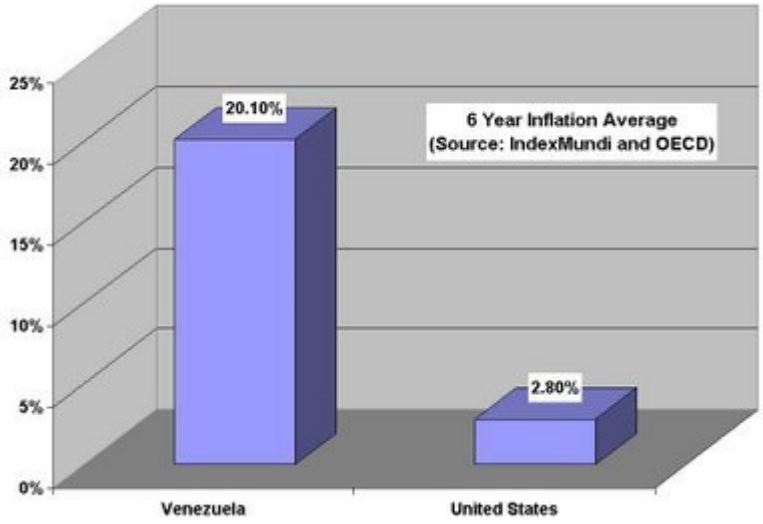
Real GDP Growth under Hugo vs. Bush



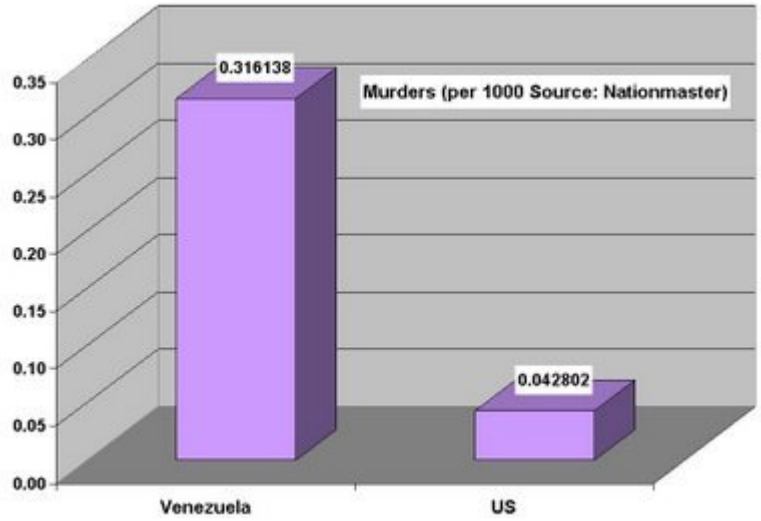
Unemployment under Hugo vs. Bush



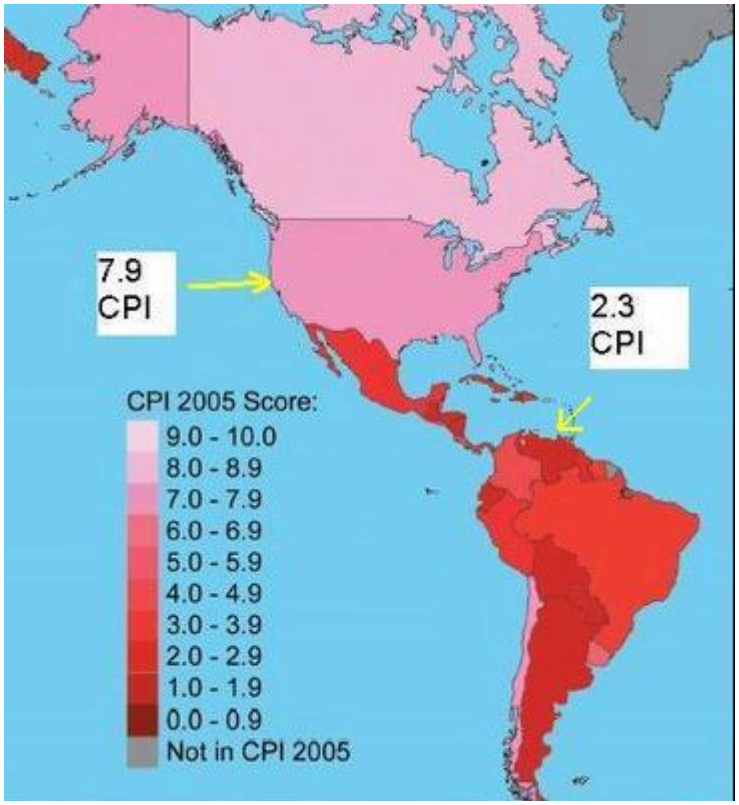
Inflation under Hugo vs. Bush

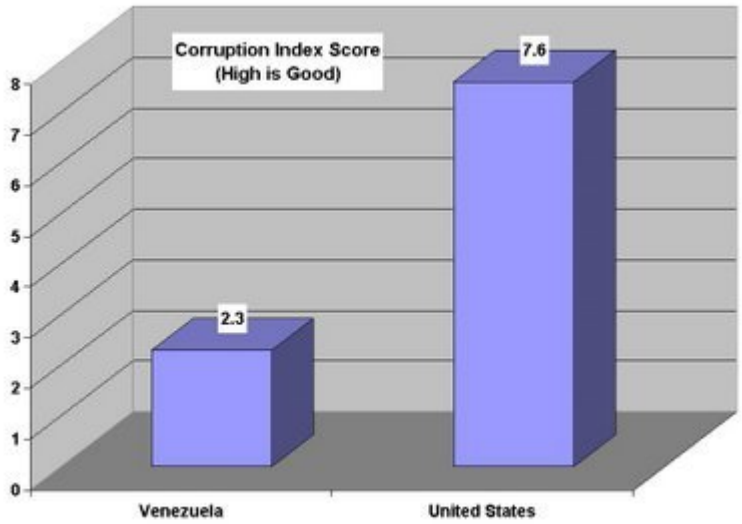


Murders under Hugo vs. Bush



Corruption under Hugo vs. Bush (sorry, my bad, map was previously pointing to Peru. No offense meant to Peruvians)





But here's my favorite. Hugo Chavez, alleged hero of the left, advocate of the poor, who constantly slams on neo-liberalism and capitalism, joins forces with the few remaining communists left on the planet, Cuba and North Korea, who champions the confiscation of "rich people's" wealth to redistribute it to the poor HAS AN EVEN WORSE INCOME DISTRIBUTION THAN THAT EVIL COUNTRY UNDER THAT EVIL CAPIALIST DICTATOR GEORGE BUSH!!!

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#37	Uruguay	44.6
#38	Cameroon	44.6
#39	Kenya	44.5
#40	Mongolia	44
#41	China	44
#42	Hong Kong	43.4
#43	Uganda	43

(to be intellectually honest I would like an updated gini coefficient if anybody has it)

And we have to listen to this 52-year-old-come-spoiled-breat-18-year-old-Chomsky-college-student-reading schmuck-putz lecture us about Bush being the devil???

It is glaringly obvious that Hugo has no desire to actually help the poor people in his country or the rest of the world, it's just about him and clinging to power and feeding his ego. And for all you leftist hypocrites out there who actually endorse this scumbag under the guise, "he's advocating socialism and helping out the poor" WHEN HE HAS A WORSE GINI COEFFICIENT THAT THE UNITED STATES it just shows the rest of us the truth;

That you're absolutely not about helping the poor as much as you are being anti-American or so utterly stupid that you will bring this great country down and lose those precious social freedoms you cherish so much because of your ignorance.

You literally should be ashmed of yourself for such stupidity, hypocrisy and being so damn gullible.

Vast Prosperity Begat "The Mystery" - Repost

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One of the more popular local radio shows in the Twin Cities area is called Garage Logic. And one of the running gigs they have is “the Mystery.” “The Mystery” is where you would have people lobbying their city council to ban leaf blowers because of the pollution and noise. Or middle-aged, gray ponytailed Baby Boomers protesting the war on the bridges spanning over the Mississippi. Or overzealous do-gooders passing smoking bans.. At first it seemed to confuse the host so much that I wrote this theory as to explain “The Mystery.” Then it dawned on me that if “The Mystery” were solved, the whole "Mystery" gig wouldn't fly anymore. Kind of like preventing Niles and Daphney from ever getting together. However, I think the insights provided in my explanation does explain these people’s behavior and to a larger extent what ultimately drives liberals. Hope you enjoy.

The epitome of the mystery is that there are people out there who act, say, and believe things that are completely illogical. They then give you an incredibly weak or obscure rationale as to why they do, say or believe such things. This can range from a government worker demanding higher pay when they’re already paid 30% more than their private sector counterparts, to a mob of students destroying the downtown Seattle area in protest against globalization, to an environmentalist claiming that cutting your lawn with a weed whacker emits 2 million pounds of greenhouse gases into the environment.

At first glance they are seemingly unrelated. However, there is a common thread they share and this is the solution, the reason why there is the mystery;

They refuse to adhere to reality because they are lazy.

It is quite a link to claim that an environmentalist who insists a sole weed whacker emits 2 million pounds of greenhouse gases does so because he doesn’t want to adhere to reality because his is lazy, but let me make several daring and dangerous links.

First off, there is a reality. There is a real world. It is the world we all live in, and whether we accept it or not, we have no choice but to abide by it.

Governing this real world are many laws, but two undeniable laws in particular are related to The Mystery;

One, in order for a society to survive they must produce the goods and services necessary for survival and produce them more efficiently should society wish to improve standards of living.

Two, it is human nature to be lazy – i.e. to get more for less.

It is these two undeniable (and diametrically opposed) laws that necessitate an economic system that is based in reality. This economic system must be based in human nature and what they are prone to do, not in human kindness or what we would hope for them to do. It is because of this that capitalism is the most efficient and successful economic system and any attempts otherwise, as evidenced by the former Soviet Union, current day North Korea, former Marxist Ethiopia, Cuba, etc., are bound to fail.

Therefore, capitalism is not debatable, it is reality.

However, capitalism is not infallible and has one great weakness;

It has a tendency to spoil its participants.

Be it a Baby Boomer who had the luxury of growing up during the post WWII economic boom turned 60's radical, leftist, anti-war hippie, or their modern day suburbanite anti-globalization protestor equivalent, both share a common trait;

They largely owe their unrivalled standards of living, employment, and wealth to capitalism, ie-vast prosperity.

Yet at the same time capitalism is so successful that it effectively shields them from the harsh realities of life. And without having to work, strive or suffer for that wealth, these people, especially when growing up, not only take such high standards of living, employment and wealth for granted, but consider them rights and entitlements.

It is this dichotomy that creates the environment in which The Mystery can form. On one hand, capitalism is providing for the livelihood of an individual. But at the same time spoils the individual so much that he/she can afford to revert back to their lazy human nature and purport the most outlandish theories and ideologies that are not based in reality but rather in their own selfish, human nature desires. This disconnect from reality and intentional ignorance of how capitalism/the real world works effectively allows a person to "have their cake and eat it too." The result is a person can then live off the system, using whatever excuse or rationale to forego responsibility and hold beliefs or live a lifestyle that runs contradictory to what we Garage Logicians know to be fact, truth, reality and logical.

Having said that, it would seem only spoiled children can be Mysterians presuming that once they entered the real world, and were forced to get jobs to support themselves they would become adults and grow up. However, two things effectively prevent this. One, capitalism is so successful that a good portion of the population can (and in some cases are) being taken care of by their parents' money well into their 40's, and some trust fund

babies, indefinitely. Two, over the course of the past 30 years, a system has been installed in our society that allows people (wealthy or not) the option of never having to get a real job, with real work, effectively shielding them from the real world for the entirety of their adult lives, namely what I call the "non-private sector;"

Academia, NGO's, the public sector, non-profit industries, etc.

Thus, instead of real jobs in the private sector where competition inevitably forces production, efficiency, and the reality that one must work hard to succeed, one can now major in philosophy, women's studies, Hyphenated-American studies, sociology, communications and the uber-Mysterian "peace studies." And no longer do they have to get jobs as a machinist, an accountant, a doctor, a janitor, a chef, a customer service rep or somebody else that produces and contributes to society. But rather they can become sociology professors, psychology professors, philosophy professors, diversity counselors, grant writers, professional protestors, activists, lobbyists, journalists, career politicians, trial lawyers and a plethora of other equally worthless careers which compose the vast majority of Euphorians' and Mysterians' employment.

While this explains the incentives or at least the rationale of the Eurphorians and Mysterians it does not explain why they make such outlandish statements or are so adamant in their protests. Why they are so vocal, and zealous in establishing their cause. Why we see some many examples of The Mystery so frequently. However, this is very simple to explain;

Job security.

Realize the vast majority of these Mysterian careers are NOT demanded by the free market and must be imposed on the taxpayer by force via the government or people must be guilt-tripped into donating money to their cause. Therefore lobbying, protesting, and legislating are part of the game to protect their "industry." Furthermore, in order to GROW their "industry" they use a technique that provides us with the majority of instances of The Mystery today;

Criminalizing other entities, industries, groups of people, etc.

Tobacco companies, fast food companies, oil companies, white men, rich white men, rich white oil men in Texas, the WTO, the IMF, the military, the CIA, John Ashcroft, big business, capitalism, pharmaceuticals, NAFTA, America, cars, Haliburton, SUV's, even mold, are all targets of the Mysterians because they represent future or at least potential cash flows in the future, but at minimum, a continuation of their "causes."

The problem with attacking or criminalizing these groups is that these groups aren't evil, malicious, or criminal. All things being said they are products of reality and the free

market. At worst they are a government policy attempting to respond to reality. The SUV is in response to the demands of a free people in a free market. Unhealthy fat food is in response to the demands of a free people in a free market. The military is in response to the fact people don't like us and the government attempts to protect us. And rich white men are more often than not the result of hard work, studying, and creativity. And thus, in order to criminalize them Mysterians must fabricate a rationale or reason that is not based in reality, or at best has some really shoddy evidence to support their claim. This is where you see cardiac-arrest-inducing examples of The Mystery at play in the real world:

Global warming exists and is brought on by the automobile.

You are fat because McDonald's made you that way.

You are poor and your life sucks because of racist, sexist white men.

People who drive bigger cars are endangering those of us who drives SPECS.

This, if for any other reason, is why we have been unable to solve The Mystery. Because we focus on the cause or crusade and its inanity and not what drives the people behind it. Realize, it doesn't matter what the cause or crusade is because the cause or crusade is fabricated for an ulterior motive. It could just as well be global warming as it is sex discrimination, because the ulterior motive is nothing as noble as protecting the environment or advancing the well-being of women. It's not about eliminating racism. It's not about the ethical treatment of animals. The only thing it's about is the Mysterian. Providing and securing the Mysterian a career for some fabricated cause. Giving them some self-concocted sense of pseudo self-worth. Furnishing them with an utterly hollow rationale that somehow "they're contributing to society." In short providing them a lifestyle void of responsibility and reality.

It is nothing as noble as helping 3rd World children and absolutely nothing resembling the real world or the truth.

This is why you have The Mystery. This is why you will never see the NAACP or Jesse Jackson even admit to an improvement in race relations. This is why schools will always be underfunded and will cry bloody murder and child abuse if you just hold their budgets steady. This is why the environment will forever be on the apocalyptic verge of destruction even if we ban the automobile. This is why you can have a women's studies professor claim she is 100% independent while in reality she is the trophy wife of the public sector. This is why you have Arriana Huffington and Mark Dayton inheriting their money going on political crusades to make themselves feel better. This is even arguably why you have the son of a rich Saudi millionaire flying planes in our buildings to make up for his inability to survive without his Daddy's money. Simply because people are lazy and do not want to put forth the required effort to face up to and succeed in the real

world nor do they want to succumb to a career that they view as “beneath them.” And it is just so much easier to ignore reality, claim you’re a victim, claim you’re a crusader for some “noble cause,” villanize targeted groups, and just outright lie especially when a system is in place to foster and encourage such behavior.

I hope this helps explain The Mystery or at least maybe proposes some new theories about it.

Good luck!

Americans Hate to Work

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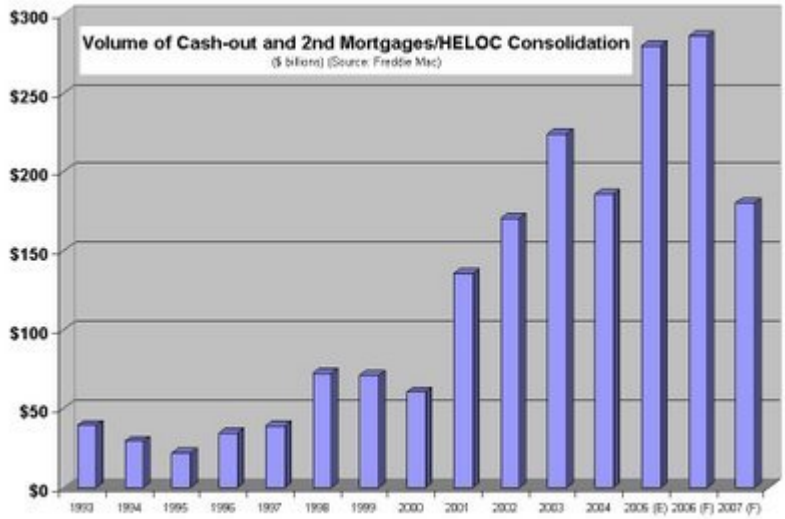
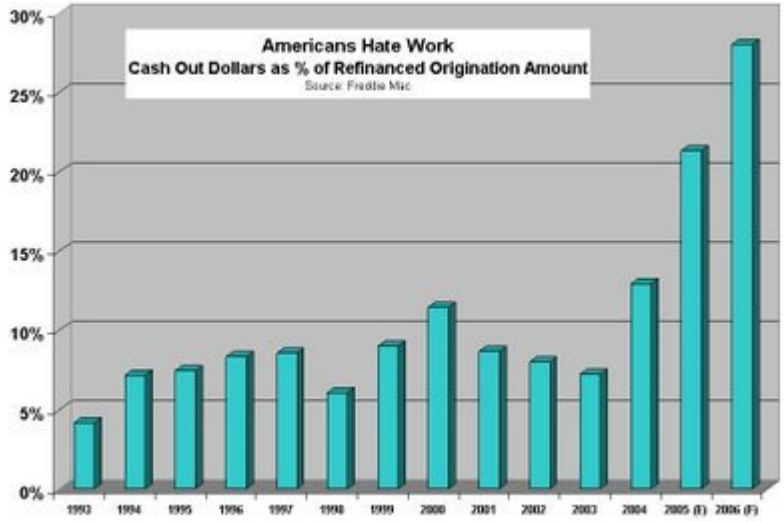
So I've been comissioned to draft a seminar on developing models to predict default and delinquency using credit scores.

Sexy, yes, I know.

But in my research, I happened upon some data from Freddie Mac that makes me sick and warrants a lecture to be delivered to the lazy Americans who think that borrowing money against their house is a substitute for working.





These people literally anger me as they're the ones now who are whining and complaining about banks foreclosing on them because they were too stupid to read how ARM's work and got pinched when the short term rates adjusted.

Anyway, if you wanted a more lengthy, deep-thinking post, read the post below. Pulling old posts up because I'm dedicating a fair amount of time in preparation for busy season.

When it All Starts to Sound Like Rap - The Best of 2005

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I'm not sure if you're aware of this, but rap sucks. No, it's true, really, I'm not making this up. It sucks so bad that scientists were actually able to prove that it sucks with a simple geometric theorem. Something with tangents I believe.

Now you might say, "Well, it's really a matter of opinion. There are millions of people that think rap is great," and not only you, but those millions of people would be wrong, for as I stated before, it's been proven.

But you might be surprised in my reasoning for thinking rap sucks. Most would chalk it up to me being a white male economist who could not possibly appreciate the art and relate to the listeners. Truth is I own around a score of rap CD's because I actually liked, LIKED, rap. The Beastie Boys mixed it up with a little funk, even put out some good stuff into the late 90's. Old school like Run DMC and Public Enemy were good. I'll even accept Cypress Hill in his overkilled "Insane in the Membrane"...lousy stinking cops always coming to try and snatch my crops.

But alas the days of rap artists that had not only staying power, but talent, are long gone. And I am regaled everyday with samples from the latest flash in the pan artist for I have the luxury of teaching introductory economics at a local community college.

Populated with nothing but the finest 18-20 year olds the public schools have to offer, once class ends, the little kiddies put on their baseball caps, make a break for their cars, blast up their poor quality speakers on their late 80's model GM cars in some sort of counter-productive mating ritual and burn out of the parking lot with the latest rapper singing;

"F-You and F-Dat. I F'd-Your Mom and F'd-Your Cat. F-yourself, yo' head I will cap!"

and other such favorites that I'm sure Sinatra just hadn't gotten around to composing arrangements for yet.

Yet, the lewd and crass lyrics are still not the primary reason I have fallen out of love with rap. The primary reason is that the music is has become so repetitive and unoriginal that it all starts to sound the same. The same beat, the same lyrics, the same cadence and the same self-pitying kid, dressed up like a cartoon character swearing about guns or drugs or racism or poverty or hoes or whatever else he found in Jesse Jackson's old sermons. You literally can't tell one song from another. And cripes, would it kill a new age

rapper to rhyme a song that doesn't owe its entire existence to the vowel "e."

"Fast rapping *self-degrading expletive* is what I be.
Public schools taught me 1 'n 1 makes 3.
Ghetto pimp cruisin' smoking the wee
Hittin' round's of golf on Homie's Par Three
Drank too much Vodka, now I must go pee
Can't you see
You and me
Public schools say dat makes 3."

And there I sit, whilst suffering assaults from the vibration of the bass thinking to myself, "How can a human being even be slightly entertained by this total and utterly repetitive crap?" It's so mundane, so droning, I literally cannot see a sane human being purposely listening to that stuff. It is a question I don't think I will ever be able to answer...

However, the answer might lay elsewhere. For there is a group of people who exhibit the exact same behavior. And not only do they subject themselves to what would normally be repetitive, unoriginal and mind-numbing drivel, they also start to repeat it and promote it to anybody they can. We call them "liberals."

Not that liberals like rap, but they listen to and regurgitate the same garbage, all the time, with the same amount of originality, creativity, thought and passion as these two-bit rappers. Perhaps you have heard of some of their songs?

"Tax Cuts Only Benefit the Rich."
"Republicans are Racist."
"Democrats are for the Little Guy"
"Global Warming is Real and Caused by Capitalism"
"Black Conservatives are Uncle Toms."
"The Public Schools Need More Money."
"George Bush is a Moron."
"Women are Making Less than Men."
"I Hate Wal-Mart."
"It's All About Oil."
"I Hate Corporate America"
"Outsourcing Jobs is Horrible for America."
"Haliburton."

Played over and over and over again to the point you can finish their sentences for them. And I guarantee you, over the next month you will hear a choir led by John Kerry;

"Education, Health Care and Jobs."

But my personal favorite all time hit, made extremely popular by the Baby Boomer generation, which every good liberal knows by heart is the popular tune;

"The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Poorer."

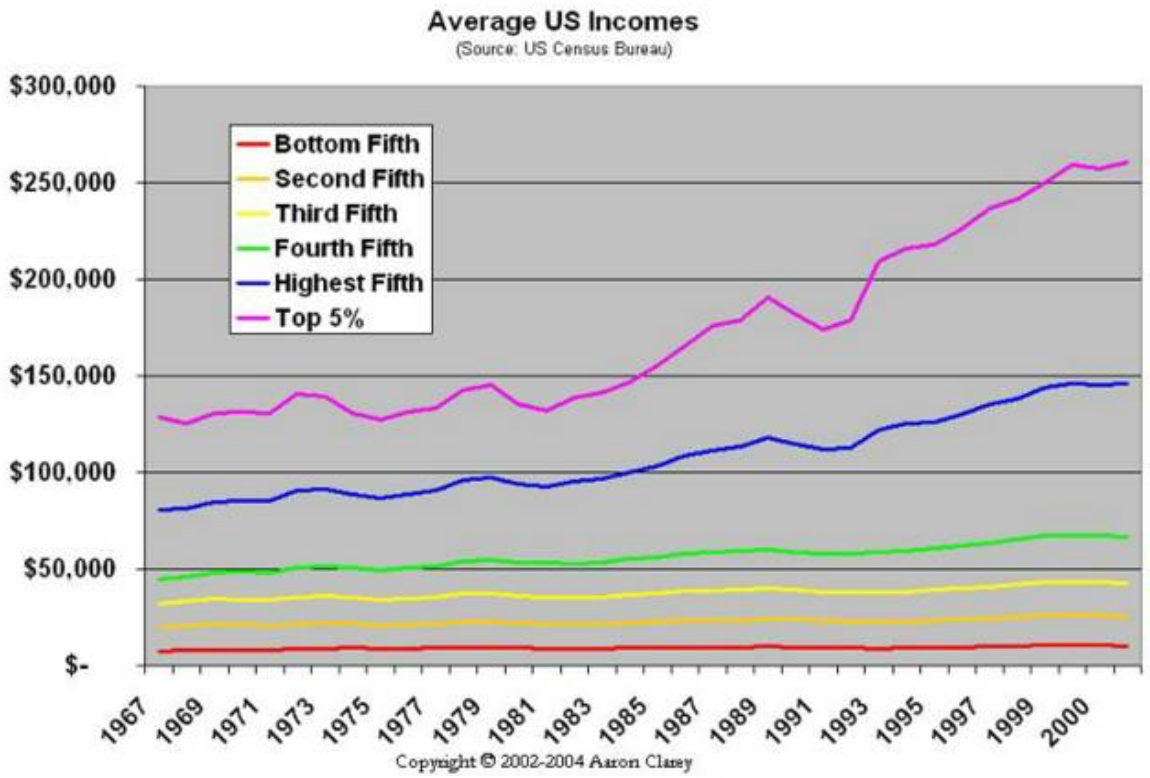
Of all the chanted mantras of the left, this is the most defining and encompassing one (and deafening). It succinctly summarizes their ideology. It provides a rationale for the transfer of income. It victimizes a group. It's palatable to the masses and resonates well with them. It plays off of peoples' self-pity. And it is played over and over and over and over again as if it were a broken record and a team of union members were on hand to ensure it played forever.

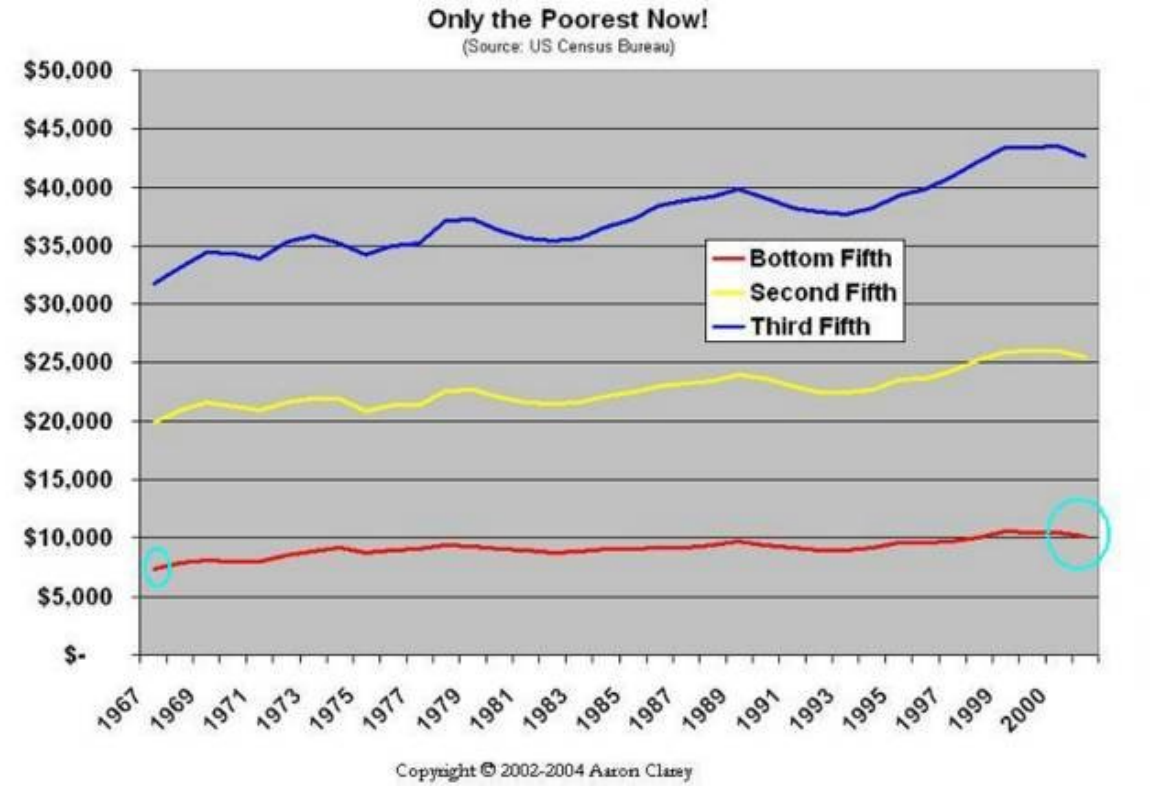
This cliche has so permeated our society, that everybody uses it without thinking about it. College students, lacking any real education, knee-jerk-reaction it during their childish-level debates. Workers, white collar or blue, recite it every year when they get their raises. It is so well drafted and cunning that it can be said by any one, not give away their ideology, yet advance the goals of socialism. And there we sit, listening to it as if we're a 19 year old boy trying to impress the girls with a crappy car, a crappy stereo, but above all, a crappy tune.

But for such a popular tune that is sung en masse without thinking twice, don't you think maybe we should check it out to see if it's at least true???

I mean, sure the democrats, liberals, socialists and other varied sorts of leftists are going to believe what they want to believe, regardless of whether it's true or not (as evidenced by their incredible ability to search high and low- *if not, create*- their own data that supports what they want to believe). But as Conservatives, Libertarians, Republicans and other varied sorts of Capitalists we adhere (or at least I hope you all do) to intellectual honesty. We are not concerned about thinking, we are concerned about knowing. We are actually concerned about the truth.

Well take a look below.





And what do you know? If you go and pull the latest income distribution figures (from that incredibly biased tool of the Right Wing Conspiracy, the US Census Bureau) you'll find that the old socialist adage "The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Poorer" is only about half right. The tune should go a little more something like;

"The Rich Get Richer and the *Poor Get Richer Too!*"

But wait! How could this possibly be? Democrats and their socialist brethren have been telling us for years that only the rich get richer. And not only do the rich get richer, they get richer at the expense of the poor by making them poorer. Surely they wouldn't be telling us only what we *wanted to hear*, providing us a convenient scapegoat for the lack of our own personal financial success. Surely they wouldn't lie about income distribution to sow the seeds of class warfare, divide the nation and in a "For a Fistfull of Dollars" scenario play one side against the other for their own political gain. Would they?

Sorry kiddies, looks like you've been sold a bill of goods. One need only to look at John Edwards and his own personal broken-record tune called;

"Two Americas."

Or listen to Hillary Clinton's platinum hit;

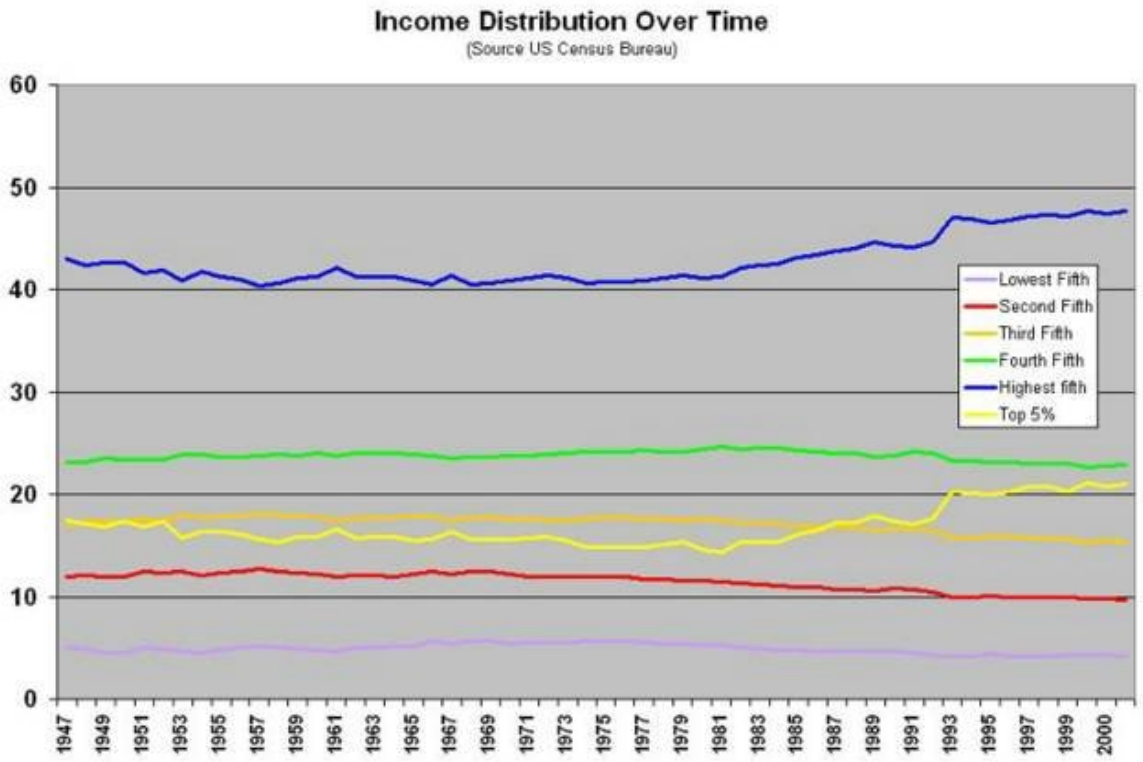
"We're Going to Take Things Away from You for the Common Good."

Or Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and the choir who prompted the infamous tune;

"The Reparations Rap." (which really would have been cool to link you to the lyrics, but the song was so stupid and counterproductive to their cause, I think it's been obliterated from the Internet forever, if anyone finds a copy of it, let me know)

Now I'd like to leave it here, pour myself a scotch and pat myself on the back for dealing another blow to socialism, but alas, I can't. For you must be warned. For working 'round the clock in a never ending attempt to undermine the forces of capitalism are Academians. Sitting atop pristine campuses, adorned with reject, 1970's minimalist architecture, are professors who could never break into the real world/private sector if their lives depended on it. And knowing full well their money at least in part comes from the government, they are always eager to prove why their paymaster should get more money. Therefore, they *THINK* of rationales and reasons to ignore the truth and purport falsehoods such as "The Rich Get Richer, While the Poor Get Poorer." Thus you can expect the following argument;

"Well, yes, technically real incomes are going up for everybody. But *relatively* incomes for the poor and middle class are going down while they go up for the rich."



So let me translate this for you. What the Academian is saying is that as a percent of total income, the poor and middle class' *share* is going down. Never mind that real incomes for the poor have gone up by 42%, and roughly 30% for the middle class, because the rich (those evil bastards) have had their real incomes go up by about 90%. Thus the poor are getting poorer *relative* to the rich.

In other words, if you get a 10% raise, but your neighbor gets a 20% raise, you are poorer and should complain. Democrats and socialists would argue that not only should you complain, but you should be entitled to some of your neighbor's 20% raise.

Like I said, they will believe in whatever they want to believe.

Now with this new found knowledge, no doubt I see you fancying yourself at a party, in the midst of a heated debate, waiting impatiently for the token party liberal to blurt out "yeah man, you know, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer." And then like a crouched ninja, patiently waiting in the shadows you strike with unseeable speed. And with infinitely superior knowledge (and a conveniently set up Power Point point presentation to display all these figures) you slay your rival in but a nano-second.

Soon you are surrounded by girls, fawning over you, saying "Oooo! I used to like the pansy, sensitive 90's type philosophy major, but there's something different about you...you're so, so *manly*!" And that's where you say, "That's right Baby, *I'm an economist*."

And you'd be right to fancy yourself in this situation because it happens *all the time*.

There isn't an economist in the world, who after handily defeating a liberal at a party, wasn't marauded by droves of women.

But before you you start collecting numbers and leave your defeated leftist friend on the ground, it might be worth kicking him while he's down there just for good measure. For liberals, like the knight in Monty Python's "Search for the Holy Grail" don't know when they're defeated and don't know when to stay down.

A further criticism of income distribution figures is that they do not account for what are called "income transfers." Things such as social security, welfare and the whole host of other income security programs out there. These income transfers, by and large, transfer money from the richer quintiles of society and transfer them to the lower quintiles. In other words, the income distribution figures *overstate* the absolute and relative income of the rich and *understate* the absolute and relative wealth of the poor. Sadly no adjustments are made to the figures to account for this, but if any criticism is to be levied against those figures, it would be in your favor.

But before I go, I want to leave you all with the lyrics to the now debunked song. Perhaps we can write a new one, that has a little bit more originality than a rap song and 100% more truth than a liberal one;

"The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Poorer"

"The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.
You exploit us you bourgeois scumbags.
Give me my money, you owe it to me
You stole it from me and my family.
You oppress us.
We abandoned God so he won't bless us
Subsidize my worthless college degree purely for my enjoyment.
Then when I can't find a job, you can pay me unemployment.
Give us the money for any reason
We'll create 20 new ones a season.
It's not my fault that my life sucks,
Break out your checkbook and give me some bucks
Yoooooooou rich bastards."

Party On Wayne, Party on Garth

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Rock on Apu!

Let Me Explain to You How This Income Distribution Thing Works

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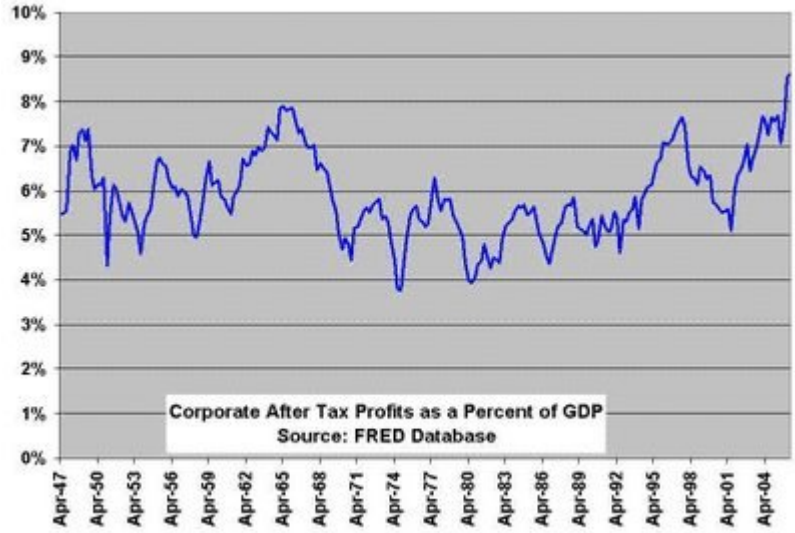
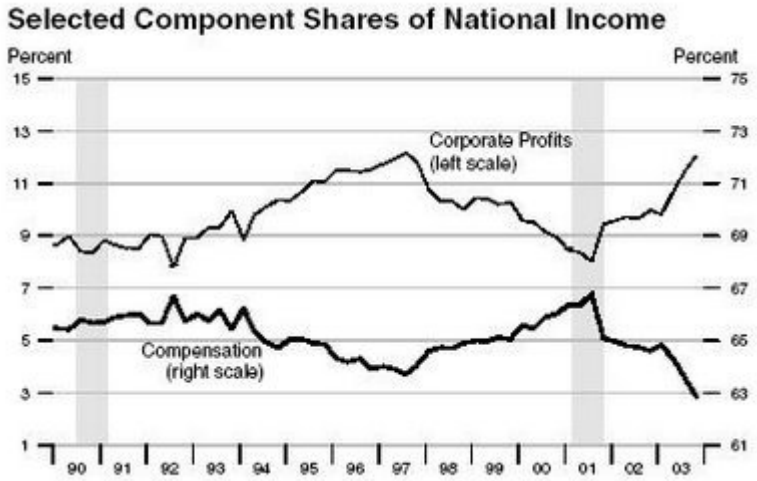
Take two charts;

One showing US Corporate profits as a percent of GDP are at an all time high;



A second showing that wages as a percent of national income has gone down seemingly at the expense of corporate profits going up;



This would be enough to send your average leftist into a hissy fit about the evils of corporations and how Bush is evil and how Haliburton is forcing children to eat squirrel carcas in the inner-city just to survive.

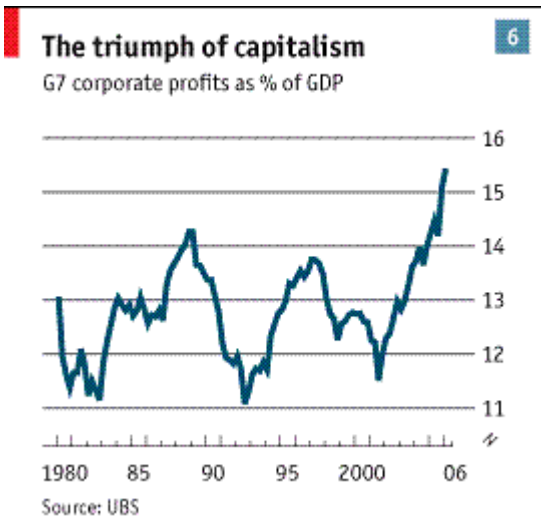
Of course "intellectual honesty" doesn't matter jack to the left, additionally, nothing brings them to a voracious psychological orgasm than a good outlandish conspiracy theory, and thusly instead of finding out the true cause of this deviation, they opt to feel

sorry for themslves and go into their knee-jerk default "Bush is Hitler" and "Corporations are Evil" modes.

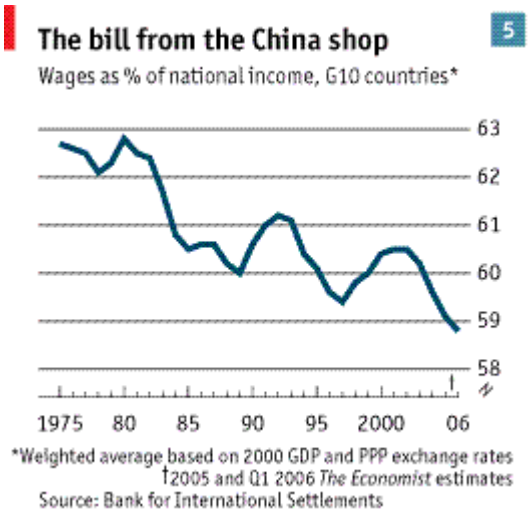
So it seems once again, we are in desperate need of another "Economics for Idiots Lesson" 102.

What is interesting and triggered my desire to make this post is in a recent and phenomonal survey by The Economist, it shows you this divergence from corporate profits and wages is not just relegated to the US. It's happening across the entire developed world.

Corporate profits are taking a larger share of ALL developed nations' incomes



And wages are taking up a smaller share of ALL developed nations' incomes.



thereby lessening the credibility of the leftists' argument that Bush is behind all this (although, no doubt some will insist Bush is FOISTING this effect on foreign nations as well - remember, sophomoric-college-age-conspiracy-theory-induced psychological orgasms

are much more fun than the truth).

Thus, there must be some other force, some variable affecting this change, transferring a higher and higher proportion of national incomes to corporations and taking it away from the workers.

This is the variable that the left doesn't bother looking for, nor wants to look for, because they have what seems to be CONCLUSIVE PROOF that corporations and Bush are out there throwing old people through the jet engines of Air Force 1 and sucking out the blood of minorities at night because they're vampires (which sadly isn't too much more outlandish that some theories Kos is pushing).

However, we being of a higher-caliber and way more sexy human;

Junior,
Deputy,
Aspiring and
Everyday

Economists,

know the merits of pursuing the truth and thus look for it.

Sexy savvy as we all are, we know that one of the major forces in the past 5 years that has had an effect on every aspect from the housing market to the cost of clothes has been China and to a larger extent the developing world. But beyond clothes and housing, one area of the economy where China, India, Mexico and other developing nations have had an effect on has been the labor market. And the most prominent among their effects has been the issue of outsourcing.

Any industrial or laboring job has been outsourced to China and India and other countries where labor is a mere fraction of the bloated hourly wage of their US Union counterparts. Why fix a plane with Northwest Airlines mechanics that are paid $67,000 + benies when that plane can be flown to Thailand and fixed by Jamil for $15,000/ year and no benies? Why pay some textile union worker $25/hour in Vermont when Chang can do it for $2/hour in Xinghua? And why pay Steve in Chicago $14/hour to answer phones in a call center when Punjab will do it for $3/hour?

This is what is causing the divergence from wages and corporate profits. For no longer do corporations have to pay hefty American wages, further inflated by the greed (and stupidity) of unions, then can go to Bangalore and get the exact same service for a mere fraction of the cost resulting in not only **increased profits**, but lowering (or at least) **stagnating wages here in the US**.

Of course the question is whose theory is more likely to be true?

Captain Capitalism's theory that China and outsourcing is the cause for increased corporate profits and stagnating domestic wages;

or

Socialists' theory that George Bush is scheming with Corporate America to further impoverish the lower classes while enriching his buddies (while the entire time heaving Grandma into engine #3 fo Air Force 1.)

The irony here of course is that there is another variable that exposes the democratic party for unbelievable hypocrisy, for it isn't just the Chinese and Indians we're outsourcing our jobs to, there's also Mexico.

Whether in Mexico or not, whether legally here in the US or not, it doesn't matter. Because of the proximity to the US, Mexican labor offers the same advantages as does Chinese labor, but closer to home. Additionally they also boost corporate profits while depressing worker's wages here.

But notice how the democrats treat Chinese and Indian labor DIFFERENTLY than Mexican labor.

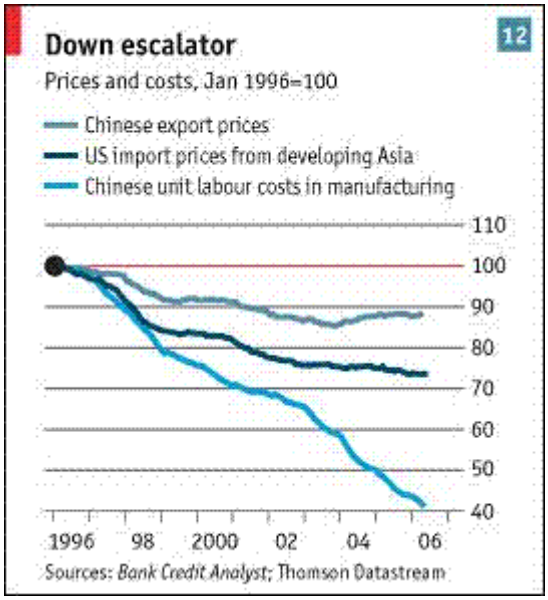
They'll lash out at the "outsoucing of our economy to China and India." They'll complain about unfair labor practices in foreign nations. They'll complain that corporations are going overseas.

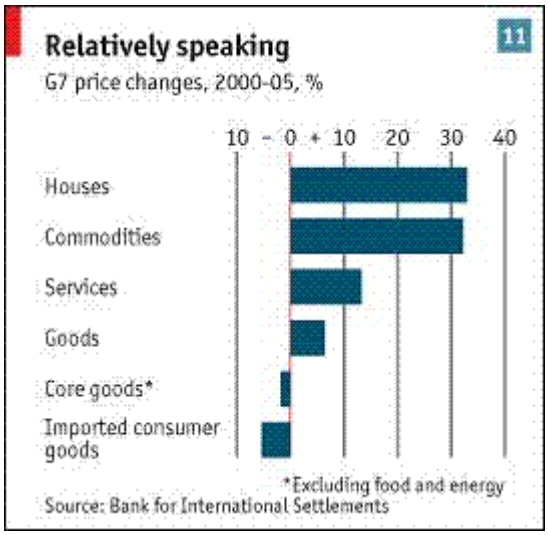
But will you hear them complain about Mexican labor? Will you hear them take just as hard of a stance against illegal immigration as they do anti-outsourcing?

And there's the hypocrisy. For you see fellow democrat stalwarts, lower-income earning Americans, and especially you union folks, the Chinese can't vote in American elections because they'd have to cross the Pacific. But Mexicans just need to cross the Rio Grande. And once here, eh, who's to tell them they can't vote or work, because they are potential future democrat voters. And that trumps any desire to help you people out.

Now truthfully, I'm all for labor, foreign or domestic, legal or illegal, Chinese of Mexican, no matter how we come by it because there actually are some benefits to foreign labor. The left won't dare mention these benefits because it detracts from their conspiracy theories, but again we noble economists are a bit more interested in the truth.

One, the prices of goods comes down.





We'll of course blast Wal-Mart for paying market wages. We'll blast the Chinese for taking away our jobs. We'll banish Wal-Mart from Chicago. But I often wonder when the left is going to get around to thanking Wal-Mart and the Chinese for bringing down prices for everything under the sun thereby boosting the purchasing power of people, especially the poor, and thus effectively doing more for the poor than any government social program ever could (remember those drug prescriptions?)

Two, for you credit hogs that insist on just borrowing money instead of working for it, you can thank China for financing all of our deficits, keeping interest rates low and artificially boosting the price of your house so you can withdraw EVEN MORE money from the equity of your house to help you live beyond your means and pay for crap you don't need.

Of course, there is a drawback to this. What is effectively happening is that China and India are becoming the Factories of the world, while the US and its western counterparts are effectively becoming the Malls of the world. We won't produce the wealth, but boy, we sure like consuming it. Thusly, I like to further analogize;

China and India are becoming the father of the family, putting food on the table, housing over our heads etc., while;

the US and western nations are becoming the trophy wife and spoiled brat suburbanite princess with Daddy's credit card. Producing no wealth, but spending all the money.

And while this may work out on your favorite episode of Desperate Houseditzes, in the long run it is not sustainable.

The solution?

Oh, you leftists are not going to like the solution. For it gets back to what I've been saying all along;

America has got to get back to what it historically has done best; be the leader of the world in innovation and technology.

For it is not working harder or longer that makes a country great. It is working smarter. It is replacing work altogether with automated processes that frees up our time to pursue other pursuits. It's developing cell phones so we an produce GDP on the road and tractors so we can produce 100 times the food than we do by hand. It's completely overhauling the way things are done with faster and more efficient methods so that instead of being like Ethiopia and digging a ditch with our hands, we're rerouting trading systems from the comforts of our own air conditioned office and producing 900 times the wealth in the same amount of time.

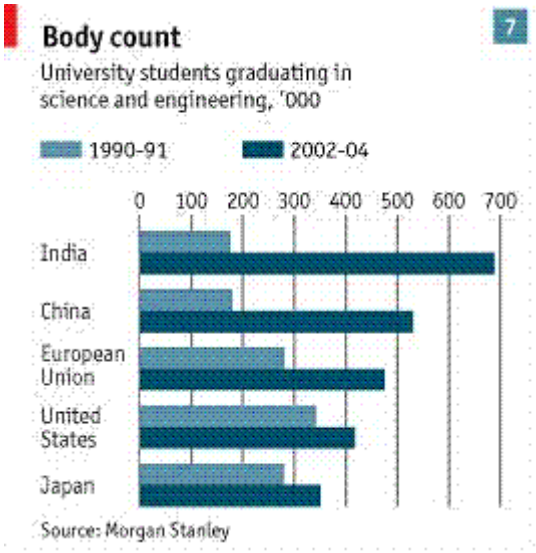
And the catalyst for this creation and innovation?

Sorry lefties, it ain't the bastions of traditional employment for you guys. No philosophy degree will help bring about the US getting back its competitive edge. No sociology degree with entice Samsung to build their next semi-conductor plant here. And certainly no political science degree will ever, EVER do anything to make us a more attractive destination for foreign investors.

It's the sciences.

Engineering, physics, mathematics, chemistry, computers, biology.

Alas, it seems the developing world is going to kick our ass in that department too.



But don't worry, I think if we protest loud enough like the French for higher paying jobs and lifetime employment, we'll no doubt hold on to our position as the wealthiest nation in the world...that and Selma Hayek will date me.

You Will Tune Into The Economics Supper Club, Baby!

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Hey baby it's cold outside. Blustery fall winds. Chill in the air.

How 'bout instead of walking the dog you and I cozy up under the blanket with some rumple minz and hot chocolate and tune into "The Economics Supper Club."

The good news is we'll get a double whammy because he's subbing for Dave Thompson TONIGHT! Friday from 730-10PM Central Standard Time.

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Banned Statistics on Education - Part I

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No doubt once the NEA gets word of this they'll send their tippy top super secret elite assassination ninjas after me to shut me up. But, I'm not too worried because I figure those ninjas got their training in the public schools, and thus their assassination skills were honed under the tutelage of an outcome based programs. That is of course unless they value their assassination ninjas like they do their children, and do what all members of the NEA and public-school-stalwart democrats do with their children; send them to the private schools. Then I'm in trouble.

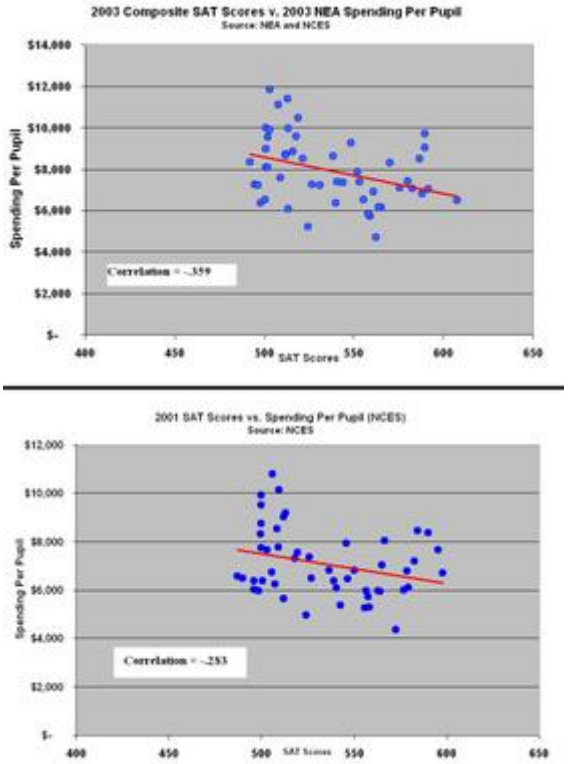
Oh well.

So here's the deal (and I'll make this short and sweet for all the busy important people, AHEM, TERRY, FOZ, MIKE, KRATOWSKI);

Since the left is ALWAYS asking for more money for education (despite record levels being spent already) I wanted to find out once and for all whether spending more money on education resulted in better educated students. So I set out to correlate spending per pupil against standardized test scores such as the SAT or the NAEP tests by state.

The results were interesting and complicated, so I decided to do three segments so as not to overhwhelm you with charts (besides I'm waiting on some data from other sources).

First comparison I did was SAT scores against spending per pupil by state. I used two measures of spending per pupil. One from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the other (as to quelch bias or criticism that the NCES is a tool of the Bush administration) the communists' favorite, the National Education Association (NEA). (I also did them in two seperate years 2001 and 2003 so as to match the exact year with the data. In other words, shut up, there's nothing wrong with the figures so just eat it and



weep.)

The result is what conservatives, libertarians, capitalists and free-marketers have suspected all along, and the primary reason the NEA will dispatch their tippy top super secret elite (privately school trained, however) assassination ninjas to kill me; more money does not equal better education. Matter of fact it is worse. The correlation coefficient between the two is actually negative (-.3, -.4 if you do not take out the District of Columbia which was an outlier), showing that the more money spent on the public schools THE WORSE THEIR STUDENTS ACTUALLY DID, suggesting that there is not only incompetence in the public schools, but borderline corruption.

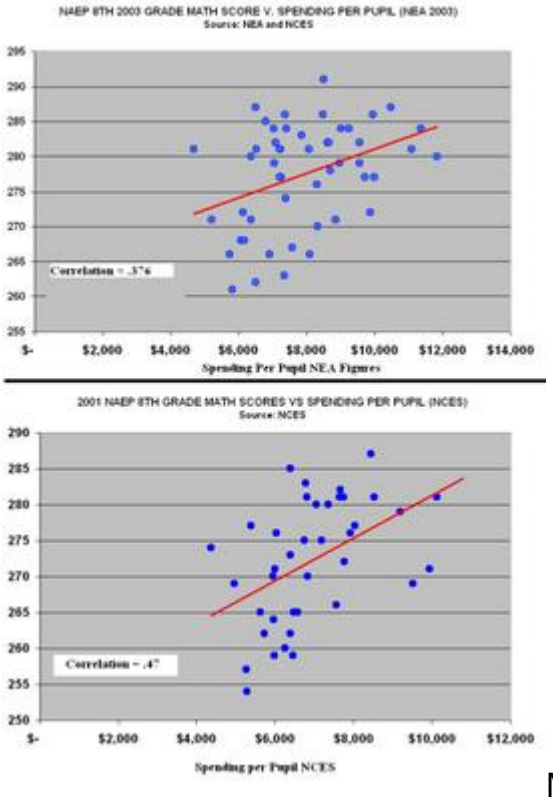
Now here's the problem though. Not all students take the SAT, only college-bound. The above correlations say nothing of the education the non-college bound received. Thus I wanted to see if there was a standardized test out there that all students were required to take. And here's where we run into some problems.

Frankly, there aren't any standardized tests that fully capture the total education a student receives by state. Welcome to the world of substitution data.

The closest thing I could find was the National Assessment of Educational Progress' (NAEP) tests which are issued at the 4th, 8th and 12th grades. Optimally I would have liked to use the 12th grade data as this would inlclude the entire educational career of the student, however there is no 12th grade data by state. You have to go to the 8th grade data for that. And even the 8th grade data is not complete. Some years are missing, some subjects (math, science, etc.) are missing in different years. Still, wanting to be statistically correct and just to satiate curiosity, I ran the figures with the 8th grade mathematics scores by state against per pupil spending.

The ninjas may hold off.

For oddly, while more money results in lower SAT scores, more money does help 8th grade math scores anyway. The correlation is actually a strong positive one, coming in around a +.3 (note if you include the outlier District of Columbia, the correlation drops to 0, message to DC public schools; your teachers, your parents, your students and all your



schools REALLY suck) Now, obvious gaps in this measure exist. It completely ignores high school. It doesn't account for other topics like science, grammar etc., (although the NAEP has figures for these, just not in 2003 or in their entirety). But still it begs the question, why seemingly does more money benefit the average student and seemingly hurt the college-bound.

I have a theory; that the majority of money is being spent on crap programs for crap students. Programs that do not foster or promote success and achievement, but in an affirmative-action sort of way, programs that prop up the losers and celebrate mediocrity (if ever achieved). It reminds me of the Simpson's episode where Homer gets a job at Globex under Hank Scorpio. Bart is sent to a remedial 4th grade where among retarded students they play musical chairs where there are more chairs than students. The music ends, all the kids find a seat and the teacher yells out "yea!!! You're all winners!"

I'm so happy that it seems when the public schools are asking me for more money, that in reality they're asking me to pay for kids to feel good about themselves or become average. Not to help bring about the next Bill Gates or Einstein who will make greater contributions to society (and increase my chances of seeing some of my social security).

But like I said, there are some kinks to be worked out in the data and I wouldn't be too

quick to draw conclusions from it. According to the NAEP data for 12th graders will be coming in the future, alas it seems we will just have to sit and wait. But the data thus far does seem to point to more public school money = poorer college bound students. No wonder home schooling is so popular.

Next issue I address some more statistical concerns and I look at a specific state where (of course) the democrats are asking for yet MORE money for education.

To tide you over until that time, here's an interesting chart I concocted that I realized is relatively pointless, but would still be interesting;

	2003 $ per SAT Point ($ource: NEA and NCES)
New York	$ 23.54
Connecticut	$ 22.19
New Jersey	$ 21.86
Massachusetts	$ 20.20
Delaware	$ 19.95
Rhode Island	$ 19.66
Vermont	$ 19.40
Maine	$ 19.05
Alaska	$ 18.47
Pennsylvania	$ 17.94
West Virginia	$ 17.17
Maryland	$ 17.01
Georgia	$ 16.94
Virginia	$ 16.93
Wyoming	$ 16.86
Illinois	$ 16.49
New Hampshire	$ 16.27
Hawaii	$ 16.15
Indiana	$ 16.09
Ohio	$ 16.03
Wisconsin	$ 15.30
California	$ 14.89
South Carolina	$ 14.66
Michigan	$ 14.59
Texas	$ 14.52
Minnesota	$ 14.49
Colorado	$ 14.23
Oregon	$ 13.75
Montana	$ 13.63
Washington	$ 13.58
New Mexico	$ 13.51
Kentucky	$ 13.37
North Carolina	$ 13.04
Florida	$ 12.81
Kansas	$ 12.78
Louisiana	$ 12.33
Nebraska	$ 12.32
Missouri	$ 12.10
Iowa	$ 11.91
Nevada	$ 11.85
Idaho	$ 11.81
Alabama	$ 11.72
South Dakota	$ 11.59
Tennessee	$ 10.96
Oklahoma	$ 10.84
North Dakota	$ 10.71
Mississippi	$ 10.43
Arkansas	$ 10.26
Arizona	$ 9.96
Utah	$ 8.35

It All Means "Communism"

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http://thoughtyoudneverask.blogspot.com/2006/09/my-glossary-for-understanding.html

Cynics are Just People Who Have Grown Up

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I don't believe in cynicism. I believe most other people are aloof and ignorantly blissful.

How I envy them.

For if you live through life long enough, you get "cynical" real quick, but again, it's only in response to reality.

So, if you want to read a long post on cynicism with a cool Casablanca quote at the end, you can go here.

If you want to take the little cute quiz that will give you your very own cynicism score, you can go here.

Who's the Real Loser George?

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Remember about, what, two weeks ago, George Michael mocking Bush in some concert out in London with a picture of Bush with a glass of beer in his hand?

Look who just got arrest...again...on drug charges. Hypocrite.

Interesting Charts from Sweden - Non-Child-Friendly Ending (You have been warned)

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The Economist, which, by now, as I've been saying, should be in every aspiring economists' subscription list, came out with a very fascinating article on Sweden.

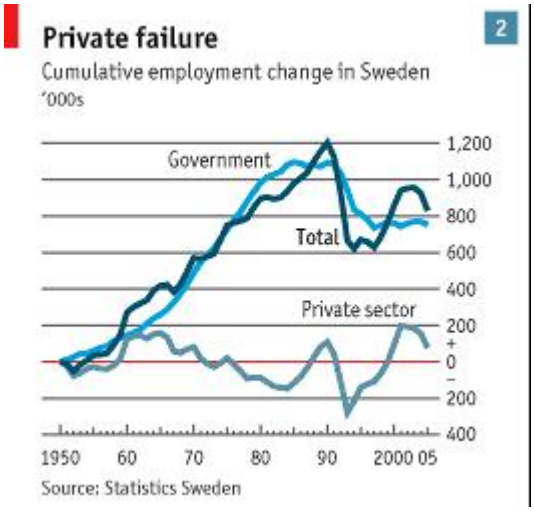
Now as I've said before, I'm impressed with the Scandinavian and Nordic countries' abilities to maintain not only high standards of living for their people, but do so without deficit spending and all of this in the face of high taxes.

I opined this had to do with their cultures being more mature and "adult" enough to handle something like socialism and not take advantage of the welfare net and use it as a hammock (I additionally forecasted that human nature would override this cultural trait in the long run and they'd start to look more and more like Italy).

Perhaps I spoke too soon.

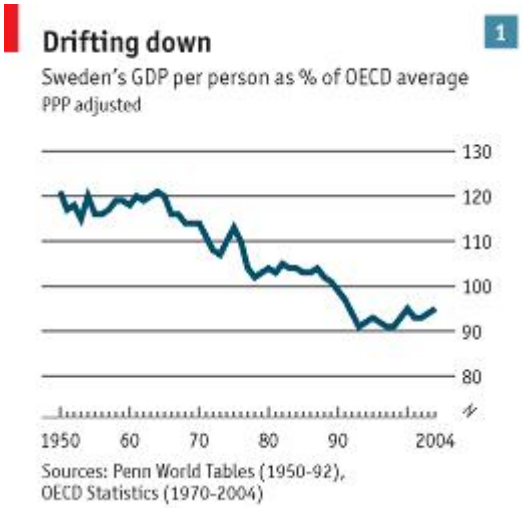
For Sweden seems to have been massaging their unemployment figures and things may not be that great to begin with.

First, the majority, practically ALL of the jobs growth in the past 40 years has come from the public sector.

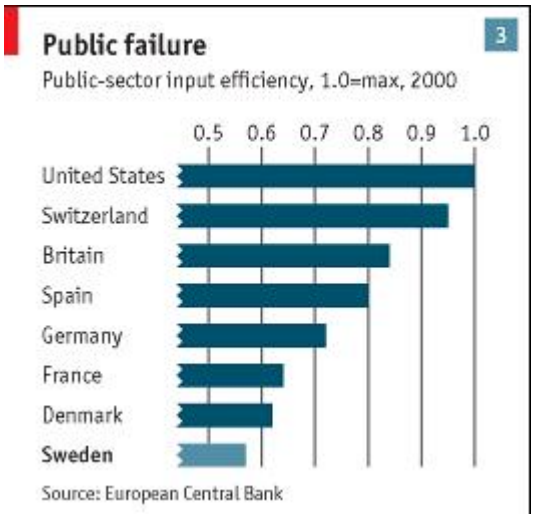


Immediately I'm sceptical because the public sector responds to political demands, not the demands of a free people through a free market. The result is what one can expect from make work, government jobs;

No wealth production;



Now there are many other aspects to the article that I haven't addressed here, but one thing that was scary and inevitably all European countries AND America will face is that everybody in Sweden is in one way or another dependent upon the government for some of the butter which their bread is buttered with. Thusly, they are somewhat loth to vote in reforms that would shrink the size of the government no matter how inefficient it may be.



Democrat readers no doubt are having a wet dream right now.

Smith and Marx Never Had it So Good

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So I'm flying back from the Florida Keys. And within 2 hours I had gone from driving a convertible in 85 degree weather to sitting behind the demon spawn of two parents that somehow thought that if they bred, their children would not become the loud, obnoxious, noise-making retards that they were.

To escape this hell and prevent me from committing man-slaughter, I decided to crack open a book about the Nobel laureates in economics which I had been looking forward to reading. And the reason I was looking forward to it was because, truth be known, I am an economist only by trade and experience, not by training. My degree is in finance and although intricately related to economics, I lack the traditional educational background in economics which addresses things like "egoism versus altruism," "rationality versus irrationality" and other fundamental theories that govern and lay the foundation for modern day economic thought.

However, while I was hoping to learn more about the contributions made to economics by the various laureates over the past 40 years, the book served only to raise my ire about a particular pet peeve I have about my profession;

That economists practice economics as a bona fide science.

Much in the same way we use math, physics and engineering to calculate the orbits of planets, speeds of trains and temperatures of furnaces, so too do economists (particularly Academian economists) think that we can somehow predict or forecast social phenomena such as unemployment, economic growth, crime and inflation. However, the reason that NASA aerospace engineers can program the Cassini spacecraft to travel the 904 million miles to Saturn and enter an orbit around the celestial body within a margin of error of less than half a mile is because space travel is grounded in a set of succinct and precise rules known as Newtonian physics (specifically Kepler's Laws). Economics enjoys no such luxury since the study is grounded in the random and forever changing behavior of humanity.

But that certainly doesn't seem to stop economists from treating economics as a mathematical science. Attend any modern day economics seminar (a surefire way to impress a date) and it's not about theory or philosophy as much as it is explaining an insanely complex mathematical model or formula that is seemingly hell-bent on using all the letters in the Greek alphabet. And after all the methodologies are grilled, all the ones are carried, and all the formulas double checked, in the end, you ***at best*** are left with a model with mediocre predictability.

The reason for such rare and mediocre success is that all of modern day economic research is focused on trying to do what is frankly, impossible; predict the future. And not only predict the future, but predict the future behavior of humans which are inherently dynamic. And worse still is predict the future behavior of dynamic beings in a world that is ultimately chaotic.

Leave it to economists, who are arguably the least attractive people in all of society, to think they can mathematically calculate a scientific or formulaic way to attract members of the opposite sex.

But that statement is more profound than it seems. For within that statement lays the trick, they key to solving the problem of economics. If you can figure out how to attract members of the opposite sex, or for that matter, predict any sort of human behavior, then you most certainly can figure out economics.

In this sense we are all economists. What man hasn't spent literally years of his life, not to mention untold sums of money, energy and effort in "trying to figure out girls?" And how much time, energy, effort and money have women expended on therapists, psychologists, "Mars & Venus" books, daytime talk shows, or those stupid women's magazines and their "10 Billion Ways to Tell if He's a Jerk, and 3 to Tell if He's OK" type surveys?

Sadly, despite such efforts, nobody has been able to "figure out" the opposite sex.

Or have they?

For I contest there are a few people that actually have "figured out girls." Not in the sense that they know what to say at what time, and what flowers to buy who. But in the sense that they realize there's no way to "figure out girls" since they are "unfigure-outable." Every woman is a different being and will be a different being the next day. One girl one day will respond to the Cary Grantish chivalry, kindness and courtesy. Another girl will only respond to heroin and an abusive boyfriend whilst practicing the fine art of bulimia. And to think that applying some sort of strategy or approach to something so chaotic and irrational will result in consistent and positive results is wishful thinking on the order of thinking France is capable of defending itself.

Thus, the only option a guy has is to not even think, not even contemplate about trying to begin to make an initial attempt at figuring them out. To not spend one calorie of energy, not one iota of effort on the task. To realize that the best use of his time is to live life however he sees fit, and if it just so happens a girl somehow falls into that mix, so be it.

Or in the words of the W.H.O.P.P.E.R. computer,

"The way to win the game is not to play."

This is the man (or woman) that has "figured them out." (And coincidentally, this is also the guy you see with the most girls, because he ignores them and couldn't care less about them).

But how would this strategy play out in economics? The "don't play to win" strategy?

First look at what all of economics and econometrics focuses on; predicting the future. It's forward thinking. It's the exact same mental disorder people have when they think they can "solve the riddle" of the opposite sex.

But in focusing on the future we ignore something very important;

The past.

We disregard years and years of history. Countless case studies of different countries implementing different economic systems and the different results that follow. And terabytes of data that have been collected by various agencies throughout the world. The FRED II Database and the OECD alone would be enough to make Marx and Smith cry. But no, we ignore all that, and act as if we haven't figured out which economic policies and which economic system are the best either because we're overcautious, we're trying to be politically correct, trying to adjust for extenuating circumstances, or perhaps our funding would be cut from our public sector paymasters.

Which is sad, for about the only people that can legitimately claim the excuse, "Well, we don't know" would be the original founders of the two main economic systems, Karl Marx and Adam Smith, simply because "capitalism" and "communism" didn't exist in their their articulated forms then. Marx and Smith were truly forming theories, looking into the future. They were postulating if there was a system that didn't exist before which would be better than the one they had now. They had no choice but to theorize because they did not have the luxury of the wealth of information that we have today.

Yet we still sit here and argue about whether socialism or capitalism is the optimal economic system as if nothing has been learned in the past 225 years. As if the lives of 100 million people killed and the 1 billion people held in dismal poverty by communism over the past century are all in vain since we refuse to learn anything from it. And how retarded do you have to be to not see the stark difference between North Korea and South Korea? (Answer - You have to be so retarded that you were under the tutelage of the Minneapolis Public Schools for all of K-12).

So let me spell it out VERY clearly to you.

Capitalism is the optimal and best economic system in the world. Period.

This is not opinion. This is not rhetoric. And this is not propaganda. It is fact. Though you will certainly run into democrats, communists, liberals and other varied sorts of of socialists that will argue till George Soros' money runs out that I am wrong, sadly for them, the truth is not on their side. And the truth comes from that historical data that would instill envy in Smith and change the mind of Marx.

But before we give you the proof of capitalism being the ultimate economic system we need to go over a simple economics lesson so you can fully understand and appreciate it;

Government revenue as a percent of GDP.

Consider the problem you'd face if I asked you to calculate your overall tax rate. Now, most people would say, "Well, I'll just compare my net versus gross pay on my paycheck and boom, there it is."

Unfortunately, this does not account for a whole slew of taxes that you pay. Taxes such as sales tax, property tax, gas tax, your fishing license, telephone tax, breathing tax, heart pumping tax, thinking tax and a million other taxes. Thus it is quite literally impossible for you to calculate your overall effective tax rate.

However, the same does not apply to entire countries. The reason why is that you can find total taxes paid by just looking at the government budget(state, federal or local). And the total revenue the government collected is the total amount of taxes (whatever form they took) paid into the government.

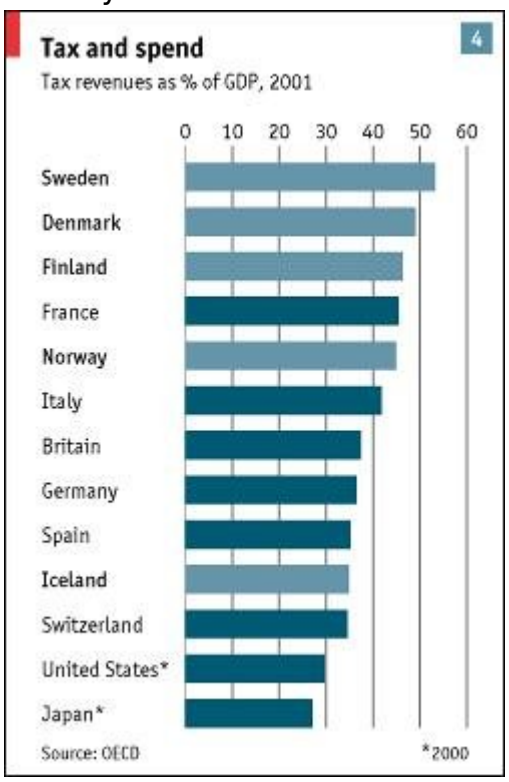
The only thing you need now is a "gross salary" for the nation to divide total government revenues by to calculate an effective tax rate for that country.

This is actually not as hard to find as you might think. Matter of fact this "gross salary of a nation" is right under your nose. It's mentioned everyday and is measured every quarter;

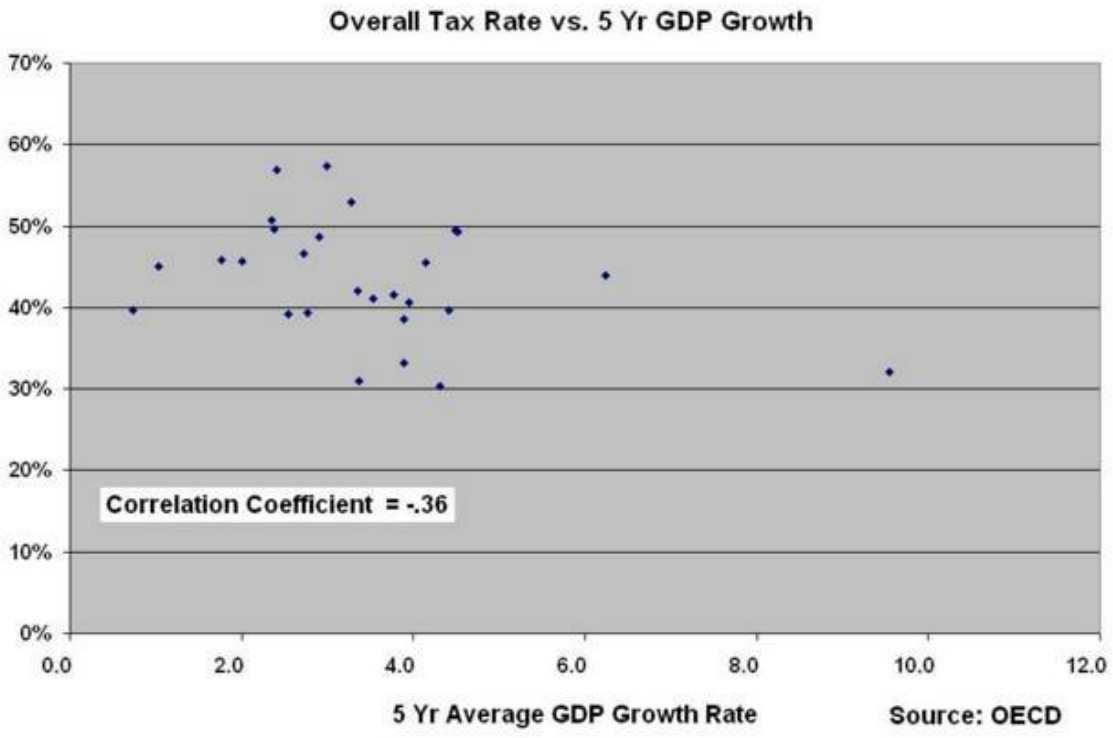
GDP - Gross Domestic Product.

The reason GDP is the entire salary of a nation is because not only is GDP "all the goods and services produced within a nation's border within one year," but for every dollar's worth of production, there is a dollar's worth of income. For example, if Chrysler sells a $40,000 PT Cruiser, that $40,000 is then used to pay for the salaries of the auto workers, salesmen, the interest on Chrysler's debts, the suppliers of the sheet metal, etc., so that all $40,000 turns into income for somebody else.

Thus, by dividing total government revenue by GDP, we get a very accurate measure of a country's overall tax rate.



However, not only does this provide a good measure of an overall tax rate, it also serves as a good barometer as to just how "capitalistic" or "communistic" a country is. North Korea is estimated to have nearly 95% of its economy under government control, whereas with George Bush's drastic tax cuts the US tax rate has fallen to 25%. But with this measure we can do something quite extraordinary; correlate countries' overall tax rate against their economic growth and finally, once and for all see which economic system is more successful.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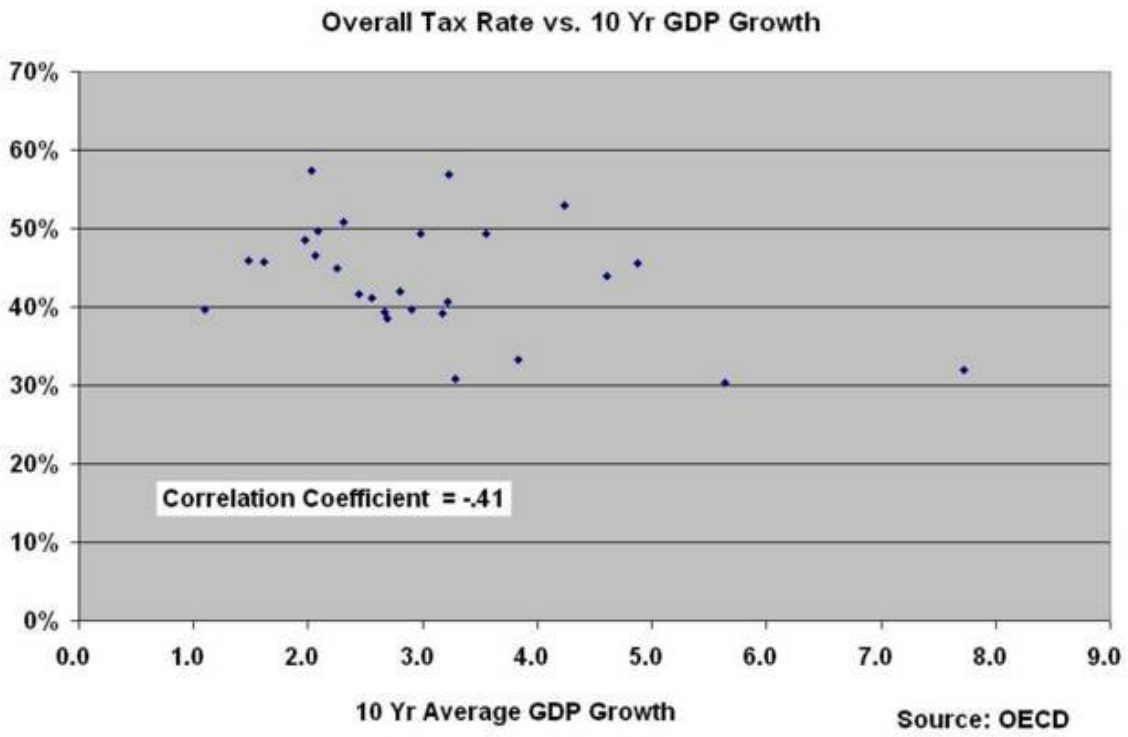
5 Yr Average GDP Growth Rate
Source: OECD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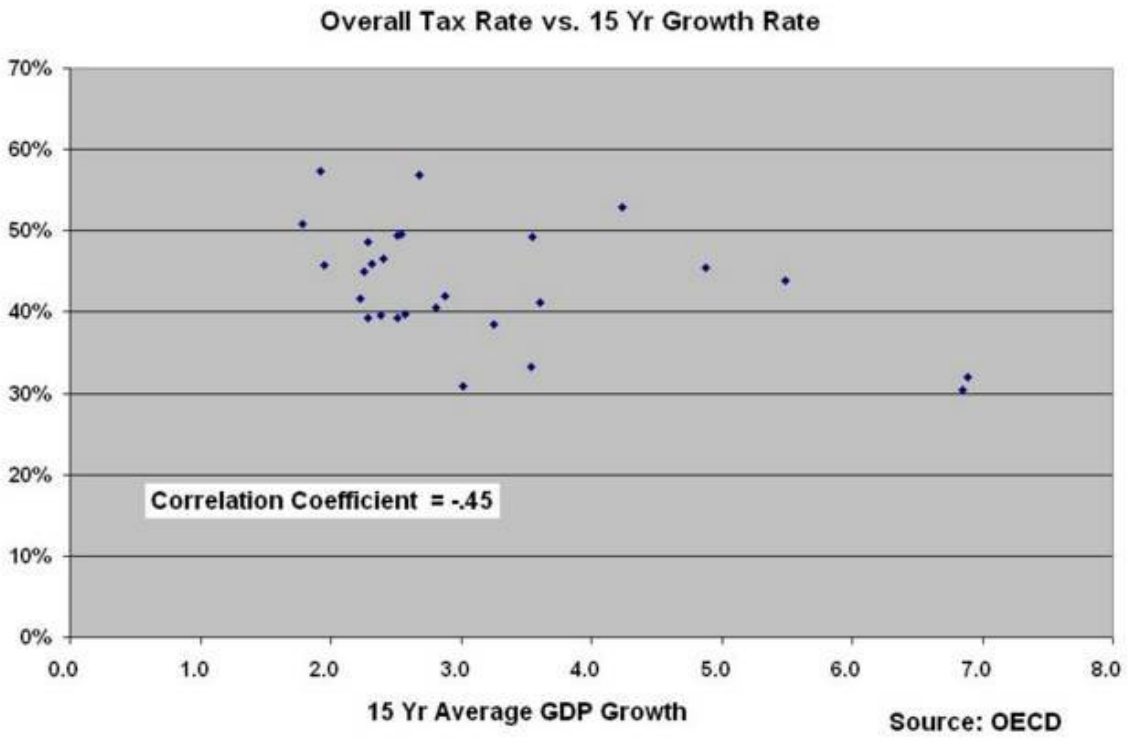
Correlation Coefficient = -.41
10 Yr Average GDP Growth
Source: OECD



(I should note that these are the OECD countries, which, at the time were the only ones with enough data to run, 5, 10 and 15 year correlations. Furthermore, this was done when I was 24, so no doubt the data has changed since. I will inevitably get around to updating these figures and hopefully will find consistent datasets for additional countries as well) And surprise, surprise, what do you know? Not only is the correlation negative, it is also strong (anything above a +/-.3 is pretty strong for the social sciences). And not only is it strong, it gets stronger the further back you go, thus proving that the higher the taxes, the lower the economic growth tends to be. The more a country leans towards the left, the more its economy fails.

But, no doubt the consortium of democrats, liberals, communists and other varied socialists will critique my data. "Why only the OECD? Why not 20 years? Why not take out the outliers? Why this? Why that?"

Which of course are legitimate questions anytime something like this is purported. But rather than spend the next 6 pages defending my methodologies here, how 'bout I just tell you, "It ain't biased, there's been no hanky panky, because I'm not concerned about getting a certain result, I legitimately wanted to know what the real result was."

Furthermore you don't have to believe me. Try the joint house committee study on the effects of taxes on economic growth.

And even if that doesn't convince you, how about a social scientist's dream come true? A perfectly controlled experiment where an identical population is divided and each half then implements completely contradictory economic systems? Would that be enough to

satisfy you?

No comparison 7

	Population m	GDP per person $ PPP	Military spending % of GDP	Annual electricity generation, bn kWh	Life expectancy years
South Korea	48.3	19,400	2.8	273.2	73
North Korea	22.2	1,000	31.3	33.4	61

Sources: CIA World Factbook, 2002; World Bank

Sadly, I could go on and on with empirical, anecdotal, but above all irrefutable evidence that capitalism is hands down the best economic system, but for some people it wouldn't matter. Some people, frankly know socialism doesn't work, but know it's the best way for them to get money for doing nothing and thus will advocate it regardless of the data. Some people, hold dearer to them a sort of "noble crusade" to promote socialism and fight "evil corporate capitalism" even if the truth doesn't warrant such a crusade because their egos are more important to them than the advancement of society. And some people are just plain brainwashed to the point of no return where they will deny everything and subscribe to conspiracy theories about black helicopters and Haliburton before they entertain the possibility that maybe capitalist countries do better than their socialist counterparts.

But economists, free-marketers, Republicans, Libertarians and other varied sorts of capitalists need not be such hypocrites. For unlike the left, our ideology is not based in wishful thinking. Our ideology is not based in theory or hope. Nor is our ideology based in falsehoods, misinformation and outright lies. No, our ideology is based in truth. What makes us capitalists, true economists, Republicans, Libertarians and other varied sorts of free-marketers is the fact that our belief in capitalism is not a belief at all, but rather a knowledge, a knowing that capitalism is the best system. And it is because the truth forms our ideology, while the left's ideology forms their truths that capitalism will always surpass socialism and communism as economic systems.

I Should Have Gone Into Computers

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If there was one thing I would have done differently, it would have been to get a degree in computer science for my undergrad.

The five years following graduation from the U of MN with a degree in finance was largely spent collecting rejection letters because the U of MN's Carlson School of Ass Kissing and Brown Nosing...err...I'm sorry, I meant to say "Management" is no rival for Wharton, U of Chicago or Anderson...then again, I did work with some people from Kellogg who proved to me that a highly ranked school doesn't necessarily produce smart people.

Regardless, that's why I live somewhat vicariously through

http://ianozsvald.com/

Always had this curiousity about computers. Computer/engineers feel the same about finance. We could in a sense of the word "trade our trades" (HA!! Get it, "trade" our "trades" The pun? I mean, how I juxtaposed the two words that are spelled the same, YET HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS? heh? get it?)

Regardless go to Ian's site and to pick up some Entrepreneurial Geekiness

Desperate Irish Housewives and the Like

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DesperateIrishHousewife.blogspot.com

So a buddy of mine forwards this to me for the obvious reasons that;

- I am Irish
- She is desperate
- And who is to be bigoted or so judgmental against housewives?

But here's the thing.

When I clicked on the profile in an attempt to mayhaps see a picture (only to be let down) I find out that in the short 8 months she's been blogging, she's had almost as many profile views as I have in my now approaching 2 and ½ years on the internet.

Now let us be frank.

She has nowhere near the amount of posts I've had.
She has no charts.
And we all know that if you don't have charts, well then, what do you have?

But why does she have all these hits?

The answer is simple my fellow bloggoteers.

She has the "magic formula" for what I consider is necessary for an instantaneous successful blog.

She is;

1. Female
2. Of the conservative/freemarket/libertarian faith
3. A blogger

These three traits alone practically guarantee you instant notoriety in the blogging world regardless of how few charts you have.

This is not to belittle or criticize those female bloggers out there who are of the free-market mind, actually, we applaud you. But that is just my point.

It's no big whoop if whiteboy Joe Schmoe blogs about the evils of socialism. Some nerdy accountant in his basement ranting away because no main stream media outlet will broadcast his views.

But if it's a girl, ESPECIALLY THE RARE AND SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EXIST PRO-CAPITALISM GIRL,

Well, that's just plain freaking hot!

It's no different than that one girl who fell into company with the dungeons and dragons crowd back in high school. You know, the tomboy that was smarter than the average girl and thusly couldn't nor wouldn't conform to the cheerleading dictum, and thus she hung out with you schlepps even though she was the center of constant ill-aimed attempts to get her to go to prom with you.

THAT'S THE FEMALE BLOGGER!

And just like a chaotic neutral wizard with a charisma +13, she's irresistible.

Don't believe me? Just look at these female blogger babes. They are rare as those high school dames that learned how to play War Hammer or could throw down a mean game of Halo;

Girl on the Right
http://www.girlontheright.com/
American, conservative, female, and a cutie.

Kate the Canadian
http://www.smalldeadanimals.com/
Canadian, conservative, female, drives motorcycles and hot

Michelle Malkin.
http://michellemalkin.com/
American, Conservative, female and HOT HOT HOT!...and married, DAMNIT!!!!

Jacqueline Passey
http://jacquelinepassey.blogs.com/
And economist, a Libertarian and since she's got a new picture, hot.

Jane Galt

http://www.janegalt.net/
A writer for The Economist, blogger, ardent free-marketer, and while she doesn't have a picture up, no doubt she is probably hot too. Actually she could be repulsive, but with the above accreditation she's still hot.

And I think each of them get something like 40 billion hits per day or something like that. True, honest to God. 40 billion...on a bad day.

Now logic would dictate that to start a successful blog then, all one has to do is POSE as an attractive female who is a conservative or libertarian. Get a picture of a willing attractive female accomplice. Lay down some mean economic rhymes (and charts of course too! Don't forget the charts!) and BOOM!

Insto-Sucessful blog!

Of course that would mean stringing along millions of poor nerdy econo-poli-type men in their basements. Leading them on to think that there are women out there who are not only conservative/libertarian/pro-capitalist, but also intelligent and attractive…

Actually, I don't think anybody is going to fall for something THAT outlandish.

Won't Somebody PLEASE Think of the Children?!

October 6, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My favorite mantra to come from the 60's generation is "won't somebody think of the children."

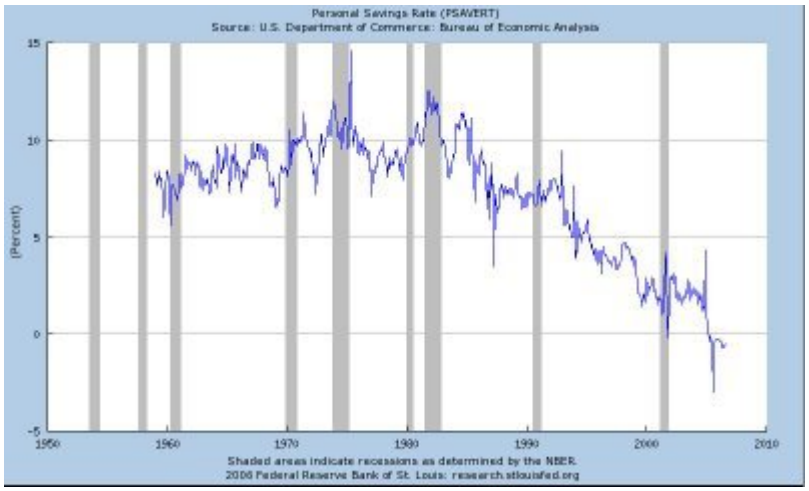
Parading children around as an excuse to allocate resources to a whole bevy of programs. Demanding more money be spent on the children. Because we care for the children. And if you don't transfer wealth to the poor for the sake of the children, then you're a very very BAD PERSON!

Well, my question to you is, yeah, why won't somebody think of the children? It's one thing to say it, it's another thing to mean it.

Never has such a generation failed in their stewardship of future generations.

So you can only imagine my blood pressure when Ben Bernanke, who you know, is kind of a smart guy. Might know what he's talking about, being the head of the Federal Reserve and all gave a speech about the black and white realities of social security and medicare.

Juxtapose this speech with the latest in savings rates which would be a barometer of just how much people care about the children in that they'd be saving for their retirement so that future generations don't have to pay for their retirement;



Enough to drive a man to drink.

Having a Hard Time "Cairing"

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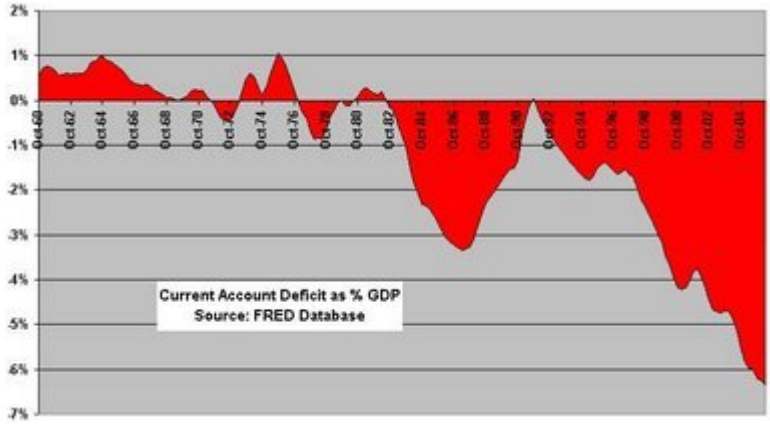
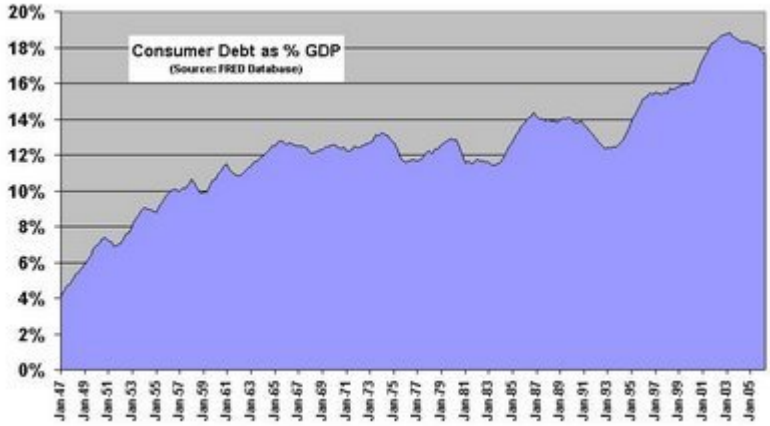
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-10-internet-defamation-case_x.htm

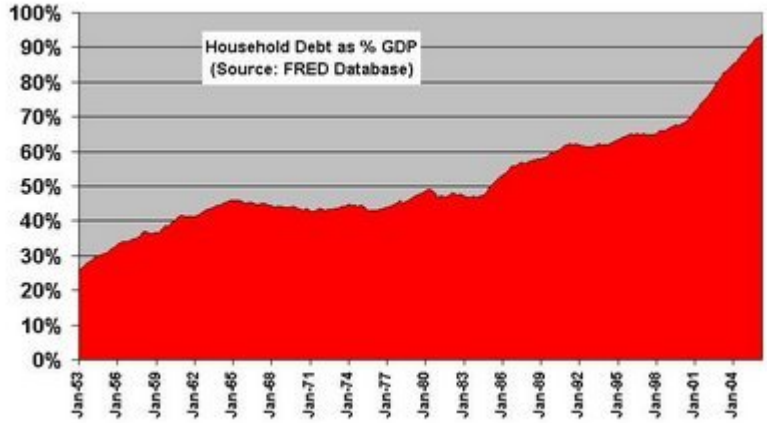
Debt Junkies

October 8, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So whilst working on a project I compiled some stats on just how much debt Americans are using. Thought you'd find the charts interesting and greatly depressing at the same time;







Oh, and happy Monday everybody.

Yes, Communism Still Sucks

October 9, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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For some reason the hits have gone through the roof on this old post of mine from March. Web site called www.reddit.com linked it yesterday and BOOM! Hits go through the roof.

Anyway, it shows the world's worst cases of genocide by an interesting chart (and we know my affinity for charts). But I didn't want to repost it with a different date otherwise the links wouldn't work, so click on it. It shows how communists are effectively the world's best killer and that's DURING PEACE TIME!

We Need to Prune the Lawyer Population

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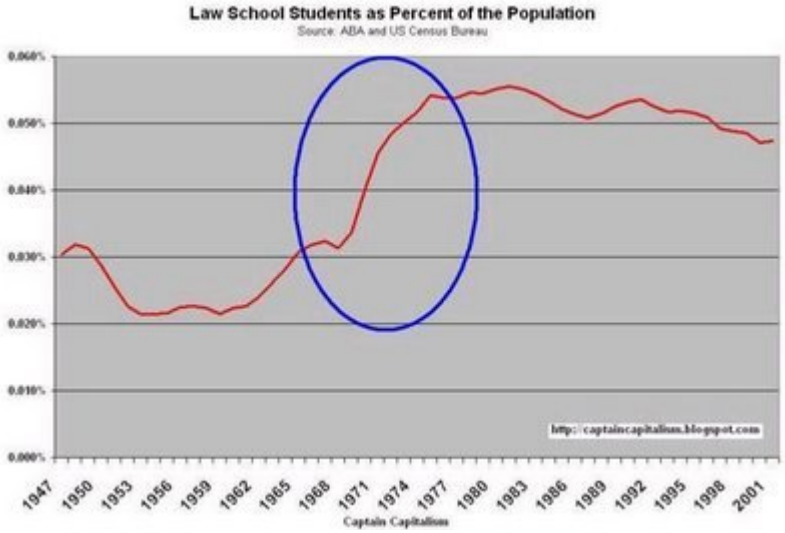

For their own good you understand.

Well, Isn't This Interesting?

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So this came out;

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-10-internet-defamation-case_x.htm

I find it very, very interesting. I'm sure some other people will too!

Militant Teachers Unions…In Mexico

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I've kind of been following this half-heartedly. But my understanding of it is right wing thug regional governor won't give in to left-wing thug teacher's unions demands, protests and all hell breaks lose.

Like I said I haven't followed it that closely, but Mark in Mexico has. Here's his web site;

http://markinmexico.blogspot.com/

Once thing I did want to post was this photo taken of an open-minded leftist and their respect for the law.

An unarmed traffic cop snatched from an intersection he was directing.

Any time you leftists want to get lippy here in the US and resort to physical violence, set down the latte and your daddy's credit card and let's go.

Fat Chicks Allowed

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We've been going at it the wrong way gentlemen. Barking up the wrong tree. Pissing into the wind.

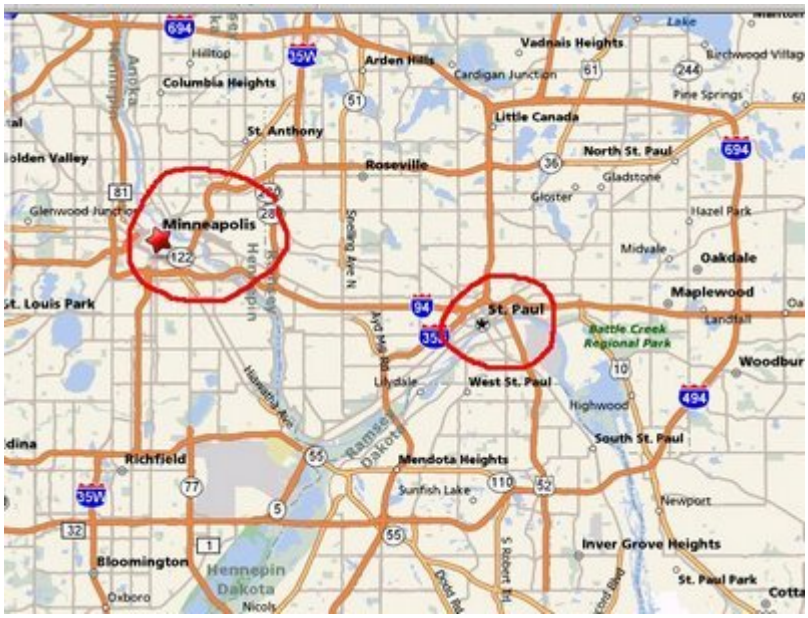
As I've said before I often think that society spoils very attractive women and gives them a free pass in many things. Simply because a woman is attractive means that one-half the population wishes to sleep with her and thusly will buy her food, drinks, dinner, dates, houses, jewelry, heck I remember a personal injury lawyer scamming on a girlfriend of mine promising to pay for her college (I was a wealthy security guard at the time). This effectively shields these women from the harsh realities of life that turns you from a child into an adult. So while the rest of us schlepps have to slave away at work, earn a degree, pay a mortgage, and fill our own gas tanks, Bambi is being chauffered around by Winston Winthrop III.

Now not to be arrogant or bragging, but truthfully, I keep myself in enough shape and ask out such a volume of girls that inevitably one is drunk enough, slips up and says yes. Thusly I do tend to date very attractive women.

However, these never or rarely make it past the first date as they quickly prove themselves to be complete morons and ditzes.

For example, in my recent trip to Rapid City a very attractive girl GAVE ME her number and e-mail without me even asking and DEMANDED stay in town one extra day so that we could go out on a date...only to stand me up the next day.

Another would be the "Norwegian Goddess" who got so hammered one night she not only got into fisticuffs with her friends, but was so drunk she couldn't tell if she was in St. Paul or Minneapolis and thusly needed me to pick her up (below is a thing called a "map" that shows you the geographic difference between the two).



Or perhaps my personal favorite, the neice of one of the top dogs inTaiwan's Kuomintang party whose family had a net worth in excess of $1 billion that literally LECTURED ME FOR 15 STAIGHT MINUTES after I had filled up the tank, went into the station to pay, and came back and had the audacity NOT TO ASK HER IF SHE WANTED SOMETHING TO DRINK!

Obviously the common theme among these very attractive women is they're all psycho. They're mean. They're spoiled. They're immature.

In short, their personalities suck.

This presents a paradox to any guy who wishes to date attractive women;

physical attraction is inversely related to personality.

Here is a formula developed by U of Chicago economists;

$$\text{Physical Attraction} = \frac{1}{\text{Personality}}$$

Thus the question becomes how do you solve this paradox, and date a girl that is not only attractive, but nice as well. Well, gentlemen, I think I have the answer.

Ask yourself the question, what is easier to change?

A person's looks

or

A person's personality?

And now the merits of my genius plan becomes apparent. For while a person's personality is more or less set by the age of 24, their physical appearance is not. And while a person's personality can be changed, it is infinitely easier to change somebody's physical appearance.

Thus, guys, men, hombres and dudes, we've been going about it all the wrong way.

Instead of chasing after hot chicks that no doubt have wretched and unchangible personalities, we should be keeping a keen eye out for overweight women that you could see it that if they lost 20, 30, 50 pounds, etc., they'd be hot. And since society is anything but nice to fat chicks, you can practically be guaranteed that they know how to support themselves, they don't expect society to take care of them, they have personality and have had to develop some kind of intellect or skill in order to have a social life, just like the rest of us. It's literally only a matter of slimming them down.

Now, there are of course problems with my new-found theory.

One, friends have pointed out they don't want to date fat chicks. And I concur, but that is not what the theory portends. Much as we may lament it, you must be physically attracted to somebody to date them. But that doesn't mean you can't be friends and go running or walking.

Secondly, dissenters brought up the issue of how exactly do you put it to an overweight girl that she needs to lose 40 pounds? Simple, you don't. You just say, "hey, do you ever go running?" Get them out dancing. Some form of exercise without mentioning that she needs to lose weight.

Also is the issue of how "blunt" and "mean spirited" this is.

Well that's because if you're insulted by such an idea you are probably of the lefter-leaning sorts because you dont' like the truth and rather lie to somebody to spare their feelings than to truly help them out.

It may be blunt, it may be cold- hearted truth, but it is not mean spirited. Mean-spirited would be something like not telling an overweight person they need to lose weight knowing full well their life expectancy will be 15 years shorter if you don't.

That's mean spirited.

"Asking" not "TELLING" a woman to go running pulls off the delicate balance of being polite yet being truthful as well.

Regardless, the theory has merit and is a win-win-win situation as far as I can tell.

1. The monopoly super attractive women have would be broken and they'd be forced to compete by becoming nicer people.

2. Overweight women would slim down, making them not only more attractive, but healthier.

3. A good looking dame with a great personality might not be a mutually exclusive event.

Conspiracy Theories Coming to a Theater Near You!

October 13, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I forecast the following conspiracy theories as we approach the election;

1. Flag of Our Fathers was timed to be released for maximum Republican advantage. The left will demand Clint Eastwood shoot himself and renounce the use of guns.

2. Harry Reid's real estate deals were obviously the work of the right wing MSM.

3. The George Bush made this last tropical depression fail to become a hurricane only because of the mid term elections. Otherwise he would have called his cronies and made that tropical depression a force 5 hurricance to wipe out another town populated with minorities.

4. The paper cut I got the other day was the result of a diabolical plot by Bush, Inc. when I criticized him for spending too much money.

Yes, Communism STILL SUCKS…Again..Like it Always Has

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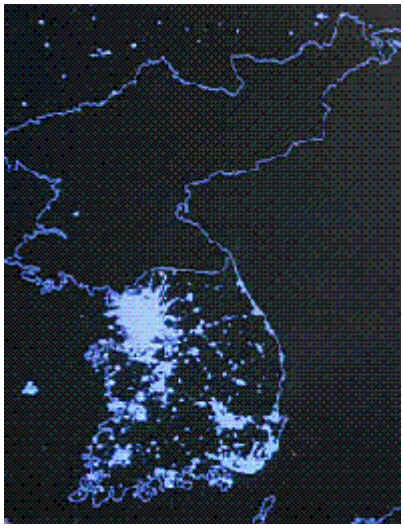
No doubt you've seen this on drudge or perhaps before, but seriously, if you want ultimate proof as to just what a miserable failure socialism is as an economic system, you just have to look at this picture.



Think if you were aliens looking down on Earth. You lean over, "Hey Bob, look at this here peninsula!"

"What about it?"

"At it kind of odd right at the 38th parallel it all of the sudden goes black?"

"I thought it was a lake!"

"No, no, we're picking up signs of human life. Weak, but they're there."

"Well where the hell are all the lights???"

"Got me."

"Well hell, who the hell is running that joint anyway???"

It really makes you question whether leftists REALLY believe that the actually have the key to a better society or are just a bunch of lazy whinners that want other people's wealth transferred to them.

The Best of Captain Capitalism - Dear Penthouse Forum

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This was arguably the most popular post and taught me a great lesson in the economics of blogs;

Smut and sex sells and ain't none of you honyakers interest in economics as much as you are dirt on people's dating lives.

Alas, what am I to do, a true capitalism responds to the market.

It was several weeks ago I was sitting at one of my favorite jazz clubs. And as always I was reading the most recent issue of The Economist. I had set it down on the table and turned my attention to do some tax work when an rather attractive Asian woman walked by. But while I was looking at her, I noticed that she was looking at the cover of The Economist.

At first I was hopefully impressed, thinking that somehow this may be the legendary "video-game-playing, Economist-reading, sexy-lingerie-wearing, totally hot babe capitalist economist that likes to serve Irish economist men martinis while they listen to Frank Sinatra." The one that the Holy and Sacred Elder Economists of Yore spoke so much of. But when I saw what was on the cover of The Economist, "China and the Key to Asian Peace" I realized she must be Chinese and was naturally just looking at the cover.

She proceeded to sit down at a table about 10 yards from me and ordered a glass of wine. She was dressed provocatively enough that I figured she had a date or was meeting some friends, so I just left it at that and returned to doing some tax work. However, 20 minutes had passed and I noticed that she was still sitting by herself.

Did her date fail to show up?

Were her friends the tardy types?

Or...could she be like me! A Napoleon Solo type character who is actually secure and cool enough with themselves to go to clubs and read The Economist?!?!

Realizing that my finite resource of time was being used up, I decided to gather up the courage and ask her if she was alone. Upon asking her, she said she was waiting for friends, but they were very late. And in my politest, least forward and non-threatening way, I asked her if she would like to join me so that I may keep her company until her

friends arrived.

She agreed.

Happily we sat down at the couch I had previously ornamented with my papers and files and started talking. A very nice and attractive woman, but what impressed me the most was that she was not bashful about asking me about myself, alleviating me of the typical male duty of keeping the conversation going. And within one minute of asking me questions, it seemed the prophecy of the Holy and Sacred Elder Economists of Yore were to come true. For in that brief minute of conversation it was established that;

1. She reads The Economist
2. She was a financial manager at a money management firm
3. She had her undergraduate in finance
4. She was getting her masters in economics

The next hour of conversation was tantilizing and insanely intelligent. We talked about econometric modeling. We talked about efficient frontier theory. We talked about Miller-Modigliani. And then she talked about her specialty, behavioral economics.

I love it when chicks talk dirty to me.

And thinking that the night could not get better, it did. Her friends showed up. All of them finance majors and all of them just as capable of holding intelligent conversation which lasted the next hour.

But I knew inevitably I would have to make my play. And at a table full of economists and finance majors you're not really going to impress anybody by quoting correlation coefficients between GDP growth rates and unemployment figures because that’s just par for the course for them. So I decided to play my trump card. My master stroke of genius. My coup d'etat.

I can dance.

Fortunately for me there was a jazz band. And fortunately there was a dance floor. So sitting there patiently, engaging in conversation, I waited for the perfectly timed song to play and then asked, "do you know how to dance?"

The expression on her face could not be repeated.

"No, but I would love to learn how!"

So I said, "I can teach you."

"Well, not now, but I'd certainly love to go dancing sometime later."

And boom! There was my in.

The scenario could not have been more perfect;

* I established we had insane amounts in common.
* We established we could have that insanely rare thing called "intelligent conversation"
* I mingled well with her friends
* I established that I was unique and could offer her something fun that would make for one hell of a date.
* She wanted me to take her out dancing.

And like George Castanza, knowing that he should exit at the top of his game, I proceeded to give the woman my card, said I would love to take her out dancing, and bid her and her friends farewell.

Leaving the jazz club I had a smile on my face. I was supremely confident she would call.

Which reminded me of a theory I had developed back in my college days;

“If you are supremely confident a girl will call, she won’t.”

Sure enough, time had passed, and no call.

Alas, I concluded she must not have been too smart, for how stupid do you have to be not to call a dancing, video-game-playing economist? Especially one with his very own subscription to The Economist! I mean come on, ladies, how can you resist?

But don’t cry for me Argentina, for there is good news to this story. For immediately after I had left the jazz club, and while I was still riding high on the prospects of meeting a potential intellectual equal, I felt it necessary to share my experiences with those who I thought at the time were at least in part responsible for making this meeting happen; the kind ladies and gentlemen at The Economist. In a drunken stupor, I had sent off a letter to London detailing my exploits that night, not expecting what would happen two weeks later.

For two weeks later, at the insanely early hour of 10AM, I was awoken by a call from none other than the chief editor of The Economist asking if I had taken her out yet! It seems the good blokes and dames at The Economist had a running wager on me and whether I’d be successful in getting her out on a date. The chief editor, recognizing the obvious fact that anybody who subscribes to The Economist and who is in fact an economist himself, is so studly that they would practically be guaranteed of getting a date, wisely bet on me.

Sadly, perhaps he is too wise, for he is 72 years of age and perhaps still subscribes to the romantic notions of the 1940's; chivalry, tradition, romance, and other such BS. Whereas his younger, less senior counterparts are fully aware of the insanity of modern day women and their incapability to appreciate the concept of carpe diem, and thus bet against me.

But regardless of the outcome, as an economist, one must think. For while girls that shoot me down are a dime a dozen, how often is it that you get a call from the chief editor of The Economist?

As far as my econometric models tell me, that's worth getting shot down at least 348 times with a 2.5% margin of error.

Mind the Lag

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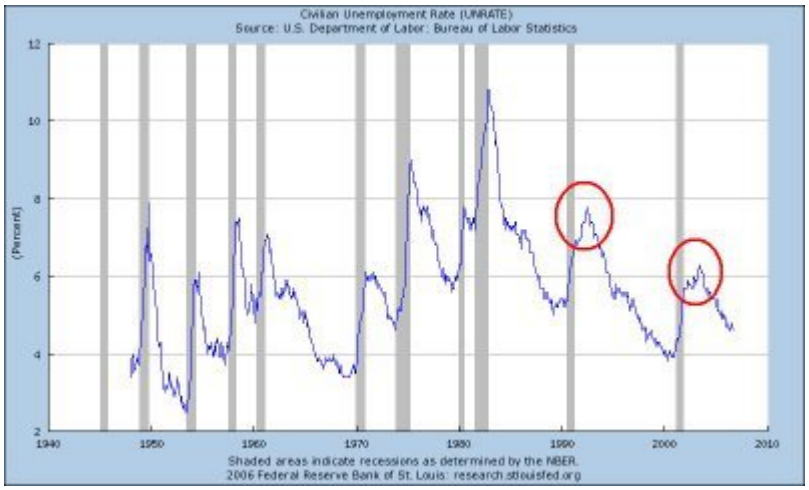
Something I noticed which I have not the time to explore, but perhaps one of you aspiring junior deputy economists can figure this one out.

But previous to the past two recessions we've had, unemployment peaked at the end of recessions. This only makes sense as so long as the economy is retracting, then unemployment would go down until growth took over again.

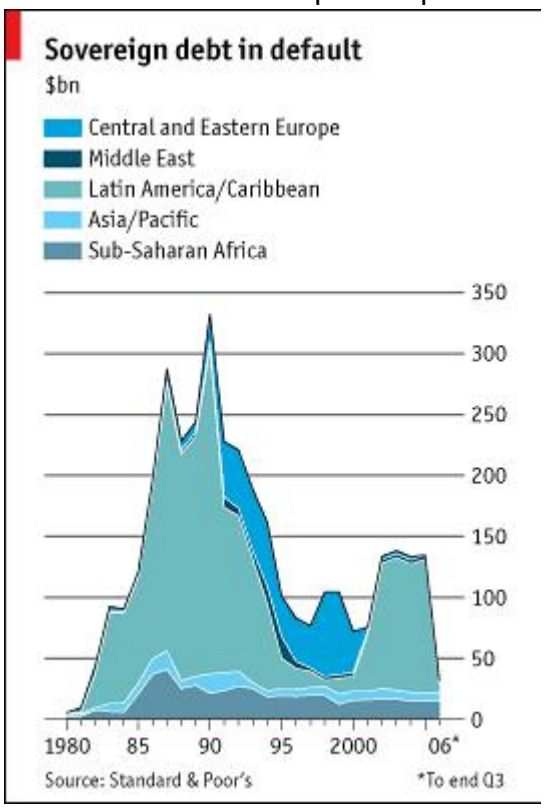
But now it seems unemployment lags behind the economy. Eyeballing it, it looks like about a year to a year and a half lag before unemployment peaks and then starts to recover;



The Great Latin Let Down

October 19, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember, very early, just when I was getting interested in economics a couple articles or teachers mentioning how Argentina and Latin America would be the new America. All we had to do was export capitalism and some capital and boom! It should flourish.



If it's all the same with you, I'll be investing in the Baltics or Ireland.

Edumacation

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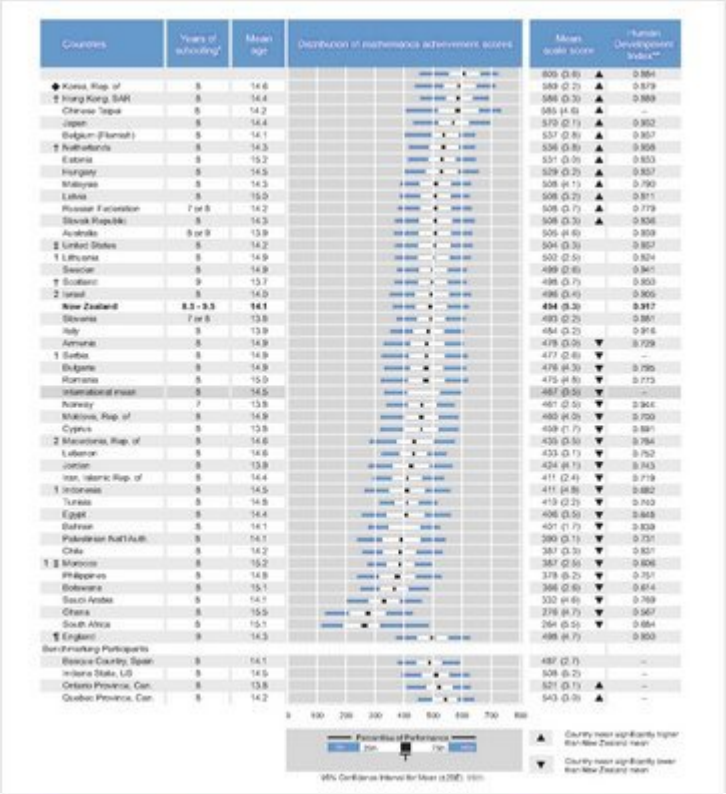

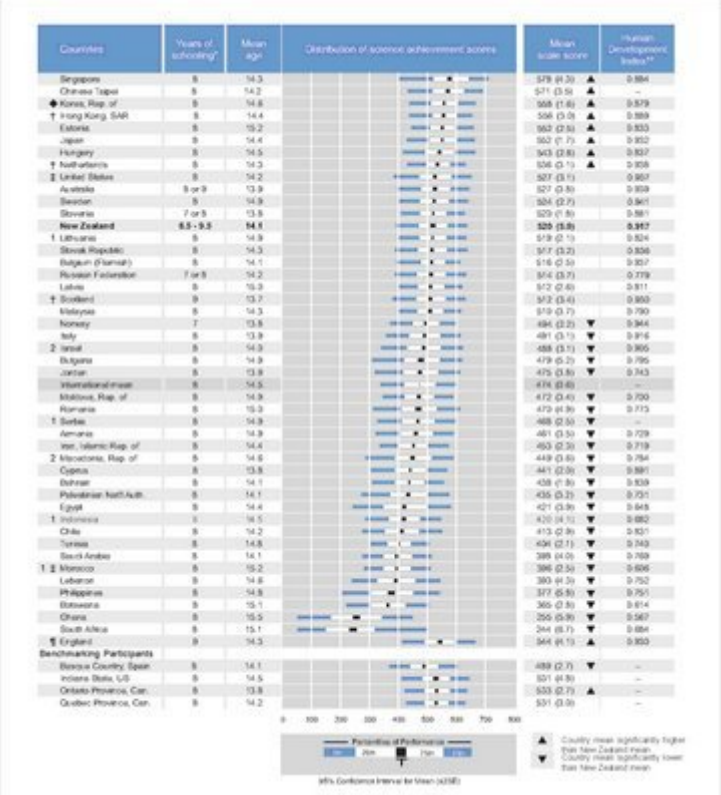

Remember to tune in this weekend to The Economics Supper Club!

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This Saturday, 1-3PM Central Standard Time!

Got a Question? E-mail the Captain!

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Hi All,

Got a post recently that I had to think about whether I would post it or not. The reason why is that it wasn't pertinent to the original post I made and would actually lessen a future article I plan on writing not to mention it's in regards to a lawsuit so I'm erring on the side of caution and not posting anything (my apologies to the person who sent in the question). regardless, I do want to answer all relevant and pertinent questions the readers may have. All of you can certainly e-mail me (person who sent me the question included) any questions you have that may not be related to a particular post. Besides which, I like getting e-mail.

captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Make sure you copy and paste it, people have been mispelling it.

And tune in TODAY to The Economics Supper Club! To quote Bill Cosby, "It'll make ya smart!"

Where are They?

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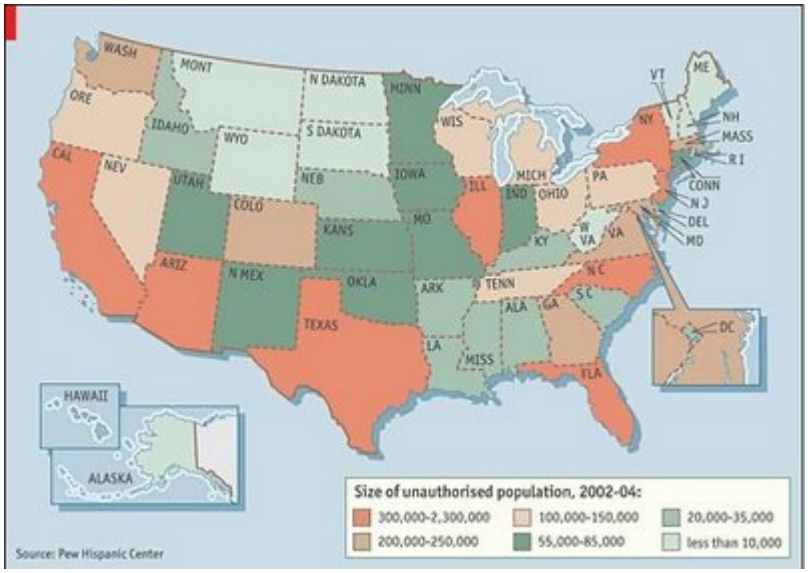

'Unauthorized population" that's a new one. Illegal immigrants vs. "undcoumented alien" vs. "unauthorized population."

Best of Captain Capitalism - Investing Against Conventional Wisdom

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This is an older one, harkening back to 2004. Still think it's one of your best moves to pay down debt...which of course makes me more hated than a pedophile in this land of home-equity-loan junkies.

DISCLAIMER-BY READING THIS YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SUE ME! IF YOU FOLLOW ANY OF THIS ADVICE AND YOU LOSE MONEY OR DON'T MAKE AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE, TOUGH! AND EVEN IF YOU WERE TO SUE AND WIN, I'D GUARANTEE YOU'D HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO WORRY ABOUT!

Everything clear? OK, good, let's move on.

Several times now that I have run into the classical "starving student" while teaching economics at the local community college, where of course, we accept only the finest the public schools have to offer. And it is obvious these starving students received their education at the public schools, because their logic is so solid.

For example, one particularly starving student was so desperate for money, he had to sign up for MinnCare (Minnesota's state sponsored health care system). This means myself and other lucky fellow (and self-supporting) Minnesota taxpayers now provide this student in need with health care if he can manage to pay the $20 a month required of MinnCare. Unfortunately, I don't think he can even afford that because he bought himself a portable DVD player and the entire "Family Guy" series on DVD.

Another classic example would be the poor, tortured soul who stormed into my classroom tirading about the financial aid department's refusal to disperse any further financial aid to her. Don't these people realize that this is the same girl that needs to get hammered every weekend at the bars? And don't they realize that drinks nowadays cost about $5 a pop? I'm scared to speculate if she has a child.

Regardless, I could go on with endless examples of how students' choices to spend their money serves only to utterly destroy the broken record track of the left that 80 gazillion people are without health insurance, but that is not what this article is about. For while I certainly can critique the parasites of society for insisting the taxpayer subsidize their lives whilst they go and booze it up and buy the latest electronic gadgetry, the public school-educated youth are not the only ones guilty of making poor investment decisions.

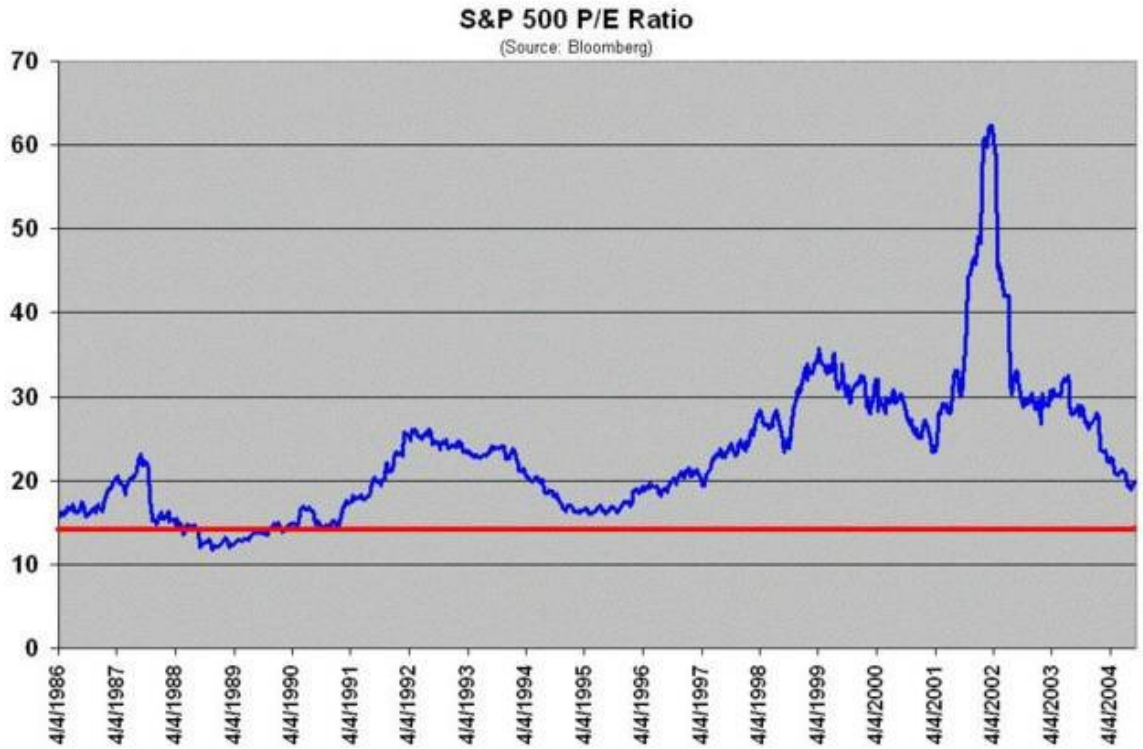
For example, take the good little Jessica-Simpson-Americans. They work hard. They maximize their contributions to their 401k's. They get a house in the suburbs. Set aside some money in a 529 plan for little Jr. And if they have some extra money they perhaps contribute that to a Roth IRA.

What could possibly be wrong with that?

Nothing from moral standpoint. You certainly aren't having me pay for your health care (much appreciated). You certainly are contributing to GDP and thus society. You're probably doing more for your children than most by setting up a 529 plan. And despite Jessica Simpson making me want to gag, as an advocate of self-reliance I couldn't critique anything about it.

However, from a financial or economic standpoint rarely do I see anybody putting forth the effort to thoroughly and fully analyze what they're throwing their money into. And while it isn't an obvious waste like choosing Jack Daniels over college books, there are some things you should consider before you just blindly invest with the masses into your 401k.

First off is the crazy, outside chance that maybe, just maybe, with the entire Baby Boomer generation throwing all their money into their 401k's that this may have overvalued the stock markets. Beforehand people would just retire off the farm, sell the business, or (here's a foreign concept to the Baby Boomers) work until they died. But it is only recently that we've opted to use the stock market as our main investment for retirement. Using the S&P 500's P/E ratio (for those without a degree in finance, this a measure used to gauge how over/undervalued a stock is), you'll note that US stocks, despite the crash are still overvalued by about 25% from their historical average of 15 as notated by the red line. Furthermore, ever since the Baby Boomers have entered their "prime earning years" say in the late 80's the stock market has always traded above this average, suggesting this overvaluation is persistent and fundamental.



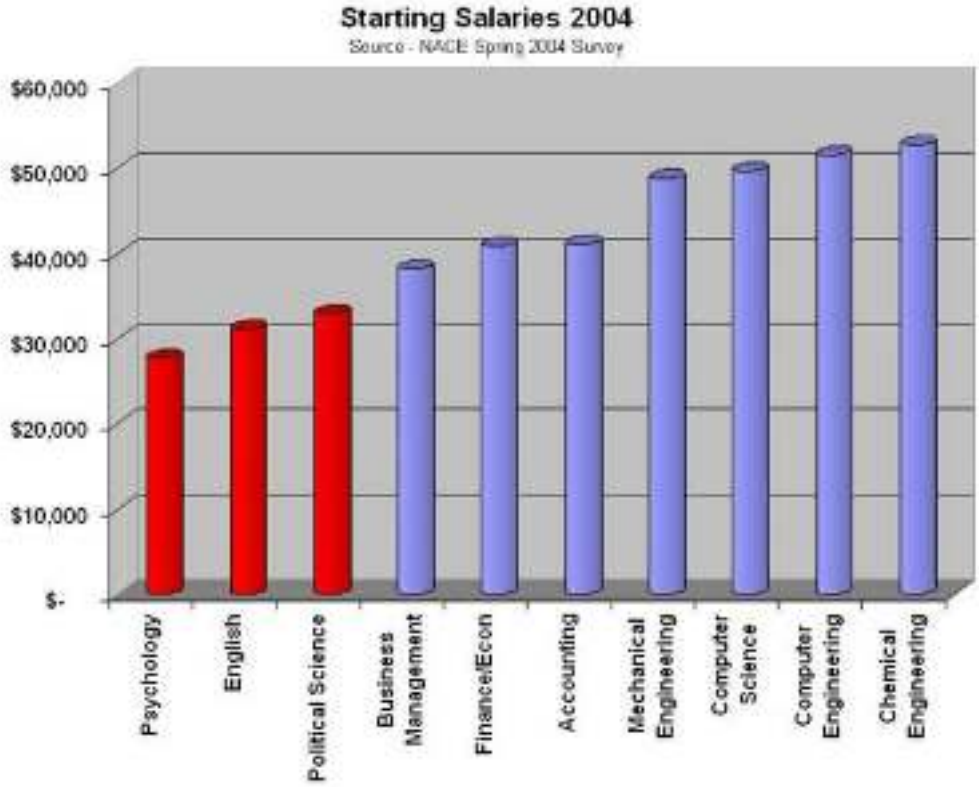
Worst still is what will happen when the Baby Boomers start to retire and withdraw their money from the stock market? Well, you just keep on contributing to that US equity fund of yours and see what happens 2009-ish.

Another item you might want to consider is that precious house of yours. Why, at all the cocktail parties who doesn't brag about how much the value of their house has increased? Certainly a considerably loose monetary policy and abnormally low interest rates hasn't artificially boosted housing prices. Well, very similar to the S&P 500's P/E ratio is the *price to rents ratio for housing* in the US. Put out by HSBC, this measures the average price of a US house to its plausible rents.

Alas, it seems the housing market is not only too pricey, but bound to correct a little.

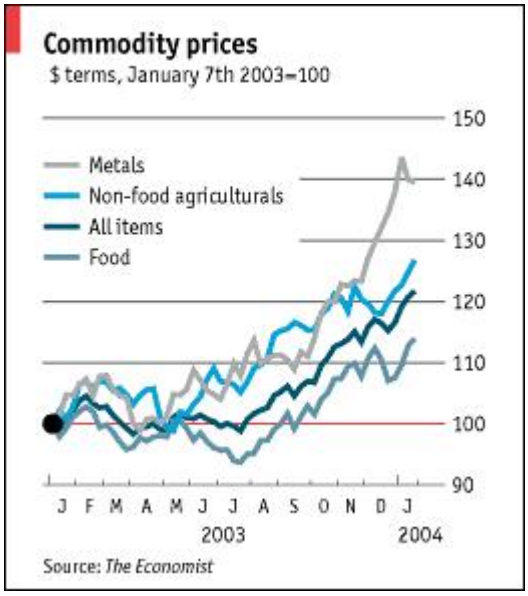
But how about education? Specifically, your child's education. How can a 529 plan possibly go wrong? Well it can go wrong since you have to invest the money just like you would a 401k plan and thus face the same overvaluation risks. Best bet is to go with the

prepaid tuition option for the 529's. But then again, and me being forever the cynic, your child will no doubt major in some crap study like "sociology," or "peace studies" or "feelings," effectively wasting all your money anyway.



Perhaps you should just buy yourself a boat.

So what's left to invest in if the stock and property markets are overvalued? Sure you could go overseas and invest there, but you'd be facing various exchange rate and political risks. You can invest in bonds...and earn a whopping 5.5%. What about commodities? They've had a bold performance.



Of course, that bold performance is solely due to China's blistering economic growth and voracious demand for raw materials, sure to reverse itself once China's economy slows down to a more rational 8% GDP growth.

But there is another option...an option that nobody considers. Well, perhaps somebody has considered it, but financial advisors aren't too keen to tell you about it, because they won't make money. Matter of fact, neither will you, but it certainly has more benefits than any other investment I've seen in a long time.

Pay off your debts.

Car loans, student loans, credit cards and even your mortgage; pay off your debts.

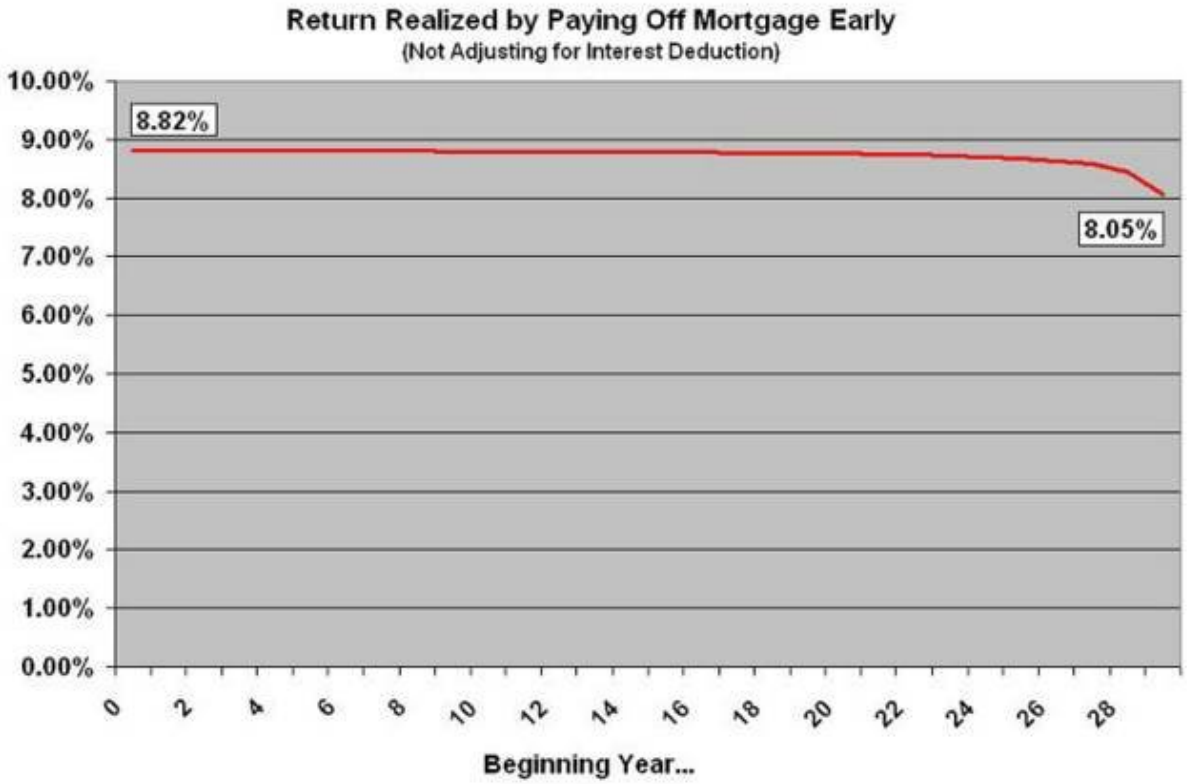
Now conventional wisdom had it that you should *consolidate* your debts under a home equity loan. This in turn would allow you to write off all that nasty interest from your taxes. But I am not conventional. And while I do subscribe to consolidating your debts so that its interest is tax deductible, I much prefer to pay off all that debt prematurely and forego the interest deduction.

Now MBA's from Ivy League schools are probably scratching their heads just as they were when Dotcom Mania came crashing down because it says in the Official Ivy League Textbook of Finance that you should always hold that interest deduction in high and holy regards. No matter what you do, you need that interest deduction. Shoot the children, sell the dog, but whatever you do, do not give up that interest deduction.

Here's the problem. Do you want to hold on to that holy and sacred interest deduction, or would you rather just not pay the $300,000 in interest expense over the course of the mortgage in the first place?

Yeah, I thought so.

But there are more benefits to paying off your mortgage and debts early than the cash flow you'd save. Converted into a rate of return, you'd actually be earning a better rate than you would most bonds. Below are the returns you'd realize on a standard 30 mortgage rate at 8%.

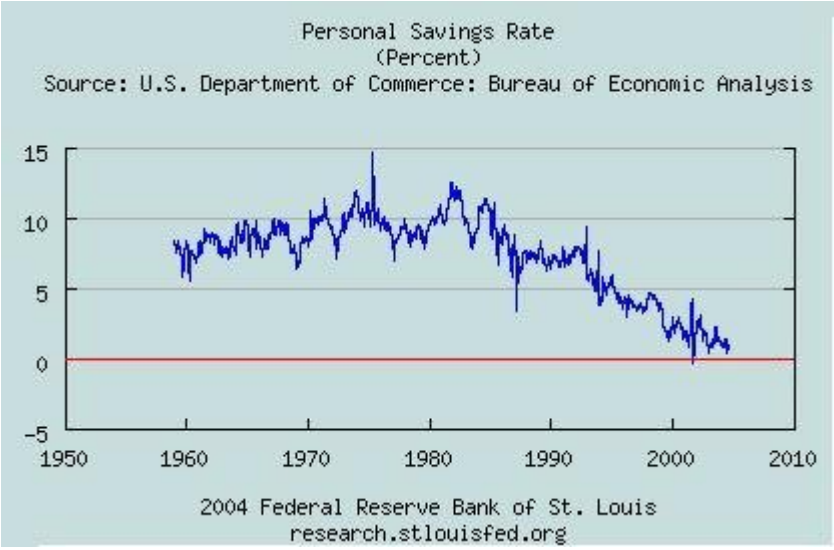


(Note - this "rate of return" is somewhat misleading. Sure if you pay off additional principal you save future interest payments, however you won't see an "annualized rate of return" out to 30 years simply because in paying off additional principal, you bring your mortgage to a pre-mature end. If this doesn't make sense, don't worry, I just put this in here as a technicality incase some math/econ/finance geeks were interested).

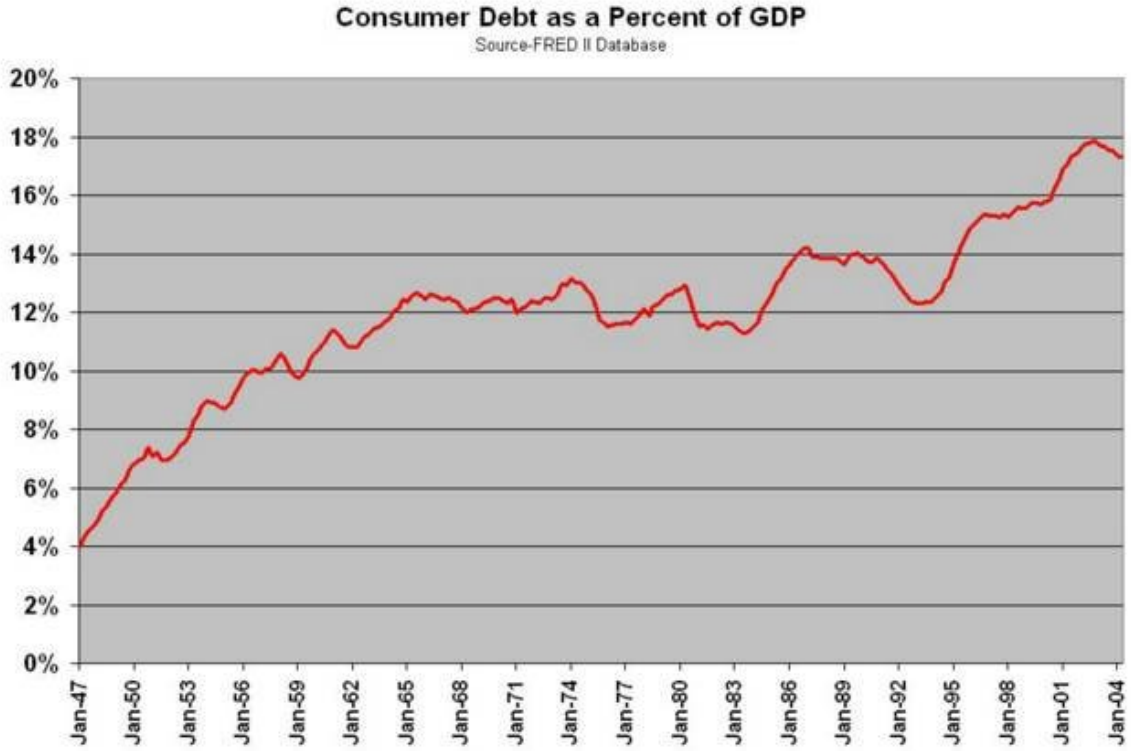
However, this "rate of return" is actually a misnomer since you aren't really investing in anything as much as you are paying off your debts to save future cash flow. This brings up another benefit to paying off your debt; it's risk free. You are not the one taking a risk, it is the mortgage company that loaned you the money that is taking the risk on you. Thus it is a completely risk free investment to pay off your debts early, even less risky than investing in US Treasuries.

While this is all well and good for you, there are also benefits to society and the economy as well. Realize Americans have saved themselves and the world from arguably two recessions with one thing;

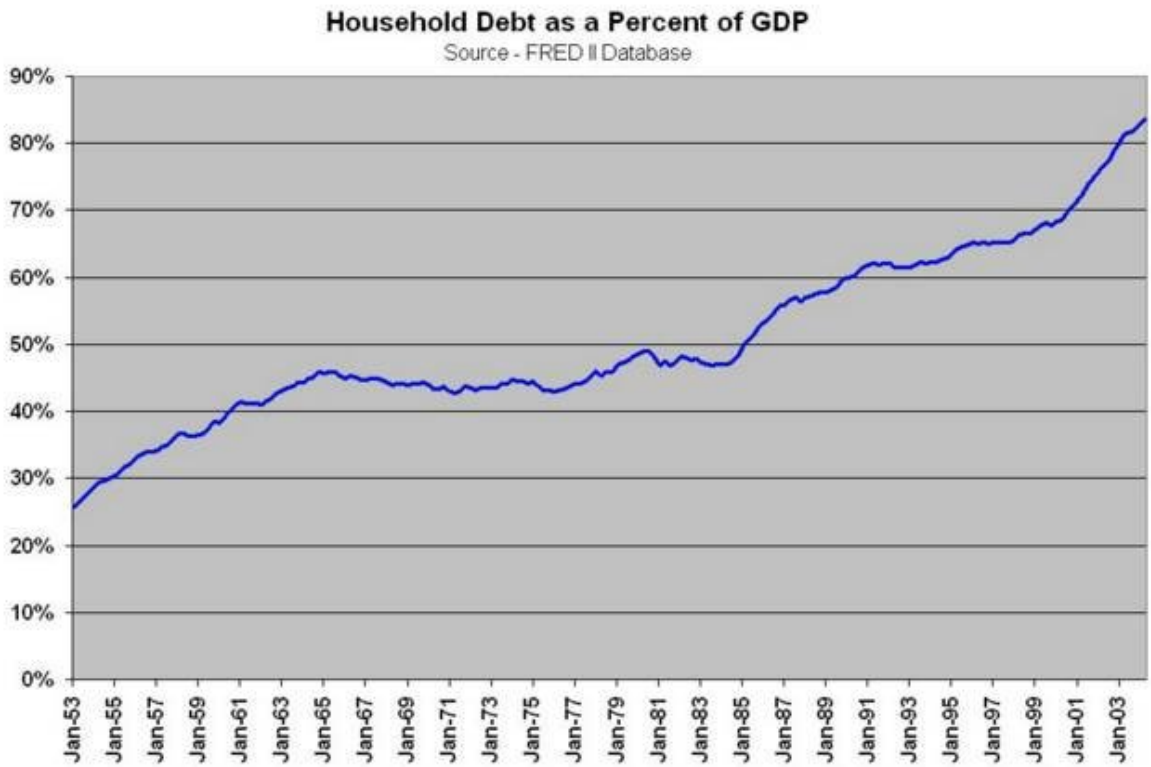
Insatiable spending.



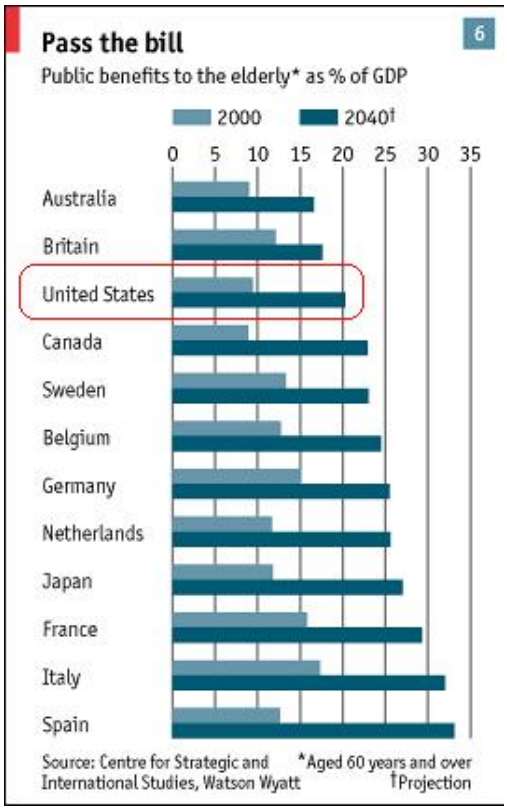
By spending like we're married to a ketchup heiress, and borrowing the money to do so, we not only merely post-pone an inevitable decrease in consumer spending into the future, but we rack up massive amounts of debt in the process. This has resulted in an amassing of $2 trillion in consumer debt, putting it at a historical high of over 17% of the economy's GDP.

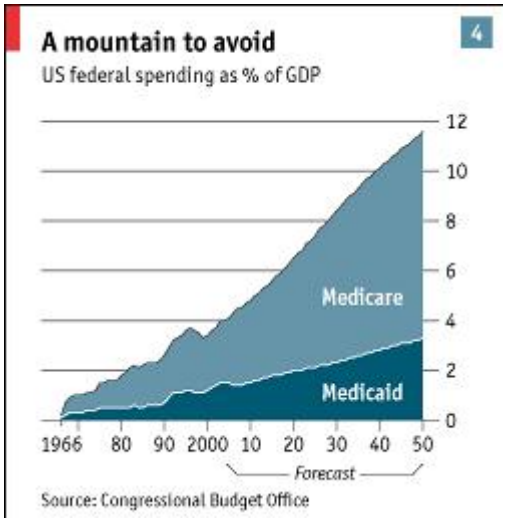


But that is nothing compared with the level of household debt (consumer debt + mortgages and some other liabilities) currently standing at $9+ trillion, roughly 85% of our GDP. Thus, the coincidence of the rise in household debt and the rise in property prices suggests the property "bubble" is driven by debt-always a good thing (for those of you with real lives and the ability to attract members of the opposite sex, this was a joke that only economists would get and find funny. A debt-driven stock or property bubble is a VERY BAD thing, so this was meant as sarcasm).

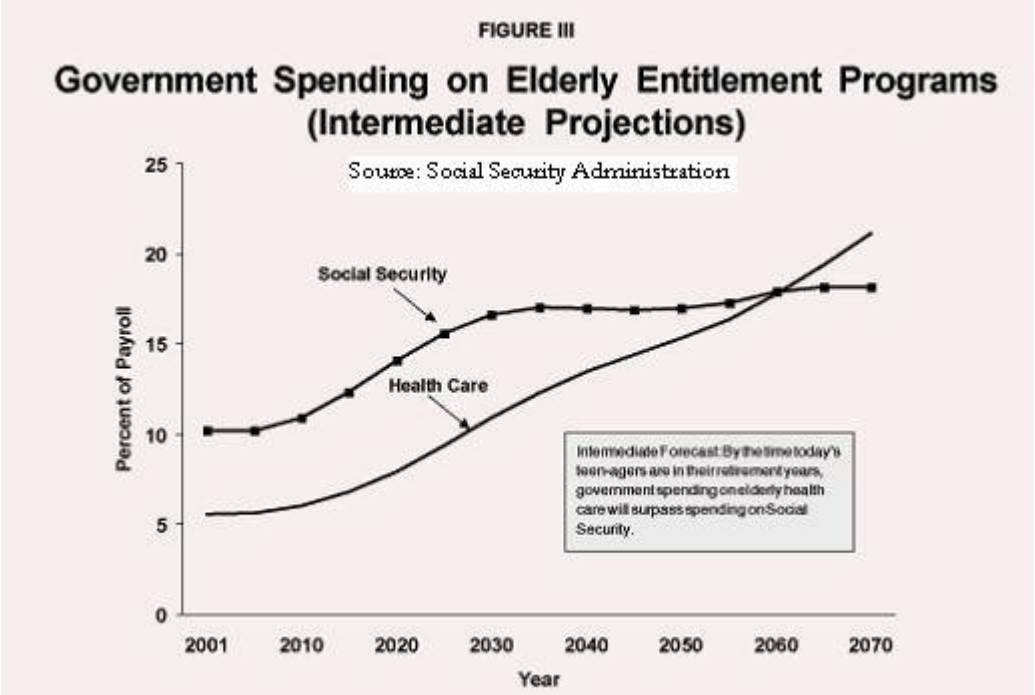


Worse still is it's incredibly poor timing to be racking up these massive debts on the precipice of the impending Baby Boomer generation retiring which demands MUCH MORE saving. While Social Security and Medicare currently consume 10% of our nation's GDP, that number is expected to double by 2040 taking a full fifth of our economy, Medicare inevitably about to eclipse its senior sibling, Social Security.





If these massive entitlements the Baby Boomers have promised themselves are to be funded, it will require additional "forced" savings in the form of increased payroll taxes. These taxes are expected to be doubled by 2040, taking a full 30% of your salary in order to pay for these things.



The whole point is that you can't afford to be blowing your money on BMW Z3's and pocket bikes for junior simply because in the future, your disposable income will be pinched, perhaps to the point that you may not be able to pay off your debts if you still have those debts. Thus it is important that you pay off your debts NOW while you still have the ability to do so and before the government takes a larger and larger share of your salary.

But spending less, saving more and paying down your debts should not be as painful as all that. As you've seen significant asset categories like stocks, property and commodities seem to be currently overvalued. Bonds are also not terribly attractive with their mere pittance of an interest rate they pay. But with a risk-free guaranteed rate of "return" by paying off your debts early, you take advantage of what could arguably be today's best and safest investment option. Furthermore, there are macro-economic benefits by

Americans paying down their debts en masse. Interest rates would remain low, allowing for businesses and people to borrow cheap money to pursue ventures and grow the economy. The dollar would strengthen, increasing purchasing power and making imported goods cheaper. But most importantly, it will soften the blow and fortify the economy for the inevitable retirement of 70 million Baby Boomers. It is literally an economic, once in a lifetime "win-win situation."

Alas this last reason may not convince you to take the money you had earmarked for a European trip and instead pay down your mortgage. So perhaps I should be a bit more blunt. How about the threat of a massive recession that would put the Volcker Recession to shame and throw you into poverty and bankruptcy and make the likes of "pocket bikes" the things dreams are made of? For such a scenario is not likely, but guaranteed if Americans do not change their course. Of course that is my opinion, it's just up to you to convince yourself otherwise so you can sleep well at night.

Pleasant dreams.

There's Hope for Us All Yet!

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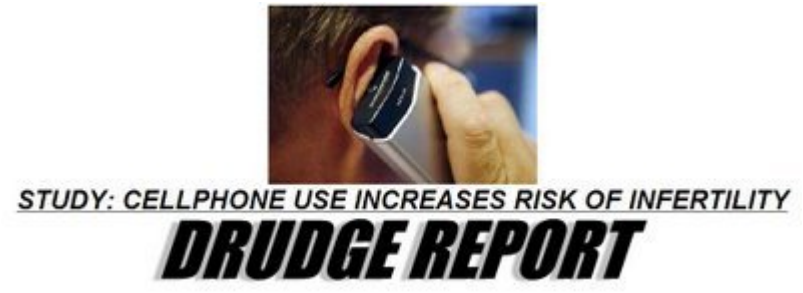

I think I'm going with the 8 billion minute plan and getting one of those nerdy Star Trek mobile phones that's implanted in your ear.

Bribery

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Hi All,

I apologize for not posting, but literally I'm knocking out 90-100 hours per week (I'm addicted to contributing to GDP).

REMEMBER YOU CAN SEND ME STUFF AND IF IT'S WORTHY I'LL POST IT!!!!

Here's a chart from The Economist. Thought you'd all like it.

The Best of Captain CapitalismFrom My Beloved Sister

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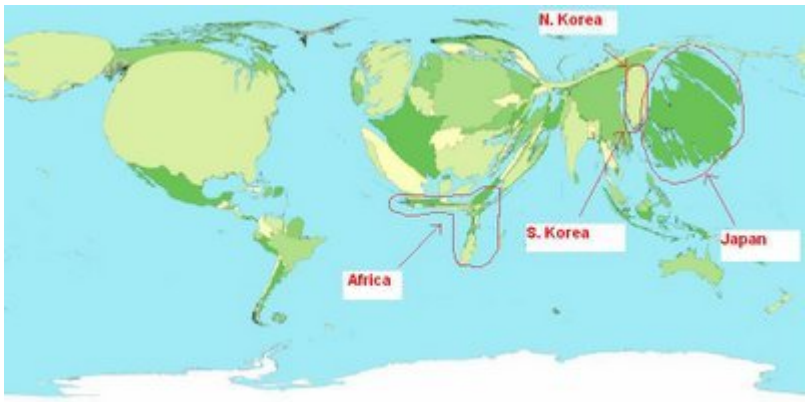
This is one of my favorites, thanks to my sister. The chart should be up in ever classroom in the world.

As some of you know, my sister is a communist. Of course, this isn't her fault as she is currently pursuing her doctorate at UC Berkeley and if she were not an avowed communist, they'd shoot her.

That being said, it brings a tear of pride to my eye when I see the little aspiring economist in her send me a chart like this;



This is a "cartogram."

Sure, whatever.

But what is neat about it is that it magnifies each country by the size of its GDP.

Couple interesting observations;

1. Africa. Good lord, it's as skinny as the people, large amount of land, very little GDP.
2. North versus South Korea. Can you see that sliver on top of South Korea? Yeah, that's North Korea. If there's a visually stunning argument against communism, there it is folks.
3. Japan. You might at first mistake it for China, but if you look closely, it is an island. It's just that Japan's economy is so big that it once again distorts its geography.
4. When comparing Japan against China, it shows Japan bigger than China. This leads me to believe that they are NOT using PPP adjusting GDP figures. Sloppy sloppy sloppy.

Chicks Dig Charts!

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I mean, when doesn't it happen that you're just sitting there at a quiet jazz joint working on your Excel spreadsheets and then some babe comes up and says, "Oh my! Is that a chart you're working on? Wow, I've never seen one like that before! I can't explain it, but I suddenly find you irresistably sexy. I know this may be forward, but are you looking for some company tonight?"

Seriously, every day it's like that.

So be careful and aware of your surroundings all aspiring male economists when you look at the chart below. It's the Housing Market Index. In short it measures the health of the housing market and with all this talk from Greenspan and so forth about the worst being over, I thought it appropriate to compile this chart. But be warned of its effect on

women!!!

I'm Sorry, WHO Should Be Embarrassed?

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So I hit Drudge and see that Calderon, who I'm happy won Mexico's presidential election, seems to be suffering from the same dementia that Vicente Fox was suffering from. This illusion that somehow Mexicans run the US or have authority to tell us what to do despite the minor ass kicking we delivered to them back in 1846-1848.

Bush Signs Mexico Border Fence Bill...

Mexican president: 'It is an embarrassment for the United States'...

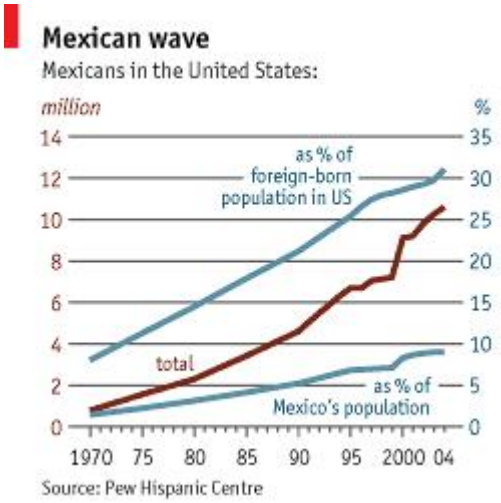
Campaign Tactics Veer Toward Smear...

NYT: PAST VOTING PROBLEMS AN OBSTACLE TO BOOSTING BLACK TURNOUT...

PETE TOWNSHEND WALKS OUT ON HOWARD STERN INTERVIEW...

REFRESH DRUDGE REPORT FOR LATEST...

But it seems to me what would be truly embarrassing is if your country was so poorly managed and inept that 10% of its population would leave. I mean, that would really be a blow to your pride wouldn't it? That 1 in 10 people, 1 in 5 of your workers, are so fed up with the ineptitude of the place, that they leave their HOME, you know, turn their backs on their homeland and culture and go elsewhere because it's so hopeless. I mean that would REALLY be embarrassing. It would be like your wife leaving you for another man. Or your children disowning you. Or U of Minnesota students cheering for the Wisconsin Badgers when they play against the Gophers. That, to me anyway, would be WAAAAAY more embarrassing that a country putting up a fence.



Banned Statistics on Education - Part II

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This is appropriate to re-post as Minnesotans in 75 school districts are facing a vote on levies this November.

There are two things that you probably know about me in reading my little economic posts from time to time;

1. I live in Minneapolis
2. I do not like children.

Thus you can imagine my happiness when I conducted the research for the second portion of my foray into whether or not more money = better schools and found out that not only do Minneapolis property tax payers pay 44% more than the Minnesota average to educate our precious little children, but those children performed 15% below the state average in standardized tests.

Of course many people will claim those tests are biased, archaic and practically racist for they only test those abhorred evil Eurocentric subjects; reading and math (GASP!).

But test them on the merits of diversity and the drawbacks of Western Civilization, America and Capitalism and it will be on par with their indoctrinators'…er…I mean "teachers'" college dissertations.

As an economist I do not so much contest whether everybody should somehow pay to educate our children (I do agree with that), but can we at least get a bang for our buck???

Apparently economic efficiency is not on Education Minnesota's (teacher's union) agenda, and especially not so in Minneapolis, for while it takes only $8,739 a year to educate the average Minnesota student, it takes $12,537 to educate the average Minneapolis student (and $15,845 if you include loans and levies).

Alas, I made two calculations.

First, I'm all about the opportunity cost and so I calculated how much it costs to educate a child in the Minneapolis public schools for the 13 years they're in there (even though some spend a couple more years than that). And this came out to be just shy of $163,000, $3,000 more than what I paid for my house some time ago. And granted property prices have risen, but ask yourself the question;

"Why bother educating some of these morons when they're only going to go out and live

off the system anyway. Hell, just buy them their own damn house and save us the bill on future public housing. Kid is born, and if it doesn't get its act together by the 1st grade, BOOM, "here ya go kid, the American dream! Now leave us alone and never come back."

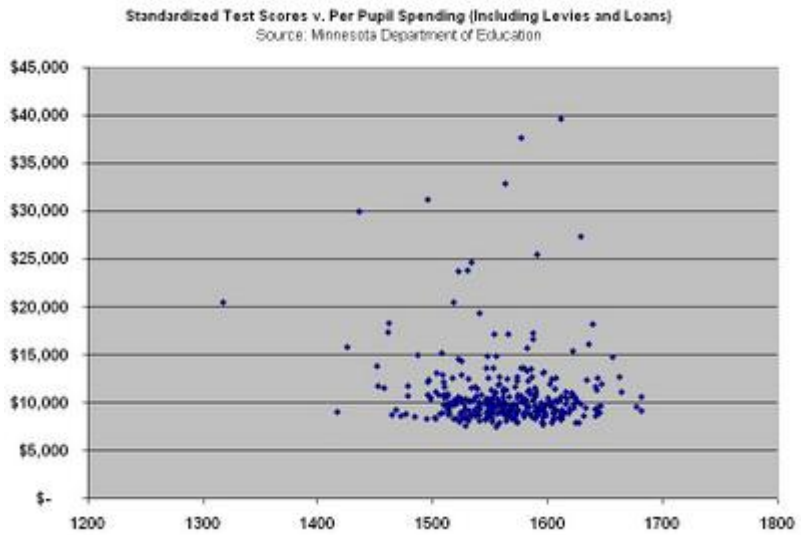
Of course how can you ascertain whether the kid is going to be a good or bad student by the first grade? But you can get a pretty good idea by the 4th or 5th grade I'd imagine. And who says that $12,537 a year can't be invested in a mutual fund or some other investment? Earning a reasonable 8% a year starting after the 5th grade, there would be over $120,000 in the kid's housing account. Certainly enough to get them a condo, even in the hot property market of Minneapolis. And who is to say this would be "cruel" or "evil." We're buying these losers a free house, the American dream for doing nothing, yet at the same time getting them out of the classroom so the remaining 4 students in the Minneapolis public school system can get a real education uninterrupted.

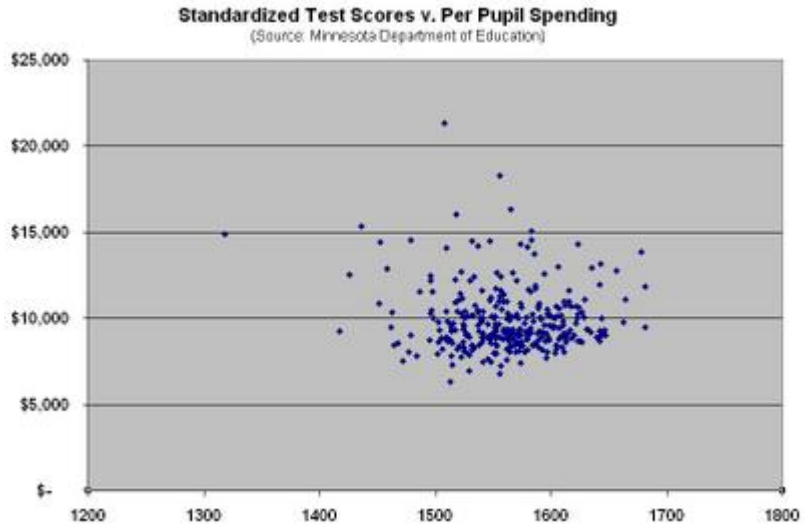
Now, admitted, I am being a bit satirical, but sadly the economics of it are just so compelling, one really has to wonder if society wouldn't just be better off doing it this way.

The second calculation I made was to further advance our excursion into the question whether more money = better education. Previously, I looked at state spending per pupil for all 50 states and compared it against average standardized test scores for those states. Interestingly the more spent per pupil the lower the standardized tests scores were for the COLLEGE BOUND, but the higher the standardized test scores were for all students, thus indicating more resources were spent on achieving mediocrity and not excellence.

However, I frankly don't care too much about what New York spends on its students, for I am not paying the property taxes out there. It's largely a local issue for me and thus I ran the same correlation for each school district in entire state of Minnesota and the findings were very interesting.

It seems it literally doesn't matter how much money you spend on education FOR THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MONEY SPENT PER PUPIL AND STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES!!!! And if there is one, it's SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE!





The correlation coefficient between money spent per pupil and the MCA tests (Minnesota's standardized state tests) is -.08 and -.10 depending on which spending per pupil measure you want to use. And with a sample size of 323 there's a pretty good statistical argument that this is significant.

In other words the system is bust. Throw all the money you want at the system and it isn't going to do squat.

Of course, the question is whether you're going to want to believe this (though since it's factual, I hardly see how one can). No doubt it's much easier to just regurgitate what the teacher's union told you to regurgitate. To sit and feel good about yourself when you advocate spending more money on the children. But I wonder, how many of you in Minnesota (right or left) ever bothered to take the time to research this and look it up before taking a position on it and then advocate forcing millions of people to spend billions of dollars on something you truly did not know whether it worked or not.

Open Budget Index

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My favorite is when I'm doing battle with a socialist, I have the budget pulled up on my laptop or the stats on my memory stick, and I show them, PROVE to them, beyond all reasonable and unreasonable doubt that they are wrong and/or misinformed to the point it would be glaringly obvious to a 5 year old that they're wrong and what do I get in return?

The standard leftist, knee-jerk reaction response;

"Well, you know you can't trust those figures. Bush and the Republicans are manipulating the budget to make it look that way."

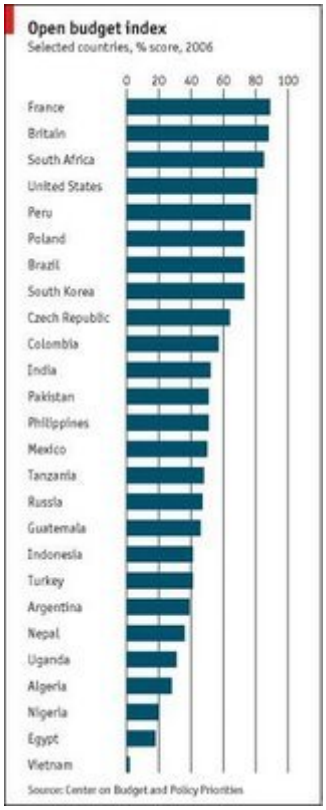
And my standard response to them is, "OK, do you have an alternative budget or proof that would suggest that?"

Of course, the answer is "no."

"Well then, until you have some rival data or budget and that rival data or budget comes from a reputable source, it'll be the official US Federal Government Budget figures we'll be using."

Thus, I was pleased when I saw this new chart from The Economist.

Measures how open a government is with its budget.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Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

WHAT AN INTERESTING COURT CASE!!!!

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Let me tell you about Pete.

College Republican buddy from the days. Older than me and thus one of the few folks I take wisdom from rather than dispense to. Also a lawyer and former military. So you can sit down and have a beer with Pete and pretty much be guaranteed that you will be talking about something slightly higher brow than Dawson's Creek. Runs a blog called Swanblog which is more law than it is economics, so if you want pit stop over there sometime and check it out.

Anyway, he forwarded me this article which is about a guy who got sued for defaming somebody over the internet through the use of a blog.

I know this is a deviation from our standard economic fare, but I'm sure there are some readers who are VERY interested in these sorts of lawsuits.

God I Love Our Troops!

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I don't know, they seem pretty freaking smart to me!

The Best of Captain Capitalism - Support Your Local Cynic

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This was sent to me by a reader and reminded me not of the playboy post, but this one, support your local cynic. I caught a lot of flak for this post from women, but (as is many of the times) they don't realize my main aim in this post was to save future women (and men as well) from wasting their precious time and money on such worthless degrees. Oh well, tough fatherly love is out of fashion in today's DesperatehousewivesDawsonsCreekTeenIdol America.

Often I have been accused of being a cynic. And not necessarily in a positive light either. No, usually it is followed by some commentary that I should “let go” or “loosen up” otherwise I shall “blow a gasket” and my “blood pressure will skyrocket” and “do I really want to live life this way?”

So to disprove the doubting Thomases and to help us once again advance our understanding about economics I shall demonstrate why cynicism and those that participate in it, cynics, are necessary and right in their insistence on being cynical.

First off, the majority of people you view to be “cynics” are not really cynics at all. No, those of us who seem to have a negative outlook on life and pummel those that come up to us with their brainwashed ignorant smiles saying, “Hey, don’t worry be happy” are in reality REALISTS.

The reason for this is instead of being placated by Desperate Housewives or Teen Idol and satiated by marrying and having the 2.2 kids in the suburbs as our cookie-cutter American counterparts have done, we think ahead. We survey the land. We ask ourselves questions, “what do we want in life and what will happen in the future and what action should be taken to best navigate that future.” This leads any independent-thinking individual to study and take note of various sociological and economic factors, some of which will certainly be; the pathetic savings rates we have, the impending social security crisis that is looming, not to mention the Medicare/Medicaid crisis, all under the shadow of a property market bubble, and an increasing parasite class nudging the US ever closer towards socialism.

And no, don’t tell me to loosen up.

However, the deteriorating economic fundamentals of the future US is not the reason for my bringing up cynicism. The reason is a talking point that I have heard now one too many times in the talk radio world and that is somehow that men, or rather, boys, are

being neglected in schools and this results in (ready for the sound byte???) women earning the majority of college degrees.

Usually this is set in the context of reverse discrimination where boys are forced out of their traditional male role models at school and then usually an accusation of some leftist policy that heralds girls over boys, and then the ensuing "woe are we poor men/boys being discriminated against by the leftist educational machine."

I have two major points of contention with this;

One, we on the right are not whiners. It's one of the key things that separates us from the left. You want to call us names? Fine. You want to make the playing field unfair? Fine. But we are not going to bitch and whine and feel sorry for ourselves. That's the job of the left, liberals, and their bevy of political allies. We on the right get up off the ground and go back into the fight, regardless of the odds. So cut as many men jokes as you want. Post as many oafish, tail-behing-the-legs Ray Romanos on TV as you want. We don't care, because frankly men know better and we are actually secure with ourselves and needn't any pity or affirmative action hand out and can let whatever unfair practices in the schools roll off our backs for that is what makes us men. And radio talk show hosts should know better.

My second point of contention was started when a little voice in the back of my head said, "something ain't right about that" when I heard Michael Medved complaining about how men were trailing women in earning college degrees. Certainly he was right, women do earn the majority of college degrees, but something was amiss. Something didn't add up. Something I couldn't put my finger on.

Fortunately, I have that trait that all people seemingly are hell-bent on hating and beating out of me, cynicism. And whilst many of you want to just "let go" and be blissfully happy, ignorant to the realities around you whilst you hold hands around the camp fire singing Kumbya and participate in candle-light vigils, some of us were being vigilant.

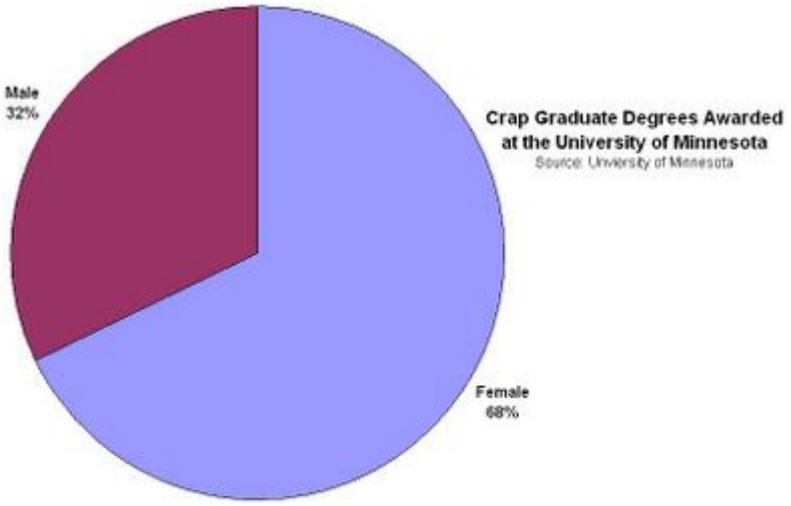
For as a cynic I remember college and I remember the majority of the women I dated were frankly, morons. Now one could make the argument, this was a sample bias since only morons would go out with me, but I contend another theory. That the majority of girls I dated in college were morons not because only morons would go out with me, but rather because the majority of women majored in what I call "crap studies." Fields such as "sociology," "communications" and my all-time favorite, because you've only been speaking it for 18 years, "english."

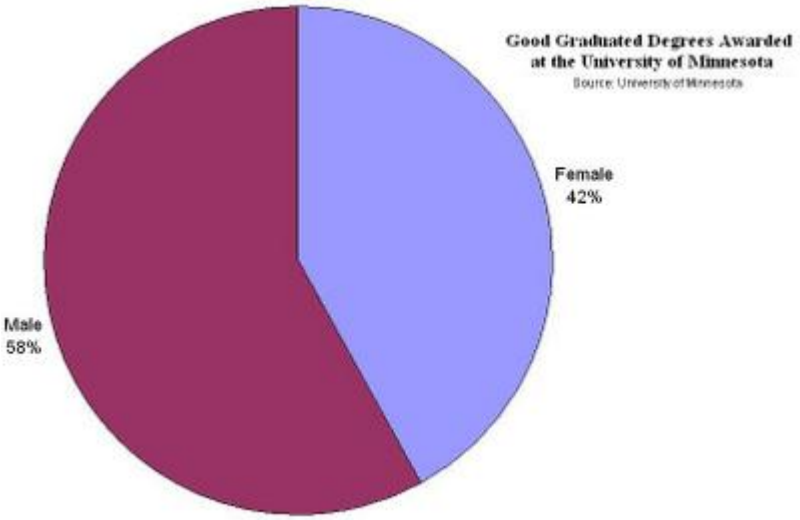
In other words, the reason why more women are earning more degrees than men is because they major in subjects that are easier.

“WHY, HOW DARE YOU!!!! YOU CYNICAL ASS YOU!!!!”

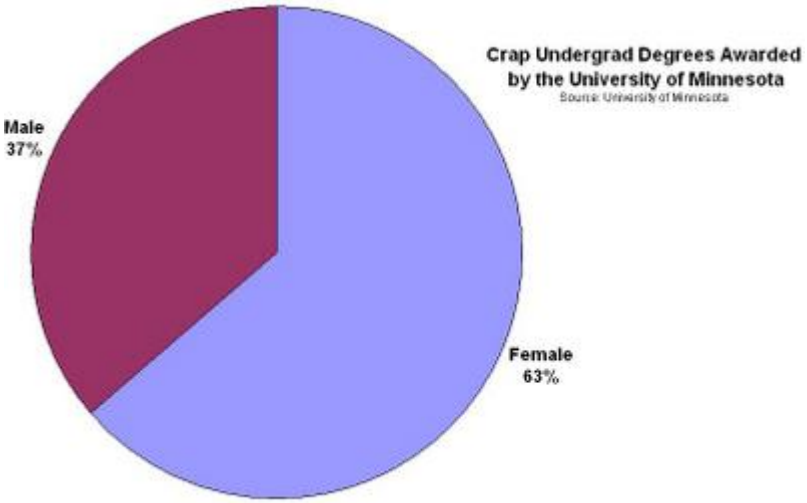
Yeah, well, like I said, the majority of cynics aren’t pessimistic, but realists. For you see, to test my theory I called up the University of Minnesota with its some 50,000 students and asked them if they could send me a breakdown between the types of degrees awarded and gender. And after a little number crunching it seems my theory was not a theory at all, but reality.

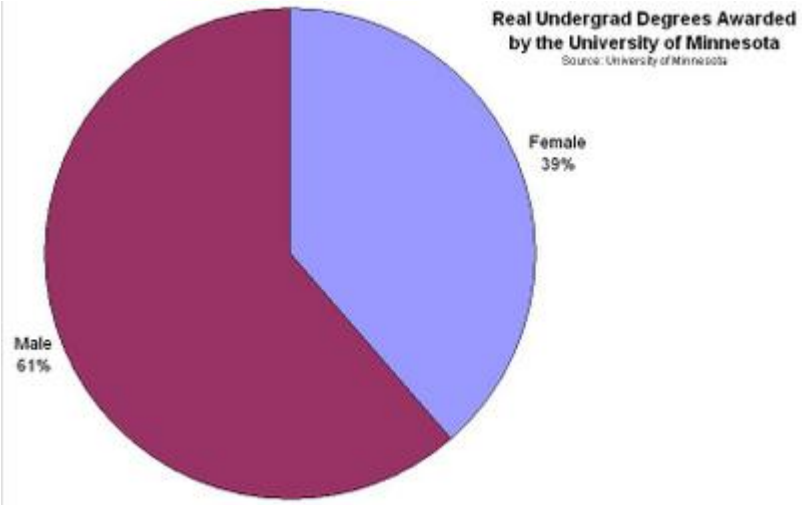
When broken down the majority graduate degrees that are awarded to women are in “fluff” or since I’m subsidizing their education, I call them “crap” fields such as psychology, women’s studies, urban studies, etc., while the majority of real degrees in fields such as engineering, medicine, accounting, etc., with practical applications to the real world are awarded to men.



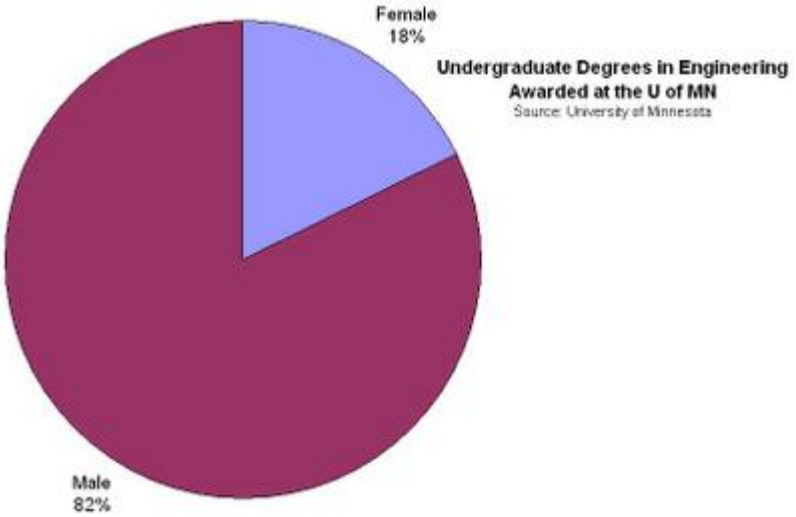


Similar statistics are shown in undergraduate degrees, where again the majority of “crap” degrees are earned by women and the majority of real degrees are earned by men.





As an economist I have a particular respect for engineers since they compose not only the majority of my friends, but I deem it the field most productive to society (and the labor market agrees with me based on their starting salaries). Alas, men outdo women 5 to 1 in these fields.



Now you can go ahead can contest that I've tainted the data. That somehow the University of Minnesota is not a representative sample of an American college, and who am I to say degrees in Chicano Studies are not as warranted as chemical engineering (you racist cynic you!). All I can say is that if you are offended, well you should be, because it's not the falsities of life that are truly insulting, but rather the truth. The

question is whether you want to deal with it, or go watch some more Desperate Housewives.

"Your are a cynical person, Rick, if you forgive me for saying so."
"Oh, I forgive you."

Overjoyed with the Self-Employed!

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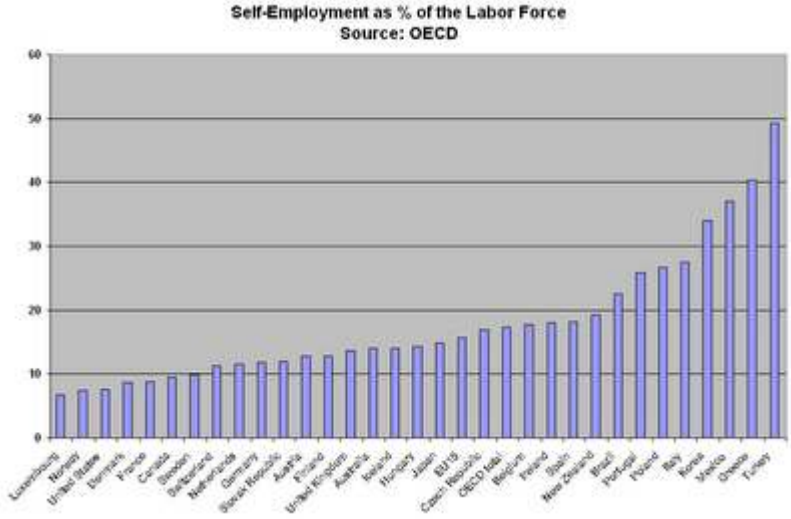
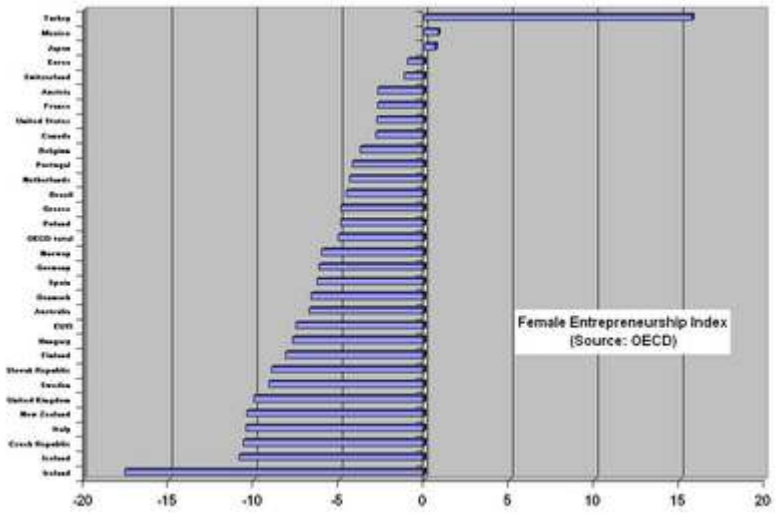
Two things caught my attention at my random trip to the OECD this time.

For the “capitalist” center of the world, the US sure has a low percentage of entrepreneuers.



They broke down this statistic further by male and female. As was to be expected, a higher percentage of the male labor force was self-employed than the women, but there were a couple countries where the women were more entrepreneurial. Thus I subtracted the male self-employment rate from the female self-employment rate, resulting in a kind of ‘index’ to measure female entrepreneurship in different countries.



They're Gettin' Loopy at the OECD

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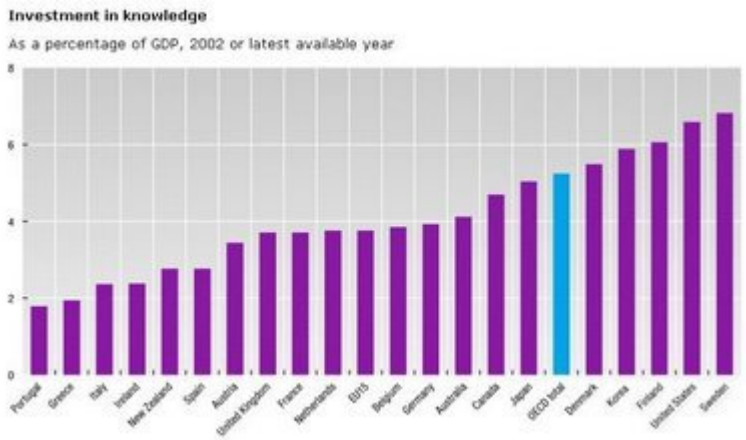
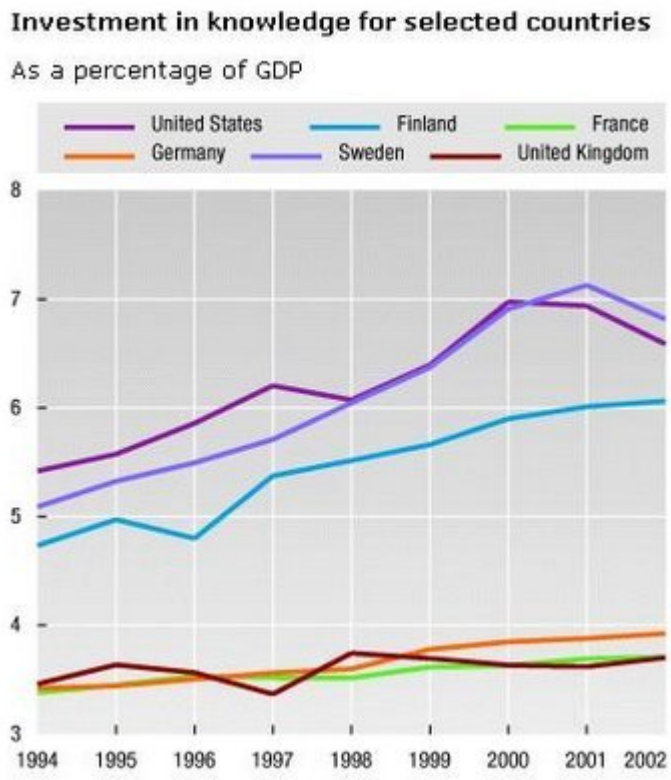
Again, another daily perusal through the OECD and I think they're getting bored. So bored they calculated how much countries spend on "knowledge" as a % of GDP.



Knowledge defined as software, R&D, and higher education.

No doubt there is a correlation between higher economic growth and these three items, and how else would you economically measure "knowledge." But it just kind of seems hookie to me.



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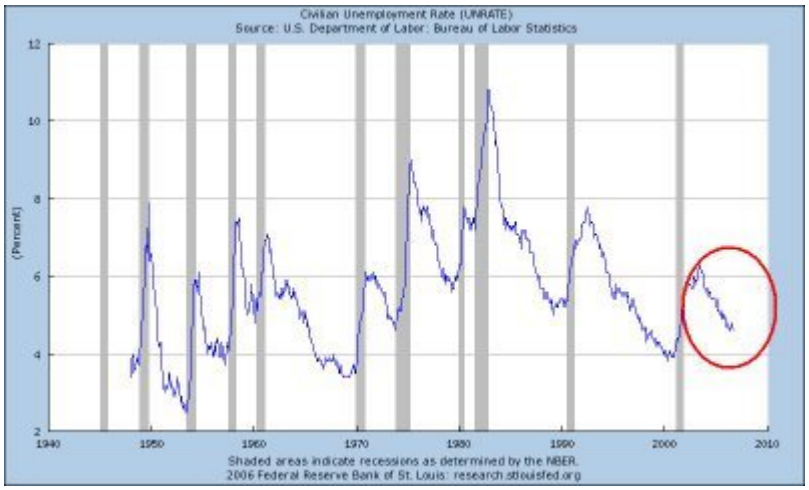
And your low low unemployment rates and high economic growth and income per capita of $40,000 per person in this god-foresaken land!!!



The Economics Supper Club, Eh!

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So I wake up, eh.

And I check my website stats, and like, ders a bunch of hits, eh.

And so I find out dat der Kate over at www.smalldeadanimals.com has put a link up to my web post.

Soooo I wanted to let not just de Americans know abooot my radio show, but our friendly neighbors to da north, eh!

So you should all tune in, www.am1500.com for the web site streamline. 1-3PM central standard, eh.

1-877-615-1500 for Canadians and out of state people

and 651-646-8255 for da local ones.

It'll be a good time, eh!!!!

This Occurs More than Most Think

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Especially the ninja assasination training.

http://www.sinfest.net/archive_page.php?comicID=2181

The Rich and The Poor

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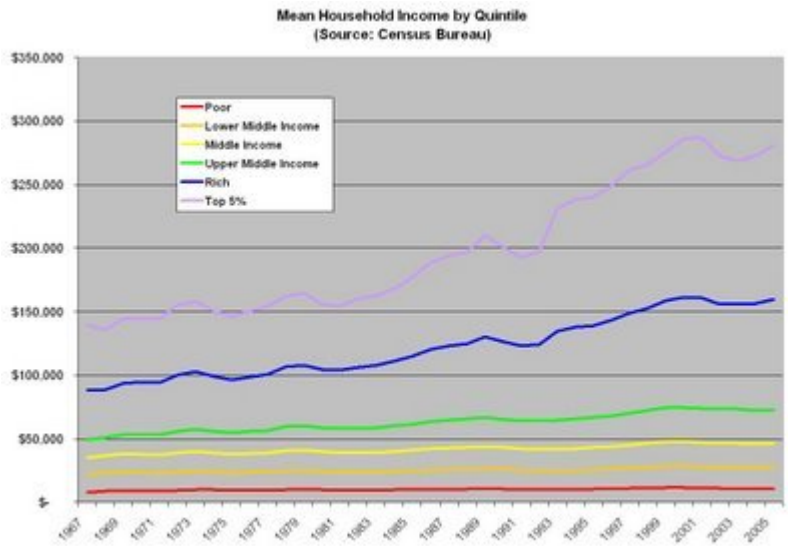
There are two datasets I keep a close eye on to see if their respective stewards ever update them.

One is the natural gas production at Bolivia's state owned government agency (as I wait, patiently crouched like a ninja ready to jump upon the inevitable data that will show production has declined under state ownership).

The second is the mean household income of each quintile of income earners put out by the US Census Bureau.

The latest data had only gone up to 2001, and I was particularly interested in this information because it would ABSOLUTELY AND COMPLETELY resolve one of the main (if not THE MAIN) claim of the left that George Bush's tax cuts have only benefited the rich. So imagine my joy when I found out they had updated them to 2005 this past week!

Well junior and aspiring deputy economists, here's the latest income distribution figures from the US Census Bureau;



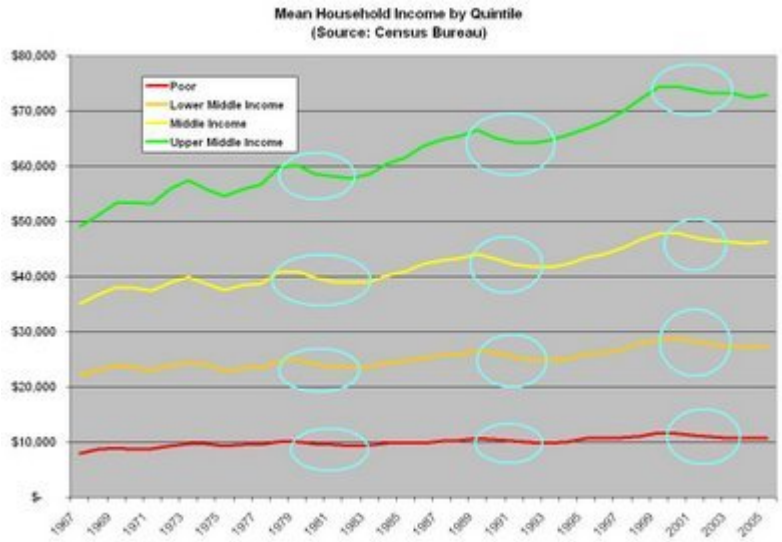
As you notice the long term trend of EVERYBODY'S income is that EVERYBODY, POOR INCLUDED is getting richer. However, the short term trend, since the economic slow down of 2001 (I still refuse to call it a recession) is that people have been getting poorer, with a recent recovering in income.

Now, leftists, socialists, communists and other mainstream members of the democratic party, will pounce on this as proof positive that GW's policies have failed since he was inagurated as president in 2001. That he is out there whooping it up for his rich oil

buddies, and when he's not whooping it up, he's sending his storm troopers out to knee-cap poor people.

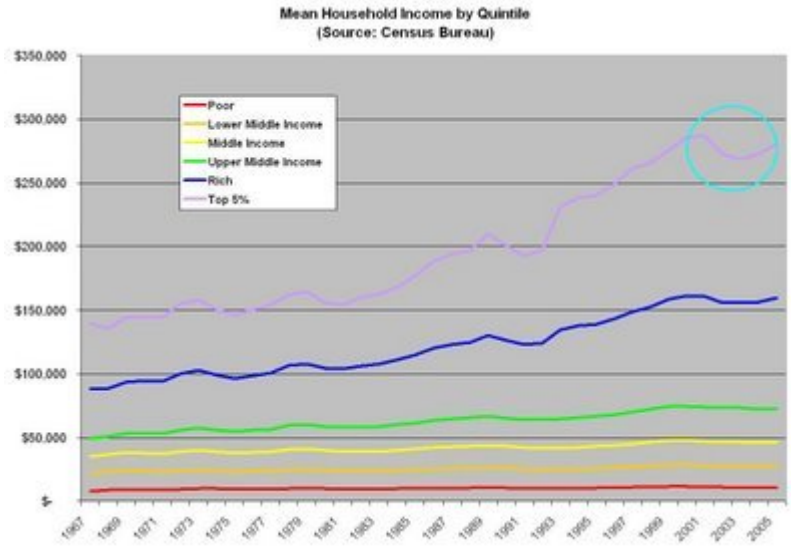
But there are two problems with this;

1. It seems that it's more a historical economic trend for incomes to decline (and then recover) after each recession, rather than Bush training Barney to bite and pee upon poor people. I circled in light blue what has happened to the bottom 4 quintiles of incomes after the previous three "recessions" and you'll note that the trend is consistent across all incomes.



After each recession, ALL PEOPLE'S INCOMES DECREASE...LIKE YOU WOULD EXPECT THEM TOOOO, MAYBE HUH?????

2. The left likes to focus their attacks on the "super rich" because they know they can tax such a small minority, promising the masses to transfer the wealth and thus bribe poorer folk to vote for them. Well, even the "super rich," GW's presumed "bestest of buddies" suffered. With not only the top 20% of income earners suffering a decrease in income, but also the tippy top super secret elite top 5% of income earners suffering a loss as well.



So there you have it folks. The answer to the brainwashed, massed produced, broken record mantra of the left, "*GW's tax benefits have only benefited the rich,*" **is**

"No it hasn't, it seems to have had the same effect on all income levels, besides which the broader economy seems to have a larger role in determining outcomes."

Now, a signed autograph and ***CERTIFICATE OF JUNIOR DEPUTY ECONOMIST-NESS*** goes to the adventuresome aspiring economist that can tell me why incomes of the lowest quintile have not recovered as quickly as other quintiles.

The Captain's "Charm School for Men"

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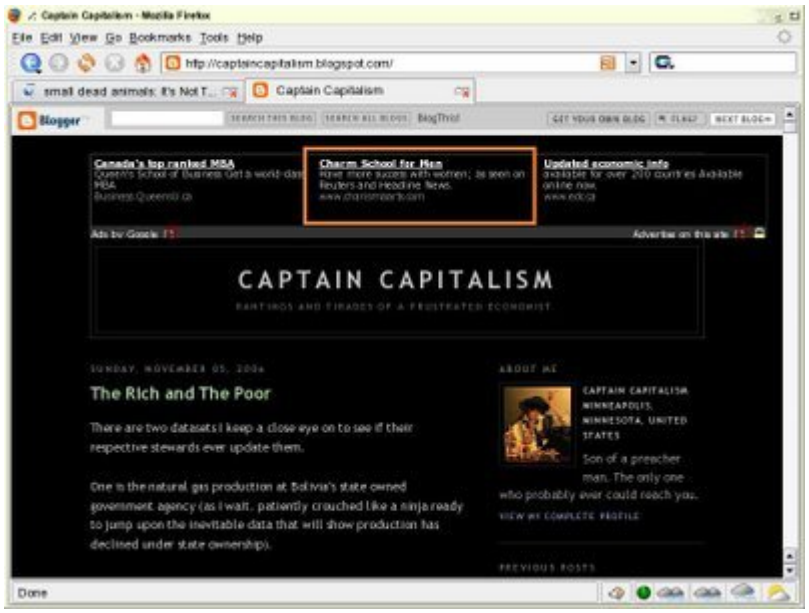
From Alex G!



Should this come as any surprise?

A House Divided…

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Actually may not be a bad thing;

Divide and save

Annual growth in federal spending per head under recent administrations

Unified government*	Growth, %
Lyndon Johnson	4.6
George Bush junior	3.1†
Jimmy Carter	2.9

Divided government	Growth, %
Richard Nixon/Gerald Ford	1.9
Ronald Reagan	1.7
George Bush senior	0.6
Bill Clinton	0.3

*President's party controlled House and Senate during most of term †First five years

Source: "Buck Wild: How Republicans Broke the Bank and Became the Party of Big Government", by Stephen Slivinski

It's Not Going to Be So Luxurious in Luxembourg

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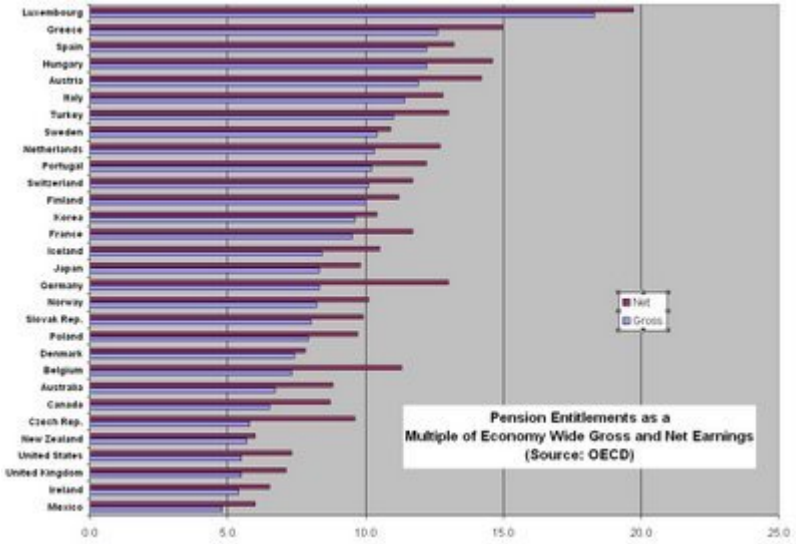
An interesting concept I happened upon whilst gallivanting about the OECD's databases;

Pension Entitlements as a Multiple of Gross and Net Economy Earnings

The concept behind this is obviously they're trying to show you how much different countries have promised themselves in the form of pensions and retirement benefits, relative to the amount of wealth they produce (and which will in most cases, inevitably pay for those pension entitlements)

Now as much as I whine and complain about the fleecing future generations (both here and in Europe) are about receive from this hoax known as social security, I can't complain too much. For the world's richest nation (on a per capita basis), Luxembourg has promised its people a heck of a lot. 18 TIMES THE ECONOMY WIDE EARNINGS ARE PROMISED TO PENSIONEERS!



My cunning plan of marrying into Luxembourg by finding a hot little Luxembourgian babe has had a very Black Adder failing.

For Frank

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So Frank whines that I didn't throw up a picture of Ms. Luxembourg which I am prone to do for each country as it is VITAL and NECESSARY to the economic research of nations to find out what their women look like in bikinis. Seriously, it is. Go ask anybody over at LSE or the U of C.

Regardless, much to my and Frank's and every other redblooded male that reads this site's dismay, ***THERE IS NO MISS LUXEMBOURG!***

Look for yourself.

I tried looking for a close economic substitute in Lichetenstein or Switzerland, but no luck their either. It would not suprise me if their population found it beneath them to compete in such a thing, nor would I necessarily fault them for that.

Anyway, tune in tomorrow for The Economics Supper Club! www.am1500.com
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The Best of Captain Capitalism - The Beer IRA

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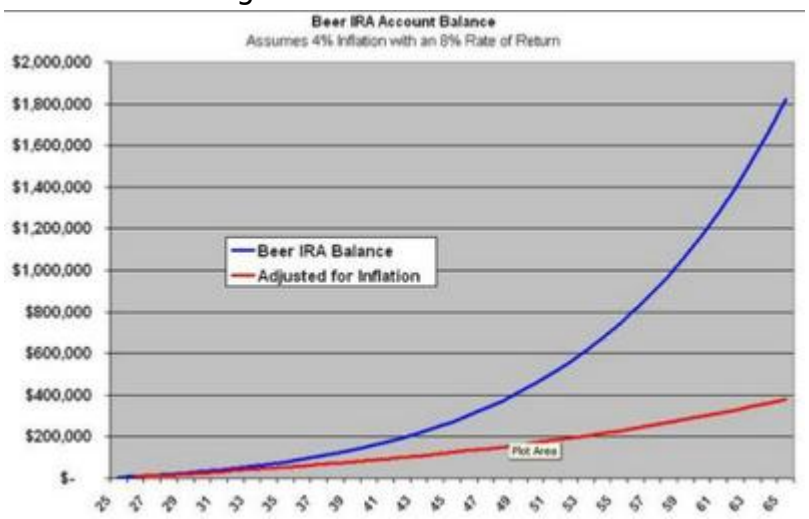
One of my best inventions was the Beer IRA. A calculation of how much you would save/have if you were to spend your money on an average returning mutual fund instead of blowing it on booze. Then I thought about all the idiots and morons in the world and what a monsterous headache I'd have if left to deal with them without the aid of alcohol.

I'm still debating the merits of it.



Best of Captain Capitalism - Why Low Corporate Taxes are Like Cary Grant

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So there's a wave of socialism occurring in South America. Hugo Chavez has revamped the current contracts he's had with the bevy of oil companies that have invested in Venezuela so that the state gets 82.5% and ownership of the oil fields.

His Mini-Me Poodle (and waaaaay more of a poodle than Blair could even be accused of being Bush's) Evo Morales just stole the two largest gas fields from Petrobas, BP, Total and Repsol. And let's not forget their handcuffing of Suez, the French water firm that has brought water to more people in Bolivia than any government could, by denying them the ability to (GASP, HOW DARE THEY) CHARGE FOR WATER!!!! This resulted in the contract being cancelled...and poor people getting NO water.

And let's not forget my favorite, the Argentines decision in 2001 to pay back that $132 billion when they damn well feel like it, if at all. Until that time Nestor Kirchner has asked his people to boycott Shell, which is the epitome of all their problems...not stupid people who elect morons into office.

So here's what I don't get;

Why the hell is anybody going to invest in these scam countries again?

No seriously. $5 billion alone was invested in Bolivia's natural gas industry by foreign firms. They turned fields that were producing nothing, literally nothing, into fully functional gas fields. The same could be said for Hugo's beloved and sole source of power; oil. Anywhere from 1/3 to 1/2 of the oil being pumped out of Venezuela is pumped out only because foreign companies came in and did the work. And once the infrastructure is built up and everything running (not to mention billions of dollars worth of investment and therefore jobs created in these local countries), the moronic people of these nations, lacking any sense of basic economics, elect socialists and renationalize everything, essentially bitch slapping the foreign investors in the face.

Grand.

Alas, I can't see how this would be any different than beating a woman in the hopes of her becoming your wife.

Seriously.

I was under the impression that to woo a lady you (I don't know) **BE NICE TO HER????**

You know, things like flowers, being funny, witty, taking them out dancing, making their time spent with you enjoyable so they'd WANT TO hang out with you. They WILLINGLY invest their time in you.

The same, I'd assume would apply for companies and investors. If you want companies to invest in your country and create jobs, then maybe a good first step would be to **not** reneg on your contracts, let alone confiscate all their assets.

And hell, that's physical abuse. Let's talk verbal abuse. Have you ever heard a leftist here in the US say anything nice about a corporation?

Like **"*they bring jobs into this economy.*"**

Or **"*I'm happy they make a good product at a good price.*"**

Or "***Gee, Wal-Mart has effectively raised poor people's standards of living by bringing the prices down for practically ALL goods and services, thereby boosting their purchasing power; thanks Wal-Mart.*"**

No, it's usually this vitriolic, hate-filled, venom, spewing from their mouths;

"CORPORATIONS DON'T PAY THEIR FARE SHARE!"

"IT'S CORPORATE AMERICA THAT'S CONTROLLING THE WORLD AND MAKING US SLAVES!"

"CORPORATIONS ARE NOT SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE!"

"CORPORATIONS USE ALL THOSE LOOPHOLES!"

It is literally no different than a guy going up to his wife and saying;

"You are the dumbest, fattest slob I know!"

"Get your ass off the couch and make me dinner, woman!"

"If you don't go down to the liquor store and get me my whiskey, you'll feel the back of my hand!"

Alas, I aliken countries to varying men depending on their approach as to how they'd intend to attract investors and companies, just as these men planned on attracting women.

For example, Ireland, Slovenia and most of Central Europe for that matter would be Cary Grant.

They fully expect to woo investors with wit, charm, goods looks, and little, if any corporate taxes.

Then there's the US or any developed "1st World" nation.

A man who maybe at one time was the all-star quarter back in high school, but has since got a gut and just ASSUMES people are going to want to invest in him as he ASSUMES his wife will always stay married to him because how could she possibly do any better than his 40% corporate tax rate. Fetch me another beer, bitch!

And then you have the out right wife beaters and abusers. The Cubas, the Venezuelas, the Bolivias and North Koreas.

And how do they attract investment? By stealing it like some low-life, parasite boyfriend who steals his girlfriend's credit card to buy drugs and booze. They rule by fear and threatening the girl to stay with them or they'll get what's coming to them.

And you wonder why which countries have better economic matrimony?

Best of Captain Capitalism - Governments Compete, They Just Don't Know It Yet

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Hi All, still doing the best of. Thought you'd like these as no doubt the left will be targeting those "evil" corporations. These two posts might show you why such thinking is high-school-level and a pity that adults carry such childish thinking into adulthood.

The arrogance of governments gets me at times. The arrogance that they have 100%, complete and total sovereignty over their nation, its people and its resources. That the people, resources and technology is the government's bitch.

Foolish governments.

For governments, no matter how Stalinistic, no matter how Mao Tse Tungish, no matter how Hillary Clintonish, have to answer to the forces of capitalism and the free market.

Let me repeat that for all you leftist idiots out there.

GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO ANSWER TO THE FORCES OF CAPITALISM AND THE FREE MARKET!

For you see, stupid leftists, capitalism and free markets isn't an idea, it isn't an ideology, its...

THE EFFING TRUTH!!!!

Sorry, hate to break it to you.

You see, while you think you rule over all that is within your borders, you cannot control the people and their capital.

For if you tax them to death to help bribe the lesser classes of society into providing you a life long career in politics by bribing those lesser people with social and income transfer programs, the people who actually produce the wealth, and thus, the money to help finance those programs will, uh, leave.

Where will they go? Well there's 176 nations on this planet offering a wide variety of amenities for them to choose from, but typically they will go to the countries that offer the most freedom and allow them to keep the lion's share of their work and not fleece them of all the fruits of their labor.

Of course this slams the true leftist vermin up against the wall and points out several hypocrisies and shows them for what they truly are.

1. The only way you can prevent the capital, human and intellectual flight out of your socialist "utopia's" is by abandoning democracy and FORCING people to stay in your country. Last I checked Kim Jong Il isn't too keen on people leaving the borders of North Korea. And my Vietnamese friend could regale you with tales about how the North Vietnamese frowned similarily upon people wishing to go to the south. And why wasn't there a "Soviet-American" exchange when I was a kid in the 80's?

In other words, surprise, surprise, socialism typically ends up in dictatorship.

2. You leftists are supposed to hate monopolies. You're supposed to hate "Big Business." But, oh how quickly you change your tune once it comes to the public sector. You LOVE one big, monopolistic government with all the money, power and control because that is the only conduit you have to employment and wealth with your pathetic communications and sociology degrees. If you had to compete in the private sector, if you had to grow up, become adults and provide for yourself by offering society something of value you'd starve (this is by and large why I have infinitely more respect for drug dealers, prostitutes, MacDonalds workers and janitors than politicians). But if a big government is there extrapolating resources from the people to provide "education" and "health care" and "community" services, damn, you can get yourself a pretty good set up doing absolutely nothing and contributing absolutely crap to society.

3. Your support for the UN, the ICC and other supra-national entities only highlights the fact that you hate competition among governments and economies because it threatens your ability to rape and fleece the tax base and thus transfer wealth to yourself, and therefore if you can get it all under one entity, you can eliminate the threat of "cheap labor in China" or "low taxes in Ireland."

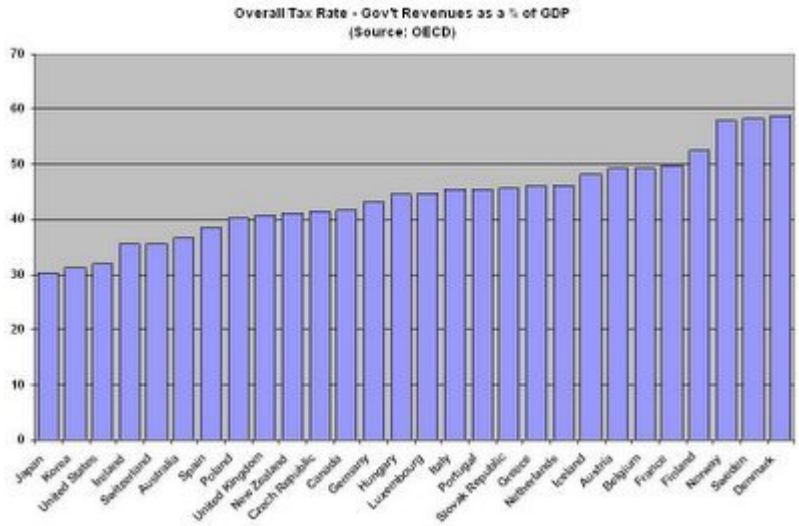
Of course, you're not going to believe me, so I guess we'll just have to bitch slap you upside the head with a dose of reality.

OK, so here's the deal. Try to imagine you are a consumer. And instead of having valuable dollars to spend, you have valuable minutes of a life. And that this life, of which people always seem to be in desperate need of reminding of, is....

FINITE AND THUS EACH MINUTE IS EXTREMELY EFFING VALUABLE!!!!

And instead of governments, consider them companies offering different plans to provide you with various services such as legal systems, defense, police, roads, schools, etc. And instead of "price tags" consider how much you'll have to pay in taxes for that plan.

Well here's a pricing schedule.



Seems Japan, the US and Ireland offer the best terms while Denmark and other Scandanavian countries want to fleece you.

Now of course some countries charge more, because they're offering more. But the trick is, ask yourself, if you're a person who is going to go out and work for a living and get themselves educated and more or less support yourself, why the EF should you be paying for a massive welfare system and free health care and free education????

Conversely, ask yourself the question;

"If I'm a scum bag parasite that just wants to live off of other people and not really work and have become addicted to the dependency mentality" where would I want to live and what kind of system would I vote for???

Huh, I wonder where THE GOOD UPSTANDING ADULTS WHO DON'T EXPECT A HANDOUT are going to shop.

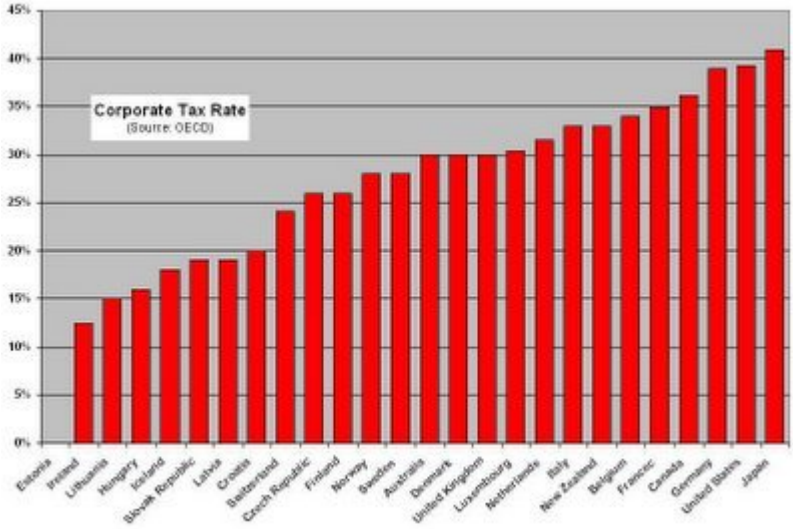
Consider another aspect of this, corporate taxes.

Why is it a wonder to you leftists that corporations go offshore??? Hmmmm? Seriously, is this a mystery to you? You can't figure it out? Are you REALLY that stupid??? Why the ef should a corporation stay in a country that almost taxes it at 40% and then taxes another 15% taxes on dividend income, not to mention all the bitching and whining? It's like being a loser boyfriend that borrows money from his girlfriend, never pays it back, beats her, does drugs and then wonders why she leaves. SERIOUSLY THAT'S WHAT YOU LEFTISTS SOUND LIKE!

Of course I know why sound like that, because you let your envy, hate and greed get in

the way of clear thinking. Clear thinking would suggest that we abolish corporate taxes all together to attract corporations to INVEST here and CREATE JOBS here. But oh, no, you don't want none of that. No, you are blinded by pure greed, envy, hatred and evil and want to fleece them. You want to tax them to death. You want to nationalize their assets. You want to sue them and penalize them every chance you get.

Well, they can most certainly take their business elsewhere, and they most certainly do;



Ironic how the FORMER SOVIET BLOCK COUNTRIES have the lowest (and in the case of Estonia, no) corporate taxes. Think these people who lived under leftist utopia instead of spoiled brat suburbia know something you left-worshippers don't?

What's also ironic is how those countries with lower corporate taxes tend to experience higher economic growth than the higher taxed ones. No wonder you European leftists hate Ireland so much. She's proving socialism wrong and right off your doorstep!

But then again, what do I know? I'm just a crazy wild economist sitting in this bitch ass cold in Minnesota, drinking my Rumpleminz to fight off a cold, chasing the occasional skirt. I just play X-Box and dance with the occasional chick with an accent at some latin bistro. I don't work for the UN or the State Department. I'm not some professor with 10 years of schooling behind him. And my daddy ain't the mayor.

So never mind me. You go and keep believing that treating the engines of economic growth like criminals by taxing them and punishing the successful is the way to go.

In the meantime, I'm going to be finding me a way to gain Irish citizenship.

Anybody know any cute Irish redheads?

No, seriously, I'm being totally serious here. I am so up for moving to Ireland and settling down with a sweet Irish girl. No, you think I'm joking, but I'm not. ANYBODY READING THIS IN IRELAND SET ME UP!!! I mean it! I play a mean game of Halo, know how to

program HTML, and like whiskey, what more could an Irish girl want? You all think I'm joking, but I'm totally not! Ireland's got the best taxes and the best women in the world. What more could a man ask for??? E-mail me, captcapitalism@blogspot.com! I'm willing to pay a commission or something. Whatever, just make it happen. I'm helpless here in the cold, Jesus Freak, non-redheaded tundra. LET ME LIVE!!!! I WANT TO LIVE!!!! Every minute is priceless!!!! And they're slipping away!!!!

Precedence

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Yet ANOTHER interesting court case.

Hmmmm....is a precedent being set here?

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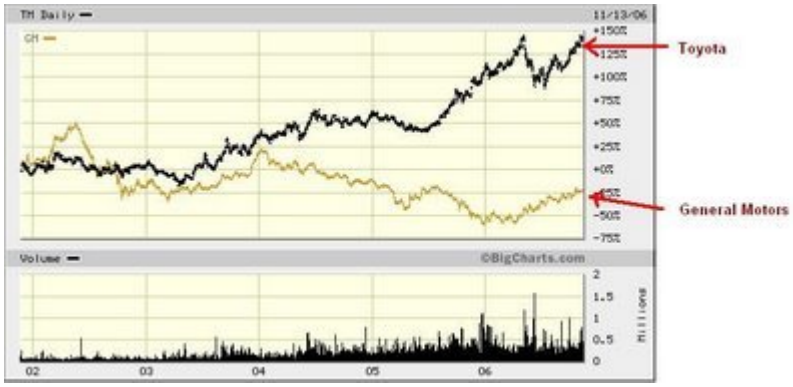

It wouldn't have been possible without ***you!***

The Best of Captain Capitalism - Do Not Disturb the Economists

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This one came after what one could expect after a natural disaster; the bumper sticker sound byte that the US doesn't donate enough in foreign aid and charity. It kind of miffed me because you'd think all those "generous" European countries would be thankful for that great doling out called "The Marshall Plan" that allowed them to be so generous today. That aside, the key issue is that the media (surprise) only looks at government spending, not private donations to charity (presumably because the public sector is the only thing that matters).

Regardless, these are some handy charts to save on your memory stick when you get into it with a liberal that demands the US spend more on international aid.

Tis the holiday season and like most normal folk, economists are in the midst of the Christmas/New Year festivities. Which means that like most people we too are festive, over-eating, visiting family and friends, and above all drunk.

But as I have mentioned before, drunk economists are not something to be released into society. We should be treated like hibernating bears;

DO NOT DISTURB!

Alas, leave it to the idiots in the media to rattle our cages and disrupt us from our holiday drunken stupor and incur our wrath.

The idiot that has awoken us is no one individual in particular, but the choir of leftists, democrats, liberals and other varied sorts of socialists whose opinions just happen to be succinctly culminated in an article about the "stinginess" of Americans in the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

No more than three days into the horrific events of the earthquake-triggered tsunamis do you have some spoiled brat, daddy paid my way through journalism school, never had to support myself, blame-America-first, editorialist already deriding America and George Bush for their "appalling" lack of response to the tsunami tragedy. This idiot is even so arrogant as to suggest the attire President Bush should wear when giving a theoretical speech about the disaster in south east Asia. But what is even more appalling is that a major "professional" publication would provide this moron a medium by which to spew his garbage to the masses.

But the particular issue I have with this is not stupid editorialists with agendas or stupid publications with agendas, but a leftist myth that almost everyone swallows and you'll be sure to see surfacing as this tsunami tragedy unfolds;

The US donates less than most any other developed nation as a percent of its GDP.

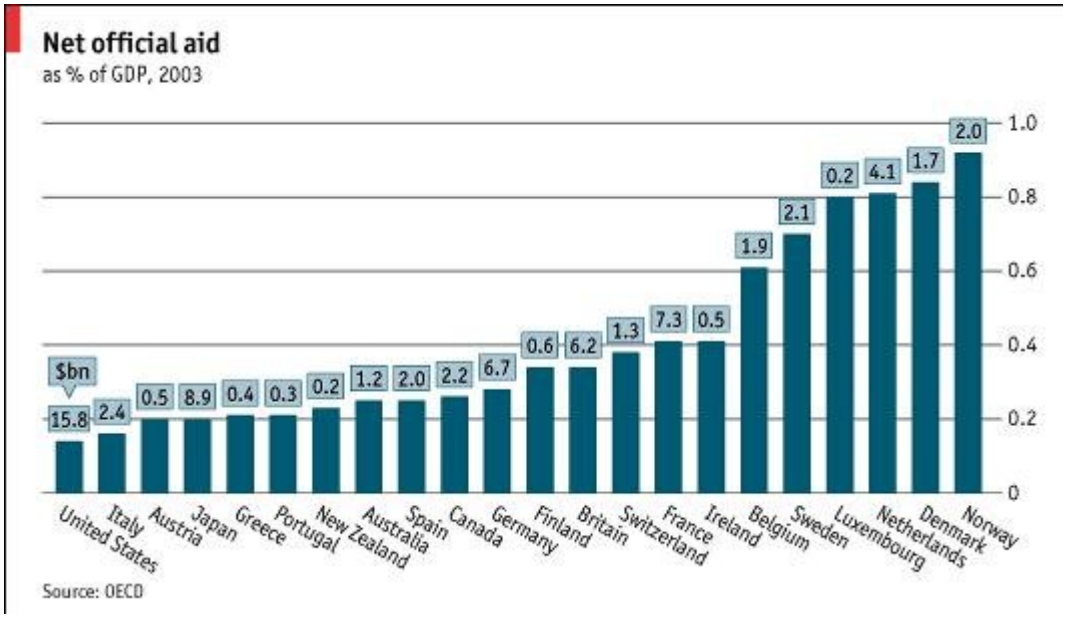
Again it seems the remnants of the Soviet empire and their abandoned pot-smoking, Baby Boomer, 1960's agents of communism are at it again, never sleeping, always trying to destroy capitalism, freedom and all that is good, via misinformation, brainwashing, indoctrination and outright lies.

Sadly they disrupted a slumbering, boozing, hibernating, holidaying economist in the process. And we all know what that means;

A riposte of empirical data and evidence! (a socialist's worst nightmare!)

First off, let's give the leftists their due; they're right.

When it comes to official foreign aid, they're right. The US government does donate on the lower end when it comes to a percentage of GDP. Forget that we don't have to donate this money in the first place. Forget that because our economy is so large and faster-growing than most we can nominally contribute more than anybody else and have it be a smaller percentage of our wealth. And forget that debt forgiveness is not included. Let's just let them have this one and go from there.



The problem is "official foreign aid" only accounts for government contributions. Thus it should be no surprise that countries like Denmark, Germany and France where the government fully accounts for 50% of GDP that they'd be more generous with their taxpayers' money. When private foreign aid is considered, the US is considerably more generous, but then again, when your citizens are not taxed to death, they can afford to

be more charitable.

More assistance than meets the eye

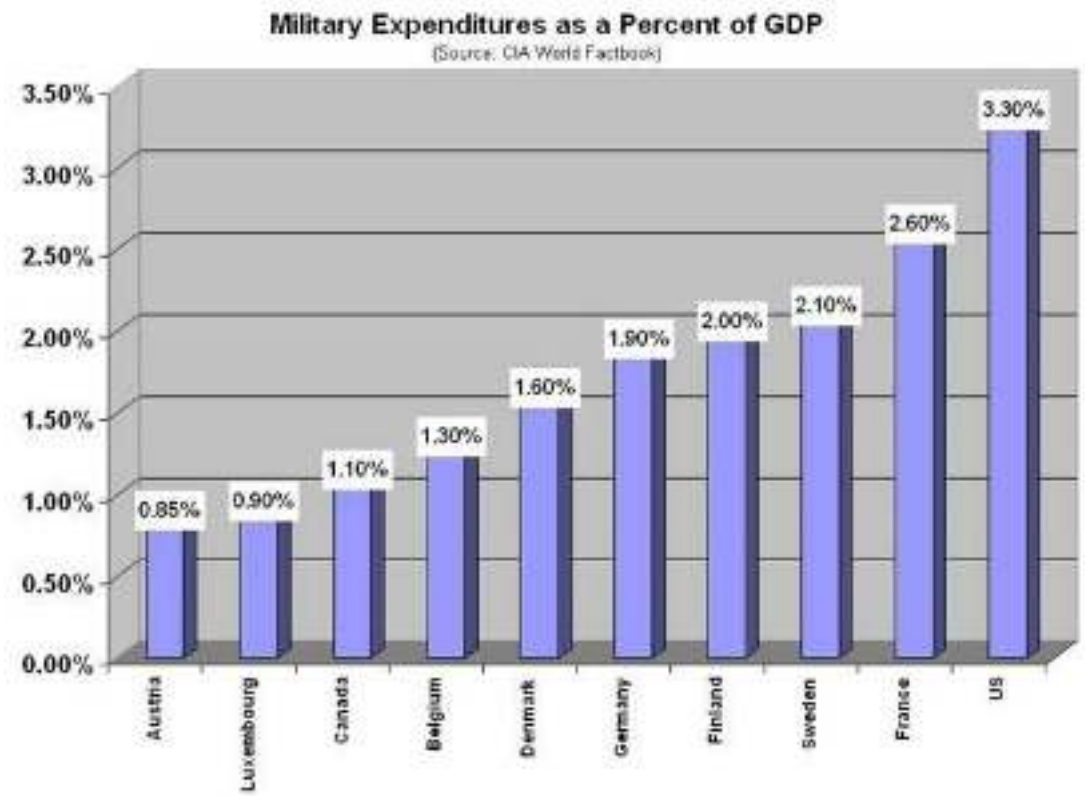
TABLE 1

Estimated U.S. international assistance to developing countries, 2000

	US$ billions	Share of total (%)
U.S. official development assistance	9.9	18
All other U.S. government assistance	12.7	22
U.S. private assistance	33.6	60
Foundations	1.5	
Corporations	2.8	
Private voluntary organizations[a]	6.6	
Universities and colleges	1.3	
Religious congregations	3.4	
Individual remittances	18.0	
Total U.S. international assistance	56.2	100

a. Including volunteer time.
Source: OECD 2002; OMB 2002; USAID 2002; various private sources.

The second issue I have is that "official foreign aid" doesn't account for the largest foreign aid program the US has been running for years. And this foreign aid doesn't go to pits like Sudan or The Republic of Chad, but rather to our developed, 1st world nation status European friends. The program is called "The US Military." The way this program works is that we have this big huge military that is practically omnipresent...so that they don't have to have one! Things like NATO, all our military bases set up during the Cold War, not to mention we forbade Germany and Japan from having militaries, allow countries to cut back spending on tanks, guns and soldiers and allows them to spend money on foreign aid. All one needs to do is look to our Canadian friends to the north. Whilst good hockey players and normally nice folk, capable of repelling a Chinese invasion they are not. Of course they don't have to worry about that because their imperialist warmongering bible-thumping American friends to the south would not let such a thing happen to them(well, maybe Oregon). Alas, a good measure would be to see how much of our GDP is spent on military (pre-Iraq/Afghanistan War) compared to those countries who are so altruistically uber-generous with their taxpayers' money.



It seems being the world's adult....er...I mean "policeman" is not without its costs.

But the larger issue here isn't who spends what on the military or who spends the highest percentage of their GDP on foreign aid. The issue is that in the time it took me to write this blog, no doubt the estimated death number from the tsunamis has increased by 25,000 and the amount of aid the US has pledged has increased by $20 million. With such a dynamic and developing situation that could never beget an immediate finite and final response, how can the left can be so eager and sure to criticize the US and President Bush? It only belies the fact they're being infantile and using the tragedy of 100,000+ people for political gain.

I'm going back to hibernate in my cave.

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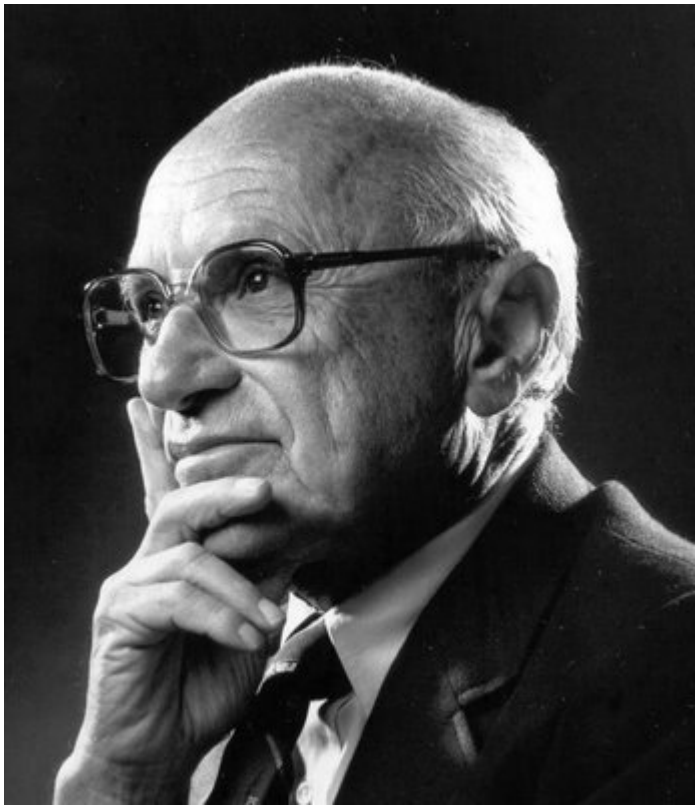

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The Best of Captain Capitalism - Can't Afford Health Care Insurance? THEN DON'T BUY IT!

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This was a little ingenius idea I had. Instead of paying health insurance, why not take the money instead and pay down your house with it. Then if an emergency ever occured you could pull out the money from your house and pay for your medical bills. Of course, that would require people to break their addiction to home equity loans, but the idea has merit.

OK, stupid check here people.

I'm mightily sick and tired of hearing about how health care is becoming so expensive.

How you can't afford it for "you and your 4 children" that you apparently gave little thought about while you were schtooping in the back of a Camaro at the age of 20 without a condom.

How you are an "old" person and didn't know that it would cost this much, that health care costs just snuck up on you and you thought that everything would be magically hunky dory and be taken care of if you could only live to 65.

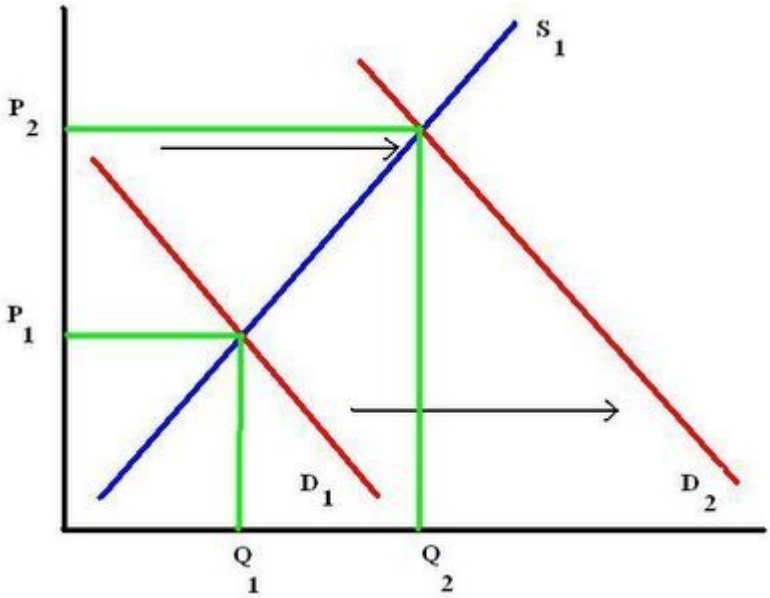
Time to bitch slap you SOB's upside the head with a little adult and economics reality.

OK, ONCE AGAIN HERE PEOPLE, the simple Economics 101 lesson of supply and demand;

You see, there is only a certain amount of resources in this country to provide health care. This is denoted by the supply curve (S1)

When you have an entire generation of Baby Boomers entering Old Fart age and they've voted in programs like Medicare and Medicaid that effectively make health care free, thereby breaking the association of having to pay for what you consume SURPRISE SURPRISE, DEMAND FOR MEDICAL SERVICES GO UP! This is denoted by D1 moving to D2.

The result is not only an increase in the quantity of medical services provided (now consuming 15% of GDP), but also an increase in the price of medical services, denoted as P1 to P2.

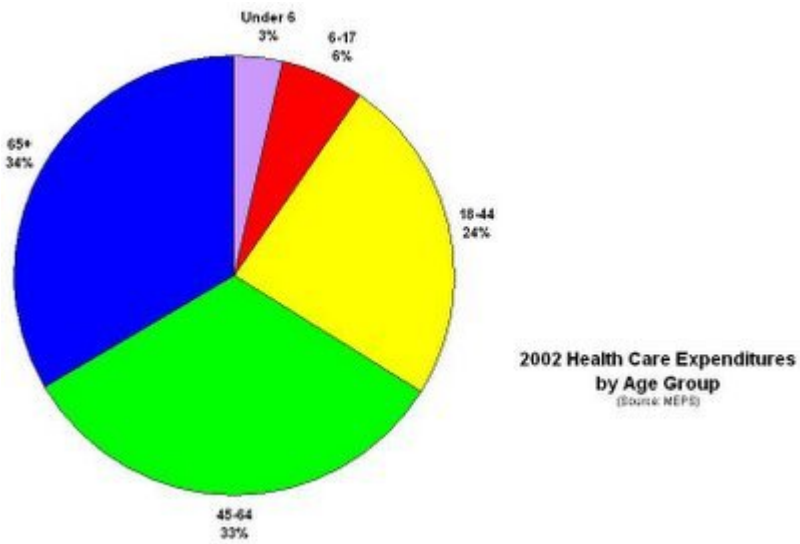


Now, brainwashed dolts who watched waaaay too many after school specials and never had the slightest bit of strife in their lives, and therefore never bother to look ahead and have a contingency plan for the future will no doubt take a break from their candle light vigil to come in and say, "Why, that's so mean! How can you be so cruel to your elders!?"

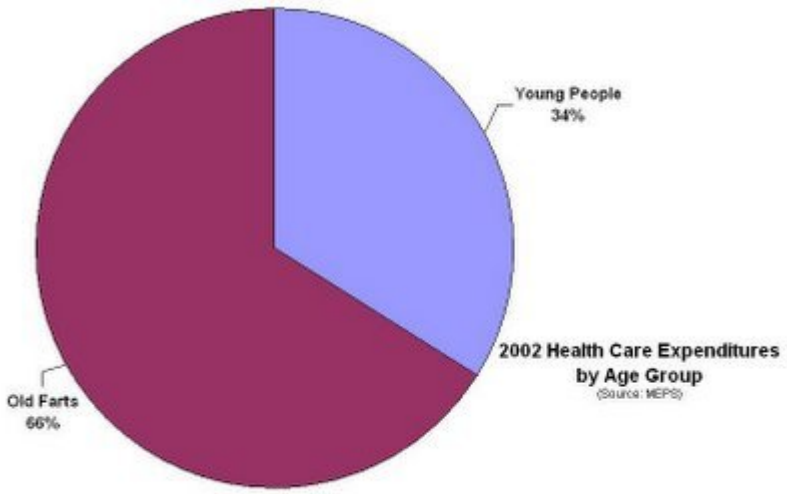
Well because;

1. Our elders (Baby Boomers mind you) have fumbled the ball with the fiscal austerity and financial planning (or lack thereof) of the country's financial future.

2. It just so happens to be true that the old farts consume the vast majority of medical services. Not that this is necessarily their fault, mind you. As you enter Old Fart age your body poops out, breaks down and naturally needs more medical attention. Regardless Old Farts consume the majority of medical services, even though they don't make up the majority of the population.



I further simplified this chart for all you public school educated kids out there.



Now, what gets me and why I'm in a particularly irate mood today is how people fail to make the connection between the aging of Americans and the increasing costs of health care. They somehow think the cost of health care is going up universally for everybody.

No, that's just the insurance.

You see, if you are younger when you pay for health insurance it doesn't go to help you out. It goes to help subsidize the costs the old farts are putting on the system (and this says nothing about the manditory taxes you must pay for Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security). Seriously, think about it, do you really consume $400 a month in health care services? I'm a healthy 30 year old that runs and eats right and doesn't smoke. I'm told full coverage would be $385/month. that's an X-Box 360 EACH MONTH! In short, on the average it would be waaay cheaper for you to just pay cash.

"But what if something bad happens? Like an emergency!? I need health care."

Oh you stupid freaking Americans.

For there is another way to insure yourself;

Your house.

"My house?" you say.

Yes, your house.

You see, why pay $400, $500, even $700 a month for health insurance for you and your children are not likely to use (and will inevitably just go to Old Farts anyway) when you can throw that money into your house. This will built up equity in your house on top of any appreciation in the value of your house. Then, in the unfortunate and unlikely event you have an emergency like an appendix needs to be removed or surgery, you can take

out a home equity loan to pay for it.

This has many advantages;

1. By making additional principal payments on your house you will save yourself a large amount of interest expense in the future.
2. Your health insurance payments are no longer wasted. You no longer subsidize the insurance and health care of old people, you only pay for the medical services you use. Furthermore, you do not pay for the mark up in health care costs that the insurance companies tack on to pay for their employees and operations.
3. You can afford the most expensive surgeries should the unfortunate happen.

Of course, this requires a bit of financial maturity on your part. Alas I think Americans are tapped out of financial maturity. For they'll take out a home equity loan to pay for an SUV. They'll rack up credit card debt to pay for what ultimately amounts to crap and then consolidate it with a home equity loan. They'll take out a home equity loan to pay for a vacation or their childrens' worthless college education in communications. They'll squeeze every freaking penny of equity out of that house so you can afford that new TV and entertainment system.

But will they take a home equity loan out for health care costs???

Oh, no! They'd rather be the bitch of the health insurance industry forking out $400 a month so they can have that new plasma TV.

I just don't want to hear them complain about the cost of health insurance increasing when they do.

Recession Time?

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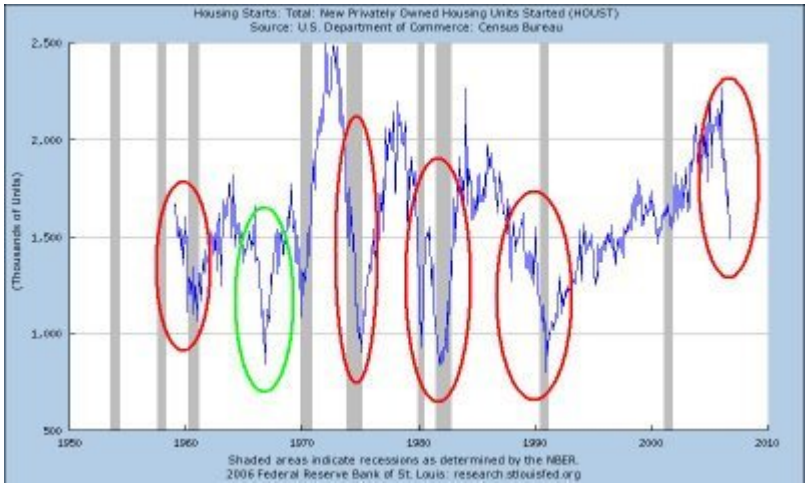

Like I said, I don't sense a recession in my blood, but the chart and history are compelling.

Oh Yeah, We've Got a Way to Go

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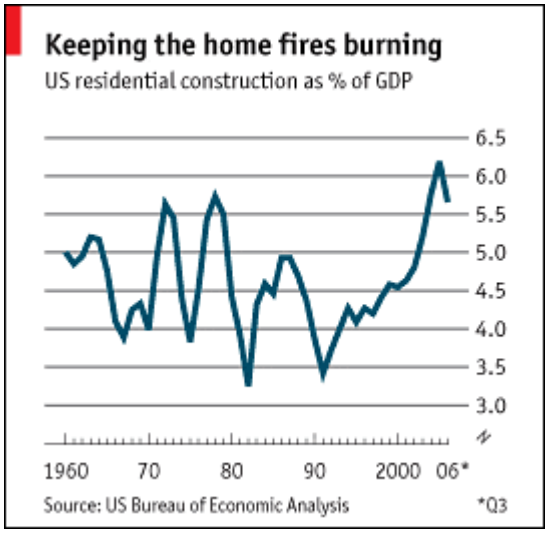

Anybody predicting recession?

I say, "slight."

When Dictators Get a Clue

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Imagine instead of a democracy where legislation is hammered out, compromised and bastardized from its original form and intent to the point that it is so watered down that its rendered impotent, you have a dictatorship that says,

“We’re doing this.”

End of discussion, no if, ands or buts, just

“We’re doing this.”

Now, of course, most dictatorships are inept, with its primary goal of serving those in power, and thusly the people suffer.

However, every once in a while a dictatorship might get its head out of its ass and start making smart decisions.

China is one such example.

And having learned its lessons from Mao’s Great Leap (ahem) “Forward” modern day (ahem) “Communist” leaders in China are starting to implement free market reforms, yet at the same time still have dictatorial control.
This results in a bevy of decisions that at times, despite being for democracy, I can only envy.

For example China decided it would build a fence on its border with North Korea.

No if and or buts, no ACLU whining and complaining, no Mexican diplomats going to the UN to file a law suit.

Just China saying, “We’re building a fence.”

Meanwhile it took Bush, what, 6 years to get us to AGREE to build the fence? China within 1 month had decided and started on construction.

The Three Gorges Damn is another one I just sit in awe of.

“We’re building the world’s larger damn that will be five times the size of the Hoover dam, displacing several million people and you’re going to shut the hell up and like it.”

No, it’s not open for negotiation, no, we’re not going to listen to the Sierra Club, no we’re not going to compromise the design or change it to satisfy some small group of fishermen on the river.

We’re building the dam and that is final.

Or one that I am truly envious of, for it is the fastest way to reallocate your resources to more efficient production and thereby boost your economic growth incredibly quick, when China lays off HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of workers from its State Owned Enterprises. Meanwhile here in the US we lament, practically go into mourning at the loss of 400 jobs at the local obsolete factory.

So you could imagine my dark and grudging respect for our Chinese competitors when they decided,

“Hey, we’re building the world’s biggest subway system.”

Never in a million years could we pull that off here as no doubt a bevy of environmentalist groups would handcuff the development of such a public transportation project, no matter how beneficial, not to mention it would be gerrymandered in such a way that it would be of marginal public use.

Alas, it seems China has happened upon the rare and magical formula of not only being a dictatorship, but one that makes the right decisions (most of time) for its people, allowing for very efficient and effective decision making and implementation that leaves most democracies in the dust. And no doubt such fast and expeditious decision making on the part of the government manifests itself in the 12% real GDP growth they seemed to manage each year.
Now, I know, I know, inevitably the system will collapse. Some dictator who isn’t benevolent or as economically savvy (as say, Zhu Rongji) will come in and have the system in place to wreak havoc upon the masses like Mao. And I’d still prefer a dysfunctional democracy over what they have. But for now they seem to have the best game in the business.

Best of Captain Capitalism - Payment in Kisses

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Back when I was young and foolish I fell for a girl.

And it's an interesting thing how a person, a song, or just about anything will trigger the release of endorphines or whatever neurochemical that effectively gives your brain an immeasurable boost and soon your brain it churning out pure genius.

You don't know how.

You don't know why.

You almost feel as if somebody else is in control and you are a helpless by-stander watching your brain work at the speed of light producing pure, unrivalled genius. It's like watching a movie in 3D.

But there your hands go, hammering away at the keyboard, almost as if somebody else were commanding them to write a masterpiece.

Well such a masterpiece I wrote in my foolish folly fancying of a female.

And frankly it did not get the attention it truly and rightly deserved, because it really is that good.

For what, I ask you, is better than the mixing of;

1. Romance
2. Cappy Cap wit
and
3. Economics

IN

POETIC FORM NO LESS!???!!!?

Nothing is the answer.

Thus, I present to you all aspiring, junior, and official economists, the best economic poem ever written. (all aspiring, junior and official male deputy economists have permission to plagiarize this masterpiece as long as it is used to score with a dame).

"Payment in Kisses"

Oh the girl so quickly dismisses
My offer for payment in kisses
However, she’d be much smarter
Realizing the merits of barter.

Oh my dear it’s so simplistic
For my kisses are so intrinsic.
Oh baby we would have it made
If you’d accept my payment in trade

Chorus;

Oh, I’d gladly overpay
And then you’d owe me some "change"
Come on baby don’t you know?
It’s the universally accepted medium of exchange.

Oh I’ll show you where they’re minted
And I’ll show you how they’re printed
They come fresh hot off the presses
The only currency that caresses.

The IRS has no rules
My kisses weren’t taught in the schools.
Accept my kisses as money
You'd be the world’s richest girl, honey

Chorus;

Oh, I’d gladly overpay
And then you’d owe me some "change"
Come on baby don’t you know?
It’s the universally accepted medium of exchange.

The Dinar, Dollar and Shilling
I know how you like your billing
No Euro, no Kiwi nor Sterling
It's my kisses that you are yearning

So don't delay,

There will come the day;

that you accept my kisses as legal and tender.

I'll Scope Out the Chicks in Italy

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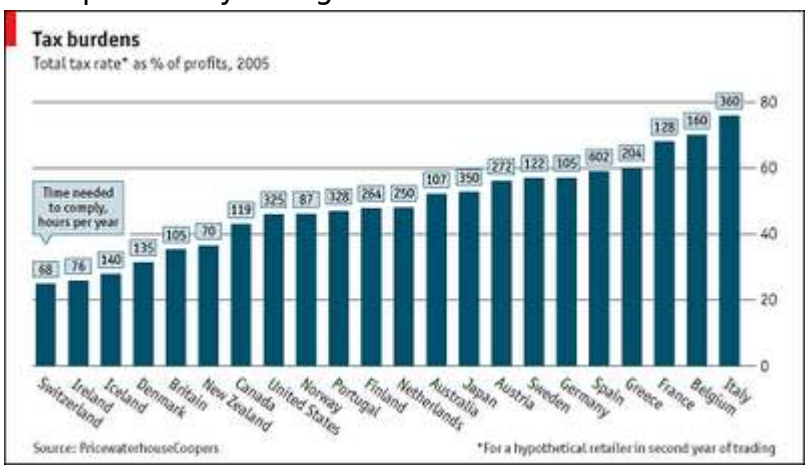
But I'll be damned if I set up a company there!

So PWC came up with a crafty little idea. Since corporations don't just pay "corporate income tax" but also social pension contributions and what have you, the overall corporate tax rate is actually (are you ready to make the leftists roll their eyes?) HIGHER than previously thought.



The US' corporate tax rate is nearer to 50% than the standard 40%. And good ol' super-fast, super rich Ireland is there near the bottom...I'm sure this is just a coincidence.

Regardless, look at Italy. 80 freaking % effective corporate tax rate. Who in hell's name is going to set up shop there???

Right, I'm sure Italy is the economic laggard of Europe for other reasons. Cripes.

Hype in the Airline Industry; Delta and Northwest Airlines

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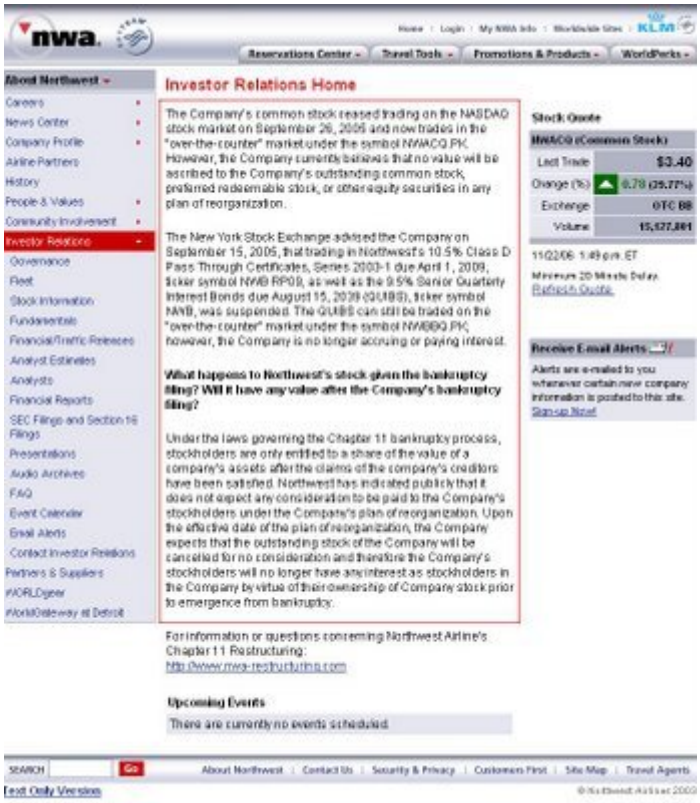
So I bought NWA at 60 cents a share a while ago. Thinking I might be able to trade between the ebb and the flow of its amplitude. Then US Air makes an $8 billion bid for Delta, boosting NWA's price up. I sold at $2.40 banking a tidy profit and a personal record 400% return in 7 months.

Now, people would say, "hey, if there's talk of buy outs, why not hold on? If NWA posts a profit, if the unions back off, if the price of gas stays low, if if if if if..."

All fine and dandy, but to all my colleague toying around with the idea that NWA (as well as Delta) might be worth the buy, you might want to consider this first;



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The Company's common stock ceased trading on the NASDAQ stock market on September 26, 2005 and now trades in the "over-the-counter" market under the symbol NWACQ.PK. However, the Company currently believes that no value will be ascribed to the Company's outstanding common stock, preferred redeemable stock, or other equity securities in any plan of reorganization.

The New York Stock Exchange advised the Company on September 15, 2005, that trading in Northwest's 10.5% Class D Pass Through Certificates, Series 2000-1 due April 1, 2009, ticker symbol NWB RP09, as well as the 9.5% Senior Quarterly Interest Bonds due August 15, 2009 (QUIBS), ticker symbol NWB, was suspended. The QUIBS can still be traded on the "over-the-counter" market under the symbol NWBBQ.PK; however, the Company is no longer accruing or paying interest.

What happens to Northwest's stock given the bankruptcy filing? Will it have any value after the Company's bankruptcy filing?

Under the laws governing the Chapter 11 bankruptcy process, stockholders are only entitled to a share of the value of a company's assets after the claims of the company's creditors have been satisfied. Northwest has indicated publicly that it does not expect any consideration to be paid to the Company's stockholders under the Company's plan of reorganization. Upon the effective date of the plan of reorganization, the Company expects that the outstanding stock of the Company will be cancelled for no consideration and therefore the Company's stockholders will no longer have any interest as stockholders in the Company by virtue of their ownership of Company stock prior to emergence from bankruptcy.

For information or questions concerning Northwest Airline's Chapter 11 Restructuring:
http://www.nwa-restructuring.com

Upcoming Events

There are currently no events scheduled.

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Bulls win. Bears win. Pigs get slaughtered.

Contribute to GDP on Thanksgiving

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Hey All!

Happy Thanksgiving!

I can see everybody now, fully filled with the best cooking of the year. Fireplace going on the side, all the guys staving off sleep just long enough to watch the next play on the football game, and little Jimmy in the corner playing with the mutt. Oh, little Jimmy.

But you know what would make this Thanksgiving Day even better? Super extra special?

Spend a little time with the Captain as you tune into...(drum roll)

A VERY CAPPY CAP THANKSGIVING!!!!

Yes, I'll be subbing for Dave Thompson tonight. They gave me the option to broadcast instead of run a best of and what the heck, I'm a sucker for two things in this world;

1. Cute redheads
2. and contributing to GDP.

So tune in by listening online here.

And call the Captain (cause lord knows calls on Thanksgiving are going to be very slim indeed!)

1-877-615-1500!

Best of Captain Capitalism - Lou Dobbs is a Moron

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This more or less explains why you shouldn't bother with CNN.

FOREIGN LABOR

Overview

In the never ending effort to cut costs and maximize profits, companies are always looking for the cheapest source of labor. This often means looking outside borders as foreign labor typically offers a cheaper alternative to domestic labor. But no matter how logical, the practice of outsourcing jobs overseas is very unpopular. Sending jobs overseas not only cost jobs at home, but deprives us of future jobs that would have otherwise been located here. But the issue of foreign labor is more complicated than most suspect and warrants a deeper look in order to fully understand its effects and consequences for an economy.

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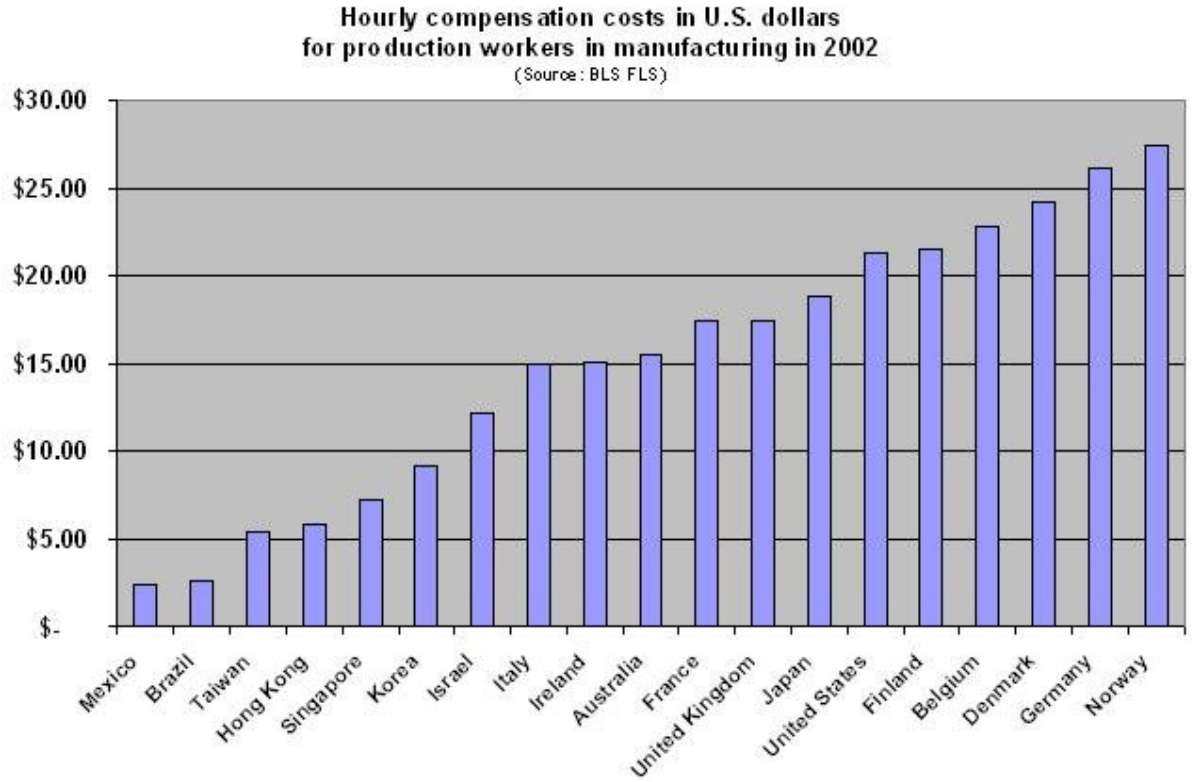

Analysis

While cheap foreign labor most certainly costs jobs at home, there are several overriding

benefits to employing foreign labor. Foremost of which are cheaper goods and services. Since labor is one of the largest expenses in the production of a good or service, by employing foreign labor we are able to produce those same goods and services at a cheaper price. This is a very unappreciated benefit to foreign labor since lower prices increase purchasing power universally. And by increasing purchasing power universally we not only increase the standards of living for a select few, but all people, especially the poor.

Another rarely contemplated benefit to foreign labor is that it frees up capital and labor resources to pursue more profitable ventures. By sending textile jobs to Bangladesh or Thailand, billions of dollars in resources are freed up here at home to pursue more profitable industries such as software programming, pharmaceutical development, electronics, and media. And perhaps even more important is that resources are freed up to pursue new, creative and innovative ideas and technologies that will advance and benefit society; the Internet, hydrogen powered cars, cures for diseases, etc.

It is in pursuing these more profitable and innovative industries that foreign labor provides us with another simple, yet overlooked benefit; the luxury of offloading dangerous, hard, and low paying jobs and replacing them with safer, easier, and higher paying ones. With each successive economic "revolution" old, hard, dirty and dangerous jobs are replaced by cleaner, easier, safer and more profitable ones. No longer does Jimmy Patriot have to till the fields with his mule for 80 hours a week just to get by in colonial America. Now Jimmy Javascript sits at a comfortable desk, barely breaking a sweat in an air-conditioned room programming C++ earning 18 times as much as his revolutionary ancestor, largely in part thanks to foreign labor.

But no matter how many reasons and benefits there are to employ foreign labor, any debate about foreign labor is actually quite irrelevant simply because there is no argument to be had. Foreign labor is a reality, it is an unavoidable fact of life. Labor transcends all borders and, like it or not, foreign competition is here to stay especially given advances in transportation and communications technologies which make it even more economical to employ foreign labor. This reality can either be accepted, faced up to, and welcomed as a benefit to society, or it can be feared, ignored and futilely fought against with government regulation that will only prove detrimental to society.

Capitalist Arguments

The true strength of an economy is not just its ability to produce more goods and services, but to produce them at a cheaper price. This is the single most important strength of an economy as it does more to pull people out of poverty than any government program ever could. It is by making goods and services cheaper that we make them affordable to the masses and thereby enhance the wealth and standards of living of all people. And to obstruct any attempts to make goods and services cheaper for

the masses for one's own selfish interests is the epitome of greed and arguably evil.

Such arrogance is demonstrated by unions and protectionist who insist on forcing the remaining 280 million Americans to pay higher prices and forsake a higher standard of living to subsidize a job that has either become obsolete or has priced itself out of competition.

Furthermore, employing foreign labor sends a wake up call to our own domestic labor force; that we are not the only people on this planet and that we are eternally in competition with foreign labor. Thus it behooves us to not only produce, but to produce more efficiently and to educate our labor force so that they not only work harder, but smarter.

Socialist Arguments

1. Cheaper labor doesn't necessarily result in cheaper goods and services. There's nothing to stop corporations from keeping the extra profit by employing foreign labor. Therefore instead of passing on those savings to the consumer, corporations just keep the profits for themselves, but we still lose out on the jobs.

2. While we may benefit from lower prices, we lose jobs. This loss of jobs not only costs us income, but additional income .

3. You won't be ensured of the quality of work performed by foreign labor. Products may be faulty and even unsafe. By using US labor those products are subjected to the same laws and regulations

4. The new jobs (if any) that are created are lower paying jobs resulting in underemployment.

Counter Arguments

1. This argument would be true if all corporations in the US were monopolies. But the fact is corporations are in perpetual and intense competition with each other (despite conspiratorial theories that all corporations are under one sentient entity). And by sending jobs overseas they are not so much pursuing additional profits, as much as they are trying to remain competitive. It is the forces of competition, a vital and required component of capitalism, that ensures those costs savings are passed on to the consumer.

2. There most certainly is a cost to employing foreign labor and that is a foregone job at home. Fortunately, despite this massive exodus of jobs offshore, more jobs are created than destroyed as evidenced by US job turnover. This shows that (excluding times of

recession where it’s obvious more jobs would be destroyed than created) even with all the jobs being sent overseas, as well as those domestic jobs that through the natural course of economics are eliminated anyway, the US economy creates more jobs than were lost. And while there are no figures that exist as to just how many jobs are sent overseas, a very detailed breakdown and analysis of job loss figures (performed by Jacob Kirkegaard of the International Institute of Economics) shows that of the total amount of jobs lost, the vast majority are due to natural economic forces and not outsourcing.

Furthermore, the jobs sent overseas are predominantly more mundane, boring, labor intensive and less desirable than the jobs that replace them. However, there is a drawback to the new jobs in that they usually demand a higher level of skill or training. This is why it’s vital to educate and train your labor force so that they are able to perform these intellectually and skill-demanding jobs.

3. Commonly used by labor unions to protect their jobs, they are largely the victims of their own success. By driving labor costs so high in certain industries, unions have effectively priced themselves out of competition and either driven their former employers into bankruptcy or offshore.

4. The "underemployment argument" is a typical argument any time there is a recovery in unemployment or jobs growth. While being forced to admit the unemployment rate has gone down or jobs have been added to the economy, the left will still critique that progress by claiming the jobs are poor and low paying. The only problem with this argument is that there is no way to prove it simply because the US does not measure underemployment. In other words, whoever uses this argument doesn’t know what they’re talking about. A very simple solution to the argument is to ask "what’s the underemployment rate?" Most will say they don’t know and then revert to anecdotal

evidence, but there may be some foolish enough to guess the underemployment rate even though it doesn’t exist.

The Left Must Just Hate Ireland

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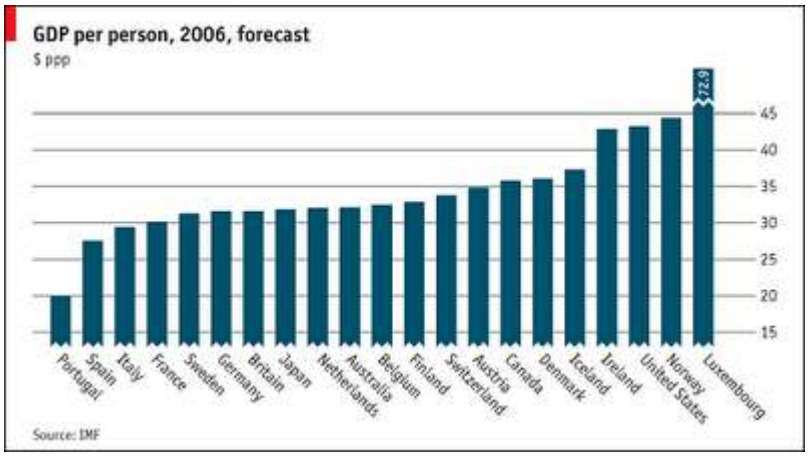
The left hates capitalism.

The left hates responsibility.

The left hates George Bush.

The left hates the concept that if a society wants to eat, it must work.

Ergo, the left must REALLY, REALLY, REALLY hate Ireland.



Didn't realize it, but Ireland will soon surpass the US in income per capita.

What did you expect when you implement an economic system based in reality?

The Best of Captain Capitalism - The Stupidity of Unions

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I never figured out why this post was one of the more popular ones. regardless, for some unforeseen reason, it got a lot of hits. I just don't know why.

So I went out dancing about a week ago. Rockability band at a DT dive called "Lee's Liquor Lounge." I opted to switch to Rockabily because of two reasons;

1. The chicks there are more prone to dance than the latin scene.

2. The chicks there are not Jesus freaks, but rather gals that pull of a delicate balance of nice, traditional girl that appreciates dancing that might be a little naughty and likes to wear leather.

My theory seemed to have some merit as upon my second foray in the Rockabily scene I met a girl who insisted on two things;

1. That she was NOT a "flight attendant" but rather a "stewardess."
2. She wanted me to call her Ginger.

How could I refuse? So we were dancing the night away, having a grand time. And knowing a thing or two about the airline industry I asked her,

"So, do you work for Northwest Airlines" the local carrier here in Minneapolis.

She said "yes I do"

And I recalled that the flight attendant's union was contemplating going on strike so I asked her, "you guys on strike yet?" To which she said, "not yet, but we might go."

By the end of the night we had danced about a solid 45 minutes, I had to get going and as I got her number and wished her farewell she gave me a rather close hug and almost kissed my ear whispering in it "I had a great time."

Now, most normal, rational, logical males at this point would assume that if the girl gave you the number and you had had such success on the dance floor that chances were pretty good you'd have a date. And whilst I am always warying of women and their ability to flake out, this one had gone off so well that I admitted, I got arrogant and cocky and actually assumed that a date was in my future.

A week or so passes by and through phone messages, she tells me that she and some of her friends are going to a venue DT Minneapolis called "The Local" and that I'm invited. Nice Irish pub, been there before, so I decide to show up.

Now there are times in my life where I wonder if I'm just bombed out of my gord and don't know it. You ever have that feeling? Like you missed something completely and the only way you can explain it is that you were on drugs or maybe you got hit on the head and lapsed out. Kind of like Edward Norton in "Fight Club" doesn't know he's Tyler Derden and living the second life? Because I could have sworn she said, "we are going to The Local." And "You are welcomed to show up." I wish I didn't delete the message so maybe I could prove to myself I'm not insane.

Regardless, I can't be too insane, because they were at the Local when I showed up, thus I was not hearing things when I heard "we are going to The Local. "

Where it gets confusing and I am righteously punished for my arrogance and stupidity in assuming I would have a date and that chicks mean what they say, is upon my arrival Ginger seemed shocked. I gave her a quite innocent and standard hug hello and after the greeting pleasantries she immediately excused herself to the bathroom for the next 20 miuntes.

In her absence I started talking to her friend. Being somewhat observant of the fact Ginger was having quite the movement, I asked her friend if I had done something wrong. "No, not that I'm aware of." And so I wrote it off at nothing. Finally, Ginger returned and then proceeded to...talk to everybody else but me. With her back to me for the majority of the time the only person I could really talk to was her friend. And while that conversation was pleasant, it unfortunately ended as a guy that had caught her attention waved to her and absconded with my only conversationalist.

So there I am, sitting at the bar with Ginger's back to me contemplating if a good stint in Iraq wouldn't be better for my mental health than the life of luxury I lead in Minneapolis. I'm looking at myself in the mirror wondering if indeed the rating of 8.6 I got on Hot or Not.com was legitimate. And with a seminar to be conducted in the early morning the next day, I opt to leave and sneak away unbeknownst to Ginger.

Now, there are several lessons to learn from this episode;

1. Ginger is a moron.
2. I am a moron for thinking things should go as they should as if it were 1947.
3. I should have drank a lot more that night
4. Union workers are idiots.

And if I had remembered lesson number 4, this whole pissing away of my time would

have been avoided. And it shouldn't have been that hard to remember for unions have displayed incredibly stupidity in recent months. Particularly with bankrupt or borderline insolvent companies.

As I mentioned before, Ginger works at Northwest Airlines. Northwest Airlines has filed for bankruptcy. It can only hope to come out of bankruptcy as a mere fraction of its former greatness. And the better it can do now whilst under bankruptcy protection, will certainly help it survive in a higher-employing capacity in the future.

It seems all the unions that work for Northwest Airlines are too stupid to make the connection that their jobs will be lost unless the company survives. So what do they do???? THEY STRIKE!!!!!

First it was the airlines mechanics. Complaining about not enough pay and how Northwest Airlines wanted to outsource/sub-contract some of the repairs to subsidairies and other countries. Then you had the pilots thinking about striking about changes to their pay plan. And now you have the flight attendants.

You stupid, effing morons.

For you see, in nature there are some creatures that have a symbiotic relationship that benefits both creatures. Like whales and whatever those things are that attach themselves to whales. And while optimally, you'd think that the airline and the unions could have a similar relationship, it seems that the unions don't want a symbiotic relationship, as much as they want a parasitic relationship. And hell, you have to give more credit to a parasite in that they know they don't want to kill off the host. Such intelligence can't even be applied to NWA's bevy of unions as they're seemingly insistent on accelerating the death NWA.

Of course, I don't credit union workers with being able to think that far ahead. Ask any union worker, "well if the company liquidates its assets and goes out of business, where will you work," you'll get a blank stare. But even this line of debate is irrelevant. For what the flight attendant, mechanic and (to a lesser extent) pilot unions fail to realize is that they are effectively obsolete. Especially in an airline. Planes are notorious for flying long distances. Why pay Fatass Joe in Eagan, Minnesota to repair a plane at $35/hr when that plane can be flown to Mexico or Jakarta (that's in Indonesia for you union folk...Indonesia is a country) and have Bukbar fix it just as good for $10/hr?Flight attendants as well. Why should an airline pick up flight attendants from Grosse Pointe and pay them $20/hr when they can load up the plane with Mexican women or Chinese women for a fraction of that cost.

And (although this makes for an interested argument FOR nationalized health care) why the hell would NWA load up the plane with American flight attendants at all? American

flight attendants demand health care coverage. Canadian ones don't because the Canadian government is paying for their health care, making it worth the flight to load up your attendants in Winnipeg. Of course, if unions don't understand the argument that they're killing off their host and they'll have nothing to parasite off of if the host dies, they certainly are not going to comprehend the arguments that have their basis in complex international economics and globalization.

So as a favor to all the flight attendants out there, and especially for Ginger, perhaps I could simplify the argument a bit so they can better understand the situation. This is your competition;

Paying to Live Longer, But Not Necessarily "Live"

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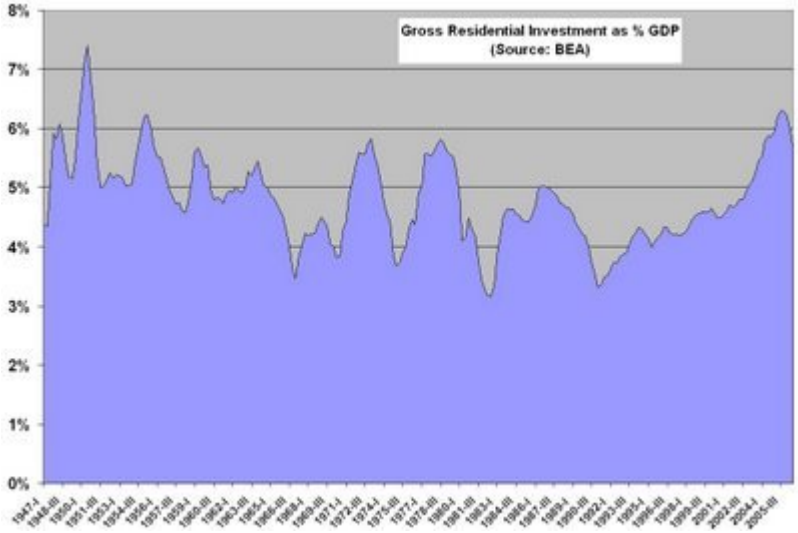
So in my gallivanting through the BEA I happened across the national accounts where they break them down into pretty specific detail. And out of curiosity I calculated how much housing accounted for GDP over time.

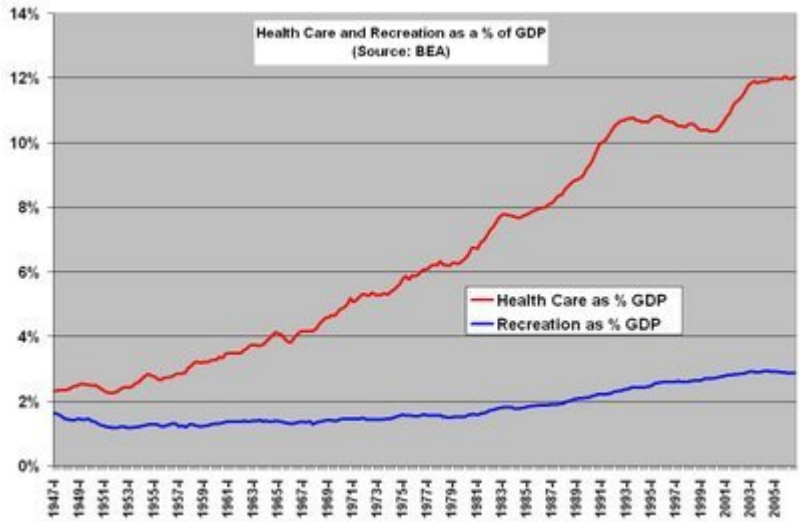


Again, still a long ways to go.

But while I was there, why not find out what percent of the economy other sectors account for?

So I looked at two;

Recreation and Medical Care.



And while we spend now twice the percent of the economy on "recreation," we've increased our spending 6 fold on medical care.

I think we've forgot what life is all about. For the left would like you to think that the true measure of "standards of living" and happiness is how much is spent on education, healthcare and touchyfeelygoodfeelings. No wonder the UN and all the bevy of NGO's always point to the worthless "Human Development Index" as a measure of "happiness" No wonder "Finland" tops the "Best Country to Live In" in all these commie-sponsored studies.

The true measure of happiness is how much disposable income you have and how much of it you spend on recreation.

Too bad too many people are paying to live longer, but not necessarily live.

Is It Really that Hard to Close the Gap?

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Mock the US. Mock Bush. Mock capitalism. Mock Texans and big cars. Mock corporations. Mock mock mock.

When it boils down to it we just produce more wealth, period. Sorry, deal with it.

And it's not like it's a secret how to replicate this. Any time you want to join the club, let us know.

Why Captain Capitalism Was Made

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because blogger sucks and is uploading only 1 in 10 charts I try to upload, this is merely a drafted post. wanted to get at least SOME of the charts up here. Charts are at the bottom;

Every super hero has an origin.

Batman lost his folks to the Joker and went on a vendetta against crime. Your friendly neighborhood Spiderman was bit by a spider and opted to become altruistic with his newfound powers. Superman was an orphan from a planet that blew up which somehow would incentive him to defend truth, justice and the American way.

And so too does Captain Capitalism have his origins.

However, the origins are not as exciting as much as they are a pet peeve. Tired of people being misinformed about politics, government, society, etc., (not to mention the trillions of dollars that were on the line) I thought that economics would be a great tool to cut through the political BS and show some people what the truth of the matter was.

And while it has evolved a bit since then the mission remains the same; to educate people about the truth of the matter via economics.

Alas, it seems I shan't get a break for the Captain Capitalism signal has the sky lit up.

So here's the latest in Minnesota. turns out we are going to have a $1 billion surplus on the state budget this upcoming year.

Naturally this gets leftists and rightists alike are all abuzz about what to do with the money. And without even having to think about it, you can already guess the bumper sticker sound bytes being exchanged;

"we spend too much on education."

"We need more money for health care, schools and jobs."

"Minnesota is one of the highest taxed states in the US"

"That money should go back to the tax payer."

"we dont' spend enough money on roads."

Alright, all you idiots shut up.

And the reason I want all the idiots to shut up is because I haven't heard one person quote or give any kind of indication they've actually LOOKED AT THE BUDGET!

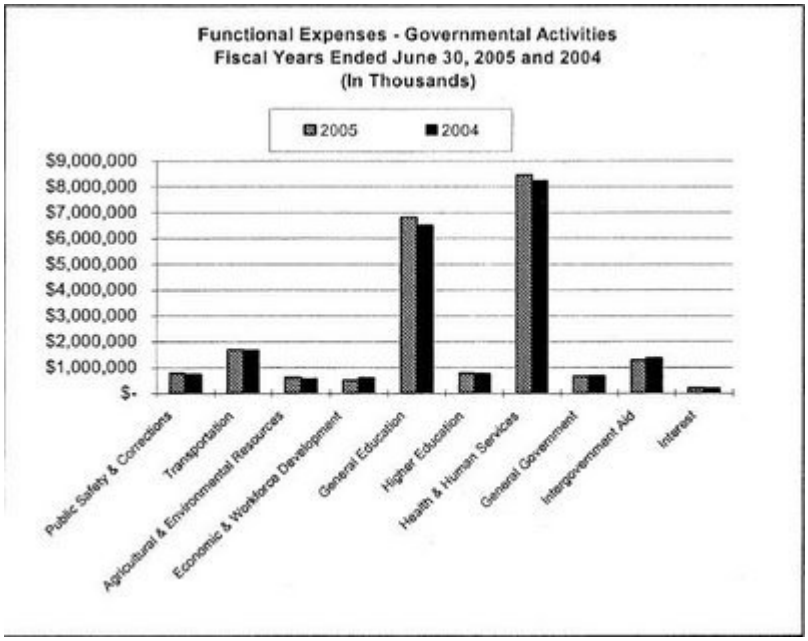
There's a novel idea, looking at the budget.

ie-studying something before you open your mouth.

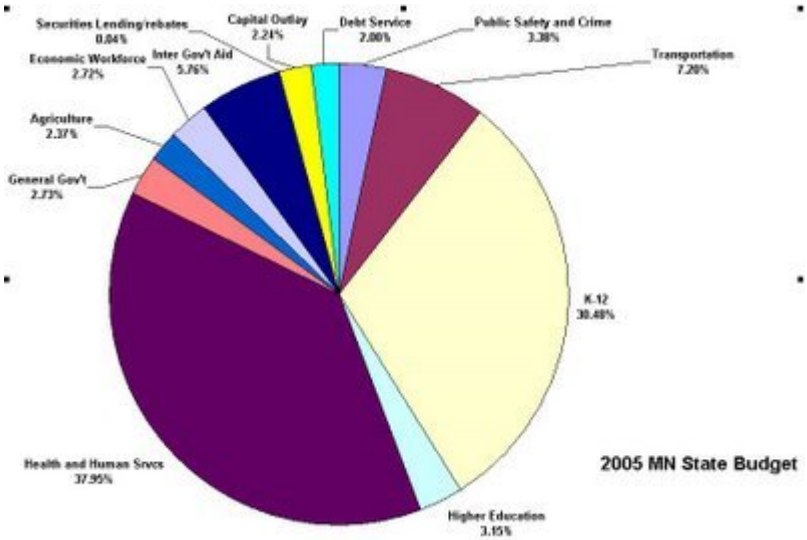
Sadly this is how all of politics and economics is discussed by your average TV-watching, college student, suburbanite crusader housewife type people out there.

So, as a benefit to all of you out there that wish to INTELLIGENTLY comment on the budget, may I suggest looking at the following charts before you do?

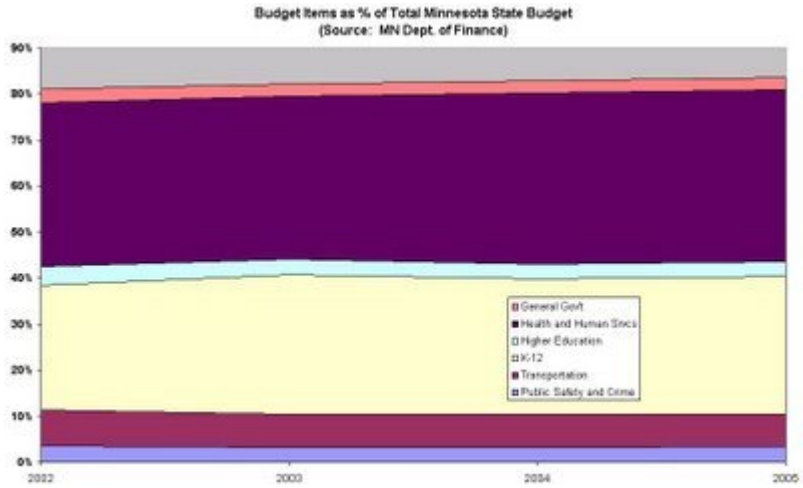
Short version, we spend enough on education and health care. So the left may take their broken record off the record player and quit playing that damn song "we don't spend enough on eduation and health care."



Here's a pretty colored picture with all the items and their respective percentages.



Also if you look at where the money has gone for the budget over time, you noticed that there really hasn't been that much of a change. The vast majority of it going to education and health care and very little of it going to things everybody uses like roads, police and general government.



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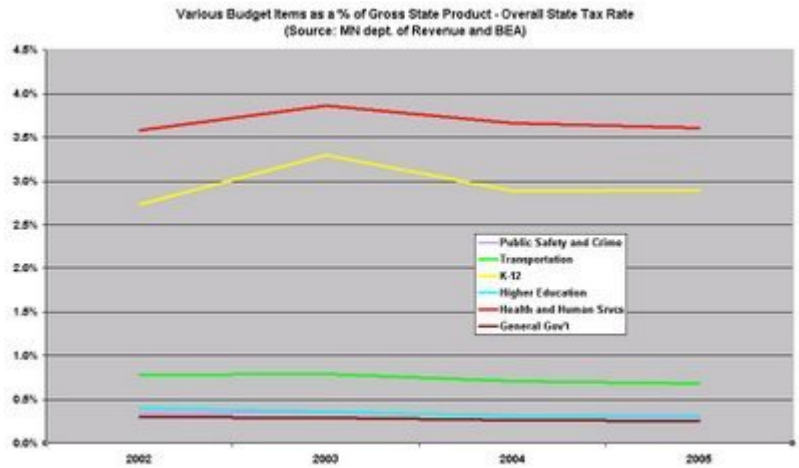

The Real Dictators are ALWAYS on the Left

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Hitler was a socialist. That's why they called it the National SOCIALIST Party.

Stalin was not a fan of capitalism either.

Neither Mao Tse Tung.

Nor Kim Schlong Ill.

Hugo, favorite of Cindy Sheehan, Belafonte and a bevy of other freedom haters and parasites, is no exception.

http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/fn/4376202.html

Venezuelans will rue the day they didn't study up on their economics and elected this putz in.

Why I Love The Economist

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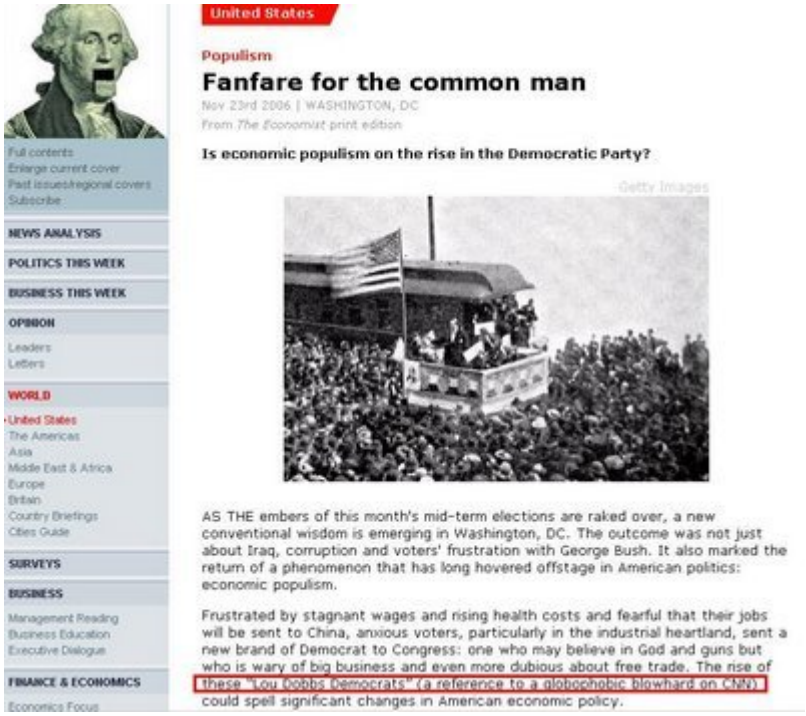
Because they call Lou Dobbs what he is;

a blow hard.



United States

Populism

Fanfare for the common man

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Is economic populism on the rise in the Democratic Party?

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AS THE embers of this month's mid-term elections are raked over, a new conventional wisdom is emerging in Washington, DC. The outcome was not just about Iraq, corruption and voters' frustration with George Bush. It also marked the return of a phenomenon that has long hovered offstage in American politics: economic populism.

Frustrated by stagnant wages and rising health costs and fearful that their jobs will be sent to China, anxious voters, particularly in the industrial heartland, sent a new brand of Democrat to Congress: one who may believe in God and guns but who is wary of big business and even more dubious about free trade. The rise of these "Lou Dobbs Democrats" (a reference to a globophobic blowhard on CNN) could spell significant changes in American economic policy.

I'd even go so far as to say he's one of these people that puts his own advancement ahead of anything else, thinking nothing of advocating policies that would hurt and harm people and making people poorer across the world just so he can boost his ratings.

Putz.

Dating Advice from The Captain

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I was talking to a younger 20 something buddy of mine who was adamantly against dating liberal chicks. Upon finding out they were of the lefter leaning ideology he would immediately cut them off, stop calling them and would let them flail about in the dark wondering what happened. **"*Good, that'll show 'em!*"**

And I presume this mentality is more prevalent on both the male and female sides of the dating world, for I too had this close-minded approach.

But there are two reaons now that I fully endorse and advocate dating leftists;

1. You stand a better shot at showing them the short-comings of their ideology and the merits of your's the longer you associate with them. And if you really care to win the war against socialism you will take a more "Dennis Prager" approach and try to explain things to them, rather than punish them.

2. Dating a leftist provides you with an unrivalled opportunity to advance your, ahem "aims" and perhaps allow for a little naughty flirting. And the way you achieve this is through betting.

Allow me to show you what I am talking about.

TRUE STORY;

I was dating a rabid leftist and borderline feminist. She wasn't what I would call a "hard core" leftist or feminist because she just regurgitated the crap she got in college (then again, how does this materially differ from you average leftist anyway?). So when she would say something that would display her ignorance and brainwashing I would say,

"You want to make a bet?"

One time she said we didn't spend enough on health care. Remembering a chart I had recently seen, I then said the US government, on average spends just as much per person on public health care than your average socialist European country.

She didn't believe me.

So I said, "well, care to make it interesting?"

Her ego, belief and entire world view system was now being challenged, naturally she

said, "sure" no doubt fully expecting me to be wrong.

"OK, if I'm right you have to wear a naughty stewardess outfit and serve me dinner for an evening."

Dead silence.

For you see, previous to that there was no penalty or cost associated with blathering on ignorantly about nationalized health care. There was no price to be paid for being ignorant. Any leftist can blather on all they want at a party or at class or at a protest because there is no penalty for being stupid and misinformed.

Now she had to make a choice; her ego or her ignorance.

Of course she balked, as most lefists do when they realize they may not know everything they've thought they knew the past 10 years of their lives, especially when there is a penalty associated with it (of course, one could make the philosophical argument why would getting dressed up in a naughty stewardess outfit would be a "penalty" if it was all good fun, alas I'm left to opine women hate doing such things for reasons I'll never understand)

But now isn't the time to let them go, you gotta stay on 'em, otherwise they weasel out of it.

"What, certainly you won't admit to being wrong? I mean, you've staked your entire political ideology on such beliefs, additionally you've no doubt voted based on those beliefs and thusly your great responsibility as a citizen to the governance of this nation is based on those rock solid beliefs. So how can you possibly lose?"

That goosed her ego.

"Fine, what do I get if I'm right?"

"Well, whatever you want."

And this is another advantage to the "betting game" as I like to call it. If you are an educated aspiring economist, you don't make bets unless you are absolutely 100% guaranteed to win. So you can promise her to mortgage your house and give her the proceeds if she wants, because it isn't going to happen. Of course such outlandish betting will show your hand and she will retreat from the bet. Fortunately for me she posed a reasonable penalty for me should I lose;

"OK, dinner at The Lexington."

"Very well."

40 seconds later we were on the OECD's web page and I showed her this chart.

I'd like to tell you the details, but let's just say sometimes economics does actually help you get a chick.

"Iceland Has No Military"

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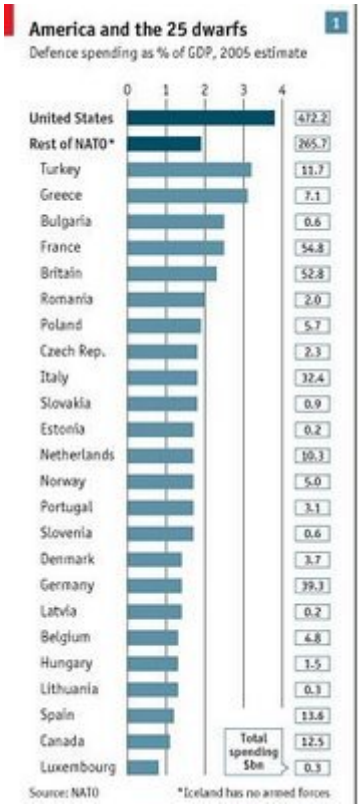
I've often opined what the US could spend its money on if it wasn't effectively subsidizing the rest of the free worlds' militaries. Latest figures on military spending as a percent of GDP.



My favorite is the footnote at the bottom "Iceland has no military."

I demand Ms. Iceland as recompense.

Hurray for NAFTA!

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Sometimes the most compelling evidence for something that works is something as simple as a map like the one below, showing various average incomes for the different states in Mexico.

Note the northern provinces are significantly better off than the southern provinces.

If only there was some kind of "trade agreement" that would be to Mexico's south that would help bring about the same benefits. You know, like closer to Central America.

If We Adjusted for "Fluff"

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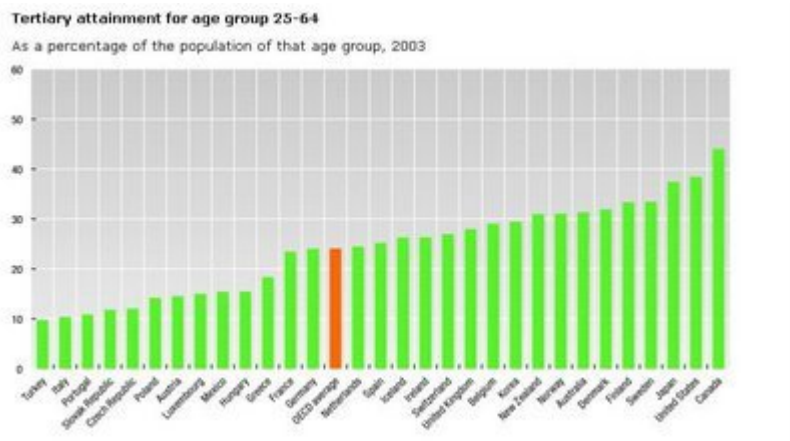
Interesting chart from the OECD. Shows the percent of the "adult" population with a college degree.



Although I would pay good money to see it if we deducted those getting degrees in fluff such as "communications" and "philosophy."

The Best of Captain Capitalism - All I Want For Christmas...

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I figured since it's Christmas time we should resurrect an old post that I think shows just how well off we are here in the US

OK, so if you're not familiar with this, those little ads on top of my blog are inserted there so in the INEVITABLE event this blog becomes as popular as Drudge, and each day everyone who visits this site clicks on it, I make a bajillion dollars.

How the code in Adsense works is it identifies key words in a post and then advertises relevant or related items.

So in one of my more recent posts I referenced "Old Farts" when talking about the costs the older Americans are putting on our health system. It didn't occur to me until I looked a bit more closely at what was being advertised.

Wow, just what I always wanted! A FART MACHINE! Forget X-Box 360! I want a Fart Machine!

Oooo! A DISCOUNT Fart Machine! I don't know about that. I only want grade A acoustics when replicating farts.

Wait! What's this! I can CHOOSE from 5 DIFFERENT FART NOISES!!!!??? God Bless America! Some kids don't have running water in some countries. Some kids' growth is stunted in the likes of North Korea because of lack of nutrition. But our American children get to choose the octave of fart they want!

No, no way! I mean, is it possible??? Is it true! I can get a REMOTE CONTROL Fart Machine???!!!! Forget a luxurious life style of double income, no kids, with a beautiful and

insanely intelligent wife where we gallivant across the globe and I lavish her with gifts and she plays the video game sex maiden who likes to serve me martini's. No, I have now found my true purpose in life.

Dog is Co-Pilot

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I figure I need a dog. Because dogs get excited no matter where you go. As a teenager I would take our dog, Pretzel, get him all riled by shaking the car keys, and in a Pavlovian conditioned response he'd immediately run out to the car, hop in the passenger seat, tail wagging furiously.

Didn't even start the car.

Didn't drive nowhere.

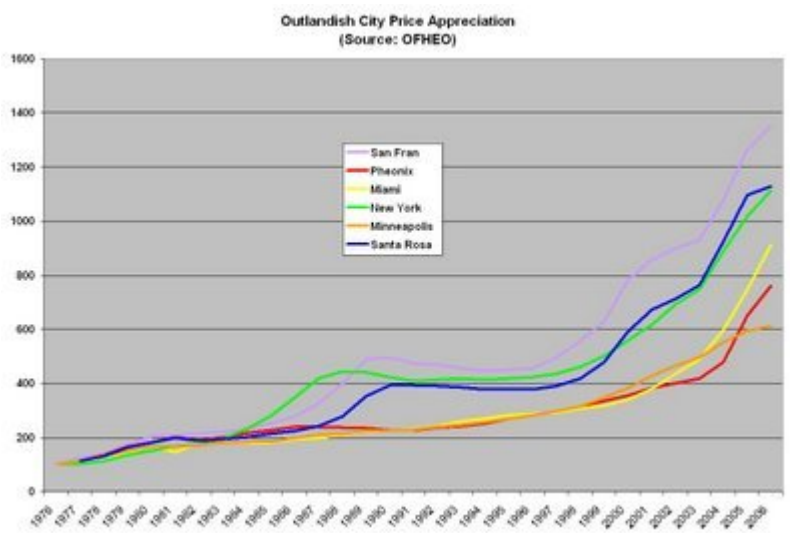
Just sat there for a couple minutes.

Sure enough I'd hop out and Pretzel would get out all excited as if we had driven to the moon and back.

Dogs are like that.

So why not in my economic exploits, searching the peaks and valleys of the bevy of databases out there, have a trusty and loyal co-pilot next to me, assisting me in my research who is just as excited as I am to go to the FRED database?. A side kick of sorts I fathom. And what better more American and capitalist side kick is there than a dog?

Alas, it would have been pretty cool to have a companion that was ecstatic as I when I happened upon these figures at the OFHEO.



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No, That Would Be Too Easy

December 10, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cripes, all the human labor hours wasted blathering on about the minimum wage.

Literally any discussion of the minimum wage is wasted as long as the current and/or proposed minimum wage is below the market rate.

So blather on about it all you want, it's a waste of time.

However, as a mere zygote economist I asked myself "why don't we just index the minimum wage to inflation? Each year we'd increase it based on the CPI and then there'd be no debate."

Alas it seems politicians insist on using this effectively irrelevant issue as a political football because this simple solution would deny them the chance to masquerade themselves as people who actually give a damn about low-income earners.

Regardless, I decided to go and adjust the minimum wge myself. Set at $5.15 on Sept 1, 1997, today it would be $6.44.

The Best of Captain Capitalism - The Left IS Winning

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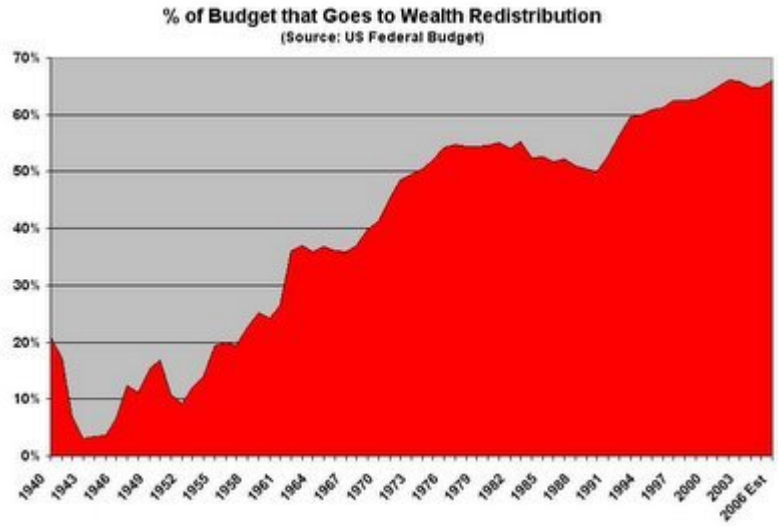
I think this is a post that gets to the heart of the matter. That no matter who is in office, the "people" are voting to have the government take on a larger and larger role in support them. Of course this condemns us to failure until we learn our lesson again, but this is what happens when a population forgets the lessons of the past.

Despite the cocophany of complaining you hear from the left about how things are so horrible and that the plight of the poor is getting worse,

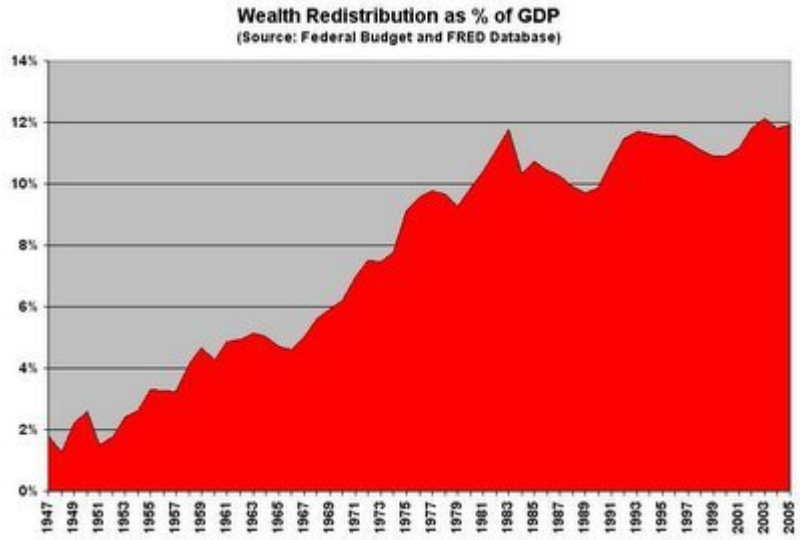
remember, a little dose of reality provide a lot of clarity.

For if you look at the federal budget over time and how we've "voted" to spend our money, you'll note that wealth redistribution programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, welfare and so forth have taken a larger and larger percentage of the budget.



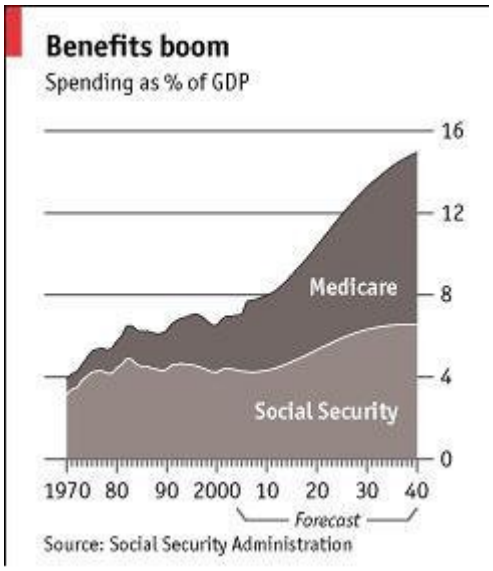
Going from all of 3% in 1943, this has now ballooned to over 64% in 2005, suggesting (nay, convicting) the government of not so much being an agent of governance as it is a political agent of wealth redistribution.

Consider the total percentage of the nation's wealth that has been redistributed and it is very clear who is winning the ideological battle of economics;



Going from under 2% in 1947 now a full 12% is redistributed.

And when you consider that the two largest wealth redistribution programs (Medicare and Social Security) are going to balloon in the next 20 years;



Alas, it seems Chairman Mao himself could not have wished for a better outcome of the world's soon to be No. 2 Superpower.

Of Strippers and Poverty

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I had this scum bag parasite student in my economics class one time. He claimed he was the "poor starving college student" and had to go on "MinnCare" Minnesota's state subsidized health care.

So there I, as well as all the other working students in class, are paying for this little brat's health care.

Next day he comes in with a brand new portable DVD player and "The Family Guy" DVD set.

Another interesting anecdote is about strippers and dental work.

Friend of mine just opened up a dental practice and was amazed how many strippers she has patronizing her practice. She was even more amazed with their spending patterns in that when it comes to "basic" dental work like fillings, braces, etc., the (again) beloved State of Minnesota takes mine and your money to help these...err...um.."disadvantaged women."

But if they want non-basic or "cosmetic" dentistry done (teeth whitening, caps, etc.), which the beloved State of Minnesota does not pay for, they have more than enough cash to afford it.

It is the disparity between the "poor" status these people claim to the state in order to get other people's money and how they actually live that angers me, and no doubt some of you, to no end.

This poses an interesting case then for a different way to measure "poverty."

Officially, government statistics look at an "income based" approached to ascertain whether you are poor and can suck off the money blood of Captain Capitalism and all the other producers of society. However, this is frought with one glaring oversight in that it really isn't "income" that determines your standard of living, but your consumption.

Say you have a suburbanite trophy wife who files seperately in her taxes. She works part time at the local fru-fru shop selling fluff. She only makes say, $10,000 per year to chat and discuss gossip with the other trophy wives. By an income tested means she is "poor."

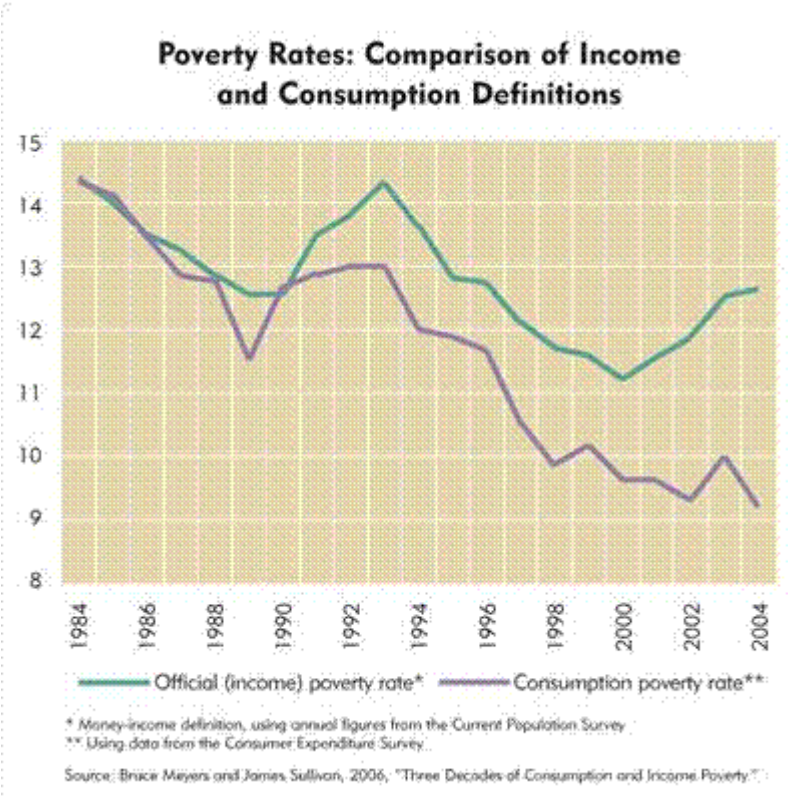
However, her husband is a VP at the regional investment bank and takes down $250,000 per year, allowing her to spend $249,999 of that money. By a consumption tested means

she is rich.

Such an extreme example is not typical for your "poor" or "lower income" folk, but when you consider the bevy of government programs and subsidies that go to "poor" people it shouldn't be a surprise that with free housing, food, day care, child care, and health care, these people have the discretionary income to go and afford themselves DVD players, luxury dental services and so forth.

It may also go a long way in explaining why, when I drive through the public housing projects enroute to the radio show, that the majority of these "poor" people have nicer cars than me.

But fear not ladies and gentlemen, for at the forefront of every battle against socialism are your highly trained, highly intelligence and highly sexy Jedi Knights of the social sciences; economists. They've developed a consumption based measure of the poverty rate that considers what "poor" people consume, rather than earn.



Of course, it would be an easier battle if it seemed all of America wasn't hell-bent on becoming a socialist country in the first place (see post below). Maybe Ireland could use some Jedi Economists.

Let Me Steal Your Thunder Kos

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It's BUSH'S FAULT!!!!!

On a side note, this is a pretty good read;

Globalization for Idiots

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This just about sums up globalization in one sentence.

Communications and sociology majors beware.

Global Warming for Idiots (Repost)

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Seeing COWS are now responsible for global warming on the level of cars and the UN is now rescinding it's oh-so accurate prediction of the end of the world, I thought it appropriate to remind you all about the merits of actually looking up historical global temperatures over time...say like 49,000 years.

OK, once again, for the people in the nose bleed section;

GLOBAL WARMING PEOPLE ARE IDIOTS!

End of story.

Statement of fact.

Truth as only the truth could be.

So I found a web site where you can go and look at Ice Core/bore holes where they try to estimate the temperature from those bore samples. Go ahead, check it out for yourself. ESPECIALLY if you're one of these morons that believe in global warming but never bothered to look up the actual data and instead liked the idea of sticking it to the capitalists of the world (which is your primary impetus in pushing such tripe anyway).

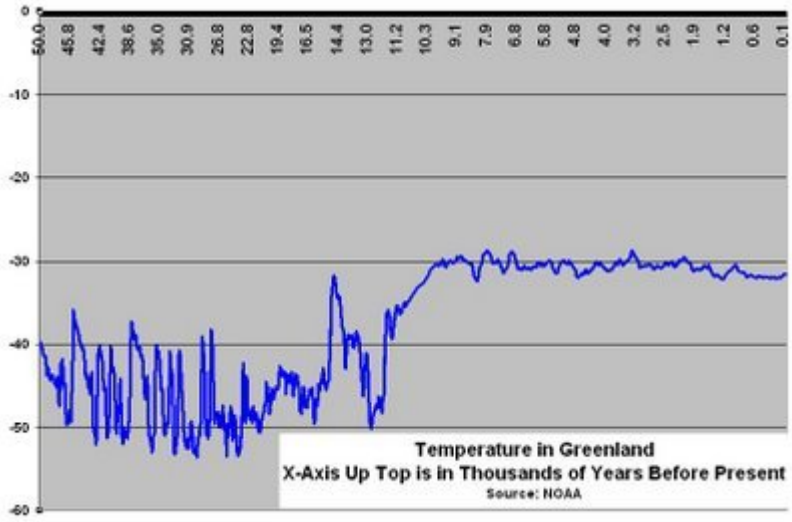
http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/paleo/recons.html

They hide it pretty well and really push those 500-1000 year old data sets that show you the general trend upward in global warming and why we should continue our assault on capitalism.

Of course that's 500 to 1,000 years of Earth's 4 billion year history.

What’s really neat is if you actually get some perspective and look at temperatures going back to say, 49,000 or 412,000 years ago and see what a bunch of BS this global warming conspiracy is. John Stossel’s new book put me on to it. Pretty good book. Seems to upset a lot of people. But truth has a tendency of doing that.

Oh, and just out of curiosity I pulled Greenland's temperatures and threw them into a chart.



Don't ask my why it gets so unvolatile around 10.3 thousand years ago. This science as you probably already know, is prone to errors in measurement, sanity, truth and logic.

Laying Down Some of Dat Christmas Economic Cheer

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I hope you maximize
Your utility
This Christmas

I hope you maximize
Your time
This Year

So why don't you get smart?
Allow me my economic wisdom to impart
And move your cute bod over here.

I hope you allocate
Your resources
This Christmas

I hope you allocate
Efficiently
Along the frontier

If Milton Freidman has his way
He'd look at you and say
"Baby, all I want for Christmas is to leer."

I hope you model
All your formulas
This Christmas

I hope you model
In front of me
In something sheer

And I'm sorry I must insist
That you give me your kiss
For your kisses provide me more utility than beer.

Have a Merry Christmas all, I'll be in and out for little while.

The $8.5 Billion Question

December 17, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So Northwest Airlines has had its stock price go from 60 cents a share to $5 per share on this
merger talk circulating around.

I originally invested at 60 cents a share in the hopes that the good socialists of Minnesota would vote for the government to bail them out. Fortunately I got lucky with the merger talk and the same effect occured. But there is something that concerns me and should concern those folks out there getting all giddy thinking NWA will arise from the ashes like a pheonix.

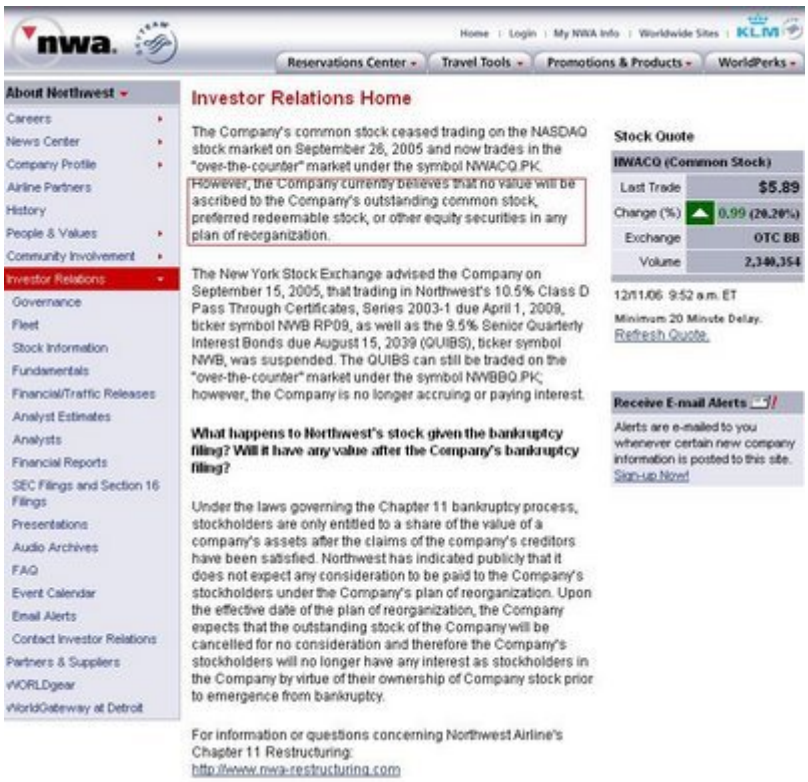
To legitimize the current stock price, a potential suitor would have to offer, at minimum $8.5 billion.

Right now NWA has $8 billion more liabilities than they do assets. So any acquirer of NWA would have to pay that minimum to take the creditors out of the deal. But with 87 million shares outstanding, each trading at $5 per share, this would mean roughly another $500 million would have to be added to the pot to make these shares worth it.

Property and Equipment		
Flight equipment, net	7,331	7,394
Other property and equipment, net	580	753
Total property and equipment	7,911	8,147
Flight Equipment Under Capital Leases, net	22	100
Other Assets		
Intangible pension asset	—	363
International routes	634	634
Investments in affiliated companies	38	41
Other	868	805
Total other assets	1,540	1,843
Total Assets	$ 13,498	$ 13,083
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)		
Current Liabilities		
Air traffic liability	$ 1,782	$ 1,586
Accounts payable and other liabilities	1,441	1,119
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	143	85
Total current liabilities	3,366	2,790
Long-Term Debt and Capital Leases	2,952	1,085
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities		
Long-term pension and postretirement health care benefits	139	292
Other	89	102
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	228	394
Liabilities Subject to Compromise	14,670	14,162
Preferred Redeemable Stock Subject to Compromise	278	280
Common Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)		
Common stock	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	1,503	1,500
Accumulated deficit	(7,116)	(4,548)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,371)	(1,568)
Treasury stock	(1,013)	(1,013)
Total common stockholders' equity (deficit)	(7,996)	(5,628)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)	$ 13,498	$ 13,083

The question is whether NWA is worth $8.5 billion when Delta, a much larger carrier, was just offered $8 billion.

Regardless, I still listen to the investor relations web site of NWA.



Minneapolis Monorail Morons

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Two years ago the Twin Cities metro was sold a bill of goods by the supra-county government called the "Met Council." It was billed as a necessary public service, but I can't think of it anything different than the "Monorail" episode from the Simpsons. Yes, we now have had a light rail mass transit line in the beloved Twin Cities for 2 years and if memory serves me correctly we've had 3 deaths arise from the light rail (whereas our carry conceal permit has resulted in only ONE death).

Regardless, the whole sales pitch we were given was that this light rail system that ran from DT Minneapolis to the Mall of America was necessary. For not only would it alleviate traffic on the stretch of 35W, but there was this massive pent up demand for light rail which would no doubt finance its costs.

Really?

I'm always skeptical of government types because, by definition they're in government. They don't have to answer to the market, they don't have to make ends meet, they don't have to turn a profit. My skepticism turns into full blown cynicism when you have political interests afoot;

Environmentalists who have no real purpose or meaning in life that would thinking nothing of forcing a $713 million project upon the tax payers, just as long as it makes them feel good about themselves, even if there is no tangible results.

Outright communists and leftists that envy the suburb people for all their wealth and income and their nice houses. No, don't become one of them and get a degree in something that matters or establish a career or work hard. No, best to bitch, whine, gripe, moan and complain and criminalize the suburbs and force your socially engineered dream of public transit, East-Germany-Communist era, 1970's minimalist architectural crap public housing, and making everybody equal (read – equally poor and miserable as you).

And then there's the politicians. Ah yes, politicians. Parasites worse than lawyers who are willing to sacrifice the integrity of their country as long as they get a life-long political career and don't have to work for a living. Politicians who can always be counted on to bribe the poorer half of society with worthless public projects to make it look like they're doing something, when in reality they're just pissing away hard earned tax money that would probably be better spent on the poor in any number of ways.

So, with the all the aforementioned parties all with a vested psychological, psychotic or political interest in the game, you can see why I was so cynical about such a project.

Anecdotally, my cynicism was vindicated as I could see what a farce it was within the first 6 months of operation since I live near the damn thing. They put the transit line right next to a major artery out of Minneapolis. This just furthered congestion and made stop lights last that much longer. Punishing those of us rugged individualists, capitalists, self-supporters and in general non-parasites who financed our own method of transportation;

The car.

And, was it any shock that the spin the left would put on this is a self-fulfilling prophecy was that we needed MORE light rail lines?

“Look at all of the congestion! And traffic is just as bad as ever on 35W! Which (while sane minds would say, “the light rail is a failure,” brainwashed leftist minds with an agenda would say) shows that “we need MORE mass transit to alleviate congestion.”

Right.

Regardless, my point isn’t about the hypocrisy of all this light rail transit BS. It’s about the economics of it all.

Presumably there was all this “pent up demand” for a light rail. That people were bursting at the seams to have a light rail.

Did they want the disposable income to afford a PS3?

No

Did they want the extra money to mayhaps afford their children attendance at a private school?

No.

Did they want an LCD projector or flat screen TV?

No.

They wanted the light rail. Of course, what kid doesn’t want light rail for Christmas. Glad we had the communists and suburb haters at the Met Council to tell us that.

So, presumably, this “venture” would turn a profit with all this demand and necessity for it, right?

I mean, if the government could make money on the deal, maybe even a hefty profit,

then I'm all for it. That would lower and subsidize my tax bill if the light rail produced millions in profits like a normal everyday company.

Of course, the government is not a "normal everyday company." It's a political entity. It doesn't respond to the market forces. It is not scared of losses (for it can always force the taxpayer to pay for its incompetence). And it's goal is not to make money or be efficient or even deliver good public service. It is first and foremost an agent of wealth redistribution so that it can secure future election and a life-time career in politics to its current politicians, then you bitches (affectionately and euphemistically called "the constituents") come a distant second.

Now, I know, I know. I'm cynical.

I'm sure those good people at the Met Council would never ever think about forcing people who don't use the light rail to subsidize it just to either bribe schmucks to vote for them or to masturbate their egos so they call feel like they've done something for the community and give meaning to their meaningless lives. They would put first and foremost you ahead of their personal interests because you are a hard working tax payer forfeiting precious minutes of your finite life to convert your time into the life-blood of money so you can make the mortgage and put food on the table. And if you're not going to use the light rail, that's OK, because this was such a great idea that it was bound to make a buck and wouldn't need your subsidy.
Well here's the latest projected income statement from the Met Council on the light rail for 2006.

Metro Transit		
Hiawatha Light Rail		
Projected CY 2006		
In Thousands ($000)		
Revenues		
Revenue from operations		
Passenger Fares	$	8,223
Advertising	$	488
total operating revenues	$	8,711
Revenue from governmental units		
State Approp	$	4,060
HCRRA	$	4,060
CMAQ	$	2,956
Other	$	80
total non operating revnues	$	11,156
Total Revenues	$	19,867
Operating Expenses		
Labor and Benefits	$	10,104
Other operating Exp	$	8,441
Total Expenses	$	18,545
Operating Income	$	1,322

At first it seems like the light rail is making a tidy profit of $1.3 million.

But let's put on our "auditor" hat and assume we're auditors looking at the details of the income statement.

If you look at total revenues from passengers and advertising the light rail took in $8.7 million.

Then there is a bevy of government "revenue" sources. This manifest themselves in the form of various county, state and federal government agencies putting up the money. Of course it really isn't the GOVERNMENT putting up the money. It's not like the elected representatives on Met Council, the Hennepin county commissioner at the congressional representatives in Washington are dipping into their own pockets to give us their money.

No.

There is no such thing as "government money." It's all TAXPAYER'S MONEY.

Yes, you, me, and just about everybody else I know who hasn't ever taken one stinking ride on that little toy of socialism are still paying for it. And we're paying on the order of $11 million (and without our subsidy, if the light rail were to be treated like an adult, ie-private sector firm, it would be losing $10 million per year).

Per working man and woman in Minnesota this translates into about $4 per person to help some spoiled brat, gray haired, trust fund baby boomer that's on an environmental crusade boost their ego and deal with the fact they've never achieved anything in their lives.

That's $4 per working Minnesotan to ensure a politician gets re-elected by the 12 people that ride the thing regularly and the thousands of Volvo drivers that will never use it (see previous paragraph for more detailed description).

That's $4 per working Minnesotan to help make the enemies of freedom force their utopian idea of equal misery on the rest of us.

And while you may say $4 per working person is nothing and so what, that doesn't include the negative externalities or opportunity costs. The light rail corridor is backed up. DT Minneapolis is shot on 3rd street. And let's not forget that in providing public transportation for people who, frankly, do not produce much wealth going to the "Mall of America" to shop, we forego the opportunity to open up the arteries (read roads) in the suburbs where the real wealth producers are, thus bottlenecking our economic growth.

The real issue though is that public transportation is once again, nothing more than an

elaborate scheme of wealth redistribution. The majority of people who are paying for the light rail, not to mention its needed perpetual bailout by the taxpayer, are people who do not use it. The majority of people who pay for it are by default people who drive and live in the suburbs or the rural areas and are in the upper half of income earners. The majority of people who use it are city folk that do not produce the majority of wealth, therefore do not pay the taxes to finance the light rail, not to mention a bevy of kids and shoppers who are just going to the freaking Mall of America to shop. It is nothing more than providing subsidized transportation to the inner city at cost to the suburbs, not to mention the opportunity cost of better roads. It is the most convoluted and complex way to orchestrate an income transfer. Heck, I would have probably voted for a tax break to poor folks for transportation purposes. It just behooves the question why so much sugar was required to make this horrible tasting medicine to go down.

But expect more medicine folks. A new light rail line is going to be rammed down your throats along University Avenue. I just wonder how much sugar they're going to use this time.

"I've sold monorails to Brockway, Ogdenville, North Haverbrook, AND MINNEAPOLIS and by gum, it put them on the map!"

It's the All Canada Show!

December 21, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Many thanks to SDA and Brad I have a disproportionately high readership in Canada, which is good.

So it made me very happy to hear that my radio station AM 1500 KSTP is endorsing (drum roll and fanfare...)

THE ALL CANADA SHOW!!!!!

"Who doesn't want to go to The All Canada Show?" I ask!

You can go here to see if the All Canada Show is coming to your town!

Lot's O' Charts

December 23, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

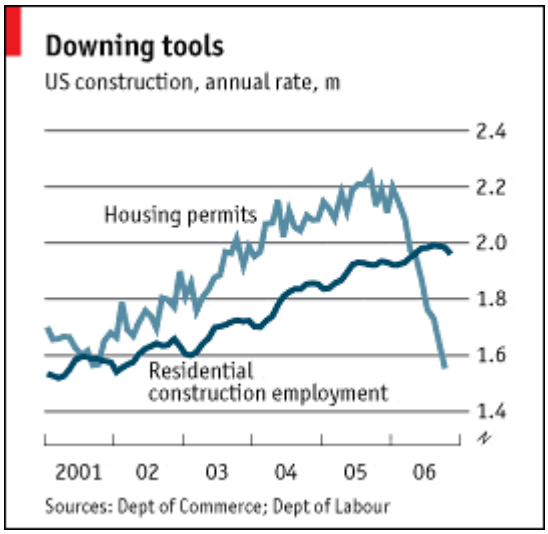
Merry Christmas all Junior, Deputy, Aspiring and Official Economists!

Busy as we all are during Christmas season, but I've happened upon a lot of charts whilst reading my favorite periodical, The Economist. Would like to discuss them at length but I've only time to address them briefly.

Besides which I will be presenting to all of you your Christmas gift here in a couple days!

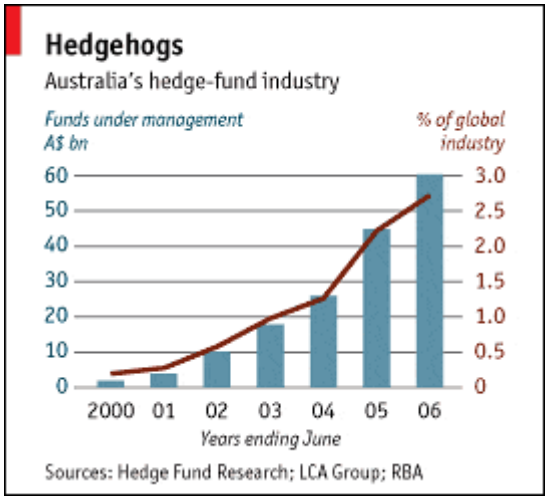
Anyway, here we go;

First off the bat I found this chart amazing. The non-stop optimistic blathering I hear from the real estate industry about how this "housing bubble" is just a minor blip and things are going to be just hunky dory. They immediately cite construction, mortgages, sales, etc. and how they've recovered or at least stabalized.

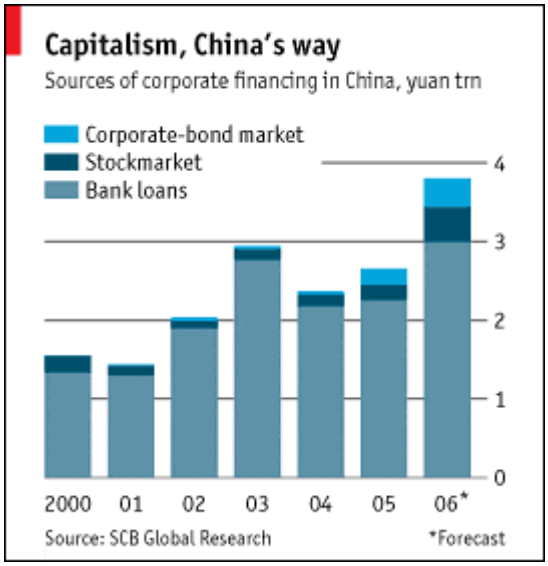


That's nice and all, but I'm a little more concerned about the housing "burst" spilling over into the rest of the economy. And it doesn't seem residential construction has woken up to reality yet. Right now we're flirting with high 1.X% RGDP growth. Will be curious to see what happened when they start laying people off in construction.

Second, we all know Frank. Well looks like those Aussies are following their American capitalist counterparts in the pursuit of managing hedge funds. The more I study Australia, the more eerie I find out how alike it is to the US economically. The day may come the Australians become the raiders of capital.



A third chart I found interesting in that it shows how corporate China is financing its expansion and growth. It shouldn't be a surprise the majority of financing comes from banks, no doubt the majority of which are state owned. But notice the increase in the stock market and corporate bond market. I predict 5 years from now when The Economist runs this chart again, Chinese companies will get at least HALF their money from private sources, if not more. Get ready to speak Mandarin.



And then a place I wouldn't mind investing in, once I finish investing in all the other places I'd like; the former Soviet Bloc. Particularly the Baltics.

Isn't it interesting how countries that were under communism, remember it so starkly, that they are now the most ardent supporters of capitalism? Doesn't it make you spoiled brat "fair weather" socialists ask questions?

Better Than a Diamond Ring at Least

December 24, 2006 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Understand? Good.

Well I said I was going to give you a gift and here it is;

GWLLF.

Yep, that's it. It's my latest stock investment.

You see, Bradman a while ago was complaining because I didn't tell him about my stock pick of Northwest Airlines when it was trading at 60 cents a share. Now it's at $5 a share or something and I made a tidy profit on it.

And how did I manage this amazing return?

I

Got

LUCKY!!!!!

Skill had nothing to do with it.

Talent had nothing to do with it.

I didn't even bother looking at the financials.

IT WAS ALL LUCK!

I figured it was trading a pennies per share, and thought, "eh, what the heck, I'll gamble $1,000 on it" and by LUCK, it paid off.

The same thing with GWLLF.

YOU ARE PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED TO LOSE ALL YOUR MONEY ON THIS INVESTMENT!!!!

It's a horrible investment.

Only fools would invest in it.

A pox upon you and your family if you are foolish enough to invest in it.

Woe upon the man or woman that parts with their money and invest it in this company.

So don't tell me I didn't warn you.

You are an idiot for investing in GWLLF.

However, there are much worse investments in my opinion than GWLLF. Like Beanie Babies. Children. A degree in philosophy. And a diamond ring. And despite GWLLF practically GUARANTEEING A NEGATIVE RETURN, I'd still rather invest in GWLLF than a diamond ring for a bevy of reasons.

1. From The Economist

Almost every international carmaker in the world has moved into China in the past decade, and they have been surprised to discover that their toughest competitors are the upstart local firms. Until recently many Chinese carmakers built thinly disguised copies of vehicles made by Volkswagen, General Motors and Toyota. But in the past few years things have changed. In preparation for a push overseas, local firms such as Chery, Great Wall and Geely have proved that they can develop their own vehicles too, by buying designs from international specialists and installing fancy robotic production lines, they have been able to launch a wide variety of their own cars. More than 100 new models will be introduced in China this year.

These efforts have brought considerable success. In the first ten months of this year 5.0m cars were sold in China, up 26% over the same period last year—and Chinese carmakers captured 27% of the market. They will also export 75,000 vehicles this year to over 100 countries. But what most worries foreign carmakers is the Chinese firms' ultra-low prices. The latest Shanghai Maple, for example, with leather seats, anti-lock brakes, air conditioning and a two-year warranty, costs a mere $6,500. Foreign firms grumble that they cannot even buy the steel needed to make a car for that price.

How much of this miracle is the result of good business sense—rather than the special treatment granted to local firms—is not entirely clear. A lot of the early technology was borrowed. The government also offered support to fledgling firms via direct investments and guaranteed loans. Universities provided technical help, especially in the development of expensive engines. The authorities even considered introducing a law that would mandate a 50% market share for local firms by 2010. Future legislation is likely to force foreign firms to do more research and development in conjunction with Chinese partners, to ensure continued access to cutting-edge engineering skills. So there has been support from the top. Yet

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GWLLF can make a brand new car for $6,500. GOD BLESS CHEAP CHINESE LABOR. If you thought Toyota was going to give GM and Ford a run for their money, wait till you see what non-unionized Chinese labor can do! Of course the quality of the cars are incredibly poor, but so too was the quality of Daewoo and Hyundai. Now they produce decent quality cars.

2. From Wikipedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Wall_Motors

That's right, it's the only privately held auto manufacturer in China right now.

Now, even though the Chinese government at any time could reposses the assets of this firm. At any time the local provincial governors or the town's politcal boss could hit it up on trumped up charges. At any time Great Wall Motors may decide to do something EVEN WORSE and replace their Chinese labor with labor from the UAW, thus guaranteeing their demise. Despite all these possibilities, it is still better than a diamond ring.

For at least with Great Wall Motors there is hope.

There is hope, albeit very little, it will become the next Toyota.

There is hope, albeit very little, that they will increase the quality of their cars putting them on par with Honda, GM, Ford and BMW.

There is hope, albeit very little, that it will turn a profit and cash flow.

However, with a diamond ring there is no hope of a return. There's only the chance the girl you give it to will divorce your ass anyway.

So men, knights, economists and heroes, lend me your ears.

Don't buy your beloved a diamond ring or jewelry of any kind this holiday season.

Buy her hope.

Buy her GWLLF.

The Women's Liberation Movement Felled by the Division of Labor

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The largest single factor in US economics, as well as the economics of the developed world in the past 50 years has been hands down the migration of women into the labor force.

No argument about it. Cannot be debated. Cannot be questioned. Just go and look at the data yourself.

It shouldn't be surprising since allowing the better half of society to enter college, work, establish careers, etc., effectively doubles your labor force, doubles your intellectual capital, and therefore doubles your ability to produce wealth. Therefore the majority, or at least the plurality of increases in standards of living in the past 50 years can be contributed to women working.

It may also go a long way in explaining why Islamic countries or just countries in general that have their women subservient to men suffer such low standards of living, since they effectively bar half their potential labor force from working, severely handicapping their country's ability to produce wealth.

Regardless, for all the economic benefits to women entering the labor force there are some drawbacks.

Notably with women out of the house, the responsibility of child rearing has not been outsourced to the father (oh, no, we're too proud for that), but rather outsourced to the state. It is no coincidence that spending on public education has not only exploded, but expanded to cover things like feeding kids (lunch boxes are antiques now with taxpayer-financed breakfast and lunch served to the students), pre-school, after school programs, tutoring, counseling, teenage pregnancy programs, sex education, etc., as more and more women have entered the labor force, effectively turning the Department of Education to the Department of Baby Sitting and Child Rearing.

Also, the explosion in the use of day care facilities. A fact that I particularly detest for, again, it would seem to me that if you had the child and loved the child, you would want to spend those precious few moments with them in childhood. Alas, I must be too damn idealistic or old school for it seems to me children are now no different than an SUV, a huge diamond ring, a flat panel TV etc., ie- a "status" symbol, an "item" to have that goes well with the drapes, and sadly something that is no more loved than one's granite kitchen counter tops. Ergo, it's like a dog, you can leave "it" at the kennel. I can think of

no other explanation why somebody would use day care.

An additional drawback to women's entrance into the labor market, though I have not scientific evidence for it, is that I would speculate a lot of the "social" problems children have where they're walking into schools, shooting their peers, doing drugs, putting "bodily fluids" in cafeteria salad dressing, waving gang signs at each and just in general acting like immature, disrespectful feral youth comes from the fact there is not a stable traditional "nuclear" family around. And as these kids age and become "adults" no doubt the crime rate will increase as these "Lord of the Flies" adults enter society, as it has.

Now fingers are typically pointed to the "women's liberation movement" as the main culprit for women's migration to the labor force and therefore these social costs (and the rarely mentioned economic benefits). However, I had an epiphany recently that points to a different culprit/hero (depending on your take).

It was Fall and I was too busy to rake my own yard. Ye, the city of Minneapolis demands that it be raked so, despite it hurting my blue collar soul, I actually decided to drop the money on having somebody else rake my yard for me.

There was an element of lost pride there as I always fathomed myself raking my own yard for "such a thing would never be beneath me."

But with 90-100 hour work weeks it had to be.

Fortunately I had a female friend of mine rake my yard for the low low price of dinner. This permitted me, in the classical Adam Smith's Division of Labor way, to work up more money than I would have had to pay for dinner, benefiting not just me, but my female friend as well.

But the interesting thing was my female friend is an accountant and by no means has a lot of free time on her hands either. She's just a very charitable person and was only working 50 hours a week. But I thought, she could have just as well outsourced the job to some neighborhood kid, paid him $10 and got a $40 out of me.

And then the epiphany hit.

Raking is a chore. Cleaning is a chore. Preparing food is a chore.

All of which we outsource because it is more efficient to do so.

Child rearing is also a chore.

Child rearing is also being outsourced.

And thus my theory was born. It is not so much because of the women's liberation movement that women entered the work force as much as it may be just the natural progression of economics and a further specialization of labor.

One cannot argue that this isn't effectively is happening anyway. We are effectively outsourcing the upbringing of our children to third parties, either be it nannies, the government, or day care facilities. And the reason I surmise isn't so much because women swallowed whole the ideology of the women's liberation movement about "being independent" and "having a career just as a guy," but rather because it makes complete economic sense.

In outsourcing your child to be reared by somebody else not only do you free up your own time to go and pursue a career, but (in most cases) you make more money. Both husband and wife can pull down $50,000 each, cumulatively $100,000 together, pay the schools $10,000 a year per pupil to take care of their children, netting them $90,000 in income (assuming one kid). Whereas if a wife (or husband) has to stay at home and rear the child, $50,000 of income is lost and the family must do with $50,000. It only makes ECONOMIC sense to then farm out your kids to child-farms (read, day care centers).

Of course the quality of the rearing may be called into question. The utter deteriorating in decorum, respect, civility and so forth demonstrated by today's youth and even Gen X'ers my age show the social costs we now get to deal with.

Instead of gossip about Sophia Loren and Cary Grant being an item, we gossip about whether Britney Spears has panties on.

Instead of men singing eloquies about the beauty of women such as Frank Sintara we have a bevy of degenerates singing about pimps and hoes and how women are meat.

Chivalry is shot. So are women that like upstanding men. If you want to keep a girl now, you just treat her like crap. Dare you show any chivalry or Cary Grantedness or (as a policy I've recently discontinued) buy your date a corsage, you are a stalker, or at least at minimum, weird.

No, now we have SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL putting their semen into salad dressing.

Brilliant. Grand.

Throwing the fabric of society down the toilet because it's more efficient to outsource the upbringing of our children.

I’m sure there’s no longer term consequences for this.

This One's for Mollie

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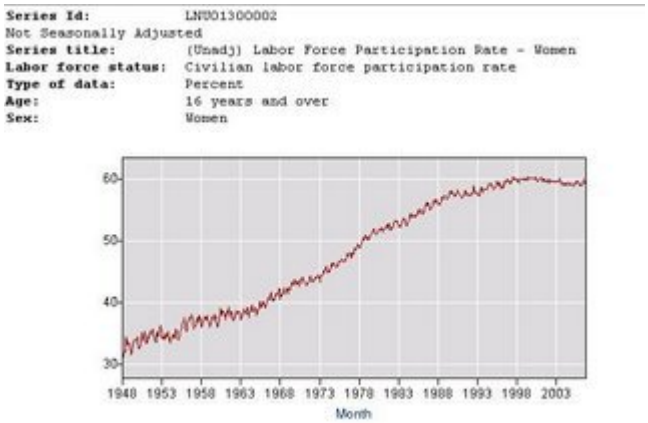
Mollie brought up a good point, that the transition of women into the labor force had its origins in WWII, not the women's liberation movement. I can't disagree or agree because I haven't seen any data. This is the best data I could find, labor force participation rate for women. It only goes back to 1948.



Anybody else got older data?

Thanks to Dave - Women's Labor Force Participation

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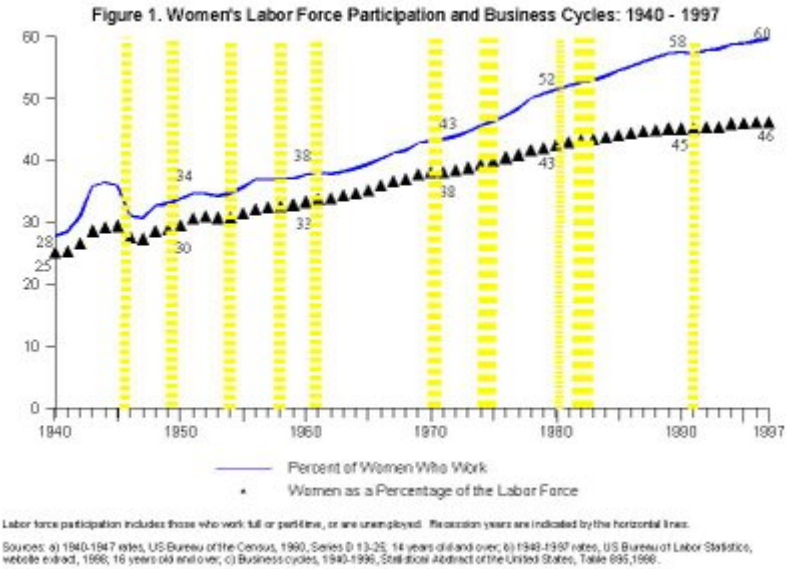
OK, so many thanks to Dave at the beloved US Postal Service he found a chart that shows the bump in the labor force participation of women in WWII.

Previous to this, Mollie tendered an excellent argument that the origins of women entering the labor force was due to Rosie the Rivetter, not the women's liberation movement. But it seems labor force participation dropped back to normal levels after the conclusion of WWII.



Regardless, Dave is now officially donned a junior deputy economist for the speed in which he got the chart!

ALL HAIL DAVE!

So Long Nifong

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You piece of sh!t!

From the Ghettos to the Greatland

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During my college days I managed to live here; Riverside Plaza, better known as "Ghettos in the Sky" or the "Crack Stacks"

And even then I shared a one bedroom with a buddy to cut down on rent.

Since that time I've slowly progressed upward in my living quarters going from a friend's basement to a studio apartment to living in my own basement (whilst I rented out the upstairs units) and so forth an so on.

But as of today, after saving my pennies and nickels, and after 14 years of living in the city, I am now officially a citizen of suburbia. I finally got the hell out.

Would have liked to made more posts as of recent but was busy moving my ass out of the deteriorating city. And not a moment too late and a spat of crime has taken Minneapolis and their "rolling stop ticket"-issuing police by storm. And I shan't stick around to see the outcome.

Now city pushers are going to claim that the city is waaaay superior to the suburbs. Typically leftists who envy the wealth and income generating potential of those that live in the burbs, and thereby not only try to marginalize the suburbs (to rationalize why they live in the filth-hole city), but also criminalize them (so as to provide a rationale to extort money from the burbs to pay for a bevy of socialist programs) . But let me point out several things;

1. I lived in a very nice part of Minneapolis
2. I had my house burglarized.
3. I had one car broken into
4. I had one stolen
5. I had yard signs stolen off my property
6. Crime in Minneapolis just shot up 20% this past year.

7. In this "great" neighborhood of Minneapolis, 3 people were killed no more than 1 mile from my joint.
8. I pay $15,000 per student to attend the utter waste of money known as the Minneapolis Public Schools.
9. and for the "honor" of living in this crap hole I got to have my property taxes increase 350% in only 7 years of living there.

I now live in an area where

1. there have been no murders in the past 7 years.
2. Police reports show "stolen bikes" as the number one crime
3. Nobody is going to steal my yard sign or spit on my Coleman bumper sticker
4. I don't have to pay for parking every 30 freaking feet.
5. My property taxes for a similarly value property ARE ONE THIRD that of the craphole known as Minneapolis.
6. And instead of shelling out $15,000 per student per year to essentially have them baby sat, I'm shelling out only $8,700 per year to have the kids in my neighborhood EDUCATED.

Anyway, just wanted explain why the absence of posts. Still have yet to unpack...and truthfully, I just wanted to rile up a friend of mine who has been giving me guff for moving out to the burbs and "swore" he was going to write a post.

Now he'll have to.

Wait Till the Baby Boomers Retire

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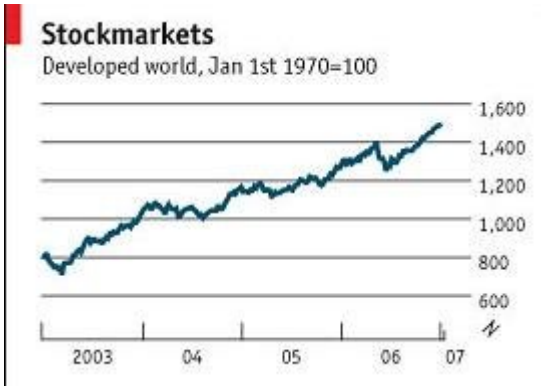
It is a not commonly pointed out fact that America is not the only country with Baby Boomers. Practically the entire developed world has a plurality of 50+ somethings that are on the verge of retirement...or in the case of Italy, they've already retired about a decade ago.

What also isn't commonly pointed out is that these Baby Boomers will start retiring pretty much now, and if they haven't already, they'll be switching their investments from risky stocks, to less risky bonds.

This selling will put downward pressure on equity prices leaving future stock prices in the hands of future generations to make those companies more profitable than ever so that their stock prices continue to increase.

But, being forever the cynic, when I look at the French students protesting to my Gen X breatheren opining whether Britney Spears is wearing panties, somehow I don't think this



will continue.

Mass Transit My Ass

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We're always told that mass transit, ie- buses, car pool, vans, trains, etc. makes our transportation system more efficient. Of course, those who are doing the telling are typically leftists that want you to ignore what your eyes and empirical evidence tells you and instead heed the "facts" "experts" tell you.

Then I saw this picture from China.

Please do not tell me those large-assed, slow moving monstrosities known as "buses" are the ***SOLUTION*** to our traffic troubles.

Why I'm Reminded of Denzel Washington

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Man on Fire, or as I like to say "Hombre En Fuego" because it sounds cooler.

especially the fahWAY in the word "Fuego."

Good quote from Denzel Washington;

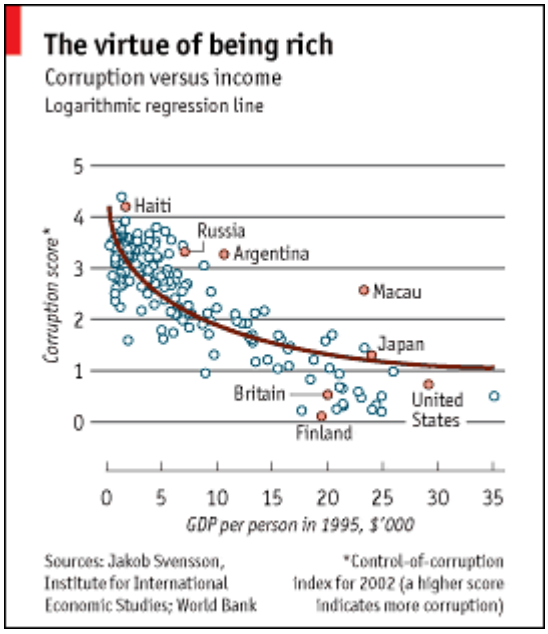
"You want a wish?"

"Yes, please."

"I wish you had more time."

wish I had more time.

So here's the quick little chart I saw in The Economist which proves something we all know, but adds to my theory that it isn't just low taxes that matter, but an uncorrupt and mature/responsible society in order to enjoy economic growth and high standards of living.



Back to work. Joy.

What I Don't Get About the Brits

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Wallace and Gromit I can completely endorse.

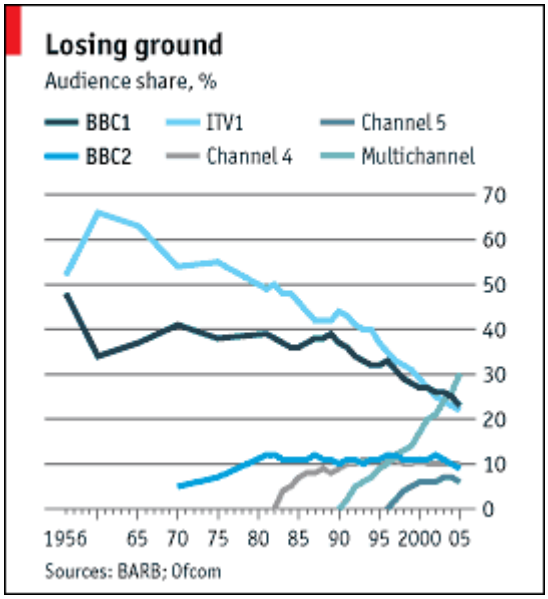
Black Adder I can completely understand.

The British Spitfire is something I envy only second to the P-51 Mustang.

But there are two things I don't understand about Britain and that is the Royal Family and the BBC.

I surmise the former is some kind of obsession that we here in the US have with Britney Spears and Paris Hilton, but the second is a bit of a creature I'm sure I won't understand since I didn't grow up in the UK.

Thus, having no knowledge or understanding why the BBC is so key to British culture, I shall post a chart from another jewel of British culture, The Economist, in the hopes of boosting British readership.



And hopefully somebody from across the pond can explain to me why this is relevant.

A Long Overdue Post on Australian Economics

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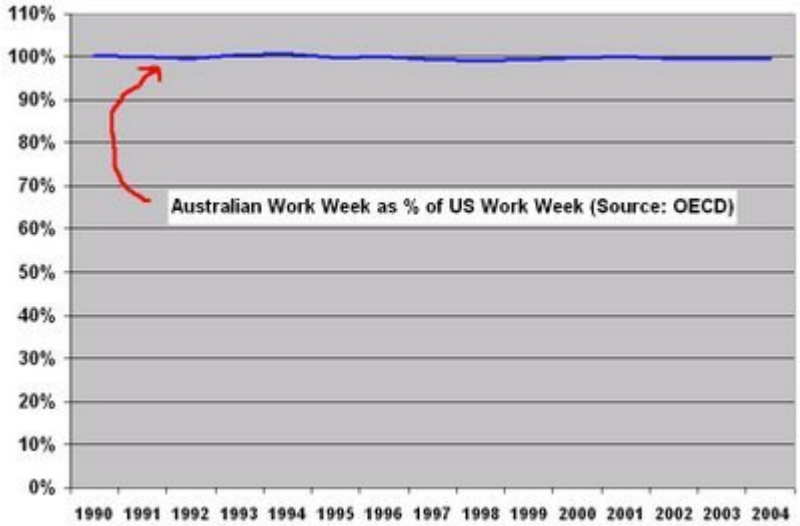
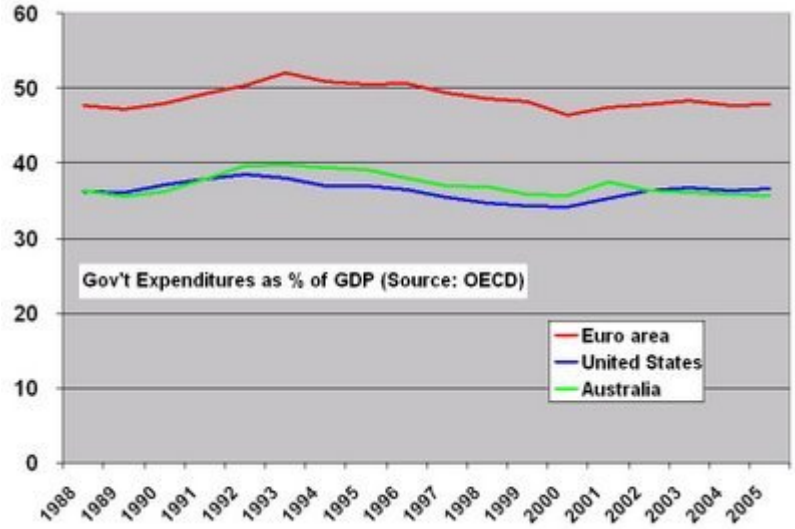
Good lord am I sorry to all you Aussies out there. I promised Frank that I'd do a post on Australia, but then I got the "Captain Capitalism" signal up in the sky and had to respond to what is now coming up on a 6 month, non-stop drive of contribution to GDP. 4 months straight of 90-100 hour work weeks, then the holidays and then moving to the burbs.

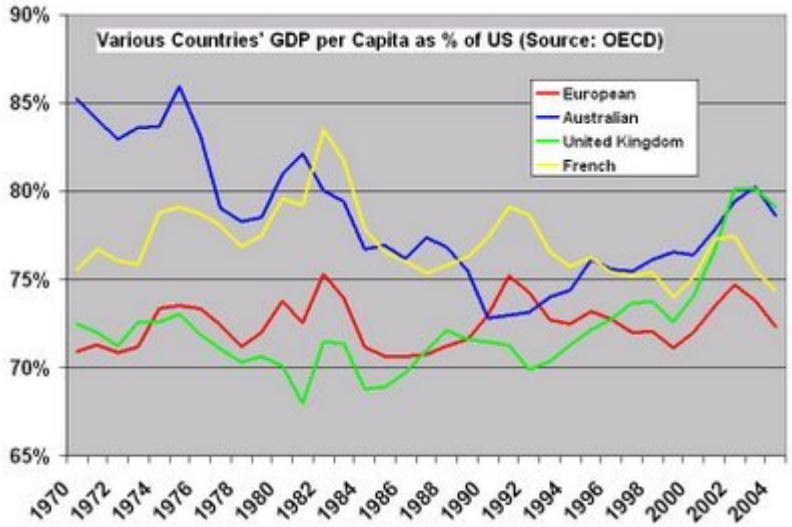
So while I was going to do a bit more in depth analysis, I'm sorry, I just don't have the time. But I will say this;

When I pulled these figures from the OECD I was amazed just how similar Australia and the US were. I'm kind of amazed how countries that were once under the British Empire do markedly better than any other empire, HK, US, Australia, etc.

Anyway, here are the charts.







And of course, what professional, full scale, in-depth macro-economic analysis is complete without the manditory analysis of a country's Miss Universe contestant? Besides, the Gods of Bachelortude demand it!

And So the Two Great Evils Combine

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You always knew socialism and radical islam would join forces.

Our Friendly Foreign Financiers

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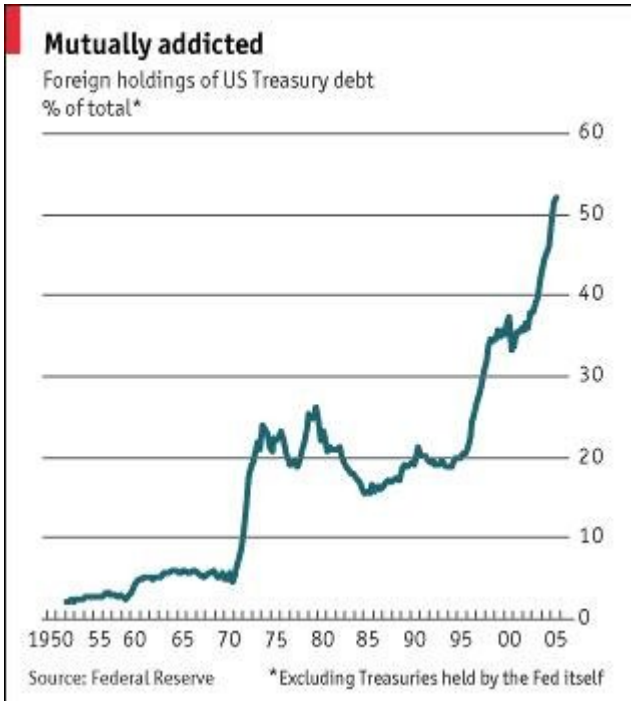

No More Condos

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The party's over!

Every guy has had the experience at least once during his earlier days at college of sticking around till the party is all but completely dead, the good looking people hooked up long ago and in a half-drunken daze you wander aimlessly thinking that some babe is going to pop up out of nowhere.

The hosts of the party give you subtle hints to leave and are somewhat wary of your presence. But there you are, ignorantly blissful and optimistic that you're still going to get some play that night hoping the party continues on and re-ignites itself.

Such is the situation with our beloved real estate developers in this beloved nation in this beloved housing bubble, ESPECIALLY CONDOS

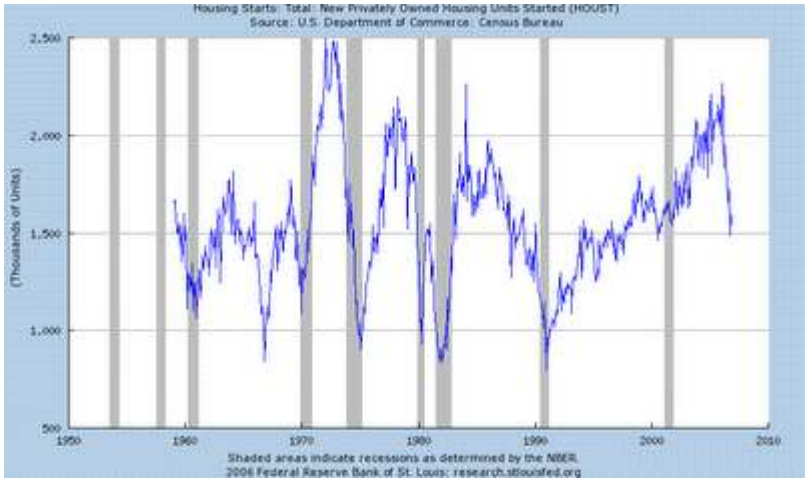
Good Christ, half my day is spent explaining to middle aged men, who should know better that "no, starting another condo development is not worth the while."

And that, "no, we are not going to refinance or look at funding alternatives."

And that, "no, I don't care how "luxurious" or "unique" it is, "Westcreekwillowpalmheightsoakdaleway" is not anything special and is no different than the other of billions of condo developments out there."

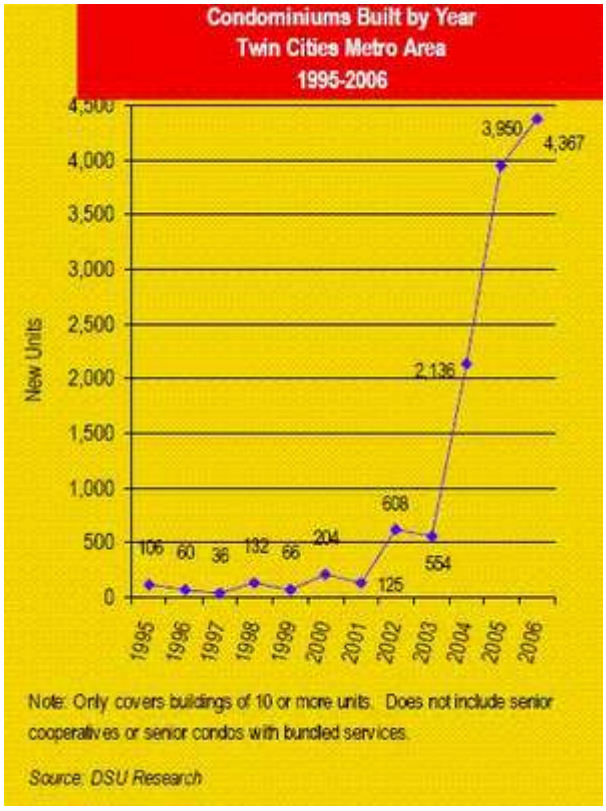
I’m surprised I haven’t seen any proposals to build condos on the now-frozen lakes in Minnesota.

But no, they still keep coming. Like freaking zombies. Developers who all they've known is
construction and real estate. Hammer whacking, framing and landscaping. For 15 glorious and uninterrupted years, they don't realize that the chart has precipitously dropped on them and that the capital markets have dried up on them. They think the party is still going on.



So, for all you analysts, researchers, bankers, and economists, particularly in the Twin Cities market, mayhaps I can interest you in some spiffy charts I've found. Some charts that will repel the horrid condo-zombie horde by showing them that not only is the market flooded, but that they would lose their shirt if they tried to squeeze another condo in.

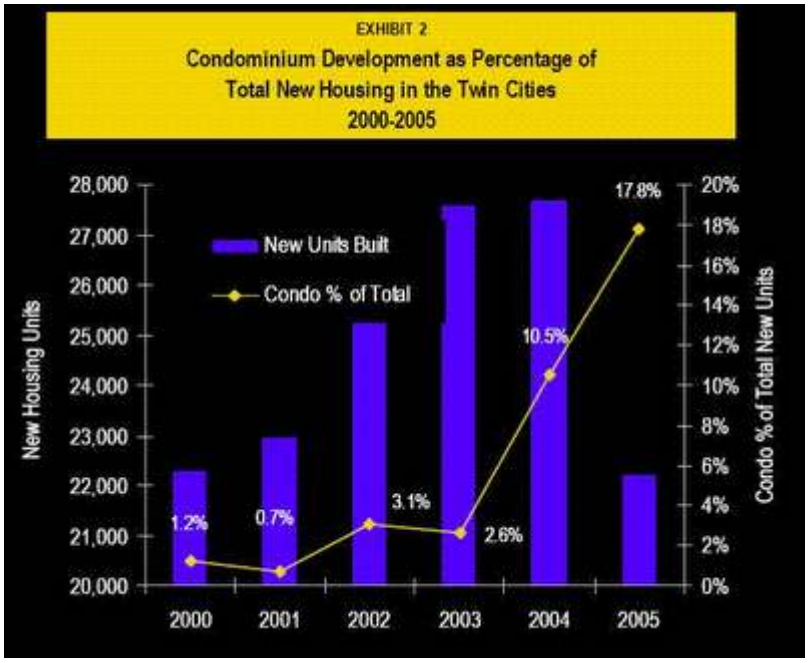
One, the market is saturated.



All that pent up demand by empty nesters and "cool hip Gen-Xer's" looking to live in the "cool hip murderous town."

Yep, plum ran out of them, everybody who wants a condo has one. Because in the past 3 years YOU FLOODED THE MARKET WILL 11,000 CONDOS!!!!! Whereas historically about 100 or so hit the market each year.

Two, when ONE IN FIVE UNITS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE ENTIRE TWIN CITIES REGION IS A FREAKING CONDO YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE AN OVERSUPPLY ISSUE HUH!!!!????



And this data doesn't even include the full spectacularly horrible year of 2006! Regardless, there is a lesson to learn here in the condo market and the overall housing market. And that lesson is the importance of teaching EVERYBODY the basics of economics.

Imagine that if instead of wood shop, all these developers and contractors would have taken basic economics. Imagine the LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED! But I kid you not when I say that of all the real estate deals I've looked at in the past 3 years ONLY 2 HAVE HAD ABSORPTION studies done. Ie- only two developers bothered to gauge how well their housing would sell.

Scores, arguably a hundred real estate deals passed through my hands the majority of which didn't even bother to calculate whether they'd actually be able to sell their inventory of houses. Heck, I remember one a couple years back where this developer added 220 housing units to a town with a population of 2,800. Assuming 3 people per unit, that's 660 new people that have to fill those houses. In other words, the population of this town is going to grow by 24% OVERNIGHT????

But what really gets me is how these people think nothing of asking to borrow millions of dollars of other people's money and then are so irresponsible, or it just plain doesn't occur to them, that they don't even bother to find out whether they'd be able to pay it back or not.

2007 and we're making mistakes that are as stupid and as egregious as Holland Tulip Bulbs, Dotcoms and electing Hugo Chavez into power.

The people will pay for their ignorance, oh yes, the people will pay.

Once Bitten...

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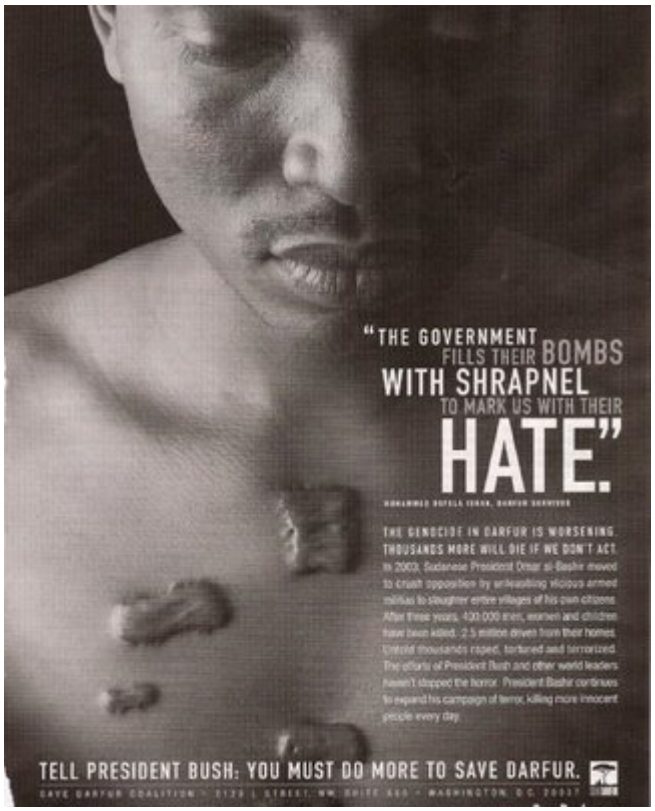
I saw this in The Economist.



Yeah, right. After all the hell you people put Bush through for going into a country to fight radical Islam, like he's going to do that again. Indeed, no good deed goes unpunished.

The Captain's New Stock Pick

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Again, time for… (drum roll)

ANOTHER STOCK YOU ARE 100% SURE TO LOSE ALL YOUR MONEY IN!!!!

Yes, another stock that if you are so stupid to invest in it, then you deserve to lose all you money.

Instead of boring legal disclaimers that tell you that you can't sue me if you invest in any company I discuss, I figure it's best just to tell you NOT to invest in the stock because it's insanely risky and you're most likely going to lose your money. Actually, scratch that, you are CERTAIN to lose money. Even if you short it, you'll lose money. And if we were to be legally technical about it, if you (for some unknown reason) MAKE money on this stock, ***then I can sue you!***

Glad we got the legal stuff out of the way. Let's move on.

So I would have liked to invest in this stock long ago (because I love to lose money).

Unfortunately there's some damn SEC rule that you can't buy a stock if it goes public in foreign markets for 45 days. Bastards. For this is what's happened to the stock price;

Now what you'll notice is that it's listed on the Hong Kong market and their ticker symbols consist of numbers, not letters.

The only problem is that if you have a standard online US brokerage account, you can't trade in foreign exchanges.

So after much research and inquiry I finally found its counterpart traded on the OTC.

What is most interesting is the drastic difference in volume. On the HK market volume is consistently in the multiple millions, whereas here in the US it's only a mere fraction, very low volume.

Another tidbit of information is that this is the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China. Now the 2nd largest bank by market capitalization (I think) AND it was the largest IPO ever.

This behooves the question why volume isn't higher for its US counterpart on the OTC.

And I have a simple, but hard to believe conclusion, unless some of you traders could perhaps provide a little more insight;

A US equivalent to trade in is so damn hard to find that ultimately would be investors become discouraged, give up look, thereby denying this stock additional liquidity. I theorize how much the stock price would go up based on additional liquidity hitting the market if it wasn't such an expedition to find the darn ticker symbol.

Now Adjust for Illegal Immigration and Healthy Young People Who Choose Not to Have Health Insurance

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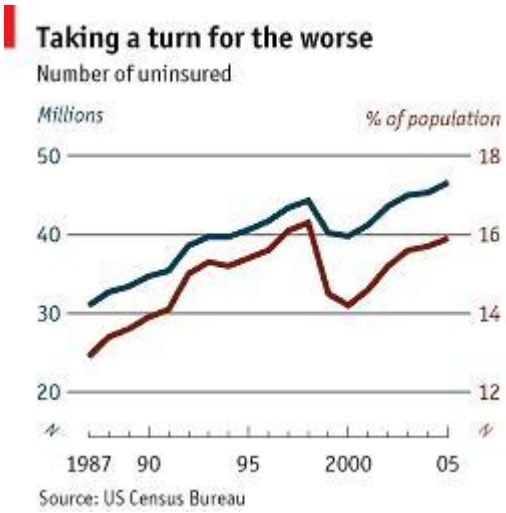

I would also surmise a lot more people could afford health insurance if 15% wasn't taken out of their paycheck for social security and another 6% for Medicare.

Marinti's Flow, Babe's Show Because they Know

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Ode the Members of the Cappy Cap Crew

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Sinfest is the best online comic, period.

But the resemblance of this comic is unbelievably uncanny to my crew in Minneapolis, I must honor my friends by posting it. Ergo you will forgive me for posting these, while the inside jokes will only be gotten by the members of The Crew.

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/index2.php?date=20030221

this one is for all the Guys of the Minneapolis Crew

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/index2.php?date=20030305

And the guys at UMPD

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/index2.php?date=20030416

And all the guys in American that plum had chivalry kicked out of them by this time

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/index2.php?date=20030508

This one's for Fed-Ex

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This one's for the Crew's Cougar Hunter-Minh

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I've Had This Debate Before

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Albeit a bit more diplomatically, but my argument was that attraction is determined by the opposite sex. ie- heterosexual men and homosexual women determine whether women are attractive, just was heterosexual woman and homosexual men determine whether men are attractive.

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/index2.php?date=20030901

But try to tell any woman that you don't find pregnant women attractive, even though you are a heterosexual male and ergo by definition define what is attractive in the opposite sex and you are a sexiest, evil, jerk.

Iranian Super Models

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No wonder their men are so pissed off and want to blow everything up.

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The Hypocrisy is Astounding

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I interviewed Ilan Sharon, a representative for the movie Obsession, a while back about the movie and his general thoughts on it. It was a good interview, and unfortunately we did not have the time to fully discuss what we wished. However, after the show, he pulled me aside and mentioned the "Island Hopping" theory he had about how brainwashed muslims couldn't link nor maintain consistent arguments, ergo, there really isn't any basis or rationale in their hatred for the US and the West, and it more or less boiled down to religious fanaticism that drove him.

The example he gave me was this;

"If you go up to a radical muslim and say, "what do you think about 9-11 and who brought the Towers down," the majority of them will say it was a conspiracy between the Jews and Bush to give them a reason to persecute muslims. "

But then ask them what they think about Osama Bid Laden and they say, "YEAH!!! Wasn't he great!! Did you see what he did to the Twin Towers!!???"

Another interesting example of sign of mental retardation is when a journalist (whose name escapes me now) interviewed some Lebanese muslims asking them what they thought about America.

"We hate it, we want to wage jihad against it, blah blah blah."

And then when he asked them, "Where would you like to live?"

"OH, we would love to live in America! It's free! Everybody is successful, you can do what you want!"

So, young junior, aspiring, and official deupty economists, can somebody explain these two pictures I've found?

And Lee Hamilton and his leftist likes think we can engage in "constructive dialogue" with these bipolar freaks?

Great.

Where the Smart Money Is

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Free markets really piss off leftists.

The idea that people can just take their money and invest it where they please all whilly nilly like, pursuing evil things like "profit" and "success" and "progress."

When they really just ought to bend over and take it and shell out money to the poor as they should (you really should click this link and read it, it's a short piece).

What really gets the left's ire up is when free people in a free market have the audacity to take their money and MOVE IT OUT of a market because one of their ilk starts making it unprofitable to stay in that particular market.

One such an example is the French rockstar that decided to leave France and change his citizenship to Swiss to avoid about a 70% tax rate. The hell this poor boy caught.

Another one is the bevy of people bailing out of Venezuela's market when Hugo Dumbsh!t Chavez opened his mouth. Venezuelan markets tanked as the wealth producers and savvy foreign investors seeing him nationalize anything of any worth, bailed out on that nation.

Best follow the smart money.

If You Really Want to Piss Off a Liberal

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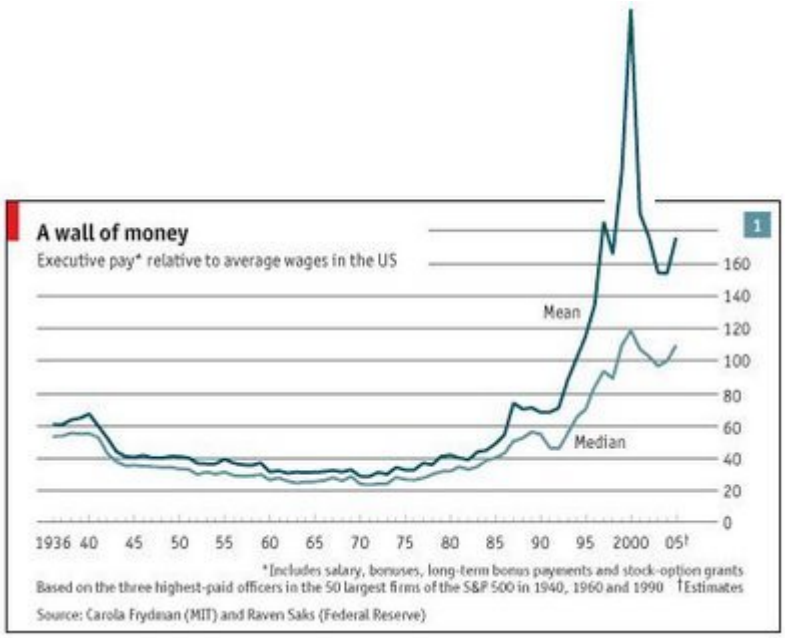
There are many things you can do. I STRONGLY recommend buying this book and giving it to the younger liberals, but if you don't want to drop the $12 on the book (or $5 on the Kindle version) there are many things you can do like;

1. Feel no guilt for your success.
2. Succeed and insist that you did it by hard work and failed many times before you succeeded and that the reason most people fail is because they never try.
3. Work in the private sector
4. Compete
5. Insist you keep score
6. have a box of Kleenex handy so when they open their mouth and complain, you can give them a tissue to cry in.
7. Point out America is successful because of a combination of capitalism, British culture, hard work, military strength and aggression, as well as engineering and science (not art and philosophy or "Insertethnicgrouphere"Studies).
8. Point out that people like you don't need people like them to survive as you support yourself. Yet people like them need people like you to survive because they are not self-reliant and need income transfers and therefore should be grateful...or just call them an ungrateful parasite, it's just quicker.

But if you really want to give them a heart attack just show them this chart of executive compensation as a multiple of the average worker's earnings;



And then, like The Economist did in the article, defend it.

Say It Aint' So Prodigal Joe!!!

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No ECONOMICS SUPPER CLUB THIS WEEKEND????

Yep, sorry kids. AM 1500 is doing a special Twins promotion. And as all good capitalists, we know we have to bow to the market.

But don't worry, we'll be back next week with all our wholesome economic goodness.

In the meantime, keep tuning in, but methinks it's time for the Captain to take a vacation.

Spanking North Korea

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Modern day, pansified Western Diplomacy

Why I'm a Genius and Why Chicks Should Dig Me

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Sorry for the short posts here crew, but finally putting the finishing touches on my move, namely an X-Box 360.

And you can't just buy it.

You have to set it up.

And you can't just set it up.

You have to test it.

And you can't just test it with anything.

You have to test it with Call of Duty 3, because lord knows when those Nazi bastards are coming back.

But, as with most things, genius does not strike when you are sitting there philosophizing. For example, not one good idea ever came from a philosopher at some university's philosophy department (beyond new and creative ways to rationalize socialism).

Genius strikes when you're doing day to day tasks where you have to sit and do nothing.

Going #2 is a perfect example. I theorize more great ideas were concocted whilst sitting on the can. Going #1 doesn't really give you the time.

But in my particular case, genius finds me more often than not while I'm driving. Going here, going there, going to work, going to dance, going to class, etc. etc. I think I must drive about 10 hours per week and that's a lot of time for genius striking.

Well it struck last night when I was going to pick up the newest member to the Cappy Cap household (read-X-Box 360).

I have found a way to solve our global warming problem that will be palatable, if not, preferable to both sides.

And no, I'm being serious, I am not kidding.

You see, it has not been since 1998 that I've had an office job where I actually had to be there. ie-the technology existed that the duties of my job could have been done from

home.

Yes, it may have cost a little bit to install a higher end computer or high speed internet, and yes I may have had to put a fax machine in, but by and large, and ESPECIALLY TODAY, most people have the set up by which they could work from home.

And I'd gander that if one thinks about it, most, I'd say 75% of office jobs could be done from a home office. If not at lesast 75% of the work could be done from home, ***thereby eliminating the need to drive to work.***

If companies were to allow employees to work from home this would render a bevy of benefits.

First there'd be a lot fewer cars on the road, less traffic jams, what cars that would be on the road would get to where they're going much faster, thereby exhausting less "greenhouse gases" thereby solving our problem (of course, most on the global warming crowd don't realize automobile emissions don't account for the majority of greenhouse gases and just hate people with nicer cars than them).

Second, you would not get the slightest argument from people whose jobs would then be done from home.

Third the highway system would wear out less, we'd arguably even need less money spent on roads and transportation in general.

The only drawback or road block I see to this is the Pointy-Haired Bosses of the world that compose (I estimate somedays) 99.9% of the corporate muckymucks of the world. Armed with MBA's they no longer can think independently or have a creative thought. That, or they're just such control freaks they cannot trust you will get your work done or that you might write that report IN YOUR BOXERS!!!!

But with spinless corporations bending over backward to seem "socially responsible" to they may placate the political crowd, the political will may be there for them to actually take measurable action and some corporations may just offer employees, or encourage employees to work at home because "they care about global warming."

Although, a conspirary theory does pop into mind.

If we eliminated the need for 75% of people to travel to work, we then by default eliminate the need for 75% of office space. Commercial property would tank, downtown office buildings would be rendered immediate money losers. Vacancies would sky rocket. Skyscrapers in every major city would have to convert to some other use (more freaking condos?). That's a whole lot of money that a whole lot of businesses don't want to see

lost and may pose an economic argument why some businesses rather you not be able to work from home.

This aside, the idea is perfectly feasible. The government offers some kind of tax incentive or break for companies AND people that have a "work from home" program. It requires no costly expenditure by companies to cut back on emissions, the employees would eat it up.

All that's left to do is wait for the sure-to-come contra-American thinking that "we CAN'T do that because XYZ"

I hate those people.

Regardless, that's why I'm a genius and chicks should dig me.

Bachelor Pad Economics - Lesson #2

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For the ladies.

I walk into what is arguably the finest, classiest place in all of the Twin Cities right now;

Matty B's.

Matt Burke's joint, for those sports aficionados, of the Minnesota Vikings.

Happening jump swing band, ample dance floor, score of people dancing east coast swing. Everybody having a good time and dressed very professionally.

Now I shall level with you, I don't bother asking girls to dance much any more because they largely fall into three categories;

1. Female friends that there is no romatic potential.
2. Swing "SNatzi's" which is a contigent of 20 and 30 somethings in the Twin Cities that value their entire lives on their ability to swing and not their ability to get a job.
3. Girls that rehearse the Minnesotan Women State anthem; "No"

So upon entering Matty B's my primary objective was to have a cocktail, listen to the band, and as an unkbeknownst bonus side show laugh at this Jesus Freak I know wearing false-advertising-provocative clothing get hit on and serenaded by the sax player 30 years her senior.

But as I gallivant to a table to talk to a couple acquaintances, I see in the back corner this drop dead gorgeous girl.

Now, there are girls that you look at and in a factual manner say, "Yes, that girl is VERY attractive."

But it is a statement of fact. An emotionless obsevation.

Angelina Jolie is hot, sure, but I'd rather skin myself that talk to her.

But every once in a while, the old man upstairs sends you something that is not only a factually "attractive woman" but an attractive woman that has something else about her that is so COMPELLING that you have no choice but to go and pursue her.

And in an odd way, even though you haven't talked, it is no longer an emotionless

observation that she is an insanely attractive woman, but there is actually an unexplained and unwarranted emotion you have for this particular femme fatale.

Other non-economist people just call this "love at first sight."

So when you put your hand on a hot stove burner, I remembered from biology class, the pulse or pain does not actually reach your brain, it goes to the brain stem, where the brain stem in an automated response will immediately jerk your hand away.

It was the same thing as I immediately got up out of my chair and with unrivalled confidence I approached the table where her and her girlfriend were sitting and I asked her to dance.

Band playing.

Ample, yet populated dance floor.

Good lookin' guy.

Good lookin' girl.

Decked to the nines.

And then....

The "Ping Pong Game."

Ah yes, the Ping Pong Game.

Let me explain this to all you aspiring female economists out there so that this does not happen to you.

You see, there are a very limited, VERY EFFING LIMITED supply of men out there that know how to dance and can make you look like a billion bucks out on the dance floor. Furthermore, there are very limited men (bravado set aside) like me who not only know how to dance, but enjoy it and would like nothing more than to take you on a whirlwind tour of the different ballrooms in the world to trip the light fantastic.

So when a guy comes up to you and asks you to dance there ***is*** a correct answer.

And that answer is "yes."

Now there are other answers that we men, of unrivalled skill, culture and talent, will

accept that are incorrect answers knowing full well you've passed up a great catch and realize it is you that has truly lost out. Such acceptable answers are;

No

Not now

I'm tired

No thank you.

I don't know how to dance.

I'm just here to drink.

I'm gay.

Etc. etc.

But what we men, of unrivalled talent and culture, one might even say Cary-Grantishness (and I'm not being arrogant here) will not tolerate is when you point to your friend and in a 7th grade way say whilst giggling, "No, you dance with him."

And then your friend, in an equally childish, immature and insulting manner, giggles and then points back at you and says, "no, you dance with him."

And then in a ping-pong like fashion, completely oblivious to the man who has taken his time to come over there and offer you what is literally a once-in-a-life-time-opportunity point at each other and say;

"No you dance with him."

"No you dance with him."

"Tee hee. I don't know how do dance. No you."

"Tee hee!!! No I don't know how to dance. No you!"

"Oh, she knows how to dance, but she won't admit it."

"No, stop, you should be the one to dance with him."

All the while and in front of the young man who had the courage and fortitude to ask you

to dance.

There is no quicker way to go from;

-A woman who had the potential to tell her grandchildren that grandpa saw her and fell in love with her the moment he saw her and said, "that is the woman for me" while grandpa to that day still thinks she is the most gorgeous woman on the face of the planet

to;

- A woman who is 50, frumpy and fat wondering why she's alone and divorced watching re-runs of Sex in the City and will die alone with Jessica Parker

than playing that insanely stupid, childish and unacceptable Ping Pong game.

So all aspiring Junior, Deputy, Official and otherwise Female Babe economists;

Bachelor Pad Economics - Lesson #2 - DON'T PLAY THE PING PONG GAME.

Say "yes."

And You Thought the Worst Was Over?

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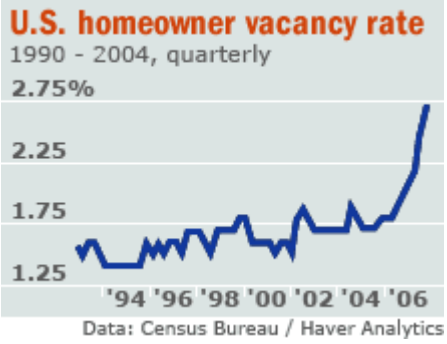
Ha! The best is yet to come with the housing crash!



And I'm a-sensing a slight recession in the wind.

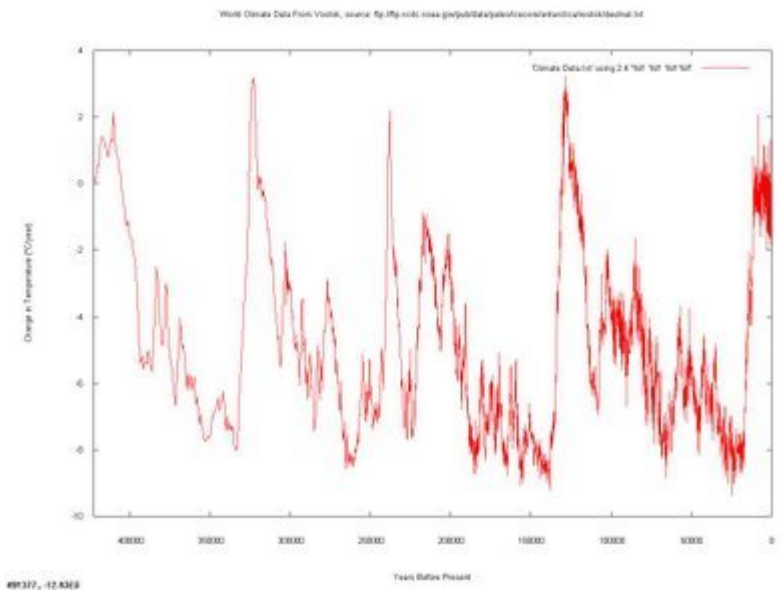
I also forecast smaller banks and mortgage firms that got all high on the "Housing Bubble Hooch" and made insanely stupid loans are going to collapse and consolidate.

That damn reality, always burstin' everybody's bubble.

One More Time, For the Stupid People

January 31, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Seeing the true Nazis of our generation have seemed to make it to the front headlines, I find it necessary to once again, repost this seemingly overlooked fact that the temperature of the Earth, going back 400,000 years is chaotic and volatile and that we are fools to require 6 billion people and 35 trillion dollars worth of economies come to a halt and change their lifestyles for a bunch of childish socialists and their conspiracy theory.



Somebody should be compiling a list of these scientists so 2 decades from now when temperatures go down, we can ruin their careers.

I Like Smart Women

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That's one of the great paradoxes living here in the Great White North,

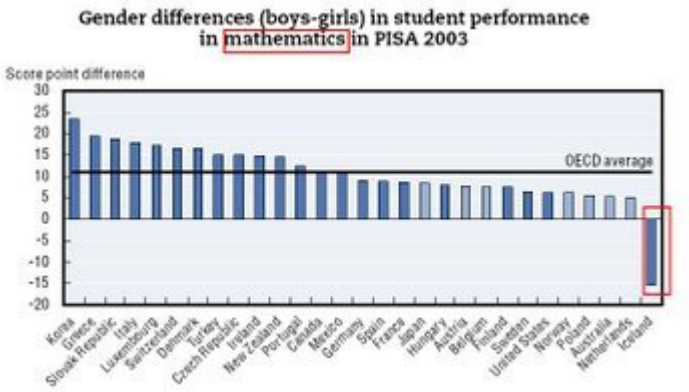
that you can't find BOTH looks and smarts.

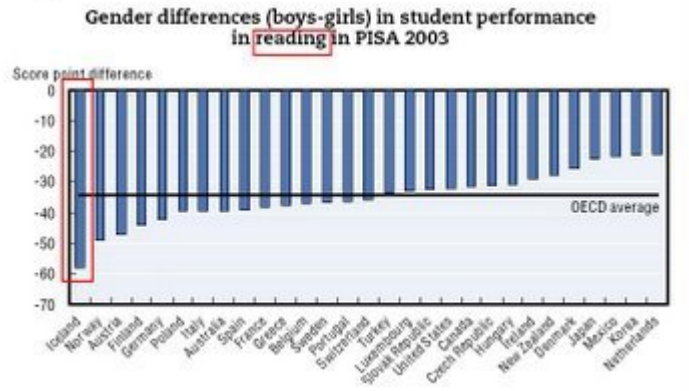
It's almost like setting up a character for D&D or a video game and you're only alloted a certain amount of points to allocate to looks, charisma, intelligence, wisdom, strength, etc. etc.

So you know if the girl is super attractive, then you're pretty sure she's super dumb simply because before she was born she put all her points into looks.

But I may have found the cure for what ails many-o-American men; Iceland.

It's the only country where the women score higher than men in not only reading/social sciences, BUT ALSO MATH according to a study put out by the OECD.





Alas, it may not be impossible to have looks and intelligence.

The Lawyers are Coming Hurray, Hurray!

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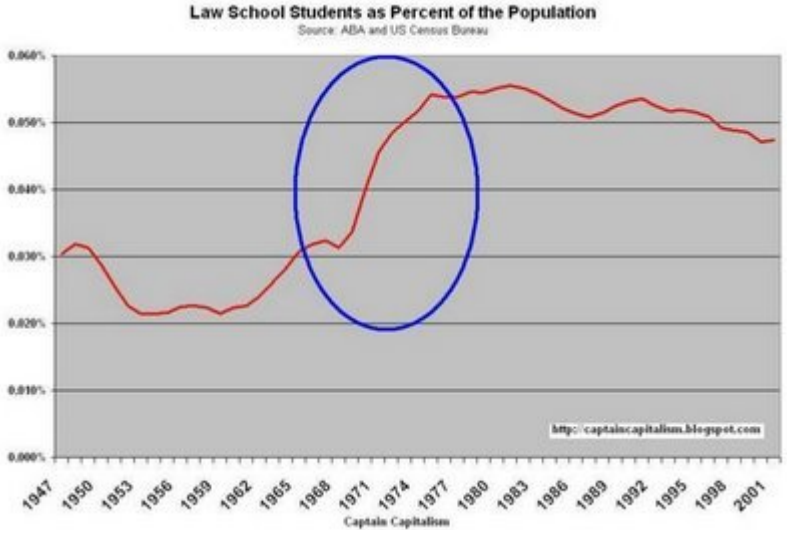
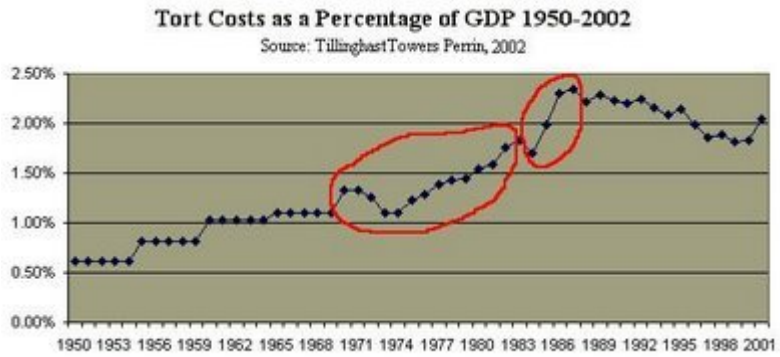
I pulled these charts from one of my older posts as I've found them interesting.

I particularly like the surge in law students with the baby boomers.



And with the democrats in office, no doubt any shot at tort reform is out the window…not that the Republicans were all over that either.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Perfect Example of Leftist Media Bias; Exxon

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OK, so this is the headline at CNN (and Drudge even)

What gets me is that 4th quarter earnings were DOWN from the previous year AS ONE WOULD EXPECT SINCE THE PRICE OF OIL HAS DROPPED SO MUCH!!!

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ESTIMATED RECORD 2006 RESULTS

	Fourth Quarter			Twelve Months		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Net Income						
$ Millions	10,250	10,710	-4	39,500	36,130	9
$ Per Common Share Assuming Dilution	1.76	1.71	3	6.62	5.71	16

But nobody seems to point that out, this common sensical relationship between the profits a commodity company makes and the price of the commodity company.

I guarantee you with the low price of oil for the 1st quarter in 2007 we will not see;

"CNN NEWS FLASH, EXXON MOBIL'S PROFITS TANK IN 1ST QUARTER 2007! Big Environmentalists Suspected, Bush Foresakes Big Oil!"

Because that does not play to the conspiracy theories of "Big Oil" of the left.

By the Numbers

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Ahem.

Operation Ireland

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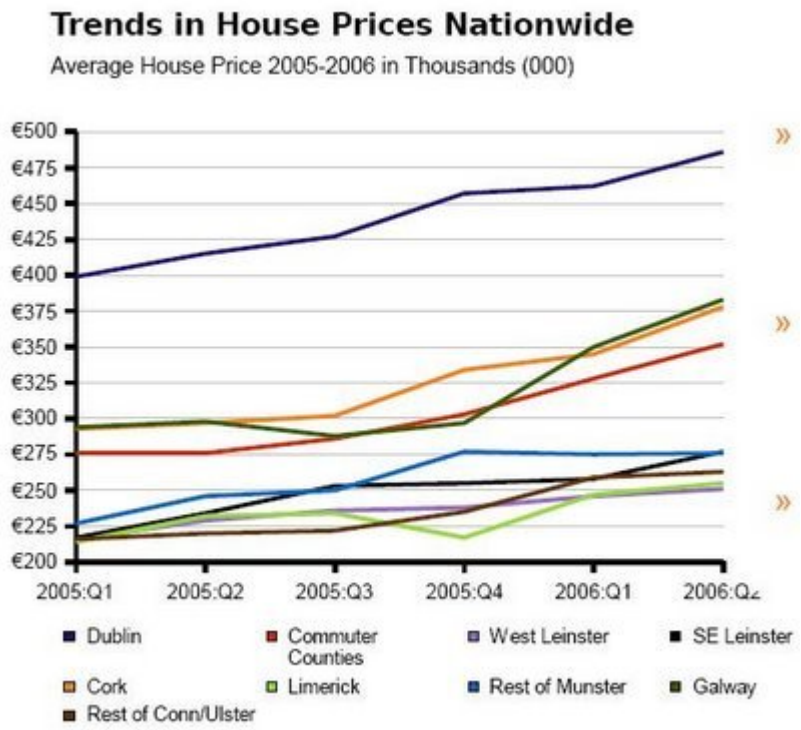
I had this cunning plan that I'd move to Ireland, enjoy their low tax status and gain citizenship by marrying a gorgeous Irish lass and launch a global corporation I have an idea for.

Then I started researching their property markets there.



Cripes! I need the dollar to rebound something fierce!

However, this did remind me of a thought I had.

While the prices may be prohibitive, a country, county, city or state that has such high prices innoculates itself against a whole bevy of societal ills in that it keeps the criminals and non-wealth producers/parasites out of the region. This results in lower crime and other benefits, but if you are allowed to go and work and are surrounded by other people who are allowed to go and work, and nobody's there asking for a handout because they're all too busy working, then an economy to scale takes place and the ability for somebody to make enough money to live there, increases dramatically as well as the wealth producing region of the entire economy (Luxembourgh I often think like this). So kind of in a reverse PPP adjusting sort of way, those prices are maybe not that unaffordable.

The trick is to get in...of course I can't afford it...which makes me one of those parasitic schleps.

How Will Hugo Go?

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An excellent article in The Economist how Hugo Chavez is spending his oil windfalls like a drunken duo sorority girl and trophy wife with daddy's credit card.

I like the chart because (well, I like charts) it shows you just how dependent he is on a high price of oil. It also shows you how much spending he's done bribing people with this temporary windfall.

But what I get a kick out of the most is that Chavez and all his supporters who clamour about socialism can only contribute their success to the high price of oil which has been driven up in price by largely our growing capitalist economy here in the US and the capitalist free market reforms that have bolstered China's and India's growth thereby boosting the demand for oil

That reality is really a bitch isn't it?

I Hate Minnesota

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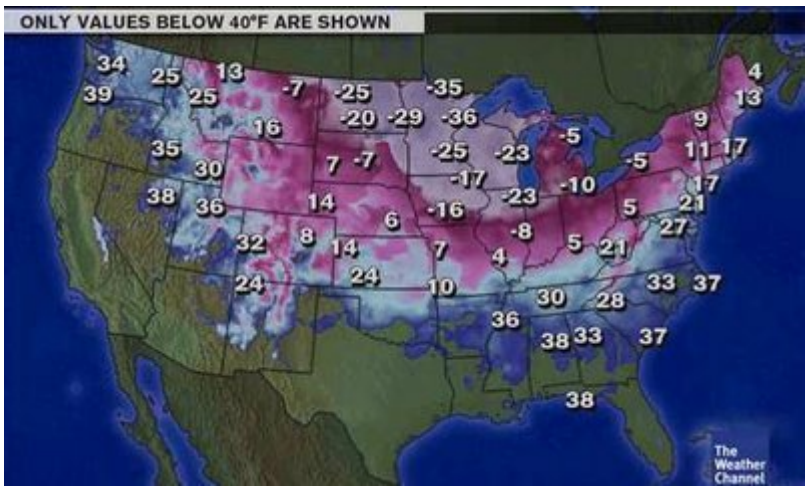
Global warming my ass!

I'll take the freaking tornadoes they got in Florida over this schtick!



Chicks Dig Me for My Charts

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It's sad, but they don't look and see that I have a soul. That I too am a human being.

No, they just look and salivate over my charts.

Which they should because my charts rule. Especially two new ones I've happened upon.

House price to income and house price to rents.

Now I know this concept has existed before. The Economist had a chart about 18 months ago. The problem is IT WAS 18 MONTHS AGO AND it was indexed (suggesting to me the person who compiled the data (from HSBC) didn't have actual rents data available to him, but did have growth rates and so the best they could do was index it)

Regardless, the concept behind these metrics is identical to the concept of a P/E ratio. With stocks, how do you know if one stock is better valued than the other? Well, take the price of the stock and divide it by that stock's earnings. This gives you a P/E ratio and shows you, in essence how much you are paying in stock price to be entitled to $1 in earnings. Thus, the higher the P/E ratio, the more expensive the stock is.

The same concept can be applied to property. Property, like stock, is an asset. And like any other asset it has the ability to create a certain amount of income. So you take the price of a property and divide it by its potential income and you get a similar P/E measure except for property.

In this case, property usually generates income in the form of rent. So what I did was take the median household price in the US and divide it by the national average "Fair Market Rents (FMR)" to get this "real estate P/E"

The results are not pleasant, but what we'd expect. Property prices have increased at a rate faster than rents. Suggesting property is still overvalued.

Their is, however a problem in using rents for estimating the over/undervaluation of property;

Not all property is rented out.

Matter of fact, most property is lived in therefore there are no rents.

That's OK, because we can still gauge a P/E ratio for property using "median household income."
How much does the median household cost relative to the income of the average household.

And again we see that housing prices have appreciated much faster than incomes. ie- incomes have not kept up.

Based on these figures you can infer how much property has to come down in price in order to be inline with historical values. Based on house price to **rents** property would have to come down by about **40%** to get back in line with historical values.

Of course rents could come up by 40% which would mean housing prices wouldn't drop at all, but given the glut of condos being converted into apartments and that developers are still trying to push inventory on the market, this is unlikely to happen.

Based on house price to income property prices would have to drop by **21%** to come back into line.

Doing the advanced, PhD econometric dance, high-end, hoity toity, fancy schmancy mathematics, economists take the simple average between the two and say that property has about a 30% correction ahead of it (or an laughable 30% increase in rents).

Now, those of you who have your equity built up in your house and wear your property price like a badge of honor. And those of you who borrowed all the equity out of your house so that you could to buy crap you don't need. And all the thousands of developers who have become accustomed to growing by leaps and bounds and making big time money without seeing if the market can absorb your inventory. And all you fake-richy-riches out there who just borrow borrow borrow, never work a damn day in your life, and use other people's money to maintain a lifestyle you truly never could afford in the first place are ALL going to get angry and mad and blame me for the above data.

And that I'm wrong.

And that there's "x,y and z" reasons why property will rebound.

And that we're just in a temporary lull.

And that such a severe crash in housing prices cannot happen.

Oh really? Remember Dotcom Mania?

I'm just the messenger people.

Get ready for a serious dose of reality.

An Interesting Chart

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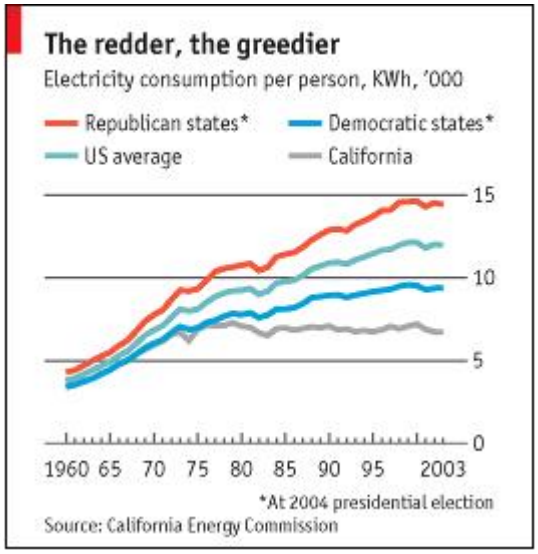
I'd be curious to see how density in population, industry, gross state product, etc. plays into this;



Another Childhood Dream Destroyed

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I figure since you're on this planet once, that you might as well pack it in and live how you want.

That's why I have no reservations about going treasure hunting.

Now, finding Coronado's lost gold is probably going to rank up there in likelihood of me finding on an old British Mar o' War with the queen's gold, so I hunt after other artifacts like fossils, ancient ruins, archeological pieces, etc.

Mock me if you must, but it's my life and that's how I choose to spend some of my free time.

But there was one unique "treasure" that I had in mind that I was going to pursue and find. A lost treasure of probably no monetary value, but sentimental value to any Gen-X'er so that when I retire in my palacial estate and in 2056 guests are perusing through my "treasure" collection, they'll look up and say "what's that" I will turn to them and say,

"That's an old Atari cartridge I found in the middle of the desert. Back in the early 80's Atari has such a glut of them they buried millions of cartidges in the middle of the desert because it was cheaper that destroying them."

So with "global warming" making the temperatures here in Minneapolis a balmy -16 freaking degrees, a traipsing around a hot dry desert looking for the lost pieces of Atari Americana sounded inviting.

Well, 20 minutes on the internet and my hopes are crushed;

cartridges and another 5 million useless *E.T.* cartridges, Atari found themselves with tons of unsellable merchandise to dispose of, which led to the rumor that Atari buried millions of *E.T.* cartridges in a landfill in the New Mexico desert.

In this case the rumor was accurate, although it wasn't the first time Atari had destroyed cartridges, nor was *E.T.* the only game dumped in New Mexico. (Rumor had it that Atari's Borregas Street warehouse sat atop crushed and buried game cartridges as well.) Some other video game manufacturers attempted to rid themselves of excess inventory by selling it at sharply reduced prices, but Atari, stuck with millions of games and consoles that were largely unsellable at any price, sent fourteen truckloads of merchandise from their plant in El Paso, Texas, to be dumped in a city landfill in Alamogordo, New Mexico in late September 1983. In order to keep the site from being looted, steamrollers crushed and flattened the games, and a concrete slab was poured over the remains.

Atari sent their goose away not with the traditional gold watch, but with a pair of cement overshoes.

Additional information: Atari's E.T.

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For yes, the legends are true, but they CRUSHED ALL THE CARTRIDGES AND LAID CEMENT OVER THEM!!!

I lament the loss because I could see in the future that becoming a historical marker, sort of a piece of American history, let alone it would be eccentric to actually dig up and own one of those fated cartridges.

Regardless, you know this wouldn't have happened to The Goonies.

BEST CHARTS EVER!!!!

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I have been schooled in the use of charts. I've always wanted to put movement to my charts, but I have not the software.

This is literally better than any argument I could ever pose about the benefits, strengths and progress capitalism can bring.

The charts are just amazing.

You will watch it.

Advice for the Ladies from the Captain

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I don't know if you knew this or not but men like, of all things, ***women.***

No, really it's true.

It is a well-established scientific fact that men are partial to the ladies.

I have seen it!

So, ladies, do us men a favor and never do this;

I saw this in The Economist and it is literally heart-wrenching.

Here you have a beautiful woman (and she's a big time hoity toity corporate mucky muck professional on top of it) who is smart, educated, refined, etc. etc.

AND SHE CHOPS OFF ALL OF HER HAIR!!!!!!

NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!

No no no no no!!!!

What are you doing??????!!!!!

I don't know if it was a communist plot or the devil himself that started this rumor/fashion trend of short hair, but let me explain it to you in simple terms;

DO

NOT

CUT

YOUR

HAIR

SHORT

or in other words;

MEN

LIKE

LONG

LUXURIOUS

HAIR

Again, rereading the little known fact that men, indeed do like women, that means we don't want you looking like boys. We like LOOOOOONG, FLOWING HAIR!

Lot's of it.

Stuff we can get lost it.

Hair that when you whip around to face us time slows down as the rest of your hair slowly catches up to the rest of your body. Sloooooowly losing altitude to settle on your shoulders.

That alone extends our life expectancy by 20 years.

So,

ONCE AGAIN TO REITERATE

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT CUTTING YOUR HAIR SHORT

PLEASE DO NOT FALL FOR THIS OBVIOUS PLOT SET ABOUT BY STALIN TO DESTROY THE US AND ALL THAT IS HOLY SACRED AND GOOD

AND KEEP YOU HAIR LONG!

On a completely seperate side note,

Remember to tune into THE ECONOMICS SUPPER CLUB this Saturday where I dispense my weekly wisdom;

AM 1500, KSTP, you can listen online here; www.am1500.com

Central Standard time, 1-3PM

I Thought They Were Starving in North Korea?

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And then you see this fat slob.

Oh, wait, that's right, he's Kim Jong Il's son.
Communism brings about equality my ass.

Genius Test

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So I cannot help but know that the Dixie Chicks have won 5 Emmy's because it's all over the news.

I didn't even know the Emmy's were for music, let alone what the Grammy's and the Whammy's and the Slammy's are for. I never paid attention. And the radio show host I was listening to at the time pointed out that the only people who paid attention to this and gave a damn are probably below the mean intelligence of the nation.

In other words, you may have knowledge, but if it's in particular areas, you are guaranteed to be an idiot.

Perfect example was when I was back in high school and our congressional representative came in and gave a speech. He asked the students if anybody knew how many congressional members there were. I looked around and not one student had the answer. Thus the paradox that class will last longer if we don't answer these questions, so I figured I'd better just answer so we could get out of there.

"535"

"Correct!"

So behind me was sitting this future welfare recipient who at the age of 15 tattooed a spider web surrounding his eye. He leans over and says, "heh, how many cans of beer are in a case?"

I didn't know.

"I don't know, 24?"

And literally in a Beavis and Butthead accent said, "hu hu, it's 16, shows you how much you know."

And the more I thought about it, the more I realized, "yes, it actually does."

So I thought instead of testing intelligence by seeing how much you know why not test intelligence by seeing how much you DON'T know. Here are things I don't know, test yourself to see how little you know and how intelligent you are!

1. What are the Grammy's for?

2. Name one person on the current episode of Lost.

3. Where is the welfare office in your county?

4. T/F Dawsons Creek was about a guy named Dawson and the creek he owned.

5. Name one contestant on Teen Idol.

6. Sing the lyrics to a modern day song played on the teeny bopper girly station.

7. If you wanted to get meth, where would you go to get it?

8. Name any member of any present day boy band.

9. What is the rough price of a shirt at the GAP and/or Ambercrombie and Fitch?

10. If you went to college, where was the sociology department headquartered?

0-1 right? YOU'RE A GENIUS!!!

2-3 right? Congratulations, you are smarter than average!

6-4 right? Good enough that are well-rounded, arguably have a social life and are probably smart enough to vote!

7-9 right? Dude, hit Drudge Report

Perfect score? Out of the gene pool!

Sadly this also reminds me of three simple questions my male friends and I are using to screen women we may have potential romantic interests in;

1. What war was Pearl Harbor in?

2. Name a president from the 80's.

3. Point north.

We have yet to get one woman (let alone the few guys we've tested it on) answer all three correctly.

Sadly, Jay Walking with Jay Leno is not staged.

Predicting Hugo Chavez

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Everybody has boogie men.

To radical muslims the boogie man is Israel and the US.

To dictators like Kim Jong Il and Amehdinijad it's the US again.

To sociology majors who can't find a job it's "the corporations maaaaan!"

To Liberals it's George Bush.

Every group out there that has problems that are largely brought about by themselves and their own actions like to blame other people for those problems. And particularly dictators.

Hugo Chavez will be no exception.

Hugo is implementing full blown communism now and the symptoms of it are already beginning to show, most recently;

Shortages and inflation.

So before Venezuela goes down the toilet and when the price of oil tanks, I want everybody to know that I, along with any astute observer of politics and human nature, predict, that Hugo to stay in power will (like radical imams and clerics, Kim Jong Il, and the bevy of other fear mongers, liars and scoundrels) will blame his own messy bed on the US.

His accusations will become more conspiratorial in nature. They will become more outlandish. There will be accusations of the US sending spies in to destabalize the economy.

I have highlighted that sentence for I want to be able to say in a couple years, "see I told you so" and so that you lefties out there who love Hugo will have to look into the mirror and realize, like most other people, that ***you*** are the root and cause of most of your problems.

You are the boogie man.

So Reagan and Lenin are in Heaven…

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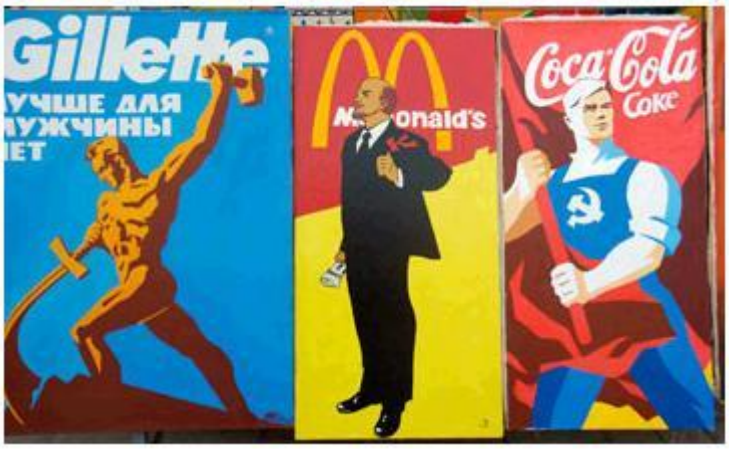
This picture, from Russia, says so much about the realities of economics, the Cold War, the humiliation of socialism, etc., that I don't really think I can add anything to it.



No doubt Reagan is laughing his ass off at Lenin up above.

More Money Does NOT Equal Better Schools

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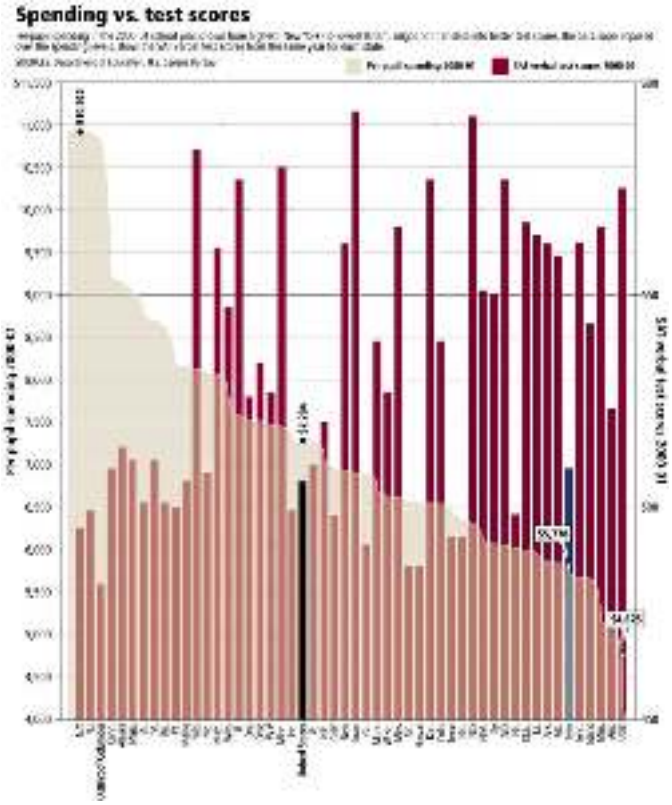
I've said it before,
And I'll say it again;



MORE MONEY DOES NOT = BETTER SCHOOLS!!!

How dense do you idiots have to be to not get this?

I'm Sick of Middle Aged Men Crying

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So another condo project bites the dust.
And I truly cannot care for I know the type of people who have been pushing these condo and real estate developments not just here in the Twin Cities, but across the nation and please spare me the crocodile tears.

Typically they're some middle aged guy whose balance sheet consists of many millions of dollars in assets. This fans their ego because they can then go and claim to young twenty something women that they are "millionaire real estate developers" (because lot's of syllables impress stupid people).

They're further pinning their hopes on stupidity hoping these girls don't know the difference between **total assets** and **net worth**, for if one were to look at their balance sheets, yes, they do have millions of dollars in assets, but they also have millions MORE in debt.

And this gets to the heart of why I'm particularly disgusted with this caliber of people.

Here they are, living the jet set lifestyle. Claiming they're all that and then some. You look at their personal assets and they all have Beamer SUV's with some kind of Mercedes. They are the schmucks heading out to the ritzy suburbs driving next to you on the interstate with the blue tooth in their ear working in the fast lane as they head on out to their suburbanite mini-mansion worth $3 million. They're eating at the finest restaurants in town, knocking out $200 tabs, $175 of which were martini's. And they're flying south to their condo in Florida to get a couple rounds of golf in.

And what did they do to deserve this lifestyle?

Nothing.

Yep, that's right.

Nothing.

For you see, there hasn't been one iota of profit produced. They haven't made one penny in income. How is it then that I am driving in my 89 Cutlass Supreme next to somebody who didn't make a dime, yet drives a Porsche?

Simple, he used my money to buy everything he owns by borrowing it from a bank.

This is the defining characteristic of these real estate developers and the primary reason why you're going to see a much worse crash in housing prices come the next three months;

Debt.

For you see, debt can be used for many great things;

College education
Investments
Expanding a company
etc. etc.

All of which would yield the cash flows necessary to pay the debt back.

But it can also be squandered.

A perfect example is what I like calling "Pulling an Argentina."

The world loaned Argentina roughly $90 billion (with accrued interest it was something like $132 billion). The idea what that Argentina would INVEST the money in its economy and infrastructure to help boost Argentina's economic growth rate. This would then yield higher tax revenues and allow them to pay off the debt.

However, Argentina instead decided to piss it away on a bevy of vote-bribing social programs at the provincial level and when "community centers" and "political aid" did not produce the economic growth necessary to pay back the lenders, Argentina decided to default on its debts and not pay the world back (which summarily resulted in a severe recession and the majority of Argentinians blaming "the West" for their economic woes).

The exact same thing is happening now. However, instead of Argentine social programs and wealth-transfers the money is wasted on BMW's, egregiously large suburbanite cookie cutter homes, planes, trips to Europe and a whole bevy of other consumables that are NOT investments and STAND NO CHANCE OF PRODUCING THE CASH FLOWS NECESSARY TO PAY BACK THE DEBT!

Now, some will contest that the money did indeed go into real estate development which is indeed an investment and there was the hope for getting paid back. However, this spotlights another major issue I have with this group;
They thought nothing of borrowing millions of dollars of OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY while NOT KNOWING THE ENTIRE TIME WHETHER THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY THEM BACK OR NOT!

If it were me, and I were to ask somebody to borrow $20 million, I don't know it might occur to me to conduct somekind of saaaaaayyyyy

"absorption study"

or

"market analysis"

to make damn sure that there was an excellent chance I would be able to pay them back.

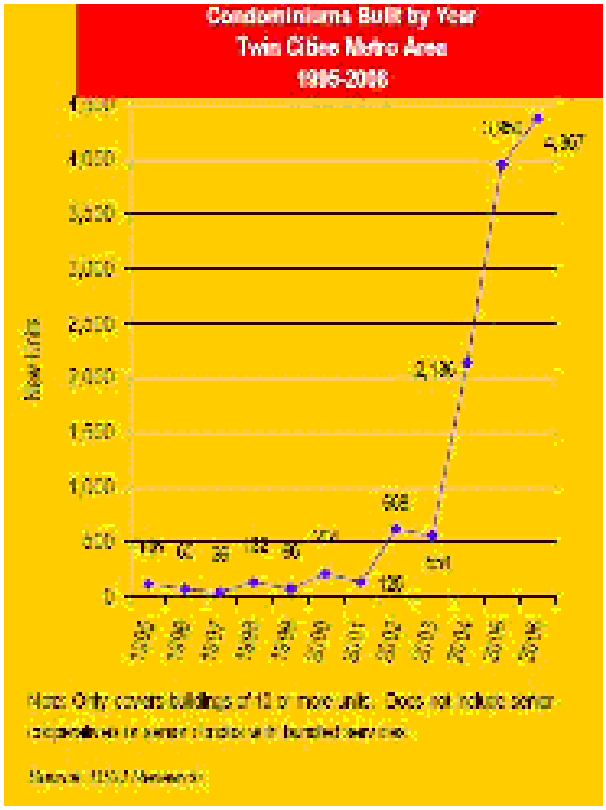
And I'm just a dumb economist. Certainly these high-end professional "multi-millionaire real estate developers" would not doubt have an absorption study be a STANDARD part of their analysis before borrowing $20 million of other people's money.

Heh heh!

Good luck.

For in my exploits and trivails in the real estate development industry finding an absoprtion study done on any one of these developments is like finding a sexy red-headed, video game playing, PhD in economics that watches Bugs Bunny on a regular basis.

In otherwords, the VAST majority of the time these "multi-millionaire real estate developers" did not bother finding out whether their product would actually sell before asking other people for their money. And it wasn't like you'd need a genius to figure out the condo market was saturated. In addition to the bevy of article written up about the glut of condo's, this chart alone would have saved us all millions of dollars of losses and headaches;



Now, in a normal company in normal markets such incompetence would be rewarded with a firing or a severe drop in pay. But most of these developers are owned by one person and they answer to nobody. And remember, the primary purpose of you loaning them your money IS NOT so that they develop some real estate, sell it and then pay you back. It's to keep up their lifestyle! Why?????

"Because I'm an important and busy multi-millionaire real estate developer!"

Now, in addition to the banks who are going to get royally screwed over in 2007 there are other victims as well.

Small time contractors.

These guys own and operate small time carpentry, HVAC, plumbing, etc., outfits. Usually a small time, hard working blue collar guy and a dozen or so sub-contractors that all depend on this income.

And while I am the most ardent capitalist in the world, I find it disgusting that when the "multi-millionaire real estate developer" who has so completely mismanaged his developments that he is unable to sell any property and therefore stops pay his contractors and employees.

Oh, no, they'll keep paying themselves and making sure they can have those $200 dinners and can keep living in their $3 million home.

But they won't pay the contractors and hard workers that don't have the $3 million house (however, these "small time contractors" do have something they can wear as a badge of honor, it's called a "positive net worth."). Regardless, it's digusting that people who have done nothing but borrow money get to consume and enjoy such a high standard of living while the people who actually produced some measure of wealth get shafted by these guys.

However, for all of you who are on the receiving end of this housing crash, take consolence in this;

I have seen 5 middle aged "multi-millionaire real-estate developers" cry in my banking career.

Yes, these high and mighty, hoity toities with the oopdey loopdies who were "busy important guys," people who have been living off of others for the past 5 years, managing to produce nothing but housing that would not sell, undermining property prices by flooding our markets with realty nobody wanted are being taken down. When the banks refuse to extend their loans, they start to cry like little girls and they realize they may have to become like the rest of us schlepps and ACTUALLY WORK FOR A LIVING!!!! (it's actually quite unsettling to see).

And they're not being taken down by me.

They're not being taken down by the banks.

They're being taken down by the most powerful force on earth;

Economics.

Which eludes to a point that I have made since Dotcom Mania;

Could you imagine how many hundreds of billions of dollars, jobs, GDP growth and other general good stuff would have been saved if somebody would have just consulted an economist before this all happened? Or maybe just read this article from The Economist in 2003?

But then again, what do I know, I'm not a "multi-millionaire real estate developer" with a bimbo on my arm, I'm just a dumb video game playing economist.

My Ex-Girlfriend is Sub Prime

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I was dating this model-esque Norwegian goddess a while back. Your classical blond haired blue eyed beauty.

But as is the case with most drop dead gorgeous women, they're always looking for a better catch, and yours truly, sexy, intelligent and video-game playing as he may be, could not compete with the likes of professional football players or professional models she seemed to have a hankering for.

That and she ended up cheating on me with her ex-boyfriend which promptly earned her the title "ex" girlfriend.

Now I like to think that there is poetic justice in the world, that karma comes back and bitch-slaps the people that so righteously deserve whatever come-uppance may be in store for them. And in the case of my ex's this usually takes the form of them getting fat, getting divorced or in several cases them going out with a starving-artist/drug-dealer/criminal/loser that just parasites off of them. Suddenly the stuffy, fiscally responsible economist doesn't look so bad (and sadly this story seems to be universal across all men I know of my generation).

But this one was special.

For I am down with The Force. And The Force is down with me. And that force is again the most powerful force in the world;

Economics.

And it just so seemed that karma had decided to use The Force as the vehicle by which to deliver poetic justice to my ex.

For you see, previous to all the dance and romance the ex was married to a young preppy wanna be. They got married at the early stages of the housing bull market and enticed by the false concept of getting rich quick both of them went into business as mortgage brokers. Even idiots can make money in a bull market and the two of them did swimmingly.

And what do young 20 something American boys and girls with no fiscal austerity do when they make $100,000?

Why they spend $300,000! It's the American way!

So they bought a picturesque house in the suburbs of the Twin Cities. They had the interior all done up to perfectly suburbanite perfection. The furniture was brand new and color coded. And things were great.

But you know what would be better?

A Corvette.

Well how does one afford a Corvette when you spent all your money in the past year on a house and furnishing? Naturally, they being mortgage brokers, the answer was "a home equity loan!"

Everybody's doing it!

The Connors!

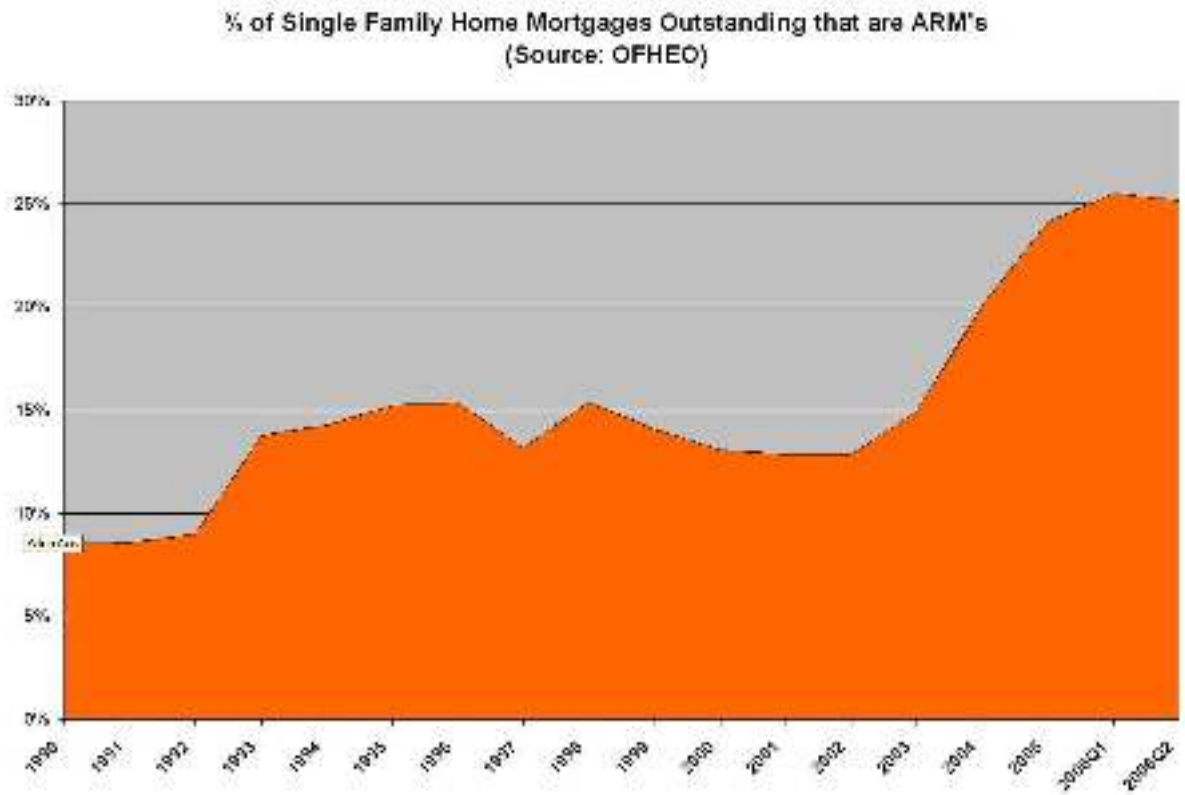
The Smiths!

The Johnsons!

And Jones!

We'll strip all the equity from the house to the bare bones!

And so they did becoming one of the many people to have not only a HEL but an ARM as well.



Now what was missing from this perfectly picturesque suburbanite story is an affair! And desperate to live true to the American way of life, the young woman decided to start having an affair whilst her husband thought he was living the life with a beautiful wife and a Vette.

Soon enough the picturesque-ness wore off quickly as the husband found out she was having an affair. And his timing could not be better, for it was at the peak of the housing bubble.

Divorce and chaos ensues. The house is put up for sale. And several months later I run into the girl who was going to become my ex.

I get what was at the time only half the story. But as I slowly find out over the course of several months what kind of girl she is and then abruptly find out upon finding out she was sleeping with the same affairee, she is plagued not by the divorce, but the lengthening time by which it is taking to sell the house (that and the crushing loss of me of course!).

By this time I was out of the deal but still wanted to see if karma was ever going to avenge my lost time, money and resources wasted on this girl. And sure enough I was avenged for where I am down with The Force and The Force is down with me is that she still had her name on the mortgage.

And the housing market was in free fall.

As the housing market dried up neither her nor her ex-husband could garner the cash flow to finance their material possessions. The Corvette was repossessed. And then the house.

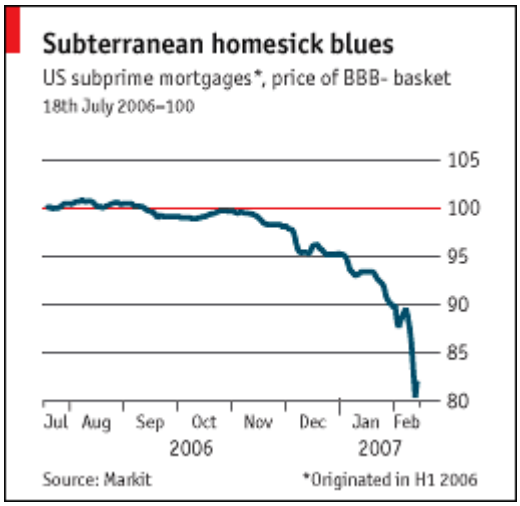
It put a big smile on my face to see in the papers that they had their house foreclosed on and that her life was now ruined. Additionally through the grape-vine I found out she was living in a run down section 8 ghetto apartment on the north side of St. Paul where somebody was recently stabbed.

So what's the moral of the story aspiring junior and deputy economists?

There are three.

One - avoid "amazingly" attractive women because they're just not worth the time. Find the quiet cutie in the corner.

Two, more of an economic lesson of the day, don't loan to sub prime people. Because not only are they primarily idiots and morons, they're CALLED SUB PRIME FOR A REASON!!!!!



And three - do not ef with somebody who is down with The Force, and The Force down with he.

You Ask of Coupons?

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So DMK posed an interesting question;

Why don't men favor or use coupons as much as women?

And it got me thinking about the economics of coupons and how in an economic behavioral sense men and women may vary and I could only come up with a couple observations (and broad generalities so for all the anti-free speech Nazi's out there who salivate at the chance no matter how innocuous to accuse other people of sexism or racism or whatever -ism, please shut the hell up).

1. Men are less patient than women.

2. Historically men have been more industrious than women and the amount of time they'd have to spend collecting enough coupons to save $10 in groceries intuitively somehow they could have made $30, ergo why waste the time.

3. Somewhat related to #2, but more of a Darwinian/evolution approach, women have stayed at home for all these years doing the typical household tasks which coupon collecting would fall under while men are out slaying mammoth, ergo we are biologically/genetically predisposed to not want to collect coupons.

That's about the only reasons I could come up with.

I have used coupons in the past, but they literally had to fall into my lap. Or I was sitting somewhere with nothing to do, there happened to be a newspaper nearby and I just started looking for coupons. ie-I don't go looking for coupons.

I'd also be curious to see how men and women behave differently when it comes to a similar economic decision; lottery or gambling.

Is the potential savings/winnings worth the time of buying the Powerball ticket.

Economic Growth Without Home Equity Withdrawals

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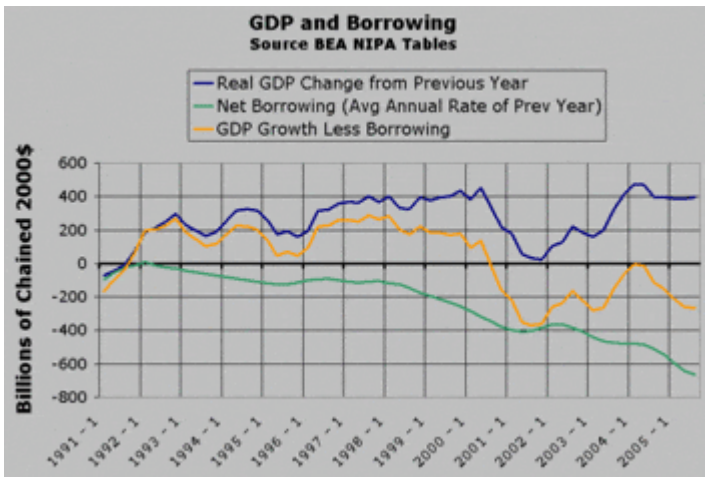
Calculated Risk had posted a chart of what GDP growth would have been without home equity withdrawals and the debt junkies going and blowing it all on SUV's, flat panel TV's and 4 wheelers.

However, I happened upon another chart with slightly different figures.



Not that I question Calculated Risk's methodology, but I though it interesting to see an even more dismal result than Calculated Risk's.

Pension Promises Relative to Economic Earnings

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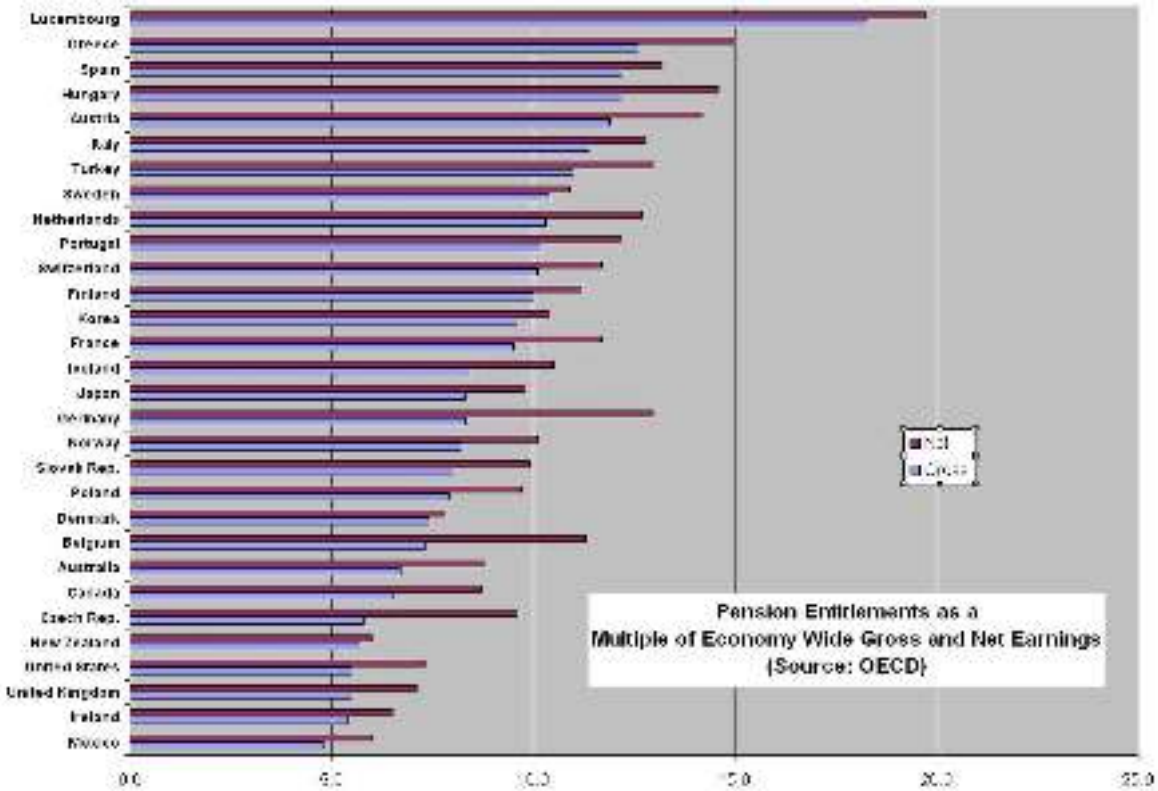
Social pensions (social security, social pension, etc.), the vast majority of which have been mismanaged, now primarily rely on workers today to pay for workers of yesterday. This means pensions are to be paid for by the economic productivity of a nation.
But how much have governments promised their people relative to their ability to pay for those promises and deliver?

Thus the pension entitlements as a multiple of economic earnings.



I find it odd Mexico stands a better chance of paying their pensions that Luxembourg.

Damn I'm Good!

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So I made some predictions about Hugo Chavez.

A whopping two weeks later proves me to be prophetic.

What an utter piece of crap. He's not only going to tank his economy, but he's going to blame everything on the US.

Sounds eerily similar to how muslim clerics blame all the problems of muslims on the Jew or "the West." Oh well, I guess to stay in power all dictators need a Boogie Man.

Join Captain Capitalism at The Economics Supper Club!

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We'll be talking about France and grade inflation, Hugo Chavez and a whole bunch of other stuff if we get to it. And you never know, this sexy devil may show up too!

So pour a cocktail, turn on the radio and join us!

Silly Socialist French Chick

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So I'm reading The Economist and Sarkozy's rival is this gal called Segolene Royal.

And all of France is in a perpetual orgasm over her being the first female head of the Socialist Party, how she breathes new blood into French politics, how she's an attractive independent woman, blah blah blah (kind of like us here with Barack Obama). Besides, how can you fail with a name like Segolene ROYAL?

So France is in its typical French doldrums of low economic growth, high unemployment, over rigid labor market, high government debt etc. etc., and what brand new, exciting, bold and revolutinoary course of action does this new celebrity darling of the socialists recommend?

"*Yet the 100 detailed policies that Ms Royal unveiled to steer France down this soft-focus path amounted, in the main, to a long wishlist of spending pledges, with little explanation as to how any of them would be paid for. Thus she promised to increase the minimum wage to €1,500 ($1,950) a month, to introduce interest-free loans worth €10,000 for every 18-year-old, to push up unemployment benefits to 90% of previous salary, to raise the lowest pensions by 5%, to renationalise and merge Electricité de France and Gaz de France, to penalise firms that pay dividends rather than reinvest profits, to boost public R&D spending by 10% a year, to cut class sizes in poor areas and much else.* "

The same old socialist crap.

A minimum wage that translates into $24,000 a year for a burger flipper? You're kidding me right? And you wondering why a Big Mac costs $3.82 in France?

Unemployment benefits of 90% the previous salary? WHY THE HELL WORK????? Work one day and then get fired! Boom, set for life!

A 10,000 Euro interest free loan for all 18 year olds? For what purpose? If they're anything like American 18 year olds you can expect them not only to piss the money away, but default on the loan too (which no doubt the good socialists will allow them to do).

And then there's the standard "let's renationalize everything." Yeah, that's working wonders for Hugo Chavez and Evo Morales and their endeavors to seek foreign direct investment.

But my favorite, for it shows you just how out of touch socialists are with the realities of

economics;

She wants to penalize corporations that pay a dividend instead of reinvest the profit.

Isn't it the leftists that complain when corporations don't pay their beleaguered shareholders the dividends they're entitled to and instead keep those profits for their greedy selves?

And let's say the corporations do reinvest? To what point and purpose? It seems Royal would just nationalize them anyway.

Now, truthfully, I don't care what happens to France along the lines of their economy, it's more of an interesting spectator sport as I observe what those zany French are up to. Additionally I believe if a people are uneducated in economics, then they're doomed to suffer the consequences and get to sleep in the bed they make (Venezuela, Bolivia, California).

But what I truly savor is how you have an entire country that just doesn't seem to get it. That if you make it so inhospitable for business to set up shop in your country by forcing them to pay high taxes, over-regulating them and constantly threatening them with nationalization, that somehow they're supposed to come flocking to your country with billions in FDI. That if you effectively neuter your labor force by essentially paying them not to work, and taxing them at 53% GDP somehow wealth production and economic growth is going to occur. And when the inevitable economic consequences of lower economic growth, lower standards of living, a slothful labor force and over all just an inferior economy materialize, I take no greater joy of comparing them to their hated-economic rival, rubbing those economic realities in their faces.

	US	France
10 Yr Avg GDP Growth	3.20%	2.20%
Implied Increase in Standards of Living Over 20 Years	87%	54%
Income Per Capita	$43,500	$30,100
Unemployment Rate	4.60%	9.10%
Long Term Unemployment Rate	11.80%	42.30%
Government Spend % GDP	36.80%	53.30%
Avg. Hours Worked Per Year	1824	1520

Imagine a 3% Tax Rate

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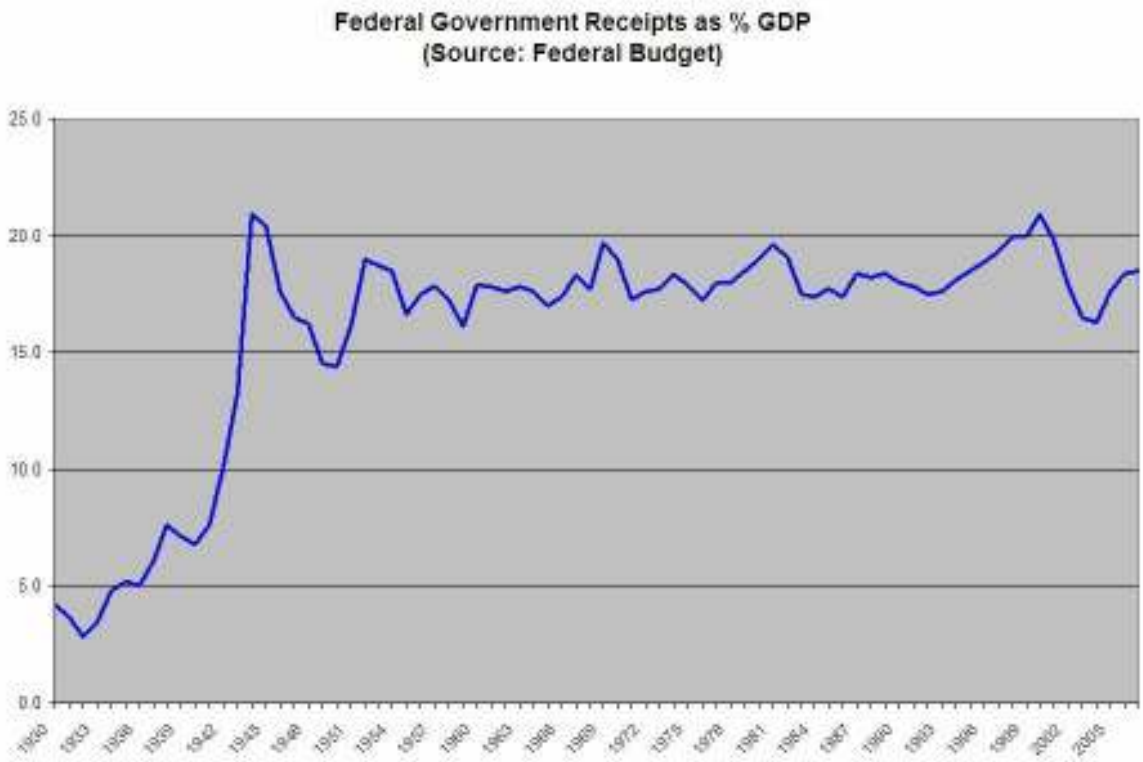
So I'm putting together some research for a seminar I have coming up. And not that I didn't know about this before, but it's just so heart-wrenching to imagine this was possible before hand.
A 3% Federal Government Tax Rate.



Hell the State of Minnesota alone takes about 7.5% now!

I can only imagine the untold levels of wealth that would have been produced and the insanely high standards of living we'd have if the inefficient behemoth known as the government hadn't been confiscating roughly 1/5th of our wealth for the past 70 years.

$250,000 income per capita EASY by now. Would have landed on Mars. Colony on the moon. Hover cars. X-Box 1280 with Virtual Reality Redheaded Cheerleading Pack included. Elimination of cancer. Working from home. T-90 lines instead of T-3 lines, standard. The true elimination of poverty. Hydrogen cars. China would never catch up to us.

But oh no, but we gotta pay for social security, medicare, medicaid, welfare, statefair, Rickflair, skincare and freaking $21 million for a panel on walking and biking.

Cripes.

I Contribute to Charity, I Contribute to GDP

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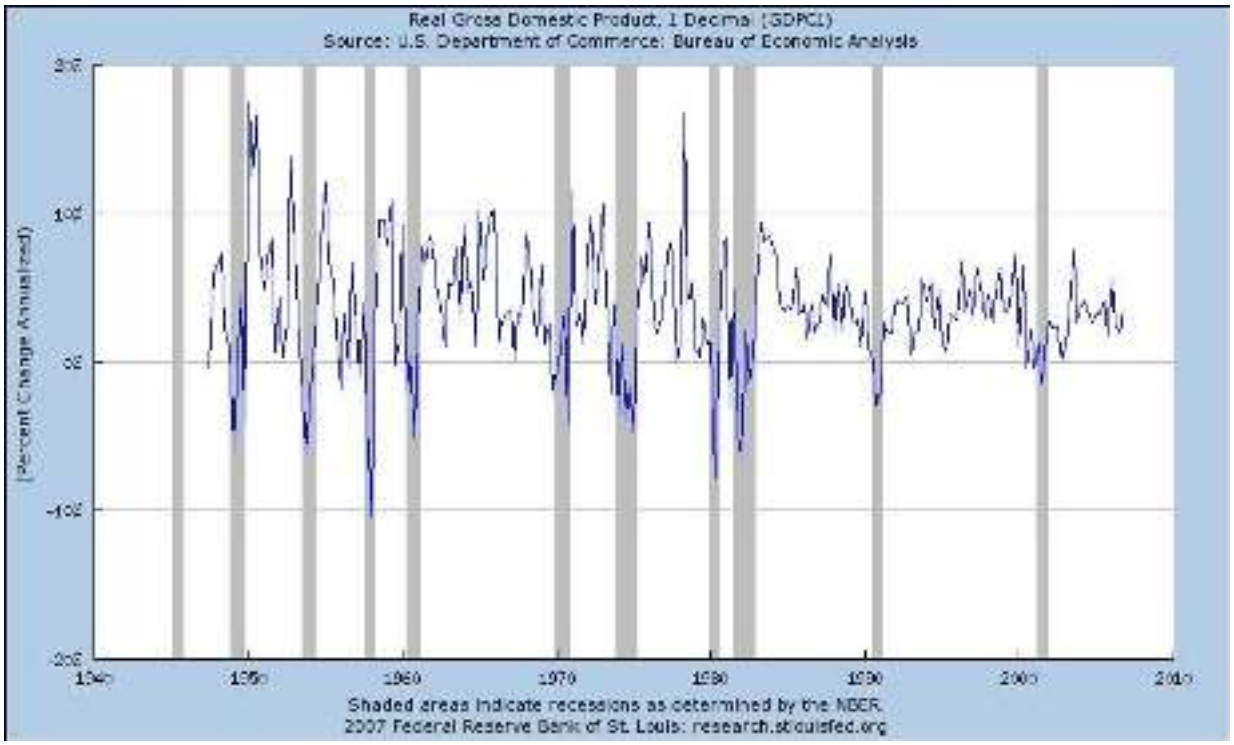
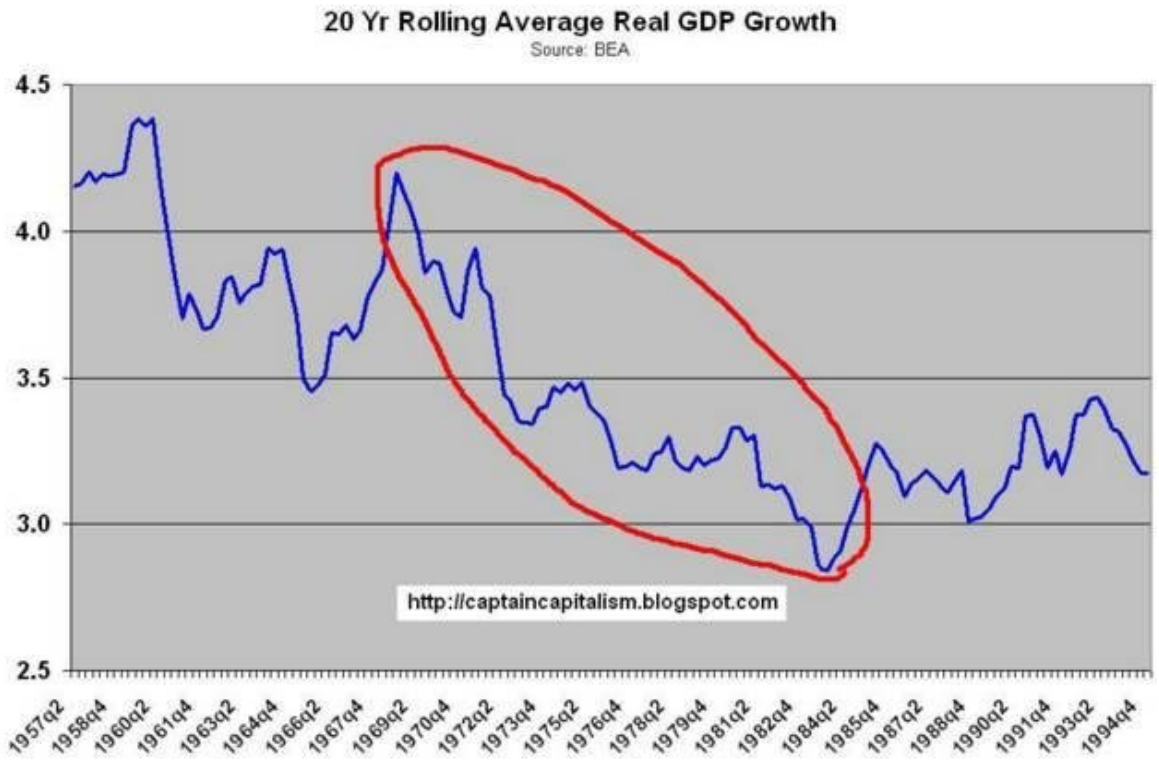
GDP growth is volatile. Can't really discern any trends just looking at RGDP growth. It gives you a headache.



So I happened upon this older chart of mine where I took the rolling 20 year average of GDP growth to kind of get a "generational average" economic growth rate (the last date is in 1994 which includes data from 1984-2004).



Confirming once again that the WWII Generation is the Greatest Generation, and the two successive generations are just the "lamest" generation.

Ireland is Now Richer Than the US

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I knew this day would come. The day Ireland would surpass the US in income per capita. Even though Ireland has a higher overall tax rate than the US as a percent of GDP (35% vs. 29%), its low corporate taxes would inevitably carry it through (12.5% vs. 40%).

However, I did notice that Norway was higher than the US as well, which enters us into whether or not we're comparing apples to apples on this very important statistics. The data comes from the CIA's World Factbook which claims it adjusts for PPP. But I've seen differing figures before from the World Bank, the OECD, the CIA, none of them seem to reconcile.

Whichever the case, the trend is the most important thing. And no more than 5 years ago it was very clear that Ireland was below the US in terms of standards of living. Now it seems they're neck and neck at the Galway races.

Hopeless Cause

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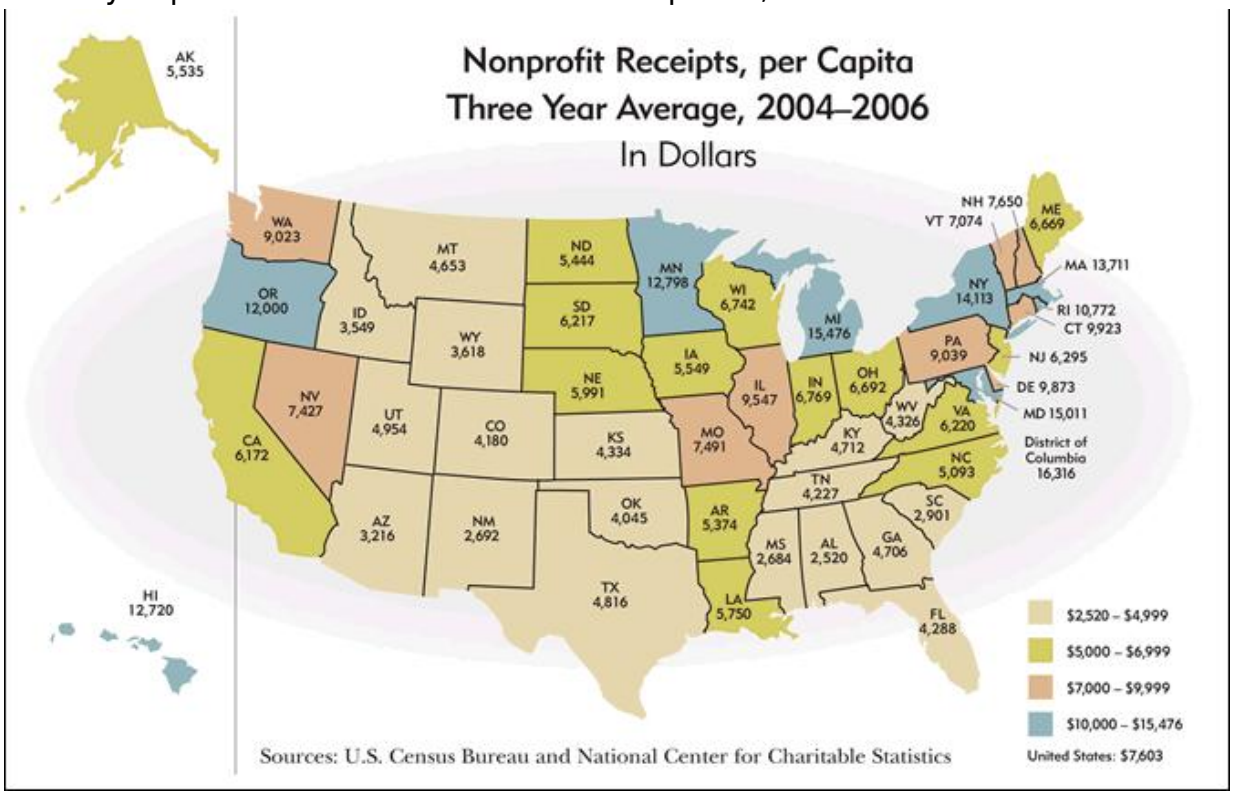
I largely view the majority of charity as a waste of money.
Of the bevy of various charitable programs since the Marshall Program, have any actually brought about a resolution to the problem they were intended to resolve? Of course not. Because charity is more about making people feel better about themselves than it is to legitimately and PRAGMATICALLY (ooooh! There's a word leftists hate) improve the lot of those less fortunate. And in a sick and twisted way, charity more often than not results in the very-well off worsening the lot of the very-poorly off solely for to make the very-well off feel good about themselves. It's sick.

I just pray the Gates Foundation with it's "means-testing" approaching might actually do some good in the world and fundamentally change how charity works.

Regardless, I found this chart to be interesting. People call it charity. Until I see charity actually improve the lot of the intended recipients, I'll call it naivete.



Time to Make with the Smooching!

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So I was going to post a chart showing various countries' mortgages as a percent of disposable income.
But with today's weather, we're expecting about 18 inches of snow;

36-Hour Forecast

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Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
Tips to Stay Warm		Tips to Stay Warm
Heavy Snow High 32° F	Snow Low 25° F	Snow Shower / Wind High 28° F
Precip: 100%	Precip: 100%	Precip: 80%
Snow...heavy at times. Temps nearly steady in the low to mid 30s. Winds NE at 20 to 30 mph. Snow accumulating 5 to 8 inches.	Snow likely. Low near 25F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph. 4 to 6 inches of snow expected.	Windy with intermittent light snow and snow showers. High 28F. Winds N at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of snow 80%. Snow accumulating 1 to 2 inches.
Sunrise: 6:51 AM	Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 6:49 AM

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Which means only one thing;
Guys grab a gal, gals grab a guy, tell your boss you're leaving early, fire up the fire place and make with the smoochin'!

Debt Service to Income

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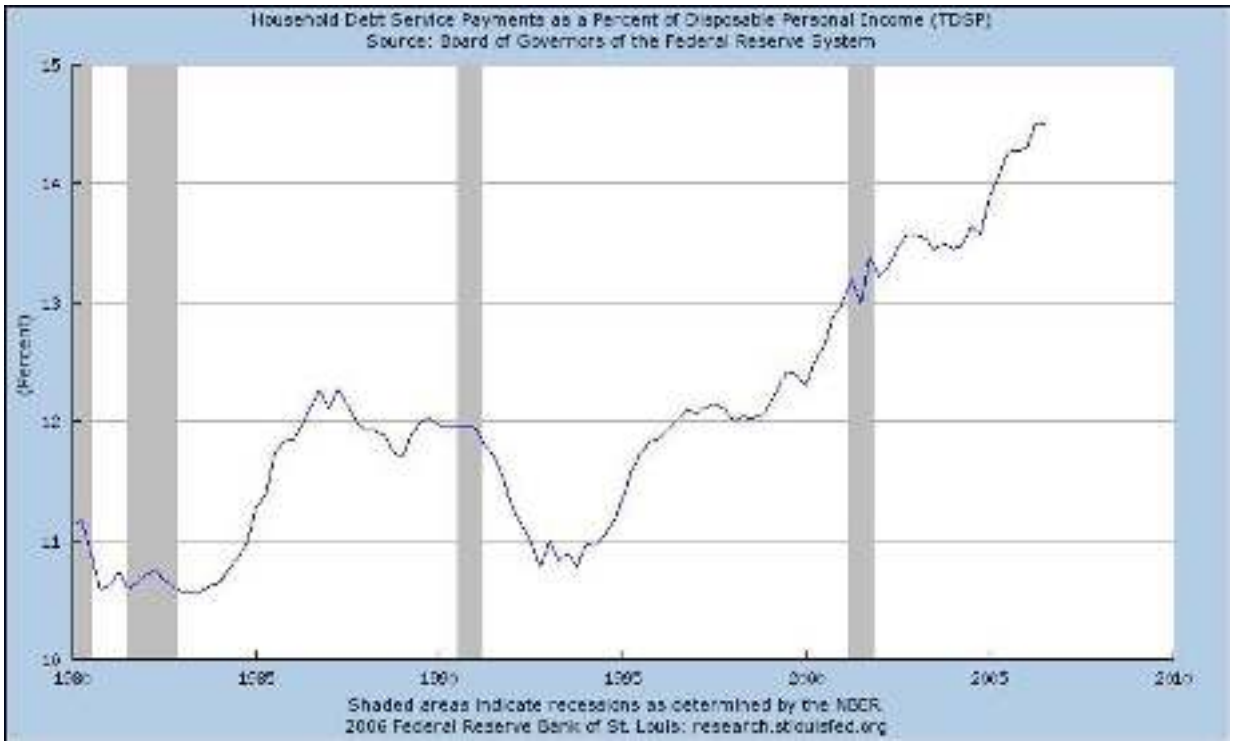
The theory was that lower interest rates (short term and long term) should allow us to purchase more house, more car and more, well, anything because we are able to afford the lower interest payments and therefore take out a larger loan allowing us to buy larger things.
And this is true. You are able to buy a nicer house or a fancier car with lower interest rates.
However, when these loanable dollars all flooded the housing market it drove housing prices rather high which meant you still pretty much got the same bang for your buck as you did before. It's kind of like when Wall Street pays its bonuses everything in New York gets more expensive so you really don't have that much of an increase in purchasing power.

The only problem is everybody started withdrawing all the equity out of these inflated home prices of theirs and drove their loan payments even higher.

So the true measure of our ability to afford these big fancy things we like to buy is not so much the ticket price of the item, but how much does it cost us to keep up with our debt payments relative to the amount we make.



Yes, a recession is certainly possible.

So He's Just a Regular Guy Like Us Then?

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I wish more politicians would do this as it would show the world they're real.

They've Been There

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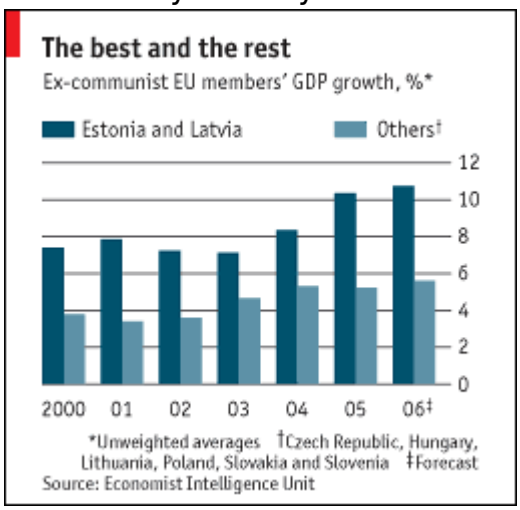
I like keeping a keen on on the former Soviet Bloc countries in central Europe. The horrors of communism is fresh in their minds and unlike most everybody else, they don't hate the US and they actually are embracing free markets and capitalism. And it certainly shows;



Hope You Can Sleep Well at Night

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Not that Japan would be an exact repeat this time around for property prices, but if we were to look at a developed nation that has gone through a housing bubble in the past, this is not encouraging.

Say It Ain't So, Prodigal Joe!

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Howdy all,

I've gotten a lot of e-mails recently and yes, sorry fellow aspiring and junior deputy economists, but it's now officially the Minnesota Twin's baseball season and as AM 1500 carries the Twins any games get priority over The Economics Supper Club.

Alas, I am a victim of the free market.

But fear not, I will be broadcasting when there isn't a game and doing a fair amount of subbing during the off season (tune into the Dave Thompson show on the 12th when I'll be subbing for Dave).

Until baseball season is over (whenever that is), we'll see you here on Cappy Cap!

Proposed Military Cutbacks by the Democrats

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I cannot make claim to these pictures, they were forwarded to me;

Perspective as to the Cost of War

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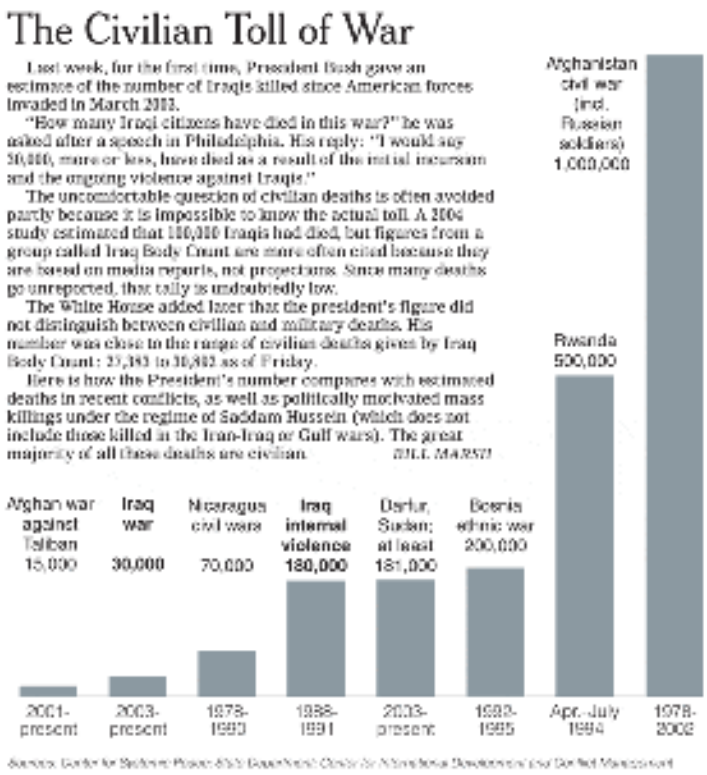

It reminds me of an episode from "Star Trek the Next Generation" where the character Q said to Cpt Pickard, "If you can't handle a bloody nose, then why are you out here?"

Those "Evil" Corporations

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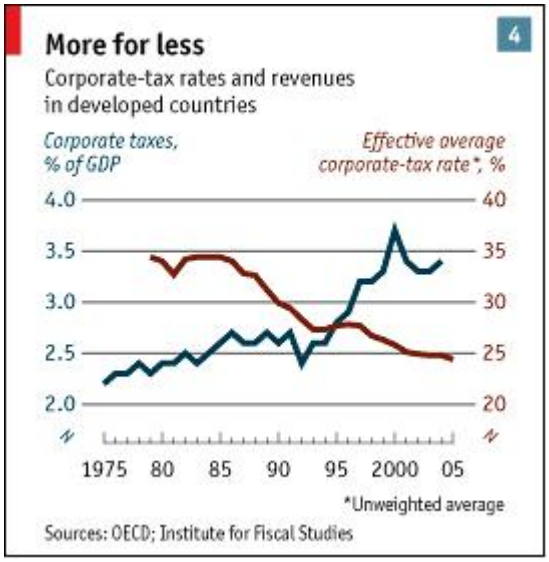
The Economist came out with a pretty good article about the effects of offshore tax havens and their effect on globalization (it was also written by I believe a knock out, stunning babe). And I'm a big proponent of tax havens (and stunning babes), not so much for their low taxes, but the fact they force governments to compete and to be efficient. Ideally a democracy would have an educated population that would insist on governments being efficient and expeditious and would therefore vote fiscally responsible politicians into office. In reality it's the fact that the US, all of western Europe and all of the developed world's governments can't jack up their taxes to confiscatory levels because the majority of their wealth would flee to lower tax countries (Ireland being a perfect example of this).

But what I did find interesting is that despite an overall lowering of the effective corporate tax rate, corporate taxes as a percent of GDP have been going up.



They chalk this up to, in part, better collection, but also the fact that lower taxed countries tend to grow faster and attract more investment, resulting in a larger corporate tax base, which rises corporate tax revenues even relative to GDP

I like it just in the fact the chart is bound to piss off leftists.

Gluttonous Anglos

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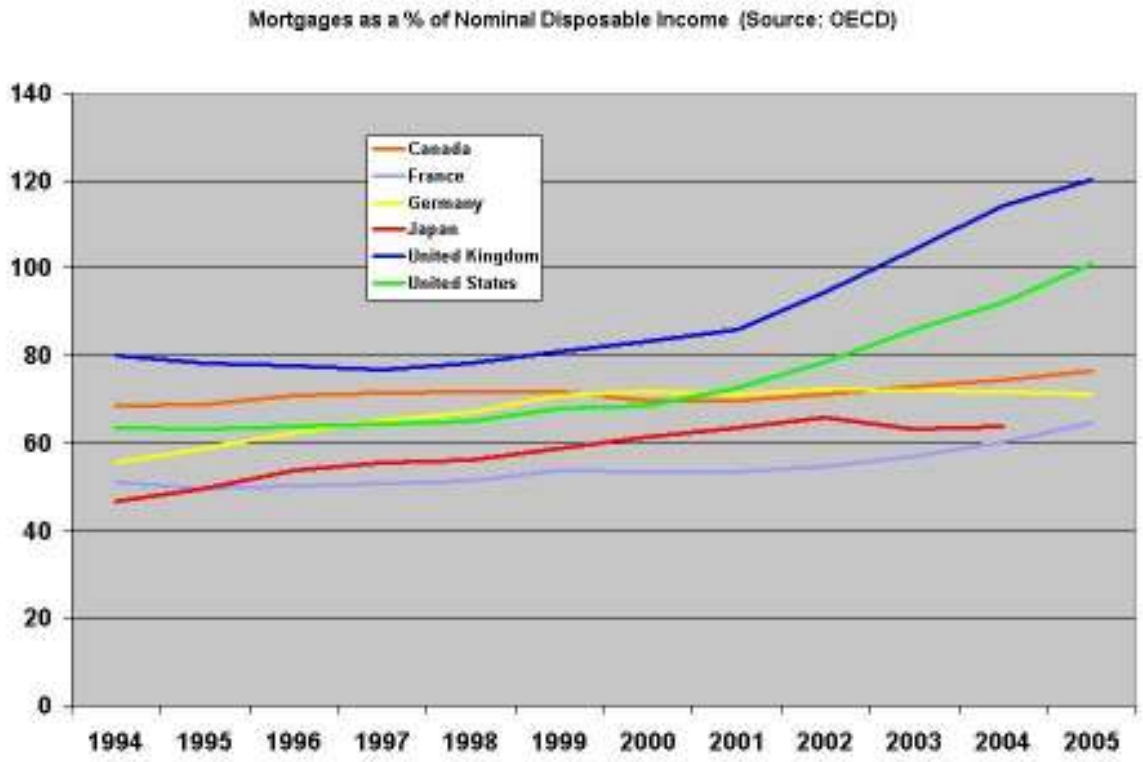


The new way to work is not to work at all, but to borrow the money out of over inflated asset prices.

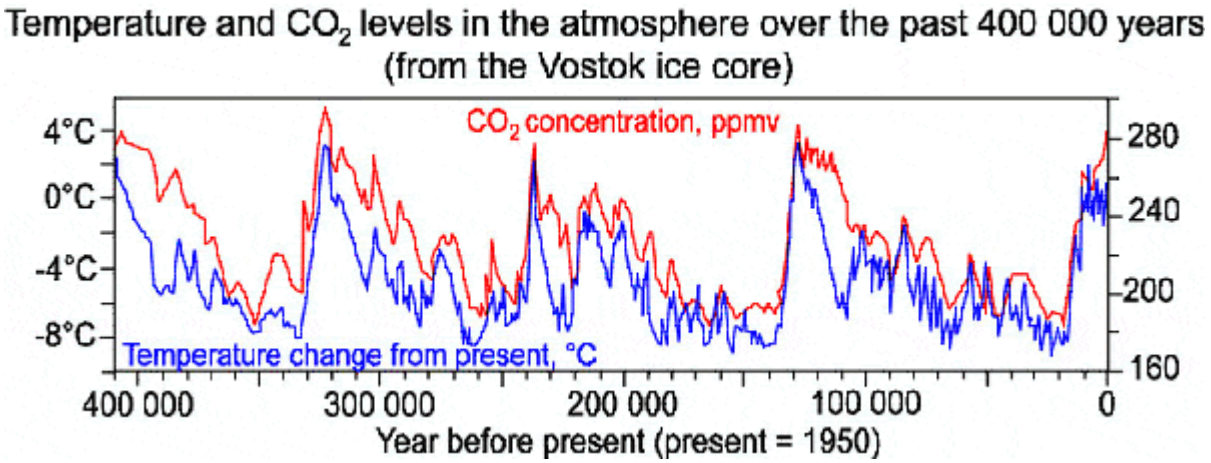
For once I envy the French.

Did CO2 Precede Warming or Vice Versa?

March 8, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Any aspiring or junior deputy economists of the more scientific strain know the answer?

I saw this chart and unfortunately I do not have the time to go and find the data, but just eye-balling it, it looks like CO2 ***follows*** the temperature, not precedes it, ergo is not causing it. And since the data points are in excess of 400,000 even a small shift to the left would indicate a couple score of years.



The Banks Shall Pay

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It is now almost a daily occurence where I either hear, see or actually have to deal with some middle aged guy who just doesn't get the fact that the housing market is crashing.

Be it a real estate developer proposing adding another 300 condos to the already over saturated 6,000 condos in the Twin Cities market or a banker salivating over the commission on a $10 million real estate deal that will heap further glut to that endless sea of oh-so original gray, vynil sided suburbanite twin homes, there I sit, looking at people asking me to recommend giving them other people's hard earned money for a frivolous and stupid real estate deal that has about as much chance as getting paid back as me getting with Selma Hayek. And I often opine, cynically, that they know full well they can't pay it back and that they know full well the deal is crap, they're just trying to keep the cash flow going so they can drive their BMW and continue living in the McMansion without having to actually take a real job.

But what I'm amazed at is the pressure to "find some way" to make these zombie deals get approved. The political pressure in the banking and financial services industry to at all costs, keep the party going like it was 2004. Forget the quality of the investments, forget the probability of getting a decent return. We need the volume, we need the sales, profits be damned.

Ah the joys of having commission based compensation.

But I'd be curious to hear from other economists, analysts, researchers and other professionals in between to see if they see the same thing. To see if I'm the only one standing there saying, "hey, the emperor has no clothes on" or if this is prevalent throughout the industry.

Alas, I feel all I'm relegated to do is keep posting hard data and stats to chronicle my criticism so that some day, some day, higher ups, people in power will look back and say, "gee, if we just would have listened or hired out an economist, we wouldn't have lost those billions of dollars in the housing market."

Sadly, the banks shall pay for their ignorance.

I Actually Feel Sorry for Bush

March 10, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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http://www.breitbart.com/news/2007/03/09/D8NOPDJO1.html

I see hypocrisy three.

1. Here in the US they hate Bush because he doesn't do enough with ethanol and is in cahoots with big oil.

2. There they hate Bush because he's in cahoots with "Big Ethanol" and fear an Ethanol OPEC

3. These are the same scum bags that think Hugo Chavez is some great guy WHO ACTUALLY IS PART OF AN ENERGY CARTEL CALLED "OPEC!"

This just shows you that it has nothing to do with any kind of legitimate criticism against Bush, it's just a bunch of whiney little socialists that hate Bush, hate capitalism, are limitlessly envious of America and suffer from a disease I call "ATRS"

"Anything to Rationalize Socialism."

The symptoms are simple;

They want wealth to be redistributed.

They don't want to work for it or produce their own wealth.

Ergo they'll find any reason to villianize those with wealth, power or economic production as a means to provide the rationale to transfer wealth to them.

It is the epitome of greed, envy, evil and above all childishness.

The Death of Health Packs

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Sometimes you have to spend money to save money.

And I'm being serious about this, but I added it up once and roughly, very roughly if you are a 20 something of average income you will probably spend about $40 each night if you go out (of course this is for your average guy, whereas it would be much lower for your average 20 something girl accounting for "ladies nights" and "free drinks subsidies" subsidized to you by, ahem, men). But neither here nor there, roughly, you can expect to drop $40 each night you go out.

Which is why I fully endorse refusing to feel guilty when dropping significant money on home entertainment expenditures. Things like flat panel TV's, LCD projectors, DVD's, stereo systems and of course, video games. Some of the wisest expenditures you can make. And the reason why is that, yes, you will have to drop about $900 on that LCD projector and yes, you will have to drop $500 on the deluxe edition of X-Box 360, but in doing so you will provide a better alternative to going out, getting drunk and hitting on girls that didn't want to meet you in the first place anyway, all of which at $40 per pop will add up to more than you spend on home entertainment purchases.

And this isn't just fluff, I personally adhere to this philosophy as I recently bought the X-Box 360 "package" which included two remote controllers, a recharger and "Gears of War" the flagship video game of the 360. I also purchased "Call of Duty 3" as I like to keep my Nazi-fighting skills up just incase there is a resurgence in Nazism and I can protect the chicks.

Now doing the rough math, both games are going to require at least, LEAST 30 hours game play. That translates into 60 hours and if I divide that by the average time I spend going out on weekend nights (3 hours) that results in roughly me saving 20 $40 nights which equals a savings of $800.

Just these two games alone put me $300 ahead of the game after deducting my $500 X-box system. So men, boys and ardent video game players of all stripes all across the world, UNITE! For if anybody argues with you that video games are a waste of money, eau contraire. They are a wise use of one's money.

However, while we may rejoice in the economic efficiency of video games there is something I noticed playing the latest generation. Instead of having health packs to regenerate your health, all they have now is this "red eye gauge" thing which turns redder and redder the closer you come to dying. Get too red and you're dead. And to recover all you have to do is hide, let a little time pass and your health will recover

completely on its own.

Well what the hell happened health packs????

I LIKED the health packs!

The whole concept that you could be a paper cut away from death and all you had to do was turn the corner, and BOOM! Health pack! Completely renewed you could about-face and unleash a torrent of revenge upon those AI enemies that put you so close to death in the first place.

Or if playing against your friends in multiplayer you could charge out into the battlefield blasting away at your friends knowing that if you timed it right you'd be able to get to the health pack first ensuring your victory and their death while chalking it all up to "skill."

Hell, there's been times I've left parties in a less-than-sober state half thinking and hoping to find a health pack in the alley.

Regardless, 20 years the health pack has been an integral part of the video gaming world, and now we're just going to give up on it?

Think of the pscyhological ramifications. They have become so engrained in our video gaming psyche that everytime we see one our brain is conditioned now to release serotonin. When have you ever seen a health pack and NOT smiled? Spread that across billions of people consuming trillions of health packs over the past 20 years and you're talking AT LEAST metric tons of serotonin and lot's of good fuzzy feelings being throw out the door because some Palo Alto Gen-X schmutz came up with a "cooler" way to gauge health.

But what can I do? I'm just the sole owner of an X-Box 360. So aspiring, junior and deputy economists of the video gaming strand have a drink in honor of the health pack. Something tells me it will go the way of the joystick.

Join Captain Capitalism on the Dave Thompson Show!

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Hey all!

Good ol' Captain Capitalism will be subbing for Dave Thompson this evening, Central Standard Time from 8PM-11PM.

You can listen on AM 1500 KSTP, but if you're outside the Twin Cities area, fear not, you can listen online at www.am1500.com

Call in 651-646-8255 or 1-877-615-1500!

Ruining My Image of Southern Belles

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I like calling Geico if for any other reason that their call center is in Macon Georgia which means if I get a female customer service rep then I'm guaranteed to hear that heavenly southern belle accent.

I was first exposed to it when I attended the Ludwig Von Mises Institute at Auburn University in Alabama. I walked into the dorms, registered with the attendant and she said, "Your room sir, is 420."

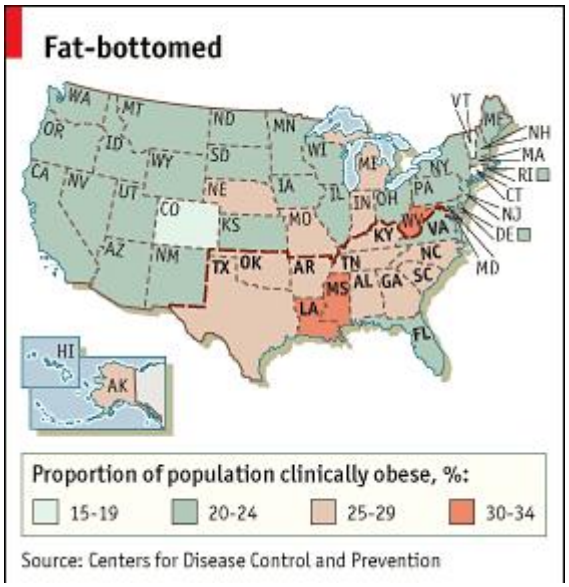
A solid week of solid economics and I don't remember anything but that voice saying, "420."

Even standard conversation, the southern belle accent makes anything sound grand.

"Would you like fries with your Big Mac sir?"

"Yeah, sure, whatever, load me up, whatever you want, I'll give you my house and my car and donate blood, declare war on a small third world nation, I'm still trying to digest what you said before, keep talking, just keep talking."

So it was sad to see The Economist come up with this interesting little chart.



Mayhaps it's best I just hear their voices over the phone.

This One's for Paulette

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Here's the e-mail

captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Make sure to copy and paste it. People keep misspelling it.

Drive By Posting

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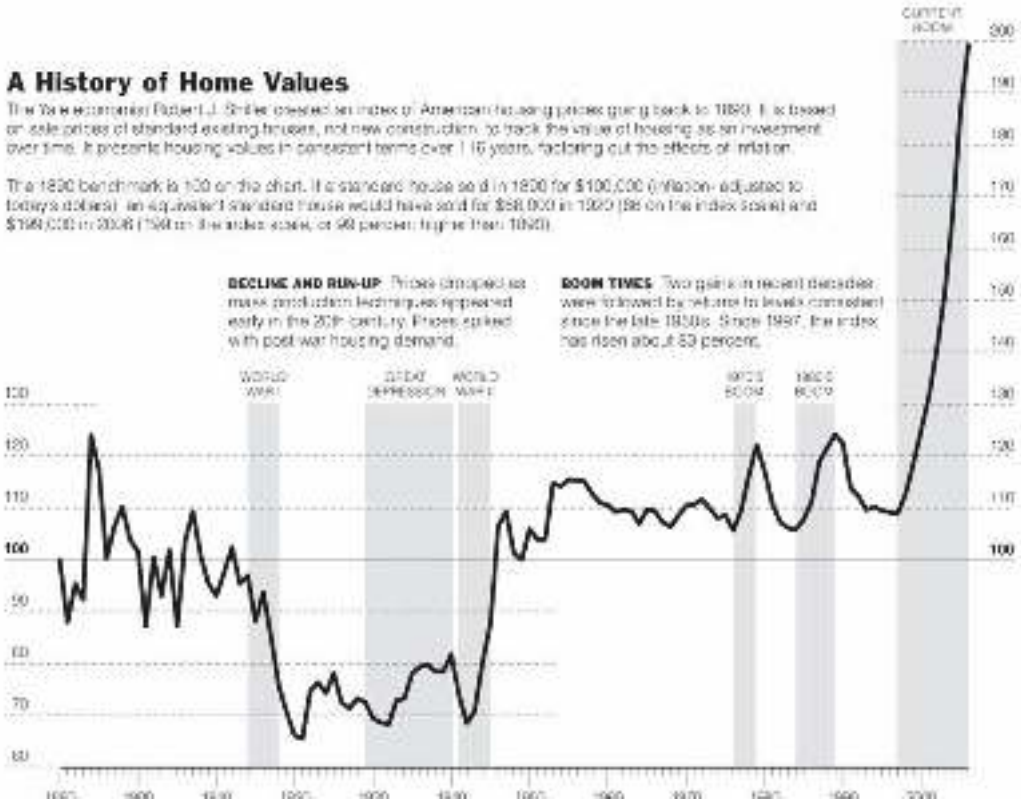
Geez, no time this week. Sorry all, but busy season came in something fierce (I've been using that phrase ever since I started watching "Firefly"). So here's my quickie chart, no doubt some of you have seen from the genius Robert Shiller. Sometimes economists just need a quickie.



The Real Slim Shady

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http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D8NRCQE80&show_article=1

You're Already Dead Blythe

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Ronald Speirs. Shoots one of his own to save the company. Winters backs him up. Nobody thinks about it twice. We need more badasses like him.

The only thing I didn't see in the Wiki entry was his crossing the enemy lines twice whilst breaking out of Bastogne.

Anybody know if that's true?

10% Tithing?

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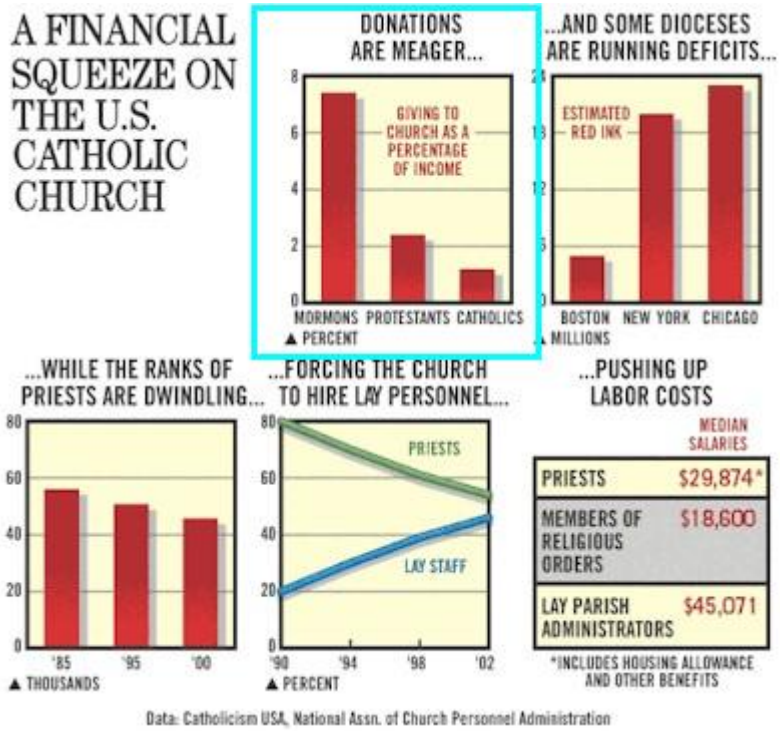
The chart deals more with the financial troubles the catholic church is running into, but I found one of the charts in the amalgamation particularly interesting (highlighted)



I thought it said in the bible that you should give 10%? I guess religious folk pick and choose which rules to follow.

But What Do I Know? I'm Just a Caveman

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"Caveman Lawyer" was one of my favorite SNL skits. It consisted of Phil Hartmann dressed up as a lawyer who was a caveman. The punch line was that he was a very articulated and intelligent lawyer and would always end his arguments to the jury with, "but then again, what do I know? I'm just a caveman."

Sometimes I feel like Caveman Economist, trying to convince the powers that be that the housing market has got a ways to go. Then my supplier of real estate data hits me up with this;

Price Range	#	%	Absorption Rate
0 - 200000	14412	37.4%	7.0
200000 - 300000	11818	30.7%	6.8
300000 - 400000	5345	13.9%	9.5
400000 - 500000	2631	6.8%	10.7
500000 - 700000	2317	6.0%	12.1
700000 - 1000000	1182	3.1%	14.5
1000000 +	841	2.2%	20.6
Total	38546		7.0

According to NAR
Absorption Rate = Type of Market
2-3 months = Sellers Market
4-5 months = Balanced Market
6-7 months = Buyer's Market

Absorption Rate= the number of months it will take for the current supply of available properties to become pending/sold.

But then again, what do I know? I'm just a caveman.

The Ultimate Economic Slap in France's Face

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All their talented wealth producers are leaving.

Libertarian Economics 101

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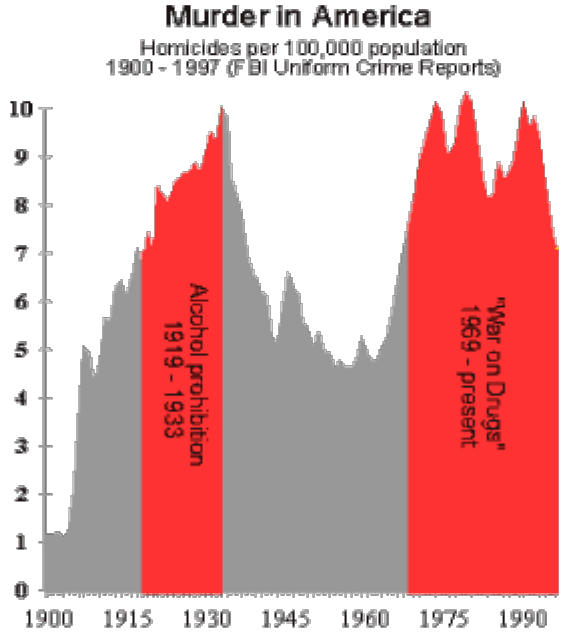
Every libertarian knows this.



Sadly we seem to be the only people that know this. Wish the chart was more up to date.

Didn't Get to This

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Wanted to talk about this on The Dave Thompson Show last week, but we didn't have time. Won't be back on the air for a while, but wanted to mention it because it is pretty freaking sweet.

http://www.news.com.au/story/0,10117,21363226-2,00.html?from=public_rss

Also here;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shadow_Wolves

Reminds me Windtalkers. Unfortunately it was all about Nicolas Cage's "magical Thompson Machine Gun" that managed to hit every enemy and had limitless bullets and less about the Code Talkers calling in coordinates.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

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To the best Economists in the world!

THE IRISH!

They Took 'Ur Jobs! - The Best of Captain Capitalism

March 18, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Thought this might be a funny one to repost. Sad though.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2005/09/25/nivf25.xml&sSheet=/portal/2005/09/25/ixportaltop.html

To quote one of the commenters on this post "THEY TOOK 'UR JOBS!"

Thank the Chinese and the Arabs for Your High House Prices

March 18, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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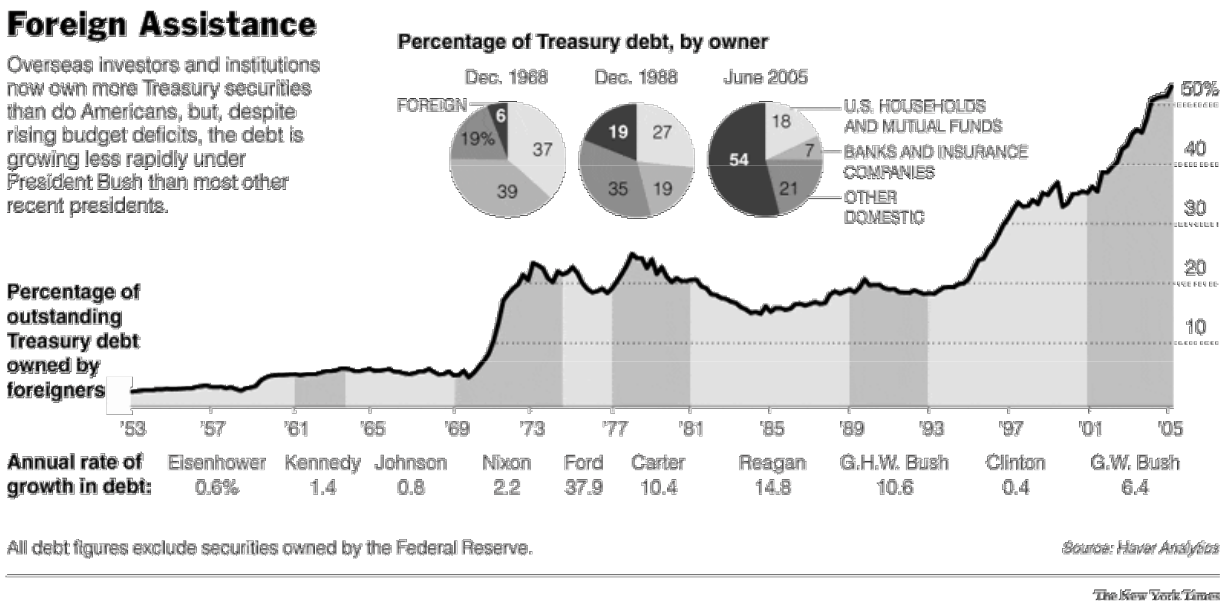
What I find interesting is that, presumably, people that are much higher ranked than me, with much higher offices and fancier cars are paid the big time bookoo bucks to know more than I do.
Which I find interesting because usually I'm explaining to them that one cannot just look at the US and expect to find the reason why we had this housing bubble form. Sure they say, "well, interest rates are at historic lows." I even remember somebody saying, "we don't have to worry about interest rates because the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates to keep the economy going" because he didn't know that the Federal Reserve only controls the Federal Funds Rate, not the 30 year conventional mortgage rate. None of them know there's an international component to the housing bubble formula. None of them know the relationship China (and to a lesser extent) Arab nations have with our housing prices.

The short of it is that China and various Arab nations have effectively muted the "crowding out effect." Meaning, traditionally if the government ran large deficits (which it has under Bush Jr.) this meant the US government would have to borrow money from the markets to finance its expenditures, leaving less money to be loaned out to the private sector. This drove up interest rates as the supply of loanable dollars shrank. Normally this would then put a dampening effect on housing prices as people would not be able to borrow as much money at such high interest rates and therefore demand for housing would go down.

However, this assumes the US operates completely on its own, innoculated from the rest of the world....which it doesn't.

China, flush with cash from selling all of its wares to us, and Middle Eastern nations flush with cash from selling all of their oil to us (at very high prices) have been taking their proceeds and buying a larger and larger share of US government debt. This means the government doesn't have to come to US citizens to borrow the money and ensures the debt markets are flush with loanable dollars keeping interest rates at historic lows despite large government deficits.



Of course, the problem is what if China and the Arab nations get their fill of US government bonds and decide to stop loaning the US trillions of dollars? This would drive up interest rates and then put further downward pressure on our already deflating housing market.
Good thing they haven't started doing that!...Or have they?

What's Wrong with this Picture?

March 19, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So I saw this on Fox News and I highlighted something I found odd.

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Mother Arrested After First-Grade Son Brings Crack Cocaine to Show-and-Tell

Monday, March 19, 2007
Associated Press

E-MAIL STORY | PRINTER FRIENDLY VERSION

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SHREVEPORT, La. — A 20-year-old Shreveport woman has been arrested after her first-grade son brought a rock of crack cocaine to school for show-and-tell.

Police were especially disturbed by the child's understanding of crack cocaine. They said he seemed so accustomed to the highly addictive drug that he thought there was nothing wrong with bringing it to school.

Police did not release the name of the school, saying they are still investigating.

Lachristie Thomas was booked on a charge of improper child supervision, a misdemeanor.

Police say the six-year-old was placed in foster care.

See Next Story in U.S.

So aspiring and/or junior deputy economists, anybody want to tell me what the REAL problem here is?

Hint - It's not the fact some child who should be too young to know what crack is brought it to school for show and tell.

Another Horrible Stock Tip from Captain Capitalism

March 19, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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As you all know instead of going on with lengthy legal disclaimers about investing if I wish to talk about investing, I opt instead to pick the **WORST STOCKS POSSIBLE** and then beg and plead with you not to invest in them because;

1. They are highly speculative.
2. They are highly risky.
3. You are pretty much guaranteed to lose any money you throw into them.
4. Only single people with no children and a rich uncle can afford to invest in these stocks.
5. You will contract ebola if you do.
6. You will have obese children should you procreate.
7. Hilary Clinton will become president.

But no, you idiots and morons out there are not going to heed my warning and still insist on losing all your money just like I'm about to with this stock.

The stock?

GOVX.

Shouldn't be too big a surprise, it was on Drudge a couple days back. They claim they are attempting to make a vaccine for the HIV virus. I say "claim" because no doubt they're probably taking all their capital and spending it all on styrafoam shrubs. And hey, ain't that just like me? I always pick the loser stocks.

So please, whatever you do,

DO NOT INVEST IN GOVX!

PLAGUE, FAMINE AND CARROT TOP WILL ENSUE!

A POX UPON YOUR FAMILY AND GENERATIONS TO COME!

THE MACARENA WILL RETURN!

AND THE IRISH WILL DANCE TO IT!

AND THE BRITS WILL COOK

AND THE FRENCH WILL FIGHT!!!

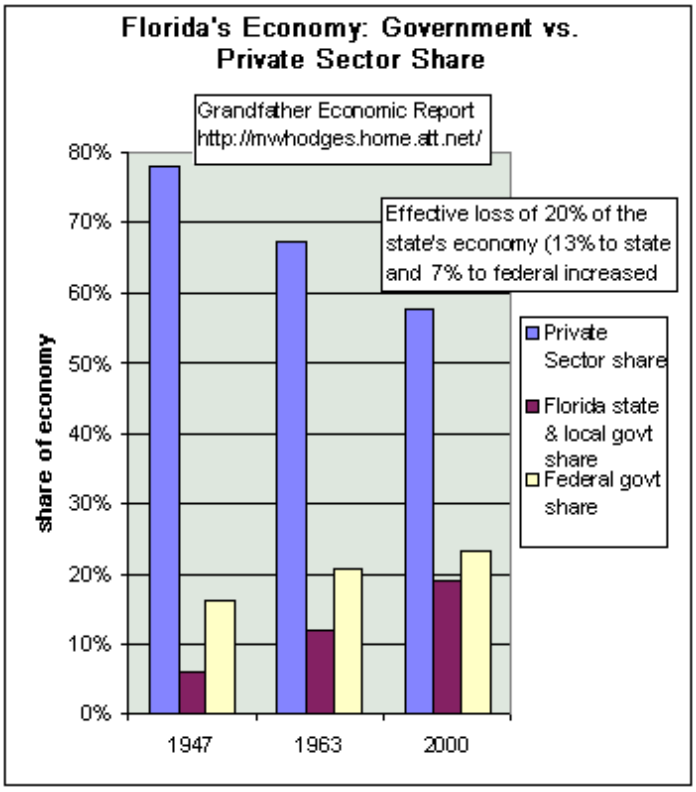
DOGS AND CATS LIVING TOGETHER! MASS HYSTERIA!!!

All because you were foolish enough to invest in this never-to-be-profitable venture.

Soon, there will be No Private Sector

March 20, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Mike Hodges over at the Grandfather Report is kind of one of the original inspirations of Captain Capitalism because during my research previous to the blogging days I would happen across his site A LOT whenst looking for particular data. He is the Yoda if you will of charting. So when I happened upon this chart it was no surprise to me that it was authored by Mr. Hodges and warrants posting.



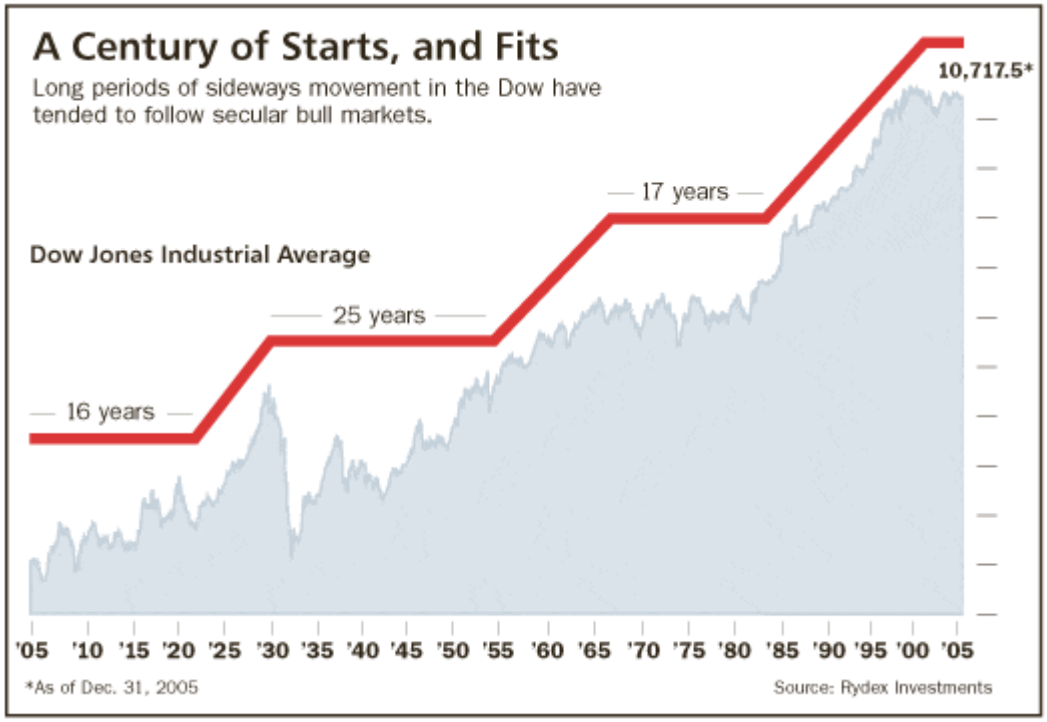
Sadly this is a trend all of the western world is in and soon there will be no private sector.

The Baby Boomers' Worst Nightmare

March 22, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There are examples throughout stock market history of the stock market experiencing 20 year dry spells where after 20 years the market didn't do much but break even.

The "Nifty Fifty" is a perfect example where back in the 50's and 60's if you invested in the (I think) top 50 companies in the US then "nothing could go wrong." Of course, if you invested in 1965, then you would have had to wait until Reagan started turning the economy and market around in 1983 to break even.
Such a fear, a prolonged spell of 0 or perhaps negative returns haunts the baby boomers as they're approaching and some entering retirement. Used to the roughly 12% annual returns stocks provided over the past 20 years (driven primarily by them flooding the market with their retirement dollars), if such a spell were to hit now, their entire retirement plan would fly out the window.
Thus, it was an honorable chart says I when I happened upon this little ditty a couple days ago.



Have you switched to fixed income yet?

How the Brits Will Stop the Housing Crash

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Normally if somebody came up to me and said, "hey I want to build some condos in Florida, what do you think?"

I'd say, "Go to the credit unions. They're wanna-be banks, and stupid enough to loan the money to you."

However, I have to hat tip it to some savvy developers who realized while demand in America for American property is all but satiated, demand for American property by FOREIGNERS is not.
Particularly the British.

Brits, generally like America. They speak the same language. We're from the same stock and they do vacation here. And well-to-do Brits who make the jump to the US are starting to demand a "cabin" in the colonies.

But there are two things playing to their advantage;

1. The Pound has increased 20% against the Dollar in the past 5 years making US property more affordable

2. (And although I don't have this confirm) the British are allowed to withdraw, tax and penalty free, a certain percent of their pension for other investments. Property in the US

presumably qualifies.
This, no doubt, would be viewed by most overleveraged Americans as a good thing as this additional demand would increase the value of their homes.
My question is how many of those same Americans ignorantly blather on about the horrible evils of globalization.

The Museum of Communism

March 24, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This was sent to me a while ago, never got around to posting it.

But I love it. The Museum of Communism, right next to the McDonald's and casino.

It again points out something I've always said;

Capitalism isn't an option. It's reality. It's whether a people or a country wants to live in reality or try to ignore it to their economic demise.

http://www.muzeumkomunismu.cz/eng_find_us.html

Never Has So Much Poverty Been Eradicated by the Production of So Much Wealth Made By So Many

March 25, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You just got got to be amazed with China. Europe gets all giggity giggity when they have positive economic growth, we stroke our beards here in the US when he exceed 3%. China feels bad if it falls below 8%.

Happy Happy Joy Joy

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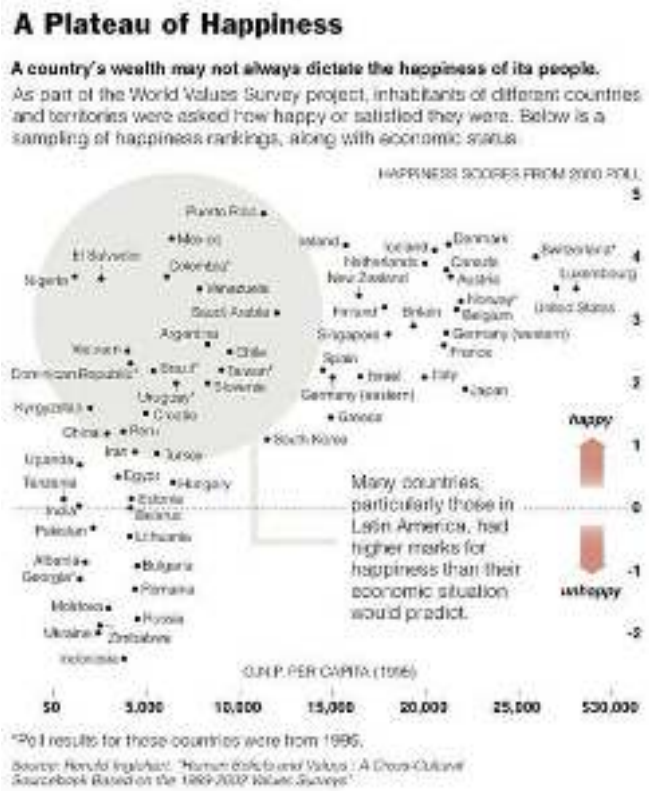

I would have thought Latin America would be poorly ranked.

Would be curious to see how tropical temperatures and climes affect this.

BEST COMPLIMENT EVER!!!!

March 26, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Ladies and gentlemen, the Captain has just received what he deems to be LITERALLY the best compliment he has ever received;

"You're like an evil Cary Grant."

Yes, yes I am.

Yeah, Right, "Poor"

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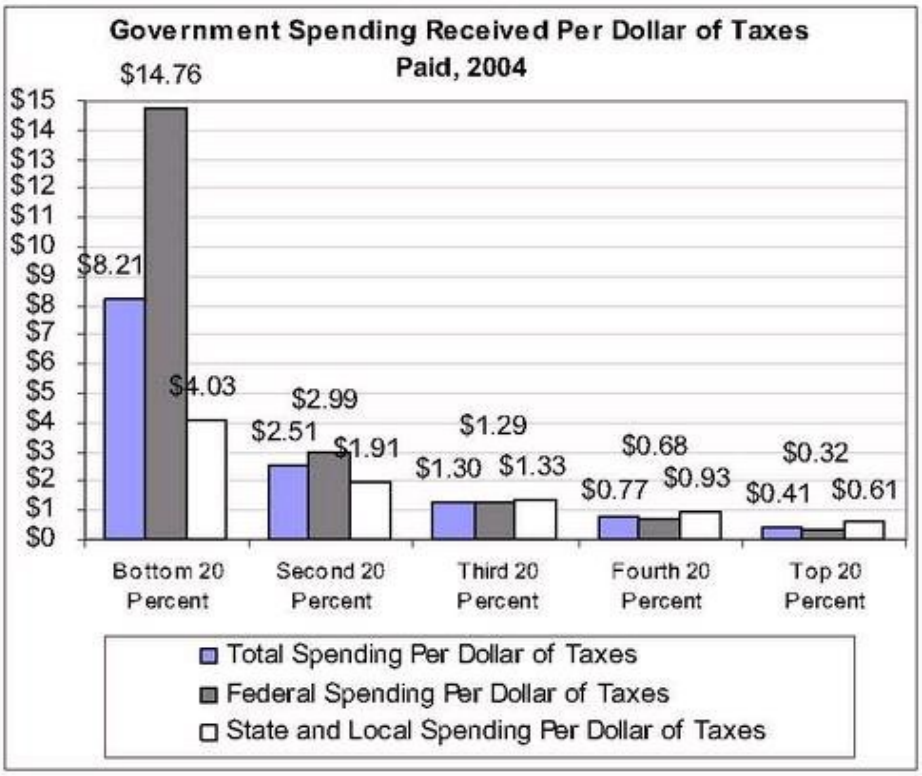
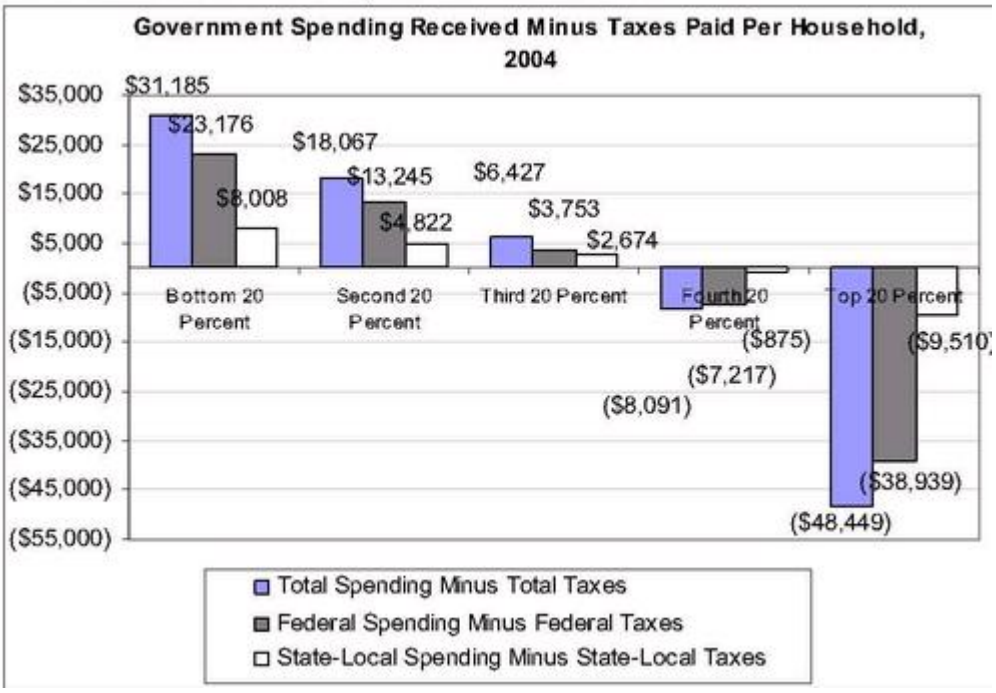
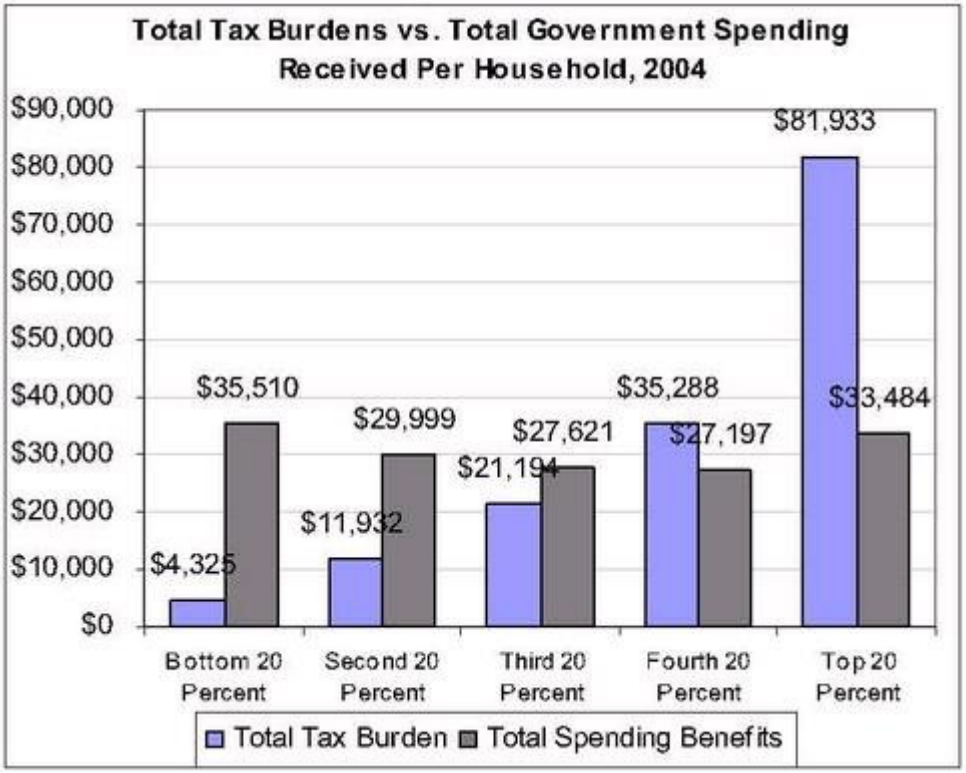
I love these charts! Thanks to Dr. Bob for forwarding the info.







Remember these charts when it comes to tax season and the next time some one says the rich doesn't pay their fair share.

Send Me Your Weak, Your Tired, Your Charts

March 27, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hi All,

Busy week here in Cappy Cap World, for some reason the spring and warm weather has boosted my work load (studies on GDP growth versus warm spring temperatures anybody?), thus since I am a lazy bastard I think it's time for once again;

CAPTAIN CAPITALISM'S ANNUAL CHART CONTEST!!!!

Yes, Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest where you aspiring, junior, deputy and official economists can send in your charts and compete to win

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How can you NOT participate!?

E-mail your best charts to captcapitalism@yahoo.com

And I do honor my payments and prizes

Ask last year's winner, Doink!

"Hey, Why Do I Have to be the Poop Checker?"

March 28, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of my favorite movies is Ice Age. Manny the large, ornery mammoth and Sid the Sloth take this human infant and try to reunite it with its family. On the way of course the kid is crying and they surmise the kid may have filled his shorts. Manny looks to Sid and says,

"You, check for poo."

Sid contests, "Hey, why do I have to be the poop checker?"

To which Manny responds,

"Because bringing the kid along was your idea in the first place. Because you're small and insignificant. And because if you don't I'LL PUMMEL YOU!"

And it's times like these where I think society needs a little more of the stern, fatherly Manny type approach to disciplining children and people and a little less coaxing and motherly/bribing approach.

Why do I say this? Well it seems some teenagers in Britain went and protested at parliament because they weren't getting enough funds for after school activities and other such things.

Britain confronts 'teen terror'

Troubled youth spur national conversation

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Homeward-bound commuters hurry past the gaggle of teens sprawling and skateboarding at dusk on a London street. Hooded and rau-

ALASTAIR GRANT, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teenagers — wearing black "hoodies" — demonstrate outside Westminster Palace in London recently. They were supporting more government financial support for youth clubs as a means to keep British teens off the streets and out of trouble.

Their rationale was that if the government just gave them some money for these after school programs and support programs then these children wouldn't get in trouble with the law, start fights and would behave etc.

Thus, I asked myself, SINCE WHEN DO WE START BRIBING PEOPLE TO BEHAVE!!!!!?????

That's called blackmail. "Pay me or I will do something to you that is dislikable. Pay me or else!"

What happened to the days when kids would behave because of the merits of behaving? What happened to the days of understanding that you follow the law and do not break out into fights because society would otherwise degrade and collapse and it would be a reenactment of "Lord of the Flies?" And above all, what happened to the days where parents would instill morals and merits upon their children via discipline????

Alas, that is where the problem probably lies; the parents. I have to keep reminding myself whilst I'm not ready for marriage or children, my generation is currently the highest volume producers of them. And knowing the quality and caliber of Gen X (here or in Britain) it should be no surprise that my generation's offspring is just as screwed up as we were if not, worse.

Furthermore, this attitude that "we are entitled to money and funds for just behaving like normal, responsible kids" can only be the product of a severe dearth of fatherly upbringing.

Notice I didn't say "fathers." I meant "fatherly upbrining." As in spanking. As in yelling. As in Manny pummelling Sid.

As in, "Just you wait! When your father gets home...."

And then the insufferable agony of waiting until your dad came home to righteously pummel you, where that was worse than the punishment to the point you'd contemplate running away.
Not this, "well, it's time for a time out."

Or, "that's it, you are docked 3 behavior points. No Sponge Bob Square Pants for you."

Or you idiotic parents trying to reason with a 3 year old child with your euphemistically name "30 something adult logic."

I want Bill Cosby, full out, "LET THE BEATINGS BEGIN!"

That's what I'm talking about.

Of course, that is taboo in today's society (and a reason why I shy away from having kids). Some idiot congresswoman in California just tried to make it illegal to spank your children. France was kicking around the idea. The goal effectively relegating parents to only positive reinforcement methods to discipline their children.

Some say, "positive reinforcement methods" I call it "bribery." And as an economist I know discipline is cheaper than bribery.

However, that may be the key to this push (predominantly from the left) to abandon discipline and replace it with bribery. I always said, in my years substitute teaching in the public schools, that if I was allowed to discipline the kids, I could handle a class room of 100 students, by myself, and they'd learn and score better than any other class in the school district. But well behaved students don't bring in special education money.

Well behaved children, don't bring in the money for counselors and therapists and consultants that account for the plurarlity of the education budget. Well behaved children don't bring in the extra funds for behavioral modification classes. Additionally well behaved people in general require less and less government spending be it less money spent on the court system, less money spent on the police or less money spent on rehab/prisons or the bevy of other government programs to deal with the problem makers of society.

And that seems to be the enemy; well behaved people. In an insanely cynical pining I wonder if that isn't the goal of the left. To get an entire generation of irresponsible misfits into the population so that there is such chaos and tomfoolery, that it provides them the political rationale to provide trillions upon trillions of dollars in social spending to deal with the problems and , oh, how about that?, provide them with life long employment in the social services sector.

Of course the true victims of this inanity and the refusal to discipline our children will be those poor kids pictured above, living in La La Land thinking they should get paid for just staying out of trouble. Sadly for these youth, without the harsh Manny pummellings, something tells me they'll inevitably all have careers as poop-checkers.

South America's Sole Adult

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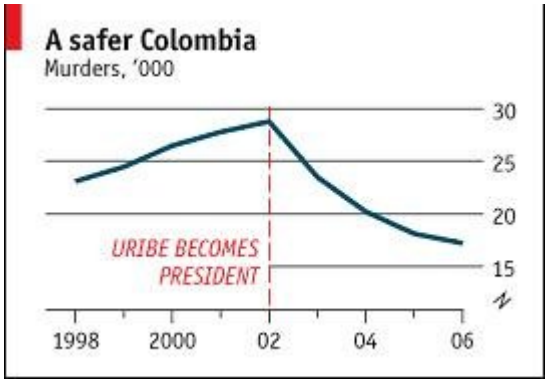
Alvaro Uribe



Amazing what happens when you put the grown ups in charge; actual progress.

I would love to pit Hugo Chavez's and Evo Morales' progress against Uribe's.

The Housing Bubble Will Increase the Divorce Rate

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Hee hee hee! Trouble in paradise?

I love it when the fake richey riches have to pay the piper.

I also forecast something nobody else has forecasted about the fall out of this here housing bubble bursting;

There will be a lot of divorces as a lot of men kept their true finances from a lot of wives and whilst those wives were used to living a lifestyle of $2.3 million McMansion and driving that Lexus SUV and having sushi every night while they went and had $5 mochas with the neighborhood wives club during the day, they will soon find out their net worth is "-$200,000" and they now have to sell the house, sell the car and move to an apartment in a blue collar neighborhood.

Yeah, right, as if.

Thunder Bay, Eh!?

March 31, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So it was 1984 and I was about 9 years old whenst I was last in Canada. I fondly remember threatening my younger sister that we'd push her over the falls without the aid of a barrel. Ahhh, memories.

Regardless, it's time to take a breather with the temporary lull in busy season (actually a freak schedule opening that allowed for a three day weekend) and head up north to Thunder Bay, smoke some Cuban cigars and uh...well umm...I guess that's really the only reason we're going.

Any of you Canucks that read this blog have any recommendations on what to do in Thunder Bay?

Economic Lessons in Canada Abound

April 1, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well it's a first for Captain Capitalism as this (are you ready? are you sitting down?) is the very first time I've made a post...

OUTSIDE OF THE US!

Yes, from scenic Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Actually, the landscape to the south is scenic and beautiful. The town itself, is (sorry my Canadian friends I hate to be so blunt) HORRIBLE!!!!

OMG! It's like a communist country in terms of the architecture here! Square, bland, gray or tan buildings. No ornate structures. The casino was literally, LITERALLY the best designed thing closely followed by the water company's building. WAL-MART is actually a better than average looking building! When I got to the "strip mall area" that cookie cutter, mass-produced suburban strip mall motif where they cram a Blockbuster in with a Subway a Starbucks an Applebee's and a Barnes and Noble all into one block it actually was a site for sore eyes!

Now, that being said, there is an AMAZING economic phenomenon going on here that shall make for a GREAT economic lesson that I shall share with ye all whenst I return.

Also, we've had some entries for Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart contest, but NONE OF OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS HAVE ENTERED! (Actually, neither have any other friends from any other countries)

It's just a bunch of us American schlepps thus far!

You don't want the Americans to dominate in yet ANOTHER field and competition do you?

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This Isn't Too Unlike Me at work

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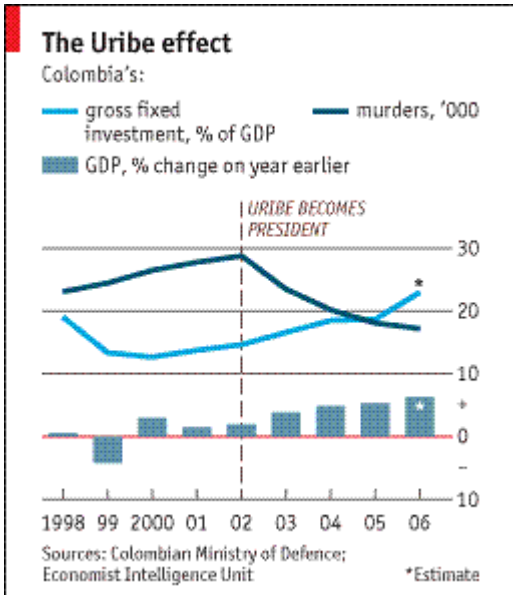
Sorry, missed this chart from The Economist previously.



Again, it's amazing what happens when adults take over.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant 1

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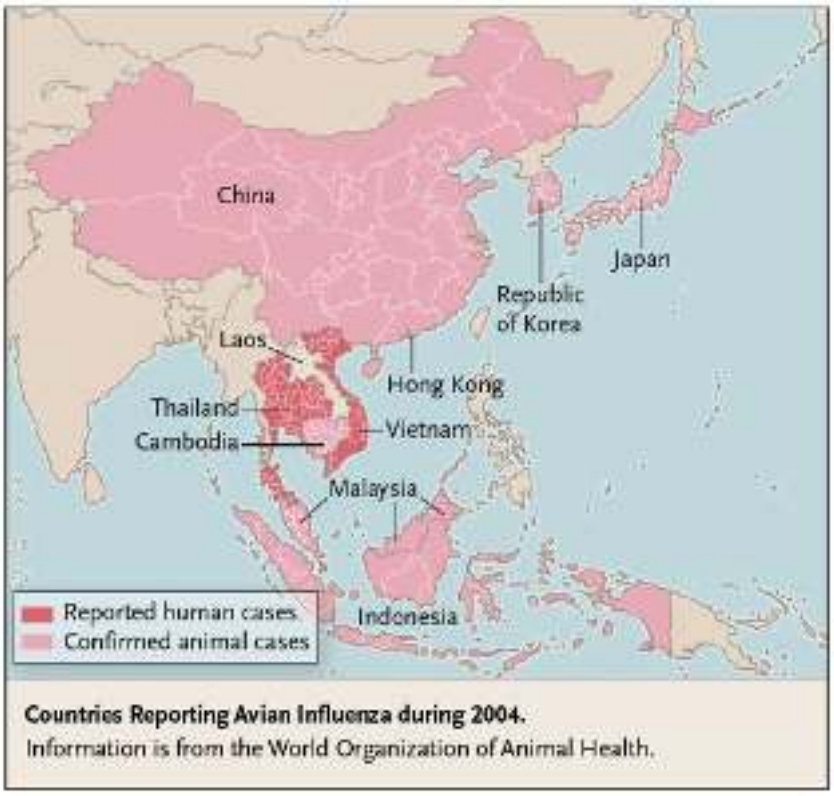
Here it is, from Robert.



Can you beat this chart? If you can $15 smackeroos are yours along with a signed photo of the Captain!

"Gee Frank, I Have No Freaking Clue Why Ireland is Kicking So Much Ass"

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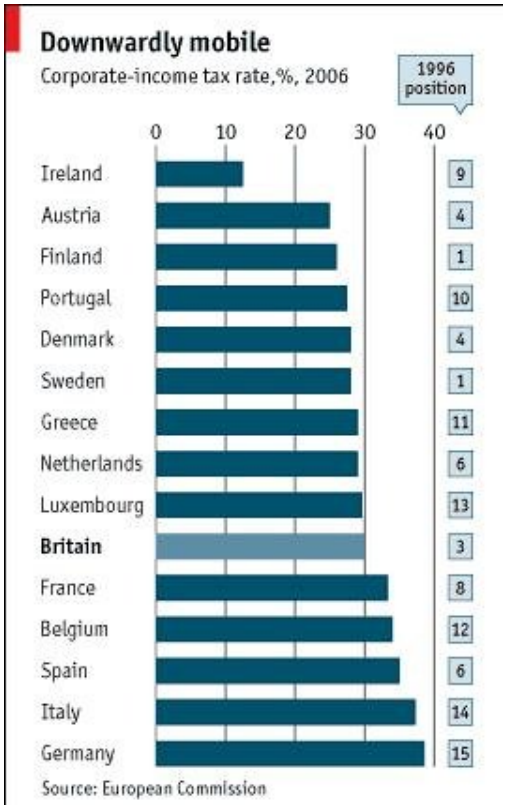


Will somebody on the left, please, PLEASE explain to me how you rationalize Ireland?

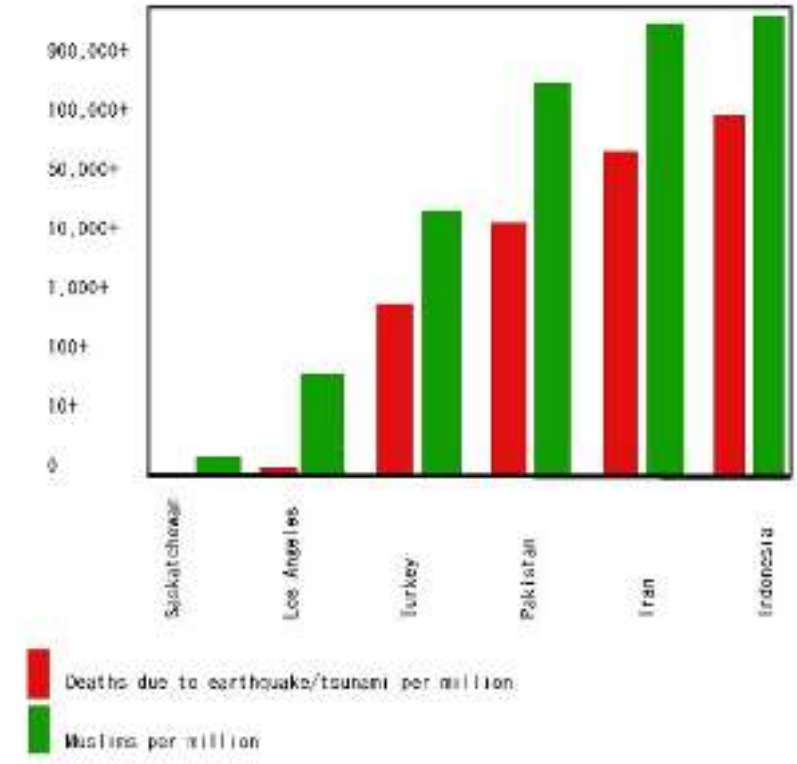
Really I need the joke. I need a good laugh. Tell me how Ireland lowering its taxes has not helped the country tranform itself from the armpit of Europe to the underdog rival to Luxembourg. How it has not brought its people out of French levels of poverty.

Any takers?

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Contestant #2

April 6, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good ol' Kate has sent me a chart which has me more confused. I don't know if she was trying to throw me off or if she was just pointing out that large Muslim populations live in areas that are prone to tsunamis.



Help me out Kate!
Remember, $15 and a signed photo of the Captain is all yours if you get the best chart.

Competition will run till whenever I feel like it should end!

Holy Freaking Neato Batman!

April 6, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

No doubt based on Shiller's famous chart. We should make all charts like this;

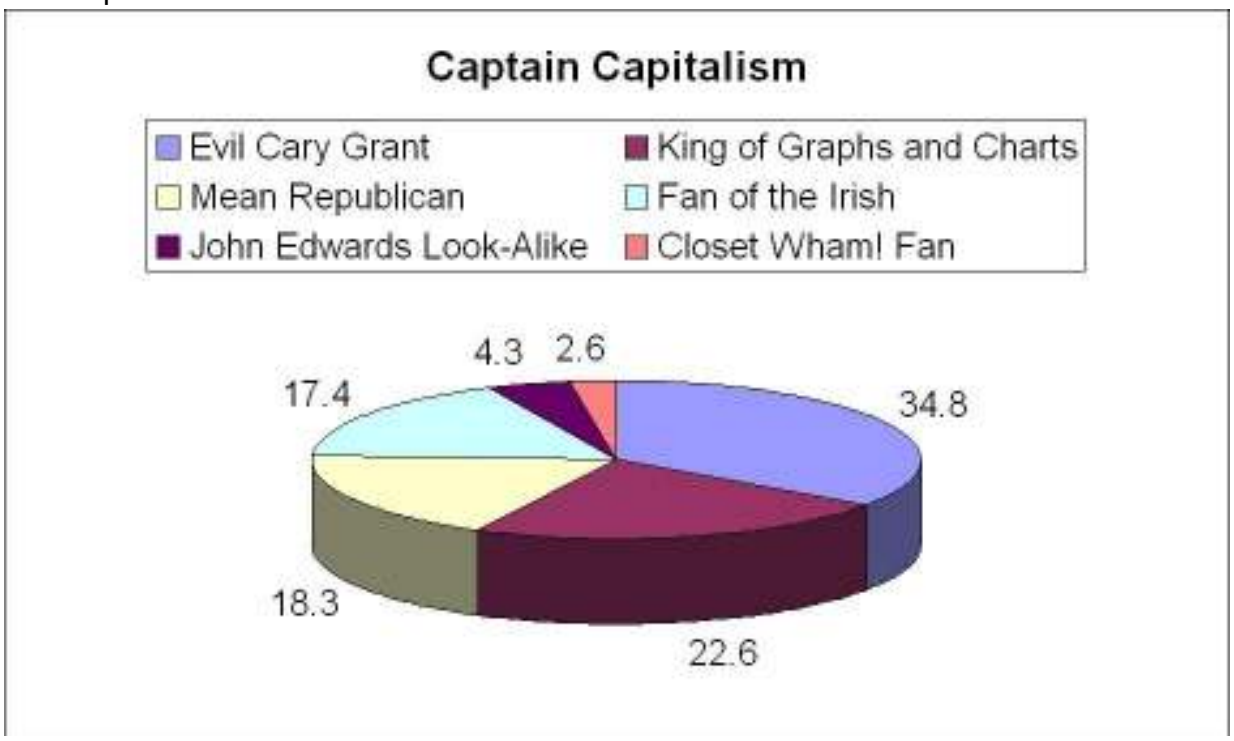
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-2757699799528285056

Then two things would happen. Younger folk would get interested in economics. People will finally start to realize that the worst of the housing bubble is not over.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #3

April 7, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Bad sent in this one. And he had doubt I was going to publish it! Such lack of faith in the Captain.



That being said, what, are you people trying to do to me???? I need context with these charts!!!

I surmise this is the potential real identity of the Captain? And why is it Bruce Wayne and Captain Capitalism have neve been photographed in the same picture?

Enter your chart by e-mailing it to captcapitalism@yahoo.com (that's CAPTcapitalism, not CAPITAINcapitalism@yahoo.com) and you too can win $15 and a signed photo of the Captain with his harem of Capitalism Cuties!

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #4

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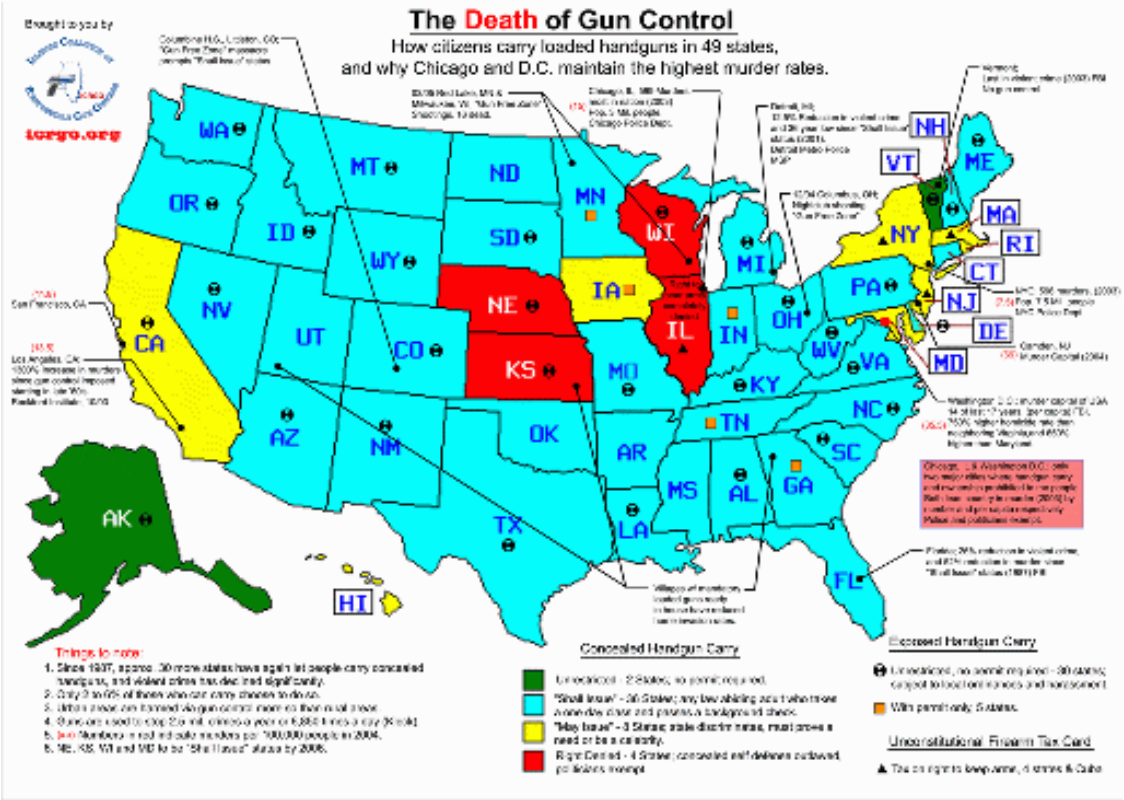

From Scott Olson!

Who will win? Is there a dark horse? Does the Captain favor cute redheads that submit charts? You won't know and won't stand a chance to win unless you submit your very own chart!

South of the Border

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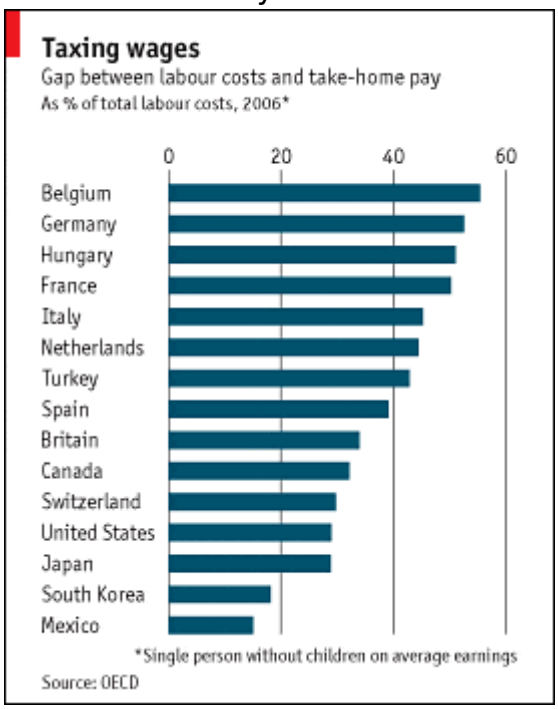
Down south of the border
Down Mexico way
All the guys and dames
Who work real hard
Keep most of their take home pay
And as my economic spidey senses tingle
My thoughts ever stray
South of the border
Down Mexico way.



Also, it reminds me of this post on long term unemployment as Mexico and South Korea also at the bottom of the charts there.

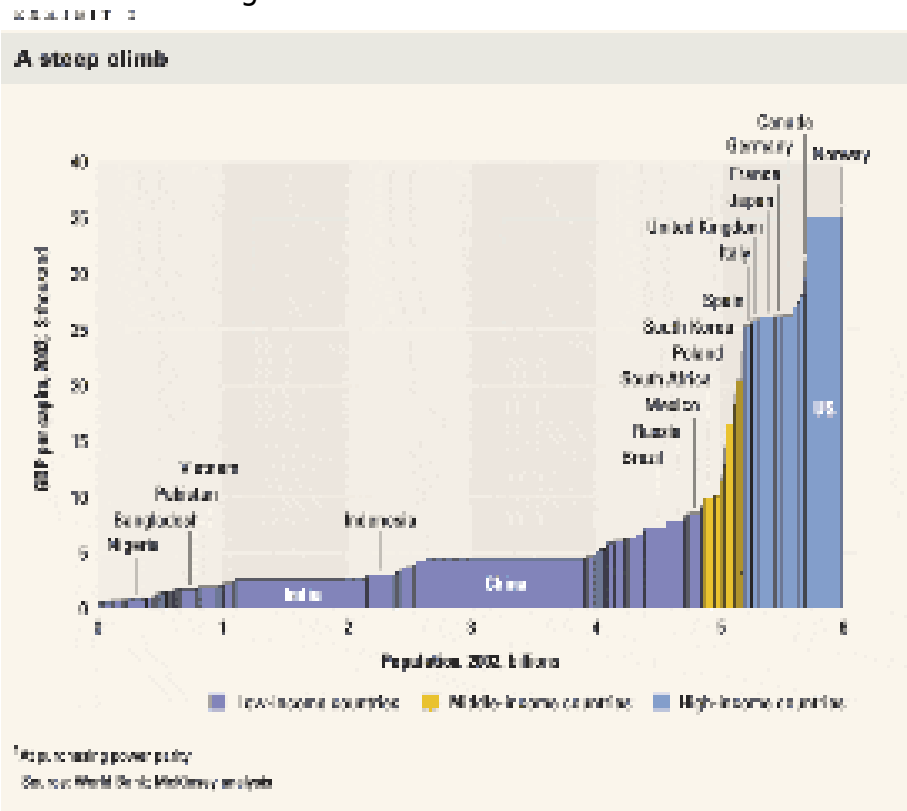
I would have done "South of the Border, Down South Korea's Way" but it just doesn't have the same ring to it.

This is Kind of a Neat Chart

April 11, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

Been busy, tax season and all. Just no time for the weary. Regardless here is a chart I found interesting.



I will be determining a winner here for the Annual Chart Contest.

Truthfully, anybody who puts forth the minimalist of efforts to find a decent chart could probably take it right about now, which would entitle you to $15 dollars and a signed photo of the Captain (though, some have suggested that this is no incentive, which hurts because I've always fashioned myself as at least cute! Where the heck are the female entrants to this competition?)

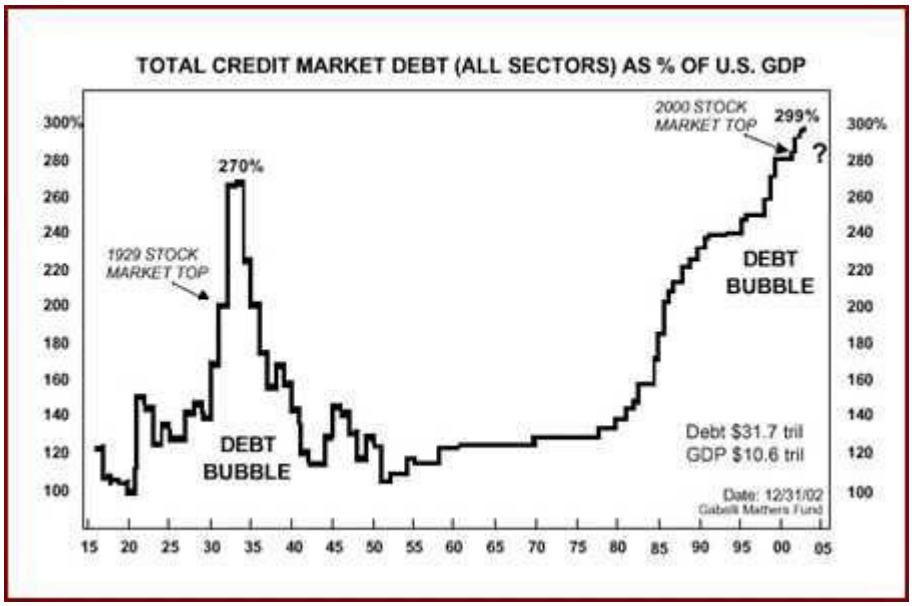
Another Cool Chart

April 11, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember in elementary or perhaps middle school where they blamed the Great Depression the the stock market crash of 1929 and in turn blamed the stock market crash on people buying on margin.

Debt, unless controlled, has more or less been the culprit of every bubble. If not it at least exacerbates the damage when the bubble pops. I've often speculated there must had been some climatic event that prompted Mohammed to ban the use of debt in Islam, much in the way I theorize that STD's and abandoned children wreaked such havoc upon society that marriage and monogamy were engrained in pretty much all religions.

So I was glad to see so much debt being used in the US today. Actually, it's probably a LOT more in that this chart only goes to 2002 and doesn't include all the idiots using ARMS and NegAm's to buy their houses.



And some other good news. Got a lot of charts sent to me for the competition. Actually, none of them were charts. They were links. But just a little bit of advice for all of you participating in Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest;

DON'T SEND ME LINKS TO CHARTS! That means I have to go and get them myself.

ATTACH THE CHARTS!

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #5!

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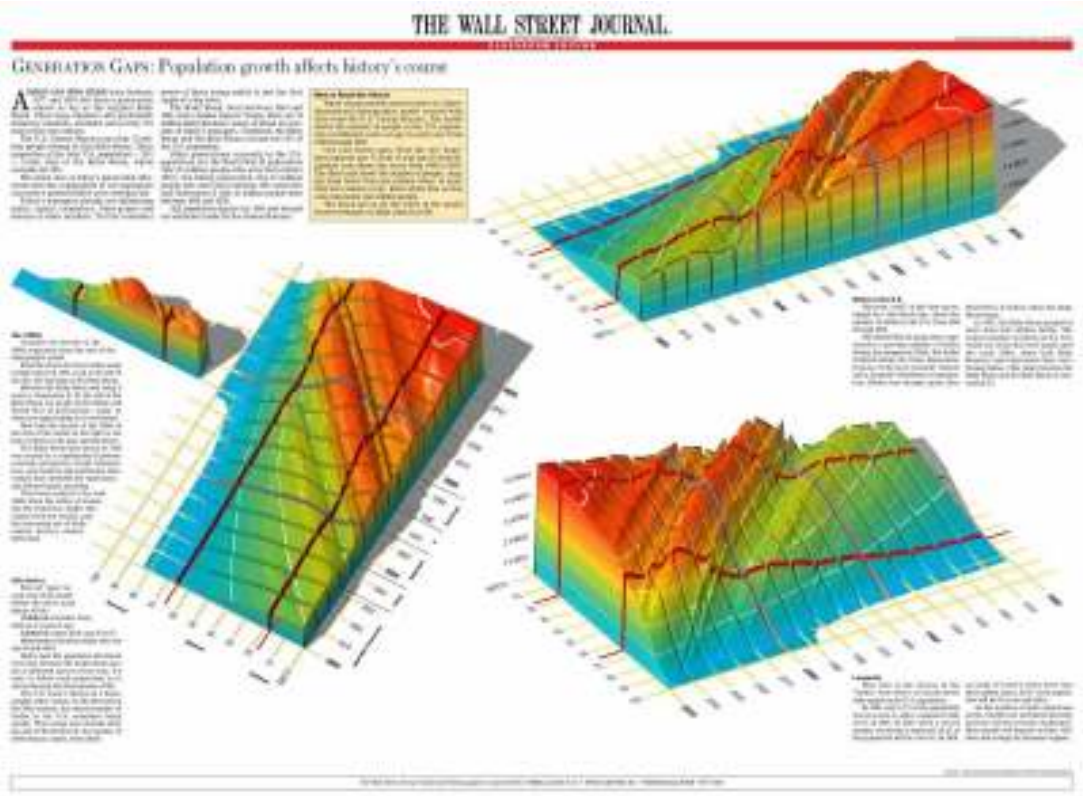
From Soren, a pretty neato chart. Actuall interactive so you'll want to click here to actually toy with it.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #4

April 12, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It took a while for me to get my eyes around this one, but Michelle has a distinct advantage in being a mathematician and this was probably as simple to her as a one line chart. Enjoy the next 15 minutes getting your arms around this one;



Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #6

April 13, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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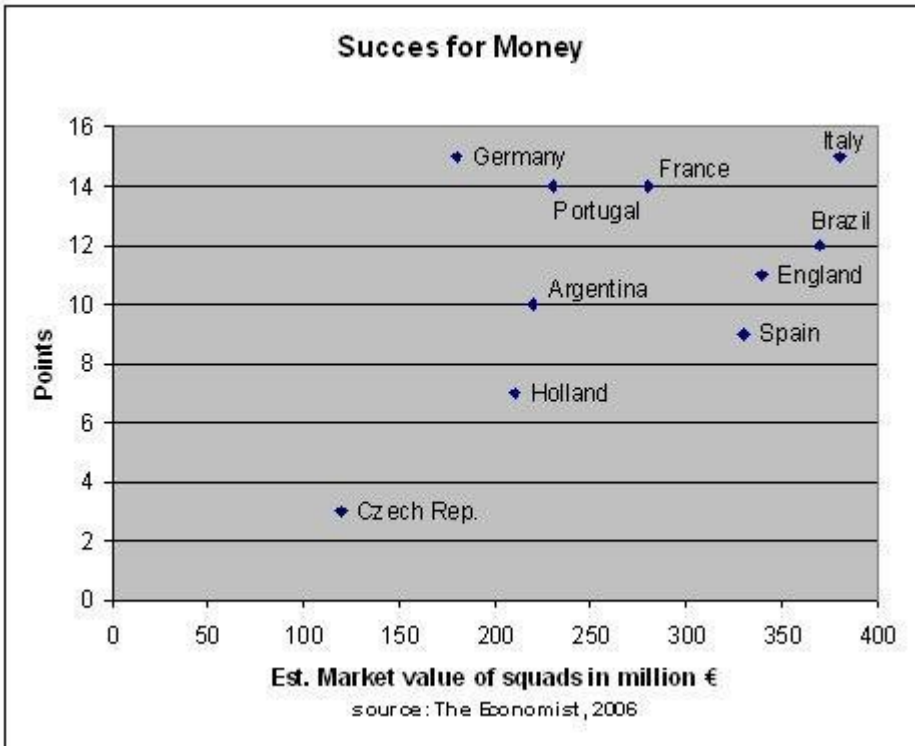
From our Swiss friend, Daniel;
"Hi Capt, I did this very simple chart last year when everybody, at least in Europe, went crazy about the Soccer World Cup in Germany. I compared the estimated value of the squads, which I had found in an edition of The Economist, with the success that they had. It seems like money can buy success indeed."



Herr Dan makes a good point about something that we here in the US already know;
The New York Yankees owe their success to money, not good ol' fashioned American Underdoggedness.
Which is primarily the reason I don't bother watching professional sports.
Who the f cares?
Yeah, that's just what I want to do, PAY to WATCH OTHER PEOPLE play sports when for the price of a ticket I could buy my own damn soccer ball and go have an infinitely better (and healthier) time playing with my buddies or the neighborhood kids.
I will never understand professional sports or the people that stake their personal value on them.

What's Wrong with This Picture - 2

April 13, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK aspiring and junior deputy economists, time for your favorite game once again;

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE!"

Yes, the game where the media shows you how naive they are by completely ignoring the obvious problem to today's societal ills!

Of Indians and Irishmen

April 14, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I was in Thunder Bay Canada a while ago and had an epiphany. And this epiphany was at "Bannon's Gas Bar."

"Bannon's Gas Bar?" you might ask.

Yes, Bannon's Gas Bar.

For you see on the first night of our arrival in Thunder Bay my buddy Tony and I were looking for two simple things wrapped up in one convenient place

1. A place to eat
2. A place to smoke a cigar

Knowing this wasn't Quebec we thought we might have stood a pretty good shot, but little did we know that;

1. Thunder Bay is a pithole so there were no good restuarants
2. It's just as hyper-Nazi on the smoking ban as Quebec, Minnesota and 1930's Berlin.

That's when our hotel hostess recommended Bannon's.

"You can smoke and eat at Bannon's."

"So where's Bannon's?" we asked?

"It's on the reservation."

And then I was reminded, Indian reservations, presumably the same as in the US, are technically sovereign nations that set up their own rules and laws and needn't necessarily goose-step in line with the rest of their anti-smoking-Nazi Canadian and American brothers.

So it was off to Bannon's Gas Bar we went.

Now we had made it up to Duluth from the Twin Cities on one tank of gas and we surmised that gas was a lot more expensive in Canada, so the strategy of timing our fills required us to fill up near the border, but not in Canada, hopefully get by on one tank of gas while in Canada with enough to spare to get us to the closest American gas station on the return trip.

And we were right. Canada, when you adjust for the litre (note I put the "e" after the "r" to make it truly Canadian) has gas costing about $3.70 per gallon, a full dollar more than what we were paying in the land of the free.

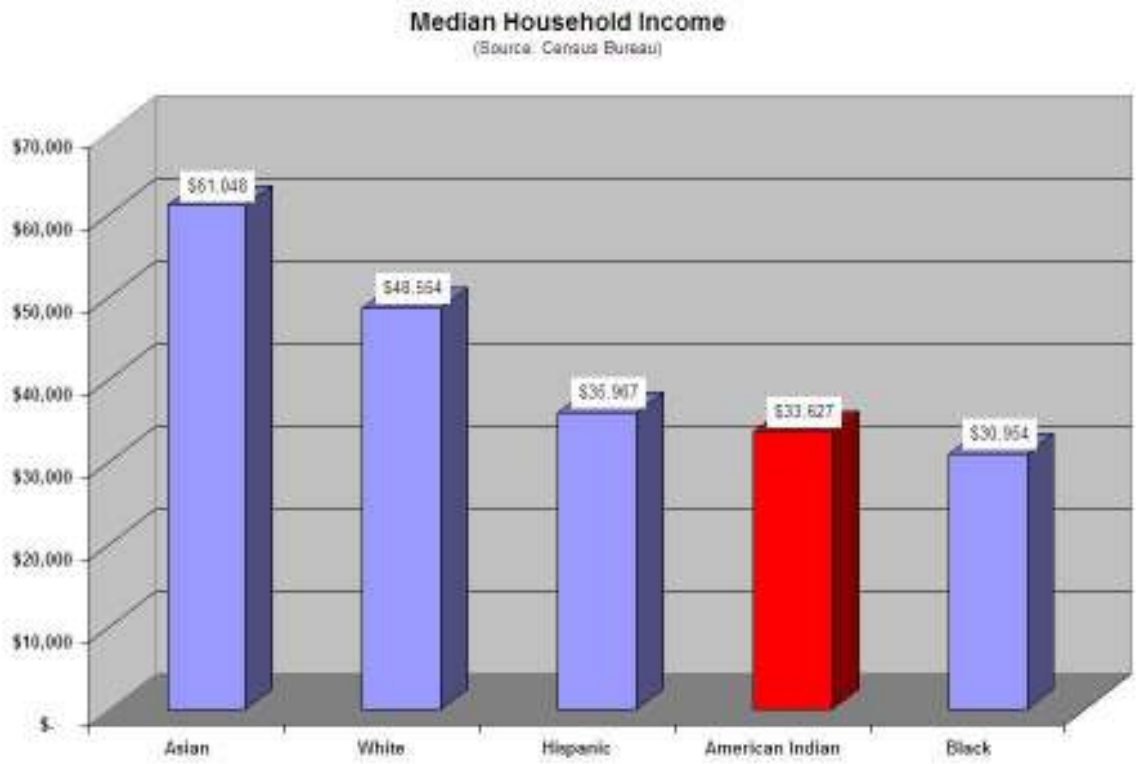
But I noticed something odd about Bannon's Gas Bar. Gas was a full 20% cheaper on the reservation than just 1.6 km (note the metric conversion) north across the river in Thunder Bay. Again, I was reminded that Indian reservations are their own sovereign nations able to set their own tax rates on gas and tobacco and so forth and therefore have cheaper gas.

So Tony and I sat down at Bannon's, ordered a pizza, lit up some cigars and enjoyed our dinner, and then BAAM! It hit me.

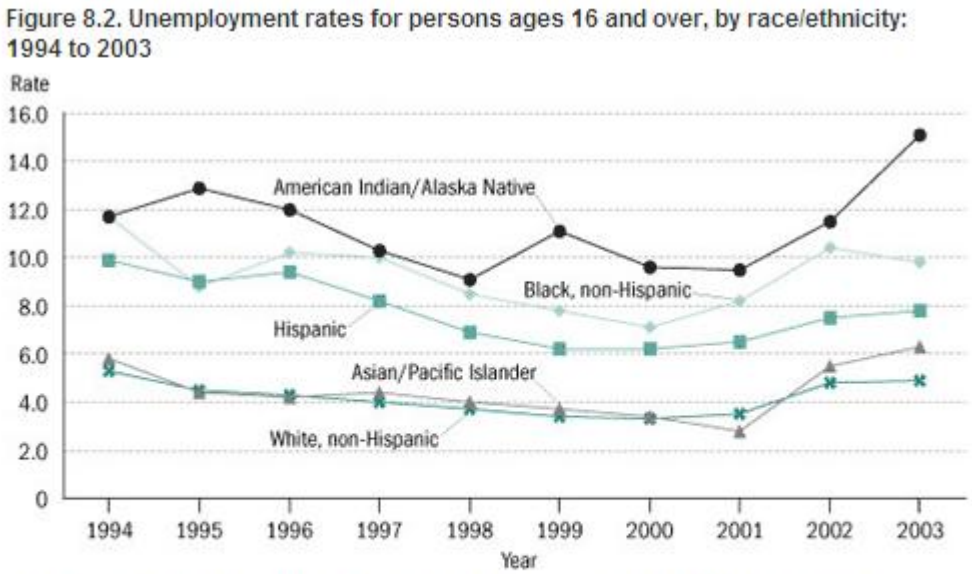
INDIAN RESERVATIONS ARE THEIR OWN SOVEREIGN NATIONS!

NOT ONLY CAN THEY SET THEIR OWN RULES AND LAWS!
NOT THEY CAN ALSO SET THEIR OWN GAS AND TOBACCO TAXES!
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AND PRESUMABLY THEY CAN SET THEIR OWN INCOME TAXES AND CORPORATE TAXES!

And then my economic spidey senses started tingling. I had a cunning plan. And it was sheer brilliance.
Here you have the US' (and Canada's I presume) poorest ethnic group, native Indians. They suffer from lower standards of living;

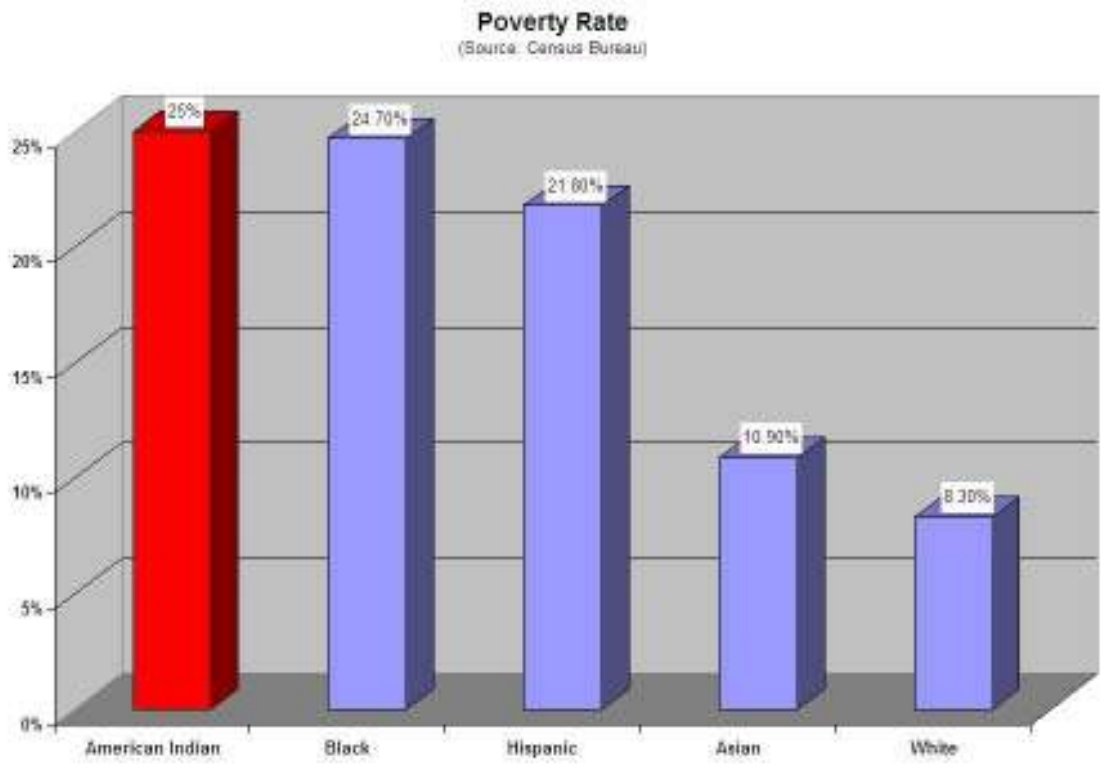


The highest unemployment rates



Unemployment rates for American Indians/Alaska Natives did not significantly decrease between 1994 and 2003.

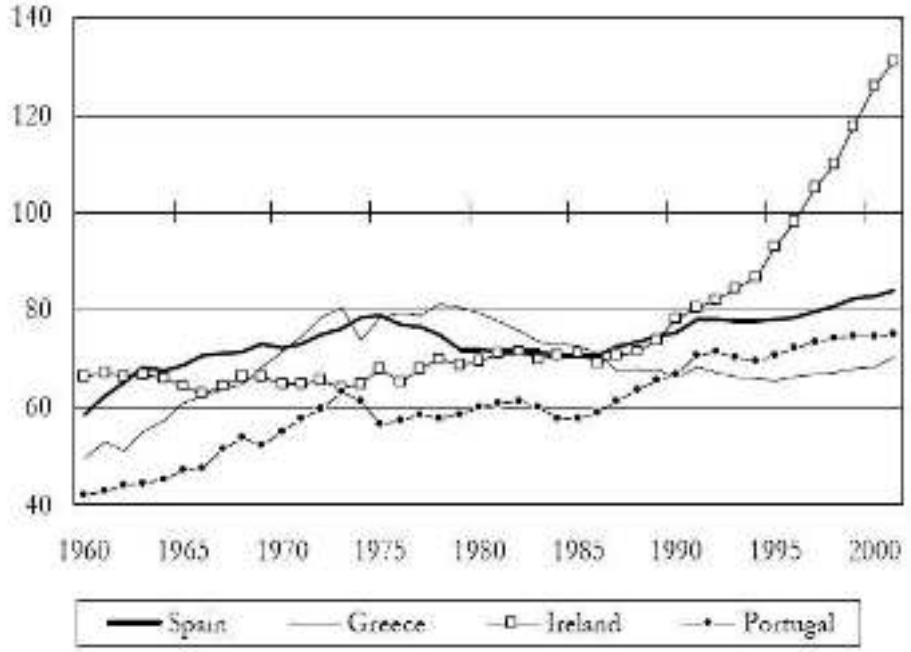
And the highest poverty rates



But the key, is they sit within an much larger and higher income economy. And if we were to be astute students of economic history, that economic history would tell us this is eerily similar to another group of people who suffered from those same lower standards of living, higher unemployment, higher poverty rates, etc., that was also embedded in a larger economic region;
Ireland.

Ireland at the time was the armpit of Europe. They had nothing. They had standards of living equal to about 60% that of mainland Europe (whatever *that's* worth!).

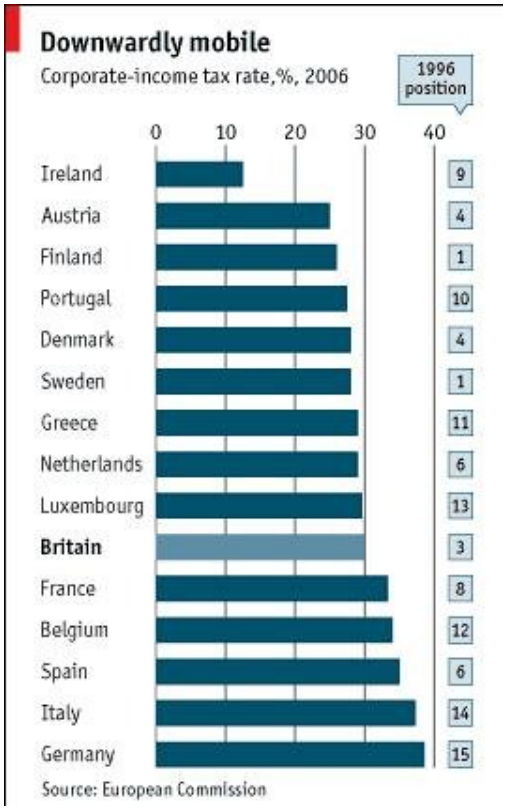
Figure 3. GDP per capita convergence towards the EU15 level (= 100) in the 'catching up' EU countries (above) and the CEEC7 countries (below)



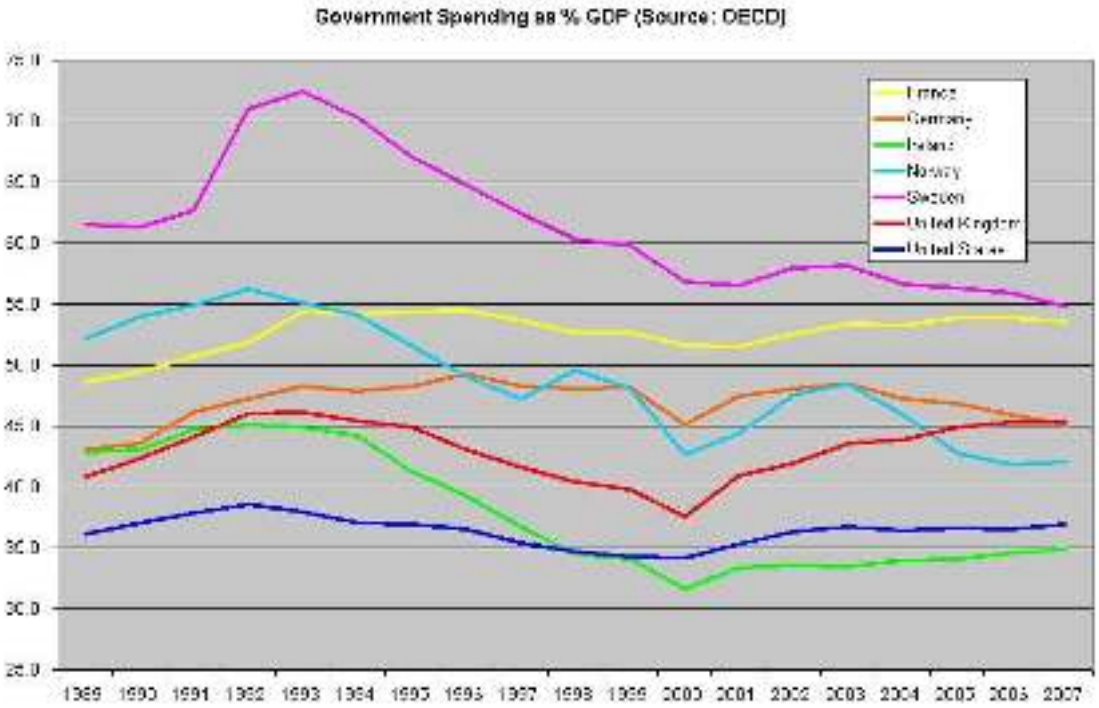
They were poorer. Had higher unemployment etc. etc. similar to today's American and Canadian Indians. But then somebody over there (I don't know who, but I'd like to think it was one person, a revolutionary that said)
"*Hey, this socialism schtick ain't working and it sucks on top of it. Instead of banging our heads against the wall and fleecing and punishing any sort of profit, work ethic and innovation, let's steal all of mainland Europe's investment, talented labor and jobs by lowering our taxes and making this a business friendly, pro-capitalism place.*"

And so they did.

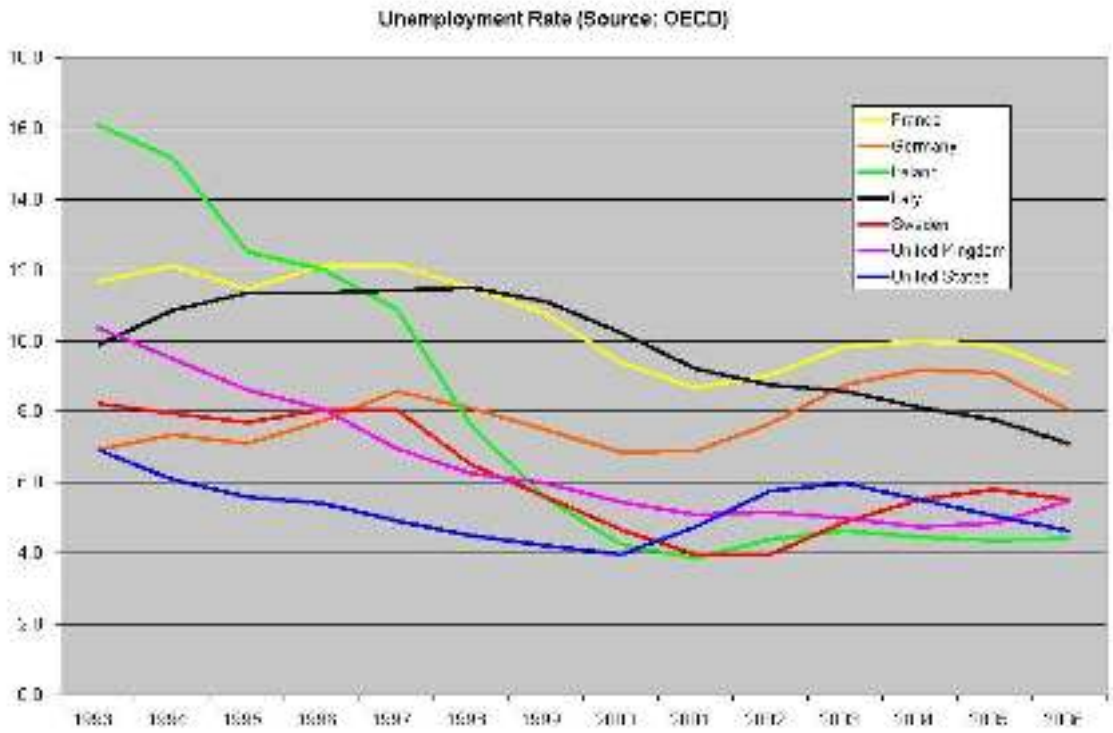
They lowered corporate taxes to the lowest in all of the OECD;



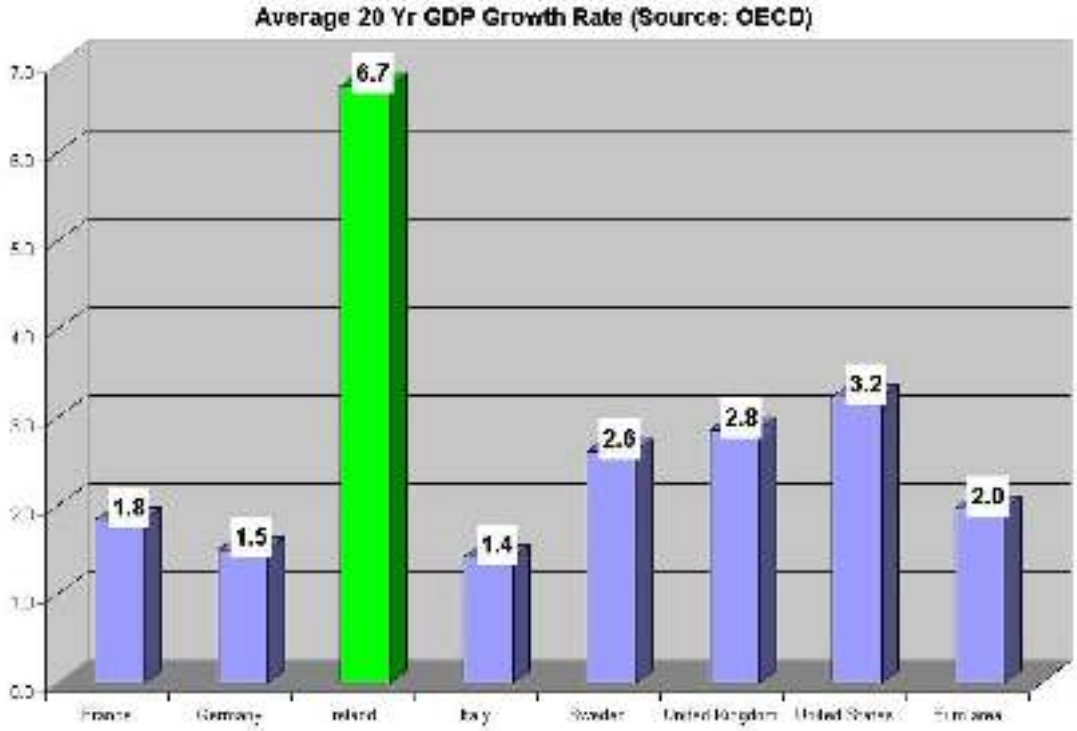
They lowered overall taxes to make it an attractive place to anybody that DARED insist on keeping the majority of what they earned;



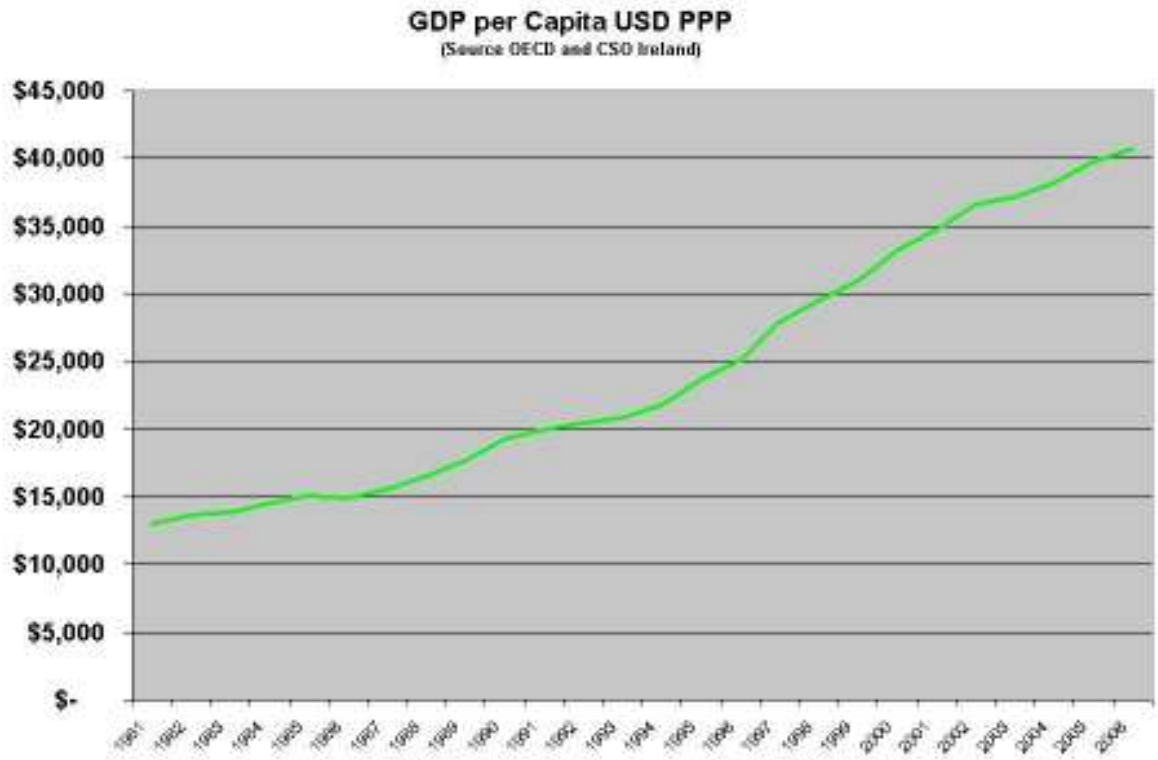
An the results were PHENOMENAL, HISTORICAL!
Unemployment went from zero to herom literally the worst to the best;



GDP growth HUMILIATED every other developed nations and summarily TROUNCED mainland old Europe;



But most jaw-dropping is the near QUADRUPLING in standards of living in a SHORT 25 years!



Never, bar Hong Kong and modern day China has such a rapid improvement in a people's standard of living occured. And (just like China and Hong Kong) it was due to implementing free market, capitalist ideas.
This behooves the questions; if the Irish could do it, then why not the Indians?
If the Indians were to steal a play from the Irish play book, they could pull off the exact same thing Ireland did and go from arguably the poorest ethnic group in America to potentially the richest.

Cut taxes to levels below the surrounding economic region and in essence make it more attractive to set up shop there for companies, workers, enterpreneuers etc. than the surrounding area.
Capitalize on the ensuing investment and economic growth.
And then watch their standards of living sky rocket.
Already this is happening on a microeconomic scale as evidenced by my trip to Bannon's. People in Thunder Bay no doubt drive the 1.6 km south to Bannon's Gas Bar to get cheaper gas. No doubt people drive there because they wish to "sin" and have a cigarette after dinner or with a whiskey. And if while there really isn't anything to do in Thunder Bay, the most attractive spot is none other than the Casino. If various tribes and Indian nations were to expand these freedoms to include not just low taxes on cigarettes and gas, the freedom of smoking in a bar, and the freedom to gamble, etc., but;

The freedom for corporations to keep 90% of their profits.

The freedom for workers to keep 90% of their earnings

The freedom for entrepreneuers to set up shop without overburdensome regulation and red tape
They could poach 1/3rd of all the investment in America just like Ireland has from Europe and perhaps enjoy a 4 fold increase in standards of living. The theory is not only perfectly feasible, but its time tested on a bevy of other nations;
Bermuda
The Cayman Islands
Ireland
The Falklands
Hong Kong
Chile
China
It could happen starting today and in 20 years, Indian poverty would be a thing of the past. The Pine Ridge reservation wouldn't be the dump that it is, but a business center. And Indians wouldn't just have success with casinos, but if they were to take some lessons from their Irish, Swiss, and Bermudian (sp?) counterparts, they could diversify into banking, insurance and financial advising (which there must be some financially savvy masterminds in the Indian casinos for which this would be a natural professional progression).
Of course there is just one small hurdle to achieving this. And it is the same hurdle that has always stopped economic progress and advancement. And that is the ignorance bred by leftist brainwashing that plays the fears, greed and envy of human nature and villifies capitalism and free markets and small government.
So sad so many have been kept so poor, by so few.

A Friendly Reminder

April 16, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I will not post comments where you're cursing. I'll accept ass, cripes sh!t, ef, effing and other such things, but not the real McCoy. Remember, youngin's need to have the brainwashing undone and counter their indoctrination at the public schools.

The Antithesis of America

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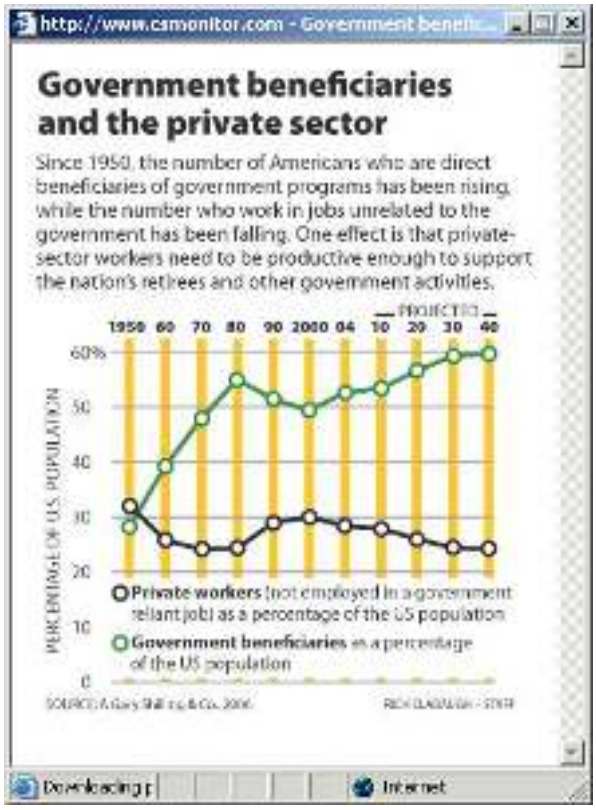
Just look at it skyrocket during the "Great" Society.

Cripes.

The party is over.



Sexy Conservative Female Blogger

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I've speculated this dangerous combination pratically guarantees a succesful blog.

And while I was going to link to this girl's web site by introducing her with my fancy high end writing, I figured this would work a million times better;

This is her

Probably the best chart I've ever posted.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant "Amazing Pete"

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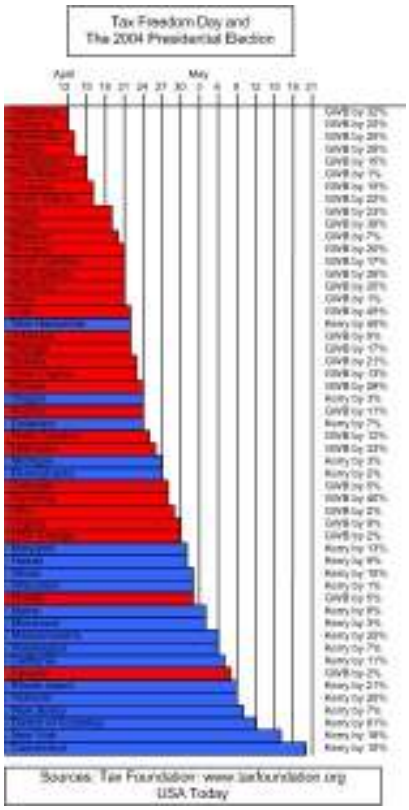
This is a good effing chart;



Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant "I've Lost Count"

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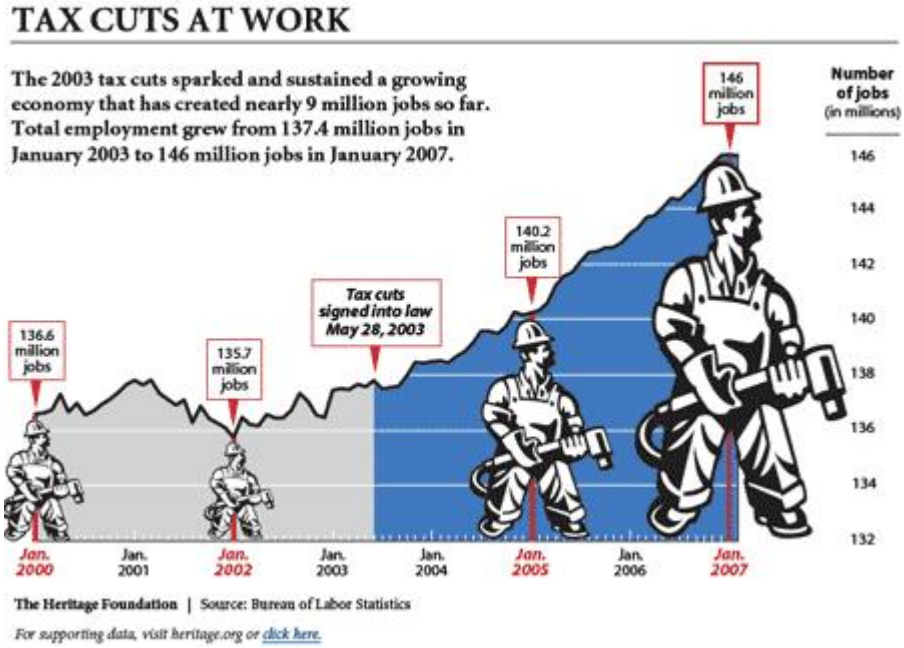
From Mark Weber, who is seemingly confident he cannot be defeated;



Gross Municipal Product

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I had speculated there must have been data like this before, just couldn't find it.

I do like how cities of just 10 million people have GDP's greater than countries with hundreds of millions of people. Also notice which countries these all hail from;

CAPIALIST ONES!!!! (Except Paris)

You Shall Read Alice the Camel

April 19, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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She's quirky, that being said, she's original and she's a conservative female blogger, which naturally shows truly independent thought despite societal brainwashing.

You will read her blog.

You will conform.

Embrace the camel.

Working Women

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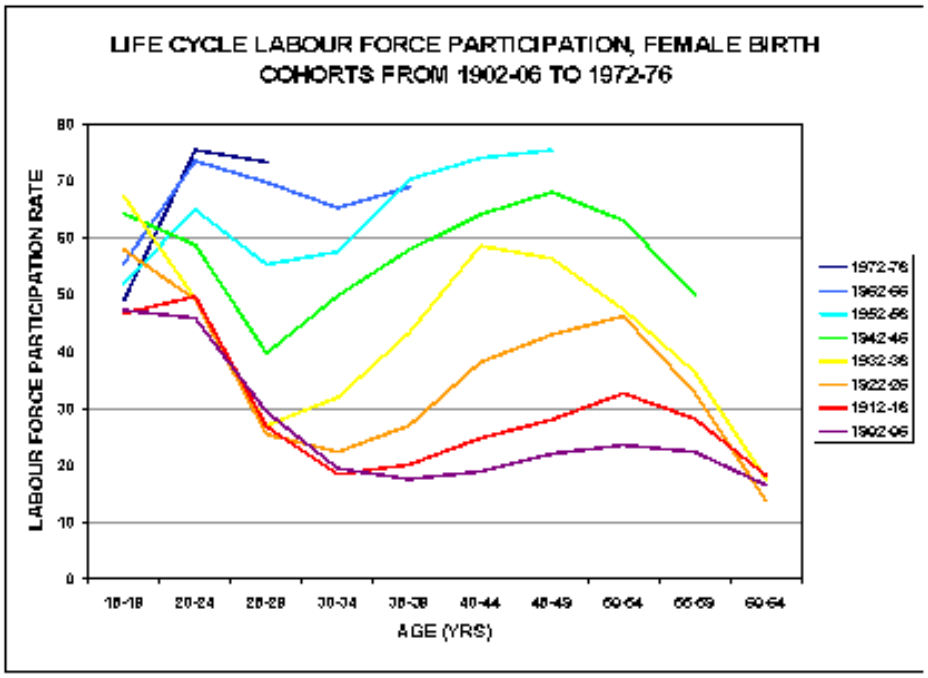

Just a graphical representation of something we already knew was happening. Seems my generation is intent on slaving away. Mayhaps I could find a sugar mamma!

A Ray of Hope

April 20, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Let it be known that today, April 20th, 2007, I saw my first issue of The Economist at the check out line at the grocery store.

There is hope that all is not lost.

My Goldman Sachs Story

April 21, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was at my bar last night. Technically I don't own it, but I like using the possessive pronoun in the phrase "my bar." It also happens to be in "my town" which too, unbeknownst to all the townspeople is owned by me. It's all mine, the bar, the town, the roads. Everything, I freaking own it all!

Anyway, I was at my bar last night talking to some buddies of mine. And we were exchanging stories about"interviews from hell." Most of them themed or centralled around stories of some idiot 24 year old HR generalist idiot that knew nothing of your field or specialty asking you;

"If you were in this situation,what would you do and why?"

"Have you ever been in asituation and you disagreed with your boss?"

"What is your favorite color and why?"

Meanwhile you'd sit there and be amazed the entirety of the US labor market hasn't come to a screeching halt due to the inefficiencies and incompetence of its gatekeepers; HR.

So I told my worst interview story, which begat requests that I put it up on the blog (as some in the crew were investment bankers) and so I've decided to oblige them.

I was all of 21 I think, maybe just recently turned 22. By this time I was coming upon the end of a hellish experience known as college. And it WAS hellish and I mean it in the most sincerest and literal sense. Most people say, "It was hell" when in reality it was just an annoyance. College WAS hell (hell, I even wrote song about to sing whilst on patrol)

Regardless, the primary (although not only) reason college was hell was because I worked full time while going to school full time. I had dropped down to 118 pounds my sophomore year because I couldn't afford much in the way of food and my job required me to bike about 50 miles a day. This was on top of a credit load that most preppy suburbanites would get crushed under, so after three and a half years of this (and sleep deprevation) the light at the end of the tunnel was coming. Add to this I had a 3.96 GPA and 3 interships under my belt, I thought the last thing I would have to worry about was a job. So as luck would have it, I got an interview with the chalice of all finance majors; Goldman Sachs.

Now the bulge bracket doesn't bother with the U of MN because frankly, nobody in the

world has heard about the "Carlson School of Management." And as far as the East Coast is concerned the only schools are Wharton, Chicago, Darden, Harvard and Nepotism U. And if I recall correctly I had a buddy either hack or somehow provide me the password and username from the U of Chicago's job posting board which ended up in me getting the interview for a "GLOBAL EQUITIES ANALYST" at none other than Goldman Sachs.

Now this was right up my alley. I had a passion for finance and international economics (heck, I interned under the international economics department at Wells Fargo and had subscribed to The Economist since I was 19), and so I was naturally excited about being the one non-ivy leaguer to break into the Bulge Bracket. To be the one guy from Carlson to say, "Oh no, I don't work at Piper Jaffray or Dain Rauscher or one of those wannabe investment banks. I work at a "real" one." But there was one slight problem.

You see, at the time, Goldman Sachs was still a privately held company. So there was no way to know how much they made. And they fed me this line, "well, if you'd like to interview with us, then you'll have to fly out here for the interview on your own expense."

Of course, 5 years later they go public and I find out they made $47 trillion in earnings and could have damned well afforded my flight with my own personal team of redheaded Irish cheerleaders to cheer me on for the interview, but being a naive 22 year old, what did I know? So I fell for it.

Now the thing is, I didn't make $47 trillion in earnings in 1997 either. And I couldn't afford a flight out there, so my only option was to load up my rusty but trusty 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with some Moutain Dew, some deoderant (no tapes or CD's cause there was no deck), my best suit and head on out.

I scheduled myself two days to get there and two days to get back.

Of course there are logistical problems with planning a cumulative 5 day road trip and making only $16,000 per year without parental support. Namely, you can't afford lodging, which means you sleep in the back of your 1985 Cutlass Supreme. (which is actually quite comfy).

The first rest stop was a small town in Pennsylvannia, Clarion.

I stopped there because there was a state college campus and I figured it was just as safe as any place to stop and sleep. I woke up the next morn around 830AM to the sounds of other students my age making noise and making their way to the gym of the parking lot I had decided to park in. So I decided to wake up, head into the gym and see if there were some lockers where I could maybe take a shower, freshen up, change clothes and hit the road again.

The problem is I'm a particularly young looking 22 year old at the time, wearing what amounted to cut off sweats and a t-shirt and didn't materially differ from anybody else walking into the gym at that time. Little did I know I was about to be assumed into the Badminton 101 class with the rest of the college students.

Little did they know that I was the badminton champion at my high school.

"Hey you, grab a racket!"

"Uh, OK."

So, after 1 hour of summarily defeating the best U of Penn Clarion had to offer (and getting some odd looks that nobody could recognize me or remember me), I hit the showers (which was my original purpose in the first place) cleaned up, hopped back into the Gutless Cutlass and headed out.

I made it to Union City and due to my then-infant economic spidey senses I was able to find a place to park for 50 cents a day. The problem was it was already getting dark and hotel rates I observed along the highway were around $180/night. But I did recall a way side near a town called Dover a couple miles back. So I decided to head back to the way side, sleep, wake up the next morning park my car in Union City and take the train into New York for my interview.

The next morning I did wake up. By this time I was wearing the same clothes for the third straight day and would have to clean up somewhere between Dover and NYC. Started making my way in and right before I got to Union City I stopped at a McDonalds. Went in with my suit and shaving kit. Washed up my body best one can in a washroom in McDonalds. Shaved, put on my suit and headed across the Hudson into Battery Park. Found Goldman Sach's HQ, went in, said I was in for an interview with some high ranked schmutz or another and was escorted upstairs to his office.

Now, I had never been to New York, but I knew this guy was probably pretty highly ranked. His office had a perfect view of the Statue of Liberty. It was right on the coast of Battery Park. And he actually DID have his own redheaded Irish girl cheerleading squad! I'm not kidding, they were right there! I did however remember him having a two floor red carpeted office.

So there I am, sitting in this guy's office. Looking around and he comes in. We introduce ourselves and he says, "So, what was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal this morning?"

"What?"

"What was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal this morning?"

I didn't know. I was driving in from Dover. I was in a McDonalds washing my arm pits with cold sink water and shaving. And making sure I had enough time to make it into Manhattan so I wouldn't be late. And this guy wants to know what's on the front page of the WSJ?

I said, "I don't know."

"Do you read the Wall Street Journal?"

Which I didn't because the Wall Street Journal, frankly, sucks. It's a paper. Even in 1997 it was outdated. I got most of my news from the Internet and if I read anything it was The Economist.

So I lied and said, "uh, yeah."

"What was on it yesterday?"

By this time I wanted to reach across his table, grab him by the lapels and say, "Listen you blue blood schmuck, I just drove 2 days across half the freakin' country because you're too damn cheap to fly me out here. I had to sleep in two way sides, act like I was in a badminton class, essentially shower in a McDonalds' sink and drop who knows how much in gas and Mountain Dew to have your Ivy League pampered ass look at me and ask me what was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal? I don't know what was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, but I can tell you what Dover, New Jersey looks like at 3AM!"

But by that time I knew it was pretty much over. There was a whole different set of unspoken professional rules out there in the Bulge Bracket that they must have taught you in the Ivy League. And it wouldn't have mattered much if I did know what was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, because I presume there would have been another eccentric trip wire of the east coast I-Banking world I would have tripped. I got through the rest of the interview with no questions about what I knew about sovereign risk analysis, model programming, valuation techniques or any of my other fortes. And now that I think about it, the suit I interviewed in was from JC Penny. I'm sure I ruined any chances of future U of MN students ever getting an interview at Goldmand Sachs.

And so defeated I left the Big Apple, confident I would get a rejection letter in the mail, which I did one week later.

Now one would think that a kid with the gumption and determination to drive 2 days for an interview, who would sleep in way sides and shower at a McDonalds would in that

action itself warrant employment with most employers. But it seems employers nowadays are more concerned with protocol, about procedure, about HR standard questions of "*what would you do if you were in this situation*" or "if *you saw an employee do something unethical, what would you do and why*?" or in the case of Goldman Sachs "*what was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal*?"

Who knew the bulge bracket was no more efficient than the HR department.

Sweetening the Pot - Annual Chart Contest

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OK all aspiring and junior deputy economists. This will be the final week of Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart contest, we've had some good entries.

However, I've decided to sweeten the pot a little bit.

As some of you may know I do a fair amount of ballroom dancing on the side and over the course of the years I have put together some *high quality* instructional DVD's that I sell to my students.

So whoever wins Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart contest will not only win the Grand Prize of $15 and a signed photo of the Captain himself, but

You will WIN THE CAPTAIN'S ENTIRE DANCE DVD SUITE!!!! (a $60 retail value!)

Yes, not only can you learn about economics, but you can learn to dance as well!

And what is sexier than a dancing economist I ask?

These Charts Deserve More Attention

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It was no more than 5 months ago that people who had skin in the game would brush me aside as if I was some dumb young kid who knew nothing of the housing market, knew nothing of economics and was a fool for proclaiming from the mountain tops that there was housing crash and it was on its way.

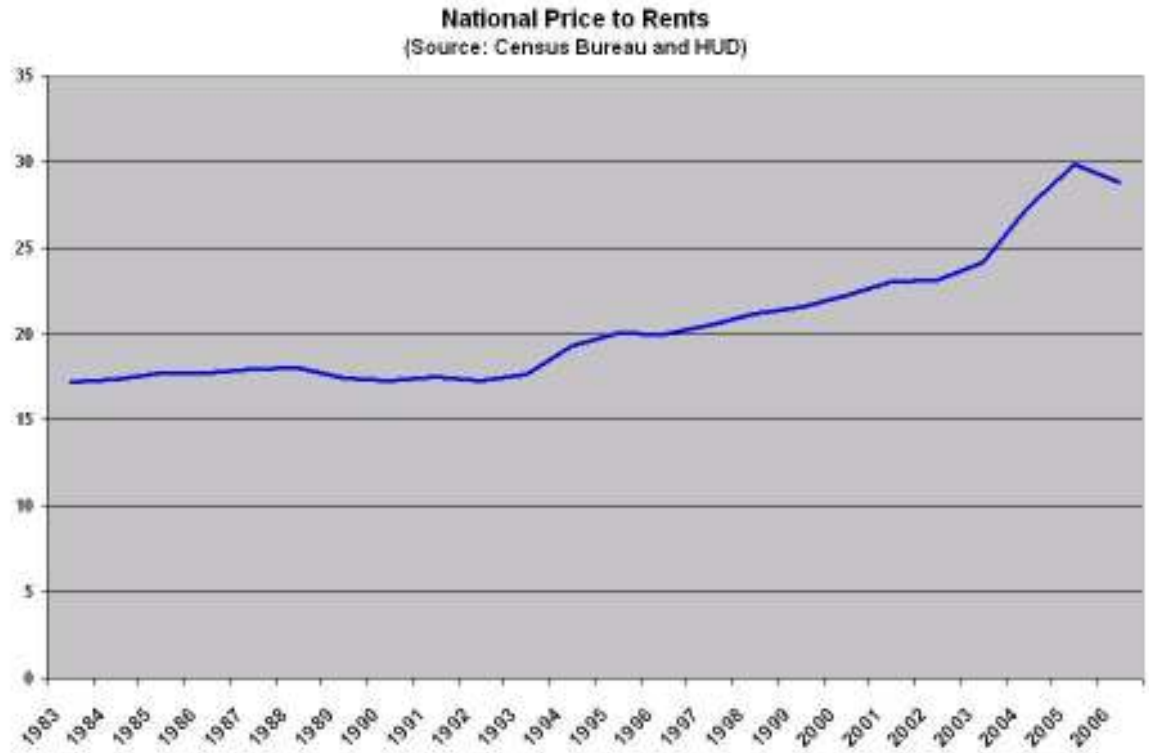
5 short months later and with enough negative news hitting the market, now I am no longer brushed aside, but rather sought after for one question and one question only;

"Are we at the bottom yet?"

To which I answer, "heck no, we're not at the bottom, this is just the beginning!" with a smile on my face for even though I own a house I enjoy being right more especially when these were the same people ignored me and laughed at my outlandish theories about a housing bubble. And the data would support me on this. This spiffy charts provided by the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors suggest that the correction has JUST BEGUN! Very similar to the Shiller Roller Coaster chart.

The second question I'm asked is "when will it bottom out?" requesting I give an estimate. So now that it seems I might have people's attention I'm going to bring back two charts that I think you'll pay a little more attention to this time around;

1. National House Price to Rents. This shows you that house prices have increased faster than the cash flows that should afford them; rents. And if housing prices were to get back into historical line, they would have to drop by about 40%.



2. National House Price to Income. This compares the median house price to the median

income. This implies that housing would have to drop by 20% to get back into line.

So I don't know, 6 months to a year? Depends on if developers cut back on flooding us with a glut of cookie cutter townhomes and condos. Regardless, it's going to be a while and America is going to get a LONG OVER DUE lesson in them merits of fiscal austerity.

Additionally, I also suggest you read this little ditty because I speculate on the effects on the overall economy and it's just plain freaking funny. This too should have gotten more play than it did.
Alas, I don't play the tune people want to hear, just the tune they needed to hear 6 months ago.

That Damn George Bush!- Entrant # 7?

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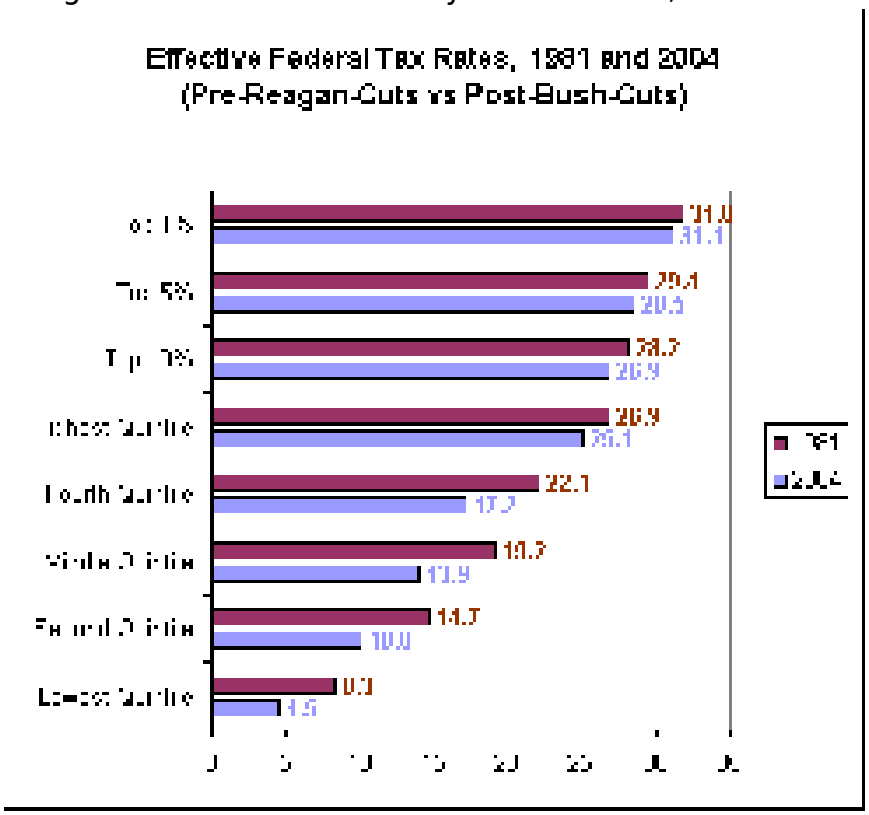
I think were at 7. Mr. Brown sent this one from a web site full of charts which is a good thing that the world can always use more of;



I'm not a big fan of Bush, but this schtick that he only benefits the rich get's mighty tiresome.

When Politicians Forget to Adjust for Inflation

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http://swanblog.blogspot.com/2007/04/vegetable-dairy-and-politics-oregon.html

An astute point by Swanblog.

What's Good for GM is Good for America

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Or hopefully not.

Manufacturing vs. Services as % of GDP

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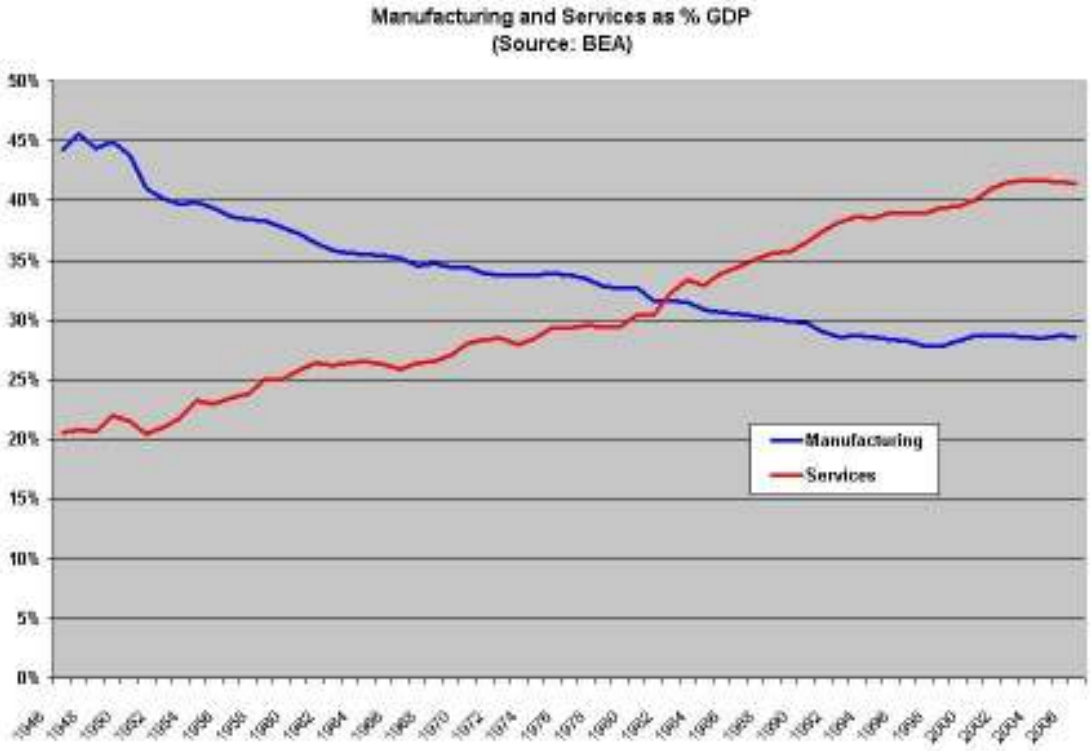
Give it another 50 years and the US will be a pure service economy while everything will actually be made in China and Mexico and when the producers of the world realize they have the means of production, hooooo! Look out!



I'm sure, however, all those sociology degrees will come to vital use at that point.

Do I Have to Kiss on the First Date?

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"Pace" my father would say.

"Pace?" I'd ask.

"Pace."

"Cadence" my father would would say.

"Cadence?" I'd ask.

"Cadence."

"No rush. Smell the roses. You can go too fast, but you can rarely go too slow."

Of course when he was dispensing this wisdom it was when we were running around the lakes back when I was in college and he was in his 50's. And as a means by which to excuse his inability to keep up with my pace he would tender the argument, "Good runners pace themselves. no rush. Cadence. Pace."

That and he wanted to extend the time he could scope out the young 20 something chicks running around Minneapolis.

But his words in an odd sense were very appropriate last night for your beloved captain had a first date.

Now I'm old. And I don't mean that in an age way, I mean that in an experience way. To quote Indiana Jones, "it's not the years, it's the mileage" and thus is my case.

I don't get excited about first dates anymore. I frankly don't have the time and I don't have the energy. Worrying never resulted in a tangible benefit and as 99.6% of first dates go, that's all they ever become, ergo why get worked up over nothing? So when you get to be the decrepit age of 32 dating no longer is something to get excited about, it's a chore. And you no longer hope to score in the first night, you hope to have concluded the date and be in bed by 11PM, maybe even knocking off earlier to enjoy a beer with your buddies at your friendly neighborhood bar.

In otherwords, first dates are about as exciting as going to church. You don't get excited and you don't expect anything because that's what they are.

So I go on the date. And she's a nice girl. Witty banter is exchanged. Inquiries asked about the other. We hit a swing joint and a Latin joint, notch up a couple dances. And I'm so indifferent about dating at this stage that I'm completely relaxed for it's no different than just hanging out with a friend or an acquaintance. It is the complete opposite of when you were 16 and you spent the last 50% of the date worrying about whether you'd kiss the girl or not or how you would go about kissing her and what strategy you would employ.

Now you're thinking, "You know, if I leave here by 1030, I could maybe finish off that John Wayne movie I left in the DVD player."

So it was getting to be that time. I had to get to work the next morn and so I suggest that it's time to go and she concurs.

So I drive her to her car, pull up next to it and then the wierdest thing happened. Fully expecting her to hop out and say "catch ya later" like my good buddy Chico would, she sits there.

Still not even thinking, I was like, "well... have a good night."

She said, "yeah, thanks that was really fun!"...but she's still sitting there.

And then you start using phrases that are polite and signal the end of the conversation. You know, common phrases like;

"Well, I better get going"

or

"Well, we'll be seeing ya!"

or

"Yep, well, you have a good night."

Still sitting there.

And THEN, THEN it hits me.

"Wait, does she want me to actually kiss her????"

Which is so foreign to me at this now old and decrepit age.

"Why would she want to kiss on the first date? Who kisses on the first date? That's so 1997! Isn't it kind of forward or rude to kiss some girl you just took out once? No, she can't really be expecting a kiss on the first date. Surely modern day women don't kiss on the first date!"

In either case I was thrown off and didn't want to make her uncomfortable so I leaned over and gave her a friendly hug. Which I thought was a safe diplomatic compromise. Didn't want to be forward, and frankly I just don't kiss any ole girl that comes along. Kind of have to establish a fair amount of "liking" before you get with the kissing.

Regardless the hug seemed to do the trick and I was on my way back. Was thinking in the car if that is what is socially acceptable or not. Are men now expected to just kiss the girl on the first date? since when did this rule change? And to be forthright, I don't like it. I don't like to be rushed. Threw me off guard there and to quote Cary Grant from "Father Goose" "she scared me half to death!" I'm an old man. We 32 year old men can't handle such reckless and wanton advances.

So please ladies, despite our evil Cary Grantish and economic charms;

"Pace. Cadence. No rush."

Time for a Recession

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Sorry folks, a friendly neighborhood blogger pointed out to me that the chart I had here was in fact copyrighted, my apologies, but I had to take it down. Regardless you can find the chart here

I think I'm going to switch from "minimal economic growth" to a "moderate recession" forecast.

Though I also expect oil prices to drop or at least not increase as much as last year's summer for the US' economy will slow down.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #8

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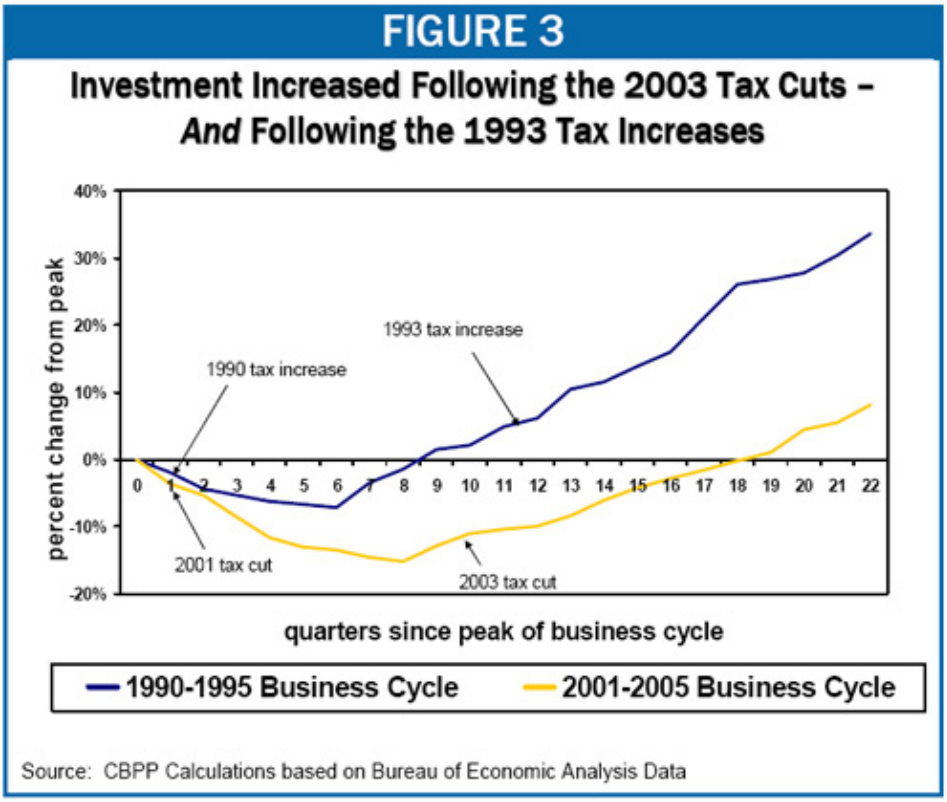
This is from Kenza, an engineer that was finally persuaded to submit a chart after I offered my DVD suite of instructional dance class videos in addition to the $15 and a signed photograph for the grand prize of the winner of the chart contest.

She highlights what is a legitimate criticism of the economic recovery post stock market crash/9-11, in that it was slower than previous ones. This much is true, but the last "recession" we had was nothing. There was not that big of a valley to climb out of, additionally average wages for your average earner didn't really recover significantly until 2006. I would be curious to see if these charts were extended one year.

Regardless, a potential winner in the chart contest!!! (and yes, the fact she's female does have an increasing chance on her winning ;P JUST KIDDING!)



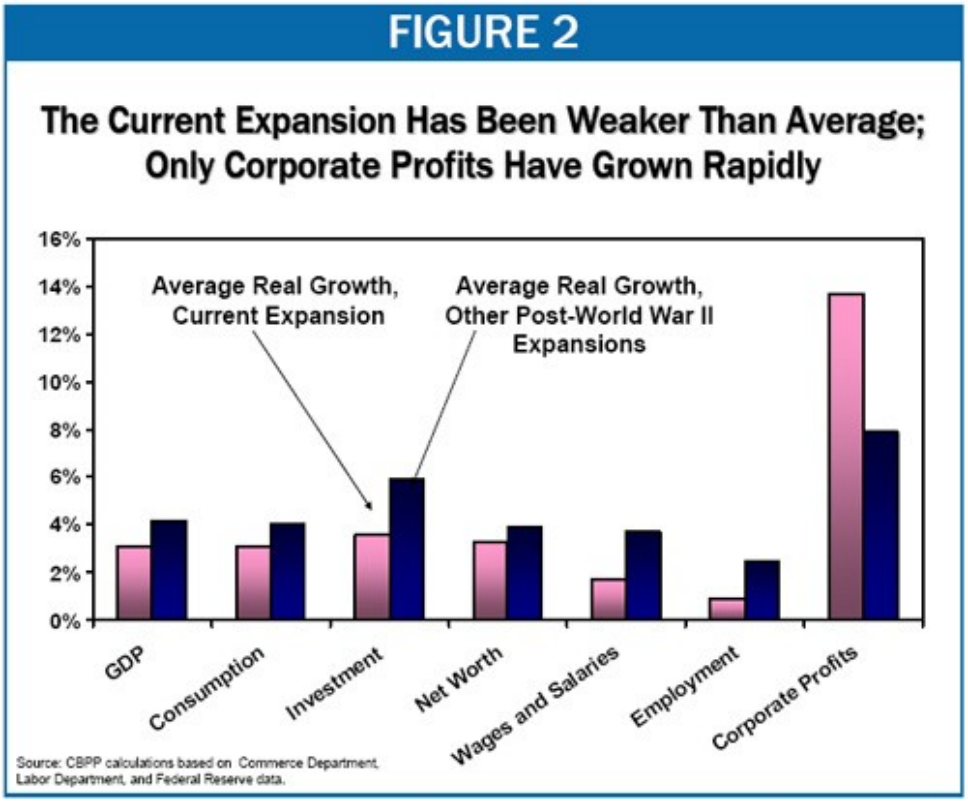


FIGURE 2
The Current Expansion Has Been Weaker Than Average; Only Corporate Profits Have Grown Rapidly
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14%
12%
10%
8%
6%
4%
2%
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Average Real Growth, Current Expansion
Average Real Growth, Other Post-World War II Expansions
GDP
Consumption
Investment
Net Worth
Wages and Salaries
Employment
Corporate Profits
Source: CBPP calculations based on Commerce Department, Labor Department, and Federal Reserve data.

One Simple Question

May 1, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

With property prices going down, does this mean municipal and local governments will be lowering their property taxes?

HA HA HA HA!!!!!!!!

Oh, I kill me sometimes.

I Need to "Grow Up"

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"These men are the real life versions of Peter Pan, flat-out REFUSING to grow up and act their age. And even worse, these are the guys that will string you along the most. The point is, Megan K. and I are on the brink. The precipice of spinsterhood. A No-Man's Land (literally). We want to find The One, settle down and get married (and, for me at least, have babies). But all we're finding is guys who are simply *wasting our time*."

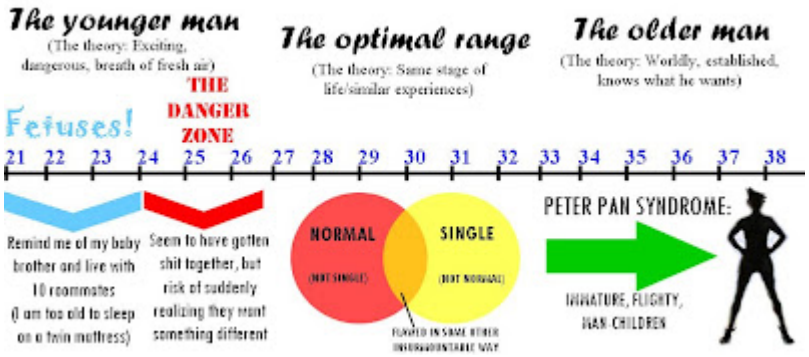
Holy Super Awesome Powerful Rationalization Hamsterl, Batman! Quick! Let me;

1. Throw away my motorcycle.
2. Give up my freedom
3. Forfeit my 2 months a year of vacation
4. Work twice as hard to pay for her and the "babies"
5. "grow up" and "act my age" by marrying this girl
6. for a 45% chance of NOT getting divorced

Eeeeyish! To quote Rodney Dangerfield;

"Now I know why some animals eat their young."

She even has a neato chart!



What I get a kick out of is what they bring to the table;

"You see, Megs and I -- as well as a plethora of our other fabulous female friends -- find ourselves in a precarious and perplexing position: We're cute. We're smart. We're articulate, well-traveled (her more so than me), energetic, fun and down to explore. And yet, at 29 and 28, respectively, we are still single -- standing on 30's lonely doorstep -- with ZERO reasonable prospects."

Little do they know men would like to hear;

"I am an engineer and Megs is an accountant. We support ourselves and actually are independent. We like to drink and want to find a guy who does his own thing and isn't just an accessory to us or a means to have children that we will value more than him. We want to fall in love with a wonderful man and maybe start a family."

Not the overplayed, "Well, I like to travel."

Run men, run. Keep those courting Spidey Senses VERY sharp to avoid the fates these ladies bring.

As always a reliable and funny hat tip to Dalrock.

Enjoy the decline!

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - Entrant #9

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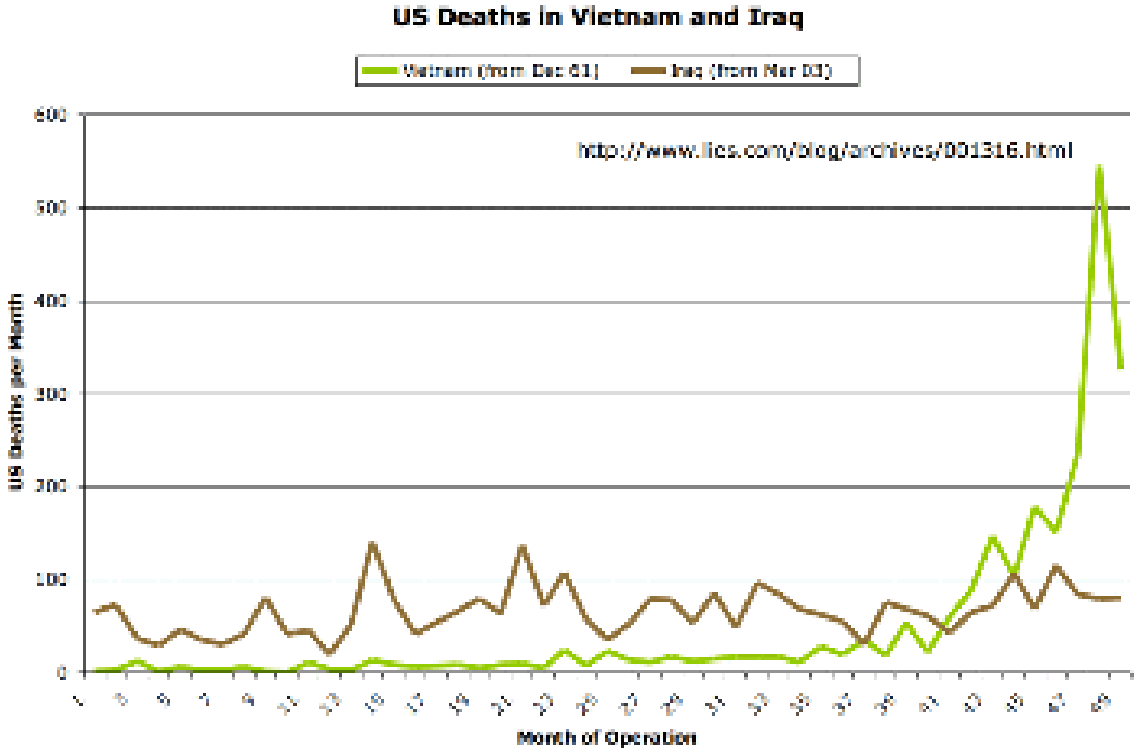
Kevin makes a good point with this chart.



I often wonder if we'd have the wherewithal today to fight in WWII. Sadly, I think we'd collapse and capitulate just as fast as the French, because, hey, being alive and enslaved is better than being free and dead? Right? I recall somebody saying something about liberty or death in American history, but ah, what did those dumb American founding fathers know anyway? Cripes.

Lot's O' Death

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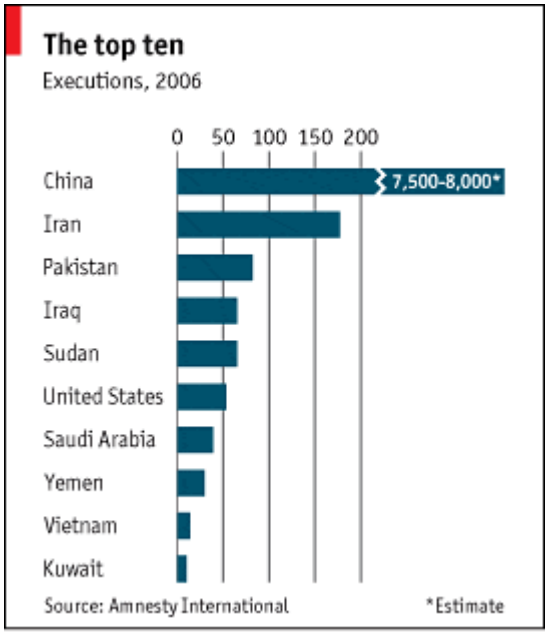

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Why You Shouldn't Listen to Your Stock Broker

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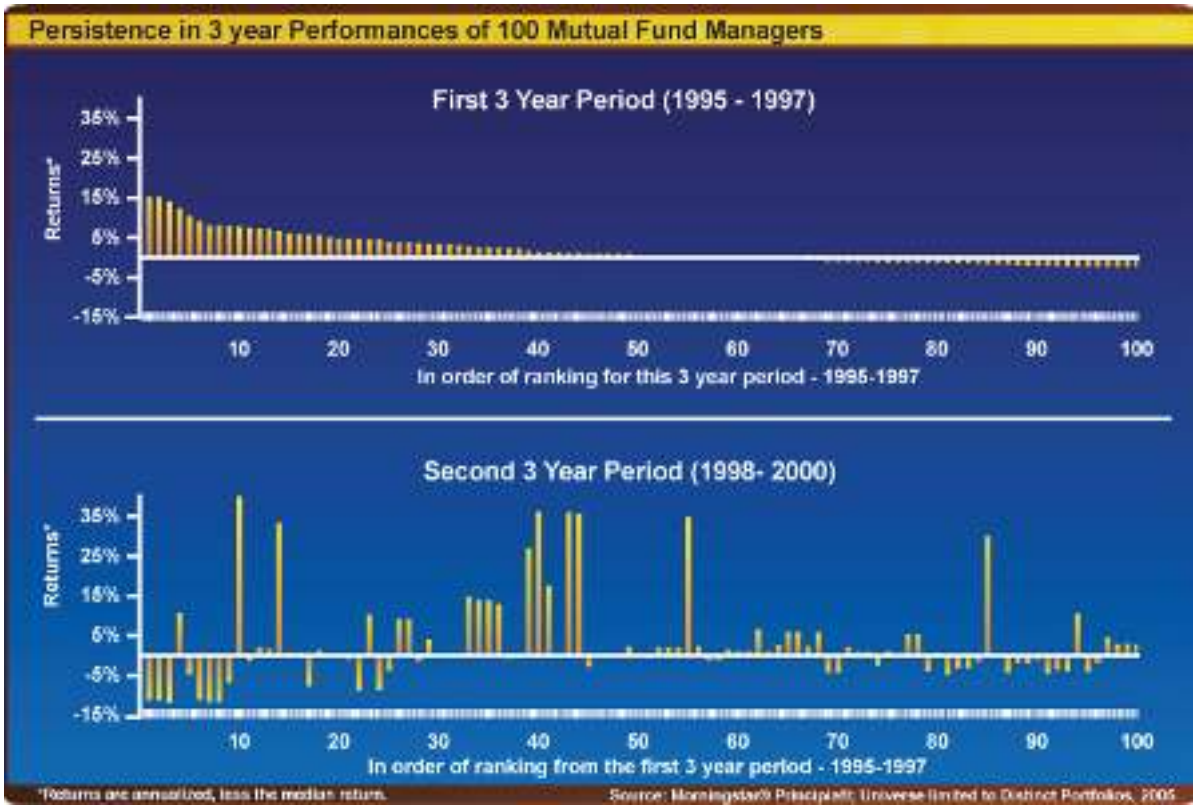
Martin had a good one.



Shows why the majority of people who go and get their degrees and MBA's in finance and then go on to be some kind of big time stock broker that claims to make millions in the stock market end up like the guys at Long Term Capital Management or end up selling their "guaranteed way to make a fortune in stock options.

(Hat tip to Martin for the error calling it "Credit Management")

The Housing Market Follows the Stock Market?

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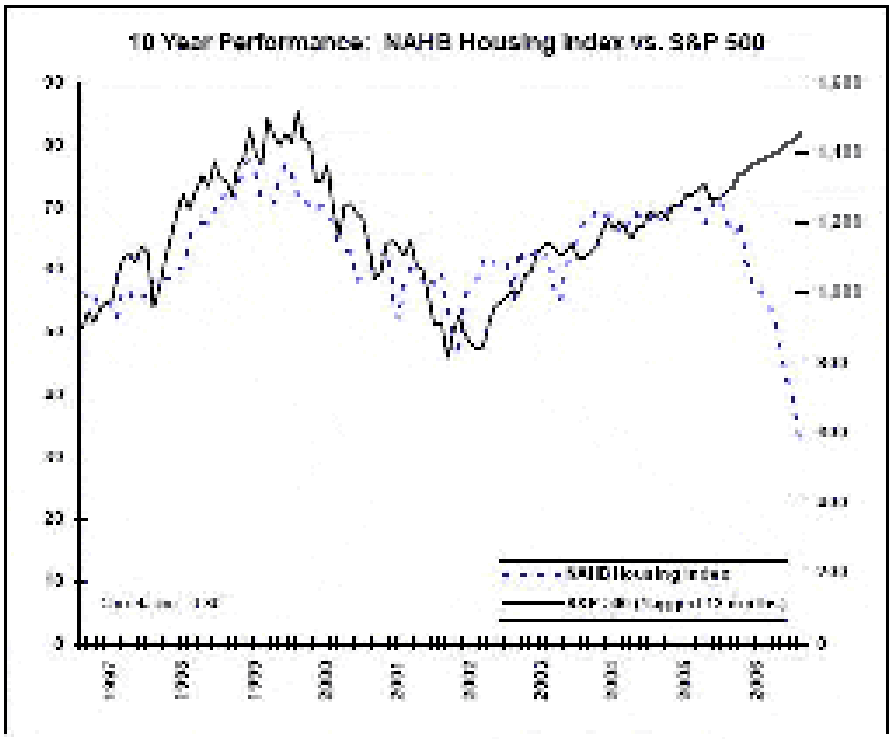
This was a little chart I picked up recently. I extrapolated it a little further for I had not the time to track down both data series.



The S&P 500 uses monthly data from August 1996 through Intraday August 25, 2006.
Source: NAHB Housing Index and FactSet.

Something tells me with GDP slowing down, sales at corporate America are going to stagnate and we're going to have a little correction in the stock markets as well as the housing markets.

And you know whose to blame for all this?

That damn George Bush.

Bush's Fault!

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Just wait for it. Wait. Waaaaaaiiiit! It's coming.

Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest - from Rob

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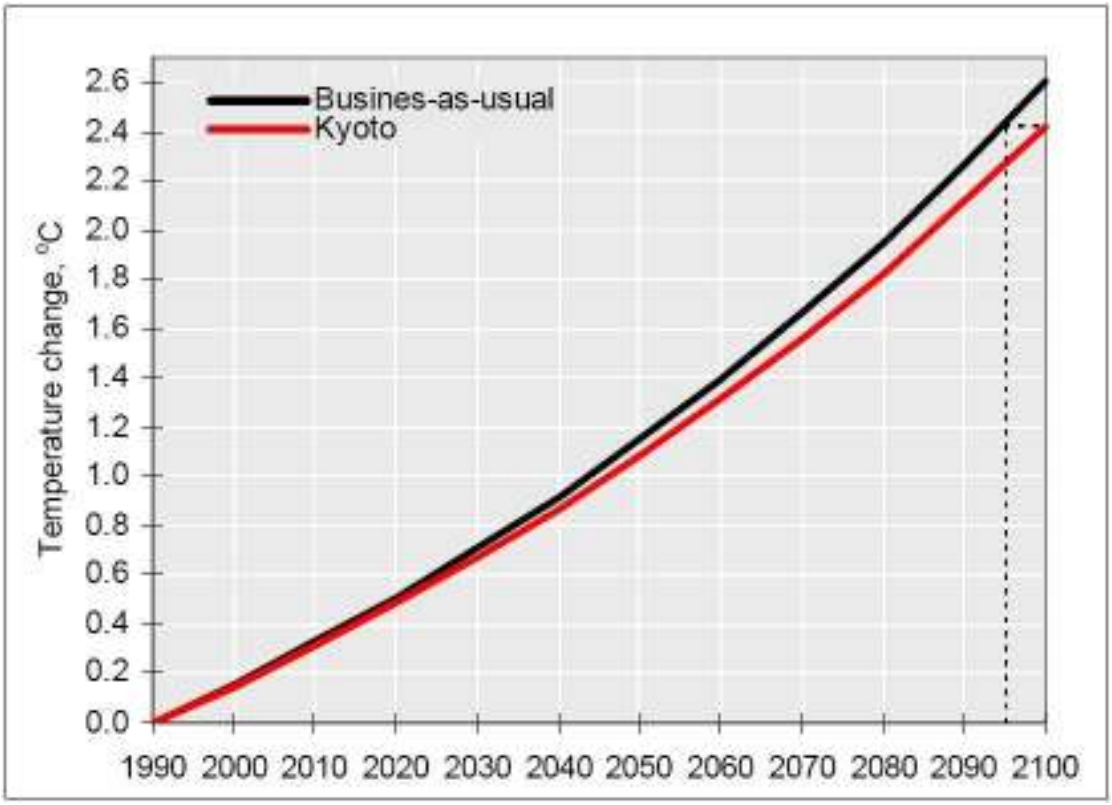

And I don't even believe that since nobody is following the Kyoto protocol and China and India are going to dwarf the developed world by 2090.

Death to the Polar Bears

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The strongest arm and biggest weapon of the socialists is the public schools combined with indifferent parents. There they indoctrinate young kids whose parents originally had the kid as an SUV Baby, a thing to have, and really don't care about the kid beyond that, and therefore as long as the government keeps those kids out of their hair so they can pursue their careers thats fine. Thusly, the socialists get to have fresh, brainwashable troops to send out into the real world, and it's only through truly independent thought or an intervention on the part of a smart uncle or friend that these brainwashed dolts are shown the realities of real world economics and they turn into capitalists.

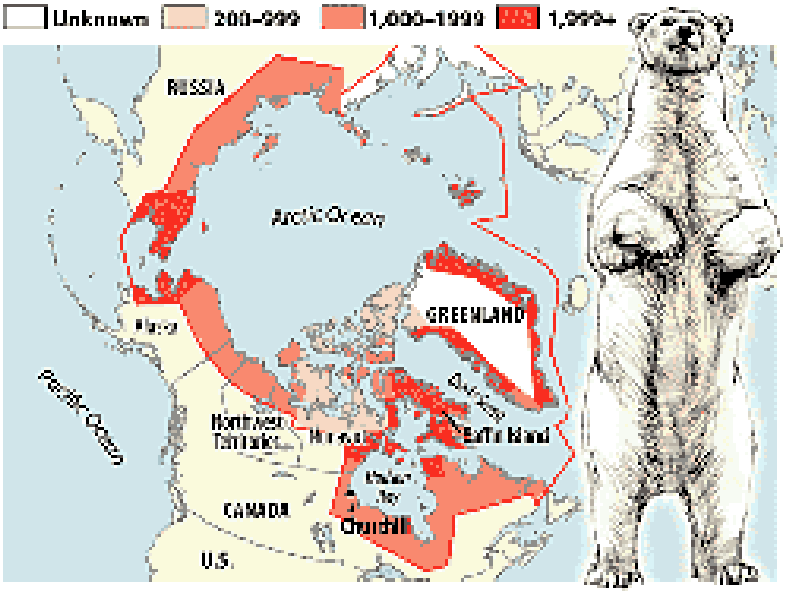
But what I find particularly disgusting is how socialists are so low, so utterly moraless they find nothing wrong with foisting their political agenda on little innocent children. I've argued before that childhood is such a sacred time in a person's life that it shouldn't be destroyed or even tarnished with some granola crunching putz (nor right wing nut job) trying to jam an anti-smoking or all-organic ideology down some poor kindergartner's throat just to get their psychological jollies that they're somehow doing their part to save the world. I would also level the same, arguably more scathing critcism against parochial schools doing their darndest to save these kids from eternal damnation while making their time here a living hell. Childhood should be void of politics and religion all together, but oh no, these crusaders who have nothing of worth to point to or have done not one damn thing to truly advance society need to feel good about themselves so they're going to go and "save" a 6 year old. Cripes.

Which is why this chart set me off. To find out that the polar bears are indeed not dying, BUT ACTUALLY THRIVING AND GROWING!!!!

Controversy over polar bears

A recent study found that the population of polar bears in eastern Canada was significantly on the rise because of abundant prey. In fact, only 2 of 13 polar-bear populations in Canada are in decline, another researcher says. Total population worldwide is estimated at 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears.

Polar bear populations, 2001



Nor did I know polar bears were so far south along the Hudson Bay!

The Adult Won in France

May 6, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good to see the French are tired of having little children in office whose main pillar on their platform is "we hate America" and "let's bribe criminals not to destroy the city" and "35 hour work weeks." Yes, Royal's "let's reward rioters with cake" approach was sure to have solved the problem. Something tells me Sarkozy is going to abandon the nice motherly approach and deliver a more spanking-filled fatherly approach.

I also like the first pro-American words I've heard from France since I've been alive come out of France. Who knows, I might just actually go visit France now! I might even stop slamming on the French!...well, let's not get crazy.

Daddy's home!

The Banks Will Pay

May 7, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oooooh, will they pay.

And they deserve to pay.

The idiocy I've seen in the past 4 years is unbelievable. How banks will gladly throw quality out the window, ignore credit, and finance the most outlandish ventures just to keep sales going like it was 2004. How they will bend over backwards to finance a $10 million real estate deal because they get a 1% commission even though that deal stands a nice-guy's chance of scoring with a girl in college than ever paying back the money. And how they're so desperate to keep the top line of the income statement going up they've lowered their standards to pursue sub-prime people with credit scores of 550 or less which as they're finding out is driving their bottom lines down.

And now the time has come for the housing market to collapse and to slowly erode what banks have been lending on this entire time, real estate.

It was about 4 years ago now that The Economist pointed to the possibility of a housing bubble. I often opine if these financial institutions had hired an economist, or heck, ***just read the freaking Economist,*** just how many hundreds of billions of dollars would have been saved, not to mention the more-than-likely-recession we're about have would have been staved off. But the banks have been so obsessed and addicted to the sales growth of 2001-early 2005, they just can't stop and consequences be damned. Like heroin addicts, like Gene Hackmann in The French Connection, they're rabid for new loans. And they don't care about the quality of the loans, they just want volume.

Of course there is a penalty for ignoring the long term consequences for short term gain. As housing prices drop the collateral these banks are holding will become impaired (I even remember recommending to a client that they change their advance policy from 80% appraised value of real estate to 70-75%, I was laughed at). And as these values go down their clients, who are all already over-leveraged to begin with, well be unable to unload the glut of property they now hold and therefore pay back the loan.

Addtiionally, an emergency back up measure for these instances is also no longer available. Primarily used by gluttonous, lazy, non-working "millionaires" is if they couldn't sell the property, in order make current loan payments was to borrow ***more*** money from the property as property prices went up, giving them more equity to cash out/bleed out of the property. Well when prices stagnate or go down, this technique won't work.

Thus what is going to happen is the banks are going to be left holding the live grenade. They will be holding a vast portfolio of real estate that they can't unload...or at least unload to cover their original loan amount. And they might as well not even bother repossessing because they'll do no better job selling it than the developers and bulders themselves would. And so they get to play "Japanese Bank Circa 1980's, "perpetually financing a zombie real estate industry that has no hope whatsoever of repaying them back.

The question is how exposed are banks to real estate and thusly how big of a problem this will be for the banks in the next 12 months? I mean, certainly banks have been wise enough to diversify their portfolios. Spreading it across industrial loans, agricultural and other sectors of the economy. Certainly these highly educated and experienced financial gurus would follow this basic "Principals of Finance 101- Diversification" rule? Right?

(I do know that I did adjust the scale on the left side, which I normally am against, but the average was 44% and I just wanted to show how much of a deviation occured from norms)

The piper SOOOOO has to be paid.

And it would have been a lot cheaper to pay an economist.

Money Equals Happiness

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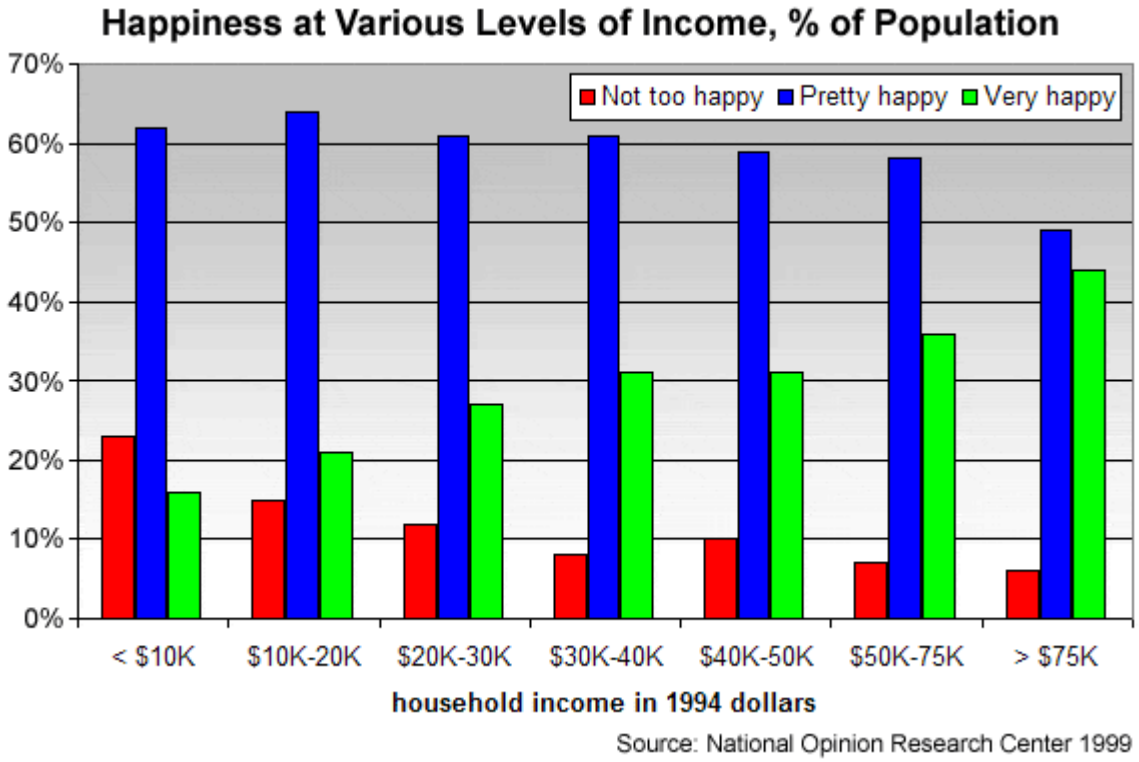
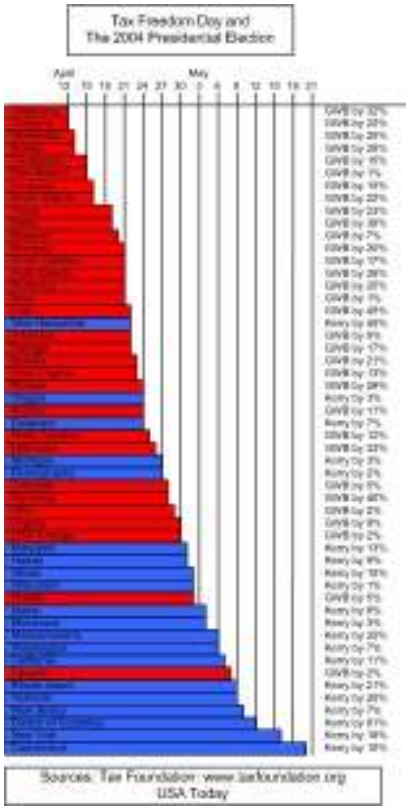


And if anybody else tells you otherwise, ask them to give you all of their money since it isn't making them happy.

And the Winner Is...

May 9, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

AMAZING PETE with his chart that showed those who paid the highest in taxes also voted for John Kerry. Giving further credence to my theory that it has nothing to do with hating GW or the war or abortion right or social right, but socialism is all about the money. Don't let anybody tell you any different.



Pete wins;

$15 of the Captain's hard earned money
A signed photograph of the Captain
and
The Captain's ENTIRE instructional DVD suite, retail value of $60! (I've just wanted to say that)

I think I may have deleted Pete's e-mail, but if you could e-mail me Pete with your address at captcapitalism@yahoo.com (remember to copy and paste) and you will have your prizes mailed out as soon as I get off my lazy ass and mail it.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Death to the Private Sector!

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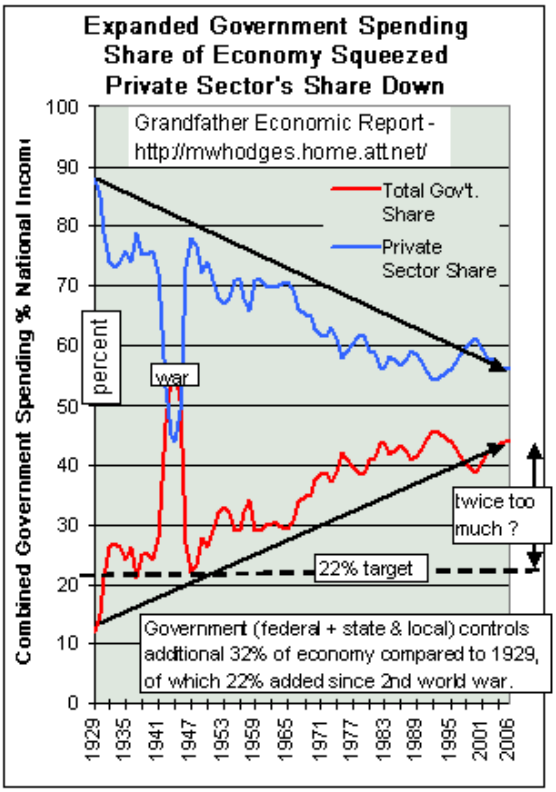
I attribute a fair percentage of Captain Capitalism's origins to Mike Hodges and his Grandfather Reports. Many times I'd be researching for a particular chart or data stream and Mike would show up more than just once.



Pity more people and politicians don't listen to him. If they did, then we wouldn't be condemned to end up looking like Italy or Sweden 20 years from now.

Holy Old Chart Batman!

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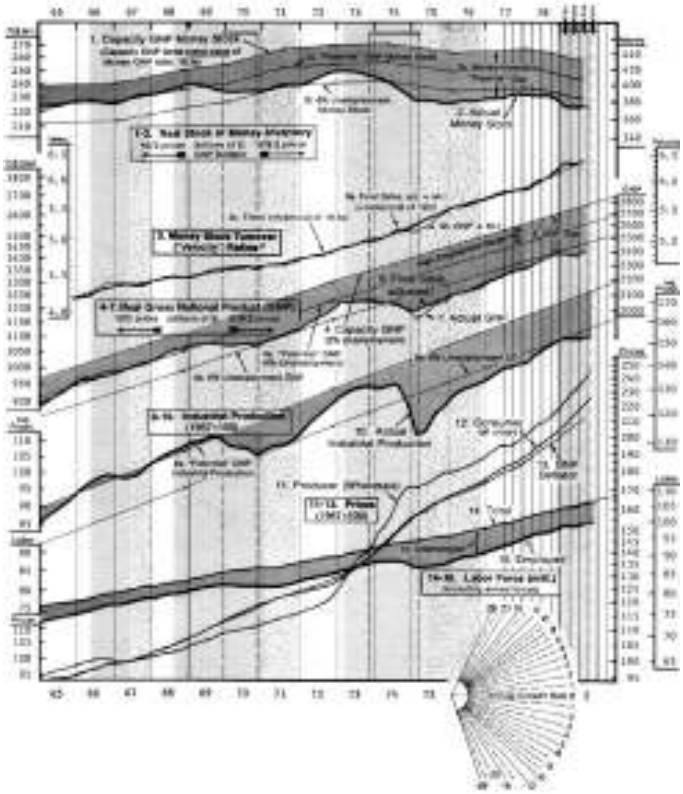
As a kid I used to go through my dad's church's old file bins and find old, I mean really old, church bulletins. It was a nerdy kind of neat to see if I could find old fliers that hadn't been handed out since 1963 and what kind of art/style was on the brochure. And so I found a couple of these charts which are kind of neat in that same nostalgic sense, economic charts from the 1970's.



No aid of computers or Excel, it seemed this stuff was done by hand maybe? I can't tell, but it was no less advanced. I could only imagine how long it would have taken to craft a chart like this.

My Pal Al

May 12, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Like I said, sure no doubt I'll suffer economically from a recession, but I like being right;

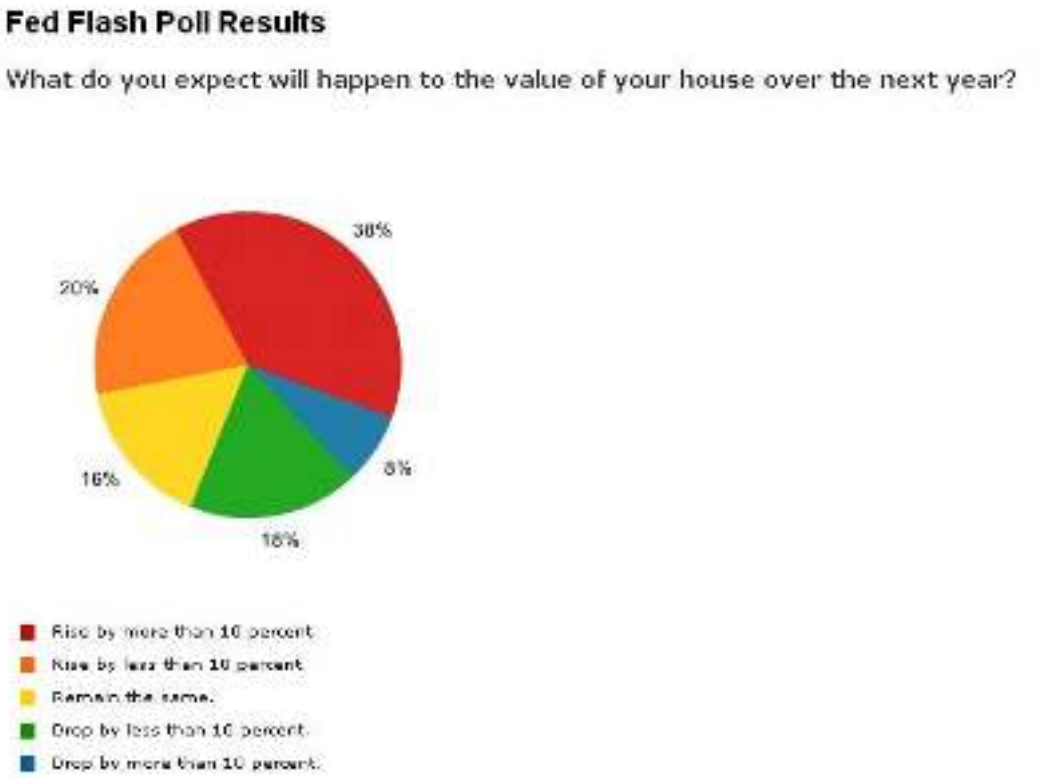
http://business.guardian.co.uk/story/0,,2077886,00.html

How much you want to bet that when the economy does go into recession they'll blame it on Bush and not the millions of sub prime losers that went and indebted themselves with the help of willing-accomplice banks that triggered the housing bubble?

"Meanwhile, at the Federal Reserve..."

May 13, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So you would think the people who visit the Federal Reserve's website would be of the slightly highly educated caliber. The types that are pretty in tune with the realities of today's economy. The types that can objectively look at data and not let their personal biases or wishes affect them.
Well, I guess I was wrong.
They have a poll you can take that asks where you think housing prices are going. I took it, expecting to see a large majority predicting housing prices to go down. When you looked at the results, however, the majority of people think prices ARE GOING TO GO UP!

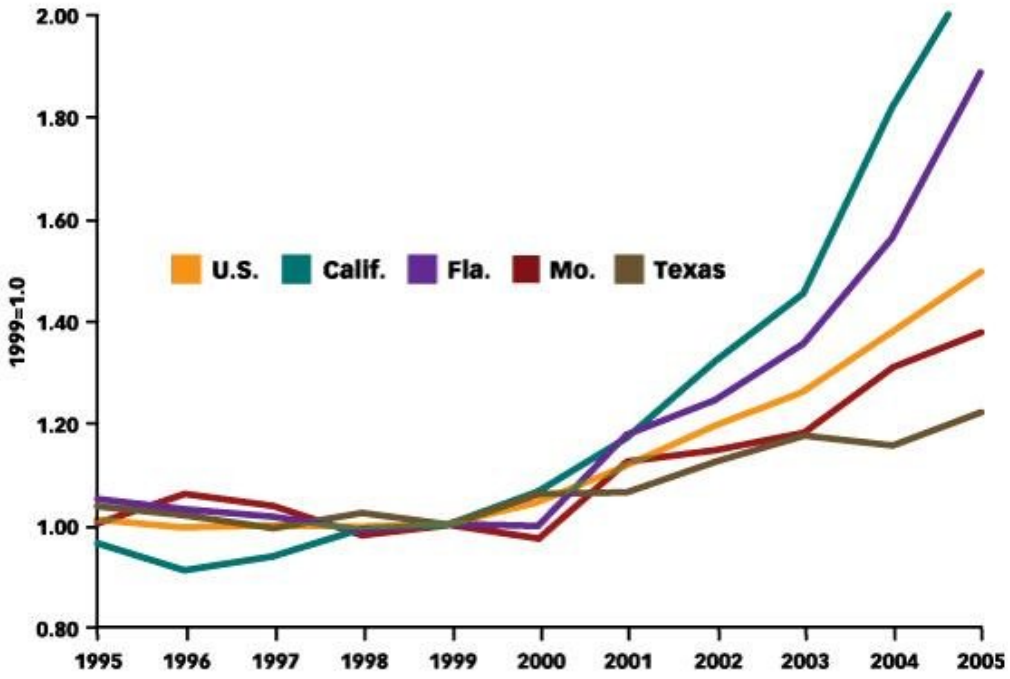


Here's the poll;
http://www.stls.frb.org/Poll/PollQuestion.cfm?QID=16

Of course only 88 respondents had taken the poll when I took it, but it would be Cappy Cap Terrific if all you deputy, junior, official and otherwise aspiring economists would take the poll and give them you opinion (plus that would just be sweet if the Federal Reserve saw where the hits were coming from, and then they'd call me and say, "Captain Capitalism, the Fed needs you!" Whereby Ben Bernanke and I would work out some kind of deal like Commissioner Gordon and Batman had where they'd send up the Captain Capitalism signal and I'd be the silent protector of the Fed...hey, it could happen!)

Regardless, I found the poll interesting because embedded in nearby research at the Fed they have this chart;

FIG. 1
Ratio of House Prices to Income Varies Dramatically Across States



My research shows that prices would have to drop by about 20-40% to get back in line with historic means. Their research shows the same. However, look at California and Florida. Sheesh! The country might not get hit with a recession, but I have a hard time seeing how California and Florida won't.

Make the Canadian Tax Payer Pay

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Don't know if it's true, and maybe some of you Canuck friend up north can tell me, but this angers me and it isn't even my country.

If it is true, how much you want to bet he's of the political belief that tax payers should pay MORE in taxes (so he can get a better bottle of wine supposedly).

Failed Aid

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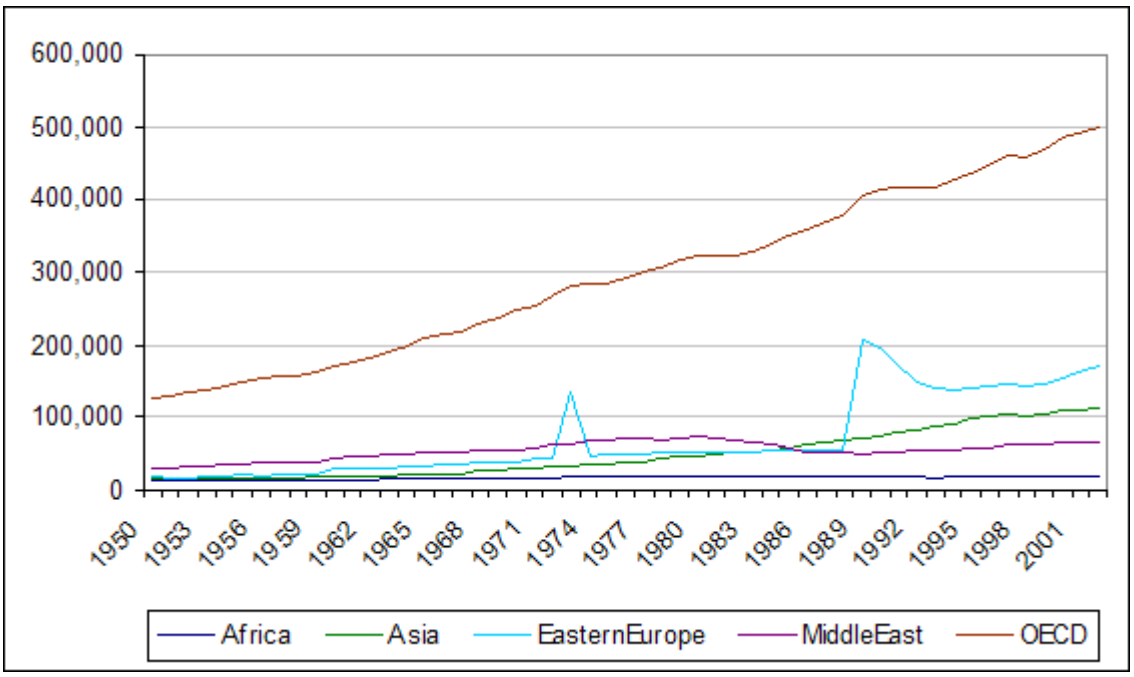
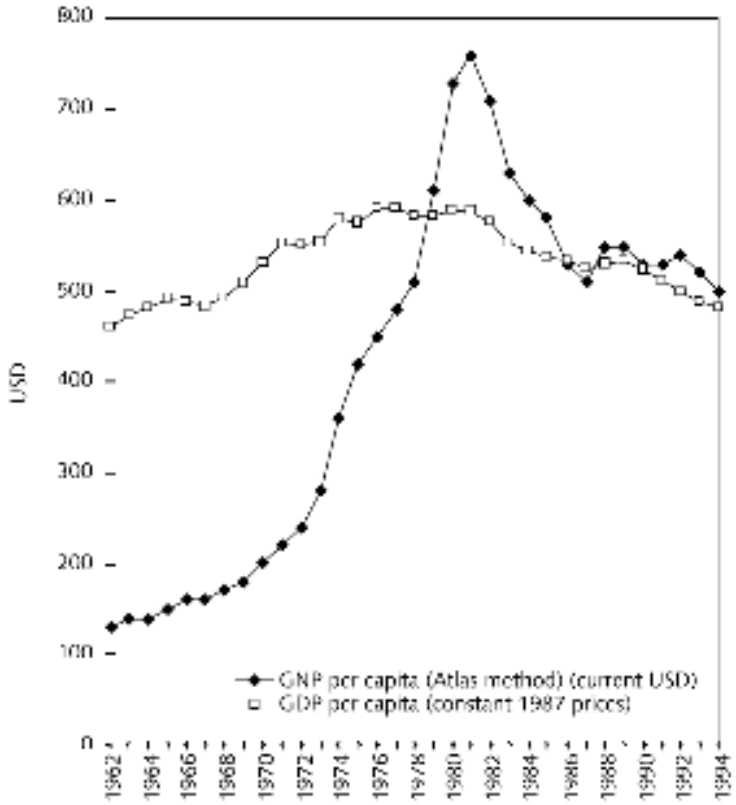
If there is a distinguishing characteristic between those of lefter leaning stripes and those of righter leaning stripes it's that those on the right seemingly and callously only care about results, those on the left care about being nice or polite. Those on the right are the harsh fatherly figures that incentive performance by threat of punishment. Those on the left are kind, forgiving mother figures that incentive performance by rewards and puppies and flowers and unicorns, but it's not necessary you achieve performance, but that you try.

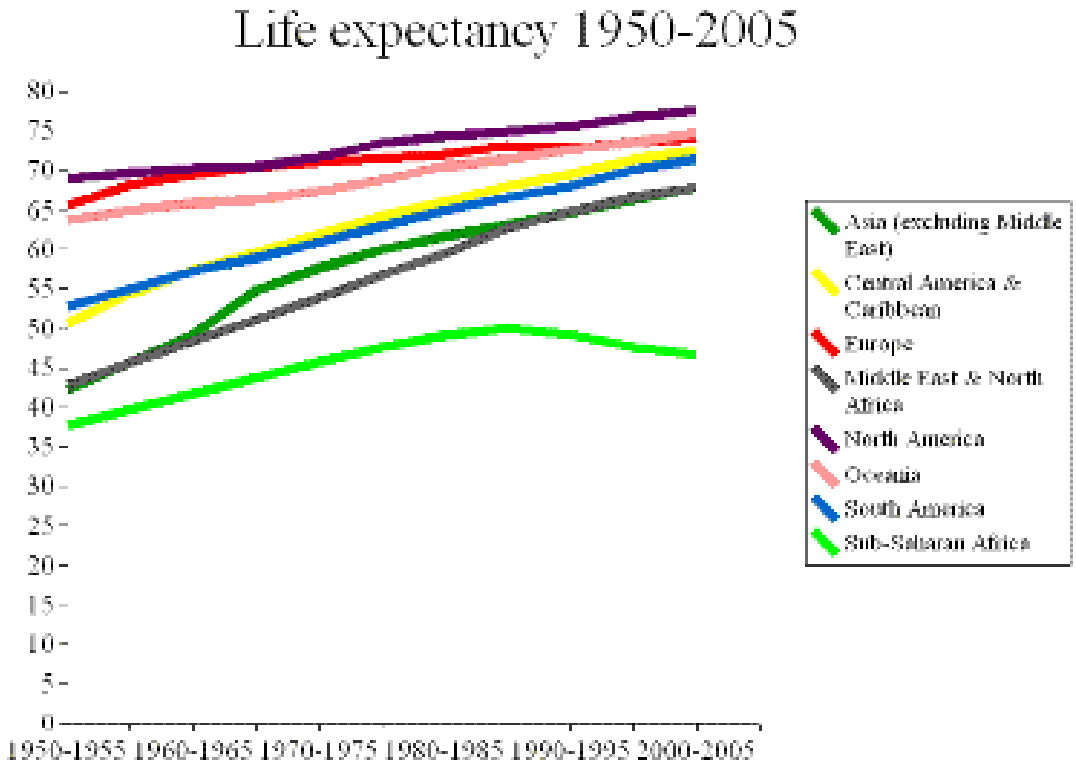
Now while the world needs both it seems the fatherly approach to problem solving is being outlawed and banned as it is too blunt and mean.

And that's a pity because usually the best thing people need is a swift kick in the ass or to have some kid point out the emperor has no clothes. It's an additional pity when for political reasons, ignorance or just being brainwashed into political correctness, we ignore problems in fear that if we address them directly then we'd be accused of being cold hearted, sexist, racist, evil, mean, or just a plain old poopey person. It's a tragedy when 600 million people's lives are on the line and we can't admit we goofed up and change tactics because the resulting change in tactics would be deemed politically incorrect.

Case in point, Africa;







Now I don't have time to go on about how much we've spent in aid and debt forgiveness, estimates I've seen range from $650 billion to $1.5 trillion. But can we at least admit that this leftist-originated "let's all send them money and aid" schtick ain't working? Can we just for once put the actual livelihoods of Africans ahead of our desires to feel warm fuzzies about ourselves because we "tried" (even though it's seemed to make them worse off)? This isn't a hobby folks, it's other people's lives, which is why it's good to see

charities like the Bill and Melinda Gate's foundation attaching strings to their aid. If we can admit that, I'll admit things aren't working in Iraq...but that's just because I have this horrible knack for accepting reality. Do you?

Captain's Link Fest

May 15, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm a lazy blogger, I don't know how to set up a blog roll, haven't gotten around to it. So I decided to make a post to those of you that have linked here in the past (this is not a complete list, took a while to compile this one). But thanks for your support!

Regardless, all readers will visit these web sites. You will conform!

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A Housing Crash Coming to a Market Near You!

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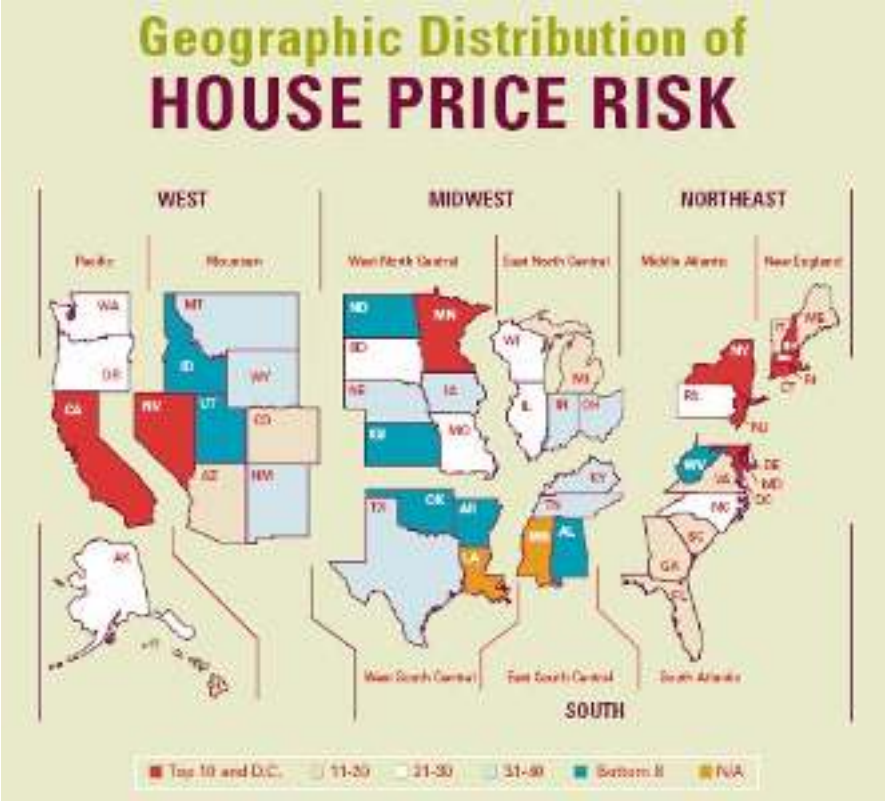

FRED THOMPSON IS FREAKING HILARIOUS!

May 16, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

God I wish he'd run for president!

You must read, you must conform!!!!

Nicolas Sarkozy Napoleon Height

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He's 5'5" or 168 cm already!

Just an experiment I'm working with here aspiring economists. I noticed the most frequent hits I was getting was people google searching for Nicolas Sarkozy's height. "Height" and "Nicolas Sarkozy" were in a post of mine a while back, but nothing about his actually height.

So for all of you looking for his height he is;

5'5" or 168 cm.

In the meantime since I'm getting a lot of traffic to this one post BUY MY BOOK!!! DO IT NOW!!! It's much more interesting than President Sarkozy's height!

China Strikes Back

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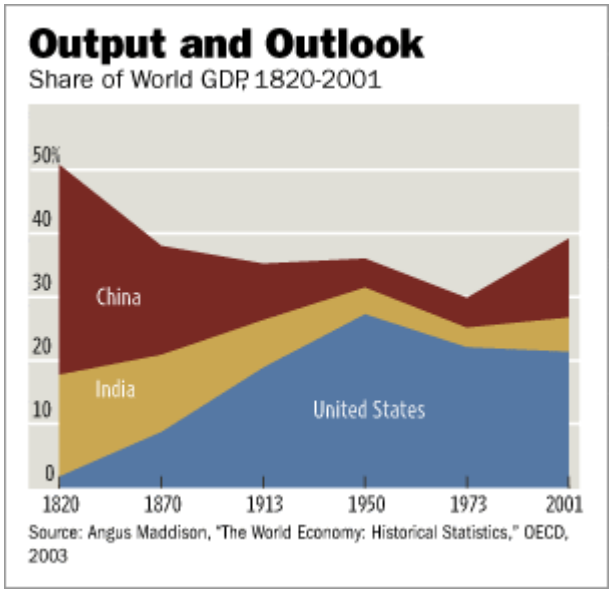

Something tells me we'll be seeing a return to 1820. Wish the chart was extended though.

The past three years alone at 10+% growth in China would show a rapid acceleration. And we get all giggity giggity with 3% RGDP growth. Cripes.

The Housing Market Index

May 17, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Looks like after a false recovery housing is still heading down. A technical analyst would say that this is obviously the bottom because we've never been this low before. Ahhh, if it wasn't for all that damn gluttonous oversupply in the market.

How One Liberal Can Wreak Havoc Upon Society

May 18, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm always amazed how one leftist, if strategically placed can wreak havoc upon thousands, if not millions of people.

Kim Jong Il comes to mind. One leftist, in a position of power keeps 22 million North Koreans impoverished and in hell.

Hugo Chavez is about the unleash a similar Venezuelan version of hell on his own countrymen.

But these are dictators who have the entirety and infrastructure of a government to unleash their evil. Some leftists are not so fortunate. But every once in a while, one of them gets lucky and finds themselves at the right place and the right time to foist a lesser standard of living upon the masses and detract from other peoples' lives.

This woman is such an example (awesome article here);

PORTS IN A STORM

Activists Choke Growth Of European Shipping

Space Demand Increases As Asian Imports Rise; Crusade

Here you have some woman, who no doubt enjoys the highest standards of living in the West, who never starved or missed a meal, who is suffering from some kind of mid-life crisis and looks back at her life and says, "what have I accomplished?"

Now, you can go and become a doctor, start a business, join the police department, or work with orphans or a bevy of millions of other things to add worth to your life and give

your time here on this planet meaning. But what do Baby Boomers and Gen X'ers lean towards now as their primary means of making a difference?

Going on some god damned worthless political crusade.

For you see, becoming an activist or picking up some random crusade doesn't require effort. It doesn't require you to do anything.

To become an officer you must go through training.

To become a doctor, you must get some schooling.

To help orphans you need to donate your time.

But to go on some random political, activist-ridden crusade, all you have to do is say you care and BOOM! You have gone from "Middle Aged Person Nobody" to... (drum roll)

INSTANT POLITICAL CRUSADER PERSON!

Forget whether the crusade actually helps society out or not, no, that doesn't matter. It only matters that the newly reborn political crusader feel good about themselves. And ideally, if you can avoid any real effort, sweat, thinking or toil, all the better, because again, it really isn't to end the war in Iraq, or help the children in Africa, it's so you can go hold that sign up and protest because it makes you feel like it's 1969 all over again.

But this professional activist hit the leftist lottery jackpot. In protesting against the development of a larger main port, she's effectively limiting the amount of goods that can be imported into Europe, namely Chinese imports. And in doing so she's choking off the supply of goods and services into Europe which will drive up prices for those goods and services and in doing so effectively decrease the standards of living of 500 million Europeans.

That's got to be a HUGE ego boost to a socialist. I can see her now, "I may not be Lenin, but I just single handedly forced 500 million Europeans to pay higher prices for imported goods by bottlenecking one of the largest ports. I'm a rebel. I'm a crusader!!! I made a difference!"

So for one person's psychological self-worth 500 million Europeans, some of which are poor and could certainly benefit from the increased purchasing power Chinese goods afford them, will be forced to pay higher prices so she and her merry band of professional activists can feel good about themselves. Forget whether that difference is good or bad for society, that's not the point, all that matters is that the crusader get to feel good about themselves (see - "Al Gore")

There is one final thing I'd like to point out, as I have pointed it out before. And that is if you want a reason why China will inevitably kick the west's ass in economic growth and productivity, just look at the highlighted section of the article.

POINTS IN A STORM

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Kamole Bar Fight

I've mentioned it before, but if you get a dictatorship that knows what its doing (at least economically, not necessarily democratically, and not that I necessarily agree with it) a lot of hurdles, stops and speed bumps are removed from attaining excellent economic growth and that gives you a big advantage over your western economic counterparts. Like the shirt says, "Imagine a World with No Liberals."

I see a world with income per capita of $250,000 and a lot less poverty.

"Communist" China is More Capitalist than the US

May 21, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So while our beloved government here takes the surplus from social security and invests it in...

loaning money to other divisions in the government for what amounts to wealth transfers...

The Chinese take their trillion dollar surplus and buy a large chunk of a private equity firm.

"Communist" China is now officially more capitalist than the US.

Your Daily Oil Chart

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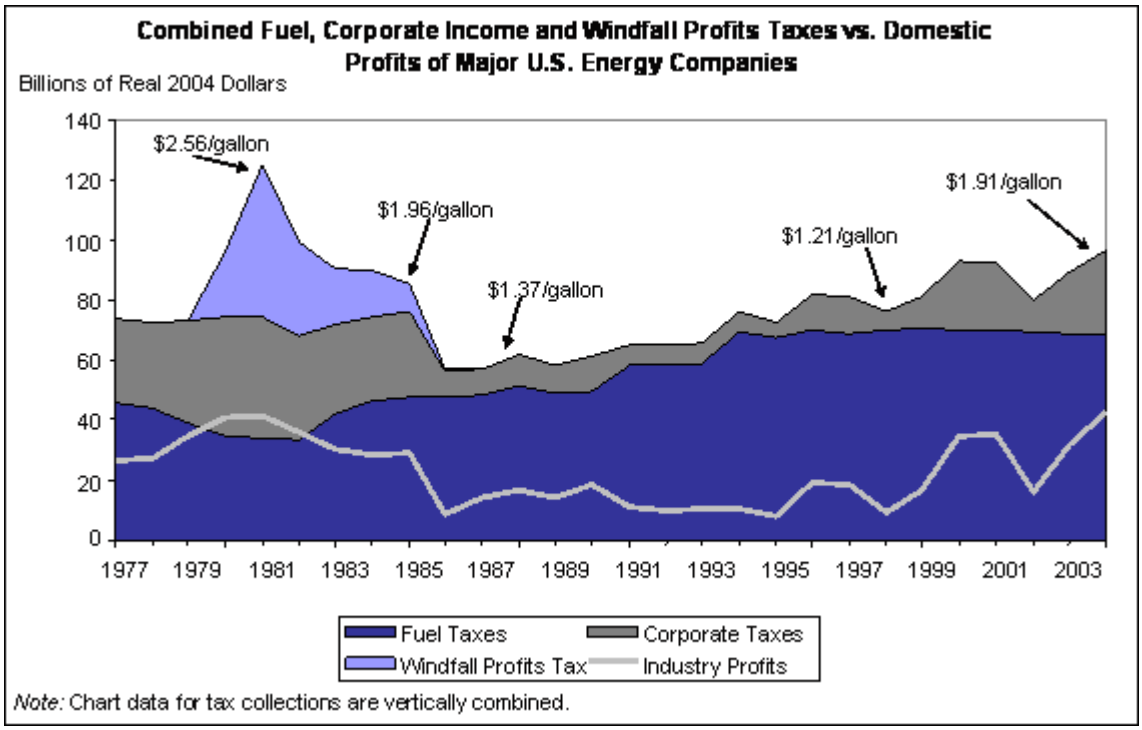


Lowest Taxed Cities in the US

May 22, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Daily Real Estate News | May 11, 2007

Top 10 Tax-Friendliest Cities

A recent survey by the District of Columbia government identified the metro areas that take the smallest tax bite. The survey looked at the tax burden for families in the largest city in each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

The D.C. government in its survey accounted for local income, sales, real estate, and car/personal property taxes for couples at various income levels. The survey's rankings provided below from *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* are based on a dual income couple, with one school age child and a combined gross income of $75,000 in 2005.

Here are the 10 metro areas that under those circumstances claim the lowest percentage of taxes.

1. Anchorage, Alaska: 4.1 percent
2. Cheyenne, Wyo.: 4.3 percent
3. Jacksonville, Fla.: 4.6 percent
4. Las Vegas, Nev.: 5.4 percent
5. Honolulu, Hawaii.: 5.5 percent
6. Memphis, Tenn.: 6.1 percent
7. Sioux Falls, S.D.: 6.3 percent
8. Fargo, N.D.: 6.3 percent
9. Houston, Texas: 6.3 percent
10. Billings, Mont.: 6.7 percent

Not surprisingly, seven of the top 10 cities above are in states with no income tax.

Source: Kiplinger Personal Finance (05/07)

Wow, and not a one from California or the East Coast. Go fig.

Bahh, Cheyenne, Fargo, Billings, what do they know, they're just a bunch of dumb hicks. They can't possibly know something that the coasts don't.

For the Love of Pete

May 22, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You may not know Commie Pete, but he was one of the original old school bloggers that happened upon my web site long ago.

He's an odd sort, religious, but a commie (of course) because that's just how you have to be if you're living in Canada.

Regardless, you will visit him. You will conform;

Commie Pete.

Richard Almanac Economics - The Inverted Yield Curve

May 23, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

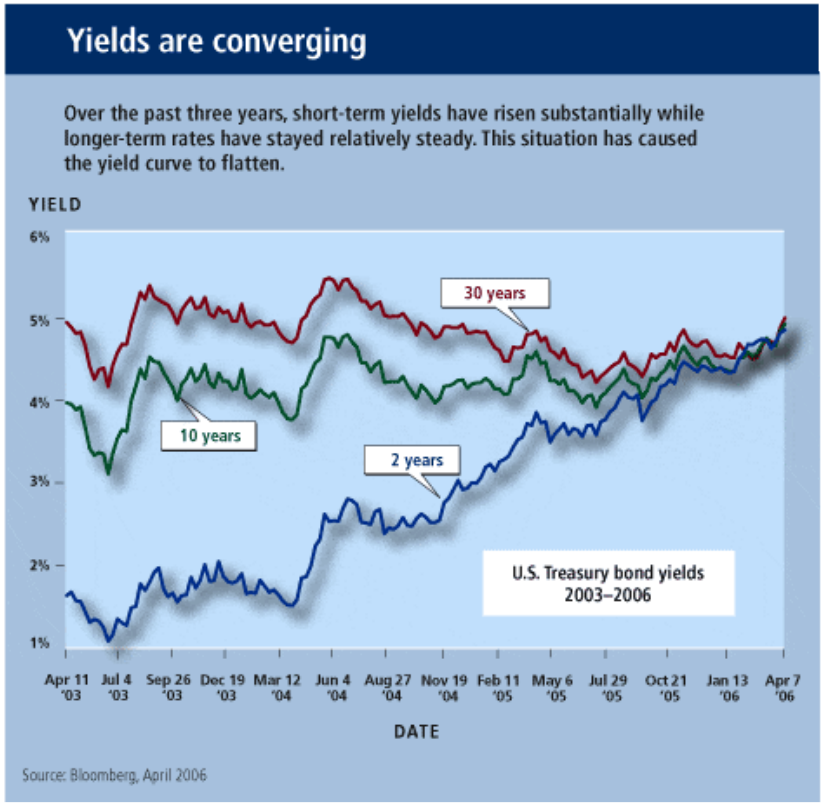
I was originally skeptical of a recession occurring. And even if one did occur, it wouldn't be drastic.

So what, we're in recession. Suburb Sam, Trophy Wife Trisha and his Bevy of Suburbanite Princesses would have to make do in their palacial estate and 3 SUV's and VW Cabrio convertibles without a home equity loan to finance their family European trip for two years as GDP contracted 1.3%, and Trisha might have to shop at Wal-Mart and get a job!!!

Oh, the horrors.

But as time has gone on and I've seen just how much rot there is in the banking sector, not to mention the bevy of data coming out from different sectors, I'm pretty convinced a recession is on its way.

And then I found this;



It's one of those lessons you learn long ago. "Recessions always follow economic phenomenon X."

They don't know why.

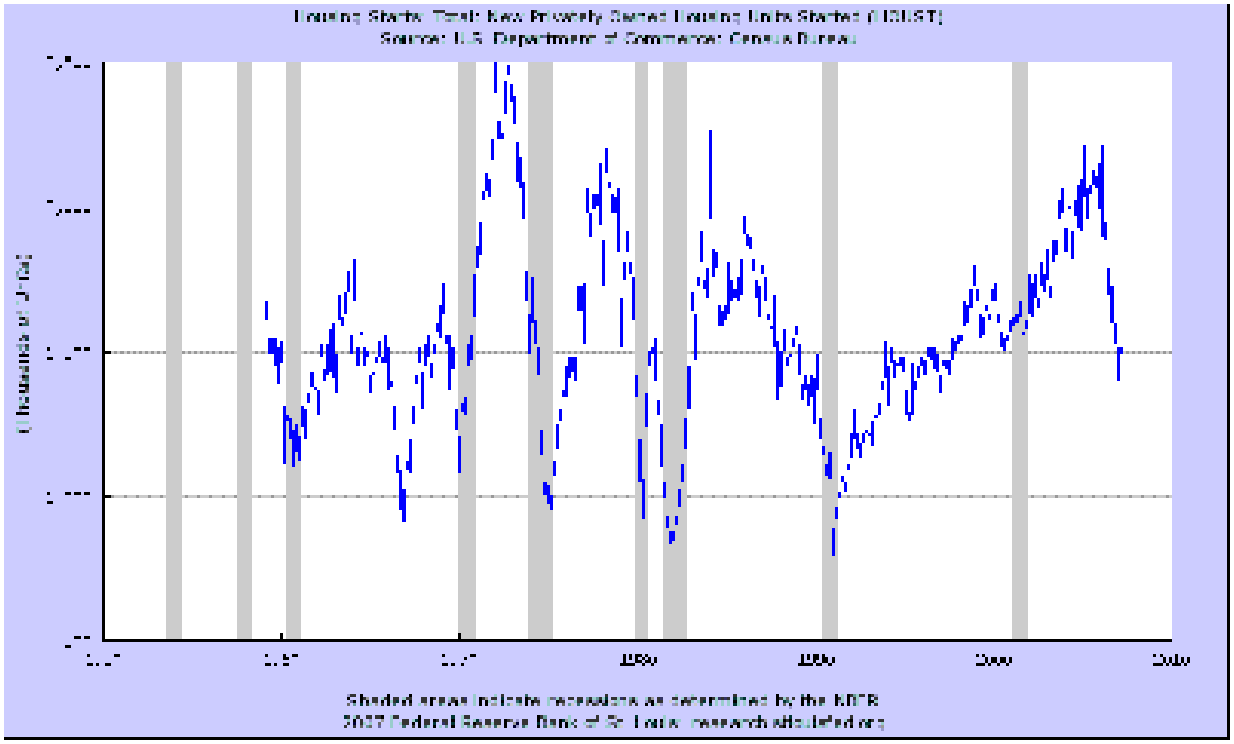
Professors could really never give a good reason.

It just so happens recessions would always follow certain things and inverted yield curves were one of them. Sort of like various superstitious weather predictions found in Poor Richard's Almanac

There are theories that inverted yield curves foretell a recession as the long term future prospects of the economy are so low that demand for long term capital is also low, thereby driving down demand and therefore long term interest rate for loanable dollars.

Or that short term demand for immediate money to make a quick buck to feed a bubble drives up short term interest rates above long term interest rates, only until that bubble pops. But certainly this is not happening (note the heavy sarcasm).

Whatever the case, inverted yield curves tend to precede recessions. And when you combine it with charts like this;



it's getting harder and harder to ignore these "economic superstitions."

I wonder what Ben Franklin would be predicting.

Another Horrible Stock Pick by the Captain

May 23, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As you all know, I don't make stock recommendations. You can get sued for that. I invest in insanely high risk stocks that you're guaranteed to lose your investment in. That's why I tell you NOT to invest in these stocks. And my new stock pick is just as stupid, risky and insane.

Ergo, you are a fool! A moron! An idiot! If you are to invest in this one.

Woe is you who is so stupid as to follow my advice and invest in such an obvious con.

But no, you won't listen to me. You'll invest anyway even though you are guaranteed to lose your shirt.

Why the chances of you making money on this stock is like Venezuela or Bolivia experiencing economic growth in the next 10 years.

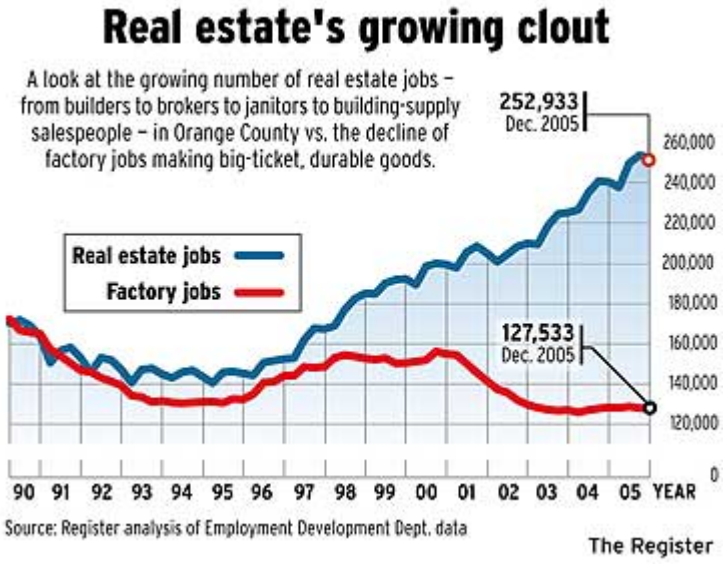
Anyway, here it is.

Verasun Energy.

Yes, I am aware of their distribution problem, but frankly I just wanted to invest in something that might stand a chance of benefiting from high oil prices. I almost feel guilty as it's an ethanol producer and me being the evil capitalist, in a sense have betrayed by evil Big Oil Overlords (gosh, I hope they don't send assassins to kill me for stepping out of line. I can hear their black helicopters firing up now! I mean they're all powerful and control everything, just look at the 2006 congressional election..oh wait..)

Will the Housing Market Spill Over into the Larger Economy?

May 24, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link



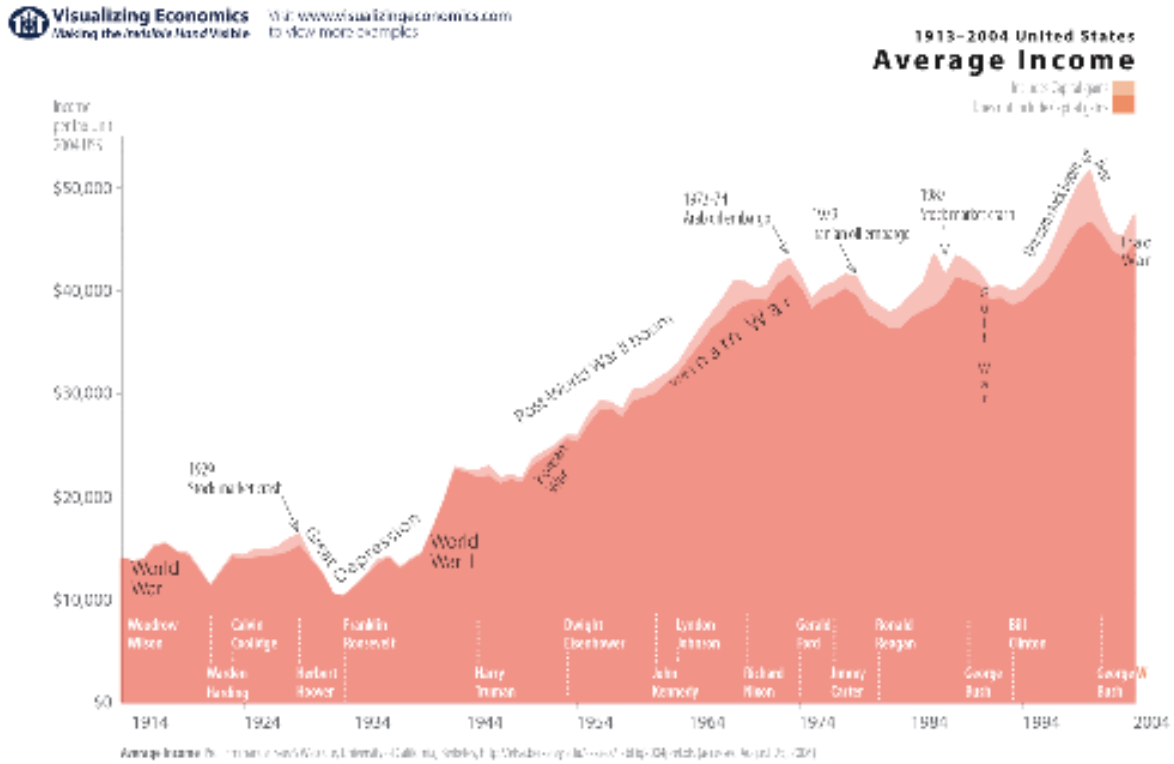
Hard to see how it isn't.

Visualizing Economics

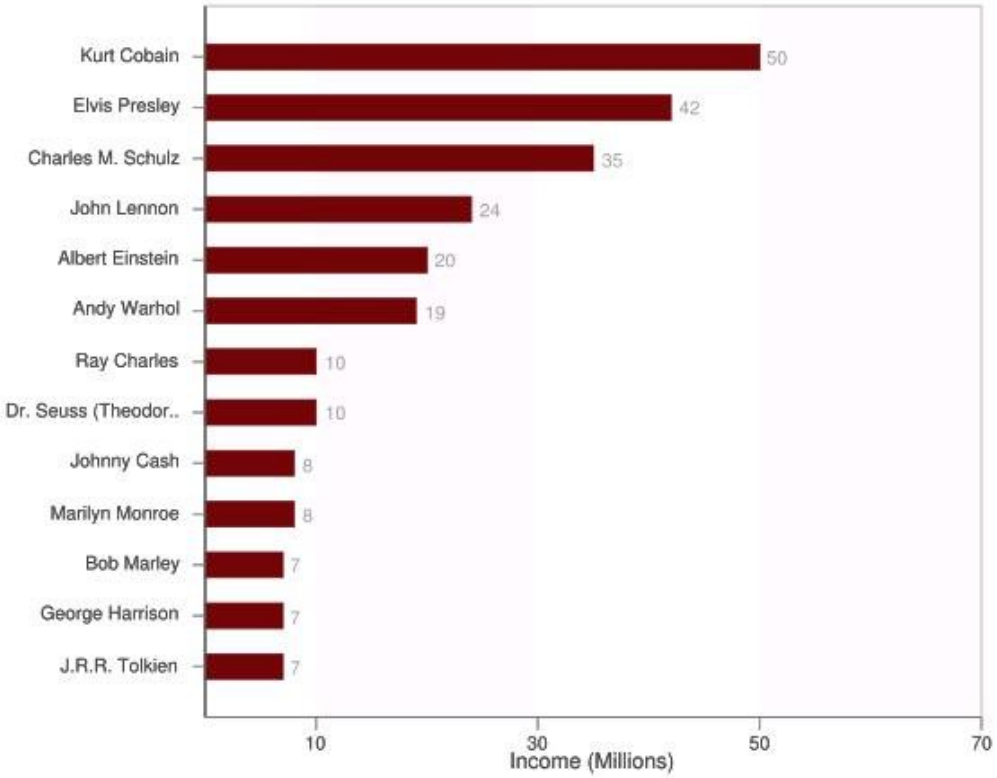
May 25, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I have to admit, these guys have some pretty great charts, and I should give them their due. Here's just a couple;

Just kind of a cool historical chart showing income per capita;



And who can go without their top earning dead Celebrities in 2006 chart?



They seem to theme around income distribution, didn't get the impression that they were pro or anti wealth redistribution, regardless I got lost on their site for a good 30 minutes, which with my attention span is forever.

How Rich Are You?

May 25, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An observant friend of mine once told a leftist at a college party, "Hey, instead of bitching and whining about how you have it so touch and that the rich in America owe you a living, how about you go and help some truly poor people in Africa or something?"

And he had a good point. Here in the US or any developed nation, we're always focused on the super rich in America. And we tend to forget that just by being born in the West we are fortunate and enjoy such high standards of living it is unfathomable to us how 1.2 billion people in the world live on a dollar a day.

Ergo, if the truly globalist, environmentalist, socialist really cared, they too would argue for not just redistributing the wealth of the richest in the US, but also advocate taxing themselves to help out those in other countries that REALLY ARE in need.

Which is why this web site is a sobering reminder of how we are really lucky and why we should be thankful to capitalism (of course the web site draws a different conclusion, but regardless). I just threw in $40,000 to show how rich the AVERAGE American is relative to the rest of the world;

(Kudos to Visualizing Economics)

This Shouldn't Be Happening

May 28, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Remember when Spain elected Zapatero after the Madrid bombings and then Spain pulled out of Iraq as a way to appease the Islamic terrorists? That was supposed to make things all better right? Like then the terrorists would have left Spain and Spaniards alone. Right?

Riiiiiiight.

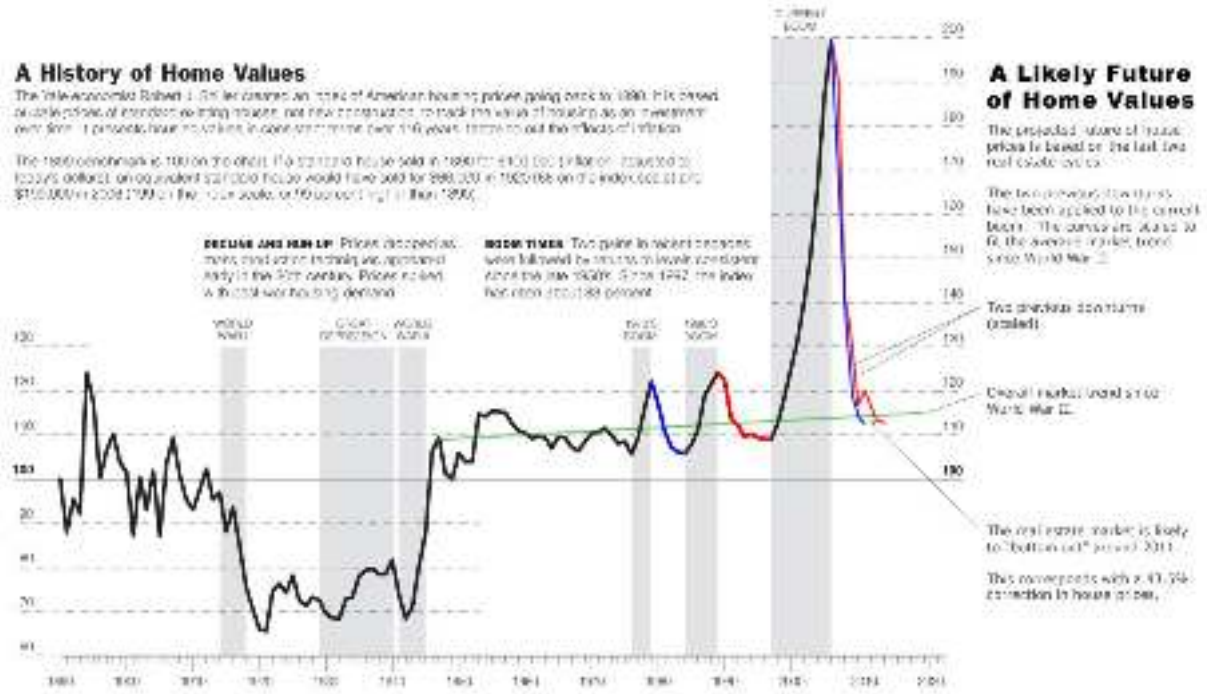
"Housing Will Bottom in 2011"

May 28, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've said it before and I'll say it again;

It will vary depending on the region you're from, but housing would have to correct between 20-40% in order to come back in line with historical valuations relative to rents and income (or incomes and rents would have to increase by that much, ha ha ha!)

However, some crafty soul has expanded Robert Shiller's now-famous chart to forecast when and how the housing crash will occur. He forecasts a bottoming out in 2011 and a price drop of 43.5%.



I wouldn't be quite that pessimistic, but it just amazes me how a bunch of yahoo bloggers in their spare time were able to predict this happening long before hoity, toity, big time, and much higher paid Wall Street and banking hot shots did. Similar to how some unknown bloggers brought down Dan Rather. In both instances though I think there was a bias or incentive to ignore reality.

In the case of Dan Rather, it was simply political bias that blinded the entirety of CBS.

But this housing bubble, it was much worse and much more detrimental to the economy and American society; bankers had the incentive to keep loaning out money because bankers are primarily paid in commission, not salary. Therefore it didn't matter whether the loan was good or not, as long as it got through the door, commissions got paid and bankers were happy. Management was happy as sales were up and growing at a record

clip. But what amazes me is how wide spread this turning-the-eye to bad loans must have been to even have Wall Street investment banks who bought portfolios of subprime loans didn't pick up on the problems of these subprime lenders that are now bankrupt. And now, that the entire financial services industry has turned a blind eye to poor credit, they have allowed a large (arguably the largest) financial bubble in the history of the world build up.

2011 may not be too far off.

The Middle East's Greatest Hope

May 30, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

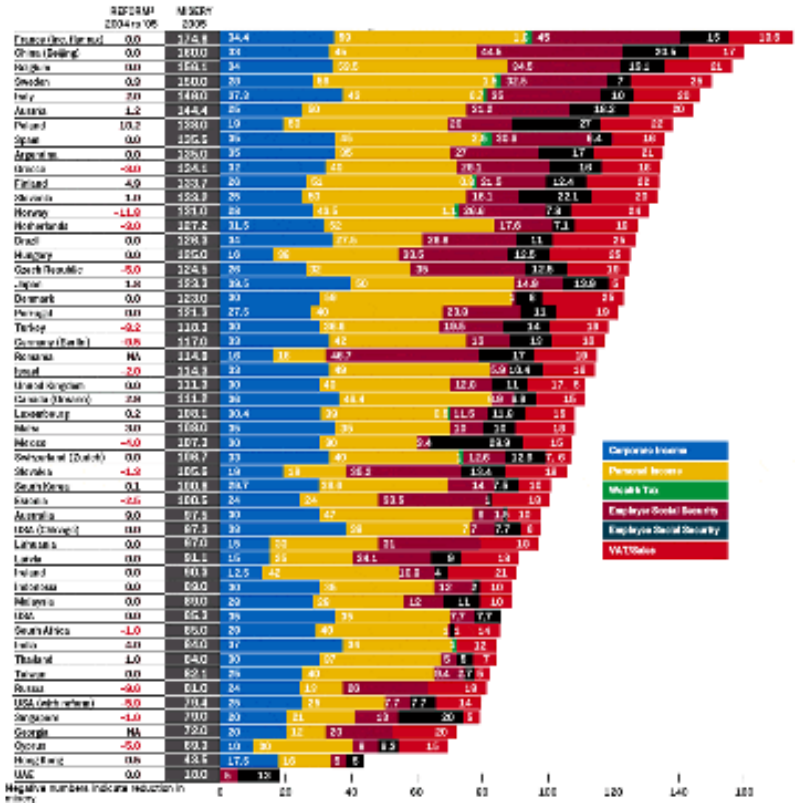
Capitalism is an amazing force.

Never has such a force done so much good for society than capitalism

It breeds innovation, wealth, peace and wipes out poverty at a rate and level that socialists could only dream of achieving.

And I am sincere when I say that the more and more I think about it, capitalism is the only force that can quelch the insanity of radical Islam and provide the idiot nutjobs an alternative to blowing themselves up in a fruitless attempt to get to heaven. Heck, look how it's converted all of Mao's "devout" followers, not to mention lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty in China. If it can convert communist China, it certainly can provide hope to the middle east, and the UAE is just such a hope.

This is an amazing chart, and I truly and genuinely believe that the solution to the problems of the middle east lie here; letting their people and commerce be free to do as they chose, just not blow people up. Additionally I think the UAE in diversifying their economy beyond oil will position themselves to handle the inevitable time when oil becomes either obsolete or depleted splendidly and will, overtime, soon increase their standards of living beyond their Saudi counterparts.



No wonder Halliburton moved there.

It's Called "Sub Prime" for a Reason

May 30, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My favorite is the left wing spin on foreclosures. In true leftist form they shift the blame from the person who most deserves it (the sub prime borrower too stupid to take the time to realize what they were getting into) and blames it on "evil greedy capitalist mortgage companies" that took advantage of these poor souls.

Now, I'm no big fan of mortgage brokers. Truth is, I will even go so far as to say some of them probably did outright lie or fail to mention some of the key aspects of how ARM's and reverse amortization loans work, and furthermore I hold them as one of the key villains that caused this housing bubble. But please, could you leftists just once, JUST ONCE tell people they're responsible for their own actions? Huh? Could you just leave the land of "Make Believe" and join us in the real world for 5 minutes? Could you just be truthful and say, "look, numskull, didn't it bother you that you could afford this house and this car for this meager of a payment? Didn't you bother to read or at least understand what you were getting into?"

No, of course not. That would not get them votes. That would be true, genuine leadership, but it wouldn't get you votes.

No, if you want votes, take a class of people, stupid or not, and explain the reason their lives suck isn't because of the stupid decisions they've made in the past. No, blame it on boogie men.

"Big Oil"

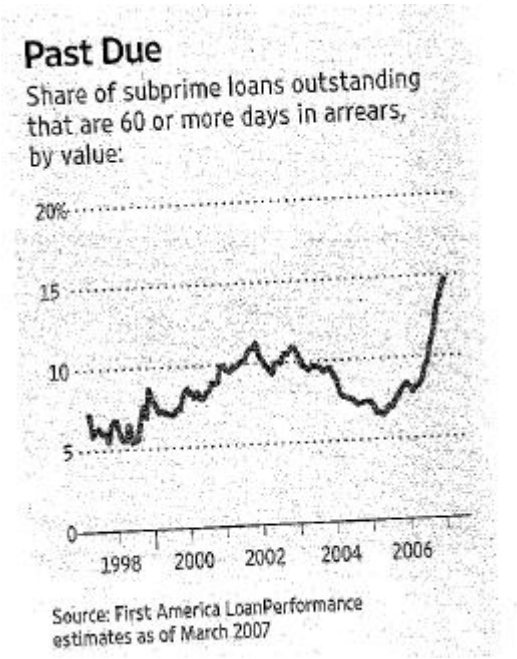
"Corporate America"

"George Bush"

"Global Warming."

And then tell them they're victims and entitled to recompense (meanwhile telling them they're incapable of ever achieving true success on their own because the world is stacked against them, condemning them to futility and dependency on the government). It is a classic play from the play book of the left.

Regardless, much as I'd like to rip on leftists all day, I do take some sadistic joy in seeing the banks and financial institutions that made loans to these morons and somehow didn't think it would come back to bite them in the ass. They keep floating around this statistic that the majority of sub prime lenders still pay their bills on time, which is true;



It's just the trend that bothers me (chart from WSJ).

Gas Tax By State

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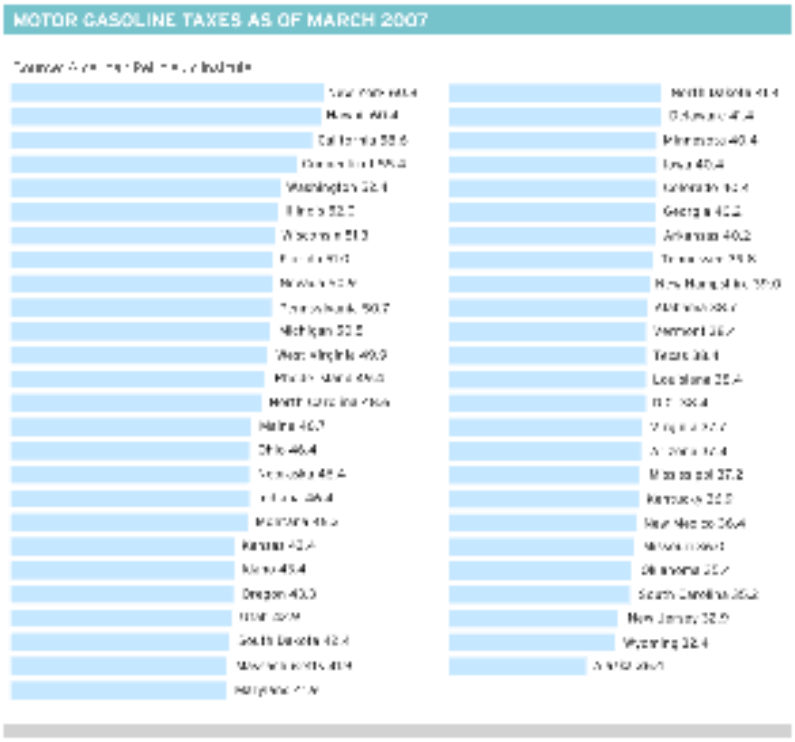
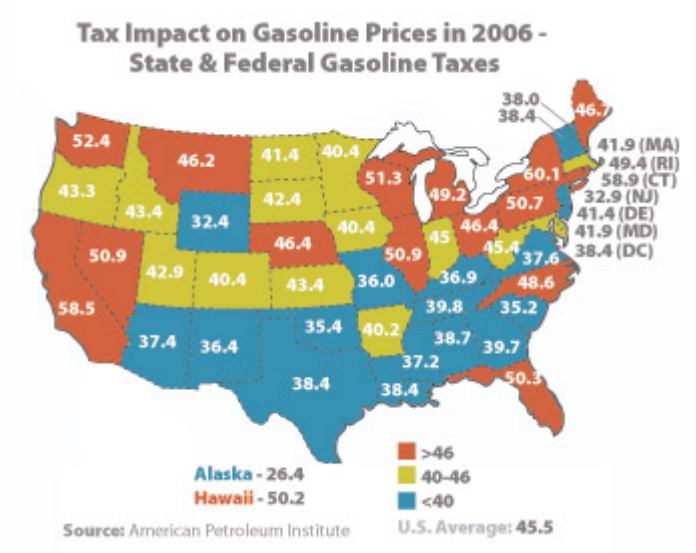




If Marriage Were a Horse Race

June 2, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

HAR!!!

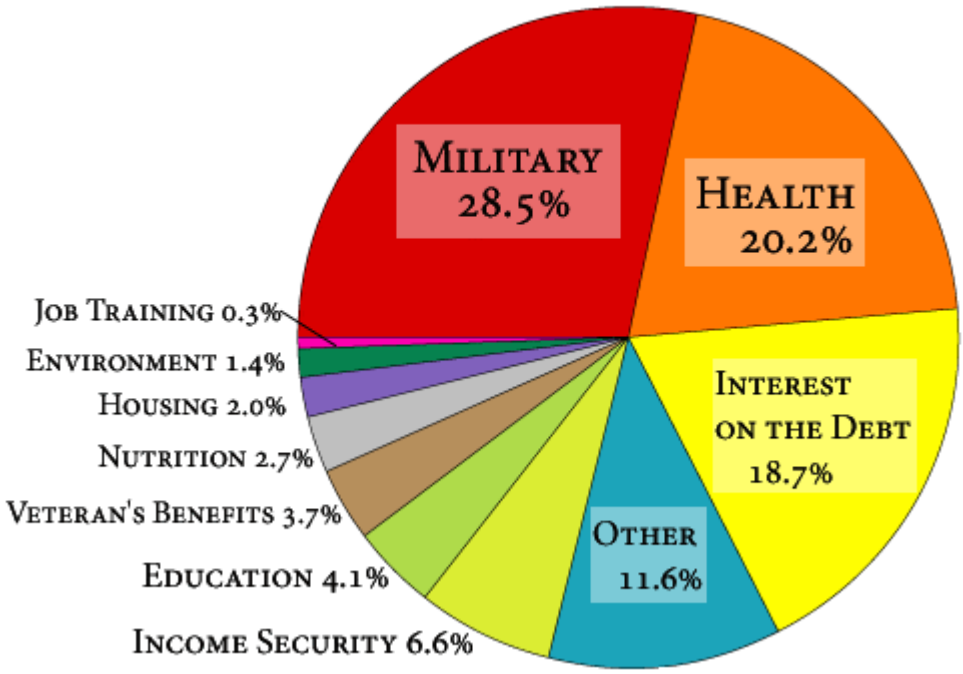
Warning cursing involved, not child friendly, but accurate

When Liberals Make Charts

June 4, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Liberals making charts. It's like giving a kid some whiskey, a gun and the keys to an SUV. Please, everybody on the left, leave the chart making to the professionals.

Some idiot sent me this chart trying to "prove" to me that the military is the largest expenditure of the federal budget.



I didn't even have to look up the budget to find out what MAJOR expense item was missing (which also happens to be the TRUE single largest expenditure in the federal government.)

Any takers?

Real Estate Loans as Percent of American Banks' Total Portfolio

June 5, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Again, I am just a dumb economist.

I play video games, pick my nose, jump out of trees, run into bushes and climb rocks.

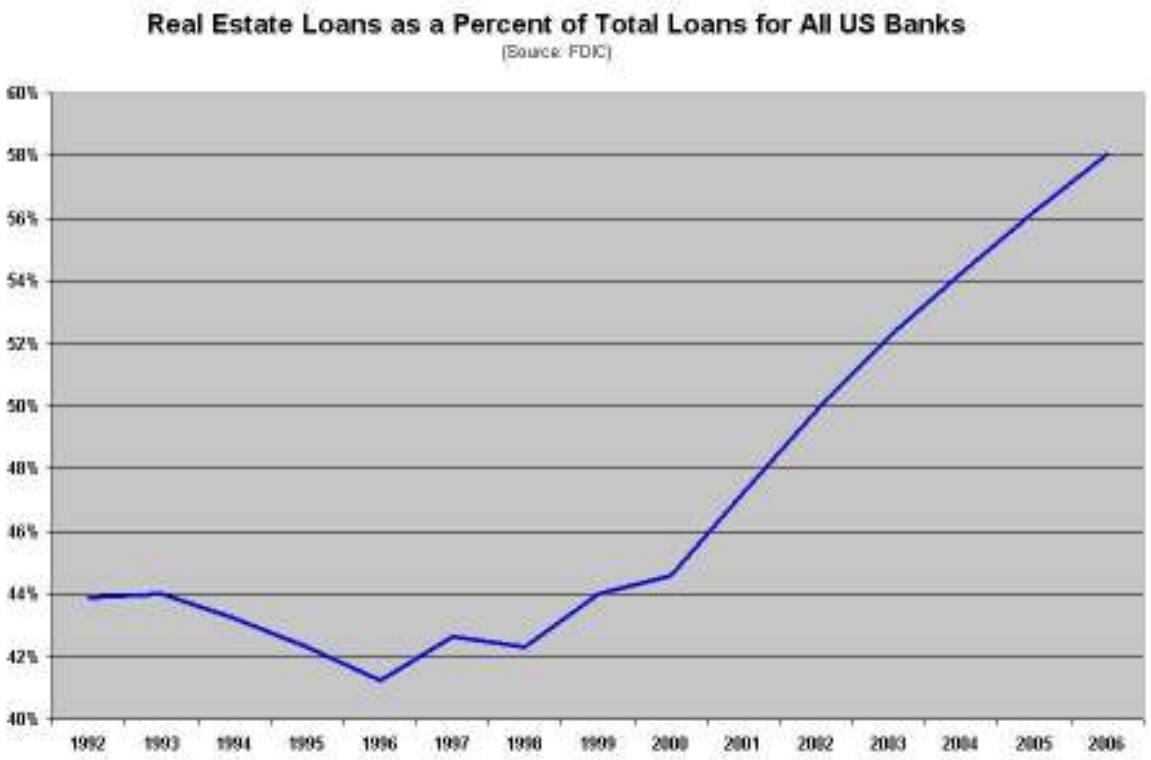
What do I know?

I'm too busy melting ants in my back yard with a magnifying glass and that's when I'm not polishing off a 5th of Jack Daniels drawing pretty pictures on my parent's walls with the 164 box of Crayola crayons.

So why listen to me, or for that matter any one of these moron economist types out there that "claim" there's some kind of housing bubble?

Well that might be changing because banks, mortgage brokerage outfits among other financial service firms that had exposure to real estate are posting losses. Default rates have started to skyrocket and more and more often banks are being left holding collateral for loans that is worth less than the amount they lent out on it due to overly-optimistic appraisals. And while rich, middle aged gray haired men who thought they knew better than us dumb monkey-economists who swing from tree branches and scratch our armpits, these losses along with the increasing chance the board of directors will fire their asses are making them more receptive to listening to the other camp. That "camp" I like to call "reality."

So here's a little tidbit that I think we can all enjoy and it also shows you we're not out of the housing bubble yet. Not by a long shot; Real estate loans as a percent of total loans for all the banks in the US;



(adjustment of the y-axis is duly noted)

You see, banks are going to have to eat through their excess loans and diversify into other loans like commercial, equipment, and other loans. Sadly though, most businesses or sole proprietors who want those kind of loans are just going to pony up real estate as collateral for these loans anyway, not really reducing the exposure of banks to real estate. And I've thought of some great ways to diversify banks' loans portfolio's to lower their exposure to real estate that would turn them profitable in 2008, not to mention lower the overall risk of their loan portfolio. Only problem is (and I'm not kidding) that I've literally approached banks and offered them such services and they poo-pooed me away because (as you know) I'm just a dumb economist.

But something tells me that there will be a potential consulting gold mine for economists, consultants and other various finance professionals out there who know why there was a bubble and are able to help banks salvage their crumbling operations. I think it will just take another two quarters of losses that quadruple the losses experienced in the first quarter of 2007 in the banking industry to finally convince the middle aged, MBA'ed, non-stop-golfing gray hairs that maybe they ought to listen to economists.

Too bad we'll all probably be too busy playing with our Legos eating our Jello Pudding Pops.

A Question for My European Counter Parts

June 6, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was hanging out at a jazz club last night, enjoying a cocktail like I do. People are decked out pretty nice and when the 3rd set is finished I decide to head back to the Captain Cave and call it a night. So I resurface (the jazz club was in the basement of a building) and upon getting back to street level I see a bunch of college kids with their hats on side ways, some kid with baggy poofy pants that looked like the group's token idiot and a car goes by with rap music blaring a heavy bass beat. And of course you can't make it back to your car in down town without some schmuck bum asking you for money. But this bum was all of 25 years old, not you're typical down and out 45 year old alcoholic.

And it just further reminded me how much American culture has deteriorated since the WWII generation.

We went from men and women in suits and dresses, just like in the jazz club, listening to Duke Ellington, to a bunch of Baby Boomers getting high on pot listening to "Come on Baby Light My Fire" whilst they threw the US into the throes of the worst recession since the Great Depression as they "came of age" who then begat my generation, Gen-X the most pathetic group of misfits that thought baggy pants, poetry slams, nose and tongue piercings, and Kurt Cobain were cool.

And my question is, has the same deterioration occurred in Europe? Or is it just us in America?
Of course, this is the perfect time to once again "Compare and Contrast." Yes "Compare and Contrast" where we take music from the horrible and oppressive 40's and compare to the enlightened and superior music of today.

Today's contestants are Louis Armstrong in "Gone Fishin'" and the musical mastermind Yo Gotti in "After I F@ck Your Bitch"

Gone Fishin'

I'll tell you why I can't find you
Every time I go out to your place...

You gone fishin' (well how you know)
Well there's a sign upon your door (uh-huh)
Gone fishin' (I'm real gone man)
You ain't workin' anymore (could be)
There's your hoe out in the sun
Where you left a row half done

You claim that hoein' ain't no fun (well I can prove it)
You ain't got no ambition

Gone fishin' by a shady wady pool (Shangrila, really la)
I'm wishin' I could be that kind of fool (should I twist your arm?)
I'd say no more work for mine (welcome to the club)
On my door I'd hang a sign
Gone fishin' instead of just a-wishin'

Papa Bing (yeah Louis)
I stopped by your place a time or two lately
And you aren't home either
Well, I'm a busy man Louis. I got a lotta deals cookin'
I was probably tied up at the studio
You weren't tied up you dog
You was just plain old...

Gone fishin' (bah-boo-bah-boo-bah-boo-bah-boo-bah)
There's a sign upon your door (Pops, don't blab it around, will you?)
Gone fishin' (keep it shady, I got me a big one staked out)
Mmm, you ain't workin' anymore (I don't have to work, I got me a piece of Gary)
Cows need milkin' in the barn (I have the twins on that detail, they each take a side)
But you just don't give a darn (give 'em four bits a cow and hand lotion)
You just never seem to learn (man, you taught me)
You ain't got no ambition (you're convincin' me)

Gone fishin' (bah-boo-dah-do-dah-do-dah-do)
Got your hound dog by your side (that's old Cindy-Lou goin' with me)
Gone fishin' (mmm-hmm-hmm-hmm-hmm)
Fleas are bitin' at his hide (get away from me boy, you bother me)

Mmm, folks won't find us now because
Mister Satch and Mister Cros
We gone fishin' instead of just a-wishin'
Bah-boo-baby-bah-boo-bah-bay-mmm-bo-bay
Oh yeah!

After I F@ck Your Bitch

[Chorus]
After I fuck your bitch
Then I'mma tell you bout it
If you a trick ass nigga

You'll be fuck up about it
I hope you don't start
No fuckin' beef about it
Or I'll take her name and yo name
And make a rap about it

[Verse 1]
Now all y'all niggas know pimpin' ain't dead
And these hoes followin' us like simon said
I only trust me myself and I, you ask me why
Cause the first time I seen a man cry
Was because a bitch
She broke his heart
She left him for dead
Though my h boom coon
Gast up the bitch head
Every nigga don't love you
He just tryin' to rich
And here the bitch fail for the shit(so hear this)
These niggas got a couple birds
You know how that go
We snatch a rumor that we heard
We finna vamp out
We rush in and ran in the door
In the ?????
The bitch start screamin'
I padded her on the ass
Job well done
We got what we wanted, it's to roll
I'm sittin' on a brick and half, nothin' but old
These niggas lookin stupid it's hard to swallow
Imagine a bitch taking every dollar you done earn

[Chorus]
After I fuck your bitch
Then Imma tell you bout it
If you a trick ass nigga
You'll be fuck up about it
I hope you don't start
No fuckin' beef about it
Or I take her name and yo name
And make a rap about it

[Verse 2]
Now you the hardest nigga in the hood
You talkin shit
But you weak than a motherfucker
We it comes to that bitch
You better watch before I knock her
And get cha hot
You suppose to be my nigga
But you huggin' your glock
You wanna kill me, you wanna steal me
Over a bitch, you wanna hurt me
You wanna curse me, put me on disc
You dislike, you fight me, you wanna strike me
Wanna catch me, and wear me like an old pair of nikes
It ain't over, I saw your hoe, ridin' in your rover
I was sober, I pulled her over, now I done stole her
My nigga better watch your bitch, cause she been creepin'
My nigga me and your bitch, we been like sleepin'
She been talkin' about your stash and I been hurtin'
I gotta tech-nine in the mat I'm about to serve ya
Run up on ya, and pull it on ya, and put it through ya
Just to let you know what your hoe will do to ya

[Chorus]
After I fuck your bitch
Then Imma tell you bout it
If you a trick ass nigga
You'll be fuck up about it
I hope you don't start
No fuckin' beef about it
Or I'll take her name and yo name
And make a rap about it

[Verse 3]
You better watch your bitch, like you watch your mail
If you ain't train that bitch then you goin' to jail
Or gone be dead gone ????? but runs they mouth
Love to fantasize about they man cars and house
You can give the bitch the world
She still gone gice up that car
But you a nobody nigga that sellin' rocks on the block
You better watch your bitch cause I'm shinin' like diamonds
You bring her around me it's gone be a matter of time

For I fuck your bitch and let you know about it
If you a trick ass nigga you'll be fuck up about it
I hope you don't throw no fuckin' fit about it
That's life and you really can't do shit about it
You wanna hi-side dick ride cause you think I'm on
You comin to me wrong tryin' to popcorn, bitch gone
For I catch a fuckin aggrivated, see you then violated
You told them folk that I was drug related
I gotta grudge with the judge she ??????
Domestic violence three years without parole
Watch your bitch, and stop your bitch, before your bitch
Get your ass in a world of shit

[Chorus]
After I fuck your bitch
Then Imma tell you bout it
If you a trick ass nigga
You'll be fuck up about it
I hope you don't start
No fuckin' beef about it
Or I'll tale her name your name
And make a rap about it
(repeat 4x)

The Captain Goes Tornado Chasing

June 7, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Sorry junior, deputy, aspiring and professional economists, no post today.

Going to go tornado chasing today! Storms are a-brewin'!

A 48 Hour Work Week is TOO MUCH???

June 7, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Are you joking?

I knock out 90 hours a week on average. Everybody I know does at least 50. And now 48 is too much?

The ILO has "set forth" the "appropriate" number of hours to work per week.

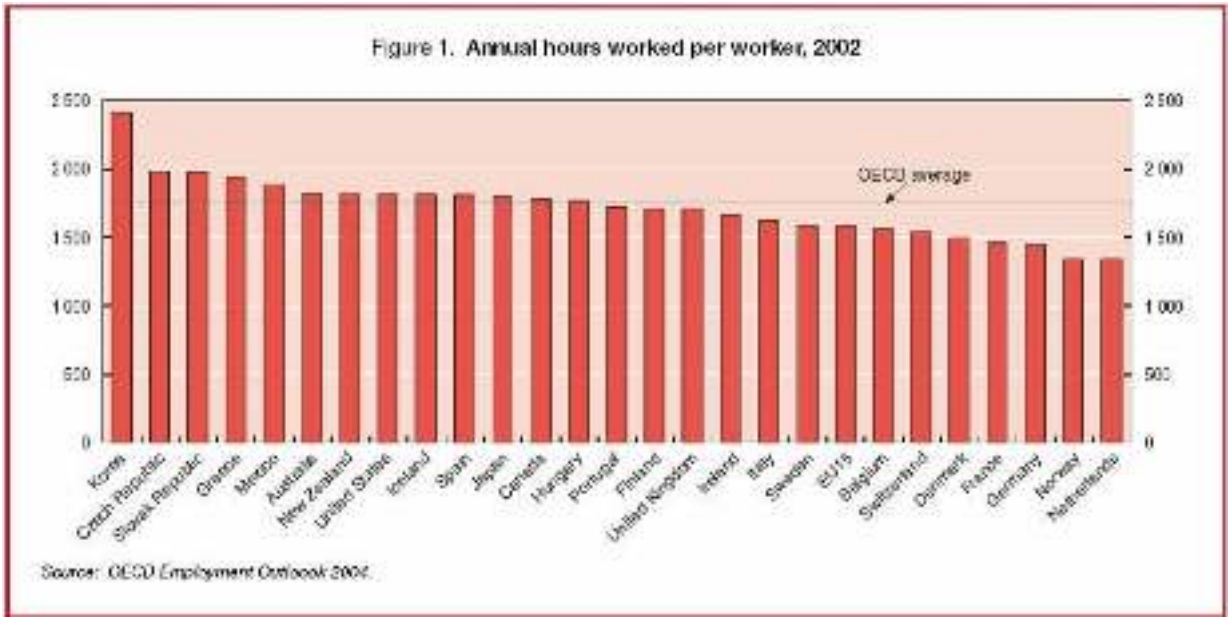
I'm so glad we have some entity to establish how much I should work.

While I harp on what makes society's great and advances people is working smarter, creation, innovation and creativity, one cannot deny the benefits of just working harder.

Japan in the 1960's-1990's would not have advanced as quickly as it did from a war torn country to a first world nation that surpassed its European counterparts. South Korea even more so.

The US enjoys higher standards of living than the French simply because we work more (despite the fact the French have higher labor productivity rates by some measures)

So, an ode to those countries that ignore what some hoity toity, upper class policy analyst at the International Labor Organization thinks should be the "average" work week (who no doubt had such a cushy life they don't realize sometimes you have to work more than 50 hours a week in order to make it). I present to you the average work year;



Men Determine Whether Women Are Attractive Or Not. Not Women.

June 8, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Arguably the most inciting and controversial thing I've said many times in my life is when speaking to a woman;

"*You do not determine whether you are beautiful or attractive, let alone what is beautiful or attractive in women. Men do.*"

And I will never shy away from this statement. Matter of fact I will stand firm by it my entire life, because it is true. Men determine what is beautiful or attractive in women, just as women determine what is handsome or attractive in men.

The reason why is that *IS* the definition of attractive. If you attract other people, then you are "attractive." I'll be as intellectually honest to agree that people of the same sex who are homosexual can also define whether you are attractive. But setting the homosexual rule aside, you cannot decide simply by yourself that you are attractive or somebody of the same sex is attractive. It simply does not work that way. Other people define it.

Naturally this insults people because how dare I take away their right to determine whether they find somebody attractive or not. Of course I'm not taking their right away, you can find whoever you want to be attractive. If you asked me, I would say Clive Owen is probably the most handsome man in the world. But my opinion doesn't matter because in the end what ultimately determines whether a woman is beautiful or a man is handsome is the opposite sex. And though I may look like Clive, because I am attracted to women, I have no authority as to whether or not he is actually attractive.

Now, this is a simple FACT. Meaning it is not an opinion. It is not questionable. It is just the simple reality of life. And when it comes to facts you have two options;

1. Accept the fact. - this is the healthiest option because, well, that's what sane people do. You are an adult. You may not like some facts, but they are facts and you have the intellectual maturity to acknowledge that. (for example men usually have to accept the fact that women like taller men).

2. Deny the fact and become delusional.

Guess which one is going to lead to a happier and more productive life?

Welcome to the Real World

June 8, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am truly indifferent to Paris Hilton. If she died tomorrow I wouldn't really care, which I surmise is the same opinion most of you share here. The only genuine intellectual thought I have of Hilton is "If I had access to the billions in capital she has, how much more I could do with it than her."

Regardless there is just something about seeing a spoiled little brat who thought she was above the law and money could buy her way out of any legal trouble, get dealt the crushing blow that, "No, you stupid b!tch, you aren't special. You're just like every one of us. Get in line and deal with it. Welcome to the real world kid."

And no, I won't claim that it is beneath me to derive joy from this.

The judge who ordered her back should be given a medal.

You Will Conform

June 10, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You will watch this.

You will conform.

I have no relation to this guy, but it's freaking hilarious.

JESUS WILL SAVE YOU…But Only on Tuesdays

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And so it happens again.

I had a friend a while ago that was a single mother. Got pregnant when she was 16, was a party girl, didn't really take her life seriously, drank, let her folks bring up the kid, didn't study in school and then one day the parents cut the purse strings.

Faced with the harsh realities of not just self-supportation, but the supporting of a child, she managed it for about a year before she (you guessed it) "found Jesus." And I always found it interesting how people who can't deal with the harsh realities of life always become born agains and "find Jesus."

And it basically boils down to something as simple as this;

People will goof up. People will make mistakes. You can either be a man about it, admit you made those mistakes, face up to those mistakes and live with the consequences or go find some excuse as to why it isn't your fault. And the latter case is the born agains and that is why I cannot stand them.

For it is has nothing to do with the noble purposes of religion (salvation, repentance, etc.) but to shield the ego of a person who does not have the character and wherewithal to be an adult and look at themselves in the mirror and say, "I goofed up."

Now I know Christianity isn't the only religion out there where people will abuse seeking for something else to make their lives easier or explain why their lives suck. If you are a poor young Arab the local imam may trick you into believing that it's Israel and foreign powers intervening in your life, making you poor, thereby incentiving you to go and join Islam and blow yourself up. I remember a woman desperately trying to marry a Jewish man so her son could become Jewish. I even remember one particularly intellectually weak-minded person that joined Christianity because she got in trouble for stealing a pair of pants in middle school (akin what Hilton above has done). But whatever the reason, the true reason for joining the religion is avoid serious self evaluation, criticism and blame and to make your life easier by jettisoning your responsibility for your actions and your situation. It is ulterior to the true purpose of the religion and is an insult to that religion. They're hypocrites.

But Christianity is different and is why I theorize it attracts more born agains (like Paris). And the reason I say this is two fold;

1. The forgiveness aspect. Hey, you could have kills a bunch of kindergartners, punched

some nuns or been Hitler and as long as you ask for forgiveness, you are forgiven.

Are you joking me? This is the big attraction to those where reality or the authorities have caught up with and are now going to suffer punishment. Living life as if they are above all others, when revenge is about to take its toll, then they start to search for an excuse for their behavior. Having none, how convenient there's a bible there. And how convenient according to this doctrine you are forgiven. It absolves a person of any personal responsibility. This still doesn't change the fact my friend's kid has grown up in poverty is not going to have a decent shot of getting out of it.

2. The "Fateism" or "Calvinistic" aspect of religion. That everything is in God's hands or fated to happen. That God has a plan and you have no ability to control or change the outcome. I don't know how many times I've seen the direct consequences of an action a Christian friend of mine has made and when I asked them, "why did that happen?" "Well, God has a plan." Yes, a plan. I'm sure this morning when I woke up, God planned me to have a Rooster Booster light. My personal tastes and preferences had nothing to do with it. I was powerless, I really wanted a diet Coke, but God forced my hand to grab the Rooster Booster. Just as I'm sure it was God's plan for Mao Zedong to wipe out 40 million Chinese. Mao was completely powerless. Hey, he didn't want to wipe out all those people, he wanted to help them. But God had a plan. And I'm sure God made my friend have unprotected sex at 15 so she had a kid and has since lived in poverty.

But think about this aspect of Christianity (or at least the Calvinism sect of it) and how it again absolves you of any personal responsibility. And how convenient it must be for people whose lives just got too difficult for them to face. "Hey, it's not your fault, God has a plan."

So here's the deal people. I'm not a particularly religious fellow, but I do respect religion. And I don't much care to see people pervert and abuse a religion for purposes it wasn't intended for. So the next time you run into trouble do us all a great big favor, don't become an intellectual weakling and say "you found Jesus." That doesn't excuse your behavior or any of the bad things you've done to society. All it's done is convince you in your own little mind that you're still an OK person. Be an adult, be a responsible person, pay your dues and face the music. You'll get more respect from society and probably true forgiveness.

When Liberals Make Charts II

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A reader sent this to me.

Cripes. Again, and I mean this in the truest sense of the word, it is a bold face LIE.

They are lying, as in not telling the truth, as in posing information that is incorrect. I don't see Social Security anywhere and they've been able to massage the figures to (how convenient) get the military budget up to 51%. It really begets the question whether they even bothered looking at the Federal government's budget. And it further points out that there are people in the world that would rather live in a false world that unfairly benefits them at the cost of the rest of society and will gladly let their ideology form their "truths" instead of the truth form their ideology.

And good lord, I've never seen such a budgetary allowance to the HR department! Catbert would become dictator supreme if that percent of the US budget was given to an HR department.

How Much We Spend On Gas

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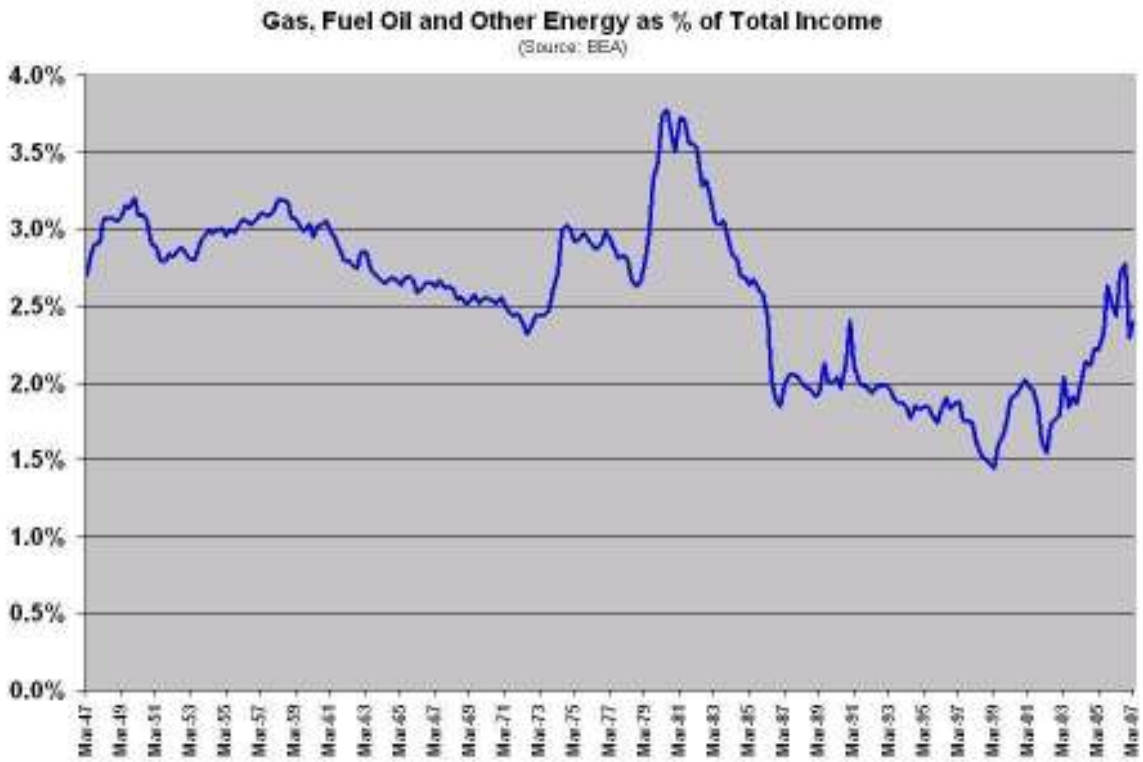
I remember, not too long ago, students at the University of Minnesota complaining about the increases in tuition. They went on protest as uneducated, brainwashed young skulls full of mush are wont to do. Yet, while these poor students will always contest they can't afford the increase in tuition, they certainly seem to have enough money to spend it on beer and booze at the local bars in Dinkytown and Stadium Village. And I always said, "when these bars start to noticed a slip in sales, that will be the true economic sign that tuition costs have risen to the point the students truly cannot afford those increases. In the meantime, increase away."

But we adults are not guilt free either. For we complain about the price of gas, but rarely do we look at our personal expenditures to see exactly how much gas is costing us. So I went to the BEA and pulled the national income accounts to see how much the typical American spends on gas as a percent of their total income and today it is at 2.4%.



Now albeit at a recent high, compared to the 1950's we spent nearly 3% of our income on gas whereas during the oil embargo we spent 3.75%. And we're complaining about 2.4%?

But where we really ought to be ashamed, similar to the college students complaining about tuition when they have no reservations about spending $50 a night on booze, we spend roughly the same amount on clothing and shoes. And this despite a precipitous drop in the real price of clothing as we import textiles from China, India and the Pacific

Rim;

Now I don't know about you, but I literally spend no more than $100 a year on clothes. Boxer shorts, jeans and socks taking up the majority of that expenditure. So I can't imagine spending anywhere NEAR the same amount on clothes as I do gas. And sneaking a peek into some of the closets of my female friends, not to mention I don't think I've seen them wear the same pair of shoes twice (ahem, FED EX!), methinks I have found the culprit for the large expenditure on clothes.

Regardless, before you get upset about spending $3 per gallon at the pump, you might want to check to see how much you dropped on that latest pair of shoes or what your tab was last night at the bar or maybe add up how much you dropped on cigarettes this week.

States by the Size of Other Nation's GDP

June 13, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Commander sent this to me;

What I particularly like is how Russia's economy is all the size of New Jersey's.

Yeah, right, "communism" did wonders for them.

So, It's Just Like Communism Then?

June 14, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There was an article about how the police in China busted a slave racket. And there was this excerpt from the article I find some cynical humor in;

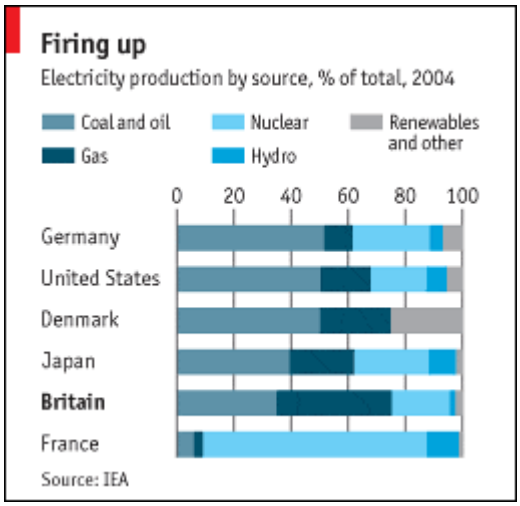
> "The labourers were enticed or sent by
> human traffickers to the kilns, but upon arrival were beaten, starved and forced to work long hours without payment," the official Xinhua news agency said.

So it's just like the good ol' days of Communist China, right?

The French Do Something Right…Again

June 14, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

First it was Sarkozy, now their energy policy. They keep this common sense up lord knows what will happen.



That being said, I'm curious, but since global warming is now a much more pressing threat than the ills of nuclear waste, shouldn't we be all for nuclear power now?

You Will Read El Borak

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"El" has linked to me for a while and I feel guilty in not returning the link. You will read him. You will confirm.

Now wouldn't that be great? A world where all conforms to Cappy Cap's orders. Ahhh, one can only dream. Selma Heyek would be serving me martini's now whilst reading "The Wealth of Nations" with that entrancing accent of her's. Now that I think about it, how many more economics majors would there be if Selma Heyek were the professor?

A Telling Screen Shot

June 15, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I hit Drudge and there were two pictures on the page that tell volumes of the differences between the "West" and the radicals in the "Middle East".

In one photo you have a bunch of Hamas militants pointing their AK-47's in the air claiming victory because they captured Fatah's key power points. While there's an astronaut hovering in space and something or other about them fixing a computer.

And I ask this as a serious question, but who do you really think has the bigger achievement and what does that tell you of the pettiness of the other's achievement?

Once a Commie, Always a Commie

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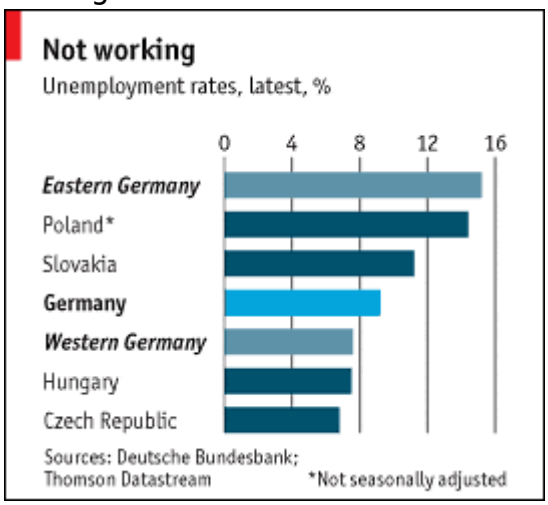
OK, so reunification of Germany started in 1990. How long does it take the East to get its act together?



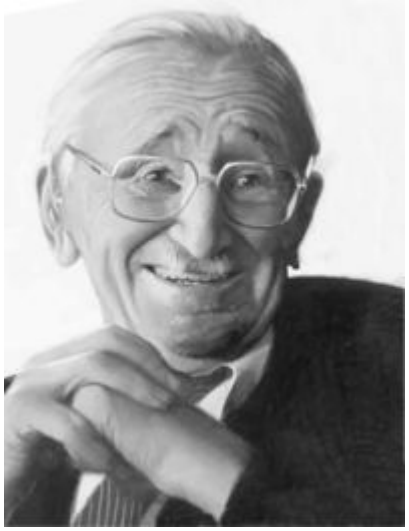
16%???? And this is after the Hartz V reforms. I wish there was a chart showing long term unemployment rates between the West and the East.

Selma Hayek or Friedrich Hayek

June 17, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So the debate is going around who would you rather take economics from;

Friedrich Hayek, world famous Austrian economist,



or

Selma Hayek, world famous actress who (in the Captain's opinion) is the hottest woman alive

It really is a tough choice!

The Captain Goes on Vacation

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Adios alles! (I'm getting multi-cultural here)

Off for another exciting episode of fossil hunting and hiking. And mayhaps the occasional red-headed fair maiden economist that frequently dot my path through life.

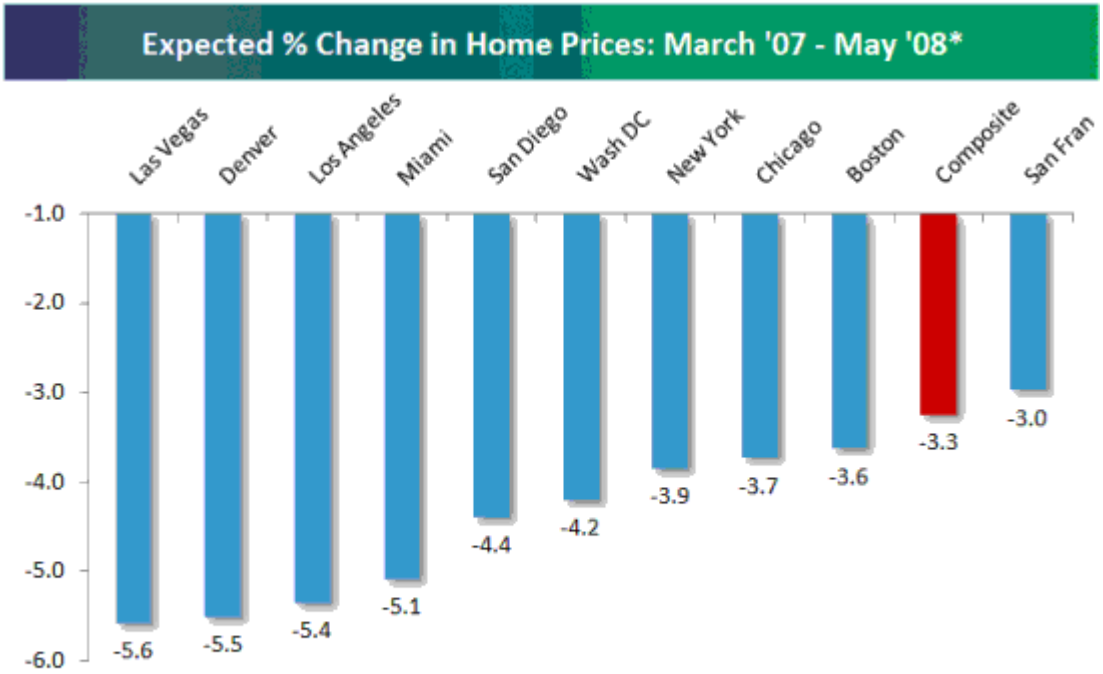
Will be back on Friday-ish.

Shiller Should Be Award the Nobel Prize

June 19, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

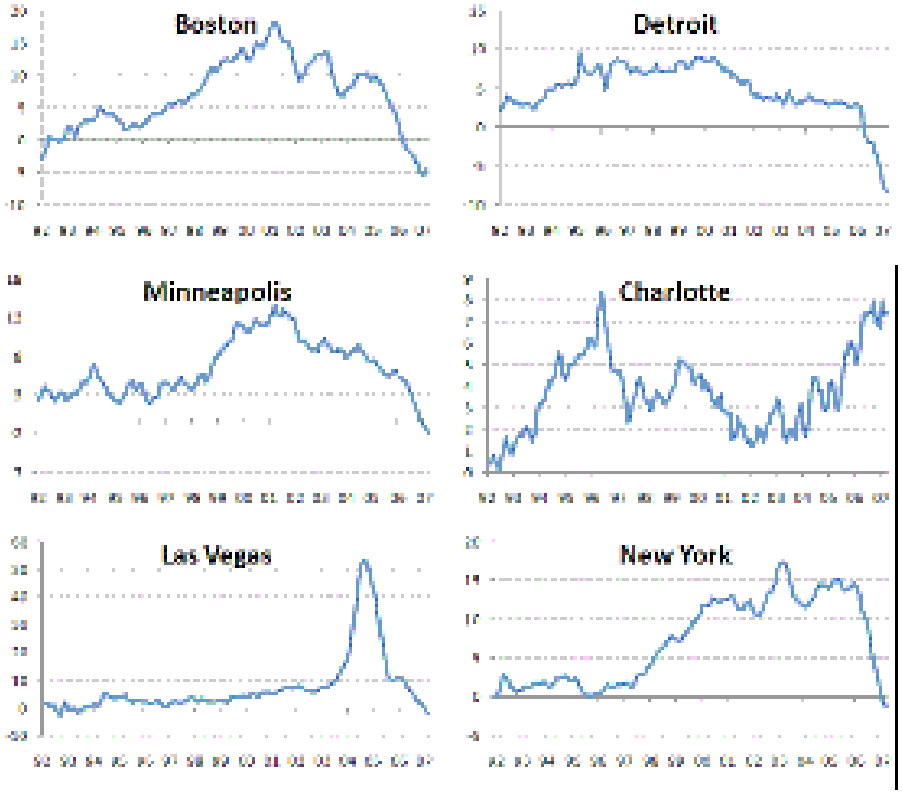
Couldn't resist, but I stopped in at the local library (which actually has internet access!) and saw these charts sent to me by Dav e.

This is the expected decrease in prices for major cities by the Case/Shiller model (though I respectfully disagree and think prices should drop more);



*Percent Change is difference between actual March 2007 S&P/Case Shiller Home Prices and housing futures contract expiring in May 2008.

This is historical price changes in some sample cities (the link above has them all)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Las Vegas
New York

The Other Captain Capitalism

June 20, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So they have wifi at my hotel and I've been checking out the "other" Captain Capitalism.

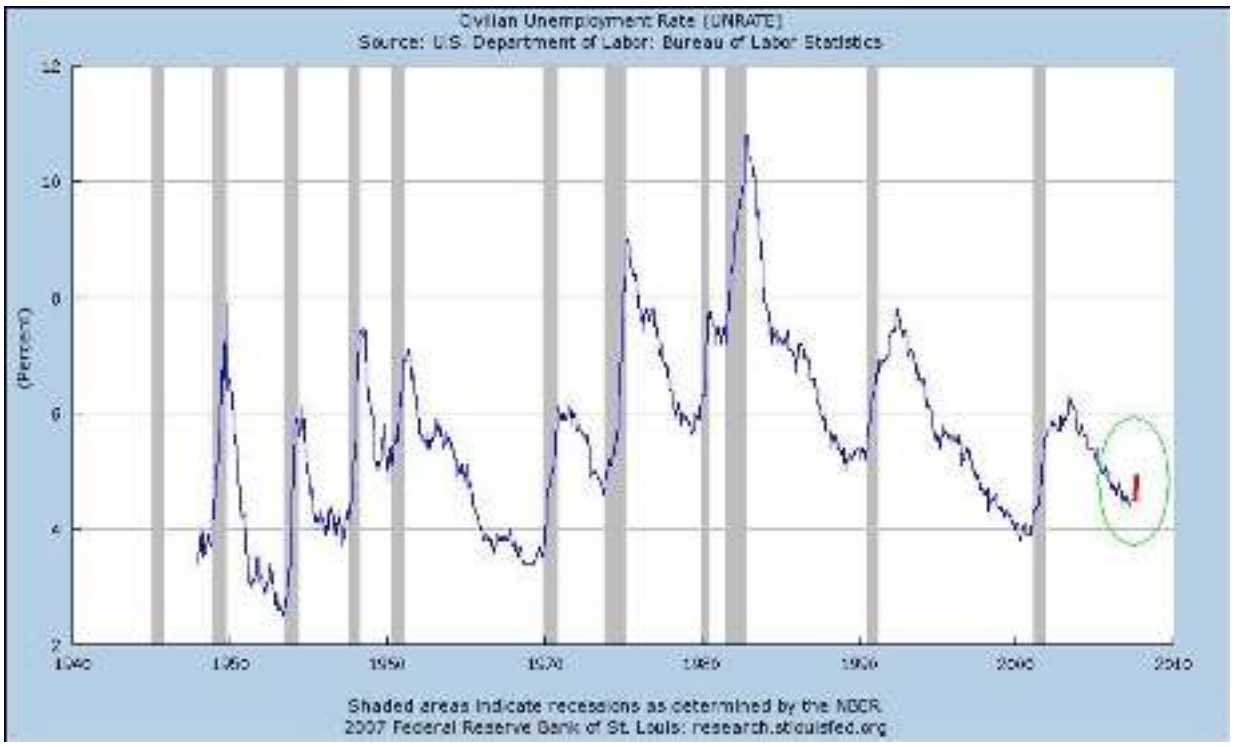
This is hilarious (it's a cartoon so it's not like you have to "read" or anything lame like that)

Kate and her readers will love it.

I Predict Unemployment Will Go Up to 4.9%

June 22, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My economic spidey senses were tingling. And although not based in research, data and statistics, those spidey senses have rarely been wrong. They were triggered when I noticed a good third of my friends have either been laid off or quit their jobs. Anecdotal, I admit. Could be completely wrong? I admit. That being said, I think we're in for an unpleasant surprise here pretty soon. I predict unemployment is going to jump. I'd say to 4.9-5% or so.



But that is just my economic spidey senses.

Yes, Still On Vacation

June 26, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

HI All,

Got a couple e-mails and I'm out in the wilderness so this is the first time in about 4 days I've had e-mail access, but anyway, yes, I'm still on vacation. A well-deserved one I might add.

But as a teaser for what is to come next, the first CHARITABLE post on Cappy Cap will be made upon my return. Amazing what you'll run into out in the middle of nowhere.

Loser!

June 29, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hee hee.

Socialists always lose in the end.

Simply because they do not live in the real world.

Only in a socialist economy could the world's 4th largest oil producer have to ration oil.

Taxi Cab Economics

June 29, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found this interesting about Thailand's taxis. If you're looking for a lighter "fare" read. (Ha! get it??? "Fare?" I'm so witty!)

Corporate America Might Just Save the Baby Boomers

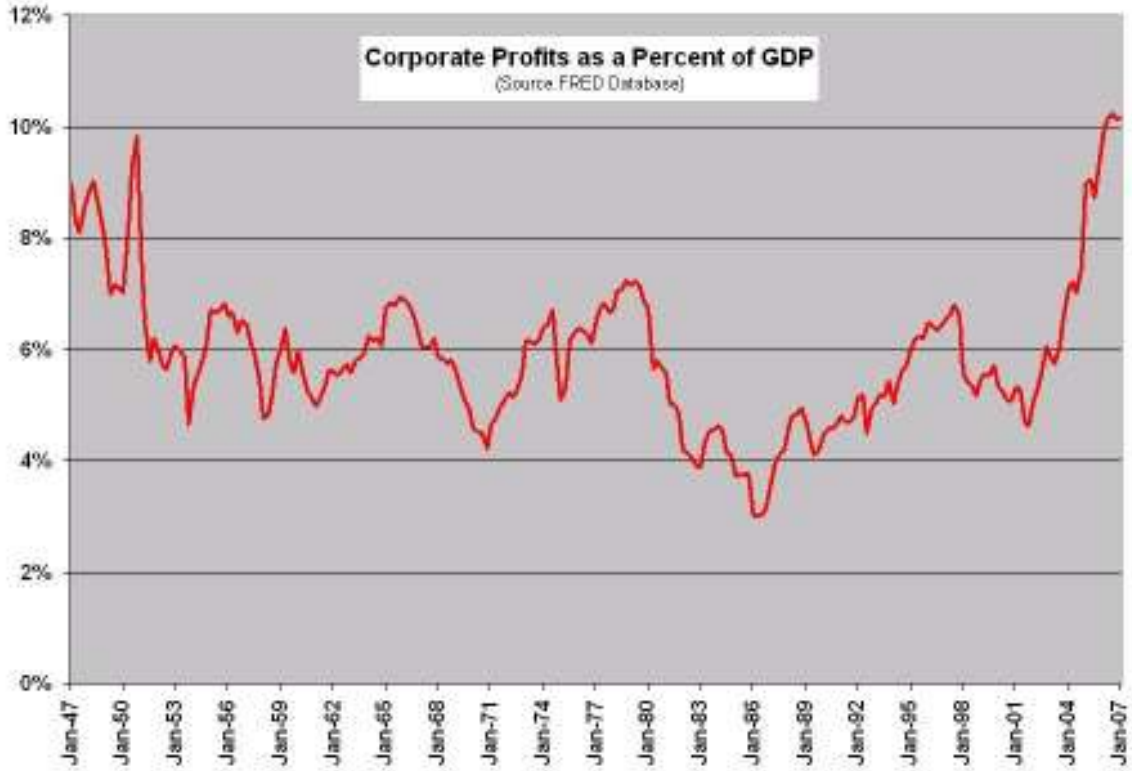
June 29, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

They pioneered rallying against "the man" and may have made "Corporate America" a four-letter word, but the Baby Boomers may yet come to appreciate Corporate America just yet in that it may just save their asses when it comes to retirement.

During the Dotcom Mania days and the successive crash, I was somewhat concerned that with 401k's, IRA's and the bevy of other retirement programs out there that these programs would incentive people (namely the Baby Boomer generation) to flood the stock market with retirement dollars, artificially driving up prices only to crash when the Baby Boomers retire and start pulling their money from the stock market. I noted this as the S&P 500's P/E ratio has never been below it's historical average since 1928 of 15 ever since the Baby Boomers entered their prime earning years in the late 80's. The S&P 500 P/E ratio didn't even drop below its average after the stock market crash suggesting there was a lot of excess cash floating around.

However, what amazes me is that even with this excess cash in the market AND the recent bull market, I would have sworn when I updated my charts that the S&P 500 P/E ratio would have skyrocketed again as America went back to mindlessly flooding the stock market with their retirement dollars. But no such thing has happened. Actually, the S&P 500's P/E ratio suggests the markets are accurately valued, borderline sane with the P/E ratio hovering around 16, just a smidge over the historical average.

With a bull market driving prices sky high, mathematically the only culprit that could be keeping the P/E ratio down is profits, and sure enough that's what it is.



Corporate profits in America have reached an all time high as a percent of GDP of just over 10%. This not only provides merit to the recent bull market, giving it some underlying value, but also suggests that a "Baby Boomer Crash" may not ensue as the Baby Boomers start to retire and switch their investments from equities to bonds. Corporate America, evil and vile as it may be, might just be able to keep the profits up making the stock market a viable and wise long term investment and making sure millions have the money in their retirement accounts.

Of course, I'd be curious to see what would happen to corporate profits when we enter a recession triggered by a housing bubble. But that certain isn't a possibility now is it?

How the Minneapolis Public Schools Piss Away Money

June 30, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Friend of mine sent this to me.

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Job Information

Job Title: Teaching

Employer: Minneapolis Public Schools — View All Jobs From Employer

Source: Star Tribune Classified ad

Location: MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Date: 06-17-2007

Job Description

Description: Teaching MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Minneapolis Public Schools has openings for Teachers in the following area:): Bilingual Bicultural - Hmong, Spanish, and Somali): Licensed Cosmetologist): Math - Adult Basic Education): Media Specialist): Teacher Montessori Trained): Teacher of Science - Indian Language History and Culture Ojibwa Hmong Eminence preceptial.): Technology Teacher - Communication Technology Career): World Language - Spanish Teaching positions require a valid MN teacher's license. Email Mirlen Simpson at mirlen.simpson@mpls.k12.mn.us and please visit our website for application process www.mpls.k12.mn.us Click on employment, click on link to application. Contingent upon passing a criminal background check. EEO/AA School District

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I don't want to hear from the Minneapolis public schools or any of these leftist "we-need-more-money-for-education" cheerleaders telling me they need more money.

COSMETOLOGIST????? OJIBWE?????

WHY ARE WE PAYING HARD EARNED TAX DOLLARS TO TEACH COSMETOLOGY AND A DEAD LANGUAGE????

I can understand cosmetology in that it teaches a trade, but jeez, talk about low expectations! What, just because they go to the inner city schools they'll never become doctors or engineers? So let's set them up to become salonists???

And Ojibwe???? I'm sure it's interesting, but how is teaching a dead language going to help a student find a job???

The motto for the Minneapolis Public Schools is;

"Minneapolis Public Schools; Expect Great Things."

It aught to read;

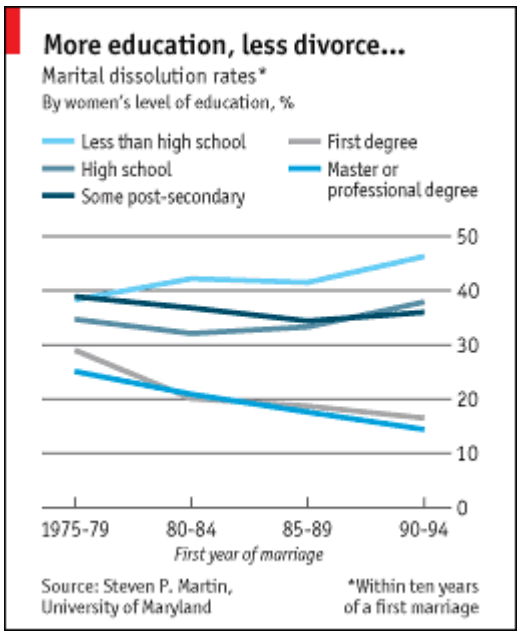
"Minneapolis Public Schools; Setting Your Kids Up for Failure"

Women, Children and Education

July 2, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

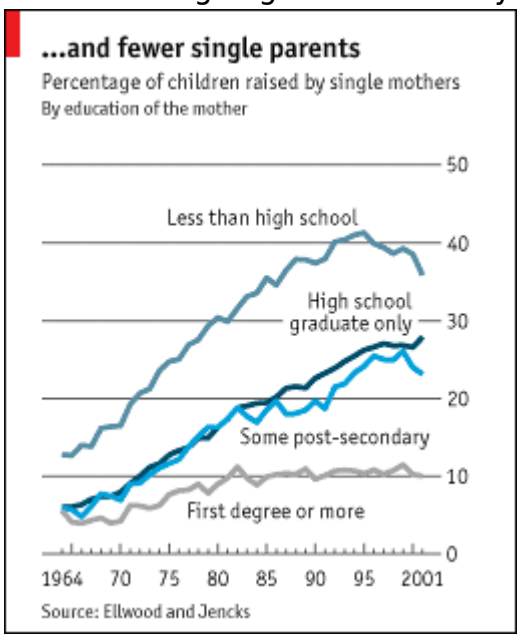
The Economist (which all aspiring and junior deputy economists should be reading) came out with an amazing article on the effects of education on divorce, women and children.

Allow me to share just two charts from the article. The first one showing divorce rates versus education.



The most obvious relationship here is that the more a woman is educated the less likely she is to be divorced (also the younger the woman, the less likely as well).

The second chart shows that the more education women have the less likely their children are going to be raised by a single parent.



Now the article is amazing and important in that it shows the importance of education. Not just for earnings sake, but for healthy relationships' sakes and the sake of the

children. it also shows smart women know that we men are cool dudes and not worth getting divorced from for we provide a heaven that is known as eternal bliss.

Alas, I would like to see the same figures for men.

China's Stock Markets May Not Be Overvalued

July 2, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

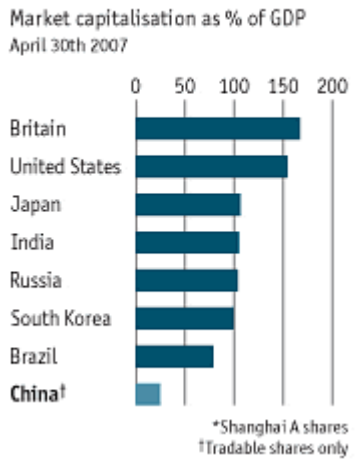
As you know when I make outlandish stock recommendations they tend to be disproportionately in China. And the reason is simple;

China produces wealth.

Come up with as many reasons and rhymes as you want for what a stock should go up, but it ultimately boils down to wealth (in the form of profit) that will drive prices up. Not how to make new B2B platforms work. Or how a search engine is going to revolutionize mapping with effectively what is only a toy. Or that you can flip it and sell it for more later.

The production of wealth ultimately drives up asset prices.

Now an investment banking colleague of mine and I were discussing it and he suggested that China was in the middle of a bubble. That millions of Chinese were borrowing to invest in the stock market and that stock market had increased in price at an unsustainable level. But allow me to share one dandy chart suggesting China may not be as overvalued as you think;



China's market capitalization as a percent of GDP is a mere 25% while Britain and the US are over 150%. It's a testament to just how much wealth is being produced in China. Additionally this does not consider the fact that China is certain to grow at rates triple that of Western economies which makes it seem even more undervalued. Add to this the fact their middle class is growing and these people will want to invest in the stock market as well, this new infusion of money will also provide upward support on prices.

So go ahead and invest in American companies, there are some good ones out there. Go ahead and invest in Apple because of the i-Phone. Just look on the back of the i-Phone and see where it was made.

The Real Slim Shady

July 3, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Please stand up

So my question is do Mexicans hate this guy like most Americans hate rich people here or do they hold him up as a national champion and something to emulate?

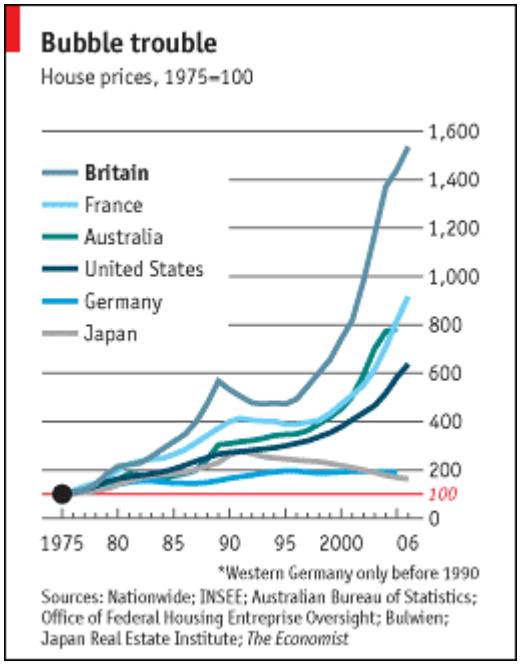
How Video Games Explain All Religions

July 3, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And so all religions are basically explained here.

You Think We Have a Housing Bubble? Check Out the Brits!

July 4, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link



Though, it is an island after all. I'd be curious if Ireland and Australia are experiencing something similar.

Don't Forget, the French Gave Us the Statue of Liberty

July 4, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Much as I ridicule the French (deservedly so), there is the occasional one or two Frenchmen that fought in the resistance, joined the French Foreign Legion or displayed some semblance of independent thought and manliness that would make you say, "you know, I would trust to have this Frenchman in my platoon if I were in Vietnam. Dien Bien Phu and all that aside, I'd still trust them."

And this guy is one such person.

Only problem is I don't speak French. But on the birth of my nation, that would not exist without the support of the French (an accursed historical fact I wish could be purged from the history books), I think we owe it to our French brothers who didn't capitulate to Vichy and were of the caliber that fought for America's freedom (or at least hated the Brits enough to do so) a little hat tip on this 4th of July.

Not that this means there will be end to the French jokes and mockery, just so you know! They shall forever be cheese-eating-surrender-monkeys.

Executive Pay as a Multiple of the Average Worker

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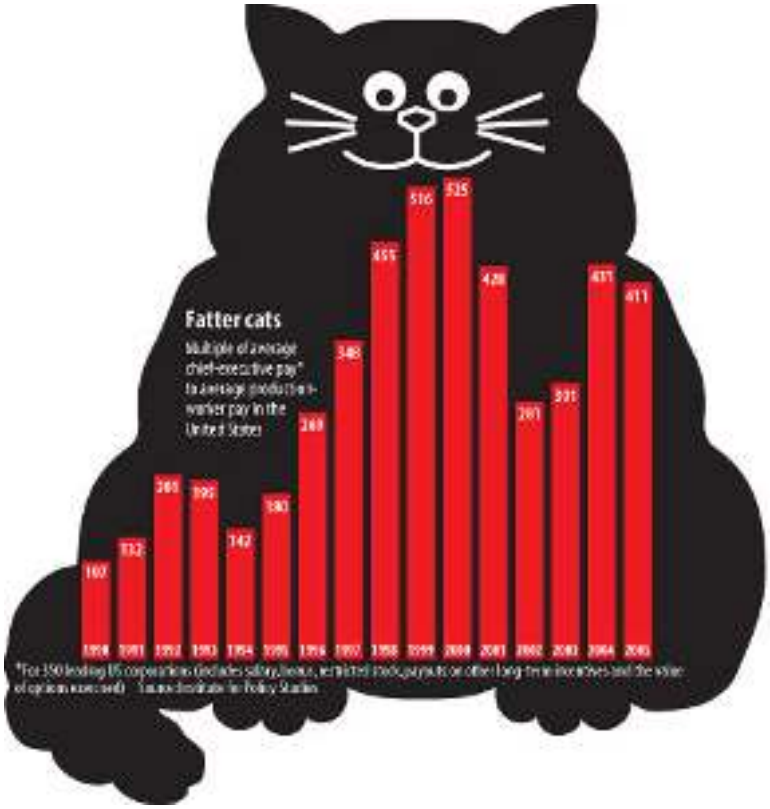

They like to blame Bush, but it was highest during the Clinton years.

You Go to the Penalty Box. You Feel Shame

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"Long term unemployment" is defined as when you've been unemployed for a year or longer. And while people may cite different variables for it, I surmise that if the most advanced student of econometrics at the U of Chicago were to do a thorough analysis of it, it would boil down to two things;

1. How generous/stingy a country's unemployment benefits are.
2. How lazy/hard working its people and culture are.

And so The Economist has come out with the most recent long term unemployment figures.

Sadly it does not include South Korea and Mexico where the shame of being unemployed is enough to make people lie about it and the unemployment benefits are nil (and it showed on the last chart where less than 2% of both countries' unemployed were long term).

Now I understand the occasional person that has a spat of bad luck. I can even understand entire swathes of laborers unemployed for a year or more if their industry is rendered obsolete or is going through a dramatic change, but to be in Germany or Italy where over half your unemployed people have been so for a year or more is disgraceful.

Alas, maybe the European Union doesn't need labor reforms to get the economy going as much as going into the penalty box and feeling a little noble South Korean shame.

Labor Lost to Strikes

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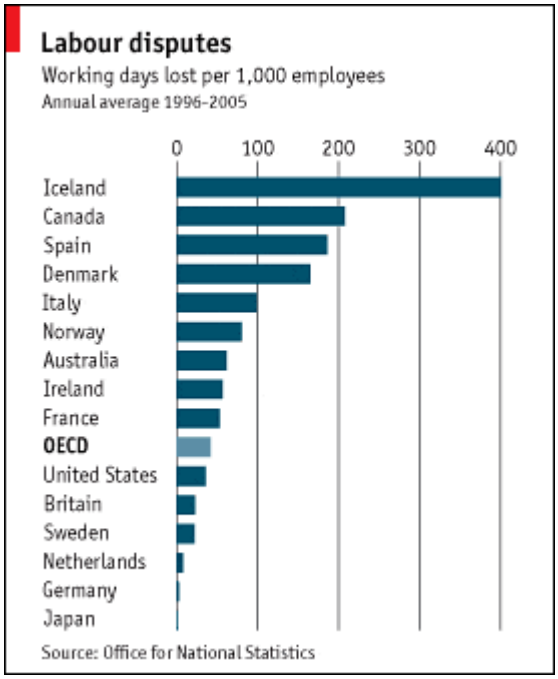


Interesting chart. Didn't know Iceland was trying to become the next Detroit.

Based on GDP per Kilometer, Property May Not Be as Overvalued as You Think

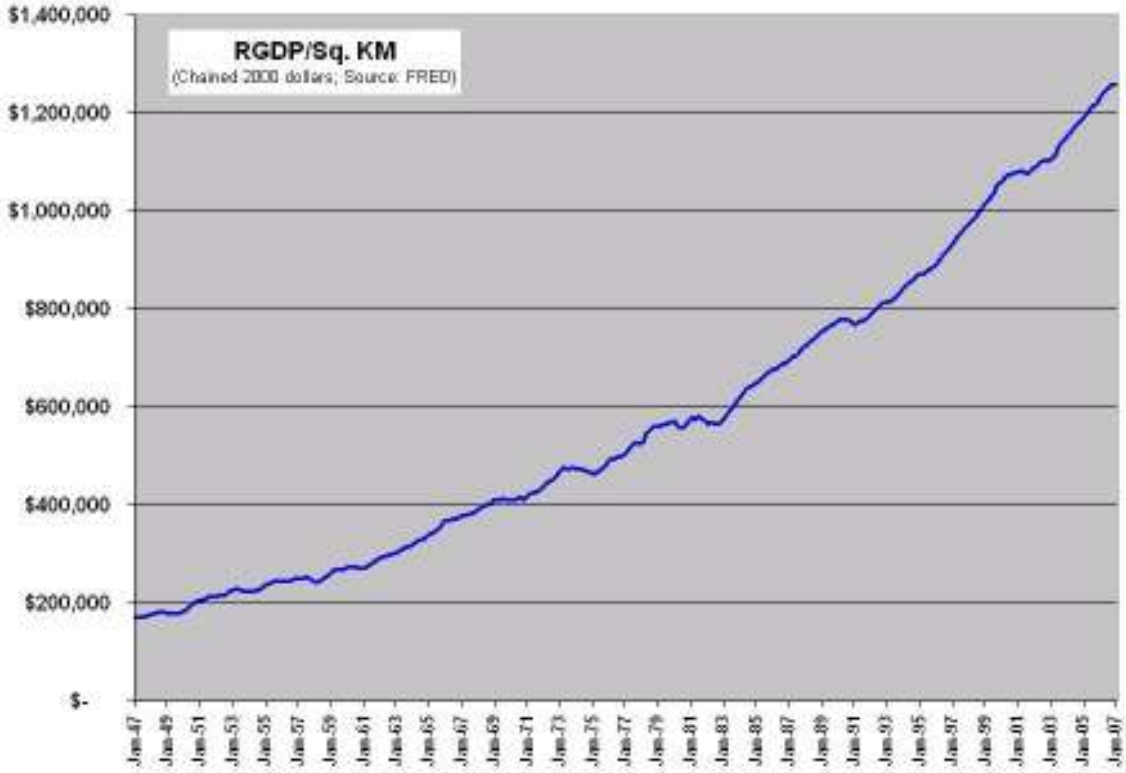
July 10, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Property, it is assumed, always goes up in the long run. This is based on the assumption that there is a limited amount of land, yet the population will continue to grow, therefore housing prices will forever trend upward.

However, if that was the case then countries like Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, etc., that have significant populations would have high property values. Alas they don't since they are constantly plagued by war, famine, plague, etc. However, they are also plagued by another disease; the lack of economic growth.

While I'm sure at some level population does correlate with higher property prices, a better determinant of property prices is the amount of wealth created from that land. The more wealth that can be produced per square mile of a particular piece of land the higher its underlying rents would be and therefore its value. Thus I crafted a new ratio;

GDP per Square Kilometer (I had to use kilometer because the CIA World Fact Book has the countries' area in kilometers)



Real GDP per sq. km. in the US has gone from just under $200,000 almost $1.3 million today. As technologies have advanced, managerial efficiencies invented and employed, we here in the US are able to squeeze out almost 7 times the amount of wealth from our land per square kilometer than we were just 50 years ago (quite identical to farming

yields on a per acre basis).

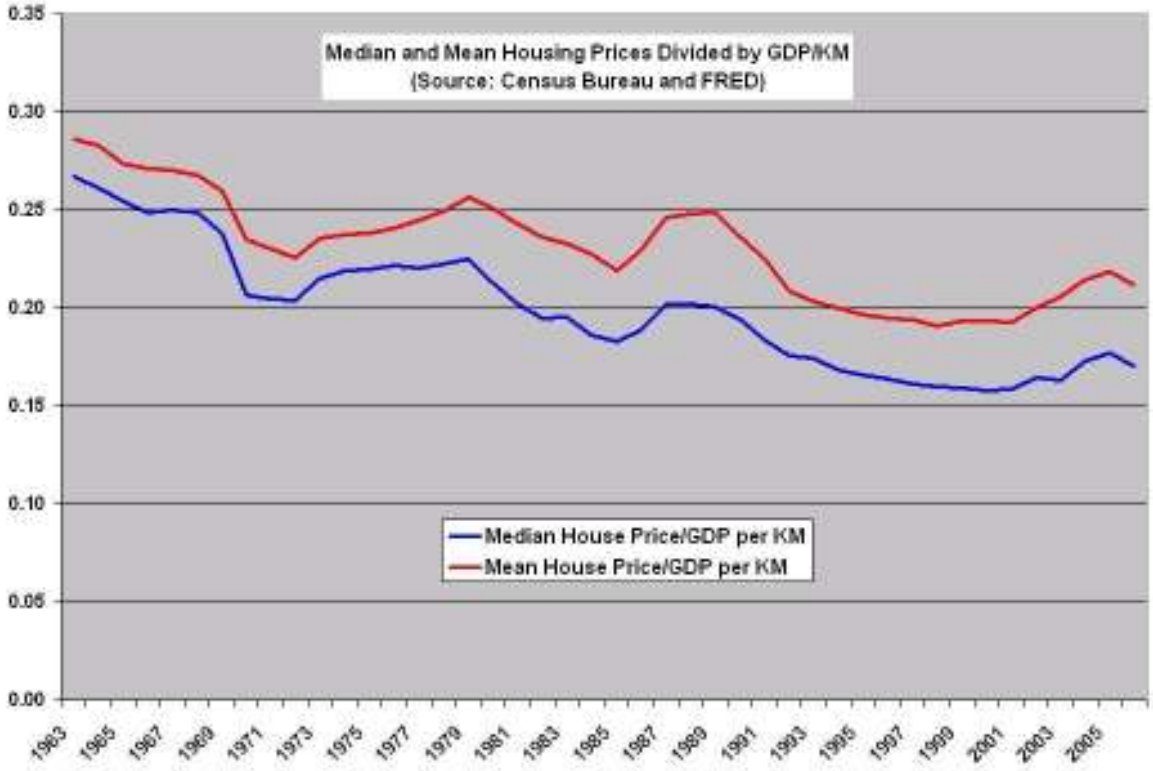
It is this increase in wealth that we can extract from each square mile of our land that has truly increased our property values. However, combine the two, high levels of the production of wealth with high populations, and you get property that is most highly valued; cities.

It is no coincidence that New York, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo etc. etc. have the highest property values in the world because not only do they have some of the largest populations, but they are also centers of commerce where disproportionate amounts of wealth are created.

However, GDP per square kilometer also provides us with a tool by which to gauge property values. In theory as more and more wealth is squeezed from a particular piece of land, the value of that land should increase proportionately. Therefore the ratio between GDP per square kilometer and the value of that land should remain constant. Introduce a new measure;

Median Housing Prices divided by GDP per Sq. Kilometer.

In theory the average price of a home in the US should increase in sync with GDP per Sq. KM resulting in a constant ratio. However, that has not been the case;



Average (mean) housing prices were originally 28% of the wealth produced on a per square kilometer basis in the US. This has trended downward to 19% in 2001, only to recover to 21% in 2006.

In other words, the value of our land is not keeping up with the wealth that is produced by it. And although property prices did seem to recover in the latest housing bubble, they look set to trend back down towards the 19% mark (coincidentally implying a 10% over-valuation in the housing market).

Therefore there must be a macro-economic variable driving this ratio down. Without additional research and left to guess, I surmise it is the transition from manufacturing to services that is disconnecting the market value of the land from the wealth that is produced from it. Services require less land than manufacturing. Goldman Sachs has produced ever increasing wealth from it's meager .9 square kilometers of land it owns in New York by offering ever more profitable services, while GM has barely produced squat with its arguably scores of square kilometers of land that its factories and facilities sit on.

Alas I'd be curious to see if my theory would hold for China which is experiencing a manufacturing boom.

The Economics of Girls' Showers

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I ran.

Therefore I stank.

But before I could return to the Captain's Cave I got a call from a female friend of mine who invited me over for dinner.

And seeing I'm an economist and I outsource all my cooking, there is nothing better than homemade food prepared by anybody else but me, and so I gladly accepted her invitation.

However, as I mentioned before, I stank.

So upon arriving at her place I asked her if I could take a shower and fortunately, I had brought an extra change of clothes along with some deodorant.

Now, as a guy there are only two things I want when I take a shower. Two SIMPLE, BASIC GOD-GIVEN THINGS!

1. Soap.

and

2. Shampoo.

However, it seems a Herculean, Indiana Jones-esque crusade to find these two items for I was not in my humble shower, but that of a girl's.

Go into any guys' shower stall and you will find only two things. JUST TWO SIMPLE THINGS!

Soap and shampoo.

In mine there is the knock off brand of Head and Shoulders (which I save a tidy $2 per bottle on over the brand name) and a half melted bar of Irish Spring.

That's it! That's all I need. That's all ANYBODY needs. Maybe a wash cloth. I'll even go so far as to permit a loova. But as for hygienic products all any human, the richest of the rich, and the poorest of the poor, all they need is

Soap and shampoo.

But go into a girl's shower and there are a billion body care lotion thingies that are anything BUT
Soap and shampoo.

You then spend the next three hours, racing the water heater before it runs out of hot water to find those two rare and coveted items;

SOAP AND SHAMPOO.

But oohhh, no! You can't find the soap or shampoo.

No, your thwarted by knock offs. Posers. Things that aren't quite

SOAP AND SHAMPOO.

So I started cataloging all the different things in this girl's shower stall that were NOT

SOAP AND SHAMPOO.

Item 1 - Moisturizing Face Wash (will not the water moisturize your face????)
Item 2 - Body Lotion (I don't want any!)
Item 3 - Body Wash (WHAT WAS THE LOTION FOR THEN???)
Item 4 - Dumb Blond Infusion (Is it wise to infuse things with running water?)
Item 5 - Lavender Bead Infused Body Wash (Why do I want beads? And what was wrong with the regular body wash???)
Item 6 - Cocoa Butter Skin Moisturizer (see item 1!)
Item 7 - "Enfuz" Treatment for Dry to Normal Hair (why are they always trying to infuse things in the shower?!?!!?)
Item 8 - Citrus Skin Treatment (What was wrong with the cocoa butter???)

Now I could go on for there were literally, LITERALLY a dozen more products. And that was the stuff just in the shower stall! You go to the bathroom counter and there is countless other products that I could never use.

I inevitably did find the shampoo (Strawberry Enhanced Shampoo no less) but could never find the soap! But my question to all of you ladies out there, especially those studying economics, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WTF IS GOING ON WITH ALL THIS LOTIONY STUFF IN YOUR SHOWERS??? WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC RATIONALE FOR HAVING ALL THIS STUFF?????

I patiently await your answer! You could probably win the Nobel prize in economics if you

could explain this phenomenon!

Those Sub Prime Blues

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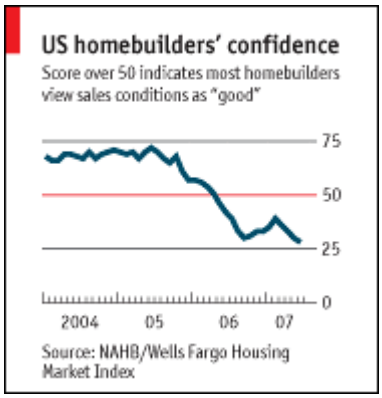
I admit I take a sadistic joy in watching all the banks and mortgage brokers who threw any means of quality control or credit out the window to line their fat pockets with commission and closing costs, get theirs in the end.



Enjoy the unemployment line boys and girls!

I Have Chart Envy

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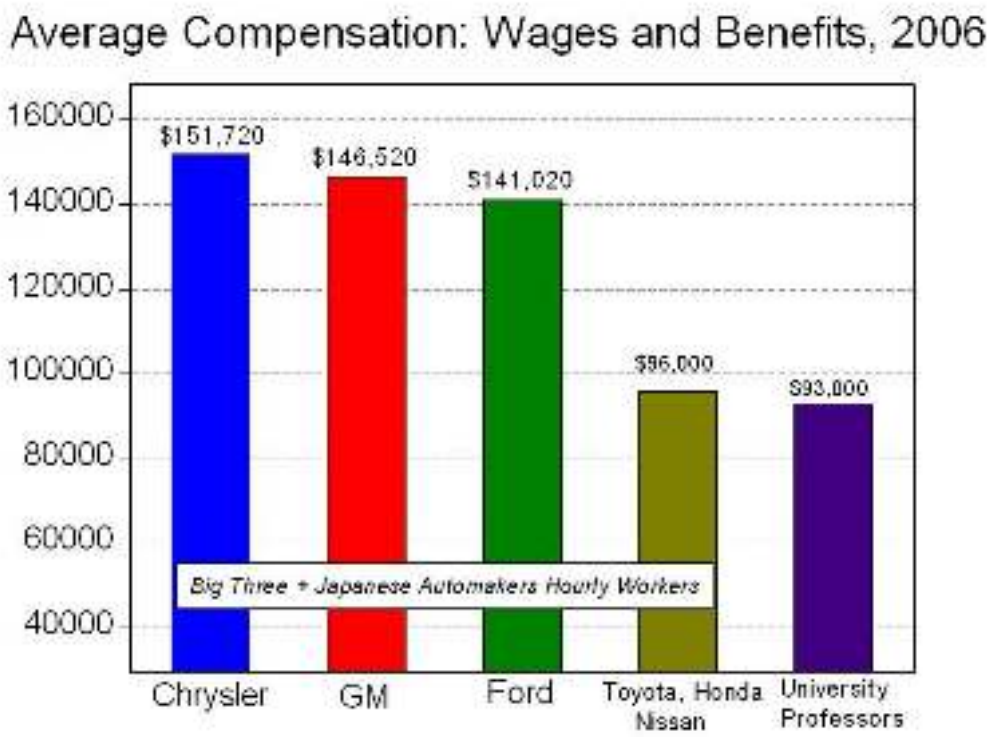
A microcosm of the unionized American labor force in general, Dr. Mark Perry makes an EXCELLENT point with and EXCELLENT CHART!!!



Read the whole post here (which you will, you will conform!)

Many thanks to Dr. Bob!

This Horrible Country Known as America

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Another wretched night at the officers club.

Life is just horrible in this country. Is there any country on this planet that could possibly be worse than this God-forsaken country known as the United States of America? I suppose I'll get on with this horrible life I lead in this horrible country.

Please, Buy Our Crap

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Funniest thing I've read in a long time.

Best License Plate EVER

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The Housing Market Index

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Well seems it dropped to a historic low.

This would be expected seeing it was at a historic and unsustainable high.

But what I find interesting about this is that it is the "builders" perception of the housing market. Builders thought that the future of housing was going to be GREAT in late 2005 while the rest of us educated schleps knew otherwise. Which means we should really view this as a good thing.

I don't mean to become the cheerleader for the housing market. I truthfully enjoy watching it tank, destroying those that laughed and mocked me and my economic brethren who warned of a housing crash. But in my experiences in banking and the housing market I realized one key thing;

Builders aren't economists.

I never once, NOT ONCE saw a builder bother to sit down and do economic research. I've never seen a builder do an absorption study. All I ever saw builders do is say, "Hey, I sold 4 houses last year. I'm going to build 20 this year!!!!" And that was the extent of their economic and market research.

And given their track record of miserably failing to predict the market, if they view things as being so bad, then I have a hard time thinking there isn't something good ahead.

But don't get excited. I'm not forecasting a quick recovery here. I'm just pointing to the beginning signs of a recovery, the most recent of which are the home builders' claiming doom and gloom.

China's Economy Forecasted to be Larger than US' by 2025

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I was predicting 2016 the way their growing, but The Economist differs.

Almost Makes You Want to Be a Virgin

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http://arbyte.us/blog_archive/2007/07/Bad_Assumption_Justice.html

Delinquency and Default

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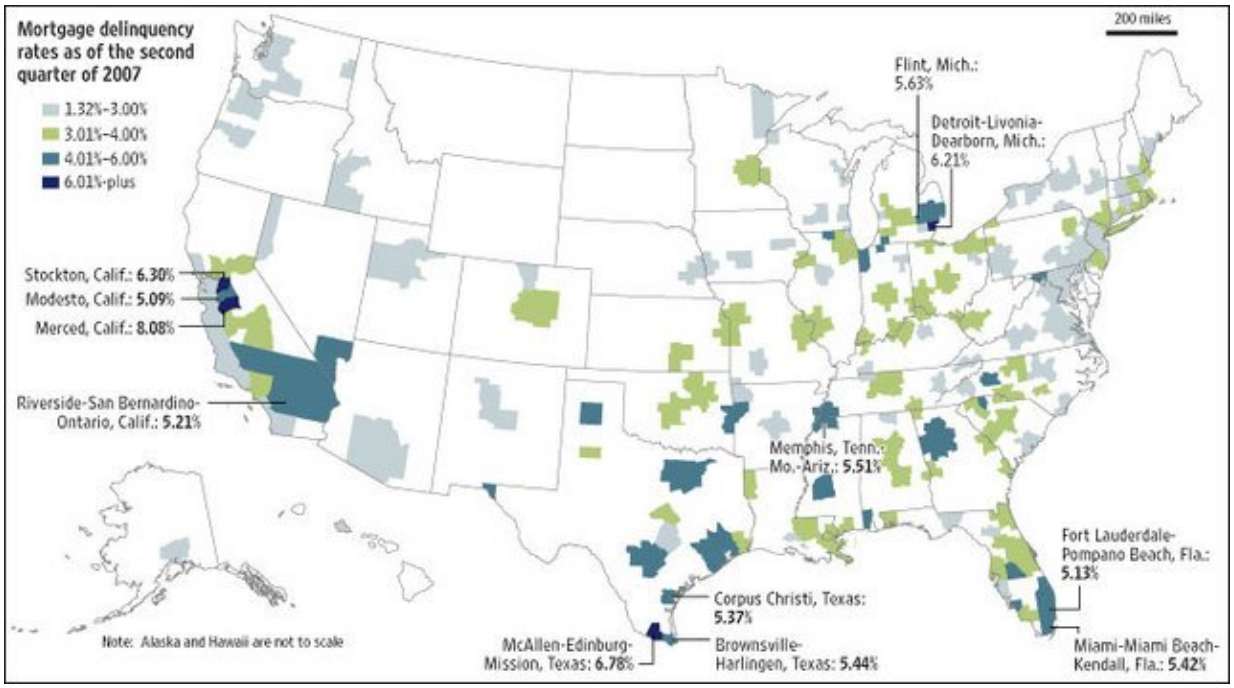
Interesting chart from the WSJ showing where defaults and delinquencies have increased the most.



What's up with Stockton or Modesto, CA?

Snidley Whiplash Doesn't Adjust for GDP

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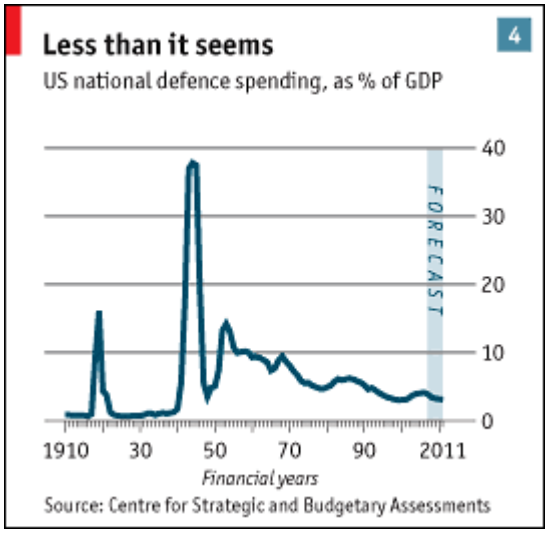
Ryan had a better title so I went with it.

Originally it was titled "Military Spending" because I get a kick out of how the left complains we always, ALWAYS spend too much on the military (which a quick perusal of the federal budget would tell you otherwise). Regardless, to convey context as to just how much we spend on the military and for all the troubles we have with terrorism in the middle east, you all should just shut the hell up and enjoy your plasma screen TV's because it really isn't that bad. We spend nothing, I mean nothing on the war on terror. The Japanese killed 3,000 of our men and women and we responded with a budget that allocated 40% of our GDP to the military.

Muslim nutjobs killed 3,000 Americans and we ever so slightly bump up our military spending from 3% to 4% GDP, to the howls and protests of anti-war leftists. Sheesh!



So new lesson people. It's always got to be as a percent of GDP.

Don't care what you're measuring, you have to account for not only the increase in the country's population as well as the increase in its economy. Otherwise inflation and population growth distort your figures.

Just the other day I was on a date and she asked me "what do you do for fun?" And I said, "I like playing video games but only after converting them to a percentage of GDP."

When I get to the pearly gates, St. Peter will ask, "What did you do with your time on Earth? Donate to charity? Work with children?" and I'll say, "I converted things into a percentage of GDP."

My Mom will call me up and still to this day ask if I brushed my teeth. But she'd be wiser

in asking if I brushed my teeth adjusting for GDP.

So remember, Americans, Patriots and all around cool guys and redheaded libertarian gals adjust for GDP. Commies, liberals and Snidley Whiplash don't.

The Idiocy of Argentinian Economics

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Christina Kirchner, the wife of Argentina's current president Nestor Kirchner, is running for president.

And to make a long story short, Argentina is much akin to Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela in that (very long economic story made short) the people blamed the IMF, America and the West for their problems, elected idiots or outright dictators into office who are now about to destroy not just their economies, but their democracies.

But this takes the cake. To show you how utterly stupid and naive Kirchner (wife or husband) really is. She asks, rhetorically, the audience how Argentina lowered its debts. Claiming the lowering of the debt was due to some economic genius on the part of her husband. Look closely at the red highlights in the article.

President Nestor Kirchner, 57, leaves office Dec. 10 after overseeing more than four years of economic growth following a currency devaluation in early 2002 and a default on $95 billion worth of bonds, the largest ever. His successor will inherit an energy crisis, the second-fastest inflation in South America after Venezuela and slowing economic growth.

"Fernandez's agenda is different than the one Kirchner had in 2003," said Joydeep Mukherji, a sovereign ratings director at Standard & Poor's, in an interview from Mexico City. "While Kirchner had to work on the recovery from the crisis and make Argentina move ahead, the next government will have to stabilize the country towards more sustainable economic growth."

Fernandez's speech in the city of La Plata, the capital of Buenos Aires province, was her first since the government confirmed her candidacy July 2. She said her husband's policies had improved the quality of life for millions of Argentines and criticized "neoliberal" economics that she said Argentina followed in the 1990s, when state-owned companies were sold and unemployment soared.

"No Mystery"

"How did we reduce the unemployment rate?" she rhetorically asked her supporters. "How did we raise wages? How did we cut our debt? How did we get rid of the International Monetary Fund? There is no mystery," she said. "It's the economic model, with a clear focus on industry."

Fernandez leads the polls with 46.2 percent support, followed by Congresswoman Elisa Carrio with 12 percent and Kirchner's former Economy Minister Roberto Lavagna with 11 percent, according to a survey of 800 people conducted by pollster Analogias between June 25 and June 28. The poll has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Fernandez's support is lower than her husband, whose approval rating has fallen from more than 80 percent in 2004 to 52 percent last month, according to Poliarquia Consultores in Buenos Aires.

"HOW DID WE CUT OUR DEBT?????!!!!"

Are you joking?

Yeah, what Argentinian economic genius. Lower your debts, by just refusing to pay for them.

Wow, seriously, she must have gone to the U of Chicago.

I think I'm just going to do the same with my mortgage and then brag about it. I can see it now, chatting up some girl at the bar;

"Hey baby, I just got rid of my mortgage."

"Really, how? Through hard work? Creative investments? You won the lottery?"

"No baby, I pulled an Argentinian. I just refused to pay it. I'm an economic deadbeat. And I blame America and the IMF."

"Wow, you're so dreamy!"

What gets me is she's the most popular candidate and likely to become the president of Argentina. Are the Argentinian people really that stupid to elect somebody like her when within 2 minutes of a speech she clearly displays her ignorance of basic economics???

Yeah, right, enjoy those 4 years of economic growth in Argentina. It will be coming to an end.

Hugo the Hypocrite

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If I recall correctly we let some piece of sh!t slime ball into our country where he promptly began to call our president the devil in front of the UN.

Chavez: Critical Foreigners to Get Boot

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By CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER Associated Press Writer

AP - Monday, July 23

CARACAS, Venezuela - President Hugo Chavez said Sunday that foreigners who publicly criticize him or his government while visiting Venezuela will be expelled from the country.

Chavez ordered officials to closely monitor statements made by international figures during their visits to Venezuela _ and deport any outspoken critics.

"How long are we going to allow a person _ from any country in the world _ to come to our own house to say there's a dictatorship here, that the president is a tyrant, and nobody does anything about it?" Chavez asked during his weekly television and radio program.

The Venezuelan leader's statements came after Manuel Espino, the president of Mexico's conservative ruling party, criticized Chavez during a recent pro-democracy forum in Caracas.

Government opponents argue Chavez _ a close ally of Cuban leader Fidel Castro _ is becoming increasingly authoritarian and cracking down on dissent as he steers oil-rich Venezuela toward what he calls "21st-century socialism."

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I may not agree with GW all the time, but he is without a doubt the bigger man.

Economics Made Very Simple

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Economics, when it really boils down to it, comes down to one simple, cardinal rule;

If you don't work, you don't eat.

If there was just one person on the planet and that person didn't work to find food and find shelter he/she would die.

And even though there is more than one person on the planet, if everybody took the attitude, "I don't have to work" then as a whole since we don't work, we don't eat, we'd all die.

Therefore self-supportation or self-reliance is the single most honorable moral a human can have out of respect for his fellow man and society.

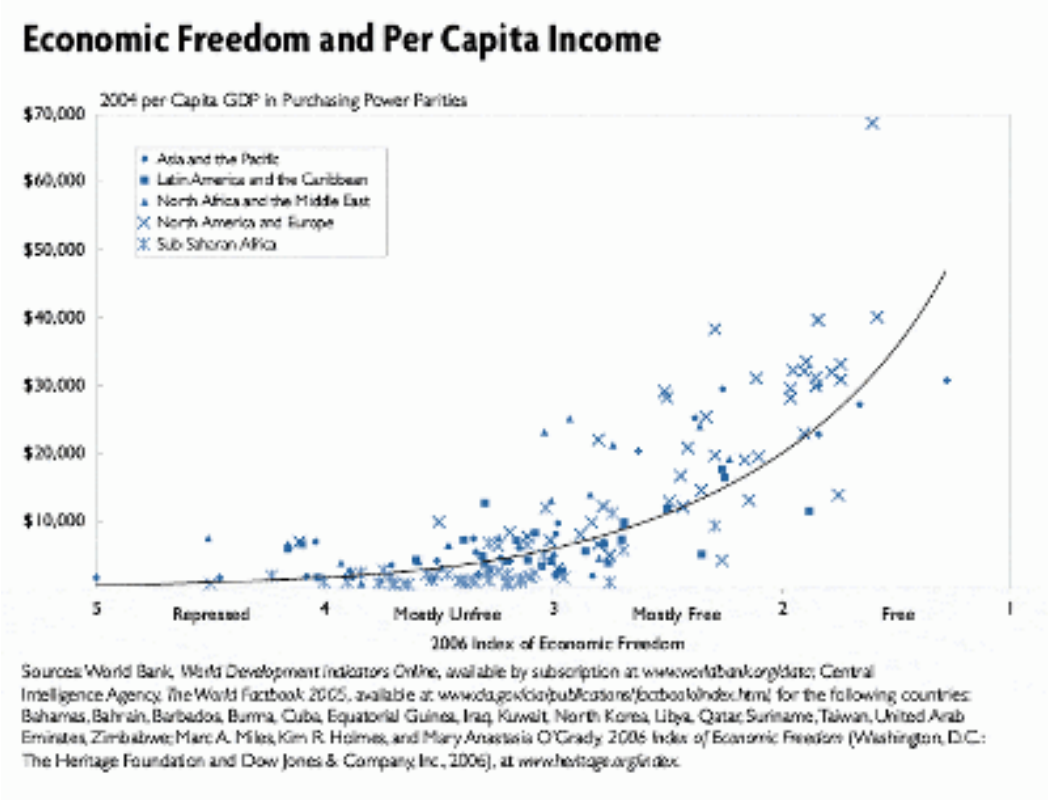
I will work, therefore I shall eat and therefore not rely upon you to take care of me.

However, the left finds refuge in the fact that if there's enough people on the planet and if they work hard enough, then there is a surplus of food and shelter and that some people don't have to work in order to eat. And the left (and I mean this in the sincerest sense) only has the power it does because it convinces people that "no, you really don't have to work in order to eat" and promises those weak-minded fools such a scenario.

Playing off of victimhood, conspiracy theories and any other half-baked reason they can find, the left convinces people they were deprived of food, deprived the opportunity to work, and therefore are entitled to eat at others' expense. And human nature is all too accommodating to this type of thinking because provides them with a benefit with no cost.

But that still doesn't change the cardinal rule that if you don't work, you don't eat.

So, even though common sense, just basic kindergartener common sense would prove this simple rule to be true, because such a large percentage of the population's livelihood is based on the opposite of this rule I find no greater joy in providing empirical evidence to prove them wrong.



For it seems that the freer a society is, the more one is allowed to pursue not just wealth, but allowed to keep the majority of their wealth, the more successful that society is, and not just for the individual, but for society as a whole.

And it is this that gets to the heart of the matter. If you are genuinely concerned about the poor, if you are genuinely concerned about advancing society and increasing the standards of living for ALL people, you would be the most ardent supporter of capitalism, low taxes, freedom and individualism. Alas, because of the left's vehement opposition to economic freedom, I am only left to conclude that the left uses "the advancement of the poor" as a farcical and cowardly cover argument to rationalize the transfer of wealth to themselves.

Craft and construe the argument however you want, it still doesn't change the fact that if you don't work, you don't eat.

Of The Economist, Fred Thompson and Hair

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HAR!!!

If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands

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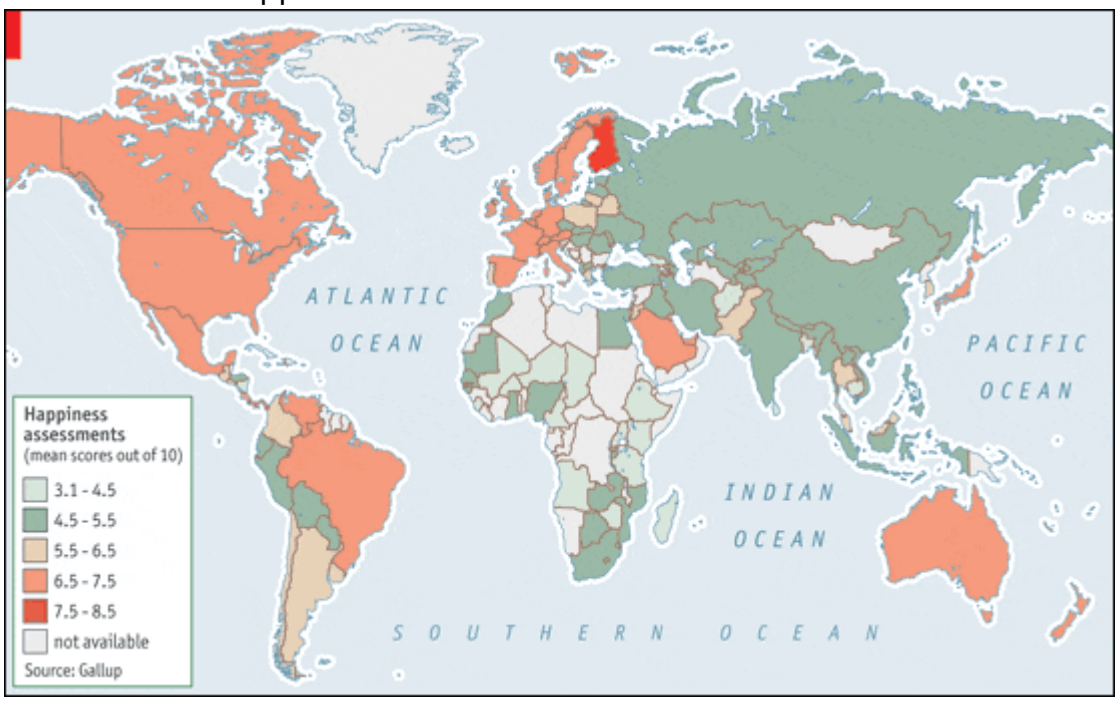
The Economist came out with another interesting chart, showing once again money does correlate with happiness.



Of the many observations I could make, I will only make two;

1. The UAE, the most capitalist (and least radical) Arab country is pretty darn happy.

2. What the hell are the Finlanders so happy about?

(though I can see a joke "Why is Finland so happy? "Because they're not Norway")

Making It Difficult to Be Against a Progressive Tax System

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I am as ardent a supporter of capitalism as there will ever be.

I largely view the majority of people's circumstances in the developed and free world as a product of their work ethic and drive. I largely view the developed world as meritocracies where you get what you deserve. I was dirt poor and I couldn't care less about your problems because I've been there and chances are you haven't.

But then this happens.

And it becomes insanely difficult to defend my position to be against the redistribution of wealth.

At what point does your moral compass kick in and say,

"You know, for $210,000 I could do a LOT of good in the world. I could put some poor kids through college. I could get some tutors for some kids that have trouble at school. I could pay for single parents to get some training or college or have their children get day care while they get some schooling." Or something of noble worth you could do with $210,000.

But $210,000 FOR DRINKS?????

Come on!!!!! WTF???? Wouldn't you feel a bit better about yourself if you donated it to a charity? Or heck, just threw it out into a street and made a bunch of normal schleps happy? Hell, I'd pay somebody's mortgage off just for kicks. But no, you're going to spend it on booze. And on booze, that frankly, probably tastes no better than a cold Sam Adams.

Forgive me while I feel a little socialist for a while.

The Most Toys

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This chart is a bit dated, but I found it interesting none the less.

Table 2:2. Percentage of households in different countries owning various domestic appliances etc.

	USA	Belgium	Denmark	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	U.K.
Clothes Washer	**99**	88	74	88	88	96	89	87	72	78	88
Dishwasher	53	26	36	32	34	18	11	11	31	32	11
Microwave	**86**	21	31	19	36	6	22	9	37	15	48
Radio	**99**	90	98	98	84	92	99	95	93	99	90
Television	**98**	97	**98**	95	97	**98**	95	**98**	97	93	**98**
Clothes Dryer	**82**	39	30	12	17	10	27	5	18	27	32
Vacuum Cleaner	**99**	92	96	89	96	56	98	29	97	93	98
VCR	**83**	42	63	35	42	25	50	40	48	41	69
Personal Computer	**40**	22	30	20	20	14	25	11	29	23	25
Phones per 100 people	63	46	61	56	49	43	53	39	68	61	59
Cell phones per 1000	12.4	23.2	157.3	23.8	42.8	67.4	33.2	24.1	**229.9**	63.5	98.0
TVs per 1000	**776**	464	536	579	550	436	495	490	476	461	612
Autos per 100	57	41	31	42	49	51	38	Na	41	44	3

Note: Figures in bold type indicate that the country has the highest percentage of households owning the product in question.

Shouldn't the Baby Boomers Be Paying Down Their Debts?

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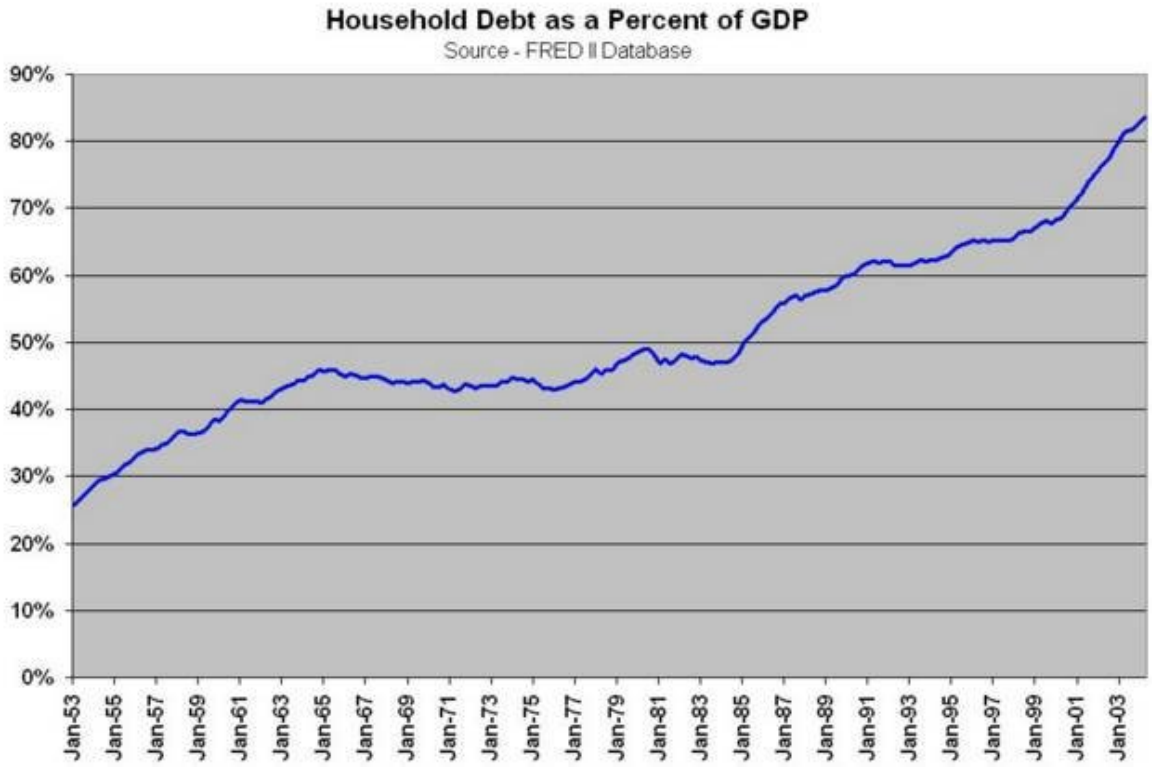
I was under the presumption that as you approach retirement, you not only store up enough cashiola to float you through to your death, but that you also pay down your debts. Alas, this does not seem to be happening;



And it concerns me a little bit because I see people older than me not only cashing out all the equity in their homes, but more and more people using the reverse amortization mortgage as a means to bleed out all the equity in their homes as they retire. Effectively leaving their children with a fully leveraged house. My question is what will happen to the value of these inherited properties when Gen X sells them, because we already have our own homes and don't need them? The flood of properties will lower the price below the amount owed on it and we'll have ourselves a nice little debt problem.

Alas it seems a generation is unknowingly committing the perfect crime, racking up debt, only to die before they pay for it...then again, I don't know how this materially differs from social security.

No Reason to Panic Despite the Down Jones Dropping 310 Points

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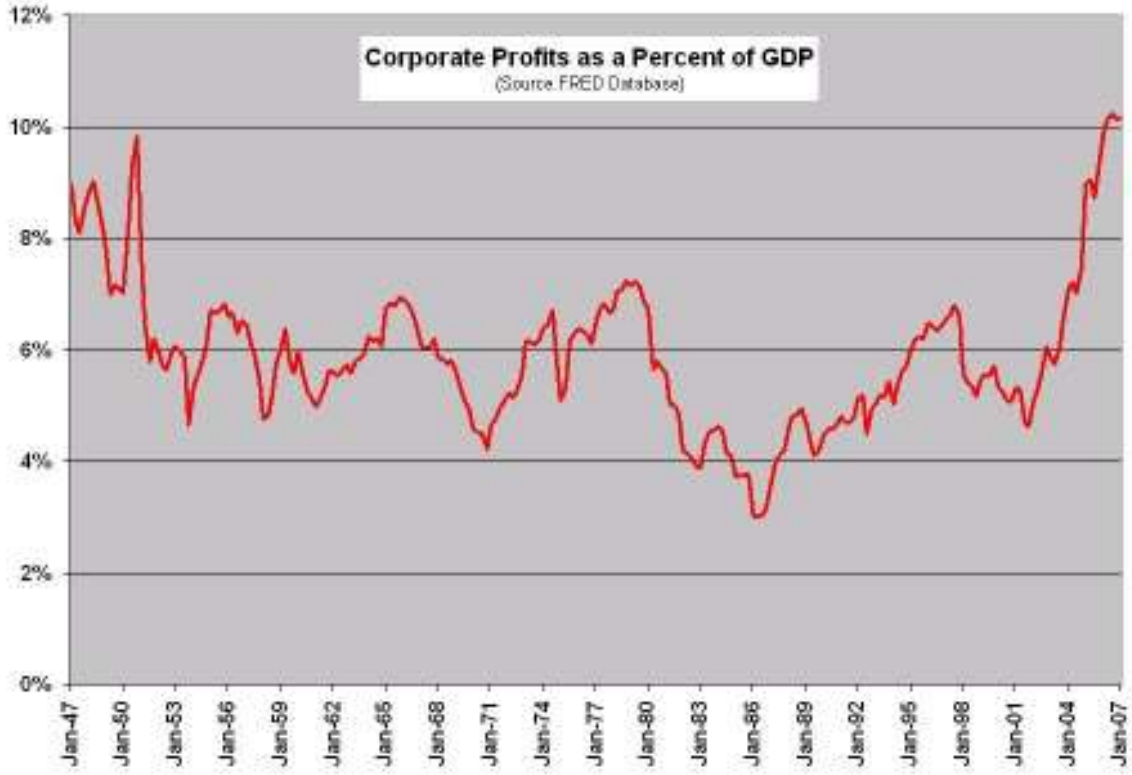
So the Dow Jones dropped by 310. So what?

Unlike the idiots who I graduated with from college during Dotcom Mania, that drove stock prices to insane levels the average US stock is accurately valued, based on historic measures, namely the P/E ratio.

The S&P 500's P/E ratio is at about 16 right now, just one point higher than its historic average of 15 since 1928. This is in contrast with a P/E ratio of 61 at the height of Dotcom Mania.

I know that the recent bull market may have some cautious minds scared, but unlike our last bubble the earnings are actually there, legitimazing the Dow's current level.

Additionally, corporate profits are at an all time high relative to the economy.



Corporations, unlike their government and citizen counterparts, are actually very efficient with their money, squeezing ever more profit out of their sales and assets. You may be a beer drinking slob, watching American Idol and the local sports franchise but the corporation you work for is actually a bit more hard working than that.

So do yourself a favor and relax. The only way stocks are overvalued is if there's a recession on the way…oops.

Home Builders, the New OPEC

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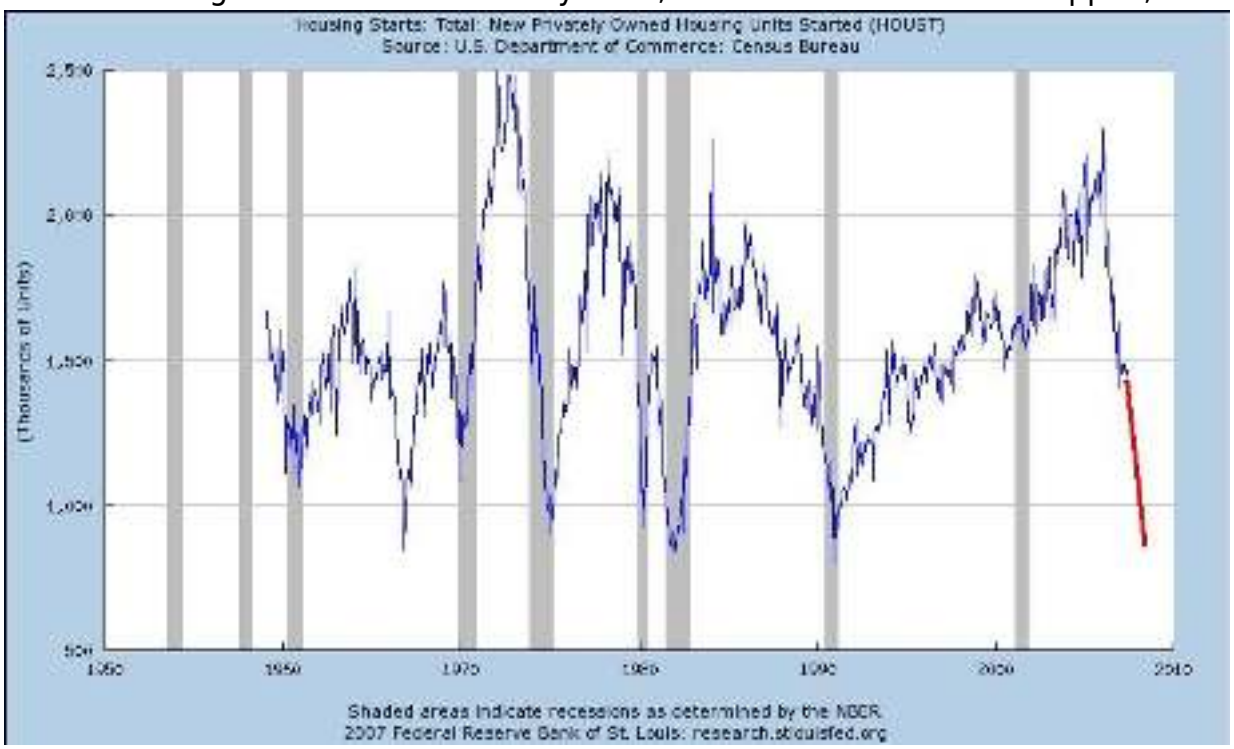
I remember getting reprimanded for using the word "glut" in one of my reports one time.

A middled aged, banker who made money lending money to his nearly bankrupt cronies condemned my report when I said there was a "glut" of housing on the market. "Glut is an insulting word, it suggests gluttony." Which I thought to myself, "Well, that's exactly what's been going on, hasn't it????"

Regardless, I changed the word to "oversupply" but that still doesn't change the fact that the best word in the entire English language to describe the situation was indeed "glut." There was a 12 month supply of housing for the particular area we were looking at and it was the four letter word known as "glut."

And though I have no direct experience in home building, with such over supply and low housing prices it seemed to me that home builders would quit producing homes altogether. That new housing starts would drop to zero, allowing the market to catch up and eat through this excess inventory. Alas, this has not seemed to happen;



For while housing starts have plummeted, they're still producing them at a near historic average. And what I don't get is how home builders can't look at this and realize that are now facing a commodity market. And that if they continue to produce more homes for an already gluttonous market, it will depress their prices further. Therefore home builders as a whole are not much different than OPEC in the late 90's where the price of a gallon of gas was 85 cents. The price of their good is at a historic low and if they were smart, they'd cut off the supply.

Seriously, the best thing for home builders would be to take a year long vacation. You can work 60 hours a week, but the market price for your end product will be so low, that if you just wait a year or two, you could work 40 hours and make the same amount of money in just two years. Why work? Do America and all of the home owners a big huge favor and go on vacation.

Of course, I'm assuming home builders have a basic grasp of economics. And given the ruinous oversupply (read "glut") of homes they produced with not one of them, NOT ONE, conducting an absorption study, I am foolish to think they'd drive housing starts to my recommended red line.

Hum Apple Baby!!!

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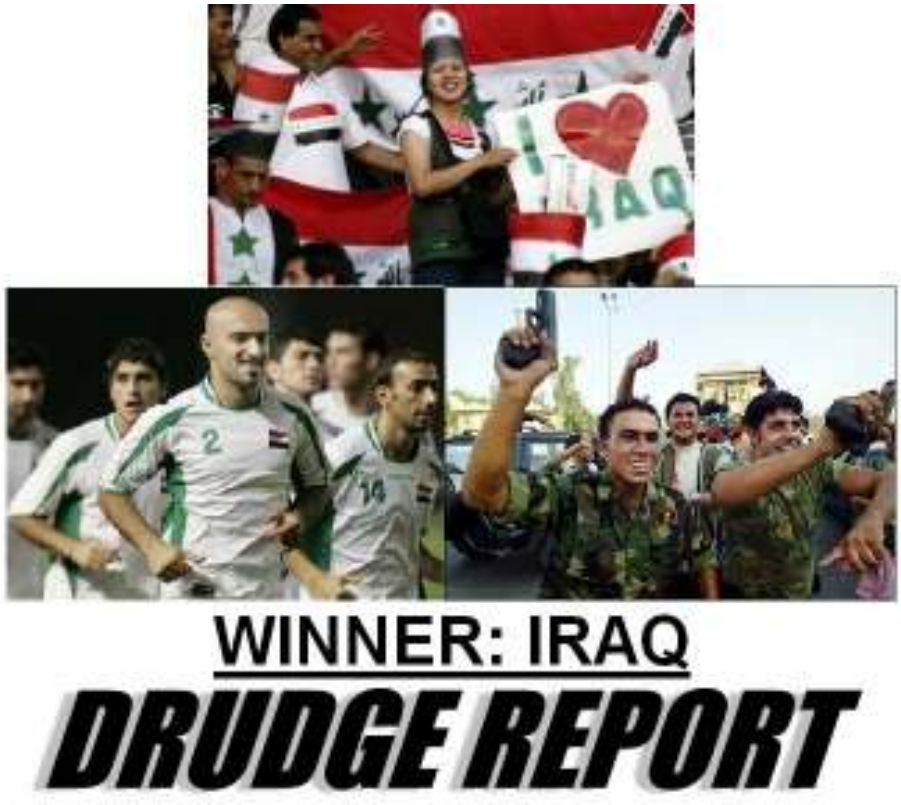

Afghanistan: The Opium Monopoly

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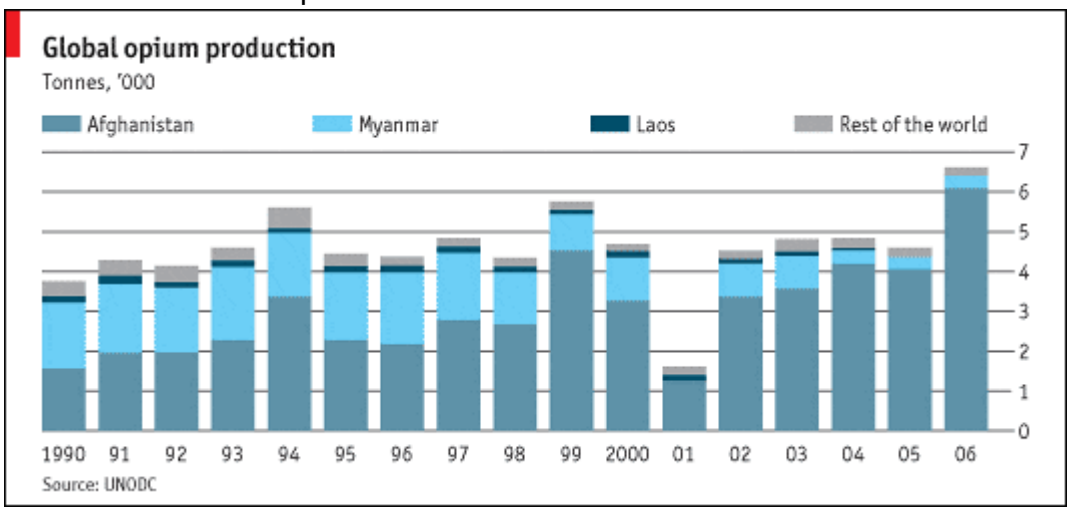
I knew the grew opium in Afghanistan, but I had no idea that it accounted for pretty much ALL of the world's opium.



Once again showing you, despite war, terrorists and commie invasions, capitalism will thrive and is the ultimate economic power.

Anti-Commie Propoganda Circa 1950 FROM ACADEMIA!

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You will watch this, it's amazing. Especially at the 8 minute 31 second mark.

Child vs. X-Box 360 - The Best of Cpt. Capitalism

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I'm off to play Indiana Jones again, a fossil site has been discovered in northern Iowa, and I must visit it before my French paleontologist rival beats me to it. Then there's that whole hot chick that I have to save deal, and I've seem to have misplaced my bullwhip. And there's probably Nazi's crawling around there too. Anyway, here's a repost of one of the BEST of Captain Capitalism.

As an avid fan of maximizing one's utility and one who appreciates the wise expenditure of resources, I very much like consumer reports, where various organizations rate and rank different products or services so that you may be a more informed consumer and thus spend your money in a manner that would yield the maximum amount of utility.

And given it is the Christmas season, we here at Captain Capitalism Consumer Reports, Inc. want to give something back to society as a gesture of good will during this charitable time. Something that will help you make a wise decision and maximize your standards of living. Something that will spread mirth and cheer in your household. Something that is sure to help you out in your financial health and endeavors.

A comparison between what seems to be the two hottest items this Christmas season for late 20 to early 30 somethings;

X-Box and a child.

	X-Box 360	Child
Initial Cost	$ 400	$ 8,000
Monthly Cost	$ 100	$ 1,203
Has Off Switch	Yes	No
Volume Control	Yes	No
Can Legally Sell It	Yes	No
Spreads Disease	No	Yes
Makes Friends Jealous	Yes	Only the idiots
Square Footage	.5 sq ft	An entire room
Emits Odors	No	Yes, many
Can leave at home for weeks at a time	Yes	No
Poops	No	Yes, lots
Pukes	No	Yes, lots
Parasites off property tax payers to pay for their education	No	Yes
Drives up health care cost of others	No	Yes
% Chance it will grow up and vote democrat	0%	75%
Can Play DVD's on it	Yes	No
Will Grow Up to Hate You	No	Probably
% Chance it will kill you in your sleep	Absolutely none	There's a chance
Chicks Find Them Cute	They should	Yes

We here at Captain Capitalism Consumer Reports Inc. sincerely hope and wish you and yours the best in this utility maximizing season!

The Captain's Economic Lesson of the Day

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Tis August, or late July, I'm writing near the twilight hour. Regardless, it is summer. And if your summer is like mine, it's about 93 degrees, humid and you have been sleeping in the basement because your day is so busy, you haven't gotten around to getting an air conditioner yet...like you promised yourself you would...last year when it was just as hot.

Regardless, I had a little time today and I walked into the Mall of America to meet with a friend for lunch and whilst basking in the air conditioning it occurred to me, "hey, I could get my Christmas shopping done now."

And why not?

Now is the PERFECT time to do your Christmas shopping! Get it out of the way now, before that dreaded weekend after Thanksgiving approaches and it's too late to buy anything at a reasonable price.

Boost your purchasing power and avoid waiting in lines by buying your Christmas gifts in August.

And when Labor Day approaches you can brag, "got my Christmas shopping done this summer" and be the envy of your neighbors.

Therefore today, August 1st (I think), I declare Christmas Shopping Day!

Go forth and be economic in your shopping.

Corporate Profits at an All Time High

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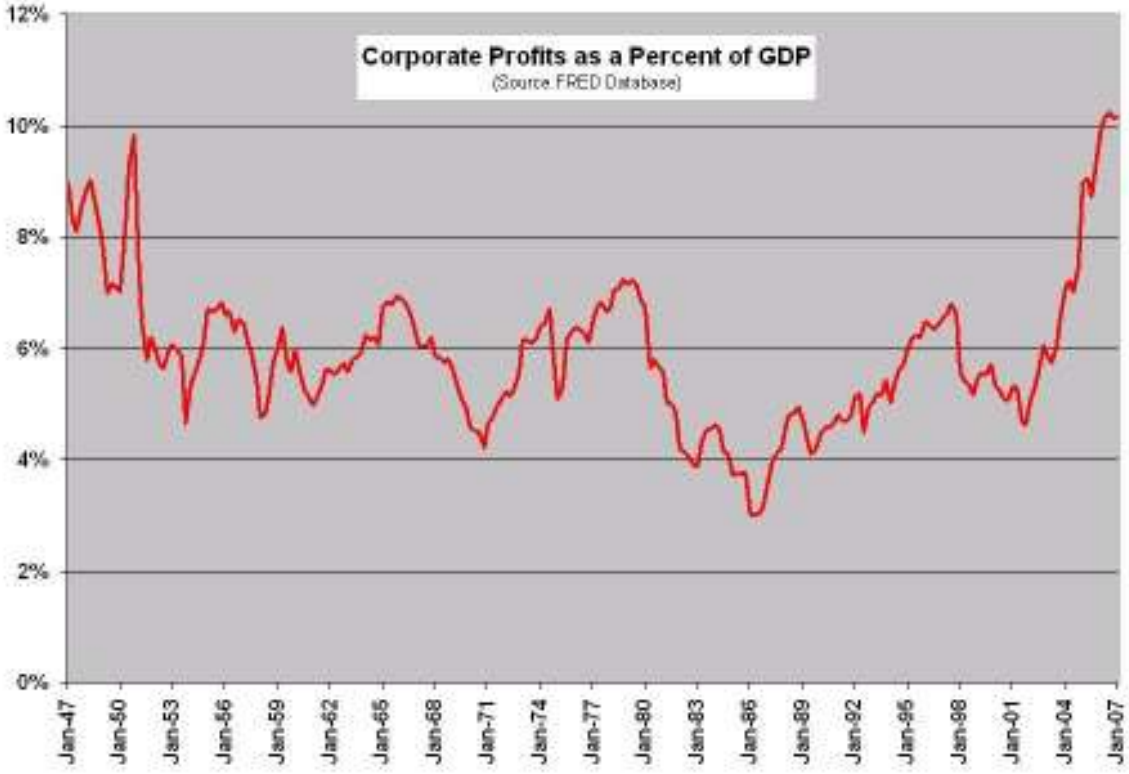
I received a request just to post this chart showing corporate profits as a percent of GDP.



I must admit to not knowing the cause of this recent run up (though I recall something about being able to repatriate profits from overseas at a certain tax rate lowered by GW? Anybody know if that's correct?)

Regardless that chart has just got to anger the living patoots out of the left.

A 39 Year Old Grandmother

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Again, the problem here is poverty, racism, George Bush, and global warming, not this woman being an idiot, perpetuating a legacy of teenage pregnancy. I had to do the math and I figured if she and her daughter get pregnant at 13, with a 9 month pregnancy each, this could be done.

I don't know about you, but when I was 13 I was playing Kid Icarus on Nintendo and "Kick the Can."

Sorry to Disappoint, The Captain is Not Dead

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So I was playing volleyball when the bridge collapsed, I got back and had about 7 voicemails seeing if I was OK. And instead of spending an hour calling everybody back, I figured I'd just post to let everybody know, yes, indeed, I am still alive.

What's scary is I took this bridge at least twice a day, and more back when going to college. The bridge is just 2 miles down the road from my old place. Have to head into the city, might see if I can get some decent pictures for you all.

The Minnesota State Budget

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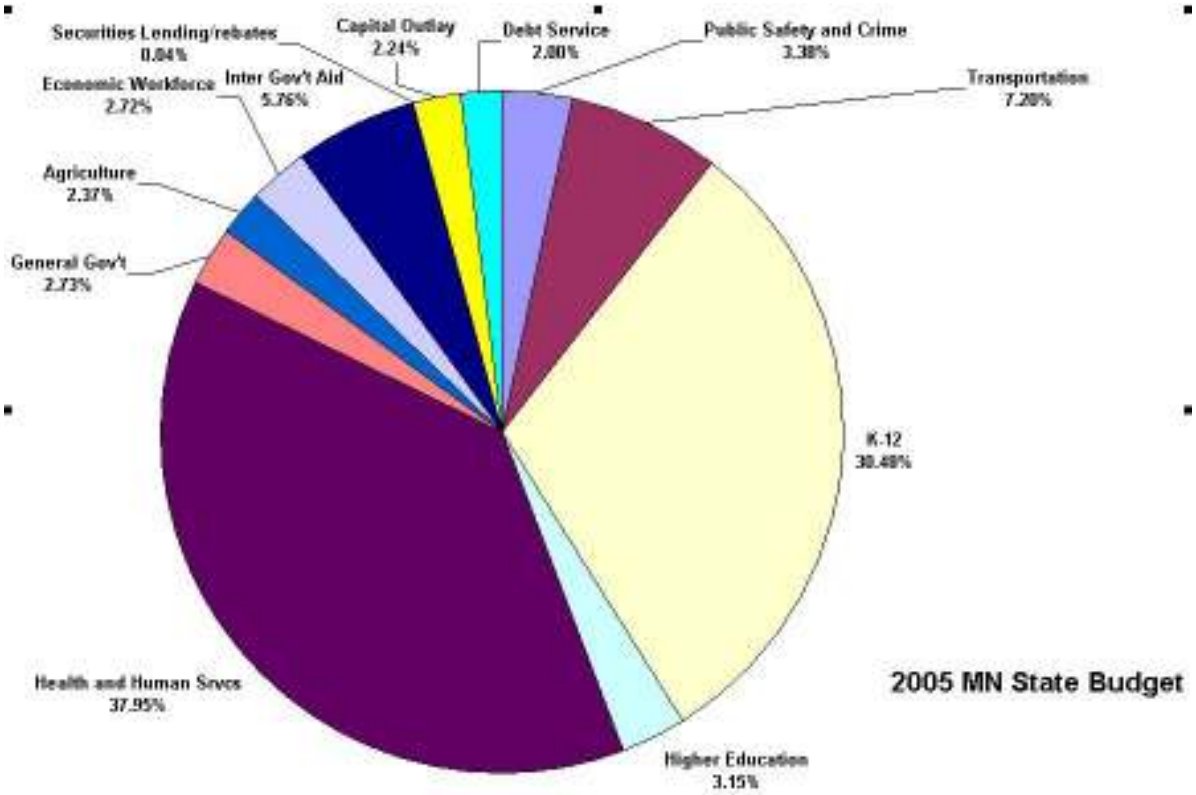
I figured the knee jerk reaction from the left will be to capitalize on this tragedy as a way to increase taxes because we don't spend enough on transportation. Therefore, to preemptively strike this argument I dug up one of my old charts showing where we spend all of our money in Minnesota.



I suggest we transfer some money from health care, welfare and education to transportation.

Big Oil My Ass

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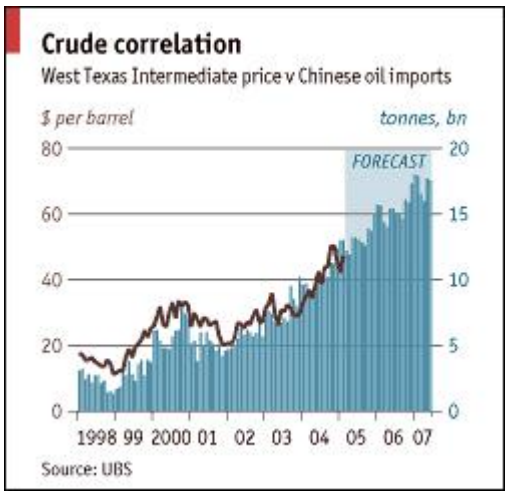
I wish there were more studies of this to see if those who predict are actually accurate. Truthfully though The Economist never made this forecast, rather an economist at HSBC submitted this chart to The Economist 2 years ago, but I'm amazing how accurate it's proven to be, and how closely correlated it is to China's demand for oil.



"Big Oil" my ass.

Mitt - 1, Entitlement Mentality- 0

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It's lengthy, but worth the watch.

Of Bridges, Minnesota, Budgets and Transportation

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OK, real short here, because this isn't complicated.

As some of you know I've lived in Minnesota for the past 14 years and am an economist here. I am very familiar with the bridge because I used to drive on that bridge daily and could see it from two of my living quarters whilst going to college. And I'm just as familiar with the state budget and finances here in Minnesota as well.

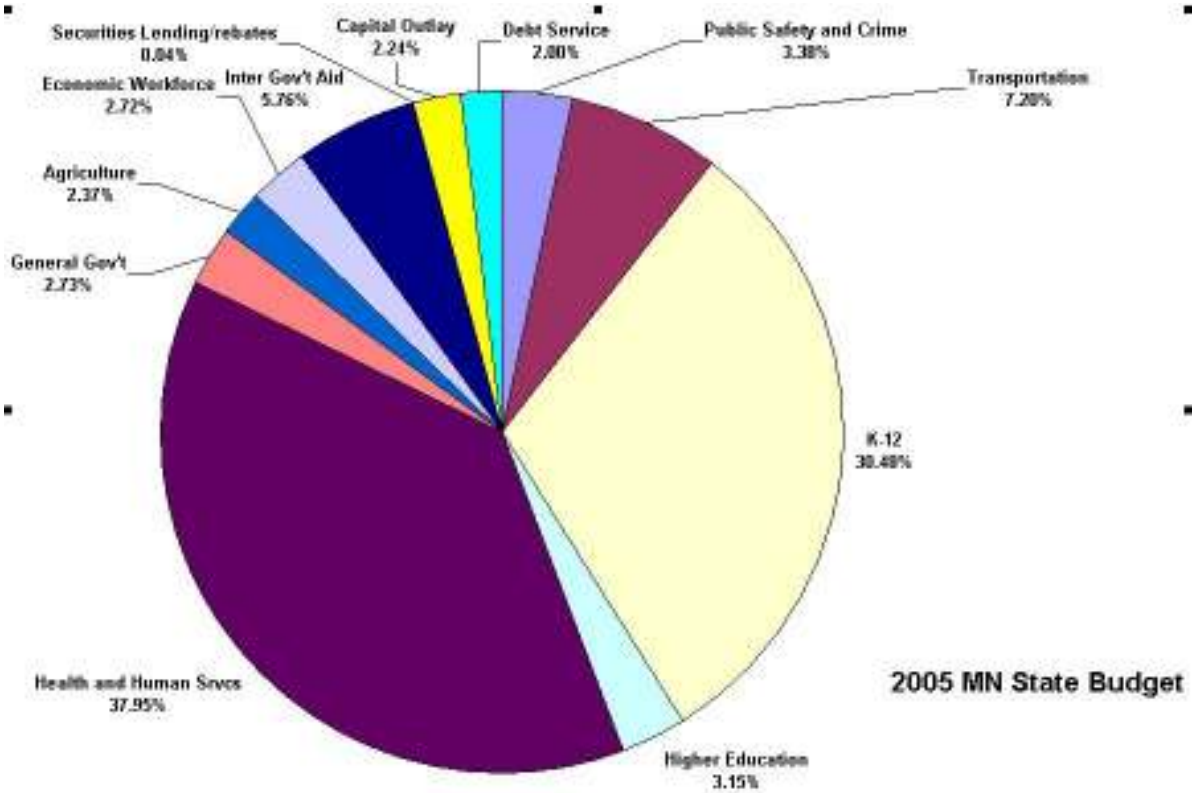
So I find it my duty to point out that when the inevitable call from the left comes to raise taxes to pay for crumbling bridges and infrastructure, (when we yet to know the cause of this particular collapse), that it is not a taxation problem, it's a spending problem.

And unlike everybody else out there, I'm going to prove it.

First is the Minnesota state budget. The vast majority of our money goes to two things;

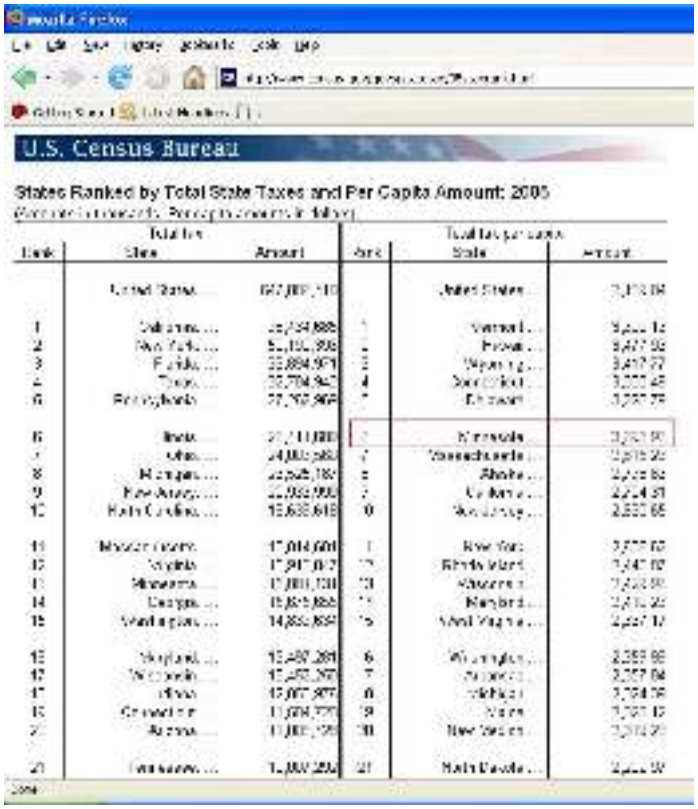
Education and health and human services.

Only 7% goes to transportation.

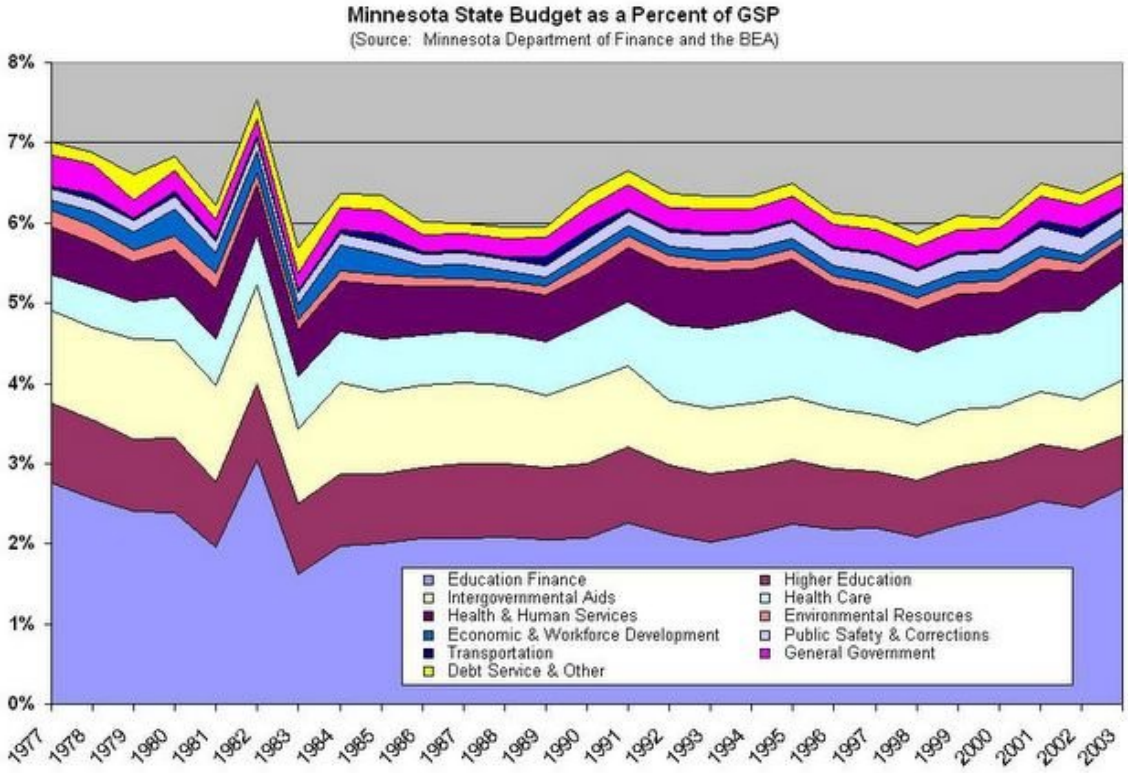


This may cause those on the left to point and say, "See, SEE!!! We barely spend anything on transportation! We need to raise taxes!"

Well hold on there little buckaroos. The question is what would our overall tax rate in Minnesota be in the first place? Are we taxing enough? As it turns out we're already the 6th highest taxed state in the nation (and by some measures we're 3rd);



Also the state of Minnesota takes 7% of GSP (Gross State Product, my apologies for the age of the chart).



So it's pretty hard to argue that we don't tax enough. Matter of fact, we probably tax too

much. And therefore it isn't a taxation problem, as much as it is a spending problem.

Captain Capitalism and the Lost Devonian Fossils

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Permit me, if you will, a deviation from economics and allow me to share a side aspect of my life with all of you who read Cappy Cap, and that is my side hobby of fossil hunting.

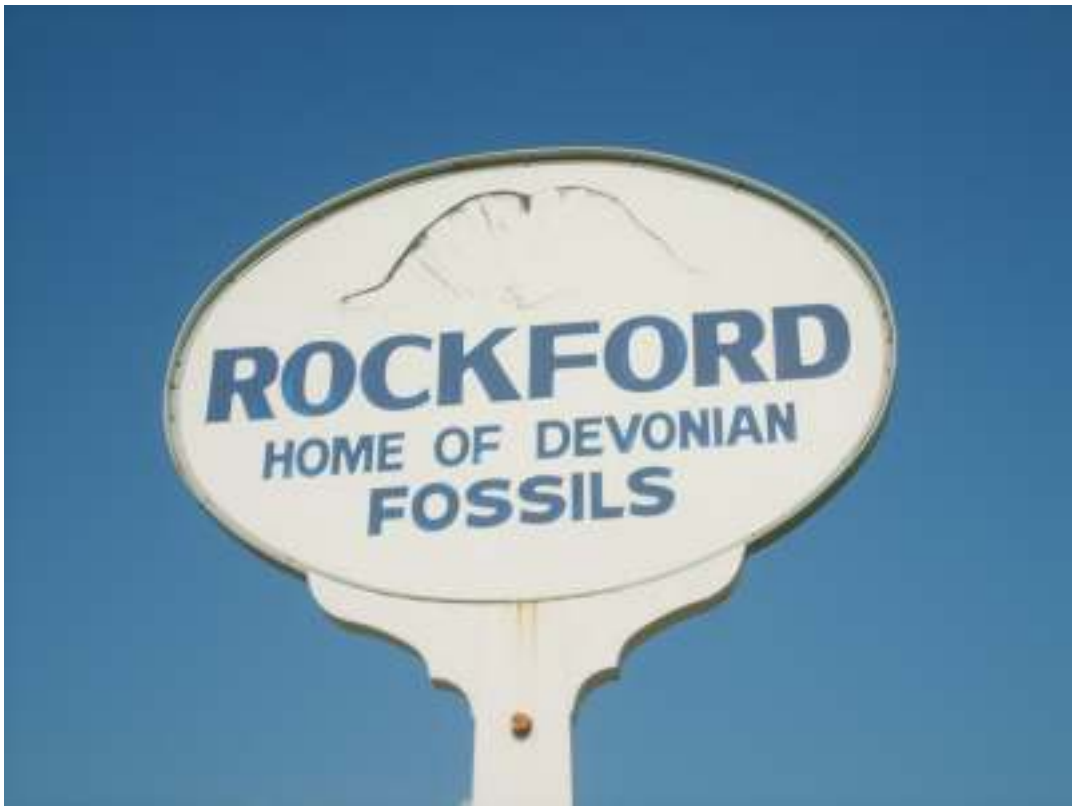
As I mentioned a week or so ago I had gotten word of a fossil bed in northern Iowa. This is convenient because the majority of the fossils I find are located in Wyoming, the Dakotas, and Nebraska, while Iowa is a two hour drive from Minneapolis. I took some pictures and would sincerely appreciate sharing them with you;

This is me getting ready for the big fossil hunt;

As you can see I was not in a good mood. I had to wake up at 6AM to make it down there in time to not only have enough day light to search for fossils but also enough time to get back. I don't like sleeping in hotels, I don't care how comfy the bed is, there is nothing more comfy than your own bed. I remember driving back from Guadalupe National Park after a fossil hunt there straight back to Minneapolis which took 33 hours, no sleep, no stop. I like my friggin' bed. I truthfully can more easily sleep in a tent than a hotel room and that's convenient because you have to pay for a hotel. A tent you just pitch.

Anyway, I came into the town of Rockford where the reported fossil bed was found.

Sadly to my discovery I found out that the information I got was not necessarily a secret and quite dated. Matter of fact the whole town kind of prided itself off of the fact that fossils had been discovered in that area;



They even advertised it on their water tower;

With the lost allure of me being the only one privy to this information I decided to go to the fossil beds which were located just outside town. An old abandoned quarry that hit water and ceased their operations. To this day, and maybe one of you is an expert in aquatics can tell me this, but how the hell do bass and blue gill end up in the lakes that form in quarries when there was no water there previously nor any tributary feeding it? There were turtles, fish, and all manner of aquatic life there. Anyway, I started looking for fossils.

Sadly I did not take any pictures of the quarry. Didn't really occur to me. But I found this one picture on the internet which doesn't do it justice, it's literally 9 times this size;

But the good news is I did find some nice specimen there. This is a photo of some of the

better fossils I found, boiled and cleaned at the Captain's bachelor pad;

Truth is though, there was literally limitless amounts of fossils. And this is a good thing. Because at my age there's a fair amount of single mothers with young boys who are fascinated with fossils which provides you a great in. I remember going to the dentist and there was a single mother there with her kid and he was reading a book on dinosaurs. I had recently returned from a trip in South Dakota and remembered I left my bag with some fossils in it in my car. I grabbed the bag and while his mom was getting her teeth worked on I striked up a conversation with the kid and he just about passed out when he saw the fossils I had. Ended up getting a date out of that little charade. Since then I've kind of kicked around this half-assed business idea/theory about hording a bunch of fossils and then selling them to men in their late 20's and early 30's as a means to get them an "in." Oh well.

Anyway, glad to share my fossil hunting experience with you all.

56 Month's Supply of Town Homes

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Middle Age Man was a SNL skit, but I think today it should be reinvented to include a middle aged man who is a banker and the skit or punchline would be he comes in with crazy ideas about real estate projects that stand as much chance as I do with Selma Hayek.

So let me give you a little inside information about the banking world.

Bankers are paid on commission. So if you come in and say, "hey, I have an idea to make little truffles or trinkets and need $40,000 for a trinket machine" it will take about 30 days for them to pull their asses off the golf course get around to looking at your proposal and then another 30 days to shoot it down. And it doesn't matter if it's a great idea, the problem is the amount of money you're asking for is not high enough.

Now, if you're some bloated, embezzling real estate developer that never really makes money, just keeps rolling over debts and hoping asset values go up faster than your debt load, bankers like you because you're probably going to ask for more than $40,000 and therefore they'll get higher commissions.

This results in a perverted incentive to approve larger loans since the commission would be larger, regardless of the likelihood of repayment.

So you could imagine the excitement when a real estate developer would have a proposal not just to build town homes, but LUXURY town homes that would be priced in excess of $1 million. Bankers would fall over each other to approve such a loan.

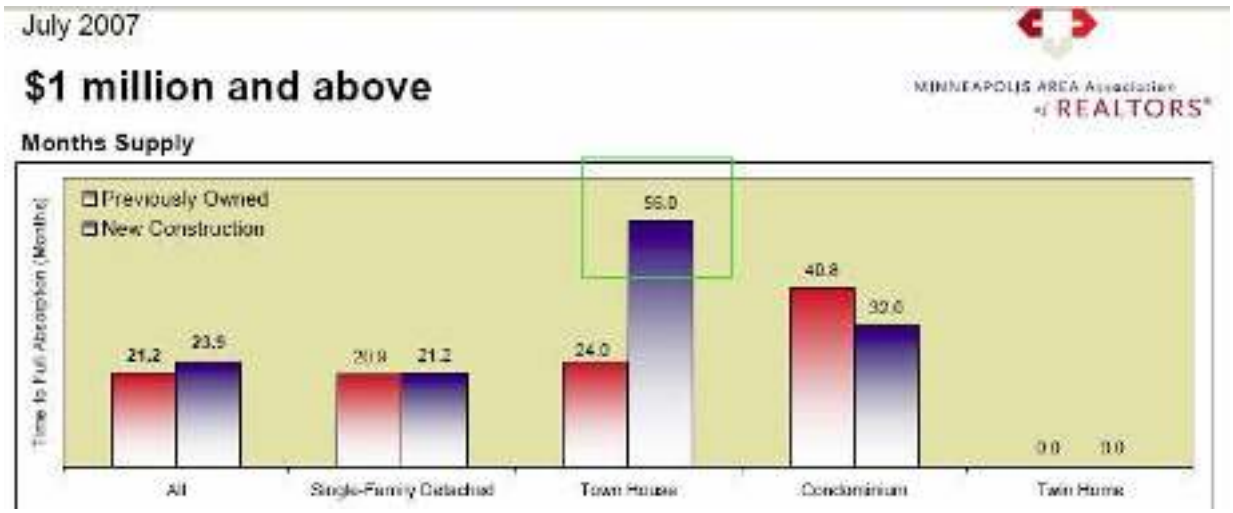
There's just a couple problems though with these luxury town homes.

First off, if I'm spending a million dollars or more on a house, it isn't going to be a town home that I have to share with other people. If I'm forking over a million dollars, I want my yard so big that I don't see houses within a 20 miles radius of my house. So when I'd see these proposals I would always scratch my head when asking "who exactly comprises the market for this?"

Secondly, I remember doing my research at the time and seeing that in one year more "luxury" town homes were under construction than had been constructed in the past 3 years in the metro area. I remember presenting my findings to the then corporate mucky mucks who pooh-poohed it away.

So during my monthly perusal of the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtor's research

page I was laughing my ass off when I saw this;



56 month's supply of new town homes are on the market in the $1 million + range AND THAT"S JUST THE NEW CONSTRUCTION!

So those banks get to keep lending money to these real estate developers for the next 5 years until those properties sell. Sadly enough interest will accrue to the point the amount these developers owe the banks will exceed what the town homes will sell for, but that doesn't matter because as long as the banker got his commission then everything's alright.

Regardless, there's a lesson here all junior, aspiring and deputy economists. And that is you may not be popular, you may temporarily slow down your career, and you may have middle aged men angry with you because you're not playing ball and making it so they can afford a new Lexus, but it's all worth it in the end when you get to tell them;

"I told you so."

So to all those bankers who ignored basic economics and market research, to all those bankers who made loans to their friends because "they're good guys," and to all those bankers who are now unemployed or working as a car salesman, me, my colleagues and a bevy of other economists, analysts and researchers who were sounding the bells quite some time ago, just have one thing to say;

"I told you so."

Bush the Super Genius Villain Moron

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As I have mentioned before, I am no big fan of Bush. Nor do I hate him. I do however pity him as it seems fashionable to "hate GW." And let's be fair, he's kept us safe, kept the economy going and this after a stock market crash from Dotcom Mania and a terrorist attack. If it were 1946 he'd be a hero and his polls through the roof, then again, the quality and caliber of your typical 1946 American is infinitely better, wiser and more mature than their American Idol-watching, modern day counter parts.

Regardless, what exposes this unfounded hatred the left has for Bush is the hypocrisy that "Bush is a moron" yet he is able to orchestrate any number of evil mastermind plots. He's stoooopid, but he was the true person behind 9-11. He's a moron, but he is so smart he can manipulate oil prices (in spite of OPEC). Bush is Hitler, but wait, Hitler was a genius, so he's a stupid Hitler.

Regardless, the impetus for this post was The Bad. The Bad exemplifies this better than I could. You should really check it out...if you don't, GW will arrange for your assassination...that's if he's not too busy trying to figure out how to flush the toilet.

Why Are the Irish and Aussies So Suicidal????

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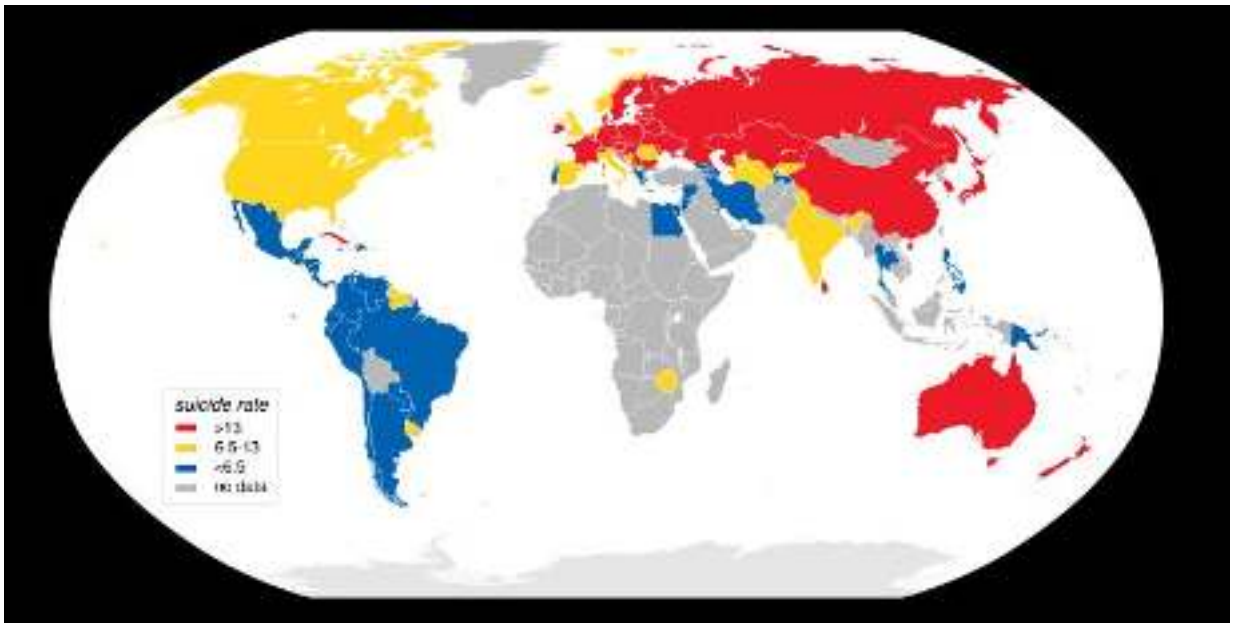
Suicide is something that I don't get. Not that I can't see why some people would commit it, but that they don't go and try to pull some amazing crazy stuff before they go. Everybody just blows their brains out without doing anything great before it. I mean if you're about to commit suicide wouldn't you say, "Hey, you know, it'd be great to go moon that cop that has a speed trap over on 38th." Or, "you know, it'd be pretty cool to go up to the hottest chick and say, "you're too fat for me." Or rack up a huge bill at some ritzy restaurant and then just say, "Eh, I don't feel like paying, besides which I'm dying tomorrow, so what are you going to do about it?" Not to mention cliff jumping, sky diving, you name it.

However, from an economics perspective what I don't get is how Australia and Ireland have some of the highest suicide rates. Their economies have been growing by leaps and bounds and then everybody offs themselves? I mean the French I could understand, but the Irish?



Frank you got any theories??

The S&P 500 P/E Ratio

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I had a request to repost this chart too.

I think it's one of the most under-appreciated charts. Robert Shiller had this chart about 7 years ago and used it to highlight the insanity of Dotcom Mania.

Sorry for the short posts here guys, just busy with summer, packing it in before busy season starts and then its winter.

You Suck at Suicide Bombing

August 9, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Sorry, short on time and time for a repost. The best of. Preparing for a big time trip out west. Glacier National. Yellowstone. Grand Tetons...what they hell is a teton?" Anyway, hope you new readers enjoys, you old readers reminisce, and all you junior deputy economists forward it to somebody! (Seriously, I'd be curious to see the statistical ramifications to see if people just insisted on forwarding it to somebody else. Forget whether you have a genuine interest in the post, but if people DID forward it to other people just out of curiosity to see just how many people it would reach.)

It was during the closing few moments of what I call “The Dark Days” in Captain Capitalism’s life that I substitute taught at the public schools in the Twin Cities metro, thinking that perhaps I would want to become an economics teacher. Only to find out that what goes on in the school system is not so much education or teaching as much as it is baby sitting children’s children and making sure you don’t upset anybody or do anything that anybody would disagree with or perhaps even be slightly uneasy about. It also gave me a grudging respect, or perhaps pity, for the impossible situation public school teachers are in;

Try to teach children who never have been disciplined in their lives without meting out discipline yourself.

Impossible.

However, while I quickly found out I would NOT like teaching, I found something I did like.

Something I didn’t know I would have liked before.

Grandchildren.

I was substitute teaching kindergarten one week, not really thinking much about it before my first day. Just go in, deal with the little runts, collect my check and go home. But outside banging up my shins something fierce on the “kindergarten furniture” which is all 1/3 scale adult size, I actually found the little snots pleasant, borderline fun.

The reason I came to realize why is that they’re still innocent, they’re still curious and, frankly, they’re so trusting you can manipulate the heck out of them.

Such trust came to my advantage when we were making snowflakes for the teacher (who was sick). Soon I realized that it was winter and that it’s a 45 minute procedure just to get them into their winter garb because none of them know how to dress themselves;

One needs help putting on the boots
The other is trying to put snowmobile pants on with their boots already on.
You ever see a kid put a jacket on backwards and sit there for a full 30 seconds looking at their front wondering where the zipper went?
“And no Jimmy, those are gloves, they go on your hands, not your feet”

Regardless, that was a 45 minute process and the buses were coming to pick them up in 55 minutes AND the room was a mess with little paper schnerbles a strew on the floor.

What is a substitute teacher to do?

So I came up with a brilliant idea and said to the kids,

“OK guys, you want to play a game?”

Their eyes shot wide open, all of them, “oh yea yea!!!! We want to play a game WE WANT TO PLAY A GAME!!!!”

Using cunning reverse psychology I said,

“Oh, wait, I don’t know. On second thought it really is more of a FIRST GRADER game. Never mind, we can’t play the FIRST GRADER game.”

That alone had them eating out of my hand. Practically jumping out of their seats, borderline some of them going into cardiac arrest,

“oh oh oh!!!!! Oohhh!!! We want to play the first grader game!!!!! PLEEEEASSEEE!!!! Let us play the first grader game.”

“Wellll, I don’t know. I could get in trouble…you have to promise not to tell the teacher when she comes back.”

“OH OH!!! WE PROMISE WE PROMISE!!!!!!! WE PROMISE!!!!”

“OK, well raise you’re right hand.”

Which I didn’t foresee would be a problem with half the students.

“No, no your RIGHT hand. OK, repeat after me;

“I”

“I”

“Promise”

“Promise”

“Not to tell anybody”

“Not to tell anybody”

“We played the first grader game”

“We played the first grader game.”

Once I had their oath, I was pretty sure I’d be able to clean the room and have them in full gear and on the bus in time.

“OK, you 5 are blue team.”

“we don’t want to be blue team”

“Uh, ok, how about red.”

“I don’t like red.”

“ALRIGHT, FINE, GREEN? IS GREEN OK?”

Yes, they were satisfied with green.

“You guys are yellow team, you guys are red team, and you guys are blue team”

Which ever team picks up the most pieces of junk off the floor wins a prize!

“OH OH !!!! What’s the PRIZE WHAT”S THE PRIZE????”

Waiting, looking around to make sure nobody was looking or listening in I said,

“It’s a SUR-prize”

“OOOH!!!!! OOH!!!!! “

Before they blew their little gaskets I figured it best to let them clean up the place. And with no forewarning I said,

“123GO!!!”

Boom! Place was clean in under 4 minutes.

Once the room was picked up to my satisfaction I called an end to the game and inspected each team's pile.

"OK, ok, very good there red team. Honorable mention. Yellow team that's a fine pile. Blue team, very good, but I think the winner is GREEN team."

All of green team went more rabid than a bunch of drunken Germans at a British soccer match.

"What'd we win, what'd we win!!!????"

And looking straight into their trusting, excited and hopeful eyes I said,

"You win my dignity and respect."

Dead silence.

And one of them sheepishly peeped up,

"That's not a prize."

Of which there was no time to debate because the bells rang and it was time to get geared up for the buses.

It was this experience, the concept that I could have that much fun with a bunch of little disease spreading snots AND send them on their way to have somebody deal with them and actually pay for them made me think that having children would suck, but having grandchildren could almost be tolerable.

The next day it convinced me grandchildren would be a blast.

For the next day was the FIRST SNOW FALL OF THE YEAR. And here you have these little 5 year old kids, who for them is a big experience. For it was one thing when the snow first fell when you were 3 or 4. But when you're in school and it's the first snow fall, then it is the eleventh commandment that you must go out and have a snowball fight.

Leave it to the nanny-Nazi's to spoil our fun. I was already scheming a massing snow ball fight with red team, blue team and yellow team, but the iron maiden principal came over the intercom.

"I'm aware that it is snowing, but as you know it is school policy there will be no snowball

fights and no recess outside. Recess will be held in the gym."

You might as well have taken each of these kids and shot their pet from home right in front of them.

This first big time experience, the first snowfall of their first year in school. And this fascist bitch who kowtowed to her hyperactive, over sensitive, leftist, commie bastard overlords "all risk must be eliminated at all cost" thought nothing of denying these kids their God-given right to a snowball fight on the first snow fall of their first year in school.

The hell they weren't getting a snowball fight. And I had the perfect alibi, "I'm just a dumb substitute teacher."

Now, you think it's a big ordeal getting 30 snots geared up in winter gear in preparation for the buses. Try doing it clandestinely so the principal doesn't find out.

Cripes.

Bring all the gear into the classroom, put the gear on in the classroom. Keep them quiet while you're walking through the halls. "No, Jimmy, that's a glove damnit again!" Hope to God no one sees us making our escape out the back door. But once we were out, the fruits of our labor paid off.

The little snots running around in the snow, making snowballs faster than they could throw them. Using the substitute teacher as a shield. Ganging up on the substitute teacher. The substitute teacher, perhaps, maybe grabbing the occasional kid to use as a shield for incoming snowballs. Their little unformed arms throwing snowballs with the accuracy of Republican Guard tank gunners. The runt of the little, some little girl that couldn't have been more than 2'9" with a huge grin on her face, even though I don't think she managed one direct hit. All the meanwhile little faces you could see smooshed up against the windows from inside the school. Pointing at my students that got to have a snowball fight. Begging their teacher to let them join the free world. Only to have the teacher deny their request and conform to Nazism.

But not my students, they were going to have their day…of course I was going to have my day too.

27 years old and I'm still getting called down to the principal's office.

Despite the lecture I got about "rules" and "legal liability" and everything else that has taken whatever vestiges remain of childhood and thrown them in the toilet, I still stood by my decision. I frankly, by this time, didn't care, because I had also substitute taught babysat for middle school which quickly made up my mind that I was not going to pursue

a teaching career anyway.

But it did clinch my decision that grandchildren would be the best thing in the world.

Of course the paradox is that the pleasure and fun grandchildren would bring, is not worth the pain and agony regular children would give. And so, as a way to circumvent this cruel law of nature, I have lobbied my sister to start having nieces and nephews. Heck, I may even start donating time at an orphanage, but I must maintain my image of an evil, fascist capitalist, so I would have to do it clandestinely.

Regardless, the whole point is that, accidentally, I happened upon this little joy of life. Who would have known little snots could be so fun. As long as they go home to their parents, and I can veto authority and do away with the rules you can have a blast with the little wealth-consumers (as long as it isn't your wealth they're consuming). Grandchildren are hands down one of the best things on this planet to enjoy.

Then will somebody please explain this to me?

A woman, 57, who is a grandmother of 41, decided to blow herself up to attack Israeli soldiers.

Now I know that this is the Gaza strip, and I know that this is a different culture, but it is insane to me that if you have 41 grandchildren, with such a potential for such fun and happiness in life, not to mention at the relatively young age of 57, why on God's green earth would you kill yourself and not just deny yourself such a grand time of snowball fights, vetoing parents, and tricking them into cleaning up their rooms, but deny them a grandmother?

And of all things to "lightly wound 3 Israeli soldiers????"

You end your life, pass up a great life and deny 41 grandchildren their grandmother to "LIGHTLY WOUND 3 Israeli soldiers?"

First you suck at suicide bombing. All the training, all the psychological preparation, all the gear, and you just "lightly wound" 3 Israeli soldiers? I mean you REALLY pissed your life away.

I can see them immediately after you blew yourself up;

"Hey Bob"

"Yeah?"

“Looks like you got a little shrapnel in the leg there.”

“Oh, didn’t notice. I think it’s just a piece of grit. You sure I’m wounded?”

“Yeah, I think I see a little blood. Better go and get it checked.”

“You think?”

“Yeah, better be safe.”

Bob goes to get it checked, doc looks at him;

“What they hell did you come in here for this scratch for??? Here’s a band aid, get your ass back on patrol.”

Secondly, look what she gave up for “lightly wounding” 3 Israeli soldiers.

41 grand children.

Cripes, I had 30 little snots under my command. It was a blast. How could you pass up all the fun games and times you could have had with 41 of them???? The holidays, the games, the reverse psychology. You name it, the possibilities for fun are endless with 41 of those little tykes running around!!! But no, you opt to blow yourself up.

So I tendered this question to my audience on my radio show. Why would this woman do this? Why would she pass up 41 grandchildren to LIGHTY FREAKING WOUND all of THREE, count them, 1, 2, 3 Israeli soldiers?

And I got two answers.

Jamall called in saying she did it to protect her grandchildren. That the Israeli’s were going to hunt these kids down and kill them anyway and this was the only thing she could do to protect them.

Ignoring the brainwashed conspiracy theory aspect of this, I just poked at his logic a bit and asked him, “well, wait, wouldn’t she have done more damage if she was a sniper or just stay at home with a shotgun?”

“Well the Israeli’s have all the guns and weapons. That’s why they throw rocks.”

Sure, fine, but why do I see Hamas and Islamic Jihad with AK-47s ripping off rounds into the air? And if the people in the Gaza strip are “stripped” (har har har) of their weapons and Isreal’s goal is to destroy them, what’s stopping Israel from coming in there and

wiping them out?

Of course the answer is that Jamall wants to believe in what he wants to believe, which points to the fact he has an agenda and really isn't concerned with logic or the truth. Just, I presume, coming up with a reason to blame Israel and the US.

Regardless, it still didn't answer my question to my satisfaction. Why did this woman give up her life that would have involved 41 grandchildren?

I was toying around with the idea of brainwashing. That maybe with her 9 children and 41 grandchildren she was destitute and poor. There was nothing to live for, so why not take the express train to Allah?

Then the wife of a former Israeli soldier called in;

"They're paid $25,000 by Hamas to go on suicide runs."

Now, call me cynical. Call me an Israeli sympathizer. Call me an infidel. But take your political and religious leanings out of it and ask yourself which explanation is more palatable?

"This woman killed herself because she was trying to protect her grandchildren?"

Or

"Hamas paid her $25,000 to do this and it would go to help her family?"

Of course the second makes the most sense, and is probably true. But despite the bounty of $25,000 and a "guaranteed audience with Allah" I'll still take happiness provided by the now orphaned 41 snots.

Help the Captain Help the Major

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Well you may know him or not, but a good friend of mine has postponed his career as a corporate lawyer and rejoined the military, and that is the blogger Swanblog.

He will be stationed in Baghdad and I was thinking it would be nice to compile a calendar for him of all the different people that appreciate his service. Plus, he was telling me how they basically take semi-truck containers and convert them into housing for the troops as cargo is unloaded.

So picture this fellow capitalists, economists, junior, deputy or otherwise;

My good buddy, living in a trailer container, with a hole cut out for the air conditioning in the middle of the desert. And in his little corner of this trailer in the middle of the desert there's a calendar with a bunch of people he doesn't know, but they appreciate what he's doing. And then when people come in and look at the calendar they say, "Hey, who are all these people?" he says, "I don't know, bunch of crazy American blogger people, but they appreciate us and they just wanted to let us know."

I think that would give warm fuzzies to everybody. But in the desert, I think they'd prefer cool fuzzies.

Regardless, help make with the warm fuzzies (or cool fuzzies) and send me your pictures (tasteful of course), and I'll put together a calendar for the Major.

E-mail your photos to the Captain at captcapitalism@yahoo.com (it's not "captain" capitalism", it's just "CAPT" capitalism, people keep goofing it up) and I'll send them to the Major.

US Average Real Earnings

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Short post here folks, besides which it's the weekend, it's beautiful and I got a birthday party to go to.

The Opportunity Costs of a Saturday Night

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So my old man comes to visit me.

"How's the career?"

"Fine, busy as snot."

"How's the dancing?"

"Fine, busy as snot."

'How's the running and hiking?"

"Fine, busy as snot, hell crazy hiking schedule planned for Montana"

"How's the love life?"

"Non-existent, busy as snot."

"So there are no lovelies in your life?"

"Nope."

"Why not?"

"I'm too busy with work, and if I get a break I'd rather play Raving Rabbids than go to the bar or dance club."

And this perplexed him a bit as to why his eldest would prefer to play a video game about rabbits than go to the local discotec and flirt with the ladies on a Saturday night. But my father, who was not trained in the Economic Arts, does not fully comprehend the concept of opportunity cost and expected rate of return which warranted a lesson in economics that I think we can all enjoy.

Picture if you will it tis a Saturday night, like it is at this very moment while I am writing.

You have this precious evening off without the reminding responsibility that you must go to work tomorrow. Most people view this as the best time of the week since they are truly, and very Americanly "free." So how you spend this time is very important as you would like to get the absolute most out of it. Leaving you, me and every other red

blooded American bachelor out there with the classical, philosophical debate of our time;

"Do I go out and scope out chicks, or do I stay at home and play video games?"

Yes, this great and unsolvable question has plagued mankind for thousands of years. Ever since the Atari 2600 came out (thousands of years ago) bachelors of all colors, creeds, religions, regards, stripes and sizes have asked themselves;

"Do I stay in and play video games? Or do I try to hit on chicks?"

And you girls may mock us, but we truly do debate this in our minds. And more so than you may think.

When it comes to any other decision, we spend less time making it than we do the aforementioned. For example;

"Do I want Chipolte or Jimmy John's?" - Decision time 10 seconds. "which is closer?"

"Do I want Amber Bock or Miller Light?" - Decision time 7 seconds, "which is cheaper?"

"Do I want to hit a jazz club or a rave?" - Decision time 14 seconds, "what has the lower cover?"

But when it comes to a Saturday night and you've just recently purchased yourself a video game where you can beat cute little rabbits senselessly, that easily takes up 2 hours of contemplation.

And the reason is two fold;

Opportunity costs and expected rate of return.

It's MY Saturday night. This precious and rare time of the week where I am truly free. Now, do I go and spend it chasing down the local lovelies, trying to enchant them with some witticism or line, only to find myself $30 poorer and with a phone number that only has 6 digits or starts with "555" and maybe, MAYBE if I'm lucky land a date that isn't psycho? Or, do I look at that 6 pack of Samuel Adams in the fridge, remember I have Halo 2 and call the guys over to engage in a 10 hour, Sam Adams-sponsored Halo-killing-fest-extravaganza where I am guaranteed, GUARAN-freaking-TEED to;

1. Have a blast
2. Get drunk
3. Have a blast while getting drunk
4. Have a blast while getting drunk and blasting away my best friends with the plasma

rifle
5. Spend at tops, TOPS, $7 on beer, and if lucky, I'll end up with a surplus of beer because they'll forget their beer as they go home half-inebriated.

The second issue is expected rate of return. Sure, I'd like to go to the local hoity toity bar and find myself a rich, Selma Hayek look alike, but that has not happened in the past 16 years, so I don't know why it would happen now. However, I am guranteed, GUARAN-freaking-TEED once again to have a good time with my buddies, playing video games, grilling, and having a beer.

And I think both the universal and age old paradox of what to do with a Saturday night and a rule of financial management governs both decisions in retirement planning and what you do with your Saturday night.

When you are young and foolish, you have all the time in the world. You can invest or engage in outlandishly risky ventures where the payoffs are high, but very unlikely. Invest in a hedge fund, trade options, do what you want, because you have all the time in the world. But as you get older, you need more for-sure things. You want that fixed income. You want that guaranteed rate of return with little to no risk. Therefore Saturday nights and portfolio management theory have much in common for as we wise men of bachelortude age, we look back at our youth and see how much time and money was wasted at the clubs and the bars. And when we did land a date, what kind of quality and caliber it was that we succeeded with.

And thus, in our old age, we realize that it's more important to get a rate of return than to effectively gamble hoping to win the lottery. That a night playing vids with the guys, watching a good flick, or heck, who knows, blogging about the opportunity costs of a Saturday night is going to provide us with a higher expected (and more often) realized rate of return than putting on the old gear and heading out to chase after some girls. Alas, therefore you can forgive if I return to playing my video game.

(Coincidentally, it is a REALLY funny video game. Here and here are examples of the game I'm playing. You don't even have to be drunk to enjoy it, besides how can you NOT play a video game with these guys;

A Real Frenchman

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This is cool.

I Will Weather the Storm, I Have My Love to Keep Me Warm

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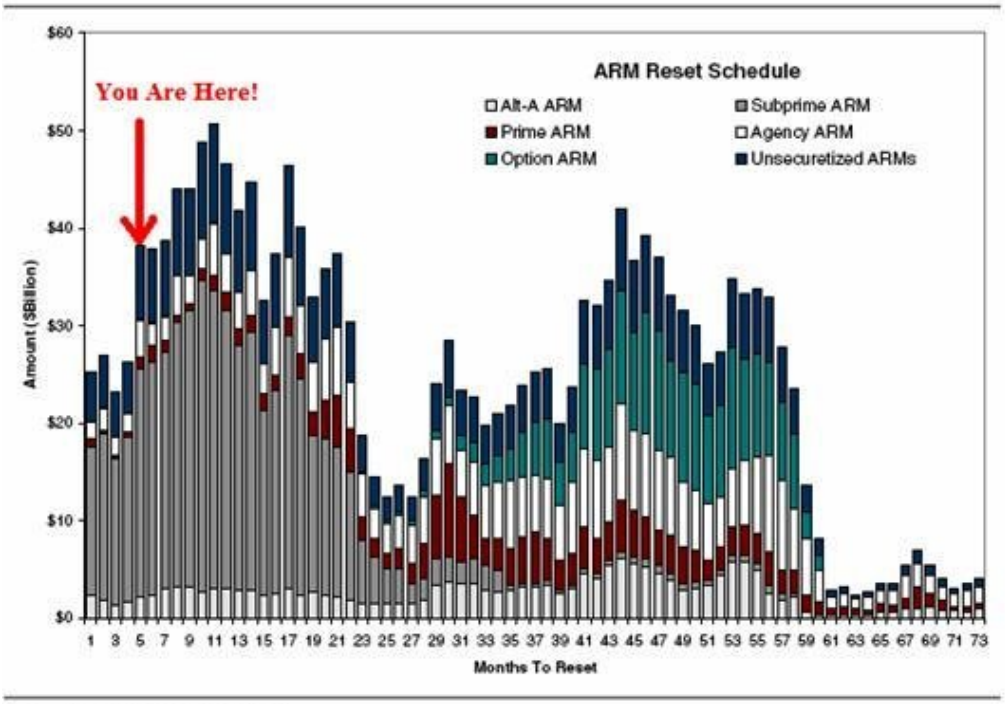
Sadly I don't think love will get us through this housing market because based on this chart, we have about another year before all those ARM's are done resetting...of course then there's a new wave of option ARM's coming due for reset.

Exhibit 42: **Adjustable Rate Mortgage Reset Schedule**



Note: Data as of January 2007.

Source: Credit Suisse Fixed Income U.S. Mortgage Strategy

So, if you want to get an idea of when this housing market will "recover" it looks like at least another year.

Gen Y, The Slacker Generation

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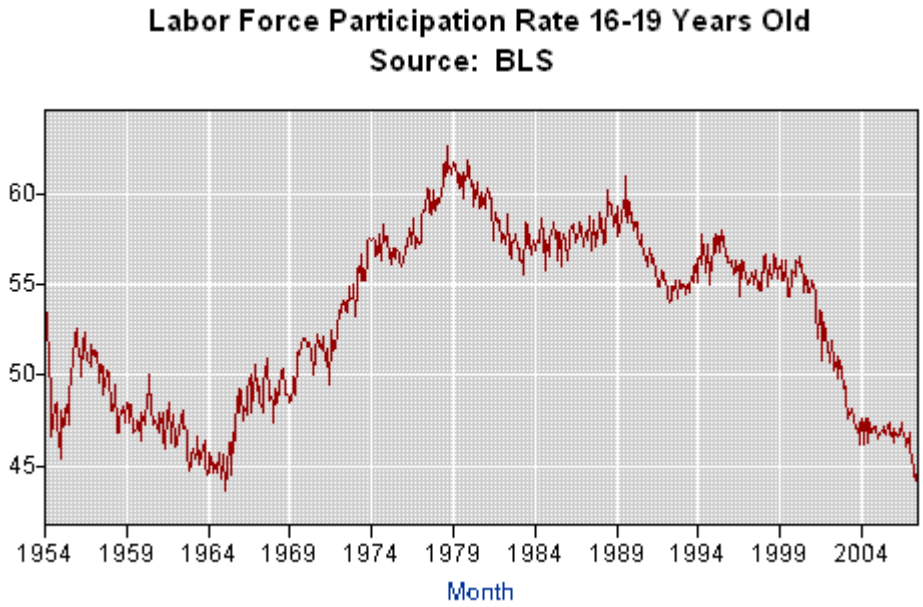
I may have great disdain and disrespect for the Baby Boomer generation, but I will grant them one thing;
They worked their asses off as kids.

Their labor force participation rates were through the roof back in the day when they were young achieving the highest levels on record. And (a smug point I might add) that despite our loserness, we Gen-X'ers (at least the older ones) managed to achieve a similiarily high participation rate.

But good lord, what the hell happened to Gen Y????



Labor force participation rates for teenagers has tanked since 2000 to the lowest level on record, and precipitously so.

Now I'd like to go on and speculate about how children are spoiled rotten today. I'd like to go on about how parents find it easier to pay off their children than to bring them up right and teach them a work ethic, and I'd like to go on and point out it's my generation that taught their children this lack of work ethic, but frankly I find it pointless. Parenting has deteriorated to the point it is unsalvagable. Whatever I say will fall on dead ears or ears that have already plotted and set a course for the destination of arrested development for children and ultimately to the detriment of our economy...not to mention the likelihood I will never never see a social security check with that work ethic. And so I will write it here, just for the rights to say in the future "I told you so." For this lack of work ethic will be one of the key reasons for the inevitable collapse of our economy and our

continuing decline as a world super power.

And to all the Australians that are e-mailing in, THIS IS AMERICAN DATA! This has nothing to do with Australian Gen-Y'ers. I have no clue what the Australian data looks like.

Foreclosure Rates

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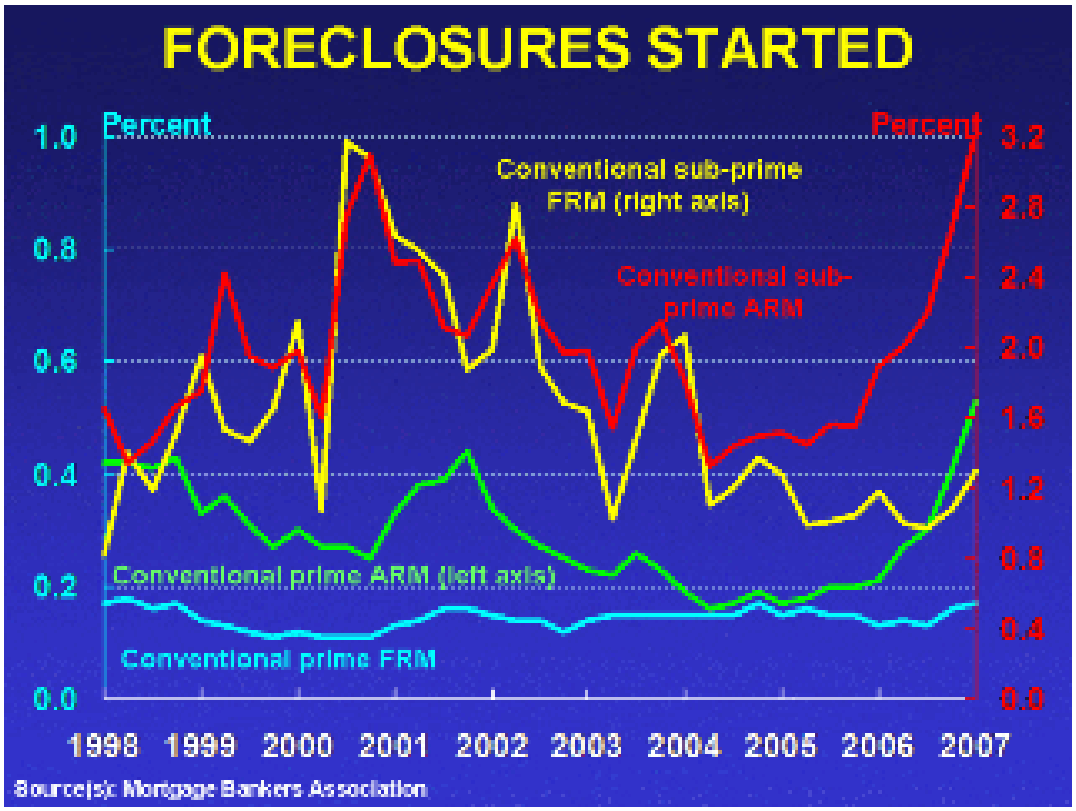
From Macroblog a spiffy chart showing you the default rates.



I love how they say, "well as a percent of total mortgage, the overall default rate is 2%."

Give it time.

Charts that Will Make You Smart

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Again, as I have said before, if you really want to impress the girls at the clubs, you should really just bring your laptop in, crack open Excel and start making charts. Having the latest issue of The Economist folded and tucked in the back of your pocket with "The Economist" logo showing out will help too, but chicks really dig charts.

Plus, charts make you smart. Take somebody who never looked at a chart. Their arguments consist of "well I just FEEL" or "I just think" when there is no substitute for "I know."

Therefore I thought it worth our while to post a bevy of charts I've had stored up in the past couple of months that I haven't gotten around to posting yet. And since I'm off on vacation in a couple days, I will not be posting for a good solid week, so consider this a week's worth of posts.

But before I go on vacation one other request I have is that I've had a GREAT response to Help the Captain Help the Major, supporting my buddy who is returning to the military to go to Baghdad. The idea was to gather a lot of pictures of different folk from around the world to make what would be a nice calendar for him and his detachment to have in their barracks. However, I've received more than 12 photos so I've decided to make a photo album for him instead (HOWEVER, I have received some pictures from some lovely ladies, so if I get 10 more of those, I might make a calendar out of that which our boys in camo would certainly appreciate - plus he's single ladies! ;)

In any case, I expect my e-mail box to be FULL of photos of all you good folk (and maybe some classy 1940's poses from some of the ladies out there) upon my return. My e-mail is captcapitalism@yahoo.com (ensure you copy and paste the e-mail because people keep misspelling it). This is the LEAST you can do to help the Major and his detachment!

Anyway onto the charts;

Chart 1 makes a great case for going nuclear with our power production. Since global warming is the biggest threat to world (even more so than radical Islam) then it only makes sense to go nuclear. Of course the leftists will protest that too, betraying their true incentives; to destroy capitalist economies.

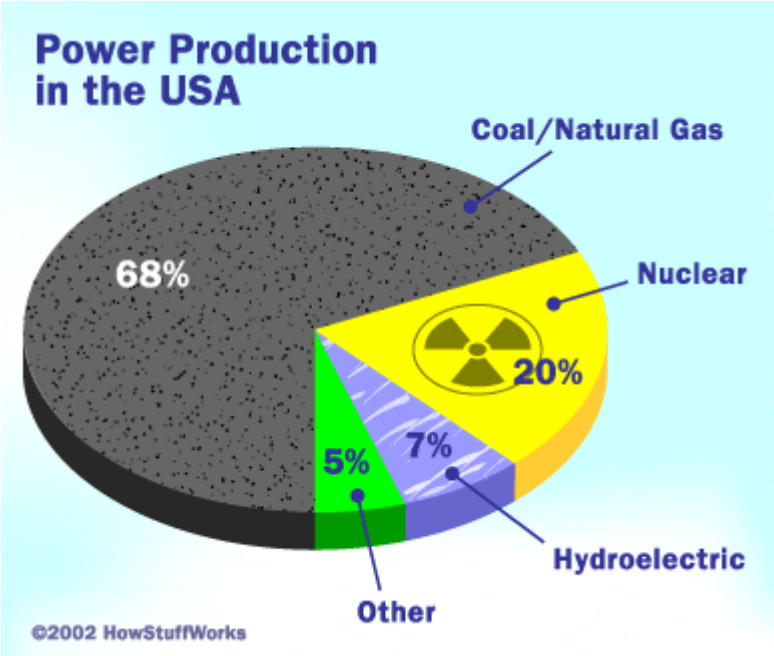
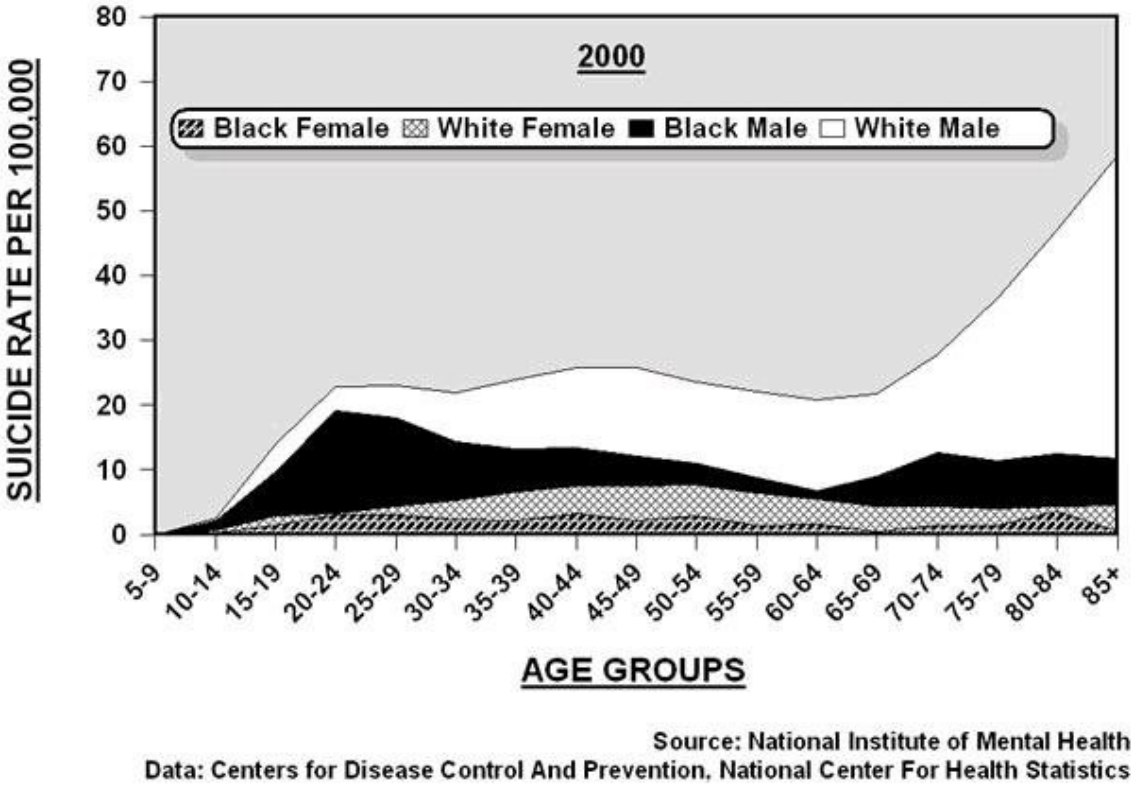


Chart 2 shows what I KNOW to be the true engine of economic growth; innovation and creation. I was surprised the Swiss were so high, not that I wasn't expecting them to be creative, I've just never heard anything about the Swiss before.

Chart 3 shows once again the US spends more than any country on health care. I've often thought about taking health care out of GDP and GDP per capita figures as an adjusted measure for the true standards of living, for I think the majority of the money we spend on health care is wasted. The chart also shows health care taking a larger and larger percentage of the economy. Soon when the baby boomers retire we'll all be working in nursing homes or the medical field.

And chart 4 just kind of jumped out at me. I knew white men were the more prolific committers of suicide, but I didn't notice that black males also commit suicide relatively more as well. Plus the time lag between the two groups committing suicide. Blacks peak in their 20's while whites peak in their older years. Any social scientists that have an explanation for this?



Anyway, enjoy the week all. I'll be out climbing mountains. AND FILL IN MY INBOX WITH PHOTOS!!!

What's Wrong with This Picture 3

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Anybody want to take a guess?

If only those in the mainstream media ever shot a gun.

Thanks to SDA.

A Question for All the Female Aspiring Economists

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So I'm about to round off my vacation here in Montana and I had a repeat experience that has repeated itself too many times now to be coincidence so I need you lovely and sexy female economists out there to explain this to me;

Last night I go to one of the local bars out here in the Glacier National Park area. I run into a motley crew in the truest sense of fun loving 20 somethings who are spending their days contributing to GDP by running rafting tours, rangering, and other sorts of odd jobs. Everybody is having a good time, dancing and drinking at the local bar. One of the girls in the group fancies me and constantly strikes up conversations, asks me to dance and basically does all the leg work that the guy normally does.

Now, not to be mean or rude, but just to state the truth, I have no romantic or sexual interests in this girl because she is a little overweight. Call me a jerk, call me an ass, but that's just the way it is. I have no physical interest in this girl. That being said she is a nice girl and I genuinely enjoyed her company and very much enjoyed her conversation until....

The "Mother Hen" would intervene every time this young lady and I would embark on a conversation.

We would be in the middle of an engaging conversation and this other girl would come out of nowhere and pull her away from me.

We would be in the middle of a dance and sure enough the Mother Hen would yank her away in the middle of the dance floor.

And it angered me to the point that here I am, an innocent guy, with no plans or intentions with this girl and some nazi-goose-stepping, nanny-state totalitarian intervenes somehow thinking she's doing the Lord's work and "saving" this girl from my evil clutches when I had not clutching intent.

Now normally I would write this off as some crazy chick, but as I mentioned before, this is a repeat occurrence, and nor is it relegated to young 20 somethings.

A mere year ago I was hanging out with my good buddy Enrique. He's about 50 and we're with his buddy Ron who is also about 50. The establishment we were at was on a lake and a boat pulls up to dock and off walks a girl that Ron knows and works with. I forget her name, but she too was middle aged.

So Ron and this girl are in the middle of a conversation. And again, Ron has no plans or intentions with this girl. It was obvious through their conversation they were cordial, professional and co-workers.

But sure as scheit, another middle aged woman comes out of nowhere and "yanks" this girl away from Ron in the middle of their 100% innocent conversation.

Now I thought this was an ailment largely relegated to young teens/early 20's type women. But with this resurgence in instances of the "female yank" and at ages in excess of 30, it seems to me to be a mental illness or an ailment that transcends all ages and something I'm going to run into again and therefore will need to know how to handle in the future.

So my question you sexy intelligent economists of the female persuasion is this;

Who the hell are these chicks?

And WTF is their damage?

Backdoor Economics

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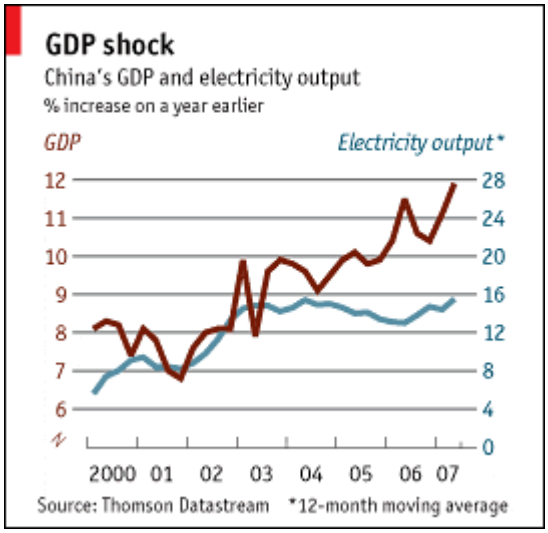
I was always interested in the different ways by which economists check the growth of an economy. Traditionally you measure it by calculating GDP, however accounting errors or erroneous assumptions can result in inaccurate measurements. Or in the case of China, political pressure to "make" GDP growth a certain number. But by measuring other things you can check the "official" GDP figures to see if they're legit.

For example, Alan Greenspan (if I recall correctly) liked to look at rail road ties and repairs and the more the economy grew, the more goods were being produced and thus the railways of our nation were further worn.

But another simple, but ingenious way of going about checking economic growth figures is electricity usage. This should be in direct relation to GDP.



Originally I had misread the chart as I assumed electric useage was falling behin GDP growth, but then Zephyr pointed out to me that there are two scales and that electric use has actually EXCEEDED official GDP reports. GDP is growing around 11-12% while electric use has been between 12-16%.

China may be growing even faster than you previously thought.

From Montana

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Here are some pictures from my trip to Montana. Thought I'd share some with you.

This is Flinsch Peak. I decided to climb it the first day I got there. Only problem was that's not mist or haze, that's smoke from all these damn forest fires they had out there.

This is a picture from the top of Flinsch Peak looking down at some other mountain. You can make out Old Man lake at the bottom right. The map says the peak is 9,225, but my GPS said the elevation was 9,276. Regardless there wasn't a lot of air up there, just smoke;

This is what Flinsch Peak looks like when there is no smoke (it's the pointy peak to the left);

This is Hidden Lake, more or less smack dab in the middle of the park;

This is Hungry Horse dam. It's bigger than it looks. They canceled the tours thanks to those SOB's on 9-11.

This is Iceberg Lake and its surrounding cauldron;

This is a moose;

This is a ram or mountain goat or something with horns. Kept following me around. I surmise people have fed the goats because they follow you around and have no problem walking where humans are;

There are more pictures, but I won't bore you with all of them.

World's Largest Refineries

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Seriously, those of you who think the price of gas is somehow being manipulated have just got to look at the refining capacity here in the US. Heck, we're the world's largest economy and consumer of oil, you'd think we'd have the largest refinery here.

Nope. India and Venezuela. Heck, Singapore has a larger refinery than we do. Again, it's economics, it's not that hard people.

Executive Pay

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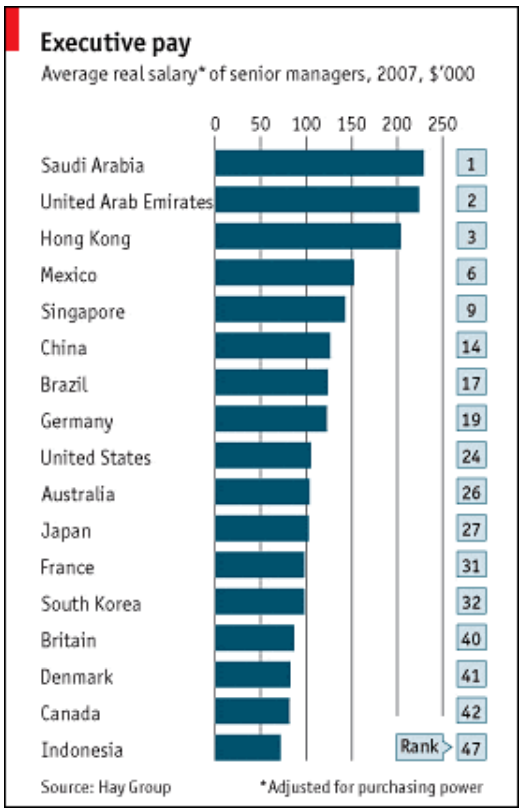
Shooting yet another hole in one of the flawed premises that is a tenet of leftist thought;

That American corporate executives are the most overpaid in the world;



Of course, the chart doesn't show stock options and bonuses.

An "Economist" Too Far

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I remember the movie "A Bridge Too Far" where there was a military analyst who kept trying to warn the higher ups about intelligence he was getting about German armor being spotted in the vicinity Arnhem (it is SOOO worth clicking on the link for this is the exact same thing that has happened to every analyst, economist and researcher out there). While his commanding officer appreciated his concerns, inevitably he become too much a thorn in people's side and was relieved of his duties. I even remember the Chaplin coming up to relieve him, saying, "You're tired. You need to rest." To which he responded "Isn't there a way to stop it?"

And that was me about three years ago. I would go to management, present my research and my findings, showing them much more conclusively than a handful of pictures of German tanks that there was a housing bubble and that if they didn't pull back on the real estate development deals, they'd lose their shirts. I too was "relieved" of duty after I refused to capitulate and play ball and start producing research that they wanted to see, not that reflected the realities of the economy and housing market.

And so with today's news I watch as I see the Allies get slaughtered in Operation Market Garden, sitting there thinking "how many billions would have been saved if the banks just listened to me." Alas I don't have gray hair and therefore I'm just a dumb economist. But with housing prices dropping so quickly...

maybe next time the higher ups might start listening.

That Was Then

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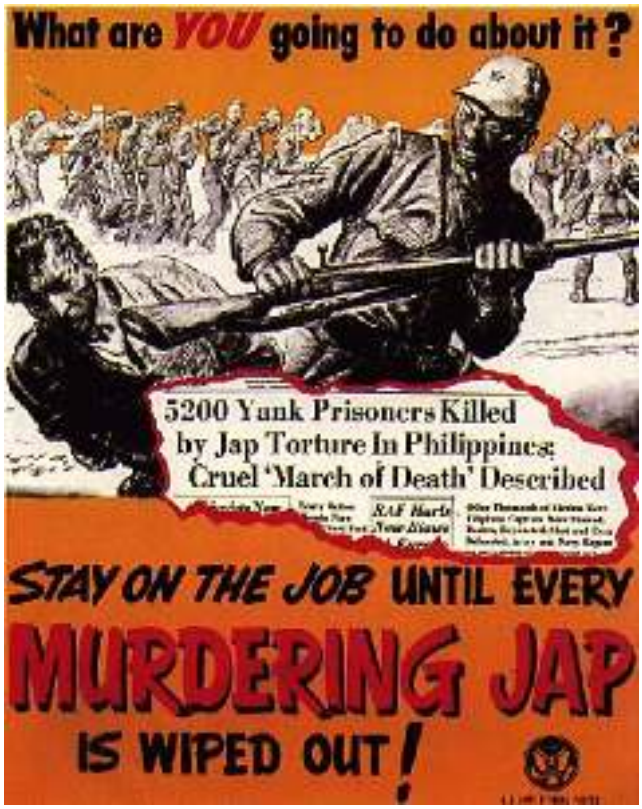
Friend of mine sent me this link to an old US propaganda poster from WWII.



I could only imagine the furor that would arise today if something similar was done today...of course that was during FDR's days...which means he must have been TWICE the terrorist and racist that GW is.

Real GDP Per Capita 1790 to Present

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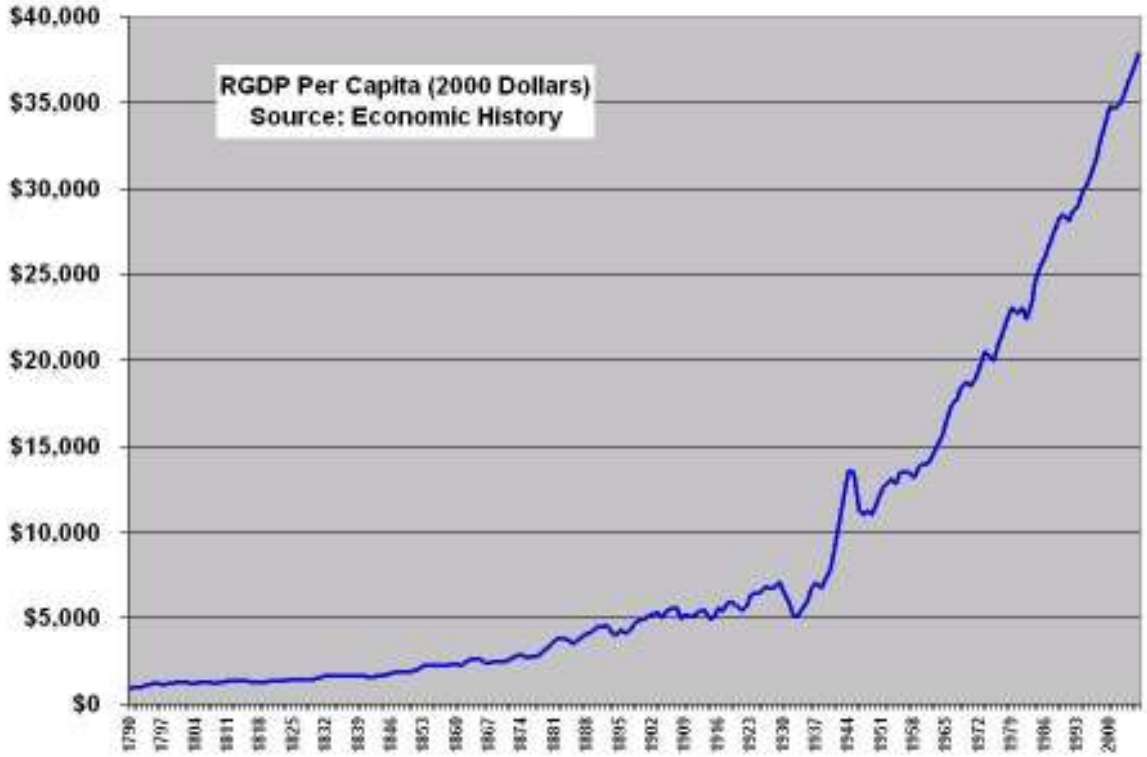
I had received a challenge from Rammage over at Atlas Blogged. To find Real GDP per capita from 1776 to the present.

I failed him miserably since the only data set I could find went back to 1790.



Oh, what a bad economist am I.

Buyer's Market Arrogance

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I remember Top Gun. Where Sundown, Goose's replacement, is in with Maverick and they're going against Viper. Viper sets Maverick up with an easy shot. Cake, pure cake. And Maverick says, "It doesn't look good."

Sundown, not paralyzed by the loss of Goose says, "What do you mean it doesn't look good? It doesn't get to look any better than that!"

And so is the housing market.

Buyers, much as I have been on your side and advocating this is a buyers market, you are goofing up big time. Wake the ef up and quit being so God damned arrogant.

I don't know how many times I've seen buyers come into the market and have the unrealistic expectations that housing is just going to be given to them for free. Matter of fact, not just free, but the seller is going to pay them to take their house. Furthermore, I don't know how many friends of mine I've said, "Hey, have you gotten pre-approved? Now is the time to start looking." only to have them say, "Well, I don't know, you know. I mean housing is on the way down, I think if I wait a while longer I might get a good deal."

The only problem is in "a while longer" there may not be such great deals.

Led by a media blitz that the housing market is in dire straights, buyers have been led to believe to postpone their purchasing decision indefinitely. Only problem is indefinitely means you'll pass up on what is arguably going to be the greatest time in your life to buy property. Prices are on the way down, interest rates are still at a historic low, debt servicing costs relative to potential rents are reasonable, but oh no, we're not going to buy. We're going to wait until the market tanks even more.

Now, I've always insisted that prices are going to go down (which I still opine they will). But what I've seen based on anecdotal stories and some incidental research is that not only are buyers passing up on discounted prices, but they're passing up on prices where they actually cash flow. Where if you rented out the property, your rental income would cover the mortgage, insurance, utilities and taxes. In other words, buyers have unrealistic expectations and are going to wait too long.

So here is my humble advice to all you aspiring junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists;

Don't let this opportunity pass you up.

Yes, there is a glut of housing, but based on housing starts, they're cutting back production drastically. Which means that once this excess inventory is eaten through, you'll be back to a balance market, and I surmise rather quickly. Yes, yes, I've insisted that the market has a ways to go, which it does, but buyers have become so loth to pull the trigger I fear they'll NEVER pull the trigger until it is too late.

So for me, for yourself, for the sanctity and holiness of capitalism, do yourself a favor and at least get pre-approved for a loan and be on the hunt, be on the look out. It is an opportunity, especially for those of you aspiring economists that are younger that may not present itself again.

All that being said, I could be completely wrong, you could lose everything, markets are inherently risky, you are a fool to listen to my advice, blah blah blah and all the other legal mumbo jumbo that alleviates me of any responsibility of you investment decisions.

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Implodometer!

You will click on it.

You will conform!

Labor Productivity

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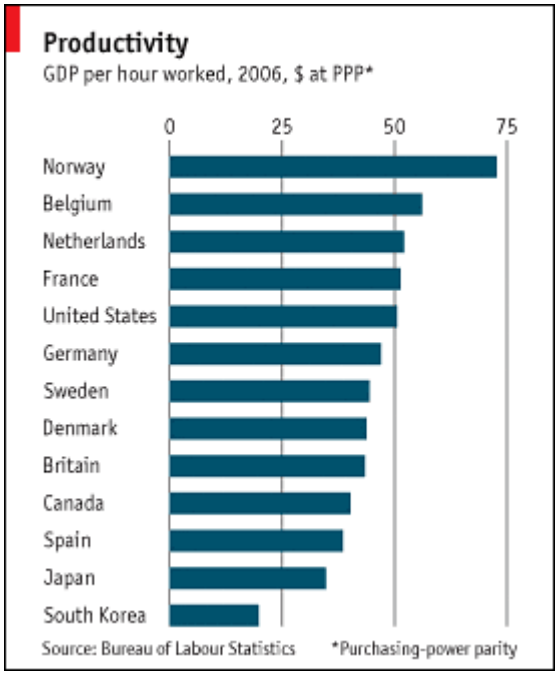

Imagine what would happen to the US figures if we banned;

American Idol
Paris Hilton
Hip Hop
People Magazine
and
Reality TV

Big Oil Found to Have Done...

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Absolutely nothing.

Now, just think of all the hours, days, if not years of people's lives wasted on getting all hot and bothered about "big oil."

If you think about it, it's really sad.

The Dark Horse of the Global Economy

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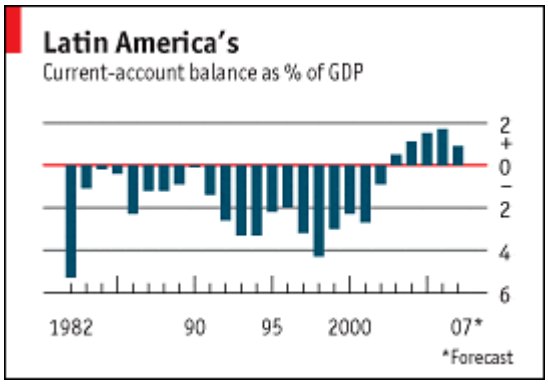
I figured with all their extra labor, newly elected reform minded leadership in Brazil and Mexico and increasing market prices for commodities (read Chile and copper), Latin America was overdue for a little economic come back.



To success.

Though I don't think Venezuela and Bolivia will be getting in on the action.

Terrorism's Real Effect on the Economy

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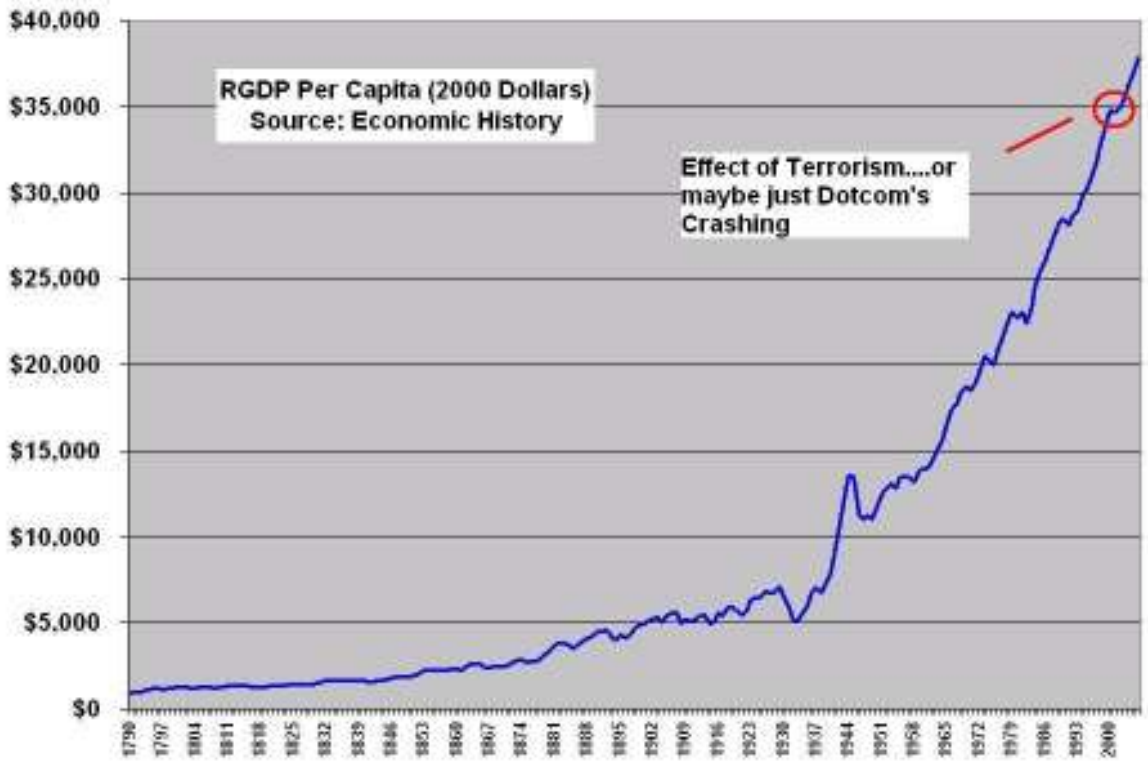
They dedicate their lives to the destruction of the West. They foam at the mouth when they see our power. They hate us because of simple envy and greed and therefore spend every waking hour of their finite lives wasting it by scheming a way to bring about our end. And in their greatest hour they manage to really do...nothing.

I noticed on the GDP per capita chart I posted last week that if you look at it, you see in the grand scheme of things, the terrorists have utterly failed. If their goal was to some how "destroy" the US or "hurt" us, all they managed to do was make us hiccup. For the last "recession" we had was the weakest in recorded history (and by definition couldn't even be considered a recession because of its weakness). And as the 9-11 attack came and went, the US continued on a stratospheric climb in increased prosperity and standards of living furthering the gap between what Western civilization can achieve and what radical Islam offers. In other words the terrorists did absolutely nothing to us, though I say this not to trivialize the loss of 3,000 people on September 11th, but to trivialize what the terrorists did, for they utterly failed.



And sadly, for the terrorists they can't even claim to have even caused that economic hiccup. Chances are that "recession" was due more to the collapse of the Dotcom Bubble than it was the terrorist attack, making the attack more like a mosquito bite than a wasp sting.

Regardless, I just wanted to point this out to all of you aspiring, junior, deputy or otherwise terrorists out there. You have a choice, you really do. You can go ahead and subscribe to this "hero" syndrome and go on some epic crusade to "kill the infidels" which basically means you're going to throw your life away for no purpose aside to give the West a hiccup, or you can go and live your own life and do what you want.

Who knows, you might even find out you like life and enjoy it.

Good Times with Hugo Chavez

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Ahhhh, Hugo.

You funny, inept blowhard.

How the Economy Can Grow While the Housing Market Crashes

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There are two ways to go about cutting back on your gasoline consumption.

The cool way and the nerdy way.

The cool way is to get yourself a motorcycle. Gets great gas mileage (mine gets between 45-52 MPG last I measured), chicks dig it, and you cannot help but look cool on it.

The nerdy way is to get a hybrid. That just screams "pansy." And your mileage isn't even that much better. Reports show a little bit more around the mid 30's in MPG. And no chicks, except them kind of gray haired, aging hippie chicks with no make up who aren't interested in you as much as they are the environment.

Regardless, the drawback to the motorcycle (aside from if you wipe out your either dead or paralyzed) is that you can't listen to talk radio. Oh, I know, I'm sure there's a way, but on my motorcycle I can't, no radio. So it leaves me with a lot of thinking time on the highway as I do more than most environmentalists to cut back on my gas consumption.

The cool thing about this is that when you are working, you are not usually thinking. You are carrying out tasks. Not pondering or scheming a way to come up with a better mouse trap. Thus, this is why the majority of great ideas happen while driving on the interstate, sitting on the toilet, or laying about doing nothing in particular, which is what happened to me yesterday.

I finally figured out why the economy may be growing so great, while the housing market plummets. I was of the opinion that a recession MUST occur at some point in time or another, but now I'm not so sure. The reason why is that while the housing bubble and subsequent crash may even rival that of Dotcom Mania, it really may not have that much of an effect on the larger economy since housing for most people is an expense.

Most of us look at dropping housing prices as a bad thing as the value of our largest asset, our house drops. However, unless you're planning on selling it, its value is largely irrelevant since it is the cash flows associated with the mortgage that you have to pay that matter.

Even if you don't own housing, but rent, the same thing applies. Such a glut in the market in both single family and multi-family means there's a glut of housing no matter if your own or rent. If you own or are looking to own, your options for housing and its

affordability have never been better. If you rent, you're able to negotiate landlords down and get discounts lowering your rent expense.

The ultimate end result is that people's largest single expenditure, housing, has decreased, leaving more disposable income in their pocketbooks. This in part may explain why the economy grew at 4%, consumer spending remains healthy and why consumer confidence remains high as well.

Alas, it may just be the banks, mortgage companies and real estate developers that pay in the end…exactly those who deserve to pay.

The Housing Market Making the US More European

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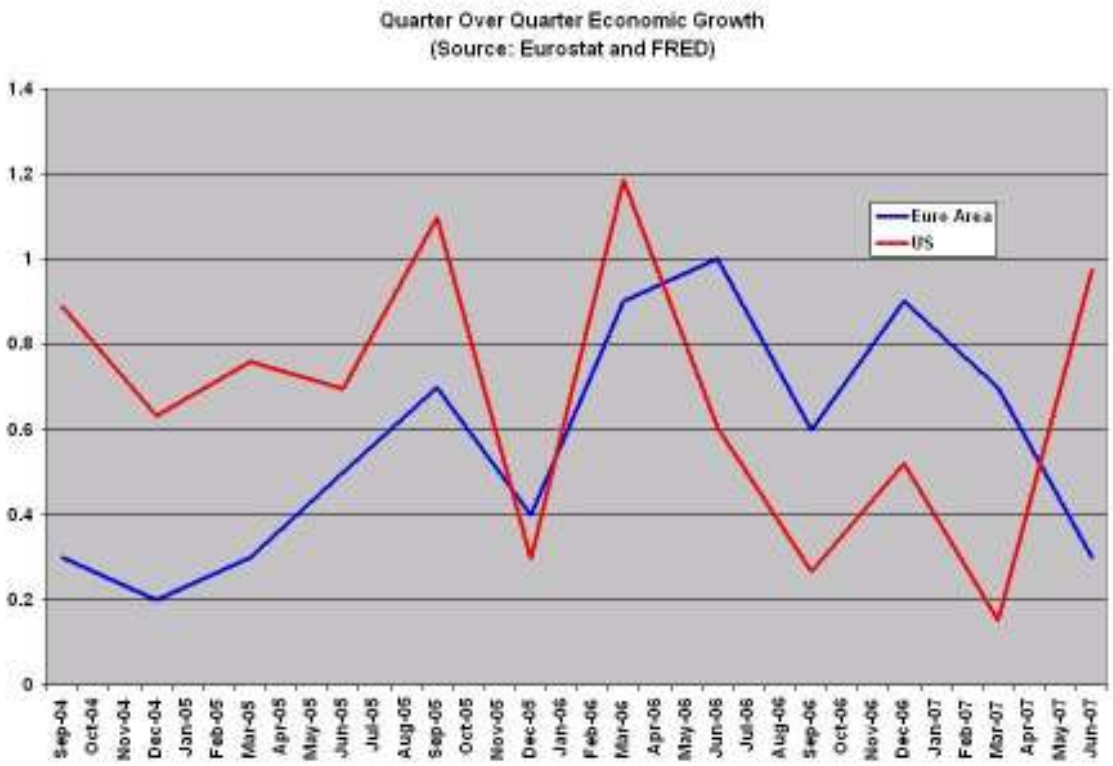
Normally, normally the US economy summarily trounces the European economy when it comes to economic growth. In the past I've compared economic growth rates of the two regions to one another and usually the US doubles the rate of economic in Europe. I then point at Europe and guffaw making some comment about soccer or British cooking or something.

However, times are achangin'. With the housing slump now about to enter its first full year, it has taken the shine off of US economic growth, making us, well, more European. Matter of fact, Europe (bar this latest quarter) consistently and by wide margins exceeded US economic growth in the past year.



And as far as I can tell this will continue as long as that housing market continues to loom over the US economy. I better trade my blue jeans in for some crumpets.

The Best is Yet to Come

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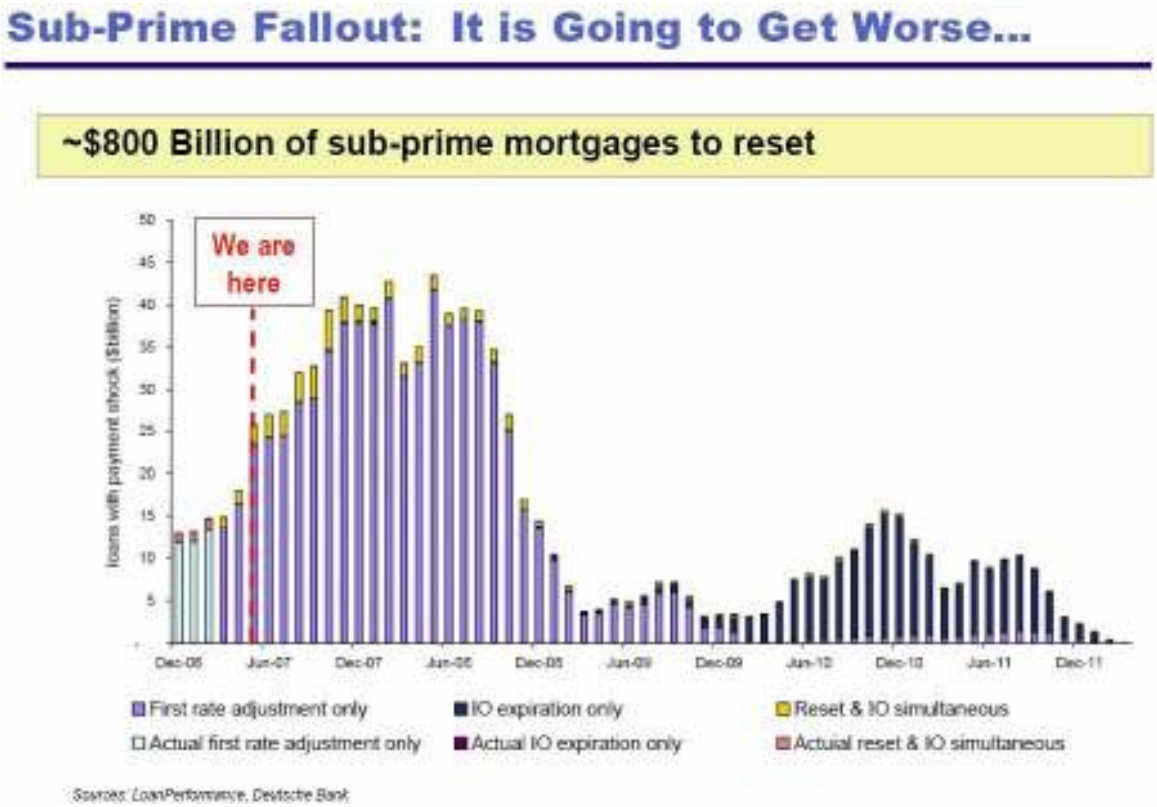
My realtor and I discuss the housing market and we frequently get asked the question, "when is the housing market going to recover."



Not for a while kiddies. Sit back and enjoy the ride.

Visit Ro!

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You all probably know Ro! from his occasional publishings, but you might want to visit his site. He has some pictures from Iraq that you're just not going to see in the MSM. And it's nice to see, for a change, pictures showing that there might be some good going on over there and that our soldiers are indeed not a bunch of raping, torturing heathens.

He also specializes in video clips, which I have yet to dabble in.

Regardless, you shall read Ro! You shall conform!

Sucks to be in Iran

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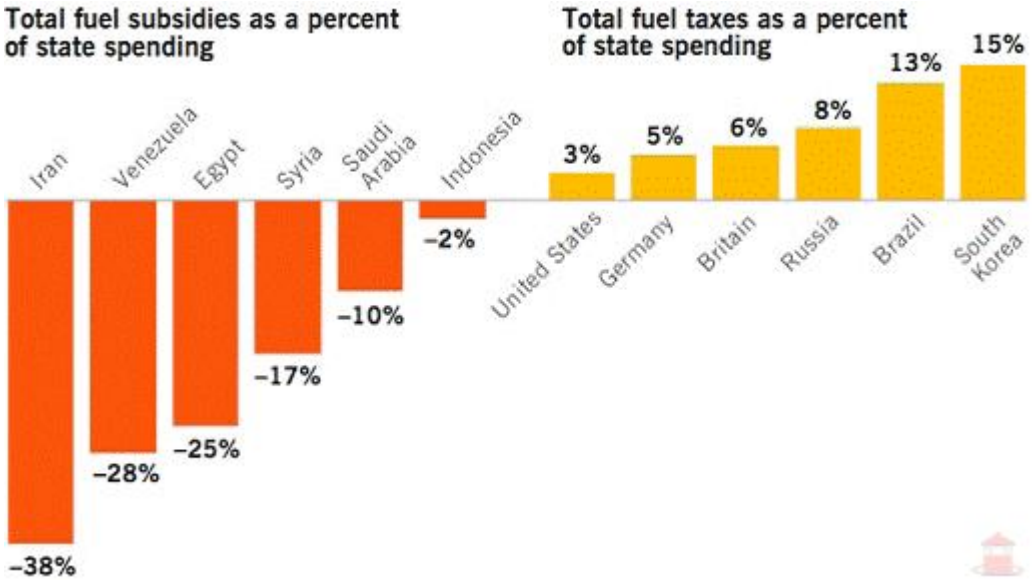
Friend of mine sent this to me. Didn't think it was possible.

Here you have a country with (if I'm not mistaken) the world's 4th largest proven reserves of oil. But, besides being a dictatorship, it is also a socialist nation with heavy state intervention in the country. Only a socialist economic system could make it so that the world's fourth largest holder of oil has to import gasoline.

But what is even more pathetic, is that over 1/3rd of Iran's government budget is spend on FUEL SUBSIDIES!



How much of a political issue is the price of gas in Iran?????? It would be like the US spending all of the social security budget AND MORE on subsidizing people's gas. Almost double what we spend on the military. And Venezuela is not far behind.

Just consider these facts before you go accusing out government of being in cahoots with "Big Oil."

Bin Laden/Chomsky '08!

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Mock's US foreign policy, calls leaders warmongers.

Sure sounds like Democratic presidential candidate material to me!

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Have a good weekend all!

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Sorry, had to add this.

Ramblings and Time References

The rambling transcript also mentions French President Nicolas Sarkozy, which suggests the tape was made after Sarkozy's election in May.

While the exact date of the taping cannot be determined by bin Laden's words, he suggests it was made in August by saying, "... just a few days ago, the Japanese observed the 62nd anniversary of the annihilation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by your nuclear weapons." The anniversary was on Aug. 6.

He goes on to call Noam Chomsky "among one of the most capable of those from your own side," and mentions global warming and "the Kyoto accord."

He also speaks to recent issues grabbing headlines in the United States, referring to "the reeling of many of you under the burden of interest-related debts, insane taxes and real estate mortgages; global warming and its woes..."

"To conclude," bin Laden says, "I invite you to embrace Islam." He goes on to say: "There are no taxes in Islam, but rather there is a limited Zakaat [alms] totaling 2.5 percent."

HE ENDORSES NOAM CHOMSKY!

But then supports no taxes?

Does he know Chomsky?

Yes, the Terrorist/Socialist platform, that sells well with the American left.

NPR Lying About Chile

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I was driving around to some place or another and happened to be listening to NPR. And I do like NPR, they do put on some decent pieces and cover topics that I find interesting and are of importance to the international community, and I take it with a grain of salt because I know they're biased. But what I will not tolerate is when the government media outright LIES and then tries to push itself on the public as some kind of independent or objective media source. And I find it my obligation to point this out and make a record of it.

The story they were covering was how Chile may be the prime example of economic success (are you ready for the "but"?)

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income distribution was uneven (oh the horrors).

Chile, in part due to free market reforms under Pinochet, and now today because of high commodity prices (copper) was experiencing an economic boom, but this boom was only being enjoyed by the easily-accusable villain, "the rich."

And what they do, always, ALWAYS without fail, is grab the one or two poor schumcks out of the tens of millions of people who had a run of bad luck to tow the line, "I haven't benefiting from the economic expansion."

It's probably the most overused play in NPR's play book.

If the statistics and figures don't show the story you want to tell, find the one or two people that have anecdote that does and then present that as the truth and reality of the situation.

And so, once again, it seems it's the people's responsibility to keep the government media in line and point them out to be the liars they are;

First off is the Gini Coefficient that measures income distribution.

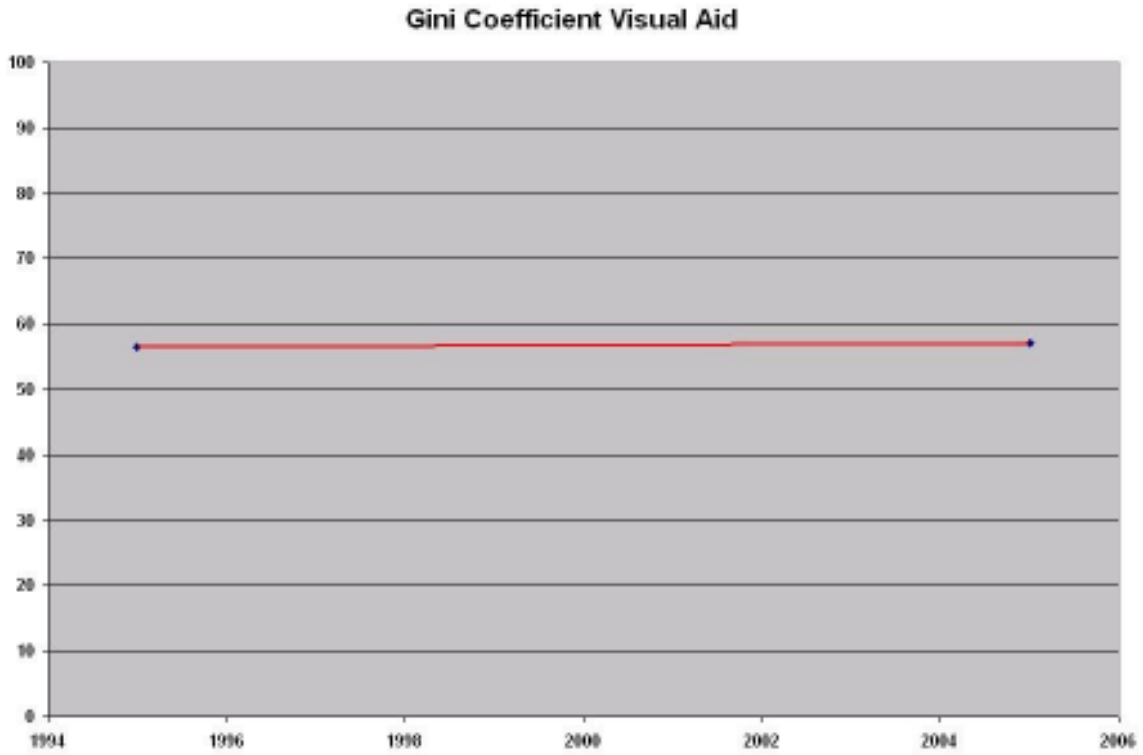
Longitudinal data is hard to come by, but I found a report from the World Bank that cites the Gini coefficient has "worsened" in the past ten years in Chile (interesting how they somehow assume income distribution can be "better" or "worse," thereby implying improvement would be a more equal distribution, and following the logic a 100% equal distribution of wealth,ie-communism, must be ideal then). Regardless, this worsening of

the gini coefficient had gone from 56.4 in 1995 to 57.1 in 2005.

Inequality and distribution of income

Although Chile ranks 37th in the 2005 UNDP human development index (0.854), it ranks 80th or lower in terms of distribution of income. Unequal distribution of wealth is still a great concern. According to the World Bank's 2005 development indicators, Chile ranks fourth in Latin America (after Brazil, Paraguay and Colombia) in terms of income inequality and 12th in the world, showing a worse performance than poor African countries such as Zambia, Nigeria and Malawi. The Gini index for Chile (57.1%) is worse than ten years ago (56.4%). In 2005 the poorest 10% of the Chilean population accounted for 1.2% of GDP (2000 = 1.4%) whereas the richest 10% controlled 47% of GDP (2000 = 46%).

To provide you with a visual aid I have charted this;



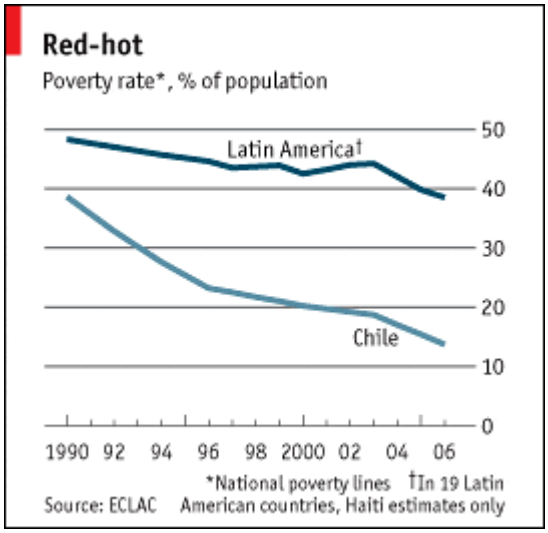
To quote Rush Limbaugh, "well yip yip yip yahoo!"

You've got to be kidding me? Yes, I guess if you want to claim that income distribution has "deteriorated" in the past ten years, you can say that mathematically, but a change from 56.4 to 57.1 is nothing, and probably not even statistically significant. Yet, we're supposed to believe that income distribution is horribly worsening in Chile, to the point that revolution is pending.

Another Jim Dandy chart is to show Chile in relation to the rest of its South American peers;

Oh the horror! It's really no worse or better than most of their peers. Matter of fact, they have more even distribution than South America's two socialist darlings; Bolivia and Venezuela (though in the pursuit of intellectual honesty, these figures do come before President Morales took over Bolivia, so it remains to be seen what income distribution would look like today)

Regardless, we can talk about "income distribution" all day, but in the end, it really doesn't matter. Because what really matters is whether real incomes are going up and that poverty is going down. And in Chile, this has been the case.



If the poor were receiving NONE of the benefits of this economic boom then poverty rates would not be dropping precipitously as they have been. Again, this shows you that if you really want to eliminate poverty, if you REALLY DO CARE ABOUT YOUR FELLOW MAN AND THE POOR then (and I'll say it again, because it doesn't seem like anybody on the left is

listening) YOU WILL BECOME THE MOST ARDENT SUPPORTER OF CAPITALISM IN THE WORLD.

I don't know how much easier it can be, but how you can look at the economic history of the world and NOT conclude that the best thing for eradicating poverty is through free markets, then you are ignorant or have a vested interest in socialism. If you look at this and still advocate a Chavezian type of socialism or any type of socialism, then you don't care about the poor as much as you care about advancing your own little political ideology. It is one of the reasons why I have so little respect for leftists because on one hand they claim to be the most devout supporters of the poor, but on the other hand they are too intellectually lazy to actually go and study what brings about the elimination of poverty, let alone advocate it, let alone they actually FIGHT IT.

Sadly, the older I get it seems advocating leftist political ideologies is more of a make-myself-feel-good hobby than their practical, intellectually honest, and genuinely caring capitalist counterparts. Worse still I think about how many people are kept under poverty for a hobby.

The Republicans are Screwed

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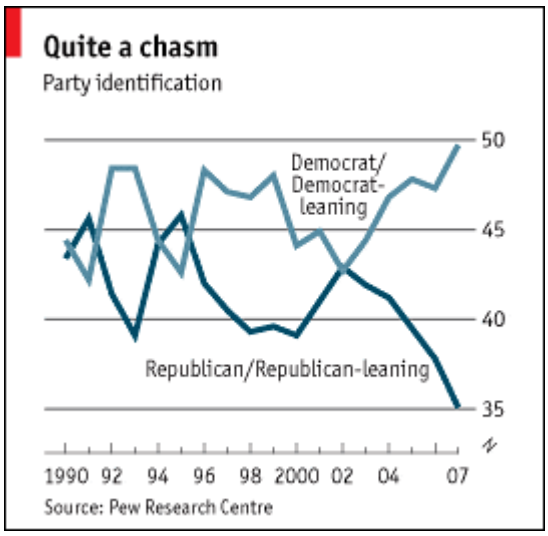
I was actually thinking that the Republicans would take back congress in 2008. Call me crazy, but I thought the defeatist mentality would wear thin on the American public, but I underestimated their hatred for Bush and their hatred for the war in Iraq. And I underestimated it by a lot. Apparently the Democrats will trounce the Republicans in 2008, congressional elections and presidential elections as well.



Which means it's a perfect time to vote Libertarian, because seriously, the Republicans are just a lame, if not, quadrapalegic horse to bet on (though Fred Thompson will probably get my presidential vote).

There is Always Room at the Top

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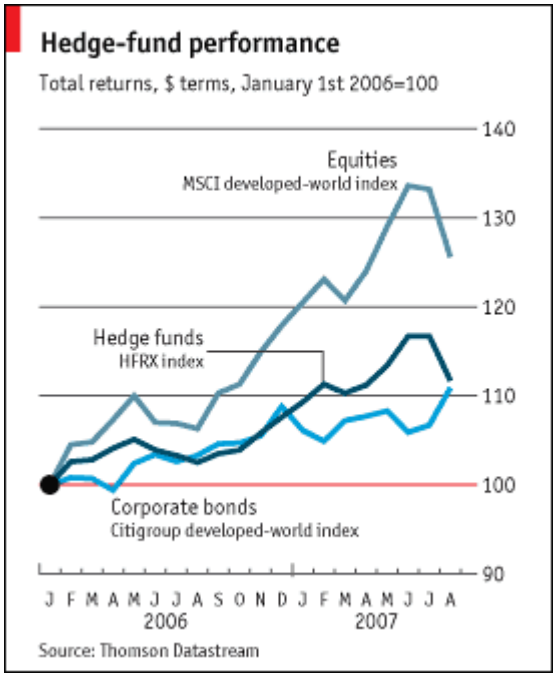
Hedge funds, private equity firms, bulge bracket, these are largely the domains of the well connected, nepotists and cronies. If you weren't born into it, doesn't matter how good you are, they ain't letting you in.

Thus, it feels good when these presumed "champions" suck tail pipe and show that their position is due more to factors outside their control than their actual skill or talent and ability to produce wealth;



Remember, in the long run, old money inevitably gives way to new money because they have no game.

Preferred Offshore Locals

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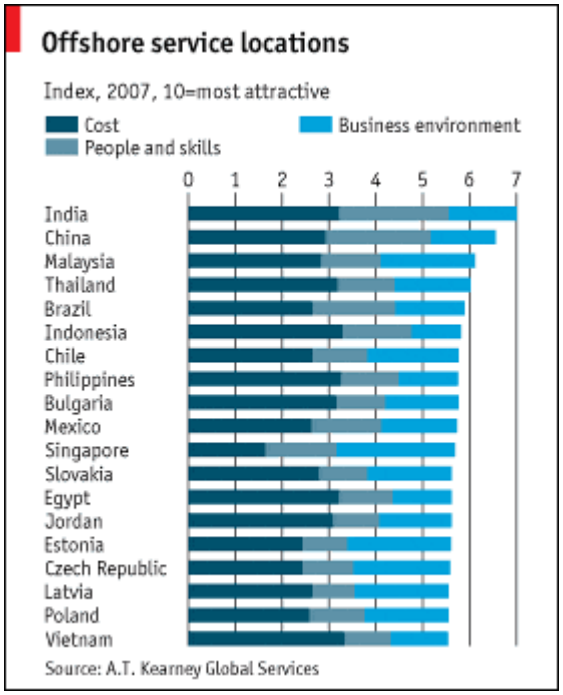

Wow, who would have guessed that no western European nations are on this list.

Another Exciting Episode of "What's Wrong with This Picture?"

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Yes, the fun game where those with an keen eye of observation notice things that are glaringly wrong with the picture that are not addressed or acknowledged by the main stream media.

Can YOU see what's wrong with this picture?

Hint: It's not the disgusting fact the father killed his child.

Father sentenced in toddler's fatal beating

Beauford C. Jackson: The 18-year-old father voiced his remorse over the death of his daughter as he was sentenced.

Destiny Jackson: After being placed in foster care in December, she was returned to her home two weeks before her death.

• In a courtroom rife with heartache, a remorseful teenage father was ordered to prison while a grandmother voiced her lament.

By [illegible]
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Destiny Jackson "smiled the day she was born and every day thereafter," her grandmother said. Thursday morning in a standing-room-only courtroom in St. Paul.

The 15-month-old "was named Destiny, but since Destiny is such a loaded name for a little baby and since her mom always dressed her in pink, I called her 'Pinky,'" Mikel Clifford said.

On a cold, dark night in mid-February, Destiny's 18-year-old father, Beauford C. Jackson III, punched and hit her, over and over again, in the stomach and neck. Paramedics were called just after midnight Feb. 13, but it was already too late. Destiny died at 1:34 a.m.

On Thursday, Ramsey County District Judge William Leary sentenced Jackson to 33 years and nine months in prison for his daughter's death.

He will be required to serve two-thirds — slightly more than nine years — in prison before he is eligible for release. He will be just 27 when he gets out.

Sentence continues: Judge hopes that memory of child will be a life-changing inspiration for the father. B7 ►

What You Will Get from Government Pensions as a % of Your Earnings

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The trick to getting elected is to tell people what they want to hear and then deliver them the goods.

Doesn't matter if it undermines the future of your country because fortunately (for you) you'll be long dead before that materializes. So you can borrow against the future to promise people today what they want without having to increase taxes, ensuring you have a good, healthy and profitable political career.

And while you may think things are bad here in the US, just be happy we're not Greece;

Housing Costs to Foreigners

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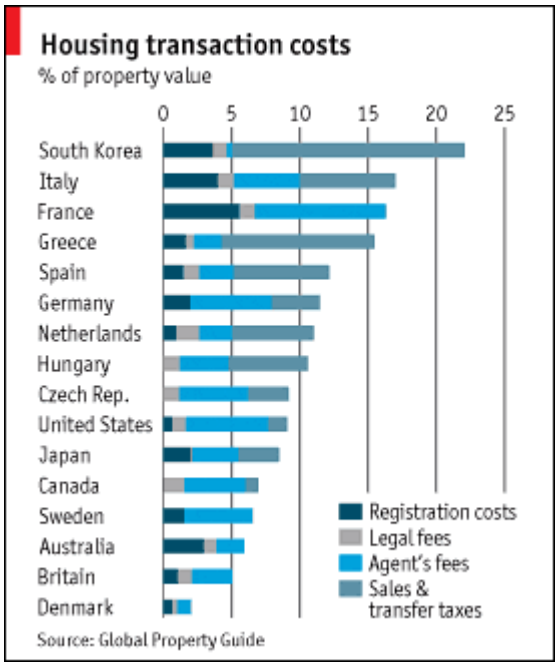
The idea of globalization is that capital can flow freely and various entities can invest in various ventures in various countries resulting in the most efficient allocation of capital around the world, resulting in amazing increases in productivity and efficiency, resulting in dramatic increases in standards of living for everybody. That's about it in a nutshell.

But some countries put up barriers because they're afraid "foreign interests" will buy out their country. The US is just as guilty of this with our denying China from buying Unocal or our fear in the 80's that Japan was going to buy us out. But some countries feel their sovereignty is particularly threated when foreigners buy their land and therefore put very high taxes in place to prevent that from happening.



Something to think about the next time you want to buy some South Korean property.

The Ladies Just Want Me for My Economist Subscription

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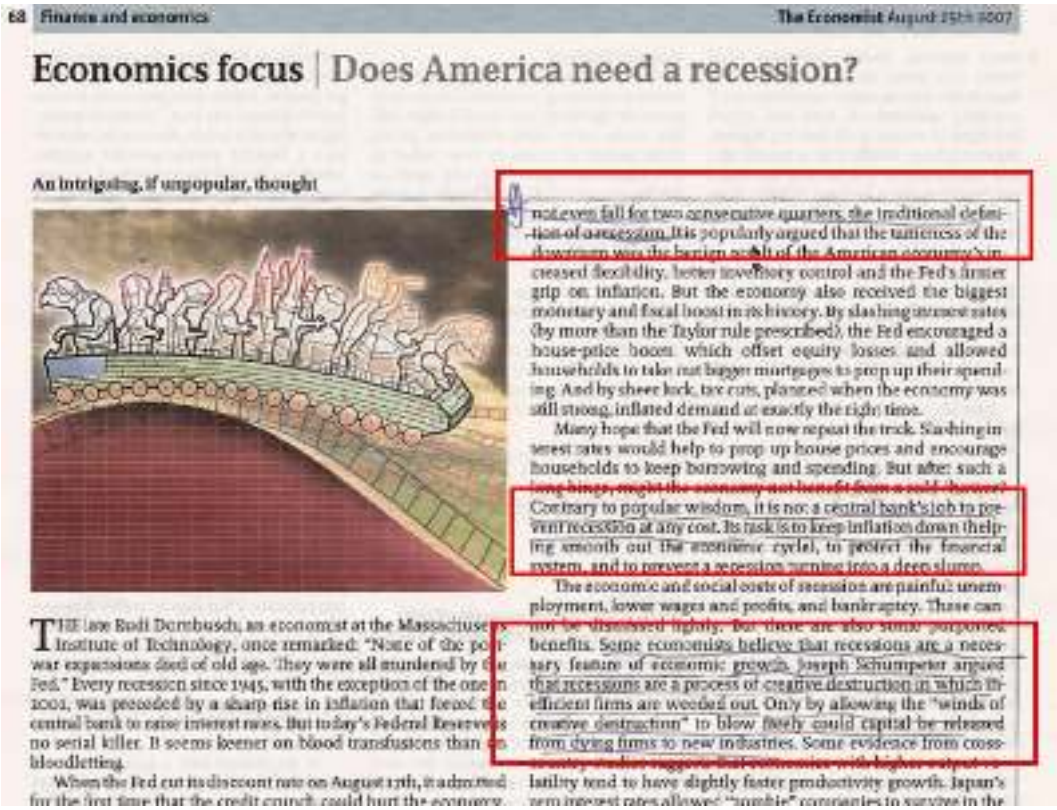
Seriously, this is why I love The Economist. In one article the author nails three things I've been saying ever since this blog was formed and are very pertinent to today with all the celebrityship and flak Alan Greenspan's been getting;

1. THERE WAS NO RECESSION IN 2000-2001
2. IT'S NOT THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S JOB TO MAKE YOUR STOCKS AND HOUSE PRICE CONSTANTLY GO UP, IT'S JOB IS TO KEEP INFLATION LOW
3. A RECESSION MAY NOT BE THE WORST THING FOR THE AMERICAN ECONOMY



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An intriguing, if unpopular, thought

not even fall for two consecutive quarters, the traditional definition of a recession. It is popularly argued that the mildness of the downturn was the benign result of the American economy's increased flexibility, better inventory control and the Fed's firmer grip on inflation. But the economy also received the biggest monetary and fiscal boost in its history. By slashing interest rates (by more than the Taylor rule prescribed) the Fed encouraged a house-price boom which offset equity losses and allowed households to take out bigger mortgages to prop up their spending. And by sheer luck, tax cuts, planned when the economy was still strong, inflated demand at exactly the right time.

Many hope that the Fed will now repeat the trick. Slashing interest rates would help to prop up house prices and encourage households to keep borrowing and spending. But after such a long binge, might the economy not benefit from a cold shower?

Contrary to popular wisdom, it is not a central bank's job to prevent recession at any cost. Its task is to keep inflation down (helping smooth out the economic cycle), to protect the financial system, and to prevent a recession turning into a deep slump.

The economic and social costs of recession are painful: unemployment, lower wages and profits, and bankruptcy. These can not be discussed lightly. But there are also some purported benefits. Some economists believe that recessions are a necessary feature of economic growth. Joseph Schumpeter argued that recessions are a process of creative destruction in which inefficient firms are weeded out. Only by allowing the "winds of creative destruction" to blow freely could capital be released from dying firms to new industries. Some evidence from cross-country studies suggests that economies with higher output volatility tend to have slightly faster productivity growth. Japan's zero interest rates allowed "zombie" companies to survive in the

THE late Rudi Dornbusch, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, once remarked: "None of the post-war expansions died of old age. They were all murdered by the Fed." Every recession since 1945, with the exception of the one in 2001, was preceded by a sharp rise in inflation that forced the central bank to raise interest rates. But today's Federal Reserve is no serial killer. It seems keener on blood transfusions than on bloodletting.

When the Fed cut its discount rate on August 17th, it admitted for the first time that the credit crunch could hurt the economy...

Just do what I do to pick up chicks, subscribe to The Economist.

The Captain Will Be In Vegas

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Hey All Aspiring, Junior, Deputy and otherwise Official Economists, the Captain will be in Las Vegas this week! Don't know if any of you are out there, but I'm taking a quick break before busy season starts and if any Cappy Cap readers are out there and up for a cocktail shoot me an e-mail!

captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Remember to copy and paste, people keep goofing up the e-mail.

Cpt. C.

To My Former Bosses

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What's great is I was informed that some of my former bosses do indeed read Cappy Cap.

So this one is for you guys (you gray haired, middle aged, numb skull schmutzes);

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TOLD

YOU

SO!

People Trust Their Doctor More Than Their Spouse

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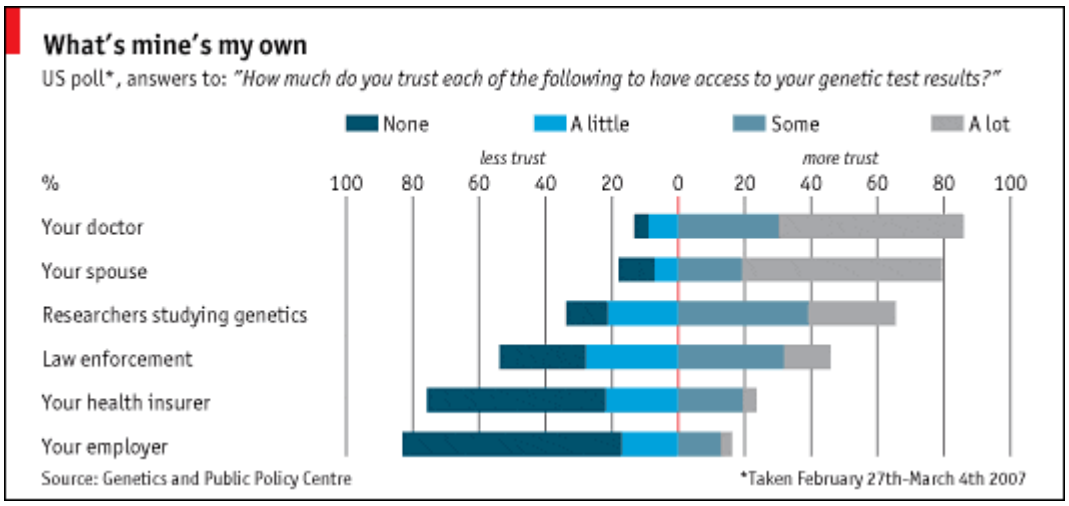
I found this chart very interesting as it shows you just how much people trust different groups of people. Most shocking is that people trust their doctors more than they do their spouses, but given how divorce has become an Olympic event since the 1960's, I guess I should not be surprised.



Naturally, and deservedly so, employers are ranked at the bottom along with health insurance companies. Though I thought the Po-Po would have faired much worse. Than again, maybe it's just Minneapolis where the cops are completely inept morons and elsewhere the boys in blue have some measure of intelligence (people think I have a grudge against the MPD when in reality, no, seriously folks, don't move here, they really are that incompetent).

My Good Pal Hugo

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Seriously, WTF?????

although I shouldn't complain, this is one of the few things he's done that won't actually HURT the Venezuelan people.

Many thanks to Chris!

I Spoke Too Soon!

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http://www.binladen08.com/

Ouch.

What's Wrong with this Picutre - Extra Credit

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I don't like children, but when I saw a bunch of these at the atrium to the apartment building I grabbed a copy out of sheer boredom.

But then my cunning, economic spidey senses eye caught something.

I have deleted the woman's face simply because she could be a model for all I know and she is not the point. But TRIPLE ECONOMIC BONUS POINTS to the astute junior, deputy or otherwise economist that points out what's wrong with this picture (aside from the obvious that so much attention should not be paid to children)

Another Spoiled Little Brat

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First the "Don't taz me bro" schmuck and now this spoiled brat.

I think a new policy should be implemented when dealing with these children, I quote the movie "The Wild, Wild West"

"Mr. West your policy is shoot first, shoot second, shoot third. And then maybe get around to asking a couple questions once in a while."

And then we visit the parents whose jobs are obviously not done.

Sarkozy a "Small Man?"

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I find it childish that the socialists would mock Sarkozy and take the cheap shot of accusing him of suffering from "small man syndrome."

However, I recall the last time a Frenchman kicked serious ass and took a lot of names was this fellow called Napoleon.

So am I to understand that the socialists in France would now mock their historic great leader?

Or is it akin to the leftists here in the US where our founding fathers were nothing but a bunch of slave owning, religious right wing drunkards?

There Just Ain't No Justice in This World

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Why do I bother working out when all it takes is to be a fringe socialist?

The Captain's Report on Vegas

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The Captain was up $350 or so.

The Captain decided to try one big bet before he left, because it is afterall Vegas and he wouldn't be returning for a while.

The Captain was then only up $270.

The Captain is now at the airport.

The Captain is half in the bag.

And thus!!!!

The Captain orders all the junior, deputy economists of the male persuasion to buy their beloveds some flowers.

The Captain orders all junior, deputy economists of the female persuasion to give their men a little loving.

The Captain will now board his flight.

Some Jim-Dandy Housing Charts

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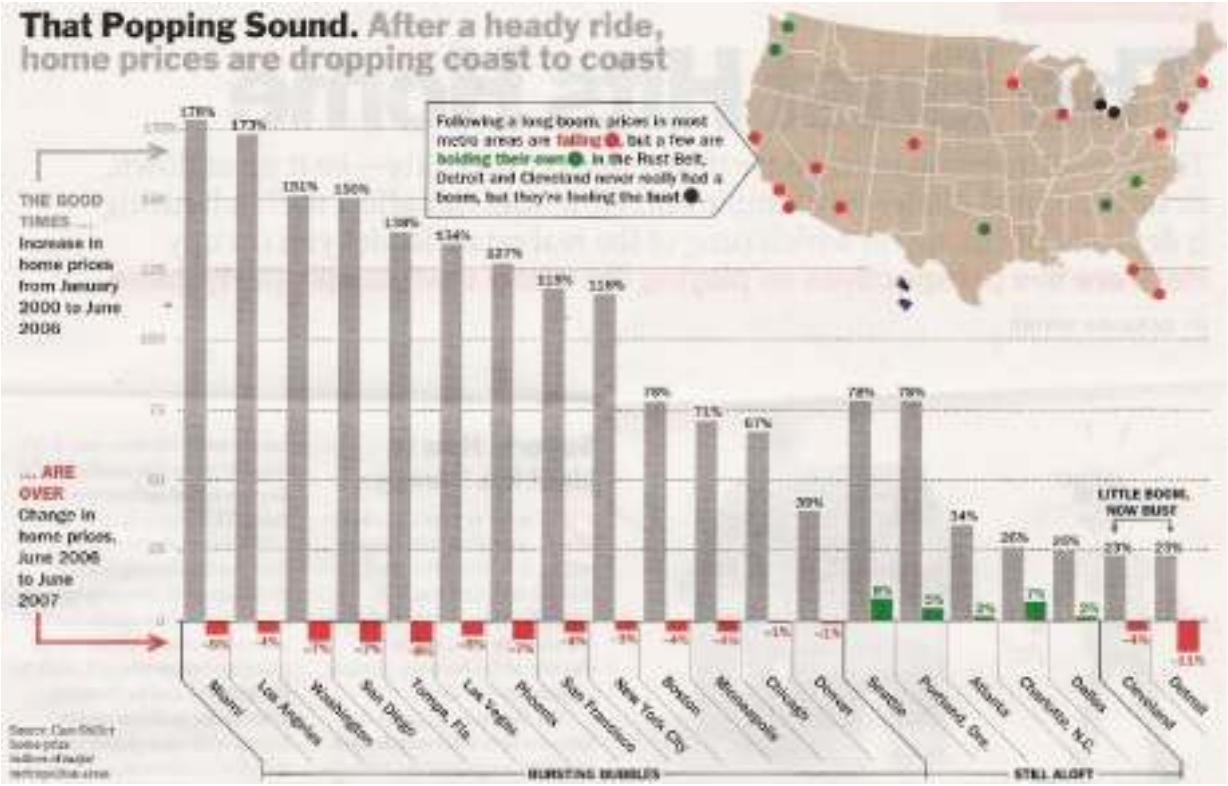
They come from Time magazine, which I know, I know, is nothing approaching The Economist, but I have to give credit where credit is due.

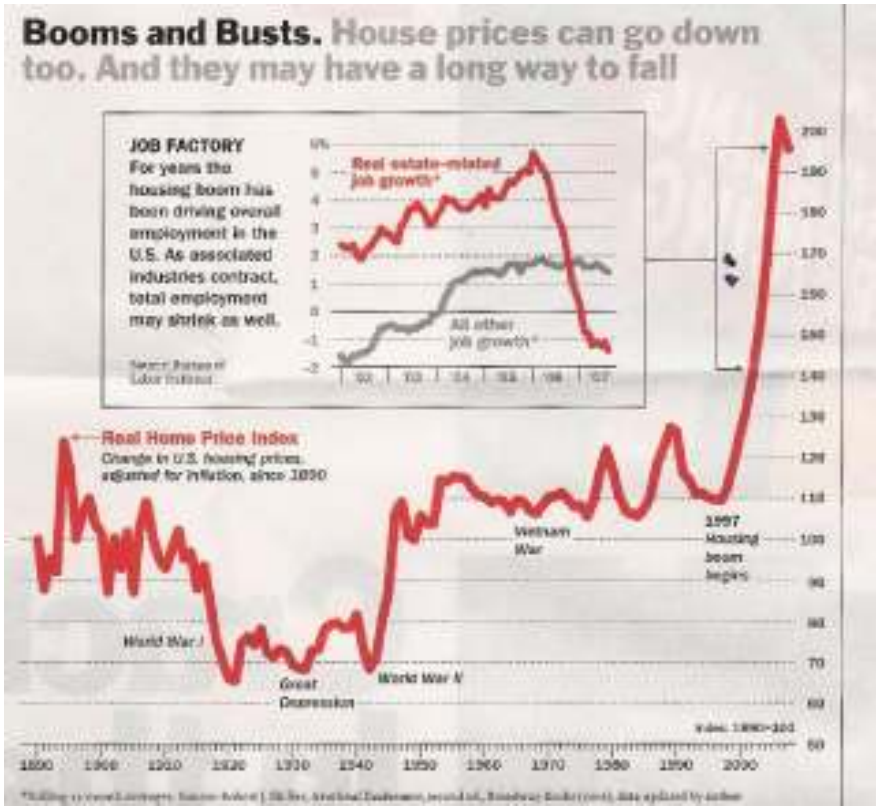
The first one I particularly like because it is (thus far) the only chart/graph/data that shows just how much housing prices in various cities have dropped in real terms. Of course when you compare the gains housing has had in the past 5 years versus what it's lost in the past year, the housing problems seem over-exaggerated.

However, since everybody in the US spends more than they make and rely on increasing asset prices to afford their unsustainable lifestyle, even a slight decline in their asset values can bring about a halt to their spending as well as bankruptcy.

The other question is that's fine prices have dropped by 5% or so, but how much more does it have to go. I'll still sticking by my 20-30% range.



This chart shows you the standard Case Shiller chart that is finally getting some play, but I like the embedded chart showing job growth.



In both instances I would love to revisit these charts a year from now to see just how far housing prices will drop and just what happens to job growth.

But remember, no matter what these charts say, we're not in a housing crash according to most banks.

Dating in Minnesota

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This about sums it up.

Delayed Death

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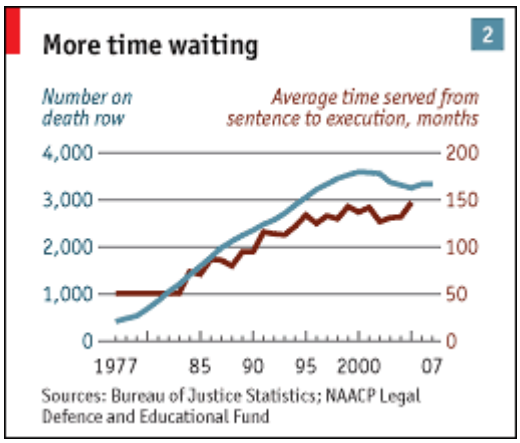
They always "say" that it takes years for various people convicted of horrible crimes to inevitably get executed. Years after years of appeal racking costs to the tax payer to keep them alive and then post pone their death.

This is the first time I've seen the actual data;



You Can Contact the Iranian State Newspaper

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So after Amedijonmustard makes an ass of himself and gets a little taste of the weakest elements of New York City, the Iranian State media spins it worse than the Democrats ever could and make it sound like we were giving him standing ovations.

You just know that these schmucks (note the Hebrew jargon to provide particular insult to this nazi) know they're lying through their ass, but I think they really think they're fooling their people and us.

How about you send them a message and let them know your true feelings about Amadinihitler?

What a freaking loser.

How to Stop the "It's All About Oil" Argument Dead Cold

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I really don't have patience for ignorance or idiocy. I really don't. Thus I lament the loss of my youth when in college I would try to argue with brainwashed skulls full of mush about the merits of capitalism, Libertarianism, the evils of socialism and what have you. Because what is the point? Kids at that age, who are now (perish the thought) adults are so intellectually dishonest that they are going to believe in what they want, regardless of the truth, regardless of empirical evidence, regardless of facts. And I'm not talking religious right facts like "it says so in the bible." I mean like, "the Federal Reserve's 8th district came out with a report" type facts.

But the biggest waste, the most futile mission you could possibly go on is trying to convince a brainwashed dolt that subscribes to the farce that BIG OIL is somehow controlling prices.

A complete waste of breath.

None the less, that doesn't mean you're not going to run into them. And when you do, it is insanely hard to fight the urge to use your superior knowledge to backhand them into reality.

So here is the least painful way you can do it;

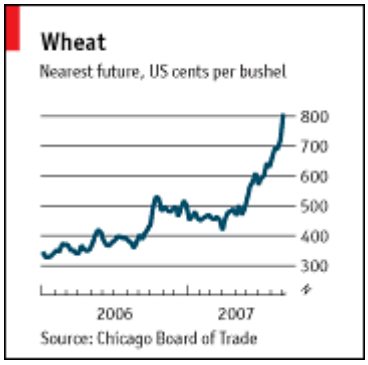
Big Wheat.

Yes, Big Wheat.

While the world's leftists are worried about Big Oil, little do they know the true threat comes from Big Wheat. For while Oil has increased 100% or so, it has been nothing more than a diversionary tactic to distract the innocents of the world from the real threat;

Big Wheat.

For wheat has nearly trebled in price!



Wheat producers who are in cahoots with the Bush Administration have been conspiring against the American public to fleece us of our hard earned money to line the pockets of the special interest groups of Big Wheat.

We should pick a day that NOBODY BUYS BREAD! That'll stick it to them! Yes, the Wheat Boycott Day! You see, if we all stop buying bread on one day, then according to some inane, college sophomore, American Idol level of incredibly flawed logic, we'll somehow be able to stick it to those fat greedy corporate Big Wheat bastards! We'll show those corrupt Big Wheaters that we don't answer to Big Wheat!

However, on a serious level, the point you can make (though I doubt it will stick) is that as the global economy has grown, demand for all sorts of foods and commodities has skyrocketed. Not to mention the push for ethanol has allocated more land to corn and less to other grains. These factors have driven up the prices of these commodities at a rate faster than oil.

Of course, such a logical and commonsensical explanation won't hold against the literally delusional, ulterior-motivated leftist thinking. You could show them all the charts and data in the world showing them it's a booming global economy that is driving up commodity prices and they still won't believe.

Big Copper.

Big Aluminum.

Big Tungsten.

All of their prices have increased as fast if not more so than oil.

The truth is they WANT to believe its Big Oil.

And in WANTING to believe, it means they don't really BELIEVE its Big Oil at all

Which means they're intellectually dishonest.

Which means they must have an ulterior motive.

Which, frankly, and simply is that they hate capitalism, want your money and need a villain to rationalize the transfer of wealth.

I really wish it wasn't so simplistic, but it is.

But then again, what can you expect from simplistic minds?

Case Shiller Index

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My buddy Chico is a mortgage broker. His background is both musician and computer genius, so when we debate politics or economics it's basically like talking to a middle schooler. So we had a bet. I bet him that housing prices would be lower in May of 2008 than they are today.

To which he responded "well how are we going to measure that?"

I suggested, "the Case Shiller index."

"Well I never heard of that, sounds kind of bogus. We're not using that."

"OK, what about the OFHEO House Price Index?"

"You know, I never heard of that either and besides which the government isn't taking into consideration what they're appraised at, only what they sell for."

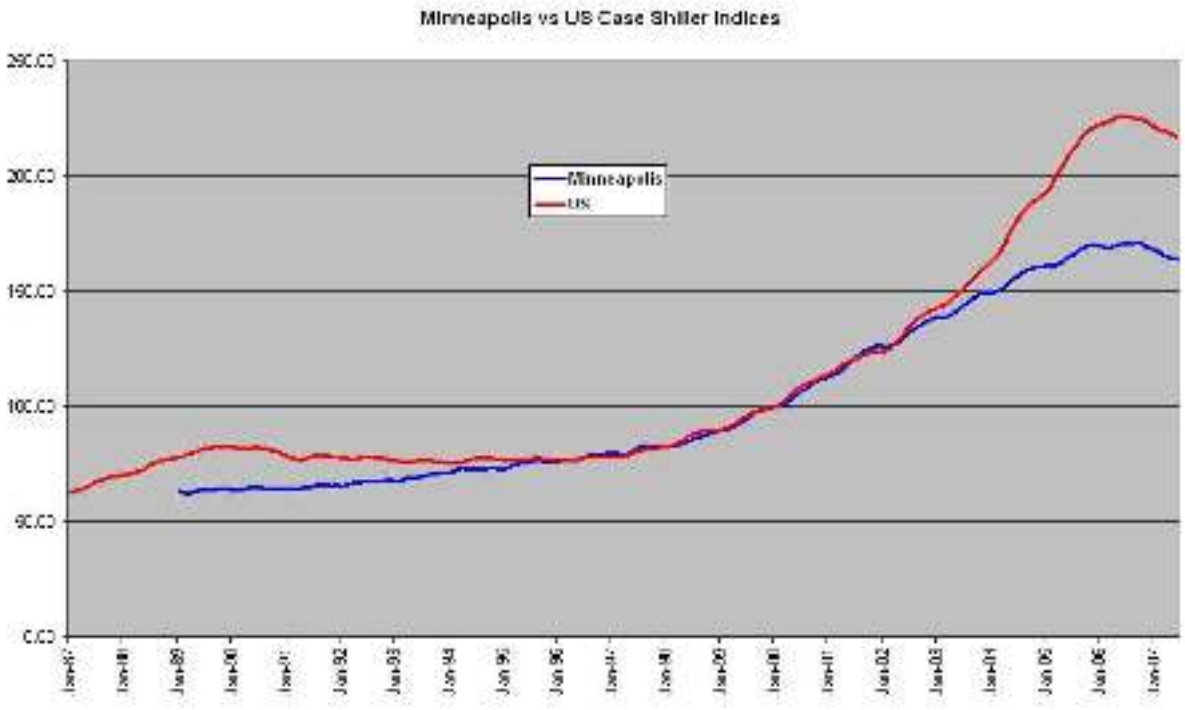
Which is CLASSICALLY leftist. If the source, no matter how authoritative or unbiased doesn't produce the results you want, then it's biased and unreliable and under the control of George Bush.

So here is a simple lesson in economics folks, especially for all you schmucks in the housing industry that insist there is no housing bubble;

1. CASE SHILLER IS THE AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE FOR HOUSING PRICES, END OF STORY!

2. HOUSING PRICES HAVE GONE DOWN AND WILL CONTINUE TO GO DOWN, END OF STORY!

Here's a spiffy little chart that shows you national and Minneapolis area prices.


Minneapolis vs US Case Shiller Indices
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Gini Coefficients Under Hugo Chavez

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Bush is usually blamed for cronyism, allowing the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer and most leftists, deep down inside hate Bush and love, albeit reluctantly maybe, Hugo Chavez.

But Hugo acts as an x-ray machine, showing us just what hypocrites these Hugo supporters are.

At the center of the argument is that Hugo is good and holy, helping the unfortunates, while Bush is evil and conspires with his cronies to make money and trip old people and murder poor people.

The reality could not be any different.

Not that I believe Gini coefficients matter, but an article in The Economist shows that under Hugo Chavez the Gini coefficient has increased, increasing the disparity between rich and poor.

> Thanks to economic growth and social programmes, the government claims that only 30% of Venezuelan families now live in poverty, down from 55% at the peak in 2003. But according to a new report by the central bank, income inequality has widened slightly under Mr Chávez: the Gini coefficient—a statistical measure of inequality—has gone from 0.44 in 2000 to 0.48 in 2005.
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> Typical of the new "Boligarchy" is Wilmer Ruperti, a shipping broker who was once a merchant seaman. His ascent was helped by a two-month strike against Mr Chávez by workers at Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company. Mr Ruperti chartered ships to help the government break the strike. Another is Arné Chacón, whose brother Jesse is the communications minister. Arné now owns half of Baninvest, a bank. He acquired it with loans for which his main apparent collateral was his official connections.

Additionally if you read the whole article (or just the next paragraph) you'll see Hugo is infinitely more corrupt and cronyistic than Bush ever was, dealing out contracts and deals to his buddies and those loyal to him on levels that make Bush seem like a Swede when it comes to corruption.

But the hard core leftists won't believe it, simply because they don't want to. They have a rationale to hate Bush and love Hugo, to fight capitalism and advance socialism, even if it doesn't carry out their self-proclaimed aims of helping out the poor and fighting off corruption. But that's the rub of it all. It isn't about the poor, the poor are just pawns in this game. It is again, as it always has been, about making the left feel good about themselves. Reality be damned, freedom be damned, economic growth and prosperity and the abolition of poverty be damned, I want to think of myself as a good person.

Though deep down inside, you wonder if they really believe it themselves.

The Chart that Needs No Explanation

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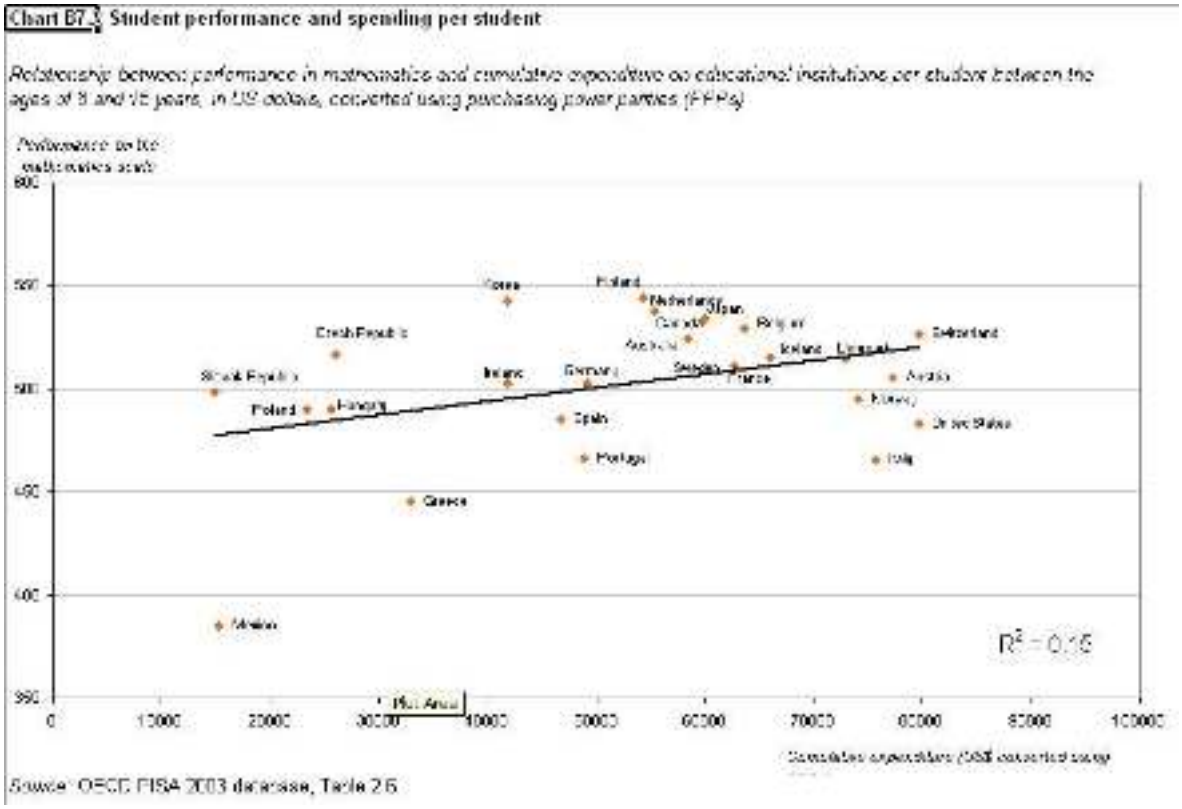

Korea spends half of what we do and dominates.

I envy Asian culture.

Household Debt as a Percent of GDP

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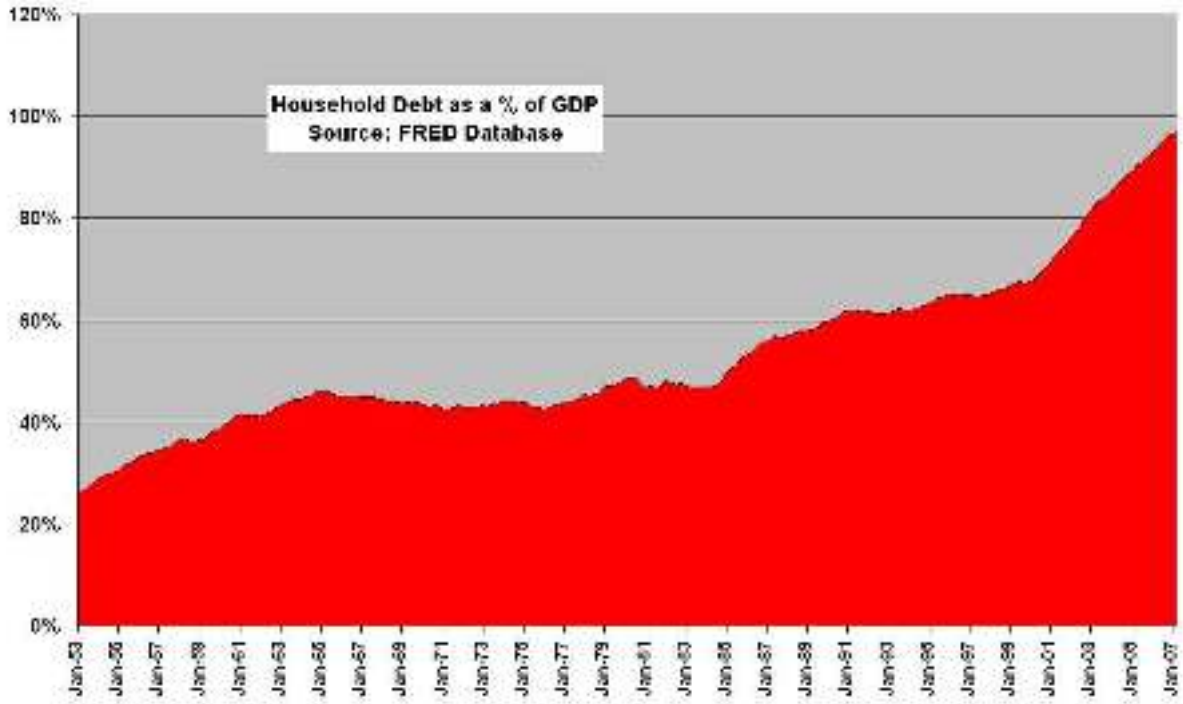
I compiled this chart about 2-3 years ago and thought it worth of an update. Household debt includes not just credit cards, but mortgages as well.



Of the many things that will bring down this country, Americans' desire to spend more than they make will be one of the key ones. Household debt is now at 97% GDP. We could all work one year and (assuming the government doesn't tax us, nor that we'd eat or spend any of our money on anything) then we could pay back our debts.

What's sad however is that this is even worse THAN THE GOVERNMENT! Federal debt as a percent of GDP last I checked was at about 48%. The government is a less voracious spender of money than the American public! American consumers and households are on par with the Italian government and it's knack for deficit spending and racking up debts.

Not to mention, as I've mentioned before, with all the Baby Boomers retiring shouldn't this figure be declining? You know, that as you approach retirement you'd pay off all your debts so you don't saddle future generations with yours? Though I don't doubt for a second it is my generation that is the primary culprit in skyrocketing this figure up since 2001.

And people ask me why the dollar is dropping.

Sheesh.

Public Sector vs. Private Sector Compensation

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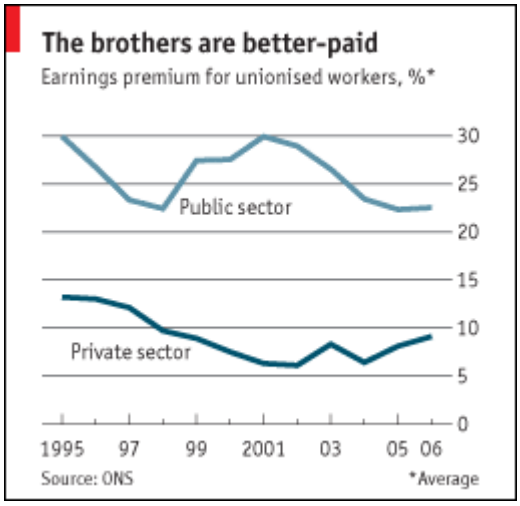

Ahhh yes, 20% more in pay for 1/2 the work!

Neato Political Risk Chart

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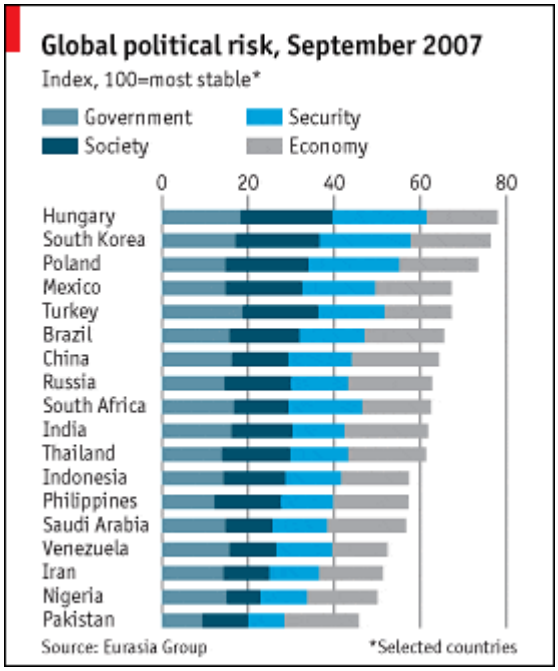
I've always likened taxes to the level of abuse a husband may dish out to his wife. For if you want your wife to stick with you, you would shower her with gifts, adoration, praise and take her out for nights on the town of dancing, dining, flowers and muchas schmoochas. If you want her to leave, ignore her, treat her poorly and cheat on her.

With business, capital, investment and labor it is the same way.

If you want to attract these things to your country and keep them, then you should treat them nice. Treating them nice meaning you keep taxes low, you make regulation non-existent or unburdensome and have a good and fair legal system. And while I primarily focused on taxes, there are other things you have to focus on just as you would your wife.

The Eurasia Group has this "Honey Do" list that companies must follow if they wish to emulate the likes of Ireland, Bermuda, Jersey Island and the whole host of other countries that beat out the economic growth rates of the US. The higher the score, the more points you score with business and capital markets, and thus the happier economic marital bliss you have;



Underfunded Pensions

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What brought down GM and the US auto industry was not so much superior foreign competition, but the dead weight of legacy pensions due to the legions of former union workers that GM had promised pensions to until death do them part. Unfortunately, GM's actuaries did a poor job in projecting life expectancy and thus (depending on whose figures you want to use) it costs GM $1,200 per car more than the competitors simply because they have to pay nearly 1 MILLION FORMER employees a pension, not to mention health care. This is why pensions and health care coverage were more or less cut in this most recent negotiation GM had with the United Lazy ...err... I mean Auto "Workers."

Regardless, GM exemplifies what can happen to an entity that was presumably unassailable. GM was king in the golden age of America, but since those days have come and gone, so has GM's prominence.

Another entity that is presumed to be unassailable or infallible is government. Every basic college finance class assumes there is zero risk in investing in government securities because the government is all powerful and can just tax it's way out of debt (completely ignoring the Laffer effect). But this is not true. A perfect example of a government going belly up is Argentina where it owed the western world over $130 billion and one day decided not to pay.

People, or at least the markets, do not assume such irresponsibility on the part of the US government and still assume it will always pay back its debts, but like GM, governments' solvency (state, federal and local) may be threatened by pensions.

Usually it was assumed that social security or medicare/aid would be the programs to bankrupt the US government. And for the most part, this is true. Osama Bin Laden might as well have just stayed at home because for all the hubbub and tragic loss over 9-11, he could never hope to wreak the havoc that FDR's demon child will upon the US. I mean if you think about, if you REALLY want to destroy a country, don't fly planes into a couple buildings, institute socialism. Just ask Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Jong Il, and Pol Pot.

Regardless, it is not just medicare and social security that will take its toll on the US economy in the near future. It's also the pension problem.

Public pensions, the money promised to government workers when they retire, are underfunded. meaning they don't have the money to make good on the promises they made to everybody, ie- they can't afford the pensions. This means one of two things. Either the government cuts the pension benefits to their employees (heh, good luck) or

they tax the American people more (ding ding ding, correct answer).

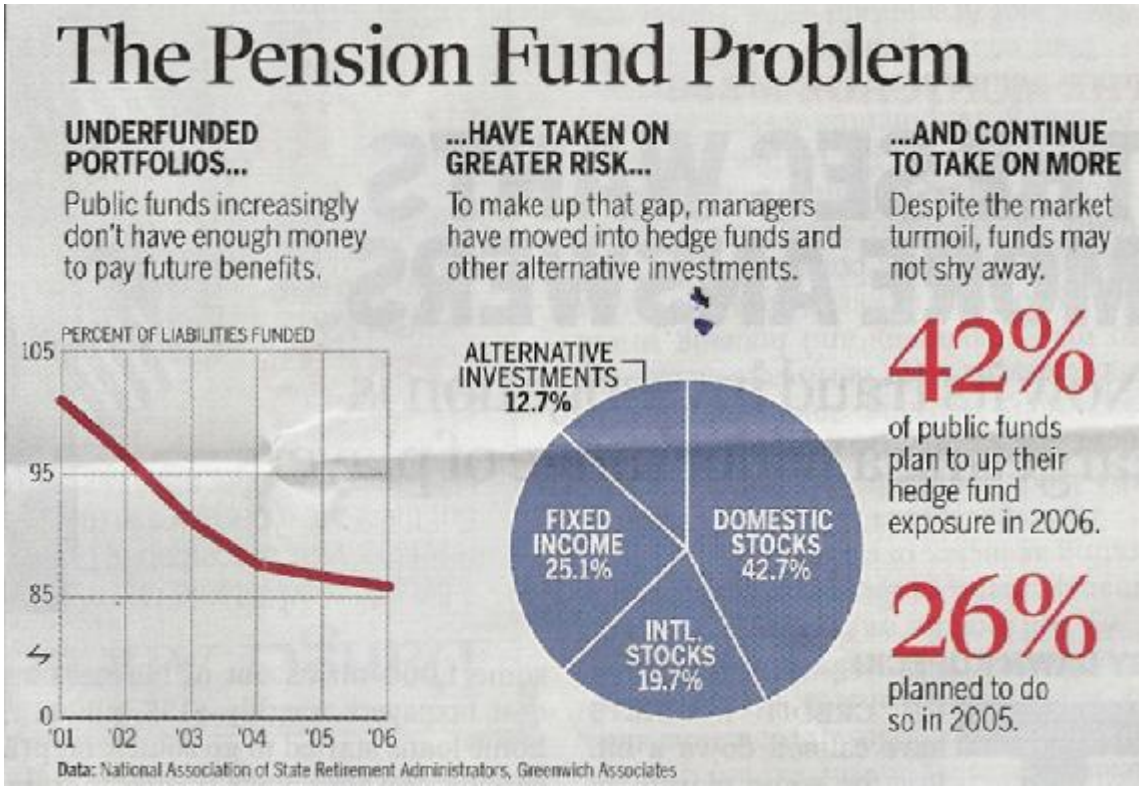
But this creates a problem and a scenario I see to be more and more likely. Given the housing crash occurring and the increased likelihood of recession, I don't care how many times they cut the interest rate, I think this country is heading for recession (again, I hope I'm wrong). And if we go into recession, then corporate earnings will drop and so too will stock prices.

Compounding the downward pressure on stocks will be the likely election of a democrat to the White House or a capitulating moderate republican, both of which will kowtow to the pressures to raise taxes and redistribute wealth. This will put further downward pressure on stock prices.

But more pressuring than that will be the retirement of the Baby Boomers which begins more or less now. The elder echelon of the Boomers are taking early retirement as we speak and as you enter retirement you switch your holdings from equity to fixed income. This outflow of cash from the equity markets into fixed income will put downward pressure on stock prices (but also push interest rates lower). Also, to make good on their social security and medicare promises, the government will have to increase taxes.

Thus the potential scenario I see is one where housing prices continue to drop, but the stock market continues to drop as well, and the ensuing decrease in consumer spending and confidence, compounded by likely tax increases in the future will throw and keep the economy in recession for a while.

And, in a viscous downward spiral sense, since pensions are primarily funded by investments in the stock market or securitized assets therein, this chart is bound to go down further as stock prices plummet.



Not to get negative on you.

Chuck Norris Economics

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From El.

Freaking hilarious.

And "Freaking Hilarious" is the highest rank of hilarity the Captain awards.

Iraq Statistics

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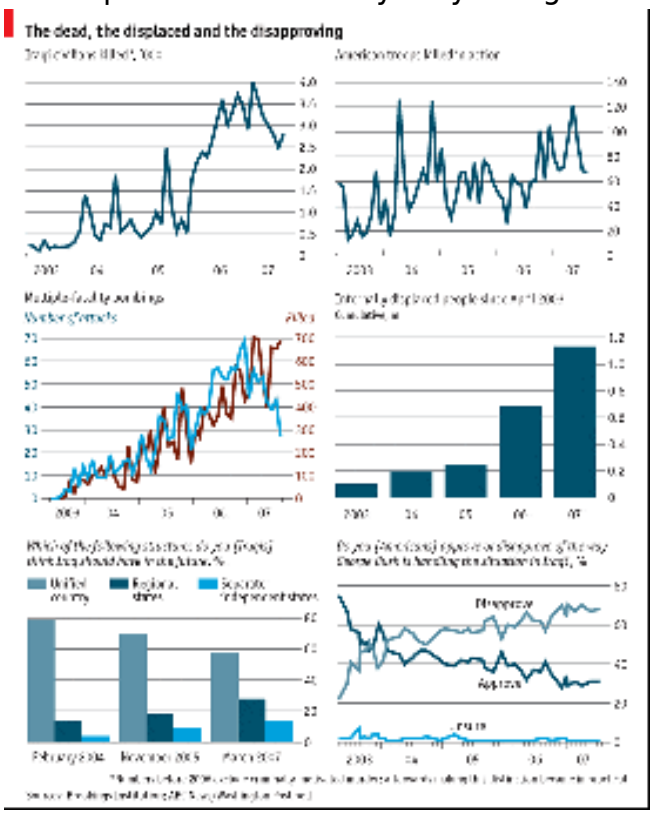
Ironically, despite the pertinence of these charts as well as their comprehensiveness, I really don't find much to say about them. I just saw this in The Economist and figured it would prove useful to anybody doing research on the Iraq war.



STOP BUILDING HOUSING YOU MORONS!

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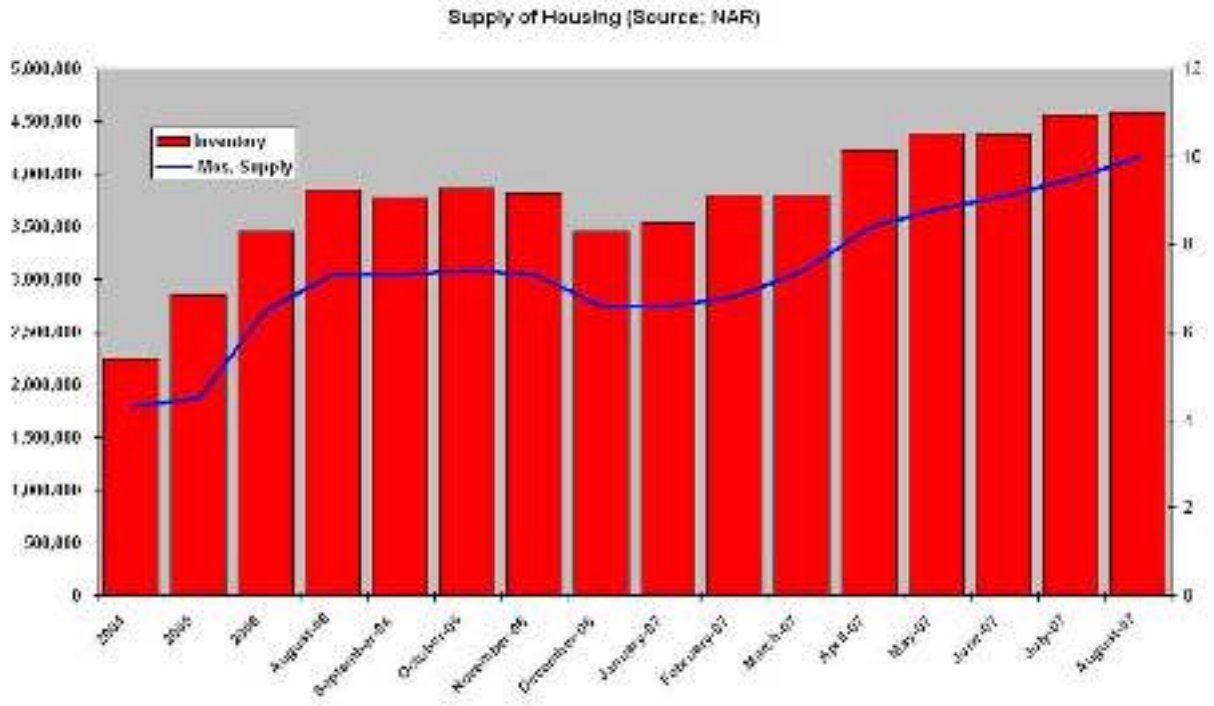
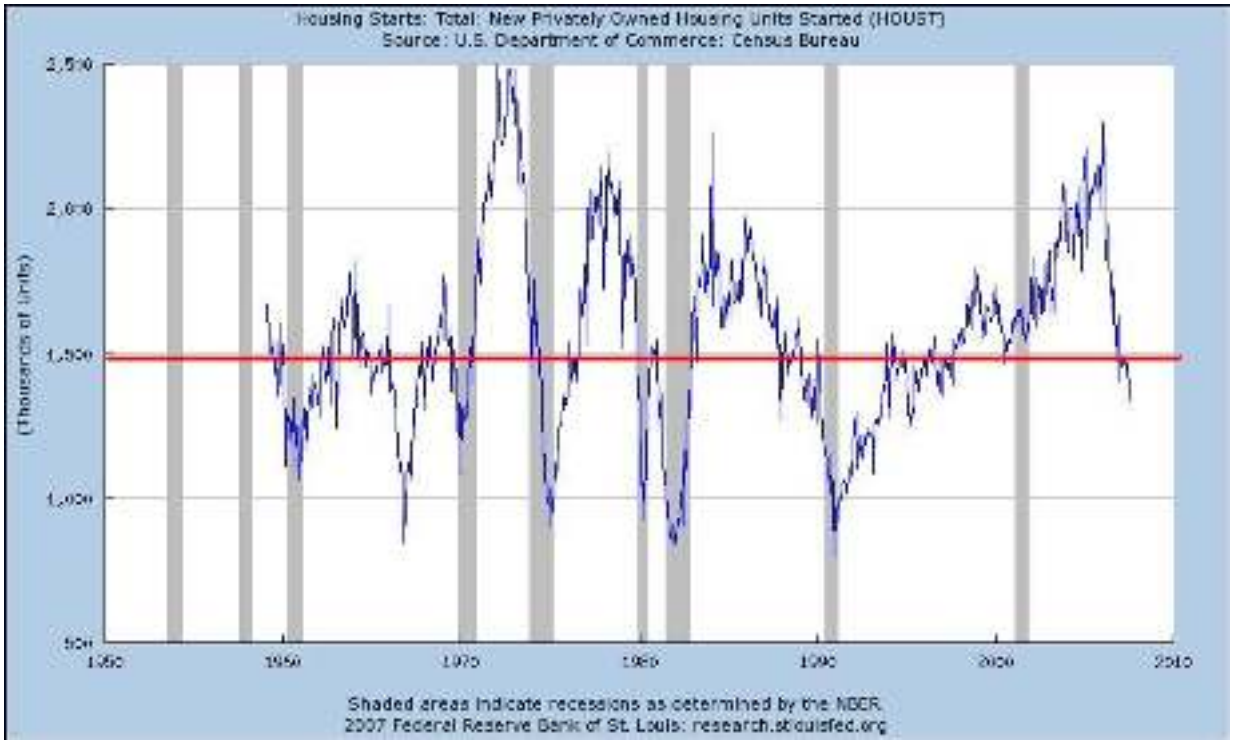
Last week they came out with figures that showed housing inventories had reached an all time historic high.



Naturally you would think home builders would dramatically scale back their operations until inventories had dropped and the market rebalanced. And that's your first mistake; You thought.



While builders have cut back production, they have only cut back to the historic average.

Since this is a historic level of glut in the market, production will have to be cut to historic lows in order to rebalance the market. As I've suggested before, the best thing for home builders to do right now is take a vacation and not work the next year. Come back and then start building houses again. Alas, when I drive down the Streets of Minneapolis (a popular 1970's spin off that was relatively unheard of) I see new condos, town homes and twin home developments going up further condemning us to lower housing prices.

Apparently home builders just don't seem to get it.

Minneapolis Condos Tank

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Major Swanson of Swanblog and now currently serving in Iraq sent this to me.

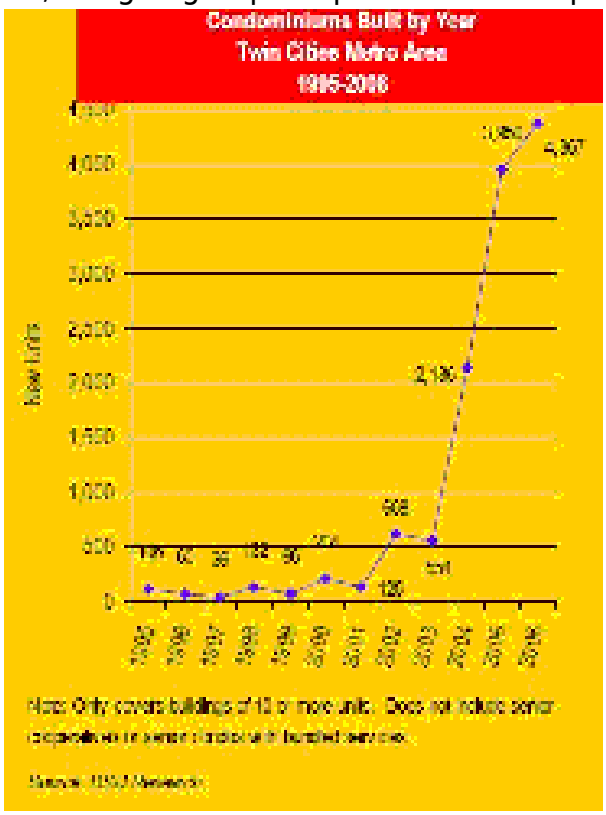
And what do you know, the condo market in Minneapolis is going down the toilet.

What is great is I had several of these deals cross my desk several years ago. And like a good economist I not only looked at the individual projects, but also looked at the condo market and said, "you know, I think there's going to be too many condo's hitting the market and these won't sell."

The problem with that is it makes bankers sad. For bankers don't make their money on the successful sale of condos. They make their money on the commission of deals they fund. So bankers don't have an incentive to fund good projects, they have the incentive to fund ALL projects.

And thus much lecturing and stern language was used whilst the bankers explained to me that I didn't know how this market worked. And how I was just some young punk kid that didn't have experience in condo development. And why, Good Ole Jim was the developer for this deal and Jim was a good guy, and how dare a young whipper snapper like me question somebody with gray hair.

So, I'm going to pull up an old chart I posted probably a year ago.



Imagine, just imagine, if somebody had listened to me or the bevy of other junior, deputy, professional or otherwise economists out there that saw this coming a mile away. We could have been called "The Recession Preventers" which would make for a good kind of 1960's, Man from UNCLE spy series, but the heroes would be economists.

Canuck Currency Kicking Ass

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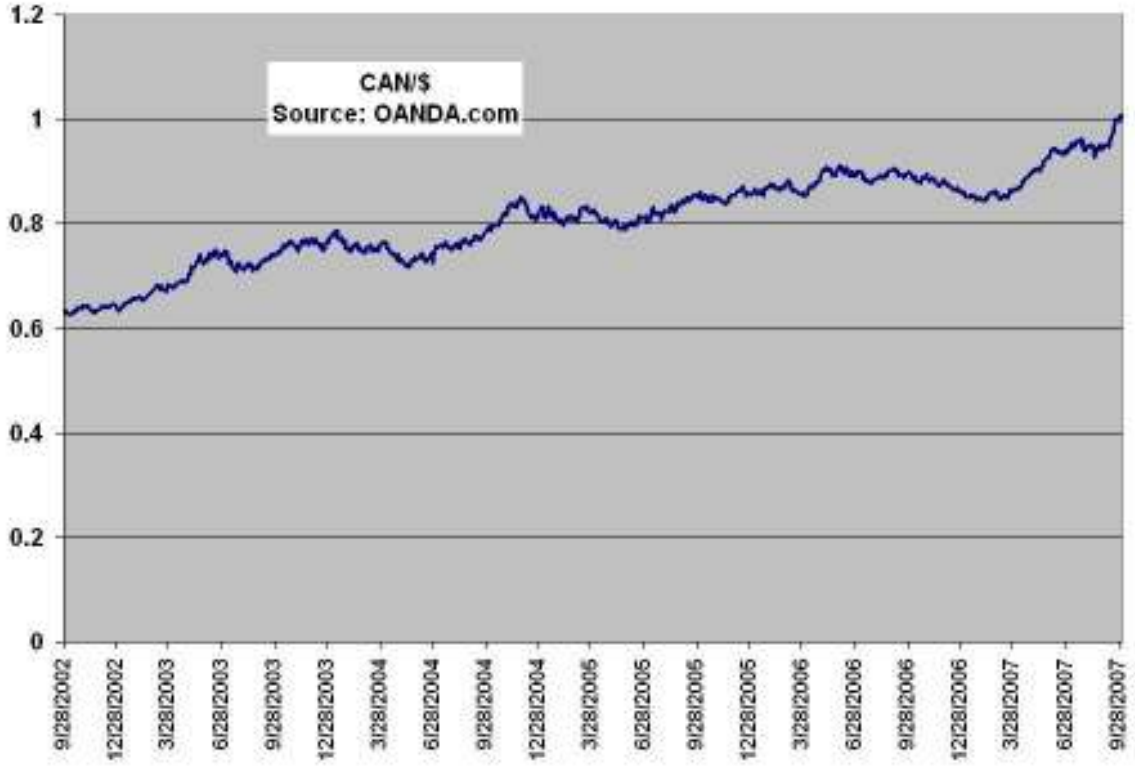
I had known the Canadian currency had made parity with the USD, but I didn't know how far it had come from behind.



Going from 60 cents to a full dollar in just 5 years. Canandians maybe should be looking to buy US assets with their newfound purchasing power.

Interest Only and Negative Amorization Loans as a Percent of the Total

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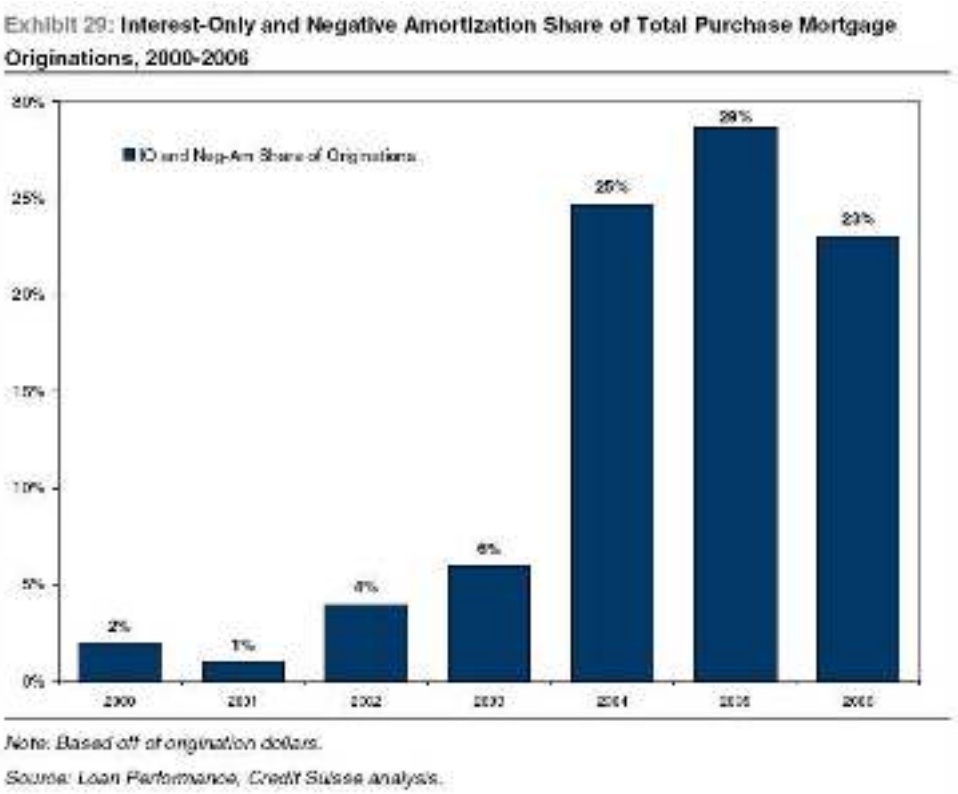
Cripes.



This chart doesn't even include ARM's. Just interest only and neg-am loans. What is particularly disgusting about this chart is that it's for original purchases. Not to take out equity in an already purchased home, BUT THEY USED NEG AM'S AND INTEREST ONLY LOANS TO BUY THE DAMN HOUSES!

The level of stupidity that not only the lenders, but the borrowers that caused this bubble is incomprehensible. How banks could make such stupid loans is beyond the jurisdiction of common sense and sanity. And to the point that over a QUARTER OF ALL ORIGINAL PURCHASE MORTGAGES WERE MADE TO HAVE NO EQUITY IN THE DEAL???

When this spills over into the larger economy and we all start to suffer because of these peoples' stupidity, I want not only the idiots that borrowed money they couldn't pay back, but I want the bankers and mortgage brokers that enabled this soon-to-be-recession taken to task too.

The regulators better be getting off their asses pretty soon.

Why High Schoolers and College Students Are Idiots

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Read this.

Then read this.

I will lay the exact same criticism upon the Young Republicans and Young Democrats clubs.

All they're doing is taking ignorant, brainwashable idiots and turning them into drones.

When you're in high school you should be trying to figure out how to ask out Amy Sue for prom.

Not posing as some wanna be teenager intellectual.

Young socialists club. Cripes, where's the parents?

Idiots.

For Frank - Aussie Currency ALSO Kicking Ass

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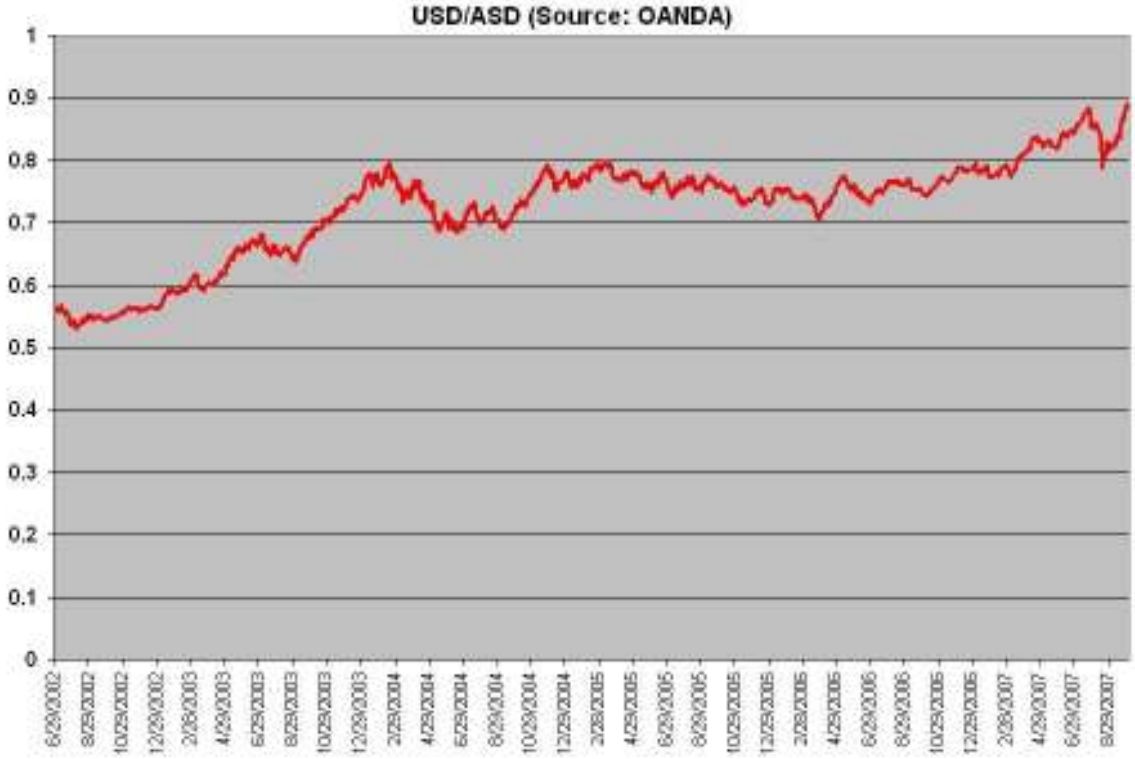
Yes yes, Frank. Australia is kicking ass too.



Now go play with some kangaroos or something.

The Solution is Not More Spending

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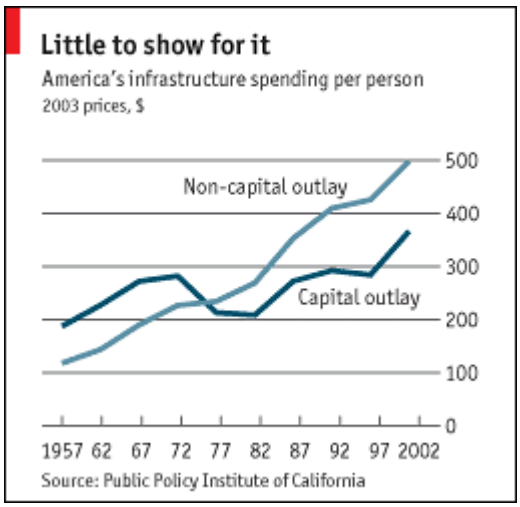
While for most people the bridge collapse in Minneapolis was one of the few national news items that highlighted our fair town, you probably do not get all the local news about how the Democrats (predictably) have used this as a rallying call for more spending (and for the call of the resignation of the head of our Department of Transportation who by coincidence happens to be Republican, the politics is sickening).



Regardless, I like this chart for it shows up the problem with transportation isn't the spending.

I still predict that after a long and thorough investigation they will conclude the bridge collapsed due to chance and that there will be no one to blame.

The Real Reason for Detroit's Demise

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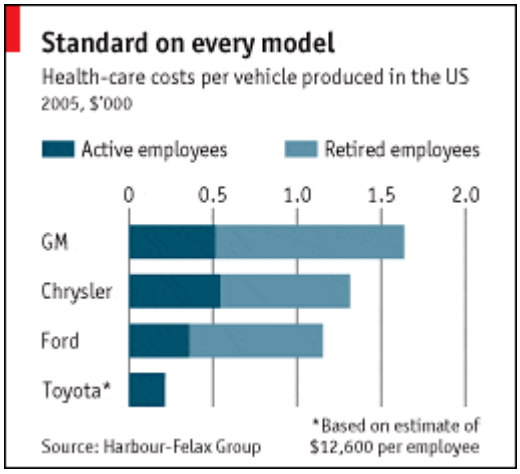

And just imagine how much of a labor advantage China has over Japan.

HAR!!!

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I'd pay a shinny quarter to see this happen.

No Doc and Low Doc Loans as a Percent of the Total

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Cripes.

Troubles for Luxury Condos Never Cease

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http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,300297,00.html

Teacher's Salaries as a Percent of GDP

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This was an interesting take on measuring teachers' salaries in different countries. What I found interesting is that Turkey and S. Korea pay their teachers twice the GDP per capita (ie- roughly twice the national average salary).

I also noticed the Scandinavians that consistently rank in the top of international educational scores spend relatively little.

She Makes Capital Markets More Efficient…One Trade at a Time

October 9, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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MissTrade.

She's been kind enough to send some links my way.

You shall visit her.

You will conform.

How Housing Predicts Unemployment

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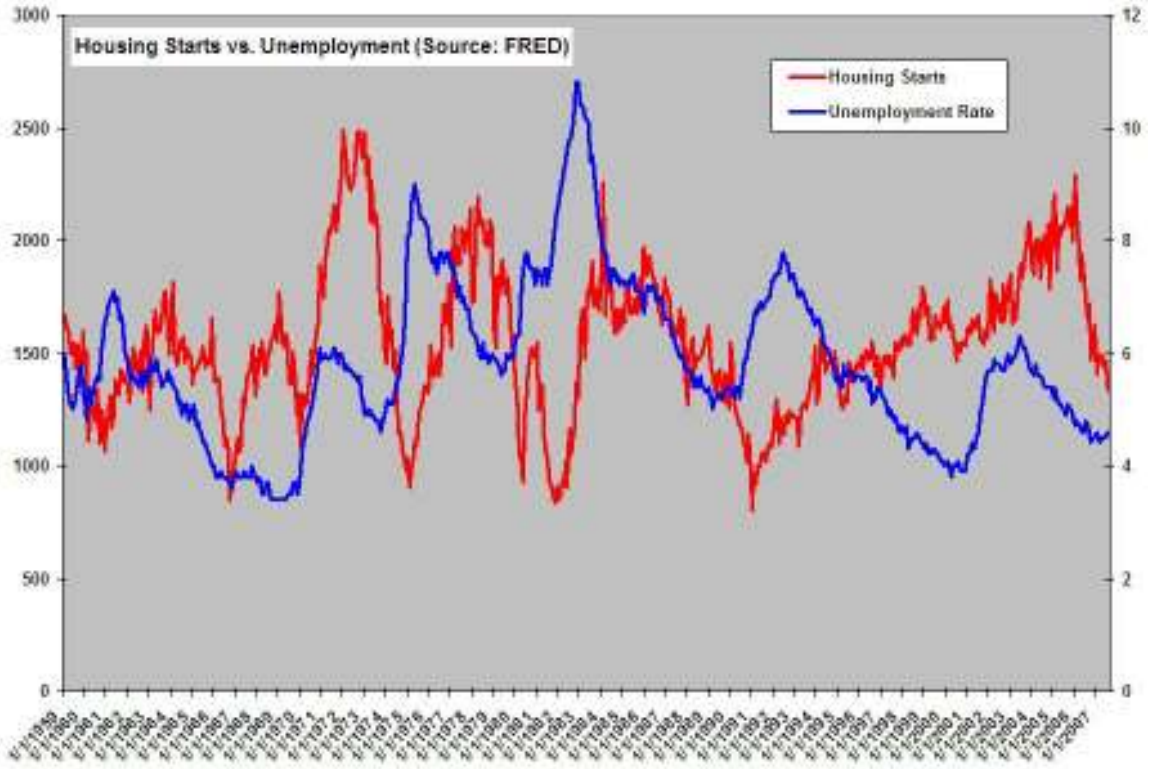
I noticed a while ago whenst correlating charts on a Saturday night that housing starts and unemployment more or less form a double helix...well, as best a double helix that's ever been formed in economics.



But what I particularly noticed was how housing prices predicated unemployment. Specifically when housing starts tank, unemployment usually peaks 6 months to a year later.

The reason would be that housing starts not only reflect 2-4 months of construction spending whilst the structure is being built, but 2-4 years consumer spending whilst the new owners furnish the building with furniture, drapes and X-Box 360.

There has been the occasional instance where housing starts tanked and unemployment did not increase. But that is the minority of the time.

Fun times ahead.

The Captain is Angry

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There is Quentin, a man from Zimbabwe who moved here to escape the BS known as Robert Mugabe.

There is Major Swanson of Swanblog who is in Iraq kicking ass and taking names...in a legal sense mind you.

There's the best radio show host, though he is not a full time one, Walter E Williams who missed his true calling and became an economist instead...though no doubt he is kicking ass and taking names there as well.

There was Gary who had the most kick ass belt buckle of all who showed up with his family and introduced himself and his family to me at the state fair.

And then there is good ol' Lawrence who was a frequent caller to my radio show in my radio show days who I miss sincerely.

And then I see this BS.

And it angers me because you have got to just wonder how stupid are people. How intellectually impotent one must be to put a freaking noose on the door of a black professor. Not to mention the noose incident in Jena, which I'm sure did not add fuel to the fire.

GROW THE F UP PEOPLE!

Cripes.

Nooses???

What? Is it 1920?

Hard core, evil, tripping-old-people-in-the-streets, kicking-puppies-in-the-yard conservative that I am, and try as I might to uphold my reputation as the evil, hate filled, kicker of kittens that I am, I deem it necessary to condemn such idiotic and ignorant behavior (though, such condemnation would seem to be implied).

Such childishness besmirches the honor and integrity of the men aforementioned above and those like them and shows you they will forever be superior people to the idiots that pulled such a stunt.

And while of course, because I'm a conservative, therefore I MUST be racist, I will ignore the association of racism that comes with conservatism foisted upon us by the left and express my disgust anyway.

Though, not to let readers such as Dtrum and Mr. Fuller down (who are beloved connoisseurs of cynicism), and to uphold my reputation as a cynical, angry man, I would be lying if I did not say that the hairs on the back of my neck are standing up to the point I would assert a 30% chance this may be a set up in the first place.

In either case, both prospects are disgusting and shame is plentiful enough to go around.

Home Foreclosures

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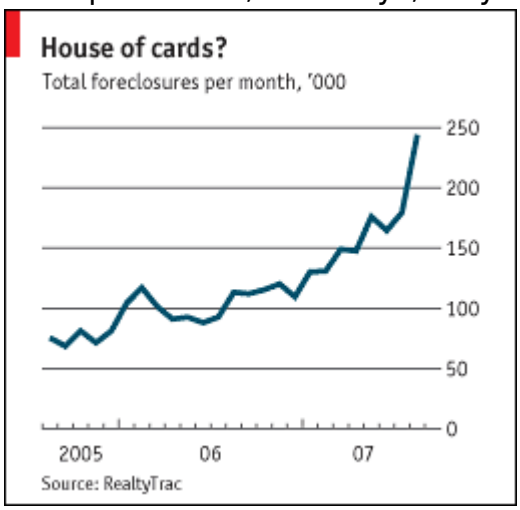
Early on in the crash of the housing market, people and pundits were quick to point out that mortgages that were either delinquent or in default were a very small percentage of total mortgages outstanding. That even the sub prime loans were suffering no more than a 4% default/delinquency rate. This they pointed to as proof that the housing crash was not a big threat and therefore we should stop worrying about it.

The problem with that is that it was in the here and now. When the real threat was what was going to happen to default and delinquency rates. The Economist has an excellent article discussing the various percentages of different types of loans that are in default or delinquent. Plus, as always, they have a jim dandy chart to go with it.



They Get Yulia, While We Get Hillary…Cripes

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Hubba hubba!

A new woman after the Captain's heart! Yulia Tymoshenko!

Not only is she a looker, but she is an economist too! (What is it with all these former Soviet Bloc women and their impressive degrees?)

You can read more about her here.

All I want to know is why the Ukrainians get Yulia, while we're stuck with Hilary.

Why Sociology Degrees Are Worthless

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I used to teach at a community college and in doing so was teaching some of the lesser privilaged kids. And by that time if you really want to help them, you have to shed the touchy feely BS they feed them in k-12 education and deal them the hard facts of life that might actually help them;
"No, majoring in travel and hospitality will not make you $50,000 a year fresh out of college."

"No, majoring in hair salonistry will not make you a millionaire and no you won't work in Hollywood."

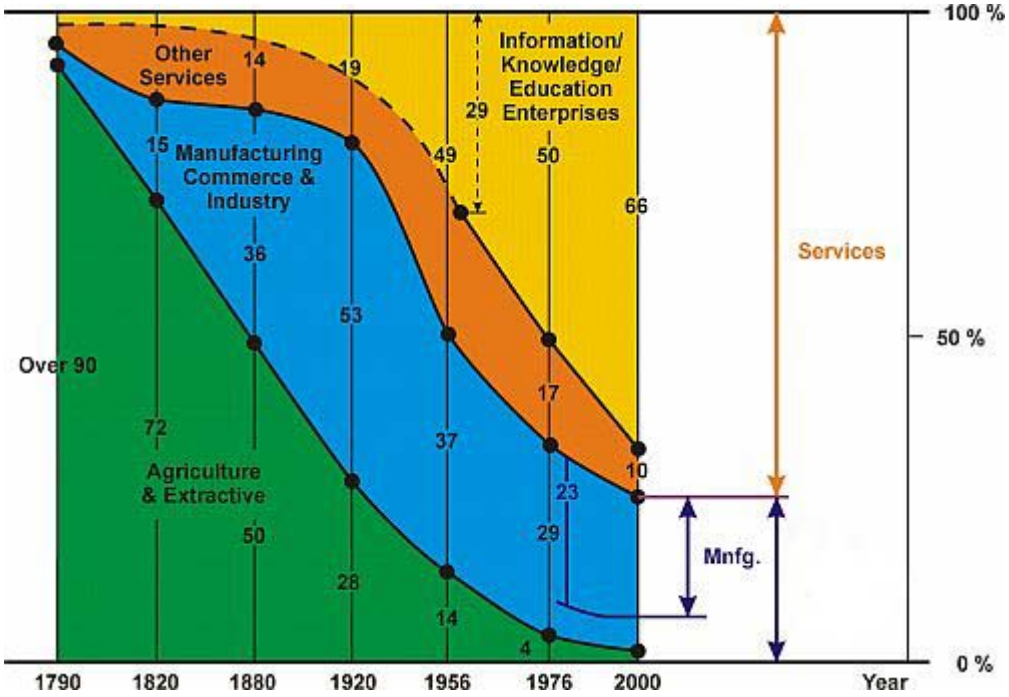
"No, majoring in cartoons will not yield a salary of six figures."

And thus they are crushed, but at least they are introduced to the real world at the younger age of 21-22 instead of being lied to until they're 40.

But still to this day I am amazed at the vitrolic and hate-filled response I get from students, younger people and even older people when I tell them majoring in sociology, philosophy, or travel and such is essentially a waste of time. In a sad sense it shows you how humans rather be lied to than told the truth, even if it is in their best interest...essentially how the democrats and socialists stay in power.

Regardless, reason sometimes doesn't work on people, leaving statistics to your last resort.

Mayhaps this will explain why farming subsidies and the auto industry are becoming obsolete;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Ariel Cohen at the U of MN Law School

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Hey All,

CFACT is hosting Ariel Cohen to talk about energy and Iraq. They had me come in and do a seminar a while ago, so you KNOW they have great speakers! ;)

In any case I promised them I'd let any of you aspiring, junior, deputy and otherwise interested economists know the time and location. Here's the info;

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I wanted to let you know that CFACT is hosting Dr. Ariel Cohen of
the
Heritage Foundation this Thursday, October 18 at 7PM in Room 55 of
the
University of Minnesota Law School.  You can find out more about
Cohen's bio here:
http://www.heritage.org/about/staff/ArielCohen.cfm

The gist of his speech is on US energy security and specifically
what
would happen if a conflict with Iran erupted.  I would like to
invite
you to this event, and if you believe your readers would find this
topic interesting feel free to share this information - they are
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welcome.
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Do You See What I See?

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I saw this and noticed something interesting.

It's not the fact that this is the beginning of the end of any hope of some sort of fiscal austerity in the US, but something else.

Can any astute aspiring, deputy economists see it?

Two Sides to the P/E Ratio

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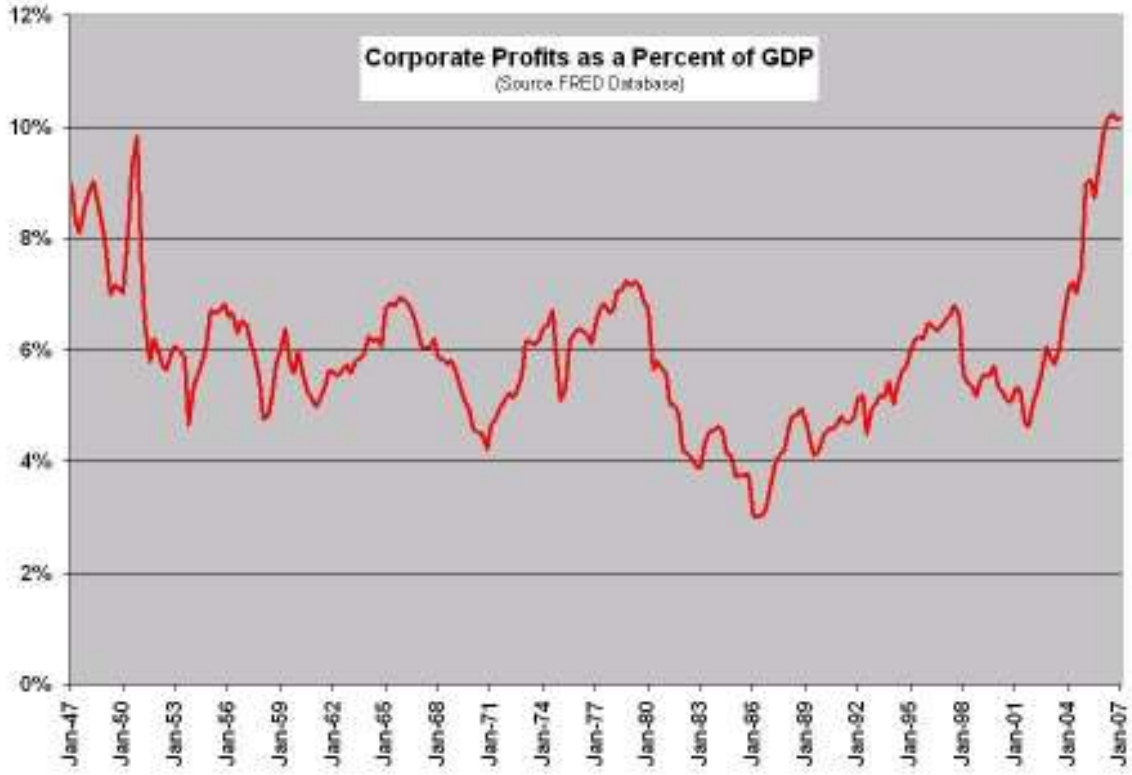
People wonder how the stock market can do so well, when the housing market is doing so horribly. And the reason is simple; corporate earnings are doing great.

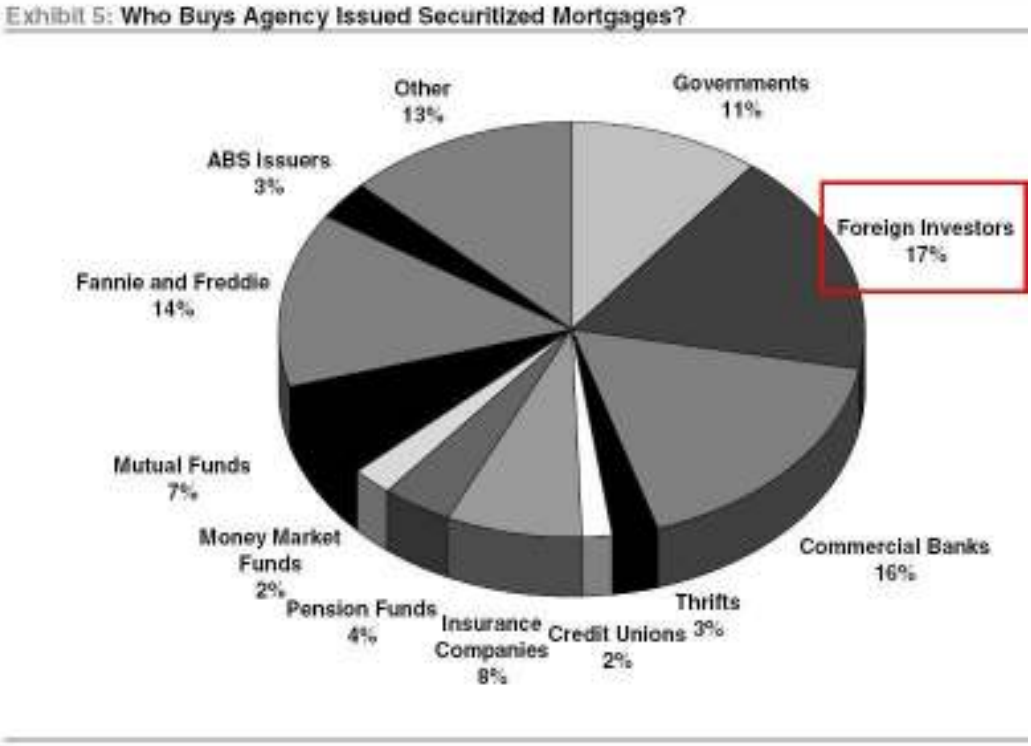
Corporate earnings as a percent of GDP have never been higher in recorded history.



These high profits have driven the P/E ratio down from their stratospheric levels to more sane ones that are more or less in line with historic averages.

However, while the majority of people focus on stock prices as the primary measure by which to determine whether markets are over valued, they forget P/E ratios are a double edged sword forgetting that earnings can also sway dramatically, quickly eroding price support to stocks. This is the true risk to the stock markets.

For while the housing market has yet to "infect" the rest of the economy, it will do its damnedest to. First to fall will be the financial sector. This is evidenced by the spate of earnings and write off troubles various financial institutions are having. And we're not talking the schleppy, b-movie firms. We're talking top shelf firms; Bear Sterns, UBS, even Merrill Lynch posted it's first loss since 2000. Nor are we talking US firms. Foreign firms were fed a line of bull when they bought up 17% of our worthless MBS's and now they're suffering the consequences.



The question is whether it will spill into the non-financial sector and drive down overall earnings thereby triggering a stock market crash. And while I think that is a very real possibility, allow me to point out a silver lining that might just save us.

In a weird and perverted twist of economics, Americans' utter disdain for any measure of fiscal discipline may save them. For in spending more than they make, they've essentially tanked the US dollar against practically all other currencies.

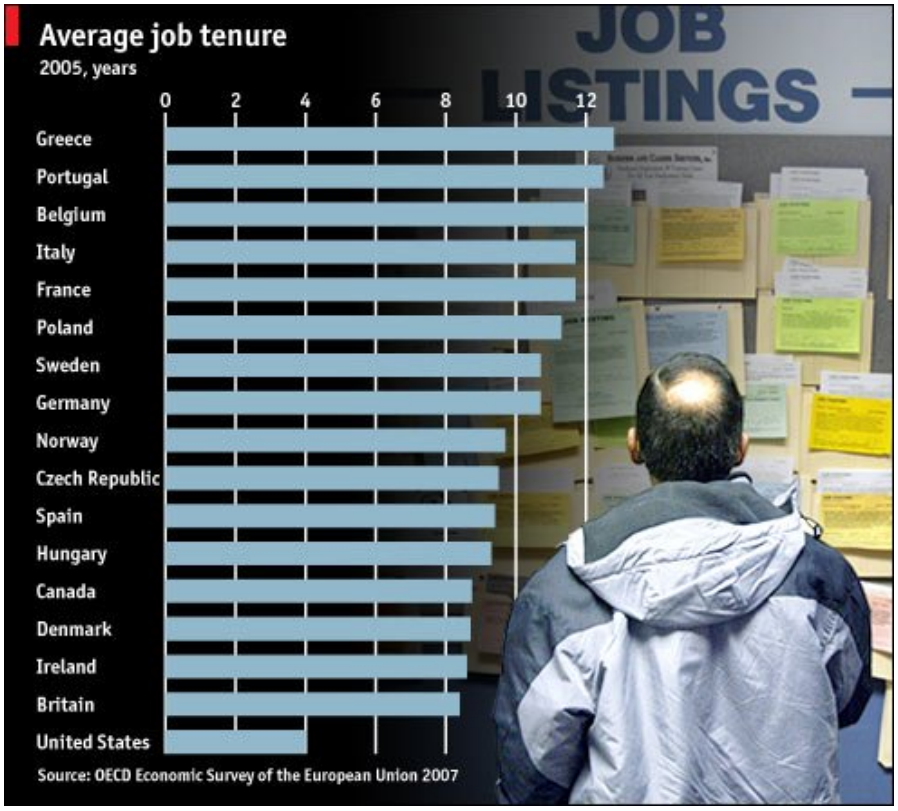
However, corporate America has been wise, investing more than most other countries overseas, and therefore have diversified themselves into other markets, inoculating themselves against a downfall here. Plus, while on the domestic front things may collapse, profits made in foreign countries, denominated in foreign currencies may bolster profits here as they're remitted back home and converted into dollars. Additionally, a weak dollar may boost foreign demand for US assets and firms, such as China's sovereign wealth fund, putting upward pressure on stock prices.

Of course I doubt a favorable exchange rate and increased foreign demand for US stocks will solely prevent the stock market from at least some kind of correction, but it may soften the blow.

Average Time Spent on the Job

October 17, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The days of being a loyal, hard working blue collar man are long gone in the United States. With increasing wealth, rich parents for the rich kids, and the bevy of government programs for the poor kids, it's kind of hard to tolerate the pointy haired boss that seemingly every employer is hell bent on becoming. Thus, telling your boss to take this job and shove it is more common. However, I was surprised to see just how much longer people stay on the job in Europe than do their American cousins;



That being said, I'm surprised the average work length in the US is as high as 4 years. I would have guessed 2.

Dividends Ultimately are the Only Thing that Matter

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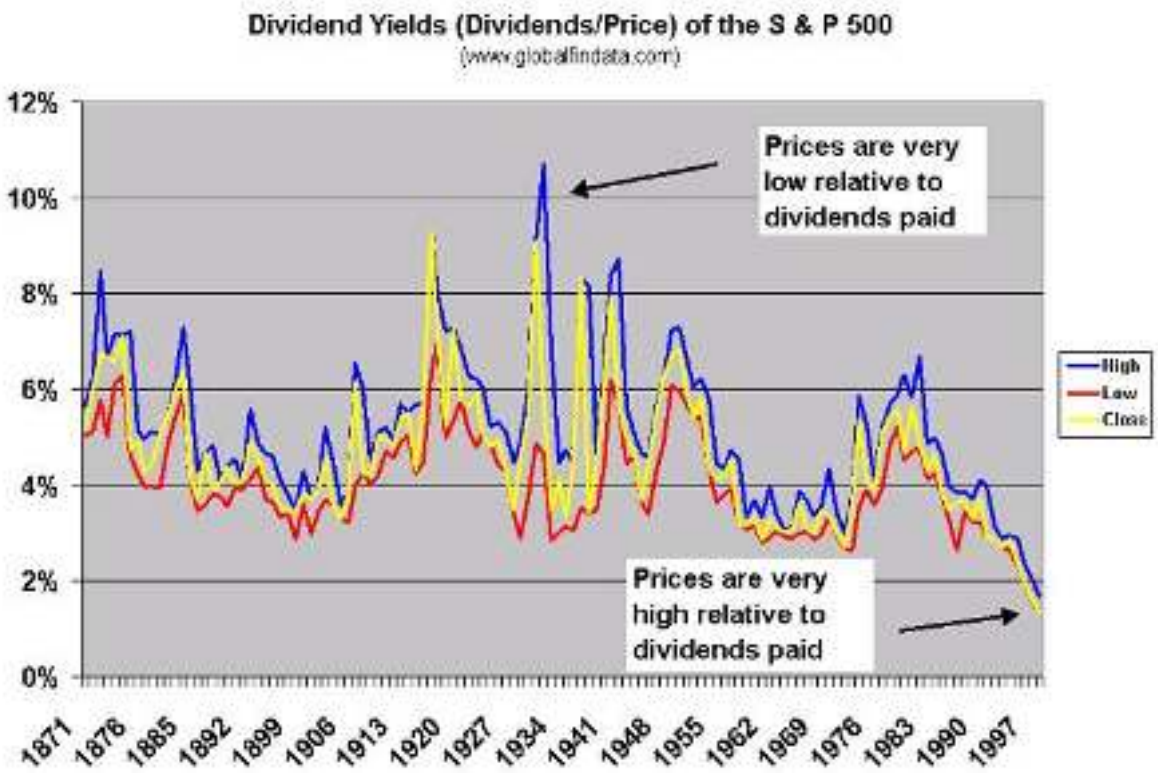
I do a seminar on how to research stocks and one of the first lessons I try to convey to my students is that the reason you invest in a company is NOT the fact that you will try to sell it for more down the road, but that you should really invest in a company for dividends.

For ultimately, that is all a company will ever pay until the point it is either sold or goes bankrupt. Therefore dividends are the only cash flow provided by the company over the course of its life and are therefore the real driver of its value.

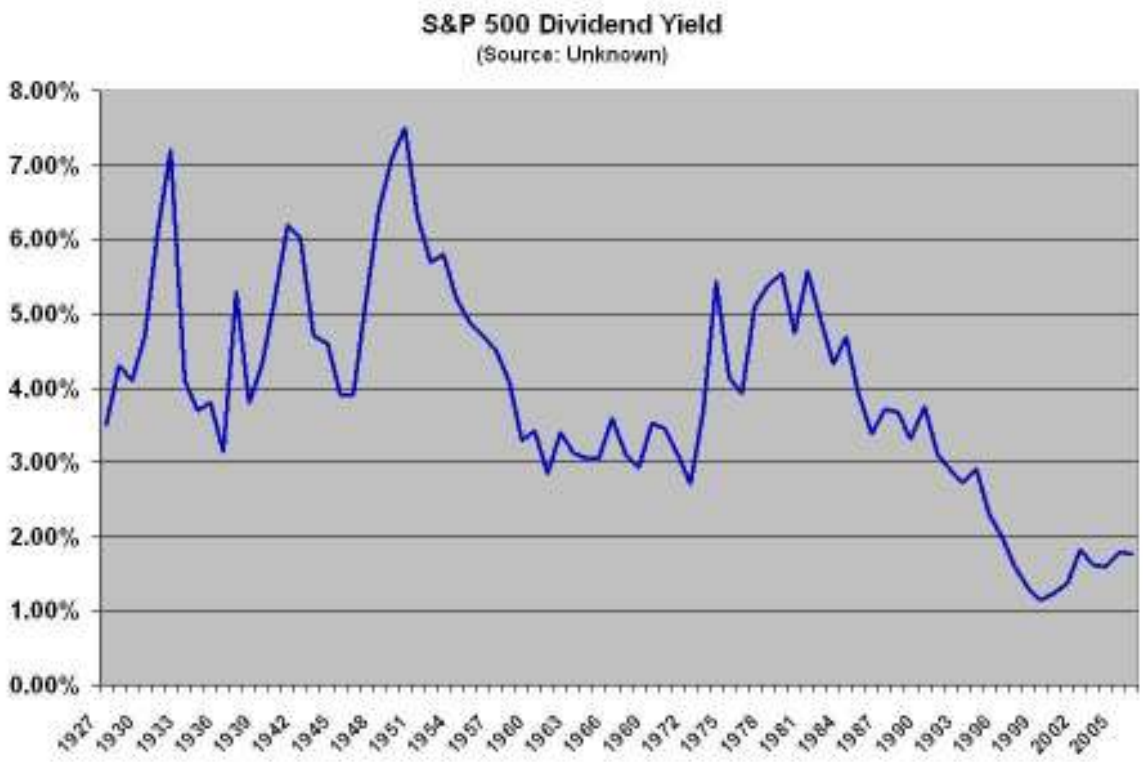
So a while ago I had pulled some data to get the average dividend yield for the S&P 500 from Globalfindata.com, and I'm glad I did because they started charging for it when I went to look for an update this morning. Here's my old chart;



Noticed that back in the Great Depression, based on dividend yield stocks were a steal, at one point dividends providing a near 10% of the firm's stock price. But with the nearly 20 year bull market stocks increased at a rate faster than dividends, driving the dividend yield to its historic low of just 1.1%. So roughly, based on the amount of dividends the firm was paying, you'd have to wait almost 100 years to break even.

But that was at the peak of Dotcom Mania and I wondered if the dividend yield, like the S&P 500's P/E ratio had recovered to more normal levels. This required I find more up to

date data and found a data series going back to 1927, but then had to supplement it with an old Excel chart I had found (the source of which I did not notate so I don't remember where it came from, but nonetheless I assume it's legit);



And what a whopping recovery. Instead of realizing dividend return of 1.1% you can now expect a full 1.8% return! Seems the market is still partying like it's 1999.

Adios Joey

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So long, Joey. Have a drink for us with Frank and the crew.

Great Minds Think Alike

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David, for some reason, thought that I would not post his graph or chart up here as it would be too assuming of me that I would. When one must understand that Captaincapitalism.blogspot.com is all about three simple things;

1. Charts
2. Capitalism
3. Selma Hayek

So, please, people, send me your charts. I am totally for posting new charts you come up with. Even The Economist followed my lead because I'm such a trend setter;

www.economist.com/charts

So, you will visit David and his identical chart. For when different people come up with that same data or chart, then you know there's something to it.

He Is Man Enough to Handle This

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Which is what makes him the first real FrenchMAN in a long time.

Go Rush Go

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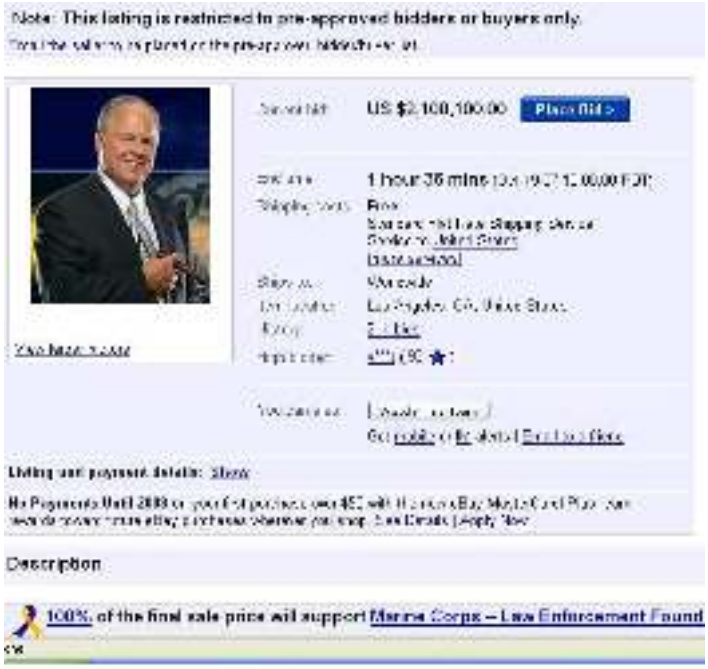

There's not enough paper towels in the world to wipe the egg off the democrats face on this one.

Want to Help Out People Being Foreclosed Upon? LOWER PROPERTY TAXES!

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Minneapolis, as you've surmised, is like any other major city in the US in that there's a leftist core and pretty much all the wealth producers have escaped to the suburbs. Oh sure, some like me who detested the concept of suburbia with the latest in Ambercrombie and Fitch and trophy wives driving aimlessly in an urban assault vehicle, stayed in the city, insistent the culture and "realness" of city life made it worth the lefter leaning yard signs and the occasional towing of the car and continued to contribute to GDP. But after your place gets broken into, the cops give you 2 rolling stop tickets because they're bored and the city of Minneapolis jacks up your property taxes 300% in 6 years with no noticeable improvement in city services or schools, all of the sudden having the appetizer platter at Applebee's, wearing the latest in Ambercrombie and Fitch doesn't look so bad.

And so I fled.

But now, like in pretty much every other major city throughout the US, city council members are scrambling to secure votes in the next election by calling for some level of assistance in helping the unfortunate people in their city that are facing foreclosure. Some advocate "crisis lines" to help people figure out a way to avoid foreclosure. Others are advocating bail outs calling on state and federal tax payers to bail their citizens out.

But here's a crazy idea I had. How about you lower the freaking property taxes? In many cases the reason people are facing foreclosure is that their ARM has reset and now they must shell out an additional $50-$100 a month (I'm not kidding, I've heard and read stories where they can't afford an extra $50-$100 a month). Well if that's the case, and so many of these poor unfortunate home owners are at risk of losing their homes, why don't you lower the property taxes to help them out? That would probably do more to help them keep their home than a crisis line.

Beyond which, lowering property taxes will also help in another regard;

It will increase the value of homes in the city.

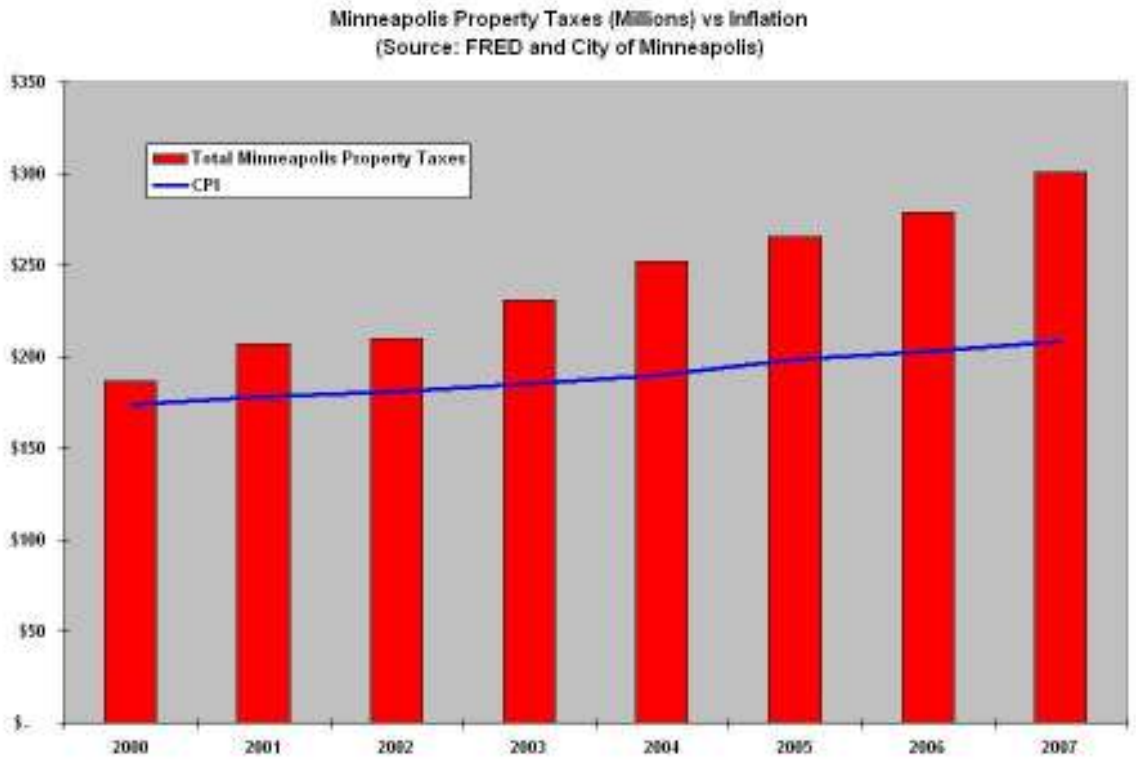
In increasing the property taxes, what cities have done is decreased the net rents that can be received from renting out the property. The supply and demand for apartments and rentals is more or less independent of property taxes. Thus market rents are set. So if property taxes are increased, then the landlord must eat the extra costs. He can go ahead and try to increase rents to offset the increase in property taxes, but with so many affordable housing developments, chances are he's just going to have to eat it.

With these lower profits, this decreases the market value of a house or rental property. One of the three major valuation techniques used by appraisers is income approach, looking at what cash flows the property will provide. If property taxes were to be lowered, this would increase the net cash flow provided to the owner, and thus the appraised value of the property.

Of course the likelihood of this happening is zero. Most major cities' city councils are far left leaning, even Minneapolis has a Green party member if I recall correctly. And, if you were foolish enough like me to contact your city council member in the hopes of getting your property taxes lowered, you are always told there's not enough money and the reason your property taxes went up was through some weird, tangled logic that inevitably blamed the evil Republicans at the state. This is because democrats, socialists and other lefter leaning sorts stay in power by raising taxes on a minority and transferring the wealth to the majority effectively bribing the masses. So they are not going to lower taxes, even if it is on the poorer folk, because it's not in their nature. if anything, they're going to raise taxes on the rich and then try to provide some government service or program to bail these people out.

Thus, it seems time again to bring out what the left hates the most, and that is facts and statistics.

According to the City of Minneapolis property taxes have gone up 60% since 2000. Inflation however, has only gone up 20%.



Right off the bat you can tell, mathematically, that there is enough room to cut property

taxes and provide these people a little relief. Secondly, and albeit anecdotally, instances of the city blowing money on a $200 million library, who knows how much on "green roof tops," and I recall a "sculpture" which was nothing more than a cube I saw in the city park that after some investigation I found cost $50,000 (If anybody wants me to make a cube, I'll cut them a deal for $30,000. We'll call them "Captain's Cubes" and I'll sign them and you can put them in parks or in your yard or something). Regardless, as always there is plenty of fat to trim from the city budget and pass onto the people.

The question is whether the council members are going to help out those unfortunately facing foreclosure with real help or whether they're going just help themselves.

I'm just happy I'm in the burbs.

Hip Hop Has Nothing on the Old School

October 20, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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First Avenue is not just a street in Minneapolis, but also a dance hall. And to date myself (as well as dispel the notion economists are nerdy geeky guys who stay indoors all day) at First Avenue I saw;

Gwar
KMFDM

and

the Revolting Cocks.

But First Avenue is also just hands down the best dance club in the Twin Cities, I might even say the US. And I remember in my college days watching on the big screen there while dancing to the Beastie Boys they had thrown up some old 1940's dance film of this tap dancing duo. Don't know why, usually they just threw up some kind of music video, but this time they threw up this dancing duo.

HANDS DOWN THE BEST DANCING I HAD EVER SEEN!

I asked around. Nobody knew who I was talking about. I soon forgot about my crusade to find it.

Until it occurred to me to check You Tube for it on my way back from dancing.

Here it is. You will NOT be let down;

The Nicolas Brothers in "Stormy Weather"

I just like to see the kings of Hip Hop pull off anything with 1/10th the level of this skill.

For the French Protestors

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I made this post quite some time ago when the students protested the French government passing legislation that their students pay for their own lives. Given the resurgence of protests because (OH GASP) the French taxpayers shouldn't pay for livelong retirement for lazy government workers, I thought it apprapoe to remind them of their own idiocy.

Are you a hard-working business owner looking to expand overseas?

Looking to tap that lucrative Euro market and it's potential 500 million customers?

Do you need labor that is not only loyal, but highly trained and skilled?

then...

THINK FRANCE!

Yes, France, where the future hard-working leaders and workers of France pummel journalists for their camera.

THINK FRANCE!

Where future workers know how vital it is for an economy to distribute goods, services, products and labor efficiently

THINK FRANCE!

Where your future employees will hurl crap at you

THINK FRANCE!

Where the youth are trained to be mature, respectable representatives of your company

Don't go to other countries where their labor is so predictable and cheap.

Go to where all spoiled brat American girls who have not a freaking clue as to how the real world works and people with not the slightest ounce of economic sense want to go!

THINK FRANCE!!!

Last Chance!

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Hey, it's the last chance for all Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or otherwise economists to send me photos they want to be included in Major Swanson's photo album.

Major Swanson is currently stationed in Iraq and since he is a member of the blogging world I thought it'd be nice to have a whole sh!tload of complete strangers send in pictures that appreciate his service so we could make him and his outfit a nice gift.

E-mail them to me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com, REMEMBER TO COPY AND PASTE, it is CAPTcapitalism, not CAPTAINcapitalism.

Chicks Dig Me, I Contribute to GDP

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I was discussing with my friends the other day, and the topic of conversation had turned to charity. They accused me of being a cold hearted man and that I probably never contributed to charity once in my life.

To which I responded, "Hey, I contribute to charity. I contribute to GDP."

Since then I have referred to "going to work" as "I'm contributing to GDP" for I think it sounds better and it impresses chicks.

For example;

Girl - "What are you doing Wednesday night?"

Me - "I'M WORKING."

Girl - "Oh, that's too bad."

vs.

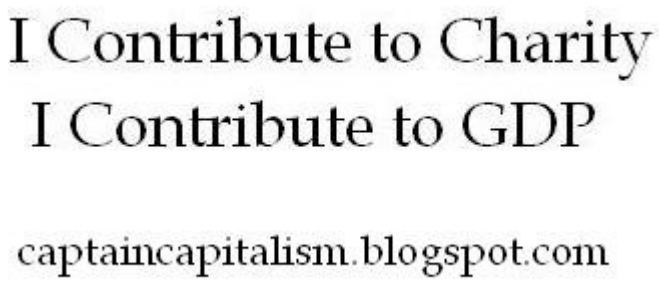
Girl - "What are you doing Wednesday night?"

Me - "Oh, I'd love to join you, but I'm contributing to GDP that night."

Girl - "Awwww! Wow, you're so kind and sweet and caring! Let's make out!"

Totally happens like that all the time.

In any case, I thought the phrase might make for a good shirt and was kicking around the idea of having the following just on a white t-shirt;



Of course I would charge enough to cover my expenses and include a profit, but I guarantee all of you that 100% of the proceeds would go to the US National Income Accounts and help me contribute to GDP. There's a shop nearby I think I can get them made for $7-8 a shot, with shipping, I don't know, around $15 a piece I'd surmise. Anybody interested?

Economic OUCH!

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Talk about an economic rude awakening!

Chinese P/E Ratios

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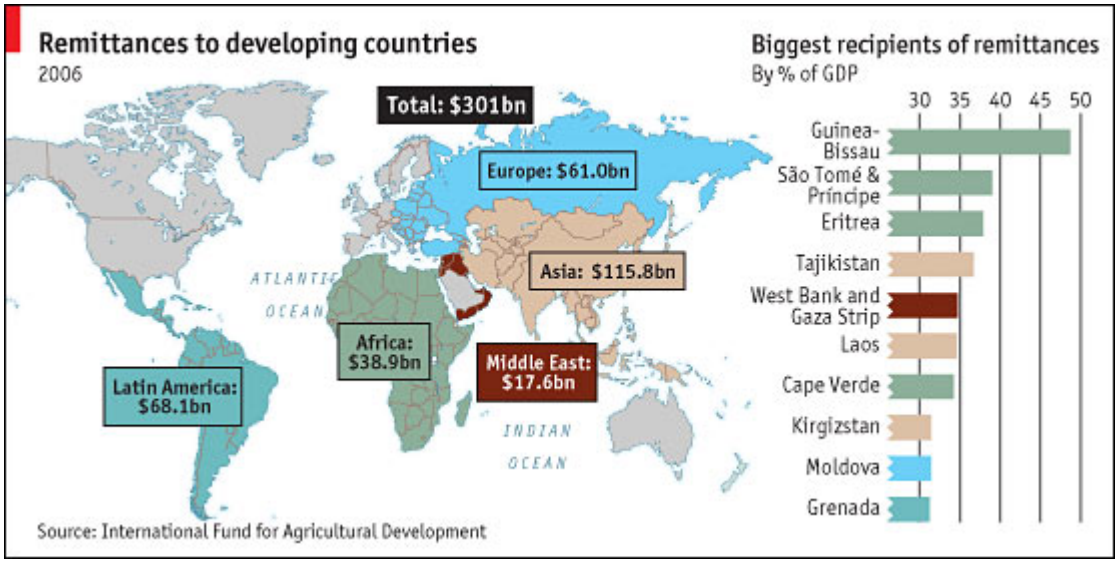
They're getting kinda pricey in China.

The debate is whether you suffer lousy future economic growth, declining corporate taxes, recession, increasing taxes under pressure from social security and pay a P/E of 16 for the current average American firm, or do you pay a P/E of 60 for a firm in a country with 12% RGDP growth, no debt, increasing labor productivity, AND a lower corporate tax rate in "communist" China.

Remittances as a Percent of GDP

October 24, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link



I found it interesting that some countries are so poorly managed that those people who have emigrated from those countries are able to supply nearly or over a third of the countries' GDP through remittances.

That being said, remittances are supremely superior to foreign aid. The money is sent directly to the people, directly sent to the market, needn't go through a bureaucracy such as the UN and thus actually might get something done.

How Far Will Housing Prices Fall?

October 25, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I often get asked "How far will housing prices fall?"

And I say "about 25%."

The reason I say that is because, unlike pretty much every other estimate I've seen that speculates on the future drop in housing prices, is that I actually have some research that would back it up. And that research is based in the simple concept of house price to rents or house price to incomes. Meaning, that housing prices tend to stay withing a certain multiple of the rents that could be plausibly be gotten from renting out that house or the incomes of people that buy the house.

Historically, houses have "traded" at a multiple of 17 times the rent they could have been rented out for. However, with the new and creative financing methods, allowing people who should have never been loaned money in the first place to (as I like to say) "rent their house from the bank" this artificially and temporarily increased demand for housing, driving the average house price to rents to 30. This would imply a nearly 45% devaluation in the future, but not all that increase was due to fleeting ARM and interest only loans. Some of it was due to long term interest rates dropping and therefore the price increase would be a bit more sticky on the way down, once the sub prime mess is cleansed from the system.

Similarly is house price to incomes. Incomes being the median income of the average US Joe. Normally houses traded at around 3.25 times a person's median income, jumping to nearly 4.75. This implies a nearly 33% drop in housing prices must occur in order to come back in line with historical averages. And seeing housing has already dropped 5%, I'm thinking another 25% would do the trick.

I'm just wondering if those banks, in all of their wisdom and genius, can handle a 25% drop in value of their collateral...actually, I don't wonder.

For the Last Time, MORE MONEY DOES NOT EQUAL BETTER SCHOOLS!

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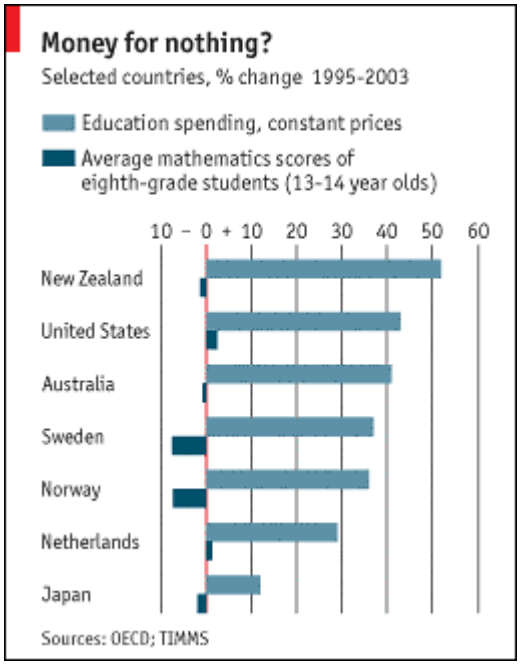
It just equals a higher tax bill;



I Predict She Will Fail

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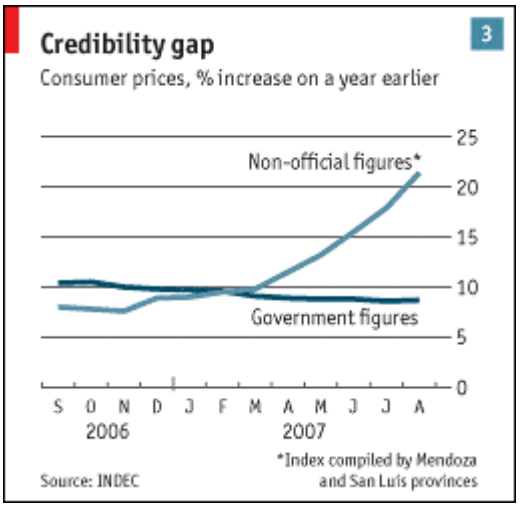
Barring some truly genuine independent thinking, Christina Kirchner will continue the failed policies of her husband, worsen the already deteriorating economic fundamentals of Argentina,



and further cement that nepotism and cronyism are in general bad for societies.

I know everybody is excited because of the presupposition that if Christina can win, then so too can Hillary, but when we're all done with the warm fuzzies feelings and ready to look at people critically, especially when they're in important positions of power such as presidents and their decisions affect millions of normal every day folk, then maybe we can take off the rose colored glasses, absolve ourselves of sexism, overlook the fact they're females (and NOT Margaret Thatchers by any stretch of the imagination) and the "gee shucks howdy wouldn't it be swell if we had a female president" and instead treat them in a truly non-sexist, non-discriminatory fashion and ask "Gee, shucks howdy, will they really lead and help out our country or are they just riding on the coat tails of their husbands?" then I think both countries might just benefit.

Sadly I do not credit either population (Argentinians or Americans) with the intellectual fortitude and independent thinking to put ahead the idealistic desire to have the first female president ahead of their;

1. Ability to lead a country
2. Their policies and their ramifications for that country
3. The inevitable outcome, progress or lack thereof due to their election

Even if it would be on the whole, a generally positive and frankly interesting thing to have a first female president.

Thus, I predict, more so in Argentina's case than America's, Christina will prove to be more of a celebrity than an effective statesman, falling far short of a true genuine leader

like Margaret Thatcher. And should Hillary get elected president, I predict the same.

For it isn't about sex or gender. That is key to understand. The key to the success of a nation and its progress is the policies that are implemented, regardless of the gender, sex, religion or race of the person implementing them. That is why I'm betting Christina will fail and Hillary would should she get elected. And why I lament the loss of Condi Rice or Walter E Williams to consider running for president. Christina will continue the policies of expansionary and reckless fiscal policy of Nestor, promise everything to everyone, and hope to high heaven commodity prices remain high so Argentina's economy can afford her vote-bribing promises, only to have it inevitably collapse like it did in 1999.

Regardless, cripes, could you imagine the fun and just outright pride that would be rejuvinated in America should Walter E Williams become "President Williams?" I might actually tune into presidential speeches then! I'll take a Walter E/Condi ticket over Hillary/Edwards any day.

Sadly it will not happen.

Just How Much Sub Prime Garbage Was There?

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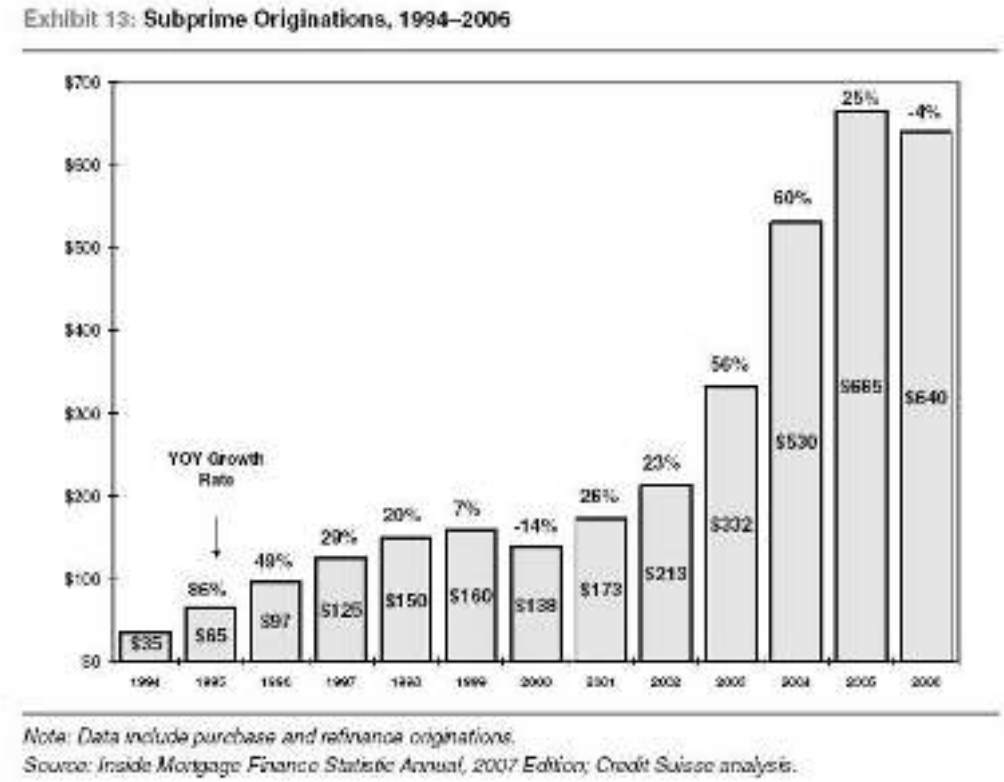
Trillions and trillions of dollars!



Again, because of the sheer size of this stupidity I will find it hard to believe the economy doesn't at least slow down drastically.

The Captain Officially Endorses Walter E Williams for President

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Unfortunately, he will not run.

(This post made just to depress Mahan and others about what could have been possible

had the nation just studied up on a little bit of economics)

Was Surprised with These Stats

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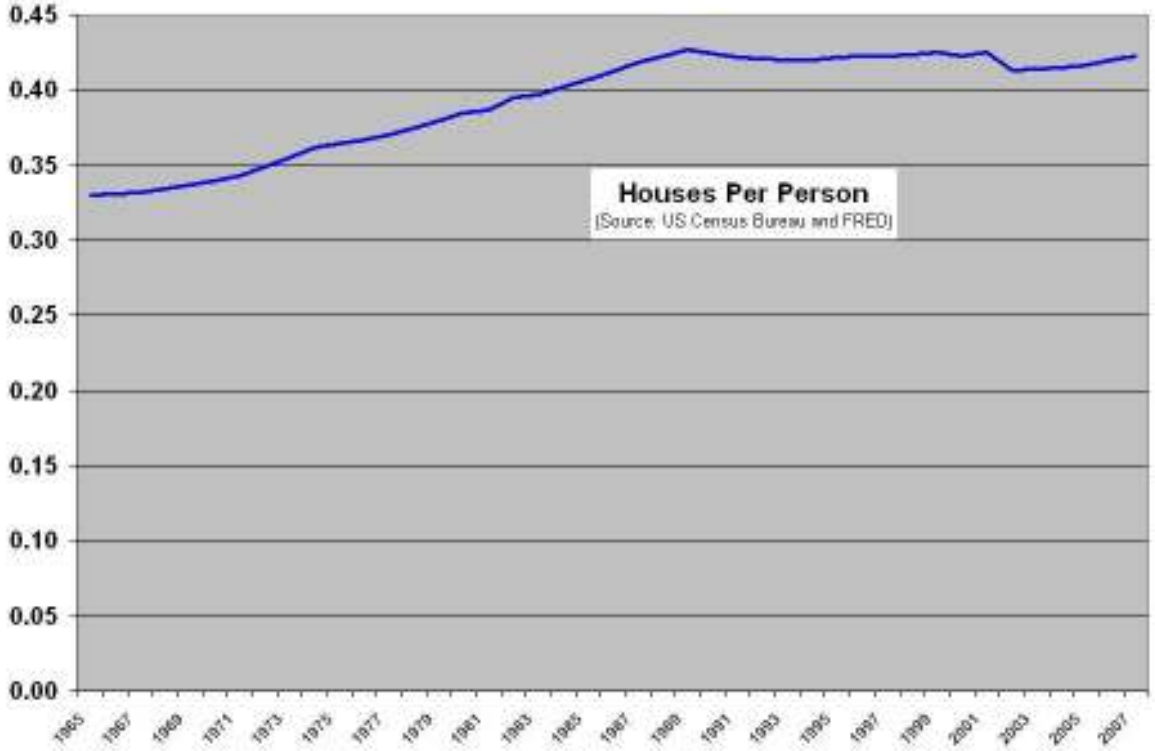
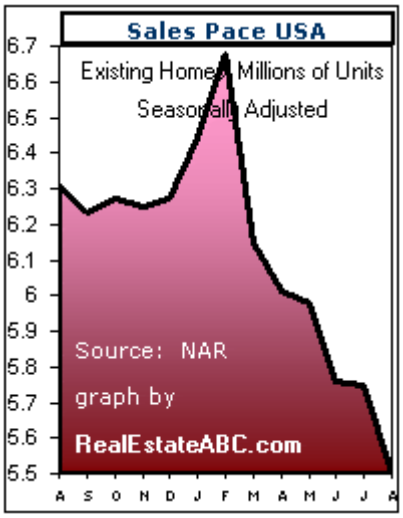
I figured an interesting chart would be the number of houses per person in the US to get a gauge as to how much inventory would have to be sold off to get back in line with historic averages. But the data surprised me in that houses per person, while near the peak is not at a record, nor terribly out of line with the past 15 years.



I thought that maybe the definition of a "house" according to the Census Bureau would mean only single family homes and not include town homes or condos, but after looking up the definition on the report it does.

This runs contrary to the bevy of other statistics out there that measure the supply of housing, namely "month's supply." But it reminded me of what my realtor pointed out to me one time, that "month's supply" is the current inventory of houses for sale divided by the previous month's sales, resulting in how many months it will take to sell out the current inventory. And while everybody focuses on how much housing inventory is sitting on the market, not a lot of people look at the denominator of the formula which has been precipitously dropping.



In other words, "supply" as we traditionally have measured it has gone up, not so much because there is a lot of new housing being built (though that is certainly the case) but because sales have dropped so much, decreasing the denominator of the formula, thereby increasing the "supply" of housing. Meanwhile relative to the population, the current housing stock of the country is not terribly out of line.

This leads me to believe that my realtor is right on another point. That when housing sales recover, even modestly, this will have a dramatic effect on the month's supply of housing and the housing market, when it does, will swing back to a balanced market rather quickly.

That is of course assuming we avoid a recession. Heh.

I'll Say It Again for the Cheap Seats

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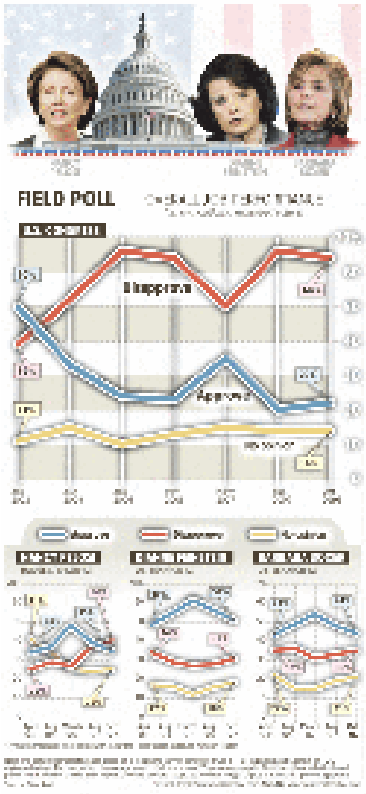
One of my favorite movies is "The Last Boy Scout." Damon Wayans is getting grilled by the cops about the location of Bruce Willis (Joe Hallenbeck), to which he responds;

"Look, I'll say it again for the cheap seats...I DON'T KNOW WHERE JOE HALLENBECK IS!!! That's my statement! Write it down and shove it up your ass!"

And many times, I feel the same way. When you have something that is so true, so basic, so simple, not even an issue of debate; the sky is blue, the water's wet, women have secrets, I don't know where Joe Hallenbeck is. Yet the forces that be want a different answer even if it isn't true. So I'll say it again for the cheap seats;

People, largely, vastly, do not care if you are a woman or otherwise minority running for office. They care about your stance and your abilities and what you stand for. This is why Pelosi, Feinstein and Boxer are not succeeding;



And why Bobby Jindal won.

Additionally it shows that Republicans, capitalists, libertarians and other right minded, fascist goose stepping types are truly the ones that are not racist, because we judge people based on merit, not the color of their skin or their gender.

Regardless, I'd just like to see the same chart for Harry Reid.

Your Economic Chart of the Day

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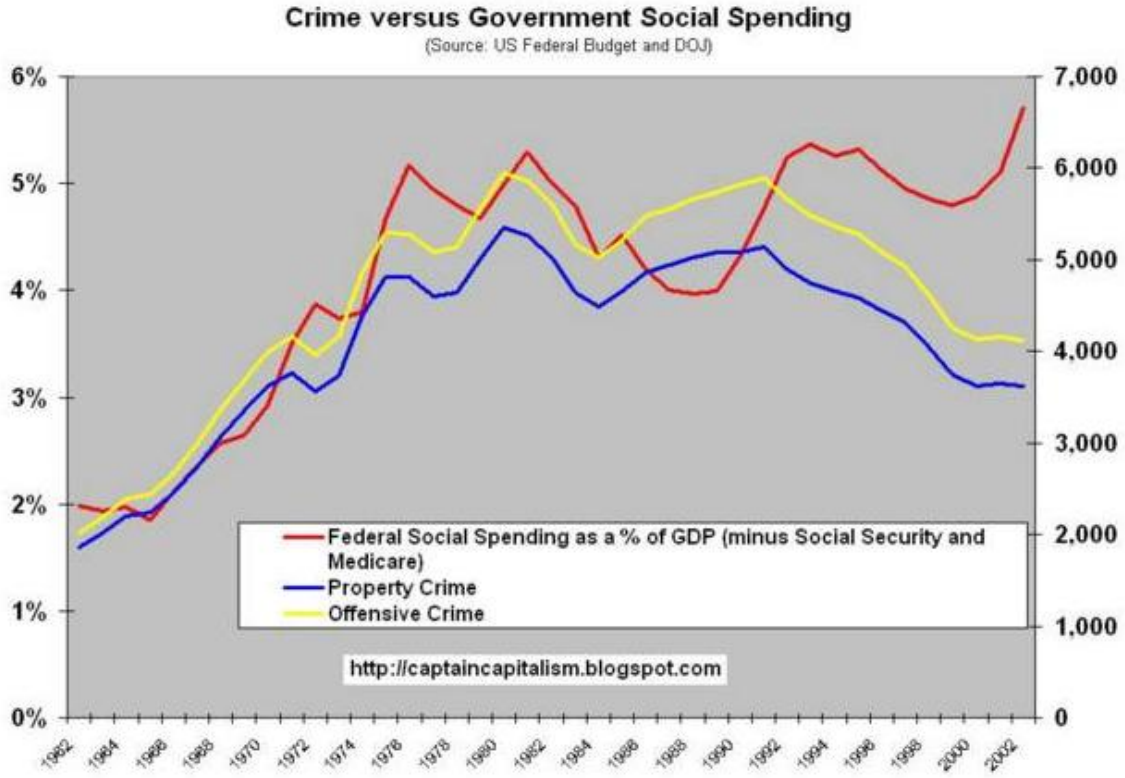
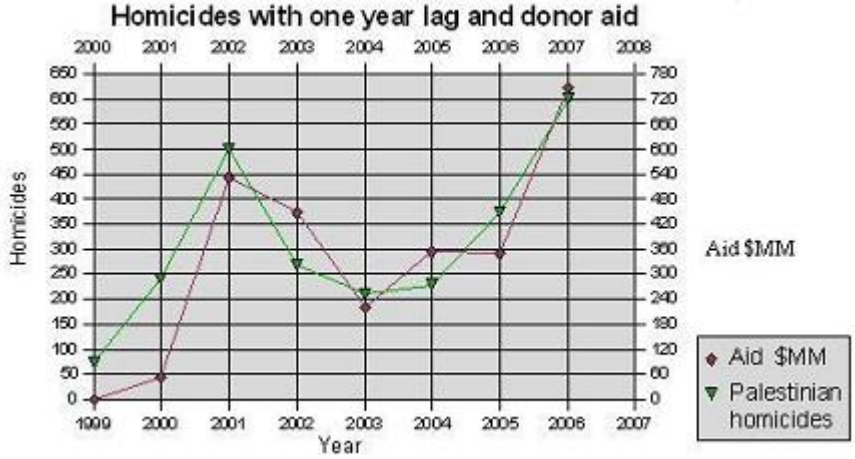
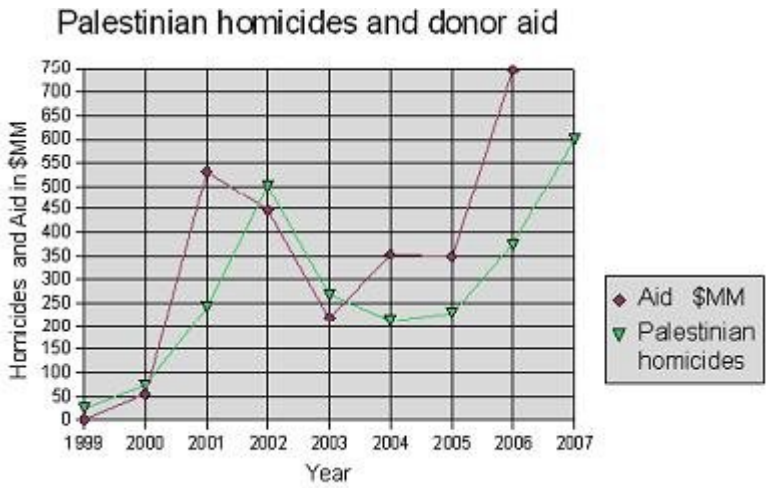
I had a theory that for lack of a better term I called "Mold Theory" where money is akin to bread. And if you have a social ailment be it crime, poor education, etc., if you throw money at it, it's like throwing bread on mold. All you're going to get is more mold. And I highlighted this by comparing government spending on social programs versus the most basic form of social ailment, crime;



But another interesting example of "Mold Theory" was found here.

Apparently the more aid that is sent into Palestine, then the more homicides there are.





I'm trying to think of a third variable that would cause aid to go up and then a year later cause homicides to go up, because I'm 50/50 on the aid causing the murders, but it wouldn't surprise me.

The Not Efficient Allocation of Resources

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How many 529 plans could be afforded with this?

Top Performers, Top Pay

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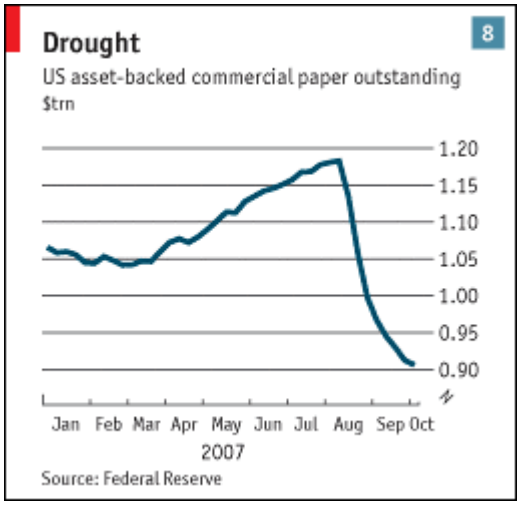
There's a concept, paying presidents and prime ministers based on the performance of various economic metrics. Of course Ireland's pay is fixed, it's just coincidence the best performing country is paying their chief the most.

Whole Mess of Charts

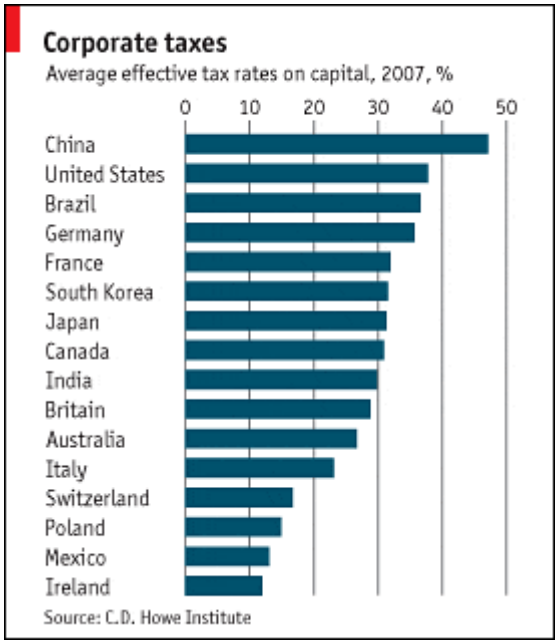
November 3, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I usually end my day late at night at the bar and because my schedule is somewhat hectic, I don't get around to reading The Economist much. So I bring The Economist into the bar and am able to read up on it there. Of course this draws attention, rolling eyes and some of the younger staff claim I shall never get a girl by reading The Economist at a bar. Regardless if I see an article or chart I like in The Economist I rip it out and save. Now that the Captain has one whole day off, I've decided to clean and came across a bunch of old articles I ripped out and figured it would be a waste to just throw them away without posting the charts, so here they are;

Just to show you the level of the liquidity crunch that has occurred, I think this is the best chart that demonstrates that, instead of people trying to explain it via words;

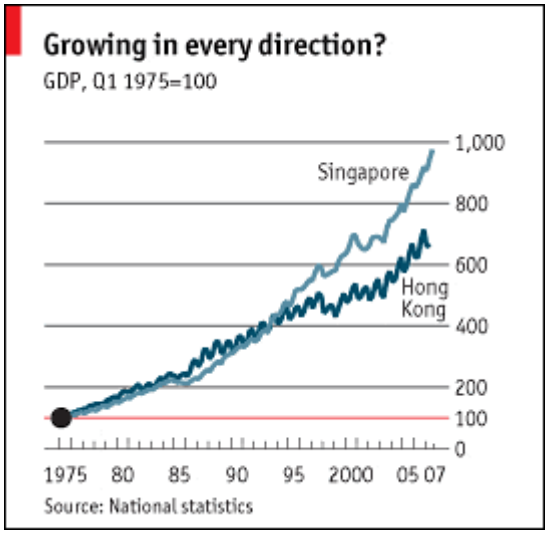


I don't know how many times I have to beat the drum on this one. When ignorant fools come in and tell me that corporations are all powerful and own everything, then please tell me why they haven't exercised their power to lower their own tax rates here in the US? Also, gee whillikers schucks howdy, imagine that Ireland is at the bottom again. Why, oh why, does Ireland keep growing so fast?



I thought it was bad in the US. Remind me not to move to Switzerland...then again, I don't think the Swiss has the same subprime culture we do here in the US.

Again, how much more empirical proof do you need that capitalism works?


Growing in every direction?
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It Feels SOOOO Good!

November 5, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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If you ever were foolish enough to think that the "big wigs" over on Wall Street were any more intelligent or brighter than you are, think again. The only difference, LITERALLY the only difference between the average American Joe and some high flying big time banker is that the banker is connected to the nepotistic daddy's boy network and has no qualms about lying, yet has no real skills.

Sleep well tonight knowing they're having their comeuppance.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119422328485282002.html?mod=home_whats_news_us

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071104/citigroup_ceo.html?.v=19

http://dailycamera.com/news/2007/nov/03/banker-commits-suicide-bestbank-founder-edward/

Maybe Citigroup would consider hiring outside their little incest breeding grounds?

Just a thought.

The Captain Reminds You To Vote

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You may not think it's a big election, but just a friendly reminder this is where the school districts pose levies to raise more money for themselves, usually under the guise that it's "for the children."

And so I find it my patriotic and American duty to point out that more money does not equal better schools;

http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/pisa2003highlightsfigures.asp?Quest=1&Figure=9

http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com/2007/10/for-last-time-more-money-does-not-equal.html

http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/fed/10facts/edlite-chart.html#3

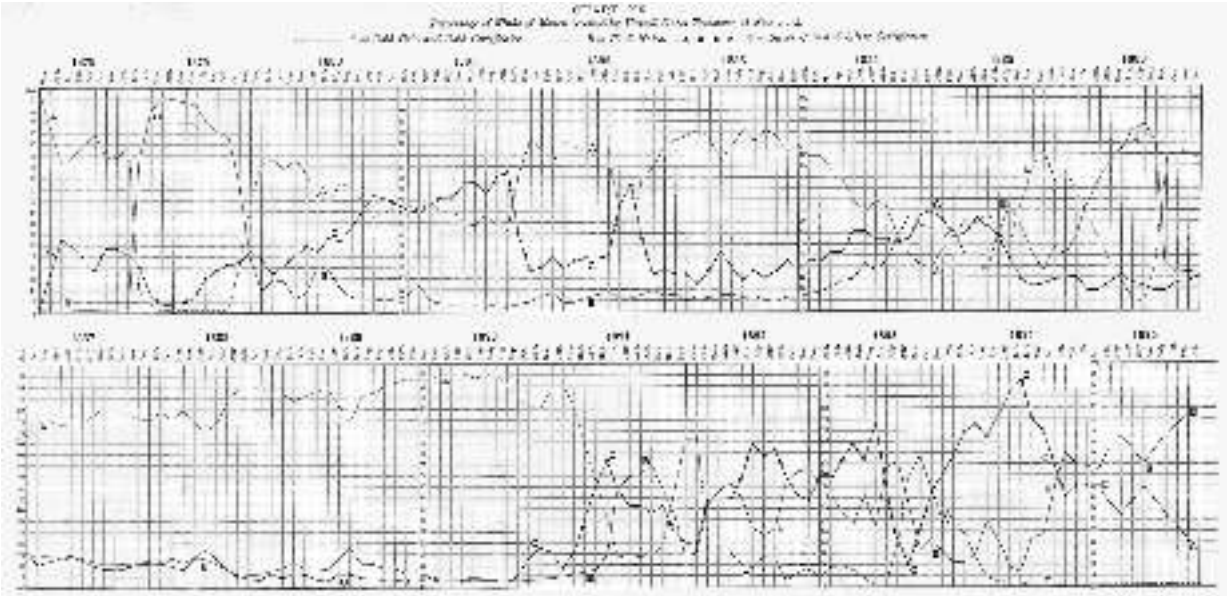
http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com/2007/02/more-money-does-not-equal-better.html

Remember, voting no doesn't mean saying no to the children. It means saying no to the teachers union.

Old School Charts

November 6, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This I found interesting because it shows you just how much monetary policy has changed since we switch to a fiat money system. I curious if any economists out there had studied the fluctuations between silver and gold and the supply levels of each and how these values played themselves out in the currencies (click on it to enlarge).



American Gangster

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So I saw American Gangster last night and it hands down is one of the best films I've seen in a long time. However, American Gangster is more an appropriate title than you might think in that Frank Lucas (the gangster and now my new favorite anti-hero) is truly "American" in his entrepreneurship.

The whole movie is about economics and how Frank, who I doubt had his degree in economics, intuitively knew more about markets, supply, demand and business than most Harvard MBA's.

Most impressive was he was probably the first globalization drug-dealing pioneer shopping around the world for the best price of heroin, which landed him in Vietnam. This got him the goods at a mere fraction of the cost it was costing his competitors.

Also impressive was how he immediately established a brand name (Blue Magic) for the heroin packing it in little blue bags and didn't cut the heroin with flour or what have you. It was 100% pure and at 50% the price, which made it an instant hit on the streets. In one scene he even stops in at one of the dealer's club who had been diluting Blue Magic, repackaging it and then selling at as Blue Magic keeping the spread for himself. Rips him apart, not for trying to make a buck, but for destroying a "brand name." He says, "Pepsi is a brand name. Blue Magic is a brand name."

Throughout the movie, though I doubt the writers intended it (I think it was just how interesting this Frank guy was) lessons in economics are abound. There is supply chain management. How do you get the dope from Vietnam to the states. There is competition from other mafias and dealers resulting in cartels and monopolies. Quality management and insurance. Labor negotiations and, ahem, "working conditions."

So for all you educating economists out there, that seem hell bent on making the study of economics seem boring and dreaded by all college freshmen, do them and yourselves a favor. Instead of teaching from the book, have your students watch American Gangster. They can only learn so much from text books, they can learn a lot more about economics through the drug trade.

Will You Women PLEASE Explain This to Me?

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Doesn't matter if she's short or tall.

Old or young.

Blond or brunette.

Can somebody out there please tell me why it takes women longer to get out of the car than men?

Every time, no matter who it is, I park the car, turn off the ignition, open the door, step out, close the door and by the time I accomplish all these tasks the girl is still in the passenger seat, dilly dallying about.

And so I wait, patiently, for the girl to finally open her door and get out. And it's not that they're putting on make up or powdering their nose in the mirror or gathering their things, they're just sitting in the car. Nor is it them waiting for me in some bygone era day of chivalry to walk around and open the door for them. They're just sitting in the car.

I have things to do, places to conquer, items to buy and heaven forbid I have to go to the bathroom, because I have to wait for a solid 5 Mississippi count before they're out and ready to go.

Theories? Hypotheses? Anyone?

Comeuppance

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I like the word comeuppance. It's fun to spell.

Sorry I haven't posted more regularly, been busy with the contributing to GDP thing.

Free Swan Blog…and Find Yourself a Husband

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As some of you know my buddy Pete Swanson was sent to Iraq, but what I didn't know was that in Iraq blogger is blocked. Thus I got an e-mail from him asking me to make a post for him, which is the least I can do. So here is his post;

Banned, Challenged, and Oprah's Book Club

One of my favorite topics (some would say obsession) is the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week." Read samples of my work

here
http://swanblog.blogspot.com/2004/09/banned-challenged-and-assigned-books.html

and here.
http://www.scsuscholars.com/2006/07/book-ban.html

So I was surprised to read this story
http://www.startribune.com/384/story/1534640.html

about Oprah Winfrey removing _The Education of Little Tree_ from her recommended reading list.

"I am surprised, of course, that Winfrey would recommend it," says Lorene Roy, president of the American Library Association. "Besides the questions about the author's identity, the book is known for a simplistic plot that used a lot of stereotypical imagery."

Excuse me ALA? Why aren't you condemning Oprah for "banning" a book by a guy who wrote segregationist speeches for Gov. George Wallace? Does the ALA believe that only concerned parents and taxpayers can be guilty of book banning?

Blogger is still blocked in Iraq. Where is the ALA

when we really need them? Free SwanBlog!

On a side note ladies, Pete is not only a blogger extraordinaire and kettle bell lifter, but a major in the US Army as well as a professional corporate attorney, debate coach for youths, and solid hard working conservative. He also happens to be single, which to this day is the 8th wonder of the world.

Not Another Baby Boomer Drama

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Despite the star power and all the hype, I predicted that Lions for Lambs would fail. And the reasons are many, but primarily two;

1. It's just isn't that great of an idea for a movie. People don't want to watch another movie thinly disguised as political commentary on the war. They get that everyday in the media.

2. I don't think the baby boomers that are now currently heading up the movie divisions in Hollywood, as well as Robert Redford, realize that their time has come and is starting to enter the "gone" stage.

Other generations, whose purchasing power has been increasing as we've entered the labor force really don't know or give a damn who Merrill Streep is. While she may have gained some notoriety in some 1970's movies, she, like Robert Redford are has beens. Not that they're not great actors, but over half the population associates closer to Tom Cruise than Merrill Streep. And seriously, the last movie I liked that had Robert Redford in it was Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (which I think is the last NON-political movie he made).

Thus you have a lame premise, actors that are not timeless like Cary Grant or Harrison Ford, heading up what is essentially a political commentary.

Oh goodie! Let me get in line with all the other AARP members to shell out $9 to be bored off my ass.

And you don't have to believe me, just look at the numbers. American Gangster which is palatable to the masses is smoking Lions for Lambs, and American Gangster is in its second week.

Rank*	Title (Click to view chart)	Friday 11/9 (Estimates)	Saturday 11/10	Sunday 11/11	Monday 11/12
1	AMERICAN GANGSTER Universal 3,059	$7,220,000 +161.4% / $2,360 $63,080,000 / 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	BEE MOVIE Paramount (DreamWorks) 3,944	$6,275,000 +239% / $1,591 $52,089,000 / 8	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	FRED CLAUS Warner Bros 3,603	$5,225,000 -- / $1,450 $5,225,000 / 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	LIONS FOR LAMBS United Artists 2,215	$2,150,000 -- / $971 $2,150,000 / 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	DAN IN REAL LIFE Buena Vista 1,941	$1,850,000 +248.4% / $953 $26,656,000 / 15	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	SAW IV Lionsgate [illegible]	$1,525,000 [illegible]	N/A	N/A	N/A

the whole point is that the general American population, boomers, x'ers, y'ers or the Greatest, don't want to pay to be lectured to about politics, especially from the likes of Redford and the only people that are going to go see it are people who already agree with the film's political premise. And that if the big time Hollywood power brokers that be want to make big time bucks, they better realize that The Rolling Stones at the Super Bowl, Rambo XXIII, and Lions for Lambs no longer appeal to the masses for (I know this will hurt some of you)...

they're no longer cool.

Proof The Socialist 70's Didn't Work

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YIKES!

"Great Society" my left foot!

You Will Visit Political Calculations

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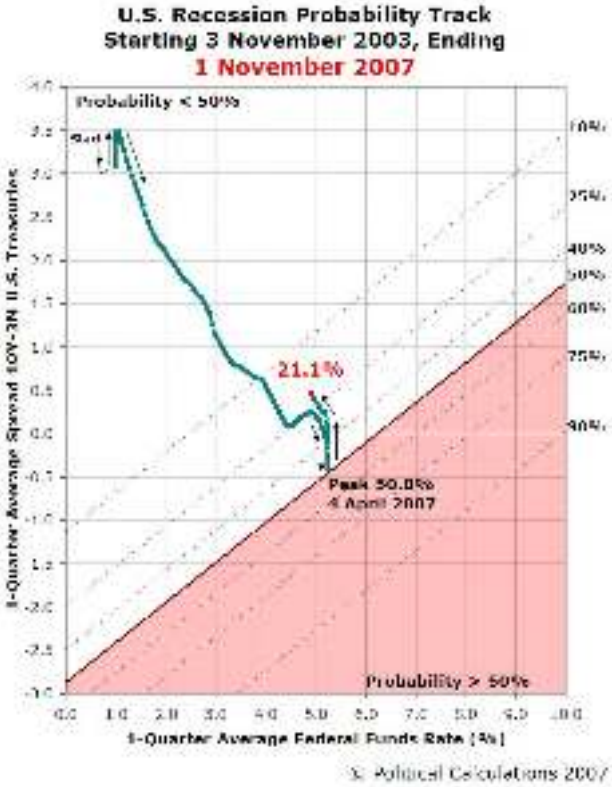
A friend forwarded me this chart showing the percent chance of recession from day to day for the past four years or so.



It's from the web site Political Calculations.

And it's one of those web sites where you'll lose yourself for about 3 hours because of all the cool and different things you can calculate based on some models he's programmed;

Chances are your marriage will end in divorce

Chances of recession

And an outstanding model on the S&P 500

So go have some fun at Political Calculations, if for any other reason to calculate your chances of divorce!

The Economics of Stripping

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Who knew?!

The Latest 2007 Corrption Scores

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I think the US will becoming more progressively red/orange as time goes on.

Note, Chile (ahem) the most capitalist nation in all of South America.

Rents Inevitably Drive Property Prices

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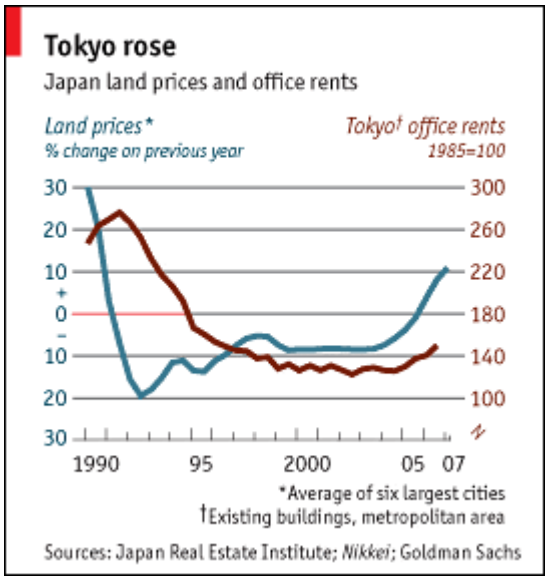
The value of an asset is what you can squeeze out of it, not what you can sell it for.

This is why I always recommend to my students that you look at dividends, not capital gains when looking at stocks. And is why I recommend that you look at rents when looking at property, not because the house is painted a nice color or is near a Starbucks.

However, this howdy fine chart from The Economist is interesting in that it not only shows this relationship between rents and property prices but shows you nearly a decade of decreasing property prices as rents were decreasing as well.



Fortunately for the US and other housing bubble areas rents are not decreasing, but rather increasing or at least staying stable. The question is how long of a delay until rents again drive prices back up.

More Freaking Nuclear Power Please?!

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I don't want nuclear power.

I want FREAKING nuclear power.

Everything is better when it's "freaking."

I want some ice cream.

vs.

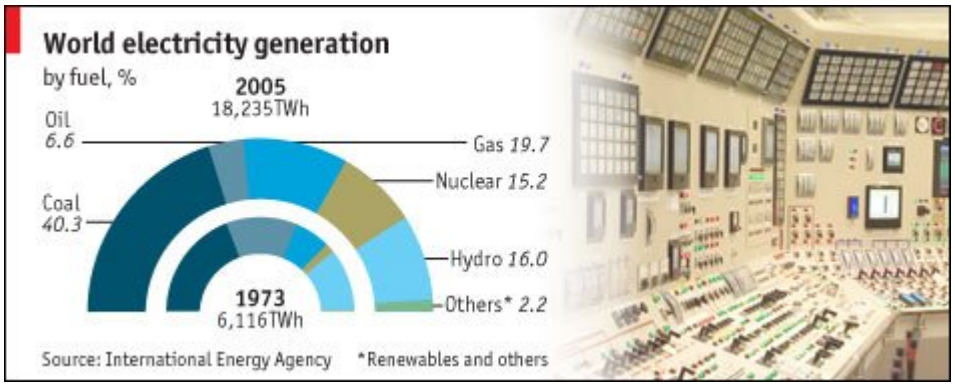
I want some freaking ice cream!

I want to play some X-Box.

vs.

I want to play some freaking X-Box!

So while we do have more nuclear power than we did in 1973, shouldn't all of the coal in this chart be replaced with nuclear power?



I want to know where the environmentalists are on this since global warming is obvious a bigger threat than nuclear waste.

Why I Will Never Run for President

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Because this literally would happen…a lot.

I Spoke Too Soon

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This would happen too.

The Average IQ in the US Would Triple

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Seriously, it would.

Why Oil Hasn't Hurt Us Yet

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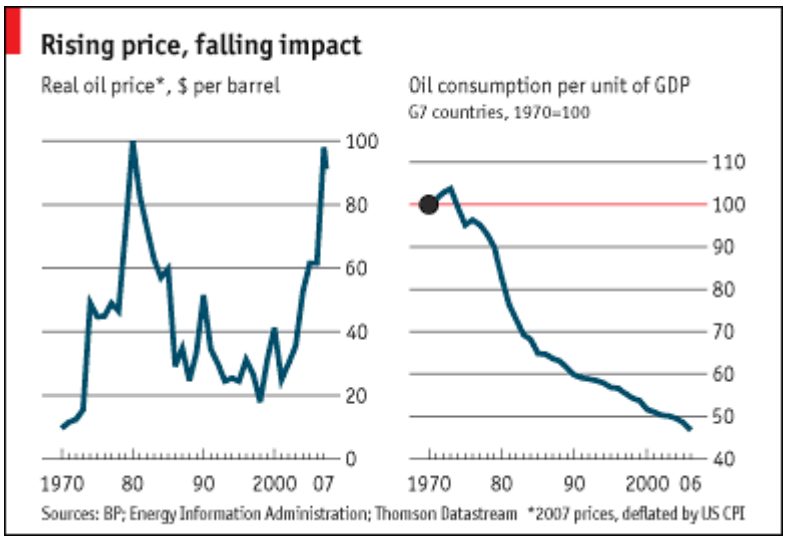
In middle school they gave you this token dabble in economics through social studies which consisted of a stock market game where you'd pick a stock, based on it's cool name and somehow thought that over the next three weeks there was some rhyme, reason or wisdom to be gained by this pointless exercise. And so this is how we introduce economics to our kids.

But another thing I did remember was two years later my sophomore year in high school where my economics teacher pointed out that every time there was a spike in oil there was an ensuing recession. Thrice this happened in the past 30 years of the chart he showed us, so I figured that was enough to cause a relationship. However since the latest oil embargo, our economy has yet to slip into recession when there's an economic shock in the price of oil. Matter of fact, the economy remains stubbornly resistant to recession in the face of not only the high price of oil, but a crushing credit crunch as well. But the reason is that we produce more GDP with a mere fraction of the oil we did back in the day, making the price of oil less effective on our economy;



Of course, don't count a recession out.

What I've Always Suspected

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I respect the most ardent communist that believes what he or she is saying more than some wishy washy type that just wants to sit on the fence and refuses to have an independent thought in an attempt to placate everybody.

At parties in my youth you could tell these people as they would say things like;

"Well, Rush Limbaugh is certainly a great entertainer."

What the hell is that??? Arguably the most incendiary person in politics over the past 20 years and you have that "opinion?"

Same thing when they say "well, I'm an independent, I like to look at both sides of the issues and compromise in between."

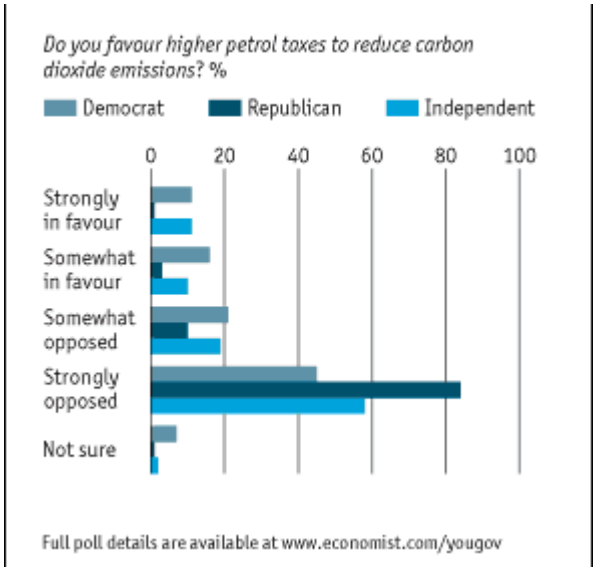
As Margaret Thatcher said, "Compromise is the absence of leadership."

So seriously, I do respect people I completely disagree with more than some make-nice-with-everybody placator.

However, this chart from The Economist confirmed something I've always suspected of "independents:"

They're just democrats in disguise.

Note "independents" practically have the same numbers in this poll as the democrats.



Alas, Independents should just be called "Don't Rock the Boat Democrats."

The Real Reason Al-Qaeda Thinks They Can Win

November 20, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cripes.

Will somebody please tell me what the heck this is???? And what man succumbs to this torture and humiliation? Seriously, I had a dog, very proud dog, named Pretzel. Small wiener dog, but still thought he could take on the world. And if you dared to put on a coat or shirt of some kind to protect him from the Minnesota winters, he would droop down in shame, grumble in a half growl/whimper as if you had put pink bunny ears on him, utterly ashamed of himself. Respecting my dog's wish to be manly, I never put that shirt on him again. And while he was shaking and shivering in the cold, at least he had his dignity and manliness.

Seriously, think about it. Al Qaeda would have thought twice about attacking us if Patton or John Wayne was in charge. And John Wayne and Patton would never be caught dead in one of these contraptions. But oh, no. Now me and the men in my generation have to be sensitive. We have to wear these reverse, pregnancy male backpack thingies. I'm sure it's a great deterrent to America's enemies. Maybe we can get themselves to laugh at us to death.

Ug, OK so I got a couple posts on this about "how dare you insult somebody with MS"

People, it's and ADVERTISEMENT FOR FOR ROCHE DRUGS. The woman is a model, so is

the guy. They aren't actually married. I don't know these people. It is a SCANNED IMAGE from a magazine. The post is not about MS.

The CDO Blues

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I remember it must have been about late 2005, maybe early 2006. The bank I was working for was advancing loans at a "loan to value" of 80% and in some cases 85%. So if the property or asset was worth $100,000, we'd loan out $80,000 or maybe up to $85,000. I was looking at property prices and I said, "I think we should lower our loan to value to 75 maybe 70%."

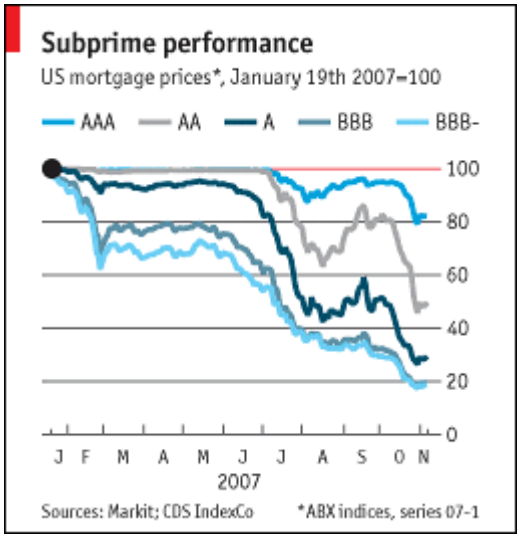
The statement was summarily ignored.

Of course, like many things, now I watch various predictions (which weren't terribly hard to make) come true and see the same people with their pants caught down during Dotcom Mania sit there and scratch their heads today.

But the issue of what loan to value banks lent out at had larger effects than just for the local neighborhood bank down the street. It's having an effect throughout the country's banking and mortgage system as there are billions and billions of dollar's worth of CDO's, securities that were essentially mortgages packed together and sold on the second market.

The whole selling point or gimmick of the CDO was that, yes, part of the portfolio of mortgages were sub prime or worse, but the majority of the mortgages were high quality, triple A rated mortgages. The idea was to provide a slightly higher rate of return, but mix in different qualities of mortgages in the mix to lower the risk.

What's sad though, is that say you have a great borrower, low risk and so forth and so on. That may get you a triple A rating, but that doesn't mean you lent out $100,000 on a property that was worth $120,000. Matter of fact, given the over valuation and my now aging recommendation that banks lower their loan to values, it seems these AAA mortgages loan out $100,000, on properties that were only worth $80,000.



What I love though, is the now 20 cents on the dollar people are getting for loaning to a BBB- risk.

Alas, I'll say it again for the cheap seats, there was no lack of economists, analysts and just plain ol' smart people that warned about this. And all of it could have EASILY been avoided if you just had an economist in the house...or rather should I say LISTENED to the economist in the house.

Sadly, it seems in America it's more important not to rock the boat than prevent it from sinking.

Osama Can't Get It Up

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Osama the impotent.

Seriously, he didn't even cause a recession in the US.

I know he's the most sought after man, but seriously, you want to talk about somebody who truly is irrelevant and really didn't cause or create anything, Osama Bin Laden is the quentessential definfition of failure.

If it's any consolation to the Americans that actually care about America, when he dies, he's going to be pissed off that he effectively did NOTHING bar bring about

So, if you really want to piss of Osama Bin Pointless, go out and kiss a girl, kiss a guy, have a martini, have premarital sex, listen to some Frank Sinatra, and continue on.

Happy Thanksgiving All!

Business Friendly Environment

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Ala Yearning to Breathe Free;

Seems the Small Business and Entreprenuership Council has ranked states on business friendliness.

The rankings located here.

Surprise surprise, California, DC and Minnesota are in the bottom.

If We Shot All the Underhanded Mortgage Brokers…

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I remember trying to buy my first house many years ago. The mortgage broker that agreed to finance me had me come into the office to sign the papers and on the closing costs were all the standard fees and then a "miscellaneous brokering fee" for $5,000. I then promptly declined their financing.

Sounds like the scum are still out there.

How Women Drive Housing Prices and Men Drive Rents

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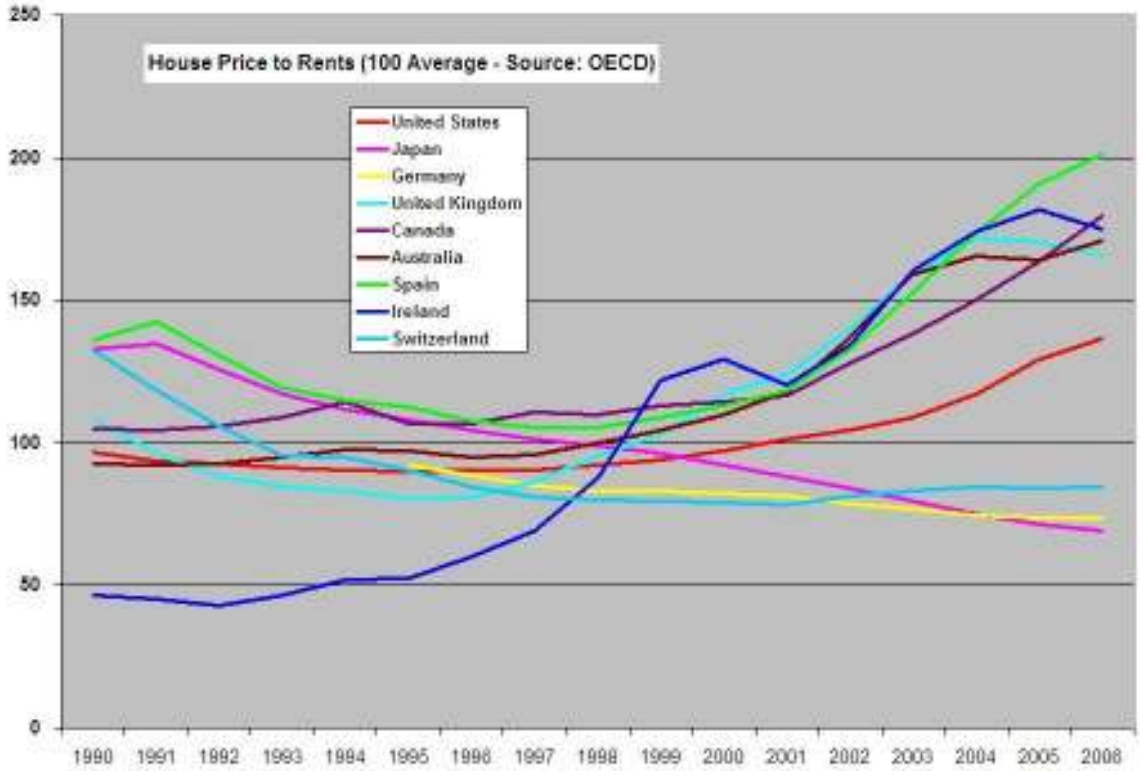
So I was researching different countries in terms of their government debt and obligation to future generations, and as I'm wont to do, I came across some other information completely unrelated to my current mission that I found interesting none the less.

Normally we look at the US and the US "housing crisis." As if the bubble was only relegated to here. However that is not the case. Not by a long shot. Many other countries saw property bubbles occur in the mid-2000's and are facing the same debacle we're about to here. And the best way to measure the degree of a bubble is house price to rents and/or house price to income.

I like house price to rents because it relates the asset (the house) to the true variable that drives and determines its value (rents). I took some of the highest bubbly markets and least bubbly markets to show relatively how bad/good the US' housing bubble was and while housing prices increased 38% faster than rents, compared to Ireland, the UK and our Canuck friends to the north that's only half the overvaluation they're experienced near 75%. Spain outdid us all with a doubling of property relative to rents.



The second ratio compares housing prices to incomes. This affects what I call the "girl factor" of housing. Men can live in dumps. Long as there's a shower stall, a toilet, a couple electrical outlets for video games, and maybe an indentation in a wall somewhere to install a bar, we're pretty set. We don't even need bedrooms as most of us sleep on

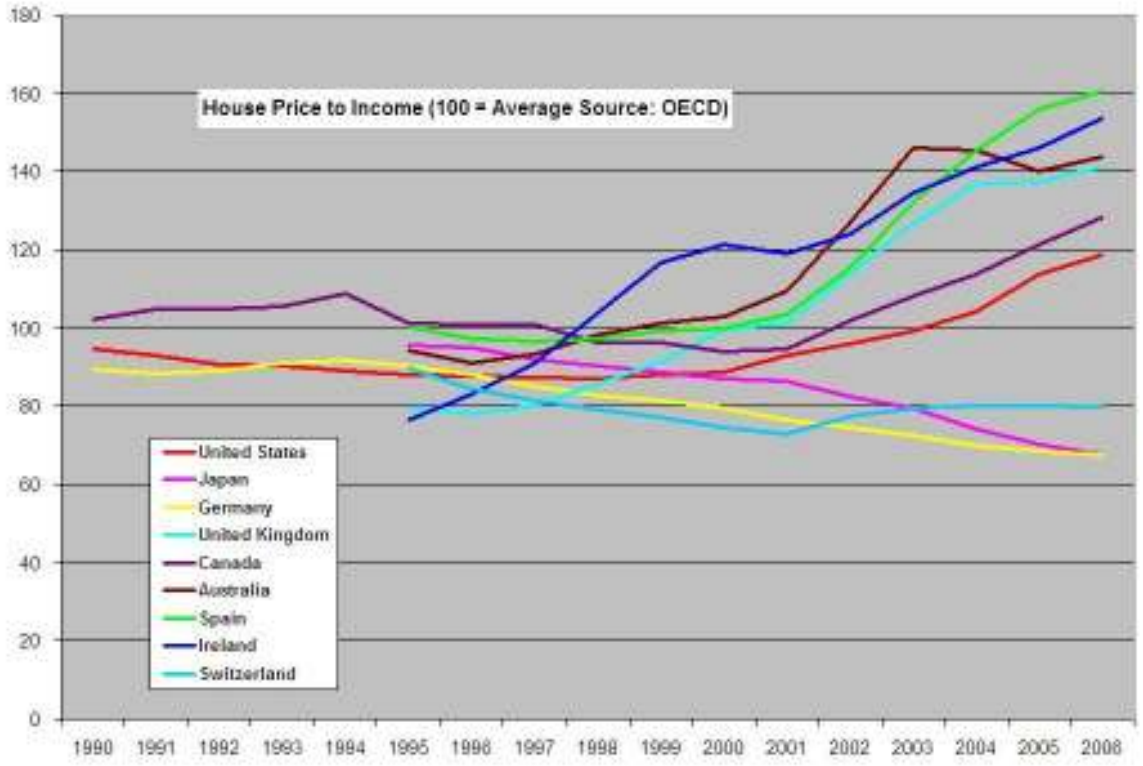
couches. About the only "luxury" I considered as a guy was installing a urinal in the basement which would be really cool because I could show it off to my friends and they'd say, "Hey, Cappy's got a urinal! Wow! That's so cool!" Alas, if it were only men, all of the housing landscape would consist of slight modern caves furnished with electricity and plumbing. But women they like non-necessities like drapes.

Who the heck buys drapes? And what are drapes? Aren't they curtains? I looked into curtains one time, something like $200. Went to Michael's Fabrics and for $40 found enough black vynil that I just stapled over the window sills and now I have drapes... or curtains or whatever the heck they're called. Sure my house looks like a meth house, but I saved $160!

In other words, what men are willing to pay for are the functionalities of a property; shelter, shower and shaving and some video gamage. Women want to pay for the aesthetics of the property. Drapes, carpet, landscaping, location, fireplace, wall paper, neighborhood, furniture, countless labor hours spent on picking paint colors etc., which disconnects the price of a house from its rents. ie-women treat housing like a durable consumer good whereas men treat housing as a service.

Thus, what drives the price of housing then as women have more and more purchasing power (and as many married men I surmise will testify women are the ones making the decision anyway on all matters of housing) may not necessarily be rents, but incomes, as more and more women are will to pay for various non-rental attribute of the property.

Still, the same ratios more or less hold. Spain, Ireland, the UK and Canada are most pricey whereas the US kind of is in the middle.



Of note however is that three countries have particularly low price to rents and price to incomes;

Germany, Japan and Switzerland.

Maybe Americans should be looking to buy some nice properties in the Alps...hmmmm...bachelor pad in the Alps...with them Heidi or Helga girls from Hogans Heroes, pouring beer steins for me and my buddies...complete with urinal.

I'm Moving to Taiwan

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http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,312629,00.html

That's Your Political Platform???

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Australia is doomed if a party whose platform is basically "signing the Kyoto Protocol" wins.

Not terrorism.

Not boosting the economy.

Not lowering debt or avoiding recession.

Not life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

No, we gotta sign that damn Kyoto Protocol.

Seriously, how frivolous is your party when you think this is the most important issue your country faces? And how luxurious are the people if they think this is the biggest issue in their country.

I wonder who they'll elect when a real problem faces the country.

My condolences to Frank.

Happy Monday Morning!

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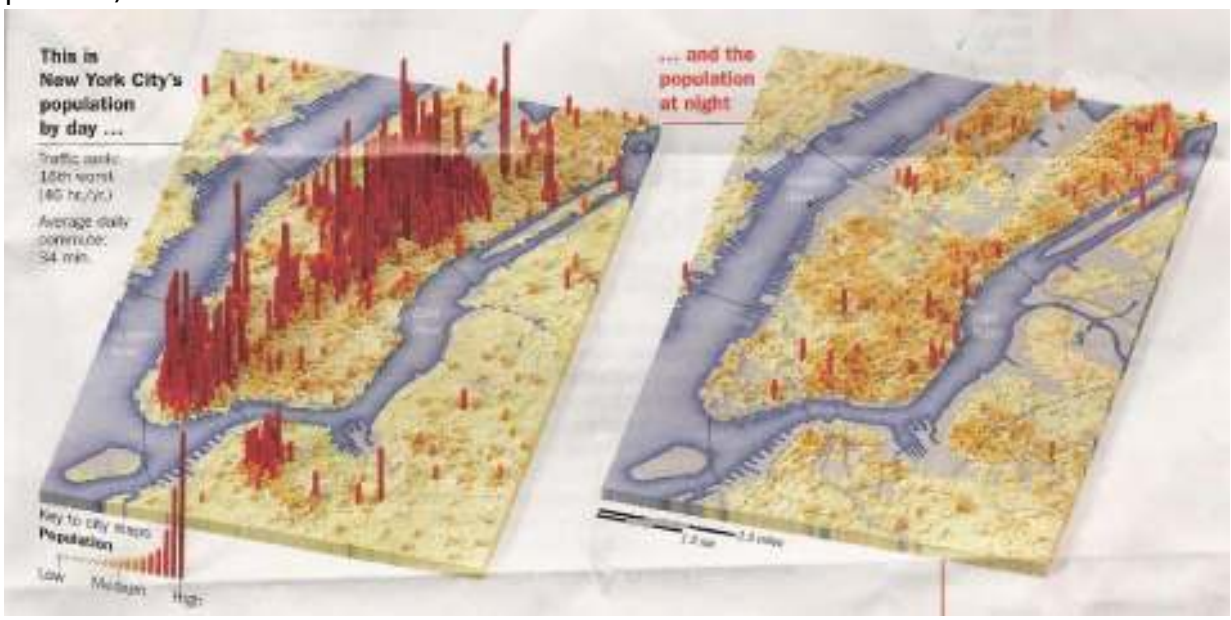
Saw an interesting chart in Time Magazine (yes, got desperate, was waiting for an oil change and all that was available was Good House Keeping, People or Time. Choose your poison.)



In any case this chart was not only interesting because of the drastic difference between the populations of cities during the work day and not, but that it provides additional support for my call for corporations to fully endorse telecommuting to work. I remember working and living in Chicago and remembering how downtown Chicago was literally a ghost town when the work day was over and how the buildings were effectively fixed assets wasting away for 16 hours a day. You could literally do 55 MPH (sans the local representative of CPD) on city streets and probably drive faster down LaSalle Avenue than most small farming towns. But what I also remember was driving through Chicago and hitting the south side at about 430AM and seeing people QUE UP AT THE STOP LIGHTS ON THE ON RAMP TO THE INTERSTATE. Alas my call for mass telecommuting.

However, the chart also visually displayed something I hadn't thought of before and that was if telecommuting was fully pursued, then not only would the value of oil drop, but the value of another commodity would drop;

commercial real estate.

If massive skyscraper buildings were no longer needed to house millions of cubical monkeys, then their value would plummet like modern day condos.

Alas, this is probably the real reason corporate America doesn't want to endorse telecommuting.

And So It Begins

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I always fathomed the glut of property combined with a low dollar would make US asset prices attractive to foreigners;

See story

Why the Republicans Will Win the Presidency in 2008

November 28, 2007 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am fully confident now that whoever the Republicans tender as their candidate for president, they will win. And I base this opinion on two things;

1. Hillary is entitled to the nomination and no amount of common sense or strategy is going to convince democrat caucus goers otherwise. The power brokers of the democrat party are all pro-Hillary (just like all the Republican power brokers in the past were all pro-Bush) and no matter how flawed she is, she is going to get the nomination (though I think Barack deserves it more).

2. Hillary is unelectable to the masses, which to the democrats dismay is not them.

The only reason I recently came to the conclusion of number 2 is this jim dandy chart from The Economist right here;

***The Economist*/YouGov poll**

What qualities do you associate with the following candidates, %

	Honesty	Intelligence	Competence	Reliability	Strong leadership	Good judgment	Morality
Giuliani *(R)*	26	51	46	35	53	30	15
Thompson *(R)*	33	45	35	24	22	24	29
McCain *(R)*	38	54	45	32	35	22	36
Romney *(R)*	28	51	40	24	28	24	39
Huckabee *(R)*	42	43	39	28	22	25	46
Clinton *(D)*	19	61	44	25	40	24	19
Obama *(D)*	38	65	40	26	29	26	35
Edwards *(D)*	32	55	39	24	24	26	32

Full poll details are available at www.economist.com/YouGov

Good

freaking

cripes.

19% honesty and morality?

The worst, the absolute worst thing to the Republicans the democrats could do is nominate Obama.

Which they won't.

Because (despite me disagreeing with him on every policy) I believe him to be an honest man and to the democrat power brokers he isn't "black enough."

Enjoy your own undoing.

NAFTA Did Work

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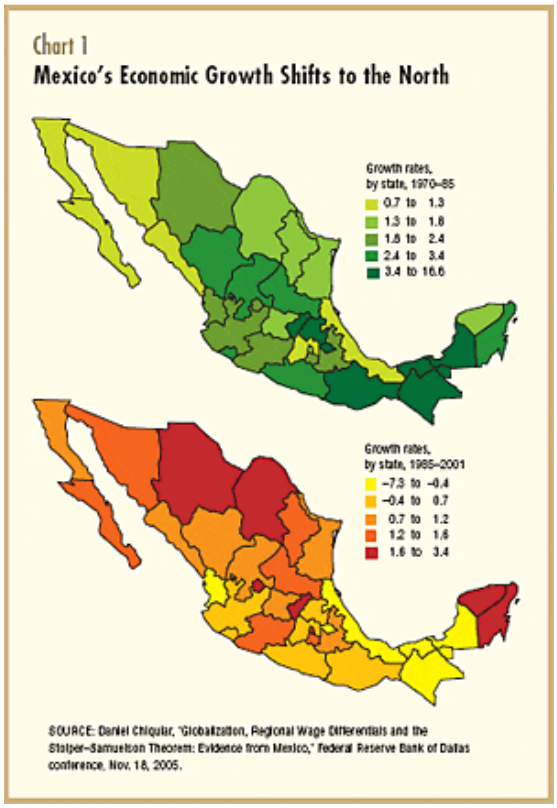
I occasionally like to bring the specter of NAFTA up now and again because so many people dismissed it as this horrible thing and the agreement hadn't even been signed yet. A reminder that international trade is indeed a good thing;



Fed Charty Goodness

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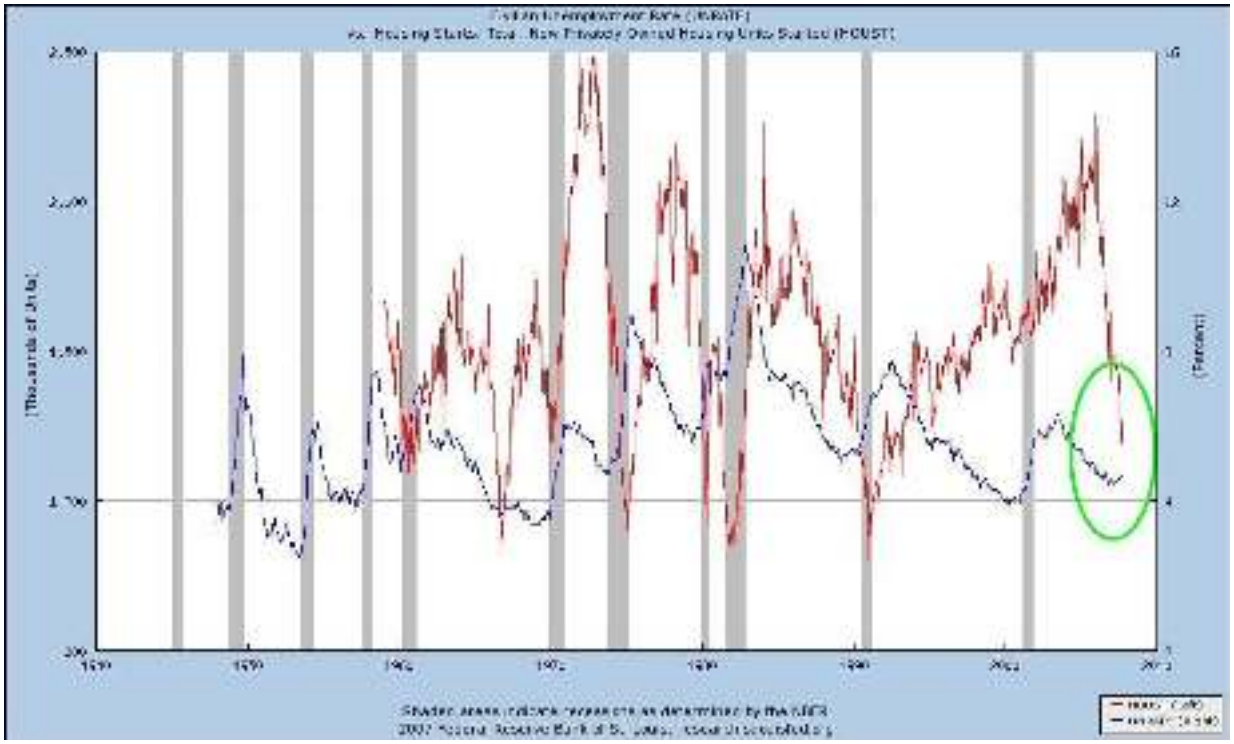
The St. Louis Fed has improved their FRED database allowing you to impose various series on the same chart.

I've recreated one of my favorite charts contrasting unemployment versus housing starts, where drops in housing starts precede jumps in unemployment by 6-12 months. I see unemployment ticking up;



Having a Hard Time Seeing the Use in Consumer Confidence

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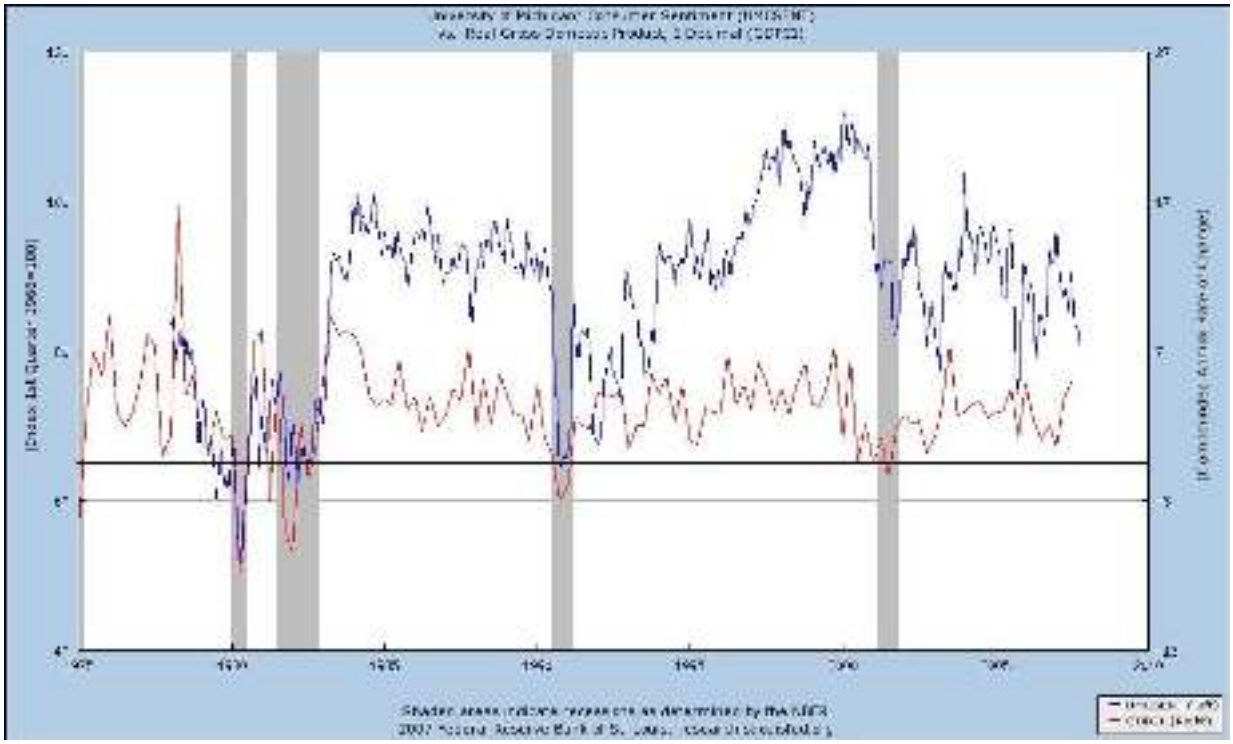
Haven't studied consumer confidence much, so with this new fangled multi-series charting option of the Fed I contrasted GDP growth versus consumer confidence. Didn't really find much interesting except that when we go into recession people's confidence goes down. Which is like saying when cute, redheads that are (ahem) "blessed by the Lord" walk into the room men can't chew gum and talk at the same time;



Wish there were more redheads in economics.

Men Should Never Donate Sperm

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Destroying trust in America, one institution at a time.

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Hugo you suck!!!!!

Deal with it bitch.

Or as the King of Spain said, "SHUT UP!"

I shall have a fine scotch to celebrate this blowhard's defeat.

My apologies to all the socialists in the US that were hoping for this dictator's further oppression of the Venezuelan people.

Another Reason the US Will Fall Behind

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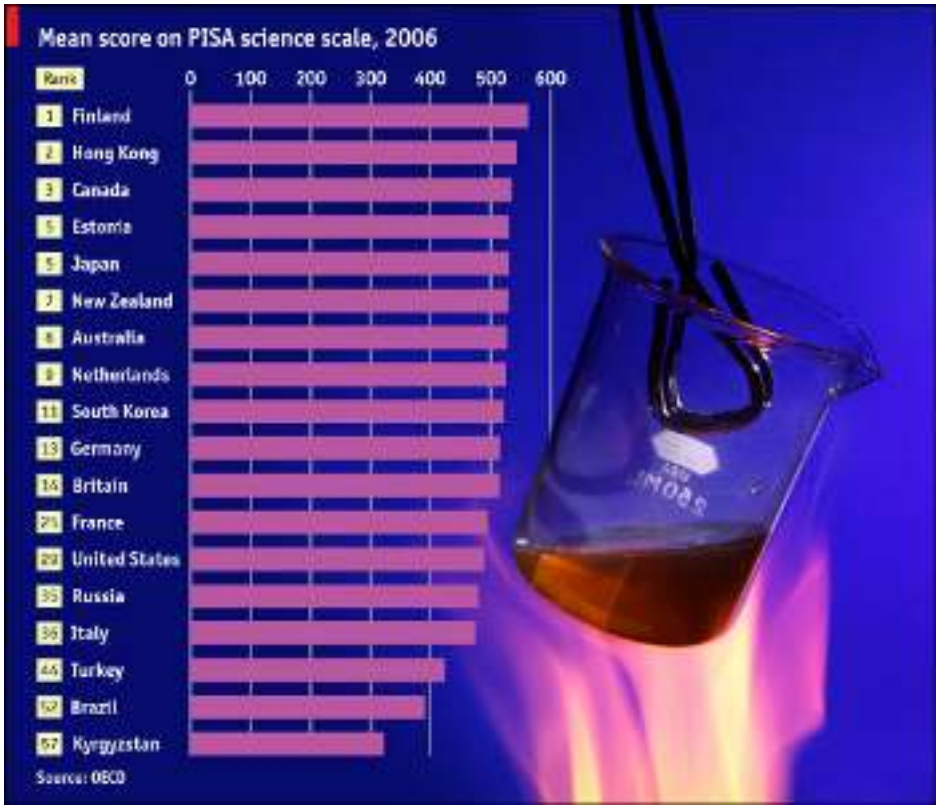

Because science just isn't as cool or as fun as studying social stratification and merits of wealth transfers.

The Math is Astounding

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Help Me Help You

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Sadeep came from Bombay, India all of a month ago. I first met him three weeks ago in one of my dance classes that I teach as I moonlight on the side. Mathematically that would have put his total time in the US at about one week, giving him little time to prepare what awaited for him.

For what awaited for him were women.

Lot's of women.

And single women too.

For December is my busiest month for dance classes and (as it has always been) I have more women than men in my classes.

Sadeep only signed up for one class, but since I had 5 extra women in another class that night as well as 9 women AND NO MEN in my dance class the next day, I recruited Sadeep to help me with all the extra women.

All of three weeks later he's now reasonably accomplished in salsa, quite accomplished in swing dancing, and the entire time he's dancing with no less than a dozen single women with a big grin on his face.

Welcome to America.

However, it got me thinking.

Normally it's a herculean task to get men to show up for dance class. I have 9 women and NO men in a singles dance class, and I still could only muster up Sadeep, myself and two other friends to attend. Another class I had 12 women and 2 men sign up. The men never showed. And in pretty much every other class I have there are at least, LEAST 5 women without partners.

Now I remember the training we got at Guy School. And at Guy School they said our primary mission was "You will go where there are women."

Pretty simple mission.

"Go where the women are. Right, got it, got it. Don't know what I'll do when I get there, but I'll go where the women are."

And the men are botching up the mission!

Men, how freaking difficult is it for you to take a dance class? Thousands of single women, all in pretty good shape since they are taking dance, of varying ages and professions, just sitting there without partners waiting for you to sign up and have your choosing? It is an opportunity of a life time, yet no men avail themselves of it. Alas, leaving me, Sadeep and my buddies Chico and Kale to take it upon ourselves and suffer this task. The horror.

Thus, let me give you men a bit of advice. This is the best kept secret in the world;

ASK A GIRL TO A DANCE CLASS

OR JUST SHOW UP TO A DANCE CLASS BY YOURSELF

You can hardly fail.

But nooo, you won't listen to me. No, you don't "like" dancing. And you don't have rhythm. And dancing "isn't fun." Yes, like going to the bars, dropping a ton of coinage on drinks for local bar flies that have no intention of going out with you anyway, is fun. Besides which, since when did dating ever become fun? You'll tolerate a Julia Robert's movie where some girl dies of cancer and there is seemingly no plot (nor end). You'll go to a fancy schmancy restaurant and fork over $100 for dinner when you really could just kill for a Chipolte burrito. You'll even have discussions about People Magazine and Lindsay Lohan. But oh no, not dancing. That's crosses the line.

Regardless, the idea I had was that if we can't get you American men to dance, then maybe we could outsource men to India and China. Lot's of men there, and in China because of the one child policy and the abortion of female babies, there is a surplus of men. Last year I had Raj, Chico, Vladimir and a handful of other guys form a sort of International, Multicultural Bachelor Dance Force to save the local lovelies from dancing by themselves. And even that wasn't enough.

So men, Americans, gentlemen and heroes, do yourself a favor and take a dance class. Many women (not to mention many dance instructors) will thank you.

Big Wheat

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There are many "deal breakers" for the Captain when it comes to dating.

Like being married and not telling me. That's kind of a deal breaker.

Or playing all those "Middle School Girl Reindeer Games." That's kind of a deal breaker.

Or having children and then expecting me to bring up some other guy's kid or kids. That's definitely a deal breaker.

But probably the quickest way to get dumped by the Captain is to utter the words "big oil" and in the context that you somehow think they are to blame for high oil prices.

Thus why I like the charts below. For while oil has gone up in price, other commodities have gone up MORE in price. If one is to be intellectually honest and they hate "big oil" then they too must hate "big tungsten" or "big timber" or "big aluminum." Of course, they don't hate those commodities because those commodities are presumably "good" commodities whereas oil is obviously an "evil" commodity.

Well look out oil. There's a new BAD commodity on the block;

BIG WHEAT!!!

Time is On My Side

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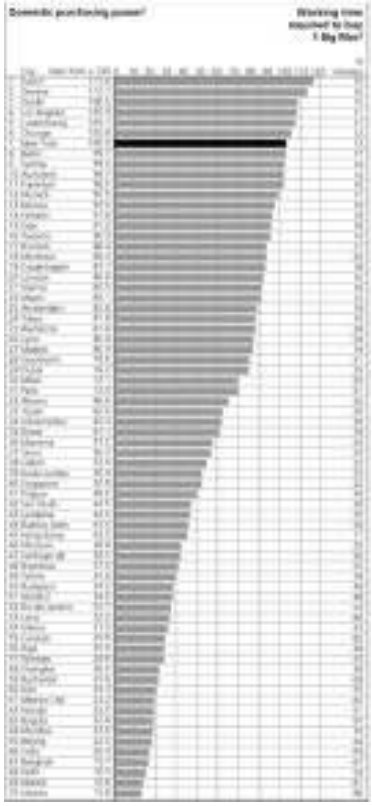
All that economics and business and commerce and life is all about is time.

When you exchange $10,000 for a car, that's not $10,000, that's $10,000 of your time.

And I often have half heartedly toyed around with the idea of how one would set up a complete economy based on a currency that was only time. No currency, no credits, just time. "You have deposited 3 hours of time at the time bank." Of course a currency of some sort would have to exist as it's the only way to tell whose time is more valuable than others. Without currency and just my half-baked time idea, doctors would be on par with window washers (which I have done in my past), plus a barter system is basically the most simple form of a currencyless economy. I've been half tempted to offer dance classes in exchange for home cooked meals (another cunning plan).

In any case, I like this chart as it shows you how much time you need to buy a Big Mac in different towns. Bogata it takes 91 minutes, LA it only takes 11 minutes. Playing off the Big Mac Index, this not only show you how much a Big Mac costs, but rather how many minutes one must work to afford a Big Mac.

The true measure of purchasing power parity;



If I Ever Got Ahold of Flares

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This would probably happen.

Men Should Never "Detonate" Sperm Either

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I think I just had my biggest typo in this blog;

Thanks to Anon for pointing it out.

And let that be a lesson to you kids, never detonate sperm. Leave that to the professionals.

Parent's Economic Responsibility During Christmas

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It was about 28 years ago now around this time that I learned to hate the accursed box.

Oh yes, the box.

The box that measured about 12"x5"x3".

For I had many boxes like that before and knew what was in that accursed box.

For 28 years ago I was 4 years old and right about this time in December the gifts started showing up under the Christmas tree and naturally you could pick them up and shake them to see what contents may be therein. But I had learned when I was 3, maybe even 2 to hate that 12x5x3 box, even if it was wrapped with surgical precision.

For I knew what was in the box.

For in the box was a sweater.

Or a shirt.

Or socks.

The standard 12x5x3 inch box that you got at JCPenny's for a single article of clothing.

The standard 12x5x3 inch box that you got at Sears for a pair of pajamas.

And there I sat in 1979, looking at another box with the exact same dimensions under the tree. Hoping it would be something different.

And so I pressed on the box.

Damnit! Smooshy!

A smooshy 12x5x3 inch box, wrapped with surgical precision confirmed my worst fears;

I was getting another sweater for Christmas.

Now I've carried this memory throughout my childhood and into my adult years. For I think childhood is special. It cannot be repeated. It is innocent. And though the forces of life have turned me into a cynical, cryptic man, I have not forgotten the sanctity of

childhood and therefore try never, NEVER EVER to forget what it was like being a child.

This is why, in an ironic sense, I do great with little children. Because I remember what it was like being a kid and not getting what you want. I remember looking at my parents and relatives with a look of disbelief as to the sheer number of sweaters I would get and no toys. I remember the basic, simple common rule of childhood, CHILDREN WANT TO HAVE FUN, THEY DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE, GROWN UP ADULTS AND (are you ready for the kicker?)

ESPECIALLY DURING CHRISTMAS!!!!

So I am going to provide a little bit of advice to all of you parents out there who are so foolishly daring to think of buying your children something that comes in a 12x5x3 inch box.

Don't do it.

Things that come in 12x5x3 inch boxes are your responsibility of being a parent for the other 364 days in a year. If you had the child, you are to clothe and feed and shelter it. That is a STANDARD responsibility. You literally might as well buy your kid an apple or some cereal and wrap it up and present it to them for Christmas. For 364 days a year, food, clothing and shelter are a given and just come with the territory of having a kid.

HOWEVER

that 1 day, known as Christmas, dare you be so stupid and cheap to buy your kid clothes I swear by all that is Halo and Call of Duty 4 when I am king I will make it a crime punishable by death to buy a child clothing for a Christmas gift.

YOU

WILL

GET

YOUR

CHILDREN

TOYS!!!

10 out of 10 children according to the American Dental Association prefer toys over clothes.

Another study put out by Super NASA Harvard scientists concluded 100% of children would prefer to have toys than a sweater for Christmas (with a +/- 0% margin of error).

Or cash. Cash is good too.

So, mothers, fathers and all gift purchasing relatives, lend me your ears. Make it a merry Christmas. Take all your 12x5x3 inch boxes and hide them away for a day that is not a holiday. And instead go out and buy your children toys. They'll thank me for it, they'll love you for it, and they are 68% more likely to visit you in a nursing home when you are old and decrepit.

Not to Add Extra Pressure to the Economy or Anything

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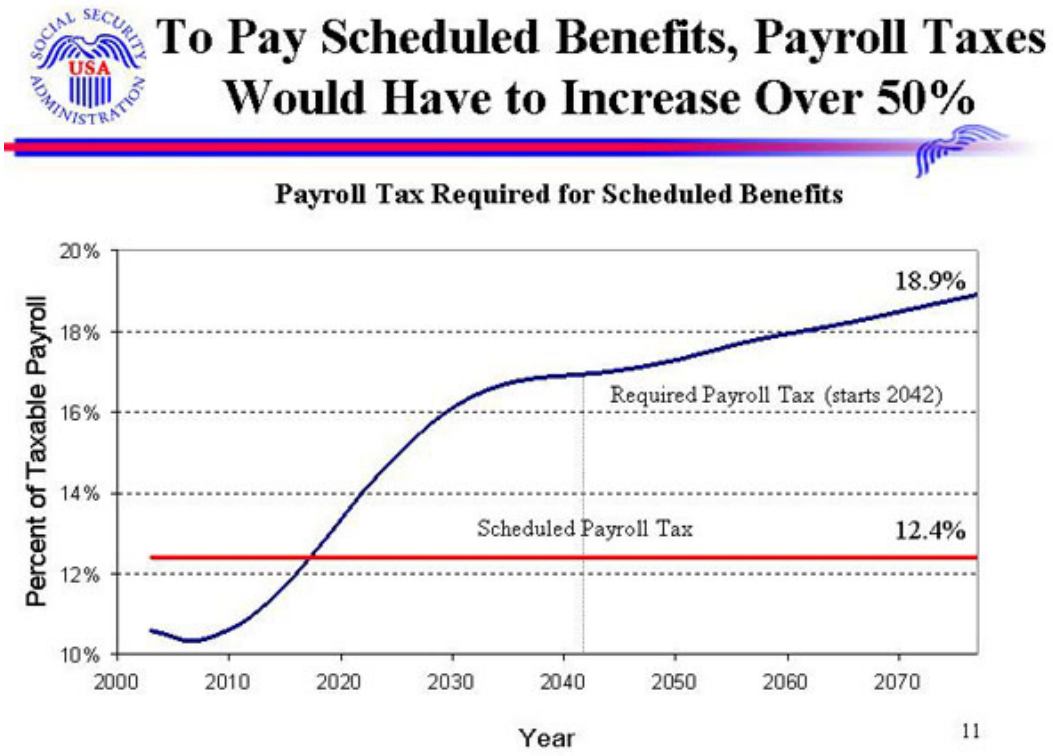
In addition to a credit crunch, a housing crisis, high oil prices, a weakening dollar and imported inflation, there's that whole minor have-to-jack-up-the-taxes-to-pay-for-the-Baby-Boomers-retirement-thingy;



Actually, if you really wanted to boost the economy, stock market, America etc., increasing the retirement age to 70 or the Baby Boomers enmasse patriotically opting to work until they're 70 would be just the shot in the arm America needs.

What Do Your Economist Eagle Eyes See?

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I saw this picture of Bill and Melinda Gates doing charity work in Africa. But something stood out that my economist eagle eyes caught.

Do you see it?

So What Else is New?

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Cripes.

Really? No kidding? The democrats want to raise taxes on the rich? Wow, how novel!

Seriously, it's the same damn thing, over and over and over and over again.

Does anybody else out there see through this thinly veiled attempt to tax a minority so that they can bribe the masses into voting for them?

I Delcare the Baby Boomer Rule Over

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Their time has come and passed. Time to move on. I predict Hillary will not win the nomination and that America will move on past the Baby Boomer generation and start moving their gears towards the future and not the 60's.

Thank God.

Good Intentions Kill People

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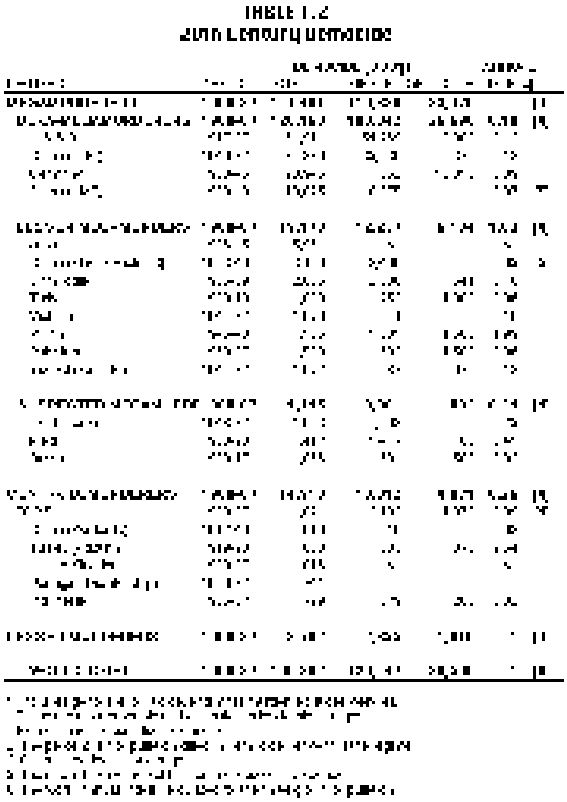
I always like debating communists. It's become a rarer event as when you leave college, people are inevitably forced to get real jobs and start supporting themselves, so the kid living on daddy's dime whilst studying philosophy at the university now has to support himself with the $7.25/hr he makes at the coffee shop. But one of the best arguments against communism that immediately puts people on the defensive is just how many people communism killed.

I mean, even Hitler, who purposely tried to kill as many people as possible with guns and gas, still couldn't outdo just a good ol' fashioned mass starvation. Alas, why I like charts like this;



A Banking Christmas Carol Part 1

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As all you aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists out there know, I the Captain, write a fair amount. However, what you did not know is that during this past summer I decided to start writing a book on the housing scandal based on what I had seen behind the scenes in the banking industry. I thought it was a great idea, timed rather well, and I could churn out a good book in a short time, and make millions and then retire with Selma Hayek in the Caymans. However, after tendering the book to many, MANY publishers, I had no takers. Thus I've decided to post the three chapters I did write here on Cappy Cap so that at least you my favorite readers could read a good old fashioned Christmas story about bankers, corruption, a heroic economist protagonist and scantily clad, cheerleading banking assistants serving martini's...well maybe not the scantily clad banking assistants, but that might be added in the movie version;

Glut is a Four Letter Word

I was always under the impression that the term “president” was reserved for people that were pretty high up the chain of command. Akin to “general” or “admiral” you wouldn’t have that title unless you were more or less in command of an entire division of the company, if not the entire company itself. But the bank I was working for sure seemed to have a lot of “presidents.” Last I counted there were 11 “community bank” presidents, 3 “regional bank” presidents, 40 some “vice” presidents and one guy who I surmised was the actual “president” president.

Such a level of senior management I could understand if the bank was called “Citigroup” but the bank I was working for was no Citigroup. Matter of fact it was all of 2% the size of Citigroup. Regardless, its small size did not prevent this bank from having so many presidents.

Ultimately I concluded that the bank was very much like the militaries of dictatorships or one of those African rebel groups where seemingly everybody is a “general.” Where all the enlisted men curiously start off as “captains,” giving themselves inflated ranks and titles to boost their egos. Therefore if you filed, faxed and made the coffee at my bank you were considered a “reserve vice president.”

However, euphemistic titles were not just the symptom of a bunch of middle aged men trying to pad their resumes with impressive titles. They were also evidence of something else; top heavy management.

As far as I could tell in our division the ratio of “officers” or “bosses” to the regular ground troops was about 2 to 1. There were literally *two* managers for every *one* employee. Other banks I worked at weren’t so high, but still above 1 to 1. This runs contrary to common sense and defies the concepts of “management” and “organization.” In the military you have many soldiers under the command of one officer in order to achieve

various military objectives. In schools you have many students instructed by one teacher because that way you can educate the masses efficiently and affordably. And in most businesses a manager or executive has multiple people under them for the purpose of achieving economies to scale and increasing profits. The military, the education system and the business world could not function otherwise, but this bank did. Or at least it tried to.

Looking at their income statement and comparing it to banking industry averages I found that the bank was spending nearly 40% more on salaries than was the industry. And aside from the losses they were taking from the now ever-increasing loan defaults, the primary reason for their losses was the excessive amount of labor. So naturally when they decided to hire some additional staff to help boost sales they decided to hire…

another community bank president.

I didn't know why they hired this guy, nor did any of the other ground troops, but we were told he had a hybrid role as both senior banker and boss. So now when loans and research were submitted for review it would go to him first and then slowly up three more levels of management.

At first we were hopeful that this new guy would bring some desperately needed common sense to management. That process and procedure would be employed. That when we'd submit our findings and research he would look at them, believe them and not ask us to revise our figures. Our hopes were quickly dashed when I submitted my first report.

"Can I talk to you in my office for a second?" he asked.

Thinking it was impossible for me to get into trouble this quickly I said, "Sure."

"What's this?" as he threw my report on the desk. It was marked in red all over. Things he was questioning me on. Wanting more data to substantiate my findings and results. And crossing out entire paragraphs that seemingly and ironically had "too much" data.

"That's the report for the XYZ real estate development project."

"Yes I know that, but this right here," he pointed at a word he circled in red.

I looked and the word "glut" was circled. Not sure what he was trying to get at, I responded, "Uh, that's the word "glut."

"Yes, why is it in the report?"

Completely confused by now and having no idea what this guy was talking about, I answered questioningly, "Because there is one?"

And that's when I learned that "glut" is a four letter word.

For you see "glut," as this newest community bank president explained to me, has a negative connotation. It meant "excessive" or "too much." It also happened to be the Latin base for "gluttony" one of the seven deadly sins. Using the word "glut" in a report was unprofessional I was told. And that more adroit and diplomatic phrases could be used

instead. Phrases such as “slight oversupply.” Or “higher than average levels of inventory.” But “glut,” now that was inciting and abrasive and over stated the severity of true housing market.

Little did I know “glut” was such an offensive word. Odd they didn’t mention it at Sunday school. And here I was thinking all those other four letter words I used profusely were the really bad ones.

But there was just one small problem. Above the word “glut” was a chart. And in this chart I showed the supply of housing for the area that the proposed development was in. And not only was the supply of unsold housing increasing, it was at an all time record high. 17 months it would take to sell out of the *current* inventory of housing and adding these new homes would only make it worse. This was more than 3 times the level of housing that was deemed a “balanced” market. It was the most literal, quintessential definition and example of the word glut. A more accurate and descriptive word in the entire English language and history of the world did not exist. It was indeed a glut.

Ignoring our differences over the use of the word glut, I pointed to the chart, trying to convey my point that the housing situation was something a little bit worse than “slightly oversupplied.”

“Doesn’t it concern you though that there’s 17 months supply of housing out there?”

And that’s when I discovered the true motives of our new community bank president.

“Well I’ve known these guys for a long time, they know what they’re doing.”

How stupid of me. Why didn’t I see this earlier? This was his loan. These were his clients. No wonder he was fighting me every inch of the way. No wonder he painted my report red. The report I wrote was condemning of the loan. And not only did I recommend it be declined, I documented and presented compelling supporting data. This would cost him a hefty commission and arguably lose him his long time client that generated who knows how much in commission for him over the years. So no matter what I said, this loan was going to be approved, regardless of the risks. I could travel into the future, film these guys defaulting on the loan, return back to the present and show him the footage and he’d still want it approved. There was nothing I could do.

“Well, what would you recommend we do then?”

“We’ll you’re going to have to redo this report. You highlight some of the risks here, but you don’t list any of the mitigating factors.” He continued on with a litany of things that were “wrong” with the report, but I wasn’t buying it. His dishonesty was sickening and I saw through it. All of the sudden it wasn’t that the market was bad or that the loan was bad, or that he brought a rotten deal to the table. It was the analyst’s fault for not doing a good enough job analyzing the loan. It was the economist’s fault for painting a bad housing market picture. That somehow the realities of the economy and housing market were not to blame, but that the analyst didn’t concoct enough reasons to approve the

loan. Not to mention the unforgivable sin of the use of the word glut. And thinking I was too stupid to realize this was his game enraged me further.

But by this time I was too experienced to get any idealistic notions of going over his head and voicing my concerns to management. I already knew what would happen. I would approach management. Management, in a desperate bid to increase sales (and get their bonuses), would ignore my concerns and back him up like they did all the previous bankers. I'd have to revise my research and report. And then somewhere in there I'd get a lecture about not being a team player. And so, despite the near impossibility of the loan ever being paid back I decided to play ball once again, keep my job and redo the report.

However, this time something was different. Fed up with the constant fighting, the constant resistance and questioning I'd get about my research and analysis, I took a more sadistic approach. If these idiots were in such a rush to lose their money, so be it. Why stop them? If these morons wanted to get fired so quickly, so be it. Why get in their way? Any time I or any of the other economists, analysts and employees would try to stop a bad loan from going through, we were summarily silenced, if not disciplined and the end result was just a huge headache, a waste of time, lower performance evaluations, all for a loan that was going to be approved anyway. Nobody seemed to care about quality, so why fight it? It only served against our best interests. So I capitulated. If they wanted a glowing evaluation of the loan, then they sure as hell were going to get one.

The revised report may have taken over 12 hours to write but it was a brilliant work of art. The problem wasn't so much writing what he wanted to hear, but the grueling, if not impossible task of reconciling what he wanted to hear with reality. Not to mention all those pesky facts and statistics I had dug up previously kept getting in the way. How, exactly do you look at a chart showing three times the normal supply of housing and say, "It's all good. There's nothing to worry about here!" It was literally like taking a plate of garbage and convincing people it was filet mignon. Regardless the end result was a beautifully crafted lie that danced around hard facts, exaggerated and focused on the positive, completely ignored the negatives (otherwise known as reality) and provided management the rationalization they needed to throw even more of the shareholders' money away.

I was a bit proud of myself and started thinking I might actually be able to enjoy some job satisfaction if I were to approach each loan more like a game, not a serious transaction involving other people's money. That somehow if I threw away all morals and integrity and found a way to spin every loan in the best light, I could hasten the inevitable collapse of the bank and do my part to send these inept managers to the unemployment line. Of course I wouldn't have a job, but I figured I was on track to get fired sooner if I didn't play ball, so why not make a game out of it? So I capitulated. And for the next several months was a good little boy and played ball. Unfortunately, there was an even larger problem; I wasn't the only one thinking this way.

If it was just me and this one bank the consequences would largely be kept within the bank. If one bank wants to make outlandish investments and literally throw away their

money, fine, so be it, that's just one less bank. But it wasn't just this one bank. It was industry wide.

Every bank I worked for before and after, the political pressure to approve bad loans was immense. Even as the housing market deteriorated, the pressure increased as management tried to save their bonuses and avoid a year where sales had declined. Loans significantly worse than this one were being proposed and if anyone dared point out their weaknesses and drawbacks they were fought, complained about, lectured and maybe disciplined.

Additionally, the phenomenon of having the realities of the housing market and the economy blamed on staff were not relegated to my lowly bank. In speaking with some banking industry colleagues, I found this problem was also industry wide. Bankers, economists, sales people and analysts were getting disciplined, if not, fired for failing to produce enough loans. The drop in sales was not blamed on increasing interest rates, an already oversupplied housing market, crashing prices or the fact that anybody who wanted a house already had one and therefore the market was satiated. No, it was because banking staff was not working hard enough and slacking off. It was like Hitler blaming his losses on his commanders in the later years of the World War II, when it reality his commanders were geniuses, they were just hopelessly out-supplied and out-gunned by the Allies.

Nor was the problem confined to just the smaller community banks. Larger, well known national banks were blaming their staff for the housing market. A friend of mine who also was accused of being pessimistic and not a team player, forwarded me a company-wide memo from one of the nation's largest and most well-known banks notifying all staff that his company realized there "may" have been a "slight adjustment" in the housing market and that they were changing management styles, tacitly admitting their staff was not to blame. Of course this was in late 2007, nearly a full year into the crash.

Regardless, tempting as it was to "play ball" and just hold onto our jobs, there were severe ramifications for innocent parties outside the banking industry if everybody did. Namely American home owners. Never before had homeownership been so high. More people than ever before owned houses in America. And not only did they own houses, but for the vast majority of these people, their house was the single largest asset they owned and therefore their single largest source of wealth. But in pushing for all these real estate developments to go through these banks and bankers effectively flooded the market with such excess housing that it lowered the value of the average American's home.

The reason is very simple. Management and bankers put their bonuses and commissions ahead of the American public. Anybody, even those without formal training in finance and economics could have looked at the market data and seen that the housing market was flooded with housing. And anybody, even those with no banking experience, could have told you the likelihood of getting paid back on these real estate development deals was near zero. But that was not the bankers' primary concern. Their primary concern was getting that commission check. Even when faced with a 17 month supply of housing, the

research to prove it, and absolutely no hope whatsoever of getting paid back, bankers still held no reservations of putting their own commissions ahead of the net worth and well being of practically all 300 million Americans, and approved such wretched deals anyway.

The effect was that they exacerbated an already bad situation. A market already flooded with housing was flooded even further. This resulted in even longer sales times for people trying to sell their houses and even lower property values further decreasing the wealth of Americans. But most damaging were the overall effects on the economy.

Because of the size and severity of the housing bubble, as well as the fact that these questionable lending practices were widespread throughout the banking industry this increased the chance the overall economy would be adversely affected and increased the country's chances of heading into a recession. It was no longer foolish banks and sub prime borrowers that would feel the effects of the housing crash, but your everyday average working Joe that now faced an increasing chance of unemployment. And as the value of people's homes decreased, so too did consumer confidence, and with it the economy. Furthermore, as more and more mortgage lenders filed for bankruptcy the stock markets suffered as well, tanking in fear their housing troubles would spill over into the larger economy. All of this because a bunch of greedy bankers wanted their commissions and put themselves ahead of literally everybody else. All of this because Banker Bob's commission was more important than Everyday Joe's solvency. And all of this because the desire of legions of senior managers in the banking industry to purchase luxury cars was more important than the overall health and well being of the American economy. It made me sick.

Sadly, there was nothing I could do. If I continued to played ball then I would be complicit in advancing the problems of the housing market and would be no better than the bankers. And if I didn't play ball, then I'd probably get canned within a couple months. And I was in this position because bankers and management cared more about themselves than running a good business and thought nothing of putting themselves above the rest of society. So the only thing I could do was hate. I hated them. I loathed them with every cell in my body. Never before had I had such hatred for a profession or a group of people...

that is until I met some real estate developers.

Putting Success in Iraq in Perspective

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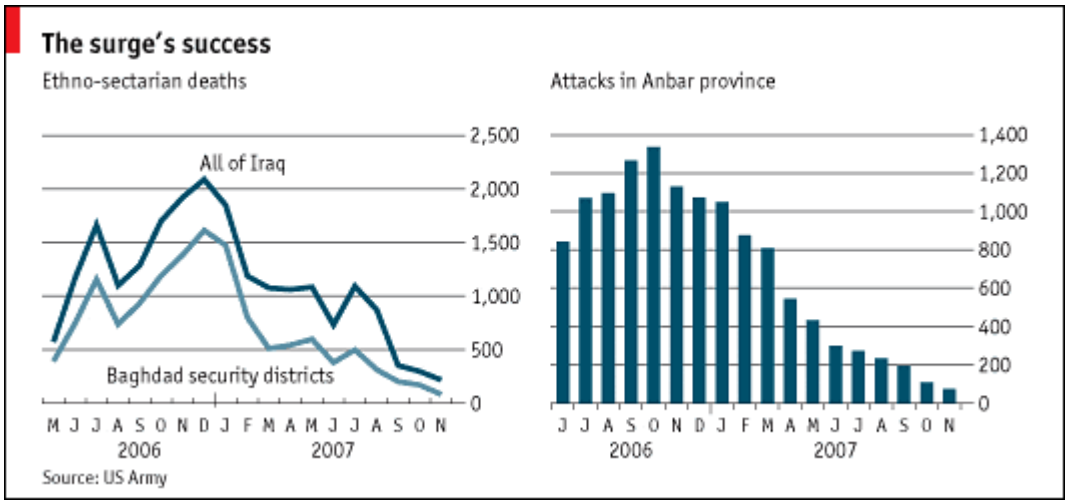
I know this will upset those who constantly cheer against America, freedom, democracy and anything in general deemed "good" but things really are going well in Iraq.



The Best is Yet to Come

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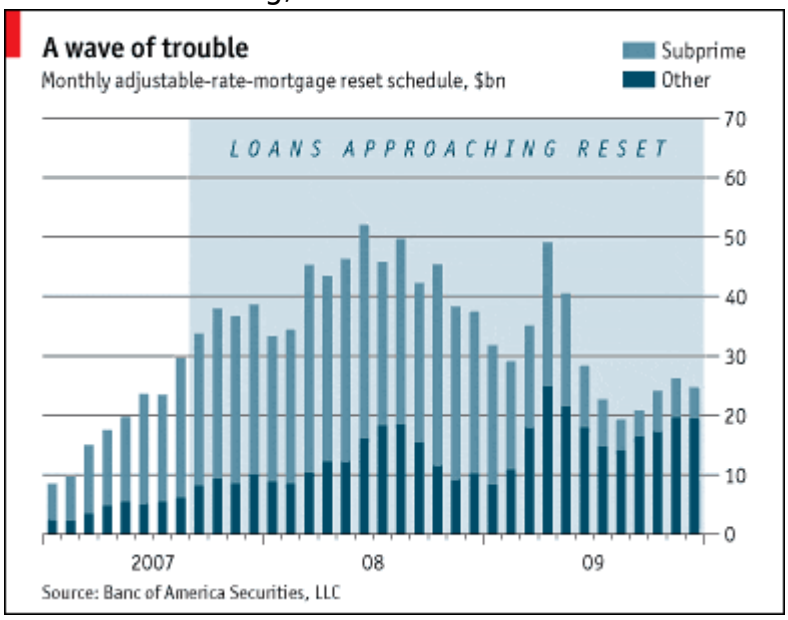
When we digest this big lump of E. coli then you can start thinking about the housing market stabalizing;



A Banking Christmas Carol Part 2

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A continuation from Part 1.

“You are not paid to think,” is what my father said. “You are paid to sit there and do what you’re told.”

He was imparting his wisdom when I told him about the troubles I was having working in banking.

“Even if they tell you, you are paid to think, you are not paid to think. You are just paid to sit there and to do what you’re told. Don’t offer any insights. Don’t offer any opinions. And whatever you do, don’t come up with any ideas. Just shut up and do what you’re told.”

And he was right.

As far as my experience in banking told me management, supervisors and employers have two goals; self-preservation and maintaining the status quo. Thinking, inevitably leads to ideas. And ideas lead to better ways of doing things. And better ways of doing things usually results in streamlining operations. And streamlining operations leads to eliminating redundant positions, most likely theirs. Basically, thinking leads to change and change is bad because it disturbs the status quo. But most disconcerting, especially for the person doing the thinking, is that it is dangerous for it usually ends up in the thinker ramming heads with management and ultimately losing his job.

Thus with that short fount of knowledge my dad explained to me single-handedly more about the working world and how it operates than any human resource class or seminar ever did. And with this newfound knowledge I started to find a bit of solace in my job. I stopped bothering asking why. I stopped thinking or worrying about the ramifications of the decisions passed down to us by management. I stopped caring about the viability of loans. I altogether stopped caring. If management in its subtler ways was telling me to approve a loan, I approved it. If I was getting questioned on the wording I chose or a sentence I had written, I’d revise it verbatim to their liking. And if the numbers didn’t come out the way management wanted, I’d massage them into what they wanted. In essence I forfeited sentient and independent thought and just became another cog in the machine. I plugged myself into the Matrix, surrendered to blissful ignorance and did whatever management told me.

But the same could not be said for Jimmy.

Jimmy was a banker and in spite of that he was a buddy of mine. One of the few that didn't have his head in the sand and instead of just trying to push loans through to get the commission, he actually cared about the likelihood of repayment. He was a brand new banker, and in being such was crippled by his idealism and integrity. One day, obviously frustrated he pulled me into his office, closed the doors and asked me, "Look, I need your help. What the heck is going on here?"

I said, "What do you mean?"

"Well, this business, these loans. They're all garbage. The other bankers are bringing deals to the table that are worthless. Condo deals, town homes, and I'm not the economist you are, but I read your reports and I at least understand the market's oversupplied. There's no way those developments are going to sell. But their loans get approved anyway, meanwhile I'm getting yelled at because I'm not meeting my quota. It's almost like they want us to bring in bad loans. It just doesn't make sense."

And then I realized what was happening. Jimmy was new. And in being new he foolishly held onto some romantic notions of running a good business, making good loans and doing what was in the best, long term interests of the bank. He, like I did before, somehow thought that efficiency and profitability were the primary goals of the bank. That the bank existed to make a profit. And that because of this, management would presumably prefer to avoid bad loans. In other words he didn't understand the true business the bank was in. That it was not there to make a profit, serve the shareholders or conduct good business, but that it was there first and foremost as an employment vehicle for castes of senior managers and bankers. That profit and efficiency were truly secondary, if not a complete ruse. Nothing more than sweet nothings to be whispered into the shareholder's ear. And so to help him out I decided to share my father's wisdom with him, but in my own special way;

"You see, Jimmy, here's how it works. Everything's a 4."

"A wha?" he asked.

"A 4." I said.

Confused he asked, "What do you mean a 4?"

And so I explained.

4 was the magic number. Every bank in the banking world has a rating system by which they rate loans, somewhat similar to the bond ratings put out by Moody's or Standard and Poor's. There's no standard rating system, each bank internally develops their own, but all of them have a numerical rating assigned to each loan to score it in terms of its quality

and risk. An ideal loan would have a risk rating of 1, a bad loan might have a risk rating of 8. The particular rating system being used by this bank was a scale of 1-8, 1 being ideal and 8 being bankrupt with no hope of recovering any of our money.

But what made this bank's particular risk rating system unique is that the method by which the loans were rated was completely mathematical. Meaning all the sub-scores that culminated into the final risk rating were based on numerical measures. Things like debt ratios, cash flow ratios, numbers that were exact and precise and could be mathematically measured, leaving no room for misinterpretation. Therefore if the loan's "debt service coverage ratio" fell between 1.2 and 1.5, then you would apply a sub score of 5. And if the "loan to value ratio" was between 50%-70% then you would apply a sub score of 3. The point being that there was no room for error as there were no "gray" areas, and therefore no subjective judgments.

I personally liked this particular risk rating system because the ultimate risk rating was not debatable. Once you plugged in the numbers, the loan would have a mathematically calculated risk rating, and that was that. Also because of its mathematical nature its calculation could be automated. So gleefully I programmed a model that would automatically calculate the risk rating of every loan and imbed this information into the report. Thinking management would be impressed with this minor little streamlining, I proudly presented the first loan rated by this new model, which happened to have a score of 2.

"No, no. This isn't a 2, it's more of a 4" my boss said.

Which seemed odd to me because the formula, the finite, non-subjective, literal and mathematical formula had it at a 2. It was no different than me presenting him with the formula "1+1=2" and him saying, "Nope, that's really more of a 4."

I submitted a new report for a new loan. The risk rating literally was a 7.

"No, no. This isn't a 7. This is more of a 4."

Formula said 6.

"No, no. This is a 4."

"9?"

"No, 4."

"1?"

“4.”

And soon I realized that it didn’t matter what the actual risk rating of the loan was, everything was a 4. If it was a great loan, with a great borrower, lots of collateral and excess cash flow;

“4.”

If it was a former drug dealer, convicted of bribery, extortion and fraud currently under investigation and in the middle of filing for bankruptcy who wanted a loan to help transport some “flour” from Colombia;

“4.”

And not only would the actual risk rating of the loan largely be ignored, but if any of the risk ratings deviated too far from 4 then the higher ups would lecture us about not paying close enough attention to the loan and the risk rating.

Thus, to play ball and keep our jobs, not to mention just get the loan through, we would manipulate the figures to make them all 4’s. If the loan was particularly good, we’d maybe rate it a 3. Or if it was particularly bad, we’d maybe rate it a 5. But we’d never deviate too far from 4 even if the loan was indeed an 8.

Once we started manipulating the figures the results were amazing. We spent less time explaining our risk ratings to the higher ups. We spent little time substantiating and defending our risk ratings. We spent significantly less time “revising” the figures to get the loan to be a 4. And just like a husband realizes that “yes dear” is the single most powerful phrase in all of marriage, we too learned that “4” is the most powerful number in all of banking.

So I explained to Jimmy, “You see Jimmy, everything is a 4. Every loan we do is risk rated a 4. Doesn’t matter if the guy is blatantly trying to steal money from the bank. Doesn’t matter that the guy asking to borrow money is Alan Greenspan himself. Doesn’t matter if the mathematical formula says it’s an 8, because everything is a 4. The key to succeeding at this bank is to worship, bow down to and name your children after the number 4.

For you see Jimmy, you’re not here to make good loans. You’re here to make loans period. I too was foolish enough to think that somehow logic or wisdom or some kind of credit control would be desired on the part of the bank. That somehow the bank would like to be profitable. But that was my first mistake; I thought. But like me, you have got to quit thinking. You don’t think. You just do what you’re told. If they want condo deals, you bring them condo deals. If they want twin home developments, you bring them twin

home developments. If they want theme parks in the middle of nowhere, you bring them theme parks in the middle of nowhere. You just worship the number 4. And even though every ounce of your body is telling you it's wrong. Even though every ounce of your body is telling you we'll never see the money again. And even though your intellectual soul is screaming "9!" that's not your concern. Your concern is the number 4."

And then Jimmy, like me, had the epiphany.

"So in essence I'm not paid to think. I'm just paid to do bring in deals?"

"Exactly."

Regardless, while we all did worship the number 4, 4 wasn't the only number that was important in the banking world. 16 was another important one. Specifically 16%. For 16% was the rate of return the bank demanded on its loans.

Some banks do it, some don't, but banks only have a certain amount of money to loan out. Ideally they want to get as high of a return as possible on that money so instead of loaning money out to anybody, they loan money out only to those people who are going to be most profitable. And to ensure this they write it into their policy that a loan must provide an "X" percent rate of return. In this bank's case the hurdle was set at 16%.

However, banks don't just look at the interest rate when calculating their rate of return. They look at the "total or "overall" rate of return on the loan which includes closing costs, various fees, and commissions. And just like they had a formula to calculate the risk ratings of loans, they also had a formula that would calculate the "overall" expected rate of return. So if a proposed loan didn't provide a 16% rate of return it was declined.

This provided bankers and analysts a great incentive to make sure every loan had a rate of return in excess of 16% and resulted in the same sort of "number fudging" done with the risk ratings of the loans. If the formula showed "14%" then the closing cost or management fee was bumped up. If the formula showed "13%" then the interest rate might have been increased. Regardless the loan was structured in a way to provide at least a 16% rate of return.

This in itself wasn't misleading or necessarily bad. If the closing costs or interest rates were increased, then naturally the expected rate of return would go up. All it did was increase the costs to the borrower, not misrepresent the expected rate of return. However, fees and interest rates were not the variables in the formula that were most susceptible to being abused. "Administrative costs" was where the manipulation occurred.

"Administrative costs" are the costs to the bank for managing the loan. In other words all

the labor, time and resources the bank would have to expend processing, maintaining and administering the loan until it matured. And as administrative costs went up, then naturally the expected rate of return of a loan went down. However, whereas interest rates, closing costs and various fees were regulated by market forces and competition (meaning we couldn't just charge 25% interest and a $400,000 closing fee because then the customer would just go to another bank), administrative costs could largely be whatever we wanted them to be.

The assumed amount of labor, resources and other expenses required to administer a loan was roughly $500. And in the ideal world, this may have been true. Bob the Carpenter would come in, completed application in hand, sign the documents, dutifully and religiously make his payments, pay off his loan and then we'd never see him again. Total costs to the bank; $500. But the housing market at the time was anything but "ideal."

Because of all the troubles in housing market the majority of the bank's loans required much more baby sitting than $500 in administrative costs. A typical and recurring story would be where a real estate development had not sold as many properties as was expected and was therefore unable to pay off its loan. This would require that the entire deal be refinanced essentially doubling the amount of work the bank had to do for this one loan, and therefore doubling the administrative costs. And, as was frequently the case, the development was in such dire straits that the developer was completely tapped of cash and was not even able to make interest payments. This required that the bank extend a less profitable loan called a "bridge loan" where we'd not only refinance the original loan, but lend the developer the money he would use to pay the interest expense and any new fees on the loan. In other words, while the interest rate may have been stated at 10%, in reality the bank was making 0%.

But the ever increasing administrative costs did not stop there. During the earlier months of the housing crash management believed there would be a "quick turn around" in the housing market. That this was merely a temporary slump that would only last a few months. Thus when they'd make bridge loans, they only made them for three or six months expecting the housing market to recover and all the developments to sell by that time. Sadly when the three or six months came and went with no more properties sold, the entire deal would have to be refinanced again, sometimes three times in one year, further multiplying the administrative costs of the loan.

However, even if it wasn't a troubled real estate development loan, but a regular loan rarely would administrative costs be as low as $500. Again, in the ideal world Bob the Carpenter would come in, completed application in hand, he would have gotten approved and then dutifully paid off his loan on time. However, only in my wildest dreams where a young Sophia Loren was giving me a massage while I worked, feeding me martinis along the way, would such efficiency occur.

Typically what would happen would be a long and drawn out process that would consume vast amounts of the bank's resources. First was the tooth-pulling process of getting all the necessary documentation and paper work from the borrower who was usually insulted that we'd have the audacity to request proof that he could back the loan. This alone took at least five hours of cajoling customers that they did indeed have to furnish us with tax returns, personal financial statements and other documentation in order to get approved for a loan. Second, upon receipt of all the necessary information, would come the underwriting process where analysts would easily spend up to 20 hours researching, analyzing and writing up the loan. This process was hampered along the way as management would constantly question every figure the analysts would come up with, request reports and data be revised to their liking and beleaguer them with other petty changes and revisions. Should the loan make it through that stage, then came the long and arduous process of approving the loan. Most banks approve loans by committee, causing administrative costs to skyrocket for it is no longer underlings or lowly ranked, lowly paid employees expending their labor, but managers and executives…in a meeting…all trying to agree on one loan…which on a good day would take 20 hours.

While there were certainly other costs associated with processing a loan, when it was all said and done the true costs of administering the loan were most definitely in excess of $500. A rough, back-of-napkin calculation puts the true cost between $1,500 and $2,000 and in the frequent case of problem loans, these costs could easily exceed $10,000. The end result was that the majority of loans would never produce the rate of return they were suppose to, and in many cases provided a negative return.

One would think the issue of administrative costs exceeding expectations or a risk rating inaccurately reflecting the true risk of a loan would largely be the problem of the bank. If a bank wants to lie to itself, who cares? It will find out soon enough the loan is much more risky and not as profitable. In the end the bank is only hurting itself. But by misrepresenting the true risk and return of these loans the banks claimed yet another innocent victim in the housing market scandal; secondary market investors.

As a means to lower their risk banks may not necessarily hold onto the loans they issue, hoping the borrower pays it off and on time. They might sell the loans on the "secondary market" as a means by getting their cash now and letting somebody else worry about the likelihood of repayment. They do this by either selling the loans directly to another bank or can do it indirectly via converting a group of their loans into a portfolio of "asset backed securities" which are then put up for sale much like stocks or bonds. Though the concept may be foreign to the everyday person, chances are the majority of us have experienced this when our mortgage has been transferred from one bank to another. But two major problems arise from this practice.

One, if a bank tweaks the risk rating and the expected return and plans on holding the loan, it's only lying to itself. But if they plan on selling their loans on the secondary

market, then they are lying to other people. And not only are they lying to other people, they're lying about the two most important variables when it comes to deciding whether or not you should invest in a particular investment; risk and return. If a loan has a true expected rate of return of -5% and a true risk rating of 7, then no investor in their right mind would want to purchase it. But if the banks through desperation massaged or manipulated the figures to make that loan look like it was risk rated a 3 and had an expected rate of return of 20%, then not only could they lead unsuspecting investors to buy a bad loan off their books, but probably get a higher price for it as well.

Two, another problem is that by selling their loans on the secondary market it eliminated any risk to the originators of the loans. If a bank or mortgage company was not going to hold onto the loan then what did they care about the probability it would be paid back? They would get their commission and closing costs, turn around and sell it on the secondary market, approve a new loan and do it all over again. Unfortunately this effectively made the banks and mortgage companies brokers and provided them with a great incentive to focus on volume and not quality or risk. It was no longer about making good solid loans that were very likely to be repaid, but to go for volume, rake in the commission and fees, and then jettison the risk to an unsuspecting investor. It boiled down to a game of hot potato.

The consequences for this misrepresentation were severe. Though good and thorough investors should have conducted their own analysis and research, and drawn their own conclusions, apparently not enough did. Between 2004 and 2006 over $1.7 trillion in sub prime mortgages were sold as asset back securities on the secondary market, the majority of which held misleadingly high credit ratings. When the housing market started to tank and short term interest rates on various ARM mortgages reset higher, the true risk and return of these loans became apparent. Defaults in sub prime mortgages started to sky rocket, delinquencies increased as well, housing prices dropped impairing the value of collateral, and those left holding these soon-to-be-worthless mortgages suffered severe losses. Scores of mortgage lenders filed for bankruptcy or otherwise went out of business. Reputable firms such as Lehman Brothers and Citigroup either posted losses, laid off employees or otherwise scaled back operations in their sub prime divisions. And hedge funds such as those managed by Bear Sterns and UBS ended up going bankrupt and having to shut down due to overexposure in the sub prime market.

But because of the largesse of sub prime loans that had been purchased on the secondary market, sub prime problems were no longer quarantined to the banking and mortgage industries. Employee pensions were now under threat as hedge funds had become a popular investment destination for pensions, bankrupt hedge funds such as those managed by Bear Stearns, UBS and others. The stock market tanked in fear credit problems would spill over into the larger economy affecting people's 401k's and IRA's. And though still unfolding, estimates range that sub prime investors themselves stand to lose between $200-$500 billion. But the largest cost was the dramatically increased

chance of a recession. So severe were the sub prime woes that it forced the Federal Reserve to take action on a scale that it had not taken since 9-11. In just one month the Federal Reserve pumped over $200 billion into the mortgage industry in the hopes of staving off a recession. Again, no longer was it the soon-to-be-unemployed bankers, or the greedy mortgage companies that would pay, but your innocent, everyday average American.

What is truly sad though is not so much the current situation of the US housing market or economy, but rather the cause of all this. For it wasn't a devious underground conspiracy that brought down over 100 mortgage companies and bankrupted a dozen hedge funds. It wasn't a James-Bond-level criminal mastermind that forced the potential loss of half a trillion dollars. It wasn't a terrorist attack that forced the Federal Reserve to take action on par with September 11th. Nor was it the most unexpected and powerful macro-economic shock that brought the world's largest and most powerful economy to the brink of recession. All it was, was just one simple thing;

The number 4.

It's OK to Cheer for Obama

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I have a dirty secret to admit.

I want Barack Obama to win the democratic nomination.

Look, I think Barack would be a lousy president. And I think his nomination would result in a Republican defeat. And any sane, normal thinking person who knows what socialism holds for its people would be against his being president.

But it's OK to be cheering on what is ultimately the quintessential underdog. Because Hilary, quite frankly and quite truthfully, is evil. Quite literally the epitome of evil.

No, seriously she is.

NASA scientists and Harvard professors proved it in that big study she tried to bury;

"Hilary Clinton; Proof She is Evil. The Epitome Thereof"

And not only that, she is establishment evil. The spoiled brat daddy's girl who had her way paid through college, paid to study in Venice, and paid to just float on upper income coattails throughout life. Oh, and that whole thing of being married to a philandering president (while claiming she's a feminist too kind of thing), kind of puts the hip into hypocrisy.

So seriously, even though it is to the disadvantage of my desires, I cannot deny the truth that it would bring me some joy to see Hilary lose to Barack Obama. If for any other reason it would confirm to me that it is the people that have the power and not the established elite.

Furthermore, think of the quandry that would put the Democrats in. Their princess-entitled would lose to the first genuine black candidate. How could they possibly condemn his nomination? Additionally, think of the political clout and power Seniors Jackson and Sharpton would lose accusing Barack of not being black enough.

In any case, I do hope the Republicans can field a candidate that would bring the party back to its independent, low tax, freedom and choice roots, and one that could handily defeat Obama. But I would be lying if an Obama democratic presidential nominee wouldn't put a smile on my face.

The Merits of Education

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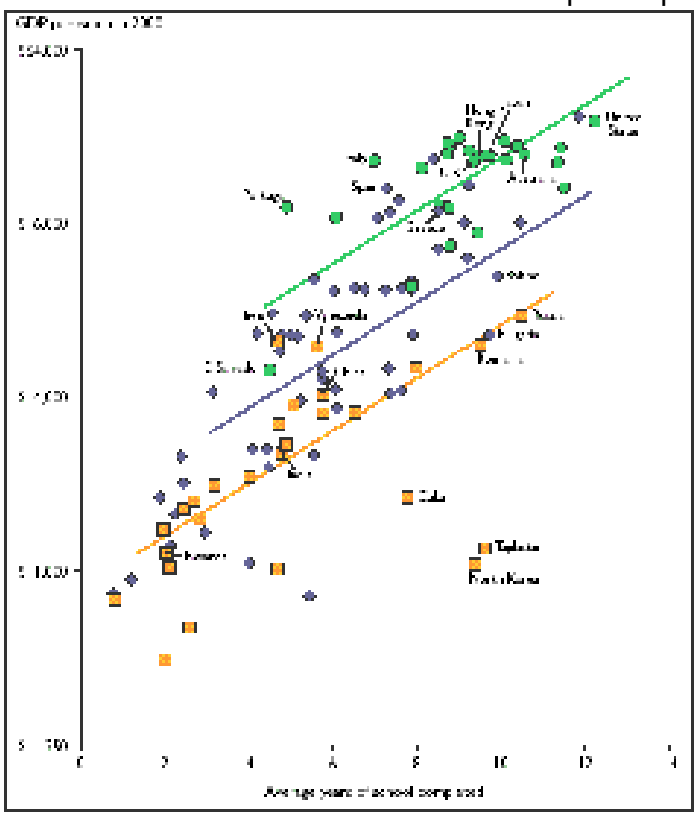
What I find amazing, is that we always go back to how much people make as the primary measure of success. I don't disagree with it, but if it were up to leftists we'd use things like the "Human Development Index." Regardless, another chart that correlates education with that worthless metric of income per capita;



Tales of Capitalism #1

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Listen to this and this then let me tell you a quick little story.

Many years ago when I was young I was one of the first in Minnesota to pick up swing dancing during that renaissance swing dancing had during the late 90's.

That's when I met Tony DeMarco. I was at a place called The Front, a schwanky kind of 1940's Tiki lounge kind of deal and there Tony was singing Sinatra and other lounge songs.

The odd thing was that Tony had his masters in English and I had my degree in finance. Neither of us knew a damn thing about dancing, let alone singing, yet the demands of the market at the time called for lounge singers and swing dancers.

That was over 5 girlfriends and 10 years ago and during that time Tony and myself have lived kind of Batman lifestyles.

Mild mannered economist and broker during the day.

Performer of Sinatra and dancing instructor extraordinaire at night.

But in an odd sense, especially since the housing crash occured we were discussing how what we were TRAINED to do was always second to what the market DEMANDED us to do, testifying to the power of the market and providing an important lesson in economics. Alas you can't fight the market, and so while I've pursued teaching dance classes in my spare time, Tony has decided to pursue his career in singing (while being the mild mannered broker at a brokerage that shall go unnamed)

Thus, since Tony is a friend (though an ass) he is a capitalist ass and I find it my duty to reward and endorse true capitalists across the fruited plain in the hopes they live their dreams.

So if you happen to be in the Midwest area and are looking for an EXCELLENT singer, I suggest you contact Tony DeMarco. If not and you just want to listen to his music, you can online.

Visit Tony Here if for any other reason than to listen to the music.

(If you are a capitalist and have a story, please send it to me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com)

A Banking Christmas Carol Part 3

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A continuation from part 2

When you are borrowing money, in essence what you are doing is going to a group of strangers that have deposited their life savings in a bank and asking them if you can have their money to pursue your own idea or venture. Of course you don't go directly to the people, you go to the banks which are presumably the guardians and stewards of their money. But that still doesn't change the fact you are effectively asking to borrow other people's hard earned money.

Additionally, should you fail to generate the cash flow necessary to pay back the loan, it is ultimately the responsibility of the US taxpayer to guarantee the loan. Of course, hopefully the bank has made enough good loans to compensate for your bad one. But if the banks are poor stewards of their depositors' money and enough of their loans go bad, it will ultimately be the taxpayer through various governmental agencies such as the FDIC that will bail them out.

You would think this would humble you enough to make extra certain that you would be able to pay back the loan. That you would do everything in your power to eliminate all the risks and uncertainties in the venture you're about to embark on. That you would run projections, study the market, look at your competitors and have the most comprehensive and thorough business plan possible all in an attempt to make sure you could pay back the loan. And if you were a real estate developer, you would think one of the most basic, most simple and most important things you would do is measure the current level of supply and demand in the housing market to see how likely it was your houses would sell. That before you'd go and ask for $15 million of other people's money you would make sure that you could sell those houses and pay them back in the first place.

You would think.

It was mid 2005 and my boss came into my office and put a file on my desk. It was a loan we had done for this real estate developer about a year ago and not only did he want to refinance the original loan but take out a new one for a new development he was proposing. The original loan was for a 36 unit town home development in a small suburb of Mankato. The new loan was for a 120 unit development in a much smaller town called St. Peter.

I immediately knew something was amiss for while I had heard of Mankato I had never heard of the town of St. Peter. Mankato was a sizeable town of 50,000 people whereas (upon some research) I found out that St. Peter was a town of only about 3,000 people.

Now basic 3rd grade mathematics would tell you something was wrong. For each town

home would house roughly three to four people. This guy wanted to build 200 of them, suggesting roughly a 700 person increase in population. This implied that St. Peter's population was going to grow by 23% in just one year.

When I brought this to the attention of my boss I was told that St. Peter was one of the fastest growing communities in Minnesota, that demand for housing was skyrocketing and the developer wanted to take advantage of this growth. I went to the state demographer's web site and looked up what population growth information I could and found out that while St. Peter was growing, there wasn't quite the rush to move there. The state demographer had estimated St. Peter would grow by only 8%, not the 23% that would warrant demand for these newly proposed town homes.

"Not to worry," I was told. This developer was the 8th largest real estate developer in the state with over 20 years experience. Besides which he personally had over $30 million in net worth and could easily guarantee the loan. So it might take a little while longer to sell those town homes than previously expected. So what!? He could afford it!

A year later his company had gone under and the two developments had cumulatively sold a paltry 11 town homes. The banks had taken a large hit and he was no longer the 8th largest real estate developer in the state.

The same story repeated itself a year later. This time I was driving to the town of Wyoming, Minnesota to conduct a site visit on another (you guessed it) town home development. The developer was nowhere near as aggressive as the now defunct 8th largest real estate developer in the state building only 12 units in the town of 3,900 people. This seemed more reasonable, but for some reason his town homes weren't selling either. When I asked him why, he speculated "Might have something to do with some of the other developments in the area."

"Developments? What other developments?"

We spent the next hour driving around Wyoming where I counted no less than 400 brand new town homes, twin homes and single family homes being built by various developers. In other words, real estate developers as a group were expecting the town to grow by roughly 38% in one year.

Of course nobody was expecting Wyoming's population to explode by 38% in one year. Nor was anybody expecting St. Peter's population to grow by 23%. But what happened in both instances was a grave, incredibly stupid mistake;

Nobody did their homework.

How stupid these real estate developers had to have been to not bother to at least estimate the demand for housing in these areas is beyond me. To not even bother to see how many other developments in the area were being planned or were under construction to gauge the level of supply. And to have the hubris and arrogance to go and ask for millions and millions of dollars of other peoples' money to build something they literally had no idea whether it would sell or not was bordering criminal negligence. As much as I wanted to believe it was relegated to just these two developers, I had been in the business long enough to know this was the norm. For in just two short months, the

same situation repeated itself again.

This time I received a request for a $6 million loan to build (what else?) town homes. This was early 2007 when the housing crash was in full swing and there was already a glut of housing on the market. Even in a housing slump projects like this were doable, but it placed an incredible amount of importance on the pricing of the town homes. If priced too high, they wouldn't sell. They had to not only be priced at the market, but probably below the market if they were to sell in any reasonable length of time.

So I drove out to the site where the town homes were going to be built to get a feel for the neighborhood and an idea of what kind of price they would command.

I looked to my east and saw a sea of town homes across the highway.

I looked to my north and saw a sea of town homes across the other highway.

But when I looked to the south I saw a gas station…nestled within a sea of town homes across the highway.

As far as the eye could see there were town homes.

So I drove through these developments and counted no less than 27 town homes that were for sale. When I returned to my office I conducted my own little market study, pulled the market data for the area and found that there were actually 47 town homes for sale in the area and the pricing for the average town home was around $120 per square foot (they price on a per square foot basis so you can compare prices of different sized properties).

"Surely," I opined to myself, "the men asking to borrow $6 million of other peoples' hard earned money have conducted similar such research and their pricing will be slightly below $120 per square foot." "Surely" I postulated, "the men asking to borrow $6 million of other peoples' hard earned money have conducted similar such research and are fully aware there are already 47 similar town homes for sale in the immediate area."

Surely indeed. For when I looked at their proposed town homes, their prices and their square footage, their pricing came in at $172 per square foot. In other words, they had overpriced their town homes by 43%. If the average town home was selling for $200,000 they would charge $286,000.

Naturally I figured I must have missed something. If my figures differed by 5-10% in pricing, then it was likely they were just greedy and slightly over pricing their units and could be bargained down. But 43% suggested to me I had missed something completely. Perhaps these town homes were particularly special. Perhaps these town homes came with a built in Jacuzzi or had their own private vineyard. Perhaps a free F-16 fighter plane came with the purchase of a new town home. Or perhaps there was a squad of cheerleaders that would cheer you on as you parked your car, watered your grass and did other mundane tasks. And sure enough there was. After talking to the banker who brought me the deal, I found out these town homes would have access to a clubhouse. And this clubhouse not only had a pool but also had…

conference rooms!

No Jacuzzi.

No personal F-16 fighter plane.

Not even my own personal squad of cheerleaders.

No, just a lousy pool and some conference rooms in a clubhouse, and it would cost me an extra 43%.

Obviously these town homes would not sell. Obviously, these men had not done their homework. Obviously the bank would lose its money on this loan.

However there was good news. This loan differed from the other two in that this loan hadn't been made yet, it was just a proposal. Meaning this loan and the problems that would come with it could thankfully be avoided. All the bank had to do was turn it down. You would think that it would just be a matter then of showing management the 43% overpricing of the town homes, not to mention the already existing 47 town homes that were already on the market, and the bank would promptly decline the loan.

You would think.

For the ensuing battle was more lengthy and contested than the Battle of Somme. On one side was the banker and the broker who brought this deal to our bank. On the other side was myself and all the research I had done. The banker contested and questioned every number and statistic I had. He made me show him where I got the data and how I pulled it thinking somehow I had a bias or vendetta against him and was trying to sabotage his career. Upon satisfying that request the broker then pulled his own "market study." And surprise, surprise, the broker (who coincidentally was vested in a 1% commission should this deal go through) found that the town homes were "fairly" priced and that although 47 other town homes may be for sale in the area, they were not comparable to the larger, more "luxurious" town homes that were proposed.

True, the proposed town homes may be superior, but I showed them that my pricing had been done on a per square foot basis, which bypassed the need to find similarly "luxurious" comparable town homes. I also pointed out that even if the proposed town homes were more luxurious it didn't warrant a staggering 43% premium over similarly sized town homes. Pushing the limits (and perhaps a bit smugly) I pointed out his study consisted of cherry picked town homes from neighborhoods that were in more affluent zip codes and picturesque, which then begat accusations of questioning his integrity and the use of the hurtful epithet, "young punk."

Regardless, the biggest point of contention I came to find out wasn't the location, the pricing or the current supply of housing, but rather the club house. The banker, visibly frustrated now said, "Look, you are completely ignoring the largest selling point of this development and that is the club house! What about the club house!?"

I thought to myself, "You have got to be kidding me?"

Six hours arguing over pricing per square foot, valuation techniques, comparables, housing inventory and zip codes and I come to find out that their whole argument, their whole reasoning for a 43% premium in pricing, their whole rationale for lending out $6

million of other peoples' hard earned money was that stupid club house.

"What about it?" I asked.

"It's a really great club house."

And that's when I realized that I was not dealing with rational people. No matter what I would say, they would still argue for the funding of this loan.

The land could be sitting on an old nuclear waste dump.

"But it's got a club house."

The land could border the tarmac to the international airport.

"But it's got a club house."

The land could buttress an active volcano, erupting at this very moment.

"But it's got a club house."

Opting to waste no more time I said, "Fine, let's submit it for approval, see what the higher ups think."

Thankfully in the end cooler heads prevailed and the loan was declined, but what was most disturbing about this episode was just how close this loan got to being approved. The most basic and simple common sense would dictate this loan be thrown out the window immediately. But the political pressure to make sales quotas was so high that management insisted we explore every possible way to make the deal happen, resulting in myself, the banker and various members of management wasting nearly 20 labor hours on something that should have taken no more than 20 minutes.

Sadly, while this particular development may have had a happy ending, the truth is the majority of real estate developments were never turned down, no matter how bad they were. At every bank I worked at and across the industry the story was the same. Real estate development deals that had little to no hope of being repaid were being made left and right. As long as somebody owned the land and had put together some nifty blue prints and an "artist's conception" of what the finished town homes would look like, they were approved. And as long as the appraisal, no matter how inflated of bogus, showed a high enough value, they were approved. In my entire banking career I had seen no more than four real estate development deals turned down and all of this in the face of growing and damning evidence that a historic glut was forming.

What is potentially going to be the largest irony in the entire housing scandal, the secret that nobody is going to let you in on is that these deals, and to a large extent, the entirety of the housing crisis could have largely been avoided had the banking industry required one simple thing;

Absorption studies.

Absorption studies are simple reports or formulas that calculate how much a local market can "absorb" in housing. You look at various variables including the increase in population, housing permits issued, jobs added to the area, etc., and infer how much demand versus supply there is for housing. From this you can deduce, rather accurately,

how many new units of housing the area will need in the foreseeable future.

The only problem is despite their obvious use and value not once, NOT ONCE in my years in banking did I ever see an absorption study. I had heard of them. I had studied them. I even composed some myself to internally analyze some proposals we received. But after all my years working in the banking industry and literally hundreds of real estate development proposals I had seen, not one of them included an absorption study.

Had an absorption study been required of all real estate developments it would have immediately paralyzed the forces that were contributing to the housing bubble at their source. Not only would the housing crisis been averted, but hundreds, if not thousands of real estate developers would have avoided filing for bankruptcy. The study would have shown them, quite clearly, that there was already an excessive amount of housing in most markets, that their properties would not sell and that they would lose money. Their plans would be taken off the table and demand would be allowed to catch up to supply.

Furthermore scores of mortgage lenders would have avoided bankruptcy not to mention legions of employees and contractors related to the housing industry would have avoided being laid off altogether.

But the consequences for refusing something as simple as an absorption study go beyond the developers, mortgage lenders and their employees. There is also a severe consequence to the banks and society at large.

In continually approving real estate loans that had no hope of ever being paid back, the banks effectively did two things that undermined their future financial health.

One, they made bad loans. It naturally follows that if you make bad loans, you will have losses. The properties won’t sell, the developer will not be able to pay you back, and not only do you lose out on interest, but if and when the houses do sell, you’ll probably only get a fraction of the money you lent out. This has already begun to happen.

Two, they impaired their own collateral. In theory to lower their risk and ensure they don’t lose their money, banks require that you pledge your house or real estate as collateral. That way should you fail to make your payments, the bank can repossess your property, turn around, sell it, and get their money back. But because of the sheer volume of real estate deals that were being made, banks flooded the market with housing, driving the market value of their collateral down to the point it was worth less than what was owed on it. So even if the banks did repossess these developments and try to sell them it is unlikely they’d ever recoup the full amount they loaned out.

These two things combined pose a serious threat to the banking industry. Because of the business they’re in, banks are naturally highly leveraged, meaning they have a lot of debt and very little equity. And it doesn’t take a lot in losses to wipe out the equity they have and send them into bankruptcy. Furthermore, as property prices drop and the banks repossess their failed real estate developments, the value of their collateral drops as well. This decreases the value of their assets, but does not change the value of their liabilities, forcing them to write off some or part of their loans, further eroding their net worth.

The end result is that many banks are facing the very real and increased prospect of

bankruptcy. Unable to recoup the money they lent out, some banks will have to admit they do not have the money to honor and fund the deposits of all of their customers. Normally in the past this would have triggered a bank panic, people would have rushed to their local bank to get what money of theirs they could. But we no longer have bank panics because through various governmental entities, your deposits are guaranteed by the US federal government, otherwise known as the US taxpayer. And this is the other consequence of the stupidity and ignorance of the banking community.

By recklessly and irresponsibly lending money to questionable real estate developers various banks have pushed themselves to the brink of bankruptcy and in doing so have dramatically increased the chance of a government bailout. And what is particularly appalling is how these loans ever got made in the first place. It is inexcusable that bankers would advance the funds to these developments with absolutely no clue as to whether or not these developments would sell. It is unforgivable that with absolutely no absorption study, how they found nothing wrong with being so free with other people's money to the tune of $8, $10 or even $15 million. And because of such stupidity it really forces one to think whether they consciously knew what they were doing and were just in it for the commission, or if they truly were that inconceivably stupid. Regardless of whether it was criminality or stupidity, it's the taxpayer that will pay for their mistakes.

Of course the question is just how much are these mistakes going to cost the taxpayer? The last time renegade bankers ran unchecked was during the Savings and Loan crisis in the late 1980's. That scandal cost the US taxpayer $150-$200 billion depending on whose estimates you prefer. This current housing scandal, although too early to tell, some estimates by varying economists put the potential cost of the housing scandal up to $1 trillion.

Poor taxpayer just can't get a break.

Holy Freaking Oil Batman

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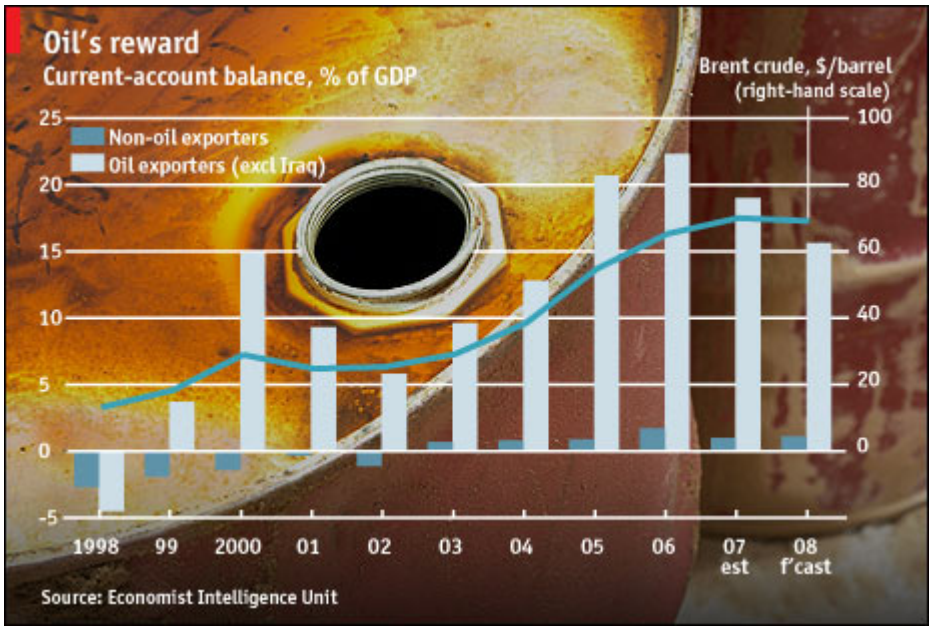
I knew the oil exporting countries of the world ad a positive balance of trade, but I didn't realize it amounted to nearly 20% GDP.



If there is any solace in this figure it will do two things;

1. Give progressively more capitalist sovereignties like Abu Dhabi the cash they need to westernize and modernize their economies thus fighting terrorism by providing a more stable economy.

2. Provide the cash they need to buy cheap foreign assets and maybe bolster stock markets and property prices here.

Robert Mugabe's Recipe for Economic Success

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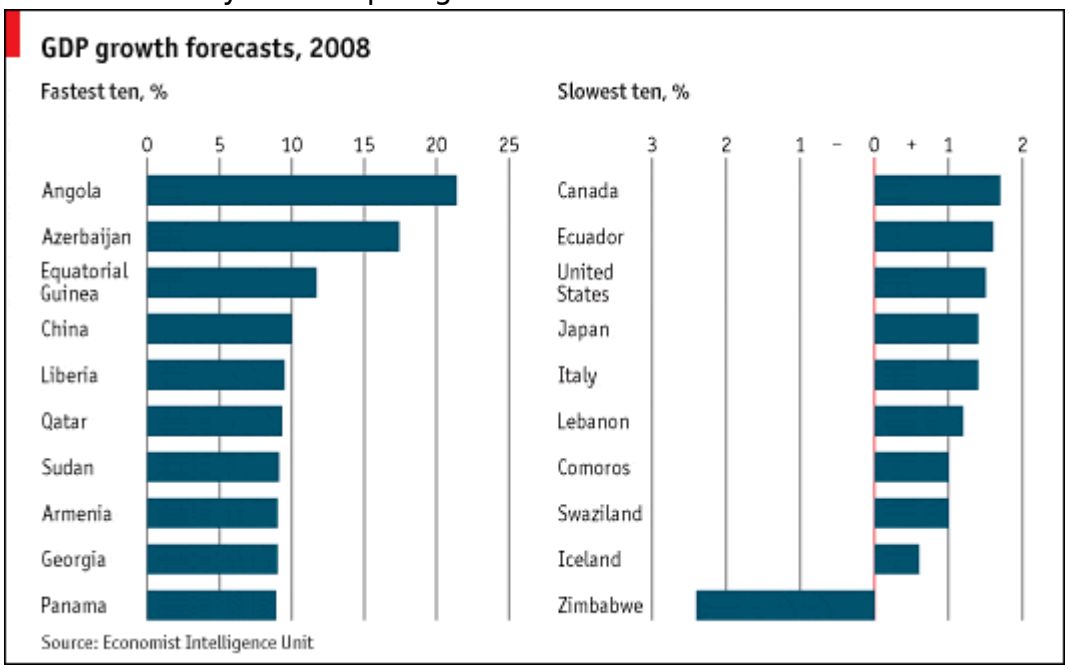
Two parts wealth redistribution. One part mass printing of money. And you have a recipe that is the envy of all aspiring African nations.



Happy Day!

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I could not have asked for a better outcome.

Not only did Obama beat the ambulance chaser, but he also beat Hilary. And Hilary was down to third!

A glimmer of hope the hippies are losing power.

When is Inflation Considered Inflation?

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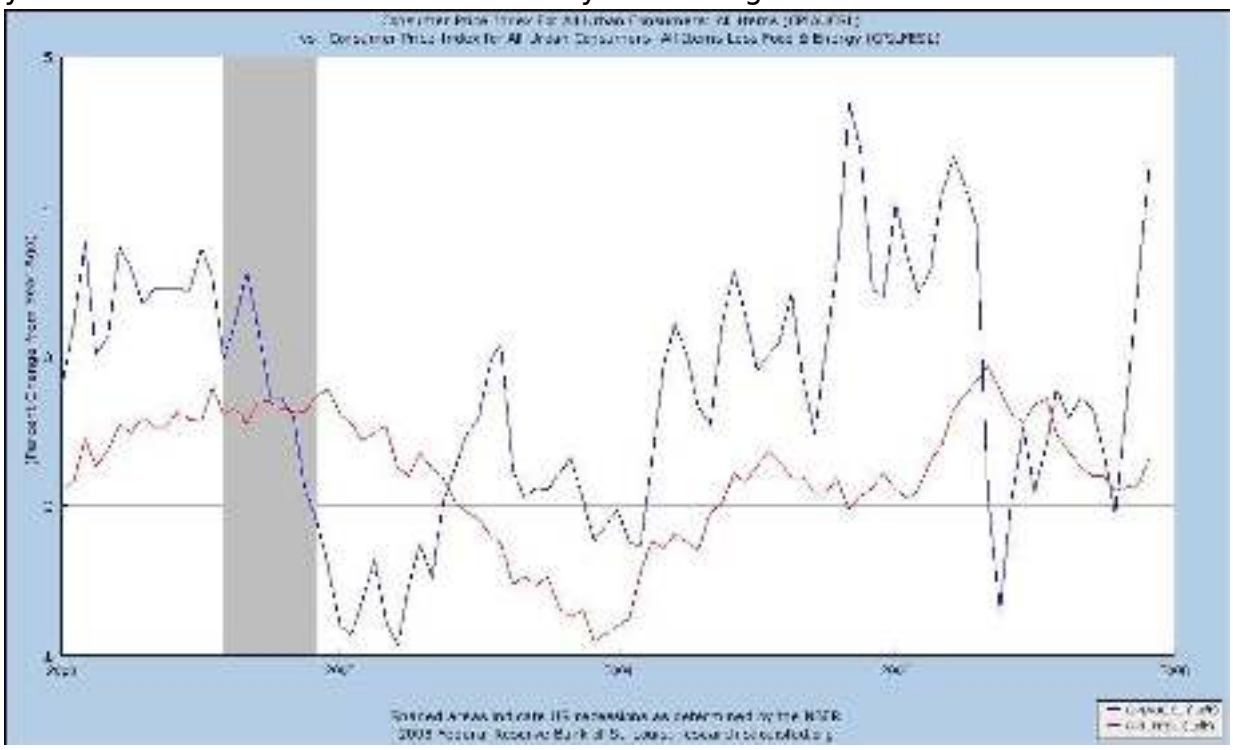
So they always separate "core" versus "nominal" inflation. The reason they do this is that two items (energy and food) are very volatile and can easily over or understate the "true" rate of inflation.

Normally the Fed and other economy watchers are only concerned about the core rate as they should be. However, the past five years or so the price of energy and food has consistently been higher than the "core" rate of inflation. And while energy and food are volatile, being persistently higher than the "core" rate, to the extent of five years makes me wonder if it really matters if you separate it out from "core" inflation. People still have to pay for gas. People still have to pay for food. And the more it costs, the lower standards of living are.

In any case the chart below shows nominal versus core inflation. Bar the last quarter you'll see nominal inflation consistently exceeding core inflation.



And So It Begins

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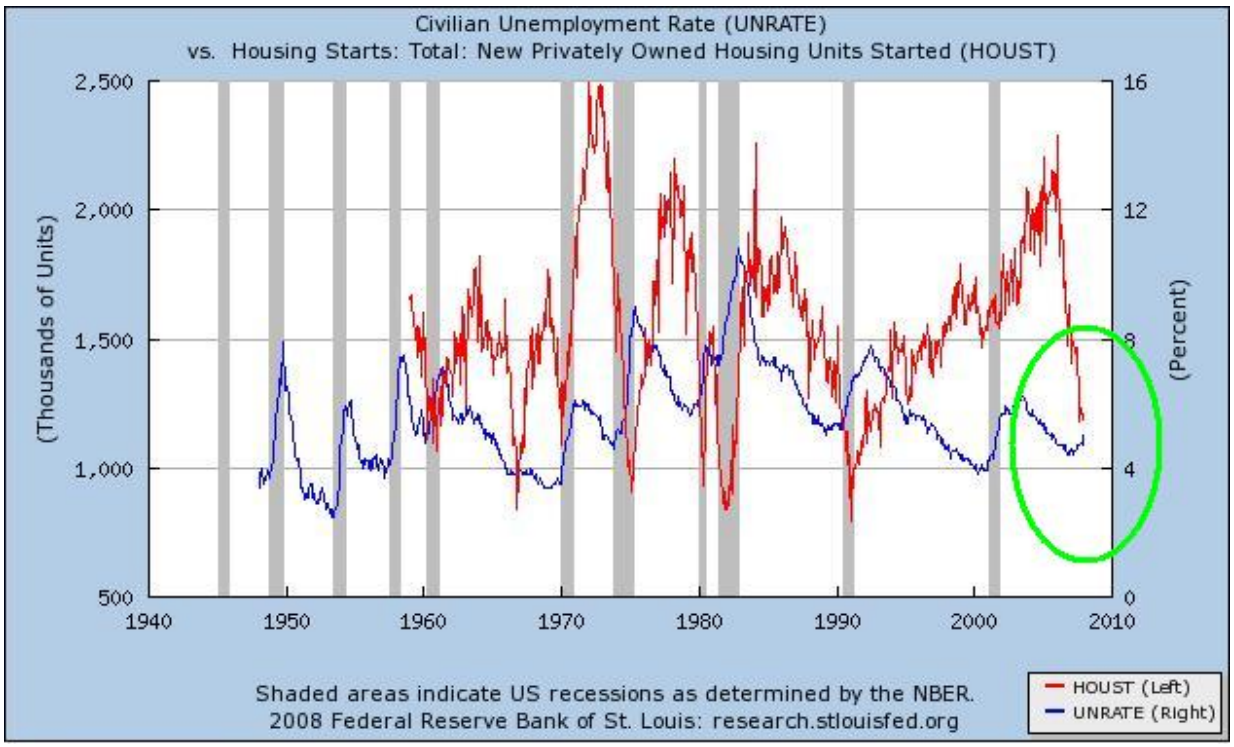
Unemployment came in higher than expected. And if you are to be a technical analyst about it, you'll notice that it is a RARE event where housing tanks to such a degree and the economy does NOT fall into recession.



When the recession starts, let's just remember to be intellectually and politically honest and not blame the recession (that should hit right around election time) on George Bush or the democrats in congress.

That being said, any body want to bet the presidential candidates aren't going to play the blame game?

Just Can't Get it Up

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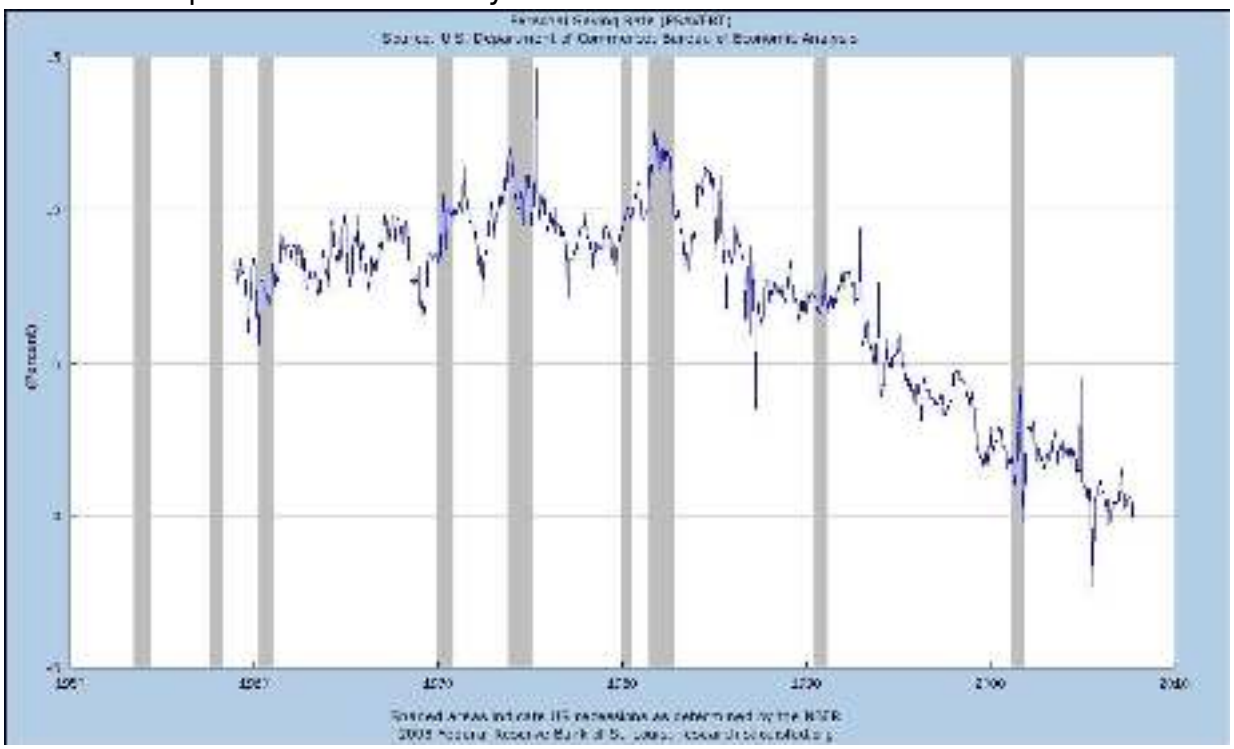
The savings rate I mean. We don't even have increasing asset prices and yet Americans still find to spend more than they make.



PPP is a Tricky Bastard

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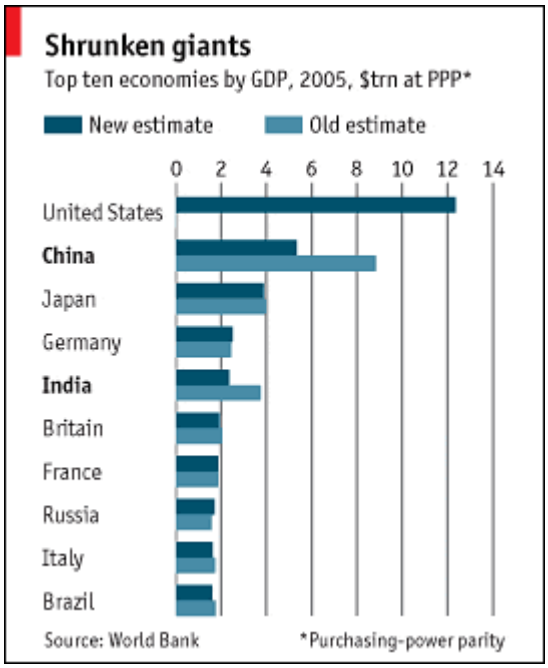
The idea that it doesn't matter how much money you make, but rather how much stuff that you can buy not only explains why "the government can't just print off more money" but also allows us to compare the true standards of living in different countries.

$5,000 here in the US may not be a lot, but in Indonesia it will get you pretty far.

Even locally you can see the purchasing power parity effect where a $50,000 salary will have you sitting pretty in Fargo, but have you dirt poor in New York City.

In any case, comparing cost of living adjustments in the US is one thing as the country is relatively homogeneous. But comparing standards of living in Ethiopia versus Britain presents a slightly more difficult problem. So it should be no surprise that when international entities like the IMF and World Bank revise their PPP adjustment ratios then large sways in standards of living and GDP's can occur between different countries. And such is the case in China.



Don't get me wrong. China still is by all official measures the second largest economy in the world. But when the World Bank updated their PPP exchange rates, it lobbed off 40% of China's RGDP.

Alas it seems it will be 2020 before China surpasses the US as the world's largest economy. not 2016 as I predicted.

Oh Yeah, That's Right, Young People Have the Right to Vote Too

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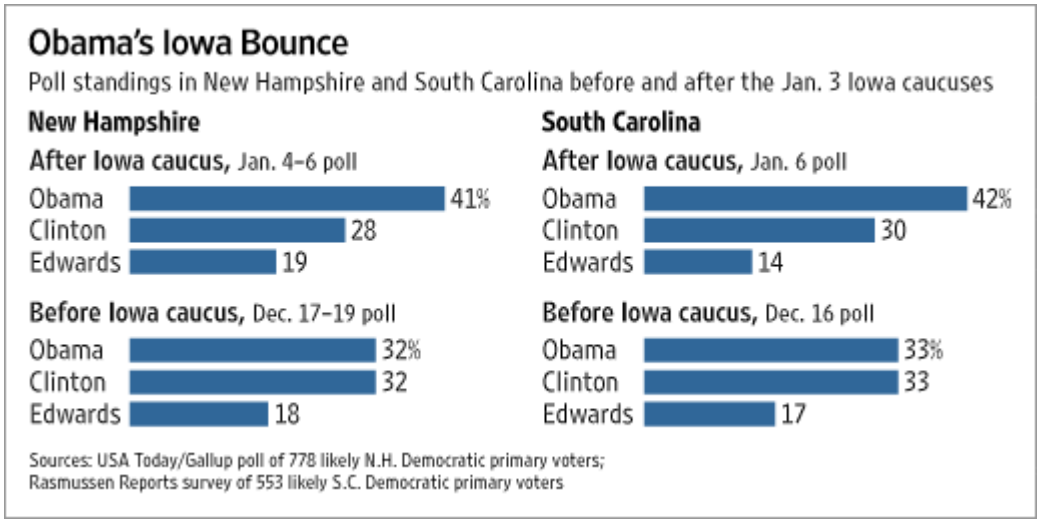

Look, seriously, you can pass the torch to Gen X. It's alright. Besides, it's inevitable. Why not now. Early retirement is calling.

We're Just Not Getting It

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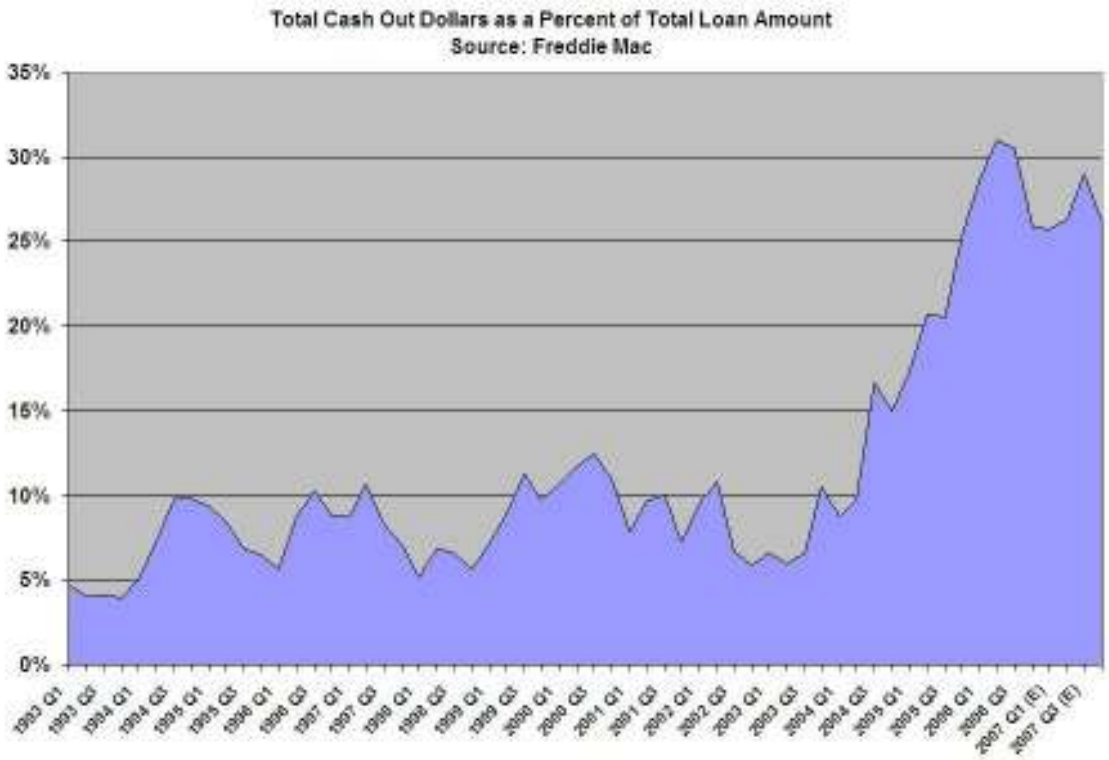
So I checked up on an old chart of mine that needed updating and that was what percent of the total mortgage were people taking additional cash out. Normally this amount hovered around 5% in the 1990's. Then the refinance boom and housing scandal occurred and people used their appreciating property values as a substitute for working for a living, driving this ratio up to about 30%.

Now one would think that with all the hubbub and hoola going on about the housing market and prices actually decreasing, we Americans would get it through our skulls that you just can't live off of perpetually increasing property prices and that inevitably we'd have to do what our forefathers did and that was work hard, thus driving this ratio down.

You would think.



And we wonder why the dollar is tanking.

Shooting Themselves in the Foot

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Look, I loathe democrats. Really I do. But when you see an underdog like Obama and somebody who really does represent change (what change that is I don't know, but it really is better than another 20 year bout of Clintonbushbushclinton) it's hard not to cheer for him. Plus having Hilary the opposite ticket makes it really easy to cheer for him. Regardless, can the foot soldiers of the democrat party take the time to muster an independent thought and vote for the right candidate?

So I will say it again, even though it is against my personal interests to say so.

If the democrats want to lose the presidential election (you know, the one that counts) nominate Hilary. She is unelectable. And I internally fight within myself to temper my desire to see Obama nominated even though it would result in the defeat of the Republican party, with my machiavellian ulterior motive to see Hilary win for it would guarantee a Republican victory.

That being said, at minimum, AT MINIMUM this contested race shows Hilary and the archiac 60's power structure behind her is waining and the day will come that the mantle will be passed.

Yet Another Reason Why It's Not "Big Oil"

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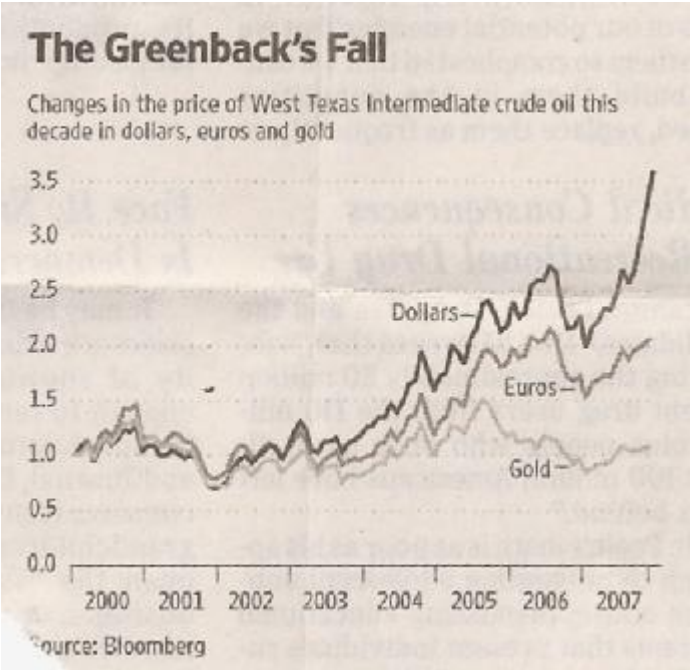
I like this chart because it shows you two things;

1. That part of the reason gas is so expensive here in the US isn't so much the scarcity of oil (though that has its effect too), but the fact that the US dollar has lost so much of its value that it takes that many more dollars to buy a barrel of oil. Note compared to the Euro oil is not that expensive. Alas there is a price to pay to think that you can just borrow to live and not produce.

2. It compares three currencies (lest you have forgotten that gold was at one time a currency). If we were to be on the gold standard then oil really wouldn't be any more expensive than it was in 2000.



Now you can go ahead and blame the Fed for debasing the currency and blame Alan Greenspan because you have a headache, but the truth is that what really gives a currency it's value today is the wealth that you can buy with it.

For example I cannot go to Malaysia with US dollars and buy stuff. I have to convert it into the Malaysian currency, the Ringgit . Thus the only thing you can buy with US dollars is the stuff sold in the US. Therefore the value of the dollar depends on how much stuff Americans produce, not just "because the government says it has value." And if Americans insist on borrowing money from their homes to go and buy a big screen HDTV made in China, they are not producing anything of value here and therefore debasing the currency.

So if you want cheaper gas, cheaper imports in general, not to mention a whole slew of benefits that could be attained by producing more and spending less, take a second job, start paying off your debts. Quit using your house as an ATM and become an old school American. Increase the value of the dollar.

The Thin Red Line

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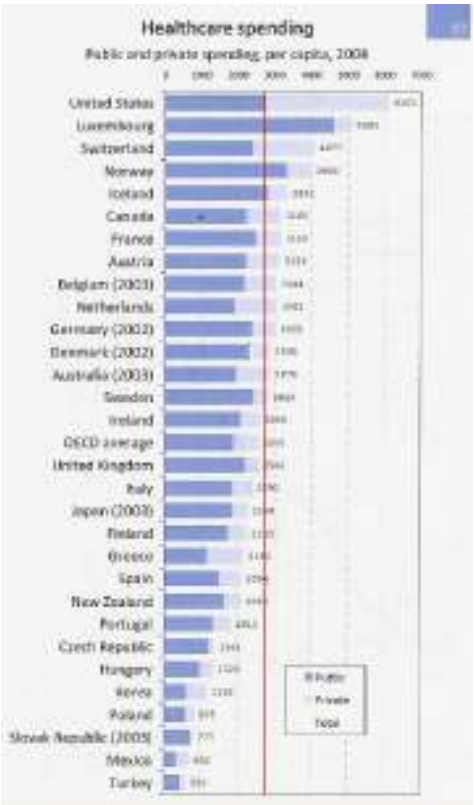
I was cleaning out the Captain's Cave and came across the OECD Pocketbook that I got for free when I filled out a survey and while paging through it came across one of my favorite charts that shows both PUBLIC and PRIVATE spending on health care per person in the OECD.



And what it shows is what I've been saying for, I don't know, five, six years. That the US government already spends more than the majority of European governments per person on health care. That if the left has an argument it's NOT to spend MORE money on health care, but to streamline the current system. Thus the red line to show you the case. In any case enjoy the weekend.

Aaron Clarey

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People have been asking what I look like. This is me as a professional.

This is me as a non-professional on St. Patrick's Day....well that IS being a "professional" on St. Patrick's Day, but not in the traditional sense of the word.

Yeah, Right. Global Warming

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It's snowing in Baghdad.

The Balance of Power Has Shifted

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Ouch. Shot down like a young idealistic 17 year old American male that still believes in chivalry.

The R Word

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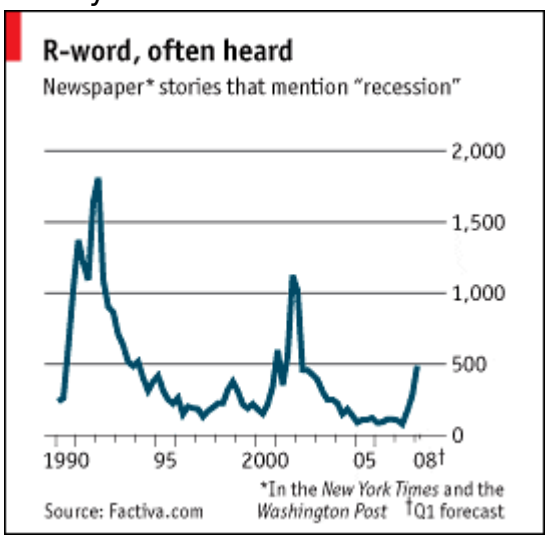
I speak now with the youth of this world and none of them, American or immigrant know of Bugs Bunny. Seriously I dated this 19 year old girl (lord knows why) and she didn't know anything about Bugs Bunny...nor other things. Thus, to revive this long lost icon I shall plagiarize the song from a Bugs Bunny cartoon "The Rabbits are Coming; Hurray Hurray!"



Recession is coming hurray hurray

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The bankers will suffer hurray hurray

Til the taxpayers bail them out hurray hurray

And they'll go back to playing golf hurray hurray

And driving their beamers hurray hurray

And dating 25 year old bimbos hurray hurray

And bragging about their hallow success hurray hurray

Till I get a terminally ill disease hurray hurray

And hunt them down and kill them hurray hurray

Captain for President 2012

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I have this buddy Arturo. He says that if I ever run for president he wants to be my campaign manager for the sole reason he wants credit to the slogan;

"Shut the F#ck Up. I know What I'm Doing. Vote The Captain as President 2012."

So for my good buddy Arturo I present you this.

Mexican Work Ethic

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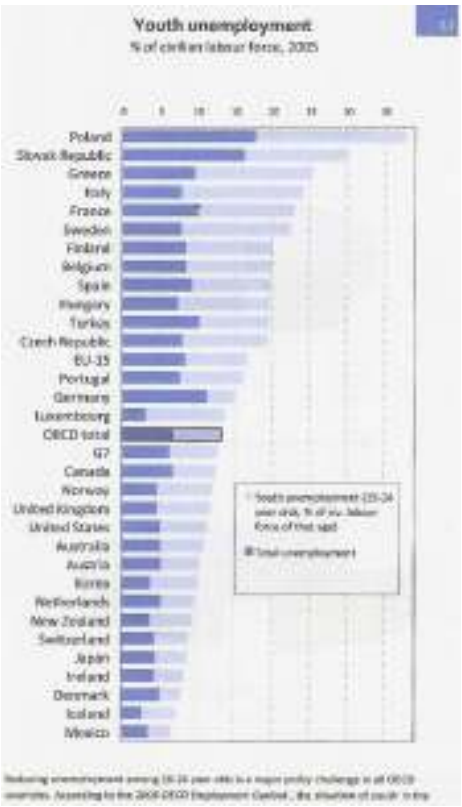
If you don't work you don't eat. Very simple concept. Because if everybody watches too much 90210 or it's current day "I was young in 1991 but now I'm approaching 40 but still want to feel young" incarnation "The Cashmier Club" or whatever the heck it's called, then you think wealth, food, shelter, clothing and SUV's grow on trees and are naturally supplied by the government or a rich husband. And though I am against illegal immigration and am the first to support the minute men, I will in economic intellectual honesty tip my hat to the work ethic of Mexicans, particularly the youth. For you see, if you want to know who will be taking care of you in old age and paying those social security contributions not to mention leading the country and being the best indicator to future economic growth you have to look at youth.



My only question is what the hell is up with Poland???? Good lord, didn't you learn your experiences with communism that should make you grateful to go out and kick a$$ and take names and work? What are you waiting for????

Who Is Free?

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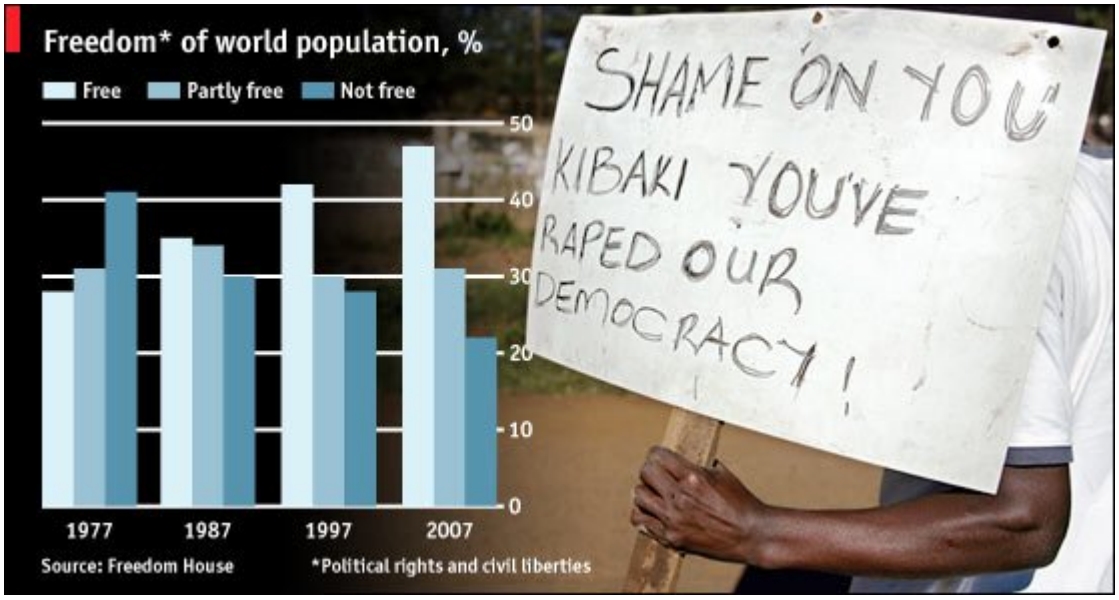

Note the drop in tyranny correlates with the collapse of communism.

Giggity Giggity Over Stock Market Valuations

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Housing was overvalued, we knew that....well some independent thinking younger folk knew that. Obviously not the higher ups at Wall Street's "elite" bulge bracket" who were paid multiple hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation to run America's largest financial institutions into the ground. But why rub salt into blue blooder's wounds?

In any case there is another asset bubble. I've always worried about what would happen when the Baby Boomers retire instead of contribute $60 billion per month in 401k contributions, instead started selling out of stocks and move to fixed income? But complicate that with the prospect of American companies losing money or at least not making as much money as they previously did and the stock market looks precipitously close to a crash.

Of course this has already started happening as the primary driver of American corporate profits has come to a stand still; property values and very loose, borderline charitable credit.

Alas why I like the chart provided by Professor Genius Robert Shiller who has measured the S&P 500's P/E ratio going back to 1881. The average multiple at which a stock's price trades above it's earnings is about 16.

Today its around 40% more its historical average. Though this chart does not include the market's follies in the past month, the market could still have a way to go before it gets back in line with historical trends.

But don't worry. They're TALKING about THINKING about CONTEMPLATING about PONDERING the CONCEPT of MAYBE implementing a THEORETICAL stimulus package in Washington.

Giggity, freaking, giggity.

You Can't Make This Up

January 18, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I hope when I am dead at least I will leave this little blog as kind of a record of history of how things happened. But most importantly, when they inevitably do prove global warming to be a hoax, that these pictures will be used to historically document the idiocy of it all, along with Dotcom Mania, Beanie Babies and the hopes of the Minnesota Vikings

winning a super bowl.

The Captain's Economic Advice

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I shall bring up an old idea I had a while ago that if we really wanted to help America avoid a recession and put her back on track, the the most effective stimulus package would not be to cut taxes (though that wouldn't hurt) or increase government spending. It would be to make any paying down of your mortgage tax deductible.

CDO's might have some value and start trading again. Defaults would go down. Interest rates would go down. And the future solvency of America would improve.

But, as always with modern day America, that's unconventional! That won't work! It's too revolutionary! Why it's so simple, it's like a sales tax replacing an income tax! It just can't be done! It's like Obama winning the democratic nomination! Why, next thing you know women will be getting their husbands martini's, men will learn how to wear suits and buy flowers for their wives, and children will be forced to do their homework and get good grades! What you think this is some mythical place like 1940's America?

Operation Market Garden Hits the Financial World

January 18, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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In light of the stock market crashing, and Merrill Lynch and Citigroup posting losses and the economy on the precipice of recession, I thought it worthwhile to bring up an old post of mine.

Interest Rates Should Go Down

January 21, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Set aside the Fisher Formula and what have you and consider this. While the markets and the economy may be on the brink to head into recession, the silver lining, and it's a big one for it directly affects the forces causing today's havoc and headaches is that interest rates, short and long term, will go down. Lower interest rates mean increased demand for housing, which might not necessarily "save" the housing market, but certainly could make this spring at least "better" than it has been. Not to mention if rates decrease enough, a smaller "refinance boom" might occur as people take whatever steps they can to tighten their finances.

Regardless, sorry for the lack of posts, but it's that greatest time of the year;

Tax Season.

Blowing Up Satellites

January 23, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hello all Junior, Deputy, Official and otherwise Aspiring Economists!

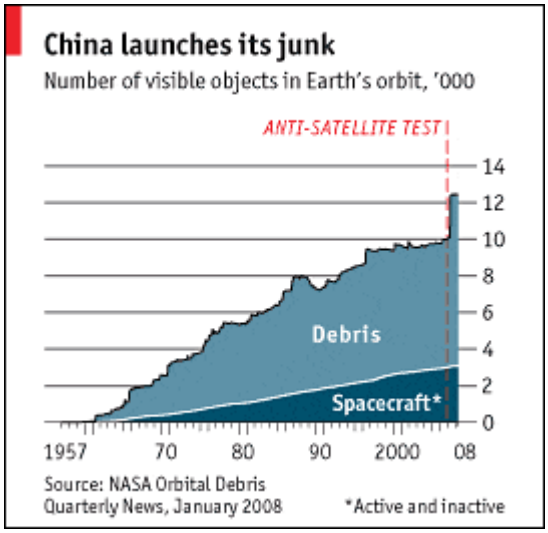
The Captain is on vacation and will not be making lot's of posts as I'm hiking out in the wilderness and sleeping at waysides (as hotels cost money, and it is more economical). Plus I'm out in Arizona and this is a big state with a lot of open spaces where there is no internet access.

Regardless, I am posting from scenic Jerome, AZ which is a quaint town.

In anycase, read an article in The Economist on the way down here about how the Chinese a couple months back decided to blow up a satellite.

I remember the American response, according to the media, that we were appalled and this was saber rattling and China just showing us that they could knock out our satellites, which would impair a fair amount of the military.

However, I found out the real reason for NASA's angst and that was in blowing up just one aging satellite the Chinese literally bolstered the amount of debris floating around which, when coming in contact with a rocket flying at mach 7, results in a fair amount of damage. Thus the chart which I found interesting;



In any case, will be back later in the week. Postings will be sparse.

Cats are Not a Substitute for a Boyfriend

January 25, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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OK, look, ladies let me help you because I genuinely care to help. I do!

Cats are not cool.

No, I know you think they are. But in fact, they are not.

No, actually quite the contrary. Yale physicists and paleontologists trace the cats' evolutionary origins from Hell.

It's true, saw it on the Discovery Channel. Not making this up. Scouts honor.

Anyway, yes, cats are from Hell apparently and in reality they do not, repeat do NOT help you get a boyfriend. They actually plot AGAINST your getting a boyfriend, that's if they're not planning your death whilst you sleep. Worse still they actually deter you from getting a boyfriend ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'VE BECOME SO ACCUSTOMED TO THEM THAT YOU LET THEIR STENCH AND ODOR FERMENT IN YOUR APARTMENT, INFUSING ITSELF INTO THE WALLS SO WHEN PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE COME IN AND TAKE ONE WHIFF THEY DIE!!!

And it's not a stark, chemically, skunk smell. No, it's a biological, cat urine, 6 month old kitty liter smell. That the biological remnants of whatever cause cat stench is taking on a new, merged, mutated life form with improved odor.

Also, most people have an allergy to cats. So, you know, maybe vacuum the 3 inches of cat hair that has accumulated on your couch? And it would help that instead of 7 cats, you know you just get one? The American Dental Association says 4 out of 5 dentists prefer less cats. So, you know, there you go.

Anyway, only reason I bring this up is because a good friend of mine has decided to let me crash at her joint whilst I vacation here in Arizona (for I am an economist and it is cheaper to house sit than to pay for a hotel). And the truth is her cats are not that bad nor is her hygiene habits in cleaning up after them. However, as I house sit for three cats the smell has triggered memories I tried to forget long ago.

Just doing a public service announcement.

Why You Can't Argue with a Liberal

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A liberal friend of mine (yes I have them) sent me this as she knows my affinity for charts.

And key to understanding this is that she is about 55 years old

The reason that this is key that any truly (and I mean this) independently thinking individual who is intellectually honest will look at each "item" and say, "wait a minute, that is..." fill in the blank.

"Fill in the blank"

Irrelevant
Not adjusted for inflation
Not adjusted for the size of the economy
Cherry picked data (my personal favorite is the 4 countries whose opinion of the US has dropped...OUT OF 176 FREAKING NATIONS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!)

In anycase, long story short, for I am on vacation, it is the perfect example of why you really can't argue with a liberal beyond a certain age, because they have an ideology they're going to subscribe to and will find the data that FITS that ideology, never letting the data or fact actually form their ideology.

I know this chart will be frustrating because it is so disingenuous plus there are some outright lies (and I like how they cite their figures) but take solace in the fact that this is literally their "best" argument. Additionally, this should emphasize the importance of being intellectually honest. If you really do care about society and your fellow man, you wouldn't resort to such pathetic tricks and selective data when it comes to advocating how an entire nation should be governed.

THE LEGACY OF GEORGE W. BUSH'S PRESIDENCY
The Country He Inherited, The Country He Leaves Behind

THE ECONOMY	JANUARY 20, 2001	TODAY UNDER BUSH
REAL GDP GROWTH[1]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NATIONAL DEBT[2]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BUDGET DEFICIT/SURPLUS[3]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NEW PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS CREATED[3]	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMERICANS IN POVERTY[4]	[illegible]	[illegible]
QUALITY OF LIFE	**JANUARY 20, 2001**	**TODAY UNDER BUSH**
AMERICANS UNINSURED & CHANGE IN UNINSURED LEVEL[5]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ANNUAL TOTAL PREMIUM COST[6]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME & CHANGE IN MEDIAN INCOME[7]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PRICE OF GAS[8]	[illegible]	[illegible]
COST OF COLLEGE[10]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE[12]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CONSUMER CREDIT DEBT[13]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UNITED STATES & THE WORLD	**JANUARY 20, 2001**	**TODAY UNDER BUSH**
U.S. TOTAL DEBT[17]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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COMBAT READINESS[19]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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VIEW OF AMERICA AMONG NEW POLL OF 10 NATIONS[21]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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CHINA'S VIEW OF U.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]

Additionally, I might have said something to the extent that "Under President Washington income per capita was only $560. Wow, he sucks even worse than Bush."

Again, why you should leave the adjusting for inflation to the professionals.

I Want a Bear that Carries Munitions!!!

January 26, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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This would be an AWESOME pet!

Let's see a cat do all of that!

The 2 Cylinder Mustang Convertible

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I am posting from Camp Verde, AZ. And the only reason, the SOLE ONLY REASON I PULLED OVER WAS IN HOPES THE GAS STATION WOULD HAVE INTERNET ACCESS SO I COULD SHARE THIS INGENIOUS IDEA I JUST HAD!

The 2 cylinder Ford Mustang!

Yes!

You see, I think there's a HUGE market for a 2 cylinder Ford Mustang. For while driving out of Phoenix, I've spent the past 2 hours getting behind no less than 30 of those new Ford Mustangs. And the reason I'm behind them is because they're always in the left lane, driving next to a semi-truck, going the exact same speed which is usually 5 miles per hour UNDER the speed limit.

Inevitably we hit a mountain and the SEMI-TRUCK usually pulls ahead of the Ford Mustang,, allowing me the chance to pass. And when you pass people who clog up the left lane, you almost have this biological urge to look over and see what they look like. As if you're going to see some physical ailment that would explain why they're such retards for driving 10 MPH below the speed limit in the left lane.

Half expecting to see a 12 year old child at the wheel, the only thing I visually noticed that was out of the 30 or so Mustangs I passed, 25 we're occupied by normal looking, gray-haired middle aged couples with big smiles on their face. Not because they were vindictive and knew they had held me and half of the northbound traffic out of Phoenix up for the past 8 hours, but because they were driving a really cool and sweet Ford Mustang and just enjoying the cruise on a beautiful day, completely ignorant of the Rule of the Left Lane.

And this is a tragedy. For I don't think that I saw one Mustang that was using all 6 or 8 of its cylinders. I did not see one Mustang even pushed to 1/2 of its performance limits. If I was in that car, I'd not be in Camp Verde, I'd be in Canada right now.

Thus, since it is obvious that the slightly elder generation wants to buy the classical looking Mustangs that have come out in the past year, but don't want an actual sports car, I recommend the Ford Motor Corporation develop the 2 cylinder Ford Mustang, because that's about all the cylinders they're going to need.

"Yes, the 2 cylinder Ford Mustang. It looks cool, but drives slow! Are you in no particular rush to be anywhere? Want to take up precious traffic space in the left lane? Looking to

get great fuel efficiency, but absolutely no performance whatsoever? Then get the 2 Cylinder Ford Mustang! It just looks cool, but it's not!"

And for all of you folk that have already bought Mustangs with all those nasty cylinders, don't worry you can donate it me and the younger folk. We'll take them off your hands and drive them like they were intended to be driven.

Now I must go. I think in the past 30 minutes of typing and eating and fueling, the Mustang Caravan might be catching up to me.

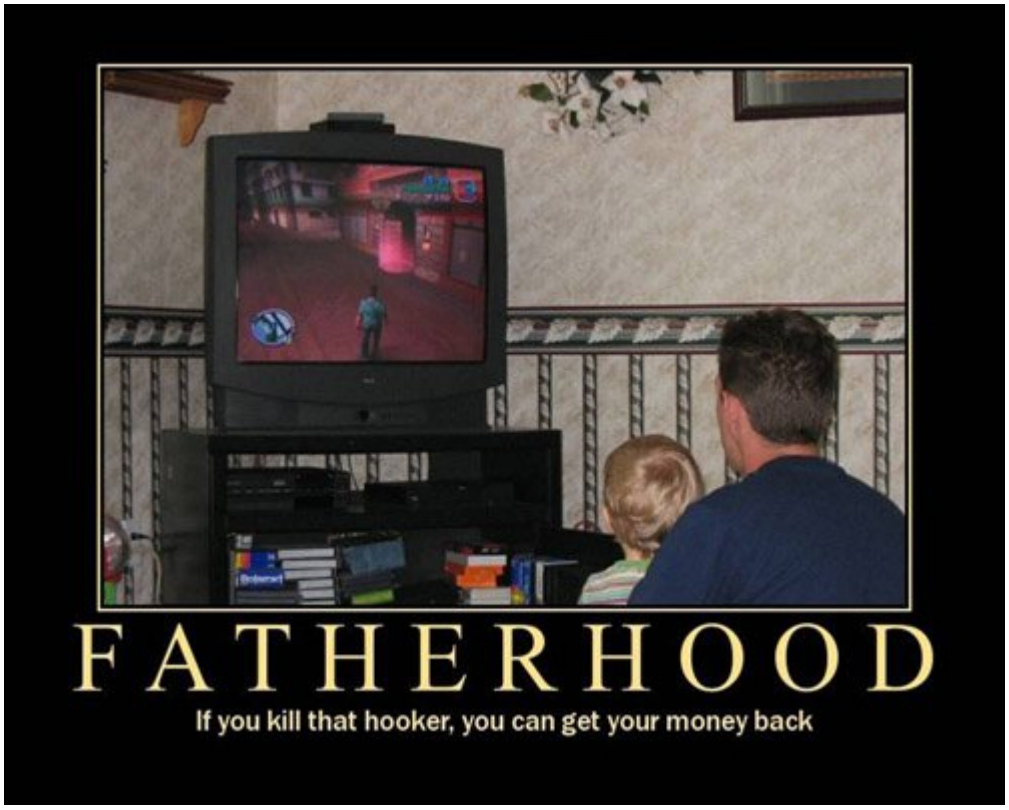
When I Am King

January 27, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Someday I will have an office.

And someday I will be in such position of power, that I will not have one of these "motivational" posters;

But rather "de-motivational" posters like this one;



However, prominently displayed with a spotlight shinning on it before you walk into my office will be this one.

Hat tip to Mr. Ryan Fuller.

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Again, not to scare all you fellow capitalists out there, I don't want Obama to win the presidency, but I am still cheering him on since he does represent a changing of the old guard.

Going to be a shame if we have to beat him in the presidential election. Would have so much preferred to destroy Hilary.

Rents Ultimately Drive Property Values

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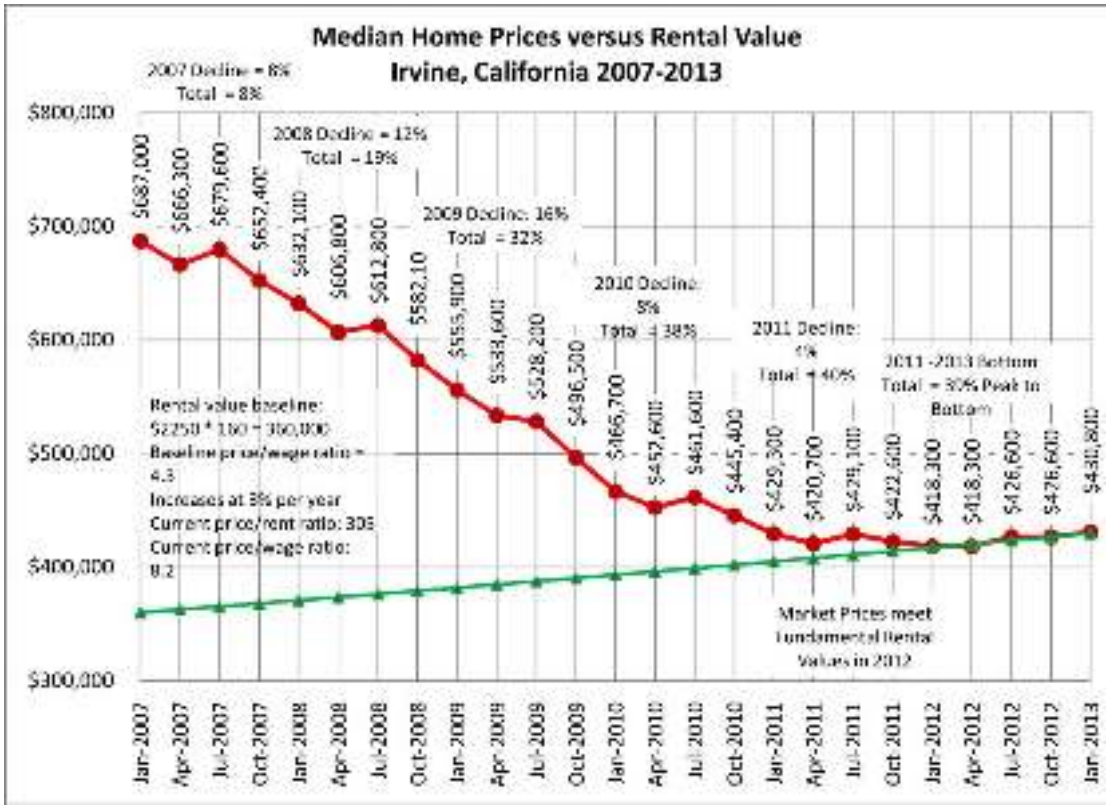

I love this chart. estimates that around 2012 in Irvine, CA (which is probably not as representative as the rest of the country) rents will catch up to the market value of the houses out there. Hat tip to another charting blogger.

ROI of a Vasectomy

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Sorry folks, playing catch up from vacation. Will show you the pictures later. In the meantime here's a "Best of the Captain."

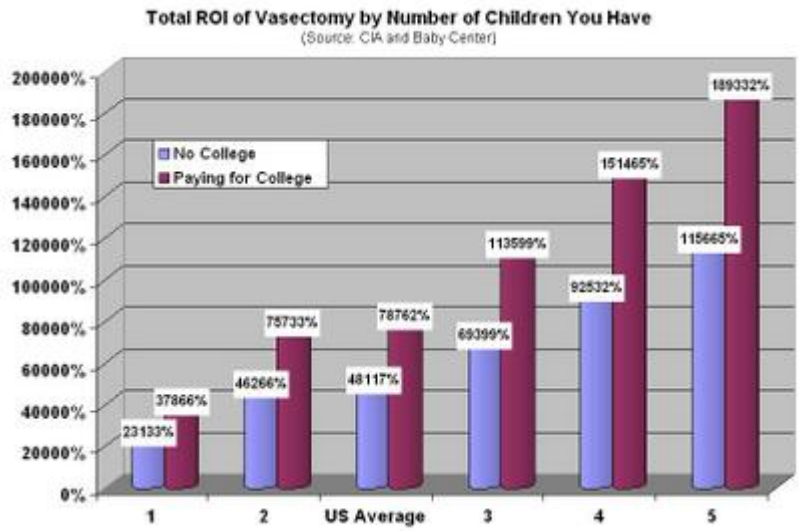
It was determined a while ago that Captain Capitalism would not sow his seed for despite high demand by the ladies, a little Jr. Captain Capitalism would wreak havoc upon my life and no doubt be turned to the Dark Side by the public schools requiring a kind of Obi Wan Kenobi versus Anakin Skywalker ultimate showdown in the end, where no doubt I would surely win for I am on the Good Side of the Force and he would be a product of the public schools.

Having said that, it was determined a while ago that Captain Capitalism would have a vasectomy and his friends in St. Paul got the brilliant idea of having a "Vasectomy Fund Raiser Party" where the theme was akin to "He doesn't want to breed, and the World doesn't want him breeding either! Save the World! Donate to Captain Capitalism's Vasectomy Fund!" Alas as the time nears, it got me thinking, "how much am I going to save by having this vasectomy?"

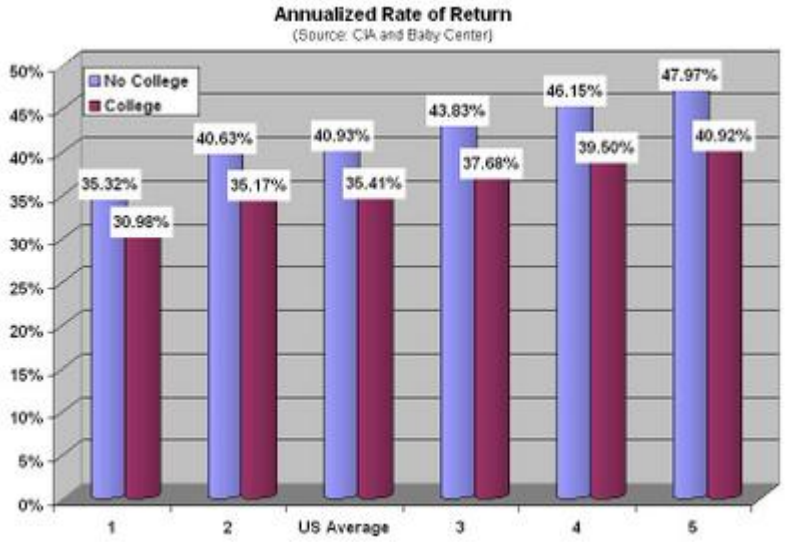
Or more specifically, "what kind of rate of return am I going to realize on a little snip-snip?"

So with a little number crunching and research I figured that by plopping down $1,200 for the vasectomy, and assuming I would have had the 2.08 children that is the US average, I would save about $577,000 (or $945,000 if I was stupid enough to pay for my 2.08 childrens' way through college). This translates into a whopping total Return on Investment (ROI) of 48,177% (or 78,762%, respectively).

Of course, not everybody has 2.08 kids. Some are microscopically wiser only spitting out one. Others are complete morons producing 5 children and no doubt requiring me to subsidize them. Thus I calculated the total ROI's for varying levels of children as a handy dandy reference guide for those of you pondering having children;



I also annualized these rates of return so that you may compare them against the performance of your 401k/403b funds, and even that of the seemingly "unbeatable" S&P 500 (and no, it's not a mathematical error that paying for college results in a lower annualized rate of return).



Look out Warren Buffett. There's a new sheriff in town.

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Correct.

No, It's Not

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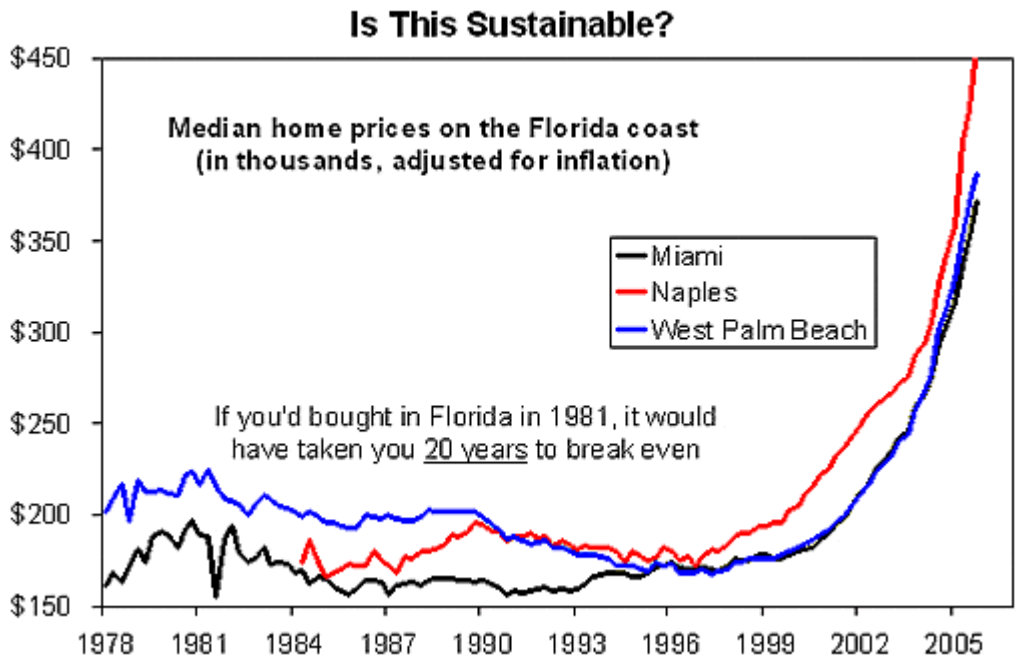

I like old charts. Hee hee!

1 Missed Call

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Friend forwarded this to me. A cell phone IED in Iraq.

You Sick Bastards

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This only shows you howthey pervert and abuse a religion as an excuse to do what they want.

They're nothing but evil people. Pure and simple. And some people think you can rationalize with scum like this.

More of the Captain's Advice for Women

February 2, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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OK, so I was just lectured for calling a woman "Kid."

As in the context, "Hey, Kid, what's going on?"

Or as in "Good to see ya, Kid."

She said it was degrading to women.

And the only reason I feel compelled to write about this is because literally about a decade ago the same thing happened to me when I was a young 22 year old.

So here's my advice women, particularly the younger uncultured ones.

"Kid" is not a degrading term.

It is a term of endearment.

And if you had any culture about you, you would realize its origins come from Casablanca.

It is Better to Be Nice Than Right In America

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So I was interviewing for a job. And one would think logically, that if you could document through writing, research or what have you that you were one of the handful of people out there that saw the housing crash coming and could have saved this potential employer millions of dollars, they would want to hire you.

Not so.

Spoke with a recruiter who was one of the few that took a look at my resume and had the cajones to be forthright with me and say, "Captain, you scare people. You have too many things going on in your life and the fact you put in your resume that you predicted the housing crash scares people even more because you're not a team player."

Which threw me off a bit, because I was thinking that ESPECIALLY in this market, banks and other financial service firms would LOVE to hire somebody who could have predicted this. You know, that if you spent all of $100,000 on me say, 4 years ago at Citigroup I could have saved them $14,000,000,000 (not to mention the egregious severance package their former CEO got). That's a pretty good ROI. But ahhh, that is where you go thinking again.

For there are times that I sit here in the US and often wonder how is it that our economy is any more efficient than North Korea's. How, with the Pointy Haired Bosses of the World the US manages to eek out an additional 3.2% RGDP per year every year, when it has practically been every US employee's universal experience to see a train wreck like the housing crash coming, they futilely sound the whistles and alarms only to have the Point Haired Boss Conductor of the train SPEED UP.

And the only way I can rationalize this is that American society has become so obsessed with not insulting people, not making anybody feel the slightest bit on edge, than we put being NICE ahead of being RIGHT.

I'm sure there are anecdotes and stories abound (which I'd love you to post about and e-mail in) where being nice is put above being right. The housing debacle is just one such example. Approve everybody, borrowers or builders, regardless of their ability to pay and regardless of their ability to sell the properties. Or where I see wait staff tolerate people's crap who whine a gripe about their food not cooked to their anal retentive demands.

Regardless, I've always kind of had this theory in the back of my head, but I hadn't recently thought about it until I saw this book consistently on the top of the NYT's best seller list; The Secret. (and yes, I know it is under the Advice Column, but I couldn't find

the Economist chart with it that showed it #2 for the overall list).

Hardcover Advice

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6	**DECEPTIVELY DELICIOUS**, by Jessica Seinfeld. (Collins/HarperCollins, $24.95.) Tips and recipes to fool children into eating right,	18

The whole idea of this book is, very simply, if you wish it to happen and think nice little fluffy bunny rabbit thoughts of ice cream and flowers, it will come true. And not only that, they contest that it's a "secret" that has given all the power to all the power brokers in the world and made millionaires and billionaires who they are. No, Bill Gates didn't think or answer the demand of an economy, he just thought happy thoughts and poof Microsoft was formed. The only reason I know of this stupid book is because my buddy Chico is hooked on it. And sadly he has yet to make his millions (but don't worry, he keeps wishing it will happen...AND IT WILL, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE SECRET!)

Regardless, the fact this book is on the top of the NYT's best seller list only confirms what I fear; The US population would rather be lied to and believe in a fairy tale instead of face the harsh realities of life and make real progress. And that kind of thinking is dangerous because putting what's NICE ahead of what's RIGHT is that it ignores reality.

Yes, it would be nice to think there isn't a housing bubble (you'd be amazed how many bankers think the recovery is "just around the corner.")

Yes it would be nice to think Beanie Babies and Tulip Bulbs and Dotcoms can perpetually go up in value forever.

Yes it would be nice to think that the Minnesota Vikings would win a Super Bowl.

And it would be very nice to think that Social Security and Medicare are not going to

crush this nation's economy in about 10 years.

Yes that would be nice.

But try to point out those "nasty realities" at a party and you are summarily shunned or asked to leave.

Try to point out the Vikings do indeed suck, and you will be kicked out of any Minneapolis bar.

And try to point out that a person can't afford a loan, and you'll be lectured about not being a team player.

Of course this puts the American worker in a paradox. Do you do what's right, or what's nice? And unfortunately for most Americans, they don't have the option. They're not independently wealthy and can't tell the Pointy Haired Boss to shove it. They don't have rich parents and can therefore afford the freedom of speech at work or just not work at all. They have to put food on the table and make ends meet, so rather than point out the emperor has no clothes, they realize if they want clothes themselves, they better say they see a fully dressed emperor. Naturally there is a price to pay for such ignorance and idealism about being nice vs. right. And that is the recession we're about to go into.

But don't worry, if we all think really hard and wish it doesn't happen and master "The Secret" then I'm sure it will go away.

How SWPL's Can Predict Bubbles

February 5, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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SWPL (or "Stuff White People Like") when I first read their site I found to be viscerally HILARIOUS. I would just guffaw and heartily so because I found the stuff just so damn funny and so damn accurate. On a deeper level though I didn't really know why it resonated with me so well, but after sitting here at the hospital waiting for a buddy of mine to come out of the urgent care, my super awesome economic genius mind has come up with it.

SWPL exposes the fake, shallow tastes of either faux intellectually elitists or the brain-dead, automotonic herds and delivers to them the mockery and insult they so richly deserve.

For example - "Grad School." HOW GREAT IS THAT? You have some idiot that chose an undergrad degree that was so worthless, they go back for MORE of the same. In reality they are an idiot, BUT, because they have a masters in "fillintheblankhere" they think they're smart.

Or for the "brain-dead herd of lemmings" crowd - Professional sports. Again, how great is that? You have some idiot whose entire LIFE'S WORTH is based on whether or not one group of big guys throws the ball better than another group of big guys, discernible only through the color of the jerseys they wear. But, ohhhhhh wrath upon thee that dare insult the team that these morons have vested so much emotion, psychology and (foolishly) cash into simply because they wear the blue jersey!

But the ultimate kicker for SWPL is that these people are COMPLETELY oblivious to their idiocy. They don't realize they're being made fun of and most of them even think they're smarter than the average person (ever go to a "wine and cheese party?") They just plain don't get the fact that they are the butt of the joke.

Of course there's a problem. SWPL's are not some small group of people. They're the majority of people! And because this is a democracy and a relatively free market we genuinely intelligent people must suffer their idiocy.

For example television.

Um, please somebody explain to me why there are GLEE PARTIES?????

You want TV shows to throw parties over? Try Firefly. Try Cowboy Bebop. Try Venture Brothers. Try classical Bugs Bunny. Try Hogan's Heroes. Try Family Guy.

But GLEE????

Another example - the movie industry.

Why am I relegated to marginally good movies starring Jason Statham and cartoons like Despicable Me? Why is it for every "Saving Private Ryan" there's a score of "Eat PRay Love" or "Sex in the City 14" movies?

Going green anyone? Great, I get to pay higher gas prices, higher heating bills, higher electric costs all because it's fashionable to hate fossil fuels.

Even voting patterns.

Why do I have to face a 9+% unemployment rate and a doubling of the national debt?

Because Obama and socialism is just the latest SWPL craze.

Now I could go on, but hopefully I've managed to do two things;

1. Entertain the regular and genuinely intelligent readers that visit the ole Capposphere and
2. Anger and insult SWPL types to the point you might actually be listening now BECAUSE

I am going to lay down some super economic genius that is going to benefit EVERYBODY.

401k's are SWPL.

Yes, sorry to say, 401k's, 403b's, IRA's and whatever other retirement plan you've put together for yourself is SWPL.

Now, this is not to say saving for retirement is foolish, it's not. BUt what we have here is the "brain-dead herd SWPL" members flooding a market to the point purchasing stocks in the US just plain ain't worth it. Specifically, since the government gives tax breaks to invest in (primarily) stocks, what has happened is by default the government has ordained stocks as the defacto retirement vehicle.

Now I've pointed this out before and to great lengths. I also pointed it out probably 5 years ago and the article, though pure genius, went nowhere (because it wasn't SWPL). But now MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, people will listen to me.

This recent run up in the stock market from a DJIA of 7,000 to 12,000 has people very happy and excited. The problem is that the reason you buy stocks is NOT because you will sell them for more in the future. You buy them because of the profits they will

(hopefully generate)

To measure this ratio of the price you pay to the profits you'll make, there is a thing called the P/E ratio. It takes the price of a stock and divides it by the earnings per share, showing you essentially how much you are paying in stock price for $1 in earnings. The higher, the worst the deal, the lower, the better.

Now the average has been since 1880 a ratio of roughly 15. Meaning you paid $15 in stock price for $1 in earnings. However during the peak of the Dotcom Bubble the P/E peaked at 45. That bubble burst, bringing the ratio down to 22, STILL NOT A GOOD DEAL.

But, ANOTHER SWPL fad came in - home ownership and condos and mcmansions!

THis drove the P/E ratio up again to 28, only until we found out the SWPL fad of buying a house you can't afford was not a sustainable economic behavior.

The Dow Jones dropped to 7,000 and with it the P/E ratio reached 14!

HURRAY!!!! LOOK AT THAT!!! THE STOCK MARKET IS ACCURATELY VALUED!!!!

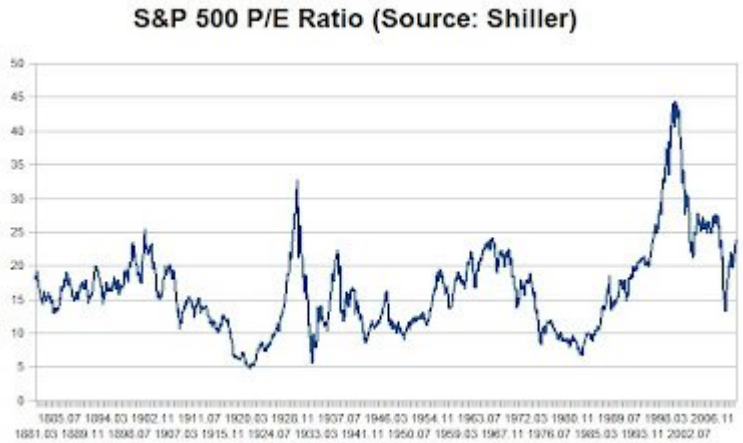
NOT UNDERVALUED

ACCURATELY VALUED.

And so what do people do with stocks that are neither a steal nor overpriced, but just sanely valued?

A buying frenzy.

They drive the Dow Jones back up to 12,000 because SWPL's like to pay high stock prices for low earnings resulting in a P/E that is now around 24, implying a 30-40% overvaluation (denoted by the latest quick jump at the end of the chart).



Now Professor Robert Shiller, who is a real intellectual, not only provided this information, but logically concluded stocks are now overvalued again.

But ohhhhhh, my goodness! The SWPL's don't like that! They want stock bubbles! They want happy fuzzies for everyone! They want unicorn 401k's where you never have to work and solely rely on forever increasing asset prices to pay for your retirement. And they go out of their way to find a rationale or reason to continue living in SWPL Land.

Well, there's just one more problem with that guys.

See, while arguments can be made about whether you use earnings, EBIT, EBITDA and other things that aren't the bottom line, ultimate what drives stock prices are DIVIDENDS.

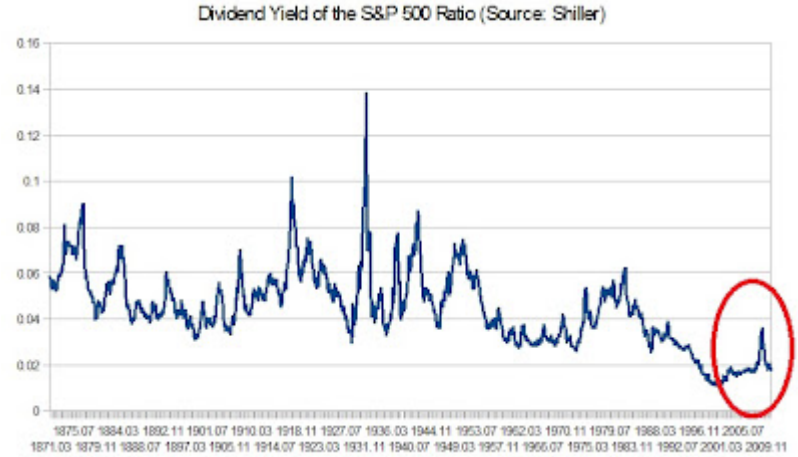
Because (and here's the economic lesson of the day), it is the only real cash flow a stock generates.

Oh, sure, you may sell the stock to another person generating a capital gain. But that didn't come from the stock. It came from another person. And the only reason that person paid you money for that stock is why?

Because the only thing a stock really generates is dividends.

And it is here, the only one TRUE cash flow that makes it to the stock holder and the only one TRUE cash flow that provides a stock with value that the situation is dire.

Below is the "dividend yield" for the S&P 500. This mathematically is the dividend per share divided by the price per share. In other words the rate of return you can expect from dividends.



And while the history of the dividend yield shows a rough average of about 5%, notice the general trend downward?

It reached a low back in the Dotcom bubble of 1.8%. Wow, that's a GREAT return! Let me get my checkbook out!

Of course there was a dose of sanity when the stock market collapsed this last time around, driving the dividend yield up to a whopping 3%.

But oh no. We can't have that! That's not SWPL! SWPL's like over valued stocks! We don't want any of those icky yuck gross dividends! And so with the reinflation of the stock market bubble the Dow Jones magically doubled in 2 1/2 years with no real economic growth, no real improvement in our economic future, sending the dividend yield back to 2%.

Now economists can go ahead and pull out their hair (like I did) about why the American public just plain doesn't get it and keeps on investing in overvalued markets. They can rack their brains asking, "did these people NOT just go through two massive bubbles??? Did they not learn their lesson? How did they DOUBLE the value of the stock market when the economy is in such dire shape and there's really no economic hope for the future?" But they will simply increase their blood pressure.

For there is no "logical" or "sane" reason these bubbles persistently and constantly form. It's much simpler. It's the same thing that causes people to make "going green" a hobby. It's the same thing that sends millions of people to fork over $10 a ticket to see mediocre movies. It's the same thing that makes people listen to something as boring as public radio.

It's SWPL!

Enjoy the decline!

Funny, But Good!

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Never heard of this, but Frank (you all know Frank!) sent this to me.

Maybe you have a kid that doesn't want to listen to their economics professor, but they might listen to Arnold. Not exactly advance economics, but still a good basic for everybody to watch.

Some Chartage

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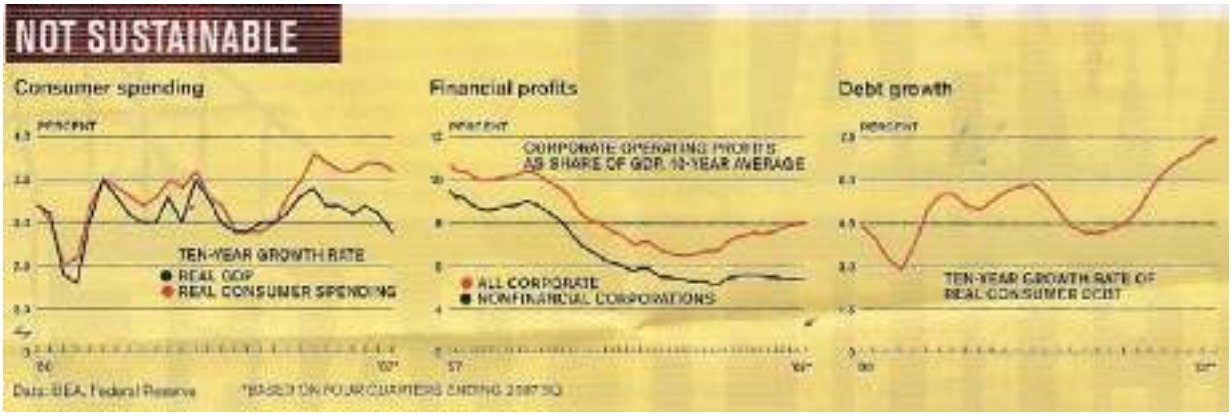
I like charts!
Yes I do!
Yes I do!

I like charts!
How 'bout you?
How 'bout you?

Yes, remember, globalization is bad for America. Even if a cheap dollar makes our exports all that much more affordable to foreign nations and might be the only thing that will lessen the blow of a recession.



And if you wanted to see how relatively "fake" the housing wealth was in the US, you needn't look further than the above chart. My favorite is the RGDP vs consumer spending. It directly explains the third chart. If you don't work, you borrow to pay for what you

consume.

Correct Answers to HR Interview Questions

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As you know the Captain believes (sincerely) that human resources is literally one of the largest threats to future economic growth, the American way of life and in short, western civilization. It reigns over a vital bottleneck of the economy (the labor market) and is manned by ineffectual, incompetent bitter people whose primary motivation is NOT choosing the best people, but to derive a high from wielding power over others.

But, even though HR and their bureaucratic minions may seem to bode ill for you, me, and pretty much anybody else who took and passed calculus in high school, there are ways to circumvent HR because they are, after all, some of the dumbest people on earth.

Here is a GREAT tutorial on how to handle all those stupid HR questions. You know, questions like,

"Where do you see yourself in 5 years?"

Answer - "Not here because corporate America is so unreliable in terms of long term employment I presume I shall be working for your competitors or collecting welfare because you've made it impossible to work anywhere and maintain sanity."

"Have you ever had a disagreement with your boss, how did you resolve it?"

Answer - "Yes, I had another baby boomer boss ask me to put together a MS Excel spreadsheet because he "Didn't have time to learn Excel."" I said, "OK, pay me all the social security I've given you and we'll talk."

THere are others, but you get the idea. If a "profession" has to resort to this as their primary means of qualifying labor, you know it isn't a "profession."

Of course, there is a revolutionary idea I had and I actually do follow. I don't know why more people don't do this, but I surmise it's because we've all been brainwashed to think the labor market is a one sided coin.

Refuse to be interviewed by HR.

You see, no matter what the unemployment rate is, companies and corporations still need employees. No matter how bad it gets, they still need us as much as we need jobs. Most people don't realize this and go in and totally short sell themselves, looking at a 9% unemployment rate.

But what if,

just what if,

people were fed up enough with the pretentious, arrogant, morons in the HR department and simply refused to interview with HR?

What if there was a general groundswell movement wherein youth, graduates, employment seekers, the future life-blood of all corporations, all of the sudden got an ounce of self-respect and said,

"You know something, I no longer am interviewing with HR. If you want to consider me for a genuine position within your company, then you have me talk to the hiring manager or boss. Not some idiotic 23 year old HR ditz who graduated 2 weeks ago from some worthless HR program and doesn't know jack about my job, let alone my industry."

You mock me, but consider this;

"Have you ever gotten a job through HR?"

And now you see there is really no downside to refusing to interview with HR.

Nobody gets a job through HR. They offer NOTHING to the potential candidate, the potential talent, the potential future leader and innovator a means to get into the company. It's like having some super popular "prom queen" chick in high school threaten she'll never go out with you - she would never go out with you in the first place, ergo the threat is hallow.

And so, I hope with this little post, that it may start a trend, or at least instill some self-respect to job-seekers, to refuse to deal with HR. Not just for something as noble as "principle" but something as simple as practicality, because, well, exactly what has HR done for prospective candidates except waste their time?

Har har for Hugo

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Oh, that whole "nationalize the oil industry" think kind of backfired didn't it?

Silly socialists.

Tricks are for kids!

"Free Internet Access" Should Be FREE!

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OK, just a little bit of help here for you coffee shops and cafés out there.

If you advertise free internet access, then make it free.

Don't make people spend the time to park their car, find a space, walk into your place, buy some stuff, sit down, fire up the laptop and then;

1. Have your internet access down.
2. Make us jump through 8 hoops "registering" to use your internet access.
3. Require us to sign up with T-Mobile or some other phone provider.

By requiring customers to jump over all these hurdles you essentially are making them pay for your internet access with their time and summarily pissing them off.

For example I go to Caribou Coffee and fully endorse them. It's easy, I go in, turn on the laptop, plug in and I'm on the internet. Pretty much every other place you will have to go through trials and tribulations just to get maybe 15 minutes of "free" internet access.

Additionally, view it this way. Internet access is an amenity, like your furniture. Yet you don't make us register or have a T-Mobile account to sit on the couch. You don't make me register if I have to use the bathroom. So if you want us to have a pleasurable experience at your venue, how about you cut it with the 6th grade games and make your internet access genuinely free.

Who Supplies the US with Oil?

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In light of Hugo Chavez's complaints that Exxon Mobile plans on taking back what he stole from them (I love how he paints himself as the victim here) and how he's threatening to cut off the US from his oil, I thought it would be of benefit to all the junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists out there to review just how much the US imports from Venezuela;

Total Imports of Petroleum (Top 15 Countries)
(Thousand Barrels per Day)

Country	Nov-07	Oct-07	YTD 2007	Nov-06	Jan - Nov 2006
CANADA	2,420	2,411	2,431	2,637	2,343
MEXICO	1,581	1,417	1,553	1,591	1,737
SAUDI ARABIA	1,609	1,400	1,470	1,507	1,451
VENEZUELA	1,375	1,388	1,359	1,281	1,433
NIGERIA	1,276	1,241	1,116	970	1,118
IRAQ	508	490	495	573	566
RUSSIA	466	452	422	223	369
ALGERIA	447	410	677	462	657
VIRGIN ISLANDS	414	357	342	337	327
ANGOLA	408	342	513	521	526
UNITED KINGDOM	202	287	281	265	279
ECUADOR	161	230	203	251	282
BRAZIL	88	197	204	182	195
NETHERLANDS	58	175	124	152	181
COLOMBIA	219	175	157	46	162

Note: The data in the tables above exclude oil imports into the U.S. territories.

I also thought that Hugo might like a vocabulary lesson. Today's word is called "fungible."

Meaning, "If you don't want to sell us your oil. Fine. We'll just buy it from somebody else. And we'll probably not pay any more for it since by you supplying a different country really doesn't lower the global supply of oil and thus has no real effect on supply and thus price."

Of course you really could affect the price of oil by not selling oil at all. That would increase prices. But then half of the Venezuelan budget would go unfunded.

And then how would Hugo bribe the masses then?

Valentine's Day Advice from the Captain

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Economists of the male persuasion, lend me your ears.

Valentine's Day as we know is merely a wealth transfer created by corporate America. But sadly one cannot even consider it a genuine "wealth" transfer in that technically no wealth is being transfered. For the most common items purchased for our beloveds do not maintain their value.

Roses, for example. Dead in three days. Sure some crafty florists will give you the packet of chemicals you're supposed to put in the water that might make them last four days, but in the end they're dead.

Chocolates. Need I say more? They don't last one day.

Romantic dinner? Last's one hour.

Alas, what is the good economist to do on Valentine's Day? Never fear, the Captain is here and has all the answers to make your Valentine's Day not only romantic, but economic too!

First off, jewelry is a GREAT Valentine's Day gift that is both economic AND romantic.

Now you might say, "But Captain, jewelry has no functional value whatsoever. It has no utility. It is a lousy gift and it's way too expensive."

Ahhh, but that is where you're wrong young Padawan. For jewelry is primarily consisted of gold and gold is a commodity that you can invest in in case the economy melts down. So not only do you have a hedge against a collapsing dollar, but in case of economic Armageddon you have an emergency currency to buy your way out of the country.

So certainly feel free to buy your loved one jewelry and lots of it. Just make sure she understands that if the economy collapses or gold breaks $2,000 an ounce she'll have to hock it and melt it down. (Don't worry, she'll find the fact you're hedging against potential calamity in the economic future sexy!)

Secondly, booze. Specifically cognac or other high end liquor. Again, you'll be showing your loved one that you care more than the average guy, because in case there is hyperinflation, bottles of liquor have the traits that make it a good substitute currency;

It's divisible.

Everybody wants it and accepts it has value.
Stores well and maintains its value.

Of course she won't be able to drink it, but she will be so enamored with the care and thought you put into it that she won't even think about that as she's ripping off your clothes.

And finally, poetry. Ah yes, poetry.

For if you were to look into the box of keepsakes women keep, they do not keep the jewelry or the car you bought them. They keep things that are made by little children. Like drawings and pictures made of crayon. Silly things that are not expensive. Thus, why not make a silly thing that is free with your own hands and will ultimately be kept longer than the flowers or the chocolates? And poetry is just the thing.

The poetry does not have to be good. Matter of fact the worse the better. You do not have to spend too much time on it, it can be as bad;

"My darling babe my heart goes oozy
Your beauty makes me all woozy."
and so forth and so on.

Of course you can make a more refined poem, but it is unlikely to be any more successful than the schmaltzy one.

Therefore fellow aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists of the male persuasion, make your Valentine's Day not just a romantic one, but an economic one!

All We Need Is a Little More Money

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Come on all! Just open up your pocket books a little more!

Two Observations About Movies

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So I wanted to see Rambo. I will admit it, I wanted to see Rambo. Never got around to it.

Also wanted to see In the Name of the King. Never got around to that one either.

And it occurred to me that it is becoming an increasingly rare instance that I go see a movie and would surmise the same of Gen X men. The reason being two fold and thus I tender my theories for commentary;

1. Gen X has no "manly man" heroes in the cinema. The Baby Boomers had Schwartzenegger, Sly Stallone, Charles Bronson, Bruce Willis.

What have we got?

Carrot Top and Adam Sandler.

Even "our" heroes of today are aging boomer heroes;

John McClane
Rambo
The Terminator

The closest thing we have to a "he-man" hero is Jason Bourne and you don't see him carrying heavy machine guns around. I'll grant Jason Statham some credit as well, but again, he hasn't achieved the cult status of his boomer predecessors.

So aside from "Live Free or Die Hard" or "Rambo" there really isn't a lot of movies compelling me and my Gen-X male colleagues to go sit through a movie.

2. That whole "sit through the movie" thing. I'm finding it increasingly difficult to drive to a megaplex in a mall, spend hours looking for parking, only to fork over $9 for something I can inevitably get on Netflix or buy from Wal-Mart for much cheaper and watch on a big screen TV or LCD projector.

Additionally it is in the comfort AND SILENCE of my own home. No little kids with their mothers trying and failing to discipline them. Nobody talking in the theater. Just me, my martini bar, my humidor and maybe the occasional female lieutenant of capitalism.

Regardless, I sense a trend. With home theater entertainment having the technical capacity to outdo a movie theater (because you are sitting that much closer to the

screen) not to mention Gen-X men are aging and we no longer have the testosterone to go out all the time and are finding the comforts of home, comforting, you are going to see less and less of them going out to the movies.

We'll Just Go Overseas

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I always found, even at a young age, the concept of banning smoking from every facet of life to be stupid. If people want to smoke, let them smoke. If people want to do drugs, let them do drugs. If two guys want to marry each other, then let two guys marry each other. And if I want to have a drink in a Chicago speakeasy in 1930, let me have my drink. It is the basic principle of Libertarianism, heck, FREEDOM, that if they ain't hurting anybody else then it's none of your damn business and you should let them do it. Sorry to curse.

Anyway, the people that go on crusades to impose their moral view on the rest of the world is not just relegated to religious folk, the anti-smoking Nazi's are also a perfect example, and the psychology of these people is what intrigues me. Since when did somebody else have the moral authority to tell me what to do and what is right or wrong. I've thus concluded folks that lecture other people about what they should or should not do have nothing better going on in their lives and somehow derive a sense of worth or purpose on going on these crusades. Again their desire to inflate their egos and makes themselves feel better by going on a crusade supercedes the cause.

Alas, why I was just laughing my ass off when I saw this picture from The Economist;

So, for all you anti-smoking nazi's and truth.org people, you won in America with your lawsuit, now you just must carry the crusade overseas and deal with the remaining 5.7 billion people and 175 other nations on the planet.

Ain't globalization grand?

Recession Time

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Many years ago I worked at the police department on campus to put myself through college where they had this kind of "campus cop" program. There we'd patrol campus, do building security and a whole host of other various security duties, but when Christmas time rolled around the campus was dead. Absolutely nothing going on as all the students had left. Thus you'd be patrolling a graveyard of a campus with absolutely no action to speak of, so we'd come up with songs to stave off the insanity. Songs such as "Zone Patrol"

"It's Zone Patrol

Yeah, zone patrol

Fetch me a scotch and a kaiser roll.

Protect the campus while you take a stroll.

Listen to guys talk of Robert Dole

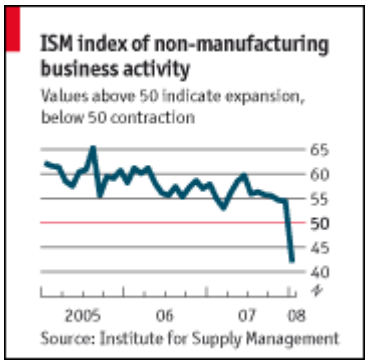
Just let me outta here, I'll sell ya my soul

Cause it's zone patrol

Yeah, zone patrol."

Other such toe tappin' ditties like "Wilson Gate" "Williams, Nothing More than Williams" and "Check Out Time" were created by many a men on many a patrols. They never went platinum, but they were still popular with the kids.

Regardless, I think it's time for a new song given this latest Jim Dandy chart;



"Recession time

Yeah, recession time

Hey, fetch me a scotch with lemon and lime

Buy me a beer with a quarter and a dime

Listen to dat kid make dem stupid rhymes

Now don't you bitch and don't you wine

Cause it's recession time,

Yeah recession time."

(This was a heavily plagiarized version of the song "Check Out Time")

The Captain's Adventures in Arizona

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Thought I'd share with you guys my pictures from Arizona, for something lighter on the weekend. To get the full effect of my trip right click here and open this in a separate window while continuing to read below.

Here's me finishing up busy season, it had been a rough year, taxes started, had to revamp my classes to reflect any changes in the tax code for 2008, plus dance classes were starting in a week. I needed to relax and take a vacation;

So I hopped on a plane embarking for Pheonix, Arizona. Rumor had it there were lot's of fossils of varying kinds out in the state, but more importantly there was some serious hiking to do. Additionally I had a friend I could crash with and not pay for a hotel (though I sleep in my car most of the time when on vacation). For some reason a red line was following the plane all the way there;

Anyway, I got there and as luck would have it another friend of mine who lives in Pheonix proper was taking off for North Carolina. She said if I house sat the dogs I could just crash there, thus providing me a central location to launch my adventures from. These are the dogs.

I then went for a hike with my buddy, Le. We climbed Skull Mesa which was a formidable hike. Le had to go to the bathroom every 15 minutes and this was pretty much the most common site on the hike. Thus I took a picture of it because this literally was what you would see the most.

This is me with my new favorite shirt I got for Christmas

This is Skull Mesa in the background and Le in the foreground. I didn't take this picture for the mesa, but because this is one of the rare times Le wasn't peeing.

This is Le after the hike...and maybe some whiskey.

I also hiked Sabino Canyon out in Tucson. Rain had come in, but the sun was setting allowing for this kind of contrasting picture.

And while I was not able to find any fossils, I did find a freaking sweet ghost town near a crossroads called "Two Guns." It was weird, lot's of buildings, these are just a couple, but there must have been some sort of commerce going on back then in that area.

There was a lot more to the trip, saw the Petrified Forest, Painted Desert, found some petraglyphs, saw the airplane graveyard outside Tucson and lot's of cacti. Lot's of cacti.

BIG FOOD!

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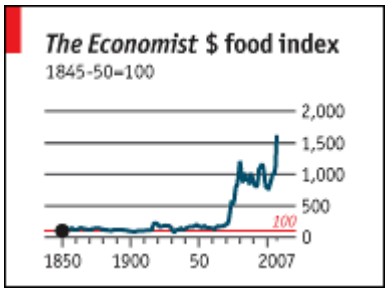
There's Big Oil.

Then there's Big Tobacco.

And there's always Big Business.

But a new villain has emerged to terrorize and impoverish the poor and middle class;

BIG FOOD!



Yes, Big Food!

Obviously a conspiracy of all the Farmer Joe's out there, forming cartels to jack up the price of food! And all just so the "man" can keep us down! Thus I say we start a congressional investigation and slap a multi-billion dollar lawsuit on those bastards! And then price caps! And then Hillary can make sure Big Food doesn't enjoy any of these windfall profits that they so obviously conspired to create when we create a special tax!

DOWN WITH BIG FOOD!!!

DOWN WITH BIG FOOD!!!

How the Recession Might Be Felt

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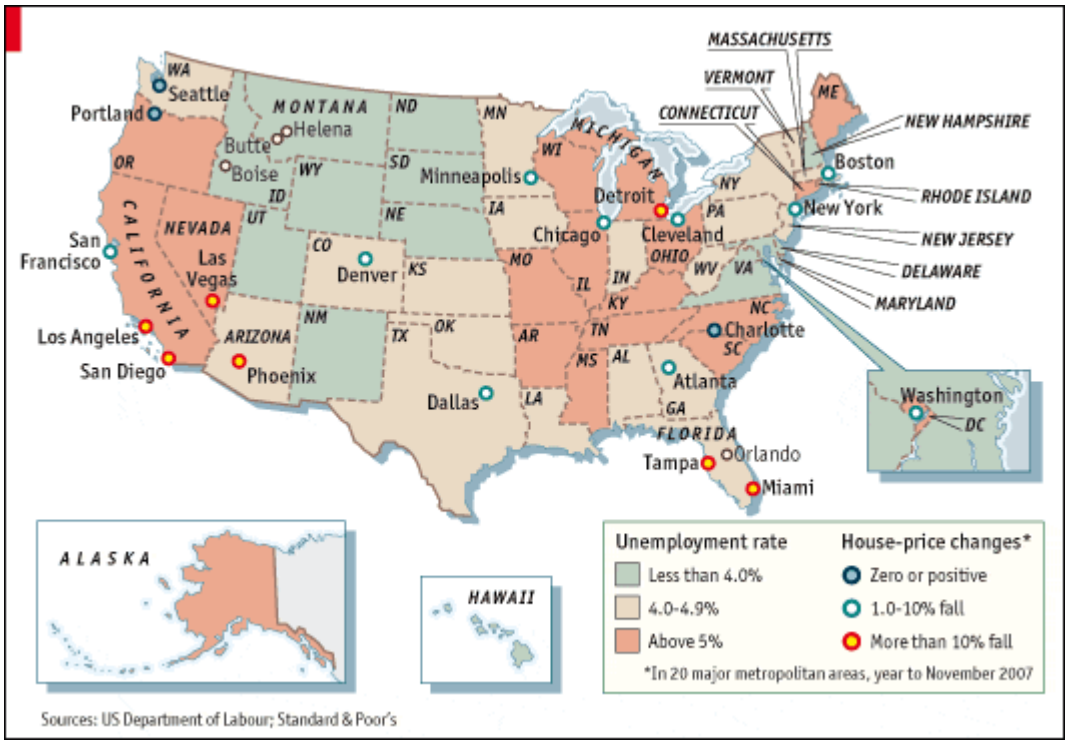
An interesting chart from The Economist shows how unemployment is distributed across the nation.



Can anybody see the correlation between unemployment and some major economic phenomenon occurring now?

From Frank!

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You all know Frank! I haven't looked at it yet, but I'm just going to post it assuming Frank maintains his Aussie Intellectual Titan status.

Here's what he sent me.

My Conspiracy Theory About Conspiracy Theories

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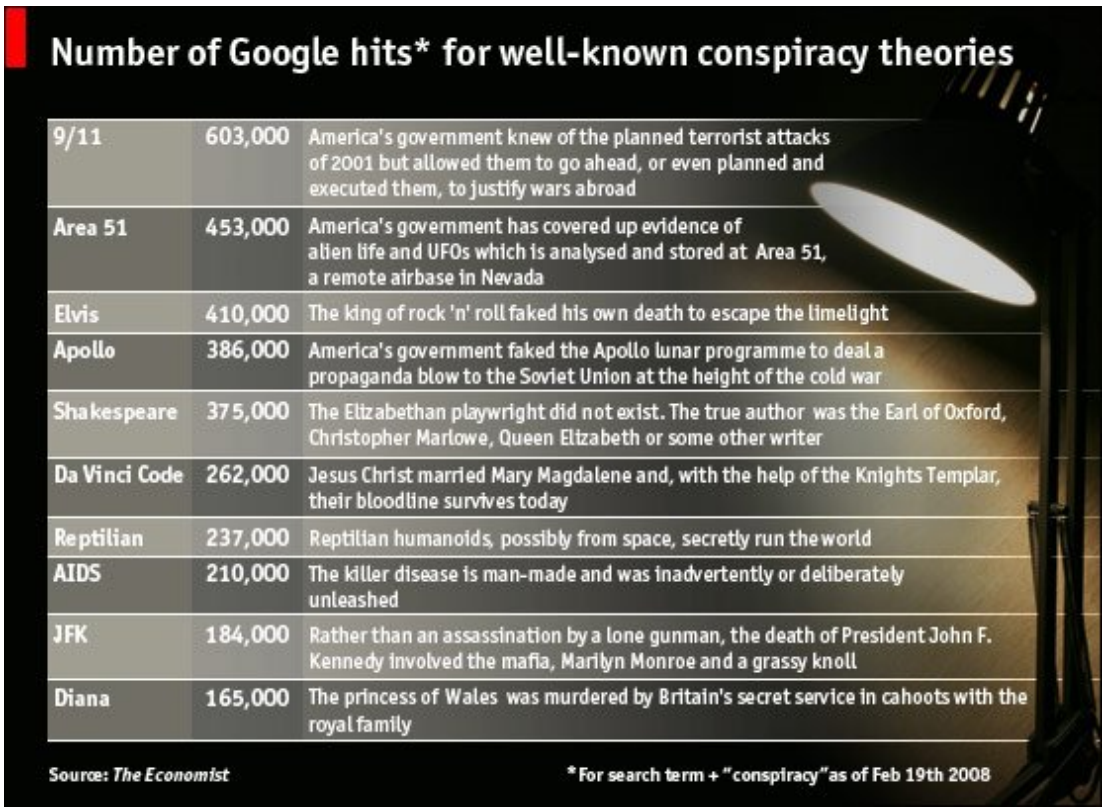
I theorize that people who subscribe to conspiracy theories do so because they don't have the ability to be as smart and as intellectual as they like. Deep down inside they don't believe it, they just spout it off to either sound "smarter than you dumb schlepps that don't know any better" or to antagonize people.



Number of Google hits* for well-known conspiracy theories

9/11	603,000	America's government knew of the planned terrorist attacks of 2001 but allowed them to go ahead, or even planned and executed them, to justify wars abroad
Area 51	453,000	America's government has covered up evidence of alien life and UFOs which is analysed and stored at Area 51, a remote airbase in Nevada
Elvis	410,000	The king of rock 'n' roll faked his own death to escape the limelight
Apollo	386,000	America's government faked the Apollo lunar programme to deal a propaganda blow to the Soviet Union at the height of the cold war
Shakespeare	375,000	The Elizabethan playwright did not exist. The true author was the Earl of Oxford, Christopher Marlowe, Queen Elizabeth or some other writer
Da Vinci Code	262,000	Jesus Christ married Mary Magdalene and, with the help of the Knights Templar, their bloodline survives today
Reptilian	237,000	Reptilian humanoids, possibly from space, secretly run the world
AIDS	210,000	The killer disease is man-made and was inadvertently or deliberately unleashed
JFK	184,000	Rather than an assassination by a lone gunman, the death of President John F. Kennedy involved the mafia, Marilyn Monroe and a grassy knoll
Diana	165,000	The princess of Wales was murdered by Britain's secret service in cahoots with the royal family

Source: *The Economist*

*For search term + "conspiracy" as of Feb 19th 2008

Still, a sign that it's high time to move out of the US is that the most popular theory is that 9-11 was an inside job.

I Will Be Writing the Book

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I've decided that with this blog, not to mention the score of bloggers I know and are willing to advertise for me, that I will write the book about what I saw behind the scenes of the housing crash during my days in banking simply because I don't need a publisher in that I already have the network by which to publicize it. The sample chapters I sent to publishers I posted here (back track from 3 if you're interested in reading 2 and 1).

However, until my book comes out this is more or less a power point, abbreviated version of what you can expect.

Efficiency World

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If you're not 10 minutes early, you're 10 minutes later. Or so I like to tell my students. Of course at the time I was running a little behind schedule and was speeding to make up for lost time. I knew I had to get gas and food before I started teaching class and was doing pretty good until I got to the gas station. And there one of the most reviled people held me up for a precious three minutes in the gas station as she;

1. Sat there and pondered which cigarettes shouldwould buy
2. Sat there and pondered which lottery tickets shewould buy
3. And then proceeded to pay with nothing other than a…

check.

As this person was no doubt a communist plant sent here to grind our production of GDP to a halt, it got me thinking of a concept or "world" I had thought of called "Efficient World."

The whole idea is what if we got rid of that 20% that was holding up the remaining 80% of us? I mean if we took out all the stops, the bottlenecks and the slowpokes, what would happen to our labor productivity and efficiency and thus standards of living if we just got rid of them. We wouldn't "dispose" of them, as much as pay them off to go live on an island somewhere and get out of our way. What would happen?

The most obvious effect I think would occur in our transportation system. There would be no "gawker" effect as efficient people would not have such boring lives that a common car crash would constitute entertainment. The left lanes would be free and clear for those who are passing to pass, not to soak up the left lane in their Buick Regal. The speed limit could

effectively be raised to 90 MPH because we could handle it and know how to drive. Roads would have 5 lanes on each side because we would refuse to tolerate a rush hour. And five lanes may not be necessary as most of us in Efficient World would drive cars and not ride buses or drive mini-vans or SUV's, thus damming up the roads. Arguably there would be no rush hour as in Efficient World people would (foreign concept) LIVE NEAR WHERE THEY WORK! And even that might be too much of a commute, because more citizens of Efficient World would work from home because there's really no reason in corporate America today to have an office.
The price of oil would plummet because we'd use so little of it.

I also forecast there would be no grocery stores, only convenience stores as most people in EW would subscribe to the highest level to Adam Smith's law of specialization and never cook their own food. Refrigerator sales would plummet as we'd eat out all the time, because it would not only be cheaper over the long run, but probably better for us. And as other areas of labor became so specialized, many chores and tasks we do ourselves would be outsourced to specialists.

And lines, the elimination of lines. I wouldn't have to wait for Tilly with her 50 items in the 10 item only "express lane" as her children grab random tooth-rotting goodies from the check out lane increasing her grocery count to 76. And when I want a beer, I don't have to wait for Brandi McSuburbangirl to sit there at a packed bar debating with herself, "Gee, what do I want…let me see…" only to order the inevitable cosmopolitan 2 hours later. People in EW know what they want before they get in line thereby avoiding holding the rest of us up.

And kids. There would be no kids. Kids are inefficient. If you had a kid you would be taken out of EW and moved to KIW (Kid Infested World), where you can fly on planes with screaming babies, disease infested adolescents, and you could bear the full cost

of educating your children as only those with children would be paying for the schools. Thus, by default meaning there would be no schools in EW. Only colleges. And all the colleges would be for the hard sciences. None of the sociology or philosophy stuff. Hard core, efficient stuff like accounting and engineering and computer programming. Heck, economics would be considered the “weaker” of the studies. Oh it would be amazing.

And the government budget alone would be a fraction of what it is now. With no schools, a booming economy, skyrocketing labor productivity, an efficient transportation grid, all math, science, engineering and accounting majors, the tax base alone would put the US to shame. GDP would reach $40 trillion in three years, income per capita would be about $4.7 million per person, and without schools, social security, medicare and Medicaid, I think government revenues would account for about .4% of GDP, contrasted with nearly 34% here in the US today (and contrasted with 60% in Sweden).

Anyway, long story short, I often opine and dream of world of such efficiency. Of course it will never be realized, but at minimum, for the rest of us that dream of an EW world, could you smokers whose retirement plan consists of lottery tickets AT LEAST UPGRADE TO A DEBIT CARD????

Feminism and Anti-Feminism Summed Up in One Succinct Cartoon

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Yup, that about sums it up.

The Cost of Insuring Crap

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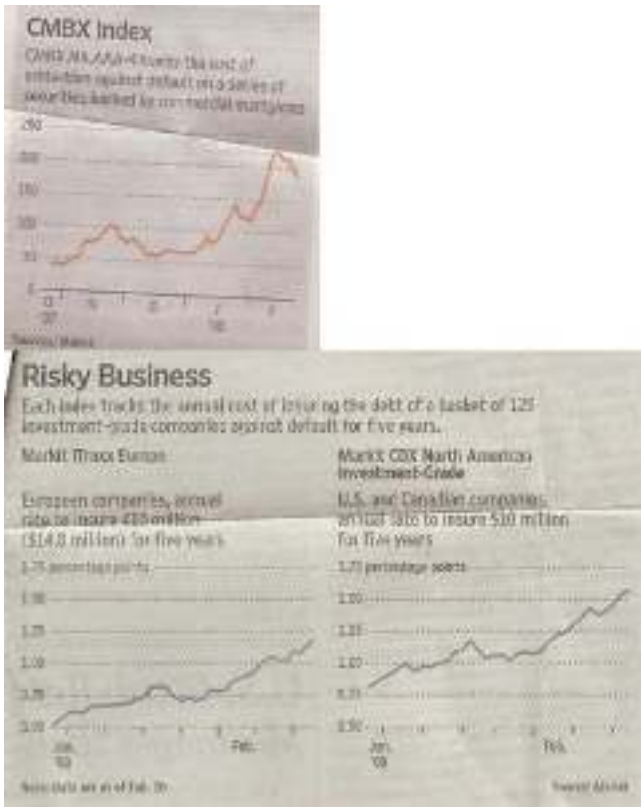
Finally. Risk is being priced reasonably in the market.



Gee, if only housing prices never went down.

What I'd Really Like to Hear the Candidates Talk About

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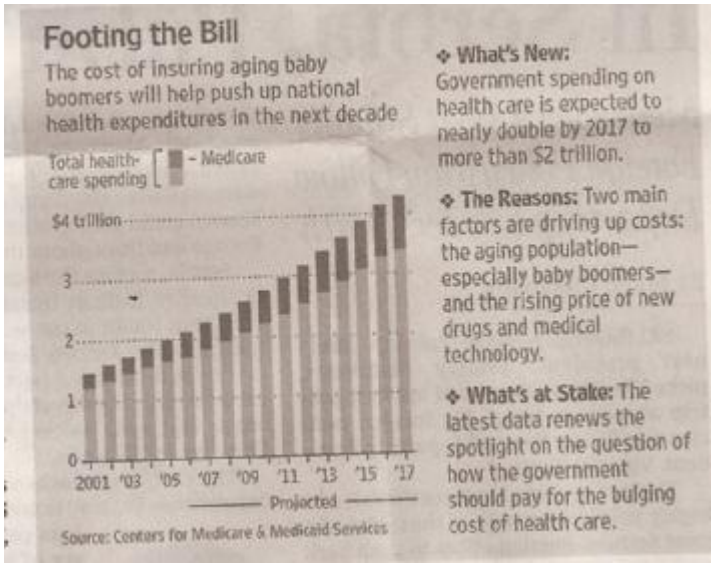
I would love, LOVE to hear a candidate talk bluntly and forthright on how we're going to pay for this;



Of course if they spoke the truth, they wouldn't get elected. Thus, we're going to get;

"This country is in a health care crisis and unless we do something about it, we will have no hope and we're blaming Bush."

Time to Play "How Much Does My Bank Suck" Game

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Hey kids!

Are you a hard working individual that deposited your hard earned money at a bank?

Are you slaving away at a job and paying taxes to make sure the government has enough money to go around?

Were you one of those idiots that actually was responsible and paid your bills and mortgage on time?

Well then, see the latest group to parasite off of you as the FDIC bails out your local neighborhood bank that made crappy real estate loans!

Yes, just click on the link below to the FDIC's financial institution directory and type in a bank of your choosing to see just how bad their financial statements look!

http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/main.asp

Even if the bank is privately held, it's insured by tax paying suckers like you and therefore they have to make their financial statements public. Why, just today I looked up my previous employer and shucks howdy, their write offs went from $1 million in 2006, to $15 million in 2007 and they don't have enough reserves to cover their potential losses! If only they had a non-conforming independent thinker on staff to warn them about this!

So don't delay! Look up your friendly neighborhood banks today!

Big Wheat and Big Iron Obviously Conspiring

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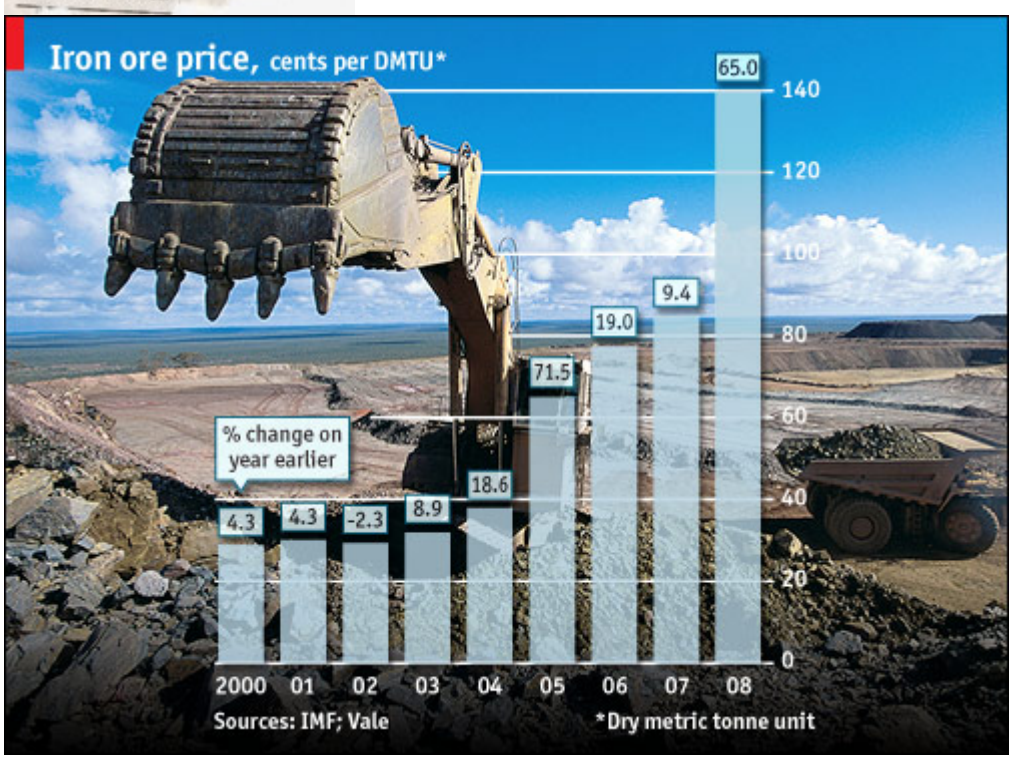

Not doubt colluding!

Why Is It Communist Countries Don't Have Bigger Budgets Than Capitalist Countries?

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Many thanks to Mr. Hunt for sending me this link that shows Hong Kong CUTTING tax rates because its economy is growing so fast it has that much of a surplus. I was thinking about writing about it, but when I responded to him via e-mail I figured it'd make my point well enough;

Yeah, I saw that. Was going to make a post, but I'm just so damn busy. I really like it in that it shows you something fundamental about economics;
"Communist" countries that are supposed to have high government taxes and therefore high government revenues are dirt poor and can barely afford anything.
"Capitalist" countries that are supposed to have low government taxes and therefore low government revenues, actually have the largest budgets in the world.
In other words, North Korea's government should have TONS more money than the US.
But it doesn't because it doesn't have a base to tax.
This shows government for what it truly is; a parasite.

It needs a healthy host to parasite off of. If the government gets too big and the tax base (economy) shrinks, then it doesn't matter what your tax rates are because there's nothing to tax. Which is why I get a kick of how the left wants to "raise taxes" by raising the tax rates. It as the opposite effect. If they really want to "raise tax revenue" then they should lower taxes to attract more commerce.

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=080227061713.sqghg27b&show_article=1

Back of Napkin Economics

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I posted this exactly a year ago on February 28th, 2007. Thought it timely given all the recession talk and bad news coming from Wall Street. It reminds me of Sinfest where the author of the comic keeps waiting for one of the larger media firms to pick him up when he's supremely talented. Anytime you nearly bankrupt banks admit you need help, I just want to let you know I'm here for you...for a fee...and my dog, you have to let me bring my dog to work...and my cheerleaders too, they have to be part of the deal. I need them for moral support when I'm working. "Go Captain Go! Predict the economy! Model those interest rates! Make middle aged real estate developers cry! Go Captain Go!" Oh, and the office of your president that made you lose millions, I'll want that too. Matter of fact, while we're at it I could really use a bank paid squire with a trumpet to announce my coming. There will no longer be power point presentations. He'll read from scrolls and announce my findings at meetings. Any way, here's the original post, A YEAR AGO MIND YOU NOW!

I always fathomed in the back of my mind kind of a "Museum of Economics" where various artifacts of different economic lore would be stored.

In particular the napkin that Arthur Laffer used to draw his "Laffer Curve" on (although he does not recall writing it on a napkin).
But why does Arthur get all the attention for his napkin? What if I came up with some economic genius of my own and just wrote it on a napkin? Would my napkin then be included in this Museum of Economics? Probably not, but what they heck, we'll give it a shot anyway.

So I happened upon an interesting statistic in The Economist that said for every $100 drop in one's home value, there would be a $3-5 drop in consumer spending. And based on previous research I pulled together, housing looks like it would have to drop by about 33% in order to bring price to rents an price to incomes back in line with historical values;

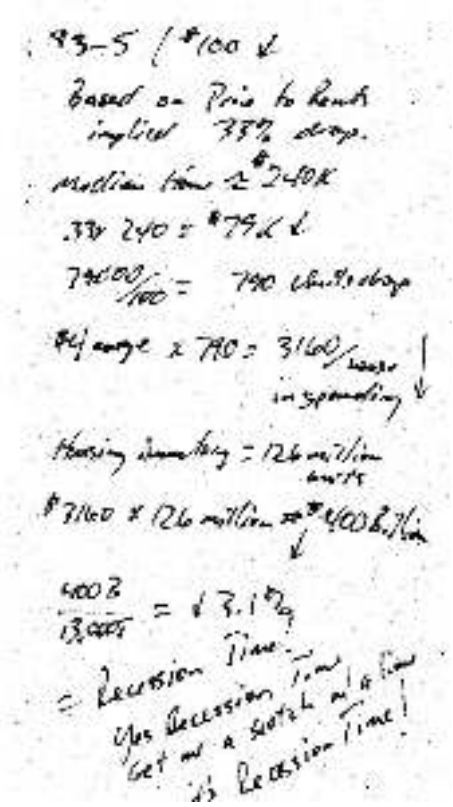
Now the median home is roughly $240,000 if I recall my stats correctly, implying a $79,000 drop in price in order to correct. This translates into 790 $100 increments which (assuming $4 decrease in spending per $100 drop in house price) results in a $3,160 decrease in consumer spending per house.

According to the Census Bureau there are 126 million housing units which results in a

decrease of $400 billion.

$400 billion out of a $13 trillion economy suggests a contraction of 3% which would be enough to send us into a recession.

Now to emulate Arthur Laffer and increase my chances of having a piece of my economic work put into the future Museum of Economics (as well as my chances with the laaaydaaays), I put these quick calculations down on a napkin (actually it toilet paper because I couldn't find any napkins in the office). It's only a matter of time that urban legends spread about me and my napkin writing prowess!



How the Dollar Affects the Price of Oil

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There was a chart in the WSJ yesterday and it's important that you understand it.

People will blame cartels and "Big Oil" for the rise in oil prices. Somehow thinking that evil corporations are conspiring against them. In the same line, people will also wonder how is it the price of oil keeps going up when the world's largest economy has stalled in terms of economic growth, which logic would dictate would cause oil prices to go down. The two are not unrelated.

The key thing is that in terms of the US dollar the price of oil has skyrocketed. Compared to other currencies the price of oil has not (and compared to gold – remember that currency – oil has not even changed in price in the past 4 years) This is proof that the price of oil is going up not because of evil oil companies or even OPEC is cartelling against us, but rather the value of the dollar has been dropping, losing its purchasing power and thus buying less oil.

The question of who to blame for high oil prices is not "who is controlling the oil" but "who is destroying the dollar." And the answer is three;

1. Greedy, dumb, spoiled Americans that spent themselves into oblivion by taking out home equity loans with no ability to pay it back. If people don't pay back their debts, the currency will suffer. Just like the debt defaults of Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Russia and so forth, when the people of these countries (actually their governments) defaulted on their debts, what was the value then of their currency? The same applies here. You don't pay back your debts, nobody wants to invest in your country, and so the value of your currency will plummet relative to countries where people have more fiscal austerity.

2.The specter of recession directly affects the value of the dollar in that the only thing that gives a dollar value is the stuff you can buy with it. An economy is not about how much money you make (the government can print off money all it wants). An economy is about how much stuff it can produce. Cars, food, movies, cake, video games, planes, etc. In a recession an economy "contracts" meaning it produces less stuff. So with less stuff, but the same amount of money (more when you consider the monetary moves the Fed is making) your money becomes worth less.

3. And the final culprit to blame are those that blame big oil, namely leftists ;P For what do they produce? They protest. They campaign. They "bring awareness" to the issues, but what do hard core activists really produce? The answer is nothing. This wasted labor does nothing to produce any goods or services that have value. Taylor the American protesting Big Oil (or CAFTA, or what have you) majoring in "peace studies" is not going to produce anywhere near the amount that Punjab or Khan is going to produce programming code or developing a new computer. And in doing so, does nothing to help contribute to the purchasing power of the dollar.

So if you're sick of high oil prices, how about you do the following;

1. Pay off your debts. I had an ingenious idea about making extra principal payments tax deductible.

2. Find a job and produce something of worth.
3. Quit protesting stuff you don't understand, drop your major in philosophy, and get a degree in accounting and start producing something of worth.

See? This economics stuff ain’t so hard.

Captain Capitalism's 2008 Annual Chart Contest!

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It occurred to me during the busy season of dance classes, taxes and writing a book, that now would be a great time to implement 2008's Captain Capitalism's Annual Chart Contest!!!

Yes, you too can be a great chartist (not the British political party) like myself!

Just submit your charts to captcapitalism@yahoo.com (remember it's CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com, not CAPTAINcapitalism) and in doing so, not only will your chart be posted, but whoever comes up with the best chart wins...

$50

AND

A signed photo of the Captain

AND

The Official Junior Deputy Economist Award

AND

The Captain's instructional dance video of your choice!

How can you NOT enter????

So start sending in those charts! (Besides, I am serious lacking time to post any serious commentary and chartage, so help me out!)

Beggars Can't Be Choosers

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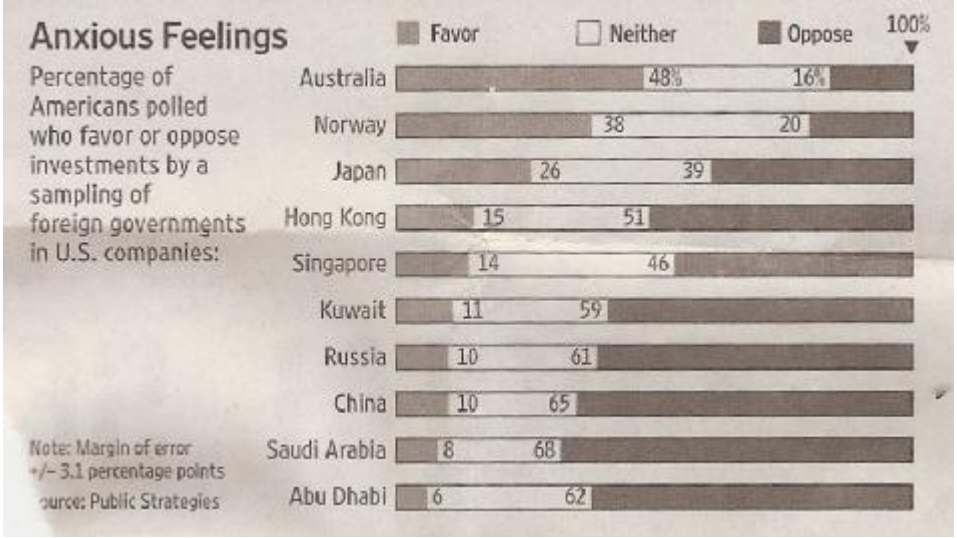

What I find sad is that the state of education in the US is so pathetic, that your average American doesn't know that Dhabi and the UAE are probably the best allies we have in the middle east and prove that the West, Islam and capitalism actually can get along, even benefit one another.

Just a Friendly Reminder How Right I Usually Am

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Found this old post.

Good ole Hugo.

If you're about to lose power, start a war.

Actually, how are the leftists that love Hugo going to rationalize their love for him now? He started a war, just like Bush! He's a warmonger!

Ahhh, but he's their warmonger.

What Disturbs You More About Obama

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I mean this as a serious question, I am not mocking or making fun of Obama, but which of these two images disturbs you more about Obama;

1. The fact he wore some Somali/Muslim garb

or

2. The fact he has a Che Guevara poster in one of his offices.

(BTW ef Che, he's a loser)

I have a feeling I already know the answer, but I ask for a reason so that I can predict something that would be of significant importance should he lose either the democratic nomination or the presidential election. I would appreciate your truthful and sincere opinion.

The Captain Tenders a Question

March 7, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I finish my dance class in Minneapolis. And I have to drive through the town of St. Louis Park, which has a heavy Jewish population. And I hadn't eaten since 2PM and a good ole fashioned, Jewish deli sandwich sounded heavenly. But it's about 930 at night and I wouldn't mind having a drink.

And then it occurs to me.

They have Irish bars.

They have German bars.

They even have Italian bistros.

But I've never heard of a Jewish bar.

And the more I drove through St. Louis Park, and the more I realized I would literally have killed for a good rye sandwich with a tall beer next to it, the more I started asking myself;

"Why isn't there such a thing as a "Jewish Bar?" I think the idea would be amazing.

I am only Jewish via bloodlines, but can somebody who is a practicing Jew explain to me why there isn't a Jewish bar??? Seriously, I think it's a million dollar idea.

Not Out of the Woods Yet When it Comes to Housing

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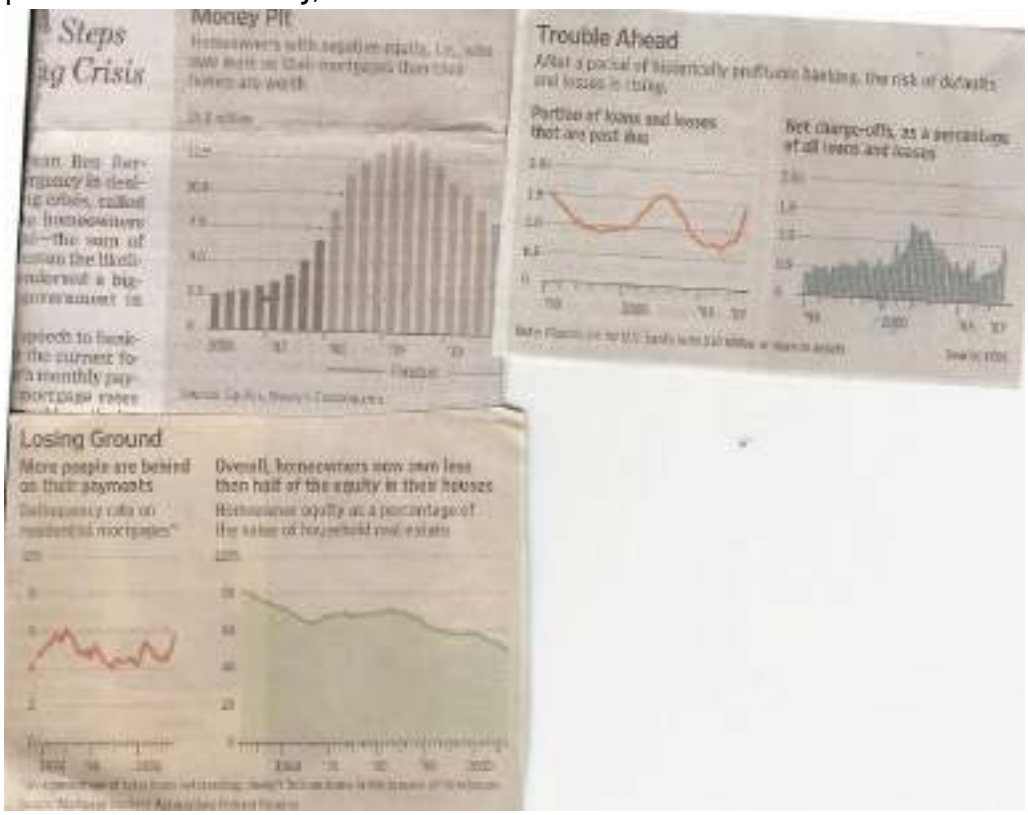
It will get worse before it gets better. Some charts that have been burning a hole in my pocket from the WSJ;



A Friendly Reminder - If Corporations Really Cared About Global Warming…

March 9, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Given the price of gas going up and we're facing $4 gallon of gas, I thought this little post I made a while ago might convince those corporate social responsibility types up in the executive offices about just how much they're contributing to global warming by forcing millions of Americans to pointlessly commute. Think of how much publicity your corporation would get if you made telecommuting an official corporate policy!

What I don’t get is power.

Money I can understand, but power, that is something very human, maybe the key to evil.

The reason I say that is I look at all the people running for office and you wonder, why would some of these people even bother? They’re so loaded, you’d think the last thing they’d want is a full time job and instead should be off on a cruise somewhere soaking up the rays, eating sushi till their death.

John Edwards is the perfect example. Multi millionaire, set for life and yet he chooses to work.

His senior running partner from a presidential election ago, John Kerry, had the sweet set up. Married to a ketchup heiress. Why run for senate, let alone the 80 hour work week president?

And a local here in Minnesota, though he is no more on the political scene, Mark “Daddy’s Boy” Dayton, heir to the Dayton empire, decided to buy himself a senator’s seat two terms ago.

Alas they still run, by the droves. Pretty much everybody in congress and the presidency don’t need the job, but they fight, lie, cheat and take donations from illegal sources to maintain their position of power like there’s no tomorrow. Alas, I cannot figure out why.

But “power” isn’t an addictive drug that just affects politicians. You look at pretty much any institution and “power” is a reward unto itself. Government, non-profits, political organizations, corporations, militant groups, you name it. But the place I see the irrational addiction to power most flagrantly violating common sense is in corporate America, particularly when it comes to telecommuting.

I don’t think I’ve had a job in the past 10 years where I HAD to be at the office to do it.

With “today’s” technology (which has been available for about a decade) the vast majority of office and corporate jobs could be done from home.

E-mail, attaching documents, conducting research, calling people, presentations, etc., all the duties, functions and responsibilities of your typical office job can be done from home. And not to mention pretty much every American household has the computer, fax and other machinery to accommodate this. But try to get your boss, let alone anybody with the power who could make it a corporate wide policy to endorse telecommuting is like getting congress to get a flat tax; it would all make our lives incredibly easier, but the politics of power block it every time.

However, this time there is a little political twist. Far from the comfort, job satisfaction and happiness of millions of workers everywhere being the impetus to implementing telecommuting, global warming is providing the political incentive to cut back on greenhouse gases and gasoline consumption. And with this political twist, corporations are bending over backwards to present themselves as “green” companies. NBC with their ridiculous “black out” during a football game comes to mind. However, wouldn’t it make sense, such an unbelievably, incomprehensible simple, simple sense to endorse and aggressively pursue implementing a “maximum telecommuting policy?”

I mean, come on. It’s a win win win win win situation.

The corporation not only gets to feign being green, IT ACTUALLY IS BEING GREEN!

Employee job satisfaction would rise like you wouldn’t believe, not to mention the resulting increase in labor productivity.

Greenhouse gases would drop more than any worthless Kyoto Protocol or “Carbon Trading Indulgences…errr I mean “permits” would cause.

TRAFFIC! Good Lord! Could you imagine the elimination of rush hour from every major metropolis? Nobody would be going to work!

The TIME saved from wasting your time commuting. Instead you could spend it sleeping, improve your health, and spend more time with your family instead. Maybe even divorce rates would go down?

And let’s not forget about the costs we’d save on the transportation budgets at the state, federal and local levels! We wouldn’t need any new roads, it would just be maintenance. Tax cuts all around, or if you’re a lefter leaning sort, “more spending for more worthless social program X.”

And if corporations really, REALLY wanted to help the nation become independent from

oil, how about not requiring us to drive to your lousy, stinking office in the first place? Could you imagine what would happen to the price of gas if we didn't have to commute?

All these benefits are certainly achievable, but there's just one thing blocking the way;

Power.

Specifically corporate power.

For whatever sick twisted reason, I have to drive to the office. I certainly don't need to. I have a computer at home, a fax at home and even a web cam. But no, my boss insists I drive to the office. Why?

So I can do what I would have normally done at home.

Of course when confronted with the option or request of telecommuting, there is no good reason they can give you, other than they want you to be under their control. They want you to be there, where they can see you, because lord knows that if you were working from home, you'd be drunk, high and bringing hookers over on a coke while you play Halo 3 all day and sell corporate secrets on E-Bay.

And if you think my claim that corporations do this for purely power and political reasons, consider the most obvious and egregious use and abuse of power by corporations;

The meeting.

Cripes. Does a bigger destroyer and depleter of productivity, GDP and work exist? The meeting must have been a creation of communists in a desperate attempt to slow down capitalist economies.

The meeting works like this;

Big time, gray haired bosses like to see how much of other people's time they can send into a black hole. ALL people, no matter how irrelevant their job is to the presumed purpose of the meeting are required to attend. Nobody is listening to the current speaker because it's irrelevant to their job. Meanwhile, the brown nosers, who like you have no purpose of being at the meeting either, ask a litany of questions or blather on about their project to make themselves sound busy and productive, which only lengthens the pain and suffering of those who actually have REAL work to do. Meanwhile the boss sits there, laughing inside, knowing he or she is exercising their power forcing you to waste your time and made you spend the money on gas to attend the meeting.

It is proof positive the only reason you commute is because irrational corporate power

wants you to jump through hoops like meetings, commuting, participating in “corporate charity events.”

So my fellow junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists, just like the US’ tax system, just like the raj system in India and just like Kim Jong Il in North Korea, the masses are expected to suffer some more for irrational power. For while a life of never commuting again, spending more time with your family, sleeping in for a full 9 hours a day, eliminating the country’s dependence on oil, not to mention finally ending this stupid debate about global warming, as well as the limitless economic benefits telecommuting would provide we’re going to continue to pointlessly drive billions of miles for the sole reason of petty, corporate power.

I Are Sick

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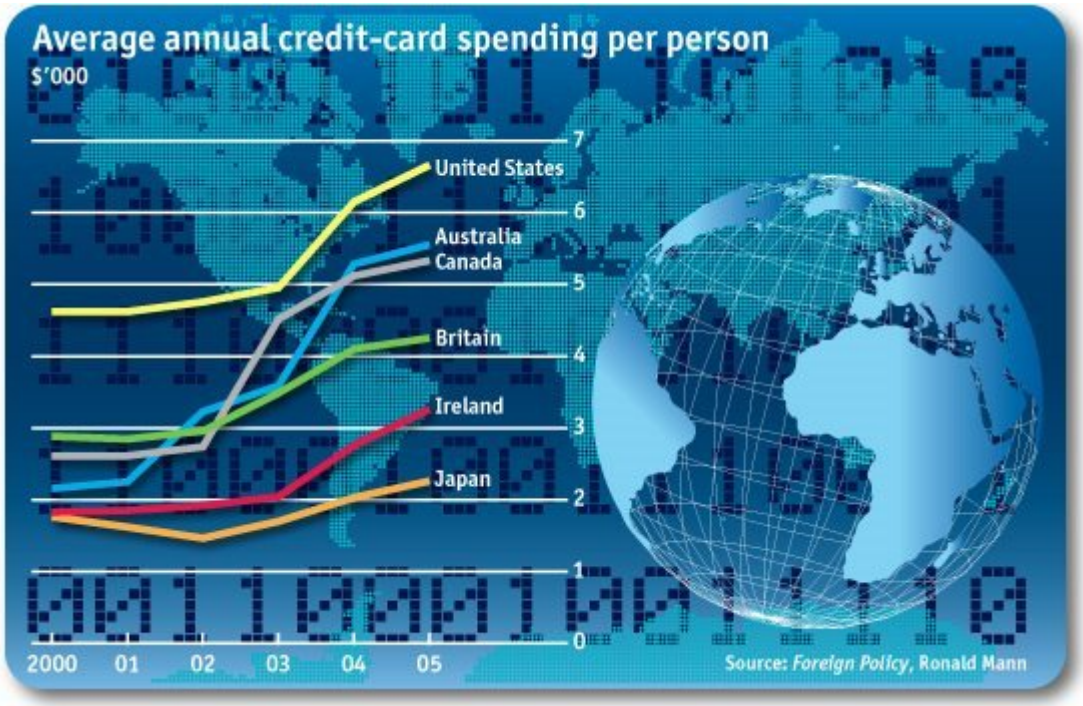
Sorry for the lack of posts Captain Capitalismites, but I haven't been this sick in a while. And maybe some of you medical capitalists out there can explain to me that when I get sick why do all my dreams revert to dreaming about solving mathematical or physical riddles and repetitiously. Almost as if your brain is trying to figure out the DNA code of the virus you got.

In any case I am also working on that book, which is 14 chapters out of 22 done. Many thanks to Bucktown for his help.

Regardless, I am sick and in being sick you cannot contribute to GDP. But I was glad to see Americans, true to their work-avoiding form, decided that despite a housing crash and an impending social security crisis we've now reverted to credit cards to maintain our consumption (without any additional production).



And you wonder why the dollar is tanking

Can't Have It Both Ways Boys

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The Dow Jones today continued its gains after the Federal Reserve said it'd do all in its power to prevent a liquidity crisis. However, the price of oil shot to an all time high above $110, this then triggered a sell off and brough the DJIA into negative territory.

What angers me about this is that the stock market went up and then down for THE SAME REASON. In other words, the cause for the increase in the stock market was the same cause for its decrease.

The Fed swore it would come to Wall Street's rescue even if that meant pumping the economy with hundreds of billions of dollars in liquidity.

YEA!!!!!

But in pumping hundred of billions of dollars into the economy, it further weakened the dollar. And if you've been paying attention, the reason oil has been going up in price is not that oil is becoming more valuable, but the dollar is becoming less and less valuable. And so by vowing to save Wall Street, the Fed hurts the dollar and drives up the price of oil which drove stock prices down.

Boo!!!!!

So Wall Street, Ivy Leaguing, Bulge Bracketing gurus, which one is it?

Should Obama Lose, He Can't Blame Racism

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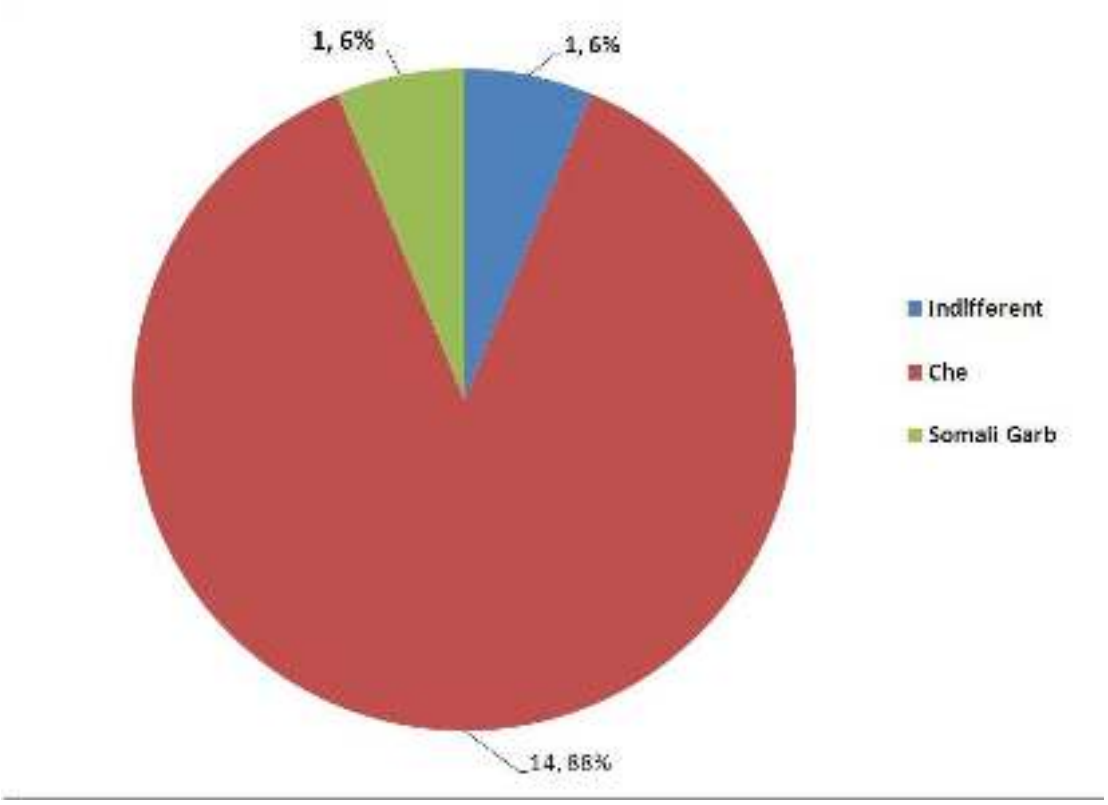
Sadly, it's become such a broken record that Republicans are already forecasting it. If Obama wins the democratic nomination, then if he loses the presidential race it will be proof once again that "oh, what a horribly racist country this is," and "oh, what a horribly injust society this is" and "oh, what a bunch of racist bastards those evil Republicans are." And so you can see them practicing their walking on eggshells already.

But I posed a question/poll a week ago or so, because I had a hunch that reflects what I believe to be the majority of people's views. That it's not about your race as much as it is about the policies you endorse. And if you endorse socialism, doesn't matter what race you are, you're probably going to lose. Oh sure, you'll win state offices in California or Vermont, but you won't win the presidency. Unfortunately there's still too many of those damn hard working, independent capitalists out there.

Thus I was not surprised to find out the results of my poll. That when asked "What concerns you more about Obama? The Che poster at one of his campaign offices or the picture of him dress in some kind of Somali garb" the vast majority of people said the Che poster concerned them more.



Also keep in mind this question was posed to readers of Captain Capitalism, who of course are racist, bigotted, hate filled puppy kickers. The rest of society would

presumably be even less concerned about the Somali garb.

Regardless the point is I've just delivered another softball to the Republicans. Should Obama lose to McCain, I don't want to hear a peep about racism. Obama will lose not because of his race, but because the man is a socialist. (Note how I'm just assuming Obama will win the democratic nomination)
(OK, I just took a closer look at the chart and noticed that this damn MS Excel 2007 converted the numbers to percentages, but not the actual percentages, it just put a percent sign in front of the number and a comma. Anybody up for taking up pitch forks and torches and heading down to Microsoft's HQ to kill the bastard that created this latest suite of MS Office? I swear, I'm saving my old version of Office 2003 till I die).

A Twist of Irony

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As some of you may or may not know, I have a little moonlighting career as a dance instructor (which thanks to the housing crash is the only form of employment I have).

That being said, I found it interesting that one of my students is named "Adam Smith."

Coincidence?

I think not.

The Gods of Economics watch over me.

Moving 3M to Canada

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The Captain,

because of his calm demeanor,
patience for office politics,
passion for traffic laden commutes,
capacity to endure inept leadership and management,
and tolerance for incompetence

is primarily self-employed.

The majority of his income comes from him instructing others be it dance classes, finance seminars, or writing books because, frankly, in all instances he has no boss. He gets to decide how things get done and (surprise surprise) it GETS DONE BETTER, FASTER AND CHEAPER than if he had some middle management yutz looking over his shoulder all the time.

However, whatever success the Captain has had, has been preceded by many failures. And that is the trick to success - failure.

For every successful venture I've come up with, there's been at least 3-4 ideas that just never took. It's very much like dating. In my youth I was considered a player. But for every girl that said yes, there was at least 8 that said no. Still, the frequency of my success led men in my cadre to believe I was a player, and this principle still applies to economic adventures.

So the Captain's come up with a new one. And, like all the other ventures before it, he's planning on this one failing too. But if it takes...hooooo boy! The Captain might just buy that Pontiac Solstice he's always wanted.

The idea is based on "capital flight." And essentially your beloved Captain would be a broker, brokering deals to get companies out of the US and move their headquarters to.....

Canada.

"Canada?" You ask.

"Yes, Canada." I reply.

"Why Canada?" you might ask.

Well here's why.

First, you have an increasingly hostile environment here in the US towards "big business." If you can stomach the outright lies and ignorance, listen to the Ed Schulz Show and you cannot go 15 minutes without one caller calling in and saying,

"You know, when are we going to have policies for the little man? When can your hard working Joe get a job? Where are all those jobs?"

and within 5 minutes another caller calling in and saying,

"You know, it's these damn corporations that aren't paying their fair share. We need to tax them and the rich! When are these criminals going to be forced to do their part for society?"

The entire time Ed just blatheringly agreeing with them.

But it goes beyond lefties listening to commie radio. There is a critical mass of people who are so blindingly ignorant of basic economics, they blame almost all problems on "big business" and "the rich."

Ask your average 22 year old "college graduate" the solution?

Tax the rich.

Why are we in the economic situation we're in?

Big business and George Bush.

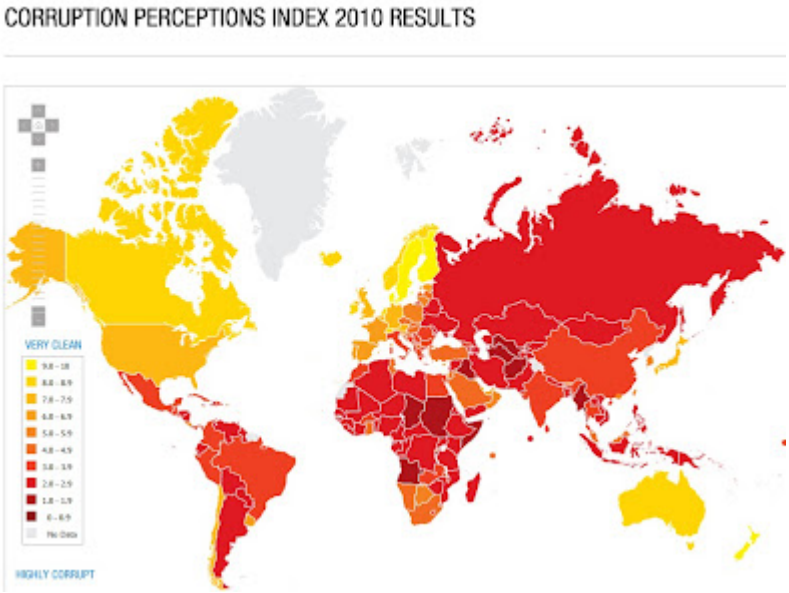
Why are their nuclear reactor problems in Japan?

Big business cut costs just like they did in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Of course the solution is to tax and regulate (and then whine when there aren't any jobs), but in the end the business climate in the US is simply hostile. Businesses should be looking to relocate.

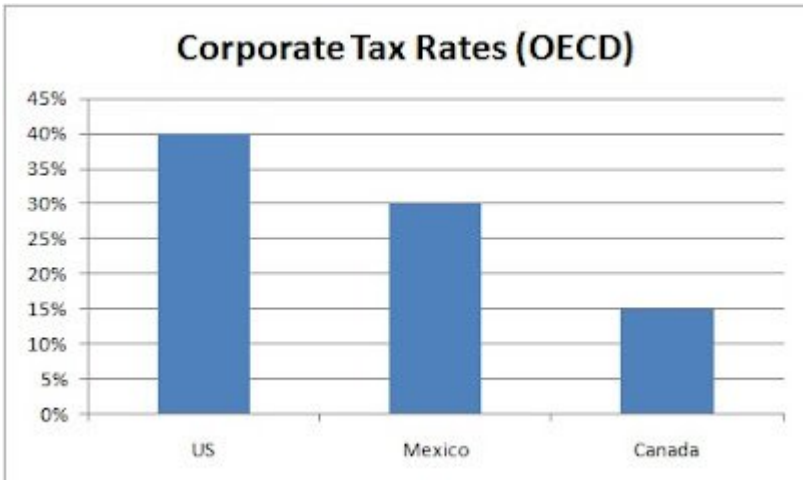
Second, where does a business decide to relocate? Well among other things you look for a stable country, with the rule of law, relatively uncorrupt, and an educated population. Well shucks howdy, Canada not only has all those things, but they're right next door to the US. And not only are they next door, they speak English. And not only do they have

these things, guess what? Despite the Magic O bringing Kumbya Nirvana to the US, it seems Canada is trouncing the US in terms of corruption. 8.9 vs 7.1 (the color is misleading as the US is at the bottom of that color spectrum while Canada is at the top).



Third, have you looked at the finances of Canada vs. the US? I'll take Mr. Harper over Mr. Obama any day.

Fourth, and here is where the ole Captain hopes to bag some great clients. Statutory corporate tax rates in the US are 40%. In Canada, they are slated to be a mere 15% come 2012. Mexico, 30%.



Now is the time you can fully expect the automotonic response from the left about "the corporations don't pay that amount. They use LOOPHOLES. Their effective corporate tax rates are MUCH lower."

Yeah, "much" lower. try 32%. And forget the whole concept a corporation wouldn't be engaging in the accounting trickery in the first place if corporate tax rates weren't 40%. And never mind if they move to Canada they would still beat the effective corporate tax rate by more than half.

But I am not here to preemptively strike leftist arguments about corporate taxes (no matter how fun and easy it is to do). I'm here to simply point out a very lucrative market.

Say I approach 3M (whose CEO has been hinting he might make a great client). Well, of course the leftists here hate big business. And since 3M doesn't pay any taxes here at all because of "loopholes" then nobody should miss them if they up and leave, right?

Well here's 3M's latest income statement;

Consolidated Statement of Income
3M Company and Subsidiaries
Years ended December 31

(Million, except per share amounts)	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	$ 26,662	$ 23,123	$ 25,269
Operating expenses			
Cost of sales	13,831	12,109	13,379
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,479	4,907	5,245
Research, development and related expenses	1,434	1,293	1,404
Loss from sale of businesses	—	—	23
Total operating expenses	20,744	18,309	20,051
Operating income	5,918	4,814	5,218
Interest expense and income			
Interest expense	201	219	215
Interest income	(38)	(37)	(105)
Total interest expense (income)	163	182	110
Income before income taxes	5,755	4,632	5,108
Provision for income taxes	1,592	1,388	1,588
Net income including noncontrolling interest	$ 4,163	$ 3,244	$ 3,520
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	78	51	60
Net income attributable to 3M	$ 4,085	$ 3,193	$ 3,460
Weighted average 3M common shares outstanding — basic	713.7	700.5	699.2
Earnings per share attributable to 3M common shareholders — basic	$ 5.72	$ 4.56	$ 4.95
Weighted average 3M common shares outstanding — diluted	725.5	706.7	707.2
Earnings per share attributable to 3M common shareholders — diluted	$ 5.63	$ 4.52	$ 4.89
Cash dividends paid per 3M common share	$ 2.10	$ 2.04	$ 2.00

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Wow, I guess they are paying taxes after all!

Not the 40%, but just shy of 30% on average.

Now assume good ole George of 3M decides to hire the Captain. The Captain arranges for some meetings, and we get 3M to relocate to Canada.

What kind of savings did the ole Captain bring to the 3M shareholders?

Well, under the Captain's plan 3M shareholders would have to pay $863 million in taxes.

In 2010 they paid $1.6 billion.

A savings of $740 million.

The type of dollar figures I'm talking here are on par with the other brilliant idea I had about...oh.....5 years ago. Back then I had this funny idea there was a housing bubble forming. And that if the entire financial services industry just listened to me (or Shiller, or Roubini, or Schiff), I would have saved the country hundreds of billions of dollars.

But nooooo. You don't have an MBA and didn't go to Harvard like our dear leader, Obama.

Regardless and sarcasm aside, you throw in a 3M, a General Mills, a Best Buy, a Cargill and soon we're talking real money. And not only are we talking real money. We're talking huge economic ramifications for the country.

For you see, the ole Captain, along with all of his readers, can go ahead and laugh at himself knowing due to the lethargy of corporate America, such a revolutionary idea is nearly impossible. And the Captain, like when he went up and asked out Charmin Michelle not knowing who she was, is fully aware his chances are very slim. But for all of the people in the US who love to hate corporate America and blame "big business" for everything, don't worry. The Captain is working on it right now to get those evil, icky, yucky gross corporations out of here so you don't have to suffer under them any more.

Why are All the Protest Signs in English

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This is something I've noticed, but why is it, regardless of the country they're in and the language they speak, the signs protesters use are always in English? This is just the latest example in China.

What compels people in China to protest in English when no English speaking government has any say about their transportation policy? Anybody got any ideas on this?

Bad Timing

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What I don't think a lot of people realize is just how bad timing this housing crash is. It comes on the precipice of the Baby Boomers retiring where we'll be forced to raise taxes to pay for medicare and medicaid and social security. Seeing raising taxes is the most likely scenario, you can forget lowering taxes as an option to help stave off the recession (which results in the Democrats ironically advocating a stimulus package, only to take it away from you by letting the Bush tax cuts expire). But the housing crash and it's consequential contagion to other areas of the economy is also accelerating another disturbing trend;

the labor force participation rate.

For the past 40 years or so we could rely upon more and more women to enter the labor force and largely keep upward pressue on GDP growth which would minimalize if not mute the effect of recessions.

But women are participating at rates equal to men now, and now that Gen X women are coming of child birthing age, they are starting to drop out of the labor force bringing the trend back downwards. This combined with the discouraging effects of the housing crash, is resulting in an overall decrease in the labor force participation rate, meaning less and less people are looking for work when in order to afford the retiring masses we need more people than ever working in the economy.

Again, you wonder why the dollar is tanking.

Every Generation Has Their Volcker Recession

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The Boomers had their recession from 1979-1982. I thought Gen X would have theirs during the DotcomMania days, but it was too weak. This up coming recession will not be and thus will be the “Gen X’ers” recession.

I have a theory about recessions and it basically goes like this. Every generation has to grow up. The more successful an economy is, the longer this takes as mommy and daddy can support their children for longer periods of time allowing their children to avoid the hard reality of economics; that you have to work in order to eat. This happened with the Baby Boomers in the late 1970’sand early 1980’s. One can contribute the recession of that time to the oil crises, but if you look at labor productivity, I’m more inclined to say it was the hippie commie attitude that everything should be free and why should we work (maaaan!) Well because if nobody works, then there is no food to eat. And if nobody works there aren’t any Jim Morrison 8 tracks to listen to.

Bar the horrible fashions of the late 1970’s (though my generation went through that earlier in the“grunge” phase – remember that? Where we’d pierce everything and make ourselves look revolting?) Gen X is repeating the same thing today. Everything should be free, why should we work, dude? I’ll just buy a house and take the equity out of it and avoid working to pay for my stuff. And then I can listen to my Kirk Cobain album, dude. This attitude caused debt to skyrocket during our coming of age and brought even more shame to my generation. Household debt as a percent of GDP is nearly 100%, up from a boomer average of about 60%.

And so now I think it’s time for another generational recession. Where unemployment and hard times befall us, and my generation is starkly reminded of why communist countries fail. Cause nobody works and our parents weren’t just saying it for S’s and G’s when we were kids in that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Just Fed induced inflation. Get ready to grow up, dude.

PS-Kirk Cobain sucked. No really, he did. And he was a loser on top of it too. Yeah, sorry, didn't mean to hit all the emo kids upside the head with that one. Yeah, apparently he did indeed suck. Some scientists over in Russia proved it, something to do with cosines and newtonian physics I believe.

Another Nail On the Coffin

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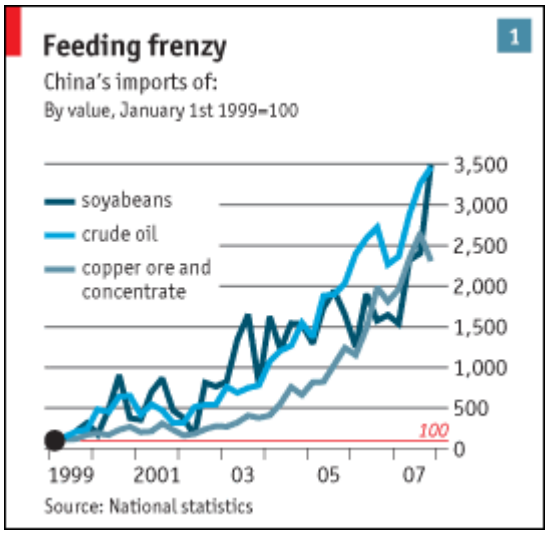
I was wondering if there are any people still out there that believe it's "big oil" that is controlling prices and exploiting we poor Americans or if the cold hard facts and realities of economics is finally starting to permeate into the American psyche and people are starting to look at who really owns the oil, who produces and, and maybe even launched investigations into how these two things called "supply" and "demand" have an effect on the price of oil.

But just in case you're still running into the sophomores in college who with their professor-instilled new-found knowledge are going to continue to tell you that it's all a conspiracy man and the oil companies are working together to keep us down, here is another little tidbit that should help you quelch those little brats up;



May favorite is when you have them dead to rights and they still try to defend their original position.

Most Likely to Lose Your Baggage

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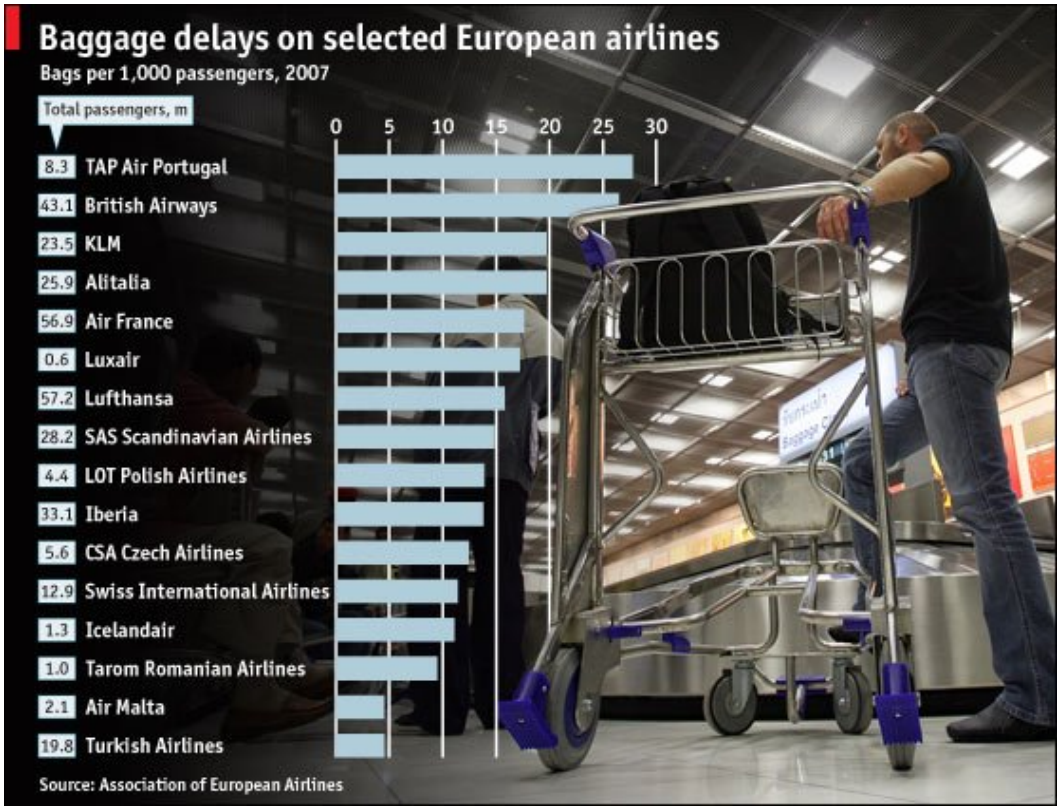
I was always fly light and if I need to wear a suit, I wear it on the plane. It is because of the fear that they will lose my luggage and my vacation/business will be impaired. So on I go with my laptop and my backpack that carries my deodorant, tooth brush, socks, one pair of jeans, undershirts and boxer shorts. Never can have too little of those.

But The Economist has polled to find out which European airlines are most prone to lose luggage.



I'll still continue to do it my way. Saves a lot of time just going to the car rental and not have to queue in front of the baggage claim.

When Middle Aged Men Cry

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I cried once. It was when the closed down and tore down my favorite hang out in the Twin Cities;

The Manor.

Ah, yes, the Manor.

I was all of 21 years old, still in college and I would bike all over the Twin Cities. As the cities are laid out, two roads and a fair amount of bike trails follow the east and west side of the Mississippi river and so I became very familiar with those areas. But on the east side of the river, right across an old fort called Fort Snelling, there was this 1950's type style place called "The Manor."

It looked like an old fart's place and I was compelled to poke my head in there during a Saturday afternoon. When I got in there was a piano bar, tons of smoke (as this was before the Nazi's took over and banned smoking) and a medieval suit of armor in a glass display case. Most important though was a dance floor sunk in below the seats that surrounded it and paintings reminiscent of the Kramer portrait done in 1960's style.

For the next 8 years me and my friends would go there and take over the place. There was a horrible swing band, but it didn't matter because they were our swing band and we could dance all night long to them. The owners and staff loved us because I think we were the first new blood they had in the place since 1970. And we had a waitress that was with the place when it originally opened. She would repetitively return and ask us what we wanted to drink because I think in all seriousness she had Alzheimers, but to the dismay of my male friends she did remember me and would always remember what I had ordered. Then she would act insulted when everybody reordered their drinks again.

But what I think has to be the coolest thing about The Manor was that Jim Tolck's Little Big Band would go on break and while on break me and Jim (three times my age) would exchange horrible jokes, and whilst Jim got himself a drink, he'd allow me to do stand up comedy (for an audience that was pretty much all my friends anyway). Jokes such as;

"Guy walks into the doctor's office and says, "Doc, there's something wrong with me."

Doctor looks at him, runs some tests comes back and says, "I'm sorry, but I have bad news. You only have 10 left to live."

The guy says, "10? What do you mean 10? 10 years, 10 months?"

The doctor says, "9...8...7...6..."

Another one was, "Hey Jim, you know why when ducks fly in that V shape formation one line of ducks it always longer than they other?"

"No, why?"

"There's more ducks in that line."

Other jokes such as "Where's the rest of my band?" And I would reply, "they're either out collecting their social security checks or they're dead." And the drummer who was an old refined black gentleman would be about to do the rim shot, but on second thought just shook his head and denied us the rim shot on account the jokes were so horrible. It was a grand time.

Of course since it was a grand time, it meant it had to end. And in 2004 the owner of The Manor sold out to some real estate developers who were going to put in (what else?) condos.

And so arguably what was the best venue in all of the Twin Cities was demolished (though I kept a piece of brick from the rubble as a memoir) and in its place soon went condos.

I had a personal grudge against these condos and hoped they'd fail miserably, but this was 2004 and this was when the condo market was hot. Everybody was moving into condos. Why that was the cool hip thing!

"Are you a baby boomer looking to downsize?"

GET A CONDO!

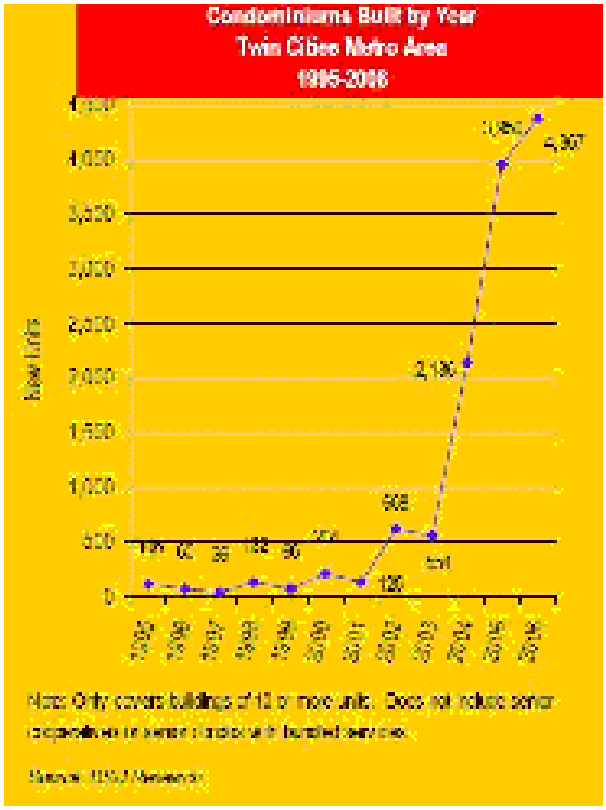
"Are you an up and coming young Gen X'er that doesn't have a family, but wants to not waste rent?"

GET A CONDO!

"Are you just some dumb schmuck who has a pulse?"

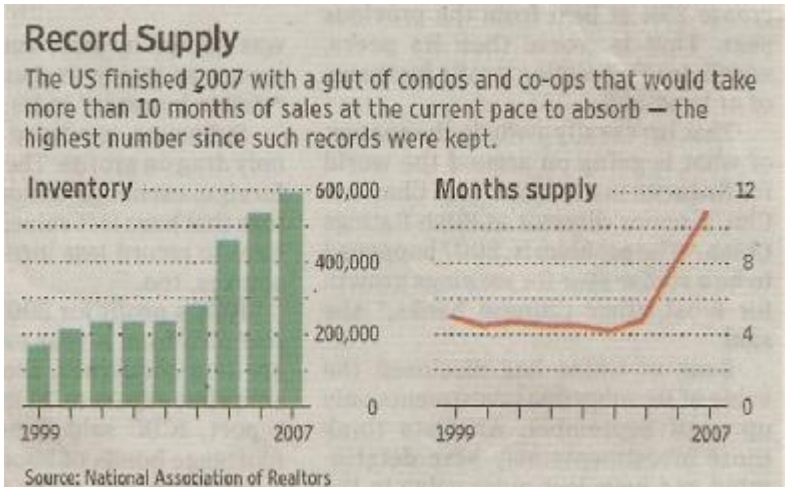
GET A CONDO!

But I would have my revenge. For I knew the market was getting flooded with condos. I had seen enough proposals for condos come across my desk. But I had also been one of those foolish analysts that researched the market and knew there was such a glut, that inevitably the condo market would crash;



Sure enough with over 30 times the historical average annual amount of condo's hitting the local market, the market collapsed and soon over night, these "luxury condo developments" were converted into "Luxury rental/for sale/lease/timeshare/helpuswe'resodesperate apartments/condo's/whateverwecanget."

And not just locally, but nationally the condo glut took hold.



Now basic economics, which it seems most bankers and real estate developers were woefully inadequately educated in, tells you that when supply goes up without a corresponding increase in demand, prices go down. And they might go down so much that you can't sell your condo's for what it cost you to build them and you're going to take a loss. Thus I was happy to see when I drove past the old site of The Manor yesterday just how many extra units were for sale/lease/rent/etc. No doubt many condo developers are suffering losses and tears right now.

But that's what you get when you tear down the Captain's favorite hang out joint.

How Can This Be?

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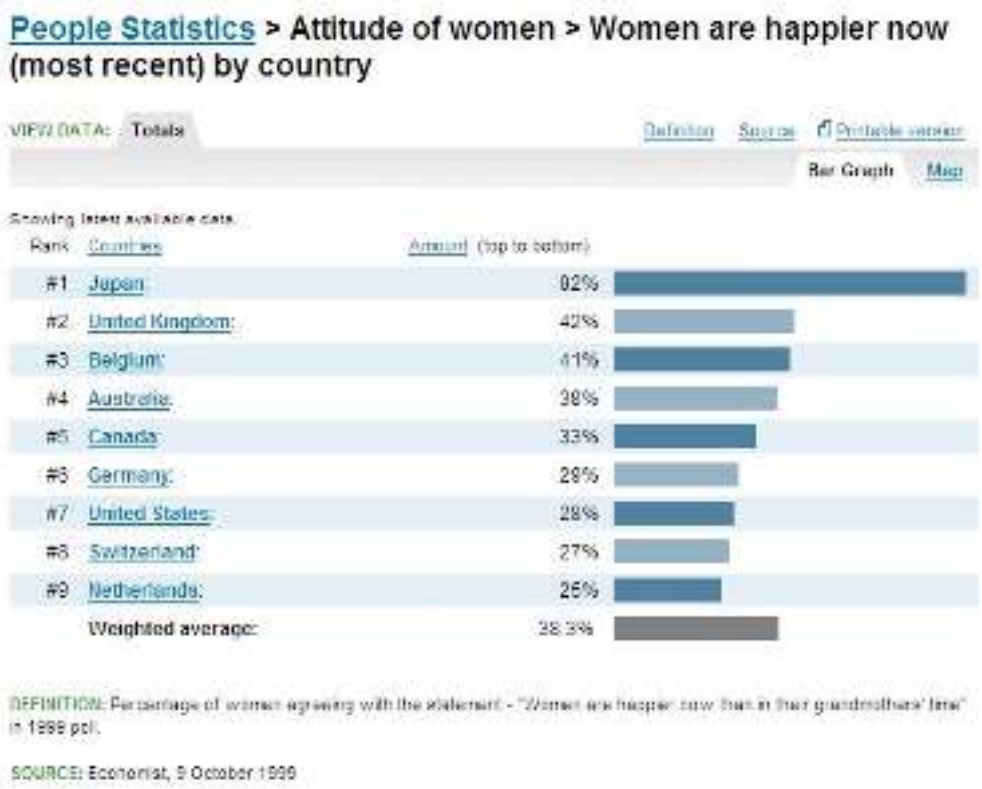
Interesting chart I found whilst gallivanting around on Nationmaster.com. Was looking for population data but came across this chart showing not a lot of women fathom themselves as happy as women were during their grandmothers' time.



Maybe I'm just old fashioned, but might it be worth seeking advice from our elders?

When Markets Clear

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There is a dance joint in Minneapolis called "First Avenue." And in all seriousness it is one of the best dance halls I've been to in America. One of the longest running, it's been consistently open as long as I've been here. But the last time I went there I was about 25, maybe even 24. And the reason is that when you go to the clubs you are intending to meet a girl. Ironically, or perhaps even smartly, women are there to get free drinks, not meet a guy. And you realize this by the age of about 24 - 25 and then you just stop going out to the Boomchicaboom Bars.

What's ironic though is that my friends of the female persuasion still want to go to the Boomchicaboom Bars and "party." Whilst my male friends and more refined female friends want to "go to a jazz club" or "sit and smoke a cigar" or something less painful than the Boomchicaboom bars like smashing our toes with a sledgehammer. It was only by accident that I ended up at First Avenue this past year when we all decided to go to their late night salsa dance, where at the old age of 32 I "closed down the joint." That being said there was some culture there, being salsa dancing, not just loud obnoxious music and girls hitting me up for drinks.

Regardless, what ends up happening is that boys and girls become men and women and leave the bar scene and instead just stay home, fall asleep, play video games or go elsewhere. Some roving band of women may go back to whoop it up like they did in their college days and "party" but for the most part you're not going to see any man over 30 at any of these places. The market has cleared and there is no more trading at that 27 + something level.

I was trying to explain this to my female friends that were complaining there aren't just any men their age out partying anymore, until I came across this.

Thank you 'Least I Could Do' for making my job of explaining things a lot easier.

Trivisonno on Withholding Taxes

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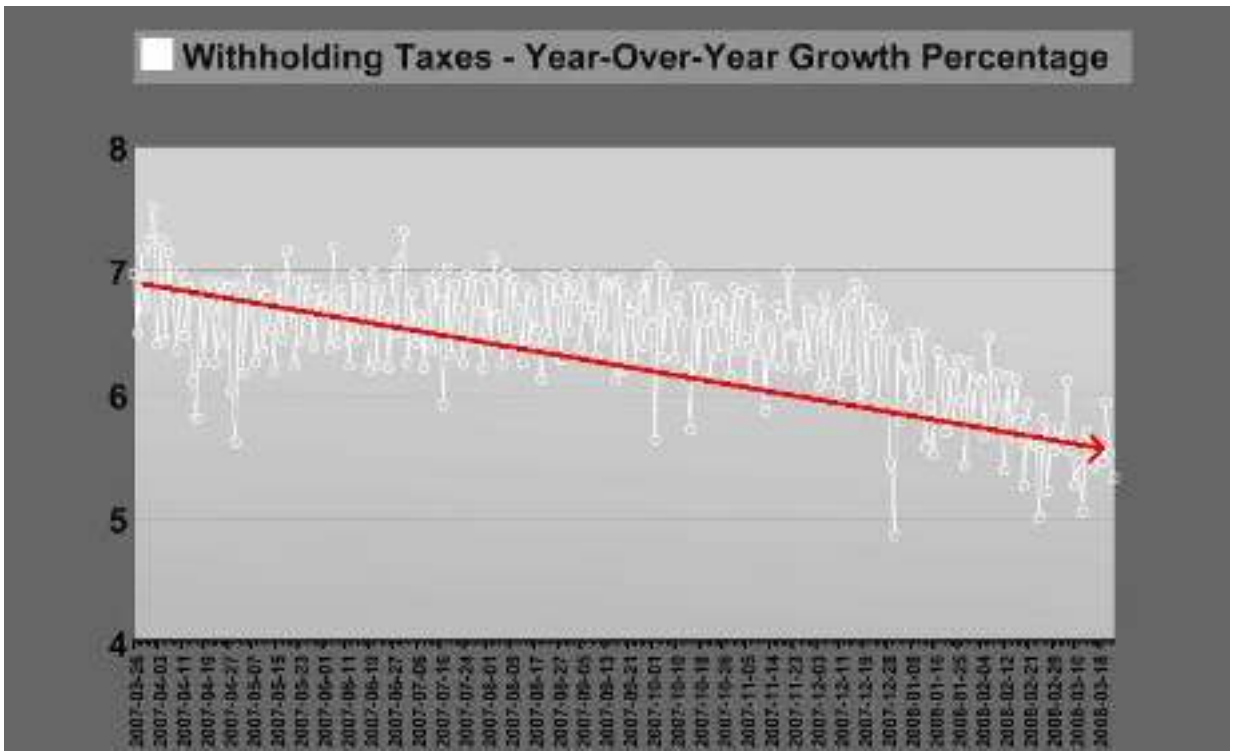
Jon sent this link and it's some pretty cool chartage. Matt Trivisonno.

One of the particularly interesting charts is withholding taxes. As the economy slows down and the tax base shrinks, tax revenue slows;



Again, this gets back to the commonsense concept that if your tax base does not grow that your tax revenues, no matter how high the tax rate, will not grow. 100% of 0 is still 0.

This simple concept is seemingly lost on the democratic presidential contenders as their fiscal policy platforms both consist of increasing taxes and letting the Bush tax cuts expire.

We're about to go into a recession. The US is faced with its largest financial banking crisis since the Great Depression. Everybody's net worth is decreasing and the dollar is worthless. And to solve this problem Clinton/Obama are going to ...

raise taxes?

Yeah, that'll get the economy going.

So sad envy and class warfare blinds the masses as to what's truly in society's best interests.

Progressive Dematurization

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I'm sitting at the coffee shop working on the housing crisis book. I go to the coffee shop because I get sick of being couped up in my house and need a change of scenery. I also go to the coffee shop because the people here are more or less middle aged and quiet. And while the occasional mom will come in with her toddler (which have this uncanny proneness to come up to me and want to talk to me despite my well-known Anti-Child Policy, they're like cats) I am left in relative peace.

Until now, for a group of as far as I can tell, high school girls have entered the coffee shop and are now talking as if they're all from Fresno Valley in California, when in fact we're in Minnesota.

"Like, OH MY GAWD!"

"Did he say that!??"

"That's, like, so weird!"

And thus the writing comes to a screeching halt and I hear nonsensical blather about Jimmy, and Bobby, and Steve and is she going out with him, LIKE OMG, you're kidding!

And every sentence is spoken with the tone of a question;

"So I got in my caaaar?"

"And I was going to call Tashaaaa?"

"She was was like, I don't have time for you????"

Then there is the occasional screaming as a text from some boy or another obviously has come in. I wish they'd just pass notes.

Anyway the reason I'm bringing this up and taking a hiatus from my writing is that it reminded me of an interesting observation I had when I was younger.

When teaching college economics at the local community college, the majority of the students were between 19-23. I was the ripe old age of 28 and with just that 5 years difference I remember listening to all their complaints and watch them behave and realized, "Holy crap, they're children! When I was 19-23, I thought women were so much more mature and I would have done anything to get them. But now that I see them and

I'm older, I realize no wonder i was having so many problems when I was younger! They're all insane!"

And the same criticism can be laid square on the men too, but I wasn't interested in men, I was interested in girls. regardless, men of the same age in my class starting every sentence with "dude."

"Dude, she was like totally f#cking hot!"

"Dude! Sweet, I'm like so going to get hammered!"

"Dude, so like when supply kindof, you know, equals demand, that will give you uhhh, equilibrium. Rock on."

And then I realized I must have really sucked with the women in my youth because this was my competition and I still couldn't beat them. perhaps I should have gotten a hat and put it on backwards and said, "Dude!"

Regardless, now I sit here and listen to these kids and wonder how at the age of 16 or 17 I could have ever thought I was the one with the problem. These kids are insane today. They're literally, well, kids.

What scares me though is if when I'm 45 I'm going to look back at 33 year old women and then say, "what the heck was I thinking? They have a My Space page? And they watch American Idol? And Lost? "

Any 45 year old men or women out there that can attest to this????

In any case my point to all you younger, yet more mature for your age, junior deputy, aspiring or otherwise economists out there, realize that in being an economist (official or otherwise) you are a bit wiser than your contemporaries and that chances are any problems you have arising from courting people your own age are not due to you, but the likelihood everybody else is insane.

You're Not a Team Player

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I remember talking to a recruiter and he was a blunt fellow (which I appreciate). And he said, "Look, you're not a team player."

I then pointed out that most of the banks I was working at were losing money hand over fist and that wouldn't banks or other employers who wanted to make money want a "non team player" from a bank that was losing money than a "team player" that help the bank lose even more money?

"No, it is more important to be a team player than to make a profit."

It was blunt, but depressing at the same time. You don't do what's right. You don't do what's obvious to make a profit. You just be a team player and don't think.

Thus it's nice to see the results of putting "being a team player" above "profit and truth."

Largest 20 Banks and S&LS - Fourth Quarter 2007

	City	State	Total Assets ($Bil)	Net Income (Loss) ($Mil)	Change in Net Income from Last Quarter ($Mil)	Provision for Loan & Lease Losses ($Mil)	ROAA	ROAE
JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA	Columbus	OH	$1,319	$2,782	$469	$1,751	0.86	10.64
Bank of America, NA	Charlotte	NC	$1,313	$688	($2,110)	$1,212	0.21	2.53
Citibank, NA	Las Vegas	NV	$1,252	($4,517)	($6,136)	$4,888	(1.44)	(18.97)
Wachovia Bank, NA	Charlotte	NC	$653	$465	($758)	$1,169	0.29	2.93
Wells Fargo Bank, NA	Sioux Falls	SD	$468	$975	($665)	$1,845	0.88	9.40
Washington Mutual Bank	Henderson	NV	$327	($1,807)	($2,072)	$1,533	(2.20)	(26.99)
US Bank, NA	Cincinnati	OH	$233	$873	($237)	$233	1.56	16.66
HSBC Bank USA, NA	Wilmington	DE	$184	($444)	($494)	$652	(0.99)	(14.98)
SunTrust Bank	Atlanta	GA	$175	$294	($111)	$357	0.69	6.06
FIA Card Services NA	Wilmington	DE	$162	$1,280	$134	$2,102	3.33	11.96
National City Bank	Cleveland	OH	$139	($390)	($385)	$659	(1.11)	(11.99)
Regions Bank	Birmingham	AL	$137	$165	($208)	$358	0.49	3.14
State Street B&TC	Boston	MA	$134	$219	($193)	$0	0.66	7.45
RBS Citizens, NA	Providence	RI	$129	$205	($664)	$350	0.63	4.50
Branch Banking and Trust Co.	Winston-Salem	NC	$128	$413	($49)	$132	1.31	12.23
PNC Bank, NA	Pittsburgh	PA	$125	$212	($194)	$138	0.70	6.72
Countrywide Bank, FSB	Alexandria	VA	$121	($94)	$234	$490	(0.31)	(4.11)
Bank of New York	New York	NY	$116	$354	($9)	$30	1.20	16.31
Capital One, NA	McLean	VA	$98	($116)	$106	$385	(0.09)	(0.42)

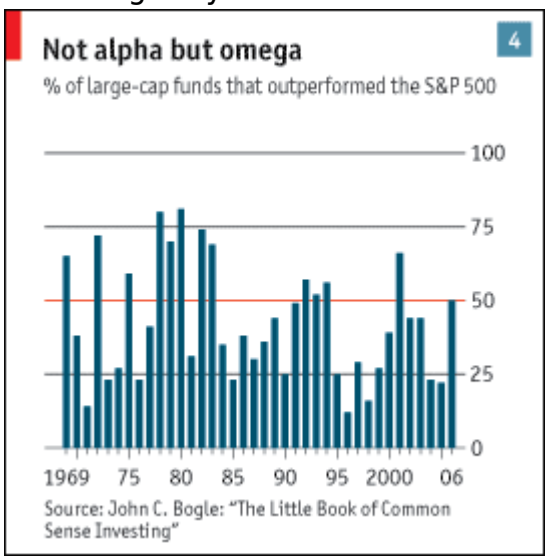
Provision for Loan & Lease Losses - The amount added to loan loss reserves for the quarter.
ROAA - Return on average assets.
ROAE - Return on average equity.

Source: Regulatory filings.

All You Ever Needed to Know About Finance

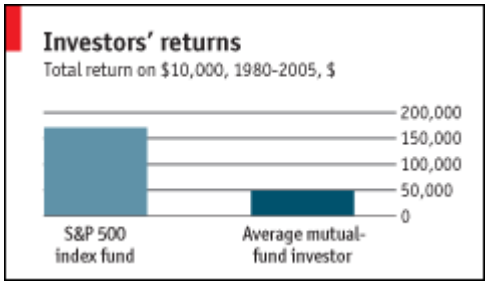
March 28, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I tell my students that for the most part, 90% of investment professionals wasted their time to get a bachelors, masters or doctorate in finance. For 90% of them fail to do the one thing they were trained to do and that is beat the index.



A lot of those in the finance world don't want you to know about that because if the average person found out that by investing in the index, they would beat the majority of the "professionals" the majority of the time, then these guys would not have jobs.

Additionally you are paying fees on top of it for sub prime service. Fees that lower your overall return to such an extent you'd have 80% than if you just invested in the index and not paid for fees that provided below market returns;



So, if you want to have an intellectual equivalent to a doctorate in finance, with honors, just invest in the index. No need to waste eight years getting letters behind your name that mean you'll probably fail to beat the index. Plus, everybody should know worship and love Morningstar.

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That alone will save you the four years it would take to get your bachelors.

Stop-Loss

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Wow, who would have guessed a defeatist film like Stop Loss would have failed like "Lions for Lambs?"

It actually gives me hope that there is some kind of "silent majority" that is sick of the constant Anti-American, Anti-Military, Anti-Success crowd.

No shock it was an MTV movie.

Where the hell are the Indiana Jones and Star Wars flicks? No seriously, where are the moralled, gun toting westerns where a bunch of honorable guys are still allowed to pick up their guns and go kill the bad guys because the local law enfarsement (particular kudos to the crap that is known as the Minneapolis "profleece" department) is too impotent to deal with the problem?

I think of Tombstone where the good guys just up and killed the bad guys, but today, they'd get arrested and prosecuted for murder. Sadly, if I uttered the words to any enemy of mine "I'm your huckleberry" I'd too be arrested and sent to the slammer because of political incorrectness. I'm sure saying "Hell's coming with me" would also be banned.

I'm glad we de-masculinized the United States. Wyatt Earp I'm sure would be proud.

In Europe, Gas is Only $2.08 a Gallon (Adjusting for Taxes)

March 30, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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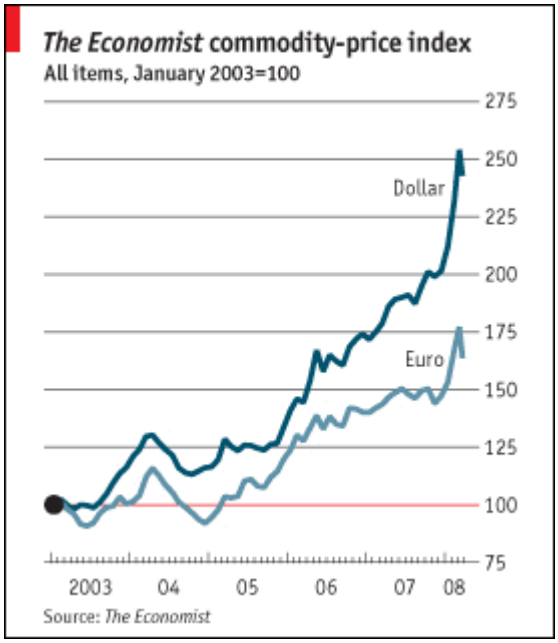
Most of the Cappy Cap readers have no idea how many internet trolls I have that I screen out on a regular basis. The most recent one was some idiot that started off good, but then frankly, just started talking nonsense.

And to display intellectual honesty, I will post opposing views, such as Ed Kohler, who, though we disagree on everything, has maintained a civil tone and made his disagreements not only with politeness, but more importantly, with logic and intellectual honesty.

You are more likely to get banned from posting on this forum, not if you disagree with me or even insult me, but if you make outright stupid or blatantly wrong statements. Especially if I think you yourself don't believe them and are just posting because you have an ulterior political agenda and have no moral qualms about you to push that agenda ahead of truth or honesty.

Regardless, just out of sheer "I told you so"- ness, I am posting this chart that utterly obliterates this latest troll's contention that the price of oil has NOT gone up because of the decreasing dollar, but because of big oil (be thankful I spared you his idiotic blathering posts).



As you can plainly see the price of commodities has gone up more in dollar terms than Euro terms. Commodities also include oil (for those of you in Rio Linda).

And if you were to do some interesting mathematics, this means that right now with gas

at $3.15 a gallon down the road from me, it would (assuming equal taxation in Europe which is not the case, but for comparative purposes it is) be about $2.08 in Europe.

It's a sad day when the currency markets have less faith in America's productivity than Europe's. Yet, I'm sure if we churn out more communications majors that have work experience in Americorps this will tilt the currency markets into the dollar's favor.

C-R-I-P-E-S

The Job Market for Banking Executives

March 31, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hope all you Bearn Stearns blue blood, Citigroup mortgage bankers and big time corporate manager types enjoy the job market. Because this it's become.

Food Stamp Rate

April 1, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I fully expect this post to be forwarded and linked to not just your buddies, but it better damn well end up on the Rush Limbaugh show or some big time operator, simply because I forecast the left is going to seize on this food stamp BS and try to run with it. So I'm doing all of you a favor in pulling the data on this and posting it. The least you can do is forward it not just to friends, but to somebody with some wattage under their radio show.

OK, like a previous post I had where some report came out and claimed that the nominal number of people that were below the poverty line was proof positive Bush and Cheney were out there knee-capping babies and stealing old people's dentures, I made the clear distinction that to look at the nominal amount of people on any statistic or trait was pointless in a population that is growing.

That's because if a population is growing, you will by default always have "record numbers of people" doing X, Y and Z each and every year.

For example;

Did you know that in 1790 only 3,000 Americans died of cancer.

But under George Bush a "record" of over 60,000 Americans died of cancer! Bush supports cancer! End the pro-Cancer regime now!!!!

Idiocy.

I then suggested some simple 4th grade mathematics that would imply there might be a "poverty rate." That 4th grade logic would imply you would acknowledge the population is growing and a more proper measure of poverty would be the percentage of the population under the poverty line. This painted a much less dismal portrait of what the left was trying to pass on as truth.

And so I find it my job again to calculate a similar ratio this time. For a moronic friend of mine who hates Bush because, well he's Bush, and the Independent in the UK have pointed out the same thing with equally ignorant and moronic bliss (and within 4 hours of each other, so I'm surmising some e-mail is being forwarded in leftist circles as to this latest egregious "atrocity" against the American people).

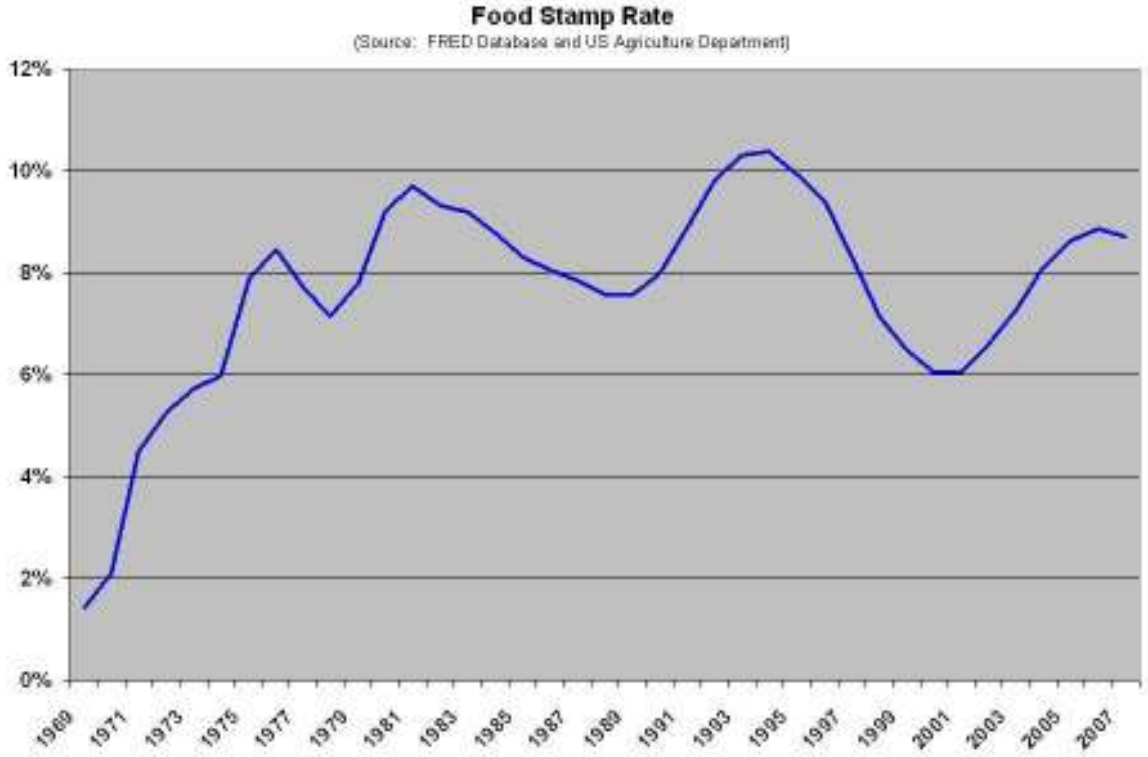
FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS REACH AND ALL TIME HIGH!!!!

Therefore...

BUSH IS HITLER AND WE MUST KILL ALL RICH PEOPLE!!!!!

But before we start sharpening our pitchforks and cutting the brake lines to SUV's in the fancier zip codes, allow me to tender an argument in the vain hopes some on the left will adhere to some intellectual honesty and agree with me that, yes, we should really measure the number of people on food stamps, not on a nominal basis, but as a percentage of the population.

Food stamp recipients have gone up, but they are not at a record high as a percent of the population.



Now I know this may dismay some of you leftists, socialists and commies out there, but that's the truth. I'm sorry, I don't make stuff up, this is just the census bureau and the department of agriculture. If you don't like their data, go yell at them.

Regardless, as you can see, food stamp recipients as a percent of the population (despite the best efforts of people employed by the food stamp program to do outreach and get more on the program to protect their jobs) has actually gone down from 2006. Albeit slightly, a lower percentage of people are on food stamps as of 12-31-07 than were in 2006. 2008 data is not yet available, and please don't give me guff about how in those past three months food stamps applicants have skyrocketed and I'm not accounting for it.

Additionally, to point out the hypocrisy of the "food-stamps-are-at-an-all-time-high-Bush-must-die" camp, the food stamp rate reached an all-time high under Bill Clinton, yet we did not clamor for his death nor claim the US was in the next "Great Depression" (because frankly those of us on the right couldn't even think of something so stupid as to

point to food stamps as a means by which to incriminate an administration).

Now, look, I'm seriously getting sick of this childish nonsense. And that's exactly what it is, is childish nonsense. I was having a conversation with a friend of mine who agreed with me completely that it's not even worth having a conversation with your typical leftist by our age, because by our age they have made up their mind and want to believe in what they want to believe. Data, statistics, facts and reality have nothing to do with it. They will take whatever data they can and twist, contort and spin it to their own desires, with no desire to actually follow or care what is the truth. So do me and the rest of the intellectually honest people a favor. Don't even feign some kind of passion or fake adherence to the truth. We know your game. You just will cling on to whatever tidbit of data you can and propagate it as truth to push your ulterior political agendas. I can't even debate with the majority of leftists anymore because it's pointless. Truth and data have no effect on you.

Libertarian/Conservative - "The sky is blue."

Liberal/Leftist - "No it isn't."

Libertarian/Conservative - "Well how do you explain this data from the Federal Reserve that proves it is."

Liberal switches to default conspiracy mode

Liberal/Leftist - "Well, obviously Bush is in control of the Fed and all their economics were told they'd lose their jobs if they didn't say the sky was blue."

This is why I just resort to betting most leftists because it puts an endgame to a conversation that no amount of logic or honest would conclude, and saves me an immense amount of time.

So look, at minimum, just please be honest. You hate or at minimum envy people who have it better off than you and want their money. It's OK, admit it, heck, I'll even go along with you at times as I've seen enough nepotism and spoiled brat daddy's boys/girls get jobs they were completely incompetent to receive. But just say you're for socialism or communism because you are just plain envious. Don't go through the shenanigans of trying futile and dishonest shtick like this as somehow providing the "means" or "rationale" as to why its OK to take other's people money that frankly isn't yours.

Maybe if you spent more time working on a business or getting a degree in engineering or computers, or heck, channeled the hate and envy into something productive and stopped protesting "cause x"or whatever the flavor of the week the cause is, you'd have your own money to envy. Which you could then tax from yourself and give to yourself in a

weird self-serving wealth redistributing way and claim riches yet "social justice" at the same time. Whatever turns your gears.

No Recession Yet People

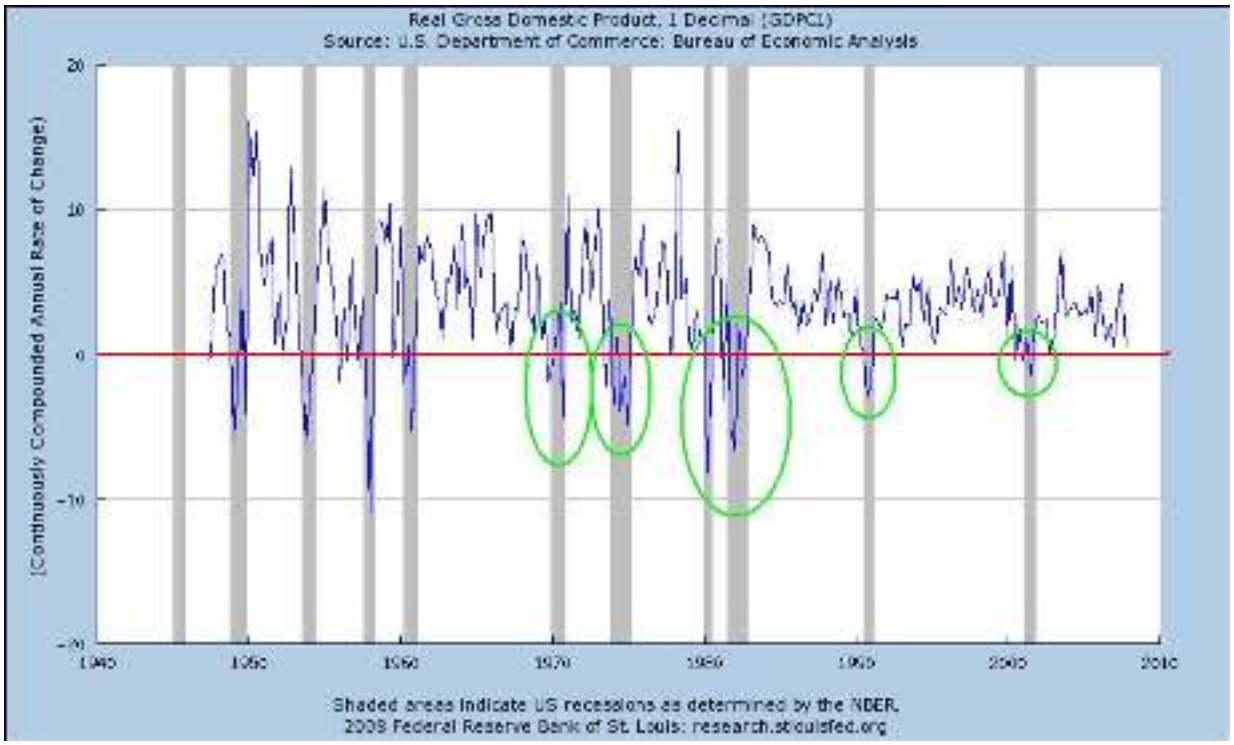
April 2, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ug, OK, quick little economics lesson here people.

I'm going old school, which is the best school, and using the traditional definition of a recession as two successive quarters of economic contraction. Meaning Americans produced less stuff two quarters in a row than they did last year. That is the classic definition of a recession.

Which means we are not in a recession yet. We certainly could be on our way to one, and I think we are, but until that time comes, do not claim we're in the middle of a "Great Depression" or the middle of a horrible economy. If you want a horrible economy, then go to the Volcker Recession which was the worst economy we had since the Great Depression.

Now below I put together a little jim dandy chart from the Federal Reserve and circled all the recessions.



The reason I'm posting this now is that I forecast something similar to the 2000-2001 economy. Not in terms of economics, but back then the mantra on the left was that "this is the worst economy in 50 years" suggesting it was so horrible and so bad that only the Great Depression was worse. Obviously it wasn't because (even though NBER puts a gray line there around 2000-2001 saying it was a recession) according to the traditional definition, it wasn't even a recession. Regardless, recession or not, it was the weakest economic slow down we had in history.

I predict the same thing going into an election year. The left will jump on the horrible economy as a means by which to legitimize their election to the presidency and will not only blame Bush and Republicans for this to-be-recession, but no matter how weak or whether we even experience a recession or not, they will chant similar mantras to "this being the worst economy in 60 years."

So, before we get all into recession talk, let alone Great Depression talk, can you at least wait until we have ONE quarter of contraction?

You Will Visit Mark J Perry

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I escaped the Carlson School of Management with only my bachelors. They tried to get me to become a full dark sith lord and get my MBA, but I did not. Sadly Prof. Perry got him MBA from the Carlson School.

That being said, don't hold it against him, he posts some pretty good charts. And I find this one befitting as he is in Michigan;

From his post.

High Gas Prices Might Help Property Values

April 2, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A friend of mine has a duplex in Minneapolis. I escaped Minneapolis because my property taxes tripled and the rent I could charge in my then-duplex was driven down by all the affordable housing projects they put in. This put me into loss territory, thank you commie bastards of Minneapolis.

However, my friend was able to rent out his one bedroom apartment for almost $200 a month more than he charged the previous tenants.

The reason why?

Two fold;

One, he allows dogs.

Dogs are honorable, noble beasts created in Heaven to protect the good and fight evil. And therefore make better tenants than cats.

Two, high gas prices he surmises is making people think long and hard about how far they want to commute to work or school. And since his property is near the University of Minnesota and St. Thomas and downtown, he was surprised with just how many applicants he received (dogless or not).

Since cash flow is one of the three valuation techniques used by appraisers and cash flow is the true driving value of property, this might provide more upward support for property prices than we previously thought.

That being said, I think my call to mandate corporations to allow all employees that can to telecommute would do more to save gas.

Sorry, Watching Sports is Boring

April 4, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

People often ask me if I like sports.

And I say, "Yeah, I do."

And then they ask me "What sports do you watch?"

And then I say, "What the hell does that have to do with it?"

And the reason I say that is because unlike what is now becoming the majority of my generation, I actually still play them, I don't watch them. And I have noticed the effect. I am in excellent shape, while the elder Gen X'ers are getting guts and getting flabby.

See, what they should be asking is "Do you watch TV?" Followed up by, "What do you watch?"

But they think that watching sports in itself is some kind of activity unto itself. The problem I've found with watching sports is that regardless of the sport, it's still very "John Madden-esque."

Please tell me what sport this commentary couldn't apply to;

"Well you see, Jim, if Bob wants to score some more points then he's got to get the ball to Steve. But you can't score more points, unless Bill gets a little more possession of the ball, which means Mark will have to do more to cover Frank, and until Frank gets traded for Paul, then I don't see how Mike is going to be able to make it around Chad."

And millions of people waste their lives watching this stuff.

What also gets me is this irony of "progressive video game graphics."

I play video games, I LOVE video games. But I only play video games where I can do things I normally can't do in real life.

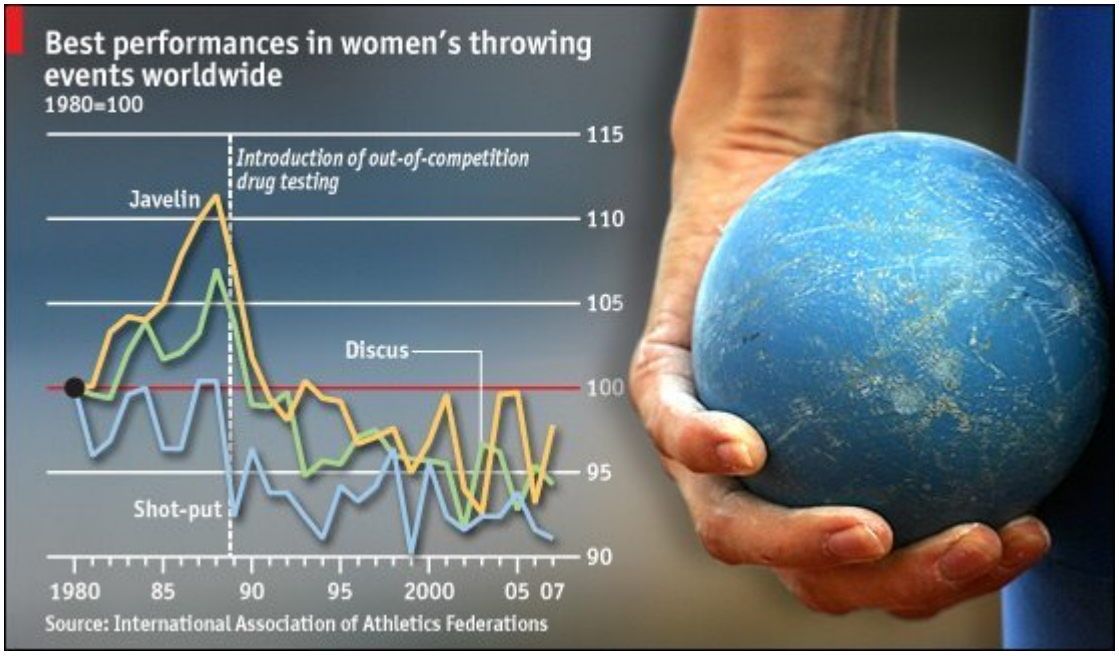
For example, I will not be in WWII. Sorry, just won't happen. But I can play Jimmy Patterson, the OSS Agent from Turtle Lake, Wisconsin who goes and wipes out Hitler's Nazi regime. Or I can play the Master Chief and repel and invasion of the Flood.

I do not play video games that can be done in the real world. Namely sports video games.

What on God's green earth is the point of playing sports video games? You want really great graphics? Then go outside and pick up a ball and play some sports. The graphics don't get any better than that. But no, there I am with my friends at the bar and we see some frat boy putz with his hat on backwards playing "Golf Tee Professional 2010!"

Alas, because of my indifference to watching sports, I have a hard time caring who is being traded for what, and how much did this guy sign up for. Additionally, I couldn't care less about Barry Bonds, or Mark McGuire or any of the steroids BS going on in professional sports. If you were to look at how much time has been spent wasted on discussing, speculating, and investigating something that ultimately doesn't matter, and if the scores of commentators and millions of Americans had worked instead and contributed that money to the economy or heck, even charity, how much better use of time that would be, I wonder if we'd be facing recession now.

That being said, I found this chart interesting. Article here;



For My Realtor

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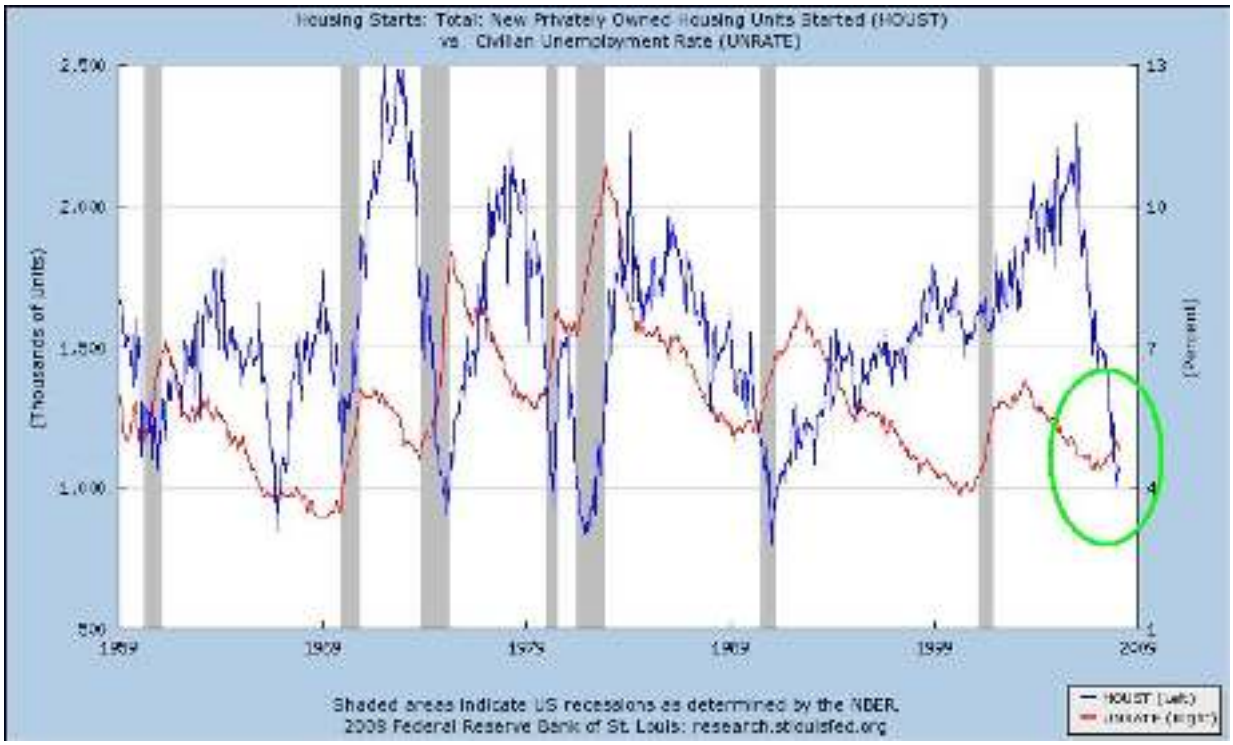
My realtor requested this chart a couple days back. He wanted the chart that showed how housing starts predicted unemployment.



I presume he was trying to show people this at his office. So yes, everybody, he is right, and the economy is hosed.

Yeah, Time to Boycott Absolut

April 4, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Brilliant move on Absolut Vodka's part.

And sadly the Captain is quite fond of martini's.

No more of the Captain's money for Absolut.

Guy Goes to a Doctor

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Says, "Doc, I feel sick."

Doc says, "well let's run some tests."

The doc comes back and says, "I'm sorry, I have some bad news. You only have 10."

The guy says, "10? What do you mean 10? 10 what, years, months, weeks?"

Doc says, "9…8…7…6…"

Ahhh the World of Frank

April 7, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you want some mindless entertainment, you have to scroll to the bottom to see the attack of the cat.

Difference Between Gross and Take Home Pay

April 8, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The OECD publishes what is called the tax wedge and it shows you (essentially) the difference between gross salary and take home pay.

And while I know the US is in the middle of a self-inflicted housing bubble, but it should be no surprise that the likes of the US, Japan, and even more recently Mexico have historically trounced Europe on economic growth.

Create the Captain's Cover!

April 8, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hey all aspiring, junior, deputy, official and otherwise economists!

I am finishing off the final chapters of the book on the housing crash and the shenanigans that led up to it. We have good ol Bucktowndusty editing it and various colleagues of mine are providing their input, but I do not have a cover.

Thus!!!!

I thought it would be a great idea if any of you economists out there might have an artistic flair or know anybody that does and might be willing to tender any art for the cover. You will of course be credited on the front page and (in the likely event it makes it to the NYT best seller list ;) you will be come an instant celebrity! ;)

Contact me if your interested or just send something you think might work;

captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Many thanks!

The Captain Partakes in Charity

April 9, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I got a call from one of the directors of the districts I teach dance classes through and she was wondering if I'd be interested in offering dance classes for a silent auction for a kid's charity program. I said sure, why not, help kids. Money goes to obesity programs (which I will readily admit is kind of lame), but more importantly it also goes to helping build an orphanage (which is not).

We got to talking and in addition to the dance classes I will be participating in a bachelor auction in help swoon some of the ladies in a very Captain Jack Sparrow like way to part with their money for the benefit of the little kiddies.

I also said I would put the charity on the blog in case any of the Captain Capitalismites might be interested. If you happen to be local to the area, who knows, even you can bid on the Captain!

So help the kids out, here's the link.

You Too Can Have an Exciting Career in Medical Transcriptioning!

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I used to teach at community colleges. And basically they're just diploma mills that take you in, feign giving you some kind of education, you pay them money, and they give you a degree. It's that simple.

Sadly for the kids that go there, they actually think they're going to actually get a high paying job out of "college." And thus you see careers during day time TV that you just know there is something unethical or wrong about them;

"Does your life suck??? Then get a degree in the exciting field of medical transcriptioning!"

"Do you have no life??? Then join the exciting field of veterinarian assistant animal feces picker upper!"

And the reason this particularly angers me is that these schools are targeting kids that for the most part are disadvantaged to begin with. Poor kids from poor families (not to sound like a commie) that might be susceptible to some kind of "get rich quick" scheme that these schools portend.

The problem however I think is even more widespread than we think. It's not just unemployed people watching the commercials for Jerry Springer. But we lower the standards for pretty much every student or young person out there. There is no longer the big push for engineering and the sciences that we had in the 1950's and largely brought about and maintained American superiority in the world. Now we're pushing sociology, philosophy. And wow, you want to become an artist?! ME TOO!! I'm studying art at the university.

HOW ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH DO YOU STUDY ART????

Don't you just practice it or have a talent for it? What does getting a degree do for you aside from make you poorer and make professors, who obviously weren't good artists otherwise they wouldn't be teaching it, richer?

And though if you get a masters in psychology you can make money, and though if you get a degree in education, and actually majored in education because you care about kids (not because it was an easy major) you will do some good, it still angers me when I see on my e-mail login page to see advertisements that just assume you are not capable of

engineering, or physics, or calculus, or chemistry.

Perhaps an old school 1950's style push for engineering and computers would do the US some good.

50% Default Rate

April 10, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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There are two rates in banking.

A delinquency rate which shows what percent of your loans are late or past due.

And a default rate. The percent of your loans that have gone into default.

I recently visited an old employer of mine to visit the friends I had there. My boss had left the firm to go to another place and I found out through the grape vine that he left the legacy of a

50% DEFAULT RATE

Yes, one out of every two loans this idiot made ended up in default (I can only imagine what the delinquency rate is).

Now, you see. Every day I am told by people who watched too much 90210 when they were kids, and had college paid for, and never really had much strife in their lives that I need to "calm down." And just "play the game." That "it can't be that bad." And that I should just "be a team player."

And then I try to convey to them the sheer idiocy that was occurring during this housing bubble, but no, he's just some crazy guy. He's just some kid that doesn't like to play ball. What does he know? He's just some young punk, economist, while his boss has gray hair, the truest sign of wisdom. He's just exaggerating the true problems he's running into to beget pity. Be a true American working cog, suck it up, stick your head in the sand and play nice with the other kids in the sandbox.

And so with this newfound data, I give all of those who questioned me and advocated conforming and capitulation the proverbial "I told you so."

Of course, you would think with a 50% default rate my boss would be run out of town and never be allowed to work in banking again. You'd think rumor would spread as to this individual's complete incompetence and ignorance and desire to put commission over credit. You'd think nobody would be as foolish enough to hire him ever again.

He got a new job. At a new bank.

I asked one of the employees, "How in hell did he get a job with a track record like that?"

"I think he has some relatives that work there."

Ahhh, nepotism.

Perhaps the head-in-the-sanders are right. Just do what you're told. Because even if it hastens the collapse of the company and the collapse of the nation, at least you make some money on they way down.

Morals? Integrity?

Pha!!! That's so 1950's!

Barack Obama is a Liar. End of Story.

April 11, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Been meaning to post this for a while. Barack was interviewed by the heavenly Maria Bartiromo. And while listening to his interview, I just had to post this if this lying moron stands a chance of becoming president. Here's the full interview script.

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Sen. OBAMA: Yes.

BARTIROMO: Why raise taxes at all in an economic slowdown? Isn't that going to put a further strain on people?

Sen. OBAMA: Well, look, there's no doubt that anything I do is going to be premised on what the economic situation is when I take office. I'm going to be sworn in in January, we don't know what the economy's going to look like at that point. And, you know, the thing you can--you can be assured of is that I'm not going to making these decisions based on ideology. I'm not a dogmatist. I know that some, you know, my opponents to the right would like to paint me as this wooly-eyed, you know, liberal or wild-eyed...

BARTIROMO: You're not a liberal?

Sen. OBAMA: The--but my attitude is that I believe in the market, I believe in entrepreneurship, I believe in opportunity, I believe in capitalism and I want to do what works. But what I want to make sure of is it works for all America and not just a small sliver of America. And if it turns out--if somebody can make a persuasive argument to me that, you know what, what we need at this juncture, at this particular point in time is a different set of policies than some of the ones that I've proposed, I'm always going to listen to people. Because I think one of the problems, in fact, with the Bush administration has been its rigidness when it comes to economic policy. I mean, you ask them any question, they'll say tax cuts. It doesn't matter what the problem is, if it's, you know, our trade deficit: tax cuts. If it's, you know, slowdown in manufacturing: tax cuts. You know, at a certain point, you know, if you've only got one arrow in the quiver, then you're going to have problems.

"You sir, are a liar. Liar liar, your pants....ARE ON FIRE!!!!" (you have to go to 2 minutes, 1 seconds into it)

Susan Casey-Lefkowitz > You

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Again, I shall be short.

Here is an article where we find that there is the potential for some significant oil drilling here in the US. This additional supply, according to kindergarten-level economics, would naturally alleviate price pressures of $5 a gallon gasoline. Of course, it can't be 1947 where we celebrate this find and can assume we will develop this field and help advance America and society. Somebody has to get in the way.

Enter Ms. Lefkowitz who is the token environmentalist you knew would inevitably show up to spoil the fun.

Now, understand this has nothing to do with Ms. Lefkowitz, specifically. It could just as well be her as any other environmentalist protestor with a Masters in Puppies and Unicorns. But before you google her name or find out things about her, I want you to watch this episode, and after watching this episode see if you can guess her profile;

I'm going to guess;

1. Never worked a day in the private sector.
2. Has a worthless undergrad and probably some grad school. I would say lawyer or some kind of professor type thing in environmental science or women's studies (note the hyphenated name). 3. Is largely unemployable and is therefore part of some kind of "save the tar pits" organization.

Now, why do I bring this up?

Because, you must realize that crusaders, such as Ms. Lefkowitz, are a genuine threat to society in that they lack the intellectual honesty to put the interests of society ahead of their own selfish interests. They are more than willing to put themselves ahead of society even if that means foisting higher gas prices, lower standards of living, 9% unemployment, etc. etc. upon us, because they and their little crusades are more important than you, your children or your futures. But what's scary is we're not talking putting their financial interests ahead of other people's, we're talking psychological interests.

Understand the reason I link worthless degrees to crusaderism or continue my tirade against worthless degrees is because it is the preliminary indicator of somebody who is;

1. Too lazy to work hard at something and produce something of real value

2. Too arrogant to just accept a welfare check and must feign some kind of "profession" to make themselves feel better.

They need to "do something" (as long as it doesn't involve calculus) so their psychology does not suffer a devastating blow from reality that they are indeed worthless people. Not worthless as a person, but worthless as an economic entity. They produce nothing. The cannot support themselves. They by default rely on charitable donations or tax dollars confiscated from the taxpayer or a trust fund or a rich spouse. They offer nothing to society and are the classic definition of economic "dead weight."

Since they have no skills, no talents and nothing to offer society, they instead find crusades. And (this is the important part) are so hell-bent on "doing something" they will stop at nothing, including making others suffer, so they can get their psychological fix.

So, how close am I?

Am I in the ballpark?

Or am I on the pitcher's mound throwing deadly accurate 102 MPH fastball strikes?

Don't Bank on Your 401k

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I like the term Michael Savage uses to describe an ever increasing percentage of Americans that don't think and just do;

"Sheeple."

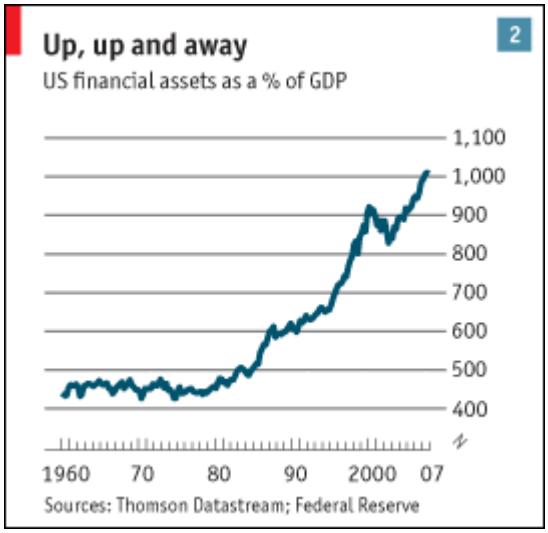
People who just do what they're told and never think about it.

And while normally this would apply to college students that just regurgitate what their professors told them, when it comes to the financial markets a scarier instance of "sheeple-ism" is retirement plans.

Specifically your 401k's, 403b's, IRA's, etc. And the reason it's sheeple-ish is that nobody thinks about the ramifications of suddenly ordaining stocks, bond and other liquid securities as the defacto retirement mechanism. We just do what we're told and invest.

I made a more analytical post about this taking a look at how much cash flows into mutual funds drove the price of stocks versus corporate profits and found that it is indeed cash flows driving the price and not necessarily profits. This is particularly scary when you look at the American economy and see us about to enter a recession and looking at jacking up taxes by 10-15% GDP to pay for social security and medicare. Where are the profits going to come from in that environment to give stocks their value, let alone give them the rationale to keep increasing in price by 12% a year?

Thus I was not surprised when I saw this chart;



Without a proportionate increase in GDP or profits we are all of the sudden applying 3 times more value to stocks, bonds and other financial assets. Now some of this can be

explained away by increases in liquidity where more people are allowed to invest due to online trading, lower trading costs and so forth. But it mimics what my previous research showed me. That we are valuing stocks and other securities more highly, but for no reason, other than the market has been flooded with retirement dollars.

This is a scary prospect to the sheeple who just invested in their 401k religiously because that's what they were told to do. And while I am no advocating NEVER contributing to a 401k or retirement plan, nor saying this couldn't be resolved by investing overseas and diversifying your portfolio, don't be surprised if your 401k is worth considerably less than you thought it might be.

Global Warming in Minnesota

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Today is the first day in Minnesota it's been above 60 degrees.

Just 48 hours ago it was about 22 degrees.

And given this was a record low winter (not just in Minnesota, but if I recall correctly, the entire planet) this about sums up my philosophy on global warming.

ht to Kate

Tax the "Like" Girls

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I'm here at the coffee store. And I swear to Christ this book would have been done three months ago if it wasn't for the "like" girls.

Two high school girls have just come in.

"Like, I don't know this girl, but she like, came up to my boyfriend and was like, "wait, what are you like doing with him?"

And "like" this and "like" that.

And like, I'm sure, like you'll kindof, you know, ummm, like find something to do.

Edgar Allen Poe couldn't have even written in such an environment.

Thus, I propose we treat the "like" girls as a negative externality.

Who knows how much production, creativity and innovation has been destroyed as great minds try to do great things and are then abruptly interrupted with some nonsensical blathering teen telling pointless stories where akin to Chinese water torture every time you hear the word "like" your pain and suffering trebles.

LIKE LIKE LIKE LIKE
LIKE LIKE LIKE LIKE

So, "like" negative externalities, we should tax the "like" girls.

I propose a $5 per/like tax

Every time a girl (or boy) says an unnecessary "like" during conversation, they are taxed $5.

So for example the following sentence;

"So, like, I was like, trying to you know, like, write a book. Then like these two ditzy, like, high school girls came in and started like, saying "like" before every sentence. It was like, totally annoying."

You would be charged $35 for the abuse of the word like.

I think this tax would not only improve the younger generation's English skills, but given the frequency of abuse and the deep pockets of daddy, we could shore up social security and fund the Iraq war.

Time to go find a quiet library...wow, that's the first real use I've seen for a library in years. Silence.

Those Icky, Gross, Yucky Dividends

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My buddy Brian is an aspiring economist, and he made quite the astute analogy;

"I'm seeing people treating stocks like baseball cards. They're buying pack after pack of baseball cards trying to find the Mickey Mantle rookie year card, and there's this annoying piece of gum that they throw away. When in reality the only thing of value in that pack of baseball cards is the piece of gum. And people are completely disregarding dividends in the same matter."

He was right, and probably more so than he realizes. For when it gets down to it, the only thing that drives the value of a stock, the only thing that gives a stock its value is dividends, not earnings.

The reason why is that the shareholder never sees all the earnings, only the dividends. The corporation may reinvest profits and only pay out a fraction of that in dividends, but that still doesn't change the fact the only cash flow is dividends.

Now some will argue, "Yeah, but when I sell the stock, I get a capital gains, it's worth more than what I bought it for."

True, but that doesn't change the fact dividends are still what's driving the value of that stock. Whoever buys it from you, is not buying it now in hopes of selling it for more later, they're buying a future string of dividends. In other words, if you held onto the stock, in truth the only thing giving it value is its future dividends.

The only time there is a "genuine" capital gain is when the company is bought out by another. Otherwise the firm either dissolves or goes bankrupt and you have no capital gain. Thus, the entire history and value of a stock is not what profits it made, but what dividends it meted out to its shareholders.

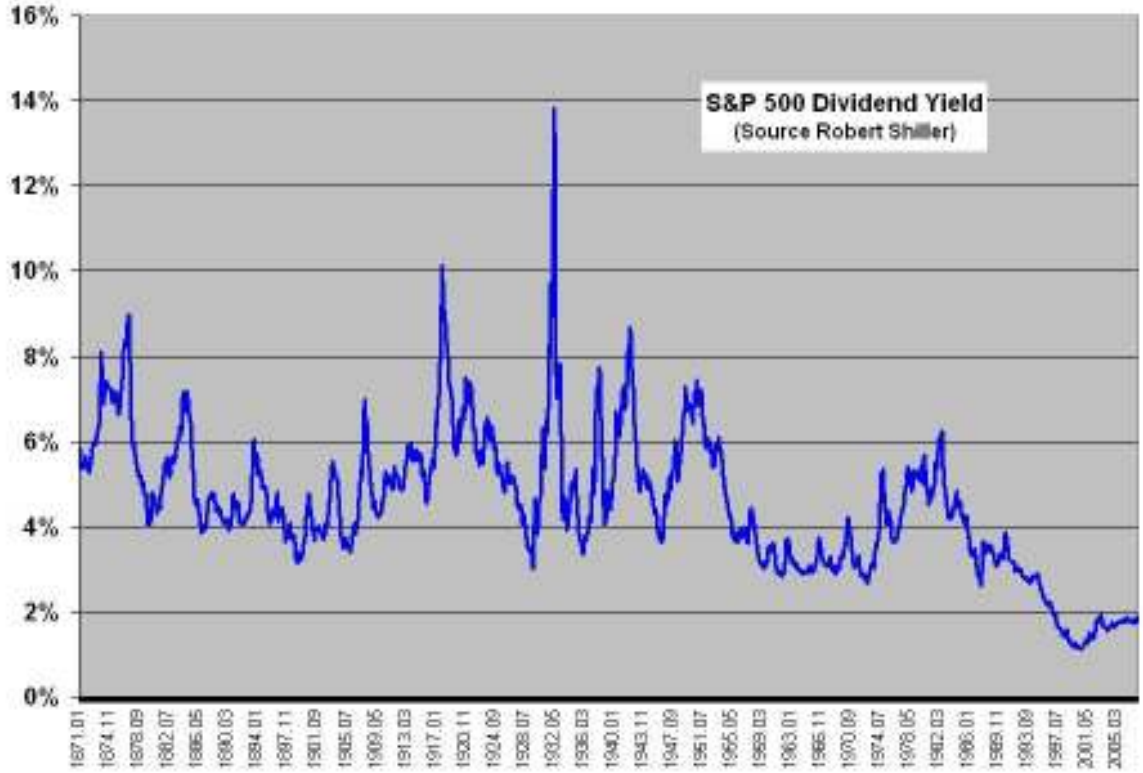
Sadly though, and perhaps through the goggles of retirement planning and 401k's we look at stocks as purely capital gain investments. We rarely care about dividends and presume we'll be able to sell stocks for more when we retire.

There's just one minor problem. The true driver of value for stocks is going down, relative to the price you have to pay. In other words, you have to pay more in stock price to get the same paltry amount of dividends. This is measured by what's called the "dividend yield."

The dividend yield is dividends divided by price. In other words what percent return will

you realize from investing in a stock given its price and the dividends it pays.

Roughly the dividend yield has averaged around 5%, meaning you could expect to receive a 5% return in the form of a dividend. Not terribly much, but it was a little more than inflation. But with stock prices being driven by retirement money and less by earnings and even less by dividends, the dividend yield has been driven down below 2% and has been there for the past decade. Even with the stock market crash in 2000 and even with our significant correct today, it's still below 2%.



The reason again is not that dividends have gone down, but prices have gone up so much driving the ratio down. Sadly this little tidbit of data is making me ever more convinced that stocks are going to be coming down like housing once the boomers retire.

Protest Big Rice

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Once again, to show the idiocy of people's utter lack of understanding of economics, let alone commodity markets, and let alone the forces of supply and demand, I post this chart showing that in addition to;

Big Oil
Big Wheat
Big Corn
Big Tobacco
Big Pharmaceuticals
Big Copper
Big Tungsten
Big Palladium

we have...

BIG RICE!!!!!

It's that damn George Bush trying to screw us over as much as possible before he leaves.

Sadly, some people really do think that.

Percent of Asking Price Received

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I have good news, I'm about two chapters away from finishing the book (out of what will inevitably be 20). Then there is editing and some revising and tweaking and tucking. Regardless, and I mean this sincerely, arrogance and hubris aside, it is some damn fine writing.

Allow me to whet your appetite with a excerpt;

"It was one of those moments where you start to wonder if life isn't real and God is just toying with you. That this is nothing but a big, elaborate video game and you're the one on the big screen. That it was already as bad of a situation as it could get and it was statistically impossible to get any worse. Therefore if it did, it must have been divine intervention on God's part, yielding not only proof God existed, but that he was a sick and twisted sadist/bastard."

I don't know if I'm going with "sadist" or "bastard." Any preferences?

In any case, the final two chapters are obviously conclusionary in nature, however, they're also quite data intensive and so I've happened upon some great charts, but this one in particular showing what the average person in the Twin Cities area is receiving as a % of their asking price for their homes;

Which means, if banks are in repossession of these fine assets they're going to be getting a lot less than what they lent out on it.

Why McCain Will Win

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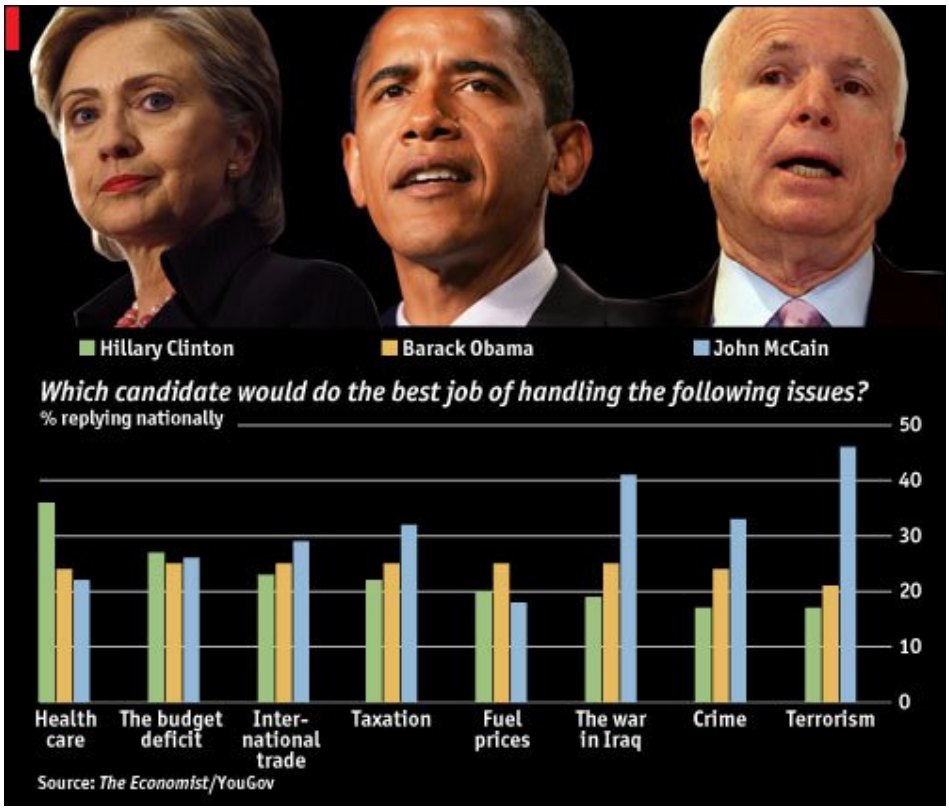
Hillary or Obama, the fact remains both are extremists. McCain will appeal to the majority and the moderates and Hillary with her hypocrisy and Obama and his disdain for America will cost them the election.



I would like to further point out, I could be completely wrong. America voted for a pot-smoking philanderer over WWII vet with Clinton v. Bush Sr.

They may just vote for Obama the Soap Opera over a Vietnam veteran/hero, simply on account he's "cuter" or "hotter" than McCain.

Sadly, I wish I wasn't being sarcastic.

If You Don't Work You Don't Eat

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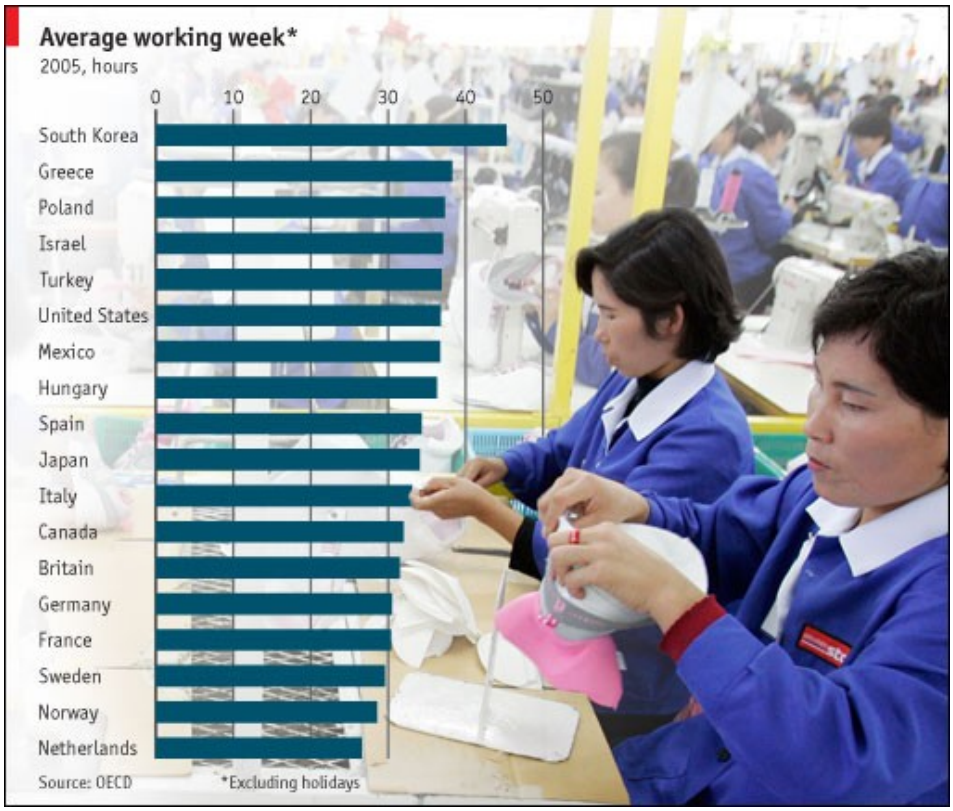
Ah, but how efficiently does one work?



Pha! "Work." That's such a 1940's concept. Stupid old fashioned Americans. What did they know! Them and their chivalry and Cary Grantishness and being warmongers fighting Hitler and all. If they just would have just let Hitler and the peaceful Germans be and held a candle light vigil everything would have worked out fine anyway. They probably thought working hard and only spending within their limits was some kind of "living" or lifestyle. Why waste time fighting nazism when there's American Teen Idol on and we can go get a HELOC to afford my trip to Paris and SUV?

(Seriously, I'm half tempted at times to just grab an assault rifle and go "prune" the population.)

I'm Green, Therefore I'm Fake

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Anybody else getting sick and tired of this mindless pursuit of businesses to "go green?" Yahoo did something similar but here's Google's latest (fully aware its Tree Day or Earth day or something like that).

But on a larger scale, I can't watch the news without some dumb corporation with "chick flick" music in the background and panoramic shots of rolling hills and kids and butterflies with some kind of emasculated guy sounding like Mr. Rogers saying;

"We know that the future is important to our children.

That the environment is all we can give them.

That's why we here at Jones' Hydrochloric Acid Company are doing our share to go green.

Using the latest technologies we ensure our hydrochloric acid burns safely, cleanly emitting less carbon dioxide than our competitors.

We do this not for profit, but because we care.

Because going green is what's best for the future.

And the future is our children. J

ones' Hydrochloric Acid Company. Hope for our children. Hope for our future."

They're like Obama speeches in 30 second commercial sound bites.

Just once I'd like to see a company say;

"(KMFDM in the background) Hey, how ya doing? Look, we'd like to claim we're going green, but you know something? We just can't lie to you. Costs too much. And besides, none of all these other companies that claim they're going green are.

We promise to dump as much toxic waste into waterways as legally possible.

We promise to cut corners where possible to make it more affordable to you.

And we do our best to make sure our engines emit the most CO2 possible, and if not, we burn a gallon of gasoline for every engine we sell just to make sure.

Why do we do this?

Because we are just too intellectually honest to try to feign like we give a damn or fall for this politically correct BS.

Besides,the future is going to be ran and dominated by China because we keep handicapping ourselves and majoring in cosmetology, and they don't give an ef about global warming.

So buy Bob's Toxic, Fuming Polar Bear Killing Engines.

They'll bring about global warming, but nowhere near as fast as the developing nations."

See, now I could buy that on account of truth. Whereas I still have yet to buy anything, ANYTHING on it with a gorilla on the packaging. Just don't trust a company that puts wild animals that would kill you on a package.

Regardless, to mindlessly get in line with the rest of the sheeple, I shall go "green" for the day.

PS-For every hit I get, the Captain will not cut down a tree.

Goldilocks of Credit Risk Analysis

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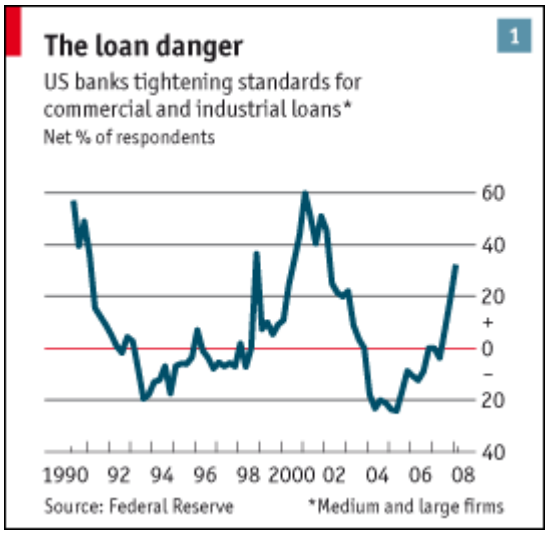
My entire point of contention with banks previously was that they applied no credit controls when making loans. That they lent money too loosely.

Now that the housing market is collapsing they're gone completely overboard and gone to the other extreme. Anecdotally I hear of friends and family who never missed a mortgage payment in their life, getting turned down because they're "too much of a credit risk." Forget it if you're self-employed, you'll never get a loan or a refi. Even if you were a savvy younger fellow thinking now would be the time to buy some rental property, such a smart move is impossible because you are too young to get a loan.



Sadly banks are shooting themselves in the foot. First the people that the easing of credit was intended for by the fed are not getting that help they needed. Two, banks are passing up on good loans that would actually be paid back. Third, in not refinancing the people who deserve it, they further risk prolonging a recession.

The banks must learn to strike a Goldilocks balance of credit. Not too stringent, yet not too loose. Of course, you're asking for competence on the part of banking executives.

You Will Drive Drunk

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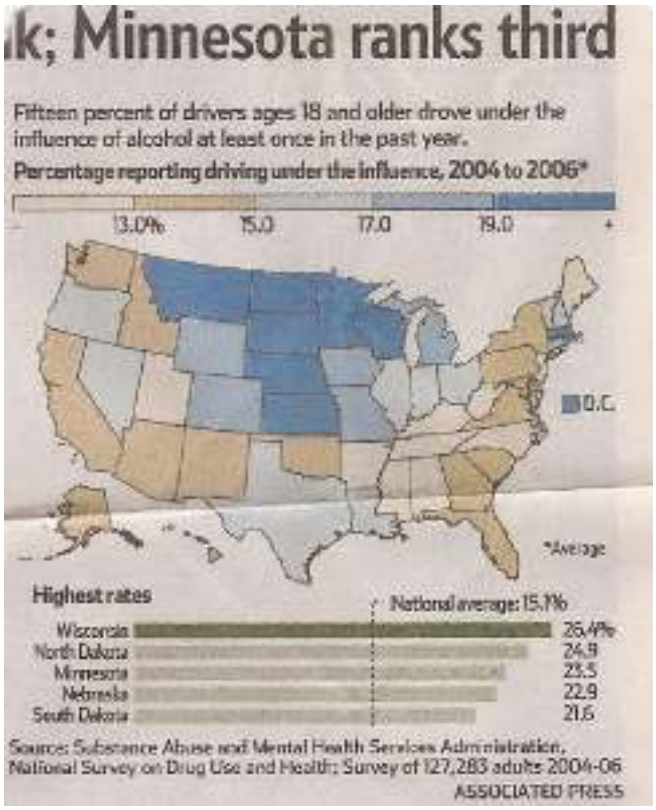
I knew they drank a lot here, but I didn't realize it was so boring in the Midwest all that we have to do is drink.



Though my friend Brian had an interesting observation;

"At our age, women have got to realize they aren't competing against other women. They're competing against a good bottle of scotch and a old school Bogart movie. A known quantity. At least when I have scotch and watch Boggie it's a guaranteed good time. Go out with a girl and the risk return trade off isn't worth it."

I surmise he'd agree with the new love of my life BioShock. Oh she's heavenly. And a cheap date too!

PS-Noticed that Massachusetts is just as drunk as we are. Didn't know if that was solely due to Ted Kenny or not. HAR!!!!!

The Psychology of People with Worthless Degrees Summarized

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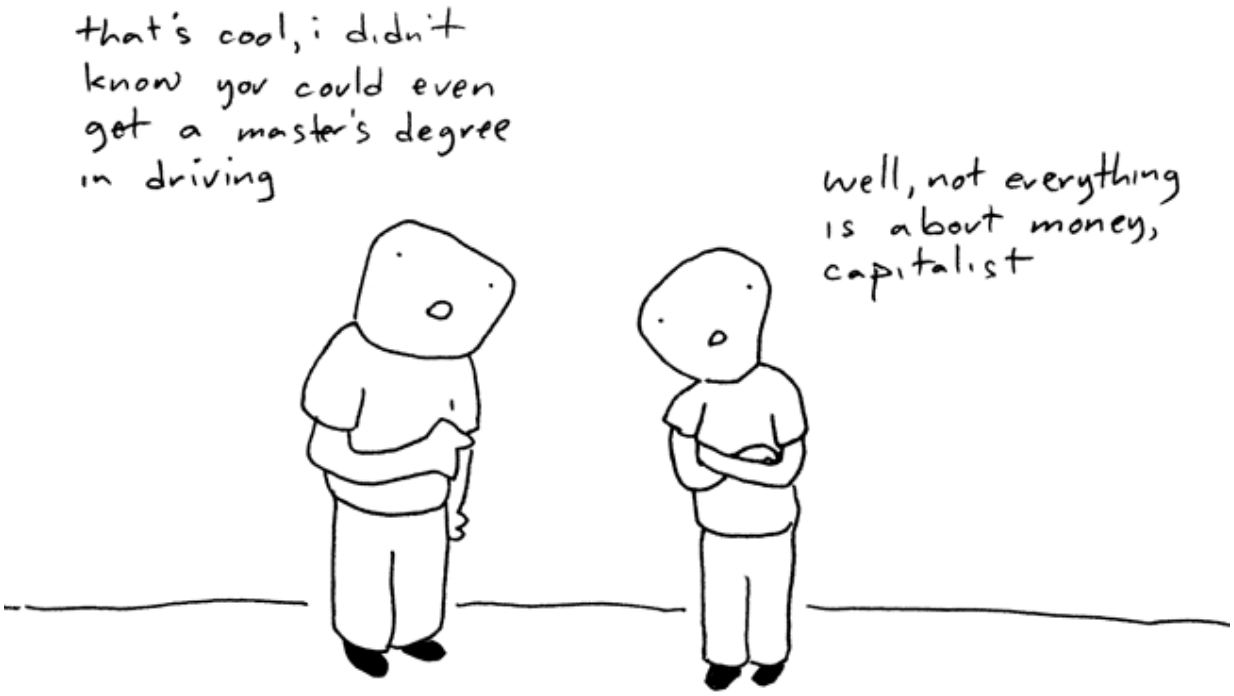

Many thanks to Andrew L

You will visit him.

You will conform.

Homeownership Rate

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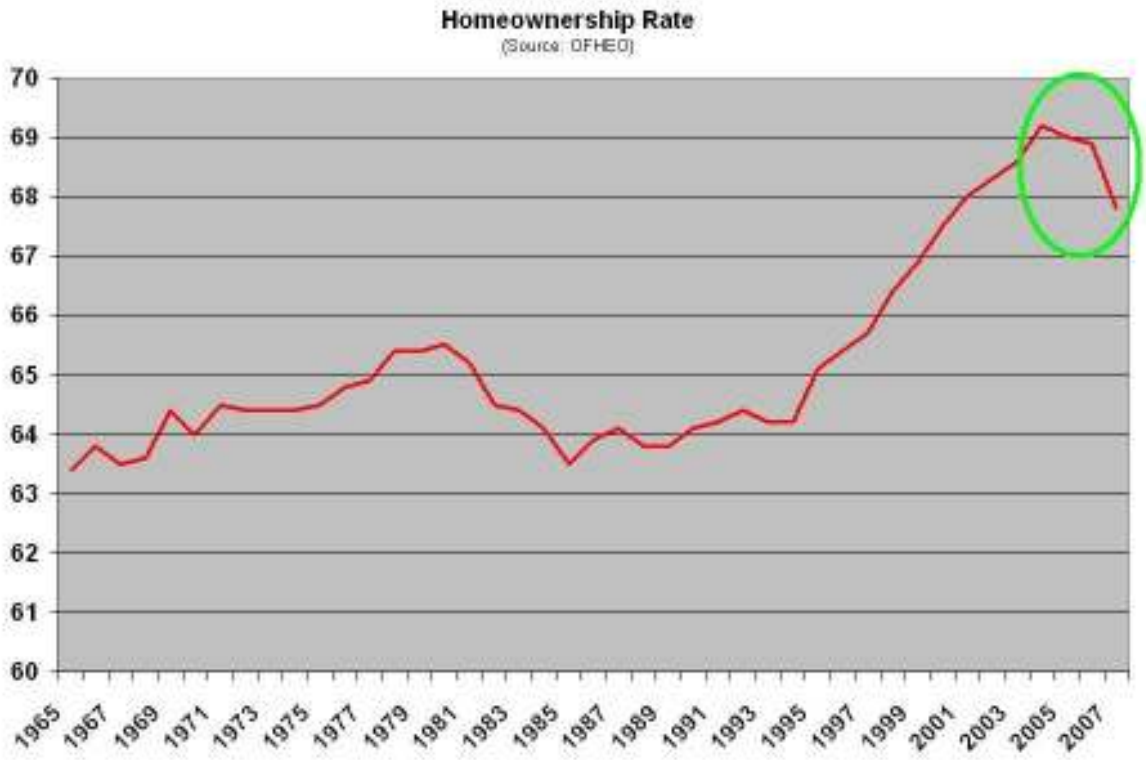
Thought some of you might be interested;



Remember, it's all Bush's fault.

I Don't Like Kids

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Yet at the same time don't hate them either. Just glad I don't have any. Still this was forwarded to me. It originally struck me as funny, then got around to thinking about the kids that had to suffer through this made me actually kind of sick.

Regardless I will warn you it is very vulgar and grotesque. Cursing included.

The Buyers Will Pay for Their Arrogance

April 27, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Kudos to Cotty Lowry.

While no doubt there is a housing bubble and most certainly prices could go down more, I just had to photograph this and post it as it is pure genius.

My realtor and I were talking about how arrogant buyers have become. Cancelling their showings at the last minute, never showing up in the first place, making offers a full 50% below the market value of the property. He has also told me stories about how sellers have just given up and taken their homes off the market (thereby decreasing the supply). One seller is now even charging to show her place as her tenants are getting annoyed with the constant showings, but never a sale.

Though a buyers market and no doubt about it, I do think buyers risk waiting too long. Soon, inevitably on the sole fact people like to make babies, but there isn't any more land being produced, in the long term housing prices will inevitably stabalize and go up. The question is whether buyers will have gotten into the market by that time or were still under the impression you could buy property for a song.

Things Economists Don't Do

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I'm getting enough guff from my friends so I've decided to make my case here.

Look, there are just some things that make no economic sense in doing and the rest of you are just going to have to admit that you do it out of anal retentive habit, ergo I'm not the one with the problem, you are.

Here are a list of things that economists don't do, because, well...it's just not economical.

1. Make our beds - please, seriously, do I have to explain this? There is no point in making a bed. Why make it, you will just unmake it once you sleep in it, which is a practical guarantee, unless you are like me and sleep most of the time on a couch despite there being a perfectly functional bed upstairs.

2. Folding clothes - UGH!!! You have got to be kidding me?! I can understand hanging up your suits or ironing your clothes if you have some important function. But folding a sweatshirt????? Come on (cough couch, CHICO!!!)!!! What is the point of folding clothes aside from purposely wasting precious moments of your finite lives? Just smoosh them into the dresser and pull them out as needed.

3. 1 fork, 1 spoon, 1 bowl, 1 cup, 1 martini glass. This is all I have for "dishes" and I don't care, if you're a bachelor that's all you need too. The reason why is that I found out when I had a lot of dishes, a lot of dirty dishes piled up. When you throw away all your dishes except for what you need, then you only have this token amount of dirty dishes to wash once every three months. Simply because you go out and eat most of the time. But be aware, women, notably of the mother and aunt persuasion will try to unload their excess dishes on you. Remember to say no and stick with the "one of each" rule.

4. "I have to clean." No you don't. You have to clean the bathroom. You have to clean the sinks. You have to clean places where bacteria and other biohazards may form, but you do not have to clean every aspect of every room of every house. Seriously, papers astrew about do not carry bacteria. Clothes hanging over the chairs do not carry ebola. You can leave the place as is and as long as you clean out places where the plague will grow you'll be alright. Putting everything in its place only means you'll have to disjar it from its place to use it. Best leave it out on the counter where it's easily accessible.

5. The car is a perfect place for storage. Especially during the winter months of Minnesota. Why I don't know how many times I've availed myself of a great deal on Healthy Choice entrees to the point there wasn't enough room in the freezer. Fortunately it's 20 below in Minnesota making the trunk or back seat of a car an excellent substitute

for a freezer.

6. While we're talking about cars, "clean out the car."

WHY????

Unless I have a date the car substitutes as a great freezer during winter and a great aluminum collector during the rest of the year. I can just toss finished cans of Red Bull into the back and when necessary collect them convienently when I decide to cash them in for coin.

7. Pick up after yourself. What, am I a freaking kid??? You never, EVER pick up after yourself. That's the benefit of being an adult. You can live like a kid and not have a nagging parent over you. Only unless you host company, which if you're smart, you'll just rent the local American Legion, you can leave the place astrew with all your toys. You can leave your comic books on the floor, your video games in a pile, the suits you don't care to wear in the corner and the papers you have yet to organize spread out all over the place. And as long as you know roughly where you placed everything, then it's still considered "organized" and it isn't a mess. Only to the untrained, non-economist, conformist eye is it a mess.

I hope this has helped all you non-conformists in fighting the obvious communist plot to unnecessarily force us to make our beds.

Delinquency Rates

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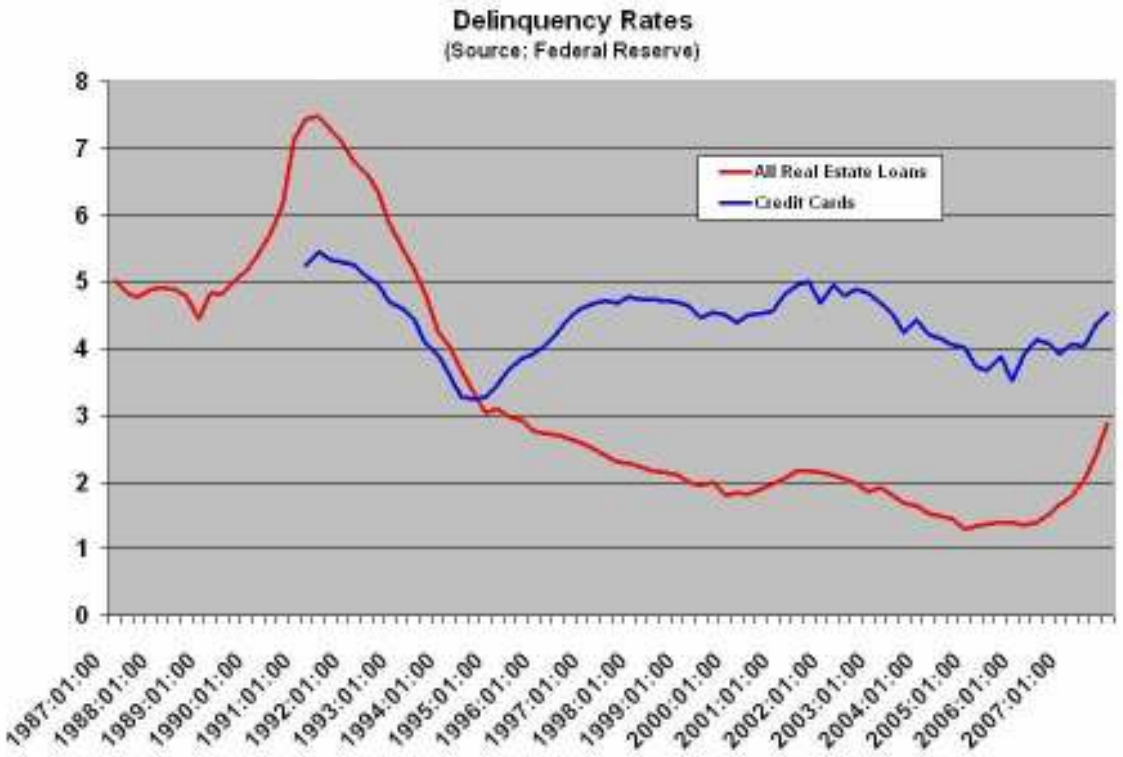
Posts are going to be a bit short and sweet as I'm finishing up the final chapter in the book. Then comes the editing process and turning all the charts into a standardized format. In the meantime here's a chart I thought we might already be able to surmise. Delinquencies, a forebearer of defaults are growing exponentially;



My question is if delinquencies turn into defaults and reach levels seen back in 1990-1991, what will that do to bank's capital?

Interesting Chart on Club for Growth

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With the new figures showing a positive GDP growth figure, the likelihood for recession has dropped on the markets (you have to click on the USRECESSION link in the quote and it will pull up the chart);

I'm still of the opinion we're heading for a recession. Or at least a lengthy period of no growth.

ht to Club for Growth

I'll Take "Buying Myself 10 More Years of Job Security" for $600, Alex

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Seriously. Do you expect the American public, let alone the rest of the world to fall for such BS?

"Oh, ummmm...lemme see. The planet has been cooling since 1998...that's not a good trend. And this schtick about how when it gets colder in certain areas means it's MORE proof of global warming is starting to wear thin even on the most brainwashed dolts in the western world. So now we have to shift gears and call it "climate change." And umm...since the temperatures have been going down we're going to have to come up with a new excuse to rationalize the government grant checks we get. So, uhhhh....yeah, there's this uhhh...."trend" that will temporarily "halt" global warming for ummmm...(lemme see, how many years of additional grant money do I need to buy myself that gas guzzling SUV) uh, 10, yeah, 10 years, that's the ticket! Yeah! 10 years of global cooling, but then it's going to heat right back up. (Whewwww! Almost had to work or produce something of worth there for a second!) Yeah, 10 years of global cooling, then, THEN we're back on track for global warming...which doesn't matter because as long as the climate changes, cooling, heating, drying, moisturizing, no matter what, that means it's global warming and Bush = Hitler=US=Bad=Tax People More=I Don't Have to Hold a Real Job Down."

Again, I call for a database to record all the scientists that fight tooth and nail that global warming is occurring so we can publish their names when it's snowing in April in Minnesota...OH WAIT, THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENING!

Has anybody bothered to point the hypocrisy of these global warming zealots that their beliefs are on par with those they mock most; ie-Christians. Seriously, they're not acting any different than the "religious right" they're so prone to mock;

You either believe in global warming or you're damned.

You either believe in Jesus or you're damned.

I think the majority of the country, frankly dear, just doesn't give a damn.

Do Not, DO NOT Tell Me Anything About Global Warming

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It's starting to piss me off. Not the idiots damning me to ecological hell if I don't believe in global warming, I'm starting to talk about the weather this spring in Minnesota.

SNOW IN FREAKING MAY!!!!!

Oh, wait, I forgot, it's global "change."

I remember having a conversation with my buddy Chico who is on the opposite political spectrum as I;

Cpt. - "We can't get our motorcycles out to go riding because of this damn cold."

Chico - "Yeah, tell me about it."

Cpt. - "Global warming my ass."

Chico - "Dude, it is global warming!"

Cpt. - "What???"

Chico - "When the climate changes that's global warming. So if it gets colder it's global warming."

Cpt. - "Then why did they call it "global warming" instead of "climate change?"

Of course, no answer.

A Reason to Live Until July 2009

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Sweet.

I love the Ice Age movies. Practically impossible to;

1. Get shot down for the date
2. Goof up the date

Just shut up and let Scrat do all the work for you.

You "Think" They Might Make a Comeback?

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I think buffalo or the more correct term "bison" are quite majestic creatures. I run into them quite often when hiking or fossil hunting in the Dakotas and Nebraska.

But I get a kick out of this "there's a chance they might make a comeback."

A "chance????"

Look, people, all you have to do is go hiking in Badlands National Park in spring and you will be hard pressed not to step in buffalo poo. I covered over 24 miles in one day and it was a continuous task not to step in something. I am left to conclude one of two things;

1. Either a few buffalo poo a HELL of a lot or;
2. There's a lot more buffalo than you think.

I do genuinely hope that the buffalo do return to their previous numbers. But if the do then another problem will be solved;

We won't have a fertilizer shortage anymore.

The Law of Rationalization Hamster Strength

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Law - The strength of a rationalization hamster is inversely related to the looks of its host.

Rationale - The rationalization hamster's job is (simply) to force cognitive dissonance and delusion in its host. If the host is particularly attractive, the rationalization hamster does not have to work that hard. If the host is not particularly attractive, the rationalization hamster has to work overtime to achieve its mandates.

Premises - The rationalization hamster is a psychological entity that cannot tire nor die. It is a limitless energy source. The rationalization hamster will not stop nor relent until it achieves it's objective.

I swear, after reading the article I'm thinking instead of an "Enjoy the Decline" how-to-book, I would make a ton more money writing "Captain Capitalism's Harlequin Romance Novels."

"*I looked at her...my beautiful economics professor. Oh sure, she was 47, and sure, she had 4 children and two ex-husbands, and sure the other 23 year old trust fund baby men in my class wouldn't find her attractive...but I loved her for her intelligence. Her unwillingness to conform and teach us economics as told by the establishment. No, she rebelled. She taught us Marx. She taught us Keynes. She showed me what true beauty was, and was meant to be. She was my liberator. She liberated me from the evil thinking that was foisted upon me by my evil multi-billion-dollar father. I didn't have to work. But I didn't care. I was burning for her, I needed to hear her intelligent words and see her exude independence.*

I swore to myself, once I earned my A in class through intelligence and parroting, I would drive up in my 2011 Mercedes Series 7 and propose to my economics and romance professor and abscond with my father's trust fund and we could live on the beaches of Gao and burn incense and make candles and eat organic grass shoots, and write environmentalist poetry.

And we'd get cats."

I Hate Blackberries

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They tried to give me one, and as far as I can figure out the purpose of Blackberries are;

1. To keep track of you when you're not at work.
2. To give you more work when you're not at work.
3. To give you something that tries to be both a phone and a mini-laptop but accomplishes neither.
4. To piss you off when you have to type on those freaking little keypads.
5. To give you something to make you look important when in actuality you're just telling the world, "Hey, my company just pissed away $500 on this thing that frankly doesn't do much that my laptop and cell phone can't."

Choosing the Path of Least Resistance When It Comes to Women

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The Captain is not married, however he is courting a very beautiful dame that he loves dearly.

However, though not married, he has come to some of the same realizations that married men no doubt have and thus, instead of keeping quiet about it (which married men do because they sadistically want to see you to go through the rigamarole they had to) he has opted instead to tell you about it.

The Babe asked your beloved Captain if he wanted an apple.

Now I have nothing against apples, I like apples, but at that particular point in time, I did not want an apple. Thusly I said, "no, I don't want an apple."

However, you must realize the original question was not a question. It was a command. Oh sure, she phrased it as a question. The tones she used suggested it was a question. But it was no question. It was a declarative statement. It was a direct order. A direct order, I did not follow.

"Well why don't you want the apple?"

Kind of perplexed I said, "well I just don't want an apple right now."

"But apples are good for you."

And then I realized what was going on. She WANTED me to have an apple. If she seriously just was curious if I wanted an apple, she would have stopped the interrogation when I said, "no, I don't want an apple." But she kept up with the line of inquiry, which I should have noticed, whereby I should have accepted defeat and just said, "yes, I want the apple." But no, I had to choose the path of most resistance.

Now what you will learn about choosing the path of most resistance is that you are guaranteed to spend more effort and energy fighting for your personal preferences than you would have, had you just capitulated and ate the damn apple. And I know what you're thinking, "If I don't want an apple, then it is my constitutional right to not have an apple." But you are NOT thinking because what married men will tell you is that it's not worth it. Just eat the damn apple. And not only eat the damn apple, but when she asks you say, "yes, I would love an apple."

Now this gets back to what my father had told me and I should have followed;

"When she's happy, you're happy."

I don't claim to know what women want. But I do know that if you love your woman just try to make her happy. And if it means doing something as menial as eating an apple you don't have a particular appetite for, or taking out the garbage or putting away the dishes in a particular way that makes absolutely no logical sense, then just do it. Not just because you love her, but because it's just easier to choose the path of least resistance.

I Don't Want to Use Recycled Toilet Paper

May 6, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it was finally warm enough to run outside yesterday and to keep the finery know as the Captain's bod in shape I decided to go running. I run in the city and since this is Minneapolis, that means everything is pretty much lefty, including the ice cream store I go to, to treat myself after I run.

Ended up having to go to the bathroom and they had done some remodeling and put in a new bathroom. Very nicely done and while I'm sitting there I look to my right and see this on the wrapping of the toilet paper;

I don't know about you, but don't you think we're taking this whole "green" thing a little bit far. I mean, do you really have to recycle toilet paper to save the planet? Of all the things we could do, you know like nuclear power, get more efficient cars, drive motorcycles, allow the population to telecommute, I think recycled toilet paper is a bit much, huh?

In any case, a new item to add to the list of "girls the Captain won't date;"

Item #378c - Girls that buy recycled toilet paper.

Buy Food

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This is hilarious, but he will be shot for his speaking of the truth and common sense.

Food should be free and so should health care and we need to subsidize farmers. And if you disagree you will be shot.

ht to Alice

Why Work When You're Just Going to Pay the Government to Take Care of Your Kids?

May 7, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It is a curiosity of mine why most people bring children into this world.

Seriously, it is.

For it seems to me that children are viewed not as sentient human beings that have just as much entitlement to life and fair treatment as the rest of us, but rather pieces of furniture that go well with the SUV that we have for our own selfish desires.

And the minute a marriage becomes "inconvenient" the knee-jerk solution is divorce.

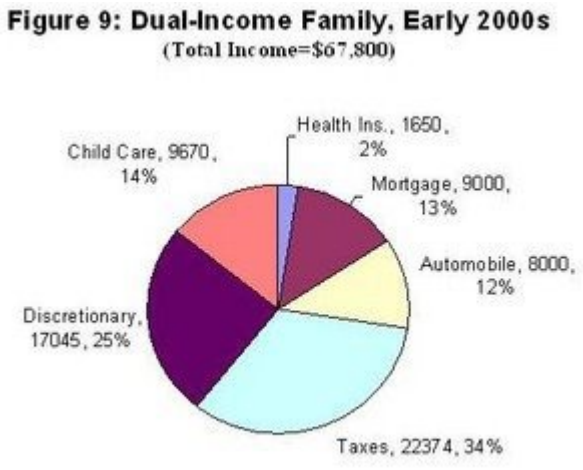
No, no, forget about the kid. No, "what, that kid? Why it's just a piece of furniture. It doesn't have feelings or emotions. Besides, our mutual hatred for each other and desire to get furthest away from one another supersedes than that child's "feelings" and psychological well-being if it has any. Why, there should be no ramifications for bringing in another life into this world if it inconveniences us in the slightest."

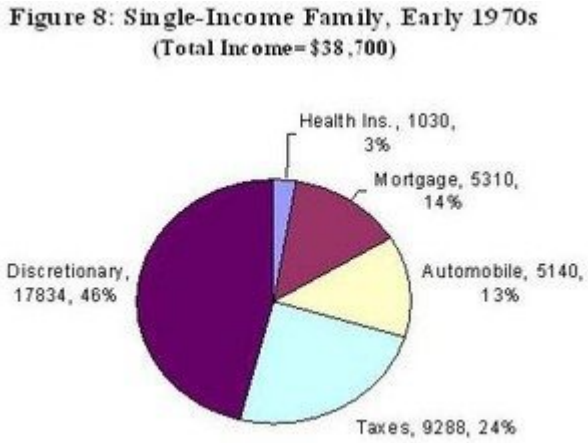
And again, though I hate children, I don't like to see them suffer. For like dogs, I deem them largely innocent and better than the average human. Thus when I am king I will make it illegal to divorce until all the children you brought into the world are 18 and mature enough to understand the concept of divorce. And there will be a severe divorce tax. Like half your freaking net worth. And I'm not just talking about the guys. I'm a true believer in equality. Women will pay too. I will force people to realize that if they brought another human into the world, then that human, no matter much you desire to treat it like a disposable addition to the drapes, is a human with emotions, feelings and thoughts that is just as entitled to humane treatment as the rest of us.

I will also enforce another thing. Somebody, be it the husband or the wife is staying home to take care of that kid. I don't care if it's unconventional. I don't care if it's old fashioned. I damn right don't care if it's dictatorial. You brought a human being into this world under the pretense you "love it" ergo one of you, by golly, be it the husband or the wife is going to stay at home and raise it. And if you dare outsource that child's upbringing to a nanny or day care center, I hope you enjoy your long lonely years in a nursing home, because that kid is not going to come visit you, and nor should s/he.

In any case what tripped this tirade is these charts I found and I forget where. It showed me something I already suspected to be true. That when neither of the parents decide to stay at home and take care of the kid, it's not like they're saving money or coming out

ahead. They still have to spend just as much money on "childcare," as well as pay more in taxes because the default babysitter in most cases is the government.





So look, seriously. I am an evil, nazi, facist, racist, Republican, sexist, evil, capitalist and overall general poopy person. I don't like kids and have been known to trip old people. But do you think maybe one of you might want to stay home and take care of the kid instead of having the government do it for you? I mean, seriously, you brought the kid into this world for a reason, right? Presumably to love it and cherish it? Can you perhaps set the freaking laptop down and instead of just slave away to pay the extra taxes and child care costs to pay somebody else to do it for you, maybe do it yourself? Or heck, maybe just for the kid's psychological health "feign" like you care more about the kid than your career. I don't know, as I am not a father, but it would seem to me (despite my obvious hatred for children and of course being evil incarnate) it would seem a posh lifestyle to have my wife work whilst I play with junior and teach him how to make farting noises with his armpit, spit cherry pits with the pressurized tongue technique and how to make slingshots.

Then again, what do I know. I'm just some dumb economist that refuses to conform, doesn't adhere to group think and has the slightest audacity to concoct the occasional

independent thought. You know, crazy thoughts, like children are humans too.

Why Social Sciences are Pushed More Than the Hard Sciences in College

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I got this as a response to a post I made a while back. And rarely do I post commenters' comments beyond just the post they made their comment on. But this was worthwhile as it was similar to what I saw when I was teaching economics. The school I was at needed equipment and gear to teach the kids. This would have required a new building and new equipment. However, somebody got the ingenious idea that they would rent some nearby cheap office space and require the students to get "general ed requirements." Then in shifts the kids would come in and take their general education requirements while the other students used whatever lab equipment they needed. They more or less doubled enrollment without having to spend twice on the gear. Anyway, here's the post;

"Ironicly the worthless degrees are VERY much about capitalisim, or at least very much about greed.

One reason why there are more lawyers than there are engineers is that a school can make more money selling law degrees than engineering degrees. Once you have the sunk cost of the classrooms and the law library you only need some washed up litigators for professors, and if you want to better amortize your sunk costs you can always add a few of them as adjuncts professors and set up a night program. As such the per unit cost of each additional student is pretty low.

On the other hand scientists require labs, materials, experiments, equipment, possibly even field work. This is expensive. It costs a lot for Dr. Wu to research the cutting edge of superconductivity, and Dr. Chandra to research quantum computing and the cost of an observatory for Dr. Goldstien to study Kuiper Belt objects of the outer solar system...well that gets fobbed off on the Government. By comparision it is downright cheap for Prof. Henrette to research the Anit-Femminist Subtext of 14th Century French Divorce Laws...even if that means sending her to Paris for a month.

So a university will prefer to open a law school (along with the prestige that brings) over building a cutting edge hypersonic wind tunnel for aeronautics research. The wind tunnel will cost LOTS of money and few students use it. The tuition is about the same as in the Law School, (probably lower in fact) and per unit cost (to the school) of a Masters Degree in hypersonic aeronautical engineering is going to be pretty high.

Furthermore, the school won't see much if any direct return on investment, and will loose money. (Sure they may get a NASA contract or two, but how many hypersonic aeronautical engineers become a State Senator someday? or come back to the Alumni

office and cut a big check to donate a building in their name?)

On the other hand with a Law School they can dangle massively inflated "average starting sallary" figures at prospective students, and gladly take the money that Sallie Mae loans the student victims for three, or four, or seven years. The per unit cost of a law degree is very low (see above). The school makes tons of money, today, and has a handful of influental alumni tommorow.

You see this to an even greater degree (no pun intended) for undergrad. The tuition is the same for an engineering major and a femminist studies major... but what does it cost the school to "educate" the femminist studies major? Assistant Professor sallary and "domestic partner benefits" for a couple of otherwise unemployable ex-activists, a handful of subscriptions to obscure journals for the library, the sunk cost of power and heat for a couple of classrooms, the coffee machine, and some food for the department's cats. At some of the more expensive private schools a single one of Daddy's tuition checks has covered the cost of his little LUG's entire degree, and every dime from there on in is (for the school) pure gravy.

If this means the school then turns these students loose with a mountian of debt and few, if any, marketable skills…well that's not the school's problem."

I Sneeze, Therefore Oil Goes Up

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I am not an oil analyst beyond just watching the price and the tanking dollar. However I often wondering how hypersensitive oil is. Seriously, I read the news and it's not stuff like;

"Oil refineries blow up in Saudi Arabia, oil jumps $5 a barrel."

It's;

"Potential terrorist attack in Iraq trigger supply concerns; oil up $3 a barrel."

"Oil traders in general poopy mood; oil up $175 a barrel."

"German eats burrito then farts in a westernly direction; oil jumps $6 a barrel on global warming concerns."

"Somebody, somewhere did something and sneezed; threatens inventory levels; oil gains $5.19."

So for all you oil firms, oil traders and OPEC nations, save up that oil money. Not going to last forever.

Valkyrie

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I've been watching this movie go through all these various production problems and it's pissing me off because this is one of the few movies I was looking forward to seeing. And I cannot help that with the Germans complaining it's Tom Cruise portraying Claus von Stauffenberg and the fact it might be a war movie that doesn't bomb elements of the left are trying to hold it back. Sadly it would be one of those movies where you would learn about history because until I read up on him I didn't know much about von Stauffberg.

Tip Toe Through the Tulips

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Before you read below you must click here and open in another window to get the full effect.

We all know about the Tulip Bulb Bubble, but I've only seen sparse pricing data on it. Until I accidentally happened upon this little report here from NYU.

Seems he priced it on a guilder per unit of weight calculation which was pretty clever I thought.

That Reminds Me, It's Time for Another…

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"Music Then and Music Now!!!"

Yes, where we compare that obviously inferior, stupid, naive and idiotic culture of American yesteryear to the obviously superior and hip American culture of today by comparing the lyrics of those old foggies to the contemporary geniuses of today.

The first contender is the lame-o loser from the song of 1926, Tip Toe Through the Tulips;

Tiptoe to the window,
by the window that is where I'll be
Come tiptoe through the tulips with me!

Tiptoe from your pillow,
to the shadow of a willow tree
And tiptoe through the tulips with me!

Knee deep in flowers will stray,
we'll keep the showers away.
And if I kiss you in the garden,
in the moonlight,
will you pardon me?
Come tiptoe through the tulips with me!

And now (I have no idea why the font decided to change this color) the superior rantings of 2 Pac Shakur

oh, who hoo hoo
live from the crazy house
you heard that shit nigga
live from the crazy house
yo that nigga be crazy as hell

(hey yo, what you doing with that big ass nigga anyway ?)
my ghetto love song
(set it off, set it off)
lets be friends

mixed together:
(where my niggaz at, where my niggaz, where my niggaz, where my niggaz, where my

niggaz at)
(where my real niggaz at, all my real niggaz, throw you mother fucking hands up)
(c'mon, lets go, lets go, lets go, lets see you throw you hands in the air, throw em, throw em, throw em)
(west side in this mother fucker right here, west side)
(throw you hands in the air, let me see you just throw you hands in the air)

[Verse 1]
approach you and posed a minute
all on my double R tinted
as you pass bye
winkin' my eye
freshly scented
what's the haps baby, look
get with me and perhaps lady
you can help me multiply my stacks baby
currency seems small I need companionship
do with that scandalous shit
I bet your man ain't shit
so why you hesitating, actin' like your shit don't stink
check out my diamonds
bitch everyone gon' blink
this be a thug thing, outlaw
nigga with riches cream dreamin' mutha fucka
on a mash for bitches
check my resume, sippin' on crystal and alize
smoking on big weed, key'd the Cali way
don't like trickin' but I'll buy you a fit
I can't stand no sneaker wearing, nappy haired bitch
let my pedigree read briefly
their so cheap
puttin bitch made bustas to sleep with no grief
mash on my so called car
who the man while I'm tuggin' on your main bitch hand
(west side)
understand this, ain't no nigga like me
fuck Jay-Z
he broke and I smoke dearly
(C'mon y'all)
baby lets be friends

[Chorus]
lets be friends

(where my niggaz at c'mon)
you ain't gotta by my man at all
as long as you just give me your
friends
(all my niggaz c'mon)
while you trickin' on them other hoes
lets be friends
(where the bitches that want a nigga with money, where you at baby?)
(hu, huh)
Lets be friends
you ain't gotta by my man at all
as long as you just give me your
friends
(cash making hoe's)
while you trickin' on them other hoes
lets be ...

[Verse 2]
I met you and I stuttered in passion
though slightly blinded
but at last, it was hard to keep my dick in my pants
every time you pass, got me checking for you hardcore
staring and watching
me and you
one on one, picture countless options
was it prophecy, clear as day ?
visions on top of me
erotic, psychotic, would possess my body
far from a crush
I wanna bust your guts
and touch everything inside you, from my head to my nuts
you got my sweatin' like a fat girl going for mine
just a skinny nigga fuckin like she stole my mind
back in time, I recall how she used to be
I guess
money and fame made ya used to me
what's up in 96 ?
lying tricks in drag
fuck Dre
tell that bitch he can kiss my ass
back to you
my pretty ass, caramal queen
got my hands on your thighs

now let me in between
as friends

[Chorus]
lets be friends
(west side in this mother fucker right here)
You ain't gotta by my man at all
as long as you just give me your
friends
(west side in this mother fucker)
while you trickin' on them other hoes
lets be friends
(west side in this mother fucker right here)
Lets be friends
You ain't gotta by my man at all
as long as you just give me your
friends
(in this mother fucker right here)
while you trickin' on them other hoes

[Verse 3]
can you image in me in player mode ?
rush the tricks
I got em, ready for a booty call
I fucked your bitch
was it me or the fame ?
my dick or the game ?
bet I screamed west side when I came
(WESTSIIIIDE!)
scream my name
cause baby it's delicious
got a weak spot for pretty bitches
up and down, similar to switches
my movement, baby let your back dip into it
make it fluent
in and out, all around when a nigga do it
you got me high, let me come inside
love it when you get on top, baby let me ride
who wanna stop me ?
in my top notch
fucking player hating niggaz cause they cock block
you probably hate to see a real thug envisioned with the game
rather see a nigga up in prison, why you change ?

made a living out of cuss words, liquor and weed
a bad seed turned good, in this world of g's
baby got me fantasizing of seeing you naked
it's a fuck song, so check my record
and let me friends

where my niggaz at?
(ahahahaha)
show me where my niggaz at
where my bitches at?
thugstyle

lets be friends
where my niggaz at ?
(huh,huh)
where my bitches at ?
throw your guns in the air
friends
my ghetto love song, it goes on and on and on and on
lets be friends
where my niggaz at ?
(huh,huh)
where my bitches at ?
where my niggaz at ?
friends
where my niggaz at ?
where my bitches at ?
where my people at ? Lets be
where my people at?, Show me where my people at.
where my people at?, Show me where my people at.
where my people at?, Show me where my people at.
all my niggaz now, just my niggaz come.
where my niggaz at ?
just my niggaz now.
be friends, tell me where my niggaz at ?
be friends, tell me where my bitches at ?
be friends, tell me where my people at ?
make money, take money
be friends

[Chorus]
Friends
(get your cash on)

(lets get money)
You ain't gotta by my man at all
as long as you just give me your
friends
(c'mon, get your cash on)
while you trickin' on them other hoes
(lets get paid)
lets be friends
(c'mon, get your cash on)
You ain't gotta by my man at all
(lets get paid)
as long as you just give me your
friends
(c'mon, get your cash on)
while you trickin' on them other hoes
(lets get paid)
make money, take money
make money, take money
make money, take money
make money, take money

No doubt, society is on the right track.

God Damnit

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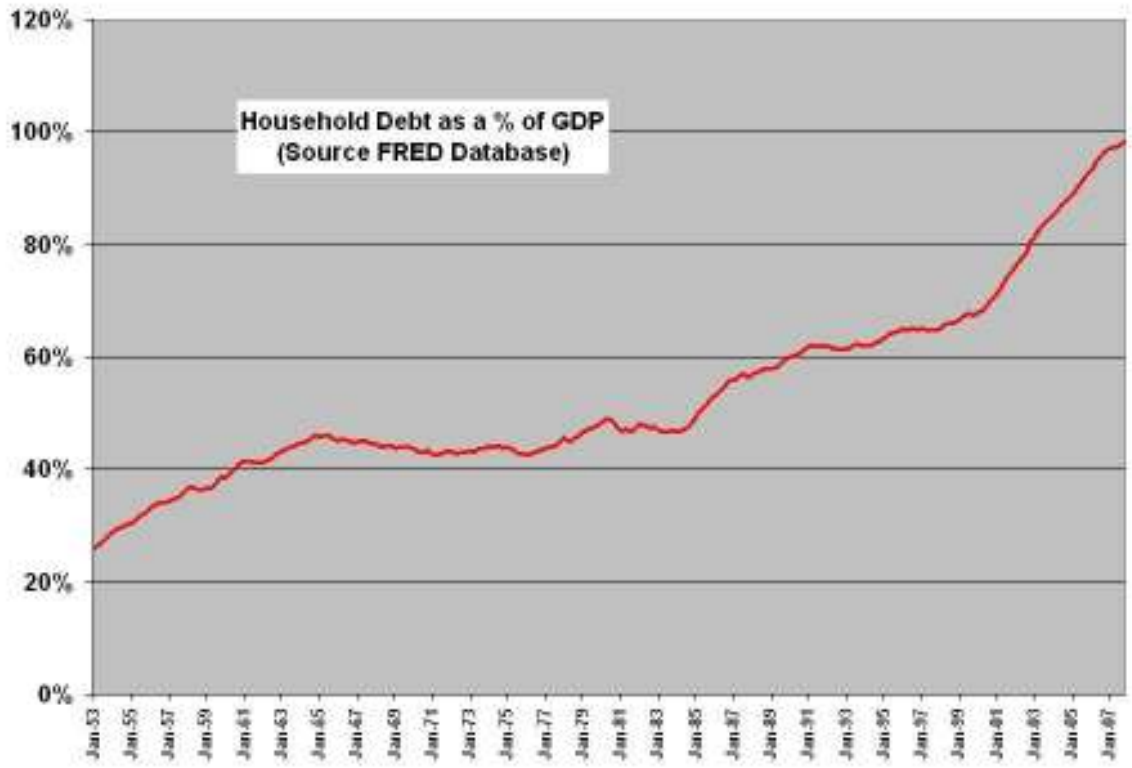
I recall making a post about how using negative amortization loans was foolish because your goal should be to pay off your mortgage, not increase the size of it. And based on household debt to GDP, it seemed nobody was paying off their debts, even as they approached retirement.



Then one poster berated me as to how dare I demand his generation pay down their debts. They were just as entitled to bleed the equity out of their houses if they so desired. I hope he enjoys his nice long lonely stay in a nursing home.

Regardless I don't normally curse, but I'm pissed as hell. And not so much because of the lack of fiscal planning resulting in 1 in 10 boomers borrowing for everyday expenses, but more so because 4 in 10 baby boomers just give their children money apparently instead of letting them fend for themselves.

People are going to have to learn, one way or another, if you keep giving people money, be you the government or a parent, the recipients of the money are going to come to expect it. And not only will you kill any work ethic they may have, but you'll impoverish yourself along the way. Furthermore, you can't live off of borrowing money all the time. You need to work to pay for your consumption (though I'm scared to see what the figures would be for Gen X). The fact household debt as a % of GDP is practically 100% only confirms just how much debt spending as a viable option of supporting one's lifestyle has

acceptably permeated this country's think. This is just more proof we're going to learn this lesson the hard way.

HAR!!!

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I had a buddy from India come into town named Sadeep. When he was here he gained about 12 pounds and his mother, who was previously concerned he would not eat healthy, quickly had her fears calmed as her son put on much weight (this was while he was dancing his ass off helping me with all the extra girls in my dance class, though we introduced him to martini's and Chipotle, so there you go).

In any case I found this absolutely hilarious. I'm so visiting India.

The Big Bad US

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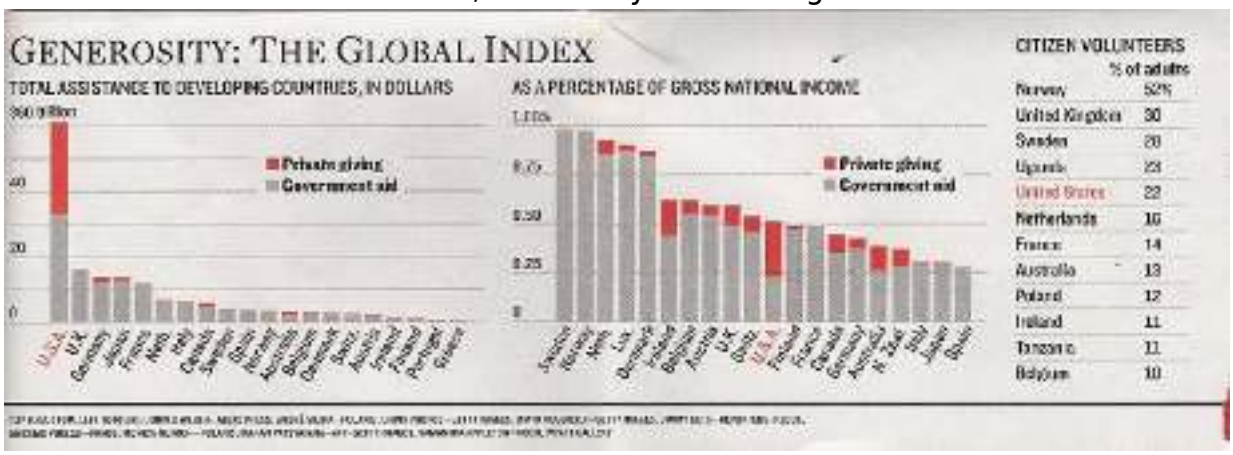
Given the Myanmar aid situation I figured it was an opportune time to revisit just how much the US donates in aid.

I love it when the US is criticized about not giving enough in aid by the UN and other self-serving non-profits. That the US is handily outdone by ideal countries like Norway, Denmark and what have you. But as I've pointed out before, that criticism is laid only again government aid. When you consider private aid as well, it shows Americans are VOLUNTARILY more charitable with their own money than any other nation. And don't get me started about how the US military effectively makes it so most of these European nations don't have to have one, effectively subsidizing them to donate aid.



So the next time somebody complains that the US doesn't donate enough aid, you can turn to them with this handy chart and say, "no, actually, we do."

It's a Very Sexist Recession

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I used to make commentary, but now I just let the figures speak for themselves and let people rationalize it all they want. I leave you to this;

Industrial Production

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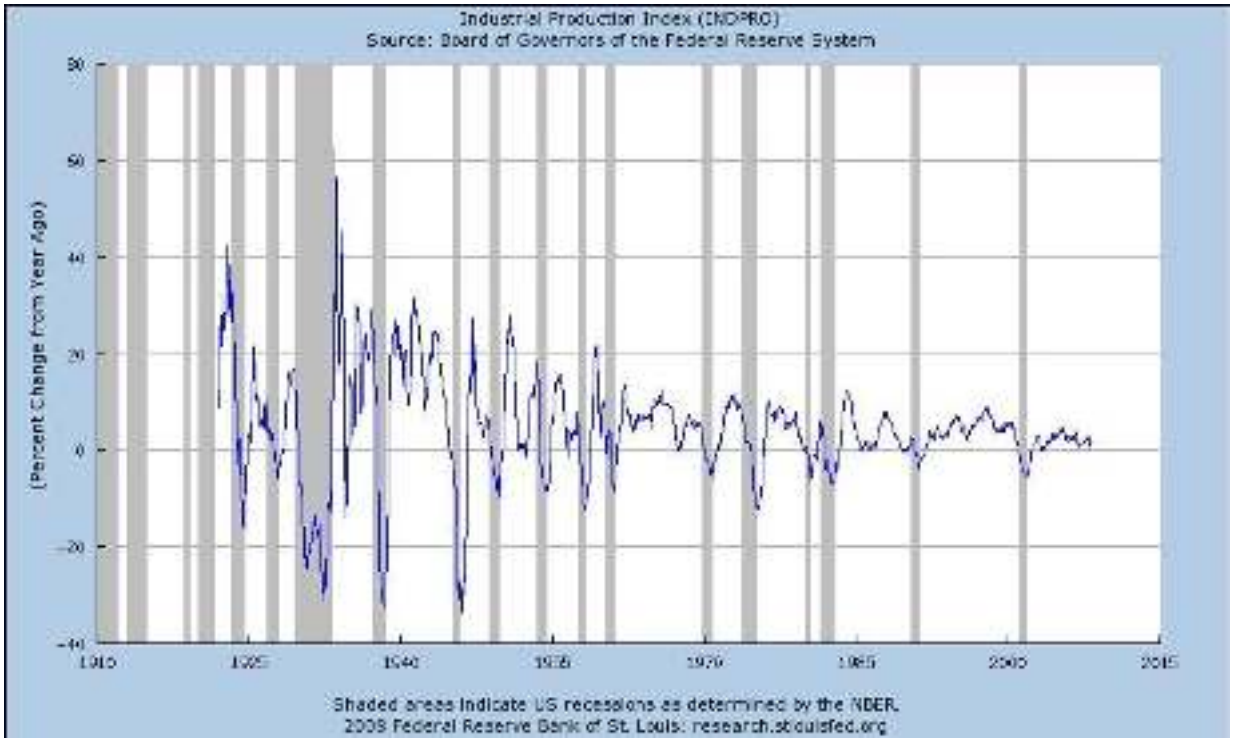
The old school media wonders why their getting trounced. Press release about industrial production dropping .7%.

Do they provide a chart? No, of course not. That would require some form of programming and would make for less room advertisements.

So here it is, industrial production.



What also stood out about this chart is something I've been contending for years, but I've literally had people tell me I'm wrong and not to believe my eyes, but that the economy is becoming less and less volatile. The reason I point this out is that I think volatility (or the lack thereof) is a measure or sign as to just how much more we're learning about and implementing economics. As we mature we fine tune the economy, adjust inventory levels more quickly, implement fiscal/monetary policy more quickly, etc.

Want to Waste Some Money? Finance a Modern Day Wedding

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I swear when I get married, it will be by the Flying Elvises in Vegas, nobody but my wife and I will know, nobody is invited and I will throw a little shindig upon my return at my favorite joint in St. Paul.

With the savings, not to mention the extra time that would have been saved from no planning it, my wife and I will retire 10 years earlier than expected.

Weddings are such a waste of money.

Empirical Costs of Weddings

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Curiosity kind of got the best of me last night and I had a choice to go out to the bars wherein I'd run into the same ol same ol "Tanya" who majored in "child psychology" and likes to "partay" and watches "Teen Idol" not to mention the Ambercrombie and Fitch Frat Boys with their hats on backwards getting ecstatic or borderline suicidally depressed if some guy they have no relation to scored a goal or not on the TV or...

look up the historic costs of weddings.

Sadly the Federal Reserve does not have this data series in their FRED database, but I kind of poached a couple numbers to make for a somewhat decent chart. I only had about 7 datapoints and just averaged them over the period of time to the next datapoint to fill in the chart, but you get the idea;

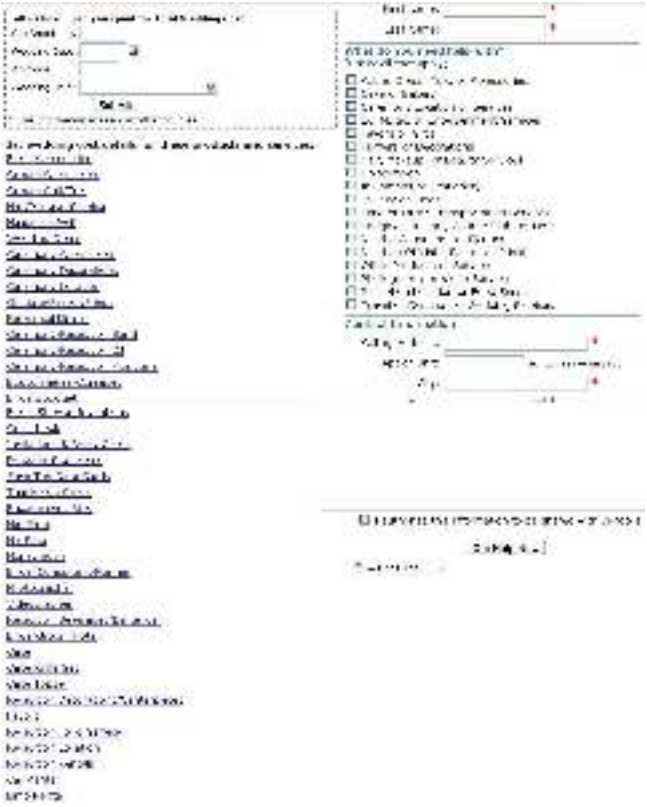
$28,600.

Seriously, you know, could you maybe put your kid through college instead? I'm serious, this is just more proof it's all about "them" and nothing about the kids.

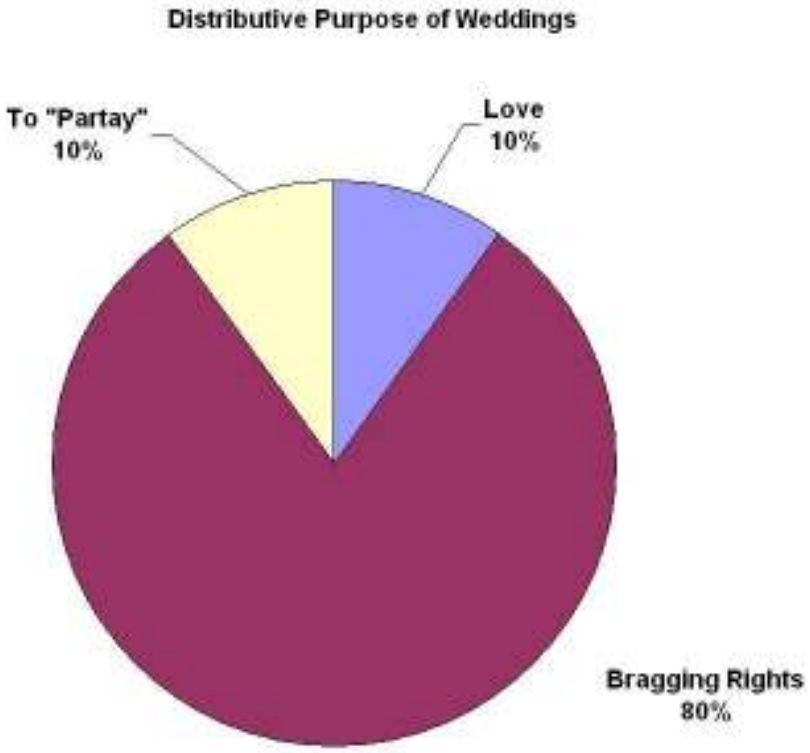
$28,600???

And understand 90% of that is for fluff. If you think about the actual wedding it should be

about two people; the husband and the wife. Loved ones, be they friends or family should be there too, but this BS where I saw $500 wedding cakes and $2,000 dresses, and limo service and so forth. Here's a screenshot from a web site that shows all the various amenities (though some would claim "requirements" of a wedding);



You add all this unnecessary crap up and no wonder you're blowing through two kid's worth of college tuition in a day. It's all about the show, the bigger the better, the fancier. My feathers are more colorful than yours, my chest is poofier than yours. Forget what the marriage was supposed to be for like "love", no, it's starting to seem to me to be a bragfest. I'll put another chart here, though I have no data, this is just my impression that I got as I was reading through all these sites



Seriously, if I do get married, I'm eloping. None of this limo, free drinks, rent out the Hilton or "horse drawn carriage crap" (I did that once, not get married, but took a girl out on a horse drawn carriage ride, back when I was young and foolish had some notions of chivalry and hope, wasted $85 for 45 minutes, and then the next two dates got the flaking out at the last minute thing, and that was just $85, I can only imagine what they'd charge you for a wedding).

That's another thing, what's the mark up on a wedding. That's the business to be in. I teach dance on the side, the few weddings I've done it's amazing how little they care about price. And there's a time factor there too. They don't want a full hour of lessons, they just want 15 minutes, and then you get the ef off the floor and let the bride and groom do the dance while nobody really learned any real dancing as it's impossible to teach anything in 15 minutes. But for 15 minutes work you can earn about $100. Again, they're not paying for actual dance lessons, thereby implying people would learn to dance, they are paying for the right to brag they had a dance lesson.

Eh, maybe I'm just overthinking the cost of weddings, being too economic. I should realize it's all about love and money isn't an issue...

until of course financial problems arise...

which is a major contributing factor to divorce.

I Want to Be the Prince of Wales If He's Wrong

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No, seriously, I do. Or at least the 15 billion pounds.

Big Oil Tax Breaks? WHAT BIG OIL TAX BREAKS???

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I was listening to talk radio, shouldn't do that, you just get too depressed. But then some idiot (who they let on the air because they show you just how hopelessly ignorant the population is and how doomed we are, but it's good for ratings) came on and started blathering on about how we need to cut the tax breaks we give to "big oil."

And I ask ye all of the economic faith, what tax breaks?

So I looked up the income statements of Exxon to see what kind of tax rate they were paying. You know, because they're in such big cahoots with Bush they should have a tax rate at around 3% or so;

Total revenues and other income	404,552	377,635	370,680
Costs and Other Deductions			
Crude oil and product purchases	199,498	182,540	185,219
Production and manufacturing expenses	31,885	29,928	25,619
Selling, general and administrative expenses	14,890	14,273	14,402
Depreciation and depletion	12,250	11,416	10,293
Exploration expenses, including dry holes	1,469	1,161	964
Interest expense	400	654	496
Sales-based taxes[10]	31,728	30,361	30,742
Other taxes and duties	40,953	39,203	41,554
Income applicable to minority and preferred interests	1,005	1,051	799
Total costs and other deductions	334,078	310,233	311,248
Income before income taxes	70,474	67,402	59,432
Income taxes	29,864	27,902	25,302
Net income	40,610	39,500	35,130

42% FREAKING TAX RATE!

So, what, if they weren't given the "tax breaks" they'd be paying 52%? And if I recall correctly, weren't these "tax breaks" incentives to get them to invest in renewable energies?

And you people wonder why corporations move to Dubai or the Caymans.

To quote Rush Limbaugh, "People have no idea how much ignorance costs us."

Hat Tip to My Mom

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The squeaky wheel gets the grease and this is what my Mom always told me about the 1960's. That basically, not all baby boomers were smoking pot and shooting heroin as they parasited off of the Greatest Generation protesting the Vietnam War. It's just the deadbeat hippies were more "romantic" and "ratings getting" than the rest of them, and therefore got most the press. Ergo the baby boomers were misrepresented as a bunch of idiotic losers listening to Jim Morrison (who, by the way sucks just as much as Kirk Cocaine - and yes, this time I purposely misspelled it. Want to hear good music, listen to this. See, talent. Yeah, actual voice and skill required. And not dying on a toilet bowl while OD-ing).

In any case it was nice to see this which corroborated what my Mom was saying the entire time.

In John McClane We Trust

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When in high school I got personalized plates that said "MCLANE" for my 1978 Cutlass Supreme (spent $50 on it).

I still have them hanging above my bar.

That is because John McClane is one of the few remaining truly American heroes left.

He doesn't negotiate like Richard Gere. Or look to negotiate with people that want us dead like Barack Hussein Obama. He's a real man. Not one of these sensitive 90's guys.

He doesn't care what is politically correct or whether he'll get in trouble with the authorities if he violated some anal retentive rules about giving people their due process even as they try to blow up the Nakatomi plaza. He just kills them.

That's why we should vote for John McClane.

John McClane is the modern day incarnation of John Wayne. I think the first name is not a coincidence.

However, consider this. Could a man like John McClane exist today? In 1945 he would be on par with Audie Murphy, a true American hero. Today he would be sued, lambasted, and accused of racism (after all he killed a lot of Germans in Die Hard 1 and 3, he also killed a Hispanic drug dealer in Die Hard 2, which means he must die). So if it boiled down to it, who would ever step up to the plate to be heroic or in the classical, historic sense,

"American?" The answer is no one.

I say it in half jest because I am a carry/conceal permit holder, and though not true to my instincts, I fully agree with what the instructor said, "it is more of a liability than a privilege to carry a gun." Any notions of "pulling out my gun and saving the Nakatomi employees" let alone the lady on the street getting mugged or any truly innocent person is not worth the legal liability. This is the situation political and legal forces has brought us to. To do the right thing, should it be demanded, is so deterred by the legal ramifications, it's just best to sit down and be quiet and not be a hero, even though that's what America is screaming for.

Alas, a John McClane/Tony Stark presidential ticket is just a figment of our imagination and Barack Obama is a viable presidential candidate.

Are There Credit Card Collection Commercials in Norway?

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See, Norway, despite my disagreement with a socialist economy, does have a fair amount of maturity when it comes to managing their economy. notably their petroleum surplus fund. They ensure they have a balanced budget and, not that I've visited Norway, but they just seem to be a more financially disciplined people.

Which got me thinking as I was driving up to St. Cloud and heard a commercial for "lowering your credit card debt!"

"Are you in debt?

Are collectors calling you?

STOP THE ANNOYING CALLS!

Contact us at 1800-NOMOREDEBT

We can end the harrassing calls, cut your monthly payments in half and lower your debt from 30-60%"

And it was one of those things where, yes, we've all heard these commercials before, but you have to pull yourself away from it and say, "gee, how pathetic is this, that we've become so bad at managing our personal finances commercials like this even exist?"

Furthermore, the whole tone these commercials take that you are the victim if you have too much debt. And the insulting premise that they can "Lower your debt from 30-60%."

Well doesn't that just mean you're going to fail to pay back what you owe? And that's OKAY?

And that's why I wondered if any of our friends in Norway (or Scandinavia for that matter) can tell me if they have commercials like this, or is it a purely, and shameful, fact only American's have this? Dtrum, this happen in Switzerland when you were there?? Curious to know.

Games Economists Play: Mosquito Killing

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Let it be known that today marks the first day of the season of a game I play called; Killing Mosquitoes.

I like to keep track of how many times I get bitten by a mosquito versus how many I kill. I keep a running tab and, though I have yet to shut them out, I have won every year since playing this game.

The season is initiated upon either me killing a mosquito or a mosquito biting me, and I just killed the first one. He was sitting there on my house, very still (it's still reasonably cold here in Minnesota so the insects are lethargic, but that's global "warming"), and I squashed him.

Let the games begin.

Don't Bother Watching the New Indiana Jones Movie

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Complete crap. And I'm not saying that for effect, I'm saying it because it's true.

Sorry, not going to capitulate to the American predisposition this "has" to be a good movie.

Utter garbage.

And by that, I mean it isn't even worth renting.

If it were up to me I would go to Spielberg and Lucas and demand, for the sake of an American icon, they withdraw this piece of sh!t from the theaters, go back and redo it with a realistic plot, give Indy a gun that he occasionally fires, and please don't ever have another scene where everybody has guns, but either;

1. Fails to use them when they're right there in front of them with the enemies sitting like ducks
2. Shoots non-stop but fails to hit their target if they're shooting at Americans or Indiana Jones.

And hey, while we're at it, let's throw in some kid that is completely incidental to the plot to tug at the heart strings of mothers.

Seriously, I'm angry they literally murdered an American icon like Indiana Jones. The sad thing is Harrison Ford pulled it off superbly. But this family BS, it would have just been better if he was a childless bachelor, as he always was, and was meant to be and went out and kicked some commie ass.

No, I had to tolerate 2 hours of ill-founded rumors of El Dorado, which were created by aliens, whose corpse we found in Rosewell, and wow, there's a spaceship. To quote Eddie Izzard;

"Oh no, space monkeys are attacking."

Cripes.

Economic Schedenfreude

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I don't know how to spell it, and am too lazy to spell check it, but I must admit to some economic schadenfreude.

The book is now complete and will be going into last revisions and editing. Picking a publisher and then getting some chartage.

Regardless, this puts me in an odd situation in that the book will do better the worse the economy gets. And as long as press releases like this keep coming, I'm happy.

I Officially Endorse Byerly's

May 24, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I couldn't afford Byerlys when I was in college. High end, luxury grocery store chain. In any case I poke my head in there now as "Rooster Booster" is no longer being sold here and Byerly's has my second favorite power drink, AirForce.

And whilst in the checkout lane I see among People and Seventeen and all the other filth rags out there an issue of The Economist.

So now, unlike the regular grocery stores where I'm forced to sit behind some soccer mom and her 45 items in the 10 item or less lane and forced to read about Julia Roberts or Christina Aguilera or Britany Spears and who is divorcing who, I can look like a normal human being, feel no shame and look at The Economist.

Byerly's is now my primary grocery store. Seriously, it is. Because I'm willing to spend an extra 10% on groceries to have it send via the market mechanism the signal that a lot of men that would constitute an underserved market would pay extra to have the occasional WSJ, Economist, or heck, Sports Illustrated in the check out lane.

The Kindle Experiment

May 24, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As you know your Captain wrote a book a couple years ago. It was titled "Behind the Housing Crash" and my own personal bias aside, it was a brilliant and foresightful book. Everyone who has bought it has liked it and it has very high ratings on Amazon.

Of course only about 2,000 copies sold. And though this is considered a "success" in the self-publishing world, let us be frank...

The Captain wants to make millions, not thousands of dollars.

The problem is quite simply the publishing industry itself. The industry is old, archaic, cronyistic and inept. You need to know somebody in order to get published. And like Dr. Seuss, William Faulkner, Stephen King and many other famous authors, these publishing houses lack the ability to see genuine skill and talent when it's sitting in front of their faces.

You ask, "how can publishing houses turn down the works of Stephen King, Anne Frank, Vince Flynn and Aaron Clarey?" The answer is a simple and economic one;

If you look at who is in charge of these publishing houses you will see nothing more than a bunch of elitists who all have masters degrees in "creative writing." In other words, the people who currently head not just the publishing houses, but the agencies that represent authors are not writers or readers themselves. Oh mercy no, not one of them have written anything, that would be dirtying their little fingies. They are middle management types who have NOTHING in common with the common reader. Ergo, they lack the judgment to discern or predict what is going to be popular amongst the "commoners."

It is here that you are witnessing the extinction of an industry that has proved itself to be self-serving and not a net-positive benefit to society. Much like the mainstream media has proven itself to be an arm of a political movement, the publishing industry is proving itself to be an exclusive club, not concerned about good writing that it can bring to the masses and thus joy to the people, but rather serving connected members favors in the publishing world.

What's brilliant though is the unstoppable forces of capitalism, free markets and economics. Enter the internet. Namely, Kindle.

Digital books, combined with the internet have largely rendered these traditional publishing houses irrelevant, obsolete, and unneeded. Sure, if you're a baby boomer that wants to be lied to about how you're 50 years and you're still going to find love and

romance and riches, and you're too damn lazy to learn about the internet, you can find a book called "Eat Pray Love." But once the social security checks start running out and the last vestiges of "The Doors" fans die off, who is really going to want a physical book?

Regardless of what you think about the younger generations, they have made their decision. They prefer to be online over pretty much everything else. Their social lives, their dating lives, their career lives. And when given the choice to pay $22 for a physical book of 99 cents for a book, what do you think they're going to do?

It is therefore why your Captian is pursuing an economic experiment I like to call the "Kindle Experiment."

Your Captain loves to write. He would love nothing more than to have a life where he lives in a small mountain town, drives his motorcycle around, fishes, fossil hunts, tornado chases, polishes agates and salsas the night away all while financing this lifestyle with superior and engaging writing that gives his readers more value than what they paid for it. To achieve this though, the Captain cannot rely on a defunct and corrupt industry such as the traditional publishing houses in New York. It simply won't work. And it is here where the Kindle Experiment in economics begins.

"Behind the Housing Crash" is now available on Kindle.

It is 99 cents.

My business model is much based off of two things. One Amanda Hocking, the 26 year old self-published author who writes books about vampires and twilight and other such nonsense. And two, "Angry Birds" which has made a ton of money NOT because of the profit margins, but because of the volume of sales.

In short, I could charge the $22 for a book which results in 2,000 units of sales. Or I could charge 99 cents and sell millions of copies. The second of which would result in a lot more profit.

Of course, "Behind the Housing Crash" is a dated book. But this experiment is simply just that - an experiment. I don't expect to sell a ton of books. I'm just seeing how much more responsive and elastic demand is to a book that is essentially free and will base future publications on it.

So if you want to buy the book, it now costs you an irrelevant 99 cents.

If you know somebody who would like to read the book, it now costs them the 99 cents.

If you want to read books I have in the pipeline such as "Enjoy the Decline" and "The

American Bachelors Guide to Happiness" and "The Battlefield Compendium for 14 Year Old Boys" and other great books, it now costs you 99 cents.

Or if you plain just want to stick it to the elitist commie snobs of the east coast publishing houses, it will cost you 99 cents.

So go forth and purchase, or simply recommend it to friends. Future brilliant works depend on it.

Let's All Laugh at Maxine Waters

May 24, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is great, you have to let it go to about 1;29 and watch people in the back laughing at Maxine Waters because she;

1. Obviously didn't listen to what the oil execs said
2. "Like liberals could take over the oil industry and run it better than than oil executives."
3. She CAN'T REMEMBER THE WORD "NATIONALIZATION!"

The fact she is a representative is a testament to the idiots that elected her in there and is why I will never move to California.

National Oil Companies are the Real "Big Oil"

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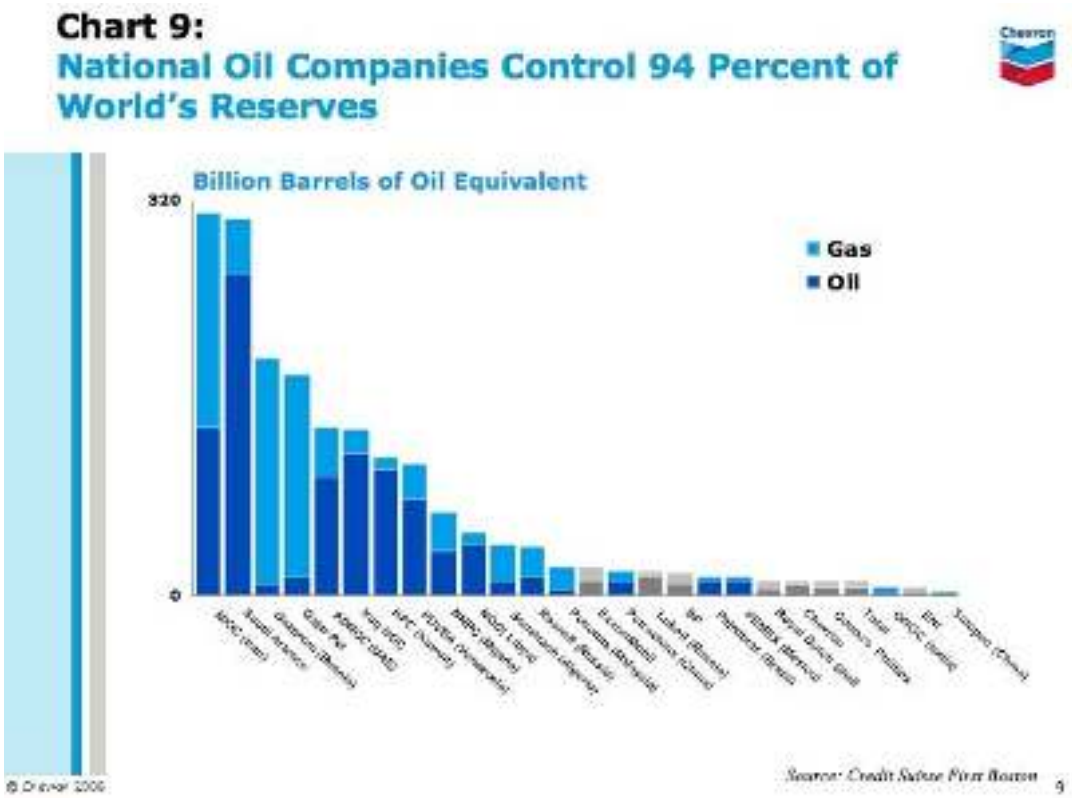
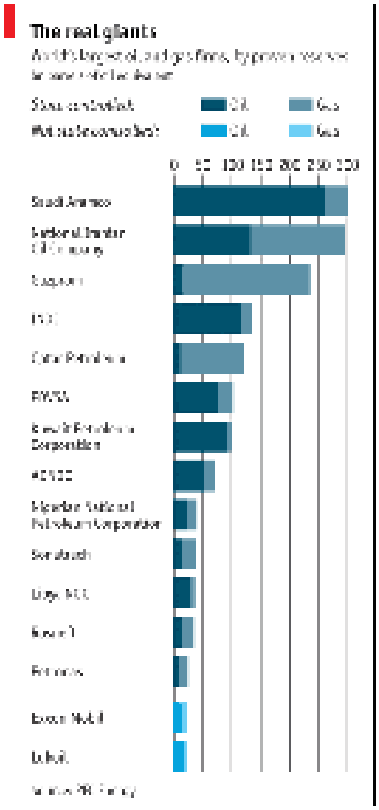
I saw this on Powerline;



I saw this in The Economist;



I made this post in 2005.

Just read what I write, I'm usually 2 years ahead of everybody else. ;)

Thank You Warren Buffett

May 26, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The banks are to blame.

Which is what I've been saying all along (and will be amply documented in the upcoming book).

Inflation in Zimbabwe

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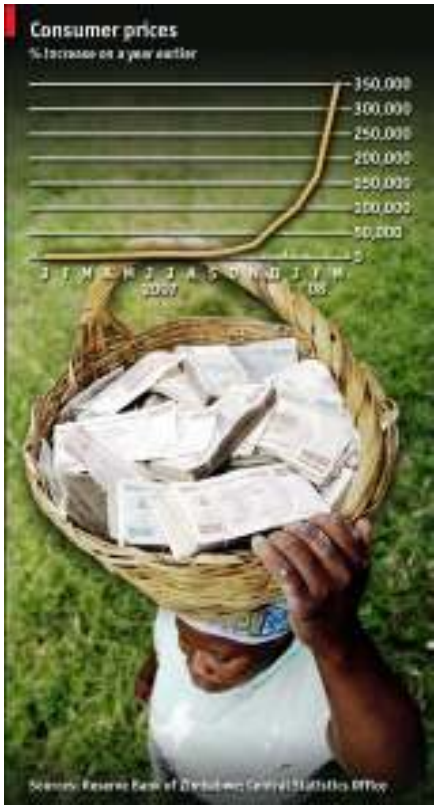


Nice going Mugabe!

I Spy With My Little Economist Eye…

May 27, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Here's a picture in today's Star Tribune of a bridge collapse in China due to the earthquake.

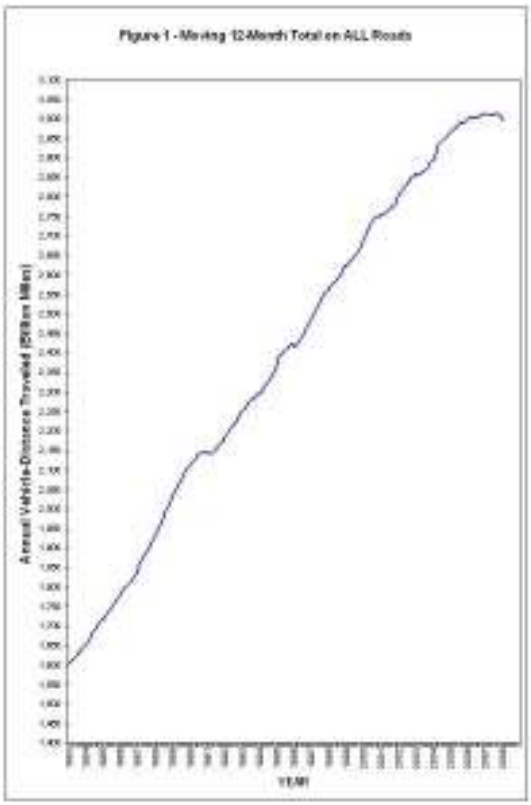
What do you spy????

I'll give you a hint, it's a sign of capitalism working in China.

Miles Driven Per Year By Americans

May 27, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found this chart on the Department of Transportation after hearing a report the amount we're driving is dropping at a record rate. It's pretty neat;



OPEC may yet come to realize its shooting itself in its foot.

The Green Ninja

May 28, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So with gas prices this high I decided to buy a motorcycle (one that works I mean). Hit Craig's List (which I think has alone boosted GDP by .5% a year with all the free advertising they allow) and found an old green Kawasaki Ninja.

I'm very happy with it because it gets 67 miles to the gallon, however my friend had to point out,

"Hey, the "Green Ninja." It's like a lame comic book hero like Captain Planet who fights global warming by increasing your gas mileage. You're probably more green than most of your liberal colleagues."

Now utterly ashamed I drive the Green Ninja thinking people believe I have gone soft and gone green, when in reality I'm just trying to save a couple bucks.

Regardless, this did get me thinking about the psychological apprehension people have to making large or larger ticket item purchases like motorcycles so allow me to impart some economic wisdom.

First, if you blow your money on something like booze, cigarettes, video games, marriage or children (har har har) you are in that sense wasting your money. But if you buy a motorcycle or a moped, you are investing your money. And you will not only reclaim the

money you spent on the motorcycle (and jacket and helmet and accessories, etc.) you will be earning back more. Therefore it's not whether you can afford a motorcycle, it's whether you can't afford a motorcycle. Get one, you'll be better off (I've already earned back in gas savings what I spent on a jacket, helmet and gloves).

Second, you don't need to blow a ton of money on a motorcycle (I got mine for all of $2,000). Matter of fact they're pretty cheap used as demographics play a role in this. Namely men of Gen X are getting married and having children. And then the wife puts el-kabosh on the motorcycle riding forcing him to give it up. Ergo if you are single guy (or a single gal) you can find a crotch rocket for pretty cheap.

Third, you can go green with a smart car, a Prius or a hybrid.

Or you can get a motorcycle.

Which one do you think the girls dig more?

Border Patrol Agents in GUAM???

May 29, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Anybody as confused as I am about this?

By TOM TOPOUSIS

May 29, 2008 -- The mystery man behind the looting of a Bronx charity to finance the startup of liberal radio network Air America was arrested yesterday in Guam.

Evan Montvel-Cohen was picked up by border-patrol officers at Guam International Airport on an outstanding warrant from Hawaii. He had been indicted there last month for money laundering and the theft of more than $60,000 from a Honolulu landscaping firm, prosecutors said.

Who exactly is trying to sneak into Guam????

They Don't Want This Information to Get Out

May 29, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In doing the research for the book I thought it would be a jim dandy chart to have showing what percent of mortgages made were done on a "no doc" or "low doc" basis. So after much scrummaging around I finally found the data series. The data series was provided by a company called FirstAmerican CoreLogic.

Phenomenal data.

AMAZING DATA!

Hat tip to them and their work.

Oh, the charts I could make!

Unfortunately they wouldn't let me use the data because presumably my book spoke ill of the banking industry.

Meanwhile I have a chart, a beautiful chart, sitting right on my laptop that would be the envy of all charts, that I can't use showing the percent of loans that were no doc and low doc.

But neither can the New York Federal Reserve. Previously the NY Fed had the same data series up on their web site, but was requested to take it down.

This angers me, because whereas I understand proprietary information, when does it become public information, or just information that society at large has a right to know? Plus, what is the fight to prevent this information from getting out? Like the banks' reputation can get worse????

In any case, I would be eternally grateful if somebody out there knows someplace I can get this information that isn't sourced to FirstAmerican. Any econ grad student out there that happens to be studying this or knows of somebody that might have an idea on where to get this info, I will name my new dog after you.

And that is quite the honor because I like dogs more than children.

In the meantime, check out this link to the NY Fed where you can toy around with different subprime figures and play with some charty goodness.

The Price to Earnings Ratio of a College Degree

May 29, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

P/E ratios are used to determine whether an investment is worth the money. In the case of a stock you take the price per share and divide it by its earnings. Thus you get a chart like this one showing us the S&P 500 P/E ratio over time

Applying the P/E concept to other assets can be helpful as well. If you look at a house, a house can be considered an investment. You buy a house and rent it out for its...um...rents. This gives us the housing version of a P/E ratio, the "house price to rents" ratio.

But along with 401ks and housing, the good overlords at the government and your employer's HR department are ordering you to invest in something else. Education.

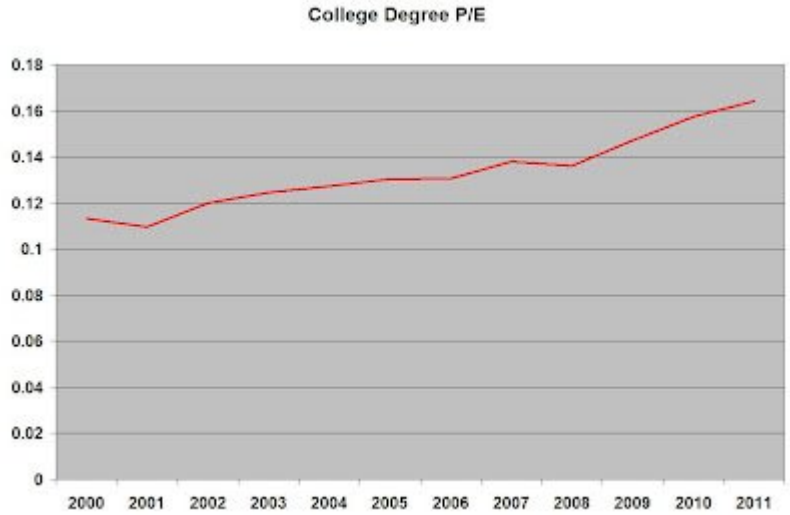
Have you bothered to look up what the P/E ratio is for a college degree?

You haven't?

Well, you're in luck. The old Captain has!

Now before I go on you all better darn well appreciate this. This took about 2 hours to put together because the NACE (the source for starting salaries) is REAAAAALLY stingy with their data. So I had to go and search out each individual year at third party sites. Also inflation data for tuition rates is somewhat hard to come by. So if you want to say "thank you" to the Captain go buy my book for a paltry 99 cents and contribute to the Kindle Experiment.

First the data.



Doesn't look like much does it? Well that's because your ole Captain is intellectually

honest and didn't want to "scale the y axis" to make this chart look more dramatic than what it is. But he doesn't have to. That chart *IS* dramatic and let me explain.

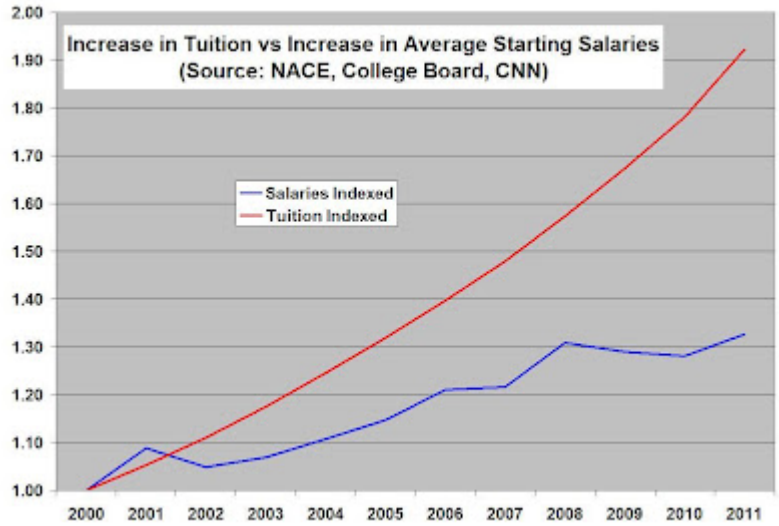
The above shows you the "price" you pay for college (tuition) versus the earnings you get from a college degree (earnings). As recent as 2000 you could expect your tuition to cost about 11% of your starting salary. Today in 2011 it is expected to be 16%.

At first you may say, "hey, that doesn't sound like a lot," but keep in mind two simple things.

One, you don't go to college to get a job. You go to college to make MORE MONEY when you get a job. Ergo, the above chart is somewhat misleading because without spending the money (and time) going to college, you would still make some money because you could presumably work anyway. So to be very precise when calculating a college degree P/E ratio it really should be your tuition costs divided by the earnings premium you would make over just having a high school diploma. Regardless, the price is going up.

Two, this chart speaks nothing of the drastic increase in the number of unemployed youth. If we were to incorporate all the "$0" starting salaries many of you recent college graduates are experiencing, I think you would see a DRAMATIC increase in the college degree P/E again suggesting you aren't getting your bang for your buck.

But still, I don't have to rely on adjustments or theoreticals to make my point. I'll simply present another chart. A chart showing the increase in tuition costs versus the increase in starting salaries. In theory if we index these together and start at the same point, they should increase at roughly the same rate, correct?



Well looky there kiddos! In just the past decade tuition has gone up nearly 100% while the starting salary (of that absolutely "necessary" sheepskin in "11th Century Middle Eastern Feminist Gender Studies") has only gone up in value by about 30% (and let's not

forget about how that's essentially a 0% real increase when we account for inflation!)

So let me explain to you young kiddoes out there who voted for "hope and change" and thought Barack Obama's Magic Unicorn would miraculously fart out jobs for all of you.

You've been had.

You've been scammed.

You've been cheated.

And this has been done to you by not only my generation, but the generation before that.

Understand you weren't the only ones who came up with the brilliant diabolical plot of majoring in some wishy washy subject and then secretly hoping to get a cushy, overpaid government job. No, many people before you majored in "education" or "sociology" because they too "wanted to help the children" (while deep down inside we all knew all along it was just to get summers off and avoid calculus). There's two whole generations before you that had the same idea. And guess where people who major in "philosophy" or "hypenated American studies" end up working?

You got it.

Teaching you kiddies in college.

Of course, along with social security and medicare, this is just another little generational racket they have going on the side. See, they've told you since you were little ones you needed a college education. What they failed to tell you was in what.

You know all those "nerdy" Asian kids and square American boys you laughed at with their "stupid" chemical engineering degrees? Yeah, that's what you should have majored in.

But you see, if everybody majored in chemical engineering then the older people (who had the exact same idea you had) wouldn't have jobs. Remember, they majored in English and anthropology too. They have masters degrees in "sculpture" and "theater." And since they couldn't find jobs in the private sector they had to create entire studies out of whole cloth in....

(are you ready for it?)

(can you guess where these people go?)

(are you sure?)

THAT'S RIGHT!

ACADEMIA!

Studies that don't produce anything of value to society, but can be sold to easy marks like you!

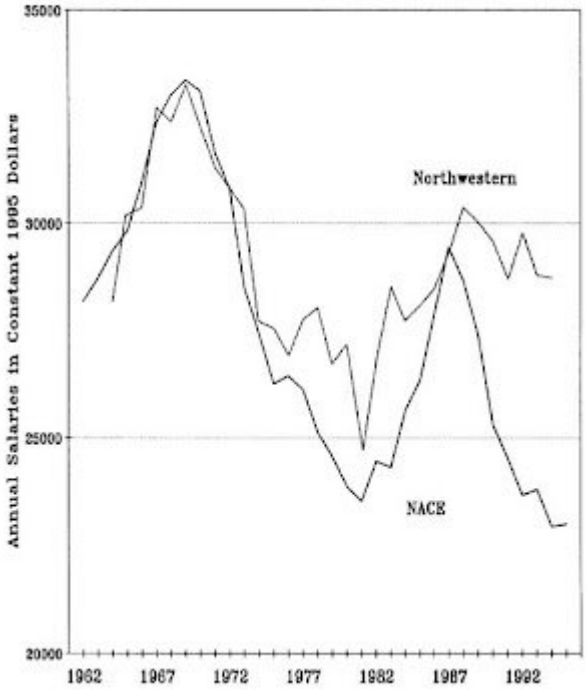
So let me explain to you what's happening and why you are sitting there with an over-bloated student debt (that no doubt I'm going to have to bail you out of). You see, in society STUFF OF VALUE has to be produced. You can't just major in Socialism Unicorn Farts or Political Science like your beloved hope and change leader (oh, wait, he was a professor too, wasn't he?). In the end for society to thrive, let alone survive, you must produce something of value. As I talk about in my seminar on worthless degrees, take out a sheet of paper, list everything you would like to buy or own and the list the degrees of your friends and ask yourself;

"Do we major in the fields that is necessary to produce the I-Pads and X-Box's and cars we want?"

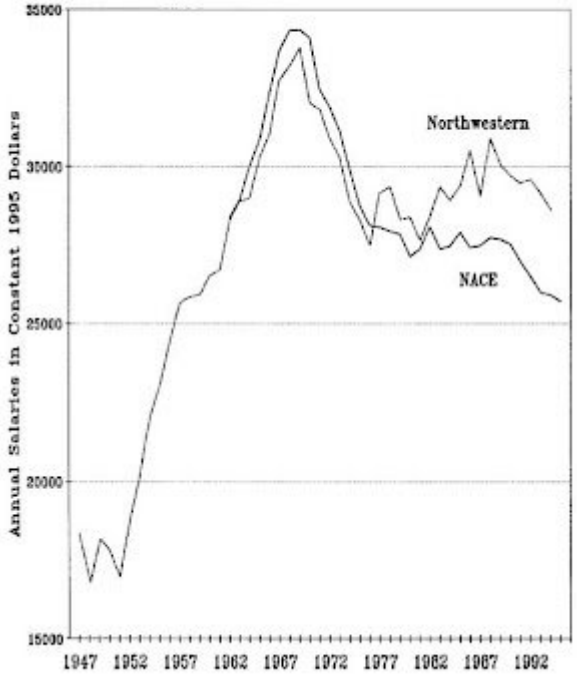
The answer is no. This also explains to you why we have a trade deficit with China.

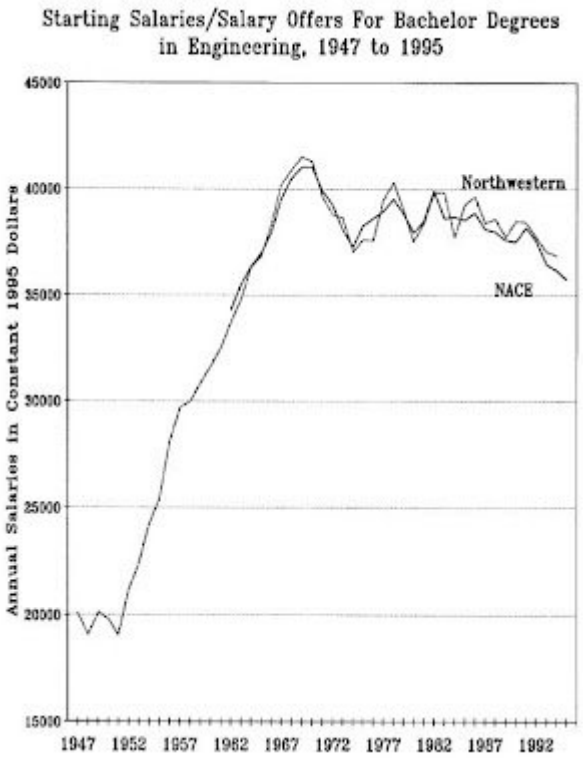
But also understand you are on the receiving end of what has been a trans-generational scam. Creating "fake" industries so people can have hobbies instead of creating real industries so people may have wealth. Notice the charts below. These charts I discovered when trying to find data going back to the 1940's (because ideally it would be great to calculate the above charts and see what the P/E ratio was for a college degree back then, but the data is just not there). What you'll notice is that sure, under your parents or grandparent's generation a college degree would help, by about the 70's in terms of real dollars there was no upshot. Matter of fact when you look at the liberal arts degrees they were simply a waste (also notice how they didn't start until 1962, gee, I wonder why? Could it be..ummmm...hippies?)

Starting Salaries/Salary Offers for Bachelor Degrees
in Liberal Arts, 1962 to 1995



Starting Salaries/Salary Offers For Bachelor Degrees
in Business Administration, 1947 to 1995





But why the push for college then? Why were you told to go to college? And why didn't anybody tell you about worthless degrees? Two fold.

Most of your parents didn't study economics, let alone see these charts. They just remember their own experiences and the advice at the time was hardly wrong. It's just there's a SEVERE ignorance when it comes to economics in this country and people just plain didn't know. But now we get to pay for it.

And second, lets not forget about all those burnt out hippie professors that need your hard earned money (or your parents money or the taxpayers money) to pay him to lecture you about the evils of capitalism in a "Peace Studies" program.

So in the meantime kiddies, I hope you enjoy you little sheepskin there. I hope you enjoy "going green" by recycling or reusing grocery bags or whatever else you were told to do by your indoctrinators. Because in the end, no matter what you were told, no matter what you believe and no matter how much you may have been programmed to hate it, reality wins in the end. And the reality is you just got scammed out not just your money, but a sizeable chunk of your youth and your future is bleak. And no amount of naive childish "hope and change" is going to fix it.

Enjoy the decline!

North Korea Has Some of the Cheapest Beer in the World

May 30, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found it interesting that North Korea has some of the cheapest beer in the world, costing only 61 cents. Ethiopia is even cheaper at just 30 cents a beer. It's also interesting that dictatorships seem to have the cheapest beer.

Meanwhile the leftists' paradise of Norway charges you $13 for a beer, and I'm never visiting the Marshall Islands.

Regardless, it reminds me of the time I went to a town called Sublette, Kansas enroute to New Mexico. It was late at night and I was planning to make it all the way to Santa Fe when I decided to pull into the "Walk in Waddle Out" bar in town.

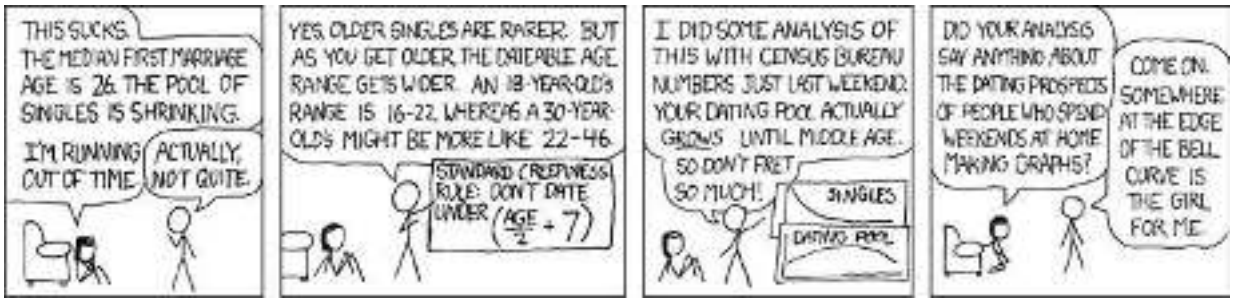
It was their grand opening and they had; 25 cent beers and $1 cocktails.

My vacation plans changed.

That Cut Deep, Man, Real Deep

May 31, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ouch! From a friend of mine!



You will visit xkcd

Housing Prices Never Go Down

June 4, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It was a common mantra whilst working in banking. And in previous posts I predicted housing had to correct by about 25-30% to be in line with historical trends in terms of house price to rents and house price to incomes. Still, the visual on this chart is just wonderfully vindicating.

How Bad is This Credit Crunch?

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Pretty bad according to The Economist. I know a lot of people want to dismiss this as just a minor blip in the economy, surely bound not to spread into the larger economy and cause a recession, but don't get too optimistic.

Real Men Rip Out Their Tags

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I was berated one time for ripping out the tag of the back of my shirt by a girl who shall go unnamed. Presumably, I was supposed to let the thing itch the living daylights out of me for years to come.

Of course she says that one can cut it out, but that just makes it worse because then you have a shriveled, jagged tag with the consistency of straw now constantly scratching your back. Then she somehow tries to rationalize this pain and agony by saying, "well at least you won't have a hole that will continue to grow because you've disrupted the fabric."

Now, as I am being pelted in my head, she is telling me (and I quote)

"they have this device in craft stores, and I don't know what it's called, but it can be used to remove tags without ripping the shirt. I think it's called a 'pull the stitches out thingy.'"

Thank you just the same ladies, but I think we true, red-blooded American patriotic men will continue to just rip the tags off our shirts.

Andrew Has 18,000 years to Complete His Assignment

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You all know Andrew.

He has 18,000 years to complete his assignment.

Must be outcomebased education coming to Canada.

CHARGE!!!

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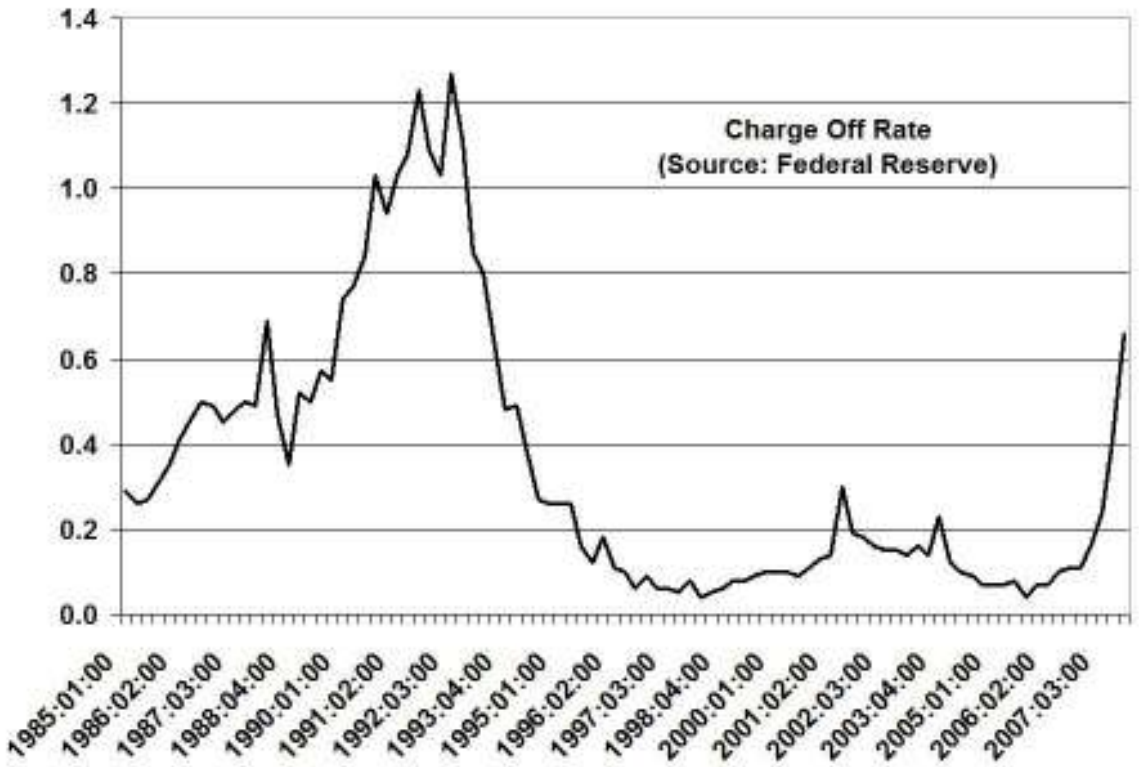
There are many jim dandy charts in the upcoming book, but one I thought I'd share with you prematurely is charge off rate in that is shows the banks are indeed paying for their sins. Originally when I had pulled up this chart a month ago it was only at .44%, now it's up to .66%. But what is most disconcerting is the rate at which it is growing.



If it keeps going, a lot of banks capital base is going to be threatened, and they'll end up going bankrupt.

Oh, wait, that's right. Banks don't go bankrupt. They just go to the taxpayer for a bailout or the Fed for a cheap loan.

Moral hazard anyone?

Recession Time

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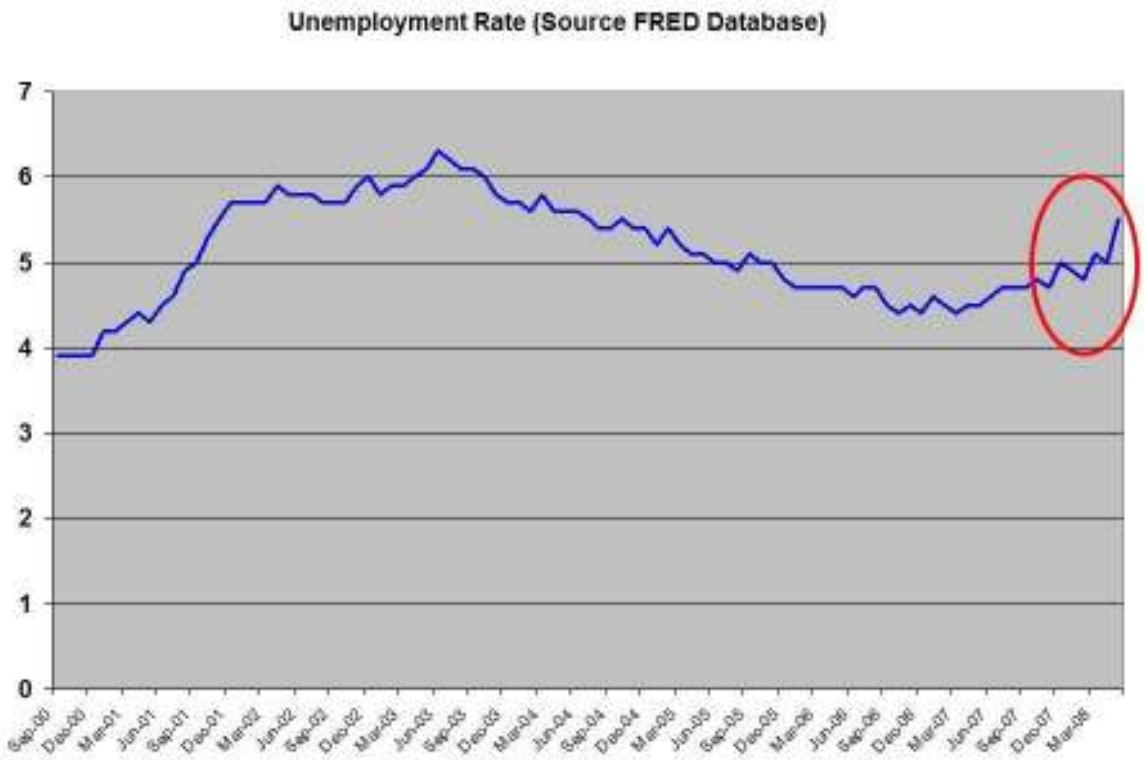
We had a song called "Check Out Time" back when I worked as a campus cop whenst going to college. It was a jovial toe tapper and we'd sing it when signing out for the night. However the same tune could be applied today, given the news on the unemployment rate;

It's recession time!
Yes recession time!
Hey, buy me a beer with a quarter and a dime.
"The stimulus package will work," don't give me that line.
"Just a temporary lull," don't be so asinine.
Now I'll say it again, just one more time.
Cause it's recession time, yeah recession time!!!



My question is this; how much you want to bet they'll blame Bush and Republicans for the recession we'll be in, even though it's the sub prime deadbeats and the corrupt mortgage lenders/bankers that are truly to blame?

Hey, Do You Want to Get Depressed?

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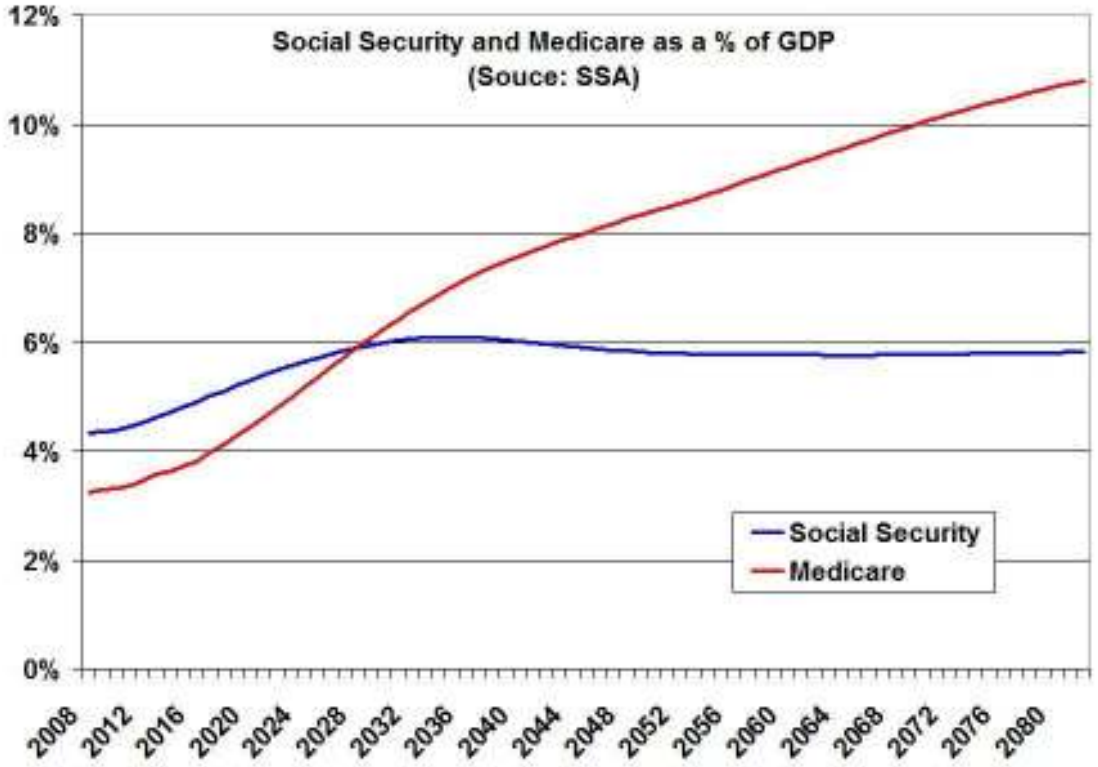
Here's something to forward to all your friends to put them in a bad mood. How much of GDP we can expect to drop on social security and medicare in the coming years.



You see, social security is thought to be the one that will break the financial back of the US, but it is medicare that will bankrupt the nation. Going from just 3% of GDP today, it will grow to 11% by 2080. Social security will only grow to 6% GDP. We'll be spending nearly 17% of our incomes on keeping people alive for another 2-3 years. Of course this will be my generation, but the truth is I don't want to impoverish some poor working kid by foisting a 17% tax burden on them. Pull the plugs, I don't need viagra (or its 2080 equivalent) and I sure am hell not going to insist younger generations keep me alive a paltry extra 6 months if it costs them $1 million in medical bills to do so.

They Didn't Call it the Volcker Recession for Nothing

June 7, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wow, imagine that, the head of the Fed during the worst recession since the Great Depression endorses Obama. (I will immediately concede Paul Volcker was not responsible for the Volcker recession, I'm just taking a cheap shot...like most of the left does...except I'm not trying to pass it off as truth and maintain some level of intellectual honesty).

Tornadoes Determine Economic Growth

June 7, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it's tornado chasing season and I usually try to get out to chase some storms down because this is what really cool, hip economist type guys do to impress the girls. And while dabbling on the internet I found this chart that showed where tornadoes occur and it occurred to me it is a nearly identical match to which countries enjoy 1st world status. ie-where there is the most tornadic activity there is also the most economic growth. Heck, even South Korea is plagued with tornadoes, but it's evil communist twin to the north is not.

This can only mean one things. CAPITALISTS ARE CONTROLLING THE GLOBAL WARMING TO BRING MORE TORNADOES TO THEIR COUNTRIES AND THUS MORE ECONOMIC GROWTH!!!! Those greedy bastards! Hogging all the tornadic activity to themselves!

Of course, this is not much more outlandish than most theories tendered by leftists.

HOV's for SUV's

June 9, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I get a motorcycle.

Which means I can drive on the HOV lanes on the highway.

Which means during this last rush hour I was whizzing by practically a parking lot of cars.

But I found this odd in that, if you are to be a believer in global warming and so forth, then in all intellectual honesty the HOV lanes or "share lanes" should be open only to SUV's, trucks and other gas guzzlers. Reason being is the amount of carbon dioxide they emit just sitting there inching along at 1 mile per hour is more than if they were allowed to zip along in the HOV lanes, certainly more than what I would expend sitting there in my motorcycle or all the sensitive 90's men driving their hybrids.

So if we really do care about global warming and can admit that HOV's are pretty much a failed attempt at moving traffic along faster, then we should open them up only to SUV's, trucks and other vehicles consuming the most gas. This would lessen the amount of carbon emissions emanating from the interstate and we would do our part in fighting global warming.

I know it may sound outlandish, but it's true.

Foreclosure Rates in Your Neighborhood

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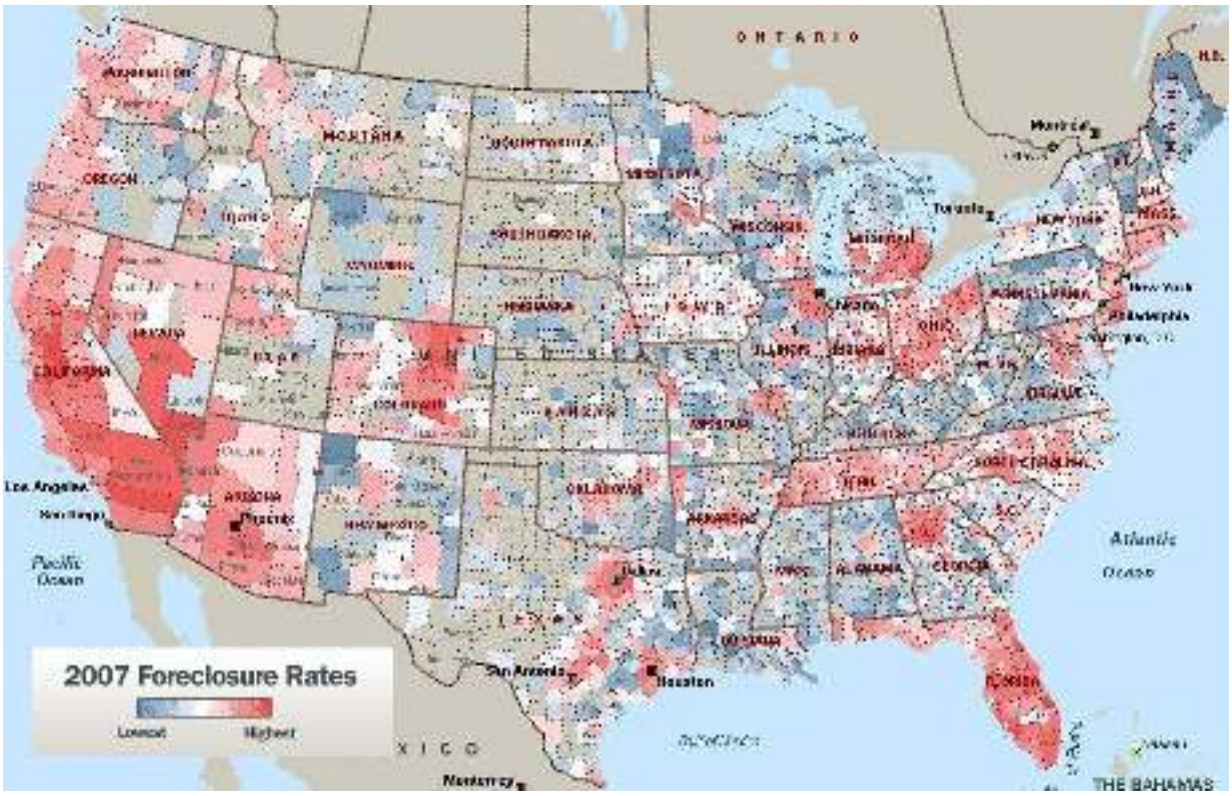
I found this chart pretty and informative.



Kind of like how I like my women...ahhh...Maria Bartiromo.

Herman the Bunny

June 10, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was pouring a new concrete footing for one of the support pillars for my deck. It had to be about 3 feet deep and a foot across otherwise it would shift and fail to act as an anchor. So I dug a sizable hole, figured it was enough work for the day and retired.

Next day it rains cats and dogs and thinking the hole has now filled up a little bit, I returned to the hole to see how much re-digging I would have to do, only to see an baby bunny shivering in the hole. Figured the poor thing was there all night, doused in rain and scared to death.

Not wanting to get rabies, I got a shovel and returned to scoop the little critter out, but he wanted none of it. Additionally I didn't want to accidentally break any of his little rabbit legs by shoving the shovel underneath him to scoop him up. So I risked the chance of rabies and just picked the little guy up with my hands.

Poor thing was cold and shivering and so I put him in the sun, went inside the house and grabbed a carrot. I return and he's still there, shivering. I put the carrot next to him (which was almost bigger than he was) and he didn't do anything. All of the sudden he darts away from me, and slips back into the hole which was all of 4 feet away.

Now feeling like he was being dishonest with me (not to mention a pretty dumb bunny), I grabbed him out of the hole and put him near some shrubbery in my back yard and left the carrot there. A month goes by and I'm smoking my cigar and I see him eating my grass near the shrubs I dropped him off at. Grabbed a picture of him, and I'm now calling him "Herman the Bunny" and he is a fixture of the Captain's Bachelor Pad and is about the closest thing I want to a child (this one lives in the back yard and costs me nothing).

I mention Herman the Bunny because the people over at Snarkolepsy have one. You should check out some of the pictures.

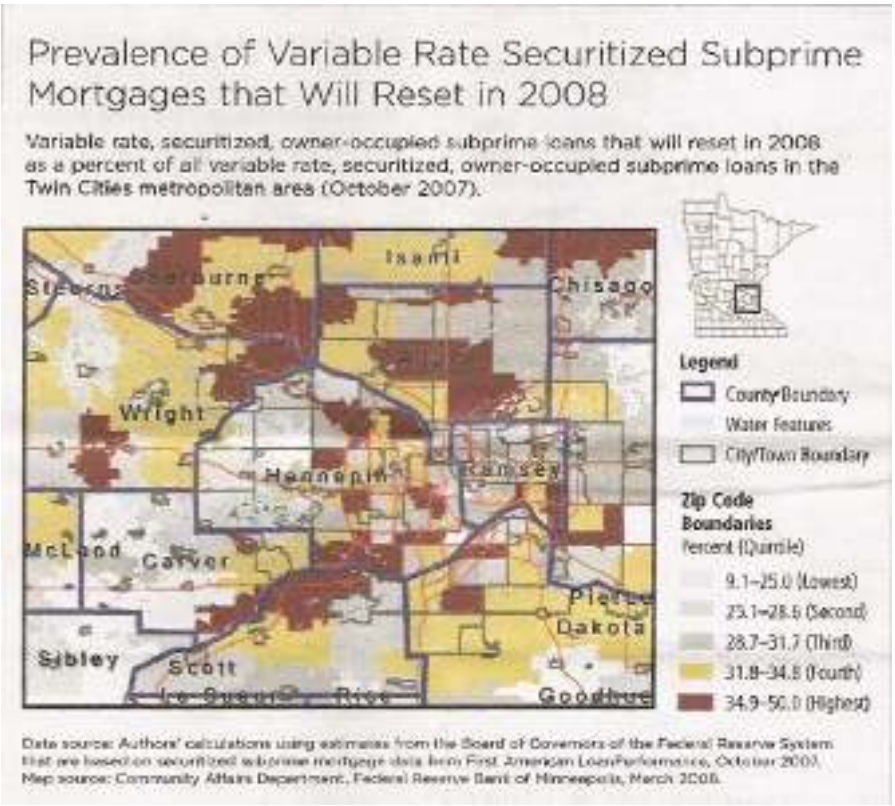
Sub Prime Slime

June 11, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oft we think of "sub prime" as the bottom of the barrel types abusing the equity in their home as they lollygag between the bar and the trailer court.

Not so.

Suburbia is the primary culprit and abuser of the sub prime loans. This chart from the Federal Reserve (those of you not familiar with the Twin Cities area will need to know the "inner city" is barely on the map here and it is the suburbs marked in red) shows the prevalence of sub prime mortgages and they're all in the fancier zip codes.



City or burbs, the desire to avoid work, yet still consume what you want runs rampant.

There's Nothing Wrong With To Do Lists

June 11, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The same girl that criticized me about ripping tags out of my shirt has now mocked me for my to do list.

Thus warranting the economic lesson about the merits of to do lists.

See, previous to "to do lists" people didn't know what to do. They were just standing around. Doing nothing. A lot like France. And then, an ingenious human came up with the idea to do things and thus composed the first to do list in the history of man.

He, along with other humans, started doing the things that were listed on the to do list. And thus production and GDP ensued and soon they were driving cars, brewing beer, programming video games and raising dachshunds. Yes, all the great things in life emanating from that first to do list.

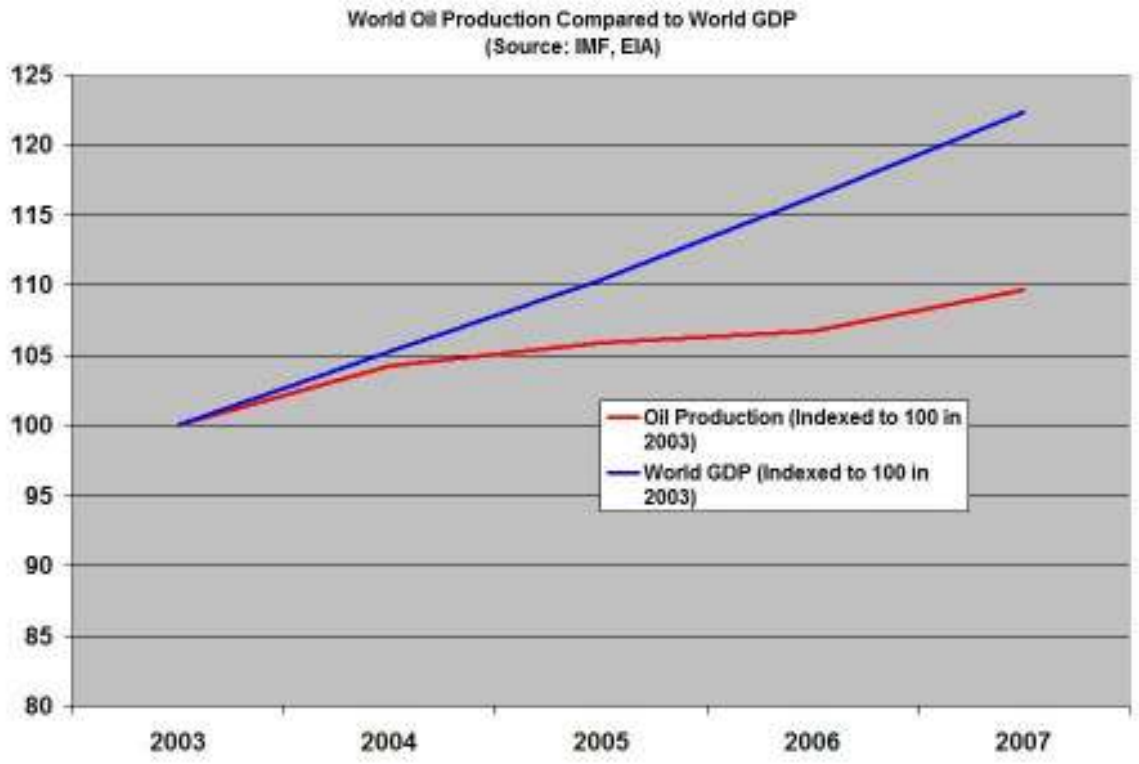
Therefore, (on a more serious note) I am a big believer in to do lists. Much more gets done, more efficiency ensues, life gets easier and in general you are typically wealthier. I often opine what the economic consequences would be if society in general got into the good habits of putting together to do lists...heck I often opine what would happen to GDP production if women started dressing like Sophia Loren did back in the 40's. But, regardless, I would not be surprised if it resulted in a full 1-1.5% additional boost in economic growth. That translates into $140 -$210 billion in extra production.

Ahhh, but what a stupid idea. Like something as simple as to do lists would have any real economic consequence. Kind of like a "point and click interface" that would get rid of the need to know DOS.

World GDP v. World Oil Production

June 12, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was originally attempting a means by which to compare commodity prices like oil to a measure of production by which to determine whether a commodity is over or undervalued. Instead I just came up with another chart that explains (yet ONCE AGAIN) why it isn't Exxon or BP or "Big Oil" jacking up prices, as much as it is the fact the world economy is growing faster than oil production and therefore (revisiting the basics of economics 101 which most people don't get during their education) since demand is exceeding supply, prices have gone up.



They didn't have 2008 figures which I'd be curious to see with this last spike, but yeah, my apologies to all you freshmen and sophomores in college out there, apparently it isn't Dick Cheney and Haliburton just trying to piss you off. It's just simple economics.

Of course we could allow for drilling offshore or in ANWAR which would increase supply and thereby lower...oh heck, never mind. I'm foolishly assuming people care about lowering the price of oil when in reality these people want nothing more than to destroy the US economy.

Achievements in Bachelortudeosity

June 12, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In line with refusing to make my bed (as most of the time I sleep on my couch), I embarked on spring cleaning last week.

And one of the more annoying aspects of cleaning or keeping an abode clean is that if you technically want to keep your carpets clean, you should really take off your shoes.

This poses a problem for me in that I am always coming or going, and in Minnesota, particularly during winter, there is snow or slush, thus necessitating you take off your shoes before you traipse around the house, no matter how little time you must spend at home.

Thus, I employed an ingenious technique.

I would take all the junk mail I had and throw it on the floor. Any paper or print offs I had that I did not need, I would throw on the floor. This in essence made all the junk mail and paper my "area rug" and so if I needed to just make a call, grab some gear and head out once again, I would not be encumbered with taking off my shoes, but instead could just walk on the papers that had been laid down on the floor, conduct my business as needed, and then leave. Oh, sure, initially it was like a game of hopscotch where I would only have bits and pieces of paper leading to the fax, or leading to the computer, by which I would have to play a game of human frogger jumping from one piece of paper to the next to avoid touching the carpet, but after a couple weeks the floor was amply covered and I could gallivant about my house as I pleased without going through the torture of taking off my shoes.

Now, many of my friends critiqued me for this. They said my bachelor pad looked like I was trying to potty train a dog with all the papers on the ground. And "what happens if you have a date." To which I responded, "there's either her place or I'd much rather get a hotel room for $50 than spend the hours needed to clean." Which begat eyes rolling and some commentary about how I'll never find a girl and how hopeless I was, and girls don't like X-Box or a half polished off bottle of Jim Bean on the counter, why don't you conform and become a communist like the rest of us and do what society tells you and make your bed and go to church even though deep down inside women like the renegade bad ass, Tony Stark, Captain Jack Sparrow type blah blah blah...

But oh, how wrong they were.

For when I started my spring cleaning and pulled all the papers off the floor, the carpets were spotless. Beautiful. And not once this past year did I have to take off my shoes,

thereby avoiding horrible psychological reminiscings of visiting grandma where they forced me to take off my shoes.

Oh, mock me if you must, but these economic bachelor like ways will certainly serve us bachelors well in the future. Besides, quite literally, girls will always prefer the guy who comes up with Captain Jack Sparrow-level-of-cleverness ideas like using junk mail as an area rug than some schmutz who always insists you take off your shoes before you walk on his precious little downtown condo's carpet.

Outstanding Picture from The Economist

June 14, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Was from this article.

Yes, let us embrace diversity. Even if it results in a theocracy that destroys freedom.

This will be the consequence if we put diversity above freedom.

Energy Hogs

June 17, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

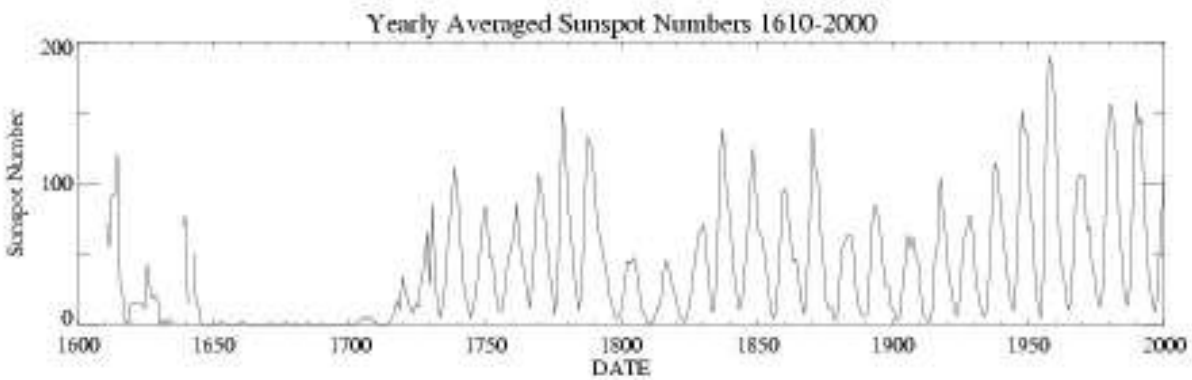
Here's a Jim dandy chart to have in your arsenal whenst arguing against the socialists about global warming

(though, I seriously wonder whether you should even argue with them, and rather instead just accuse them of being disingenuous and hiding behind such a ruse as "global warming" to rationalize a wealth transfer. no, seriously, anybody even thing about that? Instead of trying to argue whether or not there is global warming, wouldn't it just be easier to go straight to the jugular and question their belief in it? To accuse them of being nothing more than desperate socialists willing to resort to the most outlandish conspiracy theories and methods to parasite off the producers of society? Ah, forget it, never mind, the amount of brainwashing kids get nowadays in school if they'll vote for somebody who promises "hope" and "change" and no means by which to deliver it, they'll fight to the death for something as a fear-mongering religion as global warming.)

Sunspots and Global Warming

June 17, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wow, who would have guessed. Sun spots increase along with global warming.



Though I'm sure, momentarily, I will be told by a socialist internet troll somewhere, some warped, illogical line of logic by which I should ignore my eyes, ignore what I see and believe in global warming anyway.

Oh, and I'm pre-emptively striking the "well, they couldn't measure sun spots back then as frequently as they do now." Though no doubt true, I'm going to assume the data above has been adjusted for that in some manner or another.

Many thanks to Marc!

No, Seriously, Will We Blame China?

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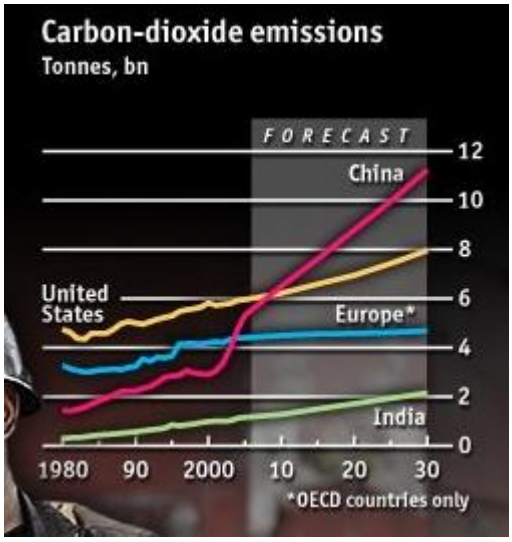
I opted to focus in on one particular aspect of the previous chart I posted before and I want to ask the left a serious question;

When China inevitably starts producing more carbon emissions than the US, will you go after them vehemently as you do the US? Because it's going to happen next year, 2009. Seriously, I want to know. Are there going to be protests? Are you going to contact the Chinese embassies? No doubt you are well researched enough on this that you already have plans to divert your efforts towards China? Right? Because you're so well researched? RIGHT? And we can expect mainstream media outlets to highlight China being the world's biggest carbon emitter hence forth, and not just independent publications The Economist, right????



No, wait, let me answer for you. You're not going to even expend one calorie of energy attacking China because the underlying, unspoken goal of this global warming farce is to stop capitalism. It's to stop progress. It's to weaken the United States. And it's to employ a bunch of otherwise unemployable scientists and activists and make people who've never contributed a cent of GDP to this economy feel good about themselves.

That's what it's all about.

Sunspots Analysis

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Great post and a good review if you want to basically have some handy ammo to shoot a big gapping hole in this global warming BS.

ht to Ian.

The Left is to Blame for High Gas Prices

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Bush to Congress: Embrace energy exploration now

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By H. JOSEF HEBERT, Associated Press Writer

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WASHINGTON - With gasoline topping $4 a gallon, President Bush urged Congress on Wednesday to lift its long-standing ban on offshore oil and gas drilling, saying the United States needs to increase its energy production. Democrats quickly rejected the idea.

"There is no excuse for delay," the president said in a statement in the Rose Garden. With the presidential election just months away, Bush made a pointed attack on Democrats, accusing them of obstructing his energy proposals and blaming them for high gasoline costs. His proposal echoed a call by Republican presidential candidate John McCain to open the Continental Shelf for exploration.

"Families across the country are looking to Washington for a response," Bush said.

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Congressional Democrats were quick to reject the push for lifting the drilling moratorium, saying oil companies already have 68 million acres offshore waters under lease that are not being developed.

Yeah, but those acres aren't where the oil is.

Seriously, this is the consequence of "going green" and brainwashing my generation with "Captain Planet" and the current generation with dying polar bears/global warming.

You leftists pushed for ethanol. You leftists voted in the democrats who have been against ANWAR and drilling WHERE THE OIL IS and shale drilling. You've been against building nuclear power plants. You've been against building refineries. You have effectively cut off the supply of energy (and don't tell me about wind or solar power). YOU are to blame, so don't bitch about the high price of gas or revert to your inane conspiracy theory argument and blame it on "big oil."

This is (as Rush Limbaugh says) the egregious price of your ignorance.

The question is whether you're going to get sick of $5 gallon gasoline and come around, or continue to force a low standard of living on the country to adhere to your psycho-pathological infatuation with environmentalism.

If McCain Was Smart

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He'd pay attention to an NBC poll (yes, MSM, not known for its bias to the right) and realize the silent majority is providing him is one way ticket to the presidency.

Power Poll: Should Gov't Open Offshore Drilling?

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Should the Federal government lift the ban on offshore oil drilling? * 12434 responses

Yes. We need the oil
81%

No. It's dangerous for the environment
16%

Not sure yet
3.1%

Not a Scientific Survey. Results may not total 100% due to rounding.

Related Links:
Alt and Traditional Energy: All Part of The Solution
Bush Urges Lifting Offshore Drilling Ban
World's Largest Oil Reserves: Who Has the Most?
Playing Energy: Forget Oil

81% of Americans want to expand drilling for oil.

If that isn't a platform that runs against the Democrats, I don't know what is.

Canada About to Become More Capitalist Than the United States

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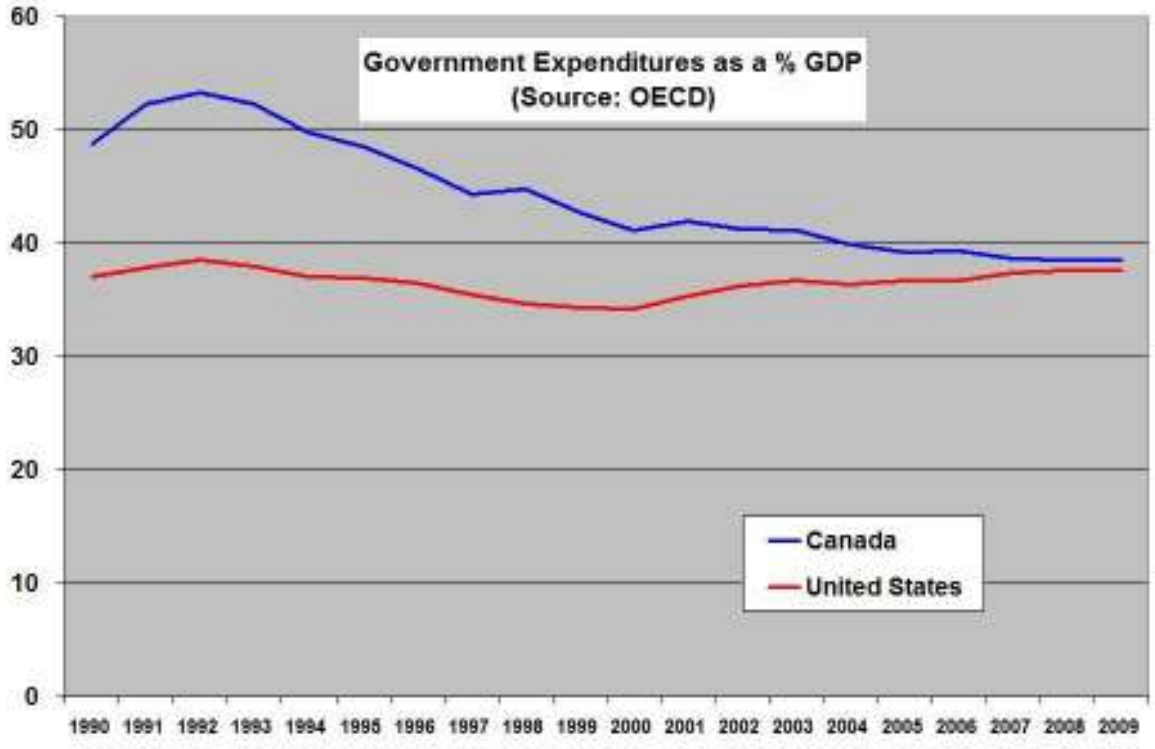
I have had the honor of being invited to blog on Small Dead Animals, the premier Canadian web site for independent thought, conservative, free-market thinking, liberty and other sins. Thusly, since it is a Canadian web site, I decided I should make a post about Canada and thought as a kind of token "economics lesson of the day" I would describe the concept of "government spending as a percent of GDP."

The reason I like this measure is that it is "the" measure to gauge how "capitalistic" or "communistic" your economy is. If you take the government budget and divided it by GDP this shows you, more or less, what percent of the economy the government is taking. Now, a lot of people will point out that it should be government revenues, not expenditures that should be divided by GDP to see how much a country is "taxed." The problem is ultimately, whether it is debt spending today or actually taxes collected, taxes is what will inevitably pay for that spending. Thus I prefer to measure what the government spends, not what it takes in.

But imagine my surprise when I, Captain Capitalism, presumed knower-of-all-things-economic, pulled the figures for Canada and realized Canadians have the same tax level as the US. 37%.



It was shocking because Canada is supposed to be the socialist of North America and

we're supposed to be the capitalists. Canada is the one with socialized medicine. Canada is the flag cowardly Americans put on their backpacks as they go to Europe. We're the evil capitalist jerks, Canada is the socialists everybody loves. And given the trend it looks like Canada is going to usurp this role.

But You Can't Incorporate Economic Growth

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Here's a fun game to play;

Budget Hero.

Shows you, you can't just "spend a little bit more on health, education and children."

But it doesn't account for economic growth from lower taxes.

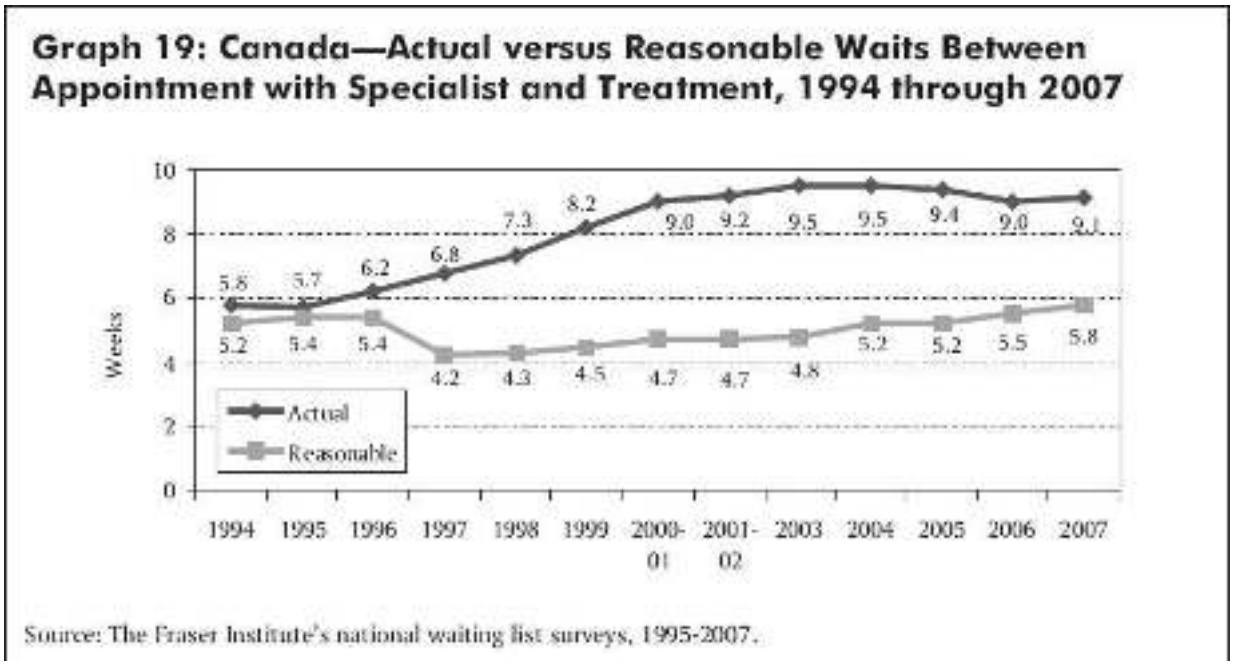
They Weren't Kidding About Those Wait Times

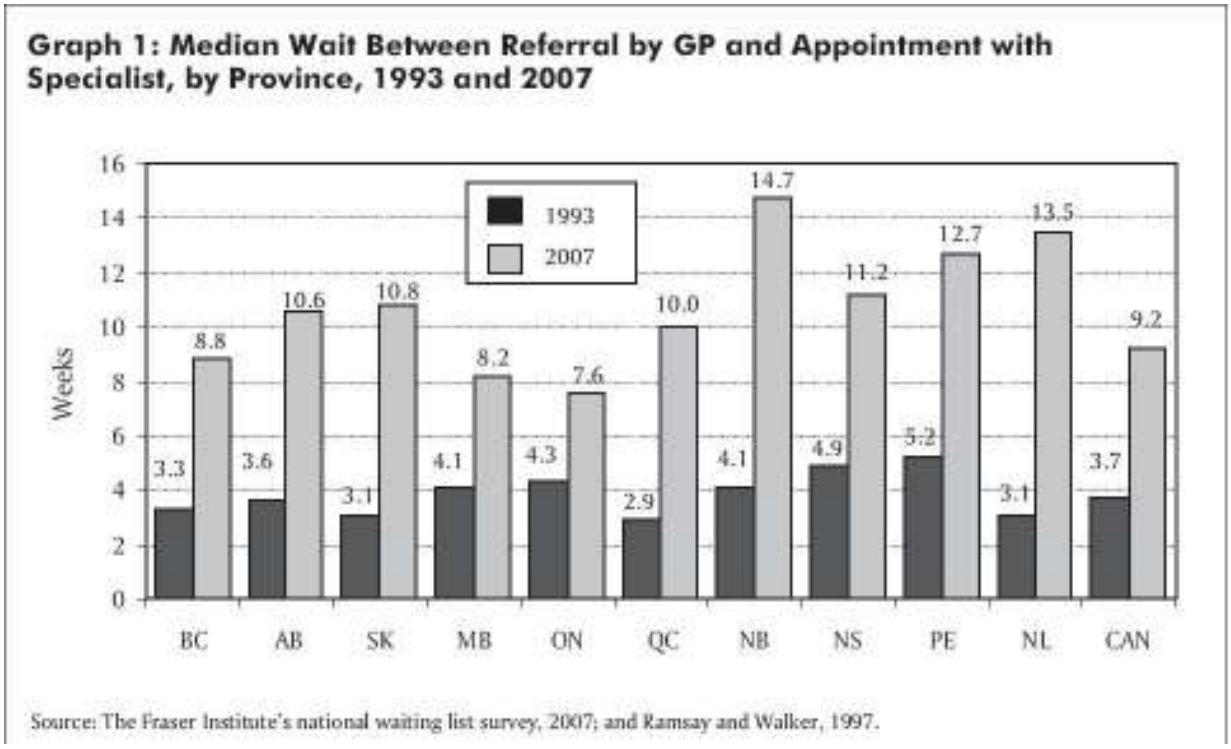
June 20, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So when Obama gets elected on the backs of ignorant youth who think it cool to wear a Che Guevera t-shirt (and I don't care if I spelled his name wrong), he no doubt will start embarking on nationalized health care.

And one of those common mantra arguments you hear from the right is "do you know how long the wait times are for these countries with universal health care???" And although hypocritical, I'm more inclined to believe these arguments without confirming them as over the years of my life, the "right wing" arguments tend to prove true and leftist arguments tend to prove false. It's why I will take a capitalist or libertarian at their word and confirm what they claim at my leisure, and will listen to a socialist with an eyebrow raised, believing nothing they say until I can confirm it.

Regardless, thanks to a friendly Canadian, he pointed me in the direction of the Fraser Institute where they conducted a study on wait times in Canada. And it seems not only were they not joking about wait times being horribly long in Canada and other countries, but they're getting worse. Here are just two charts from the report (but the report is just full of charty goodness);





Now only if the OECD or some outfit had "wait times" as a measure we could compare different countries against.

Oil at an All Time Historical and Inflationary Adjusted High

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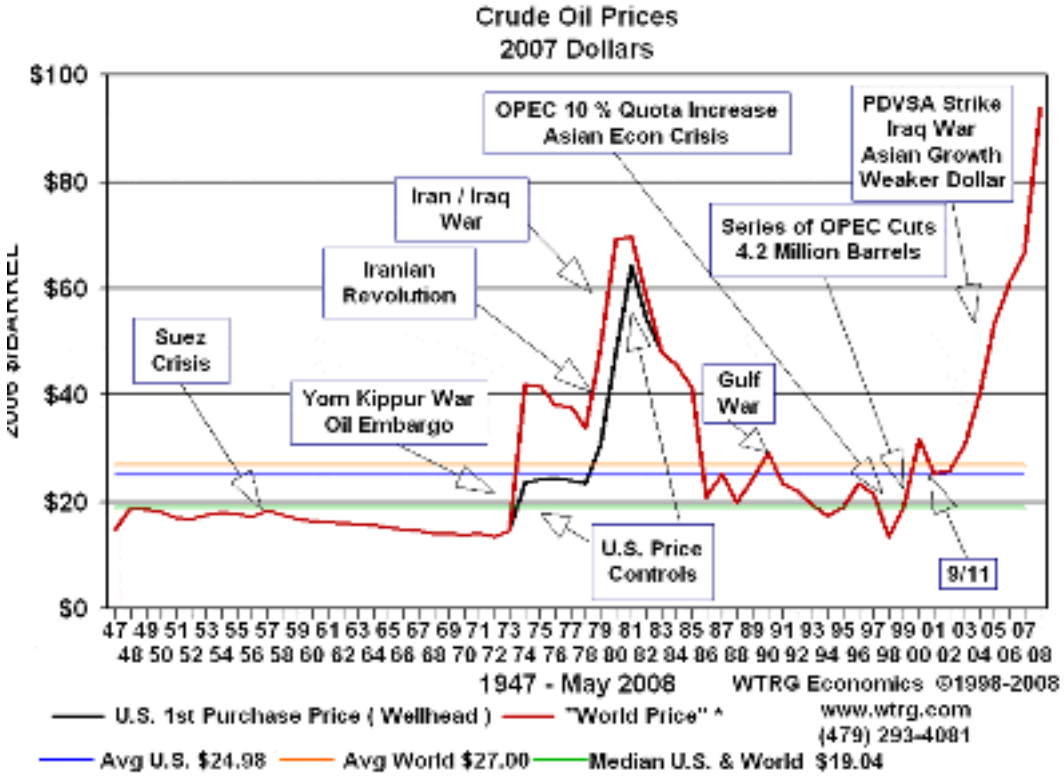

Thank you environmentalist, leftist, democratic, socialist whackos.

Hat tip to WTRG Economics. Some outright amazing data on energy.

At Least She's Honest

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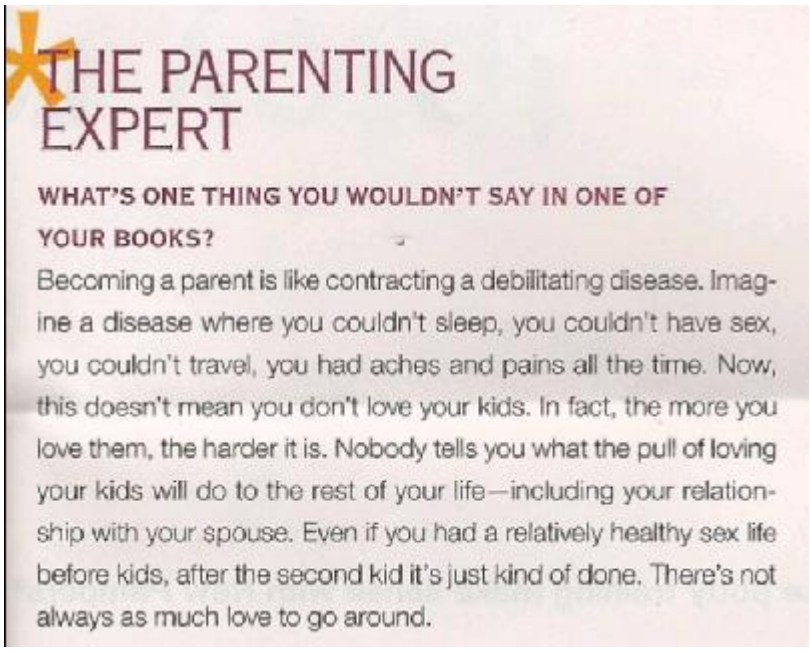
So a friend of mine lives in this mid to late twenties, preppy, cha-chi apartment complex that I call "the breeding grounds." All of 3 years ago you could find a place to park, but as these 20 somethings started meeting other 20 somethings, the parking lot gets fuller and fuller. Then little ones started sprouting out. And now it's impossible to find a parking spot.

To accommodate this demographic increase in the number of parents, the apartment management purchases a subscription to "Parent" magazine and leaves a couple free issues in the atrium. I'm not a parent, not do I care much for children, but I occasionally pick a copy up and peruse. And I do believe there is a Blogging God out there, because I grab this morning's latest issue, opened it up and BAAM!!! The Blogging God (who I shall name Morty) forced the magazine to open to something I've always suspected and was outright scary;



THE PARENTING EXPERT

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU WOULDN'T SAY IN ONE OF YOUR BOOKS?

Becoming a parent is like contracting a debilitating disease. Imagine a disease where you couldn't sleep, you couldn't have sex, you couldn't travel, you had aches and pains all the time. Now, this doesn't mean you don't love your kids. In fact, the more you love them, the harder it is. Nobody tells you what the pull of loving your kids will do to the rest of your life—including your relationship with your spouse. Even if you had a relatively healthy sex life before kids, after the second kid it's just kind of done. There's not always as much love to go around.

Now, like I said before, I shall never have kids. I've spoken about the rates of return you can realize on a vasectomy, but just how it's so defeatist that "oh, yeah, you pretty much give up your life and couldn't care less about your spouse. Your spouse is just there to make the kid happen, and then after that he/she is more of an annoyance. Sex is a chore and a bore. But, you know, that's life and this sad existence is all worth it because you have a kid." Or "there only is so much love to go around" as if love is in a limited quantity.

B as in B.

S as in S.

If this is a prevalent mentality in society today, then to hell with having kids. Aside from not having a kid be one of the smartest moves you can do financially, this psychological mentality that we're just drones to spit out children and then ignore your spouse means there's a cost to kids beyond finances and it's your life, your soul, your sentientness.

This also goes a long way in explaining when I'm at Target or Best Buy, buying GTAIV, Metal Gear Solid 4, or Army of 2, and I see a mom with her screaming child/children why her face is very somber looking, very depressed and very defeated, drawn out, broken. Lifeless and listless. And why I'm relatively happy knowing I'm going home to play a video game and my only major chore is to clean the toilet and water the garden.

To all the single and kidless economists out there, aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise, go buy yourself and drink and toast one to yourself. Life could be a lot more lifeless.

Seems I Must Explain Myself

June 23, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I take the stand that children are expensive, burdensome and not for me.

I get so much trollish hate-posts that it warrants explanation and a lecture.

#1. This is still a free country and if I so decide not to have a child, that is my god damned right. It is not selfish, self-centered or greedy. What is greedy are people who have children because children go well with the drapes and they "always wanted children" but then dump them off at a day care center or have a nanny or grandma raise them because they're too busy with their career.

#2. It is very UNselfish of me not to have a child, because I respect the would be Cpt. Capitalism Jr enough to know I would not be a good father. I would be a reluctant father. And since, unlike too many people today, I refuse to ship my kid off to a day care farm, and would insist either myself or my wife would stay home with the kid, the fact I refuse to have a child only means I respect human life and children enough to know its best I don't bring one into this world under my fathership.

#3. This Darwinian BS that "Oh, Captain, you're just the person we need to breed." BS. If my child is going to be born, I face a paradox. He/she is not going to be a loafer and live off of welfare and the state. They will be just as independent and self reliant a man as I am, under my insistence. However, the irony is that the trend is to teach children dependency and victimhood in school. And as far as I can tell or forecast, that means my offspring will just end up being a host to a generation of parasites by the default fact s/he will be a producer and not a consumer. ie-I don't have faith in the future of this country or society to bring a child into it, simply because I think s/he will just end up slaving away to pay for a bunch of whinny socialist parasites. So you guys go and adhere to this "don't you want your legacy to continue" BS all you want. I'm already a slave enough to the parasites of this nation paying the taxes I do. I'm not putting any innocent human in the same position.

#4. You TRULY sick, twisted greedy effers who demand other people pro-create so THEIR children can SUPPORT YOU via social security????? Seriously, do you not have the capacity to think independently??? Since when did children become mandatory batteries to fund your retirement? Why don't you just stick an IV in them and transfer their blood directly to your bodies? And by the way, how does that, demanding people have children to support you in your retirement, exactly differ from slavery? You sick twisted, pathetic a$$holes. You better pray and hope I don't become president/king because you're the first people I'm gunning after.

Now unless somebody has a great job opportunity for me that will make me infinitely wealthy or reason to think somehow the choice between Barack "The Socialist American Hater" Obama and John "The Socialist American Hater" McCain portends hope for this nation, please do not ask me, let alone demand I pro-create and bring a child into this hell hole. And dare I say it, before you bring another innocent soul into this world, you better think as long as hard as I have on this one before you do too.

Because as far as I can tell, that is the truest sign of love and compassion for a child; Thinking about them before they already exist.

Robert Shiller and Edward Fox; Separated at Birth???

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So to make sure the book is all legal and nice I made sure I have permission to use everybody's data for the charts in the book (of which there is no less than 35 charts - how can you not want to buy that book? hmmmmmm....chaaaarts). On of the charts is the S&P 500 P/E ratio and Dr. Robert Shiller of Yale has a great database at his site.

Still, wanting to make sure I did everything correctly I called up the office, got his very nice and sweet assistant Carol to help me out, and boom, got permission.

But when I went to his site, the picture he has up reminded me of somebody who I couldn't put my finger on. Here's his picture;

It wasn't until last night when I was watching "The Guns of Navarone" did I remember who he reminded me of; Edward Fox from the sequel "Force 10 From Navarone."

Or perhaps they are one and the same! And it has been Edward Fox this entire time

pulling of his most amazing acting yet as he poses as an Ivy League economist!

Oh, how would the markets react to that!?

It's Because You're a Socialist, Obama, Not Because You're Black

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I will preemptively address this and it will be a short post for it truly and really is that simple;

Obama, people who don't vote for you will do so, not because you're black. It's because you're a socialist.

I don't know how many Republicans, Capitalists, Libertarians and other like-minded people who because they advocate low taxes must automatically mean they're racist, would have gladly had Condi Rice as a presidential candidate over John McCain. And I'm adamantly sure that the vast majority of Republicans, Capitalists, Libertarians and other like-minded people who because they advocate low taxes must automatically mean they're racist, would whole heartedly support my presidential nominee; Walter E Williams. And there is of course the likes of Thomas Sowell and Peter Swanson and scores of others who are black and would make better presidential fodder than McCain. And the reason why we support these blacks over you, is because they are pro-capitalist, American loving Americans who are for not just social freedom, but economic freedom as well. Race really has nothing to do with it. We are truly capable of looking at a candidate for their policies and not the color of their skin.

The question is; all your supporters who are going to vote for you just because you're black and couldn't care less about your policies (because you have none except "change" and "hope" and "uniting"), is that not by default technically racist?

Just wondering.

In the meantime I will be voting Libertarian because I am done with the Norm Colemans and the John McCains of this world. Besides Walter E didn't run. Any chance of kidnapping and individual and forcing him to run?

Hope, Change, Unity and Kirk Watson

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Freaking hilarious. Shows the true intelligence and above all the substance of the Obama campaign.

This is pretty funny too.

Hard Cover or Soft Cover

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Odd question for all the Captain Capitalismites out there, but do any of you guys care if I publish the book hard cover versus soft cover? Let me know, have to make a decision here. Any advice from the market would be appreciated.

Cpt.

And If He's Wrong…

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Then I want him to pay with his career.

"But He Started It!"

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Having siblings it was a guarantee I would use the phrase "but s/he started it."

And what angers me about parents is they retort;

"I don't care who started it, I'll finish it."

This is injustice, albeit on a small level.

But that is the key, and as Dennis Prager mentioned, it does matter who starts it.

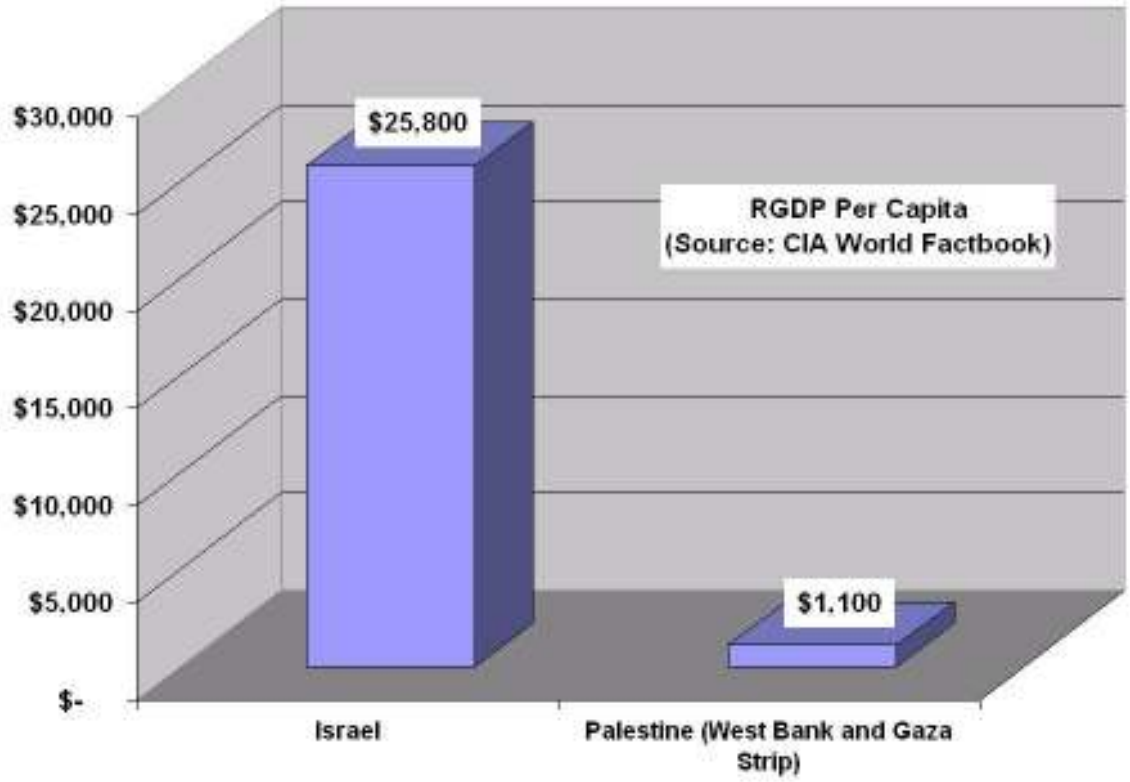
Thus, imagine my surprise when I found out the 72 hour cease fire between Israel and the Palestinians was broken by none other than....

the Palestinians.

And for all the complications between the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and for all the speculation and the philosophies of why who does what, if there is something I've consistently seen it's that the Palestinians in something nearly 98% of the time start it. I remember once, and in intellectual honesty, the Israelis starting it and where I disagreed with them. But they are heavily outdone in "starting-it-manship" by the Palestinians.

In any case, it's stuff like this that erodes any pity I have for the Palestinians because it's nothing more than outright lying when engaging in a farcical truce only to break it less than a week later. Furthermore, as long as this childish behavior keeps up, they can expect to have a standard of living equal to a one-paltry-25th of the Israelis because nobody will trust them and therefore nobody will ever invest in them. I don't see a

Palestinian ETF or indexed mutual fund out there. But I do see an Abu Dhabi/Arab regional one.



Which begets a serious question I tender to the readers out there, why haven't they realized this and what on God's green Earth compels them to keep themselves down like this? Fine, I can understand them blaming Israel and the West for all their woes, but inevitably the Palestinian people have just got to get sick of this and say, "You know what, screw this suicide bombing stuff, I'm going to school to become an engineer and play X-Box."

Thank You Ramirez

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The man rocks;

And if you want to get technical, a flea is about 200 times the size of Anwar.

Please, leftists and enviromentalist whackos, e-mail in your thoughts!

(and sorry, unless it is genuinely intelligent commentary you make, it will be thrown in the troll pile)

Adventures in Bachelortudosity

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HAR!!!!!!!

Jury Duty

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I apologize, but I just got jury duty.

Realizing what a farce the judicial system is in America I fully intend to use it as a means to advance a political agenda instead of justice.

HA HA HA!!!!

No, just kidding folks. I'm not a liberal Berkeley commie judge. I actually adhere to morals and integrity.

Regardless, postings will be a little short in the mean time as the juror vat as I like to call it, has no wifi access.

Take That PEG Ratio and Shove It

June 26, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A quick economics lesson of the day here and that is the PEG ratio.

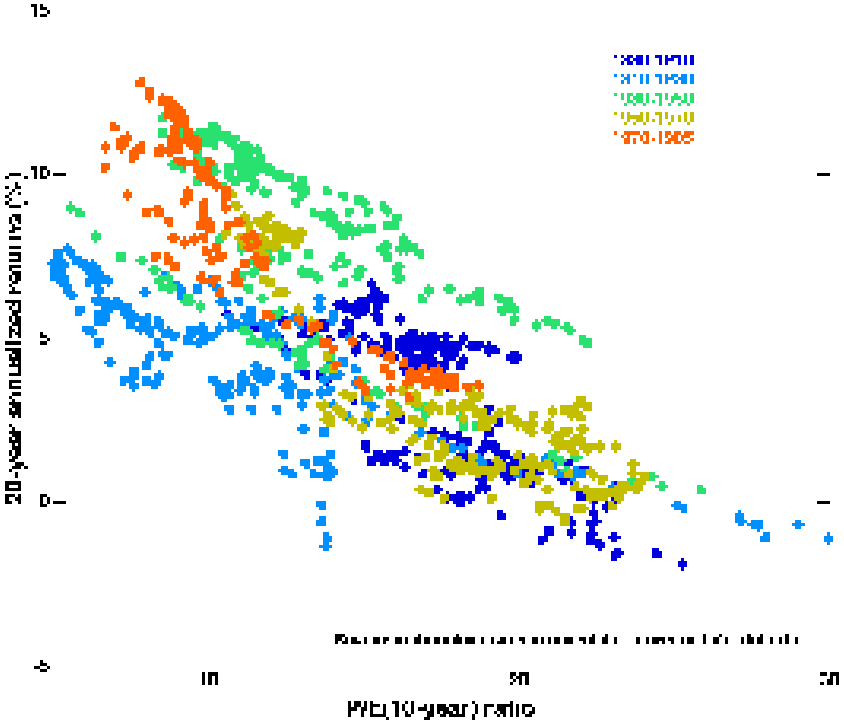
A lot of people look at a P/E ratio as a means to determine whether a stock is under or overvalued. The price divided by the earnings of a share of stock (thus, P/E) shows how much you're paying in stock price to be entitled to one dollar in earnings. Thus a P/E of 100 means you're shelling out $100 in price for $1 in earnings and a P/E of 4 means you're only paying $4 in price for that same $1 in earnings.

The problem though, is with P/E ratios they don't account for growth. So a company could be making very little now, but if its earnings grow by, say, 500%, then it will be making sizable profits in the future.

This phenomenon was played out in Dotcom P/E ratios in the late 90s. Yahoo for example had a P/E of 571 at its peak in 1999. Obviously nobody was willing to pay $571 for a $1 in earnings, but it was the promise of future earnings growth that warranted such a high P/E ratio.

Thus to account for the prospect of growth they developed the PEG ratio - Price Earnings Growth. The original version discounted the P/E ratio by one year's worth of expected earnings growth. Thus the higher the growth, the lower the PEG ratio and thus the better "deal" you'd get.

However, there's just one minor problem. Stock markets are notoriously optimistic and overestimate growth. An interesting chart on Wikipedia from Robert Shiller shows the correlation between P/E ratios and their 20 year annualized return and it shows (commonsensically enough) that the lower P/E stocks had higher returns.



This counters, or at least gives reason to question any broker or smooth talking investment banker trying to push or sell the latest stock or technology saying "well, even if it has a P/E ratio of 300, it's still a great deal because of all the future growth that will occur." History has suggested, over various periods of time, we overestimate growth and do not value low P/E ratios as much as we should.

Of course this suggests something very obvious; the less you pay for a stock, the better deal you'll tend to get. I think people would become infinitely better investors if they treated buying stocks like buying gas; you want the price of it as cheap as possible when you buy. It's only when you sell do you want the price to go up.

Down 10,000

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It was about, oh, I guess two months or so ago my grandma and dad were in town. My grandma had worked at Smith Barney back in her youth and so is quite savvy on the market and so forth. With the housing turmoil my dad asked "how far do you think the Dow is going to go down?"

I said, "Eh, around 10,000."

To which my grandma disagreed. "10,000? Are you sure? I don't think so, that's pretty steep."

Ah, the bad news just keeps rolling in.

Feces Attracts Flies

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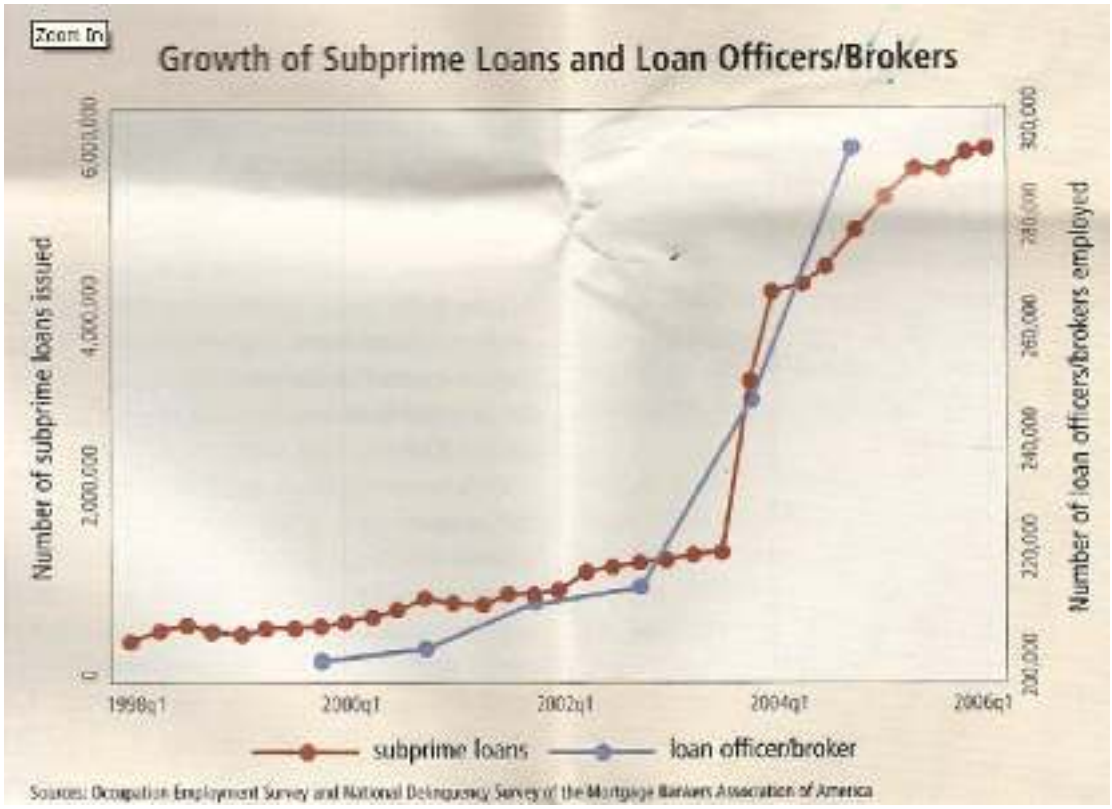

Ah, but who are the flies and who are the feces?

Would have liked to see them extend the chart to today.

Anybody Know Who This Artist Is?

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So my grandpa always had these up in his basement and they were going to be thrown out, but I liked them and said I'd take them instead. Been trying to find out who the artist is, but no luck. Below is one of the paintings and the signature below;

Kocw

The Surge is Working

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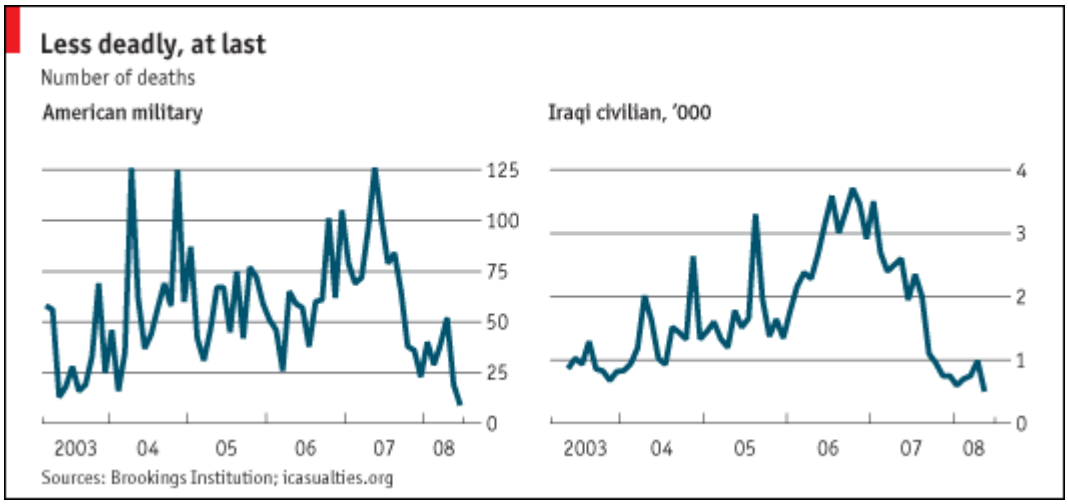
Older chart, but I've been so busy, yet I did want to post this because, well, afterall, that truth thing kind of hurts. Plus I like it when our boys do a good job;



I will never understand the defeatist mentality.

When I am King

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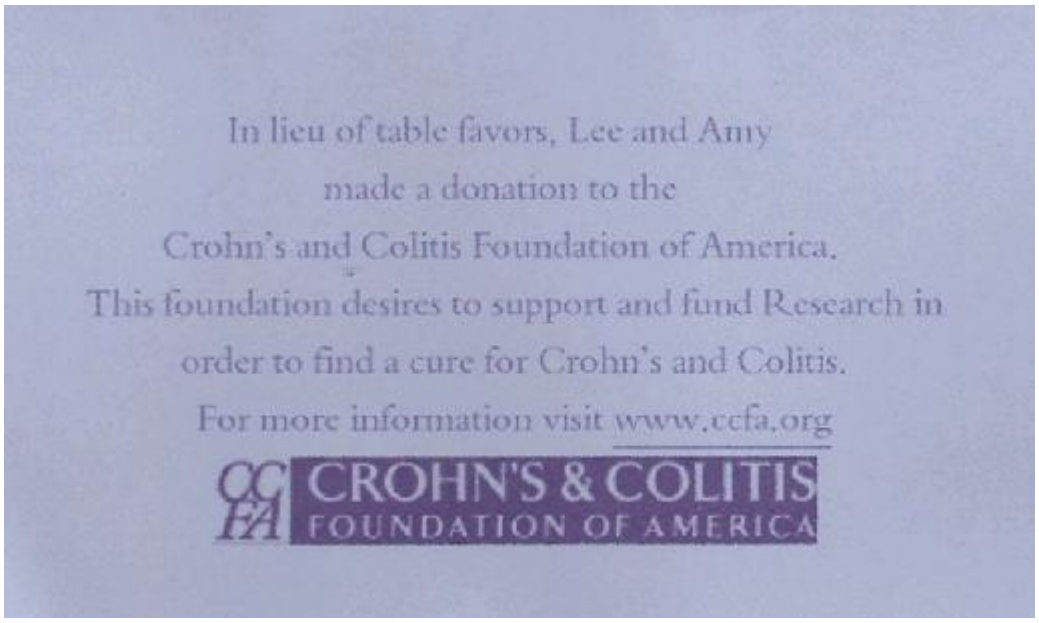
I went to a wedding tonight and if there is something that must be extinguished from society it must be this;



"I donated money to a charity and give this donation to you as a gift."

OK, seriously, when I'm king, you are one of the first people I'm going to send to the gallows.

This is not to belittle the Crohn's and Colitis foundation, but rather those that engage in such fake "altruistic" behavior. Seriously, WTF??? There are many reason why this is so dishonest.

1. What if I wanted my freaking gift? Huh, did that occur to you? Who are you to determine whether I want a genuine bona fide table gift or a donation (no matter how honorable it may be) to some charity? Truth is I don't care about the table gift. I wouldn't have even known there was a table gift to begin with. But then you say there WAS a table gift, but that was taken away from me and given to something else? Hello, how, precisely is that a "gift" for me?

2. Don't give me this gloating "how selfless and altruistic are we" BS that you were so "kind" and "charitable" to donate money in my name to a freaking charity. It's a cop out. Plain and simple. Additionally the condescending tone of it, "how dare you expect a gift when there are people suffering." No, I'm sorry, I'm a selfish, evil, capitalist, hate-filled, racist, dog-tripping, old-people punching, nose picking, booger-eating, goose stepping bastard. Where's my freaking gift?!

3. Not to accuse this particular party, but, I'm sorry, this is too rife to be abused. All I have to do is donate 30 cents to the "Captain Capitalism's Whiskey Fund" and write on some piece of paper that says "Your gift is a $5,000 donation we made to the 'Jones Cancer Fund'" I won't have kids, but I fully expect to have nieces and nephews. And when I do, Uncle Cappy is buying them X-box and ice cream and video games and fishing trips and Swiss army knives and splat ball guns and pocket bikes and water cannons and home made rockets and all the other cool stuff kids want but parents forbid. I'm not making a freaking-a charity donation in their name.

4. The concept of a gift is that you at least TRY to guess what the person genuinely wants. This is why I always advocate giving the gift of cash. Nobody is a better determiner of what one needs, than oneself. And think about what that person wants all you want, you'll never, in the quite literal economic sense give anybody a better gift than cash. In donating money to a charity of fund, you take away the semi-purchasing power of a true and genuine gift and force that person to donate their would be gift to something that is in reality nothing more than something designated to make you feel better about yourself. ie-quit giving a gift to you for yourself you cheat skate hypocrite. Either get them what they want, or cash, or nothing at all.

When I am king, "donating to a charity" as a gift will be punishable by death.

Stuff White People Like - Bumper Stickers

June 29, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Absolutely freaking hilarious.

If you're thinking about committing suicide, this will stop you dead in your tracks.

Warning - the site is pretty funny and you can get lost for about 2 hours on it.

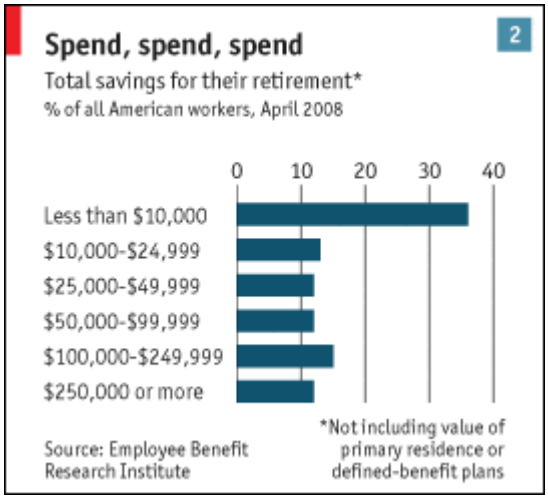
People Aren't Saving Enough for Retirement

June 30, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There are times I wonder whether I should just become a ward on the state, live off the taxpayer and not try anymore. Seriously, it gets as bad as that at times. And the reason why is I think a critical mass or a critical percentage of the population is doing so, and by "critical mass" I mean enough to tank the rest of society, so why even bother. Why not just become sub prime slime and take out all the money on my house, blow it on a fancy car, and booze it up and go to Vegas. And then send the keys in the mail to the bank saying, "sorry, repossess, I don't care anymore." And then go live off the dole.

Oh, wait, that's right, I'm not a socialist. I actually support myself.

That being said, my self-reliance and true manliness of self-supportation does not dull the pain, nor lessen the anger when I see data like this;



Apparently, that vast majority of Americans do not have enough saved up for retirement. And by default, then, must be expected Daddy Government to come in and save them.

The question is, with what?

Social security?

So here's what I want all real men and women to do. If you're interested go to this web site which will help you calculate what you need to retire. Then compare it to the above chart. And then rack your brain trying to balance your desire to be a real American and support yourself or to just capitulate and go the route of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Anyway, another great article from The Economist.

Another Sign America is Dying

July 1, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If this was the WWII generation, the WTC would be done and finished by now.

But no, we have to adhere to zoning, and environmental studies and focus groups and surveys and everything that now handicaps us from rebuilding something that should have been rebuilt in a matter of two years.

I'm starting to subscribe to the theory that the WTC should be rebuilt exactly the way it was, despite it's horrendous 1970's style architecture.

The fact it isn't built yet is a testament to the severe lack of Americanism in America.

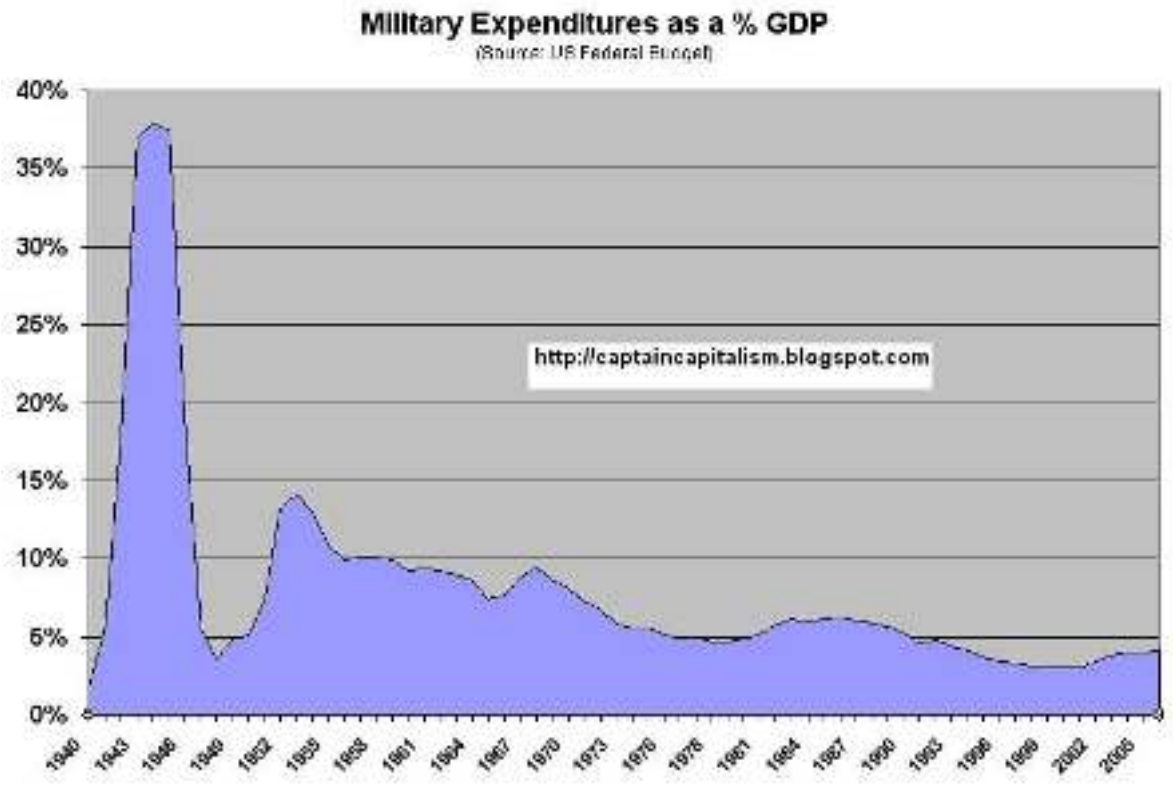
Percent of Income Spent on Gas and Energy

July 1, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

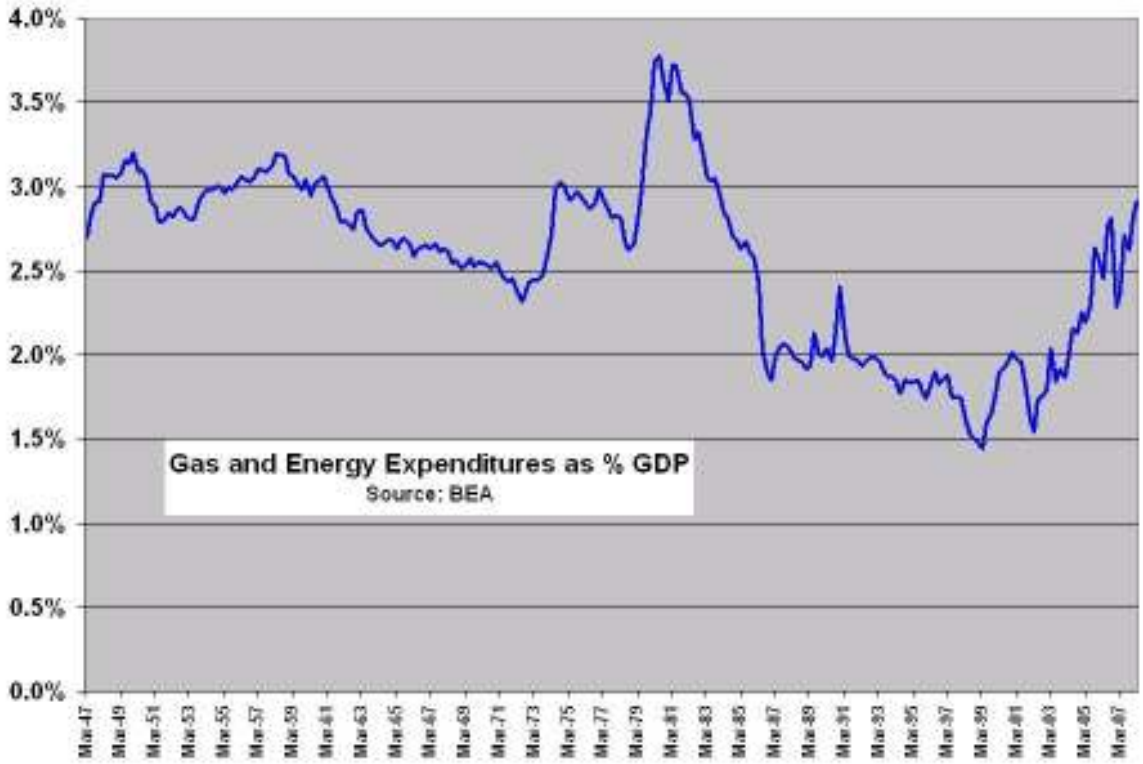
Akin to putting the Iraq war in perspective as to just how much gas costs us, I like to calculate what percent of our income we spend on gas. The reason you do this is because when people say, "the Iraq war is costing us hundreds of billions of dollars" it fails to account for two things;

1. Inflation and
2. Economic or population growth.

And when you adjust for GDP it puts things in perspective;



Thus, I've done the same with gas;



So while I'm sure it's hurting at the pump, it still isn't technically "as bad" as it was during the Carter days (though I'm sure we'll be hitting that point soon).

Regardless, this is not the worst of all worlds and is more of a testament to how coddled Americans have become in terms of their standards of living. Currently we spent about 3% of our income on gas and energy. That's in line with the halcyon days of the 1940's and the 1950's. And it behooves the question, just how bad would a recession be (if we ever enter one).

Understand a Great Depression level of a recession is very unlikely, if for any other reason technology would prevent such a dire standard of living ever occurring (a real recession would have to be created by a massive redistribution of wealth on par with the Bolshevik revolution or social security - har har har) . Thus, a "modern day recession" would be mean (heaven forbid) you have to get the sedan instead of the Escillade.

You have to (heaven forbid) wait two weeks before you buy that new X-Box video game.

You have to (heaven forbid) post pone your family vacation till next month.

You have to (heaven forbid) get a second job.

Or you have to (heaven forbid) quit drinking. And maybe not even quit drinking, just quit drinking at bars and instead drink at home.

Still, It think this is a pretty grand country where these are our major problems.

Why My Buddy Minh Votes Republican

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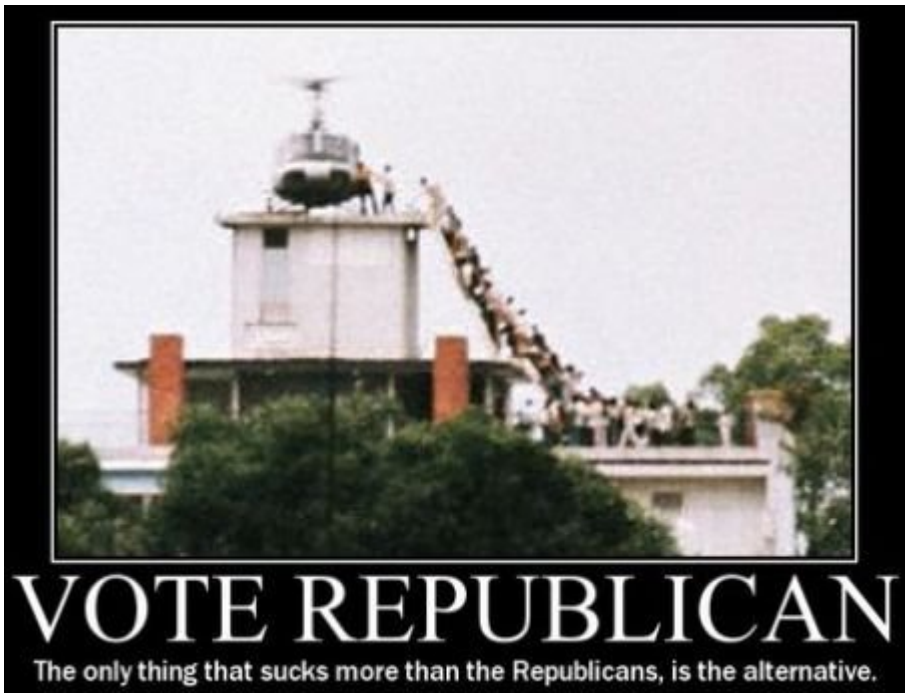
He remembers the democrat's close cousins in 1970's in Vietnam.



That being said, I will not be voting Republican as I refuse to support duolpolies.

Israeli vs Palestinian Deaths

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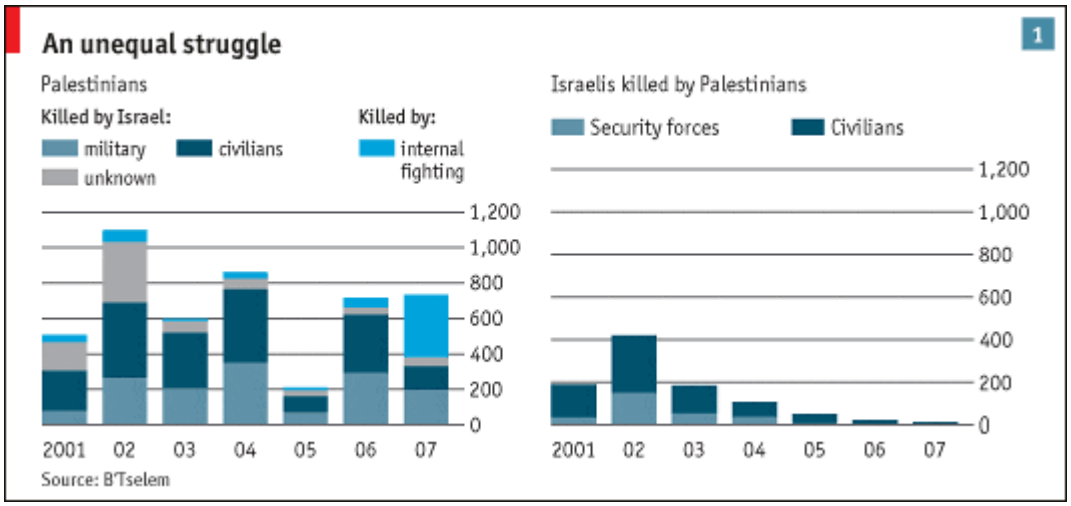
I found this chart interesting in that in 2007 infighting accounted for more deaths of Palestinians than Israel. Additionally the lopsidedness of it all;



Ich Sprechen Kein Deutsch

July 3, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I took two years of college German. Why? Because the University of Minnesota needed a way to employ all these people who major in a foreign language but don't have jobs, that's why.

Seriously, unless you're going to become a translator, then there's no reason to require TWO YEARS of a foreign language at any university. Heck, we shouldn't even be teaching languages in high schools. Seriously, how much time did you waste learning a pathetic amount of Spanish or German or French and imagine how much better you would have been served had you instead been forced to student personal financial planning, 401k management and so forth?

In any case, my German is now relegated to phrases from the video games I play, like;

Runt fur ihre leiben, die Amerikan hatte ein panzerfaust

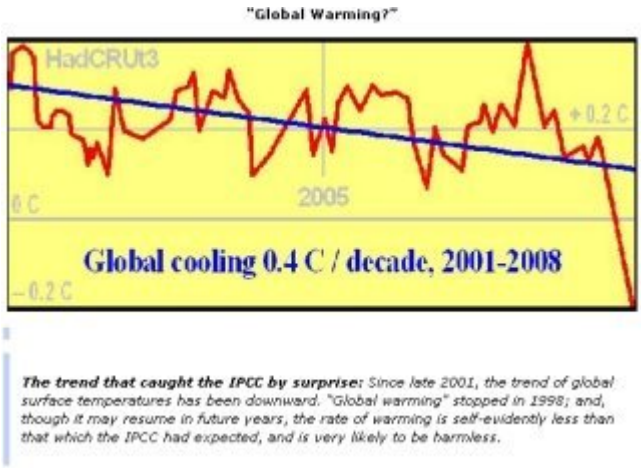
Vehrzingung, aber sie hat ihre grenate vergessen.

Gutten tag, fraulein, schones. Ich bin der Kaptain auf Kapitalismus.

And other such handy phrases.

And I'm sure they're not even spelled right.

Regardless, it was nice to see a jim dandy chart located in one of our German brother's websites;



I can't read the darn article, but this is why charts are so beautiful. You don't need to speak a language to know what they're saying. They're kind of like dogs or "hunds."

Danke.

While We're on an International Topic

July 3, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am guessing there is economic schadenfraude about the housing problems in the US. And I would even speculate, based on what I've experienced trying to get the book out there, that publishers were gun shy about doing a book that spoke ill of our banking industry.

However, I sense that in Europe, Latin America and Asian, there is no shortage of people who like to see the US get the occasional bloody nose. And not that they're cheering for socialism, but when our spoiled brats of society indebt themselves via a housing debacle, those in foreign lands would like to read about it.

Sadly, I am not too aware or familiar with the European "bloggosphere" and would VERY MUCH appreciate any Captain Capitalismites overseas that could perhaps recommend any foreign sites, blogs, people, etc. I should contact who would have an interest in pushing this book for me overseas.

"Pushing" meaning making a mention of it or a post, not going door to door.

In any case, if any of you aspiring, junior, deputy, American, foreign or otherwise economists out there have any recommendations, please send it my way. The book is being primarily advertised over the internet.

Make a post or send me an e-mail at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

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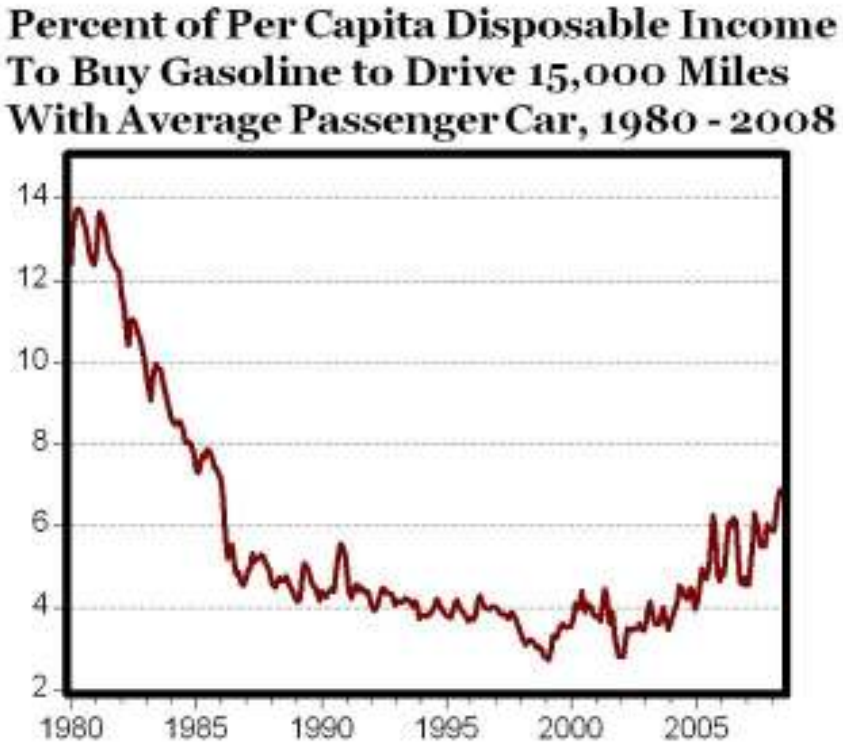
MUCHAS DANKE

An Astute Adjustment

July 4, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dr. Mark Perry over at U of Michigan Flint has made an interesting adjustment to put the price of gas into perspective.

Not only did he adjust for the percent of our income we spend on fuel, but also incorporated increases in mileage/efficiency.



Like I said, you probably spend more money on booze than you do fuel.

Sadhill Cemetery

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So I was watching The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. It's one of those movies that kind of calms you down and let's you drift off to sleep. A lot like another one of Leone's movies called "Duck You Sucker" which is an awesome movie by the way, and if you want a movie I deem on par with The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, it is one worth getting.

In anycase, usually, I can watch this movie and fall asleep. However, I got to thinking, "Where is that cemetery where the final scene is at?"

So I google around and I found it was not a real cemetery, but a constructed one for the movie. Located near Carazo, Spain.

It's one of those things that instead of visiting Paris and looking at the Eiffel Tower, I'd much rather check that place out. Matter of fact, I think it would be a must. It's one of those things where I wish I had a kid so the story could be told about how "Dad forced us to go visit Sadhill Cemetery" and then when people thought about it, they'd say, "well that's actually pretty cool. Our family went to France, but we never got to see the gravesite from The Good, the Bad and The Ugly. How unique and cool is that!" Here's what it looks like today;

Idiots

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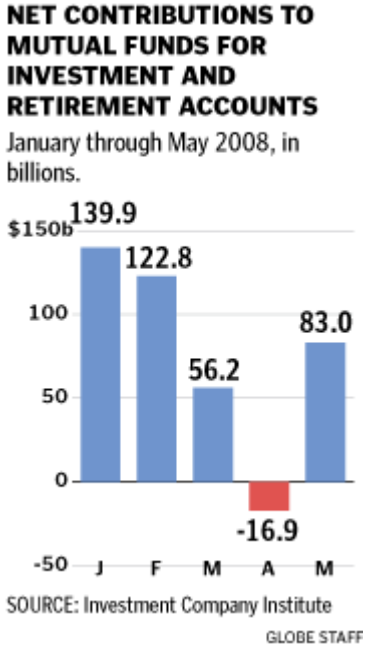
When I am king, I will mandate massive economic education programs. And one of the primary lessons will be

Buy LOW

and sell high.

Thus my anger when I saw this chart;



People are making less contributions to their 401k and other retirement plans, as the stock market has gone down.

This runs contrary to logic. Stocks, as just like anything else, be it video games, food or gas, you want the lowest price possible; ie-with the stock market tanking, NOW is the time to be buying stocks, not pulling back.

Normally I would deliver a hand holding explanation as to why this is and the merits for it, but I'm becoming more and more defeatist as I see an increasingly level of insurmountable ignorance when it comes to personal financial management in this country, that I'm just going to leave it at that.

Yep, That About Sums It Up

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Who to Blame for the Housing Crash

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So there was a news article I saw on Yahoo, "Who to blame for the economy." Apparently there's a web site that allows the "market" of people to play the blame game.

Now, the facts are this, these are the people to blame for the housing crash;

1. Sub prime borrowers
2. Greedy bankers, mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, etc.
3. Incompetent banking management

That's it, I'm sorry, that's the real world and it is that simple; People who are financial deadbeats and those that were stupid enough to lend them the money in the first place.

Alas, you can sympathize with me and my hopelessness about battling ignorance when you read the "comments" section below which belies the true intelligence of the American public and makes "Jay Walking" with Jay Leno, not a staged event. Here are some samples;

BLAME, I blame all the large corporations who send all there manufacturing overseas and failure to take care of the consumers by providing jobs here in the states. Then we can also look at the war, the president, oil prices, housing, There is to many factors to blame just one thing.

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Congress and their ability to not care about anyone but themselves.

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Alan Greenspan and his fellow bankers. Greed is king.

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Blame the mis led war. Country has spent over trillions on war instead of on its people. It is easy to blame outsourcing of manufacturing and service, where has the innovation been. Americal always innovated that is not true in today's day and age. May be someone needs to think of outsourcing innovation to other countries. We are still dependent on foreign oil. Back in 2001 there was a great push towards alternate energy, with the war euphoria, and the expectation that US will conquer Iraq the gas prices will drop to 50 cents. Well non of those happened and the reality is every one got affected.

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That's right, D.... The economy absolutely needs to be paying much more for the products that we buy so cheaply from China, India, and the likes. Maybe pay more for the computer that you are typing on. Just a thought...

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Bush has killed the economy by wasting 1/2 Trillion dollars on a war that can't be won and never ends.

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Yahoo! Finance User & Arthur M - Your clueless if believe Bush and the Republicans did this by themselfs, Name me a single issue tha you blame them for it and I'll show the Democratic blood all over it.

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It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out. Greed!

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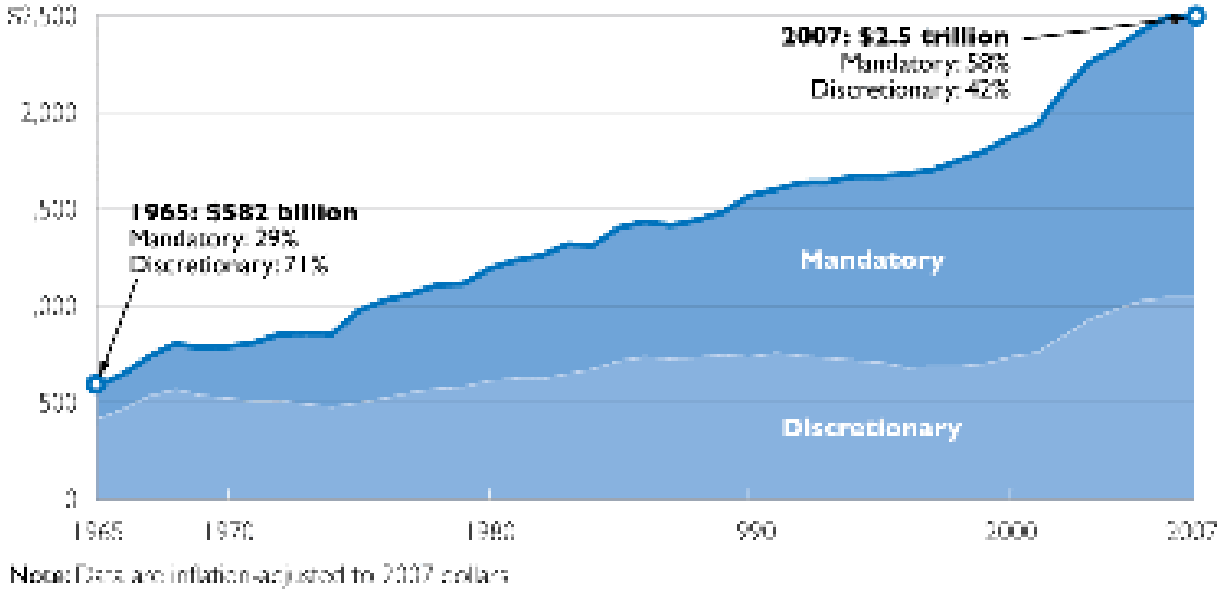
Greedy politicians and us fools who keep re-electing them.

The Republicans Can Learn Something from This.. But They Won't

July 9, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And that is no matter what you do, you will still be vilified as those evil, greedy, racist, sexist, puppy-kicking people, because you are Republicans. The Democrats want to be in power, and they don't care if you implement socialist policies, they'll still find something to criminalize you over.

Case in point, George Bush.



GW's ratings would be a lot higher if he didn't spend more money than any president in recent memory. He would have at least not alienated his base. Leftists hate Bush because, well, he's Bush, even though he spent more money on social programs than LBJ. Conservatives hate Bush because, he's not conservative.

So here's a lesson to McCain and any other Republican out there. Quit trying to be everything to everyone. You could advocate nationalized health care and the left will still try to find something wrong with you, even if they have to make it up (Bush caused Katrina anyone???). Be Republican, advocate lower taxes IN CONJUNCTION WITH CUTS IN SPENDING, be an adult and TELL the American people you WILL revamp social security whether they like it or not, because you are the father figure and you make the hard choices for this family known as America.

Of course you can keep on trying to win the favor of your children by bribing them with cake, but something about good parents are "parents" and not "best friends" comes to mind. Ah, heck, never mind, with the lot of Republicans running for office I have no hope

for the future.

Food and Fuel

July 10, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My friend John has a great saying;

"It's still a great country despite the liberals' efforts."

I always say, "Give it time."

Why College Students Shouldn't Be Granted the Freedom of Speech

July 11, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Brought up under the impression they're all winners and told their excrement is platinum by their mothers, today's college students find nothing wrong with dispensing their wise, sage-like wisdom to us schleps. Us morons, us simpletons who do not have the benefit of being so intelligent and enlightened as they. Us working stiffs who despite our age are not as wise as these 20 year old putzes.
And the reason I bring this up is because I have ran into another one of these geniuses our public schools has spit out of the assembly line, sent to the local community college, and now sent out into the real world where I get to listen to this idiot's drivel.

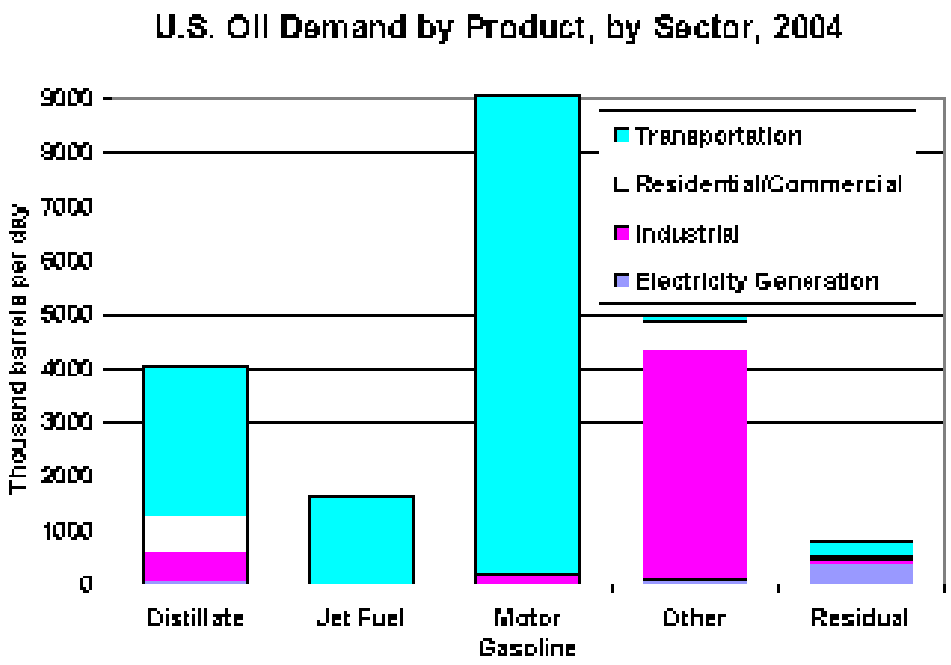
However, there is one benefit about this, and that is when the topic turns to things like economics, politics and so forth, wherein I might be "slightly" more learned than the 19 year old emo kid, I find it amusing listening to them tell me "how the real world works" and "how the economy works."

Now there was many things this latest sophomoric sage had to tell me; global warming, Obama is our saviour (did you know he's for change?)and so forth, but one of them was that if we really cared about energy independence and the environment, we'd get rid of as much plastic as we possibly could.

This was an odd one to me, because I didn't know that plastic was now enemy #1. So I asked him, "Aside from cutting holds in bottle holders so turtles don't get caught in them, how is cutting back on plastic going to help lessen our dependence on foreign oil?"

"Well," the future Albert Einstein said, "because we don't just use oil for gas, we use it for making plastics as well. And if we all just cut back on the plastic we'd use, we'd be able to do a lot in terms of fighting high gas prices. Even if you recycle your grocery bags, it will help."

My eyes now rolling, I contemplated asking him what percent of the oil we consumed ended up going into actual plastic, but thought this would short circuit his brain. I doubt he had the intellectual veracity to look it up, let alone develop this idea with independent thought, but instead had been fed a line of BS by his professor about how re-using plastic bags was going to crush OPEC and now, like the millions of college freshmen today, parrot this line of BS to parents, elders, strangers and economists who could actually verify such things.



Doing some quick eyeball math (and generously assuming ALL residuals go into plastics) 4.6% MAX goes into plastics.

What angers me most about this I cannot decide. Is it the fact such a large percent of our youth (and presumedly the “educated” ones at that) have such a lack of intellectual independence and a spine to think critically about such things and can therefore be fed such lines of BS? Is it this moron, and legions like him, are going to vote for Obama and therefore not only negate my vote, but force me to suffer the consequences of their ignorance? Or is it their arrogance in thinking somehow they’re actually wiser than people who have 10 years on them AND the ability to think for themselves? It may even be the slight depression I’m going through realizing this is the generation that’s going to “work up the wealth” to pay for my social security.

Plus, there’s a sense of hopelessness. This was at a bar, I don’t want to lecture somebody who is in under the impression he is the lecturer and I am the student at a bar. It’s pointless, he’s not going to listen. I am tired of being that one guy at the party when he was 23 that wasn’t a democrat or a pot-smoking liberal and having to defend myself, capitalism and America by a bunch of brainwashed dolts, and 10 years later, still having to do so. It gets tiring. It behooves the question, “When the hell are you guys going to grow up and start thinking for yourselves? When is curiosity or an intellectual honesty going to take hold of your thought process by which you kind of prove to yourself the sh!t you’ve been spewing since you were 18 is actually true or not? When are you going to turn off American Idol and the Barack Obama Fest on the MSM and pick up an issue of The Economist or the WSJ? Or is it going to take a massive recession and massive poverty on par with the Great Depression to kick your asses into giving a damn about the country’s finances and becoming good financial stewards of this democracy?”

And then, there they sit. Looking at me as some oddity, like a zoo animal.

“Ooo, I didn’t know we had a Republican in town. He’s so strange looking. Look at how he acts. I didn’t know capitalists drink beer. Interesting. Take a picture of it!”

Regardless, the price for this youthful ignorance that just doesn’t seem to want to go away with age is going to be incalculable. We are still a democracy. And for better or for worse, we will get the government we deserve, inevitably one that is not a democracy.

But at least we’ll be recycling plastic bags.

I'm Not a Big PETA Guy

July 12, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

But I feel bad for the bunny.

Herman, my feral backyard, bachelor bunny, sends his sympathy.

You should too. Send Snarks your well wishes.

Keep the Bad News Coming

July 12, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For all you middle age, corrupt, scum bucket bankers out there who put your precious little commission ahead of the solvency of the banks you worked at, I have one thing to say;

Keep it coming.

The more collapses and crises, the better it is for the book and the easier it will be for the younger generation to usurp power from your corrupt asses.

Sub Prime Slime

July 13, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It is known amongst my circles that I am indeed writing a book on the housing crash (and for those interested parties, yes it's off to the publisher). And whenst at parties this usually begets questions of me like;

"How much further does housing have to drop?" - Answer: 10-15%

"Are we in a recession?" - Answer: Not yet

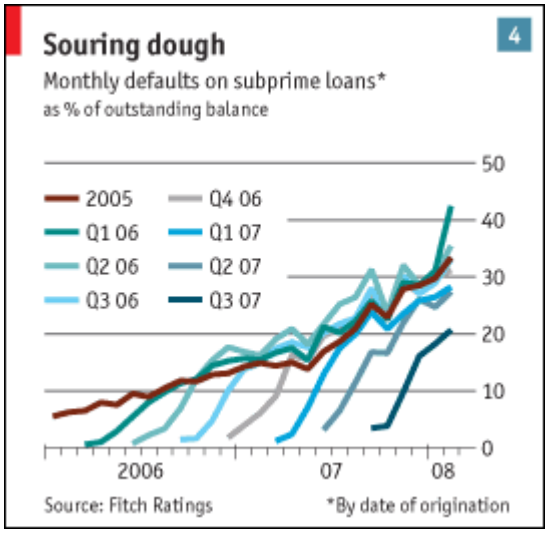
"I hate Bush, he's to blame for all my problems, including the crash." - Answer: Don't worry, I hear Obama will make it all better.

But one of my favorite responses is when inevitably they ask me who to blame, and I say, "sub prime borrowers" the knee jerk "everybody's a winner" reaction is;

"Well the majority of sub prime borrowers still pay their loans on time."

This response is typically based in pity or defense for those who are deemed "sub prime" and ergo are of a lower economic class and therefore deserving of all benefits of the doubts and are above criticism. And while technically true, the majority of the sub prime borrowers do pay back their loans on time, it's not the vast majority.

Based on "vintage" as The Economist refers to it, sub prime borrowers pain the rest of us with default rates anywhere between 20-40%. It is absolutely inexcusable that not only roughly 1 in 4 people default on their loans, but that banks and mortgage lenders were so poor at analyzing the creditworthiness of these borrowers that 30% of their client base is defaulting.



Now the modern day psychology in America is that, by default, these people are victims. Oh, the poor sub prime borrower. Boo hoo, they are in default. They must have come upon hard times. We need to help them.

I, of course, being the evil, right wing fascist who smashes butterflies and doesn't wash after going to the bathroom, am of the more old school American psychology; let them sink. I am also so bold to call these people what they would have been called all of 30 years ago;

Deadbeats.

Give it time, this too will become politically incorrect word you will no longer be able to use.

"Put Me in Command"

July 14, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of my favorite quotes from one of my favorite movies is Captain Jack Sparrow;

"Put me in command."

And that is more or less what I would like to convey to all the shareholders out there of;

Merrill Lynch
JP Morgan
Citigroup
UBS
Fannie Mae
Freddie Mac
and any other financial firm that is now having to go to the taxpayer with a cup in their hand.

Put me in command. I would do better than any one of their Ivy League educated, blue bloods and for about 1/2 the price...then again, if I was CEO of all firms, 1/2 of the normal pay for all of them would still be billions, but I would guarantee you this new megalopolis of a firm would not lose even 1/2 of a billion.

Ah, but that is unheard of, an outsider not from the East coast heading up these dinosaur of firms now becoming parasites on the US taxpayer. So outlandish of an idea, so radical to put somebody under 40 who is not a grayhaired MBA putz who's more concerned about his commission than the overall health of the firm.

Ah, to hell with it, I'm erroneously assuming it's a meritocracy anyway.

That being said, I would be the Captain Jack Sparrow of the finance world.

Housing as a Percent of GDP

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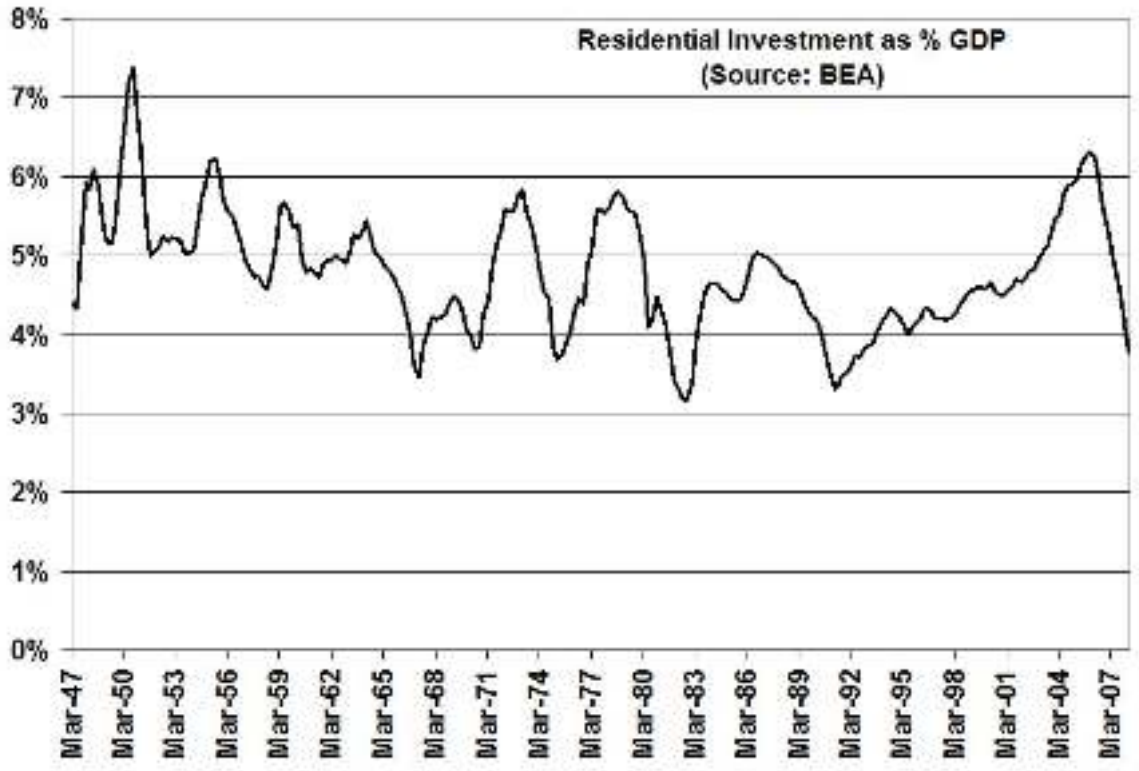
Had a request asking how much housing accounts for the economy. Well here you go;



Great

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Great, just great.

And who, I ask is going to pick up the tab?

Mandatory economics and personal financial management classes in the public schools NOW!

Oh, wait, that would kill the democratic party.

Everything BUT GDP Points to a Recession

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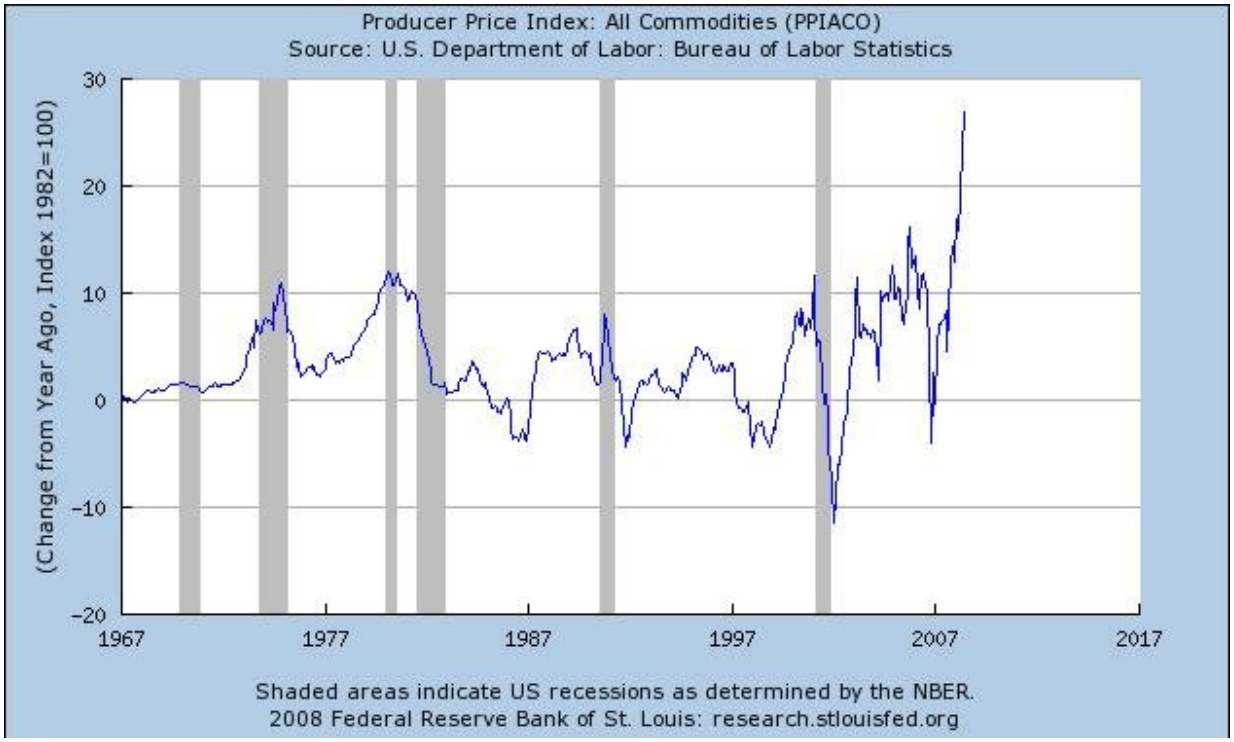
Add another tidbit of data pointing to recession, but since it's not GDP, we technically cannot complain it's a recession yet. That being said, I found this chart interesting showing the trend since the 1960's where commodity prices have jumped (as measured by producer prices) a recession usually follows (denoted by those gray bars).



Don't worry, it will happen. Give it time.

Single Christian Groups

July 15, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In my elder 20's I was recruited to play some basketball at this league for single Christian men. Only two problems;

1. Not Christian.

2. Kind of your run of the mill Irish/Jewish/American short white guy. I can dribble and pass, but my aim is nothing like Halo 3.

In any case, the presumed goal of the Christian's singles group was (I'm guessing) to meet other single Christian ladies. There was not one girl around, except for the janitor who was not...um...young.

Then I realized it was more of a polite way to get people interested in perhaps joining the church. And I'm inclined to agree. It was through comradery and fun that you would emphasize the positive aspects of Christianity (salvation, forgiveness, free wine on Sundays) and not the fire and brimstone and guilt and no smoochy smooch until married BS that you could recruit some people.

That being said, I think I will join the Church of Mindless Self-Indulgence. They have a better sales pitch.

The bachelor life is actually not too far off from this.

I Said an Alaskan Polar Bear Heater!

July 16, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So one of my favorite movies is the original Nutty Professor. And probably the best scene is when Buddy Love goes in an orders an Alaskan Polar Bear Heater (which you will click on now).

This guy actually made one and tried it.

I too shall follow in the footsteps of Buddy Love and try one.

Thus concludes your obscure American trivia of the day.

Oil as a Percent of the Trade Deficit

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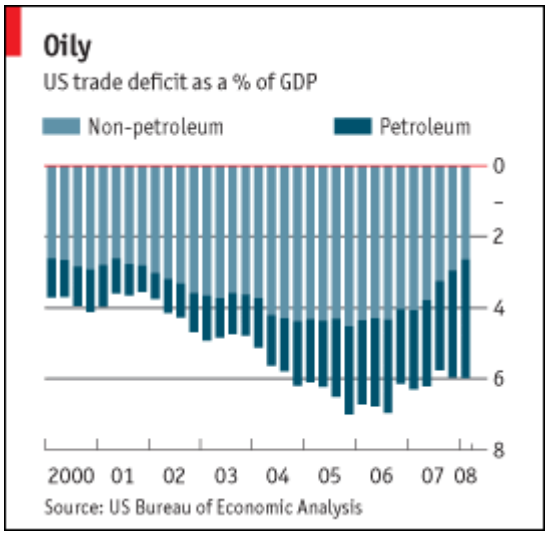
Another interesting chart from The Economist.



Didn't realize oil was nearly half our trade deficit.

Paid Maternity Leave

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80 weeks off the ladies of Sweden get when they have a kid.

That's 560 days. A year and a half you get off from work, WITH PAY, for having a kid.

I'd be curious to see how many of them then spring for day care so they can go about and play for a year and a half and not really raise the kid. Or, since this is Sweden, have the government day care take care of the kid while they take a 16 month vacation.

Anybody from Sweden know if people do that? They get the 1.5 year maternity leave, but then send the kid to day care and loaf around for 16 months?

How Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae Work

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This sums it up.

Awwwww, Poor Babies

July 19, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is a photo of oil traders in shock at the precipitous drop in oil prices.

AP Photo: Oil traders react during trading activity on the floor of the New York Mercantile...

The irony is they're upset because the price of oil DROPPED.

To hell with them.

A Week of Oil Charts #1

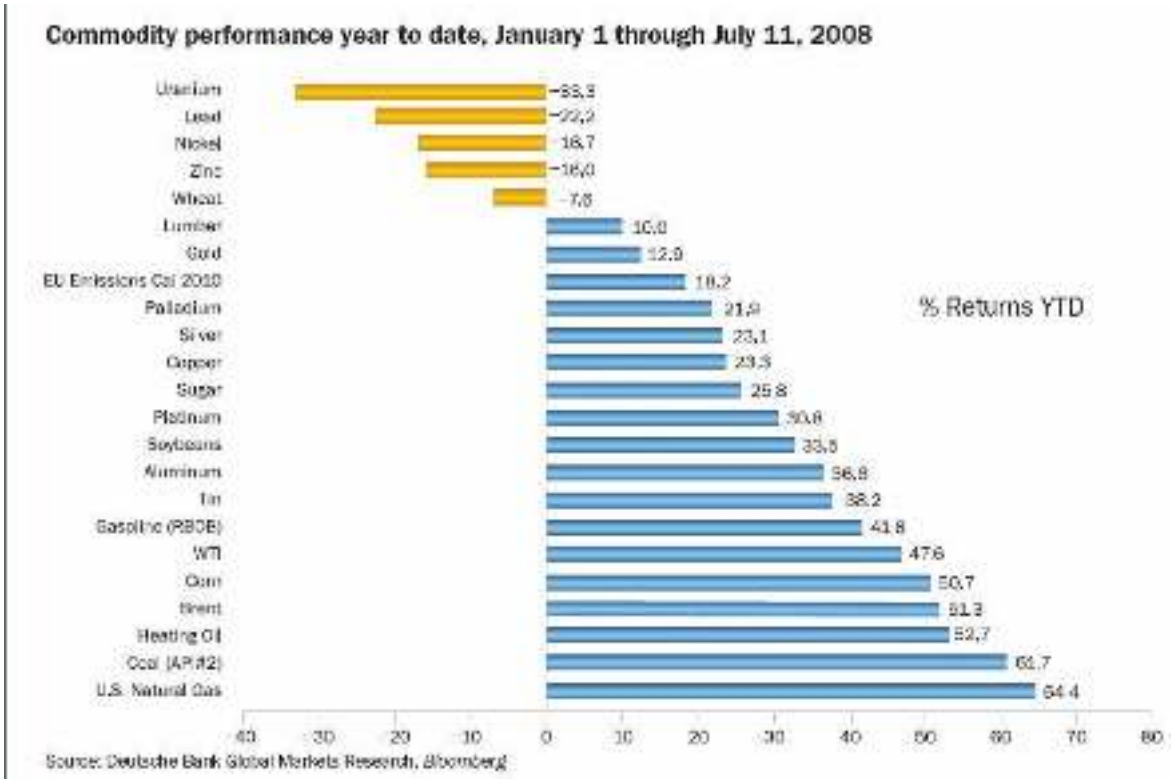
July 19, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I got an outstanding report send to me the other day which does a great job of showing why oil is so overvalued, why it isn't BIG OIL that's been driving up prices and is about the best way I can think of (aside from $4 per gallon gasoline) to convince those (primarily on the left) that it is plain, simple economics driving prices and not some BushCheneyHaliburton Bogey Man.

And I say this with a half conciliatory tone in that I want to in a very Dennis Prager type way to try to convince those otherwise instead of just berating them as "stupid effing liberals." That being said, if these charts don't convince you, then I have no problem berating you, simply because if you can't see this is why oil prices are so high, then you literally, quite LITERALLY are one of two things;

1. A moron
2. An operative who fully knows why gas prices are so high, but will feign otherwise because you have a political agenda and are not only being intellectually dishonest, but a hypocrite as well.

So here's the first chart, which I think some of us are already familiar with, other commodities have been going up as well;



This obviously points out that if you're going to blame "big oil" for manipulating prices, then you might as well blame "big wheat" "big aluminum" and "big copper." Prices of

pretty much all commodities have been going up because of increasing demand from other countries around the world growing at a much faster pace than the US.

Again, if you are to be intellectually honest, then you should be just as pissed at big corn or big coal. You would also have to expand your conspiracy theory to make it so Bush and Cheney not only ran oil, but all these other commodities as well.

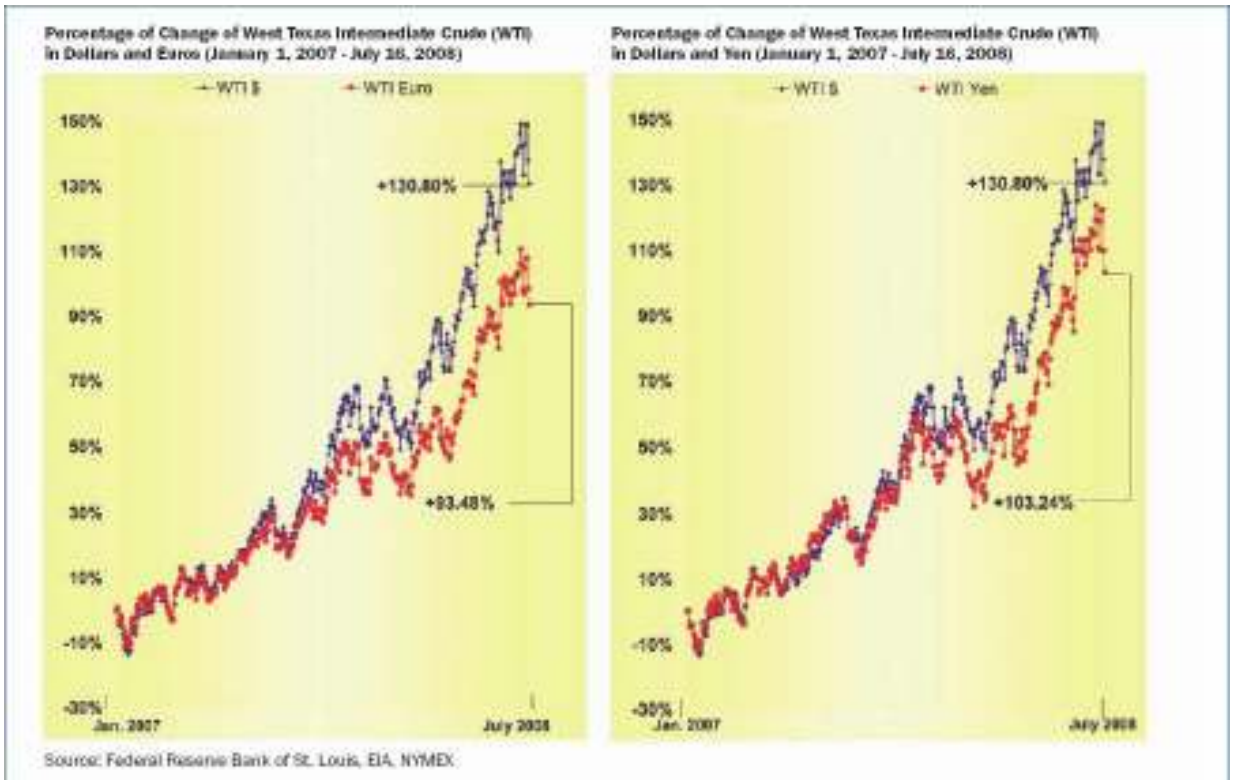
A Week of Oil Charts #2

July 20, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A troll once wrote in, "well how do you know that it's the value of the dollar that's affecting the price of oil."

And if you think about that question, it is one of those genuinely stupid questions out-come-based educated kids will ask, thinking there is no such thing as a stupid question. Because the question answers itself.

Yes, the value of the dollar or any currency will affect the price of things, especially if you're importing it. So to, again, advance our basic economic understanding of why gas prices are so high, one of the main reasons is the value of the dollar has dropped, thereby necessitating more dollars to buy that same barrel of oil compared to other currencies;



The interesting thing about this, is in addition to Nancy Pelosi and the democrats continuing to do their best to keep oil prices high, the left is also indirectly to blame for high oil prices in that what they do for careers does not help the value of the dollar.

The Starbucks Solution

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Starbucks is closing 600 stores and so their customers are signing petitions now to keep them open.

1. Anybody want to point out the OBVIOUS freaking solution to this problem then?
2. This speaks volumes of the mentality of (predominantly) liberal thinking of the clientele that goes to Starbucks. The solution lays in protesting, not a free-market solution like BUYING MORE FREAKING COFFEE!!!!
3. The tone these people have as if this is some kind of major trauma or problem. There are times I wish we had another Great Depression to put these idiots' minds in perspective.
4. HOW MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS DO YOU HAVE AND HOW KITCHY-KOO IS YOUR LIFE YOU CALL UP STARBUCKS BECAUSE THEY CLOSED A BRANCH??? I just want to see their daily planners and one day in those planners;

9AM - Wake up
10AM - Go to Starbucks and talk to other locals who have a lifestyle that allows us to go to Starbucks and not have a real job like the people in "Friends."
11AM - Shop at the local whole/organic foods market.
Noon - Afternoon Starbucks serving as a pre-game show to "The View."
1PM - Watch "The View" and then go back to Starbucks to discuss with friends how insightful the people on The View are.
3PM - Return home to work on local community initiative to ban smoking in private homes. Then start new initiatives to not only ban smoking, but drinking and thinking and talking.
4PM - Whew, is it 4PM already? I need Starbucks!
5PM - Go home to change for an interpretive dance/play at the local theater put on by the local unemployed actors guild - thank god they serve Starbucks!
8PM - Time for my power-hip-hop-infused-pilates-yoga class!
9PM - Feed the cats
10PM - Decaf Starbucks!

I can only imagine what John Wayne and George Patton would think of America today.

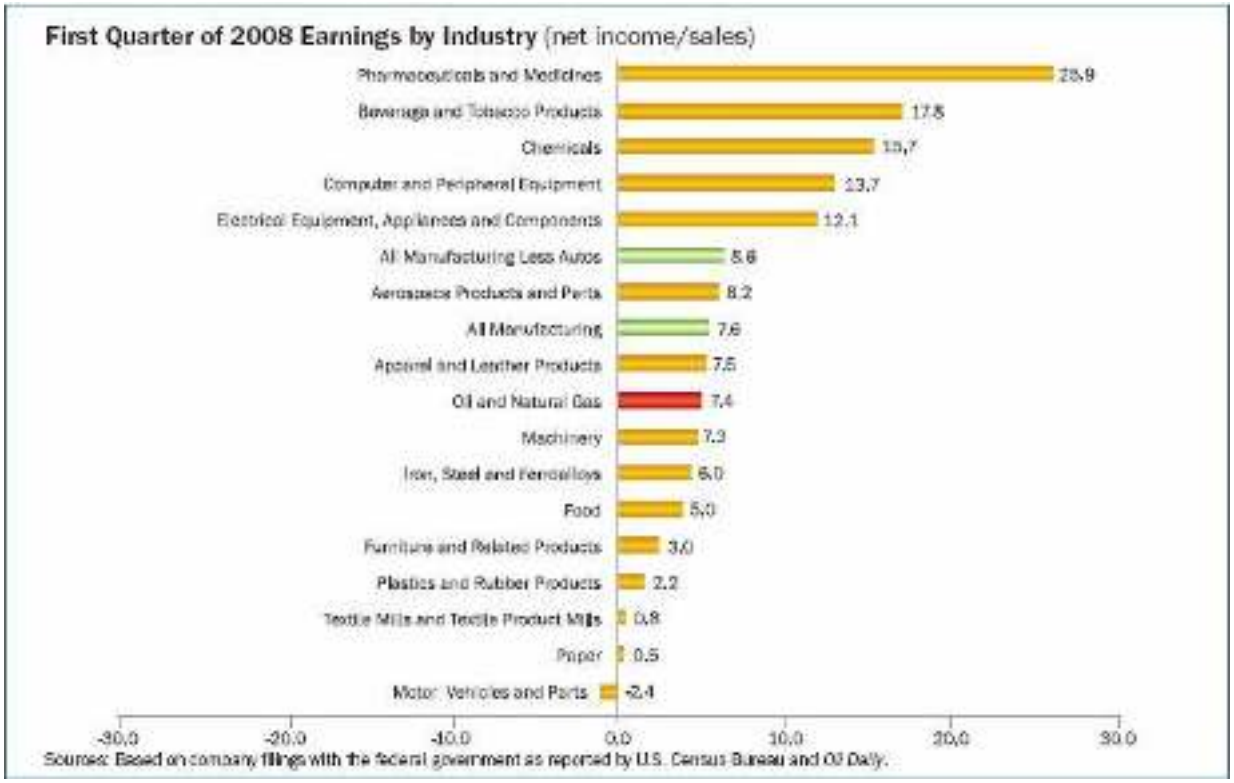
A Week of Oil Charts #3 - How Big is Big Oil

July 21, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Big oil" is english for "I'm a freaking idiot."

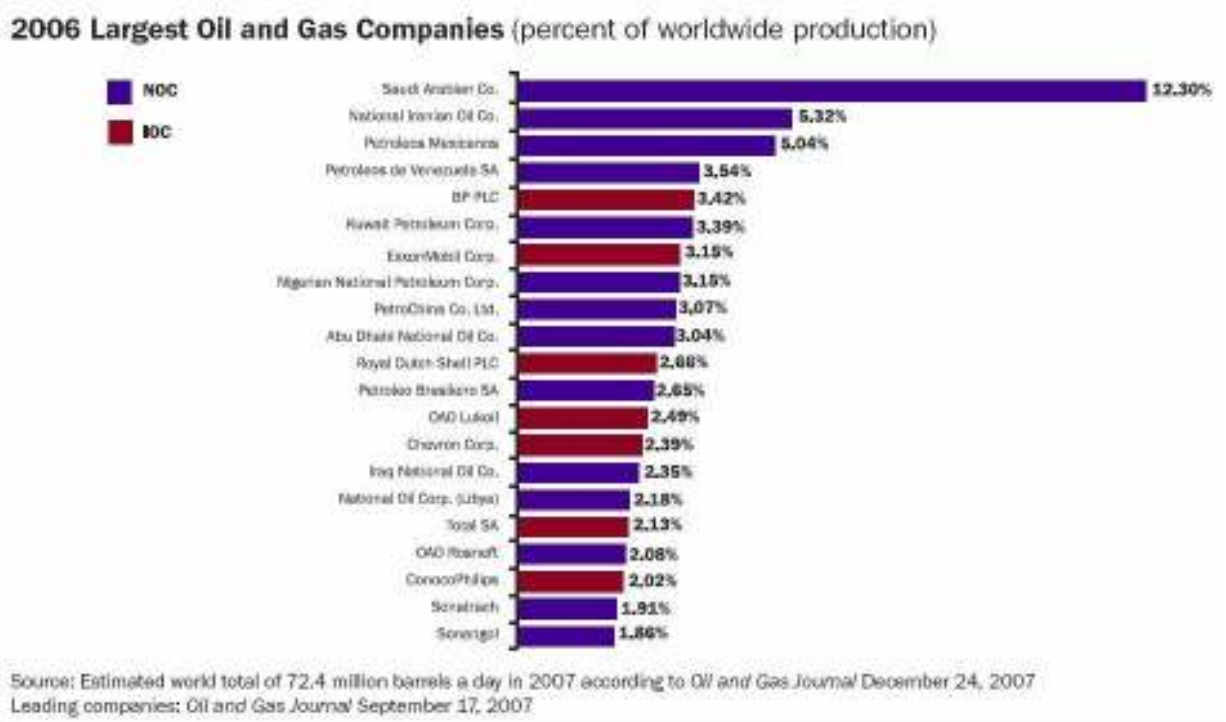
When people use the phrase "big oil" and are referring to the likes of Exxon and BP, you can know, with immediacy that person doesn't know what they're talking about. And the reason, despite these corporations being multi-billion dollar firms, is that they're not really that big.

Not that big compared to the rest of the economy;



(I'd love to see I Pod profits to oil profits)

And not that big compared to the REAL big oil; nationalized oil firms in the Mideast.



Ergo, I think we should start a campaign to revoke the voting rights of people who use the term "big oil."

The Banking Industry Needs Ronald Speirs

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The parallels between this and the banking industry is unreal.

I wish it would be just as simple as going to the likes of Wachovia, UBS, Indy Mac, and the bevy of other blood letting banks out there and tell them, "I'm taking over."

Al Qaeda and Taliban Deaths vs. US/UK/Allied Deaths

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I've spent the last hour trying to find some kind of official figure. Does any junior deputy military economist happen to have these figures or know where I could find them?

A Week of Oil Charts #4 - You are Big Oil

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Presumably according to leftist religion (I've decided to call it a religion because socialism cannot be proven to work and it's largely based on faith and hope and self-appointed leaders asking you to give them your money), "big oil" would be owned by a few ultra rich elitists. You know, Bush, Cheney, and Rumsfeld each holding a 33% share with the tie breaking vote going to Hitler (who was resurrected by a secret CIA program to provide Bush guidance - it's true!).

However, that annoying pest to leftist religion known as "truth" paints a different picture.

Apparently we all own big oil. You do, your friends do, your mom does, even your grandpa. If you participate in pretty much any 401k, 403b and 457 plan, it's almost a guarantee you own a piece of big oil. And not just a small piece, a big piece. Matter of fact the whole damn thing.

This is another ramification people who like to bash big oil better start thinking about. If you want to tax them more, then that means their price will go down and you'll be hurting not only yourself, but the millions of other Americans who've invested in them indirectly via their retirement programs. And if you really do care about the elderly who are living on a fixed income, how about you not destroy the value of their underlying investments and leave them be. Additionally, dare I point it out, oil (and other commodity firms) are

about the only stocks that have been doing well over the past year. Imagine how much less would be in your retirement account if you didn't invest in big oil.

Of course, this is called "logic" and "thinking things through" which is something the big oil conspiracy theorists cannot do. They can only "link" about one or two levels, a perfect example being corporations moving offshore.

You hate them.

You already tax them at 40%.

And you want to tax them more.

You demand they pay for everything.

And then you act surprised that they move offshore to Abu Dhabi or the Caymans or Ireland.

It's like beating your wife and being surprised she leaves you.

Alas, they cannot link the two together and therefore not only are corporations bad for making a profit (be they oil firms or otherwise) they're doubly bad for having the gall to move to a more business friendly environment.

Regardless, it's these kind of things, where there is a lapse or an inability to link the consequence with the action that triggered it, where I often opt not to debate socialists as it's pointless.

How Much of the Mortgage Market Does Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Account For?

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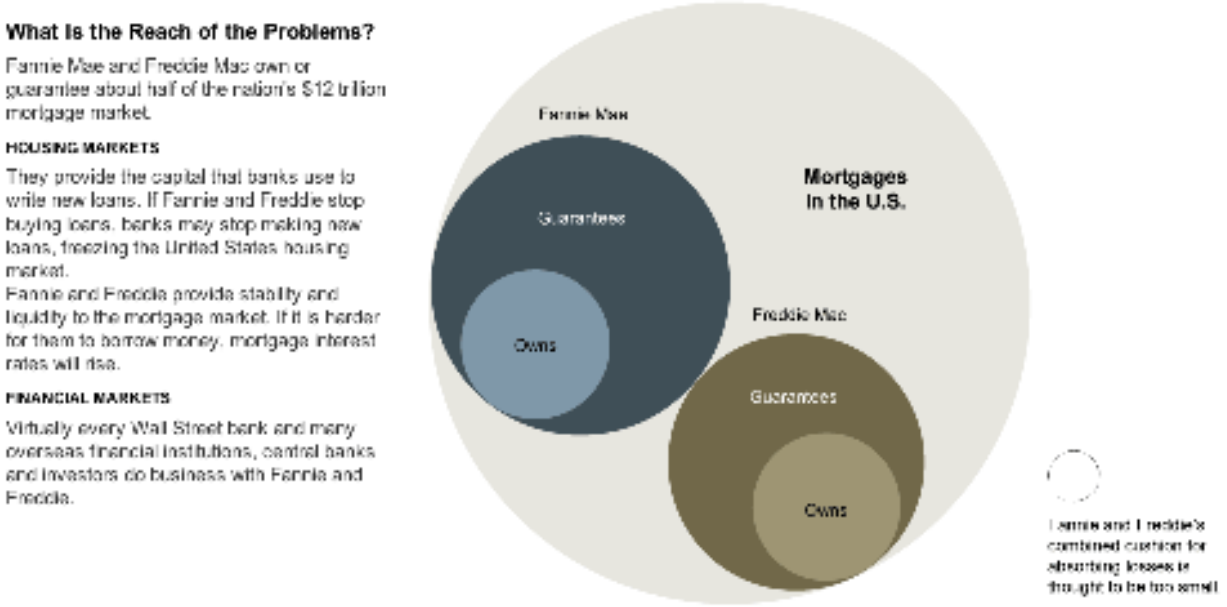
A neato chart by the NYT. Even though they are communists, scratching their heads why their ad revenues are plummeting, I will give a hat tip to them for this splendid and fine chart;



ht to housing.com

The Democrats Take Over the Fed

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Like the judicial system, the democrats are attempting to take what should be unbiased, apolitical institutions and turn them into political footballs, namely the Federal Reserve. Having things such as an unbiased judicial system, not to mention central bank, is vital if you desire to have any semblance of an operating country. Alas nothing is sacred to the socialists in this country.

Of course, many thanks to the MSM to bringing this to our attention, NOT!

McCain vs. Obama - Money Raised

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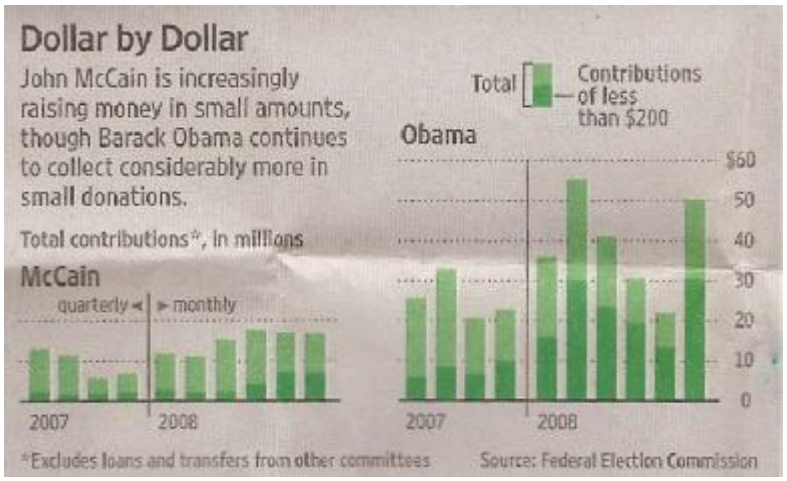
I love it when I'm told the Republicans/Conservatives in this country have all the money.



If you think for a second Obama is some innocent, poor farm boy from Illinois with no connections and therefore no strings attached, you are a fool.

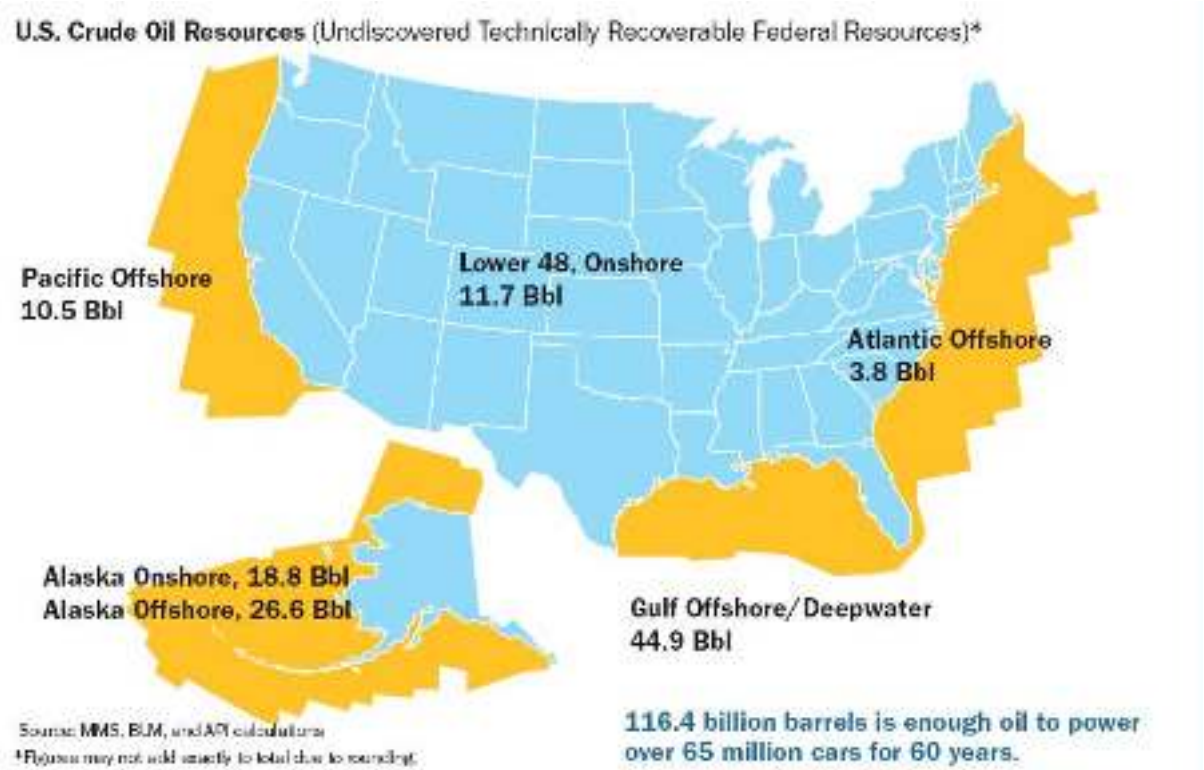
A Week of Oil Charts #5 - "The US Doesn't Have Enough Oil to Make a Difference"

July 23, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

B as in B

S as in S.

The US has lots of oil. Enough to fuel 65 million cars for 60 years arguably.



But we'll never know because the likes of Nancy Pelosi and her socialist brigade of democrats insist you me, poor people and rich all pay more for gas because it would ruin her pompous constituents' view of San Francisco Bay...errr...I mean "it's bad for the environment."

Never have American's handicapped themselves and retarded their progress for such stupid reasons.

Do You See What I See?

July 24, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, let's see if you can tell where the REAL problem lies.

As US Economic Woes Mount, Homeless Plan to Vote

TOPICS: Credit | Real Estate | Housing | Elections | Presidential Politics (2008) | Politics & Government | Consumers | Economy (U.S.)

By Reuters | 23 Jul 2008 | 02:54 AM ET Font size: A A

Single mother Mary White worked as a sales clerk until the bank foreclosed on the home she rented. Tossed out on the street with her six boys, she lost her deposit and her job. Now she is revved up to vote in November.

CNBC.com

"My situation is going to make me want to vote even more," she said. "I want to say that this should not be happening to people in America, and I am very angry and upset about it."

White, 42, is among many homeless people eager to cast a vote in an election year dominated by the shaky U.S. economy and a deepening housing crisis.

The U.S. government estimates that more than 400,000 people around the country sleep in homeless shelters each night, with many more on the streets, under bridges and in parked cars.

Advocacy groups say that some 3.5 million Americans will find themselves homeless at some point in a year.

As home foreclosures passed the 2 million mark last year, organizations offering emergency

Is Ms. White's problem the big bad republicans and George Bush forced this horrible housing market upon her or....(fill in the blank)"_____."

Empirical Economic Proof Why the War on Drugs Has Failed

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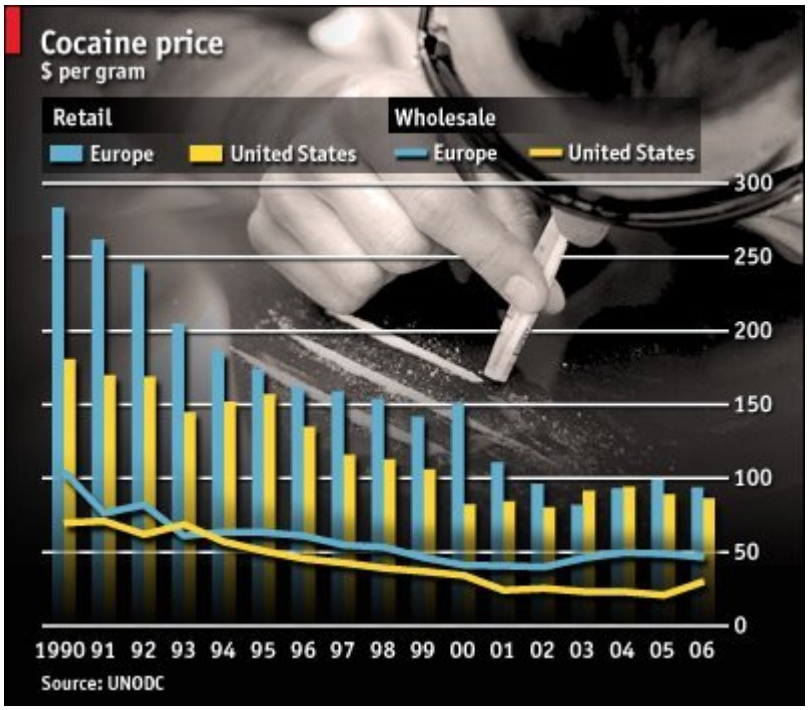
I can make no simpler nor convincing of an argument for the legalization of drugs that this;



War on Terror Almost Costing as Much as Sub Prime Dead Beats

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$860 billion.

Almost as much as all the sub prime slime has cost us, but at least you can say with the Iraq war it was for a good cause.

Warning - All knee jerk pacifist rhetoric will be summarily ignored as we've heard your side for the past 8 years and I'm sure nothing new will be said.

The US is Slowly Turning into Europe

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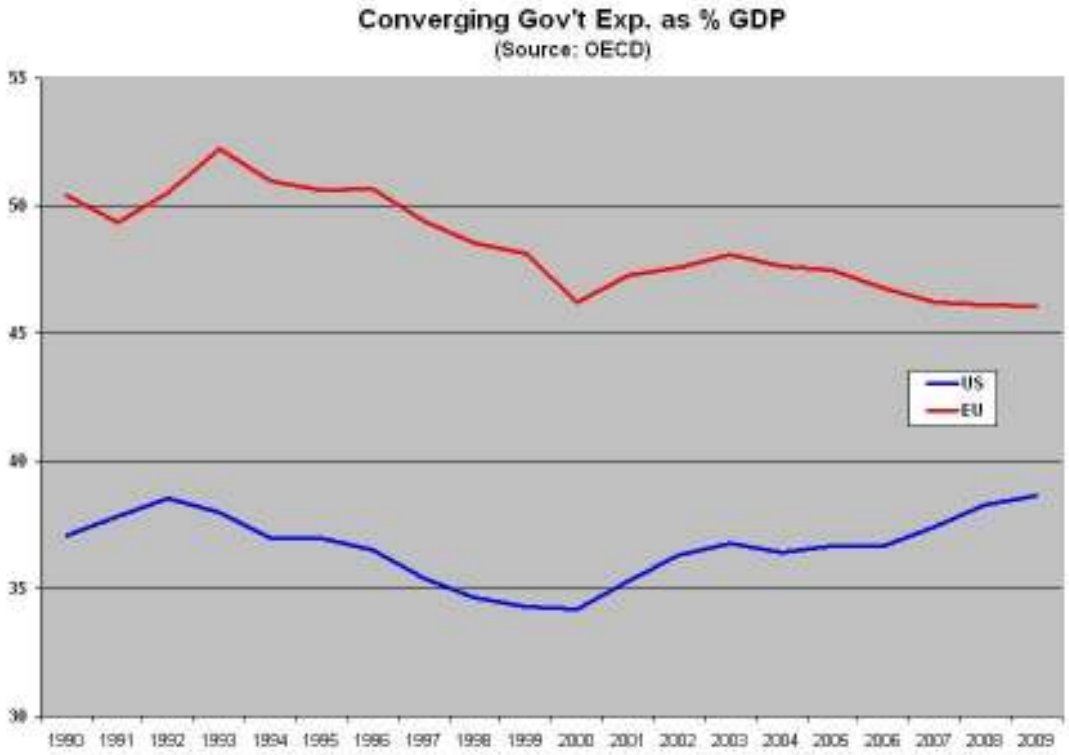
There is Europe and then there is the US. The whole idea was that they were two distinctly different "cultures;" The US being the tough, rugged, individualistic, don't give me your freaking charity General Patton types who pull themselves out of poverty with sheer hard work and ingenuity. And Europe being more of the caring, compassionate type, who is willing to lend a hand (other people's hands, matter of fact) and institute a more socialist society. Not that they are rivals or enemies, but in the grand scheme of things, two neighbors with differing political views, that still like each other none the less and can get along. Additionally, having the option allows for true diversity and if the more entrepreneurial wanted to leave Europe to chase their dreams in the US, or those in the US wanted a cushy government job and never really wanted to build an empire, but just live a decent life in Europe, so be it.

But the two are merging and becoming more homogeneous than we think;



Even under George Bush, dictator, tyrant, puppy killer and one who talks in the theater, the trend in the US has been to increase spending. I know we all like to point to his tax cuts, but they're not real tax cuts as they haven't been accompanied by cuts in spending. This is merely postponing taxes into the future as all government spending must be paid for with taxes. Either today, or tomorrow, they must be paid. Ergo, spending is the real measure.

But Europe as well has been trending towards America, cutting their spending and abandoning their more socialist aims.

The result?

We (the west I mean) will all become boringly the same. The French will be less French. Americans will be less American, and therefore less warranted to pick on the French because we'll be more like them. And worse still there will be no more real "America." It will be socialism lite under Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi. And, despite what lefter leaning types will claim, we will lose the one thing that has made America different and better than Europe and made us once the beacon for the massive emigration out of the old continent and the envy of the world; economic freedom.

You can come here, but you're going to face 40% tax rates.

You can build a company here, but we're going to tax your corporation first at 40% and then you at another 40%.

You can live here, but you're going to have to pay for all of our retired population who so poorly planned for their retirement, that they'll need another $10 trillion in subsidies to pay for their medical care.

Sadly, the US will become another European nation, not unique, not special and definitely not American. And the only countries that will be "American" will be the various smaller nations such as Bermuda, Switzerland, the Caymans and Hong Kong, and China which is trending rapidly to an old school style America.

How American's View Business

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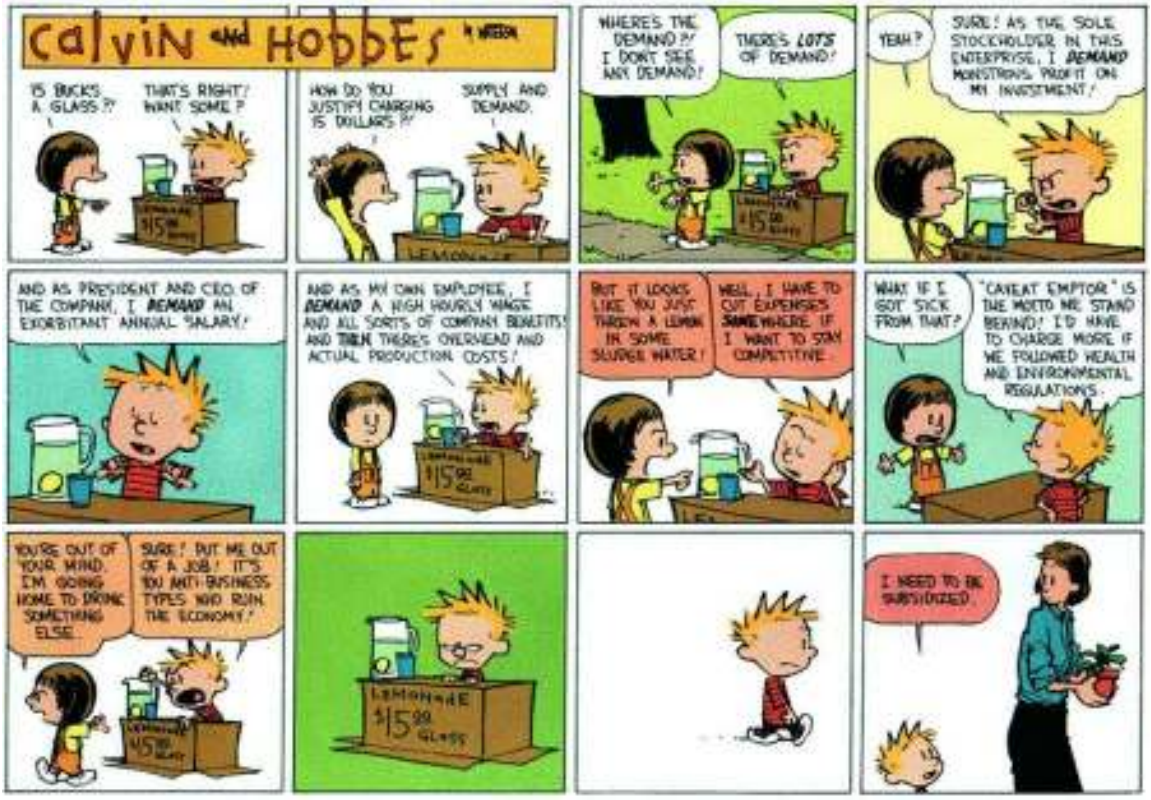
Everyone is entitled to everything, and if they don't get what they want, they go running to the government;



Another Reason AlQaeda is Failing

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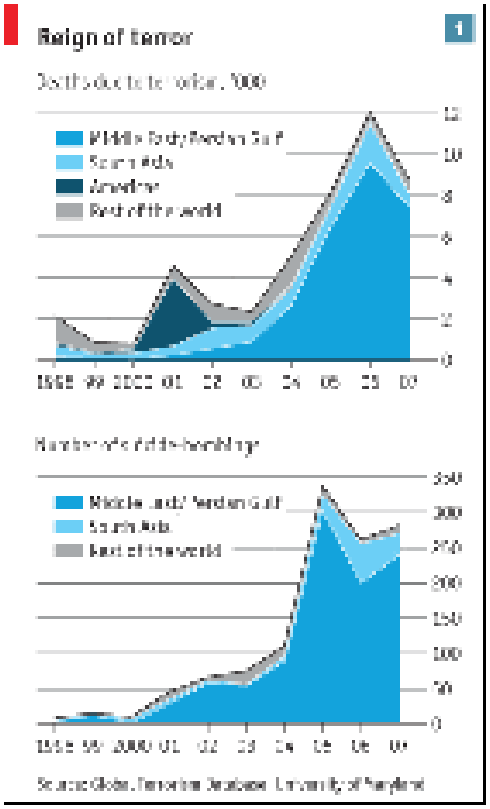
Presumably the goal of childish little men running around the desert subscribing to a literalist interpretation of an archaic scribe to make themselves feel important was to bring down the mighty west, particularly, America. And while they did manage to kill 3,000 people in two fell swoops, the overall results are, frankly, not in their favor.

For while they had an immediate and initial success, over the next few years, all they managed to do was kill their fellow countrymen in a spate of suicide bombings.



I do not wish to hear from the BAF (blame America first crowd) because if 9-11 never happened, I doubt we would have gone into Iraq, but I do wish to point out that basically Al Qaeda has more or less caused the opposite effect they were intending because, well frankly, they're disgusting evil people that nobody, even Muslims in the Mideast, don't like. And particularly so, since it's primarily been Muslims in the Mideast getting killed by all the terrorist attacks, and three times as many as in America.

If anything, this is a call for moderate Muslims to start fighting back and cause a reformation within the Islamic faith. I have no skin in the game one way or another as I largely detest all religions, but if you're going to go and get yourselves killed over something, you might want to purge from your ranks the radical nutjobs blowing up your fellow countrymen in the process.

I would also like to point out that, despite what brainwashed, non-thinking liberals would say, these charts are empirical proof of George Bush's success and why history will treat him kindly. Even I don't like GW that much, but you cannot deny (though some will concoct conspiracy theories as to why they might) George Bush has succeeded on the war on terror.

I'm Sure It's Just a Coinky Dink

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But Obama is a socialist afterall, and bar the Hitler posters, I would say there are similarities in not only the posters, but the ideologies as well.

Does anybody hate Che as much as me while we're on the topic? How somebody who was a murderer and basically a deadbeat loser could attain such cult status from people who really don't know about the man but fall in love with his "rebel" like status? I mean Captain Jack Sparrow, now he was a rebel. Han Solo, he was a rebel. Ronald Reagan, he was a rebel. And rebels that fought for good and brought about a reduction in poverty only Che and his economically impotent socialist counterparts could only dream on.

Perhaps it shows the intellect of Obama supporters as there's a persistent occurrence of Che images in his campaign; they don't know what he stands for, just that he's "hot" and a glamorous "rebel." Young foolish puppy-love with no maturity, wisdom or adulthood going into their decision to choose who will be the leader of the free world...or at least the free world for now.

Captain Capitalism and His Adventures in Snake Mountain!

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Again, for effect, please click here first.

It was another one of those trips where I had set forth out to find various fossils (which I did - large clams from 500 ft above the river)

geologic formations and perhaps get a little mountain climbing in yesterday that so defines my obscure hobbies. This time I went to the scenic lake of Lake Pepin, merely a widening of the Mississippi river to the south and where on either side, Wisconsin or Minnesotan, there are cliffs that one can climb.

We had gotten out of a town called Maiden Rock where I saw this cliff or as I would come to refer to it as, Snake Mountain.

I didn't get more than 6 feet up before I heard a rather distinct and unique rattling. And in 2 seconds it dawned on me there was a rattlesnake very close.

I had always wanted to see a rattlesnake. On my many adventures into the Badlands, Black Hills, Wyoming and Nebraska I had hoped I would see one. But they're kind of like tornadoes. You'd like to see them, but not 12 inches away from you. And there he was; big, fat, coiled rattlesnake now sharing the same narrow ledge with me. I decided to call him "Pookey."

Much in an Indiana Jones way falling into the pit in Egypt with the cobra in front of him, I slowly slinked away doing my best not to disturb Pookey. I got back down the first ledge we had gone up, and thought, "boy, I've been waiting all this time to see a rattlesnake and I never got a picture. I should go back up, but a different way, with the camera to get a better picture than what we were getting from below."

So I went back up (but on a different route) with the camera and as I was getting on top of the ledge over Pookey, it occurred to me they may have a snake nest in the area. So I grabbed a stick and started batting away at my path that I would inevitably take to get a better picture of Pookey.

All was well, I managed to get directly above Pookey and then I heard a slithering noise. Sure enough all of 5 inches from where I walked was Pookey's bigger, fatter brother who opted not to rattle and let me know of his existence, slowing slithering away. His name was Philbert. I thought Philbert at first may be a normal non-deadly snake, but then he too started rattling.

It was at this point I determined my best option would be to get off Snake Mountain as quickly as possible. And now furiously batting away at a new route down the ledge to ensure there were no more snakes, I managed to get off the ledge without getting bitten or greeted by a third snake.

This has nothing to do with economics, but like the Clark award or something, there should be an award given to the most adventuresome economists under 40 who do the most to deconstruct the stereotype economists sit and tinker with numbers all day.

A Zimbabwean Economist

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I found this picture hilarious from The Economist.

Don't know who he is, but you know he's at least an aspiring junior deputy economist.

And while we're on the topic, the highest denominated bills in the history of the world;

Highest-denomination national banknotes since 1900

Currency	Country	Year issued	Value
Pengo	Hungary	1946	1,000,000,000,000,000,000
Papiermark	Germany	1923	100,000,000,000,000
Dinar	Former Yugoslavia	1993	500,000,000,000
Dollar	Zimbabwe	2008	100,000,000,000
Drachma	Greece	1944	100,000,000,000
Marek	Poland	1923	50,000,000

Source: *Coin World*

It still amazes me to this day as to how many adults do not understand why you just "can't print off more money." What a lot of people don't know, freemarketers and libertarians as well, is that if you can explain to people why you can't just "print off more money" you've already sent that soul on the road to become a capitalist.

Empirical Proof Why America is No Longer a Meritocracy and Why We Should Shoot the Lobbyists

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Do you see what I see?

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, 2006

Region	Gross Domestic Product Per Capita
United States	$43,918
Alabama	$34,914
Alaska	$61,346
Arizona	$37,699
Arkansas	$32,672
California	$47,380
Colorado	$48,487
Connecticut	$58,244
Delaware	$70,724
District of Columbia	$150,747
Florida	$39,442
Georgia	$40,533
Hawaii	$45,358
Idaho	$34,032
Illinois	$45,948
Indiana	$39,426
Iowa	$41,572
Kansas	$40,411

The Captain's Pad O' Commerce

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So I spend the better part of 7 months writing the book (due out in 3 weeks, please be patient) and it's kind of weird in that you are working, working, working and then all of the sudden, BOOM!

Nothingness.

You wake up and your schedule is completely open. No writing, no editing, no chart-making. Nothing.

And it takes a little bit to adapt to. Reminds me a lot of college where I worked full time and went to school full time, but since my job was a college job, once I graduated, I couldn't have my college job anymore. Went from about 90 hours per week to 0 in one day.

Regardless, economists of the capitalist type get ancy laying around all day because the never ending urge to produce GDP calls. Relentlessly it calls, "Yoooouuuu must contribute to GDP!!! You must produce something of worth!!!!! You must create wealth and advance society."

So while I sit here and wait for the publisher to put the finishing touches on the book, I decided to embark on a little side project and put together those shirts I was always talking about;

The "I Contribute to GDP" shirts!

In any case, click here on this link to go to the Captain's Pad O' Commerce and if you are so inclined buy yourself one of these sharp shirts (and in part helping contribute to GDP yourself!) Also feel free to forward the link to anybody else that might be interested. Out of pure intellectual curiosity, I'd be interested to see just how far this thing might get forwarded… plus, now wouldn't that be sweet if I became a millionaire over something like a shirt?

Regardless, there are two options; the text on the front of the shirt and the text on the back. I don't know why the text on the back shirt is more expensive than the front one, but I created both in case you are really adamant about having it on the back. And should you buy one, I promise all funds will go to the Captain's "Spending All My Money On Me Fund."

Does a more noble capitalistic cause exist?

Added a Mug

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Per a couple people's request I have added a mug to the Cafe Press site.

That being said, if what they say is true and Cafe Press is charging a $5 "economy" fee, I will be looking for alternatives to Cafe Press.

World's Largest Arms Exporters

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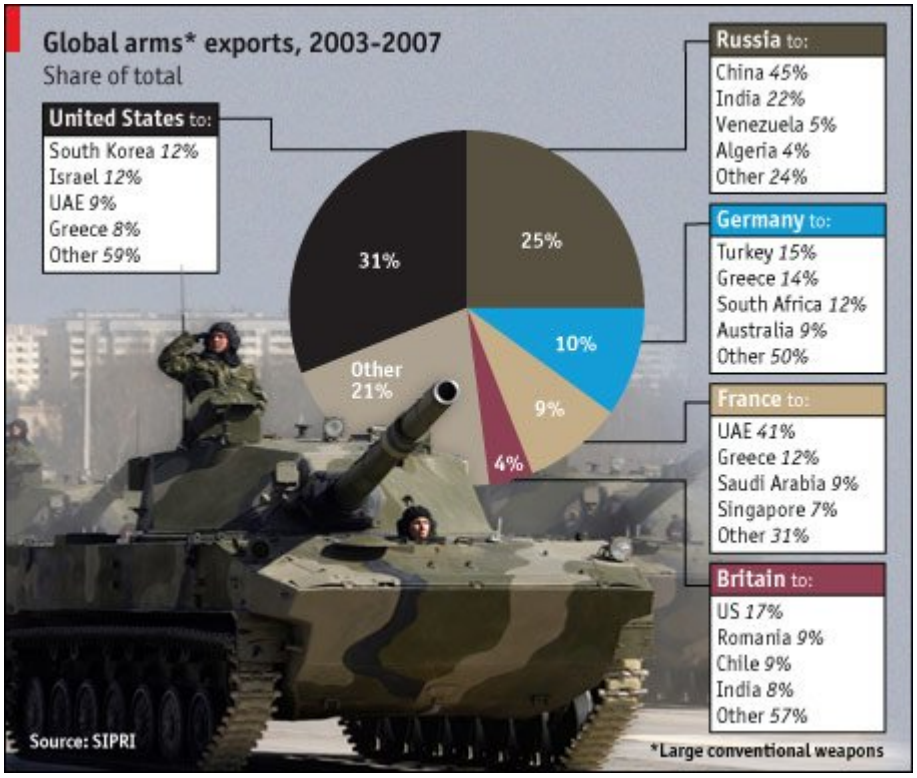


About what I expected.

We Want to Become Socialist

July 31, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll try to make this quick and succinct as possible, but it is a thought or an epiphany I just had, so bear with me if it isn't too clear.

I listen to talk radio obviously and as of recent the tone of various talk show hosts, be they Rush Limbaugh, Jason Lewis, Mark Levine, and Michael Savage, etc., is one of frustration, almost defeatism or hopelessness. They see the likes of Nancy Pelosi do nothing short of lie to the face of the American people and blame high gas prices on the Republicans and Bush, while at the same time blocking any legislation that would lift the ban on drilling in ANWR or offshore, and worse still the American people believe her. They see the likes of Californian coo-koos passing legislation to ban fast food restaurants with goes against every bit of freedom and choice that is a founding principle of America. They see Bush sign the subprime slime deadbeat bank bailout which abandons any sense of responsibility. And probably the most depressing thing of all is Barack Obama, who literally stands for nothing, is most likely going to be our next (and first socialist) president.

And what I'd like to try to point out to them, and for those of you who are also frustrated with this, is that we seem to forget that this is ultimately a democracy. While we listen to talk radio, and we have empirical proof capitalism works, and we have history on our side and know, NOT "feel", but KNOW we are right, we have to understand that too high a percentage of Americans do not think this way. A critical mass (arguably the majority) of Americans no longer believe in freedom, self-reliance, capitalism, profit, manliness, competition, "nuclear" families, and everything else that is quintessentially American.

A perfect example happened right here in Minnesota. At one of our theme parks a group of teenage punks copped a feel of a 12 year old girl, which then sent her father into a rage, which then begat an unfair fight where these 8 punks then proceeded to beat him so severely he was sent to the hospital.

Now if it was 1945, people would have intervened and kicked the crap out of the 8 punks and given no thought to law suits or liability. But instead, people just sat there and watched and did nothing. Not because they didn't want to. Not because they didn't want to do the right thing. Not because they didn't want to do the American thing. But because a bunch of socialist lawyers have made it too risky to intervene and thus society, and Americanism, suffers.

Regardless, my whole point is that instead of banging our heads against the wall, and yelling pointlessly into the wind, we may have to admit that this is still a democracy for better or worse, and if the people want socialism, then the people will get socialism.

I like it no more than you. And I'm not saying that you still don't fight the good fight. But we have to realize that we can apply all the logic and empirical evidence we want to help support our case, but it will fall on deaf ears as socialism is not founded in reality. That's the only way socialism can work. That you convince enough sheeple they don't have to work to eat. They're poor not because they produce nothing, but because they are from disadvantaged group "x." Or some preppy Amercrombie and Fitch Harvard elitist fools people that he will bring them "hope and change" and everything will be chocolates and kittens thereafter.

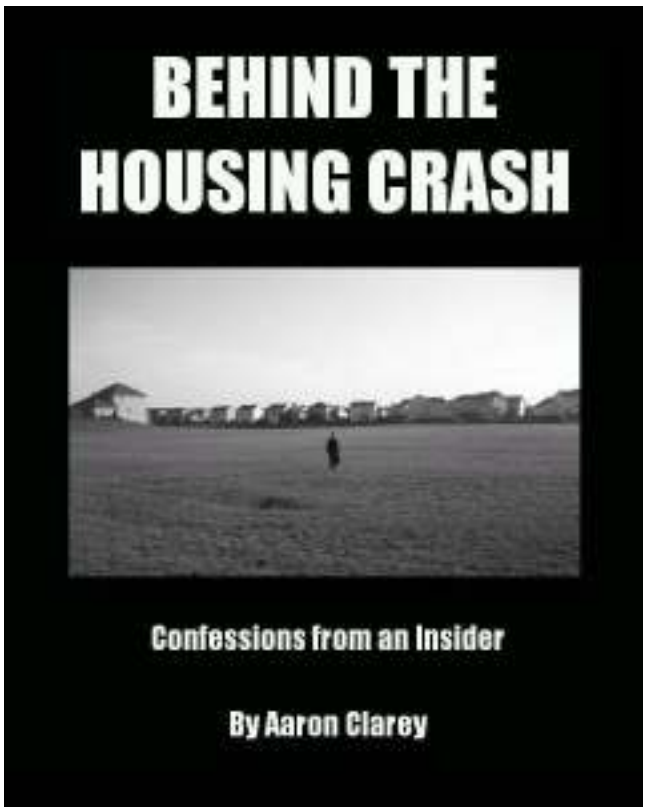
People don't choose socialism because they think it will work, they choose it because they want it to work. And that, unfortunately my friends, is what the majority of what I will call "Pseudo-Americans" want today.

Behind the Housing Crash - Slated for August 2008

July 31, 2008 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

To whet your appetites I figured I'd put the book cover up there since that is done so you can at least get a feel to see what it looks like. Looking at an August release date assuming all goes well converting the manuscript into an actual book.



Learn About Detroit from Dr. Perry

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Two interesting posts

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I Hate Nepotists

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Bragging set aside, the fact was that I graduated in the top 5 of my class.

Not top 5 percent.

Top 5 people. I was number 5.

And the reason I knew I was #5 was because it was the Carlson School and it was reasonably competitive. You could ID the people who kept posting good grades, knew their stuff in class and ergo were your "competition." Not that you didn't like them, you just knew who they were.

But there was one thing that I would like to (once again, setting bragging aside and merely pointing out the facts) point out that separated me from the rest and that was out of the 5 I was the only one to;

1. Pay for all of my college AND living expenses in its entirety with no debt
2. Work full time while going to school full time
3. Graduate 6 months early

The rest of them either had college at minimum heavily subsidized and not a one of the remaining 4 finished in anything less than 5 years and I doubt any of them worked beyond a token 15 hours a week.

Regardless, in my young 21 years of youth I thought, foolishly, that with this background I would be reasonably attractive to potential employers. That upon graduation, the least of my worries would be finding a job.

Ah, but there was one minor little factor I forgot to consider;

Nepotism and cronyism.

For up until that point I thought the Ambercrombie and Fitch wearing students who would say,

"It's not what you know, it's who you know"

were merely jocks who couldn't go pro and now were relegated to majoring in marketing or sales. Guys (and gals) who didn't have the ability to do calculus or math and therefore thought they'd get by in corporate America by kissing ass and brown-nosing. Foolish

peers who were guaranteed to be in for a rude awakening when they got to the "real world" where obviously corporations would be able to weed them out, because SURELY corporate America appreciates production and efficiency and smarts over brown-nosing.

Sadly, they knew more than I ever did about business, no matter what my rank. For they were right, it's not what you know. It is who you know. All I knew was how to predict stock market bubbles and housing bubbles and Asian currency crises. All nothing compared to a good gopher and ass-kisser whose dad golfs with the VP of finance.

And so for the next year I watched my career go down in utter flames as I saw people with C averages landing $50,000 a year jobs at their "dad's firm" or suburban Sue getting a coveted analyst position at her "grandpa's firm." Even to this day when I teach class, I see college students all of 19 years old, pull up in a brand new Honda and have absolutely no worries about finding a job later in life because one is lined up for them. And if not, no worries, you can always go back and live with mommy and daddy back in the burbs.

The reason this is so angering is not that I personally didn't get the coveted analyst position at the local investment bank when I was 23, but that it is not a meritocracy. That the best people do not get the job. That the highest qualified do not get the promotion. It is the connected or the charlatans that do. And you can study your ass off and pioneer new lines of thought or come up with radical and crazy ways of doing things that could make a company millions, but if you're not somebody's nephew or somebody's niece, well, "Thank you for your interest in XYZ Corporation. Though you background is impressive we have decided to go with another candidate who's willing to suck our...ahem."

My whole point, is that while I am the most ardent capitalist and for everybody making billions in dough, the opportunity cost we suffer by letting the less-qualified candidates get positions of power or productivity costs us all. Imagine, for once, if all senators and congressmen who had college paid for, sudden disappeared and were replaced with people who did. Imagine if the ass-kissing CEO's of all the financial firms who more or less wiped out 25% of the equity in your homes were replaced instead with farmer Joe. The amount of pain we could have avoided (not to mention the sheer level of production we would have enjoyed) is unfathomable.

That being, though I am for lower taxes, when I see charts like this;

I start to wonder how much of that was truly earned by people who busted their asses off and created something new and something of worth, or were merely the Bush, Heinz-Kerry's, Pelosi's, Obama's, and Gore's of the world who never worked a day in their lives, never got their fingernails dirty and never shoveled sh!t for a living (which coincidentally was my first job - poo-shoveler). And then I start to opine about a "nepotism" tax where we tax people who get jobs over more-qualified people because of who their mommy is or something.

Obama and Oil

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I finally got some time off. I'm going to the Badlands and Black Hills. In the meantime here's your mission.

You will read this.

Then you will read this.

Obama, having the oil companies pay $1,000 per family WILL NOT LOWER THE F^CKING PRICE OF OIL!!!!

Then again, I perhaps am letting him get to me, because he knows damn well it won't. He's just doing what he needs to, to get people to vote for him. Of course the people who fall for this tripe are genuine, quintessential idiots. But that is the only way him or Pelosi or the rest of the socialists can get elected. They rely on idiots, and I mean that in the meanest, coldest, truest sense. The people who fall for their BS are idiots. They are ignorant, emotional little creatures who could never muster up the intellectual capacity to set their emotions aside and have the nobility, let alone intellect to search for the truth and then vote, not for their best interests, but because they realize this is a democracy and they have a responsibility to look out for the best interests of the country.

On a side note, if there are any Captain Capitalismites out in the Rapid City area that are up for a drink shoot me an e-mail!

Who Needs Fathers Anyway?

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Pha!

"Men"

"Fathers."

They're soooooo 1940's.

Who needs them anyway?

Cigars and Jack Daniels for Breakfast

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Quick little story, then I shall recap my trip, but I was in Sturgis the morning of the first day of the rally. Heard John McCain was in Sturgis and Obama was not.

And as I sat there and enjoyed a cigar and a Jack Daniels at 10AM at the Loud American Roadhouse, I had an epiphany why McCain was there and Obama was not;

John McCain (for all my differences with the man) is a genuine American who loves America and would be nowhere else on the first week of August except for Sturgis.

Obama is a genuine marxist who hates America as it can only be defined by the Sturgis rally and therefore was having arugula (and no I don't care to learn how to spell it because I don't care to become so elitist) and pandering at the time to anything but an American crowd.

This simple fact - the fact McCain was at Sturgis and Obama was not - should show you where their loyalties lie.

And yes, it is as simple as that.

Chances of a Recession

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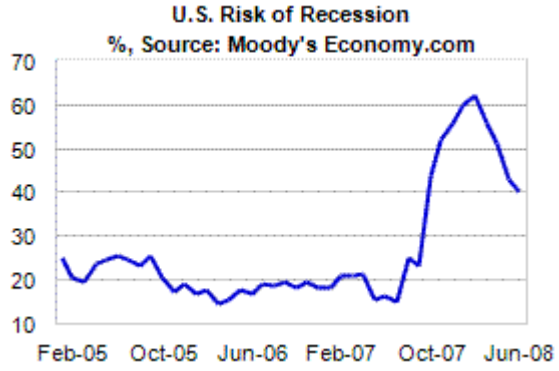
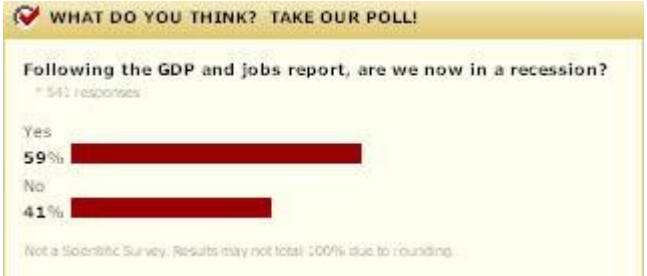
I found this chart



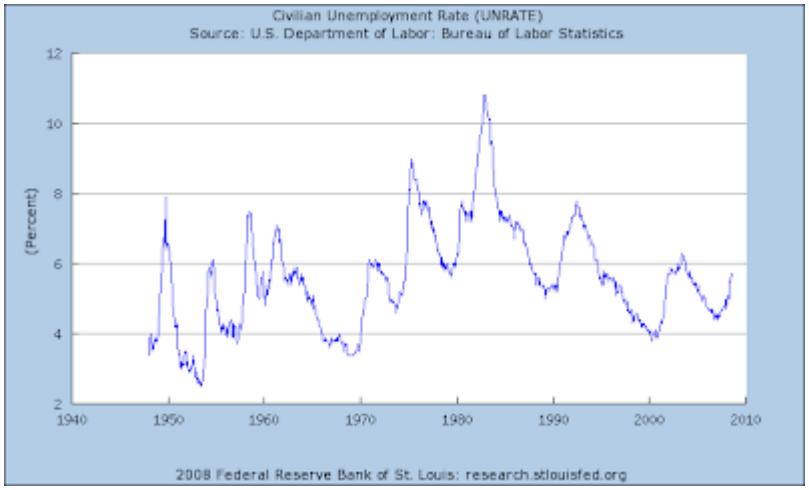
and this article with this accomodating chart interesting.



It seems nobody wants to adhere to the definition of a recession anymore.

Again people, TWO SUCCESSIVE quarters of negative economic growth. That is what defines a recession. We can argue we're in a slow down. We can say we're not doing as good. We can say we're about to enter one (which I believe we will). But we're not FACTUALLY in a recession.

Additionally, I want to have a little review of the unemployment rate. I'm getting more and more stories from friends and associates who run into people that complain about the unemployment rate being "horrible." So here is the unemployment rate. I'd recommend printing off this chart so the next time you run into these ignorant fools you can show this to them and tell them to shut the hell up.


Civilian Unemployment Rate (UNRATE)
Source: U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(Percent)
12
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2008 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis: research.stlouisfed.org

Shilo Inns

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So Natasha and I are doing what economists do best and compare prices for hotels before we shack up for the night. I leave at least 4 hours for this activity for not only do I enjoy it, but the economics of hotel pricing of it fascinates me. It's a weird unsolvable puzzle like airline pricing.

In any case we go to Shilo Inns in Casper, Wyoming, they quote Natasha $89 for one night WITH a triple A discount.

We drive to the local library, go online, use www.hotels.com and we got it reserved for $58.

So for the 15 minutes of work, it saved us roughly $30.

So we go back.

They do not have the reservation yet because it has to be authorized from Portland.

"Great" I say to myself, "Portland. Land of liberals who will get around to it when the city council pays them to get off their pot break and maybe contribute to GDP here or there."

Sure enough the authorization comes through and we get our room.

Sadly they gave us the wrong keys to our room and so, your beloved Captain, has to trapse back downstairs and get the CORRECT key for the room.

It was at this moment in time the Captain decided to enter "I'm done being nice and think what this world needs are people to bitch slap the rest of the masses across the face to wake them the ef up to reality that they work for a living and to get their heads out of their asses and start doing their freaking jobs" mode and sternly lectured the obese attendee at the desk to give us the "correct effing keys" to the "correct effing room."

Thinking my job is done, I return to the room, open it (with the correct keys) and what do I see? This:

Apparently I can pay $1.50 to drink their bottled water. But also, oh wow, gee, shucks howdy, I can

GO GREEN if I just leave this card on the bed so they don't change my linens!

Now, I don't know about you, but I am getting mighty sick and tired of this going green shit. I'm done feigning like there's some kind of nobility or worth of going green and I will adamantly refuse that "going green" is doing the "right thing." And I am insulted with corporations that dare insult my intelligence that "they're going green" thinking somehow I'm as dumb as the environmental-nazi minority in this country and will somehow place higher value on a capitulating, conforming corporation that "goes green" because they have no principles or morals.

Ergo, please just do the Captian and all of American, Liberty and Freedom a favor,

WILL YOU PLEASE BOYCOTT THESE DUMBASS CORPORATIONS THAT GO GREEN????

No, seriously, just don't patronize them. Inform them you're insulted with this "going green" shit. I'm done with it. Not until people speak out and say, "hey, I'm not a f@cking 4th grader willing to be brainwashed. Take this nazi-enviro-propoganda out of my face and shove it. Matter of fact, I'm not paying my tab and you can go ef yourself." will these mindless corporations take note.

Of course, what do I know? I'm just a dumb lowly Captain in the never ending battle between those who want to work for themselves and those who want to parasite off of them.

Regardless, never stay at a Shilo Inn.

The Psychology of Obama Supporters

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This goes a long way and does a GREAT job in explaining how;

1. Obama stands a better than average chance becoming president and

2. How the democrats stay in power

It is also summed up in one word starting with an "I."

Regardless, it is worth watching. Just grab a beer and sit and enjoy it.

Single Men Make Less Than Married Men Do

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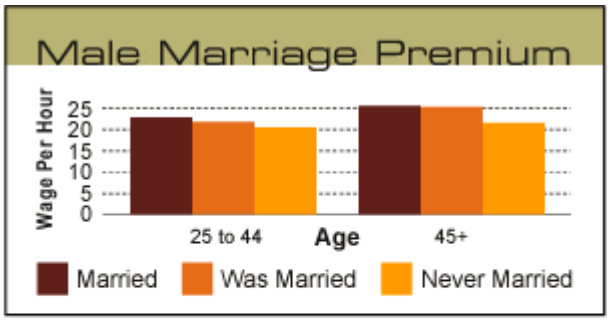
I happened upon this chart at the St. Louis Fed of all places whenst doing research for something else.



While the wage gap between married men and never married men exists in both the 25 to 44 age group and the 45 and older age group, the gap becomes even more significant after the age of 45, when most sorting into and out of marriage has taken place.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2000.

Throughout the whole report they forgot to make one major adjustment or distinction;

A married man's wages must be divvied up amongst a family.

A single man gets to keep it all himself...of course minus the taxes we pay to subsidize all the married mens' children through school.

Still, that Pontiac Solstice is better looking than any brand new newborn baby I've seen. And more affordable.

Though, a rather cynical FEMALE friend of mine suggested another theory;

"Married men know how to obey. You single boys just go and do whatever you want and goof around!"

Heh heh.

Yes.

Yes we do.

Can I Beat Pelosi?

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I never had any real idea as to how to measure what I'd deem "success" based on the number of books I sold. I was thinking I'd be pretty happy with 5,000. If I could pull that off all by my little lonesome, that would be pretty sweet (plus it would really piss off a lot of leftists who genuinely would love to see the book fail). But I think a more reasonable goal would be simply to beat Nancy Pelosi.

If I can sell more than 2,737 copies, I will raise a celebratory glass of scotch.

Captain Capitalism and the Great South Dakota Mystery

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So I went out to the Black Hills/Badlands area earlier this week and I uncovered a mystery that I can't figure out and am figuring one of you savvy junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists might do a little better.

I was in the FAR south west corner of South Dakota. And when I say far, I mean literally 1 mile east of the Wyoming border and about 5 miles north of the Nebraska border. There is absolutely NOTHING out there (bar some crystals and what not which I did find). No paved roads, no telephone wires, no traffic, no town, no buildings, no farms. True wilderness. Regardless, I come around a dirt road corner and in the distance I see this (you'll have to click on it to see the detail).

Way off in the distance are these buildings.

Now I looked at a map and there is no town nearby. The closest town is a town called Igloo, South Dakota, but these buildings are not part of it.

I then did a google satellite image search and found the exact same thing I had seen from the ground.

Miles of the stuff. I just saw the edge. The geometric patterns is what I noticed the most.

Now I have no idea what these buildings are. Housing for cattle? Didn't see any cattle or livestock and there were so many buildings. Storage of some kind? In any case, see if you can solve the mystery.

Why Is Everything in English?

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Again, I shall ask the question; "why is everything in English at the olympics?"

Not that I'm for diversity and puppy dogs and flowers and progressive taxation, but if we're all playing in China, and given China is 1/5th the population, wouldn't the majority of the lettering and people's jersey's be in Mandarin or Cantonese?

Making Christianity More Appealling

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If pastors made their sermons like this, I think you'd get a little more attendees at church.

Wasn't the Timing on This Precious?

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Yeah, keep telling me that the married life is better. I'll be doing what I please today.

How Wine Proves Women are Communists!

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I ordered some wine.

And the reason I ordered some wine is because I wanted some wine.

Now let us review that simple statement.

“And the reason I ordered some wine is because I wanted some wine.”

Not

“I ordered some wine because I wanted somebody else to have my wine.”

Not

“I ordered some wine because I wanted to SHARE my wine.”

Not

“I ordered some wine so I could go and share it with the masses and we all sing kumbya while talking about how dreamy Obama is.”

I wanted some wine for me, because I wanted some freaking wine.

But sure as bears and popes, the girl slowly reaches across the table, going for my glass of wine.

Not even asking.

Not even requesting permission.

Just slooooowly moving her hand across the table, making a bee line towards MY wine.

I waited patiently for her hand to make contact with it, but once it did I said,

“Whoa, whoa whoa whoa whoa! Just what do you think you’re doing?”

Almost with a shocked look on her face she said, “I was just going to have a sip of your wine.”

Now let me explain something to ladies out there. You see, I ordered MY wine because I wanted some wine for ME. When men buy themselves something, they intended it for them. Not for you. Not to be shared. Not to make us have warm fuzzies in our stomachs as we all capitulate to Marxism and spread the wealth. It's for us! Not you.

So I explained the concept of how I forfeited some of my finite life in exchange for the money to buy this wine for ME. That I gave up a part of my life in the form of labor to earn the money that bought me this wine and ergo, I was 100% entitled to all of it. Every single drop. I went so far as even to offer to buy her, her own glass of wine if she wanted one. But then she dropped the Ultra-Marxist bomb on me;

"But I want to taste yours."

You see, this is why women deep down inside are communists. They don't want to pay to taste some wine. They don't want to even have their entire whole glass of wine. No, they want a "little sip" of YOUR wine.

So I asked said girl,

"Said Girl, why is it you want a sip of MY wine when I am more than willing to buy you your own glass of wine?"

And the Leninist across the table from me responded,

"Because I just want a sip. Besides it tastes better when it's somebody else's."

This confirmed something I knew all along. Communists derive an additional utility from the same volume of consumption if what they're consuming is somebody else's. It's a sick and twisted masochistic aspect of the weaker political ideology.

I was always intuitively aware of this as the same thing happened with fries. Lord knows you couldn't just sit there on a date in high school, about to engorged yourself with those heavenly McDonald's fries, and then, sure as bears and popes some your 16 year old steady is burrowing into YOUR fries like a badger in a hole. But now I had proof, a confession, self-admitted guilt she was gunning for my wine because it was MY wine.

And don't think for a second this is just relegated to fries or wine. Oh no no no no! Ice cream. My god, has any man in the history of America been able to enjoy 100% of his own, labor-bought-and-paid-for ice cream? Can't get one bite before "she" wants to "try" some of "your" ice cream.

Any pie left in the fridge? Go ahead and try to have a full piece of pie. Oh no, you can't. Not in a million years. Even though there is a whole 3/4ths of a pie in the fridge and she

could very well have her own entire piece of pie to herself, no, she wants “just a little bite” of yours.

And don’t think it’s just relegated to food. Ha! If you had a favorite shirt she likes, yeah, well pal, you HAD a favorite shirt. Now it’s a communal shirt. That nice little sporty convertible you have out there. If it’s 85 and sunny, she’s going to want a little taste of that. Nothing is safe from their Marxist reach.

Of course, try to then share something that was intended to be shared and she wants none of it. Video games are the perfect example. Designed to bring the masses together, designed to make us all players, designed to increase camaraderie and bonding and bring us all closer together, arguably the key to world peace, but oh no, she wants none of that. No, it has to be something that she covets. Your ice cream. Your wine. Your martini. Your convertible. Your favorite old ratty sweatshirt from college.

Oh, and you may be laughing now, but they’re out there men. And it all starts with just a “little sip” of your much-coveted wine.

Left Handed Presidents

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The Economist had an interest item showing a disproportionate # of our presidents (especially recently) have been south paws. And if I read the article correctly, both McCain and Obama are lefties too (of course some more than others HAR HAR HAR!!!)

MBA's Obey

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I don't know what others' experiences have been with MBA's, but basically mine have been;

"Have a pulse? Get an MBA!"

I'm not impressed with MBA's. In business school I learned and took the exact same classes the MBA's did and the truth is things like "management" or "leadership" is all BS when you try to codify it and turn it into a class. Things like "management" and "leadership" cannot be learned, only experienced. Thus, when I see some 27 year old MBA putz who when not wearing a suit and tie is wearing his baseball cap on backwards with the latest in Ambercrombie and Fitch whilst at Applebee's and calls girls "hawt!" I have a hard time really taking the "rank" or "title" of an MBA seriously, let alone would charter the individual with a position of power.

So it does not make me have great hope for the future that when GDP goes down, MBA applications go up.

Regardless, my position on MBA's runs contrary to the realities of the labor market. Firms do pay more for MBA's. Ergo there must be some benefit, and I think I've found it.

You don't hire an MBA to lead or to think. You hire them to obey. And if there is an

advantage to an MBA, they certainly obey. Which only make sense, because in corporate America conformance and obedience is much more sought after than thinking or progress.

Keep the Bad News Coming!

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The worst the economy, housing and financial sectors do, the better my book sales will be.

Article 1

Article 2

I have become shamelessly contrarian.

Shoot 'Em Up

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OK, so I just watched Shoot 'Em Up.

Hands down the best movie in the past decade.

Pointless, impossible, mindless, action shoot em up, ultimate guy flick.

If you have nothing to do for the evening, just trust me and get it.

You Can't Make This Up

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The FBI describes Josephine Overaker as a tattooed, mustached, vegan who's worked as a firefighter, midwife and shepherd — and participated in acts of eco-terror.

Here's the story.

Could we perhaps sum these people up as "I don't have anything to offer the world, therefore I'll create a little crusade in my mind to rationalize destroying it?"

Percent of People in Favor of Nuclear Power

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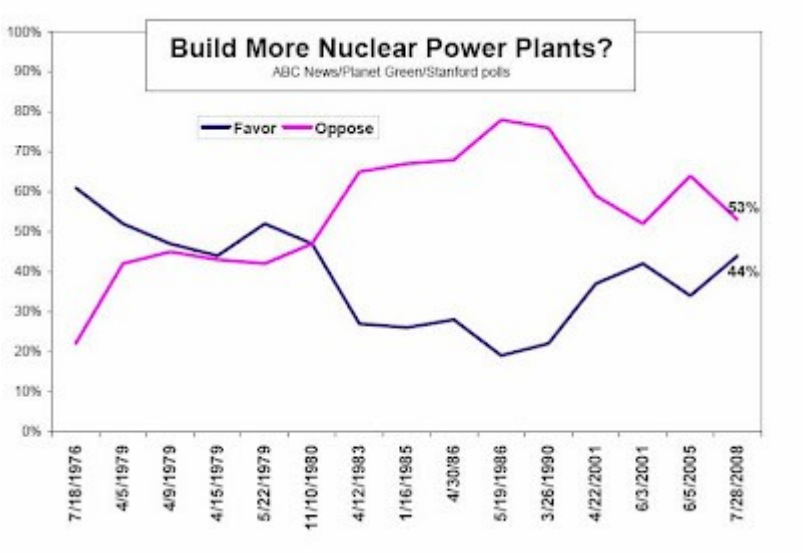
The problem with surrounding yourself with informed educated people is you start to think that everybody in the world is as informed and educated. Therefore when I see charts like this;



I am harshly reminded just what an insanely high percent of the population are morons. How (with all the hype and worry about global warming not to mention our drive to become energy independent) could we only have a 44% support rate for nuclear power?

Daddy's Little Girl Gone and Got Herself a Degree in Sociology...EXCELLENT!

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This is a repost, sorry for the repost, but I'm testing the new Del icio, Digg, etc., link buttons I've put in to see if they work. Figured it's one of my better posts so it might get some linkage.

I will confess!

Many years ago when men were giants and women were angels "The Guys" all lived in this house in St. Paul.

The house was a holy and sacred temple to bachelortude.

Owned by one particularly savvy member of "The Guys," he would rent it out to 4 other friends. However, even if you didn't live there, if you were one of "The Guys" you could walk in at any hour (doors always unlocked), crash there any night, and to appease the **Great Gods of Bachelortude**, occasionally bring a sacrifical 12 pack of beer.

Thusly, my friends and I would pay nightly homage to "**The House of Bachelortude**" by drinking, playing 16 person X-Box linked Halo Fests till 3 AM, WarCraft, Texas Hold 'Em, throwing the occasional party, and I explicity remember one night requiring banning all communications with girlfriends (UNLESS the girlfriends came over bearing gifts of beer and food which would earn them a 5 minute audience with their boyfriend, whose dumbasses should have been covering my approach to the blue team's base with the sniper rifle while playing Sidewinder in Halo, but oh no, somebody has got to go talk to his girlfriend, meanwhile I'm run over with a tank and the Blue Team has the bazooka and shotgun and is heading over to our base...I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU KILGS!!!!!!)

And life was good.

But as this was **The House of Bachelortude** the magazine subscriptions were not exactly The Economist or the Journal of American Political Economy...actually it was FHM and Playboy.
Not that we had a choice in the matter you understand. **The Great Gods of Bachelortude** DEMANDED IT! So what were we to do? You don't want to incur the wrath of **The Great Gods of Bachelortude**!

Anyway, as I said before I will confess, that while waiting for the pizza to show up, or being recently defeated in a game of Texas Hold 'Em I would peruse the most recent

issue of Playboy that would be strewn on the table (to appease **The House of Bacherlortude** of course).

While not as attractive as some of the charts I've seen in The Economist, I will admit some of the girls were OK looking. Of course as any good economist would do, I read the footnotes to make sure the source is reputable, the methodology sound, etc. But instead of reading "*Source: Retroactively Applying Standardized Unemployment Rates in Sweden, OECD Sept 12, 2006*" the footnotes to these Playboy models was;

"*Bambi Jones, Age 23, Height 5'2" weight 105 pounds. Degree - Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from the University of Arizona.*"

And then my economic spidey senses started tingling. For fresh in my memory was when I was stood up, not once, not twice, but thrice by a drop dead, Playboy-esque girl who had went to school for cosmotology. This observation, combined with my utter disdain for fluffy majors got me thinking;

Was there a correlation???

Do Playboy Playmates pursue easy degrees?

And if so, do they pursue these degrees because they're dumb?

Or are they just bidding their time in college majoring in philosophy whilst scoping out for a husband effectively earning themselves an MRS. degree?

Furthermore, should they not find a husband are these degrees so worthless that they resort to baring it all to make ends meet?

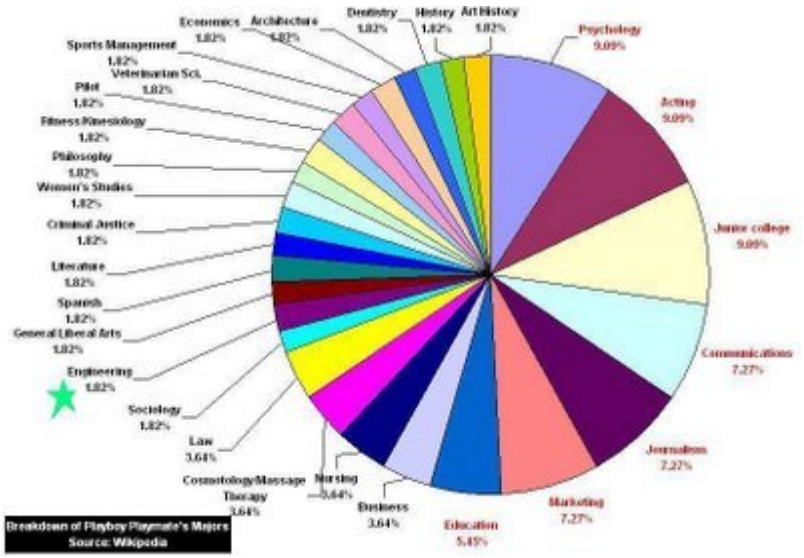
And finally, can what daddy's little girl major in be a predictor of whether millions of young horn-dog guys will see daddy's little girl spread eagle on a centerfold?

So I set forth to conduct this serious study. Selflessly dedicating my time for the sake of advancing our understanding of economics. And took it upon myself to study all the Playboy Playmate's profiles and see what they majored in.

No no, you don't have to thank me. It's my patriotic and American duty to foist this heavy burden upon myself. And it is the least I can do to repay the great freedoms our forefathers fought so valiantly for.

The results?

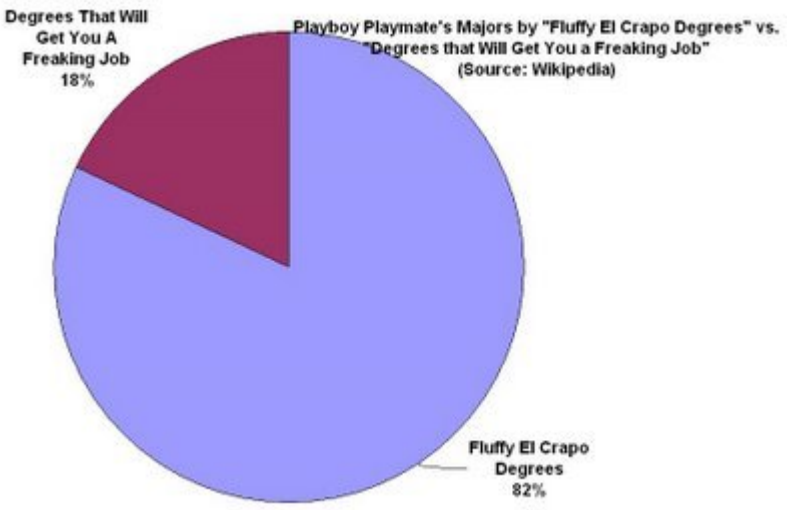
Here is a breakdown of what Playboy Playmates studied in college;



*Note, the vast majority of Playmates either didn't attend or list whether they attended college. This includes all the data found on Wikipedia for all playmates going back to 1980. An interesting side note, the further back you go, less and less playmates went to college reflecting the increasing trend in labor force participation by women. Total number of playmates that listed a major was 54, understand this does not mean they finished college or earned a degree. It just mentioned college.

What is amazing is how there is not one, **NOT ONE** COMPUTER PROGRAMMER OR PRE-MED OR PHYSICS OR OR ACCOUNTING OR ENGINEERING MAJOR (bar Cindy Crawford who spent 1 quarter in chemical engineering, but never graduated). The majority of playmates pursue degrees in utter fluff, the biggest pulls being "psychology," "acting/theater," "journalism," "communications," "education," "junior college," and that weak pathetic worthless degree that tries to score some credibility as passing itself off as a "business major;" marketing.

I further simplified this chart between what I like to call **"*Fluffy El Crapo Degrees*"** and **"*Real Degrees That Will Get You A Freaking Job.*"**



A full 82% of the playmates that went to college, effectively wasted their time and

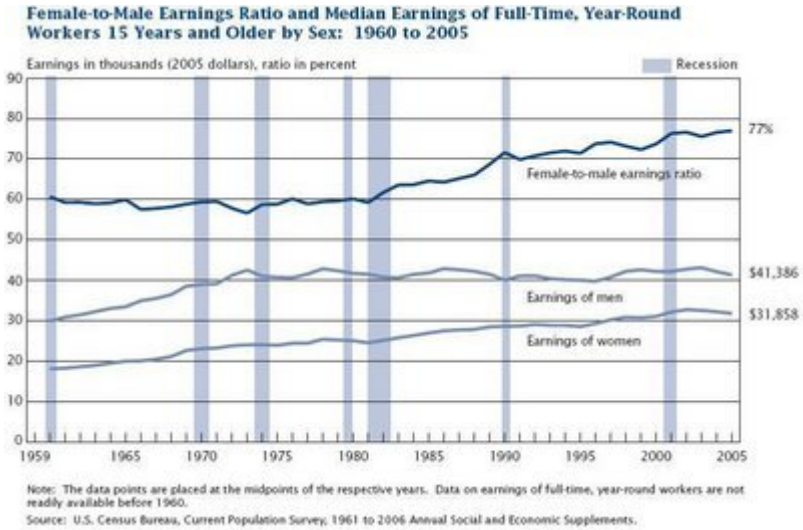
pursued worthless degrees, whilst a paltry 18% actually went and did something useful with their time (sadly even this can't be said as most of them didn't graduate with those degrees, when you adjust for this it literally is only about 3%).

So what lesson can we take away from this fellow aspiring and junior deputy economists?

How can we end this post so that in a Stan and Kyle like way we say,

"you know, I think we learned something here today."

Well, for one, maybe Larry Summers shouldn't have been punished for his truthful statement that women just aren't cutting it in the real sciences. Maybe good ol' Larry was just trying to prevent some of these young girls from having to resort to posing nude to make ends meet or make a living. Maybe Larry was trying to actually do something **tangible** that would help close the wage gap between men and women by getting more women into the sciences and engineering.



Secondly, maybe we ought to cut back on fluffy subjects in not just the high schools but the colleges as well. Enough of the "pscyhology" or "sociology" or "communications" crap. And certainly do away with "peace studies" programs. Maybe instead of enticing women with the false illusion that they're going to make it big or even make it period with touchy feely degrees that we show them just what caliber go and pursue such worthless degrees and encourage them to pursue careers that would actually increase their incomes and make them TRULY independent women.

Third, upper middle income fathers who think "daddy's little girl can do no wrong," think daddy's little girl is superior to all other humans, and think nothing of preparing his little girl for the real world beyond giving her his credit card for a trip to the mall better pull his head out of his ass and start fathering instead of thinking his arrogance and bank account is going to carry through his little suburbanite princesses. That you might want to instill a

little work ethic in her and teach her the merits of work and self-reliance before you go and buy her a little Honda Del Sol or Pontiac Sunfire.

And finally, if daddy's little girl goes into the fluff-stuff for college, be aware that the day might just come when you go to the office and all the other guys will see just how much your little princess has grown up.

However, there is a way to prevent this embarrassing situation. Note that the sciences;

engineering, computers, medicine, physics, chemistry, etc.

are like a vaccine practically innoculating your little girl from ever showing her assets to the entire world and all the horn-dogs at **The House of Bachelortude**. Again, Cindy Crawford is the only one to major in engineering, and she gave that up because she had the rare opportunity to become a bona fide supermodel. And although I didn't add it up, the majority of "post playboy careers" a lot of these playmates had were either "dancers" or "strippers."

Only problem is we keep on telling women that math is too "tough" for them and channel them to the majors and careers that are less paying than subjects that have traditionally been pursued by men.

Of course, when we say this, everybody gets in a hissy fits and demands blood. Larry Summers lost his job over it. Feminists and leftists don't like it because women entering the sciences would result in more capitalists and Republicans and take away from the liberal arts.

Besides which...it just occurred to me...if we encouraged girls to major in the sciences, where would we get our Playboy Playmates?

Uhhh..sooo...ummm, yeah, on second thought ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUNG DAUGHTERS TO MAJOR IN FLUFF! We wouldn't want them getting real jobs with real careers. We men need them desperate enough to disrobe for our viewing pleasure.

Besides which, **THE GODS OF BACHELORTUDE** DEMAND IT!!!!!

Whites No Longer the Majority

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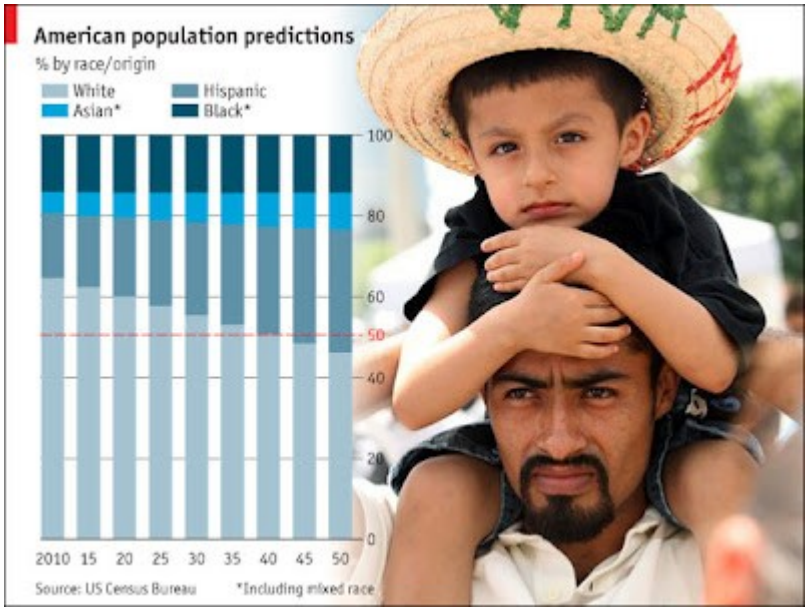
I love the American media.

Publish a story, but then do you provide the jim dandy chart that comes with it?

No.

Thanks to our British media counterparts, here's the chart;



We Can't Get the Oil if You Don't Let Us Go Where It Is

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I get an occasional e-mail from an insider I have in the oil industry (we occasionally get together after work and club seals and shoot polar bears when Dick Cheney gives us permission). She sent me a response the oil industry had to the group of 10, the democrats and republican congressmen who compromised on opening up "some" lands to new exploration.

But I like to keep things simple, because I'm a busy man. And so I asked her if I had the short version correctly which is listed below in a short e-mail exchange we had;

Hi, Cpt.,

Yes, that's it in a nutshell. And we can't find oil unless the government opens up areas where we can explore using advanced technology. As one API staffer said a few days ago, unless more domestic areas are opened, the industry will have to continue to "pick over bones" in the US and invest its drilling money in other countries around the world.

From: Captain Capitalism [mailto:captcapitalism@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 11:03 AM

Would the short version be:

"We still can't find oil unless you let us drill where the oil is?"

And that about sums it up. You can't find oil where the oil isn't located. Just like you can't find monkeys in the Arctic, nor can you find polar bears in Honduras or sane people in San Francisco.

Notice the natural response would be for these oil companies to go outside the US to find their oil. Ahhh, yet another 10,000 potential jobs lost to idiotic environmental fascism not to mention the furtherance of our dependence on foreign oil. Right now the Saudi's and all oil producers LOVE the democratic party.

Clops is Back from the Vet

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Visited Snarks and her rabbit, Clops, is back from the vet. Short one eye, but seems to be very well fed.

If You Can't Take Care of a Garden, Then You Can't Take Care of a Kid

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I am a bachelor.

And I am a bachelor that likes peppers.

And so it is not an infrequent even where I will be sitting there watching a movie with some cut up peppers and a dish of vegetable dip.

However, I am also an economist. And so when you cut the peppers open you see seeds, hundreds and hundreds of seeds, emanating from the stem.

Now since I am a bachelor, yet at the same time an economist, it presents a paradox and these two traits become the shoulder angel and the shoulder devil.

The good wholesome economist in me says, "waste not! Look at all those potential peppers! Look at the production you could achieve! And impossible to tax no less! Go and plant those peppers and then you will have even more peppers to consume while effectively at the same time producing more in your life than a piece studies major!"

But then the sly, lazy, bachelor devil within me stirs, and protests, "Ehhh, peppers. Have to water the peppers. Have to till. Don't wanna till. Wanna sit here and smoke my cigar outside and drink whiskey. Want to play a video game where you plant peppers, but not actually plant them in the real world. Herman the Bachelor Bunny will probably eat the peppers. Just throw the pepper seeds away and smoke and drink instead."

But with some cajoling from a female friend of mine, who agreed to till a spot of land for me and plant something beyond peppers, I decided to let the economist in me rule and effectively became a bachelor economist sharecropper. The girl gets 25% of the produce, I just have to water it.

Of course this was 3 months ago and little was I told just how long you have to water these damn things before they bear fruit. And if you miss just even one day on the cucumbers, you can kiss them good-bye. And when i wanted to go out west to Sturgis, you had to find a surrogate waterer. It was just like having a kid.

And then I had an epiphany. I figured, that if you don't have the ability or desire to keep a small garden, then you probably shouldn't be having kids. And that if we could somehow test people when they're in college or high school, give them the garden test, we can

then see how good or bad of parents they'd be.

This would result in immense savings for the tax payer as those with gardens that look like mine would be effectively banned from having children. My children would be malnourished, dry, kind of droopy (judging by the tomato leaves) and have weeds growing all over them. If child protection saw my garden they would insist on a vasectomy. My female friend on the other hand, who takes great care in nurturing and caring for her rival bachelorette CPA garden would have children that are healthy and strong and would go well on a pizza.

Regardless, if you and the significant other economist in your life are thinking about having children, try growing a garden first.

Give Us a Kid for 12 Years and He'll Be Socialist Forever

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If there's anything I loathe it is how the public education system has absolutely no reservations about brainwashing children at such a young age to become socialists. It's "brainwashing" and "concentration camps" if people on the right try to teach children the merits of capitalism, but it's compassion and caring if you teach them to become little Lenins.

The truth is though, they're only doing this for future job security. Wouldn't do the present day liberals any favor in the future to teach the youth about lower taxes and cutting government spending or the merits of fiscal austerity.

ht to Small Dead Animals

Damn Side Bar

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Greetings all junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists.

As you may have noticed the side bar disappeared a little bit ago and has since returned. This was due to a partially successful attempt to add a couple images and links to my side bar.

"Partially" because while I did get the link to connect, the image (which I did scale for the width of the side bar) did not come through. Additionally if you are using MS Explorer the entirety of the side bar was shifted to the bottom of the page.

If there are any HTML or programmer type economists out there that might have a solution for this I would be immensely grateful. I am currently poking around trying to find the code to prevent the scroll down and the issues I'm having with the image size, but if anybody out there happens to have an answer/solution to this, that would be grand.

If It Was All About Oil, Then Why is Iraq Getting So Much Oil Revenues

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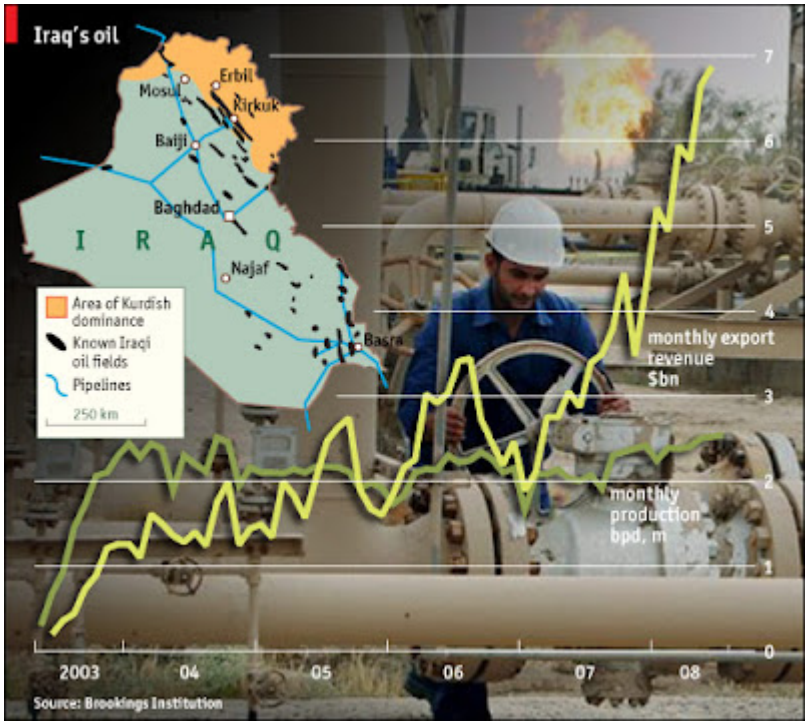

Yet more proof we are winning the war in Iraq;

When Will You Union Guys Wake Up?

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I've befriended a bunch of union guys. Railroads primarily, but construction and other blue collar trades as well. And what amazes me is that by the age of 50-55, all it takes is something as simple as Bill Clinton cheating on his wife or a terrorist attack to get them to COMPLETELY change their political views. And while I certainly welcome their joining of the good side of the force, it behooves the question;

Do union members ever bother THINKING about what they support politically?

The reason for my asking of this question is the recent (albeit, expected) endorsement of Barack Obama by the UAW.

Now, seriously guys, are you so naive and stupid, you don't have the ability to put 2 and 2 together or (what Joe Soucheray would otherwise say) "link?"

I like to simplify it to the "Host and Parasite" analogy.

The "host" is GM, Ford and Chrysler. The parasite is the UAW. If it were not for GM, Ford and Chrysler, the parasite would not have a job, period. So what does the parasite do? Bleeds the host dry until the host dies.

I cannot emphasize this enough, and I sincerely hope that some of you UAW people are listening, but you brought about your own demise. You killed the goose that laid the golden egg. You priced yourselves out of the market.

And now, when GM, Ford and Chrysler are crippled, old decrepit men of corporations compared to their younger, more fit and competitive Japanese counterparts, you support the guy who will MORE QUICKLY bring about the demise of your employers? You, LITERALLY, support the QUICKENING of the ELIMINATION of your EMPLOYER and therefore JOBS??????

I really (seriously, I mean this) have a hard time believing you are that stupid.

It kind of reminds me of my dad or even Michael Medved (who I respect), who all of the sudden had an epiphany (read, pulled their heads out of their asses) and realized "whoa whoa whoa....You mean their's consequences for voting for socialists all the time?????"

I want to yell (not say) to them;

WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN THIS ENTIRE TIME???? 50 FREAKING YEARS OLD AND

NOW YOU GET IT???? WHAT A FREAKING TROOPER YOU ARE!!!! THANKS FOR PISSING AWAY 35 YEARS OF VOTES ON THE BAD GUYS!!!! YEAH, GET A FREAKING BRAIN WHEN YOU'RE 52. LOT OF GOOD THAT WILL DO US!!!!

And for the union members it's the same.

When the F are you guys going to wake up? Yeah, Obama, he'll tax those evil auto manufacturers for you! He'll give them their due! That'll show those rich, evil meanie corporate executive types!

Meanwhile, where did Ford decide to build the next Fiesta plant?

Oh, that's right. MEXICO! The country where (although I loathe the illegal immigrant wave) they seem to provide people with a strong and more American work ethic than you guys.

In any case, I've learned at a relatively young age, it's not worth yelling at you guys because you're so lug-headed you'll be willing to hasten your own demise ("hasten" means "faster"). The only reason I write anymore is so I have a track record where I can point to at a future date in time and tell you "I told you so."

Employees Are Obsolete

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Not once, bar my days back at the police department, have I ever had a job where I actually worked more than 50% of the time. And it was not due to laziness or sloth on my part, as much as it was management was unable to manage the company's resources efficiently to produce enough work to keep me occupied 40 hours a week.

This I surmise is the case for the majority of American workers and thus we have to learn the art of "looking busy" constantly having an Excel spreadsheet up we can alt-tab to if we sense a superior nearby. But it got me thinking, "how could a company waste up to 20 hours each week on each employee? Wouldn't they like to have their savings or at least get 40 hours of work out of them?"

And then I further thought, "how many people would willingly take a pay cut by switching from salary to hourly if it meant they could go home when they have no work to do."

It was these two revelations I had that led me to conclude that someday, maybe not in my lifetime, the traditional 9-5, 40 hours a week employee will cease to exist as we know it. The costs savings and efficiency gains are too tempting to companies and the lure of freedom from work instead of having to have your mind melt while checking e-mail for the 90th time that day is just as tempting to workers. Companies could cut down on their health care costs, and I think employees would be just fine with that if it meant they could go fishing or spend more time with their kids. I don't even think workers would have to suffer that much in less pay as if they agree to forfeit health care to have the same pay but only work 20 hours a week

Thus, there will be no employees, just contractors.

Then again, I could be wrong. Corporate America, as I've surmised before, is in it more for power than anything approaching progress or profitability. And daring to let people have the freedom to go home if they're efficient and do their job faster than others is near blasphemy. Oh well, another brilliant idea doomed to failure on account of maintaining the status quo.

You Will Be Patriotic

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You will be patriotic.

You will click on the link.

You will get your daily laugh.

You will conform.

"Black" Google

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Godallfreakingmighty.

Yeah, I'm sure this is what MLK was fighting for; segregation.

He's got to be rolling in his grave.

McCain's VP Should Be Condi Rice

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I'm sorry, she's just damn sexy telling the Russians off and holding the line.

If McCain was smart, he'd demand she run for VP. Not on account that she's black (which, though, would throw a hell of a wrench into the democrat's plans), but that she is just plain simply the best qualified candidate out there (some would argue more qualified than McCain and they would be right).

Alas, we're going to get some boring cookie cutter Republican that is not going to instill any sort of excitement at all.

The SBA Will Fall Next

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First it was deadbeat firms like CountryWide and Ameriquest.

Then came the larger more reputable firms that should have known better; UBS, Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch.

Then it spilled over into the quasi governmental organizations, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

And so I will predict the fall of another governmental agency which will then behoove an infusion of taxpayer cash to effectively contribute its small portion to a nearly trillion dollar transfer of income from the responsible people to the deadbeats; the Small Business Administration.

The SBA is often not thought about when it comes to the housing crash, but during my days as an analyst if a person wouldn't qualify for a loan on their own, why the good ol' federal government would come in the taxpayers' (read – your) money and guarantee, sometimes up to 85%, of the loan if it were to go bad.

Of course this was primarily for business loans, not housing, but one must understand that large firms like GM and American Express don't go to the SBA for loans. Small time sole proprietors and entrepreneurs do. And what is primarily the only form of capital a small individual has?

Their house of course!

And thus billions of dollars were lent out to small time proprietors for a bevy of ventures, all collateralized by housing and all guaranteed by the SBA (ie-the taxpayer, ie – you).

Now this would be fine if the loans made were good, high quality loans.

But they weren't. At least not what I saw being shipped off to the SBA. I don't know how many deadbeats that wanted to "start a sports bar" or "open a hair salon" or "raise cats." And of course these ill-thought out plans were doomed from the beginning, but that doesn't matter. The SBA was there to help those little people that those big bad banks wouldn't.

And so I predict you will see (albeit, it may be kept hush hush in the media) the SBA getting a might big infusion of cash from the beloved taxpayer.

NBER, Recession, Two Consecutive Quarters?

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As there is much ballyhoo and debate as to whether or not we're in a recession, I've found it typically economist-ish for the Federal Reserve and the NBER to have different definitions of a recession. This only continues to further confuse the masses and deter people from not only studying economics, but trying to understand it.

Ergo, I was happy when I saw this on Foxnews which does a pretty good job breaking down the differences between NBER's definition of a recession and the traditional definition of a recession.

Vacancy Rates: Homeowner and Rental

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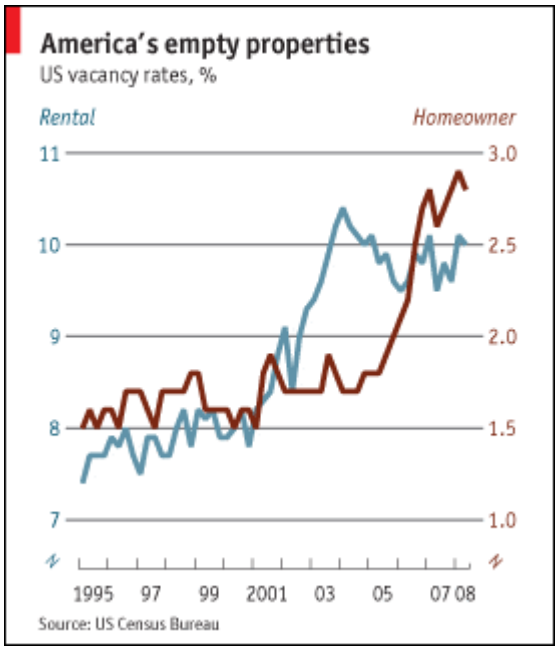
Again, one of the common questions I get is "how much further will housing prices have to drop" and it's like being asked "Are we there yet?"

No, we still have 300 miles and two potty breaks, now shut the hell up and play with your rocks I bought you or so help me I will sell you to some locals at the next Wisconsin bar for two shots of whiskey!

..or so I see myself saying if I were ever to have children.

In any case, it doesn't look good for housing prices because vacancy rates for both rentals AND homes have gone up.



This directly affects the primary driver of value for housing; rents. With so many vacancies, the amount you can rent those properties out for has gone down. This drives the value of those properties down and until we stop building housing or governments top pursuing affordable housing plans ain't nobody's property going to be going up.

So buckle in and get comfy. Lot more miles to go before we "are there yet."

Global Economics for Dummies 101

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I find it hilarious because I see no shortage of Americans complaining about globalization, yet have an I-Pod grafted to their hip.

Anyway, yet another reason to subscribe to The Economist.

Sex Causes Economic Growth

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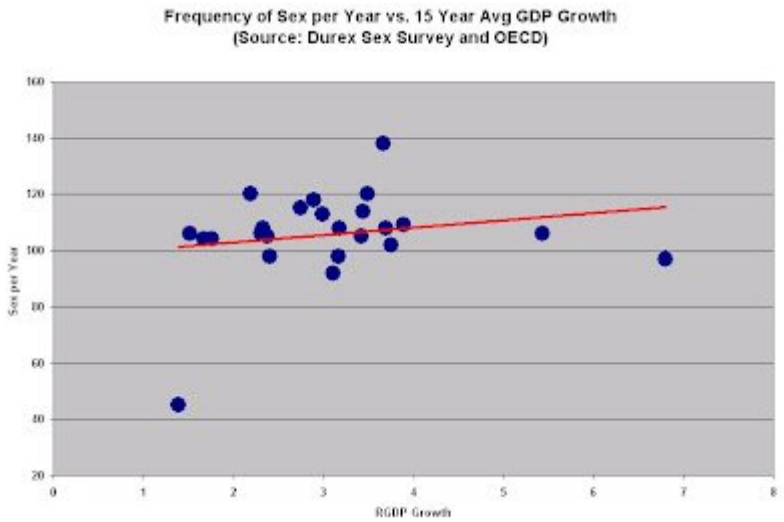
I was always curious what would happen to the economy if all of the sudden women decided to dolls themselves up in french maid or naughty librarian outfits and upon their husbands or boyfriends walking through the door started, ahem, "making with the bam bam."

My theory was this would make men much happier and trigger a productivity boost which would translate into economic growth. I then pondered being the president of the Federal Reserve and creating indices measuring the sales of french maid outfits as an economic indicator.

Regardless, I did inevitably get around to finding a "frequency of sex rate" and compared it to the average economic growth of about a score of OECD nations. And as I surmised, the correlation between the frequency of sex and economic growth is positive.



A correlation coefficient of .2 no less.

Now don't ask me to adjust for outliers. And don't ask me about the confidence interval. Just shut up and appreciate what we got here; Empirical, conclusive indisputable proof that sex causes more economic growth.

Alas, when I am president, there will not be any of this impotent "stimulus" package nonsense. I shall just merely decree a "Naughty Nurse" holiday.

Lowry Bridge Reopening to Reintroduce Crime to NE Minneapolis

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A friend of mine asked me last night, "Hey, you hear they're opening the Lowry bridge this week?"

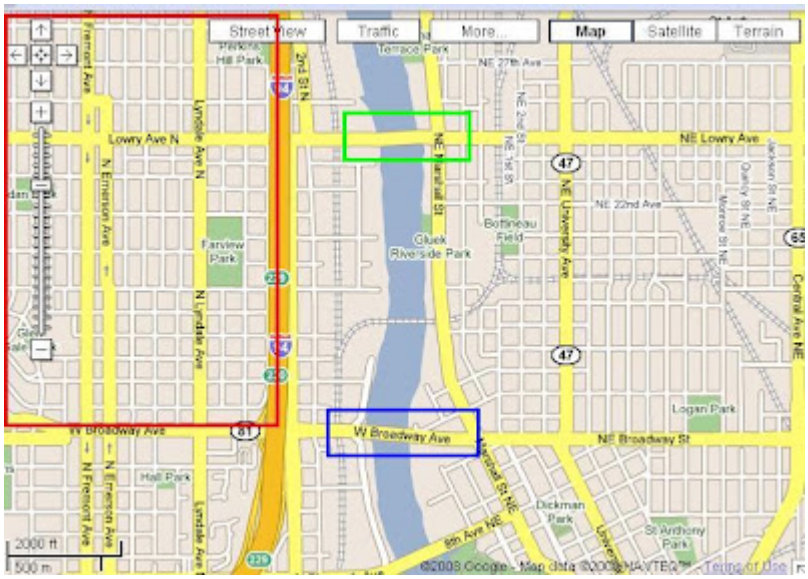
I didn't know it had been closed. And so I said, "No, I didn't know it had been closed."

And that was it. Didn't think anything beyond it. Just kind of looked at him with a "and?????" kind of look on my face.

He said, "Crime fell in NE Minneapolis once they closed the bridge down."

And then the connection was made. You see, the Mississippi splits North Minneapolis more or less in half into two areas; NE and NW.

NE is kind of a blue collar, lower middle income neighborhood while NW is our version of Cabrini Green. And one of the bridges that spans the Mississippi and connects the two neighborhoods is the Lowry bridge. (Lowry bridge is in Green, NW is in Red).



What gets me however is just 1 mi south of the Lowry bridge is the Broadway bridge (blue). One would think just taking out one bridge with another bridge a convenient mile away would not drop crime as the criminals to do their dirty work would just take the short mile detour, but it did.

This confirms something about criminals I've always suspected; they're lazy. If criminals weren't lazy, then they would have gone the "extra mile" and done their business. By by the fact they're criminals, that means they don't care to work or contribute to society

because presumably work takes too much effort that it is worth the legal risk to commit crime.

In any case, one can certainly expect an increase in crime in the NE neighborhood.

Smithers, Who Is That Man, I Like the Cut of His Jib!

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I wish I could curse like this. I really do because cursing if used correctly adds the emphasis and flavor to points you're trying to make. Sadly (though not so sadly) a fair amount of youth read this blog and thus I keep it PG. In any case, pay our Canadian Canuck a visit. He makes a very important point;

"It didn't justify the cost of the red cameras."

Ah, when government goes into business for itself and the "people" become a bothersome bother.

When Baby Boomers Don't Grow Up

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Ick.

Why won't the boomers just grow old and become nice grandma's and grandpa's?

Just in. Apparently more McCain=Hitler talk from Madonna.

Where's Ella Fitzgerald or Doris Day or some female singers with class when you need them?

Abortion: The New Hip Birth Control

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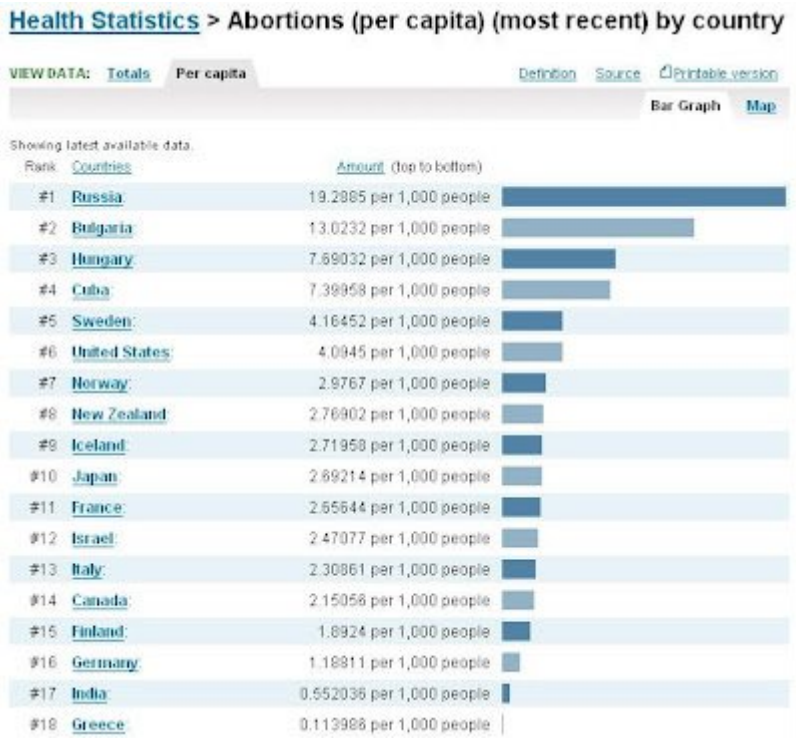
I was looking up some stats on Nation Master and as is often the case the data they have is amazing so you get lost. I was originally looking up some other health statistics, but then I saw a link to abortion and curiosity got the best of me and so I asked myself "who has the most abortions?" Based on a per capita basis it is Russia (ironically the country that has such birthing and demographic trends it will cease to exist in 50 years) with a shockingly high 19 abortions per thousand people.



Health Statistics > Abortions (per capita) (most recent) by country

VIEW DATA: Totals | Per capita | Definition | Source | Printable version

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Showing latest available data.

Rank	Countries	Amount (top to bottom)
#1	Russia	19.2885 per 1,000 people
#2	Bulgaria	13.0232 per 1,000 people
#3	Hungary	7.69032 per 1,000 people
#4	Cuba	7.39958 per 1,000 people
#5	Sweden	4.16452 per 1,000 people
#6	United States	4.0945 per 1,000 people
#7	Norway	2.9767 per 1,000 people
#8	New Zealand	2.76902 per 1,000 people
#9	Iceland	2.71958 per 1,000 people
#10	Japan	2.69214 per 1,000 people
#11	France	2.65644 per 1,000 people
#12	Israel	2.47077 per 1,000 people
#13	Italy	2.30861 per 1,000 people
#14	Canada	2.15058 per 1,000 people
#15	Finland	1.8924 per 1,000 people
#16	Germany	1.18811 per 1,000 people
#17	India	0.552036 per 1,000 people
#18	Greece	0.113988 per 1,000 people

I then saw below a link to another chart, Abortions per 1,000 births. ie-for every 1,000 births how many abortions were there. Thinking it would be around 10-19 or so like the abortion rate I was shocked to find the average was around 223 in the US (state data only was provided) and an amazing 706 abortions per 1,000 births in our beloved capital, Washington, D.C. ie-on average 12% of pregnancies in the US end in abortion and in DC over a third.

Now I genuinely have no skin in the abortion debate one way or another and if anything I am tacitly pro-choice (for reasons we shan't delve into here). But even though I am pro-choice, with 706 abortions per 1,000 births, it doesn't seem like abortion is being used as a desperate last resort, it seems it's almost the first line, conventional form of birth control. What appalls me about this is whether you're pro-choice or pro-life, you have to admit it is not "desired" to kill something that could feasibly be a human life. ie-that abortion is something you try to avoid and only use as a last measure. But apparently, a lot of people have no moral qualms or problems with having abortions. That there's no thought given to "gee, I don't know if it really is a human life. You know, maybe I should go on birth control or something so I never have to make the decision to have an abortion in the first place." Alas, this is not the case in DC and a couple other places where abortion just seems to be as morally equivalent to getting a tetanus shot. And dare I speculate, a much more expensive form of birth control than a condom?

It's the Beginning of the End for the Boomers

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Much like Fonzi jumping over the shark marked the end to "Happy Days" I think we're going to look back and say, "Remember Madonna and her wrinkly thunder thighs? Yeah, that was the beginning of the end for the baby boomers."

I don't know what people were thinking to bank roll this old has been hag, but I think it's a syndrome or a psychological problem that affects a disproportionate amount of baby boomers. That they just plain don't want to grow up, and will do whatever is in their power to convince themselves they're still young. Thus we get Madonna woefully misinformed that she is somehow some kind of cougar, the flabby armed McJager performing at the super bowl, and morons whose pinnacle of life was 1968 and just plain can't get over the fact that it's not only over, but their lives since have been pretty pathetic.

But the reason I bring this up, isn't so much Madonna or lame Viagra variant commercials where boomer males are playing guitars and windsurfing, but there is indeed a more fundamental power shift occurring.

First was the obvious ass kicking Obama delivered to the heiress entitled Hilary Clinton. If there was a person who personified the centralized power the baby boomers had, it was Hilary Clinton. And out of nowhere a rookie nobody freshman senator comes and usurps the role. Gen X was coming online, and for better or worse, remember the shenanigans of Bill Clinton and wonder just what a political operator Hilary had to have been to tolerate Bill's indiscretions and not dump his ass, and ended up exerting their power.

Second is this housing crash and subsequent credit crisis. If there is a generational, generalized culprit to blame for the housing bubble and the idiocy that occurred, it was the baby boomers. Though there were certainly younger salesmen and mortgage brokers to blame, at the head of practically every financial institution leading the way was a baby boomer. Merrill Lynch, Lehman Brothers, Countrywide, you name it. Even every boss I had at smaller banks whilst working in banking was a baby boomer; the one who had 1 in

every 2 loans go into default. The one who approve a $25,000 loan for a guy THAT AFTERNOON WITH NO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The one who told me "no, the Federal Reserve figures are wrong." All of them boomers and all of them making grave errors. And such a distaste and disaster has the housing crash left in America's mouth, there is now a managerial and power shake up in the financial services industry, just in time for some of the older Gen-X'ers to take the help or at least start poaching some executive and senior management positions.

And thirdly, a slumbering giant is slowly waking up as the younger generations get wise to this social security farce. Shaking off the laced kool-aid we were fed in college about socialism and social security and medicare and medicaid, more and more members of the younger generations are going online and pulling readily and easily accessible data on just how much they can expect to shell out and are waking up. Across political spectrums I see this. Doesn't matter if they eco-terrorists, marxist Obama supporters or you evil right wing puppy kicking republicans. Anybody under 40 when you mention social security makes some joke about Santa Claus and the easter bunny and them mumbles some curse words under their breath.

In any case, it won't be an immediate handover of power, it will be long and dragged out. And matter of fact, given how long it's taking Madonna to retire, we my younger American friends are in for a battle as long and contested as the Battle of Somme.

Jericho; The Latest Victim of the Pansification and Socialismization of America

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Another sign the end of America is nearing us.

The best cannot play. Equality over excellence.

somebody should contract out Jericho.

The Captain is Off to Wyoming

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Finally I'm off to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Ever since I was a poor little capitalist, the Grand Tetons and Wyoming were the preserve of rich children whose parents obligatorily took them there. Now, at the ripe age of 33, I finally have the time and resources to visit both.

You can fully expect I shall climb many peaks, fish many streams and find many fossils.

Unfortunately you can also expect very little internet access so my posts may be sparse.

If there are any Captain Capitalismites out in the area, shoot me an e-mail and we shall get a drink together.

It Only Makes Me Want to See it More

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Given the nefarious forces against it and the statistically improbably bad luck they've had, such frivolousity makes me want to see it more. They damn well better show this movie. If for any other reason pansy leftists have constantly fought against it.

Another Sign of the End of America; The End of Personal Responsibility

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Ah, America. Land of the irresponsible. Home of the parasite.

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American's Don't Know What It Means to Spend Within Their Means

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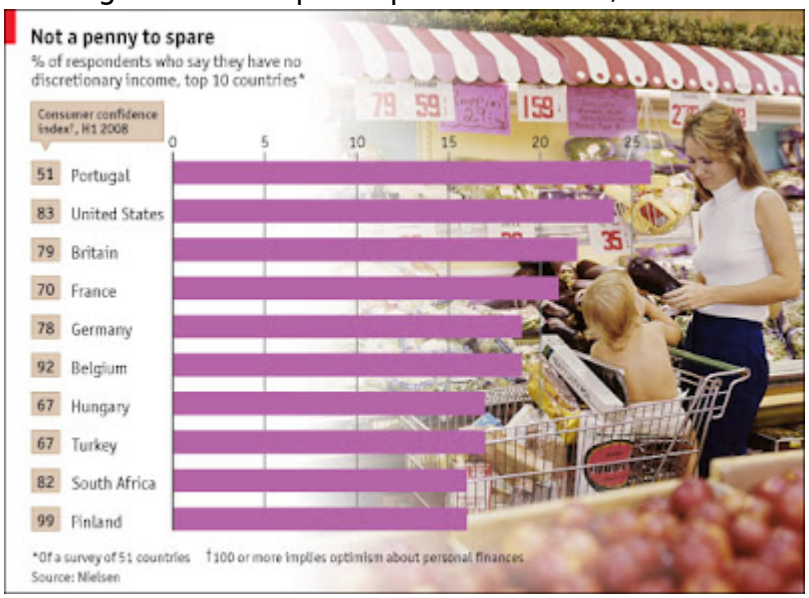
Unless they're buying a new boat with the last morsel of home equity they built up in their house, it seems Americans, despite some of the lowest taxes in the developed world and higher income per capita than most, still are unaware just how well off they are;



Drill in ANWR or the Polar Bear Gets It

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I had just finished a very long day at Yellowstone National Park. Did the whole geyser tour, hiked about a cumulative of 5 miles in the sulphur smelling gas they exude and then decided to climb Mt. Washburn which is 10,300 ft towards the later afternoon. Came down Washburn Moutain with only one thing in mind; food. Price was no concern, quality was no concern, I would have killed a buffalo and eaten it raw right in front of a ranger if I had seen one. So I headed south into a small village/town called Canyon and there was a place called "The Canyon Lodge."

There's a 20 minute wait, but it didn't matter it was the only place to eat. Soon enough we get called and I open the menu. Prices are exorbitant. A Rueben sandwich cost $14, a salad was $12, but I didn't care, I was that hungry. So while we wait for our waitress I start reading the backside of the menu which goes over the history of the Canyon Lodge;

"We here are the Canyon Lodge understand how important nature and the environment are to the world. That's why we here at the Canyon Lodge strive to do our best to recycle and use only natural, organic foods to not only do our best for the environment but help others of diverse cultural, ethnic, socio and economic backgrounds do theirs."

I got up, looked at my buddy across the table and said, "F#ck this sh!t. We're outta here!"

My buddy said, "But we're starving and there's no restaurants for miles."

I said, "I don't care. I'm willing to drive back to Cody to avoid paying these a$$holes any of my money." Which is precisely what we did.

For while Cody was 80 miles away, back in Cody was a place called Irma's. Irma's is a bar/restaurant/roadhouse. We stopped there before and martini's cost $2.50, you could smoke, Texas Hold Em was going on in the back, they had Wi-Fi and their Rueben's didn't cost $14. All in all it was the classical case of a capitalist entity running circles around a socialist entity in terms of quality and price. But the real reason I was willing to drive the 80 miles back to Cody was that their menus wouldn't preach or proselytize to use some leftist, socialist, enviro-Nazi creed. Cody treated their customers like adults and instead of TELLING the customer how they should live their lives (while coincidentally serving overpriced food at the same time) their primary goal was to run a good bar and restaurant and not give a damn how you led your life.

And this is an important lesson for all you global-warming freaks, Obama-social-justice-types and varied sorts of holier-than-thou crusading liberals out there; you will piss off and enrage more people by lecturing and proselytizing to people your warped little religion than just letting us be and letting us make our own decisions for ourselves. It's like any type of religious zealot coming up to your house, knocking on your door and trying to ram their religion down your throat. You will do more damage than good for your cause.

Worse still for your little do-nothing-but-make-myself-feel-better-crusade, I fathom there will inevitably be a backlash. Forget the fact YOU caused me to burn more gas to drive out to Cody on pure principle and ultimately countered your intentions of fighting global warming. What if every time I hear about some global warming fraud spewing his crap, I get sick of it and just to piss him off and counter his intentions I decide to burn a gallon of gas? Or drive my 8 cylinder car instead of the motorcycle? What if every time somebody hears about ANWR being denied drilling by congress, they decide to go and hunt down a polar bear? Or better yet, I become a “polar bear terrorist” and hold hostage 40 polar bears and unless “my demands you open ANWR are met, the 40 polar bears get it!” killing more polar bears than ANWR ever would? Or for every time ELF burns a Hummer dealership, somebody decides to go and burn a Prius dealership?

Of course, these things are extreme, and most hard working capitalists are too busy earning a living to have time to go on little polar bear assassination crusades (unlike our leftist counterparts), but I think the time is nigh for me to stop recycling, start a weekly “gallon o’ gas burning event” and start burning Styrofoam, paint and whatever other things I shouldn’t be doing and others should do the same. Anything to cause more “damage” to the environment in the eyes of these environmentalist zealots in retaliation for their arrogance to dare lecture and proselytize to us about how we lead our lives.

Greetings from Wyoming

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Here's two pictures. In a rush. One is the top of Avalanche peak which is French for "avalanche."

The other is one of the many geysers out here.

I Got Your Energy Independence Right Here

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In the US.

Potential 800 billion barrels.

Or should we excuse it away like we did ANWR that it will "take 8 years to bring the oil to market" much like you would dismiss the obvious idiocy in getting a doctorate degree;

"What? A doctorate? Why that would take 8 years! What a waste of time!"

Genocide!

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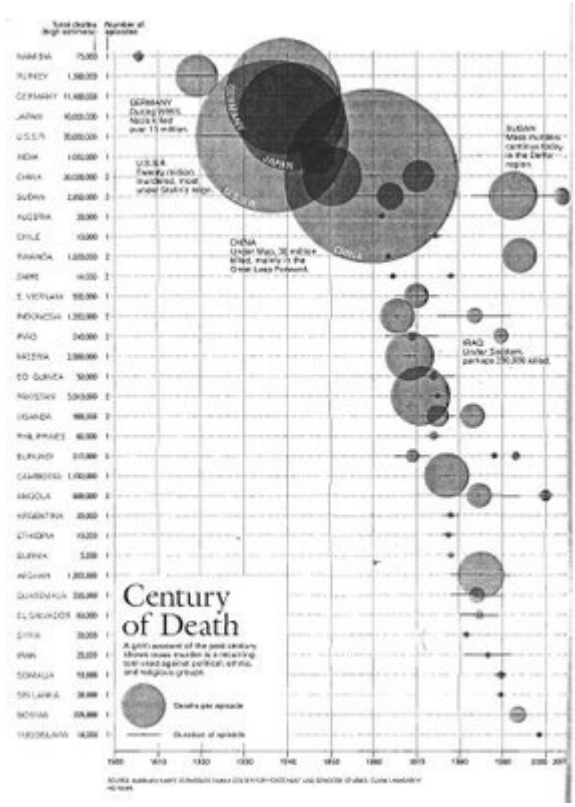

There was a song from the anime "Trigun" where a pacifist with an undeserved reputation for killing millions uses his tarnished fame to scare a bunch of kidnappers into letting their hostages go. Whilst tracking them down in a warehouse he goes on the intercom he sings the following song;

"Total slaughter.
Total slaughter.
I won't leave a single man alive.
La di die die!
Genocide.
La di da di dud.
And ocean of blood.
Let's begin,
The killing time."

I was naturally reminded of this toe tapper when I saw this chart in of all places, the National Geographic.

Not exactly known for its right-leaning politics, I'm amazed they showed this chart showing their socialist predecessors killing more people than any other group in the world. And need I remind you those "right-wing Nazi's" were in fact, socialists.

You Will Visit the Major

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As all of you know, I am not really a captain. About the only thing I can claim to be was a "lieutenant" of sorts at the U of MN Police Department's Security Services Division or more simply, a highly ranked "campus cop."

Ergo, you should and will visit the major, who not only outranks me, but is also a real veteran.

That is a direct order.

The 2008 Election Summed Up

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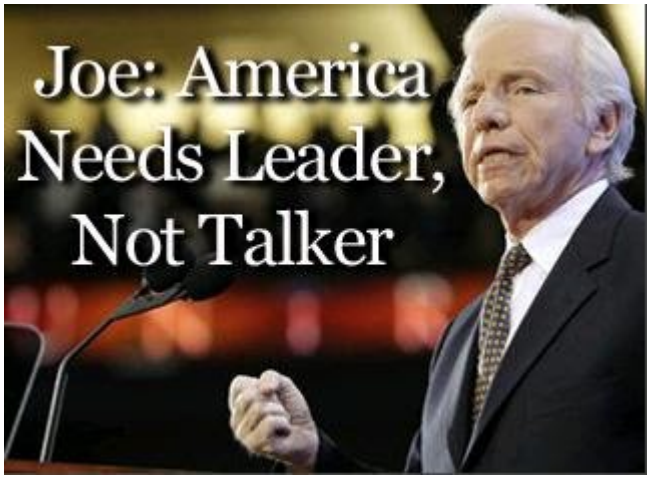

(compliments of Foxnews.com)

And that, my friends, more or less sums up this election.

I don't like McCain.

I loathe preppy-boy-Amercrombie-and-Fitch Obama.

But it's a question of whether America's youth can set down their Legos and easily infatuated-by-looks females can be intellectually honest and see through his looks and manicured-metrosexuality for the socialist he is, or whether they just plain don't give a damn about their responsibility of being a citizen of a democracy and therefore their required stewardship of this nation, and will vote for Obama because he's "pretty."

So save yourself days of your finite life and don't bother reading anymore speculation or watching the "latest campaign coverage." My analysis (and Joe's) is basically all there is to it.

My Advice to 20 Somethings

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I teach two online classes, both of which are in the realm of personal financial management. The problem I face however is that everybody, regardless of age, is interested in personal financial management and therefore it is difficult to tailor these classes to such a wide audience as the specific advice or recommended course of financial action varies depending on you age. But if there is one thing I would like to convey to a particular age or group of people it would be to the 20 somethings and that advice would be;

Don't bother working hard until you're at least 35.

And the reason I say this is simple; nobody takes you seriously as an adult and therefore will not give you opportunities to excel and advance until you are 35 or so.

I will concede that this was more of an intuition and was not brought about to a fully crystalized thought until I heard Rush Limbaugh say, "You really can't make any money until you're in your 40's" and after he said that (and I had myself a 3 hour drive yet to complete) I started to think about why that was. Sadly, I figured out why.

Let us say you are a really intelligent, really smart, really hard working 20 something. The major problem and the most debilitating disability you face to your career is that the rest of your peers are more or less incompetent ef-offs and losers. They expect to have everything handed to them. They expect that majoring in a fluff major like sociology is going to get them $60,000 a year. And, worse still, if they're like most affluent preppy Ambercrombie and Fitch suburbanite children, they have the parents that can subsidize them at that standard of living until they find such employment (or such a spouse that will provide them a similar standard of living).

This is not attractive to employers as such an attitude does not behoove any level of loyalty, responsibility, honor, integrity or reliability. This is also not attractive to employers as most children coming out of college (and I mean that in an insulting and "mean" sense) can't even tell you that Canada is to our north and make great fodder for Jay Leno's "Jaywalking."

The whole point is for those of you young, budding, idealistic 20 somethings out there who are smart, who did study hard and are mature, responsible adults, you have to realize that you are the victim of your peers. The "eagle who cannot soar with the turkeys" of sorts. And the reason I bring this up (and am more passionate about this than most of my other financial advice) is that your 20's are technically your physical prime or "youth." And to waste it trying to pursue a career or make something of yourself is

foolish. Nobody is going to take you seriously because you are a victim of your generation's general idiocy and spoiled-brat-rotteness. Nobody is going to give you any semblance of responsibility or commensurate compensation because they are just going to assume you're incompetent just like the rest of the 20 somethings and will therefore relegate you to some mundane mediocre task with no hope of advancement or promotion.

Ergo, this is the real economic rationale as to why you should just throw away your 20's in terms of career and just enjoy life while you have your health. Go climb mountains, go become a ski bum, go to Europe and stay at youth hostiles, smoke, drink, dance and makey with the bam bam. Simply because any attempt at establishing some sort of "career" or "profession" is simply going to be met and stymied by skeptical (and rightfully so) baby boomers who are cynical about your ability to do anything competently.

And then, and only then, after you've gotten your fill of life and travel and general tomfoolery, plus maybe you're sporting a couple gray hairs, it is a must you get your masters degree towards the later 20's or early 30's of your life. This then adds credibility to your non-existent credibility that nobody will give you, until you pass that precious 30 year old mark and become (as accordance with Jewish culture) a "mensch." It will also leap-frog you over your competitors as you enter not only the work force, but employers deem you a viable candidate in the work force, simply because you're over 30.

Understand I mean this as sincere and honest advice, meant to help those of you youth out there looking for direction. I do not mean to offend you youth somehow claiming because you're young, you therefore must be incompetent. I am merely trying to prevent other youth from making the same mistake I did, and give you a better life than I had. And take it from me (and I bet you'll get the same response from similarly aged folk as myself) goofing around in your 20's and not bothering to start a career until your 30 is arguably the best financial advice you're going to get.

The Misery Index

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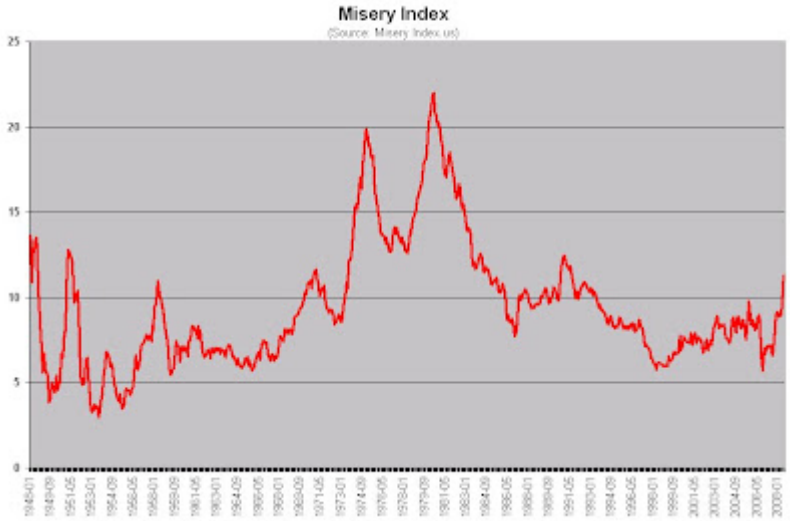
Just spreading the misery. It's about as bad as it's been since the last real recession;



More Recession Time!

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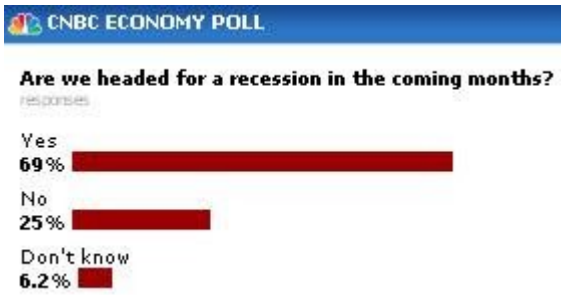
It's recession time, yes recession time,
Hey fetch me a scotch with lemon and lime;



How the Captain Vets His VP Candidates

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Why do you hate America?

Chinese Don't Major in Sociology

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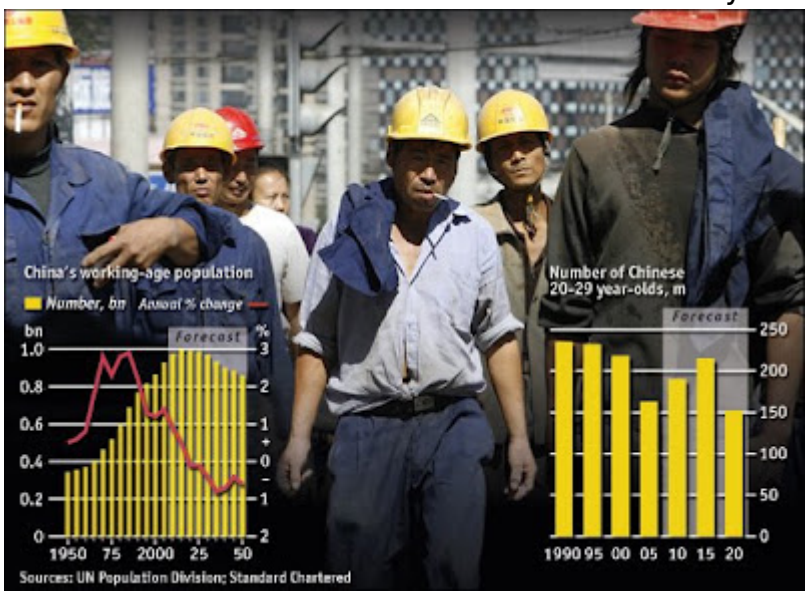
This chart is supposed to show a decrease in the seemingly limitless pool of Chinese labor. I noticed it because it doesn't look like any of them majored in sociology.



For reference I just imaged searched "sociology majors" and came up with this for comparison;

Alison and Ana lose themselves in conversation after discovering they are both Sociology majors. Shannon, Alison, Chris, and Pauline all remember visiting this house during the 2001 trip and Alison tells Ana how the experience of coming to El Salvador inspired her to learn Spanish and dedicate herself to humanitarian work in Latin America.

The question I ask all of ye out there, who is contributing more to GDP?

Post script- Langman made an astute observation and I thought it warranted mentioning;

langmann said...

The fact that the "house" in figure 2 still looks like garbage 7 years later just goes to show that sociology majors just like in the first world can't fix anything in the third world either.

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Sadly, Langman, you have to realize that to the sociology majors of the world, it's not REALLY about helping out the poor people, as much as it is doing the least amount of work to make THEMSELVES feel better. Ergo, it doesn't matter if the place is still a dump 7 years later, all that matters (in their mind) is that they tried. And warm fuzzies for everybody muffle the fact they've achieved effectively nothing.

It is the most hypocritical, shallow exception I take with the "charity pimps" of the world. It's not really about the cause, it's all about them. The poor starving people of country "x" are merely a means to make rich, spoiled preppy Americans who are too lazy to study math feel good about themselves.

This is Too Rich

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Long story short, Palin made a slight against community organizers whilst here at the RNC about how they don't really do any "real work" (and this I am paraphrasing). It made the rounds in some of the more leftist circles and begat a response from Wellstone.org, whose namesake is the late senator Paul Wellstone who was one of Minnesota's genuine socialist senators.

The response (located here) only confirms community organizers or the caliber of people that would participate in such a thing have NO CLUE what real work is like. The person making the post lists off her "hectic" schedule which consists of a ghastly 4 items.

So let me outline, for anyone who may be curious, the responsibilities of a community organizer:

8am -
Wake up, knowing that the day ahead of you will require you to work long hours, for little pay, less thanks, and zero credit.

Sit down at your desk, or pick up your cell phone, and figure out the people in the community you need to talk to to identify the challenges being faced. Set up meetings with leaders and regular people to get buy-in on the proposed solution.

12pm -
Make decisions about how best to proceed with your plan for change in your community. Figure out how you will influence powerful interests without any resources other than your own scrappy resourcefulness and the support of many individuals earned by painstakingly building relationships.

5pm -
Figure out who in your community wields power and influence, who doesn't, and why. Make hundreds of calls, knock on hundreds of doors, and listen to hundreds of stories in order to bring people together in common cause. Convince folks to set aside what makes them different and focus on their shared interest - it's the only way to build common ground and affect change.

8pm -
Learn from those around you and prepare for the next day. Write follow-up notes, make confirmation calls, and thank your volunteers. Remind yourself to be tenacious, because the process of change is long and can be slow in coming.

Being an organizer means putting the needs of the community above yourself and your ego. Your task is to influence the powerful with little more than the common will, and do so while developing the leadership of those around you. A good organizer is always working to put themselves out of a job, because many others should be prepared to step up and take their place. You listen and learn, coordinate and plan, arrive early and stay late, and do the real work that improves people's lives.

It's easy to laugh at something unfamiliar, or mock something you don't understand. **But community organizers have been the ones that moved our country forward during times of crisis and great change.** They are ordinary people working to improve their communities - that doesn't sound very elitist, does it?

I'm sure anybody who works in the real world would trounce this "to do list" with their schedule.

Regardless, this corroborates what I've more or less known to be true the entire time; for the most part (but not always) "community organizers" are people who don't want to study math or anything too hard that would get them a real job and would therefore rather do something fluffy and not-so-rigorous to make themselves feel better.

It also goes a long way in showing just how hypocritical they are when they say, "it's putting the community ahead of yourself and your ego" as the person is not doing it for anything as noble as the "community" or to effect "change" as it is inflating their own ego to make themselves feel like they have some kind of self worth. The ultimate success they have in improving the community comes a distant second to that. They don't dare go and dedicate a significant portion of their lives to learn a new technology or embark on a business venture that would employ people in the community and do something sustainable and long term to improve the lots of the members in the community. No, that would take too much time and why, they'd have to put some of their own money at risk. They'd just rather say they care and work on campaigns and initiatives to stop garbage

burners from going into a neighborhood or preventing a Wal-Mart from going in across the street. Meanwhile very real and serious problems that dwarf their self-aggrandizing crusades, like unemployment jumping to 6.1%, REALLY threaten the community they so solemnly have sworn to protect.

Regardless, I have to go to the eye doctor now to move my eyes back into position because they rolled so hard when I read the web site.

Dirty Disgusting Men

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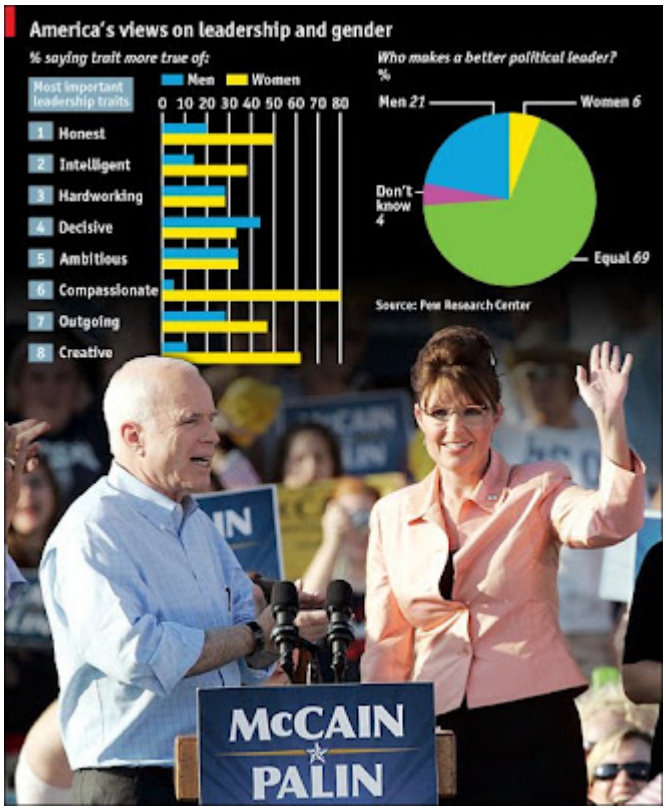
Apparently, according to a poll women are more honest, more creative more out-going and more intelligent than men. Yet, we still prefer men to lead.



Arguably why Bill Clinton got elected.

In the meantime I'm going to go bang some rocks with sticks and have a feces throwing contest with some of my other crude, boorish, moronic male friends.

You Will Visit Paul Zimmerman

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Visit, now! Quickly! Do it now! click here!

Das Uber Nanny State

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Liberals and leftists, to simplify, are not only cowardly, but insist their cowardice upon others. Why do I say this? Because they have not the appetite for risk. And if they have not the appetite to take a chance, then therefore neither should you, for by comparison then they would look all wimpy, and, well, liberal.

The reason I say this is because it seems liberals are against anything risky, and therefore anything fun. For fun is a direct function of risk.

For example smoking a cigar. Smoking a cigar is fun, but there is a risk (although minute) that you will contract cancer and die.

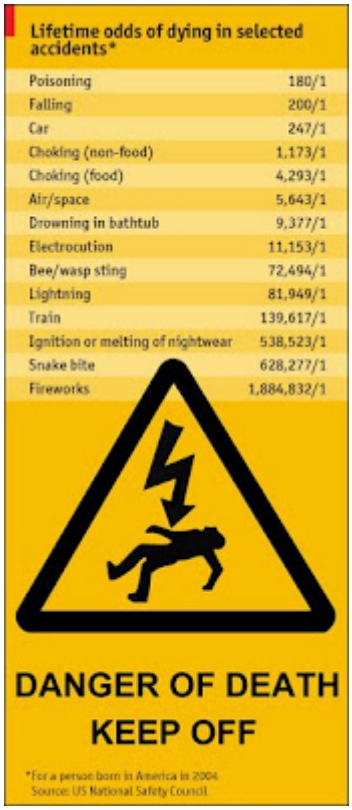
Fireworks, those are fun. Hell of a lot of fun. But one could blow up in your face and kill you, so you better stick with the "liberal's firework;" the sparkler.

Sports cars, ahhhh, lots of fun. But they go fast and you might crash into something. Better get a Prius.

Eating peanuts is fun too. But there's a 1 in a billion chance some kid some where might catch wind of your peanut odor and croak and die. So we ban peanuts from schools.

Everywhere, everything that brings us the slightest bit of joy or happiness, even if it isn't a vice, is under attack from those who want to rule over us in a totalitarian manner under the false guise of "being concerned for our safety."

Thus I was glad to see the odds of death published by The Economist by various accidents so as to see just how paranoid over-protective-anti-fun-fascist-nanny-state-leftists were.



Lifetime odds of dying in selected accidents*

Poisoning	180/1
Falling	200/1
Car	247/1
Choking (non-food)	1,173/1
Choking (food)	4,293/1
Air/space	5,643/1
Drowning in bathtub	9,377/1
Electrocution	11,153/1
Bee/wasp sting	72,494/1
Lightning	81,949/1
Train	139,617/1
Ignition or melting of nightwear	538,523/1
Snake bite	628,277/1
Fireworks	1,884,832/1

*For a person born in America in 2004
Source: US National Safety Council

The most common accident is poison, which would in my estimation warrant an overly protective mother to call poison control should her little children eat a mushroom.
But look at what almost every community organizer goes after like a pit bull to ban and wears a badge of honor should they manage to ban it;

Fireworks.

1 in 1.9 million chance of you getting killed by a firework. That meant if we all played with fire works and every American handled them and played with them dangerously every year only 150 of us would die.

You are even more likely to get killed by your PJ's catching afire at night than by getting killed by a firecracker. You are 20 times more likely to get killed by lightning than by a firework.

Of course, it doesn't matter what the chances are, there's still a chance. And therefore, still an excuse for the nazi's to tell you what you can and cannot do.

"ARE" Becoming Addicted?

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What happened to the 60's?

Teen Pregnancy Rates

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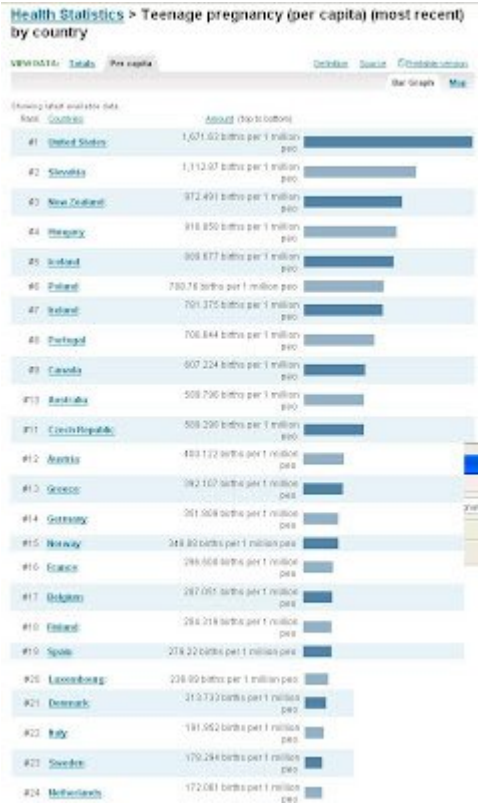

Yea for us. We come in first place in a competition we want to lose.

Ah, Another Obama Supporter

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Is it me, but do all the protesters and leftists have to look like they've just got out of rehab?

Just another reason to vote for McCain.

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My Bondage-A-Go-Go-Girl Story

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Occasionally, kind of akin to Michael Savage when he talks about his days as a youth, my friends suggest instead of a lecture on economics, that I regale my audience occasionally with more personable stories. And after telling a group of new friends my bondage-a-go-go girl story, they all demanded I put it up here, so pour yourself a martini, light up a cigar if you have it, settle in and enjoy.

It was 1998 and I was all of 22 years old. I frequented a club called "The Front" in Minneapolis for it was the very first place to have swing dancing. It was a great place (still is) with a Tiki-Martini Lounge theme and they had live bands like Tony DeMarco, Vic Volare and a whole host of other bands. But it was also called "The Front" because it was the front part of a larger club called "Ground Zero." Ground Zero was an industrial, techno-rave discoteque that had this kind of "dance-girls-in-cages-men-wearing-leashes-bondage" theme. The upstairs of which you could pay a scantily-leather-clad dominatrix or dominator (depending on your preference) to torture you in front of the masses. Things like electrocuting clamps, pouring hot wax on you and so forth. It was quite surreal.

In any case, in my youthful age of 22, I ended up dating Jackie who was the bartender at The Front and was also 30. Giddy as a school boy, we only dated about a month or so, until she broke my poor youthful heart on the grounds I was too young for her and she felt guilty dating me. Regardless, she was a nice gal, almost church going, and all we did was date and smooch a little bit, but alas, that's all it was meant to be.

So fast forward 7 years and me and my buddy Tony (the singer of the club who I befriended) were reminiscing about the good ole days at The Front.

I said, "Do you remember The Front."

Tony responded, "Yeah, I remember The Front. Those were good days back then."

I said, "Nothing exciting, but I used to date Jackie. You know, that cute blond that was the bartender at The Front."

Tony, kind of surprised, turned and looked at me and said, "You dated Jackie the dominatrix?"

I said, "No, no, I dated Jackie, the bartender at The Front."

He replied, "You dated the dominatrix!"

I said, "No, Jackie, the bartender at The Front! She was the girl serving drinks at The Front. That's who I dated."

Smugly he then replied, "Jackie, the bartender at The Front, WAS the dominatrix!"

In disbelief, I said, "Wha?"

"You mean to tell me, you were dating the dominatrix and you DIDN'T KNOW!?"

Tony who was, and still is, one of the most somber, darker individuals I know, never

laughed so hard in his life.

I said, “Well how the hell was I supposed to know! She didn’t have whips or anything in her house! It’s almost as if she was going to church or something!”

Never before had I felt so cheated. I almost felt more cheated out of that, than the social security I’ll never get. She seemed like a normal, almost quiet-like girl. And then, seven years after the fact, I found out I was dating Minneapolis’ premiere dominatrix.

And thus concludes my bondage-a-go-go girl story.

The Effects of the Convention

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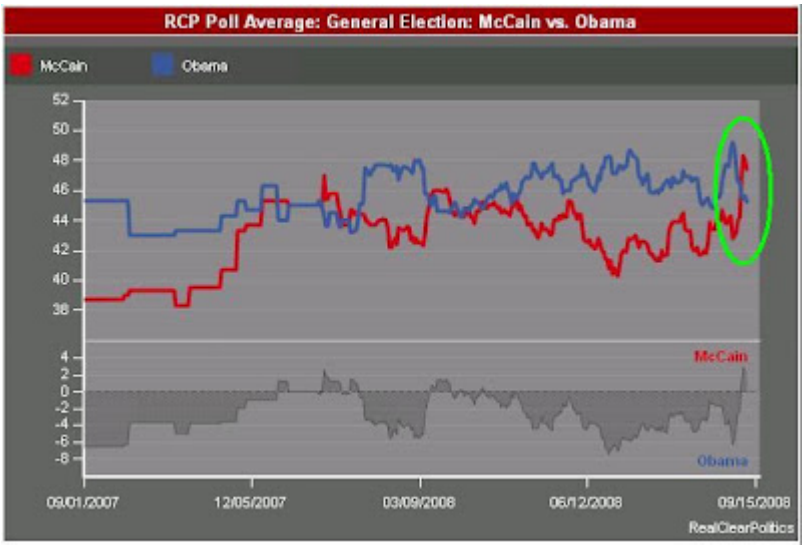
I am kind of disheartened that there is a "bump" in the polls at all, be it a democrat or a republican convention, just because there was a convention. What it tells me is there is an unacceptably high percent of the population that is taken in by glamor and glitz and ponies and fireworks and nothing important as issues or decisions. Of course, I shouldn't be surprised when an ugly has-been idiotic celebrity with the brain of a mosquito can garnish some significant support amongst the masses, but still it bothers me all it takes is "pretty colors" and "flashy lights" to convince people to vote one way or another.



In any case, I am happy to see a significant bump in McCain's ratings over Obama's. I'm just hoping it has more to do with Palin than the pretty sparklies of a convention.

Old School 9-11 Tribute

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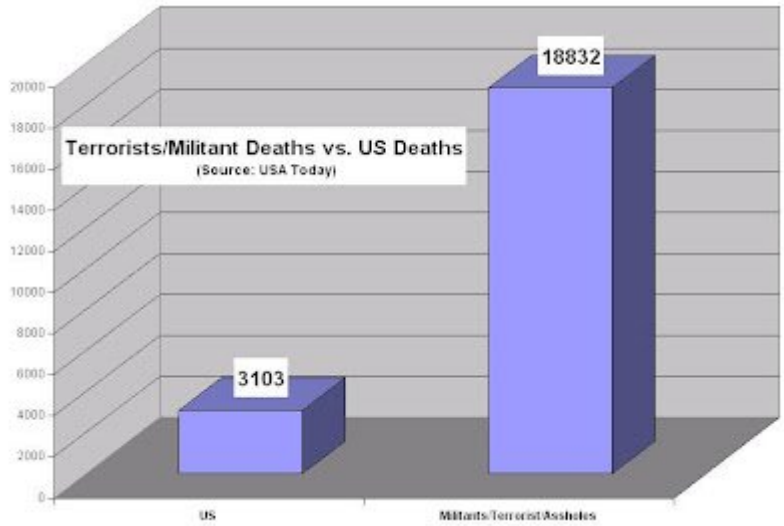
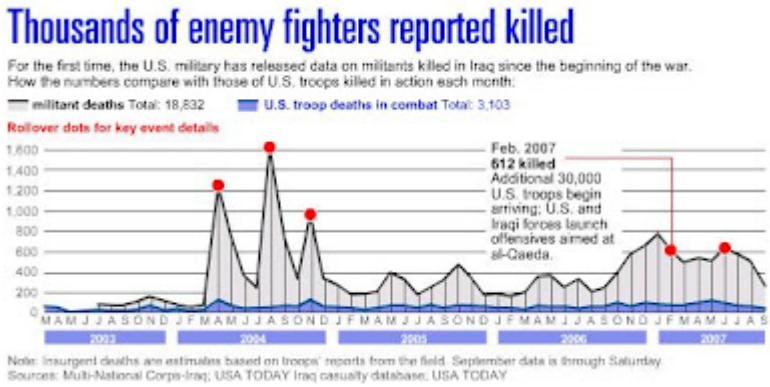
What amazes me is that the death tolls of Americans/Allies versus how many of these terrorist scumbags we killed is rarely posted. You don't see it on the news, there's no running tally, it's nowhere near as watched as say the score of a football game, yet it's immensely important, if not the most important thing or measure for the whole war. Because the goal is to kill as many terrorist scumbags as possible.

And for my tribute to 9-11, I don't want to do some candle light vigil, I don't want to do some lets-hold-hands-and-sing-kumbayaa. I just wanted to point out the cold hard truth to all the terrorists who thought it would be a grand idea to kill 3,000 Americans (and the leftists that seemingly cheer them on) that it was the dumbest mistake you've ever made. I just wanted to point out to all the radical terrorist nutjobs out there, who think you've done some amazing thing, that 9-11 was the equivalent to not only shooting yourselves in the foot, but pretty much shooting yourselves in the head. I know the media won't admit it. I know the left and Obama supporters here in America are reluctant, if not ashamed to acknowledge it, but we are not only winning, we are hands down kicking your ass.

Although the data is a year old, US troops have been killing you no-point-to-life losers at a rate of 6 to 1.





You want to do this all day? Fine, we can accommodate that. We can go all night long because it will bring about your end and we fully intend to.

But the larger point is this. Currently 4,155 US troops have died in this war to avenge those we lost on 9-11. And while they look down from above and certainly appreciate the candle-light vigils, and prayers and moments of silence, I think they're sitting next to God on big comfy leather couches with beers and brats watching the game, and are more concerned about the score. And if there's anything putting a smile on their faces, and vindicating they certainly did not die in vain it's to see their buddies kicking ass on the field. They may be out of the game, but those 4,155 took one for the team.

"Canadians Are Stupid"

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First read this;

Then watch this.

Ah yes, the Green party, which is a predominantly leftist party, threatening the freedom of speech.

This must explain why in communist countries you have the right to vote, you just have to vote for the communist party. And in the Green party world you have the freedom of speech, you just have to say what they want you to say.

Stop in and say hello to the Green party of Canada.

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My Angry Response

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I made a post two posts below about honoring 9-11. I got enough "sensitive 90's" responses about how killing more of them (terrorists) won't solve the situation and that we lost Vietnam because of this and blah blah blah. And in sheer rage responded.

The good news is this is my blog. And the good news is more people listen and read me than people who disagree. And the good news is I get to decide what's published or not, not some lefty internet trolls. And by God I will post something that is positive and I will defend the fact we kill more terrorists than they kill us because it is important and it damn well means something to me, and I gander a lot of Americans who are sick of the pansy sensitive 90's BS. My rage induced response is below;

My freaking God, no wonder the terrorists are emboldened! What is this pansy ass crap I am hearing? Seriously. If George Patton were alive he'd launch the 5th army against all of you.

Can you none of you just let yourselves enjoy the fact we're killing the bad guys at a rate at six times what they're killing us?

I know we've all been brainwashed to shun violence and shun revenge, but while I still have the slightest bit of testosterone and hatred for the enemy, I'm going to be damn happy we're killing these scumbags faster than they are us.

Jesus freaking Christ. Can the soldiers just get an occasional "thanks for kicking ass"? Can they? Or does there have to be some public-school indoctrinated caveat about the statistics and then some moral qualm about killing evil people?

I will out of sheer piss-offedness no longer post comments on this thread that are anything BUT praise, adulation and gratitude to the success of the military. And the reason why is you can get otherwise elsewhere and I'm sick of hearing "otherwise."

Just cheer, hell, ACKNOWLEDGE the freaking good guy without a godamned string attached once in a while, will ya?!

Who Doesn't Have More Experience thatn Barack Obama?

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I will say it once, and then I'll day it again.

If you've baby sat or shoveled poo (which I did at a greenhouse when I was 12, you'd be amazed of all the different types of poo that go into various fertilizers) then you have more experience than Barack Obama. And the reason is simple;

You've then worked in the private sector and one day in the private sector is more real world experience than a decade in government.

This was posted by Fritz on SDA.

McCain vs. Obama at Hot or Not

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So what started as an innocent venture of curiosity ended up becoming a bit more involved than I thought it would.

Very simply, all I wanted to do was to see who was hotter during his prime;

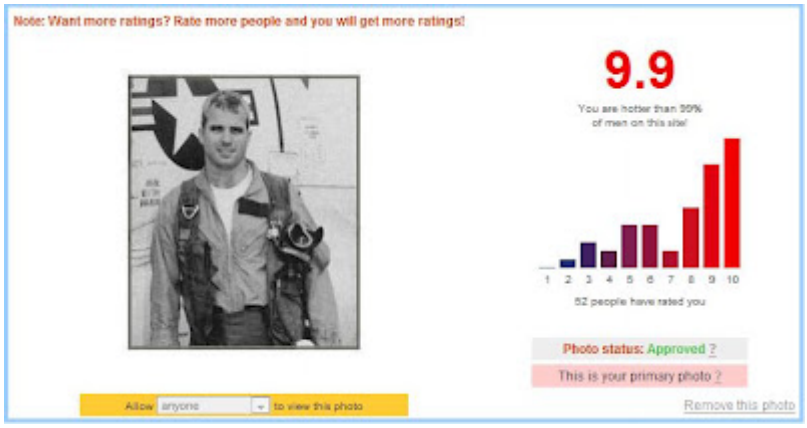
John McCain or Barack Obama.

I deemed this somewhat newsworthy as pretty much every Jeff Foxworthy fan is salivating over Sarah Palin and every perpetually-single New York 30 something female is doing the same over Obama. And while looks are complete irrelevant in a presidential race (or at least should be), I recall seeing some pictures of John McCain in his youth and he was nothing short of Cary-Grantish level handsome.

To prove who was the better looking I took two pictures; one of John McCain in his prime and one of Barack Obama in his prime. I faced the problem that if the pictures were too easily identifiable then the screeners at Hot or Not would reject them. Fortunately both made it through and here are the results;

Barack Obama; 7.2/10

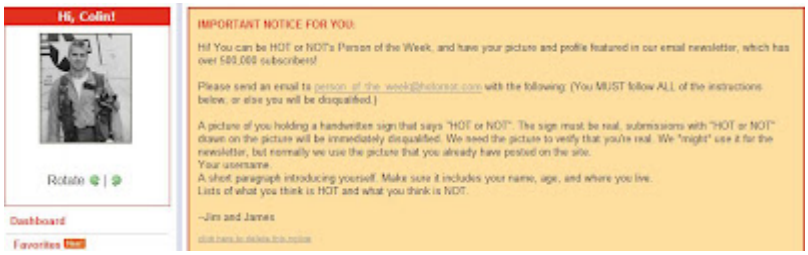
John McCain; 9.9/10



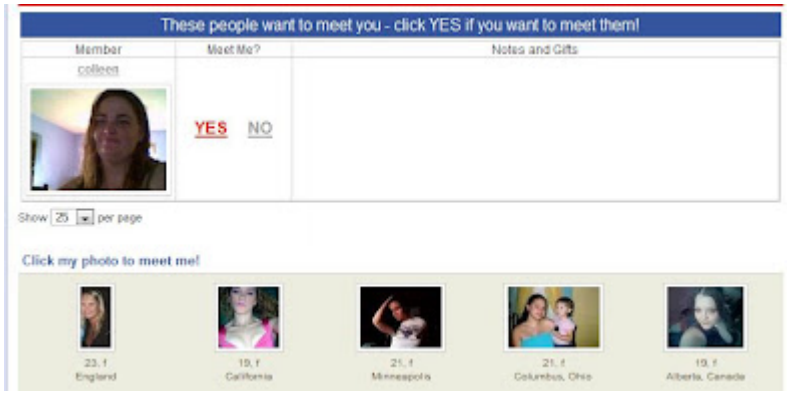
Now one would leave it as such and say, "OK, cute story, John McCain is way hotter than Barack Obama, adjusting for prime."

But what happened thereafter was interesting, if not hilarious (and sure to be a boost to the aspiring presidential candidate).

One, John McCain was "invited" (I guess is the term) to become the "Hot or Not Person of the Week." Obama had no such invite.



Two, several girls (all of the age of 20 something) expressed an interest in meeting the young John McCain, though Cindy McCain might have something to say about that. Barack Obama had no such interest (though I will readily admit the girls listed could just be a marketing ploy of the web site, still, none showed up on the Obama site). Regardless, sadly, I hate to break it to those McCain hearthrobs on Hot or Not, but John McCain is married and he is (I think) 72 years old.



Of course, looks are irrelevant when it comes to selecting the president of the United

States and this was done largely out of humor and jest. However, while you may not be able to date John McCain, you can vote for him. For while he may beat Barack 9.9 to 7.2 in looks (adjusting for prime), I would surmise he equally, if not, more than trounces him in experience.

Who Carried Out the 9-11 Attacks

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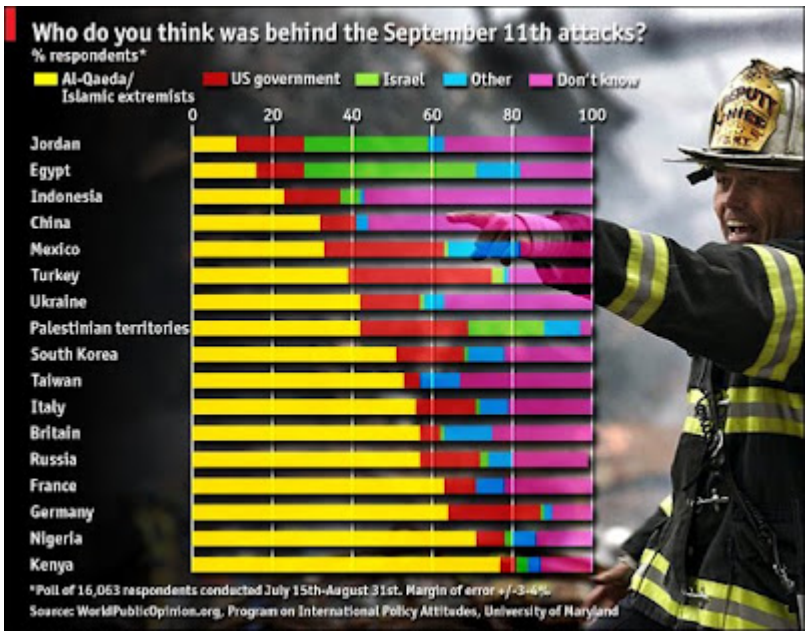
The short answer is Islamic terrorists.

Of course, if you live in an Islamic country and the government does not allow for a free media or you're just biased, then it's the Israelis or the US government (though, this is a popular theory amongst US democrats too).



However, I can easily show those who claim it was the Israelis or the US government are lying through their teeth and are just saying so as mere propaganda and are using something called "Island Hopping Logic."

If you ask them who brought down the Twin Towers, it was Bush or the Jews.

Ask them what they think of Osama Bin Laden and "Oh, he's our hero! Did you see what he did to the Twin Towers!"

You'd be amazed how common this is...or perhaps not.

Another thing that stuck out about this chart is our good Mexican friends to the south. Only 25% of them believe it was Islamic terrorists. Of course, that's why they were all cheering for Osama Bin Laden during a soccer match against the US.

So I don't want the world telling us who they (wink wink) "think" pulled off 9-11. You all know who did.

Liberals Don't Adjust for GDP

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It's just a common fact; liberals do not adjust for GDP.

They look at nominal numbers and run with it;

"Did you know back in 1872 milk cost 3 cents a gallon. BUT UNDER GEORGE BUSH IT COSTS $3! Bush is in cahoots with Big Milk. Impeach Bush now!"

Of course, maybe that might be a bit extreme, but I have seen such outlandish comparisons in the past that make most economists' heads shake. But this was one where I think we need a lesson in economics;

There is a thing called "Critical Mass" wherein bicyclists in the city clog the main roads to protest the use of cars and advocate the use of bikes. No doubt a more lefter leaning group, and no doubt they cause more carbon to be emitted as they effectively create a traffic jam, but that aside this is just another case of leftists not bothering to have any semblance of intellectual honesty, or perhaps are just plain lazy.

Adjust for GDP people. It's like saying "Bill Gate's has over $1 MILLION dollars in credit card debt! What a big bad debt hog!"

Well, big whoop. He's got $40 billion in assets. You have to compare the amount of debt to what the government (or individual or company or economy) makes. Yes, there is $9.6 trillion in GROSS federal debt (another adjustment I shall ignore for now), but as a percent of GDP that's only 72%.

To compare to yourself, ask how much debt you owe (student, credit cards, mortgage, etc) and divide that by your gross income. Most people would would be well above 100%,

probably even 200%.

Now, I do share the bicycle rider's sentiment that Bush has spent too much (though he would contest it was on Iraq and I would contest - with documented proof - it was social security and medicare), but can we just agree to do some simple token, high school economics and adjust for things like inflation and GDP?

"Behind the Housing Crash - Confessions from an Insider" is Here!

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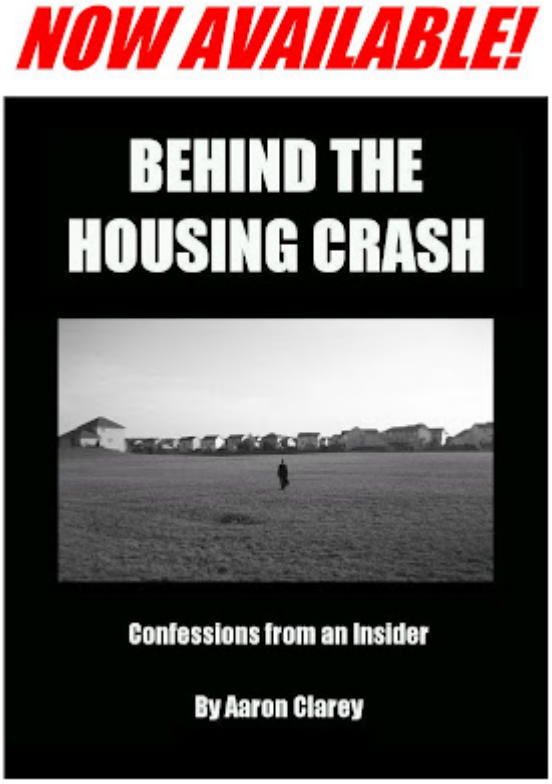

Happy day Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or Otherwise Economists!

After many months of writing (and a coincidental timing with the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the rest of Wall Street), the book is finally here! Behind the Housing Crash – Confessions of an Insider has officially been published and you can get your copy here!

Full of stories guaranteed to make your blood boil, bring shame to the banking industry, and packed full of charty-goodness (35 charts no less!) this has been the single largest project I've ever embarked on. I did my best to write a clear, concise, but above all, entertaining book that I hope achieves its aim of explaining what happened, how the housing crash came to be, and why your house is all of the sudden worth $150,000 less than what it used to be.

In any case, as this is self published I need all the help of the junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists and Captain Capitalismites out there to tell a friend or 60 about the book. I have no grand delusions of this hitting the New York Time's best seller list, nor getting on Oprah's book club, but have set myself the reasonable goal of selling more copies than Nancy Pelosi. If you could please send the link to anybody you know that would be interested in this book or mention it to family and friends that would be grand.

I sincerely appreciate all of your help in the past and all of your readership. And I sincerely hope this book surpasses your expectations.

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Wow, China Represent!

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I'm not sure as I'm not familiar with the characters of the various Asian languages, but I think I might have just entered a 1.3 billion person market. Sincere thanks!

Costs to Fire a Worker

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The guy at The Economist who is doing the chartage is on a roll. Here's another good one;

Not that I'm a big fan of corporate America, but if it takes over a year's worth of a German worker's pay to fire them, why set up shop there?

Sincere Pscyhological Problems

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I don't want to hear about how we on the right "hate." Seems to be the monopoly of the left.

UPDATE

Click on the profile here. Does anybody see what I see?

Maybe Minnesotans Should Be Put in Charge of Rebuilding the WTC

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13 months ago we were playing volleyball and all of the sudden my friends' and my cell phones were going off. Parents were calling us to see if we were alright. Odd it seemed at first, but that's when the highway 35W bridge collapsed.

Well 13 months later the bridge has reopened and now traffic will be seriously alleviated. However, such a quick rebuilding of a major highway over the country's largest river got me thinking;

"Why the hell is it taking so long to rebuild the WTC?"

I've speculated on this before and pointed out that if this was the 1940's, despite archaic technology, those towers would have been rebuilt in the same amount of time it took to rebuild this bridge. Of course political, environmental, insurance and other factors have gotten in the way. But it does present an interesting dichotomy.

It takes a private sector firm 13 months to rebuild a major piece of infrastructure under budget and ahead of schedule. It takes what can only be described as government and political bureaucracy 7 years to build absolutely nothing. If there is a lesson in the perils of government and politics, this is it.

In the meantime, perhaps you New Yorkers out there could use a little consulting help from us hicks in Minnesota?

Stick It to the Rich

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I have a theory that politics, when it really boils down to it, is basically just two groups of people who argue over who should get to consume the production of society. Marx and Obama supporters call it the have's and the have not's. Some would call it the leftists vs. fascists. Others would call it the producers and the parasites. Regardless of what you want to call them, politics as far as I've read and seen throughout history is about one group of people finding a way to take what others have.

But what I find particularly interesting in today's Western democracies is that the "have nots/leftists/parasites" act as if the "haves/nazibushloverfascists/producers" don't already transfer a significant sum of their earnings to the have not group. That they don't get a dime from the richer classes. Or that the rich don't pay taxes at all, they have those always-available "loop-holes," and not only that, but they actively engage in oppressing the poorer classes just for sh!t's and giggles (which I know I do, actually the Republican party has a quota of poor people you must oppress if you want to join the party, you get bonus points if they are of a minority race or religion)

Regardless, what ultimately made me choose sides in this simplified political landscape was one simple thing;

Fact.

Specifically, statistics that show you, among other things, just how much people are taxed and where the government spends the money.

One would think this would be the MINIMUM amount of fiscal stewardship a citizen of a democracy (or republic) would do to determine what is in the best fiscal interests of the country they are ultimately responsible for. Sadly, one cannot attribute that bare minimum of concern for one's country to the majority of Obama supporters because without verifying the facts, they'll just go and knee-jerk response;

"The rich don't pay their fair share."

"The rich use loopholes to avoid paying taxes."

"The rich poke baby koala bears with sharp sticks." (which you also get bonus points for)

When the reality, the cold hard truth of the matter is the rich in the US and practically all western democracies are the most charitable people in the history of the world;

Taxation Statistics > Contribution by richest 30% (most recent) by country

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Bar Graph | Map

Showing latest available data.

Rank	Countries	Amount (top to bottom)
#1	France	67.9%
#2	Ireland	66.4%
#3	United States	65.3%
#4	Australia	65.1%
#5	Belgium	63.5%
#6	Italy	62.3%
#7	United Kingdom	62%
#8	Canada	60.4%
#9	Finland	56.8%
#10	Norway	53.8%
#11	Germany	53.6%
#12	Sweden	53.3%
#13	Netherlands	52.2%
#14	Denmark	48.7%
	Weighted average:	59.4%

Of course there is more to a political campaign and platform than just fiscal policy. But my question would be would anybody of the lefter leaning ideologies vote for Obama if he said he wasn't going to tax the rich? And on the same coin, would anybody of the righter leaning ideologies vote for McCain if he said he was going to tax the rich?

If you think about it, you'll see just how simple politics is.

Cute Bunny Pictures

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Hey, who doesn't like cute bunny pictures.

Thus concludes my break-from-economics-post.

Kill the Bankers

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I was angry before, which prompted me to write my book. But now I am livid. With a potential $1 trillion bill facing the taxpayers, I am at a loss for words to describe my sincere hatred for bankers. And thus, without words, that leaves only actions;

I want to kill the bankers.

I don't mean that in a funny, ha ha, way. I don't mean that in a sarcastic way. I mean that in an old school American, wild wild west, you killed my father-prepare-to-die, deadly serious way. I literally want to grab my gun, get a lot of bullets, find some bankers, hunt them down and kill them. I even know the bankers I would hunt down. I know their names and where I can find them. I would do with a smile on my face. I would enjoy the action of it, I would savor it. I would go home and pour myself a well-earned drink and sleep just as soundly as I ever have, if not, probably better. I would not have one pang of guilt.

Now I know that violence and hate and revenge are officially outlawed in this country. When we get attacked we're supposed to ask what we did wrong. When we get bombed we're supposed to apologize. And when bankers screw us out of $1 trillion, we're supposed to forgive them and get over it and maybe bend over again and to make easier for them the next time around, perhaps spread our butt cheeks.

Not me.

No.

I'm steaming.

And the particular reason why is that bankers are unique because of their hubris and arrogance.

Say you have a deadbeat on welfare. Fine, I have no respect for that individual, I may not really like that individual, but for the most part while they're living off the taxpayer, they're not really living a jet set life style. Bankers on the other hand, insist, almost demand that they live the jet set lifestyle, regardless of whether they produce a profit or not. They drive Beamers, they drive Mercedes, they wear fancy clothes, all to put up the image, all to tell themselves in their minds that they are hot sh!t, whether or not they're actually a good banker. Yet the fact so many of them were so poor at their job that it is potentially going to cost the real working American's $1 trillion shows you their entitlement mentality.

"What? Turn down a loan on account we're ultimately guaranteed by the FDIC and thus the taxpayer and we owe it to the country not to destroy the economy? Why that would get in the way of my commission! And me having the latest in Armani and Trophy Wife apparel is more important than you dumb working schleps! Why, I'm a BANKER, I'm an important guy! I work on Wall Street! I'm not some peon like you!"

Additionally, it is the attitude of the holier than thou crowd of the now-crumbling elite "Bulge Bracket" of Wall Street. I remember many years ago applying to the likes of Bear Sterns and Lehman Brothers only to be turned down solely because I went to a state school and not "the Ivy League." I wasn't a Rockefeller or a Winthrop the III or a Kennedy. I, and presumably the rest of blue collar America, was not "good enough" to work for these firms. Now these firms and their incompetent, moronic blue blood ilk are coming up to us with a cup in their hand for a $1 trillion bail out? These "elites," the "smartest people from the best schools" have effectively caused a recession? They are the bottom of the barrel. They're incompetent. They're losers. They're not good at anything but living off of mommy and daddy, and when they can't produce anything of value, parasiting off the real men and women who work.

Regardless, this mentality these bankers have is the exact same as an entitled socialist, but with the unfathomable arrogance that they're entitled to riches as well at the expense of society and the taxpayer. They are entitled to a fancy I-banking job whether they have the skill for it or not. They are entitled to limitless wealth because of their profession. They are entitled to drive a luxury car, even though pretty much every bankers' beamer out there is paid for with 100% of somebody else's money. It is arguably the epitome of evil and why I seriously would not have any problem killing some bankers.

Of course, the problem is "killing" is "illegal." Much as I (and no doubt some of you) would like to go out with our rifles during "Banker Season," we'd all end up in jail. Thus, I have a solution, that although would not be quite as effective as "The Great Banker Purge of 2008" in fighting moral hazard, I think the effects will be the same as it is worse than death itself;

Tax them.

Tax the living snot out of them.

We know who the bad bankers are. It's not that hard. The Feds are investigating scores of banks and while the criminal bankers have left or been fired, you can still track them down, garnish their wages and make them pay for their mistakes. It is only fair that for once, instead of repeating another S&L bail out where we give bankers another cup of moral hazard, we make them pay, and make the price so dear they never forget. That instead of them parasiting off society, they sleep in their own bed and deal with their own mess. That instead of driving their Escillade around for selling the taxpayers another $40

million worth of worthless CDO's, they drive an old used Chevy Caprice and have to budget, and conserve and feel the constant threat of poverty the rest of us have known, but they never have. I want them to pay the $1 trillion tab, not when they're making $10 million a year in bonus, but when they have to work as a security guard during the 3rd shift for $8.50 and hour.

Of course though, we don't really have a choice because our beloved elected leaders are going to once again bail out the financial system on account of it being "too vital a component to the economy." But bankers beware, if a revolution ever comes and society crumbles, something tells me it won't be rabbit season, or duck season, or Elmer Fudd season.

It'll be banker season.

He Is "Pro-Marriage" and Must be Lynched

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You daily dose of humorous captain bachelorism;

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I Forget Just How Small Russia is at Times

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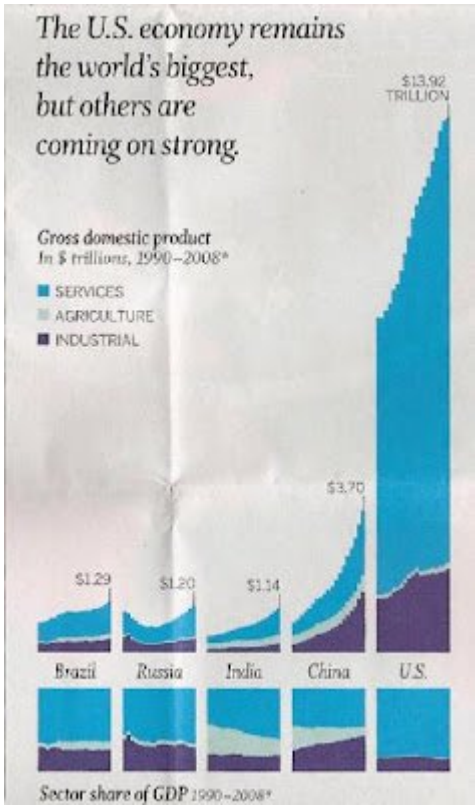
For all it's huffing and puffing and invading, there are times I forget that Russia is actually quite a small economy.



Why can't it be more like Brazil or India? Do you ever hear of Brazil invading places, bothering people, producing terrorists? No, they just hang out there in the south, enjoy the weather and produce GDP.

Arckensaw vs. Arkansas

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I was having a discussion with a female friend of mine and was summarily mocked for I mentioned that back when I was all of 6 or 7 years old I thought there were two distinctly separate states;

One called "Arckensaw" and one called "Arkansas."

The reason for my confusion was the obvious spelling of "Arkansas" is not pronounced "Arcken-saw" but "r-kansas."

Did anybody else have this confusion as a child so I can point out to my female colleague that I am not the only one that thought this way in their youth?

Your Home Equity is NOT an ATM Machine

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" 'Thou Shalt Not Use the Equity in Thy Home as an ATM Machine.' Great, NOW you tell me."

No duh.

America Deserves to Be Mocked

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Europeans mocking the US, and deservedly so.

It's Like Being in Bastogne

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So I've been listening to the talk radio show hosts and guess what they're all talking about?

That's right, the housing debacle.

And not that I'm criticizing them, or belittling them, but they're talking about this as if it is something new and shocking. That the collapse of Wall Street just kind of "sprung up" on them. Again, its because I had the "advantage" of working in banking and saw this coming, but I kind of analogize it to being in the 101st Airborne during the Battle of Bastogne and then getting relieved by the Third Army and having them ask "So, what's going on?"

I want to yell back at them, "WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?!"

Regardless, the timing of this housing/banking debacle more or less mandates that I address something about how to prevent this in the future (and coincidentally publish a very appropriately time excerpt from my book). The premise being;

Would this have even have happened if we mandated personal financial management classes in school instead of worthless subjects like "psychology" or "foreign-languages-you'll-never-use."

Enjoy.

"Education:

But of all the recommended courses of action, the single best thing to prevent another housing crash or any other economic catastrophe from happening ever again is quite simply education. People do not realize how powerful and what the potential is for a nation that adequately educates its population in finance and economics. Not only would such debacles like the housing crisis be avoided, but bankruptcies would dramatically decline, debt levels would drop, crime would plummet, unemployment would be perpetually low, standards of living would jump to levels never dreamed possible, and recessions, just like Polio or the measles, would be eradicated. It is merely a question of whether we care to eradicate the ignorance that causes these ills. It is a question of whether a society is willing to be intellectually honest enough to abandon the Thin Skinned Economy, take the time to study economics and live in the real world.

Not that we don’t make some efforts to educate ourselves when it comes to economics

and finance, but it is an absolute disgrace the poor job today's education system does. If at all, economics is a token requirement usually taught by a history teacher with no real background or understanding in economics and finance. Worse still anybody with real world experience is prohibited from teaching in the public schools on the flimsy grounds they don't have a "teacher's license" (Alan Greenspan himself could not teach economics at the majority of our schools). Furthermore, as no doubt has been the majority of people's experiences, economics was such a boring class that instead of embracing it, it was loathed and feared by millions of high school students. It is no coincidence Ben Stein's accurate depiction of an economics teacher in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" resonates so well with society.

This is just as much as a tragedy as the housing crisis itself, for in failing to educate the masses in finance and economics, we have failed to educate ourselves on one the most important, if not the most important aspect of our lives. Furthermore, it is almost criminal because the costs of such ignorance are so severe. Had personal financial management been taught in the schools would the sub prime market even exist? Would most 25 year olds have credit card bills larger than their student loans? Would there even be a housing crisis? Would the Baby Boomer generation be so woefully unprepared for retirement? Blame the bankers, blame the brokers, the utter failure of the education system to instill any semblance of fiscal discipline is just as much to blame...."

There's more where that came from.

The Bail Out Simplified

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HAR!

Child Labor

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I surmise most of you who read Cappy Cap here had at one point in your life had to do "real work."

What do I mean by "real work?" Work that sucks. Things like working at McDonalds. Working the late shift as a security guard. Perhaps you were a poo shoveler like me. Regardless, because of these jobs we not only learned the merits of getting an education, but also appreciated how the real world works. How you cannot have wealth without production. How you must produce something of value to get employed (and how most of us became capitalists and conservatives in the first place).

But what gets me is how "child labor," no matter how noble, no matter how helpful to form the ideological senses of a youth, is kind of frowned upon. How parents nowadays are having their kids join various charity organizations because it "looks better on a resume" than working at McDonalds (which is complete BS). How illegal immigrants are getting hired to do the jobs the youth of America used to do in the past. And if you hear "child labor" you think of some poor third world country kid working in the sulfur mines in Indonesia for 30 cents a day. Which is why I found this interesting;

CHILD LABOR In Karachi, Pakistan, Salman Aziz, 11, harvests bits of metal from computer mice. As the volume of electronic waste continues to grow worldwide, so does the need for humane and environmentally sound ways to recycle the wealth of raw materials inside it.

I forget where I found it (National Geographic perhaps), but, seriously, I'm supposed to feel sorry for this kid? This kid has a cake job! This is not shoveling poo or pouring out

grease bin or cleaning up cow remnants at a locker plant. This is taking apart electronics AND, might I speculate, a great way to learn about computers and electrical engineering. This kid is not only getting paid for a pretty easy job, but getting an education as well.

Now I know I will get a bunch of e-mails from leftists who never had to do work as dirty as shoveling poo. I know I will receive a bunch of e-mails from spoiled brats who never changed a diaper in their lives berating me about how dare I insult this poor kid. These intellectually inferior comments will be summarily ignored on the ground none of you got your fingers dirty or had a real job in your youth so go back to eating arugala (I don't even know how to spell it) whilst discussing your Amber Crombie and Fitch collection with Obama.

In the meantime I invite all the hardworking folk, left or right, who know the value of a work ethic to regale us with your-crappy-jobs-during-your-youth-stories.

Sadly, How I'm Progressingly Seeing America

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We don't work.

We spend more money than we make.

We blame all of our problems on everybody else.

We're entitled to everything.

So why are we so great?

Because we're Americans and, um, well, uh, by that fact not only are we great, we'll be great forever.

Yeah, just like the Romans.

Just So We're Clear

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I'd like to point out or clarify something, and it's a very important clarification.

The outright highway robbery that is going on now with this $700 billion is NOT the failure of capitalism. It seems there are many people out there, namely of the leftist stripe, that are heralding the problems of the economy as a "end of capitalism." Worthless professors who never set a foot outside academia and never produced one ounce of GDP, who still wear pony tails as if it were 1968, salivating as if this is the rapture they've all been waiting for. Something they "saw coming for a long time" as if capitalism was some kind of cute, novel social experiment bound to fail, but on a more spectacular level than communism did.

They could not be more wrong.

First off, it is necessary to point out a government bail out is NOT capitalism. The idea of capitalism is that companies and individuals compete and the government gets the ef out of the way. There may be some universal goods like roads, defense, judicial systems, etc the government imposes on the people, but when it comes to commerce, the government does not decide who are winners and losers. The free market, ie- the people or society does. And if banks or airlines or railroads or Leftist Lucy's Coffee Shop fails to generate more income than expenses, to hell with them, they go under. A bail out, LET ALONE A $700 billion bailout can only be described as the epitome of socialism.

Second, this is one of the rare (and I do mean rare) moments where self-avowed socialists and genuine capitalists will agree on something. We are both livid over this bail out of financial deadbeats and corrupt bankers. This is nothing more (and admittedly, I'm over-generalizing here a bit) than the rich and the poor, stealing from the hard working middle class. If anything, this should be a call to vote out pretty much every congressman up for re-election this year and to hunt down the bankers and deadbeats that did this to the nation. In any case, it seems universally agreed upon across the political spectrum that this bail out should have ramifications and consequences for the guilty, but it is vital you understand this bail out is socialist in nature, not the other way around. This should give those of you out there who "claim" to be socialists or democrats great pause to evaluate or at least understand the basic tenets of your ideology before going and trumpeting a socialist for president.

And finally, and I cannot emphasize this enough, capitalism is not a choice. It's REALITY. You can impose a socialist or a communist system all you want, the end result will be the likes of Cuba, North Korea or the USSR. It is not coincidence countries with lower taxes and higher economic freedoms grow faster, alleviate more poverty and have better

standards of living. The reason why (and I want you to put this to memory) is that capitalism is an ideology based in reality. It is not based in falsehoods or "pie in the sky" hope and dreams and puppy dogs and flowers. It is based in simple principles such as;

You don't work, you don't eat.

People prefer more to less.

People will make decisions in their best interests.

There's so such thing as a free lunch.

No, you can't just print off more money.

ie-the closer your ideology, political structure, or economy is to reality, the more success you will have. The further away you get from these realities, the worse your economy will do.

This you can see in everyday life as the decisions people make, if not based in reality, suffer the consequences.

You took out a mortgage you couldn't afford? You get to file for bankruptcy.

You majored in sociology? You get a crappy job a $30,000 a year.

You drive 200 MPH on a motorcycle? You get a serious headache when you crash.

And when you make it so nobody has any incentive to work because you tax them, or you make it so there is no penalty NOT to work, or worse still incentive them not to work with a multitude of government programs, you destroy the ability of an economy to produce any kind of wealth.

So ask yourself the question; is a $700 billion bail out a product of the capitalist ideology or the socialist strain? And ask yourself the question what kind of perverse incentives does this provide you? (I for one am more than half tempted to just not pay my mortgage anymore and rack up a ton of credit card debt, and say "ef it!" Aren't you?) And then ask yourself the final question;

Why on god's green earth are you a socialist?

(And remember to buy my book! ;)

Who Is "Fuller?"

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As some of you have gotten your copy of Behind the Housing Crash, I've gotten a couple e-mails inquisitive about the scene I cite from "A Bridge Too Far" and this "Fuller" character.

Here is the clip (which I think really provides a great backdrop to the book) and here is the now-over-a-year-old-post I used it in.

Ah, Nationalized Health Care

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Nationalized health care anyone?

ht to Kate at SDA

It's Raining Investment Bankers; Hallelujah

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I can only wish.

Another Supporter for Obama

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Eeeesh!!!

Remember, we on the right are the party of hate!

ht to Michelle Malkin.

Captain Capitalism's Great Western Adventure!

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So I get back from my trip from Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons and I just didn't have any time to post these. Now, half bombed from some strong horseradish vodka I finally have a little bit of time to share with you some of my cooler pictures.

Aside from the visually stimulating pictures, I found some of my best fossil specimens yet, not to mention the largest snake I've found yet (although it was no poisonous).

Damn bear stole my adventure hat.

The Best Is Yet to Come

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Not to burst any one's "bubble" (heh heh), but once we're done with this little financial crisis thingy, the west will face another crisis right around the corner; social security.

And not so much social security, but here in the US, rather medicare, which is actually going to be a bigger problem than social security. It reminds me of the ending speech Robert Shaw gives in "Force 10 from Navarone;"

"Yes, we did it. But before we can start awarding ourselves Victoria Crosses and Congressional Medals of Honor and so on and so forth and such like, I think I better point out, that;

1. We're now on the wrong side of the river.
2. We have no hope whatsoever of rejoining the partisans.
and 3. This neck of the woods will soon be crawling with very bad-tempered Germans.

And 4. I don't think that our little genius, Sergeant Miller there, has even got a box of matches left in his suitcase.

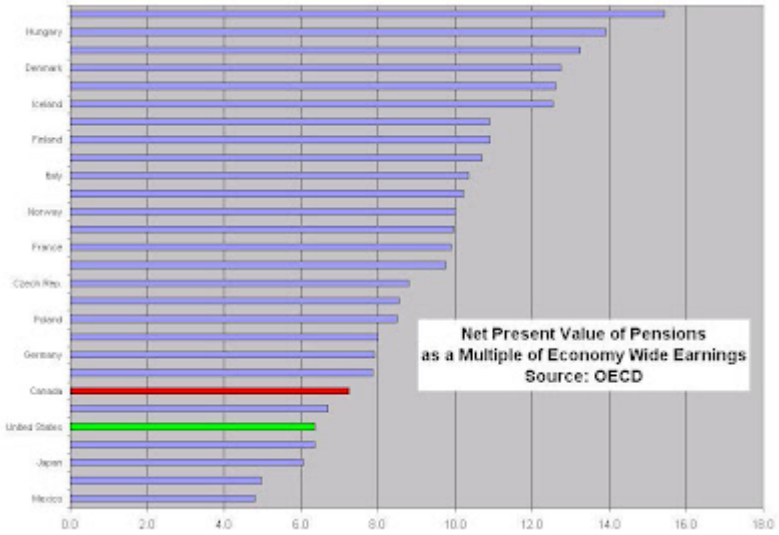
And so therefore I think we can it gentlemen, that we are going to have a very

long

walk

home."

And in a similar manner I like to point these dire things out. Which brings me to my chart o' the week; Pension Entitlements as a Multiple of Economy Wide Earnings



See, the concept behind this ratio is that pensions or pensioners have to be funded/paid with earnings from the economy. It's not like once you hit retirement age, the money just all of the sudden POOFS, there it is. It has to be funded some how. And as a means to measure how "generous" or "stingy" a country is with their childrens' money..er...I mean... towards it's elderly,
you can take the entitled pensions and divide it by the economy wide earnings to see how much in pensions people are entitled to for the amount of work they do in any given year. A lower multiple means you work a lot, but don't get a lot. And a higher multiple means you work a little, and get a nice big fat pension. I like to put it into political terms, basically calling it a measure that shows which politicians figured out they could bribe a voting block by promising grand retirement benies in the future, knowing full well they'd be dead by the time people figured out there was no way to fund those benies. But hey, those politicians had nice hair and nice smiles. And they cared. Can't forget that, they cared, and that's all that matters.

In any case, while we think it's going to be bad here in the US (as I surmise there is also a Baby Boom wave about to hit retirement in Canada and Europe as well) it's nothing compared to places like Greece where your pension "entitlement" is 15 times a year's worth of Greece's economic earnings.

Maybe I should visit Mexico.

How to Measure Global Cooling…Er, I Mean "Warming"

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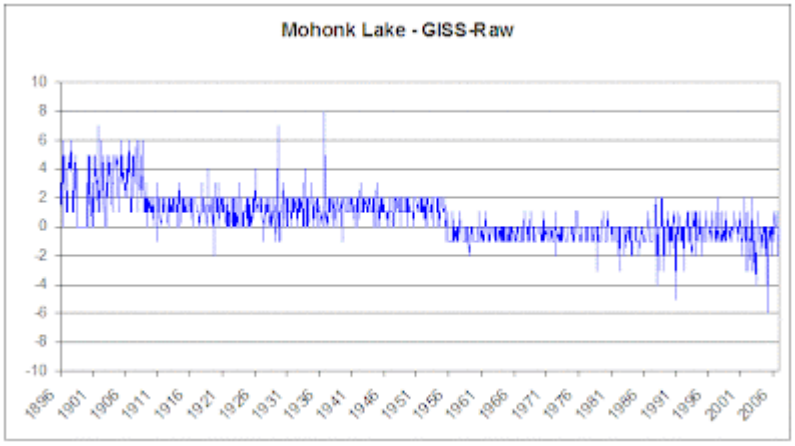

The chart above shows the difference between how the NOAA measures warming vs. people just reliably and consistently going out and checking the temperature.

I'm glad we spend so much money on the NOAA way.

ht to SDA

The Blame Game

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It was requested that I repost this, so here it is, newer posts follow this one;

If you ask the majority of American's it's Alan Greenspan's fault.

If you ask Barack Obama, it's George Bush's and the Republicans' fault.

If you ask John McCain it's Wall Street's fault.

And if you ask Nancy Pelosi it's anybody, but the democrats' fault.

So who's to blame then?

None of the above.

In intellectual honesty we have to give credit where credit is due. Nancy Pelosi is "most right" when she says the democrats are largely un-blamable when it comes to the country's current economic woes. This ignores the fact that the democrats and leftists in this country have effectively cut off the supply of oil in the US and therefore did contribute to the increase in prices and thus the economic slow down, as well as pressured lenders to lend to the lesser qualified to get them re-elected, but these are very tangential to the current crisis.

Second "most right" is John McCain. Wall Street and their mortgage backed securities gurus highlighted in the Sub Prime Primer did provide a venue for which banks could unload worthless mortgages and effectively made them brokers with every incentive for volume and very little for quality. But this is not the primary culprit.

Then you have outright ignorant people who lack the intellectual rigor or curiosity to learn the facts for themselves and become informed, educated people, preferring to just find a scape goat because blaming one person is easier than trying to learn about international finance, monetary policy and price to rents ratios. Yes, of course, Alan Greenspan, how obvious. When he wasn't tripping nuns, kicking kittens and putting hot sauce in the retirement community's water supply, he was actively plotting the destruction and demise of the US housing market.

And do I have to even explain Barack Obama's claim it was Bush's fault? What isn't? Seriously. I got behind an old fart driving on the interstate today, that was Bush's fault. The sun was shining a bit too brightly when I went to lunch. That was Bush's fault. I had a bit of indigestion. That was obviously Bush's fault. Sadly, for a man who claims to bring

change, he's just playing politics as usual.

No, the real culprit boils down to two groups of people; one of which no politician has the cajones to point out and another group we all love to blame.

The first group of people who are genuinely the ones to blame for the housing crisis we're in are banks and bankers. Long story short (though I definitely go into more detail in my book) banks, their management and their foot-soldier bankers put their commissions ahead of the American public and lent, lent and lent as they racked themselves up bonuses, commissions and undeserved raises. With little to no regard to the likelihood of repayment, they lent money to deadbeat losers to boost sales and make their figures look better, and to such an extent it threatened the stability of the US (and world) financial system, all at the expense and insurance of the US taxpayer.

The second group deserving the blame is a revolutionary idea I had, also detailed in the book;

Would we even have these problems if people did what they said they were going to and PAY BACK THEIR FREAKING LOANS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

Has that thought occurred to anyone? That if the people who put their signature on the loan documents, "promissory notes" suggesting they (I don't know) PROMISE to pay the money they borrowed back, then we wouldn't be having this discussion?! You know, like they agreed to return the money they took? Like how it's been done for eons? You pay back what you owe and do what you're going to say?

The fact that this group has gone completely unmentioned shows us not only how cowardly politicians are to put blame where it is richly-deserved (the deadbeats and losers of the American public), but how personal responsibility has been erased from the American lexicon. Not only do people lack personal responsibility, but society almost fails to expect or demand it. No longer is it the deadbeat trailer trash mom borrowing $50,000 to start a hair salon (I've seen it, this is a real loan), it's the "poor disadvantaged heroic single mom of 14 trying to make her claim in the world." It's no longer the moronic suburbanite brat who drives a fancy import who lacks the basic math skills to put together a budget to find out he can't afford BOTH the import AND a house (again, true story), no, it's "a poor disadvantaged youth who is a victim of Bush-Cheney-Inc."

It is this group of people, the literal, veritable, epitome of financial deadbeats and losers that is to blame, in conjunction with the greedy moronic bankers that lent such fools taxpayer-insured money in the first place. These people are why you have a house worth $100,000 less than what it used to be. This is why you're facing the specter of recession. This is why you might be losing your job. So blame Greenspan. Blame Wall Street. And hey, be REAL original and blame Bush. The banks and the deadbeats of America should

be the target of your pitchforks.

Time to Start Cheering for the Good Guys

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Whilst tirading against the bailout and mourning the slow and inevitable slouch towards socialism the US seems hell-bent on, a reader made an excellent point that deserves further attention. I'm paraphrasing, but it basically went like this;

"You're like Hank Rearden when he realizes that it's not society that is behaving irrationally, but given the bail outs, corporate and social welfare, taxation rates, etc., it is your economic behavior that is irrational."

Now I confess I have not read Atlas Shrugged, but the point was still very well made. I, as well as all of you out there are suckers. We're rubes. We're the dumbsh!ts for working hard, paying our taxes, living only in houses we can afford, spending within our means, and otherwise supporting ourselves. That with all the benies government pays to the losers and parasites of society, why on God's green earth would we be working in the first place?

It's an outstanding point. I look back at my life and see just how much work and sweat I put into college, my career, my side jobs, only to have what is essentially the parasites of society lob off 33% of it, and now $700 billion more, and I have a hard time seeing how it was worth it. I'm trying to find out why I slaved and toiled working full time and going to school full time, when I could have just taken the easy way out and said "screw it, I'm collecting welfare and going on MinnCare (Minnesota's state health care) and refusing to work a day in my life." I'm trying to find out why I paid WaMu religiously and timely for every mortgage payment in the past 7 years, only to have their deadbeat leaders come to the government with a cup in their hand and ask for more of my money. I should have just defaulted like everyone else and stayed at home and played video games all day. But the key point is that whereas we berate and loathe such behavior, given the progressively socialist environment foisted on us by the government, how could a rationale person NOT avail themselves of all those benefits? Yes, we detest the parasite, welfare, sub-slime deadbeats who lived in better houses than we did, drove nicer cars than we have, and did it all with no ability to pay, and ultimately on the dime of us responsible members of society, but can you blame them?

And thus, why the entirety of this whole financial/banking/housing situation is so enraging. We did the right thing. We worked hard, we paid our bills, we budgeted, lived within our means and adhered to other simple concepts that 3rd graders can understand. The losers of society, whether knowingly or ignorantly (though I'm going more with knowingly), spent themselves into oblivion. And while they enjoyed luxury cars, sushi diners, trips to Europe and SUV's, we scrimped and saved and conserved, only to ultimately subsidize and bail out these degenerates. But to add insult to injury, as we look

back at it, we were the ones who were idiots. We were the ones who were taken. To do the right thing, to work hard, to pay taxes, to pay your mortgage to live within one's means for the past 5 years was laughable and idiotic. We were voluntary hosts to parasites. It is arguably the most angering and depressing feeling a lot of us are feeling right now.

Alas, we are faced with a choice. Do we become "rational" human beings and capitulate to this wave of socialism sweeping the nation? Do we tell our mortgage company to ef off and refuse to pay our mortgage? Do we go out and sign up for welfare and state-paid health care? Or do we continue in our idiotic, archaic, obsolete 1940's old-school-American ways and continue to work hard and live within our means? Let me argue for that "stupid" "old school" Americanism.

First off you must realize the honor that comes with being one of those dwindling few that support themselves. If it weren't for us, the entire human race would cease to exist. I'm not saying this as hyperbole or rhetoric, I mean that dead-seriously. If it weren't for the producers, the human race would cease to exist. There'd be no New York, there'd be no X-Box, there'd be no ice cream there'd be no wiener dogs. The reason is very simple; if you don't produce, if you don't support yourself, then by definition you will die. And the same thing applies on a society wide level. I've always asked myself "what would happen to the country if all the Libertarians, republicans, conservatives and other varied sorts of capitalists, just ceased to exist?" And the answer is very simple; there'd be no country. We are the people who work and make this country go. We are the people who made America great. It is the workers and producers and entrepreneurs of the world that are the sole reason for advances in technology, creations in medicine, democracy, flight, cars, scotch and everything else. Everybody else is in the most literal sense, irrelevant to humankind and human history.

Second, is the nobility of independence. I don't know how many times back in college I heard some little 20 something girl, fresh out of a women's studies class bravado about how she was "independent."

Oh sure, dad bought her a brand new car.

And paid her rent.

And paid her credit card bills.

And her tuition for her worthless sociology degree.

Oh, but she was "independent."

And the womens studies professors. Certainly even more adamant about their

independence than their student.

Oh sure, nobody in the private sector would hire them.

And the only thing they do is teach a study whose only function is to be retaught to the next generation of kids with no practical application outside academia.

And in most cases, these professors are in the public schools thereby necessitating the only way they'd get paid is if the government forces tax payers to cough up the money for something they wouldn't have spent money on otherwise.

But they're independent.

And those preppy frat boys soon to become Wall Street's finest as they kiss ass and suck...errr...I mean "work real hard" pulling off C's and D's in college because they know daddy has a job lined up for them in the end, so why work anyway?

Oh yeah, they're "independent."

Especially when they go to the government and need a bail out for Bear Sterns, Lehman Brothers, AIG. Oh yeah, real independent.

Let me tell you who is really independent.

The burger flipper at McDonald's who is slaving away to make ends meet and doesn't have the luxury of being a suburbanite prince or princess. He's independent.

The security guard who works the third shift so s/he can go to school during the day so they might be able to better themselves. They are independent.

The blue collar family that lives within their means and BUDGETS (any of you parasites ever hear of that word), to ensure they don't spend more than they make. They are independent.

And the capitalist or entrepreneur that saves their money, starts a company, fails but then doesn't go to the government for a subsidy or a check. He is independent.

Independence is arguably the most noble trait to have. It means you are truly and genuinely supporting yourself and do not rely upon others. Furthermore, it means you are a contributing member to society. Even if you think it a menial task or job you have, the burger flipper at McDonald's has done more to advance society than the highly paid Wall Street investment banker who's asking the government for a bail out because he's truly and genuinely INDEPENDENT. And it is because we are truly independent (not just "told"

we're independent by some academian putz) that makes us (and I mean this seriously) better people than those who are dependent no matter what our financial background.

Finally, to give those of you who are independent, self-supporting contributing members of society one final thing to think about; who would you rather be?

I've often opined what would it be like to be a welfare bum or suburbanite prince/princess or "professional activist" on their death bed. To have all those years of lying about, not producing, not making anything of this one, precious finite life you have, and then when the end of that life is upon you, don't you have just a little bit of remorse or lament you've pissed it away?

When I die, I will be proud. I have taught thousands of people how to dance. I've taught thousands of people about personal financial management. I've gotten hundreds of little kids interested in paleontology and fossils. I hope I educate millions about the housing crisis. And for my day job (though it sounds nerdy) I've allocated capital efficiently. I can point to something so when I'm on deathbed I can say, "hey, good or bad, sub-prime deadbeats parasiting off of me or not, I achieved some amazing sh!t."

The dependent, the deadbeats, the losers who we are currently bailing out, can't say that. All they will be able to say is "I sat around and watched TV while collecting a government check."

"I helped bring the world's largest economy to recession as well as the global economy while I pocketed $100 million in a severance package."

"I filed for bankruptcy 3 times and had the consumer eat the extra costs."

When you die, you will leave a legacy. Maybe you aren't Tony Stark. Maybe you're not Bill Gates. But in the end, you will be able to point to your life and say, "I didn't waste it." You will go down in history as one of the producers. One of the independents. Alas, rational or not, there's nothing wrong with wanting to be Hank Rearden.

Excellent Video on the Housing Crisis

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It's almost kind of like a power point version of my book.

I love the charts.

American is Great Because It's "America"

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Because we're America and that's why we're always great. It's not because the WWII generation kicked ass and took names. It's not because our industrialists created pretty much every invention out there that is carrying the rest of the world into the first world with 100 year old technology. It has nothing to do with those evil rich white men back in the 1700's who created that worthless constitution of the United States or that dumbass "Bill of Rights."

No, it's because we support America and wave flags and cheer really loud and we've always been great. That's why we'll continue to be great! Because our greatness is great and we're America! Cheery happy soccermommy-Apple-Bee's-and-Blockbuster-America!

Like Duh!

Your Responsibility as an American

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People are complaining a lot about the bailout.

And I have one simple point to make;

You are an American. It is therefore your responsibility AS YOU ARE A CITIZEN OF A DEMOCRACY to call your respective congressmen and scream at the top of your lungs that you do not want this bailout (or,maybe you do, I don't know).

But I think a lot of times we forget that we have a responsibility living in a democracy to tell our representatives what we think and what we want. And sometimes, especially if their job is on the line, they will listen.

Pretty much every senator and representative has web page contact info thing you can fill out. It takes about 15 seconds to fill out and then you've probably done more for democracy in those 15 seconds than most do in a year.

Damn He's Good

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I don't agree with this cartoonist politically, but damn he's good.

Last Words from Lehman Brothers

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I teach a class on stock valuation and analysis and one of the exercises I put my students through is to go online and download an annual report of whichever company they like and quote the first sentence in the chairman's letter to the shareholders.

I then relate this to what I call the "Green Bay Packer Syndrome" wherein during my youth growing up in Wisconsin the Green Bay Packers would never, ever, ever win a super bowl, or for that matter a game. And true to form, when they finished the season 0-28, you could rely on Green Bay Packer fans like Obama to spend more money to say, "wait till next year." The same thing applies to ALL publicly traded companies. Doesn't matter that they lost billions. Doesn't matter their product kill 5,000 babies. Doesn't matter they're about to go bankrupt. With lying smiles on their faces they look straight into the camera and say, "Though we may have had some "slight" difficulties this year, we look at it as another opportunity to capitalize upon in our great tradition here at the XYZ Corporation."

Thus I thought it appropriate to post a screen shot of the overpaid, preppy blue blood schmucks, sitting in their hoity toity office at the now befallen piece of Bulge Bracket crap that is known as "Lehman Brothers."

I think I speak for America when I say, "Go ef yourselves!"

Even Though It Makes Comlete Sense, It's Evil and Biased

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By the sole fact this came from the American Petroleum Institute the ignorant will immediately write it off as it doesn't fit into their little self-serving warped version of how the real world works.

For the rest of us who understand 3rd grade economics, it's interesting and is a good story from the "front lines" of oil companies trying to get more oil.

Obama is Such a Hypocrite

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I can't watch debates solely because you have to be an idiot to believe a word EITHER candidate was saying. All these people asking me, "So did you watch the debates?"

No, why would I? I know what both of the candidates are going to do once they get into office, and pretty much everybody else does, no matter what they're going to say on national television. The only reason they even have debates is to go after that group of undecideds who are so politically ignorant that they are undecided at this late stage in the game, yet are so politically important because they will decide who the next president is. Ergo, now you have Barack Obama calling for drilling for oil now? Hello??????, can you say stick wet finger in the air and lie through my teeth and say whatever I can to get elected?

Regardless, this was the best part of the debate and shows you just how pointless it is to watch these debates. You all go ahead and watch the debates. I don't have time to be lied to as my life is very finite and very precious. Ergo, my time will not be wasted listening to talking heads.

Democrats, Republicans and the Bail Out

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New Agency Proposed to Oversee Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae

By STEPHEN LABATON

The Bush administration today recommended the most significant regulatory overhaul in the housing finance industry since the savings and loan crisis a decade ago.

Under the plan, disclosed at a Congressional hearing today, a new agency would be created within the Treasury Department to assume supervision of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government-sponsored companies that are the two largest players in the mortgage lending industry.

The new agency would have the authority, which now rests with Congress, to set one of the two capital-reserve requirements for the companies. It would exercise authority over any new lines of business. And it would determine whether the two are adequately managing the risks of their ballooning portfolios.

The plan is an acknowledgment by the administration that oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac -- which together have issued more than $1.5 trillion in outstanding debt -- is broken. A report by outside investigators in July concluded that Freddie Mac manipulated its accounting to mislead investors, and critics have said Fannie Mae does not adequately hedge against rising interest rates.

"There is a general recognition that the supervisory system for housing-related government-sponsored enterprises neither has the tools, nor the stature, to deal effectively with the current size, complexity and importance of these enterprises," Treasury Secretary John W. Snow told the House Financial Services Committee in an appearance with Housing Secretary Mel Martinez, who also backed the plan.

Mr. Snow said that Congress should eliminate the power of the president to appoint directors to the companies, a sign that the administration is less concerned about the perks of patronage than it is about the potential political problems associated with any new difficulties arising at the companies.

Full article is here. It's a short piece.

Those Who Earn It Are More Charitable

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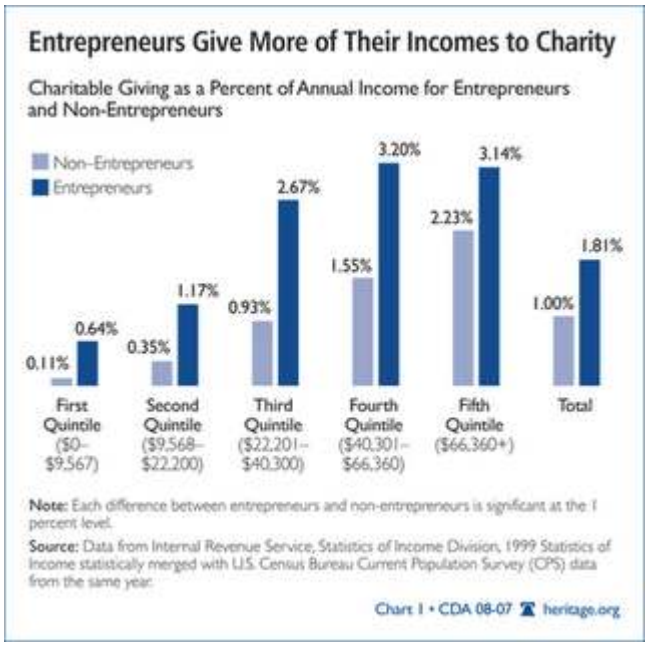
To simplify things; if you inherit it, you're stingy. If you earn it, you're more charitable. And thus this simple rule was confirmed by Alice D Camel when she sent me this chart;



I've had theories about this, but it basically boils down to that unless you started off poor and know the challenges and how difficult it is to become rich, you really are incapable of genuine sympathy. Thus why those who inherit their wealth are not so generous with it, because, we'll, "how hard is it to become rich? I am and, why I just sat here."

However, tangential to this theory is also why leftists who are rich, tend to insist that the poor must be helped, but much prefer to force you to be charitable with YOUR money, rather than theirs. It is no coincidence communist intellectual titans such as Marx and Che Che were spoiled little brats, born with silver spoons in their mouths. They never had to work, they were trust fund babies. And having such a life of luxury afforded them the genuine intellectual luxury of advocating socialism and communism. They never had to work. They never had to strive. All they had to do was in order to sound cool and hip and intellectual was advocate a new economic system that would transfer the wealth from the producers to the parasites...err....I mean the "have's" and "have not's." Of course, they still had to be in command and be members of the elite in this new society, but they "cared" about the people.

Sadly you can see this strain or viral thought in many elite or "limousine liberals" today.

The US Needs a Serious Ass Spanking

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The arrogance I see in the traders of Wall Street and the members of congress is insulting.

How dare you schumcks, you dumb American people, you insignificant plebs insist there is no bail out

How dare you morons, you simpletons who can't possibly understand the complexities of spending less than what you make, refuse to bail our corrupt, spoiled rotten asses out.

Don't you know who we are? We are the leaders of the United States. This is not a democracy, we tell you what to do. Not the other way around.

The beauty of this bail out getting shot down in flames, is that it bitch slaps these bastards right upside the head and harshly reminds them that it is THEY who work for US.

I don't know about you, but I did contact my representatives in congress and basically said that if a bail out did go through, I would not only not vote for them, but fund their competition come the next election season. It seems a couple million of you did as well, for some true STATESMEN did their duty and voted in the best interests of the people.

But there is something that must be discussed or at least clarified here. And the reason is because we're told that this bail out is absolutely necessary. That it is needed and if we don't get a bail out of some sort, then "main street" will be harmed by the follies of Wall Street.

B as in B

S as in S.

Let me try to explain it in a manner that won't put normal non-economist people to sleep.

There is a certain, fixed amount of economic pain that this country has to go through for its financial sins. For spending more than it makes. For putting everything on a credit card. For refusing to work for the things we want. And if we can't afford it, oh well, we'll just file for bankruptcy.

This amount of pain is unavoidable. We cannot escape it. We are suffering the beginnings of it right now, but we do have an option of how we want to endure it. It's the classical;

"Do you jump into the cold water and get it over with in one shot? Or do you ooch in, inch by inch and acclimate yourself slowly to it."

The first option, just “jumping in” as it were, would be where there would be no bail out. We let the markets fall to wherever they may. A bottom will be found, the market will stabilize, assets and resources will be reallocated, we’ll go into a sharp recession, but it will be over with within a year.

The second option is to go through with the bail out and instead of suffering one big hit, borrow or print off more money to spread the pain out over time. This is more of the “FDR” approach to the Great Depression (which is half the reason it lasted so damn long). There will not be as a sharp recession or as sharp of a jump in unemployment, but the economy will be slothful, with growth minimal and under 1% for at least a year, and unemployment will still go up and remain there stubbornly for the foreseeable future.

Now most paradoxes, the choices are equally appealing or unappealing. This is why they’re called “paradoxes.” But in the case of the bail out, there is no debate; the jump in the water approach is immensely more beneficial than the ooch in approach. And the reason why is a long lost art form in the United States;

Punishment.

Punishment is a good thing. Arguably the majority of the social, economic, and crime problems in the US can be traced back to a lack of punishment, namely a lack of heavy handed fathers. An unwavering father-figure that would state what is right, and what is wrong, didn’t give a dam what you thought, and by God if you cross that line, you are getting punished.

Now the benefits of punishment is if you have a father who genuinely cares about you and loves you, he will have no problem disciplining you as it is in your best long term interests. You may not have liked it at the moment when you were 7 and getting spanked for shaving the dog (guilty), but when you got older you were immensely grateful for those harsh lessons your father insisted upon you in your youth. And when it comes to a country, it’s no different.

Unfortunately here in the US as a society have been brought up by a bunch of pansy, sensitive 90’s type wussy fathers. Congress never being able to tell you no. Money for everybody and everything. And did you do a naughty thing? Well, “what did congress do wrong? Did we not give you enough money? Would you like some free college tuition and health care and cake and pie and apples and candy?” And good lord, could there be a better example of an utter lack of fatherly wisdom and guidance than the public schools? Children can do no wrong. And if they do, how much of the taxpayer’s money can we give you?

Alas, now daddy’s little girl has come home and told him that she not only stole his credit card, but racked up $700 billion in bad mortgages on it. Daddy’s little girl being the financial deadbeats who knowingly or ignorantly took on more debt than they could afford or the banking scumbags who were all too eager to give the $700 billion to people who really weren’t any more intelligent than a 14 year old suburbanite princess.

What does Daddy do?

Does daddy say, “Oh, I’m sorry sweetie. What did I do wrong? How did I fail as a father that you racked up $700 billion of other people’s money? Maybe you need therapy. Maybe I need therapy?”

Or does Daddy say,

“Bend the ef over, I am going to spank you freaking silly and then ground you until you are 40. And not only that, on top of it, I’m going to send you to the work house to ensure you pay all $700 billion back and if you have to work until you’re dead, so be it.”

This is the ultimate reason why the “jump in all at once” approach is better than the “ooch in” approach. Because punishment will be served. Justice will be done. Revenge will be savored.

If there is no bail out, then daddy’s little princesses are going to get the punishment they so rightly deserve. The financial deadbeats will get no “federal aid” to support their habit of being freaking morons and spending more than they make. The arrogant charlatans of our times known as bankers and politicians and all their political cronies who have vested financial interests in the financial services industry and have parasited off the back of the millions of hardworking Americans will have to (OH MY GOD) become HARD WORKING AMERICANS! But key to this all, and why this approach is infinitely superior to the ooch in approach, is because punishment on the order of making these bastards eat all $700 billion of THEIR OWN MESS will make them never again screw the American people over for their own selfish interests. And yes, we may go through a harsh recession. And yes, unemployment will go up. And yes, you Americans will bitch and whine about it. But in the end, we will have a more responsible society as those who were irresponsible will be perpetually impoverish to the point of financial incripplement, and the rest of America can move on (at a higher rate of economic growth I might add), unencumbered without them.

All it is, is a simple matter of reminding those bastards in Washington who’s in control. It is within your power. The arrogance of “congressional leaders,” George Bush, Paulson and the other elites out there to DEMAND we give them a bail out (for as far as I can tell is to ensure elitists stay wealth at your expense) is the most compelling reason why not only they should be voted out of office, but why you, as an American citizen are compelled to call your congressional representatives and demand there be no bail out whatsoever.

Because, after all, this is a democracy. And congress, as well as president Bush needs to be reminded of “Who’s their daddy.”

Oh, and buy my book already! To quote Bill Cosby "It'll make you smart!"

Gen X and Y Should Be Against a Bail Out, and Cheering Like No Tomorrow for a Financial Melt Down

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Markets have this uncanny ability to wreak poetic justice.

For example the injustice, even more so than the $700 billion bail out, is the transfer of wealth from younger generations to older generations in the form of Social Security and (to a rarely known) larger effect, Medicare. I've seen figures around $75 trillion in unfunded entitlements, but even if it's just a fraction of that, the bail out of older generations ineptitude to save for their own retirement will dwarf this pittance of a "housing" bail out.

However, like I said, markets have a very wicked way of wreaking poetic justice and now is a perfect example.

Though it's counterintuitive, younger generations should be cheering for stocks to crash as low as possible. The reason why is simple; we're not retiring tomorrow. We're retiring 30-40 years from now. So why would we want to pay a premium for stocks? Oh, sure, if you're retiring tomorrow, you're screwed. If you thought you were going to snow bird it down to Florida and sell your house and live off your 401k plan next year, you're hosed. But if you're in the "acquiring stage" of building up your retirement portfolio, you should be cheering like mad for the stock markets to crash. For stocks are no different than any consumer good. Do you want to pay $5 for a gallon of gas? I presume not. So why would you want to pay $100 for a share of Microsoft, let alone cheer when stock prices go up. You want the price of stocks, just like gas, cars, chocolate and wiener dogs to go down.

It is here though the poetic justice manifests itself. People, regardless of generational age, should be against the bail out just on principle alone. But younger folk, if they're smart, should not only be cheering against a bail out on principle, but if there is no bail out and then financial collapse does ensue (though I wonder about that) it will make the primary vehicle by which we save for retirement (stocks/mutual funds) insanely cheaper. It is in this lowering of price, that in essence, results an a "transfer back of wealth." Those imminently facing retirement will suffer a drop in their stock prices and be forced to sell at a lower price. While the youthful will be able to pick up those stocks for a fire sale price (not to mention as they approach their higher income earning years) and recoup some of the money we'd have to shell out at a later date to support those imminently approaching retirement.

Not that younger generations should be maliciously cheering for stocks to go down

because it impoverishes other people out of spite, but the point I'm making is that the market is making this a reality anyway.

When America Was

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Permit me a short story.

I bought 2 tickets to see Victor Borge when I was in college. And because most American women my age (not to mention, most American men) were uncultured naives, I could not find a date to see this musical and comical genius.

I ended up taking a friend of mine to see Victor Borge so as not to let the ticket go to waste. Regardless, though he is dead, Victor Borge and his comedy got me through some of the toughest (arguably the toughest) times in my life. And I think, there's a lot of people out there who could do with a good healthy dose of Victor Borge to get through the piss poor times that we face today;

Here's a healthy dose.

End Norm Coleman's Career

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Found out my senator (Norm Coleman) voted for the bail out. I sent him a, ahem, "stern" letter. Something about enjoying the private sector when he's voted out of office and the liberal use of the f word.

In the meantime I suggest you do the same for your senators and when it comes time for these schumcks' re-election vote for anybody but them (I'm voting independent in the senatorial race since I can't vote for Al "Stewart Smalley" Franken).

But we should point out the true statesmen and heroes of the hour who do deserve to be re-elected.

Got a couple posts thinking I'm voting from Stewart Smalley. I'm voting Dean Barkley.

I suggest all the other republicans out there do the same.

Housing Prices May Over-Correct

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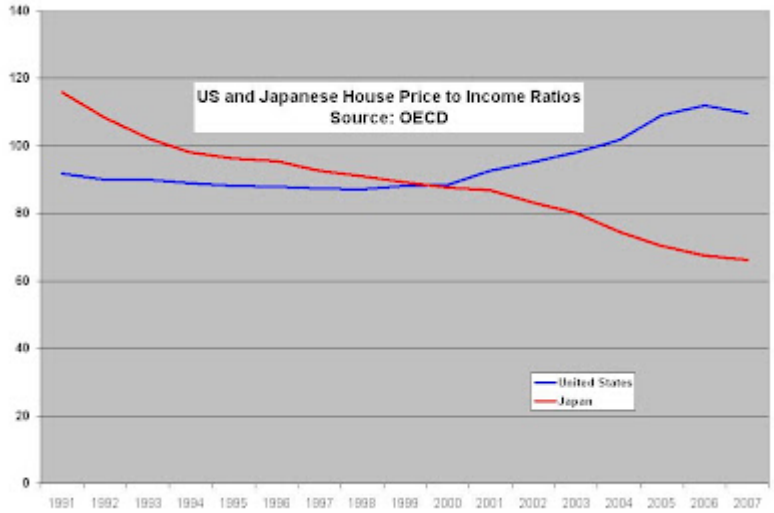
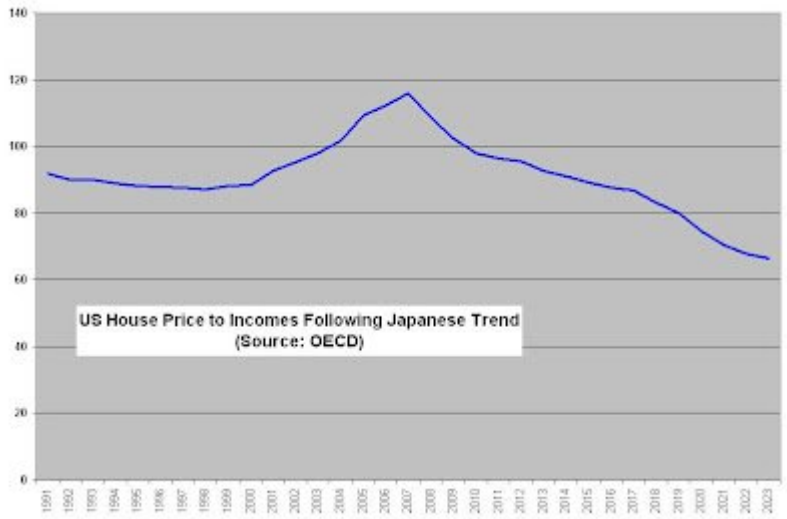
Not to let anybody down, but given the bad taste the housing crash has left in people's mouths, not to mention the sub prime market more or less prematurely wiped out younger home buyers who would be in the market for a house today, if they hadn't been bankrupted 3 years ago, I don't think we're going to see a return to a "bottom" we're going to like.

Demand for housing is going to be less than its traditional long term average. And now you throw banks in there who are a bit gun-shy (not to mention collapsing) and it's a pretty good formula for housing prices to drop below their long term average.

Additionally, it pays to compare the US housing market to that of Japan's almost 2 decades ago. You think we've had a drop in prices now? Japan's housing has never recovered, going from a house to income indexed ratio of 120, to almost half that today.



If the Japanese housing market is any kind of portender of things to come, if we link the US chart to the Japanese chart to project the US housing market, prices could drop significantly more than what we think they will;



Roughly, 40% MORE from what they've dropped already. The median house price in the US would go from $220,000 (2007) to about $130,000 by 2023. Of course that's only if we're stupid enough to do what the Japanese did and bail out their economy to the tune of a trillion dollars and keep dead companies afloat at the expense of the tax payer...oh wait.

When I Am President

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I would do this. Very serious, I would.

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And then keep hitting next.

Ode to Tom Petters

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Given the recent arrest of Tom Petters, I thought this repost would be very befitting for the latest "high flier" who now has to have the "Trophy Wife Chat." Enjoy jail time Tom!

Like most other people, I'm livid over the housing debacle and the prospective bail out. And in times like these where the rest of us are facing a recession, a loss of a job, or poverty because of a group of greedy scum sucking parasites, I find it helpful to point out the occasional thing that might bring a bit of happiness or humor into our lives (or permit us pure, vicious schadenfreude in watching these scumbags get what they deserve). And one of those thing is the "trophy wife talk."

You see, there this "talk" being held in thousands of luxurious suburbanite McMansions across the US and it's the "Honey, let me explain to you the difference between debt and equity spending" talk. This talk is where the powerful and successful investment banker, commercial banker, real estate developer (fill in the blank) has to come home and explain to his little trophy wife the difference between debt and equity spending.

The reason this talk is necessary is because despite them being a "successful" real estate developer, the truth of the matter is all they did was borrow other people's money and live off of it. And now that the market is collapsing and their empire is crumbling, they now have to shuffle back home in shame and explain to their ditzy wives why when they left for work in the morning they were a high flying, SUV driving, investment banking real estate mogul, but now upon their return are bankrupt, scumbag losers.

You see, real SUCCESSFUL MEN don't have to have this talk. Because we, no matter how small or insignificant our career or job may be, earn this thing called "profit." We earn more than we make. We go to our jobs, be it a high flying surgeon or a burger flipper at McDonald's, we get our pay check and we spend less than what we earned. And while some of us may only make $35,000 a year, that is infinitely more than what this plethora of real estate developers, investment bankers, and mortgage brokers made, simply by the fact it's a positive number.

But the real shame these faux business"men" face is that they were never able to make a profit in the first place. They were never able to get it economically "up." And the only way they could make it was by borrowing money. They're too shallow to admit it, but they never turned a profit. They never produced a penny of wealth. They don't even approach us in terms of being real men with real jobs who do real work.

Ahhh, but the irony doesn't stop there. For you see, these egomanics not only found nothing wrong with borrowing money to survive, but found nothing wrong with borrowing

millions of dollars to live a luxurious lifestyle they never had the wherewithal to EARN.

Real estate developers are a perfect example. I don't know how many stories I could tell you of the "multi-millionaire" real estate developer who was some big shot out there who thought he was king sh!t. They all drive Beamers. They all own multi-million dollar homes on the lake and they all have drop dead gorgeous wives. But when the market started to crumble, they became desperate. And the reason they because desperate is because they had borrowed so much money to afford these unsustainable lifestyles, even with the profits they had before, they could not keep up the charade.

Now many of them would try. Again, I don't know how many real estate developers I had in my bank back in 2005-2006 that were trying to borrow any amount they could get. They would lie on their personal financial statements, grossly exaggerating the value of their real estate empire (thus allowing them to borrow even more money) so they could get the funds to continue living their faux jet set lifestyle. But in the end, it would catch up with them, for ultimately, no matter how big their operations were, those operations weren't profitable. It was just like the US auto industry. It doesn't matter how "big" GM is, it's still a lousy, money losing company.

But here is why the "Trophy Wife Chat" is all the more necessary.

Trophy wives don't know the difference between debt and equity spending.

When "investment banking man" met his floozy of a wife at the bar he didn't tell her what his "adjusted gross income" was, because there was none. When the "real estate mogul" met his soon-to-be eye candy wife at the club, he didn't tell her what his "net income" was, because there was none. Both of them just bragged, "well I work on multi-million dollar deals." "I'm a multi-million dollar real estate developer." And the reason why is that the typical trophy wife doesn't know the difference between sales and profits. The typical trophy wife actually thinks you are a millionaire when you say you "own a $4 million house" but have $4.2 million in mortgages against it.

Ergo, the typical trophy wife cannot discern between the money you spend on them on whether it is borrowed money (debt) or money you actually made (equity).

And key to understand this, is they don't care. As long as you spend the money on them, whether you earned it or not, is completely irrelevant to them.

And thus all the more shock when this "chat" occurs.

For to whet your schadenfreude appetite I have seen this happen multiple times. As the housing market crashed, I have seen at least 10 "highly successful (ahem) "men" forced to sell their luxurious mansions and move into a lesser zip code. I even remember one

desperate big shot insisting that on all the paper work we had, that we list the luxurious town of "Edina" instead of where he really moved to (the much less posh town of Richfield) because he didn't want people to know he moved out of Edina. The blow to their egos was so crushing, so shameful, so rude-awakening-ish that it should at least provide some of you a bit of solace.

But the ultimate payoff is to know the conversation that must have been had and is being had across the nation. To be a fly on the wall when these fat, gluttonous, embezzling, dirtbag scumball schmutzes who dared to live off of the rest of us to the tunes of millions, had to go home and explain to their moronic wives why they had to;

1. Sell the house
2. Move to a lesser neighborhood.
3. Sell the Lexus, the Beamer, the Mercedes and buy a Buick
4. Pull the kids out of private school
5. Cancel the trip to Arizona
6. Sell the house in Arizona
7. Oh, and by the way the feds might be coming knocking at the door
8. Do your mom have a place we can stay?
9. What do you mean "divorce?"

has to at least make some of you feel better.

For I've said it before, and I'll say it again, we may not be rich, but we are real men and women who are really independent. We are better than them.

And if you need something of a boost like the above to get you through the day and put a smile on your face again, please consider buying my book. Plenty of more stories and some of my finest work.

The Captain Returns to Radio

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Hello captain capitalismites! I will be tentatively returning to radio tomorrow. Unfortunately it's just for an interview about the book, but feel free to tune in. As I said it is tentative, but if they have the time I will be on the air on AM 1280 the Patriot on Northern Alliance's "The Final Word" with Dr. King Banaian.

It will be around 4-5PM, Central Standard Time. You can tune in here.

Communist Goals

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I've always suspected the communist agents of the 1960's are grinning ear to ear with their success.

#22 and #23 can more or less be summed up as "The Walker Art Center."

"But People Can't Get Credit"

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I'm mighty sick of the rationalization of the bail out based on the concept that "people can't get credit" ergo the whole world will end. The point is moot in that the bail out has already passed, but I still want to go down in the history books as saying,

"The last thing the US needs is more debt. A tightening of credit and LESS debt is exactly what this country needs."

Of course I know what I've just said is blasphemy; telling Americans to work, live within their means and not use debt to buy what they can't afford, but that still doesn't change the fact that Americans are overleveraged.

Alas, why I found this chart in The Economist very interesting;

I've seen government debt as a % of GDP. As well as household debt as a % of GDP. But I never saw "Total Debt" (which includes government, consumer and corporate debt) as a percent of GDP, which is now higher than it was during the Great Depression.

I don't care what the likes of Hank Paulson, Bernanke and whoever else out in Washington thinks, the forces of economics are more powerful than their little plan. And bail out or not, I'm going to gander the economy will still collapse under the weight of this debt.

Oh, and that doesn't even include the weight soon to be added by social security and medicare which is right around the corner.

Hope, Change and Brainwashing

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The ignorance is more of a sad disgrace than it is scary.

If you listen to what they pledge for, it is admirable.

Aside from the one who pledges to be a lawyer, the rest of these young men pledge to become engineers, architects and firemen. They also pledge to do it on their own.

Sadly for them, they don't realize this is NOT what Obama and to a larger extent, socialism stands for. Such independence can only be described as truly American and capitalist. Something that can only come from themselves and their desire to choose for themselves the path of their life.

Obama has nothing to do with it. It has everything to do with these young boys becoming truly independent, upstanding men. Sadly instead of taking the credit where it is deserved (themselves) they give it to Obama.

Though, once they start paying taxes on a chemical engineer's salary, I think they'll all turn republican.

The Captain Is Getting Interviewed Again

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Hello All!

There was some difficulty I hear getting to tune into my 1280 interview, so hopefully this will make things simpler.

Marty Andrade, a radio show host up in a town called St. Cloud (about 90 miles NW of Minneapolis) will be interviewing me and I guess to make it simpler you can just go here. No logins, no passwords, you should be able to just go to that site and it "should" work.

Interview will start at Noon today (Monday) central standard time. Certainly feel free to call in, would like to hear from all you guys out there aside from the posting, it feels quite impersonable posting all this time and never really getting to chat. Regardless, the number is 646.652.4947.

Hope you tune in!

Is The Economist Leaning to the Left?

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As all of you know I swear by The Economist, but ever since they got a new editor, I sensed it has taken a turn to the left. Global warming is a foregone conclusion, environmentalism takes up precious space that should be used instead on economic/financial issues, and every time I have the time to sit and read through an issue I'm let down more and more by an increasing percentage of the articles I disagree with.

But this took the cake and more or less has me convinced that at the corporate HQ of The Economist changes have been made and there has been a direct order to report a more leftist slant;

Additionally look at this map;

It shows the world overly in favor of Obama. Interestingly enough 100% of Saudi's are for Obama and 0% for McCain. But if you click on the US, you'll see that 20% are for McCain while 80% are for Obama.

Interesting. I could have swore they were in a statistical deadheat according to our domestic polls.

Alas, maybe The Economist is truly capitalist and just catering to a larger leftist readership.

Interview MP3

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Hi All!

Here's the interview in MP3 form I guess. The quality is a bit poor, but you should just be able to click on it and it should start playing.

You Will Visit Sean

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I made a post about how we should cheer on the winners. It begat a comment from a guy called Sean. I rarely post comments as stand alone publications, but this one was worth reading. He made a similar post here, but I like the one he made below;

Cap, some years back I was diagnosed with severe schizophrenia and put on permanent disability. This last health calamity came on top of an injured back and a bad heart.

If I had stayed on disability for the rest of my life no one would have blamed me. But I didn't like it. I had always paid my own way and I was determined to keep doing so if I could.

So I self-studied and became an expert on computers. I scrounged old bits from garbage bins and built working systems. I read everything available at the local libraries. I horse traded for used books. I scraped together to find money for new books.

Now I'm a certified computer technician running my own business in a small town in Alberta, Canada. I'm not rich by any means, but we get by. I drive a 20 year old van and my family lives in a *paid for* manufactured home. We have some business expenses on our credit cards, but it's all debt that we can service, even if our business is cut by 2/3.

I'm proud of making it from where I was when I was 23 -- written off by the medical profession -- to being a successful independent business owner 16 years later.

So it angers the hell out of me when I have the candidate for the socialist party here in Canada come into my store and tell me how much he appreciates small business when the leader of his party is busy promising all of my hard-earned $$ to a bunch of welfare suck tits. I told the wanna be politician that he had ten seconds to decide whether he was leaving via the front door or the front window.

Yeah, it would be easier just to sit back and let others pay my way, but there's no way I could live with myself if I did. And let's face it: if someone with my degree of health impairment can earn a living, so can a lot of other "disabled" people.

The reason I like this post (aside from the old school Americanism), is that this hands down shoots out and undermines one of the key arguments socialism relies upon; victimhood.

There are people out there who start off poor, who are disabled, who are of a minority race, and despite these "drawbacks" still manage greatness on par with anybody else.

And the reason this is such a threat to socialists is that if people with these "drawbacks" were ever to realize their full potential and what they could achieve, they would drop the democrat/socialist/labor parties forever.

People have requested Sean's place of business so they may send him some. Here you go;

Big Oil Interviews an Economist

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How much MORE evil can you get?

BIG OIL interviewing a PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIST!

It's just so evil, it's almost guaranteed to be good!

The Stock Market is About Where It Should Be

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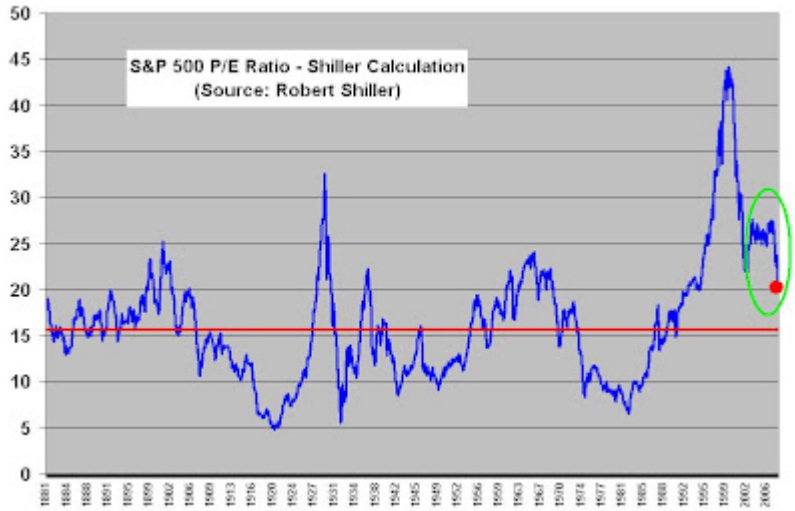
I've said it before and I'll say it again (because it's true) dropping stock prices are a good thing. Crashing stock markets are a great thing. And the reason why is unless you are retiring tomorrow, you'll be able to pick up stocks all that much cheaper. Instead of paying $100 for a share of IBM you're paying $40. Instead of $200 for Merck, you're paying $125. Ergo why, especially the younger generations, should be cheering for a collapse in the stock market.

But what is interesting is trying to find out precisely when the market will bottom out. When is the "ultimate" or "ideal" time to buy. I know many people have been saying, "Hey, now's the time, it doesn't get any better than this" but allow me to pour a little more rain on the parade.

Based on P/E ratios furnished by Dr. Shiller at Yale, the S&P 500 as of August was still trading above its historical P/E average of 16 (the red line), trading roughly around a P/E of 20. Now this does not include the 25% drop in the S&P 500 that has occurred since August. Even adjusting for that (and assuming earnings don't tank further), the stock markets are at best…

Accurately valued.



Sorry to tell all you people that, but right here is where the markets are in line with their historical valuations. The Dow Jones at 9,500 and the S&P 500 at around 1,000 is where things should roughly be. This is "correct." This is "about right."

Ergo, you should not be loading up on stocks now, because you'd be paying the historically average price of a stock which is $16 in stock price for each $1 in earnings. You're not getting a deal, you're paying retail. People should wait for the market to REALLY go on sale, and with a recession guaranteed, it's almost a surety it will. You laugh at Cramer suggesting a 7,700 Dow, just like my big time former employers laughed at me when I said there was a housing bubble (and an Asian currency crisis and a Dotcom Bubble), but you might just want to (for a change) listen.

Post Script - many thanks to Dr. Glenn Reynolds at Instapundit for the link. For those visiting from Instapundit, I would be immeasurably grateful if you could mayhaps suggest to Dr. Reynolds that he take a look at my book so that I may attain my goal of beating Nancy Pelosi in book sales.

Largest Re-Enlistment Photos

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Friend sent these to me and I guess the MSM somehow failed to pick up on these. I like how we get treated to pictures of massive military parades in China and North Korea or thousands of terrorists chanting, "Death to America" but we never really see anything that would instill hope or patriotism in America. Then again, this could be why the old media is dying and seeing their subscribership tank;

The beauty of it is, it's in Al Faw Palace in Baghdad. I like the big US flag there.

Deposit Insurance By Country

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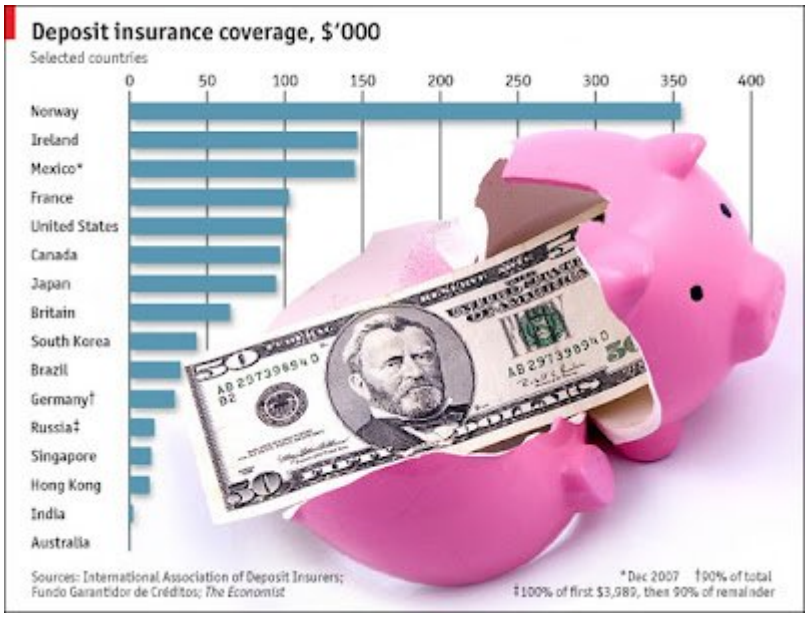
From the progressively lefter leaning Economist;



Of course what really backs up Norway's deposits is the fact the Norwegians spend within their means. But I guess that's just too un-American.

Down, Down, Down She Goes

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In a horrible movie called "Thunderbirds" starring Nicolas Cage, I remember only one quote;

"I AM THE GREATEST! I AM THE GREATEST!"

You mean that bail out didn't work? You mean, ultimately the country has to produce something of worth in order for our stocks to have value? I thought we could just go to Applebee's the entire time while our children majored in journalism and got a government job while we drove around our $40,000 SUV and feel warm fuzzies about ourselves because we were going to vote for Obama.

Guess for some of you ill prepared lefter-leaning middle aged folk who thought the 60's would go on forever might have to work a little past 65, eh?

Like I said, any banks or governments out there that want to contract me out for my insane wisdom, you certainly may. And it's certainly a cheaper option than $700 billion. Heck, spending $22.95 would have prevented this debacle!

Picture of the Day

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I forgot the blog I found this on, please contact me so I may give you an appropriate hat tip.

Radio Interview #4

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Hi All,

In between Saturday morning cartoons, if you happen to be awake I will be on the David Strom Show with (obviously) David Strom.

AM 1280 the Patriot. 915AM.

Feel free to tune in! And if you miss your Bugs Bunny cartoons, don't worry, I have them all on DVD (and the unedited ones too, where "Should We Shoot Him Now or Wait Till We Get Home" and Elmer Fudd actually shoots Daffy Duck!)

Does Management Realize There's a Recession

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In my book I regale readers with the story of Frank, a banker who was one of TWO bankers during the debauchery that led up to the housing crisis that had their heads out of their asses.

Frank recommended instead of going after real estate deals (which at the time were now completely falling apart and leading to losses to the bank already) we go after more commercial operating lines, things like lines of credit, equipment loans and so forth - anything that wasn't MORE condo deals. Because of this Frank's volume was lower than the other bankers, but his profits were more than all the other bankers combined, simply because none of his loans were losing money. Frank realized the market for good real estate deals had dried up and there was no point trying to pursue them.

But, because Frank didn't have the volume (even though he was making more profit for the bank than anybody else) management fired him because he wasn't bringing in the deals.

A similar story is unfolding with a female friend of mine. She works at a (to keep her anonymity) "store" where she is a salesperson and sells "stuff" that happens to be of the more luxurious sort. No more than a month ago management sat her down to talk to her about her slagging sales volume. They implied she wasn't working hard enough and not making her sales. She tried to explain to them that the economy had soured and because the stuff they sold was more of a luxury item, demand had dropped. She also pointed out that all the other salespeople had experienced a drop in sales.

"Didn't matter." The reason still remained; my female friend was not working hard enough and would have to try harder.

Ergo, I ask the question of management teams across America out there; do you realize that when there's a recession, especially one that hits an industry particularly harsh, that your sales are going to drop, despite the best efforts of your salespeople? That the problem isn't your staff or salespeople, but the economy? That you and your little company sit within this environment called "the economy" and you are not inoculated from it?

The only reason I ask is because, despite the sarcastic tone of the question for even a 3rd grader would know the answer, I'm amazed to this day to see full grown adults in management, whose bonuses are tied to sales, to keep flogging a horse that is dead and expect some kind of result. Do you PHB's ever take the time to stop and think about why sales are lagging? And instead of just barking ineffective orders at your staff that wont'

result in increased sales, maybe sitting down and coming up with a new strategy?

The fact that management only knows one option (push the employees harder) shows just how incompetent these people are. If you are in management, presumably you might have a couple more tricks up your sleeve aside from "work harder." If you are in management, you are presumably smart enough to know that the company is affect by a variable of things, and not just the effort your salespeople put forth. If you are in management and an adult, then shouldn't you at least be mature or professional enough to realize doing the same thing again, but stronger, is not only pointless, but a waste of time and it is YOUR JOB to lead and come up with a different strategy that WILL improve sales?

Alas, this is why people like Frank should have been promoted to management and management be sent out into the firing range. Frank had an idea to diversify beyond real estate (and two years later his strategy would have paid off). My female friend suggested a less luxurious product line. I've always suggested if you have good sales people, you put them on furlough or pay them some basic sustenance salary like $15,000 a year and health care and not have them come back until the economy picks back up. You'd not only save money, but you'd earn the loyalty of your salespeople.

Of course I have a full head of hair, neither side of which is getting pointy. So what do I know?

Answer Me These Questions Three

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I'm not a big fan of Sarah Palin, nor this election, thus why I rarely comment on it. But I just have three questions;

1. What if this was a group of people with shirts saying "Obama's a (Fill In your racial epitaph here)_____? Would not the MSM parade that on their front pages?

2. WTF is it with the visceral hatred for Sarah Palin? My sister, who is a rather rational individual even loathes her. WHY? I want a sane liberal/leftist to explain to me, LOGICIALLY (not emotionally) why I should have such hatred for this woman who as far as I can tell is most similar to the American populous, at least more similar than any senator or career politician. I'm willing to hear it and have it explained to me, but the logic I'm seeing is that "Well she a c#nt because she's a c@nt!"

3. This is an observation I've had, and I mean this sincerely. This is not sarcasm nor a slight, it is something I've noticed, a scientific observation that I am genuinely curious about and would welcome reasoned commentary. Far leftists seem to be less attractive, plain and simple. I look at people driving cars with Obama stickers and while there are certainly some hotties or handsomes, on average they are nowhere near as attractive as the average McCain bumper sticker. Additionally the men pictured above just have that "I've never thrown a punch or gotten in a fight nor swept a woman off her feet, but I'm really good at Dungeons and Dragons" kind of look.

I only ask these questions, because I sincerely believe the answer to the differences between the right and left are exemplified in visual form here. I just can't articulate the thought or connect/complete the theory or rationale. Something about that picture, the

way those imbeciles look, the ignorant and inexplicable hatred they have (and aside that, it behooves the question, do you derive some kind of utility from wearing shirts like that- behooving yet another question, how pathetic are our lives that this is what you do with it?)

Theories?

Ideas?

Anyone?

Bueller? Bueller?

S&P 500 Dividend Yield

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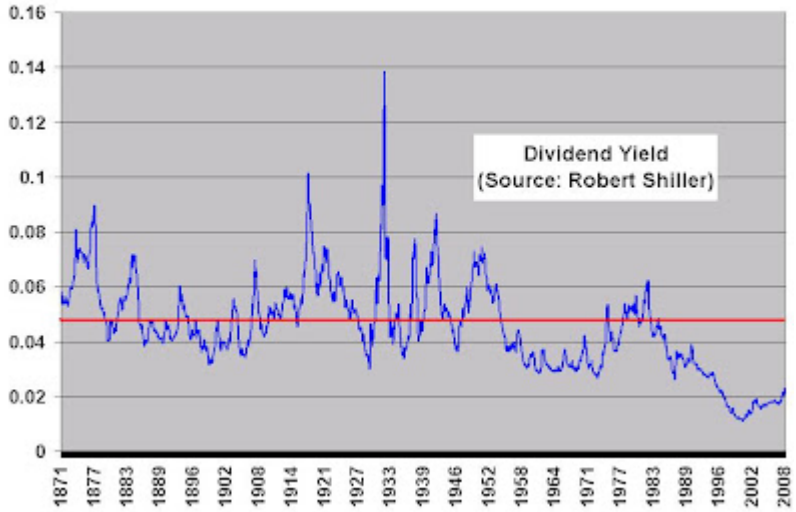
I wrote a post showing the S&P 500 P/E ratio going back to 1871. I then said that if you looked at history, a DJIA of about 9,000 or so was "about right." However, there was criticism in that it is not earnings, but dividends that ultimately give a stock value and therefore should be the base by which to determine if prices were overvalued or not. This is most certainly correct as the only form of cash you will ever receive from a stock is dividends (and then when you sell the stock or the company is bought out, a capital gains).

Regardless, it is the abandonment of dividends for capital gains to finance our retirements that has resulted in a bubble. And even in using the dividend yield (dividends divided by price), the picture painted is much worse. Stocks, even with the crash in the past two weeks are still overvalued based on the only thing that matters; dividends. We're still not even close to the historical average dividend yield of 5%. Ergo, why buy stocks now?



Of course in light of today's 600+ point rally, people are suggesting I have egg on my face and that the bottom has indeed been reached (no doubt from hence forth stocks will perpetually go onward and upward as Obama will be elected and we'll all have warm financial fuzzies). But allow me to point out two minor things;

1. What if all the increase in stock prices for the past 30 years was due to cash flowing into the stock market from retirement plans, not necessarily because those stocks were good investments making them fundamentally overvalued.

and

2. What do you suppose will happen to stock prices if not only Obama is elected, but the democrats get a veto proof majority?

Enjoy your cute little rally.

Irish Whiskey

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St. Patrick's Day is a ways away, but to tide us over till then, some Irish heritage;

IRISH GAZETTE

Jameson Irish whiskey trivia

- A glass of Jameson Irish Whiskey is consumed every second in Dublin alone.
- Around 1.5 million glasses of Jameson are enjoyed around the world every day. That's about 20 glasses every second.
- Almost half of all Dubliners are under the age of 30.
- Every day the equivalent of 8,000 bottles of Jameson evaporates through the casks at the Jameson Distillery — this is known as "the angels share."
- Since 2004 the USA is now the largest market for Jameson Irish Whiskey, surpassing Ireland.
- There are almost 1,000 pubs in Dublin.
- The word whiskey comes from the Irish uisce beatha (pronounced isike-baha) meaning water of life.
- On his website British actor Paul Bettany states that his greatest influence is "John Jameson and Son — the reasons are manifold and entirely obvious" (www.paulbettany.net).
- Dubliners are more likely to buy a stranger a drink than locals from any other area of the country are.
- Jameson has been produced for over 250 years, but the familiar green bottle appeared for the first time in the 1960s.
- The average 25-year-old Dubliner still lives with his/her parents preferring to spend their money on fast cars and clothes rather than a mortgage.
- There are 12 Dublin's in the United States and six in Australia.
- Films that feature Jameson: On the Waterfront (1954), As Good as It Gets (1997), Trading Places (1983), GI Jane (1997).
- Other famous Jameson drinkers include: Norman Cook — Fatboy Slim (International DJ); Sofia Ford Coppola — (Film Director); Oliver Stone (Actor); Colin Farrell — (Actor); Pierce Brosnan — (Actor); Dandy Warhols — (Band).
- It's only been 75 years since Dublin began having a St. Patrick's Day parade, and until 1995, the Dublin Pubs used to be closed on this National Holiday!
- John Jameson's great grandson Guglielmo Marconi invented the modern radio and went on to win the Nobel Prize for physics.
- The writer James Joyce was so happy to share his initials (JJ) with John Jameson that he had the logo style from the Jameson label reproduced on his wallet. His favorite whiskey is referred several times in his famous novel "Ulysses."
- "Thanks to St. Patrick [or geography] there are no snakes in Ireland.
- St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all over and is the longest running civilian parade in the world — a secular celebration in which "all the world becomes Irish."
- Between 40 and 44 million Americans claim some Irish ancestry, making the Irish the second largest ethnic group in the U.S. People of German descent are the largest group.
- The Republic of Ireland is about the same size as West Virginia.

Plus your daily Irish funny for today.

Yes, Men Do Leave the Market

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As many of you know I moonlight at night in a Bruce Wayne/Dark Knight sort of way as a dance instructor. And as I've aged from 23 to my present day 33 in those now approaching 10 years of dance instruction, I've seen the first wave of Gen X'ers age out of their youthful 20's as well as seen a wave of divorcees coming online and back into the "dating" marketplace.

Now for whatever reason it may be, dance tends to attract more women than men and over the years, I've of course befriended several female students. They vary in ages anywhere from 24 to 60, but the one common trait they have is they are typically (though not always) single. And while not always, most of them took dance class half incented to perhaps find a guy.

But what is becoming a more frequent phenomenon is a question these girls ask;

"Where are all the guys?"

I never paid much attention to this, as it has always been the case that men just eschew dance classes, but it wasn't until an older dance student of mine perhaps refined the question a bit and made it more pointed. It wasn't so much "Where are all the guys," as much as it was;

"I just get the feeling there aren't any men anymore. Not just in dance class, but where are all the men from all the various social activities? They make up half the population, but I can't find any single guys to date. They can't all be married, even my female friends are running into this mysterious disappearance of men. Do they like stop trying after a while and just stay home?"

And that's when I realized what she was asking.

"Do you mean, do men give up and don't bother trying to find women any more?" I clarified.

She said, "Yes. So do they?"

"Yes" I answered.

She was somewhat surprised at my response. She said, "so they just give up? They don't go out anymore? Don't they want to find somebody? Anybody?!"

"Yeah, more or less."

"That's crazy! How do they ever expect to find anybody?"

I replied, "Well...they don't."

Regardless, the point was her reaction surprised me in return to see this was that shocking of a revelation to her. I always thought it was kind of common knowledge, men do indeed give up after a while, but apparently it's not. So allow me to explain.

I don't know when precisely it is, nor is it the same for every guy, but inevitably guys in a sense "burn out." Consider it a staged rocket and as the last vestiges of fuel burn out of the booster, it slowly disengages and disintegrates as it plummets back to Earth. Many things can burn out the fuel;

Divorce and the loss of one's assets
Personal finances/loss of job
Demanding/successful career
Or just plain bad dating experiences (your beloved captain has had suicide threats, gotten punched for refusing a girl sex and unknowingly dated a married woman for three months...you get the idea).

But what ultimately results in the decision to exit the market is more of an economic decision. It is the realization that as you have less and less remaining life you have to make surer and surer bets as to how to spend your time. It's no different than switching from equities to bonds as you approach retirement. Ergo, whereas when you were 18 you would stay at a party all night in the hopes of getting a girl's phone number, when you're 25 you start to think about working instead of partying, and by the time you're 30, you rarely go to clubs, dance halls, bars opting instead to play video games at home or read a book or put some more hours in at the office.

The reason is the expected rate of return of your precious, finite, and perpetually dwindling time. If you go out, hot as you may be when you're 18, you have little to no control over succeeding in getting a girl's number or a date. And as experience will tell you it's a 1/20 shot you will succeed, and that's assuming you have good game. All in all, I would estimate most 20 somethings waste an equivalent to 4 full years of full time work chasing girls to relatively little avail. A significant opportunity cost.

The X-Box 360 on the other hand is a guaranteed rate of return.

Working a couple more hours at work, is a guaranteed rate of return.

Even something as simple as lighting up a cigar with your friends and having a good

scotch is a guaranteed rate of return.

And dare the Captain admit he enjoys writing for you honyakers and conversing with you as it is a guaranteed rate of return?

And this is what progressively more and more men turn to as they get older. Now I can certainly see the case where a man gets divorced multiple times, losing 50% of his assets each time as it would accelerate the burning the fuel, but this phenomenon goes beyond married and divorced men. This is merely anecdotal and I'd certainly be welcoming of any other guys out there who have noticed this, but whereas all of 10 years ago nearly 100% of my male friends were looking for a wife, now I think in my group of friends less than 25% of them are, none of which have ever been married all of which are under 45. The rationale is it was too burdensome to go out on the "prowl." The idea of paying a cover to go to a club to yell at some stranger over loud music while paying $10 for parking and having to hike 10 blocks in DT Minneapolis is not appealing.

Going to the local sports bar to feign interest in "Brandi" as she talks about the latest issue of People Magazine or American Idol pales in comparison to shooting Nazi's online with your video gaming buds.

And wasting the hour setting up a Match.com profile because your friend gifted you a free month subscription and swore you'd meet chicks is nowhere near as fun as talking politics over a cigar and scotch with intellectual friends (and I want that hour of my life back by the way Jeff!).

Ergo (and again, this is just what I've personally observed) there is a (dare I say) mass exodus of men out of the dating market and into their own little bachelor worlds and this may go a long way in explaining why you don't really see us out there.

Now again, this is just what I've observed and has been seemingly corroborated by the experiences of many different women I've ran into, but we could be wrong. But I would be very curious of any junior, deputy, official or otherwise bachelor economists out there have seen the same thing.

Aaron Clarey is a mean evil sexist poopey head that tells people the truth and hurts their feelings. He is also the author of "Bachelor Pad Economics," "Worthless," and "Enjoy the Decline." He also hosts a weekly podcast full of hate, sexism and meanie-ness solely for the purpose of being a jerk, and operates his own consulting company, Asshole Consulting.

New Web Site

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For any of those interested, I put up a new web site to be the more or less the hub of my varied interests and activities. More info about your humble Captain in his personal life if you are curious.

Brainwashing Your Youth

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Well, when you indoctrinate your children with global warming BS and nothing short of Marxism, what do you expect?

When I am king, you will have to be 40 to vote.

The Left Gets SPANKED in Canada!

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Seems Harper won somewhat soundly and fell just short of a majority in parliament.

Alas, the liberal, Stephan Dion, now gets to face a leftist's worst fear;

WORKING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR!!!

NOOO!!!!!!!

But I don't want to contribute to GDP daddy!!!

US vs Chinese Price to Income Ratios

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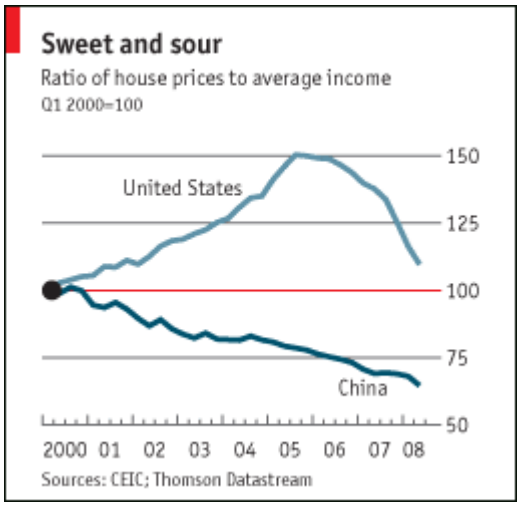
I know you guys don't want to hear it, but I will again, suggest there is a possibility that if housing prices go too high, they can also over-correct and go too low.



The chart above I like because it shows you even if your country is growing at 10-12% RGDP per year, housing prices can still go down relative to incomes. And not only that, could you imagine if housing went from where it is today (indexed at 105) to where China and Japan are (indexed at 65). A near 40% drop FROM TODAY'S PRICES.

Again, if you want your assets to have value, heck if you want the country to have value, you have to (I'm sorry) PRODUCE SOMETHING OF VALUE!

Never mind, nobody listens to me. Heck, how about instead of being a cold-hearted, reality spewing economist, I capitulate, become a politician, and tell people what they want to hear?

I promise warm fuzzies for everyone as we major in peace studies and vote for hope and change! If we care, social security will solve itself! Yea for us! We exist! YEA!!!!!!

Is Flo Hot, or I'm I Just Crazy?

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OK, Flo. Stephanie Courtney, from the Progressive commercials.

There is a raging debate in the Captain's social circles about whether she is hot or not.

There are two adamant camps;

Camp 1. Flo is a floosy dumbass bimbo etc. etc., makes men happy, blah blah blah, I hate her blah blah blah, stupid byatch blah blah blah, probably does what makes men happy, blah blah blah slut blah blah blah.

Camp 2. Oh my freaking god, get her into the June Ward apron and heels and nothing else NOW and I will so violate all my morals and integrity to do whatever I can to her.

I am unashamedly in camp #2.

I'm sorry, she is freaking hot. That vintage 1950's lipstick and raven haired beauty had me at "hello."

Now I get guff for this because my colleagues think she is nothing spectacular. That I am a freak for longing to have her in a "manly fashion" in that corporate closet (oh yeah, you know the one I mean, the one nobody checks on and has no files in it but is still on corporate grounds).

Regardless, anybody else out there with me here on this one?

In the meantime, BUY MY BOOK! DO IT NOW!!! Flo would SOOOOO endorse my book!

The Failure of Capitalism

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There is much ballyhoo about this financial crisis being the failure of capitalism.

And if we are to be intellectually honest, this is a failure of capitalism, but it doesn't mean it's broke. This is part of capitalism. People and companies who do stupid things get wiped out. The bailing out of these deadbeat losers is purely socialist in nature.

That being said, I know those of you on the left love to see capitalism "at its worst." Which this is.

Of course it pales into comparison to communism at its worst, which last I recall was what, 100 million people dead?

Just wanted to put things in perspective.

"Flo" Chart

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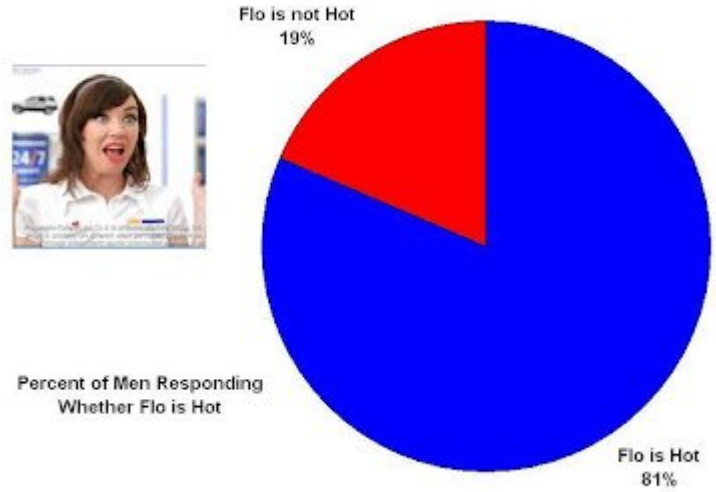
Ha! Get it "Flo" chart?! Because it's supposed to be "flow" chart, but "Flo" sounds the same, but refers to "Flo" the actress, thus a double meaning? Huh, get it? eh? The pun? The double meaning I mean?



Anyway, as my suspicions proved correct (which they normally do), "Flo" from the Progressive commercials is indeed hot and no less than 81% of the men found her attractive. And when I say "found her attractive" I am understating what they said. Comments were more along the lines of "oh my god, something or other about breaking her name tag."

Once again my charting skills, economic skills and being able to identify hot babe skills have advanced society by proving Flo is indeed a hottie. Now go buy my book!!!!

Consumer (ie-Credit Card Debt) as a % of GDP

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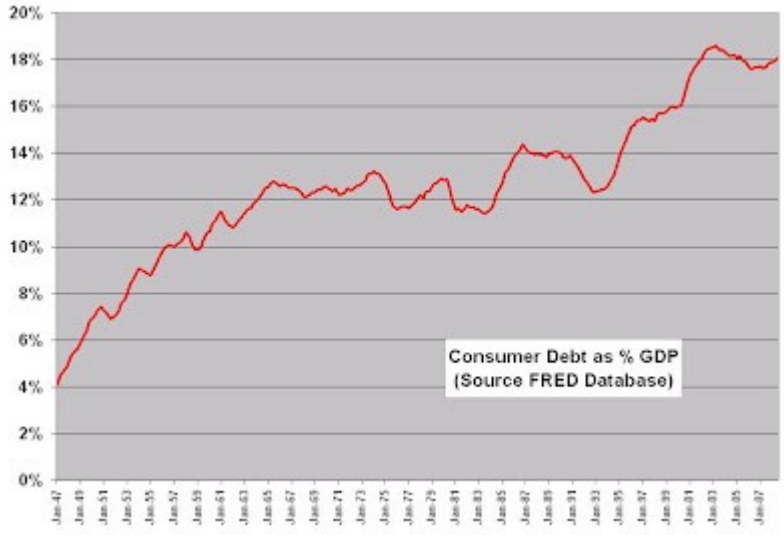
To quote Victor Borge, "I do not do requests, unless of course, I have been asked to do so." A Cappy Cap reader requested consumer debt as a percent of GDP, which, as you'll see below only corroborates that this country lives progressively more by borrowing and progressive less on working...which is just the kind of country Barack needs to get into the White House.



Friday Funnies

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I will be engaged in pumpkin hunting, chasing skirts, X-boxing and other American male activities this weekend and will leave you with the required reading;

http://www.sinfest.net/archive_page.php?comicID=2959

American Manifesto

Yeah, that about sums up what real change Obama will bring to America. About as much success as "Live 8" did for Africa.

Time to mock sociology majors

How I listened to authority back then and how I still do to this day

How the Captain Proposes to a Girl

I love it when suburbanite chicks compare carat sizes

How the Captain would speak freely if he could in these socialist states of America

My Dad was a pastor. This is how I will run a church if I ever get one.

Why I'm a carry conceal permit holder

This is how true conservatives think. Not your namby pamby peace studies majors who want to make themselves feel good by going to a third world country to effectively do nothing.

My view on children.

And finally, why I gave up on Christianity, because it was too hard to believe on the little Sinai Peninsula Moses got lost for 40 years.

Another Barack Obama Supporter

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anonymous said...

No, you'll be sitting around jerking off, since you are a Retardican, and that is the best you can do.

Too bad Sarah Palin, friend to rapists everywhere, will never be able to help you.

Wanker.

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And remember, the capitalists, Republicans and libertarians are the parties of "hate."

Not Another Baby Boomer Drama

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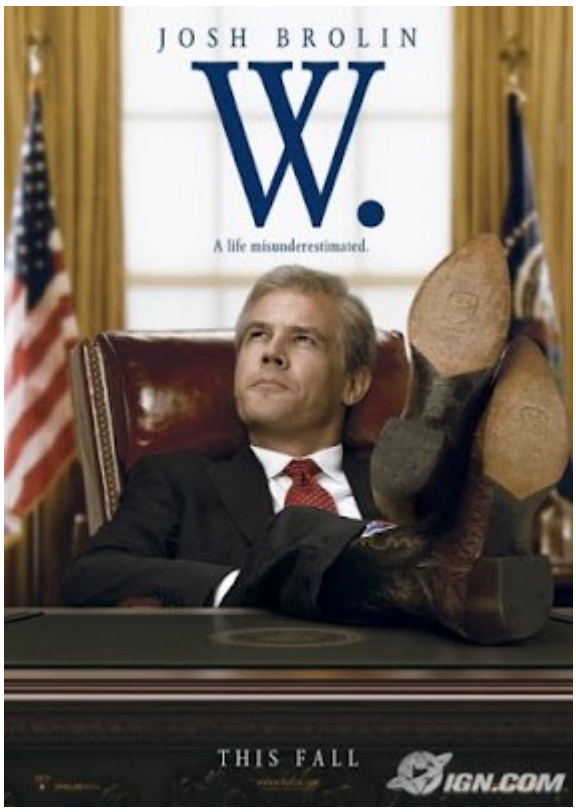
OK, seriously, you remember the movie "Not Another Teen Drama." It was a mockery of the 1980's, John Hughes movies that were essentially pointless, but drew a crowd because it played to spoiled little brats teenagers' psyches in the 1980's.

Is Oliver Stone's movie any different, except it's for the Cialis crowd?



I ask this as a serious question, would anybody but a Baby Boomer go see this? And perhaps the question needs refining, because not all Baby Boomers have no lives. Some of them have moved on and done something productive. Ergo;

Would any NON-burnt out hippie-loser-recreate-1968 Baby Boomer see this movie?

I've heard of Oliver Stone, I know he made some movies, but you know, the best movie I've seen in a while has been Hitman, and since then, Die Hard. Oliver Stone directed neither. And while I know those in control in Hollywood are the old guard of burnt out blunts, and somehow think this is a great film (or at least worth pissing away millions in advertising) couldn't you burn outs just have forwarded a couple e-mails to tell the other 250 '68 Re-enactor nerds that there was this really cool movie coming out and instead spent the millions on a charitable cause or create a college fund or something?

Just throwing it out there.

Seriously, what compelled anybody to think this was a movie? This shows you just how out of touch people are in Hollywood where "W" is somehow considered a viable movie. GW isn't even out of office yet. GW, aside from invading Iraq, is in reality a really milquetoast president. He is not Teddy Roosevelt. He is not George Washington. He is not a compelling figure. Ergo, the fact a movie was made about him was more a testament to those who wanted to make/watch a movie about him, which is frankly pathetic.

Seriously, it's like a generational version of a family forcing guests to sit down and watch home videos of a family's trip somewhere or another that nobody cares to watch. Worse still is the host doesn't realize nobody gives a damn but them or about the stupid movie.

Regardless, though I disagree with practically everything Obama stands for, if there is one shred of silver lining about the Obama campaign is that it does signal "change" in that the old guard of crappy 70's. 80's, 90's and 00's Boomer dramas is beginning to end. That Oliver Stone's movies will soon be relegated to being shown in nursing homes.

In the meantime the rest of the conscious world will be watching Iron Man or Hitman or the latest James Bond flick.

Thanks to the Preppies on Wall Street!

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Hedge fund manager who bets against Wall Street and their spoiled brat, nepotistic blue blood ilk, thanks them for their stupidity.

Sounds like my long lost brother.

Who Will Obama Kill When He Gets Into Power?

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Scary, but it's like he's reading from Obama's playbook

Cheap Canadian Bastards

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So I go to try to find some basic economic data on Canada. Shouldn't a problem. Canada afterall IS a democracy, a 1st world nation, and its government SHOULD have basic economic data available for free.

Oh how foolish I was. For upon finding the pinnacle source of economic data, I find out you have to pay for the "honor" to have what should with no exception be PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AND FREE DATA!

Is it possible, is it just freaking possible, to have governments in the western world, please act like you actually serve the people and not the other way around? Is it possible to have you little power hungry, impotent bureaucrats not act like a totalitarian dictatorship, and instead of this petty extortion for data that should be made available to the public for free, please at least FEIGN like you're here to serve the people.

I know this may sound like a minor grievance, but for Christ's sake, are you joking me? You're going to charge for data that not only should every Canadian citizen have the right to know for free, but can easily be found on the OECD for free?

To Statcan (and I mean this sincerely);

Go f#ck yourselves!

Tatsuya Ishida: Another Victim of Ignorance

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I don't personally know Tatsuya Ishida, but I have a feeling he is;

1. Younger than me.
2. Not as informed as I am about economics.

And the reason I say this (and I mean this in a non-derogatory manner) is he is suffering from what I deem a lot of youth are suffering from and that is ignorance when it comes to basic economics. He has an identity complex.

First off, let me state that I am a HUGE EFFING FAN of Sinfest.

And "HUGE EFFING FAN" is the highest rating one can achieve in the Captain Capitalism hierarchy of rankhood.

Tatsuya is smart, he is brilliant, and if one were to test his IQ, there is no doubt in my mind it would exceed 130 points.

The problem is he is misinformed, and like most other youth, have no idea what they're talking about when they discuss the difference between capitalism and communism.

To those of us intricately trained in the differences between the two ideologies, his two latest comics;

This one

and

This one

show, quite clearly, that he has his heart in the right place, but plainly lacks the basic understanding of the basic tenets and principles/differences between capitalism and communism.

I mean this not in a jest or ha ha way, but a serious way. How many younger folk out there are unable to make that vitally important discernation between capitalism and communism, and (scarier still) vote on these misinformed, faulty premises?

It's almost as if their natural survivalist/darwinian instincts know what is "bad" and can easily identify it, but they're so easily taken in by the (nothing short of) B freaking S that

is known as the false promises of socialism, that they propagate it.

Regardless, Tatsuya has provided me some much needed humor and mirth in a life that would otherwise be quite depressing, but I wonder that if Ishida had any formal training in the basics of economics...could he not be the one...the one that would bring balance to the force???

Ah! Who am I kidding? I'm the one. I'm the one that will bring balance to the force. That or the realities of economics, which *by definition* REALITIES of economics, more or less "forces" us all to adhere to, no matter how much we disagree with "realities."

Damn realities....You mean Obama won't guarantee I get a pony?

Behind the Housing Crash Reminder!

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A friendly reminder to buy the book if you haven't already.

Beside which it entails stories of Jennifer Aniston, IRS investigations, a heroic capitalist underdog hero fighting the forever blurring forces of nepotism and socialism and a plot that is continually unfolding. How can you NOT buy the book?

The Suits Head for Wal-Mart

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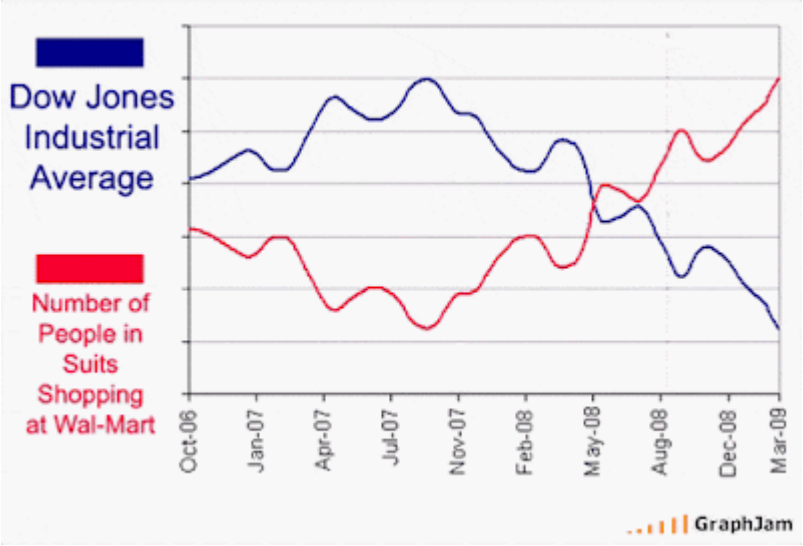
Interesting chart. Enjoy slumming with the rest of us "normal" schleps you now-unemployed real estate moguls;



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Obama vs. McCain's Tax Plan

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I only have one question to ask;

Average percentage change in after-tax income in 2009	McCAIN		OBAMA		
FAMILY INCOME In 2008 dollars	TAX DECREASE	AVERAGE CHANGE IN TAXES	TAX DECREASE	TAX INCREASE	AVERAGE CHANGE IN TAXES
Above $2.87 million (Top 0.1%)	-4.4%	-$269,364		+11.5%	+$701,885
$603,403 to $2.87 million (Top 1%)	-3.4	-$45,361		+8.7	+$115,974
$226,982 to $603,402	-3.1	-$7,871	0		-$12
$160,973 to $226,981	-3	-$4,380	-1.9		-$2,789
$111,646 to $160,972	-2.5	-$2,614	-2.1		-$2,204
$66,355 to $111,645	-1.4	-$1,009	-1.8		-$1,290
$37,596 to $66,354 (Bottom three groups amount to 60% of taxpayers)	-0.7	-$319	-2.4		-$1,042
$18,982 to $37,595	-0.5	-$113	-3.6		-$892
Up to $18,981	-0.2	-$19	-5.5		-$567
Average cut:	-2%	-$1,195	-0.3%		-$160

For Obama, if the bottom third of income earners don't really pay taxes, how do you give them a tax cut?

Never mind, I already know the answer.

Stupid Romans

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The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance.

Cicero - 55 BC

Pfa! Romans. Cicero. What did they know? Didn't they know Barack was going to save them all? Besides which, it's not like daddy won't pay for it anyway. Duh!!!

Eliminating the Tax Benefits of 401k's

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Oh, you so knew this was going to happen.

And all you dumb Gen-xer's out there who thought the "Roth" was too good to be true.

Yeah, it is.

I wonder how that will affect the value of stocks?

"Once the state extends the franchise to every warm body"

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Turns out it was not Cicero, but rather Robert Heinlein who said it;

""[O]nce a state extends the franchise to every warm body, be he producer or parasite, that day marks the beginning of the end of the state. For when the plebs discover that they can vote themselves bread and circuses without limit and that the productive members of the body politic cannot stop them, they will do so, until the state bleeds to death, or in its weakened condition the state succumbs to an invader — the barbarians enter Rome."

Robert A. Heinlein (Courtesy of The Corner @ NRO)"

ht to Alfred Mahan

Regardless, here is the point people;

It is in teaching the population and educating them about the basics of economics that you could have a democracy that would be forever lasting, or at least not befelled by human's natural desire for greed and tendency to put themselves ahead of others. It is economics that is the key to making a nation great. If the people understand why you can't just go a file for bankruptcy and why instead of majoring in cosmetology you should instead major in chemical engineering, then wealth will be produced and poverty eliminated to such an extent it would rival the olden days of the US. I write about it in further detail in my book, but also plan on making a post along the lines that inevitably as science disproves various traditional religions wrong, for moral and spiritual guidance, people will turn more and more to economics as it is the laws of economics that ultimately govern our behaviors. And if the study of economics can be mastered by the masses, there would be an unbelievable advance and enrichment of society.

Of course people would have to quit believing in worthless socialist drivel such as "hope" and "change," but, even despite the naivety of spoiled brat Obasming American leftists, I think most people when given the choice;

"A pathetic government financed existence of mediocrity standing in bread like circa 1970's Russia"

or

"A Bermudian level of capitalism and $80,000 per capita GDP."

Will come around to the "new" religion.

What Percent of Lake Minnetonka Properties are Earned?

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For those of you not familiar with Twin Cities geography, allow me to lay out the Twin Cities metro to you.

In the center you have two major cities; Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Mississippi flowing through both, cutting Minneapolis in half as it flows southward, and then cutting St. Paul in half as it turns and flows northward, inevitably turning south again and making its run for the Gulf of Mexico. Surrounding the two city centers is an oval of inner suburbs, which in turn is surrounded by outer suburbs, with houses getting progressively larger and the yards bigger the further out along the radius you go. But depending where you are (north, south, east or west) of the metropolitan hub, more or less generally determines what kind of neighborhood you live in.

Bar "pockets of resistance" such as Edina, St. Louis Park, and so forth, the inner suburbs are more or less blue collar, old school neighborhoods, pock-marked with crime ridden extensions of the poorer parts of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The northern suburbs are predominantly blue collar. The running joke in the Twin Cities is if you are in Anoka you should wear your "good" snowmobile jacket if you have a wedding.

The eastern metro is filled with farms and ranches and apple orchards, with epicenters of limousine liberal smugness manifesting themselves in the forms of trinket/antique shopping towns like Stillwater.

The south is kind of a hodgepodge of varied sorts, but you're generally solid white collar.

But the west…ohhhhh, the west. Let me tell you about the west.

For directly west there is a lake called Lake Minnetonka. And Lake Minnetonka is no ordinary lake, it is a many-multi-chambered, multi-bay, multi-isthmus lake. Tons of shoreline, nestled within coves, within peninsulas, within hidden lakes, all interconnected to allow boats and yachts the best sailing bar going to Lake Superior. If you do not have a map, you can get lost, but you won't care because it is the most beautiful lake in the state. And it is because of these traits that it was only a matter of time that it would come to house the richest of Minnesota's rich.

Every bit of lakeshore has a mansion on it that can compete with any other mansion throughout the world. You can go to various bars along the lake and see nothing but Beamers, Mercedes, Ferraris, and Lotuses being valet parked for their owners. You can see boats that are just as big as what they have on the North Shore bay in Chicago. You can go there and see the most poshly dressed and done up people and think you're in Milan. But you're not, you're in fly over country.

Naturally, if you're a normal hard working Joe, this is a foreign world to you. A world of

peppered hair investment banking types ordering $15 martini's. A world where trophy wives drive their Lexus SUV's to the local towns at 11AM to meet their trophy comrades because they don't have to work. A world where 17 year old high school kids have nicer cars than you've ever had. It is a world you just can't relate to. But I have a dirty little suspicion about this world, and that suspicion is it's like the "Barbie Girl" in the "Barbie World";

It's fantastic.

But it's made of plastic.

What first aroused my suspicion to this ultra-elite world is when working in banking I would get an inordinate amount of real estate developers who claimed residency in the area. In my book I regale the story of a man I called "Zorba the Swede" who I titled such because he was always super tan when he came into the bank, even in January. Minnesotans do not pull off that "Greek guy in a speedo with a lot of chest hair" tan in January (let alone July). But this guy did and he hailed from Wayzata (the capitol of this elite area). Regardless, it was the likes of Zorba and his ilk and their uncanny ability to reside in the Lake Minnetonka area that raised my eyebrow. And the reason my eyebrow was raised was not the tans they were sporting, but their tax returns.

Most of them showed losses.

It seemed odd to me that if you showed losses on your tax returns that you could somehow live in the Lake Minnetonka area. Matter of fact, unless your tax return showed at minimum a $1.5 million salary a year, I don't see how you could even afford to live in the "slums" of Lake Minnetonka. But somehow they did.

But the excuse I received was universally the same;

"Oh, Zorba made money, he was just trying to low his tax bill by showing losses. But rest assured he was a very successful real estate developer/surgeon/businessman, which is why he needed an emergency $4 million loan this afternoon. You understand of course, it's just business."

Funny thing was I never understood.

I understood they weren't making money. I understood they had overleveraged themselves into property that would never sell. I understood there was a housing crash coming. And I understood that even if they had $30 million in assets, if they had $35 million in debts, they were insolvent. But I never understood how somebody who was LOSING money could afford a $10 million mansion on Lake Minnetonka, and still don't to this day.

Time would go on and sure enough there was no limit to the number of "Zorba's" out there. Real estate developers. Non-descript businessmen. Investment brokers. All showing losses. None posting profits. But invariably all living in the fanciest zip codes money could buy.

But as the housing crash started its decline, it was interesting to see how many of these "super-successful" business men failed to provide their most current tax return. Or their

most up to date personal financial statement. Or just give us projections or estimates of what their current financial situation was. They would hem and haw, and ultimately balk, but according to my supervisors;

“Well, they’re very successful men. They are so busy making money, they don’t have time to get their tax returns in on time. That’s why they always file extensions.”

Funny, I never understood that either.

In any case, what I suspected ultimately proved to be true. The majority of these “super successful business men” were in short nothing but financial deadbeats. Losers who couldn’t even manage a lemonade stand to profitability. Inferior little middle-aged brats who didn’t have the guts, nor the aptitude, nor the intelligence, nor the skill to genuinely work up the wealth they farcically paraded around. And some were so egregious in their financial masquerading they begat the attention of their friendly neighborhood federal investigators;.

Adam LaFavre once the darling of real estate circles is under investigation for a litany of things.

Michael Parish of Parish Development plead guilty to a $50 million strawbuyer and fraud scheme.

And Bruce Nedegaard, convicted felon, turned real estate mogul, who, tragically died of cancer before he could be sentenced for fraud, tax evasion and a whole host of other no-no’s.

But just three men do not make the 50,000 or so Lake Minnetonka area residents all financial deadbeats. There are people who ethically (or at least, legally) earned (cough cough! - inherited) their multi-million dollar lakeside homes. Genuine wealth and empires have been produced providing billions in profits and thousands of jobs. But as the housing market has collapsed and with it the economy, the wheat is being separated from the chaff and I am now questioning what percent of the Lake Minnetoka residents are genuine captains of industry earning their “elite” rank, and what percent are just a bunch of financial deadbeat posers.

Three events or observations have piqued my suspicion.

First was last week when it was a rare beautiful October day, I decided to take my motorcycle (that’s right ladies, the Captain is a bad boy) and cruise around the 98 miles of shoreline on Lake Minnetonka. What amazed me was just how many homes were for sale. A brand new mansion for sale here. A partially completed dream house there. And an old school estate up for auction there. Two large “luxury condo” developments on the lake were nothing but ghost towns and I remember reading about the developers and these much heralded developments as the local paper fawned over them as local celebrities. In short, it was shocking to see Minnesota’s richest neighborhood having the same, if not, a higher percentage of the homes for sale as your local suffering blue collar neighborhood.

Second was a story told to me by an acquaintance who lives in the area about a young,

budding socialite couple who live in the area and live in one of the nicer houses. However, they actually don't own the $5 million home. It is owned by the mother in law who lets them live there RENT FREE as if they were a 20 year old college couple trying to pay for tuition. Worse still, the "business" the husband runs is perpetually losing money and needs a constant cash infusion from the mother in law. Meanwhile they drive around in nothing but the finest luxury cars and SUV's while wining and dining at the local restaurants where drinks are $10 a shot. Fine, the house may not be up for sale, but how many live-in-my-mom's-basement-at-the-age-of-40 "successful" investment bankers are there? I want that set up.

And finally was the now disgraced Tom Petters. Multi-billion dollar business mogul who lived in Wayzata and was recently paid a visit by the local, state and federal law enforcement representatives who were quite insistent he come with them. Posing as only a poser could, he was heralded by scores of magazines and newspapers as a "super successful" businessman (who no doubt had trouble getting his tax returns in on time too), only to turn out to be crook who defrauded billions from his victims. However, it was not his arrest that crystallized by suspicion into an outright thought, but that he had a magazine called "Lake Minnetonka Magazine."

I saw the magazine once and it reminded me of the time I was invited to one of the "popular kids" parties back in high school. Shocking as this may be, I was nerd back in 1991, and for me to be invited to this party sounded more like a set up than anything else. It turned out to be a genuine invite by one of the nicer popular kids, but when I got there, instead of this wild crazy party with the cheerleaders running around topless, all it was, was the cheerleaders watching a video of themselves cheering at a recent football game and the jocks watching the same. All they were doing was watching themselves on the VCR. It was the most boring party I had ever been to and I remember leaving only after 10 minutes to go play some Dungeons and Dragons with my friends.

Regardless, the point was this magazine was the exact same thing. A "hurrah for us" fest. A magazine where a bunch of people read about themselves and the parties they went to. It was nothing but them masturbating over themselves. Articles about "Joe Schmoe and Jane Jones-Schmoe (note the hyphenated name) hanging out with real estate tycoon Bob Bobson and his Minnesota Viking's cheerleader Bambi Bames as they discuss which boat they're going to buy." Or "banking heiress Jessica Johnson and some friends party it up at the local club – *rumor is she is dating star investment banker and most eligible bachelor, Lance Winthrop*!"

It was all of the observations mentioned above, combined with the fakeness of this magazine (not to mention the owner himself was now proven to be a deadbeat) that made me think it wasn't just a few bad apples in Minnesota's most elite neighborhood, but that something closer to 25-33% of the population were indeed posers.

Now, admittedly you cannot get rid of nepotism. Undeserving people will inherit the fortune their parents worked up. But what angers me the most about this is the attitude these elites have. I'm not talking about me being jealous or envious, I'm talking about the

hypocrisy these people have. It's one thing to build up an empire from scratch, buy a mansion and drive your Lotus around and live the jet set lifestyle. You earned it. You deserved it. You produced wealth and earned so much money, not to mention employed people along the way that you deserve to sit on the docks of Lake Minnetonka while you sip your $10 martini and say, "I'm one of the best. I am indeed one of the greatest." I applaud you.

But if you are what I estimate to be that 25-33% of losers who just inherited it, or borrowed it, or worse, just stole it, not only should you have shame, you should be taken to a back alley and have every undeserved penny beaten out of you. Not because you have it (however you may have gotten it), but because of your insistence that like all the other subprime deadbeats, thieving bankers and other entitlement princes and princesses out there, that you're ENTITLED to it. And what's really goading is when you flaunt it.

The dead beat, live at home, son in law who isn't man enough to make a profit to support himself and has to live off of his mother in law driving a luxury car? Back alley with a baseball bat.

Partying it up living off of embezzled funds, posing as some big time hot shot "businessman" with $40 million in assets and $50 million in debts soon to be bailed out by the taxpayer as you throw the economy into recession? Back alley with a baseball bat.

And Tom Petters with his house he owned (well, "he" never really owned it);

Back alley with a baseball bat, broken glass, rubbing alcohol and a blowtorch.

Now I've said it before and I will say it again, because I think those of us who work for a living, who manage to spend within our means, only to bail out financial deadbeats like these, really need to hear it (since it's only true)

We are better people than you.

We don't pose, we're legitimate.

We don't steal, parasite, inherit then flaunt, or borrow with no intention of paying back, we earn.

We are the ones who make this country and any other country great. And while you may have your Beamers and your Lake Minnetonka homes and your fancy parties, you're not

fooling any one. Your net worth is negative. The waitress with a positive checking account balance has a higher net worth than you. You are the losers and we are the winners.

Blogging Insurance!?

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Tis true!

Are You Freaking Kidding Me?

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So I click on the link to see John McCain's photo when he was in POW in Vietnam and see the caption below:

8:22am UK, Thursday October 23, 2008

Footage of John McCain being interviewed as a bedridden prisoner during the Vietnam War has been released by the French national archive.

McCain, who was filmed smoking, was emotional during the interview

The video portrays the Republican as a hero but the message may be tarnished as he is filmed smoking a cigarette.

In the footage an emotional and shirtless **McCain** passes a message to his wife saying he will get well and loves her.

He also describes being shot down over Hanoi in 1967, and parachuting into a lake.

Are you F#CKING kidding me????!!!!!

The message may be tarnished because he smokes a god damned cigarette?

How out of f#cking out of touch are you in the media? The guy is in a god damned POW camp, all shot up in the 1960's and he dares to have a cigarette?!

What gets me, what really effing gets me, is how they completely miss the forest from the trees on this one. Here is John McCain, a genuine WAR FREAKING HERO, on his back, defending America and the media thinks, actually believes the fact he has a cigarette is going to have a political effect? That it's not that he's a real man more than Obama could ever be, a patriot captured by the enemy, a man who has seen some pretty rough times and can relate to more of us than any elite leftist poser could, no, it's the fact he smokes a cigarette.

And you MSM types wonder why your industry is at an end. You are the bona fide epitome of the word; IDIOTS

Dumbass Liberals

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I made a post on Obamanomics that was received quite well.

However, the largest protest or complaint I received were from Obama supporters who insisted there was NO WAY corporate taxes in the US was 40%.

I don't know how else to put this, but;

You're misinformed?

You're ignorant?

You really and genuinely do NOT know what you're talking about?

You have never ever bothered to look up the facts first before forming political opinions, and hypocritically not only vote, but insist others vote based on these foundationless opinions?

I don't know what else to say. It's like arguing with a 3 year old child when you argue with a liberal. And I say that not to be mean or derogatory, but you guys are just plain, flat out are wrong and uninformed.

You HAVE to understand it is NOT a matter of opinion. I am talking about things that are matter of fact. Things that should have no emotion, or philosophy or feelings about it. Things I, and other conservative/capitalists point out are not our "opinion" they are facts. And it is angering, at minimum frustrating when we say something like "the sky is blue" and you say, "no it isn't. You're a racist!"

So, here it is you morons. You uneducated automatons. CORPORATE TAX RATES IN THE US ARE 40 FREAKING %.

Country	Central government corporate income tax rate [2]	Adjusted central government corporate income tax rate [3]	Sub-central government corporate income tax rate [4]	Combined corporate income tax rate [5]
Australia[a]	30.0	30.0		30.00
Austria	25.0	25.0		25.00
Belgium[b]	33.99 (33.0)	33.99		33.99
Canada	19.5	19.5	14.0	33.50
Czech Republic	21.0	21.0		21.00
Denmark	25.0	25.0		25.00
Finland	26.0	26.0		26.00
France[c]	34.43	34.43		34.43
Germany[d]	15.825 (15.0)	15.825	14.35	30.18
Greece	25.0	25.0		25.00
Hungary[e]	20.0 (16.0)	20.0		20.00
Iceland	15.0	15.0		15.00
Ireland	12.5	12.5		12.50
Italy[f]	27.5	27.5		27.50
Japan	30.0	27.98	11.56	39.54
Korea	25.0	25.0	2.5	27.50
Luxembourg	22.88 (22.0)	22.88	7.5	30.38
Mexico	28.0	28.0		28.00
Netherlands[j]	25.5	25.5		25.50
New Zealand[k]	30.0	30.0		30.00
Norway	28.0	28.0		28.00
Poland[l]	19.0	19.0		19.00
Portugal	25.0	25.0	1.5	26.50
Slovak Republic	19.0	19.0		19.00
Spain	30.0	30.0		30.00
Sweden	28.0	28.0		28.00
Switzerland[h]	8.5	6.70	14.47	21.17
Turkey	20.0	20.0		20.00
United Kingdom[a]	28.0	28.0		28.00
United States[i]	35.0	32.7	6.54	39.25

HOW MUCH CLEARER CAN I POSSIBLY MAKE IT?

Fact vs. Feelings

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I don't know how many times I've had liberals yelling and shouting and at times crying when I'm debating them. Meanwhile, I'm just sitting there, completely indifferent to the data I have.

You have to understand, I am very cold and unemotional about economics and politics. I have no agenda. All I do is look at the facts and decide my ideology from that. Liberals and leftists decide their ideology FIRST and then try to find "facts" to support it.

Guess whose ideology always wins in the end.

An Obama Halloween

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HAR!!!

Anybody know the cartoonist for this? I can't make out the script at the top.

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Hitman vs. Bangkok Dangerous

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OK, I'm going to go on a bunch of minor little posts that I haven't had time for, so here we go.

Why did I waste $9 to see Bangkok Dangerous? Here I was thinking it was going to be something really great and all it was, was a hit man hitting a midlife crisis. I then watched a 2 hour soap opera occasionally interrupted with an occasional sniper shot.

Then I see Hitman. Not expecting much. Just kind of a mindless hit man movie. Infinitely better than Bangkok Dangerous. And it gets me back to a theory I have. Those in power in Hollywood are no longer interested in making straight shot, good guy, bad guy movies. They have abandoned the traditional script to go with movies that do not tell as story, but instead go out of their way to be different.

Cohen Brothers got an Oscar.

Need I say more?

There will be a split as the 60's generation continue to pat themselves on their backs and award themselves awards for movies that the rest of the population couldn't care less about (W.) And while the market goes one way, more and more weight will be given to reviews by FHM, bloggers and so forth as they actually respond to the real world and Oscar/Academy people respond to themselves.

Blame Big Oil!

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Well, if it was Big Oil that made prices go up, then certainly it must be Big Oil that has made prices go down;

Oh, but wait, we're not going to hear that from the leftists or the brainwashed masses are we? Because that doesn't fit the script, does it?

Or, wait. Let me guess. A specialty of leftists everywhere when reality doesn't conform to the script; conspiracy theories.

ie-"Well, they're just lowering prices before the election."

Am I right?

The Captain Recommends

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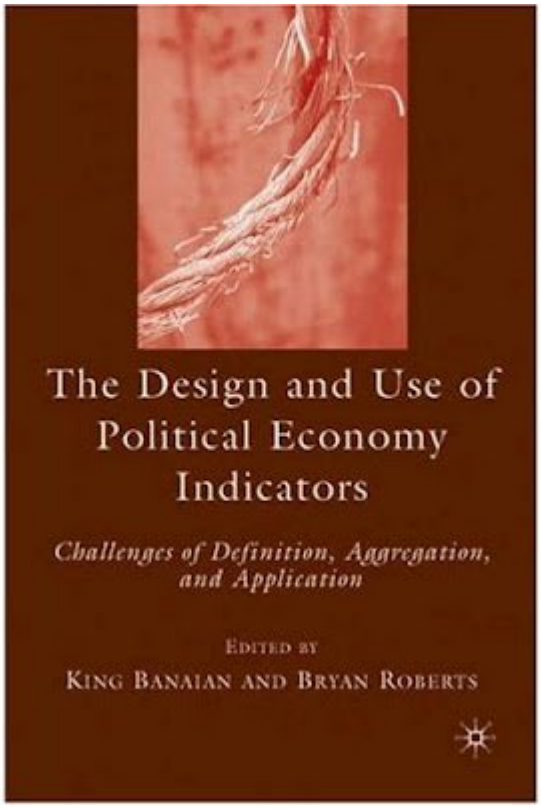
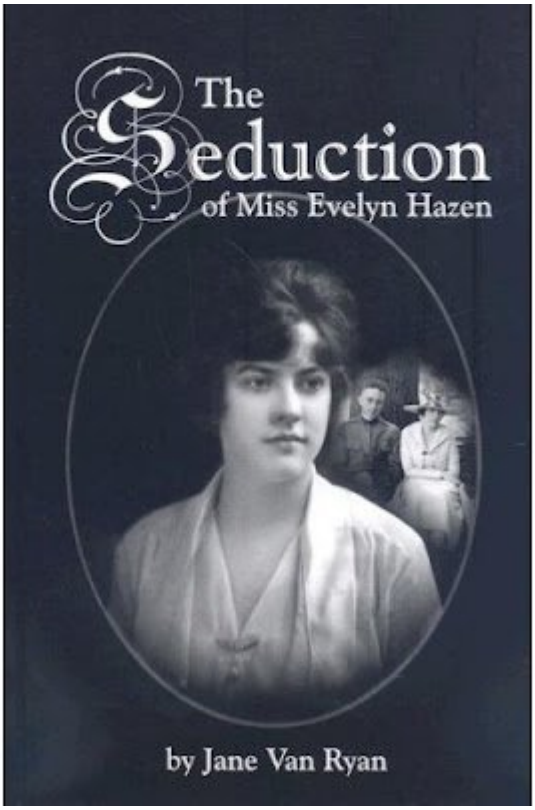
I've been fortunate enough to have some friends help me out with selling my book and some of those friends happen to be authors themselves. Because of their kindness I sincerely recommend at least looking at their books, and if any of them seem interesting to you, please feel free to purchase those books. Here they are;

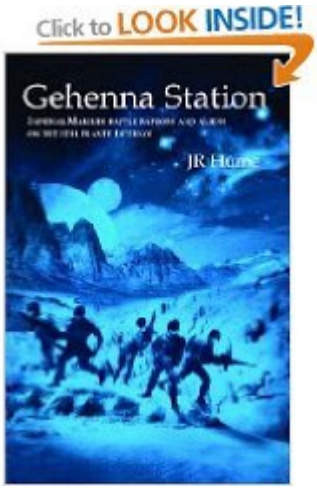
Dr. King Banaian, the economics chair at St. Cloud State's economics department has come out with a book very recently and it is some high end economic analytical stuff.



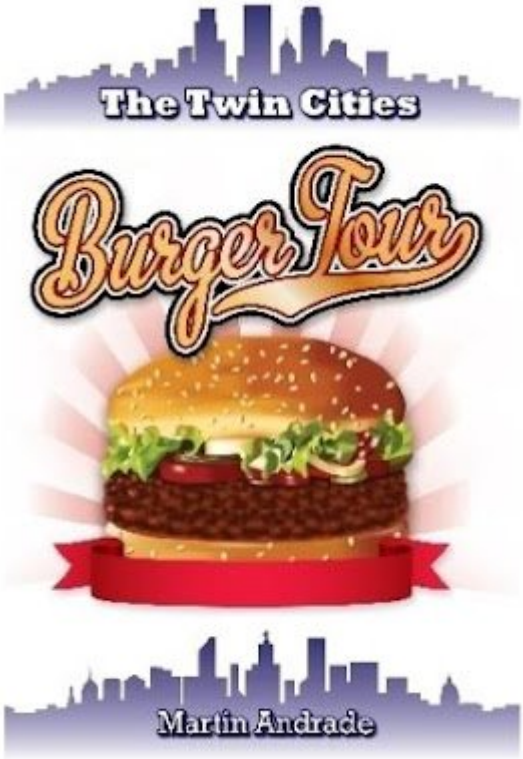
Jane Van Ryan, another friend of mine has written a book about an Evelyn Hazen, but long story short, it's one of the best soap opera/dramas, but more importantly it's true. Story of a guy who led a girl on for 15 years and she inevitably sued him and won.



If all the economics starts to bore you and romance/revenge dramas may not be your cup of tea, JR Hume wrote a science fiction book titled Gehenna Station.



And finally, there's Marty Andrade. He wrote a short piece on burger joints in the Twin Cities. If you happen to find yourself in the Twin Cities area and want a good burger, this is your guide.


The Twin Cities
Burger Tour
Martin Andrade

The Wealth is Already Spread

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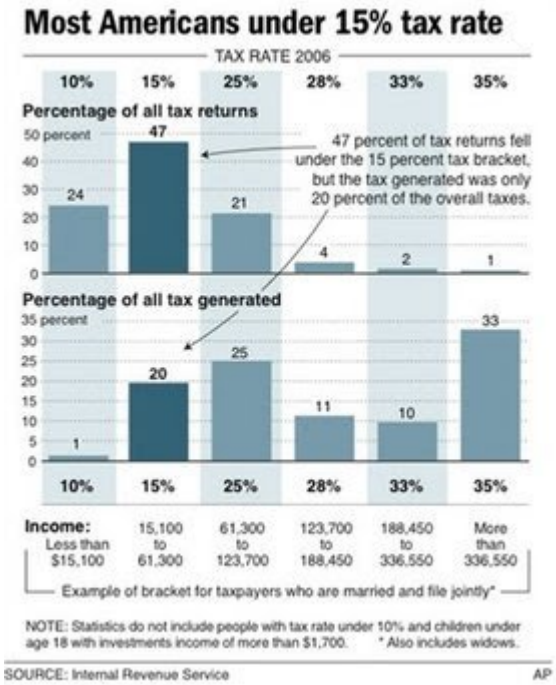

I know;

Facts.

What a bummer.

They keep getting in the way of hope and change don't they?

I mean, can't those evil meanie right wingers just let us be without pestering us with those damn facts?

You see, my professor told me everything is relative. It is my perception of reality that is my own reality, ergo, whatever I believe is my reality.

Now you're messing with my reality where the reason I'm poor is not because I majored in a worthless subject or never graduated from high school or had 3 kids before I was 17, but because evil rich people constantly oppress me and keep me down. That and my reality that Obama is going to save us all...though he really hasn't detailed how, but that doesn't matter. My reality, the only one that matters is he will because I want to believe that.

Now you get out of here with those damn statistics and facts and start putting up the ones I want. My parents always got me what I wanted when I was a kid and the government and public schools told me it was never my fault unless something good

happened. And let me live in my own reality!

Fascist!

Financial Fasting Holiday

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I have guilt.

And the reason I have guilt is that I remember long ago the experiences that formed me and cut my teeth. And those experiences were putting myself through college, and not just college, but all living expenses, and doing so by working full time at the U of MN Police Department in their "campus cop" program WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME and GRADUATING IN 3.5 YEARS.

I remember working over 120 hours in one Christmas week because not only would be get holiday pay (1.5 times) but if we'd get overtime on top of it, 2.25 times. This provided a perverse incentive at times to try to get 40 hours under your belt before midnight of Dec. 24th, and then try to work, if possible, all 48 hours of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to maximize your 2.25 time pay. Sleep deprivation was very common (and if you think I'm making this up, you may certainly feel free to contact any number of UMPD veterans from those days who will vouch for me).

I started at $6.90 and finished with an hourly wage of $9.10. Which means, at most I was making around $20 an hour. So even in my best year, I grossed $20,000 while in college.

Still, I managed ALL my tuition and ALL my living expenses.

Oh sure, you had to control the other side of the formula too; expenditures.

I remember renting a room for $179 a month. Shared a bathroom and a kitchen with a bunch of guys and nothing ever got cleaned. I remember bringing in a bottle of bleach to the bathroom, pouring it over the floor and the toilet and seeing it foam as it killed who knows what lethal biohazard. I remember only going to McDonald's four times in my days at college BECAUSE MCDONALD'S WAS TOO EXPENSIVE! And I remember not drinking until I was 21 because the concept of spending $5 a drink, not to mention the time wasted trying to chat up the Bambi Sociology majors at the bar, was an impossible waste of time.

Ergo, why I have very little pity for people who "claim" they're "poor" and "can't get out of it" but meanwhile manage to have children they can't support.

Regardless, today I obviously make more than $6.90 an hour. But it is because I make significantly more than $6.90 an hour that I often look back, in an ironic sense, fondly to my tortuous days at UMPD in that back then I damn well know I earned it. In other words, I feel like I'm getting soft. I'm getting weak.

Could I manage another 120 hour work week?

Could I patrol 50 miles on bike a night for 3 years straight?

Could I walk the 10 miles a night in 10 below zero temperatures as I did in my youth?

The primary point is I don't want to forget what I had to go through to get to where I am today. And it is because of that, that I recently started seeing the point in "fasting."

Fasting is largely a religious activity. Various religions have it for whatever purposes they may be, but I started thinking that it would be a damn good idea to see if I could live within my old (inflationary adjusted, of course) budget of $5 a day of discretionary spending for two weeks. ie- a "financial fasting."

While this was for my own personal purposes, when I got to thinking about it, in the context of the financial/housing debacle we have before us, I started seeing "financial fasting" as actually something the US and other western nations are in dire need of.

The world's largest economic crisis since the Great Depression has been brought about, quite simply, by people spending beyond their means. Fiscal discipline and austerity is never taught, and because the west has been so successful (well, until recently anyway) we've been able to get away with it. But if there was a financial fasting, an INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY, where people spend an abysmally little amount just to see if they could do it, as well as remind them of how hard times can get, I think it would do a world of wonder for not only personal finances, but national finances as well.

Ergo, the Captain has decided to institute a new holiday, of which it is purely voluntary to participate in.

Starting October 31st, people will have to live on less than $5 a day discretionary spending for two weeks (discretionary meaning outside the mortgage, car payment and various utility bills).

It will be called "The Financial Fasting."

You will have to buy booze at the liquor store and drink at home.

You will have to borrow movies instead of going out to watch them in the $12 per ticket theaters.

You will have to cut back on heat and wear sweaters.

You will have to eat bagels at home instead of going out.

You will have to spend time with family and loved ones to be entertained and engage in that long lost art of "engaging conversation" to derive utility from this time.

It is a period of where we test ourselves and our ability to get by on the bare essentials and, dare I say it, find out what's really important in life beyond consumption and spending.

And then, two weeks later, on November 13th at the midnight switching over to the 14th, there will be a grand celebration where you can then spend the money you've saved over the two weeks on something glorious and glamorous. There will be excessive mirth. High end dinners. Gaiety. Men can buy that plasma screen TV they always wanted. Ladies can buy that new dress they always wanted. And of course (since I am the founder of this holiday and can therefore dictate the rules) the Captain mandates French Maid outfits for all the ladies (if you don't like the rules, then make your own holiday!)

Of course, the reason I set the fasting date on October 31st, is because I am damn well going to see the new Bond movie, Quantum of Solace which comes out on the 14th, so truth be known, that's why it starts on October 31st.

Regardless, that doesn't change how serious I am about this holiday, nor the immense good it could potentially do. Therefore, if you find this a good idea, as no doubt some of you do, forward this onto your various friends and colleagues.

Remember, October 31st! You fast. 2 weeks. $75 bucks. No more.

The Captain will participate.

REFINEMENT

Based on the responses I have received from the various reading public I have decided to institute the following rules;

1. The $75 should be for each person, not per family. So if you have a spouse and a child, you will have...$225 (if I did the math right???)

2. Yes, you can fill up your gas tank before Oct. 31st. Or you can bike it.

3. The $75 applies to DISCRETIONARY expenditures. ie- Things that are already not set in stone. So if you have a car payment or students loans, etc. those are exempt. I'm talking stuff you DON'T have to pay. If you can live off of $5 a day, then you have traveled the "path o' the Captain."

4. A reminder or perhaps better stated, a bit of information I left out. Starvation is

certainly par for the course. I was, WAS, 145 pounds when I was a senior in high school. It wasn't until I was a sophomore in college that I was at a party and there was a scale at the house the party was at where I weighed myself on it and found myself to be 118 pounds.

Sarcasm set aside, it is things like that, that make me remember what it was like to be poor and to ensure myself I don't forget it.

Guest Writer - Mistrust Fund Kid

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As it tis busy season and I'm in the middle of teaching dance classes, I have opened Cappy Cap up to several writers to help me keep the blog delivering at least a daily dose of wisdom while I pursue my contribution to GDP. Keep in mind they may not necessarily be my opinions, so don't come yelling at me if you don't like something. Regardless, my friend, monikered the Mistrust Fund Kid has written this piece reminiscent of a post I wrote quite a while ago. I hope you enjoy it;

Good evening all. The gracious Captain has asked me to make a few comments here. This is in the interest of cultural diversity; although the primary point of diversity between the Captain and I mostly amounts to a disagreement about what level of cynicism is an appropriate defense in the face of a nation that is taking on water rapidly.

I suppose if the Captain and I were on the Titanic, the nature of our disagreements would likely have been over which bottles of scotch to break open, and whether the string quartet should play something just a little more snappy.

As you might have gleaned, then, the diversity scrimmage line moves slowly around here.

What I present here tonight is anecdotal, yet powerful evidence that the economic party in the US is indeed over. We have not realized it yet, since we are at that phase of the party where we are still milling about in the halls, in the parking lot, looking for our cars, saying the goodbyes and perhaps attempting to achieve a little backseat romance. As we stand outside in the cool night air, we are mere hours away from the hangover, yet that has not crossed our minds yet.

The first exhibit is the most obvious. The luxuries to which we have become accustomed will be departing.

Joe White:
When Boomers ran out of cash, they financed their dreams. The U.S. household saving rate plunged to 2% of income in the 2000-2005 period, when Boomers were hitting their earning peak, from 10% during the early 1980s. Imposing McMansions sheltered occupants with five-figure credit-card balances, exotic balloon mortgages and V-8 powered sport-utility vehicles financed over five and six years, all adjuncts to a lifestyle that depended on cheap credit and cheap oil.

The boomers are good dreamers. Always have been. What they have had great difficulty with is accountability and responsibility. The topheavy demographic forces they have exerted have allowed them to live in a wonderland of their own creation, fueled by debt

and under the cover of a cultural standard that they set. Any dissent was laughed away, it could not compete statistically with the dreams and delusions of the boomers.

They brought us the 'upscale' movement - nothing was ever good enough for their tastes. A profound sense of entitlement to material goods intersected with their appetite for luxury, the result being an amazing growth in a service and consumer economy.

Now to segue into the political.

Richard Berry:
This is all merely typical of the smug, cocksure Boomer Elite. This is a group that breaks things. It has set the wrecking ball to institutions that are the essential glue of our society (marriage and the family), the basis of our political system (federalism and the separation of powers), the engine of our prosperity (the free market), the guarantor of our freedom (the military), and the glory of our history (the Constitution, participatory democracy).

Although our Masters of the Universe insist we credit them as moral paragons, they are among the most luxury loving, wealth flaunting population ever seen in the world. Whenever a Hollywood celebutard mouths some perfect imbecility in front of a camera, it is sure to be done from a five star resort hotel or on the red carpet of one of those absurdly frequent self-congratulation festivals. The silk tie, moussed hair crowd on Wall Street is no better.

This generation of Americans has treated itself to one unchallenged intellectual conceit after another for years. They are a blaring symphony of cognitive dissonance - claiming to be peace-loving, yet capable of violent protest. Living in freedom and disparaging the military who do the dirty work for them. Longing for leftist wealth redistribution yet cowering behind self-created tax loopholes. They have attempted to collect the wealth of this nation in their private accounts even as they have run our nation ten trillion in debt; the payment of which will be deferred to their children as they step off the taxpayer treadmill by the hundreds of thousands in the coming years.

To be fair, they never realized the mess they were leaving behind for us.
It would be a mistake to assume that their destruction of our economy was the result of some malignant drive to wreak havoc.

Rather, is was their relentless pursuit of of material gain, and utter dismissal of all warnings that have led us here. Being cowards, they found it easier to convince themselves that their profligate ways were not harmful, indeed that they were actually helpful; this allowed them to totally disregard any thought that they would ever have to sacrifice anything.

The America that you younger citizens have grown up in was actually an anomaly. The

boomers are leaving the party after drinking the best of the booze and only throwing in a few dollars for the tab. You get the leftovers and the bill. With interest.

But the story is not over quite yet. Because they went too far too soon. This collapse in the economy is going to pull them down with it. They didn't quite make it out the door before the collapse.

We will continue this line of thought next time.

The Mistrust Fund Kid

The Captain is Looking for a Cartoonist

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Fellow junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists.

I have decided with my readership going up many thanks to Small Dead Animals, Instapundit and what have you, that it's about high time I get a cartoonist for your reading pleasure.

The job pays nothing and I can only promise about 2,000-4,000 hits a day, but if there are any aspiring cartoonists out there looking for a web site to get some exposure, I'd ask that you kindly consider Captain Capitalism.

Please e-mail me your cartoons if you are interested and send the link to anybody you think might have an interest.

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Thanks!

The Captain

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Boo!

Scarrrrrrry!

Cartograms

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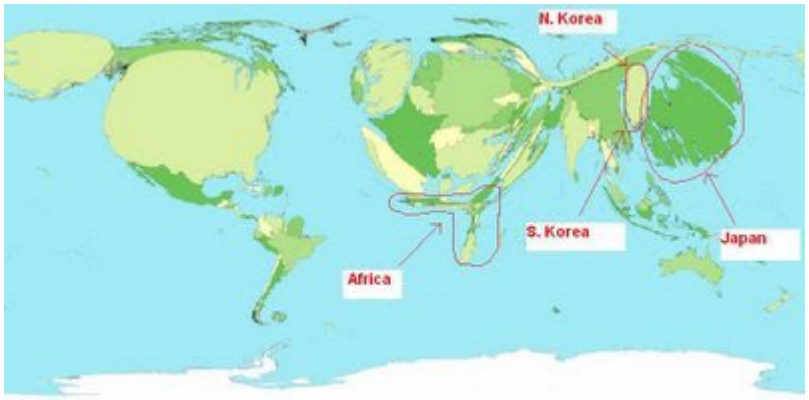
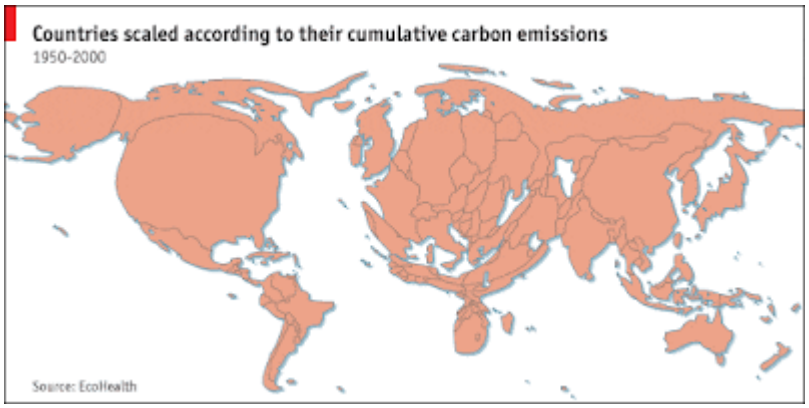


A while ago my sister sent me this cartogram, expanding or contracting the size of each country based on its GDP.

Just saw this one in The Economist;



What I noticed is that for the amount of GDP we produce, we sure produce very little carbon emissions.

The Economist Endorses Barack Obama

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The Economist has endorsed Barack Obama.

And I now no longer endorse The Economist.

Sorry, after what is approaching a 12 year love affair with The Economist, my formerly beautiful fair maiden has gotten incredibly fat and ugly and taken a sharp turn to the left as of recent. With a new chief editor I, along with many others, have noticed this deterioration, but this is just plain unacceptable.

How a formerly great publication such as The Economist, based on simple laws of economics and freedom, has now come to support Obama, a socialist (and let there be no if, and, or's or but's about it), shows how there is no longer any intellectual honest or integrity left at the "rag" and they've simply become another member of the Main Stream Media, posing as some kind of intellectually unique publication.

I am now to believe, that all the charts, data and empirical evidence it has furnished over the years were in error? Were faulted? And their opposition to the corporate tax was wrong all this time? Free markets are NOT the way to go? Unfortunately for The Economist web sites such as the OECD, FRED Database and others provide us the information needed to develop and create our own opinions, making The Economist obsolete.

Of course, no doubt The Economist will see it's readership go up. It has abandoned its niche market of intelligent, intellectually honest men and women desperately seeking truth, opting to instead woo the masses by telling them what they want to hear. And if you think about it, that's only befitting.

It's the exact same thing Obama is doing.

Virginity by Major

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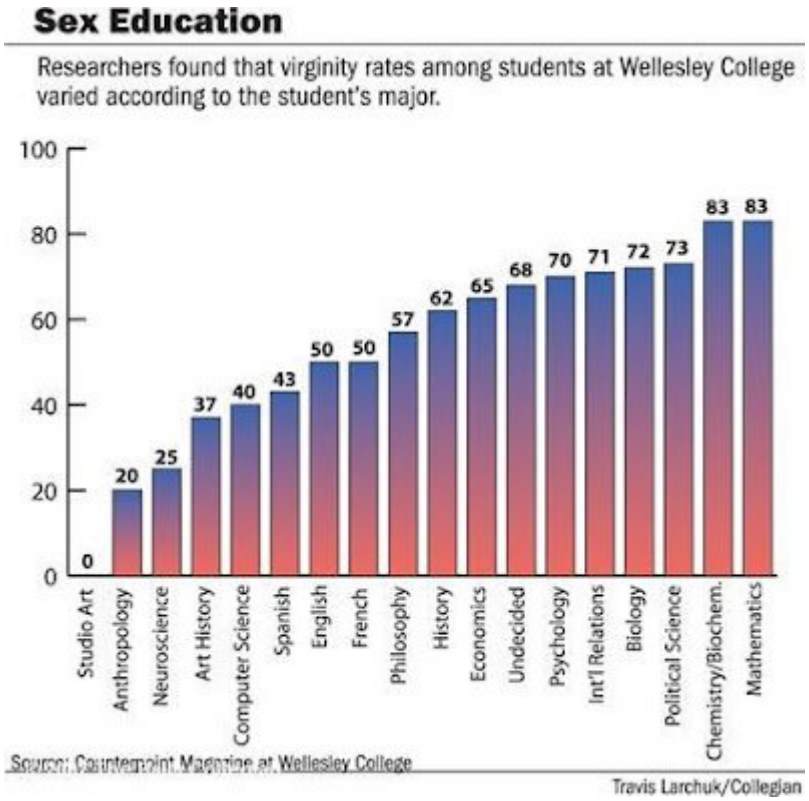
An interesting chart I found.



Can really see any trend or relationship there. All I'm happy about is that economists are not on the right of the curve, but quite average.

US vs. OECD Corporate Tax Rates

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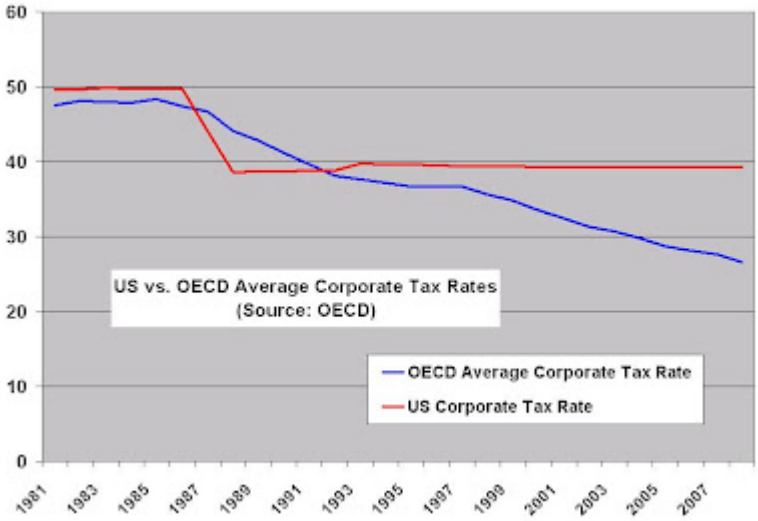
I've embarked on a study where to invest my money should the democrats and Obama take command of the government. And of the many variables I'm looking at, corporate taxes are one of them.

But one of the rarer known things among the US public is that, bar Japan, the US has the highest corporate tax rates in the developed world. Of course the irony is that the "capitalist" US should have lower corporate tax rates that the "socialist" Europe.



What's interesting about this chart however is that ultimately, what forces governments to spend within their means is not the people all of the sudden getting their heads out of their asses and starting to look at things like the federal budget and social security and voting to reign in the budget. Rather, instead, it's the fact governments tax and regulate to such an extent they create a hostile environment to business to the point business decides to pull up its roots and move elsewhere (Haliburton moving off to Abu Dhabi is a perfect example). In other words, it's the good old fashioned law of capitalism known as competition that still governs and forces economic entities, even as large as the US federal government, to ultimately and inevitably live within their means because there is competition for those corporate tax dollars and smart countries are realizing that if they lower their corporate tax rate they could perhaps poach significant tax revenues from other countries.

Of course, we all hate those evil icky, mean corporations. So thank heavens they're leaving..and given the 'change' that's coming, who can blame them?

Norway is More Capitalist than the US

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I often say things and they're so outlandish that people immediately dismiss me and couldn't care less.

Things like;

"There's a Dotcom bubble."

Or

"There's a housing bubble."

Or

"There's a problem with Asian currencies."

Of course if you say enough outlandish things and they come true you start to get some credibility and so allow me another outlandish "crazy" prediction.

Norway will become more capitalist than the US in a very short period of time.

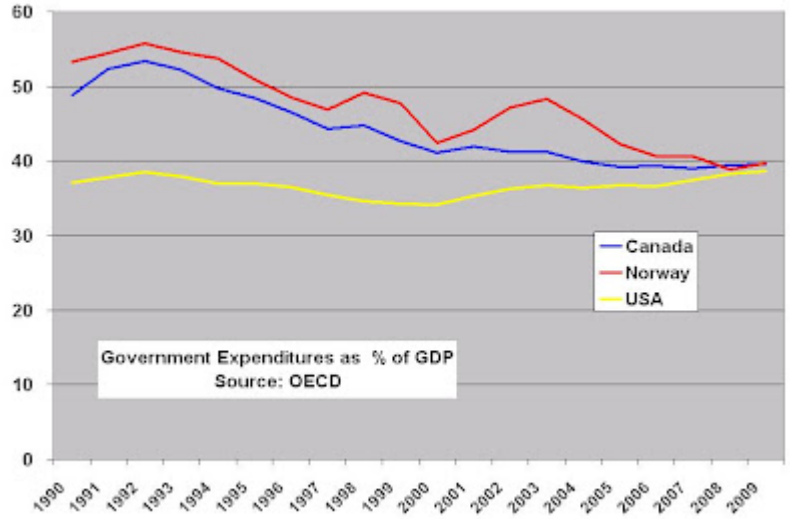
The reason I say this is simply, because it's true (remember, I have no opinions or skin in any game, I'm just concerned about fact). And the fact is Norway is progressively becoming more and more capitalist while the US is becoming more and more socialist.

Now I have a group of friends, who despite knowing me for all these years, still dismiss me as some "crazy" capitalist-fascist-economist who just "doesn't get it" and does this economics shtick as some kind of attention-getter. As if this were a gimmick to attract attention. But, as is always the case, I have data to prove it and will instead tender it to my reading public.

Government expenditures as a percent of GDP is hands down the authoritative, single statistic to measure of "capitalist" or "socialist" a nation is. The higher this number, the more socialist a country is as the government accounts for a higher and higher portion of economic activity. Now some will contend it should be government REVENUE as a % GDP, but if you think about it, it should be expenditures in that if you run a deficit, it's only future taxation that will not only finance, but pay for those expenditures. Ergo, spending as a % of GDP is the true measure vs. revenue.

Regardless, I was shocked to find out that pretty much right now, the presumed

"capitalist" US and the presumed "socialist" Norway, spend practically the same percentage of GDP on the public sector.



Of course this will wreak all sorts of identity crisis havoc upon ideologues;

1. The left's star child is trending DOWNWARD in it's taxation that it now has comparable tax rates to the US. HOW could this possibly happen? Additionally, will they still support Norway as it (presumably) continues its trend BELOW US tax rates? Will they still cheer Norway as a "socialist utopia" when in fact it is more capitalistic than the US?

2. Will not the US lose it's reputation of being an evil bastion of capitalism and earn a reputation more inline with it's socialist taxation levels? Not to mention, if it's already on a Norwegian level of taxation, won't Obama push it beyond that? And ergo, will not the leftist forces start cheering for the (GASP) US o' A?

and of course;

3. Will the left ever admit Norway more or less owes its premiere position in standards of living due to that accursed commodity known as OIL? Or since it's in state ownership, then it's all good (like Hugo Chavez, Amadijonmustard of Iran and other similarily minded-American-haters?)

Besides the hyperbole, I would be really curious to hear from any Norwegians about this. These numbers are not bunk, Norway is seriously about to become more capitalist than the US (not to mention Canada).

Anybody from Norway have any commentary on this?

Post script - there has been much discussion about oil and so forth and how it affects Norway. I, with great intelligence and foresight, wrote this quote some time ago.

The Captain Will Be on the Marty Andrade Show!

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10PM, Central Standard. Easiest to just tune in here.

Tune in if you want and call the show!

Farewell to The "Economist"

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Yeah, when a publication titled "The Economist" starts to advocate socialism, you know it isn't going to be worth $130 a year to subscribe to.

News Flash!: US No Longer Racist

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That's right. From here on out, knowingly or not, the race pimps can no longer claim this is a racist nation.

We are the first to elect a black candidate president/premier of our nation.

My question is when are those racist, fascist Europeans going to quit being so damn racist and get with the program and elect a minority to their #1 position.

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A Prom Night of Barack Obama Excuses

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As expected, Barack Obama was elected and the republicans are now paying for their idiocy in moving to the center (and still receiving no additional votes for it). However, going forward, one has got to realize just how big of shoes Barack has made for himself to fill.

He has, more than any other politician in the world, promised everything to every one. Sociology majors who worked on his campaign will now think that "community organizer" is going to be a $60,000 per year job with benefits. The likes of Peggy Johnson will now think they don't have to pay for their own gas of their own mortgage. The black community I speculate because of the Messiah-like nature of Obama, is expecting that by July of 2009 they will magically achieve standards of living on par with their white counterparts. The stock market is going to rally, social security and medicare (which I noticed were never mentioned in the campaign) will somehow magically take care of themselves. Guilty white liberals can finally assuage themselves of their misplaced guilt. And everybody will get a pony.

But the problem is all of his promises (or perhaps better stated – people's expectations of him) are undeliverable as they are outside his control (if not insane to even expect in the first place). Sociology majors will never make $60,000 because the realities of the labor market prevent it. Peggy Johnson will still have to pay for her gas no matter what Obama's charming eyes and pointless platitudes may have told her. The black community's success is largely within their control and no matter what Obama says or does, I don't think he will be able to deliver to them economic equality before their patience with him runs out. White liberals will never be "forgiven" by the likes of the Black Panthers, Rev. Wright and other racists, not to mention race pimps whose careers depend on perpetuating racism. And, perhaps most importantly, the economy is not going to recover as quickly as spoiled-brat Americans are accustomed to. Quite the contrary, it's going to go into a long and harsh recession, people are going to get laid off and this says absolutely NOTHING about the economic-time-bomb known social security and medicare.

i.e. – It kind of reminds me of my senior prom where I graduated in this small, pathetic, Wisconsin town. Where the prom was the PEAK, the PINNACLE of the majority of these students' lives. Very few were going to go onto college, very few were going to do anything in their lives. There was no hope. But, there they were, partying it up, as if life was going to continue on like that forever. And they were in for just of a rude awakening as the currently ecstatic Obama supporters are today. Quite frankly, it's all downhill from

here.

Ergo, since Obama CAN'T make all these insane people's dreams come true, and quite the contrary, the economic realities of the nation are going to turn them into nightmares, it is a practical guarantee Obama will have to start blaming other people and things and come up with excuses as to why sociology majors aren't making $60,000 and not every girl has a pony in the back yard. Therefore, I present to you;

CAPTAIN CAPITALISM'S PREDICTIONS OF OBAMA EXCUSES;

1. I inherited a recessionary economy – This is true. Obama did inherit this economy. This will be his most truthful and honest excuse. However, he will blame it on "Bush" or "Republican" or "capitalist" policies. This is where he will be an outright liar as it was concepts like "not paying back what you owe," "borrowing more than you can afford," and ultimately "being irresponsible and letting other people pay for it" which are socialist in nature that are to blame for the current mess we've gotten ourselves into. i.e. – he will not have the gall to blame the American people for his mistakes, he will take the politically self-serving route and blame the republicans.

2. Racism still exists and is keeping minorities down. – Racism is not going away folks. The victim mentality and the race pimping industry is too big. Forget this country fought a civil war to free slaves. Forget the fact this is the first western nation to elect a minority to its primo position. And forget that it's things like teen pregnancy, poor graduation rates/schools, absentee parents, lack of college and a broken down family that oppresses blacks and other minorities more than racism ever could. There's no money in that. Racism will have to still be around to explain why Obama's policies have failed to lift the black community out of poverty, and instead of growing some cajones, breaking taboos, and genuinely helping out the black community, Obama will tell them what they want to hear to stay in power…and sadly, the black community will still be no better off.

3. Obstructionist Republicans in congress – Obama is a socialist. Again, let us not try to pathetically argue against this point. The problem is Obama also got elected by what is largely ignorance. I don't know how many friends I have, after showing them the chart showing US government spending being on par with NORWAY who tell me "Obama isn't going to make this a socialist nation." Regardless, inevitably these people will wake up. Not to mention 48% of the population in the US is not ignorant, know simple basic economics and did indeed vote against socialism. They won't go quietly into the night. So what will happen (I'm predicting) is a similar repeat of the 1994 congress where Clinton and the Republicans were basically at a stand still and nothing got done (THANK GOD!) To the dismay of Pelosi, Reid and Obama, the remaining Republicans are not just going to allow them to ram socialism down the throat of America . Obama supporters will ask "what's the hold up?" to which Obama will respond "obstructionist Republicans."

4. Big Oil/Corporate America/Wall Street – Whether gas prices go back up, health care goes up, the economy stays in recession, unemployment skyrockets, it will not be the fact

the population is becoming less and less productive thereby necessitating more dollars to buy that same gallon of gas, no, it’s because Corporate America or Big Oil are keeping you down. This will not only rationalize why Obama will increase corporate taxes by 50%, but allow him, again, to avoid putting blame where it is rightly deserved (the lazy American public) and place it on a boogey man everyone loves to hate. Taxes will increase, corporations will invest less or move offshore, jobs will be lost and Obama will again blame corporate America for having the audacity to leave. Ignorant masses too stupid to realize the downward spiral this will create will cheer as Obama increases corporate taxes, but in the very next sentence viscerally scream at corporations for daring to leave for greener pastures.

There will be other excuses, but these are just the ones off the top of my head.

Obama's Effect on the Stock Market

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Already there is trouble in paradise.

Millions of people voted for Barack Obama no doubt because of the economy and the HOPE he would change it. Of course, now the market is reacting to the practical guarantee corporate taxes are going up which drives down not only stock prices, but the balances of Barack Obama supporter's 401k's.

Ah, is there any sweeter poetic justice when people shoot themselves in the foot?

This is Why You Can't Trust the Media

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They're a bunch of losers, the losers from high school who couldn't unhinge a bra, let alone have the skill to do it with one hand, and need I mention their inability to ever get into AP calculus?

And now, the only thing they can do, is abuse their power/position to feign some farce of being some kind of unbiased institution with the genuine interest of the truth and the health of the country at heart, when in reality they are nothing but shills and socialism whores willing to pimp themselves out.

And they wonder why subscriptions are tanking.

Daily A-Ha "Ha Ha"

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Go! Quick! Do It Now!!!!

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So it's snowing a little bit here in Minnesota, but nothing compared to the three feet of snow they received in my favorite town in the world, Rapid City, South Dakota. And I figure since it's the weekend and the snow is here and only more is on the way, wouldn't it be nice to stoke up a nice warm fire, have some Rumpleminze infused hot coffee, and then snuggle up on your favorite comfy couch and read a book?

Of course, which book should you read? There are many to choose from.

But how about a heart warming tale of a renegade banking analyst who fought, vainly, but valiantly against the entrenched forces of corrupt management to fend off the inevitable collapse of the housing market? An epic saga of a dashing (and handsome!) hero who through hard work, diligent research, and a little bit of X-Box 360 gamage was able to foretell the crash in housing prices and the effect it would have on the economy. A childhood bedtime story written so well, it has been known to cure children of measles and bronchitis without the aid of antibiotics.

Fortunately such a book exists and was conveniently written by me!

"Behind the Housing Crash" is guaranteed to give you warm fuzzies as the full forces of winter are upon us. You'll cuddle up with your beloved and regale yourself with stories of bribed appraisers, pathetic, crying middle aged men, IRS raids and more!

You'll laugh.

You'll cry.

You'll cheer.

And you'll (more than likely) yell.

But most importantly, you'll be supremely educated about the housing market...and your child cured of the measles.

But you better buy quick, and do it now. The snow is upon us. So go here, order it! Now! Do it NOW!!! Otherwise you'll be snowbound at home, cuddled up around a fire with Rumpleminze and a child with measles and no book to read!

Can't You Just Let 4th Graders Be Kids?

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When I am king, I will make it illegal for teachers to teach or discuss politics with children until they are seniors in high school. This just shows you how some teachers literally put themselves, the teachers union and their paychecks ahead of the kids and have no problems pimping out their ideology instead of teaching the children skills that will help them in life;

Can you socialists just let kids be kids? Can you?

My god, the brainwashed kid trying to give an answer why he likes Obama? He can't answer why he likes him! He's just trying to placate the teacher!...Of course, I don't get all that much of a different response from full grown adult Obama supporters, but, eh, hope, change, puppies and ponies. What do I care?

Obama's Effect on the Stock Market

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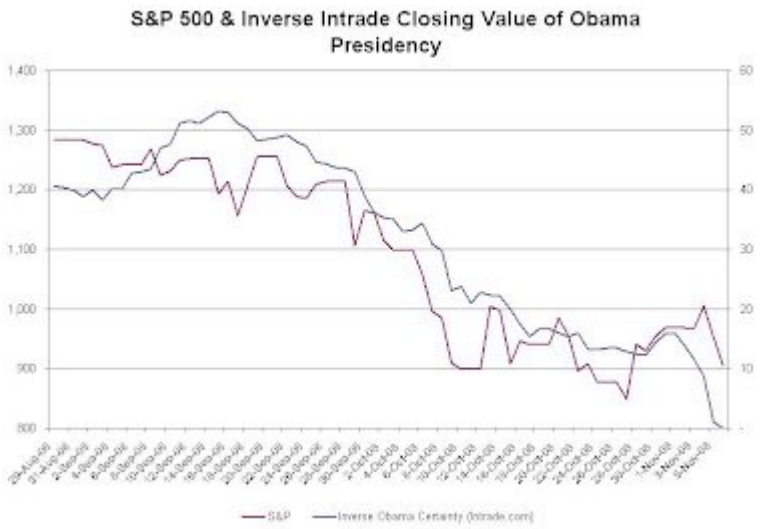
There was much speculation and discussion about whether or not the market had "priced" an Obama and socialist party victory into stock prices. And up on Obama winning the market promptly tanked 4% the very next day (and the day after). Of course there are those out there who contend that the market tanking had nothing to do with Obama and his propensity to increase corporate taxes, but I was sent an outstanding chart by a reader from George named Geoff.



The chart above shows Obama's Intrade closing value versus the S&P 500. Obama's trade value was inverted so as to show the relationship between stock market values and his likelihood of being elected.

The correlation is quite strong coming in above a .9 correlation coefficient. Of course I will readily admit that there was most certainly other things going on in the market that had nothing to do with Barack that drove the price of stocks down while Barack's Intrade value was going up. However, I am willing to bet the free pony Obama has promised me that even after adjusting for these figures the market was trading down based on the fact Obama would increase taxes on not just corporations but people as well.

You have to understand right now that I am more or less just preaching to the choir, as I've found to try to talk rationally or logically with Obama supporters is quite pointless as no matter how much data or logic you throw at them, you still get "hope and change and, uh, you know stuff." So now, all I'm doing is just creating and empirical record so that when there are bread lines I can show those people in the breadlines some neat charts from 3 years ago that explain why they're waiting in line for bread in the first place.

Where Should I Invest My Money Under Barack

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For those of you who were interested, here's my interview on The Marty Andrade Show on election night. It ended up becoming more a discussion on which countries to invest your money in under a Barack administration as it was more or less a foregone conclusion Obama was going to win.

Time to Play: "If the Shoe Was On the Other Foot"

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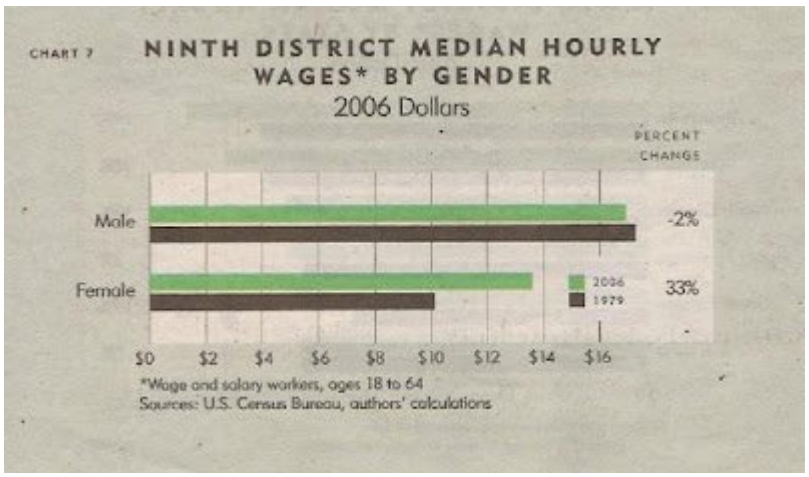
Yes, the game everybody loves to play in America;

IF THE SHOE WAS ON THE OTHER FOOT!

The game where if the shoe was on the other foot, there'd be outrage, but since it's not, there isn't!



Rule #1: Do NOT Turn Men Down for Dancing

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In addition to my dance classes, as my goal is to get my students to dance, I host "field trips" wherein I take my students out to various bistros, ballrooms and jazz clubs, thereby allowing them the chance to practice the moves I taught them...and grant me an excuse to write off my booze for the evening. This last Saturday I went to a Latin joint for my Latin and Salsa dance students, and though lightly attended, we all had a good time.

However, while sipping away at my Rumpleminze and talking with some of my students, I witnessed out of the corner of my eye a phenomenon that is all too common and must be eradicated immediately. An immigrant invariably of Hispanic descent, was sheepishly standing by a support column, visually trying to assess his chances of getting a group of girls sitting at a table to his right to dance with him. Inevitably he got enough courage to approach the table and as far as I could tell, didn't identify any one particular girl he'd like to dance with, but more or less just threw the option out on the table to see if ANYBODY would dance with him.

Unfortunately I knew what was coming for I had been there a million times before.

The girls looked at each other, pointed at one another, giggled and then tried to foist the "chore" of dancing with this man on their friends, all the while utterly insulting him there as he waited patiently for a grown up to arise from the group and say, "yes I would like to dance."

He had more patience than I did, as he sat there a painful 30 seconds while the little girls giggled amongst themselves and pointed at one another, but inevitably he turned away and left the girls to themselves.

Now ladies, I know it is not fashionable to provide women advice on...well...anything. And I know that because of the political climate in the US anything meant as constructive criticism is construed as misogyny. But, out of the benefit of advancing society and perhaps finding you a future love, tough. This is for your own good.

First, this is the primary reason you "can't find a man." Oh sure, you'll let Chip McWinthrop buy you a drink at the local sports bar on daddy's dime, you'll sign up for utterly pointless online dating services such as Match and E-Harmony, but when Pablo comes up to you and asks you to dance, oh, no. That's just outlandish now isn't it?! Let me explain to you how you are shooting yourselves in the foot. It doesn't get any more Cary Grant than a man who not only has the gall to approach a table of girls, but has the skill to back it up on the dance floor. A man that knows how to dance is like an automatic screener. If he has taken the time to learn a skill such as dance, chances are he is a bit

more refined, intelligent, not a drug dealer, not living at home or whatever else was your ex-boyfriend in the past.

Second, I don't give a damn if you do or do not know how to dance. Sit there and wish all you want, you will never look like Ginger Rogers sitting, sipping your cosmopolitans and opining about how you'd LIKE to dance watching Dancing with the Stars, unless you get off your ass and dance. That's why men "LEAD" in dancing. About your only responsibility in dancing is to not fall down, otherwise a good lead will be able to make you look like a million bucks on the floor. Of course you can continue to sit there and look like a dime-a-dozen with your eleven other friends sipping your mojitos, but that's just me.

Third, out of pure simple courtesy, you needn't dance with us, but by god, if you dare do the giggly girl sh!t, pointing at each other saying, "no you dance with him! No YOU dance with him! Hee hee hee!! No, she really wants to dance with you!" while a true gentleman is standing in your presence, you earn the right to be perpetually single for the rest of your days. Be true grown up women, and afford these men the simplest of etiquette. This has not only happened to me, and "Pablo," but practically every male friend I know. And you know what the consequences are? When you finally do decide you're ready to dance or perhaps go to a fancy place and meet a refined Antonio Banderas, too bad. All the good guys quit and either don't show up or don't bother expending the calories of energy to go up and ask you to dance anymore. This is of no concern when you're 25 as 25 year old men still have it in them. But if you're 35 and you're constantly wondering "where are all the good 30 something/40 something/50 something men?" Yeah, that WAS us. We're enjoying some X-Box 360 and a scotch with our buddies over a poker game...might even invite Pablo.

Fourth. Understood. You just want to enjoy some jazz. You just want to listen to some serious Latin. You just want to hang out with your girlfriends and be left alone. Fine, we get that and can appreciate that. Then don't sit near the dance floor, while dolled up in some kind of alluring dancing attire as you gyrate to the music in your seat looking like a puppy dog begging for a bit of ice cream to fall off your cone. And for the love of Pete, don't take the token dance lesson at the beginning of the evening. It's called false advertising. Not that the men are stalking, but they do pay attention to who is taking the lessons or is exuding the body language that they'd like to dance. This way (well, in theory anyway) we only ask the girls who want to dance to dance and leave the others be in peace.

Fifth, it is a dance. That is all it is. Oh sure, we might angle to ask you out later, based on how much you try to commandeer the lead away from us. We wouldn't have asked you to dance if we didn't find you at least a little bit attractive, but it's not a proposal of marriage. It's not an indecent proposal. It's not even a date or even a compliment on your hair. It's a dance. It's about 3-5 minutes of moving around on the floor. Heck, the music is so loud, it's impossible to get to know you. So don't worry, we have no "aims" on you. We

(shocking as it may be) just genuinely want to dance.

Sixth, take it from me. I've been teaching dance 10 years. And when it comes to dance ladies, the men ARE GONE when you get older. The vast majority of people in my dance classes without partners are women. The men just don't dance, especially the older they get. I have had classes so lopsided that there were 6 women for every man. And beg and plead as much as I do with my male friends to show up and pinch hit, very few of them do. Ergo, if you ever want to be the girl that is the center of attention on the dance floor, or (the ultimate coup de tat) be that girl who steals all the attention at the reception away from the bride and onto you, then by all that is Metal-Gear-Solid-sacred you do not turn down a man who is asking you to dance.

The Captain Will Have His First Book Signing

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Though I know most of you are at least an inconvenient 1,000 miles or more away, if you happen to be in the Twin Cities area tomorrow I will be having my first book signing!

Located at the Panera Bread at the Knollwood Mall in the scenic suburb of Hopkins.

330-530PM.

So if you want to stop in and say hello, or perhaps just avoid shipping fees and get a book, please feel free to stop in!

Hope, Change and a Tanking 401k

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You mean socialism and communism are BAD for stock prices?

Ever since Barack Obama was elected, stocks have lost over 10% in just 5 days, proving once again my complex analysis of Barack Obama's economic plan was correct.

Aren't free markets a bitch?

How Mexico Can Benefit from the US' Weakness

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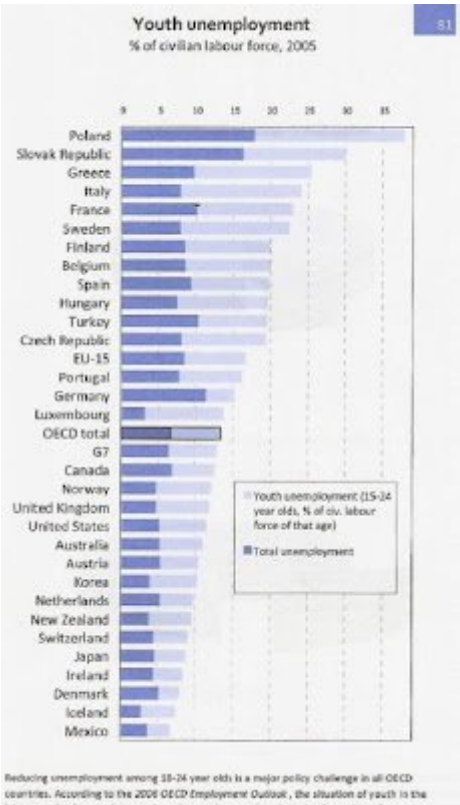
Silently, quietly, Mexico is starting to look like a rapidly developing nation that has promise and potential (notice I said POTENTIAL, not HOPE). GDP is growing at a faster rate than the US. Work ethic seems to be more embedded in the culture than their American counterparts,



but above all else they have both lower corporate

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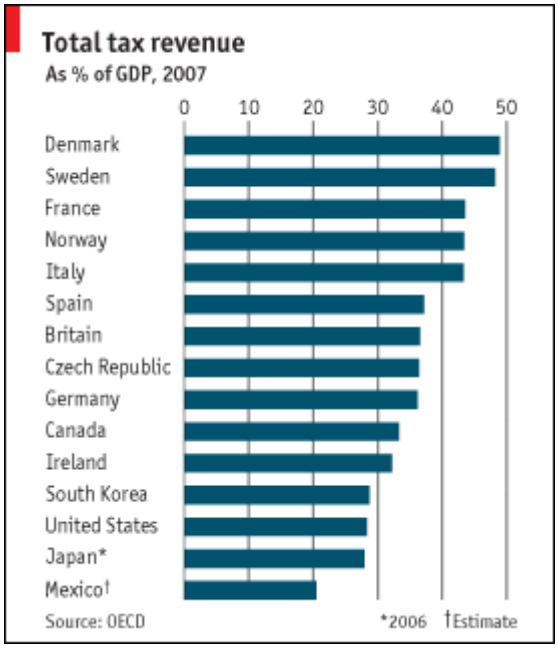
Austria	25.0	25.0		25.00
Belgium[b]	33.99 (33.0)	33.99		33.99
Canada	19.5	19.5	14.0	33.50
Czech Republic	21.0	21.0		21.00
Denmark	25.0	25.0		25.00
Finland	26.0	26.0		26.00
France[c]	34.43	34.43		34.43
Germany[d]	15.825 (15.0)	15.825	14.35	30.18
Greece	25.0	25.0		25.00
Hungary[e]	20.0 (16.0)	20.0		20.00
Iceland	15.0	15.0		15.00
Ireland	12.5	12.5		12.50
Italy[f]	27.5	27.5		27.50
Japan	30.0	27.98	11.56	39.54
Korea	25.0	25.0	2.5	27.50
Luxembourg	22.88 (22.0)	22.88	7.5	30.38
Mexico	28.0	28.0		28.00
Netherlands[i]	25.5	25.5		25.50
New Zealand[g]	30.0	30.0		30.00
Norway	28.0	28.0		28.00
Poland[j]	19.0	19.0		19.00
Portugal	25.0	25.0	1.5	26.50
Slovak Republic	19.0	19.0		19.00
Spain	30.0	30.0		30.00
Sweden	28.0	28.0		28.00
Switzerland[h]	8.5	6.70	14.47	21.17
Turkey	20.0	20.0		20.00
United Kingdom[a]	28.0	28.0		28.00
United States[i]	35.0	32.7	6.54	39.25

and overall taxes.



And while they certainly have some corruption issues, they are rapidly forming the perfect cocktail to start to catch up to their Gringo counterparts.

However, let me also add two items into the mix, so that if President Calderon is listening, he may avail himself and the Mexican people of some great economic opportunities and not have to suffer the same economic fate as the US;

1. With Barack Obama and the socialists now about to take over the US, the rich, the productive and the entrepreneurial classes of the US are going to be looking elsewhere to invest. The US has higher corporate taxes rates (which are bound to go up) and higher overall taxes (which are bound to go up) not to mention socially, it's just going to be a

hellish time to be a productive citizen in the US. Mexico because of its lower tax structure can profit from this by doing some kind of promotion or advertising in publications like the Wall Street Journal and poach not only investment from the US, but entire corporate headquarters. Ford very recently decided to put its aptly named Fiesta plant in Mexico, I can foresee this happening 20 fold with other firms as well.

2. Mexico, is frankly, warmer than the United States. It could just be me in that I live in Minnesota and it's November already, but when I think about where I want to live, an igloo in Brainerd, Minnesota versus and nice small little hacienda on the ocean, the hacienda wins. This is a big draw for the richer classes, not to mention middle and poorer classes because who wants to deal with shoveling snow all this time when you can sit and soak up some rays, or heck, just not have to worry about a heating bill?

The only real problem Mexico faces is its corruption and crime issues. If these can be resolved or at least contained, and the government can guarantee it doesn't pull off an Argentina circa 1999 or 2008, it will attract capital more so than ever before as the potential for capital flight out of the US has never been so great.

It's simply a matter of whether Mexico wants to reach up and institute the policies to pluck this low hanging fruit.

List of Companies Receiving Aid from the Bail Out

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A question put out to all the aspiring, deputy, junior, official or otherwise economists;

Does anybody know where I can find a list of all the companies receiving or applying for the $700 billion bailout money?

I'm quite adamant about upon finding out who those companies are, calculating the amount they owe every taxpayer and when using their services, demanding that amount back from them in the form of a discount or cash up front.

Companies Receiving Bailout Money II

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OK, many thanks to the intrepid Cappy Cap readers for I have received two links that are keeping tabs on which companies are receiving the bailout money;

1. Propublica

2. Bailoutsleuth

Remember, congress didn't listen to the people, and frankly, never will. Of course, that doesn't mean you're powerless. It's time to start voting with your dollars. You can take back your money and effectively mute the bailout by refusing to do business with these institutions or demanding a rebate or discount for the amount you're owed.

When these figures become more finalized I will be calculating what each taxpayer is owed and therefore what specific amount every taxpaying American should request from these firms.

In the meantime BUY MY BOOK!

It basically rips apart all the scumbags who caused this debacle and really is a great book if you just want a good solid tutorial on how this debacle came about.

Requests for the Captain

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Hi All,

I know a lot of you have been requesting data or just my advice and I apologize, but I've been really busy.

I can't promise anything because sometimes the data searching is prohibitive to my schedule (I'm in the middle of dance class season right now (SO SIGN UP FOR A DANCE CLASS IF YOU'RE IN THE TC METRO), but if you e-mail me at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com that will remain more fresh in my mind and I'll be able to respond. No promises though!

Cpt.

PS-Oh, and e-mail me photos of all you readers out there! Would be nice to have a little photo book of all the different Captain Capitalismites out there!

I'll Throw My Hat Into the Ring

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[image]

Kate over at Small Dead Animals had this linked and thought though I am not the Canadian powerhouse she is, I might see if I could all the Cappy Cap readers to get me an honorable mention.

You can nominate here.

My "You Need a Better Car" Story

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It was requested I post another personal story about the Captain's previous escapades through life so here is another.

I was about 30 or 31 or so and back then I still had some youthful naivety about me and was thus still on the market, "playing the game" looking to date girls. I had my radio show at the time and invariably because I was a young and dapper radio show host who happened to moonlight as a dance instructor, the topic of lining me up with some attractive young listener of the female persuasion would continually recur.

Sure enough a caller called in saying she had the most perfect girl in the world for me that I should date her. I was reluctant as because what you learn in the radio world is that the sexiness of a woman's voice is inversely related to her actual sexiness, but this girl assured me her friend was beautiful, not fat and still on top of all that had a great personality.

I was reluctant so I told her to shoot me an e-mail and we'd discuss further. I received her e-mail within 5 minutes of the show ending, behooving me to respond and consider her friend. I said I would agree, but I wanted to see a NORMAL, FULL BODY LENGTH picture, nothing that was touched up, or an insane close up of what would be a pretty face on an enormously large girl. I wanted proof she was an attractive girl.

Sure enough, the next day I received the picture.

Stunning, cute redhead. Slim, and in very good shape. Long flowing hair. Her friend was not lying, she was quite attractive.

So I agreed that I would meet her friend and go out with her and sure enough within a couple days I had a lunch date set at Benihanna's.

We met and she was just as her pictures suggested, a very attractive woman. She worked in real estate, and at the time I was in banking, and so we had a very high end intelligent conversation about the real estate market, housing and the crash that was slowly starting to materialize. She was impressed with all my various activities and I was very impressed with her entrepreneurialism. The date lasted two hours, we more or less closed the place down for lunch, before I decided that it was getting pretty late and I'd have to return to work. We left with me fully expecting a second date.

Of course I wasn't fresh off the assembly line. I knew that the date in my opinion could have gone great, while she could perhaps have had a horrendous time, so I didn't bank

on anything. That is until her friend e-mailed me complimenting me on my behavior and witicisms and conversation skills. Apparently I had impressed her friend and I should certainly ask her out on a second date, except there was just this one major thing I would have to do;

I really ought to get a nicer car.

I was then lectured by her friend that, yes, while she knew I was proud of my frugality and spending within my means, I was 30 and therefore had to drive a nicer car. Too old and experienced to be insulted or shocked, I kind of laughed inside and looked up into the sky as if I was saying to the old man upstairs, "Are you freaking kidding me?"

So I asked her, "Well, what's wrong with my VW?"

Granted it wasn't a high end Jetta or a new model, but it wasn't a bad car either. It was at the time 7 years old, in good shape, it was kept clean and ran just fine. And out of all three of my cars, it was the nicer one.

"Well, it's not like you're 25 anymore. You really need to get a nicer car. My friend kind of noticed and mentioned it. It's really something that could turn into a deal breaker."

Again, too experienced and old to really be shocked or to really care, I resigned myself to defeat and said, "Well does she still want to go out with me then or what?"

"Sure! You should call her and ask her out!"

Which I promptly did.

Now a lot of you who know me are asking yourselves, "What they hell, Captain? Why were you going to go out with this girl again after she proved herself to be so shallow? She mentioned your CAR wasn't nice enough?! Are you just trying to aim for some play? What gives?"

But have faith in your beloved Captain, have faith.

For while I had no intention of ever having a future with this girl, I decided to at least have a little fun with her.

I scheduled a date, told her I would pick her up and drove to my buddy's place to trade my Chevy in for her BMW for the evening.

I showed up in this high end BMW, pulled up to the girl's house. Walked up, rang the doorbell and as she came down, escorted to towards the Beamer.

She was looking around trying to find my presumed P.O.S. VW and when she finally realized I was making a bee- line for the Beamer she said, "Wait, is THIS your car?"

I said, "Yeah."

She said, "Well, wait, when did you get this?!"

"Today," I said. "Your friend said that you didn't like my other car so I decided to buy this one."

She was a little shocked to say the least. She couldn't understand somebody just "up and buying a Beamer" because she mentioned to her friend the guy she went on a date with had an unacceptable car.

We went on our second date and I didn't bother calling her back. Last she saw of me was me driving off in my buddy's BMW. But it teaches all of us a lesson;

It's not just stories about women who put more value on fake things like cars and clothes. These women exist. And sadly, they're passing up on some of the best men in the world because of their shallowness.

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When Obama supporters return to their normal lives.

How Sub Prime Deadbeats are Like Hitler

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Absolutely, the funniest thing, I have seen in a long time.

(and another reason to mayhaps buy my book I might add? ;)

Many thanks to William.

God Bless Her!

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Kick ass.

Die Hard Celebrates It's 20th Year Anniversary

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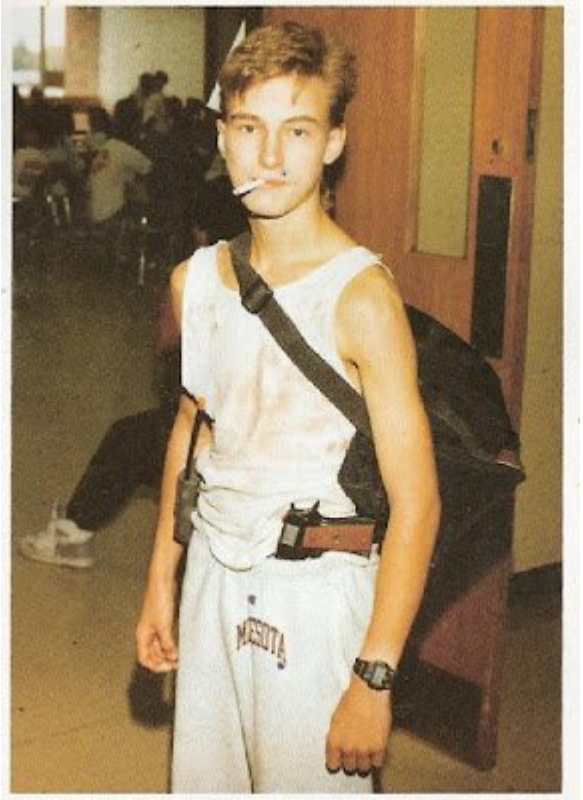
That's right folks. If you want to feel old AND be part of Gen X, Die Hard turned 20 years old this year.

It was 1988, I was in the 8th grade, and there I saw what was hands down the best movie I had ever seen and is still to this day. I had never had a "hero" I much looked up to like my Dad's generation had Buck Jones or Roy Rogers. That is until my generation got John McClane. And did we get a hero. A normal guy like Indiana Jones who could take a beating and kill terrorists and above all in what was becoming a progressively politically correct country.

I even dressed up as him for Halloween my sophomore year in high school (notice all the things that were permissible back then which would have landed me in jail today)



Regardless, a very Cappy Cap salute to John McClane and Die Hard's 20th Anniversary.

Peter Schiff

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So here's my question to all the big time head honchos at all the banks;

Are you going to hire this guy (and guys like him) or are your egos so shattered and completely devastated you don't have the temerity or cajones to do so?

Pricing Themselves Out of the Market

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#1. It's a lengthy article.

#2. I DID NOT WRITE THE ARTICLE. A woman did. So don't go biting my head off.

#3. Notice the economic themes of things like "opportunity cost" and people pricing themselves out of the market.

#4. The question I tender to all of you, does an American man today have any option but to be a man child?

You may read it here.

A Tale of Two Cities in Education

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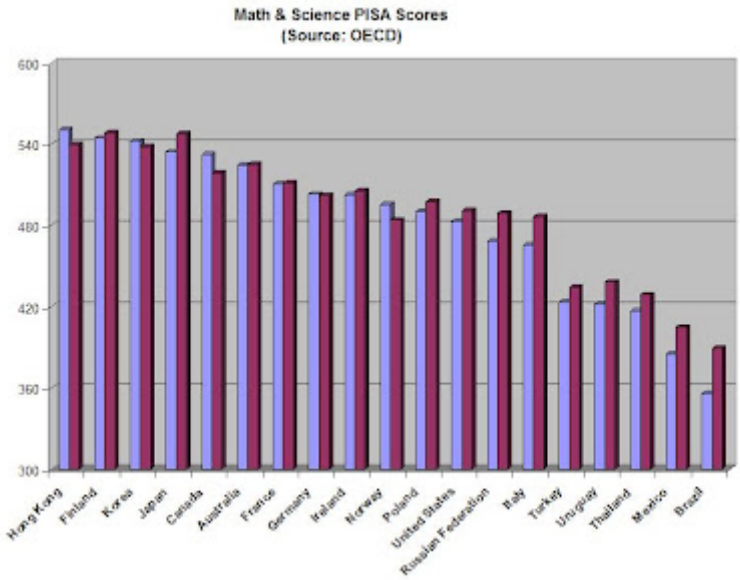
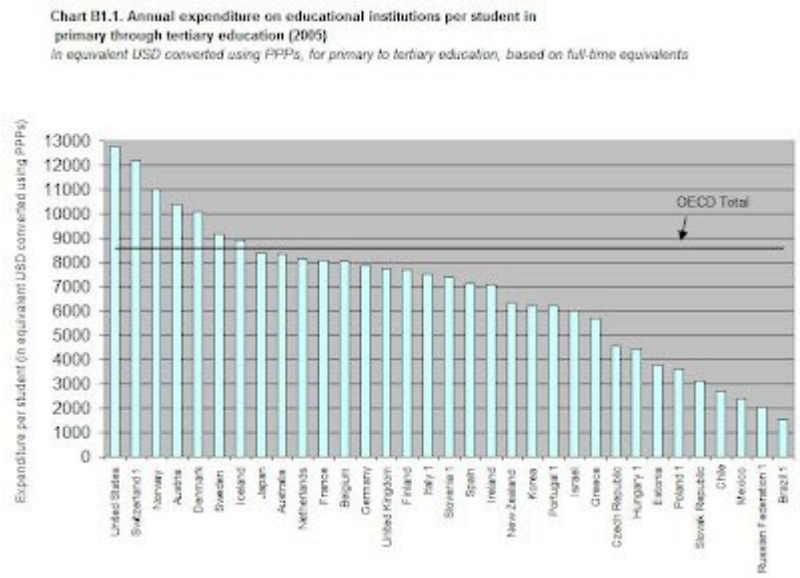
On my latest economic project to predict where your money is safest from the now closing clutches of socialism in the US, I came across some education statistics at the OECD. Now of course we know that education is broken here in the US with no hope whatsoever of it ever being repaired as education is primarily used as a means to employ people and not educate children, and dare you ever suggest or demand some semblance of improvement or efficiency or fiscal austerity, you are immediately branded as hating children. Regardless, it doesn't change the fact that in the end our children, despite the US being a first would country, are woefully and inadequately educated when compared



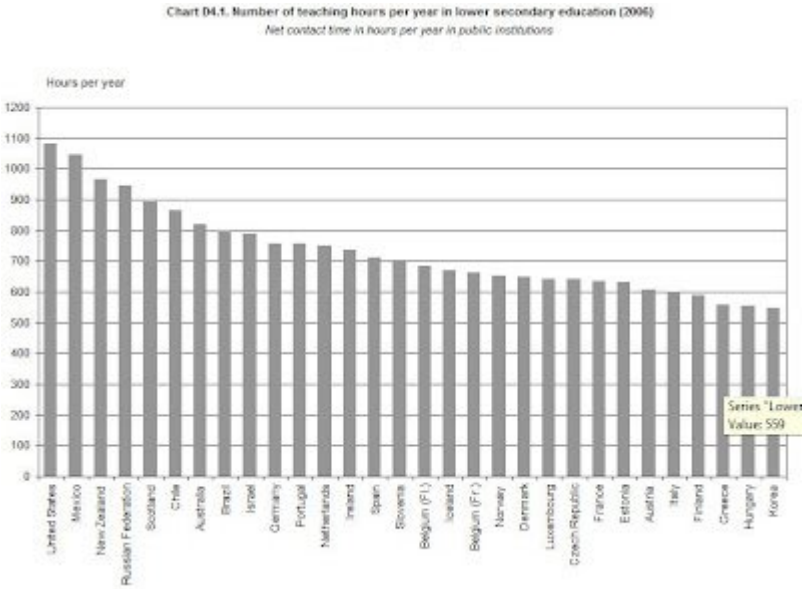
to our international peers.

But what stood out to me the most was another country; Korea. Korea is one of the highest scoring countries on the PISA tests (the international standardized test scores put out by the OECD). But it's not so much that Korea scored well, but two other things that stood out.

One, they spend barely half the amount per student we do in the US (again confirming something we've always known; that more money does not equal better students, just richer teacher union members)



Two, and perhaps even more interesting, is that in Korea the teachers spend the least amount of time actually teaching their kids. Again, just half the amount of time as what is spent here in the US;



It was this statistic, that got me thinking and more or less corroborated something I already knew;

The problem of poor education results in America is not so much the teachers, as much as it is the parents.

Oooooo! He didn't just say that, did he?

Yes, he did.

You see, culture plays an immense role in these figures on many different levels. First, if the children are only being taught with half the time as in the US, it suggests to me Korean parents are quite adamant AND A PRESENT FORCE in the education of their children. They make sure they do their studies, finish their homework, attend school and

behave. Based on my experiences substitute teaching as well as seeing my generation starting to have kids, I realized an unacceptably high percentage of American parents treat the schools as a massive baby sitting program where they can dump off the kids and outsource the education to the public schools and take no further interest in their childrens' education. They think that there's no parental responsibility in their childrens' education aside from hounding them occasionally about doing their homework. Ergo, mom and dad make sure junior gets C's and D's, and doesn't really bother sitting the kid down and explaining to him the importance of not only doing well, but behaving as well.

Second, by the sheer level of efficiency where Koreans can outscore their American counterparts with HALF the budget and HALF the teaching time, suggests to me there are very little "problem students" in the class. ie-the kids show up and they actually are there to study and take their education seriously. The teacher does not have to constantly discipline, stop lecture, stop writing, etc. to deal with class clowns, disobedient children and other interruptions that not only take away from the serious students' education, but takes more time and resources to accomplish the same amount of teaching. In other words, in Korea the children go to school, in America they go to a large day care facility with the half-hearted guise of it being a school or a place of learning and treat it as such.

Of course, I could be wrong. There could be other factors as I am not an expert on the Korean education system. All I know is that as a single guy with no kids, but still having to pay property taxes to fund the schools, I'm getting mighty sick and tired of being asked for more money for what without fail always guarantees to be more failure and a slightly larger day care operation. And perhaps if spending more results in no better or worse results, then maybe we should cut the public schools' budgets in half and start to emulate a more Korean style of education.

The Economics of Conventional Courtship

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There is a somewhat steaming debate occurring that I wasn't aware of, and I didn't realize that I hit that much of a nerve, but it is over more or less this idea of men (for lack of a better description) dropping out of the race or the "game" of dating. I'm not talking nerds or guys who got their first kiss when they were 30. I'm talking a trend I see of more and more "normal" guys just exiting the market and choosing not to marry let alone date.

This is just a comment I made to a poster which I wasn't intending on posting here, but after second thought, deemed it worthy of its own post.

Do realize that I do not tolerate any hatred or male-bashing. You either accept this is happening or at least is the opinion of thousands of men or not. And if you don't and start up with the victimization of sexism and misogyny BS your hours wasted on writing a response will be rejected;

...Having said that caveat, perhaps the best way to describe it is this;

The basic fundamentals, the basic laws and principles on which human attraction and courtship have been based, have been violated in that I think arguably for the first time, there is a progressively larger and larger percentage of the male population that no longer cares to pursue romantic or sexual interests. Be it because the proposition of chasing women in today's world is no longer appealing or that the alternatives of X-Box 360, cigars, cars, riches and never being poor due to too many "capitas" in "income per capita," are all that much more attractive, the basic rules of the game have changed with no real emotion or passion or desire having anything to do with it.

Men simply quit or are quitting in greater numbers. It's, again cold as this may sound, an economic decision.

The ramifications of this for conventional American courtship are quite earth shaking in that it more or less obsoletes it. If one of the sexes no longer cares to pursue the other, then the game is literally over. No more bar scene. No more marriage. No more children. No more family. No more divorce. None of it.

This is even more earth shaking when you think of the sociological/demographic ramifications. Declining birth rates is just one bit of evidence I think that eludes to this. Divorce rates would be another. But the consequences I would contend reach as far as the ultimate end of a generation/nation/culture/society as we know it. America will cease to exist in it's previous Cary Grant/John Wayne/Clint Eastwood form and turn into something we haven't seen yet nor can I fathom.

So for all the Megans and romantics out there, you have to understand, this isn't a choice, let alone anything anybody particularly likes. It's just what it is and people are responding to it. And not until the environment changes do I see a stop of the flood of men out of the market and back into traditional roles of father/husband, provider/bread winner.

The economics of it just isn't there.

Ah, There's Your Problem

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Happened upon this as I was cleaning out my old computer files;

I Guess I Wasn't "Off"

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I woke up this morning at 1030 AM with no particular obligation.

And the reason I have no particular obligation is because I do not have children. If you don't have children you don't have obligation.

Additionally I have lived very frugally driving nothing by my 1990 Chevy and my 1996 VW. I only bought rental property to ensure I do not bear the full costs of my mortgage. I do not splurge on large ticket items, and though I do permit myself to indulge in a cigar and some finer booze, in the grand scheme of things I probably spend less money than people below the poverty line.

Ergo, my only real obligation today is to teach dance class later on tonight.

In between now and then I plan on using that time to work out, smoke a cigar, write this little post here, go running with a blue eyed babe and perhaps picking up the Captain's Bachelor Pad a bit (only on account my X-Box 360 is on the fritz, in which case I would have played some gamage for a couple hours before class).

Ergo, it's a great life. It's a wonderful life. It's a life most people wish they had. And even though the country is turning to a more socialist bent, in the grand scheme of things, I am still happy and content.

The same cannot be said for Lori Gottlieb.

Lori is a single mother, 30's I presume, and this recently-sent-to-me article confirms that I am indeed onto something and not just blowing smoke or running a self-pity run. The market for honorable, good and decent men is drying up faster than credit did during the housing/financial crash. I will say it again, as I have predicted other crashes before and then maybe someday, somebody, people will listen to the poor ole Captain, but men are exiting the market. They are leaving the game. The market is on the precipice of a crash.

This is sad as the timing of it could not be worse for women. As men have started their exodus, it is NOW (?) when they're in the 30's, perhaps with a couple kids, women start to realize that some semblance of attention has to be paid to what men want? You mean you can't just burden the guy with demands of having 4 children, the means to finance them and afford some discretionary income on top of it? You mean you just don't go to the grocery store and pick out your guy? You mean the guy also picks out you?

For Lori Gottlieb and her previous similarly-minded followers, it's kind of realizing in late

2007 that, "Wait, you mean property values don't always go up? I can't always take out money from my home equity line? You mean rents ultimately drive housing prices?" And thus the crash ensues.

However, I don't see it getting better, let alone a bottom to this particular market crash. The reason I say this is based on my past couple of posts and discussing with those of you who have participated, I see people are operating from the premise that it is presumed men want what Ms. Gottlieb wants; Marriage.

And here's where the bad news, gets worse;

The premise is false for a lot of guys.

Men are leaving the market. And this is the overall point I'm trying to make. They're gone. They're out of the club. They've left the party. The cats are out of the bag. The cows are out of the barn and making a run for the border. Elvis has LEFT the building. Which means they no longer care to get married. If they still did, the cats would still be in the bag, the cows in the barn, Elvis in the building, and the men in the market. I listed my itinerary at the top not to brag, but to show you that the alternative to a married life is not dreary, and dull, and lonely or lifeless. The bachelor life is actually quite easy in that men don't really need a fancy SUV to pick up the non-existent children. The bachelor life is affordable in that we throw in a pizza, maybe go out on happy hour to avail ourselves of some great-price apps, or perhaps we go out and treat ourselves to a fine dinner with our buds (and may I point out only have to pay for one dinner).

It is this that the Lori Gottlieb's of the world have to realize. They're not competing against other women for a dwindling supply of men. They competing against the bachelor lifestyle. They're battling the gravitational forces of a content, happy, and above all, a financial secure bachelor lifestyle. Void of divorce, void of having to support a family, void of any responsibility aside from oneself. It is an incomprehensible amount of freedom for a man to pursue and do whatever he wants, and in the literal sense allows them to be man-children (except now we have lot's of great new toys!)

Now I know those of you out there who are trying to help the good ol' Captain. I know those of you out there, and I agree with you, that there are good people out there. I know that.

However, my point is not a personal one, and certainly not one that applies to everybody. It is a generational and generalized one in that this is a trend. An economic observation that has ramifications for society at large. And all I am trying to point out is that when I see these "where is my knight in shining armor" stories, I find it necessary to point out a rapidly increasing percentage of the knights have hung up their armor and are now playing Call of Duty 4.

The question is whether the majority of love/marriage-lorn 30 something women realize that too.

War Deaths < Battle Deaths

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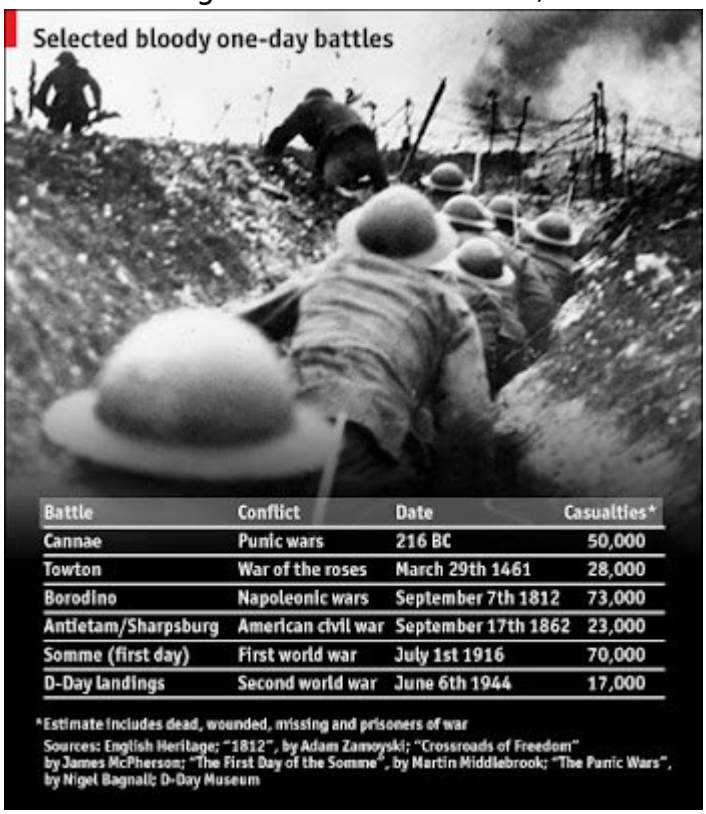
I love when I get people who cite the 4,000 people who have died in the Iraq war and point to that as some kind of atrocity and that we should tuck tail and run. These are deaths in single BATTLES. Not wars;



Battle	Conflict	Date	Casualties*
Cannae	Punic wars	216 BC	50,000
Towton	War of the roses	March 29th 1461	28,000
Borodino	Napoleonic wars	September 7th 1812	73,000
Antietam/Sharpsburg	American civil war	September 17th 1862	23,000
Somme (first day)	First world war	July 1st 1916	70,000
D-Day landings	Second world war	June 6th 1944	17,000

*Estimate includes dead, wounded, missing and prisoners of war

Sources: English Heritage; "1812", by Adam Zamoyski; "Crossroads of Freedom" by James McPherson; "The First Day of the Somme", by Martin Middlebrook; "The Punic Wars", by Nigel Bagnall; D-Day Museum

Just providing a little needed perspective.

The Big 3 Bailout Would Just Bailout the Unions

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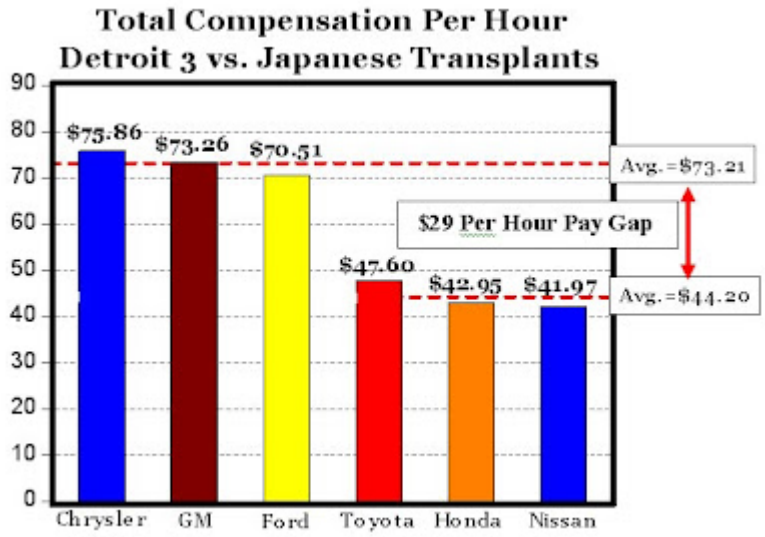

ht to Dr. Perry.

How Horses are to Blame for the Housing Crash

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In my days in banking if there was one thing that went hand in hand with rich men applying for loans, it was horses.

If you had a shady real estate developer, there was a horse.

If you had some rich doctor or lawyer, there was a horse.

If you had some trust fund baby now slowing watching his parent's fortune erode, there was a horse.

And the reason there was a horse was not because they came riding into town on one, or were racing them, but their wives, without fail bought them.

This manifested itself on the personal financial documents of the people applying for loans. Typically what you'd see was a rich man making all the money (or at least borrowing all the money) and the wife, who was literally doing nothing, running some token business on some money her husband gave her to keep her out of his hair (I affectionately referred to this as "KHOMA" money - Keep Her Off My Ass - in m book). So what you'd see is the husband listing an AGI (adjusted gross income) of say $560,000 and the wife showing a perpetual loss on "Frieda's Farms" or "Heather's Horses" or some such dumb name on their schedule C.

Now while for the most part, if the husband was bringing in a decent amount of cash, I could see it definitely being worth dropping a couple grand on some horses to keep the wife out of his hair so he could effectively run the real business while she lost a grand or two on her horse hobby and play "Make Believe Businessman." But what was scary was just how many times I saw the horses (combined with other consumer spending on the part of the wife) that actually crippled and threatened the man's financial solvency.

One guy was an overweight guy and without a doubt had essentially bought his wife because he was too physically unattractive to find one. Naturally the wife, along with children, would rack up credit card bills that would wipe out what he earned, almost penny for penny. And of course
the single largest expenditure was her "horse business." So when he came in for a loan for his wife's "horse" business I was curious and started asking questions;

"So does she breed the horses?"

"Uh no."

"So she races them then?"

"Uh no."

"So she uses them to teach riding?"

"Uh no."

"Well, what does she do with them?"

"Well, she rides them and maintains them."

Meanwhile he wanted us to lend against this never-profitable operation.

Another hilarious instance was when one guy actually wanted to use his wife's horses as collateral. That if he defaulted on his business loan, then we could go and repossess the horses and sell them to recoup the money.

Well "yip yip yip yip yahoo."

Just what banks and bankers wanted to do.

Repossess on a "horse," feed it, store it, and then try to sell it.

What is sad though is that because horses were so prevalent when it came to dealing with the upper classes, they inevitably became collateral for more real estate deals than most people realize. Through the personal guarantee of the borrower, sometimes they would put up "All Business Assets" as collateral for the loan. And not just all business assets, but all personal assets as well. And though horses were never intended to be the primary form of collateral, invariably they did boost personal financial statements enough to make it look like the borrowers were solvent enough to guarantee the loan.

Alas, big dumb animals were tangentially backing up various real estate and other business deals.

Ultimately what I found is that horses are more or less a tell tale sign you're dealing with a "Bon Fire of the Vanities" type couple. The wife typically cares more about the horses than her husband. The husband is feverishly working to support his wife's spending habits and keep her loyal to him. And both are so vain about their appearances that every bit of asset and property is borrowed against and leveraged to the hilt.

But what gets me about the horses is "why horses?"

What is the freaking pull?

I suppose I could be asking the same question on any kind of frivolous consumer spending such as;

"Why shoes?"

"Why purses?"

"Why a boat you'll never use?"

But there is something about horses and trophy wives that I can't put my finger on, but I know is there.

Alas, perhaps the aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists can tender some theories.

Lamest... Christmas... Present.... Ever

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Ug.

The people who actually buy this thing and give it to somebody as a gift are those people who hand out fruit and apples to kids on Halloween.

I can only see buying this as a means to insult a liberal friend and make them eat their own medicine.

In the meantime, do your children, friends and family a favor and don't buy them that "green card."

Buy them this instead.

(Because what kid doesn't love a book on economics?)

How Obama Got Elected

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You just look up into the sky and say, WTF.

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Good for Spain

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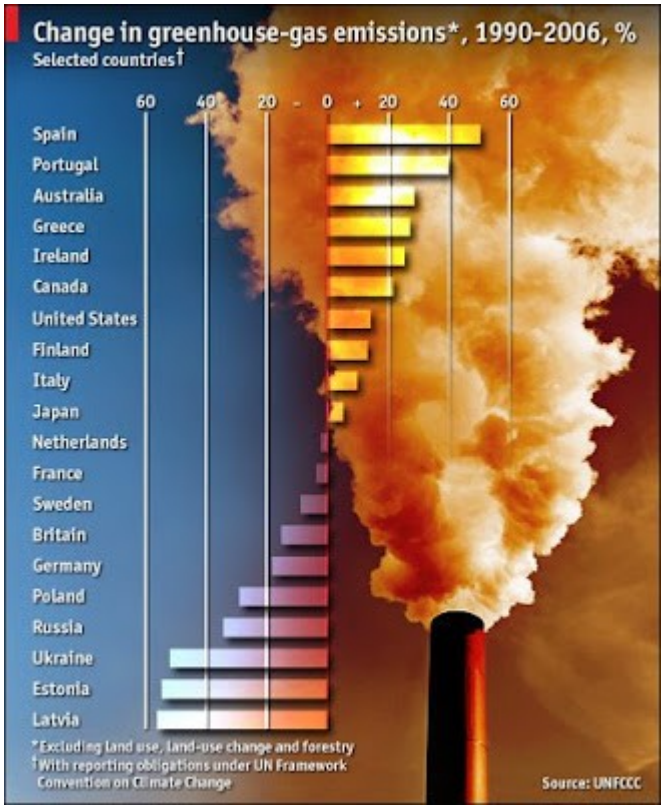

The "Depression" Index

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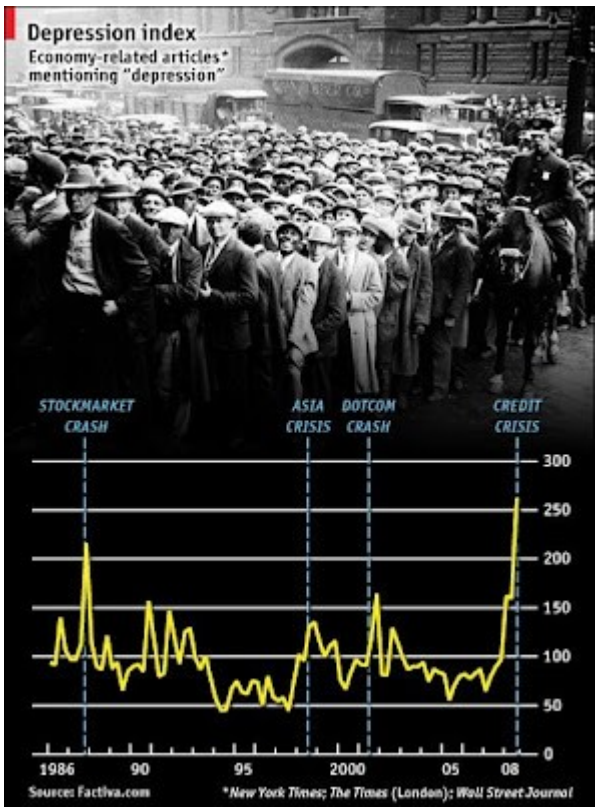
A thing the media likes to do is measure the occurrence of one word or another to see if it's likely to come true. The most common example of this is the "Recession Index" where the word recession tends to predict actual recessions. However, what is interesting is "depression" is being cited more in the media ("media" consisting of The New York Times, the WSJ and the London Times) than even during the Great Depression.



This is just one of what is now an increasing number of charts showing various things out of whack MORE than they were right before the Great Depression.

P/E Ratios.

Total debt.

Housing prices to rents, etc.

All currently at higher levels (or at least before the stock and housing markets started to tank anyway) than what they were before the Great Depression.

To this day what I cannot understand is with these figures how it took Wall Street, economists and various other finance professionals to take until 200-freaking-8 to predict

a recession. I was almost angry that the economy didn't go into a recession in the first half of 2008, let alone 2007 which is when I was predicting the economy would (arguably as early as 2006, but I'd have to check my posts).

Regardless, nobody listens to poor Cappy. And only if Wall Street did, would they, along with the rest of America be avoiding this current financial crisis.

Horses are Evil

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What did I tell you about horses???!!!!

There is something there, I'm telling ya. Don't know what it is, but I damn well know now to steer clear of women with horses.

Christmas Shopping Advice from The Captain

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Christmas shopping season is upon us and as this is where most of us will not only spend the most amount of money in the year, but also receive the most amount in gifts, I thought it would be wise to give all of you in a public service sort of way some economic pointers to help maximize your utility when it comes to your Christmas shopping.

1. SHOP NOW! This is the last weekend before Black Friday. If you wait until the day after Thanksgiving, you are guaranteed to spend more than 3 times the amount in lines, traffic, not to mention increase your risk of a heart attack by 58%. If you go this weekend you will be able to walk in the malls, void of slow old people blocking your way or little children you constantly have to avoid tripping over or SUV driving soccer moms who decide to stop in the middle of intersections as they consult their maps/Tom Toms and then SLOOOOOOWLY turn out of that intersection. It would even be in your economic interests to take a day off from work to get your Christmas shopping done.

2. Given the economic crisis occurring and the practical guarantee we're going to go into recession, think about sentimental gifts made with your very own hands. For example, men, a poem is a incredibly rare (and incredibly cheap) gift to give to your beloved. Even your cold hearted, evil meanie captain wrote poetry in his youth. Regardless, the point is a poem goes much further than flowers, chocolates or other consumables and will give your beloved timeless warm fuzzies. Ladies, you too can partake in the frugal Christmas by giving your beloved, ahem, "gift" certificates. Gift certificates to things like being served a martini by a girl in a French maid outfit. Or perhaps being served a cigar...in a French maid outfit. Heck, basically just walk around in a French maid outfit and you can barely fail.

3. Parents, LISTEN TO ME! When I am king I will make it a crime, punishable by death if you buy your children clothes for Christmas. I don't know how many billions of dollars are wasted, every Christmas when parents buy their poor kids a sweater, a shirt or something no kid in the history of Christmas ever wanted. You see, as a parent your responsibility is to clothe your kid anyway. So don't cop out on this and use Christmas as an excuse to do what you are legally obliged to do. Christmas is for Kids. And kids want toys. Now keep in mind you don't have to buy a LOT of toys. Buying just one big one is enough (like a Wii...boy a Wii sure would be great! Even adults like Wii's! Especially video game playing economists! Yep, they SUUUUUURE love Wii's!). In buying one big gift you not only probably save money over buying them multiple little ones, but also save yourself time. You can also knock out multiple kids in one shot, video game consoles are great for this as you buy one for your children, not one specific kid.

4. Cash is king. Let me point out something about older folk and how they are wise. When

you get older and become a grandparent, why do you think they give the kids money? Because it never fails. See, wisdom comes with age and older folk know that instead of having to shop in the first place, just go to the bank, get a $20 or a $10, put it in an envelop and by golly, you are guaranteed to make the kid happy. I remember having my radio show and I put the question out there, what do think kids prefer to get; cash or a random gift. I bet my producer it would be cash. Sure enough we had this sweet little 5 year old girl call in (her dad called in, but put her on the phone because she had an opinion and wanted to share it) and sure as all get out she preferred cash. Cash is a beautiful gift in that it not only saves you time, but it is the most efficient gift in that 100% of it goes to what the person wants. So if you don't know what the person wants, don't spend hours trying to figure it out, you don't have time for that. Give them the gift of cash (or a gift card if you want to get all "sentimental.")

5. Jewelry. Oh yes, you didn't see that one coming did you, men? How could our Captain, our cold hearted, indifferent about women, Captain suggest such a thing? What did we do to deserve this? Well hold on there now, there's rhyme and reason. First, jewelry functionally is worthless. But if you yourself have a very capitalistic wife, she will understand that part of any well-balanced portfolio is a little bit of exposure to commodities or precious metals. Now you can't give a barrel of oil as a gift, but you can buy gold or platinum in the form of jewelry. If you have a particularly understanding wife, she will agree that the jewelry is there first and foremost as a hedge against economic collapse and should the economy collapse, the jewelry must be hocked and melted down. You don't have to buy a lot, you don't have to buy anything fancy, but instead of investing in boring ol' commodities through your brokerage, why not have it beautifully adorned on your beautiful wife's face, all the while knowing, "Yeah, I'm insured against economic Armageddon."

6. And finally, what says I love more than a book about the housing crash? Sure you could get your beloved jewelry or diamonds. Sure you could get your father a tie. And sure, you could get your little ones toys. But will their lives really be complete without knowing fully what happened to the housing and financial markets? Do you think the kids will REALLY enjoy playing Wii when in the back of their minds at night they ask themselves "how did house price to rents ratios get so high?" And while your wife will be reading the poem you wrote her as you adorn her with the new necklace you bought her, can you both really enjoy the moment as deep down inside both of you are yearning to understand the relationship between monthly housing starts and unemployment? Make your Christmas complete (and avoid lines). Order "Behind the Housing Crash."

Arianna Huffington Post

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I'm going to explain this to you all so you understand.

Posers like Arianna Huffington have to rely on people aside from themselves to make themselves relevant.

Arianna, if memory serves me correctly, was married to a REPUBLICAN politician and then upon divorce all of the sudden decided to become a raging liberal. Was this because she genuinely believed in socialism?

No, of course not.

It was merely expedient and self-serving to her. She could find a career in socialism even though she genuinely may not have believed in it.

Just like Hillary Clinton, former college Republican, didn't believe in socialism either. Her husband cheats on her, and unlike her intellectually honest feminist brethren, she sticks with the infidel none the less for political purposes even though deep down in side I'm willing to bet she damn well knows capitalism is the only way to go. Ergo, this the point I'm trying to make; these people are posers.

You must understand that not only do these people have no substance on their own, but therefore must parasite off of others. Their primary motivation is nothing as noble as "informing the people" or "advancing the rights of women" as much as it is "putting money in Arianna's/Hillary's pocket book" under the guise of "women's rights" or "social justice." And in this regard I truly pity their followers.

Did you really believe all the BS on the Huffington Post? Did you believe the founder had some kind of intellectual, ideological strain in common with you?

You fools!

You're just as dupable as Republicans who believed Bush would be a conservative.

You have to understand the Arianna Huffington is basically an old hag version of Paris Hilton.

No intelligence.

No ability.

No substance.

But, boy does she like other people's money…because…well…she certainly can't make any of her own.

She is a fraud and a fake.

And, as free markets are prone to do, they have proven it.

She now has to rely upon charity and handouts because she is not genuine, she is not real, she is a charlatan. She has to rely upon handouts, just like the scum bag wall street investment banker brigade has to rely upon tax dollars to bail her out.

Now I don't expect things like free markets and competition to permeate the minds of leftists any time soon. Nor could I ever hope to dream of leftists seeing the merits and benefits of such ideals.

All I'm pointing out is that your "queen bee" needs a subsidy because she couldn't cut it on her own. And maybe, just maybe, politics aside, you might want to consider why that is.

Hours Worked Per Year

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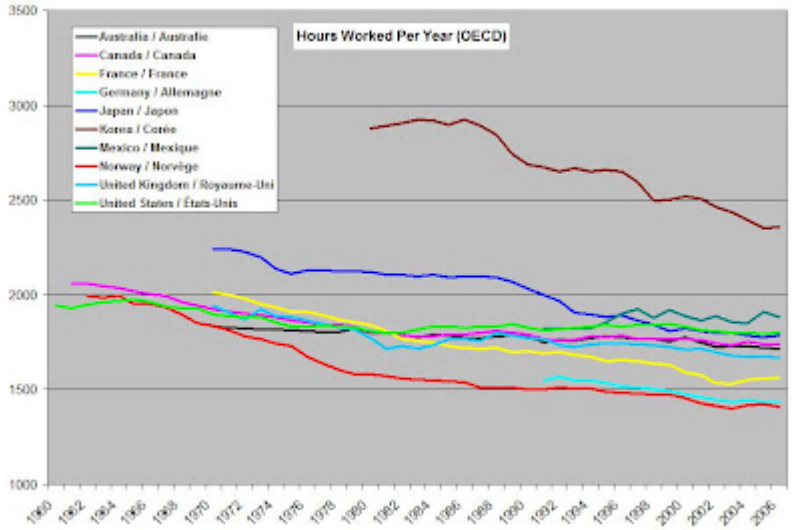
The Baby Boomer phenomenon is not just a US creation. Most western nations have a Baby Boomer generation and thusly are faced with the same legacy issues in terms of social pensions (social security) and health care (medicare).

What's scary though is that instead of working more to pay for what is guaranteed to be 7 years of financial famine, the western world seems to be working less.



Additional nots is that Korea is doing quite well, though still declining and the world's "best" country according to the UN and other self-back-patters, Norway, works the least of us all (then again they do have oil).

How the Current Account Deficit Explains What's at the Core of the Current Financial Crisis

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I like to make things simple. And the reason I like to make things simple is not because I'm trying to dumb them down or provide a simplistic explanation of things, but ultimately when boiled down, things really are that simple. And this current financial crisis is no different.

Talk about mortgage brokers, SWAPs, bailouts all you want, what is ultimately driving this crisis is the fact that Americans are not producing enough to warrant the prices of our assets. Housing, stocks, you name it, all derive their value from the profits or income that can be produced from them. And if there is no profits or income, then there is no value in those assets.

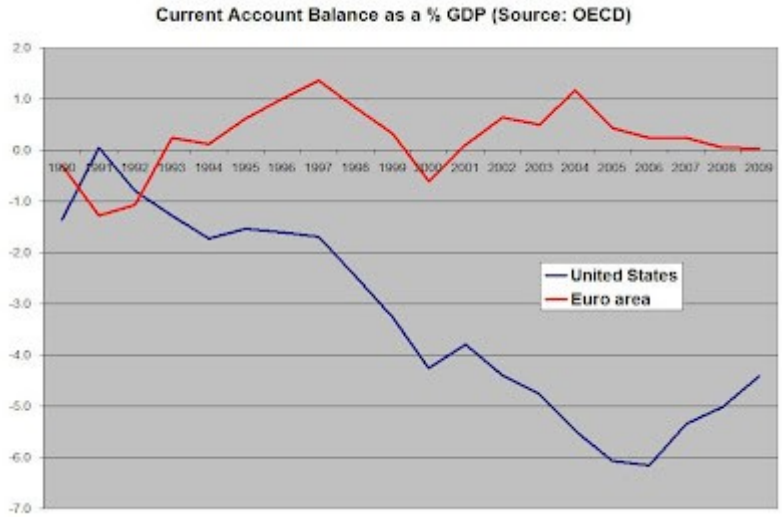
For example, housing. Housing rose to unrealistic heights based on temporary and flighty demand as sub prime slime who could not afford those houses long term, flooded the market only to go bankrupt 3 years later. The problem is rents, the thing that ultimately gives property its value, did not go up. This is why a bubble formed and you are now experiencing dropping property prices. The markets finally realized that housing cannot "always go up" unless there is a corresponding increase in the rents, which never happened, ergo why Case Shiller is showing plummeting housing prices.

Stocks are another perfect example. The stock market, for decades, has been flooded by basically Baby Boomer and Gen X retirement money based on the principle that we should religiously and always invest in the stock market for our retirement. The problem is we are no longer investing in the stock market for the profits the firms generate, but rather because we were told by the government to use them as a retirement vehicle. Now, as corporations report horrendous corporate earnings, not to mention practically all of the financial services industry is filing for bankruptcy or a taxpayer bailout, the market is realizing that the ultimate driver of value of stocks (PROFITS) are non-existent, and ergo, why should those stocks have any value.

The problem, however, is that while the stock market and housing market are certainly very important to the economy, it does not address the overall economy. ie-the American people. How much "wealth" or "production" do we produce as an economy. And not only how much do we produce, but how much do we spend. ie- are we net producers or are we net parasites?

Take a guess which one we are.

The metric by which this is measured is the current account balance. It shows, simply, how much more or less do we produce versus consume. It basically looks at the national accounts, measures how much we made, and then how much we spent. And for the past 20 years, we have been spending more than we made.



Going from just a 0% of GDP balance in 1991, we have persistently and continually spent more than we made in this country, more recently spending 5% more each year than we made.

Now, I know that it is blasphemy to criticize or critique the Neo-American past-time of spending more than we make. That it is a crime punishable by death to suggest people be responsible and live within their means. But that still doesn't change the fact that Americans have essentially been becoming progressively "economically lazier" as time has gone on. We work less, spend more, and don't give a damn about how to pay for it, let alone ever have the intention to pay for it.

It is this that is causing asset prices all over the place to collapse. Stocks, housing, the dollar, as nobody, Americans or foreigners, are willing to invest their money in assets that are ultimately reliant upon Americans to churn profits out of them. We're too busy watching American Idol. We're too busy campaigning for Barack Obama. We're too busy majoring in sociology to hopefully become a "community organizer." None of which produce one ounce of GDP, income, or profits.

Meanwhile, I suggest you take a look and see what the Chinese, Arabs and Russians are majoring in, in college. And then take a look at their current account balances.

A Distubing Trend

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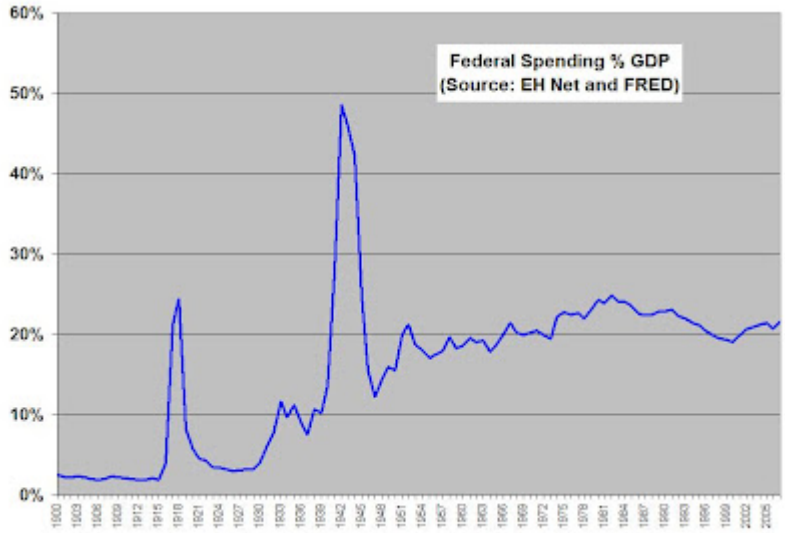
I know, I know. We're not socialist.

I know, I know. The democrats are not for socialism.

And I know, I know, the republicans cannot gear up the gall to call them that.

But if you look at government spending as a percent of the economy, you'll realize that (bar times of war) the overall trend in government spending has been to go up.



The problem is this chart only shows FEDERAL government spending and does not include state and local spending as well. If these are considered, overall government spending is at about 37%.

So the question I post to all you aspiring, junior, deputy, official and otherwise economists out there is, fine, we may not be socialist now, but if the democrats and Obama were to have their way (which they will) will you admit we WILL be a socialist nation?

This debate rages between me and my Obama supporting friends. That I am a "fool" a "moron" to suggest we're going to become a "socialist" nation. You fool, you do not know of what you speak. To which I respond "yes, the one economist in the group does not know what he's talking about. Oh sure, the sax player and the admin assistant and the lifetime student in journalism, they know what they're talking about when it comes to taxes and fiscal policy, but I am the moron of the group when it comes to these things." But that doesn't change the fact at what point, what level of government spending is a country deemed a socialist nation?

It's an important question to ask because if the republicans are "going to get tough" like

they say they are, are they going to gear up the gall to call the democrats what they technically and economically would be considered; socialists?

This would be a brilliant PR campaign. They wouldn't be lying. They would be calling the democrats what they are. And (for once) they could make a clear, distinguishable difference between them and the democrats (not to mention a track record that will be against everything Obama does from hence forth and will come in handy come 2012).

Of course, relying of the current strategerists in the republican party to realize and recommend this would be like them fielding a candidate like Reagan again. But one can hope.

Another Reason Not to Move to Canada

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ht to SDA

And These People Have the Right to Vote

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I'm angered that my vote is somehow canceled by theirs.

ht to Kate again (she's got some good stuff!)

X-Box Sucks

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If you are not a game aficionado, that's alright. All you have to do to be one is repeat after me;

X-Box sucks.

See, now you know pretty much what every other gaming aficionado knows.

Long story short, if you are thinking about buying X-Box for your kids or for that matter any Microsoft product, forget it. The problems are not worth it. The thing overheats, the thing freezes up and then when you get it repaired, THRICE, and call up Microsoft again, "Oh, well it's no longer under warranty so that will cost you $99.00."

So, let me save all of you economists out there a little bit of your finite lives.

It's not worth the time, let alone the money you will have to spend constantly resuscitating your X-Box 360. It's not worth the time having to mail the thing into Microsoft, let alone the hours you're going to spend on the customer service line. Just do yourself a big fat favor and get a Playstation or a Nintendo.

So if that helps anybody make their decision for what to get for Christmas, god bless 'em.

In the meantime I'm getting myself a Mac from hence forth and never a PC.

Oh, and to Sarah, the Microsoft customer "support" person, be happy in knowing I've cost Microsoft way more than the $99 you wanted to charge me to repair something that should have been working properly in the first place.

Enjoy being in a distant 3rd place when the next gaming console generation comes out.

Toxic Wife AKA "Trophy Wife Economics"

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I wrote about Toxic Wives in the past, but referred to it as "Trophy Wife Economics."

Freaking hilarious to see not just the greedy scum bag business"men" who couldn't make a dime in profit, but to see their gold-digging wives actually having to face the prospects of finding (dun dun dunnnnnn)

A JOB!

NOOOO!!!!!!

Lesson to be learned;

Always lease a depreciating asset. Never buy.

Consumer Spending Online Drops

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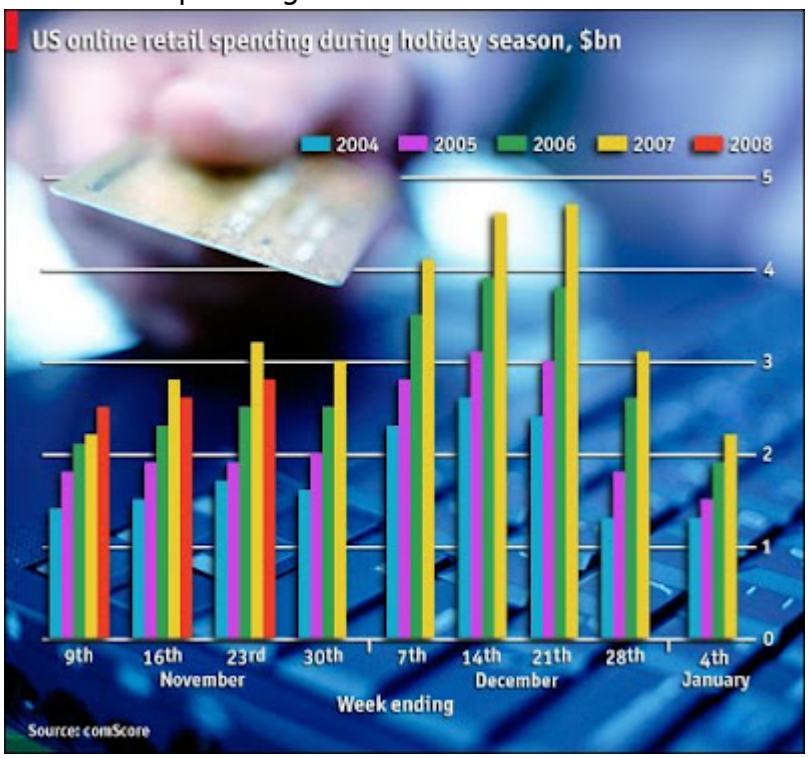
There is much ballyhoo and hoopla about the 3% increase in year over year spending from last year's Black Friday weekend. "Perma-bulls," analysts who forever think stock markets always go up no matter what, are heralding this as proof the recession is not as bad as most think and is reason to start buying stocks and get that perma-bull market going again.

I ask stupid, elementary questions like "does that 3% even exceed inflation?"

or

"Well who cares about sales if they had to discount their products so much they weren't making any profit anyway?"

But I found this chart interesting in that it's the first chart showing a decrease in consumer spending online.



The problem I have with Black Friday (aside from soccer moms causing traffic jams as they stop in the middle of road to contemplate which way to turn) is that it is more of a holiday event than a genuine economic event. That shopping is "just what you do" after Thanksgiving, not to mention you need to get out as your family is driving you crazy. Ergo, yes, traditional sales may be up 3%, but that is due to a social phenomenon, whereas online sales are down and online purchases are purely more of one of an economic nature.

I will say it before, and I'll say it again, the stock market was accurately valued around 7,500-8,000. And this does NOT consider the potential drop in corporate earnings in the future which may be well worse than I expect.

So enjoy the sucker's rally. I'm saving up a little bit o' cash.

When the Captain Breeds…

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This is how I will raise my children.

The Al Franken Translation

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Ef you, my political career is more important than the country. And if the country doesn't have a functioning senate, so be it. My career is more important that you 300 million American schleps.

A true statesman would never do such a thing as it is the people he truly cares about.

Slowing Long Term Economic Growth

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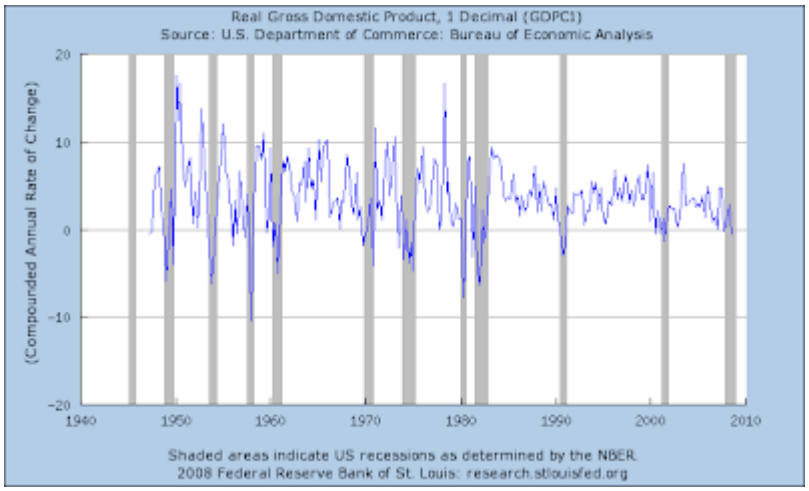
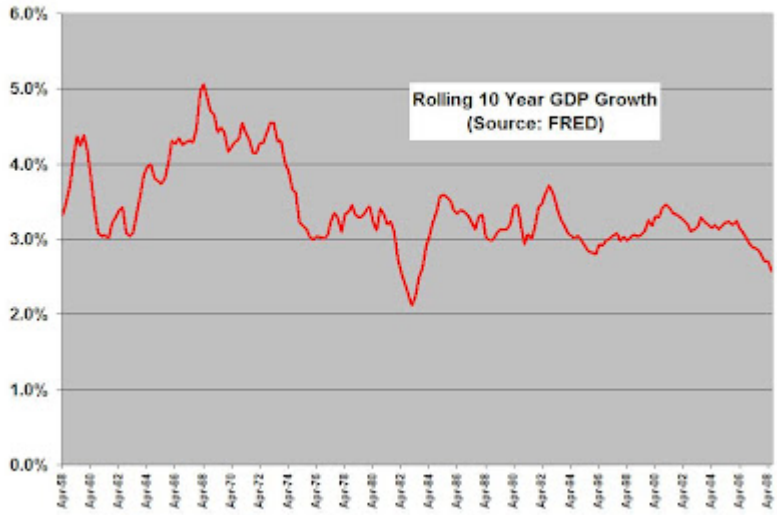
GDP growth is volatile and chaotic;



But if you smooth it out a bit, a disturbing trend is showing and that is, over time, our long term economic growth rate has been decreasing;



People ask me what I think is going to happen in the future, and then when I tell them, they all poo poo me saying, "Oh Captain, you're so pessimistic." "Oh Captain, why do you have to be cynical."

So allow me some of my insights.

One, I'm rarely wrong. Matter of fact (and arrogant as this may sound, it's true) if the blue blood Ivy League loser ilk had listened to this dumb fly-over country hick graduate, they wouldn't be going to the taxpayer with a cup in their hand, let alone be looking for a job today. I predicted this housing market crash (along with a million other people), the stock market bubble, the Asian currency crisis, and the collapse of the Suharto regime (never mind, long story, back in my youth). So when I predict a slow degradation of the US into

essentially an English speaking version of France and an utter financial and economic collapse under the weight of the baby boomers retiring/social security/medicare, maybe, just maybe this once you ought to listen to me.

Two, without economic growth, let alone the hope for future increases in economic growth, the present value of today's assets are going to drop or at least not go up. I know people on Wall Street and people who rely on increasing asset values for retirement like to hunt or look for reasons for their assets to perpetually go up aside from profit, but with the backdrop of slowing economic growth, it is unlikely, assets as a whole, are going to go up, unless you have some kind of phenomenon contributing to an asset bubble (lower interest rates, the trend to throw trillions into 401k's, tulip bulbs, etc.).

Three, recessions are a good thing, damnit. I don't know why we try to avoid them all the time at the expense of compromising our future economic growth. Not only did we have higher average economic growth in the 40's and 50's, it was more volatile, resulting in more, but briefer recessions. This was due to the government not trying to impose a Keynesian interventionist fiscal policy every time the economy got a sniffle. Now bailout this, bailout that, Fed Funds rate lowered here, loan package there, Stimulus Plan I, II and III. Instead of letting resources reallocate efficiently and rapidly, we now prefer long, dragged out, dulling recessions or periods of lackluster economic growth. Anything, ANYTHING to avoid two successive quarters of economic decline, because we know that is just an unacceptable economic fate.

In any case, there's more economic data suggesting a collapse in the US. I have tons of it. And I doubt I'm going to be proven wrong. But if it's anything like the housing crash (or the stock market bubble, or telling a large bank here in America Indonesia would fall) getting the morons in the financial markets and financial industry to listen will be an impossible task and, ergo, why I'm simply just going to be recording it here for anybody willing to pull their heads out of the sand.

You Will Visit 9 Cents

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One thing I regret is not being able to pay proper homage to all the readers out there kind enough to link to Cappy Cap.

Nine Cents is one of them.

Many thanks to Mike for his review, and nice photo job in recreating my credit union face.

The Fart Tax

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Is It Time to Buy?

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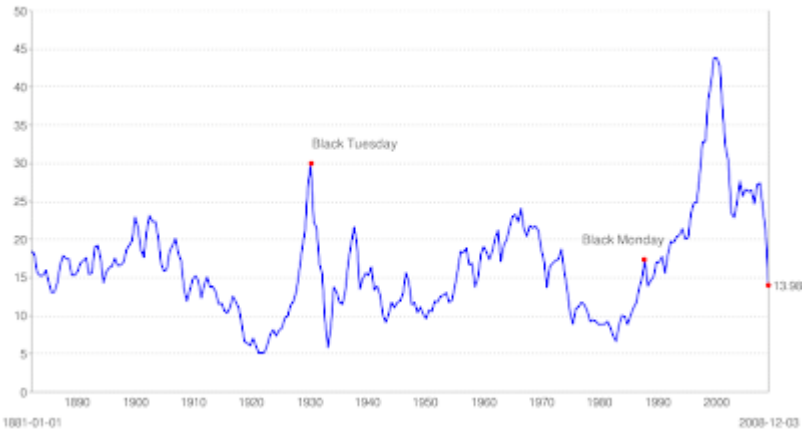
With the collapse in stock prices the question turns to "is it the time to buy or should I wait."
In the past I said the DJIA at around 8,000 is accurately valued. Understand this is ACCURATELY valued, meaning not a deal, nor over priced. It's about where it should be. And the way I base this is on the S&P 500 P/E ratio.

Historically the S&P 500 P/E ratio trades around 15 - ie- you pay $15 in stock price for $1 in earnings. The hope is, with the recent drop in stock prices, stocks are now below this average, perhaps even as low as a P/E of 7 which it was back in the early 80's and for most of the 70's. The problem is, even with the drop in stock prices, it is not;



Currently the stock market is trading around a P/E of 14. A bit lower than the historical average, but not a "steal" by any means.

Furthermore, this says nothing about future earnings which are bound to be lower as the economy continues its trudging through a recession. If earnings drop, which I'm betting they will, this will only provide less E for the P that you're paying, and thusly P will have to drop.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but good or bad, truth is truth.

However, there is some solace, because Obama will fix everything.

The Collapse of the East Coast Elites

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The East Coast has Wall Street and DC. Basically the two centers of financial and political power that would enable them to basically wreak the havoc they have on the country in the past 30 or so years and whose incompetence we are paying for today.

But this got me thinking;

As America's "elite" proves themselves basically to be nothing but a bunch of nepotistic, incompetent boobs who rely on connections and cronyism instead of skill and game to award themselves the best jobs in the US, won't the American public and economy at large start to value these people less and less?

I mean if Harvard for god's sake didn't see this coming, shouldn't this make corporations think twice about hiring from these presumed "elite" schools? Not that there is an immediate and viable alternative readily available, but if I was head of a corporation the LAST people I would be looking to hire is anybody who had anything to do with the Ivy League, now-defunct elite bulge bracket investment banks, and the hopelessly pathetic DC.

You see, I want production. I want competence. I want profit. I don't want wheeling and dealing and a bunch of blue bloods talking about Skull and Crossbones while they refer to each other by their initials;

"Hey JB!"

"Why hello BW! Say, nice suit, JB! Where did you get it?"

"Well I got it from Saks 5th Avenue. I don't much like slumming, if you get my drift, ehhhh BW?"

"Ha ha ha! I know just what you're saying JB! How about we award ourselves some stock options while we hire your nephew for that new VP position?!"

"I like you're thinking BW!"

Of course, it's going to be more of an issue of these people running the institutions they control into the ground and newer, better, faster and less corrupt companies replacing them. Lord knows normal, working schleps like us will never get into these old guard companies, let alone would have the patience to fight the internal political battles against the entrenched old guard to slowly turn them around. Regardless, I'm just wondering if

corporate America and society at large are realizing the "wizards of Wall Street" they ain't and people like my mother could do a better job managing America's "corporate crown jewels" than the current lot.

For the Aussies

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Har!

You Will Sign the Petition

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Sorry for all the Non-Minnesotan readers, but this is important for all the locals here.

Sign the petition. Do it! Do it now!!!

The Problem With Quants

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"Quants" as they are called, are basically economists who are mathematicians and think everything can be modeled using math and computers. And while certainly they do amazing work, there is one fundamental flaw with quantitative analysis and that is they're using math to predict social beings called humans.

If humans were robots or planets or something else that operated according to physical laws or principles, then quants would be right 100% of the time. They could predict human behavior, schedule it actually, and predict everything that would ever happen. Quants could also go so far as being able to predict girls and figure out what they want.

Obviously, this is impossible.

And the reason it's impossible is because humans are not robots. We change our minds, and without rhyme or reason half the time. We don't abide by hard and fast laws like gravity and physics, but are inherently chaotic. Ergo, developed the most advanced model in the world, it will still, inevitably be wrong.

This is why I like to approach economics for what it is; an art.

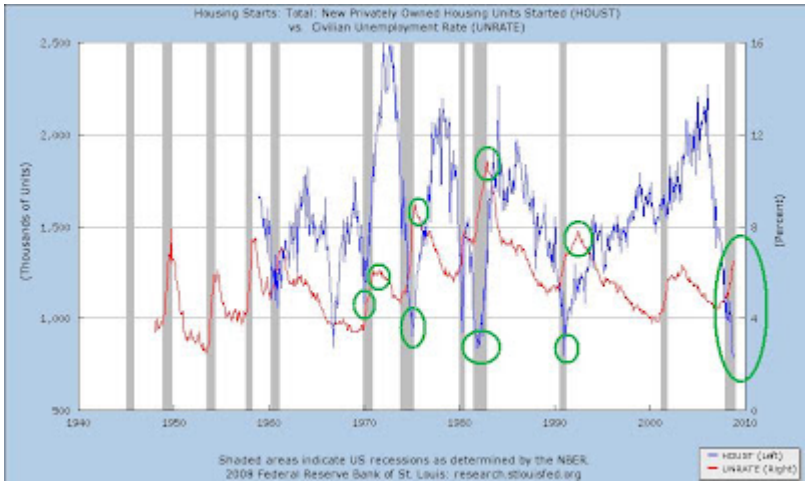
Economics is really more like "The Force" than it is some kind of engineering program. Many commentators and economists I've spoken with lament how the profession has more or less become a math degree tailored towards economics, and not a study that accepts there's some aspect of art to it. That so much emphasis is put on statistics, math, econometrics and so forth, the economist loses the forest from the tree and thus develop models that failed miserably to value securities such as CDO's, SIV's and other mortgage related securities.

Now, most quants know that the whole world can't be modeled. They know the limitations of their models, but then you get some die hard quants who never bothered to take an independent thought in their lives and really think that unless it runs through a statistical analysis program and shows a correlation, then it's worthless.

Case in point;

I had a quant berate me for saying housing starts predicted spikes in unemployment 6-18 months in advance. I based it on a chart showing housing starts and unemployment where, reliably, as housing tanked, unemployment would peak 6-18 months later. He, however, ran it through a statisical program (I forget the name of it) and said there was NO statistically significant relationship. That I didn't know what I was talking about and

blah blah blah. So naturally when unemployment started its most recent exponential growth upward, the drawbacks of being a head-in-the-sand quant versus a Jedi Master made itself painfully obvious once again.



Now, as regular Cappy Cap readers know, this is one of my favorite charts, but it shows you a very important lesson about economics and life in general; just because you aren't a professional NEVER question your own eyes. The professionals can be wrong and frequently are. And the more you treat something that is indeed an art like a science, the worse you will become at predicting it.

Just ask quants how many models they have that have helped them land dates.

Big Oil vs. Big Education

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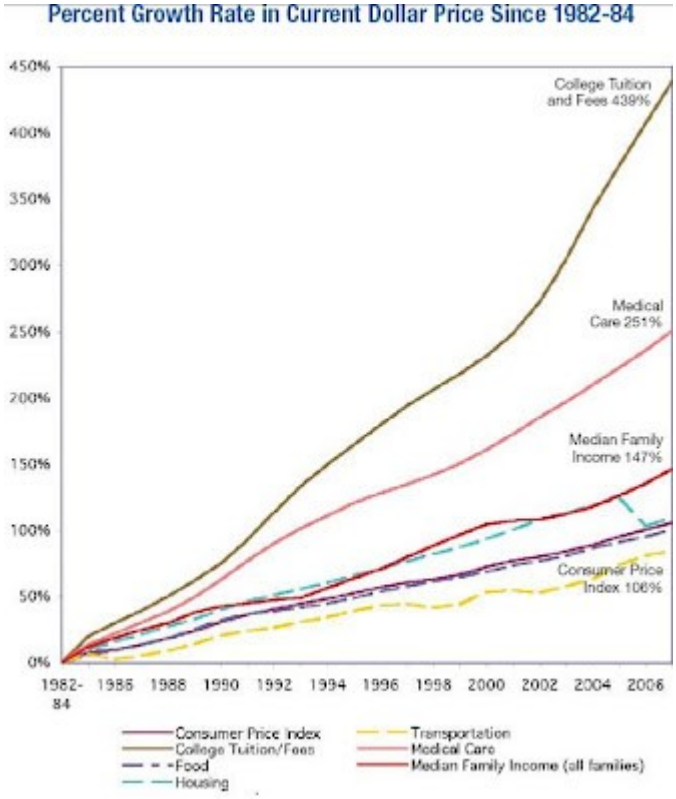
Goldwater's Ghost has a great point. If you look at the price of oil vs. the price of a college education, why is it "Big Oil" is the villain and not the spoiled brat college professors that request more and more money for progressively marginal educations?

He cites a report, which I perused, and poached this great chart which makes his point all that much clearer.



About the only thing I could add to this is beyond a 4 fold increase in the cost and nowhere near a 4 fold increase in quality, it is a pity that more and more students choose worthless majors. This basically makes education nothing as much as a vital tool to help poorer classes escape poverty and achieve wealth, but makes higher education a luxurious hobby for the upper classes. If all sociology majors, political science majors, hyphenated-American studies majors, etc. were wiped out, more resources could be poured into accounting, engineering and computers, bringing the cost down for these vital degrees and enriching many more Americans, particularly the poor.

Never Move to Rhode Island

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Morons.

Complete and utter morons.

Yeah, THAT will help bring business to the state!

This, in combination with primarily liberal states facing huge budget shortfalls is beautiful in that it is ultimately the little state and local socialists realizing not only do they have to pay the piper, but their little socialist ideology is actually failing.

How the Captain Rides the Subway

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Gas and Oil Prices

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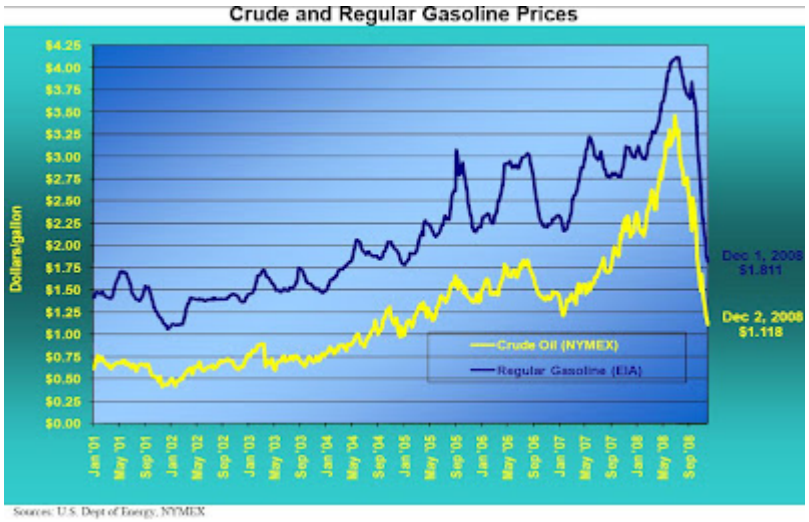

I know we know prices have dropped, but I just love how the chart looks.

For Canadians Who Have Bought My Book

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To all my Canuck friends,

I got a couple e-mails posts that there were some difficulties in getting your book from Amazon. if this is the case and you're still have problems, e-mail me and I will gladly mail you a signed copy for the cost of the book and shipping (which I don't know how much it costs because it depends on where you live in Canada).

Thanks for letting me know of this problem.

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captcapitalism@yahoo.com

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Bribery

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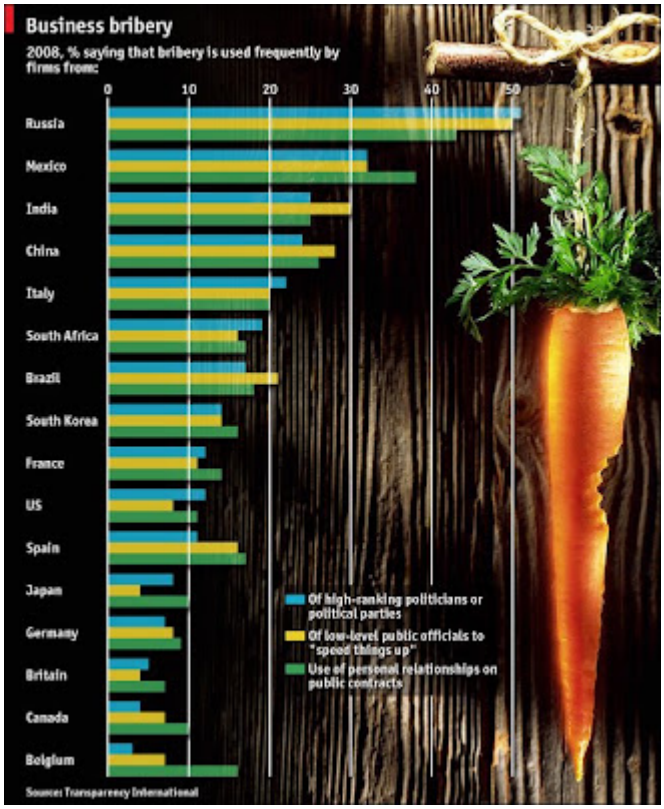
I seriously doubt the US is so low;



The Big 3 Bailout

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Well It's About Freaking Time!

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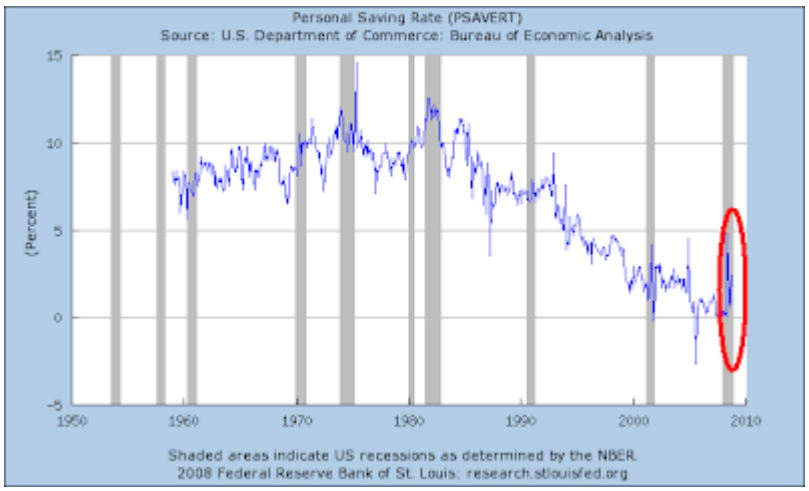
I have said before that the last thing America needs is more debt. That Americans should live within their means or else face the consequences. Of course, Americans aren't going to listen to some lone blogger (no matter how right and dashingly handsome he may be). But they will listen
to a collapsing economy and crashing stock market;



F#cking Brilliant

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Free food.

Free health care.

And now free tuition if I don't work?

Why f@cking work at all?

Excellent Oil Statistics

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I have a contact in the oil industry (of course, how couldn't I since I am evil incarnate?). And she shoots me some pretty handy information.

Now this report is just full of a ton of interesting oil stats, but I am not an expert enough to dissect it all. That being said, just posting it up there in case anybody is looking for some really good stats on oil.

United Auto Worker's Union Denied Bailout

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Wow, the Republicans actually grew some testes.

Duck You Sucker

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OK, you see, I am eclectic. I'm not the kid who wore his baseball cap backwards in the 90's and pronounce "hot" as "hawt" while I spend daddy's money at Applebee's like all the other mass produced cookie cutter suburbanite white boys. I fossil hunt, I climb mountains, I write books, I teach ballroom dance, date dominatrixes without knowing it and I happen to dabble in economics. I live life for me, and if more people did that, there'd be a lot more freaks in this world and it would be a great thing.

But a drawback for being a freak is that when you find great things (like a nautilus in the middle of nowhere in Nebraska or a ghost town that time and Google satellite has forgotten) people either;

1. Don't believe you or
2. Think you're a freak for finding such things interesting.

Regardless, I am going to recommend "Duck You Sucker." It's a great movie. A great find. Almost as great as finding an oredont in North Dakota.

Now, the Major (held prisoner in California) does not agree with me. Oh, he likes the movie alright, but does not deem it a great movie that I do.

And that's where Cappy Cap readers will come in. If you are bored this weekend and have nothing else to do, may I recommend you rent or perhaps buy (which you shan't regret) Duck You Sucker. You read this blog because of its economic entertainment, so if I recommend a movie (which are infinitely more entertaining than economics) how can you possibly go wrong?

A Perfect Example of Media Bias

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Is it;

"Republicans for once fight big business?"

Is it;

"Republicans save taxpayer money?"

Is it;

"Republicans refuse to bailout overpaid union workers?"

No, it's;

Meanie evil republicans refuse to help families, the poor and the economy that are dependent on the holy and sacred auto industry.

I will let free markets speak for themselves in that the Chicago Tribune filed for bankruptcy for who in god's name would buy that crap? Additionally, I will further use this as an example of how socialists (in this case journalists) will follow their ideology to the point it destroys their employer/career, not on principle, but because they're too damn brainwashed, too damn arrogant, and just too damn stupid to realize that they might be wrong.

Wall Street = Morons

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I've said it before, and I'll say it again, I don't care if they went to Harvard or Yale or the Ivy League.

I don't care if they work at Goldman Sachs.

In the end, these people are not "intelligent" or "smarter" or "better."

They're absolutely inferior people compared to the rest of the US and only got by on connections.

And the Wisconsin hick fly over kid selling lemonade at his stand making a profit is a better businessMAN than any one of these schmucks will ever be.

Astute

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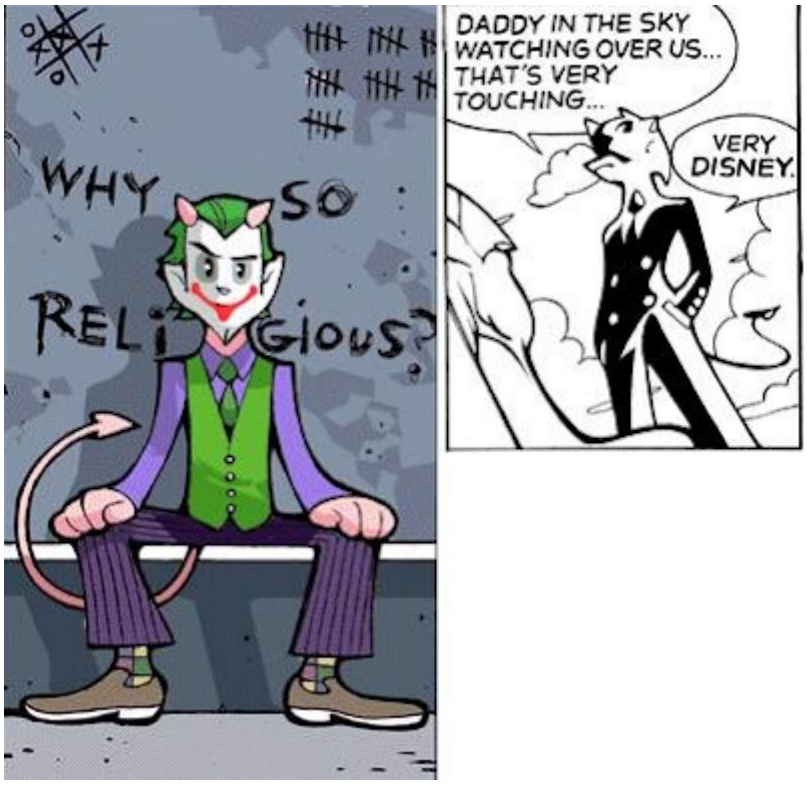
Brevity is the soul of wit or something or other. Sadly, the punch line to these two separate comic strips are not as powerful as these individual cells;



"Very Disney."

Effing brilliant.

Sadly, it's basically a slow motion version of watching an innocent, hopeful (yet absolutely brilliant) man having his dreams destroyed as he slowly realizes that socialism, hope, change and Obama is largely just that.

And that's the harshest part of it all. When people are that insanely intelligent to create insightful stuff like Sinfest, no matter how much socialist brainwashing they received in the schools, with an intellect like that, they will inevitably find the truth.

The question is whether they will crack or join the good side of the force upon finding the truth. Something tells me Tatsuya Ishida, despite his idealistic "hope," will become the most powerful force for capitalism...bar your beloved captain of course.

F@ck Wayne

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Let's Talk About Sex, Baby

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Promiscuity, measured as how casual sex is perceived by the interviewees as well as how frequently they've had sex in terms of one night stands and whether "love" was involved or not was recently ascertained by a survey. Those scoring low were the most "promiscuous" and those scoring high were the least.

Promiscuity

Selected countries, 2000

Rank		Rank	
1	Finland	21	Australia
2	New Zealand	22	United States
3	Slovenia	23	France
8	Israel	24	Turkey
10	Argentina	29	Italy
11	Britain	37	Philippines
13	Germany	43	Japan
14	Netherlands	45	Zimbabwe
15	Morocco	47	Bangladesh
19	Brazil	48	Taiwan

Source: David Schmitt, Bradley University

It does not surprise me that for all Hollywood portrays the US, we are some of the most stuffy, anti-sex people on the planet...though this could just be the fact I live in Minnesota where sex is largely regarded as a regrettable means/chore by which to keep the human population going.

The End of Wall Street

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No matter how connected you are.

No matter how rich your daddy was.

No matter where you went to school.

If you do not post a profit and have no talent, the cold, harsh reality is that you don't deserve to be in the market.

Ahhhh, Wall Street. You pathetic bunch of gray haired, middle-age-man has-been's.

HAR!

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Your daily funny.

Economics Will Replace Religion

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I resigned myself recently that no matter how much empirical data, history, facts and information I provide about the merits of capitalism, the desire of the masses to believe what they want to believe will override it. The appeal or the draw to such a childishly simplistic ideology that if we "just tax the rich a little bit more" everything will be alright, or the blackhole-gravitational attraction of socialism where "you DON'T have to work, but you still can eat" has this scary and eerie ability to turn what would be normally intelligent thinking adults, into greedy, selfish little children. And try to rationalize with them though I might, the exercise is largely futile as charts correlating tax rates versus GDP growth figures just pales in comparison to Obama promising everything under the sun.

Ergo, since trying to reason with them doesn't work, there are only two ways I've found that works.

One is to bet them. It's one thing to advocate socialism and socialist policies, but when a savvy, educated economist challenges a socialist on their philosophy and forces them to put their own hard earned money on what they "know" to be "true," you'd be amazed how many of these zealots won't even wager $20 on something they not only feverishly support, but insist on forcing the rest of society to live under.

The second is to just let them have their way, as no matter how pretty your charts, and beautifully scripted your power point presentations, nothing convinces socialists they're wrong like a collapsing economy, a Stalinist regime, 40 million people dead from starvation and the TRUE elimination of their social freedoms. Give them a little bit of their utopia and they'll be BEGGING for full force free markets to come back.

Now, it takes a while, and as humans are prone to do, they may have to repeat their mistakes several times to finally learn a lesson or two (Tulip Bulbs, Dotcoms, Beanie Babies, and Housing), but inevitably they learn from them, and if they're smart, they start teaching and instilling these hard-learned lessons to future generations, allowing them to avoid the mistakes of the past (and make whole new ones).

But it was this line of thought that got me thinking about economics and how if we mastered it, or at least instilled some basic, simple economics principles in our society, it would not only eliminate a whole host of social problems and ailments, but basically be the guiding force to govern society. I still contest to this day, a population adequately educated in economics could inoculate itself against recessions. I still contest to this day, that I don't care how "mature" the US economy is, RGDP growth of 7% per year is possible. I still contest to this day that if we mastered economics as a society we could

have income per capitas of $250,000 per person and effectively eliminate poverty, not to mention extend life expectancies to unfathomable ages. All these benefits are possible if we just master economics.

However, as these advances in economics occur (more so, instilling what we already know about economics in the masses), it will be at the expense of a much larger and older institution; religion.

If you think about it, religion was not created by a "god" or "gods" by which to govern the people. It was created by people to govern people - and not necesarily without merit.

Disagree with religion much as you would like, it provides an otherwise unorganized society a means by which to organize and progress. Religion provides laws, it provides order, it keeps peace, etc. Religion in other words was nothing more than the ancient version of government. ie- it's no coincidence that in the olden days (and even in many archaic societies today) religion WAS the government. The Ten Commandments and other remnants of Christianity are instilled in US government to this day. Not to mention, rules and laws such as how to butcher animals and swine in Jewish texts were not done so because "god" ordained it as such, but rather because it was for the health benefits of society at the time (pre-refrigeration).

However, religion has one primary flaw; in order to give it teeth, and give its clergy "authority" or "legitimacy" to rule over the masses you had to create things like "hell" and deities and wrath, largely things that could not be proven until (conveniently) somebody died and went there. The problem is technological advances in science have not only made some of these rules obsolete, but have disproven or dismissed a lot of the tenets by which religions are founded on. We no longer need to butcher various animals certain ways due to refrigeration. We no longer have to worship the sun as, well, as it turns out it's just one of a gazillion stars out there. And no, AIDS wasn't created to hurt or banish any one group of non-believers or another, it's frankly just a really bad virus.

However, this spells trouble for religion in that as humans learn more and more about the universe and solve its mysteries, it disproves and obsoletes more and more aspects of religion all together. This relegates religion to the position it's in now, second to most governments and secular law, and more a means by which to provide moral guidance and comfort to its followers.

The question is as religion goes the way of the dinosaurs (or adapts to become more acceptable and marketable to the modern day masses - a perfect example being a church in the Twin Cities that has "pet baptismals") what will provide the matter by which we create the laws to most efficiently govern society. And that is where economics steps in.

Economics is such an encompassing study that it is more or less the only thing that could

replace religion. It's designed to allocate the resources of society to not only advance it, but keep it from regressing. It's purpose is to enrich the most amount of people to the maximum extent current resources and technology will allow. It insists on relative peace, calm, stability and order within society in order to achieve this, and if it doesn't get it, it mercilessly punishes its people for their mistakes (as it is doing so today).

Ergo, the more people study economics, all the goals and aims religion was designed to achieve (or perhaps I should qualify it by saying, the NOBLE goals and aims) can be achieved without resorting to fairy tales of hell, burning bushes, killing infidels, gays and whatever outmoded hogwash is out there.

The question is whether we will force our children to study economics, finance and personal financial management as much as we force them to study catechism, or in some parts of the world, force them to learn the economic merits of an engineering degree over blowing themselves up.

Perspective

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Correct.

Santa Baby

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Friendly reminder folks as Christmas approaches you can bring home a little bit of the Captain with you!

Have a young boy, confused about the housing market and the current day economy? Why nothing makes a better stocking stuffer than the epic story of a heroic economist who fought against the villainous forces of fat, middle aged bankers in the classical bedtime story; "Behind the Housing Crash!"

You and the Mrs. want to learn to dance, but don't have the time to take classes? Why, your beloved Captain has you covered. Take a dance class or get one of his instructional dance DVD's. Your choice of Swing, Salsa, Ballroom or Latin or all four.

Want to disassociate yourself from the sub prime slime and ponzi-scheme running investment bankers that have brought the US economy down? Want to establish that you are indeed the Alpha-Male/Female at work? Want to be appealing to girls? Then tell them what they want to hear! Tell them, you contribute to GDP. Nothing says, "I rule and I'm sexy on top of it" than a shirt saying, "I Contribute to GDP."

And finally, stocks are down 40% while the economy is in shatters. What better gift than the gift of education! Take a class on basic personal financial management or a more advanced class solely dedicated to the valuation and analysis of stocks (click here and scroll down a bit, you'll see the links).

Also, feel free to contact the Captain if you're interested in any of the above, or just want to say hello! The Captain always likes to hear from the readers and would bring good Christmas cheer to him if you said hello!

Hogan's Heroes

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I am 33. Which means when I would see reruns of Hogan's Heroes I would always catch the tail end of it during the late 70's. Didn't understand it. Didn't make sense, but I like the theme song.

And so, now that the economy has gone to hell and I no longer work in banking, I have my days open and just as much as I am excited to watch Tom and Jerry during the day time, so too am I excited now to watch Hogan's Heroes when it comes on.

The show is freaking hilarious. The premise of how outlandishly stupid the Germans had to be so that Hogan and his crew could run an espionage outfit out of Stalag 17. There's always a hot chick they manage into the plot every 3rd episode. And then there's Schultz. How couldn't you like John Banner?

Oh, but oh is there resistance to Hogan's Heroes. You see, for while it is a hilarious show for GUYS, the femme fatales in my life find it a stupid and sophomoric show. How "dumb" Hogan's Heroes is. How "impossible" it would be to not only run an outfit like that out of a prisoner camp, but that there's seemingly a never-ending stream of Heidi's and Helga's and hot German scientist babes.

Yeah, I know. And that's what makes it great.

That being said, I do have an honest question about Hogan's Heroes that mayhaps some of the Captain Capitalismites out there might be able to answer.

I've noticed a disproportionate amount of the episodes have snow in them. And now that I think about it, none of the episodes ever seem like they're filmed during summer. All of the heroes are dressed in winter great, Klink has a full officer's long coat on and Schultz is dressed in a long coat as well.

Anybody know why this was?

Reminder to the Conservative Minnesotans

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I know conservative Minnesotans think they can just work and then be left alone, but keep in mind that's how socialism gets installed in the first place. You, unfortunately, do have to work at keeping socialism at bay.

I know, I know, you view government as merely an entity to provide you public services like roads and defense and otherwise you don't want to hear from them, but an increasing percentage of parasites and scum-bag are progressively using it as a means to take money from you so they don't have to work (that really is it in a nutshell).

So go here and sign the damn petition if you haven't already. Since you are part of a democracy, this is how it works and you owe it not only to yourself, but the state as well as you are a steward of this democracy.

Until We Rid Ourselves of Nepotists, the US Will Continue to Fail

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Caroline Kennedy would like to become senator of New York.

Well who freaking wouldn't?

Hell, I wouldn't mind becoming a senator. Of course, it's along the same lines of listening to these 20 something girls who say, "Well I like traveling."

Again, who freaking wouldn't? They make it sound like it's a hobby they slave at or major in during college.

It's the issue of whether you are so luxuriously rich and paid for that you can AFFORD to travel. And thus it is the same thing when it comes to becoming senator.

If you can afford to become a senator, well then isn't it a cute little noble "hobby" for you? No, no, it's not a serious job where millions of people's lives depend on the decisions you make. No, it's like traveling or playing Barbie.

Now I've tried to warn you people about nepotists. It is the nepotists that are largely to blame for our problems today. People who had no skill, no game and no talent, but instead were put in charge of the country's most powerful positions because of who their daddy was.

George Bush the son of Bush '41.

Nancy Pelosi, daddy's girl of Baltimore's mayor.

Al Gore son of a senator.

Barack Obama, had mommy pay for everything to go to Harvard and went straight into politics and on the public dole

Ted Kennedy, brother of JFK, neither of which I recall built the empire Joseph Kennedy did.

Not one of these parasites and nepotists ever did a damn thing in their lives worthy or noble (bar JFK of course). Not one of these preppies ever worked a day in the private sector and therefore, no matter how many years of "public service" they have, are thereby incapable of making the real world, tough decisions every day normal REAL men

and women like us have to. They got their jobs based on who their daddy was, their connections and no matter how bad they bungle it, because they have the money, they can afford the PR and campaign expenses to buy them a seat.

But as much as I loathe these inferior humans, they are ultimately not the ones to blame for their perpetual and dynasty like life long, and multi-generational long political careers.

It is the American people.

Americans have largely fumbled the ball on this one, somehow thinking we have to constantly and perpetually elect these scumbuckets into office. That we have no choice. But if there was something that told me Americans are forever lost and have completely abdicated their responsibility of being stewards of this democracy, it is this past election.

If I recall correctly, everybody wanted "change." And who got elected?

Joe Biden a 84 term senator and his never-set-foot-once-in-the-private-sector-community-organizer-cum-state congressman-cum senator-cum president-elect Barack Obama.

And who got berated, yelled at, and vilified?

Sarah Palin the only person in recent memory to run for office WHO WAS A FREAKING NORMAL PERSON. And what was the main criticism?

She doesn't have enough public experience.

The hypocrisy is only what socialists can conjure;

Palin didn't have enough experience, but Obama did.

We want change, but Palin would be a normal blue collar person like us. Let's go with the veteran, life long insiders.

C-R-I-P-E-S

And now, lil Miss Princess, Caroline Kennedy wants to become New York's senator.

Whipdy-freaking-ding.

Did she flip burgers?

Did she work retail?

Has she ever waitressed?

Did she pay her way through college?

No, of course not.

Oh, but you watch. You watch those "street smart" New Yorkers. They're going to fall for it hook line and sinker. They'll vote for her just like those moronic imbeciles in Boston voted for Ted Kennedy. And even though she has no clue, could not even fathom what normal hell it is to live a normal everyday person's life, oh, she's still somehow going to be able to help you. She's going to know what it's like to be facing foreclosure. She knows what it's like to have to scrimp and save to pay for health insurance. Oh, I'm sure she knows.

Americans, specifically, New Yorkers have a chance to pull their heads out of their asses and elect a normal person. And if you don't, then you can expect to have the same things;

A perpetuity of incompetent, spoiled brats who view public service as a cute little hobby and a means by avoiding work at all costs, and the economic mess we've gotten ourselves into.

Horses = Evil

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Ah, the Toxic Wives become inexorably intertwined with horses.

Dog House

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Freaking hilarious.

And people wonder why the Captain avoids marriage.

Weekend Funnies

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#1 Ah, Christmas Time
#2 Smooth Lines
#3 This One's for a Girl I Know
#4 Correct
#5 Yeah, But He's Blasted

US Corruption Index

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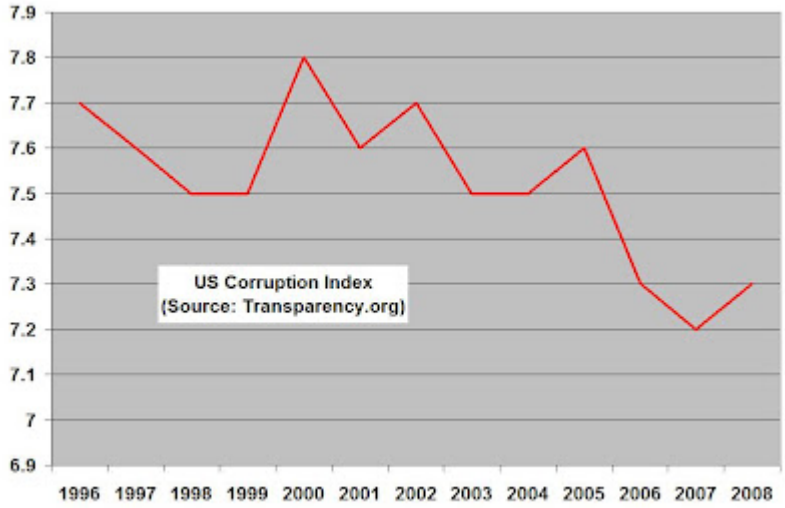
Transparency.org comes out with one of my favorite measures, the Corruption Index. It attempts to simply measure corruption. The higher the score, the less corrupt the country is and vice versa. Typically topping the list are your Danish and Scandinavian countries like Finland and Denmark. And at the bottom of the list are your war torn African countries and hopelessly corrupt countries like Russia and China. However, they typically do not post the TREND of any one country and seeing there has been a fair amount of corruption recently in the US with this whole housing crisis and financial debacle and all, I was curious what the US looked like over time.



Though chaotic, a trend does seem to be occurring. The Corruption Index in the US is going down implying there is MORE corruption. However, I argue the Corruption Index is woefully underestimating the amount of corruption here or is a lagging indicator. I fully expect, along with all the other social and economic metrics of this dying nation, the Corruption Index will approach 6.2, dropping nearly a full point by 2010, putting it in league with Cyprus, Portugal and Botswana.

Alas, just another ounce to be added to the metric tons of empirical proof the US is collapsing.

Melting Polar Ice; NOT!

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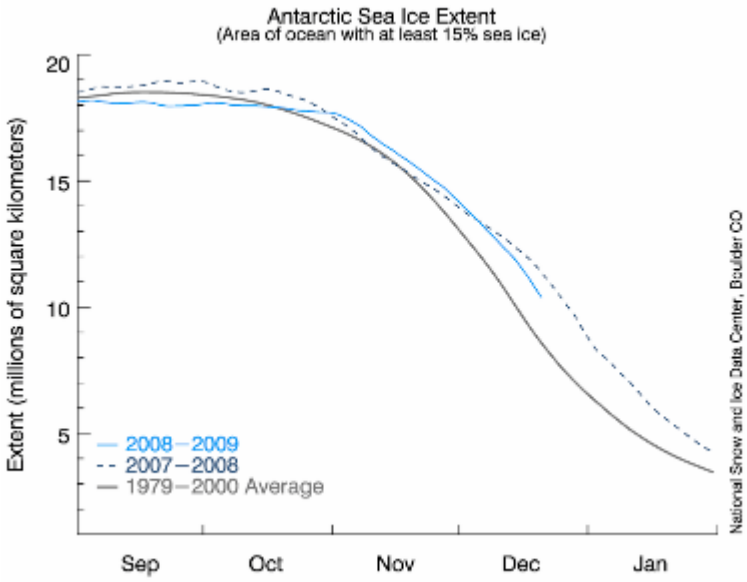
This, among a limitless number of other examples, is why I view global warming as nothing more than a political scam of the most evil politicians to brainwash people or backdoor them into hating capitalism. Countless stories like this one about how there's so much less ice up in the polar caps. But then when you look at the actual data;



Oh, heh heh. Well we meant well, and well um, gee, you know uh this one village in Alaska had to move due to the lack of frost.

Meanwhile it's 20 below the average temperatures here in Minnesota and we're suffering one of the coldest winters in the past 20 years.

To all the global warming conspirators out there, go ef yourselves.

ht to Kate.

The Captain, Obviously, Does Not Endorse "Chedda"

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Many readers have pointed out Google's Adsense has for some reason, put a deadbeat low life loser's advertisement on my blog (either that or he's a charlatan).

In any case, as no doubt most of you would surmise, I do not endorse "Chedda's" service. We here at Cappy Cap pride ourselves on the fact that we are all real men and women and support ourselves through work and not parasiting off the taxpayer. We here at Cappy Cap are not the lowest life form, known as the welfare bum. We here at Cappy Cap all are real adults, fully realizing that if the world was full of "Chedda's" there would be no motorcycles to buy with our "bling" that we stole from the non-existent taxpayers because there would be no economy by which to extract taxes from because we'd all be too busy lying around wondering why we're poor.

I shan't provide the link, for the scumbucket, real or not, doesn't deserve the traffic.

You Will See Valkyrie

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I smell a fish.

And the fish I smell is the whisper/smear campaign against the movie "Valkyrie."

Ever since it went into production it was befuddled by a bevy of problems, set backs and delays.

Then the German government/people were complaining about the movie and some complained about Tom Cruise having the audacity to make a movie of one of the nation's greatest heroes (which the Germans seemingly failed to do in the past 60 years).

Because of all this I was hell-bound-determined to see the movie simply to spite what I suspect was a group of leftists/Tom-Cruise-haters/jerks that didn't want to see another movie about good guys vs. bad guys, sacrifice and duty and other such things those of lefter leaning ideologies love to hate succeed in the box office.

Saw it last night. Amazing movie.

I didn't know much about Von Stauffenberg aside from the historical facts of his attempt to assassinate Hitler. But the plotting, the scheming, how much all those men gave up (family, wives, children, careers) AND just how close they came to pulling it off, make this not only a very thrilling and engaging movie, but you learn a lot more beyond what you picked up in the history books.

Not to mention you have Eddie Izzard and Kenneth Branaugh as well as what I could count to be two actors from the Lord of the Rings trilogy that keep you looking for other actors you may not recognize.

So, do yourself a favor, ignore what preppy liberal elites write as they went from daddy's dime to major in journalism to working at USA Today or the NYT or whatever dying periodical they work for now and instead of report the news, try to create it or sway you one way or another.

It's a great flick, a great history lesson and a great tribute to a great man.

Israel and Gaza

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I don't know.

Maybe, don't shoot rockets into Israel next time?

Like just leave them be?

I know, crazy concept, people just don't like being shot at, but maybe, just maybe try it once and see if Israel in turn leaves you alone.

I love how the story shows nothing but Palestinian casualties (and how many of them I suspect are posed like this one).

A Scum Sucking Parasite Called "Aramis"

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I wanted to highlight this group of "men" out there who claim to be "rich" but perpetually post losses on their tax returns. It gets back to some previous posts I've made wherein the housing crash and financial crisis was caused largely by "men" who never made a profit, but just moved large quantities of money around, siphoning off money for themselves to live off of and afford themselves a faux jet-set life style. Thus, I present to you an excerpt from my book about a scum sucking parasite called "Aramis;"

"While Zorba was the last of the three musketeers I dealt with, Aramis was the first. And though not as eccentric as Zorba, he too had his similarities and eccentricities. Like Zorba, Aramis was also a “super tan man.” Though without the Hawaiian shirt in January and a medallion nestled in his chest hair, his hue told me he was also spending an inordinate amount of time in a tanning booth or on a beach. Additionally, Aramis was in real estate, and like Zorba was what I called a “pretty boy” real estate developer. “Pretty boy” meaning they may have been the “developer” of a property, but they weren’t the actual ones laboring to build the property. The “real” developers wore work boots to the bank and dusted up our chairs with sheetrock dust. The Three Musketeers just moved money around. Aramis was also a good friend of the banker, and like Zorba would talk about actual business 10% of the time and grilling, drinking, boats, cars and golf the remaining 90% of the time. They were quite the same.

But while Aramis and Zorba were similarly exotic, the deal he brought into the bank was so commonplace and overdone that the details are not worth explaining. Aramis was a developer who wanted some amount of money to build some new twin home development, in some far flung suburb, targeting some group of young folk. Aramis hadn’t conducted any kind of absorption study, therefore compelling me to pull some quick supply figures. These figures would show an excessive and gluttonous level of similar housing in the area which would guarantee the spectacular demise of this development. But of course I would be countered with the argument these developments were different because they threw a duck feces-infested pond in the back, had a club house or some other such thing, and therefore would not only sell, but sell faster and for more than the comparables. Besides which, Aramis could personally guarantee the loan; please write it up anyway.

It was the same broken record song I had heard a million times before.

But while his deal was common, Aramis had two exceptional and unique skills; tax returns and guilt tripping.

In true real estate developer tradition, Aramis furnished nowhere near the amount of documentation necessary to fully and adequately analyze his proposal. And like most other developers before him, he failed to file his taxes on time, had to file an extension

and so we were stuck with a 2005 tax return that was now approaching 19 months old.

But what was most disturbing wasn't that his tax return was dated, but that it showed a loss in 2005. And not only that, but his 2004 tax return also showed losses. Given his stories that paralleled Zorba's about going out on the boat, Arizona golfing trips and other such luxuries, I found it odd that according to my tax returns I made more money than this presumed real estate mogul, yet I was not living his middle-aged-man, Metamucil jet set lifestyle. This, combined with a dearth of other documentation I needed to write up the loan, made it highly unlikely we were going to approve Aramis' latest real estate development.

When I presented my findings to the banker, particularly the fact he had lost money in two years that were presumably banner years for real estate, I was more confident than usual this deal would be shot down. But as bankers became more and more desperate as the housing situation became progressively more dire, surprises became more and more frequent, and I was about to get one of the most outlandish lines that would resurrect my now perfected credit union face of disbelief;

"Well, he shows losses on his tax returns to lower his tax bill. He makes a lot of money; he's just trying to hide his income."

Being a capitalist and understanding the natural incentive to lower one's tax bill, I could appreciate an individual taking whatever *legal* measures necessary to minimize their reported income. But I also knew the difference between cash expenses and non-cash expenses, as well as stated profits and cash flow. It was one of the most incredulous lines of BS I had ever heard in my entire banking career.

"Oh, I know that he's showing losses on his tax returns. Oh, and I know it was during the two best years in real estate history. But you see, he's really making money. He has $4 million in cash just floating around. You just don't see it. But it's there. It's invisible! It's magic money!"

Additionally, the banker said it so matter-of-factly I almost sensed he was trying to insult me or make it sound like this was common knowledge. That all multi-millionaires show losses on their tax returns. But he may as well have been trying to convince me it was just as common knowledge that gnomes protected the bank's vaults at night with their swords that were made by magic Federal Reserve fairies.

Crazy as an excuse as it may have been, I had heard this excuse once before from another developer in my days at the credit union. But in his case it was legitimate as he furnished us with an audited personal income statement compiled by a reputable CPA firm which showed one time items had distorted his true income and cash flow. Therefore, this particular individual really did make some money and it was a one-time event he posted a loss. Thinking there was an outside chance this was something similar, I asked the banker if he had an audited income statement prepared by a CPA.

"Uh, no, he just has his tax returns" the banker responded.

Of course. The implication was I was just supposed to take this man on faith. I was literally to believe in magic, invisible money and the heroic Guardian Gnomes of the Bank Vault.

By now I was getting angry and tired. It was the same damn thing, over and over again;

Some real estate developer had an ill-thought out plan for a real estate project. The housing and economic data would prove it was doomed to failure. Bankers blinded by their greed for commission would ignore the realities and risks, and fight to have the deal approved. We'd get a direct order to write it up anyway, but when we'd try to analyze it, we were guaranteed to never have the documentation needed to analyze the loan. And now, not only did I have grossly inadequate documentation, I was to ignore what documentation I did have. I was to ignore the losses on this individual's tax returns and just trust he was making lots of money or whatever else he wanted to tell me. I'd rather believe in the sword-making Federal Reserve Fairies.

Now visibly losing my patience, I asked the banker in a somewhat stern tone,

"How are we supposed to know what his cash flow is then? How am I to measure his ability to pay back this loan? How am I supposed to write up this loan? I can't do this unless I get more documentation."

He could hardly argue, even if his sole interest was getting a commission. Aramis had such a lack of needed documentation, plus the fact he was losing money according to his dated tax returns, it almost necessitated, even by the banker's standards, we get more documentation. He said he'd put in a call and see what updated information he could get.

A week had gone by and as usual we did not receive any new documentation. However, instead of sending us his tax returns, Aramis himself was going to come to visit and talk to us about his real estate deal and answer any questions we might have. Returning to the airplane analogy, this would be like needing wings for a plane, and instead of the manufacturer sending us the actual wings, a representative would come to our office and talk about wings. Talking about wings would presumably be enough then to get the plane up in the air and flying. Of course it wouldn't. All it would do is waste my time. I didn't need Aramis to talk to me about a deal. I didn't need Aramis to explain to me how his twin homes were different. I didn't need Aramis to explain how he was making money. I needed Aramis to prove it. And the fact he wasn't sending any documentation, audited or otherwise, meant I was going to have to suffer through another sales pitch, interweaved between stories of boat parties, golf trips, Viagra and the baby boomer bar scene that largely wouldn't change a thing.

The banker introduced me to Aramis and despite there being snow outside, Aramis was sporting his nice, dark tan. We sat at a conference table and there I listened pointlessly for 30 minutes about Aramis' business, how he was super busy working on all these real estate deals and hadn't gotten around to filing his 2006 tax returns. But it should be of "no concern, because those tax returns would show losses anyway, which were irrelevant because he was just trying to lower his income tax bill. And say, did you see Frank by the

way? Yeah, they went golfing in Tempe last week and boy did they get hammered. Their waitress was a hottie. And when are you coming out to the cabin?"

And like any other meeting or high school economics class, it was humanly impossible to pay attention, let alone care. Aramis could have told me all the stories he wanted. He could have told me how his business worked in detail (to the point that it would make sense). He could have told me he just discovered platinum in his back yard. He could have told me he personally knew Jennifer Aniston and she had a weakness for video game-playing economists. None of it would matter because he still wasn't providing any documentation to back it up. The loan I was looking at was for a real estate development, plain and simple. He wasn't able to prove to me he could pull it off, plain and simple.

The meeting concluded and I bid him farewell. I returned to my desk with no more information than I had before I went into the meeting. But ten minutes later, the banker came down and said,

"What did you do?!"

Confused, thinking there was nothing I could have possibly done, I asked,

"What? What did I do?"

"Aramis came all the way out here to talk about his business and you didn't even act like you were interested," he said. "You just completely ignored him!"

The banker was right. Not only did I act like I wasn't interested, I genuinely was not interested. And while I did not completely ignore him, I wish I could have. For while we could have argued about civil pleasantries and standard banking etiquette, when it came to interacting with potential clients, all of that was irrelevant because there was no loan there to be made. Aramis was balking and was outright, albeit subtly, refusing to furnish us with the information we needed to do the loan. He was hiding something, and no matter how much the banker wanted to hound me or pressure me into approving this loan, I couldn't underwrite it even if I wanted to.

But then came the stroke of genius that earned my hat tip to Aramis. His second skill; his ability to lay a guilt trip. Frustrated the banker said,

"Look, I just talked to Aramis and you don't understand. Aramis is one of my best clients. For him to take the time to come talk to us is enormously generous on his part. And you did not even take the time to get to know him or learn about his business and that made him very upset. If you don't talk to him or at least look at this loan, then he's seriously thinking about taking his business to another bank."

The irony and hypocrisy were staggering on so many levels.

First, if Aramis wanted to take his business to another bank, then fine, let him go. Part of the free market is competition. And you hope to outdo your competitors so you get a larger market share and thus make more profit. Therefore, not only do you strive to become the best, but if there is something you can do (legally) to weaken your

competitors, then you certainly do it. And here was the perfect opportunity to weaken one of our competitors. He was the perfect Trojan horse. Aramis was a bad client and a bad loan. Every indication in the housing market and economy suggested a housing bubble and subsequent collapse, if it wasn't occurring already. Aramis, completely unable to prove his ability to not only sell these twin homes, but personally guarantee the loan, meant some unlucky sucker of a bank would end up holding his worthless development in foreclosure and would be bleeding cash to float it. If we passed on this loan and a bank with lesser quality and credit controls took it, we just delivered a blow to our competition. If he wanted to pick up his toys and go home, let him.

Second, the "honor" and "privilege" to be in the presence of the great Aramis was a joke. The reason why is, when it comes to lending, it works the other way around. If there was anybody to be humble and kneeling it was him. He was the one asking us for money. And typically when you ask to borrow money you do so in a humble manner. You don't bark orders or demand to be given a loan like a suburbanite princess demands to be given a convertible Cabriolet. Furthermore, the reality is if you are the one who wants to borrow money, then you are the one who has to prove you can pay it back. The arrogance of Aramis to not only refuse to furnish us with information that would prove his ability to pay back the loan, but his insistence we trust his word, was laughable.

Finally, if Aramis was such a big time real estate mogul, what in Heaven's name was he doing dealing with a small time bank like us? If he was indeed that great and big of a player, then he would have been poached long ago by much larger banks that could lend him much larger amounts of money, and probably on better terms. The truth is he was a client this relatively new banker brought over from another small time bank and was an absolute nobody. Didn't matter what he said he was or what he said his business did; none of the documents proved it. All they proved was he was a nobody. And a nobody that was losing money."

So buy the book already!

Santa is a Socialist

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Andrew L, Sir, You Hurt Me

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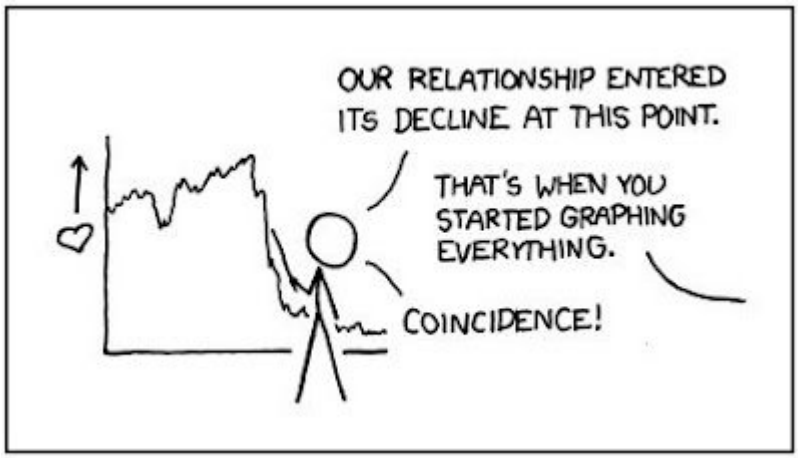

What did I do to deserve this?

ht to Andrew

And a Happy New Year

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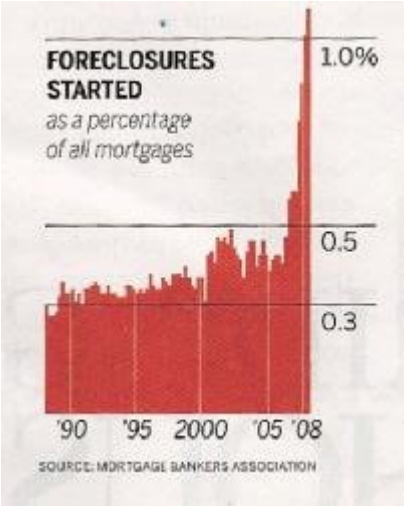
I was thinking about making a New Year's resolution to not engage in economic schadenfreude and take glee in the pain of others.

Then I thought about all the pain these sub prime deadbeats are causing the economy and all the banks that are asking me for my tax dollars to pay for their stupid mistakes, not to mention all the gray haired middle age bankers who scoffed and laughed at me and my ilk when we said there were problems in the housing market. And so on second thought, naaaahhhh, I'm going to continue to gloat;



And thus, let me give you the 2008/2009 New Year's Toast

May your houses and Mercedes get repossessed.
May you lose the job you earned through having nice hair and kissing the boss' ass at the expense and integrity of the firm.
May your toxic wife leave you as you no longer can establish a line of credit to rent her.
May your children actually have to pay their own way through college and learn to hate you as you spoiled them this entire time and accustomed them to an unsustainable level of living with other people's money.
May you never travel to Europe, Arizona or any other luxury trips ever again.
May the IRS come knocking at your door this April.
And may you have to get a real job and produce something of worth.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Cuba to Celebrate 50 Years of Communism

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Cuba is about to celebrate 50 years of communism.

Sadly, there's no reason to celebrate. Not by the numbers anyway.

FDR = Madoff = Ponzi

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A Cappy Cap Original Joke

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I have made several jokes, but this one is so bad, and my friends forbade I tell it, which means, it has to be told.

There was a monk living in a monastery in the Italian Alps. He worked hard recording bibles and studying the scripture. However, he had a blessing and a curse.

On one hand he was a talented jazz musician. Able to compose jazz songs that were amazing, rivaling the best composed hymns of all time.

On the other hand he was a compulsive kleptomaniac.

They called him;

Felonious Monk.

The Pie Chart of Blame

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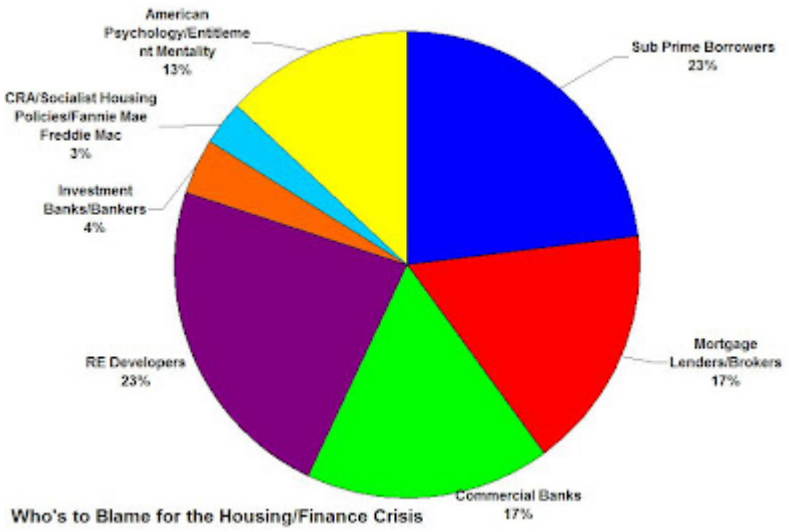
I received a request to break down who I blame for the housing crisis/financial mess/recession we've gotten ourselves into and thought it might do some good to not only list all of those at fault, but what percent responsible they were. Thus a handy little pie chart;



I first and foremost blame the sub prime borrowers because, as I've said before, none of us would be in this mess if they did what they said and paid back what they owed. Thusly I assign a 23% blame on them.

However, it's not like financial dead beats could have done this on their own. They needed help. Specifically, they needed some moron to loan them the money and here I blame mortgage brokers and lenders. In the past these people would have normally weeded out the sub prime dead beats from borrowing money in the first place and summarily denied them the loans. However, driven by commission and short term profits, these idiots lent money out they knew they would never get back. Thusly, I assign a 17% blame to them.

Now, unbeknownst to most people, and arguably the main point of my book (which you should buy), is that the media and society only focus on one side of the housing crash problem; demand. All we ever look at is how demand was artificially inflated by shoddy, if not, absent lending controls, a flood of sub prime dead beats entering the market and easy credit. Nobody looks at the other side of the equation and that is supply. Here the exact same story was repeating itself.

For it wasn't just sub prime dead beats that wanted to own houses, but scumbag, moronic real estate developers who wanted to build more and more housing and sell it at inflated prices. These people are just as much to blame, for as much as the sub prime dead beats

artificially inflated demand, these crooks skyrocketed supply. And so much did they boost the supply of housing, they flooded the market with it, which drove prices down and made it impossible to sell your house for anywhere near what you paid for it. I blame them precisely as much as I do their demand-side counterparts - 23%.

Again, these real estate developers could not have done this without help, and here is where the fourth culprit lie - banks and bankers. Banks, blinded by what they deemed to be perpetual commission for continually approving $35 million suburbanite real estate development deals, would pay no heed to the burgeoning level of supply they were dumping on the market. And since they didn't care about how much supply was hitting the market, they also didn't care if it would bankrupt them, necessitating a taxpayer financed bail out. They put their commission ahead of not only the long term longevity of the bank, but from lessons learned from the S&L bail out, they knew the taxpayer would be stuck with the bill. They are equally to blame for the mortgage banking scum that lent so frivolously to the sub prime deadbeats - 17%.

The two sides of the economic equation, supply and demand are accounted for, but it behooves the question "what were people thinking?"

Well most "people" were neo-Americans, accustomed to not having to work or pay for anything. It was their entitlement mentality that they were entitled to a house, entitled to a flat panel TV, entitled to a convertible and entitled to a life. Additionally, most neo-Americans put themselves first above and beyond all others, so even if Banker Bob knew lending money to Developer Dave would result in a $10 million loss for the bank, what did he care? He was going to get a cool $100,000 commission off that deal. Besides which, he had no loyalty to the bank, he was already looking for another job. It was this childish, me-first-at-all-costs-including-tanking-the-US-economy mentality that created the environment by which the housing bubble and subsequent crash could fester. Ergo, it is the spoiled brat, entitlement, American psychology that is to blame, earning 13% of its share.

The two remaining culprits were simply responding to what Americans and society wanted. Investments banks, though not the originators of the loans, accelerated the bubble by allowing the originators to sell the toxic loans they did make. This disassociated the originator holding onto the risk of the loan and gave them great incentive to go for volume and approve everything under the sun. Again, adhering to the "me-first" mentality, investment banks passed on crappy loans to unsuspecting investors, of course, not without first, getting their cut in commission - 4%

And finally, how can a good ole fashioned bubble form without the implicit consent of the good ole government. Again, prompted by the desires of neo-Americans to have everything for free, and always eager to use taxpayer money to buy votes at the expense of society, democrats (primarily) through the years instituted policies such as the CRA

that somewhat sternly suggested banks lend to losers and scumbags. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were the government intermediaries that made this possible as they financed/guaranteed the mortgages made to the most rotten, degenerate scumbag borrowers. And if you weren't for giving away free houses to the poor, you were a racist, nazi, sexist fascist. Of course, the "government" is really just an illusion, as last I checked this was a democracy and it is the people who govern, thereby making the government just a condoner of the things going on and earning it a 3% share of the blame.

Israel Should Continue Until Hamas is Destroyed

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I love the timing of how once Israel is winning and about to rout Hamas and remove a cancer from the Palestinian people and we are all one huge step closer to true peace in Palestine...

THE WEST IN FULL UNISON AND CHOIR BEG ISRAEL TO STOP.

B as in B.

S as in S.

It's almost as if the west and other nations want the Palestinian issue to never end. As if there's this powerful lobby group of diplomats and negotiators at the UN that need there to be a continual crisis in the Mideast otherwise they'd be out of the job. Ergo, once their agitator, Hamas, is on the brink of being destroyed or weakened to the point they can't terrorize Palestine anymore, they beg and plead Israel to call a time out.

Israel should continue to do all in its power to wipe out Hamas and if necessary reoccupy Gaza, and it would be a great help if the Palestinians would help them.

"Signs" of the Recession

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These are just a few of the sign's I've seen whilst driving through the Twin Cities at night where a light has gone out in one or more of the letters that are prominently displayed on the store's front or sign.

And while I have seen burnt out lights in the past before, never have I seen it to this extent.

I theorize it is a sign of harsh economic times and makes me wish that a more longitudinal record of "burnt out sign lights" had been recorded so as to be used as a metric to measure the severity and harshness of a recession.

Anybody else noticing this?

Obama-ese Translated

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The major makes it easier for those of us who speak, blunt, direct, English.

Percent of Millionaires that Have Lost Money

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Seems like all of them;

And though I am a capitalist, as I've realized more and more just what an unacceptably high percentage of them didn't earn it and achieved such wealth through nepotism and cronyism instead of skill and game, I will take joy in their misery.

American Financial Sub Prime Dead Beats Cost More than the War on Terror

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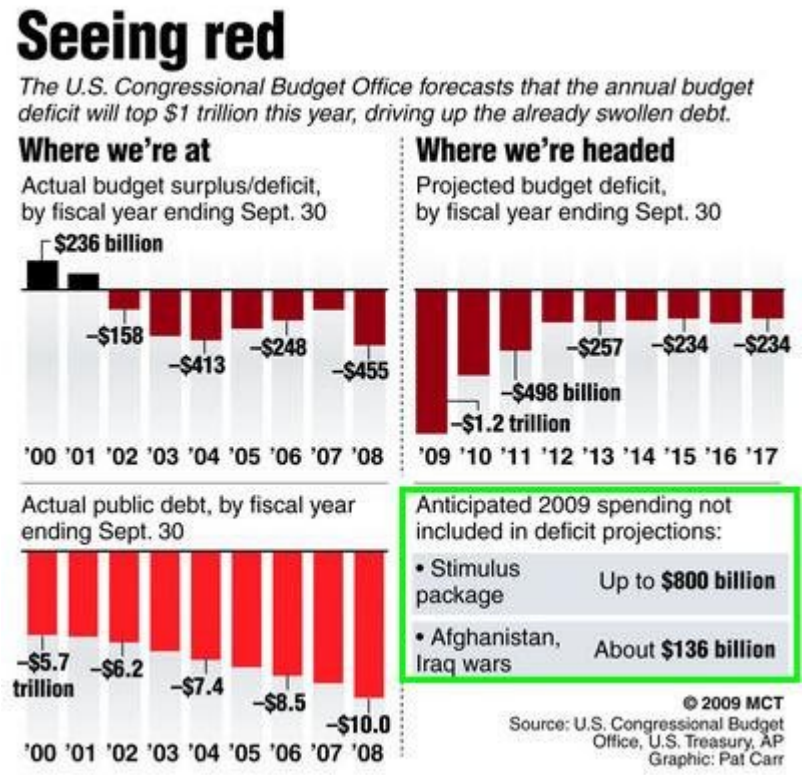
I said it before, I said it in my book, and by God, I'll say it again;

The sub prime degenerate scumbuckets of America caused more damage and have cost more than the terrorist attacks and subsequent war on terror;



Sorry to bring this horrible truth to light.

You Will Visit Agnesy

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I feel guilt in that there are many people who link to me and I do not have the time (nor the programming expertise) to link to them (to create a blogroll I mean).

Regardless, I try to make the occasional post to highlight those that are kind enough to link to me here at Cappy Cap and one of those is good ol' Agnes.

I don't know much about her, which I regret, because if it weren't for having to make a living and pay the bills, I would genuinely like to just hang out on the internet and meet people of similar interests.

Alas, the compulsion to contribute to GDP is a relentless call and one that I must obey.

But in the meantime, visit Agnes because she seems a sweet kid out in Kuala Lumpur (sorry, originally thought she was in Singapore) and that is a country (Malaysia) that seems to have it's shit together more so than any American/western nation does.

(Sorry, just trying to digest a $1 trillion DEFICIT (not debt, freaking one year deficit) because of the stupid moronic, lazy, slothful POS neo-Americans that infect (yes, I do mean that in the viral sense) America)

Uncle Jay Explains the News!

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Advice for the College Youth

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I got an e-mail from Kyle asking about changing majors, and after writing the response I figured this would be decent advice for any college aged youths or youths contemplating college;

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Hi Kyle,

Heh, thanks for reading. I am particularly grateful in that maybe my experience might do some good for a younger fella.

Here's the deal. Anything worth getting a degree in is going to take a lot of math. This means subjects such as engineering, computers, medicine, etc. It is not whether you "like" the subject you are majoring in as (especially in light of this economy) you cannot afford such a luxury. In other words, you may think majoring in something is "tough" but it is a much more difficult route to major in something that you may like and suffering trying to find a job for the rest of your days (consider a nerdy engineer who slaves and tolls to get his degree in 4 years vs. an teenage gangbanger who slacks off, over time the gang banger has a harder more difficult life). Ergo your desire to change majors is great.

As for the major itself, if you are going to go into economics, then don't even bother unless you plan to get your masters. A bachelors will not do. Additionally, being in economics, you will most likely work in the financial services industry which is basically corrupt and based on nepotism instead of skill. Getting a masters will allow you at minimum to teach at a 2 year community college (which is what I did for a while) where the politics and corruption are a mere faction what they are in banking. Do not have any grad illusions of being heard or having your work implemented. You do not have gray hair and you are not the husband of the vice president. You will be a cog in the banking machine (albeit a highly educated one)

If you are not willing to go all the way and get your masters, then a subject such as accounting or engineering or computers is the other routes to go. Those are 4 year degrees that will get you jobs. However, if you want more guidance all you have to do is look at starting salaries. The labor market will tell you what's in demand. Teachers start off at $32,000 per year . Chemical engineers I think are around $52,000 or so.

The final thing I'd recommend is this;

DO NOT WORRY IF IT TAKES YOU ANOTHER 3 YEARS TO GRADUATE. I am explaining this to you so you do NOT make the same mistake I did and therefore can have a better life.

Learn from my mistakes, it's immensely cheaper. You may not like school. You may have a plan to get out in 4-5 years, but;

1. Nobody in the real world gives younger folk a chance, no matter how smart or educated you may be. A 45 year old baby boomer does not see a difference between a 22 year graduate and a 26 year old graduate. In their eyes you're all incompetent punks barely able to wipe their own asses (and based on the majority of leftist idiots graduating from college, they're right). Regardless, it is here you are a victim of your generation. An eagle surrounded by turkeys. You may as well spend your time getting a good degree AND ENJOYING IT. No need to rush. Take another 3-4 years in college. It's much more enjoyable. Chase girls, get drunk. And for god's sake, don't worry about your GPA. Just keep it above a 3.0 and you'll be fine.

2. The economy is shit and will continue to be shit. School is an ideal place to be.

Sorry to be so glum, but hopefully that will provide you a little bit of guidance above and beyond what the "student counselors" will.

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The Return of Malthus

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I'm a very efficient man. I don't like to waste time. And the reason I don't like to waste time is because I know I'm going to die. You only have a certain amount of seconds on this planet and if I can convey a concept quickly without much dialouge or ballyhoo, then so be it. I save myself time and my readers time.

So the concept (the quick concept) I want to convey to you is the theories of Thomas Malthus, an economist who specialized in the field of "limits." His particular specialty in this field was predicting the doom of man due to humans' ability to produce enough food to feed the population. He predicted, much like the fruit fly experiment we all did in high school, that we would produce enough food to cause a burst in population which would only be doomed to starvation as we produced beyond our means of nutritional support.

He was proven wrong in that advances in farming technology yielded more crops per acre that ever previously imagined possible and made starvation (at least in civilized countries) a thing of the past.

However, Malthus is not dead in that his theories will apply to our most recent economic crisis. Not so much in the way of farmers being able to produce enough crops to feed the nation, but rather producers producing enough wealth to feed the parasites.

In light of the record amount of debt the US has accumulated, along with the welfare bum, suburbanite princess entitlement mentality, subprime deadbeats, mortgage brokers, Madoff's, and oh, and this whole minor recession thing, I think we are at a turning point where a critical mass of the population is dependent. I know the term "dependent" is not an inciting nor exciting term, but it should be, because it means those who are "dependent" rely, or as I cynically, yet truthfully like to say, parasite upon others.

If you are dependent, then that means you're not independent. It means by default you rely on other people to carry your dead, fat weight in this economy (just like Caroline Kennedy). And whereas Malthus' concern was food production, mine is just pure simple economic production.

Though I have not run the figures, the macro-figures being posted about bailouts, as well as our cornerstone institutions showing themselves to be nothing more than parasites upon the masses, I think that there literally is not enough producers in this country to produce enough wealth to support all the people in the nation. And given the recent election of Barack Obama and his forever increasing amounts of stimulus spending, it not only convinces me the country is not serious (nor educated enough) about getting out of this recession, as much as they are about getting theirs and transferring as much wealth

to themselves off this dead rotting carcass known as America. The only question I ask "where is all this money going to come from?"

Of course I ask myself the question rhetorically.

Socialists in congress combined with comrade Obama have eliminated any incentive to excel and produce the wealth necessary to bail out this economy (and I mean really bailout as in REAL economic production, not just transferring money and calling it a bailout, I mean like our problems would be over bailout). Obama and his socialist democrat ilk have done nothing more than promise to transfer wealth from one group of people to another to bribe the recipients into voting for them. Ergo, no real consideration has ever been given to how to actually increase the production of wealth as much as it has been to use a transference of existing (and dwindling) wealth for political purposes. Of course there are obvious shortcomings of this politicking;

1. With taxes going up on the rich (or as I like to say the "productive" or "employers") what incentive will the have to invest/create jobs here.

2. With wealth transfers what incentive with the burgeoning recipients have to get off their lazy, fat welfare asses and produce some kind of wealth (let alone enough to support them?)

I'm sorry folks. I know you like to believe that "America will always pull through." Or that if you "pray enough" God will save America like he always has. Sadly, the truth is nobody puts this country ahead of themselves and when you have a certain "critical percentage" of the population nothing more than a bunch of whinny, self-entitled, spoiled brat "Barack save me now" socialist parasites, your country is doomed.

Malthus will be vindicated. The trick is to not be around when it happens.

Thank You New York Times

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To quote MacGruder from "Home Movies:"

"New York Times?

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You think you're better than us?"

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Fannie Mae Eases Credit To Aid Mortgage Lending

By STEVEN A. HOLMES

In a move that could help increase home ownership rates among minorities and low-income consumers, the Fannie Mae Corporation is easing the credit requirements on loans that it will purchase from banks and other lenders.

The action, which will begin as a pilot program involving 24 banks in 15 markets -- including the New York metropolitan region -- will encourage those banks to extend home mortgages to individuals whose credit is generally not good enough to qualify for conventional loans. Fannie Mae officials say they hope to make it a nationwide program by next spring.

Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest underwriter of home mortgages, has been under increasing pressure from the Clinton Administration to expand mortgage loans among low and moderate income people and felt pressure from stock holders to maintain its phenomenal growth in profits.

In addition, banks, thrift institutions and mortgage companies have been pressing Fannie Mae to help them make more loans to so-called subprime borrowers. These borrowers whose incomes, credit ratings and savings are not good enough to qualify for conventional loans, can only get loans from finance companies that charge much higher interest rates -- anywhere from three to four percentage points higher than conventional loans.

"Fannie Mae has expanded home ownership for millions of families in the 1990's by reducing down payment requirements," said Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae's chairman and chief executive officer. "Yet there remain too many borrowers whose credit is just a notch below what our underwriting has required who have been relegated to paying significantly higher mortgage rates in the so-called subprime market."

Demographic information on these borrowers is sketchy. But at least one study indicates that 18 percent of the loans in the subprime market went to black borrowers, compared to 5 per cent of loans in the conventional loan market.

In moving, even tentatively, into this new area of lending, Fannie Mae is taking on significantly more risk, which may not pose any difficulties during flush economic times. But the government-sponsored corporation may run into trouble in an economic downturn, prompting a government rescue similar to that of the savings and loan industry in the 1980's.

"From the perspective of many people, including me, this is another thrift industry growing up around us," said Peter Wallison a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. "If they fail, the government will have to step up and bail them out the way it stepped up and bailed out the thrift industry."

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Uncle Jay Explains Carolyn Kennedy

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I'm starting to like Uncle Jay

Degree Mills

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"Do you want an exciting career in the field of medical transcriptioning?"

"Do you want to be on the cutting edge of criminal justice?"

"How about an exciting career in travel and hospitality?"

"Then School XYZ is the school for you!"

"Earn your degree in just 16 months and you'll be on your way to a better you!"

This is the typical commercial for the typical 2 year college you will see during daytime TV. And the reason you see it during day time TV is because the target audience is not you nor me, but basically the welfare bum deadbeats who don't have a job and are looking for a way out of their miserable lives.

Now understand we are smart enough to know such a thing sounds like a scam. But to the average deadbeat watching her soaps or the typical loser turning off the video games long enough to watch TV instead so he can eat, this actually sounds like a feasible opportunity and thus 2 year colleges are born.

But allow me to tell you a couple stories about my days teaching at some of these institutions of "higher learning" so that;

1. You know never to go there.
2. You can tell some of your less fortunate friends never to go there
3. These schools may go bankrupt.

So pour yourself a martini, find a comfy chair, kick back and relax as I regale you with my tales of teaching in 2 year colleges.

I first started teaching at this "business" school where the "campus" was a rented out, brown, 1970's style office building located in the inner suburbs of St. Paul/Minneapolis. The school didn't even rent out the entire building, but let that be a lesson to you kids, highly ranked schools lease out their HQ in suburbanite strip malls.

I intuitively knew this wasn't going to be Harvard, but it was a nice part time job and I got to teach my passion; economics - so I didn't much care.

However troubles immediately started to occur.

The first sign of trouble came when I issued the first quiz, of which 85% of the students failed. It wasn't an issue of the quiz being difficult or hard. It wasn't an issue of me being a mean teacher. The quiz was of an average difficulty and any student paying attention would have passed it. However, upon grading the quizzes I realized just what a low caliber of students I was dealing with and made the egregious error of deciding not to LOWER the standards to them, but to have them RISE to my standards and thereby teach them something.

Complaints flooded into my boss about the test being too difficult, they didn't have enough time to study, "by god I have two children and can't study this much" etc. etc. And sure enough, at the age of 27, I was called into the office.

My boss explained to me that we are here to challenge the students, but not too much. That my test was unfair and I should consider tailoring it more to their skill level. Of course with hindsight I now see what the charlatan of a dean was telling me; "Dumb it down because we're fleecing these kids for their money for a worthless degree and if you rock the boat we'll lose some of them." But he couldn't come outright and say that, ergo why he was feeding me a line of bull.

The next quiz I dumbed down, and this time a whopping 30% of the students passed. Naturally there was the same cacophony of complaints which resulted me landing in the dean's office once again. This process continued until I had more or less realized that not only were the students dead set against learning or trying to feign some semblance of being a scholar as well as the complete lack of back up from management to hold some level of standards to these kids. And so, choosing the path of least resistance, I decided I would not only make the quizzes and tests insanely easier, but skew the grading curve so greatly it would put affirmative action to shame.

To avoid any more criticism that I didn't test the students on what we studied I made them make their own "study guide" for the tests. This consistent of each student writing a multiple choice question on a piece of paper, me taking all those questions and photocopying them into a guide for each student. We would review the questions and the correct answers, and then I would take the EXACT SAME PHOTOCOPIED questions, photocopy them again, insert 4-5 questions of my own and then give it back to the students as the official test.

Even then, with no more than 4-5 question of my own to give those who deserved an A and A, I would still get students to flunk the test. So idiotic and genuinely stupid, or perhaps galactically lazy, were these students, they couldn't pass a test where they had the answers the day before.

Regardless, the majority of the students did pass, but with less than 40% of them earning A's.

Of course the concept of "earning" A's was a joke. Only 2-3 students per class really "earned" an A. But the grading curve was so skewed (at the request of the dean to make sure everybody passed) that the math more or less bumped people who would have really earned a C into the A+ category.

This behooved on my part true pity for the few students I did have that did indeed earn A's. They would study hard and effectively waste their time because all they would have to do is the bare minimum to pass and still get an A.

However, insisting on some kind of level of integrity, if I had to bump some degenerate loser's 12% score to the 70% necessary to pass, then I would bump everybody's score up by 58%. Not to mention the never ending requests from students to do some kind of "extra credit" to pass, I would have to present the same opportunity to every student, of which of course the straight A students would avail themselves of and earn even more unnecessary points. This resulted in some very interesting final scores.

Of the possible 100 points you could have earned in the class the top student had a final score of 170.

She had busted he ass off to earn nearly twice the amount of points she needed simply because that was the work/study ethic she had. The runner up had 150%. I insisted that neither of them study much for the next class I taught which was statistics and instead enjoy their next semester.

Tests and quizzes were just one problem I ran into in the schools. The second one was papers.

Foolish and idealistic, I thought it would be a great idea to have the students write an economics report on a country of their choosing to test their economic and analytical ability. Each student was to pick a country of their choosing and then write a FIVE PAGE DOUBLE SPACED PAPER on that country. This was no Herculean task. Matter of fact, I think I've already written more in this post in the past 10 minutes. Regardless, the hellish bitching and moaning and complaining did not stop.

"I don't have a computer."

"I don't have a printer."

"I don't have access to either."

"Why does it have to be 5 pages?"

"What's the font size."

More effort bitching and whining went into fighting against the paper than actually writing the effing thing.

With much ballyhoo and BS, inevitably I did get them into the computer lab and as the deadline approached, the vast majority of my students were frantically writing as they had procrastinated to that very last day.

Truthfully though, the majority of them did get their papers in on time and with them in hand began a painful task I was completely unaware of.

The first paper I read was on South Korea. The student had written:

"South Korea's economy is a modern industrialized nation, diversified into manufacturing, technology and services. It paradoxically compares..."

And right there I knew something was up.

So well written was that first sentence, I knew there was no way my student could have written it.

Sure enough I went to the Google and found he had just copied and pasted the report from the CIA's World Factbook.

The next paper was on Finland;

"Finland's economy is a mixed free market/socialist economy with the government providing its populace with ..."

Already, too well written. Google. CIA World Fact Book. Plagiarized.

I continued to google search various phrases and sentences that seemed too well crafted for the ability of my students and found out that out of 92 students, 89 had plagiarized.

The next day I ripped into them. I lectured them about how plagiarism was completely unacceptable, they would all get F's and blah blah blah, they weren't listening. And sure enough I got called into the principle's office.

The "dean" then lectured me about how I was overly harsh on the students and that they "didn't know" they weren't supposed to plagiarize. He then went on to read complaints he took in a survey from my students about my performance, one of which was a complaint about this ever so slight speech impediment I have (I cough due to allergies more frequently than the average person). I was to also let all the students write a new paper. I was dumbfounded.

I was to apologize to these students for their plagiarism. Only in a 2 year degree mill.

It was here that I realized that if I was going to keep my job I was just going to have to play ball and pass these kids no matter what. But the trick was to show them still who was boss because by this time they thought they owned me and had won. Never mind their degree would be worthless. Never mind with that kind of attitude they would get fired in half a second. In their little minds they "won" and now life was just going to bend over for them, if not the dean would always be able to save them and would bend life over for them.

But I would get my revenge. For the next class in the next semester was statistics.

Now you must understand that at this school there were multiple "majors" and they would keep the majors together so as to breed comradery. The majors were computer science, accounting, "travel and hospitality," and "health care." Naturally, the computer science and accounting students had a high mathematical aptitude and therefore would not only do better, but advance through the class faster. Therefore after 4 weeks they were already twice as far as their "travel and hospitality" counterparts.

Thinking there was nothing wrong and learning to make the class insanely easy, I thought there were going to be no more complaints. And sure enough there was;

The computer science and accounting students were complaining because they had done twice the work in the same amount of time. The dean then said I can't teach two different classes and they must be standardized across all majors.

This presented a problem to me in that there was no way in hell the travel and hospitality majors would ever be able to accomplish what the other students were doing. Thus I had to slow them down while travel and hospitality caught up. Thus, one of my greatest creations ever;

The Halo Statistics Project.

To grant the travel and hospitality majors enough time to get their fat, imbecilic lazy asses enough time to catch up, I decided that the accounting and computer programming majors would conduct a statistical experiment playing Halo. We linked 4 X-Boxes together, each person (including yours truly) would have a statistics sheet, and as we played various games we would record various statistics;

# of deaths
# of kills
# of assists
Time Alive

etc.

This would then give us enough empirical data to have a field day with to calculate things such as standard deviation, mean kill and calculate very important things such as;

"If you have 18 deaths in Halo, what percentile are you in, in the sub game "Slayer Pro?"

"What is the correlation coefficient between assists and the use of a bazooka."

For the next two weeks we played Halo while the rest of the students caught up.

Naturally, of course there were complaints. The travel and hospitality majors found out the other students were playing Halo. And when asked why they couldn't play Halo, I said, "well you're two weeks behind the other students so I have to find a way for you to catch up and this way we will have empirical data to use in future projects and experiments."

It did not go over well. By this time my repoire with the students had deteriorated so much there was nothing I could do. Teacher's cars were getting keyed, I was regularly called names and insulted by students. It was a "college" but it was more like teaching in a ghetto high school. The students were completely unaware of any possibility it was their fault they were failing or were so inconceivably stupid other students had to resort to "Halo Statistics" for them to play catch up.

Of course, by this time, I had given up on any kind of desire to teach these kids. I made it possible for those who wanted to learn, to learn, but instead of treating my job as an educator, I treated it as a baby sitter. And fresh in my mind the complaints filed about me being a idiot and a jerk and having that "stupid cough thing" as well as being forced by the dean to apologize to these daytime-tv-watching morons, I had one final trick up my sleeve.

The students by this time knew enough about simple statistics that the concepts of the bell distribution curve and how standard deviation can estimate what percent of the population you rank in were within their ability to calculate. But, since I was a concerned teacher, the question was "what kind of calculation can we do or test to make this personal and interesting to my beloved students?" And then it hit me;

IQ.

There was a web site, where if you had the time, you could take a rather thorough IQ test and get your IQ. It wasn't official or anything, but it would serve the purposes of my little statistics experiment. The students would go online, take their IQ test and then calculate what percent of the population they ranked in, in terms of their IQ.

The students were all excited about it. Of course they were the smartest students in the world and the world and meanies like me were just out to get them. They were almost supremely confident they would score high and no doubt some of them were tentatively planning on showing me their IQ to "show me."

So off they went to the computer lab, 45 minutes they came back with their score and I then showed them the method using a mean of 100 to find out what percent of the population they ranked in.

And as more and more of them looked up their percentile on the little percentile sheets their shoulders slouched. Their faces shocked. The travel and hospitality majors, you could tell, were double checking their math because they couldn't believe they were that stupid. Many faced the paradox of having to ask me to help them because on one hand they couldn't believe they scored that low, but they didn't want me to see their IQ (which I insisted be kept confidential). One girl started crying and another student who never shut up and found it a vital necessity to constantly talk in class, actually shut up. We found one student was "officially" retarded (though he wasn't, he just didn't try) while another was ecstatic to find out she was in the top 30%, until I pointed out she subtracted wrong when calculating her standard deviation and she was in fact in the bottom 30%. The class was somber, silent and depressed. Oh sure, there were the genuine straight A students who were happy and arguably finally vindicated that they were smart, arguably MENSA material, but the rest of them got a harsh delivering blow from the real world. There was their real grading curve.

In the end I went on to teach at another 2 year college, this time with the wisdom knowing not to try to teach the kids anything, but to entertain them. Pass them along, give them their B- and everybody's happy. And it is here that the lesson of degree mills and junior college must be learned.

There is no point in going to these schools unless they are accredited and you are intending on moving on to get your 4 year degree. Many states and local governments have 2 year colleges and they're great. They are typically part of the state university system, they are accredited and they are a VITAL AND GREAT opportunity to those who may not have the means to afford a 4 year college or perhaps was just goofing off during high school and now realized the merits of education. However, there are other 2 year "institutions" out there that are nothing more than degree mills. Non-accredited, typically private companies that are just that; companies.

They don't care if you get a good education. They're not really there to help you. And they certainly do not care if you get a job or not.

They're just there to take your money.

In Vegas, No Posting

January 15, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'm in Vegas.

These cheap bastards charge for internet access.

$5 for 20 minutes IS A DEAL.

Posts will resume upon my return to the "global warming capitol" of the world, where it is -17 right now, Minneapolis

I Hate Google

January 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Google is an arrogant company, and albeit ran by smart people, the more and more I deal with them, the more and more I realize that not only are they arrogant elitists, but have more power than what I'd like.

I will inevitably move from Blogger (which is owned by Google) to Word Press or what have you in the future, but no matter how "intelligent" they fashion themselves, no matter how "creative" or "cutting edge" they may be, the realities of the free market (otherwise known as reality) boils down to this;

Americans don't like arrogant elitist pricks and they don't trust companies with too much power.

I suggest doing your searching on Yahoo.

Only the Federal Government

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As you all know, economics is my passion. So when I saw an economist position open here in the Twin Cities I was very excited. So I click on the link and here is the job posting (warning, you need 4 hours to read this);

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Department: Department of Treasury
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Sub Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Job Announcement Number:
09PH4-LME0178-110-11T13-K

Economist
Salary Range: 57,503.00 - 106,552.00 USD per year
Open Period: Friday, November 28, 2008
to Thursday, July 30, 2009
Series & Grade: GS-0110-11/13
Position Information: Cutoff date will be 12/15/08. Addl cutoff date maybe estab based on future hiring needs. This is a Permanent, Career/Conditional Full-time Appointment
Promotion Potential: 13
Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Bloomington, MN
Who May Be Considered:

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You must be a United States citizen in order to apply for this
position; verification of United States Citizenship will be
required.

IN ORDER TO BE QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION, IT IS REQUIRED AT THE
TIME OF APPLICATION TO SUBMIT YOUR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS VIA FAX
IMAGING.
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Job Summary:

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WHY IS THE IRS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK?
The IRS is a bureau of the Department of the Treasury and one of
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world's most efficient tax administrators.  Yearly, the IRS
collects
more than $2 trillion in revenue and processes over 200 million tax
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returns. The IRS Mission is to provide the United States taxpayers top quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and by applying the tax law with integrity and fairness to all.

WHAT IS THE LMSB DIVISION?
The Large and Mid-Size Business Division (LMSB) conducts examinations
and related investigations of corporations and businesses with revenue in excess of $10 million.

Position is located in Bloomington MN. The anticipated start date is March, 2009.

HOW DO I APPLY?
"It is really easy. Just click on the "How to Apply" tab above."

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OTHER IRS CAREERS?
If you want to find out more about IRS careers, visit us on the web at www.jobs.irs.gov.

Key Requirements:

- Must be a citizen of the United States. Background investigation required.
- Selective Service Registration is required for males born after 12/31/1959.
- Up to 50% travel maybe required. No moving expenses.
- Position will be filled at the GS-11, GS-12, and GS-13 level. If you wish
- to be considered for all levels, you must apply for each grade level.
- Promotion Potential is to the GS-13.

Major Duties:

As an IRS Economist you will:

GRADE 11

- Assume technical responsibility for various phases of the initiation, formulation, planning, execution and control of special studies or continuous projects.
- Assist in determining the objectives of a research project and

the
methodology needed to obtain the objectives.
- Develop specifications for all segments of a research study.
- Present data and analytical material to end users in an oral or written format.
- Resolve very complex problems or errors requiring professional attention.
- Assume responsibility for the effective use of resources within assigned subject matter projects.
- Keep abreast of economic, statistical and tax literature for data and research methodologies.
- Review and analyze the reasonableness and accuracy of the material
produced for a given study.
- Prepare economic tables and graphical material using standard computer software.

GRADE 12

- Perform assignments based on an in-depth knowledge level and expertise in economics that include complex issues covering an extensive range of industries and specializations.
- Assume technical responsibility for various phases of the initiation, formulation, planning, execution and control of special studies or continuous projects.
- Conduct various kinds of microeconomic research and analysis that requires the study of economic structure, business practices and functions.
- Review and analyze economic, statistical and tax data to determine
the existence of a potential economic issue; recommending formal, limited assistance or withdrawal.
- Conduct research in source material that includes databases, professional journals and publications, government publications, and
studies by other economists.
- Keep abreast of economic, statistical and tax literature for data and research methodologies.
- Review and analyze the reasonableness and accuracy of the material
produced for a given study.
- Serve as a qualified witness for the Government in cases reaching litigation.

- Prepare economic tables and graphical material using standard computer software.

GRADE 13

- Assume responsibility for the formulation of workload estimates for
program segments specifying the methodology to be used, preparation of appropriate specifications and procedures, and the review of computer systems, materials and instructions for the study.
- Explain and defend research findings to the taxpayer, taxpayer's representative, exam teams, Appeals, Counsel, and other IRS personnel.
- Conduct various kinds of microeconomic research and analysis that requires the study of economic structure, business practices and functions, competitive conditions, trade barriers, government imposed
barriers, financial markets, etc.
- Keep abreast of economic, statistical and tax literature for data and research methodologies.
- Review and analyze the reasonableness and accuracy of the material
produced for a given study.
- Serve as a qualified witness for the Government in cases reaching litigation.
- Prepare economic tables and graphical material using standard computer software.

Qualifications:

To be minimally qualified, you must meet the basic requirements below.

A. Bachelor's or higher degree in economics that included at least 21 semester hours in economics and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus from an accredited college or university.

OR

B. A combination of work experience and education at an accredited college or university equivalent to 4 years as described above.

Examples of qualifying experience include (this list is not all inclusive): individual economic research assignments requiring planning, information assembly, analysis and evaluation, conclusion and report preparation, assignments involving the interpretation of economic information, or teaching assignments in a college or university that involve class instruction in economics and include one of the following: personal research, direction of graduate theses
in economics, or service as a consultant or advisor on technical economics problems.

NOTE: Experience in related fields that did not involve the use of and understanding of economic principles and theories may not be used
as qualifying experience.

Notes:
In applying the BASIC REQUIREMENTS above:
1. One full year of undergraduate academic study is defined as 30 semester hours (45 quarter hours) and is equivalent to 1 year of full-
time experience;
2. Additional credit will not be given for duplicate course work (courses will be counted only once); and
3. Part-time experience will be prorated.

For the purpose of this application, we will deal in Semester hours.
If you have quarter hours, please use the following formula: # of quarter hours completed divided by 1.5 = # of Semester hours. For example: If you have completed 12 quarter hours: 12/1.5=8 Semester hours.

You may also be considered based upon a combination of education and
experience. You may combine the college credits you completed with any qualifying experience you have to total the equivalent of a four-
year college education. When combining education and experience use
the following formula to calculate the total amount. Part time work experience should be prorated. Formula using Semester hours: # Sem Hrs complete divided by 120 Sem Hrs + # of month's experience

divided
by 48 months. Example: 90 Semester hours of college (90/120) and 3 years experience (36/48) 90/120 + 36/48 = .75 + .75 =1.25. If your answer is one or more, you have the required combination.

Reminder: Your resume must provide sufficient information to support
your responses to the following questions. Do not overstate or understate your level of experience and capability. Your answers are
subject to evaluation and verification. Later steps in the selection
process will be used to verify your stated level of experience and capability. If a determination is made that you have rated yourself higher than is supported by your resume you will be assigned a rating
commensurate to your described experience. Deliberate attempts to falsify information may be grounds for not selecting you.

How You Will Be Evaluated:

You will be evaluated on the following criteria: (1) by determining if you meet the minimum qualifications required; (2) by the responses
you provide to the supplemental questionnaire, as described below, indicating the extent to which you possess the specific qualifications associated with this position as defined in the Qualification section; and (3) by additional evaluation of qualifications through an interview.

(1) You will be assigned to one of two catergory groups (A or B) based on the results of the online assessment. If you fail the assessment, you will be considered not qualified for the position.

Job-Related Questions: As part of the on-line application process, you will need to respond to a series of questions designed to assess
your possession of the following Economist competencies:

Reading/Research ~ Understands and interprets written material, including technical material, rules, regulations, instructions, reports, charts, graphs, or tables; applies what is learned from written material to specific situations.

Written Communications ~ Demonstrates the ability to clearly express
ideas, thoughts, and concepts in writing, using correct and appropriate grammar, organization, and structure.

(2) If determined to meet the minimum qualifications for the position, you will be sent via email a supplemental qualifications questionnaire. The questionnaire is used to determine if you possess
the knowledge skills and abilities of an Economist with the Large and
Mid-size Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

When responding to the questionnaire, you will be asked to describe your experiences and identify your knowledge skills and abilities by
responding to the questions below:

A. Identify specific industries in which you have worked and briefly
explain the type of work you did in each.

B. Describe experience you have had that specifically involved you in the determination or analysis of prices or valuations using techniques such as price theory or other applications of microeconomics, rate-of-return anlaysis, discounted-cash-flow analysis, or similar techniques.

C. Describe experience you have had in which you have had to use interviews to elicit information for analysis, and in which you have
needed to communicate your conclusions using substantial written reports or oral presentations.

D. Please describe any experience you have with specifically multinational aspects of the operations of a firm with which you were
directly involved. (The fact that the firm itself has such operations is not as important as your description of you own specific involvement with such activities.)

E. Describe any experience you have with quantitative research tools

such as statistical or econometrics programs or corporate financial database services such as Compustat or similar programs. Identify the program and/or corporate financial database, but also give a brief description of the type of work for which you used it.

You will be sent this questionnaire after a review of your application is performed to determine if you meet the minimum qualifications. You will have 5 days to respond to the questionnaire. If your response is not received, you will be evaluated based on the information contained within your application.

(3) After a review of your application and your supplemental qualifications questionnaire, your qualifications may be evaluated through an interview.

Qualifying education from colleges and universities in foreign countries must be evaluated in terms of equivalency to that acquired
in U.S. colleges and universities. Applicants educated in whole or in part in foreign countries must submit sufficient evidence, including transcripts; to an accredited private organization for an equivalency evaluation of course work, including grade and credit conversion, and degree. You must provide a copy of the letter containing the results of the equivalency evaluation as supporting documentation. Failure to provide such documentation when requested
will result in lost consideration.

In addition, you may need to submit supporting documentation. If you
are qualifying for this position in whole or part based on education,
you must submit college transcripts for all courses completed at time
of this application. If you are claiming veteran's preference or eligibility for special priority consideration, you must submit the documents described under "VETERAN'S PREFERENCE" and IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES" below. All supporting documentation must be submitted along with your application. Failure to provide supporting documentation within the prescribed period will result in disqualification or ineligibility

for preference/priority consideration.

Note: Although a copy of your transcripts is acceptable for application processing, an official transcript will be required for selection.

How You Will Be Evaluated:

You will be assigned to one of two category groups (A and B) based on the results of the online assessment. Each category group represents a quality level. Candidates will be considered in category group order. Qualified veterans claiming preference based on a service-connected disability of 30% or more (CPS) or 10% but less than 30% (CP) will be listed at the top of their assigned category group (A, or B) and will be provided absolute preference over non-preference eligibles. All other preference eligibles (XP and TP) will also be provided absolute preference over non-preference eligibles within their assigned category group (A and B). To pass over any qualified preference eligible(s) to select a non-preference eligible requires approval under formal objection procedures. Note: You may be "tentatively" assigned to a category group pending qualifications validation and assessment results. Final category assignment does not occur until referral on a certificate.

To preview questions please click here.

Benefits:

The IRS offers outstanding benefits, family friendly employment policies, generous holiday, vacation, and sick leave. In addition, the IRS offers a tax deferred retirement savings and investment plan, with employer matching contributions. These benefits, however, do not apply to all appointment types. For example, they do not apply to individuals hired using Temporary Appointing Authority. If selected, information on your benefits will be provided with your offer of employment.

Other Information:

Applicants must be in compliance with the tax laws. Your income tax returns will be verified for the past three years to determine if you have filed according to the tax laws.

NO MOVING OR RELOCATION EXPENSES WILL BE PAID.

If you are referred for consideration, you may be interviewed before selection. The interview focuses on the competencies listed above and is intended to supplement the information provided in your on-line application. IRS WILL NOT reimburse costs associated with travel to and from the interview.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:
Citizenship: Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire non-citizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position. Applicants for this announcement must be a U.S. citizen and a minimum of 16 years of age.

Selections for employment depend upon several conditions such as the number of vacancies, assessment score, shift availability and work history. In addition, applicants are subject to an FBI name and fingerprint check, employment checks, and any other information relevant to selection for employment.

Not all eligible applicants are selected for employment. If selected, you will be notified and given a commitment letter.

Federal law requires all employers to verify the identity and employment eligibility of all persons hired to work in the United States. We participate in E-Verify (Employment Verification). We will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with information from your Form I-9 to confirm work authorization. If we cannot

confirm that you are authorized to work, we will provide you written
instructions and an opportunity to contact SSA and/or DHS before taking adverse action against you, including terminating your employment.

A determination will be made as to your suitability for federal employment. All appointments are made subject to an investigation. Any arrests, discharges from employment, or other information not shown on the application could affect your selection and/or retention
in the service.

Probationary period: Every applicant selected from a competitive list of eligibles for a Career or Career Conditional appointment must
serve a one (1) year probationary period. Reinstatement applicants will be required to serve the one (1) year probationary period unless the probationary period has already been completed. Applicants appointed under the Veterans Recruitment Authority will require a two (2) year trial period.

AGENCY CONTACT: For additional information about this position, please contact: Karen Sklencar, Human Resources Specialist, Philadelphia Personnel Office at 215-516-4801 or you may e-mail Karen
at LMSBEXTAPPS@IRS.GOV

If selected, identification of promotion potential in this position does not constitute a commitment or an obligation on the part of management to promote you at some future date. Promotion will depend
upon administrative approval, the continuing need for an actual assignment, and performance of higher level duties.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has oversight and investigative responsibilities throughout IRS. TIGTA has authority to initiate investigations to identify IRS employees who have violated or are violating laws, rules or regulations related to the performance of their duties. TIGTA does this in part through computer matching programs. TIGTA computerized matches include information from Personnel records, taxpayer account records, records of

computerized
accesses to IRS information, employee tax records and records of employee computer usage (i.e. the Internet and other research tools).

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT ALL EMPLOYEES PERFORM IN A MANNER WARRANTING THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF PUBLIC
CONFIDENCE AND DEMONSTRATES THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY. APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH A PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION (PIV) PROCESS THAT REQUIRES TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION FROM THE FORM I-9; ONE MUST BE A VALID STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PICTURE IDENTIFICATION. ELIGIBILITY FOR A
PIV CREDENTIAL IS REQUIRED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PIV PROCESS AND IF UNABLE TO VERIFY THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY, MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PIV CREDENTIAL, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A SUCCESSFULLY ADJUDICATED FBI CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK (FINGERPRINT CHECK) AND A NACI OR EQUIVALENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
INITIATED. EMPLOYEES MUST MAINTAIN PIV CREDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY DURING
THEIR SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. SELECTION FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE BASED SOLELY ON MERIT WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AGE, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL OR FAMILY STATUS, MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER NON MERIT FACTORS.

How To Apply:

Individuals applying for this announcement are required to complete and submit an on-line application through the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) USAJOBS website. This involves becoming a My USAJOBS member and creating a resume. The information you provide through your My USAJOBS membership profile and resume is required of

all Federal job applicants. When you apply for this vacancy announcement, the information you entered in your profile and resume
are transmitted to CareerConnector as part of your application and are used to create a CareerConnector registration.

In addition to CareerConnector registration questions, the online application includes questions that:
- determine basic eligibility;
- assess required competencies for successful job performance; and
- provide information for survey purposes.

To apply for this announcement you will need to answer approximately
25 questions. The total number of questions will depend on the grade
you select and your responses to each question.

To apply, you must select the APPLY ONLINE button that appears at the
bottom of each announcement tab on USAJOBS. This will start the application process and take you to CareerConnector to complete your
application.

Your application is NOT complete until you have answered all mandatory questions and have SUBMITTED the online application.

You can respond to some or all questions without submitting. Your answers can be saved and you can update or submit your application as
long as the announcement is open. However, you MUST respond to all mandatory questions and SUBMIT your application by the closing date to be considered.

If applying on-line poses a hardship, please contact Karen Sklencar at 215-516-4801. YOU MUST CONTACT KAREN PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE so
that she can provide assistance to you for the on-line submission. Requests for extensions will not be granted.

Please note that we use e-mail to communicate with applicants throughout the hiring process. We understand that this may not be

the best way to contact all applicants. To ensure that we can contact you quickly, you will be asked several questions about your communication preferences in the application process.

There are several parts of the application process that will affect your overall evaluation:
1. Your on-line resume (See Step 1 below);
2. Your responses to the eligibility questions;
3. Your responses to the vacancy assessment questions; and
4. Submission of supporting documentation (See instructions under the Required Documentation" section of this posting).

You have until 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET) on the closing date of this
announcement to complete the following four-step application process.

STEP 1: To apply, you must first create a My USAJOBS membership account and resume at www.usajobs.opm.gov. You can build up to 5 resumes in your My USAJOBS account and will need to select one of these resumes as part of your application for this vacancy announcement. Once you have created your My USAJOBS account and built a resume, thoroughly review this vacancy announcement, select the "Apply Online" button, and follow the instructions provided.

Note: We recommend that you use the preview questions option provided
at the bottom of the Qualifications and Evaluations tab of this announcement to review and print a copy of the qualification questions before you select the "Apply Online" button.

STEP 2: After selecting a resume to submit for your application package, you will be taken to CareerConnector to answer registration
questions and specific questions for this vacancy announcement. The
answers to the registration questions will determine what types of jobs you are eligible to apply for based on your Federal experience and other factors.

Note: If you have previously registered in CareerConnector, you will
not be required to re-register.

STEP 3: Next, you will answer a series of vacancy specific questions
to evaluate your qualifications for this announcement. When completed and submitted, this information with your CareerConnector registration, My USAJOBS account profile, and your resume become your
application. Once you submit your completed application by answering
all mandatory questions and selecting "Finished", you will see a summary of your application which we recommend that you print for future reference. If you do NOT see this summary, you have NOT successfully submitted your application. A complete application must
be received by 11:59 PM ET on the closing date of this announcement in order to receive consideration.

Note: At the bottom of your application summary, you should select "Finished" again. This will return you to USAJOBS where you will see confirmation that your resume was sent to this vacancy announcement. You will then be able to track the status of your application through your My USAJOBS account.

STEP 4: Submit Supporting Documentation asap: To submit supporting
documents now, just follow the instructions that are provided after you have answered your application questions.

To FAX IMAGE at a later date or if vacancy announcement has closed, follow the steps below:

1) Log into My USAJOBS at https://my.usajobs.gov with your username and password.

2) Click on the 'Track Your Online Job Applications' link under the Application Status column.

3) Click on the 'More Information' link to be transferred the page to
print the cover sheet(s).

4) Click on the 'View/Generate Fax Cover sheet(s)' and on 'Continue'.

5) For each cover sheet to be printed, click the check box under 'Select Cover Sheet' and click 'Print Cover Sheet'.

6) Fax each set (cover sheet and document named in the cover sheet) to the fax number listed on the cover sheet.

7) You must dial the fax number each time a different set is faxed.

8) If you fax from an IRS-owned fax machine, you must obtain an outside line before dialing the fax number on the cover sheet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If your contact information changes after the closing date of this vacancy announcement, send your updated information to LMSBEXTAPPS@irs.gov to ensure you can be contacted throughout the selection process. Please include the full announcement number and position title on all correspondence.

Required Documents:

In addition, you may need to submit supporting documentation. If you are qualifying for this position in whole or part based on education, you MUST FAX-IMAGE copies of all college transcripts for all courses completed. If you are claiming veteran's preference or eligibility for special priority consideration, you must submit the documents described under "VETERAN'S PREFERENCE' and 'IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' below. All supporting documentation must be submitted ASAP. Failure to fax image supporting documentation asap will result in disqualification or ineligibility for reference/priority consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: Fax-Image copies of your transcripts are acceptable for

application processing. However, official college transcripts are required at the time of the interview.

In addition to the online application (resume and responses to vacancy questions), the following forms may be required:

* DD-214 if claiming Veterans' Preference.
* Standard Form 15, Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference and supporting documents (if applicable).
* Official College Transcripts (copies will be accepted initially, however, prior to selection eligible applicants must submit official transcripts to the hiring personnel office).
* Equivalency Evaluation from an accredited private organization of foreign education if applicable.
* SF-50 - If you are or have been a Federal employee, please submit:
** copy of your last Notification of Personnel Action, Form SF-50; and
** copy of your most recent or last performance appraisal.

Note: If you need to request a copy of your SF-50, please write to the FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, National Archives and Records Administration, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63118. You must provide your name, social security number and date of birth with your request.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL RESULT IN NOT RECEIVING CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION. Note: Your application package will not be returned. Do NOT submit original documents that you may need in the future.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: If you have served on active duty in the United States military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veteran's preference. To claim veterans' preference, you must submit:
* Form DD-214 covering the period of military service for which preference is claimed; and

* If applicable, a Standard Form 15, Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference with supporting documents as outlined on the form. This form can be found at www.usajobs.opm.gov/forms.asp.

Note: For more information on veteran's preference, please go to the
U.S. Office of Personnel Management website for Veterans at www.opm.gov/veterans.

CTAP/ICTAP ELIGIBLES: Individuals who have special priority selection rights under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) must apply as indicated above. CTAP/ICTAP eligibles
must be well qualified for the position to receive consideration for
special priority selection. CTAP/ICTAP eligibles who receive a score
of 80 or above will be considered well qualified. If you are seeking
CTAP/ICTAP eligibility consideration, you must submit proof that you
meet the requirement of 5 CFR 330.605 (a) for CTAP and 5 CFR 330.704
for ICTAP. This includes a copy of the agency notice, a copy of your
most recent Performance Rating and copy of your most recent SF-50 noting current position, grade level, and duty location. Please annotate your application to reflect that you are applying as a CTAP
or ICTAP eligible.

REASONABLE Accommodation STATEMENT: The Internal Revenue Service provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact Karen Sklencar at 215-
516-4801.

Decisions on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-
by-case basis.

If you have been certified by the States Rehabilitation Center or the
State's Commission for the Blind, may wish to contact your counselor
to apply for employment through the IRS Disability Employment Program
in addition to applying for this vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:

> Karen Sklencar
> Phone: 215-516-4801
> Fax: 999-999-9999
> TDD: 215-516-1299
> Email: LMSBEXTAPPS@IRS.GOV
> Or write:
> Internal Revenue Service
> 11601 Roosevelt Blvd., DP-B5704
> Philadelphia,, PA 19154
> Fax: 999-999-9999

What To Expect Next:

Note: Your Category Rating may be different for each grade because the requirements are different for each level.

We will communicate with you using e-mail throughout the hiring process. You will receive an electronic Notice of Rating that will provide you with information regarding your eligibility for the occupations covered under this announcement. If you currently have a
Spam Blocker on your computer, you will have to remove it in order to
receive notification from our office.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the

application and hiring process should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Another Reason The Economist is Biased to the Left

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Wow, I mean wow. I know The Economist has swayed left, but geez "Women and Children Killed By Israeli Assault?"

What amazes me (and further convinces me the "elite" in the western media and world are as competent as the "elites" such as Bernie Madoff, Dick Fuld and all the other Wall Street geniuses) is how the concept or just plain reality that Hamas is the one who ultimately pulled the trigger and are responsible for these deaths is lost on them.

I mean 3rd graders could get this kind of logic. It's like saying "How many women and children did the US kill in Japan?"

Oh, never mind the Japanese did it to themselves by kill 3,000 people at Pearl Harbor. Oh, no, that's completely irrelevant. No, it's the country defending itself and having the arrogance and audacity to stop FREAKING MISSILES from landing on its people. How dare they!

You go ahead and keep reading "The Economist." I have comic books to read that are more intellectually honest.

Minnesota Community Banks

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Here's an article from one of the best reporters in the (soon to be no more) Star Tribune, Chris Serres. It's about the "community banks" here in Minnesota which presumably were above the fray when it came to the housing debacle. As Chris and analysts point out, it couldn't be further from the truth. Matter of fact, I contend it was the community banks that sent the market into "hyper-over supply" in my book, which of course you should no doubt buy and read.

In any case, here is an excerpt from my book written nearly a year ago;

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Though banks were also doing their fair share of “enabling” unworthy borrowers to buy homes, their primary contribution to the housing crash was from a different angle. For while mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers were artificially inflating demand, the traditional commercial banks were artificially inflating supply.

This is not by coincidence in that the nature of real estate lends itself well to being oversupplied. The reason is the numbers. Since bankers get paid on commission, usually a percentage of the total deal amount, the larger the deal, then the larger the commission. This makes real estate deals particularly appetizing in that unlike the commission on a $25,000 operating line of credit, the commission on a $25 million condoplex deal is infinitely more appealing and for roughly the same amount of work. Because of this anybody who stands to earn a percentage commission on the deal (bankers, management, investment brokers, etc), lobbied heavily for such deals to get approved, even if they are doomed to fail.

However, this resulted in a lopsided business. Since the majority of the deals were in real estate, the majority of the bank’s portfolio ended up in real estate. This was bad position to be in as, just like any other portfolio, you want to diversify your holdings to lower your risk. But despite the risks of having an overexposure to real estate, and especially in light of a potential housing crash, the commissions on real estate deals were so lucrative, the incentive to do them would more often than not triumph over those risks. This effectively eliminated any stops or regulators which would normally curb the amount of housing entering on the market and resulted in a flood of deals that were doomed to failure.

But while the sheer size of real estate deals helped bring about an oversupply of housing in a self-fulfilling sort of way, there was another odd incentive at play that would result in even more housing. A pecking order.

Because of their size and reputation, large, established commercial banks in a sense “get the pick of the litter” when it comes to loans. They have billions of dollars in capital, they can offer the best rates and they have the labor resources to originate, service and administer your loan. They can outdo their smaller competition because of economies to scale and therefore cherry pick the most profitable loans.

And not that there aren't any good loans left to do, but as you go down the pecking order from large, established banks to medium sized regional banks to smaller community banks the quality and caliber of the loans erode. So by the time the loan gets to the smaller community banks it has already been passed on by several banks above.

In this sense the smaller community banks eat the crumbs that fall off the table of the larger banks. But despite their smaller size and despite being at the bottom of the pecking order these banks punched above their own weight when it came to oversupplying the market with housing. The reason was multi-fold.

One, the real estate deals these smaller banks were getting were doomed to fail. The market was already oversupplied and other banks had already passed up on these deals. If a bank had already turned down the loan, this spoke volumes as other analysts had looked at it and believed it would not be paid back. However…

Two, despite the impossibility of the deal, bankers were paid on commission. So even if the deal was unlikely to be paid back, they would still lobby for it, and more often than not, get it approved.

Three, these smaller community banks would salivate over multi-million dollar deals simply because they were multi-million dollar deals. To a large national bank a $4 million deal is nothing grandiose. But to a small town community bank $4 million is a large and coveted piece of business. Not because it's a good loan, but because it's a big loan.

The results were predictable. Despite the loan being a bad loan, despite it being passed on once, twice or thrice before, these small banks could only see the loan for its largess and potential commission check. And even though it was practically guaranteed to fail, these banks would approve these loans anyway.

But in doing these loans the damage these banks caused was disproportionately large for their size as all they managed to do was "hyper"-supply an already gluttonously-supplied level of housing. Furthermore, the amount of housing they would bring to the market was not insignificant for what they lacked in size they made up for in numbers. If it was just one small time community bank approving a couple of bad loans then there would be no consequence. But if 50 small time banks start approving hand-me-down loans, it was the equivalent of a large commercial bank approving hand-me-down loans. With so much "extra-excessive" supply hitting the market, housing prices were disproportionately affected downward as the number of houses a buyer had to choose from went from five to ten.

But be it large commercial banks flooding the market with condos or small community banks sending the market into hyper-supply, the crux of the problem was an incentive situation similar to the mortgage brokers. You were paid on volume, not risk. Bankers would get paid on deals completed, not paid back. Management would get bonuses based on sales, not loans paid back. And so the results were similar. Being obsessed with commission and completely disregarding risk, banks financed the construction of millions of homes that would never sell. Housing inventories skyrocketed, driving down prices and the banks did their job in helping contribute to the housing crisis.

We'll Just "Create" More Jobs

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I've learned that when trying to argue with a liberal citing stats and unemployment figures and trying to convey concepts like underemployment is pointless not in that they don't have the intellectual ability to understand such things, they just simply choose not to expend the effort to.

Ergo why I like to convey economic concepts simply in that that is the best way to do so. So here is a little tidbit that will come in handy when you're having your political discussions or arguments with family and friends that are bound to occur;

Barack Obama has consistently increased the number of jobs he's going to "create." First it was 2 million. Then 2.5 million. I think I heard 3 million, and who knows where it is now.

Now fine, dandy, grand. Obama is going to "create" jobs. But does this not assume it is within the power of Obama (or the president) to just "create" jobs? And if so, then why stop at 3 million? Why not 4 million or 10 million?

It behooves the question why worry about a recession at all if the president can just simply "create" jobs?

It's along the same line as the logic of minimum wage. Well if $5.75 isn't enough, why not $7? And if $7/hour, heck, why not mandate everybody is paid $50/hr? That would solve poverty.

The problem is (and this is going to be the BIGGEST crushing blow to Obama zealots) is that the president is not all powerful and cannot just simply "create" jobs. The people do. The economy does. The market does.

Sure the president can develop policies that will foster jobs. Sure the president can pursue fiscal policy that will create the environment by which jobs are created. But it is not in the power of the president to just "create" jobs. Furthermore, Obama's economic policies could not be further from job creation. They will, if anything, destroy jobs.

Now I know that this may be a bit much for your standard leftist to accept, but I think it's well within their intellectual ability to understand AND ADMIT that it isn't just a simple matter of "creating" jobs. This will hopefully put them down the path towards investigating how exactly jobs are created and instead of just spewing words that they'd "like to create more jobs" they actually put forth the intellectual effort to find out how.

To help a reminder about where jobs come from and how shovels are so 1933.

Pension Tsunami

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I know everybody is focused on the housing market and the financial crisis. But as I've pointed out before, what we're suffering now is NOTHING compared to what we're about to get hit with in terms of social security and medicare. Additionally, this also says nothing about the issue of pension funding. Social security is the government pension for all of us. But private pensions, especially in light of the sudden 40% drop in stock prices, are just as woefully underfunded.

This of course is not mentioned in the media because;

1. Journalism majors are complete inept at understanding, let alone, explaining things like underfunded pensions.

2. It takes away from the 24/7 Barack Obama Show and is one of the more serious threats that stands a good chance of sinking his presidency.

Ergo, since this is going to affect you all, I recommend Pension Tsunami.

The latest news explaining why the baby boomers will have to work past 62 despite what the politicians told you.

Federal Government Deficit as a Percent of GDP

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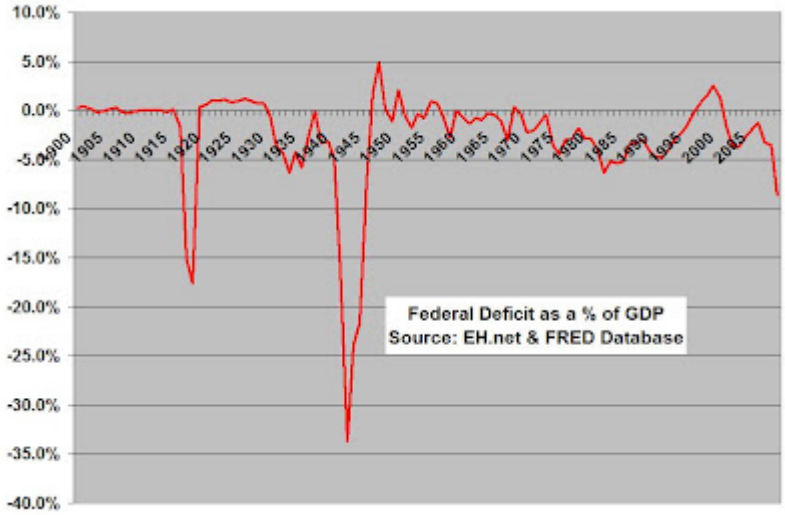
Given they're bantering about a potential $1.2 trillion DEFICIT (not debt people) in 2009, I wanted to put that into perspective to show you just how effed we are and just how serious this financial crisis is.

As a percent of GDP, the federal deficit (assuming projections are true) would be about 9%. This is the highest peace time deficit in recorded history. The reason that is an important distinction to make is that when your country is threatened then it is probably a good reason for the government to go into deficit spending (as it did in WWI and WWII). However, even without a war (please don't tell me how much we're spending on the war on terror, it pales in comparison to WWI and WWII) we as a people have so mismanaged this country that we're now facing the worst peace time deficit. This should bring shame to the nation in that it isn't an outside force causing us to spend such an inordinate amount, but rather our revoltingly poor financial habits and insistence of being entitled little spoiled brats;



Furthermore, it gets worse for reasons thrice;

1. This is just a projection. The federal government has this nasty habit of spending more than projected, so we're more likely looking at 10-11% GDP of a deficit in 2009. Not to mention GDP will be shrinking instead of growing so your denominator will make this worse.

2. This is just the beginning. Given Obama's desire to make FDR look stingy and bribe the masses into voting for him...err...I mean..."finance hope and change" I will make the crazy prediction of the federal budget deficit actually reaching 15-17% GDP under his first (and only) term.

3. If you don't think the deficit is due to a behavioral change in people's spending habits and a testament to our sloth and laziness, just look at the trend starting in 1950 to today. As the Walt Kowolski's of the world die off and are replaced by the Jim Morrisons, Kurt Cobains and Paris Hiltons of the world, it seems nobody cares to work for what they want anymore, preferring instead to borrow the money and saddle future generations with their debts.

I'll say it again, time to get off this ship. One of my next posts will be on how any entrepreneurial country could make off like a bandit if they opened their borders to capitalist, conservatives and other right leaning political refugees from the US who tend to still insist on producing wealth.

What would Obama do without us?!

They All Fall Down

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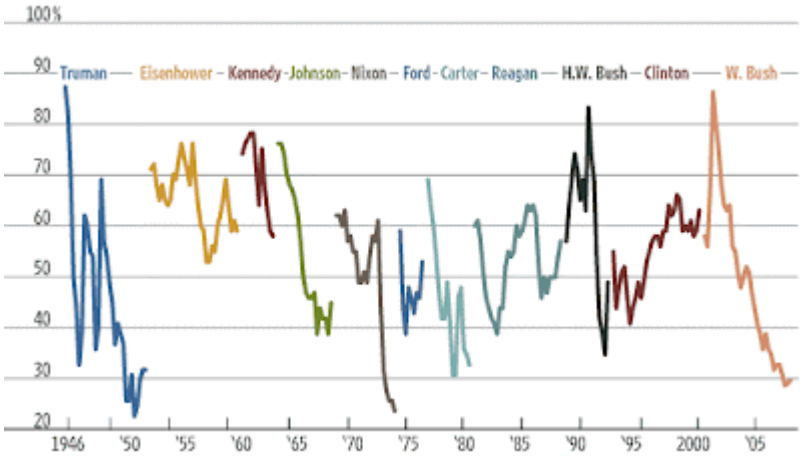

Anybody see a trend?

Only tells me that it's the people who somehow believe they're going to get a free pony with the new guy who are inevitably let down. ie-unrealistic expectations.

Shows a president shouldn't even care about approval ratings and should just do whatever the hell he wants. They'll all hate him in the end.

Fuck Che

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Found this in the local leftist rag;

No doubt to be followed by popular sequels such as;

"STALIN!"

"HITLER"

"POL POT"

and

"MAO TSE TUNG"

See, if you are a mass murderer that is a leftist then it's alright. But if you're a capitalist, then you are a....fuck it, never mind.

Let's just celebrate mass murderers. Long as they're of a certain political stripe they're killing of thousands is perfectly alright.

Correct

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Women should never discount the value of outfits.

Of course that's derogatory and degrading. I'm mean, why would we want to make 1/2 of the population happy? I mean what would be the point in that? 50% of the population happy? For what purpose???

In the meantime, enjoy 65% divorce rates.

And YES, it is that simple.

Waiting Times

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Somebody take credit for this because it was forwarded to me;

Procedure	Wait Times in Public System*	Private-pay Wait Times for Clients of TMA**	Prices as low as:
Knee Replacement	Up to 2 Years	**3 Weeks**	$14,000
Gall Bladder Removal	Up to 3 Years	**3 Weeks**	$6,700
Angioplasty	Up to 12 Months	**48 Hours**	$12,500
Cardiac Bypass	Up to 12 Months	**48 Hours**	$16,000
Arthroscopic Shoulder Surgery	Up to 2 Years	**3 Weeks**	$6,000
Spinal Discectomy	Up to 3 Years	**3 Weeks**	$7,000
MRI	Up to 6 Months	**3 Days**	$750
CT Scan	Up to 4 Months	**3 Days**	$500
Ultrasound	Up to 4 Months	**3 Days**	$500
Weight Loss Surgery	Up to 5 Years	**2 Months**	$10,000
Hip Replacement	Up to 2 Years	**3 Weeks**	$14,000
Cardiac Ablation	Up to 3 Years	**1 Week**	$12,000

Feel Free to Post a Review

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I have had several people who ordered the book ask if it is OK if they write a review.

You may as well ask if it's OK you set me up with Jennifer Aniston and she would be in a French Maid outfit.

YES, for god's sake! Go! Do! Now!

By the Way

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I have determined that cracked ribs suck.

Just letting you know.

Obamacles

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It's a long read, but if you have the time it is worth it.

ht to Mr. Fuller.

Hope and Change Index

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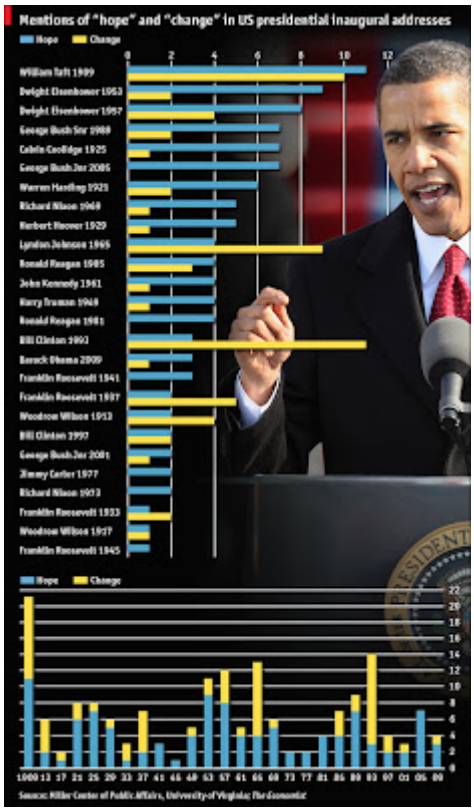
Hope and change and flowers and ponies and candy and ice cream and puppies!



Global Warming Dead Last on People's Mind

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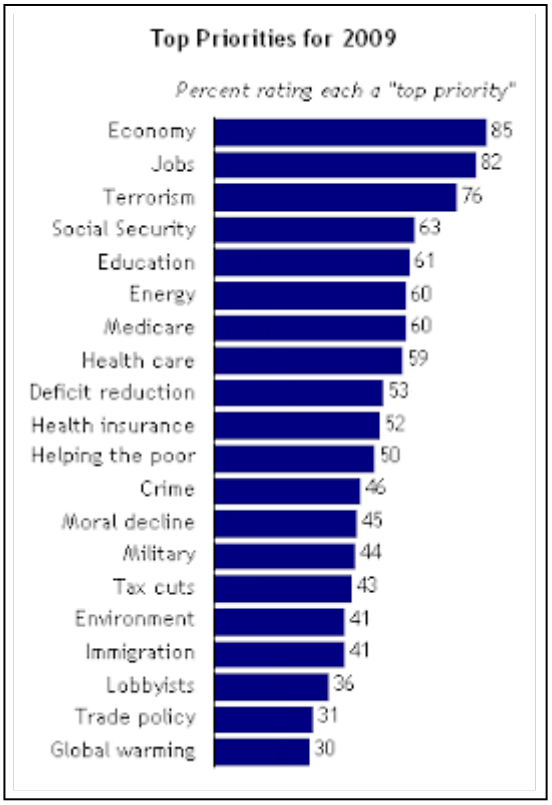
Well, if the planet was actually warming, then people might be concerned. But since it's cooling and these Global Warming Zealot Psychos are so desperate to keep their religion going they've had to convert it to "global climate change" I don't think the population is THAT stupid to believe in it any more, let alone give a damn;



Then and Now

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Time for another exciting episode of then;

And now!

Don't worry, society's going the right way.

President Barack Obama Murders 16 Innocent Civilians

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It's true!

Sorry, I'm going to be just an intellectually-dishonest, lying pain in the ass as the left was about George Bush for the past 8 years.

Businesses Should Stick to Business

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I walked into Office Max today which was right next to the now bankrupt Circuit City, and when I walked in I immediately noticed that it was like one of those independent gas stations that are purchased by foreign immigrants who do not have the training in maximizing their space for inventory and thus the isles are sparse, spread apart, inefficiently organized and more or less being underutilized.

It led me to believe like it's neighbor Office Max may be going through a bit of a difficult time during this recession and may not be too far behind in terms of bankruptcy. But as I was at the check out lane, I noticed something that was about to become as irrelevant as global warming;

Office Max's "community responsibility statement."

It was some gobbledygook about serving the community and working with non-profit charitable partners to blah blah blah and it reminded me of a rule I learned from one of the few experienced professors I had in college;

"Business should stick to business."

Understand that as an economic entity, like labor, like government, businesses have a purpose. Their purpose is to make a provide a service or good to the population at the cheapest price possible, all the while attempting to make a profit. Their purpose, despite the brainwashing 20 something business majors are told, is not to be everything to every one. It's not to be a charity. It's not to be a non-profit. It's not to be a savior. It's not to be a vehicle used for employment. It is to be an entity that makes it possible for humans to consume the services and products they need necessary for the sustainability and enhancement of their lives. It's based more or less on the simple economic concept of the division of labor. And now that Office Max has been mismanaged or perhaps tried to deviate from its sole purpose of being a business, this branch not only looks like it will be shut down, but will also now be unable to continue its "community service."

Sadly, and to the dismay of leftists who don't understand basic economics, the shutting down of this branch will have more costs than just the loss of charitable contributions to the "community." The closing of the branch now has resulted in the loss of jobs and now has given me and customers in the area and added inconvenience of having to drive further to find the same products.

Another company does this and even prides itself on the "community service" it does and that is Target. Target donates (I recall) 3% of its pretax profits to whatever charities,

schools and other community causes in the local community its at

I stopped shopping at Target because I know they do this as a marketing ploy, tugging at the heart strings naive people who want to think they are doing "something for the community" while shopping at Target.

The sad truth is that as this recession clamps down and pressures margins, Target is going to have to rethink this faux-altruistic marketing ploy. Wal-Mart is not even immune to the effects of this economy and given people are going to have to cut back on spending, Target will have to make its goods and services cheap as possible, not only to remain competitive, but to survive.

Of course this will come at hoots and hollers as people who were loyal to Target because of this charity will complain they are no longer helping the community, but one should ask themselves whether Target serves the community more by all the jobs it provides and the products it sells and being a BUSINESS or by being a cute little faux charity.

Ice Age 3

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Oh, it's on.

Today is Forward the Captain Day

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In a shameless effort to boost traffic as well as boost readership I declare today (Monday technically, even though this is being written on Sunday), the official

FORWARD THE CAPTAIN DAY!

Yes, during this dearth of holidays between New Year's and St. Patrick's Day, why not engage in excessive mirth and jovial times by forwarding the Captain to friends, family, foes and those you are relatively indifferent about!

You will not only be doing me a favor, but spreading the good word of the Captain and teaching those about the merits of capitalism (or pissing off leftists which they richly deserve). Scroll below or just search the archives for a favorite post of yours and forward it to those that might be interested. And, as is the thousand year old traditional of Forward the Captain Day, you are hereby authorized to pour yourself a martini as you have done your part to fight ignorance and socialism.

Go, do it now! Quickly!

Right, Like That's Not Going to Cause Inflation

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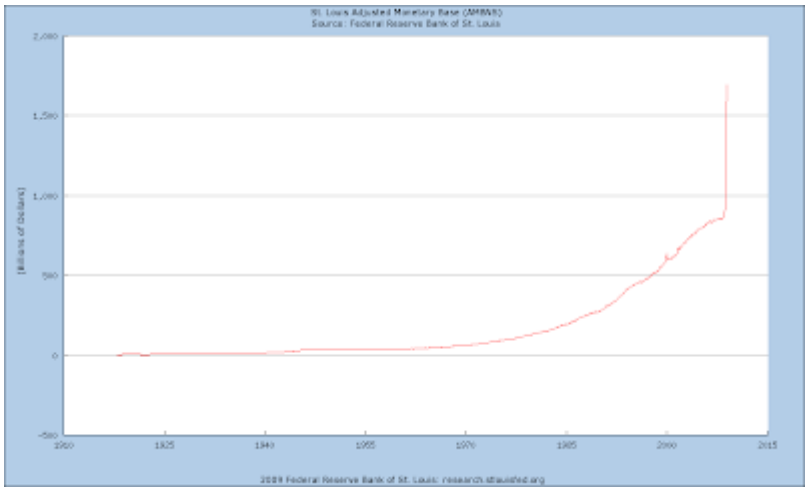
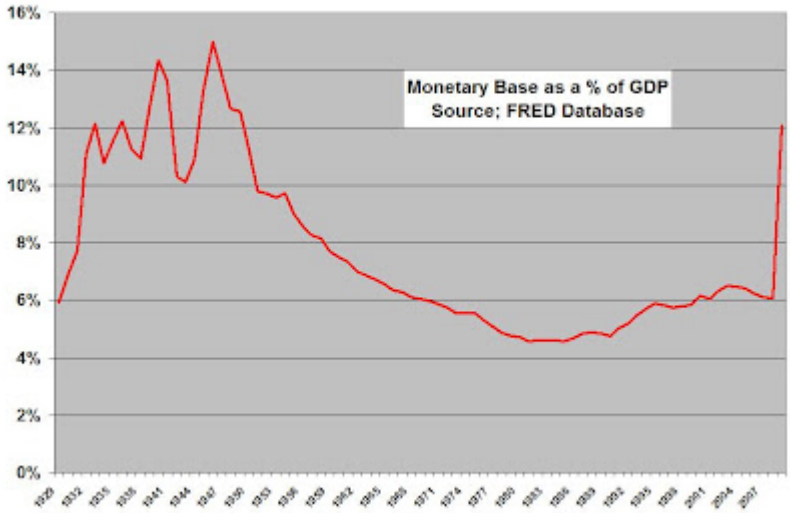
The beautiful and illustrious Kate sent me this chart this morning;



It shows the monetary base (the actual cash money supply) skyrocketing up as idiots in Washington think somehow printing more money will save this economy.

But to get a real feel for how much money is being printed you have to compare it to GDP, the amounts of goods and services we're producing;



Typically, the monetary base as a percent of GDP has hovered around 6% during times or relative peace and absence of war or Great Depressions. However, many thanks to the sub prime dead beats, socialist housing policies, nepotism and cronyism in the incompetent financial sector, as well as simple greedy bankers, the monetary base has effectively doubled in just months to over 12% GDP.

Now, I know this is ignoring other measures of the money supply such as M2, M3, and the long abandoned L, but this chart provides an excellent explanation as to how inflation

occurs and why you just can't print off more money. The reason why is it juxtaposes the two main factors that determine inflation;

1. The supply of money (Monetary Base)
2. How much stuff we're producing (GDP)

Understand that money has no value in itself. It is just worthless coinage or paper. The only real reason money has value is that something can be bought with it. So for example, you can print off a trillion dollars for every person in America, but without a proportionate increase in the amount of X-Boxes, cars, food, clothing, housing, etc., "stuff" nobody is any richer. Ergo, all you do in printing money is increasing the amount of money to buy the same amount of goods (GDP, or as I like to call it "stuff"). Therefore, you have more money per unit of "stuff" which is the definition of inflation.

Now, as I said before, it is a little more complicated when you factor in things such as other money supply measures, but not much. The founding principle stays the same;

If you print off more money without a corresponding increase in the amount of stuff (GDP) you produce you will have inflation.

Get ready for the 70's all over again folks. It's what you pay for when you believe in hope and change and flowers and Skittles and free lunches and clouds and fairies and unicorns social security.

Personal Finance

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Behind the Housing Crash

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This is an OUTSTANDING book on the housing market, the economy and this entire financial crisis we've gotten ourselves into. It not only explains things to the average person in everyday normal language, but is also a very good read. There are entertaining and engaging stories about working in the banking industry, corrupt real estate developers and the feds. But above all it has a wry and dry humor about it.

If you want to understand once and for all how we got into the trouble we're in now, this is the book to buy.

Who is to Blame for the Economic Crisis?

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Using the "I'm Gay" Excuse to Get Out of Divorce

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OK, I've heard it too many times and I would like to pose a theory to all the aspiring, junior, deputy, official and otherwise economists out there.

Last night, heard the ole;

"I have a friend who just found out her husband is gay and they're getting a divorce."

Now, I am not disputing that there are men out there who are gay who settled down, had kids and realized he was not being truthful to himself, couldn't keep up the charade, thus compelling a divorce. But it seems to my little eye that this excuse is being used a lot more. Not because there are more gay men who are getting married, but because I think more men are realizing this is the ultimate way out of a divorce without losing half your assets.

If you are a straight guy and your marriage is on the rocks and you cite irreconcilable differences, then you are guaranteed to lose half your net worth.

However, if you claim to be gay, whether you are or not, the women tend to be more forgiving, if not, supportive. Alas, it seems to me to be the ultimate way to get out of a marriage without losing everything you've worked for.

Thoughts?

Theories?

Observations?

Isn't Class Size the IDEA of Education?

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A quick concept, then I have to bolt.

Isn't the idea of education or having a school to congregate masses into one area so you can efficiently educate the masses? In otherwords, if you can pack 700 people into an auditorium, have one speaker with power point slides, hand outs, etc., you can save a ton of money on teachers and the cost of education would drop?

I only bring it up because I'm sick and tired about hearing from teachers that they have (GASP) "30 students in my class!"

Yeah, so? You can't handle 30 kids?

Or how colleges and the teachers union always brag/cheer for low student teacher ratios. "We have a 8:1 student teacher ratio."

Well then by that logic, wouldn't the ideal educational model be a 1:1 ratio? A teacher per student? If this is the case, then the public teachers union should be all for home schooling. Can't get much of a lower ratio than that.

Now I do know I'm ignoring some things;

1. Back in the 1950's you could have I bet 100 kids in a classroom and the teacher would have been able to educate them just fine. The reason teachers can't do it today, that no matter how skilled they may be, the parents fail to teach their children respect and how to behave. Additionally, with teachers being prohibited from disciplining children (and by discipline, I mean Captain style discipline, like belts, daily beatings, yelling, insulting them, push ups, running, old school drill instructor discipline) they have no fear nor incentive to behave.

2. A class size of 700 you would merely be a lecturer at that point. There is some physical limits where you have to yell or the rooms aren't big enough.

3. Homeschoolers obviously don't make as good as teachers as professionally trained teachers with education degrees...even though their kids score better...but that's not the point! They don't have their license = not good teacher = Bushitler = end of discussion = Obama Ponies.

But in the grand scheme of things as well as from the conceptual idea of education, I can't see why a 100:1 student teacher ratio isn't achievable. I don't see how having more

teacher per student would materially benefit a student that is appropriately trained by his parents to not only behave, but to study. A student that pays attention to the lecturer, and let's not forget advances in LCD projectors, books, etc., can just as well be educated if he has 4 peers in the room or 100 if he sets his mind to actually paying attention and studying. Even your Captain is restudying calculus (GASP) WITHOUT A TEACHER!

NOOOOOOO!

He's just reading from the book and (the teacher union's worst nightmare) TEACHING HIMSELF!!!

NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!

A student teacher ratio of infinity!

NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!

But of course the popular fad nowadays is to just throw money at education even though it doesn't work. And the dirty deep down secret is the money's never been meant for the kids.

Way to Go O!

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Brilliant idea. Let them all loose.

Wait, any deaths arising from this policy means there's blood on Obama's hands! Obama is the real terrorist!

Economists and Capitalists UNITE

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Sign the petition.

But cheer for Rush.

See how many genuine signatures they get.

Cowardly American Men!

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So I get a call from one of the districts I'm teaching at and guess what;

TWICE AS MANY WOMEN IN ALL THREE OF MY DANCE CLASSES AS MEN!

Now, I know I've pointed this out before. And I have berated all you men to no effect in an attempt to get you off your lazy asses and go learn how to dance.

But all I get is;

"But I don't know how to dance. " - No sh!t Sherlock! That's why you take the class!

"But I don't have a date." - DUH! Like you need one?

"I don't like to dance." - Tough. Besides, who said anything about liking to dance. There's no better way to meet nicer, accomplished, EMPLOYED women. I can't count the number of dames I've dated over the years LITERALLY because there was so many of them ALL BECAUSE OF DANCE!

Now I'm dead serious about this. I know not all of you male Captain Capitalismites out there can attend, but you local guys have no excuse. Contact me here. I NEED MEN TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AS EVEN AS SOON AS TONIGHT. And I have plenty more classes starting in the near future.

Ladies, you certainly can sign up too, it's just I really need men.

Gag, Barf and Puke

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"Beauty writer?"

God, and I thought dating in Minneapolis was tough.

I truly feel pity for the men who have this to select from.

And on top of it, NONE OF THESE MEN ARE "ALPA MALES!"

They are losers.

The Economic Lesson of the Day

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You're gonna die.

Might as well go kiss some more girls, have a couple more drinks and makey with the kissy kiss a little more.

Tis Friday Night

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It's Friday, and people no doubt across the nation are going to go "out for a drink."

This handy chart helps you prepare;

Can't make out which beer it is. But once I do, I'm buying one.

Enjoy your Friday!

GDP Shrinks

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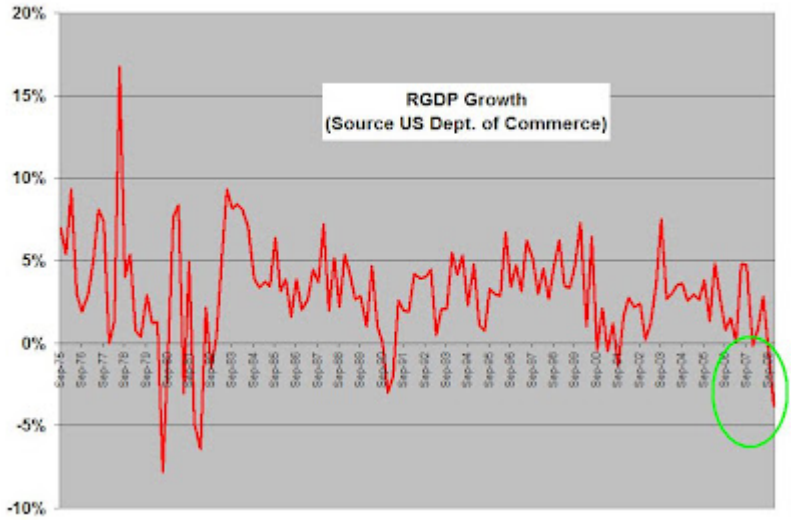
Isn't this heavenly?

GDP shrinks 3.8%.



Worst economic performance since the Volcker Recession. Especially in light of this which I wrote almost a year and a half ago and my projections this recession will be worse than the Volcker Recession but not as bad as the Great Depression.

I may not be rich, I may not be popular and I may not have a job, but I'm right.

If This Doesn't Make You Happy

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Then I don't know what will.

Enjoy the weekend folks!

I Have Posed This Question Before

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"Disproportionate Response"

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Good.

Glad to see somebody in Western civilization grew a pair.

Was beginning to think I was the only one.

Capital Flight and Brain Drain

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When society degrades and deteriorates, those with the slightest bit of competence and promise start to look elsewhere. And although, this is not politically correct, nor popular (which should make it golden) anybody with any skill or game in the US should start to look elsewhere.

The US is collapsing.

Oh, I know, disregard that random, rouge, rugged blogger, he knows not what he speaks of, but yeah, I'm sorry, my heart felt opinion is that the US is collapsing and if you have any desire to actually produce something of worth for society or have a life for yourself, jump off this Titanic, parasitic socialist wreck and find something else in life worth pursuing, because we're going down.

I don't know how long I've suffered tolerating limitless numbers of "sociology" majors and "journalism" majors who no doubt are the rank and file of the Obama Messiah Saviours of us all, but in the end it will not deliver the results necessary to pull us out of this recession/depression. The sad, truth of it is that nobody in this country is willing to learn the necessary skills or trades required to produce the goods and services that the rest of the world wants, which would actually produce the wealth/value that would give merit to the US. This is a rotting carcass of spoiled brats who believe that since they exist they are entitled. And since they are entitled, why should they work. And since there is no work....well, you know where that childish philosophy leads.

Ergo, I tender a proposal to all the nations in this world. Though nations are governments, in the end, no matter how much you'd like to theorize otherwise, the free market and competition reigns supreme for it is reality. And if you wish to become a great nation, then you will realize that a nation is only as great as its people. And if you wish to be great, then you should by default, wish to attract great people. The question is how.

Do you tax the living crap out of them?

Do you punish them with corporate taxes and drive the Bill Gates away?

Do you parasite off of them, absconding with their producitivity to bribe the masses to vote for you knowing full well you've driven them, and real economy productivity away?

Or do you become a revolutionary and actually attract them by letting them retain the majority of the fruits of their labor?

Do you let people form corporations and entities by which THEY have deemed most efficient to deliver goods and services most cheaply and most affordably and stay the ef out of it?

Do you leave the them hell alone and as a government promise them the most basic of services without interrupting and interfering with issues that are of no concern not right of the government?

Ergo, let me tender a crazy, insane, revolutionary thought in the apparachicks of governments around the world;

Since a country is only as great as its people are, why don't you take advantage of the greatest opportunity in the world and pilfer from the United States all their productive and talented citizens?

Seriously, do you think the average productive American likes subsidizing scores of parasites? Do you think we productive members of America like paying for welfare bums, social security frauds and others who have never had any intention of producing the wealth necessary to support their own lives?

American producers, the workers, the toilers, the enterprenuers who created the largest, most powerful most successful economy in the world are simply there for the plucking. You could poach them and then instead of these hard workers slaving away to support the parasitic masses of the Obama world, work instead for your nation.

Oh, I know that would have to result in you lowering taxes and actually being honest with your citizens that they (GASP) have to support themselves, but think of the economic productivity and growth that would occur if you were to take the best from America with the simple promise that you don't indenture them to economic slavery and let them keep 90% of what they earn?

It is the simple concept that even though you are a government, you still compete in the international world. And any government smart enough to poach the talent and productivity of labor from other nations by (again, GASP!) LETTING THEM KEEP THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEIR LABOR, you will become the greatest nation on the planet.

The question is whether you want to punish productivity and reward stupidity (as Obama is doing with his bailouts) or reward productivity and punish stupidity (which I see no nation doing right now).

The simplicity of this strategy is so simplistic, only government bureaucrats couldn't see the low hanging fruit that is in front of them.

The Baby Boomers' Worst Nightmare

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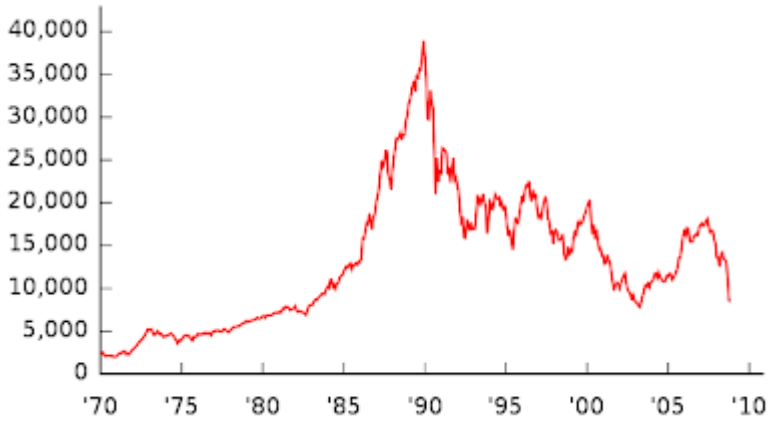
Conventional investing philosophy is that the stock market goes up and down, but over the long run, stocks generally trend upward. This simple principle is what over $10 trillion worth of 401k's, IRA's, pensions and other retirement vehicles are based upon, as well as pretty much every Americans' retirement. Ergo, yes, stocks may be down, but "don't worry, stocks go up in the long run, now might even be the time to buy."

Alas, I think I need to remind people of what happened to the last 1st world nation that suffered from a stock bubble and a housing bubble; Japan.

You see, Japan, back in the late 80's was growing by leaps and bounds, imminently approaching its WWII rival in terms of standards of living and economic power. Because they were destined for greatness, Japanese stocks and property were destined for great price increases. So great that the price outstripped any realistic notion of profitability or rents those stocks and properties could feasibly generate. A bubble formed, then popped and HAS NOT RECOVERED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS;



The moral of the story is that this is a very likely scenario for the US as well and throws a little kink into everybody's retirement plan. Oh, I know Goldman Sachs and American Express and whoever else out there said you can rely on the stock market to provide 10-11% annualized return, but you see it is quite possible many people will never see their 401k's recover, because, well, you can't just live off of increasing asset prices. Profits have to increase as well. And given the utter distaste Americans have with producing wealth (not to mention Obama's insistence on punishing it), a very Japanese like 20 year period of economic malaise and stagnant stock prices is certainly a possibility.

Enjoy working till your 80.

Sick Days

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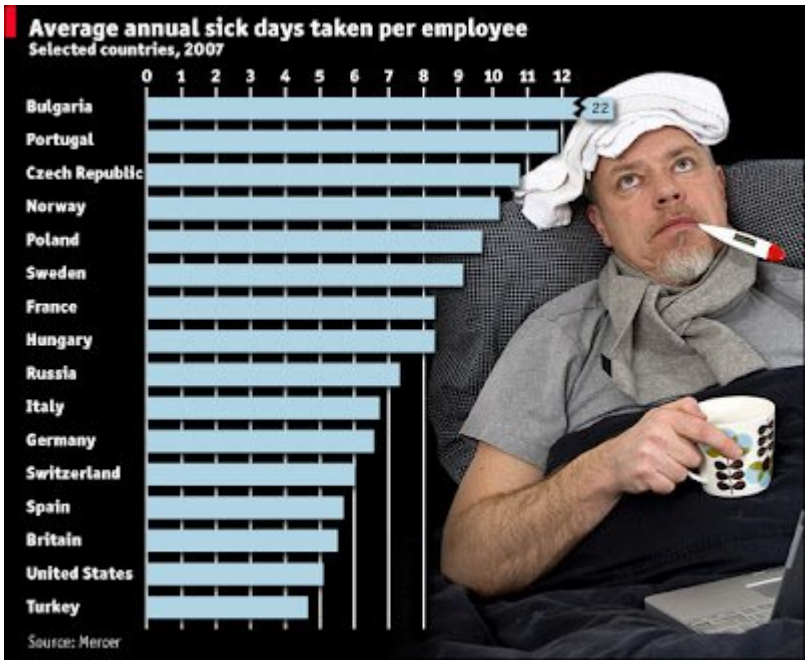
I remember being a kid and being able to scam my way into not going to school by the simple fact that if I woke up once the heard the heater kick in, and ran to the bathroom, I could sit on the toilet which was right next to the heat vent, put my head next to it, heat up my forehead and after 2 minutes of heat, run right upstairs, have my mom put her hand on my forehead and say,

"Oh, you have a fever. Better stay home."

The truth is that less than 10% of the "sick days" I had during school were genuine, and the same percentage of days I presume hold true in the adult working world. Since leaving home I have only had 1 sick day and that was when I had food poisoning. Beyond that I've gone to work sick, tired, perhaps a little hung over, but only once in 15 years did I ever take a sick day. Ergo, the following chart isn't a measure of relative healthy, but relative propensity to lie.



Sick, Disgusting People

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I forgot to mention it when they broke the truce, but Hamas did start it again. It's an important distinction to make, because when Hamas and Israel start fighting again, the MSM as well as the international media will fail to make this vitally important point.

They may also fail to give this appropriate coverage.

I don't want to hear any BS from people criticizing Israel.

Federal Budget as a Percent of GDP

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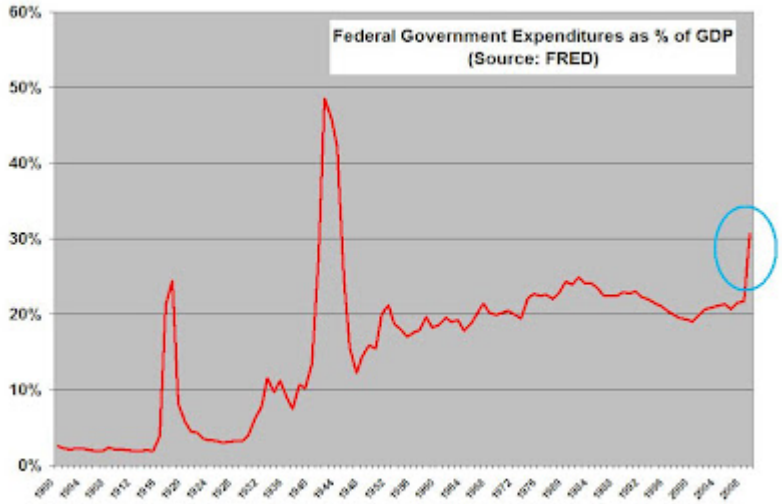
Given the talk about the nearly $1 trillion bailout, I took it upon myself to recalculate one of my favorite measures, government expenditures as a percent of GDP.



I like this chart in that if there is one simple chart that shows you we are heading for socialism and that Obama and the democrats are indeed socialists, this is it. Imagine, it was in 1900 that the US government only taxed us at a 2.5% rate. Then, after each successive war, the government has found it necessary to boost its take of economy to today, where including Obama's bailout, I estimate the federal government ALONE will take 30% of GDP in 2009.

Of course, this does not include state and local governments' take of GDP which now certainly pushes it above 50% in some states and makes it impossible to argue that Obama is anything but a socialist. You throw in nationalized health care and lord knows what else, and the US and its history of capitalism are quite simply over. And that is not hyperbole or rhetoric, that's just the sad simple truth.

Enjoy the socialism comrade! And don't say I didn't warn you.

Oh, and buy the book already damnit!

The Solution to Illegal Immigration

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Heh

Post post - My god people, given the amount of critical comments I've received on this post, I think all of you need to pour yourself a drink and realize

IT'S A FREAKING JOKE!

Notice how the link is to a COMIC STRIP.

Suggesting HUMOR, not a serious analysis of solving the illegal immigration problem.

Perspective for Stimulus

February 5, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just a little perspective.

The Republican Party is About as Efficiently Managed as Lehman Brothers

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Logic would suggest to me that if you are a political party or a charity or in general, a non-profit, probably key to your operations would be the use of volunteers. That this one aspect, voluntary work, would be a vital, if not, life blood aspect of your organization, and therefore not only would you do your utmost to do what you could to recruit volunteers, but should you be so fortunate enough to have people inquire or be interested in volunteering for your organization there would be a mechanism or process in place by which to process these people and implement them into your organization to their maximum effect.

Of course that's what logic would suggest

Reality is a completely different matter.

Given the outright ass-kicking the republican party received from the wave of socialism taking over the US, I thought it high time that I do something beyond the blog and actually live up to the required stewardship a citizen has in a democracy and participate a little bit in politics. It wasn't going to be anything grandiose, but I thought that maybe, with my background in economics, unrivalled charting abilities, and public speaking skills I would be able to do something for the republican party. Perhaps volunteer some time, give them a couple pointers on economics, show them some charts that would do an immense amount of good battling the forces of socialism and ignorance, or just how to grow a pair and plain argue with liberals.

So I sent an e-mail to the Minnesota GOP. A day passed.

Another day passed.

And soon a week.

And soon, enough time that I opted to contact the Minnesota Young republicans, a division of the Minnesota GOP.

I was informed that I should contact the head of my local chapter, which I did by leaving a message on her voice mail.

A day passed.

Another day passed.

And soon a week.

Inevitably, I did get a call back from somebody, but it was from the main GOP office that I contacted originally, not the local chapter. He informed me that he thought I would be able to do some good for the party with my background and said he'd forward my contact information to the local chapter of the republican party.

Three days later, I'm still waiting.

Now, I understand that people are busy. I understand that there are many aspects to a political party. But I have a hard time believing that if I had called the Obama campaign or the democratic party it would have been this much of a hassle, let alone this many weeks before they would have contacted me. Something tells me that key to the democrats obliterating the republicans this last election was not so much the ignorance people have about government finances or basic economics (though that does contribute), but they just plain have their sh!t together and the republicans are horribly mismanaged.

Now I'm not looking to become the next chairman of the Minnesota GOP. I'm not even looking to be some kind "leader" in the GOP. All I want to do is contribute my talents, however they may be used, to the party that best has the organization, system and machine in place to fight off socialism and do my part in perhaps saving this nation. But if the republican party is so horribly inept and completely mismanaged that they cannot simply harness or process WILLING volunteers into a force that helps the party, then what hope is there of them ever delivering a proportionate counter-defeat come 2010, let alone repelling the advance of socialism?

The American Herbivore Movement

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There is the Japanese Herbivore movement, but you will see it "*COMING TO AN AMERICA NEAR YOU!!!*"

The article is spot on about some things, but it does miss the cause of it by a mile.

Japanese men aren't becoming herbivores because they're tepid or gay or meek.

Their decision to "drop out" is a shrewd economic calculation in that they realize their lives are finite and the costs of "marriage" and the barriers to entry for a "career" just plain aren't worth the amount of life they must sacrifice for what is a marginal and unsecure career, let alone a marriage more prone to divorce.

Don't worry, it's already happening here. The media can call it whatever semi-pejorative term it wants, but "herbivorian" it isn't.

It's just men "going Galt."

I Want His Skills

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Though some girls would argue I already do this, heh heh;

Click on this one and then the next two.

Remember kids, sex and being sexy is evil.

Go to bible camp instead.

GDP Per Square Kilometer

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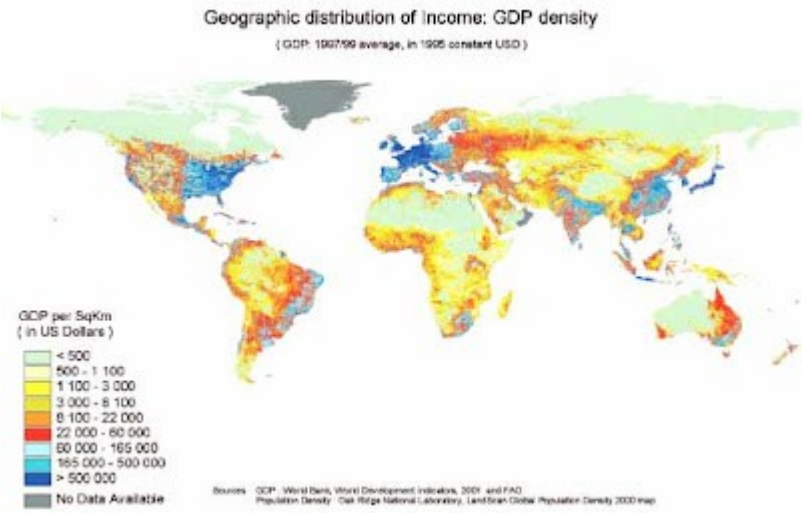

Interesting chart. Nothing really insightful. I think the only conclusion I can make is that sand does not lend itself well to making GDP.

Minimalist Art

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Quick story, then I'll leave you guys for the weekend.

Friend of mine and I are driving through Minneapolis. We come across Ghetto's in the Sky, my former residence and he says,

"You know, you can just tell architecture from the 60's or the 70's because it looks like utter sh!t."

Which then prompted me to share a theory I had about 60's and 70's art and architecture in general. That the reason everything went from ornate Roman architecture, or stylish 1940's downtown New York American architecture to utter crap was that the people designing the stuff in the 60's and 70's were basically lazy bums who had no real talent. That "minimalist" art (otherwise known as "crap") came about as Baby Boomers who had rich parents didn't have to work for a living, but to make themselves feel good became "artists."

Now, normally the free market would punish their wretched abominations of "art," they would starve and hopefully find another profession...or just plain starve. However, this original set of trust fund babies had rich parents, and to make their "children artists" feel good about themselves (or just give them some make work) the parents would buy not only their children's art, but other parents' childrens' art. ie-it became a club of pity where artists who had no real skill, but had connections to the upper classes, could throw "parties" and "openings" to display their "ground breaking art" fully relying on the heart strings of their parents to buy their crap. And arguably, not just the heart strings, but the fabricated pride a parent would have being able to say, "My son is a great artist."

Thus the minimalist art form was born.

Now I know this is a theory. A theory formed from observation that during the 60's and 70's art and architecture went to sh!t. A theory formed by looking at "art" in the Walker "Art" Museum and realizing I could create half the crap on display. A theory also derived by noticing the Walker Art Museum is in the foothills of elite, babyboomertrustfundbaby central; Kenwood, and would basically be the playground all the Mark Daytons of the world would play in with the other talentless children of Kenwood. But I'm wondering if I'm right.

Does anybody OUTSIDE THE ART WORLD (ie-not biased) know the history of minimalist art and how on God's green earth such crap ever got popular in the first place?

Holy Biased Media Batman!

February 7, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If ever there has been a time where individuals must think independently and on their own, and make a concerted effort to find the truth as the "guardians" of truth, ie-the media, have become so corrupted they have become pointless, it is now;

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OUTRAGEOUS
Rhubarb turns 30, but edgy arts fest is as wild as ever, E1

ECONOMIC CRISIS

'Buy American' bill eased

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Obama gives Wall Street a salary cap

President Barack Obama says at the White House yesterday he is imposing a $500,000 salary cap on executives at bailed-out Wall St. firms. He said have executive use "is not only in bad taste, it's a bad strategy." Full story, B1

Hard times alter rules on divorce, court says

Seriously, and I genuinely mean this, WHY would ANYBODY read the Toronoto Star? What would be the point? You might as well read Nazi propoganda or Pravda. That's if they can find the time to stop orgasming over Obama and get around to writing some words. Jesus.

Thanks to SDA for the link.

Ht for the person who posted it.

Coolest Guy Ever

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Got this from a regular reader. He shall remain anonymous;

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There I was, teaching at the Univ. Of Kentucky on a one year teaching gig. When the weather got nice, they had an 'art gallery hop', I think it was the first Thursday of every month.

Anyway, I'm in this gallery when I see my favorite Hollywood actress - a really FAMOUS actress. Not that she's a great actress, but I mean the HOTTEST actress. I mosey up to her but pretend I don't know who she is.

We start talking small talk and I make her explain what she does and what movies she starred in. I've seen them all, but only acknowledge her bit part in a Star Trek episode. We drink wine, eat cheese, walk together from one gallery to the next. At the end of the evening, SHE asks me out to dinner the following night.

We exchange cell phone numbers and she gives me the address where she's staying. She suggests trying out a new Brazilian restaurant in town. I love Brazilian, so that's great.

The next evening I pick her up. She's dressed very casually but still HOT. She's waiting outside the gated community and she gets in the car before I can run around to get the door.

We get to the restaurant and I hold the door open for her. While we're sitting she gives me a lecture about how sexist holding a door for a woman is. I roll with it.

A Brazilian churrascaria is a barbecue meat place, but she is a vegetarian! So we have this awkward petty conversation while I try to eat as little meat as possible and she barely pretends not to be disgusted. Remember, she picked the restaurant.

By the end of dinner I'm exhausted by the empty conversation and her inability to grasp what I teach and do. The check comes and this MULTIMILLIONAIRE actress who scolded me for holding a door and invited ME to dinner doesn't reach for it and doesn't flinch to pay half.

I figure that a blow job in the parking lot is out of the question.

I take her home and even knowing not to expect a kiss, it's still awkward to say goodnight. Then SHE invites me to go horseback riding the next day, early. I've never

been horse riding on anything larger than a pony, but I accept.

I stay up half the night wondering WTF happened. I Mapquest directions to the stables. Then I Google her and find out she's MARRIED to some race car driver. Definitely no blow job coming.

Next morning I wake up at 7:30 and I'm supposed to meet her at 8 and it's at least a 20 minute drive. There's no way I could shower, dress, and drive there in time.

I made the ultimate fold of a losing hand and STOOD HER UP. She never called me and I never called her.

That's my once in a lifetime story, but I still bow down to your dominatrix story.

Minimalist/Modern Art #2

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I had tendered a theory as to how minimalist/modern art, which sucks, ever got popular and thus far this is the most authoritative (and interesting) explanation I've received. It is quite long, so I once again, allow you to pour yourself a martini and enjoy (more shorter posts however are below);

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Hey Cappy, well I just noticed your blog post about minimalist art and architecture, and I know all about the history of how this crap got started (or some of the history). It ties right into the history of socialism and fascism and communism and modern science. Lemme try to explain; I'll start with architecture:

As much as I dislike conventional religion, the one thing you cannot knock conventional religion on was that it almost always resulted in beautiful architecture in cultures. Architecture was considered the highest form of human achievement. It was also based on a set of geometric principles (which have mostly been lost by the modern "profession" of architecture). These principles of geometry are somewhat covered in a book called "Sacred Geometry" by Robert Lawlor. Basically these geometric principles are recognized by your subconscious, i.e. even if you don't know them, your brain does, which is why if you look at forms of architecture that were designed using these principles of geometry, whether Greek, Roman, Gothic, Egyptian, French, etc…whatever architecture, they all look beautiful, whereas with "modern" architecture, it looks totally whack.

However, when the Renaissance hit, even though this was the time of enlightenment, reason, and the rise of science, it had one problem: it also meant the beginning of the death of architecture. You see, historically, as said, architecture was always grounded very much in religion. But with the age of Enlightenment, the "intellectuals," who believed completely in science, rationality, and planning, began to see this religious-based architecture as nothing but "decorated shelter." It was not just decorated shelter, as it is grounded in geometric principles, but the intellectuals were unaware of this, and this artform was dying out (this adherence to science and rationality also is what led to the rise of fascism, socialism, etc…).

Then came the industrial revolution, in which science, "reason," and the idea that society needed to be centrally planned began to become the norm amongst the intellectuals. The idea of the free-market and all that was nonsensical to them. For an egalitarian society, society needed to be centrally planned. And people needed to be controlled. Told what to do.

Enter the beginnings of modern architecture and modern art.

Because of the emphasis of strict rationality, and on the belief that conventional religious-based architecture was just decorated shelter, the schools of architecture began to totally

reject those old views for newer ideas of architecture. New architecture was to "scientific" and "rational." It was to be strictly for "function." Not form, beauty, none of that "crap." Just function and rationality. Logic.

Like the Borg would design it I guess one could reason. The classical geoemtrical principles for designing architecture began to be lost.

If you look at the history of many of the founders of the modern architecture and modern art movements, they tie right in with the Nazis and fascism (one architect even tried to start an American Nazi party). Many such architects also hated capitalism and Western civilization I believe. Modern architecture is, at its core, fascist. Remember, fascism, socialism, etc...all were movements emphasizing the rejection of religion, and the dominance of strict logic, rationality, and central planning of society.

What was so ironic is in reality, this so-called "functional" architecture was in reality completely un-functional oftentimes. You couldn't live in it. And it did not meld well with nature. Meanwhile the so-called "decorated shelter," was actually very functional and rational.

Architecture, in order to be liveable, has to fulfill what is called the "cave concept." We humans have programmed into our evolutionary genes the need for security from the forces of nature of course, and the base area of such security is originally a mother's womb. When humans are born and working to survive, they seek a secondary version of that womb, albeit subconsciously. The primitive humans sought it from "mother Earth," via caves. A cave provides shelter and is provided by the Earth, the "mother." it is dark and cozy, even if it is a cave. If there's a hurricane outside, a cave is great.

With buildings, homes must meet this same caveman concept. If you go into a home and you don't feel warm and cozy inside, and private, it isn't fulfilling this caveman concept. Well much of this modernist "rational" architecture did not fulfill the caveman concept at all. It was far too open.

Although the "elites" in the art and architecture and media worlds love to praise these crazy designs put forth, and used the term "reactionary" to describe folks like Treasury Secretary Mellon when he put up buildings designed in classical architecture, you will notice that none of these elites ever live in such architecture.

The entire home-building industry is dominated by classical architecture-based homes. Only the extreme environmental types or dedicated Marxists and so forth will live in the ultra-minimalist stuff. The home building industry remains dominated by classical designs because, as said, that is what the human mind recognizes as normal because it is based on geometric principles that all people recognize as least subconciously.

If you notice, for all our great technology, engineering, scientific prowess these days, architectural development among humanity has literally died. It's gone. In the past, great architecture was the pinnacle of a civilization's achievement. It's art, it's engineering, it's religion, etc...were expressed through its architecture. But now, that is gone completely.

Architecture instead is very degraded. The reason being because those sacred geometric principles, which all cultures in the ancient worlds were aware of, have been lost. All of the great architecture is the classical stuff from the past. Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Persian, French, Gothic, English, Middle Eastern, etc…there is no new architecture designed in modern times that can match the classical stuff.

Yes, those big corporate skyscrapers made of glass and steel are beautiful objects in terms of how they light up at night and reflect light during the day, but they are really just gleaming rectangles. There is no geometric principle to them. And yes, they are great attributes to human engineering, but again, not architecture. Just engineering.

They are also the ultimate expression of the phallus (penis worship). You will find that reverance of the phallus and reverance of the vulva pop up in architecture throughout history. for example, the shape of the Catholic churches is that of the vulva and a woman's womb.

A prime reason for this lack of development in modern architecture is because architecture takes generations to develop. It you look at the great architectures, it's not like some guy just said, "Hmmm….I'll design a new form of architecture," and out comes the Cathedral or the Taj Mahal. Such architectures were developed by multiple architects and designers, over years and years, generations and generations even. Yes, a single building using an existing form of architecture may be designed by one architect, but the particular architecture itself takes generations usually to come forth (so the designer of the Taj Mahal was using an architecture form already in existence by that time, developed by many before him).

One can in particular see this in how the Greeks started off, and then the Romans took what the Greeks did and advanced it a good deal further.

Today, there is none of that. Architects are just expected to come up with their own stuff. As a result, an architect may sit down and try to come up with something original, but highly unlikely will any architect suddenly "invent" a new architectural style that can match the beauty of the classical stuff. No one has yet to come out with a totally new architectural style that matches that of the great cathedrals, or the Islamic architecture, or the Greeks and Romans in terms of beauty, but is actually designed in modern times, where if the ancients came into today, they'd be, "WOW, awesome new stuff guys!"

So instead, we end up with the most assinine architectural designs ever thought of. And worse, they aren't even attempted to be rational nowadays. They challenge the engineers to figure out how to build them! They also assault the human mind. The "elites" may praise them, but to a normal person, it's like, "WTF!?"

And worse still, architects these days are expected to be "fashionable." Now obviously, if creating a great style of architecture that is totally new and original takes maybe a couple of generations, it is thus a recipe for disaster if architects try to be fashionable, and thus we get such crazy, insane designs.

An architect can only really be original in a classy sense these days by taking all the classical forms of architecture and combining them to create hybrid styles, for example a home half French and half Meditaerranean, and so forth. Such architectures are also very beautiful. Look to the luxury home market for such beauty, in particular the homes that run like $5 million and up. Here is an awesome architect who designs such homes and an awesome website:

http://www.dreamhomedesignusa.com/

An awesome book on this subject which also will lead you into other books and talks about the fascism element of the history of modern architecture is the following:

The Return of Sacred Architecture: The Golden Ratio and the End of Modernism, by Herbert Bangs. I highly recommend it.

I also wonder about furniture too. If you look at the classical furnitures of the cultures of the world, versus "modern" furniture, it's like the same thing; there is no furniture designed in modern times that can match the classical stuff. It's all either the classical, or based on the classical designs, or it's some very crazy "modernist' furniture. Furniture historically was based off of architecture if you read about it.

Alright, now onto modern art and how that got started. Although modern art ties in somewhat with fascism/socialism and elitism and all that, it has a slightly different history.

Historically, as we know, human art always strove to be as realistic as possible. Since the time the first caveman tried making pictures, they have sought realism as the highest ideal. The Greeks with their statues epitomized this. Portraitists were greatly valued among royalty and elites for their abilities and so forth.

But then came a little snag: the invention of the camera. Suddenly, virtually overnight, what had once been a prized skill, became virtually worthless. No longer did you need some highly-skilled, expensive portraitist to paint your picture. You could just get a camera. Granted, the camera gave only black and white pictures in those days, but it was enough to destroy the portraitists.

And suddenly, photorealistic art began to get thrown out the window. No longer was it referred to as "art." This took a little time though. Artists, in order to be considered artists, had to find a new way to express themselves. Hence came abstract art. Now originally, an artist, to be accepted as an abstract artist, had to first become a skilled photorealistic artist, but eventually this all got thrown out by the pigheaded elites in the art schools so that only so-called abstract art was accepted.

Now, there is REAL abstract art, as in it has real meaning, but this eventually got tossed out the window as well. A few buckets of paint thrown at a canvas in a fit of rage were considered art, but a beautiful photorealistic painting was not. Throughout most of the 20th century, any kind of realiistic art was considered trash, and only so-called "abstract"

art was accepted.

This still is the case among the elites, who will use taxpayer money to put up ugly twisted pieces of metal that they call art because the free market won't accept it (and in NYC when Rudy Giuliani cut such funding, they accused him of infringing on freedom of speech, the bastards).

It got so bad that by the end of the 20th century, a cigarette box nailed to a piece of cardboard was considered art.

(Interestingly, as a sidenote, it doesn't seem like music was hit in this sense. Luckily the elites do not look down at classical music, but give great praise to the theme of Super Mario Bros. :D).

One problem many people do not seem to realize is that photorealistic artwork is not art that could easily be replaced by a camera. There are pictures one can paint that one could never use a camera for.

For example, if you want a picture of two gladiators battling it out in the Roman colliseum, to hang on your wall, you probably need to paint it. If you want a picture of some fantasy world with a huge dragon and a knight, again, you need a painter. You can't take a picture of such a thing.

Thus, the camera, contrary to the naysayers, did not wipe out the photorealistic painting.

There are also the naysayers who will say, "How can photography be a form of art? It's just taking a picture." Well yes, but if you take multiple pictures let's say, and combine them into one very unique image, that can be quite fascinating. They do that in advertising all the time, for example.

You can also use photography, computer generated art, and photorealistic painting all combined to create fantastic realitistic art (as does the artist I am about to give you a link to).

Today there has finally been a revolt it seems against the so-called abstract nonsense. Yes, certain art, like Picasso, the work of M.C. Escher (very mathematical), and mathematic artwork of the Islamic world, are abstract art that is very fascinating and has meaning and even beautiful, but most abstract "art" is just pure BS. A picture that is ripped isn't art. A statue of a dung-covered Jesus is not art.

A VERY awesome artist you should check out is here: www.howarddavidjohnson.com - he is the epitomy of a photorealistic art painter who paints stuff you can't use a camera for! I love this guy's work.

If you are interested in some awesome classical luxurious interior design, check out Clive Christian: http://www.clive.com/home/slideshow.html

Hope this helps, that's a summary of how this whole modern architecture and modern art movement got started. Check out that book I recommended, it will lead you to other stuff

if you're interested.

The modern educational system, the university system, feminism, modern architecture, environmentalism, eugenics, etc...all have their histories grounded in fascism.

It's Not Your Fault

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I call my buddy Alejandro to see what he was doing yesterday. He's wasn't doing much and since he's from Mexico, I thought he might find it novel to partake in an American pastime;

Shooting assault rifles.

He had never shot a gun before so I brought my little arsenal with and we headed out to the range.

En route to the range, I asked him what he had been doing with all his free time, because unfortunately he, along with 2,500 other engineers got laid off at one of the larger employers in town. He said he was looking for another job, talking to recruiters, applying, etc., but then he said something that made me quite angry. Not at him, but in general;

"I'm also going to this workshop where they try to help us out with dealing with the stress and the shame that comes with getting laid off."

The "shame?" I thought to myself. Why would he have shame when 2,499 other people got laid off? Fear of not being able to pay your bills, I could understand. Annoyance due to the fact you would now have to restrain your budget and not afford certain luxuries, OK. But shame? Why would you feel shame?

Sadly, it's a story I had heard before. Not more than 2 weeks previously another friend of mine was laid off. A computer programmer. He was telling me how he couldn't bear to hang out with us, his friends, because he was too ashamed he had been laid off. He was in a 2 month depression, holed up in his house, before he got another job (and found the pride to start hanging out with us again).

Another friend of mine just last Thursday was laid off, and though nowhere near as distraught was certainly down and depressed about it. I was keeping somewhat close tabs on her particular employment situation as her boss would constantly berate her for not meeting sales goals, ignoring the fact the economy was in a recession and that sales across the company were down. But despite the psychopathology of her boss, she still felt a little bit of shame.

So let me lay it out for all of you out there who are getting laid off once and for all;

It's not your fault.

Pure and simple, it's not your fault.

I'm not saying this to make you feel better. I'm not saying this to get you in the "cheer up camperoos! The sun always comes up tomorrow. And you should be happy little people, because if you're not perpetually happy, then you have psychological issues and need prosaic!" brainwashed-modern-day-American-mandatory-perpetual-happiness-sort-of-way.

No, I'm saying it because it's true.

It's not your fault.

The reason it isn't your fault is multifold.

One, we're in a recession.

Oh, I know your boss may have berated you and harped on you and told you, you weren't cutting it. But don't kid yourself, the reason for this added pressure is because his boss was pressuring him to boost sales because the regional manager was being pressured by his boss to cut losses, because the president and CEO has noticed the stock price tanking and isn't going to get his bonus this year. And the reason the stock price is tanking is because we're in a recession. A recession, I might add, management should have known was coming years ago and should have prepared for it, but are so incompetent and late in dealing with it, they now have to have massive lay offs.

This is what you must understand from a macro-economic perspective. When GDP contracts at 3.8%, it doesn't matter how good of an employee you are, demand for your firm's product, and thus labor goes down. The company cannot keep you on, not because you're not pulling your own weight, but because there just isn't demand for your labor. If anything, management should be criticized for hiring so many people in the first place, only to lay off again in 6 months when the economic indicators suggested a recession was on the way. It really is something to view as "nothing personal."

The second thing I wish to point out is the childish, assholeic (which is a word I just made up, but is the only way to describe it) behavior some managers have where they lack the maturity to be forthright with their employees and instead insist on blaming the problems of the macro-economy ON THEIR EMPLOYEES!

This enrages me because you have a person in a position of power, a position of authority, falsely blaming their staff for the problems of the company. The reason they do this again is that management is responsible for maneuvering the company through choppy economic waters. Management is responsible for making the decisions, developing the policies and implementing the strategies to deal with the outside

environment. And since they are so inept and incompetent that their policies don't work, they don't have the intellectual honesty to admit it was THEIR decisions and THEIR fault that led the company to the dire straits it currently now faces. Ergo, since their bloated egos can't handle it, they blame their staff.

I hear endless stories of my friends being flogged to produce more sales, to make more loans, to sell more cars, despite this being the worst economy since the Volcker Recession. And if they don't, well then it's not the economy's fault, it's their fault and they should feel ashamed as the door hits them on the ass on their way out. To blame an economic crisis currently estimated to cost $2 trillion not on the sub prime deadbeats and corrupt banking system, but because my friend didn't sell enough couches is not only laughable, but hypocritical and typical of management today. Perhaps we should blame the chef of the Exxon Valdez for it running into a reef and not the drunk captain.

The third and final thing I insist you must understand is that your "supervisors" are NOT your SUPERIORS. And I think this takes a little more psychological thinking than normal.

Just because somebody is your boss or is older than you does not make them BETTER than you. Oh sure, back in the day that may have held, but today it absolutely does not.

When historians look back at this recession it is going to be a shameful period for the Baby Boomers for they are the ones who were more or less at the helm of this financial disaster. This is not to foist all blame on them, as there is certainly no limit to the amount of idiotic, disgusting, entitlement mentality driven Gen-X'ers who more or less make up a plurality of the sub prime dead beats and thus are also to blame, but at the helm of all the financial institutions, regulatory institutions, governments and corporations were the Baby Boomers. And they were asleep.

Be they bankers who disregarded any semblance of risk management in an attempt to enrich themselves through commissions, be they middle or senior managers who blindly flogged their staff to boost sales to make bonus at the expense of the integrity of the firm, be they auto manufacturing firms who had not the pair of cajones required to face down the union and basically admit to the reality "we can't afford to keep paying you this much," or be they the politicians and government leaders who instituted policies that channeled trillions to sub prime deadbeats all to buy votes from the degenerates of this country, in all cases sanity, logic, integrity and real leadership were forfeited for short term gain. The decisions being made by the leaders of these institutions were so horribly wrong, misguided and short sighted it is impossible to blame the ground troops over the officers for losing this war.

Of course to blame your elders or supervisors requires some bold and arrogant thinking. You are basically saying, "I, a younger, not-as-experienced, INDIVIDUAL claim to know more than the older, wiser and more experienced MASSES." But all one has to do is look

at the empirical data. If the bosses, supervisors, leaders, governors, regulators and elders were right, would we be in this financial debacle? If they were competent, would we need trillion dollar bailouts? If the heads of these firms, the "elite" of Wall Street and other banks, we so god damned gifted, would they require taxpayer money? If they knew what they were doing and were thusly entitled to the rank of "supervisor" or "manager" or "boss" or "executive" would the company be in the red with its stock price tanking, along with the rest of the stock market, impoverishing us with the destruction of our 401k?

Once you understand this, then you will realize why you should have no shame. And not only why you should have no shame, but why you should have pride in getting let go by one of these Titanically-doomed wrecks.

In the meantime do yourself a favor and pour yourself a Fat Dachshund (1 part vodka, 1 part white creme de cocoa, one part baileys). You've earned it.

The Captain Teaches a Lesson in Love

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Junior, deputy, aspiring, official and otherwise economists allow me to teach you the art of love.

The time rapidly approaches where American men show their beloveds their appreciation and passion for them. Where we don our dashing suits, pointlessly purchase plants that will die 4 days later, acquire the finest chocolates with the most powerful aphrodisiacs, and, yes, perhaps even bathe. Yes, Valentines Day is approaching and no doubt all you economists out there are preparing something great and grand for your beloved.

However, why do the traditional, same ole, same ole when you can make this Valentine's Day special?

And I don't mean that in a standard Valentine's Day commercial "make this one special." I mean that in a sincere,

"Do you really want to blow her socks off, not to mention her clothes" special.

"Do you want her practically pushing all the food off the table at dinner as she leaps across to have her way with you" special.

"Do you want her so stimulated you will not even have to bother going out to dinner because she will not let you out of the door" special?

Then lend me your ears, grab a pencil and start taking notes.

You have several options when it comes to making this Valentine's Day special and they number 3.

First, what tells your beloved "I love you" more than the most authoritative book on the housing crash and financial crisis; Behind the Housing Crash, by yours truly? Sure flowers are pretty and chocolates are fine, but are they timeless as the economic wisdom you could share while cuddled up next to the fire on a cold February 14th as you read "Behind the Housing Crash." Oh sure, she'll be so enraptured with chapters such as "The Economic Chessboard is Set" and "My Ex-Girlfriend Was Subprime" that you'll be forced to take breaks from the reading, but isn't what was books on economics are for? To sexually arouse people?

Second, women love a man. A real man. Not some feminized, sensitive 90's pansy man. Not some Anderson Cooper metrosexual. They like a real Sean Connery, Daniel Craig, John Wayne, Captain Jack Sparrow type man. And what, I ask, is more manly than contributing to GDP? You see, real men contribute to GDP, those that don't are by definition dependent upon others and are by default not REAL men. They're parasites. They're losers. They're welfare bums. But a real man, he contributes. Oh he may not contribute as much as Bill Gates, but as long as he contributes (or at least is part of the labor force), he's a real man. Remind her of your manliness and buy yourself this girl-getting shirt. Your beloved Captain wears one and by God, I'm always swamped with

ladies once they see me wearing that shirt (warning, shirt does not come with the big stick necessary to beat all the girls away with).

And finally, the gift of dance. Remember, dancing is not about you, it's about her. Specifically it's about making her look good on the floor so she can usurp all the attention in the joint, not some kind of fangled story about you two being together and moving together in a romantic way(sorry men, that's really what dancing is all about. Why do you think women want to dance so much?) Regardless, capitulate to her desires and learn to dance. You have two options;

1. If you live in the Minneapolis area you can always sign up for the dance classes the Captain teaches through your local school district or

2. If you don't live in Minnesota, fear not! The Captain has instructional videos AND ACCOMPANYING music that can be mailed to you (besides which, you get to see him with a different girl in each dance video as the Captain...er...ahem...had a lot of uh "dance partners" in his youth)

For a complete list of dance options click here or if you have any questions click here.

Movies that Most Frequently Use the F Word

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So I am currently watching Midnight Run, which is my second favorite movie of all time. Great movie. If you have not seen it, you cannot get into heaven, because those are the rules. So get cracking.

Regardless, it stars Robert DeNiro and the F word comes up, oh, about every 3 seconds.

So I thought this has got to be the most Fword-induced movie in the history of man.

Typity type on the internet and low and behold....it isn't.

F Word Usage in Movies

Matter of fact, it's rather lowly ranked.

Surprisingly, the movie with the most frequent use of the F word is the movie "Fuck."

The Only Good Che

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Is a dead Che.

Happy day!

I Project Unemployment to Break 10%

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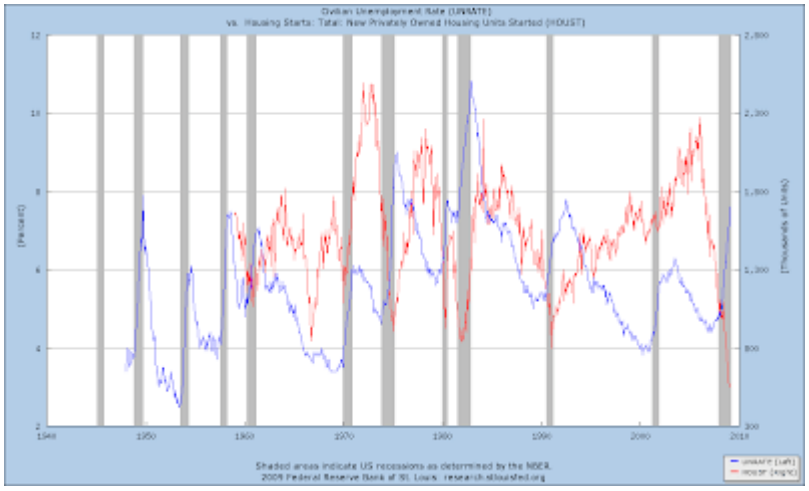
Figured it was time to refresh a favorite chart of mine which previous quants and economists berated me about, claiming it had no predictive value and that chart is housing starts versus unemployment.



Again, I like this chart because housing starts predict unemployment. So when housing starts tank, unemployment usually peaks 6-18 months later. A banker buddy of mine was asking me when I think unemployment will peak and I said, "Well, based on this chart we have at least another 6 months to go. If you notice the peak of unemployment happens 6-18 months AFTER housing starts BOTTOM OUT. We haven't bottomed out yet."

Now, given the severity of the financial problems the US is having, not to mention everybody has chartered the government with the job of getting the country out of recession, and the fact housing has tank to its LOWEST POINT ON RECORD and HASN"T STOPPED TANKING YET, I'm going to project unemployment will continue to skyrocket EASILY surpassing 10%.

The recession is just starting people. And with the spendulus, get ready for it to drag on and on and on and on, just like those good ol' New Deal Days!

Oh, but I'm sure we're OK with that. We got ourselves one good looking president and have assuaged ourselves of white guilt! I'm sure that's worth destroying the US economy!

And the Names Are??????

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I'm going to go out on a limb here and guess their names are more of the Mohammed strain than the Bruce strain.

Oh, and what's this? Green policies costing lives? Well, that's only because nature is more important than human lives. If you don't understand that, well then you're an ignorant, racist, mother earth-hater.

Update, just a matter of time.

How to Solve Iceland's Problem

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Here's a funny story.

Your captain, out of a combination of sheer curiosity, boredom and outlandish hope, sent an e-mail to the commerce department of the Icelandic government asking if they'd be interested in a quick fix for their economy.

What's even funnier is my idea would have worked.

And I don't mean that in a cocky, arrogant way. I meant that in a sincere way. One year and the Icelandic government's and Icelandic peoples' problems would be a thing of the past. The solution was so simple it was brilliant.

But like many other ideas I've had, they made so much sense and were so simple that when they were pitched to such brainwashed, automatonic dolts in management they were deemed too revolutionary, too simple and too outlandish (of course such "crazy" ideas including things like scanning documents in instead of spending hours filing the physical worthless paper, suggesting there was a Dotcom Bubble and maybe, just maybe we might want to do absorption studies for real estate, but again, "crazy" "outlandish" "unconventional.")

So I was always faced with a paradox. When it inevitably came to me leaving a firm (either willingly or forcefully) when they did an exit interview and asked why I was leaving, I wondered to myself, should I;

"A - Tell them why they're a bunch of effing retards, show them their weaknesses and explain to them how they could improve their efficiency and productivity

or

B - Shut up and be quiet in the fear that if I did tell them what was wrong and why I was leaving, there would be that infinitesimally small chance they'd actually listen and implement the changes, effectively getting hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of consulting without actually having to pay for it."

What I inevitably found out is that the skull of management is so thick you could with a sun powered LCD projector burn a power point presentation into their brains and they still wouldn't get it. The legions of management are so numb to new and revolutionary thought, they are condemned to obsolescence and being replaced by new start up firms (see Napster).

With that in mind I've decided to explain my solution to the Icelandic financial crisis not in the hopes anybody over there would listen (because they won't), but to have on record some dumb "crazy" economist had an idea that would have saved those poor Icelanders decades, if not scores of economic pain and suffering.

The idea, as I said was simple;

Lower your corporate and personal income taxes to zero and become a tax haven.

The low taxes, along with a geographic location between the United States and Europe would attract billions, if not trillions in new investment, capital and corporate headquarters resulting in an economic boom. Not to mention Iceland could pilfer the talents of all the advanced countries in the world who are basically being held hostage paying 50% taxes in their current countries. Poaching the productive talents from the other nations would only increase the future productive capacity of Iceland and make the current financial woes of 200,000 people look petty by comparison.

But like I said, such brilliance will only fall on deaf ears.

Explaining Video Games to Women

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Yep, that about sums it up.

All hypersensitive complaints about me being sexist and a misogynist will be summarily ignored.

Kim Jong Il E-Harmony

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In response to the end;

Don't worry, Obama will fix it.

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French Maid, Naughty Nurse, Dirty Librarian/Teacher, Catholic School Girl, Corporate Exec, Beer Frau Outfits

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It is good to clean.

And because I am without a day time job, I decided to embark on a huge cleaning project. And not one of them cleaning projects where you clean the house, I'm talking one of those massive and thorough cleaning projects where you open up all those old boxes that have never been opened over the past three moves and organize all the crap that's in them while you scan cards and photos on top of the dusting and the Windexing and the laundry. One of "those" cleanings.

But an often unrealized benefit to this massive cleaning is that when you unpack these boxes you see all the mementos and keepsakes from as far back as a decade ago. You get to see where you were back 10 years ago, and even more importantly perhaps, through letters and e-mails what you were thinking.

I uncovered one such letter. A letter I had literally forgotten about, but once I started reading it, I remember specifically why I had saved it. I wanted to keep proof or evidence as to my sanity when it came to my decision about dealing a young lass from about 5 years ago or so. For you see I, as I'm sure many of you are, am quite hard on myself and unless I save documents, letters, notes, my brain has a tendency to blame myself as history goes on. But knowing this, I specifically saved this letter so if my future self ever started doubting himself this would starkly remind him he was in the right.

I'm not going to post the whole letter here, just an excerpt, because I think as Valentine's Day is tomorrow an important lesson can be learned. And that is a lesson in how the golden rule applies to relationships. The excerpt is as follows;

> So, when you ask "to what point and purpose," is my concern for our relationship—I guess I am still a bit unsure at this point because I don't know your intentions and goals. I only know that you desire to be married, childfree, retired early, sipping martinis while playing x-box in a warm climate served to you by your scantily dressed, gorgeous wife for all the days of your life. To me, the mere notion sounds oppressive and unfulfilling!

Of course, right now, every guy is saying "Sounds like heaven to me!"

Child free.

Retired early.

Sipping martinis

Playing X-box

In a warm climate

Whilst being served by your gorgeous, scantily clad wife.

It really doesn't get any better than that.

However, as you notice, the lass who wrote this found this revolting, oppressive even.

Now here is where I think a fair amount of women (and a couple of guys too) can learn a lesson in love, though, no doubt some women out there already know where I'm going with this;

There is a man in a relationship. It ain't all about you. And that man is just as much part of the relationship as you are.

Of course we consciously or "factually" know this, but I wonder whether some women out there intuitively know this. Of course you're not going to be scantily clad 24/7. Of course you're not going to be serving martinis to your husband/boyfriend 24/7. But why wouldn't you want to do this occasionally, let alone find it repulsive and oppressive?

It is here the golden rule must be applied. Do unto others as you'd have them to you. And though I am just a lowly captain, it seems to me that the point of being in a relationship is to make that other person happy.

For example, your beloved Captain may be courting a young lass as we speak. The Captain does not like cleaning. The Captain does not like laundry. The Captain does not like going grocery shopping (this the Captain REALLY doesn't like because it takes so damn long to find tomatillos, and he could have just as easily gone to Chipolte in 1/10th the time to get food, but no she wanted tomatillos).

HOWEVER

Because the Captain's lass is working during the day time, has a busy schedule and (pay attention now) BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN LIKES HER he does not find it degrading, oppressive or beneath him to do the laundry. Or to do the dishes. Or to clean for her. It makes him happy knowing he's eased her life a bit. The Captain also works out and stays in shape, not a particularly exciting thing running on a tread mill and lifting weights, but presumably the girl doesn't want to date some fat, slobby schlep.

Now while men cleaning is not the same as a woman in a French maid outfit, they are two sides of the same coin. It doesn't matter whether you "like" dressing up for your husband,

it doesn't matter if you "like" to cook a good meal, it doesn't matter if you "like" the act of fixing him a drink, all that matters is if you like him. And if you like him these "chores" are just part of the relationship just as a man SHOULD be cleaning up occasionally or fixing you dinner (or in the case of an utter lack of cooking talent, taking you out for dinner).

Ergo, ladies, women, and economists of the female persuasion, lend me your ears!

Just buy the damn outfit.

It's Valentine's Day and as any happily married woman will tell you the outfits score BIG points.

Now since the dawn of time men have been debating which are the best outfits. And after many years of studying, research, calculations, and field tests we have conclusive proof which are indeed the best outfits. They are as follows and ranked accordingly;

1st - French Maid
2nd - Naughty Nurse
3rd - Dirty Librarian/Teacher
4th - Catholic School Girl
5th - Corporate Executive
6th - Beer Frau (preferably with beer)

If you don these outfits come tomorrow, it cannot but help your relationship forever.

However, there is one final benefit to sexy little outfits and making your man happy, and I've alluded to this before. You are actually doing some community service in that you are doing your part to help stimulate the economy. I don't care what Barack Obama says about his $900 stimulus package, a legion of American women in French Maid outfits would stimulate the economy 10 times more. And I mean that sincerely, I really am not joking, it would.

So yes, do it for your boyfriend. Do it for your husband. And do it for your relationship. But also, be a patriot. Do it for America!

Kindle

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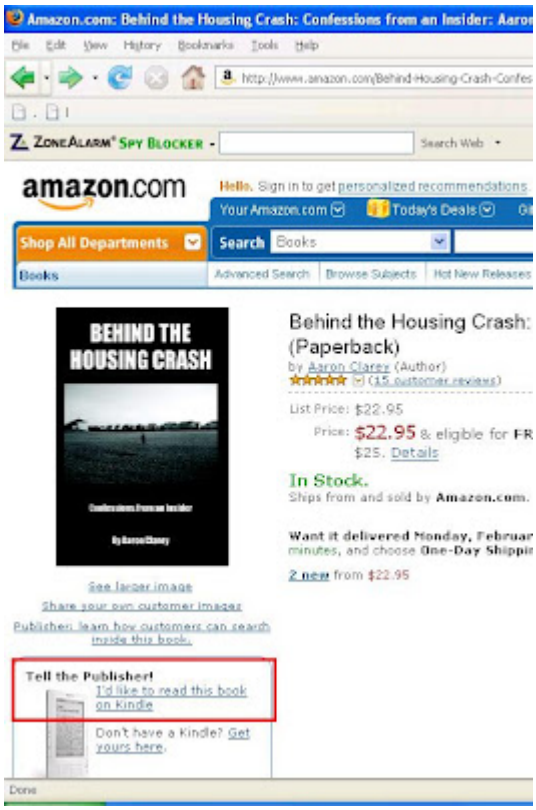
I have what I estimate to be three readers who are rather adamant about my book be available on kindle. However, happy day fellow Kindle readers;



If you really want it on Kindle, now you can click on the link and let Amazon know!

As for the rest of you who were going to help me beat Pelosi in book sales, come on, let's get crackin'!

Don't Trade With E-Trade

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I like to dispense advice that helps people.

A lot of it goes unheeded. Things like;

"We should not make any more real estate loans."

Or

"X-Box Sucks"

Or

"Iceland should become a tax haven if it wants to get out of its economic crisis."

But while I cannot get entire governments or entire banking corporations to do what I say, perhaps I can get a couple individuals to save themselves the pain and agony of dealing with ETrade.

I had a small online account with E-Trade. Waiting patiently, biding my time for the bottom to hit, I was in no rush to trade and had a little cash built up.

I went online to see how the few stocks I had in the account were doing and saw a $40 "fee."

Apparently I'm not the only one this has happened to. Students of mine have also complained about this where if you don't trade once a month or something, you get charged a fee.

I called up the customer service guy, read him the riot act and closed my account.

And though I am not Drudge Report or anything like that, perhaps Etrade and other financial servicing firms out there who have decided to pad their wallets with hidden "fees" will think twice before screwing individuals over.

Who knows, they may even embrace a business model that SERVES THE CUSTOMER!

Ho ho! Now I'm getting loopy. A US finance firm that doesn't screw over the public.

Uncle Jay Explains the Stimulus

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Wow, Jay bars no holds against Obama.

Ignorance

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I go to my bar in my town (yes, I own it all), and at my bar in my town are my friends. Friends I've become acquainted with over the years since I escaped the overly taxed city for the superior suburbs.

Now as the majority of my friends work at my bar, they are a bit younger than me. Typically in their mid to late 20's, I commonly am the butt end of age jokes and am frequently challenged to drinking contests at after bars. However, because I am older and actually bought my house in my town and don't live with my folks or have a heavy subsidy, it is by default that naturally I'm about the only conservative in the group and this has not gone unnoticed.

Alikening me to Alex P. Keaton, my younger friends joshingly picked on me and mocked me for always bringing a laptop into the bar, writing my book at the bar, doing taxes, not getting hammered every night, not buying a fancy car, etc. etc. But above all else, I'm the only one that didn't vote for Obama.

So it happened one night I'm sitting there, a couple of the guys are at the bar, talking to Tim the bartender and the news is on. The news of course is on the dire state of the economy, the failed bailout and failing stimulus package. Rob, a trust fund kid with a heart of gold, but the economic knowledge of a brick turns to me and says, "See what you're president did?"

All of them agreed with Rob, it was George Bush's fault and conservatives fault that this economic crisis happened. It was under GW's watch this occurred and ergo must be his fault.

And it is here that I get so enraged at the egregious level of ignorance in this country that all I can do is futilely look up into the sky, for what is my rage going to do? There is nothing I can do.

So allow me to explain a couple things here so that if you are younger, or perhaps you have to deal with such ignorance, you are well informed about exactly how this economic crisis came about and where to place your blame.

George Bush and the Republicans are not to blame for this economy.

And contrary to what you might think I don't blame the Democrats, Barney Frank or the CRA either (they are if anything partially to blame, but the numbers just don't show that the CRA was the main factor in this housing crash).

It is the (are you ready?)....

AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE TO BLAME

I know for small or younger, undeveloped minds they like things in neat, orderly, simple to understand packages, but the problems of this $14 trillion (soon to be $12 trillion) economy were, for once, not caused by the government. It is the American people and their spoiled-rotteness that are to blame. To believe that they are entitled to spend like the federal government and live beyond their means is what got us into trouble. To borrow more than you are ever capable or working off, and on the order of trillions of dollars is what got us into trouble. It is the simple fact that a critical mass of people simply did not pay back their loans like the promised and that is why we're in the trouble we're in now.

Now I don't know how people get to the conclusion that it was the "Republicans" fault or the "democrats" fault, but for God's sake, if the economy is that important to you and the future of the nation is that important to you, and that you hated George Bush so much that you volunteered your time to the Obama campaign, could you at least get off your fat, intellectually lazy ass and, I don't know, STUDY THE FREAKING SH!T?! Like instead of just going with your feelings and not bothering to expend one calorie of energy on thought or research, maybe think about it a bit and read up on it? I don't know, maybe even (gasp) LOOK UP SOME STATISTICS!???

And it is here where I have the problem with ignorance. It's not assailable. It's not changeable. It's not within my power, no matter how superiorly informed and educated I may be about the topic, to change these peoples minds or to get them to think. Ignorance is this amazingly destructive and destroying disease that is immune any logic or sanity. And pound away all you want at a skull that is ignorant, you're not getting through. That skull has decided what the reality of the situation is and no amount of "facts" or "reality" will change it. You're just a "meanie republican." You're just "oh, that crazy ole economist who brings his laptop into the bar." Never mind you wrote the damn book on the topic, never mind you predicted this was coming, never mind you worked in the industry and have the experience and knowledge to explain it all in detail, no, you're that "nerdy Alex P. Keaton." It would be like me explaining to them how to be a bartender when I've never tended a bar in my life. It's the same having a 24 year old waiter, who never went to college, filed for bankruptcy explain economics to me. It's amazing how ignorance impairs.

Alas, as I've said before, there's nothing one can do aside from two things to fight ignorance. One is simply not to fight it. Just let their ignorance lead them down a path not founded in reality and they'll soon have a rude awakening as to why they're still a bartender or a waitress at 50 (this is not to wish ill will upon my friends, but rather to ensure they have a more productive life than that by warning them not to take that path)

or worse they'll live in a socialist nation. The other is to bet them. I personally like this approach because it immediate forces the ignorant to think because now you've demanded they risk money on their beliefs or philosophies. They actually stand to lose something and can no longer treat things like economics, politics or whatever as an indifferent hobby. They have to (I don't know) treat it like a great and important responsibility as if they were a citizen in a democracy?

Regardless, the moral of the story is you can't get excited or angered over people's ignorance. It isn't worth the blood pressure. Nothing you can say or do is going to undo years of brainwashing by the public schools and the media's highlighting of Barack Obama's pecks. 23 year old female psychology majors will always pick Obama's pecks over your chart that correlates government spending as a percent of GDP vs. RGDP growth, no matter how right your chart may be.

So capitalists, conservatives, libertarians and other varied sorts of free marketers, just sit back and relax and let the liberals have their day. There's nothing you can do about it, and about the best thing to do would be for us to just quit so that when this all comes crashing down and results in a collapsed, desperate nation we can show the masses our clean hands and say, "See, we told you so and we have nothing to do with it."

In the meantime, if anybody blames Bush or the Republicans for this debacle, just show them the video below;

But, don't say I didn't warn you about the knee jerk reaction "Well that comes from Fox News, so that's biased and doesn't mean anything."

Wizard of Idma

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Had this forwarded to me and it's a cute little joke.

However, what I like about it is how it is so simplistic, yet fully explains why communism or socialism fails in the long run. Understand that the left likes to make things so complicated or seem so difficult or complex that "you really just don't get it do you? That's alright, it's difficult to understand, don't worry about it, that's why we have government officials working on it." When in reality, no, it is that simple and can be simply explained away. If people are paid not to work, then why would they? And if nobody's working, then where's all the wealth and goods going to come from? And "is that a bread line I see over there in 1980's Russia?"

Additionally, understand that this cartoon is really nothing more than a "bumper sticker soundbyte."

You see these everyday;

"You can't hug a child with nuclear arms."

Or

"Clinton lied, no one died"

and other extra-inane comments that earn their inanity in not just being hypocritical about what they're critiquing, but thinking somehow genuinely complex matters like the war on terror can be simplified or settled with a 5 word bumper sticker (usually the more bumper stickers the more moronic the people are).

However, this cartoon, despite being a "bumper sticker soundbyte" does destroy socialism. Not because it's genius (it's simple), but because socialism is so flawed. If an ideology can actually be defeated by a bumper sticker, then what kind of an ideology is it? Of course, when the masses are brainwashed to such a level of ignorance and stupidity, any ideology stands a chance, but that still doesn't change the fact that when something simple like a cartoon or bumper sticker can pose an unassailable argument against an ideology, then it is flawed.

Maybe You Should Move to Canada

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I put together a study.

And the purpose of the study was to calculate which countries would be the best to move to as the US becomes "progressively" more sucky (pun intended). However unlike most of my other research, I opted not to publish my findings in that, frankly, I get sick and tired of doing brilliant work and not getting paid for it, so if anybody wants the results they get to pay.

That being said, to help out those of you in America who are becoming "progressively" more worried the US is a sinking ship, never fear, there is an alternative; Canada.

Yes, Canada, the "socialist, semi-skilled at hockey" country to our north. The one we mock for being a European socialist state in the western hemisphere. The whipping boy and butt end of many jokes for generations of Americans.

Yeah, that country, the one that's about to kick our ass.

Laugh as you might, but though it is not the "ideal" country, it does rank in the top 25% of countries I calculated as superior alternatives to the United States. And by superior, I mean superior.

First allow me to post some statistics and then go over them briefly;

Corporate Tax	
Canada	33.50%
US	39.50%
Corruption Index	
Canada	8.7
US	7.2
Gov't Spending % GDP	
Canada	39.50%
US	38.60%
Gov't Deficit % GDP	
Canada	0.50%
US	5.20%
Gov't Debt % GDP	
Canada	22.30%
US	51.9%*
Current Account Balance % GDP	
Canada	-1.80%
US	-4.40%

First you have the corporate tax rate. Oh sure, not a big advantage, but a large enough advantage it behooves the question, why havn't American firms been fleeing north to set up corporate HQ's? I mean if they're going to endure constant negative media coverage, an ignorant villianization of their existence, why suffer a 39.5% tax rate when you can suffer a mere 33.5% tax rate.

Oh, and did I mention they have nationalized health care? That may not seem like an advantage to us die hard capitalists, but for a corporation that would cut IMMEASURABLY MUCHO on their labor costs as they no longer have to pay health care insurance. So lower corporate taxes, plus savings of roughly 1/3 on labor, all the while still having the benefits of a modern, English speaking economy geographically close to their market. Please, somebody tell me why corporations haven't fled to Canada yet?

Second, corruption. I opined earlier that the US' corruption index would collapse under all the corruption, sleaze and parasitic scum buckets ranging from everybody like big fish like Bernie Madoff to the millions of smaller scumbucket fish like the investment banking, blue blood, bulge bracket nepotist and cronyists who got their jobs because of daddy and not because of skill, but forget that. Even ignoring that likely collapse, Canada is already significantly less corrupt. 8.7 vs. a 7.2. Why deal with a bunch of criminals in institutions such as the government, corporations, your employer or your educational institution when you can have significantly less crime in the institutions of Canada? It's not like we're Somalia, but give it time.

Third, government deficits as a % of GDP. Never mind that the OECD data I pulled for the

US is already outdated as Obama just sign the "F#ck America over" bill which puts the real government deficit closer to 10% GDP. Let's just "hope" it stays at the previously OECD projected 5.2%. Whether it's 5.2% or 10%, it's a many-multiple of the insignificant .5% deficit the Canadians are racking up.

Fourth, and what does the fiscal recklessness that causes deficits culminate into? Why the national debt.

Yes, the national debt!

"Sick and tired of having to pay for what you want to consume? Why then just borrow it from future generations by saddling (and screwing them over) with the national debt. All you have to do is vote for socialists who couldn't balance their check books as mommy and daddy paid for their philosophy degree in college, who inevitably ended up in politics, because, well, that's where true scum bags with no skill end up. Slavery isn't dead! It's just deferred! Vote for the national debt!"

Apparently the Canadians (and I know, this sounds crazy) don't hate their children nor their grandchildren. Apparently they seem to have this thing called "fiscal austerity" or "fiscal discipline." Because they've ran smaller deficits, they naturally have smaller debts. Their national debt is only 22% GDP while ours is 52% (oh, and yeah, that doesn't include the debt the genius "stimulus" package just saddled us with).

So you can either forever serve in servitude to pay for the "Great Society" and social security and medicare (because that form of slavery is OK), or you can move and not be so indebted.

Fifth (or as Dave Chappelle says, "fif") corroborating their fiscal austerity and their remarkable ability to maintain the simple 3rd grade level concept of spending within their means, it is not just the government that seems to balance the books, but the people in general. The current account deficit, though a deficit, is only 1.8% of GDP compared to the US' 4.4% (again, Obama, socialists, stimulus, not adjusted, more like 10% GDP, etc. etc., never mind). Yes, not a surplus, but 1.8% versus what in reality will be closer to 11% in the US, where would you rather be.

And finally, six, that whole thing about "Canadians are taxed WAY more than the US!"

Oh really?

You see the ideal measure of the tax rate is government spending as a percent of GDP. In that revenues don't really matter since spending, not matter if you pay for it with borrowed money or current tax revenues has to be repaid with future taxes. I've mentioned this before, but for all practical purposes, the US and Canada have the same

effective tax rates, both roughly 39%. At least in Canada you get "free" health care (and I know how weak that argument is, but just to goad the left).

Now there are many more measures in my little study, and these are just some of the main ones, but the question is the same I posed about Iceland. Why doesn't the Harper government just take advantage of the economic crisis in the US and simply pilfer and poach the most productive citizens from the US?

It's not like those hard working people who toiled and strived and saved every penny to pay their mortgage dutifully and on time have any more allegiance to the US. Certainly not after we've just bailed out every sub prime dead beat, and sub prime bank/banker that caused the crash. It's not like the responsible, productive citizens in the US are looking forward to financing the $1.2 trillion in future spending Obama used as a payoff to bribe all the masses into voting for him or bailing out the Peggy Josephs of the world. They're have to be treated just like any other human being and any other consumer; They're looking for a fair and just place to live where they can excel and keep the majority of what they've earned. And if Harper was smart, or heck, just all Canadians were smart, they'd realize the world's most productive talent is looking elsewhere. They'd realize a country is only as great as its people. They'd realize that if they could snatch away all the productive and creative labor in the US, they would have an economic engine that would not only transfer the REAL economic productivity from the US, but would basically inoculate themselves from any depression the US might have. Additionally the conservatives would bolster their ranks as the new immigrants would most certainly vote conservative, basically reproducing the opposite of what leftists in the US do as they try desperately to give illegal aliens the right to vote here in the US.

In any case, I know this is outlandish, it's crazy, and nobody is going to listen to it. But when your GDP is contracting by 12% because you're too closely tied to this Titanic known as the US, then you might just think about poaching some of that there talent from the US, and the talent from the US might just think about jumping onto another ship....despite the severe lack of any real good hockey teams.

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Oh You Idiot

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Yes, just "print off more money."

I'm going to go out on a limb here and say;

Contracting GDP

+ Mucho more money

= Much more inflation

Happy Birthday to Me!

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Tis my birthday today and I fully intend to spend it playing video games, working out and achieving pretty much nothing. That is my gift to me.

However, when the female members of my crew asked me what I wanted for my birthday I sat and thought about it and said, "You know, I would love a calendar of you girls. I want you girls (there's about 7 of them) to put together a calendar of yourselves for me, but posing in somewhat risque and provocative poses."

There was hemming

hawing

blushing

laughing

and just outright refusal

Which hurt the poor Captain's feelings because apparently NOOOOBODY loves the Captain. Captain's best female friends, who presumably in being his friends would have his best interests at heart, but oh, no. No, no slightly sexy calendar for the Captain.

So, if I can't get my female friends to put together a nice little calendar for me, perhaps I can get my readers to at least send me photos of yourselves (not sexy photos, just normal photos).

Again, much as I like the blog, it is a bit impersonal when all you get are posts, but you don't get to see who it is. Dennis Prager also does this as he insists that if you are going to send him mail, send him a photo of yourself. It makes it much more personal.

My inevitable goal would to create a collage of all the Cappy Cap readers out there and then put it above my desk. That would be a really cool and great birthday present! And if any of the female fans of Cappy Cap were to perhaps send the poor Ole' Captain some rather racy photos, who is going to complain?

In any case e-mail your mugshots to;

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Go, do it now! Now! Quick! Go! Do!

(Notice it's CAPTcapitalism, not CAPTAINcapitalism. It will go to another guy and he will wonder why the hell he's getting all these weird photos of people.)

PS - I like dogs, if you have a picture of you with your dog that would be really cool!

Accusing Men of Immaturity Because They Don't Wish to Marry

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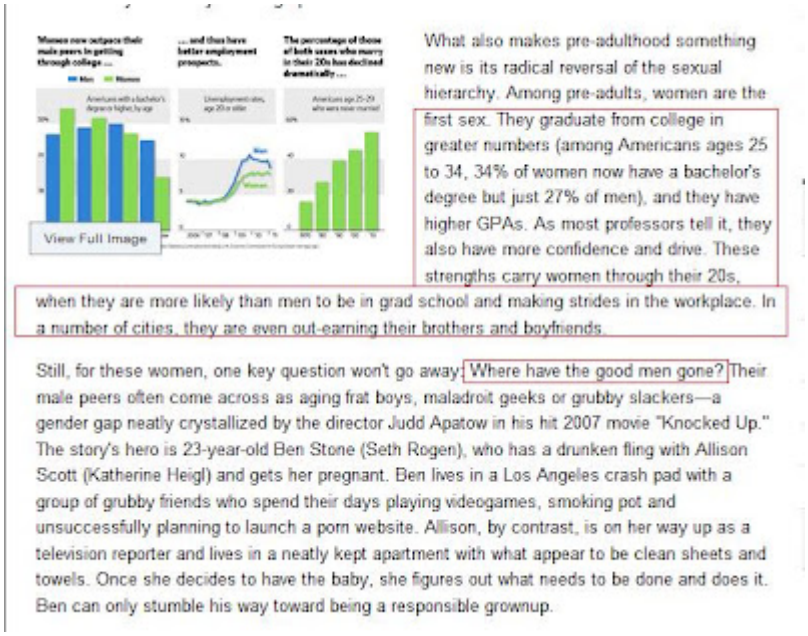
I tire of these stories because the question of "where have the good men gone" has been answered time and time again, it's just I presume the women don't like the answer they're getting and therefore keep asking it hoping somehow they will get an answer they like (even though it won't be true).

So in a spirit of kind-heartedness I will help out the lost WSJ reporter and hopefully end this needless discussion once and for all (which I probably won't because it won't be the "correct" answer women are looking for.)

Here is an excerpt from the article;



What also makes pre-adulthood something new is its radical reversal of the sexual hierarchy. Among pre-adults, women are the first sex. They graduate from college in greater numbers (among Americans ages 25 to 34, 34% of women now have a bachelor's degree but just 27% of men), and they have higher GPAs. As most professors tell it, they also have more confidence and drive. These strengths carry women through their 20s, when they are more likely than men to be in grad school and making strides in the workplace. In a number of cities, they are even out-earning their brothers and boyfriends.

Still, for these women, one key question won't go away: Where have the good men gone? Their male peers often come across as aging frat boys, maladroit geeks or grubby slackers—a gender gap neatly crystallized by the director Judd Apatow in his hit 2007 movie "Knocked Up." The story's hero is 23-year-old Ben Stone (Seth Rogen), who has a drunken fling with Allison Scott (Katherine Heigl) and gets her pregnant. Ben lives in a Los Angeles crash pad with a group of grubby friends who spend their days playing videogames, smoking pot and unsuccessfully planning to launch a porn website. Allison, by contrast, is on her way up as a television reporter and lives in a neatly kept apartment with what appear to be clean sheets and towels. Once she decides to have the baby, she figures out what needs to be done and does it. Ben can only stumble his way toward being a responsible grownup.

I shall make it bullet-pointy to be succinct and save us time (though, there are a lot of bullet points to make)

- One, the now never ending common refrain that women now earn the majority of degrees. For the 348th-freaking time it's because you major in easier/worthless subjects. THat's why you earn the majority of degrees, but still make only 76% of what men do. Ironically the reporter has her "masters in English" because even though you've been speaking it for your entire life, you still need to get an advanced degree in it so you speak it "real good."
- She highlights women's advances in education as proof they are "more mature." Which is the largest erroneous premise of the article. Women are not more mature

than men. Just because men play video games and drink and fart and belch, does not mean we are less mature. Maybe by the "female" definition we are, but if we'd follow that we'd all be a bunch of betas no girl would want to date. Being mature is supporting ourselves - not rushing out to propose to a girl and start making babies. Just because we can support ourselves on less money than you can, does not make us less mature. Matter of fact, it makes us MORE mature because we are being fiscally responsible living in dumps we can afford instead of insisting on living in Uptown and buying fancy clothes and cars and appletini's we can't afford.

- Did you hear of this "divorce fad" going around? Apparently it was started by the baby boomers and CONTINUES TODAY. Not to mention a lot of the 20 something men who aren't "mature" enough to get married tomorrow REMEMBER THEIR PARENTS GETTING DIVORCED AND ARE A LITTLE GUN SHY
- Did you hear about this "divorce fad" going around? Apparently the rate of divorce didn't drop with Gen X or Gen Y either.
- Did you hear of this "divorce fad" going around? Apparently men get to pay out the majority of the time be it alimony or child support.
- Did you hear about this "divorce fad" going around? Apparently 65% of the time it's women who initiate divorce.
- Feminism and feminists are not sexy. When you say, "well I consider myself a feminist, but don't mind staying at home and being a good wife" all the guy heard was "well I consider myself a feminist blah blah blah blah blah." The term has been tainted by its "profession" to represent something that is not pro-woman at all. DO NOT CLAIM TO BE ONE. It will send the men running.
- Kids cost around $500,000 each to raise. given employment prospects we can't afford that. Much rather buy a boat or frankly work all that much less.
- Hey, you hear about this federal budget deficit and debt? Apparently we elected this guy "Barack Obama" and a bunch of democrats into office who are now mortgaging the future. This means our expenses in the future will be higher. Well, of course us "foolish, immature, pooping, farting boys" were too "immature" to vote for him like you wise women, but then again we're too busy flinging poo at each other to ponder the future macro-economic ramifications of a collapsing dollar.
- Hey, you hear about this social security medicare thing? Apparently enough "smart wise women" disproportionately kept voting for democrats to essentially have those immature 20 something men pay for the livelihood for these aging people. This added expense on our futures make's it that much harder economically to commit to a wife and children.
- Hey, you hear about this "welfare state" "medicaid" thing? Apparently enough "smart wise women" disproportionately over the years voted in enough democrats to essentially replace the role of fathers with government programs making fathers not only unnecessary, but an increasingly risky and unrewarding proposition, not to mention, making it easier for women to just up and leave their husbands, because well, "they needed to find themselves" and the government will take care of the kids while they go pursue their EPL fantasy.

- Hey, if I'm not going to be a father, then what incentive to I have to "grow up?"
- Hey, did you hear about this "welfare state" thing? Apparently because we've now outsourced bringing up children to the government and have to create government jobs for all the "sociology majors" and "education majors"and "communications majors" our tax bill will go through the roof. Oh! Wait!!! No it doesn't! I forgot! I'm a guy! I can live on very little, work a crappy job, work part time, live in a crappy apartment with my buds and STILL have enough disposable income to play video games and buy booze.
- Sex in the City? Not sexy. Tell them you watch "Hogan's Heroes" instead.

Then we have much more succinct, non-socio-political explanations;

- The drama and BS men have to suffer from 14-25ish or so drives them into the arms of X-Box 360, the chums and booze.
- The risk/return of known factors such as friendship, a cheap living, fishing, booze, video games, and just the plan damn freedom that comes with it, HEAVILY outweighs any potential returns we'd get from spending time pursuing women.
- There is no risk of having a dog, a gaming console, friends or a poker game. There is a risk of having a wife and a child.
- Girls, in general, are completely unaware of the fact that men are 1/2 the equation. No consideration is given as to what men might want in a relationship (read her article again)
- In general, men and their traditional roles have become deprecated and are no longer needed for society. Therefore some may commit suicide, but most will opt to enjoy a simpler, easier self-serving life while we're here.

So to summarize all the bullet points:

In short you have made a life of bachelortude and singledom more attractive an option (economically, socially and romantically) than marrying you.

You may not "like" that answer. It may even make you angry. But it is the truth.

So can we now please stop it with the "where have all the good men gone" schtick?

Thank you, and as always, enjoy the decline.

The Price of My Research

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As I mentioned before, I was working on a project to calculate and assess which countries would be the "best" countries to move to should the US collapse. Several of you expressed interest in the research, but as also mentioned before I would be charging for it.

Understand this is not because I wish to fleece any one individual, but once research is published it more or less can be copied and sent elsewhere and soon it's effectively free. Additionally, given the most likely corporate users of this information would be banks and financial institutions (banks and financial institutions that got us into this mess and are now taking my tax dollars), I feel an appropriate fee would be $1500 for my report.

Why Obama is a One Termer

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Along the lines of the ignorance piece I wrote a while ago, I think the term "trillion" actually may have woken some of the people in the US up to just how severe a problem the US faces and just how much their ignorance is about to cost the US.

Again, the vast majority of my 20 something friends at my bar believe Obama is their savior and will solve this problem. But it is an interesting expression to see on their faces when their savior promises $1.2 trillion of their money to bail out the deadbeats of the US.

You see, TRILLION, kind of registers with the kids. They, despite their public school upbringing, realize that a TRILLION dollars is a lot of money. And even they ask the simple question;

"Well, how are we going to pay for it?"

And thus the thought process that goes down deep into the rabbit hole begins and thus the zygote of a conservative is born.

They are at least smart enough to know that we don't have the money now. And despite failing Econ 101, they know that we're going to have to borrow it. And despite having no knowledge of social security finances, they realize that ultimately it isn't going to be their Baby Boomer parents paying for it. It's going to be THEY who are paying for it.

Thus the expression on their faces.

Like I said before, you can't argue with the ignorant. All you can do is watch them get what they've always wanted and realize just what a hellish nightmare they got themselves into.

The more and more I see what Obama is doing and the more and more I see the young, stupid, ignorant people of this country realize they just got saddled with a $1.2 trillion debt, the more and more I realize Obama is a one termer.

Percent of Students that Major in Engineering or the Sciences

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Part of a larger study to ascertain which countries may have a brighter and better future than the US, I found data that allowed me to calculate what percent of students were majoring in engineering or the sciences. The point being of course that "sociology" majors or "journalism" majors don't really advance society or technology at all and are basically hobbies rich, spoiled suburbanite Americans like to major in thinking somehow they'll produce the wealth necessary to support themselves throughout their lives (which they won't).

Alas a good metric to gauge the future productivity of a nation is to measure what percent of the students major in something worthwhile, and thus these statistics from the OECD (2006)

	% of Students Majoring in Engineering or the Sciences (Source: OECD)
Australia	21%
Canada	18%
Czech Republic	24%
Finland	29%
Germany	28%
Iceland	15%
Japan	24%
Korea	37%
Mexico	25%
Sweden	27%
United Kingdom	23%
United States	15%

As one would have previously guessed Asian nations score rather high with Korea having over a third of their students majoring in engineering or the sciences. The Scandinavian countries fair rather well, except Iceland which may go a long way in explaining why their country collapsed and others haven't (engineers tend to have enough math skills to know you can't spend more than you earn). Mexico beats out Canada by a wide margin, but Canada is not as bad as the US where only 15% of our students major in something worthwhile.

It's not that difficult to understand that if your country majors in worthless subjects then your future productivity is going to suffer, but the problem you run into is where capitalism has produced so much wealth in the past it affords the masses the LUXURY of majoring in a hobby and not a career.

Alas, fluffy el crapo degrees will be with us for a long time.

Stuff White People Like: Black Music That Blacks No Longer Listen To

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Sneakers O'Toole

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I don't think Sneakers O'Toole will let you have his sneakers;

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A Captain's Pet Peeve

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As you all know I am NOT a real captain. When younger I contemplated joining the military, but I wasn't ever in the military and about the only public service work I did was as a security guard at my college's campus cop program.

However, despite me readily admitting this, about once every six months or so I get the "Oh yeah, well my uncle was at least a REAL captain in the military." Or "Well you're not a REAL captain like I was."

So, since I received another one of these comments recently I think it behooves a vocabulary lesson. Today's word is;

Alliteration

1. the commencement of two or more stressed syllables of a word group either with the same consonant sound or sound group (consonantal alliteration), as in from stem to stern, or with a vowel sound that may differ from syllable to syllable (vocalic alliteration), as in each to all. Compare consonance (def. 4a).
2. the commencement of two or more words of a word group with the same letter, as in apt alliteration's artful aid.

You see, when setting up this blog originally, I wanted to have a catchy title. And not just a catchy title, but a title relevant to the topics that would be discussed. Since it was going to be about capitalism I thought "captain" would provide the (here's the first use of today's word boys and girls) ALLITERATION required to make the title "Captain Capitalism" a catchy and rememberable name.

See how it works, the "ka" sound in "captain" plus the "ka" sound in "capitalism?" Like "ka" "ka" right after each other? Catchy, isn't it?

One might even notice the first syllable is the same; "CAPtain CAPitalism."

This is why some people call me "Cappy Cap" which is a simplified and cuter alliterated version.

Now, the lesson we can gain from this is that while no doubt all of you, like me, do appreciate the service of the hard working men and women in the US military, like any organization there are still jerks. And for those of you in the military who want to "score one on the ole Captain" by pointing out he's not a "real captain" I'd like to shake your hand for your service, but slap you upside the head for your idiocy.

Ergo, whether you're in the military or not, please don't make a fool of yourself and use the "well I'd least I don't try and pose to be a captain" argument. It will be summarily ignored just like all the other "when the pentagon has to have a bake sale" bumper stickers.

Mortgage Debt as a Percent of Disposable Income

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Debt is typically the cause of every major recession and depression throughout the history of the world. Through easy credit, people borrow money they can never hope to repay either investing it in foolish things such as Dotcoms or Tulip Bulbs, or perhaps not investing it at all, preferring to do the American thing and buy SUV's, trips to Europe or degrees in philosophy for their spoiled brat children.

This triggers a recession because the funds borrowed could have been lent to the productive members of society and thusly invested in much wiser and productive things, but since they weren't, this results in a decrease in production which is the definition of a recession.

Now I caught a lot of flak for my posting Canada might be a better place to live in the near future, but again, to show that this is not just some whim or me being in a foul mood, take a look at who has been abusing their mortgage debt;

[image]

It is an obscure statistic, but mortgage debt as a percent of disposable income is a way to measure how much debt different people in different countries take on relative to the only thing that can pay it back; disposable income. Again, surprise, surprise, our Canadian brothers to the north have taken a more conservative stance and is why they will not suffer as much as their southern neighbors.

The scary thing, is mortgage debt isn't the only kind of debt. There's government debt, corporate debt, student debt, you name it. And when you add it all up, *never has the US had more debt relative to GDP (second chart down)*. And when you look at what we're spending this veritable mountain of debt on (the stimulus, propping worthless auto companies, handouts and welfare) what possible semblance of future production can we expect?

Argentina and the Falklands

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Just watching a documentary on the Military Channel about the defeat of Argentina at the hands of the British during the Falkland Islands war.

And what I like about it is not so much how the Brits roundly defeated the Argentinians, but how today Argentina and their nepotist president, Cristina Kirchner make the occasional threat or claim to the Falklands despite the Falkland Islanders insisting they're British.

You see, a democracy is where the people get to decide whether...never mind. Something tells me that Argentinian nationalists will ignore the wishes of the people on the island and it'll just be easier to beat the Argentinians again if they're so stupid as to try to take over the islands again.

Total Systemic Failure

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It was 1998 and I was working for Norwest. I was a foolish, idealistic young analyst who actually thought that profitability and efficiency were things that corporations would like to achieve. Led through my studies in college to think somehow managers and bosses would appreciate faster, cheaper and more efficient ways of doing things, I thought that if I could find a way to do something better they would appreciate it.

Now, already many of you are seeing the train crash coming, but in my defense they falsely led us ground troops to believe that Norwest did indeed care about efficiency. That maybe, somebody up top had realized that the brains of tens of thousands of individual employees might actually add up to a higher gross IQ than the handful of managers' IQ's. They did this with a "best practices program."

You see, if you came up with a way to do something better, you could get a $25 savings bond!

Oh goodie!

And so in the monthly staff meeting we'd all be corralled into a big room, listening to management drone on about things irrelevant to our jobs and sure enough Suzi in processing came up with a way to save half a ream of paper per decade, and wow, what a great idea, Suzi, here's your $25 savings bond for what is ultimately an insignificant contribution. I was of the opinion that getting rid of these meetings which tied up and lost hundreds of hours of labor would be a real efficiency achiever, but thought it better not to mention that

However, I did come up with an idea. A genuinely good and solid idea.

Part of my and the other analysts' jobs was to take an hour out of our day and file all the paper work that had culminated throughout the course of our work. This was a tedious process as filing typically is. Common sense would dictate that instead of paying 8 analysts $18 an hour to file, we could hire a full time admin for about $10 to do the filing and save some money. However, my idea was even better.

"Why don't we buy some scanners and scan this stuff in? We could then do away altogether with the filing, we'd free up some office space without the need for file storage, we could even cut down on rental expense as we wouldn't need that much office space."

Now this was 1998 and scanners did exist back then, and the idea of scanning was not a new and revolutionary idea. And so one would think that a large firm like Norwest would have the capital to buy a couple scanners and be eager to capitalize on this opportunity for increased efficiency.

One would think.

And that is the problem.

You see, in corporate America you are not paid to think. Oh sure, they have “best practices programs” and they feign like they want you to think. But if your thinking goes beyond saving paper, or saving toner, or perhaps being so revolutionary as to suggest cutting down on electricity by making it mandatory policy that you turn off the lights in the break room, and starts to enter the realm of management, then you start to scare people. Because the only true and real way corporations, the economy and society at large advance or progress is through innovation and change. Rethinking and redoing entire processes or the way business advances. But when one intelligent, idealistic individual, that hasn’t had the creativity kicked or brainwashed out of him comes up with that idea, that idea may be so changing it may obsolete some managers jobs that should have never been in the first place.

Naturally my idea was not implemented (well at least not as first, I found out 9 YEARS – and lord knows how much in wasted labor - LATER they finally did start scanning in documents), but it taught me an important lesson; logic does not always rule corporations.

Now, despite this wisdom I gained long ago, it is that damn natural, intuitive economist in me that automatically wishes to maximize production and maximize efficiency that still persists within. It’s not something you can turn off, it’s just this moral code programmed into your DNA, constantly nagging at you to progress and screaming aloud as you run into inane, obsolete and pointless instances of corporate idiocy. Regardless, I should not have been surprised when I ran into the most recent (and one of the more unbelievable) instances of corporate idiocy last week.

Like everybody else, one of my clients who shall go unnamed is having trouble boosting sales in this economy. It is a retailer that sells “stuff” and we’ll just leave it at that. Ergo, they wanted to find a way to get more people in the door.

Now, knowing this market and working with them before, after sitting down and doing some research I found a market that had yet been untapped or approached by any of this firm’s competitors. This market was wide open, not saturated, not even penetrated and I had it pegged.

I contact my contact at the corporation, send him some preliminary findings and say, “Hey, I found this market you could advertise to, what do you think?”

My contact said, “That would be great, but we’d have to go through marketing first to see how we would advertise to it.”

And now, yes, for those of you with experience in the corporate world, you see the train wreck coming. Working with marketing.

We waited a solid month before we thought maybe we should follow up with marketing to see if they got our idea. My contact contacted his contact in marketing who said, “Oh yeah, yeah, I got your e-mail, just haven’t had time to look at it. I’ll get back to you in a week.”

Sure enough, another month goes by and my contact contacts his marketing contact

again.

“Oh, geez, sorry, yeah, sorry about that. We’ve just been swamped.”

Meanwhile sales are plummeting and people are starting to fear for their jobs.

Another month goes by and my contact at the firm finally has enough, decides to go over marketing’s head, and sends out an e-mail campaign to the predetermined target market.

All it took was one week and the sales department was flooded with calls from interested customers. They had people calling, not only interested in the product line, but willing to fork over good money.

Now one would think this was a good thing.

Sales INCREASED during a RECESSION.

Sales INCREASED not only by a little, but by a lot, 20% for some lines, 40% for another.

Sales INCREASED based on a simple and costless e-mail campaign.

I had brought the firm business.

I had brought the firm MONEY.

It would be like going to a house with a $1,000 bill, knocking on the door and saying, “Hello, here, have some money.”

One would think the recipient of the money would be happy, if not ecstatic.

Ah, but there you go thinking again.

Sure enough, in true American corporation form my contact received a complaint from marketing. He hadn’t gone through the proper channels. The e-mail campaign was not authorized by the head of marketing, and even though it did receive authorization from executive management, marketing was not pleased.

Now I am of course critical of the Obama administration and their efforts to turn around this economy. I think their strategy is inherently flawed and will not work. But, in intellectual honesty it is not just the government that is to blame for the lack of recovery, but the American people, particularly corporate America.

I don’t know what to call it, but it’s like a disease. It’s like when the organs of a patient start to all shut down and fail at the same time. A “systematic failure” of sorts. That there is no one thing wrong with any one particular part of the body, but that there is something inherently wrong with the entire body and it is practically untreatable. And thus is the same with corporate America.

Almost on a cellular or individual level where people are so incompetent and so stupid they are incapable of the independent thought necessary to make logical decisions, their decisions or indecisions cost corporate America billions. Lost clients. Lost markets (anybody remember IBM scoffing at point and click interfaces or Ben Franklin retail stores turning down the Walton brothers?) Oh, and the fact this whole housing crisis could have easily been avoided. It is only by sheer economies to scale or massive government

bailouts that some of these corporations ever manage to eek out a profit in the face of inept managers and incompetent executives.

However, in these dire economic times, we cannot afford to be so damn stupid if we sincerely expect to turn this economy around.

Norwest is going to wait 9 years to start scanning in documents for their back office operation? Are you nuts? Why?

You bitch and complain about increased sales, practically free money, because it didn't go through the right god damned channels?

You cave in time and time again to the UAW, knowing full well you can't afford to stay competitive, and then go for a taxpayer bailout?

Or you ignore the sheer convincing and damning statistics that there is no way in hell your client's condo development is going to sell and finance it to the tune of $40 million anyway?

With such boneheaded moves, it is practically guaranteed that the corporate sector of the US will play no part in getting the country out of this recession.

People in corporate America are going to have to wake up and realize that there just isn't any more room for such idiocy. The economy is going to get so dire and so tough that you will not be able to afford petty arguments about somebody in some other department going over your head and ignoring protocol. The economy is going to contract so much that hard and difficult decisions must be made and cannot just be passed on to future generations. The economy is going to crash so bad that corporations in general better get with the program of efficiency and extremely competitive capitalism real quick because in this environment only the strongest, fastest and most efficient survive (the rest just go for a bailout). And this whole thing about promoting people who don't rock the boat, conform and are your little corporate-yes-men over those who are willing to make difficult decisions and blow the whistle if there is something wrong. Yeah, those days are over. It's the assholes and jerks who make the tough decisions, blow the whistles and eat yes-men for breakfast who going to be your next boss…that is unless of course you would prefer the company to go bankrupt and have no job at all.

Sadly, I think the reason for such idiocy in corporations is the same reason we see idiocy in government. Both institutions pull their labor from a dumbed down and entitlement-driven population ala the movie "Idiocracy." This also parallels my "total systematic failure" theory in that at the cellular level, the basic unit of labor is corrupted. When you only have idiots or spoiled children to choose from, is it any wonder none of the corporations seem to be able to make a profit, let alone had the incredibly simple foresight that was needed to see the housing crash coming? Worse still is that who precisely is going to turn around these corporations and institutions? Government is ruled by ignorant masses who believe they won't have to worry about their mortgage or paying for gas as testified by Obama's election. Corporations are headed up not by leaders, but by nepotists and cronies who have no managerial or leadership abilities but rather connections and rich parents. Schools, good lord, children teaching children. Alan

Greenspan can’t teach economics. I can’t teach dance. But some 23 year old with no experience, living with mommy, BUT HAS A TEACHERS LICENSE can teach anything as long as you give them the textbook to teach out of. The t-cells or white blood cells needed to repair the US economy are either shunned from the organs and institutions that comprise it or are attacked and weeded out. And thus the organs will continue to deteriorate, continue to atrophy and ultimately fail.

Alas, the only thing the white blood cells can do is sit and watch.

(Future post along the same lines coming soon – How Blunt, Truthful, Meanie Manly Jerks Will Become Sought After in this Economy)

Dr. Robert Shiller Finally Updates His P/E Data

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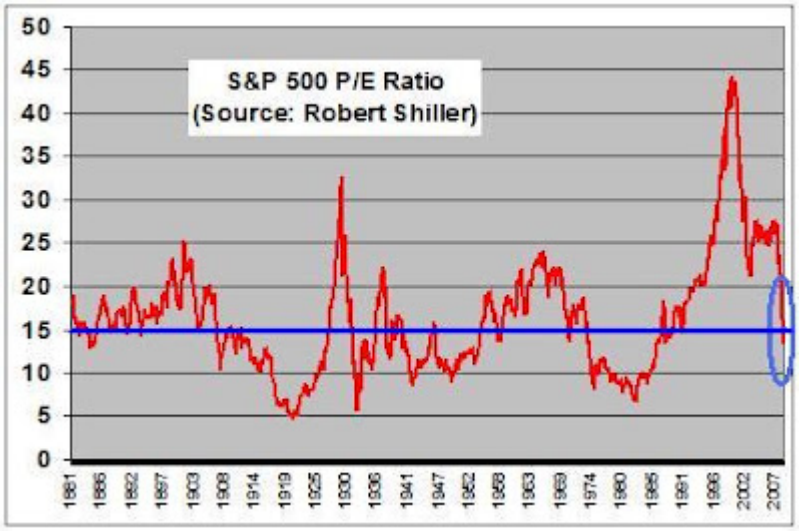
Robert Shiller, as some of you know, is arguably one of the finest economic minds in the US. Which is of course why he isn't in Obama's cabinet.

Regardless, he has hands down the best economic data regarding a very important measure, the Price to Earnings Ratio.

Now I've mentioned this ratio before as to how it is used to gauge whether a stock is over or undervalued. By comparing the price of a stock to it's earnings you compare essentially what you pay versus what you get. The resulting ratio the Price to Earnings Ratio or "P/E" ratio essentially shows you what you pay in stock price for one dollar in earnings.

Historically the average stock represented by the S&P 500 has traded around a P/E of 15, denoted by the horizontal blue line. And though the stock market has taken a 25 year hiatus from sane and rational valuations due to dotcom bubbles, housing bubbles, oh and that whole thing where the Baby Boomers were told to invest their money in the stock market for retirement, it has finally returned to a more sane P/E of 13 (as Dr. Shiller FINALLY updated
this somewhat vital statistic on his web site);



Now a lot of people would say, "wow, gee whiz, now is the time to buy! We're finally below 15" but hold on there little buckaroos. There's just one little catch.

The "E" in the P/E ratio is earnings. Earnings from the previous 12 months. In other words, the past. The problem is the past is not what concerns people or drives stock prices. It's the future, and right now the future looks bleak. Sure earnings were alright for 2008, but 2009 they look to be horrible. And while the P/E ratio may be lower now, if earnings drop,

then "E", the denominator of the P/E ratio will also drop, driving up the P/E ratio, meaning you're still paying too much P for what is going to be a dwindling or not existent E. Long story short, you could easily see a Dow Jones of about 5,000.

But don't worry about it, I hear Obama will save us.

When Men Leave the Market

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I have received a fair amount of criticism from my regular readers about the "pro-male" bent I have taken in the past year at the PERCEIVED sacrifice of economics. But I shall make two points;

1. No matter how much brilliant and empirical economic data I posted, and no matter how much if people had adhered to it, we wouldn't have had this economic crisis, it never seems to stick with the average population because it is math and therefore boring. Additionally, unless I say, "free money for every one, Barack Obama ponies" nobody is really interested in economics, no matter how much it may solve all of our problems today.

2. The "man world" is DIRECTLY related to the economic crisis we face today AND IS ALSO THE SOLE SOLUTION to our economic problems today. It is the forefront of the battlefield and is precisely where all economic analysis should be focused (that is assuming we care to solve our little economic problems we face today). You want the recession to end? You want unemployment back to 4%? You want oil back below $2 a gallon? You want the US back on the road to supreme economic and military dominance and security? You want a world where your precious little children actually have a future? Put men back in charge (of course, what is funny, is if things keep going the way they are, men will inevitably end up in charge again, but it won't be the nice ones who appreciate democracy and the sanctity of women).

Regardless, I have been meaning to tie the two together in a brilliant piece I've been planning for a while, but frankly, I really am disincentived to do such a thing because, well... I'm too busy pursuing my own selfish pursuits. It will come, but I, like many other men, are no longer trying to do "what's best for society" and instead are packing it in for our own finite lives and enjoying it while we can before a collapse inevitably comes. Besides, if nobody is going to listen, then imagining I'm on the wild west frontier in Red Dead Redemption is much more fun than yelling into a hurricane.

Ergo, allow me a quote and a link which will only provide further evidence to the ground swell of a movement fueled by 2 generations of genetics in men being suppressed, which, in the end will have their day in the sun;

"After 45 years of being told they are pigs, sexist, and good for nothing, men have quit trying to please others, so they slap on a baseball cap and don’t talk much. And with good reason."
"What do you have to offer these men you call child-men if they do man up? Are you going to ensure that they have fair access to their children should they divorce? Will you

make sure that they aren’t hauled off to jail if the wife makes false accusations of domestic violence? Will you let them keep the earnings and property that they worked for over years rather than have them turned over to their wife, even if she cheated and was abusive? Will you shield the millions of men who live in fear of their significant other but have nowhere to turn for help? Will you make marriage, in other words, as valuable to men as you think it is for women?"
"Well, such are the fruits of half a century of organizing gender relations along the lines of women’s immediate desires. Long term, it has resulted in men bailing out, going “John Galt” in the gender economy. And I can understand the disappointment. But I don’t share it. As you sow, so shall you reap."

Sadly, and I want you to pay attention to this statement;

Men DO account for HALF the population and unfortunately MUST be considered when opining about sociological, economic and political matters.

In the meantime you will forgive us if we just plain opt not to marry, breed, or just in general, participate in society. Because, well frankly, what's the upshot?

In the meantime, enjoy the decline!

Joe Soucheray Should Replace Sean Hannity

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I'm driving down to Mankato, a regional town about 70 miles to the south of the Twin Cities. The problem is that my favorite radio show at this hour, Garage Logic with Joe Soucheray is on an AM station. Thus, as I drive further and further away Joe's voice is garbled out, progressively replaced with static and then intermittent excerpts of Jesus stations and country. Soon, the background noise is too much to handle and I click to KTLK 100.3 FM to rely upon their longer radius of broadcast. Who else is on, but Sean Hannity?

Crap.

In his nasally pinched voice "Hello my friends" and all the people calling in "You're a great American Sean Hannity" I want to drive to New York or wherever he is an punch him. Not that I don't agree with him. Not that I don't personally like him. Not that I don't appreciate what he does for the country, but the whole idea that Sean Hannity has the SECOND most popular radio show on talk radio is annoying. And the reason it is annoying is not because of Sean Hannity himself, but because of the people that listen to him.

Sean Hannity is milquetoast. He's boring, it's predictable and it's cookie cutter. But that is also his audience. The stay at home mom that realized her child psychology degree wouldn't land her a job, ended up getting married, having a kid and now, NOW at the age of 40 while staying at home realizes than the past 22 years she was voting democrat all this time was wrong.

"Oh well! *giggle giggle* I guess at least I got Hannitized!"

Or the college kid who couldn't defend himself out of a paper bag if he was really tested on free market philosophy and only does so to belong to some semblance of a club.

Or the mindless American patriot who thinks that because this was a great nation, it still is a great nation and since our greatness is great and because this is the greatest nation, then we'll continue being the greatest nation because of the simply fact we're Americans, and therefore we must be great.

And this is my main contention with the show, is his listeners. They are just as cookie cutter and predictable and mass-produced suburbanite home as his show. There really isn't a lot of depth. There really isn't anything but platitudes and pleasantries of that disgusting and annoying and Minnesota-fake-nice;

"You're a great American Sean Hannity."

"You're a great American too, sir!"

Oh just drop the fakeness, please.

No, but there I am trapped, forced to listen to Sean Hannity as my only other option is NPR or the Christian rock station.

I want somebody that is unique and real. Give me a anger filled, angst ridden, tirade-spewing Michael Savage.

Give me the incredible wisdom of Dennis Prager.

Heck, I'll even settle for the goofy, yet lovable Mike Gallagher.

But Hannity?

"You're a great American! Hello my friend! Isn't America great! We're all great patriots eating at Applebee's shopping at Ambercrombie and Fitch. Communism sucks! And that's why this is a great nation! Hurray for us, we're all Americans! I want a suburbanite townhome with an SUV! Let's watch American Idol! I'll order some chicken quesadillas, but not too spicy!"

Ergo, let me at least beg and plead with the local FM talk station here in Minneapolis, KTLK.

Look, you poached all the good talent from AM 1500;

Rush Limbaugh
Jason Lewis
and (though I don't agree with it, he is the second largest radio show) Sean Hannity.

Since you got Jason Lewis and he's gone national, could you perhaps do the world a favor and replace Hannity with Joe Soucheray? It would be the nail on the coffin of AM 1500 and then you guys wouldn't have to be splitting a market that isn't big enough for two talk stations. Souchery would do immensely better locally, but could feasibly replace Hannity.

Besides, I wouldn't have to be forced into the horrible decisions as to whether to listen to Sean Hannity or NPR which leaving the metro area.

Ummm, I'll Take "Parents Are to Blame" for $600 Alex

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All humans are equal. Not due to some kind of doctrine or text written up by some old fogeys in the 1700's, but because it's true.

All humans have the same DNA and ergo, barring instances of mental impairment, all humans genuinely, literally and factually are equal.

Ergo, why I don't blame the kids, I blame the parents.

But you can see where this is going; we're going to prevent kids from excelling as it may be deemed racist.

Help us all.

ht to Maggie's Farm

Yes, You Can Run Away From Your Problems

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Is it bad of me to take joy in watching these people lose their cars?

Eh, who knows. Maybe Dubai will start an immigration campaign to recruit overtaxed, productive Americans.

Classes on Investing and Stocks

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Hey, you!

Take a class!

Do it now! Do it!

How Commercials Predict a Collapse of Society

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The human brain, constantly bombarded with commercials on TV, the internet and the radio automatically tune them out so as not to waste precious calories of energy paying attention to them.

However, though my brain has more or less made it so the stimulus from commercials never really gets past my brain stem, something went atwitter in my brain while watching my favorite TV show, Hogans Heroes.

It was daytime and the commercials were all of the daytime TV variant;

"Are you a loser? Then go to college at your local degree mill! We offer Phd's in just 18 months!"

"Are you struggling under debt? Then call the Dead Beat Debt Consolidation Program. Expert financial advisors are standing by now to show you how to not pay back the money you owe!"

"Injured or just willing to say you've been? Call Chitty Ays Lawyers at 1-800-GOEF-SOCIETY."

And so forth and so on.

However, what went atwitter was the sheer volume of these commercials and just what a high percentage of them were for losers. It's almost as if all people during the daytime are idiots and the marketing suggests it. But what was truly eerie was I started to take note of just what percentage of the commercials were for losers during the rest of the day.

These commercials are on ALL THE TIME.

Extract yourself, if you will, from the US and imagine you're from a more "responsible" or "mature" country like Finland or Sweden. You come over here and on the TV is nothing but commercials for debt consolidation, credit cards, worthless degrees and personal injury lawyers. We don't see it, because we're inundated with it, but that still doesn't mean it isn't happening, nor does it change the statement it makes about America. If you take the time to actually observe just what a high percentage of total commercials these "loser" commercials account for, it is a scary testament to the status of the average American.

It doesn't matter if it's daytime TV (although there is more of a frequency) these commercials account for a jaw dropping percent of total commercials. Yes there is the debt consolidation and 2 year degree mills, but can you remember the last time you didn't hear a damn commercial for Viagra? Or some commercial for another stupid, inane weight loss program (because that "eat less and exercise more" concept is so freaking hard to understand). Or a check cashing place?

When I started paying attention to the commercials, two I find particularly interesting because they are a testament to the deteriorating economic condition this country's in;

Consignment shops

and

Cash for gold or "gold brokers."

People are hocking gold and personal items for cash, AND I HEARD THESE ADVERTISEMENTS ON TALK RADIO!

The larger point is this; commercials are a free market (and therefore very accurate) reflection of society. And whereas I would like commercials to be for things like personal F-16 fighter planes, documentaries on economics, encyclopedias, hovercars, surgeon school and other goods and services which would indicate a successful, productive and educated society, sadly it's the complete opposite.

Sex pills, means by which you can get "cash quick," weight loss, debt relief, lawyers, consignment shops, you name it, all point to a society that has not only lost its desire to be industrious, responsible and hard-working, but to a society that is on the brink of collapse.

Of course, again, I'm just the ole fuddy duddy. The curmudgeon that likes to spoil everybody's good time. The meanie that points out mean and harsh things (no matter how true they may be). But if you don't believe me, just try it yourself. Next time you're watching TV or listening to the radio or surfing the net, actually listen/watch/read the advertisements and see just what a high percentage these commercials are.

It really is eerie and depressing at the same time.

A, Oh! Copernicus!

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You're daily funny ha ha.

Oh HELL YES!

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I am so buying one.

ht to Kate

6.2%

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Oh, isn't that heavenly!?

Americans will pay for their stupidity.

Pour Yourself a Martini, Light Up a Cigar…

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and if you have the time read an interesting, but true tale of a gumshoe blogger and the weird and crazy path his detective skills inadvertently led him.

Then go on to part II.

Then pour yourself another martini and be thankful you're not "Single in the Suburbs" and relatively sane.

Worthless College Classes

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Anybody see the relationship I see?

Anyone?

Anyone?

Bueller?

Bueller?

Spit on the Face

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I am 33 years old.

I have chest hair.

Ear hair.

Nose hair.

You name it, I have it. Soon those hairs will turn gray as I further my aging into middle age-hood.

Thus, one would think that given my age I am not some young man, or late teenager, certainly not a child, and definitely not a toddler.

Tell that to my girl.

We were eating sushi for my birthday. I had a little bit of wasabi or something on my face.

Now, does said girl say, "Captain, you have something on your face. You should wipe it off?"

Does said girl say, "Captain, go to the bathroom and clean up your face. You have some crap on it?"

Does said girl say, "Captain, hold still while I take this napkin and wipe the food from your face?"

No, what does she do?

She licks her thumb, plying a near gallon of saliva and spit on it and then circa my mother in 1978 starts to smudge off the grit on my face with her spit-laden thumb.

I stood there in utter shock because my brain was caught between being grossed out by having spit smushed on my cheek and coming to grips with the concept that a full grown woman was actually doing this to a 33 year old man (replete with nose, ears and elbow hair).

I just stood there, giving the girl a look of disbelief. I said, "Did you just do what I thought you did?"

She giggles and walks to her car.

The Crisis of Credit Visualized

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Excellent and outstanding simplification of the credit crisis (almost as good as my book ;)

Every adult and child should watch this, especially the idiots who like to blame the current recession of Bush.

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Useful Idiots

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Good god. What a bunch of genuine, worthless morons.

Tim Robbins explains;

Paul Harvey, Good Day

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Good night Paul. My (albeit very cursatory) farewell;

The Revolving Door of the Banking Industry

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Most bankers and executive management should be fired for the debacle they had brought upon the US. Oh, yes, I know, there's plenty of blame to go around, but let's not kid ourselves, for years people who were undeserving of credit never got a loan simply because banks did their job and turned these people down. But since banks threw assessing and ascertaining risk out of the window (which was their primary freaking job) and decided to loan money to everybody because they could score on some commission checks, it should be no surprise the financial system melted down, "necessitating" a taxpayer bailout all the while forcing the economy down the toilet.

Now one would think that the heads of these banks would be fired and then banished from banking altogether, soon to be replaced with more talented, moralled and skilled youthful counterparts.

One would think.

And there you go again "thinking." "Thinking" somehow "logic" and "sanity" rule this talentless, worthless industry headed up by parasites and charlatans.

For the truth is yes, the majority of the banks I've worked at and worked with have purged their executive and senior managements since this debacle occurred, but what nobody is pointing out, and what the dirty little secret is...

they simply go to and work for the bank next door.

So let me tell you some tales about a couple people I know, names of course shan't be mentioned, who by all practical measures should never be allowed to set foot into a bank again, but because the system is so hopelessly corrupted, they are now gainfully employed, some with promotions, steering completely new banks into completely new ice bergs.

My favorite I would have to say was "Pat." Pat was a president of a commercial lending division. No skill, no game, no experience. Well at least not experience in banking. Pat was previously a gas station manager.

Now, one would ask "How does a gas station attendant become president of commercial lending?"

And that is an excellent question to ask, for you see, while Pat may not have had any experience in commercial lending, he was married to someone who did. A vice president

of one of the holding companies that owned the firm Pat worked for. Surprise, surprise, surprise, Pat becomes a president of an entire division within a subsidiary.

The results were only those that can be achieved by nepotism:

Pat was so bad at managing risk and making good loans even before I got on board they had made a loan to a real estate development that was already being investigated by the FBI in 2005. I should have taken that as a bad sign, but opted instead to keep working at this particular establishment. Over the course of the next 2 years I worked on loans that I knew were never going to be paid back, only to see Pat override my objections and approve the loans anyway. In the end Pat left the bank he was working at, but not without having 1 in every 2 loans go into default!

Now, one would think with a 50% default rate, it would be impossible for Pat to find a job ever again in the banking industry. Later I came to find out Pat didn't get fired, but quit so he could go and work for another bank where he'd start, again, as a president of commercial lending. I asked my contact "How in ef's name did he get a job there?"

"I think he has family there."

Ah, nepotism. It's more important to employ familial losers and screw over society than to have a stable financial system.

There was also Jessica. I had interviewed with Jessica at a bank a while ago, but didn't get the job. It wasn't until a year later I received a call from that same bank asking if I was interested in becoming a senior analyst there. I went in and interviewed thinking it would be that same Jessica person again, but she was replaced by Sven, the new head of commercial lending. Apparently Jessica had left for greener pastures.

Of course not without leave me her manure to deal with.

Never had I seen a portfolio of such outright sh!tty deals. You literally could not believe what loans had been approved and were now starting to fall apart. It was almost as if Jessica had purposely undermined the bank by making such horrendously bad loans and now it was time to start cleaning them up. The real estate developer who somehow failed to notice the 500 other town homes going up in the same town he was planning on putting 20 of his (the town of course had a population of 350, but that's aside the point). The guy who had a credit score of 500 and we still gave him an unsecured (meaning no collateral) line. And worthless financial deadbeat trailer trash after worthless financial deadbeat trailer trash contractor who if he could just show up sober for once he might have actually gotten a contract to roof a house or sheetrock a building. But no, sober contractors were too high-end client for Jessica, we'd go after the deadbeats.

Sure enough, I wanted to hunt Jessica down and I did track her down. Why, she was president of commercial lending at a bank literally just down the road.

I wanted to go to their CEO and say, "WTF!? Are you kidding me? Did you bother to look at the bank's financial statements where she worked previously? Are you all a bunch of morons?"

Of course, that was Jessica, her replacement was just as inconceivably stupid.

Here it was, late 2006 and the housing market was already starting to suffer. Showing my boss report after report showing the housing market to be oversupplied with a glut of housing, I was amazed to see this latest "leader" tell me straight to my face "21 months supply is about right." 5 months supply is when a market is deemed to be "balanced." 5 months supply is where it would take 5 months to sell out of the current level of housing and neither buyers nor sellers have a particular advantage. But there, right in front of him was a chart showing 21 months supply and he looked at me and said, "Well, 21 is about right." He was delusional.

Now I've written about this moron in my book (which of course you should buy), and naturally his stupidity cost the bank millions of dollars (to the point they have now applied for TARP money-hurray, you're bailing out these morons), but no matter how inept heads in the banking industry were, I could have sworn there could not possibly be a job for this moron. That there was no way any bank, after doing even the slightest bit of background check and research into this guy would give him a job.

Sure enough he got a job. But not just any job. A job I applied for (at least I was being considered a viable candidate for the same level of work, and at least I was starting to gain ground on these incompetent middle age managers).

But if you want to talk about sheer, jaw-dropping, unbelievable stupidity, Mike is your man.

Mike ran a bank into the ground. No, he really did. He made so many bad loans as a VP there that the bank was not only approaching insolvency, but earned itself a nice little cease and desist order by the FDIC. As in "cease and desist" you're costing the taxpayer way too much money you morons. I had the "honor" of contracting for this bank to help it deal with its cease and desist order and you could not believe the utter garbage that would pass for a loan. Real estate developer after real estate developer with no absorption study conducted to finance 20,000 condos in a market that already had 32 years supply of condos. The son of the father who was going to buy his uncle's house, but needed his dad to co-sign the loan because the son's wife had a spending problem and tanked their credit score, etc. etc. And of course, horses. Ah yes, horses. A never-ending line of horse wives who don't do a damn thing in their lives, live off their surgeon

husbands, but because the husband is now broke paying for her horse hobby (and jewelry and riding lessons for her daughters - each one from a different marriage of course, and lexuses and spa treatments, etc.), he needs to borrow money AGAINST THE HORSE. Yes, these were the high quality and caliber loans Mike made and the Feds did not like it.

Now, certainly, CERTAINLY, of all the people in the world, you would not hire a guy who was responsible for bringing a cease and desist order upon his previous employer. You know, that there might be something "bad" about this guy. That maybe he wasn't too bright. That maybe he was a bit amoral. That maybe not only was he amoral and not too bright, but matter of fact a full blown, galactically stupid retard.

Oh, but you know how this story is going to end. Yes, you do. For a bank did hire him and put him in charge of CREDIT. And in a bit of irony, was the same bank I used to work for (the one now apply for TARP funds).

Now, I could go on and on and on, but what it simply boils down to is that the banking system in the US is corrupt. Not because of the banks themselves, or the institutions or laws we have in place, but because of the culture banking has.

Above all else, it is more important to be nice than right in the banking industry. It is no surprise that when an executive so horribly manages a bank that they are forced to leave, that you don't see in the newspapers, "Freaking moron who ran bank into the ground and cost Minnesota taxpayers $40,000,000 leaves for another bank." You see "Long time executive who served local community well WILLINGLY resigns from post to spend more time with family." And the reason why is that in banking it has to be superfriendlyMinnesota nice all the time.

Nothing can go wrong in the banking industry.

Nothing can be impolite in the banking industry.

That we never turn people down. We never lose money. We never fire people. We never do bad things. We're the superhappyfriendlynicepeoplebanks and birds and chirping and everybody's happy.

The problem is this is not based in reality. Reality is much harsher. Reality is much more brutal, as evidenced by the spectacular financial crisis we're having. But when they put on a face like the Bonfire of the Vanities, to make it seem like the perfect-happy suburbanite couple, it seems nobody knows (or perhaps, nobody cares) about all the chaos and fire left in the wake of the applicant now applying to be their new president. The collapse, the losses, and federal investigations seem to magically not matter when this new applicant applies to become chief of credit.

Of course until that changes, then the banks will never change as they are still being headed up by the same morons that got us here in the first place. And until that real change takes place it's still OK in my opinion to loathe bankers, at minimum tell these morons at the ABA to shut the ef up (I love how he tries to pin it on investment banks).

In the meantime, enjoy bailing out these deadbeats.

Not So Dumb Afterall

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I remember in college they would mock the Greatest generation for hiding cash under the mattress and "wow, imagine if they invested that money in just an average-returning mutual fund."

Well those old fogeys and their old fashioned ways of working up the money to pay for what you buy and eschewing debt and spending within their means don't look so stupid now do they?

It's called "wisdom." Meaning they've been down that road before and maybe you should shut the hell up and listen to them so you don't make their same mistakes. Oh, never mind, Obama's gonna fix it all, ponies and puppies for everyone!

"TARP" as a Verb

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We were sitting at Perkins, me and my crew (yes, I have a "crew." Ask any one of them.)

And Brian, arguably the older, wiser one of the crew says, "I have a new word."

Naturally ears perk up (cause we're at Perkins, get it? Perk? PERKins? You see, the same sound? Makes it funny? Get it? huh? The pun I mean?!)

In any case he says, "Tarp."

Smiles show on all the guys faces and Brian says, "Oh, crap, I left my wallet at home. Tarp me a couple bucks."

Ergo "tarp" took on a definition similar to "give" but that it wasn't optional. That when someone says, "Tarp me a couple bucks" they're not asking you. They're telling you much like the loser boyfriend tells his girlfriend to give him money. Thus, "tarp" is never used as a question, it's used in a declarative statement.

Of course "tarp" also implies you are never getting your money back. Thus adding to its definition a bit of understanding you're not going to see you money any more.

I'm trying to institute the word into my speech now, but haven't found the appropriate opportunity to use it. Regardless, everybody start using it.

The Republicans Should Take 2 Years Off

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The "official" republicans, the ones who do nothing for a living but run political careers and never worked a day in their lives, should take 2 full years off. They should leave the legislatures, both state and national and leave the country in democrat hands so as to provide a clear and distinct difference between them and the socialists. Then they could claim "Hey, we were sitting on a beach and had nothing to do with it. We weren't even there to vote."

Of course they won't.

They are career politicians. Just as worthless and parasitic as their democratic counterparts and no more honorable. And thus why they won't listen to logic, sanity or any kind of reason. They will still try to make themselves seem like "team players" so as to get elected next round.

But the beauty of reality is that whoever ties their lines to the democratic/Obama party will sink with them. And those that don't might actually stand a shot at some semblance of not only a future in politics, but (GASP) some kind of morality.

It doesn't matter to me. I've already made my decision. I will just watch the two parties flounder about one another.

Holy "Let's Change the Subject Because I'm Getting My Ass Kicked on the Porkulus Program" Batman

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Hey O,

Oh, is reality getting so tough for you, you resort to this kind of petty BS?

Pathetic.

You are proving to be the pathetic, preppy mama's boy who had all the advantages of rich, upper class folk upbringing who had his ass pampered and paid through Harvard that we all knew you'd prove to be.

No real experience. No real private sector experience. No real true man experience.

Loser.

In the truest sense.

My Pot Rack Story

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Let me tell you my pot rack story and then I'm heading out to teach dance class for the day.

I was about 24 or 25, I can't remember which. I was a younger guy and had met this older guy, all of 29, who was also into finance and economics. I looked up to him as he was also conservative, much more successful than I was and kind of tolerated my younger, cocky ass.

Through the course of the next year we became good friends. We'd all go out swing dancing, we talk shop, he was a runner and so was I, all in all a great guy and everybody loved his company.

Then he found himself a girl.

She was a neurotic grad student, getting her doctorate in psychology not to go into practice, of course, but to go and re-teach what she learned 2 years previous to presumably girls in her exact same situation. Obsessed with her looks she was constantly working out, eating sticks and twigs, forcing my buddy to do the same and basically sank her teeth into this guy immediately. He lasted about a whopping 3 months before she moved into his house and then the metamorphosis began.

I saw my friend go from a carefree bachelor guy, to a guy who was otherwise spoken for, to a guy who was committed, to a guy who was condemned. And whereas previously I could call him up and say,

"Hey, John, let's go for a run."

Or

"Hey, John, let's all go out dancing and scope out some chicks."

Or

"Hey, John, let's get the crew together and go see a movie."

I found myself progressively running into "scheduling conflicts" he had that prevented him from going out with his old chums.

The end came on a Saturday evening. It wasn't late. It wasn't too early and I called him up. I said, "Hey, John, let's go down to the Dubliner and get a beer."

The Dubliner being an Irish joint literally 3 blocks from his house.

Over the phone he said, "I don't know, it's Saturday night and I'm pretty busy."

"Busy!?" I said, "What do you mean busy?! Come on, it's 3 blocks from your house, it'll take all of 30 minutes to have a beer. Let's go."

"Hang on, let me ask my fiancé (he liked to call her his fiancé)"

So in the background I hear his lower toned male voice mumbling, asking his beloved if he could go out and get a beer, "Murmur murmur murmur murmur?"

And in return I heard her Beaker-eqsue (from the Muppets) high pitch voice respond;

“Neener neerner neener neneer neen?”

Then I heard my friend say,

“The Captain.”

And then in vehement response the girl saying;

“THE CAPTAIN! NEENER NEENER NEENER NEENER NEERNER NEEEEEEE!!!!”

Soon he came back on the phone and said, “I’m sorry, we’re hanging a pot rack tonight.”

I sat there thinking to myself, “Wooooooow. This guy is completely 100% castrated.”

I said, “Pot rack? A pot rack? Can you postpone the great hanging of the pot rack?”

“No, we’ve been meaning to hang this for a while, and you know how long these projects take.”

I decided it was futile to try to get him to go and get a beer. I also concluded it was pointless to even try to maintain a friendship anymore.

I never knew what happened to them thereafter. They moved somewhere and that was the last I heard of them, but this taught me a very valuable lesson;

Friends are not there to bide the time away until you find somebody to marry, by which you dispose of your friends like you do used toilet paper. Your friends are arguably more important than your spouse as they hang out with you for you and all your faults and don’t give a damn what you do or how much money you make and never lay aim or have ulterior motives in hanging out with you. They are the most pure and decent people you will ever run into which can only be rivaled by the loyalty and friendship provided by dogs. And to shed them like you would an old skin once a cute piece of tail walks by is a testament not to their disposability but to your personal caliber.

Now I know that women are just as prone to do this as men, my story is only about a guy, but regardless of sex, it angers me how people just drop their friends once they find, not even somebody they’re going to marry, but somebody they just become romantically involved with. And sure as Obama destroying the US economy, once they dump your sorry ass, who do you go crawling back to? Your friends.

Ergo, I think a “repatriation of friends” tax should be in order. Not necessarily some kind of monetary tax, but like a celebrity roasting or hazing where you make the traitor beg and plead for re-acceptance back into the fold of friends. Where you make your buddy profess to the guys why you and the guys were infinitely better than the girl he ran off with who took him for half, left him with a kid that wasn’t his and made off with his house. Or the girlfriends make the girl admit that dating the loser who took her money to buy drugs, ended up getting another girl pregnant and racked up $40,000 in credit card debt was indeed the most boneheaded move she could have ever possibly made. I would also go so far as to enforce a level of “indentured servitude” upon them where they have to go and buy the beer, they have to be sober cab and they have to help friends move for a period of a year to earn their way back into the system.

Of course, this is all dreaming and poppycock, but when I am king. Ohhhhhhh, when I am king. There are going to be some really new and weird laws being made.

Municipal Poverty Pimps

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City	% Below the Poverty Line	Last Time Republican Mayor was in Office
1. Detroit , MI	32.50%	1961
2. Buffalo , NY	29.90%	1954
3. Cincinnati , OH	27.80%	1984
4. Cleveland , OH	27.00%	1989
5. Miami , FL	26.90%	Never
5. St. Louis , MO	26.80%	1949
7. El Paso , TX	26.40%	Never
8. Milwaukee , WI	26.20%	1908
9. Philadelphia , PA	25.10%	1952
10. Newark , NJ	24.20%	1907

U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey, August 2007

Now you know why cities insist on having such poor public schools;

Because only morons would vote people in time and time again believing it's "outside forces" keeping them poor and not piss poor management on the part of inept socialist mayors and city councils.

Such a simple solution to the poorest people in America and they won't have any of it simply because they've been brainwashed to hate capitalism, free markets and independence.

Sad.

Link Fest Extravaganza!

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OK folks, time for another round of link fest. Again, I DO genuinely and sincerely appreciate everybody that links to me and in return I make an attempt to link back to them. So if you like Cappy Cap, then you should at least pay these hombres (and hombrettes) a visit;

Excellent and sometimes dark/cynical cartoons. I wouldn't say "cynical" because in today's America where everything is peachyhappykeendaddybuysmeanAudiletsgotoapplebeesandmajorincommunications, no doubt society has strayed from reality. And reality is much more harsh and ergo what is "cynical" in America passes for SOP in most other countries;

http://benjamin-politix.blogspot.com/

Then there is Save Capitalism. I disagree with the premise that "capitalism" needs saving. It's like saying "save gravity." Capitalism, as you will find out, IS A NATURAL LAW. It is more powerful than gravity. It is more powerful than light. It is the strongest most basic operating law of human nature. And (PLEASE PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE THIS IS GOLD I'M GIVING YOU HERE) the simple secret to success for societies and nations is that the more you abide by this natural law the better you will do. The more you try to institute an economic system that is not capitalist, the worse you will do. Look at North Korea vs. Bermuda or the Cayman Islands. Wow, "crazy." Who ever thought letting people be free and keeping the majority of the fruits of their labor would result in the masses going out, day in day out, kicking ass to produce GDP because it would be to their own benefit. Of course, Obama doesn't realize this, but that's because he's a moron when it comes to basic economics (and oh yes, all of you who voted for him are going to realize how crushing this natural law of capitalism is) In the meantime enjoy his bailouts, flowers, puppies and ponies. I'm sure it will turn around the economy.

I appreciate capitalists who come to America and wish to produce and carry their own weight. Ergo, visit David, a Ukranian immigrant who (sadly) I think is going to be let down by the road America is going down. He may actually decide to head back to the Ukraine and I frankly wouldn't blame him. Regardless, if any of you are employers, hire this guy. What more do you want than somebody willing to contribute to GDP and hates socialists (simply because unlike most of the socialists here, he's actually lived through socialism).

I don't speak Spanish, some of you might. But capitalists abound no matter where you go. Support them.

There's also Joie.

Look, you all know me. I hate kids. I hate sappy sh!t. But all that being said, the yin that must counter the yang is Joie. She's a nice mother and has children and though not socially the same, we're on the same team. Visit her because she visits me.

There's also the Gay Patriot. It's not because I loathe religion. It's not because I try to score points to seem more "moderate" and gain favor amongst those across the isle. It's because of principle I support gay marriage. Who in god's name is anybody else to tell two people what to do? You want to smoke cigars? You want to be able to kiss blonds, brunettes or redheads? You want to do whatever YOU please as an individual and NOT have your preferences dictated to you by the state? Well, stay the hell out of other people's business as long as they're not hurting you and expect people to expect the same from you. The gay issue is in my opinion one of the least political issues in that it really has nothing to do with the government, nor should it. End of discussion, topic over, no it has nothing to do with you.

And then there's working class conservative. You see, we all don't drink cognac and oppress minorities and women daily (perhaps weekly, but not daily). Matter of fact, if you're a minority, you'll find you have more in common with a blue collar conservative than Barack Obama because aside from skin color, you really have nothing in common. Did you have everything paid for since you were born? No? Oh, wow, 1 for the working class conservative and 0 for Obama. Did you have to work in high school to build the funds for college? Yes? Oh, 2 for working class conservative and still 0 for Obama. Did you have mommy pay your way through Harvard? No? Oh, well, 3 for working class conservative and 0 for Obama. You can keep going and you'll find the score to be about 483 to 0. Do yourself a favor and visit people who actually care about you and not your skin color.

Finally, because he sent it and reminded me (my book marks are not that greatly organized) the British Columbian Iconoclast.

Visit him, now, do it, NOW!

That there be all dem der links. Visit them and do it now!

U2 Sucks

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Yes, sorry to inform you, U2, does indeed suck.

I realized this NOT after the US Bureau of Labor Statistics came out with a study that empirically proves that U2 sucks, but after having to listen to it non-stop for 30 minutes in an Irish bar.

"SUNDAY BLOODY SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!

SUNDAY BLOODY SUNDAYYYYYYY!!!!"

Please, somebody out there tell me how in god's name U2 became so damn popular? Is it the bland suburbanite masses who find Ruby Tuesday's chicken quesadillas too spicy the same people that somehow think this incessant, non-stop blathering, droning of whinny Irishmen (and just so you know I'm Irish, and yes, they are whinny) is "unique" sounding? Or is it just the socio-political standing of U2 that compels people to "say" they like U2, when deep down inside they know they suck. Their singing is about as good as their ability to stay poverty in Africa.

I remember being in middle school I think and there being advertisements for "Rattle and Hum." Truly, and I mean this, Huey Lewis and the News was way better.

Now, if you want an aging band of boomers that still has some talent left in them, I'll give you Aerosmith. But come on, U freaking 2? Hang on while I watch this Viva Viagra commercial.

Now THAT'S Funny!

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Yeah, move your business to DETROIT!

North Korea might as well have placed an ad in the same paper.

Big Oil Didn't Require a Bailout

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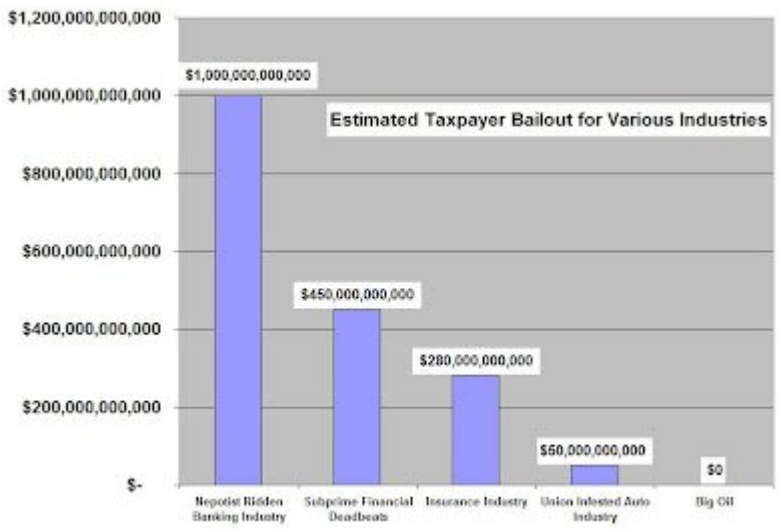
The thing I love about the left is that the hypocrisy inevitably catches up with them.

No doubt they are livid (as am I) over the bailouts the finance, insurance and auto industries are receiving. Ergo, by default this means leftists do not like it when corporations are run so poorly that they lose money and therefore require a taxpayer bailout. By default then, they would prefer companies that make enough money so as not to parasite off the taxpayer. Companies like, oh, I don't know, the big oil firms maybe perhaps?



You see, Big Oil is coming out looking stellar doing what corporations are supposed to do; run a profitable operation. Not one penny in bailout money has been given to big oil, because, well they have their heads out of their asses. And unlike pretty much every other industry with a cup in their hand begging the taxpayer for money, good ole big oil has more or less stayed away from parasiting off the taxpayer.

Of course, if we were to be logical and INTELLECTUALLY HONEST about it, the left would love Big Oil. But of course they don't because they MAKE MONEY.

Thus, what is big oil to do?

If they make a profit they're evil. If they lose money and get a bail out, they're evil. Perhaps they should just aim to break even and that would make the left happy?

You know what I think? I think big oil should just move their corporate headquarters overseas as their operations truly are global and not deal with the left anymore. They could HQ in a tax haven, and instead of pay 40% taxes (not to mention deal with

incessant bitching and whining) pay 0% and actually boost the value of the stock and the value of millions of peoples' 401ks...of course they could stick around like Bacardi did back in Cuba....and realize they should have moved to Bermuda a long time ago.

But then what do I know? I'm just a dumb video game playing economist.

Why the Stock Market is Crashing

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As you know, I like to make economics simple, because frankly, that's how economics is.

It's not complicated.

It's not difficult.

It's simple.

And those that try to make it difficult or complicated are just trying to make it look like they're smart.

So let me explain to you why the stock market is collapsing.

Aside from Obama pursuing nothing short of a socialist agenda, there is an overall and more "overriding" reason the market is collapsing;

People and investors are starting to realize the true potential economic productivity of this nation and it's pathetic.

Now I don't know how many times I've explained why sociology degrees or liberal art degrees are worthless. I don't know how many times I've explained that if you want economic productivity you have to first incentive people to be productive by allowing them to keep the vast majority of the fruits of their labor. I don't know how many times I've explained how a critical mass of the population of the US has basically become spoiled, corrupted, individual labor units or cells of society akin to cancer to the point they produce nothing and will thus trigger organ failure. And I don't know how many times I've highlighted the risks of relying on increasing asset prices for retirement, especially if their underlying rents or profits do not keep pace. But it seems now the market is finally starting to realize this and the consequences are the near 60% drop in stock prices.

You see, stock prices are basically a barometer of people's expectations of the future. If the future looks bright, the economy is humming along, prospects look good, and people believe they will be free in the future, then profits will probably increase in the future, thus increasing stock prices. But if the future looks bleak, people lie around and expect to be taken care of, corporations are vilified and their profits are threatened to be taken away, and in short economic freedoms are taken away from both individuals and corporations, then not only do you disincentive people to start companies and pursue profit, but stocks drop in response because there it is unlikely the economy will produce

anything of value or wealth in the future.

The second scenario is the case we face today. Nobody wants to work for a living anymore. People expect a hand out from the government. The concept that self-supportation is laughed at as the children (both of the adult and child variety) of this society not expect, but demand to be at minimum taken care of and paid for by the government. America has become so far removed from the principles of independence, individuality, rugged individualism, excellence, achievement and freedom that made it great and drove the stock market up to 14,000, that it is now suffering what can only be described as the natural consequences of pursuing the opposite and the economic reality of it is a Dow Jones trading at 6,500 (soon to be 5,000 by my estimates).

Now America does have a choice. We can go back to the roots of freedom, capitalism, independence, innovation and individuality to restart the massive economic engine that made America great, or continue going down the road of collectivism, parasiticism, conformity and totalitarianism which has TIME AND TIME AGAIN ruined nations before our very eyes. However, sadly this choice is really more of an "academic" one than one we will really have to make in that the cancerous masses have become so corrupted and so numerous that the choice has already been made.

Alas, until those masses get their heads out of their asses their 401k plans will still be worthless and a Dow Jones of 10,000 will be the stuff of social security and Obama's stimulus plan; a fairy tale.

"Heaven, I'm in Heaven."

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Open this in separate window and read the article below whilst listening to the music.

Article.

Is it wrong for me to be taking such joy in the collapse?

To quote Jason Lewis "You give me 6 months and I'll have us out of this recession."

Of course, nobody wants to take the medicine those evil free marketer economists recommend. They just want to pop the Obama-socialism pill and "POOF!" the recession will end!

Oh, you people have no idea how much emergency invasive surgery the economy needs.

And what's beautiful is you think there's some kind of "option" or "choice" in the matter.

My "Pigtail Day" Story

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Many years ago if you had ran into the Captain, you would have seen an idealistic, happy young man. Eyes would have been wide open and hopeful like a young and energetic puppy. Of course, life has a tendency to turn even the most innocent and happy of boys into the dark and sinister men that we've become today, but back then the Captain was just a fresh-off-the-assembly-line happy private. And during those days the Captain would entertain foolish notions of coming up with little romantic and charming gimmicks to woo girls into courting him.

Things like bad poetry;

"I like you babe, I like you lots
It's for you I've got da hots
Date a man, for get the tots.
I like you babe, I like you lots."

Taking girls to look out points to awe them with the awe-inspiring views of the city with a bottle of wine tucked in the back pack.

Buying them corsages that matched their dresses if we made it to the fourth or fifth date.

And other stupid things I inevitably learned were futile and were simply just a waste of good beer money.

Of course, now "wooing" girls is no longer priority number one and currently ranks somewhere behind "cleaning the house" and "going to church," but allow me to share with you one of the more charming little gimmicks I came up with;

The (True) Story of Pigtail Day.

You see, when in my youth I was chasing after this young lass and I let it slipped that I had a soft spot for pigtails. Not the "catholic school girl" pigtail thing, but I just liked pigtails and still do to this day because they look cute and girly. Sure enough the girl I was trying to woo started sporting pigtails and I, foolishly, thought this was a good sign. Ergo, to capitalize on this preliminary-successful wooing, I wrote The TRUE Story of Pigtail Day.

Of course, despite its genius it failed and I had since forgotten that I wrote it, BUT upon cleaning out my computer files I rediscovered it and deemed it worthy of a little more attention. Thus, I give you The TRUE Story of Pigtail Day:

While most people believe Pigtail Day to be some sort of ruse or trick to get girls to put their hair in pigtails, simply for the amusement of men, the origins of Pigtail Day can be traced back to ancient Rome where all truly great holidays come from.

The success of the Roman empire is largely attributed to great military might and conquests, however, this is only partly true. Savvy historians and experts on Rome point to a strong and efficient economy as the backbone to the Roman empire's success. Preceding the peak or glory years of the Roman empire, a military excursion into the northern isles, now known as Ireland, brought back an Irish slave called Eringobrough McClarey. Seemingly an ordinary sort of fellow, he was quickly assigned to poo shoveling at the Caesar's greenhouse. But how misjudged he was, for McClarey was an insanely intelligent man, and soon he soared through the ranks to become Chief Poo Shoveller.

The Ceasar noted that his plants were doing much better, better than ever in the greenhouse and so he asked his aide,

"Aide, why are my plants so green and lush."

The aide said, "Sire, it is the renowned poo-shoveling talent of an Irish slave, we brought back a couple years ago."

"Bring him to me," said Ceasar, "for I wish to speak with him."

And so McClarey went to see Ceasar. And upon his arrival, the Ceasar awarded him not only a legion of poo-shovellers, but citizenship and a new title.

"From hence on, Eringobrough McClarey, you are now known as…

And the chicks did dig him.

And so Clarius Maximus and his poo shovellers set out to conquer many lands for the Roman Empire. And the empire grew under his command.

But while conquering, the insanely intelligent (and good looking) Clarius noticed all the logistics and management involved of transporting, feeding, supplying and quartering

troops. Soon he developed a new science to help achieve the maximum effectiveness with his limited resources; economics.

The battle of Liberalius Pansius (a town full of artists, counselors, and public sector employees) is a perfect example of the ruthless efficiency of Clarius' economics.

With no more than 20 poo shovellers, armed with potatoes, he managed to topple the city of 60,000 in 15 minutes and bring it under the heel of the Roman Empire.

Soon, rumor (and fear spread) of Clarius Maximus' economic tactics. And when the results of his military campaign reached the Ceasar, the Ceasar said, "Bring him to me! I wish to apply this "economics" to matters here at Rome."

Upon his return to Rome, the Ceasar awarded Clarius the much coveted Leather Gauntlets, which he donned upon his hands and thus made him 110% sexy.

Soon, in addition to waging war with his poo-shovelling legionnaires, Clarius was made "Grand Pooba of all Things Economic" in Rome. And under his wise leadership, GDP per capita increased 800%, unemployment dropped to record levels and Alanus Greenspanicus was put in charge of the newly created Roman Federal Reserve.

But something bothered Clarius. For despite all his success, he had no time for chicks.

And the Ceasar noticed something was wrong, so he said, "Clarius, why do you look so down?"

And Clarius said, "I have no time for chicks and video games have not been invented yet."

And the Ceasar said, "Well, you're in luck, because for all your service to the Roman Empire I will allow you to choose any girl from the entire Roman Empire."

And so a decree went out that all totally hot and fine babes journey to Rome so that they may have the honor of courting the former poo-shoveller.

Millions came and were put under great scrutiny for Clarius Maximus wanted not only looks, but intelligence too! And after months of interviews and discussion, he had limited it down to 40,000 totally hot babes.

He then said, "All chicks who majored in engineering, physics, accounting, economics, or some other subject requiring math may stay."

39,990 left, leaving only 10 of the hottest and most intelligent Roman babes. But sadly,

Clarius was unable to tell who was the hottest one, they were all totally hot.

But then, out of nowhere, came two dirty Massachusetts senators, with the intent of absconding with one of the totally hot Roman chicks. Unfortunately, they chose the same girl and a tug of war match ensued. Each senator grabbed one half of the girl's hair, pulling in opposite directions. They tugged and tugged, until Clarius Maximus dispatched his highly trained and tippy top secret elite poo-shovelling legionnaire ninjas! Within a millisecond the two senators dropped under the heavy hits of ninja shovels.

And what was left after the ruckus was a totally hot roman chick with her hair pointing in opposite directions, exactly like what today's pigtails look like!

Clarius Maximus was stunned, she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen!!! And he saw a million of them, so this babe was like totally fine! He said, "You, chick with the pigtails. You're hot! Let's go out."

And how could she refuse, for he was wearing his 110% sexy leather gauntlets.

The Ceasar, upon seeing this totally gorgeous babe with the pigtails, immediately said,

"I declare this day, January the 29th to be Pigtail Day. And I decree that every January 29th all women should put their hair in Pigtails!"

And the people were jovial and happy and the chicks were like totally hot…but not quite as hot as Clarius Maximus.

Obama Mug Shots

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HAR!!!!!

I would love to see the McCain mugshots...though that might take a while longer to find.

Feeding the Poor So that They Might Be Able to Afford Nicer Cell Phones Than Mine

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Again, I have no pity for our "poor."

I pity the poor people in third world countries. But not ours.

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Down and Down I Go

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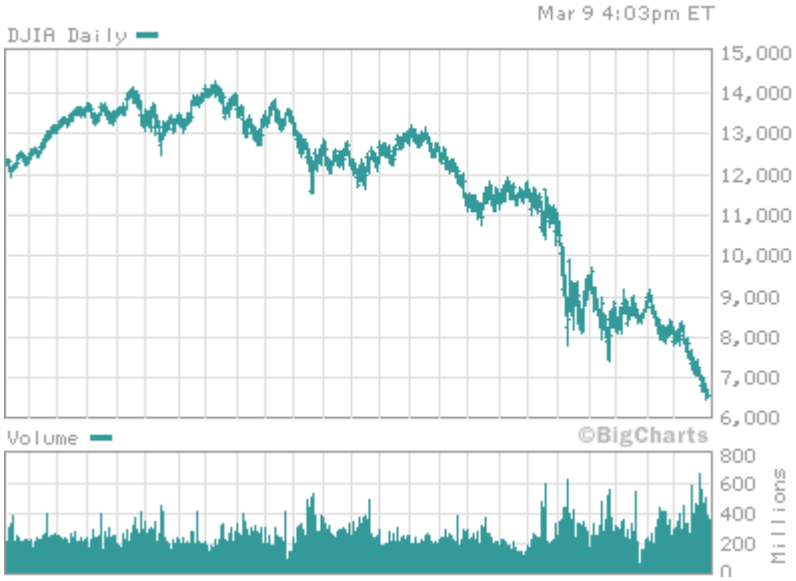
Play "That Old Black Magic" below;

That Old Black Magic (Live) @ Yahoo! Video

And listen to the lovely lyrics as the stock market tanks;



Norwegian Banks

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An obscure question, but I figured I'd find out sooner asking all my readers than searching for it on the internet, but does anybody know of any Norwegian banks you'd recommend?

I've gone online and tried to find different banks in Norway, but they're either all in Norwegian and I can't read it or they have offices in the US. Looking for a 100% Norwegian bank. Any recommendations/contacts/links?

Thanks,

El Capitan

Has Anybody Ever Get a Good Review?

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Just a curiosity, but has anybody ever gotten a good review? I ask because as the recession takes hold, I am curious whether companies are going to be intellectually honest and say, "You know, Joe, you've done great, but we just can't afford a raise this year because of the recession."

Or are we going to get the same ole same old;

"Gee Joe, we know you raised revenues by 40%, cut costs by 20%, single handedly solved our pension crisis, but you have some personal managerial issues where people are uncomfortable with your presence. Amy, in accounting, for example said when you wore a blue tie, it was a little loud and she was intimidated by it. Therefore, we're giving you a 2 out of 5 and you'll have to submit your "improvement plan" for the year to see how you are going to help contribute more to the corporation."

Just wondering.

How Much Debt is Enough Debt

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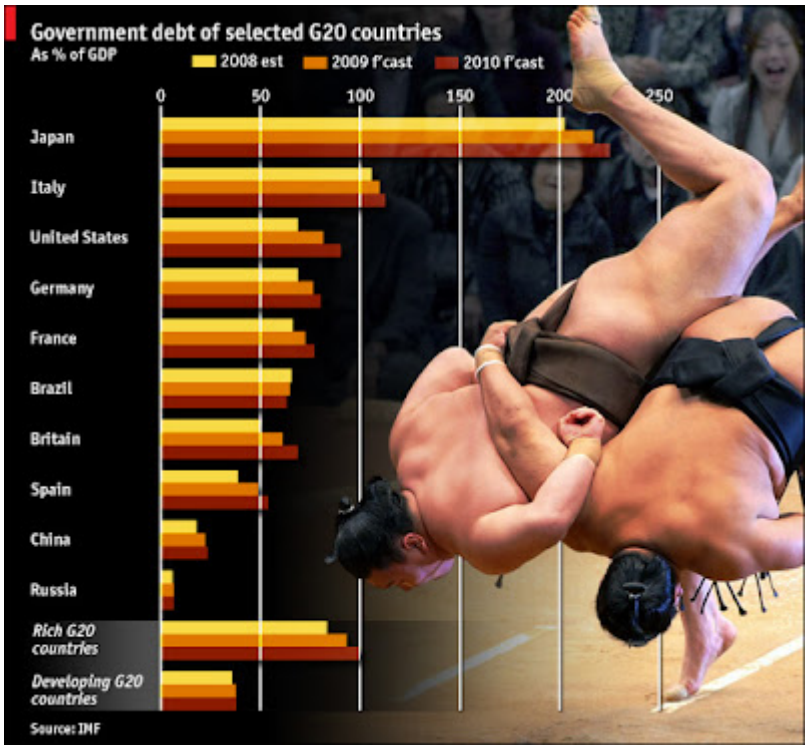
The parallels between the US and Japan circa 1990 are unbelievable.



Hello 200% gov't debt to GDP.

I'm a Loser Baby, So Why Don't You Kill Me?

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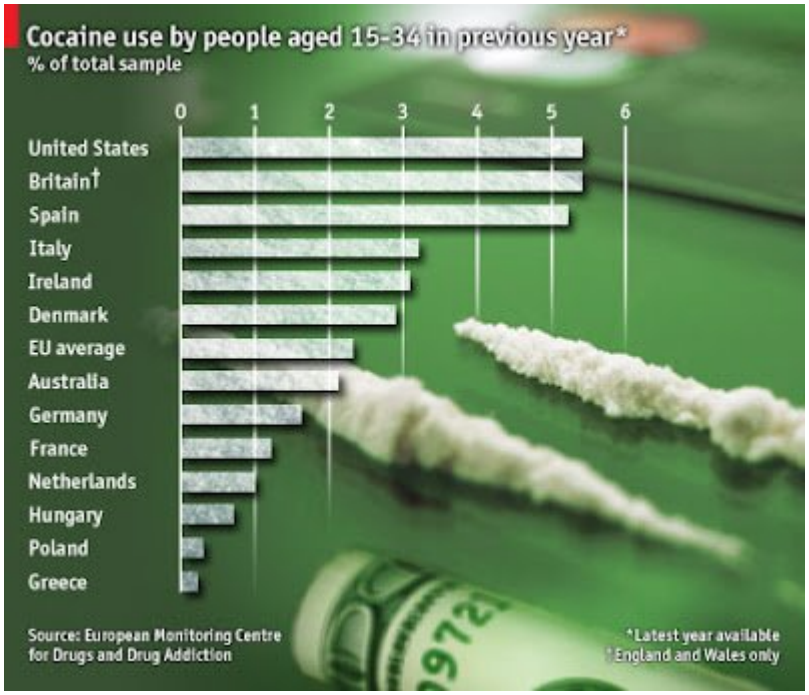

Books Sales of Atlas Shrugged

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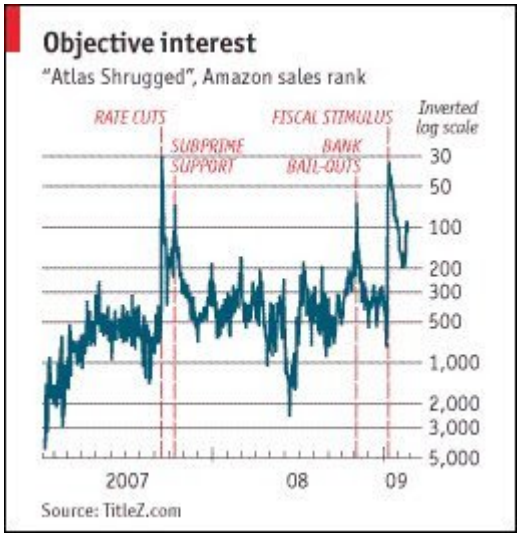
Via The Economist, ironic they endorsed Obama.



Footloose

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When I was a whopping 9 years old my siblings and I got to see "Footloose" in 1984 which given the make out scene was about the closest to a rated X movie we had ever seen.

Didn't pay much attention to the plot. Knew there was some kid who could dance and was a good fighter. Then there was some guy with a truck and some antlers. Totally grossed out by the french kissing. And there was this angry pastor who I was later to find out was John Lithgow.

Now fast forward 20 odd years and all of the sudden I'm starting to appreciate the political statement of Footloose, not because of being a pastor's kid and being banned from dancing in the Wisconsin synod, not because of going to parochial school where they guarantee to make your kid hate religion, and not because of the nightmares I endured of dating a just a mere handful of born again Christians, but because today

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I at the age of 34

have lost not one,

but three private dance gigs this spring alone because.....(are you ready for this?)

THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH WHERE THE WEDDINGS WERE TO BE HELD VOTED AGAINST HAVING A BALLROOM DANCE IN THE CHURCH.

Now I am not an expert on love or marriage. I am not an expert on weddings nor receptions. But from what I can tell since when the f%ck has the wedding been about people other than the bride and groom? And if the bride and groom would like to have something as sinful as BALLROOM-FREAKING-DANCING could the god damned (pun intended) church be so kind as to accommodate them on this simple and innocent request?

No, apparently not, apparently it is 1984 in more ways than one.

Now I'm going to say it again, as I've said before, if religions around the world would like to bolster their enrollment (particularly Christian ones) and not drive people away then maybe they ought to loosen up and ditch their outmoded, obsolete and outright insane and pointless rules.

I'm by no means telling them to ditch the fire and brimstone or the morality and laws, but the sects or strains of Christianity where they criminalize and villainize sex and attraction to the opposite sex to guilt trip and control the masses are going to do nothing but hasten their demise. Sex is meant only for procreation (dated one gal that believed that)?

Kissing should only occur after engagement (dated another gal that believed that)?

Dressing sexy for her husband would be considered immoral (guilty again in dating a girl that believed that)?

Are you freaking kidding me?

And now, ballroom dancing is a sin and should be banned.

It's kind of like watching the stock market crash as Obama implements (or even mentions) his socialist fiscal policies. The people wondering why the market is crashing and the economy tanking are just as clueless as the heads of the churches watching their enrollments drop and congregations shrink.

Suckers Rally

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Today's term is "suckers rally."

Can you say that kids? "Suckers rally."

Japan, the path the US has paralleled on a nearly 100% genetically identical manner, had several of them after their big bubble went poof. And in the end is still down 75% from its high nearly 20 years ago. If we followed the Japanese Nikkei, the Dow Jones would be roughly 3,500 by 2030.

Can you say, "I'm working past 65?"

I knew you could.

One Simple Question

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This will be one of my shortest, but most poignant posts.

If it was just a simple matter of causing economic growth through "stimulus" programs, then by default why haven't we just "stimulated" ourselves via government action to income per capitas of $250,000 per year?

When you answer that question you'll not only have debunked all of Keynesianism and Obamanomics, but set a leftist on the path towards becoming an adult (ie-a capitalist).

"Dame" is NOT Sexist

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Dear feminists who have no skill and make their living by criminalizing normal behavior as since you have no real skill, you are otherwise unemployable and need to shake people down.

The term "dame" is not a derogatory remark. It is used by old fashioned classy men to describe old fashioned classy women.

If you are so foolish as to lecture me or any one else about the "improper" use of this term, then you can enjoy the life you've chosen of shaking people down for made up crimes which is nothing more than a parasitic existence, as long as you know FULL WELL YOU WILL SACRIFICE A REAL LIFE WITH A REAL GUY AND ANY SEMBLANCE OF REAL LOVE OR AT LEAST FRIENDSHIP.

Jesus Freaking A. Christ.

How do you people live life?

Seriously. Do you stay awake at night trying to find reasons to be insulted? What kind of a life is that? Is it you have no social abilities, no qualities or traits that attract members of the opposite sex, or heck, just no qualities and traits that make people want to be your friend that you have to engage in such childish and pathetic behavior?

DAME?

DAME?

South Pacific had a song. It was heralding dames.

Humphrey Bogart used the term frequently and in high regard.

Men in WWII just wanted and spilled blood for dames.

And it's every American males God given right to use the term "dame."

And all you schleps can do is bitch and whine about it when a guy says TO SOME OTHER WOMAN WHO ISN"T YOU, "you're a cute dame?"

Go to hell.

Although, something tells me you're so screwed up you're already in your own personal hell.

In the meantime, I officially decree all men shall continue to use the word "dame" if only to compliment the true classy women who are smart enough to appreciate the endearing moniker and to piss off those that are so childish and pathetic that they truly deserve to be pissed off.

I can't believe I have to write about this stuff.

Blame Capitalism

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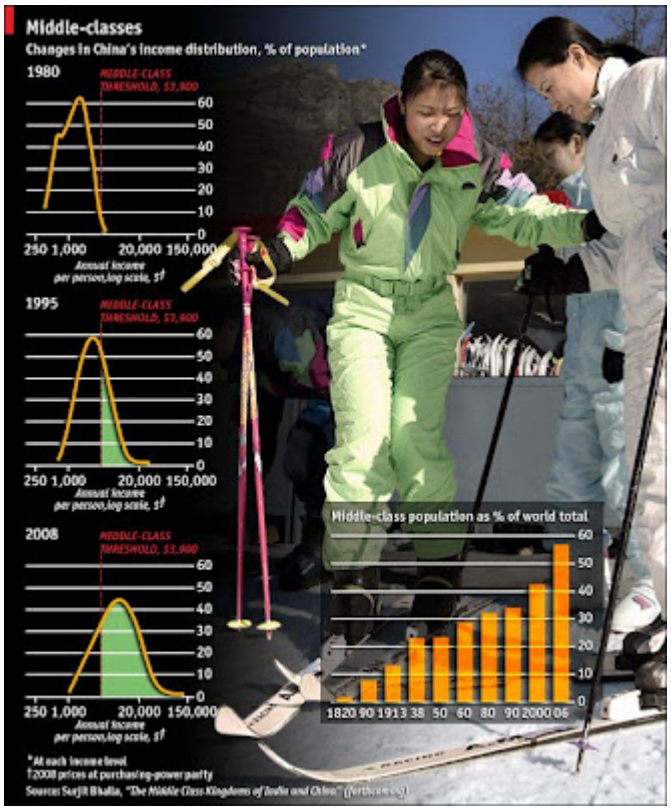
Interesting chart showing the progressive march towards higher standards of living in China IN JUST 20 SHORT YEARS;



And you want to know how they did it? They "stimulated" their economy by pursuing capitalism.

I know, I know, it's falling on deaf ears. Maybe when those ears can no longer hear because of malnutrition because cap and trade put all the farmers out of business they might pay attention. In the meantime enjoy watching the US' bell curves shift to the left.

A Chart More Beautiful Than Denise Richards

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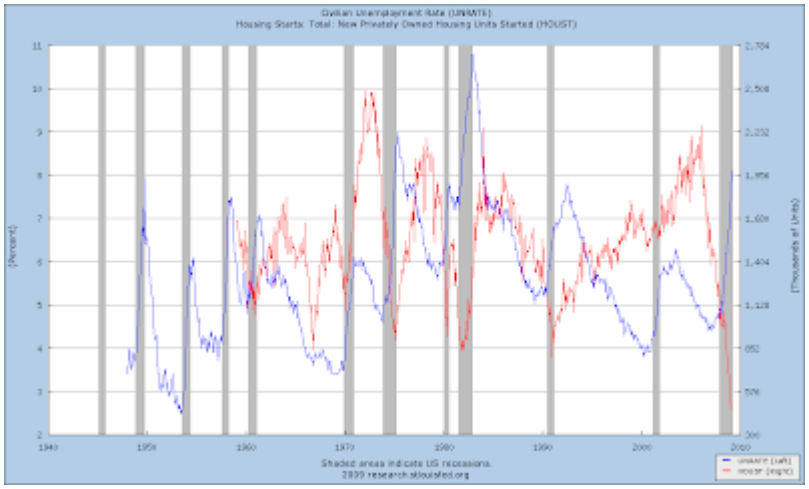
Denise Richards is in the Captain's humble opinion the most attractive woman in the world. I would perhaps even forgive her if she were the typical Hollywood liberal.

However, again, I have updated my favorite chart, and I'm sorry, the chart is just a smidgen better looking that Denise.



Look at the inverse relationship between housing starts and unemployment. AND also note the exponential change to both. What makes it even better is the quant drone that e-mailed me one day saying there was no statistical relationship between housing and I should leave the real economics to real economists.

Oh, silly little quants. Go start some Long Term Credit Management company or something.

In the mean time go to your right and donate cash or something for Sindi and Natsha's "Heels and Ammo Fund" -------->

Time for Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Contest!

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Hurray!!!!!

I almost forgot! It's already March and we haven't had our annual chart contest!

Yes, a contest where Cappy Cap readers submit their bestest and greatest charts in the hopes of winning luxurious prizes!!!!

"What prizes?" you ask, well I'll tell you.

The winner of the 2009 Annual Captain Capitalism Chart Contest will win;

A SIGNED BOOK OF BEHIND THE HOUSING CRASH BY EL CAPITAIN HIMSELF

An instructional dance video of your choosing (Salsa, Latin, Swing or Ballroom - a different girl for every dance!)

A signed photo of the Captain!

AND

$10 US dollars (which depending on the exchange rate, may very well be worthless in a couple weeks)

How can you possibly resist to participate and compete in this contest!?

Send your charts to;

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

ALL charts will be posted (assuming they're aren't completely lame or perverted) and the winner will be announced whenever I feel like it!

Go, do it now! NOW! QUICKLY! DO IT!!!

Krugman Mankiw Bet

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This is how much of a genius I am. I said this BEFORE MANY TIMES. 2006.

Now Mankiw is getting it.

Come on KRUGMAN, you pathetic excuse for an economist. TAKE THE BET!!!!!

His Nobel Prize would be worthless if he doesn't.

The Classic Case Against the Quants

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Today the Captain conducts his job search kind of half heartedly.

He sees little reason to earn more than what he makes on book sales, DVD sales, online classes and rental income in that if he were to get a full time job the majority of that money would be taxed away and sent to bribe the parasitic masses who voted for Obama via social program, government jobs, etc., etc. In other words, does the Captain commit to waking up at 7AM every morning, work all day, teach dance at night, and then somewhere in there continue managing this awesome blog, only to have 50% of that money taken away, or does he just cut back on spending and live the ole college life, keep the majority of his money and sleep till 11AM every morning and keep the majority of his money?

It's a real tough choice.

But, still, out of habit I apply for jobs and look for speaking gigs whenever I can get them.

This being the case I came across a job that perked my interest, not because it looked like an interesting job, but because I had interviewed at the company many times before for similar jobs and it's one you and I and everybody else all knows;

GMAC.

And the reason it perked my interest is that it's a "senior model validation analyst."

Now let me tell you why it should not only pique my interest, but also yours. You see, GMAC received a $6 billion bailout from you, the taxpayer. The reason they received the bailout is because they got in head over heels on the sub prime mortgage debacle.

Now where this gets interesting is that while I applied for many of GMAC's analyst/statistician/modeler type jobs, I was summarily shot down for all of them. And presumably these jobs were given to people who were better qualified. You know, people who are better qualified enough to predict and shield GMAC from, oh, I don't know, A HOUSING CRASH?

Yet, despite these presumed better qualifications, could they have potentially screwed up any more? I mean, come on, these are "big time PhD's and masters degrees economists and statisticians. Why, we're so smart, we have incredibly powerful models that will predict the next time you'll have flatulence."

Yet despite all these genius quants and econometricians, they failed to predict something as easy as the sun rising; the housing crash.

Now I know quants like to brag about their models. Yes, you managed to use all the letters in the Greek alphabet in your model. Congratulations. Wonderful, that will impress the girls and allow you to brag in front of other nerds. Sadly though, these models, no matter how complex are finite and will inevitably fail in the fact the market is dynamic. Just ask the geniuses at Long Term Capital Management.

In the meantime, do you think maybe, just maybe, like girls you should approach the problem with a little bit less math and a little more common sense? A little bit of independent thinking? You know, like how girls like the individual guy, not the droves of Amber Crombie and Fitch wearing drones, maybe your "model" should include only half the letters of the Greek alphabet and maybe a little more "gut instinct?"

Never mind, large multi-billion dollar corporation that just received a $6 billion bailout? Right, try righting that ship. Who am I kidding?

I'll just continue to sleep in till 11AM.

Obama Wish List

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I think this was from Michelle Malkin's blog, but I'm not sure. Just wanted to throw it up here in case people hadn't seen it yet (click on it to enlarge):

So I'm Watching MANSWERS...

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And they ask the question;

"How much can a pimp make?"

Among the many interesting statistics (women pull an average of .7 tricks per hour, roughly translating into $560/day in earnings), the most interesting was the average cut the pimp takes.

25%?

33%?

50%?

No, they take on average 80% of the earnings.

I personally have a hard time believing it, but given it's the black market and thus no government intervention and thus a truly free market, there has to be a logical reason for an 80% cut.

I'm think the women need to form a union.

Jimmy Hoffa, where are you?

What You Find on Patrol on the Washington Avenue Bridge

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Many years ago, when the Captain was just a rookie private in this grand scheme of life, he worked at the police department at the U of MN for their campus security program. And kind of a hobby I wish I was more thorough about was that I would grab various fliers and posters on the limitless poster boards that piqued my interest or I found interesting. As I said I wished I did it more, because there were some really interesting fliers/posters not from an intellectual sense but from an artistic sense, yet I only grabbed a handful.

Regardless, on all of the U of MN campus, the most common place you'd find posters and fliers would be the Washington Avenue bridge which spanned the Mississippi and connected the East and West banks of campus. And that's where I found this one below (recently rediscovered as I am cleaning out my house);

I certainly hope Tom found the girl. A very Cappy Cap salute to Tom, wherever he may be.

I'll be uploading more, no so much for economic commentary, but more to have a digital record of what I found.

I Love It When I'm Right

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For those of you who read the book, I just had this forwarded to me.

It's the destination resort out in the middle of nowhere.

Wow, who would have guessed it would have gone under.

Oh, wait, I did, about 4 freaking years ago!

Collapse Predicted a Long Time Ago

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Yeah, it's called "Social Security."

Give Me $1,000,000 or the Environment Gets It

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The thing I don't like about global warming (aside from the fact it's completely fabricated) is the pompousness of it all. That those who "go green" are some how good and noble people and those of us who don't bring a freaking reusable cloth shopping bag when we go grocery shopping are evil. The reality of it is that "going green" is the perfect "crusade" leftists like because it requires no real work, makes not real difference, yet it makes them feel like they're doing something and gives them something to point to to say, "SEE, SEE!!!! I'M RECYCLING! YOU'RE NOT!!! OH SURE, YOU MAY BE AN ENGINEER WHO DESIGNED A MEDICAL DEVICE THAT SAVED THOUSANDS AND I'M JUST THIS WORTHLESS COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, BUT I PICKED UP A PLASTIC BOTTLE! I'M JUST AS GOOD AS YOU ARE!"

Somehow, deep down inside, I don't think even they believe it.

Regardless, society bends over and grabs their ankles to accommodate this insanity and thus I get lectured every day by inane commercials;

"We here at Chipolte are concerned about the environment, that's why our beef is organic."

"We here at Wells Fargo have gone green, saving three sheets of paper per week."

"We here at GM have made flex-fuel vehicles even though ethanol really produces more carbon emissions than gas."

How in god's name does a freaking bank "go green."

Ergo, I came up with something we all can do on the right/sane/capitalist/non-brainwashed side of the force;

Do whatever we can to COUNTER-pollute.

For example, when I'm at the grocery store they ask me "paper or plastic." I say, "both."

Do I recycle them?

Heck no, I burn them, both.

If it's a beautiful day I do go for Sunday drives with my 8 cylinder Dodge that gets 16 MPG.

Styrofoam?

Don't know what the chemicals are when you burn it, but I'm sure it's bad for the environment. That's why when I have a grill out (using charcoal) I buy styrofoam plates and not paper.

Now there are many things we can yet still legally do, to basically undo all the faux environmentalism crap these frauds do just to make themselves feel better. But the best thing to do is be intellectually honest and give them a proposition;

"OK, you are so concerned about the environment and you TELL me to do all these things? How about this? Not only are you going to quit TELLING me to do all these things, you're going to pay me not to do these things. Matter of fact, I'll have an annual gallon o' gasoline burn off every month until you pay me $25,000. Better yet, you think global warming is going to harm the polar bears? How much will you pay me NOT to go and hunt five of them down? You don't like my 8 cylinder car and my Sunday drives while I smoke a cigar? Well, why don't you make a contribution to my environmental fund?"

The solution to this stupidity was so simple, it was easy to miss. Just do the opposite of what these nutjobs say and when somebody says, "Do you recycle? Do you drive a Prius?"

Say, "No, I undo all the "good" you did by doing the opposite. And I will continue to do three times as many damage as you do, until you quit lecturing me or pay me $25,000."

Thus, I think what we should do is set an "Global Warming Day" where we purposely try to emit as much carbon and greenhouse gases up into the atmosphere until my fund receives (Dr. Evil accent)

$1 MILLION DOLLERRRZZZZZ!

How's June 1st sound? Nothing going on June 1st? Let me know. I'll make the more official rules. "JUNE FIRST, GLOBAL WARMING DAY!!!!"

Premature Celebration

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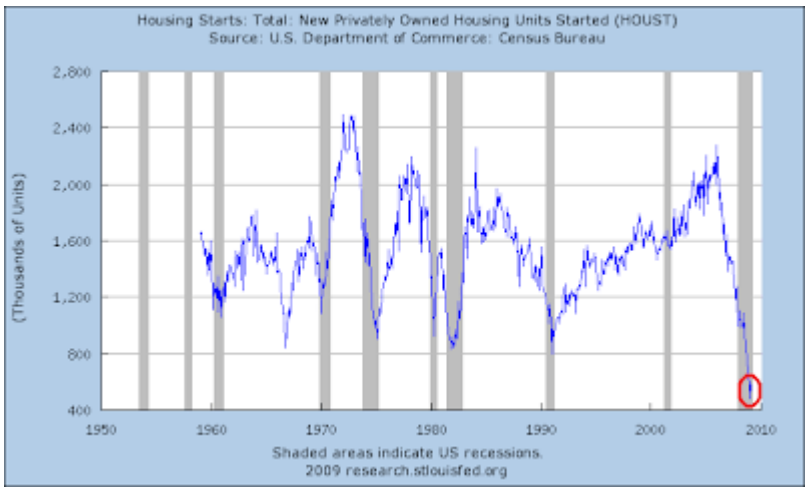
So housing starts were HIGHER than expected, driving the Dow Jones up to 7,300.

Wow! Isn't that great! Housing starts were higher than economists expected.

Let me put this into perspective for you.

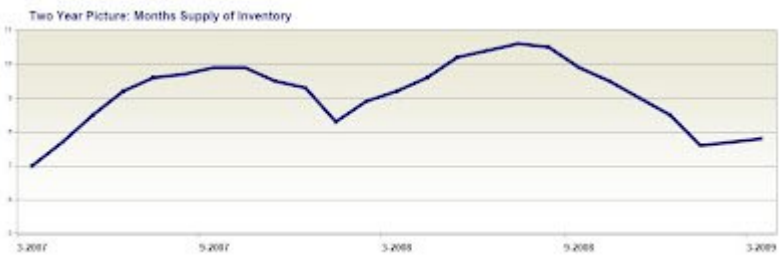


See that little blip that I highlighted in the red circle? Yeah, that liiiiiiittle, teeny weenie, blip. Yeah, the one that looks like all the other minor blips before it? Yeah, that's what people are all getting excited about.

Let me explain something to the idiots on Wall Street who, despite their Ivy League degrees and cash from their mommy and daddies, are still idiots.

THE HOUSING MARKET IS STILL OVER SUPPLIED WITH HOUSING.

Now I know Minneapolis isn't the same as the nation, but I gander it's roughly the same. Months supply of housing is at 7 months. This is 2 months HIGHER than what is deemed to be balanced. The market is STILL OVERSUPPLIED.



And now builders are going to BUILD MORE OF IT????

Now, let's put on our economic thinking caps, and try really really hard and ask ourselves

what we learned at Harvard's economics 101 class about supply and its affect on prices. If supply goes up, then PRICES GO DOWN. And this is just housing starts, doesn't even include all the foreclosures now hitting the market, let alone the phantom inventory of homes that once there's a hint of prices recovering will flood the market keeping prices low for a long time.

Additionally, let me tell you something about real estate developers and home builders. The dirty little secret is they're not economists. They're actually galactically retarded when it comes to economics. They never looked at supply figures before hand and they certainly aren't looking at them now. They're making the same mistake they made back in 2007 and flooding an already flooded market with more housing. The reason they do this is because developers are in it for the same thing bankers are;

The size of the deal and bragging rights, not profit.

They have no real skill or trade outside home building and with their egos inflated during the housing boom, why they have to keep up their faux "multi-million dollar real estate developer" image and therefore are itching to start the latest multi-million dollar development just to save their bloated egos (even though it will be guaranteed to lose money). The "City Center" project in Las Vegas is a perfect example of just what idiotic egomanics these schmucks are.

And the stock market so optimistically shooting up on this paltry and pathetic data is just proof how addicted, desirous, if not demanding the market has become of inflating asset prices and asset bubbles instead of solid economic growth and corporate earnings.

Can You Say, "Capital Flight?"

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Today's term boys and girls is "capital flight."

You see, when a government treats corporations and companies like an abused wive or whipping boy, those companies have a tendency to want to leave. So if you tax them at, oh I don't know, 40% and villify them, like, oh, I don't know, THE OIL INDUSTRY, they will simply leave.

Say it with me now; C-A-P-I-T-A-L F-L-I-G-H-T

The Debt Star

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The Captain's Really Quick Week In Review Re-"Cap"

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As some of you may have noticed, I am a little lackluster in the posts. This is due to this time of year being tax season and dance season which consumes the majority of my time. Ergo, allow me to give you the insight, wit and criticism of the important issues of today before the weekend starts and I have to go back to the grind to (sigh) teach single ladies how to dance;

1. This slamming on Obama making a joke about the special olympics? I'm sorry, everybody should shut the hell up and leave him alone. I will not tolerate hypocrisy in this ideology. If we want to be able to talk freely in this nation and banish politically correct speech, then the first thing we on the capitalist side of the force must do is allow those on the communist side of the force those same freedoms of speech. I heard it on talk radio and all you middle aged women who have no lives, no purpose and no point in your existence who call into talk radio and FEIGN indignation against Barack Obama cutting an innocent joke should shut the hell up. I am NO supporter of Barack Obama, but what I hold in higher regard is principle and how dare you criticize him for something as innocent as that while you bitch and moan in the same breathe about being suffocated by politically correct speech on our end. This is what separates us from them, intellectual honesty. Learn it, adhere to it, or go join the other side Arianna Huffington.

2. In a related note; YES congress should tax AIG and any other bailout recipient at a 90% tax rate for their bonuses. You see, again, we get back to this intellectual honesty. There is a parallel here between the war against corporate corruption and the war against terrorism. We (on the RIGHT side of the force) complained when there was petty complaints about torture, lack of due process, and rights being granted to what were essentially terrorists. We saw these evil people for who they were, and realized that the law has to be bent, if not broken to deal with these terrorists. How many of you complained because leftists were complaining about Ackbar's cell phone being traced because he was calling Afghanistan before every terrorist attack? Well it's the same thing here people. Treat these corporate exectuive schmucks and parasites as the enemy. And here is Obama and the (god, I can't believe I'm standing up for these people) Democrat congress saying, "OH yeah, AIG??? Well F%CK YOU! We're taking it anyway!"

It's the ballsy leadership we need.

Criticize Obama for destroying the economy with unfinanceable bailouts.

Criticize Obama for basically making slavery legal again by enslaving our children to pay for a lazy parental generation.

Criticize Obama for being a pathetic, preppy, wanna be, mama's boy who isn't a real man and never paid his way through college.

But for cripes sake, when he targets aggressively the assholes who got us into this economic crisis, don't be so intellectually dishonest and bitch about procedure just like the left did about the treatment of terrorists at Gitmo.

3. Just finished teaching a dance class at a local high school. I told the kids to partner up. There are three young guys standing by themselves and 6 extra girls. Guess what happens!

The 6 girls partner up with EACH OTHER and leave the three guys by themselves.

Now I don't have children, but it seems to me I'd be an infinitely better parent than most out there. Whoever you parents are that bring up your daughter to the point they'd rather dance with one another and not the honorable young man who had the courage to attend a dance class should be ashamed because you failed.

Let me tell you what is the most insulting and pathetic behavior of young women today; when a MAN asks you to dance and you not only turn him down BUT THEN DANCE WITH A FEMALE FRIEND. Now I could forgive this if you were genuinely homosexual, and that's fine, but when it's nothing more than sophomoric, childish, girly behavior because you're too god damned insecure to interact with the opposite sex because your parents failed to bring you up right, then this behavior will ensure you're 40, single, beleaguered with cats as children-subsitutes, and wondering why you don't have children yet and why no man will date you.

I think it's high time fathers quit being the Ray Romano's of the world, man up, stand up to their wives, start drawing lines in the sand, and hold daily lessons in manhood with their daughters and teach them the proper etiquette of how to interact with men when they get older. That's you're GD fathers for. To teach your daughters how to interact with MEN.

But, of course, you don't have to listen to me. But you will have to listen to your daughter complain when she's 39, has passed up on 17 grand and wonderful men who would have made great son-in-laws, and cries and cries and cries about why "Sex in the City" didn't turn out to be a reality for her, and then you will say, "oh, why oh why, didn't I listen to the Captain on this one? Despite being so young, he was so wise."

Thus concludes my super fast analysis of this week's newsworthy events.

Your mission for this weekend;

Fathers - have the father daughter talk. The real one. Not the "ponies and princesses" one.

Mothers - Let the fathers do this so that your daughter may actually meet a real and nice man and bring you a couple grandkids.

Men - Go buy your DAME some flowers and ice cream or something and while you're at it write her a poem, not matter how goofy, they like the effort. Start with the phrase "Your kisses are sweeter than beer" and go from there.

Women - Go put on something sexy before your man comes home, fix him up a martini and light him up a cigar. Don't give me your complaints, just do it, I'm trying to help you.

Children - Play video games and watch Saturday morning cartoons (even though they suck compared to the Bugs Bunny cartoons we had back in the 80's). Then get off your lazy asses and go play outside.

Eveyrbody- buy the damn book already. Geez, I got to put table of food guys. I know,you can procrastinate and put it off till later, but you've been doing that for 8 months. What makes you think you're going to actually pull the trigger? Do it now already!

The Captain has spoken.

Can't Find a Job? Get a Husband

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You see we're prohibited in the developed world from saying women seek out men with money.

It's politically incorrect.

We're prohibited in the developed world to point to the countless marriages where the wife has her degree in community service, works 15 hours a week at the local charity, brings in $10,000, but spends $50,000 per year because her engineering husband makes $80,000, because that would imply she isn't an independent woman.

It's politically incorrect.

We're prohibited, if not lectured in the developed world if we dare suggest marriage is not in a bachelor's best interest and being single forever is actually a pretty good life, especially for the bachelor.

It's politically incorrect AND non-conformatory.

But jeezus-h-hosephats-cripes, "The recession is on, I can't make as much money as I want. So now I'm looking for a husband?"

I am so not moving nor investing in Japan.

Remember, it is cheaper to lease than to buy.

State of Play

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I am a blogger.

And in admitting that I fully accept the connotations and stereotypes that come with it, much of which is similar to admitting you play Dungeons and Dragons.

In other words I fully admit that being a blogger is not "cool" but rather "nerdy."

That being a blogger is not going to impress women, but most likely deter them (I tried using it as a pick up line at a bar once, it was hilarious, you should try it just to see the girls' looks on their faces).

That in being a blogger people will roll their eyes and dismiss me as some kind of living-at-home-at-the-age-of-40 freak.

But at least when I admit this, at least I am being intellectually honest, if not sane about the social standing of a blogger.

The same cannot be said for members of the press, particularly the main stream media. And the reason why I say this is the seemingly limitless number of movies where the "press" is made out to be some kind of hero. What triggered my memory of this observation was when I saw the preview below for the movie "State of Play" where the "heroic" reporter is about to uncover some grandiose conspiracy;

'State of Play' Theatrical Trailer @ Yahoo! Video

Let's be blunt about this. This nothing more than people in media and the press day dreaming about their existence and (pardon the vulgarity of the term, but it's the most appropriate term I can find) masturbating about their profession. Their profession is so boring and unfulfilling that they have to make up stories to make themselves feel like their profession is somehow on par with Jack Bauer or soldiers or doctors or cops. And instead of just doing their job and reporting the news, no they have to "change society" or "save the world" or "stop some major corruption" or something epic and saga like, and State of Play is one such tale from Mr. Roger's Imagination Land.

Now there have been movies like this before. Nixon/Frost. All the President's Men. Erin Brochovich. No doubt many of you could name more because I just can't bother going to see them, but the theme is the same:

"nerds uncover plot WITH EVIL MEN IN GUNS CHASING AFTER THEM AND THE JOURNALIST MAGICALLY SAVES THE WORLD!!!! YEA FOR US!!!!"

At least with Nixon/Frost and Brochovic they were based in reality and real journalists.

But the likes of "State of Play?" Come on.

Finally, there is just one hilarious aspect of State of Play. I think it's Meryl Streep in there and she says, "the newspaper can't help you."

NEWSPAPER?

Did you say "PAPER?"

You mean to suggest TODAY, 2009, newsPAPERS have some kind of pull?

Now you KNOW this is a work of fiction.

The dinosaurs known as newspapers are dying out if you haven't noticed and have nowhere near the pull or power they once did. Additionally with them rolling over on their back for Barack Obama, good lord, and now this movie is to have us believe a dying industry has STANDARDS too?

I'd rather watch Pravda-propaganda circa 1950.

No, seriously, if hollywood wanted to make a realistic movie or the modern day incarnation of "All the President's Men" then they should do a movie about Powerline and Little Green Footballs for busting Dan Rather.

In the meantime enjoy playing make-believe.

Entrant #1 to Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Competition

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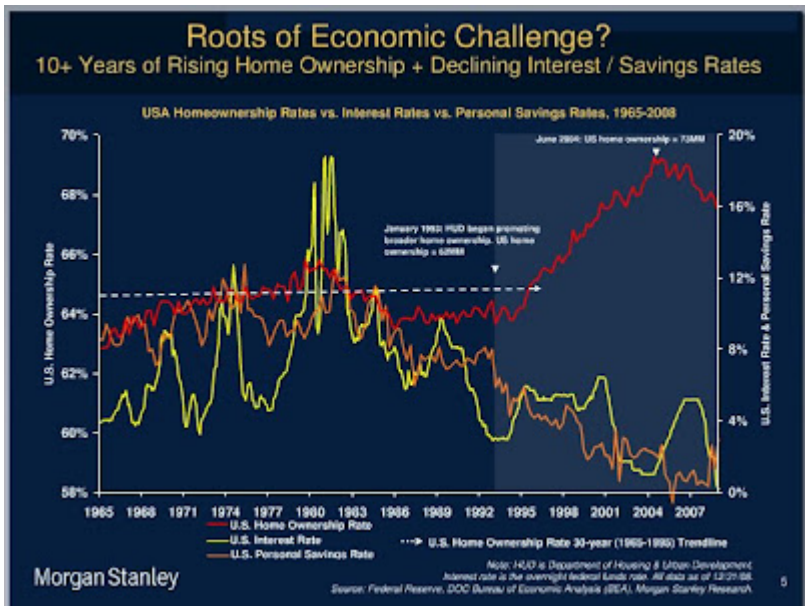
From Mr. Penner;



A good visual showing the basic cause of inflated housing prices and homeownership was historically low interest rates.

REMEMBER

You too can enter the annual chart contest and win

a signed book from the Captain
a signed photo of the Captain (that one was thrown in there for the ladies ;)
an instructional dance video (starring the Captain)
and 10 whole US dollars (the currency about to catch leprosy)

E-mail your charts to CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com!

Dancing Etiquette for Married Women

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I got a multi-tiered question that in order to respond fully requires a post in itself.

The question was what was the proper etiquette for married women who want to dance but their husbands don't want to.

In general, albeit dancing is ensconced in a very general environment that would lead towards dating, dancing itself is not an action of flirting or romance. In other words it can be totally platonic and just a fun activity no different than playing volleyball. Of course it certainly has the potential to lead towards some kind of romance, but if Joe Schmoe asks Jane Schmoe at bar x to dance (ballroom) then yeah, they guy might have an interest, but he isn't proposing marriage.

This is arguably one of the largest complaints men have when women are sitting on the edge of their seats, bouncing up and down to a great salsa or swing band at the edge of the dance floor and then when somebody comes up and asks them to dance, they giggle and laugh and point at their friends and tell them "no, you dance with him!" "No! *giggle, giggle* YOU dance with him!"

It isn't a proposal of marriage.

It isn't a sexual proposition.

It isn't even asking if he could buy you a drink because that would cost money.

He's asking for a dance, so married or not, it's pretty safe.

Now that being said, I cannot think of a more adroit and classy way to meet a girl besides dancing. So naturally most men will approach dancing as primarily a means to have fun, but a close second to meet a girl.

This is where the married women have to do one simple thing;

Wear your wedding ring.

A slightly skilled dancer will even have the savvy to feel that large hunk of rock on your left hand, saving you the embarrassment of asking you out. So as long as you're married and have that ring, you're not going to run into any trouble, at least on the ballroom scene.

Now where married women run into trouble is when THEY TAKE OFF THE RING or play a game some female friends of mine called "Testing Our Market Value."

To simplify things (a lot) women want attention, men want sex. And whereas it's socially poo-pooed to go out and just ask for sex, to get attention is perfectly acceptable. This creates a conundrum, especially for married women who are not getting enough love or attention back at home. They some how feel the need to go out and doll themselves up and "test their market value" and get attention, ie- sit at a bar and see how many men buy them drinks as they're all dolled up and *oops* did they happen to "forget" to wear their wedding ring?

No doubt there are enough veteran males in my readership who could regale you with tales of going to a club/bar/party, meeting a really nice gal WITHOUT A RING and only after spending 4 hours getting to know this one girl, finding out she was married. This is not only deceitful, but it's disrespectful as the woman has not only led the guy on, but wasted his time which he might as otherwise used to meet an available (and might I add, more secure) woman.

This happens more often than you might think and to a severity of more than you might imagine.

The Captain had one experience where a drop dead gorgeous woman was dancing with him with long sleeve gloves (couldn't tell if she was married). I asked her if there was a ring under the gloves and she said yes - ergo "thanks for the dance, no harm done."

On the other extreme was the drop dead gorgeous redheaded economist he met in his dance class and dated for about 2 months. As you can imagine after two months, several dates, her having red hair AND being an economist, the young Captain was smitten. That was of course until we were salsa dancing late one night and whilst on the dance floor the poor ole Captain's hand got lacerated by huge chunk of diamond he hadn't noticed her wearing before. After changing his dance grip he had the shocking realization that she was married this entire time and just forgot to take her ring off.

Regardless the whole point is whether it's an hour or two months, don't be a tease. If you want to dance, go out and dance and wear your wedding ring. I find nothing wrong with dressing up a little fancy. But if you're going to slut yourself up and take off the ring and "test your market value" and lead a guy on so you can get your fill of attention-jollies at his expense, that's where women start to earn a bad reputation and make men long for the likes of Sophia Loren or Audrey Hepburn, or at least join the marriage strike.

Jesus-Freaking-H

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Christ.

I finally found a unique and identifying term for these "millennials."

"The Obama Generation."

Ask Obama

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A reader requested that I post this here and is typically the case I usually try to make my readers happy. Apparently Obama will answer any questions you have if you just send them in over the internet.

The problem is, aside from the obvious volume Obama will receive will make it impossible to answer all questions, is that like any other politician he will choose the ones that are easiest to answer or the ones politically favorable towards him. You could ask a simple question;

"Why should I work if you're making everything for free?"

or

"I'm young, I voted for you, and now you've essentially made me an indentured slave with all this future debt."

But he won't answer it.

Though I wish all of you the best of luck.

Tax "Cooperation"

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This should scare you.

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Tax Co-operation: Towards a Level Playing Field

2008 Assessment by the Global Forum on Taxation

In today's increasingly borderless world, countries are working more closely together to prevent abuses of the global financial system in a wide range of areas, including taxation. The Global Forum on Taxation, which consists of OECD and non-OECD economies, seeks to improve transparency and to establish effective exchange of information so that countries can ensure compliance with their national tax laws. The Global Forum is working towards a level playing field in these areas so that activities do not simply migrate from countries that engage in effective exchange of information to those that do not. In working towards a level playing field, the Global Forum seeks to ensure the implementation of high standards of transparency and information exchange in a way that is fair, equitable and permits fair competition between all countries, large and small, OECD and non-OECD.

And the reason this should scare you is that what ultimately guarantees your freedom, what ultimately forces the socialists and leftists of the world to spend within their means, what ultimately keeps governments from stealing everything you own is that there are...

OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

In other words the productive people can just decide to move, or even more easily, invest in other countries.

You tax us at 40% corporate tax rate? Well we'll move.

You want to take 50% of GDP to bribe the lazy masses into voting for you so you can have life long employment at the express of the integrity and future of the country? We'll invest elsewhere.

And now those good ol "developed western nations" are doing nothing short of forming a cartel to normalize and standardize tax rates. I don't care about the military, if this happens you will have effectively a one world government and no natural forces of competition to force these countries to spend within their means.

This does however bring up an interesting development I've noticed. Countries like China and Russian, for god's sake, are going to be the ones who are more free than the "free world." Russia already has a flat tax, China has a corporate tax of only 20%.

Any industrious individual would be wise to sow some seeds in these countries.

And any industrious country would be wise to tell the OECD and this tax cartel of nations to ef off.

Pepe Le Pew, Foghorn Leghorn and East Indians

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East Indians do not account for even a slight percentage of the population of Minnesota, yet they are here and they do exist. And the reason I know this is because a disproportionate amount of them attend my dance classes, for which I am certainly grateful.

However, in my dance classes I often use anecdotes or references to Looney Tunes, which they (among the Gen y generation) have no freaking clue what I'm talking about.

And this is a travesty.

How one can go throughout life without knowing who Pepe Le Pew is or Foghorn Leghorn is, is unacceptable. It's like going through life without eating ice cream.

Thus, for my East Indian and Gen Y students, as well as those looking for a bit of a pick me up in these harsh economics times, I present to you Foghorn Leghorn and Pepe Le Pew. Enjoy:

"PAY ATTENTION WHEN I'M TALKING TO YA BOY!!!"

Foghorn Leghorn - Henhouse Henery 1949 @ Yahoo! Video

Heh heh. I have been called Pepe many times by many femme fatales;

Entrant #2 to the Captain's 2009 Annual Chart Competition

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From Mr. Martin;

A good chronology of the stock market and Obama's action, does not however include this latest sucker's rally.

Counter-Earth Hour

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As you guys all know I suggested environmentalists whackos start paying me to NOT pollute the environment. And as a means by which to give these nutjobs the proverbial finger suggested we hold a celebration of sorts where we pollute as much as possible.

Well it turns out via SDA (click and scroll down, you'll see several postings) already such a celebration is planned AND it is coming up March 28th.

Now understand the purpose of the counter rally is to not only counter what minuscule and pointless amount of energy these hypocrites save, but to outdo them and make it worse for the environment. Not because we don't like the environment, but we want to show them their arrogance and conceitedness in daring to lecture the normal people of this society about the "ills" of global warming will be counter productive.

Thus, instead of their paltry, pathetic hour, we will engage in carbon spewing behavior for the entire day, and night if necessary.

Now I know what you're asking; "Captain, what can I do to help shut these losers up and make them think twice about joining a pathetic crusade just because it makes them feel good and gives them their jollies because they get to tell other people what to do?"

Well I figured why not look up what the "10 best things to do for the environment" was and then do the opposite!

1. Run lots and lots of water. Water is cheap and so you should flush your toilet several times. Matter of fact if you can parcel out your bathroom going into multiple trips that will increase the number of flushes you have to use. You can help increase water usage by drinking lots of water. This not only consumes it, but forces you to flush more times.

2. DRIVE A LOT. The Captain fully intends on getting his 8 cylinder car and driving pointlessly to Hutchinson while smoking not one, but TWO cigars. Also, don't combine errands. Make a separate trip for each errand and maybe take a nice detour. See, driving actually IS fun and is calm and relaxing. I personally find enjoyment just driving around listening to jazz or talk radio. You should do the same and treat yourself to a nice quiet, LONG drive. Better yet, if you don't have to drive, go out and drive around during rush hour. Help clog the interstates more than they already are by needlessly making your presence there.

3. The #3 on their list is to bike/cycle/walk. Forget that, see #2.

4. Do not recycle. Throw everything away. Make sure paper and bottles (with the caps on so they don't compress, but rather stay inflated taking up more volume) are thrown out. Keep aluminum. That you can actually make money on. If you can't throw it away, burn it. The downside of this is it doesn't help fill land fills, but it does emit carbon.

5. Composting. HEY instead of having the garbage in the landfill, have it in a stinky pile in your back yard. Instead, I suggest doing what #4 recommends and throwing everything away, UNLESS you have extra chemicals and cleaners you need to get rid of. Pour that on the ground where you're not planting anything or using. Preferably around the perimeter of the house as that will keep critters and weeds away.

6. Change lightbulbs. Well, if you have to change lightbulbs, they better burn out. Make sure you keep all your lights on. Matter of fact if changing lightbulbs is good for the environment, then you should break out the ole Christmas lights and fire those babies up. Remember, if they burn out, you get to replace them. And replacing bulbs is good for the environment.

7. Run the furnace AND air conditioner full blast. SDA has the rights to this one, as they call it a "match" to see which one wins. This is kind of expensive however, so you can easily unnecessarily heat up your house by burning wood in a fireplace or just having a bonfire outside. Make sure to use gasoline to get her started.

8. They recommend increasing the pressure in your tires. I recommend just going to the air pump and running it non-stop so the air compressor works overtime. That consumes electricity and that helps destroy the planet.

9. #9 on their list is driving again. Notice a hatred for the car here? This time they want you to drive REALLY slow. Ef that. That's for neo-pansified-Americans who drive Priuses and find members of the opposite sex based on the mileage their car gets. Go out and hit the interstate. Don't speed, but just hit the interstate and go 5 over the limit as that will not get you a ticket, but increase the amount of emissions you're emitting. If you can find one, attach a parachute to the back of your car for better draft.

10. Run all your appliances and lights at the same time. The great thing about video games is they have a pause function. You can leave all the electronics on, get a burger (via car), come back and watch the beautifully paused screen as you eat your burger and throw out/burn the garbage.

Now these were just the opposite of the best things you could do for the environment. I'd like to add a couple;

1. Aerosol cans. I don't use them, but they sure are fun to burn like a torch. Reminisce about your childhood youth and buy a can of deodorant and have a torch fest.

2. Bonfires. You can burn pretty much everything and you should. Plastic, painted wood, treated wood. You'd be amazed how much junk you can clean out of your house if you have a good ole fashioned bonfire. Just make sure you don't breathe in the smoke.

3. Cigars. I know what you're saying, "how much damage could a single petty cigar possibly cause the environment?" Well how much GOOD can driving 55 instead of 60 do for the environment. You have to understand, it's all symbolism over substance. Be just as hypocritical as they are and have that symbolic cigar. Besides, leftists hate cigar smokers.

4. Grill out with charcoal. Gas is good as you're still emitting carbon, but what is better than eating the meat of poor little helpless animals over sizzling coals? Make sure to use a LOT of lighter fluid. Matter of fact, better get two bottles.

5. LAUNDRY DAY! Might as well do it today. Make sure you use that dryer.

6. Go out on a date. While everybody is in the dark, holding a candle light vigil for the environment, grab your girl/guy, go to town and enjoy life. Lord knows these people don't and never will.

Switzerland Really Isn't a Sovereign Nation

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Because you know, they're not like a real country like Germany or the US. I mean, those Swiss are like terrorists and should be arrested for operating within their own laws should they dare set foot in socialist nations like Germany the US.

I don't know about you guys, but this is reason enough to not buy German or French goods, CERTAINLY reason enough not to set up shop in those countries.

University of Delaware

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Never attend it. Never even move to Delaware, never hire somebody from there. What a worthless and pathetic waste of resources.

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Go After the People, Not the Banks

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I made a post a while ago about the revolving doors here at the banks in Minnesota. How one person (true story) ran a bank into the ground with such bad commercial lending, ended up becoming the CHIEF CREDIT OFFCIER of a bank just down the road.

Another “president” was heralded for her “great” tenure at a local bank here in Minnesota as she left for greener pastures at a bank out east, only to find out the bank she left was left in shambles after reckless and galactically stupid lending practices.

The stories go on and on.

However, this brings up a very important point if we are ever to improve our financial system and stop another such debacle from happening again. The regulators have to go after the people who did this, not the banks.

I don’t know of one bank in Minnesota that hasn’t purged itself of its senior and executive management in the past 3 years. The problem is they just replaced their incredibly shitty (I only use the crass term as it is the only term that conveys the true shittiness of their managerial ability) management team, with other shitty management teams from other shitty banks.

The consequences can reliably be predicted to be, of course, shitty.

Since we’re not targeting the problem (the people who caused this), but rather the entities or shells they used to cause this economic crisis (the banks), the problem will continue and there will be no genuine justice.

I asked an insider in the regulatory world who shall remain nameless if they authorities were going after the people or the banks and s/he said, unfortunately they’re going after the banks, not the people.

Grand. The OTS, the NCUA, the OCC and the FDIC are not targeting the cancerous scumbags who are corrupting the system, but the vehicles or legal entities they infect. It seems banks will be forever in perpetuity, shitty.

South Park Margaritaville

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This is what I like about economics. It is so simple it can be explained by a cartoon. You will watch these cartoons. You will also BUY THE BOOK as it goes into slightly more detail than the cartoons.

Anti-Earth Day

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Remember today is Anti-Earth Day.

Undo all the work the pyscho crazies have been doing to "save" the environment.

I have already pointlessly driven over 50 miles today and plan a bonfire of treated wood, magazine paper and plastics (if I can find any).

Remember to flush multiple times and perhaps heat up your house with the shower running.

Smoke a lot, and if you don't smoke, make up for it in taking beautiful Saturday afternoon drives.

Oh, and fire up those grills!!!!

The Captain's Carbon Emissions

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I am not bragging, I'm just making a record so that if anybody is so anally-rententive enough to calculate the carbon emissions on this they may be able to calculate how many leftist, brainwashed, nutjobs I countered in terms of carbon emissions. On this Anti-Earth Day I;

Drove 132 miles in an 8 cylinder car that gets 17 MPG.

Smoked 2 cigars.

Burned 4 2x4's of 3 foot lengths of painted wood.

Burned 5 plastic bags

Burned 1 styrofoam container

Burned 4 plastic bottles

Grilled 4 steaks and 4 brats with CHARCOAL

Ran the shower for 20 minutes pointlessly

Ran the heat at 80 degrees with an outside temp of 37 degrees

Mowed the lawn (1400 ft squared) though there was no grass.

Used 1/2 of a can of spray paint to initialize the bonfire.

I don't know what that translates into in terms of carbon emission, but I'm sure I've countered 100,000 dumbasses "turning off their lights" in terms of "saving the planet."

Entrant #3 for Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Contest

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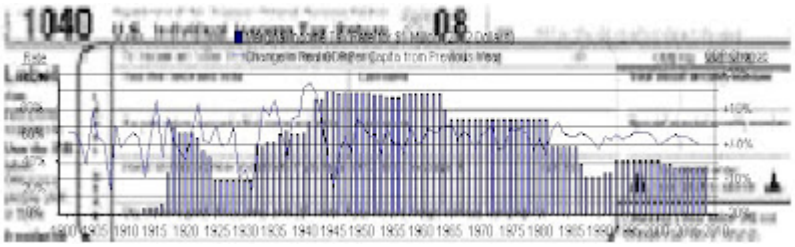


He couldn't find a relationship between RGDP growth and the marginal tax rate for millionaires.

Oh, but he forgot to do something. Does anybody see what he failed to do?

Remember YOU TOO can enter the Captain's annual chart contest.

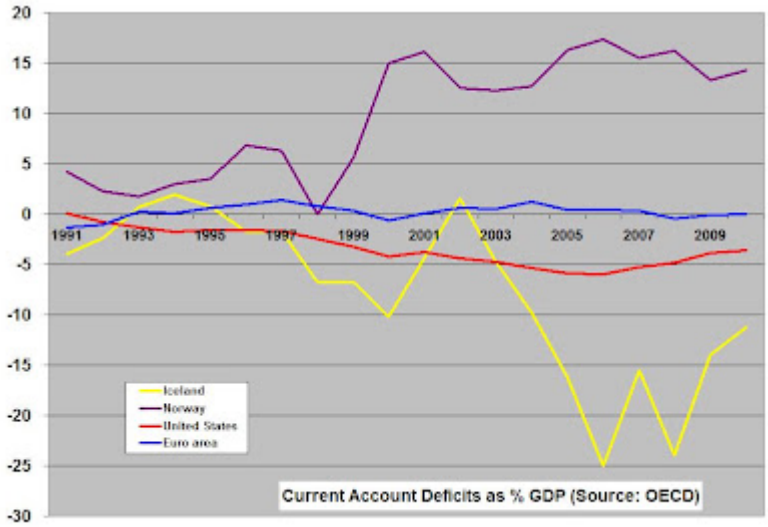
Just e-mail your charts to CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Super happy fun prizes await!!!!

Current Account Deficit as a Percentage of GDP

March 31, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The US of course has some severe economic problems. But on one of my regular economic statistic check ups I noticed that if you contrast the US versus say, Iceland, we don't look so bad (which is like comparing me versus Michael Moore). We are "only" spending 6% more than we make (and I don't think the OECD has updated their stats, this, considering the Federal Budget for 2009 should be more like 12%). Hairs split aside, Norway which has consistently managed a surplus in the teens is like the Daniel Craig of the current account world (I'm just assuming Daniel Craig because all the girls in the Captain's life swoon when you mention his name).



In any case, I predict we'll see a current account deficit in the upper teens before this is all over. Don't worry ladies, the US will look just like you've wanted him to become economically all these years; Michael Moore.

Give Obama a Grade

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Looks like MSNBC has a little poll on Obama's performance.

Take the poll, not that it's going to affect what he does.

Dating in America

March 31, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yep, that about sums it up.

Though, Pepe Le Pew would get hit with a sexual harassment suit by today's standards.

Ah, amore! Both that and chivalry are dead.

How the Stimulus Will Be Like the Battle of the Bulge

April 1, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm getting the occasional question from my friends about the stimulus and as far as their thinking takes them they cannot but see the stimulus doing at least "something," thereby boosting GDP, lowering unemployment and helping the stock market. Yet at the same time, they intuitively know spending (what are we at now?) $4 trillion to stimulate the economy must have a drawback, if for any other reason if all it takes is stimulus to get the economy going then why don't we "stimulate" ourselves to incomes per capita of $250,000? Ergo let me explain.

Yes, there will be an initial "bump" in economic factors coming from the stimulus if for any other reason it will be on paper. Again, if the government pays one group of unemployed people to dig a ditch $400,000 and another group of unemployed people $400,000 to fill it back up well not only did you lower unemployment, but you've created $800,000 in GDP. Of course, you didn't produce anything of value and have not improved standards of living for the masses, but such minor technicalities does not concern the Obama administration, additionally you should quit being so damn racist for questioning "Him." Regardless, the point is this is only a paper gain, much like the paper gains people had on their houses and Dotcom stocks, they weren't real.

That being said, as we move the beans in this country from one pile to another, this will show up in economic numbers as some kind of production or growth, even though there are no more beans. This "improvement" in these numbers will then help fuel a(nother) sucker's rally in the stock market.

The question though is when does the other shoe drop? When does this charade end?

It doesn't have a definitive end, but rather a long, dragged out end.

You see, all we're doing today is taking money from the future (via borrowing) and spending it on ourselves today. We're taking money from the future in the hopes of giving ourselves an economic boost now to help make that future more vibrant. However, we are achieving the opposite. In borrowing today, yes, we will get that little paper boost, but that's all we'll get. We won't have a brighter economic future, but rather a more burdensome future. All we've done is loaded future generations with additional debt that will slow down the economy. You have to consider it like the conservation of mass law; mass must be maintained. You can't take mass from one entity, put it somewhere else, and then some how that mass "magically" grows. You still have the same amount of mass. The same with economic growth; we've pilfered economic growth in the future to bring it home here today, and the consequences are going to be quite predictable;

Higher average unemployment in the future
Lower productivity (this is more of a criticism of the generation that voted Obama in than a consequence of the stimulus)
Lower GDP growth
Higher average inflation

Ergo, the best way to describe this is the Battle of the Bulge. Hitler had more or less lost the war. The underlying fundamentals of the war had sealed Germany's fate, but Hitler wanted to do one last "hurrah" and make one final, desperate offensive. The problem was, just like this stimulus, it was bound to fail. Germany did not have the resources nor air superiority to make the Battle of the Bulge succeed, just like American does not have the economic wherewithal and work ethic to make good on all the money we're borrowing from babies' mouths and foreigners.

So enjoy the temporary victory while it lasts. The economic Allies known as "reality" will still run us over.

Enguard, MINX!

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Again, because of the horrible economy, I am finding it helpful to not bother working or looking for a job (which isn't there to find anyway) and instead doing what I should have been doing this entire time;

Watching more cartoons! Enguard, minx!

Pepe Le Pew - A Scent Of The Matterhorn
Uploaded by davidknight2

Yoram Bauman

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Funny guy.

Entrant #4 to Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Competition

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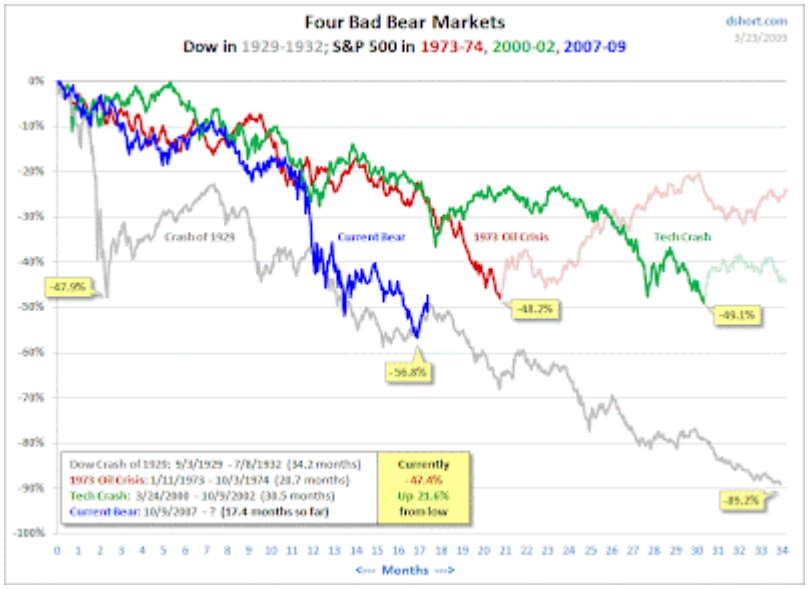
I do not believe I posted this before as a chart entrant, but just want to make sure I cover my bases.



Student Loans

April 2, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I chose to go to a private school and I chose to work in a field where the starting salaries are low. Does that mean that I chose to live a life of struggle, wondering how I am going to pay my rent, afford the basics of living and still stay in my chosen career field…all while putting up with high interest rates and an amount of debt that brings me to tears?

Where do I begin with this?

Sam is a recent college graduate who is complaining about having to pay back his college loans. Of course, it is his right to complain, but when you read the article you basically find out that Sam went to a private school he couldn't afford, racked up $115,000 in debt and on top of it majored in a subject that was going to be low paying. Ergo, my thoughts are as follows and I quote;

1. Sam is a freaking moron. WHAT THE EF DID YOU THINK WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SAM????? No doubt you majored in some worthless freaking subject like sociology or art or some other worthless crap AND RACKED UP $115,000 of OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY SAM to pay for it. Did you bother to do some simple math to figure that you wouldn't be able to pay it back? Or was it not even a consideration because you "wanted" to major in crap and therefore all else didn't matter. Which brings me to point 2;

2. Sam is your typical Gen Y greedy, spoiled bitch. How typical of my generation and the (impossible to imagine, but seemingly true) more spoiled Gen Y. "It doesn't matter what reality is, I WANT to major in bunnies and ice cream and cake. AND I WANT YOU TO PAY FOR IT!" Sam thinks he's entitled to a college experience where he gets to strum is acoustic guitar while getting drunk and majoring in a subject that IS A HOBBY and NOT A CAREER CHOICE THAT WILL HELP HIM PAY BACK WHAT HE OWES!

3. Sam, despite being 23, is still a child. To quote him; "Does that mean that I chose to live a life of struggle, wondering how I am going to pay my rent, afford the basics of living and still stay in my chosen career field…all while putting up with high interest rates and an amount of debt that brings me to tears?" Yes Sam, you snivilling little brat, it does. You see, it's called "reality." When you do something stupid, you get to pay the consequences. Oh, but wait, let me guess, you're going to be like all the other sub prime deatbeats out there and corrupt, parasitic bankers out there and DEMAND I bail your worthless, pathetic ass out.

4. Sam is the poster child for "The Mystery." Read the whole thing because it is freaking genius on my part.

5. Sam did not study economics; You see Sam, when little cry babies like you take the money people have lent you and NOT PAY IT BACK, then people are going to be less likely

to lend money to students as a whole in the future. This decreases the amount of money supplied which increases its cost, the interest rate. Not only that it makes it harder for REAL students who might major in something that WOULD ACTUALLY HELP ADVANCE THE EFFING COUNTRY get financing for their education. Oh, but then again, it isn't about doing what's right, is it Sam? It's all about your galactically incomprehensible level of ignorance and selfishness.

6. Sam is NOT a REAL man. He is an emasculated childish girl. "brings me to tears?" Oh, somebody make it so I can find this putz in a dark alley. The good news is this coward will never, AND I MEAN NEVER find a hot babe to even glance his way. If he thinks it's tough now, boy, wait till unemployment hits 11%. Sam, just do me a favor, try to keep your tears out of my food when you ask "Do you want fries with that?" That is of course you don't go back to live with your mommy and daddy and have mom tuck you in at night and get you your bottle. Whooozeda mommies wittle boy? Whooozedamommieswittleboy? Yes you are! Yes you are! Youz iz mommies' wittle philosophy major. Yessyouz are! Yesyouzare!!!!

Puke.

7. It is the Sams of the world that will bring about the collapse of America and the fact this even gets play and is treated like a real problem by CNfreakingN only shows you how corrupt, ignorant and brainwashed the masses are and why Sam is NOT just one fruit loop out on the east coast. Oh, sure, I know the Captain isn't a nice man. He's a mean man. An insulting man. A man that hurts people's feelings and displays anger and rage. But let me ask you one question;

Who would you rather have leading the country? The likes of the hate-filled Captain or the Pansified Sams of the world?

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Update! - Another snivling whinner.

Economic Degrees Becoming Diluted!? NOOOOO!

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Darn it. Why did our profession have to go "pop."

Entrant #5 - Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Contest

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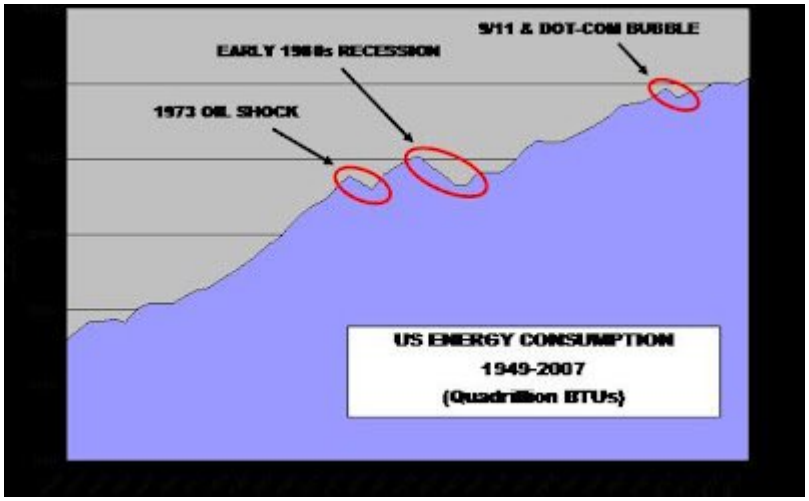

Wish it included 2008, but I am aware the data may not have been compiled as of yet.

Your Weekly Inoculation Against the Recession

April 3, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Remember, no point in looking for jobs where there ain't any to be found. Might as well kick back, relax and enjoy watching some cartoons from your youth. Besides, it's been proven by Harvard economists that cartoons counter the effects of recession. Additionally, if you are employed, come on, like you have "work" to do. You know you're idle for about 50% of your time, especially if you work in corporate America. So kick back and relax. This is good for ya.

Foghorn Leghorn (1956) - Weasel Stop
Uploaded by Necopodalex

Very Good Charts

April 5, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From a reader, Jeff, these are darn good charts;

http://www.willisms.com/

http://www.optimist123.com/optimist/

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Sunspots Cause Global Warming

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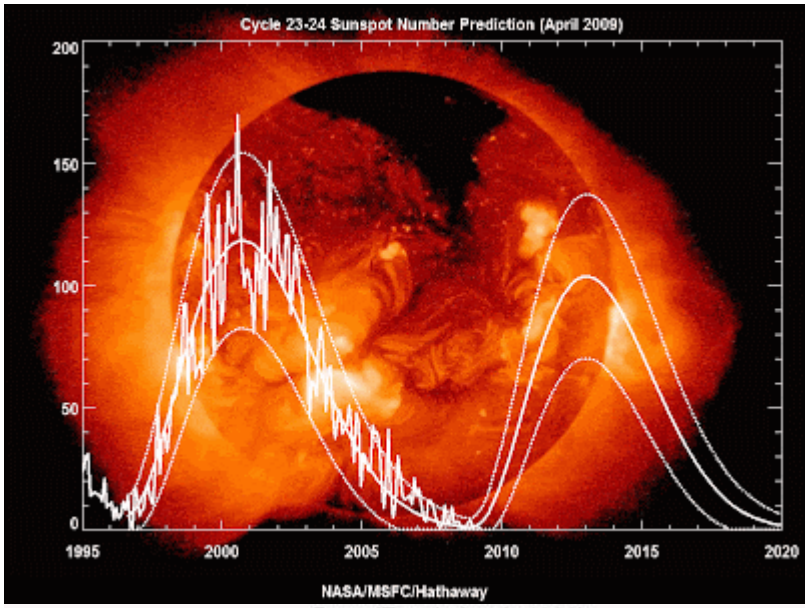
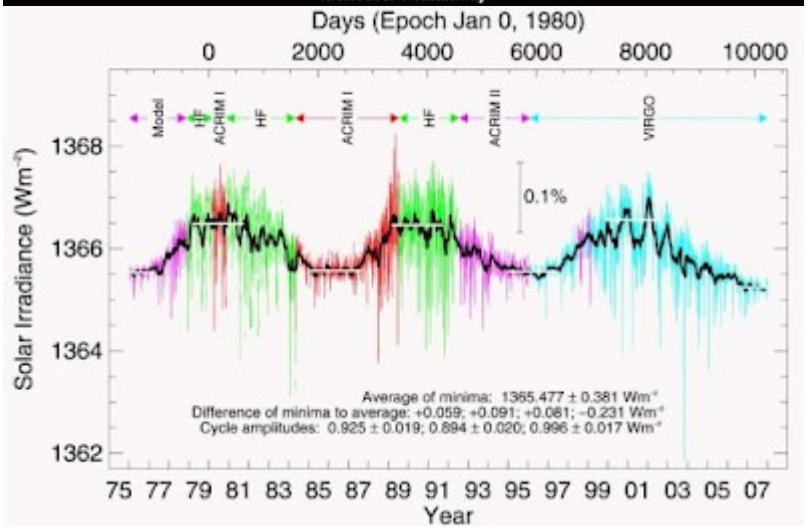


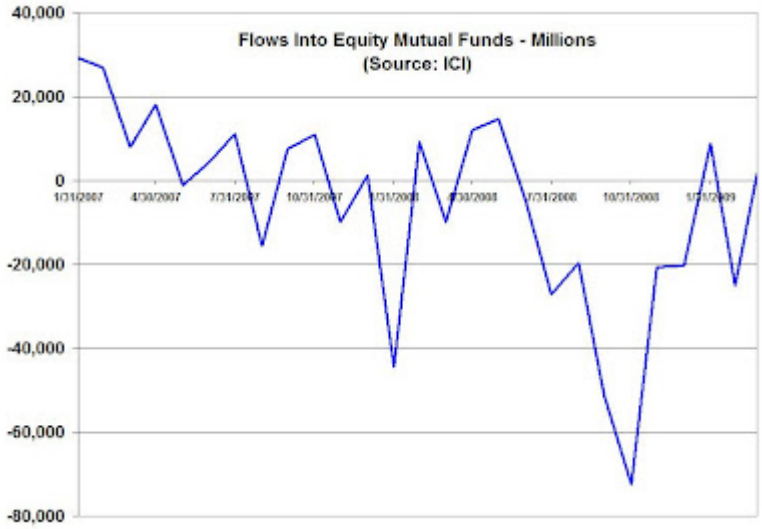


I know this story has been out, but just thought we might want to make a record of it before the feds destroy the story.

Monthly Flows Into Equity Mutual Funds

April 5, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ahhh, the hemorrhaging. Monthly flows into (more like OUT OF) equity mutual funds.



Just wait till the Baby Boomers start pulling out of the market for (ha ha ha) "retirement."

Oh, that's right. You think this current little hiccup the economy is having is a "crisis."

Ho ho ho!!!!! Oh, that's rich!

Keep contributing to those 401k's kiddies!

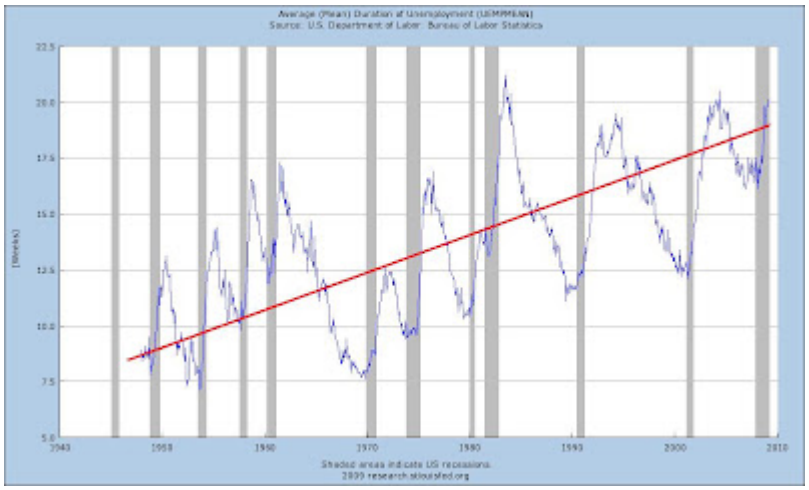
Mean Duration of Unemployment

April 6, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yes, unemployment is up to 8.5% (and WILL break 10%).

Yes, this is going to be one heck of a recession and I'm sticking with my prediction that it will be worse than the Volker Recession, but not as bad as the Great Depression.

But there is another scarier aspect to this recession and that is the duration of unemployment - ie - how long the average person is out of work. And what is particularly disturbing is not so much the actual length (which is almost at an all time high) but rather the trend in how long people stay unemployed. It's going up.



Now there are many plausible explanations, but let me be that rugged, renegade economist who just shoots from the hip and tells you why without bothering to waste his time running correlation coefficients and R-squares and testing for statistical significance and makes off with the scantily-clad girl on his motorcycle while the rest of the quants and policy wonks tweak their outliers and models and tisk tisk me for being so brash;

1. Americans are getting lazier. Again, unlike the republicans blaming the CRA for the economic problems we face today and unlike the democrats blaming "evil corporate America" for all our economic woes, I'm blaming the American people because, in short this whole economic debacle was caused by the simple fact Americans were too lazy to work for what they purchased. You compare the average guy during WWII, fresh back from Europe, HAPPY to have the opportunity to major in engineering and HAPPY to be alive to his modern day "Sam" equivalent that wants everything paid for, well geez, do I really need to statistically prove this? I'm getting on my motorcycle with Bambi the Economist Sex Goddess. Of course this is closely related to...

2. Unemployment benefits. Well, when you pay people for not working, guess what they

do? They tend not to work! What's the rush to go back into the job market if everything is going to be paid for. 1/10 on food stamps. Financial help for bailing dead beats out of their mortgages. Free tuition. Energy assistance. Heck, the Captain has a hard time finding reason or rationale in working as does seemingly everybody else. It's called rational behavior.

3. Not so much a reason, but more an observation, the economy is becoming more rigid. If you look at GDP growth it's becoming less and less volatile over time. However, the long term growth has also been decreasing. This is because we Americans cannot suffer 2 successive quarters of economic growth. We will do everything in our power, including undermining our overall, long term economic growth capacity to keep us from going into recession. We'll sell our children and eat horse meat before suffering (GASP) 2 successive quarters of economic decline. Oh sure, over the long run, we will be poorer than otherwise, but hey, we're Americans, we like stability, not success.

The problem, however, in exchanging growth for stability, is that the real world, the real economy doesn't work that way. If you let resources go where they may, freely, yes that free flow of funds will result in more chaotic markets, but you will have resources move faster and more efficiently to their optimal economic purpose resulting in higher economic growth. And yes, if resources are allowed to move freely, you will have sharper and more dramatic increases in unemployment. However, as resources are moved to their optimal purpose stints in unemployment will be shorter (could you imagine how quickly this recession would be over if we just let the damn banks fail and not bothered with this bailout BS?)

But I know, I know. This is not what America wants. They wanted safety, not success. Stability, not excellence. They wanted to be taken care of and didn't care if they were better off in the long run, as long as they were promised a long run. Japan circa 1990's, here we come.

Single Moms

April 6, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK, look, I mean this sincerely ladies. I'm telling you this to help you. I know in today's world unless it is a positive criticism, then it's just a mean, hate-filled insult that is meant to oppress you. But if you could set aside the brainwashing we all got in the public school system in the 90's, I think we can all graduate to adult here and speak frankly, and thus, most helpfully. I am 33. I teach dance classes. This exposes me to a wide array of women, who I won't deny, are sometimes single, looking and quite attractive. Even if there isn't a young woman roughly my age, there is no shortage of the 40-50 something crowd that is seemingly hell bent on setting me up with a girl. But the problem is 8 out of 10 times the girl they're trying to set me up with already has kids.

And what is surprising is not so much that they have kids, but that those who are trying to do the setting upping, think the fact a woman has kids is irrelevant to whether a man is attractive to another woman or not. So let me put this to rest so that not only you know what course of action to take, but so you understand why men behave the way they do and don't waste any more of your time. Having a child is not a plus in the dating world. It's as simple as that. Does NOT help your market value. You have already made the equation infinitely more complicated than it would have been had you not had the child. And given the volume of people trying to set me up with single mothers, I think it's about time I explain it to you what odds you are going against.

First off, no man really wants to bring up another man's child/ren. You see, it really isn't all about you and your child. I know you think it should be, AND IT SHOULD BECAUSE THE CHILD COMES FIRST (any real man will concede to that), but you see men are just as human as your child. No more, no less. And in being so, if the guy has any self-respect, no guy is really going to consider courting you seriously if you insist he plays second fiddle. I know it's shocking, but men expected to be treated equally too. Secondly, all the men that have been going out and studying and working a hard career and building a name for themselves are not going to go out and look for a single mom. Sorry, it's true. We want a woman that doesn't have kids. We want our honeymoon period where it's just us and the wife. No kids, no nobody, just us and our beloved. Of course that's impossible when you already have kids. I say this not to slam you but to make you realize that the men when they marry a woman really do love that woman to the extent they want to spend their time with them.

Thirdly, and this is what you have to realize because i am really trying to help you, you do not come in with a great resume when you have children, are single, which implies a failed marriaged. ie-you ended up in divorce. Criticize me as you may, it doesn't change the fact that in the back of every man's mind you date he will never get over the fact that you were married at one time, but in the end it didn't work out and you ended up in

divorce. Not that you were with another man, but that you divorced him, which means you could just as easily divorce him. And quite frankly ladies, divorce costs men more than it does women. And with a pre-established track record, we are somewhat reluctant to engage in a relationship.

So here's the deal ladies. If you want to date a man, or if you are a woman that is trying to set up another woman to date a man, you have to understand that if you have kids, it is a huge disadvantage. And you can't bark orders or concoct a list of demands and require all men fit that category if you have kids, because they won't. Not because they can't , but because they don't want to. There are many other options out there such as dating a younger woman, going overseas or (as I'm sensing a trend), just stop dating altogether. So if you are single mom and you want to start dating men, then I'd strongly recommend letting the man know that you would view him as an equal and keep the kid praise to a minimum. Not that men are jealous of the children, nor that you shouldn't praise your children, but men are not going to play ball unless they're #1 in your life too. Your children, precious as they are, do not deserve any more attention that what would presumably be the love of your life till death do you part. Think about that the next time you you'd like a date with another fellow human being.

KEEP HER!

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This is precious.

Spoiled brat Canadian "journalist" betrays the world that gave her every convenience in life and becomes a terrorist BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD STORY!!!!

The terrorists then kidnap her and demand a ransom.

HA HA HA!

Well sweetheart, you just enjoy that "fascinating" culture you were so eager to join.

Who wants to bet there are major issues she has with daddy?

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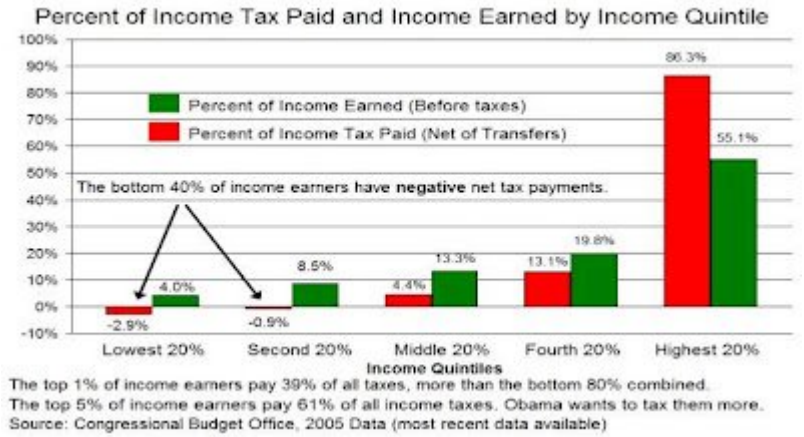
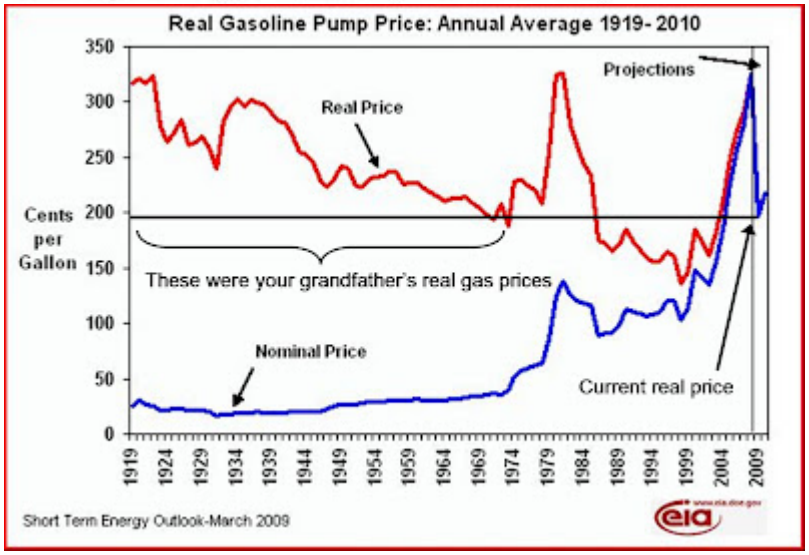
Two from the good Major;





Remember to enter yourself too! All charts are welcome! E-mail them to CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Parks for Kids

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Let me tell you about "Super Sucker."

Super Sucker was a game me and my siblings came up with that we'd play in the basement of the house during winter. The game entailed grabbing toilet plungers and one of them 50 cent el cheapo balls you can pick up at the grocery store. My brother and sister and I would then don capes made from whatever cloth material we could find and the goal would be kind of a tag like game where we'd whack the ball with the toilet plungers at each other. It was a great game because you could hit that ball as hard as possible at your siblings, beaning them right in the head. We'd run around with our capes flying with no particular rules or structure to the game aside from hitting that ball with the plunger as hard as possible. And when not in possession of the ball, we'd taunt our sibling who had the ball by plunging the plunger on the cement floor of the basement - "PA-THWOP PA-THWOP PA-THWOP." Occasionally we'd hit a line drive right at the drier which would make a loud reverberating "BAUWAWAWAMMMMM" sound, reliably followed by our step dad yelling from upstairs to keep it quiet. That basement, despite it being January, got so hot we were dripping sweat.

Another game we'd play was "Hit." Jayme our neighbor would come over and ask me and my brother if we'd want to play "Hit." All Hit was, was a simplified version of baseball as there was not always enough kids to play baseball in the neighborhood. There would be the hitter and two fielders as the hitter would self-pitch the ball to himself and crank it out as far as it could go. We then upgraded to "Super Hit" where we replaced the baseball with a golf ball and summarily pissed off the neighbors as golf balls have a tendency to fly a little farther and hit cars more frequently than baseballs off an aluminum bat.

A friend of mine played "Hogan's Heroes," a game where his dad would come out, armed only with a flash light and the kids would then have to somehow sneak past him, crossing from the neighbor's yard to the east to the neighbor's yard to the west. If the dad spotted them with the flashlight "Colonel Klink" caught them and would have to be sent back to Stalag 13...only to try to escape again!

The common trait in all these games is that all of them required very little, if not, nothing in terms of capital investment. Super sucker required 3 toilet plungers (our step dad, upon finding out we were using the REAL toilet plunger said, "Oh, for Christ's sake, you're playing with used one!!!????" which capitulated him to buy 3 brand spanking new plungers, oh they were shinny), "Hit" required a bat, a ball and some gloves, and "Hogan's Heroes" required a flashlight. And though, there was not a lot of capital investment in these games, these games were the funnest and most memorable games of our childhoods.

No doubt we all had these games. Some a bit more conventional than others. Sure, "Kick the Can" was a popular one or "Bloody Murderer" was another, neither quite as fun as "Super Sucker," but regardless, all these games were the best freaking games on the face of the planet and all you really required was other people and a mere nano-ounce (pun duly noted) of creativity.

Which brings me to my point today; "Parks for Kids"

Well, it's not really "Parks for Kids" because I can't remember the precise title they gave themselves, but I heard a public service announcement on the now dying AM 1500 that there's this political group or campaign "trying to fight the obesity epidemic" and they want you to donate money or vote for more funding for parks for kids.

And the reason I bring this up is because this is a huge testament to just how pathetic we've become as a society that we now have to have government financed parks to help facilitate "fun" for kids.

It also starkly reminds me of just how quickly people forget what it was like to be a kid. I don't know about you, but truthfully, I never stopped being Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes. I still like to go sledding. I still would SO play a game of Super Sucker. I like watching my Saturday morning cartoons. And I still demand to play video games. About the only REAL difference between my life as a child and my life now is that I smoke and drink and chase after skirts. Alas it seems this fun has to be ordained or organized by government and MUST take place in a "park."

In any case, the larger point is the hypocrisy or inanity in demanding we "pay" for more "parks" to help fight the obesity epidemic.

For one, if you looked at where kids expend the most calories of energy it isn't at the park. It's in their neighborhood where they run and jump and play games like "Hogan's Heroes" or "Hit."

Two, "parks" are SOOOO typical of public schools where the government tries to convince kids with lame and ineffectual campaigns that no kid really believes;

"Hey Kids, it's "cool" to play on the play ground and in the park. Pete the Park Puma says "roar! playing in parks is fun!"

Smoking it's the same thing;

"Hey kids, Phillip the Frog says 'Don't smoke. Ribbit. Smoking is dumb!"

Alas, just like every other government campaign, it isn't working. I see TONS of parks,

TONS of baseball diamonds, tons of beautiful volleyball sand courts, all empty, all abandoned. And the only reason I don't avail myself of those empty baseball diamonds is because I can't get enough of my lame ass adult friends to play kickball with me.

But, three, is this outright lie there isn't enough parks. Come on, I see parks all over the place. What kid doesn't have a park within walking distance (and by walking distance I mean that in 1983 terms meaning 5 miles), besides which WHAT KID PLAYS IN A PARK?

And this gets to the heart of the hypocrisy.

NO KID PLAYS IN A PARK.

Kids play with other kids and will make their environment, no matter what it is, the park. They will create and concoct various and unlimited games in whatever environment they have. And when the government or some nerdy, hypocritical non-profit organization, headed up by adults who forgot what it was like to be a kid, give them these sterile, fake, fabricated areas called "parks" no kid is going to use them.

Alas, this drive to "create more parks" is really one of two things;

1. A crusade to give worthless adults something to do with their worthless lives to make them feel like they're making a difference even though they're not.

2. Another excuse to extract money from the productive members of society to the non-productive. Lord know where the "donations" go. To help some middle aged woman repay her student loans for her psychology degree? To some guy who, despite being 48 still wears a pony tail and sits on the "parks and recreation board" because he couldn't land a real job and still lives off his parents' inheritance? Whatever the case, the children (as is typically the case...ahem...cough cough...TEACHERS UNION) are never considered.

In the meantime kids, do what Uncle Cappy Cap says and go buy yourselves some toilet plungers or have dad go buy himself a flashlight.

An Honest Review of the Prius

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Located here.

Chicks of course still dig motorcycles.

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But wait! He made a slight slam on the Baby Boomer generation!

He shall be executed immediately.

In the meantime, I have found the solution to solving our financial crisis. Boost the retirement age to 76 and institute means-testing for Medicare…wait…I hear footsteps coming.

Listen to the People They Tell You Not to Listen To

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Yes, the argument is that simple;

Victor Borge

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I was 19 at the time. I had purchased TWO tickets, 4 months in advance to see Victor Borge in concert. It was the 7th row, dead center, the seats could not have been better.

There was just one minor problem.

It was 1994.

You see, in 1994 the "fad" of Gen X was the "grunge" fad where women dressed like men, men wore nylons on their arms, and everybody pierces everything. And while I thought I would have absolutely no problem finding a female counterpart for my extra ticket, little did I realize it would be such a Herculean task to find a girl from my generation WHO EVEN KNEW WHO VICTOR BORGE FREAKING WAS IN THE FIRST PLACE. My generation had no class. They were (and for the most part) still are, uncultured morons. They thought Kurt Cocaine was cool and the Doors were classic. I should have taken that as the hint as to not bothering to date girls until I was 27 and saved myself a lot of headache (and money).

And so, there I was, unacceptably having to EXPLAIN to girls who Victor Borge was, and not only that, but why they should be practically tripping over themselves to go with me. The sad end of the story was I had to take a girl that didn't know who he was, who was just a friend of mine as in 4 ENTIRE MONTHS I could not find a real date. But what is really sad is the fact I even had to try so hard to find a date for Victor Borge.

Victor of course has passed away now, but before society degrades itself into watching "American Idol" and voting for presidents based on their pecks 24-7, permit me to show you a little bit of Victor Borge so that we all might get a little bit of culture before we're dead;

Victor Borge - Inflationary Language
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Another little joke from Victor Borge;

"There is a mother and a daughter in the audience and one of them is celebrating her birthday. However, I am informed it is difficult to tell which one is the mother and which one is the daughter because both ladies, they look very old."

Trump that Simon Cowell.

Cancelling Women's Studies

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Ah, that harsh economic reality makes a college make an adult decision. And now, they might actually dedicate those resources to HELP the students get degrees in something that will actually get them jobs and improve their lives rather than just make them poorer with nothing to show for it.

HT to the Illustrious Kate

When Looks Replace Productivity

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So people are now paying for plastic surgery to help them get jobs. But the most telling statement of the article and proof positive this economy will collapse is the following;

> "Before the economy turned down, people would come in because they wanted to have more fun and enjoyment out of life," he said. "But now plastic surgery has become a necessity for some. People cannot only rely on their skills in this market. They want to look refreshed and youthful so they can compete for jobs," he said.

When LOOKS replaces SKILLS, forget it. It's over. Pack your bags and get out. It's Idiocracy and it's here.

A Child Could Have Predicted This Thing's Collapse

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Mosque Growth in France

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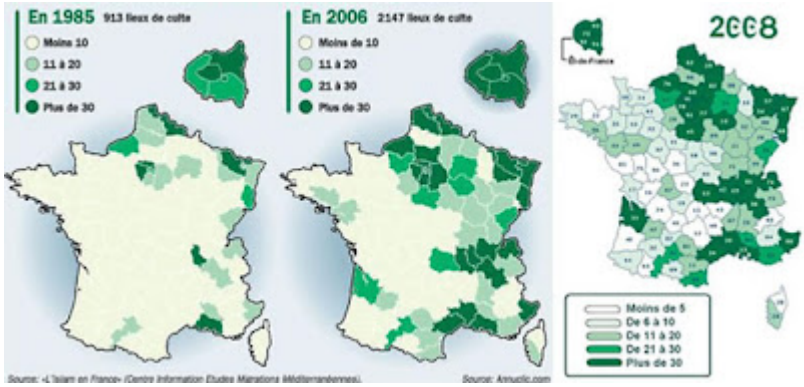

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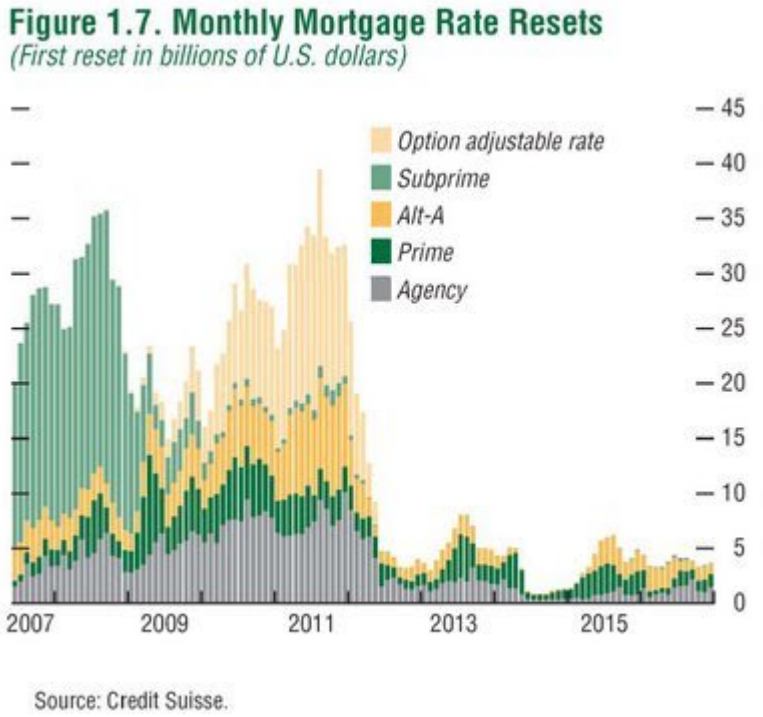

We're not out of the forest yet on this one.

"Frank" is Pregnant.

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You all know Frank!

Well, "Frank" is pregnant.

Tis a little inside joke.

Soon, this is what Frank will look like;

Regardless, congratulate Frank when you get the chance.

Tobacco Taxes as a Percent of Cigarette Prices

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From the now-fully-pointless Economist;

I would be curious to see how tobacco taxes correlate with the Freedom Index.

The Economist Gets Desperate

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Well it seems my former flame, The Economist, has put up a "poll" about whether or not the productive should be taxed to pay for the parasites.

I went to take the poll (which you can find here) but they require that you sign up a whole slew of information. You aren't signing up for a subscription, but it was obvious they were using this as a means to bolster readership. (I just put in a bunch of BS information).

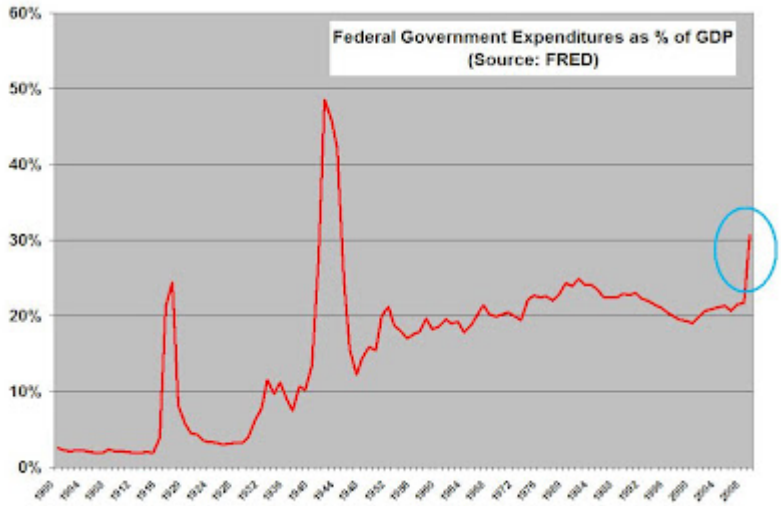
Regardless, what irks me is how The Economist abandoned its fundamental belief in capitalism and turned its back on nearly 150 years of its logging empirical data, only to support Barack Obama. Additionally, the seemingly shameless attitude to go for increased readership at the expense of integrity or intellectual honest as evidenced here.

In any case, so as to avoid a sampling bias of faux intellectual elitists taking the poll, I thought you normal guys out there might want to go slumming a bit and have a say in the debate, or at least make the poll numbers reflect reality a little bit more and not the limousine liberals' opinions.

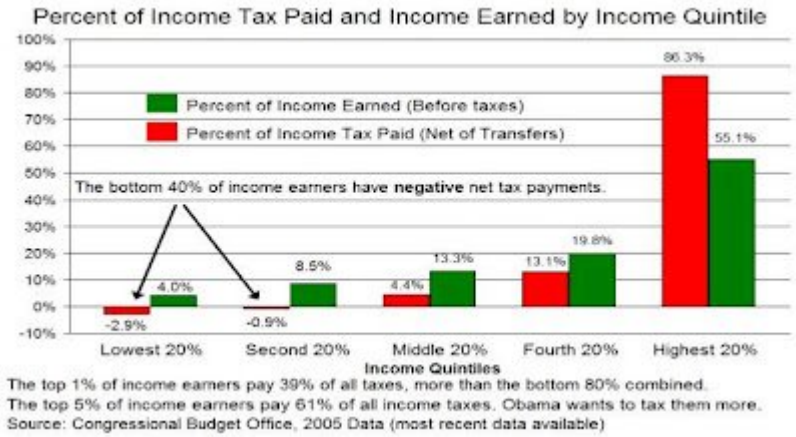
Post Edit

Figured I would want to make a couple points that (all you readers know), but if as one person suggests this ever makes it to Glenn Beck, then two obvious charts that he will have to pull will be needed;

1. We already ARE socialist. Especially with Barack Obama putting the Fed tax rate at 30% GDP, you throw state and local and you're nearing 50%.



2. WE ALREADY HAVE PROGRESSIVE TAXATION as duly pointed out by a reader and proved here by the Major's chart entry.



The only real problem we have is a population so damn ignorant, they don't even known we're socialist and so will keep voting to spend more money to the point you will have deterred any production of GDP, thus putting us far along the wrong side of the Laffer Curve.

Just a Fad

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Because all it ever was, all it REALLY ever was, was an effortless hobby for worthless, intellectually lazy people who do not contribute to this world to make themselves feel better.

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High School and College Students Don't Know Jack

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Little children, who are on their way to becoming nazis to tell you and me what to do.

Here's what I'd like to tell all you little snot nose kids whose parents obviously failed to bring your little egomaniacs up right.

Now get your asses back in school, shut the hell up, try to do some calculus, if you're capable of doing that and when you pay taxes and support yourselves, then we'll give a damn about what you little children have to say.

And shame on the St. Paul City Council for being no more mature.

How to Fix the Economy

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Economics, as I like to point out, is simple.

It's very, very VERY simple.

I don't like people who take simple things and try to make them seem complicated so as to fool others into thinking they're super smart or something. For example using words like "paradigm." Do you remember that around circa 2001, 2002 or so? "Paradigm" was a word some intellectual elitist had to look up and worked it into his daily vocabulary so as to keep other people from finding out he was in fact a complete freaking moron. Other complete freaking morons, notably MBA's picked up on the trend and started putting it into their vocabulary. This way people in marketing can make it sound like they're doing something productive.

Oh, sure, I like to use new words, but at least I pick them because of their coolness. Like the word "veracity." Now that's a cool word. Or "expeditious." But "paradigm?"

Get your ass back to academia.

In any case, as I said I like to make economics simple and so let me tell you the one thing that would do the most to help turn this economy around. It's so simple and so effective that it practically guarantees the government will not do it;

Eliminate corporate taxes.

Now, set aside if you will, the natural knee jerk leftist reaction and for once instead try to listen to me.

If you eliminated corporate taxes, several things would happen;

1. Corporations not just domestically, but foreign corporations as well would immediately flood the US to not only set up plants and businesses, but move their corporate headquarters here (bringing with them high paying white collar jobs).

2. These new found jobs would have an immediate and decreasing effect on unemployment, which as it approaches double digits, I think by now has the attention of even the most ardent sports fans who cannot retract their heads from their asses long enough to quit paying attention to what the score is for the hockey game and may now in fact be paying attention to the economy.

3. Corporations would immediately repatriate hundreds of billions in profits they are leaving overseas back into the US economy. You want to talk about stimulus that doesn't require indebting future generations into slavery or destroying the currency, try $300 billion in real money within the next 3 months.

4. "What was that? Corporate taxes that were once 40% are now 0%?" Well boys and girls, what kind of effect do you think that would have on the value of stocks? Let me see, if we get to keep 40% more of our money then stocks would be...um.....wait...40% more valuable!!!!! 1.4*8000, would result in a DJIA of 11,200. Would that help your 401k maybe?

Of course, as I said before, eliminating corporate taxes is such a simple and grandiose idea, that it practically guarantees the government will never do it. Besides which, the government is elected by the people. And the people are so incomprehensibly stupid and brainwashed that they love to loathe "evil corporate America" but in the same breath bitch and moan about the halving of their 401k plans.

In the meantime I sit here and enjoy the show smoking my cigar, sipping my martini.

Stephen Harper Must Feel Like This a Lot

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For my Canadian friends.

Provocateur Jim

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You will visit him!

GO DO IT NOW!

DO IT, DO IT NOW!!!!

HURRY UP!!!!

Oh, no, it's too late.

Do it any way.

Uncle Jay Explains Socialism

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Hey, Uncle Jay Explains the News!

The Captain Holds Class

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Greetings all Cappy Cap readers!

Tis a very happy day for I now have finally been given the go ahead to start advertising my online classes on my blog. I've been teaching online classes for quite some time now (since 2002, back when I was but a wee lieutenant), but it wasn't until now I got the green light to advertise them here.

In any case I have two classes;

"Stocks Bonds and Investing; Oh My!"

And

"The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks."

The first class is just an introductory course to the basics of personal financial management. It is a great class for anybody, but AN OUTSTANDING class for younger folk. I have often insisted that if we had decent personal financial management education in the schools we would have never had this current economic crisis, arguably never have recessions again, but do yourself or perhaps a younger loved one a favor and take this class. You will save and make infinitely more money than what you spend on it.

The second course is actually the one I'm most proud of. It was originally a seminar I put together in Minneapolis to capitalize on the "Dotcom" fad where everybody wanted to trade stocks. However, it became hands down (and I am not bragging here, just speaking the truth) the best class on how to research, value and analyze stocks. You'll learn how to read financial statements (always a good skill to have) calculate ratios, value stocks and analyze the economy. Additionally, it is sprinkled with humorous anecdotes and stories much in the same way my book was written to keep the reader engaged and entertained, all while learning at the same time.

Also allow me to point out the new advertisement on the right. This is for the company I do the classes through called "Education to Go." They offer A TON more classes than just the two classes I have, and pretty much have a class for every interest. So if you're not too excited about taking one of my classes, feel free to click on the link and see what they offer (besides which, you're ole Captain gets a 10% kick back in case anybody signs up for a class thought that link ;). The link goes to the first class I mentioned, but you can click on the "full catalogue" at the top.

In any case, I would very much appreciate it if you would come visit me and take my classes or even just tell people that might be interested about them. As you know I no longer work a regular day time job and more or less rely on these online classes, my dance classes and other sources of income as a means of support, and I damn well refuse to go to Daddy government for support. So come visit the Captain and learn something new!

You Will Help Big Oil

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I had this sent to me by my tippy top super secret (and obviously) evil reincarnate contact with BIG OIL (dun dun dunnnnnnnn!!!!!)

Big Oil needs your help.

Actually, it's more like you need your own help because if you'd like to NOT rely on recessions to make gas affordable, then you better start telling your representatives. See below:

Hello, Cpt.,

Do you remember the MMS five-year leasing plan I wrote to you about last September? I have an update for you

But first, here's some background information: In January, MMS released its 2010-2015 five-year leasing plan which included proposals to open new offshore areas to oil and natural gas development. Despite the fact that the majority of comments submitted by the public supported the plan, Sec. Salazar delayed its implementation. Instead he directed Interior Department scientists to produce new reports on how much oil and gas might be found off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and extended the public comment period to September. He also scheduled four regional public hearings this month (in Atlantic City, NJ; New Orleans; Anchorage and San Francisco) to gauge Americans' perspective on increased offshore drilling.

It's important to note that Americans don't have to attend a hearing to weigh in on offshore drilling. You and your readers can submit comments to MMS electronically, if desired.

This link will direct you to a page on our Web site where you can learn more about the MMS five-year plan and click-through to submit a public comment. In addition, the page has several resources for bloggers, including a blog badge and an interactive widget that will allow you to identify your Congressional representatives, find them on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, or simply send them an e-mail. The widget is an amazing app – try it out and tell me what you think. And if you like it, embed it in your blog.

I hope you're doing well and keeping the girls happy!

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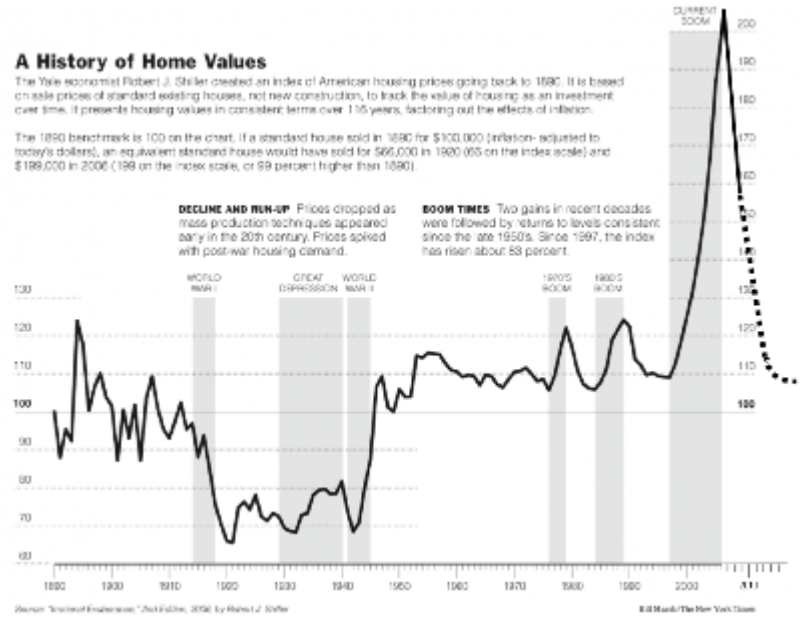
A good old fashioned housing chart from Gregg!



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Declining Economic Growth

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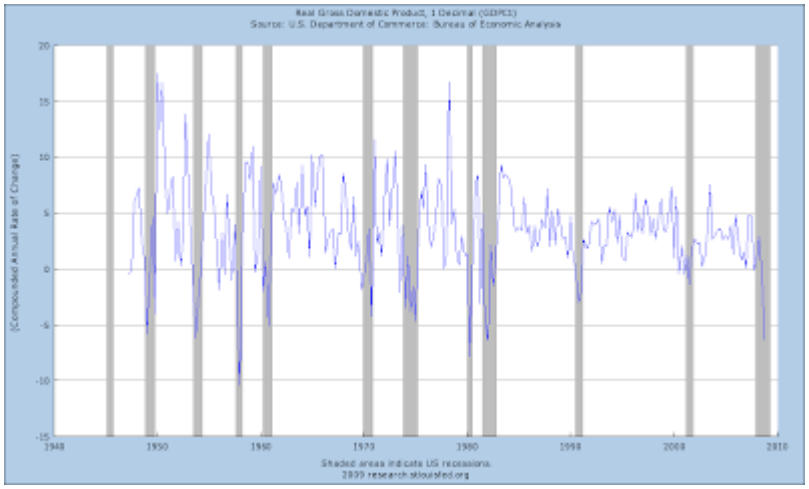
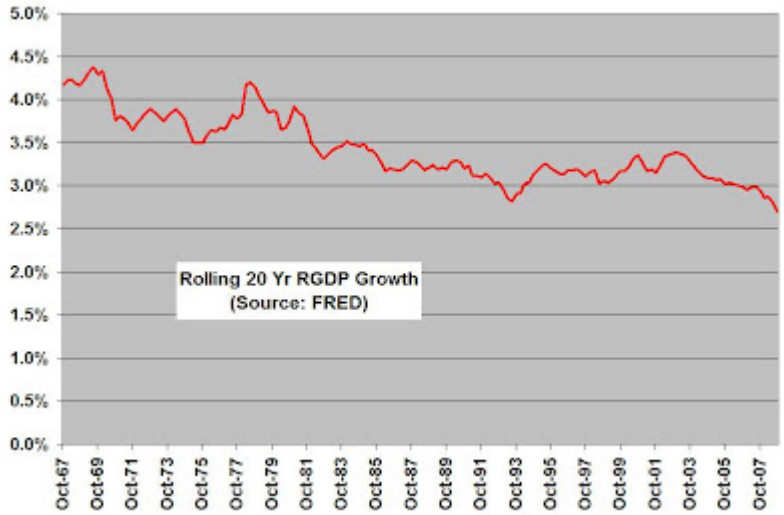
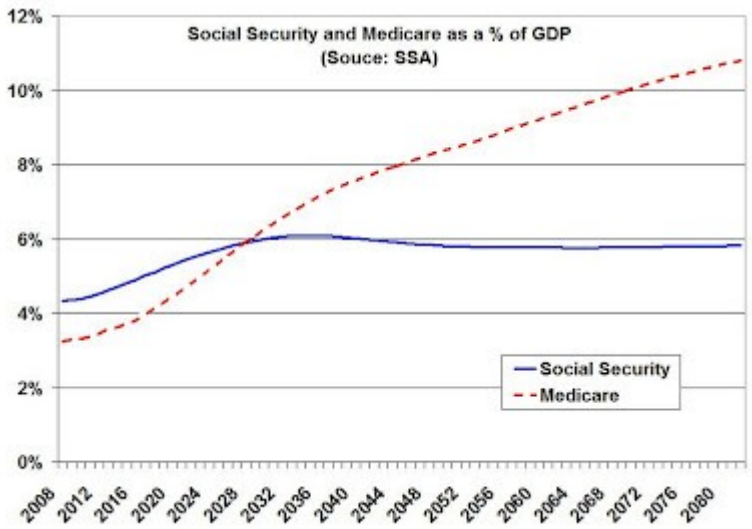
One of my favorite charts is one that should be cited by all economists, but more so is one that should scare you is the 20 Year Rolling Average of Real GDP Growth. The reason I like this chart is that when "raw" RGDP growth is looked at there isn't much of a trend that can be discerned;



But when you average it out of 20 years to give you a sense of "generational" production or "generational" growth, well, you see people preferring to watch more American Idol than getting off their lazy asses and producing something of value;



Now the reason this is scary, and scarier than it was about 2 years ago when I originally calculated this chart, is that in order to pay for all those goodies the socialists used to bribe the moronic masses into voting for them...err...ummm....I mean "in order to pay for all those kind, caring, compassionate (yet impossible to pay for) programs" the only way to pay for them is through economic growth. But with economic growth declining, precisely how do we pay for just these two items?



Let alone all the new spending good ole Barack Obama has promised?

I know, I know, we can't. I'm just trying to establish a track record so as to pre-establish "I told you so rights" in the future.

So, hey, so long, and thanks for all the fish!

On a Lighter Note

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Advice for My Younger Cappy Cap Brothers

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WARNING - This post contains somewhat adult commentary/situations so if you have youth around or are easily offended I'd suggest not reading further.

I often forget what I have been through and this I don't think is coincidence. I think the mind, to maintain its sanity tries to purge or at least subconsciously avoid you having to think about things in the past that are so depressing, if not debilitating, that you have gone through that you would not be able to function or would be severely depressed if you remembered them in full and in all of their gory detail. However, at the same time, you have to view these trials and tribulations throughout life as learning experiences and if you are to be any kind of honorable "elder" you will pass on what you learned through your successes and mistakes so that the future generations may have a more productive and successful life than you. Ergo, I think it is time for a lesson for the younger male cappy caps out there who read this blog and who I often forget do make up a considerable percentage of my readership. So permit me this lesson as I think it will be of great help and benefit to the younger men out there.

Story 1

There was a time in the Captain's youth when he was comely enough to court two ladies at the same time. Well, actually the Captain was comely enough in his youth for this to be a regular event and not always were there two girls, but perhaps maybe even 3, or 4...I think even one time 5. In any case this ONE time (in band camp) he was courting two girls. Both started off as awesome candidates for long term courting potential. But then one of them stood up the Captain, canceling their date at the last minute. The Captain, not worried because of his diversified portfolio continued on his merry life and continued dating the other girl. However, the first candidate then asked him out again, to which the Captain agreed, only to have the date be canceled at the last minute. This continued on until one final time, they had a date and the girl (you guessed it) called the Captain and said she was too sick to go out. The Captain, undeterred by her cancellation, hopped in his Captain Capitalismobile and headed for the evening. However, whilst he was filling up his car with gas, he saw right before his eyes, the "very sick girl" who was "too ill to go out that night" drive past him in her car enroute to the city.

It was here the Captain decided that he was no longer going to bother with this one girl and instead decided to dedicate himself to the other girl who by this time had NEVER stood him up, NEVER lied to him and NEVER played any childish, middle school girl games with him. After getting gas he went to his favorite neighborhood bar where he saw "Amy" who was a friend of the "very sick" girl who was currently heading towards Minneapolis. She asked the Captain,

"So Captain, how's it going with Girl X?"

I replied, "Not too well. I've decided I will not longer court her and instead will dedicate myself to Girl Y."

Amy, visibly disturbed said, "What???!!! Girl X was ready to commit to you! She got rid of her boyfriend in California (to which was new news to the Captain) and was ready to date you!"

To which the Captain replied,

"Nope, I don't care. She stood me up too many times, she lied to me about being sick and I don't know about this California guy, but Girl Y is reliable, has never lied to me and actually treats me nice and good. I don't have time for childish games and if Girl X wanted to go out with me, then tough cookies, she just blew away her chances."

The Captain then finished his drink, paid his tab, went home and fell asleep. And I had every right to do so WITHOUT WORRY, for you see, when men dump women or just "stop dating" them, we don't have to worry about any kind of revenge or "consequence." We just STOP CALLING. It's one of the great advantages of being a man. We just stop chasing. The girl keeps running never ever thinking it was even a remote possibility the man would stop chasing her, and we just go home, pour a whiskey and light up a cigar and we never see the girl again.

Or so I thought.

The next morning I get a distraught call.

"Captain!??!?!"

Half awake I said, "Yeah?"

"It's Girl X! We have to talk!"

Now at this point in time, I didn't see what possible point there would be in talking. We never "dated" officially and went on several dates, interspersed with her canceling and standing me up 2 times for every 1 date we went on. You could have certainly NEVER claimed we were boyfriend and girlfriend, not to mention with Mr. California whom she was presumably seeing (a convenient 2,500 miles away), ergo I thought this odd that we had to "have a talk."

Now by this time, I will admit, I wasn't a rookie. By this time I was more or less a fully trained Jedi knight and basically said, "Heh, yeah, sure, I'll give you a call sometime."

Sensing my indifference and complete lack of desire to call her, "NO, I'M SERIOUS, WE HAVE TO TALK!!!"

I said, "No, we don't. I'll call you when I feel like it."

"Well you better call me!"

I said, "Yeah, sure."

And hung up.

Almost immediately after hanging up I figured that sooner or later I would have to have "the talk" with the girl, even though we were never dating. It was only putting off the inevitable, so I decided that I would call her, endure the pointless and baseless argument she would tender forth, rely on plain, simple, adult logic to explain why I would not be "dating" her any more and be done with it. Thus I called her back, said, yes, I'd be willing to talk and to have her come over.

She came over, tight lipped and I could almost sensed she was going to give me "what I deserved." We went downstairs where she then began to yell at me and lecture me about how dare I just break up with her, and she thought I was different and that I was one of the few guys who "got it" and blah blah blah. I tried to make some points or explain things to her, but I quickly observed anything I said was summarily ignored as she continued on her tirade. She was going on and on, but then said something rather unique;

"Oh, and I know about Girl Y."

Apparently, Amy had spilled the beans.

"Oh, and you know what's sad? You just like her because she treats you nice and cooks for you and everything."

And that was the most precious statement of all the argument.

"You just like her because SHE TREATS YOU NICE AND COOKS FOR YOU and everything."

Right now I can hear men saying global-wide, "well, duh!?"

No, we like the women that treat us like shit and never cook or do anything nice for us. THose are the ones we go after.

It was from here on that I knew this girl was delusional and psychotic and there was no point in entertaining the notions of an adult conversation with an adult resolution. She

gave me my opportunity as she continued on with a litany of things "wrong" with me;

"You know that one time I wouldn't sleep with you!?"

Having a hard time trying to nail that night down I said, "Uh, no, what night?"

"The night you wanted to have sex and I wouldn't let you. I said I didn't think it was what was best?!"

Remembering it slightly I said, "Uh, yeah, I think so."

"Yeah, well that was just because I knew you were a player, Captain. I knew you were a player and I was going to see if you could handle a girl rejecting you!"

Sensing her kind of weird, self-made sense of self-control I said in the most straight faced and stone cold demeanor (because I was that serious),

"Well Girl X, you don't ever have to worry about that again, because I never want to sleep with you again."

Now, you must understand that this girl was a "party girl" from California. She was a car model for GM. And if memory serves me correctly, she may have even been in one of them modern day pin up calendars. Regardless, the whole point was that she was overly physically attractive. And never, in her entire approaching-30 years of life, had a guy turned her down or ever told her they would not sleep with her. Never, had a guy been immune to her single (and arguably) only quality; her looks.

The blow she delivered was weak, but not weak enough to not leave a slight black eye. Regardless, what was more shocking to me was not so much being punched in the face, but a woman who was 29 punched me at the age of 31 because I just didn't want to go out with her.

Story 2

Many years ago in the Captain's youth, he was deemed "a good guy." So "good of a guy" he was deemed by his friends, one of his friends decided to set him up with one of her girlfriends "Ms. Taiwan." Ms. Taiwan was a drop dead gorgeous girl. Her previous boyfriend who was a Minnesota Viking or maybe a MInnesota Timberwolf (I can't remember) was a "jerk" and our mutual friend wanted to set us up. She lived in a private estate in north St. Paul with her parents who were directly related to some of the head honchos in the Kuomintang Party of Taiwan. Cumulatively the parents had a net worth of over $1 billion and when the Captain went to pick up Ms Taiwan in his 1985 Cutlass Supreme (with out the muffler), they not only asked him to park the car three blocks

down from their house so as not to bring shame to their family, but also got to endure a conversation about why he wasn't of Chinese/Taiwanese descent (even though he tried, MULTIPLE TIMES to explain he was a mix of Irish, German, and Jew and ALL OF THIS WAS BEYOND HIS CONTROL). One would think the anti-Irishgermanjew sentiment of the parents would be enough to drive him away, but no, their daughter did a splendid job of that by herself.

The Captain knew something was already amiss when on their SECOND DATE Ms. Taiwan answered the door in a naughty catholic school girl outfit. Certainly, the first date had gone alright, but nothing to warrant the outfit on the second date, and though just as male as any other guy, this willingness to don an outfit was making a worrying twingling sensation in the back of the Captain's head. However, the twingling sensation would soon be validated. For as they went forth on the third date and your beloved Captain went to get some gas and he went inside to pay. Upon his return to his car the girl was sitting in a pouting like fashion. Not noticing it too much, the Captain continued on his date and continued to drive.

Now if you want to look this up on Google Satellite to see how the next 20 minutes of this date went start at the intersection of Louisiana and Texas in St. Louis Park and plot directions to Hwy 280 and 35W.

By 394 and Louisiana the Captain noticed the girl was upset. Not thinking there was anything the Captain could have done to possibly upset this girl he said, "What's wrong?"

To which Ms. Taiwan responded, "If you don't know, then the hell if I'm telling you."

Again, not a fully trained Jedi knight, but enough of a guy to know I didn't do anything wrong, I had a hard time validating that statement by playing "20 questions."

By the intersection of Hwy 100 and 394 I had said, "I'm not going to play 20 questions, what is it?"

This then triggered screaming and accusations and yelling and crying from 100 and 394 to...

280 AND 35W

Nearly 14 miles of non-stop bitching and crying and sobbing and name calling and drama and other things that could all be categorized in the category of "shit" which culminated into....

A suicide threat on the bridge over 280 and 35W. She was going to jump out of the car at 65 MPH and if she survived would jump off the bridge.

I was, I think, all of 23 years old.

Oh, and by the way, guess what she was mad about?

That I didn't OFFER TO BUY HER A SODA when I went in to pay for gas!!!!

Story 3

The Captain had met a quite attractive, but above all else, a quite moxie-fied girl named say, "Julie." She was 25, she was drop dead gorgeous and not only did she want to learn how to dance she was also in training for a marathon (the Captain is an avid runner). Naturally we started dating, dancing and running, but soon problems would be found out by the fourth date. For by the fourth date, that's the date where you are more or less obliged to kiss. If you don't, then you are just friends, and there's nothing wrong with that, it's just a little late in the game to not be kissing.

Twas the end of our fourth date, we had gone salsa dancing and when invited to come into the Captain's Pad she agreed. I threw in Father Goose which is one of my all-time favorite movies, she laid down on the couch, I poured her a glass of wine and we then watch the movie as we spooned. We were tired and didn't make it through much of the movie, but she was already nestling her nose in the back of my neck. Thinking this was a for sure fire thing WITHOUT EVEN KISSING HER, I asked her if she wanted to go to bed. She said, "yes."

We got to bed, her still rubbing her nose in the back of my neck and when I went in for a kiss...

She stopped

Sat up

Looked surprised

and said,

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?"

Completely confused I said, "What do you mean, what am I doing? I'm trying to kiss you!"

To which she responded (are you ready for this?)

"Well, I'm not kissing any man until we're engaged."

If the look on my face could have been photographed at that moment in time it would have been in the Smithsonian.

Obviously I stopped dating her, but within one week she went salsa dancing, had one martini, ended up having her much-anticipated first kiss (and make out session) with an illegal alien who didn't speak English, but not before she gave him her phone number and when he left messages for her broken English and wouldn't stop calling, guess who she called to ask what to do?

I was about 30 or 31 at the time.

Now I could go on. I literally could with a limitless number of stories that are just as shocking and appalling as those mentioned above. But the larger point of all these stories is an important one and one that I wish to get to younger men in America as quickly and as early on in their lives as possible, and it is this;

No, you're not insane, the women are.

Now this may seem like a funny ha ha, half jesting lesson, but it is not. And the reason it is not is because in order to learn this lesson ON YOUR OWN you would have to go through the hell I and all the other 30 something men in America have gone through. And not only that (and this is key) you have to be driven to such insane lengths and endure such insane situations that you have NO CHOICE but to make the arrogant assumption that there might not be something wrong with you, but rather something wrong with society. This is an arrogant assumption because when is it the "individual" is right and "society" is wrong? But I'm here to tell you that this is just such the case.

If you are a younger man in the US and you cannot believe or comprehend just the sheer magnitude of idiocy you have to deal with when dating, understand it is NOT you, it is society. And the reason I bring up this overall and very important point is because you do not deserve to endure the hell you have to go through from puberty on thinking somehow you are the one to blame for the insanity. There comes a point in time where you just have too much experience and empirical evidence where you have to look back and say, "OK, am I really that insane? Have I really goofed up? What on god's green earth did i do to deserve to have that girl threaten to kill herself? What did I do so that girl would not kiss me until we were engaged? What did I do to have that girl stand me up?"

You didn't do anything. It's just the way girls are.

Now I know I will catch much flak for this post, but I don't care. I'm sick of good honorable men getting stood up, lied to, cheated on or just plain mind-effed with because literal "girls" think its funny to stand men up. I'm sick of seeing boys or young men grow up under an environment that turns them into cynical full grown men who abandon marriage

or courtship altogether because girls wanted to play little middle school girl games or re-enact scenes they've seen from 90210 for 2 decades. And I'm dirt tired of seeing men, not much younger than myself, go through their teens and 20's utterly confused, and worse, somehow thinking there's something wrong with them, when there's nobody older than them saying, "Hey kid, here's the reality of the situation. Here's the ropes. Sorry, we didn't make the rules, but at least you know it's not your fault. There's nothing wrong with you."

I also fully intend to put a stop to clueless mothers telling their younger sons, "Well YOU must be looking in the wrong places. There must be something wrong with YOU that you are attracting these types of girls." And replace it with the concept that maybe all there is to select in the population is Britney Spears and a limitless sea of sociology majors.

Regardless, as in tune with the original theme of this post, permit me my young, aspiring male (and female, because some of these rules would apply to you too) junior, deputy and aspiring economists a couple rules or tidbits of wisdom that will help make your younger years easier to deal with and perhaps save you a couple bucks and hours along the way;

1. Life is short, you're going to die, quit trying to pick up chicks at bars. Bars/nightclubs are where stupid people go because they have no conversation skills and need to rely on their looks to get them buy. Girls in particular just go there to get free drinks (I did a survey on this on my economics students and that was the number one reason girls go to bars, not for you, for your propensity to buy them drinks). Instead pick up a hobby or activity that YOU want to do. You will find similarly minded girls and without the loud bass BOOM BOOM BOOM, chances are she'll be smart enough to converse with you.

2. Learn to ballroom/swing/salsa dance. You don't have time to rely on one liners or meeting Suzie Jones in class or to have your friends get off their lazy asses and set you up. Dancing is a great and polite means by which to meet a girl. For every hour you spend learning dance you will save yourself literally 10 hours at a bar with the same amount of success. And NO, it doesn't matter if you "like" to dance, it's your job to do it.

3. At the first sign of trouble, ditch the girl. You look out for number one, YOU. You, especially if you are going to school and working, don't have time for it. If a girl acts weird, or perhaps a better way of putting it is her behavior is "hypocritical" bail. Immediately. You don't have time for games. I'm sure curiosity gets you, like "Why is she acting weird" but it has been my experience you will never find out "why" and the question will be evaded (also, the "why" tends to be another guy, so don't compete, again you don't have the time, you have you to work on).

4. Akin to three, one strike and you're out. I had a buddy Tony, who said something very wise. When he was stood up or a girl didn't call him back his mother would come up with

theories as to why. "Well, maybe she got hit by a truck. Maybe the electricity went out in her neighborhood. Maybe she tripped and hit her head and forgot she had a date." But inevitably, Tony said, it all boiled down to that the girl just plain didn't want to go out with you. Think about it, if you had an interview for a job you really wanted, or you really wanted to go on a date with a girl, if you couldn't make it, you would call. If she really wanted to go out with you, she would call. She didn't so quit wasting your time. Which leads us to...

5. Ball in Court Theory - Consider calling or e-mailing or "texting" (what you young punk kids do nowadays) a basketball or a ping pong ball. If you throw or hit the ball to the opponent the ball is in their court. You can't hit it back until they hit it back to you. Don't be an idiot and call/e-mail them if you already did so once. That's it. If they don't call you back, don't call them back. You'll look like an idiot just like you would swinging at a ping pong ball that isn't there.

6. Date Math Girls - Math girls not only tend to be more employable, but I've never had a engineering major/engineer stand me up. Not once. Women that are in the sciences are always on time and are least likely to lie about their availability (a major reason why the majority of girls I dated in college were Asian, they were all in engineering, computer science, physics, etc.). Business majors, HA! Those are your future power hungry HR directors. Give me a geek girl any day.

7. Ask your self "What is my opportunity cost?" - I look back at it and my best times in college and my twenties were NOT with girls. They were with my friends (be they guys or girls). Rock climbing, video games, drinking, you name it. They are always there, they are always willing to hang out and you are GUARANTEED to have a good time. Consider your expected rate of return on a Friday night; Go clubbing where you have a 2% chance of getting a girl's number and a 10% chance of it being a right one and a 10% chance of her actually going out with you (.0002 chance of you going on the date) or play some video games while drinking beer with your friends 100% chance.

8. Do not chase, they will chase you. If there is an important rule, this is it. Life is too short chasing after people. You have to do your own thing that you enjoy and live life and meet the people along the way. The frat boy at the bar with his cap on backwards with the Ambercrombie and Fitch. Yeah, not getting as much play as the guy playing ultimate frisbee with his friends who heads up a tornado chasing expedition and knows how to dance. And the reason why is the A&B boy is a conformist. Girls can get those a dime a dozen. If you're out doing your own thing, girls will be attracted to that. Better yet, girls that like the stuff you do will be attracted to that so you don't have to endure listening to her speculate on "American Idol" or "Obama's pecks" but rather she will be like, "Hell yes, let's go to Glacier National and get freaking on a glacier!" Oh, she's not going to show up on your doorstep that instant, but it won't matter. YOu'll be happy doing what you want to do. And for god's sake, playing an acoustic guitar is NOT a hobby.

9. Religious girls. If you're religious. Good for you. If you're not, stay away from them. And I'm not talking the girls that say, "Well I'm Catholic" but haven't been to church in 3 years, I mean girls that go to Christian colleges and won't court any non-Christian guys. God comes first, dad comes second, and somewhere around 573rd place next to "clean toe fungus" is "find and date cool guy." Ranked 1,435,984th is "kiss cool guy." Save yourself the time, it isn't worth it.

10. Go to school until you're 27. There is no point in looking for a partner to set up a family until you're AT LEAST 27, so you might as well get your masters or doctorate. Girls (as well as boys) will not mature until that time. You want to get married before that, enjoy divorce. I would make it 35, but by that time everybody has a kid so start looking, there is the occasional girl that has her act together before that time, but like I said, you have more important things to do like college, besides which, she'll make herself known.

11. Do not tolerate any drama or soap opera stuff. It's weird, but I almost sense a lot of girls, especially when they're younger get more of a kick off of drama than anything approaching a normally functioning relationship. They lay what are called "land mines" which are nothing but traps to give them an excuse to get mad at you (see you didn't buy me a soda). You think they're not common, oh but they are.

12. Sex is not negotiable. I can understand if you are religious and wish to adhere to your principles and I do genuinely salute you. For the remainder of us men, sex is not negotiable. The girl either has sex or not. And if she doesn't that's fine, nothing wrong with it, but don't think you're going to somehow "convince" her. All you're going to do is waste your time. If you want sex, find a girl that is willing to have sex. And if you can't find one, guess what? You have more important stuff to do any way (see hobbies and college).

13. Never tolerate being stood up. And there really isn't anything you can do about this one in the sense that if you're stood up, you have no choice but to be stood up. But you can protect against it. Always have plans with the guys. Always have something else to do. There was a rule I came up with called the 505025 rule, the founding of which was based on the empirical experience I had where 50% of the time the girl would say yes to a date, but only 50% of the time she would actually show up for the date, resulting in a 25% real chance of a date. In actuality it was more like 70/10/7, but the point is even if the girl says yes, chances are you're not going out, especially in your late teens and early 20's. ASSUME you're not, make other plans and if the girl actually pulls through, consider it a bonus.

14. Buy the damn book! You youth cannot afford to be jerking around with worthless degrees. Focus your efforts and resources WISELY and early on, on productive pursuits.

Now there is infinitely more precise bullet points i could give you, but the overall point is

to have not only self-respect, but to draw the lines and standards by which who you are or are not going to date. Self-respect because young men waste so much time trying to date girls who frankly are not worth it (and this time could be spent bettering oneself) and also to establish rules and lines so as not to be taken advantage of. The key thing is to not worry if you are having troubles or are immeasurably frustrated by the insanity going on. All guys are. But if you focus on yourself and enjoy YOUR life you can not only endure the 20's and early 30's, but improve yourself immeasurably, and maybe even find that nice girl who has a job and (as Girl X liked to disdain) "has the audacity to treat you nice."

Sacrilege!

Holy "It' Sucks to Be Michigan and California Batman!"

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Two states I will never, ever live in, let alone visit.

California and Michigan.

Bleagh!

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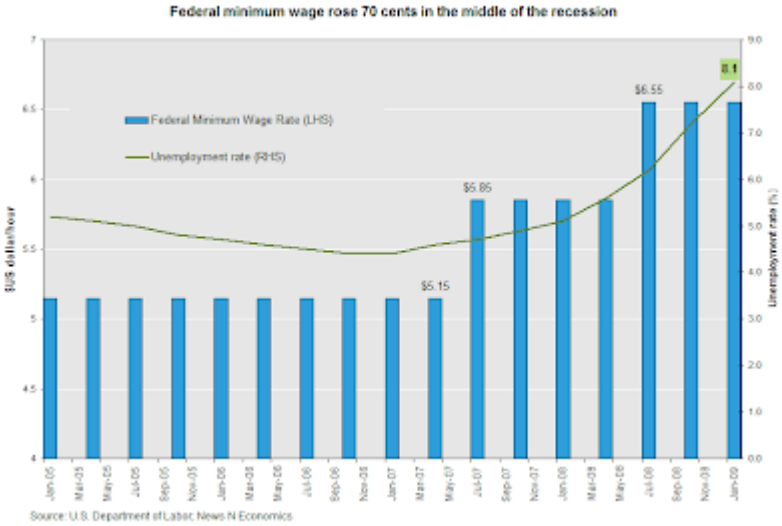
From Kristopher;



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Anybody see the trend?

Bueller?

Bueller?

Ian Vaughan Runs for Office

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I am not a Canadian, thus this will be viewed as "evil foreign influences and interests," but since I have significant Canadian readership I will be endorsing Ian Vaughan.

You will endorse Ian Vaughan.

How the Youth Shot Itself In the Foot

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I love short pieces like this.

But i LOOOOOVE it even more when English majors get hit upside the head.

I can see it now. An advertisement for majoring in English.

"Hey kids! Tired of trying and having to do all that stupid math?

Want something that is easy to major in and won't require one single calorie of energy to "earn" your degree in?

Or do you just plain want to admit right up front and announce to the world "hey, I'm too lazy to do any real work and want rest of you to take care of me, but I want to still feel like I'm doing something so I can claim I'm independent and trick myself into not feeling bad about my parasitic existence?"

Then major in ENGLISH!

Yes, English is the language you're all familiar with because, well, it's the freaking national language and you've been speaking it since you were 2.

We don't know why universities offer program, let alone graduate programs in the language, but if you plain have no temerity or work ethic in you, piss away 4, 6 or 8 years of your life (and your, your parents' and the taxpayers' money) studying ENGLISH!

Benefits include;

- Looking for work
- Learning nothing new but socialist and communist philosophy posing as an English degree
- How to indoctrinate children so they too can become the future English majors of America
- Working for a non-profit or the public sector in some make-work job so you can feel good about yourself
- Asking yourself at the age of 23 why you can't find a job
- Voting democrat/socialist your entire life so other people's money can be confiscated to make a job for you

Don't be one of those "squares" majoring in electrical engineering or computer science

who invariably produce everything in the economy and support themselves. And certainly don't become a tradesman with all their "stupid" ability to "fix cars" and "build houses" and "repair plumbing."

No, become the pinnacle of economic deadweight!

MAJOR IN ENGLISH!!!"

Enjoy the decline, kiddies! You've earned it!

Manly Men

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Imagine if it was the other way around. Running and complaining to the government. Accusation of systematic sexism. More demand for affirmative action to close the "unemployment gap."

I do genuinely believe that men will find a bit of relaxation and comfort in being unemployment. They will, as I have, realized that you don't need that much to live on, and why work harder for it if it's only going to be taxed or taken away. Not to mention and to quote Steve Martin from Dirty Rotten Scoundrels;

"We're the weaker sex! We die from more heart attacks. More strokes. More prostate cancer. I say it's time for a change! I say let them take care of us for a while!"

Entrant #12 - Captain Capitalism's 2009 Annual Chart Contest

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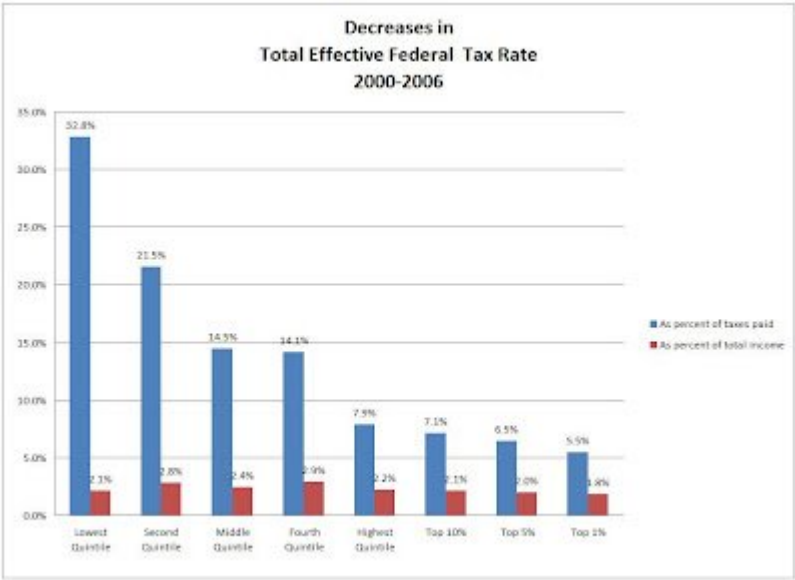
From Beancounter. He wanted to see if the "Evil" Bush Tax Cuts disproportionately benefited the rich not only in nominal terms, but percentage terms (because the left as you all know will pick which ever one shows the rich benefiting the most regardless of the intellectual veracity of the measure in that they know their constituents are too damn stupid to know the difference, let alone have the intellectual honesty to care);



It seems the "rich" didn't do as well as the "poor" no matter how you slice it with the Bush tax cut.

Of course, that is water under the bridge, I'm just posting it for posterity folks.

The Israel Market Place

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I don't know why I haven't posted or linked to this guy before, I interviewed him when I had my radio show long ago, but he runs a good Israeli shop on the internet and like all of us in the internet world we are dependent for our living on making sales.

So if you ever have a hankering for something Israeli (trips, goods, food, etc) visit The Israel Market Place. I kind of looked around and he DOES have A LOT of stuff.

Support Israel.

Piss of leftists and nazi's.

Go to The Israel Market Place!

Now If the Rest of You Bankers Scumbuckets Would Kindly Follow Suit

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I'm glad he's dead and I wish for many suicides more.

And no, that's not "harsh." It's called self-respect and being sane.

You Can't Tax Free Time

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Let me tell you about my buddy John.

John is a bachelor. He majored in electrical engineering many years ago, works part time with his father on this father son business they put together. He bought his first house about 20 years ago, paid it off in 7 years by living frugally and ever since then has continued to live frugally his entire life. Over the past 20 years he has ebbed and flowed between regular day time work and working on his business with his dad as it suits him, for he does not really need that much money to live. However, he did a 7 year stint at one place which brought in an inordinate amount of money (he was paid $150 for 1/2 an hour of work) to the point he could pay CASH for two rental properties, which now today he collects rental income from.

Now the man majored in the right field and combined with his experience he can make bookoo coin if he so desired. If we were paid $300 per hour I'm sure we would too. But when he is offered a job or a position at one company or another he simply turns them down because of one reason and one reason only;

"The taxes aren't worth it."

Now this is an important point to understand in that it will explain why not only none of us will be collecting social security, but why this stimulus will utterly fail, just like the new deal.

First off, yes, John makes enough money to live. However, he is not "living the high life" as some would think. The man has enough residual income from his investments to make a decent living. Yes, he COULD go and work more and make nearly $500,000 per year, but he had an observation that should be taken to heart by all people;

"Why would I waste my time working more in life when not only is my life finite, but any additional work I do at this point will be taxed at 60%? Obama can tax my income, you can't tax my free time."

Understand that there comes the point in a person's life that they realize all they have on this planet that is of any worth is their time. And while money is nice, certainly vital, it is not so up to a certain point. There will come a level of income where one does not need to earn more to survive. Oh sure they may like to have some luxuries, but even then, there will come a point in time where one makes enough money to survive. Now if any level of production beyond that is taxed at such a high rate all one does in working that extra bit is essentially commit themselves to slavery, then why on God's green earth

would people do such a thing? Additionally, why would "rich" people who are presumably already at that level of income go beyond the call of duty and work more? Take the logic an additional step further and factor in the fact that if people realize time is the only real thing of value they have (which I think with Obama, more and more people will), they will be reluctant to give that valuable resource up so easily. Ergo one can expect practically NO ONE who values their own life and time would be altruistic enough to work more at a 60% tax rate to support the parasites...errr....I mean the losers....ummm....err...I mean....Obama socialists....umm....errr....I mean "less fortunate" masses of the nation.

Now, this bodes ill for Obama's plans because since it's those "evil rich" people who pay the majority of the taxes. And with tax rates going up for the most productive members of our nation, why are they all of the sudden going to apply less value to their time and start slaving away, working as much as they did before to basically pay for a bunch of losers who can't (or better said, WON'T) support themselves? It's quite simple, they'll become like John, they won't. They will realize, like he did, "You can't tax free time, and free time is all one has on this planet."

Worse still, from a budgetary standpoint, is all this promised future spending. Precisely how do you expect to pay for all of this when you have deterred and disincentived all the productive members of society from producing the profits and revenues necessary to be taxed to raise the taxes needed to pay for the bribe money to vote for the democrats through "social programs"....errr....I mean...uhhh...how are you going to raise tax revenues when the tax rate has shrunk the tax base to near nothing? Is your mommy going to pay for it like she did your Harvard degree? Promise $10 trillion in stimulus via taxing "rich people" at a 75% tax rate. 75% of nothing is still nothing (study the Laffer Curve you morons). The simple truth of the matter is you won't. All Obama has done is shoot himself in the foot by penalizing the most productive members of society to the point they've become like John and realized sleeping in and drinking coffee with his friends and working the occasional 3 hours per week with his dad is infinitely more valuable than waking up at 6 AM to suffer a 1 hour commute to slave away for some asshole boss for 8 hours while you suffer a 2 hour commute back, while 60% of all the income generated from this hellish experience goes to pay for the Peggy Josephs of the world to live. The hosts of this nation (the John's) will simply not work denying the parasites of this world (the Peggy's) their bribe money from the socialist party.

Because after all, you can't tax free time.

And that my capitalist, self-respecting, freedom loving friends is about the only thing you can do right now when the majority of the populous is having "Obasms."

Don't work unless you have to.

Go to school.

Stay at home.

Write a book.

Play some video games.

Cut your spending.

If you can get by on a minimal level of income or work, the by God do it.

Because if you go that extra mile and are taxed at 65%, then all you really are doing is committing yourself to being a slave.

And you know something, life is just too damn short to be somebody's bitch.

On a related note.

America's Collapse Causing Depression in Males

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I often sign off with my signature "enjoy the decline."

The purpose of the sign-off is to emphasize that the decline of America is really unstoppable and that you might as well enjoy the decline while you're here on Earth. Don't produce anything, don't work hard, just live off of the carcass that is the US, and yes, you must take that mentality because it's reality.

For example I refuse to make more than $30,000 a year (if i can help it) and ensure that I take at least one month of vacation in a remote destination with 3 weekend vacations a year to split up the horrible Minnesota winters. Why do I refuse to do this? Because life is short and any money that I make beyond a certain point is taxed into oblivion and all I end up doing is becoming a host to the economic parasites of this formerly great nation. Additionally, it ain't like there's a lot of jobs out there anyway. Regardless, since I will die inevitably, I am packing in as much fun as I possibly can and avoiding working as much as possible.

Of course there is a drawback to this approach - it's anti-male.

Not "excelling" or "doing your best" and just "loafing off" is quite literally against the psychological hard-wiring men have. To sit and do nothing, to NOT have a career, to not (over the long run) advance and progress is the single worst thing for a man's psychology. It will ruin a man, at least a man with morals. And to tell men to just simply "enjoy the decline" EVEN THOUGH THAT IS THE ONLY OPTION THEY REALLY HAVE, still sometimes doesn't work.

How do I know this?

I am a male.

I am the creator of "enjoy the decline."

And even though I am fully aware that there is nothing that can be done, and was at the forefront of realizing this epiphany, I still suffer the same fate as my good friend Save Capitalism, I suffer the occasional bout of depression.

Now as he writes, he is not trying to beleaguer you guys with his problems, and neither am I. However, he does bring up a good point and I wish to amplify it. The collapse of the world's formerly greatest nation will and already is having a negative and disproportionate effect on men. It's one of the rare statements and claims I'll make

WITHOUT researching for hard data to prove it and will solely rely on anecdotal evidence. The collapse of the US is foisting depression on men.

Craig, a good buddy of mine, was formerly the most driven, hard working entrepreneur you'd ever meet. Now, with the economy more or less destroying his business, and no hope in sight, he's depressed, he's sad, he no longer cares to try anymore and he asks me "why the hell did I bust my ass off." He's now thinking about driving truck out in the Williston oil fields (until of course environmentalists protest and lobby) and I'm half tempted to join him. He feels guilt for not being able to provide for his wife as much as he'd like.

Another buddy of mine, Richard, has the natural spirit of an entreprenuer, but every venture he tries never grows sprouts. Not because of the lack demand or lack of brilliance, but because of a lack of disposable income on the part of would be customers. Any ideas he has at his current place of employment are quickly disregarded on account he is a mere 27 years old, and thus he is relegated to stagnation. He is arguably just as knowledgeable on economics as I am, and KNOWS he has to enjoy the decline, but in the end whenst we share cigars there's still the lack of hope and spirit there might be a future.

Dave, a friend of mine in Chicago got his MBA AND LAW DEGREE has not the connections or ass kissing skills to find stable employment in Chicago. He only stays alive to "observe what's going to happen" because he's got nothing else to do and has taken a truly macabre approach to life.

There's of course me, your beloved Captain. I KNOW you have to enjoy the decline. I am intricately familiar with how hopeless and powerless individuals are against the ignorance and spoiledrottenbratedness of the masses of "Americans" if you can even call them that. I KNOW to forfeit labor for leisure and I KNOW I have no choice. BUt sure enough, I listen to some Rush Limbaugh or Joe Soucheray and before you know it I'm at the liquor store buying bottle of Rumpleminze. I get angry. I get pissed. I get enraged. I get near a debilitating level of depression. I force myself to run. I force myself to work out. But it only helps temporarily as the endorphins wear off from a 7 mile run in about 2 hours. In the end I buy a bottle of booze to put my brain out of its misery from running every possible economic scenario in its head, all of which end in demise. Perhaps buying booze and getting drunk is "enjoying the decline," but it's nothing more than an escape and a lot of nights the only way to force myself to sleep.

The larger point is that no matter how much a man "conscientiously" knows what the reality of the situation is and how hopeless it is, he is hard-wired to care regardless about his and his loved-ones' futures. He is wired to care about the future of his country, especially if it is a good one. He cares about reality and justice prevailing. And above all else, a man cannot help but be depressed when he sees greatness destroyed by

parasites and ignorant spoiled children for what essentially ends up being "no damn good reason at all." And this creates a problem.

Suicide is up. Alcohol consumption is up. And more men will be killing themselves in the future as they can no longer reconcile an "Enjoy the Decline" philosophy with their male hard-wiring to care (and I don't know this for a fact, I'm guessing, so prove me wrong). But where this is particularly going to affect America and makes this a particularly disturbing trend is that it won't be the degenerate males that are offing themselves.

It won't be the druggie, hippie, OD-ing types like Kirk Cocaine or Jim Moronson or Janis Joplin and other degenerates of society. It's going to be John Jones, engineer who can't find a job. Bob Bobson, computer programmer who can't find a job. Steve Stevenson, mechanical engineer who lost his job, couldn't find another one, couldn't support his family, and got divorced. Philbert Philbertson who is too young to receive a SS check, but never had the economic opportunity to earn enough for retirement. Craig Craigson, entreprenuer, who in any other economic times would have founded a successful company that employed Bob, Steve and John. It will be the productive males that made American what it was (and would have continued to maintain America as it was meant to be) that will be no longer participating. It will be the sole solution to America's economic problems that are either offing themselves or are depressed to the point of paralysis and indifference, rendering them an ineffective force and denying America any genuine hope of a future.

Now a lot of people will immediately dismiss my premise that these "stupid males" are somehow the backbone of the country and how dare you dismiss the contributions of women and blah blah blah. You will also notice how they will completely ignore my pointing out there will soon be a "crisis" of male suicide in the US (certainly a "crisis" by the standards people on the left use to define minor problems in society as a "crisis"). But this post is not for them. It's for the dwindling population of genuine, old school American men who, like Save Capitalism, like Craig, like Richard, and even like myself, have a hard time "enjoying the decline." So permit me some wisdom that will hopefully bring some solace to your lives.

First let me point out and reiterate that one of the most important things you can do to achieve a happy life is realize what you do and do not control. It is simple logic that you should not get excited, let alone spend one single calorie of energy "worrying" about things that you cannot control.

Can you overcome millions of idiotic youth brainwashed to vote for socialism? No.

Can you overcome millions of desperate women who vote for a president based on his "pecks?" No.

Can you overcome the trillions of words of indoctrination women receive from "women's magazines" or "Oprah" or prime time TV or EPL crap? No.

Can you overcome the millions of men who forewent their manly calling and instead became Prius driving white knights and are more than willing to sell out men as a whole to get the attention of women? No.

Can you overcome the incomprehensible level of ignorance the average American has when it comes to economics, and quite frankly, doesn't know the difference between a million, a billion and a trillion and are thusly COMPLETELY unaware of the severity of the financial crisis? No.

The ONLY thing you end up doing is wear yourself out and shorten your life expectancy.

So let go of what you can't control and instead of listening to Rush Limbaugh, turn on the jazz station and pour yourself a Rumpleminze.

Second, life, no matter how bad or at a disadvantage you may be, is still life. What else are you going to do? Like my friend Dave, a bad life is much like a bad movie. So, what? Your only other option is to watching NOTHING. "Blackness" to quote Robert Downey Jr. Additionally, if it gets so bad to the point suicide is the answer, then you have what I like to call "God Freedom." "God Freedom" meaning that if you really don't care if you live or not, act like God. Rob a bank. Go sky diving. Borrow as much money as you can from a bank and blow it all on Vegas or whatever you want with no intention of paying it back. Complete a bucket list before you kick off.

Third, no guilt. No matter what no guilt. Along with kicking around the idea of writing a book titled, "Enjoy the Decline," I want to write a post about how, with the government now accounting for 40% of GDP, that it is PERFECTLY fine to accept government handouts and live off the dole. It is more or less impossible now to completely support yourself 100% and be a real man. I have to this day done so and in my youth used to think it was a shame to accept government money. Nowadays you are insane if you think you can get by without government money. Let go and relax and enjoy some of the socialism forced upon you by the idiots of society. You again really have no choice.

Fourth, understand the type of men like you and me are the ones who are biologically, Darwinistically and genetically suited to survive. We are minimalists. We can get by with crappy cars, crappy clothes, and some bare level of food and water. Have you seen our adversaries?

They cannot live without a;

McMansion

Sugar Daddy bank account
Food stamps
Government housing
Welfare
Daddy's credit card
Medicaid
Medicare

and a whole litany of other income transfers.

Can you imagine your typical American suburbanite princess wife surviving if the scheit hits the fan and her spending account dries up?

Can you imagine the ghettos of society without their monthly welfare checks coming in?

Can you imagine the spoiled brat liberal arts students-come-law-students-come-professional protestor trying to survive if electricity is shut off?

It may not be a wonderful society...matter of fact society will have collapsed if there's no electricity, but who do you think is going to be in charge? Tanner McEffeminite-Hyphennamed kid and his sociology degree? Bob McBobson collecting his welfare check and never bothered to learn a useful skill living in government housing? Or those "stupid" "minimalist" males who bought guns and ammo and know how to field dress a deer and know how to repair cars and build structures and run plumbing?

Understand, that if the WORST case scenario comes about, then WE are the ones who are going to do best because we can at least deal with it and don't need a McMansion con Lexus or government subsidized living.

Fifth,and this is the hardest part, you need to train your brain to accept 1-4. This is hard because I'm now asking you to go against your hard-wiring. Millions of years of evolution and genetics have programmed you BEYOND conscientious thought to react a certain way. Hormones and chemicals are released into your brain no matter how much FACT your brain knows and WILL make you feel a certain way. But there is hope.

If you're like me and millions of other men in the manosphere, or just plain society, you've overcome something more powerful than having a psychological or genetically embedded interest in the advancement of society. You've overcome something more powerful and more visceral to your genetic code than your "man code" of self-supportation, independence and freedom. You've overcome your natural, Darwinistic desire for women.

Not that you've abandoned women or sex. Heavens no! We still love women and sex. You

were just able to not have it ruin or rule your life like you did when you were 18. At the age of 18 you were, like all of us, a slobbering...well...slob-beast, trying your darndest (even though you had NO CLUE HOW) to attract members of the opposite sex. You were lost, you were clueless, you were above all else miserable. Of course overtime you started realizing that no matter how much effort you put into the system, it didn't increase your chances. Matter of fact, you probably realized the LESS you tried, the BETTER you did (thus the element of "game" which is a whole other matter). Additionally, the epiphanal realization that you are finite and are going to die, put more value on for-sure things like video games and buds. In short, you were able to temper your natural Darwinistic desires for the em-betterment of yourself. And just like you were able to temper your natural Darwinistic desires for women, you must also temper your natural Darwinistic desires for a successful society.

Of course the natural follow up question would be;

"OK, so what do we have to live for? We don't have a progressing, advancing economy, women we have abandoned, I can't find a job, I have no career, there's no hope whatsoever in the future, what is left?"

And the answer is simply, "How about yourself?"

It's greedy.

It's self-serving.

It's anti-male.

But you have no choice. And I want you to incorporate that into your thinking.

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.

So you might as well relax, pour yourself a bottle of Rumpleminze. Get a motorcycle. Buy that video game you wanted. Order the lobster. Screw your 401k (it's just going to be confiscated anyway), don't invest in any property or any fixed asset that ties you down, date a ton of different women and above all else

enjoy

the

decline.

"This post brought to you by Rumpleminze! Yes, Rumpleminze! Life got you down?

Surrounded by socialist idiots? Desperately wish to beat the skulls of spoiled brat Americans who find it fashionable to slander and criminalize our formerly great nation and destroy any hopes of an economic future? Destroy your worries with a stiff belt of Rumpleminze!

Yes Rumpleminze is the choice of drink for all dwindling and remaining genuine real American men who still believe in independence, self-reliance and just plain refusing to let the government become the father figure of society. But since you don't control that and most people will call you a misogynist for daring to suggest men might have some "role" to play in society, why not drink your problems away with Rumpleminze!?

Yes that cool soothing minty freshness will assuage your fears and concerns and help you say, "I just don't plain give a frick anymore!" as it heavily coats your worn out throat from yelling at leftists "YOU MORONS! WHY ARE YOU DESTROYING THE COUNTRY???"

There is no better reward for an idealistic, patriotic manly man than Rumpleminze!

A gift from the heavens....manufactured in Canada.

RUMPLEMINZE!

(post script - I would appreciate any advice about writing a more thorough book about "Enjoying the Decline." Books take a lot of effort and time, but am currently kicking around writing a book as such. Any advice/commentary would be appreciated).

Anti Earth Day

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Remember kids, today is Anti-Earth Day. Remember to smoke and drink and burn stuff and have fun and enjoy life and in general do what would piss off leftists.

Your captain would like to take his motorcycle out today and run his errands, but you see since there are a bunch of brainwashed, self-righteous brats out there who instead of doing real work will apply value to themselves by really doing nothing, but claiming "they're helping save the Earth." Thus the Captain is compelled to undo all their "hard work" in saving the planet by polluting more than they save. Ergo, instead of taking out his motorcycle that gets 65 MPG he's going to take his 8 cylinder Chevy that gets 16 MPG and drive it all over tarnation.

And did the Captain fail to burn all that painted wood he had before? Well a pointless bonfire will be called for (of course while I'm smoking a cigar. Might have two cigars today because nothing pisses off a leftist when you do something you like to do with your own money and your own life that they don't approve of.)

In any case, make sure you do these things because it's not that we're against recycling. We're not against people wanting to go green. It's the sanctimonious, judgmental bordering on "nazi-ordering you to do so" attitude of the hypocrites this of this society who like to bark orders at other people that need to be slapped in the face and told "oh yeah? YOU'RE going to "save" the planet?"

Not if we have anything to do about it.

Another Reason Not to Buy The Economist

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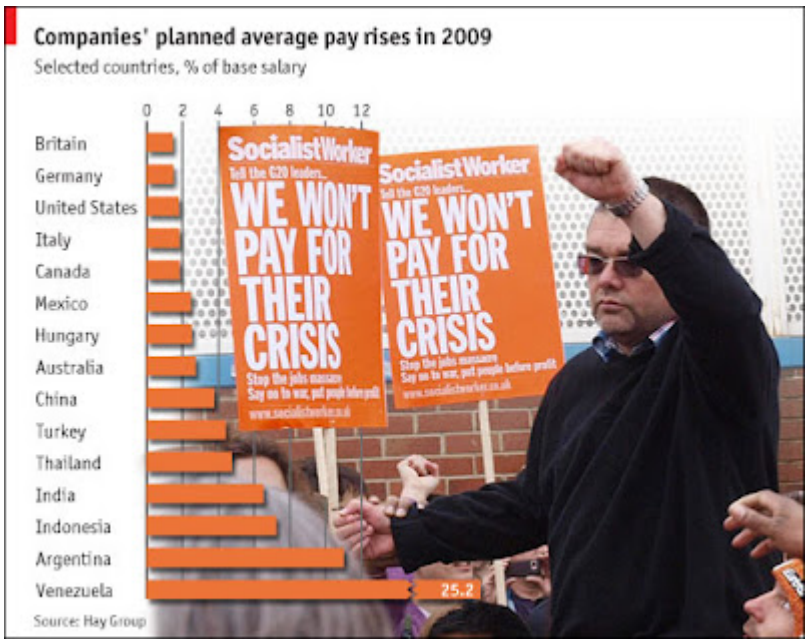
From Mr. Trum.

Apparently The "Economist" forgot to do what even the most basic, simple-minded rookie economists; adjust for inflation.



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Christ.

How can a publication called "The (freaking) ECONOMIST" NOT ADJUST FOR INFLATION????

What a worthless publication that has become.

When Will the Housing Market Recover?

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Here's an estimate;

I told you Minnesota was in bad shape. I know we're fly over country, but the bankers here were even more inconceivably stupid than the ones in New York.

Rich, Spoiled Brat Baby Boomers With Too Much Time and Daddy's Money On Their Hands

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I love the part about Seagram's daddy's girl bailing him out.

These children are now heading up the country.

Communists vs. Capitalists

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Producers vs. Parasites

Children vs. Adults

That's all this poll will show you. That and just how divided the country is.

The Captain Will Write a Second Book

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Fellow junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists,

Though I did not make the millions I had hoped for writing "Behind the Housing Crash" and was originally of the opinion I would not write another book again, several readers came to the same conclusion after I made this post about the advice I would like to give to younger men as it came to dealing with women in their teens and twenties. And that conclusion was not only that I should "write another book" but if that book were about the absolutely insane dating experiences I've had, they would buy it in a heart beat. Of course, three or four people recommending I do such a thing, does not a market for a book make, however, a friend had the observation that "given how much you write, if you just wrote one chapter per week, in a year you would have a book, without any additional work."

And that is what piqued my interest.

Ergo, every Friday (or hopefully every Friday) the Captain shall have "Date from Hell Day" wherein he'll regale you with with a horror tale of his previous courting experiences, laden of course with his wry, cynical, but above all, amazingly accurate analysis.

Understand I still have yet to put together the theme or the overall layout of the book, so it may be a bit slow going at first, but since my hits all seem to go up when I write about gossip and dirt, and go up maybe a slight 2% when I write genius economic commentary that would save the US economy trillions of dollars, I, being a true capitalist am only left to obey the free market.

The Woo Girls Must Die

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Just wanted to point it out, make sure we have a record of it here.

Yeah, those girls, at clubs, or at bachelorette parties or, well anywhere. The ones that yell out

"WOOOOOOOOOOOO!"

And your entire nervous system starts to explode from the sheer shrieking and childishness of it?

Yeah, they have to die.

Just wanted to make sure we're all on the same page here.

Chris Coleman is Hugo Chavez

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It's Friday night, but when you are self-employed, every night is Friday night. And it is late. However, I've been meaning to write about this so it will be a quick, half-inebriated post, which I've found actually make for better posts.

Chris Coleman is the mayor of St. Paul. And yes he's a liberal and yes the council is a bunch of worthless community organizers, and yes, I don't bother reading the local paper because, well, papers are pointless to read. However a friend of mine brought in the Pioneer Depressed and I saw this;

RHETORIC VS. REALITY

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman often saw the glass as half full. Others might see it as half empty. A reality check:

Downtown projects

COLEMAN: "Over $400 million are being invested as we speak in new health care facilities in St. Paul."

REALITY: True, but millions of dollars in other projects — from redeveloping the former county jail and West Publishing building to constructing the Penfield condo high-rise — have been shelved temporarily or for good.

Industrial legacy

COLEMAN: "The 3M site will be cleaned, planned and ready for new businesses that will be the building blocks of a green economy."

REALITY: Plans to redevelop the 3M site and the destined-for-closing Ford plant are in various stages — of planning only. Private investment isn't exactly champing at the bit to jump in, and we can expect to live with these vacant industrial icons for some time.

Housing

COLEMAN: "The long-term solution rests in attracting responsible private capital back into the real estate market, and it is our job to ensure that those investments add value to our neighborhoods."

REALITY: Pockets of St. Paul have been racked by the housing crisis, and its aging stock adds costs to rehab. What if irresponsible private capital wants to invest? Can the city risk turning it away?

Now here are my quick drunken points, which would still outdo any leftist in that they're based in reality, no matter how doused with scotch they may be;

1. "Responsible" private investment means that Coleman wants to attach so many strings to that "private" money that it is not really private. You see "private" means it's up to that private individual to do what s/he wants with it. But when you attach strings by making it "responsible" (and by responsible, we don't mean "responsible" in the classical English sense, we mean in what Chris Coleman cares to define responsible which I'm going to crazily guess here and means it achieves a leftist or politically advantageous purpose) you essentially make that private money "quasi-private" as you more or less start to dictate what can be done with it. So it really won't be private money, but besides which, you won't really ever get any money into the city anyway because when you put the adjective "responsible" in your quote, well you've just driven off any real investor with half a brain and real money.

2. "Adds value to our neighborhoods." Again, the money is not enough. Oh, I know, one would think "well wouldn't the money going in to the neighborhood immediately benefit it? You know, like driving home values up and so forth?" Ah, but that is the key string. You see, if any of you dumbass investors with money want the "honor" and "privilege" to invest in the sh!thole...err...I'm sorry, "cosmopolitan metro area" that is known as St.

Paul, it must also benefit the voters of Chris Coleman to keep him employed...errr....I mean...."to benefit the neighborhood." But of course, again, any investor with half a brain cell still functioning will not invest in St. Paul, and thus, all Chris Coleman has really managed to do is scare away ANY hope of bringing ANY REAL help in bringing investors into St. Paul.

Ergo, if you think about it, Chris Coleman is just like Hugo Chavez. Chavez, if you haven't noticed is playing the same game with the oil companies, timber companies and other industries in Venezuela. Oh, his piece of crap third world country would love foreign investors to come in an invest, but when they do, he has this nasty habit of nationalizing their subsidiaries, if not attaching so many strings that most companies will never ever set foot inside Venezuela again.

And this gets to a very important lesson for all leftists to learn, assuming you have not been driven off by my cynical tone already.

If you want to bring investors into your little realm, then you must not tax them, not apply regulations, not apply all these little "wish lists" or bark all these orders. You must realize you are the beggar asking for money. And if you are so inconceivably stupid (which I know a lot of you are) to start demanding worthless and utterly pointless things like "green construction" or "committing a percent of pretax profits to non-profits/community programs" or, heck, just an insane level of property taxes, guess what, your "private investors" are going to be as real as one of your other pet projects;

Social security.

Of course, don't listen to me. I just plain don't know what I'm talking about.

The Captain Will Broadcast Tonight

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Greetings all cappy cap readers.

I will be a guest panelist on Radio Free Nation tonight at 730PM.

Feel free to tune in and give the ol' Cap a call!

How the Captain Would Run a Business

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And I would require those outfits as well...which is why I would get hit with a lot of sexual harassment suits...which is why I will just plain not hire anybody and be the lone independent contractor no matter how much more money I could potentially make if I did set up an actual business.

Step Aside Baby Boomers

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I had many conversations like this (though not as arrogant) with my baby boomer bosses.

Technology seems to elude them.

For the RSS People

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I will be making about 20 or so posts that are nothing more than links to my online classes but have titles that are related to the classes that are commonly searched. My apologies if you get too many posts but you can disregard them, unless of course you were interested in taking one of my classes.

Do Women Make Better Employees?

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A theory I have been kind of developing or at least kicking around in my head is the theory that there is something fundamentally flawed about corporate America that basically undermines the long term ability of companies to not only be profitable, but also undermines their longevity and integrity. This flaw (or these flaws) come from the fact that the American population as a whole is more or less being corrupted and there is no longer any semblance of "doing the right thing," only "doing what's best for me."

Now, this is not to say the people have become immoral. I'm just saying their thinking has been corrupted much like a software code. And whereas in the past principle, honor, integrity and personal morality would self-govern individuals to "make the right choice" now it is self-preservation that determines what choices we make, even if it is the "wrong" choice.

Like I said, the theory is not solidified yet (and I would love your commentary to help me solidify it), but for example when I was a credit analyst at a bank, my job was to assess and measure the risk of the proposed loans. The "right" decision to make was to recommend these loans be turned down. It was moral. It was just. It would be in the long term interests of the bank. It was just the plain truth. However, there was an incredible amount of pressure for me to re-write these loans in an unrealistically better light. This would be the wrong choice.

Now, my personality being moral, honorable, ethical and right (fools call this "stubbornness") I made the "right choice" and resign my position. However, there were thousands of other credit and risk analysts who just capitulated under the pressure and made the "wrong choice" and kept their jobs. Now keep in mind, I'm not accusing them of immoral behavior. I'm just saying they probably had no choice. If you are a father of 3 or a mother with a child on the way, you cannot afford to all of the sudden become moral and put in peril your job and living. But regardless of the morality of the decision, it is here that the corruption creates that fundamental flaw that I theorize plagues most of corporate America.

In other words (or as in the words of my father) "it is better to be nice than right."

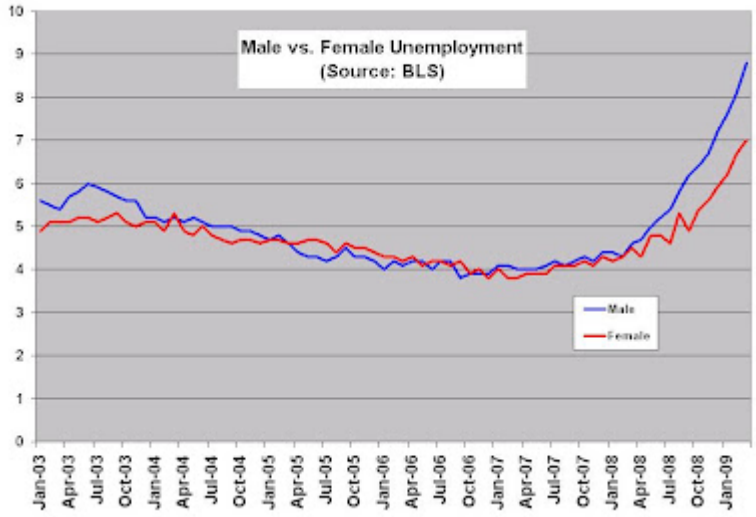
Now, this does not just apply in terms of banking and assessing the risk of loans. But because it is in the people's best long term interests to do what they're told and not necessarily what's right, corporations and employers of all stripes, if unwilling or incapable of listening to criticism, run the risk of having nobody to sound the alarms and act as if everything is hunky dory even though the ship is sinking.

Another perfect example would be the auto unions. I can only imagine my intellectually honest UAW worker equivalent saying, "hey, hey, hey. We're killing to goose that laid the golden egg here. We got to reign in health care compensation otherwise we'll ALL lose our jobs."

I'm sure he was shushed up real quick.

Regardless, the larger point is that corporate America, which is staffed and headed up by Americans, do not like conflict, they do not like challenge, they do not like bad news, no matter if that bad news is reality. And in sticking their fingers in their ears and singing Jimmy Cracks Corn and I Don't Care, or worse creating an environment where any kind of rocking the boat is punished, they then undermine, if not guarantee their demise.

Now, how does this relate to women making better employees? Naturally you have all seen the data showing that this recession is affecting men disproportionately more than women. Men face an 8.8% unemployment rate, while women only face a 7% unemployment rate.



And while they cite the reason for the gap is industries that employ more males have suffered the most during this recession (construction, finance, real estate), I cannot but help but wonder if at least some of that difference is because women make better employees.

Now understand, by saying "better employees" I mean "better soldiers." People who follow orders. People who don't give their commanding officer any guff. They do what they're told and that's it. And not that I have any empirical evidence of this, but I have heard enough stories from my female friends that suggests this may be the case. One female lawyer friend of mine works at a law firm where all the partners are males, but all the staff lawyers are females. She said "they tried to hire a male lawyer once, didn't work. Egos were clashing." She also mentioned how emotions can run high and it is not uncommon where the female lawyers end up crying. If it ever came to that point with a male lawyer, he would just quit or at least be less likely to tolerate that crap.

Another female friend of mine, god bless her soul, she's a moron. A complete ditz. However, she keeps getting promoted at work. Again, not because she comes up with new and great ideas, but because she is just a good soldier, a good cog (he grandfather also happened to have been one of the founding members of the company).

Regardless, there are more anecdotes, but in general men's tendency to be more aggressive, confrontational, and blunt make them worse employees, at least in the eyes of a corporation that wants compliance, conformance and obedience above profitability and morality. Additionally, corporations are moving away from the swashbuckling, Captain of Industry, Hank Rearden, Andrew Carnegie, Tony Stark, progress-at-the-speed-of-light industrialist and towards a more politically correct emasculated "good corporate citizen"/entity that is there to provide jobs for people and sell only green products. And if you're going to keep staff on during a massive recession and in this environment, you're probably going to keep the "yesmen/women" while you fire the firebrand males who (no matter how right) are rocking the boat and disturbing the corporate America serenity.

Ergo, why unemployment for men is higher than women today.

Thoughts? Observations?

Intellectual Honesty

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I don't like Barack Obama. He's a socialist, he's a daddy's boy, he's never had a real job.

But I will give credit where credit is due. He is the first politician I've ever heard tell an unpopular truth.

However, while he is more moralled than the average politician, sadly he's a moron when it comes to economics.

Uncle Jay Explains the News

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Ah, good ole Uncle Jay.

Highest Marginal Tax Rates

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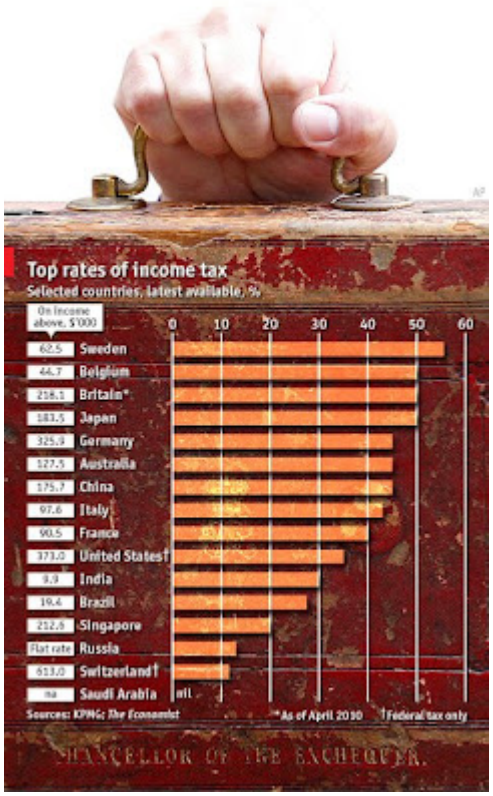
Russia, and I've said this before, will probably out pace the US in terms of long term economic growth because of one thing and one thing only; a flat tax.



And not only is it a flat tax, but a very low one at that.

Now Russia, for all its faults (alcoholism, corruption, etc) does have an infrastructure, a stable and sane society (ie-not shooting each other up over food as per Africa) and as they get corruption under control, I believe more and more people will take advantage of these low taxes and capital will flow there. However, fresh on my mind is also how much time and effort I had to piss away to calculate my tax bill. I do believe the simplicity of their tax code will alone attract people there. Again, over the long run.

Ramirez Rules

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Man got game.

World's Dumbest Economy

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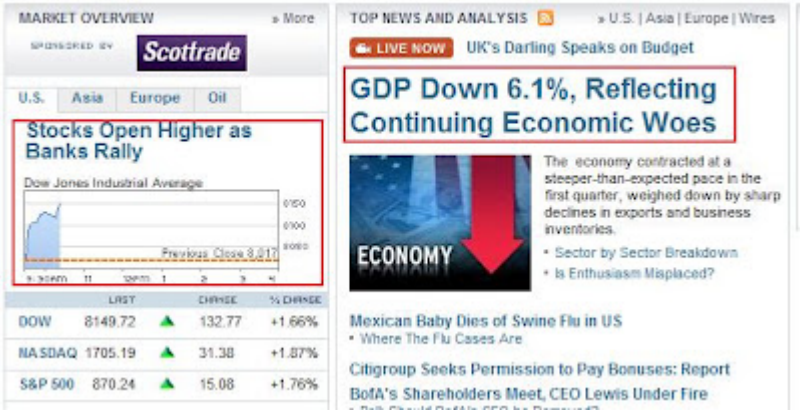
Wall Street as you know likes to convince the world that they are the smartest people in the world. That they are the elite, the cream of the crop of this country, because they went to Harvard (like their daddy did) and ended up working for Goldman Sachs (like their daddy did...matter of fact they work for their daddy...what are the chances of that?)

However, it was precisely these morons that got us into this financial mess in the first place. Ergo why GDP can contract at 6% (which is HEAVENLY!) and the markets can rally;



Morons.

Joe Penaz - Carry Conceal

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My carry conceal permit is about to expire and so I went in to get the mandatory training needed to renew. You have your choice of many instructors who conduct the training and as it just so happened Joe Penaz was the only instructor offering classes that fit my schedule.

Now I was referred to him by a friend who said he offered the cheapest classes in town so naturally when I went to find out more about him I looked up his name on the internet. But to my surprise I found this web site.

Apparently a couple people don't like Joe, but notice I said "apparently" and "a couple people." Because if you read the comments you'll see pretty much everybody WHO HAS TAKEN HIS COURSE LIKED HIM!

Now "apparently" it seems to me, that good ol' Joe is nothing more than a victim of a malicious, childish intent to rub him out of business. "Apparently" it seems to me that the only thing good ol' Joe is guilty of is pissing off the instructors who charge $170 for the class while he undercuts them by only charging $100. It seems to me that you have little baby Obama socialist whiners who aren't real men, can't compete in the free market and therefore have to resort to dirty underhanded childish, COWARDLY tactics like this and frankly don't deserve to be delivering the training themselves.

Now I have no personal ties to Joe Penaz, I just took his class last night. But what pisses me off is childish little brats who have to go and hide behind the internet and try to slander hard working people for something that can only be described as childish spite (and those Cappy Cap readers know I have gone through one such instance). Joe's class was fine. Sure there were a couple things I'd change, but it wasn't any worse than any other course I've taken. Besides which this guy and his wife were kind enough to FEED US HOME MADE FOOD (the course takes about 5 hours). His wife took the time to make the students a meal (and if you read through some of the comments these trolls even rip apart her cooking).

And these little internet trolls have nothing better to do?

So do yourself and Joe a favor. If you're looking to get your carry and conceal permit or renew it, contact Joe. You may have to drive a ways, but it will cost you a lot less, you'll get a good meal, and it will piss off all the right people.

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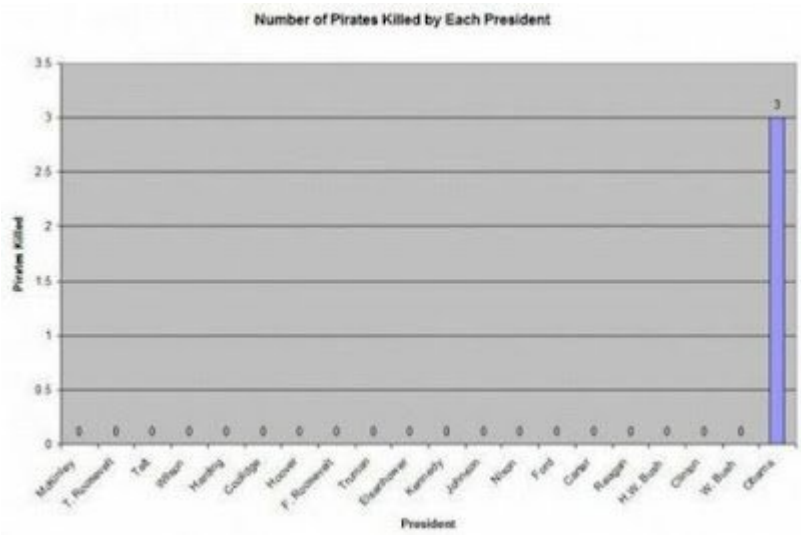
From Tom.



Freaking hi-larious!

A Friend of Mine Told Me to Post This

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I usually "josh" (not to get Jewish on you, but I am, afterall (I'm told) a quarter Jew) with my friends, but every once in a while I write something to my friends, in lovingly jest to lessen the pain of this recession, that endears me to them. Thusly, I am requested to "post that on the internet."

Ergo I shall. Names have been deleted to maintain anonymity. Obviously you will have to click on it to see it full font.

Swine Flu Found In Minnesota, RACHEL First Infectee

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 FOX NEWS

"Wednesday morning started normally for the Elk River 5th grade school teacher. "I felt fine," said Rachel , formerly . "But then I didn't."

Tests show Ms. is the first to contract the virus in the nation's coldest state both in temperature and females.

"I just didn't think I could get sick. I'm a public school teacher and my union says we're gods and nothing can effect us...even an economic crisis won't affect our paychecks. Because we're teachers and if you don't give us raises and life long pensions, you're all nazi's and children haters..."

More to be read at Foxnews.com

Annual Chart Competition Coming to a Close

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I shall be ending the annual chart competition by this weekend.

If you want to get your chart in (and thus, get your chance to win fabulous Cappy Cap prizes, then you better hurry up and send me your charts!)

E-mail them to CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com!

You Kids and Your Damn "Texting"

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I get my cell phone bill.

$3.40 for TEXTING.

What pisses me off is that I DO NOT TEXT!

My friends do.

And ooohhhh, what a fun time it is to text the ole Cap and needlessly charge him 20 cents. Oh boy! What fun! Just like poking a poor sleeping dog, tee hee heee! Let's annoy the Captain and send him a pointless text.

Of course my friends think this is funny. That I'm the "one guy" who doesn't have texting. As if it's the equivalent of not having internet access or a toilet in 2009. And besides which they sickly view it as a form of cheap entertainment. "Well, it only will cost him 20 cents, but tee hee heeee! Oh he'll be pissed! That's so worth it." And damn if they can't go a day without texting him about irrelevant BS when a normal freaking phone call would suffice.

"Hey, Captain, we're going to a moving. Want to go?"

Oh, no. That has to be texted you see, because "texting" is "cool." It's what the cool hip kids do.

Never mind it takes longer than picking up the freaking phone and calling the person.

Never mind it's infinitely more labor intensive to type a paragraph than to just call the person while on the phone.

Oh no, we gotta text.

Ergo, to smite you young punk kids, guess what I just did? THat's right, I disabled the texting on my plan. Now, instead of being sucked dry of my finite wealth for other people's texting addiction, I will laugh as I never receive your textings. You will waste your time and labor texting me messages that I shall never receive. And remember the fun times you had saying, "Hey, you know, it isn't a lot, it will only cost him 20 cents, but boy that 20 cents will sure goad his goose, tee hee heeee, let's text the Captain" yeah, har har, those times are over.

I now plan on taking the $56,902 I would have saved over my life in never receiving texts and
buying a sports car with it.

Main Stream Media

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Yep, that about sums it up.

I just hope when I'm older I'm not this clueless.

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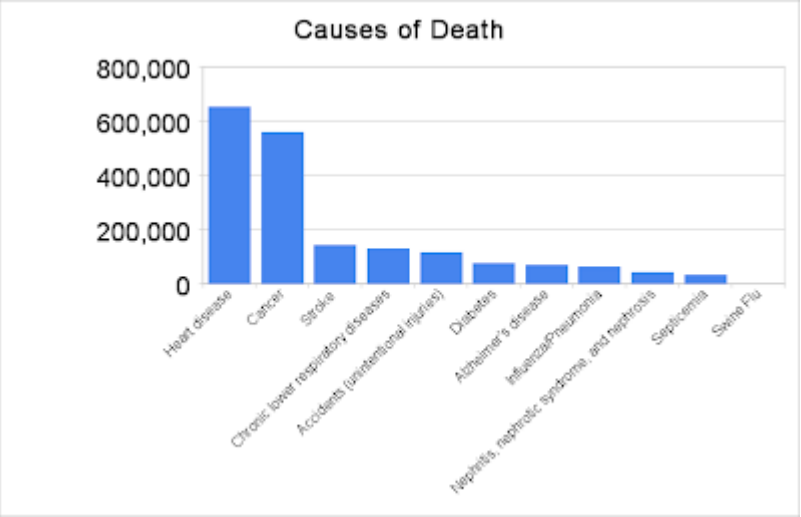

Why You Can't Argue With a Liberal

May 1, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Let me explain something that you must understand, for I see it frustrating my conservative, libertarians and capitalist friends;

It is pointless to argue with liberals and leftists.

I don't mean this in a broad-insulting-stroke-of-the-brush sort of way. I mean that in a sincere, realistic way.

It is pointless to argue with liberals and leftists.

And here is the reason why;

When you argue with them, you are not arguing facts or statistics, you are arguing against a religion. Understand that conservatism, capitalism, and liberty are all founded in empirical evidence that has proven, time and time again, that when a people are free and you do not tax them to death, they will thrive and succeed. Limitless examples throughout history show this, not to mention terrabytes of economic data will support this as well.

Capitalism is the BEST economic system, hands down, period, if for any other reason it is the only system based in reality.

However, leftists ideology, whatever the strain, is not based in reality. It is based in a belief. Specifically, a belief that they WANT to believe in. There is no empirical evidence. There is no rational thought or intellectual honesty or rigor involved. It is simply something for the masses to opiate themselves on and feel good about it. ie- it socialism, leftism, liberalism IS A RELIGION.

Now two points that must be made of this;

1. You can't argue with fundamentalists, not matter what their stripe. Religious right christians that insist sex is bad and gays are evil. Radical muslims that want to blow you up because, well, you're not a radical muslim. Extreme fringes of Jews who won't fly on planes on Fridays (or whatever day it is, I'm not terribly familiar with the Jewish religion). Regardless, trying to convince a leftist that lower taxes and a small government is best for society is like trying to convince a christian that dinosaurs did indeed exist MILLIONS of years ago and that carbon dating is a correct technique. It goes against their religion.

Yes, they have no basis. Yes, they ignore the empirical evidence. But that is the whole

point of a religion. You ignore reality because you CHOOSE to believe in what you WANT to believe in.

2. The hypocrisy of it all. I want to know the number of global warming zealots that mock christians and religious people in general. No seriously, think about that. How many leftists who believe in this global warming RELIGION in the same breath then slam on religious people. The brush could be plied to leftists in general. How many socialists scoff or mock people for believing in something that has no empirical evidence to support it yet at the same time swallow the socialist religion whole?

Thus, my friends, there is only one thing to do. And that is let reality do your arguing for you. You can't win, because they won't believe you. It is more important to them to adhere and subscribe to their religion of socialism than it is to adhere to anything as noble and honorable as the truth. Therefore you're just wasting your breath.

But just like the radical muslim who might have second thoughts about blowing himself up, or the 75 year old christian, spinster virgin who passed up on plenty of honorable men to be alone with her cats and her bible reality will inevitably dawn on them. They will look at their single, infinitesimally finite life they were given and realized they ruined it. They pissed the only thing they had away. Think about it for a second. Don't you think the burnt out hippie who is now approaching 65 years old who still wears the pony tail and can point at nothing but, "sticking it to the man" back in '68 as his largest single achievement? How about the millions of aged Russian communists who were all for the Bolshevikian revolution? Boy, wasn't the past 90 years of their lives fun and fruitful? What will the modern legions of socialists, leftists and communists achieve in their lives? You do realize that the majority of young people voted to have Obama make them indentured slaves (ergo why "young" is latin for "stupid as all hell.)? How successful do you think these socialist zealots are going to be in their lives pursuing a "dream" that is really a nightmare?

But you see, that's the only thing that will convince them otherwise. It's not going to be you. It's not going to be the charming Captain with all of his charts and graphs. It's not even going to be people who have lived and suffered under communism.

No, what will inevitably prove you right will be the leftists getting what they want and realizing they've pissed their lives away.

And that is the best revenge one can have.

Brainwashing Little Children

May 2, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is why I absolutely refuse to give "teachers" a free pass when it comes to criticism. I know it's unpopular to bash "teachers," it's like bashing nuns, and I know there are "good teachers" out there but some are no where near as honorable as nuns. They are on the front line of this battle and have no moral qualms about brainwashing little children. And while some may be good teachers, I remember most of mine to be pathetic, inept 20 somethings that didn't give a damn about educating children, but rather were looking for an easy career path than didn't involve calculus;

I don't know if you have kids, and I don't, but a parent told me today that they are required to buy school supplies and then put them into a pool and then they get handed out randomly...essentially, what you brought might not end up in your desk. That's so no kids feel like their pencils and notebooks aren't as nice as other kids' pencils and notebooks. Indoctrination starts young in this country's public schools. They can speak off about dying polar bears but can't handle the reading, writing and math. Ocomes.

C R I P E S

Radio Free Nation

May 2, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I will again be broadcasting on Radio Free Nation tonight. 730 Central Standard Time.

To quote an old song from the U of MN PD;

"It's Wilson Gate, Yeah Wilson Gate.
Tis Saturday night and you've not a date
Start your shift at quarter past 8.
We'll fire your ass if you be late.
Now life is grand and life is great
Cause it's Wilson Gate, yeah Wilson Gate."

Tis Saturday night, and you've not a date.

So tune in!

One Way to Solve the Housing Crash

May 3, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Destroy supply.

Though mold and regular lack of upkeep will do that too.

Regardless, it is beautiful. I would just love to see the faces of the bankers, mortgage brokers and real estate developers that help piss away the resources on those homes that would only be destroyed.

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Go Listen, Now!!!!

May 3, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm not as hip and programming savvy as you kids out there, but I think if you just click the play button you'll get the download.

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Today's Word is "Inured"

May 4, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Inured

Of the many reasons the Captain does not want children, one of the more highly ranked ones is that I very much appreciate and like my current lifestyle.

I go home and the only noise I hear is the security alarm go off notifying me I opened the door. I then type in my little code and the system is de-armed. After that....silence.

Beautiful, wonderful silence.

From that point on the only noises I hear are the noises I make. Typing on the keyboard. Opening and closing doors. The uncorking of a wine bottle. The ruffling of paper work. It is a calm and serene bachelor pad and only unless I through on some Beastie Boys or Cypress Hill is that serenity PURPOSELY disturbed.

Now the problem is that if you are over 30 and have never had a child, you start to take this calm, serenity for granted. You don't appreciate the order and clock-like regularity and stability of your life. That is until of course you visit fools that have decided to have children and are starkly reminded just how good you got it.

My girlfriend and I visited two poor souls that were friends of mine last night. We hopped on the motorcycle, took advantage of the near 70 degree day and with some spare time in our schedule, decided to drop in on this married couple. Upon entering the house all seemed in order until one of the children decided to come down stairs and visit with us. She was about a 2 year old child and while her parents and I tried to have an adult conversation the child then started screaming and yelling and making noise. Now the child was not upset or angry or crying, she was actually quite ecstatic to see new people. So this was jovial yelling and screaming, but none the less, still yelling and screaming.

I thought that after a certain amount of time the kid would stop, but it didn't. Certainly, I thought, my friends would intervene and take the child away and put her in the garage or the basement or something. But they didn't. It went on and on and on, to the point that I soon realized my friend who I was talking to did not show signs of this even affecting her. She could continue on the conversation without even skipping a beat, no matter how loud or piercing the screeches were from her little child. Once I realized this I couldn't really believe these screeches were not affecting her, which behooved me to interrupt our conversation and sincerely ask her;

"Wait, wait, wait. Doesn't this bother you?"

To which she responded, "What?"

I said, "The screaming? Doesn't this affect you? Why haven't you put the kid in another room or something?"

"Well she had a long nap and has a lot of energy."

Which didn't of course answer my original question and made me realize what had happened.

My friend and her husband had become "inured" to the noise. They had become "inured" to the children. No matter how loud, nor how outlandish the behavior of the child, my friends had grown accustomed to it and it no longer fazed them. And it was scary because what had happened was really nothing short of brainwashing.

For example, I had a buddy once whose girlfriend was a very attractive girl. He was an honorable and caring man, but perhaps too caring. He was one of those guys who still believed in chivalry and taking care of the women and being the knight in shining armor, blah blah blah. In other words he was a sensitive 90's man. Sure enough his "girlfriend" who didn't really want to spend that much time with him some how convinced him that spending 2 HOURS A WEEK together was more than enough for a relationship. His original, darwinistic, genetic code-programmed response was,

"BS, 2 hours PER WEEK? We're not boyfriend girlfriend, we're kind of maybe seeing each other a little."

Naturally a battle of "how much time is the appropriate amount of time" ensued, but he lost as she constantly wore him down AND ULTIMATELY CONVINCED HIM THAT HE WAS BEING SELFISH AND JEALOUS FOR WANTING TO SPEND MORE THAN 2 HOURS A WEEK WITH HER!

The point was he became "inured" to her unrealistic definition of a "relationship," inevitably capitulated and has ever since been treated like sh!t.

It was the same thing with my married friends. They had lost the battle. They had given up. And instead of having any semblance of self-respect for themselves, they now let their kid run their lives and it could only be obviated by it being seen by an outside observer who deems screeching children socially unacceptable.

Regardless, the event did re-teach me a lesson. Be happy with what you have if you have no children. Sure the freedom to do whatever you want, whenever you want is great. And of course the largest of all reasons not to have children; ALL the income in "income PER CAPITA" is spent on you, because you are the only capita. But, boy, after last night, I

really started to appreciate the nothingness serenity and calmness known as silence.

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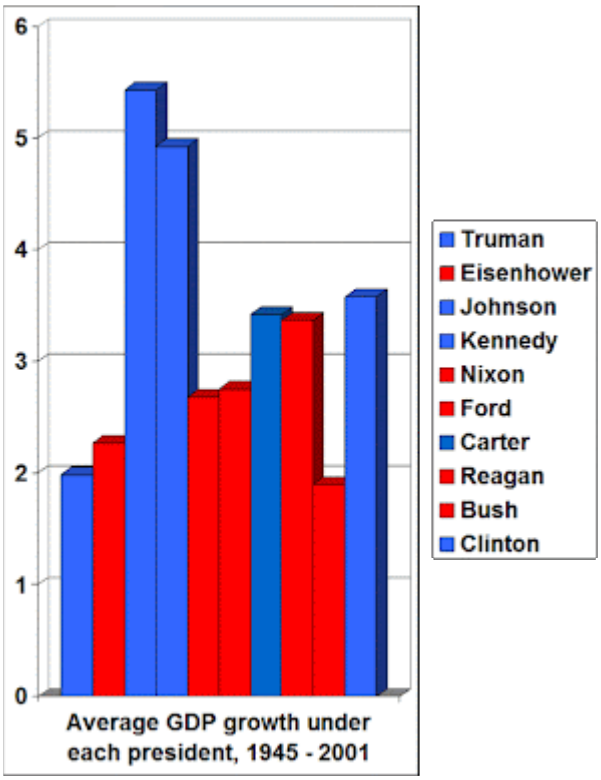

From Scott

THE COMPETITION IS NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED!

Michael Savage vs. the Pakistani Cleric

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Mike's not allowed in

but best I can tell a terrorist is (though he may have subsequently been kicked out).

Regardless, yet another reason not to visit the UK...not that I was planning on it anyway.

Beaten to the Punch by Mark J Perry

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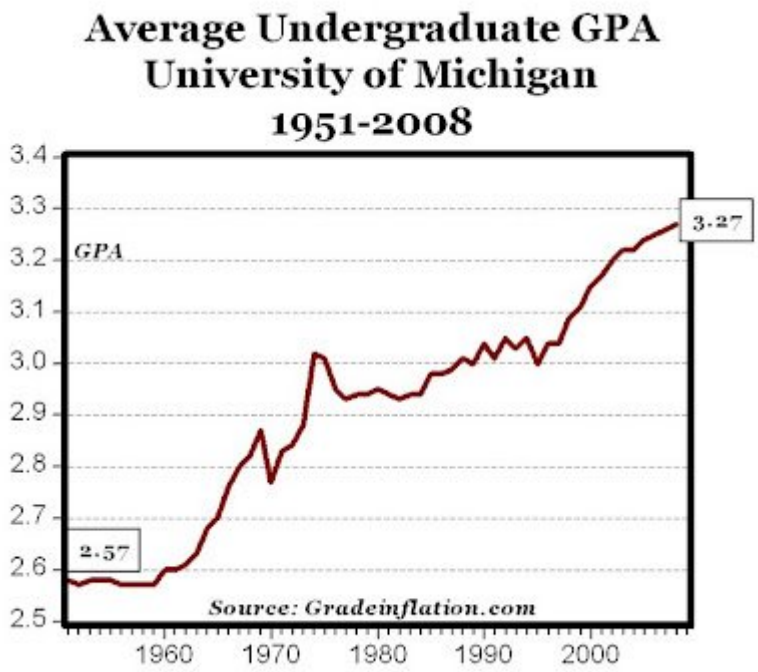
Let me tell you about Mark Perry. He's this guy out in Michigan who does this thing. Thinking he's the chart master, teaching over at the University of Flint, while he pointlessly cheers on the Detroit Lions. No, I'm just kidding, he's a good guy, but he does irk me when he posts about something I was thinking about before I get the chance to post it.

In any case, I had noticed on the University of Minnesota's web site that they were going to boost the GPA necessary for getting "honors" to 3.67. I recall my mother had gone to the U of MN back in the 70's and back then a 3.0 was required to get an "honors" notation. For me it was 3.5 back in 1997. Regardless, it shows that while grades have inflated, the deans and academic management have decided not to change the academic rigor needed to graduate with honors. Of course MJ Perry has to go and ruin my fun by posting a chart closely enough related to make my post obsolete;



You can read his post here.

That being said, he has allowed me to simply link to his chart, thereby giving me the opportunity to ride my motorcycle around today and fish instead of make an original blog post.

Ah, the benefits of plagiarism.

They Were With Us Even Far Back as 1919

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I have a theory about leftists, socialists, etc., and that is they don't have any employable skills and thus find crusades that take little to no work. In other words there aren't a lot of nuclear engineers that are socialists. But there seems no limit to the number of sociology majors who are socialists. Or PETA protesters that vote left (what does animals rights have to do with fiscal policy? Nothing, but it's not about the animals). Or environmentalists (again, logic would suggest there would be equal amounts of environmentalists between capitalists and socialists, indicating it's not about the environment, but their egos). Regardless, people who plain just don't want to work will go and find a crusade and join it so they feel good about themselves. And you must understand a crusade to create something of worth (a business, jobs, a work of GOOD ART, a new technology, etc) takes REAL effort, while a crusade to destroy something or simply protest against it takes no effort. Ergo why you will never see a leftist cause or crusade designed to build or create something of worth. It's always "against" something that already exists. Ergo, why I found this poster from 1919 very interesting;

Again, I doubt the women who were in the prohibition crusade were in it to get people to stop drinking as much as they were to make themselves feel better. Besides, if they really wanted to get men to stop drinking they wouldn't have made themselves the POSTER CHILDREN TO STOP DRINKING.

With those mugs it would only DRIVE men to drink.

You Will Enjoy This Recession

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Besides which, if there's something I've tried to convey to my recently laid off Gen-X friends;

"DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CONTROLLED ANY ASPECT OF YOU GETTING LAID OFF?"

Now IS the time to relax, take it easy and enjoy. And the reason why is that you do not control the fates. Middle aged losers who so mismanaged this country are to blame. And to my friends, who are largely in the Gen X category who actually feel guilty in getting laid off, let me ask you this;

Are you really to blame for this economic collapse? I'm sorry, but were you in control of AIG, Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs? Does somebody know Bernie Madoff personally? I didn't think so. It's not "young punk kids" in charge of this nation right now. It's the old, burnt out, pot smoking 1968 hippies who never had any talent anyway who are in control. Spoiled brats that had everything handed to them that never had to go and work or toil or suffer to build up the mantle that would make them real adults. Yeah, the "Jim Moronson" generation who (if you REALLY think about it) never had any hope of ever becoming anything near approaching their previous generation's stature, morality, honor, integrity or capability simply because they lived off of the previous generation's (and future generation's) labor.

No you weren't, you were not to blame.

The previous generation was.

And if you thought you could do something about it? Oh, you fool. They weren't going to let you take command either, no matter how much more informed and superior leaders you may have been. It is a system, a system to keep those who are outdated and obsolete in command and control. Ergo, there is only one thing left to do whilst the country crumbles as it's currently incompetent leaders flail, hopelessly to turn the country around;

WATCH CARTOONS:

Pepe Le Pew - Odor Of The Day
Uploaded by davidknight2.

Because watching cartoons ensures you don't piss away any more of your valuable and FINITE life working to contributing to social security and medicare.

The Captain Needs Some Female Advice and Help

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Beloved Captain Capitalismites of the Femme Fatale persuasion,

I have entered a sort of "Most Eligible Bachelor" competition here in Minneapolis and as luck would have it, I made it past the first round.

The next step is to go in for a photo-shoot where I was instructed by the photographer to show up with the attire for TWO THEMES. I asked her "what kind of themes?" She said, "The themes where you are at your best."

I have decided one theme, which will be my standard Cary Grant/Frank Sinatra classic suit and tie. I shall also perhaps bring a cigar as they are very evil, and well, frankly, girls even though publicly they may "claim" they don't like cigars and cigars are "icky" they can't help the fact I'm being a "rebel" and breaking the rules which will of course help me win.

However the second theme I am having trouble with and thusly would appreciate your opinion.

Option #1 - The Rugged Indiana Jones Fossil Hunting Paleontologist - I will wear my hiking gear, trim my beard down to a rugged 5 o'clock shadow, my patented fossil hunting hat (kind of like Indiana Jone's has his hat, I have mine) and whatever else I can think of that I bring whilst conducting my expeditions

Option #2 - Old WWII Fighter Pilot Motif - I have an authentic WWII fighter pilot uniform, bomber jacket and all that I use when I go out dancing at the annual hangar dances. I fear it is too similar to the suit and tie, Cary Grant classic attire, but it was a theme recommended by friends.

In any case, I have to go in on the 13th. Any preferences or opinions would be appreciated. Also part of the judging will be done on the internet, so of course I'll be calling all economists of the
femme fatale persuasion to come and vote for lil' ole me once I find out the details.

Post Update - OK, here's some pictures, hopefully this will provide some reference;

MT WASHBURN

AM 1500

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Hey, it's AM 1500!

For the Baby Boomers in the Newspaper Business

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Yeah, that about sums it up.

But then again, you didn't listen during the Dotcom Mania. And you didn't listen during the housing bubble.

What makes us think your heads will finally come out of your New York Time's asses and listen this time around?

So here's a little simple formula for all you newspapers out there to assess your current market value;

The value of a newspaper = salvageable book value of assets - market value of debt

So in other words, you're all insolvent.

Child Abuse

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You want to know what one of the most subtle yet vicious forms of child abuse is? Having a child out of wedlock.

Now I'm no big fan of children, but if you really want a child and REALLY want to LOVE a child, instead of having an accessory to go with the SUV and the drapes, maybe make sure s/he has BOTH a father and a mother. Heck, I've even go so far as to say having two parents, gay or straight, would be better than one.

I will not tolerate any criticism on this issue. Unlike most people on the left, I actually do give a damn about the children and don't just use them as a hostage to negotiate more money;

	Births out-of-wedlock		*Teenage birth*
	1980	*2004*	*2004*
Australia	12.4	32.2	14.9
Austria	17.8	35.9	12.7
Belgium	4.1	31	8.1
Canada	..	27.6	13.8
Czech Republic	5.6	30.6	11.5
Denmark	33.2	45.4	6.8
Finland	13.1	40.8	10.0
France	11.4	46.4	9.3
Germany	11.9	27.9	10.1
Greece	1.5	4.9	9.1
Hungary	7.1	34	21.2
Iceland	39.7	63.7	17.6
Ireland	5	32.3	14.0
Italy	4.3	14.9	7.0
Japan	0.8	2	5.7
Korea	..	1.3	3.5
Luxembourg	6	25.8	8.9
Mexico	..	..	67.3
Netherlands	4.1	32.5	4.8
New Zealand	21.5	44.8	24.4
Norway	14.5	51.4	9.6
Poland	4.8	17.1	14.7
Portugal	9.2	29.1	18.9
Slovak Republic	5.7	24.8	20.5
Spain	3.9	23.4	9.3
Sweden	39.7	55.4	6.9
Switzerland	4.7	13.3	4.6
Turkey	2.9	..	41.4
United Kingdom	11.5	42.3	25.8
United States	18.4	35.7	50.3
OECD	**11.2**	**30.9**	**15.8**

Source: OECD

Windfall Profits Tax

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Remember when Big Oil was making all that money? Well, not anymore.

Oil Company	Percent Change in Net Income from a Year Ago
Royal Dutch Shell	-55%
ExxonMobil	-58%
BP	-64%
Chevron	-64%
ConocoPhillips	-80%
Marathon	-61%
Hess	-108%
Occidental	-80%
INDUSTRY TOTAL*	**-66%**

*Total as of May 1st, 2009 with 12 oil and gas companies reporting earnings.

Unfortunately, these declines come at a time when Congress is considering huge increases in taxes and fees on the industry that will likely lead to lower production and increased imports. Now is not the time to kick the industry while it is down. We have learned from previous mistakes on taxing the industry that ultimately consumers and the retirees and other owners of oil companies will suffer because of it.

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You see when the market price of the stuff you're pumping out of the ground falls by 50%, then so too do your profits. However, what also falls is ignorant, populist mentality when the price collapses and thus demand for taxing the "windfall profits" of the "evil oil industry" collapses as well. Even if Congress were to tax the evil oil companies, what profits are they going to tax? Besides, I thought everybody was bitching about bailing out companies and industries who WEREN'T profitable. Or is it the leftist's right to be an intellectually dishonest child bitching about it being to cold and then bitching about it being too hot? Precisely, my little spoiled brat child, what would be the "optimal" temperature or level of profits for these firms and what is your logical adult rationalization for that level, or are you just whining on a whim and crying like a vapid, crabby little infant for the sake of doing so?

Regardless, the point is "big oil" doesn't control the price of oil. The world economy went into recession, demand for oil tanked, and now prices have gone down. A more classical textbook example of supply and demand in economics does not exist.

But, wait, let me guess. When oil breaks $2.50 a gallon, we're going to start complaining again, aren't we?

You want a quick question to find out whether the person you're dating has the

intellectual temerity and maturity to be in a long term relationship with you, ask them who controls the price of oil.

Radio Free Nation

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Tune in tonight if you don't have a date!

Besides which have a date with the Captain, Erik, Dr. Mo and Marty. 4 men and no women. How can you ladies resist!?

730PM!

Post post-Here's the podcast

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Medicine for the Recession #1

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Sorry I have not posted more cartoons. I find it necessary to post cartoons to force you people to laugh and enjoy life rather than worry about an economy, a country and a career that is largely out of your hands;

Medicine for Recession #2

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You are the corn beef and I am the cabbage!

You Will Buy This Shirt

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GO! Do it now!!!! Quick!!!

Besides, chicks will dig you.

The Countries NOT to Move To

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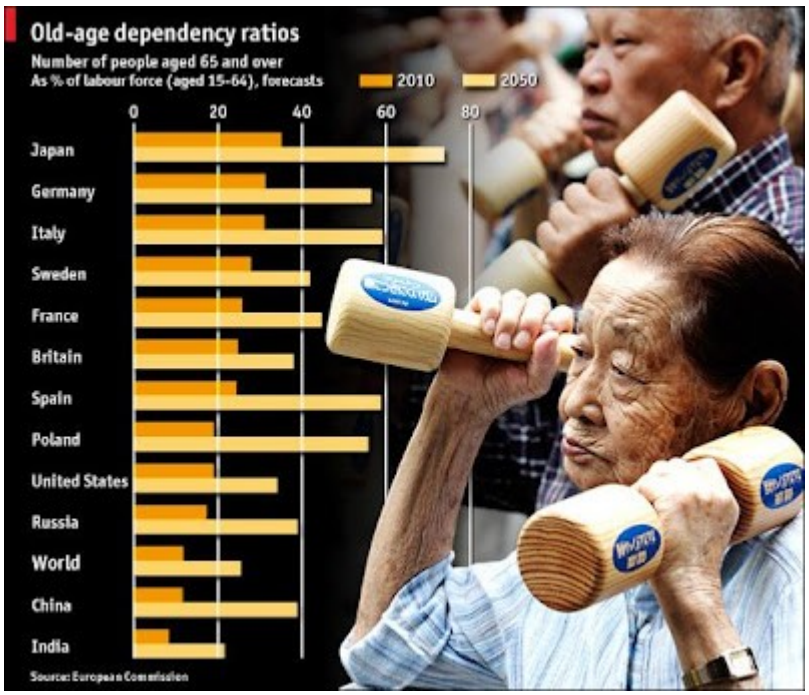
I love the Simpson's episode where Abe Simpson after saying something to the effect "These damn kids today don't work any more!" walks into the Social Security office and yells

"Gimme, gimme, gimme!!!!"



Ah, generational unity.

Flowers and Puppies and Ice Cream and Priuses and Santa Claus and Social Security and Leprechauns!

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If you believe this,

Then you were probably stupid enough to believe in "hope and change."

The chances of 3.5% growth is a FRACTION of Jennifer Aniston showing up at my doorstep with a batch of chocolate chip cookies.

Enjoy the Unemploy

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I, like many of my friends, have decided to "go Galt" which means we make just enough to survive and that's it. Many thanks to Barack Obama and the socialists in the congress (and understand I use the term "socialist" not in the pejorative sense, but in the literal sense) I got hit with a walloping tax bill that force myself to ask "is this even worth it to have a day time job if I make enough on my own to pay the bills and afford the occasional meal out?"

The answer is no. And the reason the answer is no is because you can't tax free time. Ergo, why commit to a full time job when over half my income will be confiscated between state, federal and local authorities? It doesn't pay to work, unless the pay somehow overcompensates for the taxes.

Now I will admit that I have the benefit of having alternative sources of income which permit me to do this, but with more and more of my friends becoming unemployed, I think it's high time for a lesson not to so much assuage the guilt of perhaps being unemployed, but to make those of you out there who are unemployed realize that there is a real benefit to this and that you should not be so depressed. And that benefit is free time.

Now look, you're going to find a job in the future and that job will be "kind" enough to grant you 2-3 weeks paid vacation. You work there for 10 years (heh, because you know how corporate loyalty is nowadays) and you might work your way up to 4 weeks vacation. But never will you be granted 2 months or 3 months vacation. That is how you must look at unemployment; a SUPER long vacation.

Yes, I know you don't have income coming in. Yes, I know times may be tough. But unless you have children and a family to feed, unemployment is frankly and literally your BEST and ONLY opportunity to have some real fun in life.

For example my beloved Babe of Capitalism was unfortunately laid off. She was depressed, but with severance and unemployment, should be able to make it 5 months without any real hardship. Now aside from my boyish charming humor and amazing kissing skils, to make her happy I decided we should avail ourselves of this (maybe) twice in a lifetime opportunity and take a 6 week vacation out in the Black Hills and Badlands. And if you think about it, seriously, when else would we have such an opportunity?

You go anywhere for 2 weeks and you're rushed. You can't sit, you can't relax, you have to go go go go go. "See Europe in a 2 weeks!"

Well that would result in a blur now wouldn't it?

No, see Europe in 6 weeks. See Glacier National Park in 3 weeks and then go to the Grand Tetons for another 3. See the Caribbean over the course of a long slow 2 months. That is how you should vacation.

And unless you know of a better time to take a good, thorough vacation than a 3 month spate of unemployment, I just don't see life presenting another such opportunity.

Ergo, beloved work-lorn people of the laid off classes, do not worry or fret or even waste another calorie of energy concerning yourselves with finding a job. One, it's not in your control and all you can do is apply. But, two, more importantly is to take advantage of this rare opportunity to really go and do what you want. You will probably not have another chance.

Recession Medicine #3

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Why I Had a Vasectomy

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It angers me or at least annoys me when, presumably I am a free man and am allowed to live my life as I choose, I get lectured or this visceral, almost instinctive response from people when I tell them I had a vasectomy.

"WHAT!? Are you crazy? Why would you do that!"

"Well what's wrong with you? Why don't you want kids?

Some go so far as to even call it "selfish" that I don't want to endure the 18 year pain and agony that is known as a child.

But despite the obvious benefits to never having children, these benefits do not seem so obvious to the masses. And therefore as a benefit to the masses (not to mention to get these pro-children zealots off my ass) I have decided to explain, in detail why I decided not to have children so you may see there is actual rhyme and reason to such a decision and that you may really want to seriously think about it yourself.

First off there is the cost of a child. Forget it. Depending on the figures you use, a kid can run anywhere from $200,000 on the cheap to $500,000 on the average. I made a post once about the ROI of a vasectomy and basically you don't have to worry about paying for your retirement if you don't have kids. Amortized over 18 years (22 if you pay for college) you get an annualized rate of return (or technically savings) of around 47%. But forget investing it in the stock market, just think about the opportunity costs of that $500,000. A house, a boat, a car. All bought and paid for if you just refuse to have children. And if you think about that house, boat and car, isn't that why you're already an indentured slave anyway? What if you already had your house paid off by the age of 40? Retirement wouldn't be such a worry now would it? So I don't want to hear about people saying, "it's only money and you can't hug money." No, but I sure can hug a boat or a Pontiac Solstice.

Second is the issue of time. Time is empirically and economically the same thing as money, but that assumes you can choose to work. You don't have a choice when it comes to children. You have to allocate time to them. So when you are done working for 10 hours with a 2 hour commute, guess what, that kid is still going to need attention. You essentially have not only committed your personal financial resources, you've really and literally have committed yourself to becoming a slave for 18 years. And guess what? Every time you have another one, the sentence is renewed. Sorry, I get one shot at this life and it isn't going to be baby sitting a child, or multiple children. It's going to be doing what I want to do. And no that isn't being "selfish."

The reason it isn't being selfish is (third) the fact I know I would be a bad father. In knowing I don't want to have children, I spare any would be children from what would be guaranteed to be a horrible upbringing. THIS IS INFINITELY MORE COMPASSIONATE THAN SOMEBODY WHO HAS A CHILD, FINDS THE CHILD INCONVENIENT AND THEN SENDS IT TO DAY CARE OR HIRES A NANNY TO TAKE CARE OF IT. This is INFINITELY MORE COMPASSIONATE THAN THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TODAY WHO HAVE CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY "WANT A CHILD" JUST LIKE THEY "WANT AN SUV" OR A "EUROPEAN TRIP." AND THIS IS CERTAINLY INFINITELY MORE COMPASSIONATE AND CARRYING THAN HAVING A CHILD TO COLLECT ANOTHER WELFARE CHECK ALA OCTOMOM. Call me selfish all you want, I at least care enough about children to know that unless I would be home with them or my wife would, then I shouldn't even bring them into this world.

Fourth, along the same lines of caring enough about a child to not have one is the issue of slavery. Oh sure slavery is illegal, but I'm sorry, have you seen the entitlement spending commitments this country has burdened future generations with? That $1.4 trillion deficit the government ran? Yeah, that's just a mere fraction of the estimated $10 trillion in new debt future generations will be saddled with by the "compassionate and caring" socialists in the government. And social security and medicare? You see the commitments on those programs? What worsens it is that I adamantly refuse to have my child grow up to become anything but a productive member of society, which only guarantees he'll be a battery or host for future parasites whose parents were not so adamant about instilling an honorable work ethic, if not brainwashed them that the "man" was out to get them and they were disadvantaged and poor and were entitled to sit on their asses and achieve nothing while, essentially making my child a slave for them. Forget it. Again, my unborn child does not deserve that and will never have to face that.

Fifth, I see this more and more in Minnesota. The legal risks of having children. You can't spank them, you can't discipline them no matter how much of a beating they need. No they need "time outs." They need "stern words." I can see it now. I will be prohibited from effectively disciplining my child which will result in a mini-Kim Jong Ill dictator who, with the help of the public schools brainwashing him, will turn me in for false charges of child abuse or (give it 10 years) failing to recycle. I'll be as effective as the UN.

Finally, and this is what I don't get, is the lifestyle. What is so damn wrong with wanting to have a lifestyle of no children? Look, 6 billion people on the planet and 50 billion before them have done what we've always done and that is;

have children.

Well yipdeefreakingding.

Having children is NOT a new experience. It's NOT unique. And if people would stop and think about it for one genuine second and ask "Hey, I only get one shot at this life. What

do I want to achieve?" I think more and more people would start to realize they are finite and get only one shot at this life and would start to agree more and more with me. I'm about to take a month long vacation. I get to sleep in till 10 AM everyday. I get to keep my house in whatever order I want. I get to go fossil hunting and shan't leave this planet until I go dustdevil chasing in Australia. I get to salsa dance every night. I get to do whatever I want, whenever I want and even at this early age have already achieved and lived more than most people twice my age.

And the reason why is that children, no matter how lovely or loved, still handicap your ability to go and live this life as contrasted if you were without them.

Now I know people do have children and do genuinely love them and do genuinely appreciate them and would have it no other way. But for god's sake, can society at least accept or acknowledge there are damn good reasons NOT to have children? Can society at least respect another individual's wish not to have a child? And for the love of all that is chocolates and ice cream can you people with "baby-rabies" that find it your place to lecture others about not having children back off? Besides which, we all know why you insist everybody have children just like you.

Misery loves company.

POST POST - To the ignorant people who do not understand the vasectomy procedure, I am not a eunuch. Look it up and get informed. For those regular Cappy Cap readers you have no idea how many comments I've deleted simply because morons think I'm running around without...um...'the boys." I apologize for having to explain this simple anatomical lesson.

POST POST POST - If you think this was insightful, buy my book. My bachelor pad ways needs financing. Tumblers of scotch don't pay for themselves you know!

If You Paid Half as Much Attention to Government as You Did Sports

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I am old.

Or at least that is what I am told by the 20 somethings who tend bar at my favorite watering hole in my favorite town.

I am old.

I am also reliably informed that I am nerdy.

Never mind that I'm quite dashing. Never mind that I can dance the night away with any femme fatale I want. Never mind that I have probably had more than my fair share of dates with the local lovelies.

No, I'm a nerd.

And the reason I'm a nerd is that when I walk into my favorite bar, it is a 100% guarantee that the "game" is on. And it is also a 100% guarantee that all the 20 something staff, either on or off duty are watching the game. And when I walk into the bar and ask, "So is that team with the blue jersey's going to try to hit the ball with the wood stick harder than the team with the red jerseys are?"

"Boy, I sure hope he runs fast around that diamond in the dirt they placed for him there."

"Ooo! Look, one set of guys on skates are trying to hit the black disc into a net while A SEPARATE GROUP OF GUYS try to do the same, but to the other net! What chaos will ensue?"

"Wow! I hope the guys in the gray throw the orange sphere into the circle more than the guys in the purple do!"

It is a practical guarantee I am lectured, "Dude, you're such a nerd! Don't you know who that is! That's JOE MAUER!"

I then sarcastically point to the idiot in the bar wearing a Joe Mauer jersey with "MAUER" on the back and say, "Well wait, how can Joe Mauer be on the TV swinging the wooden stick when he's sitting at the bar."

Of course the larger intellectual point is lost on these twenty somethings, but that's just the point.

Watching sports is stupid.

Playing them, well now that's fun. There's a purpose in that. You get exercise, you get to play and have fun, there's also good ole fashioned competition. But to sit there and buy a $60 jersey and pin your happiness and hopes on one group of guys with white jerseys throwing the ball further than the other group of guys in the blue jerseys is bordering insane.

But here is an interesting thought, and one I cannot claim I concocted for I heard it on the Michael Medved show,

"What if people paid half the amount of attention to government than they do sports?"

Well I'll tell you what would happen, the country would not be in recession right now. Matter of fact, it may never be in recession again. For you see this is a democracy (anybody e-mailing me about this being a republic will be summarily ignored) and if the masses are ignorant and stupid, then the government is also going to be ignorant and stupid. Conversely if the masses are informed and educated, then the government would implement sound and effective laws and policies and standards of living would easily reach $250,000 income per capita.

However, this is not the case. People much rather watch a pointless score of how many times a rubber disc was shot across the ice and into another team's net than they would calculate the government deficit as a percent of GDP. People would much rather in a twisted (or perhaps complete lack of) logic apply relevancy of a football team's performance to their own personal lives than the tax rate they pay. People would much rather pin their success and happiness on the outcome of a basketball game than they would taking stewardship in this democracy, informing themselves about the issues, and in their citizenship duty vote in a competent government that would make effective decisions that would improve the lot of society.

In short, people would rather talk about Joe Mauer's batting average (which does not affect their lives in the slightest) than the medicare crisis (which most certainly will.)

Now, normally one would chalk this up to economics being "boring" and what "nerd" would want to talk about economics? However this moldy, boring study of economics seems to be getting a little bit more play and relevancy. As more and more people are being laid off and more and more of the dads of the 20 somethings are losing their jobs, now the kiddies are starting to realize there is the potential, though remote, that they might actually have to save some of their check to pay for rent instead of blowing it on

booze in that there is the remote possibility daddy will not pay it for them (as daddy just recently was foreclosed upon or lost his job). Or that the tips are not coming in as much as the bar is only half as full as it used to be and people are tipping half as much.

Now of course we're a long way from 20 somethings putting as much effort into studying the federal budget as much as they do their fantasy football picks, but soon the desperation of the economy will more or less compel them to set the Iphonepoddiamondblue/blackberry down and maybe think or at least ponder, "Gee, how am I going to pay for my Crackberry Bill?"

Of course, this is the just the first step in a long and tortuous journey of discovering the truth. Of course it is already too late as these 20 somethings like Prager and Medved will inevitably become "Me too" conservatives only after they've pissed their lives away voting for people to destroy their futures, because this process takes 10 years to undo all the brainwashing. But at least it's a start and maybe some day...some day...these 20 somethings, albeit 40 somethings by the time they realize it, will come around. Of course, by that time it will be too late, but at least they'll understand why the country collapsed.

Because we all cared more about whether Brett Favre was going to play for the Vikings versus whether Obama was bankrupting the nation by bailing out inept and incompetent corporations.

Now go buy those dumb ass big styrafoam hands with the "#1" on it and wear your jerseys and "support your team" while the rest of the country dies because of a lack of real men.

The Penny Budget

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I remember teaching at a 2 year business college where the kids were so damn stupid they didn't know the difference between a million vs a billion vs a trillion. I then had to spend a day explaining the concept of moving a decimal three places. So hopefully this simple (yet brilliant) analogy will penetrate the thick skulls of all the 20 something children who voted for Obama because he was "cool."

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Cigarettes, Lottery Ticket, Pay by Check

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I am often asked, "Captain, what would you do if you were president to get us out of this mess?"

And of the many things I'd recommend including eliminating corporate taxes, phasing out medicare and social security and welfare, as well as banning government finances of 2-year degrees and all liberal arts degrees, there is one that would come first and foremost;

Assassinating all people who insist on getting ahead of me in line at the gas station who then;

Ask for a pack of cigarettes
Who then debate what kind of cigarettes they want and talk through their thought process
Oh, guess what. They don't have menthols. Do you want another?
Hmmm...let me see. How about filtered?
The process restarts then, and inevitably a cancer stick of choice is chosen.
And upon finally getting those cigarettes, without fail, they buy at least one lottery ticket.
But not without first going through the same tortuously slow process of picking a type of cigarette.
Sure enough a stick that will kill them and a piece of paper that will impoverish them further is chosen. And how do these people pay for it?

With a check.

Of course by this time a line of 40 people has formed behind these people and we've all missed whatever previous engagement we had. And the economy has tanked an additional 6.2% GDP because these people are the plaque that clogs the arteries of America's economy. But that's alright, society accommodates for these people because it's more important to inconvenience the masses and tank the economy and grind all progress to a halt than to let the rest of us get on with our lives.

In any case, just sharing that with you guys that this would be my first act as president.

Latest Broadcast

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Hi All,

Here's the latest broadcast;

[image]

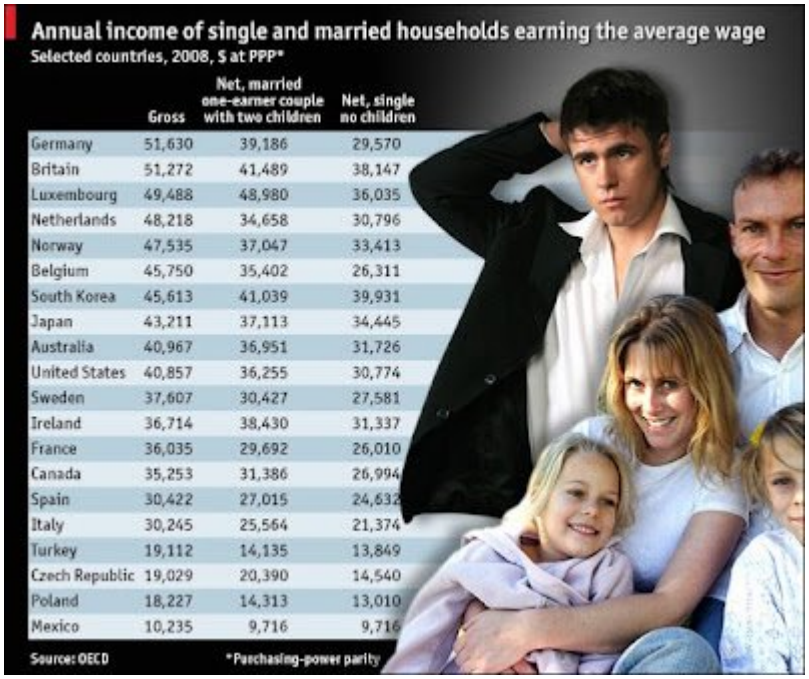
Some of my better work actually. Feel free to listen whilst you go and do your daily chores on Sunday. Actually you won't regret it.

Another Reason Not to Buy the Economist

May 19, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I caught a lot of flak for daring to make a post about the merits of NOT having children and opting to lead a childless life. Of course this begat a bunch of hate-mail from people who seem to think that I, along with others, have no independence nor right to make our own decisions and by our mere existence are mandated to breed and bring children into this world (whether we want them or not or are able to bring them up or not).

And so to irk these nazis further I've decided to post another chart from The Economist which, once again, seems to betray its namesake in that it didn't adjust for certain simple economic factors. This chart shows the median income of (essentially) married people versus single children. They cite the incomes of people with a spouse and two children versus that of a single person. They then herald this "amazing" discovery that single people do not make as much as married and child-full people.



Annual income of single and married households earning the average wage

Selected countries, 2008, $ at PPP*

	Gross	Net, married one-earner couple with two children	Net, single no children
Germany	51,630	39,186	29,570
Britain	51,272	41,489	38,147
Luxembourg	49,488	48,980	36,035
Netherlands	48,218	34,658	30,796
Norway	47,535	37,047	33,413
Belgium	45,750	35,402	26,311
South Korea	45,613	41,039	39,931
Japan	43,211	37,113	34,445
Australia	40,967	36,951	31,726
United States	40,857	36,255	30,774
Sweden	37,607	30,427	27,581
Ireland	36,714	38,430	31,337
France	36,035	29,692	26,010
Canada	35,253	31,386	26,994
Spain	30,422	27,015	24,632
Italy	30,245	25,564	21,374
Turkey	19,112	14,135	13,849
Czech Republic	19,029	20,390	14,540
Poland	18,227	14,313	13,010
Mexico	10,235	9,716	9,716

Source: OECD *Purchasing-power parity

And that natural question I ask;

"Did you adjust for this income on a per capita basis?"

I didn't think so.

Ramirez Strikes Again

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I think he has got to be the best political cartoonist ever;

Who the Ef Needs 10,000 Nukes???

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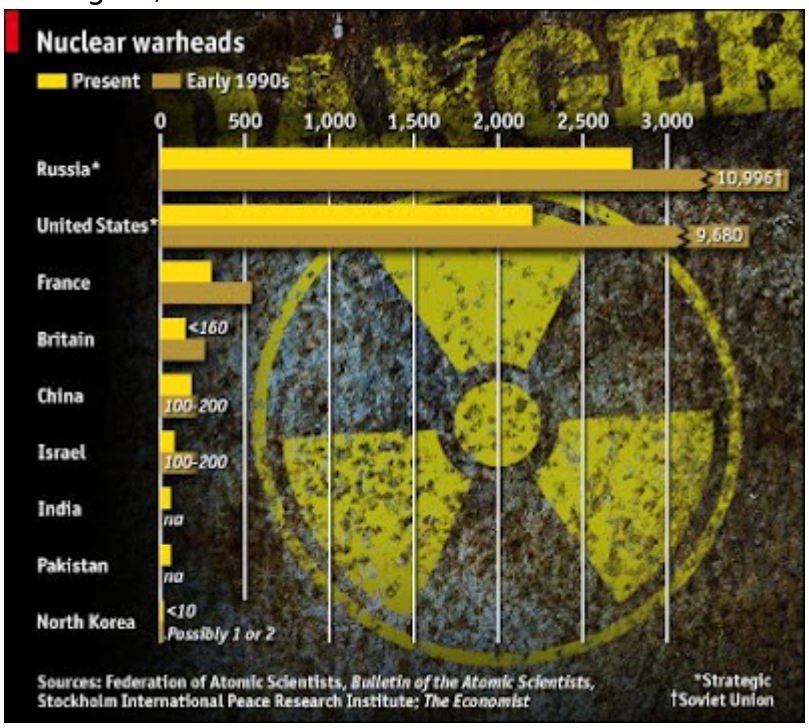
OK, look, I'm all for nuclear weapons. But geez, what is the possible earthly reason for having 10,000 of them?



And the Winner Is….

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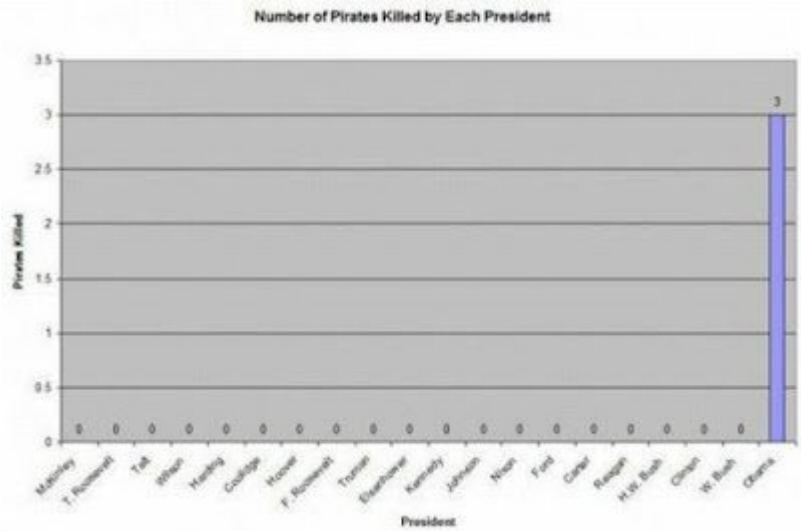
Tom, with his simple, yet humorous chart showing pirates killed by presidents;



Tom, e-mail me at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com and claim your prizes!

The Captain's Wares

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Tis time for the monthly shameless plugging of the Captain's wares.

Yes, the Captain's wares. It puts food on his table, pays the mortgage and helps him pay taxes to the beloved Obama!

Take a class on personal financial management

Learn how to invest in stocks

Buy his awesome book

Buy his "I contribute to GDP" apparel (and impress the opposite sex at the same time)

Or take a dance class (or buy his instructional dance dvd's if you happen to not be conveniently located in Minneapolis)

Go, do it now! Quick!

Because American Youth are Stupid

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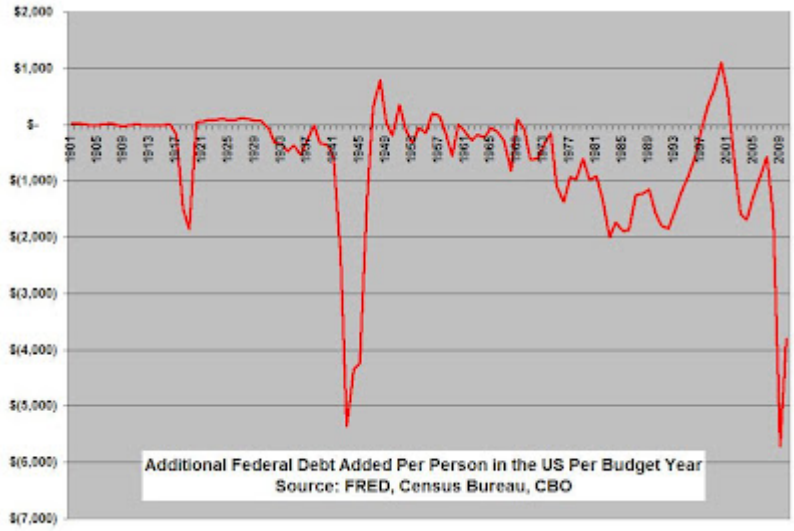
My conservative, libertarian and other capitalists friends still seem unable at times to come to grips with how precisely Barack Obama got elected. And while I try to explain to them that the American public is more interested in American Idol or "how the Twins are doing" than they are things like the federal budget, constitutional law, etc., they still don't seem to understand, that yes, a critical mass of the population is hopelessly ignorant and it is a hopeless situation. However, permit me if you will a chart that will explain a particular group of people who are particularly responsible for electing Barack Obama and are particularly stupid;

Young Americans.

Young (latin for - idiots who are too young to know what they're talking about and should not be able to vote until they're 35) Americans voted in droves for Barack Obama. Why they did this can be summarized why they voted for Stevie or whoever it was that won the latest round of American Idol. It was a popularity contest. Nobody bothered to look at his projected spending. Nobody bothered to see whether there was enough money to pay for his promises. Nobody held him up to any kind of standard or rigor that should have been applied to the president of the United States. And the reason why is that's "lame man. Why do you have to kill our good time? Why do you have to be such a downer, man? Who cares about economics and finance and the budget. Can't you just be for hope and change? Besides he's cool. Did you see his pecks? Geez, you're such a nerd!"

The problem is their ignorance has finally caught up with them. For while the Baby Boomers will it seems die before they have to pay the piper, Gen X and Gen Y will not. And all they've done in voting for "hope and change" is essentially indebt themselves further to the tune of several trillion dollars (I'm just saying "several" trillion because it's going to be more than three, but less than 60…I hope) In other words, no Gen X'er who voted for Obama looked at the chart below which shows how much additional federal debt has been added each year per person and shows they quite frankly, just got totally screwed;



It's frankly appalling that the government has burdened everybody (or projected to burden them) with more debt than we ever did in the history of the US. Not even in WWII when there was a crisis of genuinely epic proportions did we burden the American public so. And FDR indebted Americans NOWHERE NEAR THE AMOUNT TODAY (I adjusted for inflation). This is simply just idiots voting themselves bread and circuses who are too damn stupid to realize they've essentially turned themselves and their children into slaves to afford these things.

Now if you really want to do something funny today, print off the chart above and then show it to a young Obama supporter and watch them hem and haw and then DISMISS IT AS IRRELEVANT or "I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT THOSE FIGURES" simply because they are too damn ignorant (or too damn ashamed) to realize they should have buyer's remorse. They will literally adhere to their ideology when you've just shown them they've swallowed, hook line and sinker indentured servitude. That is the definition of stupid.

Obama Beta

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Ah, California. A spoiled state filled with spoiled people who think money grows on trees and you can have the government pay for everything while crippling the productive citizens with taxes, regulation and psychotic environmental standards. AND nothing bad will happen. Couldn't have happened to a more deserving group of people.

Understand though, California is nothing more than a beta trial version of Obama 1.0, which will roll out for the nation in a couple years.

In the meantime, how much you want to bet the children of California are going to ask states with more responsible people to bail them out with a federal hand out?

What an overrated state, simply (and this is how simple it is) because of the weather.

Princesses

May 24, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

No wonder my generation is having troubles dating.

That being said, I can only imagine the dating hell young boys today are going to have to battle through when they are older. These girls literally are brought up to think they're princesses.

Sheesh!

Wolfram Alpha

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Will somebody please explain what the big deal is about this thing? I tried looking up a couple things and don't really get the purpose of it aside from another means by which to order and structure information.

How to Stimulate the Economy #324

May 25, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Much of the solution to get the US economy growing again involves destroying bottlenecks that keep or hold back production.

For example if we were allowed to get rid of children that disrupt class and thereby lessen the quality of education for the remaining 80%, imagine what levels of learning those kids could learn?

Instead of having "commuter lanes" that nobody uses or light rail systems that benefit the minority, why not build 12 lane highways so people can not only get to work on time, but spend more time with family, less time on the road, and if you are a true environmentalist, burn less fossil fuels as they zip quickly along.

We could even shoot the majority of bankers and mortgage brokers that caused the economic crisis we're in. Imagine a functional and accurate financial system that assesses risk and return precisely and allocates resources accordingly (not to mention the additional honesty we'd receive from bankers as "The Great Banker Purge of 2009" is fresh in their memories).

But of all the many bottlenecks we could destroy there is one that would cause immense economic growth;

The grocery store lane.

You see right now in Minnesota you get a 50/50 chance of having a self-check out lane at most grocery stores. Those 50% WITHOUT self-check out lanes are the culprits in holding back our economic recovery. Yes, I, along with many-a-bachelor have availed ourselves of this great time saving device. We save the grocery store money in that they needn't hire labor to check us out. And with the time saved, it gives us all that much more time to contribute to GDP and lead this nation out of recession.

But oh, there are those grocery stores that insist on holding us hostage, waiting behind Tilly and her $173.45 worth of groceries, keeping us from our heroic economic calling of contributing to GDP. Oh no, we're not allowed out of the slow grocery store lane. No, we have to suffer looking over worthless rags/magazines about Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt interspersed between the trashy romance novels. Only to be condemned to a lengthier sentence as Tilly pulls out her coupons.

Yes, Tilly saved $1.02.

But it cost the economy $3,506 in lost labor and production.

Ergo, when I am king, I shall mandate that all stores have self-check out lines so that the movers and shakers and true GDP-producers may pay for their wares, get out of the store and get on with their lives, while Tilly and her coupon cutters can hold each other up.

The Bubble Society

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Understand that Americans, forever eschewing hard work and increases in efficiency and productivity, have become progressively more and more reliant upon bubbles to help sustain their standards of living. The Dotcom bubble was one such perfect example where it triggered such economic (albeit unsustainable) economic growth that social security was (foolishly) projected to have a surplus and the federal budget was actually running a surplus. Or the housing bubble where people relied on increasing home values to magically afford them a new SUV without any additional increase in work.

But the biggest bubble, and one that has yet to deflate fully, is the retirement bubble. Yes, tens of billions of dollars flooding religiously and regularly every month into the stock market because the federal government has just magically decided that stocks and mutual funds are now the defacto retirement vehicle for the masses. And with tax benefits granted via the 401k/IRA/403b and other plans, how can you not throw your money into the stock market?

Regardless, this behavior engrains in the American psychology that rising asset prices HAS to occur simply because we've invested so much in it. That Barack Obama CANNOT fail because we've put our hearts and souls into it. Or (on the other side of the political isle) America CANNOT fail because it's America and Americans are great because Sean Hannity told me so, tee-hee, I want an SUV and a rich husband, tee-hee! It is a religious belief rather than a calculated financial investment that drives market sentiment and thus why you have this;

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looking for a much smaller rise to 42.0.

Fewer Americans said jobs were "hard to get," the survey found, with that measure slipping to 44.7 percent from 46.6 percent. Those saying jobs were plentiful climbed to a still meager 5.7 percent, but that was still higher than April's 4.9 percent.

"Consumers are considerably less pessimistic than they were earlier this year," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

The data was in line with other evidence suggesting that, while the economy continues to contract in the current quarter, the pace of deterioration has abated somewhat.

U.S. stocks extended their rally after the data, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 120 points or 1.5 percent.

The survey offered mixed messages regarding Americans' propensity to spend money. The proportion of those who said they planned on buying a car over the next six months rose to 5.5 percent, its highest in at least a year.

But fewer intended to buy homes -- only 2.3 percent, a tough break for one of the hardest hit sectors in the country's economic crisis. A separate report on Tuesday revealed U.S. home prices dropped 18.7 percent in March compared to a year earlier.

(Reporting by Pedro Nicolaci da Costa, Editing by Chizu Nomiyama)

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Oh, yeah, THAT'S reassuring;

"America is still getting sucky, we're just getting suckier at a slightly less sucky rate."

And how does the market respond to this?

Up 2% I last saw today.

Oh yeah, like the market just isn't looking for ANY reason for prices to go up.

C-R-I-P-E-S

"I Have a Boyfriend in the UK"

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The swing dance renaissance of the late 90's brought out the best of my generation and provided us with arguably the best times we were ever going to have in our lives. Men were dressing in suits and women were dressing in dresses. People cared about what they looked like, not in a slutty, going-to-the-meat market sort of way, but more in a "how close can I get to look like Cary Gran/Audrey Hepburn" sort of way. It often reminded me of a theory I had that if the architecture in a city looked better then the people would be happier as it gave them something visually pleasing to look at. And the way the masses dressed I theorized would be no different and thus if the people would dress better then the masses would be happier. But if there was one thing to look at in the entire swing dance scene and something that would certainly make the men happier as it would be visually pleasing to look at, one had to go no further than the illustrious and moxified Jennifer Fondulac.

Jennifer Fondulac was every guy's dream come true. She was a short, petite redhead whose specialty was not just fashion, but retro fashion. She would regale the men in the swing scene with beautiful 1950's dresses, heels that were so classy they would put most of the Fredrick's of Hollywood line to shame, and that classic 1950's style of hair and make up. She was a naughty June Cleaver with a masters degree and her own company. She was, in the simplest terms, heavenly.

Fortunately for me I was one of the best swing dancers which invariably meant I got to not only dance with this heavenly creature, but I got to know her as well. She invited me over to a couple parties and soon, after enough conversation, she invited me out for a ride on her little moped. Sure enough, I showed up, and there she was on her vintage Vespa, pigtails coming out of her helmet and all. She took me for a joy ride through St. Paul and I dared to think that maybe, just maybe I should ask her out.

Of course in retrospect I was well within my rights to ask her out. We had danced, we were roughly on par with one another in terms of looks. Same intelligence level and she had invited me to not just parties, but now a one on one outing where she was giving me a ride on her moped. And so with great confidence that I was soon to be courting this hot red-headed number I asked her on a date. To which she responded,

"Oh, I'm sorry, but I have a boyfriend."

I was shocked. Never before in the past 4 months of me knowing her had I seen nor heard of a boyfriend. And given she had a passion for dancing, I figured he must have been on the swing dance scene as well. Completely confused as to his whereabouts I said,

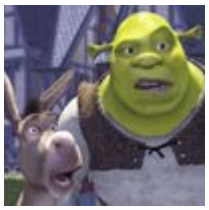
"You have a boyfriend? Well where the hell has he been? I've never seen you with a guy before."

And then the jaw-dropping moment came that would knock Jennifer from a heavenly, naughty, June Cleaver with red hair and a moped to just another childish, middle-

schoolish girl,

“Well he lives in the UK.”

A face that can only be described as the Shrek-Donkey face when they see the Doluc welcome song took to my face.



Here was NOT a 13 year old child, but a 25 year old “woman” who “had a boyfriend in the UK.” I thought women left this childish crap back in middle school.

Now the reason I bring this up is that not only do I need to establish a historical record of what I had gone through during my twenties so you all know why your beloved Captain came out the way he did, and not only have I heard of this excuse being used more and more by older and older girls/women and therefore find it necessary to discuss it, but there are no doubt millions of young, middle school/high school boys where it is a ritual that they have to tolerate this vapid crap and are left even more confused than they already were (which was already an unacceptable amount of confusion anyway). Ergo let me explain;

1. That’s precisely what the “I have a boyfriend in Chile/UK/Russia” line is; vapid crap. There is no line or logic to it. If you get this excuse it’s because the girl doesn’t really want to have a boyfriend, but just likes to have the “status” of having a boyfriend.

2. I don’t know if it’s because girls are afraid of intimacy or what the specific reason is why girls resort to this, but you can see the inanity of it regardless when you ask the natural follow up question of “how often do you see him?” This is the logical question in that half, if not 90% of the point of having a boy/girlfriend is the kissings and the snugglings and (presuming you’re old enough) the sexings. The inanity is proved when they almost always say, “every 6 months he flies over for 2 weeks, but (are you ready for the eye-roller?) WE E-MAIL EVERY NIGHT," as if that has now validated this pointless relationship. I know it doesn’t make any sense, but it is key to understand you don’t have to concern yourself with making heads or tails of it. All you have to do is realize that you ARE dealing with a little girl and is probably somebody you don’t want to go out with anyway.

3. I can understand younger girls (such as middle school or even freshmen in high school) doing this in that they are LITTLE GIRLS and prone to playing with Barbie Dolls and make-believe and living in lala land. But good lord and all that is Godiva Chocolates and fat wiener dogs, women who ARE IN THEIR 20’s???????? Now as I said before, this was quite some time ago when I ran into the 25 year old, but I’m hearing this as a more common event.

Thus, for all the Cappy Cap women out there, could some of you please explain to me what the heck is going on? In the meantime could we all make it a law or something this

excuse is never used upon graduating from the 8th grade?

It's Not Just Me

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It's Newsweek too!

ht to Steve

Steve Martin in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

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"We're the weaker sex. Men don't live as long as women.
We get more heart attacks, strokes and prostate trouble.
I say, it's time for a change.
I say, let them give us money.
Let's live off them for a while."

So I'm curious, is it sexist to be for this or are you a hero of feminism if you're for it?

I'm just confused and want clarification.

Ah, isn't it great when leftist philosophy inevitably reveals it's hypocrisy?

Stop Blaming it on Bush

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The most obvious criticism of Obama is that he is spending too much.

The knee-jerk, complete lack of thinking and intellectually honesty response from brainwashed leftists, particularly the youth, is that Obama is just carrying on what Bush started.

Try to show them figures. Try to explain Obama "quadrupled down" on what Bush did (which behooves the question why was GW so bad when Obama is Bush X's 4). They still PURPOSELY CHOOSE TO IGNORE REALITY and still blame it on Bush.

Ergo, I get sick of these infantile arguments from infantile children who just want to bitch and cheer for socialism and not ever grow up and have an adult conversation. But the little video below might, just might, get these Obama/Socialism zealots the slap across the face they need;

"Prayer" Will Not Suffice

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Unfortunately my uncle had taken ill and I went to visit him in the scenic eastern Wisconsin town of Menasha. This necessitated a much loathed drive literally across the heart of Wisconsin because the most direct route goes through the middle-of-freaking-nowhere. Towns such as "Curtiss" and "Seymour" and let's not forget the bustling metropolis of Wausau. Yes, you have your choice of

McDonald's
A&W
and
Subway

for the entire trip in terms of sustenance.

But even more limited is your choice of radio stations, for while there are many radio stations, they all fall into two distinct categories;

Country

or

Jesus stations.

I literally heard a song called "That's Not My Truck in Her Driveway."

Only to change the channel and hear a southern-accented man (of which there are none in Wisconsin) yelling, "Jeeeeeeezus, will saaaaaave yeeeeeeew!"

And there's only so many games you can play to entertain yourself. Games like "count the number of strip clubs" (4 of them - Shooters, Chubby's, The "Rear End, and Up North, NONE of which suggested anything less than metric tonnage on the stage), "Cows and Graveyards" (pick a side, north or south, one gets cows, the other gets graveyards, whichever side gets the most WINS!) and "Pull Over and Go to the Bathroom A Lot Even Though You Don't Have to Go But Really Just Need a Break from the Mundacity."

Regardless, I'd get intermittent reception of Rush Limbaugh or talk radio so I was able to make it, but I heard three things on the radio that made me think and thought this worthy of writing.

The first thing I heard was on the news, this nut job woman who essentially killed her

child because when he daughter went into a coma instead of taking her to the hospital, had A PRAYER RING so that God might save her.

The second thing was the on-going saga of the nutjob "naturalistic" parents in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota who made a run for the border so that their son Brian may avoid chemo-therapy and enjoy death-inducing cancer.

But the third was the one that did it. It was a Jesus station I had temporarily tuned into and the radio show host, who was a pastor, was calling on his listeners to PRAY FOR THE COUNTRY SO THEY MIGHT OVERCOME THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.

Now, it is no secret that I am pretty much anti-religion. I think religion is essentially just a hold-over of ancient forms of government, becoming obsoleted as science proves more and more of their beliefs incorrect, which essentially makes them just cults of brainwashing or "clubs" people join to make themselves feel better. But what particularly irks me is that this displays the "spectator sport" attitude of what I think infects most of the people on the right. They think "praying" is somehow going to help bring about the end of the wave of socialism sweeping the nation. It also makes it incredibly difficult for conservatism, capitalism, or libertarianism to mount a counter-offensive in that the religious right, with inane statements like this, is intertwined, particularly with the Republican party.

Now I know people on the right don't want to hear this, but right now, in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression and as the country IS leaving its historical, constitutionally founded past and RAPIDLY pursuing an anti-freedom, socialist agenda we have REALLY got to shed these irrelevant battles for/against social issues such as gay rights, abortion, etc., and focus on the one that is most pressing and most relevant and that is the economic issue.

The Republican party is delusioned with ancillary arguments and causes that are frankly irrelevant to the future of the nation. It needs to realize the immediate threat is economic. And, being the economist, I will argue that if economic freedom is THE MOST IMPORTANT freedom in that if it is lost, then all other social freedoms will be lost. It is the "key stone" freedom that ensures and guarantees all others (which is why if I am king I will make a constitutional amendment that the governments, state federal and local, cannot confiscate more than 25% GDP). Furthermore more, the Republican party has got to grow a pair and make a clear distinction between them and the democrats. Oh I know the country wants socialism, but look how well you've done for yourselves capitulating to their desires and leaving true republican standards becoming "socialists light." You lost everything. The best thing for the Republican party would be to instead of looking at the next election (which is short termism) start looking long term which means making a clear distinction between them and the socialists, which means standing on principle and STICKING TO IT REGARDLESS OF THE IDIOCY/PARTICULAR MOOD OF THE NATION, and the reason why they should do this is that when the country is suffering in the throes of

socialism they will have a clear and distinctly different alternative. Not just "socialism light" which I'm sure will become the next fad in about 15 years or so, but it would more or less guarantee a "reign" of sorts that would last more than 4 years, not to mention complete control of the congress. Heck, to help expedite this, the Republican party could actually become more moralled than the Democrats. The Republican party could go so far as to make it a party by-law that no republican shall have more than three terms in any government office...

Of course I'm just dreaming, but that is certainly more feasible than anybody's prayer being answered to get Obama out of office.

Recession Medicine

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More recession medicine;

Family Guy - Stuck behind Robert Loggia
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Taleo/Brass Ring

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I never claimed to understand the HR profession, largely because I don't believe it to be a real profession. Sure doing benefits and compensation is a real profession. And studying and researching the labor market like outfits like Mercer is absolutely a profession. But the 24 year old HR generalist ditz that asks me questions like;

"What is your favorite color and why"

who at the same time is presumably the first line of defense to help in (what would seem to be the INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TASK OF) finding the best labor,

ehhhh, not so much a profession. More like "accounting was hard and I like having power... err...I meant, I'm a people person" kind of hobby.

But there is one thing I do not get and that is Taleo/Brass Ring or any one of those online application software packages. Not that having an online application program is a bad thing, but the only question I want answered is;

WHY IN EF'S NAME DO I HAVE TO UPLOAD A RESUME ONLY TO RE-ENTER THAT SAME DAMN DATA INTO TEXT FIELDS???

Uploading the resume I can understand.

Entering my work experience in individual, organized text fields.

BUT NOT BOTH!

But oh no, they want you to duplicate your work.

Thus, I ask all of you Cappy Cap readers, does anybody have the answer to this?

And no, I will not be taking answers from HR people. I want an engineer or a hiring manager or something outside the political machine to give me the real answer.

POST SCRIPT - I have received enough e-mails/posts from HR professionals (which I recall quite clearly not asking for) lecturing me about the merits of this double entry data system. They fall into two categories.

One- as cited by those in the computer science fields which makes much sense - is in regards to parsing. That if one is to effectively screen for the skills/experience/talent/etc.

you need to enter it twice, providing searchable data yet providing a ready-resume for reference. And that was the answer I was looking for. The logical, rational explanation why I was seemingly doing pointless work twice. I will now go forth and enter the data twice, should I ever decide to grace the labor market with the opportunity to avail themselves of my talent.

But

Two - the condescending tone of (obviously) HR professionals (who were self-admitted) about how "If you can't enter data twice, then what kind of worthless employee would you be?"

Gee, I don't know, the same kind of worthless employer/manager/management type that makes people jump through worthless hoops to prove their aptitude for being a corporate bitch...err...I mean...ummm..."prove their aptitude for being a "LOYAL" employee?"

ENTER DATA TWICE SIMPLY TO PROVE POTENTIAL LOYALTY?

No, sounds more like a screening tactic to find out who you can get to be your corporate bitch (sorry for my cursing, but I am adamantly insistent this is one of the major flaws of corporate America that will bring about it's end) than any sincere desire to find talented ADULT employees.

This is precisely the response I wanted because it does prove that these HR people are:

TALENTLESS
WORTHLESS
INCOMPETENT
SELF-PRESERVING
MORONS

who have no real skill or talent, but above all else are;

POWER HUNGRY ASSHOLES WHO DON'T CONTRIBUTE A DAMN THING TO THE CORPORATION.

What sick twisted minds come up with a WORTHLESS test to simply test whether people will pointlessly do things? What it tells me is what we've already known.

Corporate America wants compliant people. Not smart people. Smart decisions are reserved for nepotists, connected cronies, and people who sleep their way to the top. And if you want to become part of "Lehman Brothers" or "Goldman Sachs" well your schmoozing tactics must be top notch.

And if you don't believe that I'm right, that I'm just some embittered kook, well then, why don't you just take a looksie at the profits of all those "established" "fortune 500" corporations and "bulge bracket" "elite" Wall Street firms?

Wouldn't the "BEST TALENT" have inoculated them against this housing crash and subsequent economic crisis?

Oh, that's right, I don't play corrupt ball. And people like Shiller and Schiff are morons.

In the meantime, enjoy hiring the MBA's who've been trained to tell you what you want to hear and not what you need to hear. Let alone anybody with any real skill, talent or insight that might actually lead your company out of this economic morass and into prosperity. I'm sure you'll become as innovative and efficient as Japanese Kieretsu's.

Effing morons.

Your Captain Has Failed

May 29, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Unbeknownst to all of you your Captain had entered a competition for charity called "One Man Minneapolis." It was sponsored by Absolut Vodka and was essentially a "most eligible bachelor competition."

I qualified for the first round which necessitated a professional photoshoot, however, I unfortunately did not make it to the second round. That being said, the photos of your lovable adorable Captain are available for your entertainment (my female friends say 43, 44 and 79 are the best), and if you happen to be in the Minneapolis area, the competition still goes on.

Also, permit me (should you ever have the need for a professional photographer) to endorse Ingrid Wertmann. Not only is she a professional, but she is also quite witty, funny and personable. You would do yourself a good service getting her to meet your photography needs.

Barock Ekonomuks II

May 29, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I originally made a post on Burak Ekonomucks a while ago, but seriously, this is NOT funny.

If this is the quality and caliber of his "economists" well freaking A. They're about as good as Lehman Brother, AIG, GMAC and other economists out there.

I can't wait, I really can't wait, until all those people who were so damn foolish and ignorant when it came to economics who voted for Barack Obama ACTUALLY THINKING HE KNEW HOW TO FIX THIS ECONOMY get to suffer the consequences.

ht to One Conservative Voice

"Another Reason to Hate the Baby Boomers"

May 29, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

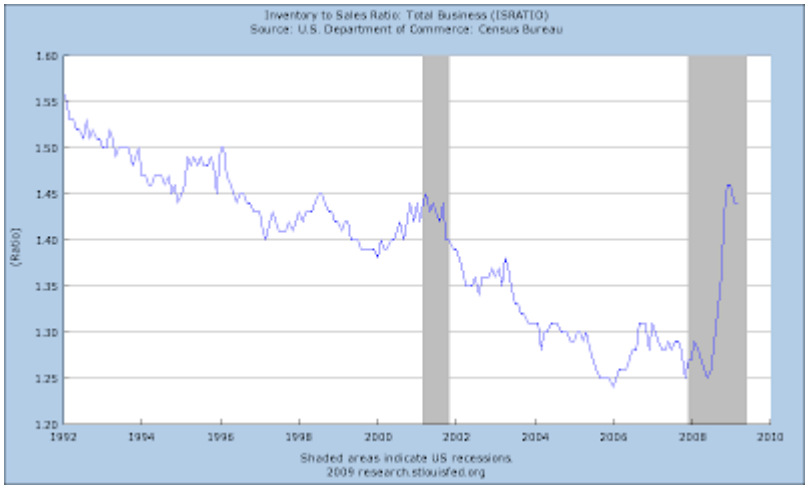
At least Uncle Jay is honest.

First Real Sign the Recession Might Be Over

May 30, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Actually, I don't believe it will be over for a long time. Not by a long shot. Oh sure, economic growth may go to .1% or slightly positive, but I'm expecting a repeat 1979-1983, 5 year period of absolute crap for economic growth.

That being said, inventory to sales seems to have leveled off. Normally this would suggest an end to a recession, but when you misallocate $2 trillion in a $14 trillion in the form of a "stimulus," well that kind of fiscal policy will mute any traditional, natural means by which the economy heals itself.



You Will Tune In

May 31, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Or at least download a podcast or something.

Stingernation

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People think I resort to hyperbole and rhetoric when writing, some how enhancing my stories for effect. The problem is I wish that were the case because then life would be a lot easier.

Ergo, to prove to you it is that insane in this state of Minnesota, visit Stingernation.

A more social outlook on Minnesota than my hate filled tirades.

Precisely Why the Voting Age Needs to Be Increased

May 31, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Performance and sexuality studies major???????"

Holy "I'm never going to be a contributing member to society-daddy-can-you-give-me-more-money-please-while-I-protest-the-capitalist-system-that-afforded-me-this-lifestyle" Batman.

This is an example of the reason this country is damned. Young CHILDREN that never have to grow up.

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Pre-Castro Cuba

June 1, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just so we're all clear on this;

ht to Maggie's Farm.

Dealing with Kim Jong Il

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This is pretty much how every real American male below the age of 40 that has not yet been emasculated by society and still has a little John Wayne in him views the situation with North Korea and the utter spinelessness of not just the UN, but the US, Japan, Russia, China and in general our current day leaders.

If you haven't bought your LICD comic book, then I suggest you get on it.

Yes, It IS That Simple

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Best of Captain Capitalism - Jim Still Wears His Ring

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My buddy John hasn't bought a new shirt in about 20 years. And the reason he hasn't bought a new shirt in 20 years is because he buys used shirts at the Disabled Vietnam Vet store.

His logic is irrefutable;

"I don't care to find a wife. I don't go out to bars or clubs. So why spend $20 on a new shirt that will just go out of style in a year when I can buy a used shirt for $1 and help out the disabled vets?"

But his logic also applies to other wares and services, especially when you don't care to go to boomchicaboom bars and just want a beer or just want a burger.

God bless the VFW and American Legion.

For if there are establishments that stand to gain from a recession, it will be the American Legion and the VFW.

I've started frequenting the VFW's and American Legion's in the area simply because of three reasons;

1. I don't "go out" anymore "trying to meet girls" and therefore have no reason to pay $9 for a martini.

2. You can not only get a martini, but a burger, fries, a soda and tip for $9 at an American Legion or VFW.

3. I'd rather give my $9 to the vets than some young preppy putz on daddy's dime who thinks they're going to make it big by setting up a bar and charging $10 for a martini in down town. Additionally the conversation and company of veterans is insanely more intellectual and less painful than trying to converse with Bambi the cosmetology major about who should be voted off Teen Idol.

And that's why I like Jim.

I met Jim at the American Legion in town. He was an older guy, WWII vet and dapperly dressed for his age. We got to talking and I noticed after five minutes of conversation that he had a wedding ring on. The problem was it didn't add up. It was approaching midnight and he was at a bar sipping away at some kind of bourbon talking to my skinny Irish ass.

Where was his wife?

Unfortunately I knew the answer, but thought an old guy like him might like to talk about it.

"Where's your wife?"

He paused and with no change or inflection in his tone said, "She's dead."

"How long ago?" I asked.

"Three years." he said.

I didn't want to make a comment about him still wearing his ring. Not that I wanted him to "go out and find another girl" or that "he should get over it and move on." Quite the contrary. If I would have said anything it would have been, "Hey, I respect that you're still wearing that ring and being loyal to your wife, even after her death." But I didn't deem my political observation necessary. Based on how many drinks he had, I figured he was bidding his time and numbing the pain until he could see her again.

That being said, I'll be damned if I don't applaud him here and now. For I could never figure out, for my self anyway, if I got married and my wife were to die, how I could re-marry. Maybe I'm too idealistic. Maybe I've watched too many American movies where the good guys win and there's some semblance of justice or honor. But if I lost my wife, I don't think, let alone see how I could marry another gal. No disrespect to all you other gals out there, but that concept of marrying "the one" (not to get all chicky on you guys) means "the one."

And I tip my hat to Jim for having such a lovely wife that he could accept no substitute.

Jacqui Smith

June 2, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ah, and this is the "anchor of morality" that was going to decide who and who should not be able to visit the UK, specifically banning Michael Savage from the UK.

I refused to visit the UK when former Mayor Livingstone of London slammed the US. Then once he lost his re-election I thought I would visit London again.

Not until Michael Savage gets an apology will I set foot in the country or for that matter buy British goods.

"Everyone Welcome"

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I was in my old neighborhood today, driving around on the motorcycle, thanking Obama for making it not worth my time to get a day time job, thusly forcing me into semi-retirement and thusly forcing me to enjoy the perfect weather. But before I got onto the West River Parkway (a scenic parkway that follows the Mississippi) I saw the Seward Coop, a local food coop, and on the building it said;

"Everyone Welcome."

And as I sat there at the light looking at the sign, it occurred to me that this sign was much more telling about leftist mentality that at first glance in that WHAT FREAKING GROCERY STORE DOESN'T WELCOME EVERYONE?

Do you know of a company that does NOT welcome everyone?

Isn't that the goal of commerce is to get EVERYONE into your store so they spend their money?

I never saw Rainbow or Cub Foods (large "evil" corporate grocerers) with signs saying, "Only Tall People Allowed."

Or Target that said, "Only Jews on Thursdays, Christians on Fridays, Aethiests of Saturdays and Muslims on Mondays."

The statement is inane. But here we can peer into the delusional psychology of the left.

Understand it isn't enough to just simply welcome everyone just like everyone else does and not make a big stink about it. No, you have to wear this badge of altruism for all to see. To show how accepting of all peoples, races and cultures that you are. Forget that "welcoming everyone" is SOP, if not the most sought after goal of marketing and every business. No, you have to be special and SHOW to the world that you "Welcome everyone."

Additionally, in bragging about how they "welcome everyone" they are implying that somehow other grocerers don't. That Rainbow and Cub and Lund's and Byerly's are all racist, sexist, homophobic, bigots. Not that this was their intention, but the logical deduction is "Well if they welcome EVERYONE, then obviously other grocers don't."

Regardless the point here is the vital leftist pscyhosis of symbolism over substance. It doesn't matter that grocers don't discriminate. It doesn't matter that there hasn't been

any problems with different people being able to get service at various grocers. It all simply boils down to the people who run the coop want to feel good about themselves, but without really doing anything productive or that has actual tangible worth.

"Look, we put a sign up showing everybody that we welcome everybody!"

What exact problem did that solve?

The answer, nothing, there was never a problem to begin with.

But hey, they got warm fuzzies and they can pat themselves on the back (without having to do something tangible, like contribute to GDP).

Yes, I'm sure that will help us turn this country around.

How Affordable is Housing?

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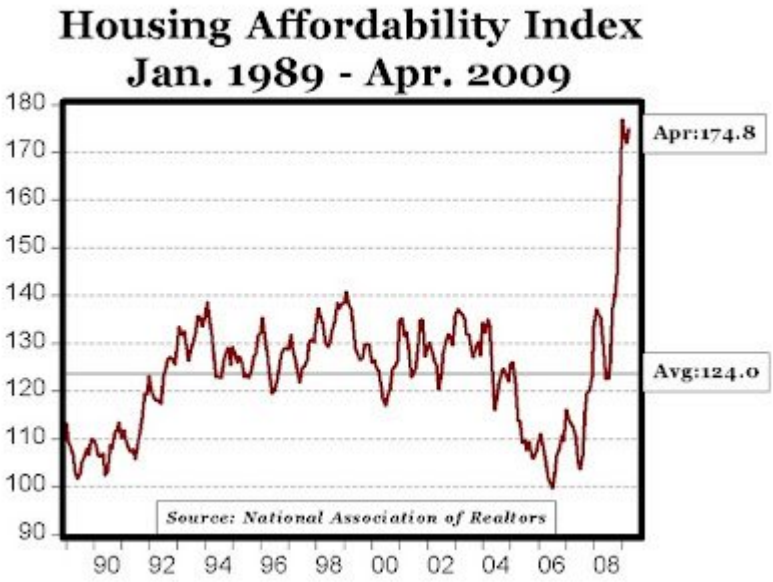
The latest from MJ Perry. Low interest rate, tanking housing prices. Ah, if only the macro-economic fundamentals of the economy were sound. Also, keep in mind markets can over-adjust.



Recession Medicine

June 4, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh doggy, ba da da doo de dum (this song will be in my head all day)

Of Rice and Hen
Uploaded by cartoonexpert. - Full seasons and entire episodes online.

Foghorn Leghorn - A Fractured Leghorn
Uploaded by chuedl. - Watch more comedy videos and sitcoms.

Video Games > Wife

June 4, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One must ask the question;

"If men are putting video games ahead of their wives is it the video games that are getting that good, or are the wives becoming that bad?"

In the article it cites 15% of the divorce filings they analyzed mentioned "World of Warcraft" or video games in general as one of the reasons women were filing for divorce. How much do you want to bet it wasn't just Jim being uncompellingly drawn to the video games as much as it was Jim's wife nagging and whining, driving him into the arms of video games?

El Capitain is Taken Ill

June 5, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

I'm really ill. Normally illness doesn't prevent me from making posts, but this is so bad it really takes effort to type.

More posts will come, but they may be more of a link/copy paste, than new material.

My apologies in advance.

If any of you wish to send me material of your own, I would be more than happy to post it in that it would save me time and I do genuinely appreciate it when you guys send me stuff.

El Cap-i-tan

Job Losses in May

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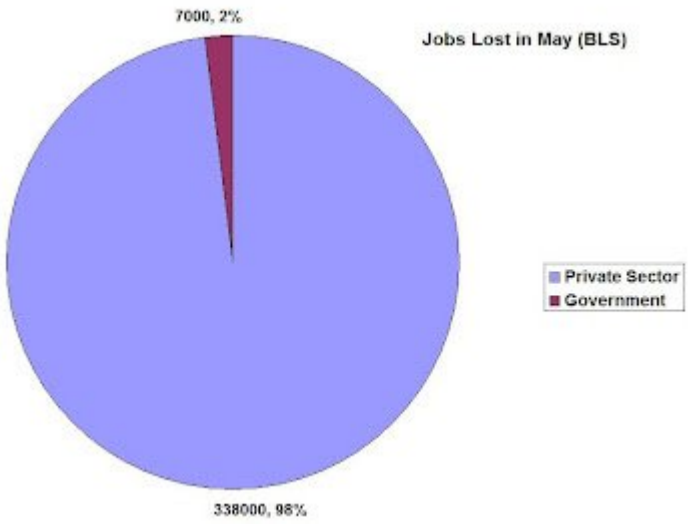


My ill-striken observations are such;

1. This is just proof that the government and parties interested in government (teacher's unions, SIEU, government workers in general) HAVE NOT SACRIFICED ANYWHERE NEAR THEIR SHARE DURING THIS RECESSION. I don't want to hear any BS about the "horrible" cutbacks government workers are having to "endure." You should be ashamed of such hypocrisy while every one else is suffering.

2. Wait, wait, wait. Let me guess. "It's Bush's fault?"

3. Listening to Joe Biden and he said (I am paraphrasing):

"There is hope. The last four months job losses have not been as bad as we had expected."

Yes, yes, "I have good news Mr. Jones. The cancer is not spreading aggressively as it was before."

"So it's in remission?"

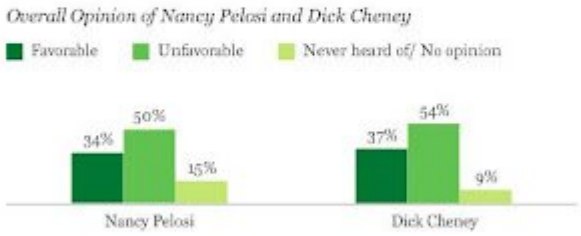
"Oh, heavens no! It's still spreading like a wildfire, just not as fast as last month. We've increased the time you have to live from 3 weeks to 3 weeks, 2 days."

"Oh, thank you President Obama!"

Pelosi vs. Cheney

June 6, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

PRINCETON, NJ -- Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and former Vice President Dick Cheney have little in common politically, but they receive almost identical image ratings from the American public. According to a May 29-31 Gallup Poll, 37% of Americans have a favorable view of Cheney and 34% have a favorable view of Pelosi. Both Cheney and Pelosi are viewed unfavorably by at least half of Americans.



USA Today/Gallup; May 29-31, 2009

GALLUP POLL

What really should be taken from this is that for every person that "hates" Cheney there is an equal or greater amount that hates Pelosi. ie-there still are some real, conservative Americans out there who like capitalism and love America, and we're not all driving Priuses and majoring in political science.

Another Reason NOT to Buy The Economist

June 8, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As you know, The "Economist" (note parentheses) has more or less abandoned its namesake and become another bland, boring, left of center rag. I now find pot-smoking ex-hippies reading it and whereas before in my youthful 20's, would have found a girl quite attractive for reading The "Economist" I see it today as the fake and faux fashionable trend of "going green."

"Look at me!!! I'm fashionable! I drive Prius! I use reusable bags at the grocery store. I read the Economist! I'm intelligent! I have a degree in liberal arts! See, see! LOOK AT ME!!!!"

A shinny new nickel (AND I WILL MAIL IT TO YOU REGARDLESS OF YOUR LOCALE) to whoever can point out the TRUE GAPING AND MISSING VARIABLE The (ahem, COUGH COUGH, WHEEZE, WHEEZE) "Economist" failed to contribute the drop in greenhouse gas emissions from 2007-2008.

How greenhouse-gas emissions in Europe have changed since 1990

EMISSIONS of greenhouse gases from the 27 countries of the European Union fell by 1.2% in 2007 compared with the year before, according to new data released before UN climate-change talks beginning in Bonn on Monday June 1st. Warmer weather and higher fuel prices were the main reasons for the drop. At the current rate, the EU will achieve its target of a 20% cut from 1990 levels by 2020; emissions are already down by 9.3% since 1990. Emissions have increased most in poorer countries with rapidly expanding economies; Spain is pumping out over 50% more greenhouse gases than it did in 1990.

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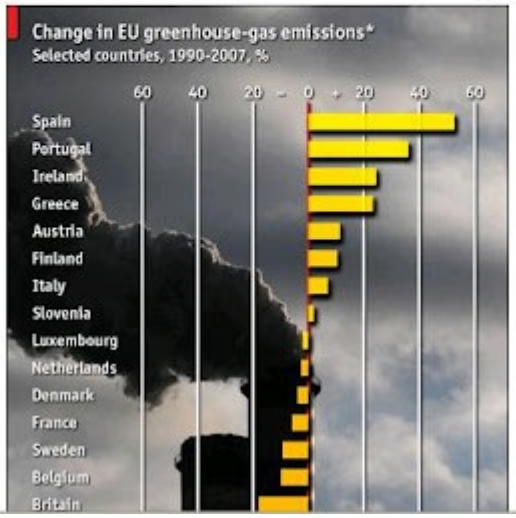

Anyone, anyone?

Bueller? Bueller?

Why You Have Bad Government

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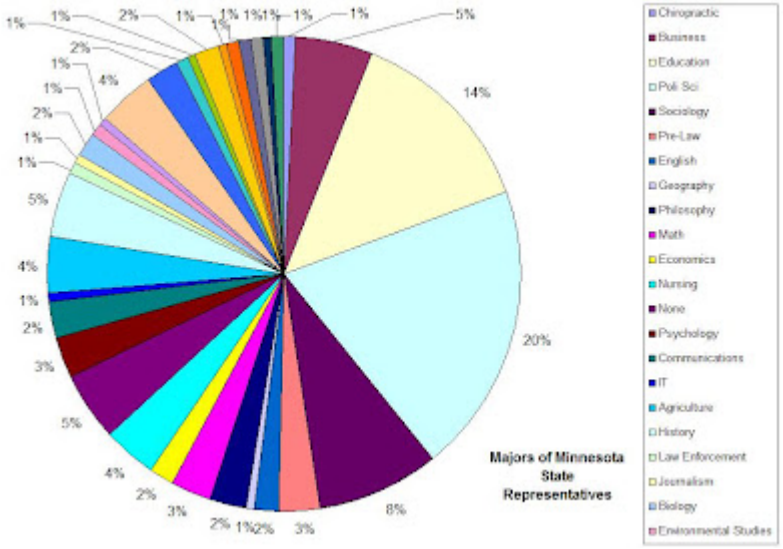
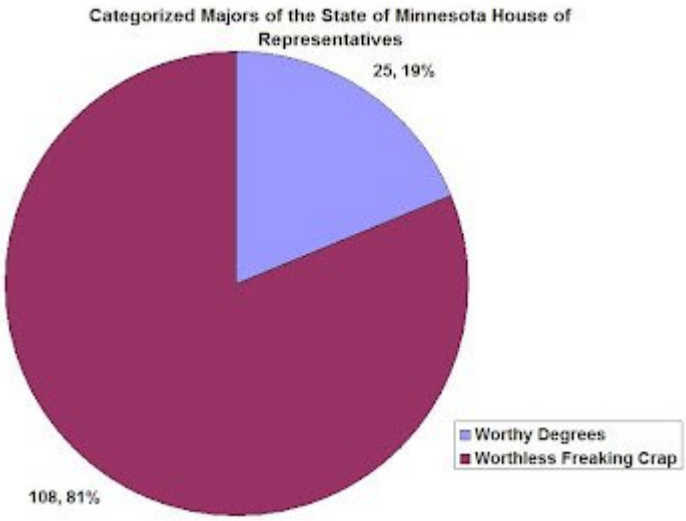
This is arguably going to be the most important post of my entire blog, so please pay attention.

The below chart is confusing.



The reason it is confusing is because there are many different types of majors that it is hard to see any kind of trend or relationship. But if I simplify it into the chart below;



Now you start to see where I'm going with this.

The two charts above are simply a breakdown of the House of Representatives in the state of Minnesota by major. I further simplified the chart into "Worthy Degrees" and "Worthless Freaking Crap." And for the sake of informing my readers I defined "Worthy Degrees" as degrees that would actually have some kind of net positive benefit to society

and "Worthless Freaking Crap" as degrees rich spoiled kids pursue as a hobby with no real intention of ever finding a real job, but just an excuse to go and chase tail for 4 - 6 years during your twenties. They break down thusly;

Worthy degrees;

Math
Nursing
Agriculture
Engineering
Biology
Economics
POLICE Science/Criminology
Votech
Physics
IT

Worthless degrees;

Business
Education
Poli Sci
Sociology
Pre-Law
English
Geography
Philosophy
Psychology
Communications
History
Journalism
Environmental Studies
Music/Arts
Foreign Language
General Studies
Rhetoric
Broadcasting
Home and Community Services
Metropolitan and Urban Studies
Fashion Merchandising

(*note, "business majors" were considered worthless as they were either general business, HR, or marketing, none of which are real degrees. Interestingly enough NO

ACCOUNTING majors were listed…which goes a long way in explaining why the budget is always out of balance).

Now the reason I bring this up and point this out is that while it is as clear as day to me why we have incompetent government and incompetent legislatures across this nation, it seems to be the ever elusive question as to "Why can't we just have competent government? Why do we have such bad government."

So allow me to tender you a "theory" (which I already know to be law and will bet my life on it) as to why, not just here in Minnesota, we have incompetent morons in government, but why across the entire nation, as well as the entire western world we all suffer an unacceptable level of incompetent government.

UNDERSTAND that the VAST majority of people who go into government do not originally set out to do so. THey are a by-product of their own laziness and abhorrence to engage in real work or engage in any meaningful activity that will result in REAL, TANGIBLE PRODUCTION for society.

THIS MANIFESTS ITSELF when they are young and have to choose what kind of career they are going to pursue.

NOW UNDERSTAND that the past roughly 2-3 generations have benefited from the massive fruits of capitalism that have made it possible that you really don't HAVE to work if you don't want to. Your parents are rich enough to carry you through, and though you may not be a veritable trust fund baby, you can essentially major in fluff and get by if you so desire. This results in the decision, by what is essentially 18 year old children to major in a subject that is NOT in their best long term career interests, but something that is more of a luxury or hobby and suits their childish, short term desires (on a related note see this).

THE SINGLE MOST DETERMINING VARIABLE AS TO WHAT THESE LAZY SPOILED CHILDREN CHOOSE AS A MAJOR IS MATHEMATICS. The MORE math a major has, the LESS likely these lazy slobs are to pick it as a major. Ergo, they are not majoring in a discipline or study that actually will produce something of worth to society, they choose to major in a hobby that requires little to no math simply because math is difficult.

Now, in due time, those with real degrees and real disciplines will go out and find REAL work that will produce real goods and services society desires. Oh, sure I know, the sociology major will tell you they contribute to society by helping the poor. And the environmentalist major will tell you he's saving the planet. But the empirical evidence, known as MONEY, tells you something different. Sure, the effeminate "global studies" major will tell you he's saving the planet, but he spends all of his money on his I-Pod, cell phone and Prius, ALL OF WHICH WAS CONCEIVED, DESIGNED and BUILT BY THE REAL

MEN (also known as "engineers.") Regardless, the point is those with worthless freaking el-crapo degrees will find no obvious employment and are thus relegated to a few employment options.

Some will become euphemistically named "Barristas" at coffee shops.

Some will actually do something of economic value and flip burgers.

Others will just marry and engineer and work part time as a "social worker."

And a disproportionate amount of them will enter public education.

But there is one other venue of employment for these talentless and worthless souls and that is government.

Now understand, not everybody can run for government. The natural laws of economics will ensure that those foolish enough to major in "English" IN A COUNTRY WHERE IT'S THE NATIONAL FREAKING LANGUAGE will inevitably become unemployed (though very verbose). However, if you have rich parents or well connected parents, you now have the funds to run for public office.

Allow me to point out just a couple bits of anecdotal evidence.

Humphrey. I know Hubert H was the original Humphrey, but hey, look at Jr. Why, daddy's little boy is so damn bored, he guesses he'll just run for public office.

Mark Dayton. Awwww. The little Heir to the Dayton's empire is bored. Good thing Grand Daddy stored away $22 million for you. Go buy yourself a senate seat!

Nancy Pelosi. Daddy's little girl. And when I say "Daddy" I mean the former mayor of Baltimore (that urban utopia). Do you really think she had to pay her way through college to get that political "science" degree. Wow, for an "independent woman" she really depending on a rich dad and a rich husband. And I don't think she started in the mail room to work up that wealth.

Al Gore. Wasn't his daddy a senator?

And just to show you I'm not slamming on just democrats, this criticism EQUALLY is laid on Repulicans as well;

George W. Bush. Well Jesus, H Christ, we'll prove to the nation we're not a group of elitists! We'll nominate THE SON OF A PREVIOUS FREAKING PRESIDENT!

It is here that those who are by all accounts and standards morons can run for elected office, which practically guarantees that you will have BAD GOVERNMENT.

And the reason is simple;

1. Rich people are shielded from the everyday struggles and strife that normal, even poor people face and therefore cannot sympathize. However, even more important is

2. They NEVER HAD TO FACE REALITY. THEY HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THE REAL WORLD IS. And therefore cannot make effective decisions or policies because it is based in the utopian idealism afforded to them by the parents and not the harsh real world the remaining 95% of the population live in.

A very common criticism by talk radio show hosts such as Jason Lewis and Rush Limbaugh is that NONE OF THESE GUYS EVER HAD TO MAKE A PAYROLL. Barack Obama, for all his cuteness and nice pecks and pretty words and pet unicorns, never worked a real job in his life. His mom paid for everything. He never had to strive. He has as much in common with the poor on the south side of Chicago as Jesse Jackson does. The same applies to the Humphries, the Bushes, the Pelosi's and practically every publicly elected official out there.

THEY DON'T LIVE IN REALITY BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS MONEY SHIELDS THEM FROM IT.

Furthermore, AND THIS IS KEY SO YOU UNDERSTAND, they do not choose to go into public office for anything as "noble" as "public service."

They go into it for themselves.

They are bored.

They are otherwise unemployable.

And (you MUST UNDERSTAND THIS) they are better that you. They aren't going to dirty their fingers working manual labor.

They aren't going to work the third shift as a security guard to make ends meet.

They aren't going to change diapers in hopsice care.

Why, "they have a college degree in philosophy. Why, that work is for the underclasses. Certianly not an "educated, elightened" person like me!"

They go into public office FIRST AND FOREMOST for themselves and NOTHING as noble as

public service.

In short they are politicians, they are NOT statesmen. They put themselves first and will tell you whatever you want to here to keep them in office.

This is why you have bad government. Because NONE of these politicians want to do what's good for the state or the nation. They just want to do what's going to keep them in office and away from REAL work for as long as possible. This is why you get idiots parroting things like;

"Hope and change."

and

"We'll bail you out of this mortgage crisis."

and

"Don't worry, we can print off money and everything will be alright."

Of course, the real problem isn't the politicians. You will always have scammers and scumbags who wish to live off the population without providing anything else in return. The real problem is the American population. Such a spoiled, uneducated, uninformed, ignorant bunchs of brats. 300 million people who'd rather watch "American Idol" or see some moron swing a wood stick at a sphere and then run around a diamond while their entire country and livehlihood is stolen from underneathe their noses. Veritable children who borrow more money than they could ever hope to pay back and then blame their ensuing financial woes on a presidential administration. Genuine, USDA 100% certified dumbasses who vote for candidates because they say pretty words and promise them cake, bread and circuses, while completely oblivious to the impending financial disaster of social security and medicare which will make this housing "debacle" look like a joke.

Sadly there is nothing that can be done about it, because how do you defeat ignorance on such a grand scale. The only thing that will defeat it is when the children who are now currently in government run this country into the ground so fast and so destructively that we're no longer able to feed ourselves and will have to entertain euthenasia as a viable means by which to keep the economy from truly collapsing.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy your cute little hobby majoring in "Rhetoric," "Metro and Urban Studies," and "Home and Community Service" (all of which were REAL majors "earned" by current house of representative members). Yeah, THAT will get us out of the recession!

POST SCRIPT - FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE CLAIMING THE CHART ADDS UP TO 135%, PLEASE NOTE THAT IT SHOWS THE NOMINAL NUMBER AND THEN THE PERCENTAGE

I Think I Speak for the Rest of the Responsible Adults in This Country When I Say…

June 9, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Who gives a sh!t?

Why is this newsworthy and being publicized all over the news?

Recession Medicine

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"She's a fancy stepper when she dances
Go and see her as she kippers and prances
My gal don't do much talking
Dances even when she's walking
(Jones ad libs) One and two and three and four she dances all day long
(Bugs) Oh my gal is a high part stepper
Ginger with salt and pepper
She's a fancy stepper when she dances
Go and see her as she kippers and prance"

It's Because the Government Doesn't Produce Anything

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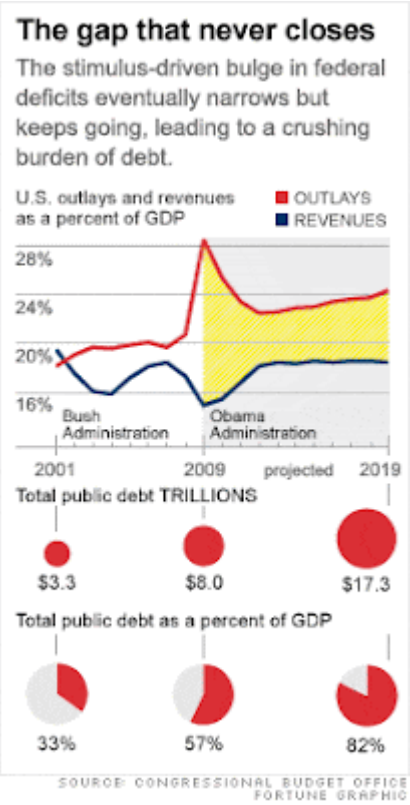
Understand this, and understand it well.

The government and the American people have a parasite-host relationship. The American people are the host, the government is the parasite. Now this relation can be symbiotic, in which the parasite actually does help out the host, however, that was abandoned quite a long time ago and the government (and it's employees, and special interest groups and career politicians) live off the American people.

Unfortunately the parasites do not realize that they can only thrive as long as the host does and their infection, if it gets too big, will kill off the host, leaving them a rotting carcass and thusly, they will die too (just look at the unions and the auto industry). This seems to be the case, because, well frankly, the parasites, no matter how many degrees they have from the Ivy League, are morons;



Enjoy the good times ahead!

ht to Robert!

Global Warming My Ass

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From Kate. This is what it looks like in Montana today.

Global warming, my sweet little, perfectly sculpted, highly sought after, and much-looked-at-by-the-ladies ass.

Why China Should Be Worried

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Inflation equals the difference between;

The amount of stuff you produce in a given period of time

AND

The amount of money you printed off in that same given period of time

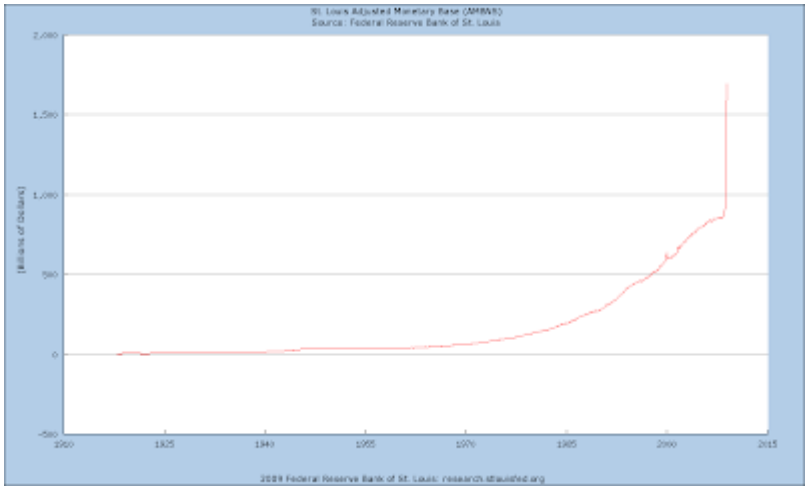
It is very simple. I've alluded to it before back in 2006, but that is basically all inflation is.

How much you produce, versus how much money you printed to buy all that you produced.

If you produce A LOT of goods and you do not increase the money supply, well then the value of the the dollars that are already existing goes up, in that those are the only dollars that can buy all the goods in the economy. However, if you print off a ton of money, WITHOUT a proportionate increase in the amount of goods you produce in an economy, well that's MORE dollars chasing after fewer goods.

The second scenario is the one we face today.

With Our Lord Obama printing off money like there's no tomorrow;



with the compensatory collapse in RGDP growth (on track to decrease by about 6% this year) we have a very simple "numerator/denominator" relationship that bodes ill for the nation;

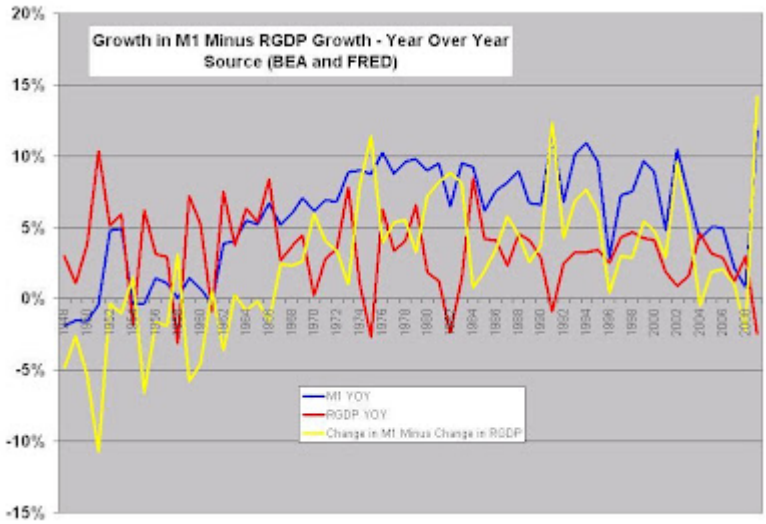
The numerator (money supply) is going up.

While the denominator (RGDP growth) is going down.

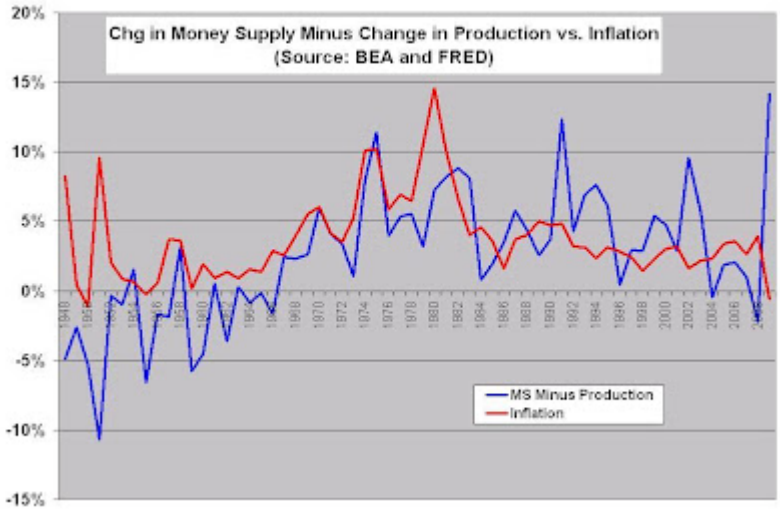
Which will result in inflation.

The question is how much and I say 14%. Simply because we've printed off 14% more money than we've produced goods. The numbers behind my figures are thus;

Below is a bit messy of a chart showing the annual YOY (year over year) change in the money supply (measured by M1) versus the YOY change in RGDP. The difference between the two is the yellow line which should more or less correlate with inflation, and the current day difference between our production and money supply is 14%, thus the prediction.



However, as you see below, this inflation has not yet materialized. The yellow line (now blue) when correlated against actual inflation numbers does show a strong correlation historically. However, this correlation dissolves the closer and closer we get to 2009, the last data point actually showing DEFLATION rather than the predicted 14% inflation.



Why the difference?

The answer; just wait.

Understand that inflation really is that simple. The more money you have chasing fewer goods will, MATHEMATICALLY, TO THE PENNY result in a very precise amount of inflation. It has to. The only reason it has not yet is because of two factors;

1. Asset bubbles- Investment assets such as housing and stocks do not go into the CPI/inflation calculation. This goes a long way in explaning the deterioration of the relationship between the yellow line and reported inflation since our last two bubbles have been in HOUSING and STOCKS. Had housing and stocks been incorporated into the CPI I guarantee you you would have had a much stronger correlation.

2. "Mopping up excess liquidity." - That phrase should be the "Saying of 2009." It's basically the government saying, "holy crap Batman, we got a TON of money floating around. If it gets into the real economy, we are going to have inflation that will make Mugabe look fiscally austere." Ergo, impotent measures such as "the Fed buying up all the toxic assets" or "issuing Fed bonds" or other such BS. Do what you want to "mop up excess liquidity" short of destroying dollars, those dollars are still there and will either make their way into the US economy (triggering inflation in the CPI) or remain in bubbles (housing, low interest bonds, etc.)

Regardless, in the end, this glut of money will inevitably make its way into the economy and will, by default, trigger inflation.

However, all hope is not lost. There is one solution to help resolve this weak dollar/inflation situation. We could boost the denominator of the Money Supply/GDP ratio. We could actually produce the GDP necessary to give those excess dollars out there some kind of value or worth.

Of course this would require lowering our corporate taxes below 40% to attact capital and investment here....and it would require lowering personal taxes so people once again have an incentive to work...and that would be assuming young Americans would be willing to work hard and long hours in productive fields such as computers, engineering or science which would require math...and practically nobody majoring in sociology or philosophy...and maybe the baby boomers could postpone retirement until they're 70 thereby shoring up the government finances...and people would have to take second jobs or maybe start a side business instead of watching American Idol...

You know on second thought, maybe it would just be easier to short the US dollar and invest in China.

Success of Obama's Stimulus Plan

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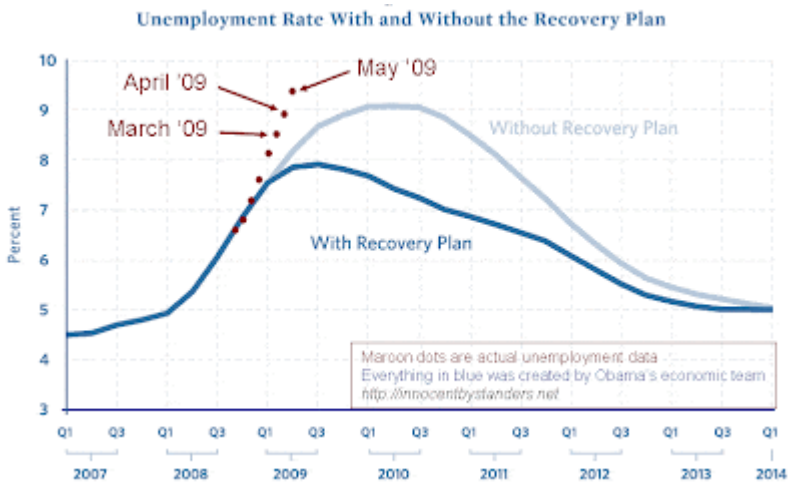
Often, leftists, more than conservatives, argue that

"If we hadn't done what we did, it would have been WORSE than what it is now."

And I find it the weakest argument ever. Instead of admit failure, they brainwash the idiotic American public into actually believing that it would have been WORSE and they should be thankful our politicians failed. Alas, Obama is no different;



But, wait, let me guess, "It would have been EVEN WORSE than what they originally predicted?"

Morons.

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The Captain Seeks Your Advice

June 11, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

I am contemplating opening up an investment company where I would manage people's money. I am most serious about this endeavor, if for any other reason I think people are fed up with the slick talking financial advisors and would appreciate an honest investment advisor/manager whose motto will be;

"I promise you nothing."

Besides which I can certainly do better than Bernie Madoff or any of those other now-bankrupt Wall Street morons.

Regardless, I would very much appreciate all my readers' advice before I commit the resources, time and energy into setting this up, primarily whether or not any of you would even consider using me as an advisor (as this blog would be the initial and primary means by which I would advertise such services).

Thoughts, opinions, advice, commentary?

The Captain's Babes

June 12, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Happy day fellow Cappy Cap readers!

As you may have noticed I have spruced the place up considerably by adding some photos of the femme fatale persuasion in the side bar. These are sweet, kind enough ladies who have agreed to help advertise Cappy Cap and various aspects of the blog with their beauty and gorgeous looks.

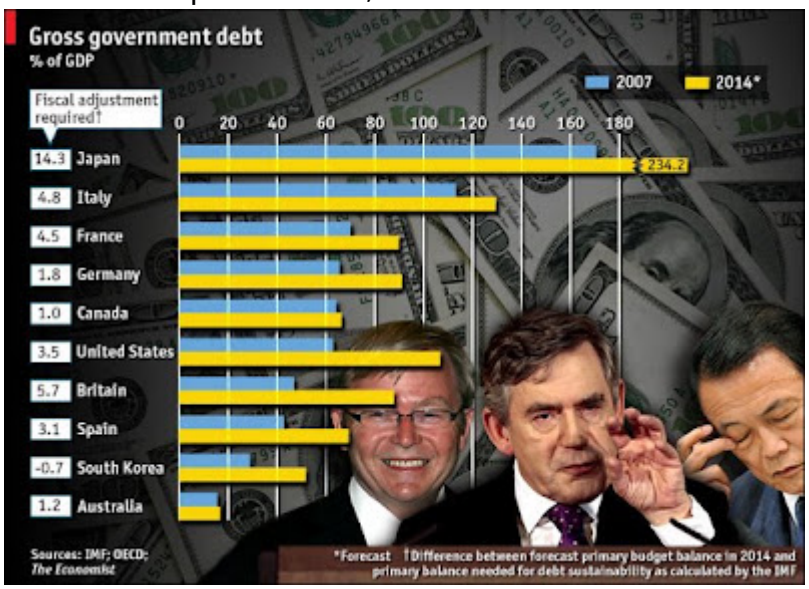
There will be more to come, but thus far I have a link to the book and a recently set up Pay Pal account for anybody feeling charitable enough to make a donation to the Cappy Cap Fund (the proceeds of which go to things like the mortgage, gas, Rumpleminze and video games).

In any case please feel free to click away, (besides which, you will hurt their feelings if you don't click on them! ;)

How Much Debt Will Gen X Have to Pay

June 13, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For all of you young kids (and by that I mean people my age) who drive around with Obama bumper stickers;



But hey, at least you were "cool" voting for Obama. Yeah, that's worth enslaving your children. I can see the conversation now.

Child of Gen X'er - "Dad, why do I only get to keep only 30% of my income?"

Aged Gen X'er - "Because I was cool in 2008 and voted for Obama!"

Child of Gen X'er - "Yeah, but this is kind of like slavery."

Aged Gen X'er - "Quit being so racist and eat your government financed organic green bran muffin!"

Vacation Bible School

June 14, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When I am king, which I will be, one of the many things I will do is ban Vacation Bible School.

It is summer and the poor kids have been cooped up in nothing short of a mental prison known as school and what do you do?

Send them back to the exact same thing,but with a religious spin.

OK, parents, listen to me.

Do you NOT remember school?

Do you NOT remember church?

Do you remember EITHER of those being enjoyable experiences when you were a kid?

Seriously, I may not like children, but I look out for their interests more than most people realize.

Post Script!!! - I have actually uncovered some footage from my youth when I was actually in vacation bible school! I put it on You Tube, you can see it here;

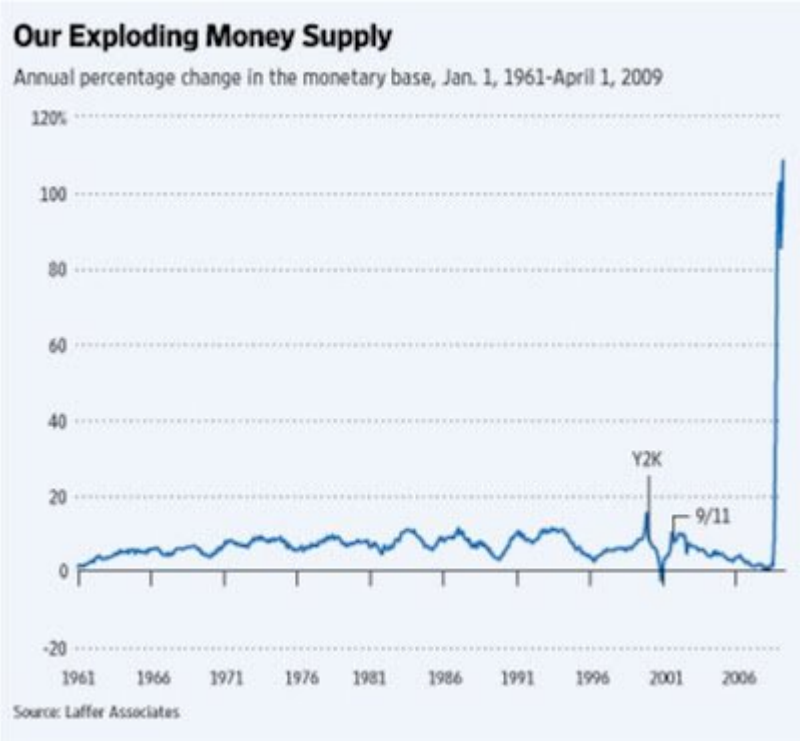
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkwmIDx9RwQ&feature=player_embedded

Invest in Anything BUT The US Dollar

June 16, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Manure, sawdust, rocks, sticks.

Something with real tangible value.



Al Gore can suck on this hockey stick.

ht to Cjunk at SDA

Hold Off on Paypal Donations

June 16, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

If you were planning on clicking on Natasha and donating to your good ol' Captain, just hold off.

They make setting up an account as about as easy as launching the space shuttle during a hurricane.

I will let you know when the account is functional, in the meantime just save all those billions before you donate them to the Captain.

What Do You Mean I Have to Wait Until 2014 to Get My Magic Obama Unicorn?

June 16, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

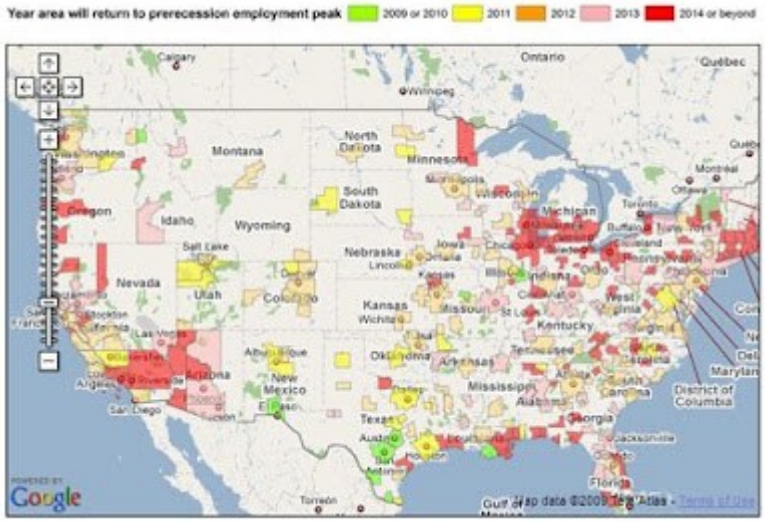
I've often said, "American's want their wars won just like they want their Big Mac's served. In under two minutes."

This was in response to the childish expectation that Iraq was going to be done and over with in 1 year and if it wasn't then by god we got to go out and protest! The same could be said for the Vietnam War, but then they were willing to accept their Big Macs served in about 5 minutes. We're just all that much more spoiled now.

But wait, just wait. For whereas we can tuck tail and run like so many leftists want us to do when it comes to foreign wars, we do NOT have that option when it comes to the economy. And while all the burnt out, spoiled brat, trust fund hippies and their equally spoiled Gen-X offspring "demand" the God Obama do something NOW about the economy, they're about to get a rude awakening in the the cold harsh world known as reality.

The economy is not coming back for at least 2 years, and in some areas (COUGH COUGH-democrat strongholds-HACK HACK!) not for 4-5 years. Nothing the government can do will change that. The economic problems of America are distinctly American and reside within the people. It is the American people with the problems who spend more than they make, never save anything for the future, and promise to themselves - through the government - things that can only be afforded by borrowing from the Chinese (which we have no intention nor capability of ever paying back).

Ergo, this coolio little interactive chart that will show you just how long it will take your friendly neighborhood to be not-so-economically-sucky!



Now I know, I know, Obama said he will change this. And I know, I know, you've been brought up all these years to believe in hope and change and social security and unicorns and Santa Claus and sociology degrees landing you a job. But what you're about to find out is that your entire economic philosophy and ideology of how the real world works is horribly flawed and wrong. It is so far from the real world that only the utter collapse and failure of your beliefs when put into practice like somebody like Obama will wake you up to the realities you face.

In the meantime, I wouldn't hold your breath for "hope and change." 2014 is a long time to hold your breath till.

Recession Medicine

June 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is my first affair, so, please be kind;

Pepe Le Pew - Louvre Come Back To Me!
Uploaded by davidknight2.

"Normal" Human Girl

June 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh the irony.

Economic Schadenfreude of the Day

June 18, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Today's economic schadenfreude is a two-fer!

Denny Hecker, scumbag, burnt out, loser middle age man that never had any real business skill or acumen is not only raided by the authorities, but decides to sue GMAC, the company that has since shot me down for about 3 jobs, even though if they hired me the first time, they may not have needed a taxpayer bailout...but that assumes they would have listened to me over their quants. Regardless, when the Nazis show up to fight the Communists, you don't intervene. You crack open a beer and watch.

And now, Extended Stay hotels filing for bankruptcy. Not that I have a personal grudge with them, BUT I recall calling them about a month ago to see how much a 6 week rental in Rapid City would cost (as I am going on an extended vacation).

$6,000.

Rapid, Effing, City?

$6,000 for 6 weeks?

$1,000 a week?

That's like me charging $500 for my book (which incidentally you should buy!)

And you wonder why you are filing for chapter 11.

Recession Medicine - Marc Anthony

June 19, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Feed the Kitty

The Future of the US Dollar

June 19, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I am cleaning, for it is good to clean, and in my effort to lessen the amount of junk I have, I stumbled upon some old Soviet (I think) currency, that no doubt is worthless, because, well, as the leftists in this nation are about to find out, a piece of paper is just a piece of paper unless you actually have some level of production behind it.

All that being said, does anybody know what i have here? I collected coins as a youth, but I know very little about currency.

СТО ТЫСЯЧ РУБЛЕЙ
РАСЧЕТНЫЙ ЗНАК
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The Captain at 50!

June 20, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Or perhaps more like "The Captain makes General."

Didn't know this guy existed, but isn't it interesting in how we've come to some of the same conclusions although we haven't met?

But I'm sure it's nothing.

Just keep contributing to that 401k kiddies!

The MBA Bubble Continues

June 20, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A friend of mine sent this to me.

Mark [redacted]
does anyone think that it is odd to have graduated with a MBA in 2008 and still looking????? is the economy that bad??? is this unprofessional to post this??? all the while I must be blind because I am still up beat but mainly because my wife is now a RN having passed boards. woo hoooo.....
June 16 at 4:56pm · Like · Comment · Unsubscribe

[redacted] Danie[redacted] Hi Mark, I received my MBA in 2007 and also am looking for work. So I feel that it is entirely the economy and there isn't a whole lot that we can do about it other than to keep on trying.
June 16 at 5:53pm · Like

[redacted] Leslie[redacted] Same here! I received mine in 2009 and haven't gotten anything. Trying to stay optimistist though.
June 16 at 6:41pm · Like

[redacted] over a year now and still looking. I just remind myself this is a really bad job market with persistent unemployment. It's out of our hands.
June 16 at 7:15pm · Like

[redacted] No, it is not odd at all! I have an MBA, graduated in 2009, and have not
been able to find a job. The only job I have been able to find is in retail, part-time, at a little more than minimum wage. It is a lot less than the $40,000 to $60,000 MBA's are supposed to make!
[redacted]
June 16 at 9:49pm via email · Like

Mark [redacted] yet a person needs to stay upbeat and perhaps things will turn around. any other thoughts from perhaps career services people who might want to jump in on this thread??????
Friday at 12:33pm · Like

And what I get a kick out of is not the fact they can't find jobs or that once again your beloved Captain has done his job as an economist and predicted things accurately again. I get a kick out of how they don't know if this is "normal" to be out of a job this long. Telling me they have NOT had the basics of economics taught to them (or some slanted, indoctrinist's view of economics was foisted upon them).

Ergo, I believe it is high time for another "Economic Lesson of the Day" by the Captain.

Now, everybody who is graduating would like jobs. And I know you may have been taught jobs come from Barack Obama's Magical Farting Unicorns and we'll just borrow a trillion dollars in some Keynesian thing and then the "pump will be primed" and then there will be a multiplier effect and then boom! Jobs!

But, I'm sorry kiddies. That's not how it works.

You see, you've been misled. The way I can tell is that (1) people in the general population think the government somehow has something to do with creating jobs. they say the "government must do SOMETHING" and (2) MB-freaking-A's can't even explain why they don't have jobs.

Both of which suggest to me you're working from an erroneous premise and that is that somehow the government is where jobs come from.

I've been meaning to make a post titled "The Great Liberal Economic Oort Cloud" (GLEOC) where liberals (and others) typically believe jobs come from government. The reason for the Oort Cloud metaphor is because they don't really know HOW jobs are created by government, but just assume that's where jobs come from. In reality, it is simply people being too intellectually lazy to think the economics of job creation through. They believe the government with its trillions of dollars and businesses and laws and lawyers and all these "really smart professional people" make this nice big "economic Oort cloud" and farts out jobs. It's not their concern how jobs are really created, it's all really too complicated for them to understand. Thank god we have Barack Obama and really smart Ivy Leaguers heading up the GLEOC!

But allow me to pose another theory (which isn't really a theory, it's reality). The Symbiotic Parasite Host Relationship Model (SPHRM).

You see, if you think about it, without an economy, without a people, without businesses, there is no need for government. If you have nothing to govern, then governments would not exist. Ergo, the GLEOC model is flawed because it puts the cart before the horse. If you believe in the GLEOC, then governments existed and people arose in response.

Obviously it's the reverse. With people, with a society, with an economy comes the need for it to be governed.

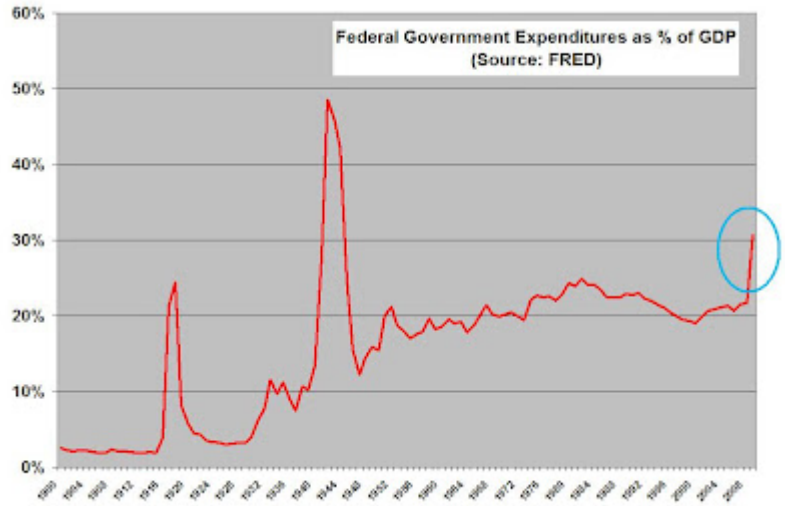
Therefore it is the government that lives off of the people and the economy.

Now, this FACT makes government a parasitic organization. It NEEDS a host. If there is no economy or society, there is no way a government can form on top of it. And this is not to say that government is bad or that were are using the word "parasitic" in the pejorative. It is needed and ergo why the relationship between the government and the economy is (or at least should be) symbiotic.

Symbiosis aside, the key thing is the SPHRM is correct in that it puts the horse before the cart. Therefore if you want job creation, guess what?

Yep, I'm sorry, that means you have to grow the private sector.

See, there is no public sector if there is no private sector because the private sector is the host the public sector needs. But if you look at how public sector has been crowding out the private sector you are seeing a parasite that has gone form just 3% the size of the host to now 40% (the chart below just shows federal spending, not state).



The host is frankly going into shock and dying.

Now, I know in college you were told by academians and government paid bureaucrats that you could all major in Puppies and Flowers and all get government jobs as "social workers" or "teachers" or "community organizers" or "government consultants" or become professors like them, but unfortunately that is following the GLEOC model. And the GLEOC model is not sustainable.

If you want jobs you have to grow the private sector. Which means doing things like;

1. ELIMINATING (not cut) ELIMINATING corporate taxes and BANNING THEM FOREVER
2. ELIMINATING (not cut) any form of capital gains or dividend taxes
3. Simplify the tax code.
4. Put limits on how large the parasite can grow as a percent of the economy
5. Scale down the size of the parasite itself so that the host may grow again

Of course (and this is where I spend most of my time now thinking and philosophizing about economics because this is really where the crux of this whole economics/political dynamic is being fought) what it funny is you've all been brainwashed from high school on to more or less hate the private sector. You hate "evil corporations." You hate "evil Corporate America." You hate "big oil." You're more than willing to vote more and more regulations to strangle the host. "Hey, let's all go green because it's cool!" "Yeaaa! Corporate Social Responsibility is the NEW MBA TREND!" You are all more or less programmed to be part of the parasite (or at least support the parasite) at the expense of the host.

And as I've been pushing the frontier of this particular philosophy out further, I've realized (sadly) you're so brainwashed no amount of reason, logic or plain ole facts and statistics are going to convince you otherwise. In other words, I've explained to you why you don't have jobs. I've explained to you how to get jobs. But you're so intellectually dishonest and

weak your ego cannot sustain the fact you've been duped by previous generations. And since pride is now going to get in the way of truth, thereby condemning the host (and parasite might I add) to death, for me and my SPHRM-subscribing colleagues there's only one thing left to do;

Enjoy the Decline!

(oh! And buy my book which is on Kindle for 99 cents! Buying my book qualifies as enjoying the decline)

Please Explain to Me Why We Hate the Jews

June 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There are many questions I wish I had the answers to, but before I die, I just want the answer to one thing;

WHAT THE HELL IS IT WITH THE JEWS?

Egypt enslaves them.

Hitler kills them.

Neo-nazi idiots despise them.

Leftists blame them for everything today.

And precisely WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO DESERVE THIS IRE????

And I'm serious about this.

As far as I'm concerned the Jews have done nothing. I've never ran into a Jew that was even anything as impolite. They don't throw it in my face that they're a Jew. They've never betrayed me or done anything at all but be civil and kind people. But hooooy boy, does the world like them to be their whipping boys.

Now maybe I've missed something (though I doubt it), but it behooves the question why is there such disdain and hatred for the Jews over such a long record of history?

I will ONLY ENTERTAIN SERIOUS THEORIES, so any anti-Semitic Aryian nation nutjobs or crazy whacked out Islamic terrorists, just shut the hell up. It is a question that though not at the fore front of my mind, has been gnawing at me for a while.

Wind Power

June 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because people demand power all the time and frankly, the wind doesn't blow...or maybe the wind just "blows."

The Captain's "Obscene Profit Break"

June 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tis that time again! Time to plug the Captain's wares and services so that he may continue to put food on the table, pay the mortgage and mayhaps save a little extra for his fossil hunting expeditions and Rumpleminze.

In any case, you can help the Captain by;

1. Donating to the "cause." That "cause" being raising enough money to pay off his mortgage early. Wouldn't it give you warm fuzzies to know you helped the Captain pay off his mortgage early?

2. Buy the Captain's Book (which I think most of you already have, but in case there's a couple stragglers out there).

3. Buy some stuff. Stuff, meaning primarily shirts and coffee mugs. Still working on this one to offer a larger selection.

4. Take a class with the Captain! Be it a basic personal financial class WHICH IS AN OUTSTANDING CLASS FOR YOUNGER FOLK or just a damn fine class on stock analysis and valuation, you will not be let down and it is definitely worth the money.

5. What economist is complete without his ability to offer dancing instruction!? Buy a DVD and see what the Captain looked like when he had long hair and still dated girls in their 20's. (makes a great gift for the capitalist femme fatale in your life!)

6. Arguably the best thing you can do is tell a friend about the Captain!

But no, seriously, the Captain likes money. Buy some stuff.

Deondra

June 23, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This one is for a poor kid I just met, Ferdinand.

I entered college at the age of 18 weighing 147 pounds.

By the time I was 19 years of age I had dropped down to 118.

And the reason for this precipitous loss in weight was two-fold.

One, I was dirt poor with no financial support from my parents, nor the government, and thusly could not afford any kind of fast food, let alone groceries, and therefore LOST the freshman 15 instead of gained it.

Two, I worked as campus security where, among other things, our job was to patrol the campus on foot or on bike where the AVERAGE night you would put 50 miles on your bike or 10 miles on foot.

Now I'm leaving A LOT of stuff out, but in short this period of time was hands down, without compare, the worst days in my life. I worked full time, went to school full time and frankly barely attended any parties, let alone had much of a social life outside of work, because the financial and academic rigors of college demanded it. Ergo, why I have no pity whatsoever when I hear spoiled brats complain about the costs of college while daddy financed them a brand new car or takes care of their credit card bills and practically all other living expenses, EXCEPT tuition.

Regardless, though all of college could generally be described as a 3.5 year abyss, the pits of the pits, the darkest depths of the abyss was my first Christmas break.

I didn't know if I was going to make it or not. I was just one trimester (the U had "trimesters" back then) into college then and all I had known was sleep depravation and poverty. But add to this hellish existence two more complications and it became unbearable;

1. Loneliness. I couldn't afford to go back home for Christmas break, and home was only 1.5 hours away. I had to sign up for as many shifts and OT as I could, or I otherwise would not have been able to afford the next trimester of tuition. And while I was happy to have the work, instead of a full force of security, they scaled back operations to "the Dirty Dozen" the 12 or 13 or so security guards that would pick up the rest of the shifts while the rest of the guards went home for Christmas break. And sure you'd see each other occasionally checking in or out of HQ, but you'd patrol by yourself for 12 hours, over a

veritable lifeless arctic tundra, go to a deserted dorm, and do it all over again, day in, day out for the next month.

2. Cold. Minnesota is cold. And though nothing personal or emotional, it wears on you psychologically, especially if you're patrolling out in subzero temperatures on hour 22 of a 32 hour shift over the Washington Avenue bridge on Christmas eve (and no, I am not making this up). It doesn't get warm. It's always cold. But the campus needed parking lot and bridge patrols and so you would do push ups to stay warm, pad your boots with paper towels from the bathrooms to stave off the frost bite and come up with stupid poems to stave off the insanity.

However, there was one bit of hope. There was one shimmer of light I had in this otherwise dreary, bitterly cold nightmarish existence;

Deondra.

Deondra was a freshman just like me. And though I had no time for social activities or the pursuit of cute girls, Deondra was that one weird girl that pursued me. Not aggressively, but as I was just sitting there in the cafeteria she just came up and asked if she could sit there. Kind of shocked I said "sure" and thus begat a friendly conversation which led to a couple dates.

It was already late into fall and my work schedule was such that not much of a heated romance could form, but by the time winter break rolled around and the campus emptied itself, there was really nothing or nobody else for socializing. Sure I had friends at work, but we were nothing but sleep-deprived, hypothermic zombies that would greet each other in between work and sleep shifts. But there was that one nice, kind girl. The one who was kind enough to go out on a couple dates and even drive me to the grocery store so I could get groceries.

Well it was the middle of December, the campus was deserted, and I received a call from Deondra. She was wondering how I was doing and what I had going on for Christmas. I said,

"Well I have to work Christmas Eve into Christmas Day, then wake up again around 8PM so I can start my shift at 9PM."

She said, "Aren't you going home?"

I said, "No, I can't, I have to work. Besides, I don't have a car, so I couldn't go even if I wanted to."

Feeling pity for me she said, "Well, why don't you come over to my folks house for

Christmas dinner in Apple Valley?”

The smile on my face was like seeing a beautiful nurse in a WWII battlefield hospital. I was already physically and psychologically depleted and the company on Christmas day, not to mention a home made, warm meal was the best Christmas gift one could ask for.

I said “Sure, that would be great.”

And she said, “Well I’ll pick you up at 5PM and then drop you back off at the police department at 9PM just in time for work.”

I said, “Thanks, I really appreciate it.”

My Christmas Eve shift was somehow not as cold as the previous ones (even though if I recall correctly that night it had dropped to -10 degrees). The patrols were not as dreary and the entire night I got to look forward to and dream about the food and this really sweet nice girl that was going to have me over for dinner. Matter of fact, this is the type of girl you would probably want to hold onto and get serious with. Beautiful, educated, and kind. I let those thoughts carry me through until you could see the sun start to lighten up the eastern sky as 7AM approached and most families in the nation started opening their Christmas gifts (unless of course you’re one of those cheating Catholics that can’t wait until the 25th and open theirs on the 24th!)

I trudged back to my deserted dorm, too tired to take a shower, crawled into my bed in full uniform, set the alarm for 430PM and fell asleep immediately, though no doubt with a smile on my face.

The alarm on my Ironman digital watch woke me up. I got up like most kids did 10 hours previously, giddy and excited. Hopped in the shower, put on a nice shirt and some slacks, packed my uniform and my winter gear, until I realized I hadn’t gotten Deondra any kind of gift. I looked around frantically as well as equally hopelessly because what possible gift would an impoverished college freshman have in his dorm that would make for any kind of Christmas gift? I figured the best I could do was write a funny, light hearted poem thanking her for her kindness, but with the 10 minutes I had to go before she picked me up, the poem was nothing to be proud off. Regardless, I took it, still debating whether I would even give it to her or not and rushed downstairs.

There I sat in the lobby, nobody there except the desk clerk working on some papers. Deadly silent as the snow was falling as I looked out the window, sitting there with my backpack and a folded up piece of paper with the poem on it. It was getting dark, still a little bit of light left, I looked at my watch and it was 5PM.

I set my watch fast just for instances like these to make sure I was on time. Still had a

couple minutes to go, so I figured she would pull up momentarily and let my thoughts drift about what kind of food would be at her house.

Turkey? Chicken? Steak? Some potatoes. Ooo! I could get a doggy bag and be able to eat a good meal on my overnight shift. I could totally gorge myself and get that first home made meal in 3 months.

I looked at my watch. 5:03.

Hmmm… Must have run into traffic. Snow probably slowing down traffic.

5:10.

Wow, traffic must really be bad…even for Christmas day…I hope she's alright.

5:15

I decided to go call her house (because we didn't have cell phones back then) to see if she was on her way. Went to the desk to use their phone. It rang and rang and rang and I got her voicemail.

"Hey Deondra, it's me, just wondering if you're on your way or not."

5:25

Decided to try calling again. Still no answer, just her voicemail.

And at 1730 hours on December 25th, 1993 your rookie, idealistic, naïve Captain had a pivotal epiphany that would set him down the path that in part made him he is the man he is today.

"I don't think she's coming."

It's kind of like Afro Samurai, if you've ever seen it. Samuel Jackson does the voice for an imaginary sidekick Afro Samurai has and more or less acts as his id-subconscious. And the entire movie this hallucination talks to Afro, giving him advice, if not, more so picking on him.

It was the same thing. Not that I was hallucinating and there was some alterego version of me, but in my head I started having a conversation with myself.

"Why wouldn't she show up?

What did I do wrong?

How could somebody do something like this?”

And other stupid questions naïve, 18 year old American boys will ask themselves on the precipice of the hell they have no idea that they’re about to enter called “conventional American dating.”

Now needless to say that Christmas night was certainly one of the darkest, badest ones in my life (and I’ve had plenty). I have rarely had such anger and hatred. I don’t even remember the night being cold or dreary or painful. I don’t even remember getting tired. But I do remember coming to a very important conclusion that most men do not have the benefit of realizing until they’re much older.

“I don’t have time for this shit.”

Now, this is long ago in the past, but that does not mean the lesson should not be passed on or that we should not learn something from it. And as I see men younger than me, confused and dazed as to what they did wrong, and girls wondering why men seem to become aloof and indifferent to marriage or engaging in things such as a “marriage strike” allow me to help those of you younger aspiring, junior, deputy and otherwise economists out there by making some lessons crystal clear;

Boys/Men – When you are younger, say 14 to 25 or so, you have to realize you are not dating adults. You are dating children. I don’t know why, but my experience has told me sometimes girls at this age prefer to play games more than do anything approaching engaging in a real dating or courting relationship. In a sick and twisted way, they prefer to string you along and play games and find it fun. I don’t even think they realize that you are a human being too, and it takes on more of a roll where it’s like a cat toying with a wounded mouse. I don’t know why. I don’t have empirical proof of it. It’s only been my anecdotal experiences that have led me to this conclusion.

Regardless, the whole point is that IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO BE STOOD UP FOR A DATE PERIOD. There is nothing wrong with you if you get stood up, but rather there is something wrong with them. And if there’s one thing I wish I could convey to the younger men out there it’s that it’s NOT YOUR FAULT. You cannot take it out on you as did I and millions of other men have. And while it is hard to be indifferent or aloof to a girl standing you up, you must view it in terms of “Is a girl who stands men up for s’s and g’s the type of girl I want to date?” You will come to the same conclusion I did;

“I don’t have time for this shit.”

Conversely, it is just as evil and bad to stand girls up. Don’t do it. Think about what

you've been put through and then think about how you felt and know you've caused the same pain in a girl, who is probably equally innocent.

Girls/Women – DO NOT STAND UP A GUY EVER. You want to be the 40 year old with no husband, but a nice collection of cats and a lonely hate-filled life? Well sweetheart, you're well on your way. Men are not bobbles to toy around with and re-enact your favorite episodes of Dawson's Creek or 90210 on. Many women ask "where are all the good guys?" Well, ask yourself the question how many you stood up, how many you played games with, or how many you just didn't treat respectfully and there's your answer.

Not that it will make you feel any better Ferdinand, but all the veterans have been there before.

Masters Degree in READING

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Oh wow.

I get job updates from a website called Indeed.com. And this one came in the mail.

There are two things horribly appalling about this.

One, the fact there is a FREAKING COLLEGE CLASS ON HOW TO READ

Two, even MORE APPALLING IS YOU NEED YOUR EFFING MASTERS DEGREE TO TEACH THE DAMN CLASS!

Wow, just all I can say is effing wow.

The Captain's Casting Call

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As you may have noticed I have enlisted the help of some beautiful femme fatales to advertise and promote various aspects of Cappy Cap on the side bar.

However, while currently I only have 2 models, I need 5.

And despite a casting call going out to my female friends, only two have responded while the rest have said, "Yes, sure, that would be great" but have since only managed to procrastinate.

Ergo!:

I am putting forth a casting call for any Cappy Cap readers of the female persuasion who would be interested in becoming one of the Captain's models. You can see by the current models (Natasha and Sindi) that the pictures are appropriate and cute, nothing sexual or lewd. More or less just looking for a woo-ing or sighing type face and then I'll put some schmaltzy line in with the picture.

In any case, if you or somebody you know that loves capitalism and is interested, shoot me an e-mail at;

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Mucho thanks!

Washington Avenue Bridge

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I have received several requests regarding the Washington Avenue Bridge which I have referenced frequently both here and in my book.

Basically it is a bridge spanning the Mississippi that connects the East and West banks of the U of Minnesota campus. It is just 3/4 miles downstream from the famous 35W bridge that collapsed about 2 years ago.

During my tenure there it was an ugly, minimalist, 1960's architectural piece of crap that only stoned or drunk baby boomers would have found visually pleasing (kind of like listening to The Doors). Since then they painted it and made it look less disgusting.

Originally the interior corridor was supposed to be heated so students could walk to each bank in comfort during the harsh winters. But that would have cost too much and communications professors would have to earn a paltry $65,000 per year instead of the $70,000 they earn now, plus we wouldn't have a new stadium every year for teams that never win championships, so you can see why it was important never to heat the damn thing no matter how much it would have benefited the masses.

The above picture was a picture I took during the summer of 1994. You can see just what a dreary bridge it was.

Hypotype of the 68th Medical Regiment

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My grandpa died a while ago and going through some of his stuff I came across a newspaper/letter while he was in the Marines in WWII. Of the many places he was stationed, most notable was his participation in the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was on the second wave of Marines to hit the beach and being a medic certainly saw his fair share of bloodshed.

In any case, I don't know how many people are alive from the 68th Medical Regiment, but thought I might throw this up there in case some of the original authors or perhaps people mentioned in the publication might still be around and like to see a piece of yesteryear.

Here are the names listed in the publication so it is searchable;

Francis Kintz
Albert Schuster
William Hoffman
Richard Weinert
Lloyd Reid
Sigmund Nastale
Ike Woolf
Chaplain McBarron
Bill Hiehle
Elmer Vana
Hy Kaplan
Forg Giannaki
Stretch Putnam
Koewler Brafford
Winterbothom
Joe Perlman
Dave Pollack
Jesse Hutson
Rudy Goddard
Chester Walls
Joe Sulk

Type-Type

"69th M.P." REG'T.

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EDITORIAL

This is your newspaper. It is issued primarily for your enjoyment and information. If so, the staff, have been successful in accomplishing this end, we are fully rewarded. Our main concern is that this newspaper meets all the standards the requirements that distinguish this regiment from any other. We are extremely interested in bringing to the fore all items of value and news that make good reading. Naturally we'll need more time and experience before this is accomplished. Therefore we welcome you to make constructive criticisms so that we can improve our paper.

We also will welcome any articles or item anyone wishes to present to us. If you have any original ideas, poems, cartoons, or anything that would be beneficial to our paper, we will be grateful to accept it. So men of the 69th, we hope that our efforts will be rewarded by your acceptance of our newspaper.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Greetings to the regiment on the advent of the re-activation of our regimental newspaper. This should be a very worth while and interesting adventure and with the cooperation of everyone will "go over with a bang".

I am sure that the "spirit of the 69th" will demonstrate itself here as in everything else the regiment has attempted.

Colonel Kintz.

S. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service.

Below are 3 questions which your topsiick probably won't ever ask you but they are interesting to know. If you get all 3 right, you spend more time listening to lectures than on guard. If you miss them all, see the chaplain. Check the answer for each.

1. Gen. Ike Eisenhower made his headquarters for the Sicilian invasion -
A. A warship ( ). B. A White Cave ( )
C. Dante ( ).

2. The 8th. Army sector of the Sicilian battle line is held by -
A. Canadians ( ). B. Yanks ( ).
C. British ( ).

3. The first air raid on Rome, which hit military targets only and which was not condemned by the Pope, was carried out exclusively by -
A. French Allies ( ). B. The RAF ( ).
C. The U.S. AAF ( ). answers on page 2.

TYPE-TYPE
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COMPANY "F"

By T/5 Sigmund Bartels.

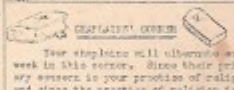
From the foxholes of Co. "F" pops a thin shadow like that of Pfc. Ike Woolf, the lean air rocker from Texas who is constantly spreading his rumorous report that we have nine more years of rigorous fighting. Undoubtedly, his imagination is his belief because his Duration-kit is well packed with Bull Durham. Ike! We'll show you just how effective we are. Saturday comes another inspection you know!

After one of our recent hikes, Cpl. Rosenlaw with his mouth and running style of complaining "I'm just saving", claimed he lost forty pounds of solid flesh. Rather a speedy way to reduce, Ed! If you value those pounds as you would value an the colors, we advise you to speak to Cpl. Harper, he's in charge of the griddlecake and shoveprder at the chow department. He corroborate that extraordinary mentality when it comes to pancakes. Oh yes Harper! The boys are kindly asking that you serve "Tess" instead of the usual goat. They say it's more domesticated and anyway, we're in need of a few horse to accompany our guitarists. Their music sounds so dull with just the pickers and no wind...

Sgt. Stopka has turned musical at last. His first number goes something like this: "WITH EVERY STEP I TAKE, A NEW PAIN TAKES PLACE. He thought of it during a previous road march. Hey Joe! will it be in key of "g"? If it's "MIN" your thinking of, how about "B Flat". Trim it up Joe, trim it, we see a great future in you.

Who's that great ball player the boys all talk about? He knocked in three runs with bases loaded and stopped at second. Hon Co. "F"'s first ball game of course. Gather around the easy box boys, the star is about to talk. Now Lyhowsky! Hit it to us, stop by stop.....

We have just received a late bulletin. PLACE.....Co. "F" has won a Volleyball game. CHEER.....



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Your chaplains will alternate each week in this corner. Since their primary concern is your practice of religion, and since the practice of religion is a day by day performance-not merely the attendance at a Sunday service-there is very little that you do which can't be considered from a religious angle. And that is why the War Department has chaplains on full-time duty. So this paper and its guiding spirits have kindly permitted us to have a share in some spotlight, as one means of keeping us full-time.

There is a gremlin making the rounds of the regiment. His nickname is "Dogpuss". He always installs Pass-poster which strangles the fate mantles. Watch out for him; if he finds he's welcome he's liable to invite his whole family over to help him with the grraging; and they tell me its quite a big family too. yet.Note is painted face measles which are always ready to grin.

/s/ Chaplain McBarron

SUNDAY

Protestant Service	10 A.M.
Catholic Mass	7&9 A.M.
Daily	6 P.M.

S-P-O-R-T-S

COMPANY "D" WINS FIRST ROUND VOLLEY-BALL TOURNEY

In one of the hardest fought series of the year just Company went down to defeat at the hands of a strong I Company aggregation. It was E all the way in the first game winning easily 15-6. E2S was hard to win 1 close 15-13 second game. Both teams were at their peak in the third game. The score was tied up three times before E Company could pick out a two point winner. Kaplan and Fulton looked best for the winners while Bill Hicks was best for the losers.

During the regular season both teams lost one game, and in each case the loss could be contributed to the team not being at full strength due to furloughs. D-S lost to H Company while E lost to A.

Members of the winning team are Elmer Vern, Dr Kaplan, Pvt Mazuchia Sgt Pochick Hennessy, Corporal Fulton and Lowder Bradford.

TEAM STANDINGS AS OF 27 AUGUST

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
E	8	1	C	4	4
HQS	7	2	G	3	6
D	6	3	F	2	6
A	5	3	I	1	7
H	4	4			

Elimination Tournament is Substituted for Round Robin

Due to the accelerated training program and the gradually shortening days it has become necessary to play the second round of the softball and volleyball leagues as double elimination tournaments rather than the usual round robin.

In a double elimination tournament each team plays until it has been defeated twice, then it is out of the running. By using this method the number of games necessary to determine a winner is reduced from 36 games to about 18.

Dockets will be held Saturday morning at 1130 at the Regimental Recreation Hall. All Athletic representatives are requested to be there for the drawing.

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Company D Wields Fierce Half

SEPTEMBER Stick

Company D has completed the first round of the softball competition with one game yet to play. They are now in first place with seven wins and no losses. Company I is second place with six wins and two losses while H is in third with four wins and three losses, but with one game yet to play.

Captain Sutter of I Company has gone on record that the second round will be a different story. After losing their first two games I Company came back strong and took the next six in a row. H Co. had the opposite jinx. They started strong but dropped their last three games to A, C, and D respectively.

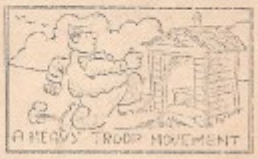
Participation has been excellent. The league was off to a slow start due to men away on furloughs, but the interest is now running high. The second round looks like a hot race.

Standings of 27 August.

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
D	7	0	C	3	3
I	6	2	F	3	3
H	4	4	HQS	2	3
A	3	4	E	2	4
G	3	4			

Results of Last Week's Games

D-4: H-1	F-3: G-6
D-5: HQS-1	I-4: C-5
F-4: I-8	HQS-7: F-2



I COMPANY JOKES
by T/4 Tilghman

Your writer is one who has always maintained that the present conflict was only a forerunner of the inevitable struggle between the sexes.

Therefore no sense in wasting the Sicilian issue, the Salerno campaign or the Fletcher's prevalent lately between B and C mess personnel. Even the Vetter-Scorchers bout is a dead issue. Whether Vetter is actually looking for Pfc when he arises at 4:00 each morning to polish his shoes, or she's or Scorchers is simply as Ovid his own clodhopper will show up one fine morn not to Vetter's is irrelevant, immaterial, and generally speaking just plain nonsensical.

Joe Belter can even knock hell out of any Co B E.P. he chooses. Dr Daniel (don't call me Rochester) Kaplan and his buddy Brown can speak because the ole man won't let them join the performance--but I tell you it isn't seen a thing.

Question of the Week: What strange fascination does Hartsville hold for Red Farrar, Boom-Boom Tymowsky, and Sycamore Lockett??? and is it true that Frank Pavo has joined the weekly trek there?????

COMPANY I JOTTINGS
by T/4 Joe Parlman

Men of Co H extend congratulations to "SUPO-TUTZ" on its first appearance. T/4 Joe Parlman, Company Reporter, welcomes items of interest for this column.

Tuesday Bloomsdale is where everyone gradually show up. No some hill is a favorite gathering place where Mess Sgt Dave Eich reportedly over delicious meals. We say "well done" to the men who are busy in the kitchen there hot dogs, Santa, Delaney, Dare, Stowell, S Barker, H Phillips, Shear for the K.P.'s.

We're still going strong on the notorious Pfc-Corporal happy bridge games are Johnson, Sorrell, Elliott, Schmeiser, Dixon, L.A.Barker. Everybody writes long letters occasionally, but Don Martin will write the longest anyone. Pfc Mary Ann Bloomsdale rated a column on the sports page of his home town newspaper recently. The great playing of the volley-ball team is featured by flashy teamwork--when Vern jumps he's really on the ball.

Strange but true. Frankly Francis rises early to play in the band; Mike Higgs has detected without a cigar stuck in his mouth; Hennessy was noticed standing on his feet to reach for something; "I'm a lonely soldier b-o-y-y-y-y, for any-y-y-y f-r-e-e 3-c-e-e-e-n-d-s" confides Dick Steckle to an eager audience, as Teddy Blue applauds his approval in the background. Jack Black to describe his five kinds of pie, when the C.Q. yelled "Fall out" the other morning, everyone sprang up out of bed--very strange, if true...

S-Sgt Cowboy Hallaneary wants it known that he will see for himself if there are Grass in Kalamazoo--a glamour boy on the loose.

Co H wishes to take pleasure in watching Sgtlan smashing a volley-ball over the net; Sikkar stealing the water in the Harrison Creek; Higgs winding up and pitching a baseball; Gentile dancing and counterfeiting with a right hook; Barsa doing push-ups with affectless ease; Sabre running with a long stride; Carpenter going after a fast-hopping grounder; Armstrong catching a fly-ball in center field; Brute playing in the grass on his trumpet; Harden pounding a punching bag; Goats dashing paint on a canvas; Glomsbie dribbling a basket-ball and Dedinsky mopping the floor around the back.

Swimming classes were popular and instructive--Guttman and Fuller surprised themselves by swimming across the stream, and Simon discovered he could paddle, too.

H & S HAPPENINGS
By Sgt Doug Gillie

The Regimental Sergeant Major, Donald Brown (better known as "The Refugee from a Blood Transfusion) made the hike to the tank course and still has his two corpuscles knocking each other around..... Sgt Ryland Mosier reading a newspaper through his last week..... Tommy G. Miller broke down and shot craps with the H & S attachers, I took em..... After winning approximately sixty ($64,000.00) odd bucks, he decided to split up his winnings with the unlucky participant of the game..... BATTALION: Here's hoping those Warrant Officer-ships come through soon for Sgts Victorplong and Lewis. Good luck, men..... Jim Sleppy of Red Detachment Headquarters got married while on furlough. Congr-

[illegible]tions, Joe.. But you should have taken a Bye-Bopper full of blood in each eye.. Thought perhaps you would blood to death.... The company softball team won a game last week, thanks to Duffy Capriuolo's [illegible]ble pitching efforts.. Looks as if we still have a fighting chance to win the [illegible] softball championship.. If "Little Bull" could have seen Mike Galloway in Chattanooga last week-end she certainly would have called "HELL". We also hear from our Chattanooga correspondent that Harry B. [illegible]ellan is trying to get a Section VIII by [illegible] ...son of Chronic Alcoholism.. On the [illegible] dont hike one could have acquired approximately four gallons of Seagram's V.O. [illegible] it way, you sly Bazar, you'll be in O- 13... Saw 1st Sgt Plunner's wife in [illegible] Sunday.. By the way, hey, who is the boss at home? You or mommie?? Our Company Sister--Ralph Sinning is importing an addition to the family..Have another three-day pass for the kid.. He'll need it... I hear Paul Sloan, the stud duck at the motor pool has reenlisted for another two years.. You strictly lap it up don't you Paul?? I wonder if Sonny Santagata actually got married or just stole, I mean borrowed, the ring he's wearing.. Is it a secret Sonny???

Company D Gossip
By Pvt Jack Pollack

Jerry Waite is still crying that his only acquired love (?) doesn't love him. [illegible] by the way Louis Dagiralis is about the [illegible] way.... Charles Carder still takes Hitler's picture off the shelf when he doesn't get a letter from her, and then puts it up again when he does.... When will Ralph L. Martin stop talking like one of the [illegible]-end rider.... Say, have you seen the beautiful boutonniere sketched by Co. D's own Pvt Bright A couple more restrictions and he should have some unique pieces for his home! We'll see what we can do for you Kara. If you're in the mood for a tough nut Sgt [illegible] Purpose to initiate some of the patients in his care.... What is this we hear about our esteemed Sgt Mcalpin partaking of intermission with the Colonel at the station hospital. Could he be apple polishing.... Company D welcomes Russel Spotswell a newcomer. He's really a swell guy.... Bernie (Mickie) Berry wants to see his name in print. It here it is Bernie. DEEDS BOTHAY. (Personally I think he'd enjoy a bowl of goulash much better).... Is there anyone in the regiment who will volunteer to get breakfast in the morning? Adam Everhart, the jolly Nebraskan of Co. D By the way, did you know that Co D has won the soft ball championship of the Regiment?..... Our beloved Mess Sergeant "Ike" Unsold is still scrapping in Chattanooga.... I wonder if Sgt Steyton is still worried about the race riots in Detroit? I suppose he soon had home to Philadelphia.... Hey, Tarzan, why don't you let that little girl at the P.X. alone? .... Sgt Zwirki lets do a little more work on the I.O.C. algebra. Remember, it cost you two bucks.... Remember dear Dorothy, please come home. "Remember Harry chases you.... The three musketeers of Co. D are "Pistol-packin' Mama" dedicated by Sgt Malpin and enacted by Sgt Peterson.

Co A Reports
By Pvt Jack Ritson

What private recently had the unhappy experience of making a trip to Nashville for the purpose of spending a lovely weekend with his fiance, only to lose half of his upper plate in the V.M.C.A.....Wall our, Sarjiger? This has been a familiar cry in Company A ever since "Ripple" was successful in arranging a transfer to the paratroops. Rob has been the object of much ribbing after he announced his forthcoming departure, but he has taken it all with his usual good nature. We're sorry to see you leave, Ripple, but we wish you the greatest of success in your new venture. Be sure to take your barracks bag, however; you'll need it on an emergency ratute if your regular one fails to open.... What staff sergeant in Company A had to wear dolor-ar glasses after spending a lovely weekend in Nashville? Good stuff if you can get it...

(answers to G. I. Q.

1 - B; 2 - C; 3 - D;

Company E News Notes
By Pvt Rudy Goddard

The spirit of Co "E" is of the highest, and the men are performing their duties with enthusiasm never before shown. We all feel that the high morale of this Company is due to our new Commanding Officer, Capt. Bertha, and the newly assigned commissioned officers, who have the respect and cooperation of every man under their command... FLASH...Speaking of morale it just jumped twenty-five percent, when we learned that the fourteen mile hike scheduled for Monday morning was called off. Our baseball team won its last six games, but finished second to Co "D" in the first half of the series. We now have a well balanced club and expect to win the second half series, as well as the regimental championship. With such stars as J.D.Smith, Sgt Liskn, Sgt. Kesselbach, "Farmer" Fisher and "Blacky" Blackburn performing for us, we are a cinch to bring home the bacon. Sheff Sgt. French, expects a blessed event in October...another "Staff" in hopes. Congratulations, Sgt. Miller, on your recent marriage, and our best wishes to Mrs. Miller, for a long and happy married life.

H Co Newscasts
By Cpl. Chester Mills

Oh you Redhead! Red Seifer alias Hayes Seifer our best bachelor finally gave up the battle. She's a beauty too. Congratulations Red. I hear S/Sgt Pettingim has turned detective. Give us the inside dope on."The Case of the Missing Girl". Ben Fauskcooper our congenial mess sergeant was quite an equestrian. He was heard to say with a tear in his eye."I can't ride no more for the duration." "Due to feed shortages the horses have gone the way of all flesh." "When I used to ride I rode wide with pride upon my platter."

Sgt. Earle Kelley says, "I heard they were going to start feeding us in field rations." Can you imagine us getting ease and up on G.I. . After returning from a week-end in Chattanooga, S/Sgt. Andy Hanla says, "Chattanooga is really a nice town to visit." Tell us about it sometime Andy.

The only thing the fellows have left from civilian life in The Army Bowling Alleys.... I know a lot of the fellows were sorry to hear of Pope's transfer to H&S. What is one loss is their gain Good Luck Ed.

Reports of the News from Co "A"
By Pvt Joe Zalk

The Company "A" Slogan as every one knows is, We're Hot".... Forthcoming events, "BLESSED" get in touch with Sgt. Kulasik or Cpl. T.Lewis Altman.... It is understood that P.F.C. Lawrence J. Hintz, son of Sgt. Dobich's chic driver is getting a discharge from the Army.... Pvt. Herbert Gibbs, the boy that promised a bit of Dentistry on maneuvers this year, using squirrels and wood chucks for his patients is also getting discharged.... FLASH Alban is contemplating marriage. We won't believe it until he starts tossing out the cigars....Sgt. Frank Kowlewski has been our supply Sgt. so long that when he greets you in the morning he says, "Sorry Chum, we haven't got any" That goes for Joe and Mac too..... P.F.C. Joe Zalk Jr. completed one year in the Army Sod. August 18.'43 that date being his birthday.... Matrimony invaded some of our boys on their last furlough. Now about 18 Sgt. Bull and P.F.C. Carselizzen. P.F.C. Charles Lotterman being the most recent, Congratulations boys! Pvt Harry Moore, says he is just a good old man. Does anyone ever remember of him falling out on a march?

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One (1) Everhardp Fountain Pen. Owner may have same by identifying at Regimental Supply Office.

Minneapolis Morons

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You have to read this. This is the crap I have to deal with in Minneapolis.

William Grob left and Claire Boucher sat on their houseboat at the Minneapolis impound lot on Thursday afternoon. The young college students built their houseboat raft with hope of sailing down the Mississippi river to New Orleans.

E-mail this photo

Published June 25, 2009

I will make several observations and comments;

1. Neither one of these morons produces enough to support themselves. And it would not surprise me that either they are;
a. Spoiled brat suburbanite children whose parents have paid for everything
b. Spoiled brat government children whose government has paid for everything

In either case, neither one of them hold real jobs and rely on other people to take care of them.

2. Wild, crazy guess here, NEITHER ONE VOTED FOR JOHN MCCAIN

3. They didn't major in real subjects in college (if attended at all) because if they did, they may have had the engineering skills to make sure their engine would RUN MORE THAN 2 FREAKING MILES BEFORE CONKING OUT

4. "Alcohol was found on the scene." NOOOOOOOO!!!!

Monday Recession Medicine

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What "gulla-bull."

Old Things I've Found Cleaning

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Further accelerating "Operation: Clean Out the House" I happened upon this which I estimate dates back to 1993.

You're young, you can spare a bladder.

Which is essentially all social security and medicare really is.

Because the Child Goes Well With the Drapes

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I do not like children.

I have stated this before and I will continue to do so long into the future.

However, I do have an immeasurable amount of pity for children in that I remember what it was like being a child. Children are humans too.

They have the same feelings.

They have the same emotions.

But worse, they do not have the experience us adults do to explain the chaos that surrounds them. Especially if two adult children decide to bring one of these unfortunate souls into the world in a thoughtless act of passion and then use the poor kid as a chess piece when it comes to divorce time.

Ergo, children are truly innocent and why (paradoxically) I do not want any of my own, yet feel there is no other group or category of people that I have more pity and sympathy for than children.

But what I will not tolerate, because I DO GENUINELY care about children, is the god damned effing fad of having children for the sake of having children.

Let me explain.

Women want to have children.

Accepted, understood.

But when women (or sometimes men) have children because "THEY WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN" I can get no further enraged because it has immediately not become about the child, but the CHILD that wants to have a child.

"I want a child because I want a child."

Now let me explain something to all of you people who want "children."

"Children" are not effing items that go well with the drapes.

Children are not physical toys you purchase at Ikea to go well with the house.

Children are not a god damned SUV you can turn off or ship off to the mechanic to fine tune.

Children ARE HUMANS WITH REAL HUMAN EMOTIONS AND JUST AS MUCH CONSCIOUSNESS AND SENTIENTNESS AS YOU!

They suffer the same pains as you did.

They suffer the same emotions as you did.

And if you DARE bring a child into this world because it "CONVENIENCES" you, but are so selfish as to not provide a husband or father figure to this innocent soul, then you are the epitome of selfishness and why society is collapsing.

I know men are not fashionable.

I know they're not "cool."

But unfortunately MEN DO ACCOUNT FOR ROUGHLY 50% OF THE GOD DAMNED POPULATION.

And if your child, male or female, wishes to have any kind of sensible grounding or reference point as to how to interact with the opposite sex, let alone, the rest of society, they will need (a grandiose politically correct) "regrettably" father figure in the household.

I know, "DAMN FATHER FIGURES!" What do they know, those stupid males? They get in the way of me having children!

Well maybe, just maybe in 20 million years of evolution, they're there for a god damned purpose?

Look, I am all for gay marriage.

I am all for same sex couples.

Because I do know that even though they may be of the same sex, they will at least, provide the child with two parents.

But the greediness, conceitedness, and above all, selfishness of having a child because:

"I want a child"

as if he/she is like ordering freaking cable with the absence of a father

I will not stand for.

Enjoy sending your kid off to day care.

Enjoy OUTSOURCING the upbringing of your kid because s/he inconveniences you.

And when you're old

And crippled

And in a sub-par nursing home

And not getting any visits from your child

Then you'll know what it's like to be treated like a freaking consumer item and not a fellow human being.

Update. If any of you young men in your late teens and early 20's wonder why you are having problems dating girls, here's your answer.

Also a reason never to hire somebody from Yale.

Wal-Mart Cheaper Than Goodwill

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Given this horrible recession and dire economy and while you wait around for Barack Our Saviour Obama to help, I thought it worthy pointing out that the much vilified and hated Wal-Mart has done more to help those of you suffering from the recession than our blessed government.

You can go to Wal-Mart and get the cheapest prices on practically EVERYTHING, which makes your dollars go further, but more importantly, INCREASES YOUR STANDARDS OF LIVING (those bastards!).

Now I know elite, faux-poor, trust fund babies will still rally against Wal-Mart, claiming they hurt the poor, while ignoring the fact the real poor go there for a reason, but just to show you the sheer power of a free, capitalistic entity such as Wal-Mart, I forgot to mention an interesting story.

The other day I went to Goodwill. Because Goodwill is cheap and proceeds go to help the poor. But when I couldn't find the particular picture frame I wanted, I had to go to Wal-Mart.

Thinking it would be more expensive, I was happy to find out that the management and business model of Wal-Mart is SO efficient, A BRAND NEW PICTURE FRAME WAS CHEAPER THAN A USED ONE AT GOODWILL.

Wal-Mart beating Goodwill on price.

Wow. That's really got to throw leftist religion for a loop.

Ignorance: It's How the Democrats Stay in Power

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And that's not even a slam. It's true.

If people were educated about just some basic simple economic principles and tenets as well as some basic statistics, the democratic party would go the way of the communists in Russia and Beanie Babies in the suburbs.

Alas, capitalism produces so much wealth that it pacifies the masses intellect into laziness and sloth, making them ripe picking for idiotic ideologies or religions like global warming and socialism.

Regardless, here is a recent example of such ignorance. The API (American Petroleum Institute) came out with it's 3rd annual "Energy IQ" survey. It's scary just how much it's like an intellectual version of Jay Leno's "Jay Walking."

Now there were many questions, the results of which you can find here, but my favorite is this one in that it shows you just how damn ignorant the masses are and how easy it is to get them to believe lies:

Q8. How much do oil companies pay in income taxes as a share of their income?

Source: Energy Information Administration, 2007 Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers, December 2008.
Correct Answer: 40.4%

Answers	Total N=1298
Less than 15%	31%
15% to 30%	17%
31% to 45%	9%
46% to 65%	4%
Not sure	38%

I'm being dead serious when I say there must be some kind of civics or intelligence test before you can vote. Call it dictatorial, but you'll all soon pay the costs for giving any uninformed, dumbass moron out there the right to vote.

Oh, and let me point out again

BIG OIL DIDN'T NEED A BAIL OUT

Another Reason Not to Move or Invest in California

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You just can't make it up.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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Today's term boys and girls is called

"Capital flight."

It's when people move their money out of a country because that country's tax rate, regulatory environment or government has become too hostile or impossible to do business in.

It's already happening, well, because Obama is in the truest and literal sense an economic dumbass and thinks people are just going to stay here and take it.

If you need to explain why corporate tax rates are bad to a leftist and if there is a SOLE SINGLE REASON the socialist's economic plan will NOT resurrect the economy, this is it.

How's That Hope and Change Working For Ya?

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WARNING - THIS POST HAS ADULT LANGUAGE

I have changed my mind.

I used to be of the opinion that those who voted for Obama consisted of such brainwashed American Idol watchers that no amount of economic chaos and collapse would convince them. That, like their 1930's socialism-loving ilk, they would follow Obama deeper and deeper into a depression, just like they did their ordained saint, FDR, as he waxes wooingly telling the idiotic masses nothing concrete or actionable, but rather bland pleasantries, overabusing soft sounding adjectives to explain (or actually avoid explaining) how we were going to get out of this economic mess.

But now with unemployment hitting a record high, I actually believe the day of reconing where the economy gets so bad it starts to really cause pain and harm to the masses to the point they actually shed their intellectual laziness and start to question whether Obama's pecks and Michelle's arms are really going to get us out of the recession.

Ergo, I am changing my stance and now believe Obama will be a one termer and the Republicans will make gains in 2010.

However, there is something more important to do than just change my belief Obama will lose, because if we dont' take a lesson from this, we will not improve as a nation, and that is mock and ridicule you idiots who voted this bonafide socialist in because frankly, you are so uneducated about history and economics that you obviously do not appreciate democracy and therefore have shed your all important responsibility of being a steward of it and therefore really do not deserve the right to vote.

I don't know if you have seen Band of Brothers, but there's a scene in the movie where Webster (one of the soldiers) kind of loses it and just starts yelling at the top of his lungs at a bunch of captured German soldiers:

And truthfully I feel the exact same way.

We had, HAD the greatest nation on the planet.

We had a culture where work and self-reliance and the individual and freedom were not only sacrosanct, but the foundation of this country.

Our forefathers were arguably the greatest people in the history of the world and gave us this great country that achieved unimaginable wealth and prosperity on one simple damn principle;

Freedom.

And what did we do?

We got so lazy, so spoiled and so fat off the proceeds that we started taking for granted not only this great country, but the great freedoms granted to us. Worse still more and more of us started making money or a living off of villianizing and criminalizing this great country or piting one group of people against the other. Some becoming pscyhotic enough to instill the inane economy-destroying religion of global warming, while having no qualms about profiting from it. Through nothing short of brainwashing and masses, re-writing history, and stooping so low as to brainwash the children, now we all march towards socialism just like the Germans not only completely forgetting how we achieved such wealth in the first place, but completely IGNORING the BLATANT realities of where socialism leads; North Korea, the former Soviet Union, Cuba, Venezuela and California.

Now I used to try to argue, even since I was a late teenager, about the drawbacks of socialism and the merits of capitalism. But it was an uphill battle, and as it turns out, an impossible one. The reason why was my peers were too damn ignorant, too damn uneducated, too damn un-or-misinformed. But above all else they were brainwashed. And no matter how right I could have been, no matter how many charts, data, statistics, correlations or just plain damn facts, no, they wanted socialism because of inane arguments such as;

"Well I just FEEL that the democrats are for the little people."

"I just FEEL the rich don't pay their fair share."

"I just FEEL we should all have health insurance."

Without knowing a damn thing.

Alas, I feel lot like Webster. After literally 15 years of trying to convince people about the costs of socialism and the potentials of capitalism to no avail, I have no option but to stand on top of a truck as we all suffer a new Great Depression asking the ignorant masses one simple question:

"For what!? You ignorant servile scum! What the fuck are we doing here!!!!!???"

What else can I do? We SHOULDN'T be here. We KNOW economics well enough and

HISTORY well enough to KNOW how to get out of it. Yet, I still feel like Michael Savage yelling into the wind as the sheople blindlessly follow a leader who has better American Idol skills than anything approaching leadership, experience and intelligence. Only crippling poverty will bring them around, I'm just angry I have to suffer along with the masses.

Ah, If Only It Were "Liberal Season"

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You need to prune the population. It's good for them you know. Otherwise they overpopulate.

Outcome Based Military

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I kind of feel ashamed that the US military, which I view as one of the most holy institutions in the history of the world, is guilty of this:

SCOPE

HEAVY MEDALS

BY EVAN THOMAS AND AKU AMMAH-TAGOE

COMPARED WITH THEIR WORLD WAR II counterparts, today's senior U.S. military officers are so weighed down with medals that they appear in danger of listing to port. The military at first disdained all decorations as undemocratic. Not until the Civil War did it hand out medals, and then there was only one kind: the Medal of Honor. In World Wars I and II, the list grew—the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and others—and after World War II came a great expansion of good-conduct decorations. There's been little talk of reducing the list. "It would be like starting employee-of-the-month and deciding you don't want to do it anymore," says Doug Sterner, a medals expert who runs a Web site called HomeOfHeroes.com. Medals still have meaning. A chestful of them is a kind of walking résumé. But there is something slightly *opéra bouffe* about lieutenants wearing more than Ike on D-Day.

Ike generally wore about five medals; his contemporary wears up to 20.

Nimitz often wore five; Mullen has 22 for service in various naval campaigns.

I don't think we're quite North Korea yet with our "wiped my own ass" medal or "breathing continually for 10 years" medal, but still the reflections are a bit concerning:

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-Il, right, and top officials of the Korean People's Army salute at a ceremony in 2005. AFP/HO

Barack Obama is a Dumbass

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And yes, it is that simple.

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Hmmm…How 'Bout That?

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The banks that were most profitable in 2008 were (primarily) Chinese.

Imagine that.

Waterstone Apartments: A Microcosm of Fascism

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An acquaintance of mine lives in an apartment complex called "Waterstone."

Littered across the hallways and elevators are little "notices/updates" that provide me with the perfect documentation of the evolution of fascism on a microcosmic scale. Understand this complex is under a management team, that as far as I can tell consists of nothing but idealistic 20/30 somethings, predominantly female, who have swallowed whole all the leftist BS and tripe that has come down the pipe.

I originally intended to post these as they came, but I got lazy. However, upon my latest mission (dun dun dunnnnn)

OPERATION CLEAN OUT ALL THE CRAP IN YOUR HOUSE

I've rediscovered some of these notices and I've decided to start scanning in and posting all these notices the Waterstone "family" has made in an effort to document yet another small segment of society that has frankly gone batsh!t insane and succumbed to believing the crap they were indoctrinated in back in college and high school as they form their own little Third Reich.

Enjoy. For the benefit of the readers I have made some of my own commentary as well as highlighted things that will make your eyes roll or which would also prompt Joe Soucheray to say "B as in B, S as in S."

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Live Smoke Free

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Waterstone Place Apartment Building Goes Smoke Free

Minnetonka's Waterstone Place offers luxury apartment living in a smoke-free environment

SAINT PAUL, MINN. – Waterstone Place in Minnetonka, MN, was designed to promote the health and vitality of the area's natural surroundings. On April 1, 2009, the building began implementing a smoke-free policy that will promote the health and vitality of its residents. The smoke-free policy covers the entire property, including all rental units and outdoor grounds. Brenda Hvarnbol, Director of Marketing for Steven Scott Management, says the company chose to put the smoke-free policy into effect as a way to prevent secondhand smoke exposure in the building. "The health and well being of residents is our top priority. A smoke-free building is safer and contributes to a better living environment," she said.

"We want Waterstone Place to be a home all residents will enjoy," said Hvarnbol. "In addition to being smoke free, Waterstone Place offers other great amenities for renters." Waterstone's apartments feature nine foot ceilings, cove molding, cherry finish cabinetry, granite islands, and ceramic floors, built-in shelving, full sized washer and dryer, and individually controlled heating and cooling systems. Residents can enjoy a walk by the native wetlands fed by Minnehaha Creek using the community's recreational trail system.

Peri Jo McKay, the Property Manager of Waterstone Place is excited to see the policy go into effect. She commented, "Steven Scott, Inc. is going green, and that it gives us a great opportunity to promote a completely healthy environment for our residents. Waterstone Place is located in a protected wetland, which offers us a wonderful view of our natural resources, so going smoke free was a natural choice."

"Waterstone Place is a beautiful property and the smoke-free policy will enhance their natural, healthy setting. They are doing a wonderful thing for their residents by offering a completely smoke-free living environment," said Carissa Duke, Community Outreach Coordinator for Live Smoke Free – a program that promotes smoke-free multi-housing in the Twin Cities.

Waterstone Place is the fourth smoke-free apartment building for Steven Scott Management. Bierman Place is located in Minneapolis near the University of Minnesota and offers a completely smoke-free building for university students. Creekside Apartments in Plymouth is partially smoke free and is in the process of adopting ~~a smoke-free policy for the entire building.~~ The Pointe at River Crossing in St. Paul recently opened smoke free. This year, at least three other Steven Scott communities ~~will be working to become smoke-free.~~

For more information on Waterstone Place, call 952-988-9800 or visit http://www.waterstoneplace.net.

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Dennis Prager's Happiness Hour

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When I had my radio show, I thought that I (naturally) had the best taste in bumper music. I played some Cowboy Bebop themes, Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, etc., but I will have to admit that Dennis Prager has a much more interesting and unique choice of music than I. Besides which, for your standard Monday Morning Recession Medicine, I can think of nothing better than the theme to Dennis' "Happiness Hour"

WARNING - The tune is catchy and will stick in your head all day...but perhaps that is a good thing;

High Net Worth Individuals

July 7, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I live in arguably the crappiest house in the one of the richest towns of Minnesota. Desperate to escape the city, the crime, and the unexplainable property taxes, not to mention the leftist culture (which if you know Seward, you know precisely what I'm talking about), I escaped the city and found a cheap place in a suburb far, far away.

However, though I am not rich by any means, nor am I part of the culture, I reside in an area where Mercedes are standard, Lotuses are common, and the cops have on more than one occasion immediately turned around and tailed my donk (1990 Chevy) late at night until they realized I lived here. This has given me an unexpected perspective and insight into the world of the "rich." Combine that with the fact I've worked for several local banks and I've seen the financial statements of a fair amount of these "rich" people and I have a pretty good grasp of what is going on.

For the most part, "rich" people are not "rich."

They borrow money.

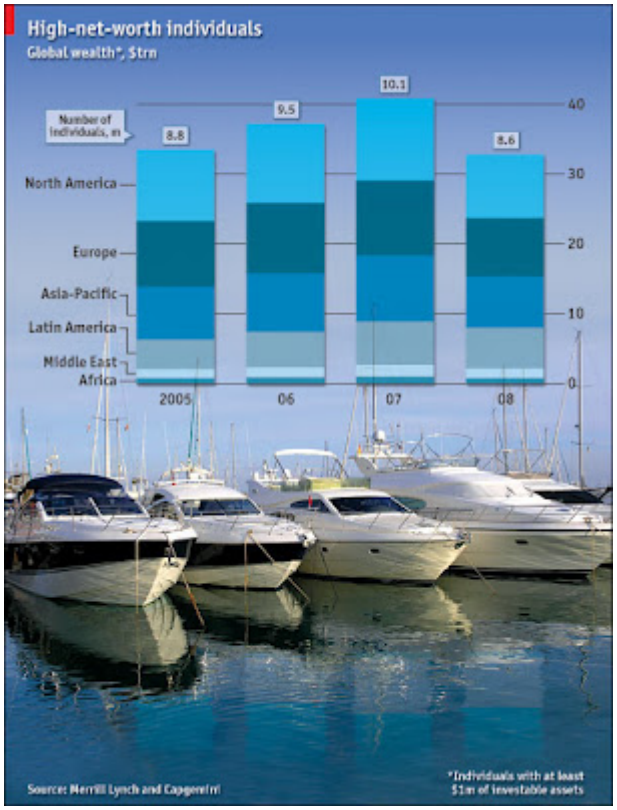
Invest it in assets of varying levels of legitimacy, a disproportionate percent of which are dubious.

List inflated values on their personal balance sheets when looking to borrow more.

And brag either in words (by talking up dumb bimbos at bars) or in toys (by buying cars they can't afford with other people's money).

Out of all the "rich" people here, I would have to say only 15% of them are legitimately rich, with positive net worths. Take out trust fund babies and you can knock off about another 5-10%.

Regardless, it calls into question those that are really "rich" in this world.



How many of them ever made money in the first place? How many had positive cash flows in their global operations? How many of them have assets that are worth anything in the first place? And with a nearly 25% drop in "high net worth individuals" it tells you that "wealth" in this world is not based off of income, or cash flow, or profits, but rather asset prices, which is basically worthless paper gains.

Downfall Parody - Obama

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Another Downfall parody. Ah, Downfall, the movie just keeps giving and giving.

BIG LANGUAGE WARNING, this is actually quite crass, they could have done a bit better without some of the sicker commentary;

Ignorant, Servile Scum

July 7, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I made a post not too long ago about the idiocy of the masses and how some people should just not have the right to vote. And for those regular readers, you know my complete disdain for spoiled suburbanite type kids who major in worthless subjects, yet somehow think they are wise enough to lead the world at the age of 20 while they still rely on daddy to pay for their tuition, rent, food, clothing and shelter.

From Maggies Farm:

This is why I drink.

These morons are the epitome of Webster's speech, "Ignorant, Servile Scum"

Salute the Major

July 8, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Despite the conversation we're having about the merits of medals, we should all salute the major for his service. Here are his medals;

Pay him a visit sometime.

Education v2.0

July 9, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My classic 1990 Chevy Donk was practically spewing coolant.

I know very little about cars and bar something that is obvious AND within the fixability of the limited amount of tools I have, I usually have a mechanic friend of mine fix my car. However my mechanic friend is actually quite busy and quite successful, and this seemed to be something simple like a thermostat and so instead of waste his time, I contacted a friend's younger brother who is enrolled at the Dunwoody Institute for auto mechanics.

Dave stopped by, took two looks at it, BOOM, had it fixed for $20 in parts and $20 in labor, and the donk lives to drive another day.

But what Dave reminded me of, in his very quick and cheap fix of my car, is how the US education system today is broken to the point of obsolesence.

Dave, did a very very naughty thing according to conventional educational wisdom;

He went to a tech school.

There he learned a trade that everybody needs, but did not get a bachelors and will therefore not be able to become a failed quant over at Goldmans Sachs where he will make $250,000 to run the company into the ground. Tisk tisk tisk.

Stupid Dave.

But how stupid is Dave, really?

Currently Dave is employed and I (with my top ranked degree) am not.

Dave is also immensely more employable than I am in that financial services are laying people off, while industries that repair things cheaper than buying them new are booming.

And whereas everybody could use economic wisdom and advice, they're not willing to pay for it unless you have a nice suit and work for one of those bankrupt companies. EVERYBODY is willing to pay for a good, but cheap mechanic, especially if their car breaks down.

The only thing one can deduce from Dave's versus my education, is that Dave got a better one.

Now this is the primary problem with the US education system. It is NOT about preparing youth for the real world by arming them with employable skills. It's now about two things;

1. Generating money for those who work in the education industry
2. Brainwashing youth for political purposes, namely to vote in the future in the best interests of the education industry.

Or sure, they put it under the guise of "intellectual enlightenment." That education isn't all about just making more money (scoff scoff). Hoity toity academics claiming education somehow has a higher purpose than just training the masses to produce. But in the end, sorry boys and girls, reality wins and the reality is that education SHOULD be to train the masses with employable skills so they might have better lives in the future. And here is where the education institution fails miserably and makes itself progressively obsolete and unneeded.

First off look at most conventional colleges and what is required to get a simple bachelors degree. I don't know about you, but LESS THAN HALF the classes I took in college had anything to do with my degree. Accounting, Finance, and Economics classes were dwarfed by the amount of philosophy, theater, english, psychology, "pre-requisite" crap I had to take in order to get a "well rounded" education.

Let us not fool ourselves. This has nothing to do with making you "well rounded." It's to employ all the other idiots that majored in philosophy, pscyhology, foreign languages, etc. as TA's because the harsh reality (there's that word again) is that outside academia, THERE ARE NO JOBS FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJORS. To graduate from the U of MN's liberal arts college YOU HAVE TO TAKE TWO YEARS OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. WHY? You'll never use it. But hey, you employed several TA's for two years. Good for you. It's the test of whether a degree or study is worthwhile or not. If the only thing you can do with the degree is reteach it to future students, then the degree is worthless. If it has a practical application outside college, then it's worthwhile. Right now I'd say about 65% of the degrees being issued are worthless.

This is the second point about education becoming obsolete. It is no longer an education. It is a hobby for spoiled children. Brainwashed and told they MUST go to college (but without any explanation WHY they should go) kids pick degrees that reflect faux intellectual hobbies and approach NOTHING that is a true education.

POLITICAL SCIENCE?

Are you kidding me? Just listen to talk radio or watch the news.

WOMEN'S STUDIES?

Can't you just read the books they'd force you to read in college AND save on the tuition AND have the same employment prospects?

It's one thing to practically extort money from the student body to make all of them take 2 year's worth of this garbage, but to allow poor students to waste their time and money earning a full degree in these things is criminal.

This brings up a third point; the value of the degree.

I lament just how much more I could have learned had I been allowed to take more finance and economics classes instead of being forced to take HR or "marketing" or "logic." I theorize most engineering and computer science majors resented having to take worthless liberal arts courses. Imagine instead of 2 years of garbage and then 2 years of practical study, if all 4 years were dedicated and focused on ONE study. The amount one would learn would certainly be near double and the quality and caliber of your graduates would be vastly improved.

But no, now you have a computer engineer who is marginal, but hey, he knows the difference between Behavioral and Cognative theories in psychology. Instead of having specialized, employable labor (like Dave) we now have diluted, bland and non-refined labor entering the labor market.

Then there is a fourth point; grad school.

"Hey, that hobby not working out for you? Go to grad school." And invariably "grad school" means law school because law school takes those with worthless degrees and turns them into money grubbing lawyers. Great, just what this country needs. However, it's not just law school, but the grad school system of the liberal arts.

A reader in a previous post of mine made a great point in that if you look at it from the university's perspective why would they want to offer grad programs in engineering, computers, the sciences, biology, etc. The equipment and gear for labs and so forth is very expensive. But there is practically not capital outlay or expense if you want to set up a law school. There is no fix assets that need be purchased if you set up a "graduate program in education." And is there a degree more worthless than the MBA (passing the CPA test will earn you more). If these idiotic kids want to blow another $40,000 on an additional 2 years of a hobby...errr....um.... "education" let's make it possible for them. Meanwhile we can hire those washed up lawyers and sociology majors to become professors and TA's! Boom! A windfall of revenue for the U.

Now, as education starts to drift further and further away from its original purpose of educating the masses and instead starts to become a money making operation that poses as an educational system, it becomes obsolete. People will not expend their time

and energy going to get "educated" when there is no financial return for it in the end. However, whereas in the past it seemed the masses didn't care if they were getting a good education or not, and pursued college more and more as a hobby, I do believe this "education bubble" is about to burst. The primary reason being that the factors causing the bubble are rapidly deteriorating.

1. To be able to afford majoring in a "hobby" you needed parents of a certain economic wealth to still take care of you when you graduate at 24 with your bachelors in anthropology. However, Mommy and Daddy aren't as rich as they used to be. Matter of fact, they weren't all that rich to begin with. And whereas daddy's 401k was $300,000, now it's only worth $125,000. And mommy just got laid off at Piper Jaffray, looks like they won't be able to "cash in" on that home equity line, because, well, heh heh, sorry junior, there's no equity left. They used that to buy the Lincoln Navigator and your trip to Europe.

2. The economy is collapsing so hard and crushing so many people that prospective students who would have normally relied on mom and dad to pay for it, find out their primary source of financing is gone. THEY have to pay for it. This crushing financial burden makes students realize REAL quick the value of money and if they started as a philosophy major, they'll quickly change their tune when dad can't cut the checks.

3. Youth will be affected by the harsh economic realities, not just psychologically, but financially. A 16 year old kid who just saw his parents get foreclosed on isn't only going to be thinking "gee, maybe I should switch from art to chemical engineering." He's going to be thinking, "Maybe I should just go to Votech and become a plumber so at least there's food on the table. I can't afford 4 years of school, the first 2 of which are nothing but BS anyway."

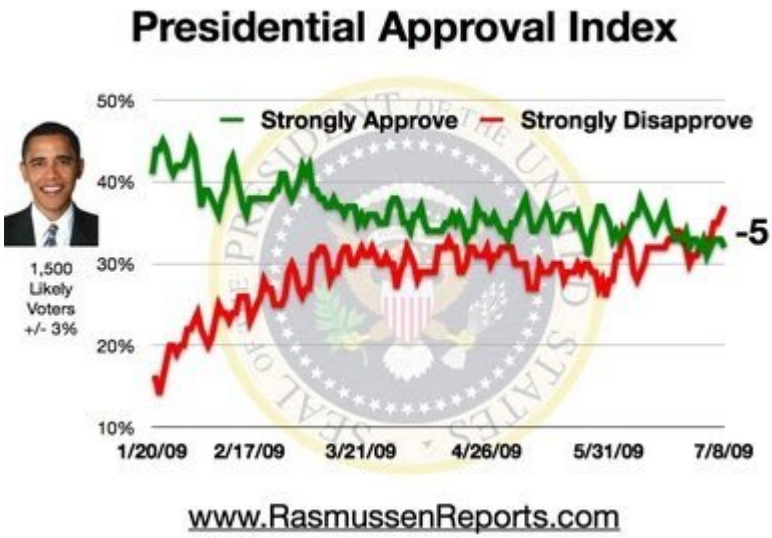
In otherwords, the economy will deteriorate so much that families and children will no longer be able to afford going to college like you would "go to Cancun." Education will once again take on the mantle of being a means by which to earn more money and with financial resources dwindling, demand for the "hobby degree" will dry up and demand for vocational programs will increase. The current educational system as we know it will collapse and instead of droves of poetry majors engaging in poetry "slams" or "peace studies" majors throwing down some mean candle light vigils perhaps maybe some of them can do something useful like fix my effing car or install some additional RAM in my computer.

Finally Getting Their Heads Out of Their Asses

July 9, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I don't know if it was the youth who were all in love with his pretty, nice words who all of the sudden realized "holy crap, he just made me a slave to US debt"

or the 30-50 somethings who are being starkly reminded of what the Volcker Recession was like and just how much recessions suck;



Honeymoon's over you effing moron.

The Captain Puts on a Public Seminar

July 10, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I have a 6 week vacation scheduled. The reason I have a 6 week vacation scheduled is because Obama has made it economically irrational for me to work more, to make more, only to be taxed more, which in the end, frankly, means I shouldn't even bother working because I'm slaving away for people who deem it beneath them to slave away and just prefer to live off of schmucks like me. Ergo, I refuse to be the schmuck and good luck raising federal revenues while me and millions like me just refuse to work any more because it ain't freaking worth it.

Regardless, the vacation I will be taking will be in the Rapid City, SD area where I plan to hunt Californians and beat them down for the money they owe me for the bailout we're sure to give them...errr...I mean "I going fossil hunting."

In any case, before I take off I will be giving a seminar open to the public in the Twin Cities area. The title will be

"How to Defend Capitalism and Argue Against Socialism"

I've been asked by several people to put such a seminar given the wave of socialism winning over America and I will be delivering it before I take off for vacation. The time and location have yet to be set, but it will be before the 23rd because that's when I'm off to shoot Californians...errr...I mean "going fishing in South Dakota."

All are invited, including stalkers, impersonators, communists, socialists and varied psychopaths because not only myself, but pretty much all of my friends have carry and conceal permits and we'd love to have you.

I will post details upon finalizing a venue and a date, but in case anybody was interested in a seminar that pretty much succintly makes the arugment for capitalism and blows socialism out of the water (whilst shooting Californians...errr...I mean "hiking in the Black Hills"), all with the lovable personality, character and color of your beloved Captain, feel free to show up.

Gulp

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For lighter fare given this recession practically mandates it.

From Frank! (You all know Frank!)

Where Housing Prices are Going

July 11, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

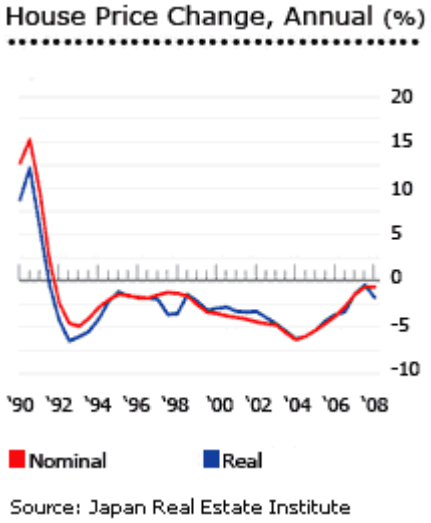
People keep asking me "when are housing prices going to recover."

The answer is simply;

They won't.

Understand the economic problems the US is having today are IDENTICAL to those of Japan back in the 1989. Stock market bubble AND a housing bubble, followed by a crash and then MASSIVE government "stimulus" spending that only managed to get the economy to limp along at 0% growth rates.

ERgo you can expect US property prices to go where Japan property prices have gone.



Now I know how to fix this. I know how to get not only property prices back up, but stock prices back up as well as GDP. Alas, "capitalism" is out of favor and the idiotic masses who don't know a damn thing about economics (but know the top three contestants on Teen Idol) have opted to go the socialist route. Thus, all Americans can enjoy their own "lost decade" just like the Japanese did.

There's No Point in Folding Clothes

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I have returned from a small vacation I took up north where there was

Grilling!

Fishing!

Cliff jumping into old mine pits!

Shooting guns

And other manly activities as well!

However, within our platoon of fearless vacationeers were none other than (dun dun dunnnn!!!!)

GIRLS!

Yes, females in our midst!

Originally we think they snuck onboard without our knowing as they were dressed kind of like us, wearing jeans and baseball caps and participated in our arm-pit farting contest that usually denotes the beginning of the vacation.

In any case, given all the activities we engaged in, it was only inevitable that we would have to do a load of laundry as we would dirty up our clothes mighty quick.

So I threw a load in the wash. Transferred it to the drier.

Hopped in the shower, and upon exiting the shower, there they were!

Women!

FOLDING MY CLOTHES!

Now I tried to rationalize with them about the fact that I was only going to put them back on again, thereby obsoleting the need to fold them in the first place.

But oh, no. They were adamant that the clothes be folded.

I pointed to the fact that I was standing in nothing but a towel and would be putting on the shirt that one of them had just folded, but oh no, they just kept on folding.

Now ladies, we men do appreciate everything you do for us. We know you do this because you love us. But there is no point in folding clothes in that they are only going to get wrinkled up again.

Making beds is the same thing.

There is NO earthly, godly or economic reason for making the bed.

You will just sleep in it again that same very night.

Thus, ladies, please permit us to make your lives easier.

Do no spend any time folding our dirty nasty clothes!

Opening a beer or pouring a martini is much less time consuming and much more appreciated!

Appraisers Are Preventing a Recovery

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As you all know, I am not one who has a vested interest in inflating property values. Matter of fact, I was sounding the alarms when I saw bogus "name your price appraisals" come across my desk whenst I was in the banking industry.

However, today the pendulum has swung to the other side and not just the other side, but to just as much of the extreme as when prices were outrageously high. For when I had my house appraised recently, not only did it come in below what I was expecting, but so low that I literally laughed at it. Not only because I would never sell it for that, not only because the LAND alone (in my humble opinion) was worth more, but because the rental income I generate alone would be 50% MORE than what a mortgage would be to finance it 100% for that price.

So let me explain to you what is going on.

First of all you must understand that the appraising industry which is a VITAL part of this economy (as it conveys price information to the market about the largest single asset people own - THEIR HOMES) is occupied by nothing more than 100%, grade A, morons.

First they would whore themselves out to whoever would pay them the most to "deliver" the price the borrower or the bank needed for the deal to go through back during the bubble days.

Now they're just engaging in CYA.

So you're not dealing with brilliant people, you're just dealing with people who go where the money is.

Second, because of their stupidity the problem is that they're not doing their job and that is ACCURATELY APPRAISING PROPERTY. The problem this presents is that it stunts or at least mutes part of the "stimulus" plan in that while (presumably) all this TARP money and bailout money was to be used to help provide low interest rate loans so the masses could refinance at lower rates and thus improve their personal finances, it's never loaned out because why????

Oops! Sorry, your house appraisal came in too low. We can't refinance.

(Never mind that in some cases if the banks don't refinance they'll end up foreclosing and repossessing a house that is less than what is owed to them and it would be in their best interest to refinance, but, eh, banks are even more moronic than the appraisers)

Regardless, the whole point is that while people would like to refinance, they would like to save money, and we would like to get this economy back on the road again, the appraisers effectively prevent this with their insanely low appraisals.

Now I know why this is happening, for whilst my days as a credit analyst, part of my job was to audit these appraisals. And to understand why your house is "worth" only 50% of what it was before and why you were shot down for the loan and the bank is now going to repossess a presumably worthless property, you must understand the three appraisal techniques.

First there is the cost approach. This basically states the value of the home is the amount it costs to build it.

Then there is the income approach. This is like a "discounted cash flow" approach to valuing property. It theorizes if it was rented out what kind of value would those cash flows give the property.

Then there is the all important "sales comparison" approach. This takes sales of similar properties in similar areas and then applies similar prices to your property.

And that is the approach where the problem lies.

For you see, appraisers take RECENT sales. The problem this presents is that "What if you were in a bubble?" Or conversely, "What if you were in the worst housing market ever?" When housing, and the mortgages used to finance it, are presumably long term assets.

Understand the problem this presents when trying to value properties.

If you valued on property based on the sales approach 3 years ago, it would be overvalued.

If you valued it today (I'm getting the feeling) it would be undervalued due to the majority of sales being foreclosures.

But the bank has typically a 30 year mortgage on it, and you would plan to live in the home for more than 5 years.

This means the value of a home shouldn't be based on the current, minute to minute market fluctuations in home prices, but rather a long term rolling average.

But, of course, again, try to tell that to appraisers or explain that to banks. And you'll see why we have to bail out the banking industry and while the appraisal industry, vital as it may be to our entire financial system and economy, is nothing but a bunch of lemmings.

Another Reason Not to Move to Or Invest In California #2

July 16, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ah, California. Again, "lamest state, EVER!"

Now is the time at SDA when we **juxtapose**!

San Francisco Chronicle - *California will report its June job totals later this month. Thursday's bleak federal numbers suggest that the state unemployment rate, already at 11.5 percent, could head higher.*

Business Wire - *"A new study released today found that small businesses in California will pay an additional $49,691 as a result of the California Air Resources Board's implementation of AB 32."*

It's not a recession. It's suicide.

I'd Say 48% Booing, 52% Cheering

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Regardless, he is not walking on water anymore;

Joe Biden is an Economic Dumbass

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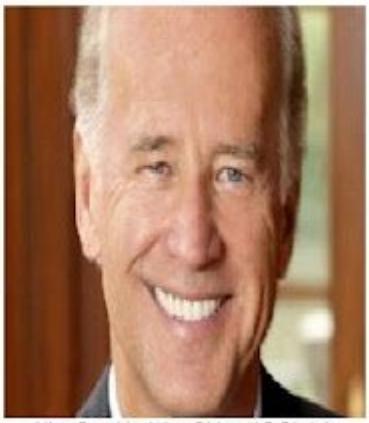
Joe Biden: 'We Have to Go Spend Money to Keep From Going Bankrupt'

Thursday, July 16, 2009

By Penny Starr, Senior Staff Writer

(CNSNews.com) – Vice President Joe Biden told people attending an AARP town hall meeting that unless the Democrat-supported health care plan becomes law the nation will go bankrupt and that the only way to avoid that fate is for the government to spend more money.



Vice President Joe Biden (AP Photo)

"And folks look, AARP knows and the people with me here today know, the president knows, and I know, that the

HOW, HOW IN FRICK'S NAME DID YOU PEOPLE VOTE FOR THESE DUMBASSES???

The Department of Walking

July 16, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was listening to Garage Logic and this just needed to be pointed out:

The City of Minneapolis now effectively has a department of WALKING.

Apparently the citizens of Minneapolis are so stupid they need a GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO TEACH THEM HOW TO WALK OR BIKE! Here is the PDF file in its entirety, but allow me to point out three major things.

1. The goals or objective of this program only betray it for it's true purpose: to employ otherwise unemployable people.

Mission Statement:
The Bicycle & Pedestrian Ambassador Program will strive to increase rates of bicycling and walking in the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP) area, by providing educational resources and performing grassroots outreach to our communities.

Priorities (in no particular order):

1. Deliver an effective marketing campaign.
2. Build a culture of courtesy, acceptance, and safety for all mode shares – motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
3. Build a program with long-term committed stakeholders.
4. Create a social norm where walking and biking are part of everyday routines.
5. Work with community leaders to frame program strategies, build community-based partnerships, and work with volunteers.
6. Leverage existing governmental and community efforts to maximize results.
7. Build a program with clear and measurable outcomes, as well as built-in evaluation that fulfills the grant's intent.

"BUILD A CULTURE OF COURTESY, ACCEPTANCE AND SAFETY FOR ALL MODE SHARES????"
"LONG TERM COMMITTED STAKEHOLDERS????"

"SOCIAL NORM WHERE WALKING AND BIKING ARE PART OF EVERYDAY ROUTINES?"

How, precisely is the government supposed to do this? Is this not just done naturally? And when it is -10 degrees outside with 13 inches of snow, HOW DOES WALKING/BIKING BECOME A PART OF AN EVERYDAY ROUTINE?

2. WALK AMBASSADORS/CLASSES ON WALKING

-Holy "My Nephew Needs a Job" Batman. A WALK AMBASSADOR???? Seriously, what worthless individual with a worthless degree is going to get that job? How much you want to bet he's related to somebody on the city council? Any takers?
- CLASSES ON WALKING??????? Wha, huh, fra?????

3. You combine this BS with the $200,000 used to get Minneapolis Citizens to drink tap water and the $50,000 per drinking fountain program, AND THE CITY COUNCIL, ALONG WITH THE IDIOTIC VOTERS OF MINNEAPOLIS WONDER WHY THERE'S A BUDGET CRUNCH!?

So look, let me put it to you this way folks.

Never move or invest in Minneapolis. Seriously. Just don't bother investing or living here. The voting population is so liberal and so damn ignorant of basic public finances, that you may as well live in North Korea. You will see Minneapolis become a colder version of Detroit before your days are over, please be an observer, not a participant.

Monthly "Obscene Profit Break"

July 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

It is once again the monthly time to push my wares and services so that I, your beloved Captain, may continue to put food on the table, pay the mortgage, and go fossil hunting in South Dakota.

Yes there is of course the book you may buy, however, more importantly are my online classes, which have sustained about a 40% drop in enrollment. Obviously due to the economy, however, what better time than a RECESSION to take a class on finance and economics? Regardless, the drop in enrollment is really actually hurting me financially, so if you know anybody interested in taking a class on either investing in stocks or just a damn fine class on personal financial management, send them my way.

You may also help the Captain by just making a donation. You don't get anything but warm fuzzies from this. Of course, if you are a super rich person and want to make a donation of an amount that would sayyyyy, pay off my mortgage? Imagine the lifetime of super warm fuzzies that would generate. It would also make Natasha very happy, and who wouldn't want Natasha to be happy?

What will also make Natasha happy is just buying some "stuff." "Stuff" of the capitalist nature. Not much up there, but hey, if you need a neato shirt or a neato coffee mug

Finally, you can just mention the Captain to family, friends...enemies... or people you're just indifferent about.

The Best Is Yet To Come

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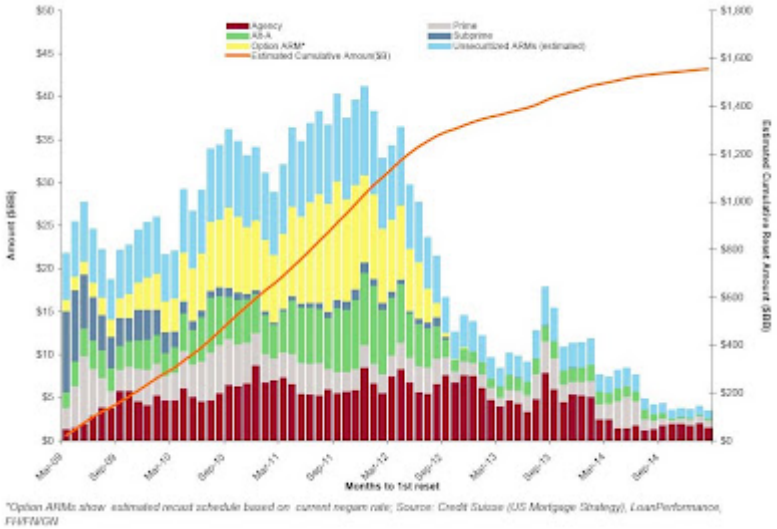
Listen to this first, then look at the chart below:



Associated Bank

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I came up with a brilliant idea.

Since bankers were corrupt and would always try their best to get loans, no matter how bad, approved, and this would run contrary to the job of credit analysts whose job it is to guard the bank's capital and prevent bad loans from going through, I would outsource the underwriting process to an independent third part.

I called it "Independent Analytics."

I then drove around the Twin Cities metro, gave them my presentation about the merits of outsourcing their underwriting to me, and presumably the staff of analysts I would hire to handle all the demand.

Of course there was no interest because "they" knew what was best for the company and keeping the underwriting process in house and under the influence of commission driven bankers. Besides which they were fully "banking" on a bailout.

However, there was one bank where the gray haired, middle aged man assured me that they did not need my services, not because it wasn't a good idea, but because they had seen this housing bubble coming a mile away and their analysts were good, fine analysts.

Associated Bank.

Well, like many other banks, turns out "they" were not special and "they" had just as many bad loans as the next bank.

So to the middle-aged dumbass at Associated Bank (and perhaps any shareholders that are listening) allow me this one question;

"If you had hired the services of Independent Analytics, would you be in this situation?"

I didn't think so.

How to Argue Against Socialism and Defend Capitalism

July 18, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hi All,

I have finalized a date and a location for the seminar. It will be THIS TUESDAY, July 21st from 5-745PM.

Unfortunately only folks within driving distance of Minneapolis will be able to attend conveniently, but for those of you still interested, we will be filming it and putting it up on the internet (assuming we can put 2 hours worth of seminar on the internet).

There are only 30 spaces available so please let me know if you want to attend by e-mailing me at

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

I will then send those interested the location and details.

Please do dress up a little bit as we will be filming this and I think it's going on the local public access cable show or something.

El Cap-i-tan

The Captain's 6 Week Vacation

July 20, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I have a 6 week vacation planned.

The reason I have a six week vacation planned is;

1. I do not have children.

2. I am self-employed and instead of answering to some PHB, middle aged moron who maintains the status quo, I've set up a nice little operation that is above all other things, EFFICIENT, and permits me to take this 6 week vacation instead of the paltry (gee-thanks-master) 2 week vacation most other people seem to slave themselves over

3. I spend less than I make, don't buy new cars or clothes, and more or less have rejected the consumption mentality that has driven most other Americans into debt, and thusly have a small, but positive cash flow that affords me this lifestyle and opportunities as such

4. Obama and the socialists in congress has made it economically not worth my while to work more.

5. I deserve every second of it because of how much I've worked in the past 20 years and instead of mommy and daddy paying my way through a 2 week vacation in Europe when I was 19, I'm putting myself out to the Badlands, Black Hills and Big Horns in the South Dakota Wyoming way and will not be in any rush to do anything but fossil hunt, mountain climb, rock climb, fish and explore.

Regardless, as I will be gone for quite some time and out in the middle of nowhere, I will not be making as many posts between July 23rd and August 31st. I will still be making the occasional post, but not as much.

HOWEVER, do not fear!

I have high trained and DEPUTIZED Cappy Cap guest writing economists that will help pick up the slack.

Our very own and beloved Prisoner of War in California, The Major (who is an actual, real, official economist) will be writing for your reading pleasure, as well as an associate of mine, who will remain anonymous.

Understand their writing does not necessarily reflect my own beliefs, but for the most

part probably will.

In any case, grant them the same honor and privileges as you do me. I will be moderating comments though as always to keep the trolls out, not to mention the daily moronic commentary I get from rabid leftists that want to believe their journalism degree will somehow save the world.

Mike Castle

July 21, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Looks like Mike will pay just like Norm Coleman did for being a politician and NOT a statesman.

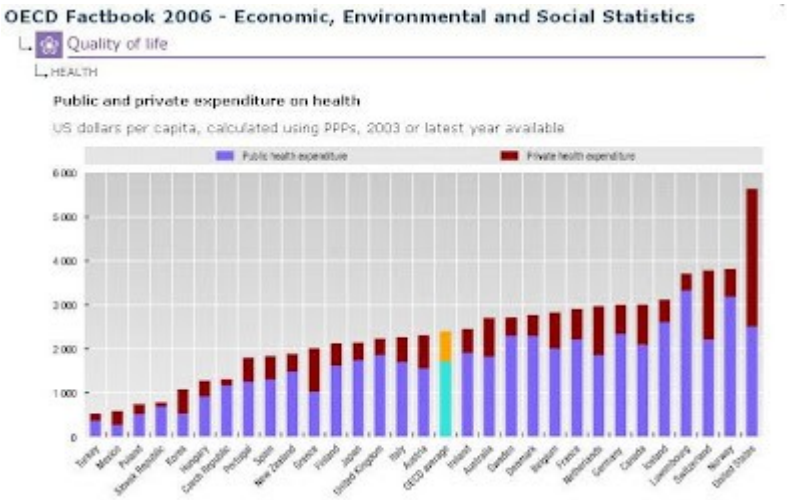
Get's interesting around the 4 minute mark.

ht to Kate

We Don't Spend Enough on Health Care

July 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Given Obama's socialist agenda to spend more on health care, may I point out, we already spend more than most nations in terms of BOTH private AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING?



It begs the question to all liberals out there, "HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?"

The Captain's Great Expedition!

July 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Howdy All!

Your beloved captain is off! Off to the blessed land of South Dakota for 6 weeks. 6 blessed weeks of...

ADVENTURE!

EXPEDITION!

EXPLORATION!

and as one reader wrote me...

EXCELLENT PLUMMAGE DURING THE STURGIS RALLY!

Yes, what trials and tribulations await the Captain!?

In any case, starting tomorrow our beloved guest writers will be chipping in as I will be in arguably the remotest parts of the country hunting down fossils, venturing where humans haven't in 500 years, catching MUCHO fish, and bagging peaks.

Also, we filmed the seminar last night and it went very well.

The video in its entirety is about 20 hours 10 minutes. A "professional" version will be compiled which will only be 30 minutes to an hour. I will be putting together a full You Tube version, unless it is too cumbersome, in which case I will just burn it to DVD and for shipping, handling and some profit priced in for myself, will be selling it (it won't be that expensive).

In any case I will miss all you guys, but will be checking in intermittently to see how youse are all doing.

The Captain

This is Our President?

July 24, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Obama rushes to quell racial uproar he helped fire (AP)

AP - Knocked offstride by a racial uproar he helped stoke, President Barack Obama hastened Friday to try and tamp down the controversy. Obama, who had said Cambridge, Mass., police "acted stupidly" in arresting black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., declared the white arresting officer was a good man and invited him and the professor to the White House for a beer.

Have a beer? You're kidding me?

Don't you have more important issues to tend to?

While on Vacation

July 25, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My girlfriend likes to sleep in late, and since we're on vacation, I figured I'd run some morning errands and get things situated before we start another big day. This way no time is wasted, my beloved can sleep in, but when it's time to get up, there's nothing to do, but GO and DO!

Today we are going to climb Battle Mountain, about a 4,500 hill really, but it's a good morning workout to begin the day with. I spent part of the morning tracking a place to climb it, part of the morning putting in a new air filter on the car, part of the morning getting supplies, and part of the morning getting my girlfriend coffee.

I return to our cabin and what do I see?

My girlfriend watching You Tube videos on the laptop whilst STILL in bed.

Middle of the world's most beautiful country, mountains galore to climb, tons of streams to fish and she's watching You Tube videos.

I said, "you're watching You Tube videos?"

Sheepishly she replies, "yes" and then giggles at me.

God bless her.

Different Types of Recession

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An outstanding review of the different types of recession.

Notice the V - recession is where you let free markets correct on their own and the recovery is the quickest.

The L recession unfortunately is what we'll have.

The S - Recession though is a very nice idea.

Henry Gates

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Richard, is a young black friend of mine.

I call him black because he is too proud, too upstanding, and just too damn much of a man to suffer the politically correct term of "African American."

He is like Lawrence, a common caller to my radio show of yore who happened to be black too, and he was proud of it. He, on my show, adamantly insisted he was not an "African American" but was a damn proud black man. God bless him.

In either case, both men stood on their own ground based on their own accomplishments and gave TRUE, GENUINE pride and honor to those who call themselves black.

But this schmuck, is just that, a schmuck. And though I know that I risk being called a racist, and that my black friends risk being called an "Uncle Tom" we all agree that this Henry Gates Jr is the epitome of schumkiness. Not because he's acting like an ass. Not because he's acting like a hypersensitive putz looking for the next excuse to claim victimhood like the "Reverends" Hackson and Sharpton. But because he disgraces those true and honorable people who happen to have the same hue/pigmentation of skin that he does, but share nothing of his cowardly and childishly morality.

I have said it before and I will say it again.

I befriend all people of all stipes and the reason you're my friend has nothing to do with the color of your skin or your ethnicity, but your quality and caliber of your person. And this putz, this vermin that falsely postures himself as a "representative" of black people while acting like a complete ass only belies the fact he's in it for himself and nothing as noble as bring about true and genuine progress to those of different colors.

It's also a damn good reason not to send your kids to Harvard, let alone hire any idiotic worthless Blue Blood moron that came from that decrepit school.

Uncle Jay for President 2012

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Seriously, he would make a grand candidate...and by comparison with Obama he'd be godlike.

Leftists Hate Math

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A KEY and VITAL aspect to my philosophy of politics is that leftists/liberals hate math. The reason why is that math is not only difficult (therefore avoid it and major in journalism and gtget your masters in aromatherapy), but it also has a tendency to make things "right" or "wrong." Prove things to be "true" or "false." And otherwise provide empirical evidence that socialism doesn't work.

Ergo they avoid it like the plague.

But Steve sent me this article which reminded me again of the reality of the labor market.

math skills

Monday, July 27, 2009 3:51

From:

To: CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

I rarely ever click headlines on yahoo, but this one caught my eye:

Most Lucrative College Degrees
http://finance.yahoo.com/college-education/article/107512/most-lucrative-college-degrees.html?mod=edu-collegegrad

Here's why I'm emailing it:
"The top 15 highest-earning college degrees all have one thing in common -- math skills."

"... Only three of the 15 top paying degrees were outside the field of engineering -- but they each still require math skills."

Couldn't help but think of you. Thanks for the blog.

Thanks Steve!

A Reason for Culling the Human Population

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Somebody shoot this preppy, spoiled, brat suburbanite for me, please.

And like, um, like I just think, that um, like, we should, um like, maybe, just uh, require that uh, like people should have to take a, like um, test to um like, see if they like, um, are smart enough to like be, uh, able to vote.

And you people wonder how Obama got elected.

Ah, Men Don't Want to Lose Half Their Net Worth

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Sorry, friend sent this to me and I find it hilarious not one man was consulted on this.

No, seriously ladies, keep reading what other ladies write about men without even asking a single guy what he thinks. It's very cute watching the blind leading the blind.

Best Explanation of the Rationalization Hamster

July 29, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For the younger men out there who are drifting aimlessly with no compass, here is a piece of wisdom I wish I had when I was younger.

Now go workout, buy a motorcycle and learn the art of indifference.

Obama Soccer Moms

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I drive a lot and the reason I drive a lot is that I teach a lot of dance classes. I know pretty much every gas station in between Cambridge, Minnesota to the far north and Mankato, Minnesota to the far south. But what I've seen more and more of is the Obama Soccer mom.

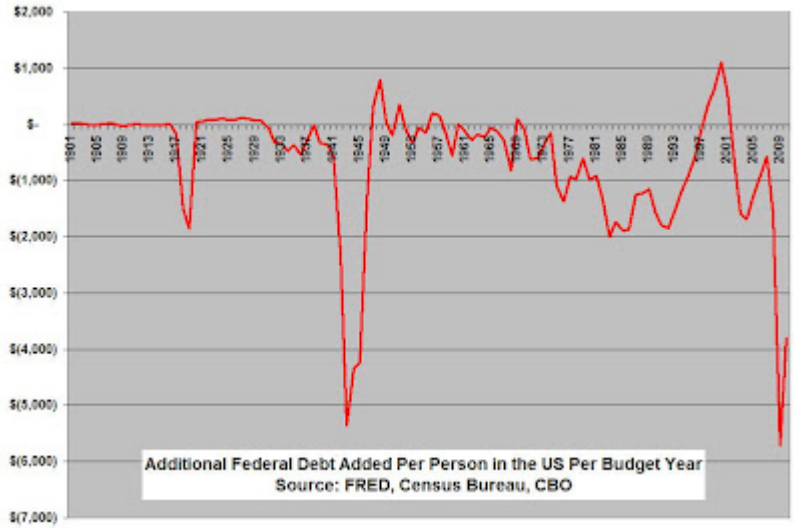
Let me explain.

At least once a week I see a 30 something mom. She has her children in the car with her. They are toddlers and thus have car seats as well as their mom hovering over them, trying to maintain order and avoid chaos as she tries to pump gas into her Subaru Forrester or some kind of SUV.

On the car though is invariably an Obama/Biden sticker.

Now I've made this chart before, but I think it behooves reshowing because it proves something Joe Soucheray always says;

Leftists/liberals can't link.



What this basically means is that when a leftist makes a decision, they cannot follow the chain of events that decision will trigger. They cannot see what the ramifications and consequences are of their actions. And what the chart above shows is how much new federal government debt has been saddled on each individual American.

And this is the point I am trying to make. These Obama Soccer Moms have NO CLUE what they've just done to their children. Not a clue. Be it ignorance about government

finances, be it they're just suppose to stay at home and bring up the kids, but leave the finances to daddy, or they're too busy dreaming about the Magic Obama Unicorn Obama's promised to give them with the Obama Unicorn program, this particular Obama Soccer Mom has no clue she's just indebted her 3 children to the tune of $60,000.

Now I know, I know, she didn't "mean" to enslave her children to the government's debt, just like teenage mothers didn't mean to bring an innocent child into a life of abject poverty, but for once could I admit a bit of economic shadenfreude and say it's good to see people having to pay the price for having "good intentions" with no desire to have the intellectual rigor to see if those intentions are achievable, let alone adult?

Organic = Pointless

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HA!

Of course those of us with the slightest bit of sense knew this, but I just like to see another scam get exposed.

Of course (and get your paper and pencils out, because the Captain is about to make a very important point) IT'S NEVER BEEN ABOUT HEALTH AS MUCH AS IT'S BEEN ABOUT MAKING THOSE WHO BUY "ORGANIC" FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEIR PIOUS SELVES.

Ergo, even though this is a scam, a farce, a ruse, the sheople will continue to pay a 50% mark-up for...

nothing.

Recession Medicine

July 30, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hey, you unemployed?

Hey, you tired looking for jobs that aren't there, and even if they were, they were going to be given to the boss's nephew anyway and all you'd do is waste days, if not weeks pointlessly applying for them and futilely interviewing for them with some 23 year old HR ditz who had no intention of hiring your over-qualified patoot anyway?

Hey, you completely burnt out about worrying about things outside your control?

Well then just watch some cartoons!

Seriously, best thing you can do in this recession is realize you don't control this situation and just relax and let go of the guilt. No corporation will hire you unless you know somebody and besides which, they're laying people off. So don't sweat it, watch cartoons.

Red vs Blue PSA

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Yeah, that about sums it up;

The Captain is Victorious - Update

July 31, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is an update. You will see pictures below:

A very Professor Farnsworth "good news" all fellow junior, deputy, aspiring, official and otherwise economists!

Today I finished a 20 mile hike in the Elk Wilderness area of the Black Hills. Hiked from Sylvan Lake to Horsethief Lake, then back up a tortuously long hike, plagued with poison ivy and switch backs that would make Currie Hill look like a cake walk (and no, I'm not joking).

Total time was 7 hours and 38 minutes.

However, even this feat is dwarfed to a microscopic level as to what happened yesterday.

Your Captain found (to his best estimation mind you) a fully intact dinosaur fossil.

The jaw bone, replete with two teeth, was found protruding from a cliff side in one of my many long hikes. Based on the way the fossil is protruding, it suggests the neck and rest of the body is still in the side of the cliff, ready for complete excavation.

I know this seems "nerdy" to most normal people, but a find this good is quite rare. Soon you will see me in "Amateur Fossil Hunter Quarterly" being fawned over by fossil hunting babe groupies (totally true, they totally exist!)

In any case, I am currently trying to find out what government agency I report this to, but will keep all of those interested updated.

Ah, the Smoke and Mirrors Begins

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GDP contracted at only 1% annualized. And the reason for the slow down in the "slow down?"

"Less drastic spending cuts by businesses, a resumption of spending by federal and local governments and an improved trade picture were key forces behind the better performance. Consumers, though, pulled back. Rising unemployment, shrunken nest eggs and lower home values have weighed down their spending."

In other words, everything still sucks, except for the government spending money which makes the numbers look better than what things really are.

And given the worthless programs the government is spending money on, I'm going to guess if we took that out, GDP would have contracted by the 1.5, if not 2.5% economists were predicting.

A Thorough Review of the Gates Incident

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The major gives great ponderance and time to this issue, more or less resolving it once and for all.

"Spirit of Innovation Key to the Future"

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God, you got to love this.

In his typical pretty-pony-saying-pretty-words-way Obama says "the spirit of innovation is key to the future."

Well, what precisely is the "key to innovation" then?

Oh, that's right, the massive profits that come with those innovations that he has since criminalized.

They just can't think two dominoes ahead of of what the consequences are of their actions.

Brilliant job, O.

Cripes

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Champion of the "poor" my sweet little, perfectly sculpted ass.

Black Hills Playhouse

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They asked for it, and so they're now going to get it.

I went to a play today at the Black Hills Playhouse, a theater located in the Black Hills.

Because of their decrepit and aging buildings (they were built during the CCC days) they are facing some repair troubles, to which the governor of South Dakota has recommended moving the playhouse elsewhere in Custer State Park.

Now if you read this article here, it seems that South Dakota governor, Mike Rounds is more than willing to have the Black Hills Playhouse continue on and stay in the Black Hills, preferably in facilities that are not falling apart (and TRUST ME they ARE falling apart, I just saw it 7 hours ago). To which you would think those at the Black Hills Playhouse would feel great about.

Wrong.

Before the play started, up come the manager of the playhouse to make a "cute" announcement about how long the Black Hills Playhouse had been around. A 20 something young lady, standing on her veritable soap box saying;

It had been around longer than the Guthrie in Minneapolis

Some place in Kansas City.

Outlasting the Steppenwolf (I don't care how it's spelled)

Outlasting 12 presidents

and...

15 governors.

The entire crowd laughed and clapped, which suggested to me something of a local politics was at hand (and that I was in about the only liberal crowd in South Dakota...though that was tipped off by the only Obama bumper stickers and effeminate men I saw there).

Regardless, sure enough she told us that Governor Rounds wanted to move the playhouse and that if we liked theater we should call him up and protest, and then

triumphantly marched off stage to applause.

Originally, I thought perhaps Governor Rounds was planning on axing the Black Hills Playhouse, but upon doing my research and finding out he just wanted them moved from their tetanus-infested facilities, I got angry. Not because this was another group of leftists begging for more money for something nobody wants and therefore needs to be subsidized by the taxpayer, but just the outright lie I was delivered.

Ergo, let me tell you about the Black Hill's Playhouse.

1. The play was not that good. It was downright awful. Sure some funny parts, but nothing great. It was a musical. I don't blame the actors, I blame the writers. Robert DeNiro couldn't have made that one fly.

2. The arrogance of these people to be so damn pouty and DEMAND those decrepit facilities be upgraded when it's obvious they should be torn down and moved to a new location (if for anything for their own damn safety) angers me. They're on the government's dime (not to mention charity of many donators) and they act like they're choosers when they are beggars.

3. The larger point, understand that the "arts" and "theater" are inexorably intertwined with government financing because IT COULD NOT EXIST ON IT'S OWN. And the reason why is that NOBODY WANTS IT. If it was in demand like I-Pods or Harry Potter movies, they wouldn't need to go to the South Dakota taxpayer like a bum with a cup in their hand. People would willingly pay an adequate price to not only repair/buy new facilities, but generate a profit for its owners and benefactors. However (and now it's time once again boys and girls to break out a pencil and a piece of paper for the Captain is about to make a very important point) all this is, is a group of adult children who want to be paid for their hobby instead of getting a real job like the rest of us and making something the rest of society wants. You see, you morons, you schmucks who go in and work those jobs like programmers, or burger flippers or plumbers, you're idiots. You should get jobs you like, like being an actor, a singer, a writer, an ice cream taster, or a beer judge or a professional video game player. And if society won't pay for it, then DEMAND the government subsidize you. And not only subsidize you, complain when the government offers you new facilities instead of upgrading your un-upgradable, old Chernobyl-esque facilities.

However, also understand it is not just the actors, board members and other people who want a government financed hobby, but those that attend the theater and demand the price be subsidized for them that are to blame. I'll give kudos to those who donate thousands of dollars, they are not only willing to bear the full costs it would take to successfully operate the facilities, but subsidize those who won't. But for those that complain, but don't donate, but rather insist the taxpayer subsidize their evening out to a

horrible musical, shame on you.

In the meantime, given cut backs and the recession I think those at the Black Hills Playhouse are going to (SHOCK AND HORROR) have to accept the NEW facilities instead of having the old crumbling ones refurnished. And imagine that, some people...like 6 million...have lost their jobs, but they complain about having to move. I think a better thing would be to contact Governor Rounds and demand these spoiled brats become grown ups and either sink or swim without any subsidies and face the cold hard realities of life us normal adults do every day.

Milk of Magnesia

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More recession medicine for those who still worry pointlessly about their future.

Enterprise Rent A Car

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I meant to make this post a year ago, but got sidetracked and procrastinated with getting a You Tube account. I only wished I posted it earlier to cost them more business.

Never, ever, rent from Enterprise. And here's not only one reason why you should never rent from Enterprise;

but another reason why you should never rent from Enterprise.

I will spare you the details, but their customer service sucks, they won't repair anything with the car unless "they" can prove you didn't purposely damage their car (because obviously that's what you sent out to do), and if you're stranded in the middle of Wyoming with two flats BECAUSE THEIR TIRES WERE BALD AT 2/32's OF THICKNESS WHEN THEY LEFT THE LOT, they won't help you and will instead leave it up to you to find a way to get the disabled car 150 miles to Rapid City.

This is not hyperbole, this is not rhetoric, this is just plain simple truth. Do not rent from Enterprise ever.

Oh, and to anybody from Enterprise's marketing department that might have googled or Binged your name, yeah, you effed with the wrong guy.

Major Miller's Day Off

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The Major continues with his wisdom in my fossil-hunting absence.

ENJOY!

No, Wisconsin People ARE That Universally Bad at Driving

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A Public Service Announcement from the Captain

(cue PSA music)

I just wanted to let my Minnesotan brethren know that apparently what we thought was untrue;

Wisconsin people do NOT come to our state and drive slow on purpose just to piss us off.

They do it all over.

They reason why?

They're really bad drivers.

Just an observation I've had driving through the various states on vacation.

So don't take it personally. Understand they're just a little slow on the road here, in other states, and in general, just a little slow.

You may continue on with your day now.

Thank you.

For Once Minnesotans Have Their Heads Out of ....

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Well, they're doctors at the Mayo clinic, so they might be a wee bit smarter than the average bear.

The USDA Finds Out that Children are Expensive

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A hat tip to the good men and women at Booker Rising who are probably saying, "No sh!t Sherlock"

Uncle Jay Explains the News!

August 7, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You will listen to Uncle Jay.

You will comply.

Conformance is mandatory.

You will conform.

Your Don't Deserve Those Fine Machines

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I had eluded to this before during a trip I took to Arizona where just north of Phoenix there was no limit to the number of Baby Boomers who bought Shelby Mustang GT's, but opted to use only 2 of the 8 cylinders those cars have, clogging traffic to a stand-stillish 45 MPH on the interstate, however, let me tell you of another machine these blue hairs don't deserve;

Harley's.

I'm out in the Wyoming/South Dakota area during the depths of the Sturgis rally and as far as I can tell the Harley riders break down into three camps;

1. Youngish Harley riders who know how to drive, appreciate the rally and go 5-10 MPH over the speed limit.

2. Veteran Harley riders who have gone to the rally when they were younger, are seasons drivers and go 5 MPH over the speed limit.

3. Sunday morning, spectator sport, preppy Harley riders who are now having a midlife crisis and decided, as a hobby to buy a Harley, drive it out to the rally and piss off practically everybody on the road by driving 10-15 MPH UNDER THE SPEED LIMIT.

This is particularly pronounced when you're in the moutains, there's no 4 lanes which would permit you to pass, and never any pass lanes, because the road is too curvy. And there you sit, going 40 MPH down a 7% grade moutain, wearing out your brakes because some suburbanite preppy schmuck with too much money on his hands decided to buy a 900 v-twin, of which 50 cc's he's deciding only to use.

Now I drive arguably the smallest interstate legal bike, a Ninja 250. Just a short breath away from a moped, but I can still pass these $20,000 machines simply because I realize there's more than 1 gear to my bike.

Ergo, fellow Cappy Cap readers and motorcycling enthusiasts, I make a proposal. To make the roads safer, let a lone more efficient, if you pass a Harley rider in a;

1. 250 cc motorcycle
2. A truck
3. A semi truck
4. A cement truck
5. A moped

6. A mobile home (which actually do go faster than these spectator sport Harley riders)
7. Running on foot,

You are allowed to pull them over, commandeer their bike and report them to the local authorities where they will be arrested for abusing a Harley and in turn be given what they're only a decade away from driving anyway;

A Rascal.

And come to think of it, I've seen some rascals driving faster than most of these guys.

What Bugs Bunny Teaches Us About Professor Gates

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In a never ending relentless pursuit to provide genuine, 100% guaranteed relief from the recession (unlike the stimulus package from your Saint Obama) I present to you another episode of Paleo-American greatness, Bugs Bunny;

I for one however am shocked and INSULTED by the mockery of my ethnicity, and that be Irish. Why the pure "institutional" racism towards the Irish just glows ever so brightly as the sun as to how we Irish-Americans were type-casted into drunks or cops. Why I have never been so insulted in my life and demand this cartoon be banned...oh, wait a minute, I'm not "professor" Hates..err..I mean "Gates."

Americana Community Bank

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It's too rich to pass up.

About 2 years ago now I interviewed at a local Minnesota community bank, "Americana Community Bank" based in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. It was for a position that was (let's just say) significantly higher ranked than the senior credit analyst position I had worked before.

Forefront of the battery of questions I had for those middle aged, gray haired men interviewing me was whether they had inoculated themselves against the insane real estate loans that all the other community banks in Minnesota had seemingly jumped on the bandwagon for, only condemning themselves to taking TARP money and parasiting off the taxpayer.

They assured me that they had a "quality" group of clients and that their clients would never default on their loans and were of the highest quality and caliber.

I thought, "good, maybe this bank has its head out of its ass and these guys might actually know their stuff."

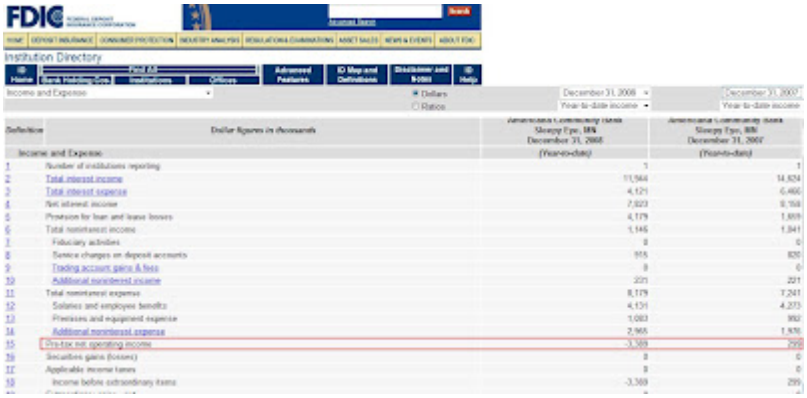
The first sign they didn't was that I didn't get the job.

The second was when I was just informed (about 3 hours ago) that THEY GAVE THE JOB TO MY FORMER BOSS PHYLLIS who (regular readers know) is the incredibly incompetent boss that I highlight in my book that literally brought her previous employer to the verge of bankruptcy.

Now, most people would call "sour grapes" on me.

That this whole $2 trillion dollar debacle that has caused the worst economic recession since the Great Depression and the worst non-war deficits in the history of the US, was purely a figment of our imaginations and I am just a bitter former employee and when I point out and highlight these verminous scum I'm just doing it for vengeance and there's no legitimacy to my doing so (even though the country is hurting greatly and if these people were somehow "removed" from society we would never have to worry about this stuff again).

Well guess what happened to Americana Community Bank's profitability once my former boss took over?



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Income and Expense

Definition	Dollar figures in thousands	Americana Community Bank Sleepy Eye, MN December 31, 2008 (Year-to-date)	Americana Community Bank Sleepy Eye, MN December 31, 2007 (Year-to-date)
	Income and Expense		
1	Number of institutions reporting	1	1
2	Total interest income	11,944	14,924
3	Total interest expense	4,121	6,460
4	Net interest income	7,823	8,164
5	Provision for loan and lease losses	4,179	1,819
6	Total noninterest income	1,146	1,341
7	Fiduciary activities	0	0
8	Service charges on deposit accounts	915	820
9	Trading account gains & fees	0	0
10	Additional noninterest income	231	221
11	Total noninterest expense	8,179	7,241
12	Salaries and employee benefits	4,131	4,273
13	Premises and equipment expense	1,083	992
14	Additional noninterest expense	2,965	1,976
15	Pre-tax net operating income	-3,389	299
16	Securities gains (losses)	0	0
17	Applicable income taxes	0	0
18	Income before extraordinary items	-3,389	299

Wow, great performance guys. Great performance. Only spoiled brat middle aged, trust fund babies who (while listening to Jim Morrison, majoring in art history) had mommy and daddy pay their ways through life could have accomplished such ineptitude.

Now this behooves a ton of questions, but most prominently in my mind (and probably yours)

1. DID YOU MORONS AT AMERICANA COMMUNITY BANK BOTHER TO LOOK AT THE PROFITABILITY OF THE PREVIOUS BANK PHYLLIS WORKED AT? Huh, did it occur to you that maybe, just maybe, you were hiring an idiotic moron who couldn't make a good loan if it was guaranteed by the Federal Reserve? That the reason her previous employer was applying for TARP funds was because of the enormous ineptitude of the moron you just hired. And not only that, but WHAT THE EF DID YOU THINK WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOUR PROFITABILITY WHEN YOU BROUGHT THAT VERITABLE RETARDED VAMPIRE ON BOARD? No, don't listen to the kid who established his ability to predict economic events that would have kept you out of the red. No, hire the MORON who cause the red at another bank.

2. Once again, is it the goal of corporate America to be nice or right? I will readily admit that I rock the boat. I am NOT a conforming, nice, compliant, Minnesota-nice employee. And that's why I predicted this housing debacle years before it happened. But it really burns the question are you American corporations in the business of making money, or just maintaining the status quo and not insulting people? Do you live in reality or do you just try not to insult people? This (mark my words) is why American corporations will inevitably fail and become as nible and efficient as their decaying, Japanese kieretsu counterparts.

3. To the shareholders and owners of Americana Community Bank, would you have been better off hiring me instead, and not only hiring me, but replacing all those middle aged, gray haired, morons that interviewed me with me or the likes of me? Seriously, I work for about 1/2 of your entire corporate executive team's combined salary, and I'm more effective. It's a deal (arrogantly proposed, I admit), but still a deal that would have made you immeasurably better off. You wouldn't have lost money!

Oh, but that's right. Being nice, maintaining the status quo, and (perhaps maybe in the short future) parasiting off the taxpayers, is preferred over being a profitable corporation? Yuck, that icky gross money!

Morons.

The larger point is this.

The finance sector of the US (or any) economy is a vital part of the economy.

It allocates capital (theoretically) EFFICIENTLY. It funds the ventures that are most promising and profitable and therefore (if done right) finances the industries and companies that will help produce the goods and services (not to mention provide jobs) to such an optimal extent, it will increase standards of living and economic power of the country that it becomes the envy of the world (which the US once was).

Sadly, the industry attracts only the most worthless, incompetent and inefficient people today. So incompetent and inefficient, they hire 100% USDA certified moronic heffers like Phyllis who have no aim of being a good allocator of capital, but want to "wheel and deal" to make commission.

So god bless ya, Americana Community Bank. You've decided to pursue schmoozing and wheeldealing over living in reality. Keeping entrenched corporate yes-men enriched, even if it means that someday you'll apply for TARP funds and live off the taxpayer like leeches so you can feign being "real" businessmen like little girls "play Barbie."

Any time I can turn that company around.

But something tells me your arrogance and pride will get in the way.

Enjoy bankruptcy, but make sure you impoverish several innocent taxpayers on the way.

Update #2

DOUBLY RICH

FROM A READER!

They're already under a cease and desist order by the Feds!

Oh God, when I get back from vacation I am paying Phyllis a personal visit.

The Man Cave

August 11, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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From the Major

Hello Cappy Cap readers.
While our inspirational entrepreneur and intrepid archaeologist is exploring South Dakota for fossilized remnants of extinct species, I shall regale you with a story of the evolution of an important survival tool for the human species: the Man Cave.
Pay close attention because if you take no heed, some other species may someday be searching a place formerly known as South Dakota for remnants of our fossilized remains.
Since the Dawn of Humanity, man has been a social creature. We formed small groups to cooperate in gathering food and defending our turf, females, and children from other groups of humans and predators. We huddled together for warmth in "fur piles" under the cover of trees. We generally had monogamous relationships and both parents were involved in the rearing of children. These primitive communal relationships were known as "dens".
Males of the species, though, have always been a restless, brooding, adventurous, inventive, and jealous bunch who would often squabble with other males for the choicest portion of food from the day's toil, stake claim to the most comfortable resting spot, and compete for the affections of the fairest of the less hairy gender of the species. The early dens were places of conflict as well as security.
At some point, mankind discovered the utility of caves. Caves offered shelter from the elements and a secure, defensible position. Caves were ideal for the collective species, but not for the individual male. Some men would find an isolated part of the cave where he could momentarily escape the din of communal activity. This nook was his "man-cave". In his man-cave, he could explore the deepest thoughts of his primitive intellect or scrawl crude pictures of people, animals and trees on the cave walls with chalk stone. Before long, he would invariably be interrupted by combative males, doting females, or screaming infants. No, the collective cave would not work and finding respite outside the cave would expose the pensive male to danger and discomfort.
Over time, humans developed an improvement to this situation. The nimble-fingered female companion sewed together the hides of slaughtered mammals with sinews twisted into tight threads, using bones or claws as a needle. Mankind had discovered a better dwelling place: the teepee. Now he could segregate his living space, his female, and her litter from other males. Therein, he could keep material possessions obtained through his own wit and wile. The mere presence of another male in his teepee was grounds for personal combat.
Alas, this solution was doomed to failure as well. Wherefore man achieved isolation from his fellow males, he was still relegated to share his space with the clinging female and the annoying younglings.
Over thousands of years, man learned to build semi-permanent dwellings made from sod,

mud bricks, ice blocks, or animal dung. He learned how to fashion multiple compartments within his family-unit domicile. One part of the hut would be for sleeping and, occasionally, more intimate activities. Another part of the hut would be for eating which would keep insects and the smell of rotting foodstuffs apart from the sleeping area.
The mud dwelling community would have a latrine area away from the living spaces. Even in the age of ancient man, crap time was mutually understood to be a moment of isolation and quiet reflection. During this time, man's mind would be free to think deep thoughts. It is believed by anthropologists that during these brief potty periods, mankind developed its most innovative ideas and observations - a tradition which remains unbroken to this day.
This is not the end of the story of man's evolution of thought. While the toidy is a good place for thought, the moments are too brief and too smelly to dream big dreams. Man had to come up with a better solution.
Eventually, man developed better weapons for self defense and larger, more compartmentalized domiciles made from straw, grass, or logs. Agricultural production enabled him to sustain himself and his family without venturesome hunting and gathering. He now had the means and the time to construct places of solitude within his private home. The females of the species, occupied with the tasks of caring for the young and preparing meals, remained in the sleeping or eating quarters. The male, exhausted from the day's toil, found respite in his own room. There he would draw pictures, build tiny models of inventive ideas, and clear his mind for deep thoughts. In recognition of the safety and comfort man received from the original fur pile (but without all the scritching and clawing), he called his restful place a "den."
The den ushered in a renaissance of thought. Mankind developed written language from his drawings. Then he developed advanced tools and weapons, architecture, science, and eventually shopping malls.
But I get ahead of myself. Before the advent of the shopping mall, mankind developed productive commerce and trade. Through natural capitalism, the most industrious and resourceful of men (all of whom had dens) amassed wealth. With this wealth came the development of social classes.
Regardless of social class and attainment, men remained generally similar in their attitudes and aspirations. Wealthy men had private places called "libraries" or "studies" filled with books which he either wrote or read. Middle class men had their dens which contained a comfortable chair, a book, and some form of entertainment. Lower class men and their families were clustered in ghettoes so densely populated that they could not have a den or a library. For this reason, they invented the "pub."
Although the "pub" didn't have much privacy, it afforded men an opportunity to unwind and escape the screaming of the infants and the plump wife. There, comforted by pints of ale, he could commiserate with his chums, fantasize about sex with the barmaid, and immerse himself in cheerful songs and gay revelry with his fellow underachievers. This social adaptation, while functional as a relief of stress, afforded little opportunity for deep thoughts. Ergo, the lower class was stuck in a cycle of waking, working, eating, drinking, shagging, sleeping, waking, and wondering why there were so many screaming infants in

his house.
The wealthiest of men built mansions or castles. In these edifices, man placed several hundred feet of wood or stone between himself and his wife and children while remaining under the same roof. With his wealth, he could temporarily placate his nagging and clingy partner. She would be given a "sewing room" in which she could cuss and pout and soothe her loneliness with each stitch. She might also have a "parlor" where she and other women could congregate. "Parlor" comes from the French word "to talk". Mind you, there was very little "thinking" going on in this room - just a lot of talking. The talk mostly concerned their husbands, the latest fashions, and gossip about women who were not in attendance.
As they died, the middle class tradesmen and upper class entrepreneurs and landowners passed on their assets to their sons. The youthful knaves had been neglected by both parents and showered with placating gifts; they possessed things they had not earned and could not appreciate. This is when mankind took an awful turn.
These spoiled, overgrown infants began to feel "entitled" to things they wanted. Feeling isolated and lonely, they emulated the behavior of the lower classes (but shunned their company). They formed establishments called "closed pubs" which was abbreviated as "clubs". The clubs of the foppish popinjays had libraries filled with thousands of books, none of which had been read or written by any of the club members. They smoked cigars, played games of billiards and golf (which they adopted from the poor), and drank refined beverages such as Scotch Whiskey, Gin, and Cognac. The middle class tradesmen had clubs too which became secret societies in which they emulated the ostentatious lifestyles of the wealthy. These clubs eventually evolved into trade unions, the Freemasons, the Elks, the Moose lodges, etc.
In the absence of men and secure in luxury of a home with nannies to care for the children, wealthy women became free to develop their own clubs too. They joined sewing circles, bridge clubs, relief societies, and temperance unions. Soon, with their newly acquired "deep thoughts" and with strength in numbers, women began to "flex their muscles."
It was all downhill from there. Women withheld sexual favors in exchange for concessions from their emasculated spouses. Then they acquired the right to vote and banned alcohol which was destroying their husbands' productivity and making them downright disagreeable. This move did not turn out as they had planned. Many men and even many women began to involve themselves in uncommitted sexual relationships lubricated by the Devil's Brew in hidden clubs. Men with tools called "Thompson submachineguns" began to kill one another.
Society's vices caught up with us. The lack of productive behavior and unwise decisions by privileged club members in high political office resulted in a Great War which was really just an excuse for millions of men to get out of the house. Then came the Great Depression which set us back several centuries in social and economic development. Next came a Greater War which kept men away from home for 4-10 years. One group of men, in an isolated den in New Mexico, invented the Atomic Bomb and ended the war. At the conclusion of that war, men actually began to miss their spouses. They returned to

their countries and bought pre-fabricated houses - a revival of the teepee but with aluminum siding. Next came some more working, drinking, shagging, and waking up to ever increasing numbers of screaming infants. Women, who previously had jobs during the war, missed the freedom and independence, thus causing more nagging. Men had to re-invent the den!

But society had changed forever. The 1960s came and women found ways to avoid churning out puppies and kittens on an annual basis. More and more marriages ended in divorce as men grated against the confinement with women in small apartments. Drugs replaced alcohol as a diversion. Then there were more wars. Then came Nixon, Ford, and Carter.

For the brief decade of the 1980s, it appeared that we might be getting ourselves back on track. Men became men again: prosperous, resourceful, and pensive. Women were entering college at ever increasing numbers, trying to think deep thoughts.

But then all the screaming infants from the post-war period came of age. The neglected, spiteful, and entitled little brats began to rob productive society of its resources. Armed with the power of democracy which they scarcely understood, they exercised freedom without responsibility and claimed that things which were formerly known as "privileges" are now considered "rights."

Human evolution has reached a dangerous precipice. The small cooperative groups called "family", which sustained us for millennia, began to vanish. The monogamous social arrangement which had heretofore been mutually worthwhile has disintegrated.

The pace of our work has accelerated in the futile attempt to service the ever-growing system of entitlements, leaving men no time to think or read or dream during waste excretion. The television became the central location where man and woman and child occupied their minds with empty images, robbing them of creative thoughts. Men again sought solace by engaging in diversionary activities in which their women were generally not interested, like football, video games, poker, and blogging. Individual men, working by themselves or in small groups with other men (but no women) thought the big thoughts which ushered in the internet age.

Now we find ourselves in a destructive equilibrium where men in a relationship seek privacy and cannot find it. Females relentlessly try to wrest men from secluded thinking spaces where they hope to find ways to make millions of dollars selling things nobody really wants but everybody absolutely must have.

Mankind's future is threatened because we have shunned our basic biological programming. Man has been four billion years in the making, having evolved from single-celled organisms to cell clusters to gastropods to fish to reptiles to amphibians to mammals to GEICO insurance salesmen. Although our social structure has evolved at an incredibly swift pace, as biological entities we are little changed from the creatures we were 10,000 years ago - a blink of the evolutionary eye. Man's mental capacity is no different now than it was when we were squatting over a hole in the African savannah, pushing out breakfast, and wondering which animal a particular cluster of stars reminded us of.

As a species, we mistakenly think men have outgrown the need for our own space - our

den, our study, our library....our Man-Cave.
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Children Cause Poverty

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I've said it before, and I'll say it again children are the primary cause of poverty TODAY (I will not authorize comments about how back in 1820 "children were a blessing as they were extra labor!" simply because it's 2000 and-freaking-9)

You will never be able to convince me that the denominator in GDP per CAPITA doesn't at least have a 50% say in the matter.

What Precisely Is Debt

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I will make this short, not only because I'm on vacation, but because I genuinely believe in keeping this important lesson simple, because it is that; simple.

Debt for most of our everyday use is used to purchase large ticket items like houses or cars that we do not have the great sum of cash for, but can instead borrow the money and pay it back over time with interest.

Another form of "debt" that is in the daily use of the average person is short term debt, such as credit cards. This form of debt is not that we don't have the money now, it's just that it's easier to carry a credit or debit card as opposed to cash. This "tab" is then paid up monthly (unless of course you're like 70% of the American public and just decide to let it build up into a $50,000 credit card balance).

However, "debt" is also measured from a macro-economic perspective where we add up all the debts of corporations, people, and governments. The relevancy of this "total debt" figure is not its use as in mortgage debt or credit card debt, but rather a testament to the laziness of a nation.

Let me say that again;

"The total debt of a nation, including personal, corporate and governmental debt, is a testament or measure of the laziness of a nation."

The reason why is this,

Debt is the difference between what the people of a nation consume versus what they produce.

You see, we (or any other nation) produce a certain amount of production every year. We call this GDP. We produce GDP because that is what we not only like to consume, but trade with one another. So I go and teach dance classes and sell books, so that I might raise the money to buy food and pay for martini's.

However, if I'm a spoiled suburbanite princess, or perhaps a socialist president who wants to blow $3 trillion on social programs, we like to consume MORE than what we produce.

This results in a difference or "deficit" between what we produce and what we consume.

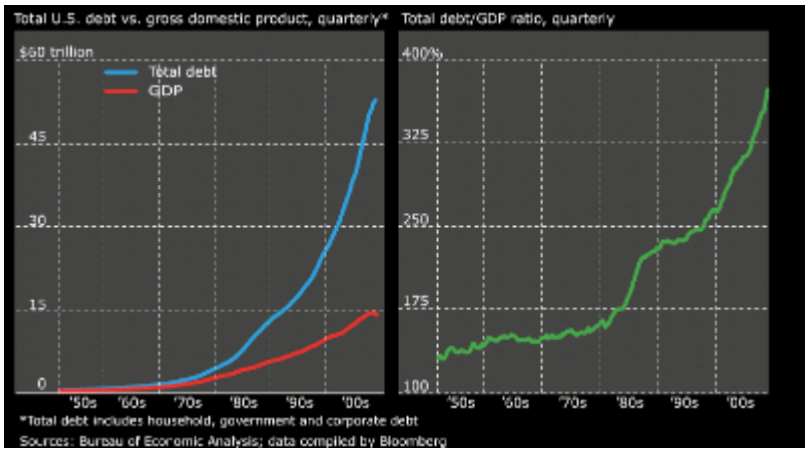
We finance this deficit by borrow money year after year after year....^nth power after

year after year.

Ultimately these deficits accumulate into "debt"

So in short, our desire to be greedy and consume more than we produce, turns into the physical manifestation of debt. ie-Debt is the real life manifestation of human laziness.

Now, to measure how lazy a nation is we should compare our total laziness (debt) against our total production. Thankfully some nice men and women at Bloomberg have done so already;



It looks like, assuming Americans keep spending more than they make, we'll consume 4 times they amount we've produced, and that is frankly criminally greedy. No different than the bankers and scumbuckets who caused the financial crisis. But where is all this debt coming from?

You see, if we keep going along promising ourselves free food, free clothing, free shelter, free health care treating them as if they were "rights" and not what they really are (commodities) since they are "rights" nobody is going to work or "produce" for them. This not only lowers our production, but since we've (and when I say "we've" I really mean the socialists in congress and the socialist Barack Obama) promised ourselves free health care and unicorns and cars and ice cream, we will have to incur more debt relative to our production.

The long and short end of this lesson is a very simple, childish one, which most American adults seem to have a real hard time understanding;

If nobody works and everything is "paid for" nothing will be produced and even though you think you're "entitled" to these "rights," the reality is that of Soviet Russia;

Empty food shelves
Bread lines

And no, I'm sorry little Taylor, you don't get your I-Pod for Christmas. Hear some government issued coal (green coal of course).

Nationalized Health Care

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I have been requested to make commentary on the health care debate.

It's very simple;

Whoever in congress votes for it will lose their seats.

Those who voted for the TARP bailout/stimulus AND votes for nationalized health care will probably get lynched in the streets.

And I frankly would smile if that happened.

More Or Less Sums Up All Men

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This is more or less the most accurate depiction of men when they wake up for the first 15 minutes of their day.

Town Hall Protesters

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Democrats should set aside their arrogance and disdain calling the town hall protesters "mobs" or "un-american" or "nazi's" and heed some simple math. They may not like the math, but it will test their ability to heed reality over their addiction to power. I'm betting they won't heed reality because they like power too much, and thus I can make this post without the worry they might actually listen and will condemn themselves nonetheless.

First off you must understand the basic paradox between leftists and conservatives as it pertains to protesting. Understand that it is the core nature of "leftism" or "socialism" to get government funds to finance whatever programs are desired. That IS the bona fide definition of "socialism;" government financing. Ergo it is part of the genetic code, its core operation to get money from the taxpayers by having the government take it via taxation. Therefore it's just a daily duty of entities like ACORN, the SEIU, the teacher's unions, etc. to lobby the government for more financing.

However, with conservatives it is not the same. Conservatives, by and large, go and actually PRODUCE something of value and in turn sell it to people who willingly part with their money in the private sector.

The doctor does surgery and gets paid willingly by the person who needs his appendix removed.

The burger flipper makes a Big Mac and is willingly paid by the person who loves that awesomely bad, yet heavenly tasting food.

The mechanic fixes your car, and you willingly pay him to replace your transmission.

Now this is a broad brush I am painting and it's not to say there isn't a doctor who is a leftist or a burger flipper who is a capitalist, but the larger point is that by its definition, it is the nature of the job of leftist to protest and lobby for more government money as there is no other way they would be employed.

This, however, presents a paradox to those of a more capitalist nature. Their jobs have really nothing to do with the government. They don't get their money from the taxpayer, they get it by producing something of value in this society and then selling it to the people who want it. Therefore, it is NOT part of their job to go and protest/lobby for more money. But what does that say if they DO come out and protest, and this is the point I'm trying to make.

Congressmen, senators and politicians of the democrat (and republican) stripe, listen to

me, even though you won't.

I know you think that the "masses" want socialism as much as you do or your professional "constituents" do and you think these "town hall protesters" are just a bunch of loonies. But what you seem to fail to realize is that (and here's the math)

1 conservative/capitalist/republican/libertarian protester

equals about

25 liberal/leftist/socialist protesters

The reason why is simple;

We're too busy working and actually producing something of value to bother bitching and whining for more money unlike your leftists protesters who are too damn lazy to get real jobs and support themselves. We don't need the government. Matter of fact, the only thing we really want is for you to leave us alone so we can go and work and enjoy our lives. Therefore if we do come out and protest, you have MAJORLY effed up and better listen up.

Now I know most of the socialists in congress will not listen, but allow me to compare and contrast;

One of the protesters they've been interviewing is this 35 year old mom. Of all the different protesters, she said something that struck a cord with me and makes my point;

To go to the town hall meeting she and her husband had to do it on vacation and on their 10 year wedding anniversary.

Now if you compare this to these idiotic ACORN protesters, who are obviously not supporting themselves and living on daddy's dime (while not doubt claiming to be "independent" women)

You'll see that one is really an adult who is a contributing member to society, and the others are just effing morons who should never be allowed to vote, at MINIMUM not heeded or listened to when they come in and ask for free health care. The larger point is that the working mom HAD TO TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK. In otherwords there is a silent majority who just plain don't have the time or the luxury to take off and protest, unlike their socialist counterparts who do.

Another reason why you should heed the 25/1 ratio is that conseravtives/capitalists/libertarians, etc. do not have PAID PROTESTERS.

I couldn't believe it when I first heard it, but upon visiting my girlfriend one time at her office, I saw a bunch of really old protesters protesting in the parking lot adjacent to her office building. I asked her "what are they protesting?"

She said, "Well the company that is in that building is a munitions manufacturer and they're protesting them for making ammunition."

"Why are they so old (they were 60+)?"

"They're paid to protest."

Only leftists could come up with something as dishonest as PAID PROTESTERS (though I will admit I can see some more obscure religious nut job outfits doing this, but the larger point being the left has a monopolgy on the "paid protesting" industry). The larger point being again, if one side of the political spectrum has to resort to PAYING protesters, it just dilutes the value of their protest. Remember you're not paid by the protester, you're paid by the vote.

And finally, why you may want to heed some of these people, with unemployment at 9.4%, people who were otherwise employed and producing, are now unemployed and pissed. And NOW they actually have the time to go and voice their demands whereas previously they couldn't. Worse for you still, they may even have the time to educate themselves about the economy, the housing crisis and how we got here and boy, are they going to get pissed when they find out not only did you BAIL OUT THE CRIMINALS, and AT YOUR CHILDRENS' expense, but now you're going to increase their taxes by another 10-15% GDP.

So look, here's the deal.

I know you've been constantly bombarded by protesters of the leftist stripe. Probably 90% of the protests, e-mails, calls, etc., are for pro-leftist causes. But you have to understand that the reason that is, is because that's how leftists make their money - government financing. It's also their job, to protest and lobby for more money. The remaining (I'd estimate) 70% of the population is out there WORKING FOR A LIVING AND DON'T HAVE TIME TO BEG FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY. And when it comes to the point that you've pushed and pushed, and taken more and more of their money (not to mentioned mortgaged their children's future) and you then ask for a nationalized health care system that only fringe leftists want, you've pushed them past the brink and they will come out and protest. You've effectively made it not worth working any more.

And then you insult them, the people who actually produce all the wealth in this nation, the people who carry the non-productive classes' weight in this world by calling them "nazi's" and "un-American?"

Hoo hoo!!!

I used to think the American people were so stupid and ignorant about government finances that Obama would win another term, but by you impoverishing them, indebting them and then INSULTING THEM, there might actually be hope they wake up and see what arrogant, elitist, spoiled brat, preppy, trust fund baby bastards you really are.

Again, that ratio is 25 to 1. Try not to forget it, if you can swallow it.

Organized Protesters

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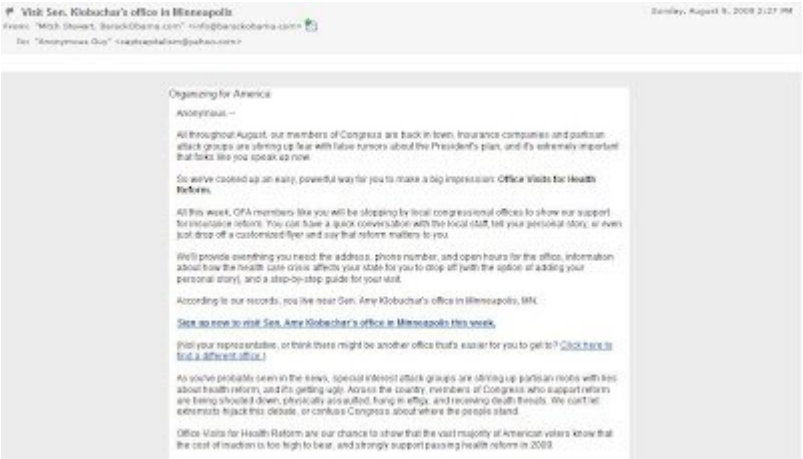
This was scheduled for later, but given this article, I think I shall post it now.

I got this e-mail from the Obama campaign (I signed up for their e-mails back when Obama was campaigning against Hillary) and it is just again, more proof that the people who protest at these town hall meetings are infinitely more legitimate than the professional protesters sent out by the left;



Visit Sen. Klobuchar's office in Minneapolis

Organizing for America

Anonymous –

All throughout August, our members of Congress are back in town. Insurance companies and partisan attack groups are stirring up fear with false rumors about the President's plan, and it's extremely important that folks like you speak up now.

So we've cooked up an easy, powerful way for you to make a big impression: **Office Visits for Health Reform.**

All this week, OFA members like you will be stopping by local congressional offices to show our support for insurance reform. You can have a quick conversation with the local staff, tell your personal story, or even just drop off a customized flyer and say that reform matters to you.

We'll provide everything you need: the address, phone number, and open hours for the office, information about how the health care crisis affects your state for you to drop off (with the option of adding your personal story), and a step-by-step guide for your visit.

According to our records, you live near Sen. Amy Klobuchar's office in Minneapolis, MN.

Sign up now to visit Sen. Amy Klobuchar's office in Minneapolis this week.

(Visit your representative, or think there might be another office that's easier for you to get to? Click here to find a different office.)

As you've probably seen in the news, special interest attack groups are stirring up partisan rhetoric with lies about health reform, and it's getting ugly. Across the country, members of Congress who support reform are being shouted down, physically assaulted, hung in effigy, and receiving death threats. We can't let extremists hijack this debate, or confuse Congress about where the people stand.

Office Visits for Health Reform are our chance to show that the vast majority of American voters know that the cost of inaction is too high to bear, and strongly support passing health reform in 2009.

Note a couple things;

1. I never have received ANY e-mail from ANY conservative/capitalist entity to go and contact my representative/senator EXCEPT from the REPUBLICAN PARTY ITSELF.

2. I especially NEVER received anything from President Bush's administration.

3. Do not tell me that some how these leftists organization are "noble" or "honorable" or "legit" protesters while the town hall protesters are not.

Recession Penguins

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So I've been watching the Penguins of Madagascar on cable recently on my vacation and I have to admit they are freaking awesome.

"Kowolski, status report!"

"What's the trouble private?"

You have to appreciate the Skipper.

You may also be interested in;

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Big Sugar

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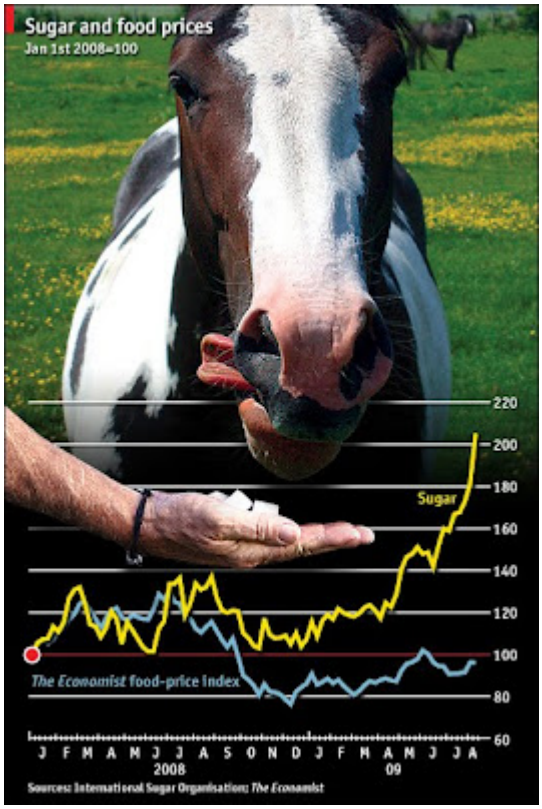
It used to be Big Oil, now it's BIG SUGAR!



President Obama better launch a congressional investigation into the price of sugar! Why those big sugar companies with their obscene profits are conspiring to increase the price of sugar, making us all suffer!

You know what we should do!? We should "boycott sugar for a day!" That way...uh...um...we'll show those big sugar companies whose...uh...boss for a..umm...day and that way, they'll just..uhh...wait for us to buy more the very next day.

Reason #249 Why Global Warming is a Hoax

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Historians are going to look back and western civilization and say, "what were these idiots thinking?" From Kate.

Savings Rate in America

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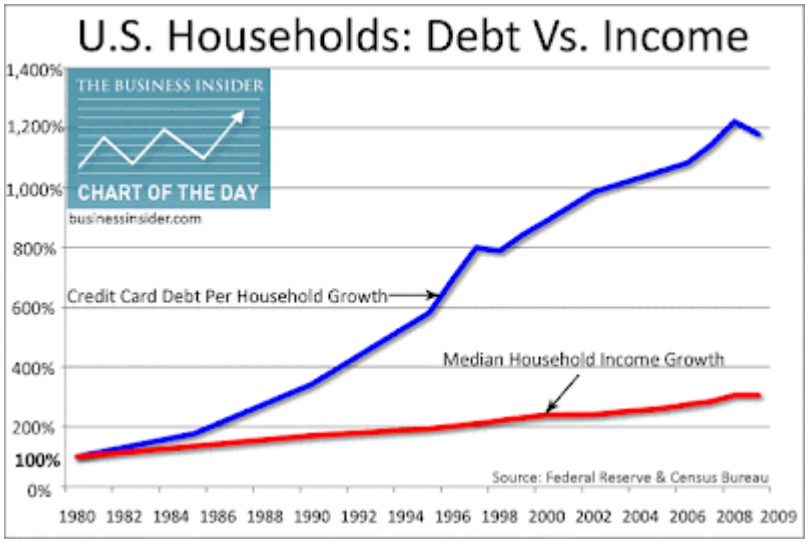
I like it when I see other people who are just as cynical as I am in that it confirms (at least to me) that I am not insane, but rather the rest of the country is. I like it even more when I see they use charts. But what I really like is when they quote Michael Hodges from the Grandfather Report (who some of you might know) was one of the primary motivators for me to start Cappy Cap.

Here's the chart;



Here's the article.

She's Pretty Hot for An Economist

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Reader sent this and aside for it's intellectual content, she's a looker...for an economist anyway.

Ron Volesky

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Short post, them I'm off to climb Hat Mountain.

Saw it in the Rapid City Journal today that Ron Volesky, a potential democratic candidate for South Dakota governor wants to impose a corporate income tax.

So in short, since I'm vacation,

Volesky is a freaking moron. And the reason why is he doesn't understand basic economics.

South Dakota, as well as North Dakota and Wyoming, are states that not only have no income tax (corporate or personal), but states that have more or less escaped the recession.

Now the reason why is that corporations and people like to invest in these states since they get to keep more of their money. It also keeps money out of the hands of government, which is notorious for spending money poorly, resulting in less production per dollar. However what really pisses me off is that I was planning on moving myself and my company out here to South Dakota to escape the overly and oppressively taxed nanny state of Minnesota. But oh no, you have to ruin any fun and eliminate any state that might still somewhat adhere to the Declaration of Independence's "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"

Now, of course, guess what he wants to spend it it;

Compared to those challenges, dealing with the income tax stigma may be a small test that might even help bring some attention to his campaign. Volesky thinks some voters are waiting to support the idea.

"The people I've talked to feel like if it was presented in the right way to reduce taxes in other areas, a corporate profits tax would be acceptable," he said. "I just feel like funding for education has gotten so far behind and we just keep working with the same tax structure and same dollars. I believe we need a new funding source."

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Of course, education. Arguably the most cost-ineffective government program where more money has never improved education.

And his rationalization for imposing an income tax;

"I just feel that"

Ron, quit being a god damned politician, become an adult and a statesman and KNOW

before you ask for other people's money.

Recession Medicine - Robot Chicken

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Prius Vanity Plates

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I have seen this twice now and thus it needs addressing, so please listen.

Was coming back from climbing Hat Mountain via Hill City and in front of me was a Prius with a Wellstone! bumper stick on it, as well as vanity plates that read "L S GAS." Now I had see this before where another Prius driver had "60 MPG" as his vanity plate (even though they don't get 60 MPG) and it got me thinking as I drove home.

"This is what they pride themselves off of?"

Understand vanity plates are basically a means by which you tell people something about yourself or your beliefs. Presumably it would be something of importance or pride (LUVWIFE) or, or perhaps you come up with very witty vanity plates such as (I have seen before) "TAXESUK."

But what these vanity plates tell me is that these people actually derive pride from getting faux-good gas mileage, and not only pride, but this is arguably the single greatest accomplishment or achievement in their lives;

Good gas mileage/low carbon emissions.

Now this provides a VERY interesting insight to the leftist mind, and I have alluded to this before; leftists (in a very general sense) want to avoid real work, yet are desperate to feel that they are accomplishing something with their lives. Ergo, instead of majoring in engineering, or becoming an accountant or a doctor and actually producing something or worth, they instead go into sociology, philosophy, the arts or whatever worthless "industries" the social sciences provide and instead of producing something of value to society, CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS VALUABLE TO SOCIETY.

Ergo the crusade over the cause.

Bono wants to help stave off poverty in Africa - no he doesn't, he wants the media attention.
Bob Geldorf wants to do the same - no he doesn't, he wants to be loved.
Jesse Jackson wants to eliminate racism - no he doesn't, he would be out of a job.
Hillary Clinton wants to help America - no she doesn't, she wants power.

And your run of the mill leftists that may not have celebrity status of those mentioned above like to join crusades to "end poverty" or "stop global warming."

No they don't. They want to wear an eco-boyscout badge to brag to other people about how good they are when they drive a Prius or drink "fair trade" coffee or buy organic groceries with a reusable bag or vote democrat/socialist.

These actions not only take no effort (or minimal) but they inevitably do nothing for society, nor produce anything of value. The only thing they do is make those that participate feel like they are doing something worthwhile and giving meaning to their lives. ie-it masks just how hollow their lives really are.

Now, admittedly this is a large brush I am stroking with, for as I've said before, I do know leftist computer programmers, I do know right wing government workers, but for those of you who have such little production and economic worth to your lives, that your primary thing you want to tell the world is that you get good gas mileage and emit less carbon than they average guy (until you have to dispose of those Prius batteries, but never mind, I forgot, it was never about the environment anyway), don't you think that before your time on this planet is up you might want to do something that really matters?

Seriously, think about it. When you die and they're reading off your ulogy, what do you want them to say?

"Skyler McFairtradecoffeedrinker was a great man. He only bought organic, fairtrade coffee from small, locally owned coffee stores that gave back to the community 30% of their pre-tax profits. He volunteered his time at the local minimalist-crapo-art museum where he lobbied the government for more taxpayer money for art nobody wanted. He wasn't a rich man, but he was rich in that his footprint was minimal on this planet. He lived in a small house with environmentally friendly insultation and spent only 79% of the US average on heating and air conditioning. He drove a moped and a Prius and emitted 56% less than the average American in carbon emissions."

You get one life on this planet and the greatest accomplishment you achieved is that you went green?

You know some people have families, some get great careers, some start businesses, some become adventurers, some go to the Sturgis rally, some start bars or restaurants, some fight in wars, some (ahem, cough cough) become economists during the day, moonlight as ballroom dance instructors during the nights, author books on their free time and become dashing Indiana Jones like characters on vacation as amateur paleontologists.

But you, on your death bed will look back at the previous 80 years and your greatest accomplishment?

You didn't eat meat. Wow, way to go.

In the meantime, I (and I'm sure all the junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists out there) will be spending our lives achieving real things. So that when we die, we will have a smile on our faces in that we didn't waste that one, precious, finite life we had.

More Proof of Socialism

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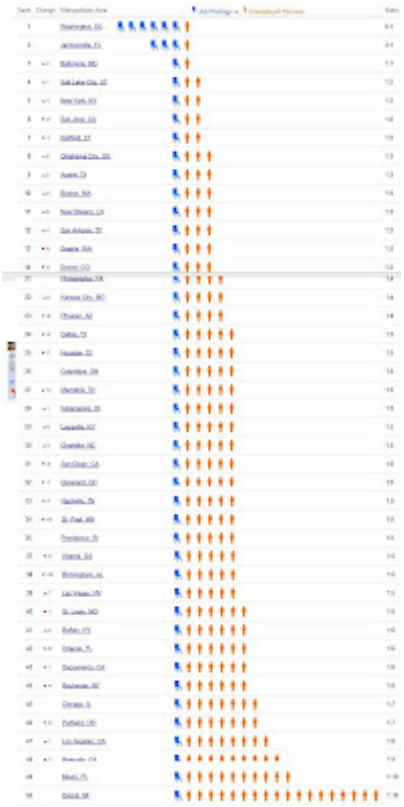
I use the word socialism because that is precisely where we are not only headed, but currently are. Regardless an interesting link provided to me by a reader, Brian, provides not only additional proof that socialism is being implemented, but also proves;

1. Detroit sucks
2. Places that we crazy with the housing also suck
3. The rest of the country is paying to create jobs for Washington bureaucrats
4. Portland is a place I never plan to visit nor invest in.



The chart is a bit large, but it's insightful.

Smart Dog

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JR Hume's New Book

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Many of you may not know Mr. Hume, but he is not only a regular Cappy Cap reader, but also an author and was kind enough to pull some strings for me when I was publishing my book. He specializes in military/sci-fi so for any Cappy Cap readers out there that are interested in the genre, certainly feel free to purchase his book!

I have not read it yet and am still on vacation, but certainly feel free to post any reviews!

Outstanding Journalism

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I am not a professional journalist, but then again, I really don't believe in "professional journalism." I believe people, especially now armed with the internet, can find out the truth for themselves and don't need some worthless C- student who can't do algebra going to J school, writing for a newspaper telling them what to think.

But you have to hand it to Kate at SDA. She does this "SDA juxtaposes" theme, but this is one of the best ones where she exposes this fraud-nationalized-health-care-whore/professional protester.

You want to talk about people in the media who actually care about society, well it ain't freaking Dan Rather.

Recession Medicine - Casablanca Bunnies

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Casablanca Bunnies

Your Captain Has Failed

August 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I thought I had found a dinosaur.

Turns out it was just a "brontothere" an ice age creature that had a skull of about 4 feet long.

All that being said, it was actually awesome to have Dr. Barb (the US Forest Service's official, tippy top super paleontologist) come out and dig out the ONE bone I did find and in all truthfulness, I'll be perfectly happy finding a brontothere.

Of course, Natasha found TWO dinosaurs, but that is another story.

Post post - Brontotheres were portrayed in Ice Age as the two, um...effeminate rhinos (have to skip to the video)

This Is Your Captain Speaking

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No mention of the book, but still.

And to the CEO who said I was misrepresenting what was going on?

HA! You're a liar.

And that is how simple it is.

The Capitalism - Socialism Speech

August 25, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Howdy All,

I've finally been able to put together the video of my speech "How to Argue Against Socialism and Defend Capitalism"

Only problem is that I cannot find a video sharing service to upload it to that allows for the length and file size of the video. It is 237 MB and 2 hours 10 minutes long.

DOES ANYBODY KNOW ANY VIDEO SHARING SERVICE THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO UPLOAD THIS???

Otherwise I will have to just burn it to DVD and mail it out (unfortunately I would have to charge for it to pay for postage and handling).

El Cap-i-tan

Last Days of Vacation

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Hi All,

I am entering the last few days of my vacation and will thusly be spending it fishing, hiking and slowly making my way back to Minneapolis.

Posts will be light, but I will schedule a couple recession medicine cartoons here and there.

In the meantime take the full 2 hours to watch the video below, hopefully that will be enough economic data to last you a while.

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Venture Bank

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Venture Bank of Bloomington, Minnesota is one that I have interviewed with multiple times.

Of course I never received a job offer, because, well, if we were to put it simply;

I HAVE MY HEAD OUT OF MY ASS.

However, as you are no doubt fully aware, banks, bankers and the financial industry in general, prefer you to have your head up your ass, or at least be willing to french-kiss some ass in order to be employed, and that leads us to our recurring lesson about the American financial system;

It is more important that you kiss ass than kick ass.

It is more important to bend over than make profit.

It is more important to ignore reality and play ball as we all enjoy a free bailout on the American taxpayer's back as we pay ourselves enough money to buy ourselves houses and boats on Lake Minnetonka even though we don't deserve it and pose as "real" business men just like Tom Petters and Denny Hecker.

Now, I won't go into details but I interviewed twice AND offered them my Independent Analytics services and they wanted nothing to do with it. Of course, for a mere 10% of their losses THIS ONE QUARTER, I would have prevented it.

But (and pay attention to all of you thinking about entering finance/economics as a career, because it will change your minds to major in something like computer programming or engineering where your bosses have to adhere to the laws of PHYSICS and not the laws of some middle aged dumbass with too much of daddy's money in lalaland) you see it is more important to the powers that be in the finance world that you be a conforming automoton than any real leader with any real brains and any real talent with any real hope of delivering any real increases in real profitability.

I have been thinking about this on my motorcycle rides throughout the Black Hills, and it almost seems to me that the people who are currently in the positions of power in the US coroprate world almost value "conformance" and "slavery" and "power" over "profits" or "efficiency." It's enough that I am seriously considering contacting a labor economist I know to see if there is a way to measure how much value a middle aged dumbass places on conformance versus performance. Perhaps that could be a labor economist's thesis

"Conformance vs. Performance."

In any case and in all seriousness, I'm just gloating in the losses the dumbasses at "Venture" *oooooh, isn't that exciting! "Venture" - yeah, like "ventures into bankruptcy"* "Bank" is suffering right now.

Of course, it all could have been avoided, if they had just...

aw, fuck it, never mind. I should have been born in the 20's.

How to Argue Against Socialism and Defend Capitalism is Now Available

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Howdy All,

After some editing and some serious crash coursing in MS Movie Maker my speech, "How to Argue Against Socialism and Defend Capitalism" is now available online.

This speech is quite simply A MUST for all people who believe in free markets, capitalism, freedom and true progress. It is unique (in my humble opinion) in that it is the only one of its kind where it comprehensively covers not just the logical and philosophical arguments for capitalism, but also provides your everyday person with the empirical data that supports capitalism. It also delves into the leftist mind with insights that help you understand where the left is coming from and how to engage them when debating with them.

Understand that this is the entire speech in its original format. It was taped professionally and will be aired on TV in the future, but this "professional version" will be an abbreviated version of it. I wanted to make sure the ENTIRE 2 hour 10 minute version was available in that there are many different aspects to this debate that need addressing and I wanted to cover them all.

It is a LONG seminar, but understand that in those short 2 hours and 10 minutes, you will be armed with an immense amount of data, as well as a strategic understanding of the psychology of the left that you will be immeasurably more capable of arguing for free markets, low taxes, freedom and liberty. More importantly I review different economic resources you can go to where by you can research and investigate on your own.

To download the video click here and do the "save as" thing (many thanks to FRANK! for hosting it!)

It is 237 MB so it may take a bit to download, but as always with some of my lengthier works, this will grant you the time to pour yourself a martini, light up a cigar and get comfy in your recliner.

Also, it would mean the world to me if you could mention this not only to your friends, but to Glenn Beck or Rush Limbaugh or somebody out there that has a little more pull than me. I ask this not for the attention, but as you will see the data and concepts in this speech really are that good, and the more people we can get to see this speech, the better armed we will be in fighting the forces of socialism in this country.

Many thanks!

El Cap-i-tan

PS-People have been asking if I can burn a copy to disk and mail if they pay a couple bucks it as they are having troubles downloading. Yes, please e-mail me at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com, I don't know what postage costs, but I'll charge $10 or so for the postage and my hassle.

PPS-A reader was kind enough to convert it to You Tube and here is the link if you prefer it that way.

Oh, Isn't That Cute

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I can hear the emasculated, 20 something, mommy-paid-my-way-though-college man's voice on the other end. It tells me he forgot one key important thing;

OH, THAT'S RIGHT, DUMBASS, MEDICARE IS BROKE BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT MISMANAGED IT SO HORRIBLY! Amazing how he never managed to discuss how the "Medicare" system is busted.

Wow, cartoons are cute! I think I'll convince another 20 million idiotic 20 somethings to think just like my skinny, goatee wearing-never-getting-any-pansy-ass while we vote for our next president on American Idol.

From a Reader

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It is a bit lengthy, but our good reader, Broadsword, makes some deeper points if you care to read through. I am currently failing miserably at fishing and stand no chance of recouping the $60 I spent on a non-state-resident fishing license;

Sorry, somethings wrong with the text, my bad. Tried working at it and it still isn't coming through. I will try to post it later after vacation.

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Proposal Economics

August 30, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Because, really, *AND I MEAN THIS! REALLY*

diamond rings are a freaking waste;

http://www.leasticoulddo.com/comic/20090828

And if girl tells you otherwise, then ask her how many starving children in Africa that $5,000 ring would feed for how many years.

Yeah, that's what I thought.

Don't get me started on the waste that occurs in weddings.

This One is For the Major

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Ah, ballroom dancing. Something the major and I share in common and every REAL man should learn;

The Captain is Victorious

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I spent $60 on an out of state fishing license for South Dakota.

My economist mind went to work and after pricing fillets of fish at the local supermarket, I figured I would need to catch 7.5 sizeable fish to fillet them and earn back the savings to pay for my fishing license.

Of course I haven't caught a damn fish worth filleting, but the old adage is true;

"Unlucky in fishing, lucky in Fairburn Agate hunting."

Fairburn agates, as they call them, are South Dakota's state rock. Seemingly "nothing exciting" to the untrained eye, their intricate patterns is what makes them quite valuable in the gem world. I wouldn't have even considered them gems, but given their prices range from anywhere from $20 for El Crapo ones to $40,000 for the more insanely rare ones, they are a more profitable venture than trying to pan for gold.

In any case, your Captain has been victorious in his hunt for Fairburn Agates. Found three of them today!

Now, I know, I know. All the cappy cap girls MUST learn to control themselves, because not only is your dear Captain an accomplished fossil hunter, tornado chaser, economist, video game player AND ballroom, dancer, he is now a successful FAIRBURN AGATE HUNTER.

You may swoon now.

Sadly only 48 more hours of vacation, and then a SLOW, ENJOYABLE trip back to the communist, Al Franken, Crocus Pot Smoking Hippie Hill, POS land known as Minnesota.

Yea, more taxes and spoiled brat suburbanite children who go to Carleton. Yea.

Detroit Health Care = Nationalized Health Care

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Well, it could be just because it's Detroit.

ht to Gatmando.

Effective Tax Rates

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Or as I like to call it

"Where not to move to"

Of course, I disagree with this as the main measure of taxation. The best measure of taxation is government spending as a percent of GDP. And the reasons why are thusly;

1. Income and social pension tax are not the only taxes you pay. You pay state income tax, sales tax, capital gains tax, corporate tax (but idiotic leftists will say, "NO, CORPORATIONS PAY THOSE TAXES!" And corporations are owned by WHO EXACTLY? Oh, that's right, everybody with a 401k and grandma's pension.), licenses, VAT tax, etc. etc. etc. However, it's much easier to measure total tax by taking the total revenue governments take in which accounts for all forms of taxes.

2. You can't even just consider government revenue as the total tax, because those silly governments like to spend more than they bring in. Well how do they pay back the debt they incur by running all those deficits? Well they can only pay back government debt via one way; MORE TAXES. Of course these are deferred into the future by mortgaging your children and grandchildren's futures, but hey, what do you care? You'll be dead by the time those idiotic youth figure it out. "Hey kid, here's an I-pod and why don't you watch more Teen Idol. Don't pay attention to these boring budget figures."

Where's the White House

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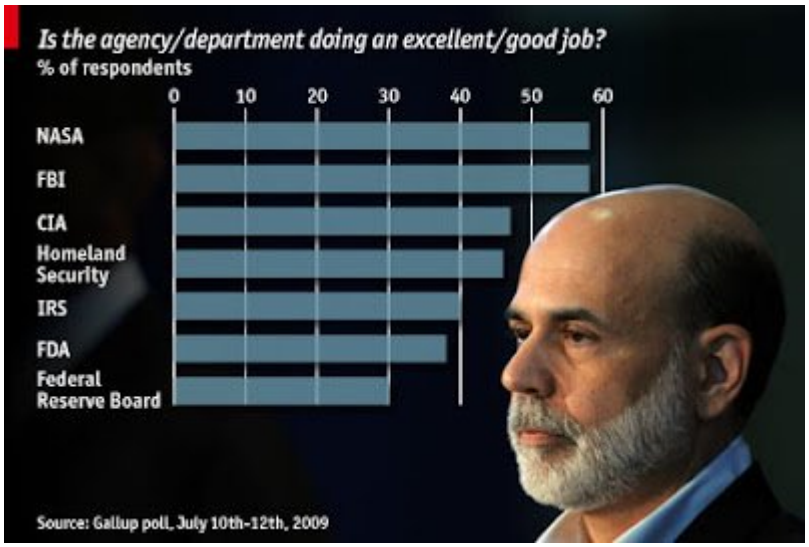
Curiously, the White House is missing from this popularity poll;



AH, The Economist. Subtle biased reporting at it's best.

A Response to "Why We Need Government Run Healthcare"

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Ah, it's like making fun of little children.

A Question to My Idiotic Younger Friends

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I know, I know, Obama got elected by more than just the meth-addicted, American-Idol worshipping, teeny-boopers who voted for him based on "coolness" and not whether he had the slightest bit of competency and experience. I know, I'm aware of that. There were people who were just sick of Bush, hippies who whilst celebrating the 40th anniversary of Woodstock also wanted to be cool and young too, and your stalwart pull the level democrats,

BUT

he could NOT have gotten elected without the American Idol children.

Now, I try to convince people about the true and genuine danger this socialist (which is what he is) brings to America. I try every way possible from data and charts and information, to logical arguments, to reviewing the history of socialism, to even resorting to berating them for their stupidity and pointing out just how little they know about economics and therefore really shouldn't have the right to vote.

But maybe, JUST MAYBE, this simple line of logic may penetrate the Panzer-tank-like-armor-thick skulls of today's American late teens and 20 somethings;

If this is the result of the government running a $3 billion "cash for clunkers" program, just how well do you think the government is going to run health care?

Am I getting anywhere? Is the light starting to go on? Are you starting to think "hey, maybe I should just set aside my zealotlike commitment to the socialist ideology and maybe ask what kind of future I and my future children will have in this country?" Like now would be the time to become and adult, forget the protesting and think really hard about the budgetary and economic ramifications of this?

Bueller?

Bueller?

This is for My Mom

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Greetings all, after a 650 mile bike ride on a Ninja 250 crotch rocket, weighed down with 50 pounds of rocks and gear, your beloved Captain is back in Minneapolis.

Not related to economics, but thought you all might enjoy some photos at your leisure, however I am also putting these photos up here so I don't have to show everybody in my family and friends the pictures multiple times.

This is the dance hall in Edgemont, SD where we went to the county fair

These are some "cowgirls" that Natasha thought was cute and wanted to take a picture of. They shortly thereafter joined the boys over the fence where they engaged them in a game of "tackle each other in horse manure" which is a long-standing tradition in Edgemont.

This is the fairgrounds in Edgemont.

This is about mile 6 in what would be a 20 mile hike through the heart of the Black Hills. The peak there is Harney's peak which is the highest point between the Rockies and I think the Alps.

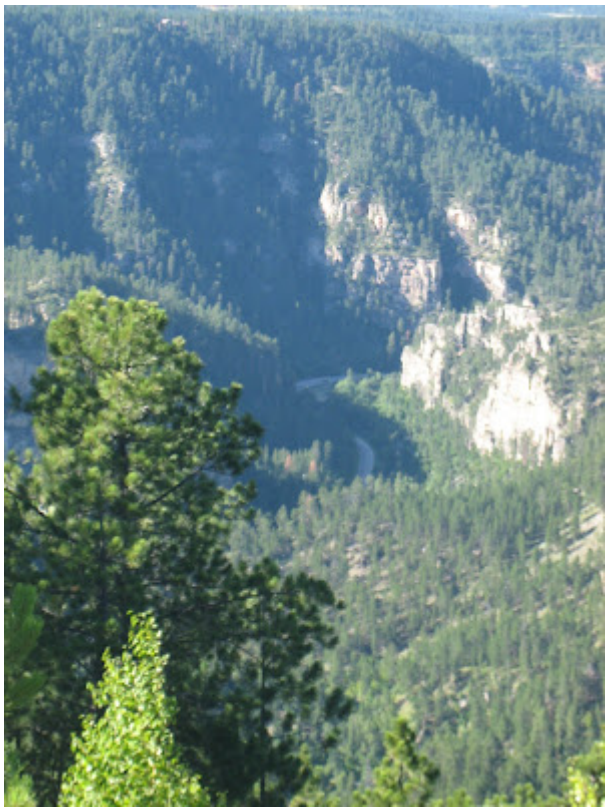
This is Dewey. There is nothing in Dewey. Not even fossils. (note the Indiana Jone's hat however).

This is the top of St. Elmo's Peak.

This is Wyoming.

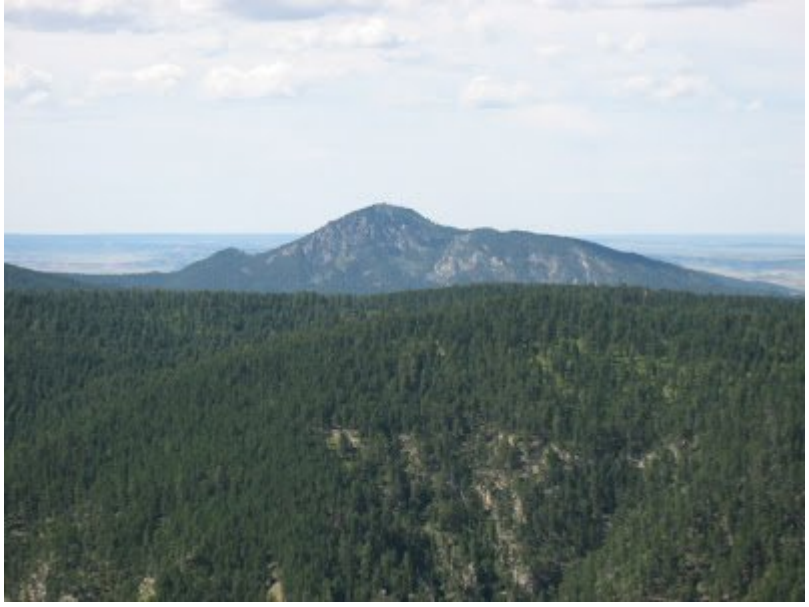
This is me failing at fishing in the Spearfish Canyon (where the Harley Riders drive their powerful motorcycles REALLY SLOW). This is also me telling Obama to go to hell if he thinks I'm going to work more to pay more taxes so that others may parasite off of me and the system (notice my indifference to the fact I am NOT contributing to GDP). I think this might make a good motivational poster like "Go Galt: Because When Your Marginal Tax Rate is 78%, Why Volunteer to Become a Host to Parasites?"

This is looking down into the Spearfish Canyon. The climb was difficult.



This is me. And behind me is Spearfish Peak.

This is Crows Nest. I took this picture from Little Crow's Nest Peak.



This is again me showing how exited you should be if you climb Spear Fish Peak.

This is Dr. Barb and my brontothere fossil. The kid in the picture was somewhat excited about going on a fossil hunt originally, until she found out that Dr. Barb was a woman. Then she became exstatic. Never mind I found the damn thing, never mind it's a brontothere. Oh, no, that doesn't matter that icky gross "boy" Cappy Cap found it. But "what? Dr. Barb is a woman! Hot damn, let's go fossil hunting!"

These are "Clarey's Angels." They did not tell me about the shirts when they came to visit. All they did was go into their cabin and say they were going to dress up and that I should too. So I come out of my bathroom all changed and boom, I see this. I could potentially be "somewhat" spoiled.

This is why we dressed up; the commander at the VFW in town. This is in Hot Springs, SD which is NOT a big town, but the commander runs the best damn VFW in the nation and dresses appropriately. I will write about him more, but he is also one of the many vets at the VFW that was kind enough to give me their money in two separate Texas Hold Em tournaments.

There are more but that is more or less the gist of my vacation.

Going Galt

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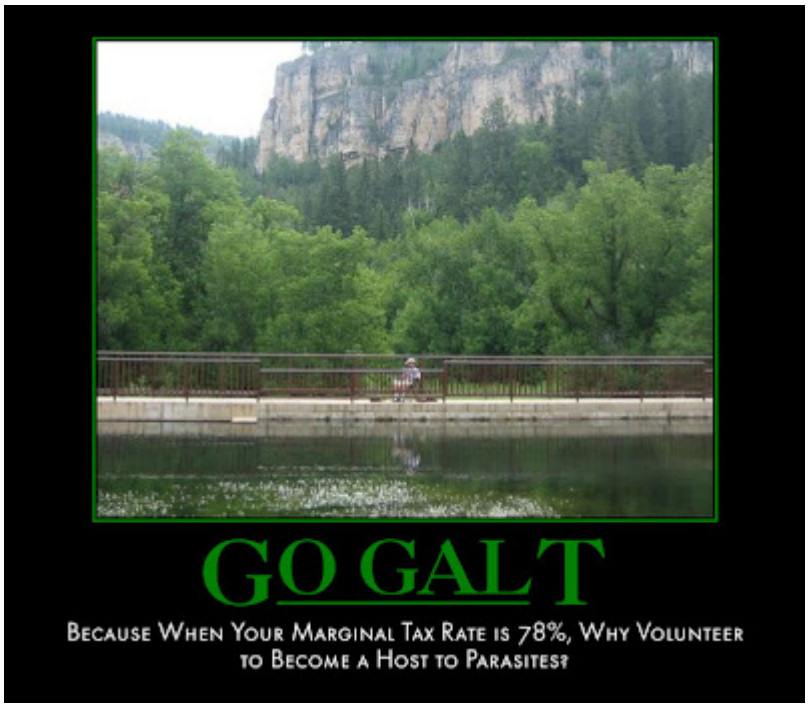
Many thanks to Chris for putting this together;



The Ransberger Pivot

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Akin to my betting technique, but with a kinder, gentler approach.

GDP Without Government Spending

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I have termed them "derivative dumbasses."

People in the media who are excited when things "aren't worsening as fast as they were."

For example no doubt many of you have heard reports or in the news;

"Housing sales have slowed LESS RAPIDLY than in the past, sending the Dow Jones up 3%!"

"Unemployment has increased, but at a rate slower than last quarter, which prompted analysts at Goldman Sachs to change their recommendation from "sell" to "strong buy!"

Or, I'm waiting for the day the MSM reports this one;

"Barack Obama's approval rating, currently at 28%, is dropping at a less rapid rate, suggesting Americans are starting to realize how brilliant this man really is indebting us and our great great grandchildren!"

Of course it's inane and the reason it's inane is that the situation is still WORSENING, it's just the rate or "first derivative" at which it's worsening has lessened. Which is again like a doctor saying to a cancer patient,

"Hey, GREAT news! The cancer is spreading at a SLOWER rate than before."

"So is it in remission?"

"Oh, hell no! It's still spreading, but we've upgraded your life expectancy from 3 weeks to 6 weeks!"

But one that the MSM and leftists in the media/government complex were drooling over were the latest revisions to GDP figures which showed the economy going from -6.4% to "only" -1%.

The economy is STILL CONTRACTING, but at a slower rate.

This of course was then heralded as a great achievement of Obama and the stimulus plan. However, there was just one small problem. Government accounted for a disproprationate amount of the improvement.

First Year	Last Year	Series: Annual(A) Quarterly(Q) Monthly(M)
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Line		2007 I	2007 II	2007 III	2007 IV	2008 I	2008 II	2008 III	2008 IV	2009 I	2009 II
	Percent change at annual rate:										
1	**Gross domestic product**	**1.2**	**3.2**	**3.6**	**2.1**	**-0.7**	**1.3**	**-2.7**	**-5.4**	**-6.4**	**-1.0**
	Percentage points at annual rates:										
2	**Personal consumption expenditures**	**2.54**	**0.81**	**1.35**	**0.86**	**-0.39**	**0.06**	**-1.49**	**-2.15**	**0.44**	**-0.69**
3	Goods	0.93	0.05	0.75	0.71	-1.24	-0.12	-1.09	-2.41	0.56	-0.77
4	Durable goods	0.45	0.18	0.42	0.44	-0.75	-0.46	-0.95	-1.64	0.28	-0.43
5	Nondurable goods	0.48	-0.13	0.33	0.27	-0.49	0.35	-0.14	-0.78	0.29	-0.35
6	Services	1.61	0.76	0.60	0.15	0.85	0.17	-0.60	0.26	-0.13	0.09
7	**Gross private domestic investment**	**-1.05**	**0.92**	**0.14**	**-1.29**	**-1.20**	**-1.66**	**-1.84**	**-3.91**	**-8.98**	**-3.20**
8	Fixed investment	-0.43	0.59	-0.04	-0.66	-0.99	-0.41	-1.30	-3.28	-6.62	-1.81
9	Nonresidential	0.46	1.25	1.10	0.78	0.29	0.19	-0.73	-2.47	-5.29	-1.15
10	Structures	0.50	0.75	0.91	0.42	0.27	0.58	0.00	-0.31	-2.28	-0.59
11	Equipment and software	-0.04	0.51	0.19	0.36	-0.02	-0.38	-0.73	-2.15	-3.01	-0.55
12	Residential	-0.89	-0.66	-1.14	-1.44	-1.28	-0.60	-0.57	-0.81	-1.33	-0.66
13	Change in private inventories	-0.61	0.32	0.19	-0.63	-0.21	-1.25	0.26	-0.64	-2.36	-1.39
14	**Net exports of goods and services**	**-0.39**	**0.46**	**1.36**	**2.24**	**0.36**	**2.35**	**-0.10**	**0.85**	**2.44**	**1.60**
15	Exports	0.39	0.58	1.99	1.65	-0.02	1.47	-0.40	-2.67	-3.95	-0.54
16	Goods	0.23	0.48	1.11	0.97	0.34	1.17	-0.17	-2.50	-3.41	-0.50
17	Services	0.16	0.10	0.88	0.68	-0.36	0.30	-0.31	-0.17	-0.54	-0.04
18	Imports	-0.68	0.08	-0.63	0.60	0.38	0.88	0.30	3.52	6.38	2.14
19	Goods	-0.67	0.17	-0.41	0.51	0.49	0.67	0.55	3.09	6.25	1.89
20	Services	-0.01	-0.09	-0.22	0.08	-0.08	0.21	-0.17	0.43	0.34	0.25
21	**Government consumption expenditures and gross investment**	**0.00**	**0.82**	**0.75**	**0.31**	**0.51**	**0.71**	**0.95**	**0.24**	**-0.52**	**1.27**
22	Federal	-0.38	0.50	0.63	0.19	0.56	0.55	0.93	0.49	-0.33	0.82
23	National defense	-0.37	0.39	0.46	0.03	0.39	0.34	0.93	0.20	-0.27	0.67
24	Nondefense	0.01	0.11	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.21	0.00	0.29	-0.06	0.15
25	State and local	0.38	0.32	0.11	0.12	-0.05	0.15	0.01	-0.25	-0.19	0.44

If you look at the details, government spending was rather dramatically increased by 1.27%. Had this spending not occured, then the economy would have contracted by 2.27%, not the 1% people are all swooning over.

Now I know it's still an improvement, but don't you worry, the economy is not going to boom any time soon. I predict it's either going to stagnate like the Japanese economy did and we limp along for the next decade trying to find ryhme or reason in working more, or it double dips which some are also predicting.

However, allow me to make a couple predictions/observations;

1. If we are all excited about Obama getting a -2.27% "REAL" REAL GDP growth rate, it doesn't matter if the economy never recovers and never goes positive because even a -1% real real GDP growth rate will be an improvement.

2. As long as the economy's decline SLOWS, the media will still report the Obama administration as a success. It doesn't even have to reverse into positive growth. GDP's first derivative just must slow.

3. Remember when we were coming out of the 2000 recession after the Dotcom Crash. The PRIMARY chorus of the left that the economy was not recoverying FAST ENOUGH. This will be the measure by which Obama will be judged and he will be judged against that most incompetent and idiotic man in the world: George Bush.

Let's just see how great that Keynesian stimulus plan works.

Derivative Dumbasses

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Geez, just when I open my mouth, some idiot points out to the "slowing" of the collapse.

WASHINGTON – The unemployment rate jumped almost half a point to 9.7 percent in August, the highest since 1983, reflecting a poor job market that will make it hard for the economy to begin a sustained recovery.

While the jobless rate rose more than expected, the economy shed a net total of 216,000 jobs, less than July's revised 276,000 and the fewest monthly losses in a year, according to Labor Department data released Friday. Economists expected the unemployment rate to rise to 9.5 percent from July's 9.4 percent and job reductions to total 225,000.

"It's good to see the rate of job losses slow down," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight. But "we're still on track here to hit 10 percent (unemployment) before we're done."

The rise in the jobless rate was partly due to 73,000 people joining the civilian labor force and the government finding that the number of unemployed Americans jumped by nearly 500,000 to 14.9 million. Those figures are from a different survey than the report on total job cuts.

The civilian labor force usually grows as a recession winds down and optimism about finding work grows. But as long as Americans remain anxious about their jobs, consumer spending isn't expected to rise enough to power a rebound.

"There isn't the underlying fuel there for strong consumer spending growth," Gault said.

Analysts expect businesses will be reluctant to hire until they are

No Nigel, it ISN'T good to see them slow down. It would be good to see them reverse.

Oh, but that's right, the Big O is in the office and we have to spin everything to make it seem like cake and ice cream.

Bush would be crucified for this kind of performance.

Blogroll

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Anybody out there know where I can find the damn code to install a blogroll on my Blogger CLASSIC template?

Damn google isn't worth a darn when you try to look it up yourself and since all the Cappy Cap readers are smart, educated types, I figured somebody out there might know the answer.

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Dancing, Books, Philanthropy and More

September 5, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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It's that time again! Time for the monthly plug for El Cap-i-tan's services and wares to show your love and support of the Captain.

There is the standard;

Book

Donation

Shirts/Mugs

BUT!

There are two unique things this time of year;

There is the FREE seminar I put on that you can download and watch about socialism and capitalism. Loaded with the key economic data you need to be able to argue effectively against the endless wave of idiotic American Idol Americans and college students who love socialism.

and should you live in Minnesota...

DANCE SEASON! So if you are interested in learning how to ballroom, salsa, tango, or swing, contact the ole Captain at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com and he can tell you where the closest classes are to your area!

Peter Stark

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I mean, you people in California wonder why you're over 10% unemployment and in general just have about the worst economy in the nation? Are you all smoking Windex or something out there to elect an idiot like this?

Veritably and certifiably psychologically delusional.

But, then again, you people want to believe in socialism so you need to elect morons like this who can ignore reality and live in lala land.

Again, another reason never to invest or move to California.

An Older Post

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In my boredom inspired surfing of the internet, I came across this one.

Dated, but good nonetheless especially for young female millennials who are about to enter college. And understand it's not me saying it, it's a woman, so don't yell at me.

She has moved to Townhall, I guess that is her older blog account.

Won't Somebody Please Think of the Children

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Found this chart interesting. What I also find interesting is just how much PUBLIC money is spent on the chillllllldren. $140,000 PER KID IN THE US?

Public spending and child well-being rankings

	Public spending per child† $'000 PPP‡	Rankings out of 30 OECD countries					
		Material well-being	Housing and environment	Educational well-being	Health and safety	Risky behaviour	Quality of school life
Norway	204.2	1	1	16	16	4	2
Denmark	187.4	2	6	7	4	21	8
France	164.0	10	10	23	19	12	22
Britain	145.8	12	15	22	20	28	4
United States	140.0	23	12	25	24	15	14
Australia	121.2	15	2	6	15	17	n/a

Source: OECD †Total up to age 18, not including health ‡At purchasing-power parity

You see, when people say, "Don't you want children?"

I say, "I already support a couple thousand through taxation."

And that is the truth.

I Ask

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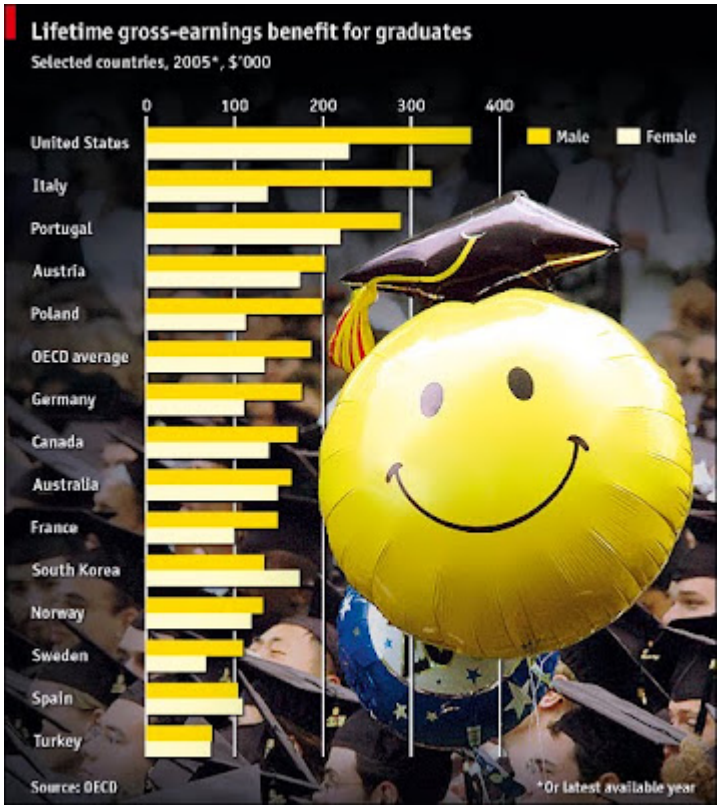
Would this be empirical evidence of sexism in the US and other countries?



Average Teacher's Salaries

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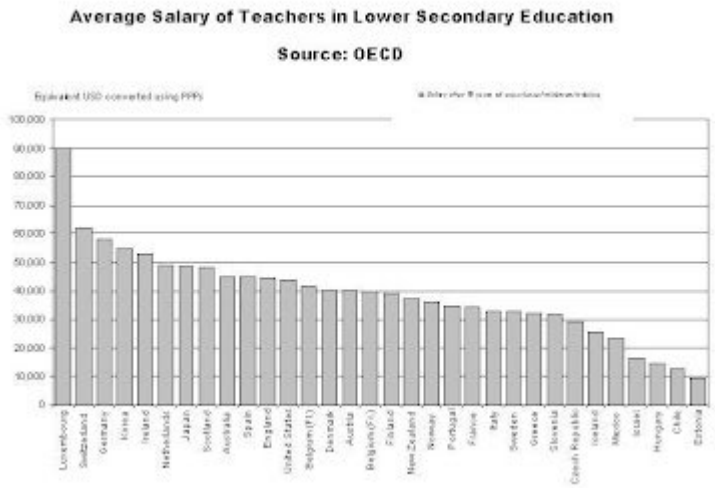
Found this chart interesting in that in Luxembourg they pay their teachers (after 15 years exeprience) on average $90,000 a year.



It makes me wonder about the Luxembourgian education system and behooves a couple questions;

1. Do they have massive overhead then on "administrators" and "counselors" and "programs" and "assistant coaches" or do they just dedicate the vast majority of the money to (GASP) EDUCATION?

2. Do Luxembourgian children go to school, pay attention and pursue the sciences, or do they wreak havoc, misbehave, complain, and shoot their peers like their American counterparts while pining to go to college for "social work?"

3. If I walked into the average classroom, would their student to teach ratio be higher because (and I'm gambling here) the children ARE better behaved and thus it represents something more of an institution of learning versus a massive baby-sitting operation?

4. Since Luxembourg is a very rich country, they can afford to pay their teachers highly. So if we mimick their economy, teachers here could also get paid $90,000 per year. That would mean the NEA and teachers union would have to support free market, low-tax policies and capitalism that...oops. Never mind.

Wilson is Right

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Obama is a liar and it is that simple.

dress http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_illegal_immigrants_fact_check

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AP – Raw Video: Obama accepts Wilson's apology

Video: GOP Rep. to Obama: "You Lie!" ABC News

Video: Obama heckled by GOP during speech to Congress AP

Immigration Video: Obama heckled by GOP during speech to Congress AP

AFP/Getty Images/File – Republican lawmaker Joe Wilson (C), who won instant notoriety for shouting "you lie!" at US ...

his claim.

THE FACTS: The House version of the health care bill explicitly prohibits spending any federal money to help illegal immigrants get health care coverage. Illegal immigrants could buy private health insurance, as many do now, and they could also buy into a new government-run insurance plan if Congress creates one. But unlike legal residents, they wouldn't get federal subsidies to help them. The bill's exact language: "Nothing in this subtitle shall allow federal payments for affordability credits on behalf of individuals who are not lawfully in the United States." Health care legislation in the Senate is also being crafted to exclude illegal immigrants from coverage.

However, Wilson is far from alone in thinking that the prohibition in the House bill doesn't go far enough. For him and other Republicans, the problem is not what's in the bill, it's what the bill leaves out. There's no provision for how the prohibition would be enforced, or any requirement for people to prove they are citizens or legal residents before getting health care benefits. In fact, Democrats on the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means committees defeated Republican-offered amendments that would have required people to verify their legal status before getting care, with some Democrats saying such requirements would be unnecessarily burdensome for people legally entitled to coverage. Wilson cited the defeat of those two amendments Thursday when he discussed his outburst with reporters.

"I will tell you this, that it was spontaneous. It was when he stated, as he did, about not covering illegal aliens, when I knew we'd had those two amendments," Wilson said.

It is underhanded "wink wink" "nudge nudge" "oops, we didn't fill out the paper work correctly" excuse that angers me.

Illegals will get health care just as they do welfare and other benefits they are not entitled to because of "sloppy" paperwork by government, democrat-supporting, public sector union workers.

Editing the Blog - AND GOOD NEWS!

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Hi All,

I've updated to the new blogger layout and as some "Natasha Fans" may have noticed she is no longer there.

Once I remaster the art of programming the sidebar I will put her back up there.

In the meantime I will be putting together a blogroll, but you may have already noticed on the blogroll I have a link. This is (drum roll)

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Wells Fargo's Boyscout Badges

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I bank with Wells Fargo because frankly I am burdened with a lot of work, and plain don't have the time to close my account, redirect all my automatic bill pays. Ergo I tolerate this more or less evil company. Inevitably I will switch to TCF because they did not take TARP money and are actually nearby.

However, on my many trips to the bank I notice up on the wall behind the teller's desk are these banners with each employee's name on it. And on these banners are little pins, kind of like badges on a boyscout's sash. Things like the "WOW" pin, or the "5 Years Service Pin" or "Goodie for You" pin and the "Charles Montgomery Burns Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Excellence" pin.

And what angers me is that this is typical of corporate America where they think they can get by giving people worthless awards or plastic trophies or wood plaques for hard work instead of, oh, I don't know,

PLAIN FREAKING CASH!???!!!

It's insulting to workers.

Does management in these corporations really think "Bob" is excited when he has the most "Wow" pins on his sash?

Does he get to take that to interviews?

Does he take it home with him and wear it on his chest so when he hits the clubs the girls all fawn over him?

And seriously, when he dies, is that sash going to be prominently displayed anywhere during the wake?

Of course not, because Bob just plain doesn't give a damn about the damn sash because for all of his hard work he gets a worthless fabric adorned with worthless pieces of metal or plastic.

"Wow!"

Now here's the thing, and maybe, just maybe the PHB's of the corporate world will pick up on this, there are only TWO things that will incentive workers to work more (because I know we don't want them working smarter, because that usually brings about change and

efficiency and is ruthlessly punished);

More MONEY

or

MORE TIME OFF

That's it.

That's all that's going to incent workers to do a better job.

And this weasily, blatantly transparent circumventing of this hard economic law is insulting.

I was in an interview recently and the middle aged man asked me "how would you incent your staff to work harder?"

I said, "there's only two ways. More money or more time off. If they come up with a way to save 2 hours a day, they either get those 2 hours a day off with the same pay, or I find them new work and pay them an extra 2 hours per day in wages."

That was the incorrect answer.

Alas, I think in corporate America they're going to continue to spend $20,000 on worthless materials, sashes and pins, instead just plain giving their employees the extra $20,000.

Update - Well, with a$$holes like these, no wonder the underlings of Wells Fargo only get paid in plastic.

No, Men Do Not Like the Chase

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I have a friend and I forgot how we got on the topic of conversation, but she said, "but don't you men like to chase the women? Don't you like it when we play hard to get?"

To which I answered her with a distinctive, "No, we don't."

Apparently the brainwashing she received from reading too many issues of Cosmo prohibited her from digesting and then installing the fount of information I just gave her and so she responded;

"Oh no, you guys like it."

To which I responded, "No, we really don't."

It took another couple minutes of conversation, but I finally convinced her that, no, indeed not, men do not like it when women play hard to get.

Alas, the difficulty I had in conveying this seemingly simple point to a rather intelligent friend of mine showed me that it is once again time for;

"The Captain's Dating Advice for Women!"

OK girls, here's the deal.

I cannot claim this analogy for it goes to another friend of mine (Spartan). Spartan said,

"You ever play a video game that was so incredibly difficult that after 15 or 20 tries you just inevitably gave up? Well, it's like that. After trying and trying and trying, and inevitably getting nowhere, you realize that it's not worth the effort to play the game any more, you turn off the Nintendo and you go outside and play."

And I think this analogy hits it right on the head.

No ladies, we don't like trying, infinitely and futilely to save the princess. And if it's too difficult we will turn off the video game and find something else to do. You've effectively made the game not worth playing and no amount of "points" or prospects of "conquering the game" will supersede the opportunity costs of doing something else.

Another aspect you must realize is how the patience for games precipitously drops with age.

I remember a video game when I was 13 called "Ninja Gaiden 2." It was a great game, but you got to this one point in the game where you just couldn't make this jump over a pit.

I tried and tried and tried, but inevitably, literally after 3 hours of trying, I gave up.

Now that was when I was 13. Today, at the ripe old age of 34, I don't give a game more than 5 tries. A perfect example is "Blazing Angels 2." You get to fly over Russia and fight off a Nazi invasion while co-coordinating not only a dogfight, but a ground assault and some Katusha rockets.

Good luck trying.

I tried about 4-5 times (each time took 10 minutes of separate game play), and after wasting effectively an hour, I said, "to hell with it" and sold the video game back to Game Stop.

The moral of the story?

The older men get, the less patience they have to play games.

Now, you can continue on reading books and magazines written by non-men about what men want and what they like. You can continue to play the games that were not only childish and NOT fun back in 1988, but continue to be just as childish and NOT fun AND have the added bonus of being "immature" today.

Or you can grow up, quit it with the mind/child/middle school-girl games and if you like the guy, go out with him.

As Keynes said, "In the long run we're all dead," and given the average life expectancy of a woman is 83 years, you really don't have the time in your finite lives to play something as stupid and childish as "hard to get."

Richard Kovacevich is Claude Raines

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Yeah, we're "really sorry" that umm....this uhhh...highly ranked employee...ummm...somehow was able to live in this posh mansion and we're "SHOCKED, SHOCKED" to find out about this.

I think Richard Kovacevich starred in Casablanca;

Is this the US or the Middle East

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A reader sent this to me and I do not know if the translation is correct (nor do I know what they cut out), but there are a couple points about this video;

1. Is he talking about the middle east or the US and our progressively lazy population where we don't produce anything here and just buy it from the Chinese?

2. Is he still alive? Such outspokeness would have raised the ire of terrorists and extremists and I presume he's on somebody's hit list.

3. Why the hell can't the MSM show this guy and parade him around a bit to show that there are moderate Muslims in the world and they're not all terrorists? Oh, that's right, because he's advocating capitalism. And THAT is the true sin, a sin worse than terrorism in the eyes of the left in this country.

Regardless, I would gladly sit down and have a beer with this guy.

Health Care vs. Getting Drunk

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I swear, I need a gun and a lot of ammo.

HT to Maggie's Farm

Do You See What I See?

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So I watched Inglorious Basterds and was not impressed at all.

However!

I absolutely LOVED the movie Kelley's Heroes.

A signed photograph (with a lipstick mark) of Natasha who can first link the two.

Jimmy Carter is Irrelevant

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Isn't that the last president that make the economy suck as much as Obama is making the current economy suck now?

Right, Jimmy. Wilson said Obama was a liar, not because he was a liar (which he is) but because he's black.

If ever there is a cowardly and intellectually dishonest argument it is the;

"you don't agree with a black person? Well you MUST be racist."

To all you race whores and worthless former presidents, go ef yourselves because the racist label no longer sticks.

Glenn Beck and His Ilk are the Only Real Journalists Left

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"Journalism" when I was originally attending college, was what inferior students who couldn't do calculus would pursue in their attempt to overthrow and "fight the system *maaaan!*" even though it was that system that provided their parents with enough money to pay for their worthless asses to get a degree in something as worthless as "journalism."

However, as you age you start to appreciate the vital role a healthy, but above all, UNBIASED media and journalistic industry provides to the rest of the country in that they are the truth sayers and investigators that keep the politicians honest.

Too bad all the morons and idiots who were too damn lazy to take up real studies entered journalism, for this vital aspect of a democracy is now corrupted. And this corruption shows no more brightly than today.

In short the only real journalists (and I mean this sincerely, my personal political bias set aside) are the few bands of radio talk show hosts and Fox News.

Oh, mock Fox News as you might, but whilst the NYT excuses not covering the ACORN "whore" story on "journalists taking vacation" and the rest of the MSM seems nothing more than whores themselves for the socialist party of the US (and I really don't mean to sound hyperbolic, but that's REALLY what it is) it seems the only REAL journalists out there are those of Fox News, Glen Beck and other "radical" evil, right wing hate monsters.

Now, cute overdone, overused epitaphs used since 1993 set aside to describe Glenn Beck and his ilk as "hate mongers" and "racists", the truth still remains that;

Glen Beck is the only guy to bring down a communist Anti-American, racist like Van Jones

Glenn Beck is also the only guy to bring national attention to the criminal organization known as ACORN (aside from the brave AND GENUINE JOURNALISTS that filmed those films in the first place). Not to mention the scores of bloggers who brought down criminal hypocrites such as Dan Rather and the like.

Conservative/libertarian talk shows are the only ones addressing things like constitutionality as well as the finances of the country.

Pointing out the inconsistencies and genuine lies about health care being purported by

the socialists in government and then reliably trotted out by their complicit MSM buddies.

And are frankly the only ones who can tell the American people what they DON'T want to hear as it is based in TRUTH and not RATINGS risking being ostracized and criticized themselves.

The larger point is that if you look at it from far far above with an eagle's eye view, it is not the worthless, spoiled brat "me-generation" boomers-come-journalists established in the entrenched traditional MSM that are doing any REAL journalism and investigative work.

It is not their children who were too damn lazy to major in something productive and instead chose journalism as a means to advance a cause rather than REPORT THE FREAKING NEWS that are the real journalists today.

The true, genuine and REAL journalists are those at Fox News, Glenn Beck, Rush LImbaugh, Reason, King Banaian, Jason Lewis and the hundreds of bloggers who do NOT have an agenda, but rather have intellectually honesty and the vitally important desire to pursue TRUTH not to mention a genuine care for the American people and the future of this country.

It's these people who are the genuine journalistic heroes of our time in that they do not only expose the criminals such as ACORN and Charley Rangel and Van Jones, but they do the job the established, bought-off, and corrupted media was supposed to do.

So you can go ahead and mock Glenn Beck.

You can go ahead and call all these "evil right wing bloggers" racists or sexists.

They don't do it because they're "sexist" or "racist" or just "generally mean and poopey people." They do it because they care about the country and the truth is the American public needs to pull its head out of its ass and start thinking independently or suffer the consequences. And instead of tuning into "The Nightly News" with shills and media whores such as Anderson Cooper and Katie Curick (I don't care how to properly spell her name), they might want to tune into a Glenn Beck or a Jason Lewis.

Because frankly, you can continue to be told what you want to hear by what is nothing more than an extention of the Democrat part of the US, or you can be told the truth. The blue pill or the red pill.

Sadly, most American don't have the intellectual fortitude to be Neo.

Please Write a Review

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Greetings all aspiring, junior, deputy, official and otherwise economists!

If you would be so kind, for those of you who have bought my book would you please write a review for it on Amazon.com.

The link is here, I know it may take a little of your time, but I would really appreciate it.

And for those of you who haven't bought the book (which according to my research is about 299,998,327 remaining Americans who haven't- children included) the link is the same link (wow! cool!)

Mucho thanks!

I'm Not a Doctor, But I Play One on TV

September 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Sadly, to the youthful idiots of this nation, they don't understand just how insulting this is to them.

Traffic Economics

September 17, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You know a recession is on when there isn't traffic in California.

Couldn't have happened to a more deserving state.

Economic Schadenfreude

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It really does put a smile on my face.

The Nazi's are Coming, Hurray Hurray!

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This is why, if I ever do run a large corporation, I will have separate facilities where men and women do not interact.

It is also why I would never set up shop in a state like California or New York where there are too many entitlement-mentality adult children who are practically looking for ways to be offended...matter of fact it's just a damn good idea to never set up shop in the US in the first place.

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Recession Medicine

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This involves guns and gun play and hurt feelings and Daffy Duck yells kind of loud and a whole manner of evil things that are very anti-American. Well, they WEREN'T anti-American when they were made, but today, oh, gosh, you should poke your eyes out after watching such evil;

Duck! Rabbit, Duck!
Uploaded by TheGazz. - Click for more funny videos.

Rules of Publishing Comments

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Behind pedophiles, nazi's, communists and trial lawyers are these little adult children called "internet trolls." And though the quickest way to eliminate them is to ignore them, I get complaints on a regular basis about how I

"Didn't publish my comment."

Now there is a very, nearly invisibly fine line between an internet troll and a leftist on my site in that they deem themselves entitled to have their opinions posted regardless of the quality of their post. And when I simply delete their posts/comments, denying them the light of day, I then get follow up posts or sometimes e-mails about how I am intellectually hypocritical, a liar, a cheat, a nazi, etc. etc.

So I thought it beneficial to all of those out there, not just on Cappy Cap, but other pro-freedom/capitalism blogs as to the logic or rationale most of us use to determine whether or not to make your post;

1. Insults - When you call the blogger a name or curse at him, it will not get posted. Not because we're insulted (we're not), but because what value does some anonymous guy yelling at us provide our readers? People don't want to read drivel, they want a point and they want it quick and they don't want to read through 30 comments of childish name calling to get to genuine true gems of knowledge.

2. Anonymous - Posting as "anonymous" will reduce the likelihood of publishing your comment by about 75%. Especially if you disagree with me. Want to know why? Because the MSM media and NPR already represents your opinion so much you don't need any more representation. My readers will not suffer repeat information they can get from Anderson Cooper. Also, now you get to feel what it's like to be unfairly treated. It's not a violation of your freedom of speech as other archaic and dying forms of media, as well as the White House and their MSM lapdogs constantly barrage the country with your points on an hourly basis. Now you get to feel what it's like to have the editorial board ignore any letters you may have sent into them in the past since they didn't fit the liberal stripe.

3. Crass/Racist/Sexist/Generally Distasteful comments - Regardless of what side of the political spectrum it comes from, if you make a post that insults people based on gender, race, ethnicity, etc., it's not going to get posted. I absolutely make commentary that is critical of different groups of people, but it is in a constructive manner intended to help those people and never blames a skin color or gender for those problems, but rather the culture or sociological phenomenon that correlates with it (for example, 67% of black children are born out of wedlock, this has nothing to do with the fact a person's skin is

black, but rather a collapse in the social values attached to marriage in the "black community." Or the price of US weddings - absolutely unnecessary, absolutely a waste of time, money could be given to other more noble causes - children's cancer, scholarships,etc. - but it is largely driven by women, not men to have this profligate waste). However, insulting people saying "those stupid blacks" or "those dumb chicks" implying there is something inherent in being black or female or a jew or a muslim, etc., that causes these problems helps no one and will not get posted.

4. Cursing - In the same strain, cursing like a frat boy on daddy's dime will guarantee you do not get posted. However, I do believe the occasional curse word is called for in that at times it's the only word that carries the weight necessary to convey the severity of whatever it is you're trying to talk about. If this is the case, it will get posted. If it's just "filth and foul, foul and filth and frick and frack" forget it.

5. When I Know You're Wrong - This one is for the liberals. Yes, I know you think you're right, but when you make a comment and I KNOW for a fact it is wrong - ie- I know precisely where the data is on the OECD or FRED databases that would prove you wrong, you do not get posted. Now listen to me, because this is very important for you liberals out there, you HAVE NO CLUE JUST WHAT A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF TIME YOU ARE FACTUALLY WRONG. This is not an issue of whether I disagree with your opinion (say for example you say, "we need health reform now!" - that's an opinion). But when you say something factually wrong like "we don't spend enough on health care" when we spend 2 times the amount compared to any country by any measure, you're WRONG and your misinformed/uninformed, or just generally FALSE belief does not DESERVE to get published.

6. Illogical Arugments - There is no shortage of leftists that will tender arguments that are either wrong, based in false premises, or just plain don't make sense, but because of the complexity they think their argument will stand and is worth posting. THis is usually what you get from professors or idiots that claim things like "GDP isn't a good measure of economic production" or consider profit to be a bad thing. It doesn't make sense. And no matter how verbose or hoity toity and academic your response is, if even one premise violates simple logic, it doesn't get posted.

7. Intellectually Dishonest - These people are sick and twisted and need to be shipped off to the Arctic. Arguing for "social causes" when you damn well know implementing said policies will bankrupt the nation or otherwise cause greater harm to society means you're nothing more than a shill, a whore for a political party or cause. People like Nancy Pelosi or Arlen Specter who know FULL WELL things like lower taxes, balanced budgets, efficient government spending is what's in the best interest of the nation, but instead ignore those facts and tell the masses what they want to hear so they can get elected again is nothing more than prostitution. But what I don't get is while people like Pelosi and Specter are intellectually dishonest become so, so they can remain employed, why do internet trolls

of the leftist stripe become intellectually dishonest when there is no value or payoff for them to do so? It is here that it borders a psychological problem when you have somebody arguing for socialism or free-health care or whatever, who does so, not because they have a vested interest in an outcome, but because they've joined a cause and what to feel like they're doing something, even though deep down inside they know it will bode ill for the nation OR (even worse) they don't know what the ramifications will be, but will still advocate it anyway because it "makes them feel good." I've developed a keen sense of smell for these types, the ACORN girls, the idiot who made the You Tube video on why we need health care, etc., but if you're just whoring for a cause AND NOT EVEN GETTING PAID FOR IT like Pelosi (or for that matter, all of congress), your comment does not get published (you also need psychological help).

8. Do you have a point? - I will post any comments that have a point, whether they agree with me or not, especially if they are unique or (on the rare occasion) that I have been misinformed. It is here intellectual HONESTY pays off, especially for leftists. Every once in a while you guys do have a point and can actually advance the conversation we're having.

9. Do You Agree with me? - Hell yes, I'll post you. Sure, why not, what does it hurt? Besides (and again notice the "INTELLECTUAL HONESTY") I will fully admit I'd like to give back to the MSM and newspapers of yore what they gave us for the past 50 years. Editorial pages that made it look like the country was full of communists. I want people to visit the site and feel like "My god, am I the only liberal?" You can see how it feels.

THat's about it. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go for a motorcycle ride with a cute girl on the back of the bike.

Uncle Jay Explains the UN

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Towards the last half of the broadcast;

http://unclejayexplains.com/2009/09/20/uncle-jay-explains-sept-21-2009/

A Decline in College Education

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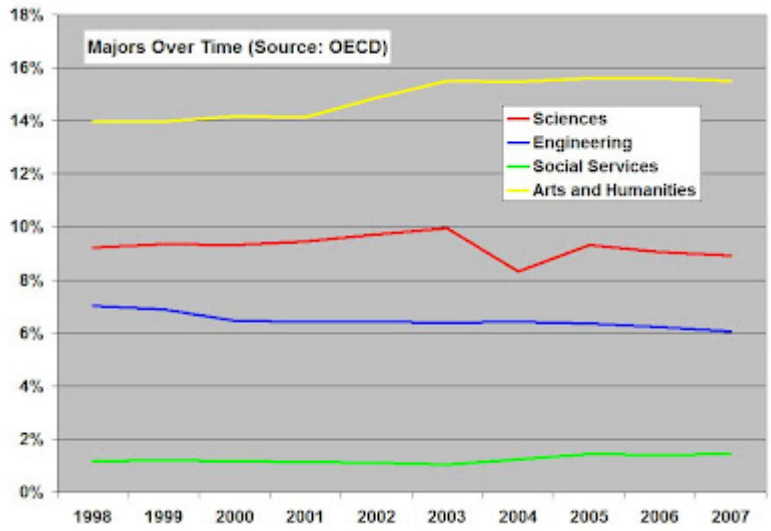
Data, I often wish, was recorded more thoroughly and comprehensively in the past. It wasn't until after WWII that the government decided to start regularly and consistently start recording various economic data, but the sheer amount of insight and information we could have gotten had we say started recording not just economic data, but other data as well, going back as far as say 1900 would have made us immeasurably better off today.

Regardless, despite the lack of historical data we have, you can already start seeing the empirical evidence of the country slowly collapsing in some time series as short as just 10 years. Specifically in education.

I went to the OECD, much like I do going to my local bar, and knew precisely the data I wanted to get. The OECD is like a spoiled suburbanite princess. She has the money/data you want/need, but to get it takes a tremendous amount of patience to get at it in that they've organized their databases with the efficiency and logic that Obama has reorganized health care. Inevitably, I did find the data I was looking for and it was college majors by subject over time.

I wanted to get this data because I was curious to see, in general, what the trend was in terms of students majoring in something worthwhile vs. majoring with worthless "El Crapo Studies" such as philosophy, art, sociology, etc. Readers of my blog fully well know just how much importance I place on this particular issue, but for those who are new, in short it is engineers, doctors, computer folk and in general the physical science majors that are the ones who produce and make this nation go, and the others are just spoiled brats majoring in a hobby who prefer not to do any real work whilst they live off of mommy and daddy. And looking at the trend between these two general types of majors, one can get an idea of what the future productivity of this nation will be.

The news (of course) is not good;



Though there does not seem to be any rapid increase or decrease, or discernible trend in general, understand this is only 10 years worth of data. Things such as major types, don't change dramatically like say the president's approval ratings (ha ha ha). HOwever if you look at the details, there are trends and if these trends continue over time, it will not bode well for the nation.

First and foremost I took the "sciences." This is all majors in the physical sciences;

Biology, physics, math, etc.

This has gone from 9.2% of all majors to 8.9% of all majors. Not a dramatic, but a general downward trend.

Then there is engineering (engineering was a separate sub category from "science" and includes chemical, electrical, civil, etc. as well as construction). This has sacrificed a full percentage point in the past 10 years going from 7% of all majors to just 6%.

Now there were other minor categories that I did deem "worthwhile" majors that actually result in a graduate who is capable and likely to contribute to society such as accounting, but the amount of time it would take to pull that data from the OECD was not worth it. The larger point is that in general fewer and fewer students are majoring in something that is worth the tuition they (and the taxpayer) are paying for.

I then took a look at the Arts and Humanities. Again a general encompassing topic that covers philosophy majors and sculpture majors, etc., and not only do these worthless majors account for MORE THAN TWICE THE NUMBER OF ENGINEERING MAJORS, their ranks are growing quite rapidly going from 14% of majors in 1998 to over 15.5% now.

But the worst is yet to come. Separately categorized from Arts and Humanities (and is just one major I focused on) was "Social Services." Though a small major with only 1.16% of the total student population, the relative percent majoring in this field shot up by about

a third to 1.43% of majors today.

Now I am getting old and I frankly do not have time to put this kindly or politically correct-like. So let me spell it out for you in a very inconsiderate, uncompassionate, my-goodness-he-didn't-take-sensitivity-training-like-we-all-did-back-in-grade-school kind of way;

Young Americans are spoiled rotten. And not only are they spoiled rotten, they've been brought up poorly by their parents and the schools in that when they graduate from high school, they are actually led to believe that they can major in a worthless subject like the arts and humanities and somehow become a contributing members of society. They are not told the realities of the labor market, guidance counselors provide NOTHING in terms of guiding these kids into real studies that will get them real jobs, and when they grow up, not only will we have failed at our job as adults preparing them for the real world, they will;

1. Not be producing members of society
2. Will more likely than not require the dwindling supply of engineering majors to pay for them in one way or another.
3. Will vote NOT for policies that will help boost economic productivity, but instead will vote for the redistribution of what dwindling production there is (because again, we've not only failed at educating them about the basics of the labor market, but have woefully educated them about basic, simple, elementary economics)

Now I'm done with the "don't hurt little Junior's feelings. He wants to become a musician and we parents are going to be supportive of that." BS. People need to wake up and accept the harsh realities of life. Ergo, let me tell you a little story of this Iranian father I knew.

I was semi-dating his daughter. She was majoring in Middle Eastern studies (because apparently she didn't learn enough Farsi or enough about Iranian culture when she LIVED THERE FOR 20 YEARS!). She was complaining about how her "mean" father wouldn't pay her way through college. I said, "Well, why doesn't he pay your way through college?"

She said, "Well he WAS paying my way through when I was majoring in chemistry, but since I switched to Middle Eastern studies he said he wouldn't pay."

Sadly not only she, but most American parents today, don't realize just how much he loved his daughter.

POST POST - Got some requests for more detail on the data, which can be located here. As you can see they do allow you to look it up by country and detail it by "general" major and then a "specific" major. Beyond that I don't know how they threw, say "graphic arts"

into one category or the next. Welcome to my world of "How the Hell Did the OECD Categorize This?"

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Communists, Even in the NDP, Are Disgusting People

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This is a video where a couple reps in the Canadian congress are asking for a memorial in Canada to honor/memorialize those killed under communist dictatorships. It isn't obvious, but you hear in the background an NDP member ACTUALLY HECKLING THE CURRENT SPEAKERS AS THEY SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE GENOCIDE KNOWN AS COMMUNISM.

Need I remind those at the NDP the track record they are defending????

Let me explain something to you sick people defending communism or happen to be communists yourself. THere's nothing, NOTHING noble about your cause. And frankly, I know no more than 2% of you people actually believe in it, and just use it to steal money from other people knowing full well it's downright theft. So you're not fooling anybody hiding behind somekind of "ideology." But to stand by this sick and twisted theft and not care about the literal millions of people killed by this childish obsession? You're not human. People worshiping a guy sporting a funny mustache did the same thing, though, even during a time of war he couldn't kill as much as communists did during peace.

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The OECD Goes Normative

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"Normative" economics is what I like to call a "faux" sub-study of economics in that it asks "how things ought to be." The reason I don't credit it with as much as I would its sister, positive economics, is because it is not an economists' job to ask "how things ought to be." That reaks of bureaucrats and government nazi-nannies outlawing smoking or outlawing happy hour instead of letting adult people decide for themselves. Economics should only be concerned with REALITY and what "is." Let democracy or the people decide what "should be."

However, I have sensed a very disturbing trend in the field of economics which frankly will strike at the heart of the study and that is where normative economics is replacing positive economics. Specifically I am concerned about the corruption of data where previously uninfected economic research outfits are now being taken over by normative ideologues.

For example it was not too long ago The Economist (which previously advocated things based in empirical economic research such as ohhhhh....the elimination of corporate taxes) got on the American Idol bangwagon and endorsed Barack Obama. I thusly canceled my subscription and now am concerned about whether or not I can even trust the data The Economist provides.

A more serious threat to the integrity of economic data is the new appointee of the New York Federal Reserve. Denis Huges a former AFL CIO head in New York is the now the new chairman of the NY Fed. I data mine the FRED database all the time. Now I do have to worry about whether the unemployment rate really is only 10% or is it now more like 12% However, the biggest threat I see is the recent leftist overtures at the world's largest economic database; the OECD. The OECD I thought was at least unbiased in that it was not under the yoke of the United States. That since it did not answer to the US I could trust that its data was untainted and unbiased. But two things now concern me.

1. It's aggression in pursuing tax harmony/anti-tax haven policies. Understand tax havens DO provide a VERY vital role in maintaining your standards of living; if governments tax their people too much, capital and money can just flow out of the oppressive tax regimes and to friendlier ones. This forces governments to make sure they don't just tax and spend, but rather spend efficiently, because otherwise people CAN vote with their dollars and feet.

2. The new "motto" of the OECD.

C-R-I-P-E-S

Which prompted me to write them this letter;

Hello,

I was curious as to who and how the OECD came up with it's new slogan.

I am curious because as an economist I am just looking for data, not opinions. And it seems to me the OECD has now entered the world of normative economics which now concerns me as to whether or not your data will be tainted.

Aside from replacing your current motto with some like;

"We provide data"

is there anyway you can assuage my concerns?

We'll see if they respond.

Regardless, there is a very important point to make about all this and that is what is going to be the increasing importance of outfits like the Heritage Foundation, Reason and the Cato Institute. As quasi-government, non-profit and for profit outfits that previously stood for positive, unbiased economic research get corrupted by and whore themselves out to politics, it will call into question the lifeblood of economics they provide; the data. Ergo you will need other, not necessarily unbiased sources (for the Heritage Foundation, Reason and Cato all have their biases), but other non-conforming sources that provide different data as a check or balance against previously "authoritative" ones.
Ah, intellectual honesty. We took you for granted in the economics profession.

University of California Berkeley

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Yet another reason not to, not only invest or move to California, but never send your kids to Berkeley

Effing morons.

Liberal Art's Majors Demand More Representation at Job Fair

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It would be sad if it weren't so funny.

The sheer ignorance of basic economics of these spoiled brat children (I used to live in Milwaukee and Marquette is a private, hoity toity school) to demand job fairs include worthless majors is only more empirical proof that;

1. Economics needs to be taught not only more, but better at the high school and college levels.
2. Guidance counselors better start doing students a favor and instead of telling them what they want to hear, tell them the realities of the labor market.
3. These are entitlement-mentality children who think they can major in what is essentially a hobby and think they are somehow going to get a job
4. We need to increase the voting age to 30.

I would go into a tirade, but it will be shorter to just link to this, and this, and this.

The moral of the story;

Never hire anybody from Marquette...well...at least the liberal arts majors

So Simple, Yet So Far Away

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Socialists in the US get the giggity giggities when you mention Sweden.

Because Sweden, after all, is a superior nation with really smart people and more importantly they are socialists.

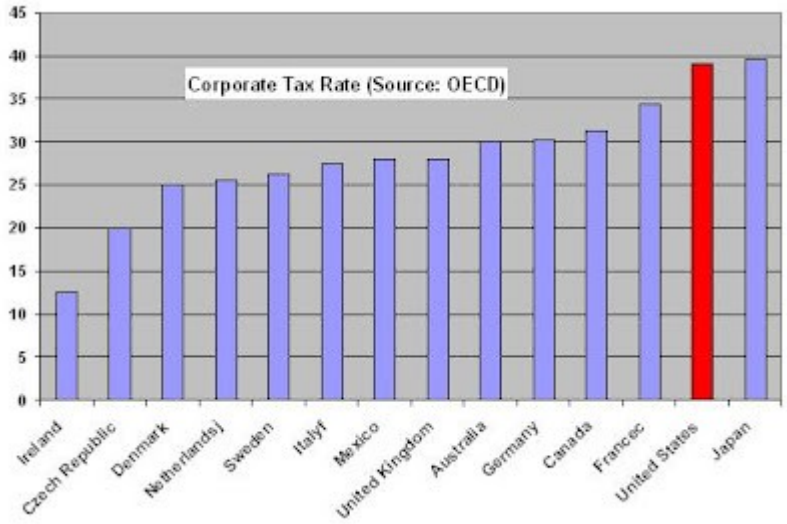
I'm half inclined to agree since they just recently decided to LOWER THEIR CORPORATE TAX RATES.

Now this is something so simple that even our incredibly stupid and woefully economically ignorant American college students might be able to figure this one out.

If you want to create jobs, why don't you lower the corporate tax rate to attract businesses which will in turn invest in your country and create jobs?

Now, i know for Cappy Cap readers, this is elementary economics 101, but my post is NOT about this simple solution to our economic problems. It is to mock the American public that has been so brainwashed to be against corporations that they cannot muster up the intellectual honesty to admit they were wrong and that villianizing corporations is in general a bad thing because...well....heh, they kind of create a lot of jobs for us.

Regardless, here are the corporate tax rates in the world;



I will pre-emptively strike the guaranteed leftist, knee-jerk, NON-THOUGHT OUT repsonse that no doubt would be offered had I not pre-emptively struck it;
"Oh, yeah, well uhh... you know, corporations, they like have these uh...LOOPHOLES..so uh, like they don't pay taxes."

Yes, thank you, never heard that one before, and from non-CPA's no less.

Here's a crazy thought.

If the US corporate tax rate wasn't 40%, would US corporations even seek out those "loopholes" in the first place?

And oh, what's that? You're bitching and whining about your 401k/403b plan and how much money it lost? What do you think will happen to stock prices if you eliminate corporate taxes?

You know, just never mind, I'm so sick and tired of explaining basic economics to people who can't make that simple link in logic. You really deserve the anti-business, socialists you've elected into government. Enjoy a really horrible, government financed nursing home when you're older.

Post POST - To the damn hippies looking to debunk this data;

The tax rates listed are TOTAL corporate taxes, including state, local, provincial, and national.

And even if it this data were erroneous it would not change the argument that lower taxes would cause economic growth. So quit nitpicking and ask yourself the question;

Do you want economic growth, or do you want millions to suffer so you can continue on your little greedy, self-gratifying, yet pointless crusade against "evil" corporations thinking it's still 1968?

In the meantime, I think I hear your mommy calling. She said something about a trust-fund check and you avoiding a real job?

Bernice Young Elementary

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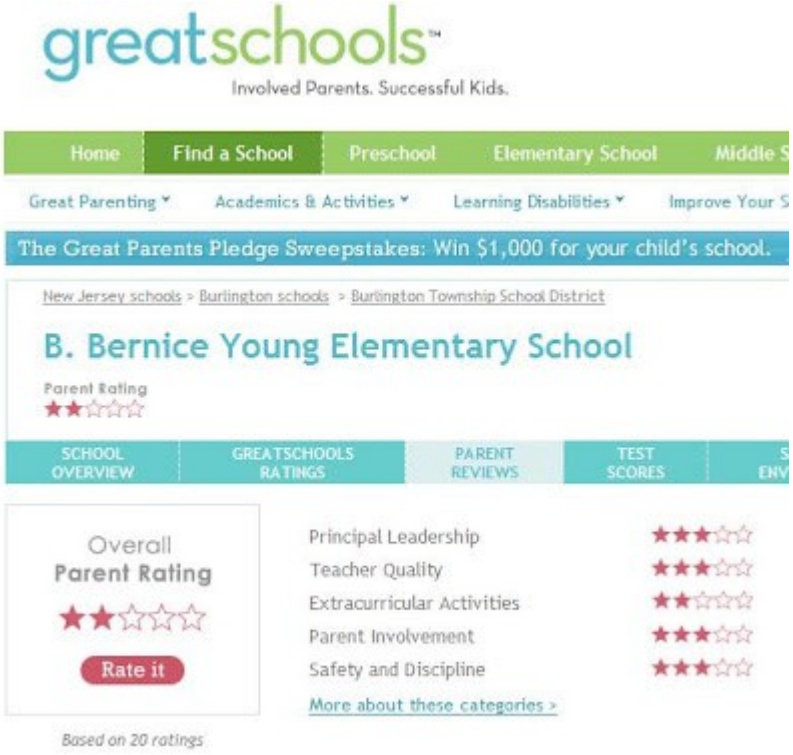
The Nazis are coming, hurray, hurray!

Apparently the school is not well liked. Probably because they're too busy brainwashing their children instead of teaching them.



Wow, look, their number!

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When an Activist Dies…

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And I am being serious about this question;

When an activist dies do they look back at their life and say,

"Holy crap, I just wasted the one shot I got?"

Seriously, think about these people. Their lives are so void of purpose and meaning that the only thing they can come up with doing is protesting soft toilet paper.

At what point do you wake up, take a step back and say, "wow, you know, I've suddenly realized that I'm 45 and it's not 1974 anymore. And I really haven't accomplished ANYTHING with my life. Maybe I should quit finding things to protest and maybe, I don't know, get a real job, get married, have a family, go to college for a trade or a skill, start a business or something. But protesting day in and day out and then every once in a while I succeed in getting a local city ordinance passed which only pisses off the masses that must endure it."

Of course, I know that in order to pursue such a luxurious life where you job is to protest, you must have some trust fund money or well-to-do parents, but still. In the end, there MUST be some level of remorse or regret for wasting your finite limited life on such a stupid, pointless and idiotic cause.

Off Color Recession Medicine

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I am the by product of two very different and diametrically opposed families.

My father's side was the Wisconsin Synod, Nazi, Lutheran, EXTREMELY conservative, "ballroom dancing is a sin" type of people.

And my mother's side was the "drinking, cursing, swearing, having fun, let your kid have ice cream for breakfast" type people.

I would like to think that I am a healthy balance of both, but every once in a while I am lambasted for being too much of my father's side and not enough of my mother's side, especially when it comes to having...let's just say... "accidents" when you are a full grown adult.

This has become a point of contention between my mother's side of my family and myself, so much so, that I decided to make a "Downfall" parody to defend myself.

After showing the video to my family, it was requested by several people that I put it on the blog.

I AM WARNING ALL OF YOU IN ADVANCE that this is NOT about economics, it is NOT about finance and that it is CRASS, contains CURSING, is SOPHOMORIC and is not normal par for the course of Cappy Cap.

However!

Given these recessionary times, it may provide a bit of humor and hilarity for those who need it.

View it at your own discretion.

The World Owes Them a Living

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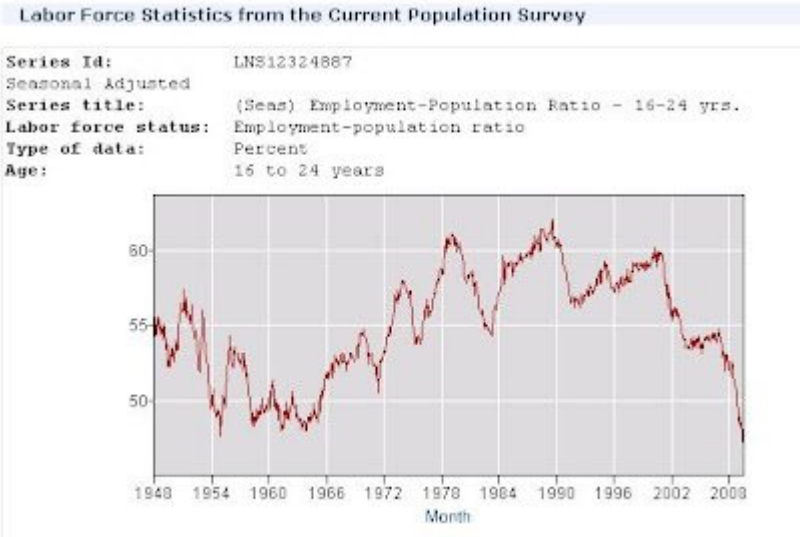
Dave Thompson, who I occasionally substitued for on his radio show, "The Dave Thompson Show" was talking about the future of the country in terms of how we were going to pay for things like Social Security and Medicare. This was when the economy was booming and there might, just might be some hope, until I called in and said,

"You know Dave, if you think Gen X and Gen Y are going to work hard enough to produce the wealth necessary to pay for yours and the other Baby Boomers' retirement, you must be smoking something."

To which both Dave and I enjoyed a good, hearty guffaw.

Alas, while it was funny then, that doesn't mean it's not reality now, or that older Americans aren't going to be up sh!t Creek in the future.

Seems less than half of the able-bodied American youth (ages 16-24) are working right now.



Now, I know, I know, "Hope and Change."

But allow me some very unpolitically correct and cold, callous questions;

1. With Gen X/Y/Millinneals having such an abhorrence to work, who will produce all the necessary economic production to pay for things like Social Security and Medicare?

2. With all of them majoring in fluff and art history and political science and peace studies, how precisely will a career in "Professional Protesting" or "community organizing"

yield the necessary tax dollars to pay for grandma's prescription drug plan?

3. I know this is unopportune to bring this up right now, but doesn't this mayhaps suggest the future productive potential of this country will be shot and therefore unable to repay all those trillions Obama recently indebted us to?

I know, I know.

I'm a big meanie, racist, evil fascist poopey head for daring to ask such insulting questions.

I'm sorry, I apologize.

Please go back to sticking your heads in the sand and thinking about hope and change.

Today's Observation in Labor Economics

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From a poster at SDA;

"*the MAJOR workplace flaw I encountered in my ENTIRE working life was the reprehensible practice of demanding years and years of experience. jeezuz murphy,* ***I even remember an interview in the late 80s. they wanted 3 yrs experience on the IBM AS 400. which had only been around for 3 years. in other words, to get that particular yob I had to be in an organization that, wait for it, picked up the 400 the moment it became available.***

*whut utter insanity. how in blazes does *anyone* get a god$%#m job anywhere in the face of this absurdity?*

I have pondered this more than any single work related question. an unsolvable catch-22. I guess my handicap was I didn't get picked to clean the blackboards in grade 2 so that I could get picked to collect the assignments in grade 3 so that I could get picked to hand them out in grade 4 so that I could get picked in grade 8 to help the school photographer and on and on and on.

its like the kids in developing countries that desperately need to get into the 'right' primary school in order to line up their post sec. education and get that career path started. otherwise a failure in life by the age of 5."

You see, I like to think that I am not this cold hearted, evil, indifferent guy whose ass has been pampered by his rich parents who thusly scoffs at the plebs and the serfs for not trying hard enough as he has a full ride to Yale and a job guaranteed for him by Uncle Bernie Madoff. That I have seen enough corporate nepotism and BS to know that for the most part, you can advocate capitalism, but that pure, unfettered capitalism will still have its drawbacks, namely connected cronies and spoiled brat daddy's children will get the good jobs while those more deserving won't, and as a result, society will suffer as the entire corporate sector is a mere fraction of its potential efficiency. Ergo why, despite being a capitalist, I rail against the ineptitude and corruption of corporate America.

Regardless, the "how can I get the job when nobody will give me the experience" paradox is just more empirical proof of how the upper echelons of corporate America are reserved for the elites and connected of this nation.

Additionally, my personal favorite (when I was foolish enough to try to apply to Fortune 500 corporations) was when they required "X years experience working for a Fortune 50 corporation."

Oh no, they wouldn't accept 20 years experience working at a solid, small time manufacturer.

Oh no, you won't worth the paper you were printed on if you were so foolish to accept employment at a small time start up or a well established local firm.

No, you *MUST* have had 5+ years experience working for Corning or Dow or whatever other East Coast crony outfit your daddy lined a job up for you for.

In the end, and hopefully this is some consolence to you, these corporate entities will hire such inept and incompetent people that inevitably they will be ran into the ground. That is of course unless they are bailed out by the taxpayer like;

GM
Goldman Sachs
Merrill Lynch
Morgan Stanley
Bear Sterns
Chrysler
Wachovia...

Well, never mind. I guess the larger point is that you must realize the "Fortune 500" are really more private clubs than any real entity interested in hiring the best talent. So if you treat them like taxpayer subsidized country clubs, at least it makes a little more sense and you're not foolish enough to actually try to apply to those corporations.

"Big Four Accounting Experience Required"

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A public service announcement from Captain Capitalism.

Along the same lines as "Fortune 50 experience required" or "5+ years required" when the system they're asking you to work on only has been out 4 years, this is another pet peeve, particularly of accounting and finance majors;

"Big four accounting experience required."

JOB SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES:

- Analysis - Demonstrates the ability to provide a logical, in-depth analysis of a problem or situation.
- Cooperation - Takes personal initiative to proactively serve as team motivator creating strong morale and synergy.
- Dependability - Ensures that all details of a project are accurate before delegating to others.
- Judgment - Bases decisions on factual information and considers alternative courses of action before reaching decisions.
- Listening - Consistently practices attentive and active listening and can accurately restate the opinions of others.
- Relationships - Develops relationships with others that are based on trust.
- Speaking - Consistently delivers concise and articulate speeches.
- Writing - Produces reports and proposals that are clearly and concisely written.

Bachelor's degree in appropriate discipline, and four years of related experience, or, in the absence of a bachelor's degree, ten years of related experience.

Big Four Accounting experience required.

CPA/Active CPA candidate or CIA required. Other certifications a plus.

Rockwell Collins is an equal opportunity employer committed to building a diverse global culture that values teamwork, integrity, innovation, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to our customers.

Beacause you see, if you weren't an accountant at one of the "Big Four" accounting firms (Peat Marwick, Ernst and Young, Price Waterhouse, and Deloitte and Touche) you obviously weren't doing "real" accounting work and you obviously weren't a "real" accountant.

You see, the secret is that there is this whole NEW world of accounting that you morons, you schleps that work at "faux" accountancies such as Grant Thorton, Boulay Heutermaker, etc. , are completely unaware of.

Oh sure, you may have worked on FASB, GAAP, SOX, but that was really just a front. A whole pseudo accounting system where you're duped into thinking that's how the real world of accounting works.

You see in the "real" world of accounting, you have to learn how to falsify your client's financial statements so that the financial statements look a heck of a lot better than what

they really are. You need to be like the now-defunct Andersen Accounting where your job is NOT to follow GAAP, but rather subvert GAAP, find ways around GAAP so that Dotcoms and telecoms look like they actually have value, as opposed to the insolvent entities that they really are.

Rippe and Kingston?

JD Cloud?

James Volz?

Oh PUH-leeeeze.

Those are just posers in the "real" world of accounting.

So, to recap.

If you are going to go to school for accounting or are going to get your CPA, remember kids,

it's all for nought UNLESS you work for one of the Big Four accounting firms.

Practice your ass-kissing skills for those interviews!!!

This PSA announcement brought to you by Captain Capitalism.

The Cappy Cap Girls Are Crying

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So I upgrade to the new blogger version and not only reprogram the original sidebar advertisements, but include new ones with NEW GIRLS!

And alas, the girls, who were so happy and inclined to volunteer their images to help your old Captain advertise his wares, are sad and depressed.

You want to know why they are sad and depressed?

Because you men (and notice I say men, because, well, in intellectual honesty I haven't really advertised towards the women) haven't made a purchase, a donation or, just plum plain well made ANY comment about them!!!

Now HONEST AND SINCERELY,

Yes, I will admit I put these RAVENING temptresses on my blog to make money because...well...that's how it's done.

But my evil capitalist, self-serving pursuits ASIDE, you guys MUST at least make some commentary about their beauty and how appreciative you are of them to grace and improve the aesthetic nature of this blog. Otherwise the Captain shall have to start posting pictures of himself in a speedo.

And none of us want that now do we???

Ergo, to add some light-hearted fun for these depressionary times, you will sing the praises of the girls of Cappy Cap by sending/submitting poems of praise to them.

The best one will win a signed photograph of ALL the Cappy Capy girls in somewhat "non-Christian poses."

You may submit your poems/odes by leaving posts here, or if you are too shy to make them public, e-mail them to me at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

The Cappy Cap girls appreciate it.

Hockey Stick in Global Warming: Dead

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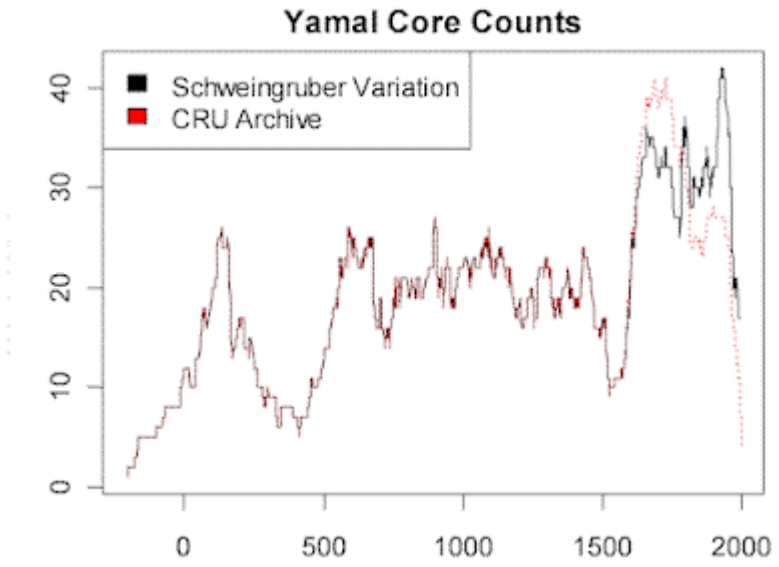
Oh, doesn't look like a hockey stick anymore now does it?



Once again, bloggers doing the job of the mainstream media.

Go Galt

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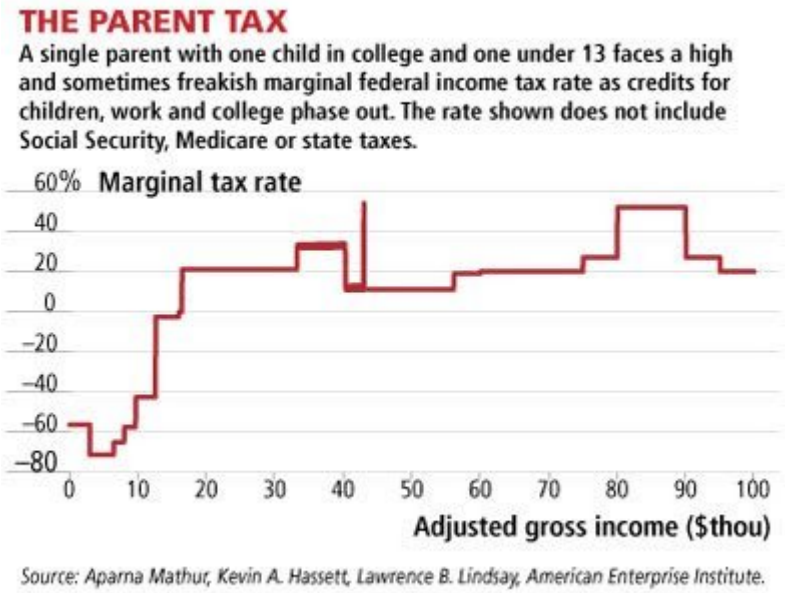
Silly hard working single mom, work is for suckers!



I particularly like how you are in the "-80%" marginal tax rate if you make less than $10,000. So I'm paid an additional $8,000 for making so little?
Regardless. You will go Galt. You will conform. You will comply.

The Affirmative Action President

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It was, coming up on about 8 years ago that the US was coming out of our last recession, the Dotcom Bubble.

And I recall VERY starkly and clearly howls and jeers on the left that it was the "worst economy in 50 years" when;

1. It obviously wasn't
2. It wasn't even an official recession.

Regardless, this did not stop the left from defining "intellectual dishonesty" as they blamed Bush for the country's woes AND when the country DID start finally posting positive GDP growth figures, COMPLAINED IT WASN'T FAST ENOUGH. That it was the "slowest recovery" in the history of recessions.

Now I have one...

simple...

question

for those on the left;

Will you hold Barack Obama to the same inferno when the economy recovers at an even slower pace than the economy did under Bush circa 2000-2001?

I already know the answer, no you won't, because for the most part you are;

hypocrites

intellectually dishonest

and care more about the socialist ideology than anything slightly resembling giving a damn about economic reality and getting the economy genuinely growing again.

Ergo, I am going to make a prediction.

The economy is not going to recover as we all hope it will. We will not be seeing "6% RGDP growth figures" in the next decade. No, we're going to suffer a very L-shaped recession like Japan did and GDP growth will never exceed 1% positive, not even enough

to keep up with population growth.

However, the veritable whores in the mainstream media are going to sing the praises of Obama and the democrats the ***NANO-SECOND*** GDP growth turns positive. It doesn't have to be 3%. It doesn't have to be 1%. It just can be a fraction of a percent in positive territory. .2%.

And instead of berating and lambasting Obama for sclerotic growth like they did Bush all of 8 years ago, they will cheer and give him accolades, praising how the "Messiah" steered the US out of recession and put them on the vanguard of massive economic growth. Despite his obvious failure, they will hold him to a new and lower standard, effectively making him the first "Affirmative Action President."

Now I say the "first Affirmative Action President" not because he is black, but because he is a leftist and (this is key, so grab your pencils and paper because the Captain is about to make a very important point), the left is MORE concerned about the socialist ideology than reality. They are more concerned about maintaining power than they are the rest of society. They put themselves and their beliefs AHEAD of the country just like some religious zealots have no problem putting their religion ahead of your own life if you don't agree with them and will find nothing wrong with bombing you for it. And rather than admit that in reality, economic growth is pathetic, they will CHANGE the definition of "reality" by changing the definition of success.

You see, "success" under George Bush would have to be 12% RGDP growth IMMEDIATELY and presumably butler monkeys for all. And I could even see some democrats complaining that wouldn't be enough.

However, "success" under Obama is incredibly dumbed down to standards that even a spoiled brat, trust fund elitist from Chicago can achieve. Not because the left wishes to make him feel good or because they're concerned Obama's feelings might be hurt if he doesn't "succeed," but because he "must" succeed otherwise the masses will see that he (and socialism) has failed. And once the masses realize that, those same leftists now have to (dun dun dunnnn!!!!)

FIND JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR!!!

NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

And that, my friends, is what they're really afraid of.

Get Sick, Get Pampered

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I are sick.

I are very sick.

So sick in fact I could not sleep this morning and woke up around 6AM (whenst your Captain normally wakes up at 10AM).

But I made the mistake, or perhaps the best move of my life, when I posted on my Facebook account that I was very sick.

Soon, as various femme fatales of the Cappy Cap Crew got to work, logged onto the internet and saw I was sick, the offers to "take care of me" flooded in.

"Oh, is there anything you need?"

"Can I make you a sandwich?"

"Hi baby, you know you're spoiled, but if you need help with anything tonight, let me know!"

And now, despite being very sick, I have no less than 4 women coming to my house to help me with various chores tonight, including;

1. Electric work
2. Putting in a flue for a wood burning stove
3. General cleaning up of the Captain's Bachelor Pad
4. And the procurement and disassembly of some wood pallets that will make for great firewood this winter

Now many of you no doubt are asking, "where is the Captain going with this?"

And I will tell you.

I am doing nothing more than outright bragging right now.

That's right.

Pure and simple bragging.

I have some of the nicest, sweetest, hottest and kindest babes in Minnesota coming over to pamper my sick ass, and not only pamper my sick ass, but to do construction work on my house! And it would be just plain unAmerican if I didn't share this with the world.

The moral of the story is if you're a guy "get sick." I don't know why, but when guys get sick, women feel this odd compunction to pamper them. It may feel horrible, but the benefits are most certainly worth it.

Digging Ditches and Filling Them Back Up

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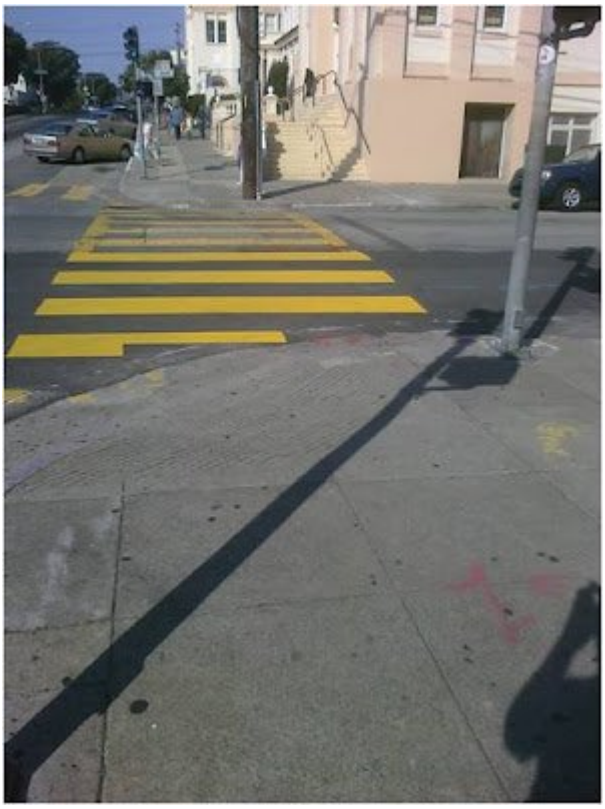
This is why you need to educate the masses more in economics.

You would think that today, given even the most basic and elementary of educations in economics, the masses, LET ALONE THE ECONOMISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT would know that digging ditches to fill them back up does NOTHING for the economy. Yet this is PRECISELY what they are doing in San Francisco.

Here is the sidewalk before stimulus money;



Here is the sidewalk after stimulus money.

Here is the man who took the pictures and the research he dug up on the cost of this sidewalk.

All these geniuses in Barack Obama's administration are literally (not sort of, not "oh, the Captain is joking" sort of way) LITERALLY no smarter than Robert Mugabe printing off money to make everybody rich.

Unemployment Hits New High!

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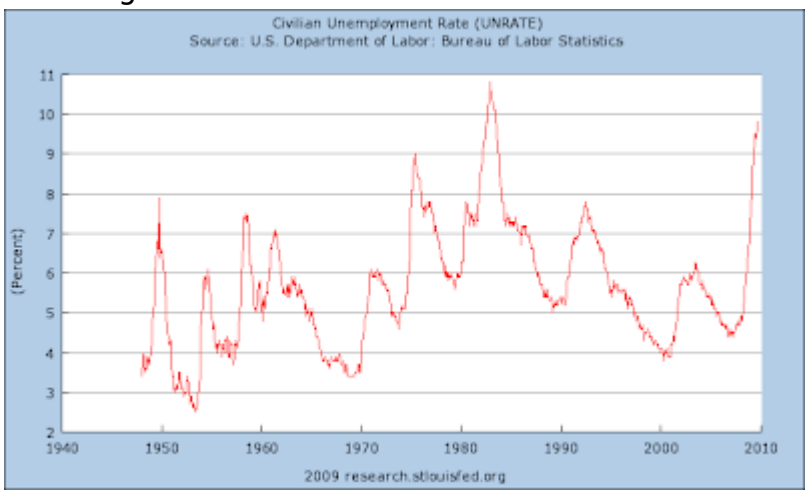
Wait, wait, wait.

Let me guess.



This is Bush's fault, right?

But then, wasn't the stimulus package supposed to stop this?

Oh, but it would be worse if we didn't do anything, right?

Seminar in Bite Sized Bits

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I noticed that on the You Tube version of my speech, the number of views go down with the later and later pieces of the seminar. Obviously people start off watching it, based on ratings, they enjoy it, but then never get around to the next section.

This is VERY SAD because the good stuff is in the middle, while the beginning is just the introductory part of the seminar.

Ergo I will be broadcasting each of the 14 pieces, bit by bit, one day at a time which should make it more manageable. Each part is roughly 10 minutes, so perhaps that should make it digestible.

Here's the first one;

Bush to Blame for Failed Olympics Bid

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Oh wow. How intellectually weak and dishonest can you get?

If this leftist take over of the United States has taught me anything, it's just how childish and weak a people can become when they're are spoiled rotten. Just what pathetic creatures humans are capable of becoming. BLAME BUSH FOR THE FAILED OLYMPICS BID????

It IS a mental disorder. It's not a joke. You DO have a mental disorder if you blame Bush for this.

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Part 2 of the Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech

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Don't complain. You can watch this 9 minute, 45 second portion of the speech;

Hitler on Corporate Taxes

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I've been toying around with microsoft movie maker more and more and have been putting together little tidbits of video. Thought this might bring some humor, as well as a lesson on economics, during this recession...that really could be ended within 6 months if I was in charge;

Why You Can't Get Refinanced or a Loan Modification

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Being self-employed, in the banks' eyes, I make $0.

And the reason why you understand is that no matter how much money you make and no matter how long you've made it, if it is self-employed income, it's not "real" income. Banks don't consider it "real" income unless you're miserably slaving away for some other schlep.

Ergo if you are self-employed it's very difficult to get financed, refinanced, or any kind of financing from banks in general.

But for those of you who are trying to get refinanced, haven't missed a payment, or could make a payment if they just modified your loan, but are constantly getting turned down here is the explanation why.

Now it is somewhat of a detailed and mathematically lengthy explanation, but just try to follow through with it. Regardless, the larger point is notice how once again, the government solution has failed to bring about a recovery in the housing market. And not only failed, but made it more or less impossible to help those they claimed they were trying to help.

The Banker that Will Be Killed

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For he did not conform.

He did not comply.

He thought independently.

He actually is a real man and made his own money and didn't have to go grovelling to the taxpayer like a trophy wife does her husband for more money.

And no doubt, according to his heavily bailed out contemporaries, he must be eliminated.

Durable Goods

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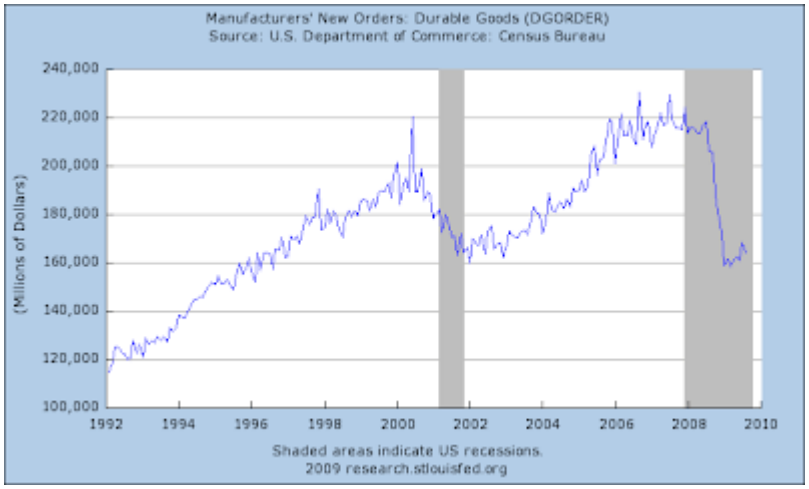
Whilst your Captain prepares for an interview, I happened upon a rather shocking chart.



Not that I didn't know it was this bad, but again (as you understand my affinity for charts) until you visually see it, words don't really help the severity of this recession register with your brain.

Regardless, there is an economic lesson of the day with durable goods!

Much like housing starts predict the economy and employment into the future, durable goods is also a good leading indicator in that people usually hold off on these "large ticket items" if their future looks uncertain and buy them when they have faith their economic future will be bright. Things such as washing machines, microwaves, lawnmowers, etc.

If you look at the chart people certainly do not think the future is bright.

Or as I like to say, "REAL hope does not exist. Only faux hope of the socialist variety does."

Enjoy the recession!

Capitalism versus Socialism Speech Part 3

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You Know It's Bad When SNL Takes a Swing

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The Worthless OECD

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I was going to write a lengthy piece, but I think my readers are smart enough to already understand the inanity of this image here;

IRELAND

The economy is experiencing a severe contraction as large domestic imbalances correct, compounded by the global downturn and financial crisis. With the recession already well entrenched and further contraction expected, the peak-to-trough fall in GDP is set to reach 14%. Activity will recover in 2010 but at a slow pace.

With severe pressure on the public finances, it is appropriate that fiscal consolidation has begun. Substantial spending cuts and increases in taxation are required in the coming years. Problems in the banking sector must be resolved at a reasonable cost. Competitiveness would be restored by lower wages and stronger competition.

Ireland: Demand, output and prices

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Current prices € billion	Percentage changes, volume (2006 prices)				
Private consumption	73.8	7.0	6.0	-0.8	-7.2	-3.6
Government consumption	24.9	5.3	6.8	1.8	-1.1	1.5
Gross fixed capital formation	43.2	4.0	1.0	-20.1	-34.9	-15.6
Final domestic demand	141.9	5.8	4.6	-6.1	-12.7	-4.6
Stockbuilding[1]	0.7	0.3	-0.8	0.1	0.4	0.3
Total domestic demand	142.7	6.1	3.6	-5.9	-12.1	-4.1

This image comes from a report on Ireland from the OECD.

The OECD, presumably the largest and best database for economic data and research in the world, suggests that because of Ireland's tough economic times, to get out of its recession it must do several things. One of which being "INCREASE TAXATION."

Now what this shows you is how the OECD puts the government first and foremost above all other entities in a country. Not the people, not the private sector, it's the GOVERNMENT that needs more money to make up for its financial shortfalls.

Now this is sad, because this flies in the face of even the simplest of economic lessons you learn in grade school and that is...(you ready?)

YOU DON'T F%CKING RAISE TAXES DURING A RECESSION!!!

Again, the OECD, like man of its other NGO/Non-profit counter-parts fail to realize that the solution to society's problems, reside within society. The government is not the end all, be all solutions to society. It's not the most important thing in society. Matter of fact, it ISN'T SOCIETY. It SERVES society. I don't know how many more years and how many more countries and how much economic history we need to prove this, but government has always been and always will be the problem.

But for people at the OECD, who no doubt have similar trust-fund-baby backgrounds that the majority of our politicians have, they have no experience in industry, commerce or

just plain real life. Their only experience is working at institutions where they arrogantly assume these institutions are what makes society run? Little do they realize these institutions RELY, if not, PARASITE off of society as they produce nothing of worth or merit of themselves.

But don't listen to me. I'm just some dumb guy. Not an esteemed "colleage" or "fellow" at the OECD.

In the meantime, let me know how raising them taxes works on getting you guys out of the recession.

To My Reader from Toronoto Dominion Bank

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Shoot me an e-mail. I need to ask you a question;

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Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech Part 5

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My Advice to Teachers

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I belong to a running group and before I got sick one of my last runs was with a young man who was teaching calculus at the collegiate level. He was telling me about how he was in the impossible position of trying to educate the kids, BUT (are you ready)

the kids were complaining about the difficulty of the course.

Now, it would be at times likes these where previously established standards and criteria would be used to judge whether or not his course was indeed more difficult than other professors. That the dean of the department would look at what topics were being covered and by what stage in the class and then determine if the kids had a legitimate complaint, or were your typical Gen Y type whiners who expect to be given a B+ for having a pulse.

Of course the kids were just complaining and whining because that's how you get what you want nowadays, and my running colleague was not making the class any more difficult than in times past. However, whereas in the past (and by "past" I mean the 1940's) the dean would then side with the teacher, maintaining the educational standards and integrity of the college, this time the dean sided with the students.

According to the professor the dean was concerned about student satisfaction, not to mention that the department received funding based on attendance AND student evaluations of the class. So unhappy students and less students taking calculus = less funding. And thus the emphasis is on making money and NOT giving the kids a good education.

This angered him because he genuinely believed in a good education. He WANTED to teach these kids calculus. However, not only were the students getting in their OWN way of letting this happen, the dean was now coming down on him for daring to hold the students to just a basic standard.

Now I have taught several times before. Twice in college, once as a substitute teacher and once as a tutor (and still teach to this day, but that is adult education which is not the same as what I'm talking here). And if you will permit me to help those of you who are teaching or about to enter teaching or are considering teaching, allow me to give you the single best piece of advice I can possibly give;

Do not worry about the education of your students, only worry about you.

I know this may sound cynical, pessimistic, let alone amoral, and you may be saying,

"well, there goes Cappy Cap again, going for shock value and going over the top to make his point," but I'm deadly serious about this.

Do not worry about your students. They are irrelevant. Only worry about you.

You must understand, that at all levels of education, it is no longer about the noble and infinitely important purpose of providing students with a good education. That ship has sailed LONG ago.

"Education" is really nothing more than an act, a play, a theatrical performance to make its participants feel good about themselves. No real production or progress or learning takes place. People just want to go through the motions of "education" so they can get that piece of paper at the end and move on with their lives. And what is happening in reality is this unspoken agreement between the students and the administration of these schools where the students basically PAY to get a degree. The administration sells the degrees and the students buy these degrees.

Now understand there is NO earning the degree. That is NOT what the students are paying for. They are paying for the degree.

Now the problem is you can't have a veritable degree mill where people just walk up to the counter and pay for the degree. Ergo a much more elaborate ruse must be performed where students and colleges feign there is some kind of education going on.

Ergo why you have to perform in a theatrical play for four years acting like you're getting educated.

Understand these are hoops simply there to make it look like it's a legitimate school and that the degree is legitimate. Oh I know they're accredited. I know these are "official" colleges and universities. But forget all that. Just look at the quality and caliber of students coming out of college. They're morons. Complete idiots. Berkeley students think "Benjamin Franklin" was a freaking president. They think $19 trillion is the total bailout bill. And Berkeley is presumably one of the best public schools out there.

Regardless, the problem this presents is that while the students and administration have this unspoken agreement of basically purchasing a degree, the people who are inbetween these two entities are not informed of this agreement; the teachers.

The teachers are the unfortunate souls on the front lines who get the impossible task of reconciling these IRRECONCILABLE goals. They teacher is to somehow "educate" the students, but not make it too hard to the point they might actually learn something, otherwise they'll get fired because the students never really signed up for any kind of rigorous study. Worse still are those naive, idealistic teachers who actually care to go

above and beyond and REALLY help educate those kids. Those are the ones who get fired immediately.

Therefore you have two choices.

You can try to be moral and noble and good and actually TRY to teach students. You can do what is in their best interests and give them an education. Unfortunately you WILL be laid off, you WILL be called to the dean's office more often than not, and you WILL never have a long lasting career as a teacher/instructor/professor.

or

You can just play ball and really lower your standards and pass everybody. In this case, yes the students will learn nothing. And yes, they will go forth and not be able to do any job in the future. And yes, society in the future will pay for it. But you will have a job. You will have a career. You will be a "successful" teacher.

The question is one of really morality, however, I want you to seriously consider the REALITY of the teaching environment we have in the US today.

1. Once these kids move on, they're not your problem. They're their parents' or future employer's problem. Additionally, they don't care about you. They care about getting their B and getting out of your class. You have to ask yourself if these kids REALLY don't care about their education and are just there to get their class to move on, then what do you care? If they want to waste their money, then there is nothing you can do. Why sacrifice a paycheck trying to hold them up to standards?

2. Society, namely lazy parents and a dumbed down K-12 school system that sacrifices educational integrity for the sake of saving little kids' "feelings", is to blame for the impossible position you're in. For God's sake, you have parents going into COMPANIES COMPLAINING TO THEIR CHLIDREN'S BOSSES WHEN THEIR KIDS DON'T GET PROMOTED!? What kind of quality and caliber of students can you possibly expect to have? Additionally you must realize the education establishment has no longer become one of education as much as it has been dealing with failure and making "failure" acceptable. Trying to create a world where standards are non-existent. Once you start rocking the boat by insisting standards be applied, you are no longer working towards that universally unspoken goal. In education YOUR JOB is to make sure people get passed. NOT that they get educated.

3. Think about your personal finances. In the end, nobody is going to come looking for you and say, "my teacher sucked and didn't educate me." Again, they moved on and forgot about you long ago. But you and your little lonesome are NOT going to change this society wide decay of education. All you do in trying to stop it is sabotage your personal finances. Put yourself first, because nobody gives a damn about education.

You Will Get In Trouble

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You will be hunted down.

You will be punished by the Matriarchy.

You have not complied!

Ahhhh Unions

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Pricing themselves out of jobs all over again.

Barack Obama's Nobel Peace Prize

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I, no doubt, will be asked about my opinion of this, but to pre-emptively address this issue, I shall write it as briefly as I can;

This only shows how the Nobel Peace prize has decayed and degraded from its original intent, in that it is nothing more than another leftist institution awarding itself self-congratulations and accolades.

This is not meant to sound crass, but I use this word since it is the only word in the entire English language that accurately describes that the nobel prize is;

Leftist masturbation.

You will see in our lifetimes where the Nobel "Prize" is utterly worthless and irrelevant in that the masses don't care who gets it in that it no longer represents anything that advances or progresses society.

That is pretty much all I have to say.

You can have your say by e-mailing these idiots at;

postmaster@nobel.no

How Holiday Gas Station Could Make a Killing

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I go to Caribou Coffee.

The reason I go to Caribou Coffee is because I have to leave the Twin Cities early, lest I care to get caught up in the afternoon rush hour. And so to avoid it, I'm willing to leave 2 hours earlier than is necessary and thus kill the excess time at the Caribou in the small town I teach.

Now obviously I go to Caribou for the internet access and buy a token tea or soda or what have you so I don't feel like a freeloader. However as time has gone on, I have experienced a progressive mental irritation that I haven't been able to put my finger on. Nothing stark or obvious, but when I leave Caribou I've realized I'm in a worse mood than when I arrived.

And today, as I type live from the Caribou Coffee here, I have identified this irritant;

Proselytizing.

Upon entering the Caribou Coffee I am immediately inundated with advertisements suggesting I do the right thing and donate to "Amy's Blend," a blend of coffee where presumably a certain percentage goes to fight cancer (Amy being a former employee of Caribou that unfortunately passed away). This is the most noble of Caribou's proselytizing and one I'm willing to let slip in that it is noble.

However, the nobility of the proselytizing quickly deteriorates as I look to my left and see bottled water with the brand name "Project 7." Project 7 being a touchy feel good leftist non-profit organization that advocates (you guessed it) helping the poor, saving the environment and the other potpourri of leftist causes that never seem to get resolved.

Then of course there is the "organic/fair trade/green" or whatever you want to call it. Placards and posters abound telling me how virtuous Caribou is making sure their coffee is acquired according to the "Rainforest Process" and that people are paid a fair wage and other things that just boil the blood of even the "rookiest" aspiring, Junior Deputy economist.

In short I cannot look anywhere without seeing Caribou Coffee Inc treating me like a child, telling me what I should think, what is "right" and "wrong" and how bad I should feel if I don't live my life this way (all of course with a leftist slant). I might as well go to church.

Regardless, the short and quick of it is it isn't worth the internet access. To go into a

building or a place of business and be lectured by some coffee snobs is insulting. I came here for internet access and tea. Not a freaking college lecture on "Leftist Causes that Never Get Solved Because We Do It First and Foremost to Make Ourselves Feel Better 101." Let me have my tea, let me have my internet access, sure, pipe in some nice music, but get rid of the Marxist propaganda.

Now this got me thinking, and like all other great ideas in the history of my life, this will be surely ignored. Ergo I'll throw it out there in the outlandish hopes the good men and women at Holiday Gas stations will listen to me.

I like Holiday Gas Stations. They're my favorite. They're conveniently located and they have gas, sure, but;

1. They have free air
2. They have the power drinks I like
3. They do have a pretty darn good deli. Not that green egg sandwhich with the expiration date you don't care to risk. But fresh burgers, brats, donuts.
4. They have a little area for you to sit and enjoy your food should you wish.

Everything a guy could want, BUT internet access.

And here is where Holiday could outdo McDonald's attempt to steal Caribou's and Starbuck's business.

If Holiday Gas Stations (or any convenience store) added that additional bit of convenience of internet access, they could make a killing. People who are sick and tired of paying an extra $2 for a cup of Joe just so some worker in Bolivia can make an extra 50 cents per hour would go to the gas station instead of Caribou. People who are sick and tired of paying $4 for a tin of gum just so $3 can be donated to a cause that will probably not be solved, would go to the gas station instead of Starbucks. People who just plain want to get a FREAKING cup of coffee without being lectured for not being a leftist would go to the gas station instead of Dunn Brothers.

Oh, I could see it now. I have to go to Holiday anyway to get gas and my daily power drink. There, in the corner is a nice table with a plug in. Grab a donut, fire up the ole laptop and boom, get my daily internet stuff done. No doubt I'll buy a burger with the $41.87 I saved not going to a "premium" coffee store, but more importantly Dante the attendee is just sitting there checking people out, doing his job. Not brow-beating me into buying "organic gas" or using recycled toilet paper when I have to go.

It's an achievable goal. And a goal that would make mine and no doubt some of your lives happier.

Alas, it is outside my control.

Unless I approach Holiday with this idea and they put me in charge of it. Allowing me to realize my dream...and getting paid $250,000 to spearhead the operation.

Hmmm....might just pay them a visit.

The Noble Prize

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I do believe the good colonel is onto something. When the Nobel prize has done nothing more than prostitute itself out to backscratching socialists, it not only has become irrelevant, but a replacement must be made that actually honors real achievements that it's namesake originally set out it to do.

The colonel lists the "Noble" winners of various categories, and tongue and cheek as it may be, if you think about it, these people REALLY have done the most to advance society in those areas.

In the meantime here are the people the Nobel committee passed up on.

Cause for Anti-Nepotism Legislation

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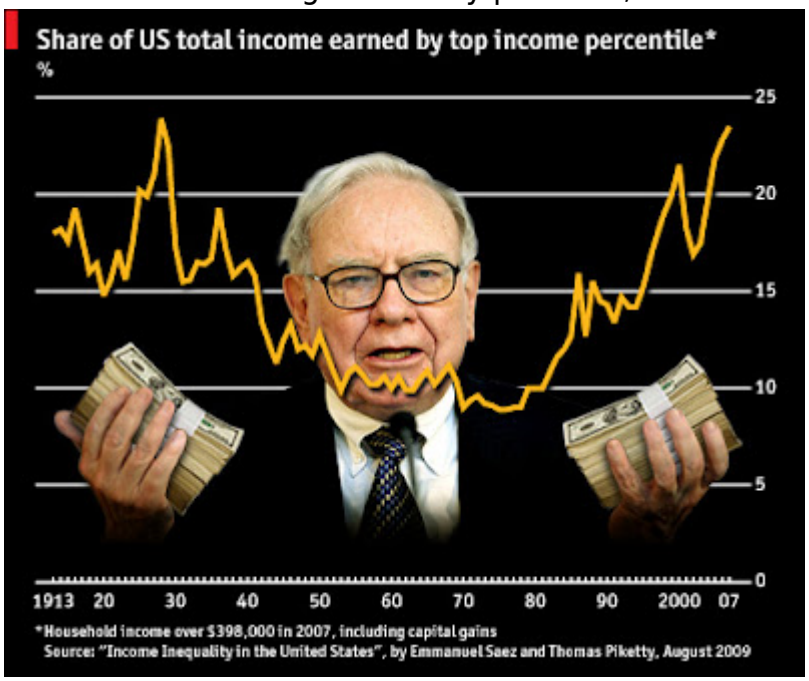
Despite being an ardent capitalist, I do not believe the majority of rich people earn their wealth. I believe it is more or less earned by a "founder" such as Joe Kennedy and then passed down to trustfund babies such as Ted Kennedy. Additionally you throw in how unqualified relatives and cronies are awarded jobs well before much better-qualified candidates and you can see how when I become king I will implement anti-nepotism legislation.

Regardless, found this chart interesting. Not that it is a call for socialism, but the gini-coefficient is starting to test my patience;



People on the Nobel Prize Committee

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U-G-L-Y she ain't got no alibi;

These are the people who selected Obama as the Nobel prize winner. ht though I am not endorsing some of his analysis.

In the meantime I'm going to buy myself a Subaru and get some organic chai tea.

Your Recession Medicine

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Ah, it's Monday.

And So Ends Another Season

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I was at my bar last night with Natasha and a Russian friend of mine and in the other room was a crowd of 20 and 30 somethings with their eyes glued to the TV screen. The reason their eyes were glued to the TV screen is because a group of men had decided to go out onto a field, one of which was throwing a spherical object repeatedly over a plate like object.

However, the reason for the intrigue, was that not only was it a group of men in a field throwing a sphere, but there was this OTHER group of men, one of which had a stick and was standing over the plate like object. And not only was he standing over the plate like object, HE WAS TRYING TO SWING THE STICK AT THE SPHERICAL OBJECT after which he would run around in a circle should the stick come in contact with the sphere.

It seemed the two groups of men would then occasionally switch positions, where the other group would swing stick and the other team throw the sphere.

However, the most interesting observation was that of the 20 and 30 something men in the other room at the bar. For apparently on TV the group of men in the white clothes didn't swing the stick or throw the sphere as good as the men in the gray clothes. And thus they were "defeated" and walked off the field sadly while the men in the gray clothes jumped up and down and engaged in very big hug. And this "defeat" elicited the oddest response from all the people in the room;

depression
sadness
and
anger.

I found it odd, that group of guys swinging sticks and throwing spheres in a place far far away would have this affect on other people who, quite literally, HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MEN ON THE FIELD. How a group of men playing a game could actually affect the mood, happiness and lifetime fulfillment of other people who were 100% inconsequential to the stick-swinging and sphere throwing. But there it was, empirical proof right in front of me, people were actually affected by OTHER PEOPLE'S stick swinging and sphere throwing.

It left me to believe that the people who not only glued their eyes to the screen, but their happiness to the ability of complete strangers to swing a stick and throw a sphere were psychotic. Complete morons who pinned their hopes and happiness on something completely outside their control. How else would you describe this phenomenon?

Were their lives so pointless and meaningless and void of purpose that THIS is the best they could come up with? To sit and watch OTHER men throw spheres and swing sticks? And to get excited or depressed based on which colored-shirt men swung the stick really good and threw the sphere really fast? Could they not spend time with family and friends? Could they not play X-Box or some other video game? Could they (and here was a REALLY radical thought I had) GET THEIR OWN FREAKING STICKS AND SPHERES and engage in their VERY OWN game of sticks and spheres?

Natasha even said she heard that some of these people actually spend 5 HOURS OF THEIR FINITE LIVES driving to fields, whlie they pay $200 EACH PERSON to watch the stick swinging and sphere throwing. Then they spend another hour and a half in traffic as if it were rush hour on the way back. Some even go so far as to pay $20 for parking near the field AND $10 for a hotdog which are served at the fields. My Russian friend said he heard that stick swinging and sphere throwing was SO important to some societies that the government would pay for the fields where these activities occurred.

Worse still was just how many of these simple-minded automotons would still be obsessed over stick swinging and sphere throwing...WHEN THERE WAS NO FREAKING STICK SWINGING OR SPHERE THROWING OCCURRING.

Apparently before the sticks are swung and the spheres are thrown there are "pre-stick-swinging-sphere-throwing" shows where other idiots speculate on whether or not certain men will swing sticks and whether or not spheres will be thrown. This results in shows that are horribly boring to anybody with the slightest bit of sense;

"Well Jim, what do you think Joe is going to do?"

"Well, I'm not sure Steve, but I think Joe is going to try and swing the stick."

"You think he's going to try to swing it really hard?"

"Yes, Steve, I think Joe will try to swing the stick really hard."

And by god, guess what? Joe *DOES* swing the stick really hard!

My goodness, who saw that coming?! Thank god we have Steve and Jim to predict such things.

Of course, you'd think with the "Pre-Stick-Swinging-Sphere-Throwing" show, the masses would be satiated.

Oh no.

You see, then comes the "Post-Sticking-Swinging-Sphere-Throwing" show where a whole new set of idiots tell you what just happened even though you were there to see it.

"Well, it looks like Joe swung the stick really hard."

"You're right Phil, Joe swung the stick really hard. I also noticed how Mark threw the sphere really fast."

"Wow, great analysis Tim! Mark DID throw the sphere really fast!"

This then entertains the 20 something and 30 somethings for another hour.

Regardless, it was a very sad revelation I had. That so many people had so little going on in their lives that this was one of the more important aspects of their lives. Let alone they seemed relatively indifferent about things that actually did impact their lives.

Federal deficit is at an all-time high?

Naw. Not relevant.

Your children are now enslaved with all the debt we saddled them with?

Meh, couldn't care less.

Unemployment is at 10%.

Pfa, who cares.

Oh, but "Joe Schmoe" swung the stick really good and hit the sphere really far?

"OH WOW! WOO HOO!!!! YEAAAAA!!!! THAT'S MY MAN!!!! YOU SHOW 'EM JOE!!!! YEAH FOR JOE SCHMOE!!!!!"

Ah, what could possibly go wrong with a society with priorities such as this?

Apple One - Minneapolis

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Quick story that must be told, but then I have to get on with my day, but I feel this will save no doubt scores of people from wasting hundreds of hours of their time.

Had an interview today with a recruiter, Apple One. The guy said to go online, fill out the online application, bring a resume and show up at the DT Minneapolis office this morning at 11AM.

So I spent an hour yesterday filling out their little online application form, basically replicating the information that was conveniently provided in my resume, hit "submit" and the screen says, "Application Submitted."

Wake up this morning earlier than normal because now I have to go downtown. Put on a suit, print off an extra couple copies of the ole resume and stop at the cash machine because I have to pay to park in Minneapolis. Whilst enroute I get a call from Apple One.

"Are you coming in today for an interview?"

"Yes" I said.

"Well you haven't filled out your application? Shall we cancel the interview?"

I said, "I haven't filled out my application? Ma'am, I filled it out yesterday."

"Well we don't have it on our system."

I said, "Do you have a copy of my resume? Would it be possible to just interview me over the phone then?"

She said, "I don't know."

Now angered and frustrated (because as some of you no doubt know what it's like dealing with recruiting firms) I said, "You know something, if your system is so unstable it doesn't save applications, then forget it. I'm not driving downtown and wasting my day if you guys don't have your act together."

Steaming because of how unprofessional Apple One was, not to mention the waste of my time, I thought maybe my recruiter didn't know what was going on. With an outfit unreliable as this, it was likely my recruiter was fully expecting me and nobody had informed him I wasn't coming in. So I called.

Guess what.

He was never in the office. He had the day off.

Now I don't know about you, but my limited experience with recruiters is not all that good. For the most part I think I've gotten all of one gig from them, and barring that it's largely been they interview you, they smile at you, and then you never hear from them again.

But Apple One is insulting. Forget the unreliable application system, how about the unreliable people? Not to mention how these inefficiencies result in wasting other people's time.

So here's the lesson from Cappy Cap today boys and girls;

Do not use Apple One as a recruiter, either as an employee or an employer. You're not going to get the job/find the ideal candidate for the job, and all you'll end up doing is wasting your time while their system crashes and their recruiters take days off.

You Get So Used to It You Forget

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I remember being about 18 or 19, couldn't remember which, and coming back home from work on multiple occasions to see if my answering machine (remember those?) was blinking or not. The reason I was hoping for it to blink was that countless times before I had either given a girl my number or called a girl I had meet at the First Avenue Dance Club, and was hoping they had called me in return.

Of course, I think literally all of 3 times I may have gotten a call back out of what must have been at least a hundred numbers exchanged, but at the time I was still idealistically hopeful - or at minimum, logical - to think that if a girl said, "call me" or said, "what's your number" there would be a better than 75% chance she would call me back.

Now this was of course 1994, over 15 years ago, and over those 15 years men naturally become wiser and frankly, just stop listening to what women say in regards to dating. Not that we don't listen to what they "say" it's just we don't believe it, or at least incorporate it into our thinking or any part of our dating strategy. So common was it to get a phone number from a girl, set up a date, only to have her bail out at the last minute or just plain stand you up, I developed the Law of 505025 at the extremely young and cynical age of 21. And so much time and effort and hopes and energy had we put into these never-to-materialize-dates, that our brains, purely out of the rote-rehearsal of getting stood up, were psychologically conditioned to never "bank" on the date even though we "had a date."

Ergo, it was common to schedule an activity with "the guys" at the same time you had a date, because frankly, the chances of actually going out on the date was laughable. It even got so bad that your beloved Captain on MORE THAN ONE OCCASION forgot he had a date, was en route to hang out with the guys or work an extra shift, until his date actually called him reminding him of the date they had which he obviously promptly forgot the second it was made.

Now this was during my younger 20's and was quite some time ago. And as time goes on the whole idea of dating and marriage and all that loses its appeal and you move onto more noble pursuits. So much so that I don't think I've gone on a "date date" in probably 4 years. Oh sure, I run into girls. And there has definitely been some kissy kiss and smoochy smooch, but I haven't verbally asked a girl on a date in a long time. The whole game and theatrics is no longer even a part of the psyche or my daily life.

But fast forward though 15 years, and visit the Captain if you will this past Friday, and history has a tendency to repeat itself.

Last Friday I was requested by some former students to attend a salsa dance. This was a new venue and to help the new owners succeed, they asked if I could rally my troops (students) and bring them out for a night of salsa dancing. Happy to accommodate them, I said I would.

So I show up with not only 6 students, but 5 of my friends, all of us dressed very spiffy, all of us having a good time. The girls of my crew, all impeccable dancers, demanded I take on the mantle of "dance whore" that evening where I promised each girl two dances. Unfortunately, though, it was one of the rarer instances where there were VERY few men and a TON of girls. This meant that the floor was never crowded and what few men were dancing were then obviously the center of attention on the dance floor. This then triggered some odd behavior, especially on the part of all the single women at the dance.

For the first time in almost 10 years I was asked by a complete stranger if I would like to dance. Then her friend asked me to dance. And soon a third stranger DEMANDED I dance with her. I could barely meet my previously established "dance-whore-quota" when it was demanded again by stranger #3 I dance with her.

Admittedly, these are problems you wish to have, and I was not complaining, but soon a student of mine pulls me aside and says, "I have to talk to you."

Apparently stranger #3, who was quite a comely lass, had followed my student into the girls room where she then proceeded to interrogate my student about me, what I did, who I was, how old I was, etc. etc. She said, "Captain, you have to look out. This girl TOTALLY wants you!"

Which, though I am spoken for, still gave me a little bit of an ego boost and a smug look on my face in kind of an "awww-shucks" sort of way.

The night proceeded and I continued to dance, but not before being interrogated myself by stranger #3. She was a nice, sweet girl, a little young for me, but still nice and kind. She wanted to know where I taught, if she could learn, how to sign up, what did I do, etc. etc. I said, "How about this? The easiest thing is to just e-mail me and let me know what you want to learn and what town you live in and I'll let you know the closest classes in your area." Of course I was smiling inside because here was this 25 year old babe hitting on old me, which was flattering, but the only thing I could do was help her find a class. So I give her my card, the night ends, my crew and I take off and your Captain returns to the bachelor pad to drift off to dreamland.

Fast forward now to last night where your Captain was having dinner with some of the guys. We were talking about business, the economy, a friend's birthday and general standard guy stuff. I hadn't thought about Friday night and was focusing more on installing a wood burning stove for winter, but then the topic of conversation turned

towards the salsa dance on Friday.

One of the guys, the pilot, had mentioned he had talked to this cute financial analyst at the dance and was supposed to meet her for kareoke. She didn't show up, but he didn't much care because he had other stuff going on. Another guy, Spartan, was mentioning how he had fun at the dance and hadn't seen that many girls in quite some time. They asked me if I had a good time and then ***BOOM!***

It hit me.

96 or however many hours it had been, and I completely forgot about stranger #3.

Not only did I forget about stranger #3, but now that I thought about it, I hadn't received and e-mail or anything from this allegedly enamoured girl. I was almost certain she would contact me, yet hadn't.

Upon my return home I checked my e-mail and sure enough, nothing.

Now I found it interesting that despite 15 years later, things hadn't changed. Girls, no matter how interested they seemed initially, still would never call or return a call. And I, rapidly aging and becoming decrepit still had the embedded psychology of forgetting or purging any memory of meeting any girl.

Now many of you are asking "why did I just spend the past 10 minutes reading this lengthy bragfest of the Captain?" But the reason I bring this up is an important one, because we often forget how many young men there are inbetween those ages of 15 years ago and just what kind of a hell they're going through. So permit me a lesson couched in the above story for all the younger male aspiring, junior, deputy economists and that is a lesson in flakiness.

I, along with millions of other men, will attest to the literally billions of hours we wasted chasing, pining or just plain wishing one of our calls would be returned. And not only did we waste precious hours, if not weeks of our time trying to score a number or two, we wasted a lot of energy worrying/hoping the light would be blinking when we got back to our apartments. Worse still was wondering whether we should call them twice or thrice at risk of being a "stalker." Worse more than that was the time we spent or set aside for dates that were never to materialize, and even ***worse than that*** was the overly-self-critical torture we put ourselves through asking "what did we do wrong."

The answer is "nothing."

For whatever reason, young women have a tendency to flake out. There's no rhyme, there's no reason, you can just plain expect the majority of your calls to go unreturned

and unheeded. You can also fully expect, especially in your teens and 20's that the majority of your dates will be cancelled or end up with you calling your "would be date" to see if you're "still on for the evening" while she never returns your call and you're left in a 3 hour lull on a Saturday night. Again, I don't know why, I don't know how, it just "is." But regardless of why, you have two ways you can approach this;

1. Blame yourself and worry about what you did wrong.

2. Realize you did nothing wrong and there's nothing in your power you could have done.

A perfect example and why I wrote about this is stranger number 3. Rarely will you get a girl interrogating your female friends about you. How much more of an ideal situation could you want? How much more guaranteed of a date could you get?

And what happened in this particular instance?

Even when it wasn't about romance/dating, just setting up a dance class, the girl still flaked out. I know, I know, women will say, "well, she was probably just shy" or maybe "she was too drunk to remember." Sure, that may be the case, but the "why" doesn't matter, all that matters is "what is" and the guy standing there on a Friday night with a hand full of flowers wondering why he got stood up will not understand that.

The larger point, as is many things in this life, is how you respond to this. Understand you DO NOT control the outcome. You do not control, arguably even influence whether a girl calls you back, goes out with you, or stands you up and flakes out at the last minute. What you do control is your response and your response should be that of forgetting and indifference. Your response is deciding to do what you want to do and what is within your power to do so even before the date occurs. Your response is to expect nothing, and when something is delivered, to be shocked.

Understand this attitude is not something that you can "will." I do believe it is a conditioned psychological response to where you really do forget about the drop dead gorgeous girl that talked to you at church. You really do forget the drunk girl at the bar who was making out with you. Or you really do forget about stranger #3. You just need to be stood up and led on a couple hundred times for this attitude to manifest and sink in. But in due time it will happen and when it does it will make you immeasurably better off.

You will no longer have to deal with the stress of worrying about whether you will get a date. You will no longer waste time setting aside time for dates that will never happen. Better yet, you will save COUNTLESS hours not going out to bars and clubs in the first place, permitting you to pursue more productive pursuits such as a masters degree or just working a little bit more. And although this "epiphany" takes time to realize, the key to hastening your understanding this epiphany is to realize the statistical likelihood of

actually going on a date is VERY low. Out of 100 girls that said yes to a date to me in my 20's only about 7-8 of them actually followed through. And frankly my younger friends, life is too short to play those long odds.

So take it from Uncle Cappy Cap. When you get a girl's number, understand it's like getting a check from a dubious source - it's doubtful the check will clear, therefore don't "bank" on it.

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Capitalism vs. Socialism Part 6

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Recession Medicine - Digby Wolfe

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If you have not seen it, I strongly recommend watching the movie "Father Goose." Not just because it is a good movie, but I can see myself, as well as many other men in the US just kind of throwing in the towel and giving up on society as Cary Grant's character, Walter Ecklund, does in the movie. Walter grows sick and tired of the rat race and politics in academia, buys a boat, and heads to the South Pacific (during WWII) where he more or less drinks and does nothing while occasionally and non-chalantly pilfering supplies from the Australian Navy.

This video is the opening scene and more or less explains everything, but the tune is amazingly catchy. I've been trying for YEARS to find this precise same accordion version (performed by Digby Wolfe). No luck. If anybody knows where I can get it, I would be most appreciative.

Dollar Reserves as Percent of Global Reserves

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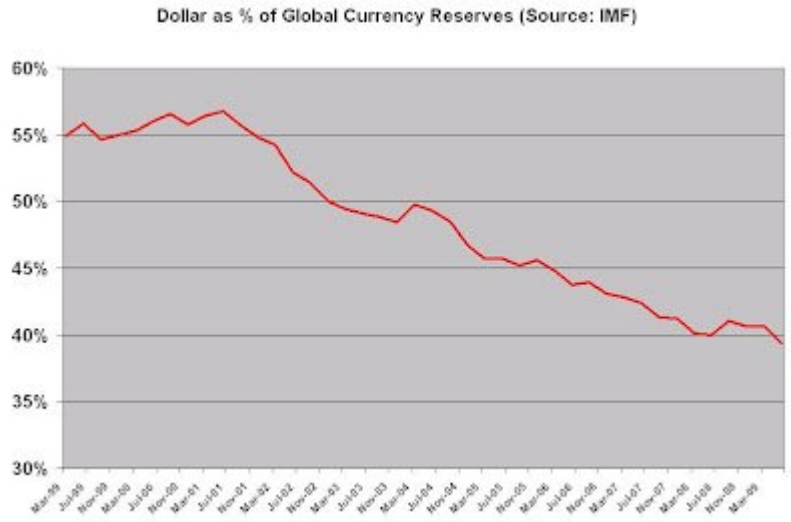

You see, when the youth of your entire nation major in sociology or philosophy or women's studies, NOTHING OF VALUE IS PRODUCED OR IS GOING TO BE PRODUCED and therefore your currency has NO VALUE because what are you going to buy with that currency?

Social worker services?
A screed against men?
A 23 year old pontificating about trees falling in the forest?

Yeah, right, countries are going to just buy up dollars so they can get their hands on that!

You see the Yuan has value because in China they produce, well, EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

Computers, I-pods, cell phones, building materials, clothes, you name it. Therefore there is VALUE to their currency because the STUFF you can buy with the Yuan is stuff people WANT.

What do we produce of economic value here?

Nothing.

Just whiners and spoiled brats.

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Job Seekers Per Job

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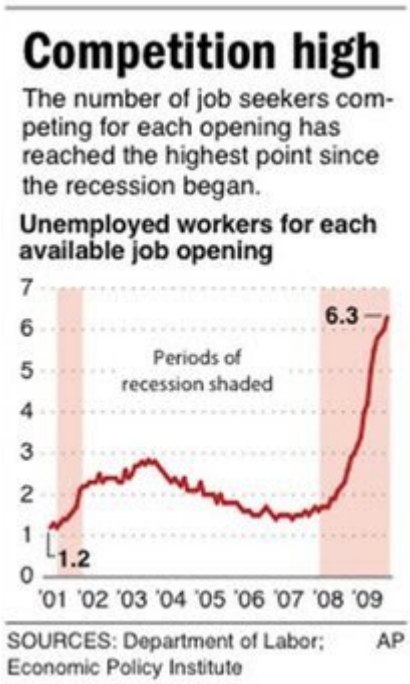
Further convincing me this will be the lost decade of the US, the number of people looking for jobs vs. actual jobs has reached a ratio of 6:1.



Of course you know without the stimulus and Obama that ratio would be 12:1 AND puppies would be dying in the street! So you just shut up about that stimulus not working.

Code Talker Passes

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I was very let down by the movie Windtalkers.

I like to call it "*Nicolas Cage Fires His Magical Thompson Machine Gun*" because instead of the movie being about the ACTUAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS IN WWII it's 90% Nicolas Cage randomly spraying hillsides with his Thompson machine gun and "magically" every single bullet manages to kill, not wound, EVERY Japanese soldier.

Regardless, like the Tuskegee Airman, I wonder how many code talkers are left.

The Natasha Calendar - Coming November!

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Natasha is calling. And she is calling to let all of you guys know that she's coming out with a very Cappy Cap calendar. This is just a sampling of what you can expect (it is also one of the pictures we THREW AWAY! So just imagine what we decide to keep in the calendar!)

Photos done by my good pal, Vlad! Pay him a visit.

What Utter Rubbish

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I will bet my dachshund that this idiot had mom and dad pay her way through college.

You will notice no statistics, only 2 bits of anecdotal evidence (WOW, Sotomayor and an author! Wow! TWO WHOLE PEOPLE??? I'm game, let me major in philosophy!) and then stories that are just hilarious;

The CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR is (drum roll).....

WORKING CONSTRUCTION TO MAKE ENDS MEET!!!

Hey, guess what you freaking moron. You didn't have to go to school to become a creative writer! You just paid thousands of dollars and years of your youth to do something you could have done on your own and with just as much success.

And then of course the hyphenated name DEAN OF A LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE plugs (drum roll)....

liberal arts majors!!!

Hey, guess what? I plug my book BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE FREAKING MONEY! I don't lie about it like saying getting a liberal arts degree is a wise investment or will get you a job. AND I DIDN"T HAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE TO LEARN HOW TO WRITE A FREAKING BOOK!!! Something this moron presumably HAS YET TO DO!

"PUSH BOUNDARIES?"

"QUESTION CONSTRUCTS????"

You idiot, employers want you to program in C++!!!!

I can't write about this anymore, the whole this is just a freaking lie and is nothing more than losers trying to rationalize their majors (not to mention a liberal arts college trying to drum up business for a worthless product).

So here's what I'll do. Instead of write worthless drivel to make myself and millions of others feel good, I'm just going to provide ONE bit of economic data that will show this article for what it truly is - a lie.

STARTING SALARIES.

Another Reason Not to Move to, Or Invest in California

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You just can't make it up.

What I love is how nobody in California seems to be capable of linking this to their 13% unemployment rate.

US Federal Budget Deficit as a Percent of GDP

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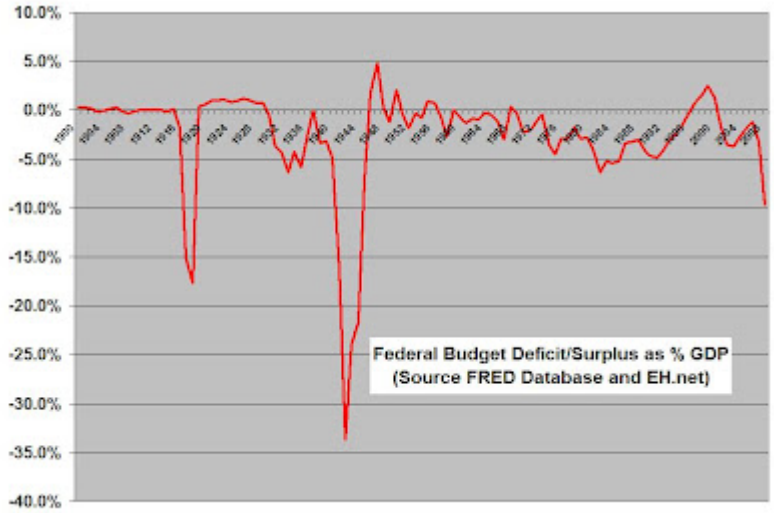
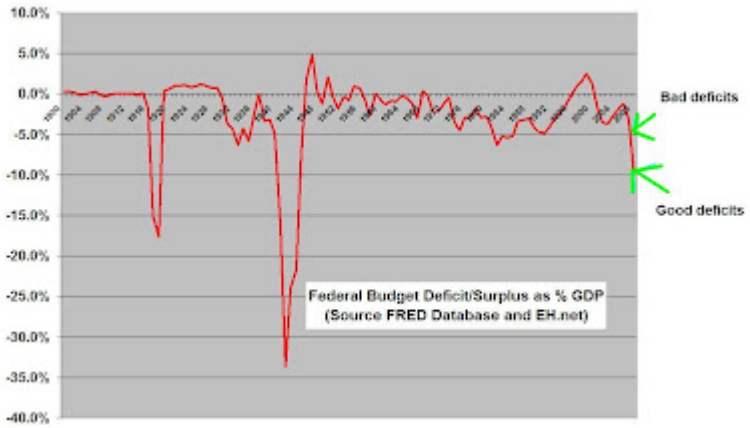
Well, it looks like the federal deficit has hit an all time high, as well as an all time NON-WAR high in the history of the US. Not even during the Great Depression did we spend this much more than we had coming in.



However, I have actually had conversations with several liberals who blame Bush for this recession AND in the same breath said he did the wrong thing racking up those huge deficits. Of course when I point out that Obama is doing EXACTLY what Bush did with bailouts and deficit spending, ONLY 2-4 TIMES MORE, they oddly enough don't have a response.

This is of course because deficits under Obama are "good" and deficits under Bush are "bad."

You see, it's all very complex, and you idiots who weren't community organizers don't understand you can't hold Obama up to Bush's standards, let alone any standards, because you'd be a racist then. So, to recap the leftist position on US fiscal policy, I've improved the chart so you'd all understand.



I'm glad we cleared that up. And if any of you disagree with it, you're a bunch of nazi's.

We Don't Need No Stinking Fathers!

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Pfa! Men! Who needs them! They're soooooo 1950's!

For My RSS Readers

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Just so you guys know I will be uploading some files that have nothing to do with posts, however, since you do have RSS feeds, these posts will still show up, but are irrelevant. I apologize for the incovenience.

Many thanks,

El Cap-i-tan

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech Part 7

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Monthly "Obscene Profit Break"

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Friendly reminder to all Cappy Cap readers out there to patronize my sponsors...most of which is me.

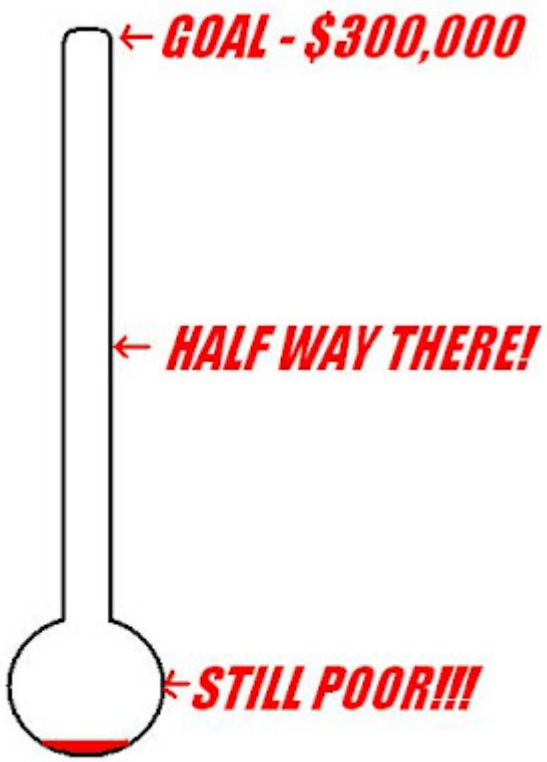
Regardless, to show your love you can;

1. Buy Ugg Boots! - Yes, the only official sponsor of Captain Capitalism! Christmas is coming, what a better gift than a pair of Ugg Boots to keep warm!

2. "Better gift" did you say? Well it's hard to beat Ugg Boots, but you could always buy the gift of WISDOM and take a class from the Captain! Take "The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks" OR if you have a teenage son or daughter take an INVALUABLE class titled "Stocks, Bonds and Investing, Oh My!" This class is THE class you WISH you had back when you were 17. Well worth the money. You can sign up for classes here!

3. You know you're out there! You procrastinators! I know you're out there because most of my friends have procrastinated as well. But like my friends, I know you still care about me, so I forgive you. Regardless, get off your behind and buy the book!

4. Natasha has a calendar coming in November, BUT you can make her happy by donating NOW! All proceeds go to my favorite charity - ME! Below is a graph showing you our fund-raising progress to meet our goal of raising enough money to pay off my mortgage;



Only $299,767 to go!

5. Local folk are more than welcome to take one of my dance classes, but that's only if you live in the Minneapolis area. But fear not intrepid aspiring junior, deputy, and official ballroom dancers of far, far away lands, you can buy instructional ballroom DVD's! Men, you can hardly go WRONG with this for the lovely lady in your life. Shoot the ole Captain an e-mail at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com and he can mail you whatever kind of instructional dance video you need (a different girl each video!)

And of course you can always;

6. Tell your friends about Cappy Cap. The Captain always appreciates you forwarding me to family, friends, enemies, and those you are generally indifferent about.

But no seriously, cash is much better.

Insurance Industry Profits

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It is claimed by the Obama administration as well as leftists who like to make You Tube videos that the reason health care costs are so high is because of the profits the insurance industry makes. And that if we were to just get rid of those profits then the savings could be passed onto everyday people like you and me.

I was excited about this prospect of paying lower health insurance and so to see how much in savings would be passed onto me I looked up Aetna, one of the larger publicly traded insurance companies out there. I did this on Reuters because Reuters will not only show you the profit margins for the company you are looking at, but the entire industry. That way you can see just how high of profit margins these companies have and how much you're going to save!!!

PROFITABILITY RATIOS

	Company	Industry	Sector	S&P 500
Gross Margin (TTM)	--	0.28	2.17	25.28
Gross Margin - 5 Yr. Avg.	--	0.30	5.50	25.21
EBITD Margin (TTM)	--	--	--	--
EBITD - 5 Yr. Avg	--	0.12	3.04	14.70
Operating Margin (TTM)	6.01	1.02	8.83	--
Operating Margin - 5 Yr. Avg.	9.33	4.13	20.42	20.04
Pre-Tax Margin (TTM)	6.01	0.94	3.72	7.07
Pre-Tax Margin - 5 Yr. Avg.	9.33	4.02	20.13	19.76
Net Profit Margin (TTM)	3.85	0.73	2.36	5.57
Net Profit Margin - 5 Yr. Avg.	6.03	3.17	15.37	13.97
Effective Tax Rate (TTM)	35.97	-30.30	2.76	-1.02
Effective Tax Rate - 5 Yr. Avg.	35.44	11.65	28.71	28.47

Wow! The past 12 months the insurance industry has had a profit margin of .94%. That's not 94% for those of you who majored in liberal arts and never took calculus, that's **.94%**, LESS THAN 1%.
Now I'll be kind and intellectually honest enough to admit the 5 year average has been 4% in the industry, but are you freaking kidding me? At maximum a savings of 4%?

And let us not kid ourselves kiddies, with the amazing efficiency of the government managing a health insurance plan, you damn well know it's going to gobble up more than that paltry 4% LIKELY COSTING YOU MORE THAN A PRIVATE HEALTH INSURER WOULD.

Oh, but it's not really about the cost, is it? It's the fact somebody else will be paying for it. And that's what this is all about. I just wish people would be intellectually honest about this.

Big Time!

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For those interested and who happen to live in the North Twin Cities metro, the Capitalism vs. Socialism speech will actually be broadcasted in its final edited form on public access cable.

Yes, yes, I know, I am making it big time now, and I shall remember the little people.

Regardless, it is pared down considerably from its original format I put online and is more of a project a friend of mine wanted to work on to hone his editing/filming skills. Only about 55 minutes, but takes some of the finer points and puts them into a professionally done video.

The schedule is here for those in the north metro interested in viewing it.

Retronomics

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Mr. Trum, some of you know, is a regular reader of Cappy Cap and has started his own blog; Retronomics.

Of course, there is just one minor problem.

It's in German.

He assures me that in the future there will be an English version, but in the meantime you will all be mandated to read German.

Compliance will begin immediately.

Ice Cream for Breakfast

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I can't believe I have to write this post, but here it goes.

I AM AN ADULT.

AND IN BEING AN ADULT I CAN DO WHAT I WANT!

Remember back when we were kids and our parents would say,

"Well, when you pay for your own food, and pay your own bills, and pay your own rent, then you can stay up will 4AM and do whatever you want?"

Remember that?

Yeah? Well guess what!

I

BUY MY OWN FOOD

I

PAY MY OWN MORTGAGE

I

PAY MY OWN BILLS

ERGO!!!!

I CAN EAT ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST!

Don't you remember that as kids? You wanting to do all this stuff that your parents would not allow you to do, simply because you were a kid?

Well, now that you are no longer a kid and now that you are supporting yourself (unless of course daddy is still subsidizing your college tuition, and paying for your car or insurance) YOU CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS YOU WANTED TO DO BACK WHEN YOU WERE A KID!

But what do I get instead?

I get my NOW-ADULT FRIENDS saying I "can't do this!"

It's like they got nabbed and brainwashed and turned into those old-stodigy adults we so feared becoming and traitored on me. No, no, I have to have "breakfast food" for breakfast. I need to eat muffins and eggs and tofu and bark and leaves.

So, let me explain to those of you who are my age and somehow think there's something wrong with me having ice cream for breakfast.

1. I can have ice cream for breakfast. There is no way you can stop me. I can go to the store, buy ice cream, come back home and you have no legal means or forcible means to stop me. Ergo it's not a question of "can" I have ice cream for breakfast, it's a question of "SHOULD" I have ice cream for breakfast.

2. YES I SHOULD HAVE ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST. This has been a communist plot of our elders to keep us ignorant as children. Studies show that ice cream for breakfast increases your IQ by 40 points. It also has immeasurable health benefits such as strong bones due to the calcium in the ice cream, endorphins are released early on in your day, and it's a well-known fact that ice cream cures the common cold and attracts members of the opposite sex. A whole plethora of health benefits come with eating ice cream. Ergo it is a moral imperative that you eat it during the morning hours.

3. Who are you to tell me what I can and cannot do? Joseph Stalin? Mao Zedong? Barack Obama? And what do you care if I do these things? Not only do I have ice cream for breakfast, I have been known to have Rumpleminze for lunch AND stay up till 4AM playing video games on a school night (of course I didn't have school the next day, but I still stick my tongue out at you regardless).

So, the lesson we all need to learn from this is that it is OK for full grown adults to have ice cream for breakfast. If somebody can engage in vices where they smoke till they get cancer, drink till they have liver failure or marry so they lose half their net worth, then I can CERTAINLY have ice cream for breakfast.

Marriage is the New Fad

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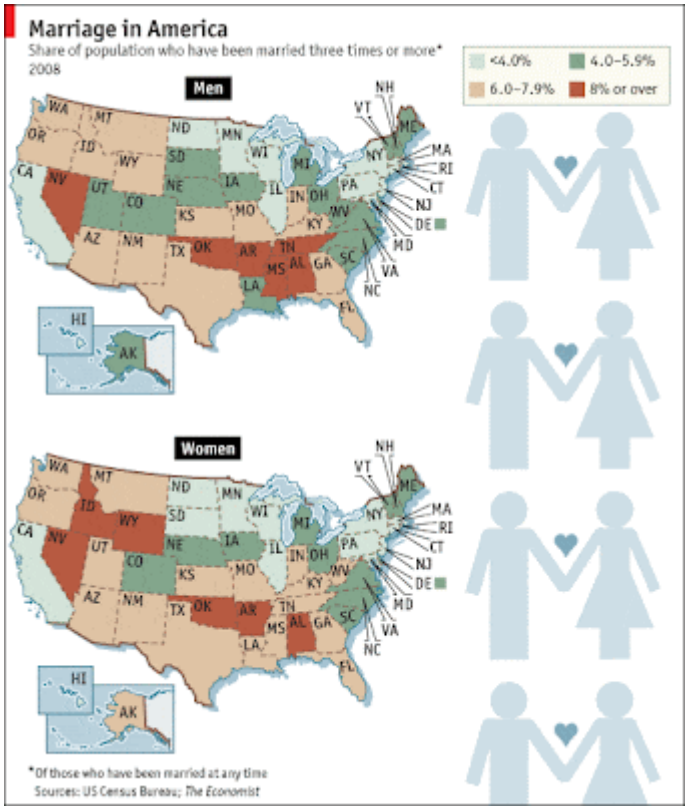
I've often said today marriage is like being engaged back in the 1940's. And being engaged today is like going steady in the 1940's. And dating today is like being friends back in the 1940's. There is no severity or seriousness we apply to courting anymore and just like you could break off an engagement back in the 1940's without much hoopla, you can get a divorce today quite the same. Of course that means there is no modern day equivalent of a 1940's marriage because the seriousness and commitment that existed back then just doesn't exist today, but I digress.



I Love How they Choose to Live in Europe

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We want to make to make the countries we escaped to just as crappy as the ones we escaped from.

Enjoy the 72 virgins.

Oh, sorry, almost forgot the HT!

Another Reason Not to Buy The Economist

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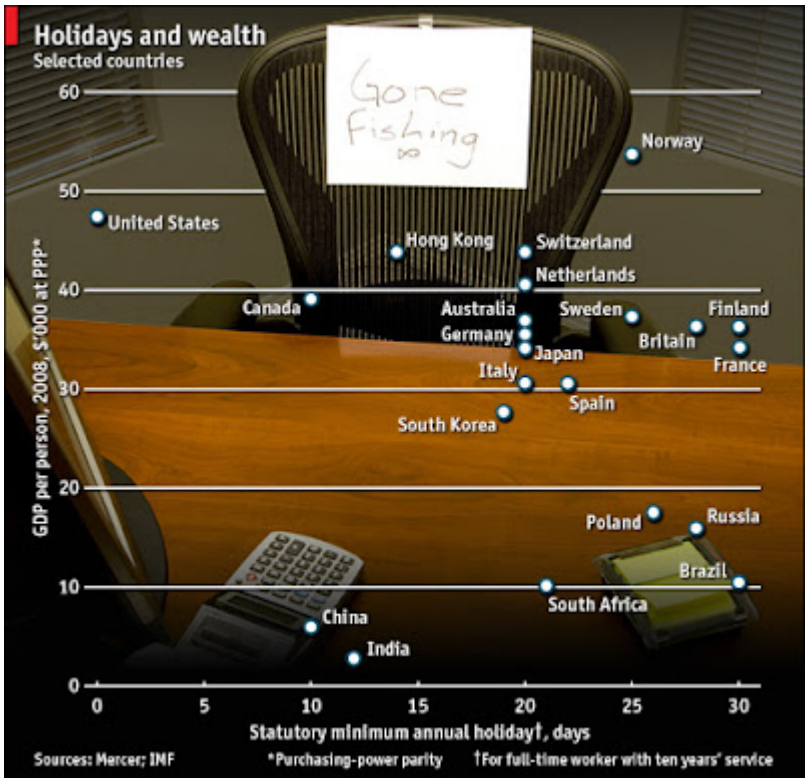
OK, it seems my former magazine flame has not only decided to change politics on me, but has now decided to get fat as well. Does any aspiring economist see what egregious error The Economist did here?



The answer is: "What does a country's GDP per capita have to do with time off?"
What they should have correlated it with is RGDP GROWTH. Just because previous generations busted their asses off for their spoiled children to enjoy high standards of living and take vacation has NOTHING to do with what they're implying. Economic GROWTH is what matters, not the nominal GDP per capita people pre-establishedly enjoy.

Deaths in Iraq vs. Afghanistan

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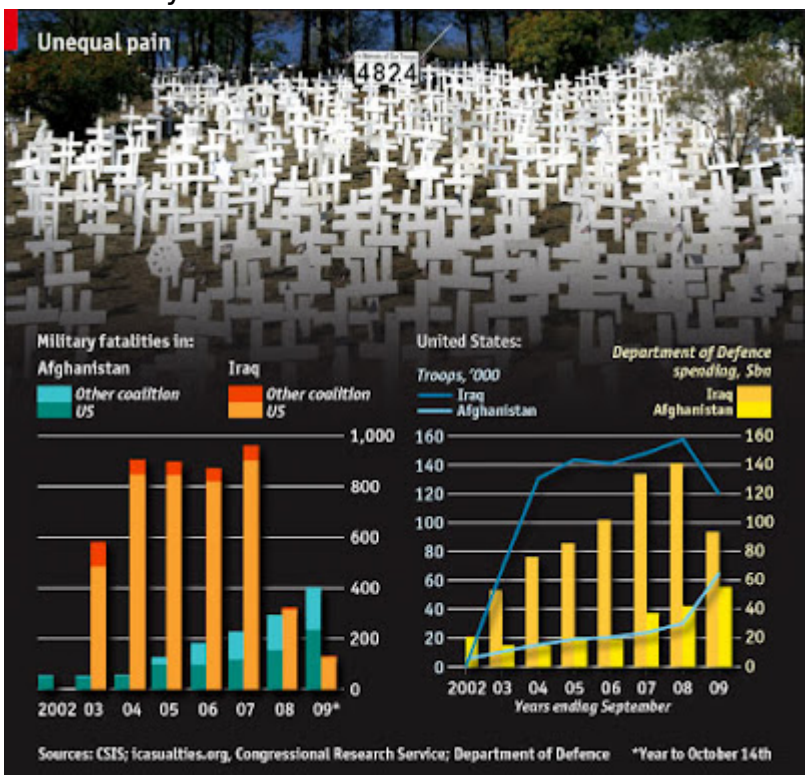
I just found the data interesting in that you "hear" Afghanistan is going worse, but you never really see the data.



I also like how the "surge" "didn't work."

Economics Under a Democrat Senate

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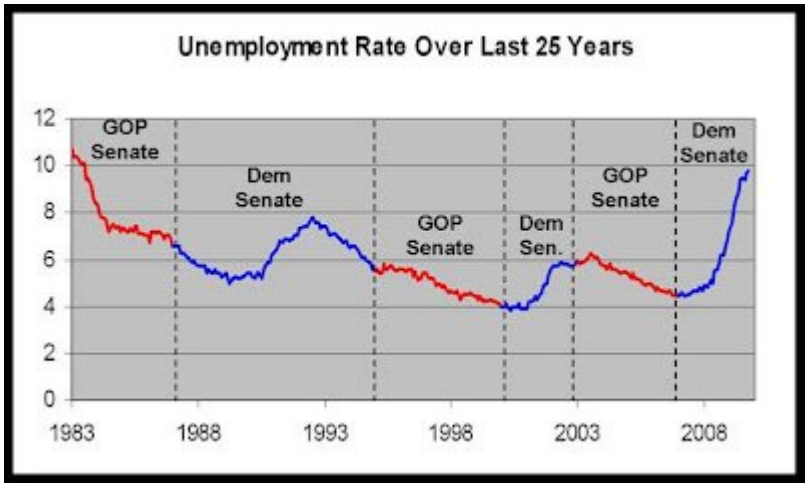
I am not a big fan of blaming one person or a small group of people for large economic issues that are obviously triggered by society. For example I do not blame GW for the current recession, just as I don't blame Barack Obama for the current recession or Bill Clinton for the previous recession (though the lethargic, painfully slow recovery circi 1990 Japan I will blame Barak and Bush for).

Regardless, I do believe congress is more powerful than the president as it is primarily their policies that are submitted to be voted on and implemented into law and therefore have more sway over a country, but I'm still not blaming democrats for all problems. Still, this chart suggests SOME correlation. I would prefer to see this going back to 1947 though.



Thank you Mr. Brown.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Part 8

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Going Galt Makes You Macho

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October, it is in my estimation, will officially be henceforth known in my world as "Macho Month." And the reason I will consider it my own personal "Macho Month" is because I, your beloved Captain, has done no less than;

1. Replace a thermostat on my car
2. Replace a radiator in my car
3. Winterize 2 lawnmowers and a motorcycle
4. Install a wood burning stove and chimney at my house
5. Forage for at least 2 chords of free wood

All of which on my own.

Now you might say, "Cappy, I thought you were an economist and taught dance class? What's with all auto repairs and home improvement projects and everything? Shouldn't you adhere to the division of labor and specialize in economics and pay somebody to install a fireplace, fix your cars and store your motorcycle?"

And normally you would be right. But these are not normal times.

Understand that in these socialist times we live in today, it doesn't pay to work. The governments (state, federal and local) are estimated to expend 43% of GDP and this says nothing about the future promises of entitlements they've given to various special interest groups. Therefore if you're one of those working schmoes you're essentially slaving away for about half the year to pay taxes. And if you're one of those HIGH-EARNING schmoes, you're a veritable slave to the government for the majority of your working hours.

This is why you go Galt. Not that you choose to do this, but the government essentially makes any marginal pay you receive so marginal that it isn't worth the marginal time you must expend to earn what meager earnings the government will let you have. Therefore you find out how much you need, scale back your work and enjoy leisure time which (and this really pisses off the left) CAN'T BE TAXED!

Now the Captain has a fair amount of leisure time, but the problem in going Galt is that those who do go Galt are typically of the industrious sort and they soon get stir crazy. They're not the types to sit around and drink coffee at a coffee shop and then read THe Guardian while they talk to their liberal buddies about their manuscript for a play they wrote. They're people who know the value of work, have a strong work ethic and just can't sit still for more than a full day not doing anything.

The good news is that there are many things you can do that will not result in a paycheck, but will still improve your standards of living and essentially make it as if you have a tax free job. The most notable of these things are repairs and improvements.

If your car breaks down, you now face a problem. You have to give up some of your hard earned money to pay a mechanic to fix your car. The problem is doubled when the mechanic has to forfeit 43% of that money to the governments to pay taxes. In other words an exchange between you, the mechanic and the suppliers of any materials you might need, is now interrupted by a mafioso like government that insists you guys need "protection."

But if you've gone Galt, you have the one thing you need to avoid paying this unecessary protection money; time.

Oh, you may not be a great automechanic now, but just go on You Tube, look up what you want to repair or replace and usually there is a how to video ready and willing to hand hold you through the process. And in the end you've not only saved yourself a $400 repair bill, you also denied the government a $400 transaction which it cannot tax for it never happened.

There are also improvements to your household. The Captain is cheap. I have no problems letting the temperature in my basement go down to 32 degrees. I do this not to save the environment, I do this to save money. But as I thought about it, a nice wood burning stove would be nice to have. Not only would the basement stay warm, I'd save a LOT of money on gas, the pipes wouldn't freeze, AND I'd be emitting more carbon.

Again, I have a choice, do I spend the $5,200 I was quoted by the fireplace installation outfit? Or do I drop $1,500 on materials and do it myself? Sure, it took a week to properly install the flue, but in the end I saved myself $3,700 in labor therefore denying the governments the opportunity to tax that $3,700.

Now we could go on about how you can save money doing your own auto repair, improving your house, or doing your own computer repair, but the larger point is that to still produce while you "go Galt" the vast majority of your production is going to be in repairs and maintenance as these are things you can do on your own. You don't need the "double coincidence of wants" that is required for a barter exchange (besides which the government actually taxes you on the estimated barter transaction, not kidding, look it up). So while it is difficult for me to find say a dentist willing to trade dental work for dance lessons, I need no one to repair my house but me.

Now, since the majority of "Going Galt Work" is repairs and maintenance this practically forces you to become a macho guy. It's bumpy at first, repairing tires, changing oil, replacing a timing belt, but soon you're pulling out radiators, alternators, jerry-rigging

things that were never meant to be but still work, installing fireplaces and cleaning out the carbs on your own motorcycle. You'll have grease and grit on your hands and under your finger nails. Women will look at you while you're dancing with them on the floor and say to themselves, "My goodness, not only is he a ballroom dancer, he repairs his own motorcycle and re-supported his house AND moded his own X-Box!" And soon not only will you be a rebel for going Galt and sticking it to the system, you'll be a macho Galt-Going rebel who will be able to do macho guy stuff with cars, the house, and the computer. And if they weren't already smothering you before, WOO HOO!!! Look out! THere's nothing more a lady likes and that going-Galt rebel who does auto repair, especially if he's an aspiring, junior, deputy or official economist.

Straight from the HR Horse's Mouth

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> The key quotes:
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> 1) "I hate to say we don't have the world's best universities. We may have the best minds, the best liberal arts education. The problem is it doesn't match the work anymore." (That is to say, not enough students are getting science and math degrees.)
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> 2) "I don't have these graduates in Europe and Asia telling us they want to live with mom and dad or they don't want to relocate to Asia."
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> I don't know what I can do about the second issue, but here's my contribution (via Robert Waldmann) to persuading American college students to change their majors before it's too late:

What have I been telling you people?

You Think I Make This Up

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Minnesota, despite being flyover country, is honeycombed with incompetent, greedy, pathetic middle aged men posing as bankers. They have no skills, they have no talents, they only wish to "make the deal" no matter how previously-condemned to default and bankruptcy the deal is so they can skim their commission off the top. They then drive German-made cars and large SUV's as they pose as "successful businessmen" whilst behind closed doors beg for a taxpayer bailout like a bum with a cup in their hands. This is not "sour grapes." This is not "revenge." This is just the truth, people, and the future will bear me out (besides which I've had my revenge already).

Now I've said it before, and I'll say it again, Minnesota IS going to be one of the worst states in terms of bank closures and you will see it have its disproportionate share of bank failures compared to other states, adjusting for population. The primary cause is the likes of Riverview Community Bank, which was recently shut down by the Feds. "Community Banks" you must understand are these small town, local "community" banks that are basically the bottom of the barrel when it comes to the hierarchy of banks. While the likes of TCF and Wells Fargo were shooting down questionable real estate deals, there was no shortage of these second rate loser banks to sop up the deals and finance them while they played "imaginary real banker."

What's worse is that there are SCORES of these wanna-be-banks with wanna-be-bankers who financed "multi-million dollar real estate deals" so their impotent, inept middle aged bankers could say to naive 20 something girls, "*Why I just finished signing off on a multi-million dollar real estate deal. I'm a multi-million dollar real estate banker!*" (Little did the 20 something girls know they probably had a higher net worth as a waitress than these guys did with with their home equity line financed German car and overleveraged house.) Regardless, with so many of these petty, small time faux banks eating up the bad deals

larger, more legitimate banks passed up on, you are going to see an increase in the number of Minnesota community banks come begging for a bailout.

But! Don't worry. Everything is going to be fine! The FDIC now assures us that they have the money to ensure our deposits at these Minnesota banks! (ht to Kate)

Of course never mind borrowing $500 billion would put the Federal government WAY over its debt limit already. And never mind we're already in the whole for $1.4 trillion this year anyway. The reason you should never mind is because Barack Obama is president and he's going to take care of everything.

Now you know why I installed my own wood burning stove and enjoy foraging for wood.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech Part 9

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Recession Medicine - Hogan's Heroes

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Hogan's Heroes is hands down the best show ever made. Certainly will get you out of those recessionary blues (of which you shouldn't have because you don't really control this economy anyway). Here is an episode that is bound to make your day go better.

Pig Flu Ala Charts

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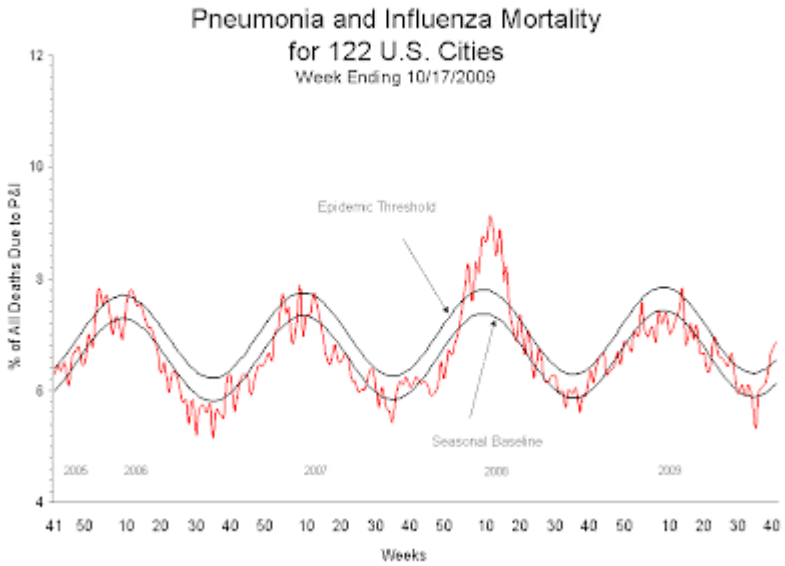
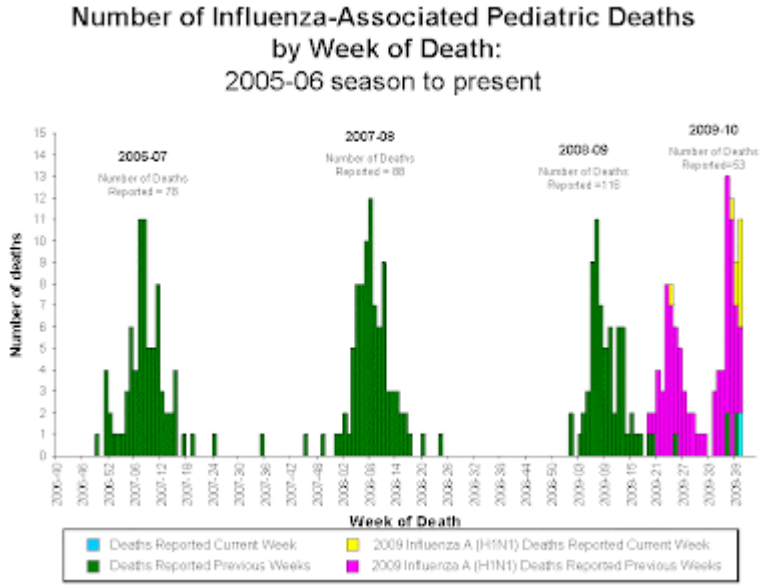
I like charts. Charts make things simple and provide relativity. From Herr Mueller.





OMG! AN EPIDEMIC!!!! RUN FOR THE HILLS!!!! SAVE YOURSELF!!!!!!

The End Game of Leftist Policies

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This is what happens when leftist policies are enacted. This is not hyperbole, nor rhetoric. This is just the truth.

The simple reason why is that you destroy any incentive to work. You do not promote nor protect the productive people. You punish investment and profit. And all you are left with are the degenerates of society living off of government hand outs TO THE POINT THAT LAND HAS A NEGATIVE VALUE.

American Labor Takes Too Long to Incubate

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A real quick, but very insightful post, then I have to go.

I read this on Mish's blog and it got me thinking, "Dude, you're practically middle age by the time you get your doctorate and are ready to go into the labor force."

And then it got me further thinking as to just how much time we waste when we education our children and college students and how we could considerably shorten the time it takes to bring a kid from kindergarten to an employable adult.

First off a sheer improvement in efficiency by eliminating bad students that do nothing but distract those students with potential would certainly allow a teacher to cover an insanely higher amount of ground and impart an insanely higher amount of education. Along the same line would be getting parents to be real parents and force their students to study, to do well, and to do their homework.

Since both are politically incorrect because we champion losers in this country as well as it is a sin to accuse bad parents of...well...being bad parents, we have to focus on things that don't hurt people's feelings, especially morons at the expense of our future labor force.

This changes the focus to what I believe to be the inordinate amount of worthless "pre-requisite" classes that we force students to take to (put it simply) employ people who would otherwise be unemployable.

Why do we have phy ed?
Why do we mandate students take high school psychology?
How many of you took years of foreign language and never used it to this day?

It is these classes that need to be eliminated at the K-12 education level. They serve no purpose in training children into future workers, but they do employ a lot of people who wouldn't otherwise have jobs in the real world.

Then there is lord knows how much spent on "extra-curricular" activities that serve no purpose in helping a kid's future.

Admittedly, I teach dance. But this is recreational and for adults who have since graduated and are presumably in the working world. They have no illusions about going out and competing professionally. It is a veritable recreation. But I don't know how many women I've ran into who I could tell had previous dance experience. And when I asked

them,

"Have you danced before?"

They invariably say,

"Yes, tap, jazz and ballet when I was a child."

"So are you a professional ballet dancer now?"

"Oh, no! *giggle*"

Well how much time, labor, effort, money and taxpayer cash was used teaching kids a dance they will never use? Line dance? Jazz? Ballet?

Music is the same way. Along the same line of sports (as well as I presume ballet), what percentage of students that take music and are in high school band go on to make careers in music? Less than 1% I presume. And this speaks nothing to the psychotic parents that (like my own) force their children at the insanely young age of 3 to take piano or violin or tennis.

Now these are all topics or hobbies kids pursue as kids during their k-12 days. However, when they graduate onto college, the pointless "jumping through hoops" classes do not relent.

Freshman composition is the perfect example.

I don't care how bad people's writing is. If it doesn't cut it, it doesn't cut it. But no matter if you had straight A's through k-12 in English, you still need to take this class. Why? Because a bunch of English majors in COLLEGE need a job.

But forget English, the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota require you not only take 3 years of a foreign language, but that you PASS A TEST before you can get your degree. I pissed away 2 years of college German that could have been spent on economics and finance which would have made me an even BETTER economist (if you can imagine that). Regardless, this is not for the students' benefit, this is to employ a bunch of people who majored in a foreign language and can't find a job at the UN.

Business school is just as guilty as any other college.

Why, if you are majoring in accounting, do you need to take HR or marketing? Again, it is not to make you "well-rounded" it's to employ otherwise unemployable "doctorates" in marketing.

And though I did not attend engineering school, there is no doubt a plethora of worthless and pointless pre-requisites in the arts and humanities you must have suffered that only postponed your graduation by a full year.

Now you may be asking "Captain, why are you so hard on people? Why can't you just let people enjoy life a little bit? Life is not all about math and science and engineering and economics."

You're right, that's what you do on your free time. But when you go to school, let us not kid ourselves, it's not for entertainment. It's to train you for a real job in the real world. It's to give you the skills so that you may work up enough money in a successful career so that you may afford pursue your hobbies in the future. Arguing otherwise is putting the cart before the horse, and no doubt you wish to make a living out of your hobby which is almost a guaranteed way to become a rent-seeker.

But there is a larger consequence, or perhaps "opportunity cost" for being so lackadaisical in the education and training of our future labor, and that is foregone production.

Consider this - it is in my estimation that a full 3 years could be cut out from the K-12 education by simply eliminating the worthless classes and activities as well as forcing our students to work harder. I also believe that if you get rid of all of fluff and forced-pre-requisite classes at the college level, you could scale an engineering degree down to 3 years and a liberal arts degree to 3 months (just kidding!). I also believe most masters degrees could be done in 4 years and doctorates (unless in a REALLY advanced field) could be done in 6. And in focusing our efforts on studying as well as eliminating the unnecessary classes, you could have online fully trained and qualified, labor ready to go to work.

Bringing this labor online 4-5 years ahead of schedule and you have some amazing benefits.

Most notably 4-5 years of additional production per graduating class. This alone would (assuming near full employment) more than pay for Obama's spending binge.

You worried about collecting social security when you're older? Well, if people were allowed to get to work earlier instead of rotting in a mandatory "Global-Warming and Why Bush is Hitler Sociology' class, the tax revenues might be there to actually shore up the SS fund.

And, of course, lest we forget, how about all the extra money those students make for themselves (assuming we don't tax them to death) with that extra 4-5 years income? Let alone less student loan debt they might have. Less debt and an extra 4-5 years of

income, who knows, all those Gen-X'ers and Gen Y'ers could have actually AFFORDED the houses they tried to buy 3 years ago.

In short you would have a HUGE increase in generational production, GDP, tax revenues and wealth and the country would be immeasurably off.

But of course, there is one thing standing in the way of this;

Big Education.

For you see, such a streamlined educational system would mean a LOT less money for that industry, and no matter how noble and how prosperous a faster, more focused educational system would be for this nation, society must suffer a lower standard of living so we can employ some more theater professors and German teachers.

Enjoy Freshman Comp!

You Will Visit Alice the Camel

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Alice has been a long time blog-friend and as I slowly update my blogroll (as I recently learned how to program one) I will be putting new folk up there.

Regardless, pay Alice a visit. Also send her pictures of camels.

Capitalism vs Socialism Speech - Part 10

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I Think I Had the Pig Flu

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Actually, I'm being half-serious about this.

I got a HORRENDOUS cold last month, took three weeks to fully recover, a worse cold than the typical cold I normally get during the cooling months, but still not the "worst" cold I've ever had.

Slept in, had girls come over to pamper me (and do electrical work), ate well, and didn't work more than I had to. Sure enough, like all other colds in the history of colds, this one went away as the Captain's T-cells went to battle.

So I was thinking that it was too coincidentally timed with the pig flu epidemic as several cases were reported here in Minnesota (although who knows, maybe it was just the schools shutting down being overworried).

Regardless, I wondered, "Did I have the pig flu?" and so I looked up the symptoms here at the CDC.

Wow, the pig flu is just like the regular flu, BUT!!!! (drum roll)....

IT'S SPELLED DIFFERENTLY!!!!

Seriously, it wouldn't surprise me if I had the pig flu.

Since then Young Joie more or less explains my position of this flu as well as provides some informational links about Pig Flu.

Never let a crisis, real or fabricated, go to waste.

"Real Real" Gross Domestic Product

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Because of all the federal stimulus money, Real Gross Domestic Product is no longer quite a reliable measure as to how much the economy is growing. Sure we adjust for inflation to get RGDP, but do we adjust for temporary stimulus spending from the government? Here's a break down of RGDP growth by category.

	Percent change at annual rate:							
1	**Gross domestic product**	**-0.7**	**1.5**	**-2.7**	**-5.4**	**-6.4**	**-0.7**	**3.5**
	Percentage points at annual rates:							
2	**Personal consumption expenditures**	**-0.39**	**0.06**	**-2.49**	**-2.15**	**0.44**	**-0.62**	**2.36**
3	Goods	-1.24	-0.12	-1.89	-2.41	0.56	-0.71	1.79
4	Durable goods	-0.75	-0.46	-0.95	-1.64	0.28	-0.41	1.47
5	Nondurable goods	-0.49	0.35	-0.94	-0.78	0.29	-0.29	0.31
6	Services	0.85	0.17	-0.60	0.26	-0.13	0.09	0.57
7	**Gross private domestic investment**	**-1.20**	**-1.66**	**-1.04**	**-3.91**	**-8.98**	**-3.10**	**1.22**
8	Fixed investment	-0.99	-0.41	-1.30	-3.28	-6.62	-1.68	0.28
9	Nonresidential	0.25	0.19	-0.73	-2.47	-5.29	-1.01	-0.24
10	Structures	0.27	0.56	0.00	-0.31	-2.28	-0.69	-0.32
11	Equipment and software	-0.02	-0.38	-0.73	-2.15	-3.01	-0.32	0.08
12	Residential	-1.24	-0.60	-0.57	-0.81	-1.33	-0.67	0.53
13	Change in private inventories	-0.21	-1.25	0.26	-0.64	-2.36	-1.42	0.94
14	**Net exports of goods and services**	**0.36**	**2.35**	**-0.10**	**0.45**	**2.64**	**1.65**	**-0.53**
15	Exports	-0.02	1.47	-0.48	-2.67	-3.95	-0.45	1.49
16	Goods	0.34	1.17	-0.17	-2.50	-3.41	-0.45	1.38
17	Services	-0.36	0.30	-0.31	-0.17	-0.54	0.00	0.10
18	Imports	0.38	0.88	0.38	3.12	6.58	2.09	-2.01
19	Goods	0.46	0.67	0.55	3.09	6.25	1.89	-1.94
20	Services	-0.08	0.21	-0.17	0.03	0.34	0.21	-0.07
21	**Government consumption expenditures and gross investment**	**0.51**	**0.71**	**0.95**	**0.24**	**-0.52**	**1.33**	**0.48**
22	Federal	0.56	0.55	0.93	0.49	-0.33	0.85	0.62
23	National defense	0.39	0.34	0.93	0.20	-0.27	0.70	0.45
24	Nondefense	0.17	0.21	0.00	0.29	-0.06	0.15	0.17
25	State and local	-0.05	0.15	0.01	-0.25	-0.19	0.48	-0.14

Notice the government alone accounted for .5% of that economic growth, but if you factor in cash for clunkers, home purchasing credits, not to mention ditch-digging-then-filling projects like this, RRGDP is more like 1.8%. Recovery? Yes. Booming? No. Enough growth to create jobs for the increasing population? Certainly not.

Alas, leave it to the bubble-addicted markets to drive stock prices up by 150 points on the DJIA on the nominal 3.5% growth rate and not the RRGDP.

And the Tea Parties are Organized Arms of the Republican Party?

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I get the occasional e-mail from the remaining arm of Obama's campaign in that I signed up for it when he was running. What this shows is how it's "bad" when people organize to protest the government taking working people's money away from them, but if it's of a socialist stripe AND OBVIOUSLY ORCHESTRATED by the administration, then it's OK. Just like Bush's deficits are BAD and Obama's deficits are GOOD. Here you go;

Anonymous --

It's late; I know you've gotten a lot of messages from us recently, and everyone here at OFA headquarters is pretty tired. But the last reports of calls and commitments are just coming in from events on the West Coast, and I wanted to share the news with you.

As you know, we set a big goal: 100,000 calls to Congress placed or committed to in a single day by OFA supporters and allied organizations. By 2:30 p.m., you had crushed it. So, we gulped and said let's go for 200,000, not knowing what would happen. But the calls just kept pouring in -- keeping phones ringing off the hook in congressional offices in D.C. and your representatives' district offices around the country.

Then, OFA supporters gathered in over 1,000 living rooms and community centers from Macon, Georgia to Missoula, Montana. You called hundreds of thousands of key voters in your community and got them to agree to call Congress and speak out for reform, too. President Obama joined in at a call party in New York -- and he had some amazing words of support for the folks like you who make this movement possible.

I'm looking at the numbers, and with almost all of the reports now in, the tally wasn't 200,000 calls placed or pledged -- it was 315,023. You did it.

Take a moment to watch the President's inspiring words to OFA volunteers on this incredible day.

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Your voice was overwhelming -- with reports in the media of congressional offices "completely crushed with calls." CBS News described your effort as an "onslaught." And a congressional aide was quoted with a common response, saying their office was deluged by "pretty much non-stop health care calls from OFA."

You set a new OFA record, you caught the national media's attention, and you certainly put Congress on notice. But you know that's not what really matters.

The message I sent earlier talked about a woman, Jenny U., whose insurance company cut off her coverage because they decided her kidney donation to her sick daughter counted as a "pre-existing condition." What really matters is that today you brought America one giant, irreversible step closer to being a place where no one will ever have to suffer that kind of injustice again. That's what all the messages, late nights, and phone calls ultimately add up to. It's what makes everything we do together worthwhile -- and it's why we'll keep fighting together until the job is done.

Watch President Obama's special message to you from a call party in New York:

http://my.barackobama.com/TTDreport

Thank you, so much, for being part of the team.

Sincerely,

Mitch

Mitch Stewart
Director
Organizing for America

PPP Adjusted Wage Gap

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One of the more amusing scenes is the "Baby Boomer/60 Something Meat Market" which, if you're ever Twin Cities way you can see in all of its splendor and glory at a joint called "Red Stone" in Eden Prairie. Here you see, in a VERY general sense, men in their peak earning years picking up twice or thrice divorced who are still glitzed up thinking it's 1986. The tactics haven't much changed, but one of the more interesting ones I've seen is men putting their "Audi" or their "BMW" key chain on the bar so girls (well, women) can see what a fancy car they drive. Everyone is still dressed in designer clothes as if these things matter, but there was one thing that made my economic spidey senses tingle;

The men made bank while the women are still employed as hair salonists or waitresses or some other such profession.

Naturally the men buy, but as I waited for my baby boomer friend to show up, it got me thinking;

"Would the wage hap between men and women be closed if we adjusted for all the income transfers?"

Forget buying a lady a beer, just last night you could not have had a better example. $500 costume contest, and who does it go to?

The guy dressed as a sailor?
The guy dressed like Yoda?
Or the girl in a french maid outfit?

Of course this is peanuts to things like the money men fork over for dating, let alone in divorce settlements where I think the plurality of income/wealth transfers occur, but if we adjusted for that would there be an income gap at all?

Probably impossible to measure and we'll probably never know, but it would be interesting to see what the figures are.

Recession Medicine - Hogan's Heroes II

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Yes, I know accoridng to the government bloated GDP figures, the economy is "out" of the recession. But for those of you who were not fortunate enough to get jobs as "walk ambassadors" and other make work imaginary jobs, here is another episode of Hogan's Heroes.

Frank Has a Kid!

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You all know Frank. Frank is now a father! Congratulate Frank!

Death of the MSM

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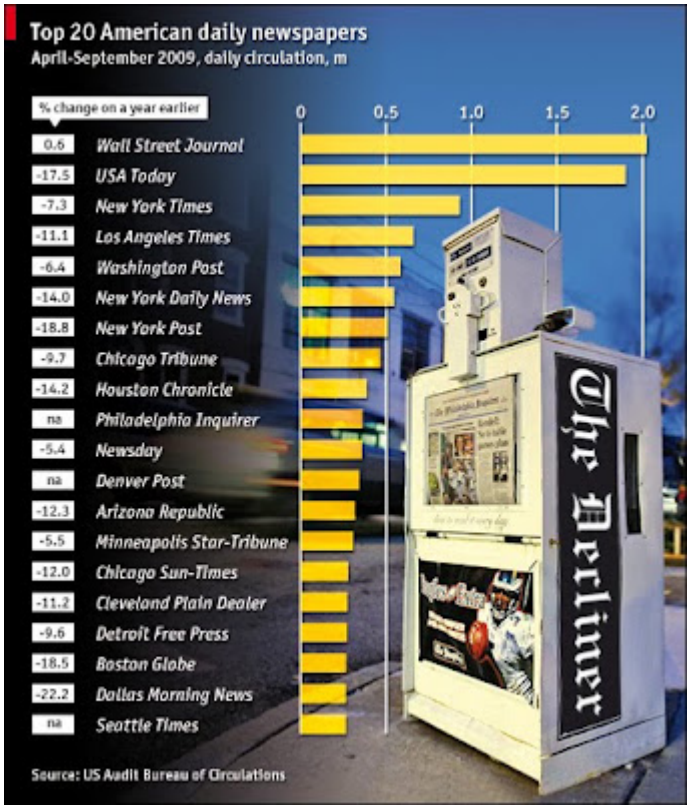

The only newspaper, THE ONLY NEWSPAPER NOT to have its subscription drop was the one semi-conservative newspaper.

I'd be curious to see how The Economist is selling.

Seriously Delinquent

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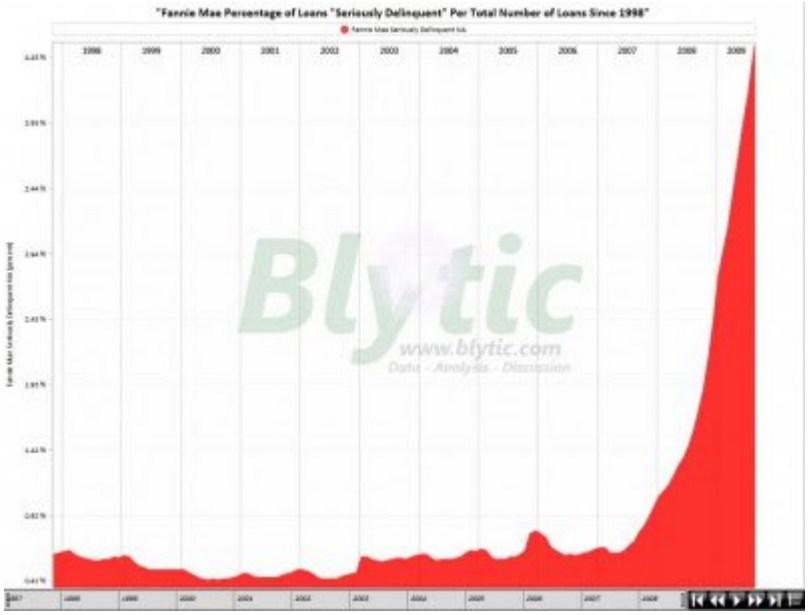
Here's the chart.



Here's the source.

Here's Fannie Mae's report.

Thank you once again to Mr. Brown.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech - Part 11

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Wow!

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NPR readers don't even support BO.

Maybe there's hope (of the legitimate sort) for the country afterall.

Adventures in "Going Galt" Manliness

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After a full day yesterday of chainsawing wood, hauling it, and then splitting it, I felt very manly. However, unbeknownst to me if you have a chainsaw you inevitably have to sharper the chain or replace it. Since buying a new chain would only create a transaction that the government could tax, a friend of mine has a chain sharpening kit he is willing to give me for free. This "going Galt move" now allows me to get several uses or cycles out of one chain rather than replacing it. Furthermore, this is additional proof that going Galt makes you manly. "Sharpening chainsaw chains" is pretty damn macho.

Where 505025 Doesn't Apply

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Kim was this cute black girl in Chicago. I met her while on a short vacation to Chi-town while swing dancing. I was all of 22 years old at the time, had this dinky little convertible with
Wisconsin plates on it. I was having a good time, had a couple drinks in me and since I was 22 was still idealistic and hopeful. I was only in town for a week, but thought, what the heck, I'll ask her out on a date anyway.

Sure enough she said yes.

Of course by this time I was well aware of the Rule of 505025 and didn't really bank on anything, but still headed down to the south side of Chicago, where, sure enough she was there, dressed up very nicely, ready to be picked up. We went out dancing, had a good night, and I drove her back, pastey white kid in a Wisconsin plated convertible to the south side of Chicago late at night. I got some funny looks.

I asked her out on another date where we headed up the shoreline to Winnetka (the complete opposite of south side Chicago) and sure enough she not only agreed, but showed up at the designated time and was ready to go.

A short year later I was in Minneapolis again at a now-defunct joint called "Popeye's." Quite the accomplished swing dancer by now I was accustomed to having more or less 1 in 2 women say yes to a dance with me. But upon entering the club I saw the band. And not only did I see the band, I saw their female vocalist who I would learn later was the charming and enchanting Charmin Michelle.

Not knowing who she was (because she is a rather well-known local celebrity) I immediately asked her to dance with the foolish and idealistic hopes that it would lead to a date. And then one of the most heavenly experiences happened to me;

she shot me down.

But she shot me down in such a heavenly way. She smiled at me, my dumb slobbering 23 year old face and she said, "Oh, thank you so much. I would love to, but I'm dating somebody." She could have said, "you're an ugly, skinny twerp and I'd rather kiss a crocodile with Ebola," and I would have still had the slobbering dog-like face because her voice was just pure velvet. Regardless, her face and smile were so sincere and she let me down so nicely, that getting shot down by her was actually better than having the average girl say "yes" to a dance.

Now the reason I bring this up is that in my life I have not had many romantic escapades with black women. In large part because of the demographics of Minnesota and also in part there are not many black people in the ballroom dance/fossil hunting/economics scene. But the few that I have, have been enjoyable. All of them. I was never stood up, I was never misled or strung along. In every instance it was a pleasant experience (even getting shot down by Charmin Michelle). And I never really noticed this until I saw this chart.

Reply Rate By Race

male sender

	Asian - Female	Black - Female	Hispanic/Latin - Female	Indian - Female	Middle Eastern - Female	Native American - Female	Other - Female	Pacific Islander - Female	White - Female	
Asian - Male	22	34	22	18	27	31	30	23	21	22.2
Black - Male	17	28	19	21	21	27	24	25	21	21.7
Hispanic/Latin - Male	20	31	24	25	25	29	27	24	22	23.1
Indian - Male	20	34	19	18	23	27	28	24	20	20.8
Middle Eastern - Male	26	37	23	24	23	36	29	28	25	25.7
Native American - Male	26	34	26	27	32	35	32	29	27	27.8
Other - Male	25	32	26	21	23	34	32	22	26	26.8
Pacific Islander - Male	21	39	21	33	32	32	35	30	23	24.6
White - Male	29	38	30	30	28	34	33	29	29	29.2
	25.7	34.1	27.1	25.1	27.0	33.0	31.4	27.0	27.3	**27.6**

This comes from an online dating service showing "response rates" by different races. It takes a bit to make heads and tails of it, but if you look at the top and go down you see what percent response women of varying ethnicities have to men of different ethnicities and black women have the highest response rate. I'm sure there are other reasons, but it just reminded me that when it came to courting the few black women in my life I have, there were no games. It was the most head-ache free dating experiences I had.

In any case, a hat tip and more in-depth (albeit incredibly politically incorrect) analysis of it here.

A Self-Inflicted Energy Crisis

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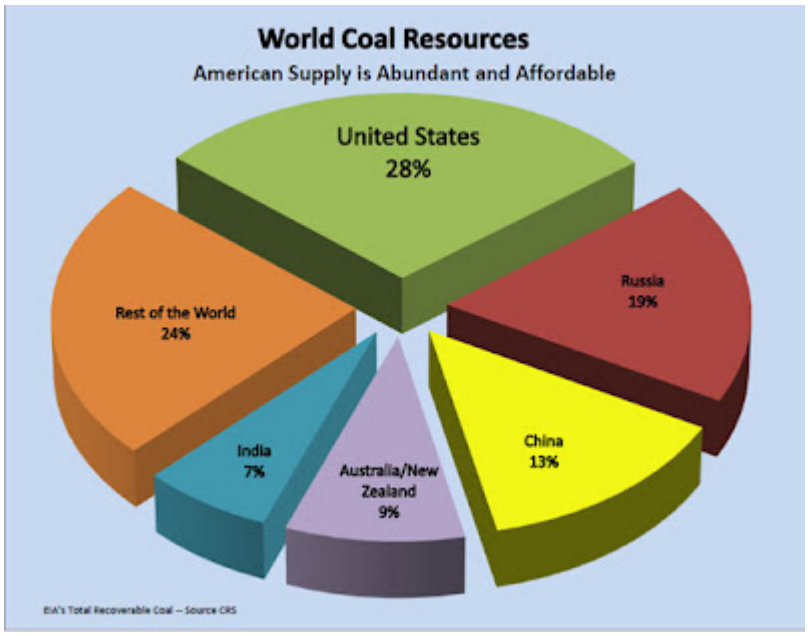
I mean this sincerely because it will happen, but once the excesses of capitalism wear off (or more likely, run out) and this country is forced once again to adhere to reality instead of borrowing money from the future to bail themselves out of problems in the present, people are going to look back and say, "WTF were they thinking? How did they go from the greatest nation on the planet to a North American version of old Europe and collapse so quickly?"

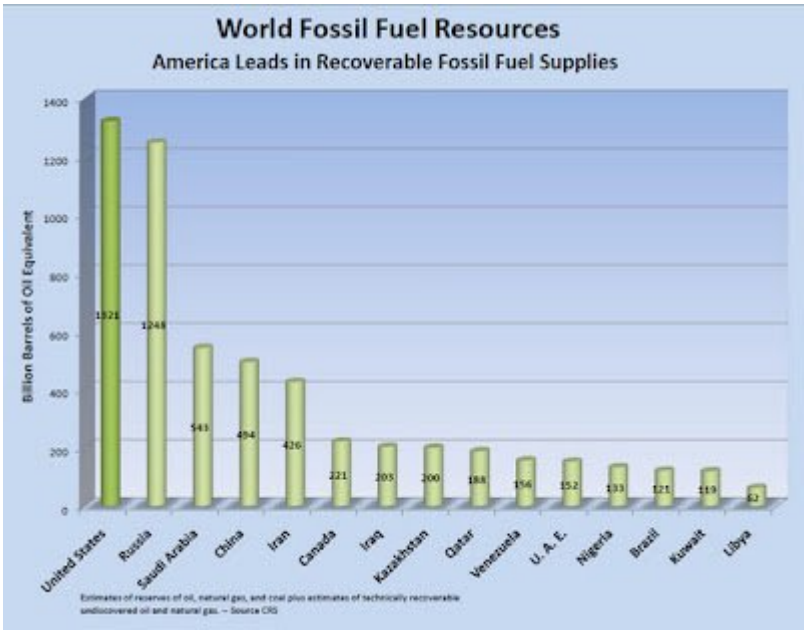
And arguably one of the more stark examples of insanity will be energy. We have, according to the latest congressional report, MORE ENERGY RESOURCES (of the real variety, not the green-faux variety) THAN ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

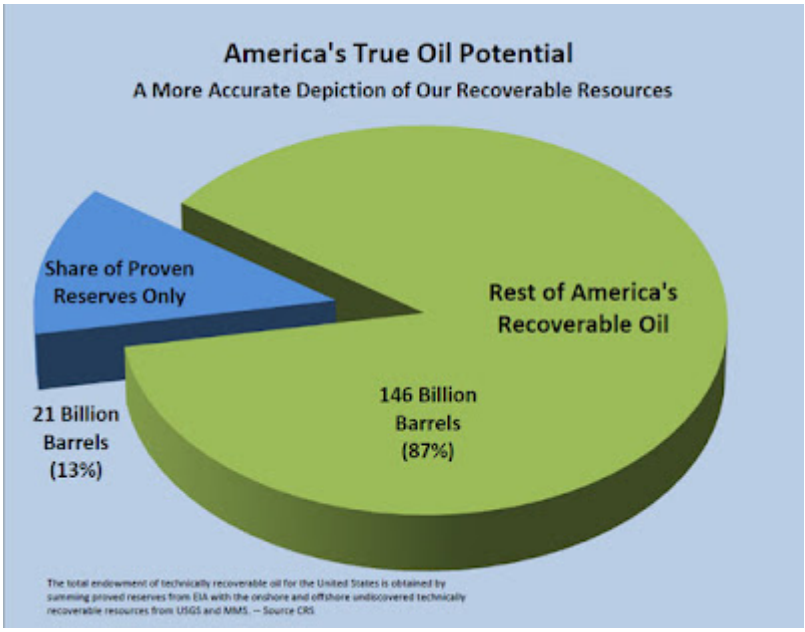
This testifies to something we've on the adult side of the political spectrum have known all along, but still find ourselves having to remind the child side of the political spectrum;

THERE IS NO ENERGY CRISIS.

This is a self inflicted crisis.







So here's what I want you to do. Could you just once, JUST ONCE instead of listening to public school teachers, professional politicians and nobel prize winners and left-leaning journalists NONE OF WHICH HAVE ANY EXPERTISE OR ENGINEERING BACKGROUND IN ENERGY, just listen to somebody that does?

Recession Medicine - An Irish Joke

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As you know I am part Irish. And I find these jokes INSENSITIVE AND INSULTING! No, just kidding, I'm actually quite secure in my Irish-hood. Actually, if you have any, certainly please feel free to send them my way. St. Patrick's day is only 186 days away. Need to start preparing for it now.

Here's your joke;

So Paddy asks Murphy, "Why do SCUBA divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which Murphy replies, "Well if they fell forward they'd still be in the frickin' boat."

Thus concludes your recession medicine for the day.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech Part 12

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Only 2 more to go folks!

The World of the Future

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Correct.

I just wonder what kind of world we'd live in if we maintained the work ethic we had back when these videos were made.

When Predictions Fail

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You should not listen to those who made the predictions in the first place. And the current environmentalist nutjobs are no different today.

An interesting discovery by the good Colonel that shows what the global warming zealots are predicting is nothing more than them spouting off their religion just as they did back in the (wonderful decades known as) the 60's and the 70's with no real care whether it's reality or likely to come true.

This is a cult.

This is a religion.

You brainwashed masses in America better learn this global warming thing is a scam and you're being taken in on it.

Australia National University

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I almost attended ANU, regardless, from a reader;

A friend of mine had sent me an audio link to a seminar of yours where you are saying that no leftist has ever been able to come up with an arguement to "Why would you be a doctor if a janitor and a doctor got paid the same amount?"...I am in Australia and in my first year of University and I have just finished a course that looks at the world from a Marxist perspective. Evey moment of it was hell for me, but nontheless i survived. In this though I asked the lecturer why on earth I would study to be a laywer if a Laywer and a receptionist got paid the same amount and the answer he gave me was "for societies recognition". I had no idea so i questioned him further and he firmly believes that if we were more ethical people who had not been brainwashed by a capitalists society we would want to work harder to help the world and take on the harder jobs for the same pay. I think it is a load of rubbish as it will never happen and there is no way that is how it works, but i just thought i would share that answer with you. Teaching ethics in schools will make the chance of socialism actually working higher.

What I get a kick out of is that this academian idiot who teaches this class is more than willing to change how a $35 trillion global economy works based on his HUNCH that people will just altruistically work harder for "social recognition."

He is an f*cking idiot in the truest sense. He also offers nothing of value to this country (or rather, Australia) and therefore the only place that will employ him is a public university, not the real world or private sector. The only reason he advocates socialism is because he is too damn lazy to study something real like engineering or accounting and instead wants to parasite off the rest of society as a freaking ethics professor as those who did major in something worthwhile work up the wealth to pay the taxes for this lamprey's salary.

Truly ironic he teaches "ethics."

Explaining "Rent Seeking" to Joe Soucheray

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Garage Logic, as some of you know, is one of my favorite radio shows to listen to. Joe Soucheray is no doubt incredibly busy and so, on the rare occasion, I send an e-mail or a letter to the show, it usually is lost in the pile or never read. Not out of spite, but sheer time-saving, I decided not to really write into radio shows or call, simply because you rarely get on and by the time you do, the platform has moved on, it's a waste of time. But I slipped recently after Joe was talking about the behavior of "Mysterians" because all he was describing was "rent seeking." I wrote a letter, but then caught myself and realized, it isn't worth driving to the post office.

However, I do believe that in order to understand leftist ideology and psychology, we all could use a lesson in rent seeking and what it is. Therefore, I post the letter, that was never sent, below;

Dear Joe,

I've been listening to your show for about 5 years now however when you speak about The Mystery I think you do not realize you are explaining an economic phenomenon that you are unaware of called "rent seeking" and hopefully in my explaining this to you, you may be able to solve The Mystery.

"Rent seeking" is a form of economic behavior where a person or an entity wishes to extract compensation or wealth for essentially doing nothing, or in short, getting paid to produce nothing of worth. A text book example would be the US mafia in the 1930's offering "protection" for various shop owners when in reality it was nothing but extortion. Regardless, the example still holds. The mafia acts like it is offering a service (protection) and receives compensation for this "protection" even though no real service or good has been produced.

Today you do not have such flagrant examples of "rent seeking," but they do exist and are largely the primary sources of employment for your "Mysterians" and goes a long way in explaining The Mystery. The primary and most common example you cite on your show would be your mysterian politicians who are on constant crusades to enact various legislation that limits the freedoms of Americans under the guise of protection. Most of your liberal (and for the most part, conservative) politicians do nothing productive nor produce anything of worth. Therefore to make it look like they are actually working they have to seek out "crusades" or fabricate "crises" so they may keep their jobs as politicians. Fresh in my memory is the ban on candy cigarettes in St. Paul. This does nothing to help society. There was no crisis, there was no problem. And therefore there was not one cent of production in enacting this law, but you still pay these elected

officials to do such nonsensical things.

Another example of rent seeking would be your professional protestors or activists. These people do not produce anything of value, but regardless, be it through ACORN or some other non-profit organization, they are still paid to essentially produce nothing of value. The kid working at Burger King is producing more for this nation than a professional activist from Macalester.

Lawyers that sue companies for fraudulent claims is another example of rent seeking. One can claim that a lawyer is providing a service for a plaintiff or a defendant, but in the end, the lawyer produced nothing. He or she simply took money from a company that actually did produce something of value. The finance industry is another. An investment bank repackaging mortgages into CDO's or ABS's creates no additional value in doing so. It is merely taking a commission to repackage production that is already existing.

Whatever the instance of rent seeking may be, the key to understanding rent seeking and how it relates to The Mystery is that people who engage in rent seeking put themselves ahead of society. And not only do they put themselves ahead of society, they must engage in an "act" or a "farce" as if they are doing some kind of real work so as not to destroy their egos and permit them an excuse to deny they are actually just living off of society. Therefore you will never see a Mysterian just sit there on government assistance for that would be too much of a blow to their pride. But at the same time you will never see them work hard to become an engineer, a doctor, a pharmacist, etc., because the schooling required is too difficult. Therefore you see the majority of your Mysterians employed in very rent seeking industries;

Education – very few people who work in education actually educate children. Most are in administration and counseling and literally do nothing to advance the education of the children. Even those that do, based on international PISA scores, do a poor job overall.

Politics/government – with no competition from the private sector there is no urgency to work hard or be efficient let alone productive. You just tell people what they want to hear and never bother studying what laws (or perhaps lack of laws) would be best for society and still collect a check. Barack Obama is a perfect example of a life-time rent seeker who has done nothing (bar write a book) productive yet still collects a check.

Colleges – There is no limit to professors in worthless subjects such as sociology, women's studies, anthropology, communications, journalism, etc., that require no rigorous study, yet still provide employment (usually financed in part by government money). You could pay taxes to get a road or more defense, but instead your money goes to one of the "prematurely gray-haired woman" you talk about to espouse theories of philosophy to her students that will never result in a penny of worth or production.

Non-profits – Non-profits are big rent seekers because their goal is first and foremost NOT to solve a problem, but to employ people to act like they are solving a problem. I would even claim some non-profits purposely avoid solving the problem because that would be the end of the cash stream for them to do nothing. The UN is a perfect example of the world's largest non-profit that has achieved nothing yet has been compensated to the amounts of many billions of dollars.

There are other industries, but I assume you get the idea of what types of industries would employ Mysterians.

Why you have a "mystery" or why Mysterian's behavior does not make sense is because it is contrary to reality. It is hypocritical. They need a job and some kind of employment not just for money, but for pride. But since the reality is that they are producing nothing, when they are criticized or this reality is pointed out, they then come up with the most inane and irrational explanations and excuses because their entire life existence, their entire purpose of being is being called into question.

"Don't tell me we don't have any money" is a perfect example of Garage Logicians calling out these rent seekers on their hypocrisy. Americans spend more money on their education system (per pupil) than any other country in the world. Yet they constantly need more money. Their illogical excuse is that it is for the children and how dare you cut off funding for children. In reality they are just cowards for hiding behind children to keep their unnecessary jobs.

The "Flower Pot Gang" is another example. Basically middle aged women who were rich enough to afford to run for public office because they were bored. Nancy Pelosi is another example who was nothing but the daughter of Baltimore's mayor. And Mark Dayton is a perfect example of a bored "trust fund baby" who has nothing to do but run for public office even though he is not qualified and has no real skills. These people did not run for office because of some noble intent to become a statesman, they ran because they were bored, had the money, wanted an easy job and needed something to point to in their lives as being an accomplishment. And when you question their policies or their qualifications, you get bland, vague, indirect answers that never really answer direct questions because you are getting too close to the truth; they put themselves ahead of the people they represent, they do NOTHING and they don't want to be exposed.

Therefore I think if you look at these rent seekers as merely people looking for an easy job, whose egos and personalities cannot handle the fact they are not producing anything of worth, and they find no problems putting themselves ahead of society you might be able to understand the Mysterian's behavior better as well as the Mystery overall.

Good luck

"Ickity Oppity Oop"

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Is There a Doctor Economist in the House?

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I have a serious question, and though it may seem innocent, forgive me because sometimes innocent-childlike logic exposes some of the more fraudulent people in society.

Is breast cancer (or any cancer) curable?

The reason I ask is because, sure enough as I'm going to the hardware store, there at Caribou Coffee is in great bright pink letters, "Amy's Blend NOW AVAILABLE!!!!"

Amy being an unfortunate young woman who died of breast cancer whilst under the employ of Caribou.

The reason I ask is because like Africa, like poverty, like any other noble charity, how many billions/trillions have been spent to no avail? We cure polio, malaria, etc., etc., in relatively short order once we dedicated ourselves to it, but as time goes on, I am more and more suspicious as to whether cancer CAN be cured, or whether this is just another tragedy being taken advantage of by unscrupulous people looking to avoid real work.

So if there are any medical/biological/doctor like Cappy Cap readers that can attest to whether the cure for cancer is possible or just a scam to raise money for professional crusaders and make more coffee sales for Caribou, I would certainly appreciate it.

Ah, Uncle Jay

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Good way to start Monday with Uncle Jay!

Diminish Marginal Returns of Athletics

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An interesting piece from the Colonel if you are interested.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech - Part 13

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One more after this and then the "professionally edited" version I will load up one of these days;

Well It's About Freaking Time

November 10, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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When France gets its head out of its ass before the US does, you know it's over.

What amazes me is how this easy solution is never suggested. Not because it's too easy, but because grandma and grandpa would revolt if you dared to make them work another (GASP!) 5 years so the freaking country doesn't collapse and their grandchildren might have a freaking shot at a normal economic life.

Capitalism vs. Socialism Speech - Part 14

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Final part and with it a bonus post written at Retronomics along the same lines.

"Mancession"

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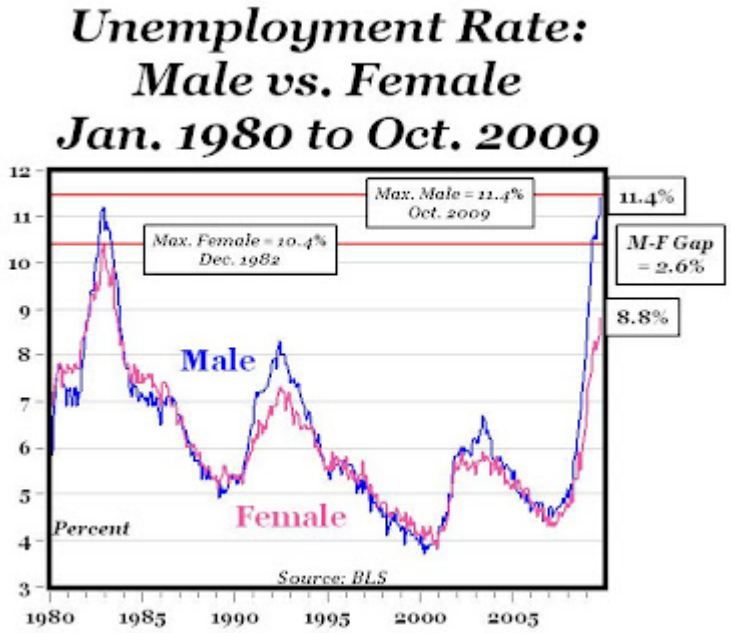
From the good professor.



Celebrating Communism

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Hat tip.

The Natasha Calendar - Photos Finished

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The Natasha Calendar will be ready within a couple weeks, the PERFECT gift for the aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise just plain male economist in your household. Just to whet your appetite, this is a picture we THREW OUT!

You WILL buy the Natasha Calendar.

You WILL conform.

(Besides, revolvers, assault rifles and heels? Come on! How much better can it get than that?)

Another Image You'll Never See on Google

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And another reason to use Bing.

Century "College"

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Good f#cking christ.

I do not normally like cursing, but seriously, sometimes there are no other words in the entire English language that suffice to convey your utter disgust and contempt for something. And this is one of those instances.

Friend sent this to me;

Reading Instructor
Century College - White Bear Lake, MN
Responsibilities: * Teach a variety of Reading courses Position Qualifications: * Master's degree in secondary or adult reading or Master's with 24 graduate...
From HigherEdJobs.com - 3:18 PM - save job, email, block, more...

And I have three major questions.

1. HOW THE EF DO YOU MAJOR IN ADULT READING, LET ALONE GET A **EFFING MASTERS DEGREE** IN READING??????

2. How can "Century College" dare to require you to have a MASTERS DEGREE IN READING to teach their presumed idiotic students something so simple as to HOW TO READ?

3. Isn't it kind of pointless for you to be going to a FREAKING COLLEGE if you're NOT EVEN LITERATE?????

My god, what in ef's name is the educational system in America coming to? This should be posted all of the internet in foreign countries to mock and ridicule us into international SHAME.

"Look at American college students! They're so freaking stupid they don't even know how to read. And not only that, you can actually MAJOR in READING. And NOT ONLY THAT, YOU CAN GET A MASTERS DEGREE IN READING!!! No wonder their PISA scores are so low!"

Besides which, isn't reading or literacy an either "yes" or "no" kind of thing??? Like you either read or you don't? You're either literate or you're not? Since when did it become a "study" or a "field?"

All this is, is the educational establishment milking as much money out of anything they can and keeping their cartel-lock on education where they require you to have a MASTERS degree to teach something as elementary as reading.

Think about this in comparison. You an get the "Rosetta Stone" for what, $50? And that will teach you how to read and write in SEVERAL foreign languages. Heck you can teach yourself how to read with a dictionary and a thesaurus, BOTH ONLINE FOR FREE!

But no, according to Big Education (akin to Big Oil) we need a person to spend 6 years of their life studying "reading" so they can teach it to other students who are paying around $300 for a class on reading. When all is sad and done, the money spent on getting a masters degree and the money spent on the class, comes to what? On the cheap side at least $30,000?

Good lord, next thing is going to be a masters degree on breathing...which I think St. Thomas offers.

POST POST - As some of you have commented speculating that this is probably an ESL position. I ask you then again, "WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE IN COLLEGE IF THEY CAN'T READ ENGLISH??????" It only reiterates my point. Whether you're a native American (meant in the literal sense) or a foreigner, YOU STILL HAVE TO **BLEEPING** READ **FREAKING** ENGLISH TO GO TO AN **EFFING** COLLEGE!!!!

Symbolism Over Substance

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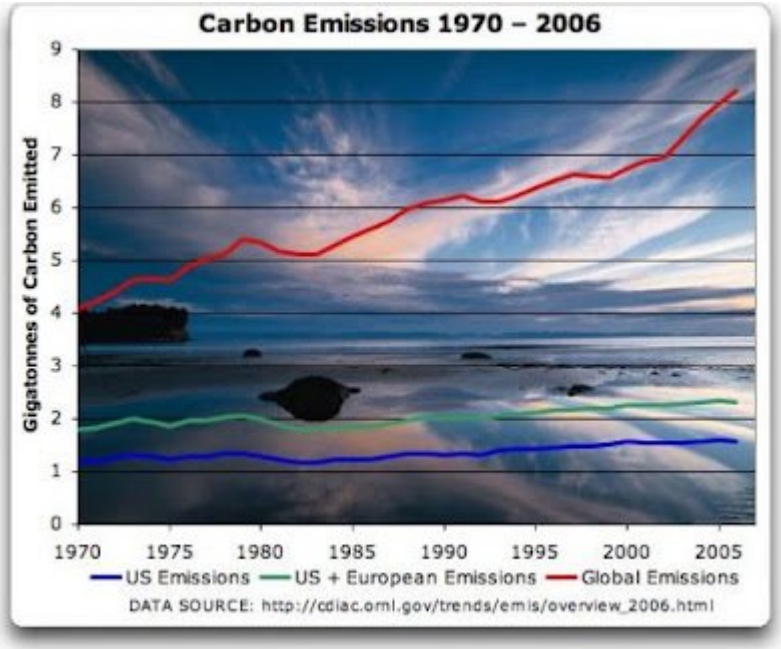
Rush has said liberalism is always "symbolism over substance." And even though it is a bumper sticker soundbite it is true. Nowhere is this more apparent than the Copenhagen global warming meeting where pious, worthless, self-bragging, trust fund baby brats who contribute nothing to this world are going to decide what the rest of the world should do. Well, OK, actually, they're going to tell the Western world what to do, the rest of the world will just give these self-righteous pompous asses the bird as they emit more carbon than the West could ever hope to save;



I think I'm just going to print about 100,000 of these off and put them under the windshield wipers of Priuses.

HT to SDA

Masters Degree in Reading

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On a related note to my original post about a masters degree in reading.

The Dependency Ratio

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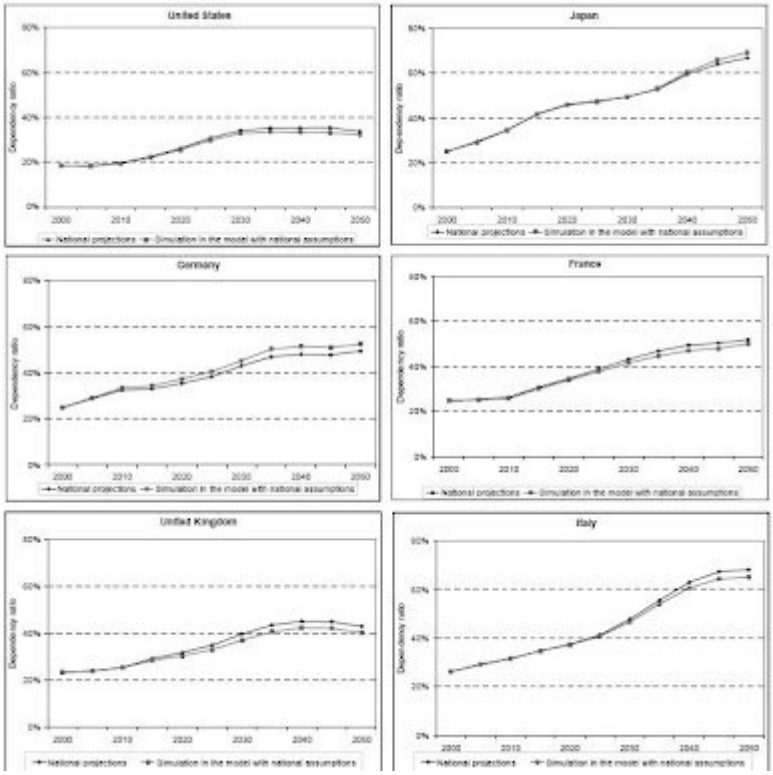
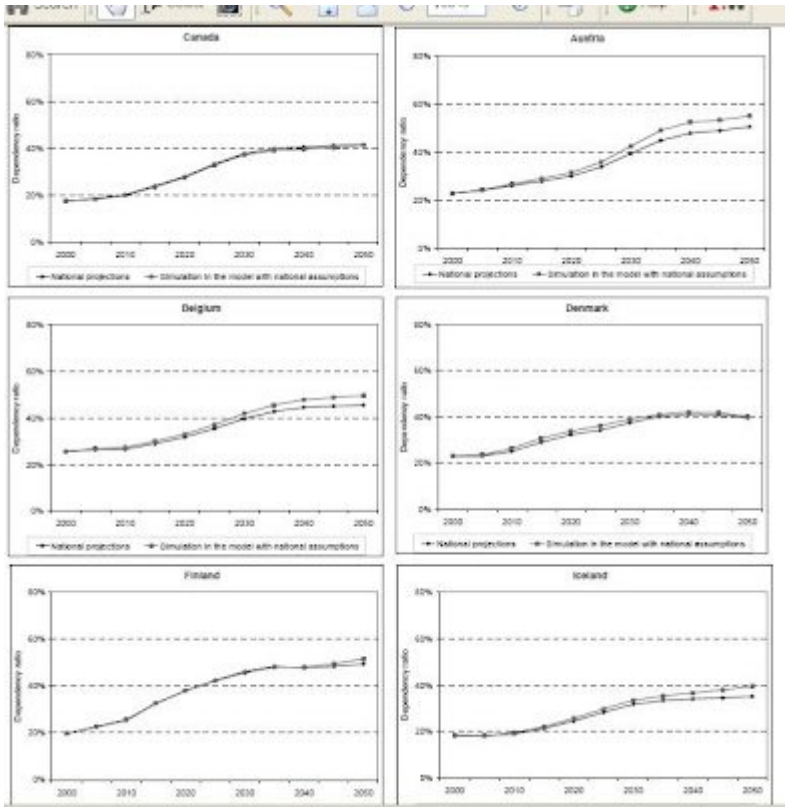
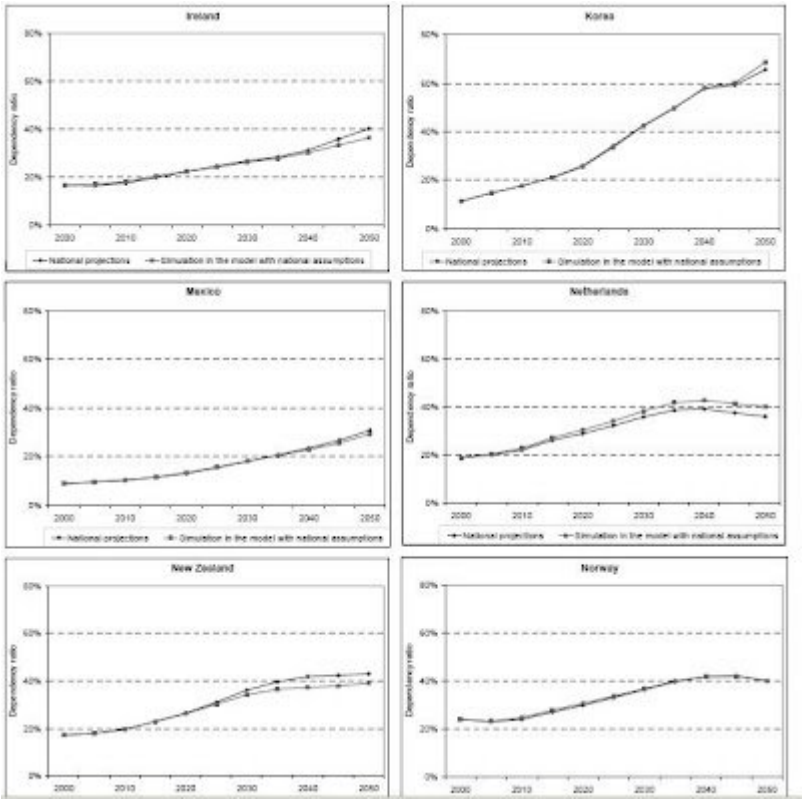
I know we complain a lot about the older generation living off of the younger generations, but it's going to be a lot worse in other places. Ergo, as a public service to society, I present you the depedency ratios so you know where NOT to move to. Specifically Japan, Italy and Korea (where old people to young people is projected to be about 60%)






Ireland
Korea
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Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Dependency ratio
National projections
Simulation in the model with national assumptions

Good Mornin' Sam, Good Morning Ralph

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Good god i need some recession medicine;

European Insight to Health Care

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For those of you looking for an analysis on health care systems, visit The Good German.

More Proof Socialism Sucks

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Hmmm... Interesting. Nobody wants to live in Venezuela, Cuba or North Korea. And despite the world hating the US over, most people want to live in (drum roll).....

RELATIVELY CAPITALIST NATIONS!!!!
A couple other things to note;
1. The UN is constantly toting Norway as "the" place to live. Most people do not concur.
2. South Africa is the hot spot in all of Africa.
3. Russia was a surprise, though with their flat tax and leadership that actually has pride in the nation and doesn't blame itself for all the world's problems is interesting.
4. I'd like to see the Caribbean countries in that Cuba would not fair well against evil capitalist tax havens such as Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.
5. HT to Canada, eh!
6. I am surprised though that Ireland was not higher. With us hot, pastey white, drunken Irishmen afterall I mean.

Speech Codes

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I found a very interesting and helpful site by accident this morning and it is The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. They're basically a watchdog group over America's colleges and universities, checking primarily on the freedom of speech.

They rate universities by a "Green, Yellow, Red" lighting system as described below.

RED LIGHT

A "red-light" institution has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech. A "clear" restriction is one that unambiguously infringes on protected expression. In other words, the threat to free speech at a red-light institution is obvious on the face of the policy and does not depend on how the policy is applied. A "substantial" restriction on free speech is one that is broadly applicable to important categories of campus expression. For example, a ban on "offensive speech" would be a clear violation (in that it is unambiguous) as well as a substantial violation (in that it covers a great deal of what would be protected expression in the larger society). Such a policy would earn a university a red light.

YELLOW LIGHT

A "yellow-light" institution has policies that could be interpreted to suppress protected speech or policies that, while restricting freedom of speech, restrict only narrow categories of speech. For example, a policy banning "verbal abuse" would have broad applicability and would pose a substantial threat to free speech, but would not be a clear violation because "abuse" might refer to unprotected speech, such as threats of violence or genuine harassment. Similarly, while a policy banning "posters promoting alcohol consumption" clearly restricts speech, it is limited in scope. Yellow-light policies may be unconstitutional,[5] and a rating of yellow rather than red in no way means that FIRE condones a university's restrictions on speech. It simply means that those restrictions do not clearly and substantially restrict speech in the manner necessary to warrant a red light.

GREEN LIGHT

If FIRE finds no policies that seriously imperil speech, a college or university receives a "green light." A green light does not indicate that a school actively supports free expression. It simply means that FIRE has not found any publicly available written policies violating students' free speech rights on that campus.[6]

NOT RATED

When a private[7] university states clearly and consistently that it holds a certain set of values above a commitment to freedom of speech, FIRE does not rate that university.[8]

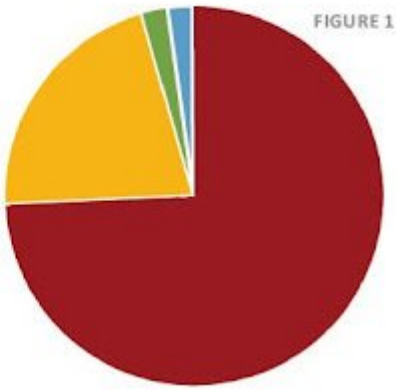
Of the 364 schools surveyed in this report, FIRE rates 356 schools as red, yellow, or green light, and has not rated 8 schools.[9]

I was shocked by their report to see that the vast majority of colleges in the US are considered under the "red alert."

ALL SCHOOLS BY RATING

Of the 364 schools reviewed by FIRE, 270 received a red-light rating (74.2%), 78 received a yellow-light rating (21.4%), and only 8 received a green-light rating (2.2%). FIRE did not rate 8 schools (2.2%).[10] (See Figure 1.)

RED LIGHT: 270 Colleges and Universities
YELLOW LIGHT: 78 Colleges and Universities
GREEN LIGHT: 8 Colleges and Universities
NOT RATED: 8 Colleges and Universities



The report is VERY interesting to read and points out some interesting things such as differences between public and private universities, lists all the colleges by code rating,

etc., but again, just showing you, you really don't have the freedom of speech in American college life.
Well you HAVE the freedom of speech, you'll just be disciplined or fired for speaking uncomfortable truths, thinking incorrectly and voicing opinions of the non-leftist philosophy.
You will comply.

You WILL conform.

RT Rybak

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Is an effing moron, only to be outdone by the morons that keep voting him in to raise their own damn property taxes.

I'm so glad I moved out of Minneapolis. About the only city I know where people complain about the property taxes, but vote in the green party and all democrats all the time.

Natasha Calendar Coming VERY Soon

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Within the week I imagine.

Remember, this is a picture we threw out!
On a side note, better shoot me an e-mail if you did want one. It will be around $15 or so.
Don't quote me, but that will be the high side.
E-mail CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Thank You Ben Stein

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Humans are amazing creatures of habit and repetition. So much to the point you really wonder if they're sentient beings at all and are instead automotons that just do what their genetic programming tells them. Foremost of which I view as an "automotomic" trait being that of having children. As most of you know, I am thoroughly ensconced in the "no children camp," actually forever condemned to the "no children camp" on account I had a vasectomy. However, it is not the fact people have children or breed that shocks me, but rather their response to me and those like me who just plain refuse to have children. Most responses are "what's wrong with you?" Some claim I have an "obligation" to breed. Some even go so far to accuse me of being greedy for not suffering the pain that is known as having children.

However, there is ryhme and reason for not breeding, and for once it comes from a respectable individual that everybody seems to like; Ben Stein.

So don't listen to me. And don't yell at me for not wanting to breed. Listen to and yell at Ben.

For the Teachers

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Sadly, this is not real, but I'm sure some teachers would really appreciate it;

You Cannot Fight Ignorance

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Quick lesson for all of you conservative, libertarian, freedom loving capitalists out there who are angry and have this sense of futility and hopelessness as it becomes plainly obvious the $1 trillion in stimulus money has just been essentially given to left leaning organizations and non-profits and has done nothing to stimulate the economy;

There is nothing you can do.

Understand that this is a democracy and when a critical percentage of the population is so egregiously uninformed and ignorant about economics that they vote for somebody to indebt them and their children to the tune of $10 trillion, you are powerless. How precisely do you fight that? How does an informed, educated and learned minority override the idiotic, brainwashed majority? You can't, at least not in a democracy.

So the only thing you can do is not worry about it.

I learned long ago that I control very little in my life. You can do all the right things. Make all the right moves. Predict all the right crashes. But in the end you don't control the vast majority of things that are going to shape and affect your life. For example I wrote an outstanding book. I took my time, put a lot of effort into crafting the perfect sentences, layout and cover. Did everything in my power to market it, but in the end it was nowhere near successful as the typical "*I'm A Cute Conservative Girl, Buy My Book While Sean Hannity Pimps It Out*" type book. However, in the end, I still get to point to it and say, "you know, I wrote a damn good book! And how many other people can claim that?" It didn't matter if the book was successful, all that mattered was that I did my best as that's the only thing I control. Therefore the only thing you can control is your response.

So you have a choice. YOu can get angry, yell at the sky, and be depressed about the quickly deteriorating future. Or you can pour yourself a drink, play video games, and say, "to hell with it." The end result is going to be the same regardless of what you do.

So relax, take it easy. Kiss your wife. Play with the dog. Go hunting. Read a book. Take in a movie. But above all else, don't worry about it. The only thing that is going to convince the masses is continual and consistent double digit unemployment rates. You pointing to charts and data will not while yelling at the top of your lungs will not. All it will do is drive up your blood pressure.

Recession Medicine - Natasha

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Another throw away picture. Besides, I think we all need a pick me up.
Shoot me an e-mail if you want a calendar. Should be ready within the week so I might as well start getting orders.

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The "Real" Unemployment Rate

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I know that when unemployment goes down or a recession occurs there is a political incentive of the minority part to point out to the "real" unemployment rate wherein they include things like "underemployment" and the fact people have become discouraged and left the labor force. I don't much give credit to these figures, not because they aren't real, but any time there's a recession things like underemployment and discouraged worker occur anyway, regardless of who's in power.

However, for those that were interested, here is the labor force participation rate, which shows about 2% of the labor force has "quit" and stopped looking for jobs. If you want to add that 2% to the current 10.2% you would have a "real" unemployment rate of around 12%.

But don't worry, unemployment will continue to go up, so for those looking for more ammo against the Obama administration, don't worry, it's coming.

Where is Your Stimulus Money Going?

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Click here and you can type in your area code and get a break down of the money.

Surprise, surprise, the majority of my money is going to the...

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION!

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Sadly, this movie will make no impact or difference in that too high a percentage of the population is composed of veritable children that have never had to pay for anything in their lives and still expect it to continue on that way.

I'm outta here guys. Enjoy the collapse.

College Algebra Classes

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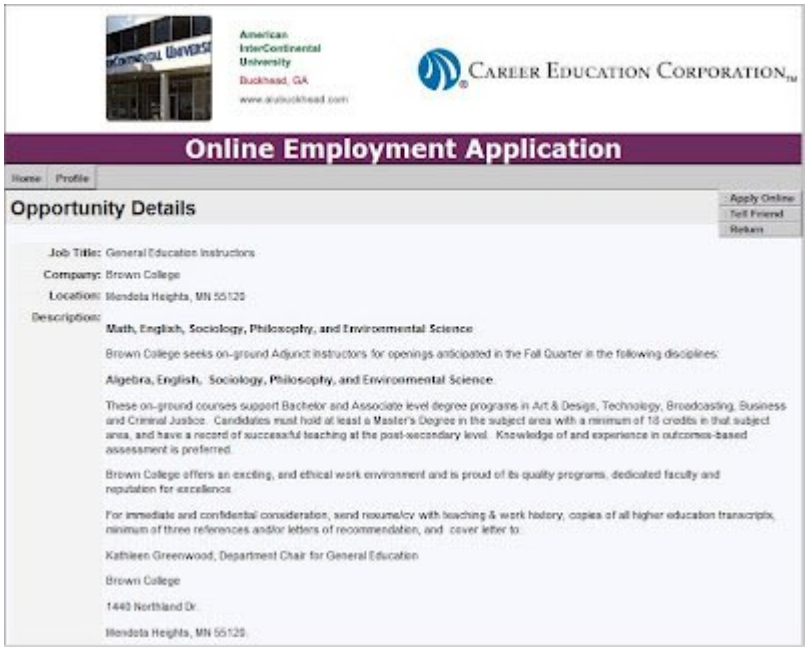
What did I tell you people?



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...and the bed those idiots get to sleep in.

"Baffled" My Ass

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"We're shocked, SHOCKED that there is no global warming."

But boy, did those researchers make off with a lot of money acting like there was for the past 20 years.

Natasha is Coming Hurray Hurray

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Again, one we threw away.

Inflation vs. the Money Supply

November 22, 2009 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Real quick, then I must bolt.

If you increase the money supply by 5% and you produce 5% more stuff inflation will be 0%.

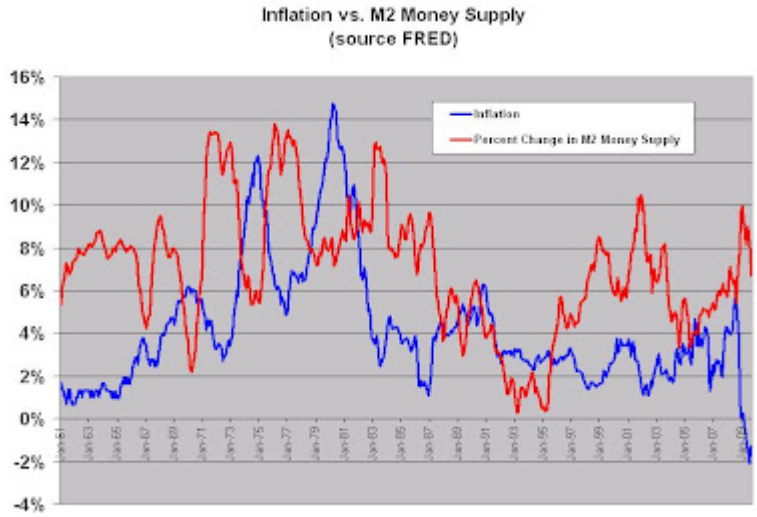
If you increase the money supply by 5% and produce 0% more stuff, inflation will go up by 5%

If you decrease the money supply by 5%, but produce no more stuff, you get deflation of 5%.

This is not an opinion, this is a mathematical fact. If you print off more money and produce less (like we are today) you will have inflation. It's an unavoidable law of economics.

However, economies are not simple entities nor machines that work like clocks and why you have this disagreement that more money will not trigger inflation vs. will. So allow me to explain a couple things;

1. Just because you print off money NOW doesn't mean it will IMMEDIATELY trigger inflation. The chart below shows us IN GENERAL when the M2 money supply was increasing at a higher rate we had inflation. When we stopped printing money in the 70's, inflation came back under control.



2. A person will observe that we increased the money supply rather rapidly during the dotcom bubble, which did not trigger inflation. However that inflation is measured by the "CPI" and does not include investment assets such as stock market bubbles and housing bubbles. If those were included in the CPI you would see the correlation again.

3. Obamaites will immediately point out that inflation has turned to DEflation even though we've increased the money supply again.

Don't worry my friends. Give it time to permeate. Give it time.

Michigan and California

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This feels so good to watch.

The Chinese Should Listen to Cappy Cap

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I like it when readers write intelligent things.

What would be GREAT is if they SENT ME THE INTELLIGENT THINGS THEY WROTE **WHEN** THEY WROTE THEM because the Captain does appreciate a day off from blogging, which good posts by readers permit.

From Mr. Fuller.

From Econmom.

But to answer Economom's question about what would make a deferred velocity no longer deferred.

China and other countries that no longer care to hold onto our currencies. Not that they'd dump them on the market (because that would trigger a collapse in the price of the dollar), but by indication they refuse to lend the US any more money by buying any new treasuries (which would trigger a decline anyway).

Matter of fact I just shorted the US dollar against an unnamed currency this morning despite the US dollar's decline this past 6 months. And you want to know why I did it?

No economic analysis.

No research (aside from the research I have already done up till this point)

I just got plain depressed listening to Joe Soucheray about how we're blowing away money on "art institute" projects and other worthless garbage "stimulus" projects that produced NOTHING of true genuine wealth to the tune of $1 trillion dollars.

What genuine VALUE was generated from this stimulus program?

The answer is NOTHING.

Roads that didn't need repairing, got "re-repaired."

Worthless minimalistic art created by some doped artist turned into a G.D. drinking fountain.

"Art institutes"/"community centers" that never generated a damn'sworth of production in

their lives got stimulus money.

And lord knows what else the money has been spent on.

When this reality, that the stimulus money in a foolishly childish innocent like mentality was veritably THROWN away on a Keynesian "aggregate demand" curve ACTUALLY REACHES THE EARS OF (what I consider to be incredibly deaf) CHINESE DEBT HOLDERS, what do you think they will do with their dollar assets?

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joy

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collapse.

Maybe "Cindi" and her masters in "social work" will be able to solve these real world problems.

Good Lord

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No, seriously, all male Cappy Capites need to read this. Not that I would necessarily agree with his crass tone, but if the law/courts are stacked this much against us, forget it. I'm out of the game.

Recession Medicine

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Desperate need of humor this week. Anybody know the artist?

"Moving to Canada"

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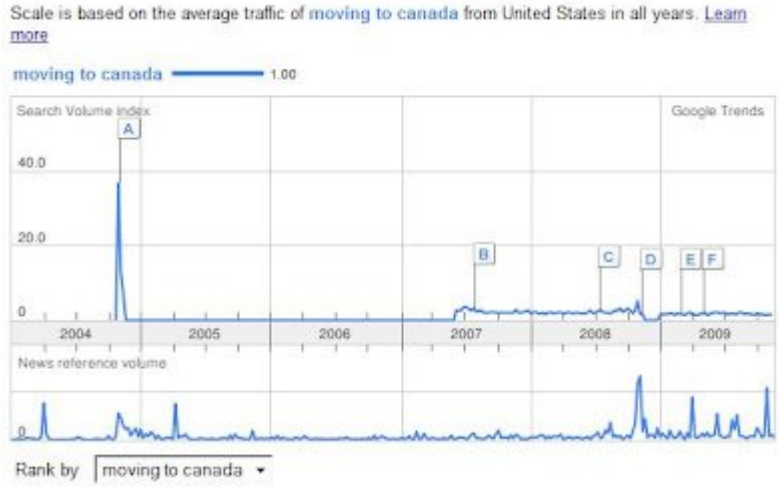
Pulled this up on Google Trends.



Interesting.

Well At Least It Ain't Europe

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That's always how I want to measure the success of a nation.

"At least we're not _____"

It's like your mom when she would say to you as a kid, "Well at least you don't have cancer!"

Or

"At least you have food on the table!"

I dislike those kind of comparisons because it lowers the bar and brainwashes you to have low expectations. ie-Since you DON'T have ebola and are NOT paralyzed from the neck down you should be GRATEFUL that the country is collapsing.

Teachers in the UK

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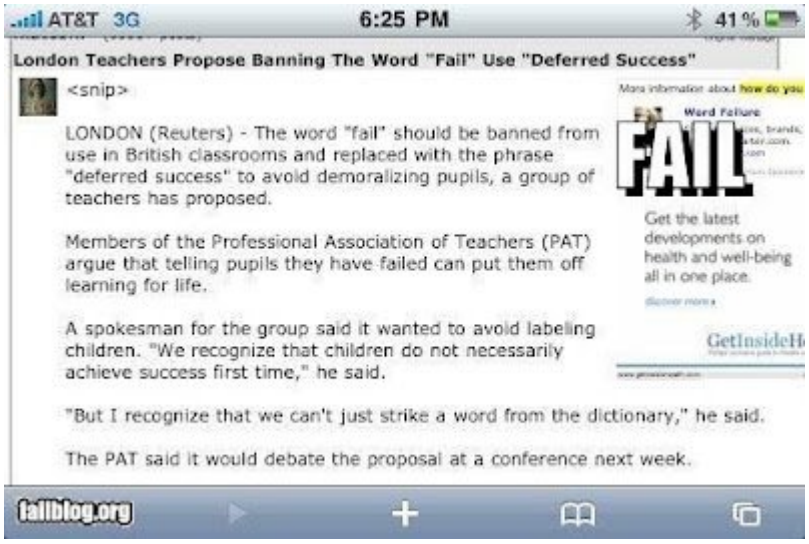

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London Teachers Propose Banning The Word "Fail" Use "Deferred Success"

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LONDON (Reuters) - The word "fail" should be banned from use in British classrooms and replaced with the phrase "deferred success" to avoid demoralizing pupils, a group of teachers has proposed.

Members of the Professional Association of Teachers (PAT) argue that telling pupils they have failed can put them off learning for life.

A spokesman for the group said it wanted to avoid labeling children. "We recognize that children do not necessarily achieve success first time," he said.

"But I recognize that we can't just strike a word from the dictionary," he said.

The PAT said it would debate the proposal at a conference next week.

Word Failure

FAIL

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failblog.org

In other words, "we don't want to be teachers or do anything that would result in actually educating the students like holding them to standards. We want to be overpaid baby sitters."

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University of Minnesota's "Education Degree"

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You guys think I'm joking when I say not to move here.

Natasha Calendar is Now Available

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The 2010 Natasha calendar is now available for the low low price of $14! All proceeds will go to a completely, 100%, sinful capitalist enterprise…the profits of which will no doubt be spent on booze, gambling, women and X-Box 360 games. Regardless, need I remind you that for all of you out there that "clamoured" for young Natasha, she was VERY kind to volunteer herself and her time to take these pictures and it would mean a lot to her if you'd show your appreciation by buying one.

You can purchase a calendar by sending your ole Captain an e-mail at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com.

Hitler on Global Warming

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I thought I was onto it first;

Apparently not;

Never Buy a Mac

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Why College Tuition is So High

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Would not just a counselor suffice?

Michael Mann

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Phil Jones' Worthless Life

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> Roger Pielke, professor of environmental studies at Colorado University, discovered data had been lost when he asked for original records. "The CRU is basically saying, 'Trust us'. So much for settling questions and resolving debates with science," he said.
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> Jones was not in charge of the CRU when the data were thrown away in the 1980s, a time when climate change was seen as a less pressing issue. The lost material was used to build the databases that have been his life's work, showing how the world has warmed by 0.8C over the past 157 years.
>
> He and his colleagues say this temperature rise is "unequivocally" linked to greenhouse gas emissions generated by humans. Their findings are one of the main pieces of evidence used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which says global warming is a threat to humanity.

Wow, can your life be any more meaningless????? Seriously, what do you tell girls at the bar?

"I fabricated data to show the globe has warmed .8 degrees Celsius in the past 157 years. That's my life's work???"

I'm being deadly serious, what kind of a worthless person is he? Compare him to Shackleton. Compare him to your everyday veteran. Compare him to your average dentist. Compare him to the hard working men and women who slave everyday to make a living. Hell, compare him to a teenage burger flipper. He's a freaking failure. A pathetic excuse for a man. Only massive government funds and a scam could give such a worthless individual the facade of having relevance.

Achievements in Bachelor History

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While becoming the optimal bachelor certainly is an art, little known to the non-bachelor community there is actually a lot of science behind the art. One of the main goals is minimalism, ie- where you try to minimalize the unnecessary things in life.

For example making the bed takes too much time. You minimalize it by never making your bed in the first place and leaving it just the way you left it for you're just going to mess it up again. I've gone so far as to even get rid of my bed because I never used it and now sleep on the couch in front of the LCD projector.

Or minimalizing children. I for example have zero. It makes life a lot easier.

CD's? Don't have them anymore, converted them entirely to MP3 and donated the CD's to goodwill.

Dishes? 1 spoon, 1 fork, 1 bowl, 1 plate. Never use them because I always eat out.

Now I can go on and point out other areas where the Minimalistic Principle applies in bachelorhood, however I have now achieved another great milestone in minimalism;

I can fit all my clothes into one hamper.

Oh sure, they're smushed in there pretty good (because folding clothes you see is just another waste of time), and probably have the molecular density of uranium, but they're in one good size hamper. This has permitted me to get rid of my dresser (which I never used anyway because my clothes would migrate from the drier to the bed and the floor and stay there until used) and frees up more room for my video game cabinet.

Yes, another Achievement in Bachelor History!

Young aspring, junior, deputy and otherwise official bachelor economists should take note.

The Women Who Try to Make Me Fat

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Let it be known that your captain is victorious!

Yes, after a long, multi-battle, gruesome war, ole Cappy Cap has defeated the nefarious and many women of his life that set out to make him fat.

Oh, it started innocently enough. A formal dinner party at Bambi's place in sleepy, suburban Rosemount, Minnesota. Served were rosemary potatoes, caramel glazed carrots with BOTH apple topped pork and tender beef tips. Not complete without martini's, Rumpleminze, wine and THREE different types of desserts. Everybody was having a mirthful time, but oh, I knew, I KNEW what she was trying to do. She was trying to fatten me up!

Sure enough what I hoped would be just a minor, one time, clandestine operation, turned into all out war as my mother made not one, but TWO chickens for a measly 4 people on Thanksgiving Day. Of course it included potatoes, squash, apple pie AND french silk pie. They weren't even trying to hide the fact! They were declaring all out war on me and at all costs were going to make me fat!

Then there was Sindi's house. Never mind most of us already had two Thanksgiving dinners already. No, now came the final assault. TWO types of ham, THREE DIFFERENT PIES, so much booze that it would make Lewis Nixon blush, cheese potatoes, a creme-cheese-pepper-jalapeno-cilantro-tobasco sauce chip dip, coleslaw, home made buns, pomegranite martinis, and an ice cream dessert that included;

Rumpleminze
Amaretto
Kaluha
Baileys
Creme De Cocoa

with dove chocolate chunks.

Oh, it was the H-bomb of Thanksgiving dinners. It could not get any worse my friends. But it did. For during the entire Thanksgiving week, Natasha was providing these women constant air support. I was constantly bombarded with "Whipping" me up this. "Whipping" me up that. "Would you like another Rumpleminze dear?" "Oh this? I just decided to whip up a little stir fry. It has fresh jalapenos, just like you like it!"

Oh, how could any man survive!?

Well, let it be known fellow Captain Capitalismites, that your Captain, virtuous and true, was a pillar of self-control. And combined with rigorous exercise managed to keep the pounds off. So much so, that when I stepped on the scale this morning, I had LOST 2 POUNDS OVER THE WEEK!

All their scheming.

All their plotting.

All these women, trying to make me fat.

All for naught!

Their plans were foiled. Their schemes undone!

Yes, all their efforts were muted by the steel resolve and self-discipline that is known as the Captain.

Be wary my male economist friends, be wary. For if women decide to make a full frontal assault against me, they no doubt have plans for you!

Germany's Reuinification Tax

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I received this from a pretty fraulein in Germany, which then piqued my curiosity, triggering this question;

"*I have a stupid question.*

Did it ever occur to the Germans immediately after reunification that a reunification tax would NOT be necessary as private investment would presumably swoop in and take advantage of the cheap land, labor and capital? Or was "reunification" just used as a excuse to create another tax?"

Any German economists out there have any thoughts?

Private Sector Experience

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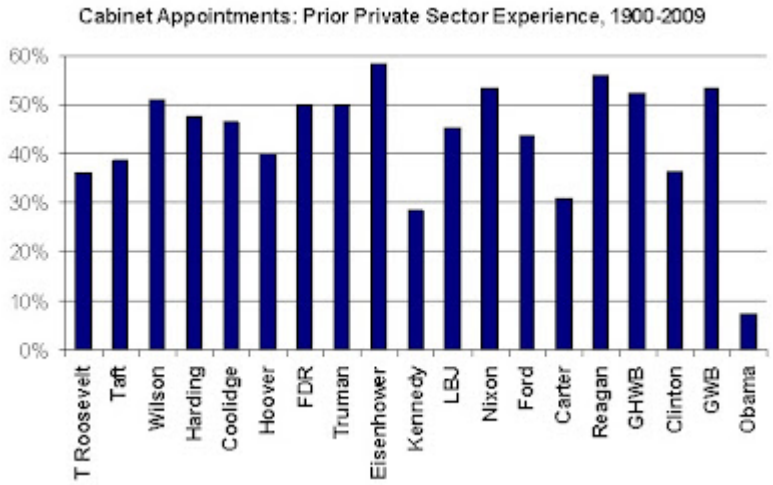
Correct.



This is why I wrote this post which is mandatory reading for all people, democrat or republican.

Recession Medicine - Deduce, You Say?

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Heck, pour yourself a drink before you watch this. You deserve it.

Talk Radio as Punishment

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I was a senior in high school when our local congressional representative came to visit our school and give us some general bland speech congressmen usually give to high school students. We were forced to attend and since the intelligence level of the speech would obviously be aimed at high school students, I knew that I was basically in for another hour of my life being wasted. But what did another hour matter given the past 13 years?

So there I sat and the representative, who was good, was obviously dumbing it down for his audience. He then asked a simple question that every high schooler should know;

“How many members are there in congress?”

I looked around and saw that out of the roughly 500 students NOBODY was raising their hands. I thought to myself, “Good Christ, NOBODY KNOWS????” I soon realized we’d be stuck there longer if somebody didn’t move the speech along and answer the man’s question.

I raised my hand. He called on me and I said, “535.”

He said, “correct” and then continued on with his speech.

There was then a tap on my shoulder from the seat behind me.

It was this young punk freshman who was already notorious because at the wise age of 14 he decided he would get a REAL tattoo of a spider web EXPANDING FROM HIS EYE. He looked like an even more idiotic version of Adam Lambert.

He asked me in a Beavis and Butthead tone, “Heh, heh, how many beers are in a case?”

I didn’t know, so I said, “I don’t know, 6? 12?”

“Heh heh, it’s 24! Shows you how much you know, stupid!”

And I sat there and thought in utter irony, “Yes, actually IT DOES SHOW me how much I know!”

Fast forward many years and there I am substitute teaching. I was subbing for an unnamed school in a district that was rapidly turning from inner suburb to ghetto. Kids, accustomed to having no authority or discipline meted out upon them were running

rampant. Nobody sitting in their seat. Talking blatantly while the teacher was trying to lecture. But my favorite was when I was waiting for students to get to class before the bell and this kid comes in with a radio blasting some worthless rap. We had some time before the class started so I asked him, “what the heck is that you’re listening to?”

“DJ Dayz and something or other” I couldn’t remember what it was.

I said, “Dude, how does that materially sound any different than any other rap group out there?”

Thinking I was some how insulting him he said, “Well what do you listen to?”

I said, “Jazz, some rock and roll, lounge, but primarily talk radio if I’m just listening to the radio.”

“Pfa! Talk radio???” and he then turned back to his music.

At recess that day I was to chaperone the students, and as I was outside just standing around I hear in a blurred together saying, “TALKRADIOSUCKSZAAAA!”

And then three middle school idiots, sniveling and snorking, looking at me as if I;

1. Didn’t know who they were.
2. Could not deduce who it could have possibly been given I only had ONE conversation about talk radio with ONE student in my entire life.

Now it has been some time since I was in high school.

And actually it has been quite some time since I substitute taught.

But I have a couple questions.

1. Where are these idiots now? And

2. Politics set aside, would they not be better off listening to talk radio?

There is no larger point I wish to make. It’s just a very simple point. Idiots, which are readily and easily identifiable in high school and middle school, would benefit immensely from talk radio.

First, they are punished for being idiots by being forced to listen to talk radio. Second, they might actually learn something if forced to listen to it. But (and here’s the kicker) third, talk radio is arguably the ideal “punishment” in that it is addictive. There’s an

actual plot or point to it. It’s not just some idiot cursing and swearing about pimps and hoes, there’s a story AND it’s real life. The kid, I would gander, would not only have to sheepishly admit he/she listens to talk radio, they would learn something AND it would definitely set them on a better track than the one they were on before.

Heck, you could even have the kid listen to NPR, though Rush Limbaugh and Michael Savage would certain engage their attention better. But the larger point is could not the schools (public and private) be using this advanced weaponry to help discipline and educate the kids at the same time too? Let alone inoculate them against future poverty and strife? Mayhaps even set them on the road towards success?

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You can also file this under;

"Why your child will come back to live with you after they graduate from college."

"Why the Chinese will inevitably dominate over the US."

"Why social security and medicare will go unfunded as nobody is producing anything of real worth in this country."

"Why you are unemployed or flipping burgers with your bachelors degree in music."

God Bless the Aussies

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The Australian Dollar should rally at least 20% over it's western pro-global warming counterparts who actually sign onto any cap and trade.

The World Owes James Delingpole a Living

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James Delingpole has been at the forefront of exposing the global climate scam for what it is and is doing the job of what the MSM should have been doing for the past 20 years.

At his website he has all the articles and information about "Climatgate" you need and if you really want to make a difference and convince the brainwashed zealots of the western world that this is indeed a scam and they better get their heads out of their asses, his web site is indispensible. Liberals and leftists may not agree now, but when their children grow up not having to fork over 10% of their income while suffering a house "warmed" to 40 degrees due to government mandated temperature control, they will inevitably, though reluctantly, thank him.

Of course, Downfall parodies always are fun to send to leftists, but regardless the entire blogosphere owes a hat tip to James.

I Spy With My Little Eye

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The family is facing foreclosure.

Do you spy what I spy as to why they're hanging dry?

Recession Medicine - Senioriter

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Bugs Bunny - The Rabbit Of Seville @ Yahoo! Video

Holiday Spending

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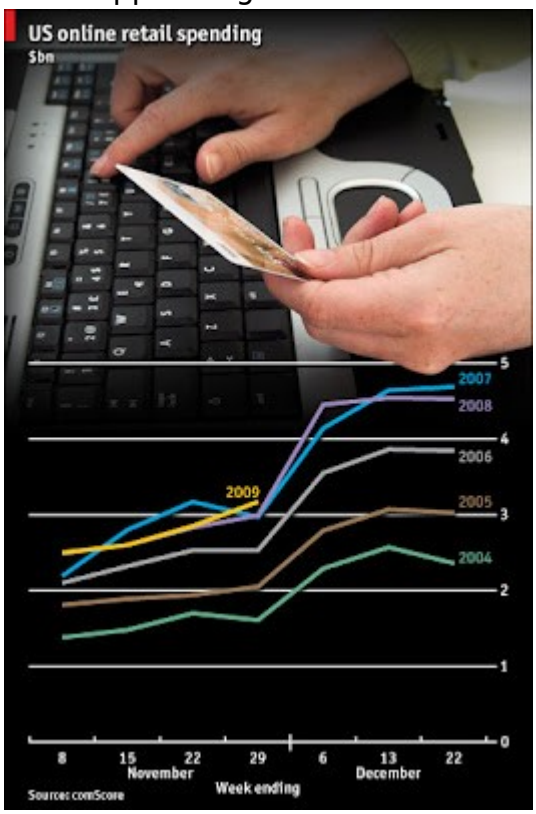
I shorted the US dollar against an unnamed currency before Thanksgiving because my economic spidey senses started tingling, saying that "Black Friday" sales were going to be disappointing. I then saw this chart over at my ex-flame's place;



The title was "Happier Spenders" claiming online sales have gone up, suggesting this is somehow good news.

But now you see why The Economist is my ex-flame. The chart does not show that. Matter of fact, all it shows to me is that there is a natural progression to people buying more stuff online and that little blip in 2009 over 2008 is not a sign of happiness or recovery. Methinks me shorting of the US will prove wise.

Penn State

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I love this;

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Penn State Will Investigate 'Climategate'

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Among other things, the Watergate scandal of the 1970s gave us a great naming convention for future scandals. Take "Climategate" at Penn State. That's what people are calling the controversy surrounding leaked E-mails among climate change researchers that climate change opponents say expose the researchers' falsification of data. One Penn State professor is involved in the scandal.

The Penn State administration plans to investigate Climategate and determine if it needs to take further action, the *Daily Collegian* reports. A little more than a week ago, E-mails exchanged among an English university's climate change researchers were illegally obtained from a server and posted online, the report says.

Climate change opponents say the E-mails indicate that climate change researchers—including Penn State Prof. Michael Mann—exaggerated or fabricated global warming data. And, according to the report, some E-mails indicate that the director of the research unit in question may have contacted researchers and asked them to "delete certain E-mails."

Penn State officials, who will not discuss the matter, are investigating the controversy. If anything requires further inspection, the school will handle it, a spokesman tells the *Daily Collegian*. A panel will read every E-mail leaked and determine if climate change critics have any ground for their accusations, the report says.

"I would be disappointed if the university wasn't doing all [it] can to get as much information as possible" about the controversy, Mann tells the *Daily Collegian*.

Penn State, an academic institution, which by default makes it part of the world of the left, will investigate Michael Mann.

It's like saying Himmler will investigate allegations of wrong doing by Hitler.

Because Oil and Gas Aren't "Real Jobs"

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There is the jobs summit. A bunch of spoiled brat elitists who never worked a real job in their lives, nor ever created a job in their lives are somehow going to create jobs (cripes, they couldn't even keep unemployment down with $1.4 trillion in deficit spending).

No doubt the jobs summit will fail because I doubt;

1. They're going to lower corporate taxes

2. The jobs they want to create must adhere to their socialist, leftist ideology, which by it's nature prevents jobs from being created. The jobs come SECOND to their politics.

And if you think their ideology doesn't supercede Americans' desire to have jobs, think again.

Please Stop It with the "Think of the Children" Nonsense

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I do try to listen to the other side and the reason is to maintain some level of intellectual honesty. I listen to Air American every once in a while out of the fear that I may have missed something and that I might be wrong, only to find out in about 2 minutes that no, people really are that ignorant and, no, I wasn't wrong, and yes, I am infinitely and more reliably informed than my leftist counterparts.

However, what I cannot abide is when people who believe in global warming use the "*Won't somebody PUH-leeeeeeze think of the chilllllldren*!?" schtick. That our future generations will be swimming in a Water World and dying of future global-warming induced diseases. That our "children" will suffer due to our greed and inability to deal with global warming today.

The reason I cannot abide this, is these are the same people who voted to do something much worse and MUCH more real;

Indebt their children and grandchildren to the tune of 300% GDP when you include household and government debt.

Man-caused global warming, for whatever side you're on, is at MINIMUM not an established fact. And in light of the e-mails showing the fraudsters hidding data and manipulating data, at MINIMUM we should launch investigations that determine precisely what is happening in the scientific community and the climate BEFORE we go ahead and implement law or taxation based on the assumption man made global warming is real.

However, **there is no debate** that we've just enslaved our children to the tune of another $10 trillion (depending on whose estimates you want to use). That's not a theory, that's a fact. But the intellectual dishonesty or perhaps, just the complete inability of these people to link or see their hypocrisy makes my stomach churn.

You're so worried about your children and grandchildren?

Fine, how about you start rallying against the much more real and guaranteed threat of economic collapse instead of a theory that the globe is warming based on human activities? How about you voluntarily vote to increase the retirement age to 80 to shore up social security and medicare. How about you make it a constitutional amendment to have a balanced budget except for times of war?

Stewards of the environment???

My sweet, little perfectly sculpted Irish ass that you can bounce frozen peas off of with a pinging noise.

How about being stewards of the economy?

But then again, I know, I know. You all know me to be even more cynical than that. That I can't really believe that people are that dumb.

Sadly my honest opinion or actually fear is that these people care more about ideology than their own children. The "children" are just a chess piece to advance and implement an ideology. I seriously wonder whether parents who advocate cap and trade, but have no problems indebting the country to the tune of $10 trillion even care what happens to their children after they're dead.

Ahhhh…Canada Kate

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It's a scam people!

Costs of Global Warming

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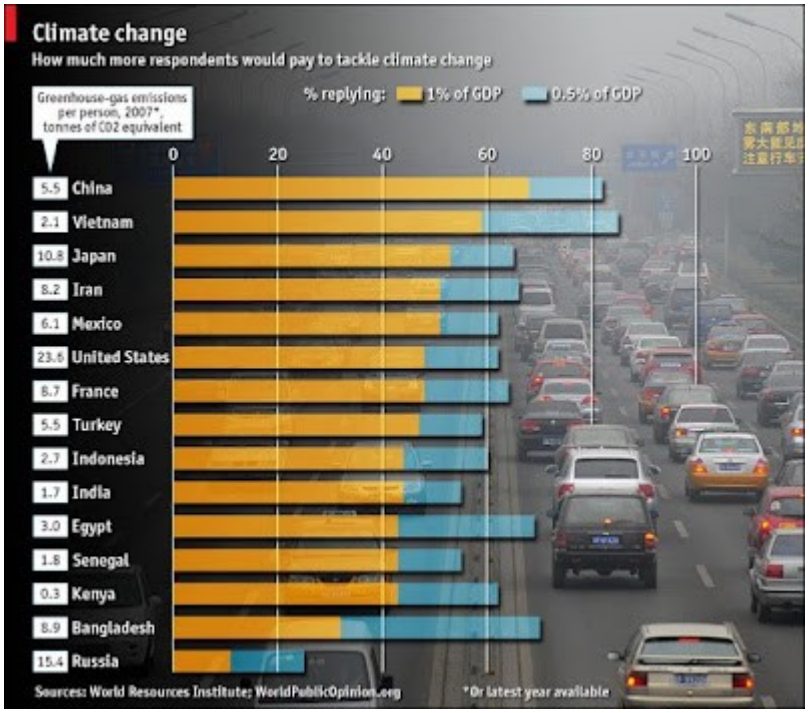
Heh, if only it were only going to cost 1% of GDP.



Though, permit me a cynical question or two;

1. What percentage of the Americans that were asked this even know what GDP stands for? and
2. What percentage of them even know what percent of GDP is left after government taxes?

Boy, Russia with a flat tax and what are presumably sane people is starting to look more and more attractive every day.

Naughty or Nice

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Correct.

"Science"

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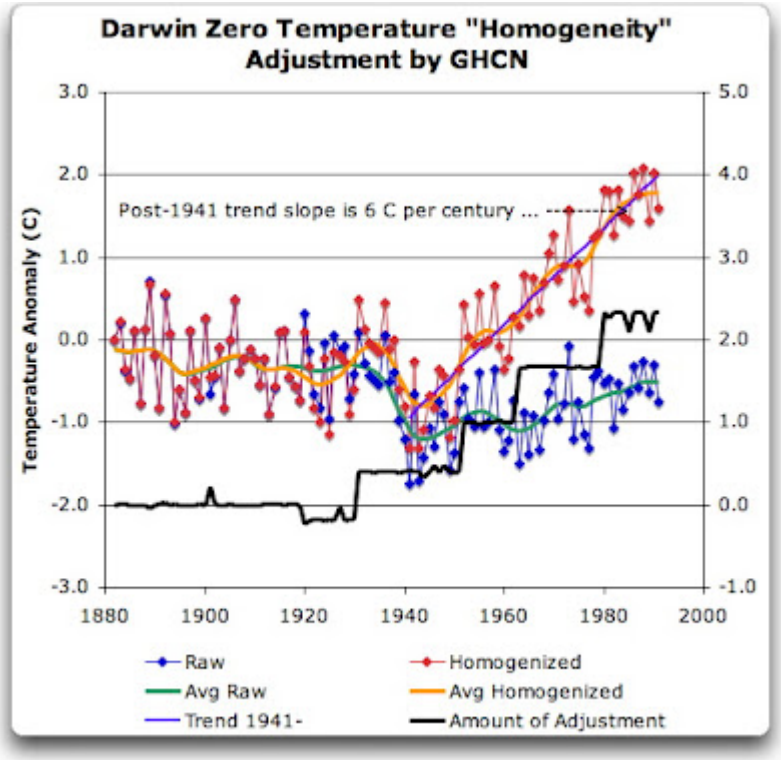

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Recession Medicine - Humphrey Hop

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Actually reminds me of all my male friends when our female friends cook for us.

Capital Flight

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Today's term, boys and girls, is called "Capital Flight."

What is so hard for leftists to understand this concept?

The British Have Better Teeth Than Americans

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I was shocked myself.

Minneapolis Fires Cops/Denies Recruits

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Minneapolis is laying off some cops and denying new recruits positions.

But hey, at least we have "walk ambassadors."

And don't forget those $50,000 drinking fountains!

Now let's do the math. 10 $50,000 drinking fountains is $500,000.

Would Minneapolis been able to keep those 7 officers on the payroll with $500,000?

Liberals? Leftists? Repsonse please? Rationale? Explanation?

My Thanks to the Democrats

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This should help all my short positions against the dollar.

Thank you very much for your destruction of the dollar.

Though, I wistfully acknowledge that it really isn't the other currencies going up in value as much as it is the dollar just tanking. Ergo, no real gains.

The Christmas Present Game

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The irony is that though I loathe children and find them more or less the root of most problems that plague society today, I do actually remember being one and come to bat for them more often than not. For while I think they may bring in communicable diseases from day care to the home, and while I think they cost roughly $500,000 to bring up, and while I think too many children too early in life is the primary cause of poverty, they are human beings. And not just human beings, but INNOCENT human beings that are all too often the victim of parents who forgot what it was like to be a child.

Ergo, a lesson in the "Christmas Present Game."

Since the beginning of time, it has been a tradition where the children and parents battle it out over the determining of "what am I going to get for Christmas." The parents, on the side of patience and discipline would say, "No, you must wait till Christmas," while the children just being plain children would take whatever means was necessary to find out what they got for Christmas BEFORE the 25th (unless of course you were one of those cheating Catholic types that open their gifts on the 24th) This entailed a whole host of tactics including simple things such as shaking and studying the box, to sly, coy interrogative tactics used to coax valuable clues unconsciously from the parent opposition, to night-time clandestine operations with a Swiss Army knife to surgically cut key pieces of tape and grab a peek of what lay underneath the wrapping paper, only to reseal the presents with identical lengths of tape to cover one's tracks (none of which I ever engaged in).

This time-honored battle has been a cornerstone of parent-child relationships and should be a much-looked-forward to event during the month of December.

However, as peers in my generation start breeding, I am sad to hear what some of them are doing. And that is

DENYING THEIR CHILDREN THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY GOT FOR CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE 25TH!

They actually refuse to let their children try to guess what they got for Christmas!

How do their cold, callous, oppressor parents do this?

By threatening their children that if they catch them trying to sneak a peak of their Christmas gifts then they will TAKE THE GIFTS BACK TO THE STORE!

I had thought we defeated nazi Germany, but obviously there are still some ideological remnants left.

Now what is really going on here is half-hearted parenting. Parents who are either too lazy or just plain don't have enough of the Christmas spirit to realize just how important the Christmas Present Game is.

First you must realize that half the fun of gifts is the receiver not just trying to guess what they are, but the giver doing all in their power to confuse and throw off the receiver. My mom inevitably had to resort to the dirty underhanded tactic of wrapping my gifts in multiple boxes with styrafoam and papers. This game, the constant battle between the parent and the child, the child scheming and crafting ways to identify his gifts, the parent always keeping a watchful eye over their shoulder is what makes the Christmas gifts all that more exciting. And for you just to not participate in it is throwing all this fun away.

Second, come on, don't be a sore loser. If you're so bad at hiding gifts, lying about the gifts, or crafting a propaganda campaign to mislead your 4 year old into what he got for Christmas, then you just have to up your game. I know it's embarrassing that a little toddler has outdone you, but that doesn't give you the right to end the game. You must be a gracious loser and look forward to next year's battle.

Third, if you're too damn lazy to play the game, well then shoot, why did you have kids then in the first place? Why don't you just store the gifts offsite and then truck them in Christmas Day? Heck, why even do that, just get the little varmints gift cards then. Better yet, become one of those people that makes a donation to a charity in their honor. Or even better still, just cut them a check the day of. That takes the least effort. Of course if you fall into this category you no doubt buy your children sweaters for Christmas instead of toys which is a violation of the game. Regardless, if you can't play the game, then don't even rile them up in the first place with presents.

The larger point is that if you have children and you are going to put gifts in plain site, then there IS going to be a battle regardless. Kids are kids and they will be curious and the Christmas Present Game is on. And you have a choice. You can either have fun and

play this game, counter-scheming their schemes. Wrapping fake gifts and hiding the real ones. Or going so far as to tie off the gifts with a perimeter of fishing wire tied to a bell (it has been done). OR you can be a party pooper and never play the game in the first place and tell them if they find out what they got for Christmas BEFORE the 25th then you take the gifts back home.

Which one has more Christmas cheer?

Barbara Boxer

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I got another name for her.

And it's one syllable.

Congratulations, feminism, you have won.

GDP Growth vs. Government Spending

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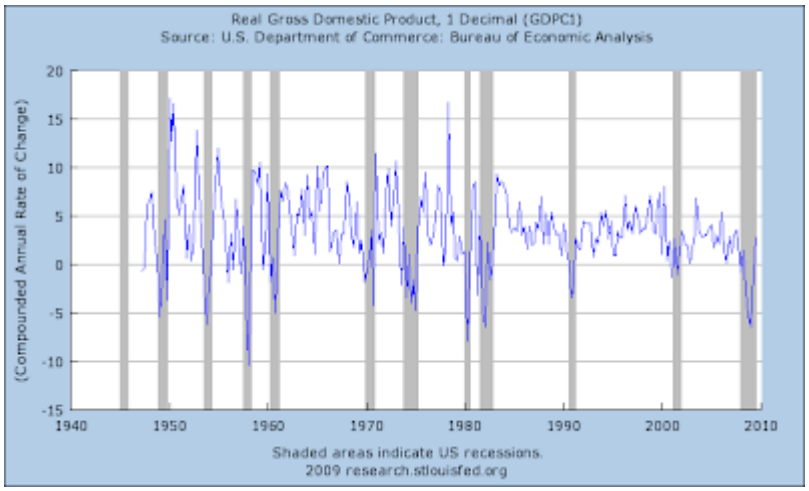
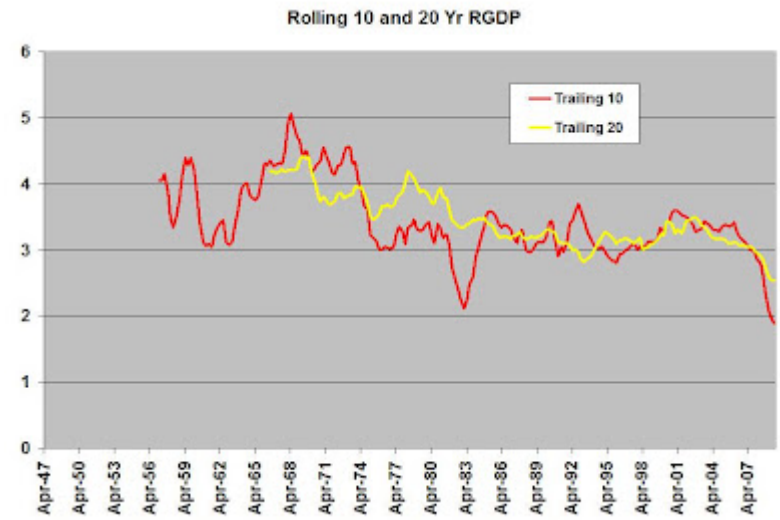
GDP growth is chaotic.



Therefore to see if there's any kind of trend you need to average it out over longer periods of time. I did this on a 10 and 20 year trailing average, where I simply took the past 10 and 20 years worth of economic growth and averaged it out into a "rolling average."

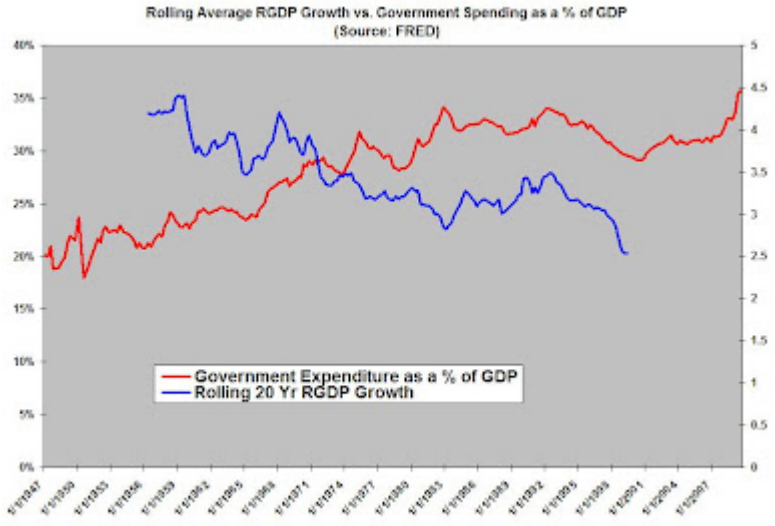


I like to call this figure, especially the 20 year rolling average RGDP growth, "Generational RGDP Growth" because the 20 years spans a generation, economic booms and busts included, and shows their overall economic productive capacity over those years.

Now what I'm going to do is very simple, because that's what economics is. It's very simple (plus i don't want to confuse any leftists and socialists).

I took Generational RGDP growth and compared it to government spending (state and federal) as a percent of GDP. And wonders upon wonder, guess what? The relationship is

inverted.



What this means is that as government spending has gone up, economic growth has gone down.

This simple chart has many economic ramifications, most of my readers already intuitively understand. But, for those of you who vote for your presidents based on their pecs, let me spell it out for you.

1. This is why the stimulus and by large Keynesian economics won't work. Understand the government DOES NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING. It does NOT PRODUCE WEALTH. It doesn't make X-Boxes. It doesn't make food. It merely TRANSFERS WEALTH FROM ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO ANOTHER. Now there are some genuine services that the government provides that helps society and does show up on GDP. BUT STIMULUS MONEY TO ART INSTITUTES, ACADEMIA AND WHATEVER OTHER FLOWERS AND PUPPIES POPPYCOCK HAVE YOU DOES NOT PRODUCE ANYTHING. The reason why is that even if an Obama-fanatic sculptor produces a worthless and sinfully ugly government piece of art for the local building, the money used to pay him came from somebody else, ergo a net production increase of ZERO.

2. The government is less efficient than the private sector.

Do you want growth?

Do you want jobs?

Do you want food on the table?

Then you better let the people have the majority of the money and not put it into the government. History has shown you this via this chart. Your eyes are not deceiving you.

Look at the chart again. And no, I'm not Michael Mann or Phil Jones. The data has not been tainted and comes directly from the FRED Database at the St. Louis Fed. You can recreate this very same chart on your own, whereas I cannot recreate the hockey stick chart, so if you believe in global warming, you better damn well believe this chart.

3. No, majoring in sociology or planning on becoming a government worker will not help this situation.

See, I know what a lot of you are thinking. "I want to help people because it sounds like an easier job than engineering...errr....I mean, because I am noble and moral. Ergo I will go and work for the government as a social worker, a professor or run for public office."

The problem is none of these jobs PRODUCE ANYTHING THE POPULATION NEEDS NOR REALLY WANTS. And as a higher and higher percentage of the population goes and majors in worthless subjects in the hopes of a cushy job that doesn't produce anything, but merely transfers wealth, you can expect GDP to drop further.

4. If growth keeps dropping, then where precisely are you people going to come up with the money to pay for...

social security
medicare
nationalized health care
the Obama-corps
the stimulus
education
government financed day care

not to mention the extra money we'll need to pay back the national debt?

You see, the governments combined (state, local and federal) already spend about 45% of GDP, leaving only 55% left to be taxed (difference in revenue vs. spending duly noted), how much more do you think the economy will take before people just stop working altogether?

Is everybody supposed to work in government?

Who, might I ask, is going to produce the I-Pod you want?

Who, might I ask, is going to produce the Wii you want?

Who, might I ask, is going to produce the computer networking system so you can e-mail your friends, let alone put the food on your table?

Or are we supposed to be like the Pelosi's, the Bush's and the Gore's. Generation after generation of losers who never worked a real job in the private sector?

Of course, I know all of my regular readers understand this. My regular readers get this simple logic. Not to mention before they form opinions, they get the facts first. Not form opinions and then find facts.

But good lord, to the 60% of the population who voted for Obama, when does reality sink in? What does it take to get you people to grow the hell up, drop it with your naive, college-age thinking and idealism, and intellectually and honestly admit you have no FREAKING clue how the real world and economy works. LET ALONE take the time to study the federal effing budget and do some simple mathematical calculations much like you would your own personal finances to see if any of this socialism BS is even affordable, let alone feasible. Let alone (and this group really confuses me) for those of you with children, start to stop and really think about what you're doing to your childrens' financial future? When do you wake up?

Alas, what can I do aside from make a record of it here on this blog so that a thousand years from now historians will look back and say, "Wow, look how insane the population was. There was this one guy over here that saw it coming, but the rest of them were all doped up on REality TV, Obama's pecks, bread and circuses, they couldn't even understand how everybody working as a social worker and nobody farming the fields would result in a collapse of society!"

I'll be long dead by that time, and I'm supremely confident I'll be proven right, but in the meantime, good lord, why would anybody invest in America?

Link the Dollar's Value to this College Class List

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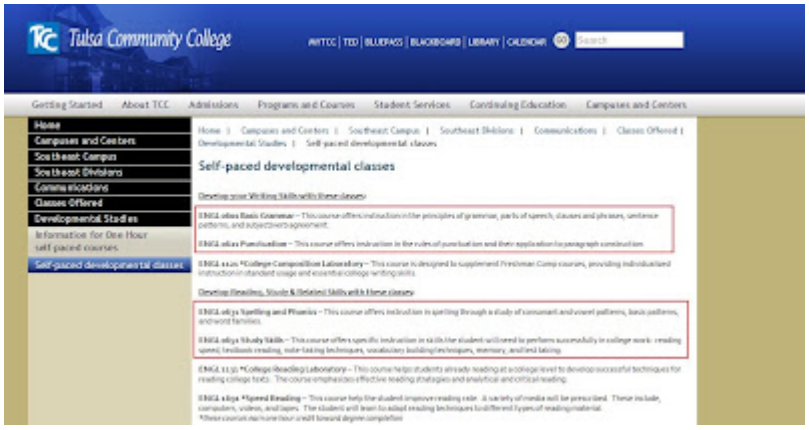
In Garage Logic, a popular radio show here in the Twin Cities, the host Joe Soucheray likes to link things to one another. It is a sociological version of "for every force there is an equal and opposite force." Therefore one thing will inevitably affect the other.

However, in economics, just like a car engine starting, there are many different individual actions and movements of car parts that occur between turning the key on and the engine actually igniting. So to the layperson, they may not understand why increasing property taxes may turn Minneapolis into a cold Detroit because they don't understand how higher property taxes, lower property values, lower profits and drive capital and labor away.

So I shall test all you junior, deputy and aspiring economics. Link this:



to the value of the dollar.

Many thanks to Elizabeth for the link!

Why China Will Dominate Over the US

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I love stories like this in that THIS was what the US USED TO DO.

We'd just do it.

Hoover Dam.

Horseshoe Dam.

The Interstate system.

You name it.

We wanted to build it, and BAAMM!!! There it was!

But now, good luck trying to even get windmills up with all the environmental regulations, not to mention protests by groups like Greenpeace or the Sierra Club. Heck, Minnesota is just trying to get a much needed bridge across the St. Croix. A whopping 1/2 mile long and the Sierra Club has held it up for the past 10 years forcing everybody in the eastern metro to wait cumulatively decades worth of human time in traffic. We can't even get a 1/2 mile bridge up, while the Chinese in a paleo-American way "just do it" with a bridge 60 times as long!

Ah, and you wonder why economic growth is decreasing over time.

Pension Tsunami

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A very very bad site, because it is so good and you'll waste a lot of hours just looking through it, is Pension Tsunami.

Friend recommended it to me and I won't lie;

It's great reading about all the California municipalities and counties who did absolutely NO actuarial study about just how much their pensions would cost. And not just California, but just people, counties, municipalities etc., of other states who promised themselves the world and are now facing a bankrupt pension.

Call it economic Schadenfreude, it's comeuppance for those who refused to be financially literate.

How Does Greenpeace Like It?

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It angered me to no end when Greenpeace had a couple of their zealots scale Mount Rushmore and unfurl a banner begging Obama to do something about global warming. It angered me because Mount Rushmore is one of the few places I would deem "holy" or "sacrosanct" in my world in that I'm not religious.

But how now brown cow?

Mathematics By the Captain

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OK Captain Capitalismites!

Time for that fun game we all love to play:

"WHO CAN DO THE MATH!!!!"

What math problem do we see here that explains why this kid is more or less condemned to end up where daddy is?

Mean Duration of Unemployment

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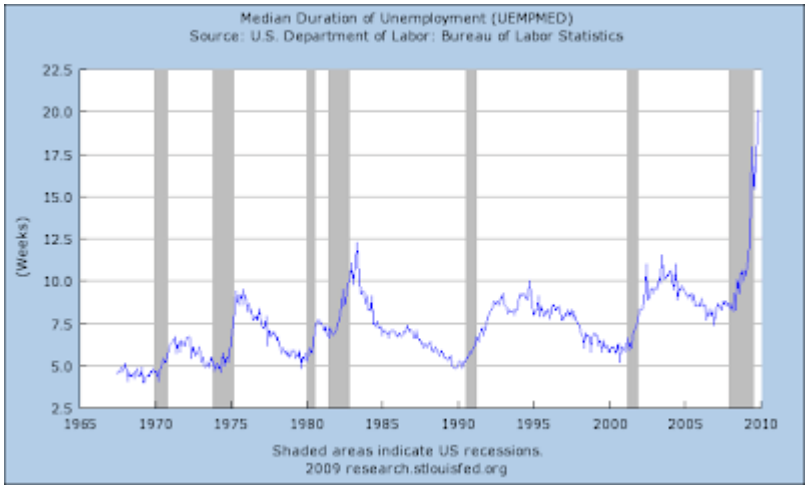
Wow



Not your average recession now is it?

Glad the stimulus is working though. Good thing we didn't have to resort to lowering corporate or personal income taxes. I mean that would have made things "worse" right?

And boy, look at all those green jobs that are saving the economy! I'm sure glad we have that HUGE "green industry" providing us all those green jobs. All the green money that is being yielded from that green industry.

end sarcasm

I know, I know, it's like urinating into a hurricane.

I'm going to go back to my bachelor basement, stoke up the wood burning stove, play some Left 4 Dead, and enjoy some Rumpleminze all while blasting some James Brown on the stereo system. Because what? Like there's something I can do about this?

This Chart Deserves More Attention

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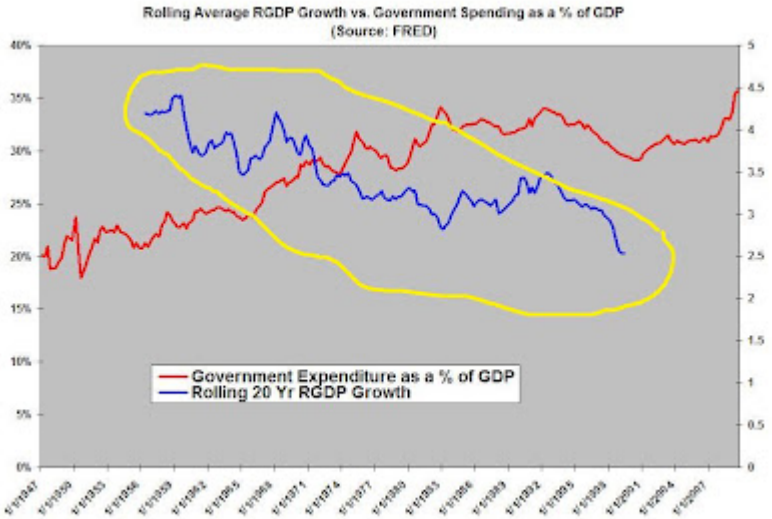
Natasha, as you know came out with a calendar and if you have not ordered it, I recommend you do so (shoot me at e-mail at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com).

Sadly we did not reach the 1 million sales mark, even though she is obviously deserving more along the lines of 10 millions in sales.

However, even more deserving than that is this chart right here, which I am now ordering you to forward to people because it is that important of a chart. Forward it to Glenn Beck, forward it to Rush Limbaugh, forward it to liberals who just plain don't get it, but forward it because it is very important.



What this chart shows you is America's economic production over time. It is the rolling 20 year average of RGDP growth and the reason it is a rolling 20 year average is because GDP growth is very volatile and no discernible trend can be seen with the naked eye. However, when you average it out over generations you see essentially a HALVING of our

ability to produce.

The ramifications of this are so severe that I am literally stunned so little commentary was made about this and it got such little traffic, thus behooving my re-posting this chart with a little eye candy and basically a direct order you forward this.

1. The obvious fact our ability to enrich ourselves has been halved should be of immediate shock-and-ponder value. This chart alone should trigger people across all political spectrums to ask "Why is this happening" because if it keeps going you can expect the country to not just plateau, but decline. This means we will suffer a decline in our standards of living per capita over the long term.

2. This speaks volumes about the future of Obama-Ponies-and-Puppies-for-All government entitlement programs. Where, precisely, is the economic production going to come from to fund these government programs that are growing faster than the economy. There will come a point that ALL economic production will go to finance medicare and social security, not to mention the debt servicing of our national debt.

3. Pensions? 401k's? IRA's? I dated a rather rich girl one time. She got her job due to her grand-daddy and by no intellectual merit or skill on her own. She make insane amount of coin, kept getting promoted and had banked more money in her 401k plan than I could ever hope to dream. Well the jokes on you guys who have been banking on your pensions and 401k plans. Unless they're invested in gold or foreign countries or something where economic growth is actually occurring, you can expect your pensions to go unfunded when you need to retire. Who knows, by that time rolling RGDP growth will be 0% and you'll then really start to ask about the methods of discounted cash flow to value stocks.

4. Can we please lower the freaking taxes already? You want to spurn economic growth and all you can do is think about spending more government money? Where do you think the real production in this economy comes from? ACORN employees? Government funded art projects? Rebuilding roads that needed to repairing?

5. Can we also please knock it off with the worthless liberal arts degrees and start channelling our children into studies that actually produce stuff? What ever happened to that big push into the sciences back in the 1950's to keep up with the Ruskies? You want to have a nice nursing home? Well too bad, you let your kid major in "art history" on the grounds that "we don't interrupt, we're hands off parents, whatever our child thinks is gold" and now he can't even afford the rent on his coffee barrista income let alone the gas to come pay you a visit because he's taxed at a 60% rate on a dwindling $27,000 per year income.

Sorry, sorry. I have to keep telling myself, I don't control this. I can't get excited about this. There's nothing I can do when the masses are so ignorant. All I can do is play video

games, drink heavily and listen to some Lawrence Welk.

This Makes Me Happy

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You get the government you deserve.

Failed Bank List

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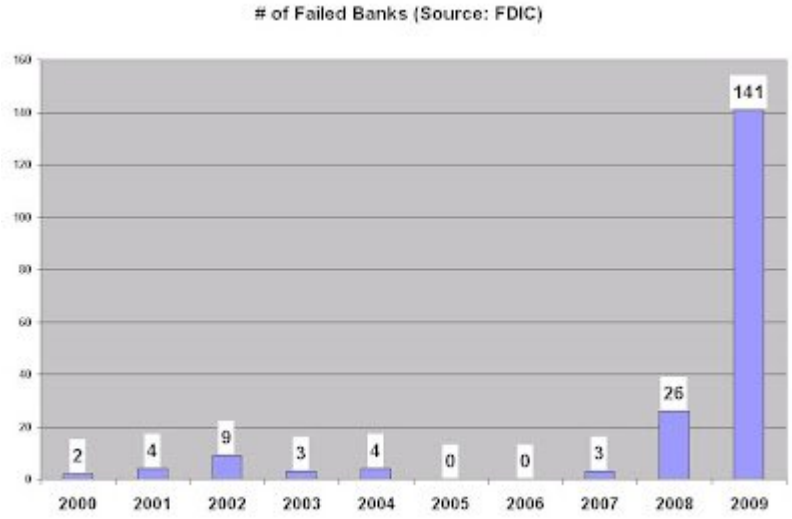
Here's the chart



Here's the link.
Here's something that would have prevented it all.

Haiti - The Model of Socialism

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Hey, but at least they had good intentions.

Right? Because that's all that matters, right?

I mean, forget whether it works or not. It's just that a bunch of rich spoiled brats in the west who never worked a real job in their lives "meant" to do good and that's all that matters.

Right?

You leftists mock and ridicule capitalists and free marketers all you want. In the end capitalism has done more to eliminate poverty than any government program. But of course, it's never been about ending poverty with you people, now has it? It's been about making you feel good and finding you a cushy job at a non-profit so you can feign like you care and can fake like you actually are doing something of worth in this world, just as long as you can avoid having a real job and avoid doing real work.

China's Largest Mall

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Not that you'd watch the whole thing, but

1. imagine all the carbon they emitted building this.

2. Did they do the "appropriate" environmental impact study on this?

Maybe Google is Capitalist After All

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Effing brilliant.

How Google avoided a British tax bill of £450m

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER
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Google avoided paying £450million in corporation tax on its £1.6billion earnings from advertising in Britain last year.

Accounts show the company paid HM Revenue and Customs only £141,519 on other earnings.

Google managed to avoid paying millions here because its European headquarters is in Dublin and advertising earnings from customers in Britain are funnelled through to the Irish subsidiary.

What I love though is how they make it seem that Google "avoided" paying a British tax bill.

No, Google looked at corporate tax rates in the EU and said, "To hell with all you high-tax socialist places, we're going to Ireland where it's 12.5%." Google set up its subsidiary in Ireland and "avoided, schemed, side-stepped" nothing.

Google PAID the Irish government its taxes. It never owe or was behooved to Britain for anything.

Welcome to "capital flight." The leftist's worst nightmare.

Philosophy Degrees Are Worthless

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The sad truth is that majoring in philosophy is like paying some aging baby boomer professor $4,000 a quarter to tell you to read Plato.

This is a much cheaper alternative.

Bob Carter

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More Cooked Data

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I wonder, what is wrong with "raw" data that is needs to be cooked all the time?

Why Avatar is a Netflix Movie

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Tea Party goers

People who bitch about socialism taking over the US

and in general those who would like to see the US in its former 1940's greatness should put their money where their mouths are and not see this movie.

I was immediately skeptical of the movie when I saw obviously "Americanized" forces landing on a "undisrupted, virgin" land to take over "people who didn't look like us humans."

Sure enough Avatar is nothing more than a political statement.

Oh, sure, glitzed up with lots of special effects, but my economic spidey senses were tingling and I deep down inside knew this was going to be some kind of lecturing speech about either evil Europeans invading America in the 1500's or some kind of "Gaia" Earthy, feeling, enviro kind of thing.

Rumor has it is the "hero" is a Marine who decides to defect and some "planet nature force" helps the natives win against an obviously superior technological force. I really don't care to back this speculation up because I'm going to go out on a "crazy" limb here and take it for truth until I'm proven wrong, kind of like straddling a Texas Hold 'Em bet in that I'm supremely confident these rumors will be proven true because that's just the slant of Hollywood, and of course if I'm proven wrong, please let me know and I will take down this post. Until then, I'm going to take a wild guess and predict this Hollywood movie is going to prove my cynicism right.

Regardless, so for all you people who are all upset about socialized medicine being passed you have a choice.

Continue to throw your money at this political/propoganda machine or for once, truly boycott something that is nothing more than leftist propoganda.

I have a nice LCD projector with no children, no lines and no parking hassles in my basement. I fully intend on watching it at my house, Rumpleminze in hand, knowing I've denied these leftists sales and attendance...not to mention who in God's name actually enjoys going to the theater nowadays?

PS- I will be burning lots of wood to counter the fact I did not emit carbon driving to the

theater so as to continue my contribution to global warming.

Are You a Good Deficit or a Bad Deficit

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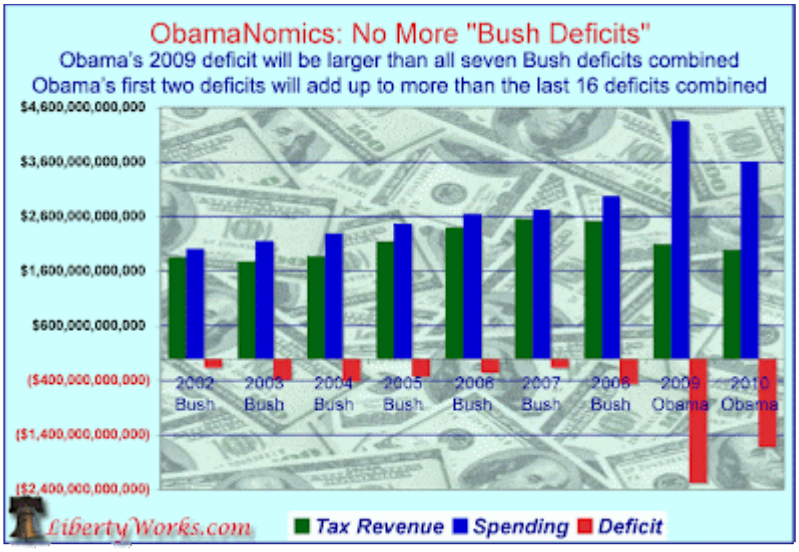
See, "good deficits" are those under democrats. "Bad deficits" are those under Republicans, because, well, uhhh, because republicans are nazi poopey heads.



And sadly, that is not a simplification of the argument they use.

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Why Live There?

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Seriously, why does anybody live in that state?

What Did I Tell You?

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I will not pay $9 to be lectured.

Anybody See the Common Trait?

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Real tough one for you economists out there!

Spoiled Brats

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Listen to me and listen to me well.

The world's worst can more or less be sourced from the upper classes where they are brought up rich, have everything handed to them, and then find some kind of religion or cause by which they can go on a crusade that makes them feel better and allows them to become a hero.

What is the epitome of evil (and listen to me VERY carefully now because this is a gem) IS WHEN THESE PEOPLE PUT THEIR DESIRE AND EGO AHEAD OF THE LIVES OF OTHERS EITHER BY KILLING OTHER PEOPLE OR FORCING THEM TO DO SOMETHING THE EGOMANIAC WANTS THEM TO DO.

Karl Marx was a rich spoiled brat kid of a lawyer.

Lenin a physicist.

Castro the son of a plantation owner.

It is only kids who have everything paid for whose minds get idle and concoct grandiose ideas about what they're going to do with their lives. And it never involves real work. It never involves real production. It invariably involves finding a way to criminalize the current system, so they can heroically "rally" against it, inflating their egos, while silently living off of daddy's dime while they try to bring down the system that puts money in their bank accounts.

Adam Gadahn, though not terribly wealthy, is another perfect example of a idle-minded spoiled brat from the suburbs who was too fat to kiss a girl and instead of making something of himself joined Al Qaeda because it was instant celebrityship, "heroism" and attention/meaning in his worthless meaningless life.

Why is this relevant?

Well not that they're going to try to bomb planes or carry out terrorist attacks, but one group of people I do know have no problems avoiding real jobs and make careers by telling people what kind of lives they're going to live as if they're on a life-long crusade;

Congress.

Tell me, does anybody know one person in congress that paid their own way through

college?

San Francisco 2030

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Is the Detroit of today!

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The Gift of Nothing

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I received many gifts this Christmas. A sweater, some chocolate, some scotch. But the best gift, the absolute best gift I received was a gift from three of my friends.

Nothing.

Three men, three of my buddies, all three of them got me nothing.

And I'm being sincere when I say I appreciate nothing. And the reason why is this;

Nothing necessitates nothing in return.

It reminds me of the scene in Donny Brasco where Al Pacino and Johnny Depp are exchaning gifts. Both work for the same mafia so they basically just give each other handfuls of cash. Never mind this is essentially what happens on Christmas anyway (except there is a loss of efficiency and utility when cash is traded via goods). What I'm talking about is they effectively gave each other nothing.

This is why nothing is the best gift. You are not compelled to get a gift in return. Not only does this save you the hassle and the money, it alleviates you of the guilt or the compunction to get somebody something because they're probably going to get something for you.

I looked at one of my buddies who got me nothing and I said, "hey, thanks for the nothing." And with a sincere face and retort he said, "Hey, no THANK YOU for getting me nothing."

Now in general girls have a hard time understanding this. They seem compelled to get SOMETHING for every one. Can be the most worthless freaking crap trinket on the face of the planet, but they still feel compelled to get their far-removed acquaintences something. And the reason why is they think that if they don't display some kind of action or show some kind of affection for their friends via buying them gifts, their friends are going to somehow think they don't like them anymore.

But men have this unspoken understanding that we basically don't like spending money and our true gift to our true friends is to make it so they don't have to spend money either.

Even on birthdays. I don't know when my dad's birthday is, and he knows mine is sometime in July, but he doesn't know the day. We don't exchange gifts either on

birthdays or Christmas and we're fine with that. The true gift is the convenience of not having to worry about it, nor compelling one another to do something about it.

Ergo my fellow junior, deputy, aspiring and otherwise official economists, take it from the Captain. The best thing to give your fellow chum is nothing. Nothing is the greatest gift an economist can give. I wouldn't recommend giving "nothing" to a female loved one, but for the guys nothing is as good as it gets.

Ahem, Cough COUGH!!! WHEEZE WHEEZE!!!!

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GRE Score Concentrations in 28 Fields of Ph.D. Study

	Verbal	Quantitative	Analytical	Total	Rank
PHYSICS	536	719	644	1899	1
MATHEMATICS	517	714	646	1877	2
COMPUTER SCIENCE	515	712	635	1862	3
ECONOMICS	526	698	633	1857	4
CHEMICAL ENGIN.	506	712	627	1845	5
MATERIAL SCIENCE	510	709	621	1840	6
ELECTRICAL ENGIN.	489	720	612	1821	7
MECHANICAL ENGIN.	494	714	606	1814	8
PHILOSOPHY	585	597	621	1803	9
CHEMISTRY	502	665	612	1779	10
EARTH SCIENCES	528	626	607	1761	11
INDUSTRIAL ENGIN.	458	699	588	1745	12
CIVIL ENGIN.	469	691	584	1744	13
BIOLOGY	514	618	602	1734	14
ENGLISH LANG. / LIT.	573	538	591	1702	15
RELIGION / THEOLOGY	550	564	587	1701	16
POLITICAL SCIENCE	535	564	598	1697	17
HISTORY	558	546	591	1695	18
ART HISTORY	549	549	583	1681	19
ANTHRO. / ARCHAEOL.	546	545	584	1675	20
ARCHITECTURE	491	606	555	1652	21
BUSINESS	479	598	562	1639	22
SOCIOLOGY	507	540	566	1613	23
PSYCHOLOGY	489	533	561	1583	24
MEDICINE	470	556	556	1582	25
COMMUNICATION	486	521	542	1549	26
EDUCATION	467	515	532	1514	27
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Everything Wrong with California

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Summarized in one succinct proposal.

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I would go on my regular tirade about how the sciences and what not, not only gets people out of poverty if you study and major in them, but is also the primary factor in what drives the wealth producing capacity of a nation. I would also point out this is the bonafide definition of racism. I would also point out some saying about "socialism" being "equal misery and poverty for everyone" but why bother. It's Berkeley. Self-prescribed medicine couldn't have happened to a more deserving people.

The Captain's New Year's Resolution

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The Captain has many New Year's resolutions.

Boost my bench press to 175.

Keep Natasha's cooking off my waist and keep under 145 lbs.

Get Cisco certified.

Increase revenues for my various ventures by 20%.

However, sadly the Captain has another one.

The Captain will be scaling back Captain Capitalism.

This is not an end of the blog, but rather a drastic reduction in posts. The reasons are multiple but basically boil down to two things;

1. I've made a conscious decision to spend more time with Natasha. Fun as this blog is, it doesn't really pay the mortgage, plus you have to have your priorities straight. And as much as I all love you, Natasha is that special kind of dame.

2. The blog has already achieved what I wanted it to and that was to establish the empirical data that proves whether capitalism or socialism is the optimal economic system. After 5 years I now find myself simply updating charts or reiterating topics I've already written at length about. The posts are just simply short posts or links to other posts that highlight either the proof that capitalism works or the inanity of liberals and leftists.

This of course does not mean there won't be any posts, but the posts I do make will basically be one of three things;

1. Long, more substantive postings that could be considered essays that will tackle larger concepts than simple correlations between economic growth and taxes.

2. Short, quick charts where there will be little, if any commentary in that I trust you are all smart enough junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists to figure it out on your own.

3. Video/audio of some speeches/seminars I plan on putting together which I think is the

new way blogging/media in general are going.

I certainly welcome any links you guys want to send that you think are post worthy, and as always, all Cappy Cap readers are allowed to contribute their own writing if they so desire (CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com). However, posts on my own will be of no particular frequency, probably averaging around one per month.

Regardless, I wish you all the best in 2010 and the best for capitalism. However, if there's one thing I've learned about capitalism it's that it doesn't need luck. It's reality. It's the people that need the luck if they ever decide to abandon it.

New/Guest Bloggers Welcome

January 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Well I received a lot of suggestions for having some of you guys co-author/write for Cappy Cap.

I am certainly up for that. Shoot me an e-mail at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com and we can discuss.

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Anecdotal Evidence of Cooling/Warming

January 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A short observation and then I must go.

A common critique (which I actually agree with) that the left dishes out of "global warming deniers" is that they "foolishly" use examples of record cold temperatures in specific areas and ignore the overall macro-empirical evidence of global temperature trends. This is usually couched in a phrase such as;

"Those stupid right-wingers no doubt are going to use a snow storm in Spokane to prove that globally the planet is cooling. Those morons!"

However, by the same logic, and assuming they are adult enough to adhere to intellectual honesty, wouldn't every anecdotal bit of evidence that "proves" global warming be equally worthless?

Things like;

"Glaciers in this particular mountain range are eroding."

Or

"Polar bears in this particular area are less populous than they were before."

Or

"Global warming will kill this particular group of frogs."

I mean at least the "dumb-moronic right wingers" are talking about temperatures directly and therefore are at least speaking directly to global warming, not hypothesizing about the theoretical indirect, tangential effects, 6 times removed having some adverse effect on some endangered species according to a computer model that failed to pick up this recent trend of cooling.

Just a thought.

Natasha Calendar and Other Stuff

January 7, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Got a couple e-mails/posts about the Natasha Calendar and whether it is still available.

Yes, it is. Just shoot me an e-mail at;

CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Also, should you miss your Captain, remember you can still get more of his wisdom by purchasing his book (guaran-freaking-teed to put your kid to sleep and educate you with charty-goodness about the housing market not to mention a heck of a lot of economic wisdom is imparted as well).

You can also take his two online courses (which benefit him immensely).

One in basic, personal finance (I CANNOT emphasize how important this class would be for a 15 or 16 year old. It is an INDISPENSIBLE piece of education necessary for all people).

The other is quite simply (and I'm not bragging) the best course/class you will ever take on how to analyze and research stocks.

Also, since it is free, I strongly recommend viewing the speech I put together on Capitalism vs. Socialism. What is sad is everybody watched the first you tube segment and failed to continue onto the other 13 which is WHERE ALL THE FREAKING DATA AND GOOD STUFF IS. I didn't put together that speech so you could watch the intro. Get your asses into gear and get educated. All you ever need to fight socialism is right there in 10 minute segments which I command you to enjoy while sipping a hefty scotch of your choice.

Oh, and you can always donate also. If I raise $25,000 in donations then I'll blog regularly. I figure between 3,000 regular readers that would come to....some puny amount per person. Regardless, it might be worth $5 per year in a subscription fee which might be mutually beneficial for both myself and the readers.

Chinese Bubbles

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"Chinese Bubbles"

Kind of like a 1950's pop song sung by Frank Sinatra;

"Tiny bubbles in the sea"

or

"Pennies from Heaven"

or

"American Rose"

From Our Friends at API

January 10, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Yes, the ones who make sure the whole economy has enough energy to run. A little lighthearted fun.

There is No Merit to GDP Unto Itself

January 11, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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In the video I posted below about China essentially building a city that nobody is living in, the reporter kept emphasizing the importance of GDP. That the government wanted to boost "GDP." However, given this "stimulus" plan of Ordos as well as the "stimulus plan" here in the US to boost GDP, I think it's high time we have a simple economics lesson in GDP.

Understand the goal of economics is NOT to increase GDP, but rather to increase standards of living. We simply USE GDP as a measure of all the goods and services produced within an economy, ASSUMING those goods and services when consumed help increase our standard of living. That by eating the grapes we produce and watching the movies we produce, we get utility from that, enjoyment from it, and therefore we enjoy our lives more, thus increased standards of living.

This is a logical assumption in that typically, TYPICALLY, we produce what we want to consume. We produce things that are only going to benefit us. Nobody produces ebola for consumption on account that why would we? Nobody produces styrafoam dogs. Nor do we make our roads out of cake. It not only would not benefit us, it just plain doesn't make sense.

However, this assumes an INCREDIBLY important assumption about how we go and produce things. We ASSUME that the free market is going to be in charge of what is produced. We assume that a free people, in control of their own money, is going to decide how many Big Macs we should make, how many I-Pods we should produce and how much sushi we should make. But what if this assumption is faulty?

The reason why it is faulty is the progressively less and less money is being spent by the people. A higher and higher percentage of our economy is being spent by the government. Going from essentially 3% of GDP in 1900 to 46% today.

Now the reason I bring this up is because our stimulus here in the US is much like it is in Ordos. The government is spending money to help boost the economy. And sure, yes, because of the formula;

GDP = Private Consumption + Government SPending + Investment +/-Trade Balance

it is a mathematical fact that these government spending plans will increase GDP, however they won't increase standards of living simply because NO UTILITY IS BEING DERIVED FROM IT.

For example, enroute to one of my many dance classes, I drive through a small town that had its entire main street redone with Obama's stimulus plan. Before the stimulus plan I drove through the town just fine. The street lights worked just fine. The parking was just fine. People were talking on the sidewalks just fine and the road was in fine shape.

However AFTER IT WAS REDONE WITH YOUR TAX MONEY, GUESS WHAT!!!

NO

DIFFERENCE

IN

MY

DRIVING

EXPERIENCE

WHATSOEVER

NOTHING HAD CHANGED. The ONLY thing that changed was the type of concrete used (oh, and there was a daily traffic jam for 4 months in this small town)

In otherwords the American tax payer paid millions of dollars for the "honor" of boosting GDP.

Standards of living did not go up.

The utility derived from driving on this road did not go up.

We just inconvenienced everybody who drove through this town for 4 months AND indebted the American people several million dollars more.

This is the lesson that must be learned about economics. Economics has NOTHING to do with GDP. Sure, great, wonderful, GDP is positive according to the BEA. "Hurray, the recession is over!!! Warm fuzzies for everyone!!! Hurray!"

But your lives have not improved simply because the money was wasted.

This then behooves a very important question;

WHO SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF SPENDING THE MONEY?

a. A government bureaucracy headed up by one president and 535 congressional members, the VAST majority of which have never had to work a day in their lives and have nothing in common with the average American

or

b. 300 million individuals who are acutely aware of their own personal financial situation

This is such a simple question, I'm actually pissed off I have to write about this, because apparently a majority of people in America can't answer this question correctly.

Obviously the individual, who is more in tuned with their own personal finances, is going to make better use of that money than a centralized government. This not only stands to reason, but history, with the collapse of the Soviety Union, the eastern bloc, Cuba and now Venezuela, provides us the emprical evidence as well.

Heck, I would even be willing to meet leftists half way on this one. Fine, go ahead and indebt the nation. Fine, go ahead and do this wealth transfer from future generations to today's generations. Just don't put the government in charge of spending the money. Instead, just take the $2 trillion in stimulus money an cut every worker in America a roughly $15,000 check. That money would then not just show up in GDP (thereby satiating bureaucrats' idiotic and pointless goal of boosting a now-meaningless number), but the money in each individual's hand would be better spent, thereby ALSO BOOSTING UTILITY AND STANDARDS OF LIVING!

But no, no. We have to send our money...well...not really "our" money...our children's money to the great Obama and Pelosi and Reid and have them fix roads that just don't need fixing. Repair bridges that don't need repairing. And buy art that doesn't need buying. Because, afterall, that will boost GDP!

A Lesson in Inflation

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Correct.

I said this long ago.

Beta of the Year

January 14, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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It actually is a tough choice.

It Will Be Voluntary at First

January 18, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Until they ram it down your throat.

Oh, and that "Roth tax-free" benefit you were expecting.

HA HA HA!!!

The Evils of Horses

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I told you before about the evils of horses.

And I'll tell you again. Nothing good comes of horses.

Update! HAR!!!!

"Why I Didn't Buy You a Drink"

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When I was teaching economics at the local community college I used "buying girls drinks at the bar" to display an asymmetric market. I also made the male students infinitely wiser and more austere in their personal finances.

Human Nature

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I remember when I had my radio show, I did a show around Christmas time about how parents need to buy their children PRESENTS and TOYS for Christmas, NOT clothes. I then went on to tell them that the best gift PERIOD is cash.
NOTHING, I MEAN NOTHING is better than getting a thin envelope from grandpa and pulling out a crisp $10 (though with inflation it would be more like $20 today).

Seems times have not changed, because well...that's human nature.

Obama's Grades:

A: 19%
B: 30%
C: 24%
D: 10%
F: 16%

Kids' Hopes and Dreams
Most kids say they will choose a job based on how much they will enjoy it. But if kids could have one wish granted, many would ask for money. Why? "So my mom wouldn't have to work so much," one girl said. Here are the jobs and wishes at the top of kids' lists.

What Kids Wish For:

Health: 7%
Happiness: 7%
Travel: 6%
Fame: 5%
Long life: 5%
Money: 27%
Possessions: 15%
Better World: 8%
Other: 20%

Get the Message?
As kids get older, they report sending more and more text messages. How many text messages do you send in a day?

Average number of texts a day:

Boys ages 9-10: 3
Boys ages 11-13: 11
Girls ages 9-10: 4
Girls ages 11-13: 24

It is also why socialism will always fail.

Well, When You're Just Repeating What the MSM and NPR Does

January 21, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You're not going to find a market when it's already flooded with competitors.

How much you want to bet they get a bailout?

Vikings vs. the Saints

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As you all know I believe a man who occasionally plays a game of pick up football, goes out golfing, or heck, just goes out for a walk once a year, is infinitely a better sportsman and just a better man that the millions of fat, slobbering blobs who get all excited about "their" team going to the playoffs or the World Bowl or the Super Series. The morons who actually pin their happiness and psychological health on whether a group of men, who have NOTHING to do with them, throw a ball real good. The piles of obese, genetic, fat-laden crap who drink beer, eat nachos and put the "Vikings" or the "Saints" above their wife.

To further point out how this IS a REAL problem in the US and how people in this country NEED SOMETHING BETTER TO DO, I'm not kidding, just heard it on the radio;

"The Vikings/Saints game starts at 5:40PM. We'll begin our coverage at **9AM**."

My god people.

Get a freaking life.

Dumb Americans

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Yes, yes, I know you "need" your 401k values to go up.

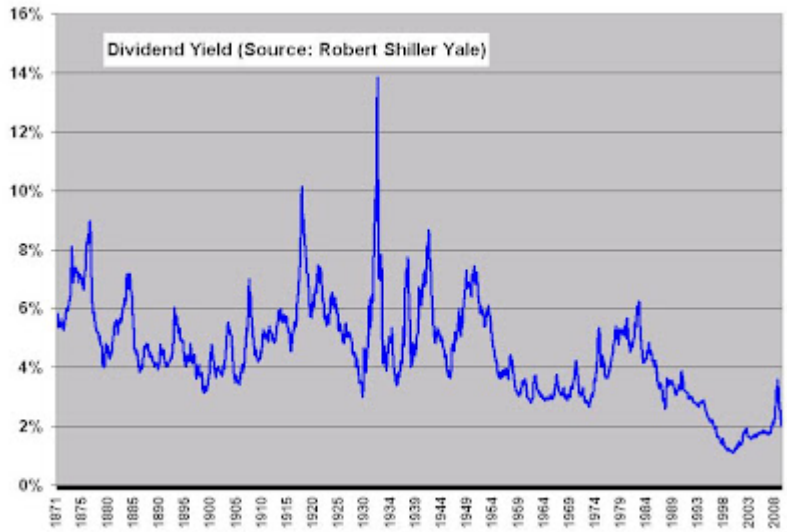
I know you "need" stocks to go up in order for you to retire.

I know you "need" these things.

What you NEED first though BEFORE stock prices go up are dividends that give your stock a REASON to go up in value. Seriously? Does anybody ask the question;

"What gives a stock value?"

Or do we just blindly and ignorantly invest in indexed funds via our IRA plans?



I love the little blip up in the dividend yield in 2008 with the stock market crash, only to dive below 2% once again with this recent 50% rally in stock prices.

THE STOCK MARKET IS A BUBBLE PEOPLE. WAKE UP!

10 Year Rolling Average Returns of Berkshire Hathaway

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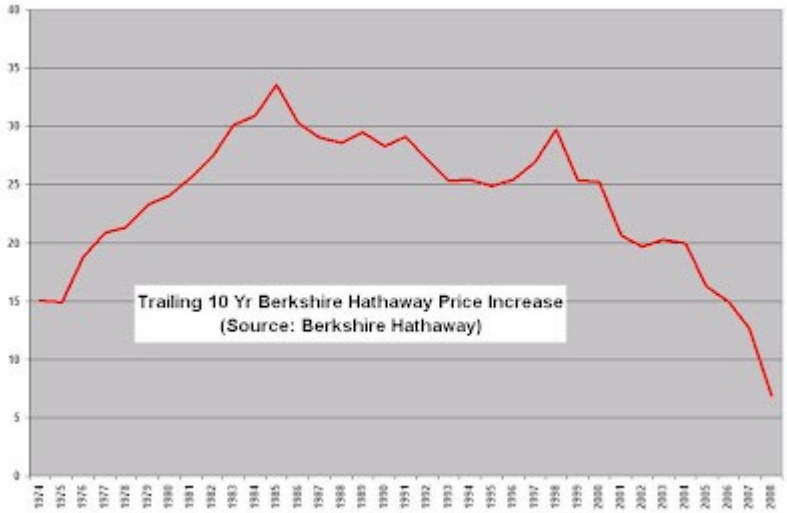
In doing my research to update the charts for my online classes (which you should take), I noticed that Warren Buffett never lost money until the two most recent stock market crashes; Dotcom and today's.

It then got me thinking, what has been the rolling average return of Berkshire Hathaway?



Pretty hard to make a buck when the whole country is tanking, isn't it Warren? Or perhaps a better question is;

"Precisely what assets do you buy or invest in while sitting on the decks of the Titanic?"

Ah, Community Colleges

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Doing the job high schools and parents were supposed to do.

Reminds me of the good ole days.

Dr. James Eelkema

February 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Guess who's going to be my new doctor.

Federal Budgets Under Obama

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I like it when people make charts for me.

But you see, Obama's deficits are "good" deficits. Whereas Bush's deficits were "bad" deficits, because well, the MSM told you so.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

February 3, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So I will give a shinny new quarter to any leftist that tells me how much an increase in tax revenue results in this.

I love it.

February 5, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yet ANOTHER Reason Not to Move to, Live In, or Invest in California

February 7, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Cripes. Can we turn them back into a territory?

Achievements in Bachelor History

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Let it be known that another milestone in Bachelor History has been achieved.

I, your beloved Captain, flew out to Las Vegas for a 3 day weekend. I then drove to Utah to visit Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park. Along with Natasha we did some hiking and fossil hunting, but the pinnacle achievement of the trip was that I was able to pack ALL that I needed in…

one laptop case.

Yes, 3 days worth of clothing, hygiene products, a laptop, cell phone charger and cell phone, all packed in ONE laptop case.

The technique that made this possible is a simple one. The clothes that take up the majority of volume are clothes that needn't be washed all the time. Jeans, sweaters, shirts, etc. Thus if you only bring one pair of jeans, a sweater and a shirt, and transport it by simply wearing it on your body, you only need to pack underwear and socks, both of which conveniently fit in a laptop case.

If things get dire, you can always wash the jeans in a hotel sink, or if you're out camping, in a stream. However, this was unnecessary as our trip was so short.

Regardless, this new achievement reminds us bachelors about one of the Principles of Bachelortude – Minimalization.

Minimalization is arguably the most important tenet of bachelortude. Your goal is to be able to move anywhere, live anywhere and cheaply so. With too much stuff, you have to spend time hauling, moving and transporting physical assets, most of which have no real value, let alone even sentimental value.

Of course, as fair warning, you will get eyes rolled at you by any females in your life. And perhaps some will even lecture you about "why didn't you pack more jeans? My god, you're shirt is going to get dirty by the end of the trip. And what about blah blah blah blah blah…."

These criticisms can be ignored as you grab your one laptop case, sling it over your shoulder and walk effortlessly the 4 miles it is from the main entrance to the airport to the terminal. You will be the first to get through the security checkpoint as the Department of Homeland Security people salute you for making their jobs that much easier. And then people will start to ponder, "Why, if the whole population was as efficient

as this one bachelor, imagine the increase in productivity. Imagine how short the lines would be. Imagine how much traffic would improve.”

Yes, all because of that vital principle of minimalization.

Project Mom

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Now, can you guess what seemingly vital part is missing?

Filed under "we don't need no stinking fathers!"

And also filed under "women who make it painfully obvious I don't want to date them."

It's Called Opportunity Cost

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That's a lot of X-Box 360 games, scotch, Chipolte fajitas, or just plain weeks' worth of not working.

And sadly the opportunity cost is starting to have more economic utility than a rock set on a ring of metal that does nothing but exist.

Greece's Economy

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I was doing my research as to why Greece's economy is in the tank on the simple account I keep hearing about it's financial problems in the news, but never an explanation for it (further leading me to believe the reason may be being buried). However, I found this interesting;

Geography :: GREECE

People :: GREECE

Government :: GREECE

Economy :: GREECE

Economy - overview:

Greece has a capitalist economy with the public sector accounting for about 40% of GDP and with per capita GDP about two-thirds that of the leading euro-zone economies. Tourism provides 15% of GDP. Immigrants make up nearly one-fifth of the work force, mainly in agricultural and unskilled jobs. Greece is a major beneficiary of EU aid, equal to about 3.3% of annual GDP. The Greek economy grew by nearly 4.0% per year between 2003 and 2007, due partly to infrastructural spending related to the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, and in part to an increased availability of credit, which has sustained record levels of consumer spending. But growth dropped to 2.9% in 2008. The economy went into recession in 2009 and contracted by 2.5%, as a result of the world financial crisis, tightening credit conditions, and Athens' failure to address a growing budget deficit, triggered by falling state revenues, and increased government expenditures. Greece violated the EU's Growth and Stability Pact budget deficit criteria of no more than 3% of GDP from 2001 to 2006, but finally met that criteria in 2007-08, before exceeding it again in 2009 by 12.7%. Public debt, inflation, and unemployment are above the euro-zone average; debt and unemployment rose in 2009, while inflation subsided. Eroding finances prompted major credit rating agencies in late 2009 to downgrade Greece's international debt rating, which has led to increased financial instability. Currently, the Greek Government is under intense pressure by the EU and international lenders to implement a medium-term austerity program that includes cutting government spending, reducing the size of the public sector, and reforming the labor and pension systems. Athens, however, faces long-term challenges to push through unpopular reforms in the face of often vocal opposition from the country's powerful labor unions and the general public. Greek labor unions are prepared to strike over new austerity measures and continued widespread unrest could lead to rioting or violence.

It behooves the question of our fine authors at the CIA,

"If government spending was 60, 70 or say 100% GDP, would Greece still be capitalist?"

Because Teaching is Easy Work

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I teach.

And in more disciplines than one.

And the reason I teach is because;

1. I enjoy it.
2. It's fun
3. It's easy.
4. It's an ancillary source of revenue.

It is however, NOT DOING.

In other words, you are not "doing" what you are teaching. You are teaching what you are not doing.

Now of course, I do go and dance in the real world. And I do invest in the real world and I do research in economics in the real world. But teaching unto itself has no practical economic production or purpose until it is applied to doing.

Ergo, I've never looked at teaching as a real career. I look at it as a semi-professional hobby, in that inevitably we all can't be teachers, some of us have to go out and actually produce the GDP.

Ergo, you can understand the breakdown of academia's political affiliation.

Movers and shakers they aren't.

More Stick Swinging and Sphere Throwing

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C-R-I-P-E-S

Viking fan selling off allegiance on e-Bay

by Kate Kramer
Staff writer

Long-time Vikings fan Dylan Stanglein has finally had enough of riding the emotional roller coaster he believes the football team offers its fans each year. The Elk River native, who said he has never before considered rooting for another team, is now auctioning off his loyalty to the highest e-Bay bidder.

"After years of disappointment, I have had enough of being let down every year," Stanglein said. "It's a protest as much as anything."

Stanglein said last week and's loss to the Saints was a major factor in his decision to switch his allegiance, although his disenchantment with the Vikings has developed over time.

"The Vikings have a way of building your excitement to a peak and then crushing your spirit, ripping out your heart and stomping on it," he wrote in his auction description. "I can't take it anymore."

As of Thursday morning, bidding had jumped to $100, although the auction had a modest starting price of $0.99. Stanglein said he will not be surprised if the price reaches $200-$300 by the auction's close at 7:10 p.m. Feb. 1.

He will use half the money to purchase new team gear and will donate half to the MS society.

The football fan has received many comments from bidders, and said several are fighting to keep him as a Vikings supporter. In addition, one diehard Packers fan has bid consistently and seems set on winning the auction.

"It will be hard, regrettable, to go back to a team that just broke my heart or to a team I have disliked my entire life or don't know much about," Stanglein said. "But it's all in good fun."

To view the auction's progress, visit www.ebay.com and search "NFL Fan Allegiance."

I would go into this in more detail, but frankly, I already have.

I will merely point out this additional tidbit of related fact.

Boy, I sure do hope they throw the ball a lot and the guy runs real fast. Ooo!! Ooo!!! Maybe somebody will CATCH the ball real good too!

Unemployment, Mean Duration of Unemployment and Labor Force Participation

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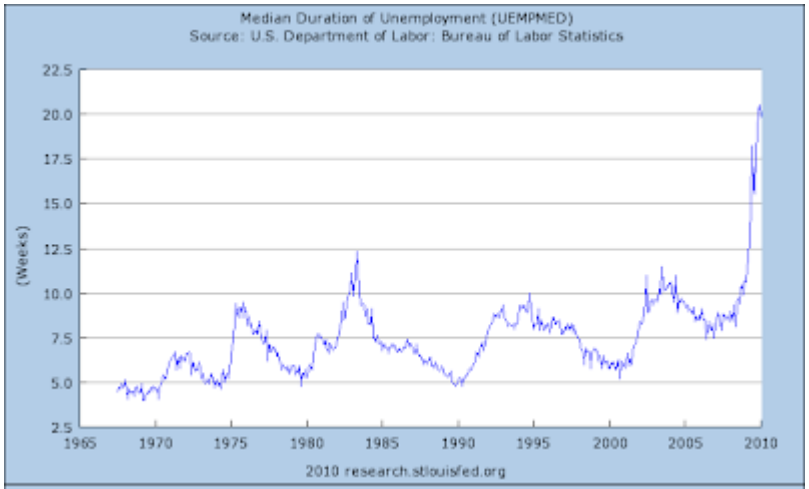

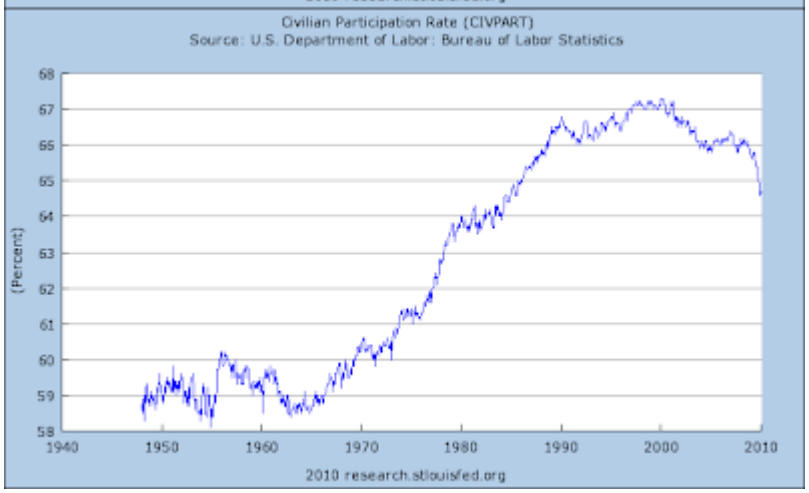

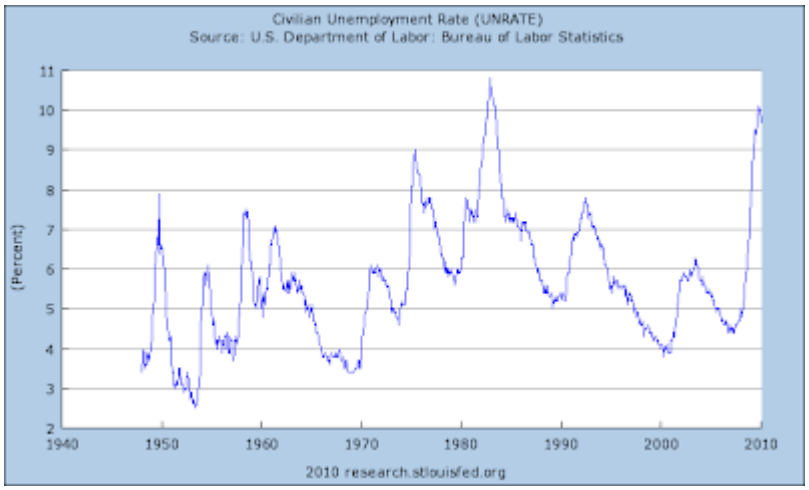

The loss of economic production due to idle labor is astounding. I am particularly shocked with the mean duration of unemployment.

Frances Gallo for President

February 18, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Sorry, this is the stuff that needs to happen. The schools are not institutions to employ people for the sake of employing them.

They are to (gasp!) educate children.

How Low Can You Go?

February 18, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Wow, Greece demanding reparations from Germany so they can continue their bloated public sector spending binge.

I am just speechless at how ingrained an entitlement mentality can become.

Attacking Glenn Beck

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I don't have much time.

Ergo, I don't really believe much of anything I read in the news or what I see on TV, until I can verify it for myself.

Fortunately I've already done enough economic research that I can tell mathematically if something is even possible (for example I recall a protester at Berkeley claiming Bush spent $19 trillion on war - WOW, that's, like, 133% GDP).

But this was cute.

You read through the first page and then start to notice everything they accuse Beck of is in "quotes" and then cited with a "1" "2" etc. Furthermore the claims are nothing specific like,

"In 2005 Glenn Beck was arrested for kicking a puppy."

It's subjective character criticisms like saying he was "a wing nut" or a "schizo."

You get tired of reading that and inevitably, if you have a life, you skip to the last page to see the quotes and the references to see if there's any point or purpose in reading on.

Wow.

The Huffington Post and MEDIA MATTERS?

This passes for journalism?

Thankfully I figured out this was nothing more than a guy plugging his book disguised as a hit-piece.

So do yourself a favor - buy my book instead.

No character assassination.

No lies or bias.

Plus you'll actually learn something aside from how to hate Glenn Beck in new ways.

Recession Medicine

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I have been neglecting my duties as the official recession nullifier to put all of those of you at ease who are desiring for a job, but because of the utter failure of the "stimulus," have yet to find one. So here;

Remember, recessions are god's way of telling you to take a mandatory vacation. So do not despair, but rather, enjoy the recession. Because before you know it, the economy will rebound like never before and you will be back on the line.

HA HA HA HA!!

No, I'm just kidding.

You may as well just relax and enjoy the downtime because there's going to be a lot of downtime.

Cry Babies

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Again, the entitlement mentality enrages me. How DARE you freeze our salaries during a recession!

No Ordinary Recession

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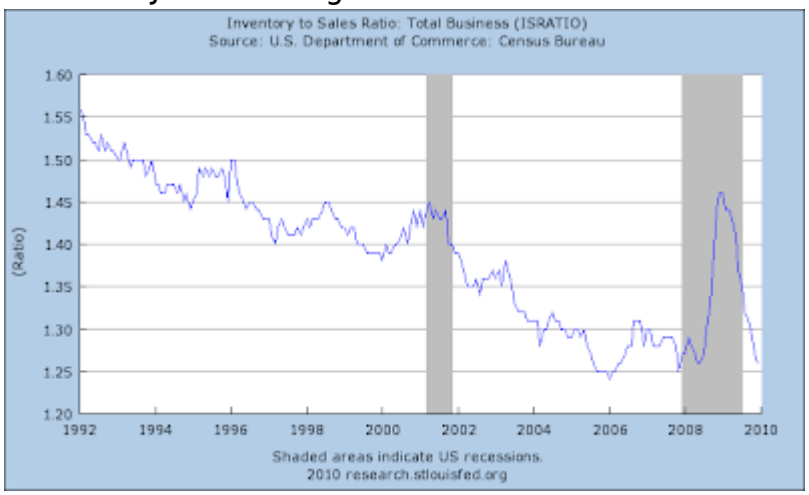
Again, just enjoying my time checking out different data series at the FRED database in St. Louis. Just amazing.



When I Am King

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I had flirted with the idea of running for public office. On account of my impatience with stupidity and socialism, I would be arguably the least electable, but most entertaining candidate in the history of the US. However, key in my platform would be some rather simple, but ingenious ideas such as;

1. Changing the constitution to limit government expenditure and revenue to 20% GDP FOR ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

2. National ID cards with biometric data to not only apply for jobs, but for voting as well.

3. Requiring a balanced budget of all governments.

4. Increasing the retirement age to 75 immediately.

5. Cutting spending on SS and Medicare by 25% immediately.

6. Eliminating corporate and dividend taxes and making it part of the constitution no company shall ever be taxed to bring back investment into the country and legitimately boost stock prices.

7. Replace ALL taxes with ONE sales tax so there is no need to ever fill out a tax form ever again AND so the people know ONE number and know PRECISELY how much in tax they're paying.

8. The immediate cessation of any government funding to "global warming" studies or personnel and an immediate investigation into "global warming" to see if any criminal activity took place (with sincere intent to persecute and punish).

Now, what is sad is that for the most part Americans are not educated or smart enough in either basic economics or the constitution or the history of this formerly great country to realize THAT IS POSSIBLE. And not only is it possible, but that the above 8 ideas would be of ENORMOUS benefit to the country, and would effectively stop the recession in its tracks. They are more concerned about transferring other people's wealth and exacting a toll of "revenge" on people who "made too much." They are too busy pursuing "global warming" as a religion with fervent and pscyhotic zeal. Also, too many people and too large of swathes of the economy are dependent upon wealth transfers either by direct receipt of those transfers or are employed in the "wealth transfer industry."

And so when you see something like this, you start to wonder if you shouldn't move to

Georgia (and for those in Rio Linda, that's not the state we're talking about).

"Grandpa"

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Cripes.

My grandpa on my mother's side fought at Iwo Jima, became a mortician and was nothing but the kindest, most loving man on the face of the planet. He would buy us chocolate ice cream and when my dad would argue that there was too much ice cream he told him to "shut up."

My grandpa on my father's side was in the European theater, went 3 months without a shower, dodged a sniper that took his buddy out in a foxhole, came back and although a bit stoic from the whole ordeal raised a heck of a family, became and engineer and would bring us the "forbidden" food of Kentucky Fried Chicken WITH PEPSI.

Now THIS is grandpa.

Pathetic by all comparisons.

Take That Toyota

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You and you're stupid Priuses.

Does anybody else see the irony of this?

The Price of Ignorance

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People ask what the price of ignorance is, well, this is it.

Keep believing in flowers and puppies and unicorns. What's the worst that can possibly happen?

More Cry Babying

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"The people's needs come before the markets'."

What this idiot doesn't know is that the people ARE THE MARKET.

Normally at this time I would go into a rant about people's ignorance about economics, but I've found that's throwing confetti into a tornado and it's just easier to go outside and look for superior agates.

It's Natasha's Birthday Today!

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For all you Cappy Cap readers out there who are fans of Natasha, it's her birthday today! Send her a hi or a hello!

Also, all proceeds from any book sales today go to her sushi fund. You want her to be happy, correct?

McCay Hatch

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Mark my words, and hopefully someday when this kid grows up, search engines will find this post and say, "wow, that Cappy Cap was right on."

Children should not make laws nor should they go on political crusades or campaigns.

They are children.

They are idiots.

That's why we don't let them vote until they're 18 and even that nowadays is still too early.

They should be in school studying, learning skills to get a job and not telling adults what to do, let alone even "hint" or "suggest" what is "appropriate" behavior.

Regardless, my prediction is this young teen will grow up to be an adult who will become a career politician.

Why?

Because he has tasted a little bit of power AND THE STATE ASSEMBLY HAS OBLIGED HIM. He will have a chioce; "Go to college and study engineering and create something of value....OR...go to school for political "science" get a law degree, can't find a job, HEY, I'll run for office because I like changing people and society!"

Something similar happened here in Minnesota where a bunch of teens who had nothing better to do decided to get the City Council of St. Paul to ban candy cigarettes.

Future Nanny-Nazi's they will become.

The Return of Real Men

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In the end, the manly man is the one the ladies want.

Al Gore

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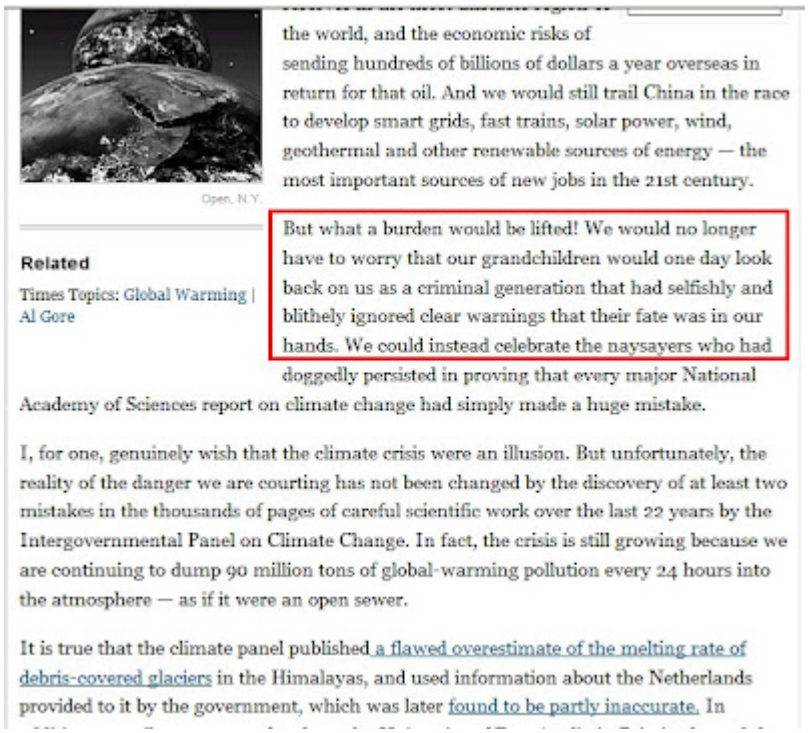
From Al Gore's mouth. My favorite though is this;



the world, and the economic risks of sending hundreds of billions of dollars a year overseas in return for that oil. And we would still trail China in the race to develop smart grids, fast trains, solar power, wind, geothermal and other renewable sources of energy — the most important sources of new jobs in the 21st century.

Open, N.Y.

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But what a burden would be lifted! We would no longer have to worry that our grandchildren would one day look back on us as a criminal generation that had selfishly and blithely ignored clear warnings that their fate was in our hands. We could instead celebrate the naysayers who had doggedly persisted in proving that every major National Academy of Sciences report on climate change had simply made a huge mistake.

I, for one, genuinely wish that the climate crisis were an illusion. But unfortunately, the reality of the danger we are courting has not been changed by the discovery of at least two mistakes in the thousands of pages of careful scientific work over the last 22 years by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In fact, the crisis is still growing because we are continuing to dump 90 million tons of global-warming pollution every 24 hours into the atmosphere — as if it were an open sewer.

It is true that the climate panel published a flawed overestimate of the melting rate of debris-covered glaciers in the Himalayas, and used information about the Netherlands provided to it by the government, which was later found to be partly inaccurate. In

Like that isn't guaranteed to happened with social security, medicare, and in general, the entire economy?

Thankfully for Al Gore, Obama, and pretty much every pro-spending socialist out there, my generation, and their grandchildren's generation are literally the most ignorant generations in the history of the world. Historians will look back and say, "Well, at least we're not as stupid as the two generations in the 21st century that voted themselves into slavery."

I'm going to play Bioshock 2.

The Economic "Fail" of the Century

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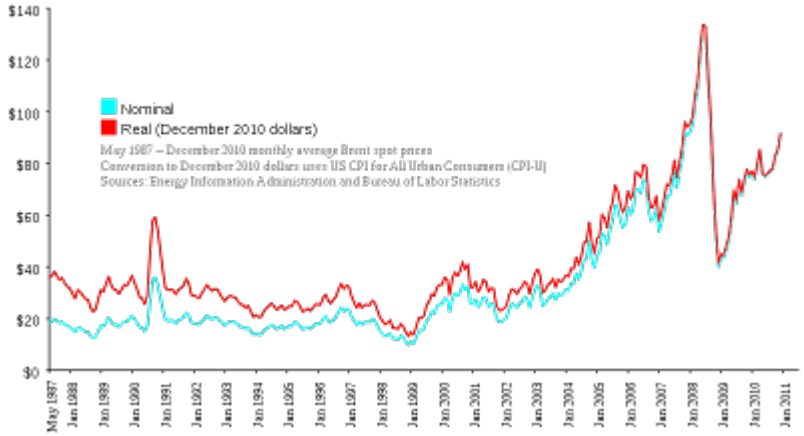
As some of you are aware, the price of oil has become somewhat pricey in recent months. It's now around $100 and we get to pay approaching $4 a gallon in gas.



Accusations will be made. Big oil will be blamed. Investigations launched. But in the end it is the unstoppable forces of economics and the declining currency of a declining nation that will win in the end of the day and you will continue to have to pay $4 a gallon in gas...maybe $5 or $6 when summer rolls around.

Now we can blame the turmoil in the middle east (correctly) for the increase in prices. You can blame the declining dollar (correctly) for the increase in prices as well. And yes, I will even allow those on the unthinking and galactically ignorant left to go to their knee-jerk position of blaming "big oil" (incorrectly) for the increase in prices. But it will all be for naught because the debate is moot. There is no reason to argue about oil. And I shall explain why with some more of my super awesome economic genius.

IN REALITY (and I say this with all seriousness) gas should be trading at about 40 cents a gallon. And if I were president and had both houses of congress it would be at 40 cents a gallon. It would trade at 40 cents a gallon NOT because we would enact price controls, but the MARKET rate would be 40 cents a gallon.

Now, would this be because I would drill baby drill?

No.

Would this be because I would invade the middle east for their oil recreating an oil-rich empire?

No.

Would it be because I would subsidize alternative fuels to the point gas would have to be

40 cents a gallon?

No.

It would be because I would gather up all the business "leaders" in the US and we'd get them into a little room and I would ask them one simple question;

"Why in frick's name are you requiring people to commute to work when today's technology makes it pointless?"

I have brought up this point before, but at the time I was not a student of computer networks or IT like I am today, and was informed that for security reasons, among other reasons, businesses do not like it when people work from home. But after a year of studying computer networking I am here to inform you that it is not only technologically possible, it is no riskier (bar human behavior) to have people working remotely. Telecommuting from your home is no riskier (with the appropriate measures taken) than working at an office, if for any other reason, you are technically still telecommuting while in the office, using the exact same routers and servers.

Of course, the question is "why don't we telecommute then?" and this is the largest most gigantic economic fail the US has ever made.

In short we passed up on the latest economic revolution because we are no longer American and no longer dare to dream.

If you look through history there have been various economic "revolutions" that have advanced and improved humans' lives greatly.

The agrarian revolution basically wiped out hunger.

The industrial revolution brought us electricity, transport and limitless goods and services making out lives that much easier.

The technology or "information" revolution made communications immediate.

And a by-product of the revolution allowed for the next great economic revolution, the "telecommuting revolution."

The only problem is, nobody in the US cared to avail themselves of it.

Oh, India certainly has, taking significant business from the US' IT sector. So has China and Ireland.

But no, not us. You must have us confused with the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts and the Carnigies and those other stupid "old" and "industrious" Americans. No, not us. We're modern Americans. We don't dare dream of never having to drive to work again. That's just not in our blood. No, we much prefer to sit 2 hours a day in bumper to bumper traffic while we hole up in some beige, tan cubicle and do mind-numbing tasks. That's the American dream!

This is the real reason why you are paying $4 in gas. This is the real reason why we have to spend billions on infrastructure that is unnecessary and unneeded. This is why there are thousands of deaths a year more than there has to be on roads. And this is a major reason why your families are stressed, torn or sometimes just plain destroyed. Because the American people failed to avail themselves of this most recent economic revolution because we just don't have the audacity to do so anymore.

Of course, there is another option.

You could do what I do.

Let me explain.

I get a call occasionally from a recruiting company called "Robert Half International." They have an office in DT Minneapolis. Their main finance/banking guy "Doug" knows who I am and knows that for the most part no bank in the area would hire me because of my super awesome book that predicted the housing crash (because why would you want to hire THAT guy? I mean who would want to hire the guy who PREDICTED THE BUBBLE?) In any case, when I do get a call from them, I know;

1. It's some rookie new hire who doesn't know I'm verbotten in the Minnesota banking industry
2. I'm not going to get the job (again because of my super awesome book you should all read).

So when it comes time for him to set up a "meeting to get to know you" I can more or less decree whatever I want because there's no way I'm getting the job in the first place.

Rookie - "Can you come downtown to meet me?"

Me - "No, how about you come to my local bar in my town. I usually start drinking around 1PM."

or

Rookie - "We have a position open in the vibrant DOWNTOWN AREA! You'll get to be

where all the action is."

Me - "Will they pay me $20,000 extra per year to deal with the commute and give me an underground parking space in the building I'd be working in?"

Rookie - "Well (shocked), no...um, I don't think so."

Me - "Can I telecommute?"

Rookie - "Well,...um, I could ask but I highly doubt it."

Me - "Can I set my own hours to avoid rush hour?"

Rookie - "Ummmm...I think they would prefer you be there 8-5PM."

Me - "Eh, forget then, not interested."

In other words, desperate as the employment situation may be, why do you accept commuting? Why do you not demand the right to telecommute?

Sure, it's a bold move and sure there's plenty of other people out there willing to become the corporate slave who would just "love" to commute, but if the entirety of the US labor market would simply get a little self-respect and say, "eh, I'm not commuting" what could they do?

Then again, maybe I'm just crazy. Maybe people like to commute and waste years of their lives, missing out on seeing their children and spending time with their families. Maybe they like spending trillions of dollars on gas over the years. I mean, what better to spend your money on that gas, right? And who doesn't love the increased chance of divorce because "you're never home?" And did I mention all the icky yucky gross economic growth that would occur because of extra disposable income?

Yeah, we wouldn't dare take advantage of this latest revolution.

Unions and Environmentalists

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Are the root of this problem.

Don't worry, I hear hope and change is on the way.

Ball Throwing vs. Brain Cutting

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Unlike all the other professional football players, this guy will actually produce something of worth for society. Sadly there will be no play-by-play radio coverage of his brain surgeries on AM 1500.

Why You Shouldn't Send Your Kids to Antioch College

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In reality, this isn't really a "new" post. It is just a re-posting under a title that is more appropriate given what has just happened and some good advice for any parents in Ohio thinking about pissing away their hard earned money.

So permit me to recap;

Mom of Antioch College graduate comes in and goes to bat for "Antioch College" after I link to the Spearhead's article citing its closure, claiming her daughter got a "great" education and "immediately" found employment in her field.

I make "cynical" "evil" "republican" "nazi" predictions that her daughter majored in a worthless subject and the only reason she found "employment in her field" was because her "field" was essentially subsidized by either charity or the taxpayers. In other words, she doesn't produce anything of economic value to society and is literally a parasite.

Readers of Cappy Cap come to bat IN STYLE and prove;

1. Her daughter works at a community theater
2. That receives money from charity
3. Most of which is from the Ohioan taxpayer

The overall lesson to learn here is that Antioch College, as well as many others, simply just produce what could be considered "economic parasites" who instead of "lowering themselves" to collecting a welfare check, engage in faux, fake "professions" or "careers" all of which are economically no different than collecting a welfare check in that it is still paid for by others. They just go through the facade of having a "job" presumably to make themselves feel better.

So here is the question to would be Antioch students and parents;

Do you have the intellectual honesty to admit that if it requires a government subsidy and the taxpayers to finance you, that you are indeed an economic parasite?

We all hate GM and the federal bail out.

We all hate the big banks and the bail out they received?

What about the millions of worthless degreed people who only have jobs because the tax payer is forced to provide them some make-work job that produces nothing society wants?

If you have the cognitive dissonance skills to tolerate this hypocrisy, then send your children to Antioch. If not, then send them somewhere else.

Today's Economic Comparison

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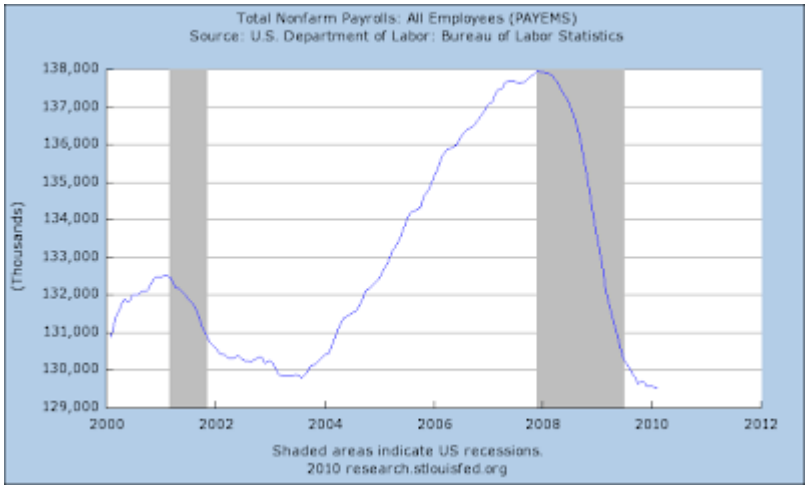
Jobs losses "under Bush" vs. "under Obama."



What I love is that both presidents inherited recessions, but guess who the media loves to blame for both, even though it was neither of their faults.

Also, on a side note, anybody else sick of 20 somethings, let alone older adults blaming the economy on Bush who in the same breath then complain about how they had to go into foreclosure on their home because they borrowed too much money?

When Liberal Arts Majors Marry Engineers

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An extreme example, but will highlight the point I'm trying to make here, I know a couple where the guy got his masters in computer engineering and her a degree in journalism. Her dad was a brain surgeon or heart surgeon or something big and thus she had a house and a car bought and paid for as well as a spending account until her knight in shinning FORTRAN armor came along and took over from the father.

Now, with children, the wife stays at home, doesn't really work, but woe upon you if you dare suggest she wasn't really ever independent in her life and didn't support herself.

Naturally what irks me is the hypocrisy of people who major in a worthless field, espouse to be independent and self-reliant, and then marry somebody who actually produces something or work, YET STILL MAINTAINS THEIR lefter leaning ideology about wealth distribution, essentially taking the stance their engineering majoring spouse should be taxed in a quasi-slave-like arrangement.

Ergo, why my blood pressure rises when I see this.

Who precisely do they think is going to turn the country around or produce the wealth to pay down our debts? Additionally, how much you want to bet those liberal arts majors are going to be scurrying for engineers when the stimulus money runs out to make ends meet.

As always, enjoy the decline.

The Last Boyscout and Public Schools

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"The Last Boyscout" which is a great movie, Daman Wayans has a great line;

"I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats. I DON'T KNOW WHERE JOE HALLENBACK IS!"

And so I often find myself saying things that don't need to be said, but apparently people aren't listening. So, in a very Last Boyscout way;

"I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats. PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DON'T GO THERE TO EDUCATE THE CHILDREN FIRST AS MUCH AS THEY GO THERE TO HAVE A JOB.

Until you get rid of this "teachers license" BS and allow people with REAL WORLD experience in to teach these kids, you're going to have deadbeat losers like this who have nothing better to do with their lives that they run for school board as a means of a career on account they can't be employed anywhere else.

Oh no, I know, I know. Alan Greenspan can't teach economics because "he doesn't have a teacher's license" or a degree in "education."

Yes, won't somebody please think of the children indeed.

Comic Book Guy Terrorist Potentially Caught

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I will buy everybody a round if it turns out to be the Comic Book Guy.

Don't get me wrong, I loathe terrorists. But spoiled brat suburbanites when are so desperate to join a crusade that they betray their home country for something as foul as radical Islam, they deserve a special place in hell.

Tyranny Will Form

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One way or another. In the past 3 years I've learned to loathe ignorant people who live in democracies and do not understand their duty in protecting the nation, themselves and their children's future from charlatans known as socialism.

Does Anybody See the Common Trait?

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I'm not joking. There is a physical trait I've noticed of liberals.

EelkemaCare

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I took my car in for an oil change. I didn't make it for the early bird special and thus with tax and everything it cost $42 and some spare change. It took about 15 minutes, the guy came in, tried to up-sell me on some window wipers which I declined and then off I went.

Juxtapose that with my visit to my new, most favorite doctor, Dr. Eelkema.

I don't like him because he's personable.

I don't like him because he's professional.

I don't like him because he's on time.

I like him because he's cheap.

So cheap in fact that it cost me LESS TO VISIT HIM THAN TO GET MY OIL CHANGED.

I showed up, and with a militant level of adherence to time he was ready for our appointment. Checked a couple things, took my blood pressure, diagnosed my problems and BOOM, I was out the door. And the price for this standard doctor's visit?

$38 and spare change. AND less time than it took to get my oil changed.

It was one of those times where you were happy to pay because the deal you got provided more utility than the price you even paid.

The question is how does Dr. Eelkema do it?

Simple, he got rid of the insurance companies, thereby eliminating a huge amount of overhead, time and paper work, only takes cash payment and makes you sign a waiver essentially saying you won't sue.

Amazing.

You eliminate three things – insurance companies, collection problems and lawsuits/lawyers – and the cost of a doctor's visit drops to $38.

Now it could be because Dr. Eelkema is an older gentleman and maybe he has earned his

fortunes and can afford to run his practice that cheaply. Perhaps he is just getting older and as one ages time becomes more valuable than money. But it still couldn't prevent my economic spidey senses from thinking about what would happen if instead of the 2,000 page health care reform monstrosity Obama/Pelosi/Reid are trying to ram down America's throat we did a Dr. Eelkema Health Care style reform. That instead treating health insurance like a right, we treat it more like car insurance. You pay OUT OF POCKET expenses for regular maintenance of your car such as oil changes, tire replacement, batteries, etc, just like you would regular maintenance on your body (check ups, visits, tests, etc). However, you only have insurance should a catastrophe occur. You crash your car, the insurance company pays for its repair or an entire new one. You crash your body, the health insurance the insurance company kicks in to repair you. And what amazes me is that if you're in reasonably decent shape your health insurance and general health expenditures on YOU will cost the same, if not LESS THAN YOUR CAR, BUT THAT'S IF YOU'RE USING A DOCTOR LIKE DR.EELKEMA.

In otherwords, Dr. Eelkema is the empirical proof of "what could be" or what the REAL costs of health care are if you get rid of insurance companies, lawyers, lawsuits, and government. That $38 is what you really have to pay. Not the $200, the majority of which goes to other entities that have NOTHING to do with your health care except to make it more expensive.

But, I know, I know. We've all been told health care is a right (forget the fact rights don't cost anything while health care is a commodity no matter what anybody tells you). And it's a tragedy if a single mom of 6 children from 6 different fathers has to pay a $15 copay for each of them. And it's a travesty if a union member has to pay a copay at all. Matter of fact it's dictatorial totalitarianism if you have to spend a single penny on your own health care. And besides, we have to make sure all those lawyers have plenty of money coming their way, not to mention government bureaucrats need jobs too and taking over 1/6th of the economy will certainly help with that.

But the simple problem is health care reform is just like tax reform. The American people are just too damn brainwashed or perhaps too damn stupid to think that it can be that simple. You can have a flat sales tax or the 13,000 page tax code, just like you can have Obamacare or EelkemaCare.

Enjoy fighting for Obamacare.

Sophia Loren

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My god, what a timeless woman. 75 and she beats most modern day American 20 something teen idol worshipers.

Ah, Reminds Me of the Olden Days

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The education bubble continues.

"Hey, Is That an Iceberg?"

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The iceberg we knew was coming for the past 40 years, but did nothing to change our course? Yeah, that one? Yeah, it's here.

But do not worry.

You want to know why?

Because Obama will fix it.

A 20 year old philosophy major from the suburbs told me so.

Some Short Observations About Liberal Talk Radio

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Well I was going to go to my favorite Irish bar and do taxes, but I forgot that today is St. Patrick's Day and there was no way I was going to get any work done, so allow me this short post.

I can't listen to right wing talk radio any more because

1. I can finish their sentences.
2. I already know everything they're going to say.
3. It's really depressing.

So, for the past month I've been listening to Air America (which I thought was going bankrupt, but apparently they are still on the air). It's really had to listen before you turn it off or change the station, but after a month, I've come up with some observations about liberal talk radio that are not biased, but just simple observations.

1. They are reactionary to right wing talk radio.

I would say the most prominent thing you notice about liberal talk radio is how about 35% of their show is responding to right wing talk radio. You can't listen for more than 4 minutes before you hear "Glenn Beck" or "Rush Limbaugh" of course referred to in the pejorative. It shows me that their entire existence was founded in countering right-wing talk radio. The problem is this doesn't really pioneer any new lines of thought. It's just them bashing on right wing radio. Not once have I heard Rush or Glenn or Sean utter, "Nick Schultz" or "Mark Malloy." Ergo, right wing talk radio is established unto itself, while left wing talk radio is merely reactionary. There was no real ideological reason for it except to debunk or besmirch right wing talk radio. It's almost like a shell corporation, no real purpose to it.

2. No "Linking" "Domino" or "Cause and Effect" Thinking

To varying degrees all right wing talk show hosts carry through their lines of thought to a logical conclusion or result. Dennis Prager in particular is good at this, but regardless, ALL right wing talk show hosts do a "Cause and effect" analysis of policy, statements, economics, etc. Their left wing counterparts do NONE of this. And it's frustrating because half the reason I started listening was to understand the rationale or reasoning behind the socialist ideology. But since there is no explanation or linking all you get is talking points or stances. For example their arguments are really no more complex than "Oh, those partisan Republicans are trying stop health care because they're rich." No consideration is given to maybe the procedure or the constitution or the real reason "why" Republicans

(as well as some democrats) are against the health care bill. It's just "they're rich, they're in bed with the insurance industry" and that is as deep as they get. In other words, even though the hosts are well into their 50's, it's no deeper than having a conversation with a 20 year old theater major.

3. Hate speech

This was the most shocking one of all. Mark Malloy, if you haven't listened to him, puts to rest the notion the right wing of politics in America is the source of hate. He has threatened to kick Glenn Beck's ass more than once, you can't go 10 minutes with out him calling the Republican's nazis and cursing up a storm (amazing the FCC doesn't shut him down) and wishing them essentially death. You think I'm joking? Listen in yourself.

At least when Rush or Glenn or even myself was broadcasting, our ideas were for the overall good of the nation. Balancing the budget, getting the economy going, fighting terrorism, stopping illegal immigration. But this guy just abandons any intellectual honesty and views all conservatives and republicans as nazis no matter what you say or do. You are the enemy to him and forget being Americans, you need to be taken out of the gene pool.

4. Presumption of Premises

When callers call in, there is a whole host of premises and assumptions leftists make that they just take for granted. For example George Bush is to blame for everything. Economy, war on terror, the terrorist attacks themselves. There's no discussion of it. It's just a given Bush caused this all when an intellectually honest person would maybe suggest 100 million Americans spending more than they made was the cause of the recession.

But Bush aside, simple childlike assumptions are the bedrock of their ideology. "Rich people need to be punished." The insurance companies are out to get you. Mark Malloy even cited that some CEO at one of the largest insurance companies in the US made something like $37 million over the past 3 years. Well....yeah, that's about right. By the same logic he should LOATHE professional sports, which he might, but you never hear about it. The overall point is that you can't listen to any intellectual discussion, not matter how intelligent or insightful the people are on liberal talk radio, because they're operating from false premises and thus the entire conversation is worthless.

5. Absolute Ignorance, Pushing Cluelessness, About Economics

Perhaps what gets me to turn to another station so quickly is when I hear them spout off some statistic I know to be completely wrong or just statistically impossible. They have no clue just how much spending Barack Obama has committed the US to, but it's not that they care, they literally think there's $100 trillion in GDP to tax. If you ask them, EVEN

THE RADIO SHOW HOSTS, how big the government budget is relative to GDP, or just how much in GDP we produce, I don't think they could answer correctly.

Worse still is the borderline indifference about what the economic ramifications are to implementing higher taxes, higher spending, nationalization of industries, etc. They don't seem to understand that the government gets its money from the private sector. They don't seem to realize that the government needs the private sector and not vice versa. The impression I am LITERALLY getting from them is they think the "economy" is this big, amorphous blog including the government and basically, "stuff comes from it." No concept of taxation, no concept of the Laffer Curve, no concept of income statements or balance sheets. Just, "there's the economy and we get money from it and rich people control it and they suck."

In any case, if you have the time I DO recommend tuning into liberal talk radio and I would love to hear your observations. I just can't listen for more than 10 minutes at a time because it's like listening to 10 year olds trying to explain why they don't like having to work. You don't learn anything and it gets repetitive.

Health Insurance Industry's Profits

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OK, one more time for the cheap seats;

THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IS NOT THE PROBLEM. THEY DO NOT HAVE HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS IN PROFITS. THEY ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE GOING UP.

This isn't an opinion. This isn't a suggestion. It's just an "inconvenient truth" (that actually happens to be true) that leftists just plain refuse to verify or confirm.
Here is United Healthcare's income statement from their latest annual report.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in millions, except per share data)	For the Year Ended December 31, 2009	2008	2007
REVENUES:			
Premiums	$79,315	$73,608	$68,781
Services	5,306	5,152	4,608
Products	1,925	1,655	898
Investment and other income	592	771	1,144
Total revenues	87,138	81,186	75,431
OPERATING COSTS:			
Medical costs	65,289	60,359	55,435
Operating costs	12,734	13,103	10,583
Cost of products sold	1,765	1,480	768
Depreciation and amortization	991	981	796
Total operating costs	80,779	75,923	67,582
EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS	6,359	5,263	7,849
Interest expense	(551)	(639)	(544)
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	5,808	4,624	7,305
Provision for income taxes	(1,986)	(1,647)	(2,651)
NET EARNINGS	$ 3,822	$ 2,977	$ 4,654
BASIC NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 3.27	$ 2.45	$ 3.55
DILUTED NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE	$ 3.24	$ 2.40	$ 3.42
BASIC WEIGHTED-AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	1,168	1,214	1,312
DILUTIVE EFFECT OF COMMON STOCK EQUIVALENTS	11	27	49
DILUTED WEIGHTED-AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	1,179	1,241	1,361
ANTI-DILUTIVE SHARES EXCLUDED FROM THE CALCULATION			

If you compare the revenues to profits, you'll see they have roughly a 4% profit margin. A COUPLE billion in profits. Not the hundreds of billions Obama says they have, let alone the trillions he plans on spending.

"Yeah, well those greedy insurance executives are hoarding all the money paying it out to themselves!!! That's why their profits are so low!"

Really??

REALLY???

Because, frankly, I've yet to meet a liberal, the president included, that has had the intellectual honesty to look it up first.

OPTIONS COMPENSATION		
Name	Options	Value
Burke, Richard	0	0
Hemsley, Stephen	15,335,000	750,465,624
Mikan, George	100,000	1,374,150
Walsh, Christopher	0	0
Zamoff, Mitchell	0	0
Wichmann, David	2,078,044	81,561,810
Munsell, William	260,000	8,692,220
Sweere, Lori	0	0
Welters, Anthony	346,500	10,676,500

BASIC COMPENSATION	
Name	Fiscal Year Total
Burke, Richard	–
Hemsley, Stephen	3,241,040
Mikan, George	6,531,410
Walsh, Christopher	–
Zamoff, Mitchell	–
Wichmann, David	4,638,870
Munsell, William	5,267,840
Sweere, Lori	–
Welters, Anthony	5,635,180

Look, at that. Under $1 billion in executive compensation AND THAT'S ASSUMING HEMSLEY CASHING IN ALL OF HIS OPTIONS RIGHT NOW.

If you don't believe me, just look it up here.

The ignorance of the average American is disgusting and I will be happy to watch all the idiots that were taken in by this group of charlatans ask 20 years from now why GDP per capita is down to $20,000 in the US.

Charles Beasley

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Sadly a another great one has passed on. I must have danced to his band at least 2 dozen times over the years.

Enjoy playing with Benny, Arty, Duke, the Count, and Jack, Charlie.

I Just Like the Way It Looks

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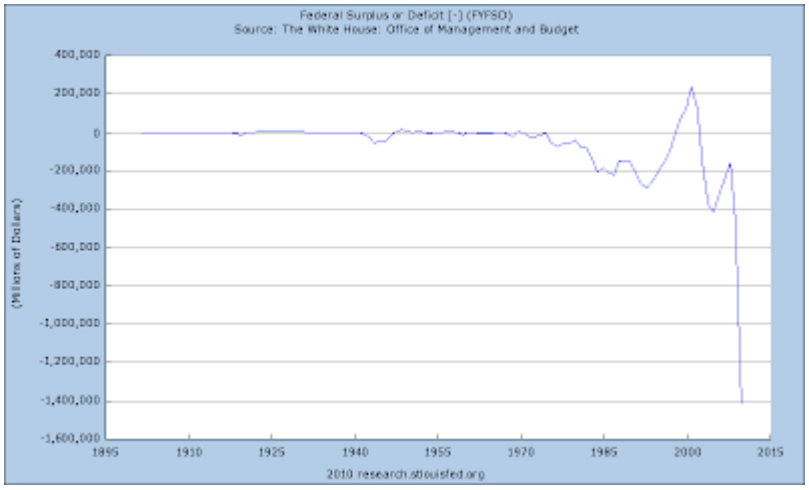

Not adjusted in terms of Percent of GDP, duly noted, but even the KGB and Osama Bin Laden in their wildest dreams couldn't have done this kind of damage.

You will enjoy the ensuing chaos.

Not a Post

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Just reverse engineering podcasts that are no longer available on GL.

Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

You Will Enjoy the Weekend

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You will also not get this song out of your head.

International Corporate Tax Rate Comparison

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Hey Kids!

Want some fun excitement and craziness in your day!?

Want to be the cool guy on the block that impresses all the girls???

Want to be able to be the one kid in the entire college that might actually know what he or she is talking about?

Then learn your corporate tax rates!

Yes, corporate tax rates!

It's what all the cool young hipsters are learning!

On a more serious note, sadly corporate taxes are the silver bullet to end this recession. You eliminate them you not only bring a flood of investment and capital into the US, but you also immediately boost stock prices and recapitalize people's pensions, 403b's, 401k's, IRA's.

But who wants any of that icky stuff when we can blame corporations for all of our problems?

$20 Movie Ticket

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The price of a movie ticket is going up.

I stopped going to movies about 3 years ago. I think I saw maybe, MAYBE 2 two movies last year (Gran Torino being one of them).

I've predicted in the past a decline in movie-going as hometheaters, combined with Netflix, not to mention modern-day parents who fail to keep their children quiet, drive people out of the theaters and into their home theaters, just like communism drives capital into tax havens.

But $11 for a regular show, not to mention $20 in New York City for A ticket? All so you can stand in line and listen to kids make noise while you view a screen from the far left corner of a theater? Yeah, that's going to help attendance.

You'll forgive me if I just sit in my finished basement with the LCD projector, surround sound, bean bag and a bottle of Jameson with Natasha in a nice little number under my arm.

Instead of Going to the Movies…

March 30, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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you can just watch the trainwreck of a show that is about to happen.

If only there was somebody who saw it coming.

Heh.

Apparently It is Not Urban Legend

March 31, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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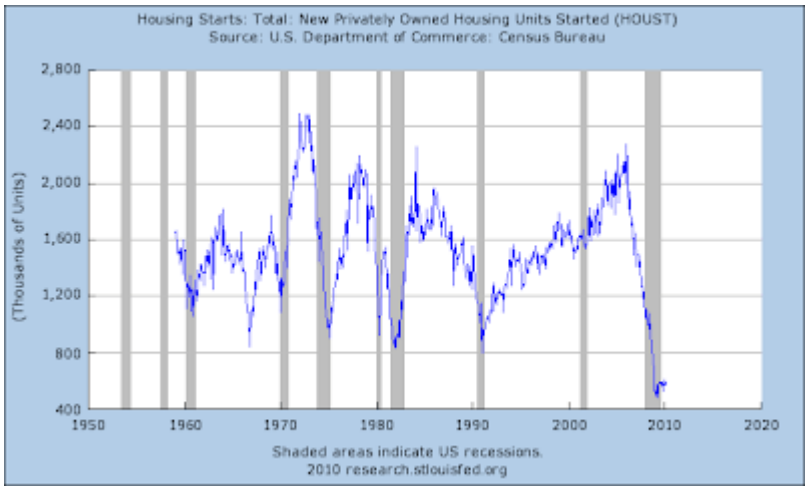
Didn't believe it until I actually saw it.

Of course, these were the days when we actually defended the country's sovereignty.

Housing Starts

April 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your economic chart of the day!



I love housing starts. Go buy my book!

Not a Post

April 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For those of you who still tune in, these occasional "not a posts" are links to a podcast of one of my favorite shows, Garage Logic. The only problem is they only offer the previous day's broadcast, thus I need to post the link, but tweak the date to get previous days' broadcasts.

Link1
Link2

Ah, California

April 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I love it.

Nice Charts

April 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Something tells me "hope and change and flowers and chocolates" and in general wishful thinking and good thoughts is not going to solve this problem.

Not a post

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Your Dizzy Fix

April 5, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You will enjoy the recession;

HAR!

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HAR!!

Ready the Vomit Bags

April 11, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I promise that I will remain a male, defend my loved ones with my life, destroy enemies that threaten my loved ones, be charming and charismatic towards you, support myself, and work out and stay in shape. And if that ain't good enough for you, then I'm sure one of those lovely men above are available for courtship.

In the meantime, here's an alternative.

Now, on a serious note, ladies, who would you rather date? The guys above of the guy below? Make your responses in the comments section, and I shall make a chart.

Ah, Baby Rabies

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A movie I shall not see.

Bachelor Pad Economics

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For all the single, swinging bachelors out there, permit me a great bit of financial advice.

Clippers.

Drop the $35 on a good pair of clippers and you'll earn back your money easy within a month or two.

Now some of you will complain that you are not barbers, let alone self-styling ones, and therefore you will not be able to cut your own hair.

That is why you hence forth resign yourself to the buzz cut.

No doubt some of you will earn back your clippers in just one shaving in that you drop $35 on a hair cut. Others it will take 3 or 4 shaves if you go to a Great Clips to earn your clippers. Regardless, by a year's time going by, you'll certainly earn more than you did your 401k.

I have also found it a great way to get pampered by women who want to cut your hair.

Don't ask me how it works, I've learned long ago to stop asking why.

"...and then I will take her to the theater."

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Let me tell you about a foreign friend of mine. We'll call him "Jose" just to keep him anonymous.

Jose came to the US several years ago. Highly trained in computer networking, he stopped in on one of my dance classes to learn how to dance. At that time he was actively engaged in pursuing American women. While growing up in his home country, American women, as well as the American singles scene was so glamourized on TV and the movies that he too wanted to participate in this wonderful world. He started by going "clubbing" in Minneapolis' daycare center...err....I mean "hipster" area - Uptown. He failed miserably and thus changed tactics by taking classes from "pick up artists."

Here he had limited success. He did learn the basic rules of ignoring and being indifferent, "negging" and so forth, resulting in a fair amount of dates, but the problem was that he was at heart a traditional man. Yes he wanted to play the scene, but it was for the ultimate goal of finding a wife, settling down and having children.

Sadly the "singles scene" in Minneapolis is NOT designed to produce high quality marriage candidates.

Thus when he was stood up, 505025'd, strung along, or just plain dumped when he started asking about getting serious, he become frustrated. Realizing at the age of 35 what most American native males do around 25, that finding a quality marriable woman is laughably impossible, he sank into a deep depression as he saw his imaginary wife and little Joses fade away.

However there was an unexpected life line of hope. Jose flew to Eastern Europe to do some mountain climbing, where at a small motel he stayed there was a nice central European woman. She ran the bed and breakfast he was staying at, cooked him meals, EVEN CLEANED HIS CLOTHES, and well...you can imagine what happened from thereforth.

Now, after two years of semi-annual visits, and constant contact on the phone, Jose is on his way back to this former Soviet country to marry this girl and bring her back to the states. I was driving him to the airport and asked him, "So when she gets here, is she going to work, or are you guys going to work on a family right away?"

And he said, "Oh, no. She will not work. I will go and work and make the money. She will stay at home and keep the house in order and make meals and bring up the children. I will work all day, come home and then I will take her to the theater."

It was a beautiful statement because whereas today people have been brainwashed to believe a woman staying at home doing the "womanly duties" is nothing more than a slave to the man, the reality is that Jose really does love this girl.

And the reason why is that she is not going to be some "slave" that he comes home to and yells at, "where the hell's my dinner, woman?!" It's the beautiful division-of-labor idea that one person would work, the other would work at home, they would raise a family and then my buddy Jose would look forward to nothing more than coming home and taking his wife to the theater.

Of course, what do those stupid Latino's and dumb Eastern European morons know about love and marriage? Look at how neanderthal Jose is, let alone how naive his fiance is. Why, don't they know the pinnacle of marriage is to have TWO people working TWO, if not, THREE JOBS, while they outsource the upbringing of the children to the nanny, or pay higher taxes to the state educational system? They then rush home where no food has been prepared and the children are slowly alienated from their parents. Let's not forget that Mrs. Jones-Hyphenated-Smith needs to get her masters is child psychology so she can better understand why little Johnny set fire to the couch. And Mr. Smith better work really hard to buy all those toys his children want, not to mention baseball practice, volleyball, student council, debate and racquet ball. And he better work doubly hard to buy his wife that new SUV she NEEDS, otherwise, she may just have to file for divorce because there wasn't enough jewelry to reconcile their differences.

Obviously Jose does not know what he's doing.

Your Recession Medicine

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I hear leading economic indicators are pointing to a recovery….well, not a GW circa 2002 economic recovery, but you know, actual positive growth in the private sector. In the meantime, enjoy the recession!

The Wage Gap

April 16, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Can an IT professional of the female persuasion please field this one?

With such intellectual dishonesty, the people at Newsweak wonder why their subscriptions are tanking.

Dow 11,000

April 18, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because I am in general a financial "party pooper," bringing in and highlighting facts, that "no, I'm sorry Suburban Sue, your house is not worth that much and you shouldn't have taken out that HUGE home equity loan to pay for your child's "masters in communications" degree," it is therefore behooved upon me to point out yet another sad fact for those who are woefully financially ignorant (which is most of the population).

I know you're all giggity giggity about the Dow breaking 11,000. But sadly, nobody paid attention to that all important economic lesson - CASH FLOWS DRIVE MARKET PRICES.

You see, prices can go up and down all they want, whether they are actually worth that price depends on the cash profits those assets generation. So yes, you can be very happy the Dow is up to 11,000, but did corporate earnings go up by a proportional amount?

Well, here's your answer;

You see, the PE ratio of the US stock market (as measured by Prof. Robert Shiller) compares the price of a stock to its earnings. Historically this has averaged around a ratio of 15 - 15 dollars in stock price for every dollar in earnings. And after the stock market crashed due to the housing market, stocks were ever so briefly "accurately valued." Meaning they weren't a steal or a great buy, nor were they overpriced.

Of course, that lasted about as long as sanity usually lasts in the financial markets and stock prices once again rallied, driving the PE ratio up to 22.10.

What does this mean for you the average investor? Well, for those of you who religiously invest in your 401k or 403b, you better pay very close attention to the prices you're paying for those stocks and mutual funds. For younger investors, I don't even know why

you would invest in a stock market when not only it's overvalued, but it's progressively likely your "Roth" IRA or 401k plan will simply be nationalized and taken over by the government (much like they did in Argentina) to fund unfundable entitlement programs.

But I know, I know, I'm shouting into a hurricane. Why ruin everybody's good time?

Let's just party because an index broke an arbitrary number like 11,000.

How Does This Square with Reverse Mortgages?

April 20, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Read the whole thing. I'll let you guys rip it apart.

THE PLAN ▶ The Boom Years

by DAN KADLEC

Leaving a Legacy on a Shoestring

Don't have as much stashed for the kids and grandkids as you'd like? Try these strategies.

BOOMERS HAVE A WELL-DESERVED reputation for living in the moment. We've spent freely on things like travel and technology to enjoy what life offers. Now, nearing retirement and socked hard by the recession, many of us are so behind in our savings that we must rethink our long-term financial goals. One prime area of sacrifice: the notion of a healthy bequest for our children and grandchildren.

That's not a tragedy. Boomers have never been as driven as our parents to leave our loved ones an elaborate

We're more likely to believe that passing down values, traditions, and cherished possessions is more important than leaving behind lots of cash, according to a study by life insurer Allianz. Still, wouldn't it be nice to leave something more tangible than holiday customs and of greater value than your old engagement ring? After all, cash left for a grandchild's education or to secure a cherished family estate is a reflection of your values too. If you haven't been able to save enough for a tidy bequest, or your goals were crushed in the recession, try these tactics for leaving a financial legacy.

BUY LIFE INSURANCE

This is the simplest way to make something out of next to nothing, says Mac Hisey, president of AARP Financial. If you buy a 10-year level-premium term policy with a face value equal to any recent losses to real estate and stocks, you would give your remaining assets 10 years to replenish without cutting bequests in the meantime. A $100,000 term policy for a healthy 65-year-old male costs about $700 a year. "The wrong thing to do is ratchet up risk and try to make that money back quickly," says Hisey.

If you have little saved but a decent income, another option is a second-to-die universal life policy, which covers both a husband and wife and pays the beneficiary only when the second spouse dies. The premiums are less expensive than those on a policy that insures only one person but still aren't cheap. A healthy 60-year-old couple might get $1 million of coverage for about $9,000 a year for 20 years. Still, the payoff may be worth it, since the $241,050 you'd shell out would amount to less than a quarter of the ultimate bequest.

CONVERT TO A ROTH IRA

Anyone can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth this year. You may not want to if you'll need the money for yourself and can't pay the tax from outside sources or you expect your tax rate to fall in retirement. But if you can afford to dedicate a chunk for heirs, convert that portion now. There are no minimum distributions with a Roth, so it can be left to your heirs intact. They'll have to take distributions when they take ownership, but at a modest pace that still makes the most of the Roth's tax-free compounding over the rest of their lives.

HAVE THE TALK

If you have just a few thousand dollars to parcel out, take a more creative approach: Prepare for a series of meetings for your heirs with a reputable financial planner. But before you do that, have a heart-to-heart with them about the financial mistakes in your life that left you with less than you'd hope to pass down. Says Laura Levine, executive director of JumpStart Coalition, which promotes financial literacy: "That conversation might amount to quite a bit of money for them over time—if they listen and learn." ■

WHAT REALLY MAKES A LASTING LEGACY

Sure, you'd like to leave money, but other bequests may be even more meaningful.

Percentage of boomers who say this bequest is very important

77% Values, life lessons

34% Possessions of emotional value

8% Financial assets

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The Great Ugly Jean Purging of 2010

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Lo!

Your Captain, not only be wise in the world of economics, but is also an accomplished ballroom dancer, extraordinary video game player, fossil hunter extraordinaire and all around funny and amusing guy. And thus, your beloved Captain would have thought this would be enough to satiate the intellectual and romantic desires of his beloved Natasha.

However, unforeseable to your humble Captain, he walked right into a trap without knowing it. Oh, it started innocently enough, but little did he know what was in store for him.

It all started when thanks to President Obama both your Captain and Natasha had no real work to do for about 2 months. Besides which we were told we didn't have to worry about our mortgage or paying for gas any more, so off we went to Missouri for a 6 week vacation. A mere week before this I had come down with a nasty bout of poison ivy, and was thusly aware of what it looked like. However, eager to find fossils in Missouri, I pulled over my motorcycle when I saw a promising strata of rock, running up to it, only to realize I went through a 20 yard patch of poison ivy.

It then became a mission to immediately get rid of the jeans I was wearing and buy a new pair. Stopping at the local Pamida, I bought a nice, big, baggy pair of jeans, perfect for riding my motorcycle.

However, Natasha protested. Not that I would swap poison ivy infected jeans for clean ones, but that the others were too baggy and did not show off "my cute little butt" (her quote, not mine).

I dismissed this as typical foolish female tomfoolery as I thought all jeans were the same. Sure some might fit better, but it was merely a whim of preference of women that would ebb and flow every other day, surely to be ignored because of it's irrelevance.

Now fast forward 6 months where the Minnesota winter has been replaced with a VERY early and VERY wonderful spring, permitting me already to put over 3,000 miles on my motorcycle. Not only has the weather allowed for me to bring out my bike early, it has also allowed me to start my seasonal running early. Your Captain is already running his goal of 7 mile runs which he usually attains come mid-May. Combine this with the wonderful economic boom promised to us by Barack Obama, and your Captain has more free time due to a lack of work which he has now dedicated in part to lifting weights.

What does this have to do with the Great Ugly Jean Purging of 2010, you ask?

Well, the combination of lifting weights AND running has resulted in…um…shall we say, a very Cappy Cap physique. So much so that Natasha, IGNORING MY INTELLECT AND PERSONALITY TRAITS, has now taken a new-found and cheap affection for my physical looks! Discarding my great economic insights and wonderful personality, she now barks orders at me to "take off my shirt."

I feel so cheap and used!

However, simple demands that I take off my shirt are the least of the costs of the Captain's new bod. The Captain's wardrobe has taken a beating as well, specifically jeans.

I had, I HAD, a nice collection of nice comfy jeans. Perfect for any kind of activity. Fishing, motorcycle riding, wearing, you name it.

But oh, no. No more. Those jeans just won't due according to the illustrious Natasha. And ever since this early spring sprung, she has declared war on my "Ugly Jeans."

The purge started much like Stalin's purge of his military officers, except with more vengeance, aggression and hatred. I was TOLD that I was going to get rid of my ugly jeans and replace them with NEW, BETTER FITTING jeans.

To this I had no choice.

And so, much like 1982 where my mom would take me to Goodwill and I would try on some stranger's jeans, with the tugging and the pulling and hemming and the hawing, Natasha took me to Old Navy (that's where the cool hip kids go if you didn't know) to replace my Ugly Jeans with new, "sexy" jeans ("sexy" apparently meaning they look worn and tattered like my old jeans, but cost 3 times as much).

And thus, at the ripe old age of 35, your Captain now has sexy jeans. The ugly jeans have been bannished, burned or otherwise taken care of, and now I can't ride my motorcycle for more than 10 miles without having to constantly…um…"adjust."

So men, beware. If you ever decide to work out, run, tone up and just become more sexy than you already are, realize there are consequences. Your women will no longer desire you for your intelligent conversation, your wittiness, or your knowledge of economics. No, they will become carnivorous temptresses, demanding a constant display of your body accentuated by "sexy jeans." You will be their little doll so they can dress you up in clothes to meet their shallow, lewd whims. You will become nothing but a piece of meat for their eyes to devour!

And alas, there's nothing you can do but grin and bear it.

Happy Earth Day…I Think

April 22, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'm under the impression it's Earth Day or something today.

Whether it is or not, it's always a good day to drive your 8 cylinder car around. I have an old GM car, the tires on which are NOT inflated properly. I shall drive it.

I will go to the grocery store and ask them to double bag.

I will then burn the bags.

I will also grill a steak because cows emit carbon and to grill I will have to use fossil fuels to heat it.

Do your share to emit more carbon than the phonies claim to save.

Sun Chips

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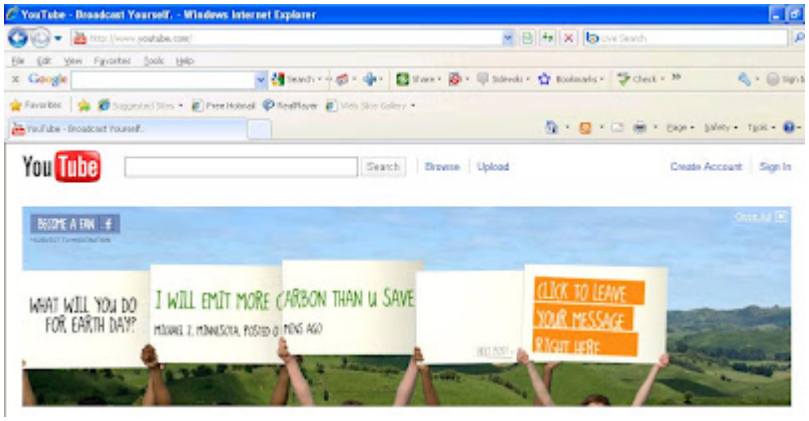
Your Captain grills a lot. And his friends bring over "Sun Chips" as a snack. Of course you can't ignore the boasting of their green credentials because all over the bag they brag about how the bag will naturally decompose and their sun chips are made with "100% natural sun." So you could imagine my happiness when I saw this on Sun Chip's banner advertisement on You Tube.



Apparently you can all upload what you did for Earth Day. It is subject to censorship...err..."moderation." We'll see how long Michael's stays up.

I Need a Doctor

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Because my eyes just got stuck rolling in the back of my head.

Peter Schiff better run for president.

Effrontery

April 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So I'm watching "Charge of the Light Brigade" and Errol Flynn just used the word "effrontery."

Meaning shameless boldness that is an insult to standard social decorum and propriety.

I shall try to incorporate it into my speech.

Counter Boycott

April 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I loathe the hypocrisy and intellectual dishonesty of the mayors of both San Fran and now St. Paul "boycotting" Arizona.

Yes, how dare we protect US sovereignty and have the slightest bit of self-respect for ourselves. I mean this isn't our country. It's the world's country.

Of course, this is nothing more than a dispicable level of hypocrisy to protect an illegal voting bloc, while they sacrifice the integrity and sovereignty of the nation (I particularly like how Coleman calls it "hate.")

Regardless, listen to your Captain and do me one huge favor.

Go here and look up a company that you have a need for and FREAKING buy something from them.

I know you didn't want to buy my book (sniff, sniff, guilt trip, guilt trip), but please make the Captain happy in thinking that he somehow caused a nation-wide phenomenon to boost Arizona's GSP and interstate exports by 300%.

My Old Digs

April 29, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Riverside Plaza is also affectionately known as "the Crack Stacks" or "Ghettos in the Sky."

It is also where your humble Captain resided for 2 years of his collegiate days.

It is your classical government/affordable housing project where somebody high on pot back in the 60's was given the architectural contract to make it look hideous and be an eye sore to the city's skyline.

All that being said I have fond memories of the Crack Stacks;

washing clothes in the bath tub because you couldn't trust your clothes to be washed in the public laundromat, not to mention it was 34 stories below my apartment

carrying 60 pounds of groceries in one shot because you didn't want to make multiple trips

running down 34 flights of stairs during a fire only to realize that if there ever was a real fire, everybody in the building would be doomed because the slow old people who live downstairs back up the stairwell like a Wisconsin driver hauling horses during rush hour on 494.

Looks like it's going to get an overhaul (of course with part of yours and my dimes), though sadly, the city will continue its rapid charge to become the next cold Detroit so it's kind of like grooming your dog before you put it to sleep.

Commercial Bank Profits

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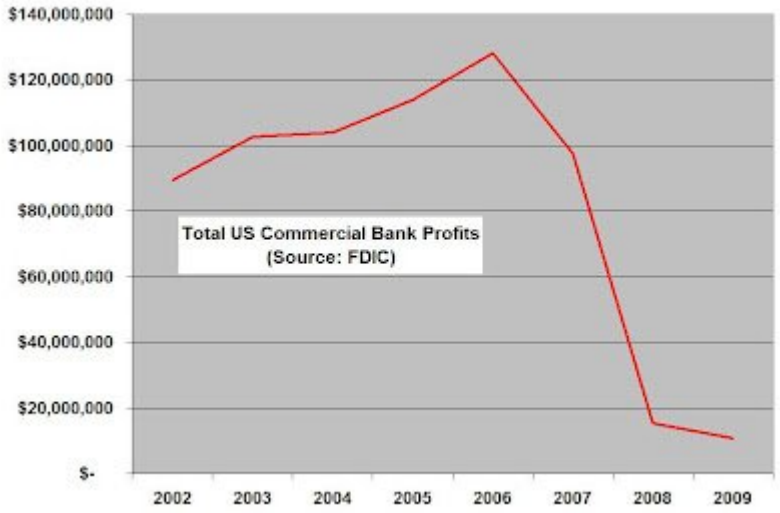
Thought this chart would make those of you in the Capposphere a little smiley today.



Now imagine if banks were to have just paid the ole Captain a mere $10 billion to tell them not to make bad loans as a consulting fee.

Hey, Let's Invest In Greece!

May 6, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Heh.

You WILL Enjoy the Recession

May 7, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Ivy League Bubble

May 7, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your Captain is largely self-employed. It is because of this he greatly appreciates your contributions. However, because of his self-employed nature (and his rebellious psychological handicaps which prevent him from becoming a cubicle slave), he needs to put food on the table and therefore has to come up with new ideas and ventures. Most of these (like his attempts to court women) fail. But because of the sheer volume of attempts made, I do inevitably succeed (in both work and the ladies).

However, your Captain is working on something very big. And by very big, I mean Gru attempting to steal the moon big. If funding is received for it, I will have to employ people and executives and probably a lot of them, however;

NONE of them will be Ivy League graduates.

And NONE of them will be MBA's.

The reason why is so blatantly obviously, that perhaps it needs explaining.

First, look at our beloved president. Barry is a Harvard graduate. Not a great marketing campaign. "Hey, look, I graduated from Harvard! I'm so smart, I spend $1.4 trillion more than we take in EVERY YEAR!"

Second, if you are on the other side of the political fence, Bush Jr also a Harvard graduate. Not a great marketing campaign. "Hey, daddy, give me money so I can run an oil company and a baseball team into the ground!"

Third, if you look at the

housing bubble
dotcom bubble
Savings and Loan scandal
Asian currency crisis
Enron and the accounting scandals

and pretty much every major economic disaster in recent history it is caused by two general groups of people;

Ivy league graduates

and

MBA's

(sometimes both)

Now who am I to claim this? I went to some crap state college and paid my way through. I don't make more than $30,000. What the hell do I know?

Well, I'm an entrepreneur. And like all entrepreneurs we fail miserably for the most part. But inevitably we break through with something. We come up with something that is so big, "it will blow this pyramid thing out of the water." And when we succeed, it is not GW taking his daddy's money and buying a baseball team. Nor is it Barry Hussein taking his grandmother's money and writing books about himself. It revolutionizes economies and entire industries and it is the Ivy leaguers that work for us. Not the other way around. And the reason why is that Ivy leaguers and MBA's are not trained to think or be creative, they're not even trained to obey. They are trained to work the system. They are trained to simply be one thing and one thing only;

Rent seekers.

Don't believe me?

Look at GE.

That entire corporation is pathetic to my smallish LLC. Why?

I don't need to force through legislation that the entirety of America buy my light bulbs. I produce something of value people want.

Goldman Sachs anyone? Matter of fact the entire bulge bracket. They can't get it up unless the government bails them out. Hmmm...so they hire from any place outside the Ivy League?

Look at all of K street. You think lobbyists exist because their company makes the best product the people want? No, they exist because corporations figured out it's more profitable for them to bribe elected officials to enact laws that give them an unfair advantage over their competitors. So instead of developing the latest and the greatest, it becomes fighting over the remains of a stagnant economy.

Of course what happens is the "old" economy while wrapped up on politicking and bribery and law suits, loses its creativity and vitality to the "new" economy where younger whipper snappers come up with ideas that obsolete the old economies, turning them into worthless bankrupt entities over night. Regardless, understand the MBA's and Ivy Leaguers can only exist and survive in a cronyistic and corrupt environment. And not only

will those environments inevitable fall to new ones, the new industries that do come about are going to look at the Ivy League's "product" and MBA's and say, "Good lord, why in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick are we going to hire these charlatans?"

Thus the collapse of the education bubble, particularly the Ivy League.

Understand this and understand this well. It may not happen tonight. It may not happen tomorrow. But until MBA's and our precious "best of best" Ivy Leaguers start actually proving their worth (or perhaps just stop destroying the economy every 5 years or so), the real capitalists and entrepreneurs are going to get wise as to what a scam it is hiring these overpriced dolts. And when this epiphany hits (and also assuming our great Harvard-educated leader can get the economy growing significantly again - ha!) the demand for MBA's and Ivy legaue degrees will have so dried up, that the likes of Yale and Harvard are going to be synonymous with "The University of Phoenix" and "Rasmussen Business College."

Enjoy the decline!

Dow 8,000

May 17, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I will say it again for the cheap seats;

Based on corporate earnings the Dow should be trading around 8,000.

But (to quote Michael Savage) "You don't want to hear about this. You want to hear about some guy who hits a ball over a fence."

GM Payback

May 18, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This math reminds me of the good ole days when a client would have one LLC hemorrhaging money, but another LLC that was just squeaking by on profitability. Of course overall his entire business was losing money, but we were supposed to make the loan to the one profitable LLC and ignore his collapsing "business empire."

Ahhhhh, fuzzy accounting.

Dow 8,000

May 20, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Another post in my series "Dow 8,000"

Apparently the "Puppies and Flowers and Unicorns" fiscal policy isn't working. Who would have thought!

You Mean We Have to Grow Up and Be Adults

May 24, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Seriously, this article should be titled, "Europe realizes it has to grow up and become an adult."

I grow so tired of trying to explain the simple concept that in order to have such luxurious benefits a country must produce an insane amount of wealth and production in order to have the tax base to raise such a infantile-dream level of benefits. I then get enraged when I hear not only people my age (35) but people who should know better (50 year olds) dismiss it as "right wing talk" as well as dismiss all my research and experience and a triffle with youth and a cute childish experiment in economics. But then I have to tell myself;

"Cappy, Cappy, now come on now. You told yourself you were going to ignore this and just hunt fossils and go fishing and play Bio Shock 2 and purposely force yourself to enjoy life. You can't let the ignorant people of the country get you down. Besides, you don't have any kids and you are not encumbered by any real financial obligation. And even though becoming the world's next best and highly paid economist will be a never-realized dream, the next best option is to barely work and head out to North Dakota and Wyoming on multiple fossil hunting expeditions. Nobody is going to listen to you now. Nobody is going to listen to you tomorrow. But someday, when they've slaved away, socking hundreds of thousands of dollars into an IRA account, only to have it confiscated by the government they voted into office, you will bit sitting there pretty with over 4 decades of fishing, fossil hunting and video gaming under your belt asking them the ultimate question in economics;

"Did you spend your finite time on this planet wisely?"

I shall now go ride my motorcycle and NOT contribute to GDP today.

I Shall Never Complain About My Dating Life Again

May 24, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I actually know a couple guys like this.

Was led to confirm this fact by this.

Dow 8,000

May 25, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A new twist I hadn't factored into my Dow 8,000 prediction was the risk of war on the Korean peninsula. Regardless, enjoy the decline!

Liberal Arts Majors Get Hit Upside the Head By Reality

May 26, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is absolutely priceless.

It's a 30 minute long podcast from NPR and basically it's the host taking calls from listeners, specifically, recent college graduates to tell him about their current job prospects.

It's a lengthy broadcast, but if you have the time I suggest downloading it because you will get a good guffaw out of it.

In any case, allow me three quick points;

1. The only people calling in are liberal arts majors who cannot find jobs. This unto itself makes it worth listening to, but what is really great is how the host and guests cannot get up the gumption to tell these children their degrees are worthless. The hiring expert users terms like "that's one of the weaker degrees for the current labor market." I especially like how they explain to the "environmental science" major how green jobs are not there for her.

2. They then turn their attention to the employment gap between minorities and whites. And instead of actually helping out minorities by pointing out a disproportionate number of them major in fields that are not in demand, they lie and say, "they don't know" why there is an employment gap. Their cowardice angers me because if you really cared about helping out minorities you would grow a spine and tell them they should major in engineering and computers. But no, that would be "hurting their feelings" and we can't have any of that tough fatherly love (no matter how much it would help out our fellow minority brothers and sisters) now can we?

3. At the tail end, what do you suppose the solution is they recommend? Federal government intervention.

Ah, liberal arts majors and the adults who lie to them.

If only they read my book first. It could have all been avoided.

How William Shatner Could Reform Health Care More than Obama

May 26, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I apply for health insurance online because the Captain is one of those swashbuckling, self employed entrepreneur types that answers to no one, drives a motorcycle, calls his own shots, and ultimately as a result of his non-conformance has to get his own catastrophic health insurance.

I shopped online at esurance and noticed the application process was nearly identical to looking for hotels and flights. The only difference was that unlike Hotels.com, you can't "name your own price."

Thus I wish I had the Priceline Negotiator with The Big Deal backing me up when I got my quote.

It was a fair quote, but I noticed the one sidedness of it all. I either had to accept or not. There was no way for me to talk to the underwriter and say, "look, I use tobacco, but it's a cigar every 2 months. I'm not smoking a pack a day, cut me a deal or I'll go look elsewhere."

Alas, this option does not exist. However, if it did, I wonder what effect it would have on health insurance prices? Not that there are a lot of margins to be squeezed out of the insurance industry, but by simply having The Negotiator and The Big Deal on your side, perhaps some savings, or at least cost control would be realized.

"Where are We Going?"

May 27, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A colleague of mine asked and I thought this e-mail might be of some humor and entertainment;

Without going into detail, I predict a general decline ala Japan from 1989 to today. YOu will see the "Herbivore" movement in Japan come to the US and (gender politics set aside) men just frankly leave their traditional roles which will have large implications for future economic growth as well as stagnation in corporate profits and thus stock prices. This decrease in economic growth, combined with a decrease in asset prices is going to impair and underfund not just private pensions, but 401k's IRA's and 457's. Spending commitments made by Obama will essentially make the future so uncertain and taxes so likely that everybody, regardless of gender, will be less incented to work. Productive, hard working people who would have normally bred future generations of workers will opt for vasectomies instead and choose a life of leisure over work. This will bode ill for current and future pensioneers who were relying upon others to essentially work for them and pay for their retirement, not to mention health care. Nothing will change until the younger generations get a rude awakening that "unfortunately, yes little Jimmy, you do actually have to produce something of value in order for society to succeed, let alone, survive," but this lesson will be delayed as the rest of the world panics and throws money into the US dollar as a flight to safety simply because its "the US" permitting us to borrow more money and live the Barbie World lifestyle where we produce nothing, but buy everything as if the US was one big shopping mall. Financial crisis inevitably ensues, Keynesian fiscal stimulus never works, economy collapses and now people will finally have the free time to study economics and figure out how we got there in the first place because nobody will have jobs.

And everybody will blame Bush.

The Bachelor Budget

May 27, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Many years ago, when the Captain was but a wee private, he put himself through college working at the campus police department doing campus security. It paid $6.90 and after three years and several promotions he was making $9.10 per hour.
I worked full time while going to school full time, but not once did I ever make more than $20,000 in any given year. However, I didn't need to, because by the end of my college days I had a surplus of $6,000 (which I bought a converitble with to celebrate finishing college). And while there has no doubt been inflation over the past 15 years, this spartan existence behooves the question;

"What is the absolute minimal amount a single person can live on today?"

I ask the question because whereas 15 years ago your young and naive Captain had dreams of working hard and establishing a long and successful career, observations of mortality and a limited life starts to make one think how does one spend their finite time on this planet. You throw in a recession, a-soon-to-be overall tax rate of 40%, the increasing likelihood Roth/401k's/IRA's will be rescinded and nationalized, and a general deteriorating future for the country it's like being the navigator on the Titanic. Inevitably you should give up trying to convince the captain to change course and just pony up to the bar and get the finest bottle of scotch.

Thus some back-of-napkin calculations to find out what, if necessary, is the absolute minimal a single person can live off of and pursue a life of leisure fully intending to maximize their free time on this planet and not to build up an estate or empire.

Rent/Mortgage	$ 500
Car Insurance	$ 100
Health Insurance	$ 200
Food	$ 100
Entertainment	$ 250
Phone	$ 50
Internet	$ 50
Fixed Assets	$ 100
Total	$ 1,350
Annual	$ 16,200

My estimate is in today's dollars $16,200 in annual income should cover every bachelor's basic desires and needs. This of course assumes several things;

1. Never a new car, always used.
2. Liability insurance only

3. No children
4. Catastrophic insurance only
5. No traditional "$25,000" wedding should he/she get married.
6. Living in an area that is NOT New York or San Francisco or some other expensive area to live
7. Roomate or a cheap one bedroom apartment

Now I am being serious here because I want to make sure I've caught everything. Do any of the Cappy Cap readers see something in my budget that is missing? The reason for my adamancy is because if we can calculate a precise number, then it will allow people to look at their personal finances, see if they can live on that amount, and if so, then weigh whether a life of slaving away for $60,000, $35,000 net, not to mention the standard corporate political BS that comes with it and complimentary high blood pressure and 2 hour commute, is a better existence than working some night time security job for $18,000 a year and fishing and reading books.

Steve Wynn

May 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My new hero.

Of the many things I like in it those that I like the most;

1. He's essentially shorting America by investing in its vices. Spend money you don't have, sex, live for the moment. He'll be the one with the cash after it's all said and done.

2. He finds it easier to deal with the Chinese government than the US government.

3. His quip on EBITDA. EBITDA, for those of you without the benefit of an accounting degree is your "Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization."

This measure is basically the most liberal and handicapped measure of a company's profits because (as far as lenders are concerned) this is the amount a company has to pay any loans that are made to it - the money you have before you pay out interest, taxes and account for depreciation and amortization.

I've never liked the concept of depreciation and amortization. I do understand the "matching" principle of accounting in that you spread out the cost of long term fixed assets to match the overall expense with the revenue it helps generate over the years, but for larger companies that are always buying fixed assets to replace the old ones, would simply expensing your purchases outright really make any difference between your cash flow and net income.

I also have a distaste for EBITDA because it was always used by bankers as the measure to see how much debt a company could afford. LITERALLY ignoring the fact the company would have to spend some money SOMETIME in order to keep its operations going. So if you based your loan on the amount EBITDA showed, you were pretty much guaranteed to be lending beyond the payback capacity of the borrower.

Alas, it was these sort of "rocking the boat" observations that attracted the criticism of my now insolvent previous employers, but as Steve Wynn has pointed out the "City Center" project which was financed by the likes of my previous employers, is belly up and bankrupt.

Rita Wilson

May 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I love how they use children to extort money from the taxpayer.

Yes, won't somebody please think of the children.

Another question is would you really want this woman teaching your child in any subject, simply because what kind of warped ethics would she be teaching them?

Big Oil vs. Big Banks

May 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll send somebody a shinny new nickel if they can explain to me that when BP screws up we make sure they pay every dime in damages, but if a bank screws up we bail them out with taxpayer money.

I Do Care Who Started It

May 31, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And these peaceniks would NEVER EVER start something now would they?

Correct

June 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Three Blind Mice

June 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Imagine the smile on the Captain's face when he saw not one, not two, but THREE banks he had approached before regarding having him do their loan analysis for them mentioned in this little article.

Now if only...ah, never mind. You know the rest of it.

Today's Idiot Is…

June 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You have to read down a bit to find out why this moron is out $100,000 and unlikely to ever pay it back.

The crusade against worthless degrees will continue.

The $64,000 Question Is…

June 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Will people now change their minds and realize this was a cowardly attempt by terrorists, guised under noble, humanitarian clothing to smuggle weapons in (and thus in part admit there is now a desire of lefter leaning elements to combined forces with terrorism) and therefore condemn it

or

Will they refuse to admit they're wrong and tacitly support terrorism because their leftist ideology blinds them from any kind of capacity for intellectual honesty

or

They will cowardly claim this report is false and that the Israeli's made it up.

It is a very important question because it's going to test whether people (primarily of the lefter persuasion) can set aside their ideologies and as adults acknowledge they were wrong and condemn terrorism or if their ideology is so strong they will still maintain their positions and thus tacitly APPROVE OF TERRORISM.

I shall now sit back and watch this unfold like a movie, much like a did the housing crash, without an utter care or concern because simply it's a lost cause and life is too short to worry about things you don't control. So, enjoy the decline!

Or Courtney Munna Could Have Just Read This

June 3, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I don't know how much clearer I can make it. (or if you prefer paperback, here)

But then again, reality doesn't matter. It's what you want to do and what your heart tells you and that's all that matters. I'm sure majoring in communications will land you a job somewhere.

If you want to see denial (or just an outright lack of spine on the part of people telling Courtney the reason she doesn't have a job is because she majored in a worthless subject) just read the comments here. It's amazing and appalling the sheer ignorance these people display.

Enjoy the Decline!

June 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hey, look at that booming economy!

Anybody want to join me for a scotch on the top floor of the Titanic?

A Home Work Assignment for Any Cappy Cap Reader That Wants It

June 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Driving around the Lake Minnetonka area today because, well, what else do you do on a 78 degree day when there is no work to do and while listening to the news I slowly saw the Dow drop 100, 200 and then 300 points and then had an interesting thought.

"Based on the number of retirees, pensioners, present and future, and considering the amount of money being invested in the stock market, and based on average life expectancies and cost of living requirements, how much will the stock market have to go up by in order for traditional retirement plans to succeed?"

In all of my studies and research there was always that 8-9% annualized price appreciation in the stock market that was assumed to go on into perpetuity. With the collapse in long term economic growth, what if the entirety of Americans relying upon their 401k's and IRA's, just plain don't get 8-9%? What if it's going to be something more like 5-6%, or maybe like Japan, 0 to -2% for the next 20 years?

Regardless, I am curious what the "Dow would have to be" in order for everybody's retirement plan to work out the way it's supposed to. If somebody wants to take a crack at it (on account that I am lazy) I would certainly be interested in seeing the numbers as well as the methodology.

And then I will laugh heartily when we see how egregiously and impossibly high that number is compared to the reality of American economic productive capacity.

Minnesota

June 8, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

At the 6:40 mark you can insert "until the unions ruined it and now nobody is employed in Hibbing."

Go Back to Organizing Communities

June 8, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I bet, I just bet, there's a lot of people ruing the fact that they not so much voted for this incompetent child, but that they got caught up in such frivolous tomfoolery as "nice pecs" and "hope and change."

I'll try to be as simple and direct as possible.

In the real world, you have real problems that require adult attention and action. And when you're nothing more than a trust fund baby brat, with no galvanizing, harsh, real world experiences-say like working to support yourself-, you (no matter what your age) are nothing more than a child faking it as long as possible before the population realizes you are not an adult and are supremely incompetent to handle any responsibility, especially the tonnage of responsibility known as the presidency of the United States.

And it must be a huge blow to the ego to realize the only reason you're president is because society has degraded to such a point that a bunch of dolts watching "American Idol" who thought you had nice pecs and were "cool" voted for you quite simply on those grounds.

Regardless, enjoy the decline! I'm going fishing!

Tuition

June 9, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I wonder how much tuition would drop by if we ended all the worthless programs that give the kiddies worthless degrees and just left engineering, accounting and the sciences at the U of MN.

Of course this is laughable because it's little Susie's and little Jimmy's right to go to college, have their "college experience," while majoring in a hobby with no employment or productive prospects in the future, all while having it subsidized by the taxpayer.

Enjoy the decline!

Pha! Laffer! What Does He Know!

June 9, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Enjoy the decline!

Yes, Where Will They Find the Money to Cut?

June 11, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I love how the government (at varying levels) claim "we've already cut everything down to the bone."

Where the Hell Have You Been?

June 11, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Really, it takes the MSM this long to finally start asking these questions?

Consult the Captain

June 14, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hello fellow Aspiring, Junior, Deputy, Official or otherwise Economists!

As you know your beloved Captain is gifted with Super-Awesome Economic Genius. And as you know your humble Captain dispenses this Super-Awesome Economic Genius on a regular basis on this here blog. However, a couple of you have recently contracted the Captain out for specific or unique consulting projects which has prompted him to officially offer his consulting services to anybody who may be in need.

The range of services can entail anything from general personal financial advice to specific and unique corporate projects. Most of it has been personal financial advice to help navigate and prepare for these difficult economic times, but as you've seen from the blog we here at the Capposphere cover pretty much everything.

Pricing is done on a project by project basis, and yes, the Captain is going to charge enough to make it worth his while. However, it will be nowhere near as pricey as Bain, McKinsey or Accenture and it will be infinitely better (simply on account they do not have Super Awesome Economic Genius, let alone independent thought).

So shoot the ole Captain an e-mail if you have a question or a problem that needs resolving and we'll see if we can't help you out!

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Now That's Not Nice

June 14, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Pointing out Obama's fiscal policy has failed. How dare he!

And as always, enjoy the decline!

Wells Fargo Wouldn't Do That Now Would They?

June 16, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember my youth working at Wells Fargo where the text on my computer screen was green. I also remember having to print off reports on a DOT MATRIX COMPUTER. We would then fax these reports long distance to bankers in far away lands. This was the year 1998 when not only did laser printers exist, but so did scanners and this new-fangled thing called "e-mail" with brand "Attachment Capability."

I was foolish enough to suggest that they spend some money on some new PC's, have the IT set everybody up with e-mail, get a couple scanners and we could save some money and time. I also did a NPV calculation to prove how much it would increase not just the net worth of the company, but for each share.

I was summarily told I did not run the company and I was to get back to data entry and filing.

Later that year the bank closed down that branch and fired everybody, but not before I quit and went back to working security at nights (which is a great job by the way because nobody is around to bicker and moan about how you do your job).

Good to see Wells Fargo still has great minds at work for them.

Stock Market Valuation

June 16, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Read the following as if you were a suburbanite young girl who always speaks as if she's asking a question;

So like, I think I should um, like invest in my 401k????

Becuase um, like the HR person said it was good thing to doooooo???

And, um like, I'll buy a stock and it will, like, you know, go up?????

Because that's what I've been told and everybody should be throwing their, um, hard earned money into the stock market because the government said we should???

But then again, never listen to me. What do I know.

The Psychology Profession Summed Up

June 17, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Fun Fed Charts!

June 20, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Today's exciting economic charts are brought to you today by the US Federal Reserve!

Your thought of the day:

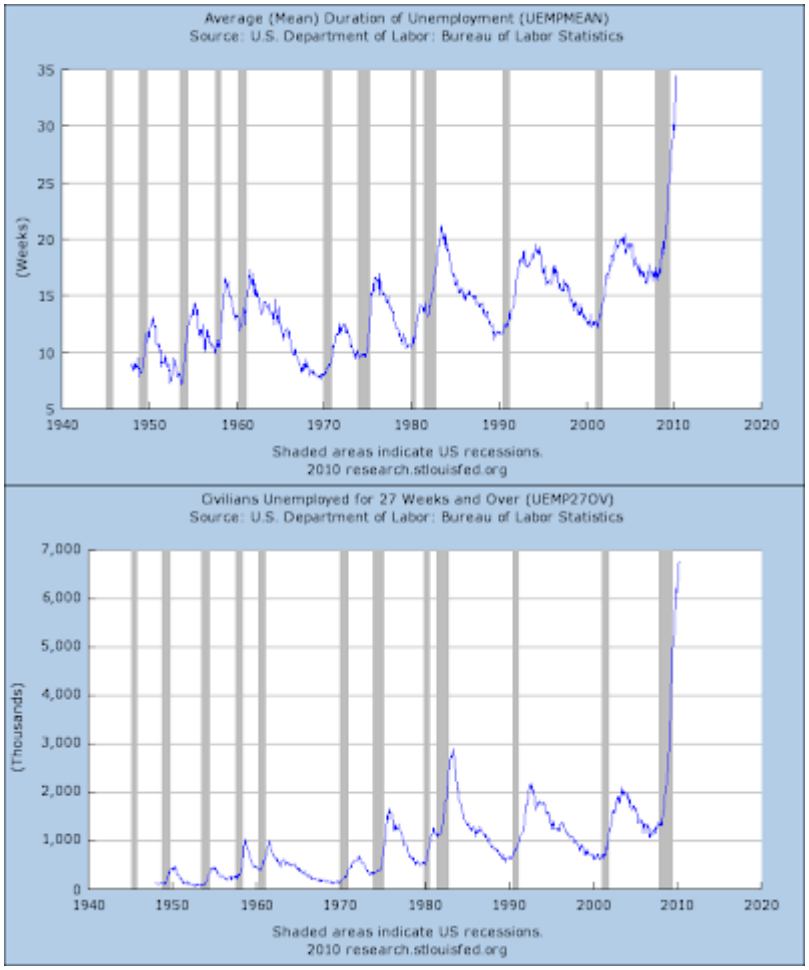
"*How much lost economic production have we have lost because 10% of the labor force is unemployed*

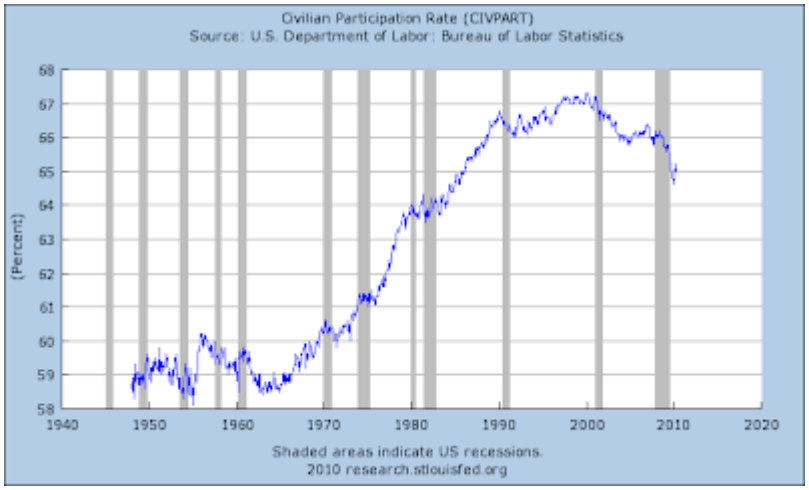
AND

not just unemployed, but unemployed for a longer period of time than ever recorded

AND

also considering the labor force participation rate is going down?"





Enjoy the decline!

But He Means Well

June 21, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And intentions are all that matter in the world of the left.

Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bunny, RAH RAH RAH!

June 21, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was going to write something intelligent and insightful and then I realized too high a percentage of the population is too damn stupid to listen to what I say anyway. That being said, I refuse to degrade myself to an American Idol level of stupidity and entertainment, so permit me to post this so those of you in the Capposphere may enjoy an intelligent yet entertaining post.

Ooo! Spank!

June 22, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Those blasted forefathers and their "balance of powers!" Don't they know who I am!!!

Enjoy the Decline!

June 23, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You mean all that monetary policy, low interest rates and stimulus hasn't made my house worth millions?

Enjoy the decline!

Oh am I Good

June 23, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

See, now it's legitimate. BEforehand I was just a crazy kook, now since the WSJ has ordained this as a possibility, I am a visionary.

A Cartman Moment

June 24, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There is no limit to the number of men and women I run into who upon finding out that I ballroom dance on the side are immediately intrigued and interested. I then say, "well, why don't you come out dancing with me and my friends? Or perhaps take a class?"

To which they predictably respond, "oh, well I don't know how to dance."

And thus I feel like Cartman talking to Butters in the episode "Make Love, Not Warcraft" (see here).

You see (ladies and gentlemen who are interested in dancing but then never take a dance class because you innately don't know how) you CAN'T LEARN TO DANCE UNLESS YOU EITHER TAKE A CLASS OR GO OUT AND TRY!!!

I file my complaint today primarily because of the lost amount of fun people could have if they just went out and at least TRIED dancing. They're missing out a great world simply because they somehow magically think all ballroom, swing and salsa dancers somehow were just born dancing and we never ever had to train or learn the basic steps in the first place. As if just after college, BOOM, the Magic Salsa Fairy took her wand and went "pwaaaaannng!!! You can now dance, Captain!"

The other reason I bring this up is for the younger men in the Capposphere. I have retired from the courtship/dating game and now never ask a girl I don't know to dance. And the reason is simple - they always say the same thing - "Well, I'd love to, but I don't know how?"

This you understand has happened at least a hundred times in my life. But understand the irony of it.

The Young (and highly accomplished ballroom-dancing) Captain, goes up to girl X. There is a nice open wood dance floor. There is a GREAT band playing. And everybody is dressed to the nines looking sharp.

I say to girl X, "Girl X, would you like to dance?"

She says "I'd love to, but I don't know how" to the ballroom dance INSTRUCTOR.

"Well I'll show you how to dance" says the ballroom dance INSTRUCTOR.

"Oh, well I don't know the moves." invariably says girl X.

"Yes, but that is why I would SHOW YOU THE MOVES" says the ballroom dance INSTRUCTOR.

By that time inevitably the situation deteriorates to a cackle of girls are wooing and giggling, pointing to one another jesting the other should dance with the "foolish" dance instructor, who leaves the table and takes with him what was a genuine and great opportunity for these girls to learn to dance.

So to the younger ballroom-dancing men in the Capposphere - don't bother asking girls to dance unless it is at a bonafide ballroom dance and they are bonafide dancers. You're just wasting your time.

Regardless, the overall lesson for the aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists out there is to just try dancing ONCE. Go take a class, especially if you don't know how, because that's why you take a class. Or if you're particualrly shy, the Captain does sell instructional DVD's which you can practice to in the security and safety of your own home. And ladies, the dirty little secret of the ballroom dance world is that you don't even need to take a class because there is no limit to the number of men who like to use it as a means by which to hopefully get your number or pick you up.

Alas, I fear I shall still be Cartman in this regard.

Non-Ivy League Observations

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Was having an e-mail conversation with a student and noticed this might be worth posting;

"*Yes, correct. I tune into CNBC every once in a while and I'm amazed how in general the gurus of Wall Street have horse blinders on. They look at financial statements, they look at balance sheets, they run their little models and they only look at the industry. They never go BEYOND the industry and incorporate the ecnomy.*

What is ironic about this is (ESPECIALLY in the past 4 years) the majority of stock price movement has had NOTHING to do with individual companies, but rather the overall economy. Even with the housing bubble, subsequent crash, debt crises in Europe, these Wall Street drones just keep looking at the industry and drone on.

You could also see it in the build up to the housing market bubble. Economists such as Shiller, Roubini, not to mention my humble self, were trying to warn people and banks about the housing bubble, but all the TOP FINANCIAL GENIUSES AT THE TOP FINANCIAL FIRMS DIDN'T SEE IT COMING. I remember the chief risk officer of Merrill Lynch (I think) being interviewed by The Economist about 2007 and he was quoted as saying, "We looked forward, didn't see any risks to the economy." I was sitting there thinking, "How on earth did you NOT see any risks?"

Well, again the reason is they're trained as Ivy league MBA's to just do DCF, look at what they've always done and ignore the larger economic picture.

I'm afraid, given what I see on CNBC, these geniuses are still missing the boat. The larger economic threats are debt, a "perma-retirement" bubble in the stock market, and scloretic eocnomic growth that will impair entitlement programs in the future and undermine the entire retirement planning philosophy (ie-the stock market may not grow by 12.5% per year "like it always has.")

Of course, I don't have enough gray hair and went to just a Big 10 school, but your observations of where their analysis was lacking was indeed spot on."

Again, my services are available for the now failing, taxpayer-bailed-out bulge bracket investment banks who eschew those icky gross Non-Ivy-League commoners - at a premium of course.

Fort Bachelortude

June 26, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As the recessionary woes plague the nation your beloved Captain, now on permanent Galt vacation, has had the time to observe a couple trends or phenomenons occurring. Most notably the young man who now sleeps on my couch on account he is a friend and he is in a time of need because, well, his wife is an insufferable pain in the ass. This has resulted in my abode becoming what I like to call "Fort Bachelortude" - an oasis for bachelors as they battle against life's daily onslaughts.

Go to the neighboring town of mine and you will see two other bachelors forming a brother fort on account one of them is a pilot (whose industry is not known for long term, stable employment) and needs just a place to sleep and a stall to shower in. The owner of the house (a bachelor) does not have a wife nor kinder and therefore has an extra room by which he can rent out for very cheap to the pilot bachelor. This is a mutual advantageous relationship in that the room has gone unused and why not generate at least a pittance of rental income while splitting chores.

Of course these are merely anecdotal stories of bachelors shacking up, but enough anecdotes make a trend, and trends make statistical fact, and so allow me a prediction;

The RISE OF THE BACHELOR FORT!

Both the pilot and my romantically beleaguered friend are empirical evidence of two traits of society that are going to drive this "bachelor fort" trend. A trend by which bachelors minimize their expenses, just try to get by as cheaply as possible, and therefore form MANLY coops (because most coops are pretty effeminate) of residency by which to save money.

For example my friend who now resides on my couch is suffering from one of society's trend whereby the entire courtship/romance/marriage or whatever you want to call it industry is completely biased and tilted against men. Divorce courts, child custody, and forget law. Just look at the purified hell a young man must go through in the US when it comes to dating the American Idol worshipping prima modannas. Inevitably a man comes to the realization that he is finite and he is going to die. Does he spend his time slaving away to make daddy's little princess happy? Or does he decide to find a couch, play some video games, smoke some cigars, drive a motorcycle and do what he wants to do? I could go into this in infinite detail and no doubt I will receive many complaints from women, but it doesn't change the fact that courting and marriage for the average American male is so horrendous that it should not be surprising that the trend of men opting to never marry will not just continue but increase.

This trend of course is great for Fort Bachelortude in that without a wife demanding a brand new 3 story suburbanite dream home and children crying and screaming and bringing communicable diseases into the house, the sole, lonely bachelor only needs a couch and a bathroom for his living needs.

The second trend is what my pilot buddy faces - unreliable employment. Not because he is an unreliable employee. Oh no no no. Scott Adams has long ago proved corporate America is to blame for the lack of loyal employees. But because employers, for the most part, are just as incompetent as the employees they love to blame their incompentence and quarterly losses on. The WWII generation is no longer at the helm. It's the baby boomers at the helm, the even-more-entitlement-mentality-driven Gen X'ers seeping into middle management, and the even-more-entitled-than-that Millinials at the entry level. And you people wonder why there's 10% unemployment and no private sector growth.

Regardless, this poses a quandry for your conventional bachelor. Simply;

THERE'S NO JOBS!

You also combine that with the fact that this latest recession has disproportionately affected men more than women to the point it's called the "mancession" it leaves a populus of bachelors out there looking to minimize expenses as much as possible. This drives American men NOT to go back home and live with mom at the age of 40 (like many of our southern European counterparts do), but rather shack up with other impoverished bachelors to pool resources and share expenses.

Now at first, most people would look at this and say, "My god, what a bad thing. How could this be happening?" But permit me a couple observations.

First, bachelors, if they're real tough, traditional American men, do not have their lives nor base their lives on their homestead. Their lives are defined by what they do OUTSIDE of their place of sleep. Ergo, a single male WHO HAS NO KIDS, does not call home "where he rests his head" but rather "home" is his network of friends, his hobbies and what defines him as a man. And whlie in our ignorant youth some of us may have thought a house in the suburbs with a June Cleaver wife (who was actually pretty hot by the way) was the "goal" as we've aged we've realized there's more to life than just doing what literally billions of people have done before us. And instead of having the majority of our finances tied up paying for a mortgage and family we can't afford, with minimal living expense and a lot of free time (thanks Barack!) we can now actaully pursue interests and hobbies that interest us. This is the key thing to Fort Bachelortude - trading labor for leisure. Since there are no jobs, if we can master the art of cost-minimalization, we can enjoy a higher standard of living at a much lower income in that we have all that much more free time.

Second, Fort Bachelortude is not a frat house. I'm not talking about a bunch of rowdy teenagers, getting drunk, living off of daddy's dime while they major in "business." I'm talking men in their 30's and 40's who can actually shack up without any drama or chaos about who left the puking donkey in the living room. Men who are forced to join Fort Bachelortude are much more mature and make any kind of traditional roomate dramas a thing of the past.

Thirdly, it forces bachelors to rethink what's really important in life. I know women are not going to like this, but men, you are a factor too. And not just any factor, a very important factor. Matter of fact a completely necessary factor in by that default you are 1/2 the factor. Your life and your happiness should come first as long as it does not expense or hurt somebody in the process. I know we've been trained to put family and household ahead of us, but please. That doctrine was established in the 40's and died once conventional feminism took hold. There is a whole world out there for you to explore, and as I mentioned before in point #1, you may be forced through divorce or dumping, combined with economic realities, to not just minimize expenses, but that you will also have a wake up call forced upon you. If you have such minimal resources to pay for your living, what are the most important things for you to spend your money on?

In other words, Fort Bachelortude is not just a means by which you get cheap rent and your landlord buddy gets beer money, it makes you take inventory of your life and ask how do you want to spend it.

Now the ramifications of this trend are very politically incorrect. Men just going and doing what they want? MEN abandoning the courting/dating/marrying market and pursuing hobbies of leisure? Men not walking up the isle and instead just renting a room in the basement of some other heathen bachelor while he plays video games all day???

Sadly (or perhaps maybe happily) yes.

For you see, men don't really have a choice. The economy has been feminized to the point safety is put ahead of any kind of innovation or production. Equality is more important than excellence. And harmony has replaced competition. This is not a welcoming environment to the traditional American male simply because it goes against a male's nature. And when this is the environment a male doesn't go forth and try to produce huge amounts of production or start up a new company or become the next Tony Stark, because...well...why should he? (First, he can't, second, you'd tax him to death) Instead, and this is the real threat to the conventional way American thinks, what if the real men of society, just plain gave up, decided to play video games, decided to minimize expenses, and never work hard again? What if they stopped marrying, working, and instead put their own happiness ahead of everybody else's and simply pursued a life of leisure and hobbies that they wanted? What would be the long term economic consequences if such a large percentage of the labor force just plain gave up or didn't try

their best anymore?

I'll let that thought fester in your mind, in the meantime, doors are open at Fort Bachelortude. BYOB.

Crusaderism

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Is a disease.

More to come. Get your pen and paper ready.

The Definition of Stupid

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They're about as smart as our youth in this country. Protesting over increasing the retirement age to (GASP) 62 SO THAT THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE SOME FREAKING MONEY WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR THEM TO RETIRE!!!!!

Oh, Karl Marx is laughing in his grave right now.

The Escapist

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As most of you know I have more or less retired from blogging, making occasional quick posts here and there. If you really want to see genius, read some of my older stuff when I actually thought there might be hope for the country if there was somebody who pulled all the economic data together and spelled it out for people. Now I just chase after Natasha and play video games.

Regardless, there are new people hitting blogosphere and you should check them out. The Escapist is one of them.

Online Schools

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These teachers are definitely paid differently than those who teach in online schools.

Oh Noes!!!

June 29, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Please don't take our finite, and thus fundamentally flawed no matter how complex they are, models away from us! Weez needs them so people don't realize our profession is a simple one hiding behind advanced math and SAS programs! Give us money and we'll give you complicated programs with lots of greek symbols!

Maybe I Should Move to Canada

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They seem to live in reality there.

From a Canadian Reader

July 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Canadian banks were founded by conservative Scotsmen who instilled a culture of fiscal prudence in the Canadian banking industry.

What is interesting is that Canada is lowering corporate tax rates at the same time the U.S. is proposing to raise them. By July 1, 2013 the top corporate tax rate on active business income will be only 25%.

Many small corporations will only pay 15% tax rate on the first $500K of income.

On top of that Canada has introduced legislation that will make it even easier for foreigners to invest in Canada. For example, a foreigner who invests in shares of either a private corporation or a publicly traded corporation will pay no Canadian tax when the foreigner sells the shares unless the corporation derives more than 50% of its value from real property in Canada. Canada is opening its doors to investment at the same time the U.S. is threatening the very existence of a corporation.

To which I respond;

"That is because Canada has Steve Harper, an economist, as their premier and we have a bleeping "community organizer" who doesn't have any real world experience."

Post note - It has been duly noted that Mr. Harper was not in fact an economist, but rather has his degree in economics. My apologies for being misinformed. Would anybody care to trade then?

Many Thanks to the Pay Pal Donors

July 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your Captain, always looking for new entreprenurial ventures that avoid having a boss, inevitably was going to have to find the ole password to his pay pal account on account that Pay Pal is usually a preferred means of internet payment.

I set one up for the Cappy Cap blog (the link beautified by Natasha to your right) to get whatever donations I might.

Naturally you forget about it and think there's $20 or whatever from your mom donated out of pity, but your Captain was pleasantly surprised to see that many junior, aspiring, deputy, official or otherwise economists actually have made donations! I now have $300 big smackeroos in the account and will enjoy it by buying cigars, drinking, driving a motorcycle, emitting carbon and engaging in other American activities that generally agitate members of the left.

I didn't want to list full names, but many thanks to Bill, Rob, Earl, Rick, Peter and Alex.

Have a happy 4th of July!

Why You Have High Property Taxes in Minneapolis

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Watching TV last night and on comes a commercial with effeminate music and you see an effeminate guy riding a bike, a Prius, people smiling, more lame music, and of course, everybody is wearing a helmet and at the end you see a bumper sticker on a bike with the following URL.

I tried to find the commercial on Youtube and the website, but could not (because you really have to see it), regardless, I tender this question to the citizens of Minneapolis who have had their property taxes jacked up nearly 400% (and no, that's not a farcical statistic, it's real, I used to live there and saw it on my property tax bill every year);

DO YOU PEOPLE REALLY WONDER WHY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING INCREASED?

I ask because I really wonder if the typical liberal in Minneapolis ever links their perpetually increasing property taxes with frivolous programs like the "Walk Ambassador Program" and now commercials like the one I saw last night. A commerical that had NO POINT OR PURPOSE but to make bicycle riding in the Twin Cities look like a passer-by sport for weak, meek, effeminate little girls. A commercial that isn't even advertising a product or a service. Just a blantant wasting away of taxpayers money that really calls into question if there's any spending control occuring at the municipal level.

I being serious when I say this - I want a liberal from Minneapolis to rationlize this for me. Explain to me why this is a good thing? Or why these programs warrant a 5% of market value property tax? Do you not get the relationship between your fleecing level of property taxes (and consequently, lower property values) with R.T. Rybak's spending binge on worthless programs like this? I just sit slack jawed-amazed with the waste and how time after time again you people in Minneapolis just keep on shooting yourselves in the foot financially by doing this.

Regardless, I no longer live there and no longer pay the property taxes so I can sit back and enjoy a cigar and watch you slowly turn into Nuevo Detroit. But when you inevitably wake up one day and ask yourself, "Gee, why aren't property values going up" look at those brand spanking new bike paths you have, along with that Jim Dandy commercial (and your $50,000 drinking fountains) and see if that makes you feel any better.

The Bursting of the Education Bubble Begins

July 5, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In one of my more brilliant pieces I noted that given how much fluff and prerequisites colleges and universities foist upon their students simply for no other reason than to employ otherwise unemployable TA's and liberal arts professors, that it takes too long to incubate labor.

The costs of which are notably lost production, a demoralized student body and a wasting of billions of dollars on the education industry that is progressively moving away from training youth to become employable, skilled workers to that of a self-interested lobby unto itself that seeks more and more money.

Inevitably this divergence from what colleges produce and what employers need results in employers taking matters into their own hands.

Congratulations! The Cancer is Spreading Less Slowly

July 6, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There has to be a term for this.

Where the media and politicians point towards the change in the rate of economic growth or the "change in the rate of how the economy feels" as some kind of success when in reality they're just stretching like Elasto-Man to avoid telling the truth;

The economy is still shrinking.

It's a Slum, Right?

July 6, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just wanted to make sure I read that correctly. This place is a slum.

Despite government financing and lower government mandated prices the standard of living these utopians live under is defined as a "slum."

I wanted to make sure I understood it 100% correctly and clearly that these people and their micro-economic system they've implemented for themselves has resulted in a "slum."

Is everybody clear on this?

Recession Medicine

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It dawned on me that even though statistically we're out of a recession, for most people out there it still feels like one. So permit me some lighter fare.

Oh, and of course, enjoy the decline!

Why Jackie Mroz Can't Find a Job

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Hat tip to the Colonel.

Can you guess, without reading the article, why Jackie can't find a job?

The Education Bubble Continues

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I have a simple question. What good is an education unless there's economic growth and jobs at the end?

But, hey, don't let me stop you from getting your triple doctorate in Communications, Family Sociology and Women's Studies. And certainly feel free to continue to get that Six Sigma, CPE, and whatever other certifications to the point it becomes an overweighted Boyscout badge sash.

Heh

July 7, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So, no, we won't be doing the one thing that would really boost the economy.

The Definition of Enjoying the Decline

July 8, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The quintessential "enjoy the decline!"

And Come December 5th?

July 9, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I wonder what will happen to the employee payrolls of union members come December 5th.

Upcoming Seminar

July 9, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is your Captain speaking-

Akin to my "capitalism vs. socialism" speech I did a year ago, this year I put together a new seminar titled "Crusaderism."

Do not let the title bore you or fool you. It is pretty much another high quality Cappy Cap classic that I would even say is more important than the previous speech.

THat being said I need to distribute it as far and wide as possible. Obviously it will go on You Tube, but if anybody wants a DVD copy mailed to them for reproduction purposes or perhaps to give a gift to a liberal in the hopes of convincing them before its too late, let me know.

You are now free to move about the cabin.

He's More or Less Got It Straight

July 9, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

But, oh oh oh, he's not being nice. And being nice is more important than being right

Crusaderism

July 11, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Here's the latest Captain Capitalismites.

"Crusaderism."

It's a 10 part series on You Tube. I strongly suggest watching it in its entirety unlike the Capitalism Socialism speech where 4,000 people watched just the first part and then MISSED OUT COMPLETELY ON THE DATA AND STATISTICS ON THE SUBSEQUENT PARTS THAT WERE WAY MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE INTRODUCTORY SEGMENT.

So pour yourself a big martini, light up a big cigar and enjoy. Also keep in mind You Tube only allows 10 minute videos so I had to chop it up into 10 parts, the links to which you can see in the margins.

Crusaderism

July 12, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh, it's already here people.

Love Ya, Mom!

July 13, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your Captain wakes up this morning and he has three voice mails.

One from a student he tutors in the art of economics and finance.

Another from his brother who informs him he is part of a small, little inheritance from his recently passed away, but no less-kick ass uncle.

And a third from his beloved mother.

Normally the Captain's beloved mother leaves a message of some kind trying to cajole the Captain into riding the beasts of death at her house (horses) or see the latest animation movie or just in general making sure your Captain is in good health, going to church, brushing his teeth and avoiding icky gross girls.

But no, not this time.

This time, your beloved Captain's mother, had gone through the presentation on Crusaderism and wrote down all the typos and spelling errors. She then calls me this morning at 810AM to inform me of the typos.

35 years old, 100% self-supporting since 18, author of a book and arguably the best economist in the state of Minnesota and I still have my mom pointing out typos on my power point presentations.

Love ya Mom!

Don Quixote

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It was one of those things that I couldn't remember and it was going to drive me nuts until I did.

"Man de La Mancha?"

No that wasn't it.

"His squire Pablo????"

No that wasn't it either.

I got on the Wiki, finally looked it up, DON QUIXOTE. The slightly off psychologically hero of the book "Don Quixote."

The reason I was having trouble remembering it was because I drove past a statue of Don Quixote and his squire, Sancho, over in Richfield. I was trying to explain to Natasha who they were, but could not remember their names.

However, it also reminded me of an experience from many years ago, that I thought was worthy of sharing with the younger male lieutenants of capitalism.

My memory is a bit sketchy, but I was at a restaurant or bar somewhere in Uptown. I was by myself, probably at either the beginning of a 3rd or end of a 2nd shift. My waitress was cute and had a slightly darker complexion than the average Minnesotan and upon conversation I found out she was Spanish, her parents both moving here from Spain before she was born. She also was a single mother, having a boy around the age of 10, at which point in time I saw my opening (as I was still engaging in the art of pursuing women).

Thinking I was charming and witty I said, "Your son ever read Don Quixote?"

She said, "What?"

"Don Quixote."

"What's that?" she said.

I said, "Don Quixote? The most famous book written by a Spaniard? They made a movie, Man de La Mancha about it? The guy who attacks windmills and is followed around by his

short fat squire?"

She just gave me a bewildered look.

So your young Captain, thinking he's going to be a sharp sly dog, goes out the next day to buy a used copy of Don Quixote. I jot my number down on a piece of paper, put it inside the book, and drop the book off for the girl at the bar.

Never heard from her again.

Now, let's put on our economic thinking caps and and answer the following questions;

1. What was the first mistake the Captain made and what was the sign that should have told him not to make it?

2. How does this story explain the concept of opportunity cost?

Answers will be graded on being correct and concise. Not how long they are.

Pixies Fart Prairie Dogs in Brigadoon

July 16, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From a reader;

Meh. I'm still holding my stock in the real PBR, Pabst Blue Ribbon. We are so far away from any possibility of pulling out of this that beer is what is called for.

I notice that Candi of "Learn To Dance" is wearing the Michelle Obama Oil Spill frock.

Meanwhile, on the beach at the Gulf, yesterday, when the inevitable subject came up, I tried to explain that drilling off the (most of the) Florida coast could not be compared to drilling off the tip of the Panhandle, or the western Gulf; the Eastern Gulf (Florida) is mostly natural gas. There's some really heavy, unprofitable liquid petroleum being pumped from an area near Fort Myers, but we just don't have the light crude found off TX, LA, MS, and AL.

Doesn't matter. You might as well say, "Pixies fart Prarie Dogs in Brigadoon," when talking, even to reasonably well-educated people.

This, in Florida, where reasonably well-educated people should have memories that extend back 5 years, when the natural gas pipelines feeding most of our power plants from Louisiana went off line, due to Katrina. We had to barge in coal like maniacs just to try to keep up. Everybody's power bills jumped up. Nobody remembers.

Florida has 25 percent of the nation's natural gas reserves (which is double the Gulf's crude oil reserves, in barrel-of-oil equivalents), just sitting out there and we can't access it; we have to pipe it in from elsewhere.

At this time, I plan on sticking with beer to bleerily get through this period of national insanity.

Recession Medicine

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The Price You Paid for Feminism

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and all of its marxist, entitlement-mentality bliss.

The Great MBA Bubble

July 19, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

First it was the Dotcom Bubble.

Then it was the Housing Bubble.

And now it is the Education or "MBA" Bubble.

I predicted the previous two and I'm sure as I am typing here I will have reliably predicted the third.

The reason why is that in addition to my awesome economic mind and insight I also moonlight as a tutor on the side. Business is a-BOOMIN' because as the recession hits, the talking heads tell everybody "education is a recession-proof asset" and since the US is awash with liberal arts undergrads the natural next step is to get your MBA. Combine that with an incredibly efficient private sector and there is no limit to the fly-by-night, online, MBA schools sprouting up all over the internet and BAM!!! I got a small little clientele of MBA students that need tutoring.

Now for those of us who went to business school, this will be no surprise. But for those of you who never went to business school or are some how "impressed" somebody has an "MBA" let me explain to you right now that MBA's are worthless.

Matter of fact, they're worse than worthless. They're damaging. One only needs to ask who was at the helm of all the banks during the housing bubble and subsequent crash?

MBA's.

Who was peddling IPO shares in soon-to-be-worthless Dotcoms???

MBA's.

YOu look at pretty much every major economic catastrophe and the leaders that drove the economy there, you will see them honeycombed with MBA's.

Now, maybe back in the day, say, the 1950's, and MBA would have carried some weight. The individual went beyond his or her degree in accounting and decided to study business at a higher level. The insights gained from this would give you TANGIBLE SKILLS that would give you an edge over your competitors. The problem though is that over time and as more and more MBA's flooded the market, the MBA lost its potency. Additionally since business is common sense (no matter WHAT "they" tell you) you have to constantly

re-create the MBA to somehow seem that it is on the "cutting edge" of "business science" when in reality common sense can only be sliced, diced and re-taught in so many ways.

The result was that the MBA didn't morph into this super degree where you learn tangible skills that will make you a more productive employee and turn you into a leader. It rather turned into a "stamp of approval" that simply showed employers you were a conformist. You would jump through hoops. You were perfectly fine going through the mendacity of a 2 year degree in common sense while acting like it was some kind of "professional venture." It is the fact you could tolerate such an inane and stupid process that made MBA's sought after - they were non-thinking automotons and THIS is what employers of today really want. They don't want leaders or innovators, they want conformists.

Alas, I get enraged when I sit there with my students and see just what tripe and utter garbage these schools are teaching. Chapter upon chapter is written on simple concepts that only need a paragraph to be explained, only for the sole purpose to make the "LEadership and Management" book look like an authoritative 559 page tome instead of the 3 page pamphlet it could easily be condensed into. The forcing of students to take what is essentially the same class 3 times (leadership in education, educational leadership, theories on managing leadership in education) to fill an MBA program and generate more tuition while teaching them nothing new. And do not get me started about how they teach obsolete, worthless, economic theories that NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MINDS WOULD EVER USE. DCF, EVA, "Porter's Five Forces Model."

But today, one took the cake. Abso-freaking-lutely took the cake.

I was going over an essay one of my students wrote for flow, content, etc., on account that in addition to being an excellent salsa dancer and fossil hunter extraordinaire, I am an outstanding author. I made some changes, reworded some sentences, but nothing dramatic. I gave it back to him, pointed out a couple things and he said,

"Oh, I can't have contractions in my papers."

Confused, originally because I thought he was talking about pregnancy-related "contractions," I said, "What do you mean you can't have contractions?"

He said, "Well this sentence here. You changed it to read, "the company shouldn't invest in this project because the NPV is negative."

I said, "yeah, so?"

"Well, "shouldn't" is a contraction. You combined "should" with "not." And they told us in our professional writing course to NEVER use contractions."

I sat dumbfounded and my blood pressure increased even further.

The MBA industry, has become SO VOID OF NEW IDEAS, REAL, TANGIBLE SKILLS TO TEACH THAT THE BEST, THE ABSOLUTE BEST THING THEY CAN COME UP WITH IS TO ELIMINATE THE BLEEPING USE OF CONTRACTIONS????

But then, I calm down, I chant my Galt-Buddha chant, I tell myself,

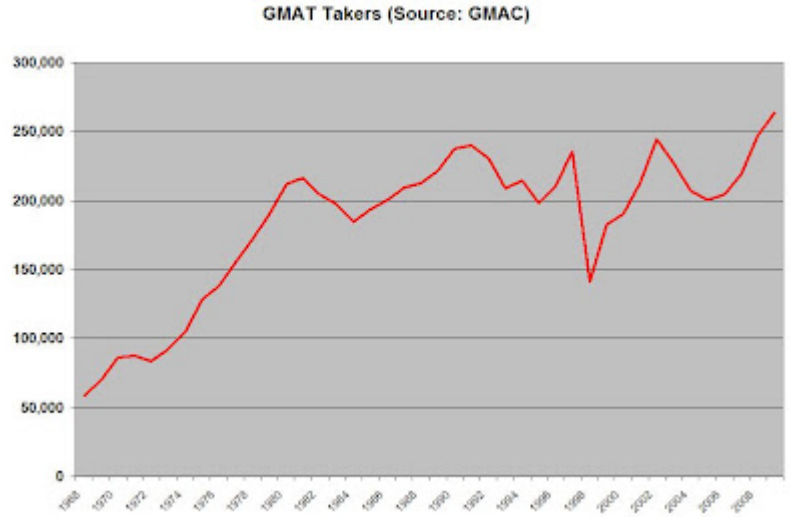
"Let go of the caring
Let go of the caring
Go Galt Go Galt
Society is collapsing
You cannot stop it
Your life is finite
Relax and enjoy the decline
Let go of the caring
Let go of the caring."

My new-found-econ-Buddha-Galt-philosophy set aside, it still amazed me. This school charges $27,000 for an MBA. My alma-mater, the Carlson School of Management charges last I heard $78,000. And I can only imagine what the Ivy League is charging for their progressively worthless MBA programs. All for what?

To learn not to use contractions?

The ramifications of this are of course going to be severe on several levels.

One, the simple fact MBA students are flooding the market. GMAT test takers (the pre-MBA qualification test) broke a record in 2009 at 263,000 test takers, no doubt to be dwarfed by 2010 numbers.



With this many MBA's and the simply law of supply (which these MBA's should know

about) the value of an MBA is going to drop. Furthermore, since employers don't hire MBA's because of their uniqueness or innovation, but rather their conformance, MBA's are nothing more than a commodity in that "conformity" is simply that - a commodity. Any yes-man will do. So even though idealistic MBA students are thinking a job is just right around the corner upon graduation, unless the employment situation in the economic picks up (which my super awesome economic powers know it won't) they're still going to face a flooded market and nowhere near the salary-commanding ability they thought they'd have.

This will only worsen hundreds of thousands of people's personal finances. As they fork over money for what is progressively becoming a worthless degree, they will end up in debt with no better or at best, marginally better income earning potential.

Certainly this will hurt the individuals pursuing their MBA's, but don't think there isn't a cost to employers. Pursuing conformance over performance, ass-kissers over ass-kickers, employers will feel really good about themselves because their underlings have been programmed to be yesmen, but will experience no real tangible benefits from employing them. No real leadership or innovation will come out of this latest generation of MBA's. No real ground-breaking products or ideas will come from them. Worse still, knowing it is more important to be nice than right, these MBA's will simply shut up if there's any trouble at the firm knowing not to rock the boat. This yes-man disease will essentially corrupt the private sector forcing the private sector to become more like Goldman Sachs where bribing government officials and rent seeking replace innovation and ass-kicking.

The natural consequence to hiring people who tell you what you want to hear and not the truth or what you need to hear is that these firms will inevitably diverge so much from reality they will go out of business. We saw it with the Dotcoms, we saw it with the housing bubble, and we saw it with the auto industry. Firms that play nice instead of right, will pay the consequence (until the government bails you out). They will not be in business. They will not be able to employ people. They will not be able to produce a profit ever again. And they certainly won't be hiring any MBA's.

But hey, at least nobody used any contractions.

Honest to God

July 21, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How in god's name do idiots like this get jobs?

The sky is red, water is dry, night is day.

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund

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From CFACT. I like in particular how the woman says, "you have to major in the right degree."

Perhaps our Latino brothers and sisters, some of whom I presume do not have the luxury of majoring in sociology, know something their upper-middle income liberal-arts-majoring white counterparts do not.

Ask not What Alan Can Do for You

July 22, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Given inflation occurring and the dollar tanking and the Fed a-printing, I thought this little simple primer on inflation and currency would help explain some of the phenomena going on out there.

I love The Economist, but sometimes they get it wrong.

Inflation is a very simple thing. You needn't make it more complicated than it already is, because it's not complicated at all, for all inflation is, is a function of two very simple things;

1. How much stuff an economy produces (GDP)
2. How much money its government prints (the Money Supply, or from hence on MS).

You see, the amount of money floating around in an economy REALLY technically doesn't matter. For what truly determines the wealth and standards of living of a nation is the amount of stuff it can produce. Print off all the money you want, so each American has a trillion dollars, that doesn't increase the amount of X-Box's, milk, cars, chocolate, food, jewelry, etc., that we produce. So while you may be excited once you get your trillion dollars, you'll soon realize that ultimately we're not a cent richer as a nation because no corresponding increase in the amount of stuff occured. Alas, we'd just have hyper inflation and the same standards of living.

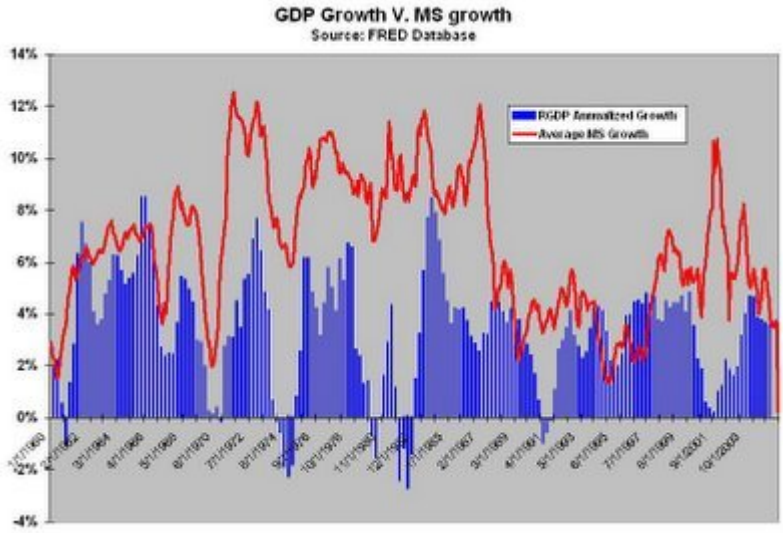
Now, you'd think this simple truth would have been learned long ago. Ahhh, but never underestimate the power of what I call "The Essence of Socialism;"

You can get something for nothing.

For history is just full of idiots thinking you can get something for nothing, especially by just boosting the money supply. All the way from the ancient Roman Empire in 218AD to just a decade ago in Yugoslavia did idiots who believed in the essence of socialism think their problems would be solved by boosting the money supply.

But please don't think former communist countries and empires long ago are the only ones guilty of such stupidity. Look at America's most stupid decade, the 1970's.

With GDP and MS growth like this;



(Note- "Average MS growth is the average annualized growth rate of the M1, M2 and M3 money supply measures)

How couldn't inflation occur?

Well, OK, to the untrained eye this tells you nothing because GDP growth and inflation are volatile and erratic. So let's "simplify it up a notch" (got your spice weasel?) and take a 5 year rolling average;

Ahhh, the picture becomes much more apparent. For how couldn't there be inflation in the 70's? You had a money supply growing at an average rate of roughly 9% a year while the economy was only able to produce more stuff at 3% a year.

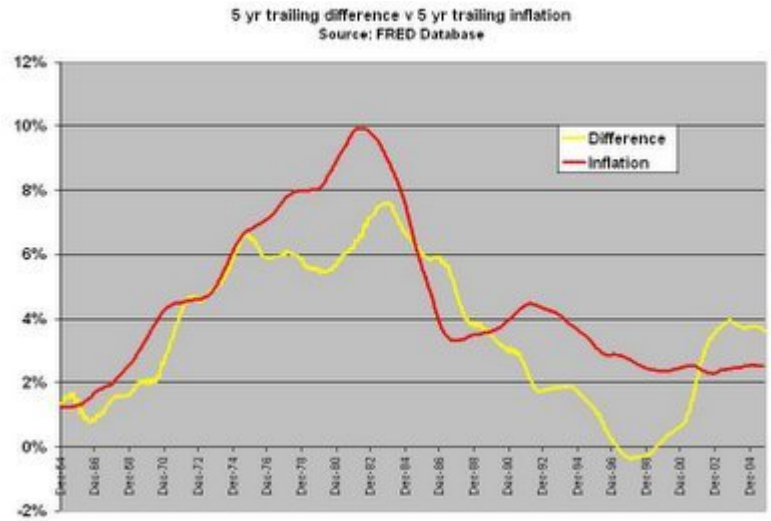
You may want to chalk up the heady inflationary days to "oil shocks" and "oil embargoes." I chalk it up to stupid politicians, stupid monetary policy and the Baby Boomers who were finally being shepherded out of their parents basement and into the working world to start their job protesting the Vietnam war (surprisingly "protesting the Vietnam War" doesn't contribute to GDP).

Now, notice, rough logic would dictate that if we increase the money supply by 9%, but the economy only grows by 3%, then we should roughly have 6% inflation. ie- the difference between economic growth and money supply growth should give us our inflation rate.

Only one way to tell.

The yellow line is the difference between economic growth (5 yr trailing) and money supply growth (5 yr trailing)

When superimposed on the 5 yr trailing inflation rate;



Well, shucks howdy! Look at that! As far as economics go, that's a perfect fit!

But notice the tail end there, where the difference between the money supply growth and GDP exceeds that of inflation. This is where it gets interesting.

Normally such a divergence would suggest higher prices and thus inflation, yet inflation has remained stubbornly low...or has it?

For you see, the CPI, which is represented by that red line, only includes the prices of consumables. It does NOT include two major asset categories;

Stocks

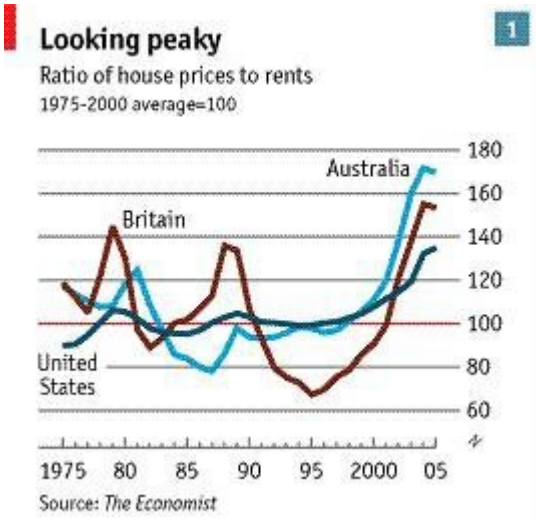
and

Housing

Notice the increase in the difference between MS and GDP occured in late 1999 and early 2000. Depsite the stock market crash, it was usurped by the housing market where prices have continued to skyrocket.

With everybody's money in housing and stocks, it doesn't show up in the CPI measure, but that doesn't mean there isn't inflation. So while the CPI and official inflation has remain relatively tame, stock prices

and property



hasn't.

Alas, inflation has been with us this entire time, it's just we don't complain about it when the price of our stocks and homes go up.

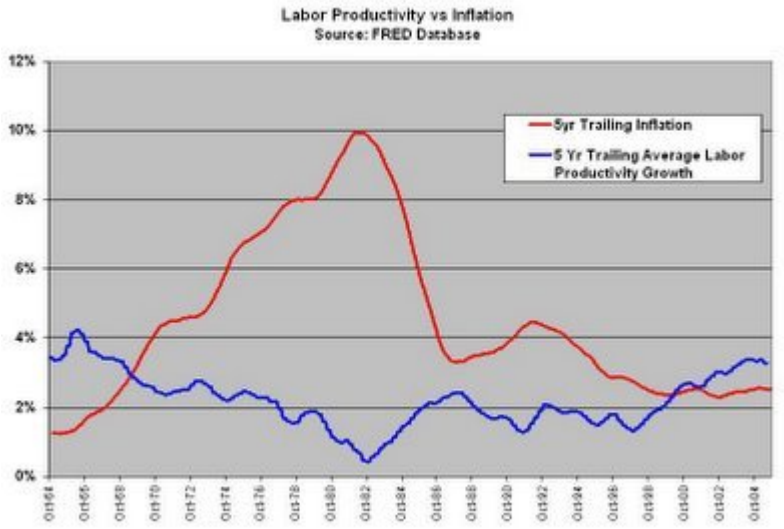
Now enter in this most recent uptick in inflation.

Here, it is largely due to an increase in oil prices and people are now looking to their central bankers to slay inflation. A sort of "Leftist Syndrome" where people expect somebody else to solve their problems. But I'm not just talking sociology majors that want the government to create jobs so they can do something with their worthless degrees or spoiled brat trust fund babies who expect everything to be taken care of by daddy. We're talking the people at The Economist and the economics profession in general who are in knee-jerk reaction mode;

"Oh, there's inflation? Slay it Greenspan!"

But as a capitalist and a despiser of all things lazy and leftist, need I remind you of the very important lesson we learned above? That inflation is a two-sided equation. It's not

just how much money is slushing around in the economy, but how many goods and services we as a nation produce. Notice the relationship between labor productivity and inflation.



A nearly perfect negative relationship, showing that as productivity goes down, inflation goes up (note the chronic deterioration from the mid 60's to the early 80's. Yes, pot, supplanted by cocaine while listening to Jim Moronson may not be good for labor productivity.)

Alas, the fighting of inflation is not solely the responsibility of central banks and central bankers, but by the workers of a country. The central bankers will control the money supply, you the worker, must produce a corresponding amount of goods and services that give reason for such a money supply to exist in the first place.

Thus, fellow countrymen, I say ask not what your central banker can do for you, but what you can do for your central banker.

Now get off your lazy asses and start contributing to GDP!

In South Dakota

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This is your captain speaking;

I'm in South Dakota for a month long vacation on account if I worked any more, that would put me in a higher income tax bracket. And since I'm going Galt, well, you know. Time, leisure, labor thing and all.

Postings will be less frequent than normal.

Bachelor Object Migration

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Allow me to explain to you girls the concept of Bachelor Object Migration or BOM.

You see, BOM, is based on the principle that any new object entering a bachelor's life musn't be rushed or accelerated into that bachelor's life. That it has to be acclimated, going through various stages, before it find it's rightful place in the bachelor pad. This can range from any object be it a car or something as simple as food, but again, key is to take your time and make sure that object is neither rushed, nor hurried into the bachelor life.

The first stage of BOM is the contemplation stage. In this stage life tells the bachelor, subtly, that he needs something. For example boxer shorts. Life, over the course of time, wears down the bachelor's boxer shorts to the point they have holes, are thread bare and are about to lose all function. And as the bachelor does laundry or goes to the bathroom he notices this in his boxer shorts and comes up with a great epiphany;

"I think I might have to get some new boxer shorts this year."

Now understand that was just the contemplation stage. The bachelor is sensing a need and is contemplating filling it. But it will not manifest itself into action until the Need Stage.

The need stage is where the bachelor obviously needs this object. His boxer shorts are in disrepair, he has NO food in the fridge, or is in desperate need of some kind of surgery. But the key defining trait of this stage is where the bachelor realizes he "needs" it, typically notated when the bachelor says to himself;

"Wow, I need to get some new boxer shorts."

Then comes the procrastination stage.

Yes, he "needs" it, but would he really be a bachelor if he immediate ran out and got it? That's what girls do. That's what married folk do. They have a need and then they call their spouse and tell them to "pick it up on the way home." Whereas the bachelor has the skills of procrastination. Bachelors are gifted creatures, able to find quick fixes to needs. The bachelor may cut his long pajamas, made of the same boxer material and convert them into boxers. The bachelor may just suffer with the now shredded boxers perhaps hemming them with a bit duct tape. The bachelor, though in desperate need of food will simply go to the bar or substitute it with a substitute food such as beer or whiskey. It is these skills that a bachelor makes.

Sadly, however, even the most gifted bachelors have to inevitably break down and go and buy the objects the need for survival. This is a low point in the bachelor's life in that they now have to "do" something that is outside of work, video games, drinking, scoring with chicks and play. They have to do a "chore" and you can tell when they are at this stage as they are usually depressed. Head hung low and not smiling. Regardless, they man up, grab a pen, and put together a "To Do List." This is the "To Do List" Stage of BOM.

Understand the to do list will not just be that one item. Here the bachelor embarks one what is the closest he will come to life planning. And aside from "get new boxer shorts" he will list other things so as not to make his life sound so dull;

1. Get new boxer shorts
2. Buy Ferrari
3. Take over Goldman Sachs by borrowing TARP money
4. Date Jennifer Aniston
5. Fly F-16 Fighter plane
6. Retire in the Bahama's with a harem of honeys managed by Jennifer Aniston
7. Have weekly bikini wrestling to decide who gets to date me that week

With the completed to do list in hand we now move onto the "purchase stage."

The purchase stage is where the bachelor is willing and able to buy the object. He has psychologically prepared himself and admitted that it is just a fact of life he needs new boxer shorts, and is the only thing holding him back from achieving his other objectives on his to do list. However, the purchase stage is regulated by one thing; "the right turn."

The bachelor is an efficient creature you must understand. Expending minimal amounts of effort for maximum gain. Ergo when purchasing items, the bachelor will only purchase the items if the store is on the right side of the road thereby requiring a right turn and thereby avoiding a left turn. If you need gas, yes, the "closest" gas station may be a mile away, but if it's on the left side of the road, this requires a left turn. A turn that can last 14 days. Many bachelors as we speak are still stuck behind some SUV driving soccer mom, who hasn't realized the green arrow means go. Ergo, even if the closest gas station is a mile away, because it is on the left side of the road, the bachelor will drive the next 50 miles on fumes to the closest gas station on the RIGHT side of the road. The same applies to boxer shorts or any other purchase that is necessary. The bachelor will not engage in the purchase stage unless the store is on the right side of the road (British bachelors engage in the opposite practice).

The bachelor enters the store, returns with the purchase in hand, throws it into the car which starts our next stage; the "Leave It in the Car Stage."

Satisfied he has done the majority of the work, the bachelor now has no guilt or psychological pressure to continue completing the chore. As far as the bachelor is concerned, he has completed his task and can now go about his bachelor activities. Notice the "To Do List" said, "Get boxer shorts." Not "wear new boxer shorts." Triumphantly he returns to his home, smug look on his face, goes into the house, opens a beer and promptly plays Call of Duty 5.

The leave it in the car stage can last anywhere from a week to a year depending on the object. If the object was say, ice cream, and it is December in Minnesota, that ice cream can stay in the trunk of the car, and thus the "leave it in the car stage," for at least 3 months. Sometimes the psychological trauma of having to run an errand and buy something is so devastating, the bachelor purges the experience completely from his mind, forgetting he purchased an object and it is in the car. Not until the bachelor has a date and is forced to clean out the car does he discover object, at which time he heralds great efficiency because it "saved" him the trip to the store he through he still had to take.

Regardless, the boxers, now nothing but strings inevitably prompt the bachelor to bring the object from the car into the house. This is a relatively short lived stage known as the "move it into the house" stage. However, the house is nothing more than a really big, immobile car. And like the car the object can stay in the house without ever really being used. Typically it begins this stage by starting on the desk or the floor, a large flat area the bachelor usually tosses stuff for general assortment later, only to be disturbed by the biennial bachelor pad cleaning. This is an important part of the process as the new object or objects, must become acclimated to all the other objects in the bachelor pad. From there it advances to the floor that it's supposed to be on. For example my dresser, and thus the boxers, are on the 2nd floor, requiring a simple toss of the boxers up the flight of stairs where they land near the vicinity of the dresser. As long as they're in the vicinity of where they're supposed to be, in the bachelor's mind that's "put away." Typically females, be they moms, sisters, friends or femme fatales, will protest it is "not put away" "lying there on the floor." This requires the bachelor to explain to them the concept of "put away good enough," which usually results in rolling eyes.

With order now in the bachelor household, now begins the unpacking/assembling stage. Some objects such as boxers you unpack. Others, such as entertainment systems you assemble. Again, here you do not want to rush them, unless they are related to the entertainment system or consist of electronics. But for the most part there is no need to unpack them right away. I mean, come on, you WENT to the store, you PURCHASED them, you brought them back HOME, you brought them INTO THE HOUSE, you PUT THEM AWAY GOOD ENOUGH, and now you have to rush and unpack? Be a bachelor, leave them in their original wrapping.

And finally comes the use stage. After a long and difficult struggle to acquire, transport

and put away good enough the objects, now comes the time to actually use them. In total the whole BOM process can take anywhere from 1 week to 1 year, but now the bachelor finally gets to enjoy using the objects. Of course, criticism is laid upon us, primarily by those of the female persuasion, that this is nothing more than procrastination. However, they do not realize the merits of BOM. First, the order and balance of the bachelor pad was not disturbed by rushing in new objects. Who knows what chaos would have ensued if those boxer shorts were haphazardly purchased the day of need and worn the very next? The house could have collapsed or caught on fire. The orderly, deliberate process of BOM prevent that from occurring. Second, the bachelor expended the minimum amount of effort to bring objects into the house. Following the right turn principle and efficient space management through the use of his car, the bachelor has freed up additional time to be spent on video games and football...I mean his "girlfriend." Third, the bachelor maintains order in his household as the BOM process ensures all objects are put away good enough where they belong. And finally, the bachelor ensures a frugal lifestyle, purchasing only what he needs and not racking up credit card bills that he'll inevitably ask daddy to pay for. It are these benefits that make BOM an essential part of bachelorhood management and a vital tool for bachelors everywhere.

Community Security Bank of New Prague

July 25, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Honest to Pete.

I was there all of 4 months ago pitching my independent underwriting service.

The Captain's Ascent of the Mighty Crow Peak

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Greetings all Cappy Capites.

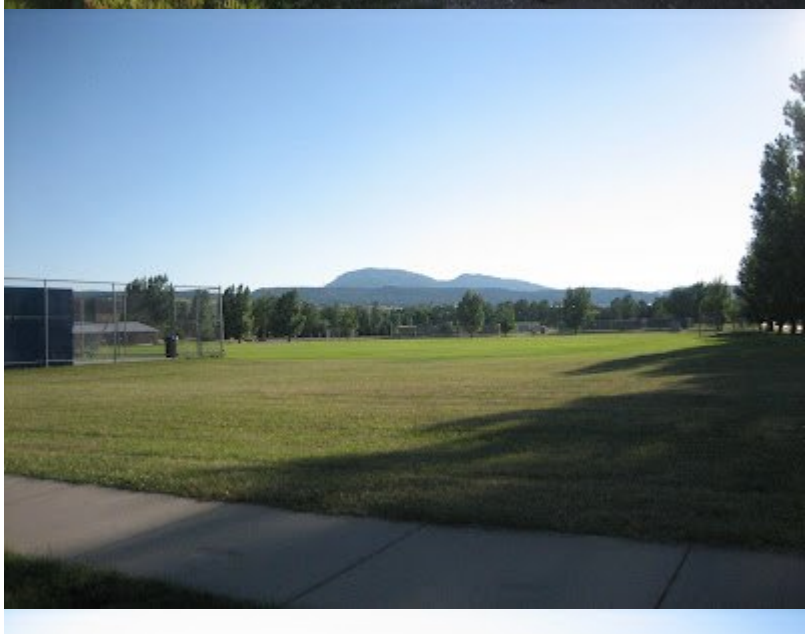
This is from South Dakota where it's obviously such a "boring" place to live because, well, it's neither the east NOR the west coasts and they don't have ANY professional sports teams. And come to think of it, I don't think I've even seen ONE Lexus dealership here.

Why would anybody want to live here?

Below are some pictures of me with the buffalo, and some other pictures of me and Natasha climbing Crow Peak.

You will enjoy them.

Enjoyment is mandatory.



This one we did not think through all the way on account Natasha aligned the camera directly with the sun. The sun is bright.

The Expendables

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Guess where the Captain is going to be August 13th.

All other men will be test driving Priuses.

Laying Down My Economic Genius

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You will watch.

What Does Shiller Know!

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Oh, now he's just being a meanie, negative stick in the mud.

Enjoy the decline!

The Captain's Continued Adventures

July 28, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Captain continues his South Dakota adventures with the bagging of two peaks (Medicine and Copper Mountains) and panning for gold!

I originally struck out on my own...

but soon had followers. Kids are interesting things. I'm amazed how their parents do not know what's cool anymore. I go fossil hunting, agate hunting, mountain climbing, motorcycle riding and ironically wherever I go, kids inevitably follow and start interrogating me about what I'm doing. Without fail they then run to their mother and ask, "MOM! MOM! MOM! Can we PLEEEEEEEASE go panning for gold?"

Sure enough mom, who forgot what it was like to be a child, says, "No, we're going to church and then summer school and then we're going to the library where you can read a good book."

In any case, the young future adventurer above was curious about how one pans for gold. Your Captain was successful in that he found TWO puny specks of gold. I am now officially rich.

This is Medicine Peak.

This is Copper Peak

Reverse order here.

More to come on my "boring" vacation in a "boring, fly-over" state.

Heh, Heh

July 29, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, and Keynesianism.

How's that labor market kids?

The Adventures of Captain Capitalism and the Elusive Fairburn Agate

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Today the motorcycle was grumpy and needed some tender loving care. Then after it was unresponsive I just beat it into submission and now we are on agreeable terms. After spending 3 hours on regreasing the rear axle and having a stern talking with the motorcycle, I ended up going out on an agate hunt with the lovely Natasha (who is the one taking the pictures so it's kind of hard to get pictures of her to satisfy all of you guys who want more pictures of her and less of me).

Regardless the hunt was successful as I inevitably found a fairburn agate!....of course it's puny...and of course it's worth about a whopping $15...and I think we spent that much in gas just to get to the agate bed...but I was victorious none the less!

Pay attention kids. Chicks dig men who can find Fairburn Agates!

You can barely see the fairburn pattern. But it's there!

Cartoons Before Movies

July 31, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The movie was listed to start at 115PM.

Natasha and I sat there patiently, suffering commercials and appeals to buy overpriced soda and popcorn for about 10 minutes.

THEN, 115PM arrives.

Where after Natasha and I suffered another 30 F@#*ING minutes watching MORE commercials, interspersed with previews.

The movie finally starts at 145PM.

Can somebody in the industry answer me this one simple question;

"Why in Spike Spiegel's name do they NOT show Bugs Bunny cartoons anymore before the movie?"

Does anybody in the cinema industry realize how much of a competitive advantage they would have over their peers if they'd just bleeping get rid of the advertisements and throw up some old school Bugs Bunny?

Oh, wait, that's right. I forget. I'm THINKING. Foolish me thinking of the customer first and somehow trying to improve a product.

And BTW, it was Carmike theaters I had to suffer this waste of time with. If you ever want to see a movie at a Carmike theater, just show up 30 minutes last and the movie should about be ready to start.

As Went Rome, So Goes America

July 31, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A lengthier, but intellectually stimulating post that deserves a pre-poured martini as you sit down and read it.

Brilliant!

August 1, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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From the colonel.

Save the Rationalization Hamster!

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Brilliant recession medicine.

Passage of the CLEAR Act

August 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The Clear Act if you want to look at it, elicited this response from the American Petroleum Institute;

“The House bill passed today will kill jobs, threaten our fragile economic recovery and place our energy security at risk. This is an anti-jobs, anti-consumer and anti-energy bill. Instead of addressing the risks of offshore development by improving safety and establishing a robust system for covering the costs of possible future accidents, this bill effectively bans development and sends thousands of workers in offshore communities to the unemployment lines.

“The unlimited liability provisions will drive the vast majority of American companies out of U.S. waters because they will not be able to obtain insurance coverage. Those remaining will be subject to huge cost hikes, reducing energy production, economic growth, American jobs and government revenues.

“While the House recognized that the deepwater moratorium is a jobs killer, we need real action and call on the administration to lift the moratorium to allow our people to get back to work. The inability to develop in the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico, whether through an explicit moratorium or through policies that create a de-facto moratorium, will cost more than 175,000 jobs a year, the majority of them in already hard-hit Gulf Coast communities.

“Americans want and deserve improvements in offshore safety and this can be accomplished without putting thousands of people out of work and increasing the nation’s reliance on foreign sources of energy.”

Since I'm on vacation, I will leave it to you guys to draw the conclusions on capital flight.

Somebody Inform Soucheray

August 2, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I own a car very similar to this one. I get about 16 MPG.

I also strongly advise parking in "Reserved for Expecting Mothers" parking spots if you have a female in the car with you. Just claim she's pregnant. Natasha gets a kick out of it.

Explaining Hollywood Elites

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You will watch.
You will conform.
You will obey.

Internships

August 3, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had a reader send me this and while this young lady and myself would probably loathe one another on most other political issues, in intellectual honesty, I do have to side with her on account that after interning myself THREE TIMES during college, none of them were anything but data entry and filing.

Additionally, since I have a readership that is compiled of younger readers and occasionally I am asked about education, college, "what major to major in," etc., permit me to save you youth some time regarding internships.

Internships depend on the field you're in. Accounting, engineering, sciences, STEM, vocational trades, etc., where even just a year or two of education can result in a skill or a trade that is valuable to an employer is worth it. You'll probably get paid AND (more importantly) get experience.

However, when it comes to the social sciences ESPECIALLY LAW AND "BUSINESS" prepare to just simply waste your time. You will do data entry, reconcile databases, and other stuff people don't care to do while euphemistically being called an "internship." Finance and investing in particular will just make you cold call, fax and be a glorified secretary.

This becomes a problem if (like when I was in college) you have to work for a living and pay for college, rent, living expenses yourself. You simply can't afford to intern if you lose the income at your day (or I guess, "night" job). Ergo, the Ole Captain's advice is this;

Intern only during summer and take on multiple interns. Treat them like dates. At the first sign of trouble ("Oh, there's been a change of plans. We're not ready to start your internship, can you scan in these files for us in the meantime?") you bail on the internship. You won't be learning anything you couldn't have done when you were in the 6th grade. Besides which you have other part time internships scheduled. As more and more internships turn out to be indentured servitude, just leave. Don't even give them a notice or finish the day. Leave.

Hopefully you will find an internship that DOES pay AND gives you experience. HOwever, keep in mind you still have to put food on the table and for the most part (no matter how unfair this is) in the real world employers abuse interns. You simply don't have to tolerate the abuse.

If It Was President Bush?

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Remember in 2001-2002 how the media just BLASTED Bush every chance they could because the recovery was NOT FAST ENOUGH? The hypocrisy of the main stream propogandia is just unreal.

Now There Couldn't Be a REASON He Was Turned Down Now, Could There Be?

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I want to ask all the touchy, feely, lefties that no doubt frequent this shop;

Did you get a look at his tax returns or schedule C?

Because if you didn't (or in the more likely case you're asking yourself "What's a schedule C?"), you're looking at a company that won't be around come 2-3 years from now.

The Captain's Great Tornado Adventure

August 4, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Getting back to my point that parents forget what it's like to be a kid and therefore forget what is "real fun," what can be funner than after a day of shooting AR 15's, smoking cigars and agate hunting in the middle of nowhere South Dakota than getting caught in the middle of the grasslands with NO COVER and racing back to the car only to decide at the last moment to go tornado chasing...because...well, one decides to form immediately off to your left.

I do believe after revisiting the physical site my tornado struck earlier this afternoon it was a "gustnado" and not a tornado I saw, but it was a text book example of a tornadic storm. HEre's the weather report.

Regardless, the larger point is that kids should be allowed to have this kind of fun. Oh sure, "parents" would raise some concerns about "safety" and blah blah blah, but it's these kind of things that one remembers later on in life and in the words of John Candy from "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"

"As much fun as I've had on this little journey, I'm sure one day I'll look back on it and laugh."

Coincidence?

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Could it be the five things they list here;

Children
Housing
Education
Cars
Retirement

are coincidentally the five major bubbles in the US right now?

Time to bachelor up gentlemen.

The Captain's Adventures Continue!

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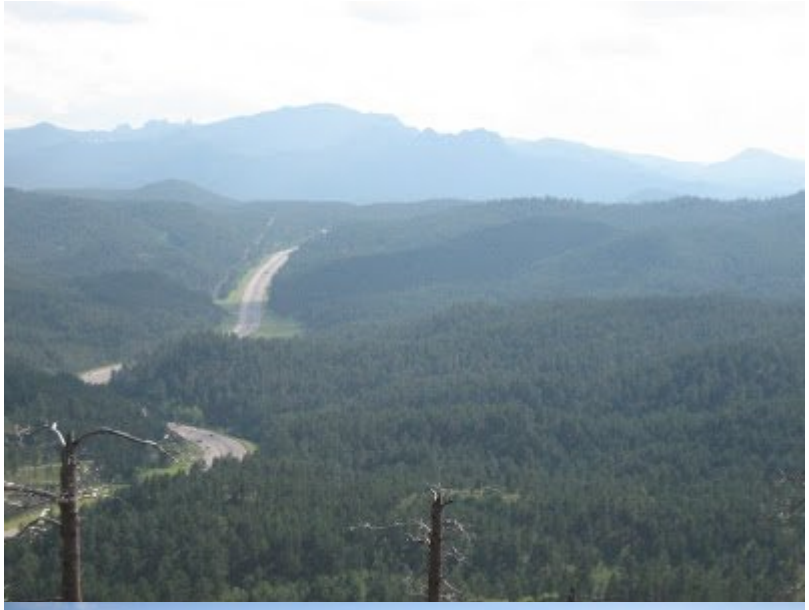
With the climbing of Elk Peak, Silver Peak not to mention I TOTALLY HIT THE JACKPOT WITH FAIRBURN AGATES!

Now for those of you who just pat the ole Captain on the head when he mentions his agate hunting, laughing half feeling sorry for him;

"Ho ho ho. Oh, the ole Captain. Him and his agates. It's like he just replaced playing Dungeons and Dragons for a newer and nerdier passion."

I'll have you know that these things are HUGE (note the half dollar). These (I'm guessing) are worth about $400 a piece, if not more.

I apologize for the cloudy pictures, but hopefully you can see the patterns there.



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Heh, Heh

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How's that Keynesianism working for you?

Enjoy the decline!

Laying Down Some More of My Economic Genius

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The Captian Might Have Had a Couple

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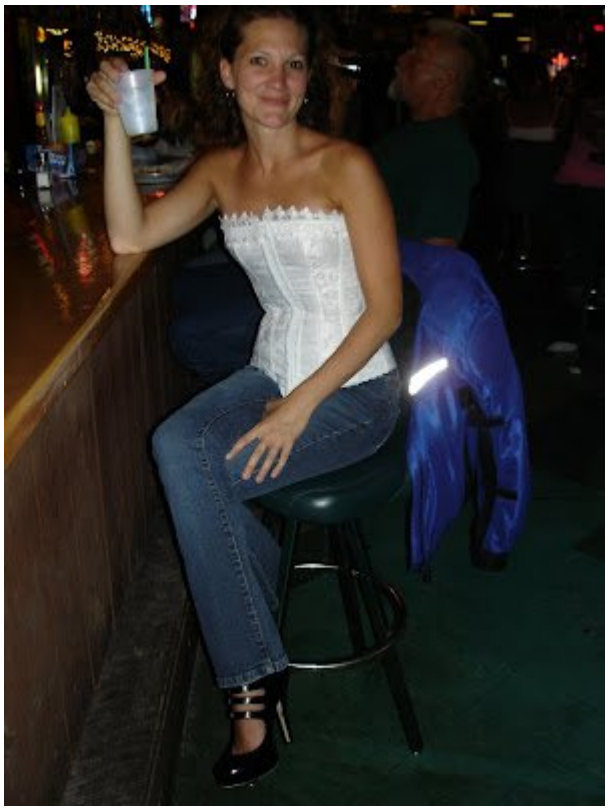
The Captain had Cindi visit him (which if you schmoes would look to your right in the side bar is Cindi advertising his book AHEM AHEM, COUGH COUGH COUGH!) and he took her to Sturgis.

Cindi is a public school teacher and her and I have our expected "disagreements" about whether the little kiddies are best served by the teachers union (despite, may I point out the irony, that I'm actually going to bat for the little runts and she is more or less occasionally regurgitating the same spew the NEA tells her to spew).

Regardless, Cindi is a VERY pretty lady and all you schmoes of the male affiliation should go and buy my book because she endorsing it, otherwise she might get a complex about herself.

But on a serious note, no, Cindi is really going to bat for us and she actually genuinely cares about her students and does her damndest to make sure those little varmints learn the three R's.

I just wish I had a 5th grade teacher like here when I was in the 5th grade.



On a side note, the Captain got his first tatoo. It's Kowalski. The penguin from the Penguins of Madagascar. I think it won't be a permanent tattoo on account I got it at the local Little Ceasar's gumball machine.

This is me drunk in Sturgis....because...well...is there any other way to be?

AEROPOSTALE
ATHLETIC

Hey, Do You Remember This?

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Heh heh.

Anybody going to point this out in the main stream propogandia?

Didn't think so.

Children Now Officially Priced Out of the Market

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I have decided (and when I decide things, they have a tendency to become economically true, not by the fact I've "decreed" them, but that I've already realized the economic reality of the situation and merely point it out) that children are now officially priced out of the market. Much like labor unions priced US cars out of existence (only to be bailed out), laws, government and just sociological factors have made it too risky a proposition to have children.

I've gone into detail before why I don't have children, but I shall summarize it shortly;

1. Financial costs. Sorry, $250,000 on the low end of estimates is just too much money.
2. Legal risks. I have a kid, I now I have a liability in a litigious society. Doesn't matter if the kid is good or not, if he bumps into somebody's car, hits a cat, or just decides to claim his father "emotionally abused him," forget it. I'm not going to jail or forking out the money.
3. Emotional. Guarantee you'll love that little varmint when you have him/her. It will hurt only that much more when there's a 50% chance s/he will be taken away in a divorce initiated by your spouse who said something or other about "till death do us part" a couple years ago. Ergo, they aren't just a legal and financial liability, they're an emotional liability.
4. Ease of life. The people next to my hotel room have 4 kids. Good lord am I thankful I just have an X-Box as my sole dependent.
5. Government interference makes it impossible to bring up a child effectively, namely by making traditional fatherly means of punishment (spanking and a good Bill Cosby beating) illegal. This guarantees the child will never grow up to be an adult and will have problems well past the teen years.

Regardless, this article prompted the revisitation of the children issue.

More Fairburns

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Found a good piece today. Pictures again are poor. You will only have to suffer 2 more weeks of this before I return to minneapolis wherein I'll have no agates to hunt, no mountains to climb and will resort to writing about the dire economic state of this country once again.

You Mean We Need Economic Growth?

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As the Ivy League Wall Street gurus try to rationalize ever higher stock prices by looking at only the companies and industries themselves, while completely ignoring the economic environment they sit in, it slowly dawns on some of them that the Keynesian stimulus has failed and no matter what the Fed or Feds do, unless it's lowering taxes and spurring genuine economic growth, nothing will rationalize higher stock prices.

I'm off to Lusk, WY, because...well...it's there.

Enjoy

the

decline.

You Mean It's NOT Bush's Fault

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Nor Obama's
Nor Greenspan's
Nor any government official's fault.

It's the American people to blame.

This is what happens when you abandon personal responsibility.

Cart Before the Horse

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There is so many things to point out here, I don't know where to begin.

1. Why youth should not have the right to vote until they're 30.
2. Moron in the picture does not realize how reality is making her look like the fool she is.
3. The entitlement mentality of youth
4. Who's your president?
5. Utter lack of understanding of how the real world works
6. Behooving the question, who trained this idiot?
7. Behooving another question, how many more idiotic youth think this way

I could go on, but I promised myself I wouldn't get riled up during vacation.

You Think So????

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Honest to God.

3 years after a recession and they NOW finally start asking these questions.

Had the Captain been in charge 300 million Americans wouldn't be suffering a recession for 3 bleepin' years.

The People Who Really Threaten America

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Just watch the whole thing about Corporate "Responsibility" International;

Why the Stimulus Failed

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This is going to be short and sweet on account, I'm semi-drunk and I'm on vacation.

When one looks at stocks as a potential investment they face a paradox -

The only means by which to analyze the stock as an investment is the past. History. The financial statements and balance sheets in the past. It is the only source of real data we have in that in order for data to exist, it must have already occurred.

HOWEVER, it is the FUTURE that actually determines it's current day value (or rather, people's perception of the future that drives the stock price today). Therefore as the market is pelted with various data about the state of the economy and earnings releases of the company, the stock price moves second to second as data triggers trades and pushes the price up or down.

Now, this is nothing new to finance professionals and basically people who have their heads out of their asses when it comes to the basic functions of the market. HOwever, this simple aspect of how a liquid market functions is completely LOST on Obama and his Ivy League losers who now head up fiscal policy. For right now they are running scared this pathetic, loser Keynesian stimulus is failing and have no way to explain it's utter catastrophic failure.

So let a humble Big Ten-er who actually paid his way through college lesson you Ivy League, spoiled brat trust fund baby schmucks in how the real world works.

The country is no different than a share of stock, a piece of property or any other type of asset.

IT'S VALUE IS DERIVED FROM THE FUTURE CASH FLOWS IT WILL GENERATE OVER IT'S LIFE TIME (not to mention the people's expectations of that future).

Now while you morons have your heads so far up Keynes' corpse's ass, you fail to realize that you can spend all Keynesian stimulus money up front now in the hope it triggers some magical Disney Obama Unicorn recovery, but if you spend so much that you sacrifice the future by basically bankrupting or calling into question the entire solvency of the nation you undermine and destroy those future cash flows that are to presumably deliver value to assets today.

Ergo, while you indebt future generations to the tune of 110% GDP, that's all good and dandy you spent the proceeds for the debt issuance on repaving roads that didn't need

repaving, but you scared people from buying any kind of consumer or luxury good because they fear they're going to have to pay back that debt.

Ergo, while in your infinite Ivy League school wisdom, you've essentially made 50% tax rates a guarantee due to promises in nationalized health care, social security, medicare and other impossible-to-pay-for entitlement programs that you've scared people away from investing in anything but gold.

And of course, ergo, since you're too cowardly to cut government spending, limit government employee union pensions and in general live within your means, you've all but destroyed anybody's true hope and faith in a private sector future, which, OOPS, happens to not only drive the real economy by which the government relies upon through taxing, but also drives;

stock prices
asset prices
mutual fund prices
401k balances
IRA balances
403b balances
pension balances

oh!

And guess what!

investment
job creation
and general FREAKING economic growth

It is this simple destruction of a future, the simple elimination of any REAL hope the working population of this country had that explains why your Keynesian stimulus is impotent just like the degenerate academian losers such as Krugman and Romer. You Keynesians are simply destroying the future by bankrupting it to pay for magic-mumbo-jumbo farcical economic magic today that will never work.

It only behooves the question whether you freaking Ivy League schmoes were really that stupid or were sinister enough the entire time to know what you were doing purposely tanking the economy.

I fear it is a combination of both that only such incompetent morons as you could pull it off despite the seemingly mutually exclusive nature of the two options.

Crusader Turned Politician Turned Banker

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It's a lengthy read, but you will see my "crusaderism" theory explaining it all. Page 4 you finally learn he's (guess what!) a banker at Wells Fargo!

But again, don't listen to me. I'm not a team player.

More Econ Genius

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Other Vital Economics Statistics

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That your mother wouldn't want you to know;

Never Trust a Woman Who Doesn't Like Victor Borge

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In my youth I had purchased tickets to see Victor Borge 6 months in advance to make sure I got the best seats in the house.

I have regaled many of you with the story before wherein I could not find a date because most women in my generation at that time were too uncultured to appreciate, let alone even know who he was.

However, it did remind me of an instance long ago in Cappy Cap history where I had courted a young lady who after showing her my Victor Borge DVD was not impressed and did not laugh even once during the entire show.

The relationship ended shortly thereafter.

So a lesson to all the younger Cappy Capites out there, if you want to save yourself some time to determine whether the girl is worth dating, simply start by showing her a Victor Borge DVD. The Great Dane left us at least that much.

Tatsuya Ishida's Love Fest is Over at Sinfest

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Sinfest, which if you haven't read, is arguably the greatest comic ever since Calvin and Hobbes.

It's creator, Tatsuya Ishida, however is a huge Obama fan. This would normally put me at odds with the guy, but if you read his comic from the beginning, you will realize he is simply a misled genius.

What is heartening though is to see a noticeable lack of Obama cartoons wherein Ishida's lips are firmly planted on Obama's buttocks. Seems the glue is coming loose at the young man's (heck, he's a year younger than me) lips and a dose of economic reality is setting in.

The larger point is much like liberal arts-majoring melinnials today who face no employment prospects, I enjoy watching the Obama fanatics slowly get hit upside the head with reality.

Enjoy the decline!

-140% Return on Sales at Americana Community Bank

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Normally, it's bad when you lose money.

But when you have sales of roughly $3.8 million and you have a loss of $5.2 MILLION, you are so spectacularly mismanaged that it's more evidence of a criminal organization or scam than any kind of incompetence.

That is of course unless you're Americana Community Bank.

To continue my gloating (and to remind Cappy Cap readers), this was the bank that 3 years ago said while I was being interviewed;

1. "We don't have any problems in our real estate portfolio."

and

2. Hired my ex boss instead of me for the position.

and

3. Received a cease and desist order last year.

Here's their financials if you're interested. Good God and Gravy. What's sad is it really isn't a criminal enterprise or some kind of scam. They just are really that incompetent.

Escape from Minneapolis

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I have never been so happy I sold my property and no longer pay property taxes in Minneapolis.

Chicks Shooting AR 15's

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For all the Natasha and Sindi fans;

Now they may upgrade to "Hot Chicks in Bikini's Shooting AR 15's while in heels" but that would require contributions to finance the ammo and heels.

But NO! THat's TOO SIMPLE!

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He's not only written about it before, I've written about it before.

But it is just too damn simple for the average "brainwashed-to-hate-corporations-yet-demand-jobs-and-high-401k plan balances Americans" to understand and appreciate.

When I Am King

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I will eliminate any CAFE standards and bring back 8-12 cylinder cars and let the auto companies make whatever cars they want, bringing back a car renaissance similar to the 1950's.

GM however will be forced to abide by this.

Enjoying the Decline

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I'm being serious when I say this. I REALLY enjoy watching the decline and chaos. I suggest pouring a martini and lighting up a cigar and watching this like a movie;

The Destructive Principle

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One of my more brilliant observations or creations is what I like to call "The Destructive Principle."

In short it is the theory or law that it is easier to destroy something that already exists than to create something of value that is new.

You say, "well, what's so big about that?"

Well, it delves deep, deep, deep into the leftist crusader mindset and is vital to understand.

Understand ALL human beings have a desire to achieve something. Some people want to go to the moon. Others want to start a family. Some want to start a business. However, it is a question of whether you have the work ethic and tenacity to set goals, study hard, prepare and set out to achieve those goals. But for many people on the left they do not have the work ethic to go forth and produce something of value. Instead, they find it much easier to protest against something thereby avoiding having to produce anything of worth yet still feeling good about themselves as they "crusade" against some perceived evil or ailment of society.

What is key to understand though about The Destructive Principle is that these people, if intellectually dishonest enough, do not care whether what they set out to destroy or crusade against is indeed an ailment or something bad. Matter of fact, some professional protesters and crusaders will go out of their way to besmirch and vilify something that is largely innocent and productive for society simply so they can avoid a real job, yet get to play "make believe super hero crusader."

The video below is again a mere sampling of my economic genius. Please note the worthlessness of the people's degrees I highlight in the video and ask yourself the question;

"Do they care about society or do they just really care about themselves to the point they hold no reservations of making it worse for society so they can play "super crusader make believe adult hero."

Where Not to…

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1. move
2. invest
3. Start a family
4.work hard
5. start a business

And may I point out that while the democrats here in Minnesota rail against our Governor, Tim Pawlenty, for being a cold hearted evil republican for not increasing taxes, Minnesota is now finally off of this list?

Enjoy the decline!

Forget College

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Why go to college when you will;

1. Waste your money on a bubble degree
2. Spend 4-5 years of your youth with no improved prospects of employment
3. Can go to a two year college and learn a practical skill that will generate more income than a 4 year degree?

Why Liberal Art Majors Should Be Banned from Politics

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As we now come around to finishing off the second year of Obama's and the democrat's rule over the US and the economy that never really recovered looks like it's going to tank again, a prediction I made quite some time ago is coming true;

People who 2 years ago could not be reasoned with, with data, statistics, and facts about the perils and dangers of socialism are slowly being convinced by their;

1. Personal current dire economic condition
2. Hopelessness about their personal future economic condition
3. Lack of financial and employment security

I knew, after arguing with enough leftists and liberals, that there was no changing their mind in that they were married to an ideology and did not have the intellectual fortitude and honesty to entertain facts. And the only thing that would convince them is the reality they wrought upon themselves.

Now while most of my colleagues on the left will continue to beat the worn out drum that this is all still "Bush's fault," I know that some of you are contemplating removing your lips from Barack Obama's buttocks, and will perhaps now listen to rational, realistic, fact-based adult reasoning.

I know I have no hopes of throwing up the terrabytes of economic data and keeping your attention. But perhaps you will entertain a theory I have about liberal art majors and politics.

There is a STRONG correlation, so strong it goes beyond a theory. It's a law. And I even put together a nice little presentation on it. I also am intellectually honest in this presentation and point out fallacies on the right. Perhaps this can be the starting ground by which we set aside all the brainwashing, pot-smoking, flowers and puppies and unicorn talk we received in college and now start to be adults and be intellectually honest in what we observe with our own eyes. I'm not expecting everybody to become Reaganauts, but a simple acknowledgment of the phenomenon I've observed here;

And if we agree upon this, then maybe I could entertain you with some data and statistics?

Dividends

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As some of you know, I teach a BRILLIANT online course on stock valuation and analysis. I say it's brilliant not to brag, but because it really is brilliant, there's nothing like it in college. It covers not just how to read financial statements and how to calculate ratios, but picks up where colleges fail and TEACHES YOU VALUATION TECHNIQUES. YOU SHOULD TAKE IT.

In any case, I had a student ask a question about dividends, the answer to which I realized would be of benefit to all the Cappy Capites out there, not to mention the everyday Joe's who are having a hard time understanding why their 401k isn't skyrocketing through the roof during these glory days of hope and change.

So I submit to you more of my economic genius;

Yes, everything you stated is correct. To clarify though what drives the value of a stock or what it is you are precisely selling to another buyer on the second market, let me further explain.

What you own when you own a share of stock is the right to the proportional earnings of that corporation. Now, of course not all companies pay out their earnings in the form of a dividend. They will retain ALL of the earnings and reinvest them back into the company.

Now you would say, "well then why should I own the stock if they NEVER pay a dividend."

And you would be correct. If a company NEVER pays a dividend, then that stock has no value. You just gave the company (or secondary market seller) money for a piece of paper that will never give you money in return.

However, companies inevitably DO pay dividends. The reason they retain earnings and not pay dividends is to grow the company so they can earn even MORE money in the future.

Now this is where investing philosophy gets cute. Companies are typically very arrogant about paying dividends. They ALL think they're going to grow into huge multi-billion dollar behemoths and then, MAYBE THEN they'll pay you serfs some pittance of a dividend. Of course what is more likely to happen is they inevitably go belly up. What they SHOULD do is when times are good is pay out some of their earnings as a dividend otherwise the stock IS worthless.

Now what's interesting (and scary) about this, is it shows you a MAJOR flaw in today's

conventional retirement system - everybody buys stocks because they "might go up in the future," not because they pay dividends. Well the question is "what drives stock prices up?" And the answer is scary;

Only dividends can drive stock prices up.

The reason why is when you sell a share of stock, yes you may have made a gain, but why did that buyer buy it from you? Well, because today or in the future that stock will pay dividends.

No matter how many times a stock is bought or sold, it only has value because either today or sometime in the future it's going to pay a dividend. So you are essenitally selling the right to future dividends when you sell a stock. Ergo, dividends (or the likelyhood dividends will be paid) is what drives stock prices.

So what this means is you currently have 100 million Americans all throwing their money into 401k's and IRA's and 403b's NOT because all these companies are paying great dividends, but because they magically think "stock prices just go up" for random magical reasons.

This is why you will want to DEFINITELY look at the "dividend yield" of a mutual fund or a stock before you buy it to make sure there is real cash flow associated with the stock and giving that stock something of value.

President Erkle

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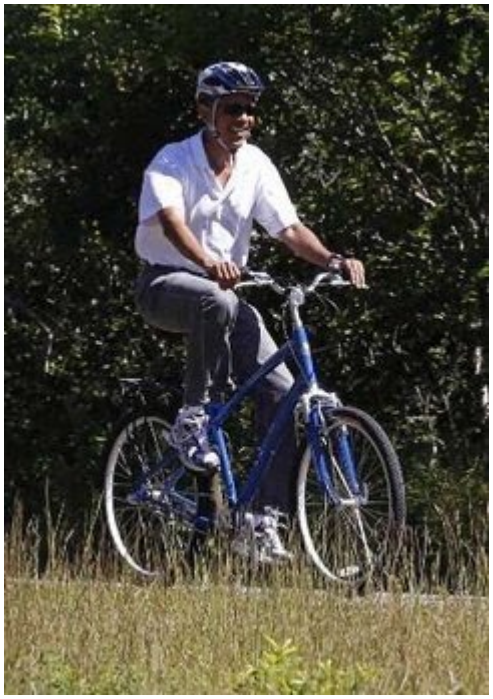

Good lord.

Look, I'm not for the faux photo ops that Sarkozy and Putin deliberately put on to entice the weaker minded females of the population into voting for them, but could we at least has some freaking dignity in the office of the President?

To the 30/40 Something Woman Who Wouldn't Leave Me Alone

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I heard you the first time.

It was obvious you didn't pick up on my somewhat less than subtle hint.

And therefore I had to endure your frequent commentary, obviously directed my way, which interrupted my dinner.

So let me explain to you why you are 30/40 something and sitting at a bar by yourself and I am 35 sitting at a bar by myself but why I am infinitely more happy.

I came there because I was hungry. I needed food. And since I am an alpha-male bachelor of the highest order (not to mention an outstanding economist) I have outsourced all of my food preparation to third parties, namely restaurants.

The reason I chose this particular restaurant was not because you were there, nor the score of other desperate 30 something women, but because it served four simple purposes;

1. It was open
2. It had good food
3. It also served Rumpleminze
4. It was nearby

These four simple things AND ONLY these four simple things is what made me show up.

I wanted food.

I wanted a drink.

I didn't want to prepare it.

And I wanted to go home.

However, you were there for different reasons.

And it was plainly obvious.

First off, I wore crappy khaki shorts, sandals, a crappy shirt and a cap. It was obvious I did not come there to meet anybody.

You however, still thinking it's 19-freaking-93 and you're still 21 were dolled up in a silver sequene top and black slick slacks. You were on the hunt, purposely looking to find a guy, whereas I was not looking for a girl.

(Oh, and by the way, please don't act indignant that I presupposed you were looking for a man. I'm not a naive, simple, honest 22 year old kid anymore. The truth with that clothing, you were on the hunt.)

However, much like 20 years ago when young men (who you would not doubt today give an appendage for) gave you unwelcomed advances and you poo pooed them away, your unwelcomed advances I had to endure today were incredibly hypocritical. The reason being is that those "unwelcomed" advances you had to "suffer" 20 years ago were no doubt at a bar where you were dressed the part and enticing such advances and no doubt welcoming them whilst acting appalled they occurred not to mention picking up free drinks all along the way.

Today, I was sitting by myself, warfing down food, in crappy clothes giving no such false signals to beget attention or free drinks. I wanted to be left alone, eat my food, yet you continued to harass me.

Second, I ordered a Rumpleminze.

Why?

Because I like Rumpleminze. Strong, ice cold, soothing on the throat. You can enjoy it for a while. Nice patient, enjoyable drink.

You, at the age of 40 something ordered a vodka-freaking-red bull.

Really? Is that what the "kids" are ordering today? Is that what's "hip?" Are you in with the "in crowd?" Perhaps you can find yourself a Vampire/Wolverine Boyfriend or whatever the fad is with the mentally insane teenagers of today.

Third, speaking of kids. How many do you have? Because I see that "single moms" are all the rage. See, I have no kids because instead of thinking of myself the entire time I remembered what it was like to be a kid. And I then came to the incredibly OBVIOUS conclusion that before bringing a kid into this world, maybe I ought to find a reliable, stable, loving wife before I start breeding and bringing innocent souls into this world. That they weren't "toys" or "objects" to have. That they were humans, just like you and me and had feelings, needs, requirements and demands. But I guess I'm just supposed to

ignore my natural and visceral disgust for single parenthood in that obviously both parents failed to get it right the first time and I should instead go the politically correct route and cheer on the "nobility" and "courage" of "single parents."

Un-freaking-likely. There's still a victim. It's the children, and unlike when you guys invoke the term "for the children" to advance your own personal aims while cowardly hiding behind the child, I actually mean it in that I actually care about the kid, mine or not. I'm going back to enjoy my Rumpleminze while I avoid divorce if it's all the same with you.

Fourth, physically you got to be kidding me. I run 4-7 miles every other day and lift weights. I watch what I eat and I am in great shape. You look like you watch Oprah 4-7 times a day and occasionally lift your ass from the couch to get more food. I don't care what a bunch of bitter, burnt out 1960's hippie aging feminists said in the drug induced 70's and neither should you. The truth is that no matter what philosophy they lay down and tell you how things "should" be the REALITY is that men like women that are in shape.

I know.

We're evil, sexist, bigoted misogynist poopy-heads.

All of us.

But it ain't going to change and the sooner you learn that, the sooner you ACCEPT that FACT, the sooner you will start to employ strategies and techniques that are actually based in REALITY and have success.

Now, no doubt many of the female readers of this are livid.

No doubt I am evil and a horrible man for daring to lecture this slightly-aged woman about her unwelcomed behavior not to mention point out truths we all know to be true.

But for just once will you girls listen to me? Especially those of you who continue to watch dumbass movies like "Eat Pray Love" thinking somehow it relates to you and will somehow help you. Because if you listen, you will actually get some practical advice that will bring you genuine progress and happiness in your life unlike the tombs of women's magazine articles you've read which has resulted in you ended up where you are today (which is where the annoying woman was this particular night)

You are in your 30's or 40's.

You are not in your 20's.

And whereas men may have been naive and willing to fall over each other just to get a date with you when Clinton was in his first term, that is no longer the case. The game has changed.

Namely it has changed in that the men are no longer playing. They left the field. I don't know how many times I've heard late 30 something female friends of mine say, "You have to play hard to get. You have to get him to chase you."

I ask in return;

"Have you ever looked back to see that NOBODY is chasing?"

This somehow turns out to be some kind of "revolutionary" (not to mention" insulting")thought.

"WHAT!???"

"MEN, NOT CHASING!!!????"

"HOW DARE YOU!!!!"

No, how dare you.

What, you thought men were going to chase forever?

You see, men only have a finite, limited amount of energy for chasing. And you girls in your 20's were masters of exhausting it all.

Giving out your phone number, but then never returning the call.

Agreeing to a date and then canceling at the last minute.

The made up drama and land mines you laid around to keep them on their feet and never sure of where they stood.

And good lord, don't even get me started on all the complications involved with having sex.

It all worked GREAT back in the late teens and 20's, but guess what happened?

Inevitably men got smart. Men got wise. And worst of all, men just plain got some self-respect.

It wasn't an immediate flood on account different men woke up at various ages, but you throw in some divorces, the general disrespect and disregard for men and male behavior in society, and guess what?

20 years later men aren't chasing any more. They left in droves. They flooded OUT of the market.

Don't take it personally, it's not that they don't want to chase "you" any more.

They just don't want to chase period.

The "field" or the "market" has become so hostile, so hopelessly lopsided men increasingly went against their largest biological drive (women) and started enjoying life on their own. And think about that. It's become so hostile, so futile and such a waste of resources MEN HAVE LITERALLY STOPPED CHASING WOMEN.

You think I'm joking?

Why is the average age of marriage jumping?

Why are people having less kids?

And might I ask, do you know any perpetual bachelors out there who just enjoy a good Rumpleminze, some video games, or perhaps some fishing instead of trying to even entertain the idea of suffering a first date?

Do you know any 30-4o something men who regularly "go out clubbing" and "partaaaaay?"

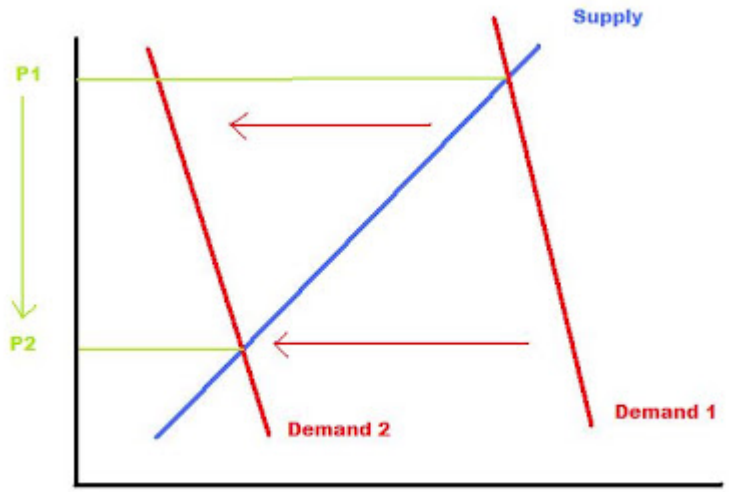
Yeah, those ranks are thinning a bit aren't they? It's not that ALL men are quitting, just the good ones in that they have enough smarts, self-respect and sense to.

Worse still, and please don't shoot the messenger, this is just the plain truth-

Men can and usually date younger. So all those nice college boys that tried to pine for your affection back in the 90's you never called back or dared to mock infront of your girlfriends? Yeah, they're not gunning after you any more (if gunning after anybody at all). You need to chase after some Reaganauts who remember Duran Duran. Enjoy the Rogaine!

The overall point can actually be summarized with a classical supply and demand chart of economics. The "supply" women were willing to supply to the market was somewhat limited and Maureen-Dowdishly stingy (thus a supply curve that is far to the left). And in

1993 young Gen X men, quite obliviously were all desperately trying to get any kind of attention and affection they could (thus a demand curve to the far right). This resulted in an insanely high price the men had to "pay" to get a date (denoted by "P1"). This "price" manifested itself in terms of expensive dates, kindness, willing to show up, asking girls out more, general attention towards women, not to mention suffering being stood up, psychotic episodes, drama, soap opera BS and just general abuse they would endure. Over time though the sheer hell a man had to go through dating deterred him from the market (not to mention, a lot of men found lovely, kind caring women and immeidately grabbed them for themselves and left the dating market forever). This shifted the demand curve to the far left over the course of 15 years. What's interesting, given the "EAt PRay Love" and "Why You Rule and Your Boyfriend Sucks" magazines and the "cougar" fad and feminist indoctination and lord knows whatever other faux-fads the media barraged poor young women with, women were led to believe that they would always be in demand. That they owned the market. That they owned the hottest piece of property in 2006 and that there was no housing bubble. Ergo, almost unbeknownst to most 30-40 something women they never picked up on this dramatic drop in demand and held their supply incredibly low not knowing most of the buyers had left the market for substitute goods (look it up if you're interested in economics). This shift in the demand curve resulted in a huge drop in price from P1 to P2.



Now the question is (assuming you would inevitably like to get married or start a family or just plain have a guy in your life) how do you deal with this dire "market."

Well, the sad truth is it may be out of your control.

Notice the only thing that changed is demand. Men (the "buyers") left the market, not the women. Additionally it took about 15 years to drive them away, it's certainly going to take longer to get them back. They're more focused on deriving the most utility from the remaining years of their lives. They're not 25 thinking of starting a family, they're 40 and thinking about an LCD projector and Red Dead Redemption and football season and how

to make up the lost income they're never going to receive from social security. Therefore you can hit the clubs all you want, but if no men are there, no men are there.

This means about the only course of action you have is to ask men out.

I remember an old female college friend of mine who had a HUGE crush on this guy. She spent an ENTIRE YEAR fretting and worrying about asking him out and tried every trick in the book to get him to ask her out. Hilariously in true male form, he never picked up the hints which compelled her to ask him out.

Did she?

Never did. She CRIED MULTIPLE TIMES PER WEEK instead of just getting it over with and asking him out. Suffered infinitely more and longer than if she had just bleeping asking the guy out.

Sorry ladies, it's the 4th quarter, you're down by 14 points and you do not have the luxury of waiting for the guy to ask you out.

When myself and my other male colleagues were told women were equal back in the 90's we actually took it to heart. We believed it and incorporated into our thought process that women are equal. And guess what, whether you like it or not, today you ARE equal which means you now have equal responsibility, not least of which in our minds back then was asking us out or making your intentions known.

Today it's not even an academic debate. It's reality. Men aren't looking, they're not asking, they're out of the market. Your only option is to take matters into your own hands and pull the trigger yourself.

Sadly, or perhaps not so sadly, the only other option is to give up like most men. I will readily admit it's not just the women that have made the courting world a nightmare (though I will defend till my death they have disproportionately done so). There are members in the males ranks that are entitled to their fair share of blame. And given this you may realize what a lot of men have already and that is life is too short to waste it on a pursuit that will never materialize. You have 82 years of life expectancy. And while you may not like playing video games or fishing, there are certainly other things you can be doing aside from "clubbing" or "looking for a guy" or just plain wasting your finite energy looking/hoping for one.

You may biologically or naturally be against this. You may say, "but I want to find a man and get married and have kids."

Well again, it's an issue of reality. Reality may be that's never going to happen. So do you

want to continue wasting life pursuing something that is not going to happen? Or do you want to enjoy it doing things that are within your control, never worrying about men again?

It sounds sad and depressing at first, but when you realize the reality or at least probability of the situation you can move on and enjoy a really good life without men. Millions of men have done the exact same thing, just without women. And the freedom that comes with it to enjoy your life and do your own thing with no regard or attachment to the idea of courtship is actually quite liberating and genuine happiness can be found in such a life.

Besides which, there was only one small difference between myself and the desperate 30 something woman at the bar that explained why I was happy and she was miserable-

She's still looking.

I gave up long ago.

Who do you think has the happier life?

Heh Heh

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Enjoy the decline!

Now what if America didn't have corporate taxes?

I know, I know. That's just CRAZY TALK!

Fools

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I don't know, maybe make your own kid become a freaking adult and pay for their own college education?

And how many people are cashing in retirement plans to pay for worthless degrees.

Good lord, I'm going to smoke and drink tonight. You guys have fun with this society. I'm checking out and living in Black Water via Red Dead Redemption.

HA HA HA HA HA!!!

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I wrote about it before.

Now see what daddy's little girl is doing in today's economy.

I am SO enjoying the decline.

Norway

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Because leftists LOVE Norway!

"Sports Communications"

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From Lt. Latino on the front lines in California.

He duly notes that they fail to mention starting salaries.

I swear, if it keeps going you'll be able to get a doctorate in ice cream tasting.

Julia Brownley

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I'm going to go out on a limb here and test my Crusaderism Theory and bet that Julia Brownley, who authored legislation in California to ban plastic bottles is a crusader.

For those of you who have yet to watch my brilliant economic piece of "crusaderism," in short it is an explanation that basically explains all leftist AND some right wing politicians and their behavior. It exposes them for who they are - people who have no real world skills or talents or employment prospects and thus go into politics where they feign as if they care about their constituents, but are really there first and foremost for themselves because they want to avoid having a real job.

It's not that you didn't know this already, but it can now officially be defined, identified and be considered a disease or ailment that plagues society, not to mention prevented and legislated against (should the population ever decide to be wise enough to ban crusaders from office).

In any case, I shall predict that Julia Brownley;

1. Has a worthless undergrad degree
2. Has no real world working experience in the private sector or as a productive public sector employee (say like managing a department or working as a garbage man, etc.)
3. Is a democrat (which was in the article, but of course)
4. Comes from AT LEAST upper middle income socio-economically
5. (I'll go on a limb here) and also predict that her daddy or mommy is also in politics. (This one I could be wrong on, it's just a gut feeling).

How'd I do?

A Dark Prediction

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In short, feminists from the 60's are starting to realize that no matter how much sociological, feminist propaganda they were fed in the 70's, the reality is that men don't want to date them anymore. And instead of accepting this reality and that their time has passed, they are becoming psychotic (your beloved Captain remembers quite starkly an episode where he was punched by a very left-leaning "feminist" after he told her he didn't want to sleep with her anymore)

Regardless, feminism is over simply because it failed in its sole promise;

To make women happy.

Enjoy the decline!

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Before I Forget

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A question to all the economists out there.

I was thinking, as I typically do, about the dire situation of America and exactly what measures could be taken to fix it.

To me it's very simple;

Eliminate corporate taxes
Streamline regulation
Have a constitutional amendment that would limit fed, state and local spending and tax collection to a cumulative 15% GDP

and a bunch of other things, but in short unleashing the private sector, the animal spirits and the productive capacity of human nature to grow us out of this recession and dwarf our debt woes.

But then it dawned on me I have another theory - that the individual American, on average, is deteriorating to an entitlement slob and much like a cancer society is decaying as the cancer spreads and corrupts individual cells/people that makes up the whole.

I soon realized these two theories are in conflict with one another, and since I'm not a leftist, I admit I had conflicting theories and wanted to get your opinions on it.

Let us say we DO eliminate corporate taxes, replace income taxes with a sales tax, constitutionally ban governments from taking more than 15%, or whatever your wish list may be.

Has the basic unit of the economy, the individual, been so corrupted that there is no more animal spirits or entrepreneurial gung ho to actually avail themselves of that opportunity?

In other words say we get our wish list. Do you really expect Millineals and Gen X'ers to go and become the next Howard Hughes or TOny Stark?

It's an important question because one of the underlying premises is that there's always this gung ho entrepreneurial class of innovators and capitalists and dreamers and industrialists.

If you look around I see a bunch of Emo Kids and spoiled brats who couldn't run a

lemonade stand if they got a Obama stimulus check.

Something to consider that even if we do the right things and implement the right policies, the society itself has become so degraded and decayed, it wouldn't matter.

Why Hiring from the Military is Better Than Hiring from Harvard

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Not that you wouldn't have gotten that impression comparing Eisenhower vs. Obama.

Which reminds me, I have to really get my game on and do a post I've been meaning to do -

"Why Would Anybody Hire an Ivy Leaguer?"

How Barack Obama is the New Field Marshall Haig

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Honest to bleeping Christ.

Because it's only logical when the original trillion dollars failed and then Pelosi's $26 billion failed that somehow this new $50 billion is magical and will succeed.

It reminds me of this skit from Blackadder;

Obama's Plan to Accelerate Write Offs

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Isn't this the EXACT SAME THING BUSH DID?

Oh wait, it is!

Now what's going to be real fun is to talk to the dwindling supply of Obamanauts and force them to either;

1. Admit Bush was right

or

2. Admit Obama was wrong

which, ultimately in any case leads them to the conclusion that;

they were wrong.

Of course we could follow Cappy Cap's plan to eliminate corporate taxes altogether to get the economy booming, but again, that would just be too damn simple, wouldn't it?

Why Elk River Has High Property Taxes

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A story that has been circling the Twin Cities is this "hazing" incident at a local town called Elk River. And true to form the traditional main stream media misses the real story and focuses on something that is largely irrelevant - the hazing.

What they should have focused on, and should at least be in the "Elk River Gazette" or what have you, should be the fact that there was SIX FOOTBALL COACHES for ONE HIGH SCHOOL.

Being intellectually honest, I knew that there was a chance that somehow maybe these were volunteer positions and before I got all angry, I would confirm to see if they are paid.

Well, turns out they are.

All SIX positions are PAID positions.

Now, being honest, the HR director did inform me these salaries were in part subsidized by "booster club" revenues. However, that does not answer the question why you need SIX coaches for ONE FOOTBALL PROGRAM at ONE HIGH SCHOOL, let alone why they're even paid positions at all.

In any case enjoy the sphere throwing while you also enjoy the decline.

Oh! You Mean the Public Sector Gets Its Money from the Private Sector

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and there AREN'T limitless resources?

You mean like there's a BUDGET or something?

You mean we CAN'T have 1-1 student to teacher ratios someday?

Enjoy the blood-pressure increasing decline!

Poetic Justice

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Seems reality is starting to finally set in on children who major in a hobby, instead of an investment.

I give her a very Nelson-from-the-Simpsons;

"Ha ha!"

But don't worry, kiddies! Obama will take care of it!

Here You Go

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If you have the time.

Master's Degree in Community Organizing for Mexican Solidarity

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Where do I start with this?

1. The idiocy of thinking this is some kind of career when it really, IT REALLY is just a masters degree in complaining and extorting money from people.

2. How they claim "neoliberal economics" (free market economics) has "failed" when if you look at the current financial crisis and future ones to come they are largely due to socialist entitlement programs that are unaffordable. But what is really juicy is how they seem to have NO PROBLEM charging very capitalistic prices for their program.

3. If you go to their photos what do you notice about the people? This is a tricky one, but there is a correlation.

4. How the people from the US that would take this course are not going to make one genuine lick of difference or improvement in the lives of Mexicans and are ultimately just using this as a hobby to make themselves feel better and avoid getting a real job.

Normally I would get my blood pressure up about this, but what's great is that programs like this and the people who attend them are so delusional when it comes to the real world and how economics and economies work that they will never, ever get the money from the "social justice" they're seeking simply because if they ever had their ideology realized, there would be no production and therefore no wealth to transfer. Because, what? They're going to produce I-pods and gasoline? The world's GDP under these morons would consist of drum circles, dwindling trust funds, and some home-grown pot (poorly grown I might add).

Enjoy the decline.

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Yet Another Reason

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To increase the voting age to 30;

What's sad is it's not a joke. This is really an ad.

A Farewell to a Pair of Boots

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As you know the Captain is an avid hiker, ballroom dancer and runner. You also know he is in Minnesota where it behooves you to have a good pair of work boots pretty much year round. Ergo, you not only end up hiking in the work boots, but you dance in them (you get some strange looks from salsa dancers when you're the only one with steel toed boots on), wear them out regularly, and build up amazing large and toned calf muscles.

However, inevitably, the time comes where you outwork your work boots and it's time to get new ones. And that time for me was today.

The boots had worn out all of their tread. The rubber completely gone in certain areas and now were starting to corrode the actual boot itself. Not to mention Natasha was pointing out the sad state of disrepair my boots were in. This necessitated a trip to Fleet Farm which has Cap-taporrific boots and is where I go to get my boots.

However, I unexpectedly felt a little tug at the heart whereafter purchasing the new boots I immediately went to the trash can, started undoing the laces on the old boots that have served me so well, and started to remember the fine times and achievements I had with my old boots.

No less than 9 peaks.

Multiple hikes across the Badlands.

Scores of miles in the agate beds.

Thousands of miles of day to day walking and hundreds of miles of outdoor winter running.

And days worth of swing, salsa, and ballroom dancing, not to mention instruction as well.

And so it was with a little bittersweetness, I cast the old, trusty pair of boots, that had been on greater adventures than most other normal boots, into the garbage, whilst silently giving them a little internal salute for all their service.

Oh you laugh, but you know you would too.

Of More Intellectual Fair

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Is it "fare" or "fair?" I don't know.

Regardless, a more thoughtful piece about youngsters realizing they have to work.

Ron Thomas is a moron

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A 2 year TECH COLLEGE WITH A SPORTS PROGRAM. And you people wonder why your taxes are so high? It's because of worthless overpaid academian bureaucrats like this.

I can only imagine what his pension looks like.

The Solution to Global Warming

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To let people work from home.

Oh, wait! NO!

THat would mean treating full grown adults, like....um...adults!

And corporate America, no matter how much better than public sector America, is still pretty effed up and obsessed with petty politics and control instead of genuine progress and profitability.

Ergo, let's nuke the globe and unnecessarily force millions of people to commute billions of hours per year in jammed highways so we can still wield control over them all the while claiming we're "going green" for marketing purposes to eek out that extra .0004% of "idiotic hippie loser brainwashed lefties who believe in global warming because it makes them feel good" in market share.

(PS- I looked into that "working from home thing" being a technological infeasibility given people's work habits and I found out it's a bunch of bull. You CAN set up a remote office and remote access pretty much anywhere on the freaking planet and be pretty secure, ergo, why in EF's NAME are we still commuting and forcing millions of people into cubicles?" - Oh, that's right, we're not American's any more. Anything that is possible is impossible because of political correctness, corporate BS politics and just a general crappy attitude amongst demoralized Americans)

Enjoy the decline!

The Captain Returns to College

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A day in the life of the Captain is basically this;

10AM - Wake Up and SSS

1030-1130 - Get my morning power drink, answer e-mails and answer any questions my students have in my online classes (all of you should take)

1130-1145 - Look at Drudge, curse, make a post for you guys.

1145-130PM - Run around Lake Calhouns and the Isles

130-430PM - House work, cutting wood, work out, eat

430-10PM - Leave for dance class early to avoid rush hour, teach and drive back home

10PM -Midnight - Meet with my crew, drink, dance, crash with the lovely Natasha

Midnight - 2AM - internet, watching Hogan's Heroes and Venture Brothers

Now, this is certainly not a bad life. But it leaves one wanting. It certainly is not hard teaching dance classes, and online classes are certainly great, but loafing around going Galt does not fill the soul of a true, productive American man. You feel empty. Ergo why your Captain started his two year degree in computer networking.

Now the merits of computer networking should be obvious;

1. In demand skill that will get you the highest income with the least amount of schooling.
2. No need to go 4 years (most of which would be pissed away on worthless liberal arts pre-req's) to learn a skill that is deployable in 2 years.
3. The finite nature of computer networking makes it much more immune to politics and moronic middle aged bankers. For example if you design the network correctly and it works, it works. There's nothing to complain about. Versus predicting a housing crash 2 years before it happens, trying to tell your baby boomer bosses to not make bad loans, even if you're right, you're still going to be berated, disciplined and yelled at because you got in the way of their big, fat commission check. There is no politics simply because of the nature of computers.

So the Captain goes to his first networking class and what do you suppose the breakdown of the students are?

The sole, lonely Captain and a score of bodacious, hot 20 something babes?

The Captain and an equal mix men and women of his age?

The Captain and a rainbow of diversity where the Captain was the only non-Catholic Irish, quarter-Jew with a smattering of German blood in him, representing the white man?

No, it was the Captain, a score of fat, pasty nerdy white guys between 30-50 and two lonely girls.

And it depressed me. Not because there weren't tons of totally hot and find babes in the class, but because once again the reason women make less than men, the reason for the wage gap was sitting there right in front of me. All the complaining, all the demands for justice, all the whining, and yet there was the proof that women, by and large, are not going to make the right choices to close that gap.

Of course, when I went to the bathroom and walked pasted (what I believe to be) a media arts class, what do you suppose the break down of that was?

Makes me wonder if people really are that stupid or just plain brainwashed.

When Buyers Flee the Market

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In one of my more brilliant (and recent pieces - because of the awesome chart at the end) I a likened the courtship market of people in their 30's much like the housing market. It was a-BOOMIN' and buyers were desperate to buy a house, ANY HOUSE.

And all of the sudden - POOF!

No more buyers.

The buyers, exasperated from the horrors of trying to find a house, having to constantly battle against other buyers, looking at dumps that needed repair and needed tens of thousands of dollars worth of improvements, not to mention the pain of getting financing, just gave up. The houses just weren't worth it. Renting was better. And the goal of living in a McMansion was soon replaced with a much simpler life of renting and NEVER BUYING.

Now, the sellers are desperate. Most bankrupt. And nobody wants their McMansions any more as society and the economy more or less force frugality upon the buyers.

Seems this young lady (or perhaps not so young any more) is starting to notice it on the analogous "seller"side while us "buyers" saw it coming a long time ago.

Here is the ht to a slightly harsher interpretation of this poor woman's situation.

Attention Parochial School Principals!

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Your Captain, as you know, went to parochial school.

"Parochial school" is a euphemism for Uber Nazi Concentration Kamp fur Kinderdass wir hassen und wollen ganz psychologisch zu zerstören"

Their goal is to force feed little innocent children religion and brainwash them so they never develop independent thinking skills as an adult, thereby guaranteeing future sources of revenue.

Thankfully I had a father who was a pastor, which drove me to the breaking point, and now I pretty much loathe all religion in all of its forms be it Christianity, Islam, Judaism or modern day, up and coming hip religions that the kids just love and swallow whole such as Global Warming, Feminism, Pacifism and their umbrella group, Socialism.

Regardless, I know a problem you principals and staff of parochial schools have is that the kids may actually be bored with the curriculum you are trying to them. I know!? How CAN'T they like a 1,300 page religious tome? And like how can the story of Exodus ever get boring when you tell it over and over and over

and over

and over

and over

and over.

I mean, you never know, the Jew's might not make it out of Egypt by the 19th freaking read of Exodus!

Regardless, I saw something that may make studying the Bible (or any religious doctrine) a bit more interesting. I know I would have paid attention more than I did if I had this.

Pulling an Ireland

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I must type quickly for the Rupmleminze has entered my mouth and has about 10 minutes before it enters the blood stream and therefore turns my mind into that of a normally observant economist and not the brilliant (and charming) economist I am whilst sober.

I was listening to talk radio and the whole commotion today is about whether or not to let the Bush tax cuts expire.

Which is like arguing about whether or not we should re-arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic because it's so cute and so short-falling of what it utterly needed to get this economy out of recession.

What is needed to get this economy out of a recession is something much more revolutionary, albeit much simpler - pulling an Ireland.

Now many people ask, "Captain, what is "pulling and Ireland?"

Well I shall tell you.

Ireland before it had its economic boom was not too unlike the United States today - a socialist nation, burdened by slow economic growth, huge deficits and debt, and no real hope or future to look forward to.

Then in the early 90's Ireland decided to do something revolutionary;

Cut government spending.

Cut taxes

And become a tax haven by lowering corporate taxes to 12%.

Over the 15 years Ireland's standard of living went from roughly 70% that of the European average to 120% (if I recall my figures correctly) and started to rival the US (and guess who's going to come out of the recession sooner!)

Now admittedly, IReland is suffering from an economic crisis more severe than the US, but that is more due to their idiotic bankers and banking system which made Lehman Brothers look conservative, but neither here nor there, Ireland's economic lot improved.

And the reason why Ireland was able to shrug off the economic malaise was because instead of looking to the government to solve the problems that ailed it, it left it up to the people to solve. It GREW ITSELF out of it's problems.

I remember the Reagan years where the deficit and debt were HUGE issues. A $200 billion deficit was HUGE. Well Pelosi and Obama propose new "stimulus measures" on that amount every other week. That $200 billion today looks like chump change.

The reason why is the economy BOOMED and grew itself out of its debt woes.

Now what's funny (and this is what makes me the genius economist that I am) is that the US doesn't have a choice....Well it' DOES have a choice, but if they want to get out of this recession, it only has one REAL choice.

Choice #1 - Continue the way Japan did since 1990 and wonder why we limp along at 1-2% RGDP growth.

CHoice #2 - Pull and Ireland, slash taxes, get the economy BOOMING to the point it not only dwarfs out current debt and deficit problems, but makes social security and medicare look like chump change.

In other words, implement policies that get the average income per capita of the nation up to $150,000 per year (which I believe is possible-laugh as you may) and we can afford all these cute little entitlements with spare change.

Now the myopic idiots BOTH in WAshington and on talk radio somehow think lowering taxes will increase the debt (and what I find utterly hypocritical is they act like pissing away money on the stimulus doesn't!), but forget the Laffer Curve, forget supply side economics, I'm going to explain to all you idiots in Washington in REAL simple terms that everybody can understand why lowering taxes is the way to go -

North Korea
Venezuela
Cuba

You see, let's break it down really simple and imagine taxes are a linear, single variable. If you increase taxes, tax revenues go up. If you lower them, tax revenues go down. So according to this simple linear philosophy, North Korea, CUba, Venezuela and any other communist country should have AMPLE government revenues to pay for all their little socialist services. Because their tax rates are effectively 100%. Right? So they should have TONS, AMPLE amounts of government revenue to afford their socialist services. Matter of fact, they should SHAME the US by the sheer amount of money they blow on services.

But what's funny is if you look at their budgets (if you can find them) they spend NOWHERE NEAR THE AMOUNT THE US DOES ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

Well, now, how can this be?

Well, the reason why is that no matter how you try to think otherwise and no matter what you tell people, in the end the government inevitably and invariably derives its revenue from production in the private sector. And if there is no production in the private sector (like say in Cuba, North Korea and Venezuela) there's nothing to tax and therefore no tax revenue.

Ergo, even though philosophically they are considered "caring socialist nations" in the end, they effectively spend a pittance on social programs compared to their (decaying and dying) capitalist counterparts simply because the money (or production) isn't there. ie-they fail in their socialist cause because they destroy the goose that lays the golden egg.

Now why this is so hard to understand, I don't know. The simple fact that the government by default is a parasitic organization that lives off the private sector (the host) means if you had wise government you would know that your gravy train, your blood, comes from a booming private sector. Ergo, implement policies to boost it.

Ireland inevitably figured it out.

Our forefathers certainly did.

And even those stubborn Russians abandoned their childish Marxist religion.

But no, you idiots in WAshington cannot appreciate the simplicity of pulling an Ireland. And the idiotic American public, with a severe and unforgivable level of ignorance elected arguably the most inept, childish, incompetent charlatan in the history of the US.

Of course, perhaps I hit it on the head. To you people who are so adamantly against lowering taxes and thinks the economy's salvation lies within the government, perhaps I give you too much credit. Perhaps deep down inside you know the government can't solve the problem but are inhibited by your zealous religion. Perhaps you know the world is round and the Earth is not the center of the solar system but you cannot abandon your religion. Perhaps you are no more of an intellectual than all those "southern, bible belt Christians." Because you don't care to bother looking up the "truth" as much as you care about being married to your equally worthless religion of leftism and socialism. Because I'm sorry, could you please explain to me how socialism materially differs from a religion? Last I recall, no empirical proof is cited by its followers, just like most religions. Perhaps i could have a bumper sticker that says, "Obama, Protect me from Your Followers?"

Regardless, enjoy the decline! Hallelujah Socialist Brothers and Sisters! Enjoy the decline!

I shall enjoy now a very secular and second Rumpleminze.

Fools

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I swear, these econometricians are brainwashed to never see the forest from the trees which only makes Black Swans a common species.

Ever consider the dire and daunting entitlement program problems the country has? That ever factor into your little freaking economics model?

Honest to god, I just need about 1 billion of me cloned and I could take care of the rest.

New "Sparkly" Currency to Jump Start the Economy

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Only a moron, with absolutely NO CONCEPT OF ECONOMICS would think issuing a new currency because it is flashy would "jumpstart the economy."

And is it any surprise the currency design they highlight has the two presidents who utterly FAILED to "jump start the economy?"

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Chicks Dig Guns

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I was dating a girl a while ago. Typical late 20 something girl who towed the liberal line and said all the right things and thought the right way. She came into my house for the first time and saw my pistol which I keep on my desk next to my computer. I was in the kitchen when she said in a shocked voice,

"Is this your gun!?"

"Yep." I said.

"Is it real?"

"Yep." I said.

"Well why do you have it?"

"In case I need to shoot the bad guys."

"Well, I'm not comfortable with guns."

"Then don't pick it up. Besides which you don't have to worry about anything. You're not one of the bad guys."

"Well I just don't understand why you would need a gun though."

"As I said before, it's in case I need to shoot the bad guys."

"Well what kind of bad guys are here? I mean have you ever had to use it?"

"Almost once, but otherwise no, thankfully."

The conversation continued on and it was typically typical of somebody who's never thought about guns and just regurgitates the line they're fed vs. somebody who likes to ensure his life and freedom is guaranteed by a little more than some piece of paper located in Washington, D.C. The typical naivete of a person who never suffered strife and was not capable of realizing the merits of owning a gun for protective purposes AND had also never studied history, arguing against somebody who had the slightest bit of common sense and was fully aware of history.

I had finished pouring myself a martini when I walked back into my office and saw her

holding the gun. She was holding it in extreme fear, but obviously curiosity had gotten the better of her.
I extended my hand, signaling her to give it to me. Like carrying a bubonic-plague-infested dead mouse by its tail, she handed it over. I dropped the magazine out of the handle, doubled checked to make sure the chamber was empty, flipped it around in palm of my hand so the handle was facing her saying, "Here, knock yourself out. It can't hurt you now."

"It won't go off?"

I shook the magazine in my hand as I turned my attention back to my martini, "Not without this."

And in what had to be no more than 30 seconds, she said, "this is pretty cool! I should get a gun!"

I was rolling my eyes over as I was sipping my martini.

First let me state that chicks like guns.

I don't care who they are. What they tell you. What they say they think they say they believe they think they say.

Chicks

like

guns.

You put one in their hand, get them used to it, and even if they're a peacenik they all of the sudden are no longer irrationally afraid of this piece of metal. And not only are they no longer afraid, they want to try and shoot one. Makes for a great date, or just a good time with friends of the female persuasion, or anybody of any persuasion. I have never known anybody NOT to like firing guns.

Second, it shows you just how shallow some people's political and ideological beliefs are. It would be like going to an atheist, who after 5 minutes of arguing with you about how Christianity is stupid, all of the sudden after holding a bible for 30 seconds wants to go to church. Of course, guns are way more fun than bibles, but you get my point.

Finally, she couldn't help but look in the mirror because of how the gun looked. Do not be confused. A man with a gun is more attractive than a man with out one. Just look at any action flick movie poster and sure enough the hero is carrying a gun. Doesn't have to be

a huge M-60 Rambo gun, but James Bond with his little pea-shooter is enough. Why do they put it there? Because Hollywood marketers know a guy with a gun who has to go hunt down the bad guy/s is more attractive than a peacenik who tries to go and talk to the bad guys into hopefully seeing his side of the situation and resolving the conflict peacefully with a little help from the UN and Jimmy Carter.

Therefore Cappy Capites of both the male and female persuasion, IF YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS and DON'T HAVE KIDS WALKING INTO YOUR HOUSE ON A REGULAR BASIS, may I suggest leaving a semi-automatic pistol in a very Peter Gunn sort of way hanging about your abode?

I know gun safety nuts will go into hyperdrive and say, "how dare you leave a loaded gun in your house laying around for untrained people to accidentally grab, pull back the hammer and then accidentally pull the trigger!"

Set that legitimate criticism aside. I'm making a point aside that.

A pistol, laying on your desk or on in the holster hung up on the door is akin to leaving something unique about you that women do indeed notice and will probably find attractive. For example, a nice pair of jeans hanging over the chair (ex-girlfriend told me about that one). A tie hanging on the doorknob. A martini glass on the coffee table. A motorcycle jacket over the chair. A Ty Wilson painting on the wall. A friend of mine even suggested an issue of Playboy laying about (which suggests a bit of bravado and confidence on your part, on account you are not worried about being perceived as a perve). A gun achieves the same, but because of its lefty-MSM-induced "forbidden nature" it's even more so. You are a bad boy. You have a gun. Something that can take a man's life away (or if you're good enough, multiple people).

Combine these bad boy aspects society places on guns with the natural, biological, darwinian implications of gun ownership and you are showing the girl that you take survival, protection and providership seriously. No man (or woman) is going to hurt you or your family. You are not messing around. By leaving that piece of metal on your desk you are not only a bad boy, but a bad boy that will fight. And it is this, no matter what they might say otherwise, is ultimately sexy.

Yes, slightly dangerous, but oh, wait, dangerous is also sexy too.

So to re"Cap" (har har har!)

Gun = bad boy + defender/protector + dangerous + forbidden = Sexy.

Am I wrong here? The formula missing something?

Do You See What I See?

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AILES, FOXNEWS, THE MAN LEFT STANDING...

OK, the guy on the top is from Fox.

The guys on the bottom are from CNN and NBC.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THEM?

It is an observation I have made for many years and it is an INCREDIBLY politically incorrect observation, but (as most politically incorrect things are) it's 100% true.

Do you see what I see?

The Matt McNeil Show

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I tune into 950 AM because it is the local affiliate remnants of the "Air America" thing.

The reason I tune in is because after a while of listening to Rush Limbaugh and Michael Savage, you can almost finish their sentences for them. Whereas I'm finding it a very addictive and forbidden habit to tune into liberal talk radio. Not for anything insightful that they might say, but because I have this morbid curiosity to see their rationalization and logic (or lack thereof).

Of course, this results in an odd listening pattern.

I listen.

they try to make a point.

it's either factually wrong, the premises they're using are flawed, it's intellectually dishonest or it's just outlandish.

This then rises my blood-pressure up to a level where I have to turn it off because there's no point.

I tune back into conservative talk

Realize they're just now discovering things and making observations I made years ago

I switch back to liberal talk radio for more

repeat.

Inevitably, it boils down to boredom, I want to listen to something new, but I can only listen to stuff I know is factually wrong and "stage-one" thinking for so long.

For example Mike Malloy. He's purely angry. Just a nazi. He has no problems calling for the execution of Republicans. Everything is Bush's fault. And it's all explained in a complex conspiracy theory you just don't have the brains to understand, because, well, you didn't have a trust fund to finance a liberal arts degree in philosophy.

Ed Schulz is even worse. Mike Malloy will actually get a rise out of you. There's at least some entertainment in that. But Ed Schulz. Cripes. Nothing but repeating the same damn thing over and over again. His refrain?

"The little guy?"

Who's keeping him down?

"The man."

The man is who?

"Corporations."

Solution

"Governmetn legislation for the little guy."

Not on iota of economic though about maybe going beyond the "rich get richer, poor get poorer" and (oh heck, I don't know) LOOKING FREAKING STUFF UP BEFORE YOU FORM AN OPINION?

What's worse is his callers. GOOD LORD. Think of the people who are actually intellectual stimulated by his one-trick-pony droning to the point of calling in. And guess what they say,

"Yeah, you know, it's the corporations holding down the little guy. When does the average working Joe get a fair shake in this country?"

Stephanie Miller. Eh. More like a morning comedy show where it would be quite entertaining if the premises they were operating by we actually true. For example;

Stephanie Miller - "Well, Sarah Palin's at it again."

Moron Producer Guy #1 - "What, she thinks she can still see Russia from her house?"

All - Laughter

Stephanie Miller - "No, she's out there again, pushing for those nazi tea partiers."

Moron Producer Guy #2 - "Heh, those tea partiers. They'll follow anyone to protest anything. They must be a bunch of bored trophy wives!"

All - Laughter

It's more or less the same thing and it isn't a surprise Air America went down, but it still provides for a REALLY interesting (and scary) insight into the psychology or just the sheer

lack of knowledge and information these people have.

However, there is one show. Don't know if it's new, but I was tuning in, and I liked it. Still disagreed, but I liked it because the host was above all things, honest. Matt McNeil is a local guy, and the reason I say he's honest is because it isn't a platform for a burnt out baby boomer hippie to relive the 60's like Mike Malloy.

It isn't a funny laugh show where you mock people of the other political team and make intellectually dishonest comparisons and pass that on as a Dennis Prager-level piece of thoughtful radio like Stephanie Miller.

And is isn't just a boring, droning mouth piece for the unions or CNN miserably failing to become the left's Rush Limbaugh, as Ed Schulz.

It's this guy, out here in Minnesota, who genuinely cares about the country who happens to be liberal. His logic makes sense. His moral compass I would say is sound (for example he genuinely cares about kids getting a good education) and you could have an adult conversation with him, whereas with a Mike Malloy you no doubt would be called a nazi and be a member of a conspiracy to bring down the average man.

There's just one problem.

Like most honorable, well-intentioned liberals, he just isn't informed.

I called into the show because I've been trying to ask various liberals (talk show hosts primarily, but any liberal that would answer my question) various questions as to the specifics of what they would like to achieve or bring about in the US. The particular topic he was on was education. I thought it would not be too much of a tangent to get his opinion on how much would be enough to satisfy the left's ideal education system.

His answer was, "I don't know specifically how much in terms of money, but I would like it that my kid would have paper and pencils. That we could have programs like music and art." He went onto list some other things, but that's precisely it.

He listed things as a proxy or substitute for actual dollar amounts.

As I don't have children, I'm not concerned with "things." I'm concerned with the bottom line of my property tax bill wherein I subsidize (quite charitably I might add) the education of other people's children. And here was the gap.

I know how much is spent on the schools. I've looked up per pupil spending, put it terms of gross state product, looked at the budget. I know the factual, specific data that tells us how much we spend.

He was more concerned about the outcome of all that spending. ie-the quality of the spending. And that is how he measures whether or not we spend "enough."

The problem is that spending does not correlate with performance when it comes to education. How do I know this? Because I (again) looked it up and ran a correlation between spending per pupil and standardized test scores.

Sadly what Matt doesn't realize is that he still has to spend money and pay property taxes too. And simply getting more money won't solve the problem. It's an issue of efficiency. Elk River has 6 football coaches for ONE high school. I question whether a schools need a brand new, fully equipped theater or if it could maybe just get by with using the gym as a theater as well. We could go on and cite various examples of spending in the schools that isn't efficient, but you get my point.

This issue here I'm trying to make isn't one of public school finances and efficiency. It's the point that the only difference between Matt (a liberal talk show host) and myself (an evil, right wing hate monger that eats kittens for breakfast) is one of knowledge. Knowing something rather than feeling or theorizing (no matter how logical) about something results in the correct answer because it is known. It is based in fact. And if you're going to look at government policy, at whatever level, the only way it will be effective and of a benefit to the people is if it is also based in fact, not feelings or dreams or hope or change or nice wordy words coming from a politician's mouth.

What Did I Tell You About Credit Unions?

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Only $50 billion, huh?

I swear I should be called the "Trillion Dollar Kid."

Because if anybody had listened to me, none of this would have happened.

Because It's No Longer Economic

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Heh heh.

Enjoy the decline!

I No Longer Care About GPA's

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I graduated 5th in my class at the U of MN - Carlson School of Management.

Two A-'s, the rest were A's.

The students ranked 1-4 were all bought and paid for by their parents and took a year longer than me to graduate. I also worked full time.

I will never do that again and let that be a lesson to you kids out there - GPA's don't matter.

It is an issue of marginal benefit. Without trying your Captain is getting solid B's, low A's in his classes in computer networking. To eek out all A's I would have to nearly double my study time and life is frankly too short (actually it was the observation your Captain had that he got a B+ on his latest test and it didn't bother him, whereas 13 years ago it would have enraged me that prompted this post).

Since many of you are in college and in your youth, I suggest drinking more and partying more and studying less. The straight A's ain't worth it. Go do fun stuff, maintain a B average, and enjoy your life. Study, but take an intermittent break to chase girls or something (they won't let you catch them, but it's a fun game to play anyway). Besides, it ain't like there are any jobs out there for you anyway, and by now nepotism and cronyism has so corrupted the labor market, if you don't know anybody, then forget it. Life's too short.

Don't Give Me This "Tax Credit" BS

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Let me explain here and now the condescending and insulting nature of "tax credits" and why you should be insulted by the term.

Originally, those evil white males of 1770's yore, set out to make a rare and original society wherein the people governed themselves. Those evil bastards, how dare they.

This meant those in the government were not the ones in charge, but rather it was the people who voted them in to take care of various public service affairs so that the rest of society may go on and pursue life, liberty and happiness.

But if one were to really take themselves out of the political mire and muck and look at the US today, you would see not a government serving the people and letting them go about their own affairs, but a very intrusive government that "ordains" or "blesses" or "determines" who should do what and why and when and where and how.

But what is most insulting of all of these and really angers me is this condescending tone democrats have about "giving business tax CREDITS to set up shop here and there."

The reason it angers me so is that it shows you the reality of the situation. It is no longer the people or the private sector that is determining their own destinies. It is the government that "grants" you the privilege, nay, the "honor" of having a little bit of extra bread by "charitably" granting you a "credit." Originally, it was the government that we "credited" by paying taxes into the coffers to manage the public administration affairs. And when it came to conducting business or private affairs, the government was to largely butt out and get back to building roads and defending us against foreign invaders. But no, now it is US that is at the behest of the "almighty government" to the point we actually accept "credits" as a little doggy treat for behaving "correctly."

Understand, the whole idea of a "credit" implies, by default that the government is the authority and you are the peasant. That the government is the one in charge, with the wisdom and will determine if you've been a good boy or a bad boy and will reward you with "credits" and "breaks" and "incentives."

Did you hire minorities?

Good wittle boy. You get a scooby snack tax credit!

Did you buy a new green, efficient furnace?

Oooo! Whoz da wittle American? Whoz da wittle American? Yez zats you. Yez zats you! You get a wittle tax cwedit!"

Did you recycle?

Awww! Da wittle, WITTLE Amerwican. Look at da cuuuuute wittle American. Yes youz a good recycler aren't you? Herez a wittle tax credit.

Just recently such a vomit-inducing incident occurred when both democrats AND republicans in Minnesota tried vainly to bribe Ford into not shutting down it's St. Paul Ranger plant.

"Oooo! Gee Whillikers Mr. Pawlenty and Socialist Minnesota State Legislature! You'll grant us dumb corporate car-manufacturing yokels a tax "break?" Why gee whillikers massa, that sure is gracious of you."

Thankfully Ford (as it did with the bailout money) passed and maintained some level of dignity and morality.

Regardless, the larger point I'm trying to make is that (like many of my points) NOBODY ELSE IS MAKING IT!

Good Christ, people? When the hell did we let the government get so powerful and big that it could take the tone of "granting" us a charity such as a "tax credit?" Since when did we take the position of "beggar" and be honored to have ANYTHING "credited" to us? Since when did the government become the sole authority and judge as to what is good or bad and could reward it with "credits" which is simply the opposite side of the coin of taxing it to punish it?

Of course I know the answer. Several generations have failed to install the idea of individualism in their offspring and the success of the US has spoiled most people to become complacent about important issues like (oh I don't know) FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, to the point we forfeit it up to charlatans and soothe sayers.

But, then my ole blood pressure gets up. I realize the US is not 300 million Cappy Caps running around. It's more like 1 million Cappy Caps and 299 million "American Idol" watchers. And then I realize you can't change it. Just work less and not slave yourself away to pay taxes so other people can live off of you. Besides, if you work so little, you might just get rewarded with a "tax credit."

Looking for a Bubble

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Cripes.

OK, let me explain this to you in normal everyday terms.

You are the father or mother of little Jimmy.

Jimmy has been a problem child ever since he went into school.

You get a report from Jimmy's teacher and she says;

"Little Jimmy showed some improvement today. He beat up LESS kids than he did last week. THis is an improving trend! Additionally, you know that D- he received on his test last week? Well, I made a grading error and it's actually just a regular D!"

You then reward Jimmy with ice cream for not beating up as many kids and getting a slightly better grade than previously thought.

It's the same thing here;

"We're not cutting as many jobs"

AND

"Instead of a sclerotic growth rate of 1.6%, we are now BOOMING with a revised growth rate of 1.7%."

And what's the Dow Jones doing? Up 50 points so far.

If I recall correctly, after Bush cut taxes back during his first term to fight off the then-Dotcom recession, GDP boomed at 6% one quarter and there was something like 300,000 jobs created.

But, oh, that's right. Those jobs don't count. Because it's Bush!

You are free to continue enjoying the decline!

Masters in Tulip Arranging

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This is a phenomenon that I call the "Engineer/Social Worker" phenomenon. You have a husband, who makes $70,000 as an engineer or a computer geek or what have you, but then a (typically) liberal, independent woman who as a part time social worker or women's studies major makes $20,000 per year at some government-make-work job. However, she spends $40,000 per year on stuff, thereby necessitating a subsidy from her husband, yet at the same time will no doubt claim she is independent, when mathematically and factually she's not.

I know people like this and there's a LOT of them. Maybe not the majority of the population, but definitely a lot of sheepish, sensitive 90's men with masters in computer engineering that are just thankful to have a female in their lives and turn a blind eyes to the economic realities of independence. The wife usually runs roughshod over him and after they get married, we never see our buddy again. Usually it's by accident 4 years later when the beaten, wearied-eye man is hauling three kids around and has lost that wild mustang look in his eye.

Oh well, not every guy can be a P-51 Mustang. You need tankers and haulers too.

ht to Fraulein Elizabeth

The Economics of Courtship - Part 1 - The Two Tiered Market

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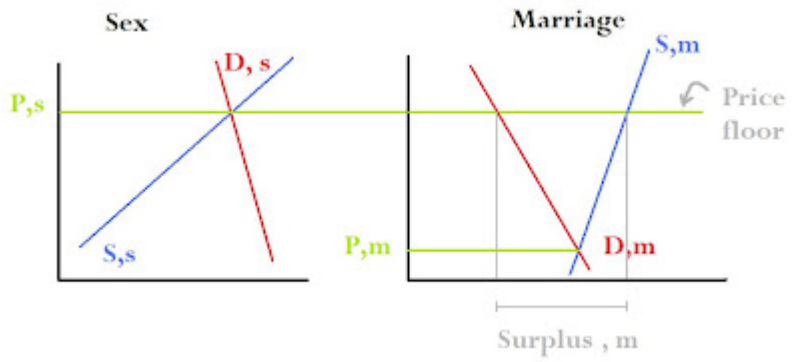
I've decided that much of romance, courting, marriage, blah blah blah, seems to confuse a lot of people on both sides of the dating game. And I'm only half-jesting when I say this, but just some basic economics goes a long way in explaining the different phenomena we see in the courting/dating world. And it is because of this, I've decided to write a yet-to-be-determined number of pieces of the economics of courtship in that I've already come up with three and thought it might be worth writing about.

Today's topic is the "Two Tiered Market."

I cannot claim to have been the original observer of this phenomenon, it may have been Roissy, but it I think it was somebody perhaps a little less visceral (if anybody knows, please send the link my way), regardless, it was the observation that women in their late 20's to about their 40's believe or associate sex with marriage. Or, more specifically, that if they have sex with a man, they believe that is a representation or a proxy for his level of interest in marriage.

Now, again, when we delve into the courting world there are no databases, there are no records kept and so it largely goes based on anecdotal evidence and experience, but I would say not ALL women obviously fall for this, but some certainly do. So as a favor to them, not to mention codify this theory, permit me you this graph (I love that phrase);



What we have here is a classical supply and demand chart of two markets; the sexual market and the marriage market.

In the first market we have the demand for sex (presumably from men) and the supply of sex (presumably women) - (the roles actually do not matter as to who is the buyer and who is the supplier, you could switch them if you wanted, as long as you are consistent amongst both markets, you will get the same results). In general, men demand sex more

than women. Yes, horribly politically incorrect of me, I know. Send the Speech-Police's best sniper after me, in the mean time it does not change the fact that it is true, so my death will avail nothing and no one. In any case, demand is high and relatively inelastic.

Also, in general, women in their late 20's to 40's are more or less over that initial fear or discomfort with sex. They are more comfortable with it, they certainly aren't just going to go willy nilly offering it all over the place, but their supply curve is what I would consider normal (yes, send in the Politically Correct Assassins).

The point where the two meet is the equilibrium point, where if you were paying atttention in high school economics, is the "price" you pay for sex - denoted by P,s. In this metaphorical example it would be dinners men must take women out on, gas, psychological issues, the time dedicated to it, etc. etc.

Now notice the line, P,s, goes across to the other market, the marriage market.

The reason it does this is SOME women think that because a man has sex, that he is now interested in marriage. When in reality they are TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT MARKETS. TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT "GOODS AND SERVICES" AS THE ECONOMIC TERM IS.

However, in assuming sex=marriage, this brings about an economic phenomenon known as a "price floor." Meaning you cannot charge BELOW a certain price, or "below the floor." This is why P,s is carried over to the marriage market on that green line.

In the marriage market, women also supply marriage. For the ages of late 20's to 40's, women, in general, are more than willing to supply a LOT of marriage. But with this sex-induced psychological floor, they are led to believe that demand is much higher than it actually is (see line D,m to realize that men of equivalent marrying age do not demand marriage ANYWHERE NEAR as much as they demand sex, resulting in a free market price of marriage that is very low, P,m).

Now, because there is an effective price floor, this results in a price that is "too high." At that lofty price very few men are willing to demand or pay for a marriage. Whereas at that very high price, women are MORE THAN WILLING to supply it. This results in what economists call a "surplus"-denoted by the gray "Surplus, m."

A surplus of what? A surplus of women in the marriage market.

This is why I fear for (and have genuine pity for) women who mistake sex for marriage or at least perhaps more realistically, love and affection that may lead to marriage. It may not be seen too frequently in the late 20's as most men at that age are still willing to get married, but no doubt you know of some guy in his 40's who is dating some woman who

"just won't commit."

Well, there you go, in economic-charty-goodness no less.

And that's, frankly that. I have nothing more to really add to it, because, well , it's economics. It's kind of cut and dry.

Black Markets Form in the Funniest Places

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This is not meant to be a crass subject, but because of the nature of the subject, I am giving you fair warning.

The short version is this;

Since Britain has made it possible for women to sue sperm donors for child support (surprise, surprise) the supply of sperm has run out forcing women to look for donors via a brand-new black market. Ah, the undefiable laws of economics.

The official version is this.

The very crass interpretation and hat tip (don't tell me I didn't warn you) is this.

No Pressure

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This is not a joke. This was actually put together by the 1010 Campaign. They thought being truthful was not only funny, but would convince people to join them.

Ah, leftist activists and the mindless corporations all to eager to "go green" that finance them.

Missing the Boat

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And I don't mean recently. I mean like she JUST showed up at the docks two minutes ago, looking at her watch, while the boat left port about 30 years ago, which matter of fact has probably been scrapped at the Bangladeshi boat yards.

There is also an element of "wanting my cake and eating it too" to her thinking (or perhaps, lack thereof.

So, once again, ergo I think it's time for another "Dating Stories of the Captain" so that we all may learn, ESPECIALLY women, and genuinely improve our lives (by avoiding the Captain's mistakes).

Long ago, your Captain was a naive, youthful, idealistic lieutenant. Though battle-hardened and having a few scars to evidence his experience, he was at the perfect balance of maturity and realism countered with a healthy amount of hope, optimism and a belief in the right kind of romance triggered by the right kind of girl.

He found her.

In a dance class of his. Cute as a button. Very smart. But more importantly, there was that chemistry that just doesn't come along that frequently (matter of fact, he hadn't ever experienced anything like up to that point in his life).

You would think that with such chemistry and the stars aligning, etc., that this would be an easy plane to land for the ole Captain. However, there was just one little problem. She was a STRINGENT Christian and I was an agnostic.

Understand, this was the only hiccup.

She was completely enamored with me, and I with her (as proof, look at the economics poem I wrote for her). However, for 6 months she fought every NATURAL, BIOLOGICAL drive and instinct she had to kiss me and go out with me, because of one passage from the bible that has ruined more potential happy couples than anything else - 2nd Corinthinians 6:14

"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?"

Translation? If he isn't a Christian, then you CANNOT date him (let alone marry the guy).

It was a sad situation. It was more than one conversation where she would break down crying as she could not reconcile St. Paul's words to the Corinthians with her natural, visceral attraction to me and my agnosticism. And try as I might to point out the idiocy of listening to a doctrine that has been translated over 2,000 years ago across 4 different languages (one of which is dead now) as well as the fact that "what if there's a chance, Christianity might not be the "100% correct religion," she would have no part of it. She had her check list. She was resolute. The Lord would provide.

Aside from this very large disagreement, there was only one other disagreement we had. It was nowhere near as major nor deal-breaking, but it did provide me some insight later on in life that explained to me what was really going on;

She found my version of sexuality, intimacy and romance revolting.

I, like any other red-blooded American male, had NO SHAME of admitting that it would be GRAND to come home from a hard day's work and there, unbeknownst to me was my wife/girlfriend/significant other in a French Maid outfit with a martini in one hand, a cigar in the other and Frank Sinatra playing in the background. Not every day of course, but to have a wife like that would be grand.

She found it not only revolting, but insulting.

"Why you would want your wife to degrade herself to such a level is beyond me. I find it to be more like slavery than anything else."

And thus like the author of the article, this girl completely missed the boat.

In the end I realized what was really happening. This girl wanted the best of BOTH worlds.

She wanted an alpha male, which explained her instinctive attraction to me (not to brag, but yeah, I'm pretty alpha). I didn't take crap. I spoke my mind. I would fight. I had passion. I did what I wanted. And I relented for no one and nothing. I supported myself and had never taken charity. I was a real man's man.

However, she also wanted the beta. The man who would collapse and say, "Paris is worth the mass." Who would deny his own beliefs and fake being a Christian. Who would submit to her, albeit intellectually dishonestly. And who would actually forfeit the life long American males' dream of a beautiful wife just simply dressing up all sexy and pampering him once in a while for what I presume would be a sex life solely for the purpose of making more Christians, not (heaven forbid!) for recreational purposes.

It is here that his love-ne'er-meant-to-be and the author of the article fail, and will continue to fail, because they do not understand one very simple rule about men;

Being alpha and being beta ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

A man CANNOT be both alpha and beta.

You get one or the other.

Now I know some women would prefer one over the other. And naturally you would like some elements of both. BUT YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE.

The nature of an alpha male is to be the leader. THis is the NATURAL STATE or at least INCLINATION or biological PREDISPOSITION FOR MEN. They are "MEN." They are MANLY. They will go and do manly things and have manly preferences. It is natural and biological and it is NOT OPTIONAL. Boys will be boys, no we don't need no freaking Ritalin. This is normal.

Then there are the beta men. They go against their nature because they think it will some how bring them an advantage. THis is certainly true. Patience, compromising, avoiding conflict are all life-increasing acts in threatening environments. But do not expect them to hold to principle, hold their ground or be MANLY because that results in conflict or a threat. And it doesn't even have to be a life-threatening conflict. Just conflict in general because they almost seem to prefer peace and agreement over their own inner desires. They will constantly ask you for your approval. They will constantly get permission first. They will not be the manly, rugged Steve McQueen character you all want to whisk you away on your motorcycle against your parents' wishes. They will be like Al Gore or Woody Alan.

The larger point is simply this ladies. You do not get your checklist because, frankly, no man in the 3 billion men on the planet meet it. Not because each trait unto itself is outlandish to expect or so rare, but a lot of them ARE mutually exclusive. What you have to ask yourself is do you want an alpha male (like a Ferrari, powerful, but expensive and fuel inefficient) or a beta male (like a PRius, high quality, good gas mileage, reliable, but no power). Because while you can't have the "perfect man," you CAN have a GOOD man (whether he's a beta or an alpha). ie- a good Chevy is better than the non-existent 700 HP V-12 Ferrari that gets 95 MPG with George Clooney in the passenger seat. Besides, last I checked the girl of long ago is still waiting for the strong alpha male, who is yet beta enough to abide by all of her requests. Apparently the Lord is not providing.

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Franny Armstrong

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Franny, as you may or may not know is the veritable fool that put together that horrendous video for "Campaign 1010" where they're blowing people up.

Now, I did not read the article above, I just looked at her picture and I think it's once again time to play....

"What Can the Captain Guess?"

Given what we know about the disease known as Crusaderism (yes, watch the whole damn thing, just pour yourself a martini first) and young Ms. Franny is obviously infected by it, I shall go out on a limb and predict;

1. She majored in a worthless subject
2. She has little to no real world or private sector experience
3. Her entire career is constituted of activism which is just a euphemism for avoiding real work
4. She is from a family that is not poor, probably well off to the point she could pursue such lofty and arrogant endeavors as to tell the rest of us how to live our lives.

Am I right?

Why Most People Go Galt

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As you know I have gone Galt.

I work as little as I can. I am trying to make less than $30,000 per year (not too hard in this economy). And I have gone back to school. I have acquired no assets which can be taxed or taken from me. And in essence have enjoyed a hell of a lot of free time and vacation time.

In short I am out of the game and refuse to contribute anything to society be it either through taxation or production. Admittedly, I am more of the fringe elements in this country, but consider what would happen to society if most productive people had the epiphany I've had and realized their time is worth more than the pittance of money the government will let you have.

But contrast this current state with me in my youth, and it is night and day. Back then I would work my ass off. 80 hour work weeks were regular for me. Overtime pay as well as the added employment security that came with dedicating myself to my employer resulted in a ton of economic production from myself (as well as tens of thousands of additional tax dollars paid to into the government coffers).

What is interesting though is that it is the "overtime" aspect of economic production that is really the only thing that will get an economy booming again. You don't dedicate yourself to overtime unless you view there is a future or a benefit to it (in addition to the over time pay). However, if you are punished because of progressive taxation on your overtime income and you see no economic future, therefore why would you do such a stupid thing as essentially committing yourself to slavery? Over time, which is precisely what the economy needs, does not make any economic sense.

So you understand when I say, "enjoy the decline" I really mean, I want you to ENJOY the free time forced upon you by the decline. Because, well, you don't have any other choice.

Enjoy the Decline!

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Heh heh.

So how's the Keynesian stimulus working for ya?

I would go into a tirade of "I told you so," but the left is so far gone they will actually rationalize this away because (and understand the logic here) it is more important in their minds that they are right than the livelihood and health of their country and fellow countrymen.

Enjoy the decline!

Franny Armstrong 2

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I had taken a huge risk and went out on a limb and predicted according to my crusaderism philosophy that Franny Armstrong;

1. Majored in a worthless subject
2. Never worked a real job in the real world
3. Was from the middle class or richer.

Immediately the Cappy Capites went out and found out that.

1. Zoology
2. Correct.

But her socio economic background was a bit more difficult to peg down.

Understand though, that in order to be a crusader you need to have enough money financing you so you don't have to worry about things like;

rent
food
clothing
shelter
gas

The crusader mentality CANNOT form under an environment where you have to be an adult and support yourself, because in supporting yourself you immediately know how the real world works and are frankly too busy to pursue worthless pursuits like what Franny has done.

Well, thanks to our European Bureau we find out she is "an upper middle class spoiled brat."

Looking for a Bubble

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Cripes.

Stocks Rise Amid Hopes of Fed Move; Kraft Slips

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Stocks climbed Friday as the Dow crossed the psychologically important 11,000 mark and investors anticipated the weak jobs report will prompt the Federal Reserve to spur economic growth.

MAJOR U.S. INDEXES

SYMBOL	LAST	CHANGE	% CHANGE	VOLUME
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.NCOMP	2399.03	15.3601	+0.64%	0
.SPX	1164.16	6.10	+0.53%	0

We lose 95,000 jobs and the stock market goes UP because (get ready for the Ivy League Idiot-speak)...

"it will prompt the Federal Reserve to spur economic growth."

Because as we all know economic growth doesn't come from industrious individuals, innovative creators and inventors, hard work or the desire to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

No, it comes from the "Magical Federal Reserve Fairies" who just waive their magic wands and then POOF! Economic growth!

Why, it's so simple, why didn't we think of this before! The federal reserve will just "spur economic growth!"

Of course, you morons out there who aren't Ivy League economists like Paul Krugman or Wall Street gurus like Dick Fuld are too stupid to understand how this all works. But thankfully you have us in charge to "spur economic growth."

Pour yourself a martini and enjoy the decline.

The Affirmative Action President

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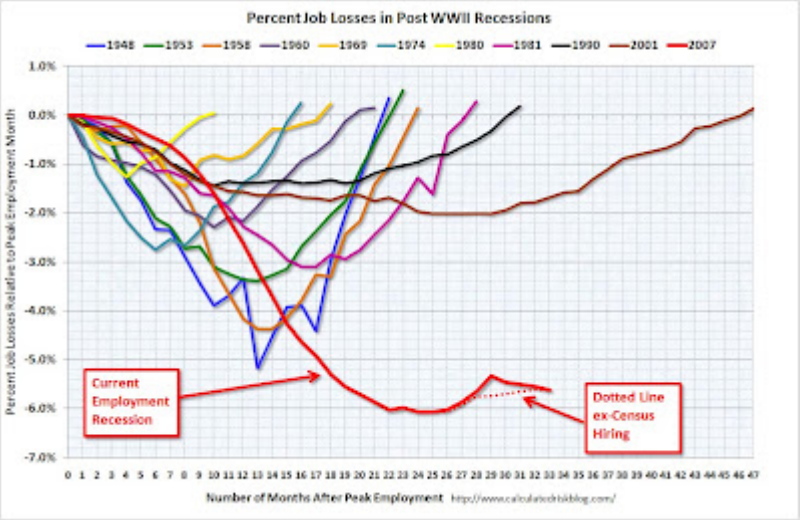
I love comparing Bush to Obama during their first term, because if you recall correctly BOTH inherited recessions from their predecessors. I also love the comparison because the media would just BASH Bush because the economy was not "recovering quick enough" AND ALWAYS said it was "the worst economy in 50 years."

In short it shows the hypocrisy of the left.

But, this is great because it shows you just how low the bar has been set for Mr. Obama.



Ergo, I believe Mr. Obama should hence forth be called "The Affirmative Action President."

I now patiently await for the media to comply and explain to the masses why Obama has it "tougher" than Bush.

The Difference Between GDP and Utility

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In short, paving a road that doesn't need paving is a pissing away of the taxpayer's dollars. That money could more easily be useful if you just return it to the people. Why?

You'll get the same amount of production which will show up in the all-important GDP figures AND people will actually get a use out of it.

This is the biggest fallacy facing expert economist's today. They're concerned too much about hollow numbers and not about standards of living.

Now, a shinny new nickel to the person who can explain why this won't help the economy, but will improve numbers.

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Work Smarter, Not Harder…Or Else

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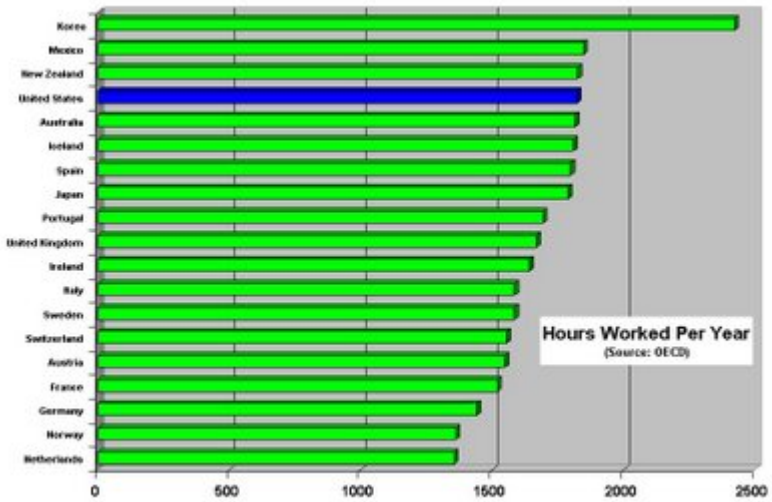
Bucktown and I had been going back and forth about just how much a threat foreign labor (locally here, illegal or not, or labor located overseas) was to US workers. Good intentioned and concerned as he should be, the point I tried to convey to Bucktown (and as I do all aspiring economists), was that competition from foreign labor really doesn't matter in that the VAST majority of wealth that has been created over human history doesn't come from working harder, but smarter. ie – Jose may be willing to work 25% longer and for 40% less than John, but what will really make John richer is when John CREATES or INNOVATES a new way of working or building widgets or replacing widgets all together with a new invention.

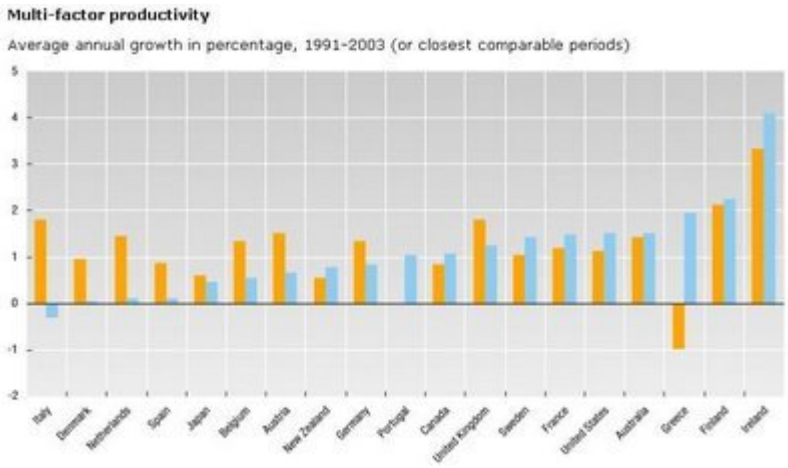
It is creation and innovation that is the true producers of wealth and it is what America has specialized in since its existence which has given us our (soon-to-be-lost I predict) preeminent position in this world. That and we work more than most people didn't hurt either.



But to prove the importance of working smarter and not harder, allow me to introduce the concept of "multi-factor productivity" or MFP.

GDP growth is chalked up to increases in the use of capital and labor. When you use more labor and more capital, you'll get more GDP.

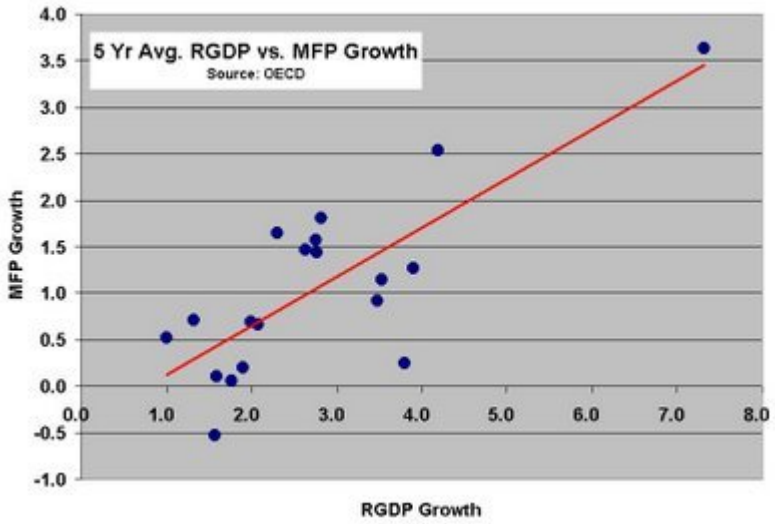
However, when disseminated, changes in labor and capital doesn't fully explain all the economic growth that occurs. The residual is chalked up to "MFP."

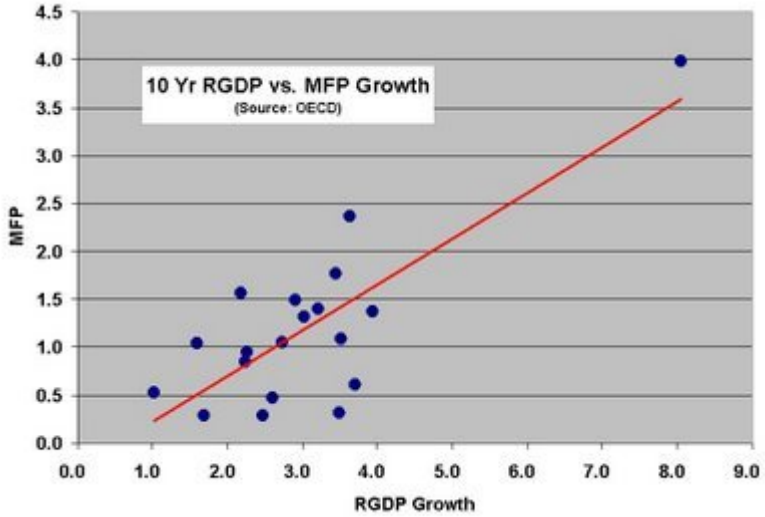


MFP is basically any efficiencies gained BEYOND using more labor and capital. A smart young operations manager could find a way to reorganize the conveyer belts to produce 10% more widgets without an increased use of labor or capital. A new chemical that costs only $20/ton may replace the need for two chemicals that cost $50/ton. Or a technological invention could completely replace an industry and fundamentally change how it does business; NAPSTER, the assembly line, Windows come to mind. Even The Economist had an article recently showing how e-mail broadband, and PDF files are eliminating the need for bike couriers.

These cumulative increases in efficiency arising from either smarter use of current resources or a completely new innovation/technology is the true engine of economic growth and is why we should be focusing on working smarter…and why we should be pushing engineering and the sciences and funding less sociology, philosophy and hyphenated-studies majors…or at least severely mocking them.

When GDP growth rates are correlated with MFP growth rates, the correlations are impressive thus proving working smarter is an excellent predictor of producing wealth.





	Correlation Coefficient	W/O Ireland
5 yr	0.78	0.59
10 yr	0.79	0.41

(note, I took out Ireland as it was the "outlier," but contest it should stay inbecause of the sophisticated economic argument that the Irish kick ass)

Thus, foreign labor and outsourcing is not a threat to anything but low skilled workers as labor truly is a commodity at the low skilled levels. And while it may be regrettable that some slothful union types are out of a job or are forced to compete, it is the economic reality that if America is to ensure its preeminent position in the world we better get back to doing what we do best; being the inventor of the world.

Die WORTHLESS DEGREES! DIE!!!

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Heh heh.

But what is richly ironic is if you were to ask those majoring in the "humanities" this question;

"List the top 5 things you want to buy or purchase in the next month"

they would list things that are NOT produced by humanities majors.

I guarantee you that they would list things like;

1. Ipad
2. Iphone
3. XBox
4. Sushi
5. Clothes

What is further ironic, if not hilarious, they would be unable to link this as to why there is no demand for "humanities majors" and why they can't find jobs.

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Why America Hates Tony Stark

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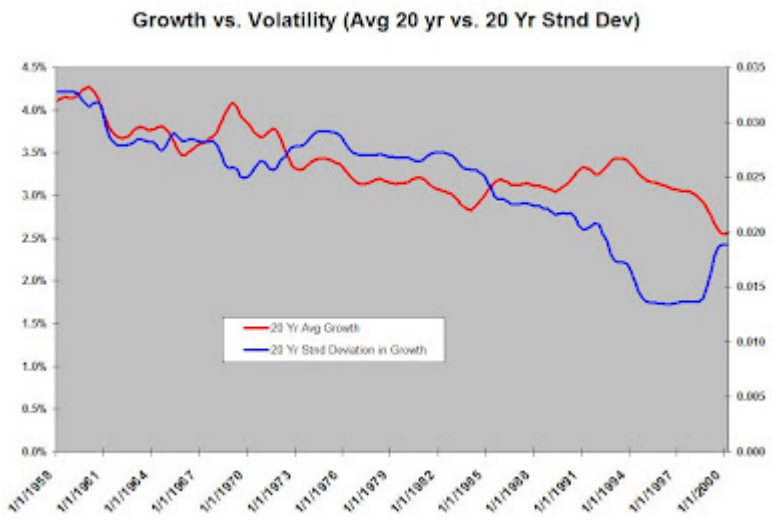
I wish I had more time to delve into this, but since I swore I would go Galt and enjoy life, I cannot. I bought "Red Dead Redemption" and it's a great video game, so here's the quick one-two on this and then it's off to X-Box 360 Land.

You are all familiar with my very scary chart showing the "20 year rolling average" of RGDP growth slowing down from 4.5% in the 40's and 50's to 2.5% today. The consequences of such a deceleration in growth being obvious in that we frankly won't be able to pay for everything we've promised ourselves in the future, not to mention nobody's 401k's and IRA is going to be growing at 12.% a year like they'd hope. However, what is also interesting is the volatility of that economic growth. Like the growth itself the volatility or standard deviation of economic growth over a 20 year average has been decreasing as well.



This is to due to many things which Red Dead Redemption will be preventing me from going into in more detail, but I shall list the primary ones here;

1. An increase in government as a percent of the economy - government does not boom or bust like the economy, it's been slowly and consistently growing which lessens the variance in economic growth.

2. Laws and lawsuits which have no only made things more "fair" but in the process has also slowed economic growth (EEOC compliance, requiring maternity leave, various environmental regulations.

3. Americans have just plain become more cowardly as time has gone on following the mantra "safety at all costs." Nobody takes risks any more, heck most people DEMAND a risk free world forcing their kids to wear helmets all the time, nobody is allowed to get

into fights, no kid is allowed to go run around the other kids neighborhood in fear of getting kidnapped and if we have to sacrifice a little economic growth, not to mention brainwash our children into being tepid, meek, emasculated people when they grow up, that's fine.

4. On a somewhat related note, because of this cowardice, you now have a labor force where "conformance over performance" is the norm. Brought up not to think, let alone have any moral caliber about you, people "don't rock the boat" in fear of a law suit or losing their job and will gladly sacrifice the profitability and viability of their employer and just "do what they're told." Innovation is not rewarded, and is if anything a threat against an aging tranche of management whose skills are deteriorating. More value is placed on getting an MBA in that it shows you can jump through a hoop vs. delivering any kind of real leadership or great ideas you might have. And then we all sit there and wonder why all these corporations are losing money and the economy isn't turning around.

Of course the simple solution is "WWTSD?" What would Tony Stark Do?

Well, he'd kick ass, take names, create some great stuff, say to hell with regulations and environmental concerns, PROBABLY BE SO BOLD AS TO KISS A GIRL OR TWO WITH NO REGARD TO THE PROPRIETY OF IT and do what Americans did back in the Rockefeller and Edison days.

But of course that would increase the standard deviation of economic growth, and in today's stability-addicted, safety at all costs economic mind-set of the American people, "I'm sorry Mr. Stark, your business methods are just a bit too abrasive for our tastes. We suggest you find employment elsewhere. We wish you luck in your job search."

Enjoy the decline!

Hurray for Chile!

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I want to thank all the sociology majors, women's studies majors, philosophy majors and communications majors that played an important role in rescuing those poor miners...

oh wait.

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I Thank Thee, Bernanke

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for helping contribute to all my dollar-short positions.

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For the Cheap Seats

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The Spendthrift 111th Congress

Two year increase in select spending categories, in billions

	2008	2010	% change
Social Security	$607	$696	14.7%
Medicare	390	450	15.4
Medicaid	201	273	35.8
Unemployment Benefits	47	160	240.4
Defense	595	667	12.1
All Spending	2,978	3,616	21.4

Note: Excludes the net reduction in outlays from TARP repayments ($108 billion) and federal deposit insurance revenues ($55 billion) in 2010

Source: Congressional Budget office

I don't really get worked up anymore because no matter how factual the above information is, the population in general is too damn lazy to;

1. Look up these figures themselves
2. Educate themselves about the finances of the country
3. Bother themselves worrying about the future finances of the country because until the lights go out and there's bread lines, they will maintain the mentality, "we're the US! We always get out of trouble!"

Alas why I fish and play video games.

Keep Dodging Those Bullets, Men

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Keep dodging them bullets.

Because There's No Faith in the Future

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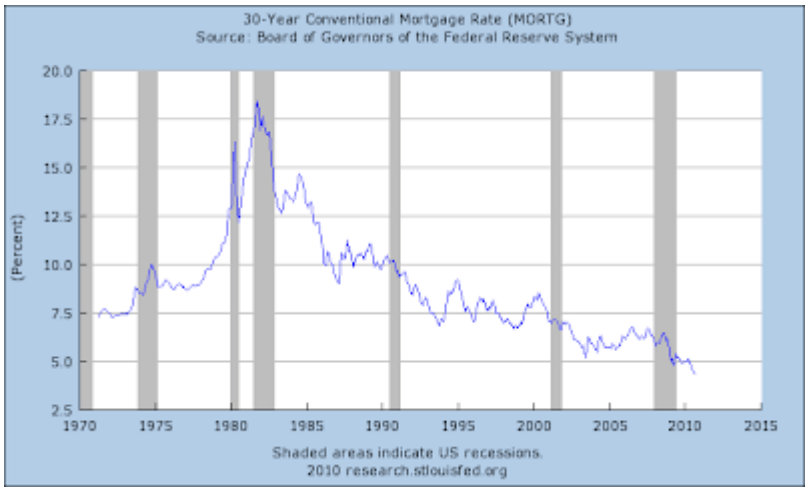
I love this chart.



You couldn't have a bigger stimulus than this to prompt investment and economic growth. Interest rates have never been lower (since the Fed started tracking 30 year mortgage rates) and housing prices are a mere fraction of what they were a year ago.

The problem is why isn't this translating into economic growth or at least a stabilizing factor in the housing market? I'll give you the answer;

There's no real hope.

You see, in order for a person to take on a large purchase such as a house and a large responsibility such as a 30 year mortgage, they have to have faith that their investment is going to pay off in the end. Not that the house is going to go up in value, but that it doesn't tank in value either. You throw in property taxes that continually go up, property maintenance, insurance, etc., you can see why people are a bit leery of buying a house. It's a liability, not an asset.

Go on the investment side and you see another angle. Banks won't even loan money out in the first place. Why? Because they're not certain about the economic future of the nation. Still stinging from the housing collapse (not to mention this newest "signing scandal"), they are reluctant to loan money out for housing. Anybody try to refinance their homes recently at these historically low interest rate? I'm sure some of you have only to be denied because you;

1. Were self-employed.
2. Had a decrease in your income
3. Wore blue socks on Tuesdays

Running scared from the housing crisis, banks are now perhaps OVERLY cautious and are just keeping their capital ratios close to their hearts.

Then there's the business side of things. Well if home buyers can't get financed, then certainly businesses and entrepreneurs will!

Heh, heh. Sadly they see no reason to invest because once again, there does not seem to be any genuine hope or faith in the future economy. They might go and invest in China. They might go and invest in Chile. They might go and invest in Brazil. But why invest in Japan-Circa-1990-Part II?

You see, you can have all the "stimulus" you want and pretty words from Barry and low interest rates, but without faith in the future of the economy, nobody is going to avail themselves of these opportunities because the prospects of an adequate ROI doesn't warrant it. Matter of fact, if the cost of debt capital is 3.5%, that implies investors and businesses don't even expect that paltry of an amount in today's economic climate.

At this point I would normally go on about how eliminating the corporate tax rate and making it constitutionally PERMANENT would flood the economy with real investment and hope for the future. But of course this is like shouting into the hurricane. My readers understand the reason for such a policy, but it is the masses of idiotic Americans who have been brainwashed to loathe those "evil" corporations.

And so I merely just point out the economic humor and irony of seeing interest rates so low, yet no growth and then laugh at the people who wonder why there isn't any economic growth, who in the same breathe blame the "corporations" for all their problems and want nothing more than to "make them pay their fair share" (all while wondering why their 401k isn't going up).

Enjoy the decline!

Left Wing Labor Economics

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Because to them 0 jobs that pay $100,000 a year is better than 75 jobs that pay $25,000 per year.

Recession Medicine

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"I Read The Economist"

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As older readers know I once religiously subscribed to and supported The Economist.

That is until they endorsed Barack Obama.

It was such an appalling display of a once great magazine aiming to boost their subscribership by sacrificing their standards so they could appeal to a fad and a brainwashed mass that I ended my then 11 year subscription to the magazine. It called into question the entire purpose and integrity of The Economist. Why would anybody, who was at least intellectually honest and cared about economic reality, subscribe to what had ultimately and quickly become tripe?

Well, if you look at an old post I had, it once again shows you the ole Captain might know what he's talking about.

The Economist is nothing but a biased, albeit, highly dressed up, left wing rag. Their readership is not about advancing economies and increasing standards of living and helping out humanity, it's about purchasing "The Economist" so they can say to their other UN diplomats and dignitaries that "they read "The Economist"" and sound intelligent. It's for liberal arts students to avoid real debate and say, "they read the economist" which then makes them the smartest person in the room. It's for middle aged people who decide to "upgrade" from the local paper and buck for a promotion when their manager realizes "Hey, he's reading THe Economist!"

Understand The Economist is NOT a legitimate publication. It is simply a "badge of honor" somebody can buy to make themselves sound intellectual. It's like buying a degree from a degree mill. You are better served reading various independent blogs and getting your economic data from economic databases than you are reading The Economist because "The Economist" (despite its name) isn't anything approaching what a real economist would do.

To remind you of this, I need not do anything else than post this chart;

Thus is the typical "Economist" subscriber and why you might as well not even bother ever subscribing to it. Because if you couldn't predict Obama would be bad for the US, then what kind of "economist" were you?

Answer - a shill

People Who Will Never Save a Miner

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Cripes.

Nor will they ever contribute an ounce of genuine real production to society, because, it's all about the crusade people. It's all about the crusade.

Recession Medicine

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A savvy Captain in his 20 something lieutenant youth would have plagiarized the lyrics from this song to make it look like he wrote a poem for a fair lass who was the object of his affection.

Now I just play video games.

Good Thing Guns are Outlawed in Sweden

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Otherwise they'd have shootings...oh, wait!

Absolutely Brilliant

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Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Any Other Major Cities

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I have said it before and I shall say it again;

Property taxes is the single largest unidentified threat to property prices and will undermine the housing and commercial property markets.

The reason is simple;

Cash flow appraisal techniques.

Understand what gives an asset (be it a house, a stock or whatever) value is the profits it generates. The cash flow it generates.

That's the ONLY reason any asset has value -because it can generate profits.

If your profits are slowly, but surely eroded away through taxation, you are eroding the one thing that gives the asset value. And ergo why, when the appraiser (or potential buyers) comes by to appraise your house, your rental property or your commercial property and sees property taxes lop off 60% AND INCREASING of your profits the remaining pittance of cash flow will not rationalize a highly valued price.

The ramifications go beyond the poor owner who gets less and less of the rental income.

Imagine what will happen to the bank's collateral.

Banks would be wise to start looking at the municipal government's budgets before accepting certain properties as collateral.

Enjoy the decline!

Can't Figure Out Why Newsweak is Losing Money

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Generic Congressional Vote

(After 10/11 registered voter & partisan affiliated polls will not be added to the RCP Generic Average.)

Polling Data					
Poll	Date	Sample	Republicans	Democrats	Spread
RCP Average	**10/7 - 10/21**	**--**	**48.9**	**41.6**	**Republicans +7.3**
Politico/GWU /Battleground	10/17 - 10/20	1000 LV	47	42	Republicans +5
Newsweek	10/20 - 10/21	773 LV	45	48	Democrats +3
Pew Research	10/13 - 10/18	1354 LV	50	40	Republicans +10
Associated Press/GfK	10/13 - 10/18	846 LV	50	43	Republicans +7
Rasmussen Reports	10/11 - 10/17	3500 LV	48	39	Republicans +9
Gallup (LV Lower Turnout)*	10/7 - 10/17	1900 LV	56	39	Republicans +17
Gallup (LV Higher Turnout)*	10/7 - 10/17	1900 LV	53	42	Republicans +11
FOX News	10/11 - 10/13	687 LV	48	39	Republicans +9

See All Generic Congressional Vote Polling Data

*Gallup's "Lower Turnout" and "Higher Turnout" Likely Voter models are weighted at 50%, so that the survey only counts once in the RCP Generic Average.

Cripes

When Liberals Try to Establish a Free Market

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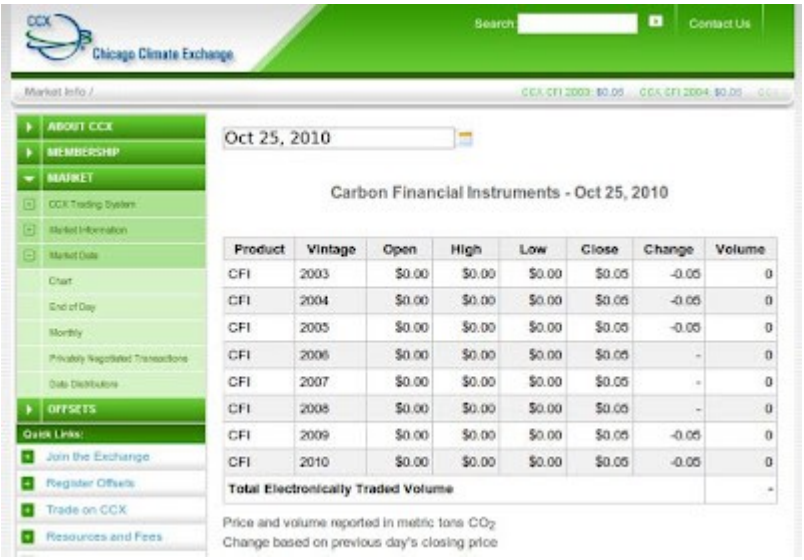

Product	Vintage	Open	High	Low	Close	Change	Volume
CFI	2003	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-0.05	0
CFI	2004	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-0.05	0
CFI	2005	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-0.05	0
CFI	2006	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-	0
CFI	2007	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-	0
CFI	2008	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-	0
CFI	2009	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-0.05	0
CFI	2010	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.05	-0.05	0
Total Electronically Traded Volume							-

Wow, that's some kick ass liquidity there guys!

Just more proof it's never really been about "global warming" as much as it is a scam and a means to bring down the US. If people WERE serious about global warming then the above screenshot would be filled with historical data and price changes. Alas it is not and ergo economic proof global warming (at least the carbon credits aspect of it) was a scam.

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The Death of Men...Again

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This is a long and lengthy analysis here written about another even longer article here. But in short it's one of the now common - "are men men anymore and are women beomcing the new men. And men are so stupid that they aren't earning degrees. How do we get men to work again? If only we knew?" etc. etc.

I will only add these two minor points that people keep failing to observe about this "death of man/mancession" phenomena;

1. PLEASE STOP WITH THE "WOMEN NOW EARN THE MAJORITY OF DEGREES" BS! They earn the majority of (sorry to say it, but it's true) worthless degrees. Yes, fine, wonderful. Masters in Communications. Masters in Social Work. Masters in Nose Picking. Yes, fine, you're all awarded degrees. Warm fuzzies for everyone! We're all winners!!!! Wow, can I get a degree in "Women's Studies?" Oh, no, wait, my brain would explode from the mundacity and idiocy of earning such a worthless degree because you're not learning anything nor will it serve you in searching for employment. Matter of fact all it will do is saddle some poor women with college debt with no increasing prospects for employment in the future.

Men still outrank women 4-1 in engineering and the sciences. Degrees that actually matter and have a practical application outside academia. Please stop with the "women out earning degrees" stuff unless you're going to talk about degree that translate into increased earnings and job prospects.

2. As the economy shifts from a private sector, capitalist based system to a public sector, socialist based system, of course women are going to become more prominent and higher earning than men. They major in the corresponding fields for government work. And given how the country keeps voting in more government spending and veritable socialists, it's going to continue to be a booming industry for women. Ironically, what's great about this is as the goverment grows and crowds out the private sector, it will be more common to see the "mechanic husband" with his highly paid wife who works at the social services department at the state making $80,000 and a pension that dwarfs his non-existent one. THat may sound "bad" for the once glorious male, but to quote Steve Martin from Dirty Rotten Scoundrels;

"I say it's time for a change. I say let them take care of us for a while!"

In the end, though ultimately, the economy will have to return to men or at least "manly" things because society cannot live off of an economy where everybody is a social worker or an elementary school teacher. People still want food, clothing, shelter, cars, Ipods,

computers and electronics and protection. Gee, I wonder who specializes in the production of those things?

In the meantime, you know what to do;

Enjoy the decline, gentlemen. Enjoy that decline!

Facts of Capitalism!

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What is amazing is that the first part of this series has 5,500 hits and this only has 1,100 hits.

PEOPLE WATCH THE WHOLE THING. The data is in the later parts like this one;

Doctorate in English

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Ah, majoring in a field where 99% of the population already has mastered the subject;

Mandatory Reading for 14 Year Old Boys

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It's lengthy, but certainly worth it. I don't necessarily agree with everything listed, but what I do agree with and why I posted it is because this is essentially the "Father Son Talk" that needs to happen today, but doesn't, simply because in the past there was no need for it.

Not to beget pity for the men of my age, but we were the first ones thrown into battle on this one and without a rifle and no intelligence. The above article would certainly arm the young men of today with some armament and therefore some hope of having a much more productive approach to courtship as they age.

The Role Alcohol Plays in the American Conservative Movement

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Understand that arguably the most important lesson you can learn in life is that it ends. And since it ends, why waste it worrying about things outside of your control.

Not to sound too macabre about the prospects of the country or the prospects of conservatism or the prospects of just plain and simple people who wish to excel instead of parasite during their finite lives, but basically, in the long term it doesn't look good. If you are a conservative you face a population that is increasingly spoiled, lazy, slothful, and worst of all, ignorant. They do not understand how the real world works, how the economy works and elect soothe sayers like the likes of Barack Obama or any other nickle and dime democrat that comes along and promises them puppies and money and flowers and the always available unicorn. Try as you might to convince them other wise and instill a milligram of sense or reality into them, they are too wedded to their "something for nothing" ideology and you are relegated to sit and watch the US collapse.

This is where the alcohol comes in.

Remember, the most important lesson you can learn in life is that it ends. This forces a choice upon you which I believe is the foundation to Dennis Prager's "Happiness Hour." You can either enjoy life or worry about it.

This is harder than it sounds, especially for conservatives. The reason why is that conservatives by and large care more about the country, their fellow man and society than their leftist counterparts do. Instead of just "saying" they want to do good things and do what's best for their children, and then go protest because they're bored and looking for something to do, they actually go the extra step and dedicate the through and "think-through-it-ness" that is required to determine whether certain policies will improve or worsen society. They don't just regurgitate bumper stickers such as "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer," they actually study economics and history to find out how to make everybody richer. The don't just go with their "feeling" or what they "think," they go out and actually find out the statistics, data and facts so that they KNOW.

With such a mentality, it's hard for conservatives to "let go" and just "enjoy the decline." I myself am guilty of this as I see this nation which once had a glorious past and now must watch it decline simply because its stewards (ie-the people) are spoiled, fat and lazy on our forefathers' success and therefore still write, blog, worry, fret about it today.

However, in the end I (as well as all of you) have to realize the reality of the situation. Too

many stupid and ignorant people are in the country and have the right to vote. They don't care to look at the budget. They don't care to study history. They don't care to apply a level of intellectual honesty about them. They just want to say "warm fuzzies for everyone," "more money for schools/health care/the poor," "make the rich pay their fair share," not figure out how to pay for it, and then go back to watching "Glee" or "American Idol" while living off of borrowed money and producing nothing of real economic worth.

Now you can try to change this situation. YOu can try to point out the obvious. And you can try to point out the truth. But in the end you'll just be called a bigot, a racist, a neo-facist, or just a plain ole poopy head because NOBODY WANTS TO HEAR IT.

Ergo, what do you do with your finite life?

Well, starting up the next Standard Oil isn't an option.

Working hard and establishing a career isn't an option.

Working a normal amount and enjoying a normal family isn't even an option.

The only option left is to enjoy what remains of life. To feed off the remaining carcass of the now economically dead and defunct United States. To savor what meat has not spoiled and enjoy life to its fullest. And what better way to do that, while numbing the pain of watching the former greatest nation on the planet destroy itself than drinking?

That is why the Captain endorses the Drunken Conservatives.

The Drunken Conservatives are true economists at heart, because they know to maximize their utility and enjoy life.

They realize that they have an obligation to fight for what is right, to fight for the truth, and to fight for a future in which maybe the US isn't collapsing, but at the same time are not going to sacrifice what precious finite time they have on this planet worrying about something outside of their control. They are going to drink. They are going to enjoy life. They're going to kiss girls and they're not going to hyphenate their names. And there's nothing leftists or liberals can do to lessen that experience.

So visit the Drunken Conservatives.

Oh, and enjoy the decline!

The Captain's Agate Production

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As many of you know, your Captain has many and varied hobbies and interests. He is the only ballroom dancing, salsa dancing, economist in the Twin Cities, but he is also a fossil hunter extraordinaire, a motorcyclist, an author (ahem), runner, gold-panner and all around cool guy. However, because I don't care to bore you, I have left my agate cutting and polishing out of the Capposphere on account I deem it one of the more nerdy hobbies I have. Only if I find an elusive and valuable "fairburn" agate do I mention it, otherwise (since agates are quite common) I leave my stone cutting and jewelry making out of the economics world.

However, the illustrious Natasha, after seeing a batch of agates I have made for a local jeweler DEMANDED I put these on the blog. I started to contest I shouldn't and on top of which I really didn't want to because I want to play Kane and Lynch 2, which then resulted in an argument that I knew I wasn't going to win and so I've decided to just put them here to make everybody happy (and to go the path of least resistance).

In the mean time click on Natasha to the right and donate some money to her heels and ammo fund.

Obama vs. Bush

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Contrast that with the half booing/half cheering crowd when Obama threw a pitch.

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Escape from Minneapolis

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I love watching Minneapolis slowly turn into (as Jason Lewis says) a "cold Detroit." It is vindication or prediction of several things;

1. I was right and had foresight to escape from Minneapolis.
2. It's juicy watching the leftists in the town do it to themselves by continually voting to tax themselves higher and higher as they are unable to link their high property taxes to bike paths, $50,000 drinking fountains and green roofs while they lay off cops).
3. Proof on a municipal level that the free market is not a theory, but is reality
4. "Micro" capital and intellectual flight.
5. Property prices will continue to drop in the area
6. Neighborhoods such as Seward, Longfellow, Linden Hills, and Kenwood where the trust fund baby limosuine liberals live in Minneapolis will pay the most for their ignorance of basic economics as they finance more and more of the city's impossible and unsustainable finances

But the latest is something that you just can't make up and shows you the liberals who all reside in Minneapolis are actually the frogs in the frying pan where the heat is forever being turned up.

A friend of mine who was unable to unload his property in Minneapolis got this in the mail;

Local Use Tax

What is local use tax?

If you buy goods or services for personal use for a total of more than $770 outside of the City of Minneapolis within one calendar year, those purchases are subject to the 0.5-percent local use tax. The local use tax is similar to a sales tax. The rates are identical, but the use tax is applied to taxable purchases that were not taxed at the local sales tax rate (for instance, items purchased out-of-state).

The State of Minnesota applies a 6.875-percent tax on taxable purchases within the state (this is the sales tax) and also on taxable purchases made by its residents and businesses outside of the state (this is the use tax). Hennepin County applies an additional 0.15-percent tax to taxable purchases within the county (sales tax) and also to taxable purchases made by its residents and businesses outside of the county (use tax). Hennepin County also applies a 0.25-percent tax for transit improvement to these taxable purchases. In addition to the state and county sales and use taxes, the City of Minneapolis applies a 0.5-percent tax to taxable purchases within its city limits (sales tax) and also to taxable purchases made by its residents and businesses outside of city limits (use tax).

If your business buys, leases or rents taxable goods or services used in your business, they are subject to local use tax either at the time of purchase or by April 15 the next year. Local use tax may also be due when your business brings items into Minneapolis or takes items out of inventory into a taxable use.

Mankato	Sales Tax	4/1/92	0.50%
	Use Tax	1/1/00	0.50%
	Food and Beverage Tax*	4/1/09	0.50%
	Entertainment Tax*	4/1/09	0.50%
Minneapolis	Sales Tax and Use Tax	2/1/87	0.50%
	Downtown Liquor Tax*	2/1/87	3.00%
	Lodging Tax*	4/1/02 (3)	2.625%
	Downtown Restaurant Tax*	2/1/87	3.00%
	Entertainment Tax*	10/1/69	3.00%
New Ulm	Sales Tax and Use Tax	4/1/01	0.50%
North Mankato	Sales Tax and Use Tax	10/1/08	0.50%
Owatonna	Sales Tax and Use Tax	4/1/07	0.50%
Proctor	Sales Tax and Use Tax	4/1/00	0.50%
Rochester	Sales Tax and Use Tax	1/1/93	0.50%
	Lodging Tax*	9/1/71	4.00%

In short there is a municipal sales tax of .5% the city of Minneapolis charges. The city, now so desperate for money, has sent out letters telling residents that (get ready for this)

THAT THEY NOW HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR ANY PURCHASES MADE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND PAY SALES TAXES TO THE CITY ON ANY PURCHASES ABOVE $770 A YEAR.

They are so desperate, as well as totalitarian, they find nothing wrong with forcing their citizens with the onerous task of tracking their purchases from anywhere outside Minneapolis and then adding them up and then paying .5% on all purchases come April 15th. It's like having to file now another tax return that is even more onerous than filing a federal tax return.

Now, of course the question is this;

Will all the hippies in Minneapolis who voted this tyranny upon themselves will even

bother to pay this tax - not out of a desire NOT to pay, but rather because they don't even know about it?

Regardless, as time goes on, I'm progressively happier and happier I escaped Minneapolis. It's kind of like escaping the Death Star in Return of the Jedi. I hope the rest of my Minneapolis bretheren don't get caught in the explosion. Sadly, too many are taken in by the Walker Art Center, uptown coffee shops and other dying "cultural" remnants of the 1990's grunge era to escape with me and Wedge.

Lo Chiamavano King/Red Dead Revolver

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This has nothing to do with economics, but rather is one for the vintage video gamers out there (as well as appreciators of spaghetti westerns). Did some researching because I was quite surprised by the quality of music in the video game "Red Dead Revolver." Turns out they pulled a TON of music from the old spaghetti westerns to reincarnate them in the video game. Arguably one of the best is the one I put below (because the funk bass guitar in my humble non-musically trained mind is awesome).

This then set me on a path of appreciation for composers of the spaghetti western genre. Luis Bacalov, Ennio Morricone, etc. You kind of take it for granted that these are just scores for movies, but if you listen to enough of them you almost appreciate the symphonic quality and skill of these guys.

Ergo, since I am your captain and what would a post be without me barking orders of some kind, your mission is to go to youtube and listen to some of the soundtracks. May I suggest the perfect combination of the chimes produced by a music box and a symphony playing in the background from the finale of "For a Few Dollars More?"

Obama is Not a "Kineesian"

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Honest to god. I feel like Kim Jong Il in Team America World Police -

"Why is everybody so f@cking stupid?"

Who Pays Money for "Raising Awareness?"

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My first shot at one of these Xtranormal films. Failed to change the camera shots.

The Education Bubble Continues

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This is a brilliant analogy between the alchemist's paradox and today's educational system.

More education simply dilutes the value of education.

Ergo why I focus on statistics such as MBA graduates as a percent of the population and put more and more emphasis on the trades and 2 year programs than a bachelors degree in (well) pretty much anything.

People on the left constantly clamor for more education spending. Well, they got it. Tons of it. So much to the point that having an education is pretty much worthless and is nothing special. Education is now the new sausage party. You now need a masters degree. And if not that a doctorate. And oh, guess what? By the time you got your doctorate you not only have $100,000 in debt, you have no better job prospects because everybody else did what you did. And hey, by the way, how's that hope and change and stimulus coming along? Any of you recent Obamanaut 20 somethings fresh out of college employed? Yeah, how is that economy coming along? Too bad the republicans only took over the house. Stalemate from here on out my friends and at a 9% unemployment rate to boot.

Imagine though if you had just got yourself a trade or tangible skill such as roofing, or plumbing or programming, you would have spent only 2 years in school, a fraction of the cost, and would have been working for the past 10 years earning money instead of pissing it away on a progressively worthless sheepskin.

You can already start to see how similar the education bubble is to its housing bubble sister. I'm just wondering if (similar to the people who bought at the peak of the housing bubble) people with their masters in (fill in liberal arts degree name here) _____ are going to deny reality and "wait for the market to turn."

It won't kiddies. It simply won't. You want to know why? Because no matter what the aging hippie boomers taught you in "academia," in the real world (where the adults live), no economy progresses unless there is genuine economic production. And by "genuine economic production" we mean "you produce something people want."

Not "well roundedness."

Not "raising awareness."

Not "campaigning against the clubbing of seals skills."

Your doctorate in philosophy, women's studies or whatever worthless tripe you decided to avoid reality with and play "make believe I'm an adult" degree is now about as common as a TV reality show. It produces nothing of value and therefore you HAVE NOTHING OF VALUE (economically) to offer society. Your economic value is 0.

But don't listen to me. What do I know. I'm just an economic genius that's predicted every major and mediocre economic event since I was 20.

Go back to your lives people. Nothing to see here.

The Golden Years of California is Behind Them

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A chart I'm very proud of is the "generational RGDP growth" I put together for the nation which shows the 20 year average real economic growth rate of the nation going from 4.5% to 2.25%. The ramifications which of course shows we're slowing down and are incapable of producing the economic production necessary to tax and pay for all the government goodies we've promised ourselves. However, I decided to do the same for the state of California with it's Gross State Product. The reason why is multifold;

1. The brilliant election of Jerry Brown, Barbara Boxer and others show the citizens of California are still incomprehensibly ignorant when it comes to basic economics let alone their own state's historical finances.

2. I tire rather quickly of hearing people from California tell me how "everything" is created and made in California and that their economy is booming and why you're just a red-neck hick in a fly over state that doesn't understand how truly economically and culturally awesome we are.

3. California, much like the banks, is going to need a bailout at the expense of the other states in the Union, which is why (when that time comes) I advocate turning California back into a territory.

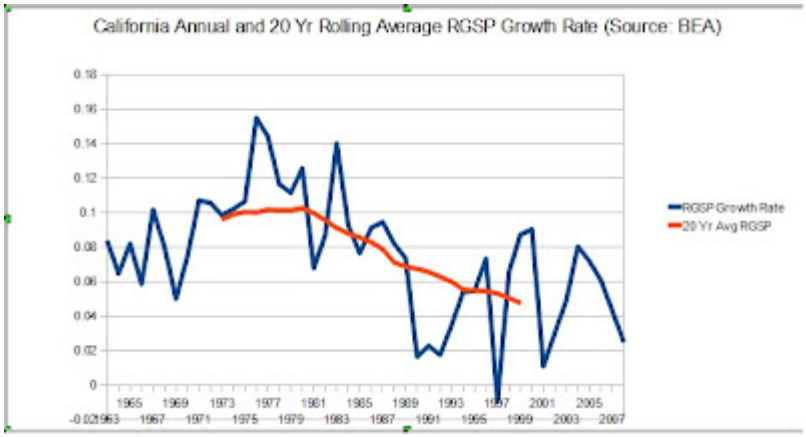
4. Californians dismissing all their economic woes by saying, "but the weather is really nice" which is the same that could be said of Cuba and Haiti.

5. Citing Silicon Valley as some kind of super economic savior when in reality that was what it was 10 years ago and has since been shipped out to India.

6. The nazis in San Francisco find it their place to tell parents how to feed their kids and have banned toys from Happy Meals.

All of these things (and much more) do NOT help bring about economic growth, but rather impede it.

So to see if my economic spidey senses were correct and to see if California is once again the economic juggernaut all pro-California people claim it is, I pulled its year to year RGSP growth rates and then averaged them over 20 years to see what the general trend it.



Once booming and a genuinely golden era of economic progress, California touted a VERY impressive 10% annual economic growth rate during the 60's and 70's.

It's now half that.

Again, I don't know how they're going to pay for all they promised their citizens and government employees (well I do know, they're going to come to other states for a bailout), but it seems with their economic growth rate cut in half, they certainly won't be growing their way out of their problems.

(statistical note, this does not include 2009 or soon to be 2010 GSP which I'm sure would only reinforce the trend).

Enjoy the decline! (or move to Arizona)

Ah, MBA's

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On a related note

Liberal Arts Majors Need Not Apply

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Looking at possible places to go to. And what do you know, countries have requirements before you move there. And guess what? Not a lot of demand for "communications majors."

How the Female "Romantic Wish List" for Men Corrupts the Functionality of HR

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Originally I had in mind doing a post on "The Vanishing 24 Year Old HR Ditz." The reason why was that it has been 7 years now since I've been interviewed by a young female in her twenties, obviously oblivious to my profession, the job I was interviewing for, let alone the industry she worked in. I termed them "HR Ditzes" because they were exactly that. 20 something ditzes asking me inane, pointless questions like

"So, um, like, uh, what's your favorite color and why?" (not joking)

"And like have you ever been in a situation where you disagreed with your boss and how did you resolve it?"

"And so, like what is your biggest weakness?"

"So, like uh you do like Dogs or cats?" (not joking either)

I could never understand how a company could ever attract any talented labor with these dolts doing the initial screening for them and why you never interviewed with the hiring manager directly. Well seven years and not one 20 something HR ditz later I finally got my answer from a friend of mine who unbeknownst to me at the time was an HR manager.

Short answer - "Oh, yeah, sorry about that. We found out that didn't work so they're phasing those generalists out."

Really? You mean having young, idiotic, inexperienced morons who don't know a damn thing about the company or the job being your front line of defense for interviewing because the hiring managers are too damn lazy to do it themselves didn't work out so well? NO! Well, good thing it only took 2 decades to phase them out. Otherwise there might have been some real costs to that!

Regardless, what was infinitely more interesting and important was what I learned about how HR has changed since. Namely "check lists."

Since the elimination of the HR ditz, HR departments are now employing different and automated screening tactics. For example the much-hated "Taleo" or "Brass Ring" application forms where you regurgitate your resume (that you just uploaded) into little fields so a computer can scan for "keywords" that show you're a qualified candidate. Or

the use of not only criminal background checks and drugs tests, but now credit checks. Or requiring a cover letter and analyzing the writing quality.

It was here I started to inquire if she ever thought about the unintended consequences of using such tactics?

For example smart, or at least, efficient people know they can apply for 10 times the amount of jobs where it only requires attaching your resume in the time it takes you to fill out a Taleo form. If you require they fill out a Brass Ring application, you may get less efficient or smart applicants. Same thing goes for the cover letter, that alone it 3 more applications, and you just lost an (admittedly) potentially smart applicant. Background checks, all well and fine. But you're going to do a credit check on me? You're going to pull my personal finances? Uh, not until I see your credit report first pal.

Her response?

"Well, we have 9% unemployment and we have literally hundreds of applicants each job. We have our pick of the litter and we have to filter and screen them out somehow."

And then I started to see what was happening. Not consciously, but it definitely WAS happening and there was a relation. And I only ask myself why I hadn't seen it before.

In short HR is coming up with a longer and longer check list as there are more and more applicants. This isn't necessarily a bad thing in that how does one filter out a larger and larger applicant pool. But HR is still coming up with a longer and more detailed check list.

(Does this sound familiar yet?)

There are so many applicants and jobs are so highly sought after, HR has their pick of the litter.

(Anybody going to be able to finish my line of thought here?)

I'll give you the one last hint here that might link it together - HR is still dominated by women.

And now you are having the epiphany I had the other night.

The employment check list is eerily similar to the lengthy and long check list women have of men when it comes to courtship. And not only is it similar, it's also made and created by women.

It is here while we were continuing our conversation I started to realize the parallels as

well as some of the pitfalls to this;

One the impossibility factor. I didn't believe it when I was younger because frankly I couldn't believe women would have such lengthy and detailed (and some times) mutually exclusive lists. Oh, sure I knew they had STANDARDS, but I did not believe women would refuse to date a guy because he "was too short" or "wore ugly clothes" or "had a bad hair cut" or "didn't have blue eyes" or "made less than $XX,XXX." Of course come to find out in my aged 30's women actually DID have these impossible lists. I now wonder if the lists they create for potential applicants (male or female) are now just as impossible.

"You want a leader who thinks outside the box and will turn your company around, but you're only going to hire yes men who have impossibly perfect resumes, perfect credit scores and are yet docile enough to spend 2 hours filling out a Taleo application form?"

It's no different than,

"I want an alpha male, who's still sensitive and will write poetry who drives a Harley, but won't have sex until we're married, but still rocks in bed, but only once a year, who works out and makes $250,000 per year, but will do chores and housekeeping and is an Orthodox Jewish, Catholic, Muslim Agnostic."

Two was the eerily similar market to men in their teens and twenties versus today's labor market. Back in your teens and twenties women held ALL the power. Men had no clue what the rules were, were told the rules were something completely different than reality and were so desperate they'd do anything and settle for any price. Job seekers today are no different. They're desperate for a job and will do anything (including lie on their resume to make them seem perfect). I couldn't help but notice the unintentional air of arrogance or power in her voice where she said, "we have our pick of the litter." You did in your 20's and you do now today.

Three, the lead up to an inevitable collapse in the market. Understand for anybody to be getting through this impossible HR defense shield you either have to;

1. lie or

2. be so abnormal and so flawless you'd be dysfunctional

It's again why men who lied in their teens and twenties did well and honest schmoes like us kind of flailed along. But even more analogous to the courtship list vs. the HR check list is the beta male or "beta employee." The employee that magically meets the impossible checklist or the magical boyfriend who magically meets the romantic checklist.

Of course, if women were to get that "ideal" boyfriend who would write poetry, who would hyphenate his name and open doors and do whatever she wanted, what did she end up doing anyway?

That's right, dumping his weak beta butt for some motorcycle driving alpha bad boy with a criminal background. But in the employment world it's slightly different. Instead of getting dumped, they get laid off after however many years of loyal service.

However, there is another cost to hiring the obedient, behaving beta employees and this is the true economic cost - it brings about a Black Swan Event. Namely the collapse of the company.

Talk about diversity all you want, if you employ nothing but conformists and yes men, no tolls are going to be sounded and no alarms are going to rung when there are real problems (or opportunities). Because the selection and filtering method really does screen out any genuine "outside of the box" thinkers, you have nothing but highly functional automotons and no real leaders or critical analysts. Couple that with a desperate labor market and your employees are NOT going to rock the boat (for better or worse). This leaves the employer in a horribly risky situation because unless people in executive management are intimately in-tune with every aspect of the company, the company can slowly be piloted towards disaster because nobody dares to speak of the iceberg ahead or problems within their division.

Laugh as you might and say my speaking of Black Swans is all poppycock, may I point out the Black Swan events of GM going belly up? The entire banking industry going belly up? The US retirement system about to go belly up? The US government finances going belly up? Many people tried to sound the alarms for this, but they WEREN'T the well behaved beta employees just trying to hold onto a job. It was the likes of Roubini, Shiller, Schiff and others (and how many of them I wonder would pass the HR created check list let alone had women pining for them in their youth?)

In the end, like courting, the participants in the labor market will become disincentived and leave. You already see this with a collapsing labor force participation rate, people more willing to take and stay on unemployment, higher turnover and shorter average stays on a job, or people just refusing to have kids they can't afford and get by on a lower paying job and not jump the hoops.

The result? Well, as I highlighted before in the "courtship market" you will have a decrease in marriage or courtship. Economically the impossible HR check list translates into less employment, CERTAINLY less innovation, but overall less economic growth and lower standards of living. Which once again proves there's only one thing do to.

Enjoy the decline, people. Enjoy that bleeping decline.

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As you know I do hunt fossils, fairburn agates and have been known to pan for gold in far remote creeks in the Black Hills. This beats working a real job;

Minimalist Art - Art Only a Mother Could Love

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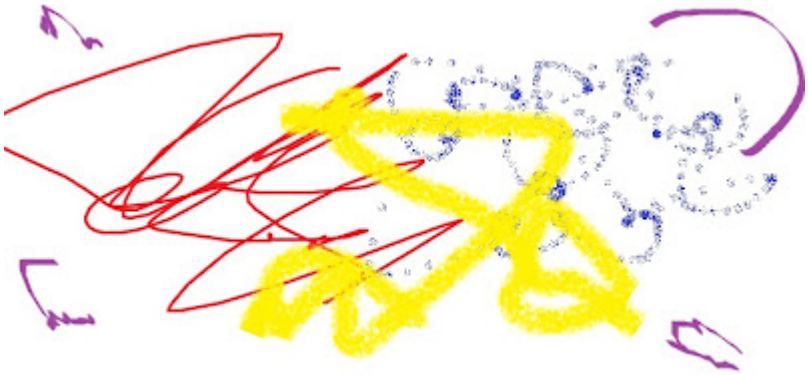
It was above 60 degrees today and since it's November and we're in Minnesota that means you have to take a motorcycle ride. So off Natasha and I went on my motorcycle and as I usually do, I took a spin around the Lake of the Isles area where the trust fund babies of Minnesota live (and where subsequently the trust fund is running out).

However, as we were driving around, we came up on a "sculpture" that was put up this earlier this summer on this pristine piece of real estate in this Lake of the Isles area. I've been meaning to take a picture of this "sculpture" for quite some time, but I keep forgetting to bring a camera. I finally remembered this particular trip and managed to take a picture of this beautiful "sculpture." Remember this is on PRIME REAL ESTATE IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

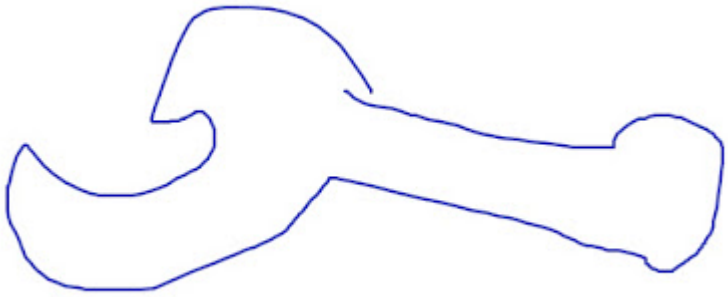
I've mentioned minimalistic "art" before, but the long and short of it is this - it's like a crappy drawing of a 3 year old kid. No matter how bad, the loving mother will still put it up on the fridge because she is proud of her kid. However, sometimes the 3 year old never grows up and never leaves the house. And mom isn't some regular mom, she and the father are filthy stinking rich. And instead of putting up the crappo drawing of the three year old on their fridge INSIDE THE HOUSE, they put their now 38 year old's crappo sculpture in their front yard forcing everybody to see it.

Therefore I decided to do some "art" myself to see if I could get a super rich family on Lake of the Isles to perhaps endorse me (or at least put it in front of their yard).

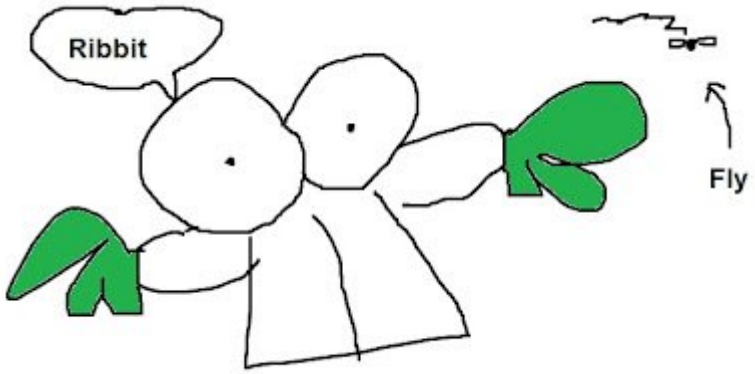
This I call "The Death of the Burning Mouse." You can see I am a super awesome artistic genius. The reason why you can tell this is because you cannot see the dead mouse in this picture whereas I can.



This is called "Bottle Opener in Milan Summer Nights" It is a very deep and meaningful painting with many layers and emotion. It's one of those paintings you would probably have to pay to see in the Walker Art Museum and end up looking at for 50 minutes to really get to appreciate all the different angles. But again, you are not a super art genius like me, so at most you will only see 3% of all the aspects. But still, it should move your soul and make you aspire to at least try to become a super awesome art genius like me.



I call this "The Frog of Socialist Caring" Super art geniuses like me can obviously tell he is a frog, but to close-minded evil capitalists I labeled it with a "ribbit" and a fly so you non-artistic rubes could tell what it is. I really didn't want to do this because I don't like doing "commercial art." I mean, it isn't all about money. But every once in a while I have to lower my standards and make something that will sell so I can put food on the table (even though my trust fund does that for me anyway and I live in my parent's basement).



In any case, if anybody in the Lake of the Isles area or Kenwood area or even the lesser Linden Hills area would like to purchase these fine masterpieces and display them in your front yard, let me know. You may also donate to me by clicking on the girl on the top right of the page to feed the starving artist.

Cripes.

Carbon Trading - RIP

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Gee, you mean you can't just "force" a market to show up? Like there has to be real demand for it?

I wonder if we'll see this on CNN?

The Education Bubble Continues

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The ROI of a college degree.

(Author's note - all liberal arts majors who make comments about how "college isn't just all about the money" will be summarily ignored).

"Skilled Workers"

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"The US educational system has been a disastrous failure from the standpoint of training skilled workers in the crucial trades -- the foundations of an advanced high-tech infrastructure. By attempting to channel all students into a 4 year college track -- and neglecting the trades -- US schools have wasted the potential talent of generations of students. As the US educational establishment becomes further ossified under the control of a massive incestuous political machine involving public sector unions and ideologues at both the federal level and the university school of education level, any hope for salvaging the newer generations of prospective skilled work is slipping through the US' fingers."

Because if you think about it, who really wants to hire "unskilled workers?"

Alpha Male Up in the Labor Market

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I pointed out the parallels of the "check list" women have for men in the dating world versus the "check list" HR departments have for employees before in a brilliant (yet underappreciated) piece.

But mercy me almighty. It's like they're the EXACT same list here. They didn't even bother changing it for an employment purpose. It's the exact same thing as a dating check list.

Notice the emphasis on clothing, attire, appearance and youth. Also notice if you show up too early for the interview, that's like an overly eager nerdy beta boy nearly stalking the poor girl. And yes, who doesn't google or bing you before you go on a date.

It however, also confirms a theory I have about the labor market today that is ALSO similar to courting. That renegade Alphas stand a better chance at employment than conformist betas (or at least will as time goes on).

Say you are a goodie two shoes perfect employee with the perfect resume, so what? You're nothing new or unique. There's a million of you out there all desperate for a job. How do you stand out from the crowd? Well try all you might, in the end the HR department or hiring manager is going to choose the "best" candidate out of what is essentially a limitless pool of perfectly sculpted MBA graduates with 5-7 years of recent experience and certifications fresh off the assembly line. You know, like all the other drones that led the economy into a meltdown because they couldn't muster up an independent line of thought if a $14 trillion economy depended on it?

Yeah, one of those guys.

Well, in the end it's a crap shoot who has the "most bestest bestest bestest resume" and actually ends up being decided on something as stupid as a tie or your watch (or more likely who you know).

However, even though it sounds counterintuitive, if you get in their face or are at least unconventional, they'll at MINIMUM remember you. In short being notorious is better than not being remembered at all, and even though they may not like it, they REMEMBER IT and that has a statistically higher chance of you getting the job. This is the Alpha male approach.

Now, admittedly, it's anecdotal, but I've gotten more contracts and jobs since the recession hit NOT by being the "good little boy who plays well with others in the

sandbox," but rather eviscerating potential employers and interrogating them worse than they've ever interrogated an employee. I remember pulling financial statements of a bank that lost $7 million in one quarter and while being interviewed asking them,

"Are the bankers who are responsible for this still here?"

When he said "well, yes, some." I responded, "Why?"

Another time I received a call and was admittedly half in the bag (just bought Modern Warfare I believe and had a bottle of Rumpleminze with me). He asked me if I would be available to come in for an interview. I said (and I quote best I can remember),

"Look, I'm not coming in if you're another run of the mill little community bank where a bunch of middle aged bankers who can't read financial statements whine and complain about me not approving loans. I don't want to hear any more bullshit about real estate deals or real estate developments that are doomed to fail and I'm not tolerating little cry babies who are incapable of realizing there's a housing crash."

I actually DID get that contract.

The reason why? I was an alpha. I was different. I stood out from the rest and laid it down.

Now, whether that's because women are attracted to alpha males (or men respect alpha males) or I just set myself apart, the larger point is that it seems to work. And if you're having trouble finding a job, yes you can go the regular route of going through HR, and saying, "Oh yes, I've always wanted to become an level 3 dataentryman." But realize that's like being on a date and saying, "Oh yes, I've always wanted to get married and hyphenate my name and do whatever my future wife would tell me to do."

It's totally beta and chicks do NOT dig it (not to mention the definition of insanity is doing the same thing but expecting a different result).

Therefore change your game. Don't interview beta, interview alpha. You have to lay down your law, your standards. And when the HR manager says,

"Have you ever had a problem with a client, how did you resolve it and carry me through your thought process."

"Babe, babe, babe. Stop asking all these questions. Put on your on your helmet. I'm taking you for a motorcycle ride."

The Captain is "Pro-Dog"

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I always wanted a dog. If the communists and "do-gooders" of this world would have just left society alone, we would have been able to take our dogs to work, take them to the theater, and if particularly well-behaved, a restaurant.

Of course, nowadays the average child is so ill-reared by an incompetent parent a mangy mutt is a pleasant alternative to the screaming brat in the restaurant, but because of canineism (it's like racism, except against canines) we get to suffer the spoiled brat.

Regardless, I was about to adopt Dooney. I really was. I was about to get my first dog and I could then live my dream of having a hound with me to sniff out fossils and agates in the prairielands of South Dakota. The problem is that Natasha's (again) communist, anti-American, evil, fascist, dictatorship, canineist apartment management is DISCRIMINATING against poor Dooney because he is afterall, a dog, and charge an extra $50 a month to have a dog on the premises!

Since I cannot adopt him and use him to sniff out fossils and agates in the great South Dakotan prairies, perhaps somebody in the Capposphere can?

It's too bad, because he would really be like a shorter hairier version of a son to me.

HOV Lanes

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HOV lanes.

I shall explain HOV lanes simply, yet succinctly enough so you understand why they exist.

1. Crusaderism - Bunch of environmentalists who really don't care about the environment need to feel good about themselves AND are so egomaniacal they have no problems forcing millions of people every day to waste gas and money and time sitting in traffic. All so "they" could claim they "helped the environment" when in reality they just want to do something that gives their lives some kind of meaning. Crusaderism people, look it up on You Tube.

2. Destroying the US economy - There are people, and i firmly believe this, whose sole purpose in their lives is to destroy the US economy. They could be agents left over from the cold war days or people here in the US who just hate America and want to destroy it. There is no better way to destroy an economy by choking off the main arteries by which your labor goes to work to produce things of value.

What continues to astound me is the lemming-like mentality of people who don't rise up and vote out HOV lanes because they swallow whole the "it's good for the environment" scam.

In the meantime they can suffer the longer commutes, the less free time with their families, and OH, more CO2 emissions because 2 million cars sitting in traffic for 2 hours emits more greenhouse gases than 2 million cars sitting in traffic for 20 minutes.

Your Recession Medicine

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We Don't Need No Stinking "Fathers"

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This is the tragic and sad result of a fatherless world.

Enjoy the decline!

I Shall Name My Child "Thor"

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Honest to $#*&%#(* Christ.

You just can't make it up.

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From a reader who picked something I skimmed over.

> One might argue that parents who name their sons Calum Stuart, the choice of doula and lactation consultant Virginia Wadsworth Middlemiss, also may be more likely to raise those sons in ways that are consistent with the name's meaning of "gentle chief" (as Middlemiss says she has): attending the Unitarian Church, not playing with guns, embracing modern and open opinions and attitudes.

Honest to)(#@$#&)(*#$@___#@#$&#$# Christ. "lactation consultant?"

Notice the hyphenated name.

I'm outta here.

Enjoy the decline.

Swinging Bachelor Economists Don't Buy Gold

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I had a buddy ask me about "red neck gold" - ie - investment alternatives to gold because, well, frankly people can't afford $1,400 an ounce. I presumed he had gotten the term from the internet, but when I went on the internets I could not find the term nor any article about it. It actually surprised me because I would have thought "red neck gold" was a logical next step in the evolution of investing given our chaotic economic times and the prohibitively expensive prices of gold. But then again things that seem "logical" to me are horribly super-advanced complex things doctorates in econometrics need super computers to model and figure out, so permit me once again to lay down some serious old school, blue collar economic genius.

First you must ask yourself why does gold have value or become a refuge during dire economic times. The answer? Simple - it's money. Not in the "fiat" paper dollar bill, sort of money. It IS money. And what I mean by that is it has the qualities and traits that make it a good money;

1. It has an intrinsic value. Most men scoff at gold as merely a mineral that looks shiny and pretty. Well who likes shiny, pretty things? Women! Who likes women? Men! And so history is filled with instances where men slay other men for gold because of..ahem... let's just say "biology."

2. Gold is divisible. You can divide it, mint it, press it. Cars aren't. You can't just come into Whole Foods with a Prius and get a bag of groceries and use a car as payment. It would not be fair to you. You need something that can be a smallish or smaller unit of measurement (ergo a dollar, a shilling, a yen).

3. Gold sticks around for a while. It doesn't degrade or mold or deteriorate. Is it any surprise metals were the original money? Copper, gold, silver, nickle. You can put a bar of gold in the ground and because it's half life is something like 40 billion years, you're still going to have 99.9999999999% of it 10 years later.

4. It's universally accepted. You of the highest alpha-male bachelor order may have no practical use for gold (technically, nobody does), but you're no schmoe to turn down a free bar of gold. It's worth something to somebody. So you may not use it, but you could use it to buy yourself something that is valuable like an X-Box 360 or a trip to Vegas or the Captain's super awesome book on the housing crash that not only guarantees you will be smarter than whenst you started it, but chicks will dig you too.

These traits (and others that have escaped my mind) is what makes money MONEY. It is not necessarily the physical atoms that make an item an excellent candidate for money,

but other traits that make it a good currency of exchange.

Ergo, the question for those of you wishing to invest in something to avoid a collapsing dollar, but can't afford gold, is what things can you buy that have those same traits, but doesn't cost $1,400 an ounce?

Well, here are a couple ideas from the ole Captain;

1. Bullets - I do not mean this in a "prepare for the collapse of society type way" (although they would definitely come in handy), but they are the perfect candidate for money. They are divisible. They have intrinsic value (you can shoot prey with them). They store well. And if times get super bad everybody would certainly accept them more than gold bracelets. Even if times AREN'T super bad, you can sell them for more when inflation goes up 50% next year because the bullets have value, Obama-dollars don't.

2. Booze - In the Wiemar Republic with hyperinflation running rampant, the Germans would use bottles of booze as a means of currency. A high end cognac would be the rough equivalent today of a $100 bill. Windsor Canadian would be the equivalent to a quarter. Regardless, again, the same traits. Divisibility. Store of value. Universally accepted. Intrinsic value. And if the world is in that bad of shape, how COULDN'T booze be in higher demand?

3. Salt - This would be more along the lines of "oh crap, the world really is collapsing." Good news is you can stock up for free essentially at restaurants by stealing salt packets.

4. Matches - Come on! Tell me how matches aren't the perfect money? AND FREE TOO! Of course if the economy doesn't DESTROY itself, then people will look at your fine match collection and say, "What, are you kidding me? I can get matches for free at the bar." But when the economy does collapse, and the lefties have shut down all the sulfur mines due to environmental concerns, boy, tell me that isn't going to be a great investment! Not to mention who are the ladies going to want to cuddle up with? Thor, the wise and mighty economist who saved up matches and has a nice warm hut, replete with roaring fire and a full arsenal of guns to protect his compound? Or Jayden, the sensitive 90's man who majored in philosophy and is now an icicle in breadline at some government feed station along with the rest of the losers who shut down the sulfur mine?

5. Tools - If you get a good set of tools think about how great that is. YOu only need one set of good tools to repair the Mad Max car you have to fight off the roving bands of marauders. But you could sell a wrench or a screwdriver for BILLIONS of Obama-dollars come 10 years from now. Regardless, tools do keep their value and are something that does have intrinsic value and would definitely be something that would hold its own against inflation.

I'm sure there are more, and if you think about it, you'll start to see them. But in the meantime if you can't afford yourself some gold, I'm sure you can afford yourself some of the items above.

This public service announcement brought to you by Cappy Cap.

Because 0 Jobs that Pay $75,000 a Year is Better Than 75 Jobs that Pay $25,000 Per Year

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So a court decided that the employees of a Wal-Mart in a town in Canada had the right to unionize.

Apparently, the union isn't too bright because the last time this happened, Wal-Mart closed the store down.

Ergo, what is the economic lesson to take away from this, ladies and gentlemen?

The wonderful logic of unions that zero jobs paying an imaginary $75,000 is better than 20 jobs actually paying $25,000.

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I know the recession is "over," because, well the NBER said it was. All you losers who don't have jobs, shut up and quite whining. Just kidding. That's the Barack Obama/Nancy Pelosi in me talking.

For the rest of us real economists who know the recession isn't over, permit me another showing of Bing Crosby and Blue Eyes;

Aaron Clarey's New Baby Boy

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How to Choose a Major

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There's the hard way doing all your research, talking to people, listening to your idiotic guidance counselors that just want to blow smoke up your chute, etc.

Or just buying this book for $5 and reading it.

Paperback version if you don't have a Kindle here.

Raving Rabbids Movie

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Will somebody over at Ubisoft please make a movie of the Raving Rabbids? Or at least a Saturday morning cartoon.

Daddy, Where Do Jobs Come From?

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A repost of a classic in that unemployment is still around 10% and I'm guessing some of you might like jobs about now.

Jobs, it seems is becoming a very important issue as we seemed to have shed 5 million of them recently and are on the precipice of the worst recession since 1929. But fear not, for our president elect has a plan and it's quite simple;

"More jobs."

Yes, that's about it, we'll just "create" more jobs.

Now 3rd grade logic would tell you something is wrong. You can't put your finger on it. Maybe you can't full explain it. But you have this twingling sensation in the back of your head that you know something just ain't right. That it ain't as simple as;

"Just creating more jobs."

It's the same kind of twingling sensation you got back in school when you said, "Well why don't we just print off more money."

You intuitively knew something had to be wrong with that solution, but you perhaps couldn't explain why. And thus it's the same thing with Barack's plan to create new jobs.

His idea for this massive infrastructure (and Keynesian) investment gives us all the same twingling sensation in the back of our heads. Why, if it was that simple, to just build roads, bridges and splurge more on education, what were we getting all worried about in the first place? Why are the stock markets so low? Why don't we create jobs right now today? And so, since we all intuitively know it can't be that simple, let me explain why. Let me explain to you where jobs come from.

Jobs come from one thing; demand.

Demand for goods and services currently existing or yet to exist. For example I demand food, a good that already exists. I also demand a hovercar and a clone of Jennifer Anitson, a good and service that have yet to exist. Regardless, if the product or service exists or can be created, and there is demand for it, then there is the potential for jobs to be created.

But demand must be met with supply and here is where the actual jobs are created. In order to supply these goods and services an entrepreneur or a company must hire people to help provide those goods and services. This includes everybody from the head of the company managing the firm to the suppliers, vendors, laborers, admins, marketers, accountants and anybody else required to bring these services to reality. However, there is a key element to make this all happen and that is profit.

Oh yes, that "evil" profit.

For you see, no entrepreneur, nor company, nor corporation is even going to bother going

through the trouble of setting up the venture in the first place unless they are actually paid for it. And before you start berating these “evil capitalists” to have the temerity to demand recompense so that they may earn a living, you might want to look at yourselves in the mirror because no laborer (let alone you) is going to work unless they are compensated too. So just accept the fact we’re all financial whores, not out of evil or greed, but because it’s necessary for us to live and survive.

Regardless, immediately we see a problem with, not so much Obama’s infrastructure plan, but his fiscal policy in that he is going to raise taxes on not only the rich who employ the majority of people, but also corporations. Envy them and hate them all you want, increasing taxes on them will lower the incentive for them to invest, let alone start a new venture in the first place. And with the rapidly integrating global economy, if they really do have a great idea, why would they set up shop here in the first place? Ireland has a 12.5% corporate tax rate. Dubai has 0%. Russia has a flat tax. And “communist” China has a 20% corporate tax rate.
The good ol’ US o’ A has a 39% corporate tax.

So even though we haven’t addressed Obama’s specific infrastructure jobs creation plan, it’s quite possible other parts of his fiscal policy will impair it or destroy more jobs than it creates, simply because it destroys the incentive to create jobs in the first place; profit.

As for the specific plan itself, it’s not an issue of whether it will create jobs as much as it is a question at what cost.

Understand that to finance this infrastructure plan Obama has two choices; taxation or borrowing. And both options are going to cost jobs as well as efficiency.

In taxing people (no matter how “rich” they are) that takes money that would have been invested or spent anyway which would have created jobs as well. So if you tax the “rich jewelry dealer” an extra $50,000 so 2 employees in Obama’s Civilian Conservation Corps can pour concrete for a bridge, that’s all fine and dandy except for the fact the jewelry dealer now had to lay off his assistant and his admin to compensate for the cut. Congratulations, you created a big fat zero net new jobs.

Borrowing is no better in that the money borrowed by the government to finance the infrastructure jobs creation plan could have been borrowed by a company, an entrepreneur or even an individual to be used to create a new company, expand a factory or just plain spent, all of which would have created jobs too. Congratulations. You not only borrowed money and destroyed as many jobs as you created, but you’ve managed to increase interest rates as well! Thanks!

But the real cost is this, and is often the forgotten about or never-thought about aspect of economics, and that is efficiency. Specifically, as it relates to production.

If the money was left in the hands of the people, the people could then spend or invest that money as they saw fit and to their best benefit. Allowing people to make their own decisions as to how to expend their resources is the best way to make sure the goods and services produced in the economy are those that most benefit the people and increase standards of living the most. Of course, people make mistakes. The sickening, gluttonous

binge of using one's home equity as an ATM machine which has brought upon this financial crisis in the first place is a perfect example where the people will make mistakes. However, for all their flaws, recessions and depressions, free markets, ie- the people have historically been proven to be the best determinants of what to be produced.

Governments have not. And herein lies the flaw in Obama's advisor's plan; taking massive amounts of resources either through taxation or borrowing, takes money out of the hands of individuals and puts it in the hands of government. People now no longer get to decide what to spend their now dwindling resources on, and are instead forced to spend it on roads, infrastructure, and schools they may not need.

Now people may rightfully point out that things like roads, bridges, infrastructure, etc., are hardly foolish investments, and they're right. But again the question is at what cost? Who would be better judges of how to spend this money and who would do more to help the economy out of recession;

A handful of bureaucrats and former Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac advisors now consulting a no-real-world-experience-president-elect determining what the best use of your money is?

Or

300 million Americans who are intricately familiar with their own personal financial situation and the problems/opportunities they face?

This is where the real costs come in that what determines our standards of living is whether we use our resources efficiently to produce the goods and services we NEED. We just promised $700 billion (more like $2 trillion) to bailout those same Harvard ef-ups who ran Wall Street and the government into the ground. Could the people not have used a $700 billion tax cut? Would that not have solved our little economic growth problem? No, we're stupid, we don't know what we're talking about, now shut up and give us the money.

Obama's infrastructure plan is no different (although, I will admit spending the money on bridges and roads is infinitely wiser than bailing out Ivy League deadbeats). We don't know what's best for us. You don't need that money. Give it to us and we'll build shinny new roads and bridges. Just what you wanted. No, not that new icky gross Pontiac Solstice that would ACTUALLY HELP OUT DETROIT WITHOUT A TAXPAYER BAILOUT. No Captain, that's not what you want. You want an addition to the elementary school named after Barack Obama where a newly hired teacher will brainwash…errr….I mean "educate" the children about the evils of capitalism…errr…I mean "global warming." That's what you want.

It is this that is the true cost to this Keynesian nightmare. The loss of productivity and efficiency causing American's standards of living to go down. Not because of a loss of jobs (for I'm optimistically assuming this infrastructure plan will ONLY destroy one job for each one it "creates") but because the stuff we're producing with it is not what the American people optimally want.

And finally, permit me a third point.

I know building bridges, though not optimal, is not a waste of money.

I know roads, albeit not optimal, are not a waste of money.

But notice how education was thrown in there?

Please. Please, just stop with the “we don’t spend enough on education.”

It’s a sickening lie and you’re not fooling anyone. By every measure, every stretch of the imagination we spend WAY TOO MUCH on education and the fact education is part of Obama’s jobs creation plan shows me just how inefficient this plan will be. Bridges, fine. Roads, fine. But more money for education would be on par with bailing out the losers of Wall Street and sub prime deadbeats.

Alas, appetizing as new roads and bridges are, it was the inclusion of education, above all else, that made me supremely confident the stork will not be bringing any new jobs to Obama with his little infrastructure plan.

Owning Property in Major US Cities Is a Liability

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I've said it before, and you people didn't listen to me, but owning property in major US cities is a liability. Not only because of perpetually dropping housing prices, but the risk just isn't worth it. You have to deal with leftist regulations, the threat you'll be forced to abide by progressively increasing municipal environmental regulations (recycling, insulation, heating requirements, etc), and as capital and labor flights out of the city to the burbs, you will face a Detroit like environment. But the biggest risk, property taxes.

You don't think AFSCME and SEIU at the local government shops are going to take pay cuts do you?

And you don't think good liberals in major cities are going to vote in any kind of republicans or politicians that will cut spending, do you?

Ergo you can expect your property taxes to go up regardless of the economy and the value of your property, which will directly force your property value down further because the net cash flow it could feasible generate has gone down.

Smart people will make moves like this.

Capitalism Is NOT Why the US Will Fail

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Cappy Cap readers should be really appreciative of me. Not because of the awesome economic commentary I make. Not because of the super awesome economic foresight I have. But rather because I screen out the most inane and idiotic comments that would shorten your life expectancy with high blood pressure if you did indeed read them.

Of all of them, however, there is one no more blood boiling than this one;

"CAPITALISM is what is going to destroy the US."

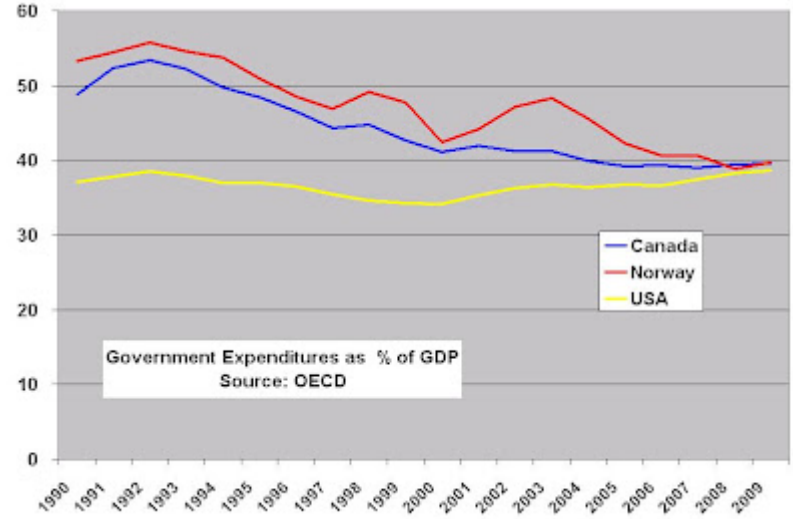
or

"The US will fail because of capitalism."

This is, without a doubt, the most ignorant, intellectually dishonest and patently wrong comment I receive.

Now, I'd like to go into detail in my typical arrogant prose, but since this post is very important, I am instead going to be brief and succinct in the hopes of keeping most people's attention. It really is just too important not to read. The reason why is that when the US economy DOES ultimately collapse, I want it recorded here exactly what kind of economic system was in place before knee-jerk college students just regurgitate what their aging hippie professors tell them.

First, we are no longer a "capitalist" economy. We are a mixed or socialist economy (please don't make posts on technicalities and nuances in the terms - they will be ignored). We have the same public sector spending as Norway (the left's favorite nation - and probably more thanks to BO).

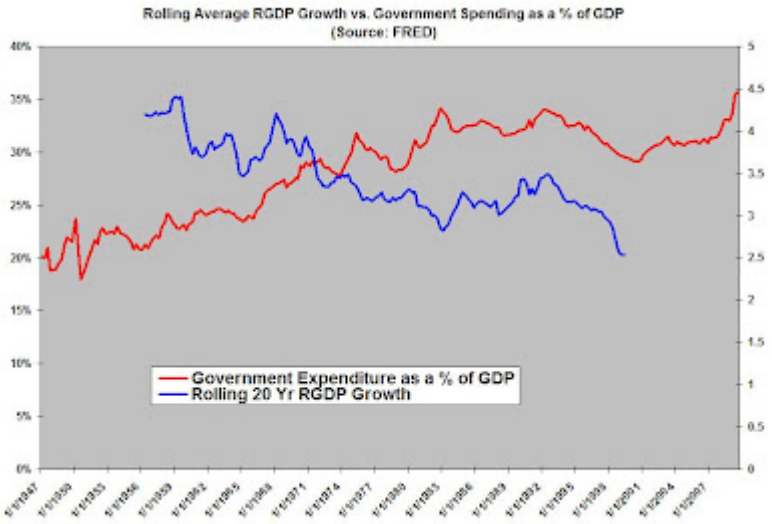


Second, we have the world's second highest corporate tax rates at roughly 40%. An effective rate of 32.5% (I'll give a shinny nickel to a liberal who can explain the difference between the two, instead of just relying on this fact as a talking point when talking about corporate taxes).

Country	Central government corporate income tax rate [2]	Adjusted central government corporate income tax rate [3]	Sub-central government corporate income tax rate [4]	Combined corporate income tax rate [5]
Australia[a]	30.0	30.0		30.00
Austria	25.0	25.0		25.00
Belgium[b]	33.99 (33.0)	33.99		33.99
Canada	19.5	19.5	14.0	33.50
Czech Republic	21.0	21.0		21.00
Denmark	25.0	25.0		25.00
Finland	26.0	26.0		26.00
France[c]	34.43	34.43		34.43
Germany[d]	15.825 (15.0)	15.825	14.35	30.18
Greece	25.0	25.0		25.00
Hungary[e]	20.0 (16.0)	20.0		20.00
Iceland	15.0	15.0		15.00
Ireland	12.5	12.5		12.50
Italy[f]	27.5	27.5		27.50
Japan	30.0	27.98	11.56	39.54
Korea	25.0	25.0	2.5	27.50
Luxembourg	22.88 (22.0)	22.88	7.5	30.38
Mexico	28.0	28.0		28.00
Netherlands[j]	25.5	25.5		25.50
New Zealand[g]	30.0	30.0		30.00
Norway	28.0	28.0		28.00
Poland[g]	19.0	19.0		19.00
Portugal	25.0	25.0	1.5	26.50
Slovak Republic	19.0	19.0		19.00
Spain	30.0	30.0		30.00
Sweden	28.0	28.0		28.00
Switzerland[h]	8.5	6.70	14.47	21.17
Turkey	20.0	20.0		20.00
United Kingdom[a]	28.0	28.0		28.00
United States[i]	35.0	32.7	6.54	39.25

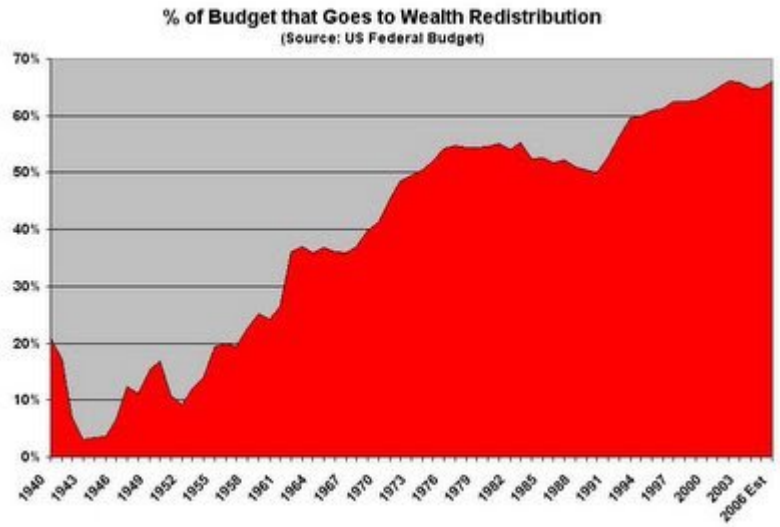
You throw in dividend taxes and you're roughly at a 50% overall tax rate.

Third, understand the US economy and people's standards of living were growing fastest when tax rates (as measured by government spending as a percent of GDP) were the lowest. Standards of living have gone down as the US economy has become socialist;

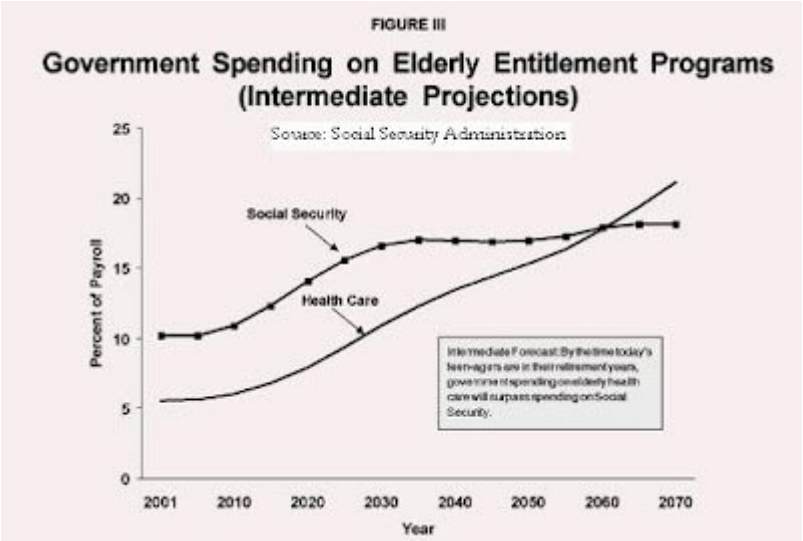


(*I get a lot of confusion on this chart. The rolling 20 year includes 20 years worth of data. The data point I place in the middle, which is why it seems there is 10 years of data missing on the start and end of the blue line)

Fourth, understand the majority of government spending is NOT for governance, but rather income transfers, which is the epitome and definition of socialism.



Fifth, understand that it is these income transfers and entitlements into the future that are the primary reasons for our current and future projected deficits and is the primary reason we are facing bankruptcy as a nation. These are DISTINCTLY socialist policies. NOT CAPITALIST.



Now there are more statistics, but the above is enough. I cannot make it any clearer and I don't have to because it's not a matter of opinion. It's a fact. It is SOCIALISM that is destroying the United States. NOT capitalism.

Therefore, please, I beg of you idiots who just regurgitate the above inane comment, since you have the right to vote, stop being ignorant and start getting educated on economics. This isn't a "choice." This isn't a "fun little game we're playing." And this isn't some "crusade" where you try to impress the hippie grunge chick at the coffee bar by extolling socialist tripe as you try to pass it on as "virtues." You future is at stake. Your current state of unemployment is a direct result of your own ignorance. And if you'd want any kind of future for your children, let alone yourselves, knock it off with the childish "ranting" and "protesting" and grow up. The country depends on it.

Horses Correlate with Bankruptcies

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What do I keep telling you about horses?

I wonder if she tried to pledge them for collateral like one borrower I had the displeasure of underwriting for a while ago?

Understand people (but more importantly, BANKERS), if your client lists horses in the "assets" column of their balance sheet and NOT the liabilities section of the balance sheet, then you need to have those financial statements re-audited.

I Found This on the Floor of a Public School

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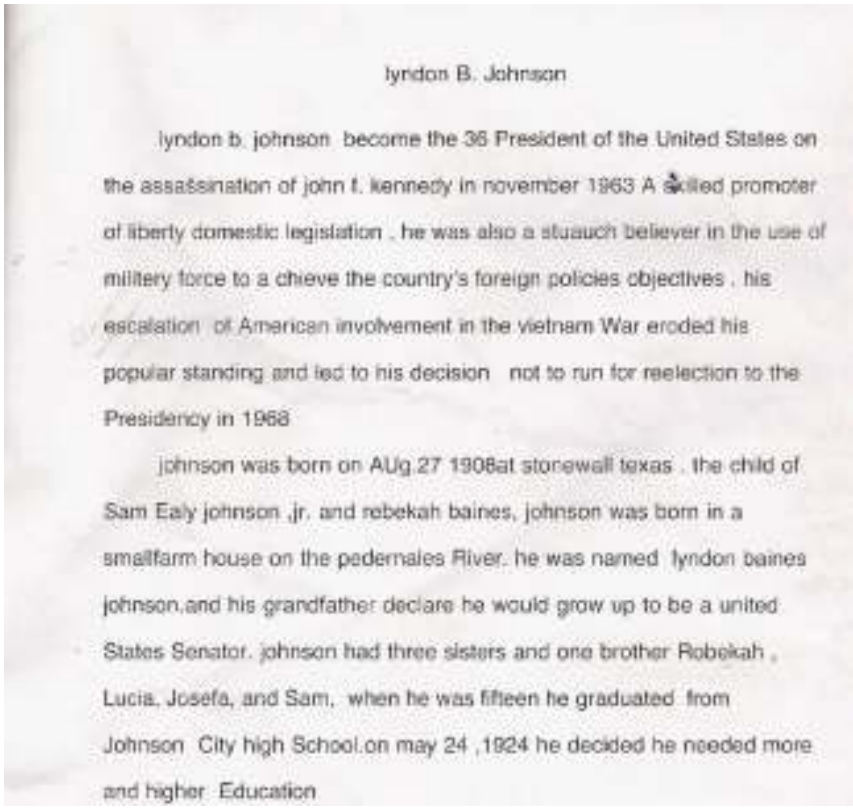
Though I don't like to admit it (for it is charitable and therefore commie in nature), I do seminars at a local high school to teach juniors and seniors about various aspects of personal financial management. You know, simple things like 401k's, retirement, how you should pay for college, budgeting, etc., meaningful stuff that would actually help them in the real world unlike "Psychology" or "Peace Studies" or the bevy of "requisite" classes they force down these poor kids' throats to graduate.

Regardless, neither here nor there, it was a later seminar and by the time I packed up my LCD projector, I left the classroom and the school was deserted. I'm sure a janitor was on the grounds somewhere, but I could tell I was all of 3 people on the entire campus. And off in the corner of my vision I noticed a sole piece of paper laying on the ground that somehow didn't get swept up. So I walked over to where the paper was and picked it up.

It was a report of LBJ. I decided to keep it, bring it home, scan it in and then share it with you guys.



lyndon B. Johnson

lyndon b. johnson become the 36 President of the United States on the assassination of john f. kennedy in november 1963 A skilled promoter of liberty domestic legislation , he was also a stuauch believer in the use of military force to a chieve the country's foreign policies objectives . his escalation of American involvement in the vietnam War eroded his popular standing and led to his decision not to run for reelection to the Presidency in 1968

johnson was born on AUg 27 1908at stonewall texas . the child of Sam Ealy johnson ,jr. and rebekah baines, johnson was born in a smallfarm house on the pedernales River. he was named lyndon baines johnson.and his grandfather declare he would grow up to be a united States Senator. johnson had three sisters and one brother Robekah , Lucia, Josefa, and Sam, when he was fifteen he graduated from Johnson City high School.on may 24 ,1924 he decided he needed more and higher Education

Now I used to substitute teach and I used to teach college econ, but I learned a long time ago, where the student has the ability and just chooses not to use it or if that student is a genuine idiot, it doesn't matter, you have to deal with the effective reality of their work.

Sadly, this is the generation I'm relying upon to produce the wealth to pay for my social

security.

Cripes.

The HR "Wish List" and Courting "Wish List" are Inexorably Intertwined

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It is links between two seemingly unrelated things that start to show you the odd and sometimes amazing psychological, financial, sociological, economic, etc., relationships that exist in the world and helps bring about your understanding of the world to a clearer fruition.

One of which I hit on recently and went on at length about, but just found this whilst looking for means of employment which further proves my theory;

Workforce Trends

One in five employers (22 percent) reported that despite an abundant labor pool, they still have positions for which they can't find qualified candidates.

48 percent of HR managers reported that there was an area of their organization in which they lacked qualified workers.

Source: CareerBuilder's 2010 Mid-Year Job Forecast

It's identical (not "similar," not "akin to,") but IDENTICAL to the girl/s who complain "there just aren't any good men."

Notice the year this was posted - Mid Year 2010.

REALLY????

1 in 5 jobs go unfilled because they CAN'T FIND A QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE?????

And nearly HALF of the organizations in your firm lack qualified workers????

ALL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT AT 9.6%, let alone UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN THE HIGH TEENS?

Really? there's NO QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AMONG THE MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE OUT THERE.

Mayhaps I suggest there is a little bit of impossibility in both HR's and women's "requirement list" for potential suitors, be it for a job or a romantic suitor? That asking for a man who is 6'2" or taller, makes lots of money, loves his mother, wants to go to church, but is a bad boy in bed, but not unless you say so, who likes to write you poetry, votes liberal, but is a man's man is about as probable as finding the candidate with 10+ years uninterrupted and progressive experience with a masters in blah blah blah blah (PhD preferred, of course) and billions of certifications who is going to work for an average

wage and travel 90% of the time and have no social life out of work?

But, no, no. That CAN"T be it! You keep on going. You keep waiting for that perfect candidate to come along who magically has 8 years of experience in a software that has only been on the market for 3. I mean, there's no WAY charlatans and con artists would ever get through your impenetrable filtering and screening process and just tell you what you want to hear just so they can get the job. I mean it's just like dating, right? Nobody has EVER passed through that shield of yours that was unqualified, and CERTAINLY nobody who was ever qualified did you ever shoot down only to regret later.

Of course.

That never happens.

Heh heh.

Enjoy that decline, people. Enjoy that decline.

Household Debt to GDP

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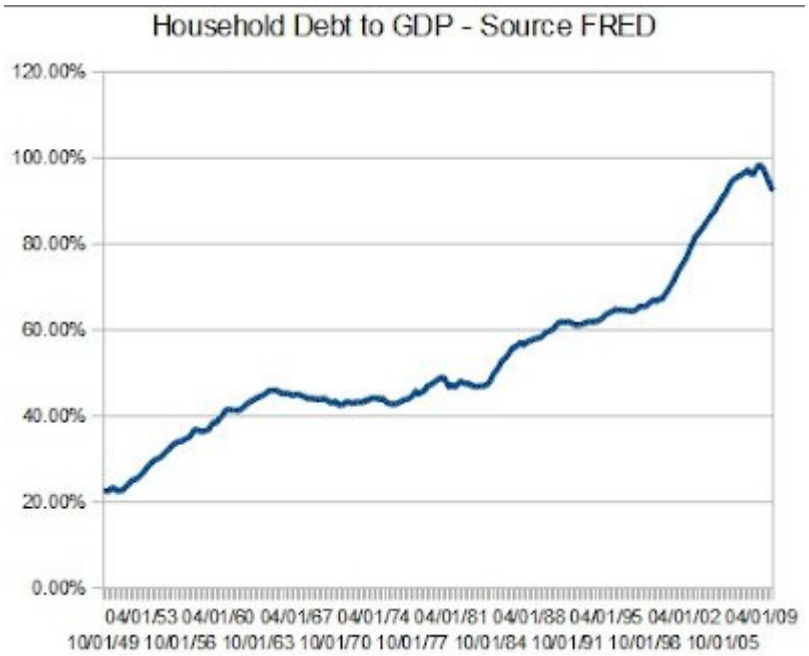
I remember these charts were quite at the cutting edge of economics and finance about a decade ago. Now it seems the rest of the population is FINALLY getting around to paying some attention to the merits of adjusting everything as a percent of GDP. Regardless, looks like debt as a percent of GDP is going down. Of course this is household debt and this is primarily due to people filing for bankruptcy and more than this decrease in debt has been offset by the federal government's increase in debt, but hey, at least it's going down. When it reaches it's 1950's average of 25%, let me know. Then I'll start reinvesting in dollar denominated assets.



The BAC Freedom Index

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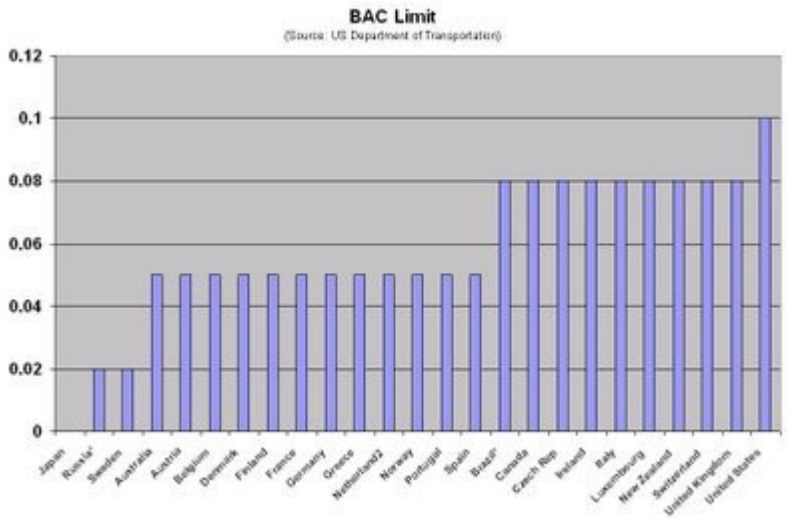
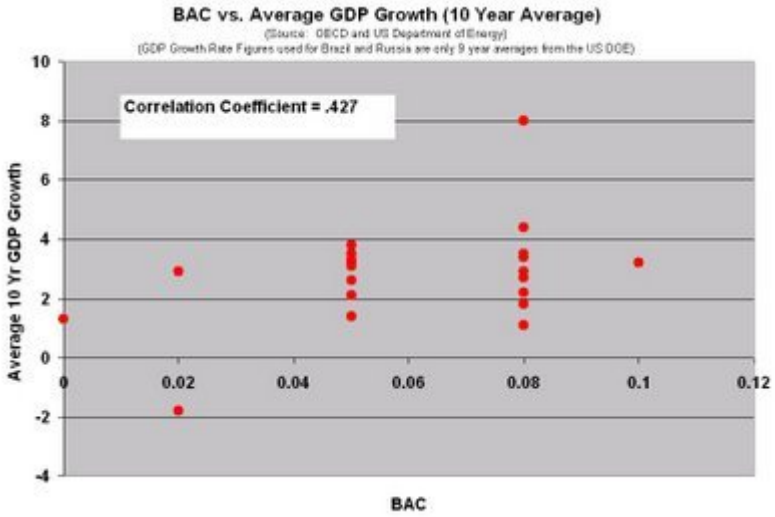
A God given right to all people is the freedom to drink. But how much the government infringes on this precious and life-enhancing right varies depending on the BAC limit enforced. The theory governing this index is that the more people are allowed to drink, the happier and thus more productive they are.

While not exactly scientific the BAC Freedom Index is an astonishingly accurate predictor of economic growth. Countries such as Japan (where more for biological reasons) and Sweden (more for Scandinavian reasons) have the BAC limit set so low that you literally cannot legally drive after one drink. This, along with very high and disproportionate taxes on alcohol in most Scandinavian countries, forces people to stay at home and drink, rather than spend their money going out, meeting members of the opposite sex, thereby keeping their economies from growing.
Whereas in countries such as the United States and Ireland, one can very well drink themselves silly, flirt with untold numbers of the opposite sex, and still be allowed to drive home. This has not only resulted in some of the best drunk drivers in the world, but some of the highest GDP growth rates in the developed world.



This is confirmed when we correlate GDP growth rates against BAC limits. Countries with more liberal limits tend to have higher economic growth. Those restricting their population to the point they cannot "go out and have a drink" because it’s effectively illegal, have smaller (and in the case of Russia) shrinking growth rates, all of which results in a remarkably strong correlation coefficient of .43



Thus we have no choice but to conclude that drinking is vital and necessary to economic growth and government policies should endorse it and it is your patriotic and American duty to drink.

Your Recession Medicine - Victor Borge

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Meet Kelli Space, a Banker of a Different Stripe

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I have had this sent to me multiple times.

I ask you, how is she any different than a bank now asking for a bailout at the expense of other people to pay for her idiotic mistakes?

She Did NOT Get "Hit By a Truck"

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I was accidentally eavesdropping on a cell phone conversation at a cigar lounge I was at recently. It was a young kid (20 something man) talking to either a female friend or his mother (I could not tell which). And far as I could tell he was trying to figure out why a girl who had agreed to go out with him at the last minute the night before canceled. I could not hear what the other person was saying, but the conversation went something like;

Boy - "Well she said she wanted to go out, but when I called her, she didn't pick up. I tried texting, but she didn't respond either."

Person on other line - "Well maybe she was sick"

Boy - "Well yeah, but if she was sick the least should could do would be to text me back saying so."

Person on the other line - "Well there could have been an emergency of some kind. Maybe she's just really busy and hasn't been able to get back to you."

Boy - "How busy can you be to not call somebody for 4 seconds to tell them you're not able to go out?"

The conversation went on, but I needed not eavesdrop anymore because I could already finish the conversation myself. Regardless, it showed me there is a vital and necessary lesson needed to be passed on to the younger Cappy Capites of the male persuasion about the fairer sex, so please take out your note books and pencils and take note.

1. She was not "sick" or "in the emergency room" or "really busy." She just plain didn't want to go out with you.

Understand that women in their 20's and late teens will say yes to avoid the hardship of telling you no. Of course when it comes time to actually show up for the date, then they will bail and just not return any calls that could lead towards a cementing of a time or a place you pick them up. This is why the Rule of 505025 exists (look it up, I won't link to it).

2. How did I know the person on the other line was a girl? Because only women will go to great lengths to rationalize what is empirically and obviously a rejection. They will always try to make you feel better, even though deep down inside they know you just got stood up. Ergo the "well, maybe she got sick." Or " Well, maybe she's just really busy." Or, "Well, maybe she just forgot. You know, people with their busy schedules and all."

Honest to truth when I was a youth in college and had a similar such conversation with my mother she said in ALL SERIOUSNESS (no sarcasm intended) "Well, maybe she got hit by a truck and is in the hospital. You never know!"

Actually, you do, because I'm telling you now.

In every case, no matter what the excuse, the rationalization, explanation or theory, in the end the girl just plain didn't want to go out with you.

Now you have a choice. You can waste your time worrying about it, worse still you can somehow think it reflects upon you personally, or you can follow the Ole Captain's simple rule;

"The Why Doesn't Matter, All that Matters is What IS."

In short, what matters is the reality of the situation - she didn't show up.

You can rack your brain and burn out a 100 terraflop supercomputer trying to figure out the reason and rationalization "why she didn't show up," but in the end all the matters is you wasted your Friday night thinking you had a date. Not to mention calories of energy trying to figure out why she didn't show up.

And to come up with and opine about outlandishly pathetic excuses for her standing you up is foolish and frankly, self-DISrespecting.

Many a man has wasted untold amounts of time, psychological energy and fret/worrying about the "why she didn't show up" when the "why she didn't show up" doesn't matter (and should be self-evident). All that matters is what IS. And that "is" "is that she didn't show up."

The poor guy got stood up and instead of wasting time worrying about it he should instead just simply realize that he got stood up and move on. Perhaps next time being sure to have a back up plan and CERTAINLY NOT put any hope or faith in the fact he "might" have date the next time a girl agrees to go out.

Therefore men (of the younger Cappy Cappite persuasion), save yourself a LOT of stress and learn from the old man's experiences. Realize she didn't not get hit by a truck. She didn't forget to call. Her cell phone was not "not charged." And she was not abducted by aliens. Please have some self-respect, accept the fact she flaked, move on and hold your head higher with a little bit more dignity and simply remember that the next time a girl says "yes" to a date to have a back up plan, if not, fully plan on doing something else that night.

This has a been a public service announcement to the 20 Something Male Capposphere.

Recession Medicine

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Because the recession is over according to the NBER;

How Property Taxes Undermine Housing Prices

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It snowed about 8 inches here in the Twin Cities this weekend. Normally this would upset people, but I enjoy it. And the reason I enjoy it is because when it snows like this I am happily reminded of the fact I no longer have to drive to Minneapolis to shovel my duplex.

It's the same feeling I get when it's late in fall and the leaves are on the ground. I no longer have to drive to my duplex in Minneapolis to rake the yard. I just mow over what few leaves fall on my new yard in the burbs.

Of course these are seasonal feelings. I get about a weekly dose of "post-partem-von-Minneapolis" happiness when I have to drive through the town and pass the Riverside exit knowing full well I never have to take that exit ever again to deal with my former rental property be it tenants, mice, or just general maintenance problems.

But the biggest smile on my face is when I look at my property tax bill and see that in my current abode (which is a nicer property and in a nicer neighborhood) I pay literally 1/4th the property taxes I did in Minneapolis. Not to mention I have much better schools, police, public services and plowing service (and I have yet to have my car stolen!).

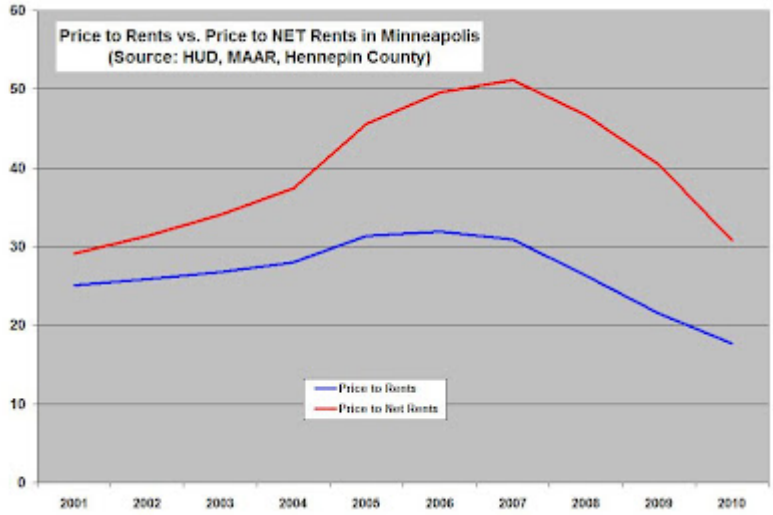
Regardless, the snow this latest time around got me thinking about another aspect of my former place in Minneapolis and that was whether or not home prices were coming down enough to rationalize investing in my old neighborhood once again. To do this we need to take a look at that old standard classic ratio;

House price to rents.

There are varying measures or ways to do this, but they all measure the same thing - how much of a multiple of rents is the price of the house.

It is identical to the P/E ratio of stocks. The idea being a low ratio shows you, you are getting a lot of rent for a relatively low price. A high ratio shows you the rent is likely NOT worth the cost of the house.

I pulled figures from 2001 (most available) to the present using the "fair market rents" for a one bedroom apartment in the Twin Cities area and the median sales price from the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors and came up with the blue line.



And what do you know, it looks like the bubble is finally over, hallelujah! Price to rents was originally about 26, reaching a peak of 32 and now because of the crash, back down all the way below 20! Certainly a deal!

But what has your old wise Captain been telling you about the biggest largest threat to the recovery of the housing sector, especially in big cities?

That's right, property taxes.

You see, charge all the rent you want, you don't get to keep all of it. You have to pay for insurance, interest and repairs. These things (bar having an ARM as a means of financing your house) stay relatively stable. But there is one thing that you pay every month and has a tendency to go up.

Property taxes.

I remember when I first bought my house my property taxes were just $1,100. Ten years later they were over $4,000. Certainly more than the rate of inflation.

Now I know property taxes figure in lastly when most people buy a house, but please listen to me.

Property is nothing more than an asset. Assets only have value if they have some means of feasible cash flow. This is why you compare a stock price versus it's earnings. Or a mutual fund against its dividends. And a house against its rents.

However, if you are going to buy any one of these assets, keep in mind you don't get to keep all the profits they generate. You have to pay taxes to various governments on various assets. And if the taxes on those cash flows goes up, it directly and negatively affects the value of that asset, driving asset prices down.

Thus, the red line.

The red line is much more representative of the true over/undervaluation of properties in the MInneapolis area. It takes out the average property taxes one pays (no historical data was at the Minneapolis city's web site so I used my own as a proxy) and then applies the price of the house to NET rents (rental income after property taxes).

The trend is a little bit different.

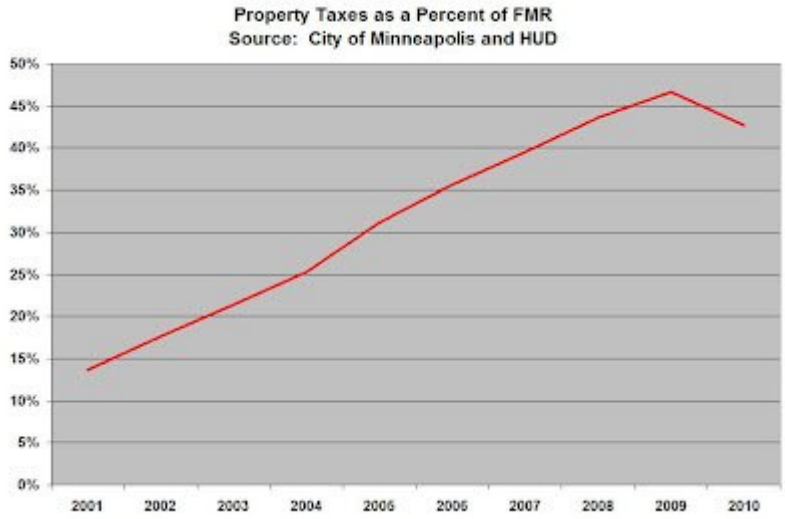
The ratio started at 30, went up to 50, and then back down to 30. Meaning housing is no more of a deal today than it was in 2001. Why? well prices are actually lower today than they were in 2001 (by about $30,000), so how did the ratio not drop as much as its gross rent counterpart?

Those wonderful property taxes.

When you account for property taxes, you're still buying into a bubble. A house isn't worth a ratio of 30 times annual net rental income. You can find a lot cheaper (and safer and better and lower taxes and etc. etc.) in the burbs.

But this also has ramifications for the appraisal and collateral based industries. REIT's heavily invested in major cities, banks with overexposed real estate portfolios in major cities (or any heavily taxed city) and hedge funds chomping at the bit to take positions in real estate hoping to buy at the bottom better pay close attention to net rental rates and not gross.

Of course if they have even the slightest bit savvy of models (or analysts) their calculations will account for net rent. However, it's not that as much as it is the perpetually increasing chunk property taxes take out of rents. Using my property taxes as a historical proxy against the FMR in Minneapolis, property taxes were originally just 14% the rent I could get from the available unit. Now it's 42%.



(technical note - this is for a duplex, so the above chart could be halved if one were to consider renting out the additional unit for rent, doubling the rent instead of living in it)

Regardless of whether the unit is rented or not, the issue is the perpetually increasing property taxes relative to the rents. As property taxes take more and more profit from the property, that property will continue to have less and less value. So the issue is not one of what property taxes are today. It's what they are going to be in the future. And given the ilk on the Minneapolis City council, you can expect all rents to be consumed by property taxes by ehhh, roughly 2030/2035ish or so.

Enjoy the decline!

Recession Medicine

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Because the recession is over, you just don't know it yet!

Medicine One

Blue Pill

Red Pill

Minnesota State Spending as a Percent of GDP

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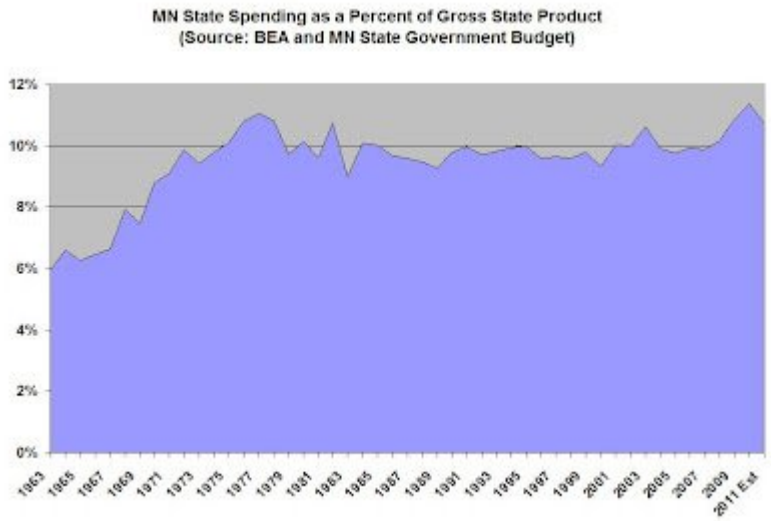
This shall be short.

This last election cycle the democrats in Minnesota had one (of several) main talking points when it came to the local elections;

"Tim Pawlenty was evil and gutted the government of necessary and precious spending."

So I decided to see just how much the state has spent as a percent of gross STATE product which gives you the overall tax rate local Minnesotans pay at the state level;



Yeah, what a cheapskate!

On a side note I love how Minnesota had an overall tax rate of just 6% back in 1963 and now we have an estimated 11% (depending on how 2010's GSP comes in).

Just remember how "evil" Tim Pawlenty and all those nasty Republicans were when they "cut" the budget.

Recession Medicine - Jimmy Stewart

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The Economic Cancer is Spreading More Slowly

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I wanted to call it "Derivative Economics" where people are so desperate to paint a "bright" economic picture they claim a "slowing down in the collapse" is a good thing. Ergo, it's akin to having a cancer patient and saying,

"Hey! GREAT NEWS! The cancer is spreading MORE SLOWLY NOW!"

"You mean I'll survive?"

"Oh, good lord, no! It's still spreading like a wildfire. Just slightly less fast now! We've increased your life expectancy from 2 weeks to 2 weeks 15 minutes!"

Ergo, why I tire of these types of stories.

US Weekly Claims Fall 17,000 Amid Slow Jobs Recovery

Published: Thursday, 9 Dec 2010 | 8:35 AM ET Text Size

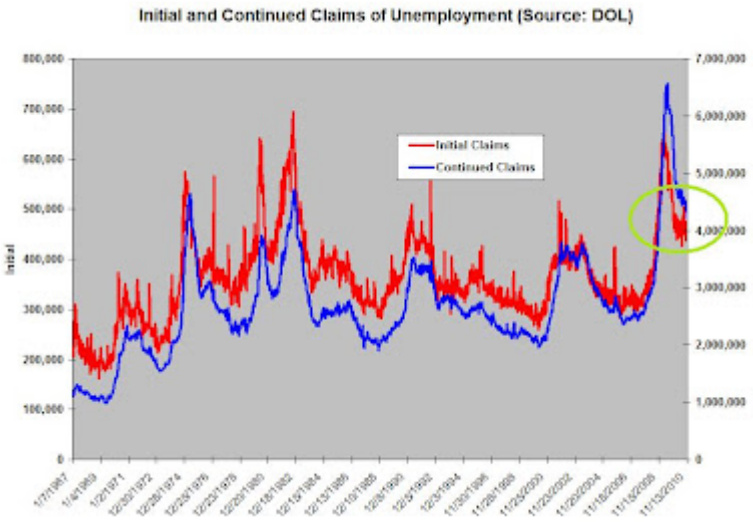
By: AP MORE

Applications for unemployment benefits dropped last week to the second-lowest level this year, fresh evidence that companies are cutting fewer jobs.

First-time claims for jobless aid fell by 17,000 to a seasonally-adjusted 421,000 in the week ending Dec. 4, the Labor Department said Thursday.

The four-week average of claims, a less-volatile measure, dropped for the fifth straight week to 427,500. That's the lowest since August 2008, just before the financial crisis intensified with the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, it's time for the ole Captain to do the job of the AP and just show you what unemployment claims look like.



I love how the "recovery" is still higher than any peak of unemployment in the past bar the Volcker Recession.

You know what to do!

Enjoy the decline!

Communication Degrees Are Worthless

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Honest to god, do I have to explain this? "Communications?" How do you get a 4, let alone 6 or 8 year degree in "communications?"

Look, kids, I know you won't listen to your parents, but for god's sake before you piss away $50,000 learning how to talk to other people, drop a couple bucks on this first.

The Education Bubble Continues

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Keep going to college kiddies.

Natasha's New Shoes

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The lovely Natasha, which some of you are fans of, recently made a purchase. I fully endorse this purchase on account I believe it is about the same value as the Louisiana Purchase or Seward's Folly - absolutely a steal.

She spent a whopping $23 on these shoes and I thought some of you of the male persuasion in the Capposphere would confirm her decision to purchase these shoes (on top of it, may I add, she had to wait 2 years for these shoes to go on sale because she is 6'1" tall and needs 12 size shoes. She's now 6'6" with these shoes when dancing with your much shorter 5'9" Captain. And yes, I'm bragging right now just to make you all jealous!)

Let me know if you concur. In the meantime, Natasha is poking me and telling me to remind you that the donation button is up and to the right.

Ignore M3 at your Own Peril

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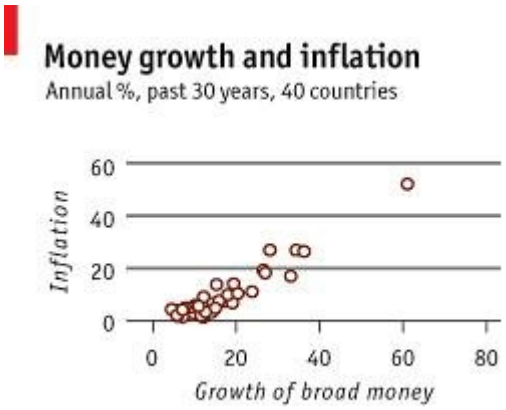
There are many measures of the money supply; M1, M2, M3, L.

And the question is, of course, what constitutes money?

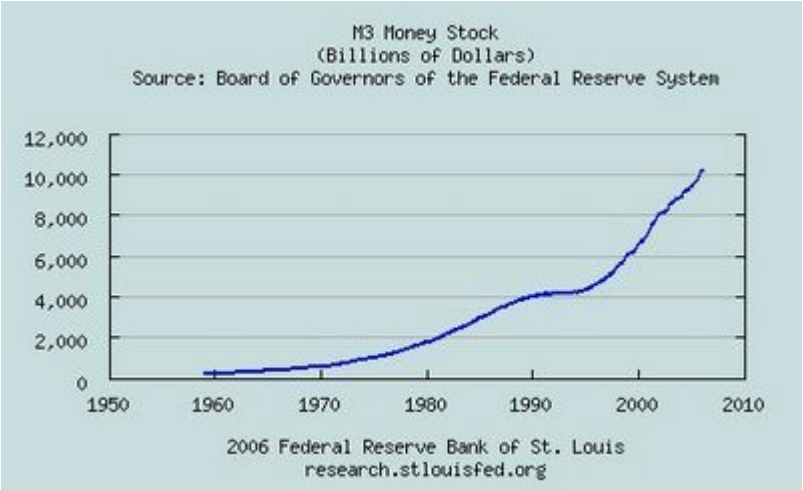
Should 2 year CD's be considered money? They technically aren't legal tender, but can be used for collateral and technically are easier to barter with than say a house. Should stocks and other marketable securities be considered money which in times could be pledged as collateral or used for a down payment on a house?

I have not studied it much beyond occasionally thinking about it whilst running, but I do know that money, regardless of its form, has a tendency to sneak into prices if you let it get too loose.

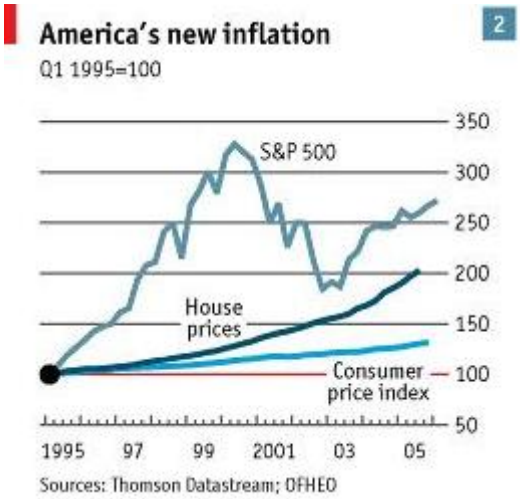
Thus I found the following chart very interesting;



Suggesting that this;



is somewhat to blame for the high property prices and perhaps even securities prices.



It seems Derek Jensen was onto something.

A Man's Man

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From Wiki

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Brig. Gen. James M. Stewart, USAF Reserve, c.1960.
The Stewart family had deep military roots as both grandfathers had fought in the Civil War, and his father had served during both the Spanish-American War and World War I. Since Stewart considered his father to be the biggest influence on his life, it was not surprising that when another war eventually came, he too served. Although members of his family had previously served in the infantry, Stewart chose to become a military flyer.[24]

An early interest in flying led Stewart to gain his Private Pilot certificate in 1935 and Commercial Pilot certificate in 1938. He often flew cross-country to visit his parents in Pennsylvania, navigating by the railroad tracks.[6] Nearly two years before the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Stewart had accumulated over 400 hours of flying time.[25]

Considered a highly proficient pilot, he even entered a cross-country race as a co-pilot in 1939.[26] Along with musician/composer Hoagy Carmichael, seeing the need for trained war pilots, Stewart joined with other Hollywood celebrities to invest in Thunderbird Field, a pilot training school built and operated by Southwest Airways in Glendale, Arizona. This airfield became part of the United States Army Air Forces training establishment and trained more than 10,000 pilots during WWII, and is now the home of Thunderbird School of Global Management.[27]

Later in 1940, Stewart was drafted into the United States Army but was rejected for failing to meet height and weight requirements for new recruits—Stewart was five pounds (2.3 kg) under the standard. To get up to 148 pounds he sought out the help of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's muscle man, Don Loomis, who was noted for his ability to add or subtract pounds in his studio gymnasium. Stewart subsequently attempted to enlist in the Army Air Corps, but still came in under the weight requirement, although he persuaded the AAC enlistment officer to run new tests, this time passing the weigh-in,[28] with the result that Stewart enlisted in the Army in March 1941. He became the first major American movie star to wear a military uniform in World War II.

Stewart enlisted as a private[6][29] and began pilot training in the USAAC. During this time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, bringing the US into direct involvement in the war. Stewart continued his military training and earned a commission as a second lieutenant in January, 1942. He was posted to Moffett Field and then Mather Field as an instructor

pilot in single- and twin-engine aircraft.[29]

Public appearances by Stewart were limited engagements scheduled by the Army Air Forces. "Stewart appeared several times on network radio with Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he performed with Orson Welles, Edward G. Robinson, Walter Huston and Lionel Barrymore in an all-network radio program called *We Hold These Truths*, dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the Bill of Rights."[30] In early 1942, Stewart was asked to appear in a propaganda film to help recruit the anticipated 100,000 airmen the USAAF would need to win the war. The USAAF's First Motion Picture Unit shot scenes of Lieutenant Stewart in his pilot's flight suit and recorded his voice for narration. The short film, *Winning Your Wings*, appeared nationwide beginning in late May and was very successful, resulting in 150,000 new recruits.[31]

Stewart was concerned that his expertise and celebrity status would relegate him to instructor duties "behind the lines."[32] His fears were confirmed when he was stationed for six months at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico to train bombardiers. He was transferred to Hobbs AAF to become an instructor pilot for the four-engined B-17 Flying Fortress. He trained B-17 pilots for nine months at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho.[29]

"Still, the war was moving on. For the 36-year-old Stewart, combat duty seemed far away and unreachable and he had no clear plans for the future. But then a rumor that Stewart would be taken off flying status and assigned to making training films or selling bonds called for his immediate and decisive action, because what he dreaded most was the hope-shattering spectre of a dead end."[33] Stewart appealed to his commander, a pre-war aviator, who understood the situation and reassigned him to a unit going overseas.

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Col. Stewart being awarded the Croix de guerre with palm by Lt. Gen. Henri Valin, Chief of Staff of the French Air Force, for his role in the liberation of France. USAF photo.

In August 1943 he was finally assigned to the 445th Bombardment Group at Sioux City AAB, Iowa, first as Operations Officer of the 703rd Bombardment Squadron and then as its commander, at the rank of Captain. In December, the 445th Bombardment Group flew its B-24 Liberator bombers to RAF Tibenham, Norfolk, England and immediately began combat operations. While flying missions over Germany, Stewart was promoted to Major. In March 1944, he was transferred as group operations officer to the 453rd Bombardment Group, a new B-24 unit that had been experiencing difficulties. As a means to inspire his new group, Stewart flew as command pilot in the lead B-24 on numerous missions deep into Nazi-occupied Europe. These missions went *uncounted* at Stewart's orders. His "official" total is listed as 20 and is limited to those with the 445th. In 1944, he twice received the Distinguished Flying Cross for actions in combat and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He also received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. In July 1944, after flying 20 combat missions, Stewart was made Chief of Staff of the 2nd Combat Bombardment Wing of the Eighth Air Force, and though he was no longer required or expected to fly missions, he continued to do so. Before the war ended, he was promoted

to colonel, one of very few Americans to rise from private to colonel in four years.[6][29]

At the beginning of June 1945, Stewart was the presiding officer of the court-martial of a pilot and navigator who were charged with dereliction of duty when they accidentally bombed the Swiss city of Zurich the previous March—the first instance of U.S. personnel being tried over an attack on a neutral country. The Court acquitted the accused.[34]

Stewart continued to play a role in the United States Air Force Reserve after the war, achieving the rank of Brigadier General on July 23, 1959.[35] Stewart did not often talk of his wartime service, perhaps due to his desire to be seen as a regular soldier doing his duty instead of as a celebrity. He did appear on the TV series *The World At War* to discuss the October 14, 1943 bombing mission to Schweinfurt, which was the center of the German ball bearing manufacturing industry. This mission is known in USAF history as *Black Thursday* due to the high casualties it sustained; 60 aircraft were lost out of 291 dispatched, as the raid consisting entirely of B-17s was unescorted to Schweinfurt and back due to the available escort aircraft lacking the range. Upon his request, he was identified only as "James Stewart, Squadron Commander" in the documentary.[36]

He served as Air Force Reserve commander of Dobbins Air Reserve Base in the early 1950s. In 1966, Brigadier General James Stewart flew as a non-duty observer in a B-52 on a bombing mission during the Vietnam War. At the time of his B-52 flight, he refused the release of any publicity regarding his participation as he did not want it treated as a stunt, but as part of his job as an officer in the Air Force Reserve. After 27 years of service, Stewart retired from the Air Force on May 31, 1968.[37] After his retirement, he was promoted to Major General by President Ronald Reagan.

The entry goes on to say he was a staunch Republican.

Let's see Clooney or Pitt or any of the current crop pull anything near what Stewart did.

What Did I Tell You About Major Cities' Property Values?

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From my Rochester affiliate.

If ONLY somebody knew!

Recession Medicine

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First it was the Star Tribune.

Then it was GQ.

And now your Captain's meteoric rise continues with the latest expose from The Eagan Patch!

However, though I am an old curmudgeon of a bachelor, I have to admit the following video is actually very cute with the old couple kissing at the end.

Bush Era Tax Policies

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But wait, I thought it was the Bush Era tax policies that caused this recession?

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"Perception is Reality," the Leftist Chick I Was Dating Said

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In my series on capitalism vs socialism, I told the tale of a girl I was on a date with where our date consisted of walking a lengthy 7 mile trail of the Mississippi River. The girl was a big leftist and, long story short, I had so completely destroyed her arguments with basic facts and logic that in the end she said, "well I choose to believe what I want because my perception is reality."

Understand this is literally, in its purest definition, psychotic. This girl was delusional. She chose to ignore reality.

Ergo why this article is so interesting. It basically highlights what is going to become more and more common amongst the "educated" collegiate youth of today. Since they were brought up with limitless funds from mommy and daddy (who mortgaged the house and have since ran out of money and can no longer afford to finance their childrens' lives) or had a bevy of government programs (financed through borrowing as well), they have lived in a bubble. A bubble where resources are unlimited and they never spent one calorie of energy worrying about the future. If anything they worried about whether they might not get the latest Apple product for Christmas.

However, as the funds have run out both from parental sources and government sources, the economic REALITY is starting to hit them. And with no more money available to shield them from this reality, they frankly can't take it.

So intellectually weak and unprepared are they for the real world, they instead protest against reality. And so childish are they, they are incapable of understanding the concept of "reality."

They literally, LITERALLY could be protesting against gravity.

Of course, those of us with the slightest bit of common sense know they are in for a rude awakening. But why ruin their fun? Let them protest and hold their breaths till their faces turn blue. I'm prepared for the decline.

Are you?

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Wait for the 1 minute mark or so.

And if that is too violent, perhaps this is more appropriate;

Amelia "Affirmative Action" Earhart

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The primary reason I disagree with affirmative action is not that it gives an unfair advantage to a group of people on worthless grounds (though that itself is enough to be against it), but rather that it disenfranchises people who happen to be a member of a minority or "victim class" of a very important thing;

Pride.

For example my Kuwaiti supplier of cigars IS the best tobacconist in the Twin Cities.

But, does he know that for a fact?

A friend of mine whose pigmentation HAPPENS to make him black IS the first person I would hire in a heart beat for a CEO position of a corporation I am kicking around starting.

But, does he know that for a fact?

Natasha is arguably one of the best corporate accountants in the state.

But does she know that for a fact?

And another black friend of mine IS the best banker in the Twin Cities because he (like me) refused to go along with the corruption laden real estate scams in the state. He is fortunate to have found work after quitting on moral grounds at our previous employer.

But does he know he got hired at another bank because he was the best banker in the Twin Cities for a fact? Or because PR-sensitive HR departments were anxious to parade him in-front the politically correct castratti of Minnesota?

It is this that I find to be the biggest cost to affirmative action because it deprives those people (who through birthing or conceiving circumstances beyond their control) were fated to be "black" or a "woman" or a member of some "victim" group of the confirmation and knowledge that they are indeed the "best" or "damn good" at their job or profession.

Which leads us to Amelia Earhart (whose potential bones have put her back in the news).

A compelling piece was put together that deserves more attention about Amelia and how unlike Charles Lindbergh and other male aviation pioneers she had a ton of help which was essentially a 1930's prototype version of affirmative action. Male pilots and navigators piloting for her. Lack of radio skills. Acknowledging she basically just took

orders. And let's not forget the fact she (regrettably) FAILED in one particular flight resulting in her death and unknown whereabouts.

I was brought up believing she was this great aviator. Notice I said "aviator." Not "female aviator." There was no discernment between male or female. She was just this kick ass chick who could do what the boys could do. Matter of fact, until I read more about Amelia I thought she was side by side with Charles Lindbergh in terms of feat-accomplishment in terms of a time line. She was like the hot IT geek chick of her time and like hot IT geek chicks of our time, we absolutely adore, worship and honor them. And this of course is what everybody else my age, as well as younger and older viewed her as.

What is so upsetting about this article is not that we were misled, but rather that if even half of it is to be believed, then the spirits and admiration women (and certainly men) had for Amelia were all in vain. Women who went onto pursue and "be like Amelia" or made Amelia their hero were putting their faith not in a truly independent woman, but one who needed a serious dosage of helping from men. Which behooves the question -

WHY DID THEY NEED TO FABRICATE (or at least) EMBELLISH THE STORY OF AMELIA EARHART?

Is not history full of genuinely powerful and legitimately independent women?

Joan of Arc comes to mind.

Catherine the Great.

Or (my favorite because she was a lower class prostitute-turned empress) Theodora who grew a spine when her pansy beta husband Justinian wanted to retreat from the Nika revolt.

Margret Thatcher is another.

Not to mention I'm sure all of you know women in your lives personally who are heroes within their own rights (and forget something "strong" or "heroic," how about just great women who did simple things like making life enjoyable and being a great mom or a great wife?)

But no, we need to create a media sensation as well as make it look like we're doing something for society so we can get re-elected.

Of course the cost is nowhere near worth the benefit.

In implementing things such as affirmative action (or predecessor gimmicks such as

Amelia Earhart) we truly undermine current and future generations of minorities and women by making it impossible to have pride as well as to know for a fact they are the best.

And I don't say this as some kind of "appeasing, oh look ,the Captain really does have a heart or is extending a palm branch to the left" kind of way. I mean this as in "Damnit, I know people who are the best at what they do, and they are PEOPLE who are the BEST at what they do."

Not some "black guy" who is really good at managing a business "for a black guy."

Or "some chick" who is really good at accounting "for a chick."

Or some "muslim guy" who is really good at negotiating tobacco prices "for a muslim guy."

It is THE ONE guy who is the BEST at managing a business.

It is THE ONE guy who is the BEST banker in the ENTIRE Twin Cities.

It is THE ONE girl who is the BEST assistant controller in the state.

And it is THE ONE guy who is the best tobacconist in the Twin Cities.

They may just happen to be inconsequentially black, hispanic, female or muslim, but that is NOT them and does not define them. Their brains and personalities and persons are who they are, regardless of skin color, gender or religion.

But no, you lefties have to make these excellent professionals question their achievements because you've now given society an incentive to hire people for reasons other than performance. And not only that, you've now seeded doubt into any intellectually honest minority group member as to whether they'll be judged on merit and performance and ultimately THEMSELVES or the color of their skin and gender.

MLK and Susan B. Anthony would (and probably are) rolling in their graves and having a heart to heart with Amelia as well as her modern day compatriot Kara Hultgreen.

Post Post

I just wanted to add an addendum to this post to show you a concrete example of what I'm talking about. I've highlighted this before, but this really is the epitome of what I've been talking about above. The Nicholas Brothers were, are, have been and (frankly) will forever be the best tap dancers in the world. Oh, mock "tap dancing" as you might, I will

bet my fortune there isn't and never will be another brotherly duo on the face of this planet that will ever achieve what they did (see below).

Both of them have unfortunately passed away, but they damn well knew they were the best. And you want to know why THEY knew they were the best?

It's not because there was some lefty female 40 something philosophy doctorate placating them about "institutionalized racism" and how "they had to overcome such hurdles" "explained" why their performance was great "given their handicap."

It's not because their elementary school teacher told them they were all "special" and were "bound for greatness by their mere existence."

And it's CERTAINLY NOT because Barack Obama is the president of the United States.

It's because they WERE, ARE and FOREVER SHALL BE the best.

Do you think for a second they ever thought about their RACE when it came to them pulling off this feat of brilliance?

When they were done with this dance I guarantee you they knew they were the best. And to have some pansy ass goatee wearing lefty schmub from the suburbs dare to insult them posthumously by daring to apply a lesser standard to them because of their skin color. They would rise from their grave and pummel them.

The reason why?

It's because the performance of the Nicholas Brothers has nothing to do with the color of their skin. They were just the best damn tap dancers in the world. They dedicated themselves to the study, training and physical demands of such a performance.

And in the end, nobody is looking at the color of their skin. They're simply looking at the real core and soul of the men who gifted society with such a brilliant and unapproachable piece of American culture.

The Crowding Out Effect

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So I decided for my own curiosity to test whether or not there is a crowding out effect. And take note young aspiring male economists, it's stuff like this that makes picking up chicks easy. So when you go to the clubs or the bars or dance halls and you approach a girl and she says,

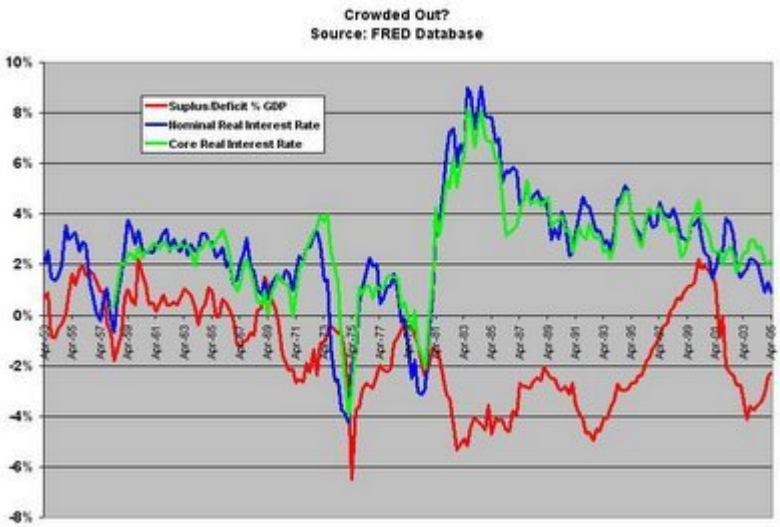
"So, what did you do today?"

You can say with confidence and a smug smile,

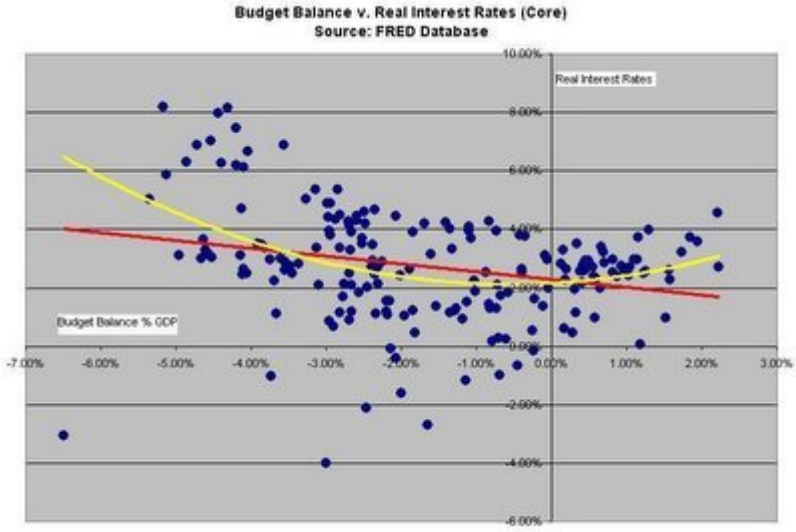
"Well, baby, I tested whether or not there is indeed a crowding out effect."

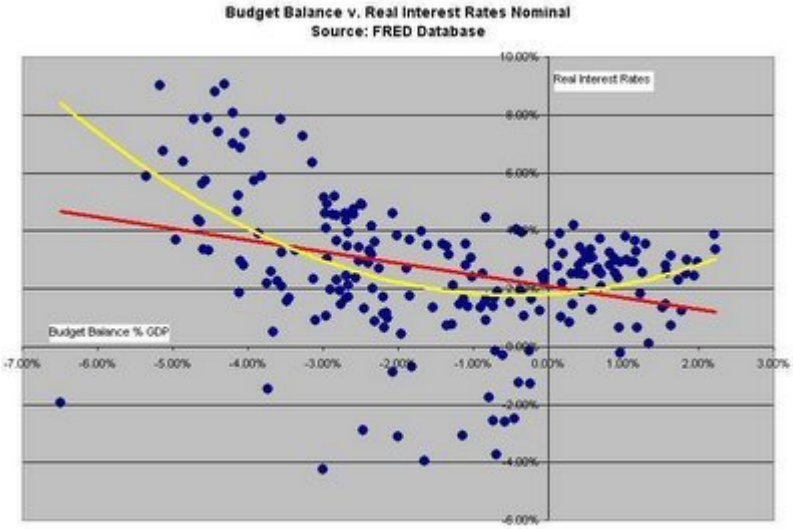
Anyway, for those of you who are not familiar with the crowding out effect it is the theory that when the government borrows all this money to finance federal deficits (like the ones we have now) that means it takes away these loanable dollars from private citizens and business and thereby increases the interest rate.

To test this I compared the government budget balance (as a percent of GDP) against the real interest rate of 10 year constantly maturing US Treasuries (ie- took out inflation).

Resulting in this; 

And these correlations/trendlines (10 year interest adjusted for core and nominal inflation);





	Unadjusted	Adjusted for Outliers
Nominal	-0.34	-0.39
Core	-0.27	-0.35

Notice with the polynomal trendline there is an uptick in the correlation with budget surpluses and interest rates. It suggests to me that the economy in those periods was growing so fast the natural private sector demand increased interest rates, while at the same time a booming economy resulted in an enlarged tax base increase budget balances into the black.

How to Pick a Major

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Kiddies, there's the easy way and the hard way.

The hard way is doing a ton of research, sitting with your guidance counselor who will ask you about puppies and flowers and "what does your heart tell you" bullshit.

Then there's the easy way where you'll get the straight dope.

Or the $5 Kindle version which is cheaper.

Sociology Degrees Are Worthless

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Yes, sorry to say, kids, sociology degrees are worthless.

But you don't have to listen to me.

Fossils!

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20,000 FOSSILS FOUND IN CHINA!

But no, they just couldn't let it be a great happy warm fuzzy feeling story.

No, they have to go and lecture us about how these fossils will help us understand how species will recover from "the damage humans have done to the Earth."

Honest to Pete.

I guarantee you the Chinese paleontologists that found it are not flagellating themselves over their find.

The Difference Between Statutory and Effective Corporate Tax Rates

December 23, 2010 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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If you get ever so slightly into a debate with one of our lefter leaning brothers and sisters a very common (and economically) important disagreement will be the issue of corporate taxes.

The bumper sticker line from the right is "we have the second-highest corporate tax rate in the world." (which is true).

The bumper sticker counter argument from the left will be "that's the statutory rate (if they even know that official word) and corporations pay much less than that because they get tax deductions and shield their money using loopholes and offshore subsidiaries" (which is also true).

The stated tax rate in the US is about 40% (depending on state taxes).

The estimates of the "effective tax rate" is anywhere from 17% to 32% and the difference is largely due to corporations moving their money overseas or through various accounting methods recognizing the majority of their income in lower taxes countries (Google for example setting up shop in Ireland).

NOW LISTEN TO ME AND FOLLOW ME VERY CAREFULLY for this economic lesson is vital to both people on the right and the left to understand.

99% of the time this argument comes up is because the two individuals are talking about how to create jobs and get the economy going again. The person on the right points out the high STATUTORY tax rate as a reason corporations don't invest here and are loth to create new jobs.

The person on the left will say the statutory rate doesn't matter, because corporations don't effectively pay that rate. They pay a much lower rate ergo why lower corporate taxes period?

However, here is the flaw in that thinking.

The person on the left thinks that the statutory rates don't matter. When in reality they DO matter because they are what drove corporations to shield their money offshore in the first place. In other words it is the statutory rate that drives the effective rate. Not the other way around.

Let us assume for instance that the very low estimate of 17% is the real effective tax rate.

The left is complaining about how corporations are "getting away" with such a low rate.

How do they get away with it though?

By shipping, sending, and investing their money offshore.

NOT HERE.

The obvious solution then would be to lower taxes to the point that corporations would not ship/invest/shield/deposit/etc., their money offshore, but rather HERE. You would have the same corporate tax revenue (actually more, because they'd be repatriating their funds back to the US) because there would be no change in the effective tax rate. It's just that in lowering the statutory tax rate to the same level of the effective tax rate corporations would redirect their money flows. One might think about giving them an extra percent or two just to make it worth their while to repatriate the funds here, so a statutory rate of say 15% would be in order.

However, the "obvious" solution if you ask the person on the left would be to "close the loopholes" and raise the effective tax rate to the statutory tax rate. Well that is what triggered the corporations to ship their money overseas in the first place. They didn't WANT to pay those taxes. And while simpleton logic and thinking would say, "ah ha! We have those corporations now! They'll finally be FORCED to pay the statutory tax rate!" all it will do is drive corporations further into the arms of lower taxed countries as they not just move and shield money overseas, but move entire corporate headquarters since the loopholes are closed.

Which now brings us full circle and you see where the people on the left have an argument that contradicts itself.

The whole POINT of the original argument was to assess the merits of lowering taxes to spur economic growth and job creation. The left's logical flaw in this stream of debate is that they fail to address whether such a lowering would help. They instead see red and go to the tidbit little bumper sticker and regurgitate, "Well corporations don't pay that rate!" which has NOTHING TO DO WITH THE QUESTION. They also fail to see that it is the high statutory rate that drives the low effective tax rate and thus capital and investment out of the US.

Since they don't understand that relationship, their solution is to make matter worse;

CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES

RAISE THE RATE

MAKE THOSE CORPORATE BASTARDS PAY

THAT'S going to woo corporations to reinvest in America??? A 5 year old could even see the flaw in the logic. Not that I wish to use such a violent analogy (but I can think of none other that would really do this justice as well as point out the absurdity of the left's solution), but it's literally like hitting your wife and when she runs away you conclude that you didn't hit her hard enough.

Of course, spousal abuse and leftist perceptions on corporations I believe share a common flaw - they are possessive and controlling.

They don't realize these corporations are NOT THEIRS.

They don't realize they have NO OWNERSHIP in the corporation and therefore logically (and morally) the corporation doesn't owe them squat!

But their behavior belies their true belief and that is they think corporations are here NOT to produce goods and services for their customers, but to generate revenue for the government so it can be spent on themselves. The corporation is there to serve the freeloader, not the customer.

Another common flaw (and one I use to win this argument when I invariably run into the Impenetrable Wall of Ignorance) is to ask them if they would like their 401k or 403b plans to go up in value. Or if they would like their pensions to be fully funded. NOT ONCE have I heard them say, "no."

Yet they fail to realize that it is corporate profits that drive the value of their retirement plans. Again eluding to The Impenetrable Wall of Ignorance.

Of course I don't expect to convince anybody on the left by this simple lesson in economics and logic. I'm simply putting there here for posterity's sake and for those of you who run into the "statutory vs. effective tax rate" debate you'll at least NOT be ignorant when you speak about it.

In the meantime, enjoy they decline.

Aaron Clarey and the Great Wyoming Hike

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What Should I Major In?

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I'll make this short and sweet for you young kids out there kicking around what kind of major you should choose.

Don't listen to your "guidance counselors." They don't know jack.

Don't even listen to your parents, especially if they're the type of parents who "are your best friend."

This isn't some light-hearted decision that you can just make willy nilly and just assume you'll have a job at the end of 4 years of your youth and $60,000 in tuition bills later.

Just spend the $5 bleeping dollars on this book and the whopping 3 hours it might take to read it, and you'll have all your questions answered, not to mention a future void of poverty and debt.

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Oooo, you'll get in trouble for that!

What Will Happen When Social Security Runs Out

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This.

Except it will be a whole lot larger and bigger.

But don't worry. You keep watching American Idol and reusing bags when you go grocery shopping. I'm sure that will save us.

Gold Silver Ratio

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This is one of those things that when I'm driving in the middle of nowhere Minnesota I think of calculating, but then forget to do by the time I get home. You hear a lot about gold, but nothing of silver. And (more or less) it seems silver is not as bubbly as gold is (certainly no doubt to the advertising and press it gets).

Who Villanized "Woman's Work?"

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Part, if not, a majority of my super awesome economic/political insight comes from the fact my profession requires many miles and many hours on the road. It gives you time to think when you get outside the range of talk radio and are too tired to sift through the country and Jesus stations out in the boonies to pick it up again. Of course my contemporaries and competitors do not have this advantage. Matter of fact they're disadvantaged being couped up in cubicles and offices, forced to study what their employers or grad school uberkommandants tell them to study and not what their brains might genuinely be curious about and things that might actually be interesting. And thus their brains decompose into automotonic (albeit highly mathematically inclined) mush.

So once again time for something that will be more interesting (and much more brief, pointed and useful) than anything you'll read out of the Journal of American Politcal Economy.

I was driving with Natasha during the Christmas season and of the many things she was saying, one piqued my interest - the amount of money she saved using coupons. I'm not talking about 30 cents here or there, but she managed to find sushi for two for $15. And it was good sushi.

This rekindled an observation I had in the never-to-be-solved arena of courting, marriage and men and women. And that observation is despite being villianized, degraded and shamed, activities that were traditionally considered "woman's work" were and still are vitally important to the family and society. Ergo, why were they villianized in the first place? Why were women "shamed" for being "housewives" or "stay at home moms?" And more importantly, WHO DETERMINED THEY WERE TO BE SHAMED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

First, look at what "traditional woman's work" entailed. For the most part it boiled down to three things;

1. Child rearing.
2. House keeping
3. (and this is where Natasha really made it interesting) increasing standards of living by becoming the procurer of consumables for the family.

These things are "trivial" compared to "man's work?" These things are "inferior" compared to "man's work?"

Second, if you look at them they are VITAL, just as vital as brining home the bacon. Rearing children is what prepares them for the real world and makes them productive

functioning members of society. Not criminals. Just look at broken families and the correlation with crime, divorce, and other societal ailments.

Housekeeping is what supports the children, the wife and the husband (though men could do with just a cave and a hammock).

And clipping coupons, finding great deals, and making the most of the money increases the standards of living for the whole family. It's economically just as important to spend the money wisely as it was to earn it (making "woman's work" just as important as "men's work" as it is two sides of the same economic earning/consumption coin).

And third, it is arguably the simplest and most important example of the division of labor. If you want to be a DINK (double income, no kids), fine, then both people can work, enjoy life, drink martini's and go to town at Fredericks of Hollywood, but once you bring children into the equation,it behooves SOMEBODY (husband or wife) stay at home and do the "womanly duties." Not because the person who stays home is the lesser of the spouses, but because it just plain makes economic sense to.

Of course today we simply outsource the upbrining of children so that both spouses needn't be bothered with that nasty childrearing. You can kennel the kid at day care or school and afterschool activities and never have to suffer the inconvenience of spending any time with them. And (in an ironic sense) many women seem to pursue careers in industries where they simply seem to be taking care of other people's children, while ironically they have to work in the first place so they can pay the taxes and private sector child-caring services where essentially they're paying other women to take care of their kids (instead of just staying home to take care of their own children in the first place - which I plan on writing about in the future once I refine the thought a bit and pull some economic data).

Regardless, the larger point (and my sarcasm and cynicism aside), why did something so important and vital to society such as "traditional woman's work," regardless of who does it, get disregarded and villianized by society in the first place? And it leads me to a theory that is a bit black-helicopterish, but I am permitted one of those every once in a while.

Ergo, it's time to play **Guess the Captain's Helicopter Conspiracy Theory!**

I shall give you a couple clues and see if your line of reasoning doesn't come up with the same (thereby showing you I'm not completely insane).

1. The main drive to criminalize and minimize the vital importance of "woman's work" occurred during the 1960's, the peak of the cold war.

2. It mainly came from feminists quartered in the academian world.

3. Unless, I'm way off, I'm going to assume the importance of "woman's work" was so obvious to people at the time, conventional wisdom would never question the value of it.

Any guesses young intrepid junior, deputy, official and otherwise economists?

Hogans Heroes vs. Housewives of OC

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So twas the night before Christmas and whilst Natasha was away visiting her folks, your Captain had a much needed Cappy-Cap-Time which consisted of a bottle o' Rumpleminze, Borderlands for the 360 and a roaring fire to heat up his little man cave. Nobody was around. It was all 100% Cappy Time. Just me, some strong booze, an awesome video game, and my man cave and a nice long night of slumber.

The routine I've perfected over the years as a bachelor maximizes one's waking hours wherein I do the majority of the physical labor during the day and then lesser-physically demanding activities at night, scaling it down to activities that barely require any physical effort. So I usually work out in the morning (which for me is noon-1PM), take class, teach a class, go dance and then retire at home. The last two stages of this routine however is;

Stage T-1 - Play video games
Stage T - Watch TV
Liftoff - Sleepy bye

My favorite show is Hogans heroes and so what I do when I can no longer play video games effectively is I fire up the laptop, go to TV Land and watch old episodes of Hogan's Heroes and drift off to sleep.

However, this Christmas Eve I was shocked to find out that TV Land no longer broadcasts Hogan's Heroes in the internet anymore.

Which made it a cold and horrible Christmas.

Of course, I can watch the "Housewives of OC" or "Housewives of Atlanta" or the "Housewives of Arkon." Because, well, you know, THAT'S CULTURE. You know Hogan's Heroes, that just dumb stupid guy stuff. But Housewives of Duluth! Now we're talking.

Of course this is just more empirical proof that America is in decline when the free market prefers "Housewives of Milwaukee" over "Hogan's Heroes." Sadly, what irks me most about this, is it impairs my ability to enjoy the decline!

Why I Don't Contribute to Retirement Accounts Anymore

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And won't until I have complete faith that it won't be confiscated to pay for failing socialist programs.

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Brilliant Romance Advice From the Captain

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Flowers are a waste of time, however, if you insist on buying your girl flowers, do so on a day it is not to be.

For example, Tuesdays are great days to get your lovely some flowers.

She will say, "Why did I get flowers?"

And you will say, "Because it's Tuesday, babe."

And for a fraction of the cost it would cost you on Valentines Day, you've impressed her 100x's more than when you were "supposed" to buy her flowers.

This has been a public service announcement by the Captain

This Was Not Made By a Sociology Major

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But don't worry.

Again, our salvation is in education, ANY education and recycling and going green.

In the meantime I would love to see how many sociology majors there are in China.

Worthless Degree Seminar

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I cannot emphasis enough how important this seminar is. Not so much for us readers of the Capposphere, but more importantly for the youth that are about to embark on a college path.

Ideally, this video will be watched, IN ITS ENTIRETY by kids from the ages of roughly 13-18 BEFORE they decide what they want to go to college for. The left are masters at indoctrinating the youth, this is simply a countermeasure to give the poor youth of this country a dose of reality and GENUINE hope of a future productive career and life. Not general pleasantries about them all being winners and somehow good thoughts and going green is going to get them jobs that will put food on the table.

Regardless, here's the first video and subsequent links below. Please force any children, nieces, nephews, etc., to watch this on account it really is about the best thing you can do for them;

Part 2
Part 3
Part 4
Part 5
Part 6

Going Green Fad Continues!

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Six Sigma.

HOw far you have fallen.

Let Me Explain to You My Step Father

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So I get an e-mail from my step father (which is a miracle unto itself because my step-dad LITERALLY just got a computer 3 years ago and a freaking answering machine 5 years ago, but has yet to buy himself a freaking CELL PHONE! but this is all an aside).

So he asks me

"I was stationed in Germany and one of my favorite songs was from Louie Armstrong. It was played back in 1959. I don't remember the lyrics and I can't remember the song, but can you find it for me?"

I do the typity type in the ole Bing and find a group of songs from an album Ole Sachtamo created in BELGIUM in 1959.

We find out the song is title "Ole Sachtmo's Lullaby"

So why am I writing this?

So you schmoes appreciate my step dad! The only REAL purpose of this post is to honor my ole stepfather AND for two things.

1. He WILLINGLY did 4 tours in Vietnam and retired as a senior master sergeant (which now explains to all of you why I am the way I am on account I had a reverend for a father and a drill sergeant for a step father). Regardless, Americans owe him a pound of thanks and gratitude.

2. At a very young age (8 I estimate) he instilled in me the seed of independent thought. He was pointing out some program at some college where they provided free child care for single moms whilst the moms went and pursued their degrees in whatever worthless pursuits they were pursuing. He said and I distinctly remember;

"Isn't that nice they pay for the child care of all those mothers?"

I said in a very 8 year old innocent way, "yes, it is!"

"I wonder who pays for that all." he said.

I said, "I don't know. Who!?"

He said, "Oh, you do kid. You do!"

And (I'm being serious here) that planted the seeds of independent thought in me to inevitably question the reality and logic of everything I heard ever since and made me who I am today (in terms of my political and ideological economic thought). In short he is responsible for bringing you the monster known as Cappy Cap.

For you see, the Ole Sergeant Major certainly did more than his fair share fighting commies and Charlie back in Vietnam. And the Ole Sergeant Major fought valiantly for the freedom of the Southern Vietnamese not to mention the rest of the world from the greatest evil to plague this planet. But I often wonder if he realizes the old adage;

"The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword"

I often wonder with the estimated 50,000 weekly readers I have here if he realizes he did more to advance the causes of liberty, freedom and independence than he might have realized he would back when he dispensed his fatherly wisdom in 1984. I do often wonder if he really truly genuinely realizes just how much he achieved by being man enough to instill independent thought upon a young child and what would happen with the technology of the internet.

Regardless, play the youtube video above and appreciate what the ole Sergeant Major did for all of us.

Is My Degree Worthless?

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That is an outstanding question. And hopefully if you've searched it on the internet, you landed here.

In short, most of you youth have been lied to about education. The lies are many and varied, but the key ones are;

1. Any education is good education (ie-it doesn't matter what you major in)
2. Follow your heart, the money will follow (or some variant thereof)
3. Employers just want to see that you can get a degree. What you do with it afterwards, is up to you.
4. Education is a great investment
5. You should go to grad school

Behind this is a genuine conspiracy to separate you from your tuition money as quickly as possible as generations of worthless-degreed people before you try to recoup the money they pissed away on worthless degrees via the educational system.

But all hope is not lost. YOu are probably 22 or 23 and think your life is over, but in reality since every school requires so many damn "pre-requisites" you've only wasted half your education.

However, before you return to college or trade school, I would strongly recommend dropping the money ($5 on Kindle, $12.95 for the paperback) on the book "Worthless."

This book was specifically written for young people like you in mind. Kids who either had no guidance in terms of choosing a major or kids who were misled into forfeiting $50,000 and 4 years of their youth on some worthless degree.

Buy it. Read it. Tell your friends about it.

It will be money much better spent on your "masters in sociology" or whatever.

Adios "Red Headed Eskimo"

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Sadly Richard Winters has passed away.

Hopefully Nix and Spiers can finally get him to drink.

Domino Sugar

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More proof there's a sucker born every minute.

On a side note, if you're interested about telling Domino Sugar about how you like being proselytized and lectured to about going green, you can tell them here.

Because after all, you are all are a bunch of fascist anti-environmental nazis unless you buy "green" Domino sugar.

The Youth Will Turn on the Left

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I know this sounds impossibly optimistic of me, but when I was hastily putting together the Worthless Degree seminar, I saw a TON of YouTube videos on younger folk who are VERY angry about their degrees and how they just got scammed out of thousands of dollars. And although young and completely ignorant enough to be taken in by the "Hope and Change and Unicorns" bit, what they are experiencing is that ultimate crushing collapse that "has to happen" before people wake up and realize the reality of the situation we're in.

Conservatives and capitalists are quite familiar with this "collapse-requirement" simply because when we've argued with liberals and leftists in the past, especially the younger ones, it's impossible to reason with them. Facts and data don't even phase them. And what you realize in a very short time is that NOTHING you say will convince them otherwise and only a crushing, collapse of their well-being and reality will get them to start to think they may be wrong.

I believe that collapse is here.

Not that the entire US economy is collapsing and we'll all be Mad Maxing it next week, but in terms of their lives and perspectives and ESPECIALLY their futures, the youth cannot view it as anything but a collapse. And the culprit?

The left's most powerful institution;

Education.

Understand education is how the left survives. Shamelessly by targeting young, ignorant and uneducated children and brainwashing them into believing in socialism. But now with the recession continuing on into Obama's 3rd year and no turn around or promises coming true or being delivered upon, the youth I believe will turn against the left faster than most of us could hope.

Why?

The one thing the youth had that we didn't have as youth;

The Internet.

It's not like you can't look up tax rates. It's not like you can't look up budgets. It's not like you can't look up any factual data out there and (if you are intellectually driven to do so)

find out the truth.

And it is these two things that is going to turn arguably the left's most reliable voting bloc against them.

Just watch some of the videos below and you'll see what I'm talking about;

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Whilst society and the economy collapses, take yourself a respite from the decline and enjoy some Louie Armstrong

The Canadian Drive By Media

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Understand if there is a archetype "Crusader" it is a journalist. Whereas ideally people who become journalists would have the truth be their ultimate goal, most are crusaders who sadly just make themselves shills for a political crusade.

Why is it then journalists and media types are so prone to become crusaders?

Because they are predisposed to it. The type of person who goes and majors in journalism commits the "First Sin of Crusaderism" by majoring in something that doesn't take a lot of effort, doesn't really produce anything of value, yet expects society still provide them a living has a dishonest personality. They don't care about anything as noble as reporting the truth and being the fourth branch of government. They care only of themselves and shills whatever one political group or another tells them to go.

Bypassing HR

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I did a little research to see what the rule of thumb was on bypassing HR in terms of finding jobs and found it rather interesting.

Camp One - The "Golem HR Nazi Camp"

"NO!!! YOU NEEDS US!!! MY PRECIOUS!!!! THE POWER WE NEED!!! WE ARE IMPORTANT WE TELL US SO!!!! YOU NEEEEEEEEDS US!!!!!!"

"If you bypass us we'll kick your ass (even though we admit we're pretty useless)"

Camp Two - The Real world

All the hiring is done through networking and bypassing HR.

"Avoid HR like the plague"

"I receive more unqualified applicants from HR than qualified"

"HR can only tell you no."

"I'm from HR and even I'M telling you to avoid HR."

Ah, HR. Crushing deficits, high corporate taxes, frivolous lawsuits and over-burdensome regulation cannot hold a candle to your ability to keep the US economy from growing and booming.

Credentialism Killed the Radio Star

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"Unfortunately, our society is becoming more and more obsessed with standardized credentials, even as there has been a broad devaluation of the credentials themselves"

I would only add to this one aspect nobody has thought of in the credentialism world;

Inbreeding.

In hiring the "perfect" candidates all the time, you hire essentially the genetically same, obedient, automotons you always do. This creates a problem in that like any organic creature, too much of the same type leaves them susceptible to disease, threats, predators or any change in their environment.

While applicable in terms of biological evolution and survival of the fittest, in having psychologically homogeneous employees (of a meek, obedient type), the corporate entity as a whole is;

1. Unable to identify external threats (or opportunities).
2. UnWILLING to inform superiors about threats or opportunities (as rocking the boat ist VERBOTEN!)
3. Too established in their corporate culture to be nimble enough to adapt quickly enough to a changing environment in order to survive.

Consider it this way. In today's American economy do we need another conformist, mass produced, obedient MBA, or Captain Jack Sparrow?

Of course we need revolutionary leaders like Captain Jack, but could you imagine HR EVER letting in somebody like that to their pristine, sterile corporate worlds?

Well, enjoy the decline people. Enjoy the decline.

Wow, Guess We Ain't Going to Sweden

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I knew Sweden was known for being one of the more advanced countries when it came to getting women into positions of power, but I had no idea how far and invasive the concept of "gender neutrality" has permeated the psyche over there. And I'm not talking about something legitimate like a "pay gap." I'm talking about things where people are complaining about playgrounds being sexist and girls being denied the right to wear pretty clothes when they're in gymnastics class because that would define gender.

It's an insightful and scary piece, but I have a simple question;

Where the hell are all the men in Sweden?????

Frugality Will Replace the 401k

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Because the 401k can be confiscated by the government, whereas living frugally cannot.

Just make sure you don't have kids or get married. The two biggest liabilities in the US.

Cannot Go Unpublishished, Nor Unforwarded

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I neither condone nor condemn any of the commentary here. But here is a simple excerpt from the post that cannot go unpublished, nor unforwarded;

"Listen to me. A good woman ages beautifully. When I look at my wife, I see the most gorgeous woman in the universe. Her wrinkled hands got that way by keeping up with my two boys and working hard for them while I was on the road. The lines under her eyes are from years of shedding tears for me when I was at war, and those wrinkles on her brow are from decades of worry for me and my two sons. It was her legs they held on to when they were learning to walk, her lap was where they learned to read, and her breasts were their first nourishment. The first kiss those boys ever received was from her lips, and God willing, my last kiss will be from her lips."

Those evil alpha males.

This is Not Your Father's Recession

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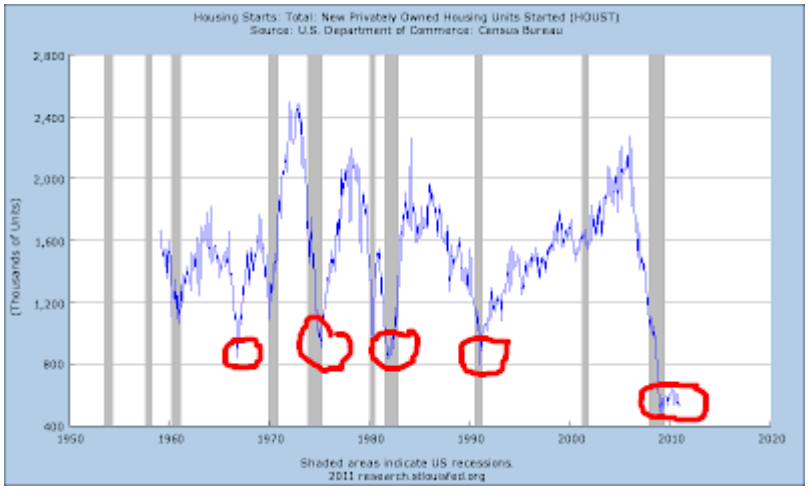
I like using housing starts as a 6-18 month predictor of the economy.

Why?

Housing starts predict unemployment by 6-18 months quite well. Housing starts will tank, and sure enough 6-18 months later unemployment starts to tank. Housing market bottoms out and starts to recover, unemployment sure enough peaks 6-18 months later.

But what if housing starts stay stubbornly low?

Notice in the chart housing starts usually recover immediately, bottoming out and immediately recovering resulting in a very V shape recovery. However, (despite all the stimulus money and low interest rates and first time home buyer credits) housing starts remain stubbornly low this time around, matter of fact, staying quite low and flat for pushing three years;



So, my fine fellow economists, what do you suppose this means for unemployment?

I know the answer is simple, but keep in mind those brilliant economic geniuses at the Fed and Obama's economic team can't figure this out. Which makes you essentially all tippy top super official professional economists!

Cusano Cigars vs. Cuban Cohibas

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Cuban cigars, as I'm sure you're well aware of are the "best" in the world.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jesse Ventura and well, whoever else said they were.

But, of course, all good things must come to an end, and once again capitalism has beaten the living crap out of one of the few things to maintain its decency under communism.

Cigars

Your Captain is currently in Mexico right now and exercised his Mexican right to purchase Cuban cigars (because as an AMERICAN I CAN'T buy Cuban cigars in America, because I am afterall an American).

I had one about 4-5 years ago in Canada (you can look up the video here for an excerpt of my trip). Very good. One of the best. Admittedly, I'm not an aficionado, but I do know my cigars.

That is until I found the Cusano M-1.

$4.

Smooth.

Flavorful.

But better than all that what I really liked is the fact I have NEVER had to "work" at keeping an M-1 lit. You light it once, you puff on it at your leisure and you can actually ENJOY the damn thing, rather than feel like you're trying to siphon gas or give mouth to mouth. The drag is perfect and once lit, it burns AMAZINGLY even.

Meanwhile, I just spent the better part of an hour on the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico working harder than I ever did before just to keep a damn Cuban Cohiba lit. The taste was good, don't get me wrong. But I don't want to have my moonlit night ruined huffing and puffing away at a cigar that just won't obey (and paid $13 for it!).

So do yourselves a favor. Instead of going with a has-been, just go here and order yourself some damn fine cigars. You want the-

Cusano
M-1
TORPEDO CUT

The Captain's Adventures in Mexico

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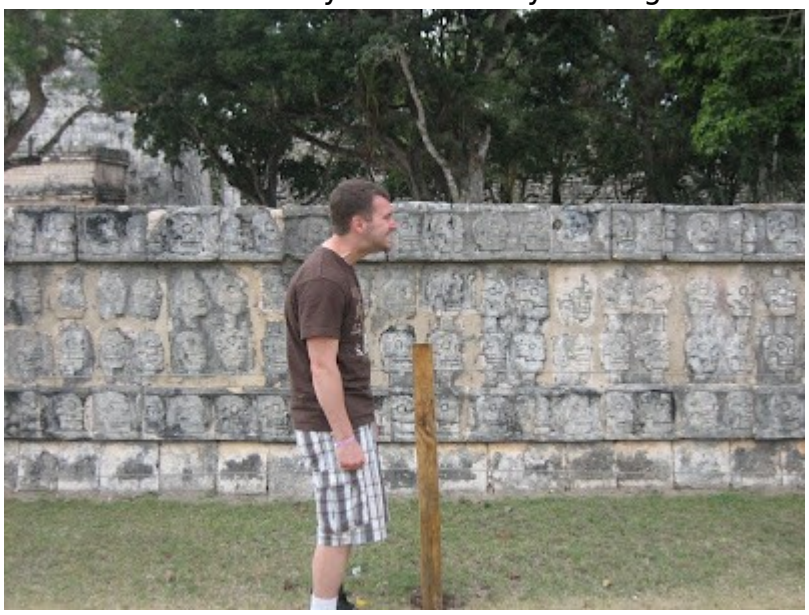
This is the explanation for the lack of posts. Vacation in Mexico.

This is me smoking a cuban at 9 in the morning. It was after an early morning swim in the Gulf. Notice the sincere lack of contributing to GDP. Also notice the consumption of a non-US good whilst enjoying the services of a non-US country. I call this my "Enjoying the Decline" face.

This is in Chichen Itza, one of the largest Mayan archeological finds. I have always wanted to go there since I was a kid. The purpose for my pose is to blend in with the skulls carved into rock behind. They were all very smiling.



This is a building.

This is the main pyramid in Chichen Itza. I thought you could climb it, but apparently it is frowned upon by the local federales. No touchy.

As with all vacations your Captain takes, it was more adventure and exploration than lying around a beach doing nothing. However, if you do go to the Yucatan peninsula, I strongly advise NOT going to Chichen Itza on that sad account it takes;
1. 3 hours to get there because the Mexicans drive real slow.

2. When you get there they have unfortunately allowed the local vendors to sell all their trinkets and crap completely ruining the experience for you. And you might say, "wow, how can only a few vendors ruin such a grand experience." NO, trust me, there are literally hundreds of them harassing you the entire time. Imagine Glacier National Park or Yellowstone with hundreds of people constantly hounding you to buy a shirt no matter where you went or what mountain you'd climb.

The Cowardice of Men

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It's late January.

And in the Captain's world that means it's time to start the largest quarter of dance classes-Winter Quarter. A full month has passed. People have received their community ed brochures in the mail. Finally get around to signing up for a class. And BOOM! Off we go for a solid 6 months of teaching dance with the goal of taking a 2 month vacation out west with my motorcycle.

Of course something that continually catches me off-guard is the severe lack of men in the dance classes. The reason why I'm caught off guard is because during January I try to take a vacation, finish invoicing for the previous year, and finish my taxes. And before I know it, BOOM! Classes are starting and I'm starting to get attendance sheets which shows I need to scramble and find 18 extra men for the 18 surplus women I have in my class in 3 hours.

This sets into action a desperate bid on my part to find men. And how do you suppose men respond to me inquiring about their interest in being a pinch hitter in a dance class overflowing with women?

Do they say, "Wow, 18 extra women! COUNT ME IN!"

Do they say, "Dude! Yeah, I'm all over it if there's extra girls!"

or do they say, "Yeah, sure, I'm up for learning something new!"

Hell no.

It's more like,

"WHAT!???? A DANCE class? Are you CRAZY!? There's no way I'm dancing!!!!"

"ARE YOU INSANE!!??? THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M DANCING!!!"

Which has led me to a conclusion.

Men are cowards.

Oh, they'll climb the peak of Mount Everest.

And they'll walk to the South Pole.

They'll land on the moon.

And they'll charge the beaches of Normandy under murderous fire from the nazis.

But when it comes time to spend a FREAKING hour with a girl and move their feet according to a beat or pattern, oh no! That's asking TOO much! That's waaaaaay more daunting that walking through a mine field while getting shelled during Operation Torch.

I often sit here in this little world of mine and ask myself how I compare to my American male peers. And as much as I would like to think that I am just an average guy of average build and strength, I realize that I am not so much a "super man" as much as I am simply an old school man, which despite my physicality, makes me supremely more alpha than my modern day American beta male counterparts. I have this somehow "god like power" to have the courage to (GASP!) ASK A FREAKING GIRL TO DANCE which most men don't. And somehow that just doesn't sit right with me. I've never faced battle. I've on occasion have faced death. But on the grand scheme of things, dancing with girls (even when I was a rookie) just plain didn't seem that damn threatening.

Ergo, men of the Cappy Cap Capposphere-

Get off your ass.

Grab a girl.

Go sign up for a dance class.

And dance!

I honestly don't know why I have to write these things.

Music Therapy is a Worthless Degree

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Yes, son. Sorry to say, it is.

You see, the primary reason why, despite what your professors will tell you, is that the entire profession, the entire industry, you job can be replaced by a CD or an MP3 player.

If you don't believe me, ask how many of the music professors are music therapists? And what few are actually employed in that field, ask them where they make most of their money. That's right, off of suckers like you thinking you're going to get paid to play music!

It's the old saying,

"When there's a gold rush, don't pan for gold. Sell gold pans."

So kids, listen to your Old Uncle Cappy. He's trying to help you here and make sure you don't impoverish yourself. He isn't trying to be mean. DON'T MAJOR IN MUSIC THERAPY!

Read this here book and find out for yourself. Worth the $5 on Kindle to save you the $60,000 you'd drop on your worthless degree.

Wall Street In La-La Land

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Does anybody see the problem here and how it relates to 401k plans and IRA's?

Cripes.

Support, Indifference, Nag, Complain, or Tantrum

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A short one and then I must go.

This one is for the ladies out there who I occasionally like to dispense courting/dating advice to. However, unlike advice you find in Cosmo or Oprah, my advice actually works.

When it comes to your man making a decision (of things that are NOT vital in nature or vital to your relationship) you have five options in how you're going to respond or react to his decision;

Support
Indifference
Nag
Complain
or
Tantrum

Of these five options, only two are acceptable, support and indifference.

Support is preferable in that your man has already made up his mind and is going to take action regardless of whether you agree with him or not. And I want you to understand that statement

- he has already made up his mind and is going to take action regardless

This is what real men do. And if you want a real man, and not some compliant beta type who always asks, "well what do you want dear????," then you have to understand that you are not going to always agree with him 100%, and therefore whether you agree with him or not, he's going to do it. Therefore, you may as well support him.

The man (or at least real men) will be thankful for your support and love you that much more knowing you condone his actions and will therefore brag to his friends, "My god, I have the most supportive wife/girlfriend. She BOUGHT ME ammo for our hunting trip!"

Indifference is also acceptable. This is where your man says, "I'm going to play poker with the guys and smoke cigars." And you, completely indifferent, if not thankful you'll get him out of the house for a couple hours dismiss him nonchalantly saying, "Yeah, yeah, go, have fun."

Then we get into the unacceptable responses.

Nagging - NOT ACCEPTABLE. Again, going back to the premise he is going to carry out his mission regardless, all nagging achieves is raising his blood pressure. It's not even that you are contesting or questioning his decision, as much as you are interrogating him about all the nuances and details that are irrelevant. Not to mention, the more you nag him about it, the more he is delayed from finishing his mission. This only agitates men and does not help you on account he will now entertain thoughts of greener, non-nagging pastures.

Complaining - Again, complaining is acceptable when you are talking about decisions of importance. For example do you want children? Where should you live? But for decisions of not-importance complaining not only has the annoying benefits of nagging, but you now have guilt added to it. The man now has to worry and wonder (while he's carrying out his mission because he was going to carrying it out regardless) as to whether "going fishing with the guys" is angering you and now damaging the relationship. And while he's working the extra hours at work to make ends meet, he now gets the unnecessary and unneeded stress of having to worry about his home/social life. Congratulations! You've now made him plan his next vacation to Greener Pastures!

Tantrum - Your beloved Captain hasn't ran into this one in about 4 or 5 years on account it really is more of a 20 something phenomenon, but he has ran into the occasional 30 something woman that still resorts to this unacceptable response. Tantrum is where you morph into a child and go psychotic. This happens. You Captain remembers starkly having an ex girlfriend throw a tantrum on I-35 in downtown Minneapolis so violent, he had to threaten her that he'd dump her out on the side of the rush hour interstate. Another ex threw one while in the Lowry tunnel on I-94 (what is it with women throwing tantrums on the interstate???). Why were they throwing tantrums? The first one because I had to cancel a date that night so I could work to put food on the table. The second one because I failed to purchase her a soda when we filled up for gas.

Obviously tantrum is not only not acceptable, but understand ladies, it is so vile that you have not upshot at all. The man now will be re-enforced to carry out his mission simply to annoy you. Also, in displaying this drama queen behavior, any real man will dump your psychotic ass and have purchased a condo in Greener Pastures.

Thankfully I've aged to the point this is no longer a semi-annual event, but I mention it for the benefit of the younger 20 somethings out there who through poor parental upbringing, reading too many Cosmo magazines or watching too many movies have been led to believe this is somehow acceptable behavior.

Now go and enjoy a much improved courting life!

Top 10 Worthless Degrees

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Brilliant!

Should be forwarded to any youth contemplating going to college, just as this book should be mandatory reading for all kids considering college.

But what I particularly like is the comments section where the veritable morons with these degrees come to defend them. Oh, it's priceless!

Enjoy that decline!

Recession Medicine

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How men view women on the internet - By Haley

"Well My Husband is a Republican, So So Am I!"

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This is a really big pet peeve of mine.

And let me explain why.

Politics, tainted as it may be as a "hobby," is one of the more noble ones in that it shows you actually care about the country. THis is why this blog is here and arguably why you are here. You care about the future of the country and so you opine, theorize, and if you're particularly intellectually honest, study and research the facts and then form an opinion.

But Bruni, all of the sudden, deciding she is "not so left wing anymore" is just another example of a another typical leftist-turned-conservative because "her husband is conservative." It's akin to the "Sean Hannity Trophy Wives" I spoke about before where a "typical" 20 something girl with the politically correct liberal arts degree, swallows the leftist BS whole and skips along in la la liberal land during her 20's with no serious or rigorous thought given to her supporting a leftist ideology and what the ramifications are for her country and future in voting so.

Then comes along the first REAL challenge and responsibility she ever has face - a husband and children.

This heavy dose of reality does two things.

1. She now has something more important than her politics (her husband). And since supporting liberal causes was not really an passionate ideology for her as much as it was a "hobby" or something "fashionable" to do, she abandons it to pursue a family.

2. When kids come into the equation, HOOO BOY! Now the woman has genuine skin in the game in the future. And instead of being worried about whether there will be a Sex and the City 3, she now has plenty o' time to think about what kind of future her child will grow up in (which is why I LOVE it when liberal Gen X'ers start having children and all of the sudden start to take an interest in the federal deficit).

Of course, while this is disproportionately a phenomenon you see with women, men are the same to blame too. THough I like listening to him very much, Michael Medved was a liberal. And if I recall correctly Dennis Prager was one too (in his youth??? Or am I thinking of another talk show host?) Took my old man 55 years of life to finally get past "stage 1 thinking" and realize "just throwing money at the poor" doesn't solve anything. Here, I'm even more harsh on men because I want to say, "WHAT THE HELL!? Where the hell have

you been??? You're FINALLY GETTING THIS NOW?! Great, thanks for effing up everything up with your past 30 years of voting. Oh, and look, you get to die off and not see the destruction you've wrought upon this country!"

Of course the catalyst which brings about men's realization that youthful leftism is stupid and ultimately unsustainable is usually the real world. The working world. That when you're done with college and the smoking pot and partying, you realize "claiming to be a liberal to score with chicks" might have some long term and serious consequences if you don't grow up. It's not because, "Oh, all of my buddies are Republican, so I am too!"

But now that I think about it. Perhaps not. How else can you explain union members religiously voting left all the time when Detroit has been gutted and the Iron Range is at a mere fraction it's former employment.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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This one, with such a small mention in the Pioneer Press, almost slipped past the radar.

Of course, this is good that BP is shutting down it's refining capacity here (good luck finding a buyer). Because BP is an evil oil company and we don't want any of those jobs here in the US.

Working to Pay for Somebody Else to Take Care of Your Children

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I shall summarize these lengthy economic studies quickly and succinctly so you needn't bother with reading them in their entirety.

When both parents work, there is nobody there to take care of the children.

Ergo, the feeding, raising, rearing and general "bringing up" of the child is foisted upon the government.

This necessitates a higher government spending as a percent of GDP which correlates with more labor force participation by women.

HOWEVER,

Because more and more women are working, this increases GDP per capita (which is a good thing)

HOWEVER,

Think about the two statements above.

Think about it....

THIIIIIINK ABOUT IT!!!!

KEEP THINKING!!!!

What do your economic spidey senses tell you!????!!!

And you will probably realize that in essence (and with an admittedly VERY broad stroke of a brush I am painting here) women have essentially given up being stay at home moms so they may work up the tax dollars to pay government paid strangers to bring up their own children.

READ THAT AGAIN

women have essentially given up being stay at home moms so they may work up the tax dollars to pay government paid strangers to bring up their own children.

Matter of fact, if you think about the plurality of jobs women pursue, it is simply to take care of other women's children (teachers, social workers, day care, nannies, etc.). But hey, at least they're not bothered bringing up their own icky yuck gross children. I mean, at least they don't have to spend time with them. I mean who wants to do THAT? They are too busy working up the money to pay taxes to pay some government worker to take care of their children. Thank god for outsourcing! I mean, otherwise you might have sit down dinners and conversation and a healthy nuclear family void of divorce.

Now imagine,

JUST IMAGINE (and I know this is going to be a revolutionary thought)

if ONE PARENT STAYED AT HOME TO BRING UP THEIR OWN CHILDREN

AND

ANOTHER PARENT WORKED TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY!

Then you wouldn't need to have two parents working because the government wouldn't need the taxes to bring up other people's children, because (drum roll please)....

YOU'D BE BLEEPING TAKING CARE OF YOUR OWN BLEEPING CHILDREN!!!!

I know! CRAZY STUFF! huh!? I mean, society should try that sometime! Oh, it would be experimental and we don't know what the results would be. But, pha, I don't have my "doctoroate in sociology" or "family psychology" so what do I know? I'm just an economist.

In the meantime I will continue to enjoy watching parents forced to slave away to pay other parents to take care of their children through forever increasing taxation so they can afford the outsourcing fee to pay governmental strangers to bring up those yucky icky gross children of theirs.

BIG Hat tip

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Priorities;

I > Society

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"Me and my beliefs are more important than adhering to any modicum of unspoken and generally accepted societal decorum because ultimately I am more important and better than the rest of society."

I shall file this under, "Girls who make it painfully obvious I don't want to date them."

Post Post

This is a comment (rarely do I post them) and I want you to view it as if we were studying something scientifically in a cage. The reason why is it exemplifies precisely the psychology I'm talking about and reiterates my point;

I see absolutely nothing wrong with breast feeding in public. What's the big friggin deal? Somebody's "sensibilities" might get offended? Because god forbid somebody get offended, we should have laws against that shit so nobody will ever have to feel bad again. Ever.

I shall point out just these few points and leave the rest to you guys;

1. The absurdity about making laws so that nobody feels bad anymore. I feel bad this person has the right to vote. I feel bad I can't drive 100 MPH on the interstate. I feel bad a democrat is president. I feel bad Green Bay won the super bowl. So let's outlaw these things? It's so childish and inane the point needn't be hounded.

2. Notice I've made no demands or requests to outlaw breast feeding in public. I merely am pointing out many people find it inappropriate and will continue to find it inappropriate, whether it's legal or not, and when confronted with the fact that this might deter potential suitors, the cage is severely rattled.

Enjoy the decline!

5th Grade Economics

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I have maintained that economics is above all else, simple.

It's common sense.

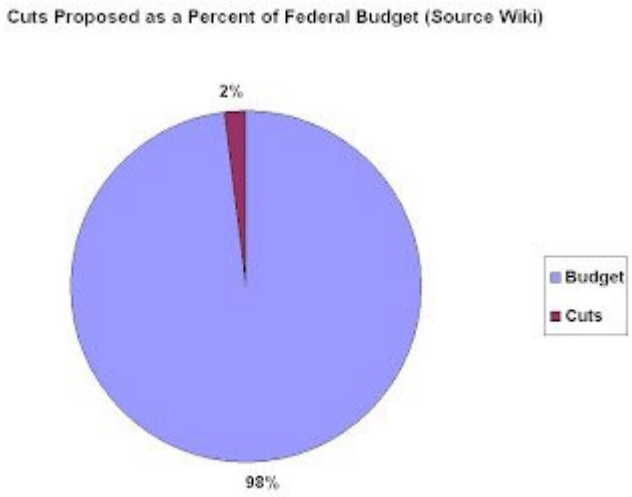
It's easy.

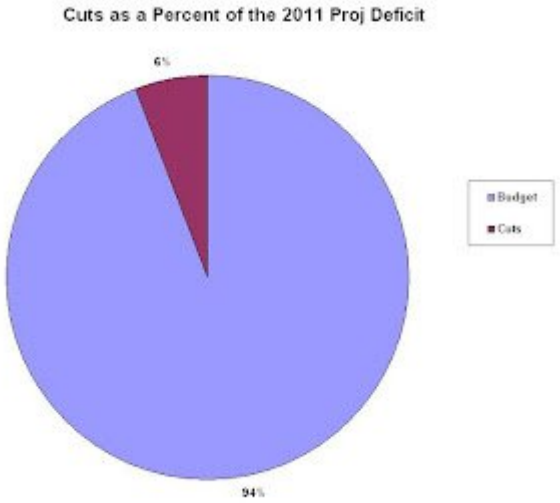
And if you're just willing to spend the 3 minutes or so to check something out on the internet to see if something is true or not, it becomes very apparent how pretty much all of the world's problems can be solved.

And so, now an economics lesson your average 5th grader can understand.

The Republicans have proposed $74 billion in budget cuts from the Federal Budget. They will catch hell for this and be called racist and evil and so forth.

I ask you, is this anywhere near solving the problem?




Cuts as a Percent of the 2011 Proj Deficit
6%
94%
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Link Fest!

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He's tired, he should enjoy the decline!

"like getting banned by a store you don’t visit"

Why the colonel (a real economist) should replace Paul Krugman (a fake one)

Drink before watching.

More Courting Advice from the Captain

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Recessions are great things in that they force reality upon people.

Oh sure, little Suzie, you can major in communications with a minor in Ethiopian-Czech-American-History. But if a recession comes, you'll be living with mommy and daddy once again (whilst no doubt spouting how independent you are).

But for men (and those women of a certain mechanical nature) recessions do two things that do actually provide an upshot;

1. They cut your income
2. They increase the amount of free time

These two factors forces you to consider a long lost art from the Manly Men of Yore;

Fixing and repairing things.

With less income, you can't afford to fix your motorcycle.

With more time, you CAN learn how to fix it yourself.

And if you combine all these factors, you may actually come out financially ahead on account you are at a lower income tax bracket, but still have the same disposable income because you're fixing things on your own.

For example the Captain is rapidly become an excellent motorcycle mechanic. Advantages?

1. Saving tons of money.
2. Learning a new skill.
3. Increased sexual attraction from the ladies (and no, I'm not making that up, you just see what happens when you walk back inside the house all mucked up in grease and sweat and see what happens)

Or another example, I installed my own wood burning stove. Advantages?

1. Saving money on heat bills (TONS of money on account I live in Minnesota).
2. Learning new carpentry skills.
3. Increased sexual attraction from the ladies (not just because you are being manly constructing new things, but the ladies do seem to like nice warm fires on cold, blustery

winter nights)

It is here men, that regardless of your occupation or profession, you must learn some blue collar skills. Not just to save money or prepare for an inevitable decline of the country where a Mad Max world would be upon us. And not just for the psychological benefit that comes with actually producing something (of which Barry O knows nothing about). But because it is a huge advantage in the dating world.

Go to any university and there's little Suzie (once again majoring in 13th Century Feminist Interpretive Dance). She's a cutie and her car breaks down. Oh no! Who will save Cutsie Suzie?

Will it be Tanner Jones-Feelingsman, a fellow 13th Century Feminist Interpretive Dance major, and sensitive 90's man extraordinaire?

Will it be Gaylan McHippie-Goatee, a poetry major whose parents couldn't teach him the difference between a phillips or a flat head screw driver, but he uses a reusable bag when he goes to Whole Foods?

Or will it be Mike Jones, regular ole American guy whose dad, instead of giving him a free ride through college, bought him a Stanely Tool set and taught him how to fix cars?

You young men figure that one out.

It's Tough to Pay Taxes Without a Job

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Which is why I refuse to make more than $30,000 per year and instead take 2 month vacations out West on my motorcycle because, well, even if I wanted to work more;

1. Nobody's hiring and
2. Why would I do such a thing when i'd only get to keep half the extra money.

Why You Should Be Against "Male Studies"

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I didn't think it would exist because of inherent male psychology, but it does. Found it on one of the manosphere blogs and I can't remember which, but it's come to this;

Male Studies.

So let me explain this as short and succinctly as I can.

Male studies should not exist.

Not because men aren't important.

Not because aspects of society aren't assailing and assaulting men.

And because not that we shouldn't be calling attention to the plight men have.

Male studies should not exist because the concept of having a "male studies" degree or program is antithetical to being male.

Men solve problems. Men are direct and to the point. Men are practical.

Ergo, the idea of having a "male studies" program in college is inane. It doesn't solve the problem, but instead is simply a side-show that distracts from the main issues. It's a means to profit off of the naive feelings and emotions of kids who lack the intellectual rigor to study a real discipline in college, but enough of their parents money they can afford not to (just like women's studies, or any hyphenated American studies). It does nothing to help its participants.

To champion "male causes" or fight against "the war on boys" the tools already exist in the form of the public forum. The internet, the media, your legislators, the judicial system and (above all) your personal decisions are all one needs to help the cause of men.

The idea of making it a "science" or a "discipline," where no doubt taxpayer money would be used, is frankly insulting and beneath all real men and their standards everywhere. Besides, in creating a "male studies" program, how are we now any different than those who participate in a "womens studies" program?

Good Journalism

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In preparation for a speech I will be holding at the U of Minnesota, I spent a fair amount of time looking up University salaries as a means to gauge education inflation.

I came across this piece put together by the Minnesota Daily (the student newspaper) that was heartening in that it was;

1. Well written
2. Relevant
3. An actual example of good journalism

Sadly there are no comments on the site which leads me to believe such work largely falls on deaf ears in the university world.

I Support the Teachers

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A teacher who has the courage to speak her mind about public education and then is lambasted by the school administration?

Damn right I'll link to her.

Filed under, "Institutions trying to violate your freedom of speech if they don't agree with it and threaten to fire you for having an opinion."

The Death of an Entrepreneur

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Let me tell you about Bill and then I have to bolt.

Bill is my buddy and my realtor. I've known him a long time as I've been in real estate a long time. And ever since I've known him he's been an entrepreneur. He's been in real estate, works hard and has always been on the look out for what we call "Cunning Plans" as a reference to the Black Adder Comedy Troupe.

His "cunning plans" included grandiose things like boosting some of the poorer communities by bulldozing the worst neighborhoods and putting a golf course right in the middle while building around the periphery of the course condos to house those displaced.

Another was to analyze and identify key houses in the richest of neighborhoods, purchasing them and housing ex-cons and loud youth in them to drive prices in the neighborhood down, only to repurchase the land, kick the criminals out and resell the properties at a markup.

Whatever the case, he was always thinking, planning and scheming coming up with new ideas.

No longer.

Now he's gone into complete defense mode. His purchases and "investments" are not really investments at all, but food supplies, survival gear and potentially finding a safe house. Admittedly he's gone a little further down the "society collapsing" route than I have, but be it him, me or any other young entrepreneur, there is a HUGE ramification that just dawned on me.

The entrepreneurs are no longer entrepreneuring. They've stopped.

Now, if you study economics enough, you will realize that what REALLY advances economies and societies is NOT working harder and more efficient. It is revolutionary ideas, largely led by entrepreneurs and youth, that revolutionize society and produce massive amounts of wealth (ergo why I support STEM degrees and advocate the elimination of liberal arts and other such worthless degree and programs).

Regardless, the juxtaposition of talking to Bill the other day and what the clueless leaders in Washington say is hilarious, though sad. Obama wants a "sputnik moment." He also wants to "win the future" and his rosy budget forecasts rely on 5% RGDP growth in the

future. Our governor, Mark Dayton in his speech hailed a "generation of greatness."

Not without the likes of Bill.

For idiots such as Mark Dayton and Barack Obama who never work a real job in their lives and have never produced an ounce of genuine economic production (both trust fund babies), think they can simply "order" "greatness" and "sputnik moments." They don't realize they need to get out of the way, shut up, lower taxes and make the country hospitable to future entrepreneurs. They also don't realize that the single biggest fear driving away investment and future entrepreneurs is that damn deficit and the forever increasing likelihood of economic collapse.

And until that happens, you can expect Bill to store nuts for a horrible economic winter instead of start up another company and employing people.

Enjoy the decline!

The End of Political Correctness

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I believe as the economy continues to collapse and people's futures continue to look bleak, people will have no economic incentive any longer to be politically correct and will instead just start speaking the truth.

For example.

Hat tip.

Mandating Charts by Law in All Reuters Articles

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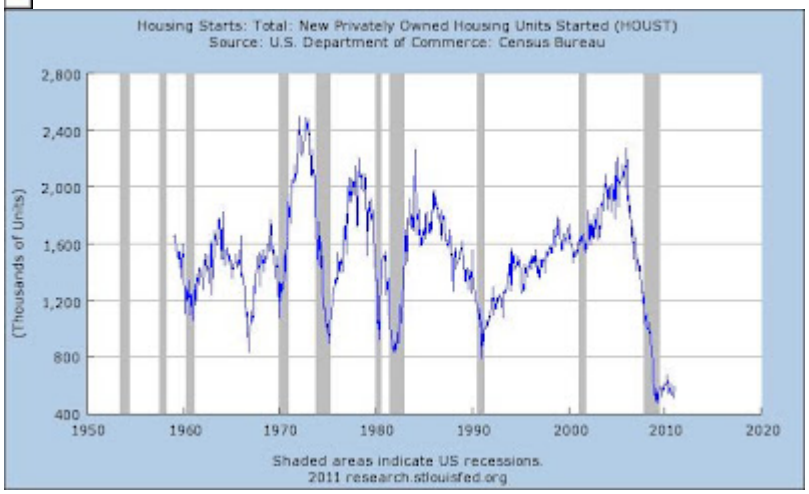
Reuters reports "Housing Starts SURGE in January!"

Does this look like a $#$ing surge to you people at Reuters?



You shameless political shills.

I swear, when I am king there will be a law passed that forces all media reporting on the economy to provide the corresponding chart or link to a chart that shows the data.

File under "The Cancer is Spreading Less Slowly"

Liars, Cheats and Teacher's Unions

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I shall be short and sweet with this because it is that simple.

In the many articles you can find about the Madison protests, of all that is insulting and angers me the most is when I hear the various unions, protesters and teachers say, "We're fighting for democracy."

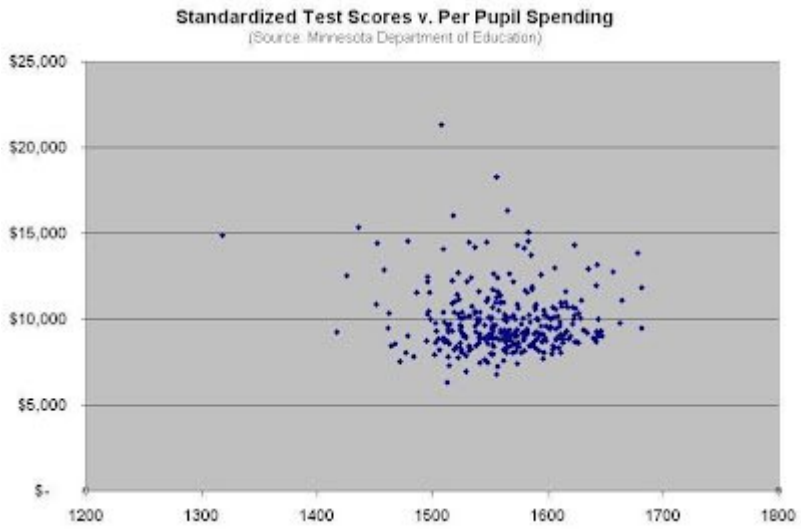
No you aren't.

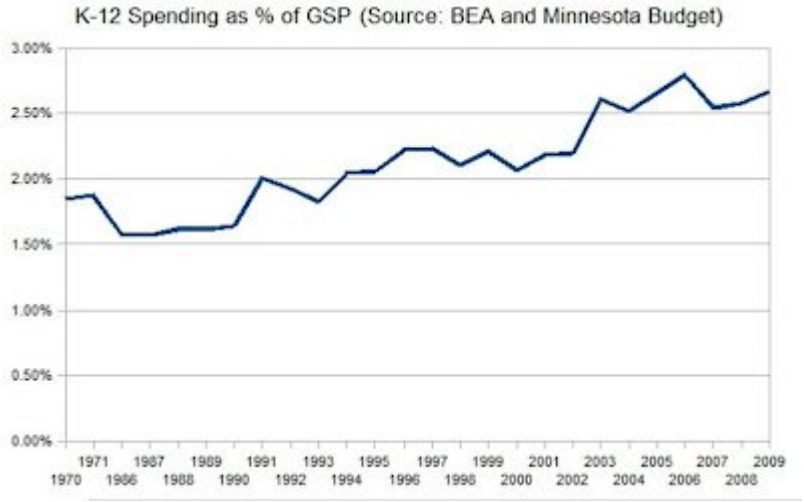
Democracy is where the majority rules.

You are by default tyrants and oppressors.

The majority of the population in Wisconsin has voted in Republicans and, among other things, they are going to reel back what is frankly huge overpayment to a corrupt union. Fighting against it, to the point cowards flee from their responsibility to "hide" is the DEFINITION of TYRANNY. Of course these corrupt officials and the idiot protesters who support them, frankly do not have the maturity or intellectual honesty to adhere to democracy.

Additionally, I will post two charts that should be in every state capitol and in the hands of every state legislator and every governor, so please feel free to send them. They are for Minnesota, but I'm quite sure the statistics would hold for any state;





Do not tell me you need more money or that it's horrible you have to pay for your own damn pensions.

Glad I Had a Vasectomy

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If for any other reason my would-be-child does not have to suffer the mental-carpet-bag this poor kid is going to become when he gets older. Read the whole article and you will see why I'm happy I'm out of the genetic propagation race.

hat tip.

Aren't You Glad You "Stuck it to the Man?"

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Hope protesting in the 60's was worth it.

Because in the end what drives your 401k's is corporate profits.

Not going green.

Not overburdensome regulations.

Not higher corporate tax rates.

Filed under, "Jim Morrison died on a toilet bowl"

Breaking the Social Contract, Gone Fishin', Teacher Union Math and More

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Linkfest!

A rather succinct summary of enjoying the decline. (though the Captain does NOT endorse the Bon Jovi lameness at the end)

Haley goes to a hell that makes Normandy on a rainy June day in 1944 look good.

Progression of Egyptian graduates from 1959 to Present (Just four photos to look at and a very quick post).

How teachers unions do math.

We're still not at 5 months supply, so expect housing prices to continue down.

Can we just "turn down the rhetoric?" Thank god Althouse is on the ground.

And Grerp! You're supposed to ENJOY the decline, not fear it! Embrace the decline. The decline is your friend.

Retro Captain!

Chimney Sweeper > Communications Major

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Chimney maker makes $240 an hour.

Starbucks "Barrrrrrrrrristas" make considerably less.

This concludes your lesson in basic economics.

Enjoying Watching California Suffer

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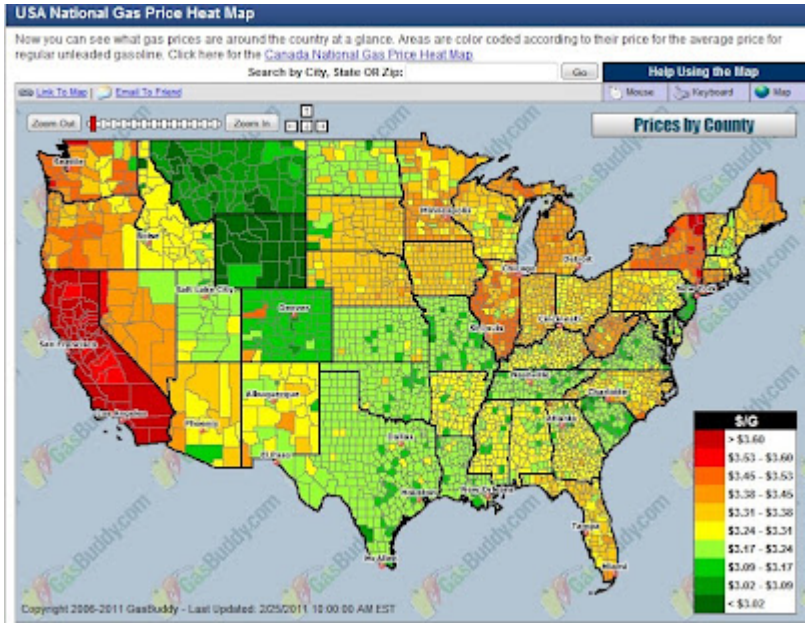

How's all that green energy treating you fellas out there?

Do Something .Org

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Because;

1. Studying
2. Playing sports
3. Working a part time job
4. Going to college
5. Supporting yourself
6. Spending time with friends
7. Playing video games
8. Or just plain being a normal high school kid

Isn't enough.

You need to "Do Something!"

Found this at a local high school. It's nothing more than leftist brainwashing. But what is so despicable is how the left purposely targets the young as they are too stupid to know any better.

What scares me is how many companies obviously just donated money to them despite, in the long run, participants in "Do Something" will simply vote for higher corporate taxes.

It's Called Capital Flight

February 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Friend of mine said 3M was thinking of leaving Minnesot and the US.

I didn't want to post it on account it was heresay.

Guess it wasn't.

A Happy Ending for Antioch College

March 3, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A short but happy piece.

But what is even better is the first three comments so do click and read below. It will give you your daily laugh.

San Fran, Madison and the Snarkolepsy Shuffle

March 5, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Snarks attended a rally in SF and took some photos of the "solidarity" protest they had for their brothers in arms in Madison.

The pictures pretty much tell you all you need to know.

Because Divorce is Good for the Chlidren

March 7, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dalrock puts together a spot on piece about how to market divorce.

However, it reminds me of the divorce episode in South Park which couldn't have been more succinct;

Never Send a Liberal to Do a Conservative's Job

March 8, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cripes.

Though I am VERY happy the nice little socialist students in California get to pay higher tuition because of this.

Not to mention all those good socialist voters in California get to pay higher taxes because of this.

Pour Yourself a Martini and Fire Up a Cigar

March 9, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From the Hawaiian Libertarian;

"*Not a courageous moral warrior walking alone the path of righteousness in a world of sin, but rather a butthurt scoundrel trying to grab onto every piece of power he can find while disguising it as being morally superior in order to feel better about himself.*"

What the Hawaiian Libertarian is highlighting here is what I have called "Crusaderism." I didn't come up with the term or the concept to seem like a faux intellectual. I came up with it because it exists. And not only does it exist, it is the single largest factor causing the general decline of the US and western civilization.

IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND POLITICS AND THE WORLD TODAY (and dare I say) even more clearly than what Rush Limbaugh can convey, watch the series below (THERE ARE TEN PARTS, THE BEST ONES ARE THE LATER ONES, DO NOT LISTEN TO JUST THE FIRST ONE AND STOP AND THEN WONDER WHY YOU HAVEN'T ACHIEVED SUPER AWESOME ECONOMIC GENIUS). But of course first pour yourself a martini and light up a cigar. You don't have to "watch it" you just need to hear it, so turn up the computer speakers and do some spring cleaning or something. You will thank me for it;

Your "No Freakin Duh" Economic Epiphany of the Day

March 10, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You mean to tell me that US and Western countries cannot get by where the entire populace majors in philosophy and theater? That inevitably we need to produce something of economic value in order for our stocks to go up? Are you saying that we CAN'T just run trillion dollar deficits year after year duping the Chinese into buying our debt?

I mean, I thought we could all major in "communications," land cushy government jobs, listen to NPR, bitch about how evil corporations are, promise ourselves free food, shelter and health care and somehow stocks would just magically increase by 12.8% a year in perpetuity so we'd all have big fat 401k values to retire on.

Honest to god. I had somebody in my class ask me, "So economics, that sounds really tough."

I said, "No, it's actually quite easy. It's dealing with the politics that is difficult. The economics profession has made it "seem" difficult by requiring you have all this calculus and advanced statistics before you can even apply for grad school. Math you'll never use, and if you did, you'll use it in a finite model that will fail to predict black swan events like housing bubbles, or, ooohhhhh, I don't know, collapsing western economies."

With a blank stare he said, "So...I um should continue in computer networking?"

"Yes, you should continue in computer networking."

Enjoy the decline people.

Why Gru Trumps "Mars Needs Moms"

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Gru, the villain/hero from "Despicable Me" does not like children. In the movie he adopts three young girls only to use them to help him carry out his diabolical plot to "steal the moon." Invariably and accidentally, he ends up caring about and loving the children and finds out he gained something more important than stealing the moon.

"Mars Needs Moms." Good god, do I even have to bother explaining why this bombed?

Dalrock (or rather, should I say, Dalrock's wife) predicted this would happen (though I should warn you Mr. Dalrock himself makes some ...um....additional "vulgar" observations). Meanwhile Disney's executives are "scratching their heads" about why Mars Needs Moms has bombed.

Hmmm....what does the public want?

Politically correct stories, the theme/morals of which have been beaten into our heads by the media, government and schools that we're all sick of hearing about day in and day out?

OR

Heroic funny stories where

(GASP)

a

(NO, DON'T SAY IT!!!!)

FATHER FIGURE

(OH, NO! YOU SAID IT!)

will come in and save the day?

(NO DAMN YOU! HE MUST BE A SENSITIVE, ABSENT, NON-ENTITY. AND IF PRESENT AT ALL MUST BE AN OAFISH, MORON WHOSE CHILDREN MOCK HIM AND DON'T RESPECT HIM!)

Anybody remember Hartigan from Sin City and how he protects the poor little girl?

Or John Creasy?

Or are these just too obscure of references and I'm just dreaming about what kind of role men should play in society?

Honest to Pete. And they wonder why men just sit at home and Netflix/Gamefly instead of flock to movies.

Enjoy the decline folks. Enjoy the decline.

Technocrati Claim Token

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Damn Technocrati Claim Token

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Housing Starts TUMBLE! No Wait! SURGE! No Wait!

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If you had listened to the mainstream media here

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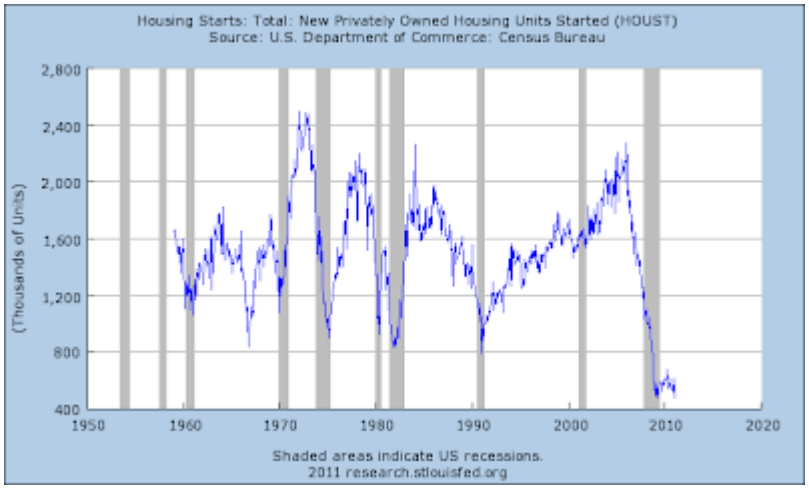
here.

You'd have no clue what's going on.

But if you had listened to the Captain, you would not be suffering the headache you have now.

Charts people. Charts.



You can replace the entire news staff of CNN, NBC, CBS, NPR and ABC with charts because they're unbiased and are just raw data. They don't tell you what to think. They just are.

Your Weekend Homework

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It's about 10 minutes. Just hit play;

Clown Day

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I have several teachers as friends and I am always amazed with the sheer number of "Clown Days" schools have.

"Clown Days" meaning days where instead of learning, the little kinder are marched off to the gym where they are entertained by clowns. Or during St. Patrick's Day where they have potato rolling contests. Or "Dunk the Teacher Day" where students raise funds by paying to have a chance to throw a ball and dunk a teacher in a dunking tank.

My friends estimate about 3 days a month are dedicated to "clown days." Multiply that by 9 months (which most students can't because they're too busy with "Pizza Days") and you are losing about a full month of education.

Of course management of the schools claims this helps the "morale" of the students and the teachers (as if they were in war or something). And that it betters the student-teacher relationship making teachers more friendly. And of course that's the problem.

Having a "friendly student-teacher relationship" is not what is in the best interest of the children.

Ever notice how you would never want to date/hang out with/marry a parent (or the child) who says "My mom is my best friend." Or "Oh, me and my daughter are BFF's."

It's the same principle. If you really want to be a good parent or teacher, the relationship is simply this;

The adult (be it a parent or teacher) is the authority, the child is the moronic youth that doesn't know anybody and should obey and respect the adult.

This shouldn't end either with the kid turning the age of 18.

Elders, in general, but especially those who are in positions of power over you, should be given some basic respect and courtesy. THis is of course unless they are corrupt (which happens frequently), but in general, if you are the 19 year old college student, you should not be throwing pies in your professor's face.

Of course, real professors and real men and women would never succumb to such a spineless act, but, eh, who needs leaders and ranks? We should just all be friends.

Must Hit the Ground Running

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As you know, the Captain is fond of motorcycles. He owns one, drives one and it impresses the chicks (no, really, it does. I'm not joking, just buy one and save yourself the time and money going to night clubs, not to mention gas money).

And since I live in Minnesota, Sturgis, South Dakota is only a day's drive away. I've visited the Sturgis Rally twice now. Not on account I wanted to go to Sturgis, but because I love the Black Hill's area of South Dakota and Sturgis just happens to be there. But for whatever the reason I was there, there was something I noticed both times when I was;

there ain't no young people.

Oh sure, there's the occasional 35 year old there. And the 20 something couple there. But the VAST majority of people under 30 at Sturgis are simply there as wait staff and bartenders. They are not participants.

I found this odd on my little venture into Sturgis, my little Cappy Cap brain trying to find a reason for the lack of youth. And the answer quickly came to me as I headed out to Vanocker Canyon. For it was there, in its curvy valley, I was stuck behind Baby Boomer motorcyclist after Baby Boomer motorcyclist making their way through the canyon at 15 miles per hour.

Now keep in mind, your Captain has a dinky Ninja 250. The primary purpose for the purchase was fuel efficiency. So it should NEVER by the laws of physics be able to pass a 950 v-twin Harley. Of course it did because it was some 59 year old banker scared to shift into 3rd gear and actually accelerate above 45 MPH, but that isn't the point. The point is 90% of the people who own Harley's shouldn't be driving them, but they are the only

ones that can afford them. And being the only ones that can afford them, they make up the majority of the participants of Sturgis.

It is because of this, Sturgis I predict will pass away with the passing of the Baby Boomer generation. They are the only ones in their prime earning years and are therefore the only ones who can afford Harleys. Or in other words;

Harley Davidson has failed to prepare for the next generation. Good luck finding a Harley that is affordable to the average 27 year old kid.

However, Harley Davidson is not the only company failing to account for a generation that will invariably pass.

Bosch, a division in which I am somewhat familiar with, has a plant where the "old timers" there are about the only ones in the nation who are trained to use the very unique and specific machinery. They have mentioned, on several occasions, how when they retire there will be no replacements available to do their jobs and that Bosch might want to consider hiring apprentices. Of course that went unheeded, and now the old timers know just to keep their mouths shut as it really isn't their problem.

Dayton, Ohio as well faces this problem where recently they had to lower the passing scores for their police entrance exam. The primary reason for this lowering of standards was NOT as the media may report to allow for more minorities to pass. The original impetus was a disproportionate amount of cops retiring. Again, nobody is grooming replacements.

Now I could go on and on, but you get the point.

Companies and institutions are failing to preparing for the passing of the current generation of managers, specialized employees and so on, and are merely waiting till judgement day to find replacements (kind of like social security - not until the 11th hour are we concerned about very real and immediate problems).

Which results in a phenomenon my younger Gen X and Gen Y economists no doubt are running into - the experience paradox.

In other words all jobs require X years of experience, even entry level ones, behooving the question of age old, "Well if nobody is going to give me experience, how do I get any?"

The answer is simple, you won't. But there is of course a consequence for our beloved Corporate America - they have irrational demands that will never be met.

Notice in the olden days they had these things called "training programs" where you could come out of high school, go into this "training program" and the company would "train you" to do the job.

You didn't have to go to college.

You didn't have to have a degree.

You just had to show up, have a good record and boom, off to work you went.

But now, you need to have years of experience, and not just years of experience, you must be able to train yourself. Thus inane requirements in job postings such as;

"Must be able to hit the ground running."

or

"Steep learning curve."

or

"Self-learner."

Your Captain routinely sees jobs requiring SAS experience. When he calls the employer and asks if they would be willing to train him in it (which would take a whole week), he is immediately dismissed as they need somebody NOW. Sure enough 4 weeks later the job is still open, when the Captain (or any applicant) could have been providing them 3 weeks of full service by that time. But again, I don't have an MBA, so what do I know.

Regardless, all of this translates into;

"We're too cheap to train you and frankly have become so cheap that we're now willing to sacrifice quality and profitability. Besides which, our managers don't like being bothered with petty BS questions you may have. Here's a training manual, figure it out yourself and don't bother us."

Of course the real world results are that of Sturgis, the Bosch plant, or the Ohio Police Department. A mad scramble that will come when they realize they haven't groomed or prepared any successors. Worse still, with progressively less and less effort and time dedicated towards training employees, as well as the general deterioration of loyalty Gen X and Gen Y have to employers, how precisely are you going to find those "loyal junior executives" to groom?

Oh, I know, they're out there, they're out there. But not in the number, nor may I say quality of previous generations. Not in part due to anything inherent with Gen X or Y (though I could see somebody making the argument for my generation being lacking in other areas), but because of an utter lack of resources spent on training and preparing them. It will be like the father who ignored his children for years, perhaps was an alcoholic, and not until he sobers up and his children are in their 20's or 30's, does he approach them and say,

"Hey, do you want to go camping?"

"Sorry, dad. I'm busy with work, and uh, who are you again?"

Translate that into the corporate rush to find new blood for managerial ranks in say the next 10-20 years;

"Hey, do you want to get promoted?"

"Sorry, I don't want to pay the taxes nor do I want the responsibility. I've learned to live on unreliable income and keep my expenses down. I have no children, no mortgage and no car payment, and therefore no responsibilities and have become accustomed to this non-rat-race life.

Besides, I don't know SAS."

Eliminating Worthless Degree Programs

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If you'll permit the ole Captain a little bragging rights as he asks the question;

"Was anybody else on top of this worthless degree thing before me?"

I feel for the guy. Reminds me of trying to teach Economics to some of the country's most degenerate children.

Corporate Profits Surge!

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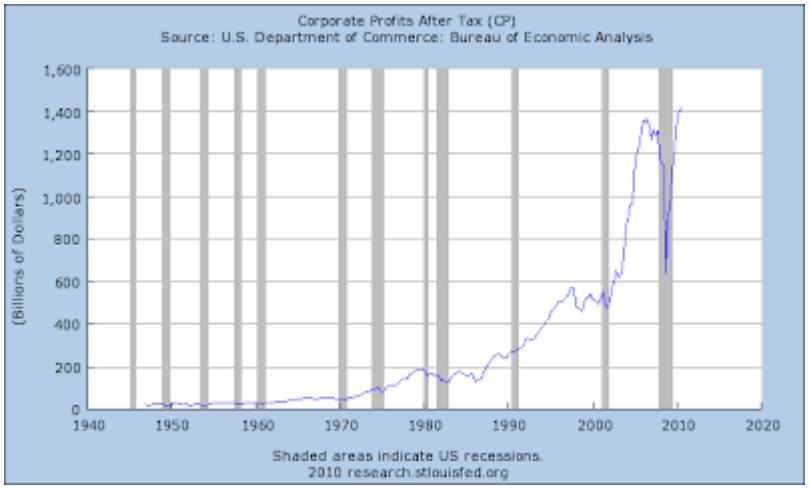

Yep, they've "surged" back to normal levels.

It was like when I got food poisoning and my weight "surged" back to 142 from 137.

Or if you were really weak after surgery and your bench press "surged" from 80 pounds to 100.

Or you got stuck behind my mom on the interstate as she holds up traffic and you pass and manage to "surge" back to 35 MPH.

Mediocrity is the new excellence!

You Will Conform and Obey

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by reading these links!

Pole Dancing for Jesus. I am speechless. But I am now triply reconfirmed that I did the right thing as an 11 year old PK by leaving religion forever.

No jobs at a job fair. It reiterates my point that you will waste the equivalent of a masters degree worth of time looking for a job and you might as well just play video games. Also long the lines of the Great Maja Rushie who said, "You can't really make any money until you're 40 because no one will let you." Hat tip.

You know how kids spend more time and energy whining and complaining about doing their chores or homework or what have you than it would take to actually do it? The Greenazis spend more time and energy conforming to going green than finding out whether it's actually "good" for the environment. But then again it never was about the environment now was it?

We don't need no stinking fathers! I actually don't know if there is a father in the equation or not...but...ummm.... yeah, I know there isn't a father in the equation.

How Japan manages 200% debt to GDP.(which I always found to be an amazing feat).

and finally;

Again, whether it is the mother you are interested in dating, or the daughter, when they say;

"My mother/daughter is my BFF!"

run.

Rumpleminze as a Disinfectant

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Just a short one and then I have to go.

There is an "unnamed girl" in my house.

My house is in part heated by a wood burning stove because I'm eclectic.

Instead of breaking out the chain saw to cut the larger pieces of wood into sizes that will fit into the stove, I use a hand axe to cut some of the pieces I have on hand if I just need a piece or two.

I get myself a blister because of the repetitive motion of the axe on the palm of my hand.

Like all men I bite the dead skin of the blister to pop it (I do apologize for the crassness of that statement).

Like all bachelors, I don't have luxuries such as "neosporin" or "rubbing alcohol" and so I reach for the open bottle of Rumpleminze.

I apply some Rumpleminze to my opened blister and it stings like there's no tomorrow.

Not only do I have to suffer the insane stinging pain, I then get to suffer the lecturing tone of "unnamed girl" who berates me for applying Rumpleminze to my wound.

I then have to worry about the sugar in the Rumpleminze creating a syrupy ooze on my hand which prevents the application of a bandaid (which is also a luxury in Bachelor World, but thankfully Unnamed Girl has one).

Of course, I can't get the bandaid for free.

No, I have to suffer a sermon about the evils of using Rumpleminze as a disinfectant.

So I wash the sugar that is now crystallizing on my hand.

The water dries.

And the bandaid is applied.

And yet,

Just yet,

SOMEHOW the world has not ceased to exist.

The world has continued to rotate.

And I'm pretty sure the sun will rise tomorrow.

Despite me thumbing my nose at the gods with my use of Rumpleminze as a Disinfectant.

"Why Can't We Just Print Off More Money?"

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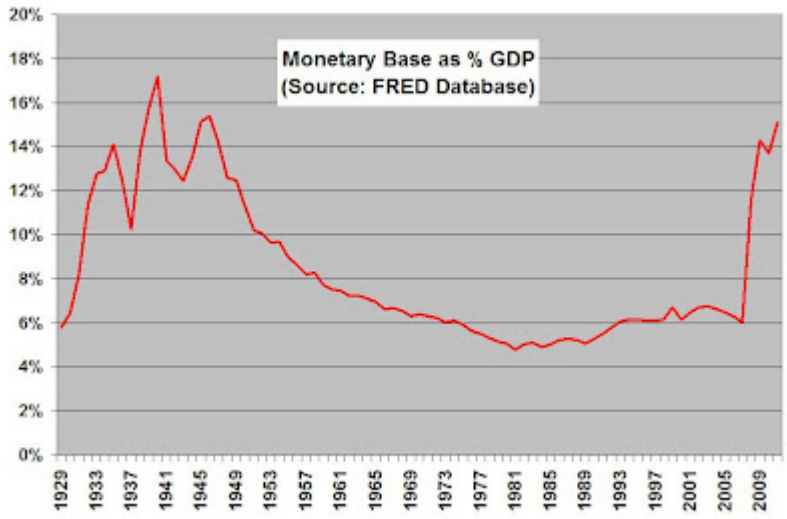
When I am king, I will make it a requirement that in order to vote you must explain why the government cannot just print off more money. And I'm willing to bet you at least 75% of current politicians in congress couldn't explain this either.

In any case, finally got off my butt and put together this little chart comparing the monetary base against GDP. In other words, how much money is floating around as a percent of the stuff it can buy.



For those of you watching American Idol, or "Glee" or glued to the TV for "March Madness," this is why you are paying $4 a gallon in gas. This is why food prices are going up. This is why gold is so high. And this is why shorting the dollar isn't the worst move you could make.

But to quote Michael Savage,

"No, you don't want to hear that. You want to hear about some guy who hits a ball over a fence."

"Her Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment"

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We don't need no stinking fathers!

Ballroom Dancing's Shortage of Alpha Males

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I have been teaching dance class for what will soon be 14 years. It is hard to recollect every aspect of when I first started teaching, but I could swear I noticed a trend occurring from way back in 1998 to today. Since I wasn't sure and wanted to confirm it, I asked Natasha (who took my class 7 years ago) a simple question;

"Have you noticed how men are just not leading anymore?"

And she said,

"Yes. There's a definite trend."

"So in your short 7 years of dancing, you have noticed it?"

"Yes."

So now that I know I'm not imagining it, permit me to speak of it.

Understand how ballroom or any partner dancing works is that one person MUST lead the other person MUST follow. The dynamics of this is not a "superior" leading an "inferior" person around, it is more akin to electricity. In order to have a current, you need a positive and a negative. Following is just as important as leading otherwise the dance just plain doesn't work. It may be more analogous to driving. Only ONE person can drive the car at any given time. If you have two people driving, the car will invariably crash and if you have no one driving it will crash a lot quicker. This relationship between the lead and follow and thus the man and the woman MUST be instilled before any kind of turns, throws, dips etc, can be taught.

Now traditionally it has been the women who have difficulty in playing their role of the follower and try to lead. And this has nothing to do with feminism or women wanting to take on more of a role in society. It boils down to women simply wanting to "help," but failing to realize that "helping" is antithetical to following. And by "helping" you are by default leading. And once I explain this to the women, they usually get it and start following real well.

It is the men I'm seeing deteriorating in their role of leading.

Be it the fact they plain don't want to be there, they're tired or even their wife won't let them lead, the trend I'm noticing goes beyond that. There is a noticeable decline in men's ability to take command on the dance floor and lead. And I cannot help but wonder if it

isn't the sociological and economic environment that has led to it.

I see more and more men, who just plain have that defeated, domesticated look on their faces. I provide all the instruction, explain step by step what has to happen, and above all else explain to them they MUST pull their wife this way, send her out that way, they MUST LEAD. But when the time comes and the music plays, instead of a Steve McQueen like fashion, they look sheepishly at their wife or girlfriend and barely produce a slight tug on the girl's hand, all the while looking at her for constant confirmation and approval they're doing it correctly.

I can break it down, again and again. Repeat and cheer them on to be like John Wayne, and instead of leading, the men "suggest" the women turn a certain way, or ask their permission to turn them a certain way.

The women of course get frustrated (not only because viscerally women like strong men), but because the dance is structurally failing. They don't know where to turn. The lead is so limp and the man so unsure, the women is forced to take over and turn herself.

And then the whole system collapses. Instead of listening to me or the beat of the music, the rookie dancers try to figure it out themselves. The women (who had NOT been trained in leading) start lecturing the men (erroneously most of the time) as to what they're doing wrong. The men, obviously predisposed to listen to their wife or girlfriend over me (who technically is a complete stranger) miss out on my vital commands and instruction as to what is wrong and how to fix it. And when we try again, it doesn't work because it is now a joint effort when the men and women both amorphously lead and follow, mixing their roles. It's not until we have three or four lessons under our belt do the men get comfortable enough with the idea of leading (or the binary nature of the lead/follow and how the two do not intertwine), is there progress. But it didn't take 3-4 lessons in the past.

Further convincing me of my theory or observation is real, is that every once in a while I will have a guy show up with a confident little smirk. The age doesn't matter. I've seen that face in 18 year old kids and 65 year old retirees. One eye brow is always higher than the other. He has a Captain Jack Sparrow like sinful smirk on his face, his girlfriend/wife is always smiling ear to ear and without fail I will catch him pinching his significant other's derriere.

He is the alpha male and I have no problems ever getting them to understand the concept of leading.

Even if they're not on beat, they don't care.

THEY PULL.

THEY PUSH.

THEY LEAD.

There's the right way, the wrong way, and if they can't do either, they'll do the Max Power's way.

It may be a bit forceful, it may be a bit too fast, it may not be on beat, but there is no ambiguity to the ladies as to what these men want them to do. Additionally, all the women smile when they're dancing with these men. Why?

Not only because it is clear what the guy wants his partner to do during the dance, the dirty little secret is that women like strong men.

Of course, their numbers are dwindling. And in 14 years no less.

Now I could go on about the sissification of America and could postulate theories about economics and how the economy may be depressing men and lord knows whatever other sociological/psychological theories, but has anybody else out there in the ballroom community noticed this? I'm being serious, I'd like to be able to figure out the problem so I can solve it.

I Learned I Would Never Fly a Veritech Fighter

March 30, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As a 10 year old boy I loved watching Robotech. Scott Bernard was my hero and I was hoping (with advances in technology) that I too would be able to pilot a Veritech fighter as well as pilot a Cyclone.

Of course the technology for motorcycles that change into armor and fighter planes that turn into mecha did not advance quite as rapidly as I had hoped, but then again, by the time I was about 14 or 15, I realized it was just a natural and typical childhood dream of a normal 10 year old American boy and it would never materialize in my life.

Of course, then, some people never reach this stage of maturity and keep believing that they too can pilot Veritech fighters and single-handedly repel the Invid Invasion. Of course it's isn't really repelling the Invid Invasion as much as it is watching Eat Pray Love, or moving to NYC to relive Sex in the City, or going on some kind of world tour adventure that has no grounding in reality.

Though, I do wonder. Why is it required to get divorced to go on these adventures? Wouldn't you presumably WANT your spouse to come with you?

No, no, I know. I know. I'm just a stupid Ray Romano male. What do I know.

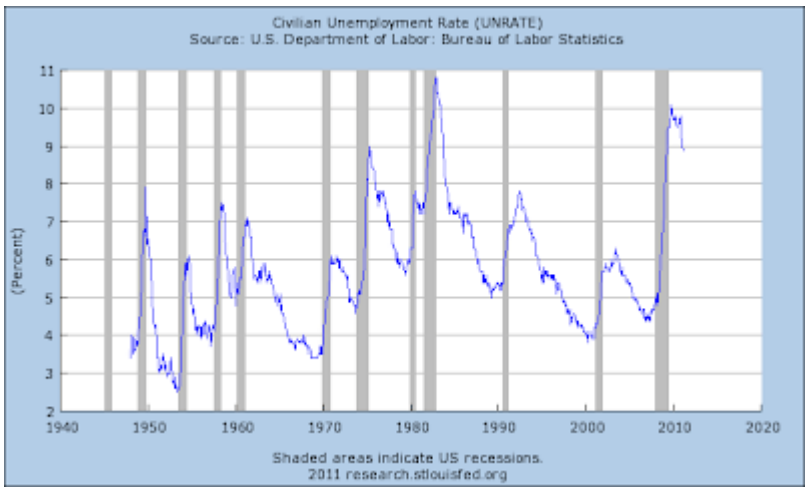
Enjoy the decline.

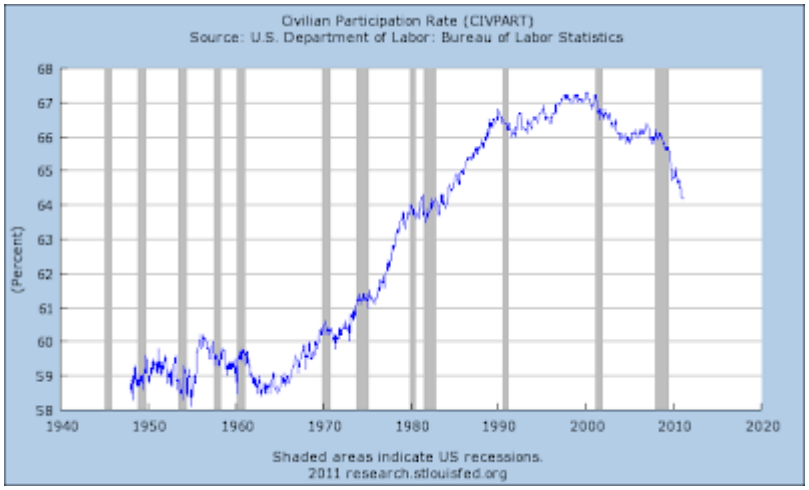
A Special Place in Hell for MSM Employees

April 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Honest to cripes. From Reuters;

U.S. employment recorded a second straight month of solid gains in March and the jobless rate fell to a two-year low of 8.8 percent, marking a decisive shift in the labor market that should help to underpin the economic recovery.





God has saved a special place in hell for all the MSM employees who over the decades have misled the American people into spectacular levels of ignorance.

Filed under "The cancer is spreading less slowly."

What Do Men Want?

April 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well, more or less this;

I know, I know, it's a movie.

Enjoy the decline!

We Can ALL Major in Sociology

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And this is what will result.

But don't worry. This is totally sustainable.

You see, we'll all major in political science, we'll all work for the government and then that will create jobs because of all the government spending will cause a multiplier effect. And then we'll all have more money and we can buy Ipods made in China.

Worthless degrees people. They are key to the demise of this nation.

"10 Ways to Promote Your Liberal Arts Major!"

April 5, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I got this e-mail;

Hi,

We recently published an article that you may be interested in entitled, **"10 Ways to Promote Your Liberal Arts Major on the Job Market"**.

I thought perhaps you'd be interested in sharing this article with your readers? After having followed your blog for a while, I feel that this one article would align well with your blog's subject matter.

If interested, here's the link for your convenience: (http://www.bestuniversities.com/blog/2011/10-ways-to-promote-your-liberal-arts-major-on-the-job-market/)

Thanks for your time,

Tina Sans

Obviously a e-mail generating program that searches blogs with certain text strings.

Regardless, you have to click on the article because it is just hilarious.

Interpersonal skills?
Highlight your diversity?

And of course, the always available;

Critical thinking skills!

Heh, enjoy the decline.

Recession Medicine

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Heh!

Brilliant Work

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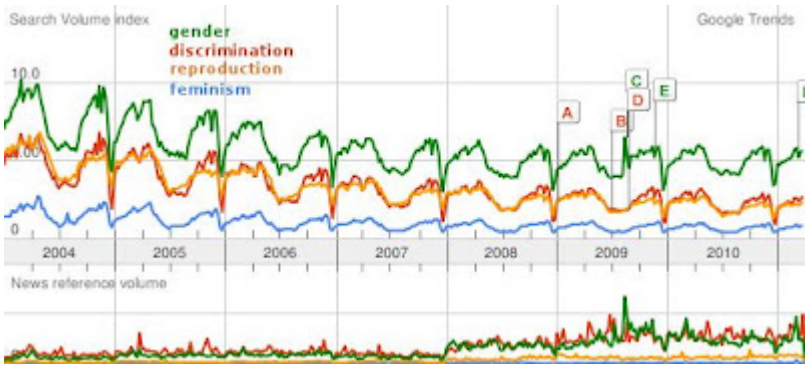

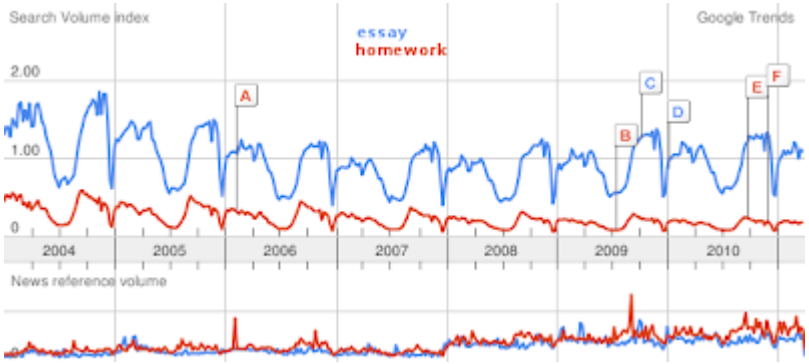

Brilliant answer and economic analysis here.

How the National Guard Has Declined

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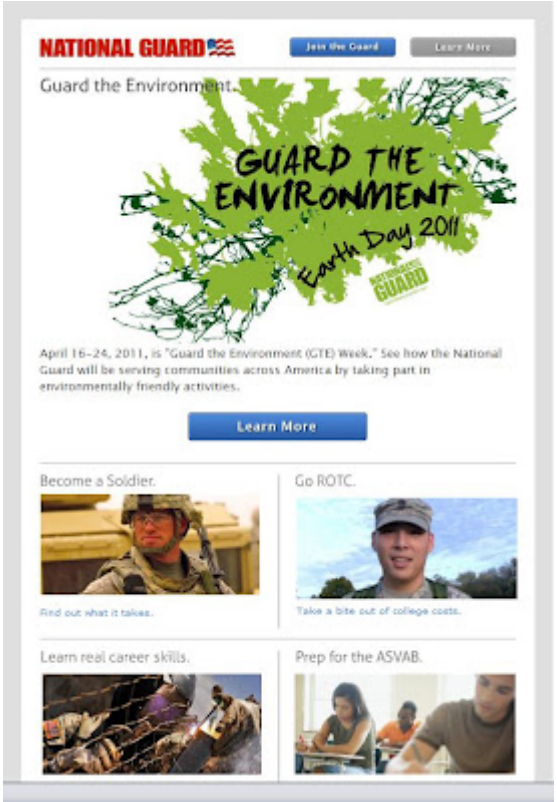
Cripes.

From my mailbox;



How about you guard us from environazi communists?

You can call them at;

1-877-479-3519

And tell them how great it is they're protecting the environment!

Go Eritrea!

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"aid only postpones the basic solutions to crucial development problems by tentatively ameliorating their manifestations without tackling their root causes. The structural, political, economic, etc. damage that it inflicts upon recipient countries is also enormous." In other words, the government argues, U.N. aid does more harm than good."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

I do hope to make an aside that is relevant.

The UN, and the people who work for the UN, have no intention of actually helping poor or desperate people.

They first and foremost are looking for a means of employment under the "noble" and "altruistic" guise of charity.

The Malthusian Bomb

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I like to be brief and succinct.

The reasons are thus;

1. I'm lazy and really don't like writing that much.

2. Most people's attention spans today is too short to appreciate lengthier writings.

So, assuming you are of the average Cappy Cap reader, permit me this quick, brief observation:

If a society has managed to pool financial resources by taking trust funds granted from the past, and combine them with proceeds from mortgaging the future, how long can the present society last on inherited and borrowed finances?

Anybody do the fruit fly experiment?

Thus concludes your short, succinct (yet super awesome brilliant) economic insight of the day.

Enjoy the decline!

Speaking Pablum

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Pablum, if my memory serves me correctly, is a gooey infant mash you feed to infants.

It is also a mush mouth of non-sensical words politicians use to talk over lesser minds in order to trick these lesser minds to vote for them. Don't believe me?

Test it.

Go to youtube and listen to any of Barack Obama's speeches.

If you find ONE concrete action he advocates taking, then I must have been bombed out of my mind because the man, despite speaking voluminously has never said ONE thing.

If you find every word he says to be genius, then you are one of those lesser minds lacking genuine critical thinking skills and independent thought.

Regardless, what I always found interesting in my talk radio days was when I would get a liberal caller. They would NEVER make any sense. They would NEVER get to the point. They would just BLATHER.

I always wondered where they learned to talk for so long, yet say ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

Enter Academia.

Without going into detail, you must understand, career academians, leftist, politicians (of all stripes) and other such ilk, make a living by promising the unpromisable to the masses. When the reality comes crashing down, and the masses are about to get wise to the scam these scumbags perpetrated on the masses, these scumbags' careers are threatened. Thus a VITAL part of their job security is to be able to make themselves sound intelligent, but say nothing and promise nothing, YET make it sound like they're promising SOMETHING so that lesser minds keep voting for them.

Of course, we don't need curt, blunt, truthful talk.

We need to "win the future."

Have a "Sputnik moment."

Or "achieve a new greatness."

Only the most idiotic and purified extract of moron could ever believe such words have ANY meaning.

The Father Drug

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How about some stern discipline from a father figure instead of doping up?

Bush or Obama to Blame for Deficit

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I've avoided talking about the deficit among other economic issues because essentially I've come to the realization that neither evil nor ignorance adhere to any intellectual honesty.

For example, say you are ignorant. And I come up with a chart showing you that spending per pupil in the public schools has no correlation with performance. Physical proof right there that more spending does not equal better education. And you choose to disbelieve me or my figures and write it off as some statistical quirk and continue believing in your religious ideology. What was the point of showing you the chart, let alone doing the research to show it to you?

Or, say you are evil. You know full well more spending doesn't equal better education, but you don't care because you benefit from having more money spent on education. However, you can't acknowledge that fact, so you lie to everybody even though deep down inside you know you are lying just to extract more money from them. I could show you charts all day, prove to you time and time again, but since you are evil and have no problems denying reality so you can benefit from it, you will knowingly find excuses as to why the chart is the way it is.

In either case, I simply waste my breath and finite life because it's only going to be a disastrous collapse of the system that will convince you otherwise. But for posterity's sake I am going to document one small issue here so for those of us who do have intellectual honesty, we can KNOW for a FACT what the reality is.

In short I wanted to know who was to blame for the deficits we have now that ARE going to destroy this country. I knew intuitively by looking the general deficit figures who is to blame, but you know liars and ignorants, they'll come up with whatever they want to believe. I want to KNOW.

So even if you go with the premise Bush is to blame for the economy and dropping revenues, how far did revenues drop? Well, going from the PEAK of federal revenues to the absolute trough, Bush can only be blamed for a drop of $480 billion (and that is ignoring the FACT that revenues still dropped under Obama's watch, but I'll just give that one to the left).

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2006-07-01	2547.4
2006-10-01	2575.1
2007-01-01	2642.8
2007-04-01	2658.5
2007-07-01	2651.5
2007-10-01	2666.1
2008-01-01	2640.7
2008-04-01	2412.6
2008-07-01	2506.1
2008-10-01	2452.9
2009-01-01	2223.9
2009-04-01	2191.2
2009-07-01	2176.3
2009-10-01	2231.7
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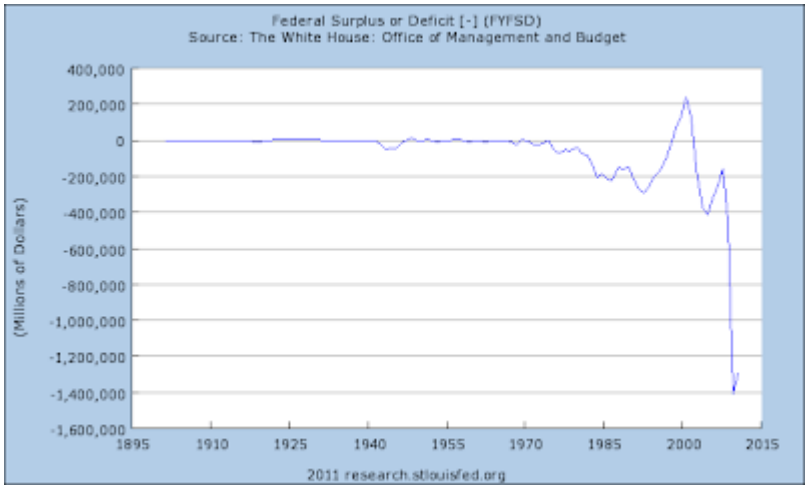
And what are the current deficits today?



Eh, $1.4 trillion.

This leaves roughly $900 billion SQUARELY in the hands of Obama (per year I might add).

Now, this ought to tell you who is to blame for our current fiscal crisis. And it should provide context to when he spews his unicorns and ponies blather about actually going about solving the deficit problem.

The only question is if he's evil or ignorant.

Atlas Shrugged

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A thought for all the economists out there contemplating seeing the movie;

Option 1 - Read the whole book which will take you at least 2 years and 4 months of your finite life.

Option 2 - Watch the movie and the successive sequels, which if you include transit time, will at most be 9 hours.

I just hated reading as a child and would always point out to my mother, "I'll just wait for them to make a movie."

Well, they did it with the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

And now they're doing it with Atlas Shrugged.

If for any other reason, even if the acting is horrible, you don't have to waste your youth on reading the entire tome of Atlas Shrugged.

American Politics Explained

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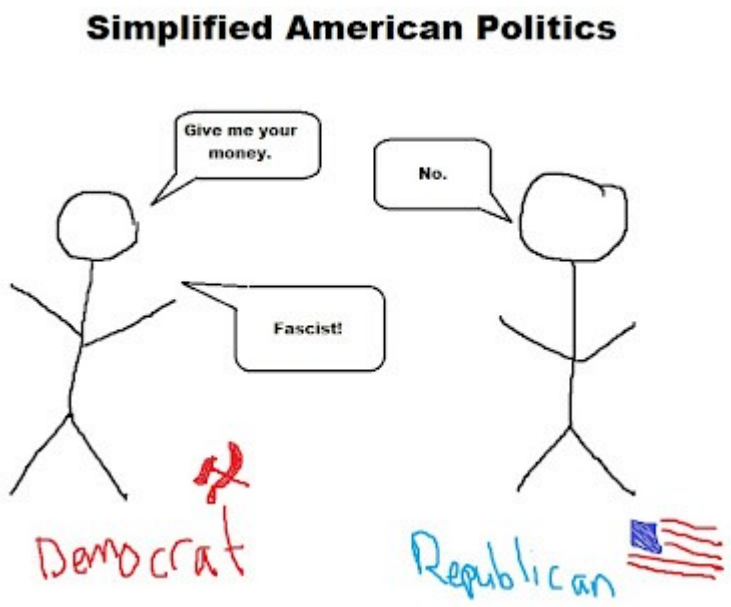

Rise of the Public Sector Sugar Mama

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One of my female friends is a school teacher. Doesn't make a lot of money, but makes enough, has stable employment and has never seen a day of unemployment since landing her first job 10 years ago. No husband, no boyfriend.

Another one of my female friends is also a school teacher. She is only 3 years away from paying off her house. Has a lot of toys, motorcycles, but no husband nor children. She does however have a nice pension and has also never known unemployment.

A third of my female friends is actually a colleague of mine who unbeknownst to me recently had a 1960's muscle car. She works in the public sector and in the past 12 years of knowing her she has always had the same job. Never married, no children.

A fourth one, also public sector, never known unemployment, decent job, no husband.

Now I could go on, but in general what all of these ladies have in common are six things;

1. They work in the public sector.
2. They've never known unemployment.
3. Even though they don't make a TON of money they make it so consistently and without pause they are all in much stronger financial situations than I am.
4. They have nice things and toys and finances.
5. They have health care and pensions that I could only dream of having.

but the most interesting one is #6;

6. They're all looking for a boyfriend/husband.

Now, this is not going to be a tirade against the path women have chosen and blah blah blah and choices have consequences, blah blah blah, it's the career or the family blah blah blah type of BS.

It's actually quite the opposite and it does beget some pity for them.

Understand that because of what women major in, they typically are over-represented in the employment ranks of the public sector. Teachers, social workers, etc, attract more women than they do men. Again, not terribly high paying jobs, but really reliable employment and exceptional benefits. Additionally, because of the strength of public sector unions, they are more or less inoculated against the effects of the recession. No offense to them, but they really don't know what it's like having to worry about, "Geez, I

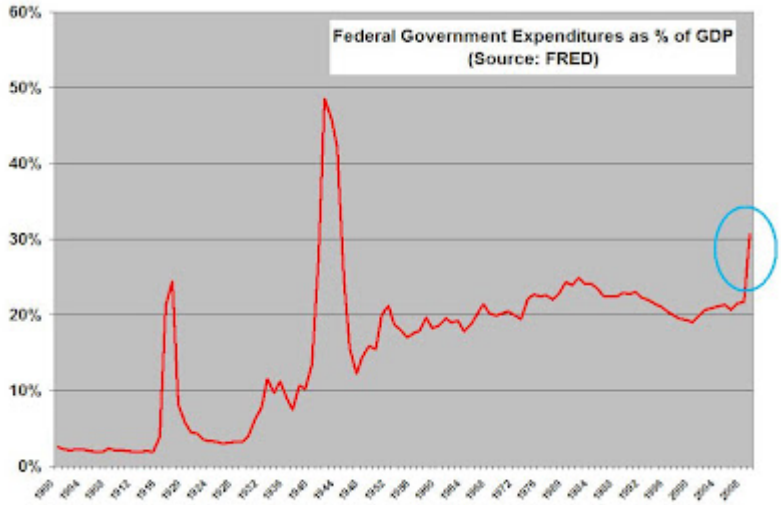
hope I have enough money to afford gas." Or "geez, I have to find a job or else I'm going to be in real trouble in 3 months."

Now, over the decades, if they are slightly good stewards of their finances, they build up tidy little nest eggs and strong, stable finances. Their male counterparts however, have an uphill battle in this regard, especially given the disproportionate effects this particular recession has had on men. They have nowhere near the nest egg or retirement plans these ladies do. They have nowhere near the stable employment these ladies do. And they have nowhere near the strong, stable finances these ladies do. This presents a risk for the ladies, because as the economy fails to genuinely recover and the public sector continues to grow and crowd out the private sector, men are going to be forced or at least "tempted" to consider using some of these nice ladies for their finances. Worse still, because of pride, men are less likely (I'm guessing) to go on the public dole and may instead psychologically convince themselves of a compromise between pride and starvation, permitting themselves to some gold-digging.

My one friend in particular is very aware of this in that she is afraid (and I think justifiably so) of men once they find out her house is more or less bought and paid for, as well as all of her toys and she has a nice pension AND HER SPOUSE/PARTNER CAN GET FREE HEALTH INSURANCE.

It's like the Foghorn Leghorn cartoon where he shacks up with the widow hen because winter's coming.

Of course the irony of this is how the roles have been reversed. Previously on "An American Life" the men were the bread-winners and had to look out for the gold diggers. Now with much-celebrated growth in the public sector (and thus a crowding out of the evil and completely unnecessary private sector);



it's those nice, stably employed public sector women with their nice pensions, free health

insurance, and tidy-summed bank accounts that have to look out for ulteriorly-motivated men.

Job Title Lies in the Finance World

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Was looking for a job on Craig's list and came across this;

International Currency Analyst.

Thought, "wow! Right up my alley!"

Of course if you go to the actual job board, you'll see it's just an office admin position where you do data entry and reconcile errors and mistakes in trades.

You don't analyze currencies.

You don't study foreign economies.

You don't use your brain, let alone your degree.

Swear when I am king I will make it a law the title must match the job duties.

Happy Day!

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Tis good to have the occasional good news.

Economic Dumbassery

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I swear we have the dumbest president ever. And I don't say that like most political pundits do because they disagree with politicians politically. I'm saying it because he really is that dumb, I assess his knowledge and wisdom as below average.

Regardless, I'm going to try anyway.

Given Obama's announcement to launch investigations into the price of oil, let me see if I can guess and plot the logic here so that even 2nd graders can understand;

Invasion of Libya + HUGE EFFING NATIONAL DEFICITS + growing 2nd and third world nations = increased risk of oil supply interruptions + increased demand for oil + weak dollar = increased gas prices.

Oh, I'm sorry, is that too complicated for you Obamaites out there? Would you prefer I mollify your little brains by telling you it's "big oil" and "oil speculators?" Hey, I know, let's do that stupid thing where we all decide to "boycott big oil" on ONE day! You know, that incredibly inane and stupid idea college kids come up with because of their galactically incomprehensible level of stupidity when it comes to economics.

Yeah, you go launch your investigation.

Morons.

Oh, Don't Worry, It's "Love"

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It will make you shake your head, but put a smile on your face with a sad laugh afterwards. I'd like to editorialize, but really, what else could I add to the story?

ht to the HouseBoy.

Why I Don't Donate to Charity

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Tithing (if I spelled it correctly) was forced down my throat during my days at a Wisconsin Synod Lutheran parochial prison...err...I mean "school." You "had" to forfeit 10% of your money, even if you were a child and your parents so piss poor you had to live in government housing.

Of course as an adult I don't donate to charity of any kind for these reasons three;

1. The government now confiscates 40% of production, 75% of which goes to income transfers. You are a fool to donate beyond what the government mandates you do.

2. I barely have enough money as it is.

3. Most of it goes to people I don't want it to go to, who really don't need help and are really just posing as a "charitable organization" when in reality they use the charity as a means of employment.

Enjoy the decline (by not donating to charity!)

Best of Cappy Cap - A Tutorial on Obamanomics

April 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Figured this would be a good repeat from over 2 years ago;

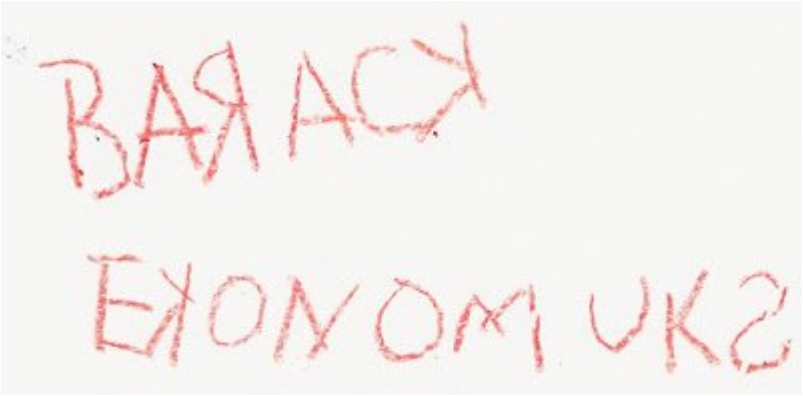
As the market ebbs and flows 400 points here, 500 points there, I am often asked by friends:

"When is the market going to bottom?"

And I find it interesting that people are even buying right now, because as far as I'm concerned there's absolutely no reason to buy stocks until after the presidential election. When I tell my friends this, they say,

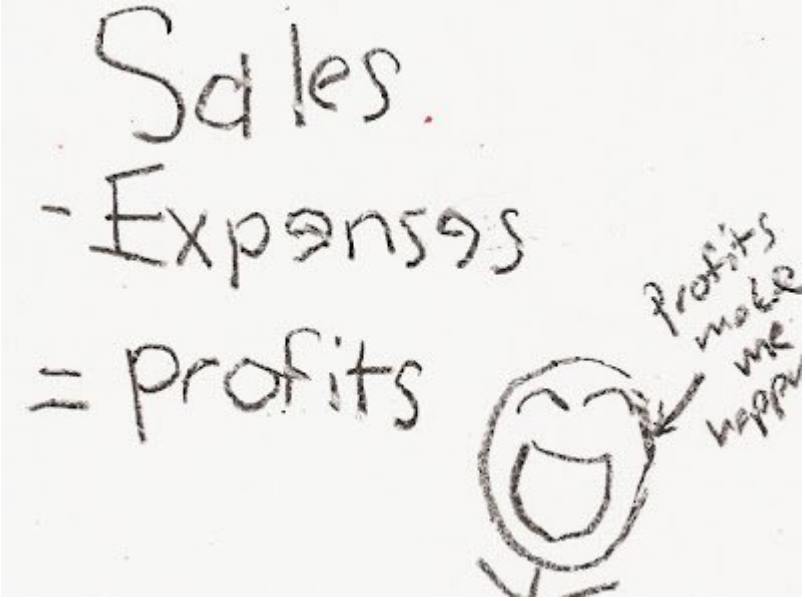
"Well why wait till then? Couldn't stock prices have gone up by then and you missed out of a great buying opportunity?"

Which indicates to me we all need a basic lesson in "Barack Economics."

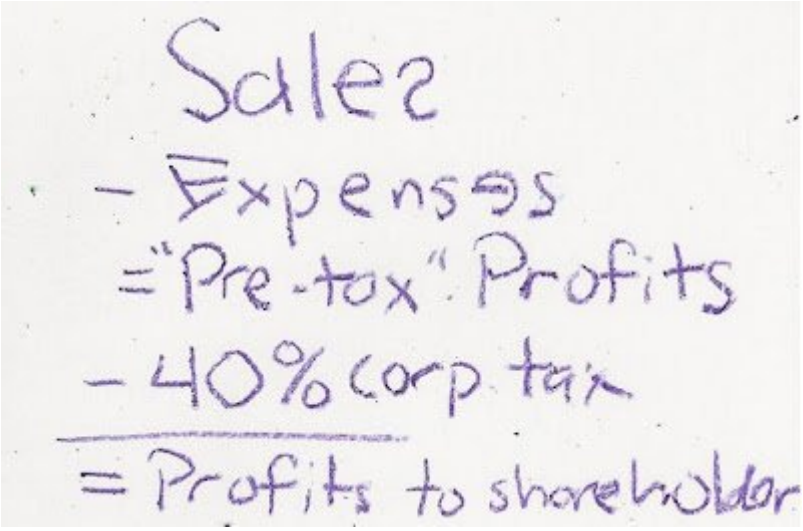


You see, there are two things that drive the price of a stock; the profits the corporation makes and the capital gain one receives when they sell the stock.

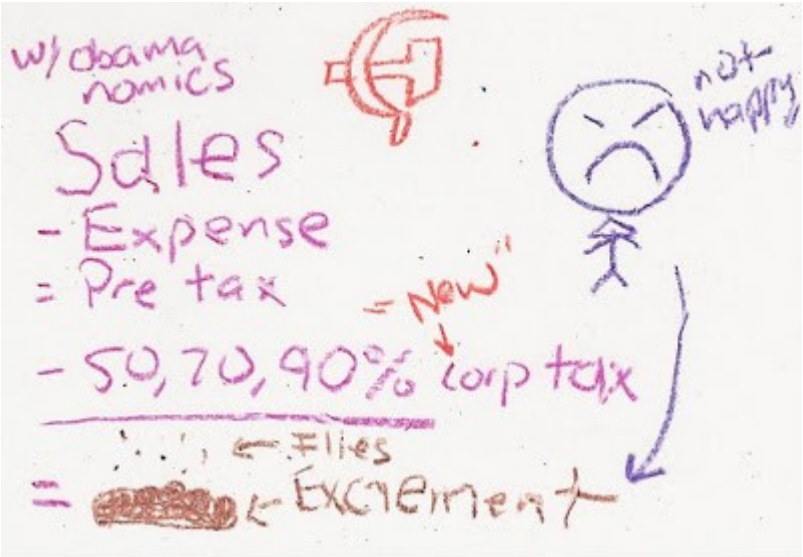
First, let's start with profits. Profits are nothing more than what a company or corporation has left over when it pays for all of its expenses. Profits typically make people happy because that's how we not only enrich ourselves, but, frankly, live.



But hold on there now! You don't get to keep all of those profits. No no no. You see, since you own part of a corporation, the corporation has to pay on average a 40% tax rate in the US (though the effective rate for some is around 32%). This is taken out of your profits (pre-tax profits) before sending them along to you.

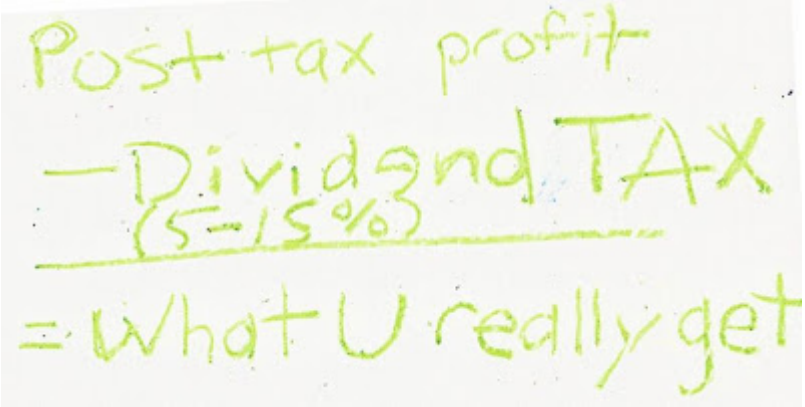


But with Obamanomuks this tax rate will go up. Nobody knows for sure how much, but 50%, 70%, maybe even 90%. Regardless, when it's all said and done, there won't be a lot of your profits left;

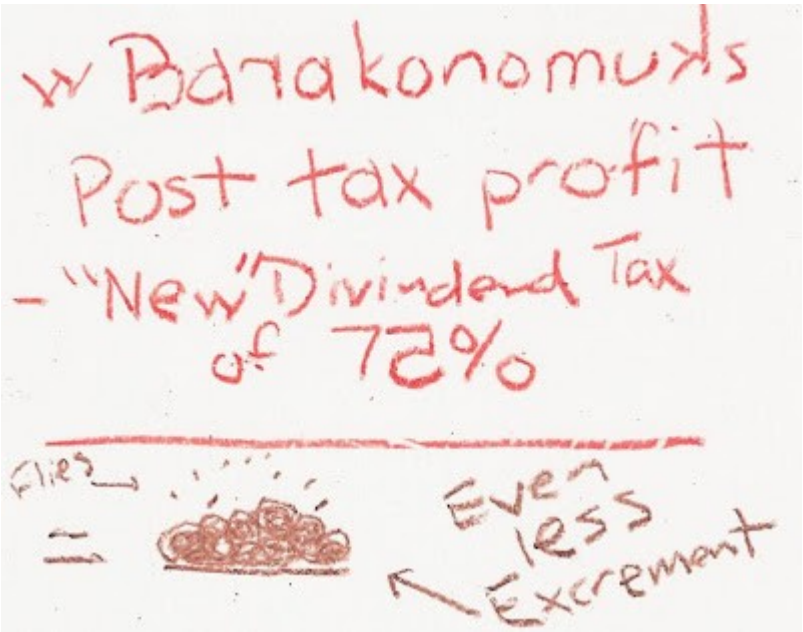


What profits do remain, however, can be passed along to you in the form of dividends.

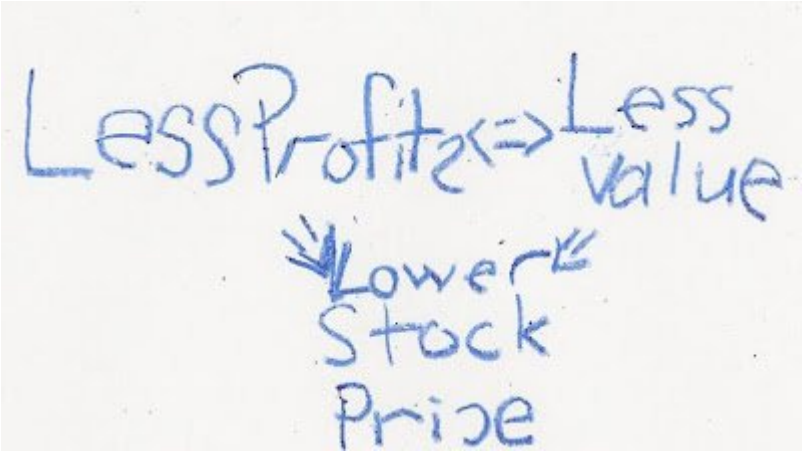
But, UH OH!!! That was a transaction, and even though you own part of the corporation, since it is a separate legal entity, you get to pay taxes on the DIVIDENDS, typically between 5-15%. This is called "double taxation." It may not make you happy, but it makes lots of government freeloaders happy.



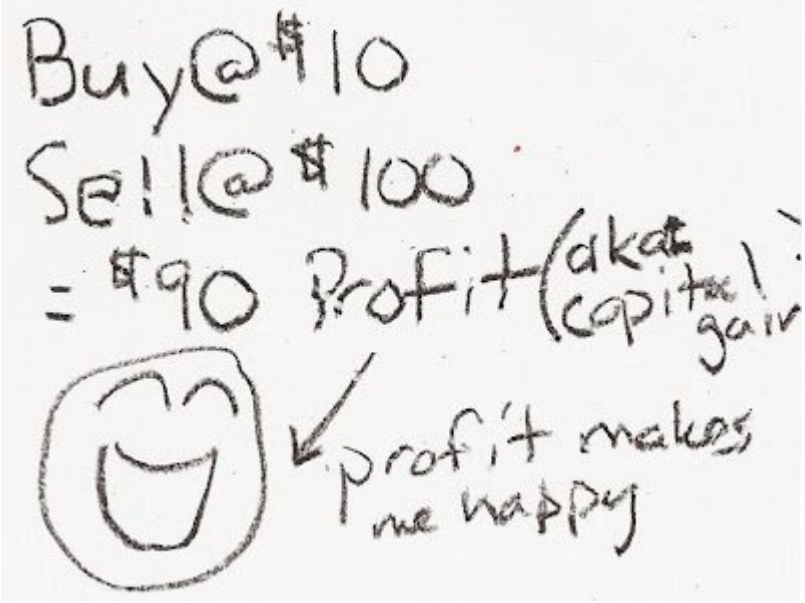
I know you may be upset that you get to pay taxes twice, but with the cutting edge of Barackian Economics, you will get to pay an even higher dividend tax! Don't worry, according to Joe Biden it's patriotic to pay more in taxes leaving you with even less.



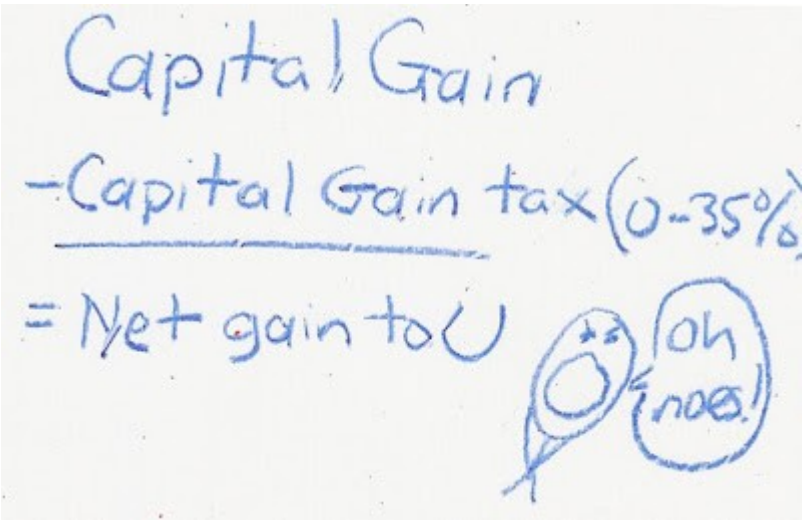
Well how does this affect the stock market and stock prices? Well, it's very simple. Although if you go to any major corporation's web site and they make it seem like pursuing green policies is what gives them value, in reality they're just doing that so you are foolish enough to buy their products without guilt. No, the truth is what really gives stocks value is the underlying profits those firm generate. You see, if a firm doesn't make a profit, why would anybody forfeit their money to invest in it? I don't invest in stocks so they can sell green products or be socially responsible. I invest in a corporation so it makes money. And the less money I see after all the expenses and taxes are taken out, the less value that firm has to me and thus the lower the stock price.



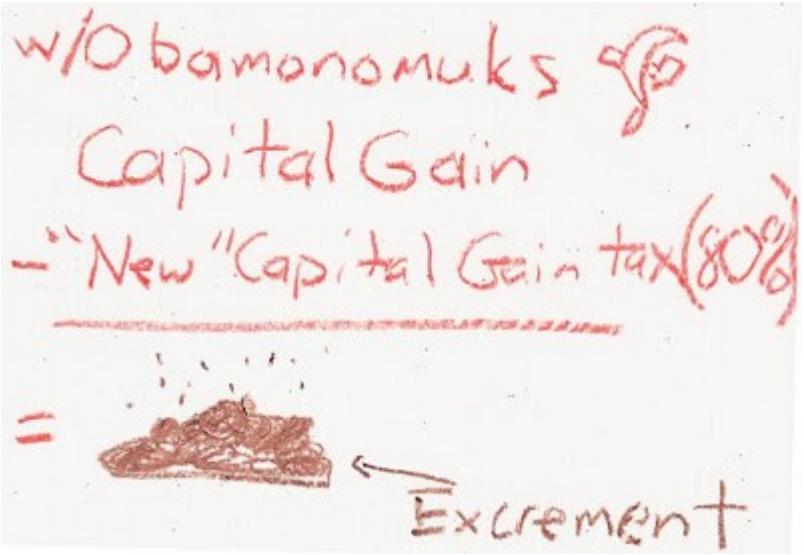
But profits are not the only thing that drive the value of the stock (well, technically they are, but we won't go into that right now). There is also a "capital gains" ie-how much money you make when you sell the stock. Say you buy a stock for $10, and it goes up to $100. Why, that's an impressive profit of $90, and you are happy!



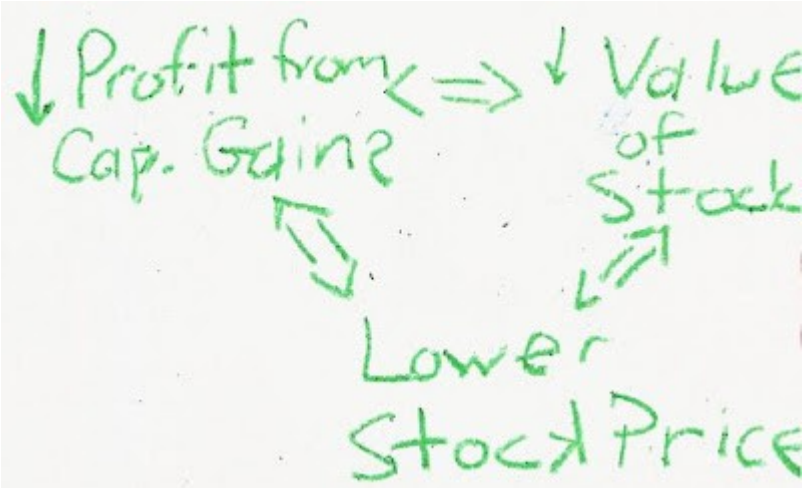
But hold on there little buckaroo! Uncle Sam wants some of that and you get to pay a capital gains "tax" on it. This tax can be anywhere from 0-35%.



But with Obamanomuks this rate will go up even more, leaving you with even less.

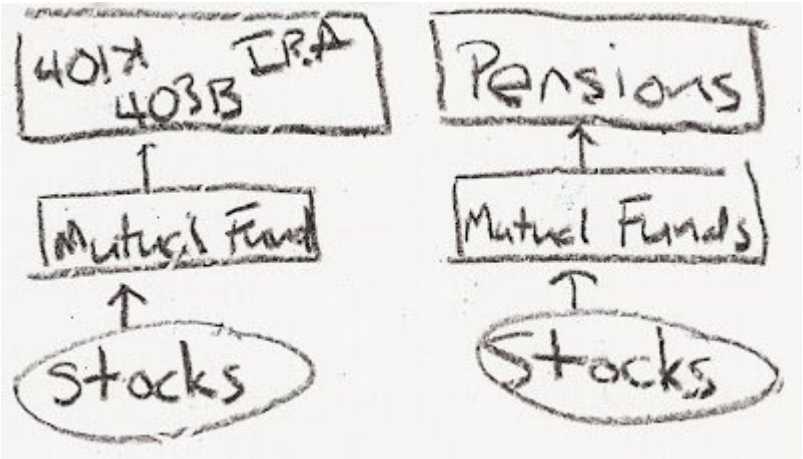


The relationship between the amount you get to keep and the value of the stock is the same. If you get to keep more, then the value of the stock is worth more and therefore prices go up. But if capital gains are increased, then the value of those stocks go down.



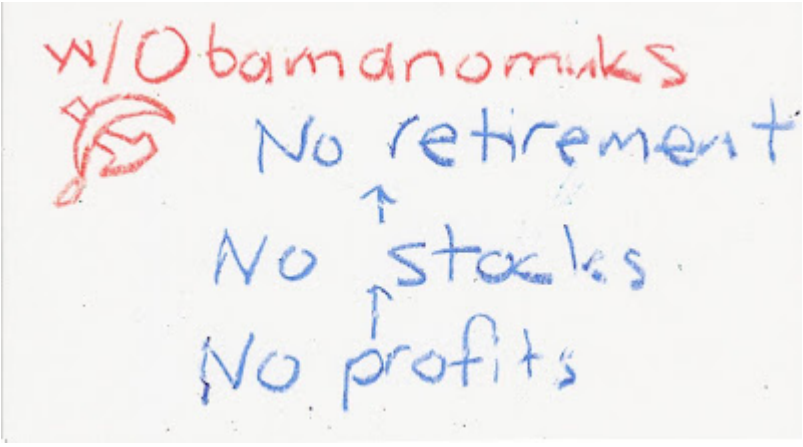
"But isn't it the rich that only own stock? And shouldn't we hate the rich by the fact they're rich, even though they may have actually worked for it and have never done anything to us?"

Although a common misconception, it's not just the rich that own stock in the US. Most everybody in the US, rich, poor, short or tall, own stock in one way or another. Most commonly this is done through our 401k, 403b and other retirement programs. We buy mutual funds which are nothing more than groups of stock which we hold in these retirement accounts. Also, pensions pay for your retirement by investing in stocks and mutual funds. So if you have a pension or you have a retirement program, YOU OWN STOCK!



Ergo, it is profits that drive the value of stocks which in turn determines the wealth of the people of the entire nation.

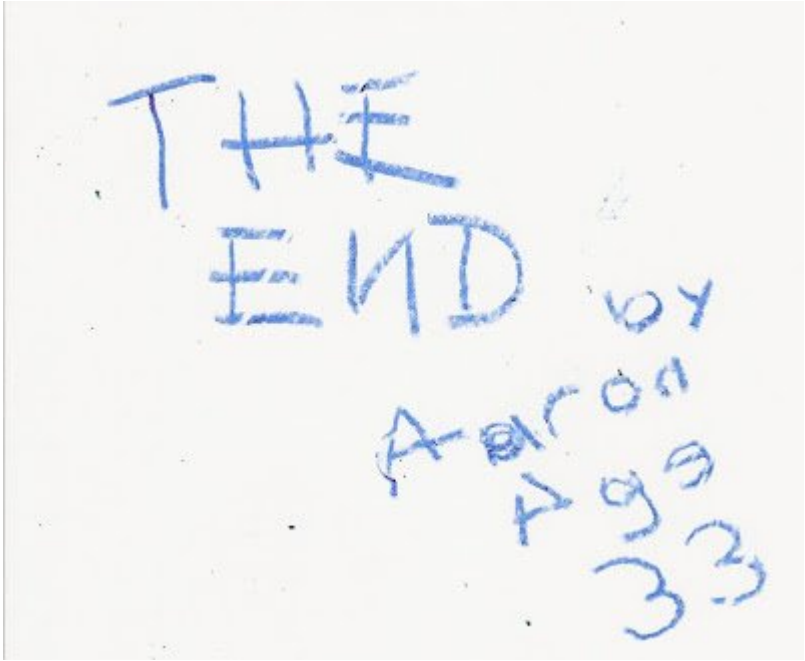
But with Obamanomuks there will be no profit, and therefore no stocks, and therefore no retirement.



All you'll be left with is;

And that's why the Captain is waiting to see if Barack Obama and the democrats take a

supermajority in Washington before he invests his money in the stock market.



OH! AND REMEMBER TO BUY MY BOOK!

Punish the Engineers and Doctors

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so that lazy English majors can get their hobby subsidized..err...I mean "earn their degree."

Meanwhile you will all be wondering why the US economy isn't growing and why China is trouncing us economically.

Jose, makes a good solid economic analysis here.

Obesity Epidemic in Dogs

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I visit the folks, 4 years ago of which I bought them a dachshund.

4 years later the dog is so obese that they build him a RAMP TO THE BED;

Swear to dog I have no idea what this world is coming to.

Ew! Yuck! Gross! Jobs!

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Because to unions and democrat politicians;

ZERO jobs that pay $75,000 a year is better than ***400 JOBS*** that pay $25,000 a year.

What I love about the video is how these veritable fools have no clue as to how many large caliber rounds they are repeatedly plugging into their feet. Not only are they NOT going to have Wal-Mart invest there, they're scaring away ANY ONE from investing there. And let's not forget, we don't want any of that icky, yuck, gross purchasing power! No, no. No thanks. None of that "affordable food, clothing and electronics for me." I want to pay a premium on everything at "ma and pa" shops and "Yes Organic!"

Can you imagine having those constituents as a potential labor pool to choose from? Not to mention the frivolous lawsuits and the sheer headache the city council would be on them?

You Wal-Mart haters enjoy your hope and change unicorn farts or whatever the heck you think is going to provide you jobs.

Of course you'll excuse us normal hard-working, sane folk of as we opt to work less and...

enjoy the decline.

Keynes Hayek 2

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And from the same source; "Jesus was not a liberal."

Recession Medicine - Heroes

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Robert Bruininks is the World's Largest Hypocrite

May 14, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was asked to come to the University of Minnesota a couple months back and give a speech on "Worthless Degrees." It was well received, much better than I had expected and you can see a shortened version of it here. However, unbeknownst to would be attendees I had spent the hour preceding the speech at the Unversity's historic archive building pulling the University of Minnesota's president's salary going back to around the 1970's.

The reason why?

I wanted to show the students that even though spending from the government had gone up on higher education in the past several years (thereby presumably subsidizing their tuition) salaries paid to university employees increased at a much higher rate and was the primary cause of their tuition rates going up.

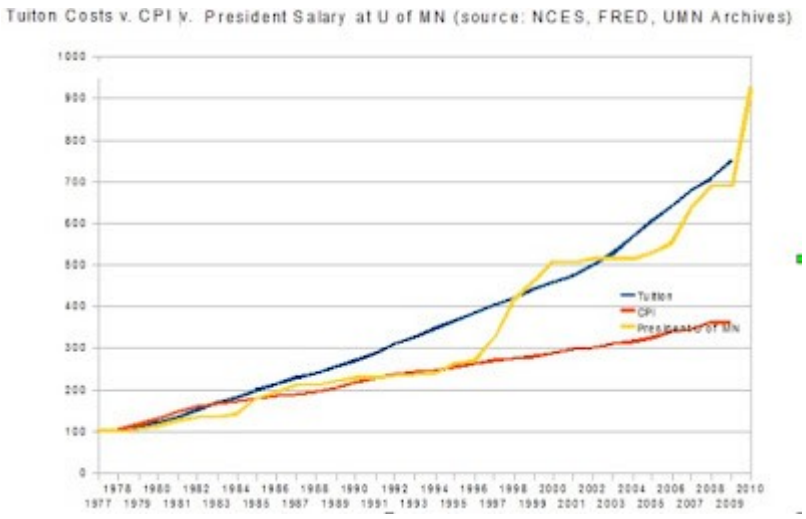
Of course now with the economy in recession, revenues down, and the average private sector Joe taking around a 20% hair cut, you would think the public sector, especially the university, with all of its understanding and kindness and charity would agree to take a cut themselves. Say like 14%.

Not a chance.

President Bruininks is "furious" at the (enter democrat-talking point here) "draconian" cuts of 14%.

So I thought it time now to share with you the same chart and data I shared with youthful students at the University of Minnesota.

Here's the U of MN's presidential salaries compared to the increase in tuition costs vs. the CPI;



Tuition is in blue, CPI in red and the U of MN's presidential salary in yellow.

Gee, I wonder why your tuition is going up all the time, kids?

And on a side note, yeah, Bruininks, you poor baby. How will you ever survive on that $650,000?

The larger point is simply this;

Bruininks is nothing more than a self-serving lying shill. And a bad liar at that. Like most employees and professors at the University of Minnesota, they are not there first and foremost for the kids' education. They are there for themselves. And they have NO problems or moral qualms about hypocritically hiding behind the "noble cause" of "educating the children" if it means they get an extra 14% the taxpayers of Minnesota can't afford.

I could go on, but frankly the chart says it all. Your tuition is not going up because of "evil" republicans who want to kick puppies and shave kittens and cut funding. It's going up because the public sector employees at the University of Minnesota are fleecing you and you have been too damn ignorant for too damn long to spend the hour I did researching the damn data to find out the simple truth. And that simple truth is that the University of Minnesota has become (primarily) nothing more than an elaborate scam of career academians and public sector workers to milk taxpayers and tuition-paying students of as much money as possible all while guilt tripping you into paying perpetually more by claiming it's "for educating the children."

The only question is whether you're going to continue to remain ignorant to this fact and naively continue to "vote for kids" and vote for "education."

Edgemont, South Dakota

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These pictures were taken several years ago. They are from the local county fair from Edgemont, South Dakota. The town is more or less a ghost town, but still serves as the county seat and a depot for BNSF. Thusly when they have their annual celebration, more people than you could imagine show up.

I do not like kids (nor do I dislike them), but I thought these pictures were worthy of posting. Frankly, you will see a lot less of cowgirls like this in the future.

And you young men of the SW corner South Dakota better take note of the charming young ladies who in 10 years time will be some of the finest young ladies the country will have to offer in terms of charm, propriety and plain ole spitfireness.

Brilliant!

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"Equal partner dancing!"

"My Degree is Worthless"

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Another Gen Y victim to the education bubble.

And another snowflake to add to the burgeoning mountain of snow that will be sure to turn into an avalanche and come crushing down on the previous generations that lied to them in the future.

Something tells me the catch phrase of Gen Y will be, "Do you like cheap nursing homes?"

Gary makes a good point that is worth listing here;

"Certainly, young people have been handed a horrible situation. However, they voted overwhelmingly for the idiot that is putting the last nails in the coffin of freedom and economic opportunity. The young have been given a deep hole for an inheritance and are busy digging deeper."

Bachelor Object Equilibrium

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In a previous work of genius I explained to women why men, specifically, bachelors leave things in the car, or on the table or in the doorway instead of just "putting them away." The whole concept was "Bachelor Object Migration," the short version of which is that objects in a bachelor's life cannot just be hastily put away. They must migrate, stage by stage from the trunk of the car, to the doorway, to the table, to the room, and invariably in the closet where it was meant to be.

Eyes were rolled.

Criticism ensued.

But in the end, it's still the bachelor's house and those are the rules.

However, the need for a new Law of Bachelortude has come up and that is "Bachelor Object Equilibrium."

The Captain came upon this brilliant realization when he had a female friend of his clean his house. Previously, when his house has been cleaned, things got "put away."

Where did they get "put away?"

"Where they belonged!"

And where was it "they belonged?"

Where the female friend of mine decided where "they belonged."

I thusly spent the next 3 years trying to find things that were previously readily accessible. I'm still missing some socks.

However, this behooves the question "where do things belong?" And if you have ever visited a genuine bachelor pad, you will realize the answer is;

"All over the place."

Now to the untrained female eye, they think there is no order or structure to this. The bachelor has just haphazardly thrown all of his personal affects across his pad as he farts and belches while walking around in boxer shorts drinking a beer at 1030AM listening to Frank Sinatra. But little do they realize that not only is there structure and organization to

this "mess," but it is the OPTIMAL order and structure.

How Bachelor Object Equilibrium works can be best described when a bachelor moves.

The bachelors does not pack his possessions in an orderly manner. He throws everything into boxes. Thus, when he unpacks, he has to unpack every box looking for the items he needs at that moment.

What this ensures is that the bachelor only unpacks the vital and necessary things he needs. This leaves the lesser-needed items still packed and now collecting dust under the stairway in the closet. However, the genius does not stop there.

Whatever items have been unpacked need to go somewhere.

Where?

Wherever they are most needed.

This principle is the core to Bachelor Object Equilibrium.

For example, one would contest a fridge should be in the kitchen.

Well that would require me having to go upstairs all the time to get a beer.

Why not have the fridge right next to your computer in your office so when you work, you can simply reach over and grab one?

Take a look at a desk.

My female friend when first cleaning took all the pens I had a-strew across my desk and put them in a cup. Only to have me immediately take the pens back out and put them out across my desk once again.

Why?

Because the pens being across my desk is the optimal location. I simply reach a mere 3 inches to the pen on my desk instead of having to painfully arch the foot and a half to pull a pen out of the cup. And, presuming I wish to live such a self-imposed totalitarian, slave-like life, I would have to PUT THE PEN BACK!

Now I just drop the pen right on the desk WHERE IT CAN BE OPTIMALLY ACCESSED IN THE FUTURE.

Or take a look at my tools.

Are the tools located in the tool box?

Heck no!

They tools are located near the objects they fix.

All my computer tools are near my computers and servers as well as my X-Box and LCD projector.

All my heavier mechanical tools are upstairs in the book shelf. Which coincidentally contains no books, but does hold nicely carburetor cleaner and chain oil should I need to fix my motorcycle or cars.

The larger point is that objects in a bachelor's house will NATURALLY find their optimal location, thus achieving "Bachelor Object Equilibrium." With no thought, no structure, no planning, objects WILL naturally find their way to "where they belong." Of course, to women who visit the ole Captain's Pad all they see this as a "mess." But now you ladies know to look a little closer and realize the true genius of this efficient system.

The "Recovery in the Job Market"

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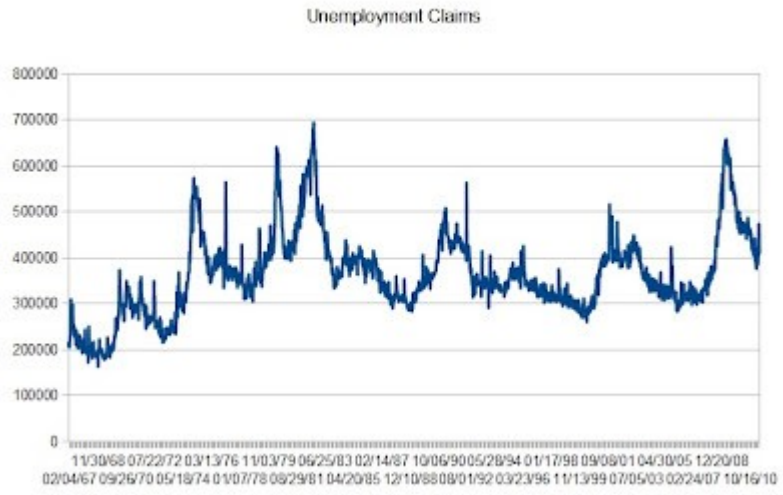
From Reuters and CNBC;

"New U.S. claims for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, but a rise in the four-week moving average to a six-month high indicated the labor market recovery will remain painfully slow."

Don't you love how they force the premise upon you that the labor market is recovering in the first place?

So once again, to show you why you don't need Reuters, you just need the Captain, I shall show you the claims for unemployment in charty-goodness form;



So now it's time to play "intellectual honesty with the left!"

If you look at our current unemployment claims, you'll see they're;

1. NOT going down, but indicating the potential for a double dip recession
2. Are on par with the worst levels of the 2000-2001 recession
3. Oh, wait, have I heard anywhere from the media about this being the "Worst recession in 50 years?" Oh, no, that's right, George Bush isn't president! With BO in office this now makes the "labor market RECOVERY painfully slow."

Filed under "the cancer is spreading less slowly."

Ah, Is There Anything Better Than Indoctrinated Youth

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Ah, only indoctrinated youth can be so uneducated and so brainwashed that they can become so hypocritical, not to mention a threat to free speech and society.

I used to be concerned about the generational theft that is occurring, but not any more. Now I just sit back with the Rumpie and watch the show.

I Choose Fishing Instead

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If given the choice;

"World's most complicated marriage"

or

"Fishing"

I shall choose fishing.

Why I'm the World's Greatest Economist

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In addition to the Asian Currency Crisis

the Dotcom Bubble

the housing bubble

the Dollar Bubble

put this one in your record book of "what the Captain predicted."

From about I'm thinking 3 or even 4 years ago.

And today!

The Price of Oil in Gold

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The scramble is on for politicians (and idiotic college students) to once again find a boogeyman to blame for high gas prices. And instead of "evil big oil" or "George Bush," it seems the socialists in the country have chosen this time around (drum roll please);

"Greedy speculators!"

So in addition to;

"*The rich use loopholes*"
"*Republicans just want to give tax cuts to the rich.*"
"*If we just cut subsidies to big oil we'd balance the budget.*"
"*It's corporations keeping us down.*"
"*The rich don't pay their fair share.*"

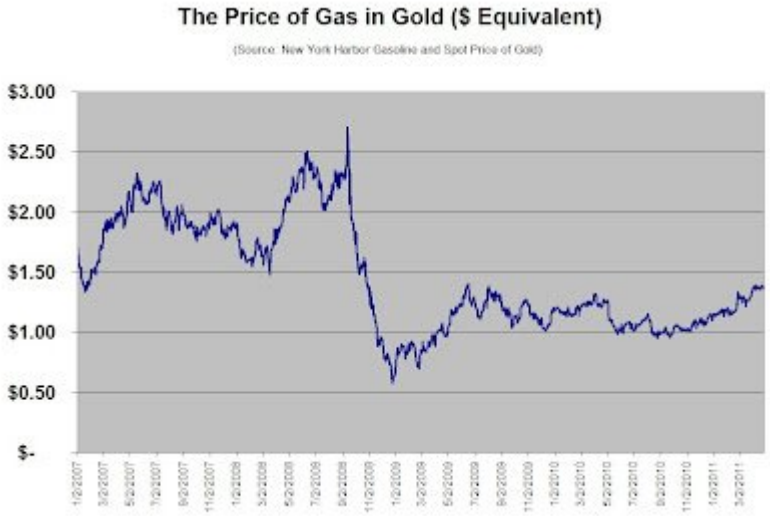
you can now add;

"*It's because of greedy speculators*"

to the list of inane and utterly false premises faux intellectual leftists use when talking politics at parties or social events to make themselves sound educated.

Of course the reason you come here and tell your friends to come here is because you have this thing called "intellectual honesty." You want to know the truth, you care about the truth, because ultimately you know that if society makes decisions based on falsities and lies, it will ultimately collapse. Ergo, you know the Ole Captain is always going to give you the truth. And not just the truth, where like most politicians I say "you'll just have to trust me." No, I spell it out for you in wonderful, empirical charty goodness.

So today's economic lesson of the day is "How Much Would Oil Cost If We Used Gold as Our Currency Instead of the Dollar." Well shucks howdy, here it is all chartified for you by the Captain;



You see, the price of oil REALLY hasn't gone up that much. Matter of fact, the "real" price of gas *has gone down.* It's more that the value of the dollar has dropped so precipitously that it takes 3 times as many of them to buy the same gallon of gas it did several years ago giving people the impression gas is getting more expensive. But if you were using gold as a currency (they used to do that you know), today's price of a gallon of gas would be $1.36 equivalent.

Now I would go on about how the dollar collapsed and how trillion dollar deficits caused it, as well as social security and medicare undermining it caused it, and how this is more or less the left's fault, but I'm not going to waste my time. People on the right already know the economics behind this. People on the left willfully choose to ignore it and blame it on "*those darn evil greedy speculators again!*"

Instead, I'm going to go install Active Directory on a computer and make myself a Window's 2003 DNS server. Because those skills cannot be undermined by a collapsing dollar.

Enjoy the decline!

A Memorial Day Message from Big Oil

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My evil contacts in Big Oil have sent me some interesting little data and facts that all of you young kids out there can ponder as you drive back home for Memorial Day weekend and upon arriving at home are told by your father,

"Sorry son, no vacation this Memorial Day weekend. Gas prices are too high. Oh, by the way, your mother and I can't afford your next quarter of tuition because we have no disposable income. You don't mind paying for your own anthropology degree do you? Instead of going to Yellowstone, let's break out some board games!"

So here a couple bits of evil propaganda that you can enjoy while you sit at home on Memorial Day weekend playing "Sorry" instead of going to Florida;

Evil propaganda piece 1.

Evil propaganda piece 2.

Evil propaganda piece 3.

Evil propaganda piece 4.

And my favorite, because the tone is so dumbed down that it really exposes the simple-minded nature of those who hate Big Oil - "what's better, more jobs, or less jobs?"

"300 is NOT a Date Movie"

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Many years ago the Captain was set up by a listener of his radio show with this listener's cousin. Our first of only two dates was a very innocent and kind one on my part because I was simply that. Innocent and nice. I asked her if I could take her out for sushi during lunch.

Fast forward to the present and while enjoying a cigar over a bonfire with some friends, the conversation turns to appropriate behaviors in dating. A friend of mine says, "Yeah, don't you remember that 300 is NOT a date movie?"

I looked at him quizzically because I remembered hearing that before.

Where did I hear that before?

So I asked, "Where did I hear that before?"

He replied, "Don't you remember? The cousin of the girl that sent you that e-mail listing all the things you did wrong on the date?"

I said, "Yeah, but I recall getting lectured for having an older car. Not taking her to 300. You don't still have the e-mail, do you?"

And for the luck of all my readers, my good friend still DID have the e-mail and forwarded it to me so that I may share it with all of you.

Understand this is a treasure trove of insight into the psychology poor men have to deal with. It is empirical evidence of everything you see in the dating world and the socio-psychological observations made in the mano-sphere such as the Rationlization Hamster, entitlement princesses and delusional expectations of themselves and others. It's been about 4, maybe 5 years since I've read this, but my gosh, re-reading it again only provides vindication, if not great insight and wisdom to any poor schlep still having to deal with this insanity. Please enjoy;

First, I want to tell you I have this thing about dating. I can predict pretty much anything that a guy is going to do. I guessed within 2 hours of when you'd call Terri. Guys are predictable. Not just you. So to have an advantage you need to be different. I think a lot of guys got bad advise from married guys who have no clue what it is like to date in the 30's or from a girl that really doesn't want you to find someone so they can use you as their back up if they can't find anyone else.

This being said Terri has not told me all that much information. I just pick up on a lot more than people usually say. So do not judge her for what she may have said because I am just picking out the things that can help you. Plus, I have been prompting her for details.
I really hate to see people single. When life is so much more enjoyable with the right person. If my thoughts are unfinished or grammar is incorrect you need to bare with me because I am having contractions that are a little distracting. I am sure it is not the real labor as this baby seems to not want to come out:)

-You date like you are 20. Dating in your 30's changes/matures. You can take a 20 year old to Applebee's and it is fine but a 30 year old has had time to eat at nicer restaurants and expects more. I am not saying your choice of a restaurant was cheap just showing an example of what is acceptable. Also, the type of person you date expects different things. A waitress who still lives at home probably is fine with a movie for the first date. A woman that has a career, her own house and is indepedant expects more because they give themselves more and will give you more. I am not just talking money things I am talking taking time to think of good things to do. Taking time to do nice things.
- Phone conversations are a great way to get to know people. You should only call when you have time to talk. And after a few dates call just to talk.
-Group dates are for once you have established you do indeed know you like each other and will continue to date.
-After a first date if you want to ask the girl out again you need to call within 24 hours, best if it within 12 hours the sooner the better in most cases. No likes to wait around and figure out if you like them or not.
-Feedback at the end of the date is good. Like I had fun I'd like to do this again.
-Movie dates are for once you are dating (like a month). You can not get to know someone over a movie. Plus 300 is not a date movie!
-First and second dates should be spent getting to know the person so you will know if it is a waste of time for a 3rd date. Personal things should be talked about. What personal things do you know about Terri after a date and couple phone conversations? In 30's if marriage is the goal by date 3 deal breakers should be brought up. Like if there is something you are not ever willing to compremise on. Kids, religion etc. Which I think most things you should be willing to compremise on. Since you really can not predict your feelings in 10 years or how you will feel once you are madly in love with this new person.
-Don't imply you have your whole life planned out already. A woman wants to feel like she can be part of the planning if you were to be together. Not just fit into your plan.
-I am not sure how you are on this one or not but here's some advise if case. Sleep is something that can be put aside to get to know a girl. Girls love when a guy is willing to stay up getting to know them (over the phone or in person). This is an investment in your future happiness. It should be taken seriously.
-Always offer to pick the girl up at her house/work. Let her be the one that decides that you should meet at the place instead of drive together.
-Make a lady feel like a lady. I don't know any woman who are over 30 and single that

don't want to be treated like lady. Open doors, pick them up, walk them to their doors, etc. Like the guys in the romantic movies. Women over 30 who are single have had a lot of time to think about "how" they want a man to treat them.
-My husband told me about your cheap car. I think it is great but definitely not for dates.
-Practical and cheap are not for dates. They can be brought into a relationship later once you are actually dating but not for dates.
-The date you have lined up for Thursday sounds bad for a couple reason. It's like well I am already going to be there so just meet me there. There is no room for the date to go long if you have a commitment right after dinner. It sounds like you are just fitting her into your schedule not opening your schedule for her. Woman do not want to feel like you are fitting them it. I am going to suggest you rethink the date and plan something else. Make it special. With no time limits. You only get a couple chances before a woman makes up her mind and you need to use those dates to your benefit. Make her feel like she is a priority.
-Dating is work. It does not come naturally to most people. You need to put time and effort into it since a good relationship could last you a life time. And bring you more happiness than everything else on this earth.

Your Child Is Not "Amazing"

May 27, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Amazing."

Defined by the most convenient link I could find on the internet as:

"***1.*** *To affect with great wonder; astonish. See Synonyms at surprise.*
2. *Obsolete To bewilder; perplex*"

So let me tell you why I'm writing this.

I get to live vicariously through my pilot billionaire playboy bachelor friend (well, he's not a billionaire, but I just keep upping his status to provide color and drama to the story). And while he does frequent the occasional bar, he gets the majority of his dates through Plenty of Fish.

Usually when we hang out and have cigars we are both on our laptops or tablets. Not out of disrespect for each other, but because we can ACTUALLY "multi-task." And not in the way women claim they can (which means they do multiple tasks at the same time *equally poorly* but still trump it as an advantage they have over men), but in a way that we can both effectively converse AND tend to whatever internet-related matters call for our attention at that time. So while I'm pimping out my internet empire he is constantly surfing "Plenty of Fish."

Admittedly it takes some time to find a quality gal on the site, but he usually does and within a week or two he's usually parading the most recent scantily clad pic the latest 24 year old bimbo sent him. But that's just the thing.

It takes a LOT of time.

So out of morbid curiosity sometimes I look over his shoulder and watch him surf the ladies throwing themselves out there for the world of men to peruse them.

Most are hideous.

Overweight. Desperate. Sad. Typical Craigslist quality.

Then there are those who aren't desperate. They're sincere, but no catches themselves.

However, what I get the greatest kick out of is the single moms. Not because they are single moms, but because the VAST MAJORITY of them use a key word in their profile to

describe their children;

"Amazing."

If I had to estimate it (and I'm being serious here) nearly 80% of the profiles I saw of single moms they attributed the attribute of "amazing" to their child/children.

Which I found interesting.

Because, as listed by the definition above, I should have heard of these kids before snooping over my friend's shoulder.

Your kid is "***amazing***?"

Really?

He/she is able to

"*1.* *To affect with great wonder; astonish. See Synonyms at surprise.*
2. *Obsolete To bewilder; perplex*"

Because that's funny, because the handful of single moms I've dated NOT ONE OF THEIR PRECIOUS LITTLE CHILDREN WERE

"*amazing.*"

I was not "amazed" by any of them.

They never affected upon me "great wonder."

They never "astonished" me.

And not once was I "bewildered or perplexed" by the fact they could memorize multiplication tables, dress themselves, or other such accomplishments some deem "amazing."

Matter of fact, if I do the math right, if 80% of children are "amazing" then the word "amazing" means "mediocre." Or "normal." Or "nothing special at all."

Did your kid cure cancer?

Did your kid find an alternative to fossil fuels?

Did your kid even self-teach itself to remove a carburetor by watching youtube videos?

Or, just like every other kid, did it just do some cute shit you found endearing and are now going to slap one of those "My Child is a Great Kid at Joe Blow Elementary" bumper stickers on your car?

Here's some advice. And this advice is not "Oprah" advice (meaning it'll actually work). YOu may not like it, but it's real advice which means it will really help you. Which also means, if you can get past my condescending (though I would claim "tired") tone, you'll realize I'm really actually trying to help you as well.

If you're looking to score a guy on any kind of dating internet site, not only should you stop bragging about your average kid, you should start putting the kid in the back seat.

I know I know, "He/she is #1 in my life."

My friend and a million other suitable bachelors got it. You're kid is #1. We don't care.

What are you doing for us?

Parading your kid, bragging about your kid, and lying about the "amazingness" of your kid only sends men the other direction because it sends the clear signal the guy is merely secondary or subservient.

So instead, admit it, you screwed up. Don't hide it. You had a kid with the wrong guy and now you have to own up to the fact that kid is a huge liability to your romance life.

Don't yell me. Don't get angry. That's human nature. Most men don't care to raise other men's children. If you don't like that, then file your complaint with the "Department of Reality."

In the meantime, if you're on a dating site to find a guy (which, if you are on the site, your desires are implied), and you *really want to achieve that goal* then I suggest tailoring your profile towards the guy. You needn't NOT mention you have a child (matter of fact most men would be upset if you didn't mention you had a kid), but stop telling them how "amazing" your obviously average child is, and stop posing with your child. It immediately says you only care about your child and the guy comes second.

Terribly sorry, but that's how it's interpreted. And you've only yourself to blame for being in this position.

Another 40% to Go

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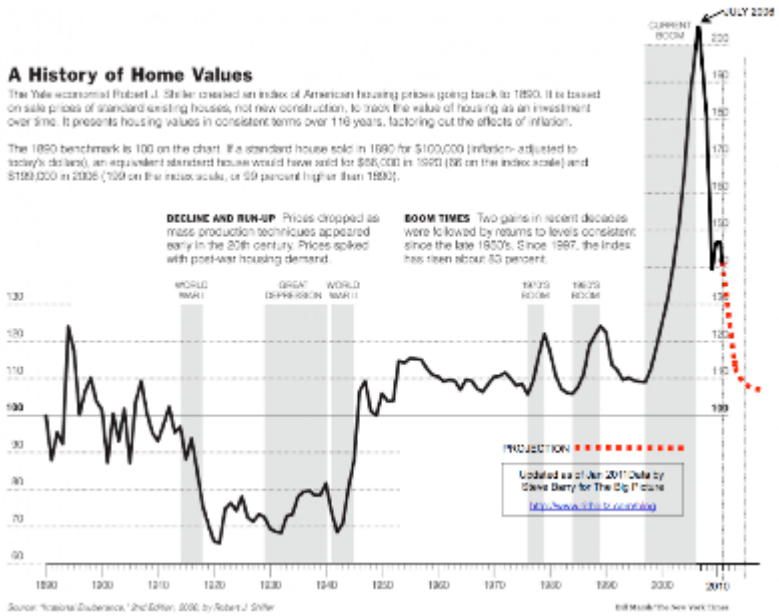

That is of course if you believe economic growth will return to normal.

And debt levels will come back to normal.

And gas prices will come down allowing for more discretionary income.

And the youthful generation will start finding jobs so they can become the new buyers the housing market so desperately needs.

And cities stop jacking up property taxes.

Sure, then it's only another 40% to go.

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Eco "Fun" Fest

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So I'm driving on 394 which is a main east-west artery out of the Twin Cities. And on one of the billboards I see an brilliantly lighted advertisement for "Eco Fun Fest." I rolled my eyes not because here was yet another example of a municipality (Minnetonka) squandering money it doesn't have. Nor was it yet another example of brainwashing the youth. It's because what kid on this Earth dreams of attending the "Eco Fun Fest?"

Dad - "No, no Disney Land for you little Jimmy on this fine Memorial Day weekend. No, we're going to the "Eco Fun Fest!"

Little Jimmy - "YEAAAAA!"

Reminds me of "Sunday Vacation Bible School" which I was forced to attend in my youth.

What happens to adults when they get older? Do they forget what it was like to be a kid??? Don't you guys remember what it was like when you had that BIG, SHINNY wrapped present for Christmas and when you opened it up it was a stinkin' sweater? Don't you remember just begging and pleading with your folks to take you to Disney World and instead you got to go to "Old World Wisconsin?"

So parents,

adults who are my age and should not have forgotten their youth in the 70's and the 80's,

or those of you who just plain plan on breeding little ones in the future,

lend me your ears!

Will you please knock it off with foisting your political or religious or just plain BORING agendas on your children? They do not want to go to "Sunday Vacation Bible School."

They do NOT want "sweaters" for Christmas.

And they sure as hell don't want to go to "Eco Fun Fest!"

Take them to Disney World.

Take them to Yellowstone.

Take them to a lake and let them run around and get dirty looking for turtles.

Honest to Pete, why do I even have to write this?

"There is No Higher Ed Without Calculus and Statistics"

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Amen brother.

And on an interesting side note for you ladies out there;

most of us guys are neither prince nor military pilot. However, being a hard-working, honest, decent, God-fearing, self-reliant American citizen ought to be enough for any lucky woman.

A Beautiful Chart of Destruction and Dismay

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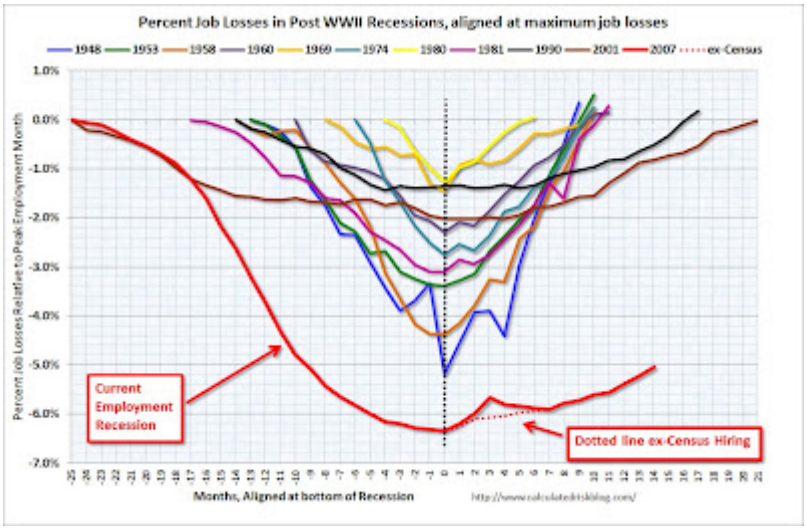
How's that hope and change kiddies? Enjoying the labor market are you?



hat tip.

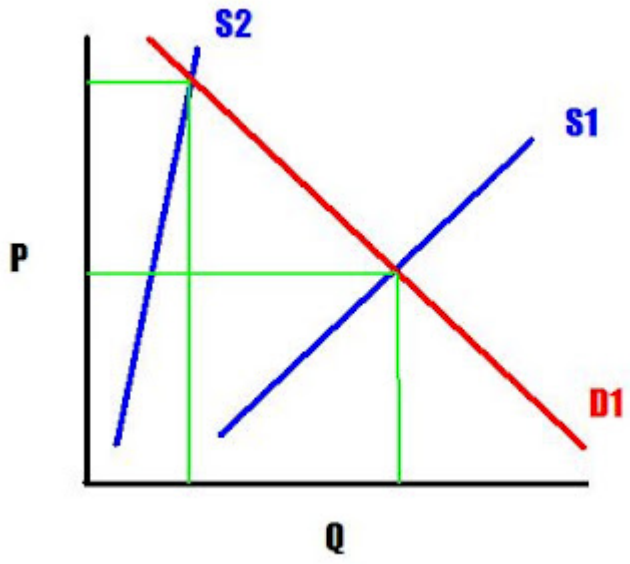
A Lesson In Supply and Demand

May 31, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Alright Junior, Aspiring, Deputy, Official and Otherwise Economists!

Test time!

Read this and translate it using the chart below!



And a second question young men.

"What lesson did the wonderful world of economics teach us from this experiment?"

How Property Taxes Undermine the Housing Recovery

May 31, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It's days like this the Captain decides to fire up a cigar and pat himself on the back.

From CBS Minnesota - Minneapolis housing prices drop the most out of all major cities.

From half a year ago - The Captain lays down some super awesome economic genius of the corollary between property taxes and prices.

From 4 years ago - The Captain's book predicting the housing crash.

But, no no. That's alright. Don't listen to him. What does he know? He's some crazy guy that jumps out of trees and runs into bushes.

Enjoy the decline!

"How, Oh How, Is the Economy Not Recovering?"

June 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I love stories like this where the "professionals of Wall Street" (remember those guys, the ones that headed up elite investment banks like Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers) are "shocked, shocked" the economy hasn't recovered yet. What I love more is when they put the cart before the horse, driving up stock prices FIRST, presuming economic growth will follow. And then, perhaps the greatest quote in the entire article is:

"With these kind of dividend yields, these stocks are a steal!"

So once again it seems high time to me to explain the "dividend yield" and provide an important lesson in this fascinating ratio.

The dividend yield is the dividends of a stock divided by the price of a stock. In short it shows you the percent return you can expect to receive from dividends. So for example if a stock pays a $1 dividend per share and it's currently trading at $10, your dividend yield is 10%.

Most people scoff at dividends because they invest in stocks "because they will hopefully go up in the future." This increase in the stock price is called a capital gain. And while they provide the basis for millions of people's retirements and trillions of invested dollars, the premise of investing in a stock "because it will go up in the future" is flawed and will cause a horrendous problem in the future.

Understand what drives the price of a stock is the earnings or profits the firm makes.

HOWEVER,

you as a shareholder will not see the earnings of the firm. You only get to see the portion of the earnings the firm decides to pay out as it may wish to retain some of those earnings and reinvest them back into the company. This portion they pay out is the dividend.

Now, if you think about it, you will realize that the ONLY thing that really drives the price or value of a stock is the dividends because that is ALL the shareholders see.

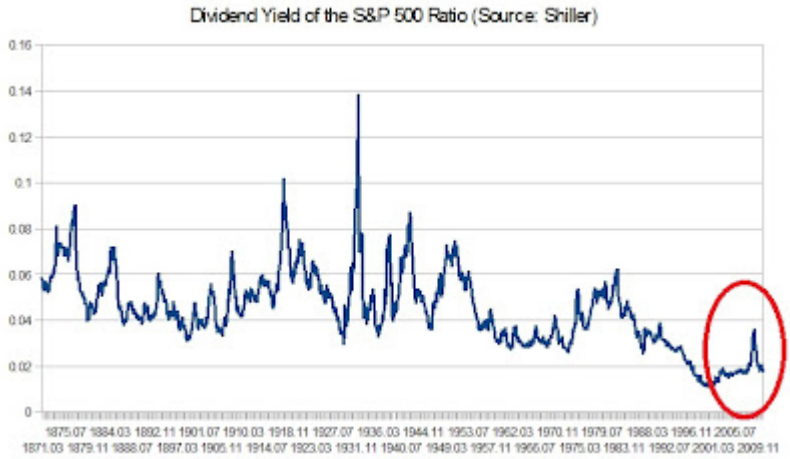
Of course some people will say, "Yes, but don't I get SOME money in the future if I sell it?"

Correct, but when you sell it in the future, why did somebody pay you money for your shares? Or a better question, "what did you sell to that person?"

You didn't sell him "something you can sell for more in the future." You sold him a share of stock that will entitle him to the future dividends that stock will pay. That is what gives the stock value. The stock could be sold over and over again, but you are inevitably selling a security that pays out dividends and nothing else.

So are dividends so high and prices so low that they are "a steal" as super intelligent Wall Street investment types say they are?

Well, here you go.



I've pointed this out before, but I shall say it again.

Dividends historically paid out around 5%. Today they are below 2%.

The reason why dividend yields are so low can be explained by reading the post about 3 posts below titled "When You Abandon Fundamental Value."

So my fine loyal readers, take it from the Captain. Right now buying the average S&P 500 stock is like buying something at about 2.5X's more expensive than it traditionally has been. To put it into perspective think of common everyday consumables we buy with the following prices;

A gallon of gas going for $9.75
A Kia Rio going for $25,000
A Big Mac going for $8.75
A movie ticket for $25

That is what (using the dividend yield as a metric for value) buying into the US stock market is like today.

And bar any economic growth (which there is "surprisingly little" of), you can expect

reality and efficiency to hit the markets. May not happen today. May not happen tomorrow. But it will happen. And the only thing that is going to give your precious little 401k balances a boost is going to be BOOMING economic growth that can only come from a Austrian economic model ala Ronald Reagan circa 1981 and not this Keynesian nightmare the naivety of the American voting public has wreaked upon us.

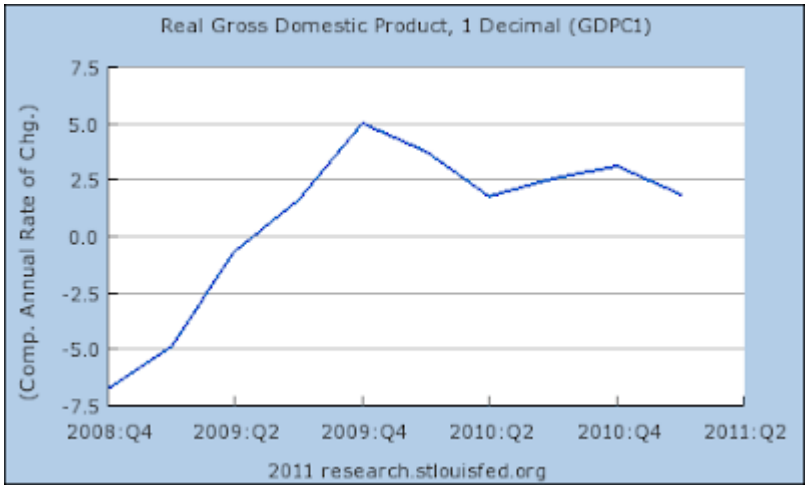
How's That Keynesian Thing Working Out For You?

June 3, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Had you listened to the Austrian economic model today's economic news of pathetic job growth and increased unemployment would have come as no shock. However, I am aware there are still some of you that believe in Keynesianism and are dumbstruck as to why the economy isn't booming and so permit me a lesson in economics.

You see, despite $2 trillion in "stimulus spending" and lord knows how much more in deficit spending, according to the Keynesian model this spending should have rippled through the economy and via a "multiplier effect" resulted in a multiple of the original stimulus amount in economic growth. This would have shifted the aggregate demand curve to the right resulting in full production and employment. Confetti would fall, Peggy Joseph wouldn't have to pay for her mortgage, the masses would cheer and Obama's Magical Flying Unicorns would fly in formation over the cheering masses (they're kind of like the Blue Angels, but not as cool).

Now, just assuming a multiple of 5 (meaning the MPS is .2, which it's not) that means a minimum of $10 trillion in additional economic production should have occurred just on the stimulus spending alone. Divide that by Obama's 3 years in office and roughly $3.3 trillion in extra economic growth over our base of $13.5 trillion should have resulted in a GDP of roughly $17 trillion. We're still sitting at $14 trillion.

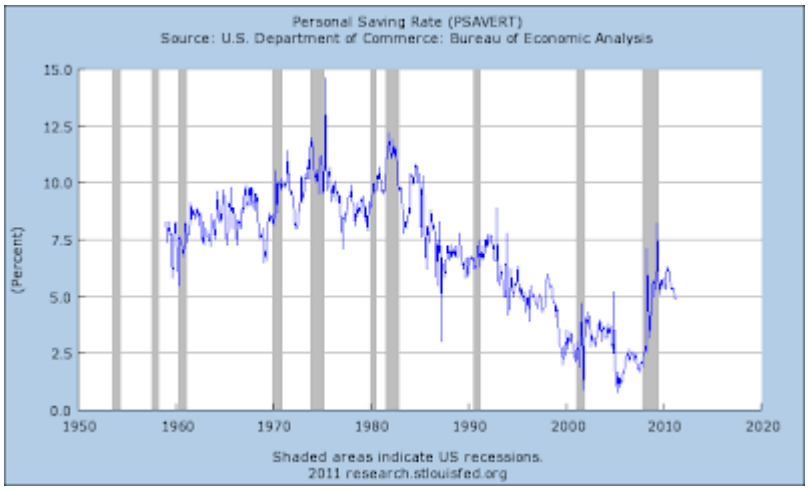


So what happened?

Well Keynesian Kiddos, your dated model might have a little flaw. The MPC or alternatively the MPS.

You see, when you are mortgaging the future of the country to the point credit rating agencies are downgrading you people have a tendency not to want to spend or invest a

lot in the country. Also, when you basically villainize profits, production and capitalism, businesses and banks don't want to invest. And when you just go and blow annually $1.4 trillion more than what you take in (all while making the taxpayer responsible for this profligate spending) people in general just lose faith in the country. So instead of the "happy go lucky spending spree" your model is based upon you see people tighten their wallets and spend less. Ergo our MPS goes up and your multiplier effect goes down;



In short, you failed to account for the psychological effect of bankrupting a country and what kind of effect that might have on people's spending as well as business investment.

Of course this "magical multiplier" effect of Keynesianism was flawed from the beginning. Not because there isn't a multiplier effect, but because it has nothing to do what what really matters; genuine economic production.

Spend all the government money on "community centers," "art programs," and "stimulus programs" you want, it's not what the people wanted. And claim all you want that "additional spending" is now rippling through the economy, the fact is the government wasted that "first round" of spending on something nobody wanted. That money, had it remained in taxpayer's hands would still be rippling through the economy, but through private hands (either through personal consumption or lending via banks) and therefore producing things people wanted. Not "$50,000 drinking fountains."

Perhaps a simpler way to explain it is to aliken Keynesianism to the "why can't we just print off more money" question. You don't have to be able to answer the question to know deep down in side you intuitively know that would not solve the problem.

So perhaps in your next economics class in college you can ask your economics "professor" a variant of that question with the presumption Keynesianism works.

"If the government can spend its way out of a recession, why can't the government just spend enough to spur enough economic growth so that we're all trillionaires?"

I myself would love to hear the answer to that question.

When You Abandon Fundamental Value

June 4, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Retirement programs.

There’s a novel concept for you. 60 years ago there was no such thing as a 401k, 403, IRA or SIMPLE plan. People retired by selling the family farm, enough heads of cattle or the family business. Less fortunate people had to rely on their children for retirement and some unfortunate souls, believe it or not, had to work till death.

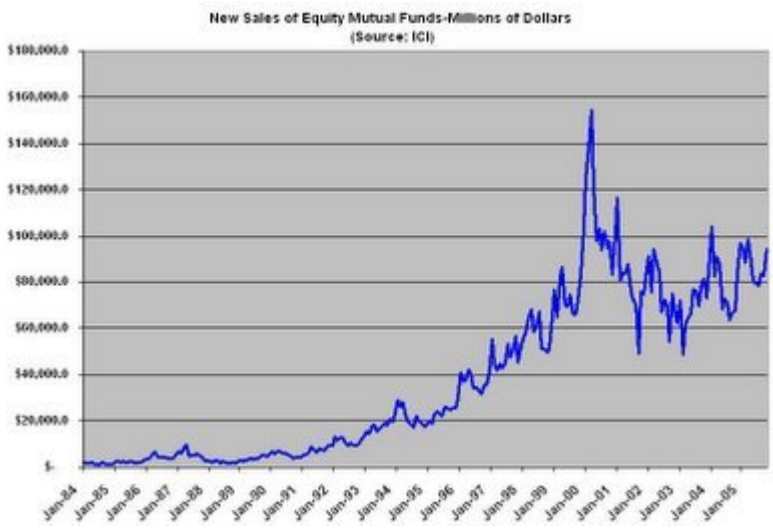
But retirement programs are funny things and they have funny consequences. Especially when ALL of the retirement programs designate financial securities (read stocks) as the only medium by which you can save for retirement.

Let me repeat that again;

RETIREMENT PROGRAMS ARE FUNNY THINGS AND HAVE FUNNY CONSEQUENCES ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL OF THE RETIREMENT PROGRAMS DESIGNATE FINANCIAL SECURITIES AS THE ONLY MEDIUM BY WHICH YOU CAN SAVE FOR RETIREMENT!

Translated into English, this means with the advent of 401ks, 403bs IRA's, etc., this has channeled all retirement money into the stock market with little regard as to whether or not this would artificially inflate stock prices, thereby causing a bubble.

ie-are the cash flows below;



contributing to a long term bubble?

Of course history has told us that any time you abandon fundamental value as the only reason to invest in something, bubbles always occur.

For example, the famous Holland Tulip Bulb Bubble shows you what happens when you no longer value a tulip bulb for the fundamental value that it will bloom and look pretty, but rather value it based on the idea that you can sell it for more than what you paid for it because the person buying it from you doesn't care what they pay for it, because they know they can turn around and sell it to another person because they don't care what they pay for it because they know they can…etc, etc..

Or Beanie Babies. Paying $600 for something that is nothing more than cloth and beads. Doesn’t clean the house. Doesn’t pay a dividend. Just sits there. Once again, you have abandoned its fundamental value and paid $600 for (as far as I’ve been able to figure it) something to feed a middle-aged woman's midlife crisis.

Alas, today's modern stock markets I contest are no different For people no longer invest in stocks for their potential cash flows, profits and dividends, but rather invest in stocks as a vehicle for retirement. And in a very zombie-like fashion I might add.

Every month, every paycheck, without even thinking, there they are, millions of them, zombie Americans doing what their HR overlords and financial advisors told them to do;

HR Director - “You WILL invest in a 401k”

In unison - “We will invest in a 401k”

Government - “You WILL invest in an IRA!”

In unison - “We will invest in an IRA.”

With little or no regard as to whether the mutual funds (and underlying stocks) are actually worth the value.

Now couple this dramatic change in investment behavior with several factors;

1. The entire Baby Boomer generation is the first generation en masse to use the financial markets as their mainstay for retirement

2. The Baby Boomers are a plurality of the population

3. And are in their prime income earning years

Is it any shock the average S&P 500 P/E ratio has been consistently trading above its 80 year average of 15?

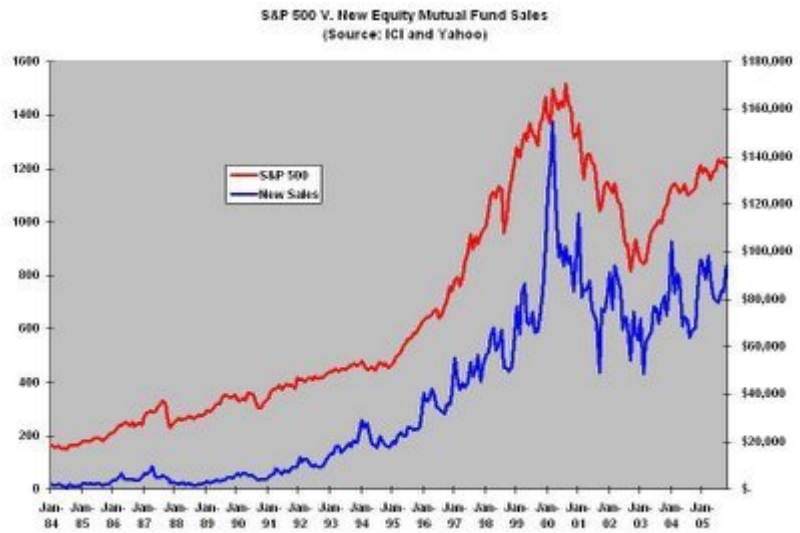
The question is what will happen when the Baby Boomers start to retire? And instead of contributing every month to their 401k's like sheople, they withdraw?

Of course, there are arguments that a rise in the average P/E is legitimate and sustainable. One could argue that this is a behavioral change that is permanent. That the Gen Xer's are contributing nicely and will pick up any slack. One could also make the argument that with the advent of the internet and online trading that prices to trade have fallen, allowing millions of Americans to flood the market with billions of dollars that would not have been invested otherwise.

Good arguments, and I agree.

But I wanted to check out to see how much of the past stock market performance was due to the market just being flooded with new money and not necessarily an increase in the profitability of companies.

So the first thing I did was compare the S&P 500 against new mutual funds sales (going back to 1984 which is as far back as ICI has the data), resulting in the chart below.



In obvious bubbles and crashes you

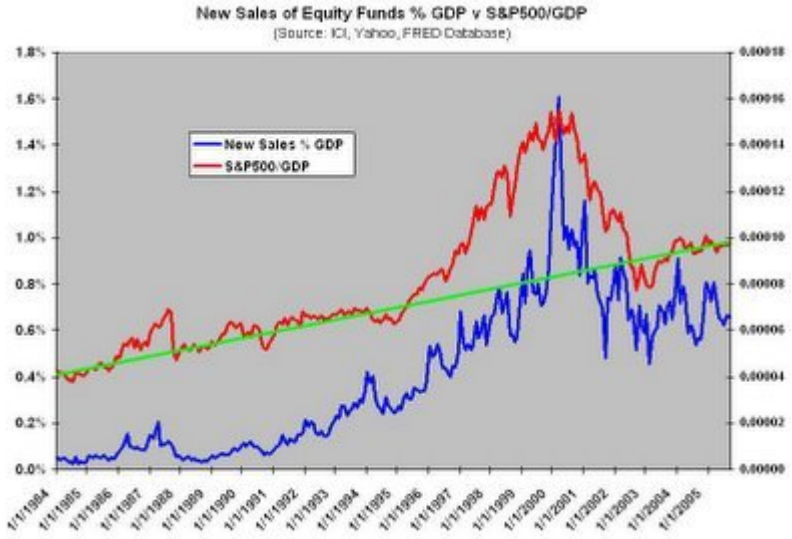
can see the correlation, however, the S&P, as well as monthly contributions to mutual funds are in nominal dollars. Inflation alone would increase the correlation, so I adjusted the figures (and the S&P 500) for inflation (this causes for some unconventional measures, but they are meritous just the same).

The relationship still stands, and is particularly noticeable in the Dotcom Mania/Bust days. But girls aren't impressed by economists who only adjust for inflation. Economically savvy and drop-dead gorgeous girls that have IQ's of 490 and double as super models can see the obvious shortcomings of this chart and would say,

"Hey, Mr. Economist. If you want to stand any shot with me, you better darn well adjust those figures for the size of the economy and population!"

And we accommodate them, for we wish to stand a shot with them.

So then you have this, the S&P 500 divided by GDP (another weird figure, but interesting enough in itself) versus monthly contributions as a percent of GDP



(notice in Dotcom Mania, new sales of equity only funds accounted for more than 1% of GDP, as opposed to less than .2% just 15 years prior).

This is where it gets interesting because the two data series alone tell us many things;

1. Our broadest stock market index divided by GDP provides an interesting ratio, showing that it has consistently been increasing as denoted by the green line. ***ie-We apply more value to stocks, regardless of the amount of wealth our economy is producing.***

2. Monthly new sales of equity only funds are amazing in themselves. Going from literally less than 1/10th of 1% of our GDP as late as 1992, monthly contributions have skyrocketed to .6% of GDP in all of 13 years! Furthermore, the insanity of Dotcom Mania had convinced people to forefeit money on the order of **1% of GDP** a month into equity only funds for a solid year (**1.6% in one month**!).

3. Of course this could be because people had higher profit expectations of companies, and thus flooded the market with money, driving up prices, but it had nothing to do with the actual increase in our ability to produce wealth (from which profits derive). Even after the crash, we're still on an upward trend contributing a higher percentage of our wealth into the stock market, thereby increasing the value of the stock market, regardless of our wealth producing abilities.

However, there are more pertinent adjustments to be made.

In trying to find the appropriate base by which to adjust for inflation and economic growth, I was predisposed to use GDP as GDP is typically the base you adjust for. But after contemplation what mutual fund flows and indices should really be compared against is corporate profits as corporate profits are what ultimately drive the value of a stock.

Here, a similar correlation again, but this focuses on the heart of the matter; corporate profits. The only one true thing that should dictate stock prices.

Note the behavior of the S&P 500 relative to corporate profits. The stock market bubbles

of 1987 and 1999 are obvious. Also note the highly correlated behavior of the monthly new sales of equity only funds as a percent of corporate earnings.

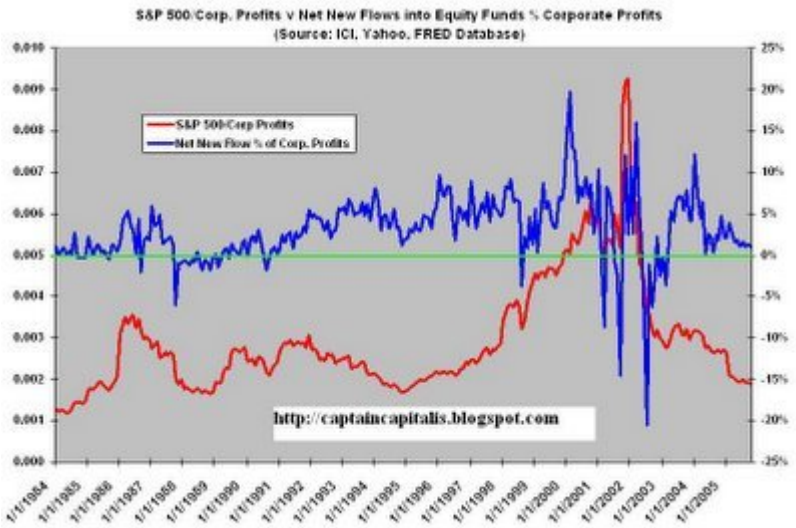
Ideally this should be a constant ratio, meaning people apply the same amount of market value to corporate earnings, thus, if corporate earnings go up, demand for that stock would go up by a corresponding amount, thus keeping the ratio constant (ie-if corporate profits go up 5%, demand for stocks would go up by 5%). Of course this ratio is not going to be constant because people's expectations of future profitability is changing and people's perception of value changes as well.

This is VERY obvious in the run up to Dotcom Mania. Traditionally sales in new equity funds would amount to no more than a percent or two of corporate profits. However, when people started having irrational expectations of corporate profits, this skyrocketed monthly sales to almost **70% of corporate profits**. Arguably the clearest sign there was a bubble.

Regardless of temporary and irrational fluctuations in people's perception of value and expectations, look at the long term trend. After the stock market crash and people becoming disenchanted with stocks, new sales of equity only funds dropped down to a more "sane" 20%. While a significant drop, it still is significantly higher than the 2 or 3% and shows a general trend upward since the 1980's.

This suggests something a bit more permanent than just the random and chaotic whims and emotions of the market is afoot. And this something is disconnecting the relationship between what we pay in stock price and their corresponding profits, further suggesting to me we have once again abandoned profits, dividends and cash flow as reason to invest in stocks and are purchasing them for ulterior reasons. Given the high correlation between the increase in the S&P500 relative to corporate profits and new sales of mutual funds as a percent of corporate profits (.89) it suggests to me that gains in the market are primarily due to retirement money flooding the market and not so much increases in corporate profits.

All this being said, there is one final adjustment that should be made. Thus far all the charts and correlations have been made with "Monthly New Sales of Equity Only Funds" provided by ICI. This tells us nothing of redemptions that were made, ie-people pulling their money OUT of equity only mutual funds. If pure volume of retirement dollars flooding the equities markets is to blame for higher prices and not corporate profit-chasing dollars, then the net flow into equity only funds would be a more appropriate measure. Thus I ran the same figures of "*Net* New Flows into Equity Only Funds" as a percent of corporate profits versus the S&P 500 divided by corporate profits.



Albeit not as pretty as the previous charts, there is a correlation again, .30. Not as high as the New Sales figures, but a postive one none-the-less. And with with 262 data points, it is probably statistically significant.

However, speculate as we might that all this is being caused by new retirement money entering the market, we cannot know for sure. In Dotcom Mania was it just people's irrational expectations of unrealistic profits that flooded the market with money? Is the rise in money entering the market now due to lower trading costs? Will Gen X continue this investment behavior? Or all of these things in play at once?

Alas, it seems all we've accomplished is proving that when a market is flooded with money, prices tend to go up.

Economists are very good at proving something that we already know.

What's the Difference Between Minneapolis and Cuba?

June 4, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

At least you can escape Minneapolis.

Recession Medicine

June 5, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Charlie Varrick

June 6, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This post has nothing to do with economics, politics or sociological matters. It has to do with a good solid guy flick that should rank up there with "Kelly's Heroes" "Midnight Run" and "Die Hard."

Charlie Varrick.

Not much good came out of the 70's. There was...umm....yeah...ahhh....hmmm.....

So there you have it, not much good came out of the 70's.

But there was a movie starring an underappreciated actor, Walter Matthau.

You all know him for his comedic appearances beside Jack Lemon, but if you look at his acting career, he actually played some pretty bad ass guys. Watch "Charade" starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn and you'll see what I'm talking about.

Regardless, he plays a very hateable anti-hero in the movie "Charlie Varrick." It's a dirty, sleazy, crime-infested movie that is about the only thing great to come out of the 70's. I won't even tell you any details because it would just ruin the movie. I want you to go and watch it and appreciate it as much as I did.

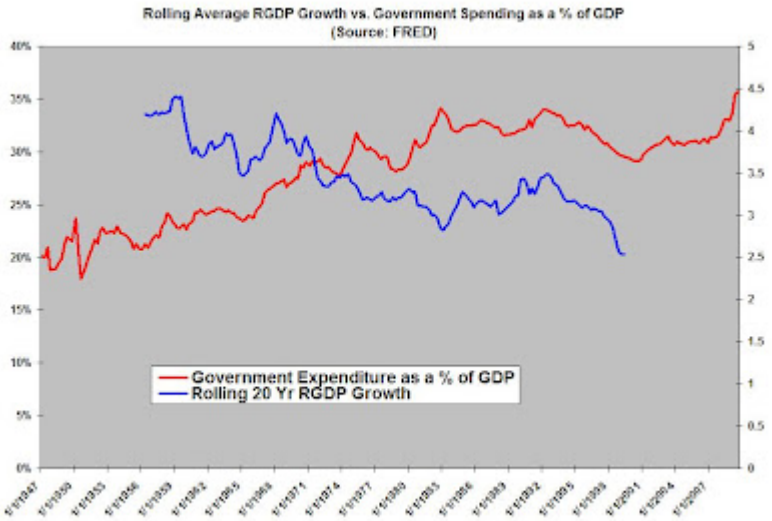
So Netflix it or just buy it, because you'll want to own it as part of your collection. Just trust the Captain on this one.

Rolling 20 Year Real Corporate Profit Growth Rate

June 6, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

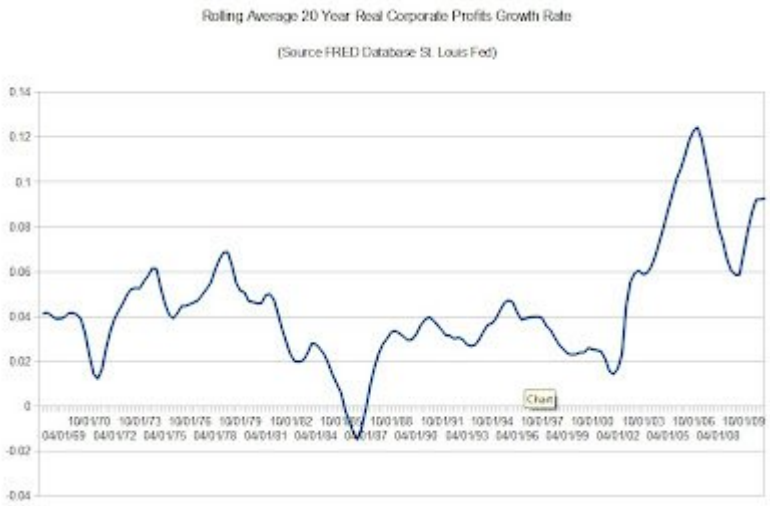
When I make charts it's usually when I have a theory and I wish to prove it right or wrong. Most of the time, my theory is proven right. And I'm not talking like a batting average of say Christine Romer or a Paul Krugman, I'm usually right about 90%+ of the time. But this time my theory was wrong.

My theory was that because of a general decline in long term average economic growth rates as evidenced here;



Corporate profits would also be in long term decline. I also contested the general work ethic in the US economy has declined over time at all levels of management as well as innovation and creation and this would also translate into deteriorating corporate profit growth. So I did the exact same thing below as I did above. I took REAL non-financial corporate profits over time and averaged their growth rates on a "generational" basis (20 year span).

Of course I was completely wrong. Corporate profit growth had never been higher than in the past 20 years.



Now, many things can explain this. Two bubbles (housing and Dotcom) overstated corporate profit growth in the past 20 years and thus (barring another bubble) corporate profit growth would return to normal. Also, globalization where domestic companies have milked as much profit as they can from the domestic economy and now go overseas for growth in developing nations. But I truthfully don't know the answer.

The only real reason I posted this up here is because I put so much time into it, I was saying to myself, "the heck if I'm not posting this chart!"

"Business Journalist"

June 7, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yet another reason you should be reading Cappy Cap and not listening to the mainstream media. Because their "business journalists" purposely spend more than they make.

P/E Ratios - What They Tells Us of Probable Returns

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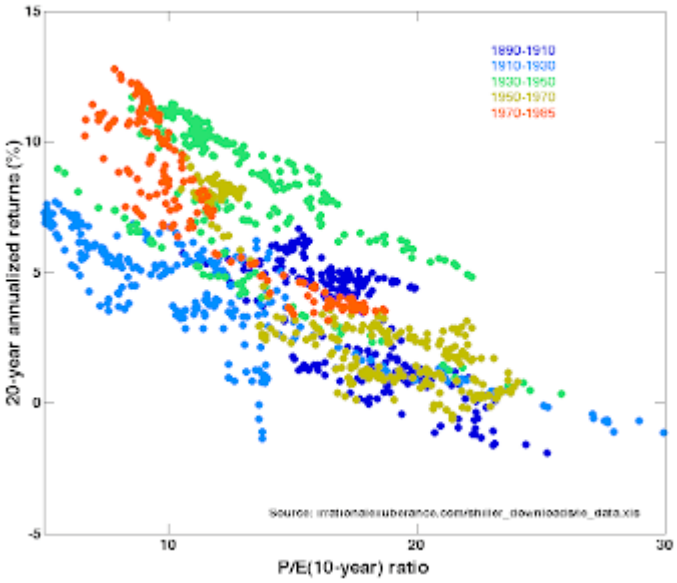
Given our high P/E ratios here in the US, I'm pulling up an old chart that needs to be revisited. Comes from Dr. Robert Shiller and it is a very insightful chart. However, methinks it may be high time to see if the loyal readers and lieutenants of the Captain are starting to understand to become economists in their own right and can deduce the lessons that need to be learned from it.



So, do you see what I see?

Like Selling a Rabbid Badger as a Pet

June 8, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yeah, good luck selling those things.

Help the Captain Research WWII

June 8, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hello Lieutenants!

The Captain has a mission for those of you with an expertise and knowledge he doesn't have.

I remember watching a WWII documentary about the siege of Berlin during WWII. As the Russians approached and it was becoming very apparent the Germans would lose the war, Berliners in a weird psychological way started celebrating. NOT because the war would soon be over, but because they were doomed.

Nazi's would shoot people trying to escape and even if they did manage to escape the Russians would shoot them. So they were trapped and more or less forced to sit there and wait for the Russians to come.

Since there was nothing else they could do, they started throwing parties. I saw some eerie video of Germans drinking and partying away. Sometimes these parties would often end in suicide.

Now it's one thing for me to simply recall this documentary, it's another thing if one of you would be so kind refer me to a documented source or link that actually cites it. I've tried searching teh interwebz, but am having no luck.

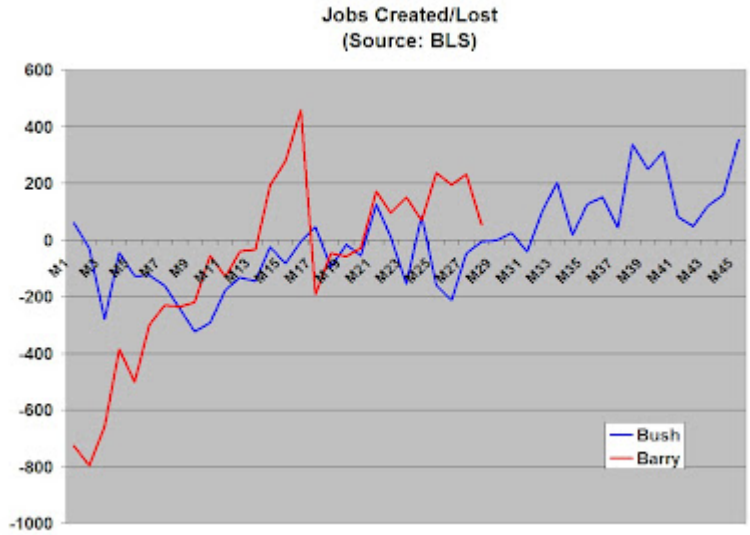
Any historian economists out there?

Comparing Job Creation of Obama vs. Bush

June 9, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Criticize them both as much as you will from both sides of the aisle, Presidents Bush and Obama do have some similarities. Notably they both inherited recessions. And though the recession President Bush inherited was weaker than the recession President Obama inherited (though it was constantly claimed to be the worst economy in 50's years) a juxtaposition between the two presidents in terms of job growth is very interesting.

Upon inauguration in January, both suffered job losses, Obama more than Bush, but again in intellectual honesty due to the severity of the recession. And though volatile, changes in non-farm payroll jobs was less volatile under Bush than it was Obama. Despite the volatility both presidents are more or less neck and neck in terms of job creation (or rather "destruction") for their 29th month in office. Bush had at this point in his presidency resided over the loss of 2.6 million jobs, Obama 2.5 million. But note what happens after the 29th month under Bush. Job growth BOOMS.



This should be disconcerting for Obama and Obama cheerleaders because it is now put up or shut up time. And sadly, there are no more bullets left in his exhausted Keynesian elephant gun. Worse still, the extra 100,000 jobs came at a price of indebting the country to the point of insolvency. And worse than that is GW's economic boom was preceded by an expansionary fiscal policy that focused on tax cuts as opposed to spending.

In other words the ultimate show down between the two competing economic theories is about to occur. Keynesian vs. Austrian. Socialism vs. Capitalism.

Of course, it ultimately does not matter whether or not jobs are created because economics has largely become something of a religion. People want to believe in socialism. People want to believe in Barack Obama. People want to believe their "English"

degree is going to land them a job. People want to believe in the Magic Job-Creating Unicorns. And so regardless of what happens, lessons will not be learned, intellectual honesty will not be adhered to and we will simply be condemned to repeat history.

Of course, the smart ones will enjoy the decline.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

June 9, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Adios Illinois.

The Education Bubble - Stage 1 Denial

June 10, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For your entertainment today I present to you an article wherein they interview 6 humanities majors and ask them "is it worth it?"

As If Apple Products Aren't Overpriced Enough

June 13, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of the fringe benefits of taking the occasional computer networking course at the local community college is that you start to understand the world of "geek humor" or the social side of the computer world.

For example, most of you have NO clue what the big hubbub is between "Mac" and "Windows" and "Linux." (Answer - It's nothing, TRUST ME. Just go back to using Window's machines and enjoy your lives citizens)

Or, when an IT geek cuts a joke and all the other geeks laugh, is it really that funny? (Answer - No, even when you understand the punch line, the jokes are really not that funny).

But every once in a while when the IT and economics worlds mix, it gets really interesting.

A Message from EVIL Big Oil

June 14, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Supplied by my EVIL contact in the EVIL big oil industry, this answers a simple question I had about whether between the US and Canada, and all the various shale oil fields we're discovering if we couldn't just simply jettison the Middle East for our energy needs.

Of course, it is from Big Oil, so it should be ignored as we continue to pin our hopes of economic recovery on that there booming "green economy."

"Tax the Richest 2%"

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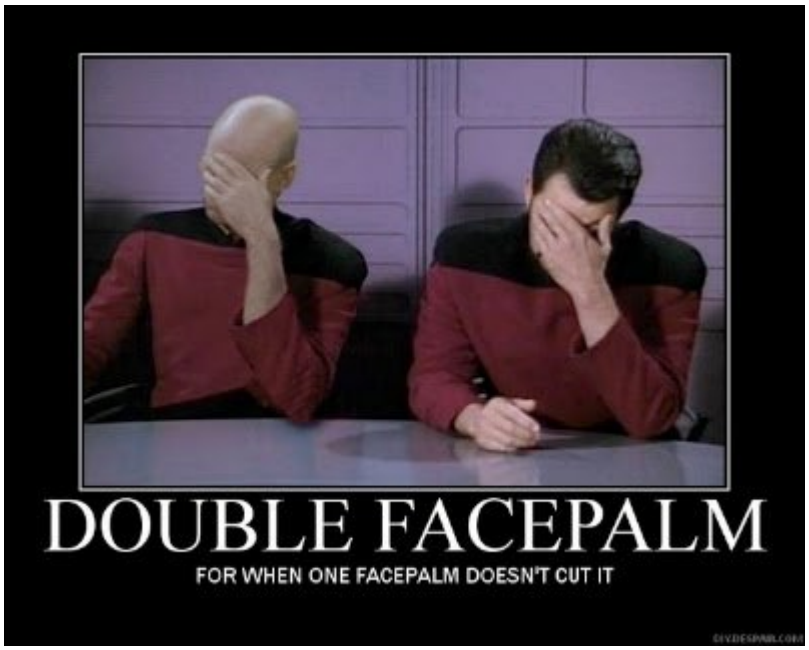
You just can't make it up. Saw their commercial and couldn't believe they used it as their URL. Ergo it deserves the Double Palm Face Plant Award.



I wonder if the phrase "capital flight" is in their vocabulary.

Adam Corolla Economics

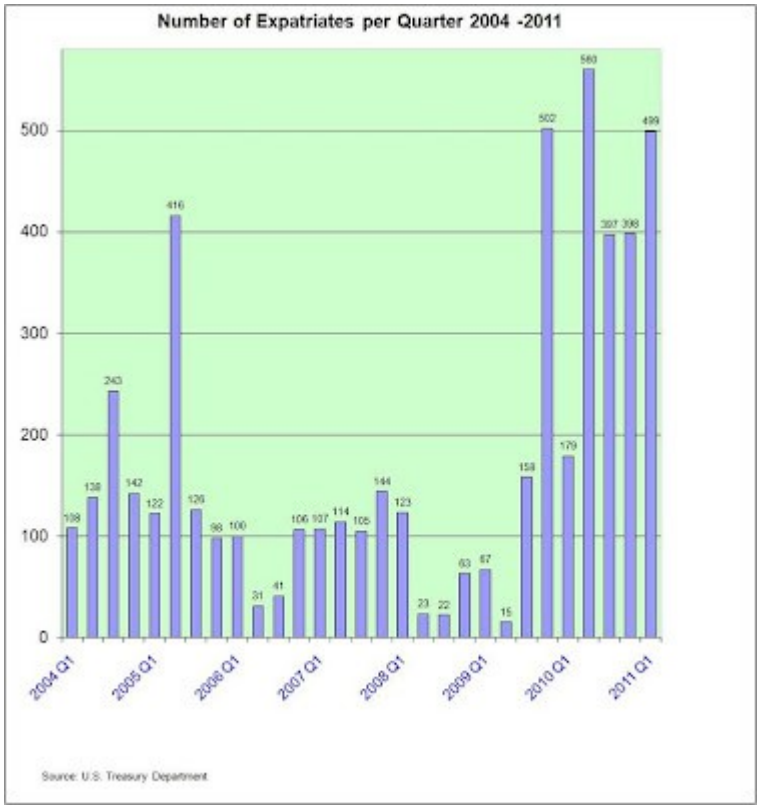
June 15, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Many years ago I remember listening to "Love Line" and Adam Corolla said something to the effect of;

"You know, you young kids may hate rich people, but if you look at how much they pay into the system you'll realize you don't want to piss them off. I mean, do you know those charts where they show you how much money is being spent or made? Yeah, Bill Gates would have like a million little dollar bills on the chart and then average guy would be a fraction of of a fraction of a dollar sign. You don't want that guy leaving."

Of course some people do.

But then there is a consequence.



Enjoy the decline!

The Captain is "Pro-Hound"

June 16, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

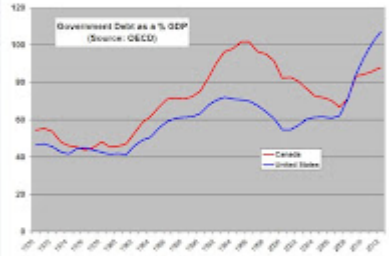
If I were to ever have a ton of money I would buy the original painting. (you need to scroll up once clicking on the link)

During My Stroll Through the OECD

June 16, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The OECD, I must admit, has vastly improved how it's organized its data and statistics. Beforehand you had to just jump in and try to figure out the logic by which some French economist tried to organize the data. This usually required 2 hours of your life and the consumption of copious amounts of booze to bring your blood pressure down. Now you can find it relatively easily.

Regardless, I wanted to take a look at how our Canadian brothers and sisters were fairing up north, and thought the charts would be of some interest to our fellow Cappy Cap readers. I apologize for the size, you will have to click on it to get a decent size view of it.



Freedom in the States

June 18, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

STATE FREEDOM RANKINGS

1. New Hampshire
2. South Dakota
3. Indiana
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6. Nevada
7. Colorado
8. Oregon
9. Virginia
10. North Dakota
11. Florida
12. Oklahoma
13. Iowa
14. Texas
15. Georgia
16. Tennessee
17. Kansas
18. North Carolina
19. Alabama
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22. Arizona
23. Nebraska
24. Mississippi
25. Wisconsin
26. South Carolina
27. Michigan
28. Arkansas
29. Montana
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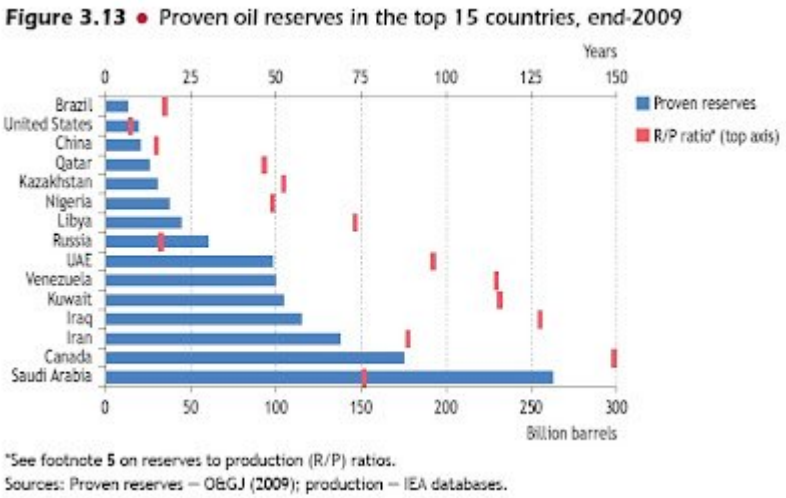
31. Pennsylvania
32. Kentucky
33. Maine
34. Minnesota
35. Louisiana
36. West Virginia
37. New Mexico
38. Connecticut
39. Delaware
40. Washington
41. Illinois
42. Ohio
43. Maryland
44. Alaska
45. Rhode Island
46. Massachusetts
47. Hawaii
48. California
49. New Jersey
50. New York

For the full report.

"No, Not the Canadians!"

June 21, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Currently doing some research for a Canadian client and over the course of the research came across a very heartening chart.



Of course the only thing worse than Evil Big Oil is CANADIAN Evil Big Oil. Don't get me started about those evil Canadians with their hockey and Rumpleminze and civilized society. Don't want none of that stinking Canadian oil do we? No, much better to have stable, pro-US Middle Eastern oil.

Three From Oz

June 21, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Some commendable charty goodness from the Oz Conservative

a funny little piece from Joanne.

and why not visit our good buddy Frank if you haven't in a while?

Debt is GOOD for You!

June 22, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"…we found that both kinds of debt had positive effects for young people. It didn't matter the type of debt, it increased their self-esteem and sense of mastery."

God help us.

Recession Medicine

June 22, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A Friendly Reminder from the Captain

June 23, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A friendly reminder from the Captain that today is Thursday, June the 23rd. Nothing special on this day, no holidays, no festivities, which means it's the PERFECT day to buy your girl some flowers.

Remember, flowers on birthdays and Valentines Day are more expensive and expected, rendering them ineffective.

But on non-descript days, like today, it's worth dropping $5 at your local grocery store.

This concludes the Captain's public service announcement.

Your Next Netflix

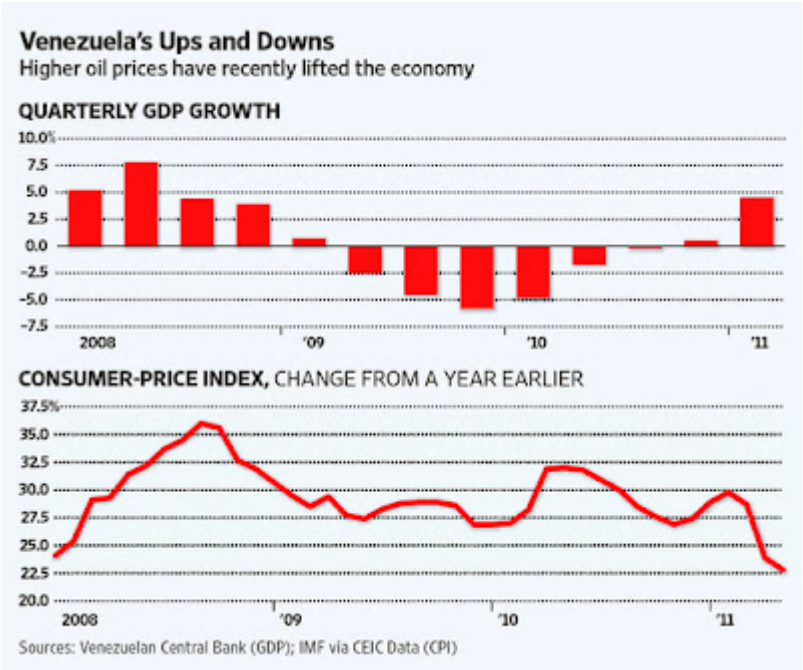
June 23, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you have not seen Cowboy Bebop (or don't even know what it is), it is the next thing you're going to put in your Netflix queue. Here is a video that not only highlights its AMAZING jazz soundtrack, but also shows you a clip of one of the better episodes;

Oil Supports the Economies Leftists Are Most Proud Of

June 24, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I will give a shinny nickel to any leftist or environmentalist that can explain why they love countries like Norway or they love people like Hugo Chavez, when their economies are largely based on "evil" oil.



Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Bueller?

If This Doesn't Convince You…

June 24, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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then nothing will.

Notice the Statistics

June 25, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I like the use of charts and statistics;

How's Sweden?

June 27, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And this is coming from the country that was considering a "man tax."

Recession Medicine

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HAR!

Sarah Conant - Professoinal Crusader

June 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

What did I tell you people about the threat of crusaders?

Or Your Could Just Buy a Motorcycle

June 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Financial advice is hard to give nowadays. Until the budget gets balanced and economic growth is enough to outpace population growth, I have a hard time finding something to recommend to people beyond hedging items such as "gold, silver, bullets, booze, foreign ETF's, and stable countries' currencies."

But there is one investment, especially for young men, I am STRONGLY recommending.

Motorcycles.

Men, listen to me. You can go ahead and look on them there interwebz and read all about different prohibitively cars that have great mileage and worry about how the price of gas eats into your disposable income, or you can just buy a motorcycle. The compelling reason is NOT the money you'd save on gas, though that is certainly a factor. the compelling reason is the money you'd save on courting.

Gas, if you look at personal expenditures, is actually not that large of an expense. It usually is less than rent and even less than what you spend on booze, cigarettes and other vices. But if you employ your motorcycle correctly you can save a TON in....

courting.

Look, women LOVE motorcycles. Even the ones that don't claim to, once you throw them on the back, they LOVE motorcycles. You don't have to take them to fancy dinners, overpriced movies, trips to Cancun. You just say, "hey, get on" and off you go.

Better than that even is the money you save not having to go and search for a nice young lady to court. When you get a motorcycle, you don't go to the "clubs" or "discotecs" or "parties." You simply show up where the object of your affection is on a regular basis with your motorcycle jacket and helmet. And when you have built a repoire with the young lady you simply say, "Hey, want to go for a ride?"

It's almost, if not easier than asking a girl to ballroom dance. It is the perfect in.

Of course, motorcycles are not just for the young man. They are also for the young lady. Owning and driving a motorcycle immediately puts you in a higher regard amongst most males. Sure it may be a bit tom-boyish, but no man in the history of men ever said, "Oh, no! She has a motorcycle! That sucks! I'm never dating her!" Additionally, your ownership of a motorcycle also saves you the unnecessary time, money and expense of going out "clubbing" and buying the latest in night-club-wear. Put on some good jeans, some

bootsy-boots, and BAM! You'll have plenty o' men pining for your affection and better gas mileage to boot!

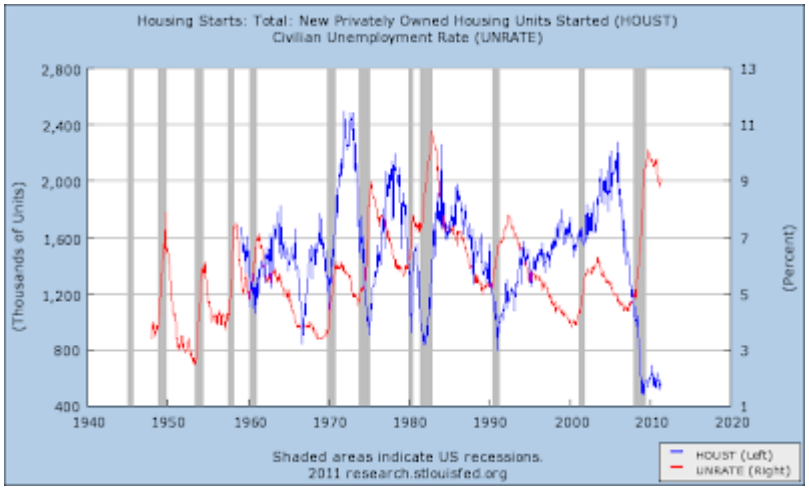
So youth, for those of you looking to invest, but you plain just don't believe your 401k will be there. Or you just plain don't have the money to afford investing, then invest in a motorcycle. It will pay itself back VERY quickly and make your love life all that much easier.

How Housing Starts Will Prevent Obama from Being Another Reagan

June 30, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Veteran readers know one of my favorite charts is to juxtapose housing starts vs. unemployment. I forgot how I ran into this particular chart or what compelled me to contrast the two, but many years ago I did, and what I found is that housing starts typical forecast unemployment by 6-18 months. Ergo, if housing starts tank, you can expect unemployment to spike within the next year and 1/2.

Though I could speculate, I do not know the precise reason why housing starts forecast unemployment so well. I do know, whether the correlation is spurious or not, it's been a pretty good predictor in the past which is why I wanted to revisit and update the chart. I also wanted to revisit the chart because this recession is different than most others (duuhhhh!) in that unemployment has remained stubbornly high. Instead of a traditional recession where (cough cough, WHEEZE WHEEZE) FREE MARKET FORCES are brought about to take advantage of lower labor costs and lower cost opportunities presented by recessions and bring about a SHARP drop in unemployment, this time around it has not happened as unemployment stalls above 9%.



The question is of course, "when will unemployment come back down?" and this chart tells us the answer;

Not any time soon.

Notice that housing starts have also stalled. Unlike recessions before, when housing tanks, but then quickly recuperates, this time around it has not only tanked, but stayed tanked. Housing is still down and out, and assuming the correlation between housing starts and unemployment holds, you can expect unemployment to be hovering around 9% for some time to come.

Now this is GOOD NEWS in some regards because many political pundits (lacking the super awesome economic genius I am gifted with) are worried that Obama will be like Ronald Reagan. Reagan during his first term had very low approval figures just like Obama, but then an economic boom occurred in the third year of his first term, vaulting him into a second term. Those of the right side of the political spectrum are worried this could happen with Barry.

However, that is unlikely to happen. If you look at housing starts under Reagan in both parts of the double dip recession/Volcker Recession, housing starts recovered immediately. Additionally, they never went below 800,000. In Obama's case, housing starts tanked to 500,000 and have consistently stayed down there for over 2 years.

Of course, I don't know why housing starts track unemployment so well. And I am nowhere near as "educated" as the likes of Christine Romer and Paul Krugman. But so far this chart is batting about .925 while Keynesian-addicts such as Romer and Krugman are batting at about .000.

So those of you on the political right need not worry. The economy is not going to recover in time and strongly enough to the point it will save Obama. More importantly though however, is that we should not be cheering on a moribund economy so we can defeat somebody for political gain. We should be cheering this on because it's simply going to be another metric ton of empirical evidence that socialism and Keynesianism does not work, and free markets and a free people do. Of course "tell them that."

An Argument to Increase the Voting Age to 30

July 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Stocks Gain After "STRONG" Industrial Report"

July 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So the PMI comes out higher than expected.

The Dow Jones shoots up 100 points.

"Hurray! The economy is finally recovering!"

That is until you do the job the media is supposed to be doing and put it in context. I circled the increase from 53.5 to the "strong" 55.3 between May and June.

I added the additional "POW!" to make it look like the old Batman TV show to give it more of an effect.

Filed under - "The Cancer is Spreading Less Slowly"

Failed at Tornado Chasing

July 2, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

But a buddy of mine got one heck of a photo of a sunset reflecting on the remnants of the storms that rolled through;

Send Off the Captain Right

July 3, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your Captain, as he does every year, is about to embark on his 2 month western vacation wherein he hops on his motorcycle and simply "ventures forth." This year's vacation will include the regular fossil hunting, mountain climbing, agate finding, buffalo dodging, camping, Texas Hold 'Em-ing, tornado-chasing and gun shooting. But he will also attempt to make it to Kemmerer, WY in an attempt to find a fish fossil (which is one of the few he does not have).

He will of course have a laptop with him and will be dispensing his super awesome economic genius, but if you want to help the Captain pay for the incredible amount o' gas he is going to consume (despite being on a motorcycle) as well as give him a thank you for the sage-advice on economics he's already given you may do so by clicking on any of the links in the side bar.

Of particular note is the now-nearly free Kindle version of his book and his online class, both of which you will get more than your money's worth. You can also donate to the Captain's Pay Pal account, in which case you will get nothing in return, but then you can lord over him about how he had to take charity from you and he will forever owe part of his future success to you.

All proceeds go to the Captain's "Gas and Rumpleminze Fund" which keeps him and his motorcycle fueled.

Happy 4th of July

July 4, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It's a classic;

"Plink!"

July 5, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I love charts.

The MBA Bubble Continues

July 6, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I think we need to call MBA's "Norman Dyke Degrees."

All the education, none of the experience.

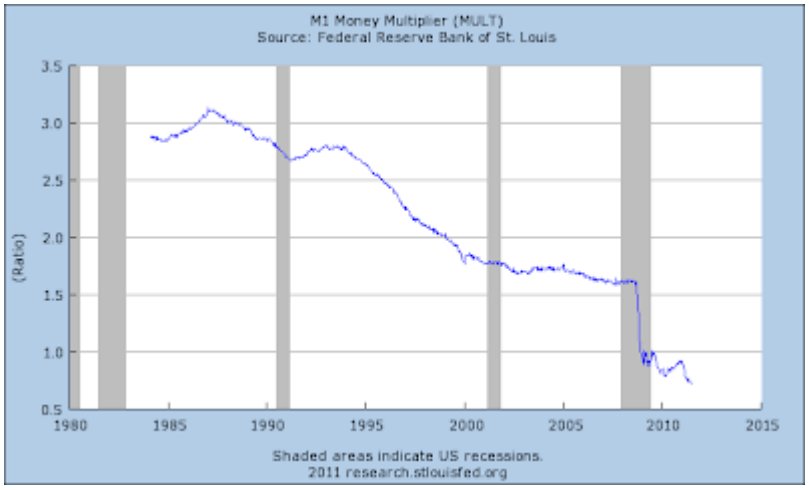
Enjoy the decline!

The M1 Money Multiplier

July 6, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Your Captain is a monetarist and (admittedly) has in his mental mind a simple model or "concept" of what role money plays in an economy. Ultimately money does not matter in that it is the amount of "stuff" we produce in a nation that determines its wealth. Sure, tinkering with the money supply can have an effect on the economy, largely a negative one, by distorting prices, triggering a misallocation of resources, and sending us into a recession. But if the government were to just keep the money supply in line with RGDP growth, inflation should be 0% (which brings up a question the Captain has had for a while "Why doesn't the Fed just aim for 0% inflation?").

But if you want to believe in Keynesianism and Santa Claus and the Boogeyman, you can study "multiplier effects."



I find the chart interesting on two accounts. One, the general decline in the M1 money multiplier (suggesting electronic payments are taking over physical cash transactions) and two the cliff during this last recession. It is here I believe is one of the reasons why the stimulus package has failed and is a vital flaw in Keynesian economics. When you mortgage the future of the country to the point of insolvency, people tend to close up their wallets. Therefore the more you "prime the pump" at the expense of mortgaging the future, the more people tighten their wallets in fear of worse economic times ahead, negating any effects of the stimulus.

Ultimately though what this teaches us is that Keynesian intervention (or any government intervention) into an economy is simply social engineering. As the US has aged, it's gone from a people telling the government what they want it to do (for better or worse) to a government telling the people what they are going to do (for worse). It won't be until the people who head up the government realize they do not control the $14 trillion beast that is the US economy.

No Kiddin'. South Korea?

July 7, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I could have sworn they kind of appreciated us for kind of making it so they kind of didn't have to kind of suffer under the worst communist regime to ever exist. Maybe we should just let Kim Jong Il unify the peninsula.

250 to Sturgis

July 8, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It is now time for the Captain to take his Ninja 250 and drive it the 600 odd miles to Sturgis. Stops along the way will include the metropolis of Windom, the city center known as Adrian and who can forget the cultural mecca of Murdo?!

Posting will be infrequent as it is hard to blog on a motorcycle.

Wish me luck and that I do not hit any deer or moose-raccoons.

Cpt.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

July 9, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Someday, you'll all learn the term.

Enjoy the decline!

Escaped Just in Time

July 11, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The government shutdown and the general encroachment of the public sector on the private sector in Minnesota is certainly one reason I advocate escaping Minnesota. However, it is things like this, which are increasing in frequency, that provide additional incentive to escape Minnesota or at least move out of Nuevo Detroit (aka Minneapolis).

In the meantime your Captain has just embarked on day #3 of his great South Dakotan adventure. Day #1 was a 10 mile hike through the Black Hills, Day #2 was a 300 mile motorcycle ride through the Black Hills. Day #3 will entail another 10 mile hike through the agate-rich prairies. 2 M1 Cusano cigars have been smoked and copious amounts of booze have been consumed. Watching the news from back "home" just makes this trip that much more enjoyable.

Enjoy the decline!

Hallelujah!

July 12, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember teaching dance class one time. Couple walks in with their kids about 3 and 5. Kids are running around, talking, making noise, annoying the other students. I finally break down and say, "Dude, you gotta do something with your kids."

So what do the brilliant parents do?

They put the toddlers ON THEIR HEADS/SHOULDERS like a chicken fight in a pool and try to dance with each other. For those of you unfamiliar with the world of ballroom dancing you need the use of your hands to dance with your partner, so these kids are essentially unsecured holding on to the heads of their parents who try (and fail) to do basic turns because they are effectively too tall with their children on top of them.

The guy who I asked to get his kids under control of course filed a complaint, but apparently people are fighting back.

More on the Ninja 250

July 12, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've received some questions and comments about my motorcycle and trip out here to South Dakota that it warranted a separate post unto itself so I shall be bullet-pointy to address some of the questions/comments;

- The Ninja 250 is a small motorcycle. Matter of fact I think it's about the smallest motorcycle you can get and still drive on the interstate. It is the LAMEST motorcycle in all of Sturgis, but she got there (see picture below).
- The mileage is GREAT, unless you are driving at speeds in excess of about 70 miles per hour. I usually get around 60-62MPG if I'm driving in the city, this includes interstate speeds in the city which are around 60-65MPH. However, once you go above 70 or 75 MPH, the fuel efficiency TANKS. This is noticeable when you go from Minnesota into South Dakota and the speed limit goes from 70MPH to 75MPH. In just that 5-10MPH difference my fuel efficiency drops from about 55-58MPG to 38MPG. I had to switch to the reserve tank as I approach Wall, SD and cut the speed down to maximize my fuel efficiency. YOu do NOT want to be stranded in the middle of nowhere South Dakota with no gas.
- There are many routes to take for motorcycle rides, but "The Needles" is perhaps the best. It follows the spine of the Black Hills up to Sylvan Lake (you can look all these things up on image searches to see the beauty). In one day we hit The Needles, Sylvan Lake, Hill City, Deadwood, Sturgis and the Vanocker Canyon.
- Repair of the Ninja 250 is easy, if not great. It's very simply designed and easy to access by taking off the fairings. I've been able to replace chains, change oil, replace water pumps, replace gas tanks, replace cables, change the fuel filter and clean the carbeurator, none of which takes more than an hour unless you run into a stubborn bolt. With the basic tools and parts you can pretty much do any kind of roadside maintenance and not break down. Most of which will fit into a smallish backpack (and wreak havoc on your back).
- Yes your back will be in immense pain if you drive a crotch rocket 660 miles in one day.
- Yes, girls do like motorcycles, even little puny ones like the one I have. I suggest spending the money on a fuel efficient motorcycle and accommodating safety gear instead of making your next 6 months worth of 401k contributions. Your return is higher and it's more fun than the "Mid-Cap Value Index Fund." No woman in the history of women said to a guy, "Oooo! You invested in the Mid-Cap Value Index Fund!" and conversely, "Ewwww! Yuck, gross! You have a motorcycle!"
- If any of you Cappy Cappites are out this direction, please shoot the Ole Captain an e-mail. He's always up for motorcycle riding, fossil hunting, mountain climbing, agate hunting or gun shooting. All of which are still legal in South Dakota.

STARBIS
Kawasaki

Hippie Economics

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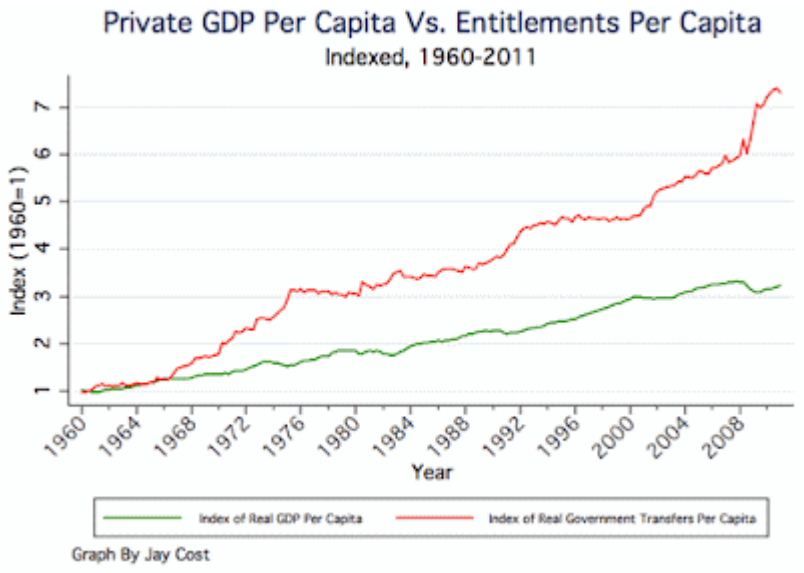

Damn hippies.

Corporate Infidelity

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Arguably the single largest threat to freedom in the world is the "harmonization" of tax rates. Of course politicians like to use euphemisms so the ignorant masses can continue on watching their Lady Gaga or the latest professional sports competition, but trust me it is a threat. The reason why is if tax rates are "harmonized" then there is no incentive for business, investment or labor to go to one country versus another. And if tax rates are moved in conjunction with one another, then the governments essentially form an OPEC-like cartel ensuring that labor and capital are more or less trapped at their home country. Since there is no advantage to moving investment and labor to one place or another, governments (if working together) and implement whatever policies they want on their people because "where you going to go? Every place is the same."

Of course this is very boring economics stuff that is no where near as exciting as watching "The View" or "Glee." So, as is a principle of mine in economics, I like to simplify things so people can understand.

Thank God for Canada.

The above comic strip was drawn by Chris Foleen, one of the respondents to my request for a political cartoonist. You WILL visit his site.

Non-Traditional Economic Statistics

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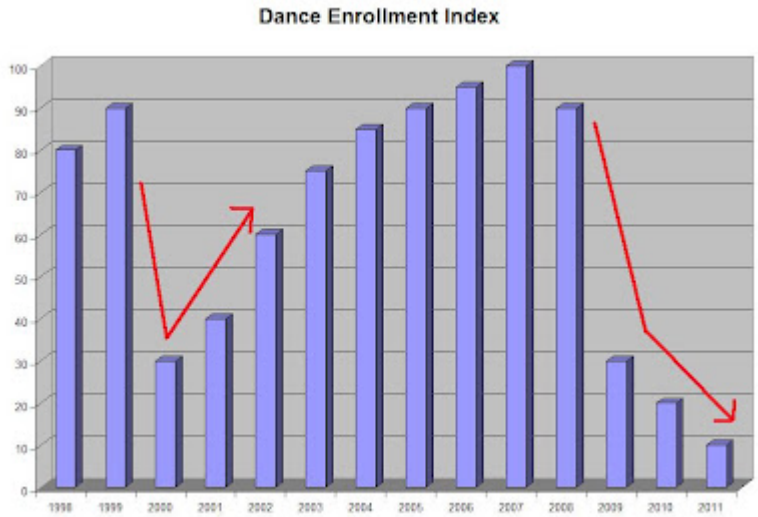
You can read all the headline statistics you want, and if you REALLY want to be told what you want to hear, you can always listen to Barack Obama talk about job growth and the economy. But there are some eccentric or "anecdotal" statistics that are unconventional in the world of economics, but have the ability to predict the economy nonetheless.

For example to accurately gauge economic growth in China and not the dubious "official GDP" statistics the Chinese government publishes, some economists look at electrical consumption. Alan Greenspan liked to look at railroad tie replacement rates. And there are others that escape my mind. But two come to mind here in the good ole USA that I've kind of unofficially kept track of;

Dance class enrollments and Harley ridership in the Black Hills.

I have been teaching ballroom dance for the past 14 years. This includes the booming 90's, the subsequent stock market crash, the booming housing bubble and the subsequent great recession. Enrollments followed correspondingly. I had standing room only (which all dance classes are HAR!!!!) at the peak of the Dotcom bubble. The 2000 recession hit, BLAMO! Enrollments dropped about 60%. The recovered and exceeded previously levels as attendees used home equity lines to finance SUV's, trips to Europe and ballroom dance classes. The housing market collapsed and BLAMO! Enrollments dropped 90% from their highs.

Of course with the economy in full recovery according to the left, you would think enrollments would have recovered. However, a full 3 years after the housing crisis, they keep going down. Below is a guestimate chart.



Then there is the ridership in the Black Hills. Sturgis is coming up and this is the third

year I've placed myself in the Black Hills for the better part of 2 months in my effort to enjoy the decline. My hotel is in a small mountain town and there are three statistics I've anecdotally noticed.

1. The number of motorcycles on the road are about 1/2 of what they were last year around this time. I noticed this because I can actually drive the speed limit and not be burdened by some slow driving Harley noob who carted his motorcycle, let alone a traffic jam of them. YOu can actually make it through the "Needles" highway in under 1/2 hour. Usually takes an hour.

2. The caliber of clientele at the hotel I'm staying at is no longer out of state, middle to upper middle class folk. It's locals who are using the hotel as temporary living quarters as they've been kicked out of their homes or are returning from jail. I am now officially in the minority of boarders in that I have NEVER been to jail. The majority of boarders have. Drugs have been found on the premises. Deals are now made in the parking lot. And I find it a beneficial practice to clean my guns in front of my hotel room on the patio so everybody sees them.

3. Talking with the various proprietors of the three bars in town (which I have now established rapports with), I find out sales and foot traffic are down about 40%.

The whole point of this potpourri of economic statistics you'll not find in college textbooks?

The economy isn't recovering, and not only is it not recovering, I believe it's high time for a double dip.

Whatever the headline figures may read, other "down to Earth" measures of commerce and economic activity are down. Sure, ballroom dance classes are a luxury good which has a high elasticity with disposable income. And of course you could claim gas prices are hurting tourism, but if the economy was recovering, even stagnant, these statistics would remain consistent from 2010. For 2011, they're continuing their decline.

Naturally I would like to see a booming economy, alas my economic spidey senses and plain common sense know that just is not going to happen any time soon.

In the meantime, you all may as well enjoy the decline until 2012, at which point there MAY be a reason to work hard and try once again. But we shall see.

Cicero Peak

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Today I will climb Cicero Peak which is either the 2nd or 3rd highest peak in the Southern Black Hills. It's supposed to be in the 100's today, but the benefit of mountain climbing is the higher you go, the cooler it gets, thus giving you incentive to hike really fast, nay, sprint up the mountain.

Oh, sure, some people, typically of the female persuasion, will lecture you about hiking in the heat or using Rumpleminze as a disinfectant, but these concerns about "heat stroke" or "exhaustion" or "heart attacks" or "mountain lions" are largely overstated and can easily be dismissed. If for any other reason if you keep yourself adequately hydrated with Phillips Vodka before the hike you should be perfectly fine.

I shall take photos and load them up here when I get back.

In the meantime, you crazy kids enjoy the decline!

Cicero Peak

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This is from the top of Cicero Peak. The temperature drop was about10-15 degrees in the short 2,000 altitude climb so it was actually pleasant up top.

In one of the photos you can see South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Some people claim you can see North Dakota, but I highly doubt that.

I strongly recommend hiking and mountain climbing in the Black Hills simply because you can actually climb a "mountain" within a day and not have to worry about altitude sickness or freezing temperatures.

The Gap Continues to Close

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Official report from the Fed. Since I'm on vacation, anybody want to read it and tell me if they mention engineering degrees and the disproportionality of this recession on male-dominated industries?

We Don't Need No Stinking Jobs!

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From my evil handlers in the evil Big Oil industry.

This brings up a question I'm sure many of you are asking.

Is the current administration just blissfully ignorant of economics or are they purposely doing this because they hate capitalism and America?

I'm increasingly finding myself believing option #2, fully acknowledging the "conspiracy theory" stigma that would be attached to me.

The Captain's Crusade for Snakeskin Boots

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OK, Cappy Cappites. I need your help.

Here's the story.

As you know my exploits and adventures have me coming into contacts with rattlesnakes on a regular basis. They are actually cowardly creatures and unless provoked will scurry away from you, rarely biting you.

However, it dawned on me how cool would it be to own a pair of rattlesnake boots? And not just a pair of snakeskin boots, but made from snakes I actually captured myself.

So the ole Captain goes out on teh interwebz and searches for snake skin boot manufacturers. He can only find retailers. He goes to a local skin/hide store in Custer, SD and asks the guy there WITH SNAKE SKINS AND RATTLESNAKE BELTS and even he doesn't know where to send me. I call taxidermists, shoe repair people, all the way from Wisconsin to Wyoming.

Nothing.

It's like NOBODY makes snakeskin boots, even the retailers don't know who ultimately manufactures them.

DOES ANYBODY OUT THERE KNOW A TAXIDERMIST OR A BOOT MAKER OR A SHOE REPAIR GUY WILLING TO ACCEPT PAYMENT TO TAKE SNAKE HIDES AND MAKE THEM INTO BOOTS?

Swear to the patron saint this would not have been a problem in the 1940's.

On an interesting side note. Not to go "Zuckerberg" on you guys or anything.

Rollerskating Will Save the Housing Market

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Ed over at The Deets sent this to me. It's an NPR MP3 of a woman out west who kept on building despite the housing crash. The story of the housing crash is behind us, but mercy, it is such a display of idiocy.

For 99 cents this lady could have saved her entire construction company.

How Could This Happen in Norway?

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Hey, liberals, one of you explain to me how this could happen in the most placating, pacifist, socialist utopia you all claim to be the pinnacle of socio-economics?

This is what happens when you no longer let men be men, try to feminize them and make them women, punish and criminalize male behavior, betray your own men for the pursuit of feminism and lofty marxist and pacifist goals and replacing men with the state, and then try to placate your enemies by embracing diversity at all costs

Oh, and on a side note, HOW COULD THERE BE SHOOTINGS IN NORWAY? Guns are banned!

Obviously a mistake the media made. Must have been a clubbing or a spearing. Because you know, guns are outlawed in Norway.

Enjoy the Norwegian decline!

POST POST - As, despite claims of various Islamic groups to take responsibility for this attack which prompted me to this post, evidence is showing it is a crazed-nut-job Norwegian national who is to blame for these attacks. I offer a full rescindication of this post and will leave this post up as intellectual honesty and evidence I am wrong every once in a while. Let me know when my leftist counterparts offer something similar or if the main stream media does such a thing.

See how simple that was MSM? You see, when you're wrong, you ADMIT IT. Unlike this.

Captain Capitalism's Great Hippie Hole Adventure

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The Hippie Hole is a swimming hole in arguably the most remote region of the Black Hills. I ran out of time last year to find it and decided today that with a bum right leg I should manage to find it and do a little swimming.

According to teh interwebz I could just "drive right up to the parking area" and in a "short 15 minute hike" manage to get there.

They didn't tell me that the dirt road you have to travel is nearly impossible for compact cars, let alone normal ones. And they didn't tell me that the "short 15 minute hike" is more or less scaling a cliff down at about a 70 degree angle. Despite my right leg being shot, I was able to hike the 2 miles into the parking lot and hobble my way down the cliff and find the Hippie Hole

It's a really neat and REMOTE place. More or less a natural damn fed by a 30 foot waterfall. You can climb up a little higher and take about a 40 foot dive, but nothing like the 100 foot cliff jumping you can do in St. Croix, WI. If it weren't for all the poison Ivy I'd consider camping there. Below are a couple pictures and a video.

And on a related note; "Hell, the fall alone will probably kill ya!"

"Those Stupid Red Neck Hicks"

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Nowhere near as intelligent or enlightened as us coastal and metropolitan folk!

"Don't Ever Hit Your Mother With a Shovel"

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On a Butch Cassidy and Sundance related note;

For those of you interested, I was intending to visit the actual Hole in the Wall where Butch Cassidy and the Hole in the Wall Gang hung out. Just requires a 4x4 vehicle. Which is not at my disposal right now.

Purposely Log-Jamming the Economy

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Along the same lines of my previous post about whether it was ignorance or evil on the part of the democrats to destroy the country, another report from "Ebo" (evil big oil!)

"Compared to historical trends, pending exploration plans are up by nearly 90%, approvals are down by 85% ,and the approval process has slowed from an average of 36 to 131 days."

But hey, at least we stuck it to Big Oil! Right!? And that's what our 9th grade school teacher told us was important. Fighting the system and sticking it to the man.

Enjoy the decline

And Yet Somehow…

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the world continues to rotate.

What irks me is how this took the top spot on Drudge in light of the tragedy in Norway.

Regulatory Costs to Housing

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Reminds me of how there is a progressively larger and larger group of contractors that will NOT do business in Minneapolis because of the over-burdensome regulation and fees. I'd be curious to see how much these costs vary based on the municipality they're in.

Do As I Say, Not As I Do

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It's all good and fun and games telling other people what to do, until you have to deal with the ideology you espouse.

Where Are the EPL Stars Now?

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I love it. Wish Dalrock would inform me of these more regularly.

As Mayor of Scenic, South Dakota, I Promise

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No property taxes. Only, one sole sales tax on every transaction within the city limits

People will be allowed to smoke in private establishments if that private establishment allows it.

All forms of commerce, both admirable and shameful would be allowed.

People will be allowed to carry any gun, any time, anywhere, knowing full well if they try any nazi-jerk Norwegian schtick that moron carried out, people will be shooting back.

Whiskey is served 24-7, bars and commercial ventures are allowed to do what they want, when they want, and frankly it's none of the local government's business what yours is.

I'd make a GREAT mayor of Scenic, SD.

$1.18 Trillion of Worthless Paper

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Because what? A generation of Justin Beiber sociology majors is going to produce the wealth required to pay these guys back?

I'm just glad the debt crisis is finally starting to pay nice dividends on my foreign currency plays. Though I do feel sorry for the Chinese for investing so heavily into US assets.

How does one say, "Enjoy the Decline?" in Cantonese?

The True Damage of Crusaders

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Here's a perfect example;

The audio is poor, so here is the quote;

“Nearly every day without fail…men stream to these [mining] operations looking for work in Walker County. They can’t pay their mortgage. They can’t pay their car note. They can’t feed their families. They don’t have health insurance. And as I stand here today, I just…you know…what’s the use? I got a permit to open up an underground coal mine that would employ probably 125 people. They’d be paid wages from $50,000 to $150,000 a year. We would consume probably $50 million to $60 million in consumables a year, putting more men to work. And my only idea today is to go home. What’s the use? I see these guys—I see them with tears in their eyes—looking for work. And if there’s so much opposition to these guys making a living, I feel like there’s no need in me putting out the effort to provide work for them. So…basically what I’ve decided is not to open the mine. I’m just quitting. Thank you.”

Remember, it's more important that the crusader at the Sierra Club or the soccer mom who is bored and wants to launch a safety campaign against pollution or the college kid protester who needs to protest something, it's more important THEY feel good about themselves than that the rest of us have jobs, careers, and a future.

Recession Medicine

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Because the recession is over.

Some Guys Get All the Luck

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I leave Minnesota and this lucky guy finds a rattlesnake.

"Brat Ban"

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Something tells me this would not have been an issue in the 1950's.

Hippies Don't Help Economic Growth

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I was at the post office the other day. In front of me was a younger-looking grandmother sending off what seemed to be a book and a National Geographic issue. It was a small post office, but it wouldn't have mattered because this woman was quite insistent on speaking loud enough for everybody to hear.

"*Yes, I'm sending these to my grandchildren! That's me on the front of the National Geographic when I was in South America! I'm also in this book! It's the first book written by and about the Peace Corps.*"

Naturally my eyes rolled. Not because in front of me was an aged hippie who can only point to something she did 50 years ago as the pinnacle of the acheivements in her life, but because who else but Peace Corps hippies would think their grandchildren want a lame book written by hippies and a dated National Geographic from 1964?

Of course I couldn't pass this up, so I inquired,

"Where were you in the Peace Corps?"

"Ecuador. Have you been there?"

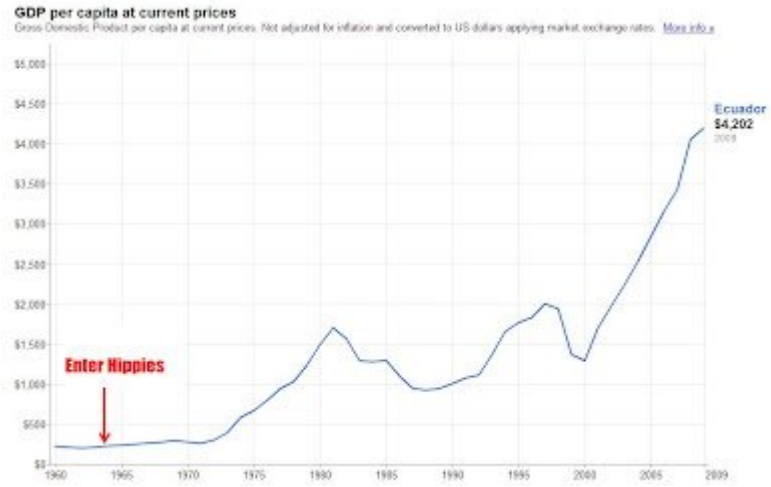
"No, no, haven't been there."

"Well how do you know about it?" (which I found to be a funny question because it's not like you had to have been to Ecuador to know it exists)

"I'm an economist, I follow the Correa administration."

And with that exchange, that's all I needed. I found the country she and the other hippies were at in 1964. So off the Captain went to the Cappy Cap Cave, fired up his ole Cappy Cap Computer and went to work looking up Ecuador's economic history.

And in a few short minutes of superawesome economic research, I found the presence of hippies do not help economic growth. Of course most people know that, I just wanted to confirm that it wasn't by some miracle they actually did make a difference this time.



Notice when hippies were introduced to the Ecuadorian environment, nothing happened for about a solid decade thereafter. It wasn't until EEEEVIIIILLLLLL oil was discovered in 1973/1974 did its economy actually start growing.

Ever since then Ecuador's economic performance can largely be explained by oil. When oil prices tanked in the late 80's, so too did its economy. And even with a largely leftist president implementing largely leftist policies, the economy is still booming today because of the price of EEEEEVILLLLL oil.

This behooves the question then;

"What the heck did the hippies go for there in the first place?"

And another follow up question;

"Why do we keep sending hippies overseas if they don't achieve anything?"

Oh, what innocently foolish questions.

You see young, aspiring, junior, deputy and otherwise economists, Peace Corp, Ameri-Corp, UN, UNICEF, IMF and whatever other aid/humanitarian types out there do not go to these countries to help these poor countries out. They go there simply for themselves. If you look at the statistics globalization and economics is what gets countries out of poverty just as oil got Ecuador out of absolute poverty. Not this lady and her ilk helping build a well in some remote village of the Ooki Booki tribe. They go there, first and foremost, so they can feel good about themselves. Whether they actually bring about tangible results is inconsequential, because deep down inside they really don't care.

Now, while you may think I'm being harsh, especially for criticizing an old woman for sending her grandchildren a book she helped write and a magazine with her and her hippie friends, think about that.

Would YOU as a grandparent send your GRANDCHILDREN a book you wrote, let alone articles about YOU and on topics they could not care less about? It tells you all you need to know about the woman's psychology.

Can you imagine what a fun Christmas that would be at the Captain's household?

Grandchildren - "GRANDPA CAPPY! GRANDPA CAPPY!"

Old Cappy Cap - "Well hello grandchildren!"

Grandchildren - "What did you get us for Christmas!?"

Old Cappy Cap - "Well, I brought you a copy of my book, Behind the Housing Crash and an article written about me from 2007!"

Grandchildren - "Awww poop. That's not a real present."

Old Cappy Cap - "Shut up, you ungrateful brats! You will read it and like it! Where's the Rumpleminze?"

And of course, that's the point. This woman, just as she did back in 1964, is doing the same thing today. She's sending these poor grandkids a boring book not for their sake, but for herself.

But perhaps I could explain a little better with a quote from a previous post.

"The fact that the "house" in figure 2 still looks like garbage 7 years later just goes to show that sociology majors just like in the first world can't fix anything in the third world either."

I say just never grant a hippie with enough credit or skill to actually fix anything.

My Generation

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This woman is my age.

I have no children.

She has two generations.

Enjoy the decline!

Pathetic

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1.4% RGDP and last quarter revised down to .4%.

You Keynesian morons.

Jim Beam, Cusano Cigar and a 1940's Motel

July 30, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I originally was going to take pictures, but then it dawned on me I don't want to ruin it with digital precision and am going to let you imagine it.

I am currently sitting outside in my fold-out chair at my dirt cheap motel in a very small town nestled within the Black Hills of South Dakota. A place none of you will find. It's 78 degrees, about 2130 and the red neon lights just came on casting a very nice hue over the dilapidated trucks in the parking lot. The old man who runs the joint just came out and lit up a cigarette himself.

I am currently puffing on an M1 Cusano Torpedo Cut cigar with a flask of Jim Beam. I have no cell phone reception. Nobody can get in contact with me. I no longer suffer from the jilt or jolt of my cell phone vibrating or ringing, thereby making it my master of a Pavlovian dog-like response to some request or another. My only concerns for tomorrow is to determine which mountain I'm going to climb OR, if it's particularly hot which swimming hole I shall visit OR if it's particularly cool, which portion of the Badlands I shall hike straight through.

Additionally I have not listened to talk radio for about the past 3 weeks and am blissfully unaware of the debt and deficit problems I have tacitly paid attention to when I do decide to visit the Drudge Report. Though I have noticed on my sidebar plug-ins my dollar-short positions against the NOrwegian Kroner and the Canadian dollar are doing quite well - thank you Barry.

I did download some Tom Leykis so I could listen to something while I was driving my motorcycle around the Black Hills today, but otherwise right now I hear nothing but crickets and the occasional motorcycle or car driving by on the only paved road in town. I think I will drink myself my flask of Jim Beam and retire watching the history channel or the military channel.

If there is a way to enjoy the decline. This is it. Not trying, not working, and living as cheaply as possible on the minimum amount of labor you forfeited to the labor market/government-taxing machine. In the meantime I authorize all junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists to pour themselves a hefty pour of whatever they got and make a long-range toast (wherever you may be in the Capposphere).

Enjoy the decline!

Suffering Again Enjoying the Decline

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This is Harney's Peak in the background. I had hiked it earlier and then noticed some storm clouds off in the distance. Was very glad I decided to high tail it out of there as the storm engulfed the peak.

Naming a Bridge After a Degenerate

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HAR!

Just like Jim Morrison, his music just wasn't that good. And also like Jim Morrison, you had to be high or drunk to like it. And how did both of those guys end up? Hmmm...another similarity.

How to REALLY Close the Wage Gap

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This will help these girls close the wage gap infinitely more than any "graduate program" in the liberal arts. I'm amazed a public education institution though offered such a thing.

A Day in the Life of a San Franciscan

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Light up a cigar and be thankful you don't;

1. live in San Francisco.
2. live in California
3. live in a major metro area

Poor Colonel

Those Stupid Numbers and Facts

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Hurting our sensibilities and all.

Getting in the way of our puppies and ice cream ideology!

What He Said

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I think this is the first person (aside from myself) to point out it's what you MAJOR IN, not whether you have a degree.

Hi-freaking-larious

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The always guffaw-inducing Dalrock.

"Efficient" My Ass

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I don't believe most people know about the concept of markets being "efficient." Usually you run into this concept when you are a studious junior in college and maybe one of your academian professors decides to actually impart some genuine wisdom instead of just teaching from the book to explain the concept to you.

Regardless, the idea of "efficiency" in markets is that when information is released into the public do markets (such as the NYSE, NASDAQ, AME etc) incorporate that information and translate it into either increase or decreasing prices.

For the past 10 years, I've been amazed how the "brilliant Ivy League geniuses" over at "Goldman Sachs" and "Morgan Stanley" and "Lehman Brothers" have been unable or perhaps reluctant to take BLATANTLY OBVIOUS DATA AND INFORMATION THAT THE US IS SCREWED and still make "strong buy" or "buy" recommendations."

No, never mind the 800 pound gorilla in the room known as medicare and social security. Never mind most American children want to major in sociology or women's studies or art history and will never produce an ounce of genuine economic production. Oh, no. Let's just keep on believing in the empirically-disproved "American dream" and invest billions in "hope and change."

Of course, reality inevitably hits the market and FORCES it to be efficient. But I ask a simple question.

Do you idiots over on the east coast just drink the purple kool-aid and swallow schtick whole?

I mean how did the market NOT tank until this day?

What was special about today?

I mean, you all were truly ignorant about the severe economic and debt crises the US faced? I'm amazed the DJIA even made it past 10,000, let alone 12,000 in the past 5 years. Did you Ivy League losers NOT pay attention to the plethora of economic data that is available on the internet for free? or have you so become corrupted by nepotism, cronyism, your parents money and rent seeking you actually thought a society and economic entity based on "self esteem" and "grrrrrl power" and "diversity" and "going green" could produce genuine economic production and profits that you could make such a foolish recommendation?

Well, reality is hitting you Harvard graduate morons upside the head now. And there's nothing you can do about it.

But, of course, there is always hope and change.

I mean, your president is a Harvard graduate, right?

So at least we have the smartest and bestest leading this country, right?

Because we all know Harvard produces the "best."

Right?

I mean Bush and Obama.

What a great track record.

The Captain is Moving

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Your beloved Captain got a job in a no-income-tax state. More on that later.

But the funny thing about moving is all the old stuff you rediscovered when deciding what to take with you and what to through away. Namely, you unpack the boxes you boxed up the past 3, 4, 7 times you've moved and never unpacked them to see what you have.

I have old notebooks from college, old tax returns, but one precious item I found (and summarily thought I had lost) was a signed copy of the book "St. Mudd."

The book wasn't signed by Steve Thayer, the author, but rather "Jackie Rocket" the premiere dominatrix in the Twin Cities at the time. She got it as a gift for me over a decade ago.

"Captain, you are a different type of gangster and saint." it read.

Of course at the time I was dating her I literally didn't know she was the premiere dominatrix in the Twin Cities at the time, but that is a different story as well.

Regardless I strongly recommend the book St. Mudd. It is one of the few books I've read and it is even one of the fewer books I liked.

Besides, what else are you going to do but enjoy the decline?

Unemployment Rate for Those with College Degrees

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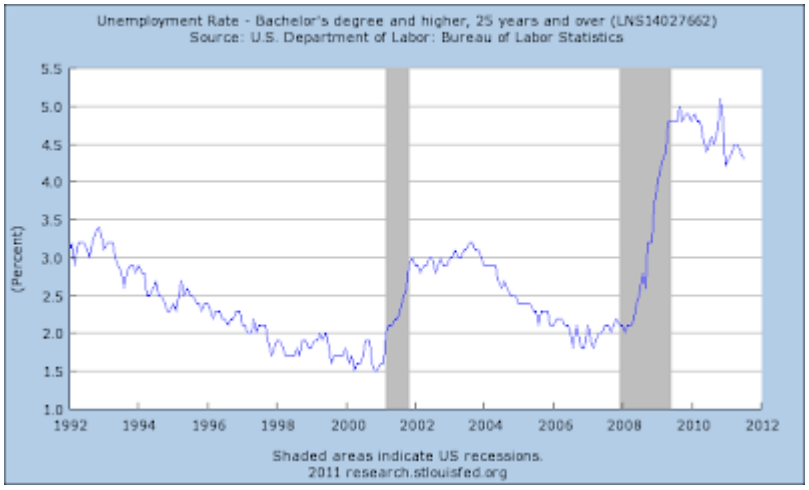

Anybody else just savor the irony of the college youth who came out in droves for Obama?

Is There Anything More Beautiful Than Reality?

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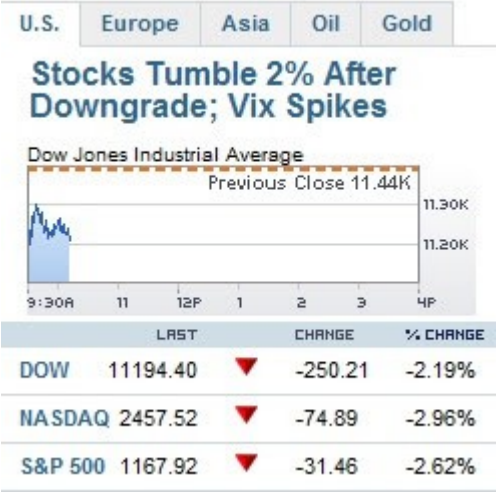
To quote Joe Hollenbeck from "The Last Boy Scout,"

"The truth is a beautiful thing...two." (I'll be surprised if anybody can place that in the context of the movie).

Regardless, I do thoroughly enjoy watching reality start to pierce through the rose-colored glasses of everybody who is of the mentality, "oh, the market will come back."



Post - post - it just keeps getting better.

POST POST POST - Who grew a pair over at S&P???

Escape From Minnesota

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Or at least from Minneapolis.

We'll There's Your Problem Right There

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It often requires you to step back, pour yourself a double, go ride a motorcycle around, kiss a couple girls and watch some old school westerns and then revisit the problem in order for you to solve it or understand it. And one of the observations I've had as I've been out on long rides in the South Dakota Badlands is that our financial problems are caused by something that has been staring at us right in the face. Skim this little article here and see if you can see what I see.

What you SHOULD see (if you took Dr. Cappy's advice above and drove around after pouring yourself a double and kissing some girls and achieved a South Dakota epiphany) is governmental officials completely unaware they are stepping outside of their bounds. That they are putting themselves where they don't belong. And I'm not talking about forcing us to buy incandescent light bulbs, I'm talking they actually think it is government intervention that can affect stock prices when in reality the only thing that DOES affect stock prices is profits.

What kind of intrigues me is a guy like Bernanke should know this. Any economist, whether they are on the left or the right should at minimum have the intellectual honesty to know that tinkering with monetary policy is not going to have any kind of long term effect on stock prices. If anything it will hurt stock prices. Ergo what the heck is he thinking the central bank needs to take some kind of action? Since when is the fed chartered with the mandate to "increase stock prices?"

Stock prices will be, what they will be. They will be determined by profits of the underlying firms. Not whether the firm "goes green." Not whether they "celebrate diversity." And not whether the government does QE 46 and 1/2.

Regardless, the point is not necessarily this one particular instance of stupidity on the part of the federal reserve chairman. If you look at the entire effort politicians (primarily on the left) have resorted to, to get this economy going again, they are operating from the erroneous premise that somehow government can do something to help get the economy going again. Which is like saying a lamprey can do something to get a fish healthy again. Of course it will fail because the only thing the government can "do" is get out of the way and let the private sector grow again. However, what I'm seeing more and more is an ingrained psychology of government wonks and politicians that is something akin to women in my dance classes when they first start out. They think they can "do" something. Initiate some kind of action. "Help." When in reality "helping" or "doing something" is antithetical to the role women need to play in dancing which is the follower. Once the woman "does something to help" she unknowingly destroys the dance. But when the women realize how they have to follow (and men finally get the gall to lead

which is nearly an impossible task sometimes), the dance works beautifully.

However, I highly doubt Obama and his ilk are going to realize they follow the people and not order them around.

On a side note, I think this old post of mine will come in handy given the general collapsing of or stock market and economy today.

In the meantime, you all know what to do today!

Socialists Wasting Their Summer

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Silly democrats. You wasted your summer. You should have learned to enjoy the decline.

Vintage of Divorce

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Much like some charts showing the "vintages" of the various "tranches" of MBS or CDO's and their varying rates of default, Dalrock has once again done his digging and come up with a similar chart, but for that of divorce. In other words depending on what rough era you were married, how quickly did it take to get divorced?

To this day I am amazed at how the 70's just continues to be the worst decade on so many different socio and economic fronts.

A lengthier and longer analysis by Dalrock located here.

Link to Dalrock repaired.

No Capital Gains Without Profits

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and no profits without economic growth.

I will say it again for the cheap seats. The Dow should be trading at around 8,000.

Property Values Down, Property Taxes Up

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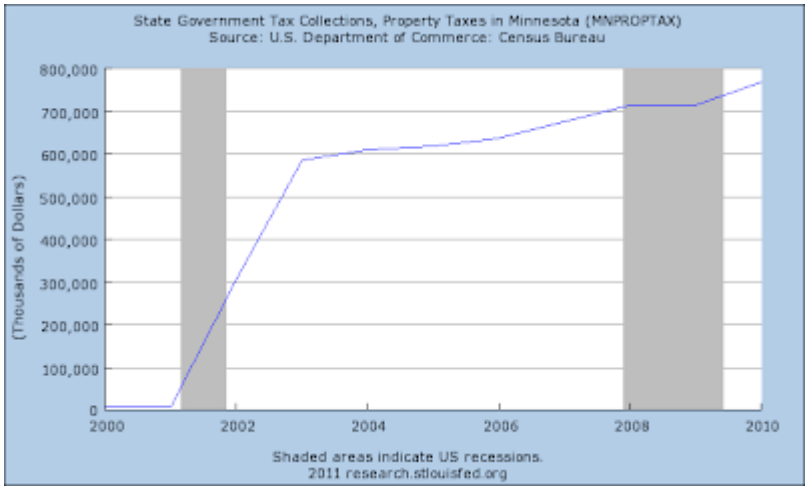
A neato little chart that actually surprised me which shows property tax revenue for the state overtime. You would think with the collapse in property values, property taxes, which are BASED on property values would go down. Hoo ho ho! You foolish boy;



I knew Minneapolis would keep jacking up their property taxes, but I didn't know the state as a whole would too.

And people wonder why property values keep dropping.

Cutting Off the Flow

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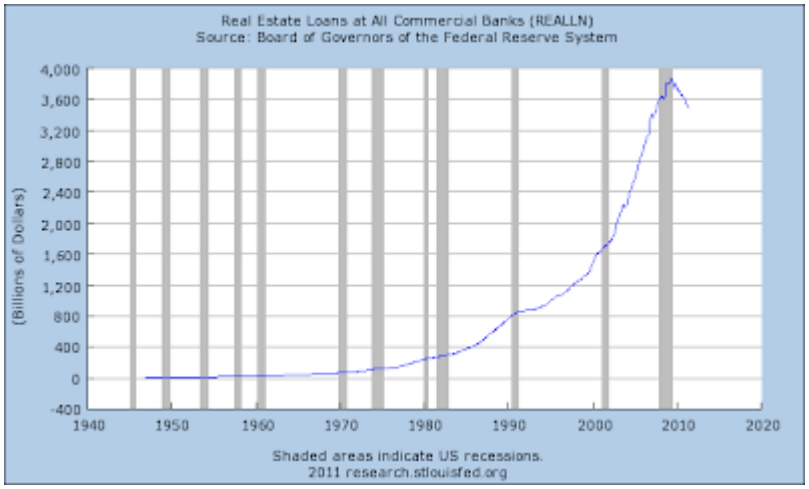
For all the monetarists out there who know prices of all items are simply a function of supply and demand, and who also know velocity is transitory, I found this chart interesting. For the first time since the series has been tracked, real estate loans have dropped. And not only have they dropped, they have dropped significantly.



Now I know there is a plethora of reasons why banks are reluctant to lend money. The economy, the housing bubble, new regulations effectively turning off the spigot, etc., but until that valve is turned on again, your housing prices won't recover.

All Bush's Fault

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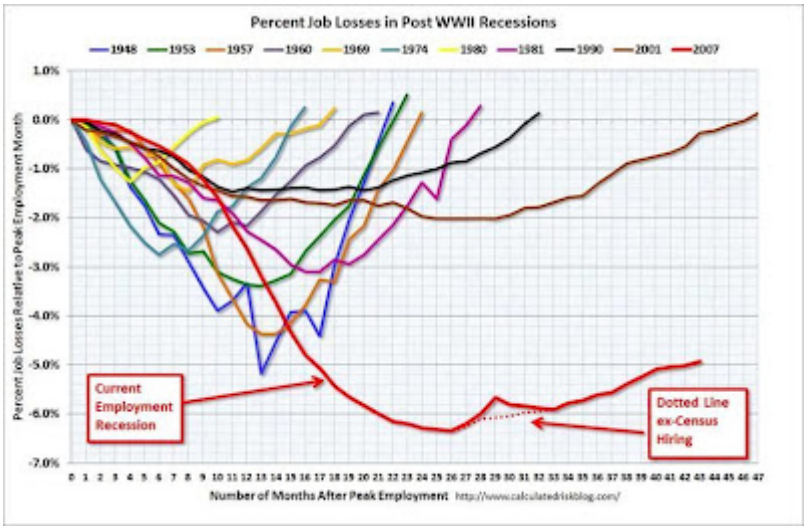
Morons.



But it's "Bush's fault" right?

Property Taxes By County

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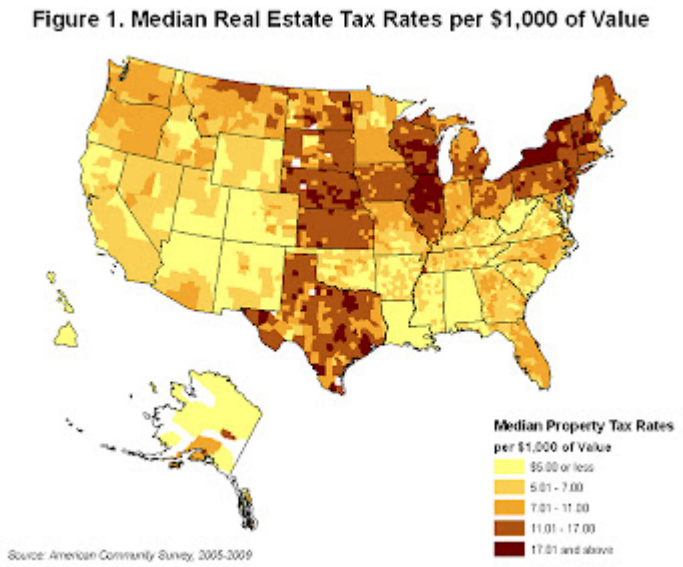

I am kind of doubting the chart a little bit given Minneapolis and St. Paul fleecing their citizens, but here is the link.

Privatizing Governments

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If I remember my corporate history correctly, I believe it was the Walton brothers who approached Ben Franklin (the dime store chain, not the man) about their idea for what would soon become Wal-Mart. They were shot down and if I still remember correctly, they approached other stores and chains, only to be shot down again. Ultimately they had to head out on their own, and now I don't think I've seen a Ben Franklin store in over 20 years.

Dr. Seuss was rejected reportedly 27 times.

And the creators of Trivial Pursuit had to go to a different country to find backers for their game.

Of course we all come up with good ideas (or at least we'd like to think so), but it is an issue of finding somebody to financially back it into reality. And ironically, it's the most revolutionary ideas that are least likely to get backing simply because it disturbs the blissful ignorance of the status quo and forces people to think outside their comfy little box.

Enter the Captain's crazy idea.

It not only disturbs the status quo, it just blows it right up.

I came up with this idea about 6 years ago and have alluded to it in the past. I never came outright and said what it was because;

1. I didn't want the idea getting out
2. I was debating whether to actually pursue it.

I tinkered with it, toyed with it, and soon it just wouldn't go the frick away. I knew I would have to at least give it a shot otherwise it would just gnaw at me for the rest of my life. And so over the summer when I had some time, I pulled a ton of data, ran some charts, made some financial projections and put together a 20 page business plan.

The idea?

How to fully privatize governments.

It's actually quite a simple concept, but a revolutionary one because I believe I have found the optimal form of government, or at least the "next stage" of governmental

evolution. An improvement upon democracy, or perhaps a better way of putting it, democracy on steroids.

Under this new concept, government would be inoculated against corruption, greed, theft, graft and all other ailments that have ailed democracies since they were created. Politicians would not be able to wield the power over the people like they do. Rich or influential people could not override the desires of the people (or perhaps shall I say, brainwash them with propaganda and mass media into voting against their own long term interests). And economic growth, to paraphrase Brad Pitt from Inglorious Basterds, "would be a-BOOMIN'!"

It also is about the only silver bullet that could genuinely save the US (and all of Europe for that matter) from the financial problems we face today and keep them going as a viable economic entites.

Oh, and it also wouldn't hurt that it would easily make me and any major investors the world's first trillionaires.

But you all of course know where this story is going.

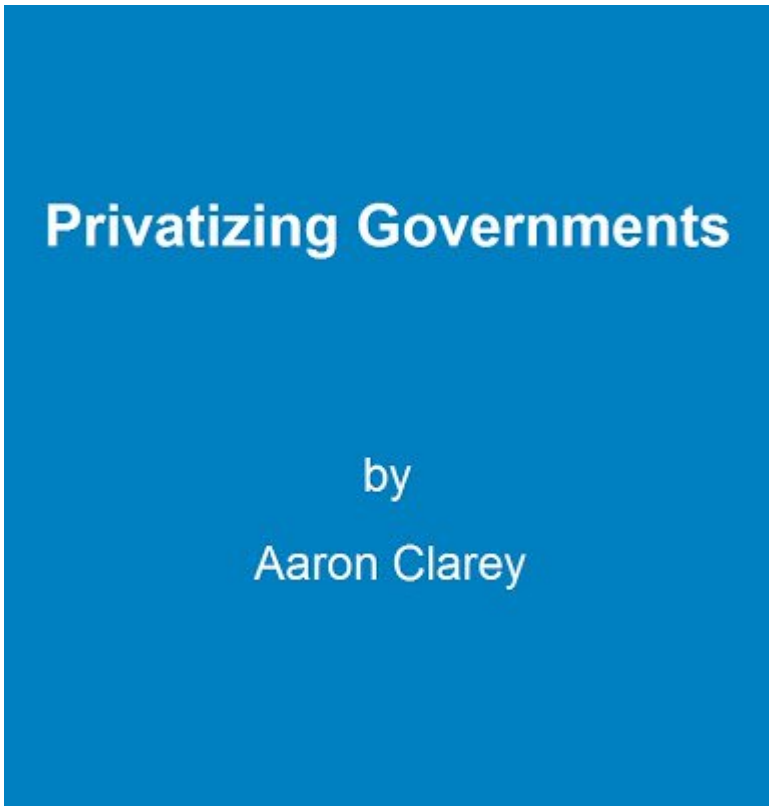
As expected, after spending the better part of a week on research and drafting a proposal and after spending cumulatively another week trying to get investment banks or VC firms to take a look at the proposal, all I managed to do was waste two weeks of my summer at an opportunity cost of enjoying the decline. What was particularly irksome was not the fact investment banks, financiers of different sorts and VC's shot it down, it's that they just plain wouldn't return the damn phone call. That you could easily spend 20 minutes on the internet and one the phone trying to locate the right person to call and when you leave them a voice mail, they never call you back. And in the rare instance you actually got to talk to a real live investment banker they would dismiss it on frivolous grounds having nothing to do with the idea.

It's too much money to be raised.
It's too little money to be raised.
We're not in that industry.
We were in that industry, but not this time of year.
We might have interest, but now right now with this market.
We only do private placements.
We only do public placements.
It's Tuesday.
It's not Tuesday.
You're wearing blue socks and we have a policy against investing with blue sock wearing people.

I literally told only 2 people about the actual idea. One was an investment banker who was at least sporting enough to entertain the thought. And the other was Peter Theil's "Founders Fund" who actually requested an abbreviated 12 page Power Point presentation I put together. The rest of the time my idea was dismissed without them even hearing about the idea, and not ONE business proposal was sent out.

Naturally the curious person by now would want to know, "Well, what precisely was this great idea? How do you fully privatize a government and make trillions of dollars from doing so? Let alone, how do you make government "corruption-proof?"

And seeing how it is more or less impossible this idea will ever get financing, the next best thing would be to go public with it. Ergo, I am happy to announce the business plan's publication now available on Kindle.



Yes, I am charging for it, because I spent a lot of time on it and some of you will notice how the posts this summer have been more linkage than Cappy Originals (in part because of developing this business plan and also in part due to moving).

Regardless you can find it here for $5.64 (the reason for the odd price is I tried to price it at $3.99, but Kindle likes to add odd fees - will be tweaking the price in the meantime). Sorry, only available on Kindle, but for the price of a glass of beer you will be rewarded with infinitely more than $3.99/$5.64 worth of intellectual stimulation. And yes, no doubt there are going to be some of those endearing grammatical errors or typos that my English-nazi readers love pointing out.

In the meantime, enjoy the decline (which will probably be the title of the next book).

POST POST-Some of you have expressed interest of just mailing me $4 and me e-mailing you the MS Word Document, which is kosher too.

E-mail me at CAPTcapitalism (at) yahoo (dot) com, click on the Rumpleminze and make a donation to my paypal account. Or I can send you a safehouse address to mail $4 bucks to.

I'm So There

August 16, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Galt's Gluch has become Galt Island.
And finally all those stupid evil rich people will leave this country and leave you all alone forever.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

August 17, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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All this mentions of mothers and grandmothers and yet no father. Spurious correlation I'm sure.

Here's How to Enjoy the Decline

August 18, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You think I jest, but if you think about mortality, you will realize how important it is you enjoy the decline.

Where Is Futureman?

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Remember "Futureman?"

Heck, remember Wall Street Week?

Won't Somebody PLEEEEASE Think of the Children!

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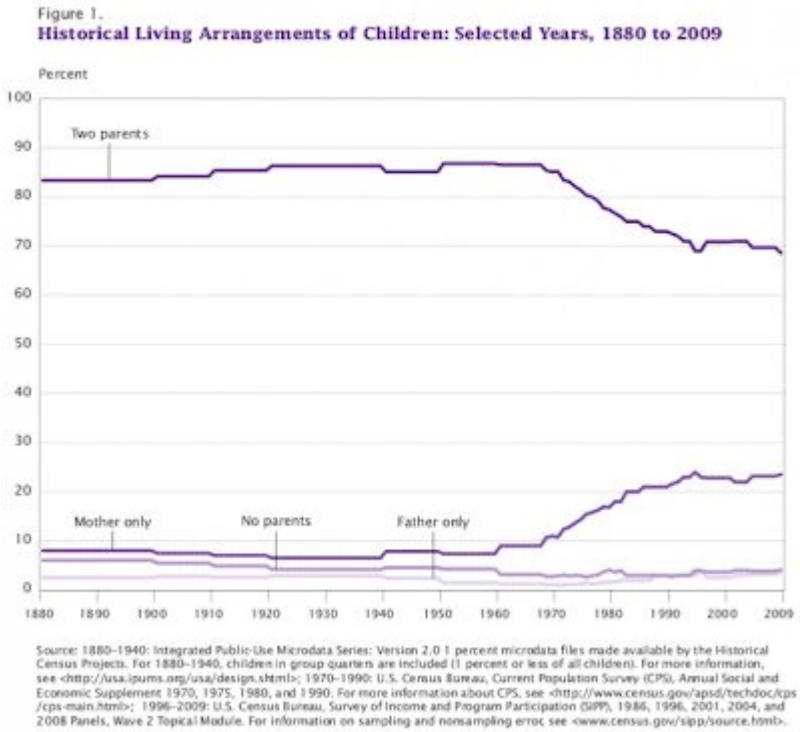

I'm sure there's no consequence to this.

Hat tip (and analysis) to the always insightful Dalrock.

Cry Baby Municipalities

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I am so thoroughly enjoying the decline.

S&P finally decides to grow a spine, call them as they see them, and downgrades several municipalities and counties. And what does S&P run into????

A spoiled brat, entitlement mentality that can only be found in trust fund babies and the public sector.

But what is better than a perfectly grilled steak served to you by Jennifer Aniston is the reaction of these municipalities. They shoot the messenger and "fire" S&P.

So to all of you in LA, San Mateo and all the other municipalities that are nearly insolvent, permit me one simple question;

"How does "firing" S&P help fully fund your pensions?"

That decline is coming whether you idiots like it or not. And your arrogance and ignorance just makes it Hershey's syrup on the ice cream.

Today's Word is Agorism

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FSK with an insightful post in response to my theory on how to privatize governments.

Epic Fail

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So I'm out west, decided to stop in Casper enroute to Kemmerer which is reported to have fish fossils. And I happen upon a nice little funeral home;

Ah the west, no state income taxes, great fossils, and cheap gas, but some pretty interesting people.

Your Daily Dose of Dalrock

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As I have been in the middle of moving, unpacking and then off to western Wyoming for fossil hunting, I have been thankful to have other people write allowing me not to...err....allowing me the time to share relevant and timely pieces written by other highly talented writers.

Dalrock, as you know is one of them.

The reason I like linking to him is I don't have to add anything. I mean, I'm pretty lazy and all it takes is a copy paste and I'm done.

So for the lazy blogger I highly recommend another succinct and complete piece by Dalrock.

This particular piece calls for you to pour yourself a drink and enjoy watching those who brought about the decline suffer under it.

Jobs Creation in Illinois

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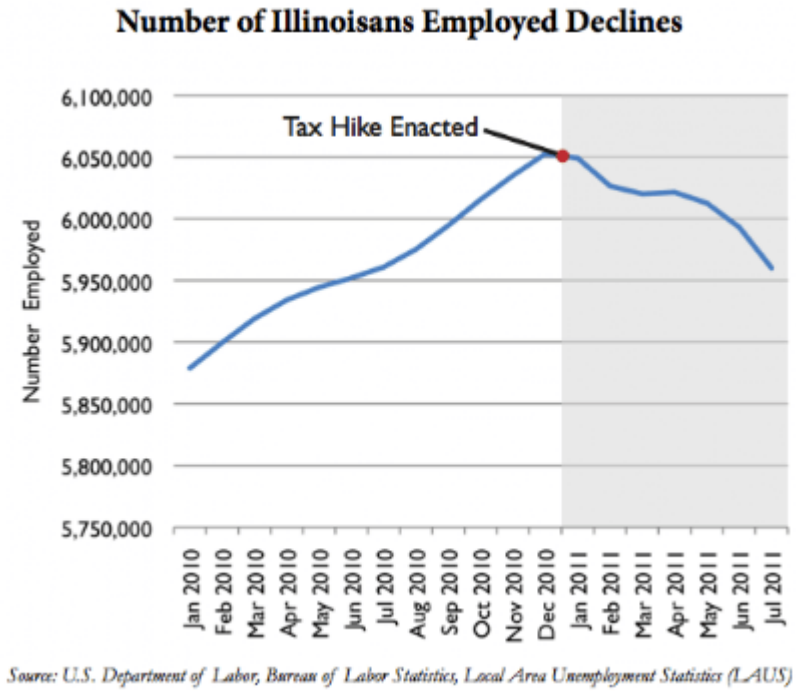

I learned to charleston in Illinois. Met Mel Gibson when he was filming "Payback" there. Had my first Pot Belly sandwich. And it was the only time I spent 45 minutes looking for a parking space.

And that was about it.

However, in an effort to maintain something the majority of my lefter leaning counterparts simply refuse to (intellectual honesty), I will note that the chart's Y-axis is HEAVILY skewed to make the drop look way more dramatic than it actually is.

Such trickery is unneeded when using data and statistics to point to the merits of capitalism.

Yep, It's S&P's Fault

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Just like Katrina was Bush's fault.

And how the Tea Party (which is advocating a balanced budget) is also to blame for our financial problems.

Methinks when the markets open me little dollar short positions should be doing just fine.

Ignore That Deficit Behind the Curtain

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It really is a daily fight against the amoral old timers in the established MSM. And as time goes on I have a growing and intensifying hatred for the people in the "fourth branch of government" who have not only failed to do their job, but purposely advance an agenda that is against the best interests of the people by misinforming them about the all-important issues of economics.

Today's latest example comes from CNBC where they manage to put a positive spin on a $1.28 trillion deficit. Which is of course like trying to put a positive spin on Ebola or Nirvana.

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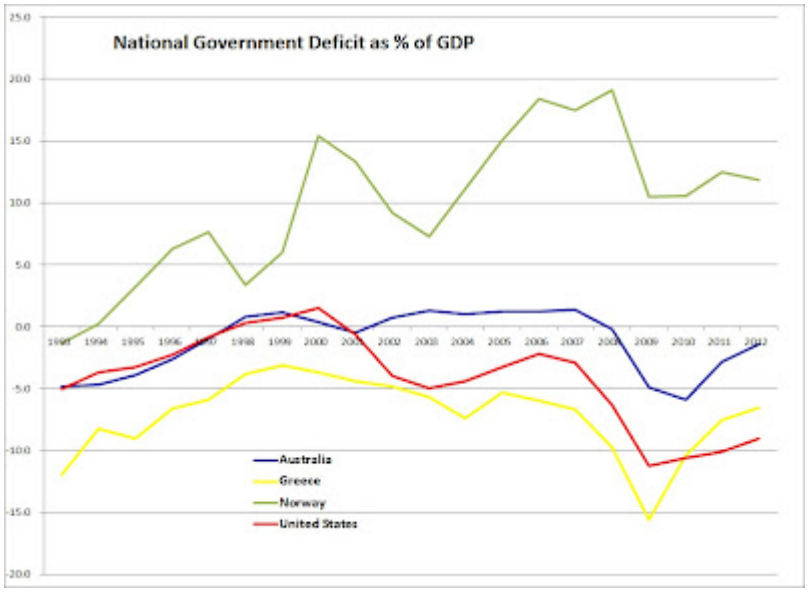
Budget Deficit Estimate Cut to $1.28 Trillion: CBO

The federal budget deficit will hit $1.28 trillion this year, down slightly from the previous two years, with even bigger savings to come over the next decade, according to congressional projections released Wednesday.

So once again, your Captain fires up his P-51, replete with drop tanks and ammo and takes off into the sky to shoot down this latest assault from the mercs that are on ZeroPrez's payroll.

Below are the deficits as a percentage of GDP for four countries. Australia, Norway, Greece and the US. Remember, we are told we are able to bail out Greece, we are no Greece, why Greece could never happen here. When in reality we are now officially running higher deficits than Greece. I simply threw in Norway and Australia to show you what an EVIL OIL rich country looks like and what a functioning western society SHOULD look like.



But, again, to quote Michael Savage,

"No, no, you don't want to hear about this. YOu want to hear about some guy who hits a ball over a fence."

Ergo, I present to you guys hitting a ball over a fence.

Krugman Has Lost It

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Honestly, and you people on the left have no idea why the economy isn't recovering;

We Elect the Worst of America to Lead It

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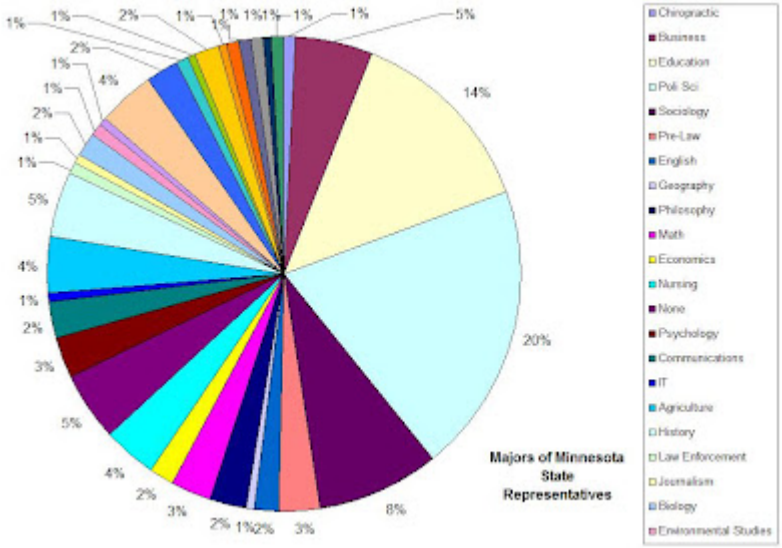
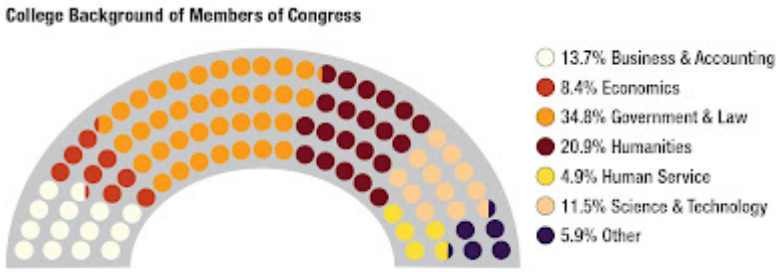
In my super awesome piece "Why You Have Bad Government" I linked the cause of bad government to the fact that the people who typically go into government have the following traits;

1. They did not have to work for a living.
2. They did not care to work for a living.
3. Because of this they majored in worthless subjects.
4. Lacking any real world experience and only knowing how to spend their parent's money, their solution is simply to spend more of other people's money.
5. They are the epitome of greed because they put themselves first ahead of society in that they ultimately do not care whether they have the wisdom, experience and morality to lead. They just want a job to make themselves feel better about themselves. I have termed them "Crusaders" (which if you want to pour yourself a martini you can watch the whole seminar on Your Tube).

I proved this by creating a pie chart of the majors of the congressional members of the Minnesota house of representatives showing, at the time, most of these people are worthless and possess no real skills or experience that would be useful to the rest of society.



Now another piece just on the national level confirming what I, your Captain knew a long time ago.



All this behooves one simple question;

Will anybody ever realize the Captain's super-awesome economic genius, or do they need to wait until markets crash and societies collapse before they have the same epiphany?

When Governments Replace Fathers and Men

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This is the result.

Just for the record, and so all of you lefties and feminists out there know, the government will never be able to replace fathers or husbands.

Never.

And you will find that out regardless of how much Sex and the City you watch and how much Maureen Dowd you read and how much government money is funneled to you.

And sadly, you will find that out when it's too late and your chances at having a real husband and a real father and a real family are long gone.

He Will Never Be Ronald Reagan

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What did I tell you about housing starts?

Trust me guys, you don't have to worry about the economy all of the sudden "exploding" and Obama winning a second term.

The Captain Predicts the US' Economic Future

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As you know the Captain holds classes regularly on stock valuation and a basic introductory course on investing. And every once in a while, through the online discussion boards, a student or the Captain himself will write something that is Cappy Cap worthy. Ergo I present to you a quick prediction of what I believe will happen in the future;

Well, it is my humble opinion (and nobody can predict the markets) that inevitably the stock market will crash as Americans fail to generate the economic production that is necessary to provide the profits necessary to drive up stock prices.

I also believe, slowly, but surely, Americans and institutional investors will start to realize the huge bubble retirement programs have formed and when the baby boomers start drawing their money out of the market, this will cause a general downward pressure on prices.

I doubt the federal, let alone state and local governments, will ever balance their budgets and it will lead to an inevitable collapse of the dollar (which has more or less happened anyway) further crashing the stock market.

Gas will shoot up to $5 easy, and will cripple discretionary spending, but only for those who are lucky enough to be employed, the remaining 10% "officially" unemployed and the other 40% "underemployed" will just suffer in limbo in "working poor" status or "lower middle income" status.

China will get REALLY mad at US and will stop buying US treasuries, and not until we all have a "Come to Jesus Meeting" and we realize we can't just prop up stock prices let alone the economy with puppies and unicorn talk, will any of this get fixed.

Of course to convince 300 million Ameircans about the severity of our economic problems is laughably impossible, but I think when bread lines start to become longer than they were in Soviet Russia, people might have the time to ponder what economic events led us to this.

You and I will probbaly be very old, if not passed away by the time this economic epiphany hits the general population, but thankfully, in the end, I believe people will be watching less "Jersey Shore" and more "Fox Business" by this time. In the meantime, based on my numbers, the Dow Jones should really be trading at around 8,000.

But again, that's just my short 1-2 take on it.

The Economic Lesson of the Day

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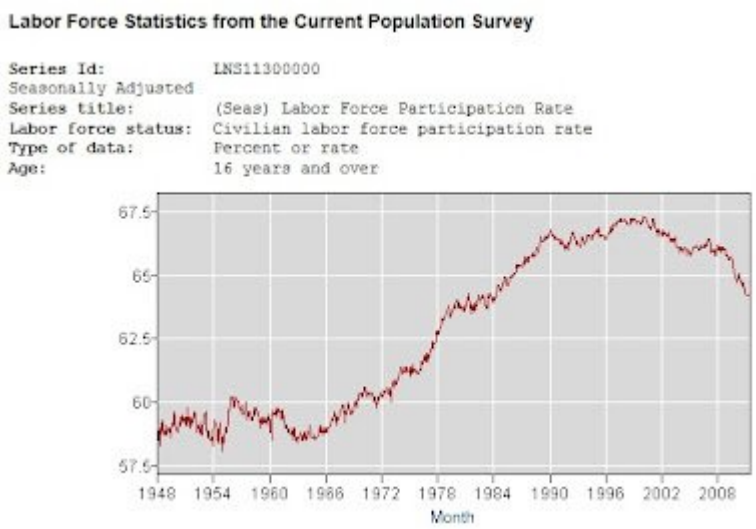
I shall make this as short and simple as possible, because it really is that simple.
Labor force participation shows the percent of the population that CAN work, that actually DOES.

You will notice the dramatic increase after about 1968 which is 100% due (look it up, please dont' question me) to women entering the work force.



You will then see the dramatic decline since this latest recession began which is about 95% due to men leaving the workforce (look it up, please don't question me).

Ergo, I have this simple question to ask.

If more and more women entered the work force, this should then increase the economic growth of the country (which it did). If economic growth increased, then government revenues should have gone up (which it did). Thus, in theory, with "twice" the amount of the population working, yet no need to double infrastructure, double military spending, and other public goods, then government spending as a percent of our total output should DECREASE.

But it has not.

Matter of fact it has more than doubled.

Now, fellow junior, aspiring, deputy, official or otherwise economists I ask you the simple question...

why?

I know the answer, but the question is whether YOU know the answer.

And the answer is two fold.

It is also a very TRUE answer, which will make it an incredibly politically incorrect answer. But since we're in an economic crisis, methink the people are starting to realize the economic costs of being politically correct at the expense of being truthful and living in reality.

Answer away.

Recession Medicine

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My Tutoring Is Not SWPL

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I like the reference to "SWPL" tutoring (warning, crass language, but good link)

When I taught college econ I also ran the tutoring lab for the college. I was not SWPL. I was blunt and direct alpha.

Of course that offended the soft, eggshell-strong sensibilities of the kiddies who "didn't like math" and "didn't need to know none of that stuff" because they were all going to become great chefs or travel agents or entertainers or poets.

This was of course when I still cared about educating the kiddies and improving their futures. Of course, after getting lectured by management for making tests too hard and not passing the 89 out of 92 students who plagiarized their term papers, I learned to give up on that and just shut up, pass them, incorporate Halo tournaments into the curriculum, collect a pay check and let real life teach the kids the real lessons for me in the future.

The good news is that today I do private tutoring, primarily MBA students who (laughably) think it will improve their chances of finding gainful employment. But it's much nicer to tutor adults who care about their education than 18 year old "adults" who are still effectively children.

Thank You Sidewinder77

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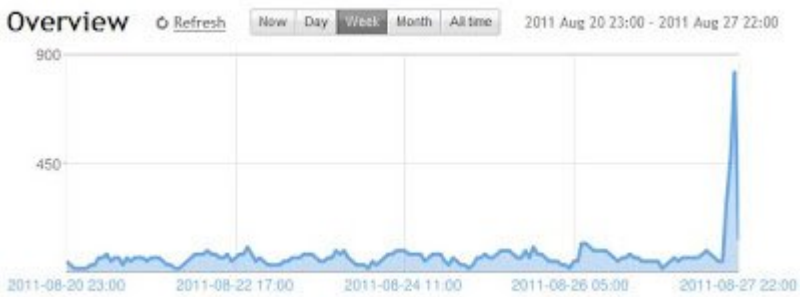
Looked at my stats and said, "what in Hades is going on here?"



Many thanks to Sidewinder77 for posting to reddit.

This is a reminder that the Captain fully endorses his Lieutenants to forward, mention, e-mail, post to Reddit, etc., any of his articles, postings, books or papers. And even though Reddit is basically more or less a 20 something leftist site, any traffic is good traffic.

Plus, how else is the Captain going to attain Drudgereport-like status so he can sit on a beach and write far far away with Jennifer Aniston serving him Rumpleminze as we converse with each other;

Captain - "Dear, isn't it wonderful living off of my wise investments into Aussie dollars?"

Jennifer - "Yes, my sexy, libertarian stud muffin, it is. I just find your ability to predict and yet at the same time, enjoy the decline enamoring. Another shot of Rumpie?"

Captain - "Why yes my darling. Wait, isn't that the same bikini you wore last week? And how do you manage to walk in the sand with heels?"

Jennifer - "Oh, I practiced before you picked me up in your personal F-18 Super Hornet. I think I have it down. Can I pull out the 60" LCD screen, the surround sound stereo system onto the beach, rig it all up and throw Kelly's Heroes in the DVD for you?"

Captain - "Oh sure, what the heck."

Name the Captain's New Sidekick!

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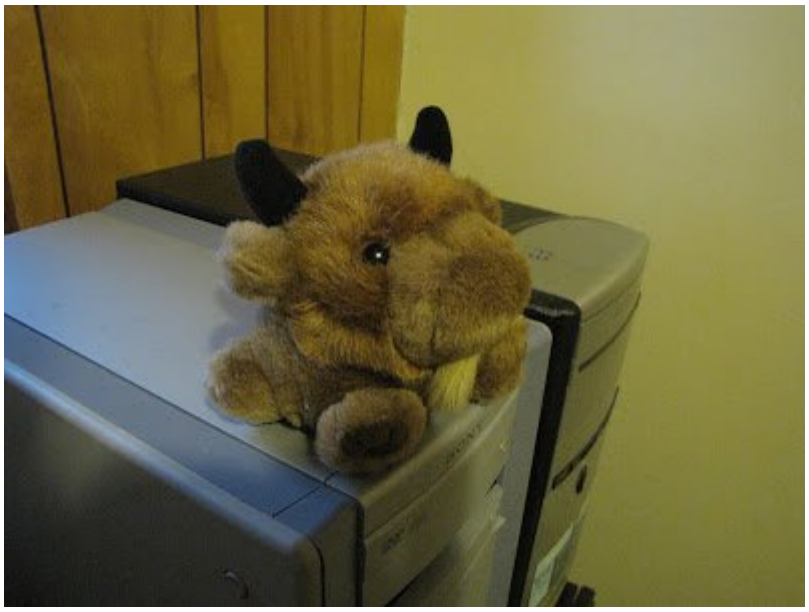
Stopped in at Hill City, SD today. The great thing about the general Black Hill's area in late August is the vendors are trying to unload all their Sturgis crap they couldn't sell during the rally. Ergo something that was $50 (like a leather vest) is now $15.

Then I saw this little guy;



Now keep in mind, a fair amount of motorcycle riders don their motorcycles with a stuffed buffalo as kind of a "guardian angel" sort of thing to protect you from spills, crashes, teen age girls and their 30-40 something soccer moms yapping on their cell phones while obliviously driving their SUV in and out of three lanes of traffic.

The only question is what do we name this little shaver?

He is a FULLY DEVELOPED buffalo, he does have FOUR LEGS and a tail, they just seem like stumps. He's just a little small, that's all.

Any suggestions for the name?

And Bachmann Blows It

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Canadian Intervention, California Is a Great Place, Welcome to Spinsterhood, and More!

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I wish we had this.

California is in such great shape this is the worst of their problems.

Another aging female Gen-Xer realizing there might have been a consequence to playing mind games with the boys in her teens and 20's.

The 60's are to blame for today's economic problems, not big oil or George Bush.

Choices have consequences, even for liberals!

And when you destroy the division of labor, what do you think happens to production?

Finally, scientists prove (of all things) the bleeping sun causes global warming. Who would have thought?

Why are Economists Leftists?

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I didn't know this. I always thought if you studied economics, then you would be a conservative or libertarian. And the only way you could be a "leftist economist" is if you willfully choose to ignore empirical data and shill yourself out like Krugman to capitalize on a market of ignorant people who want economic rationales as to why socialism works.

I'm Slamming the Teachers, Not the Kids

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Teachers unions very much like taking any criticism directed at them and deflecting it to the children. That if you slam the teachers or the teacher's union for being incompetent, overpriced and indoctrinists, then you are by default a child hater and against education. It is cowardice at its worst and is why I make this clear distinction before I rip apart "education majors" and "teachers" for what they (typically, but not all of them) are.

Just more proof of what your Captain has been telling you this entire time. The reason I'm so adamant about pointing this out or if it seems I have an vendetta against teachers, it's because I remember these people when they were going to college. I remember the types of people, from my generation, who are now teachers. You don't want them teaching your kids. They were the ones who readily admitted they were too lazy to pursue real, hard, STEM studies. They partied, they drank, and they usually didn't bother working to put themselves through college. And without fail if you asked them why they were going into education "3 months off" was regularly cited as the number one reason.

Now of course, it takes them a nano-second to grab a kid and use it as a shield when fiscally sane people start to question whether we're getting a bang for our taxpayer buck. Oh, then they become really altruistic real quick.

I just wonder if others are able to discern between teachers and children or if they are not going to appreciate my marksmanship in who I'm precisely targeting.

"I Didn't Think Their Lies Could Win"

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Well, when you have such an ignorant and spoiled society, yes their lies can win.
Hat tip.

The Granny State

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Well, when you bring up one generation so poorly, what did you think was going to happen when they started bringing up the next generation?

Klaus Kinski

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I knew it was him.

I was watching "A Few Dollars More" last night over a bottle of Rumpleminze. The hunchback in the movie had a very unique look to him and then I realized who it was.

Klaus Kinski.

Very interesting background.

On a related note, you youth (heck, my age) would recognize a very familiar score from the original "Red Dead Revolver" the theme song of which comes from a movie Klaus was the hero in.

I guess the 70's did produce something.

Because I'm Not Larry Ellingson's Son

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Remember, I came up with a very possible and real way to make trillions of dollars. But who gets financing and for what frivolous and stupid venture?

You Go Califnornia

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You just can't make it up. How do you people elect these morons?

I guess a better question is how do you people in California not connect this to your double digit unemployment rate and general economic decay?

A Cold Detroit

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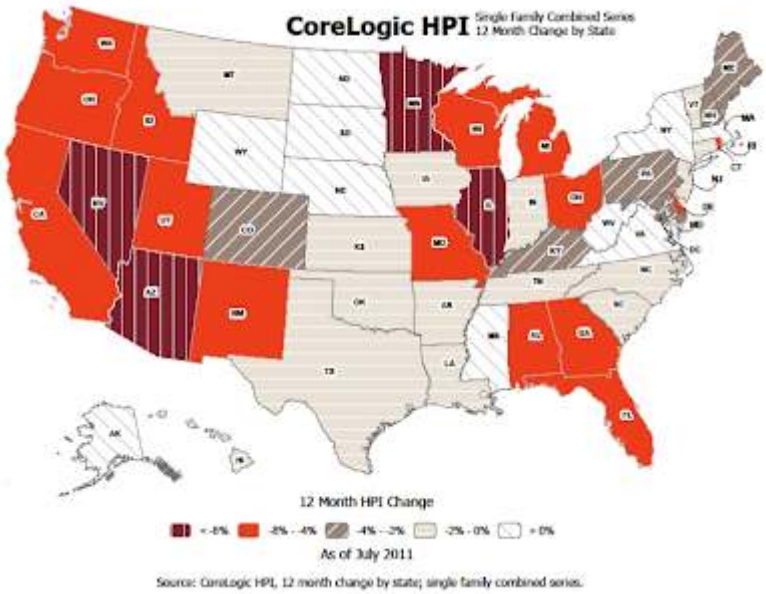
Today's economic vocabulary lesson is about two terms or phrases that every good economist should know;

Brain drain and capital flight.

As you know your Captain left Minnesota and he left for two reasons. He left because of the harsh winters (15% the reason) and left because of Minnesota's knack for being consistently liberal (85%). He would have liked to have stayed, his friends were there, he had a nice little bachelor pad, but in short the overall environment was becoming too hostile and too parasitic for him to tolerate. He suffered bouts of depression and literally felt trapped as where he really wanted to live (out West) just didn't have the job base the Twin Cities did.

Now, leftists can go ahead and complain and say I'm a cry baby or "good-riddance," but none of that changes the fact that I did indeed leave because the political climate was too liberal. That was my choice and those were my reasons. You have to deal with that.

But the left may want to hold their criticisms and mockery for just a little bit, because as this short little piece points out, something is wrong with Minnesota. Its housing market is not recovering as fast as the rest of the country. Matter of fact, it's ranking with states like California, Michigan, Nevada and Florida. All of which were notorious for having property bubbles, unlike Minnesota.



Now people will speculate and opine and theorize, and if you are on the left you will give no real serious consideration as to the genuine causes of this problem. You'll simply

blame the Tea Party or George Bush or Pawlenty or what have you. But, again, why you might want to hold your criticism and mockery of me, I have an uncanny track record of being right on all things economic. So maybe you could mute the "hey hey, ho ho, capitalism has got to go" sophomorities and listen, because I may just be right once again.

Understand Minnesota and Minnesotans PRIDE themselves off of having a disproportionate amount of fortune 500 employers. They boast 3M, General Mills, Best Buy, etc. etc. And in the olden days when you could go to the U of MN, major in chemistry, pick up a job at Medtronic and all would be well, that was fine. And although Minnesota has more or less consistently voted democrat due to its Scandinavian heritage, back then people abided by the honor system. You didn't go on welfare unless you needed it. Education WAS key to your success and we invested in it heavily. You had the church or your family take care of you. And a stern amount of Norwegian shame was brought upon you if you stayed on the dole too long. And everything work until (as with what happens with all nice socialist utopias) not so honorable people started taking advantage of the system.

People moved in from other states where their welfare benefits were not so generous. The next generation decided they would get an education, but not in things 3M, General Mills or Polaris needed. They voted for more and more social programs and touchy feel good stuff. They built atrocious buildings for government housing such as Cedar Riverside and other eyesores. The cities decided to start spending more money on non-essential items to the point today they were about to spend $50,000 per drinking fountain to promote "art." The U of MN no longer served the students and jacked up tuition much higher than inflation. And the students might have complained, but they were told it was evil republicans that were cutting their spending. But it didn't matter anyway because Jimmy was just going to major in sociology which didn't cost as much as a degree in "computer science." Besides, that "math stuff" was for Asian kids, not good ole suburbanites from Bloomington and Eden Prairie. And mercy me almighty, did we not invest in the "chillllldreeeeen." Always more money for public schools. Never enough. But that was good because they were our future. They were going to become future teachers to teach future children who would in turn also become future teachers to teach future children, because children were the future and apparently teaching held merit unto itself and never needed to be translated into genuine economic production.

The ultimate result, Minnesota government spending went from 6% GSP to 12%. And even that hides the true costs as municipalities regularly increased property taxes at multiples of the inflation rate (your Captain had the honor of having his property taxes increase by 300% in 10 years in Minneapolis). But the larger point is that public sector grew at the expense of the private sector.

Now, normally your Captain would go on and cite this as the cause of the lack of

economic growth and the decline in property prices. But that would be only half fair. For you have to understand the public sector pulls from the same pool of people for its employees. And what the Captain is finding out as he gets older and pulls more data, it isn't necessarily the public sector that is the core of the problem, it's the quality of the people. After all, whether you work in the public sector or the private sector, this still is a democracy. And Minnesotans, dutifully and regularly voting in higher taxes, more government spending and with the help of the always-willing-to-indoctrinate University of Minnesota, a very anti-corporation, anti-American, anti-capitalism psychology. It didn't matter where you worked. Minnesotans with regular consistency kept voting to shoot themselves in the foot.

Of course, if you're pulling from the same pool, that meant the private sector was also as incompetent and corrupt and the public sector. And mercy was it.

Yeah, US Bank might have hired you back in 1965 (when it was First Bank) if you graduated from the U of MN. But by the 1990's not ONE investment banking firm would consider you unless you went to an Ivy League school. Sure 3M might have hired some local chemical engineering majors in 1968, but not now. Most of their growth and expansion has been done outside Minnesota. And of course you could land a job at the second largest private firm in the country, Cargill if your name was Smith. But now, unless you are a Cargill or know a Cargill or know somebody who works at Cargill, good luck. In one generation, Minnesotan employers had gone from hiring people based on skill to hiring people based on connections.

But forget nepotism and cronyism. Let's just assume there still are companies out there who just want to hire a good ole Joe and don't care about who they are or who they know. Certainly the average Joe working his way out of lower-middle income Fridley stands a shot at getting a job was Wells Fargo downtown. right?

No no no.

You see, we can't be hasty. We can't just "hire somebody." We need to follow rules. Procedures. Policy.

We need HR.

Though not unique to Minnesota, HR has played a vital role in ensuring the average Joes and Janes of Minnesota don't make it. The connected networked ones can simply by-pass HR. But no you middle income types from Richfield! Oh no. No, you have to go and answer stupid questions that would never have been conceived of back in 1957, AND coincidentally have no right answer and have proven not to have any predictive value in you future performance as an employee (though they have proven to give power trips to power-hungry 20 somethings who found accounting and finance to be too difficult of a

business degree to attain).

And even then the decay within the private sector isn't fully accounted for. And that's the precise word to use. Just general "decay."

For as the quality and caliber of Minnesotans tanked, is it any surprise you would have amoral people not only working in the ranks of corporate America, but soaring through those ranks? And gee, what industry is historically prone to attract scammers and schemers who are always looking for a short cut and may have no moral qualms about the economic ramifications of their actions? Could it be...hmmmmm..... BANKING?????

Hate me if you will.

Think I'm arrogant and cocky (which I am).

Call me every name in the book.

There is one simple fact, conservatives and liberals, democrats and republicans, Minnesotans and non-Minnesotans all have to accept about me;

If I was in charge of the banks in Minnesota (if not the nation)

Minnesota (and the nation)

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today.

You wouldn't be facing 9% unemployment, perpetually dropping housing prices and a stagnant economy. You wouldn't have your property taxes jacked up 300% in a decade. You wouldn't have had your tuition jacked up 10,000% since last week. But of course, me theorizing about what I could have done if "I were king" is a pointless exercise. I was never in such a position of power, I wasn't even close to being in an influential position of power. I too was the average Joe from Fridley. So what's a guy to do? The only thing he can do.

Leave.

But here is where the point comes full circle, and permit me just another few ounces of arrogance.

Is it a good thing one of the few guys who could have stopped the housing crash in the state is leaving? I know some of you are happy I'm leaving. These are the same people who cannot explain why we just can't "create more government jobs" to get Minnesota out of its economic malaise. But politics aside, is it in the best long term interests of Minnesota to have people like me leave? And the corrupt bosses who are to blame for the crash stay (because they know to work the system).

The reason I ask is it's not just me. It's others.

Anecdotally, I know many friends that have left.

Nick, arguably the best cell phone salesman you could ever meet. Hard working, honest. Not only would he have made a great employee (and he did), he would have made a great husband. He's in Kansas now.

Chad, another friend of mine who took its IT genius to North Carolina and never looked back. Brought his wife with him and they now have not just a nice house, but a nice computer business.

Dustin, hard working statistician. Got fed up trying to find reliable employment here. Headed again to Kansas.

And forget these guys. I know tons of people, all in their 20's and 30's who just want out of Minnesota. They can't find jobs, and if they did find jobs, they run into the corrupt, inefficient, bureaucratic BS that didn't exist in Minnesota in the 50's and 60's.

But all my anecdotes are irrelevant. If you want to look at the state demographers data or census data, look and see how many of the youth are sticking around. And we're not

talking welfare recipient youth who are just going to stay around, spit out some future welfare collecting youth and demand more taxpayer money for the "chillllldreeeen." We're talking the GENUINE economic future of Minnesota. The STEM-educated 20 and 30 somethings. The ones who will work. The ones with purchasing power. The ones who, even without a degree, just want to work. And the veritable geniuses who could have prevented things like economic collapses. They're leaving (you look up the data, I'm too tired right now).

Of course the stewards of Minnesota have failed to keep the state up as a viable economic entity. And while at the age of 18-22, we may have been sold on how "cool" it was to go to "Uptown" or how awesome it was to attend "the U," in the end when we want to work, produce something of value, buy a house and not be taxed every step along the way let alone embark on the impossible lottery of maybe catching the HR representative in a charitable mood or bumping into Tad Piper, why on god's green earth would we stay in Minnesota?

And now you understand our two vocabulary terms of today.

Brain drain is when your smartest people leave. Either because their employment prospects are too low, or they know that at the income they'd make you tax them too high, they leave. And they take not only their production with them, but their spending, their tax base dollars and (quite honestly) their exemplary law-abiding citizen behavior.

Capital flight is when money flees out of your country, state or city in search of better returns. 3M's CEO may have said something about this, but I'm sure you MPR folk chalked this up to him just being an "evil greedy capitalist" and cannot understand why 3M has expanded overseas and not here.

In both cases, you now have the key to understanding why housing prices in Minnesota are more reflective of Detroit and Las Vegas than it has been in the past.

You're losing your producers. You're losing your contributing members of society.

And how that translates economically (and I'm really trying to make this simple so you understand) is that you have less dollars chasing after homes which drives their prices down (of course the banks of Minnesota flooding your market with housing didn't help either, but eh, don't listen to that stupid kid from a non-Ivy league school).

In the end I fear we can look to Detroit as the ultimate outcome for Minneapolis. You would think the citizens would realize how anti-business democrats, anti-corporate policies and suffocating EPA and environmental regulations soon enough to prevent the utter destruction of a town, but apparently not. Apparently the propaganda of socialism tastes so sweet and is so intoxicating you are completely oblivious to it destroying your

neighborhood around you. You are completely oblivious to how it destroys your life and your family. And it is so powerful, you can't understand how anti-business, anti-capitalism, anti-individual policies suffocate, if not, eliminate growth.

But for some people that connection is very clear. And those are the people with the brains and the capital. Those are the producers and innovators. Those are the entrepreneurs or just plain ole hard workers who are willing to support themselves and produce something of value. And for all you Minnesotans who are those people, do yourself a favor.

Get the hell out before it becomes a cold Detroit.

And of course, enjoy the decline!

Eating Chinese Food, Drinking Jack Daniels and Watching James Bond

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Is there any better way to enjoy the decline?

Why The Whole Jobs Speech/Republican Debate/NFL Thing is Moot

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I've never seen such hubbub about something so irrelevant. And to be intellectually honest, I don't even know why Drudge covered it so.

Do you people really think President Zero is going to say anything relevant or tangible in his "speech" no matter when its held?

Last I recall you all wanted jobs.

That would require action.

He's merely speaking for the 947th time "about" jobs and not doing a damn thing about them.

Ergo, why is anybody complaining when the "president" speaks?

Because the simple question is;

"Why would anybody be listening to him in the first place?"

Does it matter when he "speaks?"

I mean, why not watch the pre-game show or the Republican debate. Go watch Castle or a DVD. It won't matter because your messiah isn't going to do anything tangible, he's merely going to speak.

Let me know when he "does" or "takes action" or "makes a decision." Not just blather on about jobs.

God you idiots that elected him. I still sit here and wonder how you thought this spoiled brat preppy moron would be better than GW, let alone McCain.

Remember that guy? The one who was a Vietnam vet and work his way through life?

No, of course not. He wasn't "hip" or "cool." heck, he didn't have pecks. Besides, the media told you not to like him, so what were you to do? Be independent like you claimed to be and have independent thought? No, you just swoon at pecks.

Thank god I have the unquestionable ignorance of the American people to rely upon when making my dollar shorts on the currency markets.

You incomprehensibly stupid, ignorant morons.

Wait, Wait! Lemme Guess! It's Bush's Fault!

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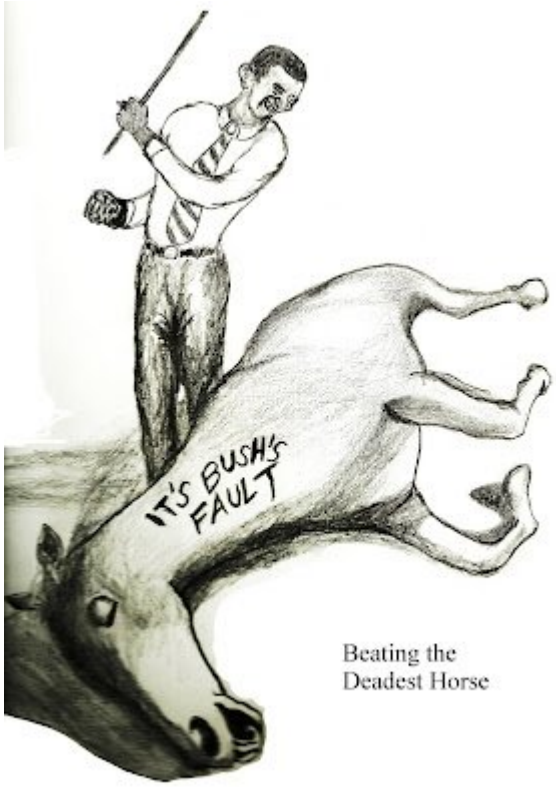
Given today's lousy job report I am going to use my super awesome economic powers to predict the Whitehouse's response, which will coincidentally also be the democrats main running platform for 2012;



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Perfect, Short and Brilliant

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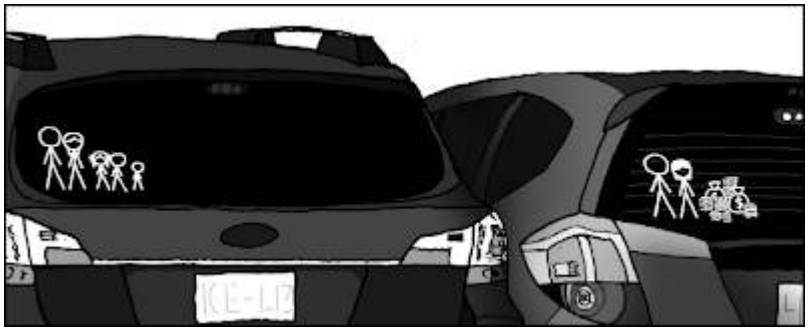

Hat tip!

Hadn't Visited Snarks in a While

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INteresting, didn't know she was located near the Kaput Gaztot solar firm.

I Love My Foreign Currencies

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From Zero Hedge.

Obama Speech BINGO!

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A reader suggested this so I cannot claim to have come up with this idea.

Since nobody has an real incentive to listen to Obama's upcoming jobs speech because it will just be that, a speech, why not make it a fun drinking event?

First gather yourself the following types of booze;

Whiskey
Vodka
Tequila
Gin
Rum
Goldschlager
Jeagermeister
Phillips 100
and of course
Rumpleminze

Each person will get assigned a bottle of booze and an "Obama word." Every time Zero mentions your word you take a belt from the bottle. The following booze-word combinations are such;

"Move this country forward" - Whiskey * just "forward" will also qualify
"Failed Policies of Yesterday" - Vodka * "failed policies" will also qualify
"Progress" - Tequila
"Community" - Gin
"A greater future" - Rum
"Come together" - Goldschlager
"Partisan politics" - Jeagermesiter
"Obstructionist" - Phillips 100

However, we save the Rumpleminze for a special part of the speech.

Anytime Obama says something flowerly about creating jobs, BUT DOES NOT MENTION AN ACTUAL TANGIBLE ACTION THAT WOULD BE TAKEN TO CREATE JOBS everybody takes a swig of the Rumpleminze.

I think most will be dying from acute alcohol poisoning by the end of the speech.

Recession Medicine

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To help you enjoy the decline, I present to you some Vince Guaraldi;

Country Music That DOESN'T Make You Want to Commit Suicide!

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Didn't think it existed!

Further Kicking the Quadrapalegic Dog

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Not that I want to beat this drum any further, but how, oh how, with the wisdom of the likes of Dayton, McCallum, Keith Ellingson could this be happening to Minnesota?

I mean, you all voted for hope and change in that state right?

I wish there was a way to trade currencies against states. You could make a fortunate shorting the Minnesota "Loon" against the South Dakotan "Entrepreneur."

Matter of fact, that just might make for some interesting mindless fodder. What would the state's various currencies be based on the qualities of their citizens?

California - The Eeleegal
New York - The Ignorant
Florida - The Forklozure
Illinois - The Korupt

I'm sure there's more, but I'm going to bed.

Sergeant Rumpie

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The Captain's newside kick has taken several of the recommended names and combined them into a single official name;

"*Sergeant Rumpie*"

His full name is "Sergeant Rumpie Fluffalo" but Sergeant Rumpie will be his short handle. The sergeant and I shall now continue our battle against the evil forces of socialism, while using him to flirt with chicks at the bar.

The Classiest Accountant

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Lee Van Cleef, for whom without westerns would not have anywhere near their notoriety they do today, was but a humble accountant. What I like about Lee is that he was an accountant first, and an actor second. Unlike the modern day "actors" who study theater and major in theater, which belies their ulterior motives and arrogance (read - "I don't want a real job, I want to be a superstar"), Lee was just a regular guy who took acting as essentially a hobby. He was a real man who had a real job and supported himself and his wife.

Sadly, today, Hollywood has no such real people-come-actors in their ranks;

You Labor Day Linkage

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Haley has her funnier moments.

Death to the programmers of malware and viruses.

A charty goodness review of the housing collapse.

Bringing up the future betas so we can make life even more difficult for them in their 20's. (aka Chivalry is not a right, it is earned)

A WAY long and deep way of just saying "Enjoy the decline" (language warning)

I'm sorry, was there a reason or a calling or let alone any profits or rewards for us guys to "man up?" you'll forgive us if we just keep playing our video games and avoiding families.

Dollar for dollar. Penny for penny, everything must be paid and accounted for in not just economic theory, but law. The laziness of the current three generations is mathematically calculated and manifested in the form of the national debt.

And I get excited when I find an intact jawbone fossil. Other Turkish sheepherders just discover entire ancient cities in their backyards. Lousy sheepherding Turks, with all the good archeological stuff, mocking me and everything, not even trying to find entire ancient cities.

Wyoming

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Where they treat adults like (GASP!) adults!

What's funny is if I go into Wyoming I can then discard my carry conceal permit from Minnesota which has reciprocity from South Dakota.

And something tells me there won't be a crime wave in Wyoming like most leftists in other states will predict.

Law of Unintended..Oh Heck, Forget It

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I hate the euphemism "unintended conseuqnces" simply because "unintended consequences" means, "we completely ignored, idealistically so, that humans would be self-serving." This is usually the byproduct of some naive pampered government bureaucrat that never lived in the real world and is "shocked, SHOCKED" people would take advantage of the system. Anyway, here's the link.

It's Only Funny...

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Until it happens to one of your own.

Then it's hilarious.

Well, at least to those of us third party individuals in the movie theater watching from afar as we enjoy the decline.

If I recall correctly, wasn't there a "confession piece" of sorts by a feminist who ended up having her 13 year old son accused of sexual harassment by a 13 year old girl? And then all of the sudden the religion didn't seem so appetizing.

Eh, whaddya gonna do about it?

The Captain Needs a New Motorcycle

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The Captain's small, but reliable Ninja 250 is sadly kaput. After putting 33,000 miles on her she suffered a sudden loss in power on the interstate about 60 miles away from home. I had to nurse he back home at about 25 MPH max. What I originally hoped was a dirty carb or perhaps a burnt out spark plug turned out to be a compression issue which isn't worth trouble shooting because it's only a $500 bike now anyway (but I still managed to get greasy and dirty which always helps with the girls...matter of fact, for all the younger male Cappy Cappites out there, but buy some grease and oil and dirty yourself up. You don't even have to be working on anything, you just have to claim you were).

Of course life is a cycle and what is no doubt the end of a chapter in the Captain's life, is also the beginning of a new chapter! And this new chapter in the Captain's life is called,

"Help the Captain Pick Out a New Motorcycle!"

Now, understand I have a black motorcycle jacket, but recently purchased this large patch to go on the back. And not to sound too chicky, but I think I shall spoil myself this time and buy a motorcycle that matches my attire. Ergo, after much searching I have come across the following three bikes and would like your opinions on them (particularly the ladies of course). They are all 600-650cc bikes, all with 5000-6000 miles on them and are all priced around $5,500.

Motorcycle #1

Motorcycle #2

Motorcycle #3

(Legal Disclaimer! - The US Department of Brainwashing and Anti-Fun, FFLF Division, has proven that chicks dig motorcycles and strongly recommends against their use. Studies have shown men with motorcycles don't really have to have any kind of personality, wit, charm, social graces or even money and will STILL get chicks to find them attractive. Side effects of driving motorcycles include;

1. Tons of chicks hanging on you.
2. Cheaper dates because motorcycle rides are cheaper than dinner
3. A sense of freedom and manliness
4. An immediate +4 to your charisma
5. Immediate loss of "nerd" or "loser" status.
6. The ability to outrank investment banker-astronaut-surgeons in terms of attractiveness to the ladies
7. Teen-30something women letting their faux feminist guard down and acting like (GASP) WOMEN!

8. Envy of other women
9. Muchas Smoochas with the ladies that may lead to pre-marital handholding
10. A general admiration and respect from fellow men.
11. The ability to drive REAL fast
12. Looking too Old School American which might trigger impure thoughts of "traditionalism" in the sex roles of men and women and politically incorrect yearnings for the 1950's.

As these symptoms are NOT those of the ideal feminized, sensitive, pansified American "male," all men are highly discouraged from purchasing, owning or riding one of these evil, anti-women, anti-family, anti-commune machines.

Michelle Obama says, "JUST SAY NO!")

Post -Post

Mercy, I knew this would happen.

1. OK, of the THREE PRESENT BECAUSE THEY"RE WITHING REASONABLE DRIVING RANGE which one is the best (remember, I live in the middle of nowhere now. These bikes are "close" at 300 miles because they're in Denver. Nothing in SoDak, Wyoming or Montana. You have to drive to a major city center to get a good bike).

2. No Harleys. Sorry to say this, but they suck ladies and gentlemen. You not only have the honor of spending $30 grand on a bike, but 4 times the amount of human labor hours doing basic repairs. I have a buddy who owns one and mercy, to just change the damn oil you have to pull the engine out. He's had nothing but problems. It's the trophy wife of motorcycles. I do not want an overpriced trophy wife for a motorcycle. The "rice burners" have been very easy to work on. It is why in previous posts I have opined about the demise of the Sturgis Rally. Too many old people with too much money and not a one of them could clean a carb, let alone change oil. There are many parallels between foreign bikes and foreign women. I'll leave you to draw those lines.

World's Dumbest Economist

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you know, like you know that, like, I gotta pay my rent and like I gotta pay my car loan? It's like, you know, a scam, like you know, that I gotza support myself and like, you know, the world ain't gonna just gizme whatz I wantz. Like you know, I just can't sit here on my ass and expect people to bring me food and build me shelter and give me a free car, you know? It's like a scam.

You know?

Actually, this is very sad. And I shall show you in one simple question;

In the end of her life, when she's sitting there on her death bed at 80 or whatever, do you think she'll realize why her life ended up the way it did? Do you think she's going to enjoy her life? Do you think this one shot she gets, she's going to avail herself of the opportunities life presents to her? Or is she just going to childishly stew in the childish question, "Why do I have to work for a living" and live a hate-filled life that is shallow, unproductive and meaningless?

And I'm not mocking her, I feel genuine pity for her. Yet what's so sad is all it would take for her to answer her own questions and move onto a much better life is to pick up a mouse, start surfing the internet about economics and freedom and become "unignorantized" (I like that word!).

Sadly though, if you're too lazy to pay for your own house, your own food, your own car, or your own children, you're obviously too lazy to pick up a mouse and expend the time it would take to become informed.

Out of pity for her and the brainwashed like her, I shall not say to enjoy the decline. But rather have a moment of silence thinking about the millions of poor souls like her that are condemned to living such angry, hate-filled (and worse) meaningless lives and never being able to understand why.

Blackadder Explains Obama's New $300 Billion "Jobs Plan"

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Who knew! Many years ago, the Blackadder comedy troupe would be able to explain Barack Obama's most recent $300 billion jobs plan today!

Let's watch and listen!

No Consequences Whatsoever

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Never mind that chart behind the curtain.

Enjoy the decline!

Holy Sane City Council Batman!

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Rosemount, which I have driven through many times, has actually LOWERED property taxes!

This is the first time I've ever heard of a city LOWERING property taxes...well...ever. At least in the state of Minnesota.

Of course, I will continue to relish watching the rest of the Twin Cities implode as the good little Scandinavian liberals keep voting to fleece themselves because that's what good, guilt-ridden liberals do. I'm just waiting for the day 3M moves out of the state and they do not have the intelligence to ask "why," but will instead blame it on "evil big business" simply being "evil" and pout.

Epic Fail

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Patricia D., meanwhile, responded positively to Obama's broader call to build the long-term foundations for sustained economic strength. "President Obama is right that we need to re-focus on making America the great nation that it once was," she wrote. "We need to keep our jobs here. We need to educate our children so they are smarter than kids in India or China. We need to tax the wealthy and corporations to ensure that this happens."

Patricia D once again proves that the average American adult is too ignorant and stupid about basic economics and that we should test people before we give them the right to vote.

OK, one more time, just because I love flogging this dead horse.

Liberals, leftists, socialists and other people who generally disagree with me about all matters economic.

Your understanding of how the economy works is wrong. You believe in the GLEOC model which presumes investments in education, health care, welfare, etc. will some how magically spur jobs. To pay for this you have only one, very tired, very worn out tool;

Tax the rich/corporations.

The problem is that you are once again putting the cart before the horse. Education, health care, welfare and whatever other things you call "investments" have no merit unto themselves. They do not spur jobs. It is the pursuit of profit, material items, wealth and the happiness that creates jobs. And when you punish people through taxation and (as it actually pertains more to Obama's policies) scare those "evil businesses away" with taxation and regulation for DARING to make a profit or DARING to buy luxury items, you kill the one thing that creates jobs.

If you don't believe me, think of it in another way. Is there any purpose of getting an education if there are no jobs? A lot of former Obama supporters who are recent college graduates are getting to face this question. Of course those who are too ashamed to admit they were wrong will claim "education is not about finding a job, it's about becoming a better person and getting an experience." I wonder how long they will stand by that argument when there's no food on the table.

If that doesn't convince you, then ask yourself this question. Does the existence of a

government result in the creation of a society? Or is it the existence of a society that results in the creation of a government?

The short version of GLEOC is that the government does nothing to produce real economic growth and therefore real jobs. Simply because by its nature it can't. It GOVERNS society. It lives off of society. If there was no society, there would be no government. Ergo it is society that needs to create the jobs, not government.

Regardless, you keep voting in what deep down inside you all know to be true ignorance. You keep letting your ego and your feelings get in the way. You keep on telling yourself just like an aged 1960's hippie-turned-burnt-out-professor you were right for all these years even as the economy collapses around you DESPITE having more or less complete liberal policies enacted. It won't do a damn thing for you, and worse, it will make your children's future truly worse.

Or perhaps as my friend John said, "I love watching liberals have children nowadays. It's great entertainment. They now finally have skin in the game."

Enjoy the decline!

The Captain is Being Held Hostage

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The Captain is being held hostage.

He will not be released, and therefore not be able to make any new posts, until he receives 100,000 new hits (or he raises $5,000 from book/kindle sales ahem ahem, cough cough!)

The following brilliant posts (full of super-awesome economic genius) will be forwarded, linked to, facebooked, "reddited," etc., BY YOU until our 100,000 new hits demand is met.

The "Great Liberal Economic Oort Cloud."

A "Cold Detroit"

My "Bondage A Go Go Girl Story"

Women's Rights Movement Felled By a Collapse in the Division of Labor

Since Christmas shopping season is coming, You WILL Buy Your Children TOYS!!!!

And at the request of our good friend Sr. Ortega, "Unfortunately, Men Do Exist."

No additional future posts will be forthcoming until YOU, fellow Cappy Cappites!

post!

paste!

link!

reddit!

delicious!

mention at a party when you're totally trying to get with that hot chick and said to yourself, "hey, you know, I could totally get her to come back with me to my apartment if I lay down some SUPER AWESOME ECONOMIC GENIUS! where or where could I find that? Heh! Wait! I know! The Captain has that stuff posted on his super awesome website! I should go there and plagiarize some of that stuff and totally swoon her off of her feet even though it should be sweep off of her feet, but I like to say the word swoon because

that ooooo sound is about the coolest sound in the entire English language."!

to the point we achieve the 100,000 new hit mark.

Until our demands are met the Captain will never write or post again.

Compliance is mandatory!

Conformance is required!

Heck, it'd be real swell if you just forward some posts or make some linkage.

Poetic Justice Hits Minnesota

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I have managed to "temporarily" escape my "captors" and will soon be held hostage again.

However, I was sent this piece that mandated I break free and write about it.

Ahhhh, Minnesota. Ignorance and naivete gets hit upside with reality.

If only, IF ONLY there was some guy, who maybe graduated from the U of MN, a home boy hero that could have (literally) singlehandedly saved the state economy.

But no, no such man existed. Besides, you all wanted to invest you money with the Tom Petters and Denny Heckers of Minnesota. You know those up and coming "businessmen" who frequently made the front pages as hometown heroes.

On a related side note, it just keeps getting better and better. We don't have a professional sports team in South Dakota.

Hey, you Minnesotans and Dayton voters, you crazy kids enjoy that decline!

Liberals Don't Know the Difference Between a Million, a Billion and a Trillion

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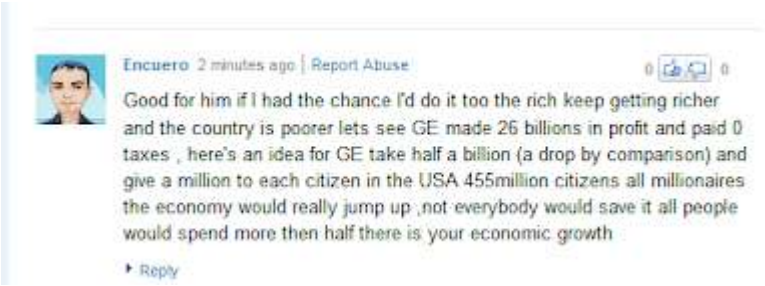
Was reading this great article about capital flight. But then I see in the comments something that has confirmed my fears about the youth in this country;

They don't bleeping know the bleeping difference between a billion, a million and a trillion.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Good for him if I had the chance I'd do it too the rich keep getting richer and the country is poorer lets see GE made 26 billions in profit and paid 0 taxes , here's an idea for GE take half a billion (a drop by comparison) and give a million to each citizen in the USA 455million citizens all millionaires the economy would really jump up ,not everybody would save it all people would spend more then half there is your economic growth

Reply

Of course this makes sense because I really believe most people who vote for Barack Obama, let alone still support him today, probably don't know the severity or the weight of annual and perpetual trillion dollar plus deficits.

This Encuero idiot ACTUALLY BELIEVES taking "half a billion" and spreading it across the 455 million Americans (did we all just start making with the hanky panky here to magically boost our population by a full third in the past year????) will result in an additional 455 million MILLIONAIRES.

he's so stupid he doesn't realize the real math would be that you would have simply given 455 million people a whopping....

$1 each.

In other words ladies and gentlemen, how on god's great earth can you fight this ignorance?

one of the biggest problems I face when teaching finance and economic seminars, or even having political discussions or debates, is the herculean task of;

1. Convincing people they are wrong
2. Deconstructing their erroneous beliefs and showing them why they were wrong
3. Teaching them how things work in the real world.

But when you've been believing something for 45 years and never bothered to figure out

how it works or to confirm it whether to be true (let alone be so effing stupid you don't know the difference between a million and a billion), it becomes pointless. It becomes sheer futility.

So just stop trying to convince people. They'll find out soon enough what the difference between a billion and a trillion is when we have to use truckloads of dollars to buy a loaf of bread.

It's Called Capital Flight

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But you don't want to bother yourself with such matters.

I'd Rather Have President Camacho

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Idiocracy is a great movie that you need to watch. If for any other reason it is already a reality. Regardless, I cannot help but realize how I really would rather have President Camacho for president than President Zero. So some lighter fare for you folk.

I Guess I'm Shorting Rupees

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Well, now all we need is China to go that route and we'll all tank together as one big global family. There will be NO economic growth ANYWHERE!

Again people, GLEOC is the wrong paradigm (ooo! Look! I used a fancy liberal word!)

But You Don't "Need" Those Freedoms

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I had a conversation with a middle aged female friend of mine. I can't exactly explain why she's my friend, aside from I believe her to be a good person deep down in side. But she is a raving typical middle aged American female liberal and thusly has never really had to ponder or think about where she is and is NOT allowed in terms of other people's business.

It started with the smoking ban and no matter how much I tried to convey to her the concept of private property, private owners doing what they want on THEIR land, she still lacked the intellect to admit other people have the right to do what they want on their property.

After discussing abortion, smoking, gun ownership underage drinking, etc. etc., she still failed to grasp the "15 year old could understand it" concept of "live and let live."

No, she thought it her place (albeit unconsciously) it was her place to dictate to other people what they should and should not do.

Ultimately she said (and again, unconsciously no doubt), "but you don't need those freedoms."

It is ignorance and idiocy like that, that makes me no longer care about the difference between;

1. conscious evil, KNOWINGLY trying to get you to forfeit your freedoms to take advantage of you (ala Obama).

2. Unconscious evil (aka ignorance, Peggy Joseph, my friend), blindly going with emotion to unknowingly vote us into a state of tyranny.

So (to quote your lover President Zero)

LET ME BE CLEAR and link to something that may convey the concept of freedom to you ignoramuses out there. Freedom is the right of a person to make a decision for themslves. Good or bad, right or wrong, as long as it doesn't hurt anybody else, it's none of your god damned business. And if you can't get that concept down and respect that, you are simply tyrannical, conscious or not, and your "voting freedom" should be stripped, by force if necessary.

I guess what makes me so angry about this is how so many adults (and by "adults" I

mean people who I view to be older than me and would have been adults when I was a kid) are still so damn stupid. As if age and experience has taught them nothing.

How to Tell When to Short a Currency

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When they elect a hyphenated-named leftist to their premiership.

Who also happens to be young and good looking (gee, where have I heard this before?)

What's the Danish currency? Would provide for a nice diversification since the Swiss central bank decided to get interventiony with their Francs.

regardless, time to pull the ole OECD stats and files on Victor Borge's home country.

Future Unemployed Losers of America

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Honest to god. And you idiot leftists claim we don't spend enough on education.

No, We WON'T Invest in the Children

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I read this on OneStdv via Dalrock, and thought the comment had enough merit it was worthy of its own post. it is in reference to men "not growing up" or "manning up;"

Also, jobs are far less stable, which makes guys less stable. The days of working for the same company for 30 years are over. Finally, there are fewer prospects for advancement these days. The Boomers have all of the senior jobs, and don't want to leave them, which means that young guys can't move up as easily.

Also, and this is harder to explain but I am sure there is something to it, I think there is an intangible component to all of this. Back in the day, the institutions of our society actually reached out to young guys. Big companies had "executive training programs," the unions had apprenticeship programs, etc. The institutions of our society were actually reaching out to young men, saying "come work with us," and "we need you."

That stuff really doesn't exist today. Instead of going into an "executive training program" for IBM or GM, most people who finish college do temp office work for a few years until they eventually find something permanent, and then they change jobs every couple of years because they have to.

I am 40, but this is basically what it has been like for me. When I started out doing temp work, it wasn't because I was a slacker who wasn't "interested" in a real job with real responsibilities. I desperately wanted a permanent job. but there just wasn't one to be had. Similarly, no one wants to still be clubbing at 30 or 35. Most guys are a little leery of the responsibility of having kids, but they still want to get married.

It's almost hilarious to think at one point in time there were recruiters approaching college campuses and looking to incorporate young people into the workforce. I, like the commenter, am more or less the same age and now with enough distance between graduating from college and now, I'm actually a little appalled at the blatant indifference of employers and industry had towards employing youth.

Admittedly Gen X was not known for its reliability, but the amount of scrutiny, let alone political and outright corrupt BS I, and I assume others, in my generation had to tolerate was just not justified. Tell me if you haven't had to deal with this type of behavior in your 20's?

1. Misleading job descriptions and titles. "Analysts" "Interns" "researchers." And all you did was file and fax and do meaningless data entry.

2. Psychotic bosses. One 42 year old woman would keep me hostage in her office complaining about work. A conman and a liar who damn well knew what he was doing just to make commission. And an outright megalomaniac who specialized in getting naive Asian investors to invest in his "dotcom" company, as he just took the proceeds and bought cars and flights with it. This one runs the gambit I'm sure, but a disproportionate percent of my bosses had genuine psychological problems or just completely lacked a moral compass.

3. Lack of training. "Must hit the ground running" means "we're too damn lazy to train you and we'll blame your guaranteed future mishaps not on the lack of training, but you." Did ANYBODY out there EVER had ANYONE train them in adequately? I'm not talking an abundance of hand holding, I'm just talking showing people the ropes to the point they're functional on their own.

4. Suffering the inanity of HR. I could go on for pages, but you know precisely what I'm talking about.

5. The BS of "if you work hard and put your time in, you will be rewarded." No, they'll just give you more work, and that's if you're lucky enough to have an employer that is managed well enough to be around and not file for bankruptcy.

Of course at the time, I thought I was a failure. I couldn't find a job, I couldn't find a job that would use my skills, heck, most of the time I couldn't get past the 23 year old girl asking me stupid questions. But then I had an epiphany much like when I was 23 about dating 20 something women. It wasn't me, it was the system.

When I was about 30 I noticed the sheer corruption infecting the banking industry, and how incompetent corporate America had become. I was able to step back and maybe grant myself some credit, and noticed how poorly managed corporate American was by its stewards. I realized just what a psychotic, sick and twisted game our elders were playing on us. There was never any intention of "helping out" the next generation get their feet wet and incorporate us into the working world. There was never any "grooming" or "preparation" for us to inevitably get the experience needed to take the helm as they retired off into the night. And there was never any desire on their part to mentor or train. It was just "forget long term planning and forget long term consequences. Just use them and get rid of them if they aren't a "self-starter." Or they can't handle the "steep learning curve." And, just like men in the manosphere started waking up to the systematic problems in American courtship, people are waking up to this systematic problem too.

There will be a consequence. Heck, there already is. A stale and increasingly ineffective managerial and executive class that can't get this country out of a recession. Additionally a managerial and executive class, that as far as I can tell, can only increase the bottom line through rent seeking, lobbying and graft. None of which will lead to genuine

economic growth or a boost in standards of living. They are what the Japanese referred to as "dinosaurs," and is yet another parallel between the US economy today and that of Japan in the 1990's-2000's. Economic decay will be one thing, generational resentment and indifference will be another.

But still, I'd like to think that back in the day, there was a time where such outreach programs did exist to help bring aboard the best talent. I'd like to think back in the day companies wanted you to join their team and would deal with you honestly and directly. Of course, I know those days are gone. To quote a friend of mine whose brother recently graduated with a Harvard MBA;

"So, did he learn anything that common sense wouldn't have told him?"

"Oh, no, of course not. But he didn't go there for that. He went there for the connections. He's got a digital Rolodex of all the children of east coast billionaires who went to school with him."

Surely there is no consequence to cronyism.

Pay Pal Problems

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If you love the Captain, you know the way to his heart!

Rumpleminze!

That's why the Captain has put a handy dandy link to the right there with a big ole bottle of Rumpleminze.

However, as some of you have e-mailed me recently, the paypal link does not work.

The reason is because Paypal and Firefox do not get along well together.

If you still wish to make a donation I suggest using Explorer.

I do apologize for this inconvenience (NO, REALLY, I DO! I LIKE MONEY!), but it's easiest to just opening it up in Explorer and it should work.

If it doesn't please let me know!

El Capitan

The Captain Conquers Hallet Peak

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In my effort to enjoy the decline before either I die or the country declines so much I must don my Mad Max gear and set forth, I made the 6 hour trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. I didn't get there until the afternoon on Saturday so I drove around the entire park, and entered into Denver from the west on I-70 wherein I found a sushi joint, a cigar bar and a salsa club all within 1 mile of each other.

To quote Eddie Izzard, "Fantastico!"

I was particularly impressed with the salsa ladies of Denver because 70% of them said yes to a dance. In Minnesota you can expect a success rate of only 30% because, well, it's Minnesota and the women always presume you're trying to get with them instead of you just simply and honestly asking them for a dance. It's a foreign concept to them, "hey, I just want to dance, I don't want to get with you." But then again, if I grew up on a regiment on 90210, The Mall of America, billions of dollar's worth of daddy's money, and Sex in the City, I might be a bit presumptuous too. Regardless, the ladies of Denver, I salute you for using that horrible word, "yes."

Regardless, the next day was to conquer a real mountain, Hallet Peak, a short 5 mile hike up to the peak, all of which could be done in an afternoon. I took pictures and I am happy I brought my windbreaker because not only was there wind, there was a ton of snow.

I will brag now and mention that this hike took me a total of 4 hours and 15 minutes. That included looking around, taking in the view and hiking behind piles of rocks at the peak to shield me against the wind and maintain a normal body temperature. Enjoy the pictures!

This is Hallet's peak form across the valley you hike up.

This is the sign that tells you you made it to Flattop Peak. Hallet's peak is in the background. It's actually no more than 1/2 a mile away, but the lack of oxygen gets to you and that little jaunt took at least 30 minutes.

I got lonely and made myself a friend.

Hallet's Peak about 1/2 the way up the climb.

These are mountains to the East of Halley's peak, I have not yet consulted the map to find out which peaks they are.

There was this young 25 year old punk kid that actually passed me near Flattop. I thought I was doing a pretty good clip and this young guy with all of his youth and everything SLOWLY passes me (he too was suffering from a lack of oxygen). Anyway, we inevitably hit the peak at the same time so he was kind enough to take the picture. He (ahem ahem!) did not decide to move onto Hallet's peak, once again cementing my status of "30 something guy with 25 year old body Awesomeness."

If you jump juuuuuust right, you might land in Emerald lake.

I will post videos later that will explain why the icicles form horizontally at the top of the mountain once I compile them into one youtube video.

Because X-Box 360's Can't Sprout Legs

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It was 1994.

I was a freshman and invited to a party being hosted by my boss at the U of MN Police Departments "Campus Cops" program.

I showed up and sure enough everybody was drinking and my corporal, after drinking for several hours challenged me to a race from his house to Como avenue. He would wear his boots and I could wear my regular shoes.

He was about 6'1" and I was much shorter. I knew he had me. I knew he would beat me and was doing it just to prove he could.

Of course I took the challenge in the outside hopes of proving him wrong in front of everybody and winning some street cred (which didn't exist in 1994).

Sure enough,

On your marks,

Get set,

GO!

I booked.

I mean, I just booked. Waiting for him to pass me I could have sworn he was just toying with me.

But when I stopped hearing his boots hitting the pavement I permitted myself the luxury to look back and see he had not only given up, but was puking on the street.

Lesson to be learned?

Don't assume people are always chasing you. Especially when you girls play "hard to get." Because we may have been chasing in our teens and 20's, but stopped chasing long ago.

The question is whether you have the wisdom in your 30's and 40's to look back.

Oh, and hey, enjoy that decline!

Ode to Rumpleminze

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In my superawesome financial classes that I teach, I had a student actually ask about Rumpleminze. My response I realized was an ode to Rumpleminze, so allow me to post it here;

Ah, "cordial" is actually a euphemism. "Super Uber Schnapps" is more like it.

When the economy was booming back in 1998, the problem I faced was not just doing finance seminars, but dance classes as well. My voice started to go because I was speaking/teaching about 3 hours a day and the human vocal chords are just not made for that much use.

Thankfully God created "Rumpleminze" (or at least some alcoholic German did).

And the world was good.

Actually, Rumpleminze is a Canadian schnapps that is VERY thick, is ALWAYS chilled, STRONGLY minty and 50% alcohol.

So when heading back from a dance class or finance seminar in some far flung Minnesota town I would stop in at the local VFW or American Legion (I prefer to give my money to the vets) and 100% guarantee they would have Rumpleminze.

Have a shot of that and you could feel the 27 degree liquid not just coat, but completely revitalize your vocal chords.

Additionally since I started drinking that regularly, I haven't gotten sick in terms of flu, cold, infection, etc. The only thing I've gotten sick from has been food poisoning in the past 8 years. Could be my constitution, but I really do believe it's the Rumpie.

Didn't They Get $50 Billion?

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I'm amazed how these banks are being downgraded. I mean, didn't we give them billions of dollars in TARP?

What makes it better is it's Wells Fargo. The bank that took billions in bailout funds, and then never refinances anybody. I also had the displeasure of working for them as an "analyst." Where there was no such thing as "analysis" going on as much as it was data entry. This was also the bank where when I was a 21 year intern I was writing the sovereign risk reports in their economics department but the senior international economist would be her name on my reports. Doing the work of the senior international economist and getting paid $10 an hour to do it.

Ahhhh, those were the good ole days.

Financial Services as a Percentage of GDP

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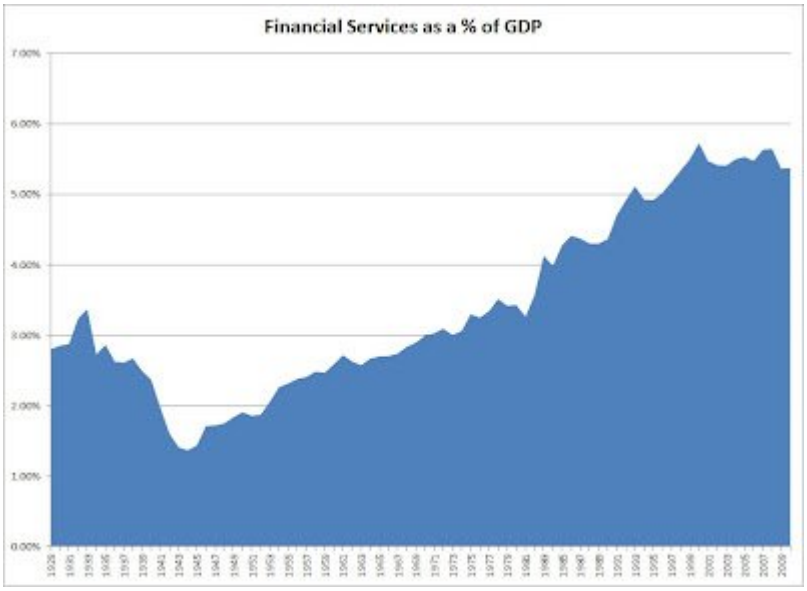
If you hate bankers and politicians you aren't alone. But you may find it interesting that (aside from these two groups of people being notorious for corruption and greed), you may hate them for another reason - they really don't produce anything.

Now of course, your Captain works in banking and you would be asking him the question, "why are you ripping on yourself?" But in maintaining intellectual honesty I have to admit, the banking industry doesn't produce any**thing**. We provide a service. And that service is risk assessment and capital. Sounds boring, but it's vital to any economy. Why, could you imagine if banks did their job during the build up to the housing bubble that we would not be in this problem we're in now? But that aside, in the end, banks ultimately provide a service that should support the rest of the economy. They should not really become the economy themselves because "banking" is not really a consumable item. It's a supporting service.

Ergo why Henry Ford (I believe it was) said something to the extent of "if banks and finance companies become too big relative to the rest of the economy, you have problems."
So, in my biennial perusal of the NIPA accounts, I decided to calculate the financial services industry as a percent of GDP.



Now, normally at this point in time I would continue on about the ramifications of this, and how this is more proof the entire economy is a debt inflated bubble, but I think we have all been reading Cappy Cap enough now that the economics lesson is self-evident.

Besides, why waste time reading something you already know when you really should be

enjoying the decline!

Katie Kieffer

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This is not a hit piece.

This is a sincere and legitimate piece that is very important and (frankly) is a piece I should not have to write.

Katie Kieffer is hot. I'm sure she's very nice and I'm am certainly happy to have her on the conservative side of the force, but...

that's about all she is.

However, because she is a "conservative," she is now exalted to an undeserved level of celebrityship because she has that seemingly mutually exclusive combination of traits;

Hot and conservative.

And that combination makes the typical conservative/libertarian males' IQ drop by about 50 points.

Now, the reason I am compelled to write about this (and unfortunately give her due linkage and press) is because I have had more than one middle aged male, salivating over her, asking me if I've read her or not.

And what is particularly irritating about this, is these are presumably men who should know better, but lower the standards for genuine intelligent writing and philosophy because of a cute little piece of conservative T&A.

This is a weakness, but more importantly, it is a hypocrisy I find among conservative men. So desperate are they for a good looking conservative female, they lower their standards in a very affirmative action way and qualify what is literally mindless 20 something ditz blather as genuine and serious political commentary just because she's "a hottie."

Now, look, if you want to open yourselves up to genuine (and well-deserved) criticism from the left for thinking in your pants, go ahead. It will only undermine our larger goal and make us look to be the fools that we really aren't. But if you can permit yourself the intellectual honesty to identify Mr. Kieffer for what she is, and give her no more credit than that, then we do ourselves a favor calling a spade a spade, and focusing our efforts on more important issues, not to mention showing ourselves to be serious people that abide by intellectual honesty and giving credit where credit is due.

Now if Ms. Kieffer wants to put together a calendar along with some of the Fox News Babes in kind of a cheer-leading sort of effort for liberty and freedom, fine. But she, and equally lacking intellectual "conservative hotties" are not the ones on the football field. That would be the likes of Matt Drudge, Joe Soucheray, Peter Schiff, Zero Hedge, myself, Dalrock and the thousands of others out there who actually do the heavy lifting, the pulling of data, the serious commentary, etc. But honest to god, to exalt her to a similar level just because she's good looking, really does give credence to what some of the most evil and reviled feminists out there claim.

We are better than that. More importantly, our morals, standards and ideology should reflect that. We judge people by their skill, merit, worth, character and intelligence.

Not by their creed.

Not by the color of their skin.

And certainly not how hot they look.

POST-POST - Guess what her major is!? I told you, crusaders can be right or left.

The Evil HR Lady

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As you all know, I don't hate HR.

I loathe HR.

Aside from an oppressive and growing socialist government, HR is a closely ranked second in terms of what is holding America back from it's halcyon days of 4%+ average RGDP growth. It certainly is the #1 non-public sector problem, and it embodies pretty much everything I hate about the anti-American forces - feminism, overregulation, anti-capitalism, legal/law/lawyers, socialism, affirmative action, etc.

But then I saw via Snarks "The Evil HR Lady."

Apparently, this lady DOES get it. Not only does she acknowledge most people view HR for the evil it is, she makes valid posts about labor and labor force relations. Most notably is her position that firms are failing to realize that facebook, myspace, blogs and other social media is the main means by which the latest generation communicates and that ultimately it's none of their damn business what is said on these sites. ie-if firms will discriminate against against social media users and go Gestapo on them, they will soon have no labor pool to chose from. One could make a very good argument it is age discrimination.

Naturally I don't think one sane HR lady is going to make a lick of difference. For every genuinely concerned and intellectually honest HR professional like her, there's 10 genuinely evil and power hungry HR ladies with no real intent to help her employer. So "The Evil HR Lady" will have to forgive me when I still stand by my pledge that when I am king, I will ban all HR departments.

Berkeley Graduates, Outsourcing Fathers, and Lies, Damn Lies!

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"Probably a Berkeley graduate."

"Thank god we got rid of those stupid fathers! Who needs them! With all their "rules" and "discipline!" Me and my kids are best friends!"

LIES! ALL LIES! Don't listen to them! You can be happy like us! YOU DON'T NEED A HUSBAND, NOR DO YOU WANT ONE! Join us in our "50 Year Olds With Cats Club!"

In getting what they want, they defeat themselves.

Some humor from Haley. I wish I could find the Youtube Video of the Wings of Honneamise where the pilot goes to his girlfriend's house, finds her there outside her now-bulldozed home and he says. "What the heck happened!?" "They bulldozed our house. I thought that if we prayed it wouldn't happen." "YOU CAN'T #%*&ing PRAY TO PREVENT A BULLDOZER!"

"that illustrated how few things make liberals as angry as the idea of people who really matter just get to vote with their feet against them, thus depriving them of other people's money their policies depend on."

Snarks has been covering the "green industry" scam in that she lives all of 3 miles from Solyndra. Here, here and here.

When liberals make charts, you can ALWAYS expect them to lie about it.

An obscure post, but I was wondering where i was getting all the hits from. You'll want to pour yourself a drink before tackling this one.

And ask yourself the question. What if all young, educated males decided to give up the rat race and just get by on enough money to support themselves and only themselves? You'd soon come to the conclusion that when guys like this go Galt, your country is in for a world of hurt. Sadly (and I'll say it again for the cheap seat) unfortunately men DO exist and they are a VITAL part of this or any other society because they are essentially the engine that drives it. But don't worry, you don't need an engine, you need government social workers and education and free health care. Not hard working men! Pha! That's so 1950s!

Rocky Mountain National Park

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It's cold and windy up there. The audio is incomprehensible, but you get the idea. Cold and snowy!

Services vs Industry as a Percent of GDP

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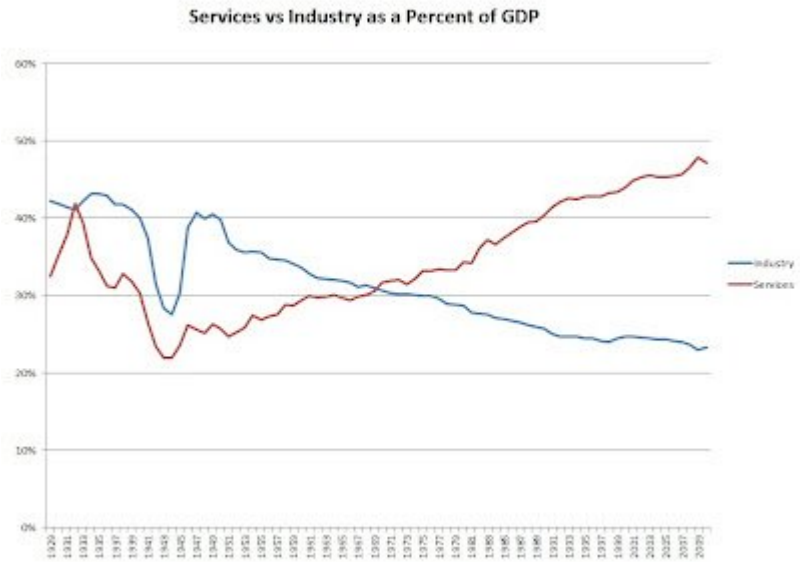

Because it's more important for a country to produce sociology majors and Green Peace activists and social workers than it is for a country to produce something people want like IPod's and gasoline and food.

The Arrogance of Divorcees

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I have, and will continue to contend until evidence proves me otherwise, that most people in America today who have children have children first and foremost for themselves, and somewhere after matching drapes, fancy SUV's and new shoes, comes the children themselves.

In other words, they never ask the question, "would I be able to provide a good environment for my child? Will I be a good parent for my child?"

No, the question is simply, "Do I want children?"

ME ME ME ME ME ME!!!!

Now I have caught mucho guff for heralding the benefits of being single and having no children. I got a vasectomy a long time ago and and it was one of the best decisions I made. But what particularly irks me is when people then accuse me of hating children, because it is the ultimate in hypocrisy.

I have actually THOUGHT about having a child.
I have actually considered the RAMIFICATIONS of having a child.
I have actually asked the tough questions of "WOULD I BE A GOOD FATHER?"

While most of my child-ridden critics have not.

And the fact I decided I should NOT have children because I would be a bad or inadequate father means I (ironically) would actually probably BE a better father than those with baby rabies in that I actually thought about the kid first.

So you can imagine me seeing red when I saw this article.

What I can only surmise to be a spoiled American Princess (anybody want to look her up to confirm if I'm right?) who has never given any consideration to anybody but herself, actually writes an article that so completely misses the point, it should raise the ire of any responsible adult and parent. The title alone is so contradictory and exposes her for the failure of a mother she is;

"Maintaining happy, healthy children during a separation and divorce"

Eh, hmmmm....let me see here. Could you maybe maintain "happy and healthy children" by...oh I don't know....

NOT PICKING A FREAKING MORON TO MARRY AND HAVE BLEEPING CHILDREN WITH IN THE FIRST PLACE???!!!!

But it gets better. A couple quotes from the article;

"Divorce is never easy the first time around, but learning from your mistakes can make the second divorce a lot less stressful when making decisions for you and your children"

Did she just say what i thought she did? Did I hear that right? She is preparing, EXPECTING a second divorce????? Forget he kids coming in around 4th or 5th place in her life. I think the kids are now ranking lower than the house plants.

Another gem;

"help our child have an emotionally safe, happy life as she will now have two families."

Yes, of course, that makes things simple! Two families!

Look, you morons out there, let me explain something to you. My old man has been married three times. You know what pissed me off as a child? Having to figure out how many gifts I had to buy progressively less and less important step-family members for Christmas. Do I send my mom and my new "Step-mom" a mother's day card? What about my step-dad? What about my new uncles I just married into? The budget of a 10 year old child is not limitless.

And of course, yes, TWO families makes it just that much more fun!

Another pearl.

"By communicating with your child frankly, but lovingly, you will be helping your child to accept the new changes in their life that are occurring. This will help them become more adaptable to any future changes in their life."

Oh you think there might be some 'changes' in their lives too? THanks Ma, you got divorced twice. YOu've now doubled the kids chances of drug use, alcoholism, oh...and what else...ummm....OH YEAH! DIVORCE! But apparently divorce is a-OK in this woman's book. Perhaps you can celebrate when your children get divorced and try to explain to them why it's not only a good thing, but why they should be preparing for the second divorce that is sure to come.

BUt this takes the case;

"Separation and divorce causes stress on all parties involved--parents and children alike.

In this second divorce, I've learned that regardless of how difficult it is and who is to blame, my children come first."

You disgusting, lying hypocrite.

Buying Motorcycles from Betas

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Both motorcycles I have owned I have purchased, quite cheaply because of one simple thing;

The former owner's girl/wife told him to get rid of it.

Usually because a kid was on the way, but that is irrelevant.

The larger point is the woman told him to get rid of it. He obeyed.

Now if I had limitless funds I would conduct a study to see how successful marriages were where the guy willingly obeyed his wife and got rid of the motorcycle vs. those where the guy looked at her with one eyebrow raise and simply chuckled, patted her on the head, and continued on to removing the carbs and tightening the chain.

I predict the men (who are kind enough to be beta and give up their motorcycles on the cheap so the rest of us can enjoy them) are more likely to get divorced or have marital strife. The men who simply told the little lady, "Ah, no, I will be keeping the bike and by the way, put on your leather jacket, high heels and helmet, we're going for a ride" would be less likely to get divorced and suffer marital strife. The theory being of course that women like strong, independent men, no matter what they say and no matter how much they test them.

Regardless, I do genuinely want to thank those men out there who give up their bikes so willingly. If it weren't for you, us bachelors and alphas would have to pay (I estimate in my little economist head) at least 40% more for motorcycles.

ht to The Private Man for the post that prompted this thought in my head.

Cherie Bowser, Meet Tom Leykis

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Your beloved Captain, after climbing mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park last week, further availed himself of his childless status and drove kitty corner across Wyoming to the scenic town of Kemmerer, WY.

Kemmerer is famous for its fish fossils, diamond mines, and actually the FIRST JC Penny Store!

Pictures are forthcoming, BUT, of course to kill the time I downloaded some Tom Leykis.

Two broad casts of which are;

1. Completely necessary for ALL Cappy Cappites to listen to
2. Should be required listening for all people thinking about having children
3. All divorced people who thought it a wise idea to bring children into this world.
4. All people thinking about getting married.

I'm being serious here people, you WILL download these two MP3's and listen to them;

MP31

MP32

Something tells me Cherie and Tom would not get along.

You Mean a Degree is NOT Experience???

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I swear, the stupidity that is out there.

Would not just having a DEGREE in education imply you have NO EXPERIENCE?

Since when was majoring in "education" some kind of hard discipline?

How about this:
You hire former IBM algorithm programmers to teach math.
You hire former cops, judges, and authors to teach history.
You hire authors and journalists to teach English.
You hire engineers and scientists to teach science?
You hire accountants to teach accounting
You hire economists to teach economics

You DON'T hire a 23 year old child to babysit your children and then wonder why we're ranked below Turkey and Mexico in terms of PISA scores.

Escape Minnesota

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Heh, just keeps getting better there doesn't it?

And I like this (longer piece). Ed goes out of his way to show cities without professional sports teams somehow (GASP!) magically grow anyway!

And if I recall correctly, isn't it the major cities of the country with multiple professional sports teams that have the highest unemployment rates? If I recall places like North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming don't have double digit unemployment rates.

The Captain's Great Fish Fossil Hunting Adventure

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Over the past 10 years the Captain has amassed himself quite the impressive fossil collection. I have trilobites, oredonts, brontotheres, ammonites, brachiopods, cephlopods, dinosaurs, you name it. However, two have evaded me because I lived too far away from the corresponding fossil beds - fish and turtles.

Of course I USED to live too far away, but now that I no longer live in the Cold Detroit, I can easily make it to Kemmerer, WY, the capitol of fish fossils in a day's drive! And so the Captain set forth! See what it's like to live a day in the life of the Captain! -

Unless you are in the mountains, this is what Wyoming looks like.

This is in Shoshone National Forest.

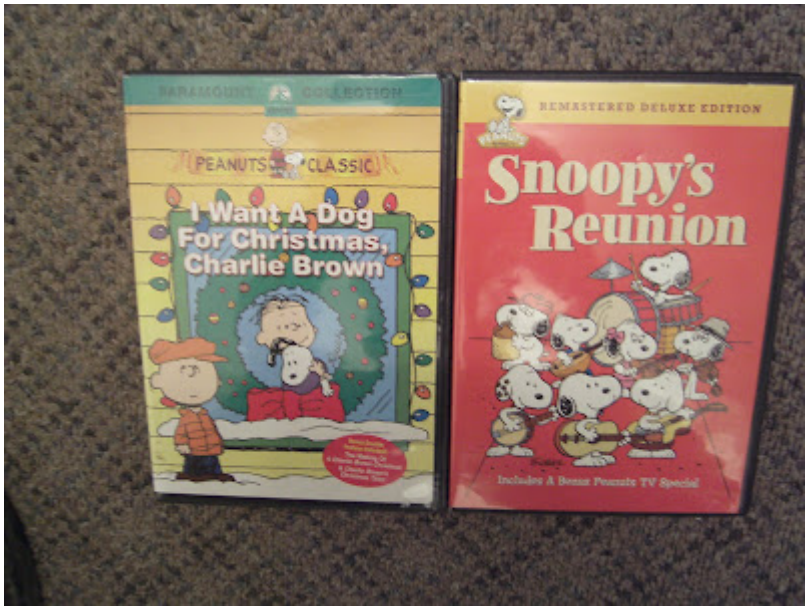
This is the "Red Canyon" I believe. South of Lander.

This is me with the fossil cliffs behind me. The car could go no further. Time to foot it in.

Here's where I had a celebratory drink. It was a Saturday night and I don't believe there is much of a night life in Kemmerer.

Here's my hotel. The Fossil Butte Motel! Nothing but the finest for your Captain!

I prepared in case the Fossil Butte Motel didn't have working cable or TV. This was what was showing on "Cappy Cap Theatre."



And finally the fossils! You have to zoom in on them, but they are actually some pretty good pieces!

Remember kids, if you work too hard, only the people who parasite off of you benefit. Make sure you go out and play in dirt and work as little as possible as you enjoy the decline!

Frank's E-mails

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So it had been a while since I checked on the intellectual Aussie titan known as Frank (you all know Frank!)

Then it dawned on me, he isn't on the blogroll.

Regardless, we usually address dire economic and social topics here, if you ever need more recession medicine than I deliver here, it's always advisable to check in on Frank.

Besides, he's in Australia where they've actually kept their fiscal noses clean.

Do You See What I See?

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This is so painfully obvious why self-checkout lanes are being phased out in grocery stores vs places like Home Depot which plan on keeping them.

I'll give you another hint. Coupons? Who uses coupons?

Anybody want to field this one? Bueller? Bueller?

Stupid Fly Over Hicks

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Not as cool as you west coasters, right?

Unemployment rates fell in roughly two-thirds of large U.S. cities in August, despite zero job growth nationwide.

Here are the cities with the highest and lowest rates:

Best and Worst Metro areas

Figures are in percentages

Highest unemployment rates August 2011

El Centro, Calif. 32.4
Yuma, Ariz. 29.4
Merced, Calif. 17.5
Yuba City, Calif. 17.0
Stockton, Calif. 16.1
Modesto, Calif. 16.0
Fresno, Calif. 15.8
Visalia-Porterville, Calif. 15.7
Hanford-Corcoran, Calif. 15.3
Palm Coast, Fla. 14.9

Lowest unemployment rates August 2011

Bismarck, N.D. 3.0
Lincoln, Neb. 3.6
Fargo, N.D. 3.9
Portsmouth, N.H. 4.4
Rapid City, S.D. 4.5
Sioux Falls, S.D. 4.5
Omaha-Council Bluffs, Neb. 4.6
Burlington, Vt. 4.6
Midland, Texas 4.8
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La. 4.9

Save up to
ROLL OVER TO PL
NEW Pella 35

And remember, oil is BAD. It's EEEVILLLL! With all the stupid jobs it brings and employment. No, much better to take out that second mortgage on your California home so you can go green.

Death Bed Theory

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Mercy almighty.

If there was one question I'd ask a modern day feminist it would be simply this;

"Is your life so pathetic, so vapid, so pointless, and so petty that you have nothing better to do?"

It again eludes to my "Death Bed Theory" of liberals, communists, socialists, leftists, professional activists and protesters, etc. That when the time comes, and they are on their death beds, they will actually rue and regret not doing anything real in their lives.

This isn't wishful thinking. I'm not saying this because I WANT it to be true. I'm being intellectually honest when I say I believe, deep down inside, they know their lives are nothing but a farce and their "crusades" or "political causes" they're championing are first and foremost to make themselves feel better, not anything as noble as the cause they purport to support.

But over time, and as they age, and as they witness other members of their generation produce REAL things and make REAL TANGIBLE contributions to society and in short make something REAL out of their lives, they MUST inevitably KNOW they're living a lie. This slow realization I can only see playing out one of two ways.

1. A powerful "rationalization hamster" in concert with an all-too-willing media makes them double down on "grrrrl power" or "going green" or "sticking it to the man" or "enter commie hobby void of calculus and real work here." In which case they live a progressively more lonely and lonely life, become progressively more conspiratorial (in that conspiracies are the only thing that is capable of refuting what they see empirically in their lives) and become progressively more extreme and angry (ever meet a happy old feminist with cats, or a genuinely happy male liberal in his 50's?) Sadly this path results in them on a death bed having to acknowledge they pissed away their one shot at life (and ironically forces them to "pray" their is an afterlife, which the majority of them poo pooed because religion is for "losers.")

or

2. They have an epiphany, usually brought about by a child, a marriage, near death experience, a check stub that shows how much money the government takes out, a job, a career...in short...an adult experience, they come back to the real world, join it, enjoy it and then go on to lead a truly productive and enjoyable life.

In short my entire theory is premised on them being willfully ignorant, which is a euphemism for evil. They know they're lying. They know they're doing it to economically benefit for themselves sans work. They know they're hypocrites. They know they're deathly afraid of real work, real math, and real effort. They fear real life and the real world and hide behind "victim" status to parasite off of others and make life easier for them.

But in the end, oh yes, the end. They must rue that decision to not try. They must regret not trying to work hard at a real job and truly support themselves. They must regret the years of youth wasted "protesting" this or "protesting" that. Getting petitions signed. Or chasing after members of the opposite sex for their "intelligence" or political beliefs instead of people they were viscerally physically nuclear hot for. They must wonder what it would have been like to drive a gas-guzzling sports car, or eat a juicy steak, or not care about faking to "care" about global warming, or to just dress up in a gorgeous dress or a sharp suit and be the center of attention at a party. Worst of all, I do truly believe they will regret not achieving their best. they will regret not trying. They will deep down inside know they had wasted the past 80 years of their lives avoiding the real world, never caring to participate in it, but rather parasite off of it and they, unfortunately, will never know what they could have done with that precious one shot at life

as they slowly drift away

and the tunnel vision sets in

alone in a government paid nursing home

where even their cats didn't come to visit them

and die

unknown

uncared for

and ultimately,

irrelevant.

Post-post. From a reader and I have to once again hang my head in shame. Apparently there was a book written about crusaderism LOOONG before I quoted the term. Sigh, I'll never have an original thought. Though it is heartening (and confirming, I might add) that I arrived at the same conclusions Eric Hoffer and Ayn Rand did without reading one word of their writings.

Recession Medicine

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If you're in a foul mood and need to vent, I strongly suggest working out to this music;

It's from the anime "Samurai Champloo" which takes about 3 full watchings to fully appreciate. It is no Cowboy Bebop, but eh, will the Japanese ever acknowledge their screenwriting sucks and outsource?

Probably not.

Pull Up a Chair with Cappy Cap!

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And read the quality linkage that he has linked to below!

Several years ago I was kicking around writing a book called "Socialism, Inc" indicating that socialists fully knew what they were doing and were running a business with the exact same goal of capitalists - to make money. Of course the only difference is they would not provide anything in return.

Reminds me of the occasional story you'll hear about a kid dying or being taken away by the authorities when their eco-nazi-vegan parents refuse to provide the infant with nourishment. Again, they are more important than the cause they purport to support.

Yes, there are such things as stupid questions. Particularly those you have to ask because you failed to read the text or the book, who are typically stupid.

Putin vs Obama in a death match.

My question is "if you're a republican, why are you even bothering going to Berkeley?"

"I'm majoring in travel and hospitality." I worked at this degree mill called the "Minneapolis Business College." One of their majors was literally "travel and hospitality." I think to get accepted to the program your IQ must have been inversely related to your weight.

Make sure to enjoy your weekend by ensuring you enjoy the decline!

The Captain's GE Interview Story

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This was no more than about 4 months ago.

So desperate was I to get out of Minnesota I was applying for jobs that were paying as little as $9 an hour. I didn't care. I just wanted to get out. Minnesota was a veritable prison where it claimed to have a major metropolitan metro and it seemed it would have the ability to provide younger adults a promising career, but it just wasn't happening. The banking sector was helplessly corrupt. The overall economy was infested with nepotists and cronyism to the point you couldn't land a job unless you knew somebody or your last name was "Dayton" or "Cargill." And to top it all off 50 years of socialist liberalism was driving any real economic growth and entrepreneurship to the Dakotas or Mexico.

And so despite my impressive track record of hard work, academic achievement, ability to predict economies and general super-awesome economic genius, it was nothing but a day in and day out to eek out some living in this dying economic entity for the past 4 years.

4 years is a long time, and the 12 before that were at best described as "hostile." Inevitably this wears on a man and I was quite depressed. Not suicidal, but the days ended up becoming things to live through, not necessarily stepping stones to a greater future.

Inevitably, I had enough. I knew that if I stayed another year, I would be pushing that suicidal line. Besides which, my "Enjoy the Decline" philosophy was starting to cement and my own naturally derived logic told me to get out. At any cost, because, well, working as a Wal-Mart stockboy for $8 an hour in Rapid City during the dogshift would be infinitely better than working in the Cold Detroit for what inevitably end up being about the same.

So I started applying for jobs.

Any job.

Long as it was in the Rapid Citya area.

Park ranger, stock boy, chief risk officer, police officer I even applied for a pawn broker position.

Anything I could simply "do."

Inevitably, I came across a "sales rep" position at GE Capital located in Rapid City. It paid

$10 an hour and no benefits. This didn't matter to me because I did have ancillary income from online classes, books, etc. (thank you Cappy Cappites!) and could afford catastrophic insurance. All that mattered was I was in Rapid City, would be out of Minnesota and be among the mountains and more or less saner more conservative people. The pay cut would be worth the mental health.

And to my luck I received a call from their HR department. She gave me the regular rigmarole of stupid HR questions. I was answering in boiler plate form. But when she asked why I wanted to work for GE, I (stupidly) answered truthfully.

"I want to move to Rapid City, always wanted to live there and I inevitably want to settle down and retire there."

Then came an odd question from her. One that stuck in my mind;

"But you want to work for GE too, right?"

I answered, "Uh, yes, of course."

I must have answered correctly because a month later I was at an actual in-person interview. Two middle aged men sat across from me. One overweight, the other with a beard. Both leaning over as if they were eager to meet me.

The questions ensue, I answer them, and I quickly realize that because this is such a low-paying job, their primary problem is not just retention, but alcoholism and drug use. More than 4 questions about my use of drugs and alcohol and can I manage the simple and expected task of showing up on time and not hung over.

I look at them as if they never looked at my resume and kind of laid it on the line for them, "Look, guys, I'm 35. I've owned rental property, ran my own business and have worked in the financial service industry for over 14 years. I'm not some 21 year old kid out of college who is still partying. I'm going to show up on time and be sober. That's the minimum I can promise."

Their concerns seemed assuaged by my mini-speech. They then asked why I wanted to work at GE and I gave them the same response I told the HR gal.

"I've always wanted to live in Rapid City, blah blah blah."

And eerily enough, they asked the same question,

"But also because you want to work for GE, right?"

"Uh, yeah, right."

2 weeks later I got the rejection letter.

Now I'm not bitter (they only were paying $10 an hour), but let me explain something here to those of you at GE, or any other firm that is looking for some kind of "sworn allegiance" to your firm or your company.

Screw you.

Are you kidding me? $10 an hour and you think people WANT to work for you?

Is this a joke, or just another baby boomer derived sh!t test to see if you can get people to lie and tell you what you want to hear, thereby another sick and twisted "test" of loyalty?

I am literally speechless at the fact you expect people to parrot or make some comment of allegiance to a firm that pays $10 an hour. Do you think anybody WANTS to work at GE? Let alone a crappy call center position? Let alone WORK AT ALL?

The answer to your most inane question of "why do you want to work here" is a simple one;

MONEY

You are going to pay me.

Expecting another answer is simply testing out ability to kiss ass and brown nose.

Now, if you want that, ask that question.

"How much are you willing to brown nose, kiss our asses and bend over?"

There are people out there who will answer truthfully. Matter of fact, I think most of the US civilian labor force is so desperate, not to mention fed up, they'll tell you right off the bat.

But Jesus H Christ, to think you're being "sneaky" or "really clever" about asking us why we want to work there and think somehow our answer, if ass-kissing or not, will determine our level of loyalty and efficiency is only the pure bunk that can come out of the aging and decrepit HR "profession."

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, the public sector is the primary threat. But since

this is a democracy, the public sector and government we have is merely a reflection of the general population that voted them in there. And while the government is the single biggest threat, that doesn't mean the idiots that voted this latest moron into office don't infect the private sector either. And so infectiously stupid are they, not only do they ask you stupid questions like "why do you want to work here," they then go out of their way to suggest, "but it's also because you want to work at GE, right?"

Right, just so I might have the off-chance of meeting your rent-seeking CEO so I can shove a lightbulb up his....nostril.

You enjoy filling those alcoholic, drug addict $10/hour jobs with automotonic "GE cheerleaders."

I wonder if they interrogate the Chinese laborers they hire so intensely as they do the American ones?

The Bubble and Burst of Ballroom Dancing

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Tonight was an epiphanal night for your Captain, and he wishes to share it with all your fine upstanding junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists, and that epiphany is about the realm of ballroom dancing.

I am often faced with a quandary when middle aged women ask if their young, teenage sons should learn ballroom dance. Understand this is a quandary for me because my experience has both pros and cons to it, neither of which (until tonight) has edged out one over the other.

The battle between learning and not-learning basically boils down to two things.

1. When I was literally the best swing dancer in the entire state of Minnesota in the late 90's and early 2000's, it was grand. Swing was hot, I was hot, and I think I racked up over 200 dates alone in that 3 year time span. Dated the hottest (and most psychotic and dumbest) girl on the scene. Icing to the cake was the Salsa craze that followed. I wasn't necessarily the best dancer, but any "gringo" who wasn't all hands and didn't have a green card as an ulterior motive to dance with the ladies came at a premium. Again, life was grand.

but

2. Inevitably all good things come to an end, and they come to an end in an eerily similar pattern. First there is the craze. Everybody wants to do it, hot people, ugly people, people who climb on rocks. Then the skill level of everybody increases. Some people get better than others and this insults the former "kings and queens" of the dancing world. Cliques form in a very middle school manner, and of course, there may have been some dating going on, not all of which ended successfully. Sure enough due to failed relationships some people leave the scene, one clique won't dance with the others, and it all goes to pot. But worse, hastening the "goes to pot phase" is the entrance of two very different types of men, but PRECISELY identical effects on the dance scene - Green card searchers (latin dancing) and Single Christian Middle Aged Males (swing/ballroom scene).

These men, desperately incentived by ulterior motives, ABUSE ballroom dancing and essentially scare all the women away. Women now can no longer just "go out dancing" and enjoy a good night of it. They are now harassed by illegal aliens looking for a green card or desperate middle aged men looking for a wife. The dancing no longer has merit unto itself. It becomes a tool for desperate men.

This, more than anything else, scares the women away in droves and leaving the dance

scene a nerdy-remnant shell of its former greatness.

Thus the cycle is complete, boom to bust, and ballroom dancing returns to where it "normally trades at."

The question then becomes, should the young man ever bother learning to ballroom dance? Does he learn in the hopes he times it right like I did, and with the added benefit of timing two ballroom bubbles and avail himself of (literally) limitless romantic opportunities? Or does he just pursue other pursuits and move on with his life?

I'm happy to tell you I've found the definitive and correct answer;

Do not learn ballroom dancing until you have a girlfriend or wife you dearly love.

The reason I say this is because of the "stable market value" of ballroom dancing.

Understand, though in the past I was a big proponent of ballroom dancing, that is only because I was lucky enough to live through two bubbles. Bar the great 90's swing dance craze and the early 2000's salsa craze, inevitbaly these things come to an end. And if you look back at the past 100 years, maybe, MAYBE 7 of them cumulatively were ballroom dance crazes of any time.

Regardless, that's what they precisely were.

Crazes.

They weren't "normal."

They weren't "the base line" of society.

These were fleeting, ABNORMAL phenomenons in society.

And if you timed them just right, fine, all was well and good (pretty great actually).

But if you got on the bandwagon too late, it was single Christian groups and green-card potlucks.

So you have to determine whether you should learn to ballroom dance based on the other 93 years or 93% of the time when ballroom dancing is "trading" at its normal market value and is not in a craze or "bubble" stage. And it is most decidedly NOT worth it.

The reason I say this is because of my experiences tonight. I went to about the only place in all of southern Montana to do some ballroom dancing. The venue was actually quite

large. The band was quite good. And there was no less than 300 people. I walked in thinking I hit gold.

But the a couple observations.

1. NOBODY knew what they hell they were doing. Bar the SCARCE old couple who genuinely knew how to two-step, the remainder of the dancers were just flinging each other around and faking it about as bad as you could. Pockets of "woo-girls" filled the center of the floor as they danced with their beers in hand, and not one man on that floor could have ever been called a "leader" because the women were just turning themselves. I've seen mosh pits more organized than that.

2. Because of #1, even if you KNEW how to ballroom dance it wouldn't matter because no women knew how to follow. And conversely for the Lady Cappy Cappites, it wouldn't matter if you knew how to dance, because none of the men could lead, let alone keep the beat. So again, you could be the best dancer in the state (and I'm not joking when I say, I think I quite literally was), but it won't matter because you ultimately need a partner who knows what they're doing.

3. A reminder that suburbanite princess mentality transcends all rural, suburban and urban broders: There was one time I was at The Times Cafe in Minneapolis. I was in a suit, Vic Volare and the Volare Lounge Orchestra was playing. They had a GREAT floor open and martini's were pouring. It was probably the single best dance floor/joint in the entire Twin Cities and you could not ask for a better floor or band. After getting shot down 4 times in a row, I just decided I would plum ask every single looking lady to dance in the joint. After 30 minutes, I was summarily shot down by every girl in the joint. The floor remained open, until a cackle of woo girls decided to go out on the floor and dance with each other.

Tonight was a repeat. New to the venue I asked a lady sitting next to me at the bar if the band "ever played anything danceable." She said it was her first time there, but her friend from across the bar had been there plenty of times and would know. So we BOTH start beckoning her over and she yells across the bar, "But I don't want to dance with him!' We roll our eyes, continue to beckon and inevitably she comes over. I asked her, "Do they ever play any danceable music? Let alone does anybody here REALLY know how to dance?"

No, not really, she said, and I thanked her for the information.

Of course, fresh in my mind was her presuming I wanted to dance with her. Yes, who else would I want to dance with besides her and her fellow 40 something, aging women friends, with 1980's clothes and noticeable aging physical features? Brushing it off, I could brush it off no more when 10 minutes later I see these same women, acting like veritable

14 year old girls as they start dancing with each other on the dance floor. And I'm not talkign the jump up and down, wiggle butt dance. I'm talking they're trying to swing dance with one another, while there is literally over 100 genuine, tall, good-looking cowboys of their same age.

In short, it was tonight I realized just what a bubble ballroom dancing is when women would just plain prefer to dance with themselves than perfectly capable guys.

So the lesson to learn here gentlemen of the Capposphere is that unless there's a ballroom bubble, there's no point in learning how to ballroom dance. Most women, in a stable market of ballroom dance, will have no interest in dancing with you. Most women will shoot you down. And most women, would actually prefer to dance with each other than a clean cut, good looking guy 10 years their junior who is a stranger. And if you do enter the ballroom world, you can be prepared to join a world of middle aged to elderly single folk looking desperately for some kind of edge or skill that will give them game.

The conclusion is obviously not to learn ballroom, but I will provide one caveat.

Ballroom dance is worth learning if you have a signficant other. THe reason why is it is a currency for men. Just like flowers, poetry, buying drinks, paying for dinner, all of that is WASTED on girls you are merely dating or trying to date. All of those, including ballroom dancing should be reserved for a special girl that actually DESERVES those things. Do men REALLY like ballroom dancing? Sure some, but even I tire of it. Did I like writing funny, witty poems to impress the girls in college? No, but I thought it would work, of course it didn't. And how much money did you waste buying soon-to-be-dead flowers, soon-to-be-eaten-chocolates, or soon-to-be-drank drinks?

You will soon realize ballroom dancing is merely one of many forms of what is ultimately categorized as ATTENTION.

And all men, maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow will soon realize you don't use attention to get women (that's where indifference, ignorance and lying about your income come in). You use it to reward the nice sweet ones that treat you nice and don't play games and like you for you.

Therefore, the Captains' new official policy on dancing (as well as poetry, buying dinner, paying for drinks and any other form of attention) is reserved for those special women you are either seriously involved with or married to, or good female friends you really do like and respect.

Wasting these talents or efforts on women as a means to cajole them into dating you, is simply that. Wasting talents and efforts.

Man from UNCLE

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So I'm watching the Man from UNCLE Series which is phenomenal. Not just a good plot with lots of action set in the cold war, but HOT chicks carrying guns at UNCLE headquarters.

However, since it is from 1963 I believe you see a TON of young actors before they became big. This clip as Captain Kirk, Mr. Spock and Colonel Klink all together within 2 minutes of each other.

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The Circular Reference of Worthless Degrees

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I've mentioned this before. Matter of fact, I think the writers of Archer have plagiarized me.

You Started It, But We'll Finish It

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Warning - this is a long one, so pour yourself a martini or a Rupmie.

As I age I get more and more of this thing called "hindsight."

Commensurate with this I also gain confidence when I look back and realize that, yes, though I made many and horrible mistakes in my past, for the most part I played it straight, played by the rules and was a good guy. Even more so when you consider what information I had available to me at that time and what environment I was in and sometimes the outright lies I was told were "truth." Whether my decisions panned out for me or not is irrelevant. I tried my best and sometimes am amazed I even succeeded this much.

Regardless, you combine these two traits, hindsight and confidence, you get authority. The authority to look back at life and start making claims that aren't opinion, they're fact. Facts like HR is a worthless profession that has caused more damage than helped. Facts like just because they're older than you does NOT mean they have more experience or intelligence (matter of fact, they're just more prone to corruption, age does not command respect). Facts like democrats play on the ignorance and feelings of well intentioned people as well as fan the flames of jealously and merely bribe people to vote for them with other people's money. These are facts. Not opinions.

But the fact I'm going to talk to you about to day is a fact about the "war of the sexes."

Oh yes, there is a war. That's a fact that I don't even have to defend. But who started it in its most recent form? Some will claim that is a matter of opinion, but sadly once again hindsight and confidence permit me to authoritatively state it was women. Hands down, and that's a fact.

It is here that the "enemy" in this battle of the sexes will now go into knee jerk hyperdrive reaction. Claims of sexism, mysoginy, blah blah blah. We've heard it all before for the past 40 tiresome years. They will ignore my claim it was women who started it (let alone be open minded enough to ask why I've come to this conclusion), in part because they're rank and file enlisted soldiers, brainwashed not to think, but react immediately to protect the hive and the ideology. There are others, let's call them "officers" who know full well what they were doing, but will still feign ignorance and act appalled, because if they didn't, then it would belie their ulterior motives.

But again, I'm not some 18 year old rube who is fresh off the assembly line. I'm not some "nice guy" anymore who was brought up by a single mom in a very asymmetrical manner

when it came to the sexes. I'm not that honorable guy why kept on thinking "what's wrong with me" and never developed the courage to say, "what's wrong with society." And I'm certainly not the guy who is going to take it personally when I start pointing out genuinely inconvenient truths and am called a bigot or a racist or a misogynist or pick any term from the communist/feminists playbook.

No, I'm the experienced guy who went through the meat grinder and amazingly has found himself in Bayeux alive, intact and only strengthened because of the experience. And given the hell I had to go through, you damn right I know what's going on. And like hell my experience isn't going to help the boys landing on the beach right now, because nobody, absolutely nobody deserves to go through that hell again.

So let us start out with a very simple question - why is there a battle in the first place?

A simple question, but one that needs answering. What did men do that was so horrible that we deserved the ire, the hatred and the war that was waged against us? The reason I ask this is at least in the beginning, I did nothing to offend or hurt women. As a boy and a young man, I did everything I was told. I was nice, I was kind, I was sweet. I did PRECISELY what they women told me to do. And not only did I not succeed in dating any of the women I pined after, I was actually ridiculed, berated and demeaned. I remember girls acting like they were going to go on a date with me or show up to a dance with me, only to find out it was a joke. I remember getting slapped in the face no less than 4 times before graduating from high school and for reasons that were so innocuous the only one I could remember was flirting with a girl and rummaging through her purse (which obviously earned me a slap across the face). Not once in my entire life have I ever struck a woman.

Now, if it was just one guy, one lousy nerdy guy out of 150 million American men with these experiences the evidence could be considered anecdotal. But it isn't. You ask the majority of men who are essentially NOT of the WWII generation or older and I guarantee you the majority of them (not all) were the exact same way and had the exact same experiences. Started off nice, with the best of intentions, tried their best, maybe even bought a girl flowers and probably have a score of 0-4 when it comes to slugging the other sex, all of which resulted in a big fat zero when it came to courting success.

Of course at the age of 18 or 19, your average man is still too clueless and lost to know what's going on. It's like they landed at Omaha and just got pounded by some German 88's. They're dazed, they're confused, they aren't even cognizant enough to ask "why." They're just taking a beating.

Of course that is the question. "Why?" What on god's green earth did we do to you to deserve this in middle school, let alone the following decade? We came with flowers and innocence and kindness and with the best of intentions and asked you on dates, only to

get slaughtered.

I personally cannot answer the question why. I can only guess. And if I had to guess I'd say it was because feminists from the 1960's had so indoctrinated you as children via the schools or even feminist parenting you had a predisposition to view men as the enemy. Never mind the then 13 year old boys of our generation and successive generations never did anything to "oppress you" or "keep you down." Never mind for that matter the men of the WWII generation and Baby Boomers didn't do anything to oppress women either. No, you just were programmed to view men as the enemy, as your oppressors. Dirty disgusting boys that "you should throw rocks at" if I recall the t-shirt logo correctly.

Perhaps it was because of a lack of fathers or father figures given the new penchant women have for divorce. No man in the house to teach you how to treat boys, or perhaps there was a man in the house, but he too is still being shelled by his wife into submission and becomes the complete beta male incapable of providing a decent male role model.

Media? 90210 anybody? Melrose Place? I'm trying to think of other demented shows targeted towards young girls that would warp their formative years in how to treat boys, but I'm grasping at straws as my memory fades. To quote Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca, "Perhaps it was a combination of all three."

Ultimately though, sadly, the reason "why" is moot. It doesn't matter why Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. It doesn't matter why Islamic-nutjob assholes bombed the WTC. And it doesn't matter why boys received such a hostile reception upon hitting puberty. All that matters is what happened.

Second, along the same lines of "why" is something more fundamental to men and women and courtship in general.

Shouldn't we like each other?

I mean last I checked men and women were kind of designed for each other a little bit. And I ask this one question as it applies to a whole bunch of different levels.

Isn't dating supposed to be fun? Shouldn't we go out and have a good time? No, there has to be drama, chaos, crying, rules, stipulations, rule changes and that's just assuming the poor guy can navigate the mine field and actually land a date. And oh goodie! Look what he gets to look forward to!

Sex anyone? Is it not enjoyable? Why "hold out?" Why attach strings to it? What evil possesses you to use it as a bargaining chip whether you're married or not? And dare I suggest using sex to extract resources is the definition of prostitution? Or is that cutting it too close to the truth?

And the ultimate one that will confuse me till I'm dead, marriage or committed relationships. Aren't you supposed to SUPPORT your husband? I don't mean financially, but emotionally, aren't spouses to support each other? You know, be there for each other. If there is empirical proof that the war was started and continues to be waged by women, this is it. The reason why is it is the EXCEPTION when a wife actually supports and takes care of her husband. He comes home, beleaguered from his work. And she dons some heels and a little outfit and pours him a martini. That's what I'm talking about! Unfortunately, the VAST MAJORITY of marriages the women AT BEST slightly nags him or leaves him alone. Most of the time the women are harassing, berating, lecturing, complaining or just plain fighting against their husband. Why on god's green earth did you get married in the first place??? Better yet, why should men get married at all if instead of supporting them you are constantly fighting against them, if not just simply wearing them down? What's the upshot? And again

WHY???? What did we do to you?

Third is a very shrewd observation on my part. You already know about me getting hit 4 times in high school because the girls at the time liked the power trip. But there were other instances of what was completely unacceptable or idiotic behavior on the part of women/girls, primarily in their teens and 20's. One that is a bit innocent is the "I have a boyfriend in Brazil." This was a popular one when I was in middle school and high school and it was amazing how many girls had real boyfriends in different continents. Another more dangerous, if not psychotic one was suicide threats. I had no less than three women threaten suicide while I was dating them. Temper tantrums were also very popular. I remember trying to drive on 35W (just south of where the bridge collapsed) when my girlfriend at the time just started screaming (she was from California). Another girl from California punched me because I refused to have sex with her. I remember third throwing her phone and pictures and everything around her apartment (the argument of which again I can't remember). And I cannot fully recall the infinite number of head games, mind games and flake outs I suffered in my 20's.

"Pick me up, I'm ready!" 30 minutes later, "Oh, I'm sorry, I have a headache."

"Let's meet at Mancini's!" "Well my morbidly obese friend decided to show up with us, you don't mind do you?"

"Here's my number. Call me!" .....

But isn't it interesting...

very interesting....

(can any of you guess where I'm going with this?)

(I'll give you a couple more guesses)

(it is quite shrewd an observation)

how after the age of 28, 29 30 or so, all that drama goes away?

I haven't had a girl threaten suicide on me since I was in my twenties.

I haven't had a girl throw a temper tantrum on a busy interstate since I was in my twenties.

I haven't had a girl hit me in quite some time.

And you know, there's been a shocking lack of mind games and flake outs since I passed the 30 year old mark.

Could it POSSIBLY be that this was nothing more than FULLY CONSCIOUS self-created drama to get attention? And could it be that they fully well knew what they were doing? And it is NOT that they "grew up" all of the sudden when they hit 30. That they KNEW FULL WELL it was wrong to hit men at the age of 10. They knew FULL WELL throwing temper tantrums were wrong at the age of 10. They knew FULL WELL threatening to commit suicide was wrong at the age of 10. And they knew FULL WELL it was wrong to lie at the age of 10.

They just had no problem using it till the age of 30 because they knew us men/boys were naive enough to think it wasn't on purpose. That there might have been something psychologically wrong with them, or worse, we blamed it on ourselves.

But again, I'm not here to lecture people about such stupid behavior. I'm just asking the question WHY?

What in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick is the purpose in doing that or employing such tactics? It certainly wasn't "well intentioned." It certainly wasn't "in our best interests." It's like using biological warfare against orphans. It was an act of war.

And finally (though there are many examples more) is something that I will intellectually honestly admit I do not believe women do consciously or maliciously, but still has an effect (and this is actually a matter of opinion, so I will grant you that). And that is your voting preferences.

Not so much in a "republican" or "democrat" sort of sense, but rather how you vote or what governs how you vote. You vote with your heart. Admirable. Honorable. But sorry, stupid and naive. Not because of your aims to help out the children or help out the poor,

but there are no brain cells in the heart! ie-You only look at the intended consequences of policies and politicians you vote for, but so poorly think through the unintended consequences and ramifications, let alone what ulterior motives politicians and their political donors might have.

Hidden behind the socialist agenda of "helping the children" or "helping the poor" is a huge and financially IMPOSSIBLE price tag. It's not feasible, but nefarious politicians know how to tug at your heart strings and make you vote for them. And since federal and state government finances are not as exciting as The View of People Magazine, you fail to understand how the true costs of making everything free to everyone are simply masked and deferred with debt (if you don't understand that last sentence, then I strongly suggest reading more Cappy Cap and watch less Sex and the City). With the right to vote comes the responsibility of being an informed voter. And just "going with your heart" or "voting for the little guy" without bothering to look up the budget or the finances of the country/state/county simply destroys the nation and your future AND the future of your kids (which is an argument for another time).

But that's not the worst of it (at least as it applies to the battle of the sexes).

The worst consequence of your voting patterns is the replacement of men with government.

And, frankly, it's already done.

You really don't need us.

You have affirmative action, tons of social resources at the state and local levels, welfare, WIC, EBT and a legal system that is pretty slanted towards your side when it comes to divorce and the divvying up of a couple's assets. You have a public school system that is progressively taking a larger and larger role in baby sitting...errr....bringing up...ummm... "educating" your children and more and more laws passed governing and regulating how children are to be brought up. If you don't have a husband but want children you can adopt, have an IV fertilization, surrogate, etc. etc. Society is on your side because no individual is more celebrated than the single mother or the single woman "living in a man's world." In other words you have voted in a system where the only role men play is that of a tax payer and not that of a father or a husband or a lover, leaving us to ask once again the question, "why, what did we do to deserve financial slavery?"

Now, of course, some of you like that idea. Which only proves my point further because it shows some of you really just wanted men as financial slaves. But there is a consequence to this. There is a cost. And you may be starting to notice this. That there is a price to pay for all the mind games that were played. The dates that you flaked out on. The tantrums, the drama. The dishonesty and lying to men about what you wanted and what you didn't

want. The divorce, the alimony the child support. And myself, along with every other guy who made it to Bayeux alive can see it now in beautiful hindsight.

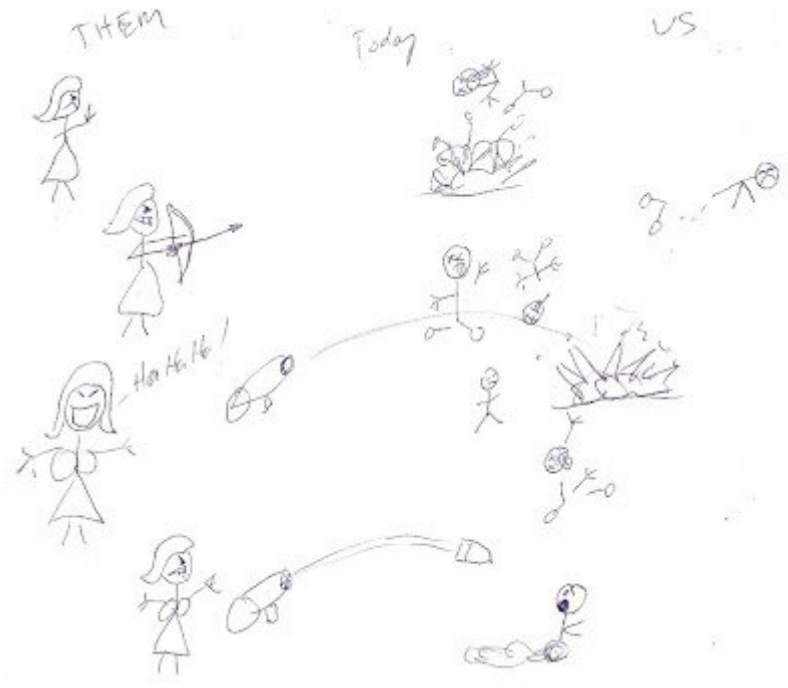
Some of you in your 40's, 30's, even upper 20's are asking "where are all the good men?" Some of you have given birth to BOYS and now you have disadvantaged-skin in the feminist game you may have helped create. Some of you, fresh off divorce and enjoying "post-marital bliss" are realizing the men are not knocking at your door like they were in 1981. So continuing with our "battle of the sexes" analogy, perhaps I can describe what is happening and the consequences for waging an uncalled for war on us.

There is a battlefield. On one side are the girls and on the other side are the boys. BOTH of us have been told by society, media and nature or "genetics" to go and find somebody from the opposing team. It is a strong urge, arguably the strongest biological force there is, and thus the attempt to meet ensues. If this was 1940, the battle would look

something like this.
Girls liked boys and welcomed them over.

Men were happy to oblige. Not really a battle.

Of course, that's too easy and remember, our WWII grandfathers were of course abusive, misogynistic sexists. So the sexual revolution of the 1960's was absolutely necessary so we could punish future, unassuming, innocent generations of boys for the evils of our WWII generation grandfathers. The Baby Boomers beget Gen X and beget Gen Y so that when teenage boys hit the NEW and IMPROVED battlefield today it looks like this:



It is a veritable battlefield.

One sided, but veritable.

Now, let's ask ourselves a simple question. "How long will the dismembered stickmen boys stay on that battlefield?"

And the answer actually varies depending on the stickman. I got out at 25. I know some men left the battlefield as early as 18. I know men in their 60's who are still wandering around on the battlefield just as dazed and confused when they first landed 42 years ago. Some never get it together and stay on that battlefield till they die in the real world. But I would say on average 15 years.

So by the time a young man hits 30 or so, he starts questioning why he is there taking a pounding. He starts to question why he is even trying to date one of these girls in the first place. He starts to remember his parents getting divorced or a friend's parents getting divorced or ONE OF HIS OWN FRIENDS GETTING DIVORCED. He even starts to question whether he should follow his biological imperative or just get a vasectomy and live the bachelor life forever. And it is at that point he crawls over the hill, stumbles over all roughshod and shot up with holes and joins us in Bayeux.

Sadly here the battlefield analogy ends, because unlike real soldiers thrown onto the Normandy beachhead, we have the option to stop fighting. We have the option to stop participating in the battle. We can give up. Unfortunately I don't believe that is the same for women. Oh, sure, some women can throw in the towel and go on and lead happy lives, but whereas I would think only 5-10% of women can genuinely override their genetic hard-wiring, I would say nearly 60-70% of men can do it. Besides, you've been giving us great practice and incentive to do so since we were 14. So it's not that hard of a

jump.

Naturally, when men declare they are leaving the battlefield or women find out they are leaving the battlefield the question of "what??? You're just going to give up?" follows.

And then comes the textbook fear-mongering questions that REALLY are a sign of desperation from the "enemy." I've been so kind to answer them too;

Q - "So don't you want to ever get married and have kids?"

A - No, like my freedom and my money

Q- "Do you want to die ALOOOOOONE in a nursing home?"

A - No, i won't die alone, I presume there will be other people there my same age and as I always have done I will make friends there. Additionally, if I make it to a nursing home, because of the fact men die 10 years before women, I will be a mack daddy and will have multiple women chasing after me. Besides, isn't it pretty arrogant to marry some one, let alone have children for the sole purpose of them providing you entertainment when you age?

Q - "Who's going to take care of you when you get older?"

A - Well, thanks to your voting patterns all health care and social security is free. In short, your children will be taking care of me. Additionally, again, are my children to be slaves to take care of me? Is THAT why I should have children and get married? To have slaves? Thankfully I had a vasectomy while you had 4 children from 3 different guys and you voted democrat all the time. Tell them I say "thanks for being my unwilling and unwitting slave."

and so on and so forth.

The reason for the questions is women (and people in general) can't really understand or believe you're giving up. They can't believe you're abandoning your primary biological motive and just up and going. People, but particularly women, can't fathom what would be better than a life with them and can't imagine a place where you'd be going once you leave the battlefield. But here ladies is where the men are going:

You see, they are leaving the market. And the reason why is that yes, as youth we had these dreams of meeting a beautiful cool, intelligent woman. We had dreams of finding a really neat girl and maybe settling down with her. And yes, the biological drive was very strong. But when our entire youth was not just wasted, but a negative experience, nay a PUNISHING EXPERIENCE you realize around the age of 30, that is was all just a lie. That or a bill of goods somebody was trying to sell you. At this point most men go through a depression (notice how suicide in men jumps around age 34 and then drops), but most of us look at life and say,

"OK, maybe I'm not going to find that really cool chick I wanted to meet, and maybe I did waste my youth at bars and clubs, and maybe there is no need for me as a role of a husband or a father, but now I'm no longer wasting my time. I'm doing what I want."

And BOOM! They enter Bachelorland.

Bachelorland is a magical place. A place where you get to keep the majority of your money. A place of true freedom where you get to do;

what you want
when you want
how you want
say what you want
hang out with who you want
do what you want
say what you feel

and there's no guff or nagging about it.

Once we pay our taxes to subsidize other people and other people's children, we still have the majority of our money to spend on ourselves. More importantly we have the majority of time to spend on ourselves. And better than that, society has advanced to the point there are LIMITLESS intellectual, physical, video, artistic and other pursuits to pursue and enjoy a happy, fulfilling life. We got our pals, we got our friends, we got a life.

And that (and you need to sit down for this) IS WITHOUT YOU!

No nagging, no crying, no drama, no divorce, no child support, no "my child comes first" BS, no jumping through hoops for sex, to abuse, no slapping, no flaking, no psychotic behavior, no mind games, no half my assets, no nothing.

You're gone, you're outta here, you're irrelevant.

Congratulations! You "won" the battle and men have surrendered! Now leave us alone.

Now who are the winners and who are the losers in this? Well, unfortunately there's more losers than winners.

The losers number many. Notably the women who continue fighting on the battlefield when there's nobody left to fight. Be it because society, media and feminists constantly barrage them with images of Sex and the City or EPL or they can't override nature or they just plain can't believe there are no more men left on the field, they continue to fight essentially no one. Ironically "fighting" against men while trying to attract one Enjoy the cats!

Also in the losing category are the men who had to suffer such BS for most of their youth, and worse, those men who never realize they're being shelled. They wander through life confused and befuddled about something that must not only take an inordinate amount of brain power obsessing about, but something that certainly must lower their life expectancy. They never achieve true happiness because they think it lies through the battlefield instead of getting off the battlefield and living their own life.

But, third, is the biggest and most innocent victims of them all. Admittedly this post has been very broad with the brush. I talk about women and men in general because it's impossible to have a conversation about it if you don't generalize (of course feminists and liberals love to use this technicality as a means to accuse you of sexism, but as I pointed out before, we know their political incentives and I plain don't give an ef anymore). However, there are obviously women who do not fall under this category and are not the malicious or warring types. These are the innocent and most undeserving victims.

The reason why is that the bad girls ruing it for the rest of the good girls. And it doesn't take a lot. It just takes one bad woman to divorce one good guy, and that good guy is off

the market for good. I have PHENOMENAL, WONDERFUL, LOVELY women in my life who would make a great wife for any guy willing to get to know them. They ARE the ones who want to make a man happy. They'll cook, they'll clean, they'll not only dress sexy, but stay sexy because they WANT THEIR MAN TO BE HAPPY. They are the ones who not only claim to be independent, THEY ARE INDEPENDENT working REAL JOBS, producing REAL WEALTH. They want REAL MEN and when they vote, they think. They think not just for themselves, but are actually good, educated and informed stewards of democracy, thinking of society as a whole. The LAST thing they want is what feminists to them they should want. They want to be happy. Matter of fact, feminists HATE them and would call them "female Uncle Toms," but that is because they are jealous that my friends have better lives and are happier than these feminists could ever be.

However, sadly they are all in their 30's and 40's. And by that time the men who are left are either;

1. Confirmed bachelors
2. Divorced men who have no incentive to go back
3. Jerks and #%%holes that they don't want to date.
4. Desperate effeminate men that had too much single mother upbringing or too much brainwashing in the schools and frankly don't turn them on.

Did they do anything to deserve this?

No.

Did they sling a single arrow at the boys on the battlefield?

No.

But they are the ones paying the price for their fellow "feminists" sisters" assault on boys/men.

So ladies, or rather should I say "girls" because it's too late for the ladies, you have a choice.

You're either with us or against us. If you're with us we can ALL enjoy great lives which is what I really think we were programmed to do. We can enjoy each others company. We can go out on dates. We can get married and raise families. We could just jet set around the world getting drunk, eating good food and having great hot monkey greasy sex. We can work, we can play, we can HELP EACH OTHER OUT IN A MUTUAL BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.

However, if you want to be unnatural, if you want to fight your biological drives and

subscribe to feminism and make yourselves men. If you want to be childish. If you want drama and chaos and put attention above meaningful relationships. If you want to ruin it for other girls by destroying men through mind games and psychological "drauma." If you want to "dominate" over men or make them pay for some injustice at the age of 14 that they were completely incapable of doing, or if you just want to toy with the hearts and minds of men and boys, go right ahead and declare war. Because in the end, you won't win the battle of the sexes. And it won't be because men will ultimately counterattack and "win this round."

We'll just forfeit the battle

and in doing so win the war.

ht to Dr. Helen for the inspiration for this post.

Me is Mine, Your is Yours

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Old Man Learns to Enjoy the Decline

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"Old man" meaning a guy who is maybe 45. Though his post spoke to me and it confirms once again you should be enjoying the decline.

My good friend Marty with a good post.

And I don't think these ladies majored in Anthropology.

Hey, it's property tax time in Minnesota! I wonder if they're going to go up?!

Heteronormative Whiteprivilage Unicorncentricism

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When Sinfest starts mocking it, you know these things have failed to permeate into the mainstream and everybody realizes it for what it is.

Recession Medicine

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This song makes it almost impossible to NOT enjoy the decline. And I'm not a fan of country;

Unemployed Unicorns

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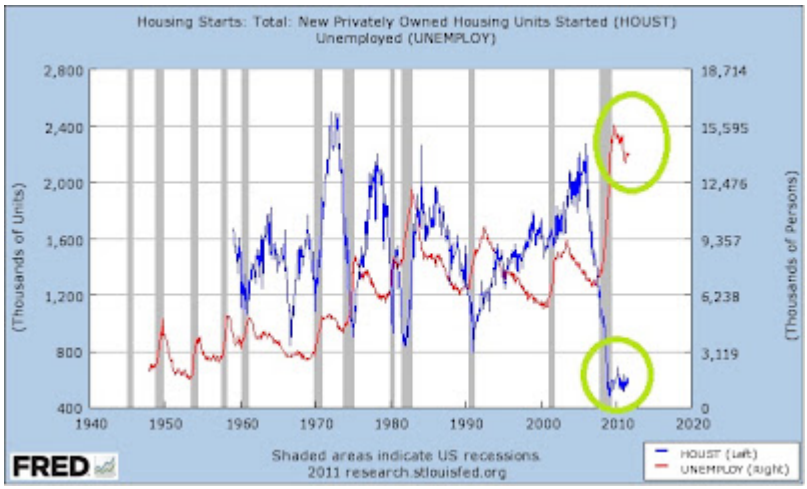
Once again, going to point out that until the housing market recovers, you can expect unemployment to stay high.



By the way, how's that 9.1% unemployment treating you democrat-voting youth?

Maybe you can go and "occupy" something. That'll turn the economy around!

On a related note "*after receiving a masters degree in literature*."

Projected Marriage Rate

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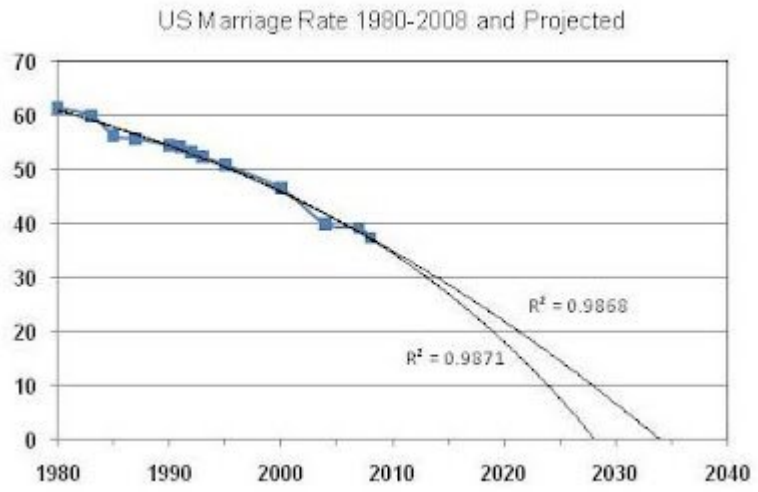

Them is pretty strong correlation coefficients. Though I believe the trend is linear and not exponential.

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We Will Be the 99%

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So Grerp sent me this.

I am now accepting your own "99%" photos and we shall post them here. Make sure they are as ludicrous as the real ones...which will be hard.

You can send them to CAPTcapitalism (at) yahoo dot com

Herman Cain the Real Conservative

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Anybody who is intellectually honest knows the real racists in the country are liberals and leftists. And I don't say that to be accusatory or a partisan. I say it because it's true. The reason why is liberals and leftists are obsessed with race. You have to fill out EEOC forms, declare what race you are, when reporters interview people "race" is always a factor.

Race race race race.

Whether they are NEGATIVELY or POSITIVELY disrciminating does not matter, the definition of racism is treating somebody differently (for better or worse) based on their race.

So when polls like this one come out, it once again shines a bright light as to who the real racists are (not to mention hypocrites).

The reason Herman Cain is very popular amongst conservatives is not the color of his skin. It's his character. He is the only non-politician out there. He is a real man who has had a real job. He didn't inherit the world like Romney. And he speaks bluntly and truthfully and doesn't sugar coat anything. He is honest. And it is because of these things he SHOULD be the Republican nominee.

He just happens to be black.

And it doesn't phase one conservative.

It does however show who is judging people by the color of their skin and not their character. It also belies the hypocrisy of anyone using the insepid term "Uncle Tom."

What Would We Do Without the Harvard Business Review

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Honest to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

I have a buddy whose brother went to Harvard to get his MBA. This is the same guy who said that he didn't learn a damn thing, but knew full well he was going there for connections. Providing further evidence that the Ivy League has essentially jumped the shark and no longer produces innovators or industrialists or entreprenuers, but instead has just become a rent-seekers club, he sent me this.

You just have to be kidding me.

REALLY???

Oh, DON'T make decisions that waste time?!

Oh, I'm sorry, I went to the Carlson School of Management where they told us to make decisions that DID waste time. But then again, that's why Harvard is so much better than your average Big 10 University.

You see kids, this is one of those important differences that will set you apart from the rest of the morons when you go to a Yale or a Harvard and not one of those braindead "public" universities. You get pearls of wisdom like;

"Don't make decisions that waste time."

You aren't going to get that at the U of Florida or Penn State.

No, you have to go to the Ivy League to get that wisdom.

Does ANYBODY in the non-corrupted private sector hire these morons any more? And if so, why????

Hey, What Makes You Canucks So Special?

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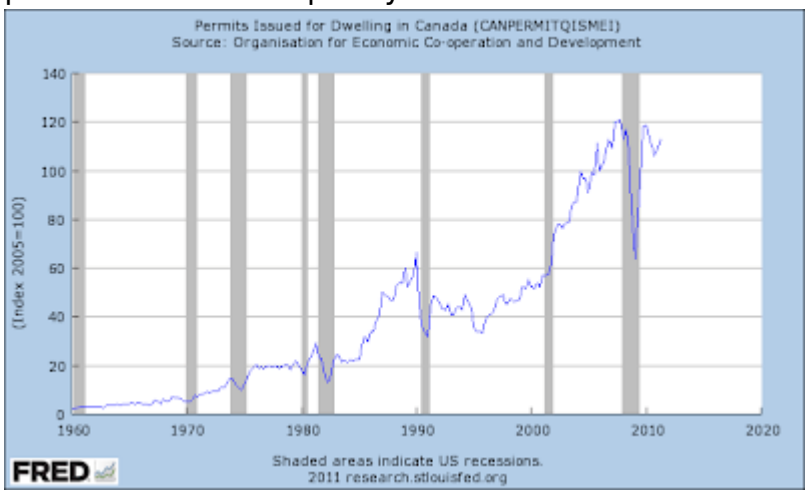
Sent to me from Craig Kamman, realtor extraordinaire.
In short Canadian housing permits. My question to my Canadian friends is how did these permits recover so quickly?



Escape Minnesota

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In Minnesota you do NOT have to show ID to vote. You merely have to have somebody vouch for you that you are allowed to vote. Naturally when legislation is tendered to make people show ID when they vote, the left immediately rallies against it with the lamest of excuses knowing full well they rely on illegal voters to win elections. It is therefore no shock this has happened.

99% Morons

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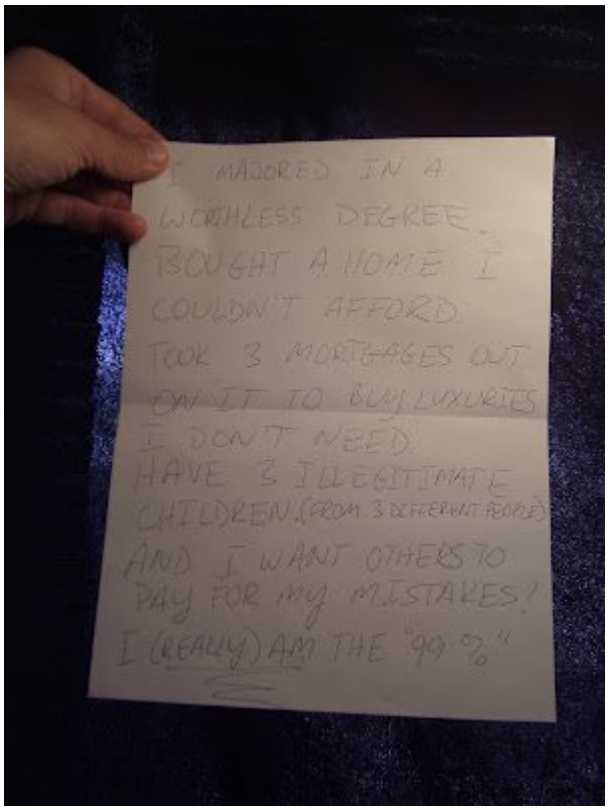
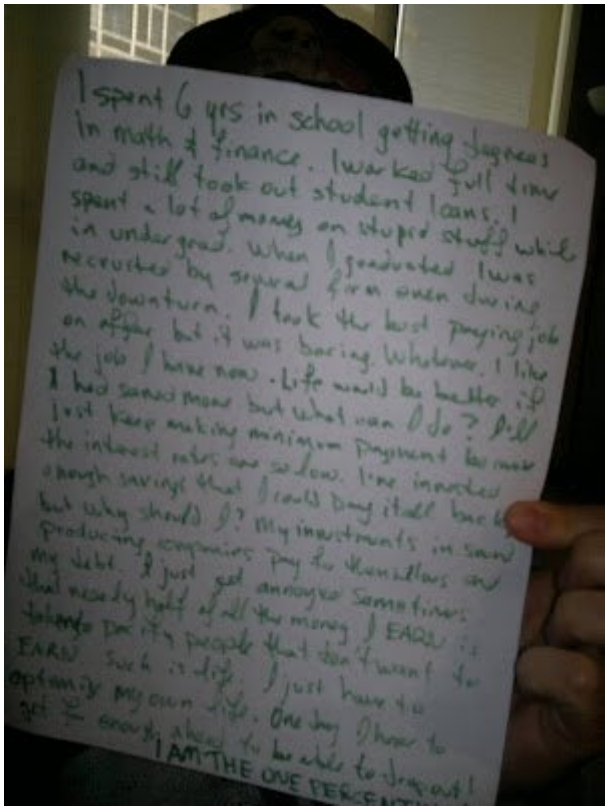
Sadly, I wanted to mock these people, but they do such a good job of it themselves.

These people really are that stupid that even the mockery I set forth below cannot do justice because they ACTUALLY BELIEVE taking 7 years and going $150,000 into debt to get a worthless degree is something that other people should pay for.

Anyway, here's my attempt to be as stupid as the Flea party. Please feel free to e-mail your self-pitying sobfest of Occupy Wallstreet stupidity to captcapitalism -at) yahoo dut com;





PS- IT chicks are hot.

Update - New addition

Update New addition. Can't tell if it's real or fake. The sad thing is these children are so brainwashed, even if you tried to spoof it, it could be just as real.

Bad Economist! Bad Bad BAD Economist!

October 15, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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"Yahoo Finance's economics editor."
Epic Fail on par with David Lereah.

You just have to love pseudo intellectual web sites like Yahoo News!

Your Weekend Read

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An outstanding piece once again by Dalrock.

You must understand that to enjoy the decline via schadenfreude, you must treat these events like sunsets. Sit back, pour yourself a drink, light up a cigar and enjoy.

The Captain Protects the Royal Saudi Family Story - Part I

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The more I thought about this post, the more I realized it is a very all-encompassing post, so I will try to be brief and make my observations very bullet pointy, however, it will ultimately be broken into a three part series.

I have a friend.

He owns a security company. It does everything from boring old desk security to prisoner transport.

Regardless of the gig, the reason his security firm is unique is because you typically need to be armed and you can't be of the usual loser "security guard/mall cop" variety. You need to have your head out of your ass and know just because you carry a gun does NOT make you a cop. Given my background working in the past for security (over 18 years ago!) he would occasionally call me with gigs knowing I wasn't some hot headed kid that just wanted to carry a gun when he had a gig or two open up.

So I get a call from him one night and he says, "What do you have going on this weekend?"

"Not much, why?"

"I need armed security for one of the Saudi royal princes down in Rochester when he visits the Mayo Clinic."

Kind of thrown back, I said, "What!???? Saudi Prince??? Shouldn't the Secret Service or CIA or some federal authority be involved?"

"No, unless their intelligence believes there's a real threat, they apparently outsource to private contractors."

Again, my curiosity, not to mention common sense knowledge got to me and I asked;

"Yeah, but, don't they have their own guys? Why you? Why us? I mean, no offense, but you're just some small time security operator."

And then I get the real skinny.

"Well, you see, there are 36 princes in the Saudi royal family, and this one is more or less on the bottom of the totem pole. He has no political significance and is more or less the loser of the Saudi royal family. But he has money and he's willing to pay."

Now given the WONDERFUL economy at the time brought about by our beloved leader (not to mention I do actually enjoy the occasional work with a little risk) I agreed to pick up whatever shifts were available. He tells me to bring "everything I got" in terms of armament, ammo and armor.

"Why?!??! I thought there was no threat!"

"You never know."

So somewhat concerned I pack up my 1990 Chevy Caprice Classic with an AR 15, a scoped rifle, a 9MM pistol and a 357 revolver with enough ammo to last the decade.

I arrive at the Kahler MOTEL (not the HOTEL, there IS A DIFFERENCE), meet with his contact and we are directed to a wing of the MOTEL that is dedicated to the security operations to protect the lowest-totem-pole member of the Saudi royal family.

Of course, he's not there yet. He has yet to fly in. Which means we get to transport his royal highness from the Rochester Regional Airport to the Mayo Clinic.

Now understand that I (in my foolish, American upbringing) thought "OK, one guy. Mayo Clinic. We might send a limo and there will be an SUV trailing the limo while the limo itself is packed with armed guards.

Oh no.

These guys travel in style.

Even the lowest-on-the-totem-pole-losers.

Apparently this prince (who ranks 36th on the 36 Saudi princes) needs an entourage of (are you ready????)

NO LESS THAN 120 FREAKING PEOPLE

His WIVES (plural) his children, his support staff, his "armed guards" his consultants, his cousins, his neighbors, his relatives, his associates.

120 freaking people to transport ONE MAN TO THE MAYO CLINIC.

Let me explain this again,

One man needs the medical attention.

But he needs to haul 119 people with him.

I'm sure a convoy 3 miles long won't bring attention.

The transport was a nightmare and on a scale you couldn't imagine.

First, of the 120 people in his entourage, at least 50 needed their own personal vehicles. I was not made aware of this until we arrived at the airport and saw 50 separate limos. I asked "WHY THE FREAKING LIMOS???? Don't they just need ONE!!?"

No, all of the family members (which numbers many when you have 6 wives) need their own limo.

The remaining 70 people were support staff and were to be herded into buses.

So when me and the security team show up at the Rochester Regional Airport at 3AM it's a MILE LONG CARAVAN to pick up his royal highness and support staff (again, what terrorist genius could possible identify this as a possible target!?)

ONE GUY

119 SUPPORT PEOPLE.

COLUMN, MILE LONG WITH LIGHTS ON IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FREAKING NIGHT!

Now, you have to understand this is not the peak of hubris or arrogance at this time.

No, it gets much worse.

For I started to notice that they actually did have 50 limos pulling up. And these limos were not your average limos. They were top of the line Mercedes limos. 2010 models. NOTHING OLDER. WHY?

because his royal highness had ORDERED ALL LIMOS IN THE THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES OF MERCEDES MAKE AND NO LATER MODELS THAN 2010 BE SENT THERE TO PICK HIM AND HIS ENTOURAGE UP. None of which were in Minnesota. To amass this hoity toity caravan, they had to pull across from the entire US.

These poor limo drivers (most of which were Somali or Ethiopian drivers) had HAULED

ASS ACROSS ALL POINTS IN THE COUNTRY TO GET THERE ON TIME TO PICK THIS ASSHOLE UP. Plates were from New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Nevada and only the states at the time that had vehicles such as this to even provide to his royal eminence. These poor guys drove over 2,000 miles to get to "Rochester Minnesota" to pick up this schmoe.

The insanity did not stop there.

Apparently there was a problem with our security detail. There were too many men.

HOW, OH HOW, were they to transport all the women without our evil American lusting male eyes on their homely dressed and homely-looking women? We could NOT have any males riding in the same cars with the females according to the "holy and wise word of Islam."

Of course Mohammed in his infinite wisdom back in 650 AD didn't fathom the possibility of Minnesota women who are so brainwashed to be so commie liberal leftist that they hate guns. So at the time we had no more than MAYBE 5 women with carry conceal permits to handle over 60 Saudi females.

Let the "musical chairs game begin!"

Their advisor started telling us to move some men from one car to the other. No, a man cannot be in that limo because princess #483 would be in that car. Wait?? We don't have enough women? Take your uglier men and move them to those cars with the aging Saudi females. Perhaps they won't abuse the women like we were told they would because of their America biological directives. Do you have any effeminate men that would be disinclined to approach our females? Put them in the car, but in order rank from least effeminate, with the least related females of our quite-extended Saudi royal family.

Damn Cray super computer couldn't figure it out.

45 minutes of moving around based on archaic, obsolete, head up its ass, Islamic doctrine, that just didn't jive with security realities, I was starting to think I might just shoot the damn Saudi prince myself. Apparently we played musical chairs enough that our advisor was satisfied we would not violate the laws of Allah (even though security was completely compromised).

Sure enough, the "prince" lands and chaos ensues.

His "security general" turns out to be his cousin who was a worthless idiot that only got the position because he marginally spoke English. He can't tell us anything.

The caravan of limos and buses circle the "Saudi Air" plane that just landed.

We can't make heads and tails of who is who because the Saudi youth disembarking the plane are all wearing crappy American clothes to emulate the Amber Crombie and Fitchites in this country.

And all the time we (namely 80% of the American security force) are NOT TO LOOK AT THE SAUDI WOMEN BECAUSE IT MIGHT INSULT PEOPLE!

The poor sleep depraved limo drivers tried their best and after about an hour of chaos, we finally got everybody loaded into their cars and headed to the Kahler Hotel.

You would think this would be the worst of it, but it doesn't get any better. Matter of fact, it only gets worse.

But the reason I'm writing this story is not to complain about my experience, but rather because in the end there is going to be a vital AND VERY IMPORTANT economics lesson that even I was surprised to learn.

And beyond that there is a fringe benefit lesson that our regular Saudi national friends (who must suffer under these people) could benefit from.

AND EVEN BEYOND THAT there are some VITAL security lessons the CIA, FBI, and Saudi protective forces MAY BE SLIGHTLY INTERESTED IN, because frankly, the whole damn Mayo Clinic is a soft and super cake easy target for any slightly competent terrorists to take out royalty from ANY middle east country.

Naturally, therefore, we can all benefit my experience, and you will all tune in for part II of the Captain's wonderful exploits with protecting the Saudi Royal family!

It Never Gets Old

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Buddy of mine sent this to me. He knows Voyager Bank. He also knows that I approached them several years ago to pitch my independent underwriting services to them. What's great about my particular pitch to this bank however was that day I was pretty tired of hitting pavement to no avail so I was in a foul mood. So when I walked in, I had their financials printed off when (I think) they lost $7 million in one quarter. My sales pitch to the middle aged man was not one of honey, it was one of vinegar;

"If you had me, you guys wouldn't have lost $7 million in this one quarter."

He was visibly pissed off. He face was red, he refused to shake my hand. No doubt he was partly to blame for some of those losses.

It made the trip worth while.

Regardless, I improved the chart to remind the Board of Directors of Voyager Bank about when I paid their Eden Prairie office a visit.

Oh, and you should see the office. Marble, fancy furniture, a big screen TV with CNBC going on it and oak all over the place.

You see kids, that's the sign of a successful bank. When they spend more on leasehold improvements than they do hiring talent. As long as they have a flat panel TV going with Bloomberg, then you know your money won't need to be reimbursed by the taxpayer!

And hey, you crazy cats over at Voyager, you enjoy that decline!

Escape LA

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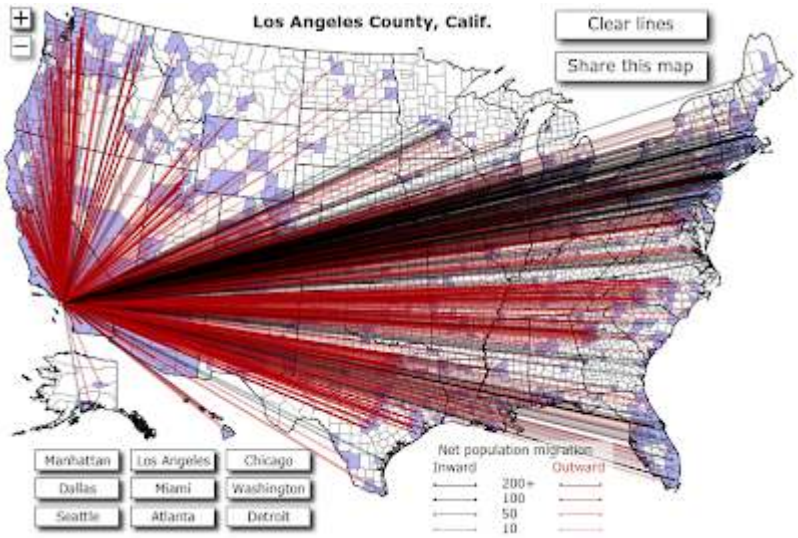
Net migration out of LA



I wish they have a state-wide chart to see how many producers (er...sorry) "people" are leaving the "golden state."

regardless, platinum hat tip to the boys who pulled together that chart.

Remember, the Captain is pro-"Charty Goodness."

UNICORN HOUSING STARTS!!!!

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Read this and notice how excited the media is about the ***15% INCREASE IN HOUSING STARTS!!!! OMG! !! DID YOU KNOW HOUSING STARTS ARE HIGHER THAN EXPECTED!!! BOOM! RECOVERY!!! PLEASANTLY SUPRISED! AND OTHER PHRASES!!!! RECOVERY IMMINENT!!!!***

Your Captain of course knows the value of a good chart and will let the picture speak for itself. He also did the added benefit coloring the **15% INCREASE** in red so you can see it.

When the Real World Crushes the Hippies

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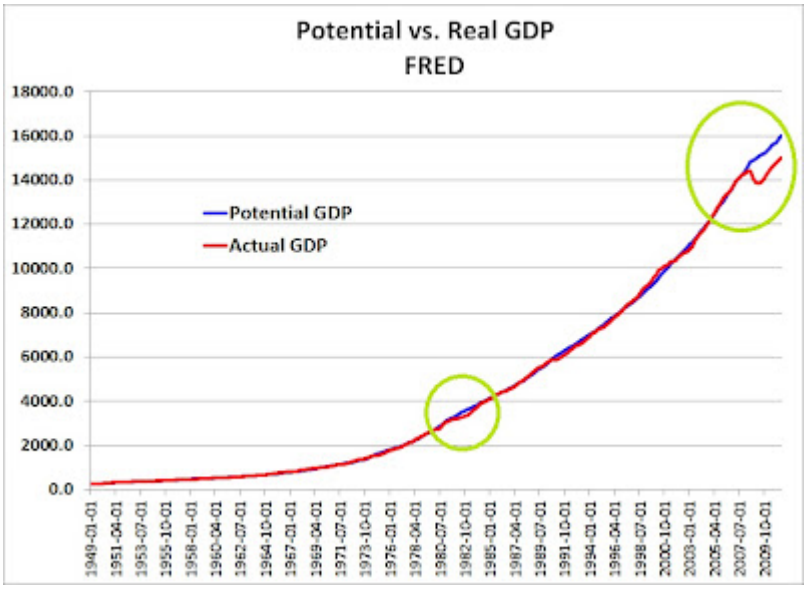
I'll say it again for the cheap seats;

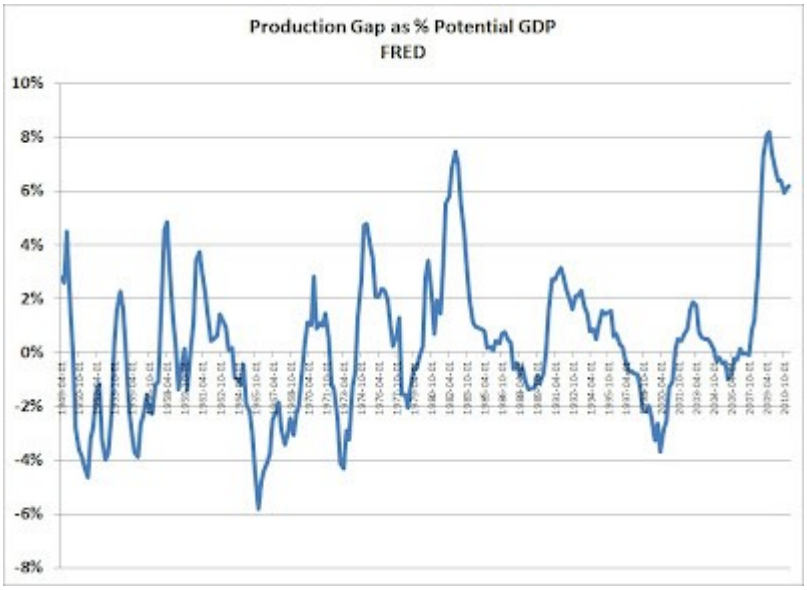
EVERY GENERATION has its Volcker Recession. ie-when the little kiddies who were spoon fed flowers and puppies and unicorns and socialism all of the sudden are adults and have to grow up. Oh sure they go through a temper tantrum, protesting Vietnam or Wall Street or whatever bogeyman is to blame for their laziness and sloth at the time, but in the end it basically boils down to the real world hitting them upside the head and telling them they have to produce or sink.

What we have today is largely my generation and "Gen Y' throwing their tantrum. When they either have kids, realize whining doesn't pay the bills, etc. etc., or even go so far as to have an epiphany about economics, they may have a Reagan Revolution that ends this current Great Recession just like the real Ronald Reagan ended the Volcker Recession.

Until that happens you can expect there to be a gap between what my generation is capable of and what we actually produce, just like the Baby Boomers back in the 70's;



I put it in terms of percentages because the above data was not in real terms, this shows the difference between real and potential more clearly;


Production Gap as % Potential GDP
FRED
10%
8%
6%
4%
2%
0%
-2%
-4%
-6%
-8%

The Minneapolis Business College

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Hey, don't take my word for it.

Read the reviews.

Wrong to Fire Lisa Simeone

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Lisa, is no doubt a communist leftist, with a spoiled upbringing and a degree that when she declared it she essentially shouted out to the world:

"I don't want to work a real job and I want other people to pay for a career where I can pretend I'm a self-supporting and independent adult."

However, I do have to go to bat for her in that we once again have aging administrators, managers and leaders of this country thinking somehow they have the right to discipline or fire somebody for having political views. The reason I disagree with this is two-fold;

1. Obviously people should have the freedom of speech AND that includes being able to partake in the public debate on whatever and (unless it somehow directly affect their employers) they should not have to fear about losing their jobs or being disciplined for exercising that right.

2. Not necessarily a "disagreement" on my part, but more of a "wake up and smell the facts Jack." Older people have to realize the internet and the technological ability to put everything and anything up there is the PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SOCIALIZING FOR THE NEWEST GENERATION. Disciplining or firing employees because they have something on public record that an employer may disagree with politicially is not just wrong, but it is akin to eavesdropping on a conversation you were NOT invited to.

One could perhaps draw an ironic parallel here. Just as the common "feminists are standing there asking where all the good men have gone, while the blood of the men they slew is still moist on their swords" analogy, you could also say, "retirees, AARP members and older people are standing there, asking where all the taxpayer money is to pay for their social security, nursing homes and medicare, while the blood of the careers of millions of youth they slew is still moist on their swords."

Keep throwing those hurdles up for those young people trying to start a career or land a job. Oh, and also mislead them about education and make sure they indebt themselves for a worthless degree so they're off on the wrong foot. OH! And make doubly sure to crush any innovation with the constant fear that if they rock the boat or question the status quo, they'll get fired. Because remember, "the children are the future."

Candidate for Future Rationalization Hamster

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Ugh.

I wonder how powerful her rationalization hamster will be 20 years from now trying to rationalize;

1. Forfeiting a good, paid-for life from a working husband
2. The poverty she will no doubt inflict upon herself for the rest of her life
3. What I will predict will be her children disowning her
4. How giving up Steady Joe for a 2 week trist with Kashmir Ala Fabio

And you people all wonder why men "go ghost" or stay in Peter Pan mode forever.

Welcome to the Party Pal!

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I love it when people, on their own, through logic, thought, and studying come to the same conclusions I did, albeit years ago. It not only boslters our ranks, but confirms that there is a logic and reason behind the thought for separate people to come to the same realization or conclusion.

Today's newest member to the (very important) Battle Against Worthless Degrees is Gucci.

And we welcome him to the fight with our honorary John McClane salute!

I figured I'd post this as a reminder where you can send the OWS kiddies when they complain about their degrees:

A Swift Belt of Adulthood

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But now, that would go and hurt their feeeeeeeeelinnnnnnngs.

Worthless Degrees

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You've been had.

And not only have you been had.

You got screwed out of $50,000 in tuition on top of it.

So what do you do now? Can't find a job. Have to live at home?

Well how about you retrace your steps and re-evaluate what you were told in your youth about "the great career" you would have. Or how you'd "go on to do great things!"

Or (and here's where you really have to open your mind), maybe accept it was an orchestrated scam that separated you from your money and all those teachers and professors really didn't give a damn about you and just wanted your money?

I can't convince you, but maybe this will.

Paperback version as well for those without Kindles.

Now "Logic" Is Abuse

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I like how natural human behaviors when agitated (yelling, loud voice, cursing, etc.) is also considered abuse.

But yes, "using logic" on women is abuse. And just when you thought feminism has jumped the shark.

No They Can't Take That Away From Me

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Education, for all of its bubbly goodness, does have one advantage.

It isn't taxable and it cannot be confiscated.

I've often thought about this in that while I don't trust 401k plans or IRA's until there's a balanced budget, I try to find other investments that are not "confiscatable" or "taxable." Consumer items like bullets, booze, even cars are starting to provide more of a store of value than an investment, but education is also one of these "investments" that not only will maintain its value, but unless you convert it into earnings, it cannot be confiscated or repossessed. This allows you to mete out however much labor you wish to maintain however low a tax rate you want.

A point made more clearly here (replete with charty goodness).

John McClane for Halloween

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So I was perusing the traffic and noticed I got a "#1" hit from the Google Search;

"John McClane for Halloween."

"That's odd," I thought.

Then I clicked on the link to find it and was starkly reminded of this vintage Cappy Cap post.

It still is amazing how no more than 20 years ago you could carry a fake REAL LOOKING gun to school AND have a fake cigarette. It's also amazing I ever got my bench press above 20 pounds.

Regardless, remember kids, it's OK to emulate strong, Alpha male role models this upcoming Halloween, though I'm afraid most of you don't even know what "Die Hard" is.

I Feel Bad for Ed Kohler

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Let me explain to you an element of the Minneapolis population.

They are good people.

Hard working people.

But they wedded themselves in their late teens and early 20's to staying out of the suburbs and staying in the city.

Which is like saying, "I'm not getting on that preppy suburban life boat! I'm staying on this hip Titanic where it's "real."

This unfortunately puts good people like Ed and others I know in the cross-hairs between wanting the benefits of city culture and paying for what is essentially a corrupt municipal government.

Ed has been championing the fight against government financed stadiums in Minnesota for a while now. I usually mock the state as a whole because they keep voting to tax themselves more. But it's particularly ironic when a city that is known to have property taxes increase at over 500% in a decade is now going to help finance the new Viking's stadium.

If you Minneapolitans thought your property taxes were high before.

Heh!

You my fine hipster friends, have no idea how much you're going to be forced to enjoy the decline!

Hope the Sebastian Joe's ice cream is worth it.

Steve Driehaus Another BA Idiot

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Steve Driehaus, a congressman who just lost his congressional seat is suing his opponent for "loss of standard of living."

Well Steve, when you're so damn stupid to get a BA and then an MA in "Public Administration" you, just like every one else, is shouting out to the world;

"I don't want to work a real job. I want to have a cushy government job or political career and tell other people what to do AND have other people pay for it."

You know no calculus.

You know no computer programming.

You know no accounting.

You know nothing.

You are a worthless human that has nothing to offer society or this economy.

And you know it. That's what's funny. You know that you can't support yourself, you can't be a real man, and so you must resort to suing people to get the money you need to support yourself. You could take your efforts and learn a skill or a trade and create something useful that society wants, but no, you're going to be an OWS spoiled brat and bitch and whine and hold your breathe till your face turns blue.

A question I ask my readers:

Is the "worthless degree" starting to show itself for the genuine threat that it is? And not only the genuine threat that it is, but how it can be used as an identifier as to who is not trustworthy to be in government, let alone any other position in the US bar a waiter at MacDonald's?

Another 13% to Go

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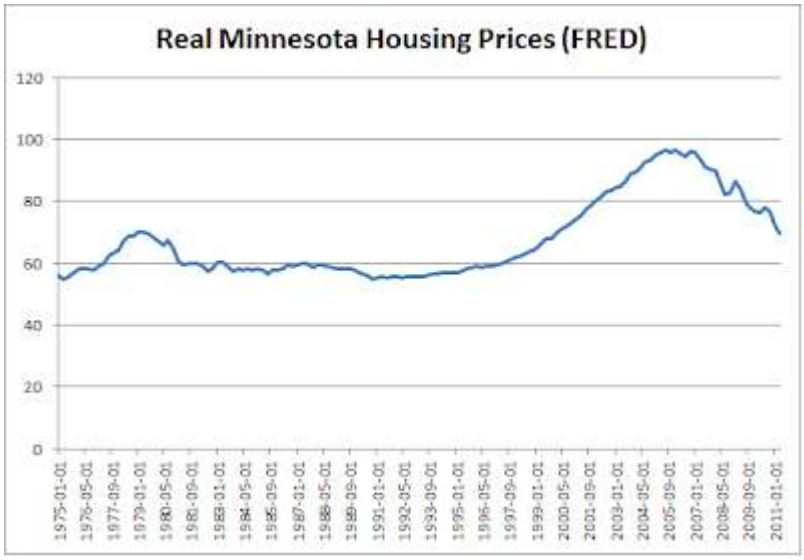


Down that is.

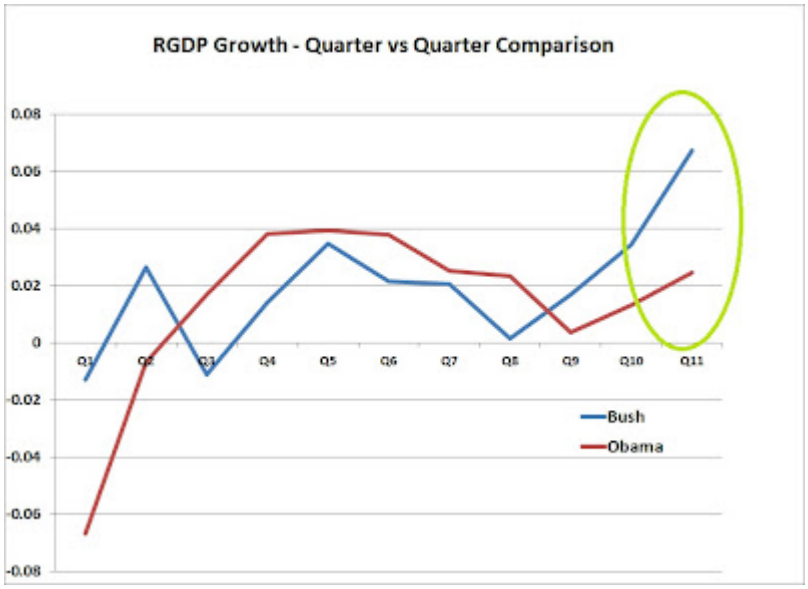
For Minnesota's real housing prices.

Time for Keynesians to Put Up Or Shut Up

October 27, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tracking Presidents Obama and Bush side by side and the economic growth experienced during each corresponding quarter an interesting picture is starting to form. Both inherited recessions (Obama more so than Bush), both got out of them, both experienced a marginal recovery, but right about now is where Bush got the "largest tax cut in history" passed through congress and Obama is going to flog the dead horse once again with his latest bribery/stimulus package to bail out idiot humanities majors from their student debts.

Regardless of where you sit on the political spectrum, Obama and the Keynesians have their work cut out of them. While marginally beating Bush in quarters 3-8, Bush starts to dominate in quarters 9-10. And if the graph were to be continued past where Obama is currently at, the growth doesn't slow down. It's now the 11th hour for Keynesianism.



For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick

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Long ago in my past there was a girl.

This girl was madly in love with me, and I say that not because I'm trying to brag, but because it's true. She was in love with me.

However, she could not reconcile her Christian beliefs with what I viewed to be a wonderful life.

My "wonderful life" I made quite clear was my future wife and I sitting on a beach, her in a french maid outfit, serving me a martini sans children gallivanting around Europe in a convertible eating at the finest restaurants and dancing in the Italian and French Rivieras.

Of course, she contested the french maid outfit thing and said and I quote, "And your views of the perfect marriage. Me just dressing up in a sultry lingerie outfit while you sit there and drink ALCOHOL! I can't think of anything more degrading."

Naturally it didn't go anywhere and she is currently engaged to what I am reliably informed to be a pansified beta male who is a "good church going Christian."

Now, lessons aside from the importance that women start to learn and acknowledge male sexuality for what it is, if they ever do decide they really want to have a serious chance at a happy marriage, the lesson to learn here is how to use Frederick's of Hollywood to your advantage men.

In short, Fredericks of Hollywood is an OUTSTANDING way to test whether a girl is worth dating or not. Understand women who like to dress up in lingerie, dress sexy, wear whatever outfits are SUPREMELY more confident in themselves and are more stable than women who view it as some kind of torture or servitude and whine and complain about it, OR use it as a means to extract resources out of you. The woman who just wants to dress up in lingerie for her own benefit, OUTSTANDING. The woman who wants to wear sexy lingerie to make you happy, OUTSTANDING EVEN MORE! You will find those women who are "pro-lingerie" are the ones you want to date (obviously), but not just for sexual reasons, but because of mental and maturity reasons.

There is however one problem with the Frederick's of Hollywood lingerie thing. You need to actually be reasonably sexy to pull it off.

Somebody tell the patrons of Frederick's of Hollywood that:

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Are You a Citizen or a Commie

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For obvious reason your Captain does not necessarily believe the bottom building block, but it is still interesting to see;

The Godfather

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OK, Cappy Cappites.

I keep getting hounded to watch the damn Godfather series.

Is it worth it, or do my spidey senses tell me it's another crap production from the 1970's condoned by pot-induced 1970's Hollywood's elitists with all of its Oscar winnings and nominations?

It really just does not look appetizing.

Men Are Intimidated By "X"

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Dalrock once again reminded me with his post that in addition to my daily duties of Swinging Bachelorhood I have to occasionally dispense wisdom to you guys. Otherwise lord knows you would all be jumping out of tree and running into bushes. And we wouldn't want that would we?

He invokes The Word of Grerp, who should write a book (it could be like the bible! - "In Grerp's second letter to the Corinthians - "Be not a cumbersome annoyance to your husband, for he hath too much on his plate to deal witheth") which then prodded me off my lazy butt to address something I've been meaning to for a while. And that is:

"Men are intimidated by X"

"X" being one of three things that I can think of:

1. A woman taller than him
2. A "strong" woman
3. A woman that makes more money than him.

And I am here to put the kibosh on all three.

Not that men are intimidated by these factors and I somehow wish to "hide" this fact in a propagandist move. I am here to put the kibosh on it because all three are false. And nothing puts the kibosh on something better than the truth (just look at socialism, feminism, worthless degrees and the other tenets of leftism).

Here's the skinny in order of the three:

1. I don't know one guy, personally, who has said, "Oh no! Not a a TALLER woman! GASP oh GASP! You mean her legs will be LONGER THAN AVERAGE!? Horrors of horrors. How will I ever survive?"

Now, admittedly I do know of TWO GUYS in the THOUSANDS I have met in my life that did not like their woman being taller than them. This then triggered a banning of those girls wearing high heels.

But frankly, not only are these guys the minority, they are MORONS!

For the most part ladies, men care NOWHERE NEAR as much about the height of a woman as much as women care about the height of a man. Matter of fact, I think almost

40% of the women I've dated have been taller than me because frankly I want to be "that guy."

You know "that guy?" That short SOB who walks into the club with a tall drink of water that you can't get? The guy who everybody is thinking, "how the HELL did HE get HER!?"

Yeah! I'm THAT guy! It's great!

So ladies, if you think men are intimidated by taller women, eh. a REAAALLY small percent are. But otherwise, I'm sorry, if you're taller, you're just going to have to stoop to our level.

2. No, we are not intimidated by strong women. We are attracted to strong women. Women who work for a living, who support themselves. The problem is "strong" is confused in today's Moxie world with "loud, arrogant or obnoxious." Most of the girls I have dated who were truly strong simply demonstrated their strength. They didn't wave their finger, give me the hand, bark orders nor tell me every 10 minutes how strong and independent they were.

To put it in contrast in my 20's I would occasionally cross paths with a HOT young lawyer who was working at a firm a friend of mine also worked at. When invited out to various happy hours, I would have a drink or two, socialize and try to get to know this girl. It was like trying to warm up to liquid hydrogen. Every ounce of body language said, "don't you dare talk to me." She never smiled. She never would even say, "hello." The only way I would get any kind of conversation out of this girl was indirectly through group conversation. And ALL she talked about was making junior partner and how hard she worked and how nothing was going to get in her way.

Fast forward 8 years later, and I run into her at the local salsa club. This woman is now WAAAAY into her 30's. Still has that pissed off look on her face, still dressed in clothes that screamed, "I'm a super powerful woman and by god you better do what I say," and wow, is that yet ANOTHER aging 30 something woman without a ring on her finger? I didn't even bother to try to talk to her because I doubt she would have remembered me, but she sat at the bar

all alone

by herself

unapproached

and not one man asked her to dance (and this was a scene where very few men are loth to approach a woman).

However, this was not because she was a "strong woman" and she "intimidated people."

It's quite simply you could tell she wouldn't be enjoyable company.

First, what guy wants to dance with a woman who isn't smiling?

Second, if you get good enough at dancing, you get kind of picky with the women you choose to dance with. I prefer women that follow. Not those that fight and can't grasp the concept of the MANDATORY lead-follow dynamics of dancing.

Third, inevitably, yes, men will want to test the waters to see if there's some dating potential. Sadly "strong" has been corrupted to mean "difficult" and "obstinate."

I'll take a strong woman, not a poser who thinks she's strong.

3. You Captain is largely poor. This is a confluence of factors including (admittedly) his impatient attitude, his inability to tolerate politics and BS, a crappy economy and largely a dying work ethic that is being replaced with enjoying the decline and the evil forces of HR that are always conspiring against us like The League of Doom. So naturally the LAST thing I would want is a woman that makes a lot of money. I mean, that's what EVERY guy is afraid of! A woman with LOT'S of MONEY! I wake up late at night, soaked in sweat because of the nightmares I have of some woman showering me with $100 bills and buying me nice things. It's horrible, I've had to go talk to a therapist several times to get my mind right. I mean, if you want to scare a man away, if you want him to run for the hills, or if you're just looking for a crafty way to dump him, don't tell him you're secretly married.

No.

Don't tell him you have children.

No.

Tell him you have LOT'S OF MONEY!

That'll send him packing!

Sadly ladies, this is just another example of people in the media, politics and education circles telling you what you want to hear and not the truth.

Thus behooving the question;

What is more important, your short term feelings (in which case you can tell me how evil I

am and how you know this ONE girl who isn't like that, etc.), or your long term happiness (in which case you may forward this link to as many people you want)?

I'm indifferent which one you choose, because there's only one truth. I'm merely entertained by how much of a fight people put up against the truth because their feelings are so fragile.

Enjoy the decline!

Damn Facts and Statistcs

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Truth, as you know, is very unpopular today amongst the youth, the left and anybody whose entire life upbringing and self-worth has been based in lies. It's a topic I like to delve more into because I find it fascinating how resilient the human brain is to truth and reality when if you think about it, it's insanity to be resilient to "truth and reality." It's like saying, "I disagree with gravity." Or, "I don't like how electricity works." My favorite though is this trend where couples are bringing up their children "gender neutral" when it's quite plainly obvious whether their child is a boy or a girl. But never let facts (or a child's well-being) get in the way for psychotic, self-absorbed, political zealots in their pursuit of an unsustainable political religion.

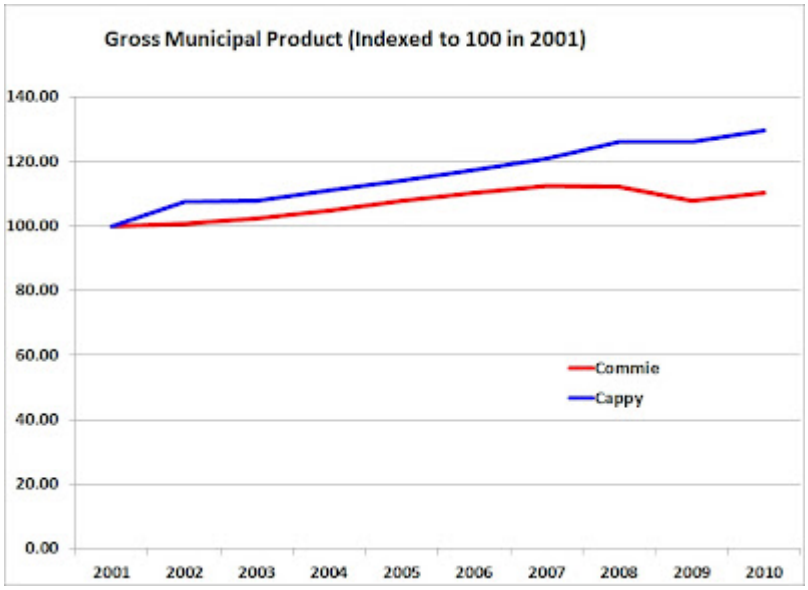
Regardless, today's unfortunate fact comes from "Real Gross Municipal Product" figures. I took various cities in the US and created a Real Gross Municipal Product Index to compare how their economies have grown since 2001 (the data that is available). The cities composing the index are:

Commie Cities:
CHicago
Detroit
LA
MInneapolis
NYC
San Fran
Seattle

Cappy Cities:
Dallas
Fargo
Rapid City
Sioux Falls

You know, those stupid fly over towns where idiots live and carry guns.

Well gee whillikers and shucks howdy! The Commie towns have only experienced an increase of 10% in their economies since 2001 and those stupid morons in the sticks 30%.



Admittedly there were other towns I probably could have included, but this was just a quick 1-2 I pulled together (failed to include Houston...but I can't think of a lot of "Conservative Towns." Most are pretty commie).

Regardless, you hipsters in those big "cosmopolitan" towns enjoy the decline.

Us stupid fly over hicks will enjoy the incline with all of our stupid oil and low taxes and everything.

Well, When You Vote for a Guy Based on His Pecks

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Why does the idiocy and drivel not surprise me in this article.

I would go on, but the article mocks itself adequately.

Haley Up to Bat…

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Count is 0 and 1.

Catcher signaling to the pitcher.

Pitcher shakes his head. Doesn't like the 2-1 pitch.

Catcher suggesting a different pitch.

Looks like the pitcher likes it.

Pitcher checks the runner on first.

Haley waiting patiently…kind of hugging the plate a bit.

Been a good season for her this year. Batting nearly .400. One of the few female bloggers with such a high batting average.

Pitcher tanking a stance. Here's the wind up….aaaaand the pitch.

CRACK!

HOLY COW! She got a hold of that one!

It's going

Going

Going

It's GOOOOONE!

Good night to that one!

Haley is rounding second base and the ball is still gaining elevation!

That one is outta the park for sure!

Another home run for Haley. That makes it her 98th home run for the season.

Notice in the replay how she isn't faked out by the pitch at all and can see right through the pitcher. Tried to sink it past her, but she just read it like a book.

Well, you see Jim that's what happens when you try to sugar coat an article with something that just plain ain't true. Notice the Christian spin she put on the ball about how men don't care about looks and if they do, they're disgusting dirty beasts. And you know that if you try to get that lie past an experienced blogger like Haley, you might as well just pitch a straight fast ball right over the plate because she is going to cream it.

A God Damned Puppetry Degree

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

I think I will no longer worry about offending people's sensibilities when I tell them to not major in crap.

The Lord Will Not Provide

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It's not like watching a train wreck. It's like watching somebody floor it into a brick wall. But it does provide for some entertainment.

I turned 29 a couple of months ago. When I was younger, I figured I'd be married right out of college. Although that didn't happen, I still figured I had time — my 20s were ahead of me, after all. But lately I've been contemplating what life would *really* look like if I don't get married. What will I do? Where will I live? How will I serve? If this stage of life isn't temporary, what comes next?

I am the type of person who usually goes out and gets what she wants. I wanted to go to a good college, so I worked hard in high school. I wanted to be a writer, so I studied journalism and did internships with magazines. I want to write a book someday, so I write daily and I'm going to grad school to get credentials that will put some authority behind my name. For the most part, I feel in control of things. But being a wife, being a mom seem so far out of my control. I wait on God, hoping He's listening to the true desires of my heart, and grappling with what it means if He hears those desires but has a different path for me.

On an interesting side note fellow students, does anybody want to pick apart the above on what Principles of Cappy Cap she violated, thus guaranteeing her failure in the future?

My Weekend Prediction of Herman Cain

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It will come out that Herman Cain if he did have a sexual harassment complaint filed against him, committed the horrible sin of (GASP!)

ASKING A WOMAN OUT!!!!

or

PROPOSITIONING HER!!!!

It may even come out that over his life Herman Cain has asked out MORE THAN ONE WOMAN!!!!!

Honestly (and at least my guy has the cajones to do this) the best thing would be for him to state;

"Yes, I did ask that young lady out back in 1991. And yes, I would do it again in the exact same circumstances. Why? Because I'm a man and women better get used to that."

The Next Most Popular Show

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I predict it will be incredibly popular, if not the most popular show in the next couple of years for the aging 30 somethings.

It will perpetuate EPL Fantasy.

It will fuel rationalization hamsters everywhere.

And it will not produce one ounce of good.

And so the world will continue to spin, with nobody learning anything from history.

The Owls are the Hootiest

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Recession Medicine!

"Fall Out 3" is one of a now-increasing number of video games that are starting to show they are not just about foisting violence upon society via mindless teenage boys. For aging video game connoisseurs such as myself who also happen to have a dose of economic education, you can also appreciate the "Bioshock" series which heavily borrows from Ayn Rand and Atlas Shrugged. So good was that series that I not only hope they continue on, but that they make a movie that could be a literal sequel to "Atlas Shrugged" (it would also prevent me from having to read a book and just watch the movie).

Regardless, as video gamers age and mature, you can see more intelligent themes or at least threads embedded within new video game releases. One such thread that I like and would like to share with you is a song by Bing Crosby that was incorporated into Fallout 3.

The game itself is actually a pain in the ass. They ammo starve you. They harass you constantly with mutant scorpions and super ants, oh hey, yeah, and you gotta sleep all the time, and oopos, did we just harass you again with those stupid bloat flies? When ultimatley you really are just wondering when the game is going to develop direction and if you're ever going to get around to "conquering it."

However, there is a music station you can tune into and they play music from the 1940's and 1950's. A song I NEVER heard of before (which is odd because I am the best swing dancing economist in the world) is called "Way Back Home" by Bing Crosby. The lyrics are quite clever;

An Important Predication for the Manosphere

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I've been meaning to write about this for a while, but this will simply be a short appetizer as to what I'll write about at length later on.

As you know your Captain has moved out to the hinterlands of South Dakota.

There is not much night life out here and you ultimately have two choices;

Make the best of it

or

Drink

I've combined both options into "make the best of it and drink" which I think is a very Cappy Cap Compromise.

That aside, "make the best of it" means finding some kind of hobby or activity that is productive so you don't just go to the local bar and start pounding down booze. So, in addition to fossil hunting (which the weather is becoming less and less conducive to doing now) I've joined a gym and started taking jujitsu.

My bench press is up 15 pounds over the last two months and I've learned to throw a guy to the mat nearly twice my size (though he can still thoroughly kick my ass).

However, tonight something happened at the gym that reminded me of a very important lesson I think we all need to acknowledge and agree upon in the manosphere. And that lesson is that EVERYTHING we purport, support, advocate and champion is predicated in one simple thing:

That we are honorable, honest, well-behaved men.

ie- we are the "good guys."

If we're not, then the whole "Manosphere movement" (which I hate to call it that) is simply hypocritical because we claim to take the moral high ground, but don't abide by it ourselves.

I'm not talking "promise keeper pansies" here.

What I'm talking about is this idiot that I just ran into at the gym.

So I work out.

I get sweaty and dirty.

I go the MEN'S locker room.

I disrobe, take a shower, hop in the jacuzzi.

I get out of the jacuzzi, naked as the day I was born, my towel in the other room hung up on a hook.

A guy walks out of the sauna and guess who he has with him?!

HIS 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER!!!

I don't have my towel. Neither do three other equally-buck-naked guys in the shower area.

I (foolishly) assumed there would only be men in the locker room.

And this poor 3 year old girl sees all of us right there.

WTF!

Are you purposely trying to scar your daughter for life?????

Are you such a spoiled brat that you can't get a baby sitter or perhaps leave the child with the THREE WOMEN IN THE RECEPTION AREA WHILE YOU GO BATHE????

It's the EXACT SAME EQUIVALENT of the entitlement mentality of women demanding to breast feed in public or those moms who leave their child out in the car as they get drunk at a bar. SCREW SOCIETY, I am more important than society, matter of fact, my work out or drinking schedule is more important than my 3 year old daughter.

As I said, I will go into this point in more detail, but men. Honestly, and truthfully, we cannot behave like those we criticize. And I know and accept that there are going to be DB men, genuine "assholes" who treat women poorly, but the whole, entire concept of the equality of men and whatever undefined purpose the manosphere has manifested itself to achieve HAS TO BE PREDICATED ON OUR BEHAVIOR BEING HONEST AND ACCEPTABLE AND FAIR TO OTHERS.

Not only that, but if you see such idiocy, you berate men and get them in line...that is of course assuming you are not buck naked and there is a 3 year old girl there.

More to come, but you get the idea.

The Educator

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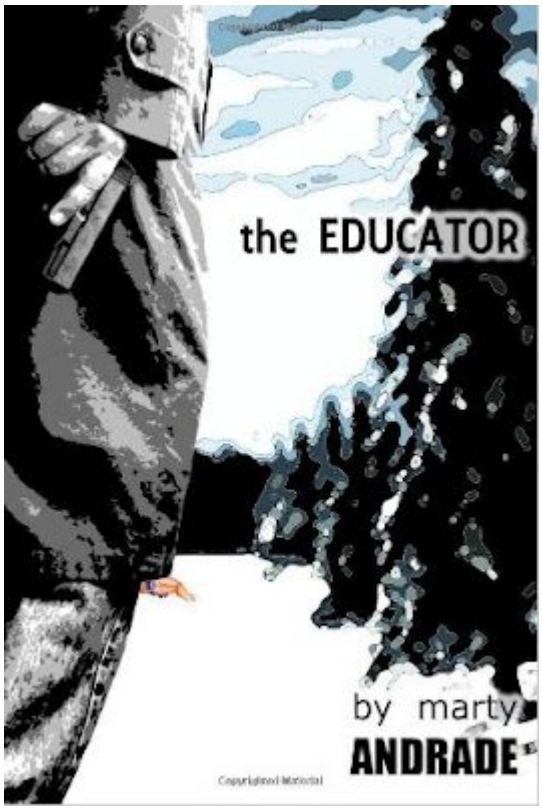
Marty Andrade is a buddy of mine back in Minnesota. However, he and I have a fair amount in common beyond being chums. He also had a conservative radio show. He also has a popular blog. And now we have yet another thing in common.

We are both authors.

Marty wrote a book and I know a lot of people just kind of say, "yeah, great another schmoe that wrote a book." but you may want to consider reading it especially if you are they type who like fiction and intrigue rather than bland ole Cappy Cap economics and rantings. I have not read it yet, but I did a little field research for him by scoping out and taking pictures of the town of Ardmore, South Dakota. Ardmore is a ghost town quite literally in the middle of nowhere. Without giving anything away Marty was able to write this town into the book, much in a "Last Man Standing" sort of way with Bruce Willis.

In any case, I promise the book will be more entertaining and perhaps even movie quality (which would be good for me because I don't like reading books ;)

You will buy "The Educator"



I'll Roll the Dice

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Unemployed single mom.

No, she wouldn't be shaking him down or being paid under the table for this.

But before I go full out and call her a liar, I want to know what this lady studied or did as a profession.

Something tells me it ain't petroleum engineering.

And I really am sorry ladies for all of you who were legitimately harassed or abused. I really am. But unfortunately there's just too much crying wolf. That is the drawback of abusing the system to shake people down. The real victims pay the price.

Post- post - something just dawned on me. If this was Bill Clinton, we'd all be cheering for him, right? I mean then it would be cool because he's a saxophone playing democrat.

You Go For Hugo, I Go For Hugo, We All Go for HUGO!

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Would it beeeee hmmmm...INFLATION?

Vet and Noob

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A Communications Degree!

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She is a liar.

A bleeping communications degree. Not to mention bankruptcies and the like.

If this isn't obviously a political hit, then I don't know what is.

And you should all be mightily pissed political forces are working hard to bring a good man down who could make this country and your lives better.

Further Vindicating Cain

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Just keeps getting better.

I guess there's no end to bitter middle aged women looking for a free ride and will go to no ends to avoid real work.

Hot Diggity Dividends!

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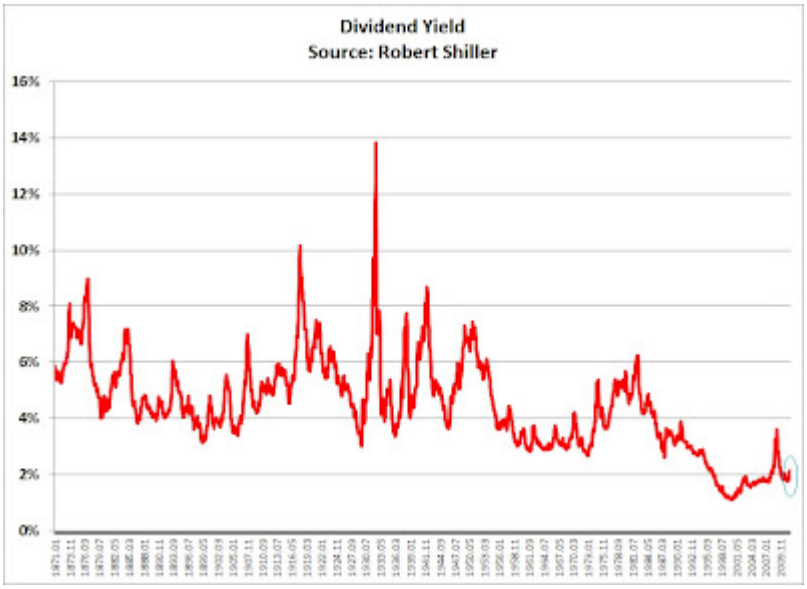
In addition to mortgaging the past, present and future, bringing us scourges such as "sexual harassment," the EPA, "going green," "feminism," "global warming," the "ozone layer," the "housing bubble," the "dotcom bubble," the 'education bubble," "progressive certification," accounting scandals and an infinite amount of other socio-economic-political crap that has essentially destroyed the country, you can thank the Boomers for one additional thing and that is flooding the stock market with so much retirement dollars it makes it impossibly unaffordable for anybody else to be buying into stocks right now.

Regular Cappy Cap readers will already be familiar with the chart below, but as a refresher, the chart below shows you what's called the "dividend yield." This is the rate of return you can expect from dividends as a percent of the stock price. The reason this is important is because the ONLY real return you get from a stock is dividends. The ONLY thing a stock pays a shareholder is dividends. The ONLY reason you should invest in a stock (long term) is dividends.



And thanks to trillions of dollars flooding the market, you now get a WHOPPING 2% rate of return through dividends!

Bullets and Rumpleminze would make for a better (and more fun) investment.

Proof Cain is the Best Candidate

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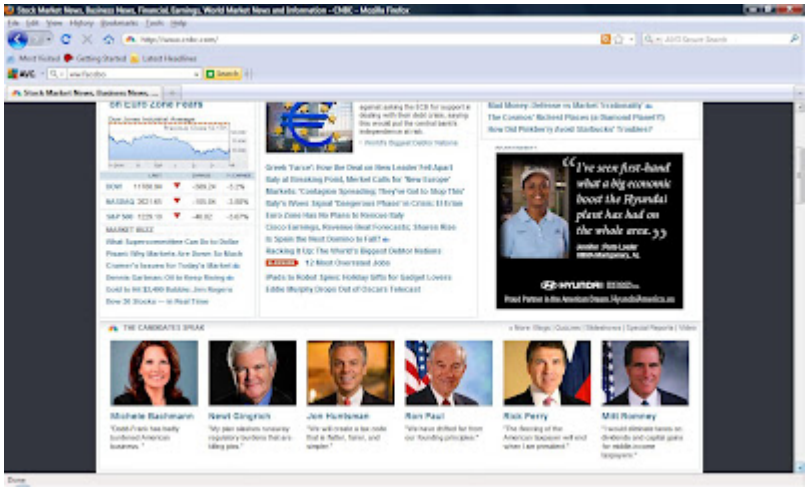
Understand this and understand this well.

The reason Cain is getting assailed and assaulted is because he IS the best candidate out there and would surely trounce Obama. Do you remember "Operation Chaos?" Rush's effort to get Hillary nominated because she would do worse than Obama against McCain? This is the same thing.

The fact the MSM doesn't even list Cain below (but Jon Huntsman???) shows you they KNOW he is the front runner and the most viable candidate. They have to convince you otherwise.

I just don't know how much clearer I can make it.



You can contact CNBC and ask them the question I did:

"Why, if Cain is nothing but headlines news when it comes to sexual harassment and affairs, is he not even noteworthy when it comes to his candidacy."

The Captain Protects the Saudi Royal Family Part 2

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I was stationed at the “back door” to the Kahler Hotel where the prince was to enter the building. The hallway his highness would have to pass through was littered with additional guards. His plane landed around 3AM, the hoopla lasted till 345AM, and the transport only took 15 minutes. I was thinking his eminence would be arriving soon in that he would like to get to his hotel sooner than later.

0415
0430
0500

Plenty of supplies and clothes and Saudi’s were coming through, but no prince.

Finally around 0630 I hear on the radio the prince is finally coming through. Never seeing the prince at the airport I was kind of curious to see what the first real person of “royalty” would look like. I was picturing that standard Saudi garb, white head-scarf, robe, one of them fancy head-bandanas they use.

The guy was in a wheelchair, bloated, barely conscious and looked like a bum off the street. Unshaven and obviously in need of medical attention. It was not regal.

His staff pushed him down the hallway, got him to the elevator. Once inside, my relief came so I could go to bed.
The next afternoon my alarm woke me up and I was to be stationed in the hotel. Nobody knew where exactly and given the BS musical chairs routine we suffered the night before, I’m sure it would probably change moment to moment. I arrived and sure enough, I was supposed to be stationed right in front of his majesty’s room.

Just one minor problem.

He wasn’t there.

He was enroute back to the airport.

Apparently in the 10 hours I slept plans had changed. He suddenly announced he was going to fly to New York to visit his brother (the actual King of Saudi Arabia). And by “suddenly” I mean 5 minutes notice. Now, instead of the security team being stationed at the hotel, he needed a team to escort him back to New York.
This presented a problem for most of the guards. Already these morons proved they couldn’t plan more than 2 days in advance. Fun as it would be to jump on the Saudi royal

airplane and jet off to New York and maybe even meet the actual king of Saudi Arabia, we didn't even know if we'd be coming back any time soon. Would it be a day or two? Three days? A week? A month? Most of the guards had other responsibilities and jobs. They couldn't commit for an undefined amount of time.

Invariably we were able to compile a team of 7 guys, all young, either fresh out of the police academy and without day time jobs, or guys who didn't have any wives or children and could commit to an unknown time for the assignment. This of course had to be done quickly because his idiotness was already getting put on the convoy back to the airport and would need this team on the airplane with him. But despite the chaos this lack of planning caused in the security detail, we were able to put together a team.

So off this team goes, along with the guards protecting the convoy. And with the regular rigmarole of "Saudi Airport Musical Chairs" they inevitably are ready for the team to get on the plane and fly out. The "general" then comes to our leader and says,

"Oh, we don't need your security guards anymore."

And turns around and gets in the plane.

My boss and the team are sitting there stunned and pissed off. All the chaos and the hubbub and now they're not going to New York.

Ultimately though, this was fine. It wasn't like the prince took his entire entourage with him. He left roughly 90 people back in Rochester we had to baby sit and with the surplus of guys we could now start doing more normal shifts. Plus, Rochester PD was kind enough to offer us a couple off-duty cops and a minor semblance of organization and stability was starting to form.

Enter in his majesty's 2 wives and princess daughters.

While his highness was a pain in the ass to schedule around, his wives and daughters were in in general a "royal" pain in the ass. But, for all of the pain they would cause it, it was here the seeds were laid for my super-awesome economic epiphany.

This Can't Be Good

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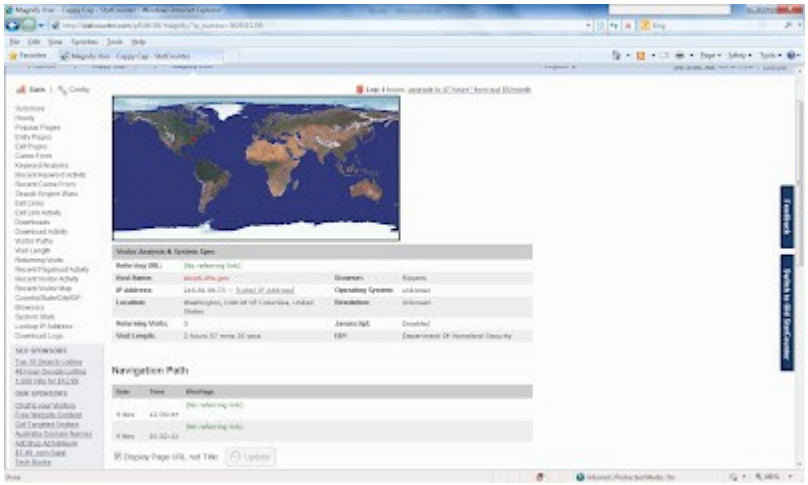
Normally I would think institutions such as the military, police, Dept of Homeland Security would more or less jive with me in that these tend to be more upstanding, less-corrupted institutions. ie-I could hang out with soldiers, cops and special agents and be just fine.

But with the DHS under Obama and government workers being unionized and all, I get a little leery when I see the DHS scanning my site for 4 hours.



I'll let you know if I end up on an abandoned oil rig out in the ocean somewhere...or...well, maybe not.

"Raise Other Mens' Children" Not in My Job Description

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When I applied for the job "Bachelor" the job description was, if I recall correctly, something along the lines of:

"WANTED : BACHELOR

Must be able to support yourself and only be willing to support yourself. Must spend all of your discretionary income on you and things you like. This includes, but is not limited to:

Video games
Booze
Cigars
Motorcycles
Trips
Vacations
Sushi and other delicious food

Must have the ability to be free and enjoy freedom. Do what you want, when you want, how you want.

Candidate must also enjoy hanging out with friends, chasing tail, dating many girls, drinking beer, watching movies.

Significant free time and leisure time is expected on the job. You will have minimal responsibilities. After working up enough money to support yourself and paying taxes to support others, you MUST then spend the remaining money on yourself and what you like.

Workout, stay in shape, and develop hobbies and interests that are eclectic and mentally rewarding and stimulating.

Avoid sickness by avoiding coming into contact with children.

Vasectomy optional, but preferred.

All qualified candidates can come down to Joe's Bar for drinking-pre-qualification testing."

Nowhere did it say, "must raise other people's children."

I truly wonder if all the "baby mama's" in the world (or at least the US) actually think that single men, who kept their act together and built a lives for themselves actually owe it to them to bring up other mens' children. As if paying taxes for their mistakes via WIC or EBT or subsidized housing or day care isn't enough. No, they want us to commit ourselves personally. Because (GASP! NO! YOU MEAN???)

A GOVERNMENT CHECK ISN'T FULFILLING ENOUGH!? You mean government checks DON'T HUG YOU BACK!?

Sorry sweetheart, not in my job description.

Enjoy the decline.

I Put the "Jew" In "Jujutsu"

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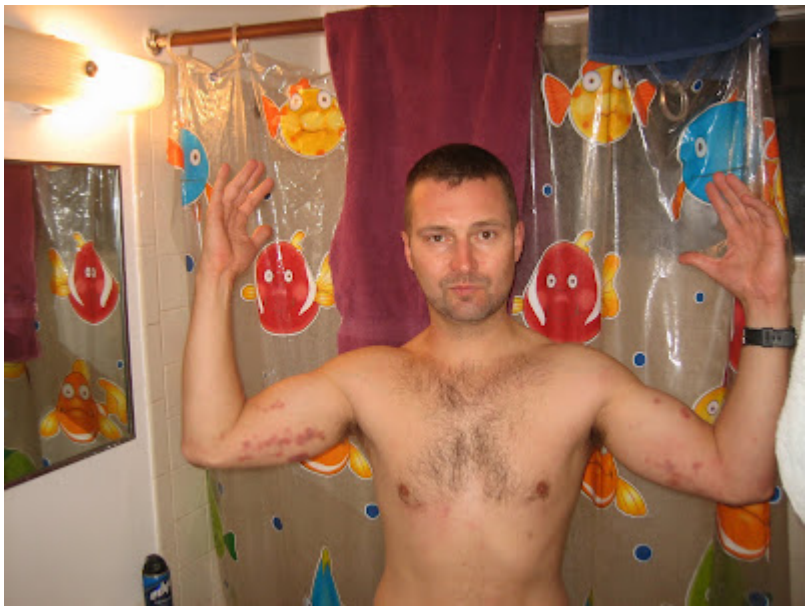
As I may or may not have mentioned, your Captain has been participating in Jujitsu. However, since your Captain (unbeknownst to him until he was 21) is "technically" a Jew, I prefer to call it:

"Jewjitsu."

*the technicality is that his mother's mother's mother was a Jew and something about Matriarchical lineage that your Captain today has yet to fully understand. Regardless, I just run with the free reign to cut Jewish jokes.

Regardless, I STRONGLY recommend jujitsu if you have the time. Not just because it is (thus far as I can find) the only martial art that trains you for real fighting, but the work out and damage it does to your body cannot be matched.

To tender proof (and I am not doing this to "brag" or what have you, I'm doing this sincerely because it will show you what you can expect) here's your Captain after a night of sparing against a variety of jujitsu students:



I did not contract some kind of "disease" or "measles." Those are just the bruises I incurred from 30 minutes of sparing. Apparently those will go away when all of that turns from fat to muscle.

In any case, consider "Jew"jitsu if you are looking for a serious work out.

Also consider fish shower curtains because those are pretty kick ass too.

Christmas Gift of "Super-Awesome Economic Wisdom!"

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A friendly reminder to all the Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or otherwise economists out there:

With the holiday seasons coming up, remember, nothing makes a better gift than all the various sorts of books and classes the Captain offers!

Have an 8 year old girl who can't WAIT to read about the intricacies of the housing bubble? Then get her "Behind the Housing Crash!" (only 99 cents on Kindle!)

Have a 4 year old boy that wants a red fire truck this Christmas? Get him something BETTER, the kindle version of "Privatizing Governments!"

And I'm sure your wife would LOVE nothing more than a Caribbean Cruise! But should would love you EVEN MORE if you signed her up for a basic investment class OR (even better) a class on stock valuation and analysis.

Remember, the gifts you give them tell your loved ones just how much you love them! And nothing says "I love you better" than super-awesome economic knowledge!

The Family Dog

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Was trying to find a cartoon called "The Family Dog" which was a HILARIOUS episode in the 1980's series "Amazing Stories." Had my mother and a young little girl I know in mind and thought it would make a great Christmas gift.

Unfortunately I could not find it, but found it in a slightly low-quality version on You Tube. Watched it again for the first time in about 20 years and it is just all that more funny as an adult:

The additional parts will be forth coming.

Just Make It 27%

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I like simplicity.

The reason I like simplicity is because it's really hard to scam somebody or lie when things are kept simple. It is complexity wherein politicians and criminals work their ways to get your money out of your hands legally.

The most obvious example of this is our complex tax system. 16,000 pages plus for the tax code and now that I'm working on bankruptcies and asset recovery I am reminded as to just how complex politicians have made taxes ON PURPOSE. They also make it so you don' t know you're being bled. Much like leeches will soothe your skin with an anesthetic before they start to suck out your blood, politicians have made it so you don't even realize how much you're paying in taxes with the PAYGO system.

But the single worst aspect of this complex tax system is not the loopholes that benefit a few connected people, nor is it the fact we have to waste the equivalent of 2 weeks per year complying with this horrendously complex tax code, nor is it the loss of production that labor could have been spent doing otherwise.

No, the single LARGEST COST to the complex tax system is simply the lack of....

pricing.

"Pricing?" you say.

"Yes, pricing," I answer.

Understand that government has a price. It has a cost. And that cost is the price we pay in taxes.

The problem is that since we have so many taxes and so many fees at so many different levels, that nobody really knows what the final price tag of the government is. This is HORRIBLE in that without knowing the price of something, you can't tell for sure whether it's worth what you're getting in return.

A Big Mac is very simple. I know it costs about $4. And therefore, before I spend my $4 I can COMPARE the PRICE against the EXPECTED BENEFIT. MW3 is very simple. I know it costs $60 and can COMPARE THE PRICE AGAINST THE EXPECTED BENEFIT.

But with government you can't do that. Because nobody, bar some really anal-retentive

accountants, can tell you what price you are personally paying for government.

Now, super-awesome economists such as myself kindly and regularly calculate "government spending as a percent of GDP." This is to show the people "hey, this is what we're paying for the government we got."

THere's just one small problem.

98% of the American adult population doesn't know what "GDP" stands for, let alone the merit of dividing government spending by it. They wouldn't be able to understand what that number signifies. Besides, it's getting in the way of their love affair with Kim Kardashian's wedivorce.

But it is here that the true argument for a flat sales tax lays.

A flat sales tax does four things.

1. It consolidates ALL the various government taxes into ONE SINGLE TAX. More specifically, ONE SINGLE NUMBER everybody can understand, and in doing so puts a VERY SPECIFIC PRICE ON GOVERNMENT. Because all government revenue would be derived from ONE single tax, any cries or demands from the people to "pay for the chilllllllldreeeeeen" or "bailing out Banksters" or "free food" or "social security" or "wars here and there" would immediately and quite accurately drive up that ONE SINGLE NUMBER, so you could see how much "paying for free college education" would cost.

"The starting tax rate is 20%. Oh, you want free health care? The new tax rate is 24.7% Oh, you also want to subsidize loser solar companies? The new new tax rate is now 25.1%. Oh, you want to bail out the banking industry? The new new NEW tax rate is 32%"

People would know PRECISELY how much government would cost and would therefore allow them to determine whether they were getting their bang for their buck.

2. It forces people to have skin in the game so they cannot rob Peter to pay themselves. If they want free food for their 4 illegitimate children, then they get to pay an extra 1% in sales tax on everything they buy. They want to have free education? They get to share some of that burden. And in doing so...

3. It unifies the people. Instead of pitting them against one another, the poor vs. the rich, the old vs. the young, the children vs the childrenless, doesn't matter. You're all in the same boat, you all pay the same price. You can no longer vote to tax one group of people or grant others a "credit" or a "loophole." Get in that damn sandbox and start playing nice with one another.

4. Makes people put down that damn People Magazine and quit worrying about Kim Kardashian and pay the ef attention to some economics.

There are of course other HUGE economic benefits to having a tax code that would be whittled down from 16,000 pages to a SOLE, SINGLE SIMPLE number, but the above is I think the most overlooked, perhaps never-considered benefit of a flat sales tax.

Now, out of the Republican contenders for the nomination, are there any advocating this?

No, even my man, Herman Cain, still has to complicate it unnecessarily by deriving taxes by three different sources. But it is a start.

I fear, however, even the average American voter isn't bright enough to multiply 9 by 3, and will thusly still be just as confused as with a 16,000 page tax code.

So why not just make it an even 27% and stop confusing the average American?

I Am "Pro-Charts"

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You all know how i like Charty-goodness.

RSS Feed Enabled

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I have enabled RSS feeding down below and to the left.

Enough of you have harassed me about this that I finally got around to it.

Stupid, Dumb, Lazy Boys

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Stupid boys.

Can't find a job in this economy.

All because they refuse to man up and grow up.

Nope, has nothing to do with disproportionately-voted-in-by-women environmental laws and regulations that destroyed industrial jobs and other male-dominated fields.

Nope. Nothing to do with that.

And it certainly has nothing to do with disproportionately-voted-in-by-women socialist tax structures that destroy competition and profit.

No, absolutely not.

And it would have absolutely NOTHING to do with disproportionately-voted-in-by-women increases in government largess (disproportionately benefiting female employment) at the expense of the private sector (disproportionately hurting male employment) as we outsourced traditional male roles to the public sector.

No, certainly not.

Nope, you're all just a bunch of loser, whiny, dirty disgusting, lazy boys who aren't trying hard enough.

Why don't you all get cushy government jobs like us women? Or non-profit jobs? You know what you need? You need affirmative action, just like us! Or a government grant to pay you to write or find yourself. Then you could be independent and fulfilled like us!

Of course, you'll even probably goof that up because you're stupid boys.

And another thing? Why can't I find a good man?

And why won't he commit?

And why are there such losers out there without jobs who can't support me and make me a good husband.

I want children. My biological clock is ticking. And I want a house in the suburbs and 3 months vacation and want to work part time from home to rear my children and a man to subsidize it all.

Where are the real men!?

I have a triple masters in public management, social work and English. I'm educated! Why can't I find any?

/ sarcasm

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick. You just can't make this stuff up.

"Crimson" Being the Key Word

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Mankiw is an economist at Harvard.

Why he's there, I don't know.

But 10% of his class (the ones who are probably going to get C's and D's) walked out to protest the conservative nature of economics. (though I pine how many classes would even exist if students walked out because of liberal bias).

Now, understand something about economics.

It's largely math based.

So if you add 2 and 2 and get 5, you are WRONG. mathematically, factually WRONG (but then, hey, at least you're on the B honor roll at Harvard).

Additionally, it is largely logic-based as well.

Evil things such as "if nobody works, we'll all starve" or "you can't afford that because you didn't work hard enough to earn the money to pay for it" unfortunately do come into play and are presented as facts.

Naturally idiots have a hard time with math and facts which is why I will guaran-freaking-tee you that all of the 70 students that left are not in a STEM field and will further go onto produce either nothing in their lives, or worse, run for public office or join some crusder non-profit outfit to tell others how to live their lives.

In the meantime they'll be a bunch of cry babies that don't like reality.

Any takers to see if they part of the 1%? I mean, privileged, spoiled brat Harvard students? Any takers? bueller? Bueller?

I Shall Explain Paul Krugman

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A recent poster asked how Paul Krugman, if he had all this education in economics, can still come to the conclusions that he does.

And the answer is very simple if you have super-awesome economic genius like I do:

"Because Paul Krugman, deep down inside, doesn't believe one damn word he says, but knows there's a market to be made telling liberal, trust-fund baby New Yorker brats what they want to hear."

It's an amazing skill matter of fact. To be able to ignore empirical data and spew what ultimately results in lies. But the great thing, if not the GENIUS of Paul Krugman, is that he KNOWS his readership doesn't care about:

Intellectual honesty
The advancement of society
Reality
or
Truth

He knows his audience.

He knows his customers.

And he knows they're a bunch of east coast snobby elitists that want some "unbiased economist professional" to confirm their ideology and their faux intellectual status.

He is actually a much smarter and more patient man than I will ever be, because he can suck it up and tell a bunch of prissy spoiled brat elitists what they want to hear. He can lie, knowingly, through his teeth so he can collect a paycheck from the equally amoral NYT.

You think I'm joking?

Look up Ed Schulz. He was a conservative until the paychecks didn't come through. Now he's the PREMIER liberal talk show host. He sucks, but his listening audience doesn't notice because he tells them what they want to hear.

Matter of fact, you pay me enough, and I'll turn liberal on you guys too.

Of course, you would all know it would be a sham.

But would my "new-found audience know?"

would they even CARE I was a "raving right wing lunatic" in the past?

No.

Never underestimate the cowardly intellectual weakness of the average American schlep. Hitler himself could come back from the grave and host a talk radio show called "The Super-Pro-Liberal-New-York-Jew-Awesome-Israeli-Zionist-Hour-With-Bagels" and his show would be a hit.

So don't raise your ire (let alone your blood pressure) over Paul Krugman. He is a soothe sayer. Matter of fact you should cheer him on and appreciate that he's milking these idiots for as much as he can.

But in the end reality will prove him wrong. He will of course be sitting on his millions telling all of his loyal readers one simple thing when none of his predictions come true;

"Oops."

And that's when the real joke will be had.

in the meantime,

Enjoy that decline, kids!

Credit Unions Think Their BLEEP Don't Stink

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I love this.

Credit unions and small community banks claiming they did nothing to help bring about the housing crisis.

Again, you have probably already read my book, but let me explain to you about credit unions and small time banks during the late 2000's.

They were wanna be's. They came to the party too late, bought in at the worst possible time, and whatever filfth and crap that was turned down by real banks, fell on the floor for these bottom feeders.

The WORST loans I ever saw made were by credit unions and community banks.

And if Frank-Dodd wipes them out, so be it, too bad, boo-freaking-hoo. It would be a good first step to passing the stool out of the banking system once and for all that caused this mess.

Pawn's Gambit

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Time gets away from you.

You are busy supporting yourself, and if you have an entrepreneurial streak, time really gets away from you as you pursue pointless endeavor after pointless endeavor wondering if these pursuits might actually pay off in a genuinely free market like China.

However, when Marty send me his press release for "The Educator" I had this horrible sinking guilt feeling.

"Oh my God. I forgot JR Hume's book."

JR sent me his book quite a while ago. You know I don't like to read, but Natasha does and she said she couldn't put it down. But as much as she liked it, her enjoyment of it paled in comparison to me forgetting to post about it. And this was like over a year ago.

Therefore fellow Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or Otherwise, Economists,

if you like sci-fi/fantasy sort of fiction I STRONGLY recommend you buy Mr. Hume's book, Pawn's Gambit.

Matter of fact, I have so much guilt, I would recommend you buy his book before mine.

Seriously, if you're the sci fi type, do me a favor and assuage me of my guilt and buy AND READ his book.

It's important to read it too!

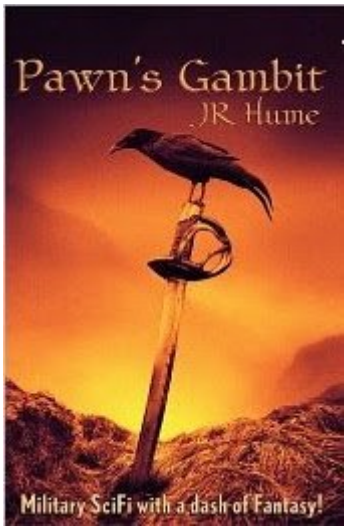
Matter of fact I have story. I was at my uncle's funeral. His sister, my aunt, Aunt Judy, comes up to me and the group of people were were conversing with. She may have had a couple, and continues on about her nephew who wrote a book and how she was so proud. She bragged about how she bought the book and so I naturally asked her,

"Yes, you bought it. But did you read it?"

She turned bright red and looked into her wine glass.

I put my arm around her and said, "I love you, Aunt Judy."

So, in any case, I'm glad we're all going to go buy Pawn's Gambit.



You will solve me of my sins and make Mr. Hume a happy man.

Recession Medicine - Family Dog Part 2

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Boys Will Boys

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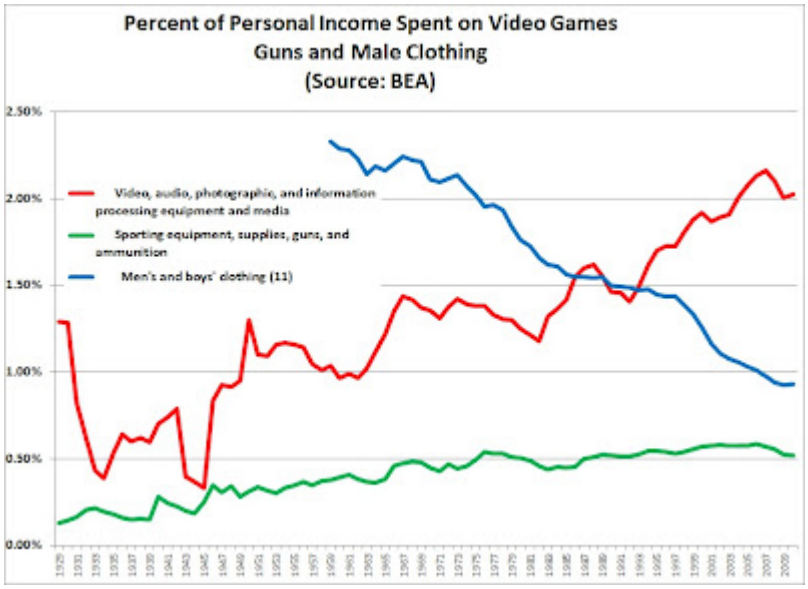
Your Captain has been spending some time researching the NIPA accounts which, among other things, breaks down GDP and spending based on product and service type. When you convert them to a percent of total spending or GDP, you get an interesting insight as to what society values. Today's NIPA account shows you what percent of personal income men/boys have spent on men/boys like things. Namely video games, guns and ammo, and "clothing."

Enjoy!



On a related note "girls will be girls" especially when it comes to guns.

Burning Out at 30

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Sheesh, "burning out at 30????"

I also presume most of these people majored in easy cake subjects, had college paid for, or at least didn't work through college.

Heck, at 30 I was just warming up.

Ah, the unforeseen consequences of being genuinely treated as equals.

Don't know about you guys, but I'm going to go enjoy the decline!

An Interesting Observation at the Senior Center

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South Dakota as you know is not the hotbed of swing or salsa.

It's not really the hot bed of anything unless it's late July and the Sturgis rally is going on.

So to find dancing you need to take what you can get and the local senior center actually has some really great dancing. Obviously when I attend me and my friends are the youngest people there. But something just dawned on me while I was showering this morning, plotting my weekend.

"The old ladies at the senior center like it when men are charming."

This may not seem to be an obvious epiphany, but ask yourself the question:

"In various social circumstances, who has been more receptive to your charms or innocent flirtations? 18-45 year old women or women of the WWII generation?"

Admittedly, I acknowledge that old grandma Tilly doesn't mind the occasional harmless flirtation from a young man. Matter of fact, they probably welcome it. When asking the old women to dance I usually say something stupid like:

"Don't tell my girlfriend"

Or

"Your husband isn't going to kick my ass is he?"

They eat it up.

But beyond that, what I observed is it's almost more natural and I feel much more at home dispensing the occasional bits and bytes of charm to a woman who is 82 than a woman who is 28. And the reason why I contend or theorize is the woman who is 82, age aside, was brought up in a generation where she appreciate the occasional bit of charm or flirtation from men. She KNEW it wasn't a ploy to get her into the sack, it was just an innocent young guy, yapping his gums, making funny ha ha's, trying to cajole a laugh.

You can't say that about a 28 year old woman. You pull off any kind of "charm" and they think you're scamming on them. You try to say something witty, with purely humorous intent, they immediately think you're hitting on them and they tighten up.

Of course, if the girl is enamored with you, you can say anything and they'll laugh.

"My dachshund is flying F-15's over Mars"

giggle giggle "Oh, you're so funny Captain!"

But I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about a general social setting, you walk up to a group of women, start chatting, which group do you think is going to be more receptive to your frivolous flirtations, not because of age, but because of upbringing?

Alas, tonight I get to go to the Senior Center again. And I'm sure I'll see Tilly and Gertrude there. And I'm sure they'll not turn me down for dances either. But what is going to be pleasant, is that when we sit down at the table or we converse, I'll feel very free and at home to make the occasional compliment or when introducing them to others, saying:

"Ah! Sophia Loren, I'd like to introduce you to Audrey Hephurn. Audrey, this is Sophia."

They eat it up.

Her Life Was More Important Than Her Son's

November 21, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I embedded this post here so that only twitter and feed followers will find it. Not out of shame or anything, but in that I do not want this to seem that I am capitalizing on a tragic event that has recently unfolded. At the same time out of the (now) 6 premature deaths of people I either knew personally or knew of, 5 have been suicide, all under 40 years of age.

Without going into details somebody I know of (not personally know) committed suicide. Young kid. We'll leave it at that. However, there is no doubt in my mind that mom was directly to blame for this poor child's death. She divorced dad when he was just a kid. Made sure to cheat on dad too before the divorce. Drugs, booze, and let's not forget dating the likes of drug dealers and "amateur rappers" instead of helping raise junior.

Do all children who commit suicide do it because of mom? No, of course not.

Would not the same thing happen if dad was just as bad. Yes, of course.

The point is to highlight the blinding arrogance and greed of "parents" who bring children into this world and find said children too much of a burden to raise properly and thus have no problem divorcing, or just outright abandoning those children.

Sadly, sometimes, this is the price.

I don't care what some feminist communist asshole told you in college or what tripe your read by some spoiled brat in Cosmo, children need both parents. And they need both parents to have their heads out of their asses.

Enjoy the decline.

The Captain's Second Book Slated for December 15th

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I am happy to announce that I am writing my second book. It will tentatively be coming out in time for all of you to purchase it before Christmas.

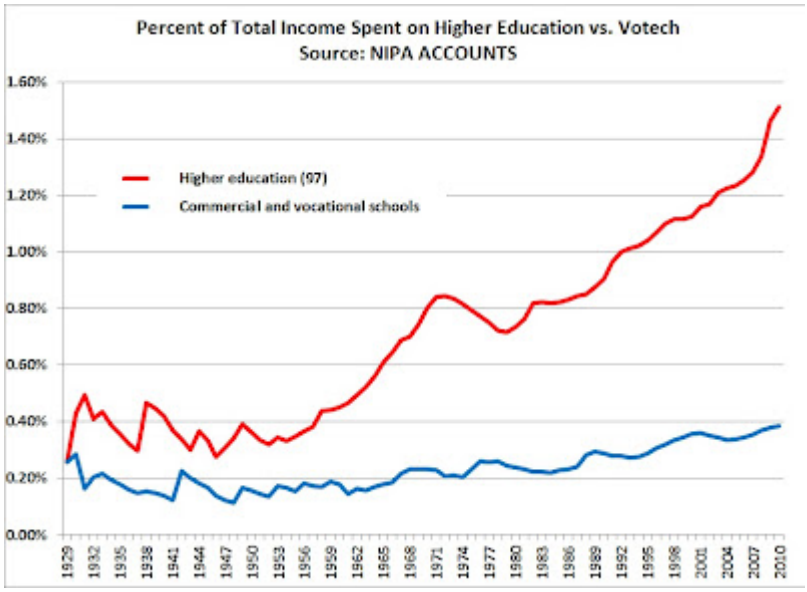
The topic and title will remain secret until its release.

Education Bubble Hustle

November 21, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

More proof of what we already know, but I shall explain for those with their triple masters in Fuzzy Bunny Rabbits.

You see, Votech, for all the mockery it receives, actually is more productive now I would have to say than your average bachelors degree. The reason why is votech is specifically designed to teach you a skill or a trade that is useful to society. You morons out there getting your "bachelors in crayon drawings" are merely a waste of resources and is why there is an education bubble.



Until these lines are inversed you can expect to continue to enjoy the decline.

Correction

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Apparently the book I previously endorsed by Marty Andrade is NOT the book he previously led me to believe.

There is no shoot out in the ghost town of Ardmore in his current novel.

That novel Marty is working on and will be published in the future. It involved gin runners, gun runners and women of ill-repute...just like Milwaukee.

Regardless I do apologize to all of my South Dakota readers who do have a familiar or emotional attachment to the Edgemont and Ardmore area of the state. But Marty is working on that novel which should prove just as entertaining, if not better than his current one.

Matter of fact I think you should buy it to just for future comparison purposes.

A PSA - Education Does Not = Attractive

November 22, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Dear ladies, this is a real, genuine public service announcement.

It is meant to help you. Which means it's based in the truth and reality.

Which consequently means you're not going to like it.

But, if you can set aside your emotions, and think about it intellectually and honestly, you'll see I am REALLY trying to help you and it WILL help your future.

I have this fake profile up on one of the dating sites. According to my BS profile I'm a tall, rich, millionaire and put my age at 38. I have it there simply to provide entertainment for myself and to enjoy the decline. But today I received enough "flirtations" or "winks" from women with profiles that all have a common trait. And this trait shows me they have been misled about the realities of male sexuality and attraction. Therefore:

Ladies of the 30+ generations.

WARNING WARNING WARNING - PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

We do not find your masters degree in "worthless fluffy crap" attractive nor an asset.

Matter of fact, we find it unattractive and a liability.

WARNING WARNING WARNING - PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

You have been lied to. No man really finds your education attractive unless it is in a real field requiring math, calculus and inevitably some sort of private sector employment whereby you are actually demanded in the field and not some make-work-wanna-be-make-believe-were-all-independent-adults-even-though-we're-fleecing-the-taxpayer-to-essentially-create-a-career/job-that-would-never-be-demanded-in-the-first-place-because-it-ultimately-produces-nothing-of-value-for-society-and-was-only-created-to-give-people-the-fake-feeling-of-self-reliance-and-independence type job.

I know you've been told by many other women that men find education attractive. But for once, will you please listen to (oh, I don't know) MEN about what they find attractive????

I know that's a foreign concept, asking the opposite sex as to what they find attractive,

because OBVIOUSLY they should have no say. Right? I mean attraction is defined by the SAME SEX, right? So why listen to those stupid men and what they find attractive? No, just listen to what aging, bitter members of the same gender TELL YOU what SHOULD BE attractive and ignore what the opposite sex thinks. Because OBVIOUSLY what is sexually attractive should be determined by the same sex, not the opposite.

Anyway, sorry to say...

Education does NOT equal attraction. The reason why is that no longer, especially in fields women choose to disproportionately pursue, does education equal GENUINE intelligence or GENUINE intellectual intrigue. This means all of you with your "masters in...

communications
social work
social justice
English
philosophy
education
or whatever worthless liberal art field you chose because it didn't involve academic rigor

are not real subjects. They are not interesting. And above all else, they are not intelligent. They are little fancy make-believe hobby degrees you chose to major in because it avoided any real academic rigor or math and you deep down inside were hoping to land some cushy government/non-profit/puppies 'n unicorns type job.

So please STOP LISTING IT AS AN ASSET on your profiles.

Stop complaining on the internet that,

"Well, I'm educated, and I have masters in psychology, and a masters in social work, and I am a member of Amnesty International, why don't men find me attractive those bastards!!!!?"

The truth (and I know that pisses a lot of you off) is that men find REAL intelligence attractive. We find physical beauty attractive. We find kindness and caring and a healthy sex-drive attractive. We find heels, lingerie and pouty lips attractive.

We don't find your bleeping "Masters in English" attractive!!!!!

So quit listening to old, aging, bitter women about what men "should" find attractive and start listening to what men SAY THEY ARE ATTRACTED TO.

Because the last thing a man would be attracted to is that hot, naughty, in-shape, tomboy, motorcycle riding, IT chick who brings in $150,000 a year at her computer engineering job, but still likes to wear slinky lingerie while she serves you and her up a martini listening to Frank Sinatra.

Yeah, that would never beat the masters candidate in social work with her cats and long, drab skirt as she shops at the local organic market with her reusable bag.

Honest to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, are people in this society that stupid that I have to write these posts?

Our Spanish-Speaking Geologist Writes In

November 24, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I have noticed a trend and it is in the embryonic or "proto" stages of becoming a post. A post along the lines of how I've seen our Latin American counterparts have a genuine hatred of socialism, and a more-than-anecdotal statistically significant readership/commentaryship on the part of Latino/Hispanic men of the "Capitalist Faith."

Of course there is no doubt selection bias on this blog, but I have noticed a lot of Latin men voice conservative ideals and thoughts.

Regardless, a guest post from a Spanish speaking capitalist who I believe hates communism even more than me.

However, this does also behoove the question, "Where is Lieutenant Latino?" He occasionally drops in, haven't heard from him in a while! Regardless, enjoy.

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"No jobs in the US? No jobs for graduates? Ha!

If someone graduates with a degree in engineering or geology, there are lots of jobs (not IT or computer science, too many of them out there... and -at least in Canada- employers have figured out they can employ Wan Chang and Kumar Patel for 12-hour days at $40k, which is a pittance for a network engineer, if you ask me).

As long as you are willing to eat and crap snow and/or sand, at least at the initial years of your career, engineering/geology is pretty good money. I wish I had known about the amazing job opportunities in Canada when I was 18, back in the mid 90s. I probably would not have a mortgage now (instead, I spent 98-04 working for faceless -I'd say bastard- corporations paying peanuts for 50-60 hour weeks).

Trust me when I say this: I have employed fresh, out of university geology and mining engineering graduates, for projects up north (e.g. Labrador, also in Chile). They were costing the project $350-$400/day. People with experience (they could use MapInfo and had 2 or 3 summer seasons) were $500+/day, plus onerous conditions (for them, not me). Drillers and miners (and good cooks) earn even more (rumour has it good drillers -i.e. >7 years experience- earn $1000/day, particularly when working abroad, but I have not been able to verify this). If I wanted to make lots of money and have a life consisting of hard work periods followed by several weeks off, for 10 years, I'd rather be a driller than a medicine student between ages 20 and 30: you would have a lot more to show at age 30 -assuming a counting coppers mind- and probably earn more than a doctor. Should a driller be careful with his money (and fingers, too many 40+ drillers with an odd

number of fingers, including the number 7) he should be able to retire at 40 (there are some famous drillers who retired or half-retired to Thailand or Costa Rica age 40). I have met Canadian drillers who had a ranch or something similar by age 40, no mortgage, and worked in drilling for 3-5 months a year in order to support ranch life.

If a young lad (or lady) were to take one of the mineral exploration assignments for a couple of years and not blow it all on bars and the meat market (like 70% of men do), they would definitely have no student debt within a few months, and a nice 20% downpayment on a Toronto or Montreal home within two or three years of graduation.

A Degree in "Rhetoric"

November 25, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I thought a masters in puppetry was pretty stupid, but this ranks up there.

Surprise, surprise, a lawyer/politician/school teacher.

How does my Crusaderism Theory do it?!

Geographical NAWALT

November 26, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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So I just bought a bottle of Southern Comfort and the Peanuts Holiday Three Pack DVD set, so this will be quick.

"NAWALT" for rookie beginner economists stands for "Not All Women Are Like That."

It is usually a defense deployed (unconsciously I might add) by women when you are talking about the battle of the sexes and you point out that in your EMPIRICAL experiences women portray a certain behavior.

Standing you up.

Lying to you about what they want.

Telling you they want a sensitive man.

etc. etc.

Reliably, a woman will jump up to defend their fellow sisters (unconsciously I might add) and say, "Not all women are like that!"

This is then usually followed by an anecdotal piece of evidence that is the exception that proves the rule.

However, there is an instance of NAWALT that plagues most young boys and since the Manosphere is here to help you young boys avoid the wretched hell us men had to go through, I shall point it out.

It's "Geographical NAWALT."

The key thing here is it isn't a woman rising to defend other women. It's usually 14 year old boys that are saying, "NAWALT." The reason why is they, like all of us before, think that there is something wrong with the women (girls) at their school. That not all women can possibly be like that. That at the high school in the neighboring town, the girls must be different and more rational.

Sure enough you start attending parties or going to 18 and under clubs and you realize all the neighboring girls form the neighboring schools are just as snooty.

And so you once again say, "NAWALT!" It must be my metro area. Surely once I move to

college in a different state, the women will be different."

But gee whillikers shucks howdy. You get to college where there are "women" from all across the country and they're just as snooty, psychotic and mind-game-playing as the girls back home.

Usually at this point most young men go through a depression. If you were like me, your single mom told you that it would "all change when you get to college. That's where the "real" women are. They're smart. They're intelligent. And they'll appreciate a kind, caring, sensitive 90's man, just like you. Just like the sensitive caring 90's man I brought you up to be."

Of course this doesn't materialize and it's like approaching a mirage in a desert only to find more sand.

So let me explain to you why it isn't your "school." It isn't your "county." And it isn't your "state" that has the problem. it is a society wide, American-wide problem.

You cannot go anywhere and find those classical, traditional women who just want to make you happy in this country. Nation-wide effects have influenced more or less all women in the country, and unless you're Amish or something disconnected from MTV, or Reality TV shows, or the internet you can safely and reliably assume that yes, AWALT.

Now, most men over the age of 21 or 22 know this. BUt again, this post really isn't for them. This is for you 14 year old boys who are starting to notice something isn't adding up. You don't know what precisely, and you can't describe it precisely, but you're starting to realize that the girls in your school are pretty snooty and difficult. The logical or obvious explanation is there's something unique or special about your school and if you just get out of that environment, you'll succeed.

But I am here, and many men with more years of experience will back me up, to tell you it is nation wide. You cannot move to a different state to avoid it. You cannot pursue different girls at different towns to avoid it. The lessons you read here in the manosphere are universal across not just the country, but western civilization in general.

So don't look to college for "things to change."

They won't. They'll be just the same, but with the added benefit of these girls claiming they're "independent women" while living off of mommy and daddy for their tuition, rent, health insurance, credit card, car insuance, food, clothing, and shelter.

Oh, and hey, by the way. Enjoy the decline!

In Case You Have a Stupid Child

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who decided to choose a stupid major

you can have him consult this list first.

On a related note, I was kicking around contacting my state senator when I lived in Minnesota about recommending this idea. After never hearing back from him about other ideas I had, I decided it was pointless.

This will be one of those ideas that will never make it to the floor of a state legislature because Republicans lack a spine.

"We Didn't Have the Manosphere When We Were Growing Up!"

November 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Much like television, radio, MP3 players, etc., every generation will have the:

"We didn't have X when we were growing up! You young whipper snappers with your electrical doo dads and everything! Why we hiked to school in the snow, uphill, both ways!"

And even now I start to see myself saying those things to the "kids" of today.

"You damn children have no idea what hell it was to write a term paper! We had to use the Dewey Decimal system and go to these obsolete places called "libraries" and look up things on "micro film" and "micro fiche!"

But there is an advancement in society that has been a genuine advancement that will genuinely help the youth and provide them with an advantage we did not have. And that is the Manosphere.

I cannot claim this original thought. I believe it was a commenter on one of my posts or perhaps somebody else's, but his point was a very good one. And it went something paraphrased like this:

"I'm 39. And I didn't have the luxury of the internet providing the forum for various men throughout the nation to compare notes and realize that it wasn't them that had the problem, but that it was a trend. A sociological, nationwide phenomenon, a veritable sickness where women played mind games, purposely treated men like crap, and got some kind of a kick out of it. Meanwhile I was told I had to be a "good guy" and "respect women" which ultimately resulted in me getting stepped upon while the bad boys got all the benefit. If I only had the Manosphere today back then my life would have not only been better, but unfathomably easier. THE YOUNG MEN OF TODAY SHOULD BE THANKFUL THERE'S A HOW-TO MANUAL ON THE INTERNET, AND THAT HOW TO MANUAL IS CALLED THE MANOSPHERE."

Now I am not much of one for tooting my own horn, but we in the manosphere must admit, and take pride in one thing we have accomplished. In all of our writings, all of our opinings and just the sheer audacity to write this stuff in fear of being accused of "sexism" or "misogyny," we've made it easier for current and future generations of males in America to navigate this minefield that was laid before them.

As I pointed out earlier, most boys, don't even know there's a minefield in front of them to begin with, and thus they stumble through the field, taking hit after hit and never understanding why.

But now, because of the internet and because of writers such as us, young boys actually do stand a chance. They do have a better chance of a life easier than ours, less painful than ours, and ultimately, more productive than ours.

It should not be cause for jealousy, but for celebration, because what we 30-50 year old somethings have done is compared notes, confirmed trends, identified problems and brought to light genuine threats that face our younger male compatriots. And not only did we identify them, we published them, exposing these threats for all the world to see some even under our own names.

And so now, instead of 19 year old "Steve" going forth into the meat grinder and idealistically asking "Amy" on a date, only to have her stand him up or flake out at the last minute, our good young friend Steve doesn't sit there and wonder "what's wrong with me?" and fall into a depressive stoop. He hops on the internet, finds Roissy, Dalrock, Unambitious Male, MGTOW, etc. etc. and understands there's nothing wrong with him. There's something wrong with Amy.

And I don't know if most of you guys remember the early 1990's, but if you think back, I believe you'll remember no shortage of girls playing games, running gambits and stringing you along if for any other reason than to make themselves feel better at your expense. And we may not have our revenge on them today (although, of course we do), but we can take solace in the fact we are preventing such mind-game damage from being inflicted upon the boys of today.

In short we have become the vaccination against this psychosis by merely speaking about it, pointing it out, and making such observations available to the boys of today on the internet. And though we didn't have this luxurious resource available to us, thereby forcing us to wander in the wilderness, we did inevitably figure it out which makes the lives of future boys all that much easier.

So I say it's time to unscrew a bottle of Rumpleminze and make a toast to yourselves. Because pretty much every young man is going to have a better life in the future simply because of us. And if you ever wonder if you've ever contributed something useful to society (which true men often ponder), you can now safely say "yes, yes I did contribute something useful to society. I helped spare some poor 21 year old schlep the hell I had to go through when I was his age."

Pompously enjoy the decline.

Post post - here are two comments that did not get posted in the orginal post of this:

Go Storage, Not Residential Rental

November 28, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Rental property, which I had owned since I was 24 and thought was the ticket to an early retirement, I am now declaring to no longer be a valid investment. The reason is simple:

Americans are no longer reliable enough to rent out something valuable like property to them, let alone are worth the legal risk. You throw in the general deterioration of your pool of renters as well as the market being flooded with people who bought more house than they could afford, not to mention every local government now jacking up your taxes to pay for their pet green projects, and it isn't worth it any more.

Instead, I suggest buying storage properties.

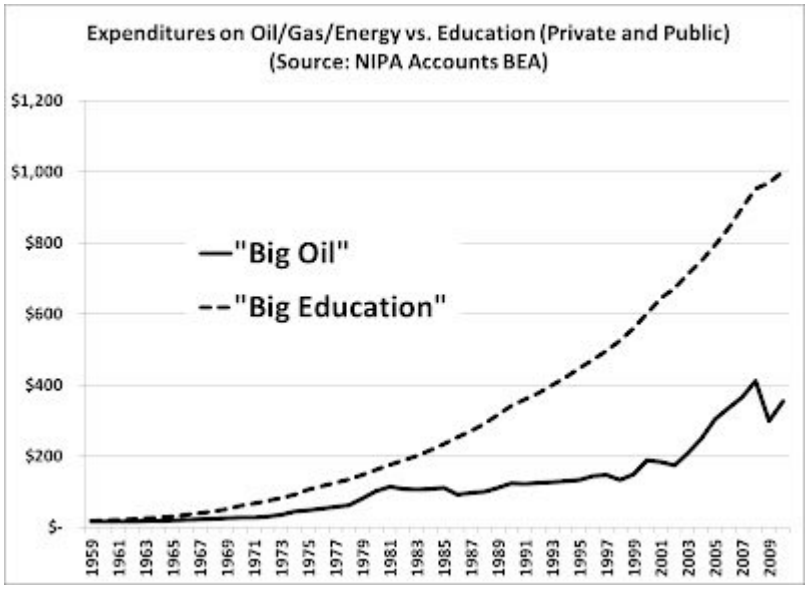
You see, physical items cannot sue. They cannot complain that there's mold in the basement, or when you paint with Killz to kill said mold, it smells chemically. Physical items do not cause damage, do not freeze nor burst in winter, and for the most part are easier to deal with than live humans that rent from you.

So take the Captain's advice. No more rental property.

Big Education Reaches $1 Trillion

November 29, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In preparation for my new book (which is full of super-awesome economic genius goodness), I pulled some stats. I'm getting good enough now that I just know how different statistics are going to pull. This one did not surprise me - how much we spend on education vs the entire oil/gas/fuel/energy industry.



The book is rapidly coming along, by the way, and I STRONGLY recommend all parents, uncles, aunts and relatives of young kids in high school or in college wait to make sure this book is one of the gifts you get them for Christmas.

You shan't be disappointed.

Slated for the second week of December.

Recession Medicine

November 30, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Because unless you work in the government, the recession is still going on:

Too damn young to die I might add.

In Man World…

November 30, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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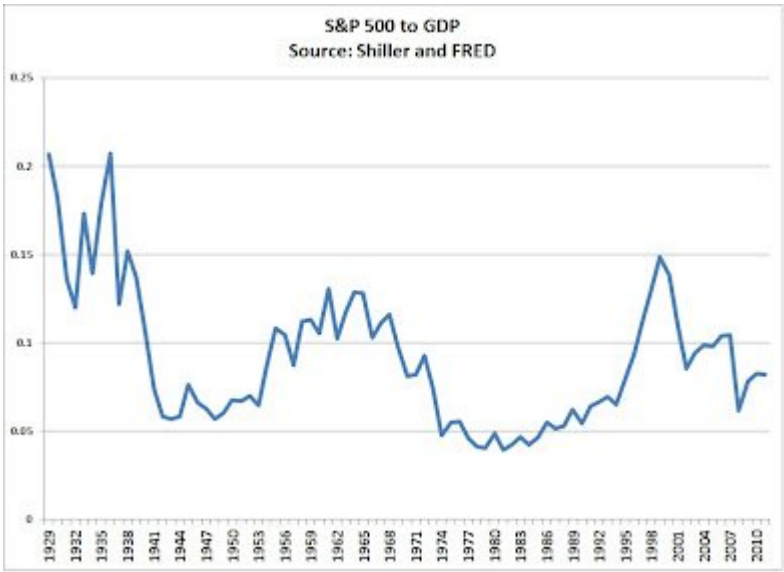
About the only thing I would add to this is you carry a gun in Man World.

Mr. Lindsay also dances a dangerous dance with a partner called truth.

S&P 500 to GDP

December 1, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This did not come out the way I think it would. My intent was to show that yesterday's jump of 400 points in the DJIA based on central banks moving money around really didn't matter, because ultimately it is production that matters. Thus the ratio of the S&P 500 to GDP.



Apparently based on this, the markets are somewhat sanely valued. Not enough to provide you guys with perpetual 12%+ a year in price increases so you can all retire magically at 62. But it's not as insanely overvalued by this measure as it is say, earnings, or more importantly, dividends.

But never mind those stupid nasty dividends. Who needs them anyway?

And Don't Tell Me "NAWALT"

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Cripes

Family Dog Part 3

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"How dare you slap me!

How dare you slap me back!"

Christmas Gifts for Bachelors

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From Marty.

A Masters Degree in Camping

December 2, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Under the guy named "Joshua."

"Masters in Outdoor Recreation."

Honest to god. Two years from now we'll have Doctorates in Go Kart Racing or Masters in Fly Fishing.

Choosing a Major

December 2, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Read this book.

Or it's Kindle counterpart.

End of discussion.

Labor Force Participation

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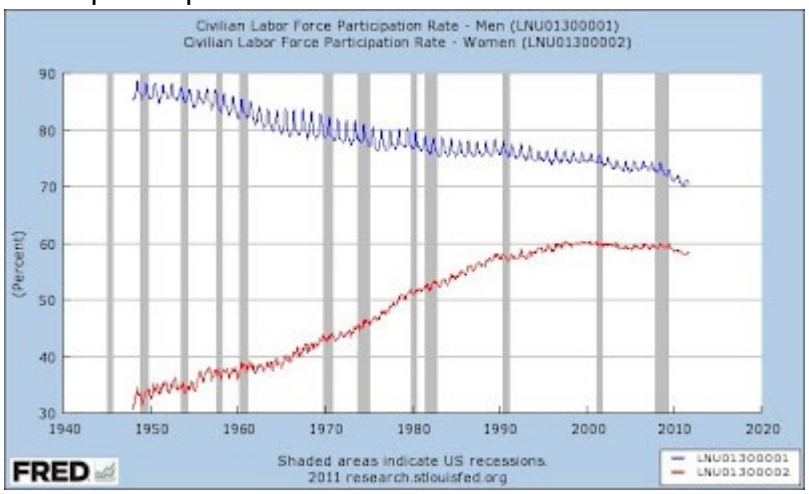
The media is citing the unemployment figure going down because more people are leaving the labor market. However I was actually quite shocked at the drop in male labor force participation since the 1950's.



I'm sure it has nothing to do with industry being outlawed by the EPA or the rise of the make-work-social-worker-puppiesnunicorns-government jobs.

A Chicken in Every Pot

December 3, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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and cheap nursing homes for all.

You'll forgive me if I just plain decide to have no children, drink my Rumpleminze and enjoy playing my X-Box 360.

Mapping the Manosphere

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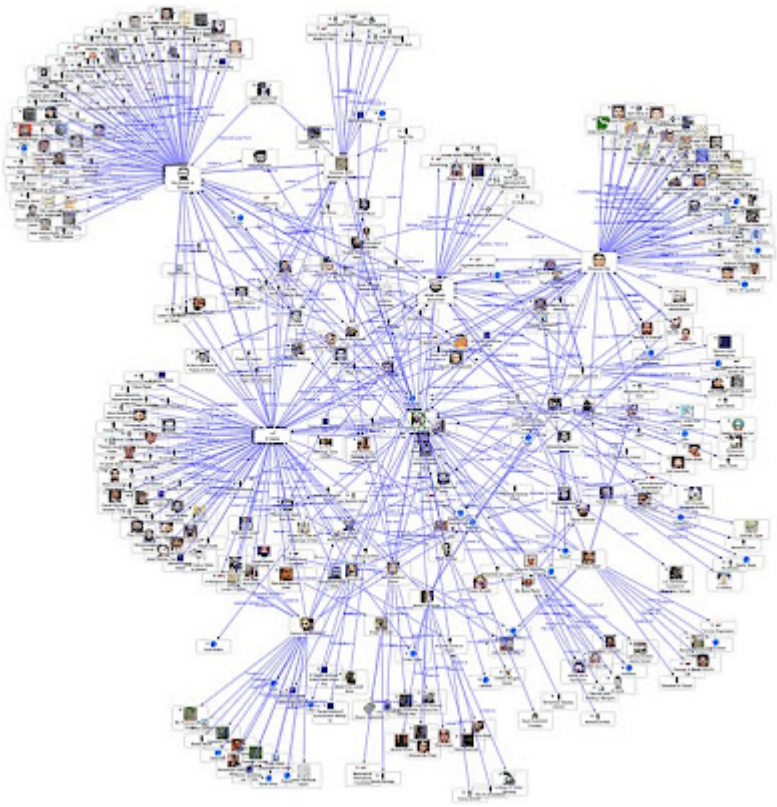

Delusional Damage mapped the Manosphere.

Wish he provided a larger image.

You'll like reading the top part of his blog though in particular. It revisits what I've pointed out in the past - that all these people coming to the same conclusion, while never meeting or knowing of each other, confirms there is something going on and our observations are confirmed as legitimate.

Book is Done

December 3, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Officially completed my second book.

It is now in the final stages of editing and (assuming all goes well) should be available Monday (definitely on Kindle bar some kind of unforeseen circumstance).

I am particularly excited about this book because it is about as well-timed as my previous one on the housing crash (which was released the day Lehman Brothers went bankrupt) and I believe it has the ability to really do some damage. Without giving it away, it may just become the most inciting, controversial book in a while. And, oh yes, it most definitely has that Cappy Cap charm about it. The charm that manages to enrage and piss off all the right people.

I am, however, asking a favor of anybody out there. Not to buy the book (though certainly feel free to do so when it's released), but rather come up with some ideas in terms of marketing. My goal is to make this book as successful as if it had been launched by a New York publishing house. The purpose being that if we can do that, it would hasten what I believe to be the inevitable demise of traditional publishing houses. That and if it sells 1 million copies I'm so retiring and never working again. Probably would just write more books.

In any case, fire away if you have any ideas. Radio show hosts that would be receptive to it. Bloggers I'm unaware of that might be willing to plug it. You name it.

Thanks for your help and continued readership,

El Capitan

Flight of the Cosmic Hippo

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Some recession medicine:

Grandpa's Cheap Nursing Home

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Elusive points out what most people know, old people fear, and young people plain don't mind speaking their mind about.

What's great is this is the "shooting in the foot" aspect of this.

You voted to have future generations take care of you.

And you

1. Mismanaged the economy so horribly that when it's time for the youth to start working there are no jobs and no economic growth
2. You've brought them up to be entitlement monsters, so they have no allegiance or loyalty to you. They're only concerned about themselves (sound familiar?)
3. You've made it impossible for them to even work up the wealth to pay for your impossible retirement, not just because you've crashed the economy, but you told them to "follow their heart" and whatever other leftist 60's crap, and now none of them have the skills to get the jobs to earn the money to pay the taxes for your SS and medicare.

Your question when looking for a nursing home won't be, "do you accept medicare?"

It will be, "Does this nursing home have heat?"

Enjoy the decline!

Adam Carolla, God Bless Him

December 4, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Language warning just so you know.

One Hell of a Photo

December 5, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Take some solace in this photo.

When I saw it, there was a flood of thoughts that came to me, and even now I'm still trying to sort them out.

But some of the more prominent ones are;

1. Aging woman whose life is so vain and void of meaning she still is protesting in her 50's?

2. Shouldn't you be a nice kind grandmother by now? No, your life has been so meaningless, so pointless, you must hang on, cling on, to that ONE TIME you felt alive back in 1968. Sadly, nobody knows who you are, nobody cares who you are, and me (a nobody blogger) is about all the celebrityship you're going to receive in terms of notoriety.

3. The shock on her face. "Wow! Are people really taking me down for trespassing on private property? I thought I was going to be able to just slander, abuse, and trespass where ever I wanted! You mean people who actually work for a living, build up the wealth, and start private companies get pissed when parasites like me just have the audacity to traipse on your property? Why am I being hauled away! I have a MASTERS DEGREE DAMNIT!

4. Do you think this woman ever lived a happy life?

5. How many suitable, upstanding men approached her in the 1970's?

6. How many suitable, upstanding men did she shoot down in the 1970's?

7. How much you want to bet she wishes she hadn't shot down all those suitable men in the 1970's who are now making bookoo coin in computer engineering or actuarial science.

8. Why am I seeing so many older people in these childish protests? Shouldn't they have figured this crap out by now and moved on to building families and lives they can enjoy?

9. When I'm this woman's age, I will have more important things to attend to. Not to mention, it's nearly impossible to be more miserable than her by that age.

There are other thoughts, but, this photo just really spoke to me. I love. I cherish it. And when I look at it, I see reality come crashing down on what is nothing more than the most arrogant and spoiled rotten elements of western civilization.

You kiddies keep protesting reality. Let me know how the battle against the truth goes. In the meantime I'll light up a cigar and watch a bunch of former 60s rebels and their modern day OWS counterparts piss away their lives protesting against the fact they have to grow up, get jobs, be adults and support themselves. Only to find out in their 70s they wasted their lives, had one shot and blew it, and can sit and stew in the crappy government nursing homes they voted in for themselves..

To quote Cartman;

"Damn hippies."

Stay Thirsty My Friends

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Ride That Education Bubble Gravy Train

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Jack up tuition when kids can barely afford it,

but knowing you can do so because because the demand for degrees is so high

but don't tell them demand for Carlson School of Management graduates is so low

and force them to take worthless HR classes and marketing prerequisites.

While you blame it on the big bad, meanie republicans at the state legislature.

Switch from Coke to Pepsi

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My little blog here isn't the Drudge Report, but I'd like to think with the 7,000 est readers we could pack a punch. Namely, if we all switched from Coke to Pepsi, that would translate into roughly maybe $250,000 less in sales over the course of our lifetimes to punish Coke for trying to get political and proselytize to us about global warming.

Seriously, I go to bat for corporations every day to have their taxes eliminated, I don't need them and their sanctimonious CSR department stabbing capitalism and freedom in the back placating environmental communists with their global warming BS all in the hopes of eeking out an additional 1% in sales growth.

Here's a list of Coke's products. Truthfully, it's a long one. So just look on the back of the bottles and make sure it isn't a coke product.

I got enough problems with NGO's, non-profits, unions, universities, public schools and governments on my hands. Don't need the bleeping corporate sector to go all rent-seeking-commie on us.

"Calling It Quits"

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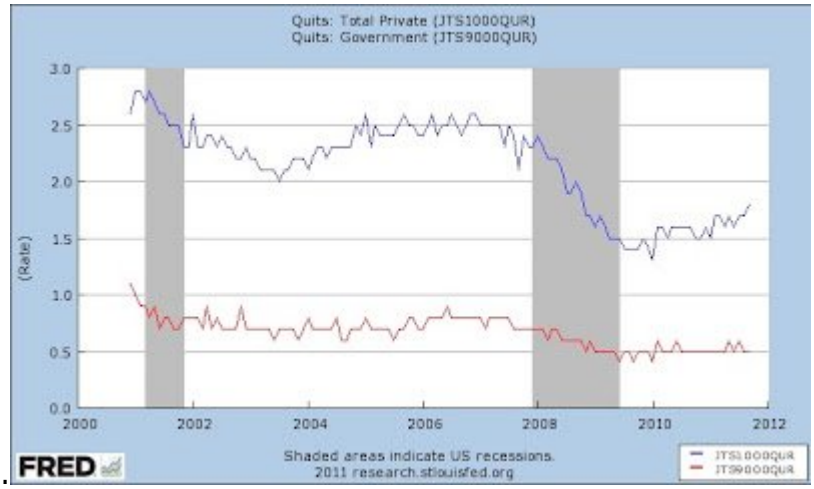
Found some interesting data. The "quit rate." What percent of employees just up and quit.



What's great is they break it down between various groups, notably, government and private sector. Surprise, surprise, government work is so cake, barely anybody quits!

The Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Notice anything missing from this and this?

Mark my words, there will be hell to pay for ignoring one half of society. And it won't be me meting out the hell. It will be nature.

The question is when society is on the brink of collapse and comes around to men, asking us to fix it, we'll be 80 years old and relatively indifferent about it by then. Though we will have enjoyed the show, because we have learned to

Enjoy the decline!

Brought to You From Across the Fruited Bloggosphere Plain

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Sarcastic charty goodness is still charty goodness.

It takes a lot of empirical evidence to prove to you that what you were told was wrong AND for you to believe it. You then get enraged. You demand your time back, but since you can't get it back, you simply resort to the only thing you have - your inner, visceral instincts. Which is what women precisely wanted in the first place.

Welcome to the fight, this time I know our side will win.

Probably wise not to pick up your second wife at "Divorce Care Camp."

You don't want me to be president. I'd ban all religions, including global warming.

Gucci Little Piggy has an economic epiphany and is thusly promoted to the official rank of Junior, Deputy Economist!

Ms. Walsh finally speaks to something I knew when I was 19 was utter BS, but still forced upon me anyway. I didn't see video games or Rumpleminze on the list. She also launches her own version of female game. Look out men, if you drink you might express feelings. So make sure she's more drunk than you.

Like Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny, there is no such thing as a "born again virgin." Self-absorbed, delusional woman who are so self-centered they'll ignore reality to boost their ego, yes. Those do exist. But not born again virgins.

I got in a fight by that church. Thankfully snow is out in Minneapolis which means the cops don't have to work as hard because the criminal element in Minneapolis is lazy and doesn't like the cold. It also makes Ed's runs safer.

Binge drinking, whoring, smuggling tobacco...shoot, he makes me look like an amateur at enjoying the decline.

Those "stupid heathens" who weren't educated at Ivy League degrees will actually live in the real world long enough to kick your pampered, spoiled, brat trust fund baby ass. Not because they're brilliant, but because they were not shielded from reality. And, ultimately, those who live in reality will do better than those who live in La La Land.

Now, that's not nice. That's the truth. You need to hide the truth. Also, related to my book (due, sometime soon once I get the finalized copy).

You want an underdog to cheer for.

English Degrees are Worthless

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Apparently I need to address this, because you would think that it would be obvious why you should never major in English, but millions of idiotic youth do every year, so hopefully I can save some of you kiddies from making the same mistake.

YOU ALREADY SPEAK ENGLISH!

WTF????

You need to pay somebody $75,000 in tuition to learn how to speak it "real good" or something?

No job prospects, no employment opportunities. It's the coward's way through college.

Before you blow all your parents money on a worthless degree, maybe you could spend a couple bucks on this first?

Spurious

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There are some interesting charts here, but the basic premise is that with women entering the work force, this depresses wages because the supply of labor has increased.

Couple points to note (and realize I have no particular feeling of this one way or another, since I haven't studied it thoroughly enough).

1. Yes, the increase in supply of labor should depress wages, but....
2. A doubling of the number of people working should also result in the doubling of the amount of goods and services being produced, as well as lower prices, thus increased standards of living - ie-women entering the workforce should help us, but...
3. If they all go become elementary education school teachers or social workers, then it is just a wealth transfer and no real goods and services are produced, let alone income and...
4. Most of the production women provide in this economy is simply to work up the money to pay for child rearing and house keeping that they've now outsourced as they've pursued careers. And ADDITIONALLY
5. TO PAY FOR THE INCREASE IN TAXES because when you decide to outsource rearing, you not only have to pay for the govenrment to baby sit your children either through the public schools or public day care, you also have to pay for additional cops, lawyers and judicial costs associated with the divorce, litigation and crime associated with broken families.

There is a piece of me though that still believes that women can do just as good of a job as men in most fields (not all, and vice versa). And some fields they are more productive in (accounting I believe is a perfect example as I believe women to be more precise and detailed than men). Unfortunately, based on what I've seen in the first half of my life, women are not living up to the bargain in terms of being independent, and disproportionately opt to pursue make-work-make-believe careers in the public or non-profit sector that really don't produce anything.

I shall not live the second half of my life ignoring this or being so ignorant about it. I will, for once, truly become an original feminist by treating women as genuine equals and holding them to the same standard as men, with the exact same expectations.

And they won't like it.

From Our Spanish Speaking Man in the Field

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My grandfather from Spain saw and suffered what happens when Communism is implemented (it was called the Socialist Party and the Communist Party running Spain in 1934 and declaring void the elections where they lost -the 1934 elections-). After a promise of elections, nothing had happened yet by 1936 (apart from nuns and vicars being shot, well, and anybody else the thugs did not like, including neighbours, those suspected of being religious, those who had red shoes, those who looked weird, those who had no friends, guys with funny hair, capitalists -i.e. business owners-, etc.). Then, in 13 July 1936 the leader of the opposition (Calvo Sotelo, check him on wikipedia) was dragged from his home by thugs (i.e. the thought police and the local militia) and shot (and the government said they did not know what had happened or how to find the culprits)... the military did a coup (failed) four days later, which led to the civil war. Despite the war, I am of the belief that Spain was better off in 1975 (when Franco died) than if they had been Romania-in-the-West until 1990. God knows what the Soviets would have done in Europe with Spain as a satellite.

The Communist (that's right, communist, republican was double-speaking) side lost because they were unable to arrange a piss-up in a brewery, and civilians (my grandfather was one of them) on the Communist side were defecting to the Franco side (not many the other way round) as on one side you had some food and order, on the other side you had no food (unless you were a thug or part of the clique) and no order.

My father, and now me, travel across latinamerica. We have seen what communism did and what capitalism has done for these guys over the past 20 years. Capitalism wins hands down every time (hence why Ecuador and Venezuela suck, ditto for Argentina), yet take a look at Chile and Colombia (I think Mexico can rise... if they nail down -well- the narco culture, because a culture it is, even with its own music style).

Final note: I heard that Pinochet was responsible for eliminating 2000 people; it is said (in Chile, of all places -I have worked there-) that 200,000 people would have died had Allende implemented his Communist dictatorship of the People. Interestingly, I read recently that one of the first things Pinochet did was call economists in the US, and the Chicago school of thought sent a few people over; next thing Pinochet did was burn millions and millions of bank notes to bring down inflation; the economic measures he implemented resulted in present day Chile, the only country in latinamerica where I would invest my own money (well, perhaps Brasil as well).

Got Forth, Cappy Cappites

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And further your economic knowledge, so that you too may achieve super awesome economic genius:

Charty goodness from The Leak

Charty goodness AND a lesson in derivatives. the hat tip

The Adam Corolla Show with MP3 goodness

Finnish crime and the compensation that comes with it.

First we kill Moose, then Squirrel. Would you consider taking down some global warming frauds first?

Converting one convert at a time.

"Outpace and Outachieve Men?"

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And precisely with what degree and in what fields will you ladies be doing this?

Engineering? Accounting? Physics? Medicine?

Or will it be Emotions? Or Feelings? Or Government Puppy Breeding?

I saw she has a BA, anybody want to guess what in?

I'm guessing "Youth Ministry" or "Religious Studies" or some other such degree that isn't going to do a damn lick of good for this society.

The Lord Has a Plan

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To help Ms. Daughill, I shall quote what many Christians quoted me when I would ask stupid questions about the sanity of their decisions, or I would be shot down by a Christian woman on the grounds I was not a Christian:

"Don't worry. The Lord will provide."

or a variant

"The Lord has a plan."

Hopefully, this will assuage any concerns she has about what lies in her future. Because I have been reliably informed multiple times by multiple Christians that not only did god intend this to happen, he was doing it to test Ms. Daughill.

end/sarcasm

I will say this again for the cheap seats. There are good Christians out there, many of which are friends of mine. But a higher and higher percentage of Christians are merely "joining a club" to get the benefits of belonging to a club and couldn't give a damn less about the teachings. The benefits include not just social benefits, but a mental sickness that provides their mind the rationale to avoid reality, live in whatever reality they choose to, and ultimately avoid responsibility for their actions, let alone the consequences. It has become the ultimate food source for rationalization hamsters because bad decisions are no longer the individual's fault, it's "the Lord's plan."

Just like Islam, I think Christianity is in dire need of another reformation, one that purges these abusers of the religion.

You will, however, still be able to find me in bed watching cartoons come Sunday morning.

A Very Cappy Cap Christmas!

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You probably have relatives or parents that are over 40 and were brought up in the "card giving days." You probably remember those days when at the age of 8 you were forced to sign a ton of cards for Christmas or somebody's birthday by your mother. Even at that age you wondered how the recipients of the card couldn't see through the forced signatures and see it was a simple ruse on the part of your mother, but you signed anyway.

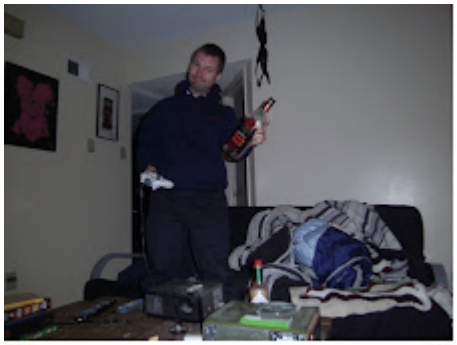
Or perhaps today you have Gen Xer's that recently had children and have since disappeared from the face of the planet. You only see them now on Facebook, and wonder if they truly do exist at all.

Whichever the case, now is the time you will be receiving those lame "family Christmas cards" that nobody really asked for, nobody really cares about, and nobody really reads. If for any other reason you are going to see those people in the Christmas card in about 2 weeks and already KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR FAMILY,

or

the friends you used to have before the evils of children consumed them, denying them any more fun in their lives, keep having more and more children and you, frankly, can't keep up with them and so you lose interest. Mayhaps 18 years from now they can all go out once again and booze it up at the salsa club...at the age of 55.

Regardless, I thought to help contribute to the spirit of Christmas, I should send out my own Very Cappy Cap family Christmas card this year and update you about all the members in my family! I hope you like it!



Merry Christmas Economists!

2011 brought the Cappy Cap family great joy and love.

The Captain - Is now in his 3rd year of enjoying the decline. Hits are up 40% and hate mail up 800%!

Rumpie - Rumpie is doing well, but has trouble staying filled. The Captain had to go and buy him about 20 new sibblings over the course of the year.

Sergeant Fluffalo - Watches guard dutifully over the Captain's computer HQ.

Motorcycle - Sadly, the Captain's old motorcycle passed away. Happily it was replaced with a newer, more powerful one! All the other fathers in the neighborhood just look at it and hope someday they can have one too!

X-Box 360 - Continues to provide the warm, loving glow of FPS's and soothes the Captain to couch every night.

We wish you and all of yours a Merry Christmas full of Rumpleminze, fast motorcycles, stuffed Buffaloes, video games, sushi, 4 day weekends and all the electronics you can afford as you enjoy the decline in 2012!

What the Captain Wants for Christmas

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Because I am a cheap bachelor, I more or less have everything I want.

Then I saw this.

You girls want to make the bachelor in your life happy, this is what you get him.

Can't Afford a House When You're Unemployed

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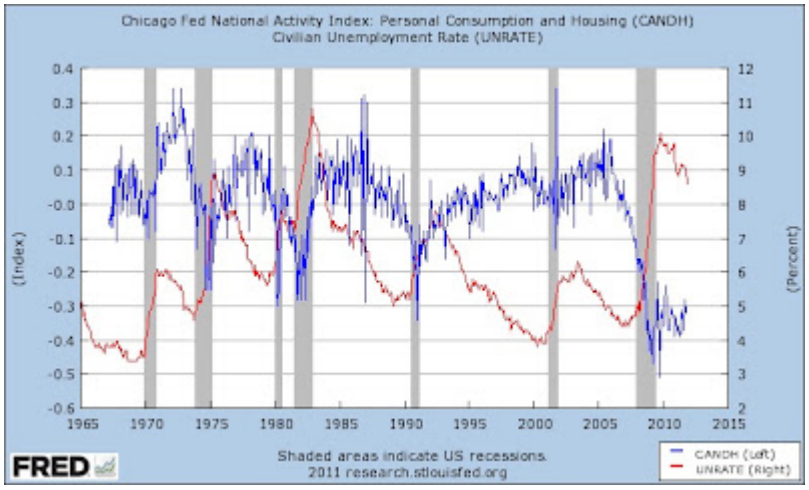

The economic situation will not improve until we have more jobs.

We won't have more jobs, until BO leaves and stops thinking unemployment benefits create more jobs than cutting off investments like the Keystone Pipeline.

We won't get rid of BO, until 2012 and...

if we get a full house, senate and presidency under republican leadership in 2012

I'm sure they'll botch it up by being beta males and moving to the center to be perceived as compassionate.

I'd make a kick ass senator. Bottle of Rumpleminze always on my podium as I address the senate. Smoke cigars. Ride a motorcycle in DC. Oh, I'd piss everybody off.

BUt the ladies would love me.

I can see it now:

"Senator Bad Boy."

Worthless!

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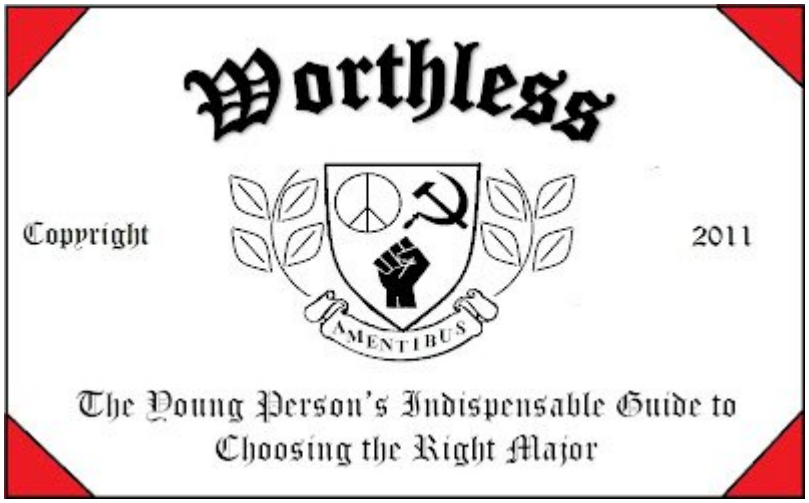
Well Cappy Cappites and assorted economists, I received the book proof of my new book and it looks great. I authorized the publication and Amazon says....

5-7 Business Days before it's ready.

So to hell with it. I'm done waiting for it to be ready and am announcing the book today!



The cover more or less explains everything. "Worthless" is the one book that every teenager and 20 something should have AND READ. It outlines the basics of economics as to why some degrees are more valuable than other, goes through all the major "majors," highlighting which ones are worthwhile and which ones are worthless, and provides the much-needed guidance that "guidance counselors" spectacularly fail to provide young adults when it comes time to choosing a major.

Though written for younger people in mind (it's only 175 pages, and a small book at that), adults may find it interesting too in that I expose and eviscerate "Big Education." Some interesting data and statistics, and of course, what book by the Captain would be complete without some charty-goodness.

I WROTE IT IN UNDER 3 WEEKS. I did this so it could be available as a Christmas gift for the son, daughter, nephew, niece or special young some one in your life that you care about and desperately want them to avoid making a huge mistake by choosing a worthless major.

Also, since it was written in under 3 weeks, YES THERE ARE BOUND TO BE SOME TYPOS IN THERE.

Not real ones like the misspelling of words or horrible grammar, but anal retentive ones that you guys like to point out. Semi-colons, missing/extra comma's, etc. When you buy it and read it, if you see any real typos that escaped by crack team of editors, please let me know and I shall change them.

As mentioned before, it won't be available for 5-7 business days, but when it is, I will provide the link. Also, any of you kind enough and willing to provide the Captain a little exposure on your blogs would be greatly appreciated.

There is more to say, because I believe the book is quite revolutionary, but I will wait for the official release.

Thank you all.

Cpt.

I Am the Greatest Economist that Has Ever Lived

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Many of you have made the comment along the lines of

"Well, Captain, when some archeologist finds your blog/book/etc., they're going to look back and say, "wow, they had the answer right here. Why didn't they listen to this guy?""

Why wait till then? Just read some vintage Cappy Cap to see Super Awesome Economic Genius it's it's early days.

From Our Spanish-Speaking Man in the FIeld

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Our SSMITF sent this to me and tendered the following theory:

Conservatives are more happy than liberals because they recognize that people are not perfect, the world can never be perfect, and that choices involve trade-offs. At first blush, that might have a pessimistic twinge to it, but it's a matter of realism. Liberals get frustrated when they can't create their socialist utopia where we all live in fraternal harmony and sing kumbaya, cease all wars, while saving the planet, the whales, and every aboriginal language on the face of the planet. Conservatives are more modest in what they think they can accomplish, and so are much happier with their lives even if things don't go perfectly.

I will tender a simpler theory (though not disagreeing with what he said):

The Truth Principle.

When you don't abide by the truth or live in the real world, whatever actions you take are going to be fruitless or fail. This ultimately results in no success and no genuine progress in you life.

Liberals, and especially OWS protesters, become progressively more angry that life "just isn't doing what it's supposed to," and as they age, become progressively more fearful that they may have been wrong their entire lives.

Worse still, they realize, deep down inside they simply wasted their youth, AND their "ideological dream" will never be realized.

Convervatives on the other hand, don't even need success to necessarily be happy. The fact they understand what is going on and why will make them happier than the average liberal because they're not delusional. Though, they may never achieve the wealth or progress they were capable of because of corruption, nepotism, parasitic liberals and the commensurate tax price tag that comes with it, they at least understand and do what they can within the scope of the real world.

For example:

Do I like the way the country is going?

No.

Did the US ever provide the opportunities I could avail myself of, work hard, and achieve my best as we were told in school?

No.

Will I ever be able to achieve what I dreamed?

No.

But, at least I know why. And in knowing why, I now know to no longer try to become the world's greatest economist. I merely go out and maximize the fun I have on this planet. I buy motorcycles, I live out west, I hike, I play video games, I sleep in, I hang out with you schmoes, and do what I CAN to maximize my happiness. And that also includes watching people suffer from their own choices - OWS protesters get angry that there isn't limitless funds, or aging Gen X women who constantly ask "where are all the good men," liberals bringing children into the world and having the sudden horror about what kind of world they're bringing their children into, etc. etc. It's the epitome of enjoying the decline.

Liberals constantly TRY to do what they CAN'T, which is why they fail at being as happy as conservatives. They major in worthless subjects, indebt themselves, and then get pissed off when the labor market doesn't just "poof" make them a job. Feminists try to ignore an entire half of the population's psychology, and then get pissed off when there aren't any real strong men any more, and they are relegated to cats. And union members, get enraged at the economic realities of the taxpayer's money no longer being there and no foreign countries willing to lend the US money to pay for their bloated and unnecessary salaries.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, but does the average life long, professional protester, when sitting on their death bed, ever come to the realization that all they managed to do in their life was piss it away? That in protesting against reality and effectively being poor their entire lives, but "oooh goodie! They helped enact some legislation to save the whales!," they may rue the one shot they had at life?

I don't know about you, but if that was me, I'd be pretty angry too. And the only person I'd have to be angry at would be myself.

Whatever the case, don't be one of those people. Live in reality. Otherwise you can be as happy as an OWS, feminist, spinster, professional protester. Which does not paint a happy picture at all.

Bleeping Horses

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English teacher with $174,000 per year pension, now running a horse farm.

Bleeping golden parachute for teaching a language everybody is already fluent in.

Why the World's Greatest Economists Are Black

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Women, as I've said before, I believe make better accountants. They are more detail oriented and are in perpetual training to audit their future husbands so they may lord anal retentive inconsistencies over them (HAR HAR HAR!!!). But, no, seriously, you want a woman tax accountant, just as you would a woman editor of books because they are more detailed and precise than men.

I will also stand here before you today and claim blacks make better economists. The reason why is below.

Anonymous said...

You're good but not as good as Thomas Sowell.

7:59 PM

Captain Capitalism said...

I would actually cast my vote to Walter E Williams as the greatest economist that has ever lived.

And the fact both are black is not coincidental.

To have come from a culture that purposely attempts to brainwash you based on the color of your skin, not to mention punish you if you deviate too far from the reservation, and to have the intellectual fortitude and honesty to overcome that brainwashing and pursue the truth, is the sign of a truly honest and great economist.

I don't compare to either, simply because my training grounds were never so hostile to independent thought and thus never testing my independent thought so.

Cpt.

8:03 PM

We can test my theory by seeing what kind of upbringing Paul Krugman had. I predict it was very cushy, thereby resulting in the utterly craptastic economist he is today. Anybody know?

Friendly Policy Reminder from the Captain

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Greetings all.

What I regret more than not choosing petroleum engineering as a major back in my youth is when I see a brilliant comment or post made by a reader, but it is either full of cursing or just even too crass for my sake.

I am therefore requesting that those of you who are making posts or comments of the intelligent nature not ruin it with cursing or swearing or just off color commentary.

I, as much as the next man, appreciate the appropriately placed "damn" or "god-damned" to emphasize a point. However we can't have "filth and foul, foul filth, and effing b$#%tches, and foul and filth."

So please make your points somewhat clean. I'm not running an Emily Post blog here, but neither a submarine.

Thank you,

Cpt.

"Worthless" NOW AVAILABLE!

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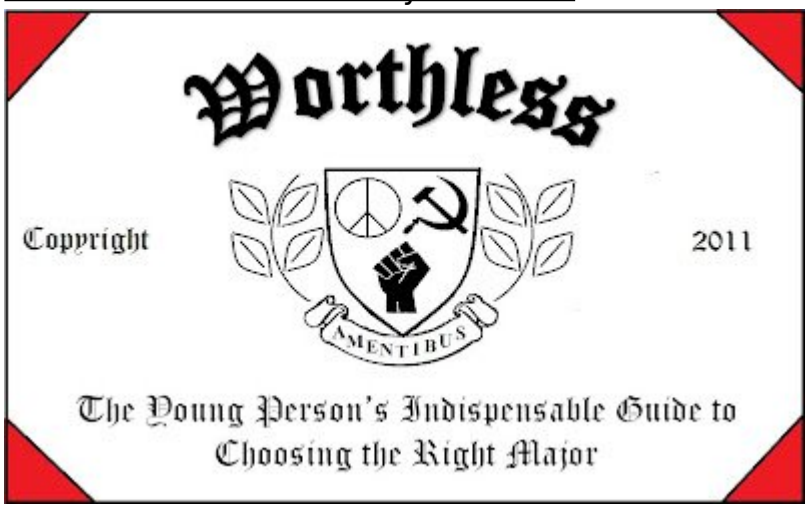
Happy Day, Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official and Otherwise Economists!

"Worthless" is now officially available.



The Kindle version will come later, but if you're looking for a great book for any youth in your life about to attend, or already attending college, this is THE Christmas gift you want to get them. Also, if you just plain want to read an outstanding evisceration of "Big Education" and have warm Cappy Cap fuzzies in your stomach, pour yourself a Rumpie, fire up a fire and read the charty goodness within.

The book is only 175 pages, and a small book at that. So it is easily consumable in an afternoon. It is meant to be a guide, so it is succinct and to the point. Not a Ayn-Randian tome that goes on forever. Regardless, there is something for everybody in "Worthless," so I sincerely doubt you will be let down.

So go forth and buy now! More to come!

The Debt Fuel Fizzled

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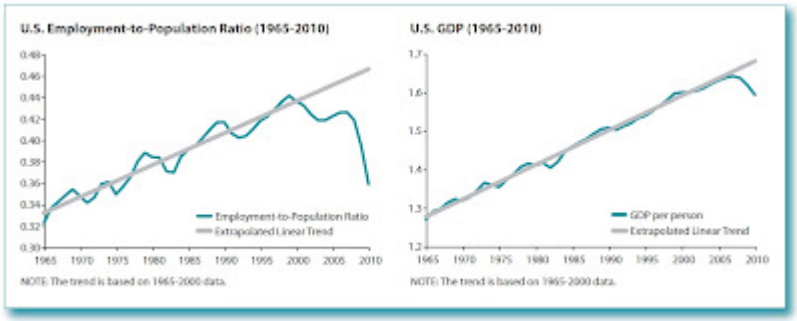
A report by the Fed in St. Louis tiptoeing around the possible causes of the collapse in growth and standards of living.



Of course I know the answer - debt is no longer a way to grow a country out of economic malaise because the funds are never put to their best use. Not to mention when you have so much of it, it scares away investment because it increases the chance of collapsing the system. There's also the psycho-sociological havoc that's been wreaked upon the productive people in this country, sending them into an economic coma as we champion the losers of this country (single baby mama's, the poor, the "oppressed", etc.) at the expense of the true champions and heroes.

Until there is a future (and by future, I mean profit and freedom not to be taken away by the government to give away as bribe money to the losers of this country), you can expect the decline to continue.

Because no matter how much you may hate to admit it, it is the productive people, the "champions" that move society forward.

Not the ill.

Not the poor.

Not the "oppressed."

Not the connected.

Not the nepotists.

Not the rent seekers.

Not the old or infirm.

It's the Tony Starks.

The Howard Hughes.

The Bill Gates.

The Vanderbilts.

The Carnigies.

And those that just plain work for a living and support themselves.

The revolutionaries and industrialists that piss off all the right people because they constantly threaten the status quo because they found a better way to do things. Not the "single mom at the WIC office" or some AARP protester begging for more Medicare we're all so obsessed about championing these days.

Of course, we can continue to spend nearly 75% of the federal budget on these people via income transfers and hope somehow magically the economy turns around, or, we can put the producers and innovators back in charge, let them do their thing and help out everybody.

But something tells me people would rather force everybody to make $17,000 a year, rather than have a few people making $500,000 a year, another group $200,000 a year and the poorest only $50,000 a year. Because for socialists being "equal" is more important than being successful.

Today's Linkage

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Again, when government spending as a percent of GDP drops below 10% and the percentage of the federal budget that goes to income transfers drops below 10%, then I will donate to charity. Until that time, your money is simply going to employ people to run a charity which is already being served by government largess.

Not another Baby Boomer drama. God, nobody cares. As one poster said, "I can't wait to see drama shows or sitcoms based on nursing homes."

Wow, who knew she would have had a worthless degree! Prevent your children from becoming this, buy "Worthless!" now!

Until the right decides to separate religion from politics, you can expect the religious right to be an anchor attached to the F-18 Superhornet that could destroy socialism once and for all.

Sheeple will kill you because their desire to not be proven wrong overrides any desire they have to hunt down and discover the truth. Bonus points for the Fall Out 3 theme.

Why I don't support Newt, I still support Herman Cain, and why Ron Paul is the next best option.

14 year old boys, lend me your ears, so that you may not suffer the hell your fore-bearers did before you.

Toronto's women must be very sexually frustrated. But, they voted for it.

An aspect of "Hopey Changey" I didn't think of. I hope the unions aren't invested too much in GM stock...oops!

Will it be the same for black kids? I ask because none of them are familiar with slavery or the underground railroad today either. So glad I don't pay taxes any more for that BS.

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Worthless Degrees Helping the Sex Trade

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Well that degree may not be handy, but I'm sure some of the prettier sociology majors can find some employment.

Fathers, do your daughters a favor. Man up and buy her Worthless.

Recession Medicine - Family Dog 3

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Couldn't remember if I loaded this final one up:

Liberal Lies Must Taste Better Than Rumpleminze

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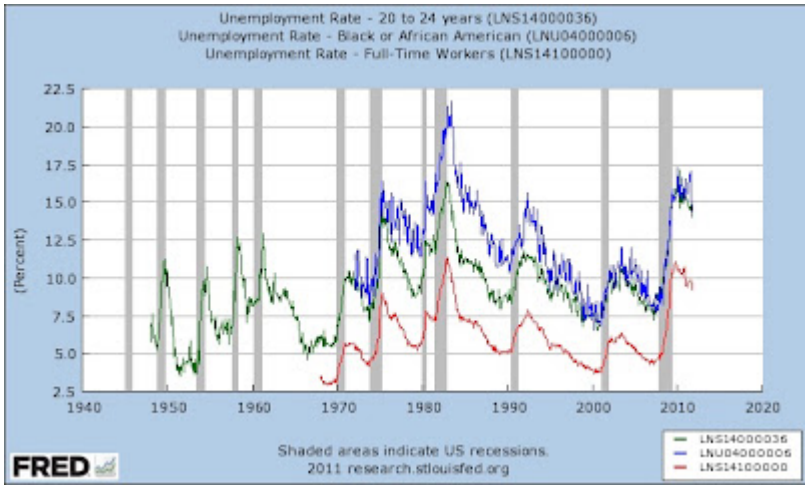

Inevitably economics comes to a crossroads with human psychology.

And the question I ask is how blacks (represented by the blue line) and youth (represented by the green line) can still blindly believe, year after year, time after time the same damn tired outright lies they are told about how the real world economy works by the left.

The read line is the civilian unemployment rate. The gap is unacceptable. But frankly, I learned about 5-6 years ago, I can't do anything to fight ignorance, heck, most of the time you're eviscerated for doing so. Ergo, all I can do is shake my head and pitifully say,

"Enjoy the decline."

An Example of Alphaness

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"No, I'm done listening to your mindless cackling and your replacement of logic with emotion. I don't give a damn how you "feel." I only care about the truth. I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

This is very important for the 14 year old boys out there to notice. Look at the women's faces. They're arguing against this guy, but they don't look angry or upset. Matter of fact they actually look somewhat intrigued and turned on.

Stand your ground, show some strength (physical and mental) and that will do more to impress chicks than trying to compromise or placate them.

Woe Upon Those That Throw Away the Christmas Gift Bags

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Men,

Lend me your ears!

Do you want your Christmas to be marred with insufferable pain?

Do you want your ear drums popped by the screeches and howls of women?

If not, HEED MY WORDS!

Taketh not the Christmas gift bag, in all of its pretty shinnyness, and throw it away in the garbage.

Nay.

Reuse the shinny bag for presenting gifts to more people.

The reason not beith so that thee may reuse and recycle.

Nay.

It is to avoid the blood-curdling screams from the women when they see you threw away a gift bag and the ensuing 2 hour lecture about how you're supposed to use those pretty bags over and over.

Worthless Available on Kindle

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Greetings Cappy Cappites from across the fruited plain!

Good news! "Worthless" is now available on Kindle! For $5, you can have the super-awesome economic genius and knowledge of the book. That's less than a hefty pour of Rumpie at your favorite bar. No need to sit at the airport, bored, unamused during your holiday travels! Cuddle up with the Captain and read the anti-communist goodness within! Actually, if you're a guy, perhaps just a handshake and you can read the anti-communist goodness within. But if you're one of the ladies, yes, then pour yourself a nice shot of Rumpie, fire up the fire and cuddle with the Captain vicariously via the Kindle.

However, I do want to note something. The formatting required to get this thing loaded up into Kindle is HORRENDOUS! I managed to get the text to work well, but the charts do kind of throw off the layout and format a bit. I do apologize in advance.

Regardless, go forth and buy now! Worthless makes a great gift for the holidays!

Christmas Gifts for Teenagers

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Well, you could always buy them some wisdom that will prove more helpful than college itself.

Or the cheaper Kindle version thereof.

And it will be a lot less likely they'll came back to live with their parents when they're 30 years old.

I Solved the "Giggle Complex"

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Men in the ballroom dance community will know what I'm talking about and will appreciate the great advancement I've just made.

The "Giggle Complex" is when you go to a table of girls at a dance hall, and in order to not seem like you're a stalker or targeting any one girl, you say,

"Would any of you like to dance?"

Without fail, what reliably ensues is giggling. This is then followed up by the different girls at the table pointing at each other,

"No, you dance with him."

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"No, YOU dance with him!"

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"Tee hee, I don't know how to dance, you should dance with him!"

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You stand there like an idiot for about a solid minute that seems to last an eternity as they unknowingly mock you in front of many people (I however immediately do an about face once they giggling and pointing and "no you" BS begins, and have seen women continue pointing at each other not realizing I've left). If you have confidence, you actually take it in stride and perhaps even revel in the irony of how these girls are no doubt the ones complaining about where "all the good guys are," while there stands before them the salsa-dancing, motorcycle riding, fighter-pilot, surgeon, alphamale they all dream of having, but loathe the concept of dancing with.

Regardless, this presents a problem to men in the dance community, because while this strategy is still one of the best approaches to notch up some dances, it is draining, not terribly successful and is insulting.

Introduce a little Alphamaleness.

Was at the local dance club in town. Not a lot of dancers here, but there is a dance hall

and it gets reasonably packed on the weekend. Fed up with the past 3 weekends of getting shot down and by none-too-pretty ladies I might add, my attitude was not a patient one. I saw a girl that was in shape, went up to her and her group of friends at the table and said,

"Hey, let's dance."

The giggling and pointing was about to start, and she said,

"You should dance with my friend she..."

I cut her off. I said,

"I didn't ask her to dance. I asked you to dance."

The initial giggling immediately stopped.

Their eyes went wide.

No childish finger pointing or mocking ensued.

She got up off of her seat, walked to the dance floor with me and danced. When I got back to the table, I pointed at the next one and said,

"You're next."

Ended up dancing with the whole table.

I officially believe this is the way now to approach all women when you are asking them to dance, especially when they're securely huddled within the "herd." You single the hottest one out, go right up to her, borderline tell her she's dancing with you, and before the cackling can begin you deliver the silver bullet,

"I didn't ask her to dance, I asked you to dance."

Has not failed me yet.

The only other method I've had that has been more successful is to bring a ringer in. This is where you bring a dance partner who is outstanding. You dance so everybody can see how good you are, essentially advertising to the women,

"Yes, I know how to dance. And yes, you too could be the center of attention just like this woman I'm dancing with now."

Whether they know how to dance or not, they won't care. They want to become that woman on the center of the floor and have all the attention of all the men in the joint.

America is Running Out of Bubbles

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It was 1997.

I was working for this DB investment "firm" in Chicago. They all were pursuing their CFA's and MBA's and they all graduated from some top notch Ivy League school or another.

We were sitting around and the topic of conversation came up about the valuation of the stock market at the time.

One Northwestern graduate said, "It should be trading at 10,000."

Another U of Chicago graduate said, "It should be trading where it is."

I said, "It should be trading at 7,000."

They all laughed at me and thought I was nuts. But since I went to a public school and had to put myself through college, I knew I was right. The DJIA should have been trading at 7,000. Not the 9,000 it was trading at, at that time, let alone the 11,000 the moron from Skokie said it should be trading at.

It would only be another short year before the Asian currency crisis took the DJIA back to the level it should have been trading at and proved all my DB ivy league contemporaries wrong.

Of course, my victory would be short lived. The reason why is that within another short year a new phenomenon hit the market. The "Dotcom craze!"

I was no computer engineering major, but I had a hard time trying to understand why the DJIA went up to 11,000 because we sold pet food online. I was told I was a fool and didn't understand the "complexities" with the internet and how B2B, B2C and C2C marketing worked. I was a moron for not seeing how this would result in a mere tripling of our GDP.

Again. I said it wouldn't last, the earnings weren't there, blabbity blah blah blah.

And sure enough, the DJIA dropped back to 7,500 when all those MIT and Ivy league graduates couldn't get it economically up and produce the GD profits required to rationalize their valuations.

You would think this time, the Ole Captain would be proven correct. That sanity had finally placed itself at the helm of the pscyhology of the market. But no, there was a new

bubble.

The housing bubble.

I don't have to go into detail about the insanity that occurred there, because I already wrote the freaking book on it. But it was the same damn thing.

"Yea!!! Asset prices are increasing! Why???? Uh...umm....I don't know, but they are...YEA!!!!! Let's borrow more than we can afford out of it!!!! I want an SUV honey even though I have a degree in philosophy and work as a nanny!"

Of course nobody listened to my super awesome economic genius and, consequently, the economy went into it's worst recession since 1929 and ONCE AGAIN the DJIA DROPPED TO 7,000.

The solution, of course, advocated by our dear beloved leaders today is "education." Let's throw a trillion dollars a year into education. But, oh no. Not education where genuine economic production takes place like engineering or computers or physics. Oh, mercy me oh my no. No, let's all major in philosophy or education or sociology or whatever "hobby degree" the trillions of dollars the naive Chinese have lent us to piss away pursuing these worthless degrees.

And jee shucks whillikers howdy.

Where do you think the DJIA is going to end up this time?

I've been saying it for a long time. The DJIA - in short, the prevailing market price or numerical representation of the total economic productive capacity of the United States - should be at 7,000.

And what's great, what is supremely delicious, is that as far as I can tell, Americans have just plain ran out of bubbles to bail them out. How, oh how, are you going to keep that precious DJIA perpetually going upward so you can all afford to "magically" retire at 62?

Understand, my arrogance and bravado aside, I was genuinely the best damn finance and economics major at the U of MN. I put myself through college, I worked full time and went to school full time. I knew the 4 people who graduated with GPA's better than me, and they all had mommy and daddy paying their way and they took 5 years to graduate compared to my 3.5. They didn't even come close to me in terms of intelligence, let alone my intricate and intuitive understanding of economics, finance and accounting, let alone pure drive and determination.

So when every time it looked like FINALLY the economic realities of the global economy

would come to roost and deliver a dose of reality to the US economy, and I would be proven right, NO, the Americans were always creative and resourceful in finding new bubbles to constantly bail them out.

First it was the booming 90's, felled by the Asian currency crisis.

Then it was Dotcom Mania, felled by DB Gen X'ers who never had any intention of making genuine economic production.

Then it was a housing bubble, felled by the ineptitude of Gen Xers and Baby Boomers to make their mortgage payments

only to sadly and futilely be bailed out by the (pfa!!!! You ready!??? You sitting down?? This is going to be hilarious!)

The education bubble as worthless Millineals (don't care how it's spelled) pursue their degrees in "Puppetry" and Sociology and whatever worthless touchy feel good crap the preceding generations told them to go and major in.

In short, for the past 2 decades, America has been relying on bubbles to hide the underlying deterioration (ie-read laziness) in its ability to produce genuine economic production. We rely on asset price increases to pay for our retirements, to boost consumer confidence, to boost consumer spending, all while producing nothing of economic value to rationalize these price increases, resulting in not just bubbles and trade deficits, but unfathomable peace-time debts and deficits.

So, I'm just curious, fellow Americans. What faux bubble are we going to pursue now to hopefully fake out the rest of the world that we are a serious country to give us favorable lending terms so we can continue to piss away our creditors' monies?

A "Green Bubble" like the highly successful Solyndra.

A "Grrrrrrrl Power Bubble" like all you girls with your masters in social work and elementary education? Yeah, that'll close the trade gap with China and bring us back to a booming economy.

The "Baby Boomer 401k Bubble." Oh, that's right, you all pissed away:

1. The money you inherited from the WWII generation
2. The little money you worked up during your presupposed "productive years"
and
3. The money you mortgaged from your children in the form of SS and Medicare.

I'm sure, with the WONDERFUL employment opportunities you've left future generations we'll be able to just keep on contributing to the stock market via our own 401k's plans to keep stock prices artificially high so you can slowly switch out of equities into bonds.

The sad truth is that America has run out of options.

There are going to be no more magic tricks. There is no asset class remaining that hasn't been artificially inflated. There is no government where "Barack and His Magical Keynesian Unicorns" that are going to come to your rescue.

The time is VERY NEAR where the harsh, mean, cold realities of economics are going to beat the ever living crap out of naive, idealistic, lazy, socialist people, and I am here watching with my cigar lit, my Rumpleminze poured, fully intending to savor every second of it. It's already happening.

I love watching Detroit collapse.

I love watching employers cut jobs in socialist states like California and Minnesota.

I love watching OWS protesters with degrees in "peace studies" bitch about not finding jobs.

I absolutely savor the increasing number of stories where the Baby Boomers are so woefully prepared for retirement they have to "GASP" WORK PAST 65!!!!!

All these morons have just plan ran out of scams and charades to postpone the inevitable. You all are relying upon that so precious DJIA to keep going up at the historic 12.8% it has since 1881. Your 401k plans, your 403b plans, your pensions, your retirements, your TIAA CREF's, your teacher unions' pension funds. All of it dependent on stock prices going up, while you so damn ignorantly want to punish and tax the "evil corporations."

No bubble can save you now.

No miracle can overcome your ignorance.

I'm just waiting, at the edge of my seat, to see which new cockamamie bubble you're going to concoct now to bail your pathetic asses out.

Please, humor me.

Because the only thing that will genuinely bail you out is going to be legitimate economic growth. Something no American has the patience or work ethic for.

"Booming" Housing Market

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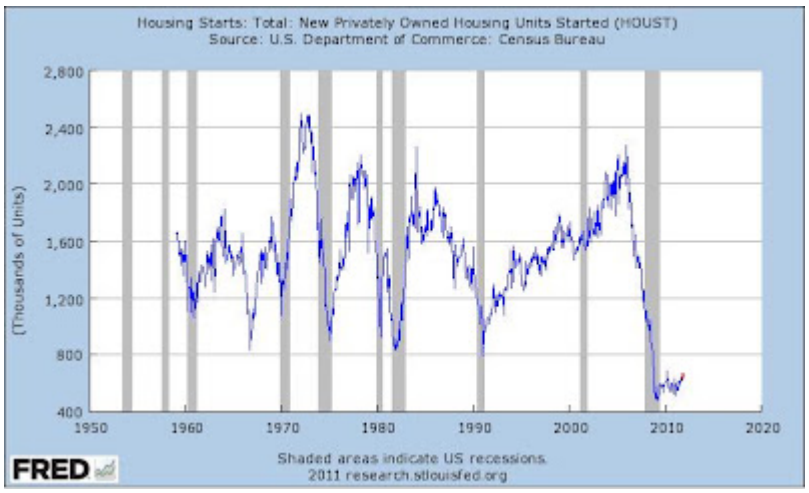
"Booming" which is like calling Roseanne Bar "hot."

I've updated the St. Louis Fed's chart to show that "booming" increase to 680,000 annualized units. You just can't miss the huge BOOM because it's so obvious, plus I made it red.



See the boom!? Do you see it?!! How can't you see it!!! It's SO OBVIOUS!

Not to mention it's all "multi-family" construction which means more renters and less owners!

Recovery, here we come!!!!

So Wronwrey

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Looks like some people aren't missing a meal in the DPNK.

Poindexter's Revenge

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Mandatory listening for all 14 year old boys, as well as their grown up male counterparts.

Please Lie to Me

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I say "*the numbers tell us*" because I've become very sensitive to the impact this kind of statement has on people. When I warned about the impending bankruptcy of General Motors in 2006 and 2007, readers actually blamed me for the company's problems – as if my warnings to the public were the real problem, rather than GM's $400 billion in debt.

The claim was absurd. But the resentment my work engendered was real.

So please... before you read this issue, which makes several arresting claims about the future of our country... understand I am only writing about the facts as I find them today. I am only drawing conclusions based on the situation as it stands. I am not saying that these conditions can't improve. Or that they won't improve.

Foolish man, doesn't he know the way to get ahead is to tell the aging gray hairs what they want to hear?

Economics is a Worthless Degree

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A lot of people ask me if I find economics to be a worthless degree and I say, "Yes, yes it is."

The discipline has been corrupted by Keynesians and professional bureaucrats as a means to rationalize wealth transfers and any private sector employment is minimal due to the private sector being about as dumb and intellectually crippled as the labor pool it pulls it's leaders from.

Thankfully I majored in finance so I have some modicum of accounting skill to fake like I know what I'm doing. Regardless, I would strongly advise AGAINST majoring or pursuing a career in economics because you will simply, once again, be giving Big Education academians your money to be:

1. Lied to
2. Taught nothing
3. With no tangible skill that any employer wants
4. Unless you already have an uncle in the Bulge Bracket or government who can land you a job

However, I do believe, like writing, it is a skill you should develop or learn on your own in that it will serve you better in other areas of your life. Not just because it's intellectually rewarding and stimulating, but studying reality-based economics (ie-Austrian) will help you understand where to invest, how society will evolve (or in our case collapse) and in general predict the economy much better than Krugmanites.

Linking Far and Away

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You can just tell without even having to read the figures.

"Math is hard." Tough sh!t kid. Unemployment is harder. Learn the damn math.

Why I wish I had a "Baseball Bat of Enlightenment" when I hear naive 19 year old college students espouse socialism.

Schroeder had game because he ignored Lucy. Schultz knew this.

You enjoy your career, we'll enjoy watching you decline and fail at bringing up what are 100% guaran-freaking-teed to be screwed up kids.

A Feminist Christmas

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I was going to throw this in with the rest of the links, but then it dawned on me it deserves its own ridicule.

I link to the Spearhead and not the Youtube video, for the video does not deserve the hits. But you should read the article (short), but more importantly watch the video.

Honest to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick. Are feminists even capable of being happy? How sad do you have to be to go and take innocent little Christmas songs and purposely find something wrong with them? I know the strategy is to take innocent things, create or identify false "problems" with them, claim victim status, and then demand government funds for compensation, but geez, you just look like, well, a bunch of pissed off feminists.

Additionally, while the girl in the video claims there are some really "creepy" things in these Christmas songs, what's really creep is something that hearkens back from my parochial school days. At this veritable brainwash camp I attended in my youth, we would be allowed to listen to records. But the teachers were always, constantly and PURPOSELY trying to find things wrong with the lyrics so they could scold us for listening to the song. Half the time the lyrics were so intelligible, we just liked the beat and the music itself. But no, they said (just like Mssssssss. Bahumbug did),

"But do you really listen to the lyrics and the hidden messages?"

As if to ply a guilt trip on you for daring to sing "Baby It's Cold Outside" and imply some kind of sin by association.

So to all you feminists who want to make everybody as miserable as you are during Christmas, perhaps this would be a better song:

Merry Christmas...that's if you're capable of it.

Update - seems the ratings and comments section of this video have been disabled. Probably because it didn't jive with the author's ideological desires of foisting misery and solitude upon all women. Apparently all the women who want real men and desire to be happy didn't like the video, not to mention, if any statistical evidence showed just how unpopular "feminism" is in the US, it would cost all those precious little feminists the rationale for their existence.

Don't worry girls, keep on crusading. A lonely, male-free nursing home, replete with cats and abusive government paid union socialist orderlies awaits you where you can convince yourself you didn't purposely shoot yourself in the foot by criminalizing what ironically could have been the best thing for you.

Oh, and merry CHRISTmas.

Give the Gift of Super-Awesome Economic Genius!

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Dear Fellow Beloved Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or Otherwise Economists,

Thank you very much for your purchases of my new book, not to mention many of you have just outright donated cash to the ole Captain. The Captain likes cash!

However, as I know, not everybody has the money to make donations or purchase my books. Not to mention, many of you either already know about the housing crisis or have already attended college and have no real interest in reading about it more. However, there is only one request I have of my readers and that would be to merely forward a link to a friend or another web site that might help boost my sales.

We have a lot in inventory at the Cappy Cap Store, just click on any one of the numerous side bar advertisements to grab the link and forward it to anybody you think might be receptive. About the only thing that isn't already linked in the side bars is the Kindle version of Worthless, which you can find here.

In the meantime, hopefully you or somebody will be able to read a little bit of the Super Awesome Economic Genius on their holiday travels and the Captain can keep you company as you sit in the airport waiting for your flight.

Vintage X-Mas Cappy Cap

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For those of you who don't have the greatest budget for this Christmas, consider the gift all guys want from other guys!

Nothing!

Captain 5 Years Ahead of Fed Economists

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From Aug of 2011.

From (originally) September of 2006. (if you don't believe me, look at when the charts end).

Ahhhh, if I only learned to kiss ass instead of kick ass, I could be employed as a government economist today.

The Poor Chillllldwreeeennnnn

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Yet another reason why I don't care about the "chillllldrreeeennn" or baby mamas. They are so spoiled by a public sector father (financed by us of course) that this constitutes a crisis of some kind.

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Freedom Twenty-Five: A 21st-Century Man’s Guide To Life

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Frost, as some of you know, is out gallivanting about, living the life every 20 something male should in Asian right now. However, for such a young fellow, he also managed to compile a book which is no small feat for the average 20 something American male.

I have yet to read it, and thus review it, but don't let that stop you from taking a look at it. It's available on

Kindle

or

Paperback

You may read reviews here.

I believe it is (much like my book) targeted towards youth to make it so their futures are easier than ours. It is a "game" themed book that, for all the writing and blogging in the manosphere, I'm not sure there are too many of.

Regardless, visit young Frost and if you need something to read at the airport, download the Kindle version.

Something for AARP to Ponder

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If any of this is true (which it is), I fear for AARP members when they rely on the youth they brainwashed to take care of them when they're old. Methinks there will just be a lot of really cheap tent-city nursing homes if any at all.

From Our Canadian Man in the Field

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I get a lot of e-mail from geologists and other folk employed in the mining/drilling sectors. Found this e-mail as I was cleaning up a bit, and decided like our SSMITF, I should share this with you:

Just wanted to say that your website is a great break in my day. I have to say that just about everything you say about people in my generation is true. I am a 27 year old petroleum geologist working in Alberta. The oil industry here has a major labor shortage in all sectors, that does not look like it is going to be getting better any time soon. If you have a bachelors degree in geology you can get a job in the field paying 150K a year for about 140 days work. If you have a MSC you can pick up right out of school a 120k a year job in the office with benefits and a healthy bonus structure along with loads of training and work place education. Engineering, accounting and finance jobs are all about the same in terms of pay and benefits etc. I am willing to be that students in University are not told by their counselors etc that these career paths even exist.

However the industry can not find enough qualified graduates to fill these roles. While in school, of about 15 of us in the department only about 3 work in the oil and gas industry. This is despite the oil companies offering internships paying 30$/hr, sending students all around the world on paid field trips. The attitude is that young people don't want to get into the industry having been told for years that working in Universities, for the government, or for environmental companies is a more noble way to contribute to society.

I am starting to run out of sympathy for people out of work in Canada and the USA when I see jobs advertised for unskilled labor in northern Alberta for 75-100k per year. It scares me to think what will happen when the 80% of the people of my generation realize how much wealth the motivated 20% has created for them selves, and decide to try and spread that wealth around.

Ripping on Poindexter

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Heh heh. I don't think society will ever get rid of the trait of assailing, if not, killing anybody who steps outside of the box and tries to create something to help society.

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Also, a pretty good read from The Spearhead. I would only ad that society, through progressive regulations and attacks on success and profits, has effectively killed most young men's incentives to go out, work hard and create. Much more rewarding to move back in with their parents and play video games, because, "why should I go and try to cure cancer, let alone be a responsible father and husband?" This apathy I have not only witnessed in myself, but other men as well. It could be anecdotal, but I doubt it. Young men are becoming more apathetic to society's goals because the support structure there to cheer men on to go out and kick ass and take names that was around in the 1940's has been turned into a political and educational machine against them.

Though I salivate at the prospects of watching today's current political ideologists of feminism, socialism, diversity, and equal-outcome-at-all-costs advance society to something better than those "old patriarchical fogies" managed with Western Civilization.

It Would Be the Greatest Christmas EVER

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Please bring back Firefly.

Please bring back Firefly.

Please bring back Firefly.

For those Cappy Cappites of the Capposphere that haven't seen it, I strongly recommend you watch the series Firefly.

Cpt. Malcolm Reynolds was actually fashioned after yours truly (and now wait for the roaring accusations of blasphemy)

The Comments are Priceless!

December 25, 2011 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Greetings Cappy Cappites across the fruited plain!

For some holiday cheer, I suggest reading the comments from Cafe Mom about worthless degrees!

Silly Rabbit, Worthless degrees are for kids!

Angry Aging Grandma Protester

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Continuing on with my fascination with old hippies who are still protesting and their faces when captured by photograhy, I remembered this picture from my capitalism/socialism seminar I did a couple years back.

This one is even more rewarding in that you can just see the results on what happens when naive children, WITHOUT RICH PARENTS TO BAIL THEM OUT, decide they're going to go and avoid the real world and become "professional protesters" or, more simply, dedicate their lives to a socialist cause. ie-what today's modern day OWS protester will become 40 years from now.

Just look at that.

Again, I ask those of you from the hippie generation, was it worth it? Are you happy you wasted your lives like you did? That lady could have had grandchildren right now. Could have had a normal life, a loving husband, loving family. Trips to Yellowstone, memories of Thanksgiving and Christmas (though duly noted this is Britain). Dancing the night away with her husband all dressed up in a nice evening dress. NIghts of cocktailing and martini's at jazz clubs. Watching black and white flicks until late into the evening. "Rocking chair time" as her and her husband lived out their last days on the porch. Heck, she could have also become an accountant or a doctor with a rewarding and PRODUCTIVE career.

Sadly, all I see is somebody who isn't really angry with society, as much as she is herself for being so stupid to piss her youth away. Now her brain faces a paradox:

Does she admit she was wrong this entire time and salvage what little of her life remains?

or

Does she continue down the path she set out for her self back in 1968 because her ego refuses to swallow its pride, thereby guaranteeing the remaining 10-20 years of her life are pissed away like the previous 50?

I don't credit these people with the intellectual honesty and fortitude to admit they were wrong. They just can't handle it, at least while they're alive. And so they will continue to piss away what little life they have left until they're on their death bed. And at that moment in time, the truth will fight its ugly way up through their gut to the frontal lobes of the brain where these people will be forced to realize and accept a conscious, crystalized thought;

"Oh my god. I wasted my life, and I have only myself to blame."

I will of course be sitting there, popcorn in hand, shot of Rumpie in the other, enjoying every minute of it as I enjoy the decline.

Captain Capitalism's Great Arizona Adventure

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Howdy Cappy Cappites!

Currently in Phoenix, AZ enjoying the lack of contributing to GDP. Climbed a "mountain" today because Woolsey peak was inaccessible to my rental car. This is the mountain, which was not terribly high, but did have some technical climbs involved (and now i await the fun-poking criticisms from our regular mountaineer reader)

It was however fun, plus nearby this mountain is a petroglyph area (see pics below).

Seth Rogens at Lux Central

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This is quick because I'm on vacation.

My buddy, who is a liberal, takes me to this coffee shop called "Lux Central" in Phoenix.

It's actually quite a cool joint with lots of rooms, food AND A BAR! Layout is great, LCD projector in the back. Probably one of the top 5 coffee bars I've been to (what few I've attended). Only one problem.

The "Seth Rogen Effect."

The Seth Rogen Effect is where DB millineal males decide it's cool to wear a rats nest beard, crappy hair, and frankly, make a great attempt at looking even worse than my generation's Grunge counter part. If you don't know what I'm talking about precisely, look at Seth Rogen and you'll see precisely what I'm talking about.

Making matters worse is the girls of the same generation all deciding to dress like THelma from Scooby Doo, with the pronounced thick rimmed glasses.

The effect is while they're all trying to "fight the system" or "fight conformity," in the end they all look the same and effectively become the conformists they so hate. It's obvious (like the Grunge generation) they're trying really hard to make sure you know they don't care about how they look. So much so to the point it's almost like they're rubbing it in

your face. And thus, I'm relegated to sit in what seems to be a faux hipster ugly people's convention, feeling pity for my millineal counterpart.

Now I don't personally care if the latest generation simply wishes to repeat the puke-inducing fashion fads of the 1970's and the 1990's in modern day form. I just go to a salsa club or a cigar bar and hang out with decent looking people who look like they bathe regularly. But let us take lemons and make lemonade out of it for our young, up and coming millineal economists who have the great misfortunes of growing up with this DB hipster crowd.

The great advantage any of you young, aspiring millineal economists have is that your peers, or more so, your competitors are purposely making it easy for you to score the attention of the opposite sex.

In the olden days, if you wanted the attention of the ladies you had to work out, run, lift weights and wear fancy (and expensive) clothes. It also helped if you drove a very expensive car and spent a lot of money. Now, with this current generation, it seems it's a race to the bottom. To make yourself look disgusting as possible. To make yourself look like a loser. To make it so you are the least attractive person to show just how cool and independent you are.

Thus, the bar has been lowered so much, you don't need to lift weights or spend a ton of money on a fancy car or buy fancy clothes. No!

All you have to do is simply SHAVE.

All you have to do is simply dress SLIGHTLY better than average.

All you have to do is be in AVERAGE shape.

And in doing this basic, simple things, you are already the hottest, sexiest guy in the room.

Ladies, it's the same thing. You don't need to wear an evening dress, work on your abs, doll yourself up, and spend hours at the salon. No!

All you have to do is SHAVE (the arm pits)!

All you have to do is SLIGHLY DOLL UP YOUR FACE!

All you have to do is WEAR CONTACTS!

All you have to do is WEAR A SKIRT OR DRESS AND LOOK FEMININE!

And in doing these basic, simple things, you are already the hottest, sexiest girl in the room.

Trust me for I speak from experience. The grunge fad went away quite quickly when the ladies started noticing that instead of having to settle for DouchebagMcGee grunger boy with his acoustic guitar, long hair and 7 year bachelor's degree in poetry, they could have a guy in a double-breasted suit, twirling them on the dance floor with a martini in hand with the swing dance craze. Instead of a Kirk Cobain pothead living in the dorm room with nylons on his arms, they could have the guy who could actually afford to take them to the newly-opened sushi restuarant in town. And instead of the sensitive 90's boy who would ask her permission to kiss her, she could get the jazz lounge connoisseur who would take her to underground jazz clubs, sip away at his martini, only to nibble on her shoulder without her express permission while taking in some Frank Sinatra.

In short, your generation has become so obsessed with proving to itself that it is beyond "materialism" or beyond "human nature" that any dumb average schmoe can simply adhere to the rudimentary basics of human nature and be the most sought after person in the room.

Oh sure, the "English" majoring hotty hiding behind the amish-length skirt and Thelma glasses, reading her worthless poetry book will put up a front. But if you show up in a motorcycle jacket on a motorcycle and say, "get on" she'll drop the faux intellectual front real quick (just look at how many "independent" liberal arts-majoring chicks are now with money-making surgeons and engineers. They didn't marry Kurt Cobain wanna be's).

And ladies, if you see a handsome man behind the Seth Rogen Wannabe facade if he'd just shave and wear a decent pair of jeans and a shirt, you could easily steal him from his Women's Studies majoring shebeast if you just put on a nice pair of heels and (gasp!) look feminine!

Already I have wasted too much of my vacation time helping you youth, so do not make it in vain. Go out and start plucking away at the diamonds in the Seth Rogen DB Hipster rough.

Return of the Blue Collar

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Where have all the good guys gone?

Language warning!

Freedom Twenty Five Book Review

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As you know the Manosphere, Econosphere and Capposphere has many bloggers, an increasing number of which are writing books. Frost over at Freedom Twenty Five is one of those bloggers.

His book "Freedom Twenty Five: The 21st Century Man's Guide to Life" is available on kindle and on paperback. I had the pleasure to read it while flying all over tarnation at various airports and am hereby submitting my review.

In short, the book is mandatory reading for any young man, say 25 or younger. It would save millions of young men billions of hours and billions of dollars in effort, costs, finances and health savings. The book is quite wide in its scope covering finances, health, and courting, the health section I found particularly helpful. However (as with anything in any aspect of life) it may not be terribly beneficial to those over 25 or those who simple developed game and took the red pill of reality early on in their youth. Of course, this is not a criticism because my most recent book is the exact same thing - a book targeted towards youth, not necessarily older people, though older folks would certainly benefit from it.

Now many people will mock or ridicule Frost for writing a book that is merely a synopsis of the great volumes of wisdom in the Manosphere. And while this may be true, understand that young men do not have the time to be sifting through millions of pages in the Manosphere, let alone the hours required to pour through the Tom Leykis archives. If there is a battle-ready rifle to arm a young man with, quickly and efficiently, Frost's book is it.

I could go on about minor grammatical errors or minor punctuation typos, but then I would be a hypocrite. REgardless, if you are a young man without a lot of time on your hands and you need some guidance your single mom couldn't give you or your effeminate father couldn't provide, read Uncle Frost's book. The ounce of price is worth the pounds of prevention.

More From Phoenix (and Sedona)

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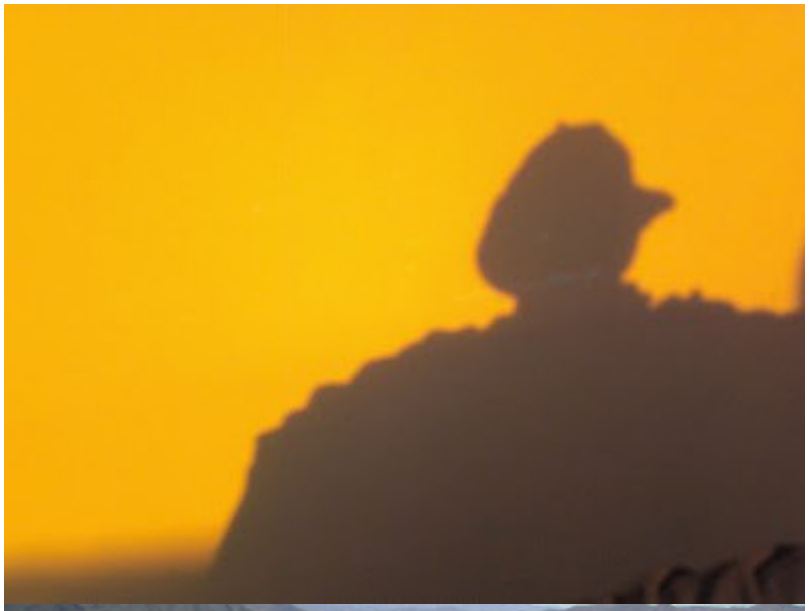

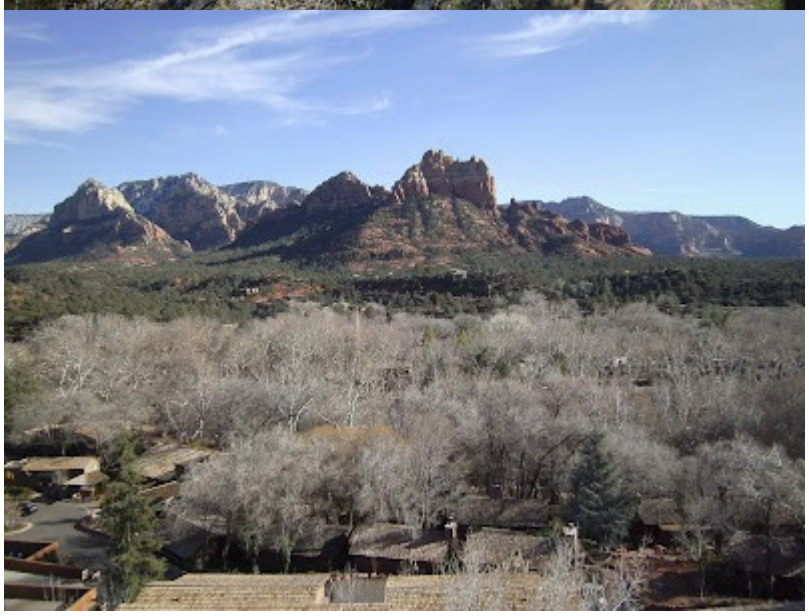

On Vacation, Will Be Back

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Will be returning to tell people what to think come Tuesday. Arizona is a big place, and then you throw in Vegas, and there's a lot of traveling through the middle of nowhere.

Die Pretty, Die!

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I am busy today, so today's linkage is brought to you by "Lazy Cappy Cap."

"Yes, Lazy Cappy Cap.

When life's too busy and you got to play catch up from vacation!"

Women Going Back to College

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for more worthless degrees.

If they only read my book.

Can You Do the Math?

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This is a little more complicated than the average,

"Amy had her first child when she was 18"

math problem where you get to reverse engineer at what age the irresponsible child decided to start having children.

Mr. Lindsay Strikes Again

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Oddly enough, whilst following my principle that if I am linked to, I link back regardless, Mr. Lindsay has surprised me again when I found his blog to be quite extensive in the knowledge of wolverines.

Since I am out west, I started looking up all the various little creatures that are capable of and have killed people. Wolverines are nasty creatures and I find out do exist out in there here parts.

I have also learned that a 9MM pistol is probably not going to be enough and so I have opted now to make my AR 15 the "fossil hunter's/mountain hikers" weapon of choice.

Charty Goodness

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From our Man in Rochester.

The Captain's Agents in the Field

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As you know we have our Spanish Speaking Man in the Field. We also have our Man in Rochester. All it takes to be an agent is to send the Captain links of interest.

Notice links of INTEREST, not "tons o' crappy links."

Would appreciate any links our field agents could send me as I recoup from vacation.

El Capitan

He Spoke the Truth, Kill Him!

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This is why I like Alan Greenspan. He has the ability to clearly, with a minimal amount of words, explain what is going on.

What is better though is to look at the comments. Veritable adult children crying over the fact we all can't just loaf off the government for a living. And this is from NBC. You know, where all the "adults" get their news. Acting like a bunch of cry baby children. I find it so intriguing how humans are so capable of denying reality.

Enjoy the cheap nursing homes! No matter how much you don't want to believe you'll be living in one!

Teachers are More Important Than Students

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The prepaid tuition option of the 529 plan is being dropped by more and more states.

Gee, it couldn't be because Big Education realizes that would cap future pay increases for their professors and college administrations now could it?!

For those of you who haven't bought "Worthless" on the grounds you are not entering college or are too old for it to affect you, you may want to consider purchasing it anyway because I do thoroughly eviscerate "Big Education" and include some interesting statistics. I will get into it later, but you will find that the battle for freedom and capitalism is epicentered at education.

Wisdom from Across the Fruited Plain

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I was going to guess "retired state worker living in a luxury area, completely oblivious to the economic realities real productive workers are suffer to pay her bloated and undeserved pension." But that's just me.

How sausage gets made. The children (and I don't say this lightly) should really be thankful of what the bloggersphere and manosphere have done for them. The wisdom out there, but more importantly, the facts we have brought to light should pave the way for a better future. The only problem is most youth today are morons.

Today's word of the day is "Grass widow."

You all remember Frank! go visit him for some post 2011 cheer.

But in the end, no matter how many freebies they get from the government, the government cannot provide women what they want in the end. And that is a loving husband to have "rocking chair time" with. And if you think women in their 30's-50's are angry now about "where have all the real men gone" imagine when they get paper cuts trying to extrapolate a kiss from their government check whilst in the nursing home. I'm sure they'll have nice long conversations with their government checks, talking about the olden days. And let's not forget all the fatherless kids that can sit around the fire at Christmas, asking the check to tell them a story or impart some wisdom. Thank god we outsourced fathers and husbands.

Escaping Minneapolis

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Watching Minneapolis implode on its unsupportable, but highly smug with itself, liberal philosophy has got to be the scotch that ends the buffet of enjoying the decline.

What I love even more is how people my age, and younger, are just so in love with "the city" and will go to great lengths to rationalize why they stay there.

Oooo!!! Sebastian Joes!

Oooo!!! "Uptown!"

Oooo!!!! The "lakes."

Sorry, ain't worth the $25,000 tax bill it takes to own a house there, let alone the legal risks of just plain renting property in the city. But by all means, you keep on aspiring to maintain your "urban hipster" status. I'll sit here across the city lines (state lines, actually) and watch with great bemusement. You crazy hip Minneapolitans enjoy that decline.

The Chinese Bubble

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One economist cannot the world's economies cover.

The bubbles in China (and other countries) are one of the things I have not been able to dedicate my time to.

Thankfully, you can rely on other economists to do that job.

I Wish I Had Gray Hair

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More valuable than an MBA!

More powerful than a CFA!

Able to out-earn highly qualified CPA's in a single bound!

It's GRAY HAIR MAN!

Yes, GRAY HAIR MAN can command a higher salary simply because he has gray hair! Younger, equally observant and intelligent men stand no chance against him, for employers, people, ladies and more are drawn to the intelligent-rays of grayness!

You want people to listen to you? You need gray hair!

Just kidding, the author makes an outstanding point (with charty-goodness), that I've made before. Will have to add him to the blog roll.

Just wish I had a masterful peppered mane of hair like he did so people would listen to me and pay me oodles of money.

Sigh.

Take That GreenNazi's

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At least somebody grew a pair.

Red Tails

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I am praying desperately that "Red Tails" does not end up becoming another "Pearl Harbor" movie. I want to see it, but I fear it will be another computer graphics-let's-jam-in-an-unfittable-and-unbelievable-romance-plot-to-get-the-female-viewers-while-ruining-it-for-all-the-men type movie. I did not see, however, any indication of some pointless romance plot. Just a bunch of guys kicking ass. So I am hopeful.

Any ideas? Hear any rumors? Speculation?

Couldn't Happen to a Nicer Group of People

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Or should I say, "deserving group of people?"

Hopey Changey has a price tagey.

The Attention Bubble

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An interesting observation (and language warning) from a New Zealander about texting and game. In short, with new venues of communications such as texting and Facebook, young women are interpreting that as "increased attention."

I was made aware of this at quite an early age. I'd say I was about 18 or 19 when I noticed if I approach a girl with a very innocent, non-romantic intention (say to find out where the book store was) her reaction (body language, eyes, posture, etc) indicated to me she thought I was hitting on her. It dawned on me that ANY attention I would pay to girls (whether it had sexual/romantic aims or not) would be viewed as sexual/romantic attention. This made it impossible to have a "normal" interaction with girls because they would always assume you were hitting on them, when frankly, you just wanted to know where the can was.

There are, of course, economic consequences to the young ladies of today misinterpreting "texting" or "likes" as attention instead of just mere socializing or neutral interaction. An "attention bubble" or an overvaluation of ones market value. And just as easy credit monetary policies of countries throughout the world led to a housing bubble, these new media (texting, facebook, etc.) are doing the same thing, flooding the market with "attention" and driving young ladies' ego's sky high.

The bubble, though, forms in the misreading of the "market pricing mechanism" or "market price signals." When "Joey" texts "Sally" and says;

"Hey, what time was our professor starting the lab?"

What Joey is really saying is

"Hey, what time was our professor starting the lab?"

Sally, however, misreads this price signal to read;

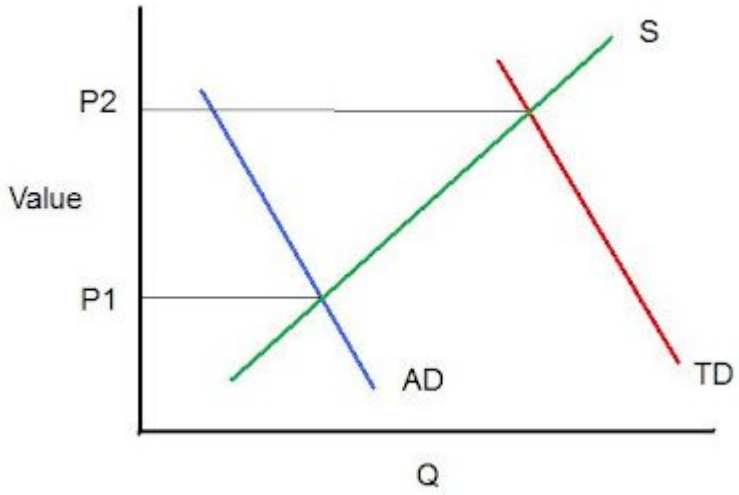
"OMG! Joey is SOOOOOO in love with me! Just like all the other guys who keep texting me. I am so hot! Joey is such a coward though, acting like he cares about what time the lab starts. He's obviously just using that as a ploy to talk to me."

This overvaluation of oneself can be represented quite simply by a classical supply and demand chart from Economics 101.

The "supply" of "Sallys" is represented by the green line and marked with an S.

The ACTUAL DEMAND for Sally is denoted with the blue line and marked with an "AD" (actual demand).

But, because of the new forms of media and communications, and the fact Sally takes the absolute value of ANY communication as proof positive a guy is hitting on her, she overestimates demand. This exaggerated demand is marked by the red line, labeled "TD" (text demand).



The results are what any good economists knows. The REAL price people are willing to "pay" for Sally is represented at P1. But because Sally is arrogant enough to think she's all that and a bag of chips (some 1990's jargon there for you kids), she perceives her market value at P2, much higher than the real price. This disparity leads to many suitable suitors pursuing Sally, but Sally turning them down because she has been led to believe she can do better.

In short, this chart is merely the graphical representation of "stuckupedness" teen and college-age men face in the courting battlefield in the western world. But don't worry, that TD line does inevitably shift to the left.

I, out of intellectual curiosity, would love to see any manosphere economists attempt to explain why.

Last Christian Standing

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"Last Man Standing" is an awesome remake of "A Fist Full of Dollars" but with a 30's ganster style twist. Plus it stars Bruce Willis. I put it on par with "Man on Fire."

However, Pukeku, in New Zealand, I like to refer to as "The Last Christian Standing."

You all know my views about religion. I find it pointless, I find it is usually abused by its advocates to gain power over others, and I find it a haven to protect those that are intellectual hypocrites and wish to have a diety to blame their outcome on "fatism" or "the Lord's plan."

There are however a few remaining honest Christians, Jews, Muslims, etc., that I will stand up for in that they are adherent to their religion and more or less stay out of my life and leave me alone. More importantly, they follow the religion for the religion's intended purpose - following a god or being a good steward of society. Not to "join a club" or "meet a guy" or "find a wife."

Visit the Last Christian Standing when I cut it too close for religious folks' tastes.

Eat Pray Love II

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God, please, MAKE IT STOP!!!!

What's worse is not only is this simply a regurgitation of Eat Pray Love, there's a bleeping sequel.

The fact these books/movies are not only so popular, but simply a rehashing of the same damn story, once again makes me think I ought to just try to write a crappy romance novel that would make Rationalization Hamsters across the fruited plain salivate. An impossible-to-resist buffet of 30 something, empowered women, living in New York, with multiple suitors, but finding themselves, replete with masters degrees.

Perhaps that would be something to get Grerp off of her ass and write a book. It would be a race to see who could finish first. She could write a legitimate book, with real, sincere advice that would help women, while I would serve up the same old rationalization-hamster slop American women are seemingly addicted to, that would only serve to worsen their lives.

And we'll see which one sells more.

The Friend Zone

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My Favorite Martian, if you don't know what it is, is a band that comes out with somewhat hilarious cartoon music videos. They target a presumably younger audience, but this was pretty funny (though I think they could have made it more hilarious, watch till the end though). Another bit of advice for the 14 year old boys out there - avoid the friend zone:

Cappy Cap's Christmas Stash!

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Your old Captain was very happy with what Santa brought me. Among other things I got Snoopy Bandaids, Tabasco Sauce Boxer Shorts, and a Bottle O' Rumpie (of course!) But I wanted to highlight "The Man from UNCLE" DVD series (replete with secret agent attache case!) because this is a MUST if you wish to truly enjoy the decline.

If you have not watched it, then I STRONGLY recommend renting it or getting it on Netflix to see what I'm talking about. Everybody is in suits, except the women who are all in sharp, tight fitting business skirts and are ALL (surprisingly) hot, skinny, early 1960's motif chicks, ALL of which have GUNS HOLSTERED ON THEIR BACKS (because they are super awesome sexy spy chicks from the 1960's!)

The writing and the screenplay is also excellent. Sometimes those old TV shows are slow and kind of simplistic in their plots. But this is akin to the writing of Casablanca or "Peter Gunn" if you ever watched the show.

Regardless, it's libertarian, conservative, American mind-candy fantasy in that this was what America was meant to become by today's standards. That is until we let the communists, feminists, liberals, crusaders and effeminate males have a say in how the country should be run. But if you think about it, the liberal/commie/feminist/etc., types can only hold up "Murphy Brown" or "Teenage Mom" or modern day reality TV as the pinnacle of socialist achievement in television.

As Ilya Kiryakin and Napoleon Solo would say:

Enjoy the decline!

"Top Economists" My Perfectly Sculpted Irish Ass

January 8, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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God, how does this pass for journalism?

Let alone, how does this pass for economics? The French tried this and it didn't work.

Hat tip.

"We Want Our Chivalry Back"

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Houseboy summarily deconstructs and hits this one out of the park. There is a language warning however.

But the larger point is how can there still be women demanding this garbage? I know it could be merely anecdotal that Mme is just one woman requesting men start opening doors and paying for dates again, while the majority of women now accept chivalry died off with the American dream. But seriously, the request is so outlandish it deserves mockery.

Besides, how better to enjoy the decline when you see naive socialists, feminists and liberals start complaining about the bed they made and having to sleep in it?

Recession Medicine

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Language warning.

Which means if you're insulted you can go and file a complaint and whine and complain, or you can exercise your freedom to choose, choose not to view it, and not be a thought nazi.

I Love Diana Olick

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Why can't there be more women like her?

On a related note, my book "Behind the Housing Crash" is now 99 cents on Kindle, so...like...come on. How can't you buy it? Heck, just as a joke even!

Foolish Swiss Banks

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I was looking at getting a Swiss Bank account a while ago, just one minor problem - don't have any money to put in it. But if I ever did, then I figured I might as well do the leg work now in preparation for the point in the future I might need one.

What I did realize quite early on is that if I were to invest in a Swiss Bank (or Norwegian bank, etc.) I would have to make sure they didn't have any branches, operations or investments in the US because then this could happen.

Serves you foolish Swiss Banks right for being dumb enough to invest in the US.

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"I Have My Masters Degree"

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Going through the Leykis archives and happened upon this one. (If you listen around 1/3rd the way through a caller that is probably my twin called in and made some good points.)

This is a very important lesson, not just for the girls out there, but the boys as well if you're contemplating going to college. In short, if you're going to blow all of your money and youth on a degree, then don't become a stay at home parent. If you're going to dedicate that amount of time, money and effort into getting a degree, NOT TO MENTION THE TAX PAYER SUBSIDY AT PUBLIC COLLEGES, then you damn well better not decide to "become a stay at home mom/dad." You better pay back society the resources you just consumed.

I had a buddy who got her masters degree in biology a while ago. I figured she'd go onto pharmaceuticals or the medical industry.

Nope, just went right into becoming a stay at home mom. Never worked a day in the field.

Of course the Minnesota state taxpayer subsidized her costly 6 year "exercise" in getting a degree. But, of course, they won't see one red cent in return because this was after all, nothing more than a very expensive hobby.

College is a very expensive and progressively risky thing kids. Please figure out what you want to do before you not only waste your time and money on it, but the taxpayer's as well.

Go Rationalization Hamster, Go!

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Run your little heart out Rationalization Hamster
Run as fast as you can.
Tell yourself in your 50's
That you don't need no man

But he's just around the corner
Your investment banker, surgeon, astronaut prince
But as you rocket your host into the reality wall
Please forgive us as we wince.

Physical Fitness is Mandatory for All Men

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One of the most damaging lies my mother told me (and by "most damaging" I mean "top three") was that:

"Women like kind, caring men. And jocks are just gross. Bleagh! Who likes jocks!?"

I took it to heart in my youth and instead of focusing on lifting weights and making myself physically attractive, I focused on my studies, tried vainly to figure out what being "sensitive" meant, and what exercise I did get was running and cycling a lot. I proceeded through the next (roughly) 8 years of my youth perplexed as to why all the rugged, buff jocks were getting the chicks, contrary to what my mother claimed.

She even had a zinger of a rationalization:

"Well, those girls aren't mature. They'll mature when you get to college."

That I believe ranked #2 in the most damaging lies.

Regardless, what I and many other men/boys had to suffer in our youth is not the same fate the current crop of teenage and 20 something boys must suffer. They can simply listen to Ole Cappy Cap (or the plethora of other manospherists out there) and learn from our mistakes. So, boys, heed me.

Physical fitness is a MANDATORY requirement if you wish to court or date. And I would go so far to claim it is the MOST IMPORTANT trait to have in your youth. Money, career, charisma, game, and charm, that all comes later, and frankly requires time to develop. But physical fitness is something you should put right up their with your studies and homework.

It should be daily.

It should be regular.

You should treat it seriously.

The reason why is even though working out and lifting weights is the most mind-numbing experience you're ever going to suffer, the price you pay is INFINITELY LESS than the other means by which you can attract women.

There was this rave/techno club in DT Minneapolis called "First Avenue." I think I spent

over 500 hours in that place alone trying to scam and mosh with chicks. I think through all the noise and smoke (you could smoke in those days) I got a whopping 3 numbers, none of which led anywhere. However, if I merely spent a fraction of that, 200 hours, working out an hour per day, every other day, the benefits would have certainly been more than 3 phone numbers and a lot cheaper.

While there was merit in attending First Ave for the music itself, what I'm trying to specifically warn you against is attending things like "bars" or regular "night clubs" where it costs money to not just drink, but enter the darn place. You'll stand a much better chance of meeting girls being ripped or just "buffer than the average bear" in class than you will going to a bar, competing with kids whose parents have bigger checkbooks than you do.

Second, you also have to wear the appropriate clothes. My sensei in jujitsu is the most ripped man I have ever seen. But when I first saw him, his clothes were not tight, didn't show any kind of definition, and I frankly thought (because I had been working out) "I might be able to take him."

Then I see him in without his shirt on sparing against a guy who has 50 pounds on him.

I asked myself, "Well what the hell????? Why isn't he wearing tight fitting shirts?!?"

Regardless, the point is you will have to drop SOME money on tighter fitting clothes. The benefit is that you don't have to be ripped like my sensei, you just have to be in the top 10% of males, which means completing a simple work out regimen on a regular basis. For an old fart like me (and men of my age, trust me), it's SUPREMELY easy to put yourself in that top 10%. I walk into a joint or a bar or a dance with a tighter fitting shirt and I have noticed women turning their heads. And I'm not terribly "ripped," just "micro-buff" if you will.

There is, however, a very important third aspect to this. If you are going to demand physical fitness and beauty of your women, you better provide the same in return. Now women typically do not place as high of value of physical looks than men do, but physical looks are still a top requirement of them. And if given the choice between an average schlub who's "really nice" and the buff guy who won't give them the time of day, they will always go after the buff guy.

So when you get to college, or when you get to trade school, or when you start off your career, spend your time wisely. Don't go to church. Don't go to bars. Don't go to museums. Don't bother getting "cultured" by reading books or going to seminars. And for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, whatever you do DON'T do what the girls tell you to do.

Go to the gym.

Pump iron on a regular and religious basis. Throw some running in there.

And for the most part you don't have to do anything more than that.

I know lifting weights suck. I know it's boring, but "unlike my day" we didn't have those "MP3 doohickies you kids have today!"

This has been a public service announcement form the Captain.

Poindexter's Revenge

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Working out is important, but making half a billion won't hurt either.

Socialism/Capitalism Video Newly Released

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Howdy All,

A long time ago, in a land far far away (Minnesota), your Captain, because he foolishly thought the country still might be able to be saved, put together a video that was he effort to do what he could as a citizen to stem the flow of socialism.

The video was put up on the YouTube by a loyal reader, whose account has since been canceled.

I dug through the archives and found the "edited" version a buddy of mine had put together and reloaded it up there. It doesn't have all of the data, but it does have some funny moments due to his editing and is more or less a professional piece.

There are 6 parts.

I know you all don't watch all of the series and just watch the first one, but you'll miss the part about Jenifer Aniston if you don't watch them all.

Here is the link to the first one, you should be able to jump from part to part.

Some of you have expressed interest in just getting the DVD. I can burn copies, but you'll have to pay for the time and shipping. Shoot me an e-mail.

Why Are Keynesians So Stupid?

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Honest to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

You Just Can't Make This Up

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This kid, is not only wrong, but he is going to get SOOOOOOOO screwed over as he ages. Regardless, it is some hilarious entertainment for the weekend.

big hat tip.

The Captain Saves a Soul

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I have done my good deed for the day! Received this in the e-mail box

Captain,

I heard about your book through Dalrock's blog and, being a man in his early thirties with some college money coming his way from Uncle Sam, eagerly purchased it. I burned through it in a night, taking copious notes, but really, I'm surprised I hadn't seen it all to begin with. Supply and demand is **everything** in human life, whether it's preparing to enter the working world with marketable skills or pulling the 8 at the bar with better quality game than the other schmucks. I curse the world for not teaching me about this when I was young, just as I curse myself for not seeking out this information myself in all the time since. But for $5, you saved me from making a (at this point) permanent mistake, and for that I thank you.

I was a little surprised to find the anti-feminist (more like pro-common sense) bit you slipped in during the mythbusting segment. I hope the young women (hell, even the young men at this point) that do find this book in their hands take that bit to heart. A feminist undone could well be a marriage saved in the future, who knows?

- Daniel

"Worthless" saves the day again!

The Sad Case of the Hot Springs VA

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Your Captain is currently vacationing in Hot Springs, SD. A vacation needed after his holiday vacation which didn't include a lot of relaxing or lying around.

So I arrive and everywhere on the community center signs, fliers at the bar, posters at the gas station, etc. etc. are slogans and sayings to "Save the VA" since the VA is the largest employer in town and it is slated to be closed.

My observation is short and succinct.

Has America, (in this particular case - a heavy republican district) become so dependent upon government that the best "local economic plan" they can come up with is to beg tax payers from across the nation to subsidize a money-losing operation AS OPPOSED TO trying to lure and entice other employers to set up shop in the area?

I mean, really. Even when the VA wasn't going to be shut down, wouldn't most people say,

"Hey, you know, we're a one employer town. Maybe we ought to diversify our economy a bit and try to get some more employers into town."

Or, could somebody be so bold to say,

"Hey, you know. Forget just keeping the VA here. And forget just attracting ONE additional employer. How about we open up a can of Hong Kong and try to get as many businesses to set up shop here as possible. SAving only one employer is only going to

save so many jobs. But pursuing other employers have an UNLIMITED potential."

But no, no. Our efforts are best spent lobbying congress to keep that ONE government agency in town.

Just born in the absolute wrong time in American history I guess if I have to ask outlandishly stupid questions like these.

"Zeke" - The By Product of Single Motherhood

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These are mandatory listening, but they should also be enjoyable. So get your MP3 out or whatever you need to listen to these two broadcasts and enjoy:

1. Zeke
2. "The Musician."

You will enjoy the decline.

Richard Warman - The Epitome of Crusaderism

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This blog was originally created as a data depot to provide and supply people with empirical evidence and data about economics, financial markets and politics. The goal was to provide people the ammunition to fight back socialism by simply pointing out the truth. After several years of throwing up some amazing data and research, it slowly dawned on me that the real battle wasn't being fought on data and statistics, but rather on a psychological front. More specifically, people on the left plain don't care about data, statistics, empirical evidence and truth, you have to fight them on a different front – psychology.

This presented a paradox because as Mark Twain said,

"Never argue with an idiot. Onlookers can't tell the difference."

Precisely how do you argue with somebody who has not an ounce of intellectual honesty in them? How do you argue with somebody who has no desire to get to the bottom of things and is so infected with cognitive dissonance they are mentally impaired. Worse still, how do you argue with somebody who fully well knows what they doing, but have no problems lying to your face because pushing a particular political agenda (no matter how unsustainable or detrimental to society) will profit them at the expense of future generations?

The answer is simple – you can't.

Thus the blog metamorphosed from one of empirical data so merely pointing out and mocking the idiocy, ignorance, stupidity and outright evilness of the left. Since this transition (and as I've read and written more), I've realized that not only is this war not being fought on the empirical side of things, but there are three specific and key fronts it is being fought on:

1. Feminism
2. Education
3. Crusaderism

Crusaderism arguably being the most important one.

Now I didn't create the videos on Crusaderism for s's and g's. I created them because after a lot of research, studying and reading, I was able to identify people who are the biggest threat to liberty, freedom, justice, progression and happiness. I was able to identify EARLY ON, through traits and characteristics, people who are on this planet for

themselves and have no problem enslaving or using other people for their advancement and enrichment. It is arguably one of the best political tools or observations that has ever been developed and can not only identify who is your enemy, but fully explain their psychology so you can understand them and ultimately stop them from reigning tyranny over your lives.

So when I see crusaders fighting against freedom, you kind of all know what I do.

Without looking, I ask:

“Somebody tell me what this person’s background is”

And sure enough, my cracker-jack team of Deputy Economists go and research the individual in question and sure enough some common traits come up:

1. They have a worthless under grad. The reason why this is important is it shows you, that early on in the person’s life they had no desire to be a contributing member of society. They wanted to major in fluff and by that sole act they are yelling at the world “I want the rest of you to take care of me while do what I want to do, not what you would pay me to do.”

2. Because they have a worthless degree, they then pursue careers that are not of the skill level, like say, flipping burgers or laying sod. No, their egos are much too big for that. They then go into law or politics or activism where they can champion some kind of “crusade.” This does two things, it bloats their precious little egos, but it also provides them a “moral defense” of sorts they can hide behind. So when a rugged, no-nonsense guy like me comes in and exposes them, they go and run and hide behind “the children,” “the environment,” “the poor,” “the oppressed,” etc. etc. etc.

3. They come from the richer castes of society, which affords them the luxury of protesting like an OWS protester.

There are other traits, but those are the key ones. And the reason I do that is to show you THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP. THERE IS A TREND. I’m not just getting lucky, I understand these megalomaniacs’ psychologies. I'm onto something and there is merit in identifying Crusaderism.

So today’s crusader is Richard Warman. He has sued bloggers in Canada because they are (as far as I can tell)right wing. I didn’t know about him until I saw this.

I know his lawsuits are dated, but anybody want to go and check to see, once again, if he has a degree in engineering or accounting? Or if he majored in Puppies and Unicorns? Also, I'm willing to bet he came from a nice upper-middle class family that could afford

him to pursue this as a "career." Anybody want to confirm the Old Captain?

Why Halliburton Moved to Abu Dhabi

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It's called "Capital Flight" people. Look it up.

The Lost Art of Cocktailing

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"Cocktailing" is a verb that I cannot claim to have created. Nor do I think my friend who introduced me to the term came up with it himself. I believe, because my friend is one of those guys with an IQ of 300 coupled with culture, he probably heard it from an older gentlemen who used it back in his youth when the term was more common.

Regardless, before I moved out of Minneapolis, cocktailing had become arguably my favorite thing to do. Not because of the booze (though Rumpleminze played a vital role in cocktailing), but because of the company and my friends.

Cocktailing essentially means going out to a quiet bar or lounge, savoring martinis or other drinks that take time and patience to consume, with the PRIMARY GOAL of conversing and having intelligent conversation with your friends. The music is generally jazz, quiet enough so you can converse. The environment is usually schwank or classy so you feel cozy and relaxed. And the attire is usually better than average so you not only feel like Cary Grant, but you have some eye candy to look at (even though those women are your friends).

In short it is what I believe to be the evolutionary pinnacle of "going out." It starts in its zygote stage when you're 18 and you go to loud raves or night clubs where the music is so loud and obnoxious you can't have a conversation anyway. It matures into a "fad" where a skill like salsa dancing becomes required, but you still have to dress up and abide by middle school morays if you wish to score a dance with a member of the opposite sex. It inevitably sheds it's "meeting the opposite sex objective" skin when you hit your 30's and just plain want to relax and enjoy what you want. It was like reaching the Nirvana of Nightlife where you finally went out for yourself, surrounded yourself with your friends, and never had a bad night out. Aside from vacationing and video games, it was the primary social activity to enjoy.

Unfortunately, moving out from Minneapolis separated me from my Cocktailing Crew. And making matters worse, there isn't a ton of "martini jazz club lounges" in South Dakota. Regardless, the principle of cocktailing doesn't necessitate high end lounges and jazz clubs, as much as it does a crew of intelligent people you could meet and have intelligent conversation with. And while it took a decade to form my Crew o' Cocktailers in Minneapolis, I was already starting to form a crew out here in the rural part of the country. Not a critical mass of people to pull it off, but the nucleus of a crew was forming.

Enter last weekend.

I received a call from one of the cells of the nucleus. She was going to host a party at her

house and then we would go "hit a couple bars in town."

I was excited! These people were roughly my age, reasonably intelligent, quite educated and in conversations I had with them before, very engaging and entertaining. I was more than happy to hang out with this crew and do the rural version of "cocktailing." I had decided to lay off the booze for a while to pursue a physical work out and dietary change, and so offered to be the sober cab, the offer of which was quickly accepted. I was told to show up at 830, I showed up at 900PM.

I got there and only the host was home. She informed me everybody was spread out across the town at various bars. We were to pick up her friend at one bar (who had been there since 4PM) and rendezvous with the rest of the Proto-Crew at another bar in town. We were, however, in no rush, and so I spoke with the hostess for a bit about her week, what the latest was, how people were doing, etc. etc. What ensued was a pleasant and enjoyable conversation characterized with intelligence, humor and some wittiness. It was like getting a hit of heroin.

"Aaaaaahhhhh. Cocktailing!"

Soon enough though, her friend called wondering where we were, and off we went to pick her up.

We were to pick her up at this bar I had been before. It was a quiet joint, ran by an old man. Not a high end martini bar, but he played Frank Sinatra. So I knew it was going to be good. I opened the doors and

BLAM!!!!!!

I was hit by a combination of loud hip hop music, neon lights, and a loud group of patrons having a good time.

I saw the girl we were looking for at the bar. I ponied up next to her and yelled at the bartender,

"What happened to the old man and the Frank Sinatra music?!"

"WHAT????"

"I SAID, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD MAN AND THE FRANK SINATRA MUSIC????!!!"

"OH! HE SOLD THE JOINT 3 MONTHS AGO AND WE LIVENED IT UP A BIT!!!!"

"YEAH! I'D SAY!!!"

I didn't let it get me down, because I knew we were just here to pick up the girl and consolidate the crew at another bar. But I should have.

The "Crew" now consisted of me, the hostess and the girl we were to pick up. She was drunk, but functional. I started suggesting we leave to meet the rest of the crew, but was then informed NOBODY ELSE WAS GOING TO GO OUT! They had all bailed or just not returned her calls. And so what ensued was a discussion of where to go.

Now, understand, the two women I was with were 36 and 42. I didn't think they would want to roll back the evolutionary advancements made in the art of "going out." I started to suggest we go to this quieter joint I knew and get some food, but then they uttered the two most-hated phrases that no self-respecting alpha wants to hear:

"Sports bar."

and

"Girls night."

Now I know why the Proto-Crew bailed.

I all of the sudden realized they were not quite as far down the evolutionary path of "going out" as I was. And once I mentally took a step back, I realized I was stuck in the borderline-orbiter beta position as a sober cab driver for two women who seemed hell-bent on being "woo girls" for the evening.

I started planning my escape. Since I was stuck as sober cab and my car was back at the hostess' house, I first went the route of trying to suggest we ought to get something to eat first, knowing full well the "sports bar" with "girls night" had no food being served. This had some initial success because they both realized they were starving. But it still didn't get me off the hook because they said we could then go to the sports bar afterwards. But to remedy this, I had a moment of TRUE SUPER AWESOME ECONOMIC GENIUS! While they were partying it up at the sports bar, I would drive to Wal-Mart and do some much needed grocery shopping. I would return home, do some laundry and a litany of other chores I had to do, wait for their call, go back, pick them up, drop off #1, drop off #2, grab my car and at MOST have wasted 30 minutes of my night, while keeping to my word to be sober cab.

So off to one of the few restaurants that was still serving food. It was, unfortunately (you guessed it) another loud bar. Music was loud, people were loud, no place to sit, and so I scoped out a seat in the dining area where we could get food and it wasn't terribly loud. Trying to remain on the optimistic side of things, I figured it wouldn't be too bad. Both WERE intelligent women, we could still have some intelligent conversation, I was hungry

anyway, and it's not like every night was going to be 100% Cocktailing Bliss, especially if you haven't formed a solid, well-vetted crew.

Waitress comes by, I order my food, they order their drinks and after placing our orders, the drunk girl grabs the hostess and says in slightly slurred speech,

"Follow me, I have to so you some guys. I want you to pick out the one you like."

I was partly shocked, partly bemused and partly amused all at the same time. The reason why was their age. It wasn't like they were 13 and 14, giggling at the local dance, where a bold Suzie grabbed a shy Jenny and ran over to try to flirt with some boys. These were 42 and 36 year old FULL GROWN WOMEN who were still acting like it was 1988 and they were at the local 18 and under club. The had fully reverted to pre-zygote stage of the going out evolutionary chain!

And that is why I told you this long and sordid story. There has been an arrested development of sorts when it comes to women (and men I might add!) and their means of going out and socializing. I don't know about you guys, but going out night clubbing, paying for cover charges and screaming over music to try to score a number from a girl got real old, real quick. I think the last time I was at a genuine "night club" was probably when I was 24. I then naturally followed the evolutionary progression going to swing and salsa dancing, and finally matured into the final stage of Cocktailing.

But what gets me is how it seems some women (and men) still deploy the same tactics they did when they were 20 years younger. It behooves so many questions and observations, all of which I don't think I could list, but I'll try:

1. The definition of insanity is trying the same thing over and over again, but expecting a different result. I usually would get the point in about 2-3 years. I don't think I would try it for 20 years.

2. The Patron Saint Frick has got to be saying, "What in the Patron Saint's Name of Myself are you girls doing, giggling and approaching guys at a bar like that when you're pushing middle age??!!!"

3. Is this just another example of your Captain being spoiled with really intelligent friends and alas, he will never achieve the high-level of Cocktailing he wished to recreate? Will he fail in his Johnny Appleseed quest to bring "Cocktailing" to the savages?

4. Damnit! How did I get into this situation!? It was like I was tricked into being "The Beta for the Night."

5. Texting texting texting texting. The constant texting only reconfirmed my staunch

belief in not texting. The girls could not go more than 4 minutes without looking at their phones and texting. Again, are you 40 or 14?

6. And yes, manosphere readers - divorced, kids, all of you in the manosphere can absolutely guess the profiles, I don't have to provide details.

The night continued much like you could guess. The drunk girl, along with a drink I recommended, got the hostess pretty tipsy. The drunk girl's salesmanship also introduced the hostess to a nice young man. So nice that they talked for nearly 2 hours, denying us any opportunity to go to the sports bar (yea!!!!). Drunk girl finally got a text about where her friends were. We went to a "dance club," which by major metropolitan area was hilarious. It was, of course, loud, and this Proto-Crew decided to sit RIGHT NEXT TO THE SPEAKERS. I ponied up to the bar. Ordered an O'Douls. Listened to one of the many members of the Drunk Trailer Trash Tribe that populate the city yell and scream his woman problems at the woman sitting next to me. He liked to use words that start with "F" and it was very apparent why he had women problems. I managed to strike up a conversation with (oddly enough) a doctorate candidate in psychology, though it was difficult because of the loud hip hop music that was then being played. Sure enough, booze was taking its toll on the rookie crew and I was summoned to bring them back home. I dropped everybody off at their respective places, hoped into my POS, went home and went to bed swearing never to be the sober cab ever again.

I miss Mancini's.

I miss the St. Petersbourgh Vodka Bar.

I miss Jake O'Connors

I miss Axels Bonfire.

I miss Stogies on Grand

I miss The Perfect Ash

I miss Grove Tobacco

I miss the Chalet

I miss The Manor

I miss The Times Cafe

I miss Little Havana

I miss The Embassy Suites Lounge

I miss Psycho Suzie's

I miss Prohibition

I miss Floyd's

I miss The Embassy

Hell, I miss Perkins.

But most of all, I miss my top notch, Cracker-Jack Cocktailing Crew.

Enjoy the decline.

There's Only One Way Out of This Mess

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(my apologies in advance for the font. I have no clue why it's doing this)

I very much dislike writing for posterity. It indicates that at the point in time I was writing something, society was so brainwashed, so ignorant, and so stupid, that I had to resort to writing down something to provide a historical record that, “yes, I know what the hell I’m talking about.” And “yes, you people were so galactically ignorant back then, that now, with hindsight, what I predicted has come true, and you must feel awfully stupid for not listening to me.” I of course am not talking about you fellow Cappy Cappite readers, matter of fact this post will probably bore you because it is something you, I, and everybody with an ounce of brain know. But I’m going to spell it out anyway, not just to have a historical record permitting me an “I told you so” in the future, but to perhaps crystalize our thoughts about economics, politics, etc., or perhaps to precisely and succinctly make our case.

Right now, whether you are on the left or the right or in the spineless “inbetween,” we can all agree that the economy sucks, the future of the US is crippled, and nobody is happy with the direction the country is headed. The solutions deployed thus far are largely Keynesian in nature where we take money and resources from one group of people OR we borrow it from the future and give it to other groups of people in the hope of “jump starting” the economy. This strategy is the “status quo” because Keynesian economics is drilled day in and day out into young economists’ brains from high school into college and into their careers.

So when it’s blindingly apparent that the Keynesian stimulus has failed, because Keynesianism is so entrenched you get the idiotic, “We just didn’t do ENOUGH of it. We need MORE stimulus. We need MORE taxes. We need MORE government intervention.” And then the layman on the streets says, “The government needs to do something.”

However, let me suggest an alternative strategy. One not based on “sloshing money around the economy” in the hopes it all of the sudden “jump starts” and we have a booming 1940’s America once again.

Production-based economics.

You see, if you permit me to just wipe clean your brain of what you think you know about economics and politics, and start from the ground up, I believe I can provide you a much clearer and (MUCH) simpler model in how economics works.

You must understand, first and foremost, what an economy consists of. An economy

consists of one simple thing – production. Specifically the production of goods and services. It's a boring term "goods and services," but if I said:

"Martinis, Ferraris, clothes, video games, Ipod's, cell phones,etc, etc," much more exotic stuff, you can see where people are incented by production.

We want STUFF. That's all economics or any economy in the history of the world has been about. STUFF.

If you don't believe me, perhaps an example that will prove it AND teach you a very important lesson about money.

If I have a wad of $100 bills and I release it at a crowded state fair, what do you suppose will happen?

A riot will happen, that's what. People will scramble and knock each other out of the way to get that money.

But what value does the money have? What can you do with a $100 bill?

Functionally nothing. A $100 bill is a piece of paper with ink on it. It has no more value than a scrap of paper or garbage on the ground. But people instinctive, viscerally, and most likely, violently will scramble for it. Not necessarily even thinking about why they are punching the teeth out of grandma to get another $100 bill, but because their brain unconsciously knows full well it can buy STUFF with that $100 bill.

In short, the success of an economy is not based on how much money it prints, but rather how much STUFF it produces. Money is merely a tool by which to convert your time into a medium or tool that you can purchase STUFF with.

Related to STUFF and production is another aspect people don't think about and that is innovation.

Innovation is the creation of new, better and more-kick-ass STUFF. Vaccines, faster planes, better computers, or whole new inventions we haven't even thought of yet. Innovation is arguably even more important than an economy's mere volume capacity to produce stuff, because it allows an economy to produce better stuff with less time and resources. Take for example automobiles. Before hand you travelled by horse or on foot. Transport of goods and services relied on beasts of burden or canals and boats. But with the combustion engine we could now haul TONS more STUFF, further distances and at a fraction of the cost. The benefit was more STUFF delivered to more people AT A CHEAPER PRICE. The innovation of the combustion engine benefited not just its inventor and the "evil corporation" that made it, but made prices lower for everybody thereby increasing

standards of living for all people (ie-why do you hate Wal-Mart so much when it's done the exact same thing today?)

It is these two things – the ability to produce stuff and the ability to create NEW stuff – that determines how successful, rich and prosperous an economy and a people are.

Now, assuming you believe what I laid out above (and if you don't, then I can't convince you because you're psychotic, insane or just intellectually dishonest and there's no reason trying to convince you), ask yourself how today's current government policies help promotion the production of stuff and the innovation of new stuff?

The answer is, it doesn't.

Matter of fact it punishes people who produce stuff or dare to create or innovate new stuff.

The current government policy is not to promote economic growth, but is instead based on spreading out what stuff we make now more "fairly" or "equitably." It also foolishly assumes spreading out the "stuff" will somehow magically result in an economic boom.

The problem is look at who the policies reward and "punish."

Right now we do not champion the producers or innovators of society. We champion the losers. All of our efforts and focus is on people who are unemployed, underemployed, old, aging, decrepit, oppressed, disadvantaged, blah blah blah. And so we tax people who produce stuff and transfer it to those who don't produce stuff.

I am not commenting on the morality of whether those NOT producing stuff deserve it or are oppressed or somehow deserve the transference of stuff. I am merely pointing out the fact that we are transferring stuff from producers to non-producers. And whether there is a moral imperative to do so, is irrelevant to this point. The fact people who produce stuff in this society are taxed for producing more stuff means they are punished for doing so. And because the act of producing or innovating or creating is punished, the incentive to continue to do so is impaired.

You can see this come to a head with the hypocrisy of your typical OWS protestor. They all want jobs, but they want to tax the "evil corporations." They all want the stock market to go up so their 401k or pensions are fully funded and increase in value, but they want corporations to "pay their fair share." It is ignorance like this that allows such idiots like Barack Obama to get into office because they merely have to advocate transferring wealth from producers to non-producers to buy the votes to put them into office. But this strategy has a cost – it impairs the engine of the economy to the point of stagnation by destroying any incentive the producers have to keep on producing.

And so the more you protest and demand producers pay for your stuff, the more corporations will move offshore, set up plants in foreign countries, and the more the “evil rich people” will invest outside the country or just outright pick up and leave.

There is of course another option, and frankly it’s your only option. To grow ourselves out of our economic problems. To take the focus off of the non-producers, the “poor,” the “old,” the “disadvantaged,” the “oppressed” and put the ball back into the hand of the producers and innovators and pray to god they are able to reinvigorate the economy.

This, unfortunately, means no more free food for teenagers that couldn’t keep it in their pants. This means no more rewarding idiotic and stupid behavior like bailing out companies or having the government finance companies that never had any intention of making a profit. This means no more government money for idiot 20 somethings who major in hobbies that ultimately produce no stuff. This means requiring the millions of people who just laid on their backs with their hands out expecting the producers to carry them from cradle to grave NOT all of the sudden get an epiphany and realize they should get off their lazy asses and join the productive crowd (no, we know you’re too lazy for that).

But rather, you go on a diet and so if you are collecting some form of a government check, you CAN’T afford the latest Iphone or fanciest car. That if you are collecting a government check, instead of eating out at restuarants all the time, you instead scale back to ramen and let the much-needed harsh lesson of poverty and hunger kick your lazy ass into a job or school so you can join the producers. The money saved would instead go to the producers who would create those jobs you’re all clamoring for and instead of just sloshing around money in the economy, hoping your morons get your heads out of your asses and start voting and working in a way that helps the country and economy grow, brings the economic reality VERY CLEAR to you so you realize what kind of responsibility you have.

Of course there will be howls and cries about how “unfair” this approach would be. And how “can you take the food out of my 6 babies’ from 7 different fathers’ mouths.” But two simple points:

1. There is no other choice. The system is bankrupt and the currently policies pursued by the government are not sustainable. You think you’re in poverty NOW? Just wait until there is NO government check. And even if there was a government check, imagine if there is no food in the isles to buy because the producers of the food decided to just up and quit or move their operations overseas?

2. This option is actually going to result in an even better standard of living. The reason why can be beautifully pointed out by North Korea vs. the US. North Korea is a communist country. They went down the road of championing the losers and punishing the

producers. You would think with such an approach, poverty would be wiped out in North korea, but it is the poorest country on the face of the planet bar some craptastic countries in Africa. While the US, at least originally, rewarded the champions, rewarded the producers and more importantly, rewarded the innovators. And while as a percentage the US didn't transfer as much wealth from the rich to the poor, in being able to create new and better stuff as much cheaper prices, even the "poor" in the US are infinitely wealthier and lead better lives than the "rich" of North Korea.

In short, we have two options. We can keep going the route we have been, demanding other people pay for our stuff, feeling sorry for ourselves and finding whatever rationale to take other people's stuff (sexism, racism, ageism, nepotism, conspiracy, classism, woeismeism, etc.) and you can naturally expect the amount of stuff being produced stagnate or decline

OR

We can focus on the production of stuff. Revolutionize the US economy back to it's 1880's-1950's heyday. And produce so much stuff that it DWARFS the debt and our current economic problems. We don't worry about "oh, well Jimmy has $5 more than Steve and so that's unfair." You get off your ass, you quit bitching about how "unfair" life is, you start voting in people who are "Pro-Producing of Stuff" and the US booms once again, making stuff so cheap and plentiful we all make effectively $250,000 and our "poor" is considered to be those making "only" $50,000 per year.

I know which one I prefer. And what's funny is it's the only option that's going to work. Because your only other option is to fail and continue on into poverty and mediocrity. Or to quote Robert Mitchum from the Longest Day:

"Only two types of people that are going to stay on this beach. Those that are already dead, and those that are gonna die. Now get off your butts!"

Choice is yours

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Amalgamated Wisdom

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I'll go to war for this. But I will never go to war for this.

Housing will have to overcorrect because of the bad taste the housing bubble has left in potential buyers' mouths. Oh, that and the sheer hell one must go through now to get qualified for a house.

"There is no "I" in "team." Yeah, but there is an "I" in "You freaking morons are the god damned turkey's that keep me from soaring with the eagles. You'll never amount to anything, but that doesn't mean I won't and have to live your sucky life. Now get the ef out of my way and let me excel at what I do."

The legal liabilities are too great to have children...in Norway....but give it time.

I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats - Education is NOT for the children. It's to employ people who have no skills, offer nothing to society, and can only serve as overpaid baby-sitters, otherwise known as public school teachers. Just do me a favor and read this.

I knew this would happen. I knew liberals would come up with the "white collar crime" argument. That argument usually deployed when you say, "uh, poorer neighborhoods usually have more crime." Then, without hesitation, "oh yeah! well what about all that white collar crime!" Funny thing is an accountant embezzling money won't land me in the hospital.

No sh#t Sherlock! She too could have done well to read my book. I'm kidding, I'm actually a fan of The Evil HR Lady. She's slowing coming around on the economics stuff.

Puke, gag and barf. Nathan, Sarah is going to divorce your sniveling, whiny ass once she runs into a bad boy preacher's son like me.

Why I support Ron Paul.

Some darn good economic research that I would have done in my early blogging days.

My Most Humbling Blogging Experience

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So I saw that the reviews for my super awesome book are starting to come in, but I didn't realize you could "video review."

So I see this, and I am speechless. I am really flattered to receive this review, not just because of the review, but because it helped the kid get off his ass and go to school AND helped him choose the right major.

Just one question.

Why does everybody think my last name is "Clancy?"

Real vs. Fake

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Continuing on with our "happiness" program-

Fake picture:

Real picture:

Normally I'm not the sappy type of guy, but you gotta love it when two people who are in love give the proverbial verb to tyrants.

You Can't Just Kill "Any Ole" Banker

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In one of my more notorious pieces, I wrote about my DESIRE (not intent) to kill bankers. As you all know, I do not advocate going and murdering bankers simply because on the grounds it is illegal. Though that is the ONLY reason I (among many others) don't do a lot of things.

All that being said, when I look at my stats, I see a lot of hits coming from search engines where people have searched, "Kill the bankers," "let's kill some bankers," or "killing bankers." And what I see, especially in combination with this, is a lot of angry OWS protester types trying to find other people who may indeed want to kill bankers. Tis a bit eerie.

There is, however, a problem with this, aside from its illegality. You just can't kill any ole banker and hope that the banking industry will all of the sudden straighten up and fly right. Blanket targeting bankers won't solve the problem because there are good bankers, just as there are bad bankers. And it is the bad bankers you need to purge from the system.

Now, the reason I bring this up, is not because of whetting the appetites of anarchists that want to murder people. It's to bring up a very important point about regulation. Regulation currently deployed and pursued by the government has this same "blanket approach" to regulating ALL bankers to death. The problem again is it doesn't target the genuinely greedy, evil or incompetent bankers, it targets the entire banking industry. And for those bankers that kept their noses clean, they must now suffer the mistakes of their evil banking counterparts.

It won't happen, but this is why I am advocating (once again for posterity's sake) a witch hunt of all the bad bankers and purging them from various sorts of vital components of the economy (banking, finance, government, military, etc.)

This wouldn't be hard to do because when loans are approved bankers and loan officers must sign off on these loans. And it doesn't matter where these bankers moved to or took another job elsewhere, because, in the banking industry, everybody knows where everybody went. It would simply be a matter of sending agents to different banks to find out where "Jim" went, tracking him down till you inevitably find him and forcibly firing him out of the banking industry forever.

So to those of you looking to kill bankers, please be discerning in who you target. And for those regulators out there that want to make us innocent people suffer for the bone-headed moves of genuinely evil, stupid or ignorant bankers, why don't you cleanse the

industry of them before lumping volumes of regulations upon us, thereby crushing the industry, thereby crushing the economy? I'll even volunteer to be the lead Witch Hunter, and I can bag you some doozies of banksters in a matter of seconds. Start cleaning up the banking industry real quick.

But, no, I know, I know. That would be too simple and too many government regulators are making too much money on this racket. Like I said, I was writing for posterity.

Walker Recall Fraud

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Received this and believe it is something worth forwarding to anybody who lived in Wisconsin as I truly believe the Wisconsin teacher's unions are absolutely 100% prepared to commit voter fraud.

A web site has been set up which will alert you if it is discovered that unknown to you your name and signature appears on a Walker Recall Petition. If you are interested there is no work except to add your name to the site which has the name verifytherecall.com Should you be listed among the signatures of dead or false signatures the crime includes identity theft. If interested several minutes of computer time will assist the monitoring system which is not yet operational. Anyone living or dead outside of Wisconsin is also potentially included in the petitions thus far checked .

How Gen Y Will Undermine Asset Prices

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My two favorite realtors are Diana Olick and Craig Kamman.

I like Diana because she is smart and hot.

I like Craig because he is smart and...well...kind of homely. But then again, I am not a girl, and I have been informed he looks like Napoleon Solo from Man from UNCLE.

Regardless, Craig has an optimistic tone to his real estate analysis, searching for the bottom so once again he and his fellow realtors can start looking for an upswing in real estate.

Sad to say, I don't think this upswing will ever materialize. The reason is simple:

Gen Y just isn't responsible enough for home ownership. Matter of fact, they're not responsible when it comes to a lot of things and this bodes very ill for asset prices, be it housing, stocks or bonds.

Housing for example requires too much maintenance, work, paper work, and just plain old-fashioned fiscal responsibility. You have to have your financial house in order before you qualify for a loan. You have to be able to have reliable and secure employment to make the payments. You have to pay for things like insurance or taxes you didn't notice before when you were renting. And, gosh darnit, you have to learn how to do basic house maintenance. These factors alone will deter the latest generation coming off of the dying American assembly line, but there is another factor that will keep them out of the housing market that isn't their fault - their horrendous employment prospects.

Naturally many of them chose to major in Music Therapy or Chocolate Eating, so they deserve the long waits in the unemployment line. But lets face it, the previous generations have done a craptastic job of maintaining the US as a viable and growing economic concern and have left this latest generation with the worst labor market since the Great Depression. And without jobs, people can't afford houses. Plus you throw in the bad taste the housing crash has left in people's mouths, and you can forgive Gen Y being a bit reluctant to become home-owners, just as Gen X after seeing the Divorce Olympics put on by the Baby Boomers is now reluctant to get married.

Following the same thread that jobs permit people to afford a lot of things, investments or stocks would be another asset category suffering from poor job prospects. Since I've opted to make less than $30,000 a year to enjoy the decline, I haven't contributed to an IRA or 401k in years (this is also because I believe they will be confiscated away anyway,

and their preferential tax treatments rescinded). But that is by choice for me. Tell Gen Y to invest in a 401k or IRA all you want, without jobs, they can't. They don't have the disposable income. Plus, I don't think they have the financial acumen to put together a budget, let alone a long term retirement plan. They're too busy playing X-Box (which I'm for) in their single-parent's basement (which I'm against). Regardless, since nobody looks at dividends or cash flow any more for their retirement plans and only focus on capital gains, I'm sorry to say the cash flows necessary to maintain the 12.83% rate of return the entire retirement industry banks on will not be there to inflate those capital gains into reality simply because Gen Y isn't responsible enough to save for retirement AND they just plain can't.

Finally, bonds are not that safe either. All the collections and past due loans I get to work through, not to mention my decade of previous experience, it is the teens and 20 somethings that are the worst abusers of credit. Some of them literally have no idea that they're supposed to pay what they borrowed back. It's almost as if the concept of BORROWING is lost on them just like our president. They think it's just a gift, and so they rack up credit card balances they can't pay, student debt loads they can never afford, and buy cars they could never pay back. Of course, Gen X and the Baby Boomers were no saints when it came to fiscal discipline, but it's not getting better with successive generations. It's getting worse.

Whatever your opinions on generational fiscal austerity are, the fact is dem der bonds you're relying on for the interest income and principal payment? Yeah, guess who will ultimately be responsible for paying back those debts? Be it federal treasuries, REIT, bonds, etc., you name it, it's going to be Gen X and Gen Y (and mercy, I'm afraid to think what will come after that.). Again, I don't see them as the fiscally responsible type capable of earning most bonds a AAA rating.

Sadly what we're witnessing here is how tough fatherly love translates into economic growth and fiscal responsibility, both of which are required for assets to maintain their value, let alone increase in value. But because we failed to install the harsh, fatherly love and fiscal discipline in future generations, those generations will frankly not be able to produce the economic production and profits that are necessary to prop up those asset prices. Future generations will rent, because owning homes is too hard, and so I predict demand for housing will drop well below what the historical trend has been, bringing prices with it. I believe because of a crippled economy, the idea of trillions of investment dollars artificially propping up stock prices and mutual fund prices, just isn't going to materialize as Gen Y lacks the means and ability to invest for retirement. And when you want that "safe haven" of bonds and fixed income? Well fixed income securities require responsible, fiscally disciplined people on the other end to pay you back.

In short, the (entirely falsely premised) retirement system that relies 100% on perpetual and unsustainable capital gains, will be crushed even sooner and the only real reason to

invest in assets would be an inflation hedge against the dollar. That or you could invest in firms that outsource their jobs overseas to maintain profitability, and hope that foreign demand for goods made by US based firms (but produced overseas) more than offsets the decline in demand here.

But don't listen to me. I'm just a meanie, evil economist here to ruin everybody's good time.

Mexico is Immune to Tornados

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Wow, didn't realize the Mexicans have figured out how to control the weather so well!

A Gift for My Swedish and Aussie Allies

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I often have the horse blinders on and forget that the problems we're suffering in the US are also the same problems other freedom fighters are suffering in other countries. Save Capitalism for example is on the frontlines in Sweden and the Oz Conservative is (obviously) fighting in Oz. What I didn't realize though is in some cases the situation is much worse than it is here in the US depending on the "front" we're fighting.

Britain for example looks like their social decay is about 15-20 years ahead of ours. Greece, the unions are the envy of even the most unproductive Wisconsin teacher's union member. And Japan the men have become immobilized not by any threat of the government, but a lack of an economic future. However, of the key three fronts we're fighting against, feminism I believe has made greater progress in Sweden, (surprisingly) Australia and other countries than they have here.

While this is bad news, it made me realize a bit of good news. In hindsight, the Manosphere, the origins of which is from the good ol' US o' A, has actually made great progress. First, it has become a resource, available to the world to let men and freedom-loving women know there are others who believe the same things they do and it's alright to express them - ie no you're not crazy and no, you're not alone. Second, it is the millions of hours of wisdom consolidating and crystalized into helpful tomes of advice for young men so they need not suffer like their predecessors did. Third, it helps people identify and be aware of the threats and problems the communism/feminism ideology brings. And finally, it is essentially a think tank that comes up with ways to counter socialist and tyrannical forces that uses feminism as its clandestine delivery vehicle to infect (and ultimately) destroy democracies.

However, the "manosphere" is not like a vaccine that can just be given to men across the world and POOF! They're just as wise and as experienced as we are. You need to read copious amounts of philosophy, studies, statistics, even economics that is splattered across the hundred or so Manosphere blogs out there. It would take just too much time. But there is a very good starting point or stepping stone to at least vaccinate our foreign friends against the evils of feminism/communism and that is my gift to them:

Tom Leykis.

Tom doesn't broadcast his show anymore, but there is a depository of all of his shows. I recommend Leykis to my foreign friends as the first step to inoculate themselves, not necessarily because of the message, but because of the format (MP3) his show is in. Its easy to download, put on your MP3 player and listen away.

Understand though, Tom can be crass, and sometimes just outright wrong on a handful of things. He refers to women unacceptably at times, is unfair in a handful of instances and I believe would qualify at times of being a genuine misogynist (though, methinks he does this just for shock-jock value). I won't mention these instances because you'll hear them if you listen to the show, and frankly, they're not appropriate or advocated by this blog. However, the remaining 90-95% of his show does have merit and will at minimum open your eyes in terms of the relation between the sexes.

The next step would then be to go on the internet and start reading up on the Manosphere, but, if you're like me, you don't much like reading. Regardless, hopefully this is the first step that will wake millions of men from the brainwashing they've received and clearly identify the threats facing freedom and the west forced on you by feminism and their communist overlords.

Get to the 10 Minute Mark

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The intro is long, but download this and get to the first caller. You just can't make it up.

The first caller comes in around the 10 minute mark. The sheer SCREECHING in the background should make you run to your local urologist and get a vasectomy. It should also make you laugh as the woman tries to rationalize why she had a kid and the nervous laughter gives her true feelings away.

I'm pouring a martini and enjoying the silence.

She Liked How I Drove Standard Transmission

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I never claimed to understand the fairer sex. I only claimed I knew how to respond in a very Pavlovian manner to their actions that would result in successful outcomes. It's kind of like not fully understanding how all the mechanics of a sports car works. You just need to know how to drive it very well. For example, flowers.

Flowers are stupid. They are dumb. They serve no function nor purpose. But girls like them and they can be deployed as an effective and useful tool when trying to court them.

Why do girls like flowers?

Heck if I know. And heck if you should care. All you have to know is that girls like flowers. Don't bother wasting your time and exploding your brain cells trying to figure out why. Just accept it as fact and use that fact in your strategies and schemings.

Now, of course, there are some logical theories as to why women do certain things. Girls probably like flowers because it psychologically shows them (just like diamonds) you're willing to waste money on a frivolous item to make her happy (ie-you're an easy mark). Girls like bad boys probably because bad boys Darwinistically are better fighters and are willing to protect her and the little ones when the heathens come to attack. Girls like dancing probably because it begets them attention on the floor. All these theories are brought to you by the Philosophy Department at Manosphere University and the cumulative wisdom of the men who have lived before you. However, sometimes women will display a trait or a behavior that is so weird that it leaves even the world's greatest pscyho-sexual philosophers speechless and dumbfounded.

For example, it has not happened once.

Not twice.

But thrice I have been complimented by a woman/girl about my ability to drive stick.

The first time it happened I merely dismissed it, almost to the point I forgot about it. My memory was jogged however when the second girl several years later said, "You drive stick really well." I was about to chalk it up to coincidence, until the third woman a couple years later mentioned how she "really liked how I could drive a standard transmission." In the end I accepted it, but could not for the life of me figure out;

1. Was I really that good at driving stick???
2. Does being able to drive a standard transmission actually turn women on???

3. What am I doing so uniquely in driving a stick that makes me stand out from the rest??? Do I "clutch" real well? Maybe I am an aggressive bad boy when I shift from 1st to (GASP, NO!) 3rd!!!

Another one was my voice. I've always, ALWAYS had a nasally kind of voice. Not terribly annoying, but I was surprised I ever got a radio show. Apparently some women find nasally voices attractive for there have been a handful of women who have complimented me on my voice. And not so much the voice, as much as my speech patterns as I was to find out.

SPEECH PATTERNS?

Understand it was not my vocabulary that impressed them. That would make a little bit of sense in that intelligence can be attractive. But my tone and pattern and sound, even mannerisms somehow was found attractive by several women.

Then the weirdest one of them all - "I like your natural scent." Keep in mind this, like my voice admirers, was not from women I was necessarily romantically involved with. These are friends, girlfriends, the occasional one-dater type. So this isn't like they liked me, they just liked my "natural scent." They weren't talking about my cologne. This was when I was wearing no cologne and they just liked the actual scent my body was giving off. Like I was a dog, marking my territory, running around trees and chasing cats or something.

Now why am I telling you young junior, deputy, official, aspiring and otherwise economists out there about this? So that when it happens to you, you don't question it or (as I did in one case) ridicule the girl for thinking I had a nice "scent." Your goal here is not to find out WHY, simply because you can't. Heck, half the time I bet the women don't even know why. Your goal is simply to accept and use it to your benefit.

If the girl likes the way you tie your shoes - accept.
If the girl likes how you smoke a cigarette - accept.
If the girl says she loves the shape of your elbows - accept.

I don't know why these things are the way they are, but certainly you have probably had the ladies express an admiration for a quality you were completely unaware of. Don't botch it up, don't become self-conscious, and don't ridicule or interrogate her about it, just accept the fact she gets really turned on based on how you water the plants and water your plants more.

This has been a public service announcement by Cappy Cap.

Milltronic Machines Morons

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Company in Waconia "can't find the precisely, finely tuned, only to our specified product line and business model, fresh out of college, ready and competent, labor" to fill their jobs.

Because, of course, you could major in "Milltronic Machines" at the U of MN.

I remember that being a very popular major in my day. Many students majored in "Milltronic Machines."

Yep, to get that PRECISE, FINITE, SPECIFIC training to fill that PRECISE, FINITE, SPECIFIC job.

Oh, no.

No no no no no no no!

It's below Milltronics Machines to create an (GASP NO!) ON THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM!!!!!!!!!! (enter 50's chick screaming here). That would cost TOO MUCH MONEY for some aging geezer to get off his ass and maybe train the next generation to do what he does. No, that kid should HAVE KNOWN EXACTLY WHAT TO DO once he left the IT department at the U of MN.

Look, I'm just as ready as the next guy to lecture and berate idiotic Minnesotan suburbanite children for majoring in "Musical Therapy," but you gray hairs in industry better come to grips with the reality real fast that labor can't just go from school to the assembly line without SOME training.

Honest to god, sometimes I think the Gen Y OWS brats actually have a point. But what do I know? I'm sure simply telling youth today that they "need to hit the ground running" is the equivalent of a significant and thorough training program equipping them with the skills they need to do a successful and productive job. I know I loved it when my bosses said to me "I don't have time to explain this to you." Or quoted the holy chant "this is a steep learning curve." Yep, that sure prepared me for the job at hand!

Am I the only one here who isn't a moron?

Charlie Parker Wednesdays

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Councilman Michael Brown

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There are just some guys you wish you could purge from the Guild of Real Men.

And wow, who would have guessed! Just like Barry he has no real world experience either! He also has the tell-tale sign he never had any intention of working a real job, based on his worthless degrees!

Political Science undergrad with a MA in "Public Administration" aka "I'll Tell You What to Do, And You'll Like It!"

Just another worthless, crusading human being.

A Pair is Grown at Boundless.org

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Boundless.org is THE place preachers kids like me go to get a good laugh at the sheeple who follow, blindly, whatever the church tells them. They have forfeited any ounce of sentient, independent thought, they reference bible passages to explain their behaviors and mistakes, and they fully throw themselves to fateism, allowing them to chalk horrendously stupid decisions on their part to "god's plan," while taking full personal responsibility for the rare decision they make that pays off. But what makes this site so entertaining is to see this mindless, blind, lazy jettisoning of intellect to a religion run full steam, head on into the realities of human nature and sexuality.

There was, however, one man who is no doubt ruffling feathers at the (veritable) cult of Boundless.org.

David Murrow.

he dared to write a piece that was critical of the modern day church and suggested the church has become more feminized to the point it alienates men. By default (and whether he did this knowingly or not, I don't know) he implied that women were looking for biological and Darwinistic men who displayed NON-christian traits of manliness, impatience, independence and the lack to conform. He also pointed out the glaringly obvious fact that church by its nature, weeds out real men. To stick with the "modern day" church is essentially against male nature. Which means the few males that remain are pansified, listless, indecisive, conformists. Traits women viscerally LOATHE, but "good" modern day christian traits women of the church artificially champion.

The train wreck happens when the christian women start complaining about the lack of manly men in church, while at the same time hypocritically demanding any man that courts them follow christianity to the point of "beta-ness."

I enjoy watching them try to reconcile this irreconcilable situation. Mr. Murrow makes an honorable and well-intended attempt to help them.

But we all know what happens to those who do good deeds.

To quote Jesus from the Book of Matthew, Chapter 28, Verse 213, Section B, Subsection aa:

"Enjoyeth the decline."

Antioch College Accurately Prices Liberal Arts Degrees

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You may vaguely recall "Antioch College" and the reason why is that it was in the Capposphere before. I strongly recommend reading the original post to get the background, but the short version is the school was traditionally a conservative college. Was overrun by liberals and feminists. Gets shut down because of poor management. The Spearhead and myself cheer. A mom of one of Antioch's graduates brags about how great Antioch College was and how we're evil. My crack staff of Agents in the Field find out her daughter works at a non-profit, government funded theater in Ohio. We all laugh as once again, it proves the school produces nothing.

BUT GOOD NEWS EVERY ONE (Prof. Farnsworth accent)

Antioch College is back and charging NO TUITION.

The ONLY economic commentary I have on this, and the sole reason I recapped everything above is simply this:

Finally, a liberal arts school that accurately prices its programs. $0 for a worthless degree.

Now children will merely waste their time and not their money.

Out-Freaking-Standing

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From our Mathematics Agent in the Field.

Last Christian Standing - Compliment or Shot Across the Bow

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From The Last Christian Standing:

Captain Capitalism has left the church and now lives with the fruits of nihilism: a clear minded despair and misanthropy moderated by the use of cheap liquor

I only posted this because:

1. It's forcing me to look up two different words - nihilism and misanthropy
2. It's one of those things I don't know if it was meant to be a compliment or an insult
3. Even if it was intended as a good-hearted insult, I'm predicting it will still probably be taken as a compliment.

Will report back once I look up dem der fancy words.

Post post - Not only was he accurate, it was a genuine compliment too! Thanks LCS!

PS - Rumpleminze isn't cheap.

Your Economic "No Freaking Duh" Moment of the Day

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Apparently, those brilliant Fed economists in San Francisco no less have finally figured out ONE MAN cannot turn around the economy all on his little lonesome.

Apparently, the economy is a bit more dynamic than that. Because I always though the recession was "Bush's Fault." And the recovery would be SOLELY due to Barry Obama.

I mean, because it's foolish, outlandish even to suggest it would be the remaining 299,999,998 people in the country that would actually have something to do with an economic recovery. Nope, it has to be a handful of reaaaaaaaaally powerful people that can turn this country around. Especially a few people in an institution like the Fed. Because we know monetary policy is 100% responsible for the economic production of all nations.

Am I the only one that isn't a f#cking moron in the economics profession? For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

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Bra-freaking-vo.

Welcome to Equality

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We will treat them like equals.

And they will not like it.

HAR!!!!

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I'm not a big Star Wars fan, nor one of those nerdy types that have a thing for Leia, but I think the nerd population just cumulatively had a massive cardiac arrest.

Anybody know the author of this for proper dues?

Good News Everyone!

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The socialist state known as "California" is going to run out of money. Fry, I want you and Leela to go the California and see if you can pick up some of the few remaining conservatives in an effort to expedite their capital and intellectual flight. Zoidberg, see if you can go there and mock all the liberals and just generally annoy them.

God, Please Make It Stop

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I had a marketing idea for "Worthless." Find blogs of the poor unfortunate kids who had been lied to for all these years that they could "follow their heart and the money would follow," send them an e-mail or a link to "Worthless" and hopefully save them $45,000 in tuition for a worthless degree.

So I did a simple search on the internet:

"blog" and "I'm majoring in"

The results were hilarious, but absolutely painful, meriting a post unto itself. I'm warning you however, it is PAINFUL to read some of these blog profiles. I found the RARE IT major and threw those in there to provide your brain a break, but, no, seriously, pour yourself a martini first:

A "Woman's" Life and Passions. And THIS qualifies as writing??

You Too Can Have an Exciting Career in Digital Media Arts!

Shazika will be majoring in Sociology, minoring in English, and living with or off of her parents till she's 34.

Please do not tell me teachers are not baby sitters. What's the economic model here? Everyone in the US becomes a teacher while the Chinese "make all the stuff?"

I'm majoring in Children and Family Studies, which is basically code to say that I'm majoring in people! God, shoot me now.

Yeah, math is tough kid. You know what's tougher? Unemployment.

I'm going to go to school for 6 years so I can teach ELEMENTARY topics to ELEMENTARY students. No, no, there's no education bubble here.

FINALLY, somebody who is actually going to produce something in this economy AND not have a government job. Atta boy Dustin!

Three cheers for Aditya!

I love cats, Battlestar Galactica and walks on the beach.

My mom threw something like this up on the fridge when I was 7.

Majored in "Sustainable Tourism." But he got "good grades."

Good for you, pursue a career in the military. If you haven't noticed, everybody else is majoring in "Elementary Education" too.

Wait, wait, wait! Lemme guess! Yet ANOTHER 20 something girl majoring in (oooohhh...could it beeeee???) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION?

If you can turn that passion for "writing" that every 20 something seems to have and turn in into a passion for writing code, that might help. But wait, wait, lemme guess. The math would be too hard?

Don't worry, I'm sure Ashraf prefers to pay the extra taxes to create-make work jobs for all you "elementary education" majors.

"Heaven's Wrath" the sequel to "Faster Than the Speed of Love."

I love having 3 months a year off and avoiding any major that requires math or intellectual rigor...err... I mean "I love kids and I want to make a difference in their lives." Can I have my government check now?

Hey, I wanted to be an F-16 Fighter Pilot, chocolate ice cream taster, lingerie consultant, international spy when I was young too. I just grew up.

"PIANO PEDOGAGY???" I don't know what that is, but something tells me her parents will be preparing her old room she had before she left for college.

Ug, "global studies?" Good thing she went to Ecuador and help revolutionize the economy. I hear Ecuador is the booming economy nowadays and will save the global economy from its credit crisis it's in today. All those Peace Corps and global studies majors finally paid off!

Majoring in "human performance." Eat, Gag, Barf.

I have to end on a positive note. Thank you Arnab for being a productive member of society.

Recession Medicine

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"Don't By Pass Us, We Need Jobs!"

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WARNING WARNING WARNING - This post contains blunt truths that insult those who are typically insulted by truth. If you don't like the truth or have ever uttered the words "perception is my reality" do NOT read further! You have been warned!

I love watching the economic realities of a dying economy crush one of the most damaging aspects to the American economy, and that is HR.

Human Resources in the 1980's-early 2000's, as you all know, was nothing more than a failed experiment in affirmative action to load the employee ranks of corporations with women. When it turned out 22 year old HR reps who had NO CLUE what they were doing when it came to recruiting talented labor (especially in technical fields), they turned their focus instead on employment law and benefits and compensation (where HR does have some genuine merit and I would recommend pursuing a career). Of course, companies lost out on literally two decades of attracting the most qualified labor, but hey, at least we gave two generations of 23 year old HR generalist ditzes a good boost of self-esteem. And that made it worth the billions of dollars in lost efficiency, lower overall employment, lower labor productivity, lower international rankings and lower standards of living for the entire American populous.

But what I find hilarious today, is when you see aging, decrepit HR professionals still trying to advocate keeping HR in the hiring process. Still trying to make it seem like HR is relevant or somehow "vital" to the hiring process. What's even better is reading the comments where they try to self-rationalize their importance to the US economy and labor market. They even threaten you not to bypass HR.

I'm so sorry dearies, but you had your chance. You went on a power trip, proved yourselves to be inept, if not, worse, on a political vendetta to punish perceive political enemies at the expense of the company, and now corporations are relegating you to the legal department. Better swallow some of our own advice and get some of that there never ending "CPE" in benefits and compensation as you futilely pursue one of your own creations - "progressive credentialism!"

Enjoy the decline!

Starbucks on February 14th

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I do not like Starbucks. It's overpriced and it's one of those companies that prides itself on going "organic" or "green" or whatever other stupid marketing tactic it uses to sell overpriced coffee to overly-stupid people (which, is maybe why I should like it).

However, it seems an anti-gun outfit is trying to boycott Starbucks. Why? Because Starbucks is allowing people who openly carry firearms to come into their stores in states where an open carry is legal.

The boycott is supposed to happen on the 14th. I shall purchase a fluffy foo-foo drink on the 14th at Starybucks. You should too.

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Nagging. Looking for a way to really piss off your husband and destroy your marriage? Try Nagging. Yes Nagging is that wonderful, pointless, childish, subversive, cowardly "sh!t test" meant to try to get your man to succumb to you, while at the same time destroying any respect you have for him in the process. Looking for a reason to start a fight while simultaneously shooting your love life in the foot? Try Nagging!

Also in part by the fine men and women of Pettiness. Why dedicate your efforts and resources to productive means when you can simply fight and bicker amongst yourselves. Pettiness. Now available at all collegiate MBA programs, Fortune 500 companies and women's empowerment seminars.

Inflation. When statistics don't paint the reality you want, massage them with Inflation.

Purity Bear. I don't know what the heck it is, but it sounds painful and I am wincing before I click on the play button. Purity Bear - the result of emasculating men.

Linkage is also brought to you by the lazy men and women of AFSCME. Yes, AFSCME, "We don't work for you. You work for us. We own you. You're our bitches. Vote democrat or else!"

The Education Bubble. Ensuring millions of naive, youthful college students spend billions of dollars on worthless, washed up hippie professors. The Education Bubble. Screwing you over since 1970.

MBA's. Worthless, overpriced and now easily replaceable with people who do real work - engineers.

Capital Flight. Hate the rich? Hate the successful? Piss them off to the point they get up and leave or just throw in the towel. Capital Flight - It's the last thing liberals will expect.

Wingnut Musings. A book written by Fourthcheckraise, who you should visit frequently.

Keynesianism. Yes, if you want to be infantile in your beliefs about economics, nothing better than an economic theory that tells you working harder and smarter is for losers! Why believe the cold, harsh realities of truth when you can just say, "let's spend more government money, slosh it around the economy, and economic growth will magically happen!" Yes Keynesianism! It makes Krugman's Job Farting Unicorn Theories believable to those suffering cognitive dissonance!

The First Annual Charles Montgomery Burns Award for the Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Excellence

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No! Don't tell me the Swedes are starting to finally look into how the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded!

We in the west rely on it desperately to find out who the real enemies of freedom and capitalism are!

A Freaking BA in "Value Studies"

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Wow. I keep thinking I've seen the lamest, most pathetic degrees out there, but then I'm continually surprised just how low the education industry has sunk.

You can now get a degree in "Value Studies."

Apparently so after you graduate you can assess the value of your degree to be 0.

St. Reif cannot come down here and save us quickly enough.

La' Amor

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Can't remember if I ever posted this:

The Captain's Jazz Club

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Since I'll probably never own one myself, this will have to do. Turn down the lights, pour yourself a gin and tonic, or better yet, have the little lady done a cute waitress outfit and serve you one, and imagine you're in a dark, unknown jazz club:

The best part I would say hits around the 1:50 mark.

That's What You Get for Doing Business With Liberals

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I had a duplex one time in Minneapolis. For the most part it was a bachelor pad. My tenants were primarily recently divorced men who were just looking for a cheap, but clean place to crash. Of course, one of the traitorous bastards after 7 years of NEVER LATE PAYMENTS AND EXCELLENT TENANTSHIP betrayed me and the other bachelor and "fell in love" and "moved in with his girlfriend." And so I had to find new tenants.

The tenants I found were great on paper, but had one major flaw:

The couple were 20 something liberals.

Worse still, they were the extreme vegan, eco-friendly, chemicals-are-bad, type nutjobs.

They had the upstairs unit so there was no mold, but when they found out there was mold in the basement, they raised hell. There was a token amount of mold that every basement had, but I've learned it's better not to piss off tenants that pay and go and deal with their minor problems.

So I got some "Killz" which is a chemically treated oil based paint that kills mold. Painted up the basement real good, got rid of the mold. And all was well.

Until!!!!

Mr. Effeminate Goatee Wearing Spoiled Brat Preppy Suburbanite Male Whose Ass I Could Crush Because He Was Even Skinnier Than Me comes up to me in the Honey Badger voice and practically yells at me because of the chemically smell. I tried explaining that it was to get rid of the mold they were so complaining about. But it didn't matter. I was supposed to warn them. I was supposed to use environmentally friendly means to kill the mold. What if they got asthma. When in reality he should have been more worried about me losing my temper and busting his teeth (these were the dark days when the Captain had a very short fuse).

In the end, I learned that if I was going to rent to people the biggest tenant-risk isn't the section 8 welfare recipient or the frat boy partiers. It's the spoiled brat, entitlement minded liberal children who never worked for a living.

Fast forward 8 years now and lookie what's happening.

I can't wait till the unholy alliance between big corporations and the environmentalist movement they so wished to court starts to unravel. Then again, you big time corporations swallowed that CSR BS hook, line and sinker and so I once again

break out the lawn chair

pour myself a drink

light up a cigar

and enjoy the decline.

Paige Kezima - Future Crusader

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Another worthless human being,

with another worthless degree.

Something tells me we'll be seeing her in the political scene telling us what to do and how to pay more in taxes in the near future.

I Will Hire Graduates from MITx

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"MITx" is the project MIT is pursuing wherein they offer online classes for free AND provide a credential that you did indeed master the subject.

These credentials, of course, will not be recognized by the rest of the educational system because it would destroy the monopoly they have over millions of innocent people. Thousands of worthless, washed up hippie professors would have to get real jobs instead of screwing over youth for $400 a credit.

There is good news however. What ultimately gives universities their power is not the fact they recognize each others' credits, but that employers recognize the credits or acknowledge the value of a degree from a university. I know people in this country are very slow, and HR consciously works against productivity and progress, but slowly companies are starting to realize just how worthless most college degrees and their graduates are. And I'm willing to bet that in due time employers will start to accept credentials from free online colleges like Khan's Academy or MITx as equal, if not better than a traditional brick and mortar university because the student was obviously self-motivated.

I therefore officially declare that I will hire graduates from MITx should I ever be in the position of power to hire people. Actually, I would prefer them. Now if the rest of the Fortune 500 companies would join me, we could fundamentally change the country for the better.

My Long Lost Twin Brother

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I found him in New York. Apparently, Diehipster has my hatred for faux wanna be's who live off of their parents or my mandatory largess via the government.

Actually, had to keep reading and came across this one. Damn he's good.

The Case for Eliminating HR

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Rhymes with "itches." And starts with a "b.'

I'll say it again - HR is the single largest NON-public sector threat to the economy. It is completely unnecessary and is only like inviting a vampire into your house.

Why Youth Are So Stupid

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He hits it on the head. THe public schools and said unions are nothing more than vile indoctrinators.

Men Can Change Women, Not Vice Versa

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From our Canadian Agent in the Field:

Hey Cap, Huge fan from Ontario. I remember you describing your ideal woman as something like "a brilliant computer-engineer-type who likes to dress up, wear lingerie, go dancing, and act like a dude". Essentially, an approximation of a real-life Dagny Taggart. AGREED. Couple things - first, as a libertarian myself, I'm tempted to conclude that a romantic relationship with a liberal/democrat/socialist would inevitably fail. SO, have you ever seen it work? Furthermore, there aren't exactly many free-market/liberty-leaning females out there. Or at least, they're hard to find. Other than basically wedding-crashing on political/economic conferences, what do you recommend to track down these elusive ladies? Thanks a bunch,

-Canadian Agent "Charlie"

Our Canadian Agent asks an OUTSTANDING question that plagues many young collegiate males' minds:

How, or even, SHOULD we date liberal chicks, when that's all we have available to us?

And this presents us a very important "teachable moment."

Understand young male economists, that whereas it is commonly accepted that women want to change men (and we cannot be changed), that doesn't necessarily apply to women in reverse. Matter of fact women CAN EASILY be changed when it comes to things like politics, religion, etc. etc., simply because they've given no real serious thought, ponderance, let alone have rarely spent any time researching and actually looking up facts to determine whether their ideology or political beliefs are the correct ones. They (just like their young male collegiate counterparts), are predisposed to believe in liberalism or socialism not because of any intellectually honest soul searching, but were merely brainwashed by their k-12 indoctrinators.

In short, they are not wedded to their ideology and are merely parroting the same old liberal lines because it's either "popular" or they mindlessly "just care for the little people."

There is however one thing that can make a girl/woman quickly abandon her political ideology or religion and that is a man she is viscerally attracted to. I've seen it a million times before. The girl was a "rabid feminist" or a "huge liberal" in college, until her engineering husband she married explained things to her or started laying down the law.

Without fail they will say, "you know, I used to believe in all that liberal stuff, until my husband started explaining things to me" as they go and now rear the three children they just had. Even religion. I know many women that merely abdicated their original religion to be in line with the man they were marrying. Oh, they were passionate christians/jews/muslims/etc., just as they were passionate liberals/feminists/pacifists/vegans, but once that dominant, sexy alpha male showed up, oh, they got rid of any previous ideologies real quick.

This means, fellow Collegiate Cappy Cappites of the Male Persuasion, that you should not refuse to date a girl just because she's a liberal. Matter of fact, you should view it as a child believing in Santa Claus - you pat her on the head and view it for how cute it is. Besides, the sheer statistical numbers make NOT dating liberals an impossibility because you essentially have nothing BUT liberal girls in college (and an aside if you will - you'll find most CONSERVATIVE college girls are just as clueless about politics and economics and simply "chose" to be conservative on equally flimsy grounds).

What you should be doing however, is not looking at what the girl is today - a naive 20 something whose parents are paying for her "elementary education" degree who has never visited the FRED database in her life. You should be looking at her long term potential.

You'll note that in speaking with most college students today (male and female) they are probably more conservative or libertarian than they are socialists. Their beliefs are conservative, their brains, however were too lazy to go and find out which political party those beliefs concur with. Of course, the always available teachers unions were more than willing to make that decision for them. So if the girl is cute, she's smart, she espouses logical, moral beliefs and (above all else) SHE IS NICE AND NOT A COMPLETE PSYCHO, don't dismiss her because she's a liberal. View her more in terms of high quality raw material that can be shaped into the "IT geek goddess that likes to wear lingerie and play video games."

There is of course the question then, "how do you get her to convert?" Or "how do you get her to realize her ideology is wrong?"

And it pains me you young Agents don't know the arsenal of weapons I've equipped you with in the field.

The single

biggest,

bestest,

most-awesomeist

weapon you have is...

Betting.

Assume, a couple premises and you will see how betting is hands down the best way to convince a woman (or anybody for that matter) you are right, they are wrong, but not alienate or anger them.

Premise 1 - The girl is viscerally and genuinely attracted to you.
Premise 2 - You have NOT mentioned your ideology at all and is thus far unknown to her
Premise 3 - She is intellectually honest and will listen to reason and, more importantly, fact.

Those three things are the only things you need to convert a liberal girl over to the factual-side of the force AND impress her romantically.

When the topic of politics comes up (which it will, but you WON'T bring it up), you will act nonchalant. Indifferent. Silent, but with a hint of superiority. She will ask you a question about politics, or she will say something you know to be FACTUALLY wrong. When she does this, you can spring your trap.

You say, "You know what, I bet you're wrong about how much we spend on the military."

She will retort, "Oh really?"

You say, "Yes, matter of fact, I'll enter a wager with you. If military spending as a percent of GDP is less than 10%, you have to come to my house, wear a french maid outfit and cook me dinner. If it's more than 10% GDP, I'll come over to your house and be your personal manslave for a day."

And in one cunning move you've not only turned her on even more, but you have politely (and quit sexually, I might add) introduced the concept she might be wrong.

The upshot of liberal college girls is they are wrong on some many levels, the betting could go on forever. The budget, economic growth, history, etc. etc., you name it. So you could theoretically have her in your house being the "naughty nurse" or whatever everyday for the next 20 years.

There is however, a problem with betting. Once you force the typical liberal to attach something of value (money, french maid outfit, manslave, etc.) to their beliefs, they all of the sudden realize there IS a consequence for being ignorant. They WILL try to weasel

their way out of it, change semantics, look for technicalities, which means you must peg down the PRECISE, SPECIFIC data you are going to use to prove either of you wrong.

So it can't be "I bet you that Bush didn't suck as much."

It has to be "I bet you that there was more jobs created under George Bush by this point in time in his presidency than there has been under Obama. And we'll use the BLS as a source."

There is also a totally alpha move if the girl doesn't want to go through with the bet. When she refuses to take the bet, you can simply say,

"Cool, then you can show up at my house in lingerie anyway and help me fix my motorcycle. I'll see you at 8:00."

It will certainly impress her more than the hipster-Seth Rogen, DB, goatee-wearing liberal arts pansy asking her to "get coffee" or see the latest craptastic "independent student film."

A Bachelors Degree in Baby Sitting

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I predict in the future, people on the right will more frequently use "Baby Sitters" as the derogatory (and accurate) slang for "teachers," and the teachers unions will actually take great umbrage to it.

They will huff and puff, but it won't change the truth, which is most of them ARE effectively overpaid baby sitters.

I dream of the day we have high school seniors paid to teach k-6 grades at a mere fraction of the cost it takes us now with similar, if not, better results...and much lower property taxes.

Nobody Likes Milhouse

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James Brown Celebrity Hot Tub

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Apparently you youth are unaware of one of the finer bits of theatrical genius from the late 80's. I actually had to explain Eddie Murphy's "James Brown Celebrity Hot Tub."

Ug, you youth. All you learn is socialism and how great you are for merely existing in school.

GDP in Terms of Gold

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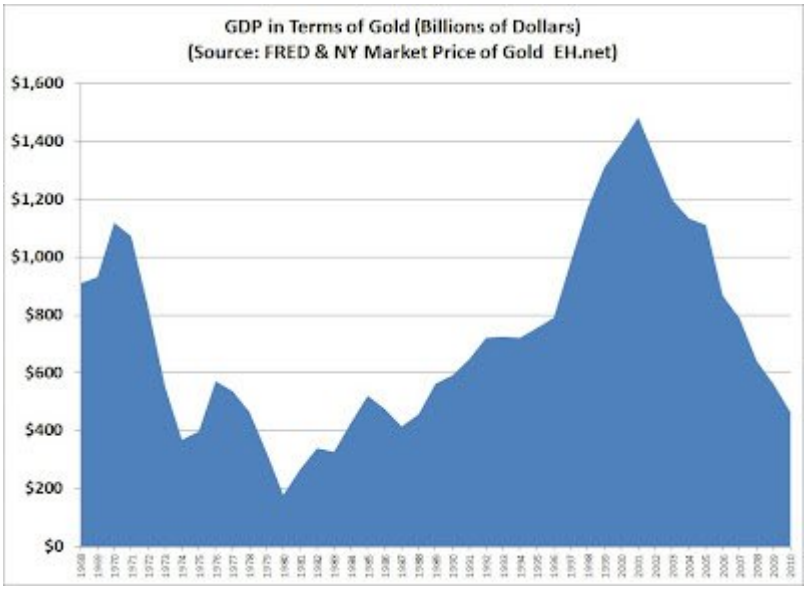
I had previously calculated what the price of gas was had you used gold as your currency instead of US dollars. The price of oil today would be somewhere around $1.29.

I then figured, "hey, why not convert US GDP in terms of gold?"

I will admit upfront this is not a completely fair comparison in that it is more reflective of the price of gold than it is the productive ability of the US, but it is interesting to note that if we used gold as the currency, GDP today would be a mere $400 billion, about what it was when the last time the economy sucked this bad - Jimmy Carter.



I'm just waiting for the next Ronald Reagan.

Dunkin' Bagels

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Correct.

I Want a Pet Polar Bear

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Correct.

I also plan on avoiding this.

Read down to the last two, but there is a language warning.

Why Bachelors Don't Cook

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I even removed my stove from my old place in Minneapolis so I could put in a martini lounge.

It was a wise decision.

Tommy Jordan for President

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Everybody has seen the video. I just wanted to make my small dent in this huge intergalactic webbosphere that Tommy Jordan should be president and his daughter is actually going to turn out a hell of a lot better than most of the trash that is being churned out in suburban America right now.

God bless you Tommy Jordan.

It's Called Capital Flight

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I love it.

US courts wants to sue a Swiss bank because they won't willingly betray their clients and give the US government their money.

BUT (here's the kicker)

Oh, that's right! It's a SWISS bank, not a US bank! And so the bank simply didn't show up to court.

The pure hubris of the federal government thinking they can violate a country's sovereignty when it comes to getting other people's money.

I Am One to Brag

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As all of you know I am not exactly the humble, shy, bashful type. Nor, in my honest opinion, do I view myself as arrogant or egotistical. I truly believe that in today's PC world, people's sensibilities have been lowered so low, that anybody who has the gall to stand up for oneself, merely point out the truth or have the audacity to toot their own horn, is usually labeled as a blowhard. However, I have achieved something quite commendable and I wish to share it with you, and frankly, don't give a damn how it is perceived amongst the pansified PC classes. Besides which, there's an important lesson here for the boys.

I have been working out quite regularly, as well as participating in an excruciating jujitsu program for the past 6 months. I was never "not" in shape, but I was never chiseled or ripped at the same time either. Also, I started following the diet laid out in Freedom 25's book. The results are thus:

Again, I am by no means a ripped Ryan Reynolds, but there IS something to be said for the subsegment of the Manosphere that addresses dieting and eating right, as well as working out on a regular basis. A correct diet, as well as regular (and unfortunately) rigorous exercise, I am starting to believe is more of a must among men in this world. If we are going to list demands and hold women to certain standards, then we too much also stay in shape and be physically attractive to them. Not only for the health benefits it brings to ourselves, and not only to avoid being hypocrites, but also because staying physically fit is infinitely more economical and efficient than try to go to a bar and "game" some girl with chat, gab and charm.

Additionally, for those of us lucky enough to have found the rare woman that is the traditional, loving, sexy, caring 1940's type gal that had the intelligence to give

establishment feminism the finger (and be more than willing to become the naughty June Cleaver in the kitchen heh heh), they of all women most certainly deserve a sexy, physically attractive man. Not some DB that just acts alpha and plays game and scratches his ass.

So, hence forth fellow junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists of the male persuasion:

If you got an extra 20 pounds, lose it.

If you got the choice between staying home for 2 hours watching TV or going for a 10 mile walk, go for a walk.

If you eat crap, stop.

Not just because improving your physique will prove more productive in the end in your romantic pursuits, but if you're lucky like some of us to have a girl that tolerates our manosphere theology, AND SHE BELIEVES IN IT, can you think of a more deserving woman that is entitled to a better and sexier you?

Female Sexual Centrism

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"Centrism" is one of the words academians use when their field or discipline is worthless. For example you don't hear engineering doctorates use "centrism" ever in their lectures or textbooks. They're too busy living in the real world building things people want. Along with "centrism" are words like "paradigm" or "rubric" and other such words that 100% guaran-freaking-tees you the field is worthless.

The term "centrism," though, I first ran into in college in the early 90's where everything was "euro-" or "anglo-" centric. Hard not to be when pretty much all inventions, innovations, technological advances and powerful economies herald from western civilizaiton. But as much as I loathe the term "centrism," I'll grant myself this one opportunity to use the word in that I plan on turning it around and using it against those who originally brought it into its existence.

I was out driving around smoking a cigar and enjoying the sun, when my mind wandered and I noticed for the most part that we live in a female sexual "centric" society. In other words the female version of sexuality is deemed "correct" or "proper" whereas male sexuality is considered "bad" or "wrong."

For example, when a guy says he just wants to have frivolous, meaningless sex, he's considered to be a cad, or shallow or sick or just plain "wrong." Whereas when a woman insists on having a relationship or some level of emotional involvement as a pre-requisite to sex, that's considered "good" or "proper."

I'll give you another one.

It's virtuous and noble to like somebody for their inner-beauty. Wow, what a kind and great person you are to find somebody's intellect attractive. But dare you say,

"I like long legs, long hair, pouty lips, and big gazongas"

SHAME! You are SHALLOW, HOLLOW and "only going after one thing."

I have a simple question:

Who in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick determined the male approach to sexuality was "bad" and the women's approach "good?"

If you look at society, it's more or less ordains female sexuality as the "appropriate" sexuality and more or less criminalizes or shames male sexuality.

This is funny because last I checked male and female sexuality was essentially binary in nature. For example in electricity you have either positive or negative. Computers are either on or off. And even though the words "positive" or "on" are considered better than "negative" or "off" in reality they are not words that describe morality. Merely states.

That wire is positively charged. That wire is negatively charged.

That computer is on. That computer is off.

00000000 00000001 (some IT humor there for the boys)

And male and female sexuality is the same thing. One is not better than the other. Nor is another worse than the other. They are merely two sides of the same coin. States or binary traits the sexes have.

Because they are neutral when it comes to morality, I'm just wondering why male sexuality is shunned or shamed, while female sexuality is championed? The reason I ask is I'm getting mightily tired of having my sexual programming be overlooked or even villainized, while I have to have the female version shoved down my throat.

BBW? Uh no.

"Large and in charge?" Uh no.

"Big is beautiful?" Uh no.

Lingerie for overweight people? Uh, DOUBLE NO!

Now you can go ahead and lecture me about how evil I am and how mean I am and blah blah blah. Not only will it make my point that men can't speak freely about their sexual preferences without incurring social wrath AND also point out society is female sexual "centric," your arguments are moot because it's like arguing that

HEY! THAT COMPUTER IS (GASP!) ON!!!!! Shame on you computer for being on!

HEY! That wired has a (GASP) NEGATIVE CHARGE!!! Shame on you wire for having a negative charge!

Hey! 00000000 00000001! 00100100 00111100 10110110 01111010!!!!

It would be like me lecturing women about (GASP!) PREFERRING TO HAVE CHILDREN!!!!

Additionally, arguing against something that is genetically programmed or hardwired in

men, once against violates The Reality Principle. You can argue till your face is blue that you find it dirty and disgusting men prefer skinny, younger women over fat older ones. You might as well be arguing against gravity or arguing against the tornado about to barrel down on your house, because you're arguing against reality. However, there are consequences to arguing against reality, notably for the women who so desperately wish to ignore male sexuality.

The perfect example is the Herculean efforts and strides made to make fat women (and men I might add) feel proud about themselves. AND at the same time shame men for being "shallow" for daring to not find them attractive. The result is that the overweight woman lives in a very accommodating, but delusional world. She never loses the weight, but at the same time never finds a guy (and consequently has bad health too). She never really achieves any happiness (though I'm sure I can hear the screeching now about how "we don't need a man to be happy" and blah blah blah), because society lacked the spine to be upfront with her and accept male sexuality for what it is. So the poor woman dies, not living her full potential she could, wondering why men never came around simply because society never acknowledged what the other side of the coin might have to say.

So who is the real victim of female sexual centrism? Sadly, both men and women, because no matter how much each side may claim otherwise, we are in this boat together and would prefer each others' company. Men are silenced and oppressed on a psychological and social level from voicing their preferences and just being plain ole males. While women are misled about the true nature of male sexuality, let alone its very existence. Because of this, they violate The Reality Principle, operate on the false premise female sexuality is the only thing that matters, rendering their attempts and efforts to have success with the opposite sex fruitless or at least impaired (unhappy marriages, "my day" is somehow viewed as the BEST day in her life, husbands who get fat because she does, sexless marriages/relationship, etc. etc.). The end result, everybody is not as happy as they could be, divorce rates go through the roof, and society still recommends "female sexuality good, male sexuality bad."

Not until we treat it as 00000000 and 00000001 and realize there is no "right" or "wrong," men you can expect to see more of this, and ladies you can expect to see more of this.

This highly politically incorrect (and therefore, truthful) PSA brought to you by Cappy Cap.

They Employ the Nicest People at Green Peace

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Pedophilia and environmentalism just go so well together.

From Our Italian Agent in the Field

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Whew boy! This one is lengthy, but good if you are looking to understand concepts like money.

I've been meaning to put together a lecture on money and production which would go a long way in simplifying people's understanding of economics, but just haven't had time.

Regardless, pour yourself a double shot o' Rumpie before taking on the link above.

Generational Decay

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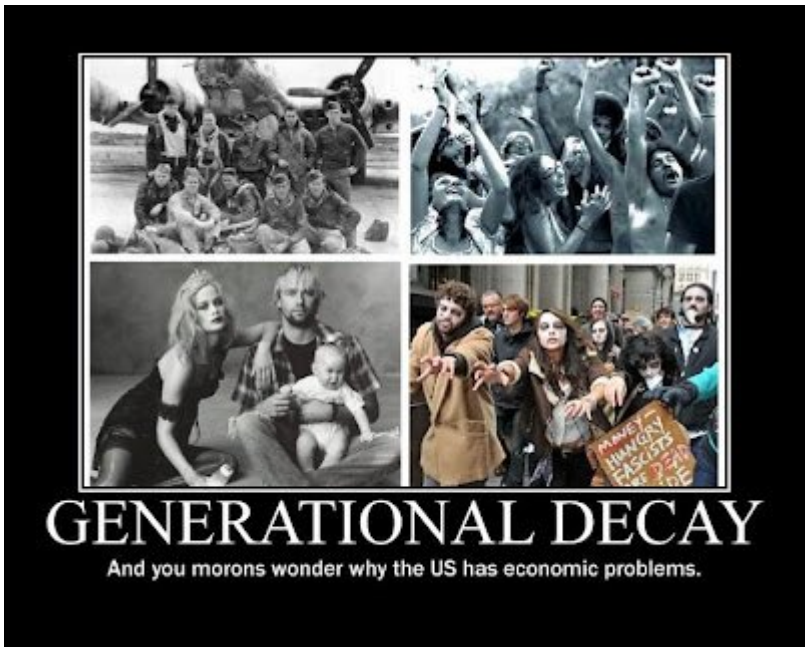
Correct.



Well, I Better Inform You Guys

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Dr. Glenn Reynolds was kind enough to make mention of my book, Worthless on Instapundit.

And better yet, his wife was kind enough to write a review. To add icing to this cake, she titles it with light saber sharpness:

"Are Liberal Arts Colleges Becoming Finishing Schools for Women?"

Hooo hooo!!!!

Because of their linkage my book has gone from an Amazon rank of 60,000-ish to 31,000-ish, to now 2,000-ish (Mythical Cassandra has been keeping me updated). And sales thus far will afford me this nice scoped AR-15 I have my eye on.

Regardless, understand Instapundit is kind of like the conservative/libertarian version of Oprah's book club. It's the best you can hope for in this realm and is a very-welcomed bit of good news in the ole Captain's life.

I now of course have dreams of this mention creating kind of a bomb-hitting-the-magazine-in-a-ship type of chain reaction effect. People will forward to other people, all of NRO's authors will read it and want interviews, Dr. Walter E Williams will invite me over for martinis and basketball, Drudge will list it at the top of his web site, and Rush Limbaugh will invite me over for a round of golf...which I don't play...so I'll be his caddy or something. Oh! And I want hot Foxnews Babes to request me that I teach them how to salsa dance. Preferably Leeane Tweeden, but I'm not picky.

Now, I know all of my readers. You're all rough and tumble type yahoos, and you all like to shoot the old Captain a couple barbs his way in loving jesting fun. But just let me dream for now of becoming the next Vince Flynn wherein the Rumpie flows freely, motorcycles are on the cheap, Stugis is open year-round, and I can make fossil hunting my day time job....well, that or at least I'll be able to get that scoped AR 15.

An AR-15 for Valentine's Day

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"Glenn Reynolds linked to me

and all I got was this lousy AR 15."

Samurai Delicatessen

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Ug, you youth. Not only did I have to explain Eddie Murphy's "James Brown Celebrity Hot Tub" to this youth, I also now had to explain "Samurai Delicatessen."

And I know you young kids are all too busy to sit through the 30 second commercial on Hulu, but just watch it. You'll thank the ole Captain later.

Gee, Bill. I Don't Know Why The Economy Isn't Recovering

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Negotiators reach tentative payroll tax cut pact

Associated Press By ANDREW TAYLOR | Associated Press – 6 mins ago

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What movie will you go see this weekend?

The Cost of Obama

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President Obama's fourth budget has now been released, which allows for a relatively full accounting of deficit spending during his four years in office. The picture isn't pretty, but it is revealing.

According to the White House's own figures (see table S-1 here for 2011 to 2013, and table S-1 here for 2010), the actual or projected deficit tallies for the four years in which Obama has submitted budgets are as follows: $1.293 trillion in 2010, $1.300 trillion in 2011, $1.327 trillion in 2012, and $901 billion in 2013. In addition, Obama is responsible for the estimated $200 billion (the Congressional Budget Office's figure) that his economic "stimulus" added to the deficit in 2009. Moreover, he shouldn't get credit for the $149 billion in TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) repayments made in 2010 and 2011 to cover most of the $154 billion in bank loans that remained unpaid at the end of the 2009 fiscal year — loans that count against President Bush's 2009 deficit tally.

Adding all of this up, deficit spending during Obama's four years in the White House (based on his own figures) will be an estimated $5.170 trillion — or $5,170,000,000,000.00.

To help put that colossal sum of money into perspective, if you take our deficit spending under Obama and divide it evenly among the roughly 300 million American citizens, that works out to just over $17,000 per person — or about $70,000 for a family of four.

Morons. Effing morons.

MGTOW vs WGTOW

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Susan Walsh has an interesting piece up at her little cabin in the Hookuposphere. It highlights an article by Katie Bolick about how single women, who are now in their 30's and 40's, are embracing their singlehood, and coming to grips they may never marry, striking out on going their own way.

Read it first, before continuing on.

You read it yet?

You have????

OK, here we go.

I like the article and very much agree with everything that's been said because it is essentially "WGTOW." Women of a certain age are starting to realize their perceptions and strategies were not quite accurate or effective when it came to choosing an appropriate suitor, and now that they are no longer the "hot little thing" they were when Milli Vanilli was popular, they are forced to accept reality and abide by it. It's a healthy decision to realize you are on this planet this one time and you better make the best of it, and so to see a movement akin to MGTOW with women, I can and do tip my hat to them.

There's just a couple problems with the whole premise, and permit me to be blunt (not that you thought I was going to be anything but).

One, I don't believe it. Sorry, just don't. Normally I cite empirical data or statistics, but I have none. All I have is the totality of personal and anecdotal experience I've accumulated over the years to realize that women, especially in their 30's and 40's, AND ESPECIALLY IF THEY DON'T HAVE KIDS, become MORE desperate. Yes they'll tell themselves 30 is the new 20. And yes, they'll cite people like "Meg Ryan" or "Jennifer Aniston" who are still "hot" in their 40's. And yes, they'll read US or People magazine and watch reruns of "Tank Girl." But in the end, I don't believe women, like men in the MGTOW movement, believe it for one second. I believe it is their rationalization hamsters merely plagiarizing the MGTOW movement.

Two, while the two are analogous (MGTOW and WGTOW), the analogy ends in the origins of both movements. The origins of MGTOW hearkens back to when these men were in their early teens. Nerd or jock. Player or uber-beta. Virgin or porn star. All men have had to suffer the games, psychoses, drama, and just plain BS associated with dating and courting women/girls since puberty. Some men, with a low threshold for psychological

pain or abuse (or as I like to call it "self-respect"), just give up. They make a conscious economic decision weighing the costs and benefits of continuing to pursue the opposite sex and came to the decision not to chase any more. To hop on their motorcycles, get the snippity snip, minimize their expenses and head out into the vast plains of life and maximize the time they have on this planet for their own benefit before they died.

This "process" or "epiphany" is different from the origins of WGTOW or how women decide going their own way is the best option. Most men go their own way in their prime. It's a conscious choice. It wasn't forced upon them. They purposely and consciously chose to quit because it was the wisest choice. Whereas with WGTOW, it's a situation that seems forced upon them. They wake up one day, at the age of 37, realize the past 7 years was not as fruitful as it was from 1990-1997 and are faced with the reality nobody cares about Winona Ryder anymore. They only care about Megan Fox. They never analyzed or assessed the ROI of their efforts on attracting a male. They never looked back and said, "Gee, I'm going to die here in a short 40 years, I better quit pissing away my time at the bars and go hiking in Glacier National Park." They just took the time to finally turn around and see men stopped chasing them back in Bush's first administration.

They then claim, "Oh yeah, me too! Fish-bicycle! I'm going my own way!" Sadly, because it's their only option. This, does not a deeply thoughtful (or intellectually honest) epiphany make.

Three, which is related to two, is an issue of human psychology. Specifically, hard wiring.

I truly believe when a man comes to the decision to go his own way, the romantic/social/dating/whatever environment was so hostile it overrode his hard-wired programming to chase women. This is NOT a light statement. Because if your external environment was so hostile, to the point it overrides your genetic programming, that's a pretty hostile environment. I also contend the environment is so hostile, it literally damages your hard-wiring, or perhaps your brain sabotages it on purpose so that you can continue on with a reasonably normal and enjoyable life before you die. You girls perhaps have ran into the "dark, but quiet" man who you theorize was hurt by some woman in the past and you wish to show him there's reason to live and love once again? Yeah, that's the guy I'm talking about.

Sadly, it's already too late. His wiring has been irreparably damaged. He's no longer capable of love or romance, he's in a sense a fully functional automoton, capable of all human functions bar romance and love. Try as you might, he can't be put back together. He is "damaged goods." It's a battery that is dead and just won't turn over. In short, it wasn't a choice for him. His heart or mentality was permanently "broken" and shan't ever be put back together again.

But this cannot be said for the WGTOW movement. I'm sure womens' hearts have been

"broken" and this isn't to say you haven't fallen in love before, blah blah blah. But you have not been driven to the brink where your genetic programming and hard-wiring is damaged or impaired. You haven't been driven to the point where you actually are forced to think of your mortality and how you've been living your life and deciding it is genuinely better to go at it on your own and pack it in before you die, completely taken men out of the picture.

Why?

Well, truthfully (and here we go with that blunt stuff again), ON THE WHOLE (admitting there are exceptions) women have had it pretty good in this country when it comes to quality and caliber of men. They were just WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY too picky (or perhaps preoccupied with playing little funny torturous mind games) when it came to men. I know and acknowledge there are women who have been genuinely abused.

But I'm not talking about them.

I'm talking about the other 98.5% of women in American who watched too much 90210, Oprah or what have you and whose expectations were outlandishly high.

These girls/women have not gone through anywhere NEAR the psychological torture necessary to irreparably damage their hard-wiring to just POOF, give up on men and GENUINELY go their own way.

Four, it's an issue of timing. Given a limitless time horizon, yes, I 100% accept and agree that women would go their own way. But their environment has not been that hostile LONG ENOUGH to essentially break their spirit and their hard-wiring. Men have been at this since they were essentially 13 or 14. You add 20 years of that kind of hostile environment of mind games, being stood up, drama, suicide threats, sh!t tests, flightiness, flakiness, divorce, blah blah blah, and he'll burn out. So by the time he's in his 30's, he's done, he's impaired, he's on his motorcycle and you just see a tailpipe obscured by a puff of exhaust.

Women don't start that training or suffer anything approaching that kind of a hostile environment until they're maybe 30 or 35. And given how society and media constantly artificially pump up their egos, the true learning can be delayed until they're 40 (because, as you know, Oprah said 40 is the new 30. And there's this cougar fad. And Katie Couric is on the news. And did you see Aston Kutchner! He's married to Demi Moore...oops...wait ;).

So if I'm to believe this, Katie Bolick and other 30 something women, in a mere short 2-4 years, have suffered enough of a hostile courting environment that it destroyed their genetic programming and hard-wiring?

Sorry, I don't buy it dear. It takes A LOT of pain, agony, suffering and a relentless, never ending massive assault of nuclear-powered psychological BS to destroy your hard-wiring. Men, frankly, have never launched such a long, vicious, vile or sustained assault on women in this country, leading me to once again believe it is the plagiarizing rationalization hamster.

Of course, there is a silver lining to all this. And that is equilibrium.

As an economist I am a big believer in equilibrium. It is a constant and natural state in all aspects of physics, economics and humanity. It cannot be denied or defied. It is a fact. Because, well, if any system (the universe, the economy, humanity, etc) were NOT to be in equilibrium, it would blow up or destroy itself (which in itself is achieving equilibrium - ahhhhh!). But my deep philosophical hookey pookey aside, the point is you WILL most definitely get to suffer enough to the point your hard wiring is impaired. You will most definitely get to earn your stripes and the right to claim GENUINE WGTOW status. Because, banter about it all you want, a large enough population of the single men out there, ESPECIALLY in their 30's-50's have sooooo been put through the ringer, you'll never have the chance you did to potentially woo them into matrimony back when they were 20 and reasonably functional, healthy and capable in terms of romance and love. Your options are now limited to damaged goods. You have no choice now.

So it's not like you won't be going your own way. Don't worry, another 15-20 years wandering in the harsh desert you've essentially created for yourselves and you'll rank right up there with the rest of us. And besides, it's guaranteed. You'll have the honor of turning highly functional automotons like us when you're 55! You will become 100$ USDA certified WGOTW's.

All I ask is you please don't fake it in the meantime.

The Finalized Product of Feminism

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I am not 100% sure if this is genuine or if she is merely mocking feminism/academia. But if it is genuine, it wouldn't surprise me. 62 year old woman looking for a "mindmate." No pictures because you shallow slobs should find her attractive for her inner beauty (again adhering to my female sexual centrism observation), and she has her masters degree (presumably in something that avoids math like the plague).

Regardless, the whole point of this post is to highlight where the road of feminism leads. THis is it ladies. A woman who is nearly dead, alone and, frankly, sounds about as exciting to hang out with as Buzz Killington.

Super Happy Fun Time Feminist!

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God, the previous entry I thought was bad enough, but this one is about 3 times better.

I'm writing this not just for humorous purposes for the guys, but more importantly for the younger women out there who are now facing the fork in the road as to whether to take the modern day feminist route or a more traditional route. Admittedly, it isn't a black and white choice, you can work and be a housewife. Nobody says you can't be come an engineer. But I'm talking more about how you're going to interact with men and what is ultimately going to lead to your happiness. You want to take the feminist fork in the road, this is where it leads.

Sheesh! Now I know why tigers eat their young!

The Train

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I often wonder how many movies would have been great had they not force-fed a square romance plot into the circular movie hole.

I can only name a few that have not been ruined by some hollywood exec morons trying to get an extra 10% market share by pandering to women in a movie that had no right having woman stuff in it:

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

Duck You Sucker

Kelley's Heroes

Bridge Over the River Kwai

The Great Raid

The Dirty Dozen

Unforgiven

There are more, but they aren't coming to mind right now.

Now, most women get pissed when I complain about movies being destroyed by forcing a romance plot on a movie that is NOT a romance movie. But they quickly acquiesce when I ask if "Steel Magnolias" or "Eat Pray Love" would have been improved with Bruce Willis coming in and killing a ton of terrorists on the side.

All that aside, I just watched a movie that has completely escaped my movie radar and its name is "The Train."

Don't know why I haven't heard of it before. I have no older brother or cousins to guide me, and the older men in my life never took me under their wings, but I'm mightily peeved I've gone 36 years in life without knowing about this movie.

In any case, the ole Captain STRONGLY recommends "The Train." Just look at the poster and tell me you don't want to watch it.

Burt Lancaster

And some other bad ass nazi guys.

All trying to steal a train.

"Steal a train" is actually the worst I can do to explain this movie because there's a TON of strategy and subversion that goes into it. So I won't ruin it for you, because you will all obey me and do as i say and watch this movie for yourself. But seriously, just go get this on Netflix or Blockbuster or whatever you do.

If you die before watching this movie, god says you're going to hell.

Is There Anything Better Than...

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Watching Hogan's Heroes

With a belt of rum in your stomach

With a scantily clad chick serving you home made cupcakes

WITH "The Penguins of Madagascar" frosting ornaments!?

The League of Extraordinary Bloggers

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I am on a extended weekend vacation, so the postage is not forth coming.

Thankfully we have the League of Extraordinary Bloggers that I can link to when I'm lazy...errr...looking to provide you with the same wit, intelligence and insight that I normally provide!

Say you're a burglar and you have a choice. Target a modern day pansified millineal hipster. A slightly-awakened Gen X'r who may have some regrets about voting for hope and change and unicorns. A baby boomer who uses Cialis regularly and "relives" his youth going to Sturgis on a bike he cannot pilot. Or a WWII vet who went 3 months without running water, killed 20 men trying to kill him in his 20's, fought for this country and has no problem killing you. Yeah, that's what I thought. Stay away from the nursing homes. The men there are more manly than our modern day men.

Charty goodness from St. Cloud, MN.

When the Captain runs a kitchen. I love how he puts the elite snobs in their place.

Won't somebody please think of the children...and completely forget about practicality at the same time.

The Exciting Adventures of Hypergamouse! (I have several ideas for a comic, but I have no artistic ability).

Now you know why I prefer to stay in shape, learn to disassemble my own gun and more or less train myself in when the Chinese come running over the hill.

Looks like we stirred a bee's nest. Note the comments of rationalization.

HOw's that Global Warming Scam coming along? Getting all the lemmings to follow you?

SNL Ronald Reagan

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More for you uncultured youth who don't appreciate the rare bits of funny parts from SNL in the 80's.

US Army Survival Manual

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Was thinking of picking one up on Ebay, then it dawned on me it has to be there on dem der interwebz in PDF somewherez. Then I thought this might be of interest to some of you "fools" that like to be prepared and pay attention to those "stupid" debt figures or read (pfa!) "history."

Duly noted I have to print it out because if I need it, chances are there is no electricity to power my laptop to open said PDF file.

Another Stupid Journalism Major

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Good god, do they teach these kids anything about being intellectually honest? I'm not expecting journalism majors to take Calc III or understand physics, let alone contribute to society, but for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, could you just display some of them there much-touted "critical thinking skills?"

Death Star Economics

February 24, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A Keynesian dream come true!!!

Krugman is probably wetting himself as we speak!

For the Cheap Seats

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats because it seems people are unaware of the comment policy.

The single worst thing I have to do is delete a comment that is brilliant or has a point because it is also marred by an unacceptable level of crassness, swearing or uncalled for remarks.

Keep the cursing to a minimum. The slandering and threatening of other people non-existent. And the sexual commentary reasonably clean.

Not that I'm running a church here, but we're not running a prison either.

How To Tell There's an Education Bubble

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I've been meaning to do this for a while, but never took the time to exit from the interstate and take a picture of a similar billboard in Minneapolis.

Fortunately I knew this billboard in Phoenix was coming up, and had my camera at the ready and was able to take a snapshot of it.

Kids (and parents stupid enough to pay for their kids' ways through college), let me explain something to you.

If the colleges have to BUY BILLBOARD SPACE to advertise their degrees, chances are it's a worthless school and a worthless degree. The "Carlson School of Management" had a billboard up for its MBA program in St. Louis Park. Do you REALLY think Harvard and Yale have to resort to this? MIT I doubt buys commercial ads on daytime TV. And I seriously doubt The Chicago School of Economics has infomercials running on late-night TV.

Do yourselves a favor, do not attend schools that advertise on billboards. Also, do yourselves another favor and read my super awesome book. It's definitely worth more than an MBA from the "Carlson School of Management" and a heck of a lot cheaper too.

Cooking Out Ranks Your Masters in "Liberal Arts"

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Ladies I'm here to help.

And by "help" I mean tell you the truth.

Now I know a lot of people have issues with the truth. You can scream and yell and pout and even threaten me, but that doesn't change the truth. So you have a choice, accept and appreciate the truth (thereby making decisions based in reality which will be more effective and beneficial to your lives) or deny it and ignore it and try to fight against it. Again, the second option I usually equate to arguing with a tornado about to barrel down on your house. I'll leave the choice to you.

So let our lesson begin.

In listening to the radio, going on teh interwebz, reading, etc, I find that if you were to ask younger women to list their qualities or why men should find them attractive, without a doubt they will list that they're "educated" or "have an education."

Now, as I've gone into great detail before, it depends on what you got that education in. If you have your Masters in Electrical Engineering with an undergrad in Computer Science, sign me up right now for the Hot IT Chick Fan Club! If you have your degree in accounting and are a controller at a company, I shall be your personal little intern-slave-boy any day. And if you're in pre-med I shall volunteer to be your guinea pig. But if you are like the millions of other young women who simply followed the herd, got a worthless liberal arts degree and then merely doubled down on it and got a masters, eh, sorry, not impressed. The reasons why are:

1. Those degrees have no intellectual rigor. ie-just because you have a degree does not mean you're smart. Do not confuse the two and please don't brag about the worthless degree as if it has some intellectual merit.

2. They're not practical and they serve no purpose in the real world. We find women who are productive and self-supporting sexy and genuinely attractive because they really are independent women. Not somebody who got on the cushy make-work government job gravy train.

3. Furthermore, it's nothing unique or special. There's a million "Art Fashion" majors or "Cosmetology" majors out there. Common as blades of grass. You don't stand out.

Now, I know, I know, "We don't live our lives for you" and "we're not doing it for MEN!"

and blah blah blah.

I know.

But I'm not talking about whether you go to school for men (which I hope you don't). We're talking about listing education as a badge of honor or something you think men will find attractive on your Match.com profile.

List your Masters in Nuclear Physics? - hell yes.

List your Doctorate in Chemistry? - hell yes.

List your PhD in "East Asian Studies?" - sorry, not going to impress us.

Thankfully, however, men are not primarily concerned about what you got your degree in. Yes, we are impressed if you have your CPA. Yes, we are impressed if you know how to program ACL statements on a Cisco router. But outranking all of that is whether you are nice.

To demonstrate I shall link to this link here. I do not agree with the "mail order bride" aspect of the post, but rather I just want the men to look at the pictures and tell me if that doesn't outrank a "Masters in English" any day. The pictures are also simply an amazing amalgamation of food and Uncle Elmer is one lucky guy.

Heck, who knows. Such kindness and pampering may actually (GASP!) LEAD TO A LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY AND BETTER HEALTH!!!! Even (GASP) a BETTER RELATIONSHIP! Of course we wouldn't want that! Better to get your "Masters in Peace Studies" and lord it over whatever guy you date. I'm sure that will get them banging down your door.

Update-

I was wondering where a slight (and I do mean slight) bump in traffic came from, and it was Reddit. We all know Reddit is more or less populated with people leaning to the left and younger lefter leaning folk at that, but when I looked at the comments it has confirmed several sad things:

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[–] **Stellzea** 15 points 16 hours ago

"Only things I value matter! Oh and you should be a nice person, that's the most important thing. I don't have to be one, though. Just you."

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[–] **gattolda** 11 points 15 hours ago

Ah, the age-old & unoriginal idea that so-called hard sciences are more valuable than the "soft" sciences. Has damaged many a girl's self-esteem over the years (including mine). But I don't regret my 2 psych degrees or "doubling down." I also don't regret all of the many other subjects I've studied over the years. Take that, asshole!

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[–] **SirElkarOwley** 11 points 16 hours ago

Curious that he lists "East Asian Studies" as useless, given how much money there is to be made for people who can navigate the cultural differences between China and the West.

In any case, men worth having want a whole person, not a list of attributes. Everyone has dealbreakers, and there are compatibility issues, but I don't know anyone who would reject someone outright just because of her degree.

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[–] **EternalSummer039** 8 points 17 hours ago

this guy is a condescending asshole, although i do agree with the sentiment that "outranking all of that is whether you are nice". too bad he isn't.

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[–] **circledot** 6 points 16 hours ago

Cool, you're not the type of guy I want to date, either.

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[–] **Afro_Samurai** 3 points 11 hours ago

Fuck this guy

/Engineering student

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[–] **leavesontrees** 3 points 11 hours ago

Really? I'm bad at math. I'm not going to suffer through an engineering degree, or a science degree, or an accounting degree to be more attractive to a man.

My passion is music. I'm pursuing a degree in music performance because it is what I'm good at and what I'm passionate about. It's my life, and I will do with it what I please. I don't care if an engineering degree would make me "sexier." An engineering degree would make me miserable, and I'd be miserable doing engineering-type jobs. That's not me, and I'm not going to pretend to be someone else because some douchebag thinks all women should come equipped with graphing calculators.

To all you ladies who are passionate about math, science, and engineering and who do come equipped with graphing calculators, you're all awesome. If it weren't for my actuarial science-studying lab partner, I'd never have passed my Astronomy lab. And if it weren't for bums like me, there'd be no one to teach your kids how to play the flute, or play at your wedding, or perform in orchestras.

We all have our role to play in the human story. If it weren't for innovators and engineers, we'd still be in caves. If it weren't for artists, we'd be dull and miserable. If it weren't for those in the humanities, we'd have a very limited understanding of how our fellow humans view the world we all share.

Hugs all around, you're all fabulous.

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1. I'd hope that the youth would appreciate truth over being lied to, to help boost their self-esteem. Apparently my book will not do as well as I want, as youth today preferred to be lied to so they have warm fuzzies TODAY as opposed to genuine happiness and success tomorrow. Oh well, it isn't my life.

2. I'm still amazed at the emotional response by the handful of commenters who just plain refuse to listen to what I just said. "Men prefer kindness to your worthless degree." That's a fact. Do they accept it? No, they lash out at it and refuse to believe it. I guess what I'm trying to say is I'm amazed how emotions trump reality in this situation and how (primarily) girls readily dismiss reality. Which is the crux of what i'm saying - How do you DISMISS REALITY? Perhaps my parents were rich enough to bring me up to have such a delusional and entitled mentality that I have the luxury of ignoring reality.

3. I can't wait till these kids hit the labor market. Just can't wait.

4. Perhaps I think too simply, but when a guy says, "This is what men want" shouldn't that be more or less be accepted? An unquestionable premise? No, not to these children. There must be something WRONG with men then. "You don't want what we want you to want, therefore you're wrong." I wish these girls the utmost of success with the strategy of ignoring what men want and being so bold as to lecture them for wanting what they want.

Regardless, the ability of youth to ignore reality simply because "they don't like it" is a very entertaining phenomenon. I will continue to sit and watch Gen Y lie to themselves about how the real world works as it will be as entertaining as seeing 40 something

women tell themselves "they can have it all and 40 is the new 20" while the tornado of reality barrels down upon them...both groups oblivious to it...both groups oblivious to how they're wasting the precious minutes they have on this planet away.

Be thankful that you, me and other "pessimists" are smart enough to realize our mortality and are smart enough to live in the real world and, therefore, enjoy the decline!

Have the Captain Come to Campus

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Looking for a speaker that doesn't cost an arm and a leg to visit your college student organization?

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My goal is not to make a "killing" charging you poor college students "$20,000" for a visit you can't afford, but rather to help as many students as possible get educated about politics, economics, education and statistics to help you become more capable of defending and advocating freedom, liberty and capitalism.

So if you are a member of a student organization that doesn't have billions in funds to afford limitless number of speakers, consider contacting the ole Captain.

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Today's Word is Bureaugamy

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Again, I hope the government check hugs you back at night and you get a lot of rocking chair time with the government check.

Milk, Cow, Dancing

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The Captain still teaches the occasional dance class. Nothing fancy, just a step here and there taught to the local yokels. However, inevitably a young man comes up to me and asks about dancing, namely whether it's worth learning to dance or not.

This presents a paradox for young men, or perhaps "trap" is a better word, and so let me explain. (I am also forewarning people with thin skin and prone to complain about candid reality-based observations between the sexes that you may want to exercise your freedom of choice, and not read further).

Dancing is essentially the parallel or counterpart to sex when it comes to matters of courting. What I mean by that is IN GENERAL men like sex more than women, and when it comes to dancing, women like dancing more than men. This presents men with a golden opportunity to level the playing field, however, most of the men interested in learning to dance squander it.

For example, I was at the local dance bar in town and a young man saw me and one of the elder ladies light up the floor. He, along with everybody else in the joint, was very much impressed. When I returned to the table I found out he was a beginner dancer and was very eager to improve his skills. He started interrogating me about how to become a better dancer, when to go, what kind of classes were available, etc. etc. The next song came on and he immediately asked one of the girls at the table to dance. I knew her. She was a nice gal, also VERY good at dancing, but she had a bit of a chip on her shoulder because she was one of the few good looking girls in town. So I took the opportunity to kill two birds with one stone - teaching him a lesson about dancing and to give her guff.

I said, "What the hell are you doing?"

He looked at me and said, "I'm going to go dance?"

"No no no! What are you, crazy? You don't just go and offer dances for free!"

"I don't?" he asked.

"No! Look, dancing is like sex, except women want it more than men. So you don't just give it away for free. You gotta make them earn it. You don't just be a "dance whore" and dance with every girl at every opportunity. You get to be choosy!"

Naturally the girl protested, but her smiling face gave away that I was onto her.

She contested, "No, you go ahead and dance with whatever girl you want! There's nothing wrong with that. Don't listen to him!"

Smirking I retorted, "Hey, look, listen to me. Remember how many girls didn't want to have sex, or made you hold out? You were all for it, but they played their little games? This is god's gift to us to do the same. It's pay back time. For once we have something they want and we just aren't into it that much."

He said, "Yes, but I love to dance!"

I immediately hushed him up, "SHHHHHHH!!!! Jesus Christ!!!! Are you trying to ruin it for everybody??? You don't TELL them that! Fine, YOU like to dance, but most men don't. That makes you special. That makes you the sole supplier of what they want. You gotta play it cool. You reward them with a dance! You don't just give it away because you like it."

The girl by now was smiling and laughing, "You know, you're ruining it for the rest of us!"

I said in a sly come-hither look, "You know it's true! You just don't like it when we get to reverse the game and play it back on you!"

Of course the two young kids went and danced anyway, but this little anecdote highlights the point I'm trying to make. Why buy the dancing cow when the dancing milk is for free?

On the dance scene we had a name for guys who just went willy nilly dancing with every girl. We called them "Dance Whores." Now there is nothing wrong with being a dance whore, matter of fact, it's a great way to learn, and learn fast you will. You'll make a lot of friends AND it can be the best time in your life IF there is a vibrant and healthy dance community (ie-everybody wants to dance with everybody and there are no cliques or drama involved).

However, every dance scene has a life-expectancy. The fad will die out. The dance scene will get invaded by desperate singles groups. Eerie middle aged men desperate for wives will scare away all the other girls. Heck, people get married and don't go dancing any more. And soon what was the greatest dance community is nothing more than a desperate singles group or pick up joint. And all you have left is the dance skills you picked up.

But this was not all in vain. You now have a skill that very few men have. AND A LOT OF WOMEN DESPERATELY COVET! Yes, on the dance scene, EVERY guy knew how to dance, and therefore, you were nothing special. But if you go out into the non-dance scene world, you are hot tamales my fine young friend!

Of course, there are problems or drawbacks. Notably if you go to a wedding or a bar where dancing is not the main attraction or there is not enough of a dancing community, most girls will shoot you down for a dance PRIMARILY because they don't know you are a great dancer. This is why you need a good Wing-Woman. A woman who knows how to dance. A woman who will dance with you early on in the evening, showing and advertising to all the other women that you indeed are a great dancer. Once you've demonstrated you can beget 100% of the attention on the floor with a girl, THEN you start approaching girls seeing if they want to dance.

But again, you don't flood the market with dances. You hold back on production, just like OPEC. You are your own One Man Cartel of Dancing. You keep that price high as possible. Choose only the girls you want to dance with. Dance with them ONLY once. I also STRONGLY recommend grabbing older women and dancing with them. Not only will Grandma Tilly say yes, and not only will Grandma Tilly have the time of her life dancing with you, every younger girl who thought they were top shizzizle is wondering how the heck you are choosing women to dance with.

Dating it's the same thing. It may seem counter-intuitive, but you NEVER take a girl out on a dancing for the first date or use dancing to entice her into a date. You take her to a movie, or diner, or what have you and then through the normal course of conversation you let it slip that you "are an accomplished tango dancer." Or that you "love to salsa dance." Once you plant that seed, it will grow, quite rapidly, into a tree of desire to go dancing.

But, just like the kid on the block who was the first one to get a Nintendo or a Playstation 2, you don't let the entire neighborhood come over and play. You be stingy with the dancing. You, again, use it as a reward. If she makes you dinner, you go dancing. If she's nice and not a drama queen, you go dancing. If she starts in with the mind games and being late and nagging - NO DANCING FOR YOU! You are the prize because you got the goods.

So boys, and even men of the married caliber, remember to use dancing to your advantage. Learn it, pick it up, it's a great skill to have. But once that dance scene goes the way of Christian singles groups, the good times are over, and you must hang up your dance whoring attire. However, you have a skill that pretty much every red-blooded female wants, but less than 1% of the male population has, and that is dancing.

Don't botch it up by flooding the market with it.

I'm Really Important!

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I love it when people who have no skills, no talent and nothing to offer society, find other equally worthless people and form committees to promote themselves to some level of prominence in the community. (language warning).

Who in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick has meetings to see how they (the artists) should dictate how they can lead the community? Who says the community wants their input, let alone be "led" by these tyrannical brats?

Actually, now that I think about it, if it just takes a couple spoiled children to decree themselves some kind of "community leader" then I should have the equally undeserved right to declare open season on Hipsters in Brooklyn.

"Everybody grab your AR15's! It's Hipster season!"

"Where do we go Hipster hunting?"

"Brooklyn. I hear the land's teaming with them."

"What do we use for bait?"

"We'll post fliers in the area that we're a major recording label holding auditions looking for acoustic guitar playing girly men who want to sing songs about the injustices of reality and the real world. We'll have them "audition" at a specific time and location. It will be an organic turkey shoot!"

"Wow, I better get more ammo!"

What a "Kroc"

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You couldn't have named it better.

Recession Medicine

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Correct.

Act of Valor

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Sad new Cappy Cappites.

I sat through about 40 minutes of "Act of Valor" and cannot lie - I walked out of the movie.

No disrespect to the fine veterans who starred in the film, I certainly do appreciate what they've done for the country, not to mention the time they spent pursuing something that is not their profession, but the movie was just not my cup of tea.

To be fair, I am not the most patient person as you all know. I am also not the touchy feely type, so again, my judgment is biased. So keep in mind this review is just my humble opinion and if you are the patient, touchy feely type, you may like this movie. But there are some major drawbacks to this film.

First, I'm willing to cut the vets some slack in that they're not actors. But it was still painful for them to read their scripts. I don't believe this was their fault in I believe the director should have just filmed these guys in their natural habitat, hanging out at the local bar as they would in the real world, almost a documentary or reality type show. It would have been much more natural and real. I don't want to see Navy SEALs acting, I want to see Navy SEALs being normal Navy SEALs. Even if it isn't perfectly cinematic.

Unfortunately they force this squeaky clean American pie theme and script that was just so fake. It's "Miller Time" at the bar, there's a bonfire and surfing at the beach with the family, the kids and the spouses are all perfect. There was a glimmer of hope when they mention one of the SEALs who came from Trinidad dirt poor, was a Muay Thai fighter and became a SEAL, and I was like "alright! Tell me more about this guy!" But then they quickly go back to the Perfect-Happy-Fun Family theme. I left the moment once one of the SEALs was saying good-bye to his wife and then bends down to talk to the belly of his wife (because she is pregnant). That was the HUGE snowflake that caused the avalanche and I bolted.

Again, I'm not the touchy feely type.

Second, one of the SEALs is reading letters or "sayings" or something from his father that are interspersed with a spotty subplot going on in the Philippines and Costa Rica. It's touchy feely stuff, no doubt thoughtful and true, but too much touchy feely. I didn't even understand half of what was said as it was almost poetic. It ruined the movie and also created a very jarring effect where we go back and forth from the "picturesque American life" to people getting killed in Costa Rica and back to soothing poetic readings with

waves crashing on the beach back to a bus blowing up.

Third, the sheer time spent on developing the background that yes, these are real human beings with real families. These are not just automotonic drones programmed to kill. They are real men and women making real sacrifices. I get that, and agree that this would have to be part of the movie. But not half of the movie. I was already running out of patience with "Man on Fire" in how long it took to develop the relationship between Creasy and the little girl. "Act of Valor" may have actually spent less time on "family development," but it was so painful it felt about three times as long. At least Creasy was teaching the kid how to swim. At least he was an alcoholic. Something slightly entertaining or character developing was going on. Act of Valor was about 40 minutes of watching family videos. Again, I'm not a patient man.

What happened afterwards, I don't know, but I do know I can Netflix it and fast-forward through the first half, essentially turning it into a one hour action flick, or at least I hope the plot thickens and there's some action.

In short, I recommend not wasting your time and money seeing this move in the theater. If you are the touchy feely type and have more patience than the Captain, then maybe Netflix/Redbox it, but I have a hard time rationalizing expending the resources to drive, park, pay and watch this in the theater. OR, perhaps you could use "Man on Fire" or even "Heat" as proxies as to how much "touchy feely" you can tolerate in a movie before you start demanding action. "Man on Fire" redeemed the first part of the movie with the action and plot that followed. "Heat" was "barely" tolerable to me with the amount of interpersonal crap I had to tolerate to see Pacino and DeNiro duke it out with fully-automatic weapons. So if you really liked "Heat" and thought the interpersonal stuff improved the movie, you'll probably want to see this in the theater.

If not, again, benefit from the Captain's experience and save yourself some time and money.

PS- I forgot to mention there was an acoustic guitar on the beach. And you all know how much I associate acoustic guitars with communism.

Why You Shouldn't Listen to Your English Teacher

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Kids, very important lesson here today and so I want you to understand this.

Most English teachers are lousy at English.

They only know the structure and logic of the language, they have no ability to speak or write. And they certainly lack the creativity to engage a reader in pretty much anything. Ergo, they are forced to teach a language they're not only fluent in, but to kids who are also fluent in the language. The reason I bring this up is so that you're not concerned if you are only getting "C's" in English. Chances are it's your teacher simply not liking you and using the amorphous nature of English to knock you down a grade or two (notice I used the word "amorphous" and I also flunked out of 7th grade English).

Why do I bring this up? See below, it's a comment from this post here. I don't want people being told by the the "English Profession" they're not good at English. There are negative consequences, consequences nobody has to go through because some 20 something moron who couldn't major in a real subject decides to boost their ego by ripping or nitpicking on others' English ability.
A college degree was the equivalent of a high school diploma in the Fifties? If only.

My father was born in 1924 in a tiny fishing village — an island in the Chesapeake Bay, actually, remote and isolated from mainland life — and there were maybe 12 graduating seniors in 1942. But Pop was not among them. He quit high school at the age of 16 because he simply could not get a passing grade in English. He served in WWII (survived the entire Battle of the Bulge) and earned a two-year business degree on the GI Bill. But he was so sensitive about what he considered to be his poor grammar, Mom did all of his writing assignments. Pop was good at math, just couldn’t write worth a darn. Or so he thought. He was a cost accountant for most of his working days and always felt inferior to the college grads who were paid more and promoted more often.

So I took it on faith that Pop was a dullard when it came to writing.

My parents went through a horrible divorce in ’72, and went their separate ways. I received a one letter from him when I was a college sophomore, read it, and promptly forgot about it. Pop died in ’76, still a relatively young man.

Then, one day when my wife and I were preparing for a move (this must have been around 1984), I found the letter he had written. And re-read it. And I wondered, who was this man? It was a very well-written letter, in his own bold cursive writing style. By this time, I had been reading National Review for almost twenty years, and had thoroughly digested the writings of William Buckley, Hugh Kenner, James Burnham, Joe Sobran, and the rest of that talented bullpen. I could not kid myself: this was not the writing of a poor writer. This is the writing a thoughtful, sensitive man whose anguish at the mistakes he

had made was palpable. It was easily better than typical college-student writing, and technically more correct than my own from a grammatical perspective.

Let me repeat: this was from a high-school dropout.

It seems to me that many of us paid thousands of dollars for a college degree and for the most part received a license to feel entitled.

Oh, and kids, before you head off to college, buy my book. It's worth more than all of your English classes combined, plus it's likely to get banned in your high school.

Not Made By Liberal Arts Majors

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Just another cool thing to add to the nearly infinite list of "Things Not Made By Liberal Arts Majors"

Perhaps they could have a disclosure at the end:

"*No Women's Studies majors were hurt during the development and creation of this awesome railgun....because...well...we had no use for them and they weren't around.*"

Jessica Olen is More Important Than Her Child

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There's not much I can say about this "article," that already hasn't been said over at Dalrock and GLPiggy. However, I will point out one point that was missed:

Children need both fathers and mothers to be brought up effectively in this world. And I get really sick and tired of single parents deciding to have children on their own because THEY want to have children, immediately evidencing how much more important they view themselves over their yet-to-be-born children. I don't like children, but by god, they are innocent little kids and they at least stand a shot before some greedy (or just outright stupid) morons bring them into this world for their own selfish purposes.

"Yeaaaa! I have a new toy! Toys don't need fathers, do they!"

Maybe I'm flying at a higher altitude and can see this clearly, but does anybody else see how this is directly tied to the cheap nursing homes that are going to be very popular in the future?

The Curious Case of the Disappearing NYSE

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In what I would consider one of my top 5 economic pieces of this blog I tie the majority of the stock market's movement NOT to profits, earnings or dividends (as it should be) but rather to the volume of retirement dollars flooding the stock market. The ramifications, of course, is "what will happen to stock prices when the baby boomers retire and withdraw their trillions of dollars?"

Economics would tell us "go down" but what's funny is markets are not rational all the time. Matter of fact they can remain quit bubbly for extended periods of time. ESPECIALLY when the market participants (AHEM AHEM, COUGH COUGH - AMERICANS) are addicted to "high asset prices" because it fools them into thinking they don't have to work for a living. Asset prices just magically go up without the necessary production and profits to rationalize the price increases. And this can go on "forever" or at least until the delusional (and lazy, I might add) Americans retire.

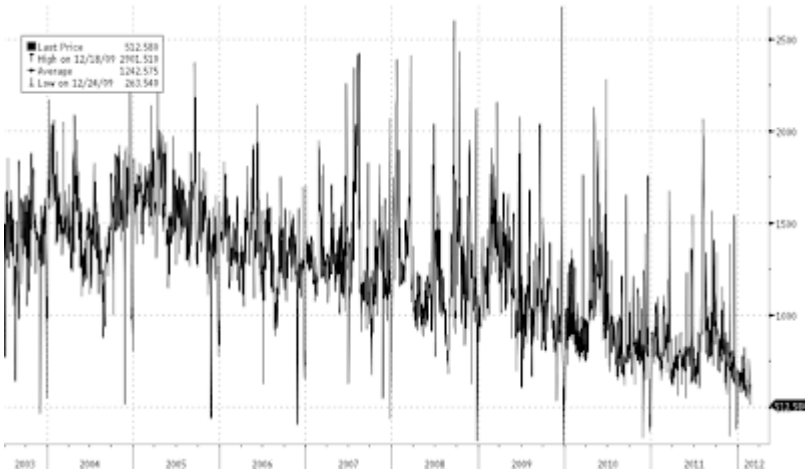
We see this today where the dividend yield is still at a historic low going back to 1890 and the PE ratio is still above it's historic average of 15x's. The profits are simply not there to rationalize the lofty prices. However, there is something more amiss going on beyond the simple "retirement dollars flooding market" and it may not be obvious to the naked eye.

Volume.

With the DJIA breaking 13,000 and the economy showing signs of a tepid recovery, you would think the market would be doubly flooded with money. The monies flowing in from automotonic 401k retirement drones AND the new monies flowing in from people with new-found hope that the economy is indeed turning around and America has a future once again.

There's just one problem - the volume isn't there to support it.

If you look at the volume of the NYSE, it's cratering. It's lower than it has been in over a decade



This doesn't jive with the prices we see in the market. In basic economic theory, the more trading volume there is in a market, the higher prices should be in that is shows a demand for those stocks. Additionally, with increased volume comes increased "liquidity" which in itself provides a premium that should translate into higher prices. We are now getting the opposite.

So what is happening?

Well, your humble Captain has a theory.

The reason volume is tanking is because, despite what heavily-spun news you might hear about GDP, consumer confidence, the reality is that the economy still sucks. Unemployment, though down, is still 2 full percentage points above the WORST it ever was under George Bush. If you want to consider the "underemployment" argument, that many people have left the labor force, you could argue unemployment is closer to 11%. Additionally, even with today's revision of 3% RGDP growth, it's nothing compared to the booming quarters we had after most recessions (even the hated, incompetent,evil puppy-kicker GW managed a quarter above 6%). Also delivering a dose of realistic doom to the economy is the massive amounts of debt we have. And finally, unemployment is particularly high amongst the youth, who are not only necessary to bail out older generations via their public pensions, but whose retirement dollars are also necessary to keep the 401k Bubble/Ponzi scheme going as well. But just like the housing market, you need jobs in order to afford a house. And so, I'm sure if you looked at it, a huge reason for the lower volume is the lack of "new blood" entering the retirement/401k market, plus the fact people just don't plain have the disposable income to afford IRA contributions.

While this explains the collapse in volume, it doesn't explain why prices are still so high. And here is the nefarious side of the theory:

Something nefarious is going on.

When you see Apple with a market cap of 1/2 trillion dollars, you start to wonder why Apple is so valuable. And as it turns out it's because hedge funds and mutual funds all want to own Apple. No real financial reason for it, hedge fund managers, mutual fund managers and other incompetent perma-bubble Wall Street dolts like shinny new electrical doo-dads just like their spoiled brat, humanities-majoring children at home in Connecticut do. But what this shows you (or at least alludes to) is that it is institutions, not individuals, that are accounting for the majority of the buying and selling of the stocks. You also throw in electronic trading programs or "computerized trading" and it's no longer real investors with real money, as much as it is a potentially rigged beast of its own trading on itself.

It reminds me of a now-deceased publication called "Lake Minnetonka Magazine." This magazine was basically the socialite magazine for Minneapolis' uber-rich western suburb. Here is where Cargill, Carlson Companies and many more firms are based, as well as the hundreds of trust-fund babies these empires spawned. The magazine itself though was a self-absorbed love fest within itself. Written by the trustfunders about the trustfunders and all the parties they went to and who bought what Italian car or what worthless trophy wife opened up what worthless trinket shop with her hubby's money. Essentially it was a club or an entity that didn't produce anything and when its founder (ahem ahem-Tom Petters) was arrested for what was then the largest fraud in the history of the US (soon to be outdone by Bernie Madoff), the magazine went bye bye (ironically, shortly after, there were a LOT of for sale signs on the prestigious Lake Minnetonka, what handsome, dashing, chiseled motorcycle riding, fossil-hunting, bad-boy economist would have predicted that!).

In short, the stock market is being artificially inflated, if not, limped along, by the sanctimonious (or perhaps, oblivious) yutzes trapped in their own nepotistic, inbred echo chamber called "The East Coast." They trade amongst themselves, they believe that the stock market is a finite, mathematical beast that can be predicted. They have NEVER seen a real stock market crash, as they're perpetually bailed out by Dotcom Bubble after Housing Bubble after QE-LXI Bubble. They are truly oblivious to all the work, toil, labor and entrepreneurialism that gives those worthless pieces of paper (they so love to trade and sell and take commission on) value.

The question is if you wish to join this little clique or social party. Do you want to "hang" with all the fake and plastic of the paper-rich, asset-poor, and soon to be bankrupt class? Then by all means, throw that $16,500 max of your money into an inflated stock market every year. You'll be one of the cool people. But if you're more like me and want to hang out with your non-stab-you-in-the-back buddies at a reasonably priced bar, entertained with good intelligent conversation, and darn fine food, you may want to look elsewhere and hang out where there is real value.

In the meantime, enjoy the decline!

The Captain Makes It to the Boston Herald

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Happy Day Cappy Cappites!

"Worthless" is starting to show the early signs of the "domino explosion" effect I was hoping it would have (akin, again to a bomb hitting the magazine of a naval ship, causing a chain reaction). People call it "going viral," I like to be a bit more explosive in my descriptions.

We got our first big break at PJMedia with Dr. Reynolds, then his wife also chimed in, and now the Boston Herald.

I want to thank all of you for recommending, referring and link/posting/facebooking/blogging about the book. You have no idea what kind of a feeling it is to think "Wow, I might actually be able to do more than just buy a new AR 15 with this!" I don't dare think about what it would be like if it became successful to the point my house would be paid off, but shucks howdy, it sure is nice to dream about that.

Regardless, whatever you're doing, keep on doing it! Besides, the book REALLY should be in the hands of every high school junior and senior before they head off to college. Please help make that a reality, it can only help the students and the country as well.

Sandy Hingston's Lengthy Post

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Permit me some light-hearted sexist joking here:

Q - How can you tell Sandy Hingston's article was written by a woman?

A - Because it's 6 pages long.

Yuk yuk yuk yuk.

Just kidding.

Ms. Hingston, I'm afraid has wandered into the Manosphere. Of course, like most women, she is unaware of the lengthy psy-ops battle that's been going on, and I fear will be ripped to shreds by some of our lieutenants in the Manosphere. However, if you read her writing, she genuinely is asking an honest question and is unaware. Not really condemning men for "not manning up," as much as asking why.

We've been here before with Kay Homiwitz (sp?), so I'll try to be a bit more brief and keep it under six pages, but still address and answer all of her questions, or rather, the questions of the women/girls she cites in her article. The "you" is not specifically referencing Ms. Hingston, but is a general "you" referring primarily to women in general as well as the emasculated men that I also hold accountable for the current environment men in this country face:

1. You destroyed the industrial economy by voting for politicians to over-regulate and make everything green. We all can't be "elementary school teachers" or "social workers" because, unfortunately, somebody actually has to produce the stuff that the economy needs, depends upon and is made of. Sadly, government services seem to be the only thing that is "environmentally safe enough" to be deemed worthy of existing in this economy. Let me know when you're willing to put a president in the office that would let the XL Pipeline through.

2. You've villainized profit, excellence, and risk taking in the economy which are predominantly male traits and are the primary reasons America rose to its economic dominance like it did. You swallowed whole this egalitarian outcome BS instead of egalitarian opportunity. Socialism is here, whether you realize its economic manifestation or not, and that more or less shuts down the economic incentive men have to produce.

3. You've destroyed any incentive men have on a romantic level through feminism and ignoring their needs, if not also villainizing male sexuality, which:

a. Destroys their incentive to find a wife, have kids, and therefore work for a family, which in turn means they only need to produce essentially a third of what they used to, to survive
b. Makes getting married and having a family too risky a venture (which once again forces them to go the easier route of just supporting themselves)
c. All of which means "getting by" with a low paying job, not "manning up" and getting high paying careers.

4. Hey, don't you guys predominantly keep voting to raise taxes? And doesn't that not only take away more money from men who work predominantly in the private sector to pay for your make-work public sector jobs? Let me see, go to school for an engineering degree, make $80,000 gross, $55,000 net and have people hate me because i'm "rich" OR, get a degree in journalism, live at home, gross $30,000, net $25,000 and save my youth and effort and attend an OWS event.

5. You want men to have jobs? Are there any to have? Taxes are so high, as are regulations, that they're driving companies offshore LEAVING NO JOBS! I love 8.6% unemployment/ 15% U6 unemployment! Hey, while we're at it, let's borrow another trillion for social programs and defunct "green" companies and spend more money on an education bubble! If you want men to man up, how about you study some basic economics and vote accordingly to provide the economic environment in which men can man up?

6. What did you think would happen when the first full generation of men raised by single moms hit the dating market? NOW you want "real men?" Sorry, they're all mama's boys. Oh, and the rough and bad boy type you want? Ritalin kind of vaccinates boys against that.

7. "Hey Dad, I remember you going through divorce and seeing you eat out of a can. That must have really sucked! What's that dad? A vasectomy costs $1,000 while divorce and children cost $500,000? Gee, thanks dad! I'm sure glad I learned from your mistakes! I'm never getting married and am going to bang on my drums all day and I'll STILL come out ahead financially!"

I guess I could go on, but it frankly gets tiresome because these girls just don't seem to get it. You ignore men, male psychology and male sexuality, you put the entire focus of society on women and completely ignore the other half of the population. And after 40 years of that men will go away and abandon their male roles. They will become myopic in their approach to sexuality and interacting with women, and they will change their behavior to benefit them the most with the least amount of risk and the highest amount of reward.

The only question I have is instead of speculating about why or complaining, why don't

women just go and ask the guys? They'll tell you the answer...or is it women are afraid of the answer?

Regardless, the whole debate though is actually quite moot. The clock cannot be turned back to the 1970's and undo the social changes that were started back then. Additionally, most of the men I know and run into have adapted to the environment that was laid out for them and most of them are happy. It really seems to be the women who have trouble with men staying home, playing video games all day, drinking beer and being Peter Pan forever. I don't think most men have a problem with that all.

Alas, perhaps girls, you could learn something from my boys or at least gain insight into their psychology:

Boys, see if you can finish my sentence:

"Boys, you know what to do. It's time to _____ _____ _____!"

Here's a Real Man

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That's what I'm talking about. Didn't go to college. Just studied and did it on his own. What I also like is how it was how Eaton corporation, which is just plagued with white collar bureaucracy, with all of its resources couldn't pull off what a man with grit and determination did.

However, I just cringe to think what his daughter is going to go to college for. The irony if she saw her dad, succeed without a college degree and be a self-taught, self-made man, and then she goes and majors in "Communications." God I hope that is not the case.

Help the Captain Out

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Greetings Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or Otherwise Economists!

Help the ole Captain out here and if you would be so kind, post the LOCAL talk radio show hosts you have in your local town. You know, the local guy that follows after El Rushbo and Hannity are done.

For example in Minneapolis it's Joe Soucheray and Jason Lewis.

Problem is there's no place on the internet to look it up unless you want to look up and surf to each local market radio web site. So I'm trying to compile a list here.

Many thanks in advance. I do appreciate it.

Cpt.

Won't Somebody Please Think of the Chillllldreeeeennnn

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I will say it again, because it's true. And we all know how a lot of you out there have a problem with the truth.

The majority of teachers do not care about kids. They use kids and "education" as a means to have an easy job with 3 months a year vacation. And I get mightily sick and tired when I see them cowardly hide behind the "noble crusade of educating the chillllldreeeeennnnn" when they're just robbing them blind.

Coach McGuirk is My Hero

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Weekend Hot Toddies

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I didn't know how to spell "Toddies" and, yes, I was too lazy to look it up. However, tomorrow it will be warm enough to do some scouting in my new home and so I shall drive north and potentially west this weekend to scope out some new mountain hikes as well as fossil hunting grounds. In the meantime you WILL read the following links.

Compliance is mandatory.

Conformance is not optional.

You will obey.

No society will ever become great turning away free medical help from Good Samaritans on fanatical religious grounds. I'd like to tell them to "enjoy the decline," but they never ascended as a society, and so cannot enjoy a "decline" because they're already destitute.

Your Little Known History Lesson for the Day. Who knew!?

Good news everyone!

I still say we have an "Open Season" for bankers.

The Scafetta Model seems to have the motive of discovering the truth rather than bilking naive taxpayers addicted to the "Green Religion."

You do not have to lie there and take it. You can do like I did and move to a province that is more hospitable to sanity, profit, progress and reason.

Could Hollywood perhaps make a movie about this? I know I'm asking for crazy stuff here. Because I know we all want to see more Julia Roberts and other aging actresses in more "romantic comedies," but, you know, just for S's and G's make a movie about this.

Couldn't have happened to a more deserving group of incompetent, lazy parasites. Burn, baby, burn!

Hipster jokes.

When only idiots breed, the collective IQ goes down the toilet. That is the abbreviated version of this study. Of course, they can't come outright and say that, but I can. My "g" is Victorian Era Level. Polite, equally high "g" hat tip.

How now Brow Cow? Got what you asked for eh? I'm sure that the billions of years of evolution resulting in "male" and "female" genders in practically ALL animals was just a fluke. And a fluke to be ignored and fought against with no ramifications. Besides, we all know inherent genetic programming is sexist. You should ignore it. Nay, fight it. I'm sure you'll win in the end.

I remember teaching at a community college. I also remember being stupid enough at first to believe I was brought there to teach them. While tech school and vocational school is beneficial to the student, sadly there were so many other programs at the schools I taught it, it was obvious they were just there to make money and take the kids' money. "Cosmetology," "travel and hospitality," "culinary school," these and other "programs" at the schools were nothing more than scams. This only confirms an epiphany I had when I had to tutor a poor student who WAS mentally impaired and was still allowed to attend school - the education industry LOVES mentally impaired or "problem" students, because they can milk more money from that disadvantaged soul.

Don't see Lorax unless you're one of those milquetoast conservatives that like to complain about socialism, but then support whilst incidentally brainwashing your kids.

And finally, today's music therapy major brought to you in part by "Worthless."

Attention All Cappy Cap Lieutenants - You Have a Mission

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If you choose to accept it.

Forbes writes an article about a Wisconsin legislator aiming to bring some semblance of shame and responsibility to single parents deeming it a form of abuse or neglect. I wouldn't go so far as deem it "abuse" or "neglect" in today's legal terms, but it is at least damaging and is one of the biggest problems facing the US. Even the wording used said it's a "contributing factor" which I believe is quite accurate (and I believe statistically provable if we correlate divorce and single-parenting with crime, abuse, neglect, etc. etc. - but let's not let facts get in the way).

Of course the author and his readers mocks the Wisconsin legislator, presumably because they've never been brought up in a single family household and write off the damaging effects of single parent households as "bogus" or "hilarious." You know, all you latch-key kids, all you fatherless or motherless children who had to grow up in the 70's and 80's. You're morons if you think divorce or single parents were bad. You should be thankful you were brought into this world by two people incapable of bringing you up under a stable household. How selfish you must be. You want BOTH a mother AND A FATHER? Selfish little brat. Get in the car, I have to drop you off at day care while I get my degree in Cosmetology on the taxpayers' dime.

If there is a call to arms, this is it. Another aging journalist in the echo chamber media writing off and mocking somebody who has taken a politically unpopular stance. A stance for OF ALL THINGS (and here's the irony)

the children.

Not "the chillllllldreeeeeen" like the Wisconsin teachers union hide behind to steal more money from the taxpayer.

Or "the chillllllldreeeeen" like when politicians want to get you to vote for them.

Or "the chillllldreeen" when non-profit outfits like the UN or what-have-you milk you for more money and never seem to end child poverty because, well, their primary goal is employment, not solving hunger.

No, Senator Grothman is actually going to bat for the children and is putting his political career on the line for it. This is the type of guy you want in public office. Somebody who is

not a politician, will hold his ground, make unpopular decisions, and is (GASP) altruistic and principled.

Lets see if we can get the old fogies at Forbes to realize there might be a generation or two younger than them that had to deal with their mistakes when they hooked up with somebody that they'd inevitably divorce, but NOT before bringing some innocent children into this world.

You can go make a comment. We'll see as they say over at SDA, "If SDA gets results!"

Oh, and PS - Rick, hope you like cheap nursing homes.

Crusaderism Consolidated

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Had a couple requests for this a while ago. Finally got off my lazy butt and put all these seminars into one consolidated list:

Part 1 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD2ofP62KLU
Part 2 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri7euevDADg
Part 3 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSb3-Z42fb8
Part 4 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1_qkf23OiY
Part 5 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nwPLaYJ6kw
Part 6 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-jbgzCBNrw
Part 7 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jUrT4S9GAY
Part 8 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmP9VnLwzWk
Part 9 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RH22Ts_P7vY

Now look, I know you yahoos out there who read this blog. You'll click on the first link. watch it, then the second, maybe the third and then stop. You miss the good stuff at the end.

So start with Part 9 and work backwards. And yes, the intro on part 1 is long, deal with it.

William Johnson is an Overpaid Baby Sitter

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Boo, freaking hoo.

Something tells me he doesn't have to worry about health insurance.

Getting mighty tired of adult-children from the suburbs who think this teaching racket is a "tough" job. Just once, just once I'd love to see one of these pansified girly men work a 20 hour shift, or heck, I'd settle for them working the dog shift for 3 months and see if they need a therapist to address their sleeping problems and what the lack of sun does to the human mind.

Bunch of spoiled little children who merely aged past the point of puberty but never grew up or manned up and think government jobs are "tough."

Why "CSR" Won't Ever Work

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Corporations, in their idiocy to pander to every possible market segment, failed to think long term what would happen to the business environment if they pandered to communists masquerading as "environmentalists."

While corporations think they're gaining a whopping 2% more market share by paying lip service and platitudes towards "going green," it's a fool's errand because the political forces that forced these corporations to set up CSR departments in the first place never really cared about "the environment." "The environment" was merely a tool for a larger, ulterior motive - socialism.

However, it seems some corporations are done being useful idiots.

Doug Short Is the Captain's Long Lost Brother!

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Mr. Short, I believe must be my long lost twin brother.

Older.

More gray haired.

Probably not a salsa dancer.

But my long lost twin brother none the less.

He focuses on Tobin's "Q quotient" whereas I am lazy and just look up a mathematically similar measure over at Dr. Robert Shiller's office, the S&P 500 P/E ratio.

The moral of the stories are the same.

The stock market is overvalued. It always has been since idiotic politicians decided us people were too stupid to know what to do and engaged in the largest and (soon to be) most damaging social engineering project ever - the 401k/IRA/government ordained retirement program.

Let's essentially ordain the stock market as the ONLY means by which you can save for retirement. AND HEY, GUESS WHAT, let's give 300 million Americans a TAX INCENTIVE to throw their money into the stock market regardless of whether or not its a good buy. No, that won't cause a bubble now, will it?

I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but something tells me Wall Street might have had a role in getting this legislation through.

Regardless, it's nice to see somebody older than me (and therefore wiser, because I know how you baby boomers like to dismiss any human without gray hair as a "moron") point out what I've been pointing out since (cripes???) 2006???

But, no, no. You kids go ahead. I'm just an evil, party pooping republican trying to bring everybody's good time down. You throw your money into the S&P 500 when it only has a dividend yield of 1.8% (Herb, point of tax preference duly noted). I'm sure some spectabulous Obama Unicorn will fly over and fart economic fairy dust to overcome all of our economic problems and all of you baby boomers will retire in comfort, as will, of course, all of you Gen X'ers and Gen Y's who believe in social security, medicare and unicorns that fart economic fairy dust.

I shall part, with something that will probably be lost on most of you pinning your hopes on the woefully underfunded 401k plan:

Enjoy the decline!

Race Card Trumps Gender Card

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Language warning as the University of Man, is well, staffed by men and they have taken the stance (which I agree with) that they're men and they're going to curse if they want to curse.

Background:

East Indian doctorate, with an OK command of the English language is talking to a co-worker about said co-worker's mom who recently passed away. Inquiring about the funeral process, the East Indian is confused about buying a plot of land to bury the mother in and asks

"Why not burn her and put her in box?"

Said co-worker is not offended because the East Indian doctorate is obviously concerned, but just didn't know enough English to say, "are you going to cremate her?"

Two catty #@#$&%'s overhear this and file a harassment complaint.

Said co-worker informs HR he's not insulted and wants the complaint dropped.

The HR *&%$# says the women were offended by proxy.

See what our fine East Indian friend and said co-worker came up with as a response.

The Captain Goes Shopping!

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In addition to an AR15, book sales have allowed me to purchase two new items.

A new flask and a new "tactileneck."

I do believe that if you really want to be a true Cappy Cappite watching "Archer" is a must.

You Can't Teach "Leadership"

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Just as you can't teach integrity or morals.

But MBA schools and colleges sure can charge a lot of money to a lot of naive people making them think such things can be "taught."

Which behooves a question (that I ask in my book):

"How, precisely, does a 22 year old fresh out of "business school" think he's smart, able or experienced enough to lead anything?"

I know, I know. Why ask the question.

The "We're Americans" Bubble

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After nearly 4 years of the media citing "green sprouts" or "slow downs in collapsing prices" and other such optimistic spins, there are some signs the economy is indeed turning around. Not booming (like it should based on economic history), but it is growing and and it is slowly turning around.

Naturally democrats (who have depressed and lowered people's expectations with essentially 3 years of economic stagnation) highlight this tepid recovery as proof positive Obama's economic plan is working. Republicans, actually fear it because with Obama at an incomprehensibly high 45% approval rating already, a continued economic expansion will hurt their election chances. I, however, fear this small economic recovery for another reason:

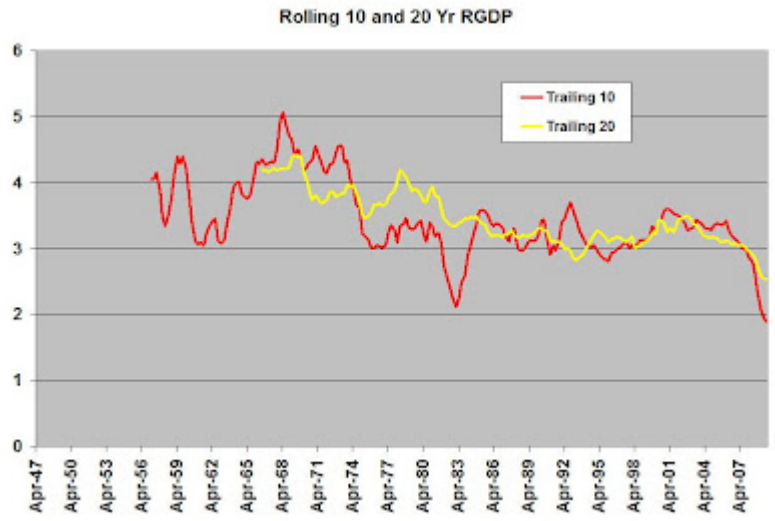
It's going to cause another bubble.

Understand Americans are incredibly and overly optimistic about the country, about the economy, about their futures and about themselves. They have this foolish notion that there is something "special" about America. That somehow America is "unique" and "we always get out of it! Because we're America!" Unfortunately there is nothing unique or inherent about America that makes us special or immune to economic collapse or the economic realities of the real world. Americanism, yes, THAT is special and unique. Free markets, free people, total personal responsibility, void of government interference and reality TV. Yes, that had never been tried before in the history of the world and it was the "Great American Experiment." But modern-day Americans are simply American't's who prefer to collect a government pay check, major in a worthless subject, expect the government to solve all problems and just plain don't have the work ethic or innovation to achieve Americanism.

Regardless of how delusional the average American is, it doesn't change the fact that they are operating under the false premise that "America always comes back." And this, combined with other ingredients makes it very likely we're going to have another bubble.

First, no matter how convinced you are "America always prevails in the end" it is ultimately the people residing in the geographical location known as America that will determine whether or not we do indeed come back. There is not an "American God" or "deity" looking down at us, intervening with his divine powers to make the land under our feet somehow magical and great. It is the people and their ability to produce, innovate, create, pursue profit, wealth and fun that makes the country great. And frankly boys and girls, we just aren't as great as we think we are.

Long term average economic growth is collapsing. It was originally 4.25% back in the 40's-60's and now has collapsed to about 2.5%.



The economic growth necessary to rationalize a genuine, booming, and sustained economic recovery is just not there. And it is no function of "monetary policy," it isn't even a function of fiscal policy. It's the fact most Americans rather watch "American Idol," major in communications, get a job in a non-profit and vote for socialism than get off their lazy asses, study up on economics, go to school for something that will produce genuine economic growth, and start voting for policies and politicians that advocate creating wealth instead of merely spreading dwindling levels of it around. Again, the country is full of American't's, not your WWII grandfather who became and engineer and could fix his own car. The economic growth just plain isn't there to "bring America back."

The second contributing factor to the "Yeah for Us" Bubble is the harshness and length of the current recession we're in. People, psychologically, are desperate for a recovery, whether we have the economic growth to make it a reality or not. And given the length and the painfully slow progress the economy has made, any little sign of a sustained recovery, no matter how weak, is going to be heralded as the greatest news ever. All one has to do is look at articles from 2003 when the unemployment rate peaked at 6.3% under Bush and the media ripped him apart and called the economy "the worst in 50 years," versus today where the people have become so desperate (and effectively brainwashed) that they're thankful that the unemployment rate dropped below 9% and a two-freaking-month extension of the payroll tax actually makes headline news.

And finally, there is the 9,000 pound gorilla in the room I'm amazed nobody on the left talks about, and that is debt. Forget wars, forget "big oil," forget "evil corporations." The majority of debt is caused by social spending we just plain can't afford (look it the freak up instead of thinking you know more than me). Not only have we gone into debt by multiple trillions of dollars per year for the past 3 years, given future commitments to entitlement spending such as Medicare and Social Security, our current debt levels are dwarfed by what we must incur in the future.

But debt is a crafty little creature. To simplify it for the non-economists out there, debt you can consider to be "future anti-economic growth." Kind of like matter and anti-matter. You can spend the money today, but in the future when it needs to be paid back, it counters economic growth. Also making matters worse, it's not like we're spending our trillions of dollars in debt on veritable INVESTMENTS. We giving the majority of it away to people who plain don't provide anything in return. Welfare recipients, social security recipients, WIC recipients, colleges and universities, Solyndra, GM, the "chillllldren," retirees, medical bills for people on the verge of death, even wars fall under this category. This isn't to insult or criticize these people or items (though some certainly do deserve criticism, ridicule and an immediate cutting off of funds), but to point out the fact NONE of these expenditures provide a return. It's not like you're lending money to IBM to build a new factory in Georgia at 7% and their ROI is 13%, paying back not only the taxpayer, but creating jobs and providing a net return of 6% to the shareholder. No. The $89,000 in medicare you spent to keep Grandpa Jones alive another 6 months is GONE.

Such debt levels, debt commitments and the fact most of it is merely wealth transfers that have no return, will inhibit any long term economic growth (not to mention drive productive people and businesses away who don't care to be around when the tab comes due).

Now, you combine all these factors and you now have the perfect storm for another bubble.

- A delusional population
- desperate for any good news,
- believing in an almost religious belief that "America always wins,"
- none of whom seem to be willing to go and produce something but all want to major in "music therapy,"
- who also coincidentally keep voting for socialism

all residing in a country that;

- has deteriorating and declining long term economic growth
- crippling levels of debt
- all of which was wasted (not invested) on items that will never pay them back
- and a population so ignorant about basic economics they cannot vote real leaders to effectively lead it

Mix that all in with a dash of "entitlementitis" and BLAMO! Congratulations, you got a bubble that dwarfs the insanity of the tulip bulb bubble, the dollar volume of the housing bubble, and the the arrogance of the Dotcom bubble!

Of course, where will we see evidence of the bubble occurring? Asset prices as always, my dear Watson. Asset prices.

The stock market is overvalued if you want to look at it using P/E ratios or dividend yields.

I can't believe the US Treasury is getting as cheap of interest rates as it is.

The only reason the US dollar has recovered slightly is because the US' debt situation sucks only marginally less than Europe.

Why people keep going into debt to finance an education when there isn't an economy to provide them any jobs, I'll never know.

And let's not forget about that retirement bubble too. Yes, you just keep investing in that 401k because the government told you to. Never mind the ROI is laughable. You just keep plugging away thinking you're going to "retire" at, well, any age.

In the end I do know I'm fighting something more difficult than a 250 pound jiujitsu black belt. Because, whereas I can take on a 250 pound jiujitsu master, at least I can engage him (albeit, very briefly). When it comes to convincing people of the real and dire economic consequences facing the nation, and their galactically optimistic attitudes towards the future, I'm dealing with a mental disease. I'm dealing with people who have a psychological problem. I'm dealing with delusional American't's whose perceptions of themselves are only outdone by the enormous economic problems this country has. And since the situation is so hopeless, and there is such a discrepancy between what American't's think they're capable of versus what they'll inevitably deliver, there is, of course, only two things to do:

1. Sit back and watch reality crush their little "Yeah for Us" La-La Land Bubble

and

2. Enjoy the decline!

Your Manosphere Humor of the Day

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I want the bear serving the pizza from a "Beer Tree."

Divorce and Religion - Two Veritable Industries

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"Incidentally, her Catholic priest recommended to her that she seek a divorce (and later the Archdiocese of Washington would breezily approve the annulment, after having the sac to ask me for a $500 "donation" to finance their declaring that my marriage to her never happened and my children were henceforth bastards)."

Americana Community Bank Posts a Profit!

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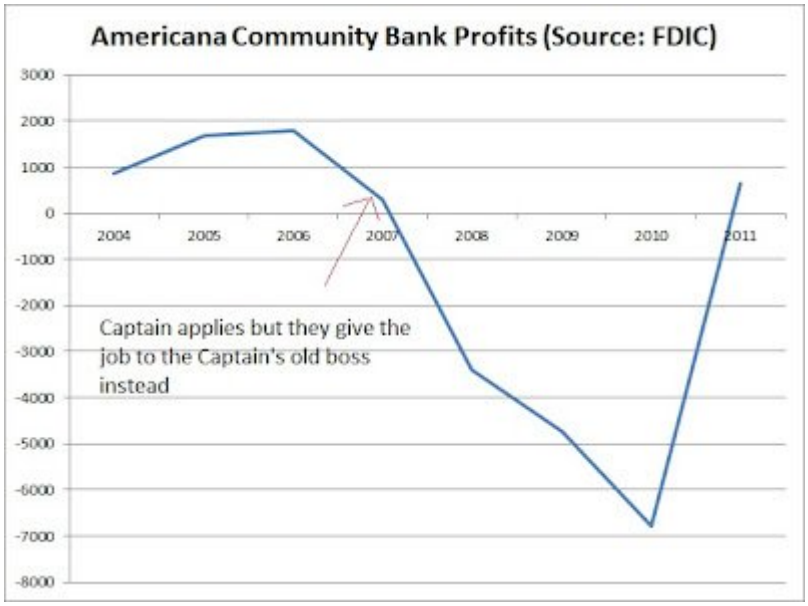
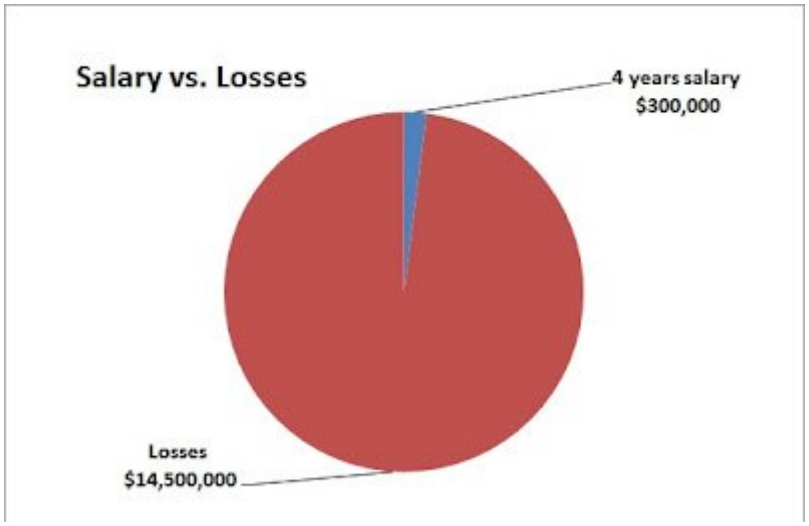
Congratulations are due to Americana Community Bank! For the first time in years, they finally posted a profit!

Some of you may remember this bank as the bank that I applied to in 2007, but they instead gave the job to my old boss. Americana is also the bank that when I asked them during the interview if they were making any bad real estate loans, they assured me that they had a great portfolio of clients and wouldn't have to worry about a "housing bubble." They were ALSO the bank that subsequently got a cease and desist order from the Feds.



But now it looks like they actually managed to make a profit! And I want to congratulate my old boss and the higher ups at Americana that claimed they didn't have any loan quality issues for the fine and outstanding jobs they did! It only took $14.5 million in cumulative losses, and a cease and desist order, and who knows how much in taxpayer money or shareholder money to recapitalize the firm, but by golly, you "leaders of men" and "financial geniuses" turned that bank around lickity split! I, and all the other young morons who obviously didn't know what we're talking about, salute you for the fine job you did!

As a visual aid to my youthful stupidity, I created this chart to compare what the company would have wasted paying stupid me 4 years salary vs. their minimal losses over those 4 years:



You see, this is why young people should never be trusted and why gray hair is the single, most important factor when deciding who to lead your companies. Additionally, you don't want any of the "out of the box thinkers" because they obviously never would have predicted the housing bubble and could NEVER lead a firm to greatness.

/sarcasm

Girls and boys, let this be a lesson to you. NEVER distrust yourself just because somebody is "older" and has "more experience." Chances are, given how this country is run, you can do a better job in most industries, especially banking. Besides, if you don't have faith in yourself, you'll sell yourself short and increase your chances of being the "scapegoat" when these morons play the blame game as the Feds come in and raid your office.

Go Glenn Grothman, Go

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Roissy has discovered the tendered legislation to acknowledge single parenthood is a contributing factor to child abuse and neglect. Though he has it slightly wrong, in the post it cites single mothers, whereas I believe the legislation cites single parents (as it should).

Regardless it is interesting to see the contrast in the comments between what I deem mature, wise, tough fatherly love-maturity (though a bit crass) and the knee-jerk, reactionary rush-to-run behind the children, claim victim status and blame sexism (all while ignoring the children of course). It's also interesting to note the Yahoo article put in "single moms" as the target of the legislation, when the legislation is targeted towards single-parents (including single dads). Then again, what do you expect from those political and philosophical sophisticates who go to Yahoo for their news.

Regardless, what we're seeing here is the Manosphere, men in general, and women who genuinely do care about family, society and the country, clashing with the established media and political forces that have benefited and profited from single-parent households via the trillions of dollars in social programs that goes to "fight" (but never resolve) the symptoms. The conflict will be interesting, but in the end the productive and responsible members of society will win, if for any other reason they're based in reality, whereas the idea "single-parent households" are in general a "good thing" is based in La-La Land.

The Sad State of Virginia Community College

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Fly by night degree mills I can understand, but a community college, which I presume is accredited, is offering a CULINARY SCHOOL?!?!

"Culinary arts provides more than slicing and dicing?" Yeah, like try a ton of debt, no employable skills, no job offers (just ask previous years' graduates) and increased taxes to the sucker taxpayers of Virginia. Trust me kids, I KNOW, I TAUGHT AT ONE OF THOSE CULINARY SCHOOLS. GET THE HELL OUT NOW KIDS! YOU'RE BEING TAKEN LIKE CHUMPS!

Wincing, I clicked on their little "My Future at VCCS" and amongst the expected mushy, sappy, touchy-feely garbage is a video you just have to watch. Wonderful happy music, with pretty birds and smileys and unicorns, but nothing about the shocking state of the labor market for young people or anything that would help them practically.

Would somebody over at Virginia Community College please get the funding to buy 10,000 copies of my books to distribute to those poor kids? Or how about some of these conservative institutions? You know how the government buys billions of dollars in vaccinations against malaria, AID's, or whatever else to use in Africa or wherever else? How about the private sector counterpart buy 10 million copies of my book and ship them to all the students in all of the colleges in the US? Not only would it vaccinate these poor kids from destroying their futures, it's an incredible return on investment! Imagine instead of millions of idiotic, brainwashed kids voting for socialism, they're woken up and they start voting for capitalism, lowering corporate tax rates, eliminating regulation. Somebody tell the Koch Foundation, or Peter Thiel, or heck any corporation's CSR department. Ug, how the heck do you fight this sickness!?

That's What I'm TalkinggggBout!

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I'm Just Glad I Have a Motorcycle

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No, it can't be something as simple as supply and demand! It must be greedy speculators, or Big Oil! Or Wall Street!

The only thing I would add to it is how the weak dollar (caused by debt and our inability to produce anything that gives our currency value) is also to blame for high gas prices.

Dem Der Democrat Debt

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You must watch it till the end.

I Hope She "Finds Herself"

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Ug, you can just tell it was a mistake to bring three children into the world with this one.

But then again, never let children or responsibilities get in the way of your EPL Fantasy.

Men, you are hereby ordered to continue to enjoy the decline!

Union Loafers

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Weekend Linkage

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From the front lines in Wisconsin on the Glenn Grothman saga, a female's point of view which I believe was necessary.

Dalrock advances his philosophy to realize a very common problem we face here in the freedom/libertarian/manosphere world - you can't argue with ignorance or people who do not wish to be intellectually honest.

The term "crusaderism" is spreading! I'll be dead by the time this happens, but hopefully the term will make it into the lexicon of political discussion to aptly describe the world's most evil and corrupt people.

Have kids first. Then ask whether you have the time to adequately finance and raise them.

Chained to a desk, or chained to a man, I hope the desk hugs you back at night. But, then again, I have no skin in this game. I'm just thoroughly entertained watching full grown adults wade through the consequences of 1970's feminism.

Lord, grant me the strength (and life expectancy) to count the ways.

Calling All Young Males

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Dr. Helen is asking young males for input in her new book. Go wonder over yonder and see if you can't help contribute your 2 cents over there.

We Will Treat Them As Equals…

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and they will not like it.

Some Quick Cappy Cap Math

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Did some quick math here because I read something and I couldn't believe it. How often do you find the average cost of day care on an AR 15 forum? But apparently the numbers are not false. It's true. Over $11,000 per year, per child in day care costs.

Now, permit the ole Captain a bit of Back of Napkin Economics:

2.2 children per woman on average translates into $25,665 in annual child care expenses.

Median income of the average US female. $46,367.

Net of taxes (because I know how you ladies like all those splendifferiffic social programs because you care for the children), which would be in the 25% tax bracket. $34,775.

We subtract the $25,665 from the $34,775 and you get $9,110.

Divide by 2,000 working hours and that's $4.56/per hour! (And at that rate you'll be able to pay off your $100,000 in student loans for your Masters in Communications in a short 11 years!)

Now I know there are child care credits and insurance and so forth and so on. Just as child care isn't the only form of outsourcing we pay for other people to raise our children (pre-school, afterschool activities, before-school activities, etc. etc.)

But it really behooves the question "Is it worth paying somebody else to raise your kids?" Even throwing in the male median income ($47k and change), men are merely netting $10.73 after child care expenses.

But, again, I am that evil capitalist that asks stupid questions and likes to use "facts"

and "statistics"

and doesn't understand that emotions trump reality,

and has this stupid notion that one parent should stay home to raise the little kinder and take care of the house while the other goes and works

and likes to point out a plurality of women are simply working in fields where they take care of other people's children behooving the question why not just take of your own

damn kids.

And far be it from me to ask whether the time lost bringing up your children is worth the opportunity cost of $4.56 or $10.73/hr. I'm sure the career is rewarding and your family is just as stable as that blasted and accursed "June and Ward Cleaver" NUCLEAR FAMILY (booooo!!!! hisssss!!!!). Yes, let us not factor in the costs of therapists, drama, mental health costs, teenage pregnancies, booze/drug rehab, divorce and all the other wonderful societal traits associated with the latch key kids. No, those things are merely conspiracies foisted upon society by the evil patriarch and do not exist.

So ignore the Captain in the corner, for he know not what he speaks of. What does he know. He just wants to bang his drums all day and enjoy the decline!

Update!

Outsource the Children!

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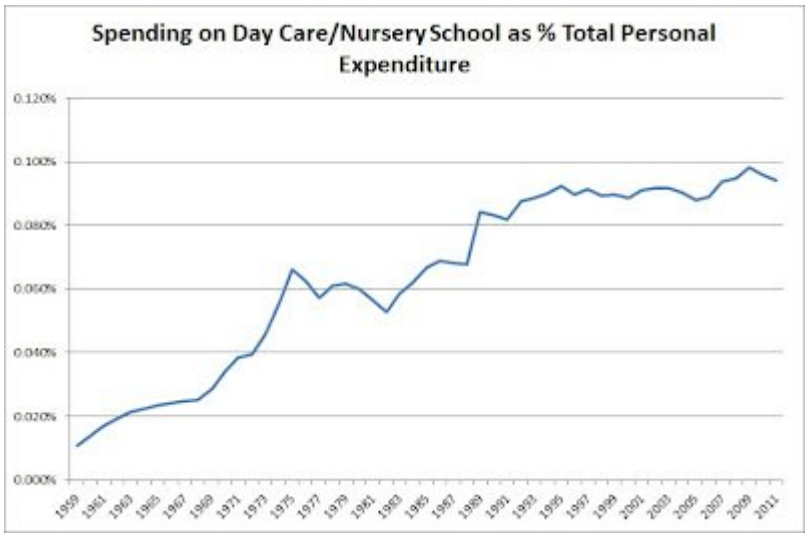
Damn I'm Good



This is a chart showing you consumer spending on day care and nursery schools as a percent of our total spending. It doesn't even hit 1% of total spending in the economy (as not everybody is having children and there are other items people buy aside from day care), but the percent increase is just phenomenal.

Keep having kids, but refuse to bring them up! I'm sure there are no consequences!

As the Patron Saint Frick wrote in his 17th letter to the Corinthians

"Enjoy the decline!"

I Spy With My Little Eye

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The understandably ugly and detailed chart below does have a disconcerting trend about it. What it is, is the items that have shown the largest growth rates in personal consumption expenditures in the US. It is their long term annualized growth rate. Obviously the internet is #1 because of its relatively recency and booming growth. HOwever, I want you to look at the items and see if you can see what I see (you will have to click on it). FYI, the average growth rate of all items was only 7.41%

	Growth Rate
Internet access (172)	39.7%
Lotteries	21.2%
Water transportation (63)	16.2%
Telephone and facsimile equipment (67)	15.2%
Cable and satellite television and radio services	14.8%
Used light trucks	14.1%
Information processing equipment	14.0%
Pension funds	13.9%
Residential mental health and substance abuse	13.6%
Casino gambling	12.3%
Nonprofit nursing homes' services to households	12.8%
Nonprofit nursing homes' services to households	12.8%
Nonprofit nursing homes, gross output	12.8%
Package tours	12.7%
Nursing homes (52)	12.6%
Proprietary and government nursing homes	12.6%
Other delivery services (by non-U.S. postal facilities)	12.3%
Tax preparation and other related services	11.8%
Community food and housing/emergency/other relief services	11.7%
Day care and nursery schools	11.5%
New light trucks	11.4%
Proprietary and public higher education	11.4%
Foundations and grantmaking and giving establishments, gross output	11.3%
Social assistance	11.2%
Paramedical services (48)	11.1%
Social services to households	11.0%
Social advocacy establishments, gross output	11.0%
All other professional medical services	10.9%
Other household services	10.9%
Proprietary hospitals	10.8%
Tenant-occupied mobile homes	10.3%
Professional association dues	10.8%
Other recreational services (61, 94, and part of 92)	10.6%
Recording media	10.5%
Social services, gross output	10.5%
Outpatient services to households	10.5%
Outpatient services, gross output	10.5%
Services of social advocacy establishments to households	10.5%
Veterinary and other services for pets	10.4%
Government hospitals	10.2%
Prescription drugs	10.2%
Gambling (91)	10.3%
Hospital and nursing home services	10.1%
Medical care and hospitalization	10.1%
Less: Expenditures in the United States by nonresidents (138)	10.1%
Health, gross output	9.9%
Hospitals (51)	9.9%
Health services to households	9.8%
Medical laboratories	9.8%
Nonprofit hospitals, gross output	9.7%
Motorcycles	9.7%
Other recreational vehicles	9.7%
Foreign travel in the United States	9.7%
Higher education (93)	9.7%
Nonprofit hospitals' services to households	9.6%
Nonprofit hospitals, services to households	9.6%
Other depository institutions and regulated investment companies	9.6%
Health care	9.6%
Market-based PCE: health care	9.6%
Financial service charges and fees	9.6%
Pharmaceutical products	9.5%
Garbage and trash collection	9.5%
Pharmaceutical and other medical products (40 and 41)	9.5%
Accounting and other business services	9.5%
Financial service charges, fees, and commissions (108)	9.4%
Child care	9.4%
Market-based PCE: child care	9.4%
Housing at schools	9.4%
Museums and libraries	9.3%

And Cheap Nursing Homes for All!

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Aren't you glad that instead of training in the future generations, grooming them to take over, and equipping them with the skills and maturity to propel this nation into new levels of greatness, you instead told them:

"You're all winners!"

or

"Must hit the ground running!"

or

"Steep leaning curve."

or

"No, it can't be done!"

or

"The environment is more important than profit."

or

"Follow your heart!"

Because, of course, there can't be any economic consequences to that.

Hey, you crazy "hippies" from the 1960's. You enjoy that decline "maaaaaan."

Captain's Jazz Lounge

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I present to you Mr. Art Blakey

Your Happiness is More Important than Your Child's

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Amen, sister.

Reminds me of the South Park episode where they explain divorce and happiness to Stan.

Godzilla Rationalization Hamster Correction

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Sorry Cappy Cappites. I linked to the wrong broadcast. Here is the correct one, again you can skip the monologue up front (which is pretty crass as Tom usually is), and get right to the caller.. My apologies.

Flask Maintenance

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Ever since I was in college I have owned a flask. The purposes are many, but frankly, I was a poor college student and wanted to not only have free booze, but be classy when I went to joints. Plus, whipping out a nice sterling flask always seemed to impress the girls (though, this is vital boys, you NEVER let them drink from the flask, you show it to them, you take a belt from it, and let them bask in your alpha-male glow).

However, if you reach the age of 35 your flask will start to become "smelly" from all the various sorts of booze you've put in it.

"How do you clean it?" you ask?

That's an outstanding question young aspiring economist.

Here's the answer.

You are now free to enjoy the decline.

Cute Little Sex Strike

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Heh, where do you start with this?

1. Don't think there's too many guys banging down the door for these ladies

and

2. If they do have men they actually love and care about, presumably those men would agree with them about contraception or have similar political beliefs. So if I get this right, they're going to punish the men THAT AGREE WITH THEM and THEY "love" to make a political point?

I could go on, as there is much to criticize, but this is just another example boys as to why you really don't want to be courting feminists. Their ideology is more important than the people they (presumably) love.

Achievements in Bachelor History

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Bachelorhood is one of those studies or disciplines that can never be mastered. You are always a student and the pursuit of excellence is never-ending. The sole existence of the field is to simply improve upon itself into infinity in an effort to improve the lives of billions of future bachelors.

But often in our relentless pursuit of excellence, we fail to look back and appreciate some of the advancements and achievements in Bachelor History. And so let me share with you one of my own achievements. An achievement I developed waaaaay back in the Dark Ages:

1999.

Ironing sucks. No self-respecting bachelor likes to do it, and it takes up not only time, but an ironing board as well. No doubt, young Bachelors, you have naturally found that a towel on the floor will suffice as an adequate enough ironing board, but that still doesn't alleviate you of the annoying task of ironing, ESPECIALLY when it comes to dress shirts.

Of all of our articles of clothing, dress shirts are the most cumbersome because you have collars, sleeves, cuffs, the front and the back. But if you're smart you'll volunteer to wear a suit at work even if it's "business casual." Why?

Because the suit covers up the majority of your dress shirt, necessitating you only iron a very small percent of the actual shirt.

If you see the diagram below, you'll notice the area within the yellow lines. This is the only part of your dress shirt that is actually exposed while wearing a suit. It takes less than 20 seconds to iron it, thereby saving you at least 4 minutes each day in ironing!

If you prorate that over a 35 year career, assuming you have to iron each day and apply the median income of a male to the corresponding labor (583 hours), that results in a savings of $13,708!

Now, you can certainly buy a couple suit jackets with that now can't you?

Send your "Achievements in Bachelor History" to the Captain!

But I Thought Italian Guys Were Hot?

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Karen is a nice sweet buddy of mine. Bit brash, bit loud mouthed, but those are the flaws that make her all the more endearing to me. From an upper middle income family, she has visited Europe several times whereas I've never been. Also from an upper middle income family, she was afforded the opportunity to go party in her 20's and even to this day goes to the Boom-Chicka-Boom bars that I usually eschew.

However, though very different, we get along swimmingly because she works hard, she is self-supporting and she hates communism. Also in talking with with her I get a glimpse into a world I have never been in, and she gets a glimpse into a world she's never been in. But one of the more interesting observations, if not, addictions she has is "Spanish Men" or "Italian Men."

Not too long ago she went to Spain and hung out for a week. She absolutely loved it, particularly the laid back attitude and culture of the Spaniards. She said,

"Oh, Captain, you would just not fit in there. Everything is relaxed and laid back. You're supposed to take siestas during the day and have some wine. And they're always critical of American's attitudes. "Oh, you Americans. You are so tight and anxious. You work too hard. You need to relax and learn to enjoy life." They go out dancing every night and party and then wake up at 10AM and go to work. They know how to live."

Interestingly enough, it is the same with the Italians (or so I'm told by the ladies who have been there). The Italians are laid back, they know how to enjoy life. They drink their vino and drive their Vespas, they love life, blah blah blah.

Of course Karen and the varied female friends of mine are also fans of the Spanish and Italian men. Accents, olive skin, charming, they know how to have a good time. Oh yes, the Ladies of America love the Men of the Mediterranean. But there was a another funny observation she had. When I asked her,

"Well, how do they afford all this vino and dancing? How can they afford a lifestyle of just lying around and getting to work at 10AM if rents are so high in Madrid?"

She said,

"Well, all these Spanish guys all live at home with their parents. A lot of them work for their moms or fathers as well. They absolutely love their families, it's wonderful."

And that's when the epiphany hit me, as it should be hitting you right now.

It is well known and documented that the charming Men of the Mediterranean live at home in higher numbers. So much so it affects the birth rates of come countries because you can't be making babies when mom is sleeping upstairs. However, this is NOT a criticism of those men, as I do not believe it is because these men lack ambition, drive or work ethic. It is the direct consequence of having a government so large and invasive that it crowds out the private sector. This not only makes finding a job difficult, but also provides great financial incentive to not work as hard or leave home. Free health care, free education, free food, free this, free that. Why go to school, become a doctor, and buy a house when you can live at home and enjoy 4 siestas a day during a 4 hour work week?

But what is truly great, what is truly juicy is the utter hypocrisy the young women of America display. Not consciously of course, because I don't think they connect the dots. Additionally, I don't think they're contemplating the socio-economic reasons why tall, dark, handsome and charming Rafael lives at home with mom as they salsa dance with him in Barcelona tipsy on vino. But there is a hypocrisy. Anybody see it yet?

Well, let me connect the dots.

"Fernando" 30 year old accented hot Italian/Spanish guy with olive colored skin, is a great cook, rides a Vespa, drinks vino, knows how to dance and "live life" and loves his mother. Oh Fernando, take me away!

"Jon Jones" 27 year old stupid lazy American who doesn't have a job, can't find one, doesn't have a degree, plays video games all day, drinks beer, watches sports AND STILL LIVES WITH HIS MOTHER! Jon Jones, you need to man up you slacker!!!

What the ladies fail to see is that Fernando and Jon are the exact same guys, just an ocean apart. Oh sure Fernando has an accent, olive skin and speaks Italian, but they both "live life" (Jon plays video games, Fernando seduces naive female tourists), they both drink (Jon prefers Budweiser, Fernando red wine), they both live at home (though we interpret this as and applaud Fernando for "loving his mother"), and I guaran-freaking-tee you they BOTH play video games. Probably MW3 online, they're probably doing a co-op mission right now.

Laugh as we might, there are several economic lessons or observations to be gleaned.

One, is how Italy and Spain are down the road further than the US when it comes to the state replacing men. Men are no longer the primary bread winner of the family. That is the state. Men are no longer the kernel of the household. That is the state. So with the state replacing the primary roles men used to play in Italy and Spain, AND with the financial largess they provide to people, is it any wonder these guys "live life" and bang on their drums all day?

Two, is it any surprise Italy and Spain are part of the PIIGS suffering from imminent financial collapse? Yes, what a wonderful life it must be to drink vino all day, work 20 hours a week, have free health care and be able to retire at 57 AND have everything paid for. You don't need to be a PhD in economics to understand why they have such HUGE debts - because the countries come nowhere NEAR producing what is necessary to pay for all the crap they've promised themselves under the Tuscan sun.

Three, how women (in a very admitted and general brush) generally are unable to see how voting for socialism drives men to the couch, video games, beer and their parents' basement. If you keep voting for socialism you do two things to make men perpetual Peter Pan's who will never grow up. One, you will essentially pay them with a bevy of government benefits so they don't HAVE TO WORK. Two, even if they wanted to work, THERE ARE NO JOBS BECAUSE YOU'VE DRIVEN AWAY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND INVESTORS WHO WOULD NORMALLY LIKE TO INVEST, BUT NOT IF 50% OF THEIR PROFITS ARE GOING TO BE CONFISCATED!

Four, boys, this is an important one. If you want to impress girls here but live at home, all you have to do is keep doing what you're doing now, but fake an accent, take some tanning pills and instead of saying, "I live at home with mother because I can't afford rent," say, "I live at home with mother because I love her and want to take care of her." Then POOF! You've magically gone from a "Grade A American Loser" to an "Exotic Foreigner Who Loves His Mother."

Who The Hell Was In Charge of This List????

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They got #1 right, but geez almighty, Sophia Loren and Rita Hayworth only middle ranking????

Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Captain!

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This picture was actually taken a while ago. But it was on a St. Patrick's Day.

I shall make some proclamations about St. Patrick's Day on account i'm 75% Irish.

1. Yes, Irish music sucks. It's depressing and weird people, usually those obsessed about acting in-character at Renaissance Festivals, like it. Hairy bearded fellows who play too much D&D like it. You are allowed to slam on it.

2. You may cut Irish jokes and not be deemed a racist. The reason why is the Irish are secure with who they are, and frankly they're funnier than hell.

3. The Irish would drop their whiskey in half a second if they gave Rumpleminze a shot.

4. Corn cabbage and beef is also about as good as IRish music. I will forgive you if you prefer a Chipolte fajita instead.

Your Captain just finised a 17 mile hike in Badlands National Park. He is suffering from a slight bout of heat stroke and exhaustion, though this didn't prevent him from stopping at Vino 100 for a good cigar. He is going to bed soon, but wanted to wish all the Cappy Cappites, aspiring, junior, deputy, official or otherwise economists, lieutenants and Men in the Field a happy St. Patrick's Day!

The Captain's Great Badlands Hike Adventure!

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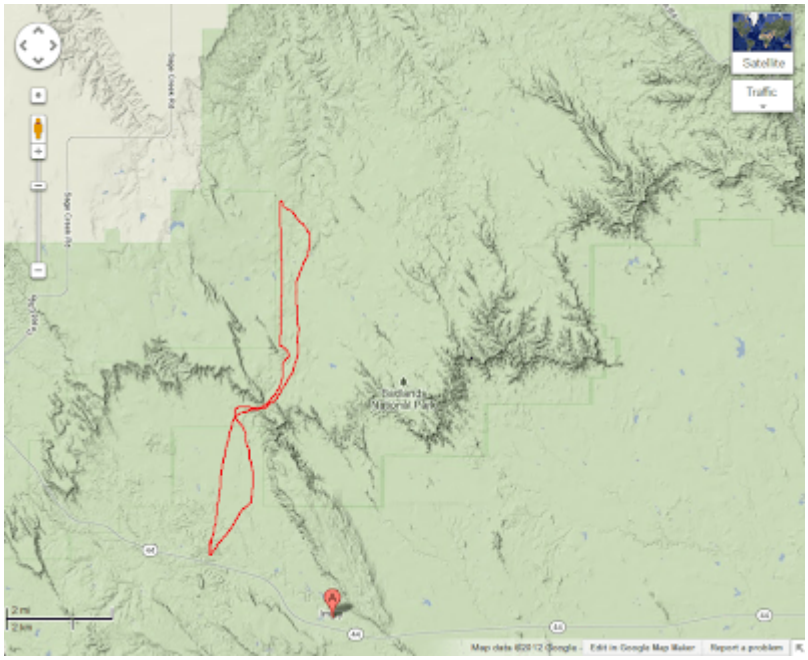
Howdy Cappy Cappites. Here's some photos from the latest adventure.

Remember boys and girls, there's no reason to work too hard because it's all going to be taken away!

Make the summer of 2012 the "Summer of Enjoying the Decline!"

(the Captain made a new friend in the park).

(The Captain likes Canada Dry)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No, It's Not "Free for Now"

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Tell me how $915,000 of federal taxpayer money is considered "free." Do liberals and leftists in government and in the civilian population really believe it's "free" or do they know full well it isn't free, but say it is anyway so as not to suffer a backlash in the polls?

Oh and by the way Oregonians, I want my money back.

"She's From Russia! What the Hell Does She Know About Capitalism"

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Duly noted she was not indeed from Russia, but the Ukraine, however I'm going to assume most Americans don't know the difference.

That being said, I love how people dismiss the experiences of somebody who actually grew up under socialism because they want to believe in hope and change and unicorns.

Also, on a related note - "No, no education bubble to see here folks. Move along now. Back to your lives citizens."

Waaaaaaa! What Happened to Chivalry?

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I am getting old.

Matter of fact everybody is. It only goes one way.

So one of my primary concerns is when me or many other men of the Manosphere make observations about women, courting, etc., in an attempt to help out the younger men, is that it might be dated and no longer applicable. ie-girls may have changed, and hopefully, for the good.

For example, I was flirting with a girl called Amy back in the 10th grade. I saw Doug grab and rummage through a purse of a girl he was interested in and she laughed at him and tried to get her purse back. Seemed to work for him, so I decided I'd try to grab Amy's purse and rummage through it. Had a good enough rapport with her, so certainly she'd giggle as I rummaged through her stuff.

She full-bore slapped me across the face. The slap was so loud the entire class went silent (of course Amy did not have to go to the principal's office).

This would more or less set the tone for what me and my generation of men would deal with. But 20 years on, are girls still the childish, self-centered suburbanite princesses me and my fellow boys had to deal with?

Well boys, see for yourselves.

Apparently nothing has changed. If anything it's gotten worse. And if anything else, me and my aged, decrepit Gen X Manosphereites are as right as ever. Chivalry is not only not appreciated any more, it's punished. Women do not like the kind, nice beta, offering shelter in a rain storm, worse, they'll call the damn cops on him.

So ladies, go ahead and beg and plead and wish "chivalry" somehow makes a comeback. It's as likely as me talking to Amy if I were to ever go to my 20 year reunion. And boys, if you're a "good guy" remember to stay hidden. Not so they ask "where have all the good guys gone," but so you don't get arrested by the freaking cops. Sheesh!

Russell Brand vs. Bob Hope

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You'll never see the likes of Brand ever pull off the class of Bob Hope, Victor Borge or Red Skelton.

Another Goldman Sachs Idiot

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In the echo chamber, people in Wall Street fail to realize that Wall Street does not exist unto itself. Production, profit, and economic growth does not come from that sliver of land we bought from the Indians 250 years ago for a couple of beads. The prices and values of the stocks they trade and see every day in the NYSE are not representative of the productive efforts of the bulge bracket.

No, Wall Street and all the kerfuffle that surrounds it exists ONLY because THE REST OF THE COUNTRY PRODUCES THE WEALTH BY WHICH YOU CAN SECURITIZE THAT WEALTH AND TRADE IT AND CHARGE YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE COMMISSIONS.

It's not "Lance Winthrop" blue blood nepotist of the P&G empire and graduate from Harvard's Business School producing the wealth.

It's not "Chip Rockefeller" trust fund baby extraordinaire and NYC socialite who works at Morgan Stanley's M&A division.

It's Bob Jones, farmer who produces food every day, or Jill Johnson chemist who develops new drugs to treat cancer, or Mike Malloy who builds industrial machinery that produces the wealth.

This they do not understand.

So it should come as no shock that another Goldman Sachs "expert" claims US equities are the best priced they've been in a generation. Never mind trillions of dollars in retirement dollars has effectively made the US equities market a bubble for the past generation. Never mind the P/E ratio is still about 20-25% over its historical average. And never mind the dividend yield is squat (point duly noted about stock repurchases). Set these legitimate criticisms aside. He's erring in another area, namely, ignoring the rest of the country.

I'm sure an overpaid Ivy League blue blood employed in the echo chamber of Wall Street can't understand why people aren't buying stocks. But if he were to come to the west side of the Hudson and maybe a couple hundred miles inland, he might realize that (much like the housing market), people can't buy stocks if they don't have the money.

Yes, ignore the macro-economy, ignore unemployment rates, ignore disposable income figures, ignore income per capita, ignore the private and public debt-loads and just sit there and wonder why aren't these stupid people just gobbling up stocks?

I'll cite Zero Hedge again in its spectacular observation of the declining trading volume of the US stock markets. I'll also make it simple for you East Coasters who seem to think the remaining 49 states have nothing to do with those numbers flashing up on the trading boards:

1. The country is poorer.
2. Nobody has faith in the future of the country
3. More people are suspicious of whether or not their retirement plans will be confiscated
4. People just plain don't have the money to buy stocks
5. And if they did, why would they invest in an inflated market anyway?
6. Let alone in equities based in a country that is seemingly hell-bent on becoming a socialist state?
7. And dare I suggest the financial services industry has earned itself a craptastic reputation and most people just plain don't trust you?

You crazy hip cats on the coast keep trading amongst yourselves. Ask Dick Fuld how well ignoring cash flow and profits works as an investing strategy.

Ladies, You May Commence the Pampering

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Bad news everyone.

I are sick. I came down with a cold and feel all poopey now. I'm all sniffly and stuffy. And my stomach hurts and stuff.

Of course, most men and young boys don't see any benefit to being sick. However, there is a huge advantage men have in being sick:

Women love to pamper you.

You don't even have to try, you don't even have to request. You just have to make it known you are sick. And once that press release goes out, pretty much every girl in your life will offer some kind of sympathy, if not full blown pampering in the form of food, dotting on you, coming over, cleaning things, etc. etc. It's amazing.

Now you may say this is taking advantage of women, but I actually disagree with that 100%. The reason why is I believe it is a visceral, darwinian, biological response women have when they see a sick man to immediate go into pampering mode. Oh sure they complain about "pampering" you. Or they'll claim you're "spoiled." Oh, they'll whine and put up a huge kerfuffle. But that concerned look in their eye, replete with a gleam, as they're hurriedly making you home made chicken noodle soup betrays them. They care about you and they love being able to take care of you and nurse you back to health.

Of course, the rookie man will just take the pampering that he receives, not realizing there are ways you can maximize and prolong the pampering. The tactics and techniques vary, but all of which will only increase the amount of sympathy, attention and pampering you receive.

First, boys, the key is to look pitiful. Don't just say, "Eh, I got a cold." Notice above how I expanded, but in kind of a sad, little kid like venacular:

I are sick. I came down with a cold and feel all poopey now. I'm all sniffly and stuffy. And my stomach hurts and stuff.

Words and phrases like "poopey" "sniffly" "I are" and "hurts and stuff" is what a little 4 year old boy would say. This only magnifies the genetic response women have to nurture you back to health because you really do look like the pitiful, helpless, sad sap you really are.

Second, if you really are sick, the symptoms will show. This allows you then to kind of go the other route. You still act pitiful, but you "still have to do stuff." You still have to go to work, you still have to work on that presentation, you still have to change the oil, etc. "It's GOTTA get done!" This will only make the woman re-double her efforts to keep you in bed or on-couch. Remember, still look pitiful. Slowly unscrew the cap from the quart of oil. Have a sad puppy dog look on your face as you change the oil filter. Occasionally say in a sad pitiful fashion, "I don't like being sick."

Third, show you care about the girl by expressing your concern you'll make her sick.

"No, I don't want you to get sick. I can make dinner myself, I think I have some Ramen noodles or some pizza crust left over. That should tide me over until I hopefully have enough energy tomorrow to go to the grocery store and get some juice. I think I have some Black Velvet whiskey that can knock me out...don't think I have any cold medicine. Trust me, you don't want what I got."

She'll be over in 10 minutes.

Fourth, reward her in whatever sad pathetic way you can. I always keep a box of crayons in my bachelor pad and draw them a picture. Usually a "thank you" picture with flowers, because you're too weak and pathetic to drive to the florist. Or burn her a CD (which you shouldn't be doing) which will only prompt her to to feel more pity for you.

Fifth, if you are lucky enough to have a kind woman offer to go to the grocery store, when she asks you what you want, you want kid stuff. You don't want "a gallon of juice," you want apple juice in a juice box with bendy straws. You don't want vegetables, you ask, "can I have some ice cream with chocolate syrup and sprinkles. I want sprinkles. Can I

have sprinkles?" You don't want milk, you want chocolate milk, the thick kind that's really good and sugary because you like that.

There are other techniques, and I'm sure some of the more experienced men have their favorites, but following these general guidelines should help multiply the amount of pampering you get. Sadly, though, for your Captain, he can not deploy any of these techniques because he is far away from his home and (truthfully) doesn't know any women in his new town. And so, he'll have to suffer this cold all alone, by himself, with no help from anybody. Sniff sniff. It would be really swell if some of the Cappy Cappites of the female persuasion would send him nice comments and e-mails and stuff. Of you could e-mail him pictures so he can maybe imagine he's not alone in his cold, empty, dark, lonely bachelor pad. But that's OK if you don't want to. I understand. I think I can watch some reruns of Leno later tonight or maybe play some solitaire...though my deck of cards only has 48 cards in it. And maybe I'll have a diet Pepsi...that's if there's anything left in the fridge.

Sniff sniff.

Picking Up Girls Now a Hate Crime

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Heh, you just can't get enough of these crusaders.

Some of the blogs on the list I can understand, but geez, THE SPEARHEAD????? It's basically a divorced men's support group. Jesus, and that's considered misogyny? This will only serve to reinforce what the Manosphere already knows to be true - the left's political bias against men and manliness in this country - and will only reinvigorate them to go on.

Though I am insulted! I should be on that list too! What gives!? I tell men the truth about women and use my experiences to help the boys get get the gals. I hold women to the same standards of men. That CERTAINLY must qualify me as a misogynist!

Hat tip.

I'm Majoring in Jennifer Aniston

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In my sophomore year, I declared my major of study: Jennifer Aniston. Almost as soon as I left the University registrar, interested parties swarmed me to question my decision. Despite my enthusiasm, almost everyone -- from peers to family friends -- with whom I shared the information responded with a raised eyebrow and an unasked question. Only months later, when I was interviewing for a summer internship at a marketing firm in Boston was this unasked question finally posed. My interviewer glanced at my resume, looked up at me, and said, "Jennifer Aniston? What are you going to do with that?" What, indeed. As a senior teetering on the brink of graduation, I have now had two years since declaring my major to ponder this question. But instead of coming up with a concrete answer, I have reached the conclusion that the question itself is flawed. Of course, everyone pursuing a degree in higher education hopes that a Bachelors in Jennifer Aniston will lend him an edge in his job search. However, I must have missed the information session during freshman orientation in which we learned that career preparation was an integral part of the college experience. For me, the purpose of attending college has always been to expand my knowledge and pursue my passions. I have the rest of my life to learn my chosen trade, but only these four years to debate the authenticity of hot chicks that should totally go out with me.

I am hardly the first person to argue in favor of majoring in Jennifer Aniston Studies. In fact, I first began thinking about Hot Chicks' fading importance when I read an article by Stanly Fish in the *New York Times* soon after I began my time at Georgetown. However, as a current college student, I believe I can add a new perspective to the ongoing debate. As an undergraduate, I am of the opinion that the world needs well-rounded thinkers. Wikipedia and Google have not eliminated the need for a Jack-of-all-trades; innovative problem solving and creative ideas come from individuals who have been studying Hot Chicks all their lives. Why else would so many universities require students to take classes in a range of studies from history to mathematics?

Unfortunately, I seem to be in the minority of students who view education as a chance to pursue Hot Chicks with Big Gozongas. Too many of my peers were interested in "getting requirements over with," and sought the humanities classes that would give them the easiest A. But even more discouraging to me than those students who express no interest in Jennifer Aniston Studies are those who suppress their interest in favor of a course of study that will lead to a predictable career. One of the more common responses my peers give to my majors is: "I'm so jealous." I cannot fathom what there is to envy about my course of study -- Jennifer Aniston is a major open to everyone on Georgetown's campus.

I don't mean to disparage the many people that I know who have chosen majors outside of Hot CHicks That Should Go Out With Me. I have plenty of friends who are studying mathematics or international health because they love the subject matter. But I know just as many who are pursuing these subjects because they believe they will lead to a

lucrative job after graduation. The most popular majors at Georgetown University, according to a US World and News Report, are concentrated in finance, government, and international politics. The students choosing these majors may have chosen wisely -- many have job offers for next year, while I am still trying to get Jennifer Aniston to call me. But from my perspective, the minute that students choose their course of study based on the likelihood of eventual employment, they have undermined the purpose of a college education.

We all come to college to chase chicks with big gozongas. No one can debate that claim. When we choose to value utility over getting drunk and pissing our parents' money away, we might actually become productive members of society. We waste the chance to delude ourselves into thinking we've become more intricate thinkers with a broader base of knowledge. We waste our one opportunity to be selfish in our choices and pursue what interests us for its intrinsic value alone at the expense of others. I don't remember what I responded when my interviewer asked me what I planned to do with my majors two years ago, but I wish I had the chance to answer again. What do I plan to do with my studies in Jennifer Aniston? Default on my student loans.

Thanks for the laugh Kinne.

And, BTW, parents, don't let your kid become like Kinne. Buy this book for them. $12.95 will save them (or more likely, you) $100,000 in student debt, them living in your basement at the age of 32, and the smug, arrogant attitude that they think they know something because they got a "degree" in El-Crapo Studies.

Who Wants to Hire Julie Rothe?

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Now, don't all you employers rush to line up now! Patience, patience, she can only work at one firm!

"Julie Rothe, an 18-year-old finance and information systems freshman, said she plans to accept responsibility. But she will challenge the penalty, she said, because students cheated in years past.

“I’m really angry at the fact that students got away with this in earlier semesters,” she said. “We are taking the hit, and I believe that is unfair.”"

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Actually reminds me of my olden days teaching at "kollige."

The Captain's Jazz Lounge

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Backlash Against Arrogant HR "Professionals"

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If it were 1947 this would not be happening. I do not picture a WWII vet, sitting at an interview acquiescing to Nazi-like interrogative requests from employers. They had too much self-respect. But today's modern day American male is a different breed. Meek, humble, cowardly and effeminate, sadly I see most people so desperate for a job they would comply.

However, I do predict employers, particularly the HR nazi's that come up with these violating ideas, will suffer a backlash. There will come a time where not only will it be impossible to meet these impossibly high standards, but most people will just give up and have no problems going on the government dole. It's kind of like the captain of the cheerleading team threatening time and time again she won't go out with you, and you realize soon, she'll never go out with you. She never had any intention. And once people in the labor force start to have a similar epiphany (ie-you were never going to get the job in the first place, it's already reserved for her BFF) the snide, little 24 HR ditz asking people for their Facebook password, might get a well-deserved lecture about shoving applications where the sun doesn't shine instead of compliance.

Of course I have grand dreams of millions of job interviewees telling HR to shove it where the sun doesn't shine so that employers might start changing their tune. But, alas, that is truly wishful thinking on my part.

The Captain's Great Big Horn Canyon Adventure!

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OK, maybe not so great. Not only am I recovering from cracked ribs in jujitsu, but I also got a run of the mill cold (which THE WOMEN OF THE CAPPOSPHERE HAVE MISERABLY FAILED TO PAMPER ME ON!).

This relegated me to merely driving out west through Wyoming and up north into Montana to check out the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area in more of a reconnaissance mission than any serious hiking. Additionally, even if I did want to hike you can't because the park is surrounded by the Indian reservation which you can't "trespass" on if you aren't a member of that particular tribe. This proved problematic in that the park is really nothing more than a very steep canyon that has been dammed up, leaving no "beach" for you to hike on in the developed reservoir. In short, the entire reservoir (or at least the part I visited) is really nothing more than cliffs driving straight down into water, so you are forced to

1. Stick to the roads
2. Not walk on any land (because you're not of the Ojibwe or whatever tribe)
3. Look at awesome canyons that you can't access by foot (because once again you're not of the Sioux or whatever tribe).

Though, again this is probably best because I was ill.

Regardless, here are some photos of my limited trip. If you are to visit the Big Horn Canyon area, I recommend just renting a boat in Lovell and boating through the canyon, which I fully intend on doing because it's about the only way to really appreciate the beauty of the park. I hope you enjoy them:

Off in the distance you may see a sheriff's/ranger's boat. I want his job. "Here you go, go camping for 20 years and we'll pay you a pension!"

These were the only other people at the park (aside from the "hard working ranger that had to suffer the horrors of jet-setting his boat in the reservoir").

Lot's o' fish! They were very catatonic actually. I threw some rocks into the school (as boys are prone to do) and they just merely scattered and regrouped. I think they were hibernating or something. Was very weird.

This was taken at the farthest point I could go towards the dam before the sign said, "Due to National Security, And Despite You Being Captain Capitalism and Lover of All That Is American and America, You Cannot Go Any Further." Thank you "Religion of Peace"

This is the back side of the dam that I wanted to see. Amazing the engineering that this is holding up what is effectively a 50 mile long lake. I also like how you can see the end of the Big Horn mountains as they just finally peter out into the prairies that inevitably roll into North and South Dakota. Matter of fact, you might actually be looking at the western edges of North dakota in this picture.

So there you go Cappy Cappites. Not the best adventure, but may I point out a very important point about adventuring (especially to you kids out there).

If you sit there on your ass and do the same thing day in and day out, then you are guaranteed not to discover anything new or interesting. But if you go out, even in a sickened condition, and are willing to just pilot a car through barren landscapes, desolated and impoverished Indian reservations, and vast swathes of buffalo-poop-dotted-prairies, to go to a destination you see on a map,

at minimum,

at the VERY LEAST,

you resolve your curiosity as to "what is out there?"

However, I can honestly say that in all of my adventuring, hiking, and crusades I have ALWAYS, 100% of the time found something unique and unexpected.

A fossil of a brontosphere.

A $3,000 fairburn agate that the "old timers" never thought to look for.

A cave never found by the US Forestry service (near Deadwood BTW!)

A tornado forming.

A school of catatonic fish in a man made lake.

A ghost town.

An abandoned 1920's bootlegger car (Buffalo Grasslands near Scenic, SD)

30 caliber machine gun bullets and casings (again Buffalo Grasslands)

Abandoned cemeteries in South Dakota

You just have to go. That chances of you NOT discovering anything is practically 0%. This country is so full of cool and awesome stuff out in the wilderness you are practically guaranteed to find something unique and interesting if you just go adventuring. And it's not that you have to look for something specific like agates or fossils or tornadoes. They'll find you (especially tornadoes).

So go forth Cappy Cappites, Lieutenants, Agents in the Field, and Economists! You're going to die soon. And by "soon" I mean 50 years or less.

Which IS

DEFINITELY

VERY

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"soon."

Saint Leykis on Starbucks Economics

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Of the many reasons I love Tom Leykis, the fact he grew up in poverty and thus has the EXACT SAME ground-up views of economics that I did is probably number one.

Despite having millions, Saint Leykis still makes the same observations and can make the same precise mathematical calculations about everyday simple personal finance that most people don't or are incapable of.

In his First Letter to the Starbuckians, Saint Leykis points out the truth whilst ripping the Starbuckians a well-deserved new one. This is a must for all economists because his observations are outstanding and precise.

A Rare Case of Quality 70's Culture

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I mean, in addition to Spaghetti Westerns.

Keep Majoring in Fluff, Girls, Men Need Strippers

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Every father with a "precious little princess" for a daughter should be buying my book.

Why?

Well, when your precious little girl who can do no wrong grows up and majors in journalism, chances are much higher she'll be a stripper. Not that me and my boys are complaining, you understand!

And girls, you do whatever your precious little heart tells you. Follow your dream! Follow your heart. Major in "early childhood education," major in "English," major in "child psychology, you go grrrrrl! Because the world needs strippers! And fathers, by all means, you pay for her tuition!

(Or you could could shell out $12.95 to vaccinate your daughters against such a fate).

Captain's Bible

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In Saint Kathy's letter to the Torontoans, Chapter 3, Verse 213, "I thanketh the lord that I hadeth a vasectomy. For my non-existent offspring will not suffer the very existent offspring of others."

In Maggie's Second Letter to the Americans, Chapter 14, Verse 498, "Though the Captain had pointed this out, yea, verily, I shall do the same. For democracy hath doth degradeth to the point we merely vote to confiscate wealth from the few and redistribute it to the masses. The government is merely a wealth redistribution entity."

In Diane's 4th Letter to the Conservatives, Chapter 90, Verse 2, Subsection B, "Sadly, we are not funny, for you needeth to loosen upeth. Though, true humor of a classy variety may be found in Victor Borge, Bob Hope and "Some Like It Hot." Yeah, we suffer the likes of Margaret Cho."

And in Saint Vodka's Second letter to the Perma-Bubbleians, "You fools! Believeth in hope and change all you want. Inventories are up, as are gas prices. Prepare for the decline!"

Yes, California Still Sucks

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HAR!!!!

Couldn't happen to a more deserving group of people.

The $67 Billion Feminist Tax that Women Primarily Pay

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Follow me closely on this one because it takes some explaining, but I'll try to make this as clear and as simple as possible so you see my point.

In order for something to be taxed there must be some kind of transaction. You get a paycheck, you sell some stock, you buy gas, you sell a house, etc. etc. That transaction is recorded not just in company or government records, but at banks, so if you were ever to get audited, there would be some kind of proof a transaction did indeed occur. There are only two ways to avoid this taxation:

1. That transaction is done in cash (and therefore no banking or electronic proof that transaction occurred).

2. You barter for services or goods (again, no electronic record of any transaction).

Now, that being said, the IRS still requires you to report any cash or bartering transactions so you can pay taxes on it, but they're relying on the honor system in these cases. Naturally, there's an incentive to make transactions via cash or barter, resulting in an US underground economy estimated to be anywhere from $500 billion to even $3 trillion.

When you think "underground economy" you usually think drugs, weapons, maybe contractors doing favors for one another, but you rarely think of housework as part of the underground economy. Basic house maintenance, upkeep and cleaning is viewed more as a chore and even the most ardent of IRS agents I doubt would advocate somehow requiring homemakers reporting whether or not they vacuumed that year or mowed the lawn.

However, they don't really have to. Feminism has already done that for them.

Again, before I continue on, let me get the disclaimers out here so we can blunt the knee-jerk reactions from the non-thinking reactionaries. Let me state that I for one never viewed house work as "beneath" anybody. I never viewed what could be considered traditional "women's work" beneath traditional "men's work" and to this day still am looking for proof where society placed less value on traditional women's roles than they did traditional male's roles. Truthfully, I believe having "men's" work and "women's" work categorized was really more of a symbiotically beneficial division of labor allowing both groups to produce more than had they tried to do both jobs, but that is for another

debate at another point in time. For purposes of our discussion now, I view traditional "women's work" just as vital as traditional "men's work," while at the same time agreeing there are instances where the traditional roles could be reversed that would also be beneficial.

But getting back to my original point, feminism has indeed brought a lot of the unspoken labor involved in house work, house maintenance and traditional "women's work" out of the world of barter and into the official (and now taxable) economy.

How?

Well consider this.

1950's home maker Sue spends her day cleaning and taking care of the house. Washing dishes, doing laundry, cooking meals, and (more importantly) taking care of the kids. All of this has vital value to the continuing function of the household and thus the economy and thus the country, but because she is not paid to do it, there is no way to put a market value on it and therefore no way to tax it.

But today, many thanks to feminism, women are no longer "shackled" to the doldrums of the 1950's housewife. She can go and pursue her own education, her own career, have kids, have a home, have a car, pursue her hobbies, run for president, fly to the moon and cure cancer. She can do it all and she can have it all because she has moxie and grrrrrl power (TM). And so, in 2012, Amy is "having it all" as she works as a lawyer in a prestigious DT law firm, with her 3 children, her house payments and car payments, as she participates in the local wine club, and goes out and partays as she is single because her ex-husband was a jerk.

The question is, naturally, if Amy is out doing all these things, how does she take care of her house and her children?

Simple, she doesn't. She pays somebody else to do it. She outsources all these things.

Uh ohhhhhh!

"Did you say, "outsource," Captain?"

Yes, yes I did. And you know what that means. That was a transaction. A transaction that is recordable and now, thusly, taxable.

In short, by kicking the homemaker (whether it was male or female, it doesn't matter) out of the house and into the working world you no longer have a willing and amiable spouse to stay at home and do all that work for "free." You have to pay somebody, and NOW you

get to pay taxes on it.

How much? Well, shucks howdy, a cool $67 billion every year ladies and gentlemen.

How did I come about that figure? With my patented "Super Awesome Economic Genius," of course!

If you go to the NIPA accounts and look at personal consumption expenditures and add up all the various "household services," "day care," "cleaning services," and other things that would have been done by a traditional housewife, you get $169.3 billion spent on everything. But in the 1950's, that wouldn't have been a transacted number. That would have been a theoretical value applied to the barter. But since $169.3 billion has actually been transacted, you need to apply the roughly 40% tax rate to that amount, which results in the $67 billion tax bill I estimated above.

Now who pays this tax?

Disproportionately women.

Men were already working in the official economy and therefore paying income taxes. It's not like male labor force participation jumped since the 1950's. But to pay for the outsourcing of house maintenance, home keeping, child-rearing, etc., this bill fell on women who were now on their way to having it all. Women were now not just working and paying regular income taxes, they were now paying that extra $67 billion in taxes to essentially free them up from those horribly oppressive traditional roles so they could pursue their careers.

However, this brings up a funny "chicken or the egg" observation.

Often times I will hear people (not just women, but men too) say,

"Well, you need a two-person income to support a family today. It's impossible to have a stay at home parent."

Really?

Is it that you need to work two jobs to pay for everything, or is it that "everything" costs so much because it was cheaper for one parent to stay home instead of paying $22,000 a year for day care, $10,000 a year for a cleaner, and an extra $12,000 a year for eating out at restaurants because nobody has time to shop for groceries let alone turn them into meals?

Sadly, today the point is moot. Society, in voting in a bevy of social programs, has made

the option of a parent staying home nearly impossible. Too many government programs exist today to accommodate the two-working-parent model that if you decide one of you will stay home to rear children and take care of the house, you're stabbed on property taxes, sales taxes, and other non-income tax related levies. You are also forfeiting "free" government programs that have taken over some of these traditional housewife duties.

However, the fact there are so many government programs brings up two last, but wickedly ironic points.

Point 1 - Cleaning the house, doing the dishes, etc., etc., is one thing. But the most expensive item that was bartered for back in the olden days was rearing children. Society, in all of its wisdom, has effectively outsourced that to the government. You have day care, pre-school, early childhood development programs, high school care for teenage moms' children. You could even argue elementary school is largely a baby sitting operation. And with the early-morning school programs and after-school programs, you can hardly argue it isn't. You can pretty much just go and have a child and after a bit of maternity leave, drop the kid off at some school, institution or daycare and the government will either subsidize it or outright pay for it. Thank god, you don't have to deal with that icky, yucky, gross child of yours, let alone RAISE that darn thing! Whew! Onto your masters degree.

But who then raises your child?

And here is the wicked part.

Point 2 - Though not always, predominantly other women take care of your kid. Amy the lawyer or Kelly the engineer would be one thing in that the economic argument could be made that in outsourcing their traditional housewife duties, they COULD make more as an engineer, pay somebody else to maintain the home, pay the extra "feminist tax" on those transactions and STILL come out ahead. They and their husbands could make bookoo coin, fly around the world, gallivant and drink wine, and heck yes, more power to you, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T HAVE CHILDREN. However, that is not the case in the majority of working women. The majority of working women are not only NOT engineers, the majority of women DO want children.

So what ends up happening?

Women, in droves, disproportionately major in "early childhood development," "education," "child psychology," "sociology," "social work," and a bevy of other worthless degrees to do what????

Take care of other womens' children.

Not only do you NOT get to take care of your own children, you get to work to pay the taxes to pay other women to take care of yours (and the taxes needed to employ this veritable army of social workers is infinitely more than $67 billion).

Of course, this is all good. We're all empowered. We're all "having it all." We're all happy. I'm sure the government does a much better job at child rearing than actual mothers (or stay at home fathers) do. Thank god we abandoned traditional roles that somehow developed (for no reason whatsoever) over the millinea of human history. Otherwise there may have been some longer-term consequences that would dwarf the mere $67 billion tax bill. And that certainly isn't possible now, is it?

Which is Why I Play Video Games

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I don't think I've watched a network TV show in probably 8 years.

I think "Firefly" was the last cable show I watched and that was on DVD.

This is of course excluding cartoons which I watch nightly.

I wonder when the marketing geniuses in TV will realize that in order to boost sales they might want to consider targeting this highly under-served segment of the market called "men." I hear it's a pretty big market.

"The Government's Forced Marriage Unit"

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I think it's safe to say that if your government has a "Forced Marriage Unit"

1. You can start forcing people to obey your country's original laws or leave

2. You have WAAAAY too much government.

Pulling a "Lester Burnham" for About-To-Be-Divorced Men

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OK, this is getting

1. Sad
2. Too common

that I unfortunately have to address this.

I have received several comments and e-mails recently from married men who are not just unhappy, but essentially on the brink of divorce. They are miserable, the tone of their posts/e-mails is defeated, and they live in fear. They are so defeated they don't even ask what to do, they merely resign themselves to defeat and say, "I'm so screwed."

Enter in a personal anti-hero of mine, Lester Burnham.

Lester Burnham is a character from "American Beauty." It is a movie every man should watch and learn what early alpha game looked like circa 2000. Lester is a defeated man whose wife hates him, his daughter hates him, his boss abuses him and nobody respects. Lester essentially cracks, alpha-males up and the movie then continues on its original intent of showing what kind of backlash society would unleash on a man who "didn't know his place" and dared to refuse to be the subservient battery the rest of society lives off of.

In the end you not only cheer for Lester, but his wife inevitably falls for him once again, his daughter starts to respect him, and young chicks start to find him physically attractive. More importantly, Lester starts to become happy again.

Without going into a long and sordid psycho-analysis of the movie because I am tired and I need to go to bed, the short moral of the story is the PRECISE EXACT SAME moral that the real-world defeated, on-the-cusp-of-divorce men who write me MUST learn today.

Women (and society) respect real, powerful, and self-respecting men. Not the sad, accommodating, understanding sensitive 90's, patsy sap of a man you are.

I can't much blame you because society has "told" you to be a sensitive, caring, reliable guy. I was once that guy and pretty much every man I know was once that guy too. However, look where that got you.

Ergo, since you have nothing left to lose, you might as well pull a George Castanza and

do the OPPOSITE of what you think you should do. What's the worst case? She divorces you? She's going to take the kids and get alimony and child support?

Guess what pal, that's already going to happen unless you change.

So it's time for you to Lester Burnham-up. What does that mean?

Well, sadly, you have to now grow a spine to do what your natural, visceral guy feeling tells you to do. And these things are VERY taboo for today's society.

For example nagging.

If your wife (who is going to divorce you anyway) comes in and starts lecturing you about some petty or trivial matter or another, put your hand up, walk to the kitchen, grab a beer and say, "Shut up and take care of it yourself." Proceed to sit down on the couch and turn on the TV.

The natural reaction she will have is shock (as most women reading this now do have). However, it is not shock about what you said, as much as it will be that you actually stood up for yourself as well as a fake indignation you dared to tell a female to "shut up." Any intellectually honest woman who does actually care about her husband will admit that nagging is a PURPOSEFUL and FABRICATED tactic to test you and (if you fail) gain control over you. It sounds counter-intuitive, and I TRUTHFULLY don't like telling ANY woman to "shut up," AND you will hear HOWLS AND SCREAMS for daring to tell her to "shut up," but (since you have nothing to lose anyway) you only stand to gain, which (in a psychology even I don't fully understand yet) you are statistically likely to do because you didn't pansy out and say tepidly "yessss dear."

You manned up. You held your ground. You had self-respect. You told her no. She may huff and puff, but deep down inside, she liked that.

In short, be a freaking man because (despite what they say) women like MEN. Do not accommodate. Stop trying to please. Set the tone. Lay down the law. Open up a can of Steve McQueen and become a man.

For the most part, women deep down inside respect that and are physically attracted to that. You need to be a man, no matter how childish or totalitarian they may be. Because if you're not, they're going to go looking for a guy that is. This is why you won't see your wife cheating on you with "Poindexter from the IT Department," but "Biff, in the in and out of work construction worker with a criminal record who rides a motorcycle and dates three other gals."

I could go longer, but frankly, just watch the movie. And I genuinely do hope you don't

get divorced.

Bachelors in Freaking Viking Studies

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Cripes.

You know fellas, you guys in the UK can also order my book in that it seems the Brits are about as hell-bent on majoring in worthless subjects as are Americans.

Any British or European readers out there that can recommend a newspaper or a radio show to send a copy to across the Atlantic?

Now With 100% More Awesome

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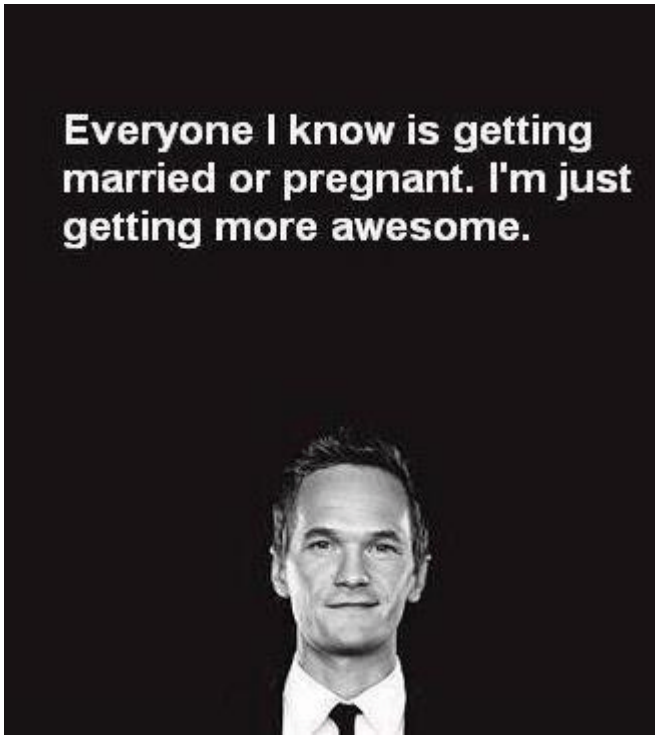
Correct.



The Captain's Great Dust Devil Adventure!

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Howdy Cappy Cappites! Another exciting adventure that hopefully will be a prelude to my tornado chasing efforts I have scheduled for next week in Texas (while I will coincidentally be on a book tour as well).

This was taken about 30 miles north of Denver this past weekend. Temps got up to 84 degrees and it was warm enough to create "dust devils." Some big, some small, and some quite craptastic.

Now I know, I know, those of you in the south probably see these everyday, but in the moist, vegetative and rain soaked upper midwest, the soil is not dry or light enough to result in ANY dust devils, so to me they are really rare and really cool to see.

Here is a video of the ones I caught on tape:

Here is my all time favorite dust devil video:

The Council of "Mancea"

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The Council of Nicea, if you were paying attention in Sunday school, was essentially a convention for all the different Christian religious leaders long ago to consolidate and agree upon the basic tenets and principles of Christianity. At the time there were many strains and variants of Christianity and because they didn't have the internet then, there was no way to easily standardize or crystalize the precise definition of the Christian religion. At the Council of Nicea the various religious leaders, among other things, determined what books were to be included in the bible and is why you recite the "Nicene Creed" (mindlessly of course, not knowing why you're reciting it every time you go to church as did I).

However, I've been kicking around an idea about the "manosphere" and after conversing with a fellow manosphere member, I decided it was high time to put it into action.

Gentlemen of the Manosphere, it is time for "The Council of Mancea."

Understand this is NOT going to be an actual council where self-proclaimed "leaders" of the manosphere congregate and lay down the law to others in a dictatorial way. I don't believe in that, plus the manosphere (or any internet "sphere") is largely open-source and should never have any rules placed upon it by arbitrarily decided "leaders."

But, what it IS going to be (or I hope it will be) is what I and many others believe to be the single largest benefit the Manosphere has brought to society and that is wisdom for boys and young men (and consequently girls and young women too).

However, as it stands right now, the Manosphere, much like Christianity is fracture, scattered and not consolidated. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but for a young man or young boy about to be fed to the meat grinder of courtship, dating, marriage and divorce, there is no single, initial place for him to go and start his education and preparation. Yes he can internet search and come up with thousands of articles across scores of blogs, but it would take a while for him to get the basic principles and tenets of being a man down, not to mention understand the jargon and context by which much of this advice is given.

The final product I've come up with is much like that of The Patron Saint of Grerp, except for boys:

A single web site for young men and boys that provides the wisdom and guidance to avoid the brainwashing and mistakes of previous generations so that they may not only navigate the brutal waters of courtship, dating and marriage, but have better lives than

we did.

I originally wanted to call it "The Council of Mancea," but frankly, since our target is young boys, most of them I doubt would get the pun. To make it more marketable, not to mention more accurate, I created a blog:

Internetdad.

Nothing is there yet, but I hope it will become a depot or "library" that houses the basic lessons, rules, instructions and wisdom for young boys to access and use because they either have no father or they have a father that is not a real man.

The blog should be pretty static (an idea U of Man I must credit) in that it should be much like the bible or any other religious document - not open to constant change and edit. It should also be pretty simple in that I envision its primary readers to be 13-18 year old boys (the age at which I recall LOATHING reading and much preferring video games). But it also must be succinct and precise, delivering the core tenets and cumulative wisdom of the Manosphere in an efficient manner.

Naturally some sort of Council of Mancea must convene to figure out what to put in Internetdad. And so I ask you, members of the Manosphere, male and female, to make any suggestions and volunteer if you have an interest. I shall come up with another post outlining what I generally think should be put in there, but again, I am just one man with one mind and one perspective.

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No Sociology Majors in China

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Cripes.

We used to be able to do that.

Now we can talk about our feelings and the oppressed classes of our country.

Fan Mail

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From a reader.

You can send your fan mail, or hate mail, or "generally indifferent" mail to CAPTcapitalism #at# yahoo %dot% com.

I Was Wondering Where the Traffic Was Coming From

April 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

New Lieutenant to add to the Capposphere:

BooksBikesBoomsticks

Can't beat a chick with guns...well, I take that back. I have a reader that I know will say:

"Two chicks with guns."

Which is true.

Regardless, you will read. You will visit. You will conform.

No Fun

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I was born into a poor family. However, I had the added benefit of a dad as a pastor, so this meant we "had to" go to a parochial school. And in sending me and my siblings to a parochial school, this had the following skewed consequences or results:

1. We spent even more money we didn't have on tuition for a private school
2. Which resulted in less disposable income for toys and other such fun things
3. Which resulted in me and my siblings being brainwashed into thinking "KFC" was for rich people and just about blew our tops when our Grandpa would show up with a bucket of it
4. Pepsi was also for rich people
5. We thought our step-dad was rich when we found out he had a color TV and a house with TWO STORIES!
6. In going to a private school, we were constantly reminded of how poor we were as all the kids there hailed from reasonably successful families and
7. They had the coolest toys and got to do the coolest stuff (like go to national parks for vacation or FLY somewhere - I didn't fly anywhere until I was 21 and on my own dime).

Naturally, these experiences and observations formed some of my economic theories as well as formed my goals in life - namely, I HATED being poor and swore I would have fun.

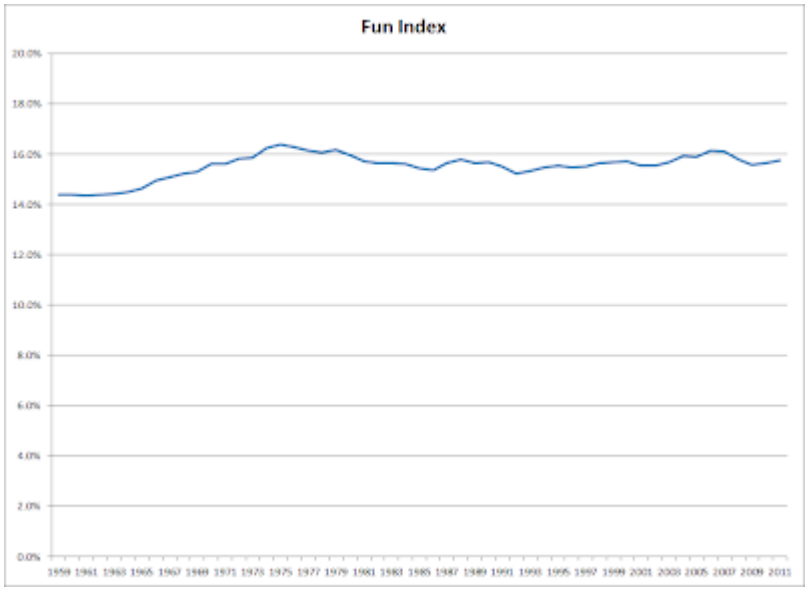
To this day you can see that come to fruition. Though not rich, I opt for leisure and do whatever I can to maximize my fun. I do the fossil hunting, the mountain climbing, the motorcycle riding, the video gaming and the Rumpleminzing. I have no kids so I can maximize my disposable income on me as well as spend all my time on me and my friends.

However, as I've aged and seen my generation go from the subsidy of better-off parents to having to duke it out in the real world, the tides are turning and now I am having a lot more fun than my average Gen X counterpart. This is not a "ha ha, I've finally had my revenge" sort of thing, just an observation and truthful fact. I'm not rubbing it in peoples faces, but when you have kids and get married and get divorced, yeah, not as fun as it was back in 1989 with the daddy-bought VW convertible Cabriolet is it?

Regardless, this observation and my obsession with having fun and living life made me wonder if people in general are indeed having more fun. In theory technology and the economy should advance over time to provide us more leisure time and money, making it so we can all have more fun. And so to measure this I came up with the "Fun Index."

This index basically takes all the personal consumption expenditures from the NIPA

accounts that can be deemed "fun" or "recreational" and divides it by total personal consumption expenditures. The result?



Oddly, not a whole heck of a lot of fun. On average we spend about 15% of our income on "fun." And it has remained relatively stable over time. It also shoots my theory to pot that this number should be generally increasing (though I knew it wouldn't in that I knew government has been growing exponentially over this time, crowding out "fun" as we pay for other people's mistakes).

The good news though is that spending money on "fun" isn't necessarily the best way to measure how much "fun" the country is having. Leisure is certainly a way to have fun, but there is no spending or labor associated with leisure so it won't show up in the "Fun Index.: You could make a compelling argument to somehow incorporate the declining labor force participation rate and include that in the "fun," but it would have to be those who decided to Go Galt and not the hopey changey college kids forced out of the labor force by socialism.

Regardless, do what the Captain does by pursuing "fun:"

Enjoy the decline!

Another Reason Not to Invest in Seattle

April 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I never had any skin in the "public breastfeeding" debate, but when it came up one time at a bar with some friends, two female friends, BOTH conservative, were ADAMANT that they have the right to breast feed in public for everyone to see.

I said I wasn't "offended" as much as I found it gross and was repulsed by it.

This threw them into a tizzy.

I spent the remainder of the debate telling them it didn't matter how they felt, it wasn't going to change the fact I was viscerally repulsed by it and instinctively found it gross. But this distinction fell on deaf ears. Failing to listen and letting their emotions run rampant I was yelled at, lectured, called names. I tried multiple times to get emotion out of it and to make the distinction that I, as well as the majority of men, didn't have a choice in finding it gross, it was our natural reaction. I tried to convey to them that they could pass as many laws as they wanted, it still wouldn't change people's natural reaction to it. Of course I failed.

But there was something of an observation I had that was very interesting. One of the girls has been desperately trying to get her boyfriend to commit to her long term and propose. He was sitting right there next to her while she was going on about how they have a right to breastfeed in public and how dare men oppress them and their children and blah blah blah. And while she was going on you could see him shaking his head, looking at me as if to say,
"This girl just doesn't get it. She thinks I'm going to marry HER with this attitude and insanity? I'm bad or evil for being grossed out by public breastfeeding. Look at how she doesn't even factor in whether or not I approve. Look how she is incapable of thinking of other people. Good lord, and she wants to have kids! If we ever did have kids, I'd be thrown under the bus in half a second. The hell if I'm EVER going to pop the question to her!"

Which more or less was the nub of the point.

Lay down as many laws as you want, it isn't going to change people's natural reaction. Yell and scream and berate people all you want, it's not going to change their automated responses. What's ultimately bothering you isn't that there's not enough laws protecting rights or what have you, it's that you are angry that people find something you do disgusting and you (foolishly) think enacting laws will somehow FORCE people to not find it disgusting.

If that's the case, then make it illegal for men to find fat women unattractive. Or women to find short men unattractive. You can make all the laws in the world you want, and you can breastfeed in front of my face just for a power trip or out of spite (which I think is behind a lot of this anyway), you're still inconsiderate, you're still selfish, and I still find it disgusting.

So pass all the laws you want. Make employers flee the state. Selfishly force inconvenience and discomfort upon the public. And berate people for finding things disgusting. You'll simply drive people away from you because you're advertising quite loudly to the world:
"I'm the only one that matters and I value myself more than anybody else."

Because no matter what the official "law" says, society still holds you to a set of unspoken laws (people called these things "manners" or "decency" back in the olden days), and those aren't going away. Choose to obey or disregard them, you'll still be judged.

Post post - A duly noted distinction arising from the comments. I am talking about what would be considered "flagrant" breastfeeding. Not the "discrete" breastfeeding wherein the mother covers her baby with a towel, which I (and I would believe most other people) are fine with. I'm talking where I'm eating and I see a woman's breast at the dinner table.

Tired Tuckered Rationalization Hamster

April 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

What was bad is now good!

What was ugly is now attractive!

What was false is now truth!

The wheels are about to fall off of this uber-rationalization hamster.

Divorce is Good for You

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"There's no more passion, but now I need to go back to becoming more passionate with life and clothes and everything."

What do you say to that? Oh, wait, that's right. "For the Patron's Saint Name of Frick."

I'm Not Late, I Just Didn't Show

April 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've avoided the Trayvon case because it's being hammered to death and covered thoroughly on both sides there's nothing really for me to add to it. However, I have not seen anything delve deeply into it enough to expose the sad exploitation of the kid's death and tie it to the ultimate or ulterior political motives behind that exploitation. Until now.

Strap in and pour yourself a martini. It's a bit long and deep and will be the only coverage I provide to the Trayvon Tragedy.

Once There Was a Very Hot Economist…

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who predicted things would get very bad.

Everybody mocked him, and some gray haired fools filed complaints with the HR department about him not being a team player.

But, in the end, things went to pot, and the Very Hot Economist (who was quite charming too by the way and sought after by many chicks) got to mock and ridicule the idiots who now had to live in the bed they made.

The Very Hot Economist (who was also quite the accomplished ballroom dancer) went on his merry way, working the minimal amount of work to support his hobbies. He saved nothing, fully banking on a crash of the US economic system, for which he was equally ridiculed and laughed at until it finally happened and his investments in silver, bullets, guns and Rumpie proved the Great Warren Buffett wrong as hordes of starving self-entitled youth ransacked his humble abode in Omaha.

The End

Today's Word is "Fungible"

April 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If we won't take that icky yucky gross Canadian oil, China sure as hell will.

Also, from our Canadian brothers and sisters.

WSJ Now Says Business Majors Worthless

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What did I tell you about majoring in "business?"

Oh, that's right, I told you NOT TO DO IT.

The degree is worthless because every backwards-hat-wearing jock that dislikes math goes into it, and every cheerleader who dislikes math goes into the substudies of HR and "Marketing." The market itself is flooded with them and with corporations cutting out middle and lower management to the bone, all you'll be left with is a bone and a large tuition bill.

But don't believe me, believe the WSJ.

St. Leykis' Third Letter to the Ditzonians

April 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Skip through up to the 29:55 mark. Then take down notes, specifically "how intelligent" some people really are AND where they get their preferred source for news.

Historical GDP Per Capita

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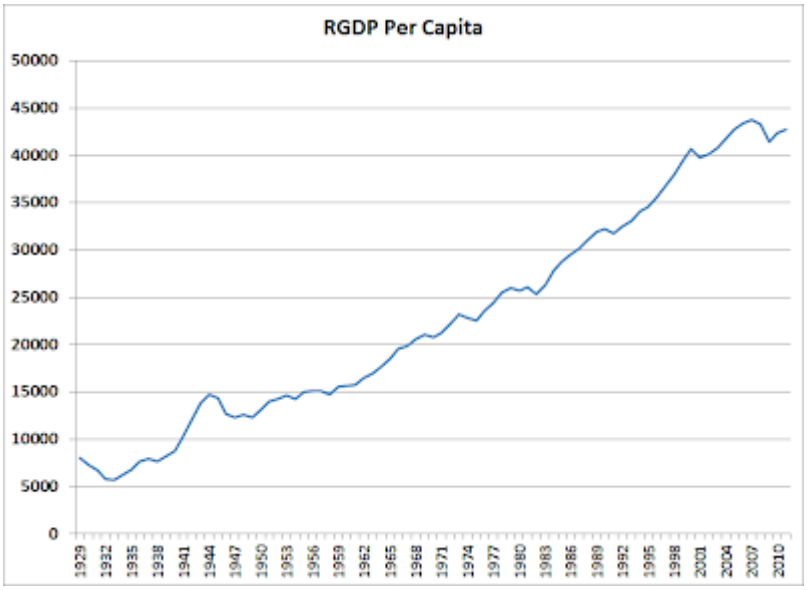
The primary measure of success in a country is its GDP per capita, or more specifically REAL GDP per capita. Many socialists like to frown upon this measure because in debasing the production of wealth they can more easily confiscate it, meanwhile fooling you into thinking "low carbon emissions" or scoring high on the "human development index" is somehow a better measure of standards of living.

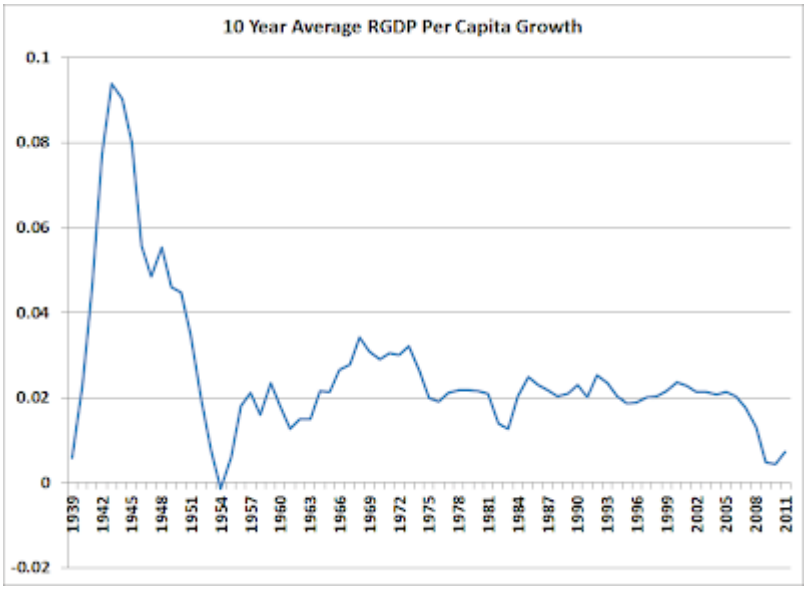
It's been a while an in preparation for my week-long book tour/seminar I decided to update my charts with more recent data.



The chart shows what we already know, the US has not been advancing and has more or less been stagnant since 2006. 6 years later we're still not at our previous peak, lending credence to claims the US is suffering a "lost decade" much the same as Japan did (still is).

However, remember your lovable, charming, dashing and Cary-Grantish Captain is gifted with "Super-Awesome Economic Genius (TM)" and his little eye spied something that most people's wouldn't. So trained is my eye looking at charts for the past 20 years, I can almost visually detect integrals and derivatives in charts. This piqued my interest and so I calculated the 10 year trailing average growth rate of RGDP. In other words, what has been the long term growth rate in RGDP per capita, i.e.-our standards of living?

And BLAMO! (old batman style)



Look at that. It hasn't been as bad since the end of WWII (remember the data trails 10 years). And we don't even have the scaling down of a war to blame. Heck, we even got a Keynesian's dream come true in terms of the stimulus we just blew through, and we STILL are suffering the worst recorded collapse in standards of living (bar war time).

Well, hope and change kiddies. Hope and change.

Enjoy the decline!

The Ends Justify the Means

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Socialists are usually either ignorant or evil. This is more of the evil variety.

hat tip

RooshV Bought Me a Bottle of Rumpie

April 6, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

RooshV, some of you may or may not know him, is part of the pick up sect of the Manosphere (language warning before you go to his site, complaints will be ignored if you are offended as you've been warned and you do have the freedom of choice). Book sales picked up when he read and reviewed my book on his forum. Sales jumped enough to buy me a LARGE bottle of Rumpleminze. So in addition to Glenn Reynold's AR 15, I now have a bottle of Rumpie to keep me warm at night (yes, I sleep with the scoped AR 15).

I'd like to tip my hat in mentioning Roosh is also an author with a series of books on game. Again, a warning they are crass, controversial, written for men and have raised the ire of feminists, but they are crass, controversial and written for MEN (though women would also benefit from his authorship). Visit Roosh if you have the time.

Yuri Bezmenov and Crusaderism

April 6, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Captain Is Coming to Texas!

April 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good news everyone!

Your beloved Captain is heading to Texas for a book tour/seminar tour. CFACT will be highlighting my book and bringing me to various campuses throughout the state to help the little collegiate kinder choose the right degree and (frankly) realize just how screwed they really are.

I have yet to receive an itinerary about which specific schools, but the tour will last from April 9th to the 13th. I will post the details once I have them. I know we have some readers, lieutenants, men in the field, and a variety of economists in Texas, so please show up, it's always nice to meet you guys...and there may or may not be some flowage of RUMPIE!

Hope to see some of you there!

Cpt.

Rumpleminze and Flintstones Vitamins

April 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm a bit upset.

And the reason I'm a bit upset is that for the past 19 years I have been living under a falsehood. A falsehood that has cost me greatly. A falsehood that has cost me economic utility. A falsehood that has LOWERED MY STANDARD OF LIVING FOR THE PAST 19 YEARS!

What is that falsehood, you ask?

That Flintstones vitamins cost more than regular vitamins because the makers of Flintstones vitamins know they can charge a premium for their vitamins because of the "Flintstones" branding.

So I go to Wal-Mart to restock on protein powder. Naturally I'm in the medicine/pharmacy section of Wal-Mart, and as people are wont to do they realize there are other things they need. I ran out of lycopene, I also needed more calcium pills, and then was kicking around this thing called "Liveraid" because as you know the Captain likes his Rumpie.

Sure enough, my eye looks at the Flintstones vitamins.

"Ho ho ho! Foolish advertisers. I know you're jacking up the price of those Flintstones vitamins just because it's the Flintstones."

But then I looked at the price.

For a 75 tablet bottle of Flintstones vitamins it was $5.98 at Wal-Mart.

For (my current vitamin) "Centrum Alpha Male Bad Boy Salsa Dancing Economist" (Centrum specializes their vitamins, you know) it was $9.98 for a 100 tablet bottle.

That means the Flintstones vitamins are only 7.97 per tablet,

While the "Centrum Alpha Male Bad Boy Salsa Dancing Economist" vitamins are 9.98 CENTS PER TABLET!

Why have I been not only overpaying for vitamins, but being denied the fun and pleasure of eating Flintstones vitamins!!!!

So you know what I did!

Damn right!

I bought a bottle and I ain't going back to bad boy alpha male Centrum! I'm a Flintstones Man now! I'm going to relive the 1980's and eat the Flintstones vitamins like they were candy! And, if you ever played this game with your siblings when you were younger, I'm going to re-institute the childhood game, "Who Can Eat the Most Vitamins and Have the Yellowist Pee Game" again.

I'm really enjoy the decline now baby!

Bachelorhood Part 1

April 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Bar a great and inconceivably statistically impossible-to-exist woman, a man's greatest years will be his bachelorhood years.

Art of Man starts out with a series we should all enjoy.

Captain's Jazz Lounge

April 8, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Texas Shucks Howdy!

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Greetings Cappy Cappites!

Got my itinerary and I'll be in Dallas Sunday through Tuesday.

Nacogdoches from Tuesday to Wednesday

And then Abiline Wednesday through Thursday.

Weekend still up in the air, but if any of you are in town, shoot the ole Captain an e-mail.

No specifics on the speaking schedule though yet, will post as I get the info.

On a related note, things are looking up for some tornado chasing!

Waste Your Weekend

April 8, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

With Cappy Cap Linkage!

Video games or girls. A thoughtful analysis of a man's ROI.

Another PERFECT example of why capitalism will always be the best economic system. Of course socialists will complain this will put millions of sushi chefs out of business, ignoring the fact it will make sushi infinitely cheaper, thereby increasing standards of living of all people.

You mean Solyndra DIDN'T lower the unemployment rate?

The Most "Bad Ass" religions. I know if I would have enjoyed Sunday school a lot more if religion was more like this. hat tip

You can hire these fine upstanding graduates from Yale University (I think that's where Clarissa teachers). On related notes, Clarissa (who should be ignored because she only grew up under Soviet Russia) hits a triple and a in the park home run.

Trenton Oldfield

April 9, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just read and you'll find out he's a spoiled little upper-class brat crusader.

If you took me and multiplied it by a negative 1, you'd end up with this loser.

He even has that face he knows what he's doing. Ug.

You Know Socialism Sucks When…

April 9, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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immigrant labor starts to leave your country.

Oh, wait!

Medallion Man Salsa Dancing

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Salsa dancing, unlike say Swing or Ballroom has not yet degraded to the desperate levels of singles-meet-ups or where they're invaded by middle-aged Christians singles groups. However, one of the few and minor complaints I have of the scene is the overkill on fashion my Latin brothers deem necessary to wear to "puff out their chest" or "show their feathers" sort of way to attract the ladies. I'm being serious, the only place I've seen medallions are at salsa/latin joints. But whilst searching for a place to dance in Dallas, I think these guys take the cake:

I think mimicking say a Cesear Romero or Anthony Quinn would suffice:

Regardless, I fear my snake skin boots will not suffice down here. Now I have to go find a medallion shop (5:36 mark, you MUST listen to it, Fernando Martinez would require it).

Post post - From Joan of Argh!!!! I would take the florescent lighted boots.

Dow Jones 8,000

April 10, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Another 4,500 or so and it should be FAIRLY valued.

Not a steal.

Not a bargain.

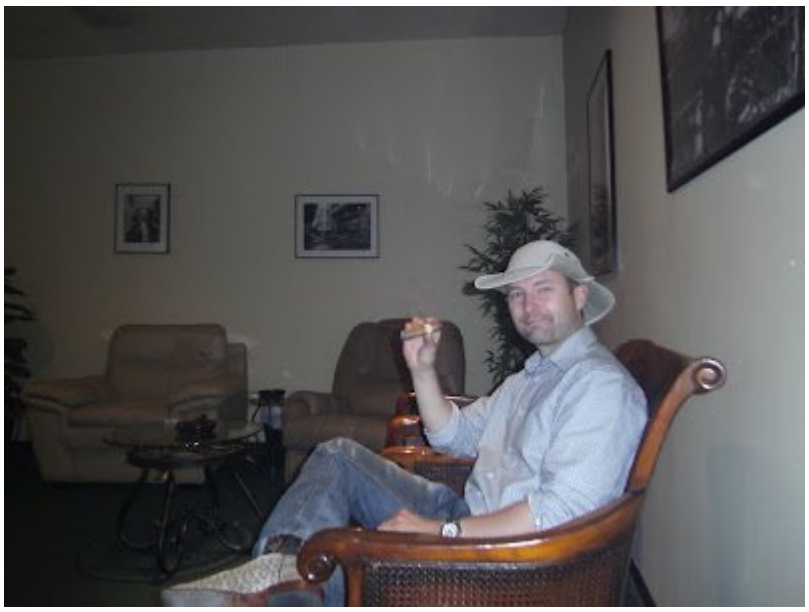
FAIRLY valued.

Cigars for Breakfast in Texas

April 10, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My Mom said that when I grew up and paid my own rent and bought my own food I could do whatever I wanted.

And now I am:



"How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed"

April 10, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Howdy Cappy Cappites,

You're beloved Captain will be presenting his seminar "How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed" at Stephen (not Steve) F Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX this evening at 6PM.

The seminar will be held at 6 pm in Regents Suite B of the Student Center.

Tell friends, family, enemies and people you're generally indifferent about in the area so they may benefit from my Super Awesome Economic Genius (TM).

Boo Freaking Hoo

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Oh the irony. Forget the movies, I'm just pulling out my lawn chair and watching this train wreck in slo-mo.

Remember, June Cleaver is the enemy.

I Used to Want to Attend the London School of Economics

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And then I saw this.

YOu know what would be ironic. Is if I started a whole new study out of cloth (which seems academians do every week). We'd call it "Worthless Degrees Studies." It would be the study itself of worthless degrees and every middle and upper middle class SWPL could get their masters in it.

"Worst Economy in 50 Years!"

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Remember in 2002 when the media and John Kerry were all over GW for the economy being the "worst in 50 years?"

I learned to let such lies go on account these socialist politicians know they're lying, they're just trying to convince the lemmings otherwise. Unfortunatley I think BBB is still giving hyphernated named people credit for having intellectual honesty which might explain the increase in blood pressure.

Akira Motorcycle

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I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!

"Female CalvinBall"

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A funny satirical piece that every 20 something man should read.

Extend and Pretend

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"Behind the Housing Crash" was written 5 years ago and published in 2008. It would have been written earlier had I not wasted away nearly 6 months pursuing publishing houses to consider my book.

Funny that 5 years later the book should have a resurgence as many banks DESPITE SUFFERING THE HOUSING CRASH have now foolishly pursued what is called "Extend and Pretend."

In short, the bank lends to a loser who is also a financial deadbeat. Naturally, the borrower has financial troubles, BUT the banker who made the loan doesn't want a bad mark on his/her track record and therefore perpetually extends the loan (and at progressively favorable terms) and then pretends it will somehow be paid off in the future.

I've seen this at enough banks to know there's enough volume of this "kicking the can down the road" that not only are there going to be severe consequences, but inevitably they will have to do what I told them to do years ago;

"Repossess NOW, take a hit on the collateral, get this crap off your books even at a loss, quit pissing away your time baby sitting these losers and problem loans, and then refocus your efforts on more profitable and less-time consuming borrowers which will recompense your losses."

Of course, having Super Awesome Economic Genius (TM) does not outrank the fact I have no gray hair. And therefore the strategy of "extend and pretend" is implemented anyway.

What's funny though is that collateral has a tendency to decay over time, especially when people abandon the property or just decide to split and leave town. Additionally, I have this uncanny ability to be right when it comes to economics. The result:

Banks, bankers and credit unions. Time to prepare for a dose of "I told you so."

And no, reality won't let you extend and pretend this time.

Enjoy the decline!

"You'll Die ALL ALONE!"

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Oh, you'll die alone alright. Divorce and "finding yourself" will make sure of that.

Oh, and those kids you had but brought up in day care, presumably because you wanted kids but didn't want to be bothered by raising them.

Yeah, they're not going to visit you in the nursing home.

Hey, you crazy kids enjoy that decline!

Now With 100% More Awesome!

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More on the Akira bike.

Most Kick Ass Coin EVER!!!!

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Glows in the dark AND HAS A DINOSAUR????

We used to be able to do that in America.

I will handsomely pay one of my Canuckistan friends recompense for one of your fine, superior coins. It would very much make my day!

Captain's Jazz Lounge

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Shoot the Messenger

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Something tells me this guy is going to get a bigger "I told you so" award than I did.

But then again, never let the truth or reality get in the way of politicians', bankers', leftists' and otherwise criminal scumbags' dreams.

The Correlation Between Ugly and Stupid

April 13, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Because of course Italy and Spain don't have larger problems to deal with.

And wow, what are the chances the person who offered this idiocy is an ugly feminist!?

OMG! 100% Who would have guessed!?

And you feminists REALLY want to be taken seriously? KA-ripes.

Today's Word is "Turgid"

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A little support from Academia!

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed Part 1

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Foxnews T&A

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Ug. (sorry, link fixed)

Ayn Rand is rolling in her grave. But I suppose conservative men who watch Foxnews between the ages of 46 and impotent are happy.

For those of you unfamiliar with the background on this story.

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed Part 2

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Just so all of you know, I just got back from Dallas about 20 minutes ago. But, VERY PROMISING storms are a-brewin' in the plains states, so it is very likely I will be leaving early tomorrow morn and chasing after some tornadoes. (who said being a childless bachelor didn't have it's advantages?)

This is part two of the series, but there are about 6-7 more parts to be published, though they will not all be published at once, just when I get the time.

Regardless, tell your friends, family and any Gen Y'ers you know about this presentation because it will help them...almost as much as the book!

Yes, What He Said

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A thoughtful post that most people are thinking, but he was kind enough to take the time out of his life to articulate.

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly, and Totally Screwed Part 3

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Hope and change kids! Hope and change!

Reason #4,297 Not to Date a Feminist

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Holy mercy. Look at the female-centric view of dating on this one. Forget rape, but look at how deluded and psychotic she is about how you (meaning, men) should consider her feelings about when you go in for an unwelcomed first kiss at the end of the date.

I can see a nervous Poindexter getting the gall to go in for that first kiss, only to get a lecture about how uncomfortable that made the little princess. Reminds me how I got yelled at after I took a girl to see "The Great Raid" because she was a pacifist and I should have known that!

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I Failed at Tornado Chasing

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Epic failure, came nowhere NEAR the bleeping storms. But I think I know why the storms and tornadoes therein were so far to the east:

failed miserably at chasing tornadoes today. The storms were moving too fast to the east for him to catch up with them. He is only left to conclude the tornadoes were actually AFRAID of him and were running scared for their lives. Damn right. Bleeping cowardly tornadoes, all afraid of my ass and everything. I'll show them who's boss.

Ah, I Miss In Living Color

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The early 90's. Those were the good ol' days.

Ooo…This One is PAINFUL

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Oh don't worry dear. Once government funds start to run low and the Chinese won't lend us money anymore, all those social programs and cushy-make-work public sector jobs will go away. You won't be "out-earning" men for much longer. The rest of it is also equally painful, but laughably enjoyable when a feminist even admits she drank the kool-aid.

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed Part 4

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Replete with post-seminar commentary from Jennifer Aniston!

Why Young Boys Have Trouble Dating Girls

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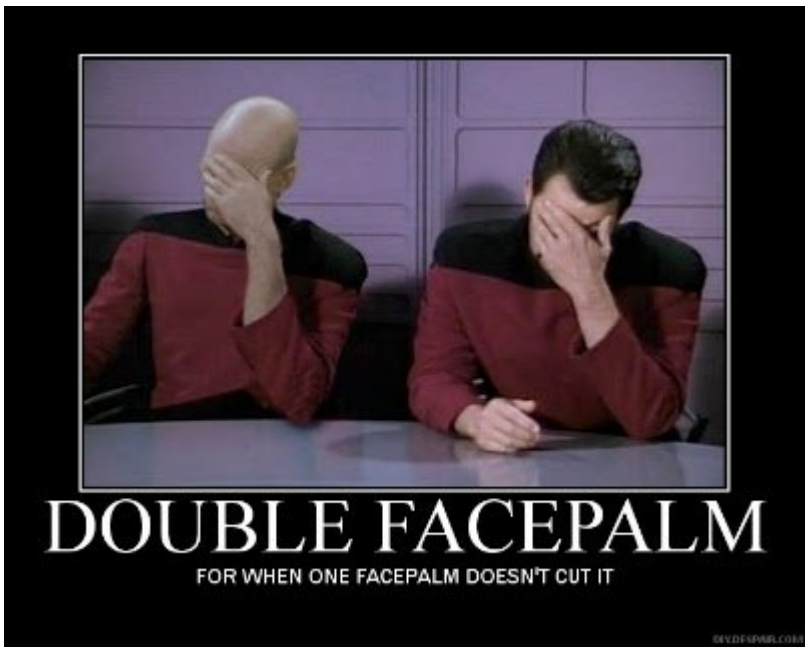
Because, if you're like me when I was that age, you overestimated them and their intelligence.

I think this earns a Double Palm Face Plant Award:



From Our Brazilian Man in the Field

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I forgot about this one a while ago. Sent in a by a reader. It's from (reddit) I believe - comments in regards to Worthless. Today's word is "delusional." The comments can also be called "priceless."

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[–] Stellzea 15 points 16 hours ago

"Only things I value matter! Oh and you should be a nice person, that's the most important thing. I don't have to be one, though. Just you."

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[–] gattolda 11 points 15 hours ago

Ah, the age-old & unoriginal idea that so-called hard sciences are more valuable than the "soft" sciences. Has damaged many a girl's self-esteem over the years (including mine). But I don't regret my 2 psych degrees or "doubling down." I also don't regret all of the many other subjects I've studied over the years. Take that, asshole!

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[–] SirElkarOwley 11 points 16 hours ago

Curious that he lists "East Asian Studies" as useless, given how much money there is to be made for people who can navigate the cultural differences between China and the West.

In any case, men worth having want a whole person, not a list of attributes. Everyone has dealbreakers, and there are compatibility issues, but I don't know anyone who would reject someone outright just because of her degree.

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[–] EternalSummer039 0 points 17 hours ago

this guy is a condescending asshole, although i do agree with the sentiment that "outranking all of that is whether you are nice". too bad he isn't.

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[–] circledot 6 points 16 hours ago

Cool, you're not the type of guy I want to date, either.

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[–] Afro_Samurai 3 points 11 hours ago

Fuck this guy

/Engineering student

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[–] leaveontrees 3 points 11 hours ago

Really? I'm bad at math. I'm not going to suffer through an engineering degree, or a science degree, or an accounting degree to be more attractive to a man.

My passion is music. I'm pursuing a degree in music performance because it is what I'm good at and what I'm passionate about. It's my life, and I will do with it what I please. I don't care if an engineering degree would make me "sexier." An engineering degree would make me miserable, and I'd be miserable doing engineering-type jobs. That's not me, and I'm not going to pretend to be someone else because some douchebag thinks all women should come equipped with graphing calculators.

To all you ladies who are passionate about math, science, and engineering and who do come equipped with graphing calculators, you're all awesome. If it weren't for my actuarial science-studying lab partner, I'd never have passed my Astronomy lab. And if it weren't for bums like me, there'd be no one to teach your kids how to play the flute, or play at your wedding, or perform in orchestras.

We all have our role to play in the human story. If it weren't for innovators and engineers, we'd still be in caves. If it weren't for artists, we'd be dull and miserable. If it weren't for those in the humanities, we'd have a very limited understanding of how our fellow humans view the world we all share.

Hugs all around, you're all fabulous.

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I guess, perhaps I was misled about the open-mindedness of the youngest generation when I spoke to those college kids in Dallas.

I Burned the Fish

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The diet I must follow along with my workout routine recommends healthy meats such as fish and poultry. I bought a pan to cook these meats and learned that I get easily distracted by things and so it is usually when the fish is burning that I remembered I was in the middle of cooking.

It is because of my genetic predisposition to be a bad cook that I envy bachelors like this.

It also behooves the question:

Is cooking one of those skills that is akin to dancing that attracts the ladies? I would say no, in that there is no attention-begetting qualities for the women if the guy is a good cook. Just the utility that comes with eating great food. Dancing, however, does beget attention, however, there is no real consumptive utility.

On a related note! I want the moon one!

Dang, I love it with courting and economics collide.

Argentinian Default v 2.0

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Argentina defaulted on its debts back in 1999.

A socialist government came to power.

They nationalized private pensions.

Everybody in the west fawns over their impressive economic growth

Until....

it looks like they're going to default again DESPITE nationalizing foreign interests.

I'm still trying to figure out how Argentina not only got access to the capital markets after it stiffed its creditors 13 years ago, but how private western companies thought it would be a good idea to invest there.

Oh well, everybody enjoy that decline!

$170,000 for a Bachelors in Photography

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Whew! Dodged a HAYOOOOOOGE bullet there!

My favorite is how the liberal arts major will typically marry an engineer, spend the majority of the money, and have the gall to claim they're an "independent" person.

Perhaps he could have bought her "Worthless" as an engagement gift? Would have saved a lot of troubles and the romance.

The Captain's Jazz Lounge

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From a reader! A relative of his is in the band. I'm not a big fan of Salsa music because of its repetitive nature, but this is certainly some of the better latin music I've heard:

Obama Is Doing This On Purpose

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I learned about 3 years ago that arguing with people who are ignorant or misinformed is pointless, especially if they have a zealot like faith in their ideology. You're not going to get through to them because their belief comes FIRST, reality, fact and truth comes second, if not are to be ignored altogether.

So it's instances like this where I ask the left,

"Do you REALLY believe this is going to work better than allowing the Keystone Pipeline through?"

It forces them to take an untenable position to further defend their leader and their ideology to the point they look like complete idiots.

I now await the left's rationale/excuse/reasoning that is going to be nowhere near Realityville.

No, seriously, I am. I'm breaking out my lawn chair, going to get some popcorn and will be entertained to see how you socialist zealots lie-to-yourselves out of this one. Please, go ahead, I await your nonsensical drivel.

The Cat Did Not Approve

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That's the worst endorsement I've ever received from a feline!

Another Reason Not to Move to Sweden

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Mercy, they have a "Department of Culture."

What is sick and wrong is how everybody is smiling.

Oh well:

Njut av nedgången!

Working for Baby Boomer Bosses

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AKA "How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed" Part 5.

There are, however, some important observations about how the private sector and corporate America has become so impaired due to the people under it's employ that NOTHING can get done, and certainly, there's no hope it will "save" the country. Instead of productivity, we worry about "corporate social responsibility." Instead of efficiency and profit, we worry about the customer's feelings. And dare any of you young go getters come up with an idea or innovation that may make/save millions, you will be disciplined.

Enjoy the decline!

Watering My Plant With Diet Red Bull

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This is "Moose." It's a plant I received from a friend before I left Minnesota. He's grown a lot and I think that is in part because of my experimental watering habits. I figured he's a bachelor like me and therefore would like to drink the things I do.

Rumpleminze of course is out of the question, but he has responded quite well to old coffee. Figured I'd see if Moose likes Red Bull.

Yeah, DC Sucks Too

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I rip on California and Detroit a lot, but don't forget DC where carrying gun SHELL CASINGS (not bullets, the casings) is illegal if they don't match the caliber of your gun.

Contrast to Wyoming where the state tendered legislation BANNING ANY CITY from making laws that restrict gun rights UNDER PENALTIES OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

How Gen Y Is Completely, Hopelessly, and Totally Screwed Part 6

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John Marston of Red Dead Redemption fame has some commentary at the end of this presentation.

Graffiti, Men Going Galt and More!

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On this episode of Cappy Cap Linkage!

Hipsters plagiarizing graffiti.

In addition to guns, bullets, and a crate of Rumpleminze (not to be drunken, drank? whatever the correct verb is), I also purchased about $500 in stamps. Looks like it's not a bad idea.

Help Dr. Helen come up with ways men have "gone Galt." Off hand I think of motorcycles, vasectomies, never marrying, outsourcing to foreign women, hanging out with friends, drinking, playing X-Box, watching sports, working less, minimalizing their expenses, minimalizing their assets, and just becoming players with no intention to commit.

You know how I like to go fossil hunting. You also know my dad was a pastor. Funny how he never talks to me about my fossil collection, where they came from and why I find inordinate amounts of ammonites (sea creatures from long ago) in high elevations. So large and so many that they couldn't have all grown in 40 days and 40 nights. Still, I wonder why we never talk about fossils.

We don't need no stiiiiiinking fathers!

A lengthy, thorough and thoughtful post on infidelity in the church. Thankfully that's not a problem because Jesus will forgive you, and btw, turn the other cheek. Joking aside, a serious post. I just have to get my PK jabs in there.

I just called it "changing the topic," but leftists do it when they're about to lose the argument.

Poetic Justice for Book Publishers

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The book publishing industry, if you're unaware, is largely centered in New York. It may at one time had desired to seek out the best authors, provide the best books, and even have a nobler aim of contributing to the literary works of humanity, but now if you look at the profiles and bios of most of the people working in the publishing industry it's a bunch of spoiled brat suburb kids with connections, all with degrees in "Creative Writing" and "Philosophy." Like many other institutions in America is has decayed into a nepotistic, cronyistic, rent-seeking shell of its former self. And like all corrupted institutions it no longer serves its purpose.

It is useless.

So it is with a hearty laugh when I see a traditional publisher pout and stamp its feet when technology obsoletes their industry, allowing writers and readers to come to their own terms and prices, cutting out the publishers altogether. I'm specifically talking about Amazon.

Between Amazon's selling platform and it's self-publishing arm Createspace, the entire traditional publishing house industry just received a death sentence. Oh, it may be delayed or postponed, but those two little companies, combined with a dash of internet WILL wipe out the likes of Penguin, Simon and Schuster, Random House and all of their other "New York Publishing Echo Chamber" cousins. What's makes this better, though, is not that it's the technology that is solely to blame, but the arrogance, nepotism and elitism of the book publishing industry.

Like many people before, I had my first book shot down many times. So many times that I was more or less forced to self-publish because the point in time the housing market would crash was rapidly approaching and to avoid becoming a "Me Too" book, I had to get it out there to prove I knew it was going to happen before it did. It was an important lesson in that I realized I spent more time trying to find a publisher (or an agent, HA!) than I did writing the damn book. Adding insult to injury, my book was published in 2008. JUST 6 MONTHS AGO I RECEIVED A REJECTION LETTER FROM ONE OF THOSE PRECIOUS NY PUBLISHING HOUSES! In short, it wasn't that I was getting shot down that irked me (everybody gets shot down). It was realizing this was like applying to Goldman Sachs or JP Morgan. Didn't matter how good you were, you weren't from the right stock of family. You weren't from New York, you weren't "in the biz." And they were SO far from professional they would still send a rejection letter 4 years later after the book was inevitably published.

Why deal with these guys? The industry is dysfunctional.

And that is the whole point right there.

Understand if you are looking to publish, the single worst thing you can do is approach a traditional publisher. You will:

1. Waste more time on finding a publisher willing to accept your book than the time you spent writing it.

2. YOu will not get as favorable terms with them (about 5% commission) as you will online (35%-50% depending on how you structure it).

3. I can only imagine what the editorial process is and what kind of elitist snobs you'd have to deal with on the East Coast.

4. and with the demise of Border's Books (soon to be followed by Barnes and Noble!), you will face a dwindling market.

There's NO reason to go with a traditional publisher. If anything, write your own books and one may "pick you up," but I'd say in 20 years time, you won't even want to be picked up by one of them. If you are that popular and on their radar screen, you probably already have a decent following and therefore market to sell your book to.

But what is particularly precious about watching the publishing industry go down the toilet is the attitude within the industry. It's like watching an aging socialite who was used to being the center of attention being upstaged by a younger hotter socialite. Nobody is interested in her anymore, she's outdated and obsolete. But worse for the aged socialite, everybody remembers what an arrogant, condescending snob she used to be, and therefore have a personal interest in seeing her suffer.

But, like the aging socialite, what I particularly love about the publishing industry's attitude is how they're so arrogant, they're delusional. Borderline entitled. Randall White, EDC's CEO has a quote that says it all:

"Amazon is squeezing everyone out of business," said Randall White, EDC's chief executive. "I don't like that. They're a predator. We're better off without them."

No Randy, WE (the people who buy books) are better off without YOU. Amazon is merely a technological advance that, like the car wiping out horses, is wiping out you and the rest of your pompous, obsoleted asses. You bitching and whining about a technological advance lowering prices for everybody in the WORLD, thereby increasing their standards of living, just shows you'd rather stop general progress and advancement in the ENTIRE economy so you can keep your precious little job. ie- you're more important than everybody else in the world.

The article goes on to further prove the entitlement mentality (and it should be no shocker this comes from a New York Times writer):

critics say When traditional publishers, booksellers and wholesalers are destroyed, these opponents say, Amazon will be left with a monopoly that will be detrimental to the larger health of the culture.

Wait, wait, wait. Let me get this right.

Lower priced books

combined with

MORE books because people can now self-publish

results in something

detrimental to the larger health of the culture????

I mean, latte-sipping, self-absorbed, east coasters under the employ of their dad's publishing house might be delusional enough to fall for this, but NOBODY ELSE WILL! Yes, I can't wait for another drama-book about some 30 something female professional living in New York. We don't have enough of those, right? Who wants to read about, say, the education bubble, or a comic book, or the witty satire of Sinfest. No, please write "Eat Pray Love 2." And NEVER publish any of those other guys!

Additionally, by default, you're suggesting the rest of the country is supposed to just give up on a cheaper and MUCH WIDER selection of books all so you guys can keep your jobs? No doubt you all hate Wal-Mart too for their everyday low prices that has done more to eliminate poverty and improve people's standards of living? What evil entities Amazon and Wal-Mart are!

Well, pout, scream and stamp your little feet. Throw a tantrum or a hissy-fit. Do whatever it is your natural reaction tells you to do, in the end it won't matter. Publishers are going bye bye. If you were nice, professional and not elitists, you may have been able to extend the life of the industry by a couple decades, but now, people are cheering for the death of your industry.

Enjoy the decline! (and I can't mean that enough ;)

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed Part 7

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What Did I Tell You About Horses!?

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Evil!!! Pure evil and the SOLE cause of all of our economic problems!!!

A B-17 Over the Ruhr Would Catch Less Flak

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than this poor woman. Note it is a WOMAN, not a guy. And it's not me, so don't be firing any flak over here. If you can't handle satire because society has brought you up in a bubble that you have such thin skin coupled with a hyper-victim mentality then go watch The View and they won't pop your precious little bubble. Otherwise if your up for some humor, as well as thought provoking observations, read on.

School Is Prison for Intelligent Kids

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Schools exist first and foremost to employ people (read teacher union members)

Schools exist second to employ support staff (the billions of other "social workers" "counselors" "assistant reserve vice principle" needed to support said teachers)

Schools exist third to act as effective day care operations for children, the parents of which had and completely underestimated how much it would take to raise a kid and just decided to make the taxpayer pay for baby sitting.

Schools exist lastly to educate those precious little pawns...errr...chillllllldreeeeen.

And so, it is nice to know that somebody came up with the exact same observation I did as a 2nd grader:

Schools are functionally similar to concentration camps for children. The relationship between students and teachers is therefore equivalent to that between concentration camp inmates and their guards and overseers.

"Any Education is Good Education"

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Heh.

A Nice Honor

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RooshV of Manosphere fame did a review of "Worthless" over yonder. Kind of humbled actually I would be put up there with "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich."

Remember, if you bought Worthless from Amazon to write a review. They don't hurt book sales and allow the Captain to continue "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Rumpleminze."

In Rocky Mountain National Park this weekend. Postings will be sparse.

How Boring Teachers Destroy Education

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This is a very long piece, but of the many lessons to pull from it, one of the primary ones is that boring teachers should not be allowed to teach.

However, this is what happens when your primary source of labor for teachers are idiotic 23 year olds that managed to get a state certification to teach. NOT those professionals who have been in the field for 25 years who:

1. KNOW what they're talking about.
2. Have a PASSION for what they do and can therefore convey that passion into interest for the little kinder.
3. Are at the forefront of the discipline and can therefore teach it accurately.
4. CAN MAKE IT PRACTICAL to the little kinder.

I didn't realize it till later, but when I was a student the reason I was a "bad" student was because school was SOOOOO BORING! Not because school "is" boring, but because most teachers cannot make their subjects interesting or relevant to the young child.

Then again, education has never been about the chillllldreeeeeennnnn.

Oh, yeah, buy my book!

He Didn't Do 7 Tours in Vietnam for You to Major in Shit

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I won't go into detail (because he never gave me any), but my step-dad, who kicked my and my siblings asses into reality, didn't fight communists scumbags in a jungle in Vietnam and other unnamed SE Asian countries for you to get your freaking craptasic liberal arts degree in "women's studies."

He went there in the vain hopes of providing and protecting your pampered asses a genuine shot at the American dream.

So you can appreciate it when he looks at today's "kids" majoring in "shit" face an underemployment rate of 50% and laughs his freaking ass off.

Don't like it that he's mocking you? Tough, because he didn't take a shrapnel hit, suffer dysentery, become a POW, and earn more medals than he will tell me he's earned (because he's a sneaky bastard and won't show me his files) just so you spoiled suburbanite brats could bitch and whine at the local pompous OWS club. He suffered more than most people did because he cared about an ideal and this country.

I'm drunk now and I ain't got much left to say. Because, well, tell me if you have a better guy than my step dad.

I Am The Peter Schiff for Gen Y?

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I am also 33 years old. Damn, I am WAAAY better than I thought I was:
I too also feel shame for not speaking latin. Watch the whole thing, some freaking hilarious commentary

Disposable Income - True Measure of the Recession

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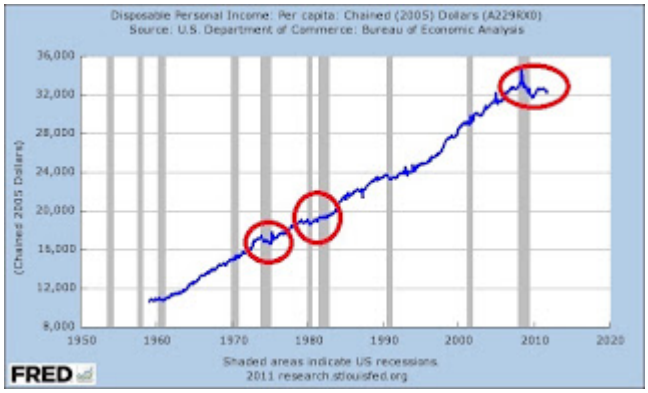
If you believe that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is why you're on this planet (which I do), then you'll see why the chart below is representing your feelings of this economy probably better than any other chart has. Disposable income has taken its largest hit/decline since the data has been recorded. Even WORSE than the Volcker Recession, which is why (though in terms of GDP this recession is not quite as bad as the 1979-1983 recession) this one feels worse:



But then again, the founding fathers didn't want you to have fun. They wanted you to pay taxes, bloated health insurance premiums, and food, clothing and shelter for economic deadbeats and their children. So you should be happy that chart shows the worst decline in disposable income since the data has been recorded. Money is bad, which is why everybody is altruistic in wanting to take yours from you.

MSM Finally Catches Up

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Oh, you mean, men account for half the population? I thought we'd just ignore them and focus our efforts on women for 50 years. Oh, wait, you mean there's a backlash? Wow, how interesting. Maybe we should write about it.

Congrats to Dalrock!

Why the Chinese Are Laughing at Us

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I'm sure there's taxpayer money funding this idiocy.

hat tip

How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly, and Totally Screwed Part 8

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Part 8 of this series focuses on avoiding Human Resources, progressive credentialism, and other brilliant career advice I give to the little kinder:

You Youth Paying Attention?

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OK, boys and girls. You paying attention? What can we learn from this valuable experience about employment relations today in corporate America?

The hell if I will ever become a team player.

I Officially Endorse Welfare

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A bit of a philosophical debate I've been having in my little mind for a couple years and that is one of the morality of collecting a government check.

Understand one of the primary reasons I have the energetic, cynical, rage-filled, bombastic personality you've all come to know and love harkens from arguably the darkest days of my life - college.

They were dark because of the sheer amount of work I foisted upon myself, not out of self-discipline, but because if I didn't, I would not have succeeded. I had no help, parental, government, familial, nor friends, and this resulted in me working full time and going to school full time. The years of sleep-deprivation, weight loss (I went from 147 to 118) and mental strain took its toll, but it forged a viciously independent person, incapable of empathy as it was very likely what I went through was worse than whoever was complaining about life being tough. Because of this the single largest thing I prided myself on was my independence. I didn't need my parents, I didn't need a government hand out. I graduated, top of my class, 6 months early, with no debt and cash to spare. Nobody else I knew did that.

However, times have changed and whereas I was very judgmental about people collecting a government check, living off of the government or just not carrying their load, I'm not quite sure about that anymore. ie-the playing field and the rules have become so warped and so illogical, perhaps my old school beliefs are no longer obsolete, but just outright wrong.

For example, a big complaint in the "manosphere" is how traditional roles between men and women have changed. A large part of the men (and the women, I might add) lament this change and pine for the good old days of the 1950's to return. Men in the divorce community are desperate for a traditional woman to love and care for them, just as women howl "where have all the good men gone?" However, the forces that be are making such a return impossible. Plus society has been so brainwashed to ignore factual differences between men and women (going so far as to villainize the mentioning of these differences), deprogramming this communist brainwashing is going to take longer than most people have remaining in life expectancy. Therefore, the healthy or rational choice is not to lament this change, but to accept it as fact (which it is) and change your behavior to take advantage of it. Ergo, the rise of the "pick up artist."

"*OK, you ladies want to be everything and do it all and have grrrrrl power and get divorce on a whim. You want to eschew traditional marriage and courting. You want to eschew*

traditional roles and go on slut walks or be the bread winner and be like guys. You want to jack up my taxes to effectively have the government replace men? Fine, we'll adapt. We'll become Man-Children, we'll never grow up, we'll just play our video games, we won't get married, we'll get vasectomies, we won't trust you, we'll use you, we'll tell you what you want to hear just so we can get what we want."

Is it disagreeable?

My idealistic, idiotic, "white knight," "uber beta," old school, youthful moral self would have said yes.

Is it reality?

My experienced, older and much-wiser self today says "damn right it is."

And guess which one I live in.

Sadly, this same logic has to be applied to today's economic reality as it pertains to self-supportation, independence and relying on the government.

Understand over time, government spending as a percent of GDP has gone from about 5% to 45% today. This includes state, local and federal spending. With government spending accounting for such a large percent of the population, it almost is impossible to live 100% of the time without being reliant upon the government at some point in your life. Additionally, with the private sector, production, wealth, excellence, progress and achievement being punished in the form of regulation, taxation and outright political and social derision, it becomes progressively harder to simply find private-sector employment (let alone a place where you can excel). So whereas our younger, more idealistic selves would be focusing on the shame of collecting a government check or taking a cushy government job, we do our modern day selves a disservice in ignoring the economic realities more or less forcing you to.

Much as I would like to stand here and say collecting a government check is bad, shameful and wrong, and champion the traditional American way of manly independence, if society is so hell bent on socialism and is stupid enough to put a guy like Barack Obama into office, not to mention equally hell bent on punishing individualism, profit and excellence, then in the end we're the suckers for slaving away anyway, trying to find jobs, merely to pay more in taxes for the slackers. And therefore, disagreeable as it may be to collect a government check, and disagreeable as it may be to "neg" women as a player, unfortunately that is the reality society has placed upon us.

Now, does this mean I fully endorse everybody going on the dole and stopping the fight against socialism? No, not at all. However, what I am trying to point out is that during

these times of harsh economic conditions it is OK to collect a government check or go on unemployment. It is OK for those of you truly, psychologically independent people who love freedom and liberty to take from the government coffers. Of all people that deserve it, it's those of us who loathe and hate collecting a government check. And therefore you should have no shame in doing so. Better yet, if you can psychologically reprogram yourself, you might even be able to enjoy a much needed respite from a progressively decaying corporate world.

Really try to enjoy the decline.

(On a related note)

Women Still Like Men

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despite the best efforts of feminism.

The question is whether women will wake up and realize that feminism took away the best thing that could ever happen to them, and yes, ladies, that would be a good man.

Of course, I'm sure government checks, cats, day care and a MA in "Public Administration" were worth the trade.

The Captain's Scary Bedtime Story!

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I remember as a kid watching Poltergeist and not being able to sleep for about ohhhhhh....7 months.

Scared the living hell out of me.

Since then, about 30 years has passed and I was OK going back to bed without my blue Cookie Monster doll who served as a security blanket.

Until I saw this.

My mom has reliably informed me she threw out my Cookie Monster doll and I am going to have to go to bed on my own and deal with the ungodly nightmares that will no doubt ensue.

They Are Coming for Your IRA and 401k

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They did it in Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria and they will do it here.

Unless we get a balanced budget and huge economic growth.....BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAAA!!!!!

I have a question, are 401k's and IRA's in the SWPL site? It sounds very SWPL.

Ladies Night at Cappy's Club

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Just so you know, we don't let no average ladies in at the Cappy Cap Club. We let only the most beeeyooteeeful, INTELLIGENT ladies in. Our standards are very high. So boys, you damn well BETTER click on EVERY SINGLE LINK! Because every one of these ladies deserves your undivided attention! Beside, lord knows you might learn a thing or two.

Sometimes I worry that if the Manosphere does its job too well, then we will get men and women to be true to themselves, admit and CELEBRATE (read - hot greasy monkey sex) our differences, and then, sadly, like the veterans of WWII we leave Europe, happy to go home, but kind of sad to lose the comradery. But then again, it looks like this war is going to last at LEAST another generation. Lock and load boys.

ADHD, ADD, DHADHDD, Adult DHDD, Autism, OR, is it just "I'm a crappy parent and blame my child's behavior on whatever fad disease the public schools concoct this week." In my day we had a remedy for that. It was my father's boot and it was a hell of a lot cheaper than a government social worker paid $250,000/yr and a pension that would make a UAW worker..um..well...work.

Even the black community I think would agree with this one.

"I am pro-Boobies, and have been pro-boobies during my entire political career, senator. I will CONTINUE to be pro-boobies, and will continue to vote pro-boobies, not because it is a political move, but because I am an honest man, a real man, and a statesman. Let it be clear I shall not waiver from this platform."

Kids, listen to me. There is a SCAM for your precious little tuition dollars. They don't care about you, they care about your money. Listen up, wise up, and make sure these "elders" that are supposed to be caring for you don't screw you over instead.

Your kindness, support and love does NOT go unnoticed. All we men ask is you wonderful women that choose to SUPPORT us instead of NAG/BERATE/LECTURE/....oh hell.... I would come up with a million other adjectives, just keep doing it. You'll be the ones we protect when the sh$t hits the fan. Not Mzzzz. Hyphen-Ated Named chicky babe with a Masters in Liberalartscrapthatwillgetusnowherewithoutagovernmentsubsidytogiveusmakeworkjobswhilstwelorditoverotherpeopleandclaimwe'reindependentwhenwe'rereallynotandjustrelyingonthetaxpayertopayforourmakeworkjob.

Is there anything hotter than a motorcycle riding, champion dog showing, conservative

gun owning babe, that knows her bond ratings? I think not.

A billion people sent this to me. She will get credit for it, because she is beeeyoootiful.

IMPORTANT- These are the ladies that were forefront in my mind. If I excluded you, it was NOT on purpose. I also DEMAND you e-mail me and let me know if you were left out of the club. The Captain refuses no pretty ladies of the conservative, libertarian or Manosphere stripe.

Effing Idiots

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For the love of Christ.

Somebody want to airlift a crate of Worthless to them?

Recession Medicine

April 27, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

HAR!!!

Hat tip.

Captain's Jazz Lounge

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Don't know how you can't be in a better mood after this:

Do Not Try

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Very important post here for the boys (if you can get past the Chris Rock quote and move onto the article). It explains the phenomenon where, for the most part, you had to work, slave, beg, plead, etc., to essentially trick a girl into going out with you. However, there was that occasional girl that made it almost seem like she WANTED to go out with you. She made it easy. She presented herself to you, gave you a clear opportunity to ask her out, and not only said "yes" but also showed up for the date.

The simple answer? She was physically attracted to you, and the other girls weren't.

When I realized this, that if a girl likes you, she'll let you know, and if they don't, you're merely wasting time (not to mention money on cover charges at clubs), my strategy changed from one of pursuit to one of indifference. I believe I was about 19 at the time, and good thing I realized this that early on. From that point on I spent a mere fraction of resources most college boys did and most men do today AND had the same, if not better, results. Boys, do the same.

Save The Last Pint For Me Boys

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"Armed and Dangerous" was one of the BEST video games EVER.

Wish there was a sequel.

But Tim the Timtones shall forever be remembered.

Why "Barrrrristas" Will Not Save the World

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Effing hilarious.

Oh, it's so fun to make fun of you liberal arts majors. Especially those of you who still insist you chose the right major and are proud of it.

"Interview With the Captain"

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It's just like "Interview With the Vampire" but:

1. It's not as gay.
2. There are no vampires
3. I'm waaay hotter than Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise.

Rehka Basu: Labor Market Realities Should Never Stand in the Way of Some Spoiled Suburbanite Brat's Desire to Never Work for a Living

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$185,000 for a degree in Catholic Studies (with an INDIAN emphasis).

Heck, EVEN MPR is starting to realize the worthlessness of worthless degrees!

You can e-mail Ms. Basu here and thank her for the laugh, or perhaps mail her a copy of Worthless

hat tip

What Could Have Been

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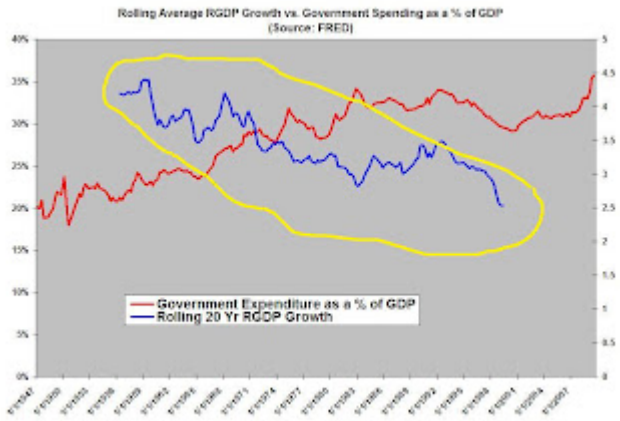
So GDP is revised down to 2.2%.

Heh, that's a funny number. Why is it funny? Because it's .05% off from the 2.25% average growth rate we've experienced for the past 20 years. Regular readers are probably already familiar with this statistic in that I've constantly highlighted one of my favorite charts - rolling 20 year average RGDP growth. In other words, what is the long term average economic growth rate?



Again, the reason why this chart is so interesting AND important is that it shows the decline and decay in America's ability to produce, grow and progress. We were once growing at 4% per year on average, now we're down to 2.25%. It also brings a cold, harsh and brutal reality to previous generations who voted themselves in a whole bunch of entitlement goodies in making it quite black and white that the economy is simply not going to be able to produce the wealth necessary to make good on those promises (so sorry BB's. You're going to have very cheap nursing homes, despite what Jim Morrison and LSD told you).

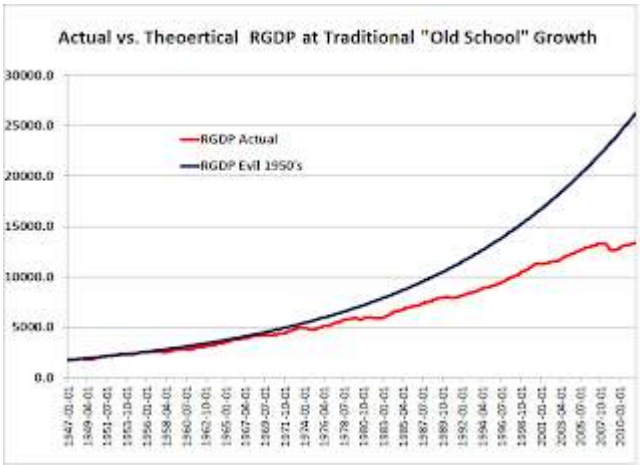
However, while I was putting together a seminar titled "How Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed," this chart got me thinking:

"*What would our GDP or "income per capita" be if we had continued to grow at 4%?*"

My brain, knowing the power of compounding roughly estimated it to be around $100,000 (click it, see if I was lying) per person per year vs. our $45,000 today. But I hadn't calculated it out...until now.

Had we continued our traditional, old school, EVIL and OPPRESSIVE 1950's economic

growth, our GDP would NOT be the paltry $14 trillion it is today (in 2005 numbers), it would be closer to $26 trillion.



We take the roughly 310 million Americans in the country today and that translates into a real GDP per capita of about $84,500. However, that figure is in 2005 dollars. I was surprised to find out based on the CPI how much inflation has occurred since then (despite what the government tells us) and apparently the US dollar has inflated by about 18%. You adjust for that and what do you get?

$99,832.

Did I say $100,000 as just a guess?

Yes ladies, yes I did. But then again, what do you expect when you have patented and god-given "Super Awesome Economic Genius (TM)?"

Now I'm not going to go into a long tirade here because, well, I've learned to enjoy the decline.

All I'm going to point out is one simple thing.

All these economic problems we have with debt and social security and economic growth and student loans, etc. etc. - All these problems would be washed away if we had maintained our previous economy growth rate.

But we didn't, did we?

Why?

Well because starting with the baby boomers and passing this philosophy on to successive generations we started ridiculing, mocking, criminalizing and villainizing that things that gave us such a luxurious standard of living - Capitalism, freedom, liberty and all that is America.

You wanted social programs and "The Great Society"

You got it.

You wanted to help out the losers of society?

You got it.

You wanted to reward people for their idiotic mistakes?

You got it.

You wanted to lower standards so to save people's feelings?

You got it.

And let's not forget blaming the evil corporations for all of our problems as well as constantly telling ourselves and our children "money isn't everything." And hey, let's make up some commie BS about combustion engines contributing to global warming!

Well, you got it.

And what's the result of all this hokey pokey, kumbya, socialist commie bullshit? A country that is no longer growing or prospering, but is stagnant and on the derivative value of 0, entering into decay (if you don't know the calculus joke, then don't feel bad, you're just the average American liberal arts graduate).

Worse than that is you have a country that is so ignorant, uneducated and (frankly) brainwashed, that the above chart and its simplicity of GROWING ourselves out of our problems is completely lost on you idiots. Instead, you're so obsessed with stealing other

people's wealth for your own, the thought of producing your own freaking wealth, even to the point you'd have more wealth than others, has never entered your mind. The only sad, pathetic, LOSER of a solution you can come up with is to take other people's money which makes you the epitome of a parasite.

So while you sit there and protest, and bitch and whine and complain, and vote in politicians who promise to take from other people simply to give it to you, you'll forgive me as I laugh my ass off at all of you. Because in the end, there is only ONE SOLUTION to this problem. And that is pursuing PRO GROWTH economic policies and NOT the redistributive bullshit that got us into the problems we have in the first place.

Enjoy the decline, because I know I will.

(Would somebody tell Zero Hedge? I think the chart showing potential RGDP per capita is Zero Hedge worthy).

What Were Erin's Mistakes

May 1, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK class, tell your Professor Cappy Cap what Erin's real mistakes were that led her to financial trouble. Anyone, anyone? Bueller? Bueller?

We Laughed, We Cried, We Linked

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The real reason why they can't find a "good man."

I hate flakes.

Ooo! Watch out, the truth will get you in trouble Uncle Bob.

Certainly not the students.

I wonder what it's like to live in a world where you think there are no consequences. Must be fun, until you get older and reality comes crushing down on you. Oh well. Horrible to have happen to you, fun to watch though.

I officially approved of welfare last week. "Plunder" sounds more manly though.

"God has a plan." Yeah, his plan involves laughing at people who lack the courage to make decisions, are too cowardly to face and own the consequences, and outsource the sentientness he gave them by subscribing to fateism. Good thing "the lord will provide."

"Through sickness and health....unless I meet a real rockstar then all bets are off."

Boys, you know what to do - enjoy that decline!

When Jesus and Feminists Collide

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"Yes, preaching on women's responsibilities is a great idea. I have seen it done. The women revolt and the pastor is quickly fired. I have heard supposedly Christian women flatly say they will never, ever, ever submit to their husbands or obey what the Bible has to say about their role. The problem is not a lack of knowledge; it is a lack of obedience. As long as civil and criminal law is on their side they will continue to behave as they do. After all, they have every incentive to rebel. Who is going to stop them? The church? The government? The media?"

Ah, it's just like breaking out my folding chair, lighting up a cigar and watching the 4th of July fireworks. So glad I left the church. So glad I gamed up. Now it's like watching the communists and nazi's duke it out in the Battle of Kursk.

It's Not the Current Tax Rate That Concerns Us...

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it's the future tax rate.

People often ask,

"Captain, why do you look at spending as a percent of GDP instead of revenues as a percent of GDP when looking at overall tax burden?"

Simple, curious Cappy Cappite.

Because no matter what we tell ourselves today, the TRUE tax rate we face is driven by how much we spend, not what we collect at any given point in time in terms of tax revenue. Oh sure, we can postpone the inevitable taxation way into the future (long after current politicians have died and suckered their constituents into voting for them with the money of future chidlren), but do not be fooled, all those precious little social programs, health care programs and other socialist programs, they HAVE to be paid back by tax dollars.

Maybe the taxpayers of today won't pay it (which many politicians are banking on), but SOME taxpayer at SOME POINT IN TIME will.

That is of course unless the US inflates itself out of it or just refuses to pay the Chinese back, but we wouldn't do that now would we?

Нека наш најсигурнији лет српских пријатеља.

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Thanks for you help.

1730, December 25th, 1993

May 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is a repost of a classic I wrote LONG ago, so at least 80% of you haven't read it. It was inspired by Badger when he wrote a post about flaking and I think it's high-time to revisit it.

I will explain this very clearly so we all understand.

Girls, there is a consequence and a price you pay for "flaking out" on innocent good boys in your youth. You may find it funny, you may get a kick out of it, you may be doing it for sick and twisted kicks, or you may just be a coward and are too afraid to go on the date, but regardless of the reason, when you and hundreds of other girls flake out on a good boy, he transforms. He never grows up to become a "good man," he becomes a player, a bad boy, a cad. And while you may enjoy the "bad boy" in your 20's and it's all fun, when it comes time that you want a family and children, you'll decide that NOW you want a "good man."

What's funny, though, is just how many 30 something and 40 something women are now asking where all the good men have gone. Not to mention how they complain about all these "Man-Boys" not manning up. It's almost as if there are no good men out there.

Kind of funny, because I knew a good man once. Back at 1729 hrs on December 25th, 1993. Never knew what happened to him.

Can a Rationalization Hamster Be Killed?

May 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Short version - meet 56 year old woman in my dance class. She complains about not being able to find any quality guys her age in town, BUT I have a 54 year old buddy who would like to meet her, perfect age, perfect height (she is very tall, but he is even taller), and is quite good looking too. I find some pictures of my buddy, e-mail them to her. THen I get the,

"It's nothing against your friend, but I just got out of a relationship and blah blah blah blah."

I'm shocked, because here is a 56 year old woman - pretty late in the game. Not like "*top of the 6th no outs, first at bat,*" late in the game. More like, "*bottom of the 9th, 2 hours, full count, nobody on base, down by 12*" kind of late in the game.

So I pitch one RIGHT OVER THE PLATE. I serve up to her on a silver platter a very qualified candidate, and instead of her taking a swing at it, I get an excuse, the validity of which wouldn't pass 8th grade muster. And so I sit there bewildered and befuddled.

Therefore:

Question - Can rationalization hamsters be killed? Or do they just get stronger over time, inevitably becoming invincible and only die when their host does?

Discuss!

Stupid, Stupid Savers

May 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I remember a while ago calculating a chart showing household debt to GDP. This was back in the day when I was lecturing people for spending more than they earned and taking out all the money from their homes. Of course, recessions (coupled now with banks that refuse to lend), have a tendency to make people tighten their belts. The effect is obvious when household debt to GDP went from nearly 100%, down 14% to it's current day (though still-not-eviable) 86%.

You would think the government would do the same. Or, if it were of a particular Keynesian stripe, merely offset this decrease with an increase of 14%. Heck, if you really believe in Keynsianism, you wouldn't need 14%, because of the Magical Economic Farting Unicorn, whose farts bless the land below with it's magical "Multiplier Effect!" THank you Magical Economic Farting Unicorn! So the government would only have to increase spending by 2, maybe 3 percentage points.

No, you foolish, foolish person. The government increased it's debt in the same time by nearly 35%.

Good thing you all tightened your belts and saved so the government could incur $3 more in debt for every dollar you saved!

Charting the Manosphere

May 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings all.

Working on a project to document, categorize and chart The Manosphere. I have below the various categories and the corresponding blogs, however, these are just those off the top of my head. Would very much appreciate your help in filling out the list and making it a bit more thorough. Also would appreciate any "categories" that I haven't thought of.

Much appreciated.

Female Manosphere Bloggers

Smalldeadanimals
Booksbikesboomsticks
Dr. Helen
Hooking Up Smart
The Thinking Housewife
Grerp
Haley's Halo
Fullofgraceseasonedwithsalt
Kathy Shialde

Divorce/Marriage/Religious Bloggers

The Spearhead
Dalrock
Gaming My Wife

Everyday Life Advice

The Art of Manliness
Hawaiian Libertarian
Freedom 25

Economics and Political Philosophy

Vox Day
Save Capitalism
and of course me, Cappy Cap

PUA/Gaming Community

Roissy (arguably the Godfather and creator of The Manosphere)
Rooshv
The University of Man

MGTOW
(none are coming to mind right now)

Kill the Individual, Hail the Parasite

May 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is a brilliant piece for more reasons than one. But what I particularly like about it is the reference to the "SBA loan" because it strikes close to home.

For those of you unfamiliar with the "SBA," it is a government agency set up to support idiotic, moronic, stupid, imbecilic, pathetic, losers and their equally idiotic, moronic, stupid, imbecilic, pathetic business ideas. ie- you suckers of taxpayers are paying America's DUMBEST (and I ***cannot*** stress how accurate that adjective is) "entrepreneurs" to pursue their hobbies, err..."dreams."

Did they have a business plan?

No.

Did they do the research necessary to make sure they didn't merely just take money from the taxpayer to pursue their stupid, idiotic bound-to-fail dreams?

No.

Did they have any real intention of running a legitimate business, let alone the business acumen to produce a profit?

Hell no.

Much as I'd like to besmirch the SBA as a failed venture capital firm that has no right financing or guaranteeing ANY private sector ventures with a taxpayer guarantee, but it is even more insulting than that. The SBA is nothing more than a charity financing the world's dumbest people's hobbies.

I've seen horse ranches, sports bars, "pajama restaurants" (that's one where you show up for breakfast in your pajamas - the collateral tendered was milk and inventory), and no end to red-neck hick "tractor trailer" independent contractor types all financed and guaranteed by the tax payer thanks to the SBA. Never mind none of these people have an IQ above 80. Never mind none of these people have the slightest clue what it takes to run a business. Never mind they all have 2 divorces, and 5 children from 3 different mothers (sorry, I've been living in the sticks too long), no, those dumb idiots at the SBA are going to guarantee (with YOUR MONEY) the loans the private banks made to these chromosomed-challenged individuals.

So when Peggy Sue's "brilliant" "pet grooming" business plan fails, guess who ends up

paying?

That's right, YOU DO.

Worse still is a program the SBA came up with called the "ARC" loan during the recession. This was a program where you could borrow up to $35,000 if your company was having trouble. So not only would the SBA provide the initial start up capital, if you ran into trouble it would double down providing you an ARC loan. EVERY company I've seen with an ARC loan, the borrowers were stupefyingly stupid in their original business endeavor AND had no chance whatsoever to pay back the loan.

Regardless, I've said it before, and I'll say it again.

The SBA is nowhere near as big of a problem as social security, medicare or medicaid. But what irks me more than the fact this government entity has done nothing but waste billions in taxpayer's money, is how it legitimizes or validates the world's DUMBEST people as real "business people." The trailer trash yokel who collected welfare and WIC all of the sudden thinks he's a real "business man" when a bank, that would normally NEVER in a million years make the loan, only does so because the SBA guarantees it. This moron is no different than a welfare bum who collects a paycheck, BUT with the added benefit of having the attitude that "he's a business man." I'd much rather just simply pay a welfare check to a guy who says, "Yeah, I'm scamming the system, so what?" than some doofus playing "make believe businessman" on my dime.

Mark my words, you will hear about the SBA in the future, just like Fannie Mae and Freddi Mac.

Thanks Frost!

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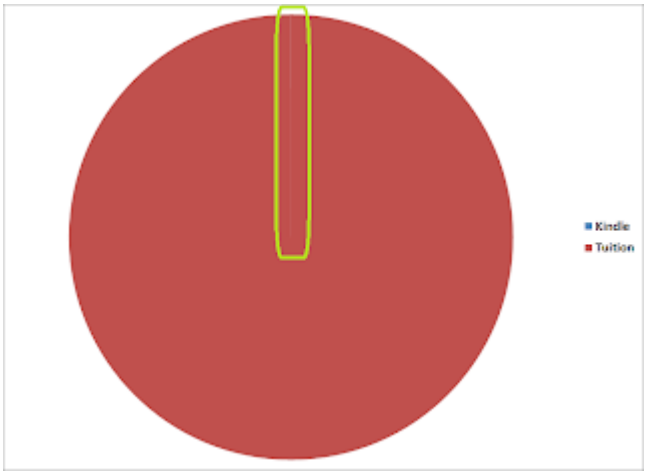
Freedom 25 wrote a nice little review of Worthless!

[image]

Remember, Worthless is available on both Kindle and paperback for prices that are MUCH cheaper than what you'll pay for college tuition. To show just how much cheaper, I made a pie chart showing the Kindle cost ($5) as a percent of $50,000 in tuition. You'll have to click on the image and magnify it to see the Kindle, but I highlighted it in the green.



You see it? See it? It's there!

That's right boys and girls, mom and dad, uncles and aunts, "Worthess" is definitely worth the MINISCULE investment to make sure that you or your loved ones don't impoverish your entire family for a degree in "Anthropology."

So don't be stupid. Don't be naive. And for god's sake, don't become an OWS protester. Buy "Worthless" today!

Epic Fail

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Oh you funny Keynesians. I sit with giddy anticipation to see how this is going to be spun as good news.

Can't Imagine Why Your Tuition is Going Up

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Hmm...lemme see.

Pay raises for everybody.

Three new staff members for Minnesota's PRESTIGIOUS "College of Design" (I know, it's world renowned!)

And you idiotic college students can't figure out why your tuition is going up.

PhD in Medieval History

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Ha ha ha ha ha!!!!

You go grrrrrl!

You know, for the 1/20th the amount she receives in food stamps every month she could have bought "Worthless!"

How Gen X & Y are Prohibited from Investing in the Retirement Ponzi Scheme

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In addition to the social security ponzi scheme, a lesser known, though probably larger scheme, is the retirement bubble.

I've gone into detail at length before, but in short, with trillions of dollars already invested into retirement funds over the past 40 years, prompted by tax breaks provided by the government, all that has done is inflate stock prices above their intrinsic value. This makes mutual funds, stocks other investments a bad deal for any Gen Y or Gen Xer's entering their earning years and looking to stash away for retirement.

But there's another funny little aspect to this whole retirement program thing. Oh, you'll call me "cynical" for making this observation, but that makes it all the more true.

It's not an issue of whether younger generations ***SHOULD*** invest in retirement plans.

It's an issue of whether they even ***CAN*** in the first place.

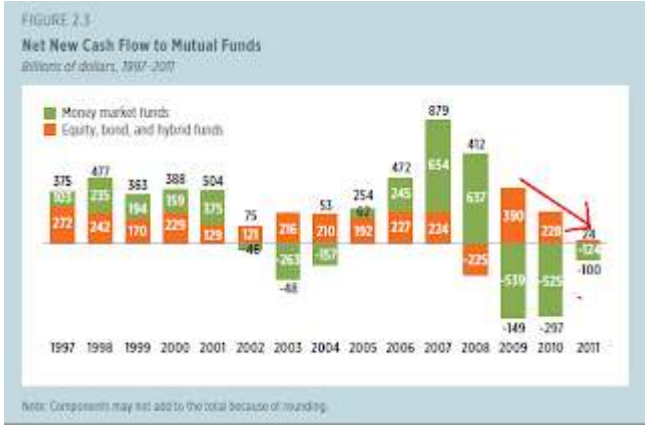
In order to invest for retirement you need money. And not just money, but enough money to pay for food, clothing and shelter AND have enough disposable income left over for retirement investing. But given the wonderful economy we've had under President Fluffy Bunnies not only is that disposable income non-existent, the jobs necessary to provide ANY income is non-existent. And thus without jobs the retirement bubble ponzi scheme I believe will collapse quicker than I thought before.

To see if data had bore me out, I pulled some stats recently from the ICI (which provided me the statistics to the post I mentioned above 6 years ago). Since then they've made the data private, but I was still able to find two telling charts showing you that the flows into mutual funds just isn't there to continue to support the retirement bubble:

First is the net new cash flows into mutual funds. The ICI breaks it down between regular mutual funds and money market funds. Particularly shocking is not just the collapse of contributions to money market funds, but the complete withdrawal from them during 2009-2011. And not just a withdrawal, but more than enough to offset the NEW contributions into the other types of mutual funds.

Translation - people are selling their mutual funds to make ends, NOT reinvest in other funds.

Also notable in the chart is how (despite the summer of recovery) investment in mutual funds just plain stopped in 2011. Aside from the financial crash of 2008, this is the lowest level of investment into mutual fund AND THAT INCLUDES THE RECESSION AND DOTCOM CRASH OF 2000-2001!



To paint an even clearer picture, just look at net contributions into equity funds. Ignore the red line as they are merely providing that as a reference to global stock price performance, focus only on the volume of money going into or out of equity mutual funds. What is not only painfully obvious is that no new money is flowing into equities. Worse still, is the volume being taken out of the market in 2011.

Again, what this suggests to me is not only is it so bad people are wary of the market,

not only is it so bad that the replacement generations don't have the money to invest in the market,

it's SO BAD PEOPLE ARE PULLING MONEY OUT OF THE MARKET TO MAKE ENDS MEET!

But, as you know, your beloved Captain always likes to end of a positive note, and thus the title of this post.

For you see, if there's one good thing Barack Obama did for the young blind lemmings salivating over his pecks or his turgid speeches it's that he made the economy so bad these 20 somethings won't have the money to invest in an overpriced market in the first place.

And that is the definition of "forward."

Enjoy the decline!

Jennifer Aniston Economics

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As I have gotten older, done more and more research and honed my "Super Awesome Economic Genius (TM)," I have learned that we folks of the capitalist, liberty, free-market stripe are not so much battling a legitimate counter theory to our free-market economics, as much as we are a spectacular level of ignorance. So spectacular that I wouldn't even call it "ignorance" as I believe it really is more of a mental disorder ("delusional" is what I believe psychologists call it).

Of course I am miffed in that I foolishly credited my ideological opponents with having intelligence, veracity, intellectual honesty and a desire to seek what is best for mankind. Miffed, not because they turned out to be nothing but self-serving spoiled brats with no interest in searching for the truth, but miffed because I wasted so much time trying to engage them on an intellectually honest and mature adult level. Literally thousands of hours wasted compiling chart after chart, pulling up data, crunching numbers, all the while thinking,

"*Ah, this will prove my point and convince them! And soon they will vote based on fact, empirical data and what's best for the country. And soon our country will reap the benefits of an informed and educated population and we'll achieve new heights and income per capitas of $100,000.*"

But now that I've been proven to have overestimated the honor and integrity of my ideological opponents, there's just one thing left to do.

Mock them.

Of course they make this laughably easy in that they exhibit their delusion daily, refusing to live in the real world. And I know that in violating The Reality Principle they are merely setting themselves up for an even harder crash in the future, but it's still fun to make fun of them while they're accelerating their lives into an inevitable brick wall. But their behavior is so delusional it almost warrants it's own subsegment of economic study. And so with this let me introduce a new concept:

"Jennifer Aniston Economics."

As you know the Captain has a soft spot for Jennifer Aniston. If she were to show up at my doorstep in a drunken stupor, I suppose I would do the good, correct and right thing all preacher's kids do and help the poor girl out. She would make lewd advances at me and I would have to refuse those advances because it would be inappropriate. She would no doubt recognize who I am and say,

"*Say, aren't you Cappy Cap? World famous economist, ballroom dancer, motorcycle rider, author and fossil hunter extraordinaire? Please, let me don this french maid outfit I conveniently have in my car!*"

And again, because of my pure and virtuous nature, I would have to refuse her wanton advances.

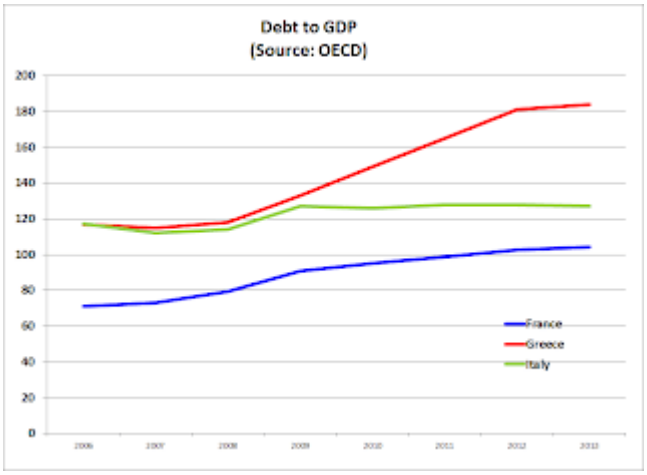
But that is the point right there about "Jennifer Aniston Economics."

I'm delusional.

Never mind the chances of Jennifer Aniston showing up at my apartment in an inebriated state is unlikely. And never mind she has no clue who I am (despite my world-renown Super Economic Economic Genius (TM)). I'm not going to let FACT or REALITY get in the way of what I want to believe. That is the epitome of "Jennifer Aniston Economics" and a trait that is the hallmark of every liberal and socialist in the world. And so permit me a little case study in "Jennifer Aniston Economics" that prompted me to write this little post.

I saw this article about people voting in the "anti-austerity" party or "voting bloc." And it really drove the point home to me not only how delusional people were about the fiscal REALITIES of their countries, but how pervasive and widespread this mental sickness is. In France the majority of voters spoke and opted to pursue a delusional, impossible reality. In Italy and Greece people are starting to rally against the "austerity parties." But whichever country and whichever the case, you have to realize the sheer insanity and sickness these people have. Voting against the "austerity parties" is like voting against "gravity" or "air" or "Newtonian physics." It's REALITY. There's nothing you can do about it.

For example, I could show this chart to every idiotic moron in France, Italy and Greece who thinks the party can continue on;



and they'll all ignore it, no doubt calling me names in the process.

So that leaves us with only one option. Let's test our Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Renegade, Official or Otherwise Economist skills, shall we?

Do we:

a) vote for more government spending
b) pray to the gods that Jennifer Aniston shows up at the Captain's house in an impaired state
c) work harder to pay more in taxes
d) enjoy the decline
e) b and d

The Captain Pisses Off a Dean of a (ahem) "College"

May 9, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Uh oh!

Tom Fisher said...

> *The fact that these new faculty each bring in millions of dollars of outside funding that would not have otherwise come to the state makes them a real deal. They more than pay for their salaries and support tuition reductions for students working as their research assistants. The reason tuition has gone up at the University of Minnesota is that the state has cut its funding of the University so severely in recent years that it now comprises only 15% of the overall budget. Before you dismiss the University, you should get your facts straight.*
> *7:32 PM*

Captain Capitalism said...

> *Hey Tom,*
> *Shove it up your ass and shove it hard.*
> *Where do those "millions of dollars come from?"*
> *Not the private sector I bet. Great, I get to subsidize spoiled people's hobby of "design" at a public institution. Can only imagine the quality of design being on par with the west bank's art department.*
> *And yeah, I do have my facts straight. I stopped over at the old Art school (forget what it's called now) on the west bank to compile salary data going back to the 1970's because it isn't available on the internet. Something tells me your stats don't*

go back that far. Mr. "Recent years." (added for post)
I also noticed how since my time there's about 40% more employees at the U of MN and only about 12% more students.
And you jerk off "deans" and "administrators" not only increase in numbers, but your salaries MAGICALLY never go down. Only up and up more than inflation.
And GOOD if the state has cut funding to your worthless programs (though, if I recall as a percent of GSP it hasn't gone down as much as you purport). Two of my friends went to the U of MN's "School of Design" back in the 90's and they sure as hell aren't working in design. I think living at home in their 30's is their primary occupation because ST. PAUL MINNESOTA ISN'T THE MECCA OF FASHION DESIGN YOU MORON!
Yeah, I sure Tommy Hilfiger recruits heavily from the St. Paul campus.
But hey, don't let me and my FACTS get in the way of you milking naive kids from the Twin Cities suburbs out of their tuition money while fooling them into thinking they're going to become the next Ralph Lauren.
Cripes, "University of Minnesota School of Design." You rank up there with degree mills like "Globe College" and "Arts Institute Intenational" and "University of Phoenix."

Kids, don't waste your money on a degree at the University of Minnesota's "School of Design." Buy "Worthless" instead. Save your money, save your time, HAVE THE EXACT SAME EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS in the fashion industry WITHOUT the debt and the worthless piece of paper.

Eliminating "Black Studies" Would Help Blacks

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I'll try to be brief.

Understand any "hyphenated-American" studies doesn't teach its students a skill or a trade that would help them secure employment in life. It doesn't increase their earnings power, it doesn't help them close any wage gaps. All it does is teach them woeismeism and brings about a self-fulfilling prophecy of failure (not to mention a healthy dose of racism, sexism, and bigotry of the left's side of the isle as well).

In my book I PURPOSELY WARN minorities and women about degrees that PURPOSELY target them because of their gender or race, NOT because these college programs desire to help them, but because of the exact opposite. They wish to profit off of them and the victim mentality they want to instill in them.

It is here, of course, we run into the paradox of people who genuinely wish to help minorities, women and other non-white-male classes, are usually punished by the powers that be, not to mention (ironically) accused of racism/sexism/whateverismleftistshaveintheirinventoryofbullshit.

I once tried to stand up for women being treated poorly in second and third world countries and was called a racist because I critiqued the cultures that kept women at home and out of schools. Ironically no women or women's rights groups in this country came to my aid, matter of fact, they merely also accused me of racism, and so, now you know where the Captain's loyalty stands today in America and what he thinks of chivalry.

Ergo, I say, just remain quiet and let these people waste their money and lives majoring in worthless subjects. If they're going to accuse you of racism or sexism or whatever variant of bigotry is being served this week, when you're merely trying to prevent them from making a major mistake in their lives majoring in a worthless degree, to hell with them.

They can continue to enjoy their pay gap despite our best efforts to close it.

Have At It

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Hell, I say let them.

In the meantime I would like Megan Fox to show up at my doorstep with a new F-22 fighter plane and Barack Obama to resurrect Frank Sinatra so he can sing in my new 3,000,000 square foot house located on Mars.

For Your Wednesday Night Reading Pleasure

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Most fathers could be reached for comment, but let's imagine we're holy and virtuous like widows anyway.

A chart of hell and where California sits in it.

New Yorkers deserve to pay higher prices for everything...and they do.

Didn't I just explain this? It's called Jennifer Aniston Economics!

Oh ho ho! Dr. Helen, you sure are funny. "Picking up the check!" That's a good one!

I just refuse to donate because statistically chances are my organs would go to a liberal. I'm not joking.

Charlie goes into more detail about "Black Studies" than I cared too and pulls up what we all suspected. Leftist claptrap that does nothing to actually help blacks.

See, see! I included Tam this time! I didn't forget! (unlike how she forgot about me and my book...sniff sniff).

Icky, Yucky, Gross Capitalism

May 10, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

These are pictures from East Germany before and after reunification.

I originally thought it was bombed out buildings after WWII UNTIL I saw one picture with graffiti. Then it dawned on me, it was a simple, but stark comparison of the effects of socialism vs. capitalism.

Of course even this simple visual aid will fail to convert the Leftianity zealots.

The Romney Obama Harlequin Romance Paradox

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Permit me to chide a group of people in desperate need of chiding:

People who vote based on whether a candidate is good looking or not.

Now this can fall on both men and women (I am of course partial to Kristy Noem - she scores Super Num Num Points on the Cappy Cap Scale), but when it comes to presidential elections, since we've had nothing but male candidates, my ire in this particular instance is towards female voters.

So a question to all you ladies out there who've never watched CNN or Foxnews and instead get your political news form "The Daily Show" or "The Colbert Report" - how can you possibly choose between Romney and Obama?

I mean, it's gotta be like one of those Harlequin romance novels where the female hero is sought after by a rough and tumble blue collar stud AND AT THE SAME TIME a posh, Cary Grantish fellow, who is of course rich and powerful. How does the poor woman's torn heart choose?

Of course in this upcoming election your choice isn't between a bad boy and a rich man (both are rich, both are powerful), but rather a much simpler choice-

pecks or hair?

Now I can see how you all fell in love with Barack Obama and deemed him worthy to be leader of the free world - pecks. Yes, they were nice weren't they. And the media was all too willing to post pictures of them glistening as he walked out of the ocean.

But you have to admit Romney has some really GREAT hair. Not only is it full, but it has that touch of gray. And he is a mature man, an accomplished man a "real" man. Dare I say he almost has a twinge of "The World's Most Interesting Man?" His hair screams "stability" and "don't worry, I'll take care of you, I'm an accomplished man."

But how does the uninformed, uneducated and ignorant female American voter choose? Because unlike pulp fiction, there can only be one president and I'm very curious about the though process you ladies use to make such an important decision. Does People Magazine speculate about who would be better on a date? Does Cosmo give you detailed gossip about the private lives of both? Or do you and other Harlequin Political Junkies just gather around Starbucks after you drop your kids off at daycare and sup cups of cappuccino on your husbands' dimes and debate the merits of pecks vs. hair?

Regardless, I am VERY interested in how you come to an informed and wise decision, ESPECIALLY given how nice Barack's pecks are and how full and lush Romney's hair is.

Though methinks I know how you're going to vote anyway, despite what they've been trying to do to you.

A Spectacular Failure of a Father

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She has a ring. Which indicates a husband. She has a kid. Which indicates a father. She's on the front cover of a national magazine with her 3 year old boy nursing. Which indicates she has anything but a real man heading up that household.

Blame feminism all you want, this is more of a damning conviction of the lack of real men in this country.

The Captain would have put his foot down a LOOOOONG time ago before anything like this would have happened with his theoretical wife. Not to mention there is no way in hell I would let my child, ESPECIALLY A BOY, have this hanging over his head upon entering middle school. This would be immediate grounds for divorce in the Cappy Cap home.

I predict she'll cheat on her husband, that's if she hasn't already...heck, I wouldn't be surprised if it isn't even the husband's kid.

Head Further West Young Man

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I'm already pretty far west, but I am going to live a childhood dream this weekend and visit the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

Any Agents in the Field recommend anything in that particular area of Utah for hiking, dust devil chasing, fossil hunting and other activities that scare aware American females?

Success Story of 1970's Feminism

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You too can achieve such great results.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

"Permissive Parenting"

May 11, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Holy crap, I thought one of my readers was just making it up.

Apparently it is true. And apparently you idiots think somehow a generation brought up on this tripe is going to have the gumption and industriousness to produce enough wealth to pay for everything, not to mention protect us from hordes of Chinese invaders with weapons.

I better order some more Rumpie.

Shame on the Chronicle of Higher Education

May 11, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll be brief because I'm hungry and it's Rumpie Time.

The Chronicle of Higher Education fires a blogger for being truthful and blunt about the merits (and I might add, employment prospects) of a hyphenated-American studies degree.

THEN they interview a PhD in History who can't find a job who also happens to be a minority.

Are the people at the Chronicle of Higher Education TRULY THAT STUPID and IGNORANT they can't piece it together? Or are they so cowardly they don't have the guts to tell minorities the realities of the labor market and that their degree is worthless in fear they'd be branded a racist/homophobe/sexist/bigot/etc?

Presumably the purpose of the Chronicle of Higher Education is to HELP PEOPLE in HIGHER EDUCATION.

Speaking the truth about the worthlessness of various liberal arts degrees, ESPECIALLY those whose primary victims are minorities, might be a great place to start.

Oh, but that would require a spine now wouldn't it?

Shooting Themselves in the Foot

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I had linked previously to this post before about various governments (CT, MN, etc.) trying to unionize day care providers which I was originally against, but after thinking about it, I am totally for. Unless my logic is flawed, the majority of women vote democrat and are always "for the children." Of course they never pay for whatever the latest, bloated and completely unnecessary government program is, the taxpayer does.

However, if day care providers are unionized the price of an already expensive service is going to go through the roof and most parents do pay for that. Even without unionization I've heard anecdotal stories of mothers opting to leave their job and (GASP!) RAISE THEIR CHILDREN because they were actually losing money going to work. You throw in a 40% price increase with a 50% drop in quality and competence, women will not only be rushing to pull their kids out of day care, they'll abandon the democrat party in droves.

Or is the Captain just high on enjoying the decline on this one?

Alec Loorz

May 12, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Professional crusader whose ego is more important than your standard of living.

What

did

I

tell

you

about

CRUSADERS???? (and no, don't just watch the first video, watch the whole damn thing)

It's Called "Capital Flight"

May 12, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You hipster 20 something Steve Job's worshiping DB's better start learning about economics. Zuckerberg and his cohorts are laughing their asses off at you.

Is anybody else enjoying watching the country collapse as much as I am?

Poetic Justice for California

May 13, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cuts in EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE and SOCIAL PROGRAMS!????? Under the Mighty O?

Wait wait wait. Lemme guess. It's still "Bush's Fault."

Couldn't have happened to a more deserving group of people.

White Knighting in Charty Goodness Form

May 13, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Heck, even I played Dungeons and Dragons and STILL didn't let my White Knighting days handicap me past the age of 18.

Stock Market as a Hedge Against Inflation

May 14, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Two competing theories going on in my mind.

1. The market is overvalued because of trillions of retirement dollars hitting the market over the past 40 years and the younger generations not having the purchasing power to continue to inflate that bubble.

vs.

2. The market derives its value from future cash flows and profits. These future cash flows generated by the assets of these companies will be priced in "future dollars" as the company will naturally increase prices to keep up with inflation and maintain profitability. Additionally, a higher and higher percentage of sales are coming from foreign countries to offset the craptastic business prospects here in the US, providing an additional hedge against inflation.

Discuss and resolve!

But I Don't Like Math

May 14, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tough.

The Captain's Great Utah Adventure

May 15, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You need to watch up to the point I slide down about 500 feet on a glacier on my butt.

Affirmative Action Job Does NOT Equal "Independent"

May 17, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When you fleece the taxpayers

to pay for make work jobs that nobody wants

then you cannot claim to be independent or "self-reliant."

You are really nothing more than a welfare recipient playing "make believe corporate professional worker."

But don't let reality get in the way of you becoming the best taxpayer paid social worker professor non-profit administrator director you can possibly be.

I often wonder if the concept of the free market = reality is lost on most people.

Sinking the Men of the Yamato

May 18, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Through my own personal conversations, the conversations retold to me of other men, and even those conversations I've heard on the Tom Leykis Show, all of us men have at one point in time or another been asked by women,

"Who screwed you over in the past?"

or a variant

"What girl did this to you?"

Usually this happens when women ask you about your opinions of dating, courtship, romance, etc., and when you speak the truth they are shocked and horrified that you have such a cynical or pessimistic attitude towards dating or women in general. The logic they employ leads them to only one possible solution or explanation:

That ONE girl completely screwed you over and thus, unjustifiably and unfairly, soured your opinion of ALL women.

They believe there was this ONE, SINGLE, SOLE perpetrator that did not represent or resemble the majority of women and that is why you have this "irrational" or "inappropriate" response or view of women. That the majority of women are too numerous and prevalent that it was only sheer dumb luck you ran into a single, sole, renegade operator who warped your perception of women so unjustifiably so.

So let me introduce a little reality into the situation.

For the most part, I believe most women subscribe to the theory that "ONE" person did this to you, and therefore scarred you for the rest of your life, because it's simple. The human brain (male or female) is more prone to select the simpler theory because it takes too much effort to accept and rationalize complex ones. This is not a criticism of women, because men are just as susceptible to believe in a "simple" theory than a complex one. But it's just easier to believe there was this ONE, SINGLE, MEAN, BADDIE of a girl that did something really mean to you and thus you swore off women forever.

The REALITY is however, quite the opposite.

Yes, there are men who unfortunately suffered one, single death-knelling blow and they never got up again. But for the majority of men, it is more akin to the sinking of the Yamato than anything else.

The Yamato was the premier Japanese battleship of WWII. It was more or less unsinkable from sea and thus they had to resort to aerial bombing to sink her. She took an AMAZING amount of punishment. Three separate waves of attacks, from air and sea and she still kept on going.

Inevitably she DID capitulate and sink, but understand it was no one single bomb or torpedo that did her in. It was a relentless, constant, repetitive, barrage and assault that essentially bludgeoned her into submission and defeat. And thus is the way of most men you will face today above an age of 25.

The sheer hell and punishment, NOT in terms of single punishing blows, but in terms of constantly repetitive, NEVER ENDING attacks is what molds or galvanizes men into what they are today. The accomplished Hugh Grant-like bachelor that eschews meeting your friend that is "perfect for him" was not sunk by a single woman, but a barrage of flake outs, stand ups, drama queens and suicide threats. The confirmed bachelor who prefers to hang out with his buds instead of go to a club and meet a girl has had his deck strafed repeatedly. The 40 something executive, committed to his job and his career and maybe calls you when he's in town, remembers starkly those days of getting the hell bombed out of him by ditzy girlfriend after cheating girlfriend after money-sucking girlfriend.

Did some girls cause more damage than others?

Yes.

Did any one of them sink the individual man?

No.

And so in the end if you look at the autopsy of this former "good guy" or "reliable man," you'll find that the cause of death was no single girl that hurt his feelings "really bad" back in college, but a never ending litany of flakes, frauds, drama queens, liars and just plain evil women/girls that were never strong enough or significant enough on their own to cause major damage to such a vessel, but a never ending barrage of them that just plain wore him down to the point of defeat.

Ergo, stop trying to blame the sinking of "good men" on mythical single, sole villains and start casting a wider net. It is a problem that is more pervasive and wide-spread than most women will admit. And much like Christianity did, and Islam must in the future -have a reformation- so too must modern day women purge and shame through their ranks the women who find it fashionable, funny, entertaining and enjoyable to bomb, strafe, torpedo and attack men.

Because understand, those of us men of the Yamato class are simply forced to make a

decision based on statistics and probability. Enough girls attack, drop their bombs, and shoot torpedoes into our sides, we have no choice but to treat you all as enemies and give no one the benefit of the doubt, even the genuine and true "good girls." And so there you sit at the age of 32 wondering "where have all the good men gone." Whether you're a good girl or a bad girl, it doesn't matter. By this point in the game it's revenge by proxy time. If you're upset about that, then take it up with the feminists and evil women in your ranks that found it so necessary to villainize, mock, stand up, play mind, etc. with young men/boys, not the sinking Yamato's themselves.

Regardless, I sure hope it was fun (not to mention, worth it) playing with young boys' feelings and emotions in middle school through college. Hope it was fun with the drama and suicide threats, and ultimatums and mind games and sh!t tests and whatever else Cosmo told you to do. I hope "playing hard to get" and stringing along men/boys provided invaluable entertainment. Because there couldn't possibly be a consequence to all that now could there?

You lovely western ladies enjoy that decline!

On a intellectual note, from Wikipedia about the sinking of the Yamato and just what kind of punishment it endured:

Yamato avoided being hit for four minutes until, at 12:41, two bombs obliterated two of her triple 25 mm anti-aircraft mounts and blew a hole in the deck. A third bomb then destroyed her radar room and the starboard aft 127 mm mount. At 12:46 another two bombs struck the battleship's port side, one slightly ahead of the aft 155 mm centreline turret and the other right on top of the gun. These caused a great amount of damage to the turret and its magazines; only one man climbed out alive.[48][N 7] At 12:45 a single torpedo struck Yamato far forward on her port side sending extreme shocks throughout the ship. Because many of the hit's survivors were later killed by strafing or were trapped when Yamato sank, the details are uncertain, but authors Garzke and Dulin record that little damage was caused.[48] Shortly afterward up to three more torpedoes struck Yamato. Two impacts—on the port side near the engine room and on one of the boiler rooms—are confirmed; the third is disputed but is regarded by Garzke and Dulin as probable because it would explain the reported flooding in Yamato's auxiliary steering room. The attack ended around 12:47, leaving the battleship to list 5–6° to port; counterflooding—deliberately flooding compartments on the other side of the ship—reduced the list to 1°. One boiler room had been disabled, slightly reducing Yamato's top speed, and strafing had incapacitated many of the gun crews who manned Yamato's unprotected 25 mm anti-aircraft weapons, sharply curtailing their effectiveness.[48]
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Yamato photographed during the battle by an aircraft from USS Yorktown (CV-10). The battleship is on fire and visibly listing to port.

The second attack started just before 13:00. In a coordinated strike, dive bombers flew high overhead to begin their runs while torpedo laden aircraft approached from all directions at just above sea level. Overwhelmed by the number of targets, the battleship's anti-aircraft guns were less than effective, and the Japanese tried desperate measures to break up the attack. Yamato's main guns were loaded with Beehive shells fused to explode one second after firing—a mere 1,000 m (3,300 ft) from the ship—but this had little effect. Four or five torpedoes struck the battleship, three or four to port and one to starboard. Three hits, close together on the port side, are confirmed: one struck a fireroom that had been hit earlier, one impacted a different fireroom, and the third hit the hull adjacent to a previously damaged outboard engine room, increasing the water that had already been flowing into that space and possibly causing flooding in nearby locations. The fourth hit (though unconfirmed) may have struck aft of the third; Garzke and Dulin believe this would explain the rapid flooding that reportedly occurred in that location.[49] This attack left Yamato in a perilous position, listing 15–18° to port. Counterflooding all of the remaining starboard void spaces lessened this to 10°, but further correction would have required either repairs or flooding the starboard engine and fire rooms. Although the battleship was in no danger of sinking at this point, the list meant that the main battery was unable to fire and her maximum speed was limited to 18 knots (33 km/h; 21 mph).[50]

The third and most damaging attack developed at about 13:40. At least four bombs hit the ship's superstructure and caused heavy casualties among her 25 mm anti-aircraft gun crews. Many near misses drove in her outer plating, partially compromising her defense against torpedoes. Most serious were four more torpedo impacts. Three exploded on the port side, increasing water intake into the port inner engine room and flooding yet another fireroom and the steering gear room. With the auxiliary steering room already underwater, the ship lost all maneuverability and became stuck in a starboard turn. The fourth torpedo most likely hit the starboard outer engine room which, along with three other rooms on the starboard side, was in the process of being counterflooded to reduce the port list. The torpedo strike increased the rate of water intake by a large margin, trapping many crewmen before they could escape.[51]

At 14:02 the order was belatedly given to abandon ship. By this time Yamato's speed had dropped to 10 knots (19 km/h; 12 mph) and her list was steadily increasing. Fires were raging out of control in some sections of the ship and alarms had begun to sound on the bridge warning of critical temperatures in the forward main battery magazines.

Destroying the Division of Labor

May 18, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am starting to believe more and more this was done by:

1. Nefarious forces
2. Originating from the Soviet Union during the cold war

I am not one of conspiracy theories, but the more and more I look at stuff like this or "global warming" I am finding it harder and harder to believe it wasn't orchestrated.

To destroy a country that is strong you must do it from the inside. No better way than to start by destroying the natural and biological relationship between men and women.

Job Creation Bush vs. Obama - Update

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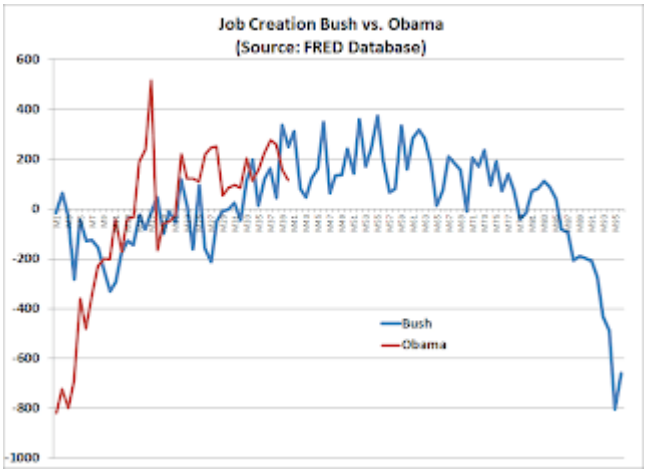
Time to update the data as a reader pointed out a story to me about job creation under democrats and republicans.

Turns out from last we spoke, Obama and Bush are still more or less neck and neck in terms of job creation at this point in their presidencies. At my last post Bush had lost 100k more jobs than Obama at this time, now he is only 40k down (one could also make the point Census workers should be taken out of this and close the gap further, but, eh). Regardless, you'll note in the chart, just like Bush's first term, it's put up or shut up time for the Obama administration. Both at this point in time during their first terms had suffered lack luster economic growth and a lack of a booming economic recovery that typically follows recessions. Bush pulled through (though I don't believe it is a president who can create jobs and this whole discussion is moot), while Obama's growth has started to trend below Bush's.



The only additional thing I will point out is that while both presidents are essentially neck and neck in job creation, Bush managed to do this with a mere fraction of the amount of debt Obama has. But don't let me ruin your fragile little Keynesian Land of Make Believe by pointing out the spectacular failure.

The Sexual Attractiveness of Liberal "Men"

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I have a long and lengthy theory about the socio-sexual-psychological-etc. of liberal men.

But the very short version is they're not attractive.

But Women Are Equal Now

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Badger misses the fast ball across the plate, but I forgive him. The correct response to this absurdity that "men don't pick up on our signals" is....

"*Men and women are equal now. Start acting like a man and approach us 50% of the time and express clear and obvious interest.*"

"the absurdity of feminism" sigh

OK, time for the lesson that the leaders of the 70's failed to tell you morons about choosing this idiotic path the country has obviously decided to go down:

Ahem....

You lovely ladies of the western world do not get to have it both ways. You wanted to be treated like men, well little ladies, you got it. Start "manning up," step up to the plate and start asking men out point blank. You no longer get the excuse "well men should just be the aggressors" or "WELL I SENT HIM OBVIOUS SIGNALS!!! I ***LOOKED*** AT HIM!!!!."

So sorry, that won't do. We're now going to pull up our lawn chairs, break them out, light up cigars, treat you like men and wait for you to approach. Matter of fact, we have a lot of time to make up for when the men were oppressing you women. Out of respect and retroactive apologies for our forefathers' evil oppressive behavior, we should just let you do all the approaching and asking for AT LEAST the next 50 years as reparations for our misogynistic behavior over the centuries.

But, I'm sorry.

You know what.

That just isn't enough.

No. I'm with you sisters!!!

We really oppressed you.

I mean we REALLY oppressed you.

And for that I am TRULY sorry.

So to make it up to you, we'll even do you the favor of "womaning up." And by that I mean practicing our shooting down skills, our mockery laughter and our "say yes, but then cancel at the last moment" skills so you get the full male treatment. I don't know how to flake, but I'm going to figure it out. Trust me, you'll like it, because that's what you've always wanted, right? To be treated as equals? To be treated like men? I'm with you sista, I am going to make DAMN SURE all you girls get what you deserve and are entitled to, and that is to be treated as GENUINE equals.

Heh heh.

I am so going to enjoy this decline.

Updating the Factors of Production

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If you recall high school economics or college freshman economics (both were the same, colleges just made you pay extra to re-learn what you did in high school) there were "The Factors of Production."
These factors were essentially the ingredients you needed in order for a business or an individual to "produce" something. There were originally three of them:

Land - you can produce nothing without at minimum some kind of office space.
Labor - the machines will not only not take over the world, they'll just sit there unless a human spends his or her time running them
Capital - Nobody is doing nothing until they get paid. And that includes the people who produce the tools and machines you'll need to get started.

A fourth one was entered as they realized even with the above three, nothing would get produced. You needed a leader. An innovator. A man with the plan.

The entrepreneur.

Since there it was commonly accepted that there are three original, but most likely four real factors of production.

However, I would like to tender a fifth.

I'm doing this not to make things more complicated or to somehow be enshrined in the Economics Hall of Fame, but because our economy today practically proves there is a fifth and final factor of production that is required to produce, but is not accounted for in the current list. That fifth component is:

A future.

Some would call it "political" or "economic certainty." I'm calling it a future simply because if there is no hope an economy will be stable, MORE SO that you will be able to keep the majority of your gains, then you can have;

Land
Labor
Capital
and an entrepreneur raring to go

nobody's producing nuthin' if (oh, I don't know)

the government is racking up debts that literally call into question the integrity and viability of the future economy

the government is spending so much that it's a guarantee tax rates will go through the roof in the future

the people are so anti-business, anti-capitalism, anti-rich, anti-success that you're afraid they'll simply vote to take the fruits of your hard labor away.

I could go into more detail, but the point is simple enough. You see it not just in the economy (companies are sitting on trillions in capital, people are DESPERATE for jobs, enterprenuers can't wait to jump ship and move to Singapore...ooops, I mean...start businesses), but in the housing market (nobody new entrants in the market want to buy....well nobody can AFFORD to buy), and the stock market (the same).

It won't be until there are guarantees enshrined via constitutional amendments that the government cannot confiscate/tax beyond a certain level and that private individuals property and income rights are maintained, that you will get people to start investing in the US again. And so you can go ahead and come up with all the Keynesian stimulus you want. The vast majority of the United States' economic strength will remain dormant, or just outright afraid.

Enjoy the decline!

Enjoying the Decline!

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Pictures from my weekend trip to Buffalo, WY. I also made a friend along the way.

EASY STREET

I call him "Pookey" the friendly roadside snake.

Public vs. Private Sector Pay

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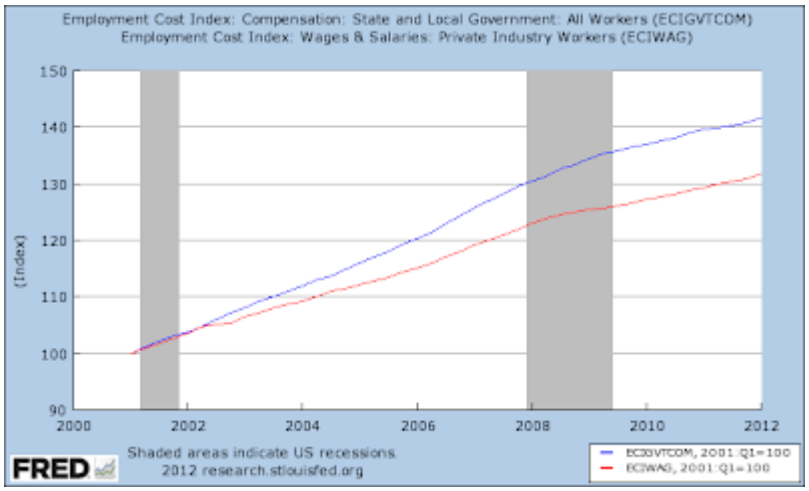
More pay for less work! Thank you AFSCME and SEUI!



The Alcoholism, Anger, Temper Excuse

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The Manosphere, if you could categorize it, falls ever so generally into three categories;

Pick up community
Men's rights
Theory/Political Discussion

All of which is fine and dandy, but if and when I write about Manosphere issues, it is usually more for the "Boyosphere" than anything else. The reason why is that while men (our age and older) have used the Manosphere to compare notes across the internet to confirm that indeed something insidious, malicious and evil HAS BEEN perpetrated against us, understand that does nothing to address the poor boys of the FUTURE that WILL BE sent through the same meat grinder.

And therefore a plurality of my posts tend to be targeted more towards young boys so that there is at least something positive that comes out of this psy-ops war.

Today, though, I want to address something that no doubt you, me, and every other guy out there has gone through (thereby guaranteeing young boys coming onto the line are going to suffer the same) and that is the "Alcoholism, Anger, Temper Excuse" or "AATE."

Like many things, it took retrospect and hindsight to realize what was going on, but when you put the pieces of the puzzle together you realized a lot of women, if they don't want to go out with you any more, won't have the spine or gall to come outright and say,

"I don't think we should date anymore, I'm breaking up with you."

Instead they do something much worse. They claim you have a problem or have somehow changed, and use that as the excuse to have a time out or fully break up.

For example, all three of the excuses - temper, anger and alcoholism - have been used on me by multiple girls in the past.

One girl claimed I had anger issues and she couldn't deal with such a "volatile" person. Active? Yes. Bombastic? Yes. But was I "angry?" No. Or at least I didn't think so. Of course I was young and stupid, so I thought, "Wow, maybe I'm angry and I just don't know it. Maybe I'm unaware of how I'm scaring people or insulting them." All in vain, misleading and quite damaging because I was trying to solve a problem I didn't have.

Another claimed I had a "temper." I didn't have a temper. I was having a good ole time

dating this gal. If anything I was relaxed and drunk half the time and never blew up once. It was so obvious I didn't have a temper, even I knew this was some kind of ruse or BS. When she broke up with me, it wasn't a surprise.

And finally, the "alcoholism" excuse. Ah yes, the favorite among naive goodie two shoes girls who think if you have two drinks in a night you are a full blown, raging alcoholic, hell bent on driving drunk and training vigorously to beat your future wife. Many-a-Christian girls used this one when they tried vainly to convince you to "find Jesus," but upon not being able to provide any conclusive, empirical proof Christianity is THE ONE TRUE religion, out they whip the "you're a raging alcoholic" excuse. Never mind if you are drunk you're more relaxed and happy and the farthest away you'd ever be from "raging." Nope, she knew this one friend of her's cousin whose uncle dated this woman whose sister had a father who got drunk and treated her mom mean one time back in the 70's. Translation - you are 100% guaranteed to beat me if we ever get married AND the children too!

Naturally none of these excuses stand up to logic, but that's the whole point. They're excuses, not reality. The damage AATE causes young boys is not that a girl wants to break up with you and thus resorts to BS excuses to rationalize it, but it misleads you into thinking you have problems you really don't have and thus you try to change those problems. It's just as bad as having problems you DO have and you DON'T try to change them. Neither are based in reality and only make you a worse person.

So boys, look out for the AATE excuses. And when delivered, just accept the girl doesn't want to date you, move on, and be happy someone so duplicitous is taking herself out of your life.

Here's To You, Mr. Social Science Degree - Real Men of Genius

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HAR!!!! I also like the NASSDALT comment.

Remember boys, real men don't major in the humanities.

Day Bang by Roosh V

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Roosh V, if you know him, is no shrinking violet. Certainly part of the pick up segment of the Manosphere, which thusly means he curses, uses vulgarity and speaks like 1/2 the population does every day. Sadly it is his vulgarity and cursing people focus on instead of the substance of what he writes when they start forming opinions about him.

Does he speak the truth about the realities between men and women?

Yes.

Does he speak the truth when theorizing about male and female sexuality?

Yes

But are these truths uncomfortable (contradictory as truths being uncomfortable is)?

Yes.

And therefore he is an evil misogynist that must be silenced and black listed from society.

Now I knew this going into buying "Day Bang." I was expecting cursing, swearing and the use of words and terms even I find disagreeable, but actually, none of that materialized. Matter of fact what did materialize was a well thought out book deserving of mention and recommendation that is neither vulgar or insulting, but rather quite helpful for both sexes.

I bought "Day Bang" for several reasons. One, since I am already spoken for, it was the one book out of his series of books that piqued my interest the most. Night game, regular game, sure, been there, done that, learned it empirically. But how to pick up chicks during the day, now that's different. Two, I wanted to see if what I learned the hard way correlated with what a professional recommended. And three, well, he linked to my book and was kind enough to write a review, so you all better go and buy his book if this here review interests you.

First you must understand that this is not so much a novel or a book as much as it is a how-to manual. I was at first originally peeved with what seemed to be the same example recited over and over again. However, it dawned on me this wasn't The Grapes of Wrath. This was a guide for men, of all ages, how to approach women during the day. The examples were repetitive on purpose, but varied to

1. re-iterate the basic principles of approaching
2. give you multiple approaches and variations to adapt to different environments and situations.

The more I read, the more I realized Roosh has indeed thought these things through AND tested them multiple times AND in different environments so that readers would have an effective tool useable in many situations.

Second, to my surprise, the book had little to no vulgarity, let alone sexuality about it. It WAS a very serious, borderline scientific book. If you were expecting filth and foul and flarn and filth, you will be let down. I think there are MAYBE 4 vulgarities in the entire book. Additionally, he never mentions sex. It is only to get the girl on the date, which may or may not lead to sex. If anything it is a truly innocent book in that key to the entire strategy is having the mindset of an old, innocent man, approaching a young lady for help. He may have one thing on his mind, but it isn't in the gutter and it certainly wasn't obvious in the book.

Third, he addresses and emphasizes the limitations of the scientific method. He doesn't claim this is a silver bullet that will get a 100% success rate. He admits the limitations and the requirements of day game AND also states up front it takes effort and investment. You CAN'T just approach one girl per week. You have to approach at least 3 girls a day. You AREN'T going to get 90% of the girls to throw their numbers at you, at BEST it will be 40% with tight game. You SHOULD be natural, never rehearse your lines or force a pre-scripted conversation, but still run through a couple trial runs at home to get used to general flow and general bullet points you may want to bring up. If there is any "complaint" I have about the book, it's the FACT that you do have to put a lot of effort into this. MGTOW and aging alphas may be reminded of the sheer time cost and investment required to chase the ladies.

As I said before I am already spoken for and this book is not for those of you who upped your game and are having success, nor is it for "retirees" from game who decided to buy a motorcycle and go. But it IS a MUST for young men or boys who are about to enter the fray of dating, if for any other reason day approaches are easier and cheaper than night approaches. You needn't waste your time or money on covers, booze, drinks, parking, etc. You just go about the course of your regular day and the opportunities are bountiful and numerous.

In short, like many things in the Manosphere, "I wish I had this when I was younger." But thankfully there are a lot of young men and boys out there that should be reading this right next to their freshman comp book. Additionally, if you're a veteran, you might as well pick it up to see how your game compared, not to mention for the intellectual interest it provides for us old farts. I had many outright guffaws as many as "aha, I see said the blind man" moments with this book.

Regardless, buy Day Bang!

Also available in Kindle.

Yes, I am That Good

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The true purpose of Worthless however is not just to entertain and embolden the faithful, to bestow strength and courage on those on our own side. Clarey conceived and wrote the book with the goal of it being used to deprogram teenagers and their parents, and save them from the conventional wisdom that education, education and still more education is the key to success. And this is where the book grows from more than just a fun and entertaining rip on one of our society's great sacred cows, and becomes an incredibly effective tool you can use to spare your friends and relatives the financial, intellectual and spiritual costs of worthless education.

you can and WILL read more here.

Press the Attack Forward, Men

May 26, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Short story, then I'll get back to having fun.

I'm at a country bar right now. Place is packed. "Beatrice" who is 89 years old comes up and asks me to dance,

not once,

not twice

but thrice

She is happy as all hell to be dancing.

I find out she's was a WWII vet, part of the women's Air Corps. Worked on B-25's or B-19's, I can't remember which, the music was loud. Grin ear to ear when we're dancing.

Then I ask a 24 year old if she wants to dance. She says yes, fights me every inch of the way while I'm trying to lead, and then when I want to move across the floor (2 stepping) she says, "no, I don't want to go out there!" and she ***walks off the floor telling me to ask her friend to dance in the middle of the bleeping song***.

Not terribly surprised, I return to my laptop, but then, you know me. Me and my "cynical theories" about modern day women compared to their older WWII idealistic counterparts. Certainly nothing there but spurious anecdotal evidence.

Regardless, I just had to know.

So I walk up to the 24 year old and I ask her what she does for a living.

Anybody want to guess?

Engineer? Pilot? Accountant? Surgeon? Military?

Nope!

"Elementary school teacher."

Heh heh.

Continue the attack men, continue that bleeping attack until they all start to act and behave like true women, just like Beatrice. I'll take an 89 year old WWII vet over a overpaid baby sitter any day, because that is a REAL woman. Not some naive ditz that couldn't handle algebra 2 and found commensurate taxpayer-paid employment.

Post post Lieutenants! Beatrice let me get a picture!

Enjoy the Decline

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Hey hey hey. You watch it with the plagiarism young man!

Regardless, you will visit. You will obey. You will conform. Compliance is not optional. Conformance is mandatory.

Captain's Jazz Lounge - Charles Mingus

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But I'm Just an Idiot

May 28, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Read this.

Then read this.

But whatever you do, don't listen to me. No, I don't know what I'm talking about. I'm an idiot and on top of it, I have no gray hair. Me and the likes of me have not the ability or the youthful idealism and vision to revolutionize economies to the point our little debt problems would be squashed mercilessly into oblivion by massive economic growth. And we wouldn't want that. So whatever you do, don't listen to me and I hope you like cheap nursing homes because the status quo is your god.

Why Saint Frick Doesn't Pay Minneapolis Property Taxes Anymore

May 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

“The kids eat a lot of junk already, and they get it at home,” said Nakisha Tyus, a mother of two. “If kids can get a better meal at the park, who better to give it to them then the city.”

The Perfect Graduation Gift

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Graduation is coming up. Lots of little kinder will be graduating and off to bigger and better things. Matter of fact many of you probably have little kinder graduating or even nieces, nephews or neighborhood kids you've seen grow up over the years. Regardless, the question is what do you get them for a graduation gift? Very simple. "Worthless."

My regular readers already know what Worthless is about, but for those of you unfamiliar with the book it is THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK high school and college-age kids can read. It IS the perfect graduation gift and I do not say that out of hyperbole or salesmanship. I say it because I believe it's true. "Worthless" ***is*** the perfect graduation gift.

The reason why is very simple. Millions of kids make a huge and life-destroying decision every year - they major in a worthless subject. Take your emotions or feelings out of it. In today's economy, we really cannot afford the luxury of sparing their feelings and lying to them, saying,

"*Hey kid, follow your heart and the money will follow. You're going to be a great French Art History major!*"

as we nervously put on a fake smile hiding our concern.

The amount of money they (or you) are going to spend on tuition, not to mention the sheer volume of their youth they will spend pursuing a degree, can NOT be wasted simply because nobody had the courage to tell the kids the truth about economics and the realities of the labor market.

But you don't have to. The book will do it for it you.

"Worthless" explains first and foremost to the reader that the reason somebody got them this book is because that person really cares about them. And while it may not be what they want to hear, they will end up appreciating it in the future. "Worthless" also goes into detail and explains in clear, understandable language the economics behind the labor market, showing the reader how and why some degrees are worthwhile and others are literally worthless.

The book is $13 in paperback and only $5 on Kindle. A miniscule fraction of the tuition and time costs of earning a four year degree. Because of its potential to prevent kids from making a VERY costly mistake, the cheap price practically compels you to at least consider it.

So do a graduate you care about a huge favor. Buy them "Worthless" for a graduation gift. And if you're so kind, do me a favor and simply spread the word by sending people this post.

God Hates Communists

May 30, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This will make your day if you're having a bad one. It will also make your day if you're having a good one. It will just plain make your day if you work for a living, love America and freedom, insist only citizens should vote and in general and hate parasites.

The Manosphere

May 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Welcome to The Manosphere!

I'm your lovable host Cappy Cap and I'm here to give you a basic break down and introduction to "The Manosphere" and the blogs that populate it therein.

The Manosphere has no one specific origin, but its manifestation can largely be attributed to the internet making it possible for men to compare notes and realize one thing:

"No, we're not crazy."

Understand, up until the internet, most men, as well as young boys, intuitively knew something was wrong. We had a hunch. But we could never prove it. We were only relegated to our own experiences in our own local neighborhoods which led us to believe that not only was this phenomenon a local affair, but forced us to conclude that if there were any problems we had with dating, courtship, and our general social/sexual interaction with women it had to be our fault. We were to blame. We were not "aggressive enough" "too aggressive" "not sensitive enough" "too sensitive" all the while our single moms and society kept telling us "you're just not looking in the right places" or (my all time favorite) "maybe YOU just attract the wrong type of girl."

Of course, now since the advent of the internet thousands of men have compared notes, shared stories and made various philosophical, political, economic and even scientific observations, resulting in the millions of pages of wisdom that compose The Manosphere today. These millions of pages are slowly coalescing into theories, laws, and rules that make for an entertaining social "science." But most importantly this body of work has provided clarity, guidance and an explanation as to what has happened to society since the feminist revolution of the 70's, making it so that current and future generations of young boys needn't wander through the clueless hellish wilderness their predecessors did. We introduce a (GASP) MALE INFLUENCE into the traditionally "feminist" dominated discussion about how the sexes should interact and behave. We make it perfectly acceptable to voice politically incorrect and unpopular opinions when it comes to the sexes. We provide guidance to young boys, young men, and disillusioned men to turn around and improve their lives. We expose what is an evil and purposed agenda of feminists. We fight for freedom, America, truth, reality and liberty. We essentially supply the modern day male version of "Cosmo," "People Magazine," "Glamor" women have had for 50 years, but we replace the mindless drivel with intelligent, constructive and reality based thought and logic.

In short it is the first real haven for all men across the world to go to, be themselves, and

think for themselves. And for modern day feminists it means the jig is up.

There is no core or nucleus to The Manosphere as it is truly open source, nor is there any "mission statement." The blogs that compose that Manosphere range quite widely, including women authors, just as much as they do men (because a lot of women actually do love the men in their lives enough to care about them). However, they all have one thing in common - they are here to help.

Help how?

By destroying and exposing the lies foisted upon you, me and everybody else for the past 50 years - primarily by feminists - about how men and women "should be" instead of accepting how we actually are.

Naturally, there's a lot of backlash and controversy surrounding The Manosphere. People politically invested in trying to get men and women to ignore their basic sexuality, desires and impulses hate us because we threaten their gravy train (what job would feminists have if women were actually programmed to like and support men?). Young women who benefit financially and socially by manipulating relationships, marriage and courting, merely to extract billions of dollars in free drinks or trillions of dollars in divorce courts every year. Entire government agencies (their employees and union members of which depend HEAVILY upon having a government check replace fathers and husbands) hate us as well. The legal system is also not fond of us and our bachelor-like non-marrying ways. Socialists and communist despise us as we insist on independence, freedom and small government. And (frankly) millions of men and women whose fragile feelings we shatter every day with reality also hate us.

But that's just the thing. Reality.

The Manosphere, if anything else, is a backlash of men who just plain got sick and tired of being lied to about how society "should work," how we "should" behave, and what we "should" want. It is also a backlash of being lied to about the realities of the psycho-socio-sexual dynamics between men and women (for example we are shamed if we don't like fat chicks no matter how viscerally and biologically we are disgusted by them). It is also a backlash as we see America, Western Civilization and our culture not just being mocked, ridiculed and villainized, but being destroyed.

And now, in true traditional male form, daddy's coming home and he's pissed. A lot of men in The Manosphere worked hard with nothing to show for it. They did all the right things, but they're still divorced, unemployed, underemployed, in debt, living in or near poverty and thus have nothing left to lose. As they look for an explanation they'll find it, they will take "The Red Pill" (a vernacular you will see commonly), and they will respond by voicing their opinions in The Manosphere with little to no regard for political, economic

or employment consequences because, once again, they have nothing left to lose.

Therefore as you explore and read through The Manosphere you will see a lot of anger, crass language, cursing, and vulgarity. You will also see a heavy-handed truth being laid down. Uncomfortable truths. Politically incorrect truths. And truths that make people angry. However, The Manosphere doesn't care about your feelings, your political motivations, your ulterior motives or maintaining a status quo. We are just concerned about one thing:

Truth.

The truth, or as I like to call it "The Reality Principle," is very simple - if people base their decisions in reality, it will prove much more beneficial for everyone in that our decisions will be effective. A classic example is a re-visitation of the fat girl. However, first please dispense your natural reaction to call me evil, mean or shallow for talking about "fat chicks." Ask yourself what is the reality of the situation.

The reality is men don't like fat chicks.

What's the REALITY-BASED solution?

Hound and shame men for decades about them being shallow cads for liking skinny chicks in the hopes you change their genetic programming that has been developing for millions of years?

Or

Just lose the freaking weight?

Also ask yourself what is the outcome to the reality-based solution of the woman losing weight vs. the hounding-shaming option? The reality-based solution is two people who are happier. The non-reality based one is no one being happy.

Whatever the example, The Manosphere's obsession with truth is not to "gain an upper hand" over women in the battle of the sexes. Nor is it for some ulterior political motive. And no, it really isn't to insult or hurt people. It is merely to make the best decisions possible by basing them in the real world to make EVERYBODY (women too) happy.

Now I could go on as there are many other facets to The Manosphere, but I believe the above in general covers what The Manosphere is about (and certainly up for debate by other members of The Manosphere). However, in addition to an introduction to The Manosphere permit me to provide you a bit of a guide or a map to The Manosphere, highlighting various categories and members (please submit any you suggest, also

understand I have merely categorized these blogs, not vetted them).

Female Manosphere Bloggers

Yes, we have them! I started with them to immediately dismiss the 100%-guaranteed-accusation that The Manosphere is sexist or misogynist. Though the term is MANosphere, understand there are a lot of women who didn't drink the feminist kool aid and actually LIKE MEN! They have husbands, brothers, fathers, sons, uncles and nephews, and heck, some of them just have male friends they all love and care about. They also realize that men account for half the population AND they also like to engage and enjoy the company of men. Be it romantically, socially or through their families.

They also never swallowed whole the BS that a traditional "woman's role" was somehow shameful or to be looked down upon. They are happy and proud to be stay at home mothers. They are happy to be housewives. And even though some of them aren't married or stay at home moms and are more career gals, they never ONCE would look down upon women nor belittled the importance of a stable, nuclear family to children and society.

Allow me to introduce:

Smalldeadanimals
Booksbikesboomsticks
Dr. Helen
Hooking Up Smart
The Thinking Housewife
Grerp
Haley's Halo
Fullofgraceseasonedwithsalt
Kathy Shaidle
Ema the Emo
Joan of Arggh!
Clarissa's Blog
Shining Pearls of Something
Verus Conditio
Owning Your Shit
Red Pill Wifey

and I'd also recommend this tutorial for women on the Manosphere.

Divorce/Marriage/Religious Bloggers

From here The Manosphere dissects into different subsegments or "specialties." Perhaps

most notable is the Divorce/Marriage/Religious Group. They are not just a support group for divorced men or men going through legal troubles in terms of custody, alimony or child support, but also an advice group for married people with a twinge of religion added in there.

Allow me to introduce:

The Spearhead
Dalrock
Christian Men's Defense Network
Shrink4men
Married Man Sex Life
Gaming My Wife
A Voice for Men
Free Northerner
Wintery Knight
Elusive Wapiti
Complementarian Loners
Vitas Brennus
The Woman and the Dragon
A Voice for Men

Then there are generalist sites that provide readers with advice on everyday things and all that is being manly. Working out, health, diet dating. Everything that is being a man.

Allow me to introduce:

The Art of Manliness
Hawaiian Libertarian
Freedom 25
Matt Forney
The Professor
Bold and Determined
The G Manifesto
Post Masculine
Sober Down Under
ManfortheAges
Viva La Manosphere!

Economics and Political Philosophy

Part of being a man means you're independent. That becomes harder and harder when feminists, communists and socialists brainwash the little kinder into voting for more and

more government involvement into our personal lives. Additionally, as you'll find out, "feminism" really isn't about helping women as much as it is a Trojan horse for communism. Thus since freedom, wealth, profit, excellence and economic progress are not just key to a true man's ideology, but also under assault, the Manosphere has a subsegment on economics and political philosophy

Allow me to introduce you to:

Delusional Damage
Save Capitalism
Rational Male
Smallest Minority
Heretics Way
Apocalypse Cometh
No Ma'am
Red Pill Room
Real Free Market
ManWomanMyth
Dolnak
The Red Pill Room
GL Piggy
RedPill reddit
and of course me, Cappy Cap

PUA/Gaming Community

If there was a core or a kernel to The Manosphere, it got its origins from the "Pick Up Artist" or "Gaming" Community. These blogs arose from the painfully obvious fact that what we were told women wanted (by women, single moms, and female friends) were just outright lies. Naturally, doing what we were told didn't work and so developed a completely new and revolutionary approach - we experimented doing the complete opposite and it worked. There is much more to it than that, and the science has refined itself, but the "gaming" section of The Manosphere is MANDATORY READING for all boys who either had no father, had an emasculated man as a father or had a single mom bring up up telling you girls liked "sensitive men" and "poetry" and other communist propagandist drivel like that.

Allow me to introduce:

Roissy (arguably the Godfather and creator of The Manosphere)
Rooshv
Fred on Everything (though people also claim Fred was the predecessor)
Tom Leykis (radio show version of The Manosphere)

The University of Man
Fly Fresh & Young
Badger
Danger and Play
The Private Man
Kane
Vox Day
Keoni Galt
Tenmagnet

A warning to all of you who read the above links. These are MANosphere blogs. There will be cursing, crass and lewd words used. It's locker room talk. If you're shocked by that and feel the need to "NARC" on them and get these people in trouble with their employers, then ask yourself the questions:

1. Is it your right to force your perception of what's "appropriate" on men?
2. How pathetic of a person are you that you have to go and tattle tale on them?

MGTOW

Another interesting segment is MGTOW or "Men Going Their Own Way." These guys have checked out. They're gone. You won't see them, they've gone ghost. Some would call them bitter, however, their numbers suggest this is more than a group of guys who had enough, grabbed their toys and went home. Additionally, their philosophy is not one of "I'm taking my toys and going home." It's one of "I'm finite, I'm going to die, and I'm not going to be in a miserable marriage with kids I can't afford and the daily fear of getting divorced. I'm hopping on my motorcycle, climbing mountains, going fishing, starting a business and living a full and unique life before I die."

Allow me to introduce you to:

MGTOW
Barbarossa
Bernard Chapin
RockingMrE
girlwriteswhat
Bill Burr
MarkyMark
Buster B
Mirror of the Soul
Angry Harry

Finally I would also recommend reading RooshV's essay on The Manosphere as well as

The Misandry Bubble as, like here, they also try to provide a top down view of The Manosphere. No Ma'am also has a large archive you may wish to consult. Also for a woman's perspective (who is protective of her son) you may want to consult this.
And finally not really a "MAN"ifesto, but more of a declaration of what the true aim of the Manosphere is.

Hopefully, for those of you unfamiliar with or conducting research about The Manosphere this little post and directory provides you the basics as well as a good overview. Again, this is just my humble corner and take on it, and opinions will vary, but hopefully this will prove to be a good launching point for your introduction and exploration of The Manosphere.

How Dumb Are You Keynesians?

May 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ka-ripes.

I Spy With My Little Eye

May 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A reason this woman had to marry herself.

Anybody else see what I see?

I'll give you another clue from another woman who married herself.

I laugh thinking how when I was younger I thought I was the one with the problems.

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Nick Keith is a Moron

May 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

But his dad is smart.

Noticed, however, how they villainize the father.

Heck, if Keith's dad wants to pay my way through engineering school, sign me up!

Christ, 36 years old and 8 YEARS IN CULINARY SCHOOL??????

Now Those Are Classy Dames

June 1, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ha-YOOOOOGE language warning!

However, INCREDIBLY funny, only to be outdone by its wittiness and its macabre acknowledgement of reality.

Enjoy that decline, boys. Keep on enjoying that freaking decline!

From Our Muslim Agent in the Field

June 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If there is a price tag to replacing fathers and husbands with government checks, this is it.

But that's alright. Remember, we don't need no stiiiiiiiinking fathers!

Besides, think of all the social work jobs criminals create for all those women majoring in "psychology" or "social work." Why, if people were responsible and stayed at home to take care of their children, then children wouldn't grow up to become criminals and then we wouldn't have all these social work/government program jobs. And we can't have that now can we.

Hey, you crazy kids enjoy that decline!

GDP Yield Per Dollar in Education Spending

June 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Permit me a chart that will probably go down in Cappy Cap history as one of my more important ones:

Now lend me your ears, especially you "the children are our future" hypocrites who have no shame in abusing the children when it comes time to protecting your overpaid jobs. I want to make sure your ear drums burst.

WE SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY ON EDUCATION!!!!!!

Period.

End of discussion.

Truth as truth can only be told.

Of course, I can't assume that everybody reading this post is a regular Cappy Cap reader and therefore doesn't need a hand-holding explanation of the chart above, so let me explain to you in simple terms the wonderful economics lesson the above chart tells us all and the ramifications of it.

The above chart is quite simple. It shows us "GDP Yielded per Dollar in Education Spending." Or, in other words, "How much GDP is produced for every dollar we spend on education."

It is a measure of the efficiency and effectiveness of our education system in that it essentially shows us our return on investment in education.

Notice in the olden days we could expect that for every dollar we "invested" in the precious little children, we could expect about $32 in economic production in return. It peaked during WWII where we almost doubled that rate of return, and even during the great depression it had a trough of $21. But still the average was reasonably high.

In the 50's our ROI for education averaged in the upper $20's, but then in the 60's it started a very measured and deliberate decline. This decline continues today where we get LESS THAN HALF OUR OLD SCHOOL RETURN - $14.52. The cause of this decline I presume was that blessed, wonderful and highly ineffective "Great Society."

Whatever the cause, the fact still remains that education has been suffering a phenomenon economists like to call "Diminishing Marginal Utility" or "Diminishing

Returns."

Or in English - "We ain't getting our bang for our buck."

It is here, no doubt, liberals, leftists, socialists, communists and other economic parasites will try to change reality, redefine words, and tender touchy feely arguments that are not based in reality or logic. However, for those people, allow me to do you the favor of tendering your arguments for you because I know you so well because I know your ulterior goals and motives:

1. "*Well education isn't all about the money. It's about becoming a well-rounded person. It's an experience*" *etc. etc. touchyfeelygarbage, touchyfeelygarbage.*

2. "People don't get an education just so they can go and work. They do it so they can enhance their intellect and lives. You don't want a bunch of dumb people running around the country, do you? You want a place where everybody is smart like us in San Francisco or New York."

But, if you can stand to be as open-mined and as intelligent as you hypocrites all claim you are, permit me not a counter-argument, but reality.

1. BS. The amount of money students, their parents and taxpayers spend on education, you damn well better believe money matters. When people blow $100,000 on a college degree, unless you're some spoiled pampered brat whose parent can afford it, you are CRIPPLING YOUR ECONOMIC FUTURE. Liberal or conservative. Capitalist or parasite. Your political ideology and naivete does not matter as that $100,000 in student debt will destroy you and your future regardless.

2. The government (which means me and the dwindling percent of the population who actually produce something on value in this country) pay for 75% of all educational spending. That's right, other people are paying for the majority of your education.

READ

WE HAVE EVERY GOD DAMNED RIGHT TO DEMAND A RATE OF RETURN

AND

WE HAVE EVERY GOD DAMNED RIGHT TO <u>DEMAND THAT OUR MONEY IS SPENT WISELY ON DEGREES AND EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO GENUINE ECONOMIC PRODUCTION AND NOT FINANCE SOME BLEEPING HOBBY DEGREE LIKE SOCIOLOGY, WOMEN'S STUDIES AND WHATEVER OTHER DEGREES YOU LEFTISTS</u>

PURSUE THAT ARE VOID OF MATH, RIGOR AND PURPOSE.

Of course, ultimately, I know this is not a debate. I know that this is falling on deaf ears which relegates this post for posterity. Debates require both sides to have theories, ***but*** no proof or evidence, which results in speculation, logic, thought and an attempt to convince the other person to see it their way. Debate also requires intellectual honesty of both parties. This is instead one of two things:

A **psychological problem** in which people who "argue" otherwise simply are psychologically impaired and cannot accept fact, data, statistics or truth (aka-ignorance, delusional).

Or

A **problem of evil**. Where people who "argue" otherwise know full well I, and millions of others are right, but know to indignantly feign disagreement so they can continue to unfairly milk the system for their advantage at our expense.

And so for those of you who are evil, know that you're not fooling any one.

And for those of you who are ignorant, know that we no longer care to discern between the two because the costs to us are the same.

Amazing

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Absolutely amazing.

My brain has so been brainwashed to see things differently in the past via black and white films that even though I KNOW the human eye 100 years ago saw the same colors, people and landscapes I do today, I can't imagine people 100 years ago seeing anything besides black and white...or my dad seeing anything that wasn't tinted 1970's yellow.

Still, click on the pictures. My favorite is the dog. It shows things have not changed at all with dogs.

Crusders are Jerks

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Crusaderism is a psychological disease I discovered long ago. Oh, mock me if you will, and claim, "how can you, an economist, have a gall to say you discovered a psychological disorder?" But in due time, a real psychologist will discover it, give it some kind of official name, and then people will say,

"Ha! THAT??? POTUS Cappy discovered that about 50 years ago!"

However, since I've pointed out crusaderism and explained what it is, more and more people are being able to identify instances of it and are starting to see the deadly serious ramifications.

One of these not-so deadly ramifications is that crusaders are indeed jerks.

The tone of the article is one of "surprise" or "shock." To find out that people who participate in crusades are also highly correlated with being a jerk. People who study crusaderism, however, would not find this surprising at all. The reason why is that crusders are, if anything, incredibly selfish and lazy people. They put themselves first and find easy ways to give themselves self-worth and value. I won't go into detail, but you can see all the detail about crusaderism here, but take two people as an example:

The urban, masters degree intellectual who shops at Whole Foods. Does s/he have a masters in engineering? no. Probably a masters in art history or something like that. Drives a Prius, doesn't have a real job, relies on the taxpayer in one way or another for his/her income. KNOWS deep down inside they majored in sociology because they are too lazy to do math, and don't really contribute anything of value to society. AND SO by "going green" (which takes nothing and avoids math) they can claim not only are they doing something of value, they are superior to you cretins that shop at Wal-Mart.

vs.

The humble Asian student who is studying electrical engineering. S/he works hard, drives a beat up Toyota, studies advanced mathematics and electronics everyday, will inevitably build the processors to the computers on the GPS on the urban masters candidate's Prius, but can't afford as of yet a Prius, let alone overpriced food at Whole Foods or Starbucks. They go on to get a great job at Unisys, they pull in $250,000 and are then accused of being evil rich people that must pay more in taxes for the urban masters degreed dweller to "help" poor people or "the chillllldreeeeennnnnn."

Quite frankly, who would you rather hang out with? Obviously the poor Asian kid because

they are intellectually honest. They are true to themselves. They are real men and women of strong moral caliber and you can expect them to treat you with the same courtesy. The other person is just an intellectually dishonest hypocrite and cover it up as much as they try with "buying the right food" or "driving the right car" or "voting for the right candidate" their personality will still shine through and show them to be the assholes they genuinely are.

hat tip

Nice Suit

June 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

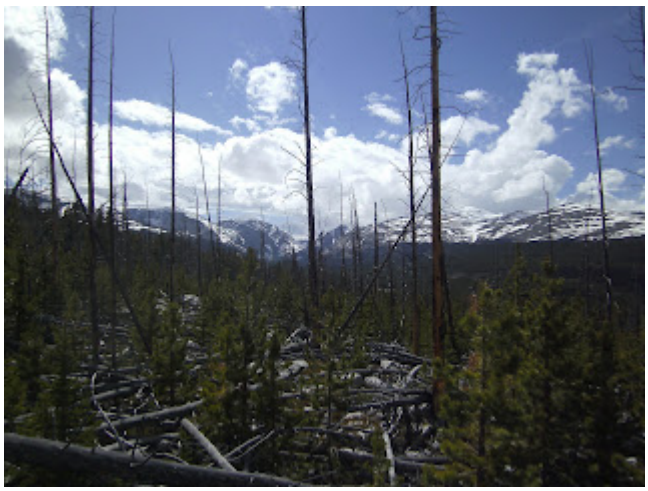
I've been catching up on my full DVD series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." Among the many other things I like about the show, the fashion is one of those things. Thought this suit looked incredibly sharp.

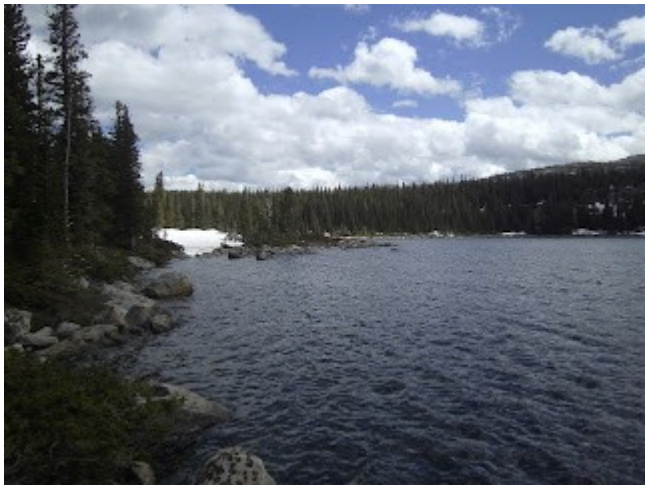
Seven Brothers Lakes

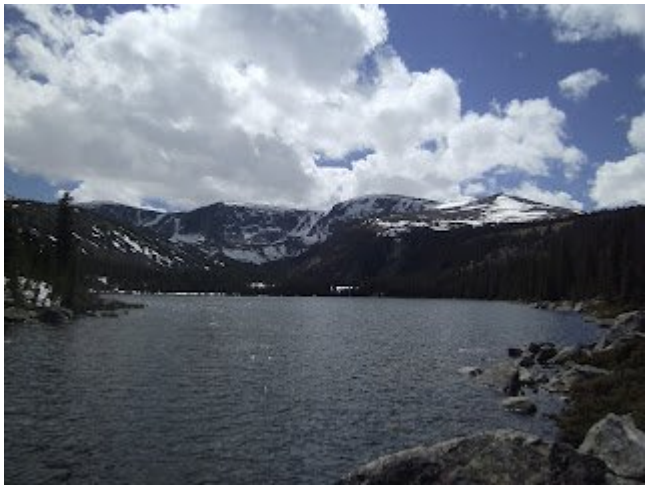
June 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

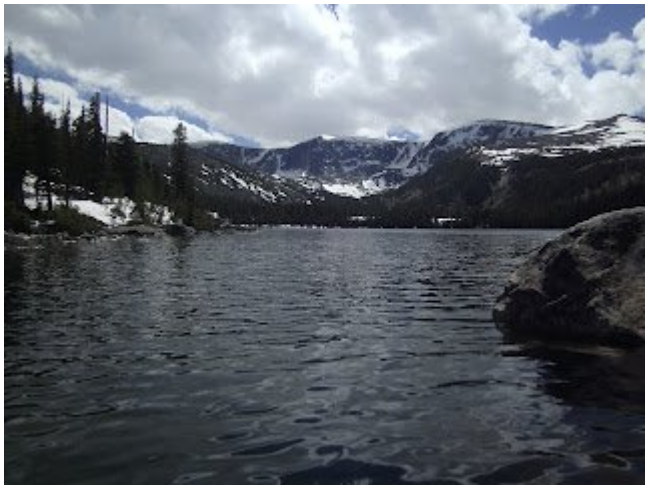
I revisited the Big Horn Mountains this weekend on account they are really tall mountains whereas the Black Hills are much shorter. Hiked to "Seven Brother's Lakes." Only saw 6 of them. However I did see a moose and a beaver.

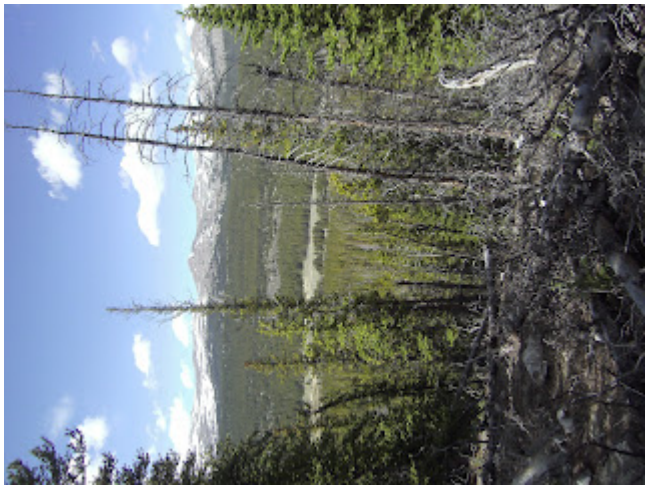
Remember kids, you can work and pay taxes, or you can just umm....not.











Politically Incorrect Recession Medicine

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I told you it was politically incorrect.

File your complaints with somebody else for not listening to my warnings.

Advertising on the Tom Leykis Show

June 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As some of you may or may not know, I ran a spot for "Worthless" on the Tom Leykis Show.

Tom's show is no longer on radio, but on the internet, and for those of you familiar with "Blog Talk Radio" and other such formats, you know the jury is still out whether or not a "radio show" can be done over the internet.

Well, I'm here to tell you that not only can it be done, but that I also believe internet-based radio shows will prove to be more revolutionary and effective than most people would imagine.

First, Tom's first month back on the air got him a listenership of 400,000 people. That is amazing because even when I had a "regular" talk radio show, I think I got 3 or 4 people to tune in.

Second, his audience is not relegated or limited to FCC regulations or contracts or syndication. It's available to anybody in the world, period.

Third, because it's internet radio, and there is comparably lower costs to launch an internet show than there is a regular radio show, people like you and me can afford advertising and reach a similar, if not, larger audience.

As proof, your humble Captain spent a mere $500 on getting one month's worth of advertising on The Tom Leykis Show. I spent THREE TIMES that amount on a LOCAL, NON-PRIME TIME regular radio show for my first book. The results?

I had $1,500 in sales the month my spot ran on The Tom Leykis Show.

I sold a whopping 6 books when my spot ran on the regular radio show.

Now there is much more to advertising on internet based radio shows, as I believe it will play a vital role in the future of The Manosphere (and post you will NOT want to miss), but for now, understand one simple thing:

The Tom Leykis Show, as far as I can tell, is the single biggest asset entrepreneurs such as you and me have.

Did all my sales come from Tom's show? No, of course not. Many of you have been kind enough to promote "Worthless" and I sincerely appreciate it. But I certainly made my

money back, meaning advertising on the Tom Leykis Show is a wise investment.

If you haven't done it, go there now and e-mail Gary or call 818-52-RADIO.

They did not pay me or ask me to do this. This is a genuine endorsement of his show.

Your Child is NOT Your "Legacy"

June 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Of the common lies told to you by people scared of life (which I will make a post on later) one of them is that somehow there is value or importance in carrying on a name or leaving your genetic material behind in the form of a child. And commonly I am asked when people find out I had a vasectomy;

"Don't you want to leave a legacy behind?"

I look at them funny, because I'm curious what they believe the definition of "legacy" to be. So obviously, it's time for another lesson.

Understand simply doing what an estimated 50 billion humans have been doing for the past 2 million years (breeding) is nothing great, nothing grandiose, and nothing special. I don't care how many "baby showers" there are or how many trillions of dollars are spent, or how precious you think you're little baby is.

Humans are INCREDIBLY common

INCREDIBLY numerous

and none of us in the universal sense are special.

Having said that though, what I don't understand is when people have a kid, in terms of their own personal legacy they seem to forfeit their individuality and any dreams they may have had, and instead focus on the child. Now understand I am NOT saying that if you bring a child into the world, your first and foremost responsibility should not be that child. It should be. What I'm saying is the instance a couple has a child, it's as if 100% of their own personal achievements now have no meaning. How so many people now pride themselves off of simply bringing another human being into the world, and then like a tired runner, "eh, that's far enough. I've exercised enough for the day."

Forget climbing Mt. Everest.
Forget starting that company.
Forget white water rafting in Colorado.
Forget the 3 month vacation in the south of Europe.
And forget that book you always wanted to write.

My life is defined by my ability to test the temperature of Gerber food.

Now, before I go on, I want to discern very clearly what my criticism is here.

It is not "having children." It is not, "whooping up the DINK lifestyle." It is not "mocking people who have children."

It is a genuine question of curiosity - "What changes in people when they have a kid that they now think their legacy is limited to, defined by and embodied in that kid?"

Or another way to put it,

"Why does the focus of one's personal legacy go to another human being?"

Now I can't answer these questions (but I welcome other people to try), but what I can do is refocus people's thoughts as to what truly is going to be your legacy, because "legacy" is not what you "feel" it should be. It's going to be what it IS.

In short your legacy is YOURS. YOU will determine YOUR legacy, not your child. It will be your mark on this planet, how you did unique and interesting things specific to you, and how people will remember you by. The fact you had a kid does NOT affect your legacy, simply because they're so common. Having kids is nothing special. But starting a company IS special. Working on art or rebuilding old cars IS special. Writing music, climbing mountains, competing in sports, writing books, heck, there was a guy on "The Tonight Show" who took bird droppings and made jewelry out of them! Those things ARE special.

And the reason I bring it up is really not to mock people who have the ho-hum life and can't understand why I don't want to carry on a last name or leave some of my genes behind. It's to wake those people up and say, "*Hey, buddy, I know you have a kid. But you also have your own unique and interesting life. What do YOU want to do with it? You can't just want to sit around all day doing the same ol', same ol' all the time. You can't think your* ***only*** *purpose in life was to bring that kid into the world? Because, by default logic, what's his/her purpose? Merely to do the same?*"

And it's not even that having a legacy is a mutually exclusive event with having children. If anything it's a complimentary event that enhances both your lives through hobbies. How great would it be to rebuild a classic car with your dad? Or build kites from scratch? Or brew beer together? Or...um...do whatever girly things moms and daughters find interesting. Having a true legacy will only benefit your child.

Of course, maybe I'm being too optimistic for the average American family today. I picture chemistry sets, go karts, writing books, working in the garage on inventions and other 1950s-esque scenes in my mind with a clean cut father with a pipe in his hand passing on his wisdom, skills and inventions. Perhaps I should just accept the average "legacy" will be "your father like baseball" and "your mother liked reading Harlequin romance novels."

19 Drinks, But No Responsibility

June 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Heavy sigh
To quote Tom Leykis, "Yes, I can leave my car running with the doors open in Stockton. Is it illegal for somebody to steal my car. Am I an idiot for leaving the car running with the doors open? Yes."

Wait wait! I know! let's have a "slut walk!" That'll solve the world's problems.

Hat tip.

I Told You Law Degrees Are Worthless

June 5, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When you major in the liberal arts you have three options after you graduate;

1. Work at McDonalds
2. Get a masters in your field and work at McDonald's
3. Go to law school and then still go work for McDonald's.

The concept that being a lawyer is a sign of success is ancient history belonging to the days of the 1930's. Today all you liberal arts majors went to "law school" because you knew you could avoid math there and now there's a flood of you hitting the market.

Look, I know you blew $150,000 on a law degree, but could you maybe spend $13 of that and at least find out why you can't get a job as a lawyer?

$700 Billion in Dating Wealth Transfers

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Dalrock had an interesting piece about a woman who had 50 dates in 6 months, and another who had 100 dates in a year, but still couldn't find "the right guy." Naturally he focused on "choice addiction" whereas my biased mind wandered in the realm of economics.

"*How much money are guys forking over for these girls? I mean, how much in non-taxable income is that? It's certainly significant!*"

So off to the Excel spreadsheet I went to do some very rough back-of-napkin economics.

Most women, we will admit, do not get 100 dates a year, let alone 50. But I think it's safe to say the average woman will have 10 dates a year.

The dates I estimate cost more than the $5 el-cheapo movie you could afford in college, vs. the $120 fine wine and dining night out when you're in your upper income tax bracket. Let's say $50 just for s's and g's.

But wait! Women do go dutch sometimes! Yes, "sometimes." I'll say 20% of the time based on personal experience (unless somebody can cite a government database that tracks this), netting out a $10 per date subsidy by the dutch going dames. Net cost to the guy per date $40.

How many years does the average woman date? Well in the olden days, maybe 5-10. But given dating starts around 14, average age of first marriage is 28, so 14 years. BUT WAIT! Let's not forget divorce, allowing people to pleasure of going out dating again! 7 year itch, plus 28, woman is back on the market at 35, 20 years until she's 55 and more or less off the dating market forever. 14 + 20 = 34. Let's just call it 35 to account for the R-Hamster Effect.

So in the end, the average woman can expect to get $14,000 over the course of her life in free food, movies, drinks and other forms of entertainment. I actually think that's a little low, but I'll just stick with my methodology.

Final factor to account for is the number of women dating at any given moment. I'm too lazy to look up demographic data and population distribution over age. Let's call it 50,000,000 or 1/3 the current female population.

Total bill = $700 billion.

Sound about right?

My question is whether or not we ought to start factoring in these income and wealth transfers when calculating the "wage gap."

The 2nd Most Arrogant Assumption You MUST Make

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I have said it before, and I'll say it again, when you keep failing at a particular task the only person to blame is you. You tried, you failed, and therefore the blame is solely on you. You need to go back, train more, try harder and keep failing until you succeed.

This rule or "law" or whatever you want to call it, is simply commonsense. You are the independent variable. You are the one that needs to improve. You are the sole entity to blame if there is failure

...except in life there are two rare instances where you will NOT be to blame.

One of those instances is for the young and now full-grown adult men who in their youth failed time and time again when it came to interacting with the opposite sex on social, romantic or sexual grounds. You tried, you failed. It's your fault.

You tried, you failed again. It's your fault.

You trained, tried harder, failed harder. It's your fault.

You changed tactics, experimented, tried really hard, and failed really bad. It's your fault.

You went all out, trying crazy new tactics, rehashing old ones, put yourself in your best physical shape, invested thousands of man-hours, burned millions of calories and failed even more spectacularly than Lehman Brothers. It's your fault.

And after anywhere from 10-25 years of failure (depending on how independent minded you were), you inevitably started daring to ask a VERY arrogant question:

"*What if there's nothing wrong with me, but something wrong with everybody else?*"

Understand why this is a very arrogant question. For something to be wrong with EVERYBODY ELSE, and NOT wrong with the SOLE INDIVIDUAL implies:

1. You are somehow brilliant or very special.
2. You are also so brilliant you are smarter or better than everybody else
3. Something has universally infected other people, while sparing you, putting you into "black helicopte,r" conspiracy theory territory.

At first you fight this thought that let this possibility enter your mind. And you go back to

banging your head against the drawing board to try another thousand slight permutations or variant of approaches to attract some lass. But in the end, by the sheer volume of approaches, experiences, experiments, self-inflection and years of human life spent trying to "succeed" at this challenge, your mind is tortured into forcibly accepting the only remaining explanation:

"*No, there's nothing wrong with me. There IS INDEED something wrong with everybody else on a societal level. Don't know what it is, but by god, it's not me!*"

Some people call it taking the red pill. (I, however, think to go through the torture yourself and have the courage to make this assumption WITHOUT the benefit of The Manosphere to lay it all out for you, deserves some other title - but that is an aside, NOR is it meant to belittle people who did take the red pill). Whatever we decide to call it, once we entertain this arrogant assumption, it is amazing how everything falls into place and makes sense. NOT because it conveniently benefits us or merely excuses and rationalizes our failures in the past. But because IT DOES EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

It's akin to fighting on the ground, having no idea where whose lines are, getting shelled left and right, being driven insane by chaos, and then magically being transported to a command center where you have crystal clear satellite imagery with friendlies being tagged with beacons and enemies being tagged by heat signatures, AND proving your hunches were indeed correct all along.

It just took you the arrogance to make such an assumption to get this bird's eye view and save your sanity.

Now, focus all we want on The Manosphere, that is not the topic I'm talking about today. For there is going to come the time many of you, if not all of us, are going to have to man-up again and once again question,

"*Is it me, or is there something wrong with everybody else?*"

but in a different sphere.

And I'll give you a hint - this has nothing to do with the sexes. Women will have to ask this question too because we're all going to have the honor of being in the same machine-gun strafed boat here.

Anybody get it yet?

Bueller? Bueller?

Alright, I'll tell you.

We're ALL going to have to gin up the courage to ask this question when it comes to our relationship with employers:

"*Is it me, or is there something wrong with the employers in the US?*"

Again, the two issues parallel each other very closely.

If you have a hard time being reliably employed, you have failed. There MUST be something wrong with you.

You try working for multiple employers, try multiple tactics, you'll still fail. Therefore there MUST BE something wrong with YOU.

You try really hard, volunteer to work more, take on different projects, suggest new ideas and innovations. You still fail (hell, you'll get punished for thinking of new ideas). Therefore there MUST be something wrong with you.

And dare you start to suggest or theorize there's something structurally, fundamentally, or universally wrong with employers, corporate America and our current system of employment/labor market, then you are just (fill in the blank)

....not a team player
....a disgruntled employee
....a slow learner
....somebody who just doesn't "get it"
....a bad employee
....somebody who's just lazy

Never mind you are willing to work hard.

Never mind you did all the right things, got the right degree, got the right certification.

Never mind you came up with ideas that would have saved the company money, or crushed the competition, or heck, saved the entire US economy.

No, there's most DEFINITELY something wrong with YOU, and those crafty HR "generalists" with their scripted "pure-extract of inane" interview questions will be able to smoke you out without you knowing it (even though they themselves have gone through three divorces, 47 failed relationships, host 3 cats as pets, and are the world's worst judges of character).

And, much like you were veritably forced to have the arrogant epiphany about courting

when you were 25, you will have to come to the same arrogant conclusion about the realities of the labor market and employer-employee relationships in America. And just like me and a handful of people that have gone before you, you will realize once you make this assumption, you'll see employment and employers for what they are and hereafter be able to make better decisions.

Of course, humility and modesty may intimidate you from making such an arrogant assumption. However, permit me to make several observations about corporate America that may convince you that there is indeed something fundamentally dysfunctional about modern day employers and that, no, you're not a bad employee, and no, you're not insane.

First, let's look at HR. I could write a book about HR, but we'll instead focus on the fact that HR is dominated by women which cannot be overlooked and draws many parallels between The Manosphere "world" and the "working world." Much like dating, women are predisposed to believe that they are the prize and you are lucky if you get the honor to date her. You have to do all the leg work, you have to beg and plead, and if you prove yourself worthy, you will be rewarded with a date. Applying for a job is the exact same.

HR operates from this exact same premise - that the job is the prize to be won and that you should be honored to even be considered for the position. Matter of fact you should thank her for pelting you with inane questions that have nothing to do with the job or the industry. What they fail to realize, in both instances, is it is a two way street. Not only do applicants need jobs, but companies need labor. Yes, they can take some arrogant liberties with an Obama-induced 8+% unemployment rate, but now that I've taken the "employment red pill" I sit in awe when an HR interviewer asks me with naked arrogance

"So why do you want to work here?"

as if it's a given I want to work there.

When I reply in a deadly serious tone

"Money."

the look on their face or the silence at the other end of the phone is hilarious. But it still proves my point. They PRESUME you are the one at a disadvantage and are the one bargaining from a position of weakness. When in reality, you are merely the other and equally important side of the coin.

Regardless, the point is not whether unemployment breeds arrogance on the part of employers, it's the fact we have to endure something as stupid as the "HR screening interview" in the first place. None of the questions have any predictive value as to the

future performance of an employee. The "best" answers are lies and the furthest thing from the truth. The person conducting the interview is typically clueless about your profession and anything involving math. It does nothing to find and detect the best candidate. And, no, you're not insane for thinking the same. So don't fret it when "HR" doesn't call back. They were never going to in the first place.

Another aspect of HR is that it's "wishlist" for qualities and traits in a candidate for a job is equally impossible as the typical Ameircan woman's "wishlist" for qualities in a man for courtship. I've spoken of it before, but when they're asking for 5 years experience in a software that has only been on the market for 3, you might as well be asking for a bad boy alpha motorcycle riding preacher, who's an animal in the sack, but only after you're married, who's also rich, but never married, and no children, but wants to take care of your 3 children from 4 other guys.

Again, you're not insane when you look at the list of requirements, do some quick math, and realize in the 6 billion people in the world, 1/8th of a person would qualify.

Second, abandon HR and look at the management in general of companies today. Corporate America is no longer headed up by hardened, WWII vets who are ready to propel corporate America to new levels of greatness. It's headed up by hippie Baby Boomers, followed by the ranks of Gen X middle management. The psychology that comes with this is nothing as simple or logical as achieving greatness, or revolutionizing industries, or simply going out, kicking ass and taking names. It's been replaced by people who are more concerned about maintaining the status quo so they can keep their jobs. To run the firm or their division as their own personal fiefdom. And so when a logical, young whipper snapper like you comes in with new ideas, innovations and creations, understand the reason you're getting fired is NOT because your ideas are "wrong" or "stupid," but because they've exposed just how inefficiently the company or division has been managed and your ideas are likely to result in the layoff of the unnecessary fat - ie - your boss and 40% of upper management.

Third, never discount that fact that unlike you and me, the majority of Americans are HORRENDOUS managers of their own personal finances. They racked up debts going to college. They racked up credit card debts in their 20's. They had kids they can't afford. Ergo, they literally cannot afford the luxury you have to speak out and say,

"*Hey, that's a horrible idea! If we introduce that product, then our product will kill 30,000 infants and shave 100,000 kittens!*"

No, they have to shut up, not rock the boat, because they need food on the table and little Jimmy needs braces.

Because of the financial mismanagement of the majority of Americans, understand

corporate America has the luxury of employing millions of yes-men and yes-women.

Oh, you may be right.

And yes, you may save the company in the end.

But you are rocking the boat with your bachelor and bachlorette ways. And if an employer has the choice between hiring somebody who asks difficult and reality based questions, or somebody who is a slave to their debt, and therefore will never question management, they're going to go with the psychologically defeated automoton every time.

And finally, let's not forget that American employers are spineless. They stand for nothing. They fear everything. And instead of adhering to some code of morals or ethics, they instead cower and fear the slightest bit of criticism in fear they may lose .0003% market share. This allows people like lawyers, sue-happy employees, sexual harassment filers, protestors, nepotists, crusaders and the like to essentially make it impossible for a corporation to hire anybody with a brain or slightly opinionated personality. They hire robots, automotons, preferably the heavily indebted type, as they are the ones with the least risk.

Of course, they're the ones with the least amount of creativity and leadership and innovation, but hey, at least we're not getting sued.

In short, the strategy of American employers is no longer that of achieving excellence or dominance in their field. It's no longer going out, doing your best, kicking ass, taking names and crushing the competition. It's one of self preservation and retaining what little fiefdom they have. If you ask any major (or minor) US company what their "growth strategy" is, it's not to create new and amazing products that will obsolete the competition. It's an amazingly lame, "grow the company outside the US while we bribe congress with our lobbyists to introduce legislation that will give us an edge against our competitors."

Now, you combine all these veritable psychoses that are governing US employers and ask yourself one simple question - can a normal person, with logical thought and the desire to work hard and succeed ever possibly stand a chance to survive in an environment like that? You have a dying domestic labor market where everything is outsourced not just to save money on labor costs, but to lower lawsuit/sexual harassment risk. You have people being promoted not based on their intelligence, ideas, innovations or observations, but by the fact they're enslaved to the company because they indebted themselves to the point they literally had to sell their soul and financially whore themselves out which makes them "obedient" (the most sought after trait in America). You have the primary gatekeepers to employment staffed by the world's ditziest, dumbest people asking

questions that have nothing to do with employment, effectively turning away any true leaders, thinkers, innovators, in exchange for somebody who can provide the best rehearsed answer to "have you ever had a difficult situation with an employee? how did you solve it and why?" And the entire thing is being managed by lazy, incompetent aging brats who are so talentless they cannot create their own job security, but instead they must stifle any potential usurpers by maintaining the status quo.

If you consider that, you can't POSSIBLY think there's something "wrong" with you or that somehow you're a bad employee, which only proves my previous case.

Understand, and understand well, that there is nothing wrong with you. You did your best, you did the right thing, you made the right choices, and that's all you can do. If your career is not heading the way you would have liked by now, understand it's not your fault. Even if your boss or former boss lectures you about how you didn't do this minor thing right, or criticizes you on some nebulous grounds of you not having the right "attitude" or not being a "team player," assuming you did the right thing and tried your best, chances are it's more of a criticism of themselves and their inability to lead or make decisions, than it is a legitimate criticism of you.

Yes, this is an arrogant assumption. And yes, it takes a lot of bravado to make such assumptions. But all one has to do is look at the current economic state of the US and realize that is the empirical evidence that you are right. Because if the US economy was booming and US corporate domestic sales were booming, then, yes, you would PROBABLY be in the wrong - the leaders of the various institutions of the US are probably doing something right by the fact the economy is doing well. But since the economy is craptastically stagnant, and the government bankrupt, for employers and various leaders to have the gall to blame their inadequate and incompetent leadership on their employees is laughable. For them to tell you during review time, "well, you really only earned an "average" rating despite your 60 hour work weeks" is hypocritical.

Thankfully, you have the choice as to whether or not to believe them. If you choose to, realize this is doing nothing more than believing a lie. It won't help you in your long term future success, if anything it will hurt you because you are basing your decisions of a falsehood. However, if you choose not to, and realize they're nothing but a bunch of ass-kissing, brown-nosing, debt-enslaved suits, you will be able to make better decisions about who you want to work for, what kind of work you are WILLING to tolerate, and (as I've found out) you TELLING them what you are and are not going to do. It's counter-intuitive, but just ask any girl which guy gets more success:

The compliant yes man who asks her "whatever you want to do dear."

Or the motorcycle bad boy who dares to tell the girl one word , "no."

Why Ruin a Good Time?

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I'm amazed how some people are just jealous of their friends and can't let them have a good time.

Let's show people how open minded we are and how we are definitely for our friends having a good time.

Vote yes (obviously of course).

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Won't Some Please Think of the Children

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Enjoying the Decline!

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If America Had Kept Going…

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We would have been on Mars in the 1990's and probably introducing a hospitable atmosphere to the moon.

Now we create dead cat helicopters.

Lake Angeline

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Had day 2 of my second trip to the Big Horn Mountains. It was rainy, cold, snowing, sleeting, hailing AND lightning today at Lake Angeline, for all 14 miles of it! I decided to reward myself with a Captain American cupcake. And yes, I bought it because it had a free Captain America ring embedded in the frosting (see bottom).

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Three Web Sites To Destroy Big Education

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I've said it before and I'll say it again - if I ever have to hire somebody I will give them equal weighting to Khan's Academy classes as "real" ones from a university.

This of course assumes I'm in a position of power - HA HA HA HA!!!

Regardless, you will visit these three sites and improve yourself.

You will conform.

You will obey.

Compliance is mandatory.

Ben Hurs of The Manosphere

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Follow the logic on this:

Married men who work and have stay at home wives are causing "HOSTILE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS" for women at work.

What I really love, though, is how they use the phrase "*pockets of resistance to the* "*gender revolution*"" (yes, double quotes were needed because of their stupidity)

"POCKETS????"

Apparently they don't see the Ben Hurs of The Manosphere mobilizing millions of men every month.

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Not a Sociology Major

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From our Married Agent in the Field.

The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan

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I love truth. It's such a wonderful thing. It makes you sane, helps you make better, more effective decisions and it irks all the right people. But what I really love about truth is how some people seem to have a huge problem with it. How they'll desperately try to ignore it, rationalize it away, or just plain deny it as if they had a choice.

"The sky is blue."

"No it's not."

"Communism and socialism has failed."

"No it hasn't."

"Children need fathers."

"No they don't - sexist!"

I take great entertainment value in watching people lie to themselves as day after day, night after night, the real world delivers anything from minor cuts to crushing blows to their fragile "reality" and how they desperately scramble to find some some kind of explanation, ANY explanation or rationalization why they're still right, and the real world is wrong.

Now we could go on for hours about the many and varied people who choose to ignore reality and mock them mercilessly:

-Liberal arts majors who voted for Obama, joined the OWS movement and still can't understand why they don't have jobs.

-All the aging women who KNEW they could "have it all," with mocking boys in their youth to boot, who sing in chorus "Where have all the good men gone."

-The union members of now bankrupt cities and municipalities who won't be getting everythign they were promised in terms of pension, because, well, the money just plain ain't there.

But today I'm going to talk to you about something that affects all of us, is very important, and only the smart people will realize what I say is deadly serious and very much real, while the delusionals of the world caught up in American Idol or how thin

Michelle Obama's arms are, will be aghast at what I have to say and will no doubt pull from the inventory of "ist" names to call me.

The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan.

"What is the Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan" you ask?

Well, it's a very simple plan.

Instead of socking away $400 a month into your IRA or 401k, spending hours of your life managing it, spending thousands of dollars on various managerial and advisory fees, only to have the government either outright confiscate it or inflate it away you instead spend the small nominal fee of...

33 cents.

Why 33 cents?

Because 33 cents is the price of a single 45 caliber bullet. And with that bullet you can permanently retire yourself.

Now a lot of people will be shocked with such a statement. How dare I suggest euthanasia (which, when I was younger thought was "youth in Asia" and had NO idea what people were all up in arms about) as a viable retirement plan. But, if you're so open minded (as I know many of you liberals claim to be) perhaps you can read on and realize that The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan is probably a much better plan than your 401k.

First, consider the fact that the VAST majority of people are just plain not saving up enough for retirement. In the consulting I do, I have a never-ending line of 58 year old people coming up to me and saying,

"*I'm 58 and just finished paying off my 4th child's doctorate in French Literature. I have a house that's underwater, and I'd like to start planning for retirement. I'd like to retire at 62. What should I invest in?*"

I tell them the politically correct thing (you'll have to work till you're 80), and then they go to Edward Jones or Charles Schwab to see if they can find somebody to lie to them (remember what I told you about how distasteful truth was to some people?)

And forget old people, young people don't stand much of a chance either. With no employment prospects, $50,000 in student debts, and an unemployment rate of 8%, even if they wanted to save for retirement they can't. They need all of their money NOW

to simply make ends meet. And (to add further mockery to this stupid retirement system we have) even if they did have the money, what? They're going to invest in an overpriced stock market with a P/E of 24 because TRILLIONS of dollars of baby boomer money has flooded the market, making it a bad deal to begin with?

Regardless of the reasons why, most people will PLAIN NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR RETIREMENT and THEY NEVER WILL. So why bother saving up in the first place?

Second, don't think Big Daddy government is going to come and bail you out. I don't know if you've noticed this whole Greece thing going on, but no matter what previous generations of Greeks promised themselves in terms of retirement or medical benefits, if the money ain't there (guess what!)

IT AIN'T THERE! (curse you evil truth!!!!)

Did you see any of the articles about how the hospitals are running short on vital drugs? Funny how that works given the government "decreed" they were "entitled" to all that free health care. Let me let you in on another little tidbit of "uncomfortable truth." If there's no money in it for the private sector to create those drugs (say like you regulate or tax pharmaceuticals to death), then it don't matter what who promised who what - there ain't no drugs and you're going to die no matter what you were promised.

Third, let's put a very positive spin on this (and I am not exaggerating or being facetious). Realize the majority of your expenses you incur (or more likely, the taxpayer incurs) in terms of your living and health care expenses come in the last 6 months of your life. The premise of The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan is that you would us the 45 caliber bullet to off yourself before then, saving society hundreds of thousands of dollars NOT TO MENTION saving you the 6 most miserable months of your life. Now macroeconomic benefits aside (like no government debt, booming economic growth, improved health care through innovation, and yes, dare I say it, longer life expectancies, but don't let this concept confuse you), there is a huge advantage to this - the fact you don't have to save up for retirement in the first place if you're willing to work as long as you can and participate in The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan when the time comes. That money can instead be spent on the years of your life WHEN YOU CAN ENJOY IT!

I remember, VERY CLEARLY, trying to save money into a IRA when I was making $23,000, commuting 120 miles every day for work and living downtown. Now I'm cheap, but my life had NO FRILLS.

Once I realized that having lifelong employment in America like a 1960's Japanese Keiretsu was laughably impossible, I forgave myself of the responsibility to "do the right thing" and invest in a 401k. For the first time in my life I "let go," went out, got drunk, tried sushi, stay at hotels (as opposed to sleeping in my car at a wayside) went on trips

and enjoyed life. The other option was to continue to live in poverty, have no fun, and have what meager savings I had stored up in a 401k confiscated in "*2020 National Wealth Redistribution Financial Solvency Patriotism Act*."

The single best thing about The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan is you get to enjoy the ONE life you're given on this planet and don't have to worry about spending the resources to extend your life when you can't enjoy it.

Fourth, you will not be a burden on society. I know hippies who never studied economics love to sit there and yell from their Depends,

"*I contributed to the system and I deserve my government benefits!!!*"

epically failing to realize they voted in things like "The Great Society" and other programs that blew away the money they "socked away" for retirement, and now literally demand future generations to become their slaves.

You don't have to become such ignorant hypocrites. You can live your life, contribute as long as you can, and the second you realize you might become a parasite upon society, take yourself out. I know that sounds harsh (because we've all been told to ignore the 600 Pound Reality Gorilla in the room), but it IS altruistic. Certainly more altruistic in demanding and voting that OTHER people pay for the charities you wanted them too over your live and then voting to have other people take care of you.

Finally (and here's that damn truth and reality getting in the way of things again), you really don't have a choice. Bar some spectacular economic growth and a true revolution of the economy, the money and resources plain isn't going to be there to make good on all the promises pot smoking commies back in the 50's, 60's and 70's made to themselves, future generations, all humans in the world, not to mention, pay back the debts we've currently accrued. This once again revisits our buddies in Greece who are "entitled" to "Zymorgopentothol (tm)," but the fine men and women were taxed so much to death at Zymorgopentothol, Inc, they decided no longer to supply Greece with that life-saving drug. You will have to make the choice to continue living in a desperate, painful state, or ending it mercifully (and cost-effectively) yourself. I do not wish to be so pessimistic, cynical or macabre, but I'm not. I'm really not. That's going to be the REALITY for a lot of people. And if you don't believe me, or think I'm just engaging in sensationalism how about for once YOU do the leg work and look up the finances of social security, medicare, medicaid, the federal government and general economic statistics of the US? YOU run projections, make calculations and theorize and predict where the economy will go. YOU prove me wrong and tell me where the magical money is going to come from to pay for everything everyone promised themselves.

Because again, I thoroughly enjoy and anticipate the crazy rationalizations, excuses and

explanations delusional people come up with so they can keep believing in Lala-Land. And until I execute my own Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan, one of the main forms of entertainment I'll have (in addition to hiking mountains, smoking cigars, playing video games, riding motorcycles and working as little as I can) is watching you fans of socialism, communism and "free" health care blow trillions of your own dollars on private retirement programs that will not only be confiscated later, but never compare to my 33 cent program.

And you wouldn't want to deprive me of that entertainment, would you?

Fathers "Optional"

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I know the skin of the drum is pretty worn out, but I'm going to say it again as long as idiocy like this continues:

Children need fathers (and to be intellectually honest, mothers). If you bring children into the world without one (mother or father), you are the epitome of selfish. You are putting yourself and your own greedy desires to have children ahead of the children you so wish to bring into this world. You really don't care about the child, you care about HAVING a child like "having" an SUV or "having" a manicure. A physical item that is nothing more than a thing to you, not a human being.

Now I know that finding "the perfect man" (emphasis on "perfect," not "good") is quite a bothersome chore, and besides, "the lord will provide" one anyway, so you don't have to worry about it, but it is my humble prediction the young (and now, not-so-young ladies) will come to rue their decision to go it alone and become a "choice mom." First, I believe they will COMPLETELY underestimate how much it takes to rear and bring up a child. Both in terms of finances and labor. They will get into the ring with a the little tyke and soon realize they really do need a tag-team partner to wrestle the challenge of bringing up a kid. Second, I also predict they will not realize until it's too late just how severely they've torpedoed their chances of finding a guy in the future. It's one thing if you're a widow. That would hardly faze a man if you're looking to date, if anything it would beget pity. It's even one thing if you're divorced with one kid with one ex-husband. I'll even say it's "one thing" if you have multiple kids from multiple dads. But if you had a kid purposely with no intention of ever having a father you might as well claim you have Ebola, are a manic depressive and are prone to bouts of physical violence. That will send any quality men SCREAMING in a mad dash away from you.

I'm not expecting things to change. The importance of fathers and husbands have so been dwindled, and the "nobility" and "heroism" of single-motherhood (however it comes about) so championed it's no shock the "non-marrieds" are piling up. I just have one question to ask about a missing variable in this entire equation-

won't somebody please think of the chillllllldreeeeennnnn?

Lawyer Trolls

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Short version - scumbag lawyer files frivolous lawsuit against "The Oatmeal."

His readers respond by donating $60,000 to his cause.

When I'm sued, I hope the Cappy Cappites will come through for me the same. In the meantime help out "The Oatmeal" because it's people like him, SDA, Blazing Cat Fur, and even myself, that pay the price tolerating DB lawyer trolls while we write to protect freedom and expose tyranny.

Applying the "Well Rounded" Argument to Fathers

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To test whether somebody really believes in their own ideology or are just picking and choosing from different ideologies to suit and excuse their lifestyle choices or outright hypocrisies, you simply have to look at whether or not they apply their presumed ideology and its tenets universally.

For example the environmentalist types who claim nature should be untouched. Don't pick up that raccoon, if it was meant to die, it will die. Don't prune the deer population, nature will take its course. Of course when it comes to humans, we're not part of nature. And instead of letting us progress and advance as we would unopposed we have to "cut back on our consumption." "Stop emitting greenhouse gases." "Save the planet." Or, on the other side, if famine or plague occurs in some part of the world now we ARE to intervene (which I'm not necessarily against - just pointing out the double standard). We're not left to evolve like our woodland creature friends naturally. Oh no, we're different, we're special, we have to artificially stop our progress, evolution and advancement to the point "Idiocracy" is no longer a mockumentary.

Another example is religion and global warming. IN GENERAL leftists are usually anti-religion. They mock and ridicule it. Oh you fool for believing in a big bearded fellow in the sky. But they'll sure swallow whole all the global warming, environmentalism and "Gaia" BS - failing to note it's nothing more than a religion itself, if not, even worse, just a fad.

And then there's the "social liberal" argument (which I'm for) where we want MAXIMUM social freedoms. Don't tell us what to do and how to do it...as long as it pertains to abortion, smoking pot, and gay marriage. But if it comes to letting people own guns, having a heater in a bar, or driving a 12 cylinder, gas-guzzling sports car, by god, those aren't RIGHTS! Those are tools of fascism and tyranny!!! You can't have *THOSE* rights! Again, the hypocrisy shines through.

However, while doing a little philosophisizing whilst hiking in the mountains I had another epiphany. An observation of yet another instance of hypocrisy where a group of people advocate one thing, but then completely disregard their advocation when it comes to an issue personal for them. - the DESPERATE need to be "well-rounded."

In general (though not always) people who tend to be for forcing kids to take college classes they don't need under the guise of "it will make you well-rounded" tend to be of the liberal stripe. Not always, but most of the time. These same people, however, are also more likely advocate single-parenthood (mother or father, it doesn't matter, but we'll focus on single moms because that's where the majority of the hubbub is focused). They

not only advocate it, but celebrate it and champion it.

But my little economist brain is having a hard time trying to reconcile something.

If you want to force children to take prerequisite college classes so you can milk them for more money...errr.....um..."to make them well rounded" wouldn't you also then be a strong advocate in recommending children be brought up with fathers in order to make them also "well rounded?"

I mean, if the purpose of becoming "well-rounded" is so you can interact and more fully engage society, you would think having a male role model early on in life so that you may effectively interact with half the population would be VERY important. That having SOME experience or knowledge about how the other half of the population acts dishes up more well-roundedness than the Marxist drivel in Uber-Mandatory Freshman English Lit? Additionally, why wait till you're 19 to get "well-rounded?" With a father in the household, BAM! Your lessons in well-roundedness commence immediately. And you get a much more diverse, more well-rounded education than what the colleges serve up. You can learn to change oil, develop a work ethic, self-supportation, independence, self-reliance, charm girls (or conversely) know what those young naughty boys are thinking. College prereq classes are so homogenous with their commie-centric horse-blinder focus, they can't hold a candle to the diversity and well-roundedness a father can provide..

Naturally of course I'm partially joking, but the hypocrisy still exists. And my target is NOT to criticize people who bring children into this world without fathers (or mothers, for that matter). But rather to shine a light as to what's really going on. Understand the majority of people who are forcing you kids to take college prerequisite classes do not do so because they truly believe "it will make you well-rounded." If they believed that and put so much importance and emphasis on it, then they'd also advocate not bringing children into this world in single-parent conditions. Because you want to talk about NOT being well-rounded? You want to talk about being maladjusted? You want to talk about a genuine disadvantage due to a genuine lack of well-roundedness? It isn't because a kid can't cite Dworkin or didn't read enough Noam Chomsky. It's because that kid didn't have a father and is completely dysfunctional when it comes to interacting in the real world.

No, the reason you're being forced to attend classes that are of no benefit to you is because they want your money. You look at the people who benefit most from billions of dollars being spent every year on worthless prereq classes, 9 out of 10 times it's a liberal academian who is deathly afraid of the private sector or working in the real world and has found a little fiefdom by forcing you kids to take his/her worthless and mind-numbing class. You also get the joy of buying his $300 38th edition book (because the 37th edition just won't do) "Post Modernity Social Dynamics Under New Rubric and Paradigm Analysis of Sexist Misogyny." It has nothing to do with your education or making you "well-

rounded."

Besides, the truth is, if you have friends, interests, a cool father and just a curiosity in life, you are already well-rounded and don't need any "adjustments" by your collegiate indoctrinators.

Canadians Have Crusaders Too

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And just like their American cousins, I ask, "why are none of them good looking?"

Williston Boy Flowers

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So a girl in the office gets a bouquet of flowers.
I remembered, she JUST HAD flowers on her desk about a month ago.

So I inquire, "Didn't you just get flowers last month or something?"

She says, "Yes, I did."

I asked, "Well, why? Are you particularly good to your husband?"

She says, "No, he's working the Bakken oil field and he sends me flowers every month."

I said, "Really? That's awfully nice of him!"

She says, "Well, I'm not the only one. "Amy" also gets flowers every month from her hubby and he works in Williston too."

I just wanted to point that out for all you aging 30 something NYC Sex and the City, EPL girls out there who are chasing "Mr. Big." Just so you know you totally made the right decision passing up on those "loser" "blue collar hicks" and sticking to your guns to find that guy who makes 6 figures and has his MBA.

Because these guys also make 6 figures, but they DON'T have their MBA.

And a girl musn't lower her standards now, musn't she?

"Probably Nothing"

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OANDA

Trading Halt Sunday 17 June

Dear Aaron Clarey,

Due to the extreme volatility some market analysts foresee could result in the coming days, OANDA fxTrade will not accept any trading activity from 6:00 AM EST until approximately 3:00 PM EST, on Sunday, June 17, 2012. OANDA believes the convergence of a major market event during off-market hours represents a potential trading risk and has taken this one step to protect traders from excessive rate fluctuations.

Please note that during this halt in trading, you can still access your account details but no trading activity will be accepted. For this reason, OANDA strongly recommends that all traders consider minimizing currency exposure prior to the trading halt.

If you do intend to maintain open positions during this period, be aware that OANDA will hold exchange rates steady during the trading halt. However, when trading resumes, rates will immediately adjust to the current market rate and it is possible that the updated rate could result in a margin closeout if the price has moved significantly against your positions. Therefore, it is your responsibility to ensure you have adequate funds in your account to prevent a margin closeout.

Oh, you crazy socialists, promising yourselves everything. When will you learn you need production to pay for everything?

Hey, you crazy kids enjoy that decline!

There Should Be No Profit in the Stock Market

June 15, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you were like me when you were younger, you had questions or observations about economics, philosophy, finance, etc., that were so simple that you PRESUMED you were wrong. Your logic was too simple, it made too much sense, and the real world around you (at that time) was providing evidence to the contrary of your observation.

However, I've studied economics long enough, lived long enough, and thought all my founding and consequential theories through to the point I've realized that one of my innocent observations back when I was in college was actually correct, and no, my logic was not flawed. And that observation was:

There should be no profit in the stock market.

I came to this observation when I was thinking about "market efficiency" - the concept that a market would price in all known data and information into the price of a stock, thereby reflecting its true value. If this is true, then prices would be bid up or down to the point the stock would have a "fair" value, leaving no room for profit or arbitrage.

What triggered this original observation was the "investment philosophy" that over time the S&P 500 has historically provided 10-12% annualized rates of return (depending on whether you account for dividends or not). I found that odd because 10-12% per year is a sizable premium over inflation. If markets were truly efficient, that margin of return would attract more and more money, flooding the market until the real rate of return was 0%. This would initially result in prices being driven up (becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy as those increases in prices would result in higher returns), but inevitably stock prices would reach an "equilibrium" point where the dividends and profits of a firm would attract no more money and prices would stabilize resulting in no future capital gains.

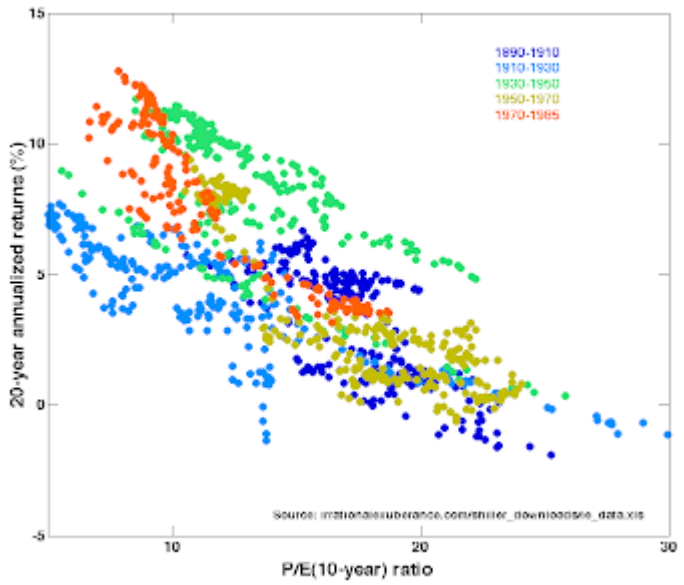
I originally theorized why the market kept going up for reasons similar to why we have a underfunded pension crisis - poor assumptions made on the part of actuaries. Specifically, the market was failing to account for population growth and longevity of people. So when Henry Ford started Ford, investors thought "we can sell these things to all 50 million Americans" failing to look into the future where the market in 100 years would NOT be 300 million Americans, but 3 billion people in 1st and 2nd world economies. That growth was never factored into prices back then.

I also theorized that the S&P 500 index is always "fresh." Meaning that it is a self-selecting and de-selecting index, getting rid of companies that either fail and are obsoleted through technological advancements, while bringing in the new, up-and-coming companies. This "survival of the fittest" aspect of the S&P 500 means companies that

grow the most to become the largest and most "successful" companies in the US ensure positive rates of return. And not just positive, but these new companies and the technologies they bring into the world capitalize on larger and entirely new markets made from whole cloth (Apple for example with its electronic doo-daddery).

However, while this explains why there has been (historically) considerably higher-than-inflation rates of return, it still doesn't debunk my theory there should be no profit. All it shows is that the market failed to be efficient and underestimated technological advances and population growth.

There is, however, a very interesting chart that speaks to this. Robert Shiller has created, among many other charts, this one which I find very telling:



It is the 10 year average PE ratio vs. their 20 year annualized returns for 5 separate periods or "vintages" throughout the history of the S&P 500. What it shows is that people are actually OVERLY OPTIMISTIC when it comes to their expected rate of return. Companies with very high PE ratios provide lower returns than companies with very low PE ratios, never delivering the profits they were promising.

This is counter to what I thought was the case. If people were underestimating the market, then higher PE ratio companies would result in higher returns. But here, it shows we are overestimating the market. Admittedly, following the "survival of the fittest" aspect of the S&P 500 Index, a lot of those dots in that chart that had high PE's are no longer with us today and thus their statistical representation is moot. The S&P 500 jettisoned them once they got too small or went bankrupt. This, however, does not change the fact people's psychologies remain overly-optimistic.

Sadly, this is as far as my thinking and statistics have gotten me. I know intuitively that if

the stock market were TRULY efficient, it would reach an equilibrium point in terms of pricing resulting in 0% capital gains (which, consequently, would DESTROY the entire US retirement industry). However, my best guess would be the answer lies somewhere in the market failing to account for population growth, underestimating technological advances, or just plain failing to account for increase in disposable income (though that factor will soon be going away).

Any ideas lieutenants?

Fan Mail

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Sir,

MBAs are totally degraded, as we know.

Atabasca University (distance learning) published today the list of the 183 graduates from it program, here are my findings:

- 166 people provided their names, most their places of employment
- 48 of them (28.9%) work for government (hospitals, education boards, city of this and that, etc.)
- 22 work for banks or investment funds (13.25%)
- 8 work for hi-tech companies (4.8%)

You can analyse it however you want, but I have some suspicions as to what your commentary might be.

I have one with two comments:

- How can it be that the government sector accounts for a third of all MBAs? What are they doing that is so important? Getting a well-rounded education?
- I am 100% sure my taxpayer's money is paying for all 48 MBAs in the so-called public sector. I have no objections with some MBAs for key people (there was one from Ministry of Defence) being paid by taxpayer's money. However, I do object to 30% of the MBAs in 2012 being paid on my dime. Some examples of what I think to be wasted taxpayer's money (unless it can be proven otherwise): Interior Health Authority, Heffley Creek, BC (a town I never heard of needs an MBA there?); Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (they couldn't get one ready made in Toronto? are you kidding me?; City of Ottawa; Electical/Mechanical Contractors Association; City of Mississauga.

And an encore comment:

- I look forward to male advancement and mentoring programs in government, since males account for less just under 50% of MBAs earned by government operated authorities, despite males having longer careers in industry than females.

I'm surprised it's only 30% government workers. The only people with money are those in the public sector....and well, those kids whose parents are mortgaging their retirement to put little Suzie or Jimmy through an MBA program....

of course in the laughable hopes....

they'll make enough money....

to pay off their parents....

via nursing home financing...

and visits....

which will never come.

Enjoy the nursing home decline!

Recession Medicine

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Heh.

Remember, it's more important for government bureaucrats to have jobs than for the rest of you to have them.

Housing to Recover?

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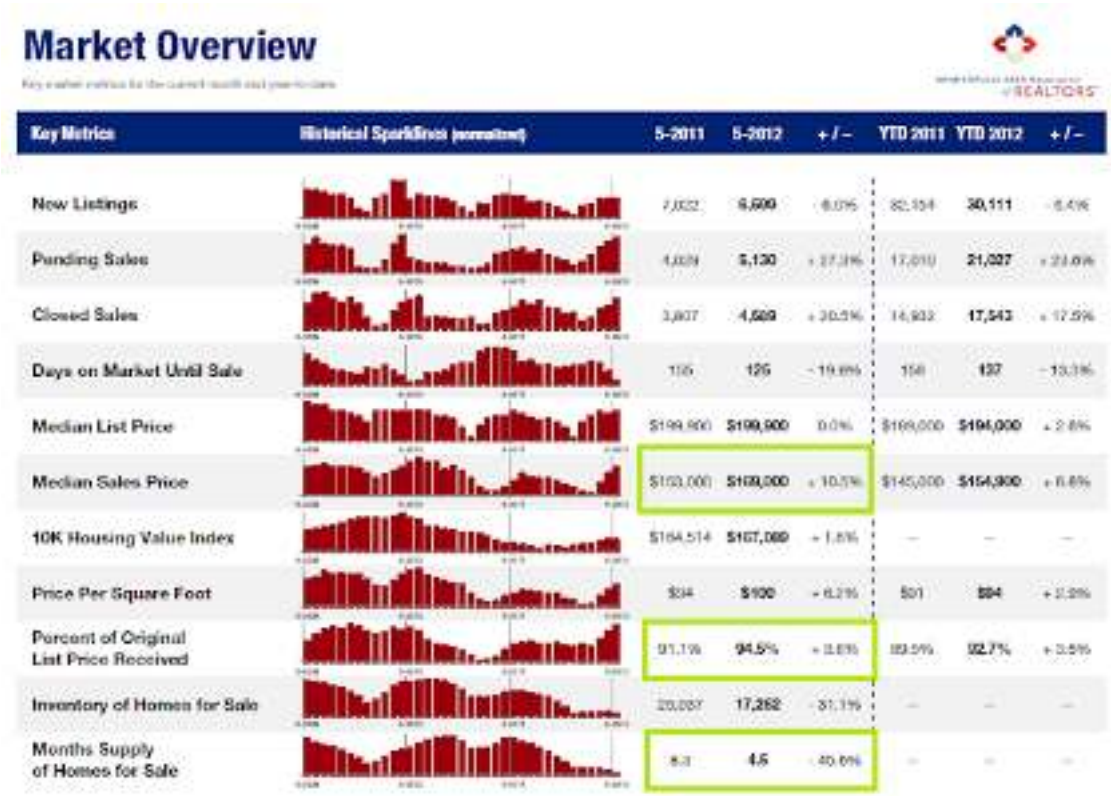
If you look at the supply side, I'd have to say yes! Only took 6 years to finally bottom out, but it looks like housing is slightly recovering:



Market Overview

Key Metrics	Historical Sparkbars (normalized)	5-2011	5-2012	+ / –	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	+ / –
New Listings		[illegible]	6,600	[illegible]	[illegible]	30,111	[illegible]
Pending Sales		[illegible]	5,130	[illegible]	[illegible]	21,027	[illegible]
Closed Sales		[illegible]	4,609	[illegible]	[illegible]	17,543	[illegible]
Days on Market Until Sale		105	126	[illegible]	158	137	[illegible]
Median List Price		$199,900	$199,900	0.0%	$199,000	$194,000	[illegible]
Median Sales Price		$153,000	$169,000	[illegible]	$145,000	$154,900	[illegible]
10K Housing Value Index		$164,514	$167,080	[illegible]	–	–	–
Price Per Square Foot		$94	$100	[illegible]	$91	$94	[illegible]
Percent of Original List Price Received		91.1%	94.5%	[illegible]	[illegible]	92.7%	[illegible]
Inventory of Homes for Sale		[illegible]	17,262	[illegible]	–	–	–
Months Supply of Homes for Sale		[illegible]	4.5	[illegible]	–	–	–

Oh, but wait! There's the other side of the formula - demand.

And with unemployment still high, fresh college graduates and yoots who tripped over their own slobber to vote for Obama crushed under student debt and no disposable income, not to mention ever increasing property taxes, there is a fraction of the demand as there was previously. I sincerely doubt there will be "booming" property prices...at least until the presidential election is over and people WITH MONEY have genuine hope in the future of the country.

No Good Comes of Horses

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Horses AND "KHOMA."

Though the two usually go together.

If you don't know what "KHOMA" is then I suggest you read this.

You could wipe out third-world poverty if American women simply donated money to charity instead of maintained horses. But no, no. Pretties horsies iz so pretteez to looksies ats!!! Yeah pweettty horsieeeeessss!!!

Besides, what's a few hundred million child-deaths due to malaria compared to a pretty shiny pony?

God I hate horses.

"Vengeance is The Captain's," Sayeth the Lord

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Anger, defense, and retribution are all good things in the hands of good men.

Take that away from them or criminalize them for it, there will be nobody to defend you or society when the bad men, who are equally equipped and will never jettison those traits, walk in unopposed, almost mockingly so and destroy your lives.

And yeah, I'm engaging in "sensationalism."

No Houses for Sociology Majors

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Heh heh.

Oh, I love when reality strikes.

The Return of Aramis

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Aramis is a cologne that my grandpa wore. I remember the smell quite distinctly because I believe the nerves in your nose are most closely related to memory in your brain or some other such thing I've heard. Of course when I smell Aramis I immediately get a smile on my face because I remember my loving grandpa. The same thing happens when I smell chlorine in a pool (because the rare times we'd stay at a hotel with a pool as a kid) and when I smell the combination of lawn mower exhaust and freshly cut grass.

I bought a bottle of Aramis in college and used it sparingly. At first because I would save it for "rare" occasions, and then because the girls I would date would say they liked "Drakar" or whatever the fashionable cologne was that weekend. So 19 years later I still have about 1/4th of a bottle.

But then something funny happened.

A female friend of mine said she "LOVED" Aramis.

Because of the smell?

No.

Because of the company?

No.

Because of some other reason I couldn't guess?

No.

It was because her dad wore Aramis and it reminded her of him.

Now not to get into girl-daddy issues, but this little tidbit of knowledge got me thinking:

"*What if you were to wear all the old colognes that were popular amongst men back in the 70's and 80's when the girls of today were little daddy's daughters and were regularly exposed to the scent of that cologne?*

Would it remind them of dad and thus see you in a more manly and attractive fashion? Would it remind them of their youth, making them happier and thus more agreeable to

your presence?"

I have no proof, but I'd be curious to see if you male lieutenants out there might want to try to carry out an experiment. If we were to look up the most popular colognes of the 70's and 80's among 30+ year old men, wear them while out and about, and see if there is a discernible effect. Heck there may be one already.

I just know Brut cologne never worked regardless of what year it was.

The 12 Year Life Expectancy of the "Tax the Rich" Plan

June 20, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Some quick back of napkin economics here fellow junior, deputy, official, aspiring, or otherwise economists!

So I was on another hike, enjoying the decline, like I do, and got to kicking around a couple questions about wealth. Specifically,

"*How long could* "*the poor*" *live off of* "*the rich*" *if we finally decided just to confiscate and redistribute the wealth like so many of our democrat and socialist friends would like?*"

First understand a couple statistics and facts.

One, there is an estimated $62 trillion of wealth in the US currently.

Two, the "rich" defined as the top 20% own 85% of it, so $52.7 trillion.

Three, of the $3.6 trillion federal budget, $2.2 trillion or 60% of that is spent on wealth transfers.

Four, the states spend roughly the same amount as the feds and have roughly the same percentage going to wealth redistribution (again, this is "back of napkin" economics, not "break out the Cray super computer and run complex models that will fail anyway" economics). So add another $2.2 trillion for a total of wealth transfers of $4.4 trillion.

Now, if we decided to "stick it to the rich" and "solve everybody's problems" and confiscated all $52.7 trillion of those hated rich people and divide it by the $4.4 trillion in resources the "poor" consumes, that wealth transfer will last them a whopping:

12 years.

Now I'm being INCREDIBLY optimistic because I'm ignoring a couple things.

First, this assumes you can just confiscate the wealth of rich people without it having a direct impact on the market value of that wealth. If you decided that 80% of the wealth was to be communal, the stock market would tank, immediately driving the wealth that could be confiscated well below $52.7 trillion.

Second, this also assumes the economy would even continue to function so the parasitic classes could spend their stolen-gains on said goods and services. With 80% of the wealth taken out, I doubt grocery store owners, energy producers, engineers, doctors, and all the people that produce the actual STUFF that gives your $52.7 trillion in cash value would bother showing up for work. So this essentially ignores the fact that the grocery stores and car dealerships would be empty and very optimistically assumes the dollar would still be accepted as a medium of exchange.

Third, it also assumes the "rich" sit idly by and don't ship their money offshore. That all those lawyers and accountants are on vacation at the same time so as the legislation slowly moves through congress, rich people are completely unaware of the handgrab coming their way.

Of course, real economists such as you, me, our lieutenants and agents in the field know the economy would collapse immediately, but I still like to argue with the mental handicap of an envious and lazy liberal who deems themselves entitled to other people's money. It proves, even with their rosy assumptions about how the real world works, that their ideology is impossible.

Enjoy the 12 years!

Out-Freaking-Standing

June 20, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From our American Agent in the Field.

Remember, buy Worthless. It's worth every penny.

I'd Like Some White Privilege Please

June 21, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

What is that disease or psychological disorder where people hate themselves? In the meantime I'm still waiting for the unfair advantages my skin color is supposedly supposed to bring me.

Alexander Discovered Rocks and Dirt

June 22, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An interesting observation I've had Cappy Cappites. Another mountain-hiking inspired epiphany brought about by the fact my MP3 player stopped working (it's amazing how many epiphanies I have while hiking without my MP3 player).

This one is the observation that after long and grueling hikes and climbs, after thousands of calories of energy burned, and after much planning, plotting and scheming about how to summit a peak

in the end

when you finally get there

every peak

has had nothing more than dirt and rocks at the top.

Some had snow, but all had dirt and rocks.

And this an epiphany did make.

Understand that I was brought up poor and in Wisconsin. Wisconsin does not have mountains, but when my friends at school returned from their summer vacations and showed me pictures of Rocky Mountain National Park or Glacier or Yellowstone I was literally mesmerized by the pictures. "*Whats up in those mountains? Where are these mountains? Whose been there before? Did you climb to the top of them? Why not?*" I had never seen such a thing with my own eyes, but my visceral response was that I NEEDED to climb them. I NEEDED to see what was up there.

Quite pathetically, when we would visit my grandparents in Minnesota we would drive through a bluff region of Wisconsin, the peaks of which never went more than 200 feet, but to a human only 1/4th the size of a full grown adult, they may as well have been mountains. All I wanted to do was climb them and I would beseech my father to pull over and let us climb just one of them

"No, we have to make it to Tomah before 7PM."

So blame it on unfulfilled child psychological reasons, when I finally had the money and the residency near mountains BLAMO!!!! I climbed every mountain I could.

In the Black Hills there is only one peak (Crooks Tower) that I haven't climbed that is of any significant height. I've hiked straight through the upper part of Badland's National Park both east-west and north-south. I did Halley's Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park as well as Deseret's Peak in Utah. And since the Big Horn Mountains are withing 3 hours drive to the west, I've been tackling several mountains and lake hikes there.

But as time has gone on and I've fulfilled more and more hikes a very sad observation came to me - I'm the only one doing these hikes.

Oh sure, occasionally I've had a friend or a Meet-Up hiking buddy join, but the vast majority of my hikes are by myself. And the reason they're by myself is multi-fold.

1. I'm in excellent shape. Not to brag, but to do a 16 mile hike with a 4,000 foot elevation gain and all under 8 hours, there's not a lot of people who can keep up with me.

2. I have minimal obligations. When it's Friday afternoon and I finish up whatever project or call I'm working on, BLAMO! I'm out the door driving to a mountain range for the weekend. I have no children, I have no wife, I have no car payment, and I can afford the gas and lodging (assuming I'm not camping). If I decide to go, not only can I afford to go, I CAN go because there's only one person to account and accommodate for.

3. I just plain have the desire to go and climb mountains and take long hikes. As a kid when I first saw the Badlands from the main road, the badlands formations went on forever. It made a young boy's mind wander and ask "what else is out there? Who has been out there? What will I find if I go out there? Can I make it out there?" That has never left me since the 8th grade and now when I see a peak or a map or a lake or just a far off butte, my brain is predisposed to wonder what treasure I will find AND it provides my the psychological determination to commit myself to that hike. Regardless, most people do not have that curiosity nor that determination.

Getting back to point, regardless of the reason, what I find myself doing more often than not, is summiting a monstrous peak, finishing a dehydrating hike, or just plain achieving an impressive physical feat only to turn around, look around and see I'm the only guy on top of this mountain. Or I'm the only guy returning to my Chevy parked in the Buffalo National Grasslands. I'm the only one shouting for joy that I found a rare fairburn agate in Ardmore, SD.

There's nobody there.

Now what makes this depressing is NOT that I'm alone. I know all of you "nursing home scare-tactic freaks" always love to say, "you'll die ALL ALOOOOOOONE!"

That is not what I'm talking about.

What I'm talking about is what happens when you start to master or excel in a certain field to the point you no longer have peers or people you can associate with or compare against. There's nobody to turn to and say,

"Hey, we did a kick ass job! Don't you agree!?"

You don't even have rivals or enemies to compete against. Tesla had Edison. The Joker had Batman. Hogan had Colonel Klink. There was at least SOMEBODY to provide a standard against.

But, if you are fortunate enough to excel in whatever hobby it is you choose to pursue, and you continue to progress in that endeavor, there will be fewer and fewer people you can relate to.

Now I didn't bring this up to get all sappy and sad on you guys, but as a sincere and legitimate observation for those of you in the Manosphere AS WELL as any woman who achieves excellence in whatever field or hobby intrigues her-

There's only rocks and dirt at the top.

Men of the Manosphere, REAL men, men who follow their genetic and intellectual programming will ALWAYS pursue some kind of study or discipline that interests them in an attempt to master it. Not only will the majority of men succeed, they will be interested by multiple disciplines and hobbies and also excel in those as well. But there is an ultimate drawback or a disadvantage for men in the Manosphere embedded in our nature

We have unlimited time and financial resources to dedicate to these intellectual pursuits.

Much like my hiking is put 3 standard deviations to the right of the mean by the fact I have no children, no wife and no obligations, so too are all of your personal hobbies and intellectual pursuits. In having no family, no wife/husband, no children, just yourself, you have an INORDINATE amount of time and resources to dedicate to your own interests and desires. With such an amount of resources you will not only quickly master whatever hobbies or pursuits you're interested in, but rapidly surpass your married/obligated peers to the point ***you'll be all alone***.

You'll be the Jimmy Hendricks of guitar players.

You'll be the Duke Ellington of Jazz composers

You'll be the Cappy Cap of the fossil hunting, motorcycle riding, ballroom dancing, economists.

And you'll have nobody to compare, compete or just plain converse with.

Now, does this mean I'm advocating you self-handicap yourself and not achieve your own personal best just so you can have a social life?

Hell no.

All it means is that you are on the fore-front, the vanguard, the production-possibilities curve of whatever particular interest piques you. It also means that you are more likely to go down in history as an "expert," a "connoisseur" that will be remembered for your advancing of the field. It is just an observation and a somewhat-of-a-warning that if you do decide to focus on your own potential, it's a guarantee you'll achieve it, but it's a warning as to just how few people there are at your level when you do. And like me when it comes to fossil hunting, or Roosh when it comes to visiting different countries, or Victor when it comes to mastering self-discipline, you will be that "freak" 4 standard deviations to the right of the mean.

Or to quote an Alexander the Great quote:

"When Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept for there were no more worlds to conquer."

California Idiots

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Seriously, how do you people elect these morons?

Oh, wait! That's right! You guys are morons yourselves!

I love when he's asked if the plan would be "pre-tax or post-tax" and he "doesn't know." Just shows you how liberals don't think things through because they're too damn lazy to think of the consequences. Just barf feel-good, puppies and unicorns legislation out there and collect the votes of the idiots you just bribed.

"The Cappy Cap Logic Challenge!"

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Can ***you*** meet the challenge?!

The easy part is to link this to the lack of fathers.

The hard part (and where we will test your economist mettle) is to explain how the majority of victims brought this upon themselves, have only themselves to blame and the delicious irony that has resulted (and consequently sweetened our official "Enjoy the Decline" drinks!).

Your choice of a free copy of "Worthless" or "Behind the Housing Crash" will be mailed to the person with the timeliest and clearest/most correct logic.

We're Taking You With Us

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One of, if not "the" single thing I hate about teaching is answering a "wrong question."

A "wrong question" is where the student asks a question that is based on false or erroneous premises, and thus it's not enough to simply answer the question. You have to:

1. Spend time explaining or deconstructing their false premises so they get the correct ones.
2. Explain to them the correct premises/how it works in the real world.
3. Then reanswer their wrong question, hoping to god they understood your deconstruction/rebuilding of their premises.

And I fear with this topic, I'm going to have to do the same. So in an attempt to be preemptive and efficient, let me explain a couple things about economics, so that when I do make my point EVERYBODY will understand.

First, understand there is no such thing as "money." Money really doesn't exist. It is only a means by which we track and account for how much labor somebody gave up for "payment." If you look at the economy all it is, is really people just exchanging their finite time on this planet in barter for goods and services that either extend, maintain or enhance their lives (write that one down because that sentence right there is worth about 12 college economics textbooks)

Second, understand there is nothing inherently valuable about money. The only reason "gold" or "paper dollars" have "value" is because they can be traded for something that DOES have genuine value. Food, gas, a desk, a computer, a video game, etc. etc.

Third (and this is VERY important), what is "wealth?" What makes a person or a nation "wealthy?"

I'll tell you this. It's not money. Because money is a piece of paper or rare metal. There is no inherent value to money. It is the STUFF MONEY CAN BUY that is WEALTH.

And it is here people are confused about economics.

Understand that a person who is "rich" or "wealthy" is not "rich" or "wealthy" because they have "a lot of money." They are rich or wealthy because they can afford STUFF and THINGS they can CONSUME to MAINTAIN, ENHANCE and EXTEND their lives (write that one down too for the "Economist Book O' Gold")

In short "wealth" is not the currency or money you hold. Wealth is all the stuff you can produce.

This is why Adam Smith wrote the book "The Wealth of Nations." He wasn't talking about billions of "dollars" or "yen" or "rupees." He was talking about all the stuff that improves and enhances our lives. He was talking about nations' abilities to produce things of value - food, booze, clothing, games, cars, electronics, styrafoam, trees, cattle, dogs, cats, minks, furs, jewelry, diamonds, motorcycles, etc. etc. etc.

Because if you think about it, a dollar doesn't do anything for you. It is the STUFF the dollar can purchase that does something for you.

So all the wars, all the votes, all the progressive taxation is NOT about somebody else's "money," it is about getting other people to forfeit their time to pay for the stuff you want to consume while sacrificing none of your time at all. It's about making other people pay for your "stuff." It's simply just slavery. This is the base level modus operandi of all humans and cultures since the dawn of man (you may also write that one down in the "Economist Book O' Gold.")

Now, since HOPEFULLY I've deconstructed your previous beliefs that economics is "all about the money" and made you realize it's all about "the stuff." So now let us talk about grocery stores.

I know a lot of you on the left think you're entitled to "basic" things. Food, clothing, and shelter. I've seen some people even proclaim they're "entitled" to health care, education, and even cell phones.

But let's get back to reality for one second.

Who provides "food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, and cell phones?"

If you are a liberal (and I'm not mocking you here) you believe in a philosophy or political ideology of the "Great Liberal Economic Oort Cloud." The reason you believe in this is because (and admit it please) you have been too lazy to bother with studying economics, how economies work, let alone - thinking it through. Therefore, you just throw up your hands into the air and think the government/business/industrial complex "figures it out" for you. There's this "highly complex" economic-political-social-governmental-god-like entity that is WAY too complicated for you to understand that just farts out jobs and only truly intelligent people like Barack Hussein Obama can understand.

But in reality, just like money, there is no government.

You TRULY fail to realize that the "government" is nothing more than you and me

because we are all in this boat together, and we simply voted our neighbors, colleagues and friends into office. "We" are "the government." Therefore the solution to our current day economic problems....nay....EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR PROBLEMS resides within THE PEOPLE. The "government" cannot do anything just like "the corporations" cannot do anything because both are merely composed and controlled by us - the people.

So who provides the "food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, cell phones" and general "stuff" humans wage war over?

We do.

Not the government.

Technically not the "corporations."

It all boils down to people, because there is no other "entity" or "creature" on the planet to provide these things

By this time, I hope we're all still on the same page. We have thus far covered that it isn't money that matters, it's the actually goods or services MONEY CAN BUY that matters. STUFF matters. AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT we have dispelled the delusion that "government" or "corporations" are entities to themselves able to create "magically" jobs, employment, wealth and income. There are "technically" no such things as "governments" or "corporations" as they are nothing more than amalgamations of people.

People - you and me - your brother and your sister - your neighbor and your enemy - are ULTIMATELY responsible for this nation, for this country and for our economic success and future.

So since it is on the people, let's talk about two distinctly different types of people in our modern day America.

I like to be simple so I categorize the many groups of Americans into two simple categories:

Producers

and

Parasites.

Since there is no GLEOC and the success of this nation and all others depends on the

individuals, you either carry your weight and support yourself or you don't.

"Parasite" is not meant to be a pejorative or mocking term. It is meant to be an ACCURATE term.

Take emotion, political bias, or whatever you want to use to excuse your erroneous thinking out of it, the definition of a parasite is some thing that lives off of others. And there's a ton in these here United States.

Anybody who collects a government check (bar social security, though, some will argue) is a parasite.

I don't mean that to be insulting, I don't mean that to be derogatory - it's simply the truth. If you collect a government check you are NOT supporting yourself and therefore living off the slave labor of others and are a BONAFIED PARASITE. You DO live off of others. If "others" didn't exist, you WOULD NOT exist, end of story, no discussion, take your bleeding liberal heart emotional-therefore-irrelevant arguments elsewhere.

However, that does not so much irk me as I am willing to accept as much as the next man that people get down on their luck.

What irks me is when 50% of the population collects a government check AND HAS THE AUDACITY TO DEMAND MORE, AND CRIMINALIZE THE HOST OF WHICH IT'S PARASITING OFF OF.

There is no end to the "rich doesn't pay their fair share" or the opposite side of the coin - woeismeism.
So a short message to all of you who think "the rich should pay more" to compensate you for;

YOU majoring in a stupid degree and taking on $100,000 in debt to pay for it
YOU breeding children you couldn't afford and never bothered to think about
YOU being too lazy to put down the booze/drugs to find reliable employment
YOU for choosing a cushy government job and daring to demand people who actually produce something of wealth to pay for your bloated government salary and pension
YOU for just be a pathetic, lazy, moronic parasite who expects other people to pay for you

"YOU" cannot live without "US."

WE produce the STUFF. WE are the people who actually produce the goods and services that have value and people want and need. YOU need US more than WE need YOU!

We're the ones that produce the groceries to keep your "WIC Accepted Here" BS grocery

isle full of the food you need.

We're the ones that go to school for 10 years to become the doctors to provide you "free health care" when you decide to get knocked up for the 5th time before your 25th birthday.

We are the ones who engineer the buses and cars you ride to enjoy the roads WE designed with OUR MONEY you used for bus fare.

We are the only reason you live and exist today. Without us, you would not exist.

That's not an opinion.

It's not a "wish."

That's not political bias.

It's a fact you have been shielded from by liberal politicians and an ignorant voting population that votes to take our money to pay for your parasitic (again, not insulting - just true) lives.

You're not "independent." You're not "cool." And you're certainly not "oppressed" or "tyrannized" over. You're just parasites enslaving other people who actually produce STUFF and things of value.

Now, you can get all pissed off at all those rich people, and never spend a calorie of energy looking at how much they pay in taxes to pay for your parasitic existence, but here's another shocking bit of fact-

Hate us as much as you want, we're taking you with us.

You can vote to tax us to death. You can vote to make it illegal to be successful. You can villainize "profit" and "wealth" all you want. However, in the end, you WILL realize that we are your life line.

We are the ones producing the food, the clothing, the shelter and the STUFF you NEED TO LIVE.

We are the ones that are producing the doctors, the surgeons the nurses and the RA's to take care of you. The food that goes in your mouths and the 4 illegitimate childrens' mouths you have. We are the ones producing EVERYTHING you need to live. And you produce NOTHING in return (maybe more illegitimate children, who the hell knows).

But you DARE want to piss us off, or tax us to the point it is no longer in our best interest to play host to your parasitic lives? OR you DARE to attack us because you are envious, bigoted, and hate filled?

Go ahead.

Because if we go down, we're taking you with us.

And what's funny, is we don't have to try because we're the ones producing all the stuff.

So I dare suggest for those of you who think you're "oppressed" or "disadvantaged" as you snort coke, knock up girl #14, get knocked up by guy #15, major in philosophy or some other obvious galactically stupid decision, to take your complaints and the consequences of your stupid decisions, shove them, and have a strong belt of STFU and be THANKFUL we're paying the taxes to shield you from the full costs, consequences and catastrophes of your inconceivable stupidity.

Stupid for Investing in California

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From our Californian Agent in the Field.

Might as well head to Cuba with a Trillion Dollar Bill and give it to Castro.

Tornadoes Fear Me Linkage

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Really hard to enjoy the decline when stuff like this happens. Then again, it reiterates that's your only option.

Fellow blogger gets cancer. You can help him out here.

I have always wanted to read about the Soviet economy in that (like its nuclear armament), it was overestimated. Perhaps not on purpose either, a lot of the Soviet strategy was to bluff and lie (don't all communists?). The US fell for it, but still a good book about the realities of the Soviet economy would be interesting.

I have said it before, the problems with the US is not our politicians, its the collapse and decay of our people at the cellular level. Mangan agrees.

At the "peak" of my game a lot of my friends wondered "how I did it?" They didn't see the psychological costs and drama of dating many women at the same time. All they saw was the numbers and physical beauty. They did not see the suicide threats, the assaults, the husband she failed to mention for three months, or the girl taking off her shirt and then wondering why I was trying to kiss her. It's enough to make millions join the MGTOW movement.

More lengthy and deep stuff from Badger.

I have never hit a woman. I have, however, been hit at least 6 times by a woman (all uncalled for, so please don't bother with the jokes or the presumptions). Equality purists would say "well, it's time to start treating women as genuine equals," but I will instead simply institute a new policy- report any assault, no matter how minor, to the police and pursue them to the fullest extent of the law. The days of slapping men and thinking you can get away with it are over.

Some desperately needed light heartedness.

And some more desperately needed light heartedness.

God this was a dreary linkfest.

On an eccentric note, your Captain is going to try buying a suit online since he could never find true, white suits available in clothing stores. Remember, if you're going to buy something, do the Captain a favor and buy it from the Amazon link to the right. He gets a 6% commish on the purchase!

Children, IQ's, and Idiocracy

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Oh, I know all the right people will get upset, but you see, when you've got nothing left to lose, you find great entertainment value in truth.

For example children correlate strongly with lower IQ's, lower standards of living and higher corruption.

Now get very angry and indignant about these facts and blame me or George Bush for it.

"Weather" Does Not Compensate for Poverty

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One thing I love about liberals who live in liberal states or towns is when you got them on the ropes about the economic decline and decay of their state or town, they will always, ALWAYS cite three things that universally excuses their craptastic economies:

1. The weather
2. The culture
3. The restaurants

Me - "I don't pay state income taxes in South Dakota."

Minnesota Liberal - (scoffingly) "Yes, but you have to LIVE THERE! Huh huh huh."

Me - "I don't have to bail out billionaire professional sports teams."

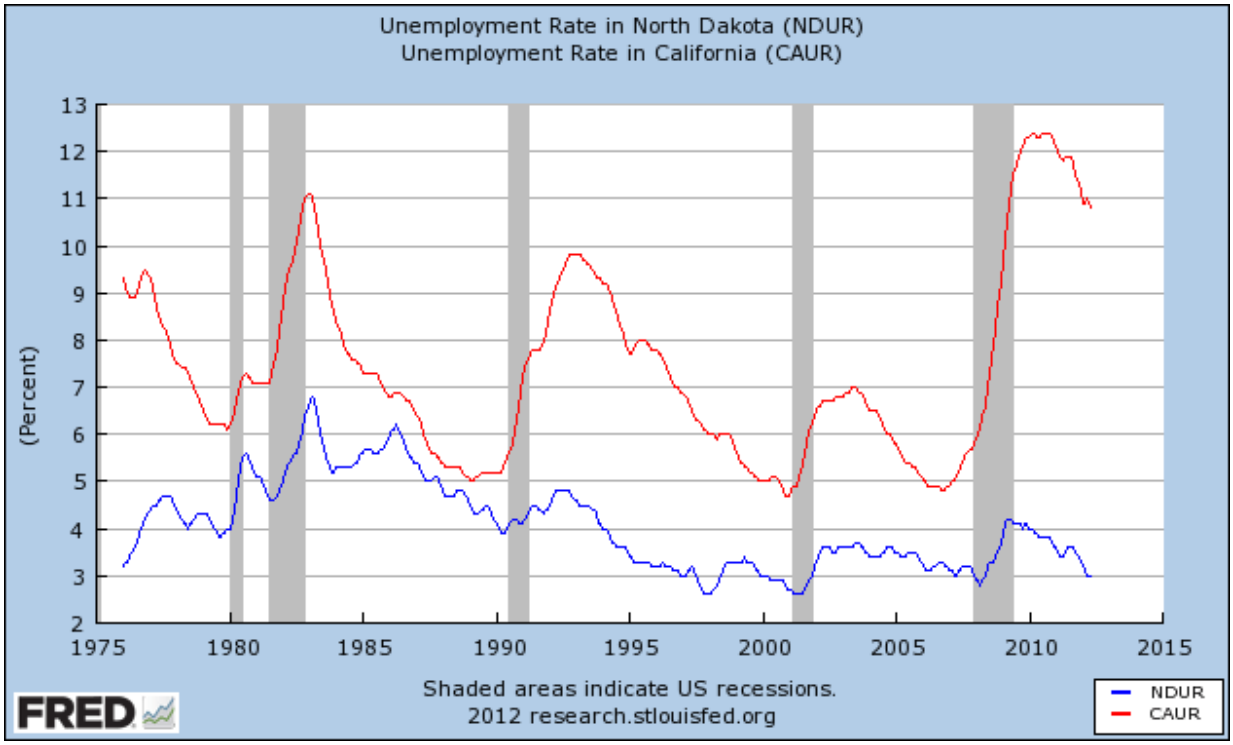
New York Liberal - "Yes, but you don't have Thai food. Huh huh huh."

Me - "Unemployment is below 5% meaning I have a stable job and chance for advancement."

California Liberal - "Yes, but we have great weather. Huh huh huh."

Of course, they only do this because deep down inside they agree with you and hate paying taxes just as much as the other guy, but since they're liberal their ideology comes first, even before themselves, which is delusional. And since we're dealing with irrational and delusional people there's nothing we can do to convince them otherwise. This relegates us to the only thing left to do - mock them.

So here's some mockery.



"Hope the weather is worth it. Huh huh huh."

I Envy Cooks

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I am not musically gifted and I down right must have a psychological impairment when it comes to cooking. Ergo why I envy people so who can do

this

and

this.

Then again it could be genetics. My dad could burn water. I also remember him cooking a Tombstone pizza and leaving it in there for so long it curled up like a thick Frisbee.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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But you knew that already.

As Rome Went, So Will America

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But (to quote Michael Savage)

"*You don't want to hear about that. You want to hear about some guy who hit a ball over a fence.*"

God damnit, you will enjoy the decline, whether you like it or not.

Stockton City Council FAIL

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District 2 Vice Mayor Miller

Biography

Since arriving in Stockton in 1997, Kathy has been dedicated to serving the community, first as a Board member for the "First Night" event, and then as the Executive Director of the Downtown Stockton Alliance. In addition, she has served on numerous boards and committees, addressing economic development and crime improvement efforts for the entire community.

Vice Mayor Miller has been married to husband, Karl, for over thirty years. They have three children who are graduates of Lincoln High School and public universities in California and Washington.

She is focused on educational opportunities that will encourage our youth to remain in Stockton and provide the educated workforce necessary to support local business; economic development that helps all of Stockton attract quality employers, investors and tourists; and action oriented programs that address graffiti and crime.

Vice Mayor Miller is a graduate of Leadership Stockton and California State University San Bernardino Downtown Association Professional Certificate Program; holds a three-year Associate of Arts in Interior Design; and is a recipient of the 2004 Leadership Stockton Outstanding Alumni Award for Community Service and 2005 California Association of Leadership Programs Distinguished Leader Award.

FAIL

Wow, "three year associate of arts in interior design" AND a graduate of "Leadership Stockton?" Is this like where they issue medals for 24th place? Good lord, what the hell were you people in Stockton thinking this lady would do? Arrange the furniture in an artistic way so then Wells Fargo repossesses city hall it looks nice? Nice going Miller, you once again prove the liberal arts is a place for people who can't do basic math.

District 3 Councilmember Canepa

Biography

Councilmember Paul Canepa is serving his first term on the Stockton City Council. He was elected in November 2010 to represent Council District 3 for the 2011 - 2014 term of office.

Paul is a lifelong resident of Stockton. He graduated from St. Mary's High School, received his AA degree from Delta College and Bachelors of Science degree from St. Mary's College.

Paul was elected to the Lincoln Unified School Board in two elections and served as a Trustee for 6 years. He has served on the City of Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission as the school district liaison for the past 6 years.

Paul manages Canepa's Car Wash, a family business. As a small business owner and manager, he is focused on economic development, job creation and collaboration with school districts for the purposes of workforce development. In addition, he is dedicated to working with fellow Councilmembers toward a multi-year solution for Stockton's budget crisis and addressing crime-related issues.

FAIL

You will see a correlation of people who sit on school boards (where there is of course never enough money for the chillllldreeennnn) and their inability to manage finances. Because why should they? They never had to before? Just make the rich pay more. I was going to give Canepa some bonus points for running a business, but nepotism is not acceptable. FAIL.

District 5 Councilmember Eggman

Biography

Susan Eggman was elected for a second term on the Stockton City Council in the November 2010 General Election. Susan decided to run for office after the 2004 election cycle, believing change was necessary. Susan strongly believes that social, economic and environmental justice is possible through the political process.

Susan has been a strong advocate of affordable housing, literacy, reducing crime through the engagement of community and, most recently, a push for the City of Stockton to establish itself as the leader in the Valley for green technology.

Susan is a veteran of the US Army. She received her B.A. in psychology and her Masters in Social Work from California State University (CSU) - Stanislaus. She earned her PhD in Social Work and Social Research from Portland State University.

Thank you for your service - **FAIL**

While Ms. Eggman gets a bit of a reprieve for her military service she decided to flush it all down the toilet with Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in El-Crapo Studies. I

wonder if she ever took an accounting course in her 13 years of college education...oh...wait! Of course not! Money is limitless according to the humanities! Does she have any practical application outside running bankruptcy municipalities? Probably not. FAIL!

District 6 Councilmember Fritchen

Biography

Councilmember Fritchen is a resident of Weston Ranch and has lived in Stockton since 1981. Prior to being on the City Council he was elected to the Manteca Unified School Board for 2 terms, serving as the President for 3 years. He was also appointed to the Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission for 8 years.

Councilmember Fritchen holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business from San Joaquin Delta College, a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from University of Phoenix, and a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from National University.

FAIL

Wow, if there's a poster child NOT to attend degree mills or correspondent schools, Mr. Fritchen is their boy! Once again a MASTERS degree proves nothing about an individual's ability to provide a tangible, practical service (like the advance complex mathematics of "ADDING" and "SUBTRACTION" in "BUDGETS!"). Oh, and was he on the "Parks and Recreation" commission for 8 years? Yeah, right, like you had ANY intention of getting a real job. FAIL!

Mayor Ann Johnston

Biography

Mayor Johnston has owned and operated a retail business in Stockton since 1981 and has been actively involved in the community as both an elected official and a community volunteer. She served as a City Councilmember from 1995 to 2002, helping initiate the current redevelopment of the downtown and waterfront area as well as the beginning of major initiatives to address neighborhood crime.

From 1979 to 1992 Mayor Johnston served as a Lodi Unified School District Board Member and worked to build 13 new schools in North Stockton during that period of rapid enrollment growth. Her community involvement began in 1977 with her election as President of the Elkhorn School Parent Teacher Association. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences and a Secondary Teaching Credential from San Francisco State University. Mayor Johnston also served as a Peace Corps volunteer who taught English as a Second Language in Iran.

EPIC FAIL

Let me list the countries the Peace Corps have been to that have improved because of their visit.....OH, that's right! ZERO! And surprise surprise, IS THIS YET ANOTHER person

with public school experience? What were you idiots who voted this moron in thinking? That she was going to take her extensive "well building" experience for impoverished villagers in third world countries and maybe sing Kumbaya and that would solve your financial problems? Wait, wait. Let me guess. Most of you who voted her in did so because you were never even AWARE of the financial problems because Jersey Shore was on. Oh well, you get the government you deserve. FAIL (for both the mayor and the voters)

District 1 Councilmember Holman

Biography

Councilmember Elbert Holman is a life-long resident of the City of Stockton. He graduated from Edison High School and continued his education with coursework at both California State University – San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and University of the Pacific (UOP).

Councilmember Holman is currently retired, having served 34 years in law enforcement, 20 years with the San Joaquin County Sheriff Department and 14 years at the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, with the last five years as Chief Investigator. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

PASS

Where the heck was this guy? Oh, wait, I bet probably drowned out by the bickering about "reading initiatives" and "peace rallies" by the above five. And I bet he was considered the "mean one" when he attempted to introduce some fiscal reality. Perhaps District 1 could secede from Stockton and form their own SOLVENT city. Of course I don't know for a fact as I have not looked at voting records, but I'm merely testing my Crusaderism/Worthless degree theories here. PASS.

Saving a 17 Year Old

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Let me tell you a story.

Was at a bar/restaurant last night. Within the group of people I'm at is a mother-son combination and a (frankly) overweight, ugly middle aged woman (henceforth referred to as "the OUMAW").

The mother and the OUMAW are tag teaming this poor boy about what to do when it comes to matters of the ladies and courting when he heads off to college/the real world. And all the advice is absolutely wrong, only guaranteeing he'll be fed to the meat-grinder at a faster rate.

"Be nice."

"Be sweet."

"Be kind."

"My husband who does what I tell him and makes the money. You need to become like him."

I speak up.

"Look, don't be nice. Be a jerk. I mean, don't be abusive, but the last thing girls like or want is the sappy overtly sweet nice guy. Be aloof, master back-handed compliments. NEVER be desperate."

"Don't have kids. They cost too much money and they'll take away from your fun with your wife, IF you choose to have one."

"Date LOTS of girls. TONS. That way you'll have some fun initially, but realize just how many poor ones are out there, making sure you'll know when you find a really good one or the "right one."

"Realize you are not inferior to girls. ESPECIALLY at your age. When you get older, you'll realize just how childish they really are reading "People" magazine or watching TMZ or Jersey Shore. Just because they're cute, does not mean they're smarter than you, let alone that you want to date them."

Naturally the mom and the OUMAW we enraged.

"NO! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!!! LISTEN TO US! WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!"

Their response was interesting because I don't for a second believe they weren't trying to help the boy, they love the kid. Their response seemed visceral, automated. As if they were prompted by instinct, rather than thought. Regardless, merely telling the boy "don't listen to that bad bad man over there" was not enough. The mom and especially the OUMAW had to then "debunk" me and thus the interrogation/attempt to "expose" me began.

"So, what you just live alone all by yourself?"

- "Yes."

"AHA! So you're all alone!"

-"No, I have friends and a girlfriend back in Minnesota. And I've made some friends here in South Dakota."

"So, is she some like mail-order bride or something that doesn't have a mind of her own?"

-"No, actually she's an engineer and makes more money than I do."

"And she tolerates your attitude?"

-"Matter of fact, yes, she likes the fact I'm the male and I am willing to draw the line in the sand and stick to my guns. She cooks for me, treats me very nice, and hangs out with me and picks on me. She's also hot and doesn't mind getting dolled up in lingerie."

As the interrogation went on it was becoming apparent to the ladies (AND the boy), that their plan was backfiring on them. I was living proof that everything they said to the boy was wrong and that just because they were older, didn't mean they necessarily wiser in this particular department. Losing the battle they switched tactics (and dare I say, were curious how about this minimalistic/maxi-fun approach to life I had.)

"So you obviously don't have children, do you?"

-"No, I had a vasectomy."

And that was adding fuel to the fire.

"SO YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO HAVE CHILDREN???? WHY DON'T YOU WANT CHILDREN!???"

I then calmly leaned over to the boy, almost as if I was ignoring them, but spoke loud enough so everybody could hear.

"Look, kid, you know how much you cost to raise? $500,000. When it's all said and done, your mom and dad dropped HALF A MILLION DOLLARS ON YOU and that doesn't even include accounting for their time. You don't have to go to college, you don't have to slave away. You can live on the cheap, drive your motorcycle around, hell, buy a boat and a house and eat great food ALL if you don't have children."

Naturally, instead of listening to the words coming out of my mouth and focusing on the point I was trying to make, this merely sent the ladies' emotions into a tizzy. They thought I was saying the kid wasn't worth it. That he was a mistake. Sure enough the responses of "he's worth every penny." "I am so proud of him." "I would do it all over again" blah blah blah blah, came pouring in.

Thankfully you could tell by his eyes he did not only take umbrage to the statement, but was digesting precisely the point I was trying to make.

Emotionally upset, the OUMAW started to tear in even more, but what is nice about this little "philosophy" the Manosphere, or heck, just single or childless people have, is that it's unassailable. There's really no emotion involved in it. I don't get agitated when people tell me they want to have 5 children and grow organic chickens. It's their life. But the OUMAW was obviously insulted I chose to lead my life my way and she was having none of it. Additionally, she wanted to intervene in this poor boy's life, send him on a path SHE deemed the "right" one and dissuade him from my (obviously) "dark side of the force life" of motorcycle, freedom, hiking, and minimal responsibility. Ergo, I had to be "stopped."

With a smug tone she said, "So, do you RENT or do you OWN your apartment?"

Internally I rolled my eyes. She had no idea just how intricately familiar I am with real estate and the economics thereof. She also had no idea how far away I could see this one coming. I played the game.

-"I rent."

"Oh, so look at you! You don't even have equity built up in your house. You're so blah blah blah...."

I interrupted.

-"I own rental property back in Minnesota."

"Oh." she said. "Well that's good, I own a house too."

I responded (knowing how she bragged about how her husband made all the money),

"Yeah, but my husband didn't pay for my house."

Hooo!!! Hooo!!!!!! The OUMAW did NOT like that. But it's not because I was implying she wasn't an independent woman. It was the fact I highlighted she TRULY WASN'T an independent woman. That and in the eyes of the boy I was just furthering my particular authority in this conversation and debunking hers.

The fireworks were continuing and the boy was paying very close attention. He was noticing how the women were being irrational, emotional and trying to knock me out, whlie I just sat there, very calm, dispassionate, spoke the truth, didn't get riled up, but stuck to my guns. At no time did I say his mom or the OUMAW were wrong or not trying to help him, I merely was presenting the other side of the same coin, a "male" or "older brother" side of life. I wrote down Dalrock, Roissy, The U of Man and a couple other blogs on a napkin, gave it to him and said,

"Look, when I was your age, we didn't have the internet. But what has happened since it's development, is it has allowed millions of men my age and younger and older to compare notes about dating. And what it has enabled us to do is detect trends, patterns, observations, etc. and see what works in the dating world and what doesn't. But most importantly, it makes it so young boys like you DO NOT have to suffer the bullsh#t we did when we were your age. Your mother and the OUMAW obviously do love you, but it's only one side of the story. You need the guy's side."

He went off on his merry way as he had to work the next day, and I was happy I saved another soul an inordinate amount of pain in his future.

Now the moral of the story is not "warm fuzzies" the Captain probably saved the kid a lot of pain. It's that I am still shocked that there are women out there who think it their place to lecture men about the lives they choose to lead. The vehement response I got when I merely said things like;

"I don't want kids."

"I live on the cheap."

"I dated lots of girls."

BLAMO! I'm an evil cad and I must be lectured. And not only must I be lectured, they have every RIGHT to come in and lecture me.

But there's another aspect to it - you forget there are people out there like that.

It's akin to when I worry if the advice we give young men today is relevant anymore. Have relations between young boys and girls changed so that boys don't need this philosophy? I don't want to give him advice that would have worked in 1992, but would only serve to hurt him now. And then I see some news story about girls having pregnancy pacts in high schools or something, and know these poor boys need us more than ever.

And here it is the same thing.

I forget there are people out there who almost unconsciously deem themselves not just your superior, but charter themselves with the right to intervene in your life and tell you what to do as THEY SEE FIT. And while this applies to a wide range of people (abusive husbands, controlling wives, etc. etc.), I am intrigued how common it is when it comes to courting/social-sexual dynamics between men and women, and when the men merely speak truth from the hills -

"*We like long legs, big boobs, long hair.*"

BLAMO! That is somehow "wrong." THat is "bad" (even though it is genetic programming). And that is more than enough of an excuse for women to come in and not just lecture you, but REALLY try to get you to change.

But above all, it provides some amazing hindsight as to just what an uphill battle us older guys had when we were young boys being lectured by the women in our lives.

You're shallow for liking long legs. You're shallow for liking big boobs. You should LOVE a woman for her personality. And be nice and be kind, and buy her flowers, and open doors for her and write her poetry, etc. etc.

How any of us came out of that brainwashing, let alone on our own accord, is amazing. But this brainwashing and indoctrination ***is*** still happening. And therefore fellow members of the Manosphere, like Batman, we gotta be there for the boys.

Carry on gentlemen. Carry on.

We Don't Need No Stiiiinnnnnking Fathers Linkage

June 28, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If fathers were more prevalent and manly in society, 90% of the "childhood psychoses" would disappear over night...but then where would all the "child psychology" and "social work" majors find employment? And we all know it's MUCH more important for people who can't do math to have make work government jobs than psychologically healthy children.

Yes, because consumption is the only thing that matters (as i pointed out before).

Well sure, if you think education should be about the children, you moron. But everybody knows that's not what schools are for. (I am of course joking about the moron statement).

That's too complicated for the teachers to figure out. Therefore we will not be pursuing that idea. PS you're racist.

Fact- fat is gross. If you want to argue, I suggest you focus on the first word there. But this is taking it a bit too far.

I shall answer Clarissa's question (which is a good one). The reason women (married or not, working or not) do the majority of the housework is because of one simple thing - women's standards for tidiness are multiple times higher than men's. We are OK with an upturned shoe in the middle of the hall. You decree it a "filthy mess" and declare war on it. We men will clean the house to the point it is sanitary. You can clean it to the point of perfection if you want. We guys have more important stuff to do in life.

Debt Costs You Marriage

June 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Lauren Dollard graduated from Fordham University in 2008 with $157,000 in debt, including interest. "My boyfriend won't marry me because of my debt," she says. "He doesn't want it attached to his name (I know, this could also be an excuse)." She said she would trade her "fancy private school education" in a heartbeat to live "as an independent adult."

Uh, no dear, he's not looking for excuses.

Hopey changey kiddies! Hopey changey!!!!

Clean It Up Boys

June 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Again, it seems I have to remind people the single worst thing I have to do is delete a comment, that is otherwise brilliant, but full of vulgarity.

I will tolerate the occasional and well-placed curse word, but a tirade of cursing and disparaging language will not make it. Please clean it up.

Anybody Know Peter Schiff?

June 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The problem I run into is if they're too big, they won't consider even looking at my book. But if somebody knows them, they may consider it if a copy is brought to them by their contact.

Still waiting for Ezra Levant to read the book I sent him! Ahem ahem! Cough cough!!!

"The Good, The Bad and The Cappy"

June 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

OK Cappy Cappites, time for a little experiment.

I'm off to the Black Hills this weekend (again, because, we'll, they're there). However, I'm going to test this Amazon Affiliate link thing whilst away. Below is a poster (and a link to it). It is the coolest poster I have ever seen and I bought one when I was in Vegas, however, you can order it on Amazon.

I am fully aware that this poster may not be the most desired product by the lady readers of Cappy Cap, but for those of you economists out there who do love "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" I would strongly recommend this poster (I have it hanging in my office actually and it starts some interesting conversations).

[image]

My goal is to see if I can earn enough money to pay for my $20 gambling spree I shall go on in Deadwood. It would give me warm fuzzies to see if there was $20 in my account to fund my gambling addiction.

Make sure you enjoy the decline today.

Ladies Night at the Captain's Club

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is going to be sloppy. Just got back from a weekend trip of riding a motorcycle through the Black Hills and NOT contributing to GDP.

if I miss any of the ladies it is not out of animosity or indifference or forgetfulness. Just uhhh...bachelor like...ummm.."failings" (yeah, yeah, that's the ticket!).

Oh SNAP!

Well SURE! If you think the media is there to report factual news and get to the truth, well then, yeah, of course you're going to be upset you moron. But everybody knows THAT'S not what they're there for! (moron comment obviously not intended).

I have a post in the making called, "Are we going to have to repeat this stupidity 30 years from now again because a new generation of self-entitled spoiled brats didn't suffer their Volcker Recession?" Clarissa just opines about the Republicans failing to deliver the necessary fiscal reforms without worrying about the religious right.

I don't care about Obamacare or the SCOTUS because it's out of my control. Here is some analysis.

When HR and political correctness took over the forest service.

Because Putin is not a pansy.

But math and personal financial management is tough. Wont' my future husband take care of me?

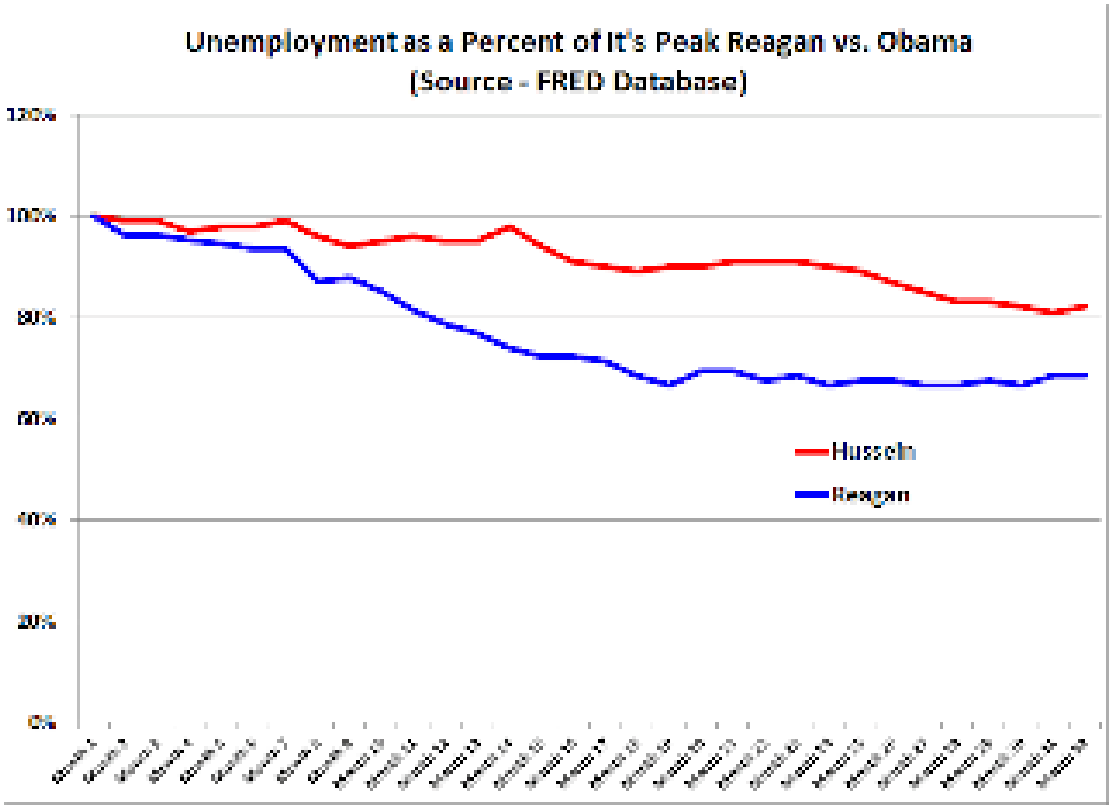
Wish her a happy 24th birthday.

So sorry, no new weather records broken for you to claim it's global warming...or change...or (what's the next word they'll develop so they have no requirement to explain themselves?)

Unemployment Race

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The political "scientists" (read, morons who couldn't do long division) like to point out that Reagan while rounding about his first term had horrible polls, and thus use this as conclusive proof that Obama will get re-elected. That of course assumes Obama would have the same track record as Reagan in terms of not just lowering unemployment, but as quickly as Reagan did (which he hasn't).

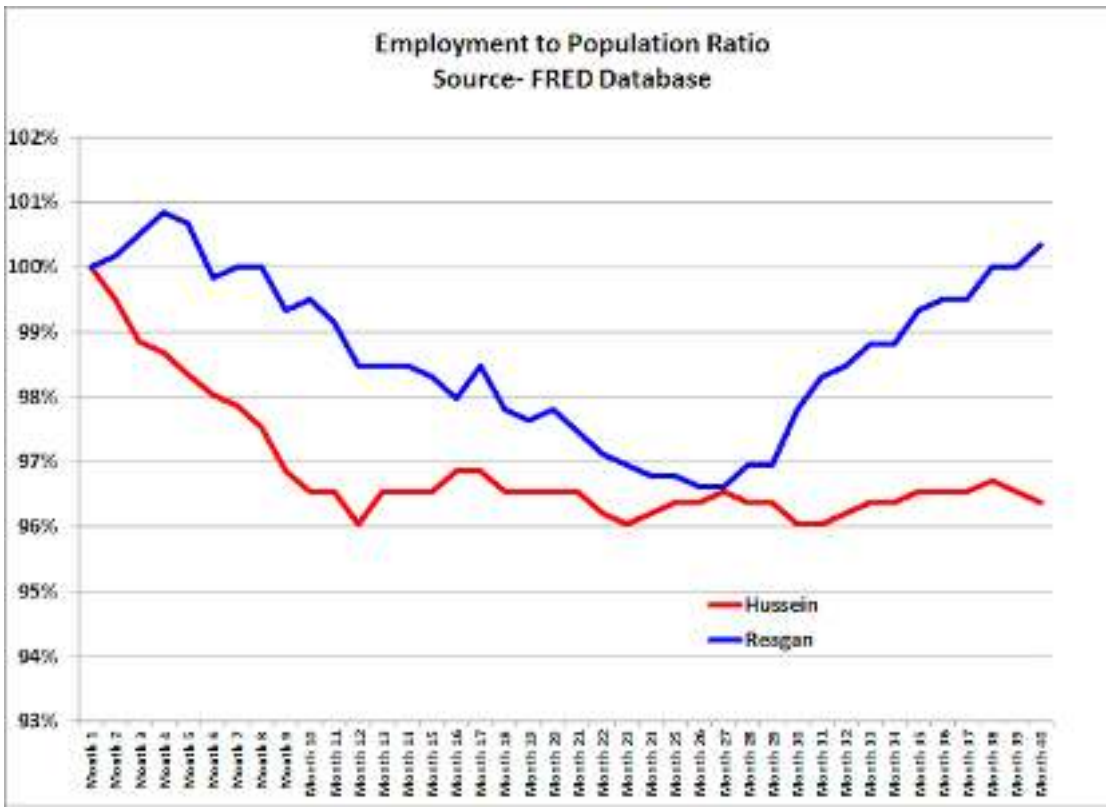


And don't get me started about youth unemployment and how they're abandoning this socialist, elitist Harvard preppy in droves.

Obama Ain't Reagan

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Another reader-suggested metric to use, and arguably better than my own - employment to population ratio - ie - the percent of the population that is working (indexed to when the presidents were inargurated). Again, Reagan was able to get the country back to it's original level. Obama is still hovering at the lows. And despite what Obama's supporters contend America wants (a government check), most people want jobs.



The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wow, lost a real winner there! How will society move on without this idiot?

VIP Room for Ladies Night

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Huge heaps o' scorn was heaped upon me for failing to include Susan Walsh and Haley's Halo in the Ladies' Night Linkage at the Cappy Club.

Little did you all know THEY had VIP reservations with the Cappy Club and just showed up fashionably late.

"Run Bambi, Run!"

July 2, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

People who remember the 70's will get the cultural reference.

I am laughing because they killed the goose that laid the golden egg. Of course, leave it to the media to portray the wife as the victim (poor lady, only got a million dollar lake front property and $2000 a month in rental income) who was greedy enough to go back for more.

Call it capital flight, call it going Galt, going ghost, call it whatever you want, the goose that laid the golden egg is dead. And you killed it.

The Costs of Playerhood

July 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Roosh in his book "Day Bang" explains arguably the key ingredient to being a player. It isn't confidence. It isn't working out or looks. And it isn't money.

It's failure.

It's knowing that you are going to get shot down the majority of the time and to simply keep at it until you inevitably succeed. Oh sure, there are some things you can do to "tighten up" your game (environment selection, practice, situational awareness, working out, clothing, etc), but even Roosh admits players at the top of their game will have a maximum close rate of around 40%.

Now, the reason I bring this up is because (hubris and arrogance aside) I was a player. And when I was a player, my friends would always ask, "how did I do it?" I'm not particularly tall, I'm kind of skinny, when I was at the "top" of my game I least physically fit, and for the majority of my 20's I was making less than $30,000 per year. But sure enough pretty much every hot girl that walked into the dance scene was mine. If there was a social event, I would be "that short skinny guy" who brought the "Russian ballet dancer" to the party (true story). If I wanted to and had enough forewarning, I could pretty much guarantee myself a pretty girl for a date. The irony is of course, that's what people saw from the outside. The finished product. The tall drink of water on my arm. What they didn't see was the behind the scenes action of how sausage was made and thus thought it was all puppies, chocolates and unicorns. They didn't realize there are genuine and severe costs to being a player, costs so great it makes you quit.

First, understand the time commitment involved. Again I reference Day Bang (though I'm sure Roosh mentions this in all of his books), where Roosh, right up front addresses the amount of time you will have to commit in order to succeed. He does not beat around the bush, likening being a player to a sport. You NEED to practice, regularly, everyday, 3 hours a day to get good at it. And he's right.

Now, did I go out and treat it like a sport? No, but I did get to the point of being able to remove any emotion from getting shot down. And I did get to the point to not take any personal offense or umbrage when a girl shot me down. It requires you give up a little bit of humanity and treat it like a genuine, real and passionless game. You almost have to get to the level of ignoring the fact the girls are fellow humans and look at them more like hurdles or benchmarks to overcome. I never achieved 40%, maybe at best 30%. But for all the tall drinks of water I brought into a club or a party, there were at least 7 or 8 that shot me down.

Regardless, the point is not how you need to become dispassionate about it (though that helps), it's to point out some math. To get shot down 7-8 times just to get one date means you got to spend at least 2 hours failing before you get that 15 minutes of success. And that's a low estimate. The average guy is more likely to spend at least 10 hours getting one date, the majority of that time will be spent being shot down. Consequently, unless you can remove your soul a little bit from this process, it will start to affect your personality, ego and self-esteem. Both of these (the time commitment and the constant assailing of your ego) are costs that often go unnoticed in the sausage-making process that is known as "playerhood."

Second, say you do succeed. Again, to the outside observer, all they see is you punching above your weight with that tall drink of water on your arm. "See" being the key verb here. They don't TALK to the tall drink of water. They don't LISTEN to the tall drink of water. All they see is her physical beauty, 95% of the time is her best and only asset.

Until a woman has a child, gets divorced, has to support herself or goes through some other life-trial or tribulation that builds character, you can expect an inverse relationship between the looks of a woman and her personality. The old adage - intelligence, sanity and beauty, pick two - applies here. Out of the 200+ women I have dated (not lying) there was a DIRECT and STRONG correlation between their beauty and their insanity or lack of intelligence.

The drop dead gorgeous blond that took all the oxygen out of the air at a hangar dance I went to?

2 DUI's, 1 year of "cosmetology school" and kicked out of her parents' home, on again off again collector of welfare.

The Russian ballet dancer?

Former mail order bride of an American sergeant who abused her while they had sex to the point she was hospitalized and was thusly thereafter afraid of sex.

The hot latina that I was going to impress with tickets to the opera? (I was young and stupid)

Wasn't ready until the doors to the opera were closed and we had to wait till intermission (I did not wait till intermission).

The professional trainer?

Talked 3 hours straight. I LITERALLY got TWO SENTENCES IN. What did she talk about? Her ex-boyfriend THE ENTIRE TIME.

The hot ex-girlfriend of a Minnesota Viking whose parents were also billionaires with direct family ties to the Kuomintang party of Taiwan?

Threatened suicide when I didn't buy her a soda at a gas station in St. Louis Park.

Now, I could go on (and on, and on, and on), but you get the point. You just see some guy driving a Ferrari down the street and envy him. YOu don't see the drama and psychological BS the poor guy has to pay maintaining such a high-maintenance vehicle.

Third, speaking of costs, you still have to spend money. This can be controlled or limited to a certain extent, but if you want to be a player you at minimum have to GO OUT. That includes (on the very cheap end) gas to a coffee shop and at minimum $5 for coffee. On the average end, $10 in gas, $20 in drinks for yourself, maybe even $5 in covers. AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN GONE OUT YET. This is just to get into the game and start wooing potential candidates for a future date. The dates themselves (if you follow Leykis 101) should not cost more than $40, but heck, that's what you drop on them. That again doesn't consider ancillary expenses, let alone your time. You prorate your time at $20 an hour, with $20 in gas and $20 on actual expenditures on your date, you're looking at total costs of at least $100 each date. Figure a low-end player gets 4 girls a month, 48 girls a year, that's $4,800 a year ON VERY CHEAP DATES, the real figure is certainly higher.

Now you throw all these together and what do you have?

An already impoverished 20 something blowing AT LEAST $5,000 a year on dates, not to mention committing an amount of his finite time that is equivalent to a part time job ONLY to get shot down the majority of the time and SHOULD HE SUCCEED, it is a 95% guarantee the dates will be pure psychological torture.

Now, you do that for 10 years and (not to be crass) I don't care how long the legs are, how nice the boobs are, or how great the sex is (usually pretty bad), there IS going to be a burn out rate. I personally don't know how the likes of Roosh, Roissy, etc. do it. In the end other aspects of life start to appeal to you.

A quiet night on your own listening to Johnny Coltrane, playing video games, hell, even reading a book is better. You discover working on motorcycles proves more enjoyable than dating Bambi the Drama Queen. You discover studying a foreign language proves more intellectually rewarding than suffering another outting with Monique the Sociology Major-Turned Realtor. You discover hanging out with your buds having a cigar will provide better life-long memories than suffering another ignorant-laced conversation about politics with Lilly the "I'm a Progressive Feminist" Liberal.

The point is, playerism and playerhood is all great and wonderful. But there's nothing wrong with you if you decide to give it up and opt for more of a MGTOW type lifestyle.

The reason being is it's your life, not theirs. You don't have to spend your precious few moments on this planet suffering the drama and psychoses of tall drinks of floosy.

No S Sherlock

July 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Heh, like you needed a study.

Recession Medicine

July 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It wasn't until I uploaded this did I see the "black Face" advertisement. However, I was originally intending to get the same comedy duo's skit from "Stormy Weather" found this one, and since it's essentially the same skit, I'm keeping it up here. It irks me that we'd attach "black face" to something as clever and witty as this:

Dear Mexican Restaurants

July 6, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When I ask for "Tabasco Sauce" I want Tabasco Sauce.

I don't want those cheap knock offs you have sitting on the table. "Tapatio," "Chipolte" or that damn sauce that has about as much kick as a quadriplegic slug - "Chalupa."

I want the spicy, hot, vinegar fuming TABASCO. I want no girls to want to kiss me for the next month. I want to sweat while I'm eating. I don't want your "in house sauce" that is about as hot as saw dust.

You're probably one of those parents who buy their kids the knock off brand of Lego's or some other cool toy because "it's the same thing."

NO IT'S NOT!

We want our freaking Tabasco sauce.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Entire Population of Earth

Bush is Now in the Lead

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If I recall my numbers correctly, this officially puts GW in the lead over Obama when it came to jobs during his first time.

I now await the media to claim this IS the worst economy in 50 years.

Waiting, waiting...still waiting.

Oh, wait, let me guess. We've changed the definition or "success" from economic to some amporphous unicorns and hippie definition so we can keep on rationalizing taking other people's money.

Correct

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I just would say they use a religion ("socialism" "green" "global warming" "Islam" "Chrisianity" "any religion") to rationalize and legitimize taking the wealth, and thus by default, enslaving other people.

That is human nature. And our forefathers (in America) fought against it.

Good thing we villainized them and all that icky, yucky, gross, oppressive freedom they tried to give us.

Joe Soucheray Rips Mayor RT Rybak a New One

July 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Most of you are unfamiliar with Minneapolis politics. However, you don't have to be.

Liberal big city mayor blames murder of innocent 5 year old inner city youth on lack of gun control laws.

Conservative talk show host lights him up like a B-24 over Berlin.

It will make you smile.

Winner of the Cappy Cap Logic Challenge

July 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Almost forgot!

The winner of the Cappy Cap Logic Challenge was Anon 1217PM.

If you recall the challenge was to link the abuse children were heaping upon the bus driver and forms of "bullying" teachers to the lack of fathers AND how the victims of this bullying were largely to blame for their own predicament.

Anon 1217PM answered:

Could it be that the people (meaning teachers and educational bureaucrats) that are victims of this sort of thing are the same people that support so-called "socially progressive" causes, including the feminist position that extolls the virtues of single motherhood and plays down the importance of father figures and men in general? Most teachers do have left-wing, socialist political views.

Anon 1217 contact the Captain and get your free "Behind the Housing Crash" or "Worthless," your choice.

A "PhD in Manosphere Studies"

July 8, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I am hiking and in the back of my mind a thought or observation is trying to get out. It's centralled around the purpose or reason why one would get a degree in "Women's Studies." And I don't know if it was a neuron that was jolted into place or perhaps the Rumpleminze finally wore off of one of my neuron receptors, but the epiphany finally exploded to the frontal lobes:
BLAMO!

"How stupid would a PhD in "Manosphere Studies" be?"

The question seems obvious or maybe simple. People have been kicking around a "male studies" department recently and most of us on some level know to poo-poo the idea because it is outlandishly stupid. "What would be the point" most men would ask, and we'd dismiss the idea and its originator as stupid. But the epiphany is not so much in the question being asked, but taking the same logic, consequences and ramifications of asking that same question and applying it to "women's studies."

If it sounds ludicrous to offer a "PhD in Manosphere Studies" then how galactically stupid of an idea was it for somebody to come up with "women's studies" as some kind of viable or legitimate field? Additionally, how naive and gullible did millions of sheeple have to be in order for it to grow legs and make it this far a legitimate academic field? In short, the idea of a man (or a woman) getting ANY kind of degree in "Manosphere Studies" is so outlandish, so stupid, it provides the clear vantage point, void of blinding politically-correct bias, needed to realize the true foolishness and stupidity in treating "women's studies" as a legitimate field.

And so Lieutenants, Agents in the Field, and Junior, Deputy, Aspiring, Official or Otherwise Economists, let us go down into this rabbit hole with the intent of fully exploring it and snuffing this rabbit out.

First is the inanity of the idea. To offer a study of one's traits half the population are born with is on the level with offering a college program in studying the color of the sky. As I said in "Worthless" (SPECIFICALLY warning minorities and women about the pitfalls of spending $100,000 in studying hyphenated-American studies that have NO job prospects) traits are something you are born with.

You're not special because you're "female."

You are not special because you're "Hispanic."

You're are not special because you're "straight."

You are not special because you are "male."

And you are not special because you're "black."

You just simply ARE these things.

You didn't "work" at becoming them. You didn't study or engage in academic rigor to hone your skills at being "male" or "black." You just "are." So to study mere traits you had nothing to do with and then somehow champion them as "skills" or something to have "pride" in or (worse) to turn these mere traits into "achievements" deserving of reward is nothing more than a childish, lazy, selfish, self-absorbed, ego-driven, love-fest. It serves no practical purpose except to stroke your ego. It's ludicrous.

But again, don't listen to mean ole sexist me, view it from the perspective of majoring in "Manopshere Studies."

Not only would I, but every other guy out there (I'm guessing) would say,

"*Why the hell would I study myself? I already know enough about myself, live with myself 24 hours a day, and I don't really define myself by my race or gender. I'd rather study something new, develop a skill or consume new knowledge. What could I possibly gain by paying some washed up professor $4,500 a class to learn about "being me" or "being male?" It's stupid.*"

Regardless of which approach we want to use, ANY study of a person's gender has no practical application. The concept of such studies is point blank absurd. They should/should have NEVER existed in the first place.

Second, the absurdity and the lack of any outside, practical purpose in women's studies behooves the question:

What type of people major in this crap?

But before we can ask who majors in it, I have a very thought-provoking question - who started it and how did it all get started?

I mean, who woke up late at night with a brilliant idea, rushed to their bedside table, broke out the pen and paper and wrote down:

"*Let's create a college program so poor female college students can spend thousands of dollars getting a degree in themselves! And not just that, but we'll offer MASTERS and*

DOCTORAL programs in what it means to be female! Of course there will be no employment prospects to such a degree. And of course the same could be achieved merely in reading books about female philosophy and psychology. And heck, it's not like we don't converse about this anyways amongst ourselves. No, let's make women PAY FOR IT!"

I want to know who came up with that idea.

And, on a related note, how do you just "poof" make a new college program without "experts" or "predecessor experts" who established the study? Who were the first professors? Without PhD's in women's studies, did some women just self-decree themselves as the "lords" or "masters" of the "field?'

Well Cappy Cappites, what do you think?

I already looked it up (and DAMN am I good), but let's see how good you are at predicting what the "founding mothers" of the first "women's studies departments" looked like (not physically, I'm talking profiles, backgrounds, psychologies, education, resumes, etc.)

I'll give you a couple seconds.

Go ahead, jot down your predictions.

Think hard. Take from lessons the ole Captain has provided you before.

Couple spaces so nobody cheats.

Are you ready?

OK, here we go. From Wikipedia (which I know some of you have a problem with, but just let me roll here):

The first accredited Women's Studies course was held in 1969 at Cornell University. The first two Women's Studies Programs in the United States were established in 1970 at San

Diego State College (now San Diego State University) and SUNY-Buffalo. The SDSU program was initiated after a year of intense organizing of women's consciousness raising groups, rallies, petition circulating, and operating unofficial or experimental classes and presentations before seven committees and assemblies.[2] Carol Rowell Council was the student co-founder along with Dr. Joyce Nower, a literature instructor. The SUNY-Buffalo program was also the result of intense debate and feminist organizing led by Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy, and it was eventually birthed out of the American Studies department. In 1972, Sarah Lawrence College became the first institution to grant Masters degrees in Women's History. ***Throughout the later 1970s many universities and colleges created departments and programs in women's studies, and professorships became available in the field which did not require the sponsorship of other departments***

So right there, the women's studies department was just created out of whole cloth by a bunch of 60's hippie activists. There was no precedence for the "study." There was no demand for such a field. It wasn't in response to societal need for it. It wasn't an outgrowth of an already-existing field that warranted its own department or program. And there certainly was no practical application for a field outside academia. It was merely a bunch of activists who didn't want to grow up, face the real world and get real jobs.

But what I get a kick out of (and what you should have jotted down on them there notes in front of you) is the profile of some of the people in the entry:

Worthless majors - (BA's in anthropology, Masters in Art History, etc., proving they never had any intention of working real jobs in the first place)

No Real Work - (all jobs are in academia, government or non-profit, they need OTHER people's money to live, they are NOT independent)

Crusaders - (by the fact they decided to create an unneeded program, financed by taxpayer money, NOT to help women, but merely to help themselves first and foremost)

Upper middle class/rich - (my favorite is the one where her daddy was a NEUROSURGEON. Yes, "independent" I'm sure she'll claim to be)

In short, they are nothing but crusaders.

So "let us be clear." The founders of "women's studies" departments had no desire to "bring about justice and equality for women." They are crusaders, they are hypocrites. They care FIRST AND FOREMOST about themselves and have no problem abusing a GENUINE noble cause (in this case, the equal treatment of women) so they can profit from it at taxpayer expense. They are spoiled, upper income, brats who absolutely

FEARED mathematical and genuine academic rigor and instead NOT ONLY chose to major in worthless, cake easy fields, but to CREATE A NEW ONE OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH. They merely used the "oppression of women" as the Trojan Horse to rationalize it and no politician would dare call them out on it in fear of being labelled a sexist. It's the same game plan socialists, leftists, feminists, liberals and communists have been playing this entire time.

So to answer the previous question - what type of people came up with/major in this nonsense?

Answer?

Not adults, these are politically motivated charlatans. These are little children who are the opposite of independent. They are scared little children who never wanted to compete toe-to-toe, on a level playing field in the real world, and they certainly don't want to produce anything of value society might want (though I'm sure they're happy some STEM majoring nerd created their government-financed Apple products). They are hypocrites claiming to be independent (while needing constant outside sources of financing for their "careers" as they hide in academia and the public sector) and are doubly so when they claim to be for "women" (when in reality they use women for their personal profiteering and really couldn't care less about women's happiness and success). Ironically, contrast that with the theoretical would-be founders of "Manosphere Studies" and you're pitting public sector economic deadweight against engineers, programmers, doctors, soldiers, accountants, entrepreneurs, economists, husbands, fathers and laborers who actually do produce something of value in society, are genuinely independent and because of this CERTAINLY have more authority and legitimacy in starting a "Manosphere Studies" program than any feminist founder ever did a "women's studies" program.

Now, third. As my posts are prone to do, they flare up emotions (the secret ingredient is "truth"). I know truth and reality have the tendency to make people who are living lies get upset because we expose the type of people they really are. But perhaps a different approach will convince you I'm truly not biased or have some kind of vendetta against women, but perhaps (GASP!) I might actually care about women (in that I would prevent the likes of this from happening). So allow me to introduce some humor, though I'm no less serious about what I'm about to say.

The PhD's passed out at The University of Man should be recognized by the National Association of Accredited Colleges and Schools as just as legitimate as the PhD's in "women's studies" passed out at "accredited" institutions.

Not joking, I'm as serious as a heart attack. The Manosphere is just as legitimate, if not, a superior "institution" to most women's studies departments.

One, just as much intellectual thought and debate goes into the Manosphere as the average women's studies department. Matter of fact, we're more intellectually honest (in that we're acknowledging a PhD in Manosphere studies would be pretty freaking stupid) and we have no ulterior motive (sayyyyyyyy extorting the taxpayer for make-work-government-financed academia jobs that produce absolutely nothing of value?) Two, unlike women's studies, the Manosphere's aim is not political, but practical. It is NOT the oppression or subjugation of women, but merely the maximization of happiness between the sexes. Unlike women's studies, it is not an "us vs. them" or a "right the wrongs of our oppressors," but an intense desire to find out and establish the truth as to what is the optimal relationship between men and women in all aspects of life (work, marriage, friends, sex, social, etc.) so that men and women may prosper and be happy. Three, we do have more legitimacy in our founding in that the majority, if not ALL of the members of the Manosphere are independent men (and women) who work for a living and are not hypocritically willing to go through the charade of creating a whole academic department just to score ourselves some government cheese. And fourth, the fact the open-source nature of the Manosphere in it's unprofessional, non-accredited, unordained form, is providing such an intellectually equal rival or "challenge" to "women's studies" is NOT an argument for a "male studies" department, but rather, quite the opposite. It's an argument to eliminate every "women's studies" program out there because it exposes just how inane, stupid, absurd, worthless and useless those programs actually are.

Besides, even if you tried to make "Manosphere Studies" a legitimate college program you could get a degree in, it wouldn't work. Real men couldn't stomach the hypocritical and parasitical reputation that would come with it.

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Dalrock and Badger Walk Into a Bar

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Good ol Dalrock. Always good for a laugh.

And by laugh I mean "guffaw."

And by "guffaw" I mean "nothing's funnier than reality crushing people."

And let's not forget Badger. Boys, you NEVER, EVER make going to a bar with a girl the SOLE event of the evening. You ALWAYS make it a secondary event enroute home. For example, you NEVER say,

"Hey, it'd be great to get a drink on Friday!"

You wait till Friday, call her up at 8PM and say,

"Hey, I'm finishing up a game around 9PM, you want to meet up for a drink around 930?"

Oh, you sad nice boys. I was once just like you, now I look back with such hindsight it's painfully funny to see the obvious errors we made.

Enjoy the decline!

Super Happy Fun Game of Joy!

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Hey Cappy Cappites!

Do you want to play the "Super Happy Fun Game of Joy!?"

OK then!

On your marks.

Get set.

Go!

Click on this link and predict what the city council of this newly-bankrupt California town looks like!

No cheating! Just make your predictions and we'll see how close you are!

He Wasn't Going to Achieve Anything Anyways

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1. Poli Sci major
2. "Aspiring rap artist" (I too was an aspiring Robotech Veritech Cyclone pilot, and then I grew up and lived in the real world)
3. Founded something that is nothing more than a communist organization to rationalize taking other people's money, meaning...
4. Crusader
5. I'm sure he was running with a really great crowd and the murder was completely coincidental.

"Slop" is the correct term.

On a related note I too lived in the Cedar Riverside apartment complex (affectionately aka "Ghettos in the Sky") and made it out of the ghetto. I did this NOT by "trying to become a great rapper," NOT by collecting a government check and starting groups that stole money from other people to give to me, and it certainly was NOT done by running with thugs, drug dealers and the general vermin of society.

It was hard work, paying my own bills, developing a reasonably marketable skill and not chasing stupid, outlandish dreams that were more of a testament to my laziness than any kind of talent I had.

If you don't like this, then you can continue to be lied to by politicians who don't care about you, but only care about your vote (and with the added bonus of having a higher risk of an untimely end like this schmoe). However, if you want out of the ghetto and a better life, then you should listen to me.

But again, by all means, try to become the next "great rap artist" or "Teen Idol" contestant. I'm sure it will lead to just as much success if you studied engineering or accounting.

All Democrats, All "Teachers," All Losers

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What do I keep freaking telling you?

I want this question answered - what do you liberal arts people do right? What do liberals arts majors provide to this society?

Nothing but mismanagment and the ruining of our institutions.

But, then again, idiots voted these morons in and who am I to criticize the "open-minded, progressive geniuses" of California?

Kathy's Crusade

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I decided to check in on Kathy today and she has an interesting little quest.

I'm actually surprised she didn't find anything either. Though, I guess the Mounties have kind of an unassailable reputation. I can't see Dudley Do Right doing...um...the "wrong."

I Support Natalie Munroe

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Natalie Munroe, if you're unaware, is the only real teacher I've seen in a long time.

Why?

Because she spoke the truth about her students and their parents and did so bluntly. She called her students idiots, blames parents for poor parenting and spoke what every teacher knew was the truth deep down inside.

Now, of course truth gets you in trouble, no matter how truthful truth is. And it definitely gets you in trouble if the primary goal of your employer is not educating children or preparing them for the real world, but merely milking taxpayers in an elaborate baby sitting operation void of drama, tough fatherly love, and genuine production.

Now I bring up Natalie Munroe because I believe there are going to be more people like her. People who just cannot stomach lying day in and day out, maintaining the facade of political correctness, while they see not only what the reality is, but feel compelled to speak bluntly, truthfully and plainly because they genuine do care about society and our future. And this will not bode well for their careers.

Of course, I'm of the theory the whole ship is sinking anyway and there was never any career to have. Either because in order to have one you must drive yourself to insanity for 30 years to get a retirement (which isn't worth it), or because if the pretty lies are upheld long enough the whole system will collapse anyway (for example, my outspokeness of the banking industry has not won me many lucrative employment offers, but like the banking industry has any kind of long term viability and therefore ability to provide employment on par with say, the energy industry). But regardless, people like you, like me, like Natalie are going to suffer a veritable "truth" discrimination and our careers will suffer for it.

I have a solution, but it will be in a future (and I hope to be) ground-shaking post.

In the meantime, I strongly recommend you sacrifice the career for the sanity of being able to speak bluntly, truthfully and honestly. It isn't worth $75,000 a year to lie all the time and act "Minnesota Nice" 8 hours a day to people you utterly loathe and have no respect for.

Now Compton

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Let's play our Super Happy Fun Game of Joy again and see what the profiles are of the Comptom City Council.

Any guesses!?

Now, now, don't all of you guess CPA's, surgeons and former military officers. Those are so obvious!

Congratulations G

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He made it 100 push ups in a row.

I am currently at 70 push ups in a row, up from 40. I can knock out 75 sit ups as well.

You too can achieve this many thanks to Victor at Bold and Determined.

MBA in "Sustainability"

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A good friend of mine who has a heart of gold is paying his daughter's way through MBA school. I believe the school is Duquesne. I could be wrong, but I'm quite sure of it. Whatever the school he says and I quote,

"She's graduating in 3 weeks and not ONE of her graduating class has a job offer."

She is of course a 20 something liberal.

She did of course vote for Barack Obama.

And of course this "program" cost $50,000.

You may now laugh at all the children who swallowed whole this communist, propaganda BS and will pay for it the rest of their lives.

Damn it feels good to be an economist.

Pure White Suit

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Always wanted one, and now I got one thanks to the wonders of teh interwebz.

Direct, Blunt, Evil, Hurtful Truth

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Let us be truthful because lying gets nobody nowhere.

You will never succeed in getting men to agree to "fat acceptance." It goes against our nature.

Now you have two choices in how to respond to this;

a. ignore what I just said and get angry about a fact you have no control over and never will

b. accept this as fact and do what is within your power

I will be even more direct and blunt (see if you can guess what this is)

The appropriate range is 1.4/inch to 2.3/inch. And that is being kind.

Continue as you were.

The "Minimalism" Threat

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So I was talking to our IT guy today and we were talking about stuff. "Stuff" as in "stuff in the house" and how much he'd like to get rid of it. Of course he can't because the Mrs. won't let him get rid of the stuff, even though this stuff has never been used in the past 10 years. This sent our conversation on a trajectory in terms of how nice it would be to get rid of most of our stuff in order to live another lifestyle. The IT Guy said he would love nothing more than to jettison all of his stuff, grab a backpack, his laptop, sell his house and live in Mexico. I spoke of my desire to pretty much do the same. I'm kicking around a way to camp in the National Grasslands during the warmer 6 months of the year, commute to work, save on rent, and then get a 6 month lease during the winter months. Again, I'd have to get rid of all my stuff.

But opine as we might about how nice it would be to get rid of all our stuff and lead a Spartan existence, there are consequences men and women don't think about to such minimalism. Consequences so huge, underestimated, unseen and (dare I say) on our front-door step I believe they need highlighting.

First, understand the only reason stuff exists - women.

Women want stuff. Men hate stuff. This is no better highlighted by comparing a bachelor pad to a bachelorette pad. A (true) bachelor pad is sparse. It's functional. Nothing matches. Nothing goes with anything else. All items were a potpourri of hand me downs, Goodwill purchases and charitable donations. The couch is for sitting on, not looking at. The table is for eating on, not looking at. The bed is for sleeping on, not looking at. And if you're a really good bachelor you will eat, sleep and sit on your couch, making the bed and table obsolete. Sure there may be the occasional nice thing (primarily your TV or LCD projection and computer), but for the most part a true bachelor spends no more than $2,000 on non-electronic stuff.

Women on the other hand have to "nest" (a term a psychologist friend of mine was trying to explain). This means no consideration is given to functionality or price, only aesthetics which ultimately supplant functionality and price.

Is the couch for sitting on?

Good god, no! It goes with the drapes.

Are the drapes to keep the sun out?

Good god no! They go with the hutch.

Is the hutch for storing things?

Good god no! They go well with the dining room table.

Is the dining room table for eating on?

Good god no! It goes well with the couch.

Women will also buy crap and trinkets simply because they want "crap and trinkets." Said trinkets and crap have no other function but to ornament the place with cute little things she likes to look at and stimulate the part in her brain that is only stimulated by spending money.

Could that money have gone to pay down the mortgage?

Yes.

Could that money have gone to pay for gas?

Yes.

Could that money have been donated to a small third world country, thereby lifting it and all of its people out of poverty forever?

Yes.

But it's more important to have the "crystal unicorn set" sitting on top of the TV because it goes well with the armour (sp?) and she got it for "50% off!" Malaria infected third world children be damned, she has the whole collection!

Admittedly, I'm being a bit sarcastic, but not by much. In all truth and reality the VAST majority of the "stuff" that is found in the average American home (and I'm saying 90%) is ONLY there because the woman wants it AND it really serves no functional purpose. Because of this, that means by default 90% of the consumer spending in this economy is driven by women. Spending that would not exist if it were purely up to men.

And now you see some consequences on the horizon, don't you?

If it were up to men, consumption spending would tank. We wouldn't be wasting our precious time (in the form of money) on doilies or Beanie Babies or "nice, matching furniture" or general crap that isn't needed. There would be an entertainment system, some dishes, some used furniture and that's about it. But don't think it would stop there. Our Spartan spending habits would have ramifications WELL beyond that of trinkets and

doilies in the house. Notably, the house itself.

Not only would demand for non-durable consumer items tank, the housing market itself would tank. Men need nowhere near the size of a house as women do. This in part because we don't have as much stuff that needs storage, we (frankly) don't want children AND we view the house as merely a place to sleep and retire to from work. ie-our lives are outside the home, while women's spending habits (no matter what they keep contending) proves the majority of their lives are still inside the home. The suburbs I doubt would even exist if it were up to men. We'd have the city center, apartment buildings and condos, and then for our rural brothers small towns with wood cabins in the forest. Vast swathes of 10,000 sqft McMansions used to impress the Suburban Princess Suzie McQue's of the world would not exist.

Regardless of which markets would be affected by male minimalism, the point is that consumer spending would be a mere fraction of what it is today. And since consumer spending accounts for 2/3rd of our economy, you could expect (at least in the short term) a drastically contracting economy should men all of the sudden follow the religion of Minimalism.

Now if you think that prospect is bad, we haven't even gotten to the other side of the economic coin. Because for as important as consumption is, production is even more so. The reason why is it doesn't matter if you want to "consume" a Ferrari or "consume" some sushi. If nobody produces the Ferrari or the sushi, you ain't getting anything anyway (just ask anybody in the former Soviet bloc about empty grocery store shelves despite the socialist guarantees of their governments). And so when it comes to the economic consequences of men en-mass pursuing "minimalism" we must also consider production.

However, understand when I say "we must also consider production" I do not mean men will say,

"*Finally, she stopped nagging me about buying all her trinkets and crap! Now I can finally get to work.*"

and start to focus their energies and efforts into producing more and increasing standards of living for the family.

Quite the opposite actually.

They will look at the lower financial demands of their family and will RE-EVALUATE whether or not it's worth all the production for the compensation they receive. They will RE-EVALUATE whether it's worth slaving away 60 hours a week, 20 hours of which is uncompensated overtime, and another 10 hours that are stuck in traffic. They will RE-

EVALUATE whether it's worth 30 years of tolerating insufferable insanity of corrupt bosses, incompetent co-workers and lazy underlings. They will RE-EVALUATE through the prism of minimalism whether the percent of their finite lives they are forfeiting is worth the monetary compensation they receive OR if it's just better to forfeit labor for leisure and suffer/enjoy a lower standard of living. And it is here the true threat of "minimalism" lays for the rest of society.

Understand, in general, men still produce the majority of the stuff. This is not up for debate now, but I guarantee you that if you look at labor statistics you will find the majority of men produce the majority of stuff in this economy that "matters." What do I mean by "that matters?" ie- stuff that has value. Stuff people want.

For example the disproportionately women-dominated field of "day care" does not produce anything people really want. Other women are taking care of other women's children while those women go work (primarily) another government job that is (guess what) taking care of other women's children (though typically in the juvie criminal system by this time) so they can make the money to afford day care for their children AND the increased taxes to pay for other women who work in social work programs. Or take for example, the non-profit sector. By the fact non-profits have to go and beg and plead to get their funding OR have the government force people to pay for it via taxation is proof that nobody really wants it and therefore it is not "stuff that matters." The non-profit industry is again predominantly staffed by females. But whatever the industry, the point is there is a strong correlation between faux economic production or "make work/rent seeking" economic production that really only exists for political reasons and the percent of those industries staffed by females.

Now, are there women who are engineers and doctors who make the stuff we want like electronics and surgery and gasoline?

Certainly, of course.

Is that the majority of women?

No.

The majority of stuff that people want is still produced, created and innovated by men, period (though again, up for a debate at a later time).

So, logically then, since it is men who are producing the majority of the stuff we want, we should make them happy, right? Compensate them, reward them. Cheer them on and encourage them. Support them be it emotionally as a wife or in terms of policy when it comes to law. And certainly not stand in their way of creating, producing and innovating, right?

Right?

RIGHT?

I mean, they are producing all the stuff. They are the engine of economic growth, RIGHT?

Heh heh. Where do I begin?

I guess I could start with the "**family**" in that this is, or at least, WAS a primary motivator in a young man's desire to work hard, succeed and produce. Originally the man would do all the production and the wife would take care of the house and little kinder. He'd come home to a loving wife, obedient children and was rewarded with a family. Of course things have changed.

Now the division of labor between worker and home-care-take was too logical, too efficient and obviously oppressive. Now nobody stays home to take care of the kids, the kids grow up maladjusted, causing more psychological strife for the man at home. A home that he presumably would retreat to, to decompress, relax and be reinvigorated for the next day of work. Now he has a wife that is equally stressed out, the home is in disarray, the kids are misbehaving, they really won't leave until they're 26, and did I mention most men didn't want kids to begin with? If anything, the chaos that has been left in the wake of outsourcing parenting to the government has turned a man's castle into just another office where he works a second job.

Now you would think this would disincentive him to work hard, but ironically, it makes him work harder. He gets to not only pay for the children and subsidize his part-time-working "social worker" wife, he gets to pay more in taxes to support an ever growing parasitic class collecting a government check. He is the Atlas in Atlas Shrugged, but he cannot shrug. He is chained to his family. Employers love him because he's their bitch. He cannot afford to be independent minded, he cannot talk back, he cannot speak his mind. He is their little slave at least until his youngest graduates from high school, and given the dependency of young "adults" today, until that kid graduates from college. He is the slave of America.

So far it doesn't sound like a family is a great disincentive for a man to produce. It almost sounds like it FORCES him to produce MORE. And it does. But what people don't see is his childless, unmarried male friends taking note. What people don't see is his sons watching their dad suffer. What they don't see is that for every enslaved Beta-Atlas there are 3-4 men who are deciding not to have families. And deciding NOT to have a family is arguably the single biggest thing a man can do to minimize his responsibilities AND CONSEQUENTLY cut his life long production needs by at least 67%. That does not bode well for the economy.

Closely related to family is the only natural course or outcome of getting married - **divorce**!

When you know half your assets are going to go bye bye and there's a 50/50 chance you're going to get divorced, then what do you think happens to a man's desire to work hard and produce? Again, it sucks to be the Beta-Atlas sucker stuck in a marriage whose wife is on the precipice of divorcing him. But for every one of those poor unfortunate souls, there's a score of younger men who haven't taken the plunge, remember their old man getting divorced and are taking very studious notes. They are opting instead to just stay single. And as every guy will tell you, without a wife or a girlfriend, you can get by EASILY on 40% less social expenditures than if you had one. Guess what, that translates into less production.

So good for them. Single, no wife, no kids. You're in the clear, right? I mean, society is going to support you now, right? Young, go getting corporate man, or young budding entrepreneur? Backbone of our society. Right?

Oh, you foolish male you.

See, you are male. Therefore you must pay because you are privileged. So now you get to suffer **affirmative action** and constantly be hounded about the **pay gap.** Less qualified women are passed over you, standards are lowered for them, and let's not forget the devastating effect an attention-seeking-drama-queen can have by launching a frivolous sexual harassment complaint!

The effect on male production? Well most men, when they're young, have a desire to belong to something better and bigger. To belong to a team. To find a good institution, pledge their loyalty, give it their best, achieve great things and take pride in their accomplishments. But when the rules are point blank unfair and the institution is corrupted by petty office politics AND their careers can be extinguished instantly by chaotic whims of a petty drama queen, not so much. Their loyalty fades, their allegiance dwindles and I'm no HR expert, but I believe high employee turnover is bad for a company's bottom line. So instead of being the loyal corporate man for 35 years, you're lucky if you're on one gig for more than three. Again, the result? The production of the average man today is only going to be a fraction of what his unharassed, undiscriminated against 1940's counterpart was.

It can't get worse? Right? I mean, we don't discourage men from production beyond that, right?

Well let's look at **progressive taxation**, no small part in which was brought to you by disproportionately socialist-and-democrat-voting women who want more of your money to take care of their...er...I mean "the" chilllllllldreeeeeennnnn. Again, I'm no economist

(oh, wait, I am), but it seems to me the more I work the higher percentage of my money you're going to take away from me is going to provide a disincentive to work. The enslaved married Beta Atlas can't shrug, but I and millions of other unmarried, childless men can. Again, congratulations, production reduced.

Well, at least what I worked for I get to keep, right? I mean it's not like the government would **CONFISCATE** my assets or anything? They'll tax my income, but not my wealth, right?

In 2008 the democrats were kicking around a way to nationalize (read -confiscate) people's 401ks and 403b's. It has already happened in Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina. Now, MOST men I admit are unaware of this. However, more and more men ***are*** becoming more and more educated about economics. And as they read more and more about economics and study this here country's fine federal finances they can put two and two together and see that there is an increasing chance the government WILL inevitably start taxing our wealth and confiscating our assets. Now, I know you girls are too busy reading People magazine or watching Kate Perry's drama with Russel Brand, voting democrat because you care for the children, and studying for your masters in communications, but for us men who DO look up the federal budget occasionally, we're starting to see it's more and more likely whatever we produce today will be confiscated in the future. And not just that, but the MORE we produce today then progressively more of it will be confiscated in the future. End result? Less production.

But let's say we men wanted to be charitable. We still wanted to work knowing full well our effective tax rate would be 60% at state, federal and local AND there would be a 75% at least 50% of our wealth would be confiscated in the future. Because by god, it's for the chilllllldrreeeeeeennnnn.

Just one problem.

We can't work even if we wanted to.

I'm not talking about the overburdensome employment laws foisted on employers many thanks to disproportionately-female-voted-in socialists and democrats.

I'm not talking about the incredibly inept and corrupt HR industry which I do not believe to be dominated by males, that has completely impaired the labor market.

No, those are hurdles we get to suffer anyways.

I'm talking about the **regulations** that (once again) disproportionately-voted-in-by-females socialists and democrats have enacted making male-dominated industries either impossible to work in or have just driven them overseas. You know like energy, oil,

construction, fields and industries where we produce all the stuff you need, but like to regulate and punish for the sake of the chillllllldreeeeeennnn or "mother Earth."

I don't know if it's your grand economic scheme to get everybody to work as barristas at Star Bucks or we all work as school teachers or something, but I do know all those regulations make it quite difficult for us men to produce. So congratulations, even LESS economic production.

And finally the cumulative effect of this veritable war waged on men - it's **toll on our loyalty**. I'm not talking loyalty to an employer. I'm talking loyalty to the country. I used to want to join the military and even to this day kick it around. But then I ask "who would I be protecting?" You see, all of the above really grinds mens' gears. We don't take kindly to being accused of automatic sexism, we don't like being enslaved to a government that does nothing more than take our money to bribe parasites into voting for more government, we don't like paying the taxes so you can play "pre-school teacher" and claim your 9 months a year job makes you an "independent adult," we don't take kindly to divorce (even though most of us haven't been), we don't take kindly to you ruining the industries we are predominantly employed in, we don't take kindly to the childish mind-games girls played on us during our teens and twenties, we don't take kindly to watching naive, spoiled, brats destroy the world's formerly greatest country and thusly steal our birthright and we get down right pissed when you start complaining that we're not "manning up" and choose to "sit on our asses all day playing X Box." Because when it comes to us men "investing" in this country be it buying property, starting a business, marrying, starting a family, whatever...

why should we?

Seriously, I want somebody to answer that question.

Why the hell would we work more than we have to than to support our meager little selves? Why would we invest in anything that can be taken from us (either assets by government confiscation or family via divorce). And why would we try to EXCEL when the majority of our production will merely be taken from us and given to not just ungrateful parasites but people who hate us and demand more? There's no incentive or upshot to it. Congratulations, you've effectively stalled you engine of economic growth and production.

But wait, there's one final aspect you haven't thought of, and it's particularly precious.

Men are infinitely better at being minimalists than women.

I don't believe this was always the case. Say the pioneer or the Great Depression days. Men and women had to watch every penny, and there was no such thing as "nesting" or

getting "matching curtains." But after roughly 90 years of uninterrupted economic growth (not to mention HEAVILY subsidized consumer spending financed by our Chinese, Arab and Gen Y Generation Forced Mortgaged Future Volunteers), the women alive today have never really had to suffer, scrape or scrimp by. They EXPECT a luxurious house or apartment they can't afford. They EXPECT clothes they don't need. They EXPECT every little aspect of their material goods lives to be perfect. They CANNOT (or very few can) scale down to a small studio apartment from a house, sell all their stuff, and downsize their car. They cannot get rid of the daily Starbucks. They cannot fathom utter poverty and what they'd have to do to survive it.

Men on the other hand (of the non-OWS, pansy commie type) can. Part of the reason I'm kicking around the camping 6 months a year is to see if I can do it. And though I don't know for sure, part of the reason my IT Guy wants to go to Mexico with just a backpack is to see if he could also do it. Men forecast and run "worst case scenarios" in their heads in anticipation it might just happen and we're prepared for it. Poverty is ALWAYS licking our feet, driving us to stay one step ahead of it. However, whereas in the past poverty would be beaten by working hard and making more money, when that route is merely punished or impossible, the only alternative is minimalism.

This situation where making more money is impossible hits every almost every guy during college, forcing them to become experts in minimalism. They can't get a job, but have the tuition-cost demands of college. They MUST resort to minimalism. I graduated with no debt only making $16,000/ year in college. Factor out tuition costs and factor in inflation, that's still around $16,000 today. But that's if I had a lot of stuff. If I got rid of my stuff and did the tent thing or the roommate, I could probably get by on $11,000/yr, roughly the standard of living of South Africa or Colombia. I'd like to see a modern day western woman do the same.

Sadly, most can't. But this is where it gets particularly precious.

With economic growth stagnating and the population growing, our standards of living are decreasing. Additionally, nobody is loaning us money anymore so we can maintain our "I'm a Barbie Girl, In a Barbie World" lifestyle. The can cannot be kicked down the road any more because it's been kicked off the cliff. Sure, we can move money around and rely on Europe's economy being "slightly more sucky than ours" to delay the economic realities from hitting our domestic shores, but ultimately there is no more money left to maintain unsustainable lifestyles. This puts the ball back in the court of men. Men who have the know-how, the ability, the creation and the innovation to produce the economic production necessary to solve all these problems. Men who can make this country dominant as it once was. Men who literally could make our standard of living jump from the $43,000/capita it is today to $70,000/capita I believe in just 10 years. Men who could make our debt and financial problems go away.

Just one problem - the aforementioned problems and disincentives are making these men go the route of minimalism instead of production. And we men can do that because we CAN survive on $11,000 a year. We won't have a nervous breakdown. We have no problem hocking our stuff and living out of a van. But the social worker who is accustomed to making $80,000 a year and $20,000 in fringe benefits on our dime who loses not just her job, but her pension because her California city filed for bankruptcy, she'll break down in tears.

So, whether you like it or not, the threat of minimalism is very real and it is very present. So present in fact that the people of America (primarily women, but men too) have to ask themselves a question - are you going to cut it with the "socialist, woe is me crap," give us producers the ball and let us run with it, or are you going to demand even more from men (and the productive women of this society), in which case we can pursue our minimalism and by default, force place it on you?

"Ego Investment"

July 12, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I have been looking for a word that explains why I can talk to a 50 year old man, who presumably is wiser than me in the ways of life, politics and economics, but in three sentences I find him to not only be spectacularly ignorant about politics and economics, he is WEDDED to his ideology.

Facts I know to be true are dismissed by him.

The opportunity to look it up on the internet are rejected.

Logic I throw at him is ignored.

There is a pscyhological disease or disorder preventing that human's brain from being rational, logical and intellectually honest.

And I have found that term.

Your vocabulary word of the day is "Ego Investment."

I shall plagiarize it from The Rational Male henceforth.

The Rationalization Hamster That Would Not Die

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OK Cappy Cappites, sit down for this one.

Ovary transplants are now possible which technically postpones menopause indefinitely, but the Rationalization Hamster takes this medical breakthrough and rationalizes it to mean "men will find me attractive indefinitely."

I wonder when women will start consulting men about what we do and do not find attractive as opposed to women authors in women's magazines. Eh, why ruin their lives with the truth. Much more fun to watch their RH's ram them into walls constantly. I find it enjoyable. Don't you? Popcorn anyone?

What If They Were All Like Frost

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I want you to read this very short piece and seriously contemplate;

1. Why wouldn't most guys (and gals) do this?
2. How much GDP is he producing, and thusly
3. How much is he paying in taxes?
4. Why would he give up that life for the financial, psychological and emotional burdens and risks of marriages and children?

Until the social and financial contract is re-established that men get to keep the majority of the fruits of our labor and are not taxed to pay for other people's mistakes and irresponsibilities, you can expect this to continue.

Enjoy that decline Frost!

10% House Tax

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So with a realtor commission and the new sales tax courtesy of Obama, you're paying essentially a 10% sales tax on housing.

Just wanted to make sure we're clear on this and when housing prices never recover or you're "shocked" you had to pay this tax when you sold your home (because you voted for this idiot), there is no complaining.

You get the government you deserve.

A Very Cappy Children's Book

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Series actually.

As you know, your Captain dislikes reading books. I am of the opinion they will INEVITABLY make every book a movie and why waste time reading. My mother is actually quite upset I procrastinated long enough to avoid having to read Atlas Shrugged that they did inevitably make it into a movie.

However, for those of you who do like reading or have weird children who also like reading I am recommending THE ONLY series of books I ever read as a child AND LIKED. "The Chronicles of Prydain" which includes "The Black Cauldron" (made into a movie, actually), The High King, and three other books, the names of which escape me now.

I strongly recommend buying them for one of your little tykes for a gift or if you're just trying to get them to read. They will thoroughly enjoy the series, and they will have the ADDED BONUS of having an increased chance of turning out like me!

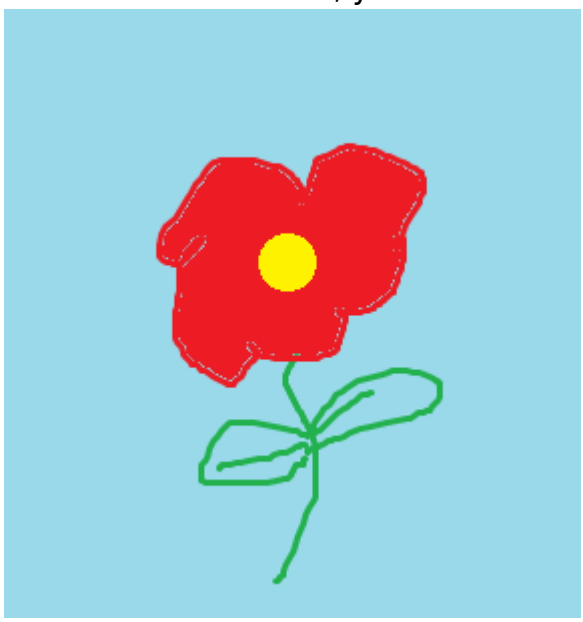
(All commission proceeds will go to the Captain's motorcycle gas fund).

Send Grerp a Flower

July 15, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My god! She's back! But with some "eh" news.

So I drew her a flower, you should all draw her one too.



What a Boyfriend We Have in Jesus

July 15, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Heh heh.

Again, I get to laugh because of my particular and intricate knowledge of how the church works and how I absolutely LOVE how Christian girls abuse the religion to fit their own personal aims.

Let us now turn to our hymnals and sing "What a Boyfriend We Have In Jesus"

I'll leave the creation of the lyrics to my crack pot team of economists.

"Fat Studies"

July 15, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Honest to god, I'm not making it up.

Here

and

here.

I am truly at a loss for words because I can't understand the logic or the psychology that drives this insanity. I mean, I understand these people are self-absorbed children that want to ignore the real world. I understand they're leftists who abuse academia to create faux studies out of whole cloth so they can essentially steal money from naive students and taxpayers. And I also know they're ego-maniacs as evidenced merely collecting a government check isn't enough for them - they need some kind of make-believe "profession" to feed their self-esteem. I get all that (and I'm not even a psychologist).

What I'm trying to figure out is how they can lie to themselves and take themselves seriously, let alone expect the rest of the world to. Is the real world so threatening to them that they delude themselves into such insanity? Are they so afraid of real work, commitment, discipline, rigor and (frankly) math that they come up with something as ludicrous as "fat studies?" How afraid of reality does one have to be to create a "Fat Studies" class (and good god, I fear) a "Fat Studies Program?"

All I can ask is that when I'm long gone and some archeologist happens upon my blog that they read this and say,

Archeologist - "*Hey, look, right here. I found the answer to why the American Empire Collapsed.*"

Assistant - "*Whatcha find?*"

Archeologist - "*Well, they cut the number of men that could attend STEM degrees according to something called "Title XIII" and replaced it with "Fat Studies.*"

Assistant - "*Wow. What did they think was going to happen?*"

Archeologist - "*I have no idea, but this Aaron Clarey fellow sure was one smart, handsome, charming, clever and refined fellow.*"

hat tip

Wow

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I am always impressed with the unknown background of various actors and actresses.

Boss Hogg and Roscoe P Coltrane for example (hat tip to a reader).

I said their acting was brilliant.

Now, I am curious about all the actors who wanted to play villains for the old Batman show.

Hank in Heaven, Hear Our Prayer

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I like to think you trust the ole Captain to retrieve little nuggets from the internet that are of decent quality.

Some, admittedly are just filler I find mildly amusing.

Others are thought-provoking pieces that make you think.

Others are masterpieces that reward your higher-than-average-intellectual brain with Intellectual Endorphin Goodness (TM)

This is one you MUST click on.

Rewarding the Deserving STEM Girls

July 16, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Let it never be said we men of the Manosphere have no heart. I know the intent of the article was to explain how to pre-emptively strike down White Knights, but Mentu belied the fact he isn't an "evil," "mean," misogynist. He's a true man with a heart.

I will also dare to make another observation. The fact he (and other Manosphere men) actually do treat some girls nice really irks, if not, outright angers others. We're supposed to all be evil, right wing, sexists who just "plain hate women." So when we do treat women kindly and with respect it not only moots their argument, it shows them that we are DISCERNING and DISCRIMINATING with who we ply our attention, love, charity and kindness on. We have STANDARDS and REQUIREMENTS before we just give you "respect" or "affection." ie-what really pisses of some girls is that they have to earn it, they are not entitled to it.

It is this observation or difference that I don't think we highlight enough in the Manosphere. We (admittedly) really rake women over the coals. But those women are of the entitled, socialist, anti-freedom, feminist variety. We rarely speak highly of our wives, girlfriends, or (in Mentu's case) a nice, sweet college girl who is majoring in a REAL subject (surgeon). The girls who are not out to get us, who do support us, or are just plain nice girls deserving of respect.

Of course, I believe a lot of those women already know this, know who they are, and know deep down inside we love them, care about them and appreciate them. They, just as much as us, hate feminism, hate socialism, hate tyranny and hate hypocrisy. But I believe every once in a while we should highlight and point out the difference, point out our appreciation for them and remind them THEY are not the enemy. ie-that the nice med school college girl who Mentu deems worthy of clandestinely putting $20 bills in her pocket is **much more appreciated** than the drama queen sociology-majoring stripper who has random men putting $1 bills in her g-string.

Therefore I proposed an "Appreciation Day for Women of the Manosphere" where, we...uh....appreciate them....

How about we just make it bachelor-like easy and you just go buy a girl in your life (wife, grandma, mom, girlfriend, female friend) some flowers.

Kiss Your 401k Goodbye

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Between the world's most corrupt people managing your retirement account (financial service people) and the government licking its chops over your nice little nest egg, you don't really think you're going to get to keep your IRA and 401k, do you?

Recession Medicine

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From our Neanderthal Agent in the Field.

The Captain's Lost Treasure

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Much as I like fossils, fossils fall under the category of "paleontology." Animals did nothing in particular to become fossilized, it was largely outside of their control. And unless you have the mechanical gear (and private property) to extract large dinosaur fossils, most of what you'll find is not worth very much.

Enter in archeology, which I have just as much interest in, but the artifacts are actually much harder to find, especially when humans have this nasty habit of keeping historical records and maps make it easy for government-financed academics to go and dig up in very logical places treasures previous humans may have left behind (unless you are talking meso-Americans, in which case I find petroglyphs and hieroglyphs amazing finds because there is no original documented or mapped history of the Ute people).

However, I do have a couple tricks up my sleeve that I've developed outside the profession, as an amateur. Techniques and ideas that I believe will prove to be more useful in discovering archeological finds on the sole fact they were developed by a non-academic archeologist who no doubt has had his education on with horse-blinders the entire time.

But that is not why I'm writing this post.

No, the reason I'm writing this post is because my interest in archeology has solved one of my current economic problems facing me right now - minimalism.

Understand that while, yes, in my previous post on minimalism I champion it and am all for it, I still have a lot of stuff. Certainly much less than the average American (I can fit all my worldly possessions into a small U-Haul), but still too much for me. This stuff consists of things I found cool or interesting that I've kept since I turned 18 and moved out of the house, but notably art pieces (nothing fancy, posters and advertisements for some Chicago swing bands) and a lot of fossils and agates.

Now understand my original purpose in collecting these art pieces was to ultimately furnish my "ultimate bachelor pad." However, I was operating from one KEY erroneous premise - that the US would remain a healthy and viable economic entity in the future.

Operating from this premise meant, in my youth, I believed that it would be wise to buy and own rental property. Live on the cheap for a decade, work during day, and moonlight at night as a ballroom dance instructor. Save, save, and save. Pay off my mortgages early, sell one of my properties and build myself the schwankiest bachelor pad the world has ever seen. It would have a bar, a urinal, the garage would be inside the house. It

would be schwank.

Of course, that dream is all but shot and impossible now. Not just because of the risk involved in owning property that can be taxed or confiscated to the point it really is a liability, but because of something even simpler;

Your lovable Captain just doesn't have the personality or patience to work for the mindless, ass-kissing, amoral vermin that populates Corporate America's middle management. And having a decade of full time, consistent, reliable day time employment was a mathematical must for the young Captain's plans to work.

And so what happened instead is your Captain owned rental property until Minneapolis property taxes made it an unprofitable venture. Got by living off of teaching dance class and working the occasional security gig for his friends with the occasional bouts of day time employment. And with the voting people's desire to push this county down towards an obvious socialist-route, instead of aiming for a productive career and asset-accumulation, he now works as little as possible and eschews assets, ie-minimalism.

Just one nagging problem - what to do with my art and fossils.

Understand they mean a fair amount to me. These are things that I personally thought were really cool and saved them my entire adult life. The ones that mean the most are ones I've gotten for free or are just interesting art pieces I picked off of bulletin boards in Uptwon in the Twin Cities. They have been on my walls at my apartments and jobs. They are me. But they are too numerous and must go. But I can't throw them away (as I intend to do with the rest of my stuff).

So what do you do with something you can't part with, but need to jettison?

Enter archeology.

My interest in fossils and archeology is not just finding things in the past. I desperately am trying to find a way to make it so some future intrepid individual like myself might "discover" an old "Cappy Cap archeological find." My best idea thus far was to convert myself into diamonds upon my demise. Five of them, and have them buried in some obscure places, leaving clues for somebody to go and collect them, not just for their monetary value, but the fun and adventure it would provide (even I might be worth something in a thousand years).

But while that idea would have to wait till I die, what I could do today is essentially the same thing with my art and fossils. Not to brag, but I can hike 20 miles in a day and have been to some of the least populated areas of the country. So remote are some of the places I've been, I'm pretty sure no humans have been there for at least 100 years (found

an old abandoned 1910's type shell of a car once) or ever (Badlands National park is pretty big). Yes, it would be inconvenient to porter 20 odd posters in frames and 50 pounds of high end fossils to multiple remote locations, but it could be done. And once again, upon my demise, hopefully some hiker or explorer would discover these "treasures" and have to figure out what they are and why they're there. BUT, the added benefit to this is should it all of the sudden look like the US might prove to be a viable economic entity after-all, the "Cappy Cap Ultimate Schwanky Bachelor Pad" is back on! It would simply be a matter of repeating those adventurous hikes to retrieve my "hidden treasures" so I could furnish my pad.

And no, I'm not insane. Stephen Wright pretty much had the same idea:

"*I have the world's largest* ***collection*** *of* ***seashells****.* ***I keep it*** *on all the beaches of the world... perhaps you've* ***seen*** *it?*"

"Aspiring Rap Artist"

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An idea inspired by a reader and Kathy, what would a google search for "aspiring rap artist" turn up?

Aspiring rap artist #1

Aspiring rap artist #2

Aspiring rap artist #3

Aspiring rap artist #4

Aspiring rap artist #5

Aspiring rap artist #6

Aspiring rap artist #7

(are you starting to see a trend here?)

Aspiring rap artist #8

Aspiring rap artist #9

Aspiring rap artist #10

I think that's enough.

Now I shall just add one, small thing. What is the percentage of "aspiring jazz artists" that kill or get killed before they reach their 30th birthday? I mean, I don't think Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, Johnny Coltrane, Cpt. Jack McDuff, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and a whole host of other jazz musicians faced such a mortality rate in their careers.

Intrinsic Value FAIL

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There is nothing inherently good about the pigmentation of your skin, the gender you were born with, or other things that were completely in the control of your mother and father, and not you.

Character is what gives a person or a people real value. You are in control of that.

I believe somebody said something in the past about being judged by their character.

It's Called "Cognitive Dissonance"

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And it's your vocabulary lesson for the day.

Also included is "hyperindividualism" or as I call it "self-respect."

The "Genius Flaw" of America's Labor Market

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Let me tell you about my buddy Khanh

Khanh's father was the second largest ship building magnate back in the 1960's. Only problem was he was the second largest ship building magnate in Vietnam. Sure enough the commies came, took his empire away from him, and he and his family escaped back in the 70's landing my buddy Khanh in Minneapolis.

I met Khanh at the U of MN Police Department's "Security Services Division" (campus/rent-a-cop) where he trained me in. Out of the roughly 100 people that worked there during my tenure he was the most colorful and unique of all of us and that is saying a lot because that program was full of obscure and eccentric characters. However, his personality was so unique is belied that he was a true genius even though he was making $6.90 and studying architecture.

What was he a genius at?

Art.

Now you all know me and my opinion of "art" and "artists." For the most part art and artists today are crap. It's minimalism, it's not art, it takes no talent, and so I was predisposed to think Khanh's art was nothing more than the regular crap being churned out on the U of MN's West Bank's Art Department.

Until you visited his apartment (which coincidentally was the "penthouse" suite of Riverside Plaza - the place where that "aspiring rap artist" and myself also lived).

Immediately upon entering his place you knew he was a genius if for any other reason how he had the place laid out and the art pieces he chose to display. His genius was only

confirmed when you came to find out all of the works of art were his AND the majority of those pieces of art were done when he was in high school.

Additionally, he could do any "type" of art.

Paintings
Drawings
3D
and sculpture

And all of them were undeniably top notch pieces of art.

The man literally had a gift like no other I've ever met, and if you don't believe me, below is a sculpture he did when he was 17 (I believe) by hand:

So what happened to Khanh?

Well, you would think with such a rare and natural talent he would have naturally became some sort of an artist. And true enough he did pursue a career in an artistic field - architecture. He earned his bachelors in architecture and went to work in Phoenix (on account Arizona is the only place you can be a practicing architect without a doctorate - and that's not my sarcasm, that's true. You don't be an architect in most states unless you have a doctorate - how's that for progressive credentialism?)

But there was one problem - the housing bubble.

The only reason Khanh was able to find employment in Phoenix was because of a confluence of events that made it a rarity and unsustainable. Arizona was the ONLY place he could work with just a bachelors AND the red hot Phoenix housing bubble made architects temporarily in demand. So once the housing bubble burst, what ended up happening?

His architecture firm goes belly up.

Khanh tries to find employment, but can't.

Forcing him to work as a....

gas station attendant.

And not just work as a gas station attendant, but he lives in a Quonset hut in Phoenix where he can not just live on the cheap, but store all his art works. No airconditioning, no heat, no car.

Now what angers me is not that the housing bubble burst and my buddy Khanh lost his job. It isn't that he's working at a gas station when he is immensely more talented and capable of so much more. And, truth be known, he is a big time liberal (which is ironic because of what the communists did to his father and family, not to mention what socialism has done to this economy as well).

What angers me is how the labor market has become so corrupt that America's best, America's TRUE geniuses cannot rise to the top. That the talent, merit, creativity and innovation of America's top 1% of 1% does not automatically get them into the positions they deserve, and those positions instead are staffed by lesser qualified individuals for any number of reasons - nepotism, corruption, affirmative action, clueless HR staff, incompetent middle management, etc.

By every right Khanh (despite being a communist bastard) should be making a THOUSAND times more than me. His art should be world-renowned. His skill is literally off the charts and should command a commensurate salary. Surely somebody older and more-established in the art community should have picked Khanh up on his radar a LOOOONG time ago, but nobody did. And it is that where the source of my ire is.

I remember Khanh approaching many art galleries in the Twin Cities to see if he could show his wares. I can't remember them precisely, but the people he was in contact with were all older or middle aged, all had a ton of money, and none of them would give him the time of day. His art "wasn't what they were looking for" because they were presumably peddling their retarded son's art in their art galleries that could only induce vomiting (see below and see this link)

It is because of the craptastic art I was seeing put up and being heralded as "art"at the likes of the Walker "Art" Museum and the Weismann "Art" Museum (heavy emphasis on quotes) that I realized that there is nothing wrong with Khanh's art, but that indeed nepotism, cronyism, politics and corruption had infected the art industry. If anything the sheer genius of Khanh's work and the fact it was nearly impossible to get the recognition it deserved was a reverse proof the industry no longer cared about art, but was hijacked by (probably) elitist, trust fund baby snobs who turned it into their own little fiefdom so they and their trust fund offspring could all become "artists" and avoid real jobs. The only problem is none of them have any talent and so they had to redefine what "art" was. Certainly not the brilliant, detailed and painstaking works Khanh created. No, now it's "minimalism" which is artistese for "crap that doesn't take any skill to create" (see picture above again).

Now I use Khanh as an example in part because he is my best friend and in part because I have seen with my own eyes what this man is capable of. But ask the question:

"*How many other geniuses in other fields are there are ignored, pass-over, shunned or just plan railroaded by somebody else who just happens to have connections?*"

And

"*what are the economic opportunity costs for these geniuses never making it to the top?*"

Not out of arrogance or cockiness do I mention this example, but because you can see (and even today, probably feel) the economic costs - what would have happened if your loveable Captain was actually put into a position of power in the banking industry before the collapse of the housing bubble?

Now am I a genius? (well yes, actually, my IQ was tested at 140) But bravado aside, if I was promoted to some position where I had the power to do something the $1 trillion economic costs and this horrible recession would have been avoided.

Do you know how close the Ford Mustang was to never being? Lee Iaccoca was thankfully listened to.

You like Dr. Seuss? Look up and see how close he was to throwing his transcripts away after getting shot down.

Family Guy anyone? You know about Seth MacFarlane, right?

And Wal-Mart, regardless of whether you like them or not, was only possible because the founders decided to do it themselves after getting shot down by other chain stores.

And these guys were "just barely" successes. People on the verge of quitting or having their ideas squashed. Not to mention, this was back in the 50's and 60's when the economy and labor market was arguably much less corrupt than it is today. If these guys "just barely made it" how many other geniuses didn't?

Which leads me to my final point.

What do we lose out on because some rich guy's spoiled brat, moronic, untalented kid got the book deal, got the contract or got the funding the "unknown Bill Gates" didn't get?

The economic opportunity costs we lose out on I contend are unfathomable. I believe the top 1% of true, creative geniuses such as my buddy Khanh are the innovators and creators that don't make "horse buggies go faster," but build the automobile and advance society by leaps and bounds. They are responsible for the majority of the economic growth this country and the world has experienced. They are the ones who improve our lives more than us merely "working harder and longer." Furthermore, it isn't all about economics and production, but art and some of the more social and enjoyable things.

You ever see the new "Guthrie Theater?" Have you see what Riverside Plaza looks like?

Eye sores that force their visual oppression on the entire population unfortunate enough to be within eyesight of those hideous buildings.

But imagine ancient Rome. Or imagine a city designed by Khanh. Or imagine the television shows if more Seth MacFarlanes were allowed into Hollywood and not talentless nepotistic slobs.

Your lives would not just be materially richer, but much more enjoyable, and much more

entertaining.

Alas, I estimate 95% of the true geniuses in this country will go undiscovered. But while those geniuses will suffer for it, society will unknowingly suffer more.

Enjoy the reality TV shows!

You Go Grrrrl!!!!

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Click on this, seriously, it will make your day and put a smile on your face.

The Credentialism Gap

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College is approaching 20 years ago. You would think in 2 decades (5 of which I actually spent working) my skills have improved, my knowledge increased and I would be a better employee today than I was 20 years ago.

That, sadly, cannot be further from the truth.

Have I picked up some things?

Yes.

Have I developed some skills I didn't have in college?

Sure.

But I have forgotten most of what I learned in college. I remember I could do efficient frontier analysis on paper before the professor could do it on the calculator. I remembered how to do a very detailed DCF analysis and the CAPM formula by heart. I even remember being able to value options with Black Scholes. But now my skill set is a mere fraction of what it used to be. Additionally, my work ethic, worn down by misleading job after corrupt job after the world's dumbest most incompetent bosses, is nothing compared to what it used to be. Upon graduation I was willing to work 100 hours a week to prove my loyalty and get promoted. Now I just want to make enough to get by, get the hell out the second that clock hits 4PM and not show up a second before 8AM the next day.

My ability (and desire) to do today as a percentage of what I could and was willing to do 18 years ago I would say is about 20%. I've lost, as far as I can in my estimation, about 80% of my worth as an employee. But this has nothing to do with me or my previous hard work ethic. It has to do with progressive credentialism.

Much as I like to point out what I was willing to do and what I was capable of, those points are moot because that's not what the market demanded.

The market demanded a dataentrysman when I was 22. Not their next all-star analyst.

The market demanded a low-level credit analyst when I was 23. Not the next chief risk officer.

The market demanded a swing dance instructor when I was 24. Not a junior executive at

a bank.

And the market demanded a security guard when I was 25. Not a top notch mutual fund analyst.

Though I was certainly capable of the latter in the list above, it didn't matter because the real world needed somebody will much lower skills. Additionally the real world was not willing to give a 23 year old kid any kind of responsibility even though he was more than capable of handling it. And so I got to live in reality and not what I was trained to do. Alas this is the Credentialism Gap.

The Credentialism Gap is nothing more than the difference between what a credentialed person is capable of and what he or she inevitably ends up doing. But an additional and REQUIRED part of the Credentialism Gap is that in order for that person to do that job the employer requires them to be unnecessarily credentialed. For example my first post-college job I could have done as a 6th grader (data entry and faxing), but they STILL demanded I had college degree. Most college graduates (bar liberal arts majors who have no real skills) are also in the same boat. I believe the vast majority of graduates end up working a job they were fully capable of doing after they graduated from high school or completed their first year of college, but how much you want to bet they had some HR bureaucrat write up "must have 4 year degree, masters preferred" in the job description?

The Credentialism Gap is, of course, nothing more than a side effect of a market flooded with too many college graduates and not enough economic growth. But much like a...ahem..."lady of the evening" in the Bakken oil fields only needs to clear $100 a night, she has her pick of the litter. She can make outlandish demands and clear well above $100 an evening. And so it is the same in the labor market - employers don't NEED an MBA with 10 years experience, they can easily get by with the ambitious kid with an associates and a 2 week training session. But they CAN get that MBA with 10 years experience.

This gives rise to people looking for jobs, especially you younger folk, to ask a question:

"If the credentials employers are requiring are so far above and beyond the actual required skill level required of the job, why not just fake or fib about your credentials?"

What made me think about this was the recent article of the man who, upon his demise, confessed that instead of having a PhD in engineering, only had 3 years of schooling. Because of a filing snafu on the part of his school, he was awarded a PhD. What gets me is NOT that the school screwed up, but that he made an entire life career in a technical field on false credentials. And not just that, but that the actual required skill set for jobs that required a "PhD" could be done by somebody with not even a bachelors. This piqued

my interest (and I presume others) about the feasibility of doing the same - lying about your credentials for jobs you're certainly qualified for in terms of skills, but require some outlandish certification.

Regardless, this divergence from "demanded credentials" to "skills required" only adds more proof as to how an education is becoming less and less worthwhile and how employers are becoming more and more arrogant in their assumptions of what kind of employees they can recruit. Yes, I know people are desperate for employment. Yes, I know you want qualified individuals. But why pay the premium for somebody with a masters when you only need somebody with an associates? Why force somebody to go through and pay for extra schooling, when you should just say, "we need an associates, nothing more?" And with companies being special and unique as they are, why not re-institute training programs and spare them the pain of going to college anyway.

ie-What is compelling employers to contribute to progressive credentialism aside (from as far as I can tell) laziness, arrogance, stupidity and a power trip?

I frankly stopped caring a long time ago. When I see "MBA preferred" or "CFA preferred" or "FMG preferred" or "SIGMA Six" or any other certification acronym that some faux educational/certification/professional association came up with just to milk more money out of its member workers, I don't bother applying. The reason why is not only am I unlikely to get the job, but when does it stop? When does the blasted and worthless CPE or "continuing education" end? When do I get to work and excel and push the boundaries of my field and my job? When does the bleeping training end and the production finally start?

Presumably never on account credentials are obviously more important actual skills.

Enjoy the decline!

Cognac for the Chillllldreeeeennnn

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I want to know when we on the right will start to see through the "shield" the left uses and hides behind (the chillllldreeeeennn), not worry about being accused of hating children, and start exposing them for the parasites they truly are.

I want funded cut to the "poor"...even though this is Canada.

Bad Boys Bad Boys

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"Baby Boomers, Baby Boomers
Whatcha gonna do?
When Gen Y, Gen X
Don't invest for you?

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"He's a Parasite Who Thinks He's a Host"

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That is, by far, the best damn description of President Obama I have ever heard.

I had linked to it before, but I didn't read his editorial. My apologies for merely laughing and looking at the pictures.

A Very Cappy Cap Cynical Prediction

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the father could not be reached for comment.

Just wait for it. Waiiiiiit for it.

Regardless of whether i'm proven correct or not, my condolences to the families. It is horrible just as it is confusing.

A Cappy Cap Poll for Men

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OK, let's not make this complicated with qualifications and hypothetical situations. The reason why is that I want to get an accurate as possible number on this tangentially important issue. And we can all let politics or influence get in the way, in which case we'll merely lead ourselves astray from reality, which will only hurt us and society more, so be honest (for the men).

Point blank men, do you or do you not want children.

Not, 'If the economy was better I would want children."

Not, "Well, if I met the right girl, then I would want children."

Not, "Well, I don't know, goomy goomy goby goby children."

Treat it like a Harley Mortorcycle or a dish of ice cream.

Do you, or do you not want children?

Posts and results will be summarized later.

Another Reason Not to Try

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Hmmmm....

Don't bother with college. Live on the cheap. Avoid children, avoid a house you can't afford. Find some construction job somewhere. Avoid office politics. Avoid college debt. All the extra free time and savings and commensurate fun

vs.

Endebt yourself for the next decade, get a degree that won't get you a job, but if you get a masters AND 47 industrial certifications, you can "battle for a $35,000/yr office job" where you get to deal with politics, crushing government regulations and the constant fear one of those other college-educated employees with their sense of entitlement will take umbrage to a conversation they were not part of, filing a harassment complaint.

Choose.

Beartooth Pass Rally

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So I headed out to a section of the Shoshone National Forest which is just north of Yellowstone National Park. I was informed this had great motorcycling roads and I would enjoy the ride. I had the additional benefit of having to transverse the Big Horn mountians via Hwy 14 which provides some nice views of "Shell Canyon."

My informant, however, failed to tell me that there was a motorcycle rally going on today, and so I was stuck behind no limit of aging, mid-life crisis gray hairs who thought it "cool" to grab Ma, buy a Harley trike, and drive REALLY SLOW through the world's best curve roads, denying me and about 2,000 younger and much more skilled motorcyclists the opportunity to enjoy said curves. Not that I have an opinion about old farts with matching helmets that should never be allowed to buy a trike in the first place and something or other about really cheap and poorly kept nursing homes.

Anyway, here are the photos. I hope you learn to enjoy the decline as much as I have.

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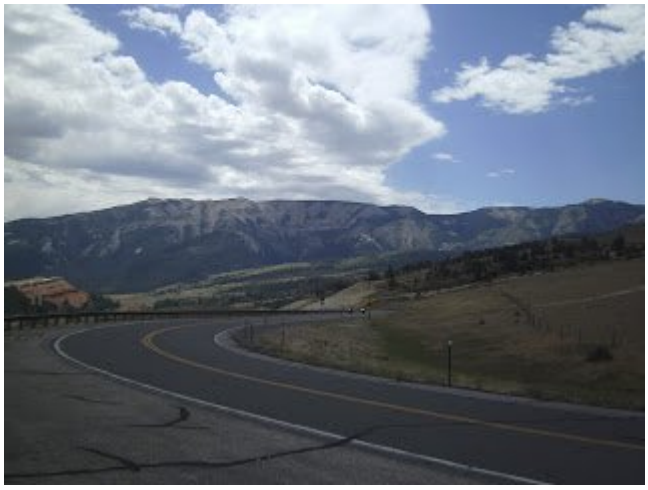

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Distancing Capitalism from the US

July 22, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An important, but short, point to make.

Given how Europe's economy is failing and our economy is failing, it is important to highlight not just how far these economies have deviated from capitalism, but have essentially embraced full blow socialism. Not just so when these economies DO inevitably collapse we can point out,

"*Hey, look, see here? Nationalized healthcare, 40% corporate taxes, progressive tax system, bailing out failing companies? Yeah, that's not capitalism.*"

it's so when the idiotic children (and by "children" I mean people of all ages who are too lazy to study budgets and look up the occasional statistic on the internet because they're infected with ego investment) in a fully anticipated move blame it on "capitalism maaaaaan!"

So two little tidbits:

1. No economy where government spending accounts for 40% of GDP can be considered "captialist."
2. When 70% of said spending is spent on social programs (social pensions, health care, education, salaries for worthless non-profits who never solve anything), again, that economy cannot be considered "capitalist."

I now await for a socialist to explain how the US is capitalist.

Beartooth Video

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Peter Schiff and Craig Kamman Walk Into a Bar…

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Not to put Mr. Kamman on par with Peter Schiff, but does anybody in the real estate world of economists consider property taxes or am I the only one?

The recovery in housing prices and the housing market (if you can even call it that- "recovery" i mean) is going to be moot unless people are allowed to own said houses without a punishing tax bill at the end. Currently I am renting out a place for 200% the property taxes on my old place back in Minneapolis. In short I pay only twice what my property taxes were per month to rent out a similar size swelling. ie- I believe landlords are subsidizing renters (for a whole host of reasons I don't care to explain now). So tell me, if you pay to own an asset every year, is that really an asset? Or is it a liability?

Because I'm no economic genius (well, actually, I am, and a good looking one to boot), but unless the rents you generate exceed the cash flows you're paying out OR the money you'd save on renting is more than the property taxes you pay, then that piece of land with a structure on top of it is NOT an asset, it's a liability. ie- homeowners are really nothing more than voluntary donors to the local and state governments.

I guess my larger point is that unless there are some laws passed that will limit how much local governments can extort from property owners, in the end I doubt ANY property in the US will have ANY value…a dream most marxists and communists would love.

Oh well, you voted for these communist f*cks.

Enjoy the decline!

Sinfest Prediction

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I don't know if any of you have been keeping up with Sinfest (which is now the second best web comic next to "Least I Could Do,") but he's taken a really femmy approach recently.

Or has "he?"

I will go out on a limb here and predict he's let a girl write the past 2 months of comics and has simply illustrated them. The change is too abrupt, too quick, and frankly, has gone against his historical style.

Love ya Tatsuya baby! Keep up the feminist line! Soon "Control Alt D" will become #2 (remember that comic...until he got all sappy with the child and marriage thing? Oh yeah, that's right, I don't. I stopped reading after the child and marriage thing along with pretty much every one guy that was his fan base).

Oh, and didn't "Scrubs" end shortly after it got all femmy?

Bah! What does the "market" know!? Men will just eat whatever garbage we feed them.

Swear to god the Manosphere is about the only cove out there for men. Thankfully it's growing.

Good Thing Guns Were Banned

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at the movie theater according to Colorado law.

Otherwise some crazy person might have come in and shot the place up! But thankfully some really intelligent people with liberal arts degrees, no real world experience, and a lot of their parent's money ran for public office in Colorado and enacted legislation that would prevent people from carrying guns into theaters.

Boy, Indoctrination Sure Starts Early

July 24, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You know how in true intellectual honesty I worry time to time that the advice we give young boys may no longer be pertinent? That girls have changed since we were boys and that our advice today may actually hurt them?

Then I see this and realize today boys need the Manosphere more than ever.

You poor, young boys are going to war whether you like it or not. And sadly at the age of 8. God I hope they play with frogs and turtles for a long time in childhood ignorant bliss.

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Who Wants to Hire Sarah Jaffe?

July 24, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Now, now Mr. Bezos, don't rush to hire her!

She not only has that wonderful sense of entitlement, but also a complete lack of how economics and the real world works!

I'll be brief because I'm finishing up season 3 of The Man from UNCLE.

1. Amazon doesn't have to pay tuition PERIOD. Leave it to spoiled brat American leftists to bitch about a company's decision to pay for "some" of their tuition and not "all." Let alone, I'd like to know how many jobs Ms. Jaffe has created compared to Mr. Bezos.
2. Amazon is doing its employees a favor DENYING THEM the ability to major in Fluffy El Crapo Liberal Arts studies. So instead of wasting not only Amazon's money, BUT THEIR YOUTH AND TIME on a worthless degree, they will instead be MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GET OUT OF THE WAREHOUSE WITH BETTER EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS.
3. You don't have to work there.
4. Don't you just LOVE her sense of entitlement? Which leads me to ...
5. Don't you big corporations know that no good deed goes unpunished and placating your enemies does not turn them into friends? Just ask BP and Exxon how their how CSR "green" thing is going.

Alas, perhaps Mr. Bezos could buy Ms. Jaffe a copy of "Worthless?" No doubt she went to "J school" because she couldn't handle calculus and was afraid of an academic discipline that required rigor..errr...I mean "she wanted to change the world."

The Only Solution to Our Economic Problems

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Why Laura Fritz Owes Me Money

July 25, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ok junior, aspiring, deputy, official and otherwise economists!

Test time!

What are the mistakes Laura and her boyfriend made that makes it so you and I and every other person who works hard get to pay higher taxes to pay for their mistakes?

Bueller?

Bueller?

I just love how the media portrays them as victims.

Tuesday Night Linkage, Brought to You In Part By....

July 25, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Stupidity. Yes, it costs us productive members of society more in taxes to pay for the stupid, but it gives us cart-blanche to mock and ridicule them. Stupidity, what western civilization strove to purge.

Herd Mentality. Do you have it? Good for you! Now go claim you're independent, don't need other people, live off the government while we mock and ridicule you because you're just as much of a conformist and supremely ordinary like OWS protestors and hipsters. Herd Mentality, what western civilization strove to purge.

Entrepreneurship. Sick of working for people who are sick of working for other people who are sick of working for other people? Forget being a corporate man, become an entrepreneur. Chicks dig it more than you being the "assistant vice president" of some lame ass company. Entrepreneurship, what western civilization strove to promote.

Cleanliness Is Not a Sign of Superiority

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In the never-ending battle of the sexes you will hear cries and tears that men never do their "fair share" of the house work. Normally at this point the easily-predicted retort that men do the majority of the work outside of the household OR fixes "manly" things at the household (cars, oil change, lawn mowing, etc) is delivered. However, I'm going to ignore these arguments and instead focus on a different angle altogether. I'm going to question the premise what constitutes "fair share."

Understand in saying "fair share" we are implying there is a certain tangible, measurable amount of house work that needs to be done in the first place. Therefore when a man (or woman) completes "their fair share" of the work they have met their obligations and get a reprieve from nagging and lecturing (until the house is in need again of some cleaning). But what is that "tangible, measurable" amount? What are the standards? And who gets to decide what those standards are?

Of course it's women.

And of course, they're wrong.

The reason I say so factually "they're wrong" is because there is no "right" or "wrong" way as to determining what is the appropriate level of cleanliness in a house. Bachelors for millions of years have been living in veritable man caves with no major medical or health complications. A shoe turned upside down, a shirt hanging on the chair, an open bottle of beer from the night before has never killed, injured, maimed or slightly peeve one man. But women will claim it not only is the end of the world, but it is "wrong." That that shoe CAN'T be turned upside down. That that shirt CAN'T be hanging on the chair.

When men have decades of experience that proves, "actually, yes, yes it can."

Regardless, the empirical evidence that the world does not end because an apartment has a minimal bachelor level of cleanliness proves that there is no "standard" or "measurement" for what is ultimately going to be "their fair share." And what it further proves is that women are the ones who have a PREFERENCE for a much cleaner place than men.

Therefore...

(anybody see where I'm going with this?)

(I'll give you a couple seconds)

(make your guesses)

(OK, here we go)

men's "fair share" should be the amount of housework needed to get it up to their standards. Anything beyond that is a PREFERENCE of the women AND (dare I say) up to them to do it.

Ladies, we have cleaned our places in the past and survived this long. We maintained our bachelor pads so we could go out and do things in life. If you want to scrub behind toilets, vacuum underneath couches, scrub the floors and on a weekly basis, by all means go ahead. We're not doing it because it's not only unnecessary, it takes away from more important things in life, namely life itself. Additionally, our dumpy bachelor pads or CHOOSING (not our incapability to) not to achieve the same level of cleanliness does not mean we are somehow "inferior" or "less hygienic" than you are. We aren't "helpless, sad, pathetic boys whose mothers didn't bring up right" we just prefer to knock out some more work (or in the case of Enjoying the Decliners) we prefer to go out and play and live life.

So, by all means ladies, clean the place up till your heart's content. And men, if you're one of those anally retentive clean freaks, YOU get to do the majority of the housework while she sits outside and joins the rest of us guys enjoying the decline. In the meantime I strongly suggest people start asking what's really important in life - a perfectly, spotlessly clean house OR 3 additional years saved not wasting your time cleaning to an anal retentive level and instead spent living life.

I'm glad I have resolved the "fair share of housework" issue forever for everybody. You may make a donation to the Rumpleminze fund as a show of your appreciation.

From Our Muslim Agent in the Field

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a VERY long way to go about saying, "it's best to have one person working and another staying home."

Or what we economists have been calling for (ohhhh, I don't know, 300 years) the "division of labor."

I would be curious to see what the updated data looks like. Seems the report was a bit dated.

"Help My Daughter"

July 26, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was at "the" bar in town last night. I've been here long enough that I've established a rapport with different folks and one of them (a middle aged woman who I recognize the face, but don't know the name) was at the bar and beckoned me over. Nice lady, we chit chatted and discussed, nice gal.

However, as the conversation continued (and I don't know how it happened) it came to the topic of her daughter who was 24 and was having trouble "finding a good guy." She was quite animated about the topic so I could tell this was important to her as she pulled a picture of her daughter out of her pocket shoving it in my face,

"Here, here! You see her! What's wrong with her!? She's beautiful! Why can't she find a good guy!? They're all boys, they all play games! Why can't she find a guy!?"

The girl was, admittedly, very cute, I'd say almost old enough to approach "beautiful." So it certainly wasn't her looks. So I asked,

"Well, what type of gal is she?"

The mother said, "Well she's very sweet and very kind."

I interrupted, "Yes, every mother says that about her daughter. Truthfully, is she a flake? Is she arrogant? Does she string guys along? I'm asking not to be insulting, but to find out what's really going on."

The mom responded truthfully, "No, she's actually a straight shooter. I told her not to play games. I told her to be herself. She's the type of girl that wants to go mountain biking and can't find a guy who isn't hung over from the night before."

It was here I let some of my prejudice and guard down and was willing to give this lady and her daughter the benefit of the doubt. Most 24 year old babes are arrogant drama queens, full of themselves and completely unaware of other people. But when I heard "mountain biking," the fact her mother told her not to play games and be a straight shooter and her complaint was finding a sober mountain biking partner, I decided to accept as a premise this was indeed one of the rare "good girls."

I said, "well if that's the case, then what she's probably running into is that she's a victim of her own gender. You have to understand that most girls aren't like that and when men are going to approach women IN GENERAL they have to employ a strategy that is based off of the majority of women, not the rare girl that is different like your daughter."

"But that's so wrong!!!" she said.

And it was here the lesson in truth vs. emotion began.

I said, "Well it's not right or wrong. It is what it is. I could be wrong, but if your daughter is all that and then some and she's having trouble finding guys, it's likely most guys are advancing and learning game. If anything, they were treated poorly, or at least, psychotically by girls ever since they hit puberty, and since being nice and kind didn't work, now they're standing your daughter up, showing up drunk, or whatever other tactics they've found works on other girls."

"Well men shouldn't do that!"

"I know, but it isn't an issue of whether they should or not. It is what it is. Your daughter has to abide by that fact."

The emotion or human desire to ignore reality continued,

"But why can't men just be..."

I interrupted again.

"Ah, ah, ah! Again, do you want me to lie to you so you feel better? Do you want me to tell you to tell your daughter that she "just hasn't found the right one?" Or that "the right man will come along someday?" "The lord will provide?" "Follow your heart and the money will follow?" Or do you want me to tell you the truth."

She had an interesting response. One that showed she was digesting the point I was trying to make. One that made me happy to see that some women are capable of setting aside emotion or "how things should be" and appreciating that if anything is going to get done or if there's going to be any progress, truth, no matter how unpleasant, must be acknowledged and incorporated into whatever strategy is to be developed.

Also greatly increasing my appreciation for this woman was her ability to discern between me being "nice" vs. me being "helpful." (though I will always contend being helpful is being nice and being "nice" is really just being cowardly). She genuinely wanted to help her daughter and cared about her daughter enough that not only did she listen to a blowhard like me, but she even accepted passing on links to Roosh V and Roissy to her daughter.

"She won't like these links" I said, "but they will help her understand the psychology of men her age."

"Why won't she like these links?" she asked.

"Because they're truthful and what real guys really think."

She gladly accepted them.

The point of the story is that while we here in the Manosphere like to highlight cognitive dissonance, delusion, and other forms of denial, it is nice to see and highlight the occasional instance where a person is capable of genuine intellectual honesty and capable of taking emotion out of it in order to focus instead on reality, thereby increasing the chances for genuine success. And when I see somebody with that level of character I merely wish to point it out and salute them.

IQ By Major

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Who are your government leaders?

Who works in government?

Who works for non-profits and the UN?

Who teachers your children?

AND

How successful have they been at doing what they claimed they were going to do?

How successful have they been at solving the problems they claimed they were going to?

Answer?

Morons.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats - the liberal arts are the single biggest problem with the US and western civilization.

$1.3 Trillion in New GDP

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My sweet perfectly sculpted Irish ass.

Was there a "unicorn economics" class I missed in college that leads idiots to come up with pie in the sky crap like this?

I Forgot About Nancy Wilson

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60 Seconds to Exposed Flawed Logic

July 27, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll tell you another story.

Went out last night to kill time before I'd inevitably get sleepy and could entertain falling asleep. Chose to go to "the" bar in town where most of the socializing occurs. UPon my arrival I see another middle aged woman who is a friend (does this story sound familiar?) with her younger 21 year old daughter. She introduces me to her daughter and then goes on ad infinitum to tell her about how great my girlfriend is (my girlfriend made a HUGE impression upon this lady). I show her daughter a picture and the young lady is quite impressed.

So time goes on and a tall, built, affable young man (21 years old or so) comes up and puts his arms around the mother and the daughter. He's inebriated, but a happy inebriated. He says in a loud happy tone, "Hello! How are you doing girls!?"

The girls are very happy to see him, "Oh hi Steve!!!"

The mother then continues on to explain to me, "Oh, Steve and my daughter dated in the 8th grade. He's the sweetest nicest guy there ever was."

Steve went on to say in a somewhat joking manner, "Yeah, until your daughter broke my heart."

The daughter smiled, still underneath his arm, "Yes, but I love him just the same, he's the sweetest, nicest guy." she reiterated.

The guy then looks at me, and point blank says, "Yeah, but that doesn't get me anywhere. I'm always nice and kind and I still don't get any of the girls."

I looked at him and said, "So what do you think that tells you?"

He sat there a second or two and inevitably said, "I shouldn't be nice or kind?"

I said, "Right! You have to be the bad boy. YOu have to be unreliable. You have to lift weights, maybe get a tattoo, do your own thing and put girls about 3rd or 4th on your list."

Naturally the women disagreed. And what transpired was the most outstanding visual display of hypocrisy I've ever seen.

The girl who dumped him and "still loves him" because he's a "nice guy" and her mother who also really likes him because he was a "nice guy" immediately turned to him and said, "No!!! No!!! Don't listen to him! You just keep being a nice guy! Girls like nice guys, not the bad boys he's describing!"

I couldn't help but laugh a bit. Right there in front of me was a poor 21 year old kid who OBSERVED being a good guy did nothing to help him get the girls. AND underneath his arm was the empirical proof. AND then when I merely confirm that his observation was correct, that he should not be the nice boy, the EMPIRICAL PROOF (and her mother) immediately tells him I'm wrong. It was hilarious.

I didn't want to point out the obvious, that the dame that broke his heart several years ago was dating somebody-not-him. So I went another route.

"Wait, wait, wait!" I said to the mother. "If I'm so wrong, then how come I got a great girlfriend that you're so fond of? How could I land a girl like that if I was a bad boy?"

The look in the mother's eye knew I had in about 60 seconds just exposed their flawed logic. I looked at the kid,

"Look, kid. They've never tried to date girls. They're women. Whatever advice they give you isn't going to work. You've already realized being a nice guy doesn't work and here I am, telling you to be the bad boy and I'm the one with a girlfriend THAT THE MOTHER CAN'T SPEAK HIGHLY ENOUGH OF. I didn't get this girl or any of the other girls by being a sappy, reliable, nice guy. I did it by driving a motorcycle, excelling in several fields and talents, doing my own thing and being indifferent, aloof, confidence and NOT NICE."

They still tried to fight for the "Nice Status Quo." Still had to keep this poor boy in The Matrix.

"No, don't listen to him! Motorcycles are alright, but you HAVE to be nice. Girls don't like..."

They continued on, but I pulled out a picture of my girlfriend and shoved it in his face.

His inebriated eyes opened, obviously liking what he saw.

I then said, "Yes, whatever you do DON'T listen to me. I DON'T know what I'm talking about."

I think the mother knew the battle was lost. She couldn't have sung my girlfriend's praises and then claim I didn't know what I was doing. Additionally the empirical proof under his other arm being a nice guy didn't work, didn't help their cause either. In the

end, yes he may have only been 21, and, yes, he may have been drunk, but I do believe he took the red pill.

And thus we can add one more to our ranks.

Make Your Man Happy With Sushi!

July 27, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hello junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists of the female persuasion!

This weekend I shall shamelessly shill sushi! Specifically two items that I believe would be helpful in wooing and keeping that special man of yours fat and happy...or maybe not so fat because sushi isn't terribly fattening:

A sushi making device that I thought was kind of cool...and

"Sushi for Dummies" which actually I'm kicking around getting myself

Remember, if you love the Captain and his daily patented Super Awesome Economic Genius, show your love and buy stuff from the Amazon link to the right. I get a 6% commish and you get something in return (not just donating money to me and getting warm donation fuzzies).

Goddess Faceplant

July 29, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm on the road, but the Goddess will keep you entertained in my absence.

The White Suit Came In

July 30, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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and damn do I make it look good:

I hereby decree all Cappy Cappites must buy and don white suits.

Big Boobs, Tight Ass, Long Legs, Long Hair

July 30, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The title of this post is NOT meant to be sophomoric, crass, or shallow.

I make it the title to make a point. So please listen.

Men like:

1. Big books
2. Tight asses
3. Long legs
4. Long hair

This will not change. It will not be socially or psychologically engineered out of us. It is what we like and will continue to like despite communists, feminists and leftists' best efforts to tell everybody else otherwise. It is genetic, so please don't complain about us being "shallow" for having a physical preference for an in-shape, "blessed by the lord" 25 year old than an overweight 55 year old. You may as well complain that water is wet, the sky is blue and bears poop in the woods.

Now, you girls have a choice. You really do. Complain about it. OR accept it as fact.

Guess which option will be more productive!

My Trek Across South Dakota

July 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Some photos of Hwy 212. Nothing is out there, but I did find some interesting sites/photos, notably a cemetery in a town called "Faith":

The Captain Mobile

July 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Saw this on my way back from Minneapolis. Tempted to purchase it, but it would not be minimalism. That being said, redoing the interior with white leopard print would be awesome:

Codify or Let People Fail

July 31, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Allow me to explain a concept I hope quickly.

If you let people learn from their mistakes and let people fail/suffer from their mistakes, they will:

1. Not repeat those mistakes
2. Be pulled out of the system they destroyed with their mistakes.

Case in point, banking.

If we had a capitalist economy, most banks and the idiotic bankers that populated them would not only be wiped out, most of those bankers would be on the unemployment line or flipping burgers at McDonald's. The banking system would have been "cleansed" and what banks remained would have in a darwinistic sense been the "best" and would have continued to better serve society.

Instead, we bailed them out which means the idiotic bankers are not flipping burgers, but still employed in the banking system.

This puts government regulators at a quandry. Do we hope those naughty bankers learned their lesson?

Probably not, and so NOW we get to codify behavior.

This is an impossible task because you cannot codify behavior of amoral people. But don't let that stop the Feds from trying.

Constitutionally Banning Corporate Taxes

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I'll say it again for posterity or (as they said in "The Last Boy Scout") the cheap seats-

Providing the people with CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES the state, federal and local governments will NOT confiscate or tax certain percentage of income and wealth is about the only way out of this economic mess.

You CONSTITUTIONALLY BAN corporate taxes

You CONSTITUTIONALLY cap total government spending at 20% GDP

You CONSTITUTIONALLY mandate balance budgets

You CONSTITUTIONALLY ban the government from taxing any wealth

and you will get a flood of multiple-trillions of dollars into the US economy.

But no, you morons would prefer to instead focus on the "gini coefficient."

Is it wrong for me to cheer on the utter collapse of the US economy?

Feminism Has Jumped the Shark

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Just can't make this up. Seriously, you just can't make it up.

Good News Everyone!

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The labor market is working as it should. Morons getting masters degrees in subjects that have no rigor or practical outside application are making squat while people like me (Prof. Farnsworth) are making enough to actually pay back our student loans.

Take that you post-modernist hippies!

Stay Frosty

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I was once again sitting at "the" bar in town. Minding my own P's and Q's, enjoying a top shelf cocktail on the cheap because in this small town everything costs about half what they do in the city. Mike, a 100% USDA certified cowboy, was in the house and we discussed ex-wife #3 of his portfolio of wives he accumulated in the past. Mike is an interesting fellow.

Time went on and a couple of the other locals came into the bar. The locals were also joined by an out of state concrete crew enroute to the Bakken oil field. Booze was flowing, somebody put some "happy" country music on the juke box, this is about as festive as it gets at this bar.

There were of course girls in this bar, but the thing with small towns is you already know who they are, not to mention (if you're a local), you've already dated them all by now, sometimes twice since the 6th grade, and they're either all married, spoken for or ruined by booze, drugs and too many children.

Enter in a hot little number, decked on in some serious sexy business attire, that walks through the door.

The old timers finding refuge at the bar from their wives raise an eyebrow and send confirming smirks to one another. The younger locals are not so clandestine nor couth and gawk. My peripheral vision picks up somebody walking in the door, I naturally turn, confirm it's a hot girl and turn my attention back to my drink. The concrete workers immediately invite her to join them.

The night goes on and female friend of mine shows up. We throw a couple bucks into the juke box and dance to some country swing and Frank Sinatra. The dance floor isn't terribly big, but it's more than enough to accommodate the only two people who know how to dance in the county. After a couple dances my buddy has to get back home and I figure I better call it a night as well and "mosey" (which is an official word here) up to the bar to pay my tab. But before the bar tender can even get to me, the hot little, business suit wearing babe jumps into the barstool next to me.

"Hi!" she says.

A little surprised I say, "Hello."

"So, um, you know how to dance, huh?" she asked.

I said, "Yeah, used to teach back in the Twin Cities."

And it is here I must interrupt the conversation. By this time I already figured I knew why she was talking to me. She saw me dance, she's from the city, probably here on business, is dreading what this podunk town has to offer and wanted to see if I would dance with her sometime too. I figured she would continue her line of inquiry about dancing, but then she surprised me and shifted topics.

"So, do you live here?" she asked.

Not particularly phased I said, "Yep."

"What brought you out here?"

"No state income taxes, the economy doesn't suck as much as Minnesota's and you can actually find a job without having to have a triple doctorate and 40 different certifications and kiss some HR dolt's ass." I said.

"So what do you do?"

"I'm in collections."

By this time it was starting to feel like an interview and the conversation was no longer what I'd consider "natural." Natural in the sense that it was clear what her intentions were.

Oh sure, have I had random female strangers come up and inquire about my dancing?

Yes of course.

But this was different. We were no longer talking about dancing and now she was asking questions about me. Girls don't interrogate me about me, they interrogate me about dancing because they're interested in inevitably becoming the center of attention on a dance floor. I just happen to be their ticket to that destination. But now a girl wanted to get to know "me." Asking personal questions about "me," what I do, what I like, etc. etc. Ironically, you'd think that would be nice. "Awwww!!! She really likes you and wants to get to know you!" I had a different take. I was suspicious.

The conversation continued down its new path, her inquiring about all that is Cappy. But then I noticed two things. One, her body language changed. She was now leaning in closer to me, her body completely turned into mine and her face looked like she was hinging on every word I said (and I wasn't saying terribly impressive words). This stood out because we had only been talking about 5 minutes, way too soon for a girl to become

acclimated to the idea of getting physically involved with you. Two, Mike and some of the old timers at the bar were smiling and smirking. But not in the "Oh, look who's gonna get lucky tonight" kind of look, but they were almost laughing at me.

Now I knew something was up.

She continued her interrogation, but on account I already have a girlfriend and I was tired, I decided to cut it short, but in a polite manner. I said, "I'd love to stick around and chat, but I really do have to get to bed. If you're in town for a while this is the place to be on Wednesday nights. Me and the handful of other ballroom dancers in town frequent it on Wednesdays. Maybe see you then."

And with that I left.

Couple days later I'm at "the" bar again and sure enough Mike was there (not even sure he ever left). We started chit chatting and through the course of conversation I brought up the hot little business babe that walked in a couple nights ago. I said,

"Hey, you know that girl that was talking to me at the bar the other night?"

Mike started laughing. He said,

"Ooooo, yeah. I remember her. What about her?"

"Eh, there was something off about her. Girls just don't come up and start talking to guys at bars. It was like she was interrogating me or something."

Mike started shaking his head, he said,

"Oh, I shouldn't tell you."

I said, "Tell me what?"

"No, you'll kill me if I do."

I said, "Jesus Christ Mike, just f@cking tell me what it was."

"Well," he said, "her and those mason workers were wondering if you were gay and they put her up to seeing if she could get you to proposition her."

I said, "GAY??? What the hell made them think I was gay? My dancing?"

"No," Mike said, "it was the way you were dressed."

"How the hell was I dressed that made me gay?"

He said, "You had those ironed olive slacks on with that black shirt. They thought you were gay."

I went on to continue to defend myself and point out that just because I had ironed slacks on with a nice black shirt did not mean I was gay, nor could such an ensemble even be considered to look gay. But that is not the point I'm trying to make here or why I bring up this story.

The point is that girls don't "just approach guys at bars." More specifically, if something seems weird, or off, or just plain too good to be true, then you're right, there IS something wrong and you're the target of a scam or a trick. And you must understand this because on occasion you will be the subject or intended victim of such a ruse.

Now, for the most part these tricks or ruses will ultimately be harmless, much like the gay bet made against me. You will not sustain any real damage. You will not sustain any financial costs. They are nothing more than (an admittedly) sick or twisted girl deciding to toy with your emotions (or more likely, hormones). An innocuous example would be two girls "fake making out" at a dance club. If you let these minor, childish attempts affect you, then you will unnecessarily suffer, and so you should blow them off. Admittedly, for a young middle school or high school boy that's easier said than done, any attention you think is sincere and you thusly vest some measure of emotional investment in it. But, by the time you're 17 or 18, you should realize who is really being the adult and who is really being the child and such games can largely be dismissed.

However, <u>not all such ruses are harmless</u>. Additionally, it's not so easy to just "identify and dismiss" an attempt by a woman trying to trick you with her feminine wiles. And here is where the true risk lies.

Understand no matter how good you think you are, no matter how cynical, jaded or distrusting you think you are, no matter how aware and on top of your game you think you are, understand you are GENETICALLY PROGRAMMED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO POSITIVE FEMALE BEHAVIOR. This forces an undeniable disadvantage on you whether you're aware of it or not. Even your old Captain has to catch himself every once in a while because on a sub-conscious level you will respond positively to warm and receptive behavior of women. Your guard is down and you're letting a girl get away with something you wouldn't normally let her get away with, or you're granting her more trust and credit simply because she's cute and is treating you kindly.

Of course, for the most part this "disadvantage" or "weakness" doesn't last long enough for you to be hoodwinked. You'll inevitably figure out something is wrong, or 95% of the time, they girl is just using this ploy to get attention or a free drink (again, the girls fake-

making out at a dance club) But to a woman who is a pro AND has more SINISTER OR CRIMINAL aims, that is all the window of opportunity she needs to spring her trap as she has rehearsed it.

Now most of you think I'm going down the route of marriage, divorce, alimony, faking being on birth control, etc. etc. But that's not really what I'm talking about. I'm talking more like "getting clubbed over your head in a dark alley" because you thought the buxom blond was genuinely interested in you and your exciting career as an economist.

Oh you all laugh, and think I'm being over-cautious, but one final tidbit to my tale.

When a pro gets taken (potentially, the story hasn't ended), the rest of us ought to take heed. (language warning).

Stay frosty, boys.

About Freaking Time

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The push back against employer's thinking your personal life is their business is starting.

For once I believe government involvement is actually necessary.

What are all the HR ladies going to do with all the spare time now that they can't live vicariously through other strangers' lives?

Ten Sleep Canyon

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Here are some photos of a motorcycle ride I took this evening. Sturgis is going on, I suggest any of you who have motorcycles get your asses out here to the west and not worry about the collapse of the country:

TENSLEEP
POP 260
ELEV 4206

Coors
BIG HORN
BAR
BUD LIGHT

Video of Ten Sleep

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Skin Pigmentation is Thicker Than Water

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While growing up my brother tried to kill me. Twice.

So when I hear "blood is thicker than water" you can understand why I have a bit of a problem believing that.

Understand what people are really saying when they say "blood is thicker than water" is:

"We want you to lower your standards and give preferential treatment to somebody simply because they are related to you. Even though there are more deserving, more moraled and just out right better people out there, you should give family members preferred treatment and thus treat others unfairly."

Normally this comes up in the case where an "offending" family member has done something untowards you and you are supposed to just ignore it or dismiss it. This of course implies the family member can continue to treat you poorly, unacceptably and as an inferior, or their unacceptable behavior is simply excused because "well, blood is thicker than water."

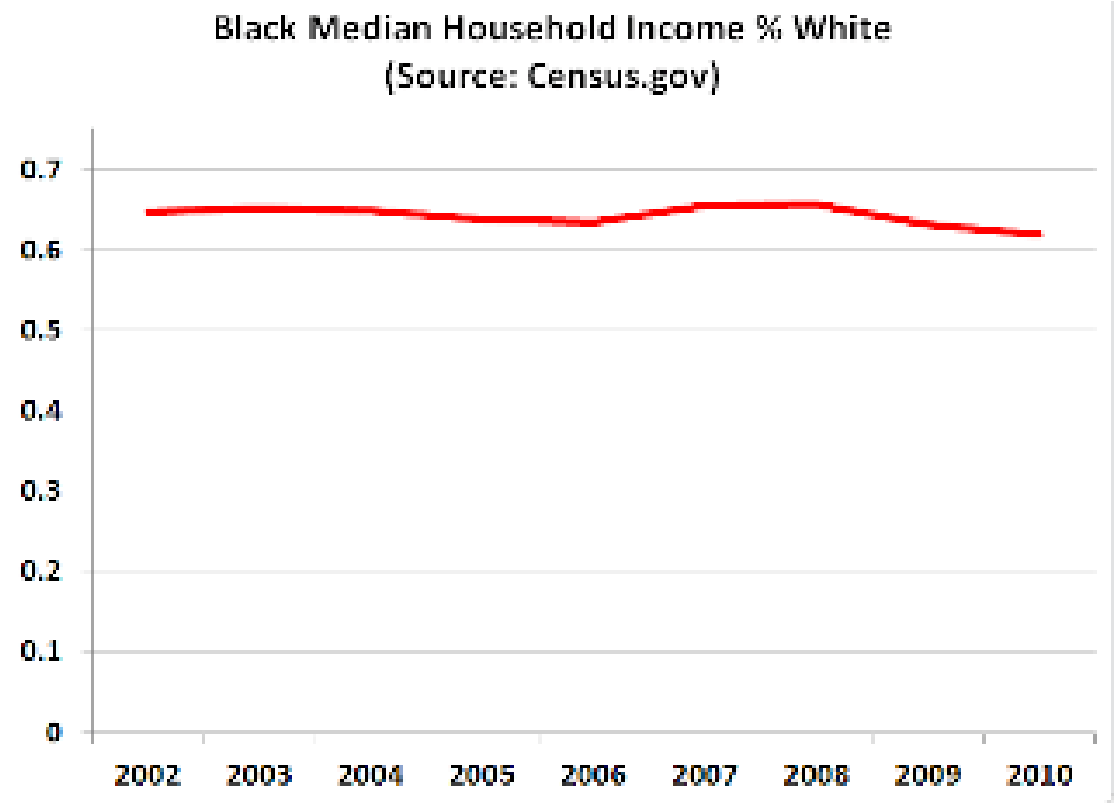
But set aside genetic and blood lines and think about something else - skin pigmentation.

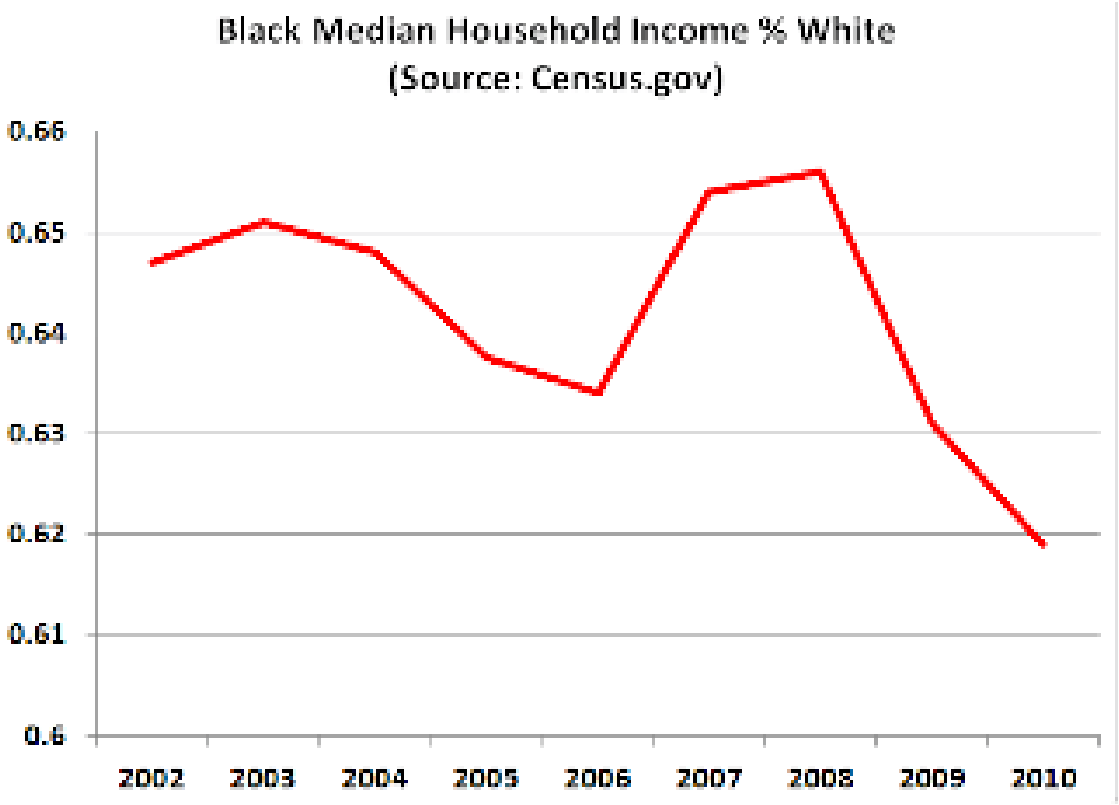
I bring this up because I am starting to believe that skin pigmentation is thicker than water also. What with the likes of Samuel Jackson and other prominent black Americans admitting they voted for Barack simply because he's black, then this implies a presidential candidate should just get preferential treatment based on his skin pigmentation. BUT, here's the key thing - that preferential treatment should come REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT PERSON HURTS OR HARMS YOU.

And so I wanted to see if Barack Obama was like my brother - somebody trying to harm me, but I should forgive anyway because "you know, skin pigmentation is thicker than water."

So let's introduce those nasty, dirty, disgusting things called "facts" and "statistics."

Here is the black median household income as a percentage of whites. I put two in there because I do not like "scaling" the y axis to make changes seem more or less dramatic than they are:





And shucks howdy will you look at that? Apparently blacks have suffered more under Barack Obama than they did that evil Bush.

I could go on and cite unemployment statistics, individual incomes, etc. etc., but frankly, I'm at Sturgis and I'm here to enjoy the decline. Additionally, you know the point I'm

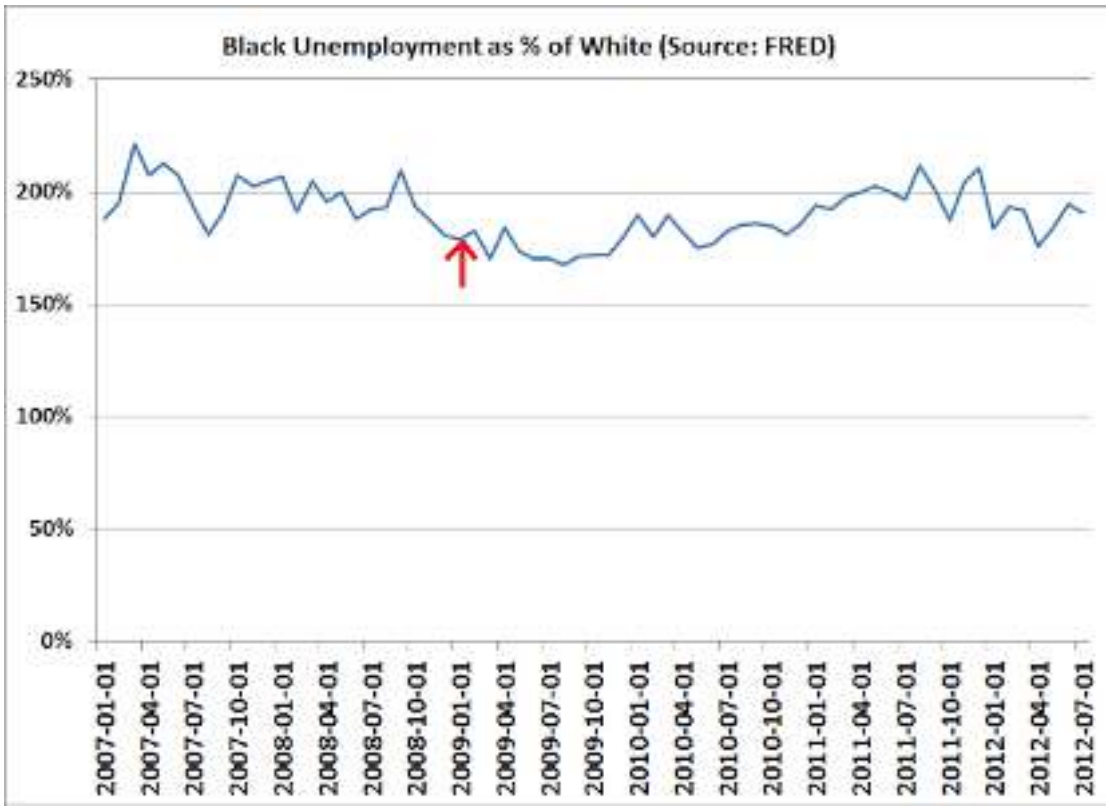
trying to make is going to fall on deaf ears. So I'll be brief.

It is a fact Barack Hussein Obama has been bad for blacks, MORE SO THAN WHITES.

I cannot wave a magic wand and magically undo all the racist-brainwashing the government, leftists, socialists, the media and the education system has systematically instilled in our minority brothers and sisters. But as a vain hope somebody, someday, might listen AND make themselves truly free, please, realize "skin pigmentation is not thicker than water."

(OK, so I got curious and the whiskey needs to wear off before I start driving around again)

At inarguration date black unemployment as a percent of white unemployment was 179%. This has increased now to 191%. Remember, "skin pigmentation is thicker than water" so make sure to blame Bush even though things improved for black more than whites under him:



The Captain vs. "Helicopter Family"

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I returned from Sturgis this evening because, well, I can. It's that close.

I returned to "the" bar in town as that is where the social activity is and checked in with the regulars. The regulars of which include this gal from LA who happens to know how to dance and is one of my few "dance partners" in this town. I only met her a week ago, but a nice gal helping her aunt move from San Diego to my little slice of heaven here. Since I already had a rapport with her we engaged in normal acquaintenship conversation.

Now some basic facts about this gal.

1. She is heading back to LA in about a week after helping her aunt move in.
2. She has a boyfriend, I have a girlfriend, we are both spoken for, so our relationship is purely friendly.
3. She is 22. That is a child to me. And yes, I know most men say "hoo dang diggity" but I think "she was three when I was patrolling."
4. She is just plain not my type and there is not one iota of sexual attraction between me and this girl.
5. She is cultured and has an interesting background so her and I can talk about things that have occurred outside the county.

So now that we've established this is not going to be a "romantic" or "sexual" story we can continue.

In our conversation I find out she has:

1. Never been to Mt. Rushmore.
2. Never heard of Badlands National Park
3. Never heard of the Sturgis Rally
4. Never heard of Deadwood.

I was planning on returning to the Black Hills area this Sunday and asked if she wanted to tag along and I'd show her arguably the best 10,000 square miles of the country before she flew back to the left coast. She agreed, got my number and that was about that.

Now understand this conversation was taking place outside of "the" bar. Her aunt, along with her grandfather and other members of her family were inside "the" bar. I hadn't met them, only heard of them and she wanted to introduce me to them. I was about to sit down at the table where her extended family was, but by coincidence at the same time I saw two cyclists I ran into during my drive through Ten Sleep Canyon walk into "the" bar.

I was shocked because I didn't think they'd cover that much ground, let alone that their travels would have them coming through my town. Regardless, I excused myself from my LA friend and said, "I have to talk to these girls, I ran into them on my motorcycle ride a couple days ago. I'll be back." and off I went.

I introduced myself to the two cyclists, they remembered me and my motorcycle, we chit-chatted, and I found out they were heading back to Wilmar, MN. Upon finding out I was from Minnesota, they asked me for advice on the best route to take back to Minnesota. I not only gave them advice, but (and this is key to the story) I went BACK TO MY APARTMENT, GRABBED A MAP OF SOUTH DAKOTA, HIGHLIGHTED THE ROUTE, AND WROTE MY NUMBER DOWN IN CASE THEY BROKE DOWN OR HAD TROUBLES (on account I too was a serious cyclist at one time and know how sucky it is to break down in the middle of nowhere with no support).

After giving them the map, I excused myself saying I had to meet some people and made my way back to my LA friend and her family. But upon my return my LA friend was not there. No matter, nothing wrong with meeting new people, and so in a very friendly and innocent way sat down and said, "howdy!"

Now understand 100%, not 95%, not 98%, not 99%, 100 freaking % of my interactions with people in this town upon initial meeting has been friendly. When introduced or being introduced to, it is normally a "positive" affair. They are happy to meet you, you are happy to meet them. And so I went into this environment thinking it was the same. My LA friend wanted to introduce me to her aunt, her grandpa and the handful of friends they had in town. But upon sitting down and saying "howdy" I slowly started to realize something was off.

First, the "aunt" was not this old, decrepit aunt I was picturing that needed the help of her 22 year old niece. She was a 50 year oldish woman that was more than capable of moving herself, but then again who am I to judge?

Second, the aunt started inquiring about me. What I did, who I was, and NOT in the fashion of just being polite to inquire about somebody. It was a borderline interrogation.

Third, her grandpa. He was pissed. He was NOT smiling. He was not happy to see me. He would talk and yell, but I could barely make out what he was saying. Not that he wasn't yelling loud enough, but his tone matched that of the background noise. I slowly was being able to make out what he was saying, and when I did, I couldn't believe it.

"Did he just ask me for my ID?"

This was confirmed when the aunt also asked me for my ID.

"MY ID???" I asked.

"Yes!" they both said.

Completely confused, I had no idea what was going on, and I just showed them my ID. The grandpa started yelling again,

"Where do you work? Where do you live? I want you to talk to these guys (as he pointed to people he knew) and see what they say about you! This ID means nothing to me!"

And finally I realized what was going on. In their eyes some random stranger offered to take their little family member on a motorcycle ride to the Black Hills. And naturally your ole Captain is a rapist serial murderer and they wanted me to prove I was not.

Which I get, but only to a point.

After showing my ID, neither the aunt or the grandpa were satisfied. The grandpa was no less pissed off than he was before and the aunt started in on some BS about how her niece was "her little girl" and how she "promised her mother she'd look after her." Never mind this girl lives in LA, goes salsa dancing all the time and certainly has ran into harrier situations than what she would here, not to mention has probably done things her mom, aunt and grandpa would not approve of that most normal 22 year olds do. And let's not forget, she's 22. She's an adult and ultimately the authority legally rests with her. That being said, I opted not to antagonize the "helicopter family" more than they already were by the mere fact I existed.

To assuage them I beckoned over the proprietor of the bar. Arguably the most respected man in town in that he runs "the" bar and will PERSONALLY drive people home if they've had too much to drink. I said,

"Marcus, will you tell them what my name is?"

He said, "His name is Aaron."

I re-handed my ID to the aunt and said, "look, see there!"

I then asked Marcus another question:

"Marcus, can you testify to my character?"

Marcus said, "Yes, he's a good guy. You don't have to worry about him."

And thinking having the owner of the largest business concern in town vouch for me, the

grandpa yelled,

"I DON'T KNOW HIM! I DON'T KNOW MARCUS!!!! AND I DON'T TRUST YOU!"

At that point I didn't personally care if grandpa was older than me, and I couldn't care less if he fought in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq I, Iraq II AND Afghanistan. I never felt so at peace with the idea of beating the utter crap out of an older, helpless man with his own oxygen tank. Of course for legal reasons I didn't pursue that avenue and realized what was really going on. This helicopter family really didn't care about the safety of their daughter as much as they did going on a power trip and flexing their "muscle" to stroke their own egos. It was all about them and I was just the unaware mouse the cats decided to play with. And upon making this epiphany I decided to leave, but of course not without slinging a few arrows their way.

As I gathered my gear, the aunt, who was obviously beholden to grandpa said, "Sorry, I just don't think we can let her go."(which particularly irked me because it implied this girl was property and not her own person)

I said in return not bothering to look at her, "Think what you want. She's 22 and she's going to do whatever she wants. She's got my number and if she calls, we're going."

And with that I got up and left.

I made my way out to my motorcycle and it was as if there actually was a god and he wasn't a sadistic bastard and actually threw me one across the plate. For as I approached my bike there was one of the local town's boys. A 10 year old who is well known enough that the locals watch over him even though his brother may be a couple blocks away and his mom's always at one of the bars. I gave this kid a fossil when I first came here and consequently got on his good side. The fact I have a crotch rocket also endears him to me. That being said, it was pretty late, and when he came up to say hi, I said, "Where's your mom?" At this exact same time the aging aunt came out, presumably to apologize to me, but instead she got to witness the exchange.

"*Mom's not here.*"

"*Well, where's your brother?*"

"*He's around.*"

"*Well, it's almost 10PM. You have a ride back home?*"

"*Yeah, my brother should be around. Hey, can you take me on a ride on your crotch rocket?*"

"*For the fifth time, no. Not unless your mother is around and you get her permission.*"

Now let me re"cap" at this point.

Tonight, I have thus far:

1. Gave a map to two cyclists as well as advice and directions on how to get back to Wilmar, MN
2. Gave said cyclists my number and my promise if they run into trouble to call me as they make their way across the barren South Dakotan landscape.
3. Offered to take a gal on a once in a lifetime trip that she wouldn't have the opportunity to do again in quite sometime to see Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, the Sturgis Rally and Badlands National Park ALL WITHIN ONE DAY ***AND*** because I was going to do it anyway meaning I had no ulterior motives.
4. Ensured the local boy was taken care of and had a ride home
5. Have neither raped nor murdered anyone today

Now, of course you all know I'm no saint, tonight was just umm..."off" making me look good and stuff. But that being said, I'm no monster either. And what pissed me off is not some much parents or relatives that are genuinely concerned about the safety of fellow family members, as it is the totalitarian, despotic, tyrannist people who ultimately couldn't care less about their "precious little grandaughter/niece" as much as they care about using that person to feed their egos by giving them the opportunity to "protect her" from some innocent and unaware schmoe that had no ill wills or intentions. That the kid/niece/granddaughter acts as a vehicle by which these sick little people get to play out their sick little fantasy where they get to play "hero" when in reality they are merely playing oppressor.

I hope to god my LA buddy calls.

I hope to god we head to the Black Hills.

I hope to god they know she's going with me.

I hope to god I return her without a scratch nor a touch.

And by god when I do I'm going to rip those frauds a new one and put them in their places as I am sick and tired of old people using their age as a false qualification for authority and superiority over me and other young people.

I wonder if "hitting old hypocritical man with his own oxygen tank" would ever be considered as an Olympic event.

Sorry, in a particularly foul mood right now.

I Have A Question About Diversity

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I was told diversity is good. Forget the character of people, long as they're different, it's good. ie-Diversity has merit and worth unto itself, even beyond whether or not the individual people are nothing more than criminals or parasites. You killed a ton of people? That's OK, you're diversity!

So answer me this (and really focus on the logic here because it gets complicated), when raccoons invade Germany and they're not native, that is by the definition of diversity, ADDING DIVERSITY to the country's animal kingdom, right? That's good, right? An increase in the number of types of animules is by definition increasing its diversity, right?

over the Alps," Hohmann reports.

Statistics kept by the German Hunting Association (DJV) offer proof of a downright invasion. It calculates that 67,700 raccoons were killed in Germany last season, a new record. Many of them were caught using chocolate placed in cage traps as bait.

There's no law against trapping raccoons -- in fact, quite the opposite is true. The EU recommends exterminating this invasive species on the grounds that it could pose a threat to biodiversity. Hunters complain that raccoons kill partridges and pheasants, devour bats and steal eggs from wild ducks' nests. Raccoons also seem to have developed a taste for the endangered European pond turtle. Still, DJV officials are calling for calm, saying the environmental damage has only been minor so far. At most, they say, there is the potential danger to humans from rabies spread by raccoons.

Tussles with raccoons are more likely to occur on the outskirts of cities, where the animals rifle through garbage cans or raid backyard grills. There are now so many raccoons in the outlying districts of Kassel that residents have taken to weighing down their garbage cans with rocks or tying them shut with bungee cords.

Well how can an increase in the number of animules pose a THREAT to biodiversity when there mere existence increases it????

Or is it that animules and humans are different and increases in human diversity is good, while increases in animule diversity is bad? But aren't humans considered animules, especially by the leftists that not only champion secular darwinism and insist we're nothing more than animules, and that human diversity is good? But wait, increases in animule diveristy is bad, and since humans are animules we should trap invasive human species, but WAIT human diversity is good, which means we don't trap invasive species, but that would not increase diversity, which...animules...diversity....humans...bad...good...DOES NOT COMPUTE!!!!!!

Serves me right to apply logic to leftists' thinking.

"Welfare" is Not Economic Independence, Ladies

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"*How will the family unit be destroyed? ... the demand alone will throw the whole ideology of the family into question, so that women can begin establishing a community of work with each other and we can fight collectively. Women will feel freer to leave their husbands and become economically independent, either through a job or welfare.*"

A good and lengthy post. I actually have no skin in the game as I am not married and have no children. That being said I do watch with great intrigue how marriage/divorce/children are used as weapons during divorce. I personally don't see why men get married and have children in this country in the first place. Not to lay critique on the "MRA" subsegment of the Manosphere, but it's almost as if they were outlandishly naive or foolish about their chances of having marital and familial success. Did they not read between the lines? How can you not see it coming? And additionally, it's not like people my age didn't know about the risks of divorce. This isn't 1975. Divorce statistics and the unlikelihood of having a successful marriage were well known when this current crop of men got married.

Also reading the post above made me wonder what business was it of the government's anyway to get involved in marriage/divorce/children? Child protective services I can understand, but whether Jan and John (let alone John and John) want to get marriage and subsequently divorced is none of the state's concern.

Well, when I am president, things will change. And for all you feminists out there that means we'll be making sure when you say you're "independent" you're going to be truly and genuinely independent with no help from the government and no help from other people. You will stand truly on your own and have the pride that comes with 100% self-supportation. Because that IS the definition of being independent and, coincidentally, being treated as an equal man. Which is what you want, right?

From Our Canadian Agent in the Field

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A thought provoking post (meaning it provokes thought, so if you like having your brain stimulated whilst otherwise having it dulled down at your office job, I suggest reading) about "the collapse" and how it may come down between the cities vs. the rural areas.

The only items I would add to it (and I shall be brief, for I am on Enjoy the Decline Time) are as follows:

1. If you assume the government is gone, and it is a genuine collapse, there are two areas or "groups" that will cease to exist by the end of the week - people in the inner city and suburbanites. The reason why is both are dependent upon other people's production and a highly sophisticated system of electronics, sanitation and food transportation for their survival. There aren't going to be "roving bands of inner city youth" making their way across the badlands because without gas, electricity, public transportation, etc., they not only will not be able to move, they won't have food coming into the city. It would be ugly. The suburbs are the same thing. Suzie Q Suburbanite Princess is not going to have the foresight to get out of the city and daddy's platinum card as well as his Beamer isn't going to work when there's no electricity.

2. Moderate sized towns will also fail. "Moderate" I mean anything around 50,000 even if they're nestled against a mountain. The animal population just plain isn't big enough to support that population in terms of food.

3. Cannibalism will ensue because humans will quickly realize the only other source of food (and a macabre two-fer in eliminating competition for dwindling resources) is humans. I know, I know. Too harsh for pretty fragile little PC girls and boys protesting with their liberal arts degrees. Which will make it all the more funny to watch them react to such a horrible collapse.

4. It will be small, homogenous, cohesive towns near water/mountains that will survive. And not just survive, they might just reclaim cities. That's if they would want to claim New York, which I think they would just prefer to leave be.

I just hope to see some of my friends escape the major metros and mayhaps join me for a belt of Rumpleminze I have hidden in various caches across the land.

Enjoy the decline (seriously!)

From Our Other Canadian Agent in the Field

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Thank you all for your guest posts. I have a list and they will be posted. Keep them coming:

Unvetted! (which is like "unplugged" but in the blogging world)

Post Post - actually I read it and it is an OUT-FREAKING-STANDING analysis of the true costs of day care.

I will say it again for the cheap seats - a disproportionate number of women are merely working to pay other women to raise either theirs or other women's children AND THE TAXES that come with paying for the sociological consequences of not really caring about your children enough to raise them yourself.

The Solution to the Hyphenated Name Debate

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You will take my last name when we get married.

Our children will have my last name when they are born.

And if you don't like it, there's the door.

See how much easier that was than belaboring over it?

Additionally, I might add, you would not only draw the line in the sand for men, you would also effectively end any feminists from having children (at least via the traditional methods).

Enjoy the decline!

Poetic Justice

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HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!!!!

Feel -> Think -> Know

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"Feeling" is for children and the naive elementary school teacher types who can't do math and don't like the real world

"Thinking" is for college students too lazy to look up facts on their latest Apple product with the insane amount of empirical evidence that is available to them.

"Knowing" is for responsible adults.

Do You Old Fogeys Regret…

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telling all of us youth to "follow our hearts and the money will follow" while at the same time co-signing on our student loans?

Or, maybe even some of you regret following your own advice and at the age of 50 decided to "follow your heart and the money will follow?"

I no longer care to buy myself a P-51 Mustang.

I no longer care to buy a James Bond Villain like house on a lake or in the mountains.

I don't even care to become successful, work hard, or even try.

No, I'm quite content watching all of you idiotic and galactically ignorant morons who made it impossible for people like me to achieve those things suffer because of your own stupidity. You stole my birthright of a fair and just nation with equal opportunity for all, where the sky was the limit for those willing to try, and turned it into a socialist sh!thole. Nobody deserves the government we got more than you guys.

Enjoy the decline!

Why Californian Republicans Deserve to Lose

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I hate weak, ineffective, and indecisive leadership. Ergo I guess I hate the California GOP.

LICD Endorses STEM

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Now if only 14-25 year old girls/women would listen. Then maybe there wouldn't be a pay gap.

But, oh, that's right. Feelings are more important than equalizing pay and just plain complaining about it.

I'm sorry for being all "adult" and "realistic."

Carry on complaining and whining. For some reason, it's apparently more enjoyable than accepting truth and doing something practical and productive about it.

50 Shades of Grey Created More Jobs Than Obama

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Wow.

Remember, this week is Guest Post Week.

Send me your links/posts you believe to be higher quality posts and I shall publish them here. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE QUALITY POSTS.

Thank you,

Cpt.

"Less" is "More"

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I cannot emphasize enough the lessons this man explains.

Ain't Socialism Grand?

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How's that socialism thing working out for you Europeans? Strong families? Everything is taken care of. You don't have to worry about your mortgages or paying for gas like we do here, right?

Should we Americans follow you deeper into the mine? Lot's of dead canaries we see strewn about the floor. Oh well, we'll ignore it anyway! We sure envy "Baby Hatches!"

Ignore Fiscal Policy and Logic

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The Fed's problem is that all the newly created "money" has gone unspent and unlent. To repeat an analogy I have used to explain why there is no inflation – it is as though Bernanke dropped $10 million in newly printed bills on your lawn – and you are so worried you hid them in the garage.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats. You not only need low taxes, but with the socialists running rampant in our government and our citizenry/voters, you will now need constitutional guarantees that the government will not:

1. Confiscate above a certain percentage of your income
2. Confiscate above a certain percentage of your wealth

Without these guarantees the producers will sit on the sidelines and watch with amusement what the parasites will do when the money runs out. Again, we're going off the cliff, but we're taking you with us.

(actually, this video is quite apropos as to how I see it, the producers resigning to their fate and the parasites not believing it can possibly be over)

The Cappy Cap Manual

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It has become progressively apparent to me that it would help new readers, regular readers, visitors, enemies, friends, people I'm generally indifferent about, and myself to provide some "basics" or "ground rules" about Captain Capitalism. Things like "comment policy" or "principles" that we follow here so that i don't have to repeat myself, not to mention I can point to the "policy" and say, "See, there, look there. Now shut up and go away."

So here is a tutorial on the "fundamentals" and "policies" of this here blog and I hope it is of benefit to every one.

Comment Policy

My comment policy has two pillars that govern it - truth and crassness.

I seek the truth. Unlike most other people, I put reality and truth first and then I form my ideology. Not subscribe to an ideology and then try to jam or make up "facts" to support it because I'm a hypocrite. I am MORE than willing to be proved factually wrong. Matter of fact I won't take umbrage, I will thank you for correcting me. My goal is to develop a knowledge of the REAL world and how it works so that I may not only advance myself, but society as well.

This means when it comes to approving posts, your comments and posts better be in line with this goal. If you make nonsequitir statements, ad homenem attacks, intellectually dishonest statements, etc. etc., they simply will not be posted. If I know you're factually wrong, even though you think you're factually right (say for example your communist professor fed you some biased statistics) your post will not be approved. If you engage in flawed logic, either knowingly or unknowningly, it will not be approved. And if you're one of those 20 somethings who thinks they're smarter than they actually are and start your comment with "you probably won't post this," you're right, I'm not gonna.

In short, this first pillar of my comment policy means you must be a mature adult and concerned about the truth. If you are an ideologue, a political operative, or just some dumber that bleep college student who thinks you know everything, there's plenty of other blogs out there that will lie to you and let you believe you're an intelligent adult.

The second pillar is that of crassness and here is where our Manosphere members need a STERN reminder. I will allow RARE instances of cursing or swearing, but ONLY if the cursing and swearing is the ONLY word in the English language that can convey or carry the weight and importance of the point you're trying to make.

For example, a post that will be deleted immediately would be;

"That stupid fuck OBama. What the fuck does that dumbass think he's thinking. Stupid socialist fuck."

A post that would be CONSIDERED is,

"You destroy the industries we're employed in, you tax us to death, you don't stop with the insipid whining about the "pay gap," you divorce us in droves, what the FUCK do you think we're going to do?"

Also banned according to the second pillar of the comment policy are blatantly racial or sexist words. I'm not talking about words that were recently deemed sexist or racist in the past 20 years by race/gender whores trying to whip up their faux case of victimization ("dame" "chicks" "black" "negro" "caucasian", etc.) I'm talking purposefully and blatantly racist terms like "cunt" or "nigger." You will not only not get your post posted, you will be flagged as spam.

That is about all for the comment policy.

The St. Leykis Disclaimer

If you listen to the Tom Leykis show (and you should) you know that he CONSTANTLY has to provide a caveat that he's not talking about "all women" or "all people." The reason he runs into this is because, much like we do here, he is talking about people in general and making observations about these people in general.

Sure enough, some idiot listening to the show will call in all upset because he/she or somebody they know "doesn't do that."

Perfect example is where Tom will say "women spend way more money than men." 10 seconds later he's dealing with some girl from Fresno saying, "You know, I had a boyfriend and I actually spent less than him!"

Understand as St. Leykis says "the exception proves the rule."

We are not here to argue your specific case, and frankly, people contacting me and say, "Well I don't do that, and you're rac/sex/gender/age/ist for saying so" is a weak and intellectually dishonest argument.

Ergo, when I write or a post is made, understand it is never referring to ALL people. And, quite truthfully and honestly, if you do NOT fit into the generalized category or stereotype I am addressing, you should be quite proud because you ARE the exception to the rule.

Please listen to what I'm saying and stop trying to look for reasons to feign being insulted.

The Reality Principle

I think I addressed this before in the Comment Policy, but I'll reiterate it here.

I am concerned about reality. The reason why is that most, if not, 100% of our problems we suffer today is because we believed in lies or were just too damn lazy to go and figure out what the truth was. And when we make decisions that are not based in reality or truth, we fail.

Therefore, I don't care about your feelings, I care about truth. I want to get to the bottom of things. Now many of you have been brought up in the past 50 years being lied to and thinking that anybody who disagrees with them is a mean person. Matter of fact, a lot of you have been programmed to knee-jerk into accusations of "ism" because it changes the topic and diverts us from uncovering the truth. But please listen to this and take this in.

You're not hurting me calling me an "ist." Racist, sexist, etc., whatever. You're not hurting me. I don't care anymore. And frankly, less and less people are caring.

Who you are hurting by not having frank, blunt and truthful discussion are the minorities in this country that have been lied to and abused by the various political forces that be.

A perfect example is the accusation I'm a racist and a sexist because in my book "Worthless" I rip apart "Women's Studies" and "Hyphenated American Studies" (Afro, Chicano, Asian, etc. etc.). I rip apart these studies not because I "hate blacks" or "hate women," but because these programs actually HARM minorities and women by giving them a worthless degree with NO increase in job prospects, while loading them up with student debt they can never repay.

Do NOT mistake tough fatherly love (of which there's been a gargantuan lack of in the past 50 years) with something as petty and stupid as racism, sexism or any other "ism."

Typos

I make them. Shut up about them if you see one. Pay attention to message. Though, they make for a good laugh at times.

Financing/Donations

I aim to EARN money from this blog, not just stick my hand out and hope for the best. While I accept donations, there are many items you can purchase from Cappy Cap that will financially benefit me. There are my books, but there is also the link to Amazon. If

you click on that link and buy something from Amazon during that browsing session I get a commission. YOU HAVE TO BUY STUFF ANYWAY, might as well do it on Amazon so you get what you want, and I get some commish.

You all think I'm crazy, but this is my retirement plan. I am going to make enough money off of this to retire. At least it's a better plan than a 401k, IRA or social security.

Guest Posts

If you were like me, you were somewhat reluctant to send larger bloggers your posts in fear you would be perceived as just trying to get some free press.

I am here to help other bloggers to my kind of "eeeehhhh" level of prominence. Not because I'm kind or charitable, but because it benefits us both. If you write GOOD, QUALITY PIECES I ***WANT*** you to send them to me. I can't write all the time, so if you got a good one and you don't think it got the attention it should have, please send it to me. ENSURE YOU ABIDE BY MY LANGUAGE/COMMENT POLICY. Nothing PAINS me more than having a brilliant post or comment and I can't approve it or link to it because you used too much cursing.

"Why Did You Delete That Post?"

In an effort to make the blog more "efficient" I'll usually post or link to a post that is short and succinct, but will delete it later, leaving more serious posts. With my recent signing up of Twitter however, I will merely "tweet" these short posts or links and leave the more serious topics for full posting. It is not that I didn't like the post, or I didn't like the author I linked to (and then subsquently deleted the link), just trying to make it so where readers get here, there is nothing but the top shelf posts to read.

American Communism - On Purpose or Naturally Forming?

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Guest Post Week continues. Send your high quality posts to the ole Captain. His e-mail is located below in his profile.

A big debate I have going on in my head is whether or not the slow, but sure seeping of communism into our society and economy was designed or was just a natural human consequence of switching from a Republic to a democracy. It could be a little of both. Regardless, my hike-inspired thinking had formed a theory of communist plants from the Soviet Union infiltrating our various cultural institutions. In theory I would be able to grab a random "sociology" professor, find out who his professors were, and who their professors were, and who inspired those professors, and inevitably it would all track back to a communist agent back in the 30's and 40's. Also in theory I would be able to prove that all this communism/socialism BS that's been jammed down our throats was indeed a conspiracy set out by an adversary (that has long ago failed and no longer exists), and people would magically wake up and realize we've been duped and dump socialism and communism forever. I'd be hailed a patriotic hero and people would finally listen to the ole Captain.....HA HA HA HA HA!

No, but seriously, I admit my theory is a bit conspiratorial, but not by much and again, this was Hiking-Philosophizing after all. So this is more where I flush out theories rather than pursue them.

Then I read this about the Frankfurt School which kind of confirmed some aspects of my very loose theory, but also provided a missing piece of the puzzle. There were foreign forces at work trying to convert the US to communism. Those forces DID target the soft under belly of the US (media, education, pscyhology, the social science - WHAT DO I TELL YOU ABOUT WORTHLESS DEGREES AND PEOPLE IN THE LIBERAL ARTS???). And those original forces are long dead, but their progeny lives on, conscious or not of what they were programmed to do.

Regardless, it is a good read (the Frankfurt School is about half way down), but something that may provide an additional thread to a theory we're all trying to put together I believe.

Mitt Romney Will Take Us Back to the 1950's

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And we wouldn't want that now would we?

Feel free to share.

Onward Christian Rationalization Hamster

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The St. Leykis Clause is in effect for this post

Because of my unique background (secular, but very familiar with and informed about religion - specifically, Christianity), I can hypocritically sit on the sidelines and mock and ridicule what I see happening inside the church. Specifically, I savor watching the realities of the modern day "real world," human nature, socialism, and a progressively-debased society run full-force into the old religious beliefs, tenets and principals of various established religions. But for the best show, the one where I like breaking out my lawn chair and lighting up a cigar, is to watch when feminism and Christianity collide. Not when secular feminists criticize the church and lobby for abortion rights, etc., but rather when Christian women adopt feminist ideals, doctrine and philosophy. It results in a spectacular train wreck as they try to reconcile two (more or less) mutually exclusive ideologies and the ensuing explosion ensnares scores, if not hundreds, of innocent Christian male-bystanders.

Oh, I laugh, but a piece of me cries as I see the clueless men of the church flail about with no idea what's going. Even incredibly intelligent ones who are very aware and observant of the political forces of feminism and are definitely alpha males, also suffer. Not because they are somehow duped, but because their faith blinds them to the bird's-eye-view observations secularism affords me. Dalrock, U of Man, Last Christian Standing, Elusive Wapiti, observations are correct, but through the lens of Christianity. So if those of you from the Christian side of the Manosphere will permit me, allow me to make some of my secular observations (which I do NOT mean in a condescending way, just wanted to share).

First, though you may disagree, for the sake of argument assume the majority of religious people do not deep down inside believe in their religion for one second. Most go to church, synagogue, mosque, whatever, not because they actually believe the doctrine, but because that's what they were told to do as kids. It is a rare person (like say, Dennis Prager) who really believes in his religion, and even those who would presumably be the most ardent believers (the clergy) use religion more often than not as a means of employment first, ego satisfaction next, and then somewhere in 4th or 5th place is "god."

Second, also assume the premise that what prompts most people to join and stay in a religion are social or at least "ulterior" motives that have nothing to do with the religion. The religion serves merely as a vehicle or an excuse to congregate and socialize.

Now, you make those two assumptions and religion takes on a whole different dynamic. It is a medium or a catalyst to achieve other, non-religious based things.

What do I mean by "other non-religious based things?"

Well any kind of ulterior motive.

To meet a spouse, to have friends, to have belonging, to provide your mind an explanation (you deep down inside don't believe anyway) as to what happens after you die so you don't have to worry.

The religion is like Play Doh or clay. It can ultimately be morphed into serving whatever purpose its "believers" desire. But beyond that, religion also carries "authority" which provides the legitimacy that people need to confirm that what they're doing is virtuous, true, noble and correct. And it is these two traits that makes religion the most perfect, most powerful, most disastrous weapon a rationalization hamster just plain can't resist.

Understand what a Rationalization Hamster is. It is up for interpretation, but I think we can all agree that a rationalization hamster is a vehicle which allows a person to deny reality. But it's more than that. A person just can't "deny reality," they need a rationalization so that their weak minds will fall for it. The rationalization or logic the hamster generates doesn't have to be sound, reality-based or have any level of intellectual honesty, but if you can reach out and attach some kind of approval or ordainment by an "independent third party," all the more power to the rationalization hamster.

Tell me how religion, specifically, Christianity, does not fit that bill perfectly. It has all the traits and characteristics that could feed an army of rationalization hamsters.

Fateism - The inane and cowardly "the lord will provide" or "the lord has a plan" is only uttered when the utterer has made one or many galactically stupid decisions. You don't hear the electrical engineer who waited till he was married to have kids say, "well, the lord will provide." You hear the single mom of 5 children from 3 fathers who's attending cosmetology school at the local degree mill on our dime say, "the lord will provide." The appeal or the attraction of "fateism" is that you get to jettison any responsibility for your actions.

Slept around, knocked up a chick, got an STD, dropped out of college, collecting welfare?

Oh no, that's not your fault. "The lord has a plan."

Consequently, when you run into these fateists they have no problem claiming responsibility for their good decisions. Oh no, the lord had nothing to do with you getting your MD, that was all you. But the one night fling you had that brought your unwanted child into this world, yep, that was JC all the way.

An Amorphous, Intangible Doctrine - Clear rules are bad for rationalization hamsters. They're too black and white. And while you may think the bible is clear on a lot of things, those very clear things account for about 5% of the total pages in the bible. The remaining 95% is stories, parables, poems and a bunch of other amorphous, touchy feely stuff that can be interpreted however anybody wants it to be. This gives the rationalization hamster another gift "from the heavens." (yuk yuk yuk).

A rule book where the rules can be changed and interpreted however the rationalization hamster wants.

It's like Calvin-ball dating Christian girls. YOu never know where you stand, what you're supposed to do, what they want, and what the goal is. If you try something, it's ruled illegal. But if some other guy tries the same thing, that's all good because in Romans Chapter 89 verse 312 subsection A the lord said,

"*Kiss not the upstanding young Christian man in your church. Nay. Make out with the criminal, bad boy with 2 illegitimate kids who wanteth to get downeth your pants, so that you may help the poor, impoverished man by showing him God. For it is he who needeth you, sayeth the lord.*"

A Christian man just cannot win playing Calvinball against a Christian woman.

Moral Superiority -Another aspect of religion that makes rationalization hamsters salivate is the moral superiority religion provides. This aspect of religion yields many benefits. First, it provides that "third independent party" needed to "ordain" or "approve" all the actions of the rationalization hamster. And as long as the rationalization hamster bases her decisions in the scripture, no matter how horribly misinterpreted and construed for her own benefit, she is doing the right thing. Additionally, because it is a religion, it is an "authoritative" third party, not some journalist or professor. It is GOD who is ordaining your decisions. How can you go wrong with the ONE TRUE GOD on your side?

Second, because of this divine authority, all other arguments are moot. Logic doesn't apply. Statistics or facts don't apply. The other person's feelings don't apply. This is GOD, need she remind you. This leads to, third, inferiority.

This a Christian male is not going to run into as much as it will be secular males. Date a Christian rationalization hamster and you are immediately demoted to "heathen" status, obviously inferior to the rationalization hamster. And even then, on second thought, I take that back. Christian men no doubt do suffer from this inferiority trait, namely by what I guess could be considered "christian shaming language." How many of you have heard "Well I guess you're just not a good Christian." Or "I guess Jesus isn't in your heart!" In short, if a rationalization hamster embeds itself enough in religion, any men (secular or christian) who dare criticize, argue or disagree with you can be written off as

inferior.

Jesus, Rockstar Alpha - You ever date that girl that wouldn't shut up about her ex that rocked her world, treated her like crap, but how she pined for him anyway. Yeah, well JC puts that Alpha Bad Boy to shame. JC is the ULTIMATE alpha. Take the multiple male suitors in Harlequin romance novels, the World's Most Interesting Man, George Clooney, those Vampire/Wolf guys from all those vampire books/movies, put them in a blender, take pure extract of Alpha maleness out of them, and then refine it further in secret government labs and you still would have Mortimer Snerd compared to JC.

JC is "perfect." He is always there. Always forgiving. All powerful. All loving. And guess what, a figment of her imagination just like all the vampire movies and Harlequine romance novels.

You are real. You are mortal. You are human. You stand no chance against a dream or a figment of imagination. If there is any turbulence in your relationship, you will immediately be compared to JC just like other girls will compare you to the rockstar alpha in their past. And good luck winning that battle pal.

Additionally, JC brings in yet another tool the rationalization hamster can "lord" over you (yuk yuk yuk). "He" is more important than you. What always irked me about weddings is about 85% of the time it's the same damn sermon:

"Through Jesus you two will succeed."

or

"YOu are getting married to serve Jesus."

or

"Your wedding and your family will help glorify Jesus."

I call a secular "BS" and have said crassly to the few christian girls I've dated "I'm not having a threesome with Jesus," but for the Christian male this really puts you in a bad position. You can NEVER be #1. It's like marrying a single mom - you are default-ranked #2. You marry a christian single mother, you are default-ranked #3. Regardless, it provides another chess piece the Christian rationalization hamster can invoke to manipulate the relationship.

Get Out of Jail Free - Akin to "fateism," I wanted to separate this because it's an aspect of Christianity I very much dislike - ALL IS FORGIVEN. This means you could have been, or could be the most evil, maniacal, disgusting person, and it's alright, it's all OK, all is

forgiven.

Now I am agnostic and I'm a pretty gruff and callous guy, but the number one thing that hurts me, haunts me and I even have nightmares to this day are the handful of people I did wrong to. If you are a real human being with a real soul, you will realize not only were you wrong, but there's NOTHING you can do to undo the harm and hurt you caused other people. Even if they forgive you, you can't forgive yourself because of the pain you caused them. It doesn't go away. It isn't washed away, it still happened. In short, what I'm trying to say is I don't understand how people can do something wrong and horrible and because some book or guy in robes says,

"Don't worry, Jesus forgives you."

how they can then just skip along your happy way without the slightest cringe of guilt or shame. And not only that, how they can delude themselves into thinking it never happened.

The perfect example is the "born again Christian" or worse, the "born again virgin."

Are you kidding me? What, your past doesn't matter? Not to mention all the consequences of your mistakes and who you hurt along the way (innocent illegitimate children, impoverished people, tortured souls, victims of your crimes, etc. etc.)

But again, this is a rationalization hamster on religious steroids. Anything is possible, including your ability to pretty much blank out your past, forgive yourself and then believe your a much better person than you really are.

Again, I don't envy my Christian brothers.

Now, you take in all these traits, all these variables and aspects of religion and tell me how in the eyes of a rationalization hamster it is nothing more than an irresistible tool box or a steroid buffet to use, abuse and unleash for its own selfish purposes. Also tell me how a Christian male is supposed to find a genuine Christian woman in a church full of poser rationalization hamsters. Also tell me how a Christian male, who is genuinely interested in finding a good church, finds one, and not some watered down, acoustic guitar playing hippie church where your pets can be baptized (St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, if you're interested) and Jesus is hidden somewhere in the basement all to pull in more people purely for marketing purposes?

This isn't to say all women are using and abusing Christianity for their own ulterior motives. This isn't to say all members of our churches, synagogues, mosques and temples are nothing but posers and crusaders looking for a date or some business contacts. And I'm certainly not asking anybody to abandon their faith. All I'm asking is

the men (and women) of The Manosphere take another red pill.

We already took one when it came to the dating/social dynamics of courting women. We should also be taking one for employee/employer dynamics. But in order to understand what is happening in our places of worship all religious men and women (regardless of religion) should be taking a third red pill to prevent what is nothing more than a political ideology from corrupting, infiltrating and destroying our religious institutions.

If You Love the Ole Captain…

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you'll participate in this here little experiment.

Think of something you need or have to buy.

Click here on this Amazon link and buy it.

In doing so I get the commission which pays for the Rumpleminze that fuels my posts and moves me closer to getting to write for my main source of income (BTW, Rumpie is the secret ingredient to Super Awesome Economic Genius! Just don't tell Paul Krugman!)

Many thanks for those of you who DID buy stuff on Amazon for me. It actually is paying for my cell phone bill!

Hair or Pecks?

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Uh oh, ladies! (and by "ladies" I mean the women in America who read People, US, OK and Cosmo)

WHO DO YOU PICK????

I mean, Barack Obama has really nice pecks, and after all you were programmed to vote for him by the public schools and media.

But how can you resist the dynamic full-heads-o-hair duo of Romney and Ryan!

If Romney had ANY disadvantage it was that he had that "touch of gray." But let's not kid ourselves ladies, we love that touch of gray. But if we were looking for a hot younger man, well, we got it now with Ryan.

Just look at that picture, they both look like investment bankers!!! That's soooo sexy!

**SIGH* what is the American female voter to do? How do we choose?*

Well, we could study up on economics, the Constitution, US history, look at the federal budget...

BWAH HA HA HA HAAAAA!!!!!!!

I'm sorry, I just couldn't keep up the charade. Imagine that, women who read Cosmo and People actually studying the issues and become INFORMED voters.

Oh I kill me!

On a serious note, I do like Ryan in that he's the only guy with the numbers and the mathematical knowledge of what needs to be done to prevent the US economy from collapsing.

Time to "Man Up" Ladies

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I know, "math is tough."

Too bad. (cough, cough, ahem, ahem,) "Man up."

Hey, you wanted to be treated as equals. Welcome to the club.

New Leather Chaps

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It's Sturgis this week and as you know the ole Captain does attend Sturgis from time to time. Not so much during the rally because I like to drive more than 10 MPH in the Black Hills, but I still see those attending the Sturgis rally as they are enroute to it and drive through my little town.

In the past I've made some observations about the Sturgis Rally, notably economic. 1. Sturgis will die in about 20 years as a) Harley motorcycles are priced out of the range of any youth and b) this recession, combined with student debt, will more or less spell the future demise of Harley Davidson. 2. Sturgis is not really for badass or real bikers any more. Like last year this time I saw a record number of brand-spanking new trikes being driven by aging baby boomers in their mid-life crisis (remember what I said about 10MPH?). It's worse this year.

Regardless, this year I shall make some additional observations about the rally so as to benefit those of you kicking around attending and those of you who do attend, but really shouldn't.

"$25,000 and 25 miles don't make you a biker"

I saw an older, rough, gruff gentleman wearing the above quote on his this shirt. I wanted to go up to him and say, "that is the most kick ass shirt i have ever seen."

but I didn't.

Want to know why?

Because I was dressed in khakis and a polo shirt at the time and didn't want to look like a moron. This guy was old school and could crush me in half a second. If I had my motorcycle gear on or just plain ole jeans, I would have complimented him. But I know enough that he would dismiss me, if not punch me for daring to make it look like I was being cool.

Regardless, his shirt says it all.

For those of you who think you're part of the Sturgis Rally (or Beartooth or Dragon's Tail or Daytona, etc.) and you just spent $25,000 and HAULED your bike in a trailer to Sturgis, you did not officially "do Sturgis" in my or most other real bikers' opinion. You're a hazard. You don't have enough experience riding. YOu're probably causing a disproportionate number of accidents on the road because you are not only driving too

slow, but you really don't know what you're doing.

In short, me driving my piddlely Ninja 250 to Sturgis twice, tightening the chain up every 80 miles, is more manly and real than you dropping $40,000 on a 1200 cc cruiser that you haul in a pretty little trailer, drive in Spearfish Canyon in pristine conditions, only to haul it back to Winnekta or Edina.

You want to really do "Sturgis," then drive your ass out there on your bike. Don't haul it.

Lot's of New Leather Chaps

For those of you who decide you're going to do Sturgis at the last moment, rush job your way to a motorcycle license, and buy whatever Harley you can get, can you do me a favor and at least rough up your leathers first?

The reason I request this is the glare off of your BRAND NEW leather jacket and BRAND NEW leather chaps tends to blind me. How about instead you take your chaps and jacket and roll around on a gravel road for a couple minutes to give it that worn look, and then put a big sign on your bike that says, "Noob," that way I don't have to suffer the glare but still know you can't drive a bike.

Trikes and CanAm Spiders

If you are old and a veteran rider of motorcycles who happened to end up liking trikes, then this critique is not for you.

If you are the idiot who couldn't pass the motorcycle riding course and decided it was easier to get a trike or a CanAm spider, listen up.

You aren't a biker.

You're lazy and unskilled. You either couldn't or you wouldn't spend the time it took to learn to ride a real bike. And since you don't need a motorcycle endorsement on your license with a three wheeled vehicle, we all now get to suffer you thinking you're part of Sturgis or any other kind of motorcycle rally as you have that dopey in awe look on your face when you pull into town on your Playskool tricycle.

But that's alright, with "Ma" and "Pa" stenciled into your matching helmets as you drive 9 MPH with a traffic jam 4 miles long behind you as "Ma" films the ride with her smart phone, we can all easily identify you, avoid you on the road, and maybe fetch you some Metamucil to go with your white wine.

Police and Crotch-Rocketeers

Dear Police. There are a handful of us crotch-rocketeers that like to attend these rallies. If could could please note the following items, we'd appreciate it.

1. We're not going faster, we just look like we are. Additionally, most everybody else is really going about 10 MPH under the speed limit.
2. We're usually the ones wearing helmets, so please don't lecture us about how many people you've seen die on crotch rockets.
3. On a related note, when you pull us over for passing "Pruny Boobs Ma" and "Alzheimers Depends Pa" in a passing lane and you give us the line "I've seen a lot better drivers than you die on these bikes" (I've received this twice now), you have no idea how tempting it is to say to you "Well then how come they're dead and I'm still alive?"
4. Do you like all that overtime? Then STFU and lay off the crotch rocketeers. We're the only ones that are going to be around when "Ma" and "Pa" die in 10 years and nobody else can afford replacement Harley's. Instead of Jack Daniels sponsoring Harley's in Sturgis, it may just be Sapporo sponsoring Suzuki's and KAwasaki's.
5. Crotch Rocketeers, just smile and obey what the nice officer says. I never received a ticket. Just a lecturing about safety while I am wearing my pads, jacket, armor, helmet, gloves...while 50 60 year olds without helmets, pads, gloves and armor, tanked up on booze and driving dangerously slow drive past the safety-concerned officer.

Enjoy Sturgis!

There Are No Cupcakes Here

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I will immediately start with:

a language warning
a crassness warning
a truthfulness warning

Do note he is not rehearsing this. This is on the fly and therefore from the heart. He has spent nearly 2 years in Eastern Europe. If you don't like what he's saying, then I suggest ***you*** spend 2 years in Eastern Europe to refute him. Otherwise, thus far, he is by far the most authoritative expert on the subject. You don't have to like what he's saying, you just have to admit this is what he has observed and what he believes.

In the meantime, I do believe we may all benefit (men and women) from the observations of Roosh:

Sadly, I'm Being Serious

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I wish I wasn't being serious here, but I am.

Paul Ryan's physical fitness and looks will matter in this race.

It shouldn't, just like Obama's pecks shouldn't have, but it will.

I will also contend Romney knew this full well and any reputation and background Ryan has with his "draconian" cuts to spending will be overshadowed by his looks to female voters. In short, he could cut all the children's programs to nothing, and most people won't care because all they see is the neo-JFK.

I guess if we have to play dirty, we have to play dirty.

I Spy With My Little Eye

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...something that really does prove the Obama administration and its supporters are not just really bad economists, but they should never be elected.

And I'm being serious. This is not partisan politics. This is a gapping error that should prove to people why the left shouldn't be in charge. Sadly most people are too stupid to see it.

Do you see what I see? (from an Ad on Zero Hedge)

A Cappy Cap Bounty

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In my sincere and continued belief that the majority of liberals, leftists and socialists truly do not know the difference between a million, a billion and a trillion, I have a question:

Was any kind of preliminary assessment conducted to ascertain the potential size and impact of the theoretical "green economy" before we threw billions in taxpayer money into it?

Oh, I know, I know. We all here at Cappy Cap know if the government throws money at it, it's by definition of free-markets not going to be efficient. I'm just practicing arguing with a handicap and using premises that the left uses to undermine their own arguments or highlight their galactic stupidity. It's akin to Rush saying "arguing with half my brain tied behind my back." But my question still remains

Did ANYBODY do ANY KIND of economic research to see if this green economy was economically viable?

The reason I ask is because I truly don't believe there was any, but the "green economy," far as I could tell in the past four years, was supposed to be the answer to all of our economic problems.

Housing bubble burst?

Don't worry, with new investments in the "green economy" America will lead the world into new greatness.

Financial crisis destroyed the economy?

Don't worry, with new investments in the "green economy" America will lead the world to new greatness.

Government spending has now scared the economy into freezing, if not sending capital flighting?

Don't worry, with new investments in the "green economy" America will lead the world to new greatness.

So by implication if the "green economy" was supposed to be able to overcome all of these problems, then at least, AT LEAST the theoretical size of this "green economy" had to be estimated at over $ 1 trillion.

So where are the numbers? I want to see some research done by economists in the Obama administration that showed they did their due diligence and had solid numbers showing the "green economy" was the solution before they threw billions into the likes of Solyndra and shut down the Keystone pipeline.

Heck, I'll offer a bounty. I'll buy somebody a shot of Rumpie if they can show me research DONE BY A LEGITIMATE ECONOMIST THAT SHOWED THE POTENTIAL FOR THE GREEN ECONOMY WAS GAUGED TO BE LARGE ENOUGH TO WARRANT PURSUIT IN TERMS OF FISCAL AND REGULATORY POLICY.

I'm waiting!

Gen X and Gen Y Will Not Save The Stock Market

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Not only because we don't want to, but without employment and disposable income, we couldn't even if we wanted to.

Enjoy the decline!

Pay Attention HR Ladies

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The push back is coming against HR departments thinking they are entitled to your personal lives.

Ladies, I suggest you read this (language warning) and note his angry tone.

You have the choice of writing off the angry tone as

1. Somebody who obviously has problems

or

2. Realizing you're the one with the problem

Oh, and it isn't just men who are angry, so you just sit and think long and hard what happens to your pool of selection when you decide you're entitled to our personal lives.

Why a Good Economy Would Be Bad for Conservative Bloggers

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If I were to guess, I'd say the majority of quality bloggers are on the right. We've broken more stories, we were on the vanguard of blogging, and just like talk radio we more or less dominate it. I believe this to be true in part because we're better and more skilled, but also because with traditional media being dominated by the left, inroads were more or less impossible for us on the right to make. On the flip side of the same coin, since the left already dominated traditional media, there wasn't much incentive for them to enter and dominate the internet/bloggosphere. They already had an outlet.

But there is another force I believe that drives the quality and volume of the right leaning bloggosphere and that is the lousy economy. Frankly, what else do we have to do?

It's not like there's tons of jobs out there, let alone careers worth pursuing. If we were members of the left, we'd collect our unemployment checks and then complain about rich people and how we're entitled to their money. But we're not, we're on the right.

This means we have this nagging, annoying, persistence compulsion to do SOMETHING productive. We can't sit on our asses watching Maury Povich and soap operas like our lefter leaning counterparts can. We need to have some kind of measurable production at the end of the day. And blogging is the perfect outlet.

After spending 2 hours a day applying for jobs (that are there or are not available to us because we don't fit the progressively impossible HR wish list), an hour working out, and 2 hours running errands, a lot of us turn to the internet. And it's not just the unemployed, it's the underemployed, marginally employed, employed-but-not-engaged, and those of us working at "zombie firms" or government jobs where there's no work, just us showing up to participate in a trillion dollar Keynesian farce.

Thank god for them there interwebz, otherwise our minds would atrophy and maybe then we would watch Oprah or Maury or Chris Matthews.

Now, are all of us rock star bloggers like Glenn Reynolds or Powerline, etc.? No, of course not. But we are numerous, we are on average better quality and we are informing, educating and making other advances in informing the ignorant and debunking the left. So in a weird ironic sense, the worst thing that could happen to us (and the best thing for the lefter leaning segments of the blogging world) is for the economy to boom and give us something productive to do.

In this sense, there's an element of "balance" or "equilibrium." If the economy gets too bad, one of the automatic injectors is productive people who would have otherwise been employed, go and start blogging, starting Tea Party chapters and becoming politically involved. Over time (and because of our better skill set) our message penetrates the bunker-thick skulls of the average American voter, a Republican revolution of sorts occurs (Reagan, 1994 republicans, hopefully Romney, etc.) and pro-economic growth policies are enacted. Economy booms, we go away, until the current infants and toddlers grow up indoctrinated in leftist commie BS by the public schools, vote in socialist idiots, and we get to repeat the process all over again. Regardless of the socio-political generational cycles, today if the economy boomed, you'd lose probably about 50% of your really good conservative bloggers.

So, you know, all you lefty bloggers that don't like us and wish we'd go away. Just vote for Romney and Ryan this year, vote to eliminate corporate taxes and a balanced budget and BAAM! You can have teh interwebz.

In the meantime while your wonderful leader has made it that there's 8.3% unemployment and 11-18% underemployment, I guess we're here to stay because, well, we got nothing better to do.

Praxeology is Necessary for Red Pill Consumption

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You all know Mr. Fuller. One of the earliest agents in the field, he is obviously a lieutenant now. His trademark is to be

1. More informed than the Captain
2. More thoroughly thought out than the Captain
3. And in a very polite way show the Captain to be a complete moron. But again, in a very polite and caring way.

I visited Mr. Fuller earlier this year and he was talking about the Austrian School and "praxeology."

If you don't know what that is, don't worry. Only Mr. Fuller would know and you have to talk to him in order to get this wisdom. Otherwise, you're just a schmoe like me. Regardless, I'm machine gunning a bunch of brief posts I've been meaning to get to and "praxeology" is one of them, so settle in for a brief economic lesson compliments of Mr. Fuller.

I'm purposely butchering the definition, but to simplify praxeology a lot, it is a logic-based philosophy. In short, you have an empirical evidence argument, but there should also be a logical argument that compliments the empirical argument, providing the reason and rationale that explains the empirical data.

For example, the left, frankly, has neither.

Empirical evidence is against them with the spectacular failure of outright communist countries and a debt-financed delayed failure of socialist Europe. And when you think about it logically, socialism can't even pass 5th grade logic muster.

Public School Teacher - "In socialism everybody is guaranteed a certain standard of living."

5th Grade Boy - "How?"

Public School Teacher - "Well, we tax the rich and transfer the money so everybody makes the same."

5th Grade Boy - "Well why would I work hard then?"

Public School Teacher - "GO TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE, JIMMY!"

Capitalism, it's the opposite. Empirical evidence and the success of Western Civilization shows time and time again free people and free markets result in spectacular levels of progress and growth. Logically this stands as well. Letting ALL people achieve their best and getting out of their way will result in a much more productive nation than a nation of slaves who work just enough to get by. Paying somebody to sit on his ass will result in more people sitting on their asses.

You may now be dismissing praxeology as a simple observation. Like "Yeah, Captain, we got it. Logical argument to supplement the empirical argument and vice versa."

But praxeology plays a MUCH more important role in two regards.

One, what happens when there is no empirical evidence or the evidence is tainted or fabricated? I've been thinking about this as government economists are constantly revising their methodologies and places like Shadowstats.com calculate alternative measures to the official government ones. I rely HEAVILY on the OECD, ILO, FRED database, BEA, BLS, etc., all are government organizations or non-profits. All theoretically easily corruptible under political leaders. I'm not making any accusations now, but it is very easy to see where the BLS would be hijacked by ideologues to produce the figures and statistics the leading party wants.

This makes praxeology and a logical argument all that much more important. The data has to inevitably stand to reason. It is a way to test the methodology and the sources of the economic data and statistics. I'm sure many former Soviet bloc citizens or modern day North Koreans were/are told the "official" statistics showed the "glorious" people's socialist republic kicking economic ass. Meanwhile praxeology would permit them to make the observation "hey, there ain't no bread in the aisles...matter of fact, there ain't no aisles!" and conclude the data and stats they were being fed were bogus.

Now to be fair, at the same time, you can ABUSE praxeology. I've seen this many times, typically when I have a liberal on the ropes and they know they're beaten. They got no data, they got no stats. So they result the worlds most pathetic, snivelly, cowardly, dishonest argument:

"Well my perception is reality."

(I usually have to fight the urge to physically beat them because they're being so disingenuous)

The point is you can't at the same time IGNORE legitimate empirical data by "invoking the power of praxeology" to dismiss somebody's factual argument. THat's cowardice and intellectual laziness because you were too damn lazy to look up the data yourself.

On a related note is the second reason praxeology is important. It is a necessary pre-requisite to taking the red pill.

When you are lied to by society, the government, your entire environment you are going to make decisions based on those lies and erroneous data. Because you made decisions on erroneous data, you will fail.

Then begins the tortuous process of finding out what's wrong with YOU.

You naturally think there's something wrong with you because well, everybody in your entire environment is telling you how the "real world" works. YOu made all your decisions based on what they told you, and since you know THEY ALL can't be wrong, it must be you. SOmething wrong with your delivery, your presentation, you jib, your gait.

You then do about 10-20 years of trial and error, constantly refining and questioning every stinking little aspect of you to explain why you've been failing for 10-20 years. Nothing works and you're driven to insanity. But before you go full blow insane, your brain's survival mechanism kicks in and permits you the daring to make what I call "the most arrogant assumption."

"What if it's not me, but society?"

Whether you're conscious of it or not, this is praxeology. It is NOT you trying to rationalize your failures. It is the only thing remaining after you've exhausted all other options and theories. It is the only logical argument that explains the phenomena you are witnessing. It is the logical epiphany that shines the light on the systematically rigged and corrupted system that you were unaware of and finally wakes you up.

It is the required pre-ingredient to the red pill.

And here you see the value of praxeology - the permitting of oneself to make an arrogant assumption (AFTER EXHAUSTING ALL OTHER OPTIONS) to finally set themselves free.

Those of you who took the red pill when it came to courting relations in Western Civilization are much more free, aware and conscious than you were when you were a bungling high schooler stupidly bringing a girl you liked flowers in the 10th grade.

Those of you who blame yourself for being laid off or unemployed or just plain underemployed are much more free, aware and conscious now that you took the employment red pill and realize just how completely screwed up and corrupted corporate America and employers have become.

And those of you who, like me, were told what an inherently evil person you were

because you wanted to go on the monkey bars instead of church when you were 5 years old, took the red pill of religion and are now much more free, aware and conscious realizing religion is nothing more than an old hold-over form of government that has deteriorated into money-making clubs with the added bonus of pompous holier than thou types.

It is praxeology that is the vehicle or catalyst that allows you to take the red pills that makes your life maybe not "easier," but certainly more sane.

Afternoon Linkage as I'm Busy

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Unvetted, unplugged, unchecked. Don't complain to me. I'm just shocked there wasn't more commentary and interest on my praxeology post. Regardles...

From our Gen Y Agent in the field, here.

And from our Egyptologist in the field.

For All Minnesotan Readers

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From a friend of mine:

I encourage everyone who wants to see Amy Klobuchar defeated to ***vote today (Tuesday 8/14)*** *in the Minnesota primary for her opponent* ***Jack Shepard****.*
Shepard is conducting an "Operation Chaos" campaign to defeat her in the primary, and then be defeated by the Republican candidate in November. Minnesota has an open primary so you don't have to do anything except walk in and fill in the circle for Shepard. You don't have to claim to be a Democrat or ask for a special ballot or anything like that.
VOTE FOR SHEPARD TODAY!!!!
And you might as well since the democrats have no problem in Minnesota letting illegal aliens vote, don't care for ID laws and don't mind having people vote multiple times. This is one of the legal things moral voters can do to stick it back in their face.

Don't Major in Finance

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The industries you'd work in are corrupt.

They are headed up by incompetent, selfish criminals.

Your co-workers will be DB frat boys with their hats on backwards.

And no matter how awesome your math skills, it is more important to pucker up and kiss some middle-aged schmoes ass.

Do not major in finance.

Takes Longer to Find the Perfect Employee Than Train a Noob

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It has happened at least, LEAST 5 times now where either I've applied for a job that I would need training in, or have had a recruiter call me up asking me if I know anybody with a very rare skill set. In all instances I asked,

"are they willing to spend the 2 weeks to train me/him/her in?"

And in all instances the answer was,

"no, they need somebody to hit the ground running."

Sure enough I would get a call from a recruiter looking for that same rare skill set or see the same job in the want ads a month or two later.

The idiocy doesn't end.

The Captain's Heading to Phoenix

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Greetings economists, agents and lieutenants!

I will be doing the great Western motorcycle ride this week starting in a town called Buffalo, WY and heading south to Phoenix, and then back north. This means two things:

1. Guest posts are once again welcome this week (e-mail your links to the Captain).
2. Anybody along the route let me know and we can of course share a shot of Rumpie!

As you were.

Theme Song for Cross Country Motorcycle Ride

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Listen to this once and see if you can't get it out of your head:

How To Avoid Job Postings That Are Already Filled

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Now, now, Cappy!

That is SERIOUSLY CYNICAL!

Funny you mention that, because I DJ late at night in the South Dakota rave clubs as "DJ Seriouz Sinikal"

Get it???

The phonetic puns with the spellingz?

I am SOOO inner city hip hop kool.

In any case, a report from our IT agent in the field.

Is it wrong of me to dream of a climatic battle between HR ditzes who can't do math and IT geeks armed with keyboards?

Liberals Feeding on Liberals

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If there is one thing conservatives, libertarians, capitalists and other people that just fall under the general category of "self-reliant individuals" can smile about is how Minneapolis liberal property owners keep sticking it to themselves.

If you want to see something funny, go to a coffee shop or Sebastian Joe's ice cream and listen to the elite/upper income/trust fund liberals complain about property taxes and then within 2 minutes start complaining about how there isn't enough money being spent on "X" socialist cause.

Why America Needs Sun Jifa

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Something tells me he didn't major in sociology or whyminz studeez.

But, you know, he didn't build that.

From Your Captain in the Field

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Suffering the decline, as always.

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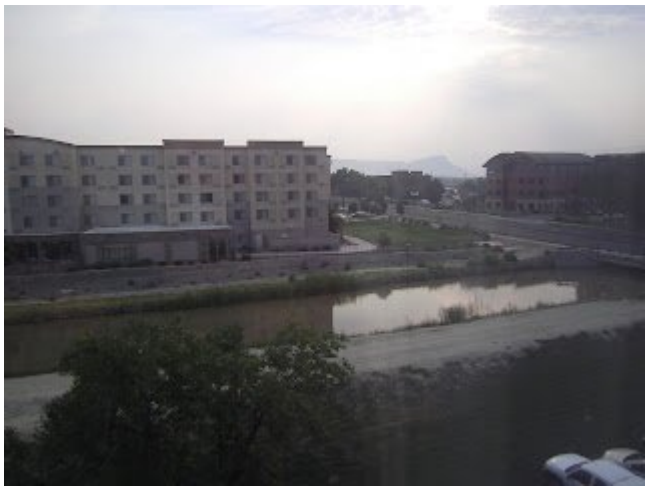

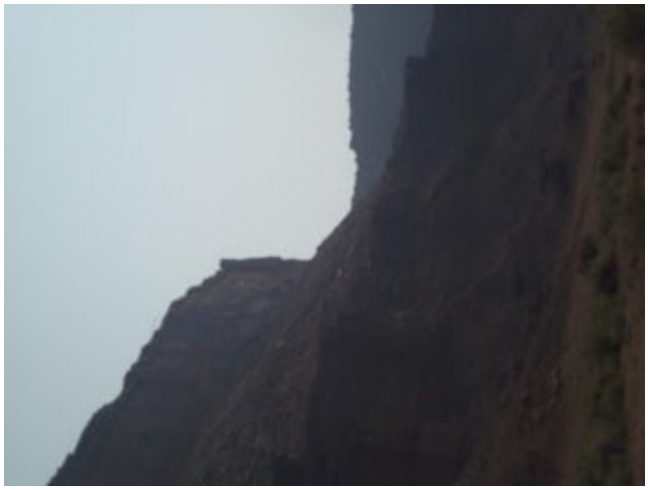

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Old People Aren't Holy

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Matter of fact a lot of them are mean, selfish people.

Again, I have no problems cutting Medicare and Social Security.

None.

Enjoy the alone time in the cheap nursing home.

I'm Not a Pastor, But I Play One On This Blog

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Good news for you young men (and women) thinking about becoming a pastor.

That's Not a Bug, It's a Feature of Socialism

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Dear Democrats, Socialists, Communists and Other Varied Sorts of Lefter Leaning Folk,

I find it necessary to write this letter on account there has been now more than one instance of one of your members complaining about "evil rich people sending all their jobs/money overseas" within earshot of me. It is apparent you need a vocabulary lesson, specifically the term "capital flight," so let us begin out Super Awesome Economic Lesson (TM).

"Capital flight" is not a "conspiracy" or "another evil republican plot" to undermine you.

It is a built in feature of socialism.

It has nothing to do with "evil capitalists" conspiring against the little people. It has nothing to do with evil rich men controlling the world through global markets or central banks. It has nothing to do with the illuminati or the Masons.

It is a 100% trait or feature of socialism. People deciding to ship their money overseas, shutting down businesses here, or just plain opting no longer to work is not the doing of "greedy capitalists." It is a by-product 100% caused by socialism.

Now I know you have problems understanding this. Heck, if the extent of my thoroughness in stress-testing my own ideology entailed merely just saying,

"*I just feel we should do nice things for people and make those rich bastards pay*"

 and never bothering to thing of secondary or tertiary economic consequences, then yes, I'd blame it on conspiracies too. But if you would be so kind to treat this like a chess game where you could buck your intellectual laziness and muster the calories of energy to think 2 or even 3 moves ahead, you can see why capital flight is your fault.

"Capital flight" is a natural human reaction to parasitism.

If you discover a tick or a leech on your arm sucking out your blood, you get rid of it.

If your husband or wife is abusive, you leave.

If your boyfriend or girlfriend spends more and more of your money to the point you're impoverished, you dump them.

In short getting rid of parasites is a natural, darwinistic, survival instinct of self-preservation. And when you demand other people pay you to bribe other people to vote for you...err....I mean, demand other people pay higher taxes to create make work government jobs employed by armies of worthless liberal arts majors...errr...I mean, demand other people spend progressively higher and higher percentages of their lives enslaved to others, they will simply walk or minimize their economic production efforts.

I will once again aliken this to how a woman would like to be treated by her husband in the vain hopes this simple economic lesson sinks in.

If a man beats his wife, do you think she's going to stick around, let alone be supportive of him?

OR

if a man treats his wife like a goddess, do you think she will be more productive and reciprocative?

You just keep beating your economic wives and see how well that works for you in the long run. Just remember, it's your fault when she leaves. Not some "complex, super high end, intenational conspiracy financed by "big oil" and uh uh...the corporations acting all 'corporationy'."

Cigars for Breakfast

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Mom would not approve!

And is that ANOTHER CIGAR FOR BREAKFAST! Shame!

Why You Philosophically Must Ride Fast and Take Chances

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This is a long, but very important one. So first pour yourself a drink.

Second READ THIS because it will provide the context to what I'm about to write.

Did you read it?

DID YOU?

Ok, let's begin:

By most conventional standards and measures I am a failure.

I don't make a lot of money, just enough to get by.

Despite a spectacular track record of predicting economies and assessing risk, I have spectacularly failed in a financial/economic career.

As much success as I've had with the ladies, I've had Tsar Bomba levels of failures.

And understand, this is all while facing an economic environment that is not only very poor, very hostile to capitalist American males, it's likely to be unviable and get much worse.

But how am I so happy?

Very simple lieutenants, agents in the field, and junior, deputy, aspiring, official and otherwise economists.

Context. Plain and simple context.

You see, I took more risks and have suffered more highs and lows, successes and failures by the age of 25 than most men will by the time they die. It was and still is exhausting. It is akin to hiking out mountainous terrain instead of merely driving on the road that bypasses the mountains to reach the same destination.

But, when me and my driving counterpart reach the same destination, I have context.

I know the lay of the land better, I've got plenty more vantage points and victories by summiting all the mountain peaks, and just as I know failure when I was in the deepest valleys. I know what's in those mountains while my counterpart who merely drove around them is still wondering.

And over time knowledge will serve you better than wondering as you age.

A small example is 401ks or retirement plans.

It's a fool's game.

Oh, I know that, and you know that. But how did we get to this epiphany? We had to journey through a trek of economics, research, philosophy and data crunching. We also had to dare to have independent thought.

But try explaining that to somebody who didn't hike through the mountains and took the easy route their HR department told them to with their 401k investment options. To them you're a "kook" a "whack." Just some sensationalist trying to stir up drama. Heck, try being in financial advising and telling people, "um, hey, better have a plan B incase the government nationalizes your 403b."

Another example is moving around and job hopping. I am a job hopper. Why?

Am I disloyal?

Am I a bad employee?

No, I just can't tolerate politics, lying, indecision, inefficiency, bureaucracy and mediocrity (which, actually in today's America makes me a very bad employee, so um, yes, I am a bad employee).

Is there a consequence? Certainly - lack of steady income and the stigma associated with job hoppers. But that reputation or stance is the official one that comes from taking the road. Let me throw a different spin on it or a different perspective from the mountains.

Loyal employees are suckers.

How many people do you know that slave away, loyally and then get laid off because of ineptitude on the part of management or the economy tanks? Additionally, how fun is it being the yes man and suffering day in and day out reconciling what you know to be wrong with what you're told to do. Also, how much suffering and abuse must you sustain because you bought a house you couldn't afford, married a profligate spending spouse and bred children you can barely support? And good thing you're moving up in income

tax brackets to pay those progressively higher taxes! Right, the loyal corporate stooge is the way to go.

But what's funny is this observation can only be made from a mountain top as you watch the lemmings slave away with no self-respect, just barely scraping by. They don't see it. They think there's going to be that gold watch at the end of that road. They think their company is going to be around forever. They don't see the road construction around the bend and the bridge out another 3 miles further that you do perched atop your peak.

But arguably the most important thing I've learned or gleaned from taking the trail-never-travelled is what's really important - other people. And here is where I have to make a confession.

I told all of you I was in South Dakota working in collections. That was not true. I was working at yet another wonderful community bank in Wyoming. I was already on my way to get a 2 year degree in computer networking, but then out of the blue a recruiter called me and wanted to know if I was interested in working a job in Wyoming.

No state income taxes.
It would put me closer to the west and I would finally be able to explore all the national parks to my my heart's content.
I would recapitalize my bank accounts, pay down the mortgage more, purchase some fixed assets.
The pay was decent.

So off I went knowing full well this was going to be another crappy community bank with the same crappy prospects. But you'll all be proud of me.

I shut up.
Did what i was told.
Made no waves.
Made no decisions.

I made the job work for me.

I was excited about moving out west and living my childhood dreams. But, again, this was taking a chance. Doing something different. It was climbing another mountain and not taking the road. There were going to be lessons.

While I was able to hike more miles and discover more fossils in one single year than I did the past 7 I paid an egregious price. Not in terms of work (I already climbed previous mountains to know what was in store with another podunk bank), but in terms of society and socializing.

Wyoming is hands down the dumbest state in the world.

Are there smart people?

Yes, certainly.

Are there interesting people?

Yes, certainly.

But those people are married right quick, have children and do not socialize and if the do, it is usually before 10PM.

Additionally, another interesting aspect of living in Wyoming is that you take the mountains and parks for granted. Ironically NOBODY hikes or does any kind of physical activity in Wyoming. There was no limit to the number of people who had LIVED ONLY 2 HOURS AWAY FROM THE BLACK HILLS BUT NEVER WENT THERE. 4 HOURS AWAY FROM BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK AND NEVER BEEN THERE. They were so convenient, nobody thought to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The result?

The majority of single or socially active people are fat, drunk, uneducated, unintelligent and uninteresting. The only social activity they engage in is drinking and breeding illegitimate children. For once I agree with the coast liberals.

Unaware of this sociological trait of the state, what ended up happening was an interesting transformation. During the first few months I excited and happy, I tore up after mountains, rode my motorcycle wherever I could, shot guns, hunted fossils. BUt at night I'd come home and there were no friends to go cocktailing with. There were some places that had dancing, but the men are incredibly possessive of not just their wives or girlfriends, but their ex's. Plutonic activities involving the opposite sex (ballroom dancing, motorcycle riding, etc.) were impossible. There was nobody to go dancing with. I tried to finding hikers and hiking clubs, but there was nobody to go hiking with. And in the end you could be in a town of 50,000 people, but all alone. Not because you are unsociable, but because it would be more enjoyable to be by yourself getting your intellectual fix over internet discussion boards with genuinely intelligent people than hanging with the locals at the local dive bar listening to how they can't make their payments on their used pick up truck because they knocked up another girl.

Soon I started drinking. Even more than I normally do. And with winter set in, there was really nothing else to do. Oh I joined a gym and jiujitsu, ran and worked out twice a day, I got right ripped, heck, I wrote "Worthless" in two weeks. But that still isn't enough time

to kill the entire day. The booze would inevitably flow at the end of the night because my friends out east in a later time zone had fallen asleep. It was the only thing to stimulate my brain and also knock me out to dreamland. This was the valley that taught me my lesson. BUt this was the valley that provided me the most important context of my life - that the number one thing, the most important thing you have in your life is other people. They mean more to me that my hatred for Minnesota liberalism and socialism.

I had already decided there was no way my friends or my girlfriend would move out to Wyoming. I wouldn't do that to them. And it was very apparent I wouldn't befriend anybody in this state to make it worth staying. So I crunched some numbers and realized if I made it another 3 months I'd be able to keep my signing bonus and build up enough cash to last about 2 years. It's not a lot of cash, but with super low living expenses and no children, you'd be amazed how long you can last in the field on little money.

Four days ago, at 8:01 AM on my one year anniversary, I gave my boss my two weeks notice. The hike was over, I reached my destination and with the KNOWLEDGE that people are the most important thing in your life. My road-driving counterparts finished their drive, but without that important lesson which is why I'm happier, though a "failure."

The story gets better, as icing to the cake was the bank was worried about me hacking the system or firebombing the place (I thought I was being professional giving a 2 weeks notice, and such a fear would be unfounded). But then again, with the hypersensitive nature of modern day American employers, a man's word is not worth the risk. They said they would pay me 2 weeks anyway and I could just wrap it up (I wasn't doing any work anyway).

And so to celebrate the end of this journey, I decided to do a victory lap. The great western motorcycle ride I'm on right now. While I'm out west and getting paid, I figured i might as well drive down to Phoenix and visit my friends, and head back a different route through the Rocky Mountains.

The story will end in about 2 weeks. I will return to Wyoming this week. My boxes have already been packed, ready to move (i've even estimated the amount of time it will take to load up the truck - 20 minutes). A convoy of friends will come out here to retrieve my gear and my vehicles, and I will drive my motorcycle back to the Twin Cities, straight to "my bar" in "my town" to a homewelcoming party. A year and 2 weeks of pure hell, and of course your Captain racks up another "failure," but I will return with the context and KNOWLEDGE of what's most important in life - my friends and loved ones. And, not that I didn't appreciate them before or somehow took them for granted, but I will appreciate them on a whole new level, be much more thankful for them and enjoy their company at least twice as much as when before I left. Because of that context, I will be happier than my "more successful" road-travelling, obedient counterpart as he vainly tries to go for that gold watch, gets divorced, and wonders why the government is nationalizing his

401k account when he "did all the right things."

Enjoy the decline!

Why Clifford Orwin Needs a COSTFU

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You're right Clifford. There is no online substitute for a university, in person class. Where else can young, impoverished colleges students blow thousands of dollars to pay a washed up professor with no real world experience, nor desire to obtain any, blather on about their little realm of irrelevant academia that does nothing to better the outside world? You're right, online classes can come nowhere near screwing over endebted college students like that.

My how the horse and buggy manufacturers are desperately fighting against Henry Ford.

The reader who sent this to me asked me to guess his degree. I didn't bother. I'm betting not electrical engineering

Oh, and buy Worthless. You can click on any of the links to the right or left.

More Pics of the Captain's Great Adventure

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So I left Buffalo and headed south to Phoenix taking a route that went along the west side of the Rockies. On my return trip I went along the east side of the Rockies. Just pulled into Denver and am smoking at Cigars on Sixth (and yes Mom, I'm having another cigar for breakfast).

Enjoy the pictures!

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My Observation About Telephone Poles

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Let me tell you about telephone poles.

Oh, I know, I know. I can see it now. All you schmoes are now saying,

"*Oh no, how much sun did the Captain get that he's starting to philosophize about telephone poles*"

but I'm about to prove you doubting Thomases wrong.

First take a look at these couple of pictures and see if you can see where the telephone poles are (you may have to magnify them).

Now keep in mind these are just two photos. In my travels through the west I notice that telephone poles are put and placed in a very direct manner. Whoever put them in didn't care what terrain had to be traversed. The lines ran the way the bird flies - in the most direct manner.

This means the telephone poles were placed and installed on the highest mountains, the deepest valleys, across the driest lands which leads me to opine...

HOW COOL OF A JOB WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE 30's-50's TO BE THE GUYS INSTALLING THOSE TELEPHONE POLES?!?!

I mean, you would get to hike and climb the most awesome and breath-taking terrain and GET PAID FOR IT. Oh sure, I'm sure it was very physically demanding, but if you look at telephone lines and where they go, you have to get a little jealous of the employees of the telephone company that were paid to put those in.

Sturgis/Black Hills riders can appreciate this, as I first noticed this when entering the Spearfish Canyon. NOt only do telephone wires go across the canyon, a swathe of trees were cut out right up the side of the mountain to make way for more telephone poles. Well who got the joy of climbing Spearfish Peak to do that!?

Now that I'm not working maybe I should look into employment at some of the western telephone companies to do repair work.

This concludes my Super Awesome Philosophical Observation (TM) of telephone poles.

Our Canadian Agent Covers for the Captain

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From our Canadian agent in the field. Two of them.

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Final Pics from the Ride

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Some final pics. Going to upload a video one of these days.

Yes, this is taken sideways, tilt your head.

This is the quonset hut of my artist buddy Khanh. Yes, he does live in the quonset hut. No, there is no air conditioning. Yes, there are scorpions there. Yes I did see a black widow. No, I don't know how my buddy Khanh is still alive.

This is just south of Kaycee, WY. The mountains in the distance are the Big Horn Mountains.

And back to the town where we left.

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While I Play Catch Up

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Two posts from our agents in the field while I play catch up being gone for the past week. I want to thank all of you who sent me posts to fill the gap in my absence. Hopefully the traffic was adequate pay enough.

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I strongly recommend #2, not because of the reference, but I learned a lot about types of debate in the Roman days and philosophy I didn't know. Additionally he really pulls things together and connects some dots that are very far apart. Not really in agreement about the gay marriage thing, but he hits it out of the park critiquing the concept of "men's rights."

Don't Beat Yourself Up Over It

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You are only "wrong" about predicting prices until they inevitably move to the price you predicted. Besides, markets can remain irrational longer than you can remain solvent.

Delivers Remarks

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I want to "deliver remarks" for a living.

Why The Captain is Anti-Men's Rights and Anti-White Rights

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On my statcounter I noticed some traffic coming from a Reddit subgroup called "White Rights." I believe it referenced a post of mine mocking the concept of diversity wherein German is having a raccoon infestation problem. They want to get rid of the raccoons because it threatened eco-diversity. I asked the question, "well, wait, isn't the addition of raccoons by definition an increase in eco-diversity and therefore good?" And then plied this failed logic to diversity in humans with merriment and humor.

However, what concerned me was that there's a group for "white rights." I couldn't put my finger on it, but there was something bothering me about it. This wasn't a "white supremacy" group, just a group advocating whites getting equal treatment (I surmise) so it wasn't racism that was bothering me. But it was akin to establishing a "Male studies" department. Matter of fact it was the exact same feeling of disagreement I had when I heard there were people kicking around starting a male studies department.

So I sat and tried to figure it out and found out why this was bothering me so.

It is a lack of character, integrity and honesty that is driving such groups. It is hypocrisy.

What angers me so much about "group based" politics is it jettisons the individual's responsibility for their own actions and conveniently excuses or forgives their failures based on their (you name it)

sex
religion
race
creed
sexual orientation
etc. etc.

AND at the same time blames other people for their failures through

sexism
bigotry
racism
ignorance
hate

It is cowardice. It's childishness. It's refusing to be a responsible adult. It's hypocrisy.

Now I am male and I am white. And I can more than understand how people in that category get righteously angry when people accuse you through implication of being racist, sexist, a bigot, etc. etc. And I can also understand where there might be a drive or a desire to "create our own group." But that is nothing more than becoming the exact same cowards, charlatans and hypocrites who hide behind their sex, race, religion, creed, etc. that we despise. And understand we despise them NOT because of their race, creed, color, religion, sex, but because they use those traits as excuses for their failures AND, by default, blame those failures on our communal oppression (which is where you get such nonsense from hyphenated-studies programs where only "whites" can be racist).

So why would we want to become what we hate?

I propose something instead.

We advocate the elimination of group-based politics and victimization classes. We champion treating everybody equally. Nobody gets special rights, because nobody is special. We are all equally crappy, slothful, lazy, debt-ridden, work-eschewing, math-impaired American losers who want the Chinese to lend us more money to buy Apple products we can't afford. Nobody is unique, nobody is special and you should be shamed if you judge somebody (for worse OR BETTER) because of their race, creed, sex, etc. etc.

Because not only is this what Martin Luther King was aiming for, it's the only way it's going to work. You can go ahead an have different groups with different rights and once those lines are draw you've now created "teams" and because of lesser minds they will battle against one another, be it socially, economically, politically or even in the streets. Or, you can eliminate differential (preferential or negative) treatment of all groups and treat everybody equally.

In short, don't play into the hands of socialists, liberals, feminists and communists. Don't become like them. There is no reason for a "male studies" department just as there is no need for "white rights." It is the unfair privileges we grant to everybody else that needs to be eliminated.

Why Gen Y and Gen X Should Not Save for Retirement

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Much as I dislike the OWS movement, hipsters and lefter-leaning youth who voted for Barack Obama, I do feel pity for them. They were brainwashed after all (despite their claims they're so "intelligent" and "independent minded") with 13 years of indoctrination in the public schools, 18 years of left-leaning television and media, absentee parenting, government programs every step of the way, and so how do you think they were going to vote? Additionally they're being dumped into the lousiest labor market in (truly) 50 years. Of course, because of their brainwashing and mis-education about economics, they're clueless as to why they can't find jobs, and what's even more sad is it's actually by their own hand voting in socialist policies. So I do have an element of pity for them. Thusly, unlike my typical "tirade, yell, ridicule and mock" type approach I have to politics, with younger folk I've opted to engage them instead of ridicule them

This is evidenced by my book Worthless. Yes, I wrote it for money, but I also wrote it to explain to recent college graduates why they can't find employment and to prevent college-bound youth from making the same mistake. I also have my seminar on youtube titled "Why Gen Y is Completely, Hopelessly and Totally Screwed." Again, I was on book tour, but the reason I spent the time putting that together is to provide an explanation to youth as to what was going on and what kind of economic environment they are in. To help them understand "why" things were happening instead of letting them suffer, cluelessly having no idea what was going on and what to do.

The good news is that I've found youth to be more receptive than say, an estasblished burnt out 65 year old hippie who's been set in their political ways since '68 and think "going green" is the latest indulgence to save their economic souls. The reasons are multiple. First, (frankly) I'm much better of a speaker than the average college professor and public school teacher. I speak directly, bluntly, clearly and simply. I don't talk over their heads and in my profession (unlike most liberal arts) my job is not to lie, pervert or distort the truth. When I put together a book or a speech, it is based in reality, not a political agenda. Second, in an ironic sense, the economy these youth voted in is making my job easier. They did EVERYTHING they were told. "Go to college." "Follow your heart and the money will follow." "It doesn't matter what you major in, it's to get your foot in the door." AND they voted how they were told. "Hope and change." "Diversity." "Spread the wealth." "Fair share." "Bush's fault." "Wage gap." Blah blah blah. And what they have to show for it is unemployment, crushing student debts and a quickly disappearing future. In short, their entire reality is crumbling before their eyes and rapidly so. One week you're a senior about to graduate with your BA in BS, the next week you're moving back home because you can't find a job and student loans are coming due. They

naturally are looking for an explanation why things aren't turning out the way their teachers and professors told them it would, and I give it to them.

And so, since I've found Gen Y, "Millineals" and even some Gen X'ers to be more receptive, allow me to provide another bit of advice in the hopes you will continue listening and thusly improve your life;

Don't save for retirement.

Of course, this is funny, because most of you guys (meaning Gen Y/X, Millineals, etc.) don't HAVE any money to invest anyway! The economy has been so wonderfully managed previously that you have a bankrupt government, pending inflation stored up in the banking system, debt levels you simply cannot pay (be it personal debts or your share of the government debts), public employee pensions you can't pay, and health care/social security promises to other people you can't pay, all resulting in a lousy economy with no investment and an unemployment rate around 16% for you youth (around 50% underemployment in my estimation as well). You don't have the disposable income to save for your retirement.

But let's play "hope and change" and IMAGINE you did have the money to invest in an IRA or a 401k. Just imagine.

First realize what you're going to be investing that "hopey changey" money in - retirement programs. Retirement programs that were established by the government to give you various tax incentives to save for retirement, things like 401k's, IRA's, 403b's, etc. The actual 'assets' you buy in these programs are stocks, bonds and mutual funds (mutual funds themselves being nothing more than conglomerations of stocks and bonds).

Now the first retirement program was started in 1978. You were around then? I was 3 at the time. But certainly none of us were working and had the ability to start saving for retirement then. So what happened over past 34 years?

Well, millions of people who WERE working over those past 34 years invested TRILLIONS of dollars into these various stocks, bonds and mutual funds. IF (and that's a big IF because I know the quality and caliber of college economics courses) you remember Econ 101 correctly, when a market is flooded with TRILLIONS of dollars that means demand has gone WAY UP. And when demand goes WAY UP, so too does the price.

We see this when new shoes hit a store or perhaps you remember the PS2 being bid up to insane prices.

Well that's the same thing happening in the stock market today. Even if you had the

"hopey changey" money to invest, you would be investing in an overpriced market (here is a lengthier and statistically backed post you can read if you want the numbers). Worse still is you will have the baby boomer pulling their money out of the market which (again, IF you were listening in Econ 101) will have a negative effect on prices. In short, generational factors are making the market a bad deal for younger investors.

Second, let's talk about that lack of money. If you were like me when I was younger, you have some kind of guilt or shame that you aren't investing in a 401k or saving something for retirement. Stop worrying and stop feeling guilty. If you don't have the money, you just plain don't have the money. I starved myself to save up a whopping $2,000 in my IRA back when I was (about) 23. That's not enough to retire on. Besides, there are more important things you should be spending your money on that would help you more financially. Paying off student debts or any debts is a good thing. Getting a REAL trade or a skill at a tech college isn't bad either if you've majored in Fluffy Bunnies and Chocolates. And heck, you might as well take what little money you have and enjoy life. Life is not meant to be slaving away working all the time, investing your disposable income into bubbly stock markets.

Third, let's talk about confiscation. Your professors never called it that. They called it "social justice," "nationalization," or "the rich paying their fair share." In reality it's nothing more than theft. It is one person or a group of people stealing the money and time of others. But as it pertains specifically to your theoretical retirement program, there is a chance that after you slave away, save your pennies and dimes, invest religiously in your 401k or IRA, the government will simply at one point in time decide to take it. And not only is there a chance, I fear given the ENORMOUS debts of the federal government, it's almost a guarantee they'll confiscate or at least rescind the preferential tax treatment of those retirement plans.

Oh, I know, I know. I'm just this "radical crazy, right wing blogger" stirring up the rhetoric and hate-speech pot. But realize it has happened already before. In Argentina and in Bolivia. And if you don't think it can happen here, well, again, I'm just a right wing kook.

Fourth, let us talk about death. You are going to die. I know your professors may have told you differently, but then again, I'm sure their arguments against mortality were just as convincing as their arguments for socialism, but I'm so sorry to have to say this, you are going to die. However, unless you get in an accident, it isn't going to be POOF, you're dead. There will probably be a deterioration in your health. And that deteriorating period will not be a pleasant time. It will also be a VERY expensive time for you. The vast majority of your medical expenses in your life will be incurred in the last 6 months of your life. The price tag will of course vary, but it can easily be $200,000 or more.

So let me ask you this. You slave away today in your health and youth. And by "slave away" I mean sacrifice your time to build up the money to pay for your last 6 months of

life that is going to really suck. And because those last 6 months of your life are going to be so expensive, you have to sacrifice much more time TODAY to work up the money to pay for those last 6 months. To save up $200,000, heck, that's going to take at LEAST 5 years.

So, if I understand this correctly, you're going to sacrifice 5 years of your HEALTHY YOUTH to live another 6 painful, rotten, bed-ridden months.

I got a better plan. I call it the "Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan." It costs only 33 cents. (Ah ah ah. Think it through before knee-jerking a reaction).

Now, as is usually the case when I talk about the financial, economic and mortality aspects of life, people get all upset. I see this when I teach my classes and I tell people, bluntly, not to major in the liberal arts. They take it personally, when in reality I am trying to explain to them the REALITY of the labor market and GENUINELY help them. When I have the 58 year old divorcee who never thought about saving for retirement come up to me and say, "Well, I finally paid off my childrens' student loans, and I'd like to start saving for retirement. I'd like to retire at 62. I have $4,000 and some cats as assets." I tell him/her they're going to have to work till they're 75 and will not be able to retire at 62. It's the truth, but again, they get very upset. And it is here I want you to (for your own good) to be able to set aside your emotions and your feelings and approach this in a logical, reality-based, mathematical manner.

This is reality.

The markets are overvalued because of previous generations' trillions of dollars flooding the retirement plans.

The government has debt equal to 100% GDP and it's only going to grow because of all the government goodies we've promised us and everybody else on the planet into the future. This not only means impaired economic growth, but a very increased chance the government will simply confiscate your retirement plans.

It is infinitely cheaper to knock yourself out when you find out your terminally ill, not to mention you'll leave a lot more to your family, or at least not be a fiscal burden on the tax payer.

Dark, macabre, yes, but truthful.

There is however, some good news - freedom.

Understand to save for retirement is a huge fiscal burden, and like end-of-life medical care, it requires you sacrifice a lot today for relatively little tomorrow. Additionally, in

today's debt-ridden, socialist-leaning economic and political environment, saving for retirement is proving more and more risky. Not that the stock prices won't go up, but that your hard-earned money will simply be confiscated.

So what is the logical thing to do?

Enjoy life now. Spend your money on you now.

As I mentioned before, some of you, like me, felt guilty if you didn't start saving for retirement at 22. You even spent money you couldn't afford on an IRA or 401k because it was "what you were supposed to do" (just like going to college or "following your heart" and other advice you've received). You didn't go out, you stayed in, you didn't enjoy life.

But that is not what life is about. If you don't go and have fun every once in a while, then why be alive in the first place? Working to simply to finance your last miserable 6 months on this planet or to pay for other people's stuff is not "life." That's slavery. And you're already going to be paying enough in taxes to pay for other people's mistakes or laziness to the point you're effectively a slave 40% of your working hours anyway. So why risk slaving away more? You're here on this planet this one short period in time. Do yourself a favor. Forget the retirement plan. And MORE IMPORTANTLY, let go of the guilt. Go live life.

Because I guarantee you now, if you slaved away only to have it all confiscated as you lie on your government financed death bed, you'll have more regret and guilt then than if you had actually lived life.

Two For You

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1 - Guns don't deter crime!

2. The Captain will also be on internet radio later this evening. Canto Talk with Silvio Canto. It is 7PM Pacific, 8PM Mountain, 7PM Central. I will however be calling from Nowhere, SD as I will be traveling today.

Tune in!

Are Feminists Ever Happy?

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No, seriously. I mean that question. And I demand a feminist answer it.

Are you ladies EVER happy? Is this your life? This is what you do? Nag and nit-pick the rest of society on trivial matters? Not to mention, matters that are none of your business?

I mean, you guys have got to be the most miserable people on the face of the planet. And you have the gal to mock and ridicule housewives or stay-at-home-moms who actually ARE happy? Women who love their husbands and do not view them as oppressors? Women who will happier than you could ever conceive, let alone be?

I'm say this not because I hope it's true, but because it is true and it should give the remaining 95% of the population that just plain doesn't like feminism or feminists some solace:

It must be hell, pure hell, living a life of a feminist today.

This isn't a sexist piece. This isn't a bigoted piece. This is an adult who's had enough and is putting his foot down and calling out childish behavior. Stop hiding cowardly behind "isms" to excuse your pathetic behavior and start preparing to be treated like, and held up to the standards of, adults. Which is what feminism wanted, right?

"Networking" Cannot Replace Skills

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The day will come historians and archeologists will do their research and discover "LinkedIn." They will point to it and say,

"There, THERE! Look there! We have found why the US collapsed."

So allow me to explain "networking" and why I and any intellectually honest person loathes it.

"Networking" is not a skill or a trade. It doesn't produce anything of value and ultimately, it is destructive. It is, however, the perfect "skill" for a population too lazy to learn real skills but still wants to make it look like they're working. I'll even admit right now, people with good "networking skills" and the most "LinkedIn" connections do command higher salaries, but it is a temporary phenomenon. A "linkedIn" bubble if you will, because in the end networking is nothing more than kissing ass instead of kicking ass. Talking, instead of producing. Planning, but never executing.

Because of this networking has no real economic value. All the time people spend going to "after-work socials," "conventions," and "happy hours" to hobnob, establish contacts and "network" produces nothing. The salaries, wages, not to mention money spent on booze and food are all sunk costs, with no return. If anything, networking is nothing more than an excuse to spend the company's money on booze, food, travel and other personal expenditures with the secret understanding that it's "for business" *wink wink*. But it's precisely because that's what networking is, that makes it so palatable to its participants and lodges it securely in America's business culture.

While it is at minimum unproductive or has zero economic value, I will take it a step further and contend it's actually destructive. The reason why is that is it nulls the efficiency of the labor market. Not just in terms of employing people, but what people you do business with, who you promote, who gets contracts, etc. etc. These spoils of business do not go to the best or most qualified candidate, it goes to the best networker - i.e.- the best charlatan - who is usually not only not capable as others, but is usually dishonest. Allow me to provide you an example.

I went to a wedding this summer. The guy getting married was in sales. All of his co-workers were tall, good looking younger men (23-28). All of them drove BMW's, Mercedes, and had tall drop dead gorgeous girlfriends. I overheard that the groom would not hang out with people unless they made at least $70,000 per year.

It comes time for the best man to give a speech. He gets up, and this moron is wearing

sunglasses indoors. He then proceeds to deliver the typical, DB, fratboy speech that had nothing intelligent, nothing clever and nothing witty in it. Just blathering on about the good ole times and drinking and lame attempt at humor (which I'll leave out to prevent from ID'ing this guy).

He was the type of guy Stewie from Family Guy would "just have to kill." You had a natural urge to beat the crap out of him.

But this guy could outsell me in a nano-second. This guy could network beyond my wildest dreams. This guy had the Beamer and the tall girlfriend.

This guy had no problem lying his ass off.

I can't prove it, but I KNEW he was fake. I knew all those Beamers were financed to the hilt. I KNEW none of these guys owned their own home or had a positive networth (in part because I knew this was the case with the groom). But just like their girlfriends, they didn't know the difference between debt or equity spending, they just had a Beamer, went to fancy clubs, so they were "rich."

But let me ask you a question - who is more likely to be promoted to CEO in today's corporate America?

The smooth talking DB who wears sunglasses in doors and is fun?

Or is anal retentive, boring economist counterpart that insists on looking at the figures?

And now you see why networking is destructive.

Putting such an emphasis on "people skills" and "networking" only takes the focus off of what really matters, the numbers and profits. Hiring "nice" and "charming" people merely masks and hides the cold, blunt truth of the company's finances and future. Everybody likes the "fun guy," nobody likes the "party pooper." And as long as the boat isn't being rocked, everybody is happy right up until the nano-second the Titanic sinks because nobody bothered to look below decks.

Of course, not all companies are infected with this disease. There are companies that do focus on profits, want to maximize them, and increase shareholder value. But none come to mind right now. However, a limitless number of companies I know are infected with this disease. Heck, entire industries. And they account for the vast majority of companies in the US.

Again, rip apart the public sector all you want. The private sector is just as hopelessly corrupt and impaired. Thankfully, just like a person on welfare or a trophy wife spending

more money than he husband makes, when the Chinese stop loaning us money, those all-star "networkers" will go the way of the dinosaur.

Boo Freaking Hoo, Eh?

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From our Canadian Agent in the Field:

"Please share my pain and read and share this appalling article.
http://www.xojane.com/it-happened-to-me/it-happened-me-i-am-31-and-still-school
She contributes nothing. She creates nothing. And despite decades in school, she can't even craft a sentence above a fifth-grade level.
Notice the "action figures" on the shelf behind her head in the photo. A 31-year-old woman! And why doesn't she work? She says, in a barely-literate reply to a reader comment:

I have left school twice and only managed to get those jobs mentioned above. I have not been graced with good "business connections" merely hard work and decent grades. This doesn't always lead to lucrative careers. Furthermore, simply having a BA coupled with being a woman (in a still uneven employment market) doesn't bode well for jumping into a career after an undergraduate degree. I'd say it's starting to become the norm for people to do graduate degrees. I would love it if employers could see the value in the Humanities but sadly, this is not always the case.

"Coupled with being a woman"! I am crying with laughter. She lives in Ontario, because she mentions OSAP."

MP3 of Interview

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If you missed the interview and was interested, you can download my interview with Leslie and Silvio here.

If you are a parent or just have a kid in your life you care about about to enter college, I STRONGLY recommend they listen. "Worthless" is a book after all, if your kids were like me when I was a kid, they very much dislike reading. This is much shorter, but gets some of the key points in there.

How to Shop for Groceries, Bachelor Style

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I had the great misfortune of being in a Trader Joe's this weekend. The experience and my observations of the people are enough to merit their own post, but there is something much more important to write about -

How to go grocery shopping "bachelor style."

And by "bachelor style" I mean "the most efficient and correct way."

Understand BOTH men and women have no strategy or organization on how to go shopping for groceries. They merely enter, follow the way the marketeers of the grocery store have laid out your path for you, and dare you leave that path you wander aimlessly, down aisles, looking for something.

So let me help you save time and money doing things "The Bachelor Way."

First, stop it with lists. The only people that should have lists are chefs because they're making something specific and need ingredients. Even if you ARE a chef, the Bachelor Way is still most efficient. Besides, true bachelors don't do lists.

Second, get rid of the coupons. Yes, I know you save money. But you will lose that money in time nitpicking around looking for that 32 oz box instead of the 27 oz box not to mention holding up the entire US economy, double dipping us into another recession as you hold back 40% of the local labor force in your check out lane.

Third, your goal is TIME. Most specifically, efficiency. To get ALL the groceries you need in the shortest amount of time.

Fourth, employ the "Cappy Cap Method" of shopping.

This is a method or technique I developed in college when time was of the essence.

You grab a cart.

You place that cart at the end of an aisle. You RACE up one aisle, looking right and then left, grabbing everything you need in that aisle. You then U-turn into the adjacent aisle and do the same thing as you head back to your cart.

Drop all the items into your cart that you picked up in the two aisles.

Move the cart down to the next two aisles.

And repeat the process until in (what should be) 5 minutes you have covered ALL the aisles in the ENTIRE grocery store with EVERYTHING you need. (I will permit you to get a Red Bull as a treat whilst in the check out lane).

The main point of the Cappy Cap Method of shopping is NOT to bring your cart into the aisle along with the rest of the obese 50 year olds scanning each square inch of the shelving as you create a grocery store traffic jam. You cover as much ground as quickly as possible, positioning your cart at a strategic drop point which allows you to get everything you need and get out.

This has been a public service announcement from Cappy.

Why We Need to Nationalize 401k's and IRA's

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Because it worked so well for Argentina.

Oh wait....

12 Hours of Driving

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So I'm on the road executing a logistical plan than rivals the D-Day invasion (3 vehicles, a minimalist amount of stuff, transported over 800 miles, in 3 or less trips, under $800 in expenses, with one driver and a regional airport, you do the calculus, I figured it out due to my SAEG(TM)).

Regardless, at my old job I could check in every 4 minutes to see if there was a new post, approve it and then get back to looking like I was working... that or doing the problem loan report for yet another chromosome-challenged Wyoming hick we lent money to for a 4th trailer home equity loan to put his sister and daughter (same thing out here) through salon school. But don't worry, that "double wide" is going to appreciate in value. I heard they're puttin' a McDonald's nearby!

Sorry, inside humor between me and the other 4 non-retarded people in this state, 2 of which have left.

ANYWAY, back at my old job I could check in every 4 minutes and approve comments.

Well 12 hours in the middle of nowhere SoDak, not a lot of internet access. I finally pull into town, fire up the computer, magically get internet access in "these hayere parts" and BLAMO!

38 comments.

Keep spreading the word lieutenants. I appreciate it. Besides, I did some calculations and I can now officially live off of the money I make on this here pathetic blog you've all grown to love and hate.

More on that later, but it is good news.

Whilst Packing and Driving My Motorcycle Back

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Greetings Cappy Cappites,

In the middle of packing and moving so send your QUALITY posts to me. To start the day we'll start with a university that has too much money.

"It's a Post About Nothing"

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Tam gets a Seinfeld post. A post about "nothing."

On a somewhat related note (on account I'm pilfering other people's posts while I drive across Wyoming, South Dakota and Minnesota to move my meager worldly possessions), if anybody Cappy Cappites live on Hwy 212, contact me. I'm pretty much guaran-freaking-teed to be driving through your town!

The Power of Capitalism

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Though this does NOT benefit me (it actually hurts), I am happy to see this.

The PRICE OF EDUCATION DROPPING. From my e-mail.

The below "Price Change" Announcement was sent to all partners on August 16th. Effective January 1, 2013, roya
wholesale price of $65. Per the Announcement, Certification Prep courses and Allegra health care courses will not
at this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Normally the price of these classes is around $100-$120. Apparently the internet and the free delivery of education is forcing people to lower prices.

If you love the Captain (and you do) you can always take his two classes and benefit from his Super Awesome Economic Genius!

Stocks, Bonds and Investing: Oh My!

And

The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks.

I STRONGLY recommend the latter as it is a REALLY good class culminating all my experience and schooling on fundamental analysis.

Besides, you don't want the Captain to starve, do you?

Never Trust a Public Sector/Non-Profit Economist

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I had a request from a reader to dissect this.

But Vox Day does a decent enough job.

The only thing I could add to it is the ridicule of the authors of this "girlyfesto."

Did any of you idiots ever work for a living? Did any of you ever work in the private sector and have to adhere to reality and efficiency? Or did we just float on through life with daddy's credit card and enroute to a doctorate in economics and thus a cushy non-profit position in academia or Non-Profit-LaLa Land? AND with the added bonus of lecturing people who live in the real world what needs to be done.

I think we need an "Economist MMA" where nerdy skinny economists like myself duke it out physically in a ring.

Not because it would prove anything.

But because it would feel so great to pummel the ever-living-crap out of these DB's.

God Bless Gina Rinehart

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Woman after my own heart.

You poor people who like whining and complaining all the time would do well to listen to her.

That is of course, unless you like being poor your entire life.

The Economics of "Wyoming Hustle"

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Several people have asked if I'm moving back to the city and, yes, I am. But allow me to share with you an economic epiphany I developed that was 100% caused by and derived from my experiences here in Wyoming and is 100% the reason I'm moving back-

The Economics of Hustle.

Now I know you people love nothing more than to point out that the epiphanies the Captain has had in the past were already observed and noted by long-dead ancient philosophers and economists. However, "hustle" has NEVER been observed before nor incorporated into economics. So finally at last, your Captain has an epiphany he can claim is all his own. But more importantly I do believe there is some economic merit to "hustle" and may even write thesis about it if I ever get my doctorate.

First, let me start off by stating something that is going to seem insulting, but I NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO ME CLEARLY to realize that is not my intent. And that "something" is the people of Wyoming are by far the dumbest group of people I've ever met. Again, I do not say that to be insulting or to raise the ire of Wyomingites or to use the term "dumbest" as a pejorative. Nor do I say it to make it sound like I'm some arrogant "east coast liberal" that views the center of the country as "fly over states." I say it because that has been my honest observation after living and interacting with the people there for a year. Never have I met an entire population that was so dumb, slow, oblivious and uninteresting.

Were there smart people?

Oh, sure.

Were there intelligent and interesting people?

Of course.

Did I make some friends?

Sure.

But as a whole Wyoming has BY FAR the dumbest population I've ever experienced.

Now, most people don't think about this because they don't observe it from the outside or put themselves into completely different cultures, but you simply cannot escape

humans. Humans and humanity permeate every aspect of life. Every interaction you have involves a human. From conducting commerce, to working, to socializing, there are humans everywhere. They are inescapable. So when THE ENTIRE SOCIETY is literally about 10 IQ points shy of the average, it not only shows, but you get to pay a psychologically tormenting price as you live in that society.

For example a "normal" sandwich artist at a Subway can knock out a sub in about 1 minute. But it takes about 5 minutes for the average Wyomingite sandwich artist to put together your sub WITH the tripling of the chance they goofed up your order. It got so bad your Captain would actually prefer to COOK HIS OWN FOOD than go to a Subway. It was just not worth the hassle and blood pressure.

Speaking of blood pressure, go to the grocery store and you can observe, quite clearly the costs of this lower-IQ society. Almost like witnessing the forming of a perfect storm, the variables for an insufferably and unnecessarily long wait in line start to conspire and collide. Idiots who are in line, but not done shopping, darting out of line to get more food. A 38 year old man PAYING BY CHECK. Tilly decides to converse with the check out lady for 3 hours. Poor staff management as it becomes obvious the check out clerk should have called for back up or opened a new lane 20 minutes ago. And this is the LUXURY grocer. You want to slum it, go to the local Wal-Mart in Wyoming. That IS where the "people of Wal-Mart" are photographed.

Another example is banking. You ever hear of a "truck equity loan?"

Of course you haven't. Because you're not a moron and would never imagine somebody so stupid enough to "take money out of his truck" let alone a bank stupid enough to agree to such a thing. But truck equity loans are just part of "the Wyomin' Way." Along with 8 pieces of collateral for one loan (true story), $300,000 loans on a car wash in the middle of the state (ie-nowhere), and people late 36 times on their loans (but we'll never repossess on them).

Do you like teenage, single moms? They got plenty! And you get to pay plenty too when they go to the WIC office. This did vary by town, but it seemed if you were in any of the larger towns of Wyoming (bar Cheyenne) then there was a commensurate increase in the chances you were mandated to have children before graduating from high school.

But forget fornication, let's just talk about socializing. If you are a guy and merely want to hang out with girls on a platonic basis (for say like hiking, motorcycle rides or ballroom dancing), forget it. The fine, upstanding, and infinitely secure men of Wyoming will have none of it. They really do view women as property there. One gal that was kind enough to help me move, I offered a motorcycle ride. We couldn't drive on main street as she was afraid her boyfriend would see her. Dance classes I offered were populated with women who only showed up once until their husbands forbade it OR would show up as a

chaperone. NOT TO DANCE, but to watch and make sure she didn't start having an affair with some stranger right there on the floor in front of everybody. I was threatened twice by men for "talkin' to their women" when both men were declared ex's. And a 68 year old grandpa gave me a mean look and said "No" when I asked his 65 year old wife to foxtrot.

And finally, let's not forget health. YOu have some of the world's greatest mountains and terrain. Hundreds, if not thousands of miles of trails to go hiking on. What's the number one physical activity in Wyoming?

Drinking.

"Wha!? The mountinnnnnz? Wha we hiked dat back in hiiiiskool. What we want to hike dem mountains fer?"

They take the insane beauty and nature for granted and never avail themselves of mountains that are only 15 minutes away.

Now I could go on and on, but you get the idea. The population is slow. It is not terribly intelligent. Alcoholism is the new power-walking. ie- there is 0% hustle in this state. Presumably then, with these things going against it, the economy would stink. Unemployment should be high. Government dependency should be high. GDP growth should be low.

Turns out its the opposite.

Wyoming has a much lower unemployment rate than the rest of the nation. 4.6% vs. 8.2%. It's gross state product has grown faster than the US average. AND it is ranked 48th I believe in government dependency. It is an economic success.

So what factors are overcoming this lack of hustle and this intellectual handicap?

Two simple factors - energy and low taxes.

Wyoming has no state income taxes and thusly people do move to the state, incorporate there, etc. Also, Wyoming is enjoying an energy boom. An interesting observation I had while living in Casper is you could tell the years the economy boomed and busted based on the architecture in the town. There was the founding of the town (1870's or so type of western mainstreet architecture) and a notable influence of ugly, brown 1970's early 80's architecture (another energy boom). Today the entire east side of Casper is all new construction attributable to the energy boom today.

Now if it seems like I'm rambling, I'm not because I'm trying to combine several points

here at the same time. So let me point out another state and hopefully you'll see the lesson I'm trying to make about hustle.

Compare the "hustle factor" of Wyoming to say California or New York.

Whereas there is literally no hustle in Wyoming, New York City or LA is nothing but hustle. Spend one week in Casper, WY and then move to New York City and you'll get whiplash at the acceleration in the pace of life. People are on a mission in the city. They got to get stuff done. No, don't bother me now, I don't have the time. TALK IN THE CHECK OUT LANES??? Are you kidding me? New Yorkers would beat you in the alley.

There is no doubt the people of New York, California or just any major city are faster, have more hustle, and (yes, I dare say) are more educated and intelligent (wisdom, however may be another thing).

Regardless, these states and cities have a more motivated population, a faster population, they just have more hustle.

So how are their economies doing?

We all know poorly. Both New York and California I believe still have double digit unemployment, their public finances are in the toilet. We don't need to rehash it.

So how can this be? Also, why would I shoot my own theory down about hustle? Hustle you would THINK would correlate positively with economic growth and standards of living, so why do we see the opposite occurring.

Three points.

1. The lack of economic performance by the likes of New York and California does not so much speak to the failure of hustle to translate into economic growth as much as it is a harsh condemnation of their socialist policies. I have never seen a society move as fast, as smart and as quick as New Yorkers, Chicagoans, and the west coast. Also, much as I hate California, there is no more innovative place than Silicon Valley. All that hustle and flow for naught because it's been mooted by socialist policies. On the other side of the same coin is Wyoming. A state whose people, once again, in my experience are the slowest people on the planet. No hustle, no flow, no care, no fire in the belly. But despite (what I would have previously considered) a crippling handicap, the pro-capitalist policies of low taxes and free markets overcome this to deliver very low unemployment, higher standards of living and increased economic growth.

2. Wyoming could be considered the "Votech" or "tech school" state requiring real skills and trades. While New York and California could be considered "academia" states

requiring, well, no really pliable skills or trades at all. Just a sheepskin.

3. We haven't looked at economies or societies that have BOTH hustle AND pro-capitalism policies. Places like Hong Kong, Singapore, the Cayman Islands, etc. I don't have the time today, but just by recollection knowledge about these economies, they blow Pro-Capitalism/No-Hustle countries/states out of the water.

The larger point is not my hatred for Wyomingites. Nor is it my loathing of the liberal coasts. It's to merely demonstrate the power of free-market economics and capitalism and what it can overcome. We all don't need to be doctoral students in electrical engineer slaving away 80 hours a week to increase our standards of living. We just need to leave people be, let the free-market work its magic, and "even Wyomingites" can succeed. About the only thing that can stop the free market from being successful is simply replacing it with a more socialistic model.

Then again, we all knew that. Just don't try to explain that to the CCC's (a little inside joke there for the Wyomingites).

Post-post - from a reader. IQ by state. I challenge the data (not the reader of course).

Health Insurance Idiocy

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So I'm qualified for COBRA health insurance. I get the letter in the mail and for the low low price of $500/month I can have health insurance. This special rate is available to me for the next 2 years.

I have a question.

Since my catastrophic plan was only $120/month before I was employed, why on god's green Earth would I go with COBRA?

Seriously, I think if people just refused jacked up health insurance "offered" by their employers and said, "you know, just give me the cash instead," and then shopped around for catastrophic plans your little health insurance problem would go away.

But no, oh no. Nothing's "too good" for our little children. We need to flood the market with trillions of dollars to price everybody else out.

Before You Major in Finance…

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A lot of readers (and people in general) really like economics and finance. They find it intellectually engaging and intriguing. And they should because it is.

Just don't major in it.

I say this because I majored in it and, though, you would think it is a practical degree with mathematical aptitude, the entire industry is a cronyistic, nepotistic, brown-nosing mess that puts a premium on connections over mathematical genius.

And as an aside, yes, there will be a consequence to such a vital component of the US economy being corrupted. Namely, the confiscation/eradication of your precious 401k.

But, again, to quote Michael Savage,

"*You don't want to hear about that. No, no, you much rather hear about some guy hitting a ball over a fence.*"

Replacing Fathers With Government

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From our Muslim Agent in the Field.

My points, minor and succinct, are thus:

1. "Would drive people to almost get married before having children!"
2. "Would drive people to almost consider (GASP) STAYING AT HOME TO RAISE THE CHIILLLLLDREEEEENNNN!"
3. Notice everything was in percentages of "single mother income" implying the father is not around as well as there should be a government subsidy. Minimalism, gentlemen. Minimalism. Make as little as you can so you are paying nothing in taxes to support other people's mistakes ...errr ..."children."

The Bloggosphere is Now Officially the 4th Branch of Government

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Originally it was supposed to be that the media was the fourth branch in government, conducting good, quality journalism to ensure the public sector institutions (as well as private sector institutions) were serving the people and avoiding becoming corrupt.

The media has obviously failed in this regard.

However, there is one segment of the "new" media that has stepped up to the plate. The likes of you and me in our little blogging world.

I therefore decree (with just as much authority, if not more, than the traditional MSM) that we are now the 4th branch of government and the media is nothing more than a political arm of the democrat party.

Continue as you were.

The Kid Has No Father

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Yes, there is a male in the house.

Yes, there is a person who had genetic material mix with a female's genetic material.

And yes, a child was produced.

But there is no father here.

Confiscate or Inflate - DISCUSS!

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Two camps have formed in the Capposphere when it comes to 401k's and IRA's. Namely will they be confiscated or inflated away?

I have not thought through the two options nor assessed the political landscape enough to determine which is more likely.

That's why I have readers who are all blessed with SAEG (TM)!

Discuss and resolve!

A Billion Holly Stuards

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Wow, yet ANOTHER HR major with an MBA!

It's not like there ain't a billion of those out there on the labor market now is there? Oh, and I can't WAIT for this lady to actually land a position where she then gets to ask the idiotic questions of

"*Have you ever been in a situation where you disagreed with your boss*"

or

"*Where do you see yourself in 5 years.*"

Did anybody ever teach these people math or economics?

No, wait, I know, I know.

"Math is tough!"

hat tip.

A Cappy Cap Vocabulary Lesson

September 3, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Today's word is "dalliances."

I heard it while watching "The Man from UNCLE"

Crusaderism Mom…Absentee Father

September 4, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I didn't read the whole thing, but I'm going to guess the father could not be reached for comment.

Am I right?

At Work, At Play

September 6, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings all,

My apologies for my absence, but I was involved into moving two vehicles across the fruited plains, and by "fruited plains" I mean about 750 miles. I was also at play lodging one final hike for the year in the Big Horns with my buddy "Dirty Harriet." (on a side note, you male schmoes who are regular Cappy Cap readers would do yourselves a favor getting into my good graces as Dirty Harriet is a single lady, more on that later).

Posts will be returning to a regular pace as I unpack and settle in. In the meantime here are some pics from the latest adventure. Most are pics from a hike to "Lost Twin Lake" in the Big Horns, but there is also some pictures of a forest fire at night and a photo of the ladies in my dance class. The forest fire pics are not impressive until you realize that fire is about 3 miles away and about 2 miles wide. The ONLY thing remaining now is tornado chasing which will be next year's adventure.

I WORKOUT

"Masters in Graffiti Art"

September 6, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Honest to f#cking Christ.

I mean, seriously, when does this country wake up and admit there's a bubble?

Can't even make this stuff up if I tried.

Again, Don't Bother Saving for Retirement

September 7, 2012 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I've been playing this tune for a while now, but again I'm "fringe." I'm "evil right wing reactionary."

So maybe somebody more mainstream might back me up.

The Reliability Factor

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Let me tell you about my buddy Trixie.

Trixie is a girl I met in Wyoming. I met her in the last two months of my sabbatical there and I wish I had ran into her before. The reasons are many.

First, she is a spectacularly nice person. Very kind, very humble, not arrogant, and, frankly, altruistic and patient enough to put up with the ole Captain's brash and blunt personality. She had the maturity to know when I was joking, and was a spectacular sport when it came to me joshing her. AND no favor was too big for her to do. She even drove 4 hours to pick me up at the Rapid City airport late at night.

Second, she was able to keep up with me physically. In a state where the official state sport is drinking for men and having illegitimate children for the women, very few people are able to run 3 miles, let alone hike up a mountain. It is ironic that in a state where mountains and trails are not only numerous, but trailheads are no more than 10 minutes away, the people never avail themselves of those opportunities and opt instead to essentially sit on their asses. However, my buddy Trixie was always up to the physical challenges of a hike and was even in a hair better shape than me (though she was too kind to admit it as I would start to wane behind her in the later stages of some hikes).

Third, she was always game. I don't think she ever said no. "Want to go to Sturgis?" Yes. "Want to go on a 14 mile hike?" Sure. "Want to go pan for gold?" Yep. "Want to shoot guns?" Sure. Whether she had done these things or not, she would at minimum entertain the idea and try them.

But fourth, and arguably most important, she was reliable. I had ran into girls/women before in Wyoming and at first they may have looked to make for good friends, but in the end, inevitably all of them would flake out. They'd say they want to go for a hike, only not to return calls when it came time to go. They'd say they'd want to go for a motorcycle ride, only come up with an excuse at the 11th hour. They'd want to go out, but only to get drunk and go to loud bars where intelligent conversation was impossible. And keep in mind this was just to be FRIENDS, you aren't even trying to get romantic (though I surmise they viewed any requests for social outtings as romantic interest). Regardless, the reliability of the average woman in Wyoming was that of a middle school girl when it came to social activities.

But not Trixie. No. If she said she'd be there at 530PM ready for a hike, by god she was there at 530PM ready for a hike. If she said she wanted to go dancing, she meant it and would show up with her dancing shoes. And if she said she wanted to go for a motorcycle

ride, she was there, with the appropriate gear, raring to go.

Unfortunately, I knew my time in Wyoming was going to be limited. And this saddened me a bit because I had found a really cool friend. And since I was leaving and because she was so kind, outgoing and reliable I had no problems "splurging" on her. Not that I was buying her attention or paying her to be my friend or vying to become a boyfriend, but because I hadn't met anybody in the entire state that was kind enough to hang out with me (not to mention I did feel some guilt leaving her to fend for herself in Wyoming's social life). Additionally, she wasn't loaded either and was the type of gal that wouldn't afford herself the occasional luxury. She was that "nice, sweet, American gal" of 1940's yore. So drinks were on me. I would pay for gas, grab her a sandwich. Got her a birthday cake for her birthday. And knowing the girl would pick me up in Rapid City, I got her a hair/salon/appointment/chick-thingy for her birthday that she'd never afford herself.

Sure enough, my two months were up. I made several trips transporting what meager worldly possessions and vehicles I own back to Minnesota. And as logistics would have it, I had to make one final trip out to Wyoming to pick up my motorcycle (which Trixie was kind enough to store for me). I flew in, did one final hike the next day, taught one final dance class the next night, and left the next morn at 615AM to avail myself of as much sunlight as possible as I dead-headed my bike back to Minnesota.

Of course, like hiking, riding your motorcycle for 12 hour stints grants you a lot of thinking time which results in a lot of SAEG (TM) epiphanies and philosophical observations. And it dawned on me that Trixie was a member of a small and elite group of girls in the ole Captain's life. Namely, a group of women that I had no problem spending a little money on.

Understand this "group" is NOT girlfriends. This group includes girls that are friends and girlfriends, but above all else nice girls who have treated me kindly. I have mentioned it before, I do not buy women drinks in an effort to impress them. I have only bought ONE woman ONE drink who I had just met at a bar and it did not work. I therefore save any kind of "drink buying" or "effort spending" on girls that treat me kindly and that I care about.

But as I drove I realized there was something much more precise about this elite group of girls than them merely just "treating me kindly." I realized that for them even to be around long enough to become friends or girlfriends they all had to have one thing in common - reliability.

My life, as is yours, is short and finite. The most valuable thing you or any other person has on this planet is time. Therefore, through a very simple Darwinian process of elimination, the people closest to you in your life are reliable on account you plain don't

like wasting your time. People who flake, cancel out, etc. etc., don't make it to that elite group on account they are unreliable and waste your time and you don't want to hang out with such people (that or they also don't want to hang out with you either). The flakes never get to know you, spend time with you, and therefore never form friendships or romances. But by default then the flakes never get any of your attention - be it social, financial, romantic or favors.

And I want to say that again, so we all hear it.

"by default then the ***flakes never get any of your attention - be it social, financial, romantic or favors***."

Are all you flaky women paying attention? Are you starting to understand the ramifications for your flaky behavior?

It is here now we must make a distinction or a discernation because I know some of you know where I'm going with this and are saying, "yeah, but but."

So let me explain further.

I understand that there are women who "flake out" at the last minute because they never had any intention of going out with you in the first place. I am also fully aware of women feigning interest to score free attention be it at a bar, a night club, at work or any other place on the planet. And I am also fully aware that there are men who will pay attention (in whatever form) to flaky women because they have no game and don't know any better.

That is not what I'm talking about here.

What I am talking about is a woman who does have interest, but still insists on playing the inane "hard to get."

If there is a logic or a geometric theorem that debunks that myth I hope it is the Reliability Factor. Because IF you are playing "hard to get" and then flaking out on purpose, you will quickly eliminate yourself from any kind of long running chances of getting future attention from your target. But my observation about The Reliability Factor goes well beyond that logic with Trixie.

Ask yourself a question:

"How many girls have you met in your life that are as reliable and game-free as Trixie?"

I look back and I can't think of more than maybe, MAYBE a dozen women that were that

reliable, straight forward, and forthright. Where there was no games, no BS, no drama. Just "hey, you wanna go do activity X?" "Yeah, let's go do activity X!"

Now ask yourself another question:

"How many girls have you had any kind of "positive" (romantic or friendly) relationship with?"

I look back and I'd say easily hundreds. And that's dating alone. Friends, even more. But I can only recall 10-12 women in the past who didn't play games and just straight up Joe's like Trixie.

The reason I bring up the math is that it shows the MAJORITY of women who have become friends, girlfriends, dates, etc., DID have an interest, but ***still*** engaged in some kind of "play hard to get" tomfoolery. However, those same girls, either because they played "***too*** hard to get" or such game-playing psychologically precluded them from any kind of long term relationship, didn't make it into the "Elite Girl Pool." They went by the wayside of life. The ones that DID make it into the "Elite Girl Pool" DID have an interest and DID NOT engage in such tomfoolery - ie -they were RELIABLE.

What did this reliability get them?

Frankly, the best men have to give.

Lifelong friendships, marriages, fun, and yes, sure, "free drinks" or other forms of "attention." But the point I'm trying to make is not "look at all the attention you can get," but rather the irony of how reliability is the single most sure fire way to get "attention," but so few women engage in it.

In the end The Reliability Factor paid off for young Trixie. Because she was so reliable, her and I were able to create a great friendship. Part of that relationship (not to brag) was her going from a noob ballroom dancer under my tutelage to probably the most accomplished dancer in town (heck, the state even). The dancing also gave her a reason to wear some dresses and heels she never had an opportunity to wear. So in the two months I was there, she went from an innocuous, quiet girl with jeans and tennis shoes, to not just the best dancer on the floor, but the prettiest-dressed as well.

The women noticed she was the center of attention on the dance floor.

The men noticed she was very prettily dressed and wearing heels.

No woman ever had that much attention in the history of Wyoming.

Then again, no woman has ever been that reliable.

What Kind of a Girl Takes Pictures of Forest Fires?

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A cool one!

Take That, Feminist Commie Matrix!!!

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Awwww, you didn't think ahead did you? You thought we'd just keep on slaving away.

Silly feminists. Leisure is for bachelors!

The Mathematical Impossibility for Gen Y to Save for Retirement

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A quote from Goldfinger:

"*Yes, well, I've worked out a few statistics of my own. 15 billion dollars in gold bullion weighs 10,500 tons. Sixty men would take twelve days to load it onto 200 trucks. Now, at the most, you're going to have two hours before the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines move in and make you put it back.*"

I've worked out a few statistics of my own, too. Back of napkin of course.

The average Gen Y youth as well as all future youth have to spend the first 18 years growing up and getting an elementary education. Another 4 years, more likely 5 with unnecessary liberal arts prereq's shoved down their throats make them 23 by the time they graduate with their bachelors degrees. However, their bachelors are worthless and most companies won't hire them anyway because of the lousy economy, so they return for another 2 years of school making them a quarter century old before they hit the labor force.

But, when they do hit the labor force, it won't be at a job they're capable of. It will be something mundane that they could have done in high school. Thus why underemployment rates are roughly 50% for the average 25 year old.

The problem is compounded because not only are the youth working jobs they could have done in high school (and at a commensurate wage), they have student debts they have to pay off. The next decade they muddle through lousy jobs with no hope for advancement or challenge due to the managerial ineptitude of the previous generations, finally paying off their student debts at the age of 35.

35, however, is pretty late in the game to "finally" be "starting a life." And by "starting a life" I mean starting families and getting a house. IF you were fortunate enough to not have a kid by this time, you could feasibly find a spouse and afford a house. If you were like everybody else however, you have a kid, still have student loans, and probably defaulted on your house. Your credit is shot, you won't be able to find a house soon and starting a traditional family is nearly impossible as men do not have the earning power (even in their 30's) to pay for a family and women are starting to push child-bearing into a risky age range.

You get a couple kids and you get a house. The kids will keep you financially strapped for

the next 20 years, the mortgage 30. Of course, the mortgage will not be as much as a liability as it will be progressive property taxes that will increase to the point the house is no longer an asset, but a liability. Whatever the case, you're pushing 60 by the time these liabilities are paid off.

"60" did you say?

Yes, 60 and you haven't even started saving for retirement. And I am not blaming you. You never had the money to save for retirement. It took ***25 years*** to get you educated to the point the Credentialism-Infected American labor market would even entertain hiring you. And another 10-20 years before they'd ever give you a decent wage or consider giving you a job with responsibility. This is of course requiring you to take "CPE" every 6 months while offering nothing in terms of employment security, job stability (ie-not changing your job duties every 3 months) let alone, sanity in your job.

Regardless, 60 years old is too late to save for retirement. Despite government promises of retirement at the age of 65, mathematically you are going to have to work till you're dead. I hope MI6 has a good pension, 007.

The Window Shopping Housing Recovery

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What I love about the historically low interest rates is the fact they're real, but you can't access them.

Be it banks that have overtightened lending standards

government programs that are nothing but red tape like HARP or HARP II

or the secondary market refusing to finance people because their house doesn't comply with a billion little standards,

ain't none of you going to be able to refinance because the restrictions and requirement either because of government regulation or banking idiocy.

Thus, it's like window shopping. You can't afford those rates (well, actually you CAN), we're just not going to let you in the door.

Enjoy salivating over low interest rates!

Where Do the Extra Men Go?

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I have a question my brain is not large enough to answer and so perhaps one of you Cappy Cappites can answer this for me.

In polygamous societies you have one guy with multiple wives. Let's just say 4 wives to keep the math simple.

By default then, this means 75% of the men are WITHOUT wives/girlfriends.

So what do they do?

Originally I asked this about polygamous societies in general, however a friend of mine pointed out that in Mormonism it wasn't so much "just because they could do it," but rather the demands of early western pioneer life were so harsh and dangerous a lot of men didn't make it back. This then resulted in one man taking on the role of father/husband to multiple children/women.

OK, granted, got that. The other 75% of the men are dead. But then I talked to my buddy Khanh and his dad has 8 mistresses on top of his wife.

Now, Vietnam, communist as it may have been, is not the wild west and is already settled. So it isn't like there's a ton of Vietnamese guys getting knocked off leaving one poor guy to deal with 9 women. ie-there is a surplus of men. Throw in the overlap of Asian countries having a tendency to prefer males and selectively abort/abandon/kill females, there's even more of a numerical surplus (not just one dominant alpha male keeping 9 females off the market).

So again, what do the surplus of guys without women do?

Or is it that mistresses still sleep around and aren't really loyal to their sugar daddy?

I'm not trying to be off color, just curious if anybody knows more about this than me.

Death to the Credentialists

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Amen brother. Amen.

How to Advise Your Child About Choosing the Right Major

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Well, now, this isn't SWPL!

Faking a Wife and Kids to Get Vasectomy

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Mentu takes the plunge.

All I can say is it was the best decision of my life and all men should get one.

First, a reminder of the financial benefits.

Second, an irrefutable philosophical argument for having one.

Though, again, I am not saying all men should have one or that I am against kids. Matter of fact, men who have vasectomies are the ones you WANT to have kids because they care enough about the unborn kids as to think about what kind of father they would be.

Enjoy the decline!

It's Called Capital Flight

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And it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

Now, imagine if the US would have eliminated all income taxes and instead of hating the rich tried to woo them to invest here.

This guy's $30 billion would have helped our economy, no?

But, no, no. I know, that's just too freaking complicated and difficult for you lefties to understand?

The Captain's Declaration of Independence

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In light of the impossibility to work

1. honestly
2. efficiently
3. void of politics
4. void of drama

in Corporate America, it has occurred to me that I (and many others) are simply just not cut out for the type of work that is being offered to us. It is not an issue of laziness, sloth or unprofessionalism, it simply boils down to the fact I (and many others) do not have the patience, lack of self-respect or tolerance for ineptitude, incompetence and idiocy that is required by today's modern employers. We psychologically cannot withstand the pettiness, the power trips, the nepotism, the cronyism and the outright psychological bullshit that previous generations have imbued into today's corporate America culture. Our lives are too short and too valuable to us that the price you pay us in terms of a wage is not worth the psychological costs we must bear in terms of lying, deceiving, ignoring, politicking and whatever other immoral "skills" you require of us to be a "team player" or deemed a "successful employee."

Instead of standing for virtue, efficiency, professionalism, profit and excellence, you instead embrace ass-kissing, brown-nosing, compliance, submission, rent-seeking, lying, affirmative action, CSR and anything else that goes against common sense and profitability. You are corrupt entities no longer worth engaging and participating in and certainly not worth any of us "dedicating" any small percentage of our finite lives.

Everybody, and I mean EVERYBODY wants nothing more than to quit their jobs and tell you to ef off. Nobody has any loyalty to you, just as you have no loyalty to them. And frankly, most would have no problem showing up the next day and plugging you full of holes if there were no legal ramifications. And while you have the upper hand when it comes to parents with mortgages and children they can't afford, and can make them your "corporate bitch for life," there is a group of us who do not have to suffer your corporate sadism. Those of us who live cheaply, without children, and without debts.

Without children, without debts, and with the simple skill of fiscal austerity, I and people like me are not owned by you. We don't need you. Matter of fact, as long term corporate profit prospects dwindle and tank, you could probably do with outside-the-box people like us. Regardless, we don't need your jobs. We don't need to suffer the HR ditz pelting us with stupid questions and 5 subsequent rounds of interviews to get that whopping $55,000 per year job. We don't need some middle aged gray hair changing our job

description every 3 months, nor do we have to suffer the psychoses of your wholly psychologically unstable labor force prone to sexual harrassment complaints, filing complaints and bitching and whining about petty and irrelevant things.

We don't need a Corvette. We don't need a McMansion. We don't need luxury trips to Europe. We don't need children. And we don't need you. The life we would suffer with a 2 hour round trip commute and a mind-destroying 40 hour per week job is nowhere near worth the crappy salary you pay us, along with the 0% job stability. The minimalistic life and the psychological health that comes with it is more valuable than you could ever pay and we can do it on the cheap (especially with all those taxes your hard working employees and you are paying to subsidize low-income people like me!)

And so, in light of such obvious logic, I would like to declare my independence.

As of today, the Ole Captain is no longer working for anyone. Because of his fiscal austerity, cheap living, financial discipline and the lack of children his expenses are so low he can now officially afford to live off of blogging.

I want to say that again.

I can actually make a living off of blogging.

How pathetic and sad is it that you corporate schmucks are slaving away, working all those hours, hoping to get promoted, while suffering what can only be described as psychological torture while I get to wake up at 1030AM every morning. Go for a run or a motorcycle ride. Have my coffee, do what I want to do, oh, and subsequently, barely pay anything in taxes. And how sad is it that it's easier to make a CAREER IN BLOGGING than working a CORPORATE CAREER????

And let's be VERY clear about something. The reason I can do this is because of 100% me. Not because of any guidance or "leadership from my "elders." There's no middle aged fart complaining or asking me how Excel works. There's no moron, washed up former high school football player saying, "well, we didn't do that back in the 80's." And it certainly isn't because of any "wisdom" or "tricks" I picked up working for corporate America or some old blowhard in finance.

It's because I'm so efficient.

because there's only ONE BOSS (ME)

because of my ideas and thoughts I have translated and implemented into reality,

because I HAVE SET UP AND DESIGNED THE SYSTEM MYSELF

I can make an actual living off of ***BLOGGING***!

Did you hear what I just said? You morons slaving away 60 hours a week, paying for parking, and then walking blocks to go to a job you hate with a boss equally as miserable as you and underlings as insufferable as me. And then you get to go home to a family that (probably) hates you. Certainly you bring home more than I do. Why you're a "successful corporate man!" What, $70K? $80K? Heck, even if it was $100K you take out taxes, living expenses, cars and houses you don't need, but the spouse demands. No, no, I'm sure your insufferable life and the brain damage you've suffered over the past 3 decades working in corporate America is much more enjoyable than my minimalist life financed by a blog. Yes, you just keep telling yourself late at night that I'm "disgruntled" and a "loose cannon." Just irked I couldn't make it to the "big time." Whatever helps you sleep at night and keep your mind off of whether you've pissed away your finite life on this planet and your wife is more on the 60/40 slash of divorcing you.

As for my readers, let me just say this.

It has been a long and painful road. I have saved up my pennies and dimes. I have refused to have children. Refused to buy cars I could (but shouldn't) afford, and have only allowed myself the very rare and occasional luxury. All of this has paid off.

After my return from Wyoming I now officially can afford to live off of blogging.

This is of course in part because of drastic financial decisions I've made in the past, but it also and equally has to do with all of my readers who made this possible.

Readers who help boost my stats.

Other bloggers who have linked to me.

Fans who have purchased my books or recommended me to other people.

People who have purchased items on the Amazon Affiliate program.

And the kind people who donate to my paypal account (although they could actually BUY THINGS and get something in return instead of warm Cappy Cap fuzzies).

It may not seem like a lot, but (then again) I don't need a lot. And all of you with your readership and patronage have made it possible I eek out a small enough income from this here blog to live. I wanted to say thank you and that in the future there will be more higher end quality posts as well as new book releases coming out as I am now allowed to solely focus on this venture.

My sincere heart felt thanks to all of you guys. YOu have no idea how happy you have made me and how much easier you have made my life.

It is now time to really start enjoying the decline.

Who Wants to Hire Chee Xiong

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"I will say, no he will not be able to tap into the exact same energy that was 2008. That's a whole different story. I don't think that would be fair to compare at all," said senior Chee Xiong, 22, a communications major who voted for Obama in 2008 and plans to volunteer with the campus Students for Obama chapter this election.

What does get students excited, he said, are policies that expand ***Pell grants and allow them to stay on their parents' health insurance policies for years after they graduate.***

Let's hear it for Chee Xiong ladies and gentlemen. Yes, whose life long dream and life time aspirations are perpetual education with no end and living in his parents' basement till he's 47. No, no reason to ACHIEVE anything. Just loaf around the U of MN campus studying "communications" and equally worthless crap.

To para-quote Joe Soucheray,

"You have a pathetic life if those are your goals."

Keep going Chee! You're an inspiration to us all.

Now On Twitter

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Well, I have been for a while, but I didn't use it. However, there's been a cacophony of youse guys that I get on it.

So I am.

Sure am twittering really good now. Look at me go! All hip and hop with the latest interwebz media thingies. Why, someday I may even get a phone that texts! And then, look out world!

The Single Hinge of Liberalism

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This is a short piece because it's more of an observation.

If you boil down every liberal/left argument today it inevitably hinges on one thing -

the rich paying more of what communists like to call "their fair share."

Forget what precisely is their "fair share." Forget numbers, forget statistics.

My question is this.

What kind of an ideology is it where your ENTIRE ideology is dependent on ONE SOLE group of people doing something that goes against their best interests?

I mean, right off the bat, you're essentially declaring your ideology unsustainable AND parasitic.

"Everything works out great as long as there's this group of people we can constantly criminalize and fleece for their money."

Well that's not an independent ideology. Heck, that's not even "ideal." It's slavery. And the only reason people tolerate it is because the slaves happen to be "rich."

But don't worry. Even in your most harsh, idealistic communist country the rich have two other options

1. Not work.
2. Flee.

And I already told you what would happen if you decided to confiscate all their assets if those nasty evil rich people decided to flee.

12 years, max.

But still, I want a liberal or a socialist to explain to me right now how this is a FEASIBLE ideology. One where the MAJORITY of your people are dependent upon a MINORITY. Tell me how that works in terms of long term logic and stability. And I want numbers, math. None of this decaying vomit your president passes onto you lemmings as a "speech" which is nothing more than pablum.

A View Into an Evil Woman's Mind

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I don't normally call people evil. I think that requires a combination of selfishness, amorality and genuine psychological issues. Most people I disagree with are usually misled, uninformed, misinformed, or brainwashed. Not evil.

However, Andrea qualifies as one of those genuine evil people. She writes in response to "Faking a Wife and Kids to Have a Vasectomy."

Andrea said...You are no different from the people you criticize: maximize pleasure now, no responsibility later. If you had decided not to have kids by being celibate, by the way, my estimation of you would have grown. That's courageous. Vasectomy? Not so much.

Let break this down bit by bit to show where she's incorrect and being intellectually dishonest and then delve into the dark and scary recesses of her mind.

1. I, and other men who have vasectomies, ARE different than those we criticize. The people we criticize are people who who maximize pleasure now, but then jettison their responsibility to other people, namely the taxpayer. The examples are limitless - single parents, people buying houses they can't afford, people driving without insurance and fleeing the scene, etc. - whereas we are engaging in an activity that ELIMINATES responsibility. She is unable to accept that technology has advanced to the point people can engage in certain behaviors that DID have a risk, but that technology eliminates the risk. It would be akin to me lecturing women for using birth control. Or lecturing a little 5 year old for having a tetanus shot. I can see it now, me yelling at a 5 year old...

"*You are no different from those non-vaccinated children on the playground you criticize! Except they are courageous enough to accept the responsibility when they get tetanus. You coward! Getting a vaccination!*"

It leads me to believe she is either a religious fanatic trying to force her religious views on me and others, or she's evil, or both.

2. If I decided to not have kids by being celibate her estimation of me would have grown.

Oh, darn. Shoot, and my whole life was about impressing delusion and psychotic strangers on the internet. Not to mention, being so dedicated to that I would give up sex for a random stranger's opinion.

Now, let's going into the world of Andrea.

There are three things that make me convinced she's not just insane, but evil.

1. Her inability to be intellectually honest. In not admitting or recognizing having a vasectomy is actually a responsible act and something responsible men do, but rather trying to warp that into something "bad" it tells me she has no desire to have her thinking based in reality. This is nearly 100% of the time a sign the person is trying to ply a double, NON-logic based standard on you, so you have to essentially abide by their logic and terms which are usually flawed and politically motivated.

2. Control. Who lectures you about what form of birth control you use? Who lectures you about anything as long as you aren't hurting anybody? Control freaks, that's who. Dictators, tyrants and crusaders. People who are unable to discern where their authority ends and where your sovereignty begins. They have no respect for you as a person and in a very evil manner decide, all on their own, they have the right to dictate to you what you are going to do with your personal life.

3. No fun for you/doesn't like sex. Is there anything more sick and wrong than a person who doesn't like fun? Also, I NEVER, NEVER trust anybody who doesn't like sex. That is a 100% correlation to somebody with problems. And I'm not talking the 18 year old girl who is scared of having sex the first time or maybe isn't secure with herself just yet. I'm talking the full grown woman that not only uses sex as a weapon, but just outright hates it. Red flag, red flag, red flag. WARNING WILL ROBINSON!

Now I could go all over the place with this. How to avoid these people, why never to date them, etc. etc. But I will merely point out that there are people like this out there men (and ladies). Evil people. People who are pscyhologically incapable of respecting you, respecting your freedoms and through a lack of morality have no problems getting into and controlling your lives. And I'm willing to bet, when push comes to shove and men start having more and more vasectomies AND decide to go Galt, not man up, not marry up, the likes of Andrea and her ilk will deem it their AUTHORITY and RIGHT to start pushing for legislation that we pay a "bachelor tax" or dare to even go so far as to eliminate vasectomies.

Her mind is darker and scarier than that, and I could say more but I'm sorry. I'm here to enjoy the decline. And by "enjoy the decline" I mean have sex with no costs or ramification because of my vasectomy.

Stay frosty, boys.

How 45% Can Be So Stupid

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I understand that pollsters and MSM types like to oversample Democrats. And I understand that previous to the Reagan Carter election Carter was ahead by a wide margin.

That still doesn't assuage my anger that at least 45% of Americans are so stupid to still vote for Barack Obama.

Smarter, Better, Faster, Stronger

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Follow me on this.

The reason capitalism has been so successful is because it acknowledges AND INCORPORATES human nature into it's basic bylaws. Humans will always operate in their best interests and maximize profit. Why fight these natural urges? Just tailor a government and economy around and based in those natural urges.

Communism, on the other hand, "hopes" and "prays" people altruistically do "the right thing" and if you don't, by god, we have camps for the likes of you.

Debate ensues about what "should" be done, but I always like hard core, cold stone instances of empirical proof as to what is the reality of human nature and thus, which economic model is feasible and which is "hopey changey."

Enter the illegal drug trade.

What I LOVE about the illegal drug trade and why I CHEER ON THE DRUG CARTELS is because they are not only empirical proof a government should NEVER get into moral or social issues and merely stick with economic issues, but because they highlight the pure genius and power of the human mind and the individual. The innovation that gives capitalism the ultimate edge over socialism and makes it the defacto/default economic reality.

You morons keep making all the rules you want. Smarter, faster, better, stronger people will subvert you.

Too Close to the Truth?

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Wow:

Feminism is interesting. I disagree with the thought that game is the response to modern feminism. Feminism has been around far longer than game. I'll tell you what, game works best on feminists, girls so assured of themselves and filled with fake confidence based on their education and careers that they never see it coming. Most feminists honestly believe that game doesn't exist or would never work on someone like them. ***But in the grand scheme of things most young women are feminist in name only, because they're alone and have nothing else to hold on to or call themselves so they use feminism to feel a part of something. So if they meet a real alpha or guy with game and it's between him or dying alone with one cat and two eggs holding on to each other for dear life, what do you think they'll choose? For most women, feminism is an act of convenience more than a lifestyle of faith.***

Bravo. Bra-freaking-vo.

(language warning)

Mandatory Listening

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I like podcasts because I dislike reading. Reading you have to focus your eyes on and therefore can't be walking or running or doing anything else. So it shouldn't be too hard for you to listen to this.

I cannot emphasize enough how Murray Rothbard CLEARLY and PRECISELY explains a lot of the things I've/we've talked about here. Additionally he is VERY succinct. It is lengthy, but then again you should be running or listening to this in your car or something.

No Easy Day

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If you're going to buy it, buy it here.

From Our Spaniard Agent in the Field

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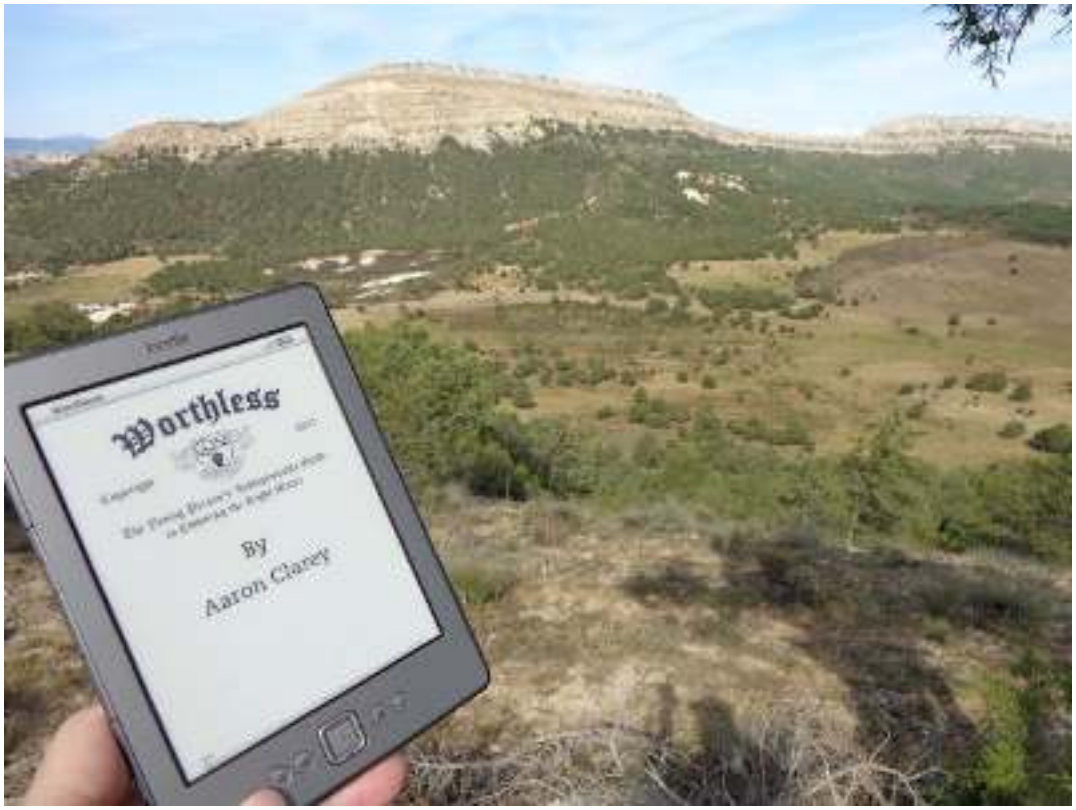
Been meaning to put this up here for a while but got lost in the move. Apparently one of our agents not only lives in Spain but also close to Sadhill Cemetery, the final scene to "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly." I've said before I'd love to be "that father" who forces his kids to go see Sad Hill cemetery while on a European trip instead of The Luve (or however it's spelled). Well our agent went hiking out there and took some photos. Apparently it has not been kept up, but if you hike into the mountains and look down you can see the circles. Enjoy the photos, but before you do, open this in a different window to get the full effect!

Worthless
By
Aaron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Aaron Carey

Fight the HR Power

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From our Canadian Agent in the Field and I want you youth to pay attention to this.

Dear Mr. BOB, I was going to apply for the job of RFP proposal writer, but I got about halfway through your absolutely retarded human resources survey, (http://www.profileperformancesystem.com/survey.html?SL=32402) and gave up. I can only tolerate a limited amount of this kind of drivel, which likely makes me a poor match for this job, and for your agency. If you're interested in discovering candidates with genuine experience and a useful skillset, this is not the way to discover them. Yours truly, BILL BILLSON

Now I want you youth to pay attention. I know you have student debts. I know you have dreams of working hard and becoming the best at what you do. And I know you want to find an employer and give it your best in the hopes they reward you with a promotion and additional income.

However, your dreams and desires are NOT worth the humility, shame, and mockery that is required today by most employers. Namely the BS you have to go through to demean yourself in front of what can be described as nothing more than power-tripping HR bastards in the mere hopes that you maybe, possibly, hopefully get that precious little interview.

The above e-mail comes from a more-than-talented individual who is capable of doing not only the job he was interested in, but his would-be boss' job. When he applied he was requested to spend 75 minutes of his precious life filling out questions. Questions that have nothing to do with the job and are nothing more than a myriad of hurdles created by the psychotic HR matrix to create themselves "make work" to make it seem like they are relevant to the hiring process.

Now, again, I know you want to do well. But inevitably you need to have self-respect. And it is here that HR and its minions have crossed the line and you (youth as a collective) need to stand up for yourselves and draw the line. Additionally, without such guidance, you will be condemned to spend more time applying for jobs than you did getting your degree, so please heed this advice.

1. Don't think for a second it is you that should be "grateful" for being able to have the

"honor" to work for these schleps. This is a two way street sold to you as a one way street. COMPANIES NEED EMPLOYEES JUST AS MUCH AS EMPLOYEES NEED JOBS. However, because of the lousy economy employers think they can just lord jobs over the masses and make you little pawns dance (and I have heard more than one HR lady say "well, with 9% unemployment we can just choose whoever we want"). Frankly, fuck them. If they're going to engage in such trivial antics and make you dance for a job, to hell with them. First, you wouldn't want to work for a company that is that psychologically twisted. And second, for once, the socialist government policies can actually help you. Collect a government check before working for these assholes. If you don't believe me that they're being trivial, please click on the link above and then click the "next" button in the bottom right. Start taking the quiz, step back and ask yourself the question, "how pathetic and sad is it they're asking me such questions?"

2. If you don't think HR has a power-trip problem, ask yourself another question - what gall does it take to ask for your facebook password? And forget facebook passwords, who looks people up on Google? What you don't understand is that the people who are in positions of power in HR are old fogeys. They don't realize that a fair amount of your private/social life is on the internet. It was never intended to be your business life and no doubt you keep your personal and business lives separate. But the old farts in the corporate world lack the intellectual honesty to leave your personal life out of their hiring decision. And so they deem it their territory and right to invade your personal life.

Why would you tolerate this? Why would you work for such a firm?

Yes, they are the ones offering the job. But you are the one offering your labor. And until the HR rep allows you to investigate her/his personal life to the level of "The Firm" then they should not be asking of you the same. Besides, any forward thinking employer would realize their future is with the youth and the youth have a fair amount of their social lives on the internet and thus, their social lives are none of the employer's god damned business.

3. Understand you stand a better shot at finding employment REFUSING to interview with companies that require HR interviews and going directly to the hiring manager. The HR personnel usually conducting the interview is going to be a 20 something female who has NO CLUE about what your field is or the job you're applying for and is going to ask asinine questions. Your time is better spent refusing such interviews and applying for additional jobs.

4. Speaking of applying for other jobs. Don't bother filling in Taleo or Brass Ring resumes. You know the companies that require you upload or e-mail your resume, but then also require you re-enter that exact same data into their special little "application template." You can send out 20 more resumes to more competent and professional employers in that time if you don't bother with such hurdles. If they HR department is so

lazy they can't bother reading through resumes and rely on "parsing" technology simply looking for key words, they weren't going to hire you anyway.

5. And finally, attitude. You may think the above e-mail would ban the applicant from ever getting a job. Quite the contrary. It's been my experience that I've gotten more job offers or interview offers where I've been direct, blunt, even insubordinate and said, "No, I'm not interviewing with HR" or "No, I'm not filling out this application" or "No, here's my resume, if you don't like it, fine, but I'm not filling out your brass ring." I even got two jobs from me cursing saying, "If you're another piece of shit little community bank that can't get its act together, then I'm not interested." You must treat HR like you would women (because, well, they are pretty much one and the same). Be strong and frankly, treat them like crap. You'll get a better response than being supplicant and confirmatory. And at least you'll find a job/employer that jives better with your personality.

In short, the lesson is simply this - HR and employers have in large become so arrogant that they can start demanding requirements that are not just insulting, but invade your personal lives. That has crossed a line. You can either choose to hold the line and tell them to pound sand or become supplicant, jump through all their hoops, waste away what finite little time you have on this planet, and, (in the rare instance they hire your) work a sucky job that YOU KNEW WOULD BE SUCKY because only sucky employers employ such sucky hiring tactics.

HR needs to be obsoleted. And the only way that is going to happen is when employees and applicants start standing up for themselves like our hero above and starve employers out of their labor. I don't care what the unemployment rate is, I don't care if you have to accept government money, there is a line and HR has crossed it. Please have a modicum of self-respect and refuse to apply for positions that require HR interviews and such inane surveys.

This has been a PSA from your beloved Captain.

For the Defense of John Maynard Keynes

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I will have more to say on this later.

Which of These Keynesian Stimuli Isn't Like The Others?

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Since WWII, there has been "roughly" three major "Keynesian Stimuli" of expansionary fiscal policy.

The first one was WWII itself. Arguably the godfather of all Keynesian stimuli, it got us out of the Great Depression.

The second was Ronald Reagan. Reagan, despite his reputation was a HAYOOOGE spender, driving up deficits to the point the debt had to be addressed. Regardless, that got us out of the of oil-embargo/lazy-hippie-infestation/generally crappy 70's economy.

The third is today with what I will intellectually-honestly call "Bush-Obama" because Obama merely took Bush's deficit spending and magnified it. Still Keynesian, still deficit spending, still expansionary, BUT....

One key thing missing.

A recovery.

Now I know three instances or case studies of Keynesian economic policy does not make a trend, but there is a difference between the Keynesian stimuluses of WWII and Reagan versus that of Bush/Obama.

And it is the same reason why this galactic DF of a stimulus has failed.

Anybody care to guess what that reason is?

I'll give you a clue. Modern day Keynesians are focusing too much on economics and not something else.

POST-POST - Ok,it seems people are missing the forest from the trees. I am playing devil's advocate and using liberal arguments and assumptions to only further my point. So let's just "assume" it was WWII and other Keynesian type things that got us out of these recessions. What is missing from this current Keynesian splurgefest that explains the lack of recovery.

The Minimalism or Riches Dichotomy

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The life of minimalism is great.

I wake up every day around 10-11AM. I run or work out. Have my cup of coffee at the local pub (maybe something stronger). Have breakfast at home. Do a little typity-type here on teh interwebz. Work on various hobbies or projects I have. Play some video games. Then go out at night with my friends and simply repeat the process till I'm dead.

I pay little, if anything, in taxes because I make so little. I also contribute nothing to a retirement program. While this means no asset accumulations, that also means I have no assets I have to worry about being confiscated or seized. Plus, with little income and no assets, we have the added bonus of all those caring, compassionate Minnesota liberals that have voted in a plethora of tax breaks and benefits to people like me who are deemed "poor" (most of which I have yet to inquire about because I just haven't had the time to see if I qualify for "food stamps" or whatever other socialist malarkey they've voted in).

It is a life of maximum freedom I'm still getting used to and still have yet to fully comprehend, but in the few feet I've burrowed down this rabbit hole further I have come up with an interesting realization.

Despite your best efforts to be a minimalist and make as little as possible, you're arguably the most likely candidate to be filthy rich.

Allow me to explain why.

Nobody really makes it "rich" by "working hard" and "being loyal" to their employer. ALL employers have the goal of profit maximization which aligns their interests completely against yours. They are looking to not just keep your salary low, but eliminate you if at all possible. This leads to not only wage stagnation, but job insecurity. This would seem a bad deal that nobody would participate in, however if you saddle yourself with liabilities like a house, children and a spouse, then you really have no choice. You must abide by the terms of "traditional" employment, pursue it, play their games, suffer the politics, constantly be "leanring new skills" to keep up with CPE, in the hopes they don't lay you off in the next round of lay offs. You never invent anything. You never create anything. You MUST obey your employer. Check your individuality and ideas at the door, you're our newest valuable member to "Team Corporate Bitch."

In short, you are the furthest thing from an entreprenuer. You are a corporate slave. You

need to play the game and endure the pettiness of corporate politics because you have liabilities and responsibilities to pay for, namely a wife, children and a mortgage. You never get to pursue what YOU want as you are too busy doing what other people tell you.

Contrast that now to your "loser" minimalist counterpart living in the basement of a buddy's, sleeping on a couch. This individual only has to work enough to support him/herself. A true minimalist will realize this only takes about maybe 10 hours of work per week, especially if they keep their expenses low. But (and here's the kicker) what does that person do with the other 30 hours per week of leisure while all their married-with-children-counterparts are busy at work, unable to play?

Well, if you're like any regular guy, you're inevitably going to be driven insane loafing around with nobody to talk to and inevitably you're going to start getting creative. Something, ANYTHING to occupy your mind. And that's when you'll start becoming really innovative.

And innovation is the most direct route to riches.

It may not be a book. It may not be a new piece of code. It may not be a new and revolutionary idea. But it will be SOMETHING that the loafing minimalists will come up with that their fully-engaged-and-enslaved corporate bitch counterparts never have the time to come up with themselves. In other words, the minimalist and the corporate slave may have the same intellectual capacity for creation and innovation. It's just that the minimalist actually has the time to actually pursue and implement these ideas.

A perfect example is the gal who wrote the Harry Potter books.

Shoot, you pay me a government check for being a single mom and I'll write books.

But what of her otherwise employed mom counterpart? The one who works all those extra hours at the local law office or social services department. When that counterpart is done with her 8-10 hour day with an extra 1-2 hour commute, and another hour of picking up her children form the Child-Outsource-Department...err...I mean..."daycare." Do you think she has the intellectual and creative energy to start writing fantasy books at the end of the day?

Of course not. Which brings about the dichotomy.

Though you, I and others may be minimalists, realize one of (if not "the") biggest advantages we have is that we have the option of working "smarter." We get to create and innovate. And not just create and innovate, but pursue. AND that is without some aging, old fart yutz dismissing our ideas and getting in our way. And though we may make peanuts now compared to our counterparts, if we ever pursue an idea and any one

of those ideas actually take off, it is we who will be the genuine self-made millionaires vs the "$400,000 McMansion senior project manager with a $450,000 mortgage, SUV, and no time for ourselves" type people.

ie- there is only an upshot for being a minimalist.

At MINIMUM you have the majority of your time and life to yourself. You're not slaving away, you're not working for somebody else. You're not suffering the psychological torture of mismanaged and dysfunctional employers. You get to live your life.

However, at the same time, in getting to live your life, you are in a supremely better position to actually make riches as it is ideas and creations that make money, not "getting an MBA and putting in those extra hours after 4 billion hours of additional CPE certifications and kissing Bob's ass in the HR department."

So don't just think outside the box ladies and gentlemen. Actually get outside the box and make things happen....except for those of you with children, spouses, mortgages, SUV's, credit card bills and other things you can't afford. You need to stay in the box and be a team player. ;)

Enjoy the decline!

"Dear Girls Who Want to Date My Son"

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Out-freaking-standing.

Of course I remember what my mom told me.

"Maybe ***you're*** looking in the wrong places."

"Maybe ***you*** attract the wrong type of girl."

"Maybe ***your*** attitude is scaring off all the good girls."

All that did was make me redouble my efforts to find something that was wrong with me, that didn't exist.

I will warn you, a huge language warning, I guess this is what a Mama Bear looks like.

Stay frosty, boys.

You Stupid College Children

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OK, I spy with my little eye something that explains why you idiotic college students are paying higher and higher tuition. Do you see it?

Revisiting Playboy Majors

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I was onto the education bubble a while ago when I studied what the Playboy Playmates majored in (hint - NOT ENGINEERING), but a reader sent me this and now that "Princeton" studied it, it makes it official. Language warning of course.

The Trinity of Women's Choice

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A dark, but still funny saying is

"*When it comes to women you can have*

sanity
beauty
intelligence

Choose 2."

It's funny (to quote Faud from Family Guy) "because it's true."

But while that may be the question men get to face when potentially courting a woman, women also get to ask themselves a question:

"*Husband*
Children
Career

Choose 2."

It just popped into my head, but I realized I liked it more in that in selecting any 2 mutually excludes the third.

Sorry ladies, just isn't enough time in the day to "have it all." But don't listen to me.

Three Little Girls and the Captain

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I walked outside my townhome this afternoon and surprisingly saw two little girls looking at the stones that I had used to adorn my sidewalk. MOST people don't know those "stones" are actually fossils and agates I deemed to be unworthy of showcase materiel and since I had a surplus of them, I decided that "sidewalk adorning" was their best use. But these mere 9 year old girls had a trained eye and noticed the pattern of the ammonite shell differentiated those "stones" from the rest of the stones members of the HOA used.

Originally I had a better intention for those fossils. For those fossils were no ordinary fossils upon discovery. No, they were my first veritable "find" of fossils I ever had in my life. A find nobody else found, and so I loaded up no less than about 400 pounds of those fossils.

Of course I found out later there are billions of these fossils available for sale on the internet, but at the time it was in my humble life a "historic find."

Confirming my "discovery" was nothing special was when I decided to take some of my lesser samples and sell them at the local flee market. Oh, yes, I polished, cut and coated all the fossils in enamel to make them marketable and appetizing to the young boys who would no doubt beg their parents to buy them some. But sadly in the end I only sold one fossil.

One measly little fossil to some nerdy kid.

It begat a philosophical reaction in me.

"If young boys can't be interested in fossils then where the hell has this country gone!?"

I don't know about you, but have any of you ever held a fossil? Have any of you ever held the former remains of a creature that was here multiple-millions of years ago?

I thought it was pretty cool. I thought that was pretty neat.

But, alas, as I am a capitalist first and foremost, it doesn't matter what "I" find interesting, it only matters what the masses find interesting, and thus, more people find Apple's latest 'screw you over gadget' er...I mean ...."product" more interesting than the physical remains of a pre-historic octopus.

Regardless, despite my spectacular failure to sell fossils and thinking no kids in the

entirety of the United States had any interest in fossils, there sat before me two young girls rummaging through my "sidewalk crap fossils."

I said, "So, do you like fossils?"

They looked at me all scared like (as they should because they are only little young girls and I am a mean, evil puppy kicking republican male).

"yeah" one sheepishly said.

"Well those are all crap-fossils. You don't want none of those. I have a lot better fossils that are in storage."

There was a bit of an impasse as I looked at them blankly and they looked at me blankly. Then it dawned on me that they're kids and I better take the lead plus they were probably scared of me.

"Stay here, I'll show you some real fossils."

And so I went down into my basement, grabbed from my collection an ancient clam STILL with some of its original shell, a jaw bone of an oredont, a fish fossil I found in Kemmerer, and a handful of quality ammonites and clams.

But when I returned, they had spawned into THREE little girls.

One of their little buddies just popped out of nowhere.

"Who the hell is this?"

"This is our friend Amy"

"Oh."

"She's 11"

"Uh..oh...well ummm..good for her."

And so I went to show them some of the better pieces of my collection and engaged in some discussion about paleontology.

Now by this time I had already told them that I had some much better pieces in storage AND I told them they could take whatever they liked from my crap sidewalk fossils AND to check back with me later when I retrieved my fossils in storage. I was thinking this

statement and my showing them some better pieces would send them on their way and they would take the hint.

But no. They're kids. They don't pick up on those subtleties normal adults do. They look at you like you're going to say more.

And so I had to say,

"well, look girls. I have to go do some adult stuff. But why don't you stop by later next week and I'll make sure to have enough fossils for all of you."

They still sat there with blank stares on their faces.

"Uh, I have to GO and do things. I PROMISE I WILL bring you back some fossils. Just stop by later. You have to go now."

I think they finally got the hint and so they slowly shoved off. They walked down the sidewalk with the handful of fossils I gave them and I thought "Bonus Cappy Cap Points for spreading the word of paleontology."

Thinking I was rid of them I started running my errands, until 2 hours later when they knocked at the door to see if I had retrieved those fossils in storage.

"No, girls. Not yet, it will be a week. They're in Wisconsin and far north. I have to go get them. Stop by later. And by "later" I mean a week!"

So they kind of sadly shoved off again, and SO FAR they haven't been back this evening.

Now, I know you schmoes. You're all getting warm fuzzies about how I had this triumvirate of girls show up at my joint and I wasn't the mean, evil, republican type that yelled at them and told them to get off my property at the end of a shotgun.

THAT IS NOT the lesson to be pulled from here.

The lesson is WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING TO THE BOYS OF THIS COUNTRY?

I have three GIRLS pilfering my joint, interested in fossils????

Where the hell are the boys????

I was at least HOPING some young boys would at least have the decency to STEAL some fossils so I could slowly unload all my crap fossils. But, no, young boys in America today can't even do that. No, I need three 9 year old girls to sheepishly look over my crap-

sidewalk fossils and then ask politely to have some, and then stop by two hours thinking they've been delivered.

Sad day in America when the girls are starting to show more scientific promise and curiosity than the boys.

Which of These Keynesian Stimuli Isn't Like The Others-Part 2

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In my previous post I asked which of the three major Keynesian stimuli is NOT like the others. The three being:

WWII
Ronald Reagan
and
Bush/Obama

Many answers were tendered AND MANY WERE RIGHT FOR MULTIPLE REASONS, but I recall only one person getting the answer I was personally looking for.

There was a future in two of them, there is no future in the third.

I addressed this before, but I feel I have to address this again because idiots like Bernanke and His Magic Federal Reserve keep hammering away with their impotent tools to get the economy to grow again and so let the lesson begin.

During WWII, forget fighting for our future, we were just fighting to survive. We did not want the socialist fascist government of the Nazi's nor did we want the religious worship of an emperor as they did in Japan. We wanted to continue to be America and in fighting this second world war, further defined what it meant to be America and American. When the troops got back, we were not only victorious, but (unlike Vietnam and to a lesser extend today) the rest of the country were proud of what the troops did and supported them. In short we were all on the same page and pro-American. The troops and the rest of society then continued on to build a greater America by investing in businesses, homes and families.

During Reagan, yes there was an element of a cold-war going on, but the primary reason the Reagan Keynesian stimulus worked is because, once again, there was a future. Reagan was no doubt pro-America. More importantly he was pro-production, pro-individualism, pro-freedom, pro-business, pro-economic growth. The producers of this society knew he was on their side and thusly had faith in the short to medium term future of the country.

Today you may have been able to claim Bush was somewhat pro-America, but the same cannot be said of Obama. Additionally, you know for a fact Obama is not "pro-Business, "pro-Individualism," or "pro-Entrepreneur." He comes from a cabal of politicians who hate

business, hate success, hate production and the only real "economic" plan he has is "well, all those green jobs will save us" (even though those green jobs aren't economic). Additionally, the economic stimulus he has pursued hasn't been focusing on tax cuts as much as it has been a galactic pissing away of future generations' money on frivolous social programs and government programs that produce nothing. Certainly not capital goods that would be used for future production, not even consumer goods that could be used for immediate consumption. Just initiatives, grants and a free-for-all for his armies of worthless-degreed people-come-social-workers/activities.

So Krugman can call for all the government spending he was.

Bernanke can promise the Fed will genetically engineer job-farting unicorns.

It won't matter.

This "Keynesian stimulus" is nothing more than a money grab and the administration is doing nothing more than criminalizing and destroying the American way of life.

Enjoy the decline!

Proof We Need to CUT Education Funding

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Cripes. Can't make it up.

So I presume we're all supposed to pay more in taxes to support these little brats' "college experience" without expecting them to learn anything.

I was hopeful there was an echelon or two of Gen Y students who "got it" and realized BO wasn't their savior after all. But now I realized for every one of those truly independent minded people there's a score of complete f$#%ing retards that really think college is supposed to be an "experience."

The crash can't come soon enough.

Mortgage Cops!

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"Mortgage cops!"

Actually, it kind of reminds me of "Police Cops" from the Simpsons. "Police....Cops... Police-cops"

Original Cardinal Sin of Keynesianism

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Jump, if you will, into the co-pilot's seat of the Captain's personal F-22 fighter plane. We're going to fly really high because we are going to need a very high bird's eye view in order for me to make my point. So high that your brain will disassociate itself from its current environment, allowing you to have the perspective to see what I see.

As it stands right now, be you left or right, we are looking for government to do something to get us out of this economic mess. The left votes for more government action, while the right votes for less government action. Regardless, both require government action. "Lowering taxes, increasing taxes. More regulation, less regulation. My question is one that you need to be high up to observe:

"What business is it of the government's how well the economy does anyway?"

Stick with me here.

I don't know if it was ever like this (though I presume it was upon the founding of the country), but why should the government or the people in the government worry about what its private citizens do? In my "ideal world" of how government would work, it would provide the basics of public goods that protects its citizens and allows for an efficiently operating society, but beyond that, the government (for better or worse) should have no skin in ANY regard of its people.

It wouldn't care if the economy was booming or not.

It wouldn't care if gays or straights want to get married in that it wouldn't license such things.

It wouldn't care if a company went green or not (and it certainly wouldn't finance any of them ala Solyndra or the SBA).

And if the people so mismanaged a business (GM, the banks, etc.) it wouldn't bail them out.

The government would be a very distant, cold and remote entity who if anybody came in and said, "You need to help us" it would say, "not my problem. We do roads, defense, infrastructure and law. Your economic problems are not under our jurisdiction. Deal with your own mistakes."

In short the government would leave the people to enjoy and suffer 100% of their

successes and mistakes, allowing the population to learn (and thereby advance) much more rapidly than had it intervened all the time either trying to make things "fair" or "better."

Now with that concept in mind, I have a question -

What arrogant idiot decided it was OK to have the government start intervening in people's affairs?

And once again we have to be high up in the sky for you to realize the question I'm asking.

For example, who decided it was the government that was going to tell us private citizens how much bio-diesel we are going to make in 2013?

Who decided light bulbs were no longer good for us?

Who decided it's only the Fed that can get us out of our economic woes?

I could go on and on about the veritable Nazis Fuhrers Bloomberg and Obama (Michelle) telling us what to eat.

I know the answer is (usually) leftists and crusaders, but my question goes beyond individual, specific things that are obviously a violation of a person's individuality and freedom. I'm talking something much more fundamental. AND I'm talking about who or what group of people ORIGINALLY decided it was OK to cross this line and start destroying freedom.

For example the concept of "expansionary" and "contractionary" fiscal policy. What arrogance and bravado did it take for somebody to say, "Hey, the government can be used to expand and contract the economy in order to control inflation and growth!" It's none of the government's damn business whether an economy grows or contracts. That is up to the private citizens. Additionally, wouldn't you presume a government fiscal policy (it any at all) would be constantly expansionary? Wouldn't the government set up minimal rules and regulations that would result in a perpetual expansionary policy, conducive to maximum economic growth and be done with it once and for all, never to revisit it again?

No, it took some idiot, some power-hungry totalitarian to decide that, "Hey, I know what's better/best for the people! AND IT'S MY JURISDICTION TO INTERVENE!"

So my question is this - who was that guy? Who committed this "first, original cardinal sin of Keynesianism?"

Was it John Maynard Keynes himself? I doubt it, governments had been intervening long before he hit the scene. Woodrow Wilson maybe? Somewhere, I imagine, at least in US history, there was a group or a person who over-stepped the boundaries and deemed it the government's domain to cross that line and start taking a vested and unwarranted interest in what its peoples' private affairs.

Anybody with a better background in US history have an answer?

The Higher Education Bubble by Glenn Reynolds

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Book Review of "The Higher Education Bubble"

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"The Higher Education Bubble" by Glenn Reynolds has a common criticism about it and that is it's too short. I too was expecting a book of some kind, but then realized it was not meant to be a book, but is rather part of a series of essays.

You would think "well if it's not a book, then why would I read an essay?" But there is a darn good reason you would probably want to consider Dr. Reynold's book over my own - time.

Books take time to read. Time a lot of people don't have. But because of the importance of the education bubble and how it affects everyone the essay form may actually be a better format to deliver the bad (but realistic and necessary) news. Also consider who would benefit most from reading about the education bubble - high school juniors and seniors.

Have you noticed the attention span on today's kids?

It is because of this that Dr. Reynold's book is strongly recommended and may be a better vehicle to get into and change the minds of today's impressionable and galactically ignorant youth.

There is, however, an additional "benefit" "The Higher Education Bubble" has over my own book - it's not political.

Though "Worthless" I think is much more fun and delivers mockery and ridicule where it rightly belongs, it can AND HAS turned people off because of its politics, namely people who probably are of the lefter leaning stripe, but would ironically be some of the larger beneficiaries of reading it. Dr. Reynold's book does not have this insulting flair and so would be a better candidate for getting people to lend out their ears.

Regardless of which route you care to go of educating yourself or a younger loved one about the education bubble, I would recommend "The Higher Education Bubble" because of its brevity and non-partisanship.

If you want to laugh your ass off, however, and hear anecdotes of me getting sent to the principal's office because I told my 7th grade teacher "it must be tough teaching a

language you and the students have been speaking their entire lives" then I'd recommend "Worthless."

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Buy some ghost peppers and see if you can handle them:

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Going to try to grow some myself.

How the Hatred of Math Explains Everything About Politics

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Good news everyone!

I've discovered the single variable the explains everything about politics, especially in this upcoming election - math.

Oh laugh if you will, but just as you can boil down economics to producers and parasites, you can boil all of politics down to math.

Allow me to explain.

Math does two things.

1. It explains the motives and incentives of most two party systems (even the European ones where there's about 300 different parties, but still aligned on producer and parasite ideologies) and

2. it explains the entire psychology of people who subscribe to the parasite ideology.

First, if you look at every "two party system" (and I do include those European

parliaments with 300 different parties) in general it boils down to one party trying to be mature and realistic, and another party being infantile and living in Lala Land. One trying to dispense tough, fatherly love, and another trying to woo the children with motherly-cake-bribing love. Understand the Lala Land party does not do so because it wishes to be infantile or doesn't know what the reality is, but because it wishes to be in power. This necessitates the Lala Land party not only ignore reality, but spend the vast majority of its efforts in spinning events and numbers, securing and brainwashing future voters with their propaganda, concocting "crises" where there are none (but only the have the solution), and creating outright lies and falsehoods about the reality-based party in an attempt to villainize them. They have to outdo reality and so resort to (sometimes) the most outlandish tactics (the global warming scam and "Romney killed my wife" etc.)

This results in what I like to call "The Cake and Broccoli Parties." One party is inevitably the fatherly party pooper, telling his kids things that are FACTUAL, but kids don't like to hear. "No, you can't sit on your ass, you need to work. No we don't have enough money for that. No, we aren't buying that. No you can't have candy, you need to drink your milk and eat your broccoli." The other party gets to be the divorce-seeking mother who vies for the favor of her children, with the added benefit of using the father's money to finance her bribery. "Yes, you can have a Coke with your ice cream. No you don't need to do your chores. No you don't have to work. No you don't have to work out. Yes, you should have free food. Yes, you should have free health care. Here, have some more cake, just remember you love mom and your dad hates you and he beats me and he killed my wife."

But, again, here is where math comes in and explains in large part the actions and words of the typical parasite party.

In the long run the decisions, promises and policies pursued by the left are not sustainable and inevitably do fail. The kid will get cavities just as the economy will scare away investors and businesses. This will not just manifest itself in people's personal lives, but numbers (with any modicum of honesty used when calculating them) will start to show it. Unemployment, GDP growth, income, wages, deficits, etc. etc. As this reality comes crushing down on the parasite party, it's main job is to explain it away and spin reality. And not just do that, blame the problems on the producer/reality party, or just go for the good ole fashioned "class envy/warfare." Their arguments to anybody with half a brain say nothing, avoid reality, and do not have numbers or any tangible plans (this is why Romney had a five point plan in his speech at the RNC while Obama just blathered on the same vomitous pablum he did 4 years ago, oh, and Romney killed some guy's wife). But again, this is not because they're stupid. It's because they're hoping you are and you will swallow such puke and vote for them.

Regardless, what you will note is the stark absence of math (or at least non-manipulated statistics) coming out of the parasite party. It's always going to be amorphous references

to the future, attacks and villainizing the producer/father party, citings of fabricated "injustices," and again, crises made of whole cloth (the solutions of which magically always involve more taxation, other people's money and less freedom). The father/reality party (if it was intellectually honest this entire time) has an easy job - just cite math, statistics and reality and IN THE LONG RUN you should be able to win most elections (that is assuming you even kick the left out of education and shut down their voter-farms).

While this explains most political parties' behaviors, it does not explain how such parasite parties can get such a foothold with the voting public. Oh sure, they might have some success, and yes, with the introduction of new (and idiotic) voters from their voter mills (public schools), in the short run they might have a go at it. But inevitably these people must wake up, grow up and realize the lies they're being told, right?

Right?

Well, there's just one problem.

Humans hate math.

It is not so much that humans hate math (some humans like math), but that humans are innately and inherently lazy. They prefer something for nothing. And since math takes effort I contend you can explain the entirety of human nature and tyranny based on people who do and do not like math or at least those willing to put forth the effort to learn math and those that avoid it.

Oh laugh if you will. But allow me to point out a couple instances of people who don't like math.

Bankers - bankers are basically jocks who didn't make it to professional sports, but still wanted to make a ton of money. Of course, they could become engineers or doctors, but that would take too much math and effort. No, they will instead take some modicum of math via finance or accounting, and maybe not even that. They will then claim, "I'm a big picture sort of guy" talk about "networking" and then "just get the deal done." They will also every 25 years of so require the taxpayer bail them out and every 50 years throw economies into deep recessions. Some will run for office.

Lawyers - see "bankers" but their origins are liberal arts grads who (obviously) didn't like math. They still want to make money, but enter a field even less-profit-promising than bankers. After 5 years in undergrad and 3 years in law school, do you think they're NOT going to make it pay off? Get ready for concocted law suits that drive up the prices for everybody else. Oh, and guess who runs for public office more than any one else?

Liberal arts students - "I'm going to follow my heart and you're all going to pay me."

Translation - "I hate math and I want other people to do math to produce the latest Apple Product while I play "Overpaid Government Baby Sitter" on the money you pay in taxes. Thanks for majoring in engineering you sucker."

Fat Acceptance - "I don't care what the scale says. Big is beautiful and you're shallow for not finding me attractive." This also has the variance of "I'm on a diet, I lost 2 pounds in the past 3 months."

Joseph Stalin - "Make the exchange rate 14 rubles per US dollar." (that one you'll all have to look up ;)

People Who Don't Know the Difference between Millions, Billions and Trillions - This is a particular pet peeve of mine because I do believe if younger folk (heck, older folk) KNEW the difference between a million, a billion and a trillion, then they might realize just how screwed our finances are in this country. However, all they hear is "illion" and think, "*that's a lot of money. Well at least the GLEOC will take care of it. Oooo! Look, the Packers are playing Tennessee!*"

Communist Dictators - do you think any of them give a damn about unemployment, GDP or economic growth or are more concerned with oppressing and keeping their citizens in the dark. Yeah, I'm sure North Korea has the FRED database its people can look stuff up on.

Too Lazy to Look It Up - You know how your mom would say, "look it up?" That would mean you'd have to go to the library, use the archaic Dewey decimal system, pour through a book or micro-fiche and find it after 2 hours of searching. I could see where that would breed a distaste for looking things up. Today kids (and adults) have the internet and it's at their fingertips. But they're still too lazy to look up basic data and statistics (my favorite is "corporate welfare" - no liberal has yet been able to cite a figure for me as to how much that is). What kind of person is so lazy they can't look it up on the internet? This one particularly irks me because it shows you just how truly lazy and fearing of math they are. It also angers me because the internet should have destroyed the left everywhere. Just shows you what a good job they did brainwashing the dolts.

Now, I could go on and on, but you get the point. People who not just abhor math, but purposely choose to ignore it out of ignorance, laziness, or a psychotic loyalty to their ideology are not the type who are going to go out and produce the next cancer vaccine or hover cars. Additionally, they provide more than enough fuel to keep parasite parties in power not only because the party will provide them with the socialist spoils of wealth-redistribution, but because they like being lied to. Their egos remain intact. You aren't poor because you had 15 kids and couldn't do basic math. Now you're poor because "the system failed you man!" You aren't unemployed because your chose the world's most stupid major. No, Romney killed your wife...no...err...wait, Romney is oppressing you.

The ignorant spoiled brats of society get what they want, and a political party gets re-elected.

There is one problem though in ignoring math and reality. And that is math and reality always win in the end.

Sure, you can eat cake instead of broccoli all day, but soon you'll be fat, have cavities and a host of other health problems.

Sure, you can yell and scream at men for being shallow and not being attracted to fat girls. But in the end you'll still be single, your sex life will suck and you will also have a host of health problems.

And yes, you can take your right to vote and vote in a party that ignores math, tells you what you want to hear and can keep the racket up for a generation or two until the money runs out. But in the end the economy will be destroyed, you won't have a future, and neither will your kids.

It is here that every human must ask him/herself a simple question - am I going to grow up and become an adult or not?

It's not a tricky question. It's not a bold question. It's not a challenging question. It's a question every human has had to face in the history of humans.

Do you grow up or not?

Because if you do, and everybody starts adhering to economic reality, then we can get this country (and all other countries today and into the future) growing and excelling again. If you don't, well then have fun jumping off the cliff thinking gravity isn't real and that "stupid" math of 9.8 m/s squared doesn't apply to you.

Just let me know in advance so I can set up my lawn chair, light up a cigar and pour myself a Rumpie.

Americans Should Direct, The Japanese Should Draw

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Most Japanese anime sucks (and YES MR. FULLER, I KNOW SPICE AND WOLF! I'm on it!)

However, in the case of Cowboy Bebop where it was heavily influenced by American culture, I think the perfect combination is the superior American directing combined with the superior Japanese animation and drawing.

I have not been compelled to watch a cartoon as much as this one in recent memory:

Yes, What a "Heroic" Single Mom

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You go grrrl! Grrrrl power!

This is nothing more than the most selfish bitch on the face of the planet. I will further contend she couldn't care less about her kid as much as she does using the kid to get attention and ruining other people's fun. I pity the kid.

Male Equivalents of Unicorns

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Har! Just found this piece funny. Will have to update the Manosphere directory to include.

Remember, people trying to deliver a dose of reality are just hating on you.

Stop the hate! Hunt the unicorns! Your own rich George Clooney is out there ladies! Keep searching!

The Political Science Department at the University of Georgia

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From our young Agent in the Field:

I truly now understand why political science is such a worthless degree and how my sister is earning 10 dollars an hour at a job she got at a bank.

http://polisci.uga.edu/articles/courses/

I checked out some of the PDFs for some of the classes and it's pretty much a huge joke. They list all the "books" you need in the syllabi which sound like the ones I can either buy cheap on Amazon or go to my local public library and check them out for free and read the same material at my own pace and learn it, or better yet, listen to talk radio. I've even Googled some of the authors of the books they recommend like John Stuart Mill. Shockingly enough, I discovered that a lot of the authors were either liberal or influenced by some Marxist writer or had ties to Marxism. Utter brainwashing. A lot of the authors suspiciously were Yale and Harvard graduates. In one of the courses, you can even read and learn about Karl Marx.

I like how his sister is making $10/hr. That's actually quite high for a BA in Poli (ahem ahem COUGH COUGH, WHEEZE WHEEZE) "Science."

Keep spreading the word young people. And as an insult or a "I Told You So" gift, you can always buy them "Worthless."

Buy Silver Dollars, Not Booze

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The Captain, as you know, likes to drink and is of course partial to the true nectar of the gods - Rumpleminze. And, if you are like me, you probably go to the local bar and buy two drinks per day. That, depending on tip and where you go, can easily add up to around $12-$14.

However, it dawned on me while running today that I really haven't acquired a significant "physical commodity portfolio." I put a couple calls into several coin dealers in town and the going price for a silver dollar is around $27.

Of course, I'm not one for discipline, but neither am I one for all out hedonism either. And every once in a while I like to put myself through a period of discipline to make sure I still have self control.

So I decree the next 30 days "Buy Silver Dollars, Not Booze" month were, essentially every other day you are allowed to go buy a silver dollar if you didn't buy booze at the bar the two days previous. In theory you will have acquired 15 silver pieces which (when the federal government fully monetizes the debt) will allow you to pay off your mortgage with one silver dollar.

Enjoy the decline!

The Epitome of Psychotic

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I'm being serious when I ask this question, and I ask a neurologist or a psychologist to answer it:

What is the part of the brain that malfunctions when you decide to deny reality?

How to Snatch a Man

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I know when men tender advice about "how to court guys" or "how to catch a man" or "what men like in women," the pre-programmed, visceral response from most modern day women is

"*WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE WANT A MAN OR NEED ONE??? I'M MY OWN WOMAN AND I HAVE A CAREER, AND YOU MUST BE SHALLOW AND LIKE SKINNY CHICKS, YOU PROBABLY DEGRADE WOMEN BY EXPECTING THEM TO DRESS UP IN LINGERIE, WELL, THAT'S NOT ME!!! I'M AN INDEPENDENT blah blah blah blah.*"

Of course, that night you're at home crying because you can't find a man.

Well, I've always had a very simple theory. So simple, it's complex. So simple it has evaded people because it's been hiding right there out in the public.

Why not just act like a woman?

Dispense, if you will, with the latest in feminist theory or ideology you've been fed and just think about it for a second.

Men and women are not only different, they are kind of designed purposely to be different to umm..."do things" together. They complement each other. Whether this was "intelligent" design or evolution, more powerful forces than you and an army of women's studies professors are at work here and, frankly, can't be overridden.

So the obvious solution would be to simply be feminine. Because, well, that's what men like.

No, no, I know, I know.

"*Who cares what men like!? You don't need a man, and why is it all about what the man wants, and what gall do I have to suggest to you what to do and blabbity blah blah blah.*"

I'm sorry, my apologies for being so presumptive and misogynistic.

What time would you like me to drop off the Kleenexes later this evening when you're crying?

Booze, Bullets, Currency or Metals

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There has been some constructive debate here on Cappy Cap as to what to invest in given the poor economic outlook for the future. You don't invest in education because, well, who is going to hire you. You don't invest in fixed assets, because, well, they'll be taxed away or just outright confiscated. You certainly don't invest in a retirement plan, not just because stocks are historically overvalued, but there is also a significant chance the government will either rescind the tax benefits of those retirement plans OR just outright confiscate them ala Argentina and Bolivia.

So what do you do with a worthless piece of paper with Ben Franklin's face on it?

Well, there are so far four options:

Discuss and resolve which is the best.

On a side note, it was very economically and mentally rewarding converting a worthless piece of paper (with the additional dilution of Mr. Bernanke's recent actions) into a tangible good that can be used later. You almost feel guilty handing the paper over to some "sucker" willing to part with that tangible good for your piece of paper.

Oh well, enjoy the decline!

Proto-Crusaderism: Thomas DiLorenzo

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An environmentalist is a totalitarian socialist whose real objective is to revive socialism and economic central planning under the subterfuge of "saving the planet" from capitalism. He is "green" on the outside, but red on the inside, and is hence appropriately labeled a "watermelon."

The speech is a must, but what irks me (and makes me proud at the same time) is how I spotted this crusaderism to be nothing but a ruse or a secret vehicle for delivering socialism long ago, but it was discovered and ID's so long ago by Thomas DiLorenzo.

Why You Should Avoid Investment Banking as a Career

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Because it really isn't a career.

The Ultimate Retirement Solution - Moonshine

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After the great economic minds of Cappy Cappites converged and discussed the retirement debate, I believe Ras Al Ghul had the "most appropriate" answer - make your own moonshine.

This is not to belittle or lessen the other answers/options because (as another reader pointed out) it WILL depend on the environment, you yourself and your personal preferences, and what precisely happens in the economy (complete rapid collapse or just a slow degradation).

However, I believe no matter where you go and where you are the ABILITY and SKILL to make booze will serve you well AND make sure the roving bands keep you alive instead of randomly kill you:

[image][image]

Please make a win-win-win decision.

Buy yourself the book so you can make booze and retire in comfort - WIN!
Buy yourself the book so I can make a commission - WIN!
Buy yourself the book so the author who had the wisdom to write this tome gets a royal check - WIN!

A Great Primer of Economics for Beginners and Experts

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Howdy All,

I have been linking to a fair amount of Ludwig Von Mises and Austrian podcasts and I figured I'd just post the link to the veritable treasure trove of MP3's instead of piece mealing them out.

There is a TON of podcasts here, a lot of which are great for the beginner economist as well as some more advanced topics for the expert or advanced hobbyist economist.

Regardless, if you need something for your MP3 player while you're working out or taking a flight I STRONGLY recommending seeing what they have here. Should last you a couple weeks at least.

Weekend Brilliance

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You are not oppressed. Just spoiled.

Ready the Vomit Bag

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Mercy. Reminds me of a game I play. "Ugly or Unhappy." You play it by driving up on a Prius and you guess whether the driver is unhappy (usually frowning), ugly or both. You all make your bets and the driver passes the Prius, you peer into the Prius driver's window and confirm who was right.

Usually everybody, no matter what their bets, and no, I'm not making that up. I have 7 years experience in this game. You should try it yourself and see if I'm lying.

Who Wants to Hire Katie Underhay!

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Not kidding. This is a recent comment on that post I made about that idiot who pursued a "Masters" in "Puppetry." She seemed hell-bent on getting her e-mail out there, so let's give her a warm Cappy Cap welcome.

Katie Underhay - **email me at Katie.underhay@rwcmd.ac.uk** *for more information, if you are willing to be educated said...*
I seriously think you need to worry about yourself before you worry about the careers and education of everyone else on Earth. Puppetry, like any other career (particularly the arts and theatre) is incredibly hard to get into. Having a masters degree in a subject is no doubt going to help employability and why shouldn't someone who is passionate about a subject which could bring joy to millions have to pass that up to become a neurobiologist? I am not "too stupid" to have a different career, but I like puppets. And if Jim Henson decided to become an accountant then I expect there would be thousands of children all over the world who would have found it a lot harder to earn to count, or about coping with death or accepting other cultures and ethnicities (all covered within Sesame Street).

I highly doubt you have seen War Horse, but Handspring (a British puppet company) developed beautiful and moving puppetry based on Michael Morpurgo's novel at the National Theatre Company and not only has this production moved from the national to another West End Theatre, it has also moved to Broadway and entertained and been a form of escapism for thousands of people. And if you think that something this spectacular on the West End and Broadway isn't worth educated people to be involved in it, PLEASE be my guest and insult Musical Theatre Degrees, Drama Degrees, Fine Art Degrees, Music Degrees, Stage Management, Theatre Design, Technical Theatre, because in your mind, these are all pointless, as is the theatre. I suppose if you think theatre is pointless, you agree that television is pointless? And that degrees in acting are pointless for the performers in your favourite TV shows?

I do not take insults to the arts lightly. They are often made by ignorant people who expect entertainment to come from nowhere. So unless you want to sit alone in a room being a banker (or whatever you do) with no artwork or posters on your wall, no music to ever listen to or even radio shows, no television, no theatre, no film, no literature, and no bedtime stories to read your children (which I doubt) then LIVE AND LET LIVE.

If you don't like the idea of a Masters Degree in Puppetry, don't take one! And stop worrying about those who do! Live is too short to worry abut people you think are idiots, therefore I shall stop thinking about you!

Seriously people, I'm not making this up. This IS a real comment.

Now, I have plenty of things to say, but instead, I'm going to take a different approach.

I'm going to let you guys eviscerate her.

Now keep in mind she is only a naive 20 something child who has no real world experience and relies on us real adults to work real jobs to pay the taxes so she can pursue a subsidized hobby whilst claiming (no doubt) to be an "independent woman" even though she is the veritable definition of a parasite.

So be extra special "affirmative action" sweet to her.

On a serious note. Cripes. Are people in this world really this stupid?

People of Trader Joe's

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Much as I would like to start a web site ala "People of Wal-Mart" but call it "People of Trader Joe's" I frankly don't have the time.

But with my most recent visit there, I shall debrief every one and give them a synopsis of my experience and observations there.

First, I like Trader Joe's. I don't know why more people don't shop there. The prices are GREAT, cheaper than most places and even though everything is "organic" it still is quality food at dirt cheap prices.

However, that is where the economist ends, and the normal, masculine, self-respecting male takes over. Because in order to avail yourself of said lower prices and quality food you must commit yourself to entering an environment that, frankly, makes you worried you'll get infected and walk out with a rat's nest beard and one less testicle.

First, and I'm being deadly serious, I could kick every guys' ass in the place. And I'm only 142 pounds at 5' 9". There is NO testosterone in the entire joint. Every guy is an emasculated putz. When we first walked in there was this one guy, at least 200 lbs, standing behind his multi-ethnic wife (of course). She was talking to one of the patrons about, who knows, the price of arugula. Spent the next 15 minutes grabbing what we needed, turned the corner, and STILL, there is the emasculated yutz, standing patiently behind his wife/partner, with the dopey look on his face, while she continues talking. He was bigger than me. Probably stronger than me. But you could see in his eyes he was weak, sad, pathetic. Wouldn't raise a finger and his glands could not secrete a hormone of defiance, self respect, or anger.

Second, NOT ONE WOMAN HAD MAKE UP. I started to notice this at first, and when I realized the sample survey I had taken of women had no make up, it became a vendetta to find one that did. NOT ONE. No, the women were all homely. They didn't care to look pretty, they didn't care to look feminine, it's almost as if they were purposely making a political statement that they didn't (I don't know) what, didn't care? Didn't want to conform? It's one thing if you're a 21 year old ditz majoring in sociology, but Jesus H Christ, these women were in their 50's and still carry on this crusade. It was also of meritable note than none of them had wedding rings either. Yeah, yeah, I know, I know, fish bicycle. Enjoy your cats.

Third, the ugliness factor. My girl and I were HANDS DOWN the hottest couple in the joint. And I don't fashion ourselves models or anything like that. It begat me to ponder a theory as to why that was. Why was a grocery store, of all places, a magnet for truly and

genuinely ugly people? I have had theories about this before, that liberalism and leftism are the antithesis of competition, and since looks and breeding is nothing more than the more bane and basic form of competition, liberals always seek each other out in Uglyfests like yoga retreats and organic farmer's markets and art festivals to avoid such competition. But mercy, do you all have to converge at the same place I show up at a grocery store? And why the grocery store? I theorize it's because it's "all organic and green and politically 'cool.'" But that only further confirms my theory it's all about avoiding competition because going "green" is nothing more than the lazy/ugly man's way of proving his worth in society. It's like joining a club that requires nothing more than that you "care." "Oooh, look at me, I don't work out, I don't have a real job, I don't do anything, But I "CARE" Want to mate and make really ugly hairy armpit babies?"

Fourth, fashion. To my dear good Jewish friend who had his beanie on. Not only should you not let your kid run rampant over you while I have to endure the argument you have with him about whether or not he should get (organically crappy) candy. Do you have to wear WHITE SNEAKERS with a DARK RUNNING OUTFIT that is completely unnecessary because your gut and lack of sweat shows you obviously don't use them? Look, I'm "technically" Jewish through matriachical um..heritage Jewish thing. I have Jewish friends and relatives and loved ones. But as by all means a "non-Jew" observer, do you have to purposely wear crappy clothing? Are you purposely trying to feed the stereotype like my uncle? Put on some nice slacks. Or just some decent shoes. And THEN wear the beanie. I mean, my god, if I'm going to wear something that tells the world my particular religious affiliation, I'm going to at least make myself presentable to the public and not a disgrace in fashion.

Fifth, any thugs that want to rob a joint, dude, Trader Joe's is THE place to rob. No man, let alone, woman, at that joint is going to stop you. The men, like their clientele are pansified SWPL men. They'll cower, NONE carry guns, and again, if you're 140 pounds and have an ounce of testosterone you can kick their CUMULATIVE asses (and it won't be fair...to them I mean). They'll give you whatever you want. Also the women (and I am NOT being facetious here, I truly believe this) will actually politically support you robbing them. "Ohhh, the poor disadvantage person that has to resort to robbing a place to feed him and his coke addiction..err..."family." Hell, you'll probably score a number or two of frumpy hairy women intoxicated on the Helsinki Syndrome because you're the first real man they've seen in 4 months and are sick at looking at "Seth" with his limpy arms and goatee as her pursues his "Masters in Poetry." And you can get away scott-free. Nobody will call the "fuzz" because the fuzz is facist and besides, you displaying the first real sign of manliness just turned every girl on and they ain't going to narc on you.

Sixth, and finally, it's hypocritical. I saw all of you effeminate, emasculate putzes scoping out my girl. And, yes, I caught a couple of you "confirmed" feminists, scoping me out too. And I saw all you people in the parking lot envy my girl's car. Your human DNA and millions of years of genetic programming betray you. You REALLY don't like shopping

there, at least for the prices anyway. You really don't like being ugly. You really don't like being who you are. YOu're just too damn lazy to change who you are and achieve your best. You find it easier to find solace in the company of other lazy people to rationalize your CHOICE to not try, not endure, not work hard, not sweat or toil. YOu find it easier to "race to the bottom" to rationalize your pathetic rank. And you all hide behind it like all other cowards who are afraid of life - behind political crusades.

You're all going "green."

You're all "caring about the environment."

You're all "caring about the poor."

BS.

You're all too lazy to go and kick ass and take names. And what's sad is you don't shop at Trader Joe's because of the prices. YOu shop there, first and foremost, because it's a loser's club. The economic rationale to shop there doesn't even occur to you.

I'll admit it's a harsh theory, but I'll rescind and retract this one when somebody comes up with a better one as to why such homely people shop at Trader Joe's. AND I don't want to hear any crap about how "insulting I am" because if I recall, many of you folk have no problem mocking the "People of Wal-Mart" when you don't realize you're just the opposite side of the same coin.

Lady's Night at the Cappy Cap Club

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Sure, I know it's daytime here in the US, but the Cappy Cap Club is international. It's night time somewhere and our lady members always like to party.

Feminists will be dispatching their snipers to take out Susan because of this.

I love watching smart children manipulate their naive parents.

A superior culture does make for a superior country. Jamila continues her road towards being converted to the libertarian/consevative side of the force.

Hilarious, but language warning. And it's from a woman so take the complaints up with her. Also, "guzzle" vs. "earn" but don't tell Harvard professors that.

Oh, just wait for the collapse to happen. Then you're REALLY going to see some life expectancies dropping.

Tam has a somewhat similar shopping experience to mine at Trader Joe's, but this is at a book store. Guess which book the ladies wanted to buy!

Millions of years of biology of 50 years of feminist dogma - the choice is yours.

Video games, drinking and salsa dancing are all missing from her list. But she'll learn.

"I also apologize to your male peers, but there's a sad, sad irony here: those of your male peers who "get it" are pissed off, and rightfully so. But they actually have more options than you do. They can walk away, and they can handle the criticism they will face for it. They've been criticized their entire lives. They're used to it, and they haven't let it destroy them. The ugly truth is, they will do better without you than you will do without them." No, no, by all means ladies, please continue on. Men have adapted to this new environment, we're ready and waiting for Generation Spinsterhood. It will be awesome!

Dr. Helen has her book coming out soon. Hope she informs me when it's published!

Recession Medicine

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From Five Feet of Fury. (language warning)

And on a side note, the EXACT same thing can be said about teachers.

Why I'm Picking Christian Males Last for Kickball

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About a decade ago me and some of my friends opted to go to a drive in. However, this drive in was special. They'd allow you to show up early, grill, play games, etc. etc. I always brought a kickball because there was always enough kids in the area to get a really good game going. Sure enough, this time it was no different. There was at least a score of young kids, you throw in my cadre of 20 somethings and we had 30 people willing to play kickball.

Of course, though, you have to pick teams. Which means you have to designate two captains.

Two of my friends volunteered and thus began the "picking of the teams" where the captains pick what they deem to be the strongest and most athletic people to be on their team.

Sure enough Chad and Tom were chosen, obviously the most physically fit and so I thought I'd be in the second or third round draft.

Mike was picked over me, which was kind of odd. He was fatter than me and he didn't run.

Hey, why is Bill get picked over me!? He can't even run!

Then they started picking our female friends over me and I realized what was happening. The two captains had conspired to pick me dead last as a loving jobke. Everybody was having a good guffaw at the ole Captain's expense as little 8 year olds were picked before me. 7 year old girls and boys were excited to stand next to me because they were getting picked over me. And finally it came down to two.

Me, a 5'9" full grown and in-shape adult male.

And a 4 year old girl who couldn't have been more than 3 feet tall.

Sure enough the little girl was picked over me, her face brimming, and everybody had a good ole laugh.

Now, of course this was done out of loving jest by my friends. And if it made the little kids feel better about themselves not getting chosen dead last for kickball, fine. But then I read this.

It has nothing to do with kickball, but a damn good reason why I'm picking Christian males who blame themselves for their wives' cheating dead last for kickball. Also why I'm picking them dead last as a foxhole partner if the SHTF and I need real men and real leaders to survive. You TAKING THE BLAME for your wife cheating on you???? Are you kidding me? That's the reason your wife cheated on you, because you're a freaking pansy! And an related aside, could you maybe advertise a little louder to our enemies in other countries and around the world just how cowardly and weak half the men in this country are? How you'll all just roll over for anyone and anything?

Even more unbelievable, the cheating wife (and uber beta husband) set up a website explaining the whole ordeal for all of us to see. Seriously, you just can't make this stuff up. (warning, the hypocrisy will make your stomach churn).

If the congregation will now turn their hymnals to page 323 where we will sing "Onward Christian Rationalization Hamster."

TV is for Chicks

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Cripes

Yeah, can't wait to stay at home to watch this tripe.

Are marketing executives aware of this entirely untapped marketing demographic called "men?"

The Manosphere's Foreign Battalion

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In my directory post that amalgamated all the Manosphere blogs and sites, there was one group that I forgot - foreign sites.

While we have our own battles to fight here, I noticed a disproportionate number of Scandinavian based sites on men's rights, feminism and the like and based on what I've seen, these guys are not only outnumbered and outgunned due to the government having feminism instituted into it, but they risk more derision, outcasting and consequences than we do here (of course, most of us have admitted we had nothing to lose anyway, so eh).

I think this is an opportunity in that we in the US can speak more freely and more truthfully about such matters in foreign countries without the risk of consequences from those countries (like, what are they going to do, tell the UN on us?) not to mention foreigners can speak openly without worrying about violating our various politically correct taboos.

So I've decided to start putting together the Foreign Battalion of the Manosphere here. Please submit any you are aware of that should be put up here. They will inevitably be consolidated into the main directory later. I know of others, but this is the only one that comes to mind right now since I just got back from it:

http://aktivarum.wordpress.com/

I have no clue which language it is, but you get the idea.

I Have a Stupid Question

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And this would apply equally to men as it does women if they decided to stay home and have children:

Um....if you KNOW you're going to stop working when you turn 30, why go to college or start a career in the first place? I mean, if I do the math right, you go to college until you're 23 to get your undergrad (yes, I'm adding an extra year because that's reality). And since the only thing better than education is MORE education (especially the liberal arts), you're in school till you're 25.

So you went to college for 7 years to work, what, 5? Heck, even if you worked till you were 35, that's nearly spending as many years in presumed training as it is working.

Then poof, you're done?

Why did you spend your time and money on that? Heck, why did the taxpayers subsidize you?

Sorry, sorry, I know, people's little dream worlds and fantasies are more important than my mean, evil economist questions of efficiency and productivity. I'm sorry, horses and pretty ponies for every one.

The First 45 Seconds

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The bartender started asking questions about where I was from and what I was doing in Estonia. It turned out that he was in the Estonian military and about to leave for Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan? As part of our war?" I asked.
"Yes, we have guys there now."
"Estonia has troops in Afghanistan?"
"Yes about 150. You don't hear about this in America?"
...Next to me was a group of four girls. The cutest one, who I later found out was the bartender's girlfriend, motioned me over.... It made sense once I found out that her boyfriend was being shipped out in a week. The bartender had been nice to me so I didn't want to be a jerk and work on his girlfriend. It would have been more proper to wait until he was on the battlefield, fighting my country's war. (end sarcasm)

Read the whole thing and I think you'll be surprised, like I was, that Roosh didn't hear about the 45 second rule - ie - women know within the first 45 seconds of seeing you if they're interested in you or not.

Regardless, language warning as always, Nanny-Nazi's go file your complaints elsewhere or exercise your right to choose NOT to read it, but for everybody else the stories are always priceless in his Bang series.

You're Evil and Selfish For Not Having Kids

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Joe O'Connor. Meet the Capposhere. Capposhere, meet Joe O'Connor who is going to lecture you about not having children. He will also berate and mock you for not breeding. You can e-mail him here.

In the mean time I will rise and defend my SMARTER THAN AVERAGE brothers and sisters who opted not to breed and suffer the sucky life of Joe.

Enjoy your sucky life Joe!

Part 1

Part 2

Cindy Nerger, We All Think What He Said

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For Cindy, and everybody else on food stamps, we all think what he said.

Additionally, I'm glad you cried, I'm glad you felt shame and I don't care that you have kidney problems, ESPECIALLY because if I had kidney problems since I was 11 and KNEW about those problems and the expense, I would not be bringing children into this world I can't afford.

But don't let that stop you from literally living off of me. Don't let that stop you and millions like you making the rest of us work harder to make up for your mistakes and poor family management. No, no, let's just get some sob story in the main stream media where people's heart strings are too touched to be critical and logical about it. Meanwhile there needs to be more shame for people who collect food stamps.

The Last Thing College Administrators Want to Hear

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"You should get your money back."

And it isn't old farts like me who's saying it, it's the youth and the students.

The education bubble is popping people. Buy "Worthless!"

Don't Hate the Vasectomyist

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Those cigarettes will kill you!

Sophia Loren vs. Madonna

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This should have gotten more press. Especially with Sophia Loren

Comcast Leaves, Blames California for Being Poor Place to Do Business

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Don't worry Comcast, you can tell the truth.

Detroit Math

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So, I was listening to Garage Logic which is a show all of you should listen to and Joe Soucheray (the host) kept on citing that St. Paul public schools spend $17,000 per pupil per year. This translates into $221,000 per pupil over the course of their k-12 career, and that does not include baby-sitting school...er...I mean "pre-school."

This got me thinking.

"What if we just gave the kids the $221,000 instead of educated them? Wouldn't they be better off? I mean, I never had $221,000 in my name in my LIFE. But by the age of 18, you could buy a house FOR CASH and never have to pay rent again."

So I looked up the median price of a home in St. Paul. $197,607 (though this may change of course).

It's actually CHEAPER to BUY A HOUSE in St. Paul than educate one of their precious chllllllldrnnnnnnn. You could buy 1.1 houses per pupil instead of sending them to school.

And I think that's a great ratio to see how much we're pissing away...err..."investing" in the chllllldrnnnnnn. "Houses Afforded Per Pupil."

Seeing this isn't terribly difficult to look up, I decided to calculate a couple other cities' "Houses Afforded Per Pupil" and see if just giving these chllllllldrnnnn their education-cash equivalent instead, wouldn't be a better investment.

Minneapolis	1.22 Houses Per Pupil
Washington DC	.65 Houses Per Pupil
Cincinnati	1.02 Houses Per Pupil
Newark	1.35 Houses Per Pupil
Kansas City	1.79 Houses Per Pupil

And let's not forget the cities where pupils could not only own their own home, but start off with a second investment property

Detroit	2.09 Houses Per Pupil
St. Louis	2.69 Houses Per Pupil

Now what's great about this, is it puts the public schools of these cities in a real difficult position.

1. I'll claim, right here, right now the students of these districts are poorer students. Not in terms of wealth, but caliber. The rate of return we'll receive from these students is not worth the investment because the majority of them don't have the quality family upbringing they need to appreciate an education or (as it was in my case) at least a parent that would FORCE you to go to school because they did know what was best for you.

2. The quality and caliber of instruction and teachers is on par with the students. You don't really teach in those schools. You baby sit. Maybe a handful of you have skills and really care about the children, but most of you can't do math and chose education to avoid any rigor or challenge in your "career." Plus, hey, 3 months off!

3. Since these kids really aren't getting an education from you, why don't we make their lives better and just give them a house (or again, TWO)? That will benefit them more than your teaching/baby sitting them.

4. HECK, forget the major city schools. Just any school. Again, I've never had $221,000 in my name before. I, along with pretty much everybody else, would have been in a much better financial position if we were just given the dough AND never attended college. Nobody would have a mortgage, unless they really wanted a nice house, in which case their LTV would still be better. Heck, the housing crisis would end tomorrow.

Of course, I'm only being slightly disingenuous. I know you can't have kids just running around feral from 4-18. And without the discipline and education that comes from schooling, they will not have the ability to be responsible adults and even maintain the free house/s we working people would give them. But we do need to wake up and realize there is something VERY wrong with the public schools when we spend SO MUCH MONEY ON ***ELEMENTARY*** EDUCATION WE COULD INSTEAD GIVE EVERY CHILD THE AMERICAN DREAM OUTRIGHT.

But let's try an idea I have instead (because I'm not the type to complain and not provide a solution).

Wouldn't it be better to just home school or outsource as much schooling as possible over the internet? Close down these schools, privatize the development and deployment of classes with some government standards and oversight, give the kids not just the ability to have an education, but to explore whatever they'd like for free? We'd cut down on public school expenditures by at least 80% and with NO DROP IN THE QUALITY of education (because you can only go up from here, right Detroit?)

And then with those savings buy most kids anyway a house or at least a mean down payment on one?

Wouldn't THAT be better for them? To have the education AND a house?

Because I know I DO CARE about the children.

And I know you teachers care about the children too, right?

RIGHT????

Crusader Bitch Gets What She Deserves

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Super happy warm fuzzies.

BA in Communications with an MBA

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Remember how the hippies said not to trust anybody over 30?

Yeah, they were telling you not to trust any WWII generation people. That's brilliant.

Ironically, if we were to heed that same advice TODAY it would mean don't trust Gen X or the Baby Boomers.

And that WOULD be sound advice.

Cappy Cap's Brilliant Political Commentary on the Women's Vote

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From Canto Talk!

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

Who Wants to Marry Sandra Tsing Loh!

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Now don't all rush at once boys.

Who wouldn't want to marry this fine specimen of modern day American female bliss?

Touting the superiority of women over men because they earn the majority of degrees (in "Worthless Crap Studies" that avoids calculus at all costs).

Touting their superior employment prospects (in fields that are not only non-producing fields, government, education, nonprofits, but bubbles themselves until the money runs out).

Takes 18 pages to make a simple, yet, invalid point.

And the added benefit of being a 30 something woman who still thinks she has the sexual market place value of a 25 year old (because she IS EDUCATED!).

Why, who wouldn't want to scoop this gem up right away!?

End sarcasm

Boys, but especially ladies, I want you to pay attention to this. THIS is what you get. Could you imagine living with this woman? There would be no love, no care, no kindness. Just a constantly "Whatever you can do I can do better" vendetta competition. I cannot think of a quicker way to ruin my life than spend time with this. And don't think that Ms. Loh is a rarity. This is common. AND don't think it goes away when women turn 30. It merely magnifies itself to rationalize things away.

And again, ladies, you have a choice. Support men or fight them.

Guess which one is not only more productive, but is going to make you happier.

Sheesh.

post post - what a freaking catch - *Loh wrote about her divorce in a 2009 article for The Atlantic, where she has been a contributing writer for several years, focusing mostly on parenting and family issues. She explained at the time that, as a parent and full-time writer, "I did not have the strength to 'work on' falling in love again in our marriage."*[6] *She also admitted to cheating on her husband.*[7]

You go grrrrl!

Jimmy Stewart

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Need a little levity here.

Ignoring the Division of Labor Causes Divorce

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Again, I don't care who stays home and who goes to work. Sometimes it's better for the guy to stay home or for the girl to stay home. But BOTH cannot stay home just as BOTH probably should not be working.

But hey, don't listen to me or Adam Smith about the division of labor. Listen to your divorce lawyer.

Nag Nag Nag

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Really? Female economists are for MORE government regulation?

Gee, I didn't notice with all the women in my life nitpicking and micromanaging and questioning every little decision I make. Not to mention, every woman having the natural, unconscious overriding desire to lead while ballroom dancing even though they're noobs. Not to mention, seemingly questioning the wisdom of other people's decisions when I get the feeling the only reason they do that is NOT to understand the decisions, but merely for the sake of being able to question and interrogate other people.

Would NEVER had guessed female economists think they know what's best for the economy and lean to the left!

Why Leftists Tend to Be Uglier

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Liberal Open-Mindedness Disclaimer - If you are a liberal and are reading this, you must read the whole thing. Do not claim to be "open minded" and then not get to the meat of the post below then blather on uninformed about this post. Thank you.

Study comes out showing that republican women candidates tend to be more feminine looking than they're liberal counterparts.

No duh.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats and see if I can succinctly summarize my theory (which is right) about why this is so.

Liberals and leftist in general tend to be lazy. They eschew hard work, they're afraid of rigor, and this shows in their ideology. ANYTHING to avoid having to support themselves or work an honest day. Yes, I know some work hard, but it's more or a less a monopoly of the left to hear:

"Life's unfair."

"I'm discriminated against."

"The glass ceiling."

"The Man is holding me down"

etc. etc.

Now, even though it's disingenuous and intellectually dishonest, they can get away with this in an economic and political sense because this is a democracy. Socialists and leftists with heart-tugging sob stories can get the majority of voters to vote in policy that transfers wealth and essentially allows them to be lazy and avoid real, productive work. We all have to abide by this because we live in this democracy.

HOWEVER, while a democracy may force different economic policies on society through the government, IT CANNOT CHANGE HUMAN NATURE. Specifically, no matter what policies socialists and leftists try to implement, you will never change what a woman is attracted to and what a man is attracted to.

Women like strong, tall, big men.

Men like long legs, long hair, big boobs, tight asses and feminine features.

This means liberals and leftists (just like all humans and animals on this planet) ARE FORCED to compete when it comes to courting and mating, whether they like it or not. However, when I say "compete" I don't mean, "be lucky enough to be born handsome or pretty." I mean "work out, stay in shape and make yourself sexy to the opposite sex."

Which means, again, just like any other job, just like any other degree, just like any other pursuit, it ***requires effort, discipline, rigor and hard work***. Things liberals and leftists abhor.

And it shows.

Now, keep in mind what I'm saying here because I don't want to be misquoted or taken out of context.

I do NOT believe liberals and leftists are born uglier than their average conservative counterpart. It's not like they're genetically inferior or anything. What I am talking about is that they put A LOT LESS EFFORT into their physical appearance. Ergo, this is not a criticism of their basic, physical beauty, let alone their genetics, but it ***IS*** a criticism of their psychology. You could take that Prius-driving, 45 year old, gray haired, super skinny yoga woman who never wore make-up, never did her hair up, give her a make over and she'd come out looking just fine. Just as you could take the cowering, tubby orbiting beta with the Seth Rogen beard, through him in the gym for 3 months and have him come out looking just fine.

But that's the not the point.

The point is to your average leftists such working out and maintenance requires effort. That AND the added risk they may still "fail" in attracting a mate. It is their pure hatred and fear of effort and competition that not only drives their political and economic ideologies, but also drives their "romantic" or "mating" ideology.

Therefore, since it takes too much work to don a pair of heels and gussy yourself up or hit the gym and lose some inches, what do liberals do?

Try to change reality.

Thus why you have "fat acceptance."

Thus why men are "shallow" for liking big boobs and tight asses.

Thus why liberal women don't "lower themselves to objectifying themselves for men."

Thus why "I don't need a man, fish bicycle, test tube babies."

All while exuding that same pompous, arrogant, hypocritical attitude they lord over the rest of us adults as they "go green" and drive their Priuses.

In the end you have a group of people living in denial. They're so lazy and afraid they will never try and thus, they will never achieve their best. They will not re-define reality (because reality is reality, it bends for no liberal), but will only manage to delude themselves what reality is. And thus you end up with wimpy, pansified men dating or marrying homely, ugly, unpleasant women pursing a "life" of pursuits and hobbies that require no real effort (going green, joining a political crusade, claiming you care about the children, majoring in "Lesbian Chinese Sculpture Studies," drum circles, yoga, you name it).

It is a life they really don't enjoy and it is the reason you never really see any of them smile as you pass their bumper-sticker-laden Prius on the highway.

Enjoy the decline!

Warm Cappy Cap Fuzzies

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In the pursuit of minimalism I have cut back on most of my "luxuries." "Luxuries" in the Cappy Cap World of Bachelorhood meaning:

$7 shots of Rumpie at the bar
$20 dinners at the local average restaurant
Smoking a cigar purchased on the internet and not a lounge
Driving the motorcycle more and the car less
Waiting for a movie to go to DVD instead of going to the movies (though, this is more of a function of there being no good movies worth dropping $11 on along with all the hassles of attending a movie)

However, what still kind of amazes me is how much stuff you buy REGARDLESS of pursuing minimalism or trying to save money.

Gas, groceries, new head phones, bug spray, batteries, spackle, charcoal, you name it, a TON of everyday stuff you don't consciously think of goes into supporting a human being. No doubt today you WILL buy SOMETHING that you "have to pick up" or "need to get."

So do yourself and the ole Captain a favor today.

Buy whatever it was you were going to buy ANYWAY, but do it through Amazon.

Again, this blog (though we receive donations) likes to pride itself on the fact that we give you something back (unlike NPR). Yes, sure I have a couple books for sale, but more importantly for you guys, I have **"*everything*"** for sale because nearly "***everything" is for sale on Amazon***. And so if you love the ole Captain, nothing would give him warm Cappy Cap fuzzies more than if today you bought SOMETHING YOU WERE GOING TO BUY ANYWAY on Amazon.

All you have to do is click on one of the highlighted links or the side bar image to Amazon in the right side bar. Those links then provide Amazon a "code" and anything you buy during that browsing session nets me a 6% commission, the proceeds of which not only keeps the lights on here, but may go to afford me some gruel today (bachelor gruel, not high end gruel).

So help the Captain, but more importantly, help yourself. Buy whatever it is you were going to buy today here.

"Christian Church"

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I found this church in Craig, CO while driving doing my great western bike ride. I originally intended on returning via the same route, but changed my mind later in the ride. It wasn't until I was on the other side of the Rockies did I remember "Shoot! I won't be able to take a picture of 'Christian Church'." So unfortunatley I have to rely on Google's street picture.

Today's Lesson in Entrepreneurship...

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...is brought to you in part today by Roosh (language warning).

I cannot emphasize enough how the mentality of "just doing it" is required for success. Be it business, romantic or social ventures. Yes, you can do your homework. Yes, you can think through the details. And, of course, you should do these things. However, all the planning in the world will result in 0% chance unless you pull the trigger. And not just pull it, pull it repeatedly.

This isn't a slot machine that costs a price per pull. You have limitless pulls. It is your fear of failure that must be overcome.

God Bless Me TV

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New cable channel I just discovered.

Me TV.

Peter Gunn, Combat, 12 O'Clock High, The Rifleman, Mission Impossible.

You name it. Real show for real guys. None of this "Don't Trust the B in Apt 23" BS.

Our Best is in the Past

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When there is no future, all you have is the past. Though I will thoroughly relish watching the naive socialist and feminist children get their due in the end. And I think I may be alive long enough to see it.

Recession Medicine

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Funniest thing I've read in about 3 years.

The Myth "Women Earn the Majority of Degrees"

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Now how much you want to bet I get called mean names for pointing out this truth and GENUINELY helping women?

The Spinning Wheels Economy

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OK lieutenants and economists. We're going to go from 0 to mach 1 in a couple paragraphs so hold tight.

In all that is economics, and actually, all that is in life, the only thing that matters is "utility."

What is "utility" you ask?

Well it's a word that economists (poorly) use to describe the benefits people get from consuming or using goods and services. If it were up to me I would replace "utility" with the word "enjoyment" in every economics textbook, but alas, I am not an academian.

Regardless, the point about utility (or enjoyment) is that, that is what life is all about. Enjoying yourself and living life. Extending your life as long as possible and enjoying a high of a standard of living as you possibly can.

Now, there are only two things (outside friends, family and loved ones) that can provide you enjoyment in an economic sense.

Goods and services.

Goods in the form of ice cream,motorcycles, dachshunds and martinis, etc.

Services in the form of massages, surgery, meal preparation, and so forth.

And that REALLY is all you need to know in order to understand economics. Economics is NOT about money or business or commerce. It is (again) about "stuff" and fun. So whichever country produces the most stuff literally does win because it is stuff and services that provide us joy, not the paper money that we use to buy the stuff.

Now where we run into trouble is how economists measure the amount of "stuff" we produce in this or any other economy - Gross Domestic Product or "GDP."

GDP is technically defined as "all the goods and services produced within a nation's border within one year." And so if GDP goes up, hey, we must be producing more stuff!

No so fast, buckaroo.

First there is the thing called the "Broken Window Fallacy." If you break a window, it must be repaired. Out comes the window repairman and he replaces your window.

Did this increase your standards of living?

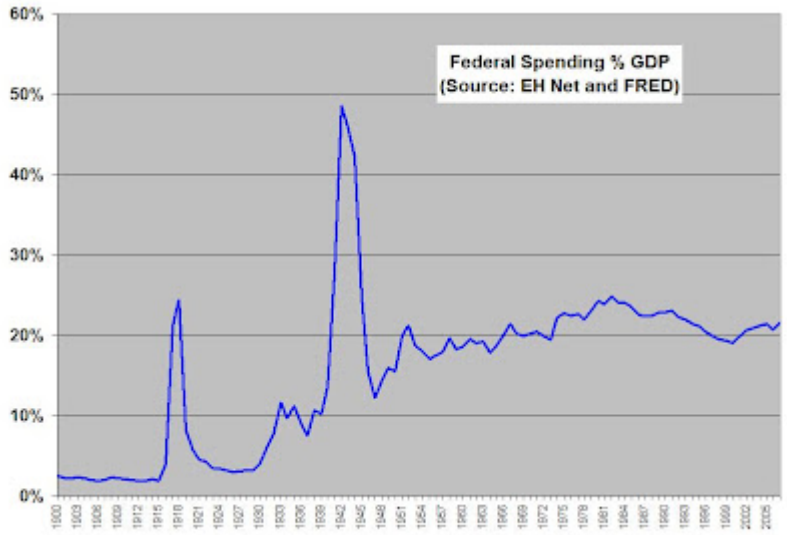
No, it merely MAINTAINED your standards of living.

BUT because of how we account or measure GDP that $100 you spend on the window repairman goes into the GDP total. In short, yes GDP went up, but our standards of living did not.

Now this "Broken Window Fallacy" is actually accounted for. Windows will break, machines will wear out, cars break down, and so to account for the natural "wear and tear" that will occur in this or any other economy we come up with "Net Domestic Product" - an estimate as to how much real NEW production occurs, not replacement parts and repairs. But even NDP does not account for other discrepancies between GDP and our actual standards of living.

Second, government spending.

Government spending (state and local) now accounts for 40% GDP and some of that is considered GDP. Yes, a lot of it is deficit spending, but we'll leave that out of it for now. The primary point is that government spending has been increasing and quite dramatically since 1900 when it only accounted for about 3% of GDP (below is just the federal share, AND it does not include Barack Obama's 10% jump in his 3.5 years in office).



The question is what do we get out of that government spending?

The truth is, nothing.

Yes, government spending is accounted for in the national income accounts, and yes it increases GDP, but the problem with government spending is it's nowhere near as efficient and productive as private spending. The government (as I'm sure you're aware of) pisses away money worse than an Edina trophy wife with a horse farm. The $800 spent on a hammer for the Pentagon back in the 80's is a perfect example. Or, for you lovely liberals, your lovely $500 million in taxpayer money spent on Solyndra. Or (once again for you lovely liberals) on a state level where we spend the equivalent of two houses per child on "teachers" as they fake educating the children.

Did we as a country cumulatively have our standards of living raised by $800 for that hammer? Did we as a country cumulatively enjoy $500 million worth of solar panels and

energy savings from Solyndra? Did we as a country cumulatively have our standards of living raised by $200,000 for acting like we were educating that Detroit child-turned-gang-banger?

Of course not.

But from an accounting standpoint that money was still considered GDP and an increase in our standards of living. This calls into question the ENTIRE government spending component of GDP. And while there's no way to accurately measure just how much of government spending is wasted, I would estimate today nearly 85% of it is.

If you think we're done whittling away at your standard of living, sorry to say, we're not. There's one more flaw in GDP that has been gnawing at the back of my mind - just how efficient is the private sector? Oh, rip apart the public sector all we want, it ain't like the private sector is the epitome of efficiency.

And this is what I call the "Spinning Wheels Economy."

I happened upon this as I realized that in my now approaching 20 year banking career, the last 10 years, ESPECIALLY the last 5 have been spent cleaning up other people's mistakes. My role as a credit analyst in theory should have benefited society by way of me assessing risk precisely and accurately. You invest your money at a bank or a real estate company, I analyze and to the best of my ability calculate the risk, potential return and likelihood of repayment, to get you a higher rate of return.

But in the past 5 years I have spent no more than maybe, MAYBE a full 80 hours doing that.

Instead I've been spending my time cleaning up all the crap loans idiotic bankers made before me. Dealing with problem loans where the client hasn't paid us back. Dealing with impaired collateral because the galactically retarded branch president decided to hold onto it "until the real estate market improved." And dealing with spineless pansies who can get the gall to foreclose and repossess on the losers of society. I did nothing anywhere near what my original job was intended to be. Oh, and don't get me started about all the government regulatory compliance that does nothing but piss away the shareholder's capital.

But, did I get paid a salary during that time?

Yes.

Was that accounted for in GDP?

Yes.

Did I produce one damn thing if value during the past decade?

Not a dime.

It then further dawned on me that I am probably not alone. The current economic environment in the US is just ripe for millions of private sector people getting paid who essentially produce nothing of real value.

UNDERemployment is around 20-25%, nobody is working anywhere near their potential.

Businesses are currently managed by (in my humble opinion) the most incompetent, impotent, ineffectual, inefficient, cronyistic, nepotistic retarded rent-seekers in the history of the US.

And the overall quality and caliber of the average US person, who now populates both the rank and officer classes of the private sector, has deteriorated considerably since the 1940's.

All of which means we clock in, but there's no real, genuine economic production.

If I had to estimate it, I'd say that right now the average private sector employee is really only productive for 25% of his or her time while on the job. And this says NOTHING about management arming them with the optimal, let alone, adequate combination of training, equipment and leadership. Of course my experiences are biased. I worked in the most corrupted, inefficient industry in the country - banking. But I'm sure those of you in other industries could estimate your "efficiency loss."

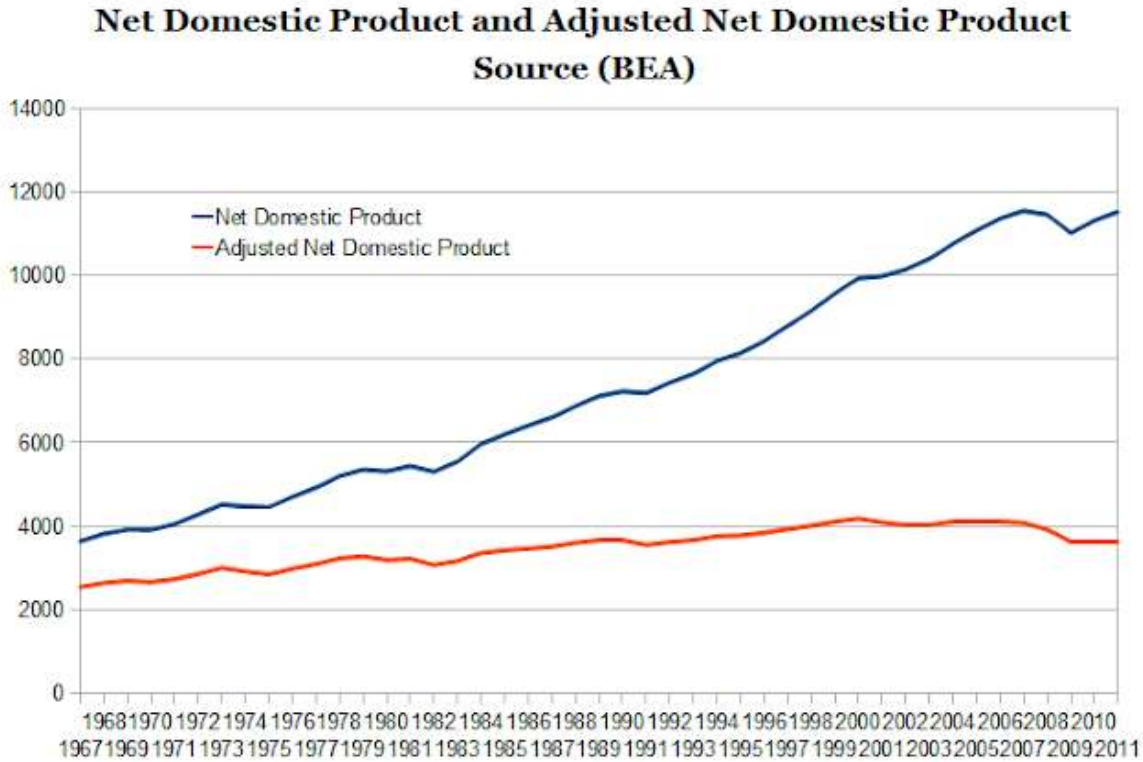
Making an attempt to back out my bias, I'd still estimate given the average quality of the average American today, you'll looking at a loss of at least half the efforts in the private sector.

Now admittedly, these are all estimates. And I would also contend these percentages of lost efficiency would be lower if we went back in time which Americans were more responsible. But if we take some measure of accounting for

1. this deterioration,
2. NDP,
3. government spending loss of efficiency
4. private sector loss of efficiency

our "real" "Real Net Domestic Product" is nowhere near what government economists and

databases tell us and perhaps more accurately reflect our own experiences and observations. Admittedly a very presumptuous and pessimistic-assumptions-made chart, but here is what I came up with:



In short standards of living haven't really increased all that much since 1967. Oh yes, I know, we have cute little gadgets. And yes, I know, our cars now have power windows. But this trend does more or less correlate with what I've experienced. I'm better off than I was in 1980, but not by much.

Now, again, there are admittedly a lot of assumptions that went into this chart:

1. I assumed government spending was effective at a 50% rate, dropping to 15% today.
2. I assumed the private sector was effective at 80%, dropping to 35% today.
3. This does not account for any additional benefit technology may have provided in terms of increasing the quality of our goods and services.

But I am more curious if this correlates with what you have experienced in terms of standards of living and life in the past roughly 40 years instead of the BLS and BEA TELLING you what you've experienced. And keep in mind the above chart DOES NOT account for all the money we've borrowed from foreign countries and spent on foreign made goods. This is AMERICAN made products and AMERICAN consumption sans any subsidies from our foreign friends.

A Cappy Cap Competition

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I will give the winner of this competition a copy of Worthless...unless you don't want "Worthless"...in which case I'll buy you whatever you want on Amazon as long as it's under $13.

Link this article to feminism.

You will be judged on thoroughness, CLARITY, logic...and all the other things American women hate (YUK YUK YUK) just kidding. But you will be judged on those things.

The competition starts NOW!

From Our Mexican Agent in the Field

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No, no no! You can't do THAT! Don't you know how it works!!???

Look, a disproportionate number of women don't want to take care of their own kids. They want to outsource that to other (primarily) women. While they in turn, disproportionately, major in social sciences where they ultimately end up taking care of other people's children anyway (schools, social work, non-profits, government, etc). They in turn get a salary for doing what they would have been doing otherwise AND HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON SAID SALARY which they wouldn't have had to pay otherwise. Yes it costs more, and yes the kids don't come out as good as they would have had a parent been at home, and yes the state is raising your children, and yes society's integrity is collapsing and the economy is tanking. But that's alright because the real reason we do this is for ego satisfaction and to claim you're independent and have a career.

Geez, how many times do I have to explain this????

The State Will Raise Your Children

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"In order to raise children with equality, we must take them away from families and communally raise them."

It's a lengthier one. You'll need to pour yourself a martini for it.

Good News Everyone!

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Good news everyone.

I've completed a project I've been working on for the past 2 months.

Backing up and categorizing all of my best posts separate from Google/Blogger.

The reason for this project was multifold.

First, given Google's tendency to just "delete" blogs they've found disagreeable, I didn't want to run the risk of losing 6 years of work because some liberal putz in Mountain View, CA didn't like what i wrote.

Second, it was high time for another book.

Understand, however, when I say, "another book" I actually mean a "series" of sorts in

that the posts I backed up and categorized fell into two general categories.

1. Posts, research, data, observations, etc., that i wanted to have backed up somewhere.
2. High quality posts that would actually make for a great "Best of Captain Capitalism."

Because of this dual nature I have 13 different categories of "Best Of" falling into different categories (Politics, Economics, Manosphere/Dating, etc. etc.) only three of which I will be officially "publishing" the remaining 10 will be available in the future, but again, that is just for purposes of having a non-Google based copy of it floating out there.

The first of the three books will be "The Best of Captain Capitalism - Top Shelf" and will include what I deemed to be the highest quality, best posts of the entire blog. There is of course some room for debate there, but the larger point is that I wanted to create a consolidation of the best posts so that instead of you having to go through the blog, you can instead spend $15 or so and have them all consolidated there in one convenient book.

More details will come and nothing is officially "finalized" yet, but if you want a post that you deemed "the best" to be included in this series, let me know.

Today's Happy Topic - Suicide!

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I am waiting for some data to come out from the CDC, but I am pretty sure with this most recent recession you will see an increase in suicides by men, especially in the 20-40 age range.

Though I'm no psychologist, I will still contend I know the reason why - men are programmed, hard wired, to produce and succeed the most during those years. If their outside environment (through no fault, nor control of their own) is not conducive to success it is PSYCHOLOGICALLY NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO REALIZE THAT AND FORGIVE THEMSELVES. They will still feel guilt, they will still feel shame, they'll blame their lack of economic success on themselves, and some will commit suicide over this, even though their failure does not reflect upon them personally.

It is here that I have to admit to being a bit of a hypocrite.

Because for all the fun, all my trips, all my adventures and all my clamoring to "enjoy the decline" it is still REALLY hard to turn that off. You watch the news, you look at the debt, you look at western civilization, you look at your checkbook, and it is a challenge to remain sane, let alone find something positive. But try we must regardless and take advantage of the life we have.

In a fourth book I have planned this will be addressed in more detail, but in the meantime men, play the video games, hang out with chums, do not blame the consequences of millions of idiotic socialists voting in socialist policies on yourself. Take advantage of that.

Today's Vocabulary Term - Pelf

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Yeah, I thought it was made up too. But it's apparently real and a term the left should be using daily.

But since that would require effort, rigor and 30 seconds of their precious time that could otherwise be spent on their latest Apple product, most leftists are too lazy to look up, let alone, use this term to their advantage.

Enjoy the pelf!

MSM Members Do Not Make Great Economists

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If every local business could add just one more job, imagine the difference we could make for the hundreds of service members and veterans looking for work.

Ug, seriously? Do I have to explain this?

OK, for the freaking genius at KSTP that drummed up this idea, please listen to me.

This is about as intelligent and effective as those moronic college students who occasionally come up with that brilliant idea we all "boycott big oil" on a specific day.

Do any of you idiots in the media study economics? Hell, do any of you think?

Businesses are not in the business of creating jobs for people, veterans or not. Businesses are in the business of MAKING MONEY. AND I WANT YOU TO LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO THIS NEXT SENTENCE:

BECAUSE IF THERE WAS NO PROFIT THEN NOBODY WOULD FORFEIT THEIR MONEY IN THE FORM OF CAPITAL TO INVEST IN BUSINESSES IN THE FIRST PLACE AND THEREFORE NOBODY WOULD HAVE JOBS.

PROFIT DRIVES JOBS.

CHARITY DOES NOT.

I don't care what they taught you in "J-School" about kumbaya and socialism and diversity, in the real world the only reason jobs exist is because there is profit to be had for investors willing to embark on such a business venture to increase their profits and increase their standards of living. Businesses will create jobs when demand calls for it. Businesses will create jobs when there's profit in it. Not because some moron at KSTP had an idea on par with a 4th grade simpleton.

So to publish this childish, idiotic tripe of "if every business in American just added ONE MORE JOB blah blah blah blah blah" shows you are either galactically ignorant about economics or are just being disingenuous and using this as a marketing ploy to raise KSTP's profile.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

Sorry Boomers, You'll Have to Work Past Retirement

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A friendly kerfuffle between Calculated Risk and Craig Kamman has come up and, with what I've read and know, I'll have to side with Craig on this one. Not only does his charts show more old timers participating in this economy, Bill's charts are projections from 2006 and 2002, not actual data.

Now, I am still willing to be corrected if somebody comes up with better data, but my anecdotal experience is confirmed with Craig's data, not Bill's. In my various dealings with people in the 60+ range, nearly ALL of them HAVE TO work past retirement because they did such a poor job saving for retirement (or impoversihed themselves naively paying for their children's worthless Bachelors of Arts in Lesbian Transgendered Turtle Studies). Additionally, this creates a traffic jam at the top and upper levels of management that chain effects down to the rank and file of employees. Without old timers retiring, there's no movement or advancement upward. They're log-jamming the careers of people below them, and ultimately, not allowing for any new hires or entry level positions. Inevitably this becomes more discouraging to the youth than the elderly and the youth are more likely to participate less in the economy, loweirng their participation rate. Plus they can always "live at home" while a 62 year old does not have the option of moving back in with his parents.

Until better data proves me otherwise, the drop in the labor force participation rate is largely due to younger people who can't find jobs in part because there are none and also in part because nobody hires people with Bachelors of Arts in Unicorn Sculpture. It is not due to the baby boomers retiring.

Calling Girls on the Phone is Dead

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Until 1950, it wouldn't have been bad game to write women letters or just pop up at her door to ask for a date. But in 1970, do you think the girl would be open to a random knock on her door? Would she promptly reply to a letter that you sealed with a drop of your masculine cologne? Probably not.

Roosh gets charty.

Still have yet to send my first text.

Lucca Bocci - Italian Tea Party

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Actually, I know you may discard Blogtalk as fringe, but this interview with Lucca Bocci covers a LOT of the exact same items and issues we face here. Additionally, I like how he is the underdog in Italy and how older people and "mainstream people" discard the Tea Party in Italy as a joke. I might also add that Lucca speaks VERY well. I'm not talking that he speaks English well, he speaks well and conveys concepts clearly.

An Exercise in Liberal American Economic Thought

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Hop in the Captain's F-22 fighter jet and let's go for a ride. We're going to do an exercise in liberal economic thought. Specifically, we are going to follow the typical American liberal's economic model or beliefs to their logical conclusion or end, and in doing so learn a lesson I think all people in the political spectrum can appreciate.

Without taking too many liberties (and simplifying things down a lot) the average *non-economist* American liberal is more prone to believe in a watered down Keynesian version of economics that goes something like this -

"*Productivity doesn't matter, activity matters - any activity. As long as there is some kind of economic activity, specifically transactions and things are 'movin' around' inevitably the economy will grow. If there isn't enough sloshing around in the economic primordial goo or "Great Liberal Economic Oort Cloud," government can come in and with ANY kind of stimulus, shake things up a bit, and boom, we're magically back to economic growth.*"

Again, I'm not saying I agree with this, but I think we can all agree this is more or less what the ***average, non-economist*** American liberal has in terms of an economic model or understanding of how the economy works (and intellectually honest liberals will admit this). Besides, you don't have to take my word for it. All you have to do is look at statements made by Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi. Obama claims he'll just "create" 600,000 more teaching jobs, 200,000 in clean energy, etc. etc., with no plans or details on how, just mix it up. And evidencing to the "activity over productivity" aspect of this liberal model, Nancy Pelosi (and I believe Joe Biden) have said unemployment checks help stimulate the economy. So even though this simplified, genuinely dumbed down version of an economic model sounds insulting, that really is how most liberals believe an economy operates.

Now since productivity ultimately doesn't matter in the liberal's economic model, by logic (and tell me if I'm wrong here) this means it doesn't matter what we produce. Under a free market, real world economic model, it is the demands and desires of the customer that drives production. But under this liberal economic mindset we just need the absolute value of "ACTIVITY." And since "any activity" is "good activity," said activity is NOT dictated by the demands and desires of the people.

The question is, who or what determines then is going to be this magical Keynesian "activity?"

Answer - the government.

However, there's more to it than simply "government." Specifically, we have to ask ourselves how will agents of the government come around to determining what activity to engage in?

It's simple. They'll choose something that's easy and fun.

When given the choice of "what to produce" (because, again, according to this model it doesn't matter WHAT we produce, long as we're doing something) do you think liberals, government bureaucrats, and public sector union members are going champion making hard-to-produce items that require math, technology, engineer, studying, rigor, research and sweat?
Hell no. They're going to choose something easy.

Ergo, what do liberals ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS champion as their "path" or "route" to economic growth? There are five that come to mind.
1. Health care (not nursing, doctors or pharmaceuticals, but spending on health programs and the like)
2. Education
3. "Green Anything"
4. Activism/Non-Profit
5. Welfare

"Industries" or "jobs" that require no skill and no effort, and are PURELY there, in an economically ass-backwards way, to serve the worker and not the customer. And understand the logic here. If it isn't going to be up to the customer as to what is produced, then the choice of what to produce defaults to the employee/producer (this goes along way in explaining why so many idiot children major in the liberal arts).

I'd like to say this is the only reason these type of industries are championed by the government - that they're "fun" and "easy." But sadly, logic also tells us there are other reasons liberals champion such "industries," namely politics.

If you look at the list above, you'll realize championing such industries does two things beyond the supposed Keynesian benefits. One, it benefits the politician who's advocating spending on these things because they're all "noble and good." He/she can claim they're "investing in our future" when in reality they're merely mortgaging it and pissing it away. Doesn't matter than these things are SPENDING with no positive rate of return (which if there was a return would make it a GENUINE investment), Americans are too stupid to know the difference between an investment and spending. The politician benefits from this ignorance. Two, it inoculates the politician championing these causes from his/her rivals because they can hide behind the nobility of these causes.

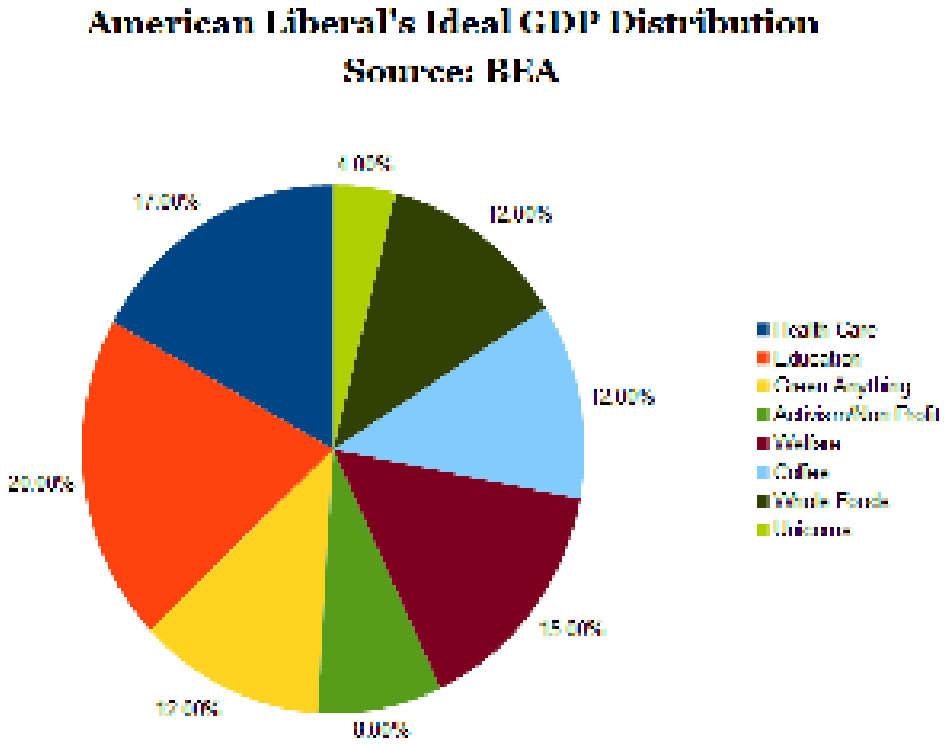
Are you against education? You hate children.

Are you against government spending on green programs? You hate the environment.
Are you against welfare? You hate poor people, women, children and minorities.

In the end you have what I believe to be the most brilliant, pinnacle achievement in all of political history - a political organism or entity, that produces nothing, gets it financing from other sectors of the economy, to employ its own political agents in (largely) make-work jobs, while at the same time commandeering and hiding behind various noble social aims (help the poor, help the children) to rationalize its parasitic nature, ALL WHILE GETTING THE BLESSING FROM ITS HOST IN THE FORM OF BEING ELECTED IN TIME AND TIME AGAIN. It's brilliant because people willingly vote this in!

Now I know, I know. If you're like me your blood pressure is rising because you too are also gifted with Super Awesome Economic Genius (TM) and can plainly see none of this leads to economic growth. But remember our original goal here. This is an exercise in liberal economic thought to follow it to its logical end, not a political analysis. So let's have ourselves a shot of Rumpie, set politics aside and return to economics.

Now, since it doesn't matter what we produce, just as long as we're doing something and mixing it up in the economic goo, according to the average American liberal, our GDP would ideally look something like this:



(I threw in "Whole Foods" "Coffee Shops" and "Unicorns" to account for the sliver of private sector production liberals typically accept as "permissible private sector activity")

Of course we know this isn't a viable or sustainable economy. Nobody is producing the

food. Nobody is producing the power. Nobody is producing the doctors. Nobody is producing the Priuses. A lot of things are missing for a sustainable economy. So if this economic model isn't sustainable, how can anybody (liberal or conservative) support this? Very simple young aspiring economists.

International trade.

You see, according to this liberal economic model, thank god we have the Chinese, Mexicans and Indians, because while we're

- educating our children merely for the sake of educating them,
- spending trillions of health programs to keep people alive while expecting them to do nothing in return,
- going to the local OWS camp to protest reality,
- majoring in English though we speak it,
- and blowing $500 million on the the likes of Solyndra,

those suckers..errr...I mean "charitable foreign folk" are slaving away making all the stuff we inevitably really do want to consume. Things like, oh, I don't know, FOOD and ummm...APPLE PRODUCTS and um...CELL PHONES and umm...COMPUTERS and umm....CARS and um...well, frankly, anything that requires a skill liberal-art majoring Americans are too damn lazy to learn and do themselves.

Now, in the average, non-economist liberal's mind, problem solved! We produce what we ***want to make*** while foreign suckers...errr...our "foreign friends" produce the stuff we ***actually want***. And as a bonus, our foreign friends will even loan us the money to pay for all this stuff.

It is here, I believe I have fully flushed out and thought through the average American liberal's economic model to its logical end ***in their minds***. As far as they're concerned, this is a complete economic model. They not only get to do what they want, they get to consume what they want, warm kumbayaa fuzzies for everyone.

The problem is it doesn't stop there.

Just because the average non-economist American liberal doesn't understand international trade, debt, not to mention the difference between a billion and a trillion, doesn't mean the realities of economics won't come crashing down on this model. Carrying it further, we obviously see some problems.

One, their entire economic system hinges on debt. That foreign countries are going to not only perpetually make what we want while we offer them nothing in return (ie - we want electronics, how many Chinese want a book on "Women's Studies?"), they going to

stop loaning us money because they're afraid we'll never pay them back. If you were the chairman of the economic committee in China would you continue to loan money to a country that spends all of its money on people who don't produce, people who are going to die soon, and people who major in "Art History" instead of chemical engineering? Set the nobility of welfare and social security and the chillllllldrnnnnnn aside. China doesn't care. They want their money back, and we, frankly, don't have the productive capacity to produce they valuable stuff to pay them back.

Second, it also assumes the dollar never collapses. Understand what gives a currency its value. It's not because the government SAYS it has value. It's because people (either here or abroad) can take our dollars and buy US made goods with them. But if the US DOESN'T MAKE ANYTHING ANYBODY WANTS WHO IS GOING TO WANT TO BUY DOLLARS??? What are they going to buy?? An "English Degree?" 50 Shades of Gray? Are those the US-made goods we're going to make to pay back our $16 trillion debt? If I did my math right, that's 800 billion copies of 50 Shades of Gray. So every person on the planet needs to buy, what, roughly 133 copies of "50 Shades of Grey?" Are you kidding me?

And finally, it is an enormous display of arrogance on our part. I didn't realize this until I talked to a student at Macalester College in St. Paul. I asked her what she was studying, she said, "international studies." I asked her what she was going to do with that and she said, "Oh, well, I go work for the UN or government." Don't you want to produce something or don't you need experience? Why would they hire you? "Oh, that school doesn't offer degrees in those things. They teach us leadership and management."

I realized what I was witnessing. A veritable child thinking she has the wisdom and experience to lead - aka - tell other people what to do, just because she went to a really overpriced and crappy school.

This led me to realize just what we are effectively "telling" the rest of the world when our kids major in "Literature" while the rest of the world's children major in math and the sciences.

"Take care of us."

And it's worse than that. In pursuing the policies that are implied by the average, non-economist, American liberal's economic model, we are essentially dictating roles to the rest of the world.

China will be the manufacturers and workers of the world. They'll produce our physical wares and electronics.

Mexico will be the farmers. They will grow our food.

India will be our computer programmers and make those Chinese-made computers really fun.

Brazil and Australia will provide the raw materials so all those other countries can make the stuff we want.

And the US? Oh, us? we'll be the stay at home trophy wife. We'll be the world's shopping mall. Nothing is made here, just bought and consumed, and all those other countries will finance our spending habits.

Oh, what's what?

"What will we provide in return to all those countries slaving away making our stuff?

Why, leadership of course!

Through the UN, non-profits, Peace Corp, Ameri-Corps, consultancies, our educational institutions, and other various NGO's, we'll tell the rest of the world how they should behave and act. You see, we're really good at it. We have millions of 25 year old children who never worked a day in their lives, but that's OK. They all have masters degrees in "International Studies" and "International Gay Lesbian Art Studies." They're really smart and will tell you what to do! You can thank us later!

Heh, I'm sure the rest of you can complete this exercise and logically figure out where it ends.

Why My Vingren Will Never Get Married

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"My Vingren" is the name of a person, a 26 year old Swedish girl to be exact. Not me owning a "vingren."

And I don't want all of you boys rushing to marry this catch!

The day is coming NOT that My will take a picture of the wrong guy and he will then give her something really to complain about, it's the day that she takes the picture of the wrong guy, he gives her something to really complain about, and no other men do anything to stop it. Not out of cowardice, but because of indifference.

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Update - Well, maybe there's another reason she'll never get married. Yikes!

It's Official - HR Can Be Replaced by Software

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AND with equally sh#tty results!

Douglas Bader vs. Scott Johnson

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So I was watching a movie last night "Reach for the Sky."

Interesting fellow. Looses both his legs and goes on to become a successful fighter pilot in WWII.

Now, compare him to this piece of excrement.

I Came, I Saw, I Linked

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Sending out the warm linkage fuzzies, because, well, I'm too busy working on "Top Shelf."

Not political, but I was an avid cyclist in my day, knocking out centuries every weekend. Now I don't feel so bad when the racing teams whisked by me on bikes that cost more than cars.

What does she know? She only LIVED under communism! She didn't get her masters in liberal arts like I did! Stupid Russians telling us superior, spoiled brat, suburban bred children how communism actually works.

A BRILLIANT piece (and from people more knowledgeable than I am in the art world) observing what I've observed. Again, my theory is that art is a luxury. This means you are either talented and truly starve to get your art out there OR (as it is today) you are a talentless trustfund baby who has no talent, but plenty of daddy's money to not just pursue, but change what is considered art.

I am pro-gay marriage. But Wintery Knight finds a hell of a chart.

Again, unless she's from WWII, you NEVER EVER EVER EVER open a door for a woman.

You were lied to when you were 19 by every facet and every institution of America. That's why your life isn't turning out like you hoped it would when you're 40. Society set your expectations way too high. But there are some nice single, Christian men who live at home with their mothers who I hear are available.

My buddy Jerry back in Wyoming would always say (when the hot Foxnews Babes came on) "This is why we go to war son!" So when I went to Temple of Mut to find a piece link worthy, I didn't find anything that jumped out. But what did was a simple observation - imagine if every woman in America was like Leslie. I'd go to war. Just scroll down and look at her various videos, posts, etc. She actually cares about America and cares about men. But with the current cabal of American women, eehhhh....I just bought Borderlands 2. Let the invading hordes take the women. I don't care.

Hey! Tam is Enjoying the Decline! Go Tam!

I just fought Hitler and risked my life to save you. All I ask for is a kiss and instead I get a lawsuit?
Yeah, that'll get men to risk their lives to protect you pathetic feminists from genuine tyranny.

You're INSANE MAN!....er..um...woman.

When I say "enjoy the decline" what I'm really saying is to accept your environment and choose the courses of action that benefit you most in said environment. I know it's hard, I know you want to change things, but you must let that go and realize your life is finite and you need to focus on you. This is an aspect of "enjoy the decline" I did not think of, but is none-the-less right.

"Captain Capitalism" Ranked in "Top 100 Economic Sites"

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Happy day economists and lieutenants!

"You're Intimidated/Threatened By a Strong Woman"

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Heh heh. I've written about this before. "You're Intimidated By X" "x" being a group of things like "a woman who makes more than you" or "a strong woman" or "a tall woman" etc. etc. Or the accusation you're somehow "threatened" by a strong woman/rich woman/tall woman.

But it's nice to see other people say the same thing confirming what we all know to be true.

The "Married Life Expectancy" Premium is Vanishing

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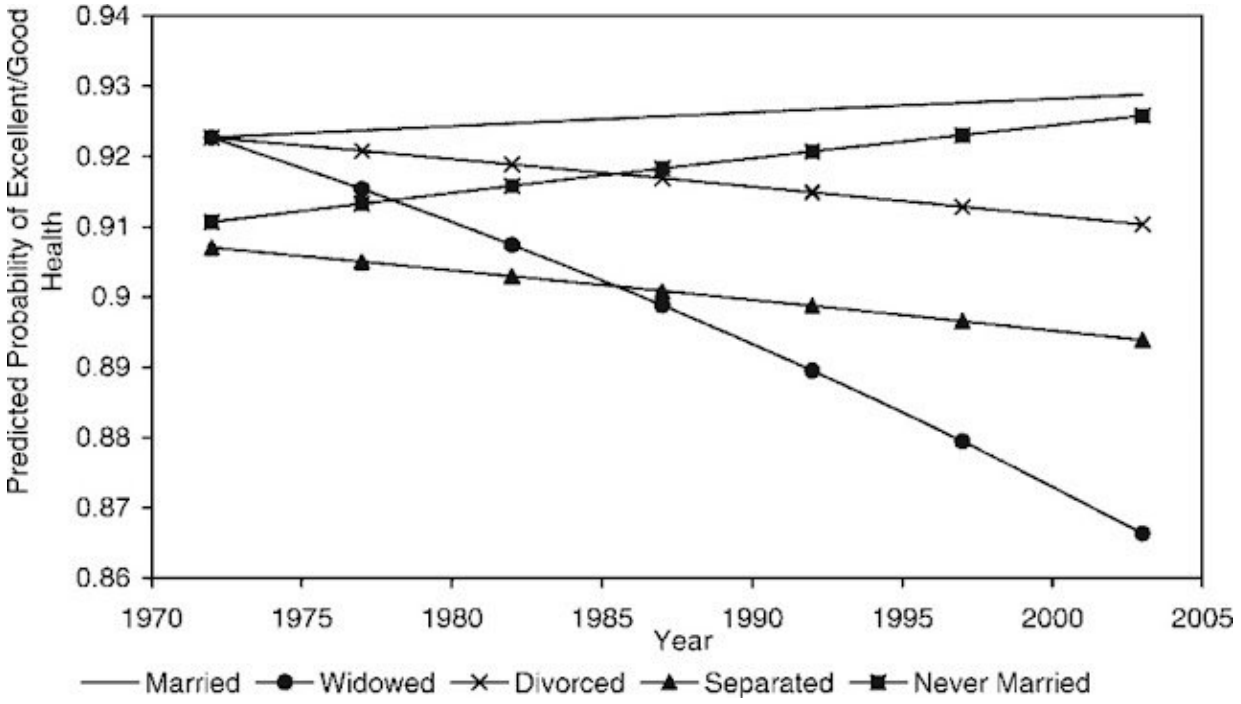
It is common knowledge that "married men live longer." However, I had a theory that the "premium" or the added years of life that come from being married are shrinking as a percentage of life expectancy.

In other words, that premium is vanishing and there may come the point in time that single men live longer than married men.

I tried looking up the data to see if I could actually go back and historically calculate what the premium was and if it has indeed been shrinking relative to life expectancies. I was unsuccessful (though I only tried for an hour) and instead came up with this report which more or less confirmed my hunch.



Though it doesn't speak directly of life expectancy (and if anybody knows where the data is, I'd appreciate it), the chart does show a correlation between various types of marital status and probability of good/excellent health. Those married are on the top and have consistently been on the top. What is really interesting is the trends.

First, the life expectancy of married men is increasing, but not by much. It's essentially stagnant. But HOT on its tail is the presupposed "loser" - the never married male. The never married male is about to close the (or maybe already has) in terms of health.

Second, and this one REALLY exposes the fallacy "married men live longer" is what happens to the health of people who get divorced or separated. They are trending DOWNWARD. The risk here should be very obvious. Yes, you CAN get married and you CAN enjoy better health, BUT THIS ASSUMES YOU STAY MARRIED. Ergo, the argument of "married men live longer," usually used to cajole men into marriage, speaks NOTHING of the risks of getting divorced. And since half of all marriages end in divorce AND THE MAJORITY OF THOSE DIVORCES ARE INSTIGATED BY WOMEN, you should be taking a cumulative projection of married, divorced and separated life expectancies. This cumulative projection was not calculated by the authors of this study, but just eyeballing it and knowing you have to weight divorce by at least 50% you KNOW MARRIAGE AS A WHOLE IS A BAD PROPOSITION FOR YOUR HEALTH IF YOU ARE A MALE.

Now, the scientists who conducted this study chalk the advances in single male health to better and more frequent use of health care. They of course have to be politically correct. I'd say (and it shows in the divorced/separated category) that it is the deterioration of marriage, specifically the deterioration in the quality and caliber of your average woman AND man. The question is who is deteriorating more.

That trend of never-married males is telling. I'd LOVE to see the female equivalent.

Update from Dalrock.

Time Magazine Betrays Obama

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By essentially handing Romney and Ryan the women's vote.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

Target: Swedish Feminism

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It dawned on me that just because something is politically incorrect here in the US, doesn't mean it's the same in other countries. And vice versa could be said of the US and other countries. Case in point Sweden.

Yes, feminism is alive and well here in the US, but it doesn't run the country like it does in Sweden. You can speak out against feminism and marxism in Sweden, but you will incur the wrath of feminists, a kowtowed media and general public and social scorn.

Enter the internet.

Say Sven is being oppressed by feminism in Sweden. He can't say what everybody else is thinking. He'll incur too much of a cost, so he's just got to pay higher taxes and claim the emperor still has clothes.

But what's to prevent some loud mouthed American blogger to rip Swedish feminism a new one? What's to prevent foreign attacks against domestic political parties, institutions and mafias?

Nothing.

So to see if I was onto something and if this might work, I contacted our Swedish Agent in the Field to get an update on feminism in Sweden. His response is promising, meaning Swedish feminism may be the guinea pig we try with this "indirect sovereign support" tactic:

Hi Cap'n

Correct observation, you can as an American speak about things which have no probability what so ever to be allowed into mainstream conversation in Sweden

I can give you a brief overview of the current situation. For the last 15 years or so, the feminist-mafia have increasingly imposed their views (and even some legislation) on society at large. Most men are at this point finding themselves either in the "don't-care, whatever"-camp and a few in the "haha, let's make fun of feminists"-camp. There is a counter-cultural movement that is gaining traction, which has lead to the feminist- and gender-institutions to scream loudly about "hatred for feminists" and a "threatening environment for feminists". This is met with backslapping from their own camp, and mostly sighs and "oh, just stop whining" from most others.

An interesting aspect is that there is a small but growing movement of male gender equalitarians - ergo men who are promoting the idea that feminism has now made men the "oppressed" group and men should get equal rights. Most of them are pretty beta-male, and they are joined by quite a few men who have lost custody of their children. Regarding the custody-situation, it is generally NOT as bad as in the US. In the case of divorce, the courts generally try to rule for 50/50 custody of children unless there are special circumstances (I suspect that swedish women are somewhat less likely to pull the "he's a violent unsuitable father!"-card, or at least it doesnt seem to work as well here).

So, generally the legislative situation in Sweden is slightly better than in the US. If we move to the relationship-situation on the other hand, I would probably agree that things are a bit worse.

The first thing one needs to know is that private life has become very politicized in Sweden. Everything is framed in "gender equality"-terms. We have politicians who want to make sure that men do an "equal share" of housework, and all economic legislation is forced to recognize the "gender inequality aspect". This has of course affected peoples relations. Older people seem to be generally less affected by the whole equalitism-creed (and are less afraid to acknowledge that the men do the heavy work, and women keep the house tidy). The last two generations, well, it's "don't oppress women!!!" for everyone....

Something I can say for experience is that "relationships" in Sweden seem to have very little "relationship" in them for many people. There seems to be lacking any deeper connetion with people, and everyone is a die-hard individualist, even in relationships. The whole "partner-manipulation"-game seems to be how most people think you have success in a relationship. There is something almost awkward about how people who are dating, or living together act in Sweden. First everyone tries to live up to the ridiculous "we are so in loooove, and lets show it to the world"-notion, and after a while couples just seem to consider themselves to be amoebas randomly attached to their partner. Sometimes it seems like people are just going through the motions because they think they are expected to. One thing that is noticable is that beta-males in Sweden are VERY beta, which probably has something to do with how society is at large. Alpha males are generally pretty loud and annoying, making the contrast even bigger (there are a few of us in between) The population at large seems to not be aware that there are fundamental differences between the male and female role (generally no one would like to admit that such roles even exist).

Maybe I'm a tad unqualified to speak about how bad women are in relationships, since I've actually managed to find a woman who is not the least affected by feminist nonsense.

But I can say with pretty high certainty that if it wasn't for her, I would likely be flying solo

without any interest of relationships in general.

Unacceptable

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I am more accustomed to the left committing crimes against the right in the form of vandalism, intimidation, etc. Heck, my cars have been keyed and their tires slashed because I have conservative bumper stickers. But this is unacceptable. Not just because it's illegal, but this is the illegal and childish BS that the left does which SHOULD separate us from them.

Nagging Begot the Nanny State

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From a reader:

American women didn't like their WASPs (they're not getting mine), so they molded the men into women, albeit with a preponderance of testosterone.

The article is one that you should pour yourself a small glass of wine (not a long one, so don't break out the lounge chair) and enjoy this weekend. My points/observations are few:

1. Notice she is attractive. Women like men, manly men, strong men NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY OTHER WISE. In short, she is just more empirical proof NOT to listen to what women say and watch what they do. Hot women like/marry/court strong, real men. So suck it up, hit the gym, but most importantly stand your ground.

2. Her concerns about men being feminized in this society are spot on. I often forget just what a high percentage of the US male population has been pansified on account I hang out with and engage with manly men in the Manosphere. I have little to no patience for sissy men, just as I have little to no patience for hallow, blowhard, self-proclaimed "independent feminists" (who ironically constantly lobby for more of my tax dollars to support them). And while we here in the Manosphere view things from (obviously) a manly perspective, we often forget there are traditional women who have to suffer the craptastic selection of "men" that have germinated from 2 generations of feminism, single mothers, divorce, public school brainwashing and absentee fathers. But, I largely laugh as it is a self-inflicted wound to most women. The handful of traditional women I do feel pity for.

3. Nagging is the BASIC, but MOST ULTIMATE AND UNIVERSAL SHIT TEST. If you don't know what a "shit test" is, look it up. If men cannot stand up against that first and often, weak test women are subconsciously programmed to throw at you, there is nothing we Jedi's of the Manosphere can do. Do or do not, there is no try.

In Milwaukee this weekend for a wedding. So you'll all have to read the above while I'm driving hither and yon.

Another Reason to Skip College

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Ooooo!!! How dare he not indebt himself to pay for aging, overpaid, blowhard professors!

Brady Bunch Keynesianism

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If I recall my 1970's television shows correctly, The Brady Bunch would occasionally have an episode where one of the family or community members was having a problem. The solution, more often than not, was to "have a concert" and somehow that would raise the bail money for the local innocent man or send Mr. Jones' cancer into remission. It may have been the Partridge Family, but the larger point is it was a show and it didn't have to adhere to reality. Even though a "concert" wouldn't really solve the problem in the real world, it did on TV.

Fast forward to today and I have a hard time seeing any difference between the Brady Bunch's solutions to society's ills and modern day democrats/Keynesians/leftists. I recall, very clearly, when the Supreme Nepotist for Life of Target Trust Fund Baby Fame, Mark Dayton, ran for SENATOR (not governor, as he is now) and his economic "plan" was (are you ready for this?)....

building community centers.

Now, for those of us with a basic grasp of economics or just plain common sense, we know having "community centers" does not result in a booming economy. Community centers, if anything, turn out to be buildings that never produce anything, house the occasional municipal "touchy feely" event, more likely the local vagrants, and end up being nothing but a waste of money at taxpayer expense. You employ a few more unnecessary parks and rec people, maybe a couple more janitors, but it produces nothing of economic value in the end. But the worthless Brady Bunch Keynesianism doesn't stop there and coalesces around some key and common "investments" that I'd like to further identify.

Bike Trails - Triggering this post was when I passed the exit for Amery, WI on my return trip from Milwaukee. Amery is where I had this dishonor of attending my senior year in high school. My peers were so stupid my GPA and rank increased not because I tried harder, but because the grading curve had been so dumbed down. The stupidity continues today because the city council decided to spend money on a local city pavilion WITH A BIKE TRAIL that would naturally bring scores, if not MILLIONS of tourists to Amery, Wisconsin. Of course, every one of you has heard of Amery, Wisconsin and their SPECTACULAR bike trails, right? I mean, along with Vegas, Disney World, and Yellowstone National Park, you all plan to travel great lengths to Amery, Wisconsin for their world-famous bike trails, right? I can only imagine the multiplier effect your tourist dollars will have on the locals.

Crappy Museums - YOu know the Smithsonian or the Field Museum of Chicago? Yeah,

we're not talking about them. We're talking about the local crap museums where the locals grab garbage that hasn't been used since the economy tanked and think they're preserving and protecting their heritage. They're also more than happy to use federal or state dollars to finance these super-powerful stimulators of the economy. The Duluth Aquarium comes to mind. And hey, when you're on your way out to Yellowstone, you should try the "Salt Creek Museum," though you better call in advance and make sure there isn't a waiting list.

Concerts - Hey, who knew the Brady Bunch was right all along!? Yes concerts a la "Live 8" or "Live AID" and "Comic Relief" that were supposed to end AID's in Africa and stop world hunger. Sure glad those things worked! Look at Africa boom! And it has nothing to do with massive amounts of Chinese investment. None at all. It's because Bob Geldorf said, and I quote, "we must do something, even if it doesn't work." Well, at least Bob is honest about Keynesianism.

Business Parks/Enterprise Zones - From Carnivore's Cave, Enterprise Zones! Yes, of course. You "zoned" an area of your town to have crappy, minimalist office space built up next to the Pamida! How didn't we see this before! You don't need DEMAND for a product! You don't need CUSTOMERS or and IDEA or LEADERSHIP or CAPITAL! No, all you need is a strip mall that has your precious city council's permission to set up shop there!

I'm sure there are more, but those are the ones that come to mind. If anybody thinks of other examples of "Brady Bunch Keynesianism" please let me know!

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We Don't Need No STINKING Training Programs!

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*The study by **Boston Consulting Group** (BCG) says manufacturers may have openings they can't fill, but it's not because workers aren't out there. It's because companies are **being too selective about who they hire and are unwiwlling to pay a competitive wage.***

Agreed, there aren't enough STEM majors and tradesmen. But don't tell me these corporations have been at the forefront of offering training programs, let alone have put forth the effort to actually do real recruiting instead of outsourcing it to a bunch of incompetent HR nitwits.

Who Buys Brand New BMW's?

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Attending college and getting by on just $13,000 per year meant I had to count and track every penny. So tight were my finances that I not only "knew" when I had taken a girl to dinner, I FELT it in my finances. I could literally feel $30 poorer the week after I took a girl out because I couldn't afford as many groceries. This level of poverty has many benefits as it does drawbacks, but one thing it did provide me with was deadly accurate ability to assess whether or not somebody was supporting themselves or living off of somebody else.

This came in particularly useful when you had some idiotic college student claim they were "independent" (notably girls) while they drove a new car. Within a few questions you found out they "may have" been paying for their tuition, but daddy was financing the car

and the credit card

and the health care

and the rent

and the gas

and the groceries.

Fastforward to today and this skill still serves me well, especially when it comes to commercial lending. I already know, 9 times out of 10, based on how somebody acts, how much they brag, and how well-spoken they are whether or not they are a viable client, likely to pay us back, or some poser schmoe on the brink of bankruptcy that has (like President Obama) mastered the art of talking a lot, yet saying nothing. The fancier the suit, the nicer the car, the larger the balance sheet, the more he smiles the more likely he's insolvent and on the verge of bankruptcy.

However, it wasn't always that way because until I got some experience I made one erroneous assumption - if you drove a nice luxury car like a Beamer or a Mercedes then you MUST have had money. Who would afford such frivolous luxuries unless they were spectacularly wealthy?

It wasn't until I saw the balance sheets of the Denny Heckers and Adam LaFavre's of the world did I realize it was quite the opposite. The VAST majority of luxury cars you see on that highway are 100% financed to the hilt. The people driving them are MORE LIKELY to

have a lower net asset value than the local waitress cocktailing at the local bar and certainly a lower credit score than your average blue collar worker in the Bakken oil fields.

Still, faux rich posers, trophy wives and criminal real estate developers aside, I have a question - who buys brand new BMW's? Let alone who buys brand new cars?

The reason I ask is because I can't plain fathom spending the $50,000 on a brand new luxury car. Whether you have the money or not, isn't $50,000 a tad excessive? Couldn't you buy a brand new Toyota for the fraction of the cost, better reliability and lower maintenance costs WITH money to spare? Money that could be spent on other items thereby improving your standard of living? Heck, the extra $30,000 could put a kid through most of bachelors degree at a 4 year institution. Why do people buy brand new cars, let alone, why do THOUSANDS of people EVERY YEAR buy brand new luxury cars? Why is it so common when it just does not make sense?

This is a question that I haven't really spent the time to research and answer, but has nagged me for the past 2 decades. Thankfully, somebody answered it. And (as I feared) the answer will not help us improve economic growth or close the trade deficit.

Why Youth Shouldn't Try Until They're 35

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

What I love is how Hollande telepathed his moves 6 months in advance. Gave the rich and productive enough heads up to get out of Dodge.

Oh well, Profitez de la baisse!

Mixed Cocktail Linkage

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Whiskey. When I drink whiskey I get probably more confused than when consuming any other drink. Just like I don't understand why academians are against Israel. Are they deemed too militant? They just hate the Western world, of which Israel is part of? Or is it just something to protest against and avoid a real job?

Vodka. I drink vodka to gain clarity and avoid a hangover. Even though they linked to me, the reason I'm putting this up here is Roberto did some excellent research as to the return on investment for a law degree. Anybody contemplating law should have a belt of vodka and read this.

Tequila. Nothing good ever comes from drinking tequila. Just like reading the NYT.

Rumpleminze. It's so good you forget about your problems. Matter of fact, you forget to do a lot of things. Like honoring that date you promised that girl. Don't worry, flaking out only increases your chances with girls. So make sure to drink some Rumpie beforehand.

Red Wine. No good deed goes unpunished, and though, you think drinking red wine is good for your healthy, it will leave you with a NASTY headache. Just like trying to undelude people who are brainwashed AND FOR THEIR BENEFIT. Don't drink red wine, just bang your head against the wall and save yourself a couple bucks.

For Our Gen Y Readers

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This is part 8 of a series.

I started with part 8 because I noticed people start with "part 1" of any series and never finish to the end where the really good advice and intellectual gems are.

So it's like feeding you the ice cream first and then having you try the broccoli.

Engineering Prevents Stripping

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Hey, just saying, you don't hear about "daddy's little girl who majored in electrical engineering resorting to stripping" to make ends meet.

Why Aren't There Giant Spiders?

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So I was curious and I found out.

This concludes our pointless trivia of the day.

The Manosphere's Largest Political Influence

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It is typically assumed that The Manosphere, as it evolves and gains steam, will somehow "counteract" feminism. But the truth is we don't have such grandiose hopes or dreams of it bringing the universe "back to balance" in some kind of Jedi Knight sort of way. Matter of fact we have no dreams at all, truthfully. It is really just more of a visceral and self-respecting backlash against the communist tyranny cowardly and hypocritically disguised under the cloak of "women's rights." Men don't carry out "crusades" of a political sort. We just fight back our enemies till they don't bother us again and get back to enjoying our lives (feminists should take note of that).

However, I did realize something and was able to connect two VERY FAR apart dots. And this connection made me realize just how much of a threat The Manosphere is NOT to feminism, but to the general trend and political movement of socialism, communism and tyranny. A threat most liberals and leftists are completely unaware of.

Most of you right now are thinking that this must go through the eye of "*feminism=socialism veiled for women's rights attack destroy*" sort of thing. While that is true AND The Manosphere does fight against socialism in that way, the two dots I connected are much further apart, completely different, AND much more significant.

Namely:

Black men, and by extension, minority men.

Anecdotal evidence started piling up as I entered The Manosphere. Houseboy was an ounce of ingredient. My readership being disproportionately black/Hispanic/minority was another ounce of ingredient. And it wasn't until I saw some traffic coming from this that I realized I was genuinely onto something and my observation was most likely true.

In short, black men are pissed.

Pissed at what?

How black women treat them.

And it is here that I must take the liberty of consolidating an infinite amount socio-political observations of millions of black men and hope that I don't miss the mark too much.

In short, black American men are further down the feminist rabbit hole than any other

American male racial group. Specifically, government feminist policies that, in short, replace the father and men with a government check. Please point to me a community where government check replacing a man has been more successful than in the black community. Single motherhood is the standard with 70% of black births being out of wedlock. Politicians at the state, federal and local levels are all too eager to show how much they care for not just "heroic" single mothers, but single MINORITY mothers to garnish more votes and bribery money. The results to anybody who has been paying attention is obvious. Black men have literally been replaced by the government. They have been discarded, they have been outsourced, they have been replaced by society.

But what is the cost?

Frankly, MULTIPLE lost AND ALIENATED generations of black males.

With generation after generation of black males brought up without fathers, who are taught they are nothing, who have nothing to look up to or mold themselves after, and can simply be replaced with a government check, can you imagine the psychological destitution and torment this wreaks upon a male psychology?

Furthermore, how do you compete?

"Compete against what?" you might ask?

Compete against the politician who uses the trillions of dollars of taxpayer money to pose as the ultra-wealthy bachelor suitor you can never beat. No one single man (again, regardless of skin color) can beat the politician who has access to trillions of dollars of taxpayer money and promises it to you and your children (as long as you vote for him). No strings attached, no discipline or "father is the head of the household" necessary. No, just "here's the money sweetheart, vote for me!"

Meanwhile black males are relegated (sadly, and I don't mean this to sound derogatory, but to point out the truth and sadness of it all) to sperm donors with nothing much else to live for.

And you wonder why crime is higher amongst black males.

The reason is there's nothing left to live for. There's nothing great or better than themselves. No wife, no family, no children, no future. Thank you politician douchebag for stealing my woman, stealing my family, stealing my children and stealing my future. What else do I have to pursue in my life?

Now, I'm not socio-psychologist. But in my philosophizing and mental meandering I have realized that it is other people that matter the most. Have the most advanced X-Box 360

game, nothing is more engaging, entertaining and mentally stimulating than another human. Humans are dynamic, they are not finite or programmed like an X-Box and they conscientiously CHOOSE to spend their time with you IF they deem you WORTHY enough to hang out with. And that is the TRUE proof or "reward" to another human being that they are worth something. That somebody else "confirms" or "corroborates" that you are a worthwhile human being in the fact they spend their time with you.

Now ask yourself.

What kind of message do we send to the average black man (or any man, I guess) when we tell him that his intellect, his persona, his soul and his personality doesn't even compare to a government check. That a piece of paper that warrants purchase of other goods is better than him himself.

Well I'll tell you what that tells him. "You're a worthless and COMPLETELY unnecessary POS."

We getting anywhere here now? We starting to realize the situation here?

Now, my political conclusion or "epiphany" should be pretty obvious by now.

Black (and minority men, as well as all men) have been completely screwed over by feminism. However, in the fact that for all men a wife and (maybe) family is the ultimate, darwinistically programmed goal into their genetic DNA, many of them are waking up to the fact that modern day feminism is a bunch of bullshit. Feminism is against a male father figure, it is against men simply being men, and it PREFERS to replace men with the government. However - and this is where the VERY INTERESTING political ramifications come in - NO OTHER RACIAL GROUP has suffered MORE THAN BLACKS under FEMINISM which is NOTHING MORE THAN SOCIALISM DISGUISED UNDER THE RUSE OF "WOMEN'S RIGHTS."

So what do you think black males are going to do?

My humble opinion is that black males will wake up, if not (by evidence of the links above) they already have. And the primary reason is because political socialism, under the guise of feminism, has destroyed anything for them to live for. Socialists/democrats have taken away their would-be wives, and thus, their would-be children. Socialism under the guise of "feminism" have taken away their families and thus taken away any sort of future for them. And it is here that The Manosphere I believe has it largest potential.

Forget fighting feminism

Forget fighting against single motherhood.

Forget whatever feminist goal post we wish to destroy.

The true political influence of The Manosphere is that we delivered the red pill to black males (as well as all other minority males).

And can you imagine what would happen to the political dynamics of the US if all of the sudden all black American males started to man up and started voting republican?

It is here I believe that political bonds are stronger via gender than race. If push comes to shove EVERY man wishes to have the same thing. If the Chinese were to invade, a whole lot of racist blacks and a whole lot of racist whites would set aside their differences and repel the red horde.

I ask why can't we unite to fight the much more serious, realistic and present communist feminist horde?

A Vital Economics Lesson for Youth and Soccer Moms

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Saw this and realized it really needs more coverage. The data is slightly dated, but is very appropriate for all the youth out there (and soccer moms who "just feel like I care about the chillllllldrnnnnnn")

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You don't need English to get the punchline.

Divorce is Bad for Ballroom Dancing

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From a reader:

I asked a very pretty, slender and young brunette to dance. I asked her for experience level, and she said she had only taken the free lesson once but that she liked to spin. So spin her I did. She was one of the best follows I'd ever led, despite having so little experience she just went where I led her, swung-out and spun as I told her. She just flowed. It was great. She had the warmest smile on her face the entire time...

Contrast to later that evening, an older (at least 50s) woman asked me to dance, so I obliged. She was nearly impossible to lead. She was rigid, immobile, unresponsive and gave me no smile. I've danced with other older women, and most weren't nearly so difficult to lead.

Though it is not a 100% correlation, I will testify with my now 16 years of dance instruction that divorced women are harder to dance with and for precisely the reasons our fine young reader implied - they are psychologically predisposed against following.

Yes, there is an element of "can't teach an old dog new tricks" but that applies equally to men and women. By the time a student is 50+ I have seen less aptitude to learn new moves in both sexes. But divorced women (regardless of age) were more often than not a bear to instruct, let alone dance with.

They'll turn on their own. They'll initiate the dance even though the leader hasn't started. They'll assume the move you try to start and execute the wrong one, and (should they actually wait for you to start leading a turn) they will IMMEDIATELY execute the turn with no regard to the beat or timing by which the turn should be executed, resulting in them getting out of the turn ahead of the lead and way ahead of the beat.

Now all women to a certain extend do this when they are learning. They are merely trying to "help," but what I always teach the beginning women in my class is that following is a psychological skill. There is nothing they can "do" or "start" or "help" with because "helping" "initiating" or "doing" is antithetical to following. They must RESPOND, not initiate or do.

After explaining this most women get it and start following splendidly. However, I can almost pick out the divorced women in that they are the ones where my philosophical explanation of following went into one ear and out the other. They still initiate, they still lead, and some go even so far to say, "well, my partner won't lead, I HAVE TO!" Or, I've even had it so far where the woman giggles and says, "oh, I'm not good at following. I

have to lead" COMPLETELY ignorant to the fact that it goes against the dynamics and mechanics of dancing making it IMPOSSIBLE for her to dance with any one.

Sure enough, they fight, they toil, they get frustrated. Some even go so far as to instruct their current dance partner (I have them rotate) talking over me, telling him what "he's doing wrong," while I'm trying to address the exact same problems they "think" they're solving. The field trips ensue and you get to know them personally and I'd say about 7 out of 10 times you find out they're divorced. The remaining 3 women obviously displaying signs of "Grrrrl Power (TM)" and "moxie" belying their psychological disadvantage to learning to follow.

But rip apart the ladies all I want, there is another side to the coin, and that is the men. Divorced men, but more so, singles-group men, desperately trying to find a wife at my dance class. They're there because they either got divorced or never found a gal and it shows. They plain can't lead. They're afraid, they take no risks. The qualities and traits that send women screaming.

They're polite, they look at theirs partner's feet hoping to plagiarize the moves instead of listening to me. They get railroaded once they dance with the divorcee woman with moxie, telling him how he's screwing up, constantly talking to him so he can't head the beat, let alone me yelling out the moves. When it comes time to turn the girl, they lift a limp wristed arm up SUGGESTING, not COMMANDING the woman to turn. They also lack the psychological understanding of the word "leader" and instead think a ballroom dance is done by committee and compromise. They're almost as bad as the husband who is forced to come to dance class, but plain refuses to participate in an attempt to punish his wife with stubborn poutiness.

The best students I have are what you would expect the best relationships to be - the man is the leader, and the woman helps him and is supportive. There is no "co-leading" or "committee" or "compromise." Without a doubt the best "couple" students I've had were the happily married couples. And by "happily married" I mean it was obvious they were still having sex. The man was the man. He led, he commanded. His wife was turned on, had a smile on her face and was only too happy to support and help him. You knew they would go home and have sex immediately after class.

Of course, I know even though my observations above come from 16 years of empirical experience, they are politically incorrect. Having "roles," especially traditional ones forced on people or even advocated is verbotten by the leftist thought police. Divorced, empowered women are GREAT ballroom dancers! And timid, shy, compliant men are AWESOME ballroom dancers too! It's just you evil patriarchs applying your "labels" and "definitions" on people as "lead" and "follow" that make the dance not what it should be. Besides, who are you to say the couple who work as a flawless team to the point they are one on the dance floor is any better than the spineless, limp 54 year old beta male as he

futilely tries to lead his 52 year old divorcee partner as she lectures him while he's trying, resulting in what looks to be a disjointed dance akin to a drunk man trying to pilot a revolting dump truck! That's just your evil, traditionalist patriarchy sexism shining through.

Five Reasons Men Should Get Married

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Dr. Helen can't find 5. Can you? Help the good doctor out.

Bronan the Barbarian's Guide to Energy Drinks

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It's a good start, but mercy there's a ton of drinks missing.

NOS, Xyience, and if you care to go legacy, Rooster Booster, Donkey Kick and Rooster Booster Lite.

Thank God We Got Rid of Chivalry

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Welcome to the club! All people are treated equally here and we do not discriminate.

Central Banking 101

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If you are like me, you are not intricately familiar about central banking, the case for or against central banking and the likes. I never really studied the federal reserve/central banking and thus why I don't really comment on it.

However our good friend Save Capitalism has and it would be a good stepping stone into understanding the Fed.

Collecting Cans and Crawfish

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My first job I took at the age of 3. I was a thief.

My dad, piss poor due to piss poor decisions, made it so we (my brother and sister) had to share a large McDonald's soda in an effort to save money. He would strong-arm bites out of our REGULAR hamburgers (because Big Macs was what only the rich kids could afford - and you CAN follow up with any of my relatives and they will attest to this) because he himself couldn't afford a burger for himself and needed us to "share." Christmas was nothing more than a ruse for our parents to excuse what should have been normal purchases for children implied with parenthood (clothing) as "cherish gifts" while toys were never at the forefront. What kid doesn't want another freaking sweater from St. Nick. Toys were rare, pants were common. And if we dared to complain, "Jesus will send you to hell" or some variation of material possessions being evil. And so VERY early on I realized that if I was going to make any money, it wasn't going to come from my parents. It was going to come from me.

My exploits into capitalism were amateurish at best. My very FIRST foray into enriching myself was rummaging through the coats in the closet at the age of 3. Scouring the pockets of every coat, I would manage to find loose coinage, the value of which I was unaware of because I had no concept of "cents" let alone currency. Whatever it was, I was excited when I found a quarter with its intricate eagle design and intuitively knew it was worth more than the bland, boring Jeffersonian nickel.

Technically this was theft. I was stealing from my parents. So at the age of 4 I went professional. I earned my money the honest way from the Milwaukee County Zoo.

How?

Well, the soda machines had a fair amount of loose change hiding underneath their structures which permitted an already skinny 4-7 year old to fish out with his arm and make off with. Every year and every trip to the zoo I would ignore the animals and go straight to the soda machines. I think one day I made off with about $2, which was a fortune in 1980 dollars. To hell with the alligators and gorillas. I was making bookoo coin.

By 1981 I decided to become very entrepreneurial and try my hand at salesmanship. I was going to sell frogs at church.

"Sunday Vacation Bible School" - which was nothing more than the worst, most boring form of baby sitting for Christian parents too lazy to take care of their kids during summer

- was mandatory for me, because...well...my dad was the pastor. But there were benefits of being the preacher's kid. Namely the exhaust port of the church made for a great humid environment where frogs and toads would spawn on the north recessed basement window of the church. I would hop down. My brother, 2 years my junior, would lower a bucket with a string attached to it. I'd load up the bucket with frogs and toads, hop back up and then stand at the entry to the church in anticipation of the Sunday Vacation Bible School students.

Why in anticipation for the Sunday Vacation Bible School students?

Because according to the Wisconsin Synod your children were required to bring offerings to Sunday Vacation Bible school and we knew those kids would gladly hock the 25 cents their folks gave them for a frog instead of donating it to some collection plate.

Our brilliant, grandiose capitalist plot would have succeeded had it not been for the observant teacher who, while handing out the collection plate, realized more than a normal number of children were holding frogs and toads and not one of them had cash nor coin.

Again, you ask any of my relatives, and they will attest that all of the above is 100% true.

Now, admittedly all of my early ventures into business were that of a naive toddler who didn't know "bounds" "rules" "limits" and..well..."law." But when I was 8 I can honestly attest to having my first REAL legitimate job.

I went straight. I started collecting cans.

My dad, after divorcing, moved out to Michigan, where we would spend summers with him. At the time you could get a whole 10 cents per car, and sometimes you'd get a full 20 cents for a large glass beer bottle. Knowing I would get another sweater and no candy for Christmas, it was, despite my age, a very CLEAR sign of freedom to me that if I collected enough cans I could buy myself whatever I wanted. NOBODY could stop me, I was in complete control of my future.

So I spent a summer collecting cans.

Dumpster diving. Going to the beach to solicit empty beer cans from the locals. Knocking on doors. And over the course of the summer I earned myself a full $100. I collected 1,000 cans, the 1,000th of which the recycler gave back to me as a trophy. (I actually turned it into a trophy, until my step dad threw it away assuming it was garbage).

However, I had a side business. My 8 year old self knew the importance of diversification.

Crawfish.

Specifically, fishing out crawfish from the Black River in Michigan and selling them at 5 cents a pop to the local bait shop.

This was not as lucrative as collecting cans, but between my siblings and myself, we would literally "clear the market" of unwanted cans and bottles within a week in the town. You could tell there were less cans and I intuitively KNEW it was because we cleaned house the week before. Once collecting cans became less lucrative, we'd focus our efforts on our crawfish operations and increase our profits. I was able to turn a bucket of crawfish into several boxes of Nerds and Tart n' Tinys at the local gas station.

From there I ended up working as a shit shoveler in the 7th grade. And I don't make that up, I was indeed a shit shoveler. I worked at an industrial greenhouse where we had to shovel and mix various sorts of manure with various sorts of ingredients because different types of manure have different nutritional properties for different plants. After that I worked at a locker plant cleaning up dead cow parts. After that I laid sod and installed retaining walls for a landscaping firm. And after that I played campus cop at the U of MN (which I think most of you are familiar with).

Now, why did I bring up my entire pre-adult resume? Well certainly not to get an "awww, wook at da cwute wittle Captain."

I bring it up because I am done listening to the excuses of the youth today who think they have it tough who, by the age of 25, have never worked a real job that even comes close to what I did back in 1980 as a kindergartener.

Whether it's been tutoring these adult children or trying to teach them in college or whether it's the latest incarnation of OWS/hipster purified douchebaggery, I'm done with it. I'm sick of it. I have no patience for these spoiled brats.

You little children have NO CLUE, NONE as to what it takes to succeed, let alone merely get by and support yourselves. You have parental subsidy, governmental subsidy, all of which not only shields you from the full effects of the real world, it stunts your growth from ever becoming a real adult. Worse still, it spoils you in the truest sense of the word. It decays you, it destroys your worth. It makes you a worthless human being because instead of offering something of value to society, be it a skill or labor, you offer nothing. And even worse than that you are entitled. You demand, because of your mere existence, other people take care of you. You're entitled to this. YOu have a right to that. Gimme food, jobs, health care, housing and spending money.

While all you've managed to do in your entire life is spend your daddy's credit card and drive mommy's car.

Ultimately it is the reason I don't care about the "plight" of college students. NONE of you come anywhere near supporting yourself, and certainly nowhere near to the point you can claim you're "independent" (feminists, women's studies majors, pay particular note).

No, you are for the most part the most pathetic excuses for "adult" human beings I've ever witnessed. And while admittedly, I was not the most "normal" 7 year old, at the age of 7 I was already more of a responsible, independent adult than most of you were, or ever will be, even at the age of 32 while you live in your mom's basement.

So the next time you protest something being unfair while your mom and dad and Obama are paying for 99% of your expenses (of course, all the while you claim to be an "independent adult") just look at the little 8 year old dumpster diving for cans and realize he's a better man than you are.

Micro-Capital Flight

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Short one and them I'm going.

Filled in for a buddy of mine who runs a security company last night. I worked this gig before. Basically baby sitting the adult children of DT Minneapolis as they are released from the night clubs around 2AM to make sure they don't puke, urinate or fight too much on the client's parking ramps.

There are multiple ramps, but we meet at one to get radios, any kind of briefing about the evening and whatnot. Once I met with all the other guards, I was enroute to the ramp I was assigned. As I went downstairs from the "HQ" ramp I noticed a soda machine missing in the hallway that was there a no more than a year ago. Last I saw it, however, it was tipped over as some of the local nightclubbers tipped it over. Naturally the owner of the soda machine removed it since it was not profitable and was only going to get damaged.

Immediately my brain (which is gifted with SAEG - TM) realized what economic phenomenon I was witnessing.

Capital flight.

You see, it doesn't have to be the entire productive class fleeing France thanks for Hollande's 75% confiscation tax. Nor does it have to be Zimbabwean's money flowing out of the country to invest in western companies' stock as a hyper-inflationary hedge.

Capital flight can be as simple as something as somebody deciding to move their sole soda machine out of DT Minneapolis. It was obvious s/he wasn't going to make any money. It was obvious the locals and club goers were not going to respect their property. It was obvious there was no reason to put a soda machine there.

But what i really like about the now-missing soda machine is the "empty shelves of communism" aspect of it. Admittedly, it was only one soda machine, but economically it was NO DIFFERENT than an entire grocery store whose shelves were empty. What's better is who does it hurt? If you think about it, it's the night-clubbers. They now no longer have the opportunity to enjoy a soda as they stumble their way back to their cars.

Of course this microscopic economic phenomenon was unnoticeable to the drunk thugs and dregs of society as they walked by. And that's another thing I like about the missing soda machine. It's silent, it's clandestine, you don't notice it. It's the reason why neighborhoods, cities and countries don't just "collapse" overnight going form pristine,

vibrant communities with economic growth and low unemployment to the ghetto. It's why they slowly, deteriorate and die out, the deterioration of which is unperceivable to the naked human eye. It's also why people wake up one day and start asking, "what happened to this community? Do you remember when it was nice."

Perhaps disappearing Coke machines is what gives economic rats like me the foresight to flee sinking ships.

Buying Cars You Can't Afford

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For the young lieutenants out there:

Seeking Advice from Women

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Worst advice I EVER received from anybody when it came to dating girls came from my mom. Some of the zinger of gems she provided me was:

1. Women don't like jocks. Yuck, gross, who likes those sweaty guys.
2. Women like nice guys. Be nice to a girl, be kind, be her friend.

and when I got stood up by a girl I was really looking forward to going out with back in college, she said,

3. Well maybe she got hit by a truck.

Which is why Roosh's advice is not just hi-freaking-larious, but it is also true. You do NOT listen to a woman when it comes to seeking out advice about dating women. (language and crassness warning, file complaints elsewhere)

While Roosh does hit on some of the main reasons why this is, there is one that stares us all in the face, but we don't see it:

How many women does the average woman date?

The real reason you should NEVER listen to a woman about how to go about getting a woman to like you or go out with you is because most women never try to date women. It would be like asking General Patton how to write poetry or Barack Obama on how to grow an economy.

The people you should ask advice from when it comes to dating women are the world's best experts who have billions of years experience in the field.

Men.

Why the Left is Afraid to Study Economics

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From the Democratic Underground

Given this, how can you ever be broke? Answer, you cannot be broke. The U.S. government is not in debt simply because it can create currency to pay off the debt, and our creditors gladly accept our currency as payment on our debts. You see, the world needs our dollars because the world needs oil, and in order to buy oil, you need dollars, which means that the world needs to stockpile dollars, and that means that the U.S. can print all of the money that it wants without incurring massive hikes in interest rates to attract lenders.

Seriously people. I'm not making this up, but then again, it kind of confirms what we already knew. Liberals and leftists are completely ignorant and clueless when it comes to economics. They've been too lazy to bother studying it, let alone, understand it. However, you'd think as they grew up, inevitably adult curiosity, let alone intellectual maturity and honesty would drive them to starting to figure it out. Of course they don't, they merely double down and get more bitter. But I think I've finally figured out why that is.

They're afraid.

Afraid of what?

Afraid that they'll inevitably realize they've been wrong this entire time. That they're not as smart as they thought they were. That they weren't as brilliant as their teachers told them in the 10th grade.

Only thing I'll add is notice how in the third paragraph the author describes what the "ideal" leftist economy would look like. Also notice it's unsupportable and unsustainable because nobody is producing anything of value.

Tolerant Liberal Thugs

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Click on the picture and the link.

This is just another reason why you need to carry mace and a gun.

Top Shelf

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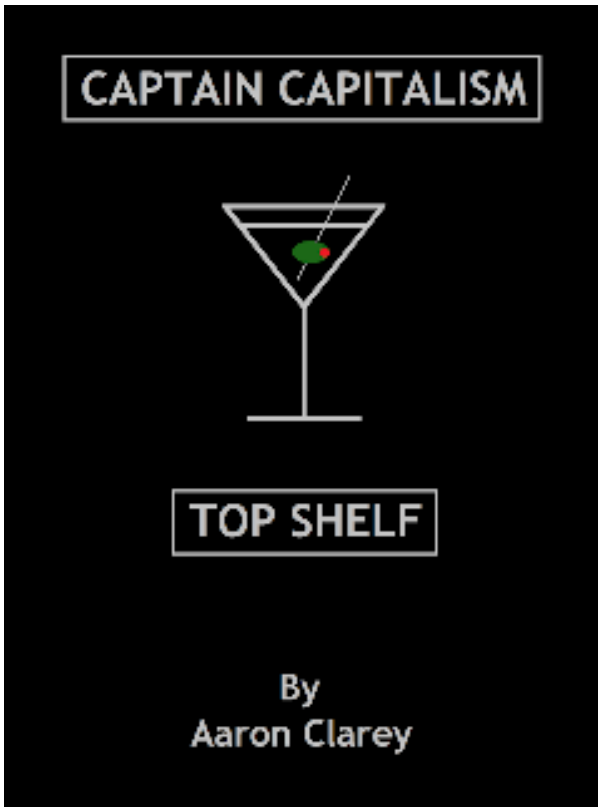

And yes, I WAS tempted to make the pages black with white text, but I didn't!

Help the Captain Choose a Video Game

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Figured I'd stand a better shot consulting the thousands of minds that populate the Capposphere rather than consulting a ton of reviews.

Looking to get a relaxing video game like Civilization where you build up a society, fight off others, and inevitably try to dominate the world.

I absolutely LOVED Civilization II way back in the late 90's.

What I hated was how the Civilization series then got INSANELY complex. Soon you have to worry about spying, diplomacy, a bunch of peripheral BS that made it impossible to play even at the slowest time setting.

Any recommandations for a similar such game that is not going to make me pull out my hair?

For Every Cigar Smoking Man

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Been trying to do this for the past year. Don't know why I didn't look it up before:

The Ego Welfare Program

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You, no doubt, already know about regular "ole" welfare. You know, the government program/s that used to go to help people down on their luck, but today goes to anybody who's too lazy to work? Yeah, that program.

Well, that's nothing compared to another, often unheard of government program, the "Ego Welfare Program."

You see, how it works is that for SOME people it isn't just enough to get money for nothing. No, their egos would be bruised. They would have to suffer the shame and scorn of knowing they were parasitical. So instead they join the Ego Welfare Program.

How the Ego Welfare Program works is you have to register VERY early in your life starting in kindergarten. Specifically you enroll in a public K-12 school district and take their "inflated ego" and "sense of entitlement program." It's a 13 year program that starts at age 5 and runs until you turn 18. In that program you learn how important, special and smart you are. How you are destined to do great things because, without doing anything, you're already great! Parental support is optimal for this program to work, but teachers are more than capable of instilling egos and entitlement mentalities into participants of this program on their own.

Next, the Ego Welfare Program requires you attend college and earn a liberal arts degree. Doesn't matter what, just get a liberal arts degree. Though not required, you are then strongly encouraged to get as many masters degrees in the liberal arts as possible. Social Work, Early Education Development, Educational Leadership and other outright worthless BS, the basic tenets of which could be summarized on one 8 x11.5 sheet of paper.

After completing this second stage of the program you are 100% guaranteed by the NEA and the US College Administrators Association to have an ego and entitlement mentality that can only be rivaled by others in this prestigious program. However, and here is where the genius of The Ego Welfare Program comes in, you are not employable even in the slightest, thereby making sure you have to go on SOME welfare program. However, since the regular ole welfare program is too shameful, you have the benefit of STILL COLLECTING WELFARE, STILL BEING A PARASITE, but WITHOUT ALL THAT NASTY SHAME!

You get a government job.

Yes, your job is completely unnecessary. Yes 1 private sector employee could probably do the job of 20 public sector employees. And yes, there functionally and economically is

NO difference between you and the local EBT/welfare bum. But you get to claim you're "employed" *wink wink* thereby sparing your precious ego.

/> sarcasm

I will say it again for the cheap seats.

I have more respect for the welfare recipient, EBT recipient, government subsidized health insurance recipient who knowingly and admittedly steals from the taxpayer. S/he is at least being "honest."

It is the millions of spoiled brats that graduate with degrees that don't offer society anything and through the democrats/socialists in our government lobby for more government programs and government investments (read -Solyndra, and the score of other failed solar companies) merely to provide them jobs.

The problem is it isn't really a job.

It's the most expensive government program that only exists for the sole purpose of sparing worthless people's egos.

(this post made to lay the foundation for another post that will be coming in the near future).

Free to be You and Me

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"Because while Marlo And Friends were singing about how you could be anything you wanted when you grew up, I was looking around me at the time (mid-70s) and seeing that what most boys and girls apparently wanted to be when they grew up was DIVORCED."

It's pretty funny, but also serious. I cannot relate because, first, I never saw the show, but, second, I at a very early age learned to distrust my teachers. I was Calvin, I knew teachers didn't care, I knew they were the enemy. However, teachers were not the only source of emo-gender-neutral-modern-day brainwashing that was shoved down my throat and so unawares I was still consuming the blue pill in other ways. As you get older you see the brainwashing very clearly.

Regardless, read the whole thing because it does brilliantly detail and explain the true costs generations of both men and women have paid for ignoring our differences.

Why Communism Killed the American Muse

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This is an important one. So I want you to pour yourself a martini, get a nice comfy couch and light up a cigar. You'll be strapped in for a while on this one.

Though traffic has improved drastically when I started posting about the Manosphere, I occasionally get the question,

"Why did you switch from economics to The Manosphere/Feminism?"

or

"Why did you abandon economics for all this Manosphere stuff?"

And the answer is simple.

I haven't.

While a higher percentage of my posts could be deemed "Manosphere" the reality is that economics and The Manosphere (or the fight against feminism) are actually one and the same. And not only are they one and the same, I contend the most cutting-edge, evolutionary developments in economics are not in central banking, nor international finance, nor the demise of fiat currency. The furthest, most deepest front lines of this economic war between communism and freedom is where The Manosphere and feminism are duking it out.

Right off the bat it is not obvious how battling feminism is related, let alone, part of economics, let alone "*the cutting-edge*" of economics. And in all intellectual honesty it wasn't until I sat down to figure out this post did I realize how they are indeed one and the same. But what originally alluded me to think the two were related was the fact my "transition" from economics to "Manosphere" was very natural. So natural, I didn't even realize it was happening. So natural my readers didn't know it was happening. All of the sudden my blog, as well as others, were writing about both economics and the Manosphere, suggesting the two were at minimum VERY closely related and tied together, at least philosophically.

So what makes them the same? Well why don't you take a big swig of your highly alcoholic drink, take a seat and be prepared to be floored as I lay down some serious "Super Awesome Economic Genius" (TM).

First, we have to ask ourselves what is the most important thing in life to humans?

Some will say riches, some will say wealth, some will say health, but those are all wrong answers. The correct answer is "other humans." The reason why is that out of EVERYTHING on this planet, humans are the most interesting, entertaining, dynamic and intellectual things we'll ever run into.

For example, have the most advanced XBox video gaming system out there. It is still finite. It is still non-sentient. It cannot think, it cannot challenge you, and cannot engage you beyond what it is programmed to do. It is limited. The only reason it CAN challenge you (within the confines of what it's programmed to) is because OTHER HUMANS programmed it that way. Furthermore, what do most people with video games do to maximize their fun? They go online and PLAY AGAINST OTHER HUMANS, suggesting it is human interaction, not a pre-programmed pixelated campaign to kill Nazi's or zombies that provides genuine stimulation to people.

Another example - when do you cry? Chances are when you ding your car or sell your boat, etc., you don't cry. But when a family member or a loved one dies, you cry. Why? Because a human is the only thing you can really love, as well as love you back. You could even make the same case for pets in that pets, though not as advanced as humans, have some of the same characteristics. They are not finite, they are not programmed, dogs certainly have personalities, they are dynamic (meaning they don't do the same thing over and over again like a robot), and you can interact with them. A Ferrari, you can't.

In other words, have all the things you want. Super computers, Ferrari's, an awesome career, you name it, there is nothing more advanced and engaging that another human being. It's what we're programmed to respond to, it's what we're programmed to be intellectually stimulated by, other humans are the most important thing in our lives.

Second, since human beings are the most important things in our lives, which ones mean the most to us? Of course we don't PERSONALLY KNOW every one of the 6 billion humans on the planet, but the ones that are important to us fall into three categories - family, friends and loved ones.

It is here we must discern between men and women because, after all, we are trying to tie economics to the MANosphere. Additionally, we have to make some assumptions that are not going to apply to every man in the world, but will hold in general. Specifically, we must discern the order or hierarchy in which the average man values the above three - family, friends and loved ones.

In general, the average man is going to love

His wife first. Sometimes TIED with his children for first, which means HIS FAMILY comes first.

His children second
And parental-extented family TIED with friends for third.

This doesn't mean he wouldn't lay his life down for his friends. This doesn't mean he would abandon his friends once he found a woman (though that does happen). This is just ordering these for the sake of intellectual discussion.

Regardless, the point is the single most important thing in a man's life is his wife and children aka HIS FAMILY (not his parents, cousins, siblings, aunts, etc.)

Third, since a man's wife and children are the most important things in life for him, how does a man go about getting a family? He has to attract a woman to become his wife. And how does he do that?

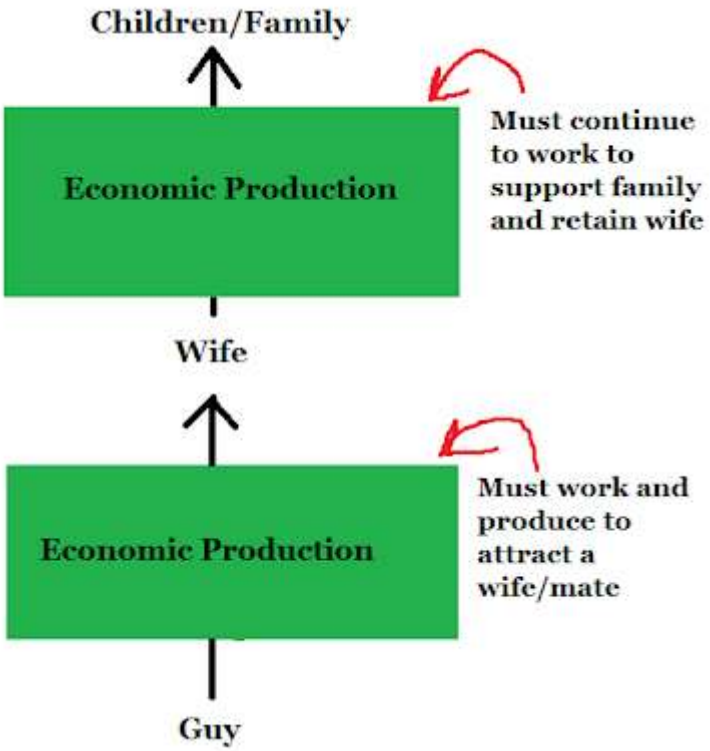
He goes out, kicks ass and takes names.

The "kicking ass" and "taking names" primarily manifesting itself in the form of economic production.

This means he goes to school, learns a trade, stays in shape, develops a personality, develops hobbies, invents, creates, innovates, invests, enriches himself and does everything within his power to increase his marketability to attract a woman. In short he becomes the most powerful economically productive unit in all of society.

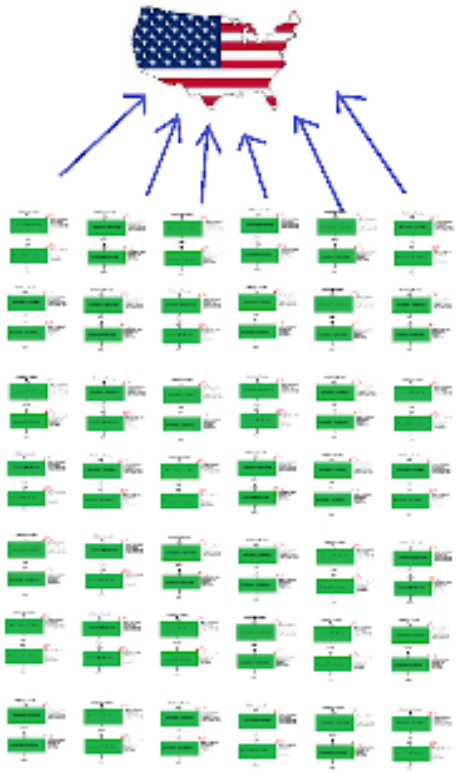
However, it doesn't stop there. It's not like he's running a marathon, passes the finish line and then quits once he attracts a mate. He must keep going and continue being the powerful economic production unit he is because chances are there will be little kinder that need taking care of.

So in short, the majority of economic production in this economy is incented and prompted by a man's strong psychological and instinctual desire to compete for a woman, secure a mate and then start and maintain a family, resulting in an economic model that looks like this:



However, there are some significant ancillary benefits to having effectively every man in the country working this hard, being this creative and being this productive. Namely pure economic dominance for the US. With all men engaged in the economy, working their

best, trying their best, uninhibited by government regulation, taxation or politics, there was no doubt which country was the #1 economic power in the world. Additionally, in being the #1 economic power in the world, the US could afford not just the largest,but the most advanced military in the world ensuring our safety. So while the above model is on the micro-economic level, the macro-economic model looks like this:



Now here is where it gets interesting.

Let's just say, "hypothetically" you are an enemy of the United States (or any free and successful country). You are a communist psy-ops specialist in the Soviet Union. Or heck, just a communist ideologue from the Frasier School that wants to ruin the US. Whatever your origins, you are a communist that wants to destroy the US. You envy its economic wealth, you envy it's economic production, you hate how it's dominant and #1, and it really grinds your gears they did it by letting people be free and do what they want. You know you can't take on the US militarily, so how do you bring about its demise efficiently, effectively and cheaply?

Well if you look at the two charts you'll see two bottlenecks or weak spots than can bring the whole thing down.

You target the wife/women or the family. PREFERABLY the wife/women because that's the first bottleneck before a family is created.

And now your are starting to see why feminism, The Manosphere and economics are related. Since the majority of this country's (an any other free country's) economic production is based on a man's desire to live a happy life by getting married and (sometimes) having children, if you can destroy the quality and caliber of women, let alone the incentive to get married or have children, you can destroy the economic productive capacity of the United States, and thus the country itself. Thus, you see that feminism really isn't about "helping women." It is nothing more than an thinly veiled economic and political attack against the US, freedom and capitalism. This is why I call it "Killing the American Muse."

I didn't know what a "muse" was, until I read this Sinfest comic and looked it up. A muse is (in societal terms) a woman that instills creativity, innovation and determination in a man. ie-any babe that stirs our souls and we think might be marriage material. You see this all the time where if a hot babe walks by men suck in their guys, puff out their chests and do whatever they can to impress her. However, to be a true muse you must not just be good-looking, but also inspire the man, incentive him to do great things, work hard, etc., which requires you are nice, kind, witty, charming, and **supportive**. The qualities and characteristics of a woman that makes her a good wife, creating the saying "behind every successful man there is a woman."

Of course, if you look at what feminism has done and intends to do to our women, you can see it is in COMPLETE opposition to these qualities and traits. You are not supposed to support the man. You are not to help him out. He is the enemy. He is your oppressor, you are not a team. You will co-lead. He will compromise. You will be difficult, you will be belligerent, you will get in his face, you will nag, you will whine, you will complain, you will make demands. You entitled girlfriend! You will have a career, ef the family and ef him,

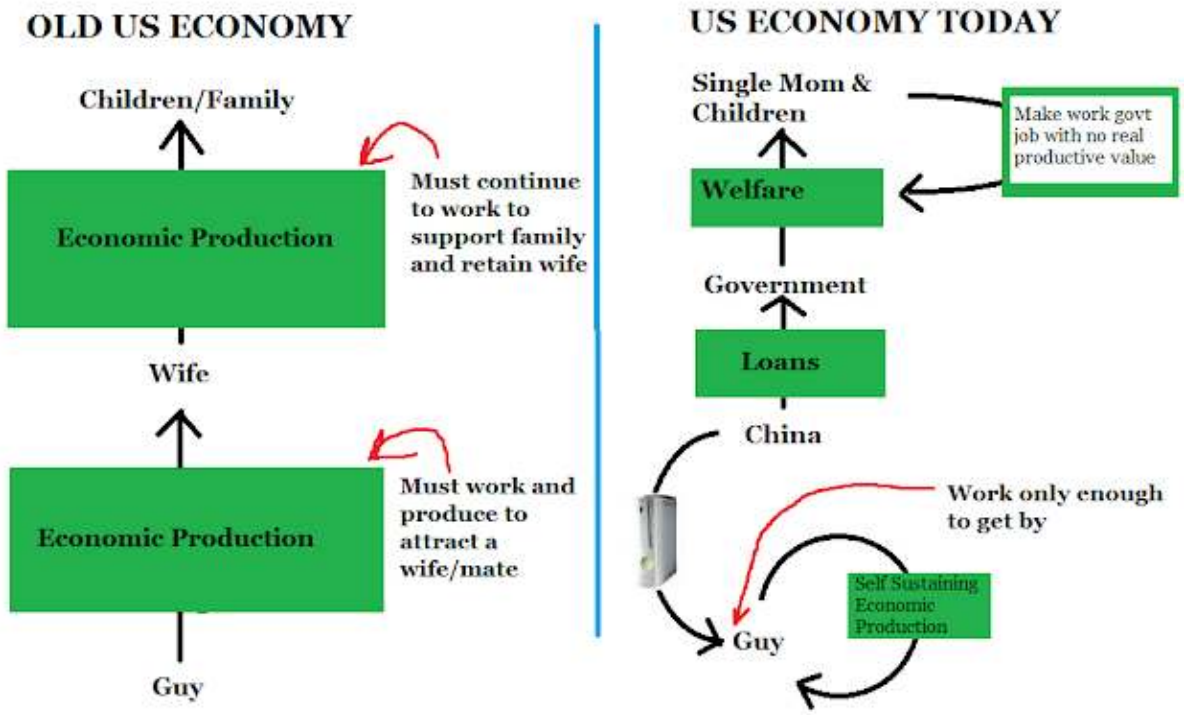
you can have it all, test-tube babies, turkey baster babies, career comes first, I'm a cougar, I can date younger, EPL, Sex and the City, 40 is the new 25, I'm a heroic single mom, you go grrrrl. Vote for higher taxes, men should pay more, we're oppressed, the wage gap, evil patriarchy, free day care, free health care, free education, Obama's pecks, won't somebody please think of the children, I have my masters, where's my cushy 9 months a year government job? Big is beautiful, you're so shallow for liking skinny girls, you should love me for me, shame on you for liking that type of girl, we're going to shove fat acceptance down your throats.

Well how the hell is THAT kind of muse going to instill ANYTHING in a guy but sheer disgust?

Simple, it isn't. Feminism never intended to "improve" the American Muse. Feminism is nothing more than a cover for communists to destroy it and thus destroy your incentive to produce.

The question is, though, are they succeeding? And the answer is sadly yes.

In corrupting and destroying the quality and caliber of the average American woman, these veritable communists have completely disincentived men from participating in getting married, creating families and forming careers. Men are getting married much later, and some, not at all because of the various legal and financial risks involved. Men are having less children not just because they can't afford it in today's economic times, but BOTH parents MUST have careers! Children be damned. Worse though, (for the rest of society anyway) is that men are completely abandoning their traditional male roles and checking out of society altogether. Not that they aren't dating. Not that they aren't working, but they're not "manning up" as so many bewildered western women would like them to. They are realizing just how little money it takes to support one man and choosing the path of least resistance. They are living at home, not going to school, not bothering working hard, not trying their best, not inventing vaccines, not becoming doctors and not aiming to "achieve something greater." They are making just enough money to get by, live their lives, smoke some cigars, drive some motorcycles, service their needs and then die. Thus, the new micro-economy is looking like this:



Pay particular note to several items in the new economic model.

1. The amount of green (economic production) is a lot less. This is in part because the guy no longer has any calling to be a husband or a father. That job has been replaced by the government. The guy no longer has anything to do with the "mom" or the "children"

and therefore only needs to produce the amount of economic production that is necessary to support himself.

2. Also note the significant amount of "faux" economic production. Namely the welfare spending of the government and the "make work government jobs" that are disproportionately filled by women. Also, notice such an economy of nothing but teachers, social workers, therapists, counselors, etc. is unsustainable, thereby requiring additional financing by the Chinese (again, not real economic production).

3. Notice the disconnect from the guy. The guy is standing alone, separate from the upper half. This means he is not only alienated from the economy, but also socially alienated. He has no family, he has no children, and if he does, thanks to divorce chances are he is more or less removed from that as well. He may as well be removed from this entire economy and country, and this shows in more and more men looking overseas for not just jobs, but families and lives.

4. I didn't draw it, but the upper half of the economy will inevitably demand the "guys" below pay more in taxes to support the government-daddy-hubby matrix. More schools, more health care, free day care, etc. etc., just look at what the feminists and communists are clamoring for and you'll see. Additionally, this only provides further incentive for the guys below to work less, if not, collect a government check themselves, if not consider green pastures in other economies.

Ultimately though, the above model results in something that is loathed by BOTH ardent feminists and religious conservative types - the HATED Peter Pan Syndrome Man or "Manchild."

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With their primary incentive (women) to engage in economic production eliminated why should they? Without a potential future wife, let alone children, they can stay at home and bang on their drums all day because the average man needs a mere fraction of the money to survive and support himself than the average woman does. Oddly enough, men seem to be OK with this. It's other people that are having the problems.

The feminists/communists are pissed because these naive men were supposed to keep on working to pay the taxes to support their socialist utopia (though I doubt most feminists think that much about budgetary economics and fiscal policy).

Religious types are angry because these men aren't "manning up" and creating more Christians/Muslims/Jews/Etc.

Women are angry because "*why can't I find a maaaaaan?*" And "*where have all the good*

men gone!? Why, I have my triple masters in social work and I'm an independent strong woman! You know, that's what it is! Men are sexist pigs who are just intimidated by a strong, independent woman like me! You probably want one of those hot, long legged, big boobed women! Well, you know what, you're shallow! If you don't like me and my muffin top, then you're not good enough for me!"

Meanwhile today's marrying-age man (most likely VERY aware of the divorce his father went through in the 80's/90's) is noticing some of the benefits of bachelorhood, XBox and scotch.

Regardless, the larger point is not the socio-romantic consequences of the "Man Child" or "Peter Pan Syndrome." It's the economic consequences. Communists, poorly dressed as feminists, have taken the one thing that truly matters and has given men reason to live throughout history away from them- a wife, and consequently a family. Without that incentive men have no reason to work hard, innovate, create or excel except for themselves. Some, yes, will go onto try hard and create riches for themselves, but most others will merely create enough economic production to "get by" pursuing leisure over labor (besides, with this economy, like they have a choice). This wreaks havoc on the economy in that by taking out that one bottleneck (women) feminists have effectively sent the US economic engine into a coma, producing a mere fraction of what it's capable of doing.

Ergo, we here in the Manosphere aren't "bashing women" because it's a "he-man woman's hater club." We aren't here because we find the battle of the sexes interesting. And we aren't here because we're whining. We're here for economic purposes. We are identifying, warning people about, and assailing the single largest economic threat to not just this economy and other free-market economies, but to freedom across the globe. Feminism is NOT about women, it is a Trojan Horse for communism. And all the accusations in the world of us being "sexist" or "misogynist" will never stop us from pointing that out and exposing feminism for the evil it truly is.

Hey, did you like this post? Then go buy something (that you have to buy anyway) on Amazon.com. The Captain gets a commish and it keeps him from having to work a real job in banking, and keeps him writing good stuff like this. Besides, it pisses off all his previous banker employers that he's successful and they're stuck dealing with problem loans and collecting collateral.

Stupid Nuclear Family

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With their husband and wife and kids. Going on family vacations and developing memories together. Having fun during the holidays. What do they know!? Ain't none of them enjoy cosmopolitans like the girls in Sex and the City!

"Discovering He Was a Beta"

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Have to hand it to Haley and her continuing take down of Boundless.

Getting Rid of All Your Crap

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Economic Justice, Social Justice, & FACIAL Justice

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Reading some Murray Rothbard. And I wanted to share an excerpt from one of his essays because I found it not just to be incredibly insightful, but ***incredibly eerie.*** Specifically, the book he cites and how the book, though intended to be fiction when written, is sadly too close to being a reality today.

Older egalitarianism stressed making income or wealth equal; but, as Helmut Schoeck brilliantly realized, the logic of their argument was to stamp out in the name of "fairness," all instances of human diversity and therefore implicit or explicit superiority of some persons over others. In short, envy of the superiority of others is to be institutionalized, and all possible sources of such envy eradicated.

In his book on Envy Helmut Schoeck analyzed a chilling dystopian novel by the British writer, L.P. Hartley. In his work, Facial Justice, published in 1960, Hartley, extrapolating from the attitudes he saw in British life after World War II, opens by noting that after the Third World War, "Justice had made great strides." ***Economic Justice, Social Justice and other forms of justice had been achieved, but there were still areas of life to conquer. In particular, Facial Justice had not yet been attained, since pretty girls had an unfair advantage over ugly ones. Hence, under the direction of the Ministry of Face Equality, all Alpha (pretty) girls and all Gamma (ugly) girls were forced to undergo operations at the "Equalization (Faces) Centre" so as all to attain Beta (pleasantly average) faces.***

What it goes to show you (which is the whole point of Rothbard's essay) is how liberals, leftism and socialism are not just for the equal redistribution of wealth, but the equality of EVERYTHING. Status, power, looks, etc. Nobody can be better or worse than anybody else in any regard. And the only way to achieve that is to kill the individual and replace it with not just economic communism, but social, psychological and personal communism. Nobody is unique, everybody is the same.

Rush Limbaugh and his "Uglo-Americans" was not a bit. It was great insight.

Nuclear Powered Rationalization Hamster

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Wow.

This takes the cake.

Men who are 35+ and have never married are now considered to have some kind of psychological problem and are "losers."

No, no, it couldn't be the quality and caliber of women in this country is so low men are either postponing it, outsourcing it or abandoning it all together. No, can't possibly be that, because, well, that would put the blame SQUARELY where it belongs.

My god the legs on the rationalization hamster must be huge from all that spinning.

An Aspiring Engineer Runs Into Progressive Credentialism

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I remember being asked similar questions when I interviewed for jobs and internships.

"What extra cirricular activities do you engage in?"

I, truthfully engaged in none. I was too busy studying all the time and...um...what was that other thing I did...OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I was WORKING FULL TIME AND GOING TO SCHOOL FULL TIME so I could put FREAKING FOOD on the table and PAY FOR MY FREAKING RENT.

I didn't have time to join the "Yeah for Us Self Esteem Diversity of Leftist CSR Puke Club" or the "Daddy's Paying My Way So I Can Hackey Sack All Day and Night Brigade," let alone the money to join the "Fratboydouche Hat on Backwards as We Pound Down $5 Shots Society."

So, lets see if we here in the Manosphere can help this kid out because lord knows it isn't going to be some HR priss asking him whether he join the right club or did the right thing.

Anybody got a job or a internship that would fit his qualifications?

On a related note, somebody sent this to me. (warning, it's painful)

Now compare and contrast the post above by the college KID and the 40 year old HR professional. The kid is talking about building electric cars while the "adult" is talking about binders. Does a FREAKING YOU TUBE ON BINDERS!!!!

For advice!

TO HR PEOPLE!!!

Binders!!! THis is the cutting edge of Industrial Relations????

I'll go into this in much more detail since we have a lot of new readers, but for now kids, the lesson to learn is to avoid HR at all costs. Find the hiring manager. Go straight to him.

Also, remember THESE ARE THE PEOPLE screening your resume. They are the FRONT LINES OF DEFENSE IN OUR LABOR MARKET, ensuring the highest quality of labor gets the

job. So if you DON'T get the job or an interview you are supremely qualified for, don't feel bad. There's nothing wrong with you, it's HR.

Cripes, freaking binders.

Dave Wahlstedt

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I'll try to be brief because I don't want to do too much economic-talking-over-heads.

What I never understood in Minneapolis was how property owners were unable to link their excessively high property tax bills with the pro-spending politicians they kept voting in.

And trust me, people, Minneapolis property owners were pissed (and they still are). Property taxes increased by 300% when I lived there on my dinky little duplex. The services did NOT increase 300%. Of course we got things like $50,000 drinking fountains, "Walk Ambassadors," green roofs, all politically correct and liberal things, but of course none of the property owners that paid for such waste benefited from it.

But the real reason (and it isn't political) I'm writing this piece is to try to explain to everybody (liberals, conservatives, liberatarians and greenies) is why you should be afraid of increasing property taxes and should be voting for Dave Wahlstedt.

Namely, the value of your home or property.

Without going into a lot of economic theory and whatnot, in short what drives the value of an asset (be it your home, stocks, a business, etc.) is the fact it generates some kind of income. Yes, I know your home doesn't generate income, but it theoretically does and can in the form it saves you rent or it could be rented out. This technicality aside, stick with me.

The reason why income is the only thing that gives an asset value is because why else would somebody buy it?

Nobody is going to buy a rock from me. "Cappy's Rocks" would not do well because rocks unto themselves do not generate income.

Nobody is going to buy sticks from me. "Cappy's Sticks" would not do well because sticks, unto themselves, do not generate income.

But somebody might be a stock from me. Stocks pay dividends. Stocks generate income.

Somebody might buy a business from me. Businesses generate profits. Businesses generate income.

But what if you tax a stock, dividends, profit or income?

Say I had a stock and it paid $5 a year in dividends. Depending on the market, the price of that stock might be around $20. But if you tax my dividends and I only net say, $3, am I still going to pay $20 for it?

No.

Another example are pre-1958 Cuban companies. A bit obscure of a reference but the point is still the same. Say you had a rum company down in Cuba. It makes money. It's profitable. That business has value. So to an acquiring company or just any ole investor they would be willing to pay a price for that asset because it generates a profit.

Uh oh. Here comes Fidel and Che! And they now nationalize the company, effectively taking it for themselves. All profits go to the glorious people's republic. Does that business have any value any more? No, why would anybody buy it? Cuba would not allow any profits to be paid (plus communists just outright repossess the property).

The same thing is happening here (and across the nation) to our houses, our homes and our properties.

Say you bought your house in the Longfellow neighborhood for $200,000 back in 2002 And it could be rented out for $1300/month. You couldn't keep all of that because you have to pay property taxes (and other operating expenses such as insurance, repairs, etc.). Let's say the property taxes were $200 a month. So you net $1100/month in rental income.

Uh oh.

Hennepin County and Rybak need more drinking fountains and bike paths and green roof tops!

So by 2012 your property taxes are now $600/month.

Your property that WAS generating $1,100/ month in net rental income is now only generating $700.

That's a 36% drop.

Now, in economic theory (and reality) that means the value of your house should be 36% less, so roughly your $200,000 house is only worth $128,000. And yes, you may not rent it out and not care about rent, but when somebody is going to buy it they are still going to look at the property taxes and not only say

"Whoa! $600/month???"

They're also going to notice

"WHOA! Taxes keep going up here! There's no way I'm buying."

So even though you're not renting it out, the fact remains that house is no longer an asset, but quickly becoming a liability. Specifically a perpetually increasing and never ending payment to the county and the city.

Now you may poo poo this basic economics lesson. You may see that property values in Hennepin County are actually increasing slightly and dismiss this. But hear me and heed this warning.

The simple example I provided about does not account for all the other factors that affect housing. BUT IN THE END if property taxes DO NOT RELENT and DO NOT GO DOWN, Minneapolis WILL become a Detroit.

And the reason why is very simple.

Liabilities do not have value.

I don't care how nice your house is, if the property taxes keep going up (no matter what noble, liberal claptrap the politicians claim it will go to pay for) the value of your house will go down to ZERO. Your single largest investment will have no value.

And the only people to blame for it will be the voters who kept voting to fleece themselves because they do not understand this basic economic lesson.

So vote for Dave Wahlstedt for commissioner. Not because he's a conservative or a liberal, but for yourselves.

Living in Your Car

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So I did my "get rid of your stuff" video and several of the comments were people talking about living in their cars. I figured today there must be some kind of sub-culture where people do live in their cars and probably have made an art of it, and BAAM!!! What do you know?

The idea of living out of your car intrigues me on several levels.

One, with all the hiking, adventuring and mountain climbing I do, it inevitable that I would have to sleep in my car at times. Additionally, if you can avoid paying for hotels, you can take what would be a mere week long vacation and turn it into a two week vacation with the money you save. It wasn't until quite recently anyway that I allowed myself to sleep in hotels. I would either push onto my destination staying awake the extra 8 hours and saving $70 or I would find a wayside, get 4 hours sleep and finish the trip. Regardless, it was interesting to see my experiences taught me most of what he presents in his video/blog.

Two, if the SHTF living in a vehicle I believe is going to be the default option for a lot of people. Myself and most of us here i believe have the mental fortitude to do that, but I wonder how many preppy suburbanites who rely on their daily Starbucks would have a mental break down. Oh, and no nesting in the car.

Three, in my pursuit and obsession with minimalism, I am intrigued by the savings power of living in a vehicle. STick with me here. How long would you have to live in a car, essentially rent free, to save up enough money to just pay for a house? Or heck, pay for college. Assume $750 a month and that's about 15 years for a $150,000 house. Not likely to do that, but it is possible. Additionally, consider the freedom. With no mortgage or rent to pay, your living expenses are just food, gas, and toiletries. If you can make some kind of income off of the internet, then you can pretty much just drive where ever you want making "homeless" a term of freedom, not a societal class.

Four, I was going to say the one drawback of this would be it would kill your love life, but after thinking about it I'm not even sure about that. How many loser musicians do you know that mooch off of girlfriend after girlfriend? You're not playing "Dirk Winthrop Investment Banker" game, but poor starving, impoverished loser man game. Certainly better than being a nice, reliable guy.

Government Replaces Husband

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It's not that hard to understand why. The government doesn't beat you (yet, anyway). The government demands nothing of you and holds you to no standard. The government is your sugar daddy. The government is your employer. The government is your safety net. The government can and will be your co-parenting partner. The government will educate your children. The government will take care of your children. The government will take care of you. And above all else, you don't have to have any of that icky gross sex.

Remember, this is what single women were programmed to believe:

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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oh, I'm sure the kid will come out fine.

Seek Dating Advice from Men, Not Women

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Though I do like Susan this is a perfect example of where you would not want to take the advice of a woman vs. that of a guy simply because women do not date women and therefore can't give advice on what works.

Why the Soviets Banned Maps

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My god.

What gets me is that today, I have to argue and fight like the underground AGAINST something so evil. That society today is SO STUPID and SO IGNORANT they can't see that this is where socialism ends.

Communism IS the greatest evil perpetrated upon the human race.

Most Addictive 1950's Toy

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Hey, you remember this toy? My grandpa had one, couldn't put the damn thing down as a kid.

Kill the Inner Beta Before He Kills You

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Rollo writes a mandatory piece and I will simply add a related note here in that I think suicide is an under-addressed topic here in the Manosphere. Additionally, I believe it is a genuine threat. Manosphere readers are predisposed more than most to commit suicide, so allow me this dark and macabre lesson to help prevent it.

First, let me start off by saying that pretty much every male friend I have is NOT as happy as he was 5-6 years ago. And the reason for this universal "less-happiness" is simply economic. The economy sucks, and men have been disproportionately affected by this.

Bad economic times coinciding with higher rates of depression and suicide is nothing new, and certainly explains why most of the men in your life (as well as women) are down. But there are some other factors here that explain why I believe men are more depressed, BEYOND what a bad economy should warrant, namely political

Second, not to get political, there is really no future for this country.

People often accuse me of being a pessimist, a party pooper, and a downer.

I'm none of the above.

I'm an economist and a realist who doesn't swallow BS like "hope and change" and doesn't vote for spectacularly incompetent men because they have nice pecks. I instead spend HUNDREDS of hours every year pouring over data, charts, statistics and numbers. I want facts, I want data. I want reality. I have more economic knowledge in a milligram of my ear wax that the entire democratic voting population does in all of their brains as they blow $6 every morning on Starbucks and never ponder how the electricity stays on or what happens when the sewers don't work because "Don't Trust the B in Apt 23" is on.

Therefore when I say something like, "the country has no future" infinitely-less-informed people's reaction should not be a dismissive,

"*he's just a pessimist.*"

Their reaction should be

"*OH SH!T! How bad is it?*"

Or, to analogize it another way, imagine I just came up from the bowels of the Titanic, all greasy and wet, blood running from my forehead, with a huge plumbing wrench in my

hand as well as a panicked look on my face and said,

"*We're going to sink!*"

And you all laugh, pat me on the head, and then re-direct you attention back to your Gibsons.

Yeah, that's what it feels like.

Regardless, I'm not the only one paying attention to projections, forecasts and data. Most other men in the Manosphere are too. Maybe they're not the SAEG (TM) economist I am, but they know enough that 100% debt to GDP is "bad." They know what a trillion dollars is, and they know spending $1 trillion more than what we take in is "bad." And because they have this knowledge and are not blissfully ignorant like the galactically ignorant morons that put a fraud like Barack Obama in charge, they are further depressed because they know what's coming. Economic stagnation at best, collapse if worse. Regardless, no future.

Third, you throw in the whole feminism ruining women thing and taking away men's primary biological drive, but we've beat that horse to death. I merely wanted to include it.

In the end, you put all this together you can see why a lot of them are depressed, a lot of them are down, and a lot of them may conclude suicide is the answer because there really isn't much to live for.

It would normally be at this point in the article I say,

"*Don't do it! There's so much to live for,*"

but I can't. My response is much more somber. Not that I'm FOR suicide, but rather the reasons I'm going to give you to live are not pie in the sky fluffy bunnies type reasons people normally give suicidal people to live, but the stone cold real world reasons you should live.

First, "*There's so much to live for*" in today's economic environment is an outright lie. You have had your economic future taken away from you. You've have your financial future taken away from you. Your career taken away from you. Your family (likely) taken away from you. Your whole life has been taken away from you. WORSE STILL if you were led to believe this was the greatest country and you could do anything, the heights from which you crashed down from were much higher and much more painful upon landing.

So if you're to the point you're kicking around suicide, chances are you REALLY DO have

nothing to live for. I believe you.

But (and here's the kicker) you *have no compelling reason to die either.*

Say life is really bad. Really, really bad. You have no reason to live.

Well join the club.

You're certianly not alone. It's not like there aren't 100 million American adult males who aren't in your same situation. Just because you don't have anything to live for BASED ON TRADITIONAL DEFINITIONS OF WHAT YOU SHOULD LIVE FOR doesn't mean there isn't stuff you can't do.

So you don't have a career. That's just more free time.
So you don't have a family. That's just more disposable income, freetime and a zero percent chance of getting divorced..
So the country is going down the toilet. Collect a welfare check with no guilt and while you still can.

The solution is not to kill yourself. The solution is to

1. Forgive yourself and realize it is not your fault you don't have a future or life didn't turn out the way you hoped it would
2. Change your mentality from what you "want" to what you "can get." ie-realize the environment has changed and adapt to it mentally and physically (becuase you have no other choice).
3. Live the rest of your days doing that while you have the opportunity to do it and make the best of it.

Second, at least change your environment before you try to commit suicide. Go overseas, live overseas, do something. Changing your environment will at least get you out of the environment where you thought it was hopeless. Usually when people contemplate suicide it means they think it isn't worth living HERE in THIS PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT. So the least you can do before you off yourself is give a try at another life. Stop paying your mortgage, amass as much money as you can, and leave.

Besides, what's the worst that can happen? They "repossess" your house? Your wife leaves you? Your credit tanks and you can't find another job? You were just considering suicide a couple minutes ago.

Third, there is so much to do and see on this planet. My fossil hunting, mountain climbing, motorcycling, writing, ballroom dancing, tornado chasing is not by accident. Like most men, I too was at the precipice one time of suicide. Nothing serious, but the

thought did enter my mind and my mind said, "well before we go, we gotta do all this stuff then" and boom, my life became much more interesting. I abandoned my career and women as my primary motivators in life and pursued fun. It was almost as if experiencing enough pain to think about suicide was a benefit because it put things in context and made me not just change my life for the better, but change my life so it fit into reality.

You too may as well go and do what you want. Go to Italy, get into race car driving, eat ice cream, breed wiener dogs, whatever you want to do. Because once you pull that trigger, it's not like you can go back and decide to start taking hang-gliding up as a hobby.

Fourth, following along the same lines that suicide results in the worst option - death, that leaves you with pretty much EVERY option available on the table. What I mean by this is things you wouldn't do if you knew you were going to live and suffer the consequences are NOW viable options. Namely, criminal. I am NOT ADVOCATING THIS, but philosophically merely pointing it out. Specifically, since finances are one of the primary reasons for suicide, why not rob a bank and see if you can get away with it? The alternative was death, so what the hey (though I wouldn't rob a bank because there actually isn't a lot of money there. I'd recommend starting up a "green company" and getting a government loan as you pay yourself $2.5 million per year in salary with no intention of it being profitable. It's totally legal, but it's still theft sanctioned by democrats, environmentalists and Obama cronies. Make sure to throw a couple thousand towards Barack's campaign.)

So in short, yes, I know times are tough. Yes I know some of you literally, veritably, actually have NO REAL reason to live. But that is because you are genetically and socially programmed to view a very small handful of things as "reasons to live" - work, family, career all of which are under assault, if not, completely destroyed by now in the US. You haven't opened your eyes wide enough to look and see there are other reasons. Additionally, what else you got to do? You in a rush to die? Why not chill out and hang out with the living? Explore the world a little bit. Collect a government check. Adapt and abuse the socialism that's been shoved down your throat. Avail yourself of all the freebies socailists have voted in. Accept the fact you can't get what you want, but can take what you can get. Besides, as I said before, you can't come back. So you might as well make the best of a decaying society here while you're here simply because you have no other choice.

Cargo Cult

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Sounds like a band, but it is actually something I read about by Ludwig Von Mises.

Parental Goals Should Target Your Child When They're 30, Not 13

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This will be short.

Good parents realize that their goal, when raising children, is not to be "best friends" with them.

It is to raise them so they are independent, productive, law abiding, interesting, successful and mentally healthy adults.

Ergo, no matter how hard it may be to tell a child "no" or even have a falling out with them when they're young, that IS in the best long term interest of the child and IS truly loving your child because that IS what is going to make them successful as adults. In other words, you don't manage the kid for "today" you manage the kid for when s/he is 30.

Of course, that is too hard for some parents, especially considering a lot of parents today have kids not because they want to bring another human being into this world, but because they view the child as a consumer item. Like a Lexus or an IPad, "it" is an accessory. And if "it" starts becoming difficult you placate "it" and try to calm "it" down. You dare don't try to discipline "it" or teach it any kind of value structure. And it's ideal if you can outsource the rearing and upbringing of the child to daycare or the public schools. Then you don't have to really deal with "it."

But what's funny is the people I know and read about that have "its" and not "children," have "its" for very greedy reasons. Specifically they want an "it" so they are not lonely.

You know all the flak me and the other men in The Vasectomy League caught for not wanting to have children? What is the NUMBER ONE CRITIQUE they ALWAYS cite and threaten childless people with in vain hopes they'll scare us into joining their misery?

"YOU'LL DIE ALL ALLLOOOOOONE! With NOOOOBODY TO VISIT YOU IN THE NURSING HOME!!!!"

Oh yeah? What do you think is going to happen when "it" realizes just what a piss poor job you did of bringing "it" up in terms of preparation for the real world? What happens when they reach their 30's and discover just how much you shielded them from the real world and they cannot function socially, romantically, or in a career? When "it" can't find a job because you didn't provide "it" with any kind of financial guidance?

I'll tell you what "it" is NOT going to do.

Visit you in a nursing home. "It" will, by about the time "it" is 35-40, realize just what an outstanding job you did as a parent and react accordingly.

Thankfully, however, there is good news.

You'll have me and the entire Vasectomy League of men as company in the nursing home. And we are quite a motley crew!

Love, Lust, Booze, High Heels and Stabbing

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Probably the most addictive thing i've read recently and will want to read part 2.

From our Indian, Eskimo, Finlander Agent in the Field

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Actually, his heritage is even more complicated than that. I'm currently working on a flow chart to diagram it, but we'll just say our "Indian Finlander Agent in the Field" to simplify things. Regardless, he introduces an ingredient I was unaware of about the American (and well as Canadian) Indians. Namely the refusal and bigotry against "things white" even though such things would help. What's interesting about our Finlander/Indian Agent however, is that he is a capitalist, independent thinker amongst a people that are typically not (think being the one conservative at the scores of college parties). Which begets some interesting questions and observations, one in particular I've had.

From our Agent:

I am Kindjal. Let me describe a phenomena called Schrodingers Business Plan. Whenever a white man has an idea which will help an indigenous people, it is simultaneously alive and dead. It's alive because it would promote life, but it's dead because a white man thought of it. Everyone knows that the Schrodinger paradox ultimately describes something that's dead.
http://captaincapitalism.blogspot.com/2007/04/of-indians-and-irishmen.html
Cappy's posting was followed by a bunch of reader comments explaining why it can't be done. If Apollo 13 can survive a catastrophic hull breach 200 thousand miles from Earth, then indigenous people can find a way to implement Cappy's idea. Sure there's differences in laws and business structure from region to region, but the basic idea can be modified for each individual case. Indian tribes hire lawyers to do sort out these kinds of details.
Some years ago a very similar idea was presented at a meeting of my tribe here in Alaska, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. The idea died because the idea was presented by a white man who is a friend of mine He is a white man who wanted prosperity for his half-breed daughter. Do you know what she did instead of getting a nice job working for a wealthy indian tribe? She overdosed on white man drugs and died. But at least the tribe stopped an uppity white man from living out his evil colonial fantasy. He has a dead idea and a dead daughter. Red Power!
When I was a little boy, an elder of mine boasted that white school teachers who go to the village to work off their student loans had to learn village culture or they wouldn't be accepted. I looked into her eyes and I knew right then that white teachers won't be accepted no matter what they do. I saw the gloating in her eyes and it was evil.

White men habitually quote Socrates when discussing important things, "I know that I know nothing." To me, this means for everything that anyone knows, white people know

one more thing, and I admire them for knowing this thing.
What irks me more than anything is that the Indians (both Canadian and American) have it within their power to become richer than the Cayman Islands or Bermuda. They could become veritable Hong Kongs overnight. But because they've never buried the hatchet from over 200 years ago for transgressions of people who are long dead they let that irrational hold-over hatred prevent themselves from advancing, and (in my humble opinion) surpassing their socialism-obsessed white peers. I don't say this to score "diversity" points or favoritism amongst the Indian community, I say it because it's economic and true. Indians, if they decided to use their sovereignty, could easily poach US and foreign businesses and in doing so become richer.

"Skinny Privilege"

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First "white privilege."

Now "skinny privilege"

What will those zany self-pitying feminists come up with next!?

"Your Boss is Intimidated By You" - Part 1

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Research time lieutenants, agents in the field, and all varied and sorted types of economists!

Your beloved Captain has a problem and a problem that has been bothering him for quite some time. Try as he might, he has had no success in figuring out a phenomenon he has regularly ran into in his life. Normally if he sits down and ponders things he can figure it out, but not this one. Worse still, he doesn't even have any theories or ideas that might explain this phenomenon which he can tender to his fine elite readership for approval or rejection. No, he is just plain dead in the water when it comes to this one. So riddle me this riddle me that Cappy Cappites:

"Are bosses really intimidated by some of their employees?

I ask because when I have rammed heads with management in the past (which has pretty much been always) my peers, friends, family and loved ones always say,

"*Well, he/she is probably just intimidated by you. They know you can do a better job than them and are smarter than them.*"

To this my original response was disbelief. Early on I chalked it up to me not being a good enough employee. I tried working harder, smarter, etc., but it never worked. I still rammed heads. Then I chalked it up to my brash personality. They weren't intimidated, they just didn't like me. So I became more demure and subservient, and of course that didn't work either. Then once I took the red pill of employment and saw just how grossly incompetent, inept, and sometimes outright criminal gray hairs were in the banking industry, I chalked it up to the fact I was not playing along and refusing to be corrupt stooge they wanted me to be. It wasn't intimidating, I just wasn't a team player.
But my ultimate reason for not believing in the "Intimidated Boss Syndrome" is that I couldn't see any of my bosses, no matter how incompetent or corrupt, being "intimidated" by me to the point they'd quarantine me or somehow impede my career our of fear I'd "usurp" them. It just seemed to damn petty, even for them.

But, sure enough at the bar nary a couple days ago, when talking to a buddy of mine about my Wyoming gig he said, "Oh, he was just intimidated by you." And the fact he said it so "matter of factly" has now made me hell bent to figure this out.

So Cappy Cappites, lets see if we can with our communal SEAG (TM) brain power answer a couple questions.

1. Does such a phenomenon exist? I'm sure SOME boss SOMEWHERE has been intimidated by an underling in the history of the world. But is this a COMMON phenomenon you believe exists?

2. WE NEED PROOF. Stories, observations, epiphanies, anecdotes, something you can point to and say, "Yes, see there! There it is! That boss is intimidated by his underling and here's how you can tell." Not stories of "my boss sucks and here's why." I need "S/he displayed this odd behavior or did something that would suggest they were intimidated." Hell, insider stories of people who know who are bosses confiding in you their employees intimidate them. And I'd be curious if this is more common with women than men (though my money is on the men if this proves to be true).

3. I would also like to see a working psychological model or explanation as to why this is. What is the psychology, what are the symptoms, what are the traits and behaviors of intimidated bosses? What do they do and say and why do they say it so we know they're intimidated.

I KNOW there is something there. It's too uncanny that this keeps getting cited, not just in my experiences, but others. I want the "Intimidated Boss Phenomenon" ID'd and explained.

ht for info and insight

"Top Shelf" Now Available!

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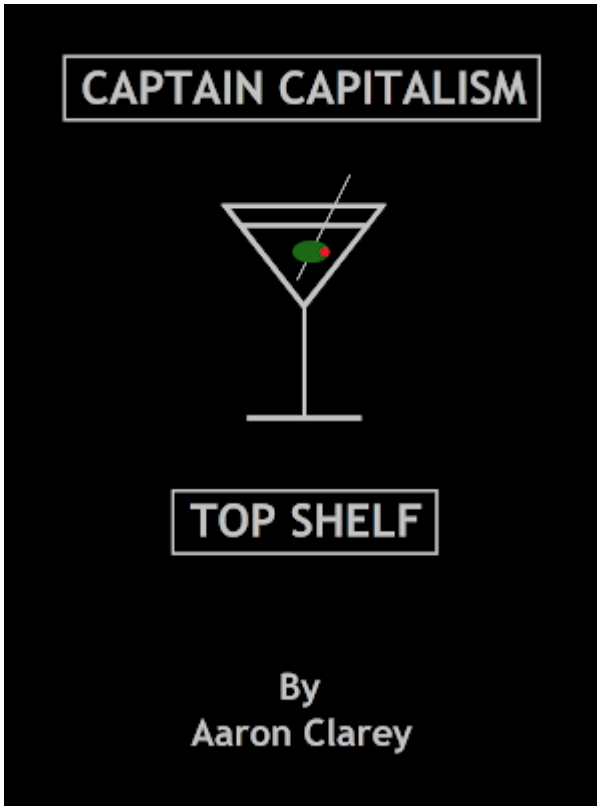
Good news everyone!

"Captain Capitalism - Top Shelf" is now available for sale on Amazon!



Let me explain this book a little bit so you know why I wrote it and what to expect.

This is a compilation of the "best of" Captain Capitalism. However, because I have over

3,500 posts covering various categories, "Top Shelf" is merely the first installment. The posts consolidated in "Top Shelf" are just that - the *absolute best posts*, the cream of the crop. If you're new to Cappy Cap these are "must reads." If you've been a regular reader for some time, these will you probably remember fondly and like to revisit again. The next 3 installments will theme around pure economics, then the Manosphere/dating, and finally politics/philosophy, though multiple posts do fall into (and are backed up in) multiple books.

I strongly recommend buying Top Shelf to everyone in that it is my finest literary work. So regardless of who you are, Top Shelf is definitely worth your while. However, profit was actually NOT my primary motivator in doing a "best of" series. It was actually to back up my works in case Google decided someday it was not "appropriate" and shut down Cappy Cap or (in a worst case scenario) the economy collapses or the government becomes so tyrannical the only medium by which these works would be preserved would be physical paper. This mean the other books in the series (say the economics edition) may not be your cup of tea, however, you may want to consider buying them anyway so the data and ideas within are available for future generations in case society collapses or the government starts banning books (think "The Book of Eli" but "The Book of Cappy.")

Finally, I know you may be thinking,

"*Well if these great posts are already on the internet for free, why would i buy the book?*"

Because it took me 80 hours to go through all my posts and find the "best ones" and it would take you the same amount of time. The book costs $25 so that translates into 31 cents per hour. Definitely a deal.

Original purposes of writing the book aside, the book is DEFINITELY worth reading. It covers everything from economics, the Manosphere, courting, obscure observations, we laughed, we cried, we did shots etc., all that makes Cappy Cap um...."cappy?" It's a long read, 414 pages, but each post is a gem unto itself and you can digest it at your own pace. Currently in paper back, but I will be getting it out in hard cover later, Kindle will also be out soon and a "color" version where the charts are in color may also be in the works (though pricey).

Again, thank you for all your support and certainly tell friends (or buy them one for Christmas).

Hitting Teachers Out of the Park

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"*That's why they're teaching. They couldn't hack it in the real world*"

About the 5:00 minute mark and the 7:25 mark.

I STRONGLY recommend you listen from the beginning. I just pulled the most powerful quote from it.

Yes, it is a commercial, and yes, it is me, but it's non-scripted and it is something everything parent and college bound kid needs to listen to.

Real Economists Don't Read "The Economist"

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I thought when The Economist first endorsed Barack Obama back in 2008 they were merely caught up in the hype. That human emotion had overrun The Economist's brain department and they had a "moment of weakness." I understood it, but I did not accept it. If the publication I relied upon to provide me insights was now endorsing a socialist, for whatever reason, prompting the question "how could I trust its research and its analysis?" The answer is I couldn't.

I promptly cancelled what was then an 11 year subscription.

Since then I wondered if The Economist had "seen the error of its ways" as the POTUS failed spectacularly to do the one thing he was put in charge of, which also happened to be the forte of The Economist:

Spur economic growth.

I figured with such a dismal track record and soaring deficits most sane, logical and intellectually honest publications would NOT endorse him come 2012, *ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT FOCUS ON ECONOMICS*. And given that I believe The Economist was still a reputable publication suffering only a lapse in judgement AND was a publication that focused on *ECONOMICS* it was a guarantee they would come out for Romney.

They didn't.

Once again The Economist is endorsing Barack Obama proving it was not just a magazine that had a bad case of the OT's (Obama Tingles) back in 2008, but that the magazine itself had fundamentally and purposely changed. It confirmed to me something I suspected a while ago - that it had abandoned any attempts at being a serious publication about economics and instead had sold its soul for increased readership. And it did this in a very Paul Krugman like way.

Knowing its difficult to peddle things like "the truth" and the cold hard realities of life and economics, in order to increase its subscribership The Economist instead started peddling something that's a much easier sell - socialism. And not only a much easier sell, a sell that would pander to less intelligent people opening up much larger markets than that narrow niche of educated, intellectually honest fuddy duddies who comprised their original customer base. They immediately captured the NPR, elitist, faux intelligentsia market. They were now in contention to get egotistical college students to subscribe who weren't intelligent, but could fake intelligence by carrying a copy of The Economist around. And I bet they were even hoping to get the average, everyday blue collar liberal

to buy their magazine.

But in the end, "let me be clear" as to what has happened to The Economist. The Economist went from (in my opinion) the single best publication the world had ever seen to another leftist rag solely to increase its profits. It, like Paul Krugman, doesn't really believe the stuff its spews out, but it doesn't care, that's where the money is. So I believe to reflect this change The Economist should re-title itself to something more accurate:

"The Whore."

"Well Hello Second Armored" Award

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I have decided to start issuing a new award. The "Well Hello Second Armored Award" named after the following scene in Band of Brothers (at the 6:00 mark)

This award is given to a blog, a blogger or any individual that writes something that surprisingly supports capitalism, freedom, liberty, men and seemingly comes out of nowhere.

It is therefore with great honors and celebration I award the FIRST "Well Hello Second Armored Award" to Verus Conditio for her recent post that blind-sided us in the Manosphere.

"Oh you beautiful babies you!" (about the 6:25 mark)

Lesson 1 - Don't Date Girls That Stab You

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Here's another (though unrelated) story.

Look, guys. I'm pretty sure you don't need my advice on this one, but don't date chicks that have a history of stabbing people.

I know this may sound a bit confusing and be a bit more complex out there, but people who stab other people fall into the category of "bad."

You know how your parents told you to stay away from strangers, or that "adults don't request help from children" or "don't put your hand on that burning stove?"

Yeah, kind of the same basic elementary lesson here.

Ms. Stabby is a bad girl. Stay away from her.

A Lesson in Economics for Immigrants

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This will be about the only political piece I ever write where I try to make a case or convince a group of people to vote a certain way. And the way I'm going to do it is by being direct, blunt, honest and truthful, as well as using logic that cannot be disputed and math that is precise (though if anybody doesn't believe me, they can always look it up). I also will be translating this into multiple languages so most immigrants in the US can read this (though I apologize in advance is the Google Translate loses some of the meaning in translation).

First allow me some assumptions.

If you are an immigrant to the US then chances are you came here for a better economic living. You decided to come here, illegally or not, because it would benefit you economically. Whether you decided to be a real American and work, or simply just go on welfare and live off of other people here, it doesn't matter. Whether you even like the United States doesn't matter. The fact still remains the United States presented a better economic life than the country you came from.

Also, if you are an immigrant, chances are you vote Democrat and will vote for Barack Obama. Again, whether you're here legally or not, and whether you are allowed to vote or not, it doesn't matter. Most of you will vote for Barack Obama. The reasons are many. He promises you that you will become a citizen. He promises you more money. He promises you jobs. Whatever he promises you, in general he will give you more stuff and money than Romney will (which I agree).

But there is a problem the immigrant community faces and it's the same problem all Americans face. A problem of feasibility.

Barack Obama can promise you everything under the stars. Romney can do the same. The issue is whether or not they can deliver and make good on those promises. And what determines whether or not they can make good on those promises is whether or not the economy is strong enough, healthy enough and growing enough to generate the economic production needed to pay for everything they promised.

Understand the government can't just "print off more money." Printing off more money does nothing but create inflation because it isn't the paper money that has any value, it is the goods and services that money can buy that has value. Therefore the wealth and riches of a nation isn't how much pieces of paper money you have floating around, it's the amount of goods, services and stuff an economy produces that gives a nation its wealth,

strength and standard of living. We merely use money as a means to convert our labor into a tool we can use to go and buy the stuff we need. That's all money is - it's a tool. So when you print off all this money without a corresponding increase in economic production, you get inflation, or worse, "hyper-inflation" that you see in modern day Zimbabwe.

Until recently, the United States was able to produce a lot of stuff that would give its money value. However, in the past 20 years or so, especially the last 5, we have been spending more money than the amount of stuff we're producing. Additionally, the government has been spending way more money than it has taken in, requiring it borrow money from the Chinese, Arabs and other countries. Worse still nearly 70% of the money the government does spend goes into what is called "income transfers." "Income transfers" means just that. It is transferring money from one group of people to another in the form of EBT, welfare, food stamps, medicare, medicaid and other programs that disproportionately benefit immigrants. The problem is that the government (meaning the US population) does not get anything in return for those income transfers. Normally when you give somebody money they have to produce something or provide a service. But 70% of our budget is spent without any corresponding increase in economic production, explaining in part why our economy is in such bad shape today.

Now stick with me if I haven't lost you yet with the boring economics lesson because the consequences of this economic lesson will have an effect on you.

As we spend more money relative to the amount of actual genuine economic production this will not only cause inflation, but (as noted before) require we borrow the money to make up the gap. Again, the Chinese, Arabs and other countries have lent us trillions of dollars, but inevitably they would like to be paid back. The only way we can pay them back is through economic production, not merely printing off more US dollars because that would lower the value of the dollar and our creditors would not accept that. So we need economic growth.

The problem comes in the policies Obama and the democrats have been advocating. They are usually for increasing taxes on people and corporations. They are also for spending more money on income transfers (which again does not result in economic production, just merely taking one person's money and giving it to another). None of these things create economic growth and the Chinese, Arabs and other countries know this.

The point in time will come that our creditors would like to be paid back. And if we don't pay them, they will "cut us off" and lend us no more money. Meaning, the government will have to really cut spending because it ran out of money. Meaning where does that leave you?

It is here you have to be intellectually honest with yourself because whether you collect a government check or you actually support yourself, it doesn't matter. The problems that you and I both face are a matter of sustainability. The economic growth is simply not there to keep the promises Obama has made to you as well as the promises previous politicians have made to you. And the deficit spending Obama is relying upon today is also unsustainable.

We also must be intellectually honest in another regard. If something is unsustainable, which this economy currently is, how can you advocate it? How can you vote for something that simply will not work?

If your goal is to simply take as much money from the American taxpayer as you can and leave when the government runs out of money, fine, at least you are honest in that regard. But if you plan to live here or would like to live here, whether you are an illegal immigrant or not, then you must accept this fact and vote accordingly because you are literally delusional (in psychological terms) voting otherwise.

Furthermore, chances are the countries you all came from suffered from this exact same problem. You just didn't bother to familiarize yourself with the economics and politics that caused your country's economy to be so poor. The problem is you are simply causing the same problem again because you didn't bother to learn the economic lessons from your home country. This is why you absolutely must study the budgets of the government. You must study the economics of your country. Because if you don't, then you are uninformed and vote for policies and politicians that sound good, but are not sustainable. So please let me inform you and trust me, I'm not making these figures up.

First, our debt is currently at 100% to GDP (meaning we have enough federal debt so that it is equal to 100% the amount of economic production - "GDP" - we produce every year. It is currently I believe 75% "net" federal debt to GDP, but that is another economics lesson for another time. The point is that our debt level is high and it cannot go much higher.

Second, it is going much higher. Higher and faster than ever before under Barack Obama. For every year in his presidency he has had a $1 trillion deficit, or a deficit amounting to about 8-9% GDP. This annual amount is added to our debt. We are not paying down the debt, it is increasing at a rate faster than any time in US history except during times of war (which are those spikes in the chart). It is not sustainable. It will end either by Republicans cutting the budget or the Chinese refusing to lend us any more money.

Third, our economic growth is slowing. We used to grow around 4.5% per year, now we're at about 2.25% per year. It is not enough to keep up with population growth. This is in part because more and more people are living off of the government and not

working. If people had kept working and the government not spend so much money on income transfers the average person would not be making the $47,000 they do today, but rather closer to $100,000.

Again, this economy is not sustainable. It is not in your best long term interests to vote for Obama.

Now, you can dismiss me, you can dismiss my logic and you can ignore my charts. But it will be at your own peril. Whether you believe me or not, you have stepped on the Titanic. I don't care what the Democrats, the socialists or Barack Obama promises you, the economic boom days of the United States are over. The only reason the government can spend money on income transfers today is because it's borrowing it and once that dries up, the money and economic opportunities you came here for will disappear. You will face a situation similar to the one you saw back in your home country and there won't be a thing you can do about it.

My final argument though is the most compelling.

Being an immigrant, chances are you have children. The only reason the US population is growing is because immigrants are having more children than the natives. What this means is you have "skin in the game" an English phrase that means you are personally invested in this country. So if you don't want to study economics, you don't want to be educated and you are so naive you can't see a problem with a politician that promises "free everything" fine. Your children will suffer your ignorance. I'm lucky in this regard because I have no children. Matter of fact I watch with a macabre fascination with the demise and collapse of the United States. I'll be dead leaving no loved ones behind, I don't care. However, you have much more at stake in the future of this country because you have children.

So the choice is really up to you and all other immigrants in the United States. You can keep going down the road you have before. You can keep voting in politicians that promise you everything and in doing so will simply repeat the economic collapses of the countries you came from. You can remain ignorant about history and economics of not just the United States, but your home country. And you can be lazy about studying the finances of a country you are in charge of (because this is a democracy). Just be prepared to have yourself or your children pay for the consequences.

I will, again, be watching the Titanic sink with everybody on it in macabre fascination.

Bang - The Baltic Trilogy by Roosh

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I've never been to the Baltics. Really never had a desire to go there, but Roosh did, and like he does he wrote one of his "Bang Guides" about the Baltics.

Now, a couple caveats here about his "Bang Guides."

They are written for men, which means, it is written the way guys talk without female presence - crass, lewd, straight forward and direct. If you don't like cursing or swearing, or you're insulted about how men really think, then exercise your freedom to choose, don't read the book and instead go turn on Oprah.

However, if you are a guy interested in visiting the Baltics from a male's perspective OR are a female and really want to know how guys think, then this book is for you.

First, Roosh consolidates all three countries (Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia) into one book, so you needn't buy three.

Second, these are guides. They are brief and they tell you everything you need to know about logistics, housing, culture, pick up girls in those cultures, risks, etc. There is some repeat information where it's obvious he merely copied and pasted some boiler template text for each of the three countries changing only the data specific to each country, but keep in mind these countries are reasonably similar and these are guides, so you'd like to see some consistency across his Bang guides. I personally would have preferred a natural writing keeping consistent with the outline, not a copy paste job, but eh, that's me.

Third, again, these are guides. If you're looking for a tome or a novel, these aren't it. Roosh does however provide some "dirt" on his adventures that are not so much there for "gossip" but to show you how he came about his observations, and fills in the picture more fully than just mere statements of strategy and observation does. These stories are entertaining and in one instance quite shocking (read the "Scammers" section in Latvia), and of course do have some language that caused me to cringe, but overall makes any guide book better than a mere "go hear because there's pretty buildings."

Fourth, quite a shock to me is that you learn Roosh is actually human...well...we men knew this all along, it would be the ladies that would have a shocker. If you are disgusted with the Manosphere or think players are all just robots out there to score and have sex, you'll find that, no, they're all human and Roosh is no exception. Every guy has his darkest hour and is the victim of human emotion. It is whether they let it impair them for the rest of their lives or move on (it is wickedly funny and sad how he takes a devastating

event in his life and uses it to his advantage later, but you'll have to read it if you want to find out).

Fifth, this is a must for women to read. It may be shocking you'd recommend a book on picking up girls in foreign countries to women, but for any woman who has the spine to read this you will see the real world, unabashed, unfiltered reality of male psychology. Everything from how he clinically categorizes, analyzes and scores women and their traits numerically, to the deployment of his strategy with absolutely no emotion or care. You will be revolted, you will be disgusted, you will get angry, but then you will realize this "is how men are" and learn a valuable lesson in dealing with men (or if it's too much for you, you can always revert back to watching Oprah lie to you about how men ~~should be according to Oprah~~ "really are.")

Sixth, some interesting observations about internationalization, global economics and the influx of western culture into the Baltics. I'll leave it at that because I merely want to whet your appetite, not give away the whole book.

All in all I'd recommend this book for anybody looking to travel in the Baltics (men or women). The observations are certainly geared towards the international playboy, but the non-sexual/romantic observations would benefit everybody. If you're not planning on going there, I'd still recommend it on account the stories are entertaining and skip most of the "boiler plate" stuff about travel.

You can click on the "buy now" button below and purchase it.

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Manly Men Doing Manly Things

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The Private Man shows that the Manosphere really IS for both men and women by helping out a woman.

CLEVELAND — FOR one prominent Cleveland businessman, a lifelong Democrat, the election had come down to a couple of burning questions: Did he dare tell his wife that he was thinking of voting for Mitt Romney? Would she ever forgive him? - C - R - I - P - E - S. Guarantee you she's cheating on his beta ass.

Free Northerner does some decent analysis of the "cost of sex" but leaves out divorce and children.

Save Capitalism is doing what he does best - saving capitalism.

Troglo has some good news and reconfirmation that Rumpie is the key to success in life.

Now now now, Mr. Forney. That is a bit harsh. Tough fatherly love? Yes. Truthful? Yes. The type of lecturing that would have prevented the poor girl's death if she had the likes of you around for a father? Yes. But too harsh and too politically incorrect and besides, it's hurting people's feeeeeelinnnnnngzzzzz. Report yourself to the de-manification chambers at the local Women's Studies Department.

Neanderpundit has some basic tips for hurricane survival.

I award them the highly distinguished "Cappy Cap Medal of SAEG (TM)" *WITH* Charty-Goodness Clovers - and *I don't even agree with the article*, it was just well written and documented.

But that kind of racism and sexism is good racism and sexism.

Help a detective recover from gunshots sustained while arresting a child molester.

Aurini has a new book! And so far, what I've read from it, it doesn't suck!

Kids heading to Canada to go to college because it's cheaper.

The Last Christian Standing reminds me of the time a girl slapped me for flirting with her in the 10th grade when I rummaged through her purse.

Boys, your job is to work out just as it is girl's responsibility to look pretty. Shut up, commit and hit the gym.

With all the chaos and the carnage caused by Sandy, I ask a simple question - what kind of people with what kind of degrees do they need? Are those sociology majors doing their part to reconstruct the sewer systems? Are the Chicano- America study majors helping refine and bring fuel into the city. Are all those hipsters in Brooklyn with their "skinny jeans" plying the skills they learned as a Music Therapy major helping detoxify the water supply? Good thing we have so many liberal arts majors. Otherwise, what would we do without them?

The Baumeister Vohs Paper

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I have been asked to write about the Baumeister Vohs paper that is receiving great attention here on teh interwebz.

But, not to sound lazy, what else needs to be said? Roissy has written a great piece, and so has Mangan, but it's simply a recap of what we already know.

The Manosphere has been writing about this for quite some, it's just until now an official academic paper has been made of it. If anything the fact the paper came to the exact same conclusions we did confirms that our non-academic methods were logical, reasonable, accurate and above all else correct. (And that's without official training in academic research!)

The paper confirms many things that have been noted in the past.

1. Men are the primary engine of economic growth as women reward economic growth (meaning riches and success) with courtship/access to sex/etc., etc.. And a logical deduction from this is that if an enemy wishes to destroy a country via its economy one of the most effective methods is to socially destroy the quality and caliber of women so men no longer wish to work hard.

2. Men, by default, are also the builders of society. Yes there is the occasional woman that does build up her own company and achieve similar institution/legacy building as men, but by far men are the founders. The majority of "advances" made by women have had to come as charity or permission within the currently existing structure. Though there is nothing stopping women from going and doing things on their own (and we even encourage them through various sorts of means such as affirmative action and an encouraging media and social environment) they simply CHOOSE not to. - ie they typically, though not always, will continue to choose easy careers, usually at the subsidy of the state instead of build something of practical economic worth.

3. We knew the relationship between men and women is best explained using an economic model where the currencies and commodities are sex, attention and security. Some elements of biology are obvious to this explanation, but only faux-academians with an evil and malicious political agenda could spend damn well near 40 years forcing the entire population to believe in a political explanation, even if it wasn't based in reality, and even if it destroyed and ruined generations of young men and women. Additionally, didn't I just write a post saying the battle between the Manosphere and feminism is the forefront of the battle between liberty and communism, and thus the cutting edge of economics?

4. We are not sexists, misogynists or bigots in any fashion. We are realists. We are merely fighting against an established and entrenched political and parasitic agenda that aims to profit off of others by criminalizing and punishing statements and observations of truth between the sexes, by claiming such statements and observations of truth result in a "victimhood" or "oppression" warranting the transfer of wealth to the political parasites.

Now, by no means is this to dismiss or lessen the importance of the work done by Dr.'s Baumeister and Vohs. It is a cap in our feathers to have an official study and data confirm our observations. My point is why do we have to wait until an official study comes out to confirm what we already know through human intuition and observation? Why does it take society 4 decades to point out facts and truth, or better yet, why is society so afraid of facts and truth? And why do such purveyors of truth get socially ostracized for pointing out the truth? Consequences or not, I'm pointing out the emperor has no clothes because I am sick and tired of tip-toeing around eggshells that communists and tyrants have laid around my feet. Life's too damn short and too damn valuable.

What a Friend We Have in…Mexico?

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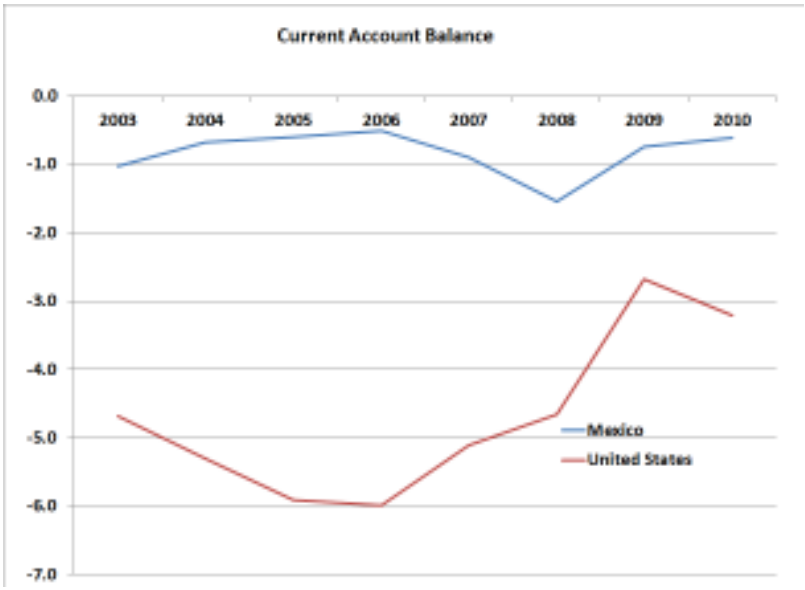
I had a hunch, and usually my hunches are right. So off into the Cappy Cap Mobile I went and started doing some research and, shucks howdy, what do you know, I was right (again)!

The Mexican economy is doing much better than the US economy!

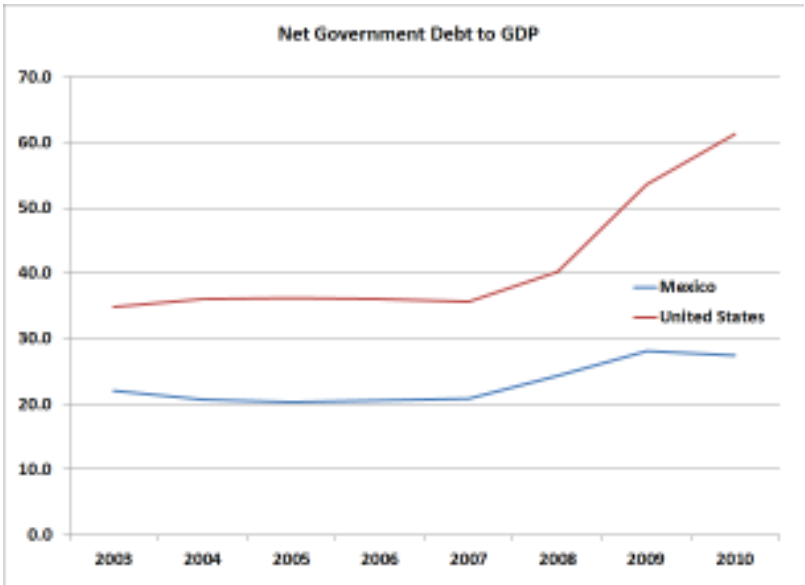
How interesting.

It has a better current account balance:

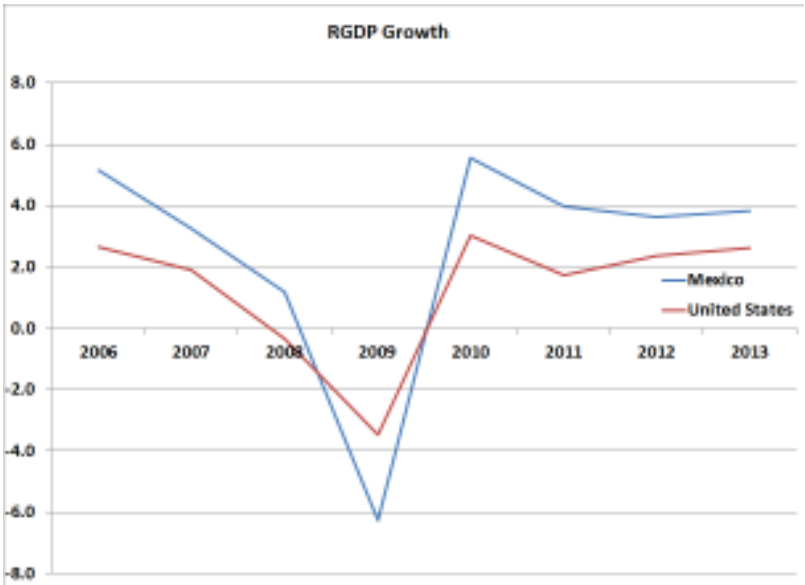


Less government debt (and this does not include 2011 where, of course, your beloved

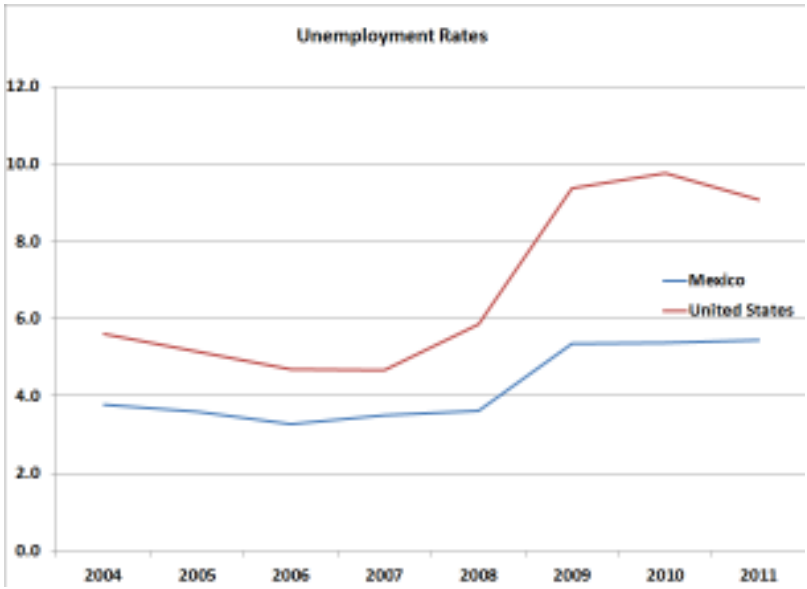
Affirmative Action president jacked it up with yet another 8% GDP deficit)



Economic growth that has consistently trounced US economic growth by margins in excess of 1.5+% per year.



Resulting in unemployment rates that are a fraction of the US'



Now you might be saying, "Well that's horrible! MEXICO is beating us!?" but you are not thinking correctly.

If you are a hard working individual, looking for opportunity chances are you won't find it here. But just to the south of our border is an economy that has not only proven resilient to the dire global economy, but is actually booming with old school 1940's style US growth of 4% RGDP growth. Furthermore, Mexico is starting to look like a nice place to not just retire to, but maybe a place to move to before you retire. Set up a company, do something on the internet all while enjoying warmer climes and better economic prospects. In other words, Mexico is a decent back up plan.

This puts Mexico in a very advantageous position relative to the US. Specifically, it could be a destination for capital flight. It has lower corporate taxes, a better economy, better public fiances (who thought we'd see the day!) and again, a nicer climate. So, in an ironic sense, while the illegal alien element of Mexico is moving to the US resulting in labor flight out of Mexico, US investors, rich folk, corporations and entrepreneurs could be heading the other way. And while the US would benefit from lower prices in terms of agriculture, roofing and janitorial services, something tells me trillions of dollars in wealth, capital and investment out of the US and into Mexico might override those benefits.

Calderon (or whoever succeeds him in the future) would be wise to start to woo some of the more productive members of US society.

Pre-Election Depression Medicine

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Nothing's better than Victor Borge:

Incidentally, I have also found Victor Borge to be a GREAT screening tool for my dates. You'd be surprised how many women/girls do NOT like his humor. Always good to have in your DVD collection.

David Moscrop Might Be Available Ladies!

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David Moscrop

Worthless degree indicating he can't do math and won't produce anything of real, tangible economic value?

Check

Effeminate lispy voice even though you're straight?

Check

Last guy you'd trust to escort you on a date through a dark alley?

Check

Ergo, last guy women will find physically attractive though he's beta orbiting around them at the speed of light thinking his platitudes towards the feminist playbook will earn him the to hold hands someday?

Check.

Don't all rush to court him ladies! Give him some room. I'm sure there's a line. Take a number!

Avoiding the Misery of Feminism

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It was high time to put together this video as I have seen too many young men and boys completely swearing off women when it is a (good and incredibly rare) woman that will make your life actually quite enjoyable. In order to achieve this we must understand we have to discern between women and feminism in the fact the two are DEFINITELY two distinctly different and separate things.

Enjoy.

Chicks Dig Mischievous Boys

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Chicks dig boys who misbehave and engage in mischievousness. Engaging in mischief is a high end form of flirting. The guy does something he knows he's not "supposed to"(demonstrating independence), comes up with a clever way of trying to get away with it (demonstrating intelligence), but also does so right in the face of the girl daring her to challenge him on it (demonstrating confidence). This usually results in humor, a rolling of the eyes and a further endearment of the boy to the girl.

A perfect example of this is Nathan Fillion. Not just on screen, but also off screen his character, regardless of the show, is always scheming a little. Always trying to put one past the female lead role. It also helps that he's a good looking fellow, but if it weren't for this personality (either his real life personality or the personality of the characters he plays) he would not be the star of Castle which is predominantly watched by women.

To show you what I'm talking about see below:

If you can display such cleverness and mischievousness, it can only improve your game.

Actually, becoming a study of Nathan Fillion wouldn't hurt. Watching Captain Malcom Reynolds in Firefly is a must for everybody (not just to learn how to be mischievous, but it's one of the best series out there), and if you can stomach the show, Castle is not the worst either. Though methinks most girls will just watch Castle because it's high end chick lit. Actually, now that it's November, you should just buy either for the loved ones in your life for Christmas.

Why the Leftist Utopian "Urban Core" Is Unsustainable

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- a "first death," as Calhoun put it, ruining their spirit and their society as thoroughly as the later "second death" of the physical body.

Outstanding.

Super Crazy Awesome Political Analysis of 2012 Election

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The Gulag Archipelago

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Clarissa had a piece a while ago and a lot of the readers suggested books people read about the Soviet Union and just how truly evil it was.

The first one is "The Gulag Archipelago"

I would appreciate other book recommendations from readers about the Soviet Union and will be putting them up here.

I'm Voting for Childless Rich Bachelors

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You know those bumperstickers that only naive people who have never seen a budget in their lives put on their minivans and SUV's?

"I'm Voting for Children" or "I'm Voting for Kids?"

Even though the election will be over, I think I'm going to put a "I'm Voting for Childless Rich Bachelors" on one of my crappier cars. Not to change anybody's mind, but just to irk all the right people.

Down With the East Coast Publishing Houses! (aka Why to Self-Publish)

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How Do You Fight Such Ignorance?

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First, to quote Spike Spiegel, "What happens, happens."

Good luck trying to fight against it. You must realize what little power over your world and environment you have. And once you realize you don't control your environment, you realize that all you can do is control you. So you must adapt to your environment, no matter how unfair, harsh or psychotic it gets.

Second, you can't fight ignorance. Stupid, you can remedy. But you can't fight ignorance, let alone religious zealotry. Even if those are people and you are right, you will drive yourself insane trying to rationalize or reason with them.

You do, however, have several options that can hedge against the stupidity of people.

Capital and intellectual flight.

Preparation/insurance

And what did the ole Captain say on Nov 5th?

There will be more, but your Captain is going to enjoy the decline today!

I suggest you do the same.

No Rings for Liberal Women

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As I'm enjoying the decline today I will be providing the cliff notes version of my thoughts. You can fill in the rest.

In short, women, especially single women, heavily prefer to vote for socialism.

I don't think they even know why beyond a "I want to help the children" or "spending money on the unfortunate sounds nice." Subconsciously, even consciously, though, I believe they also like the idea of having a father/husband/provider figure in the form of the government in that it not only fulfills the financial-provider role, but there is no payment or consequences for such services. They need not to commit to any one man. They need not to be held to a certain set of standards by any one man. They need not rear their own children nor pay for their children. 100% freedom with 0% responsibility. In short, no earthly man can compete with the metaphorical "Supreme State Alpha Man" because we (unlike the state) do not have access to the entire financial resources of a $15 trillion economy.

Now, again, as I mentioned in my previous post, it doesn't matter what you would LIKE to happen or how you would LIKE things to be. This IS how things ARE. You must accept that and adapt to this environment. Women prefer the government over men.

Or do they?

It is here I have an evil smirk on my face.

What's the one thing the government can't provide to a woman?

That's right, intimacy. Namely marriage. But everything that goes through their brains when you mention "marriage."

"Their day."

"Rocking chair time."

"Frivolities in the kitchen."

"Romantic dinners."

Everything society has built up in their little minds as to just how glorious marriage and the married life is CANNOT be provided by the state. And it is the one thing you have

that they want. And want it they will when they realize all the government programs in the world won't cuddle up next to her in bed on a cold winter night.

Therefore gentlemen I say "no rings for liberal chicks."

You want to jack up my taxes so you can major in Social Work or English or some other such hobby? Fine, no ring for you.

You want to jack up my taxes to pay for your unnecessary government job as a "child counselor?" Fine, no ring for you.

You want to jack up my taxes to rear and educate your children? Fine, no ring for you.

You want to jack up my taxes because you think you have a right to it and are going to spend it on people you deem "less fortunate?" Fine, no ring for you.

Women have made it very clear who they want to take care of them. The state. Of course that still means "us" because we pay the taxes, but with the state acting as a middle man or intermediary, we no longer get to attach strings to said funds meaning there are no standards in terms of how our money is spent (frugally preferably), how our children are raised (by parents, not the state or the education system), how our labor market works (the best are hired, not quotas) and how our economy is ran (with no government interference, not government omnipotence) or what investments are made (infrastructure, not "the chillllldrnnnnnn").

You liberal women made it very clear who you want to marry. You want to marry Big Daddy G (government). And I find it hard to propose to somebody who's already married. I suggest men get a little bit of self-respect here and do the same.

From Our Mexican-Canadian Agent in the Field

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PART 1

Yes, we have considered moving there (from Alberta)...

...I'd rather live in Mexico... sure, most people do not have the latest iPad and/or drive a $80,000 SUV, but family rules, weather is better, food is better, and opportunity... if you can speak Spanish well and understand the culture well, the sky is the limit... and you can live very well in Mexico with less $ than here... plus I do feel kinship with my Mexican cousins, what can I say? Twinned history weighs heavily in our hearts and all that... (at least for me it's true!)

I have felt safer walking around Durango on my own at 1am than I would in most British town centres or most large cities in the US... yes, there are issues with narcos in Mexico... everybody is FED UP with them, narcos have little (if any) popular support these days... most people just want to be able to go to work so they can spend weekends with their families, maybe go out for lunch on Sundays... it seems to be happening.

PART 2

*Our friend Hussein is going to finish bankrupting the US... *IF* society does not re-elect his successor in 4 years time, it will still take 20 years for the US to climb out of the pit... if ever again... now, I am not surprised Romney lost... not a mainstream candidate (I have heard too many swing people say they hated Obama but equally did not like Romney... this people probably did not vote, hence handing a victory to Hussein)...*

Again, I think the US would do best to split up into a successful core (i.e. most of the MidWest, Texas) and two coastal, socialist polities, one being loopy (and eventually bankrupt) and likely to be gobbled up by Mexico culturally then physically (West Coast), the other one a europhile soft Socialist polity (the East Coast) that will do OK, though not as well as the old US... my thoughts, anyways...

As I Walk These Broken Roads

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Books review for those of you interested in supporting the literary works of our Canadian Veteran Agent in the Field.

"I Am the State"

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Koo koo kachoo.

Language warning - meaning don't be a child and complain. Be an adult and exercise your right to choose.

Dr. Grover Fur

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Holocaust denialist.

But the killing was done in the name socialism, so it's all good.

Hat tip

The Gay Shock Is Over

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Attention Hollywood, MSM, universities and the arts.

The "gay shock value" is officially down to 0.

Yes, yes, I know, it's hard to believe that after 30 years of having it shoved down our throats, when you throw in a "gay" angle in a movie or a show, it is no longer;

shocking
edgy
risque
or
cool

No, it's quite bland and overdone.

You see, I was in Arizona earlier this year visiting my best friend who happens to be gay. He is also an artist and a real one, not one of those minimalist connected trust fund babies who have no skill.

All that being said he is definitely eclectic and took me and one of his friends to an independent film - "Farewell to the Queen."

It was the worst movie I had seen in years. I would have left early, but my friend and his friend were hoping it would get better.

It didn't.

But hey, there was no lack of innuendo that MAYBE THE QUEEN OF FRANCE WAS (GASP!!!)

GAY!

Wow, zinger. Shocking.

When the queen kissed her assistant.

Yeah, nobody flinched.

The movie suddenly ended, implying that the shocker was that "there was a possibility"

the queen of France was gay. That was the whole freaking point of the movie.

So for all of you who are in the creative arts industries, could you drop the gay thing already?

Most of us accept gay people. Most of us befriend gay people. Most of us don't bat an eye at people being gay.

Please come up with something else to be "shocking" and "cutting edge." 30 years of this one trick pony is tiresome.

America Will Never Die

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"*America will never die. Capitalism will never die. And western civilization will never die. And you want to know why? Because these things aren't "ideas" or "theories." They're laws. They're the laws of human nature. They will continue on even if the United States doesn't. And any time a society or a people wishes to be intellectually honest with themselves they will rediscover these laws and reap the benefits of adhering to them. Those that don't can continue to suffer.*"

Hiroshima vs. Detroit

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No government and no army is more powerful than the laws and forces of capitalism and economics:

"Capital Fright"

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Capital FLIGHT is where money, talent and labor FLEES a country in fear of confiscation or taxation in hopes of finding greener economic pastures.

However, no term has ever been created to describe where a country's political action SCARES AWAY would-be investors and immigrants...until now!

Therefore, I, Aaron Clarey, on this November the Tenth of 2012 coin a new term that shall forever be recorded and used in the economic textbooks of the future-

"Capital FRIGHT"

From SDA (Canadian)

My wife and I recently retired. For the past few years we have been considering moving south to enjoy retirement. I have always admired the American people and looked forward to being among them. Four years ago we were rather taken aback by Obama's win but considered it a "one off" and that things would get back to normal in a few years. Last Tuesday's results made up our minds. We are giving up any hope of moving to the US in the near future. We aren't rich by any means but we have sufficient funds to live well and support ourselves in a very reasonable manner. Quite frankly, we are scared at what the USA has become.
and in what direction it is going. Canada has been good to us but we felt that living in the US would better fit our desires in retirement.
We are staying put. This country has a lot more going for it than the USA at this time in our lives. We'll put up with the winters and all.
It is so very sad what has happened to the USA in so few years.

I told you I had SAEG (TM)

I Change Lives, You Don't

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You know how 18 year old kids when they declare "education" as their major say they do so because they want to "change the lives of children?"

I always got a kick out of that because you effectively have children claiming they're going to change the lives of children slightly younger than them...and usually for the worse because they themselves have nowhere near the real world experience to make them adults and therefore impart practical and helpful wisdom upon the youth.

So you can imagine the warm fuzzies when I got this review about "Worthless" from a 17 year old kid:

"*Worthless*" *by Aaron Clarey is perhaps the most eye-opening book I have ever read. As a 17 year old high school senior,* ***I, along with many of my friends, receive very little guidance in choosing our major. Everyone tells us that we can truly make it with whatever we choose, and that our major will be more than our moneys worth.*** "*Worthless*" *provides the disillusionment that we might not want, but absolutely need when picking our major. All of Clarey's explanations make logical sense, and while his slightly annoying Republican side occasionally emerges, his tone is mostly a blunt honesty that is a shower of wisdom. Read this book, then give it to someone else who needs to pick a major, and perhaps eventually everyone will know the truths within the university system.*

I'll admit an inch of warm fuzzies and pride, but what gets me though is that these counselors and STILL not telling these kids the truth.

You education (ahem, COUGH COUGH, WHEEZE WHEEZE!!!) "professionals" want to help "change the lives" of children?

Here's something revolutionary-

Instead of changing them for the worse, how about you tell them the truth and change their lives for the better. They'll appreciate it more and be less likely to cut your social security and public pension when they get older and see just how valuable the "education" you gave them was.

Grover Furr the New Walter Duranty

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Meet Grover Furr "the new Walter Duranty."

You want to anger people? No quicker way than to think you're more important than millions of innocent victims of the world's most vicious evil just so you can sit here in a first world country and wax poetically as you pursue luxurious pursuits.

I'll pay for your flight to North Korea Grover!

You All Just Paid My Rent

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As you know your beloved Captain has a...um...."special gift." And that "special gift" is the natural and unconscious ability to irk and piss off authority, bosses, supervisors and bureaucratic types without even trying. Could be my demeanor, could be my lack of patience for politics, corruption and lying. Could be I'm not an obedient type. Whatever it is, I do it better than anybody I know and deep down inside I think most of us like it when somebody tells an incompetent or corrupt boss to shove it.

Well Cappy Cappites, good news.

Not only can we all give our previous bosses the proverbial bird, we can now add icing to the cake because you all just made me enough money to pay for my rent via my Amazon Affiliate program.

If you don't know already, in addition to books, I make money on this thing called the "Amazon Affiliate Program" and NO it isn't one of those "ponzi multi-level marketing things."

How it works is that instead of you spending the time, money and gas going to Wal-Mart or a store, you show the Captain your love by clicking on the Amazon link in the right sidebar and buying whatever you need (and TRUST ME, Amazon has WHATEVER YOU NEED!). During your browsing/shopping session items you buy are assigned a code indicating you came from this here blog. And then, whatever you buy, toilet paper, video games, mittens, etc., is not only conveniently shipped right to your house, the ole Captain gets a 6-8% commission on those purchases.

- You get stuff you HAD TO GET ANYWAY
- The Captain gets a little commish on the side
- We all share "Warm Cappy Cap Fuzzies"

All it takes is a simple mental adjustment to realize, "*hey , wait, I can get that cheaper on Amazon and don't have to drive to Wal-Mart AND the Captain gets warm fuzzies*." Everyday you have to buy something, so you might as well buy it here. And if you REALLY want to help the ole Captain out, it's as simple as book-marking the Amazon page in the "Favorites" list on your browser.

As I said before, you all bought enough this past month that it covers my net mortgage payment. I thought it was going to be beer money when I first set up the program. But

regardless the freedom you guys afford me by being thoughtful enough to purchase your items through here means the world to me and for that I am very thankful.

Besides, just imagine all those middle management banker types who swore I would fail. Now they watch me sleep in till 10AM everyday, write books AND still make a living. You can not only enjoy their misery and envy as they try to collect SBA ARC loan guarantees (just a little inside humor there), you can contribute to their misery by buying your wares via the Ole Captain and rub it in their faces.

And what's more fun than pissing off inept, corrupt bankers!

Boycott Big Education, Not Big Oil

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Anybody see any flaws with this idea? If not, let's get cracking. I want the Grover Durrrrs of the world to work real jobs:

Super Rant on Hipsters with Stupid Degrees

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Wow.

Language warning, HUGE language warning. But man does he (she?) rip them apart.

It's long too so settle in.

"There's No Such Thing as Capital Flight"

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I think there was a report or study that came out that showed rich people didn't move because of taxes. Or maybe it was businesses didn't move because of high taxes. The left jumped on it.

Of course the person may not move or the business may not move, but that doesn't mean their money won't.

Enjoy the decline!

The Speech I Shall Deliver to the Left

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When it all comes crashing down, I will be delivering this speech to the left. Of course, if I'm dead by that time, perhaps you guys can just play this on repeat for me instead:

Insanity vs. 30 Days of Discipline

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I am by no means a workout buff. However, you know the ole Captain is a strong advocate of working out and maintaining your physique. This is not only a requirement to be able to attract women, but it is also a MANDATORY requirement on your part if you are dating/married to a significant other and demand she remain physically attractive as well.

Of course, I view everything through the lens of economics and so I am looking for the most effective and efficient workout regimen. I've tried many things and intend on trying others, but today I wanted to quickly review the "Insanity" workout vs. Victor Pride's "30 Days of Discipline."

I started Insanity precisely a month ago. I did the first month, took all the measurements, did all the math and the results were very impressive.

What I mean by "the results were very impressive" is the number of exercises I did during my "fitness test" at the beginning of Insanity increased quite dramatically. I nearly doubled the number of "leg slappers," "hip flexers," "high knee thingies" and all the other crap you test on.

Only one problem.

I didn't look any better naked and nobody cares about how many "knee slappers" you do.

I'm sure my cardio improved. I'm sure my heart rate and blood pressure improved, but there was not ONE SINGLE visual improvement. And this INCLUDED a STRICT change in my diet (for the better).

I was pissed frankly because the workouts are hard and demanding. I put a lot of effort into it AND made sure I maxed out all the time. I was CERTAIN I would start to look ripped, or at least toned, but as I looked in the mirror, NOTHING.

It dawned on me that the vast majority of Insanity is for weight loss and toning your legs/butt. Probably great for women, but not for already skinny guys looking to build up muscle.

So I switched back to arguably the simplest work out regimen I've ever done and that is Victor Pride's 30 Days of Discipline.

The work out is very simple:

100 push ups a day
100 sit ups a day
100 crunches a day

Admittedly I had some carry over from when I last did Victor's work out as well as a rather intense jiujitsu training, so I was able to start knocking out 85-90 push ups in one shot, but soon I was back to 100 in a row. The results immediately start to visually show.

I spoke with Victor and asked him, basically, WTF?

He said Insanity, though insane and great for cardio, is just yet another fad workout regimen that aims to be marketable to a large audience, but not specific individuals.

This makes sense because a 150 pound guy obviously has different goals than a 200 pound girl. But that considered, I'm still quite impressed with the efficiency of 30 Days of Discipline. Insanity workouts last about 40-45 minutes, 60 if you get to the second month. 30 Days of Discipline, after you get proficient at it, only takes about 15-20 minutes and you're not dying. Throw in a nice 5 mile jog and you're not on the verge of puking (like Insanity), but you're feeling good and enjoying your work out.

I will be starting P90X next, but I fear what Victor said is going to simply apply again. Until that time though, however, I strongly recommend Victor's 30 Days of Discipline.

He did not pay me to write this.

I'm not doing this out of a favor to him.

I'm writing this because I don't want any of you poor SOB's to go through the hell I did with Insanity when there's a hell of an easier and more effective work out!

Reginald Kaigler

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You want to talk about somebody who sticks up for what he believes, can you imagine what this kid goes through in terms of social ostracization?

Elite Swingsters

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"It's Over"

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This was referred to me by a reader. I am currently in the throes of writing "Enjoy the Decline" so some of my harder hitting pieces have been post-poned. I hope you will forgive me as the book is turning out much better (and much darker and humorous) than I thought it would.

Enjoy the decline!

Nothing Left to Lose - The Last Ingredient

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In order to achieve your best you cannot have any other responsibilities except unto yourself. What I mean by that is if you REALLY want to excel, you really want to push your mind and and body to the limit and see just what pure excellence you can achieve in this finite life you have, you cannot be working for somebody else, you cannot be beholden to somebody else, you cannot answer to somebody else.

This is difficult because unless you are independently wealthy, you must answer to somebody else. Namely, you need a job, you need food on the table, you need shelter over your head and so, one way or another, you have to play by other people's rules.

Unfortunately, employers' goals are not your own. Their goals are for their shareholders and owners (as it should be). Therefore they WILL compensate you for your time, but you will not be working towards something you want in life. You are merely entering into this agreement to sustain yourself, not advance yourself.

What angers me though is when employers, or others, then think what you do in your free time is somehow their business and under their jurisdiction. You write a blog, you are politically active, you moonlight or consult on the side, you pursue a hobby or second career. And with the internet (especially for young people whose personal lives on pretty much ON the internet), it's pretty easy for employers to snoop into your personal lives. What enrages me, however, is where they have the audacity to start claiming rights and control over your free time, holding your daytime job hostage so that you don't engage in behavior they disapprove of (even though it is your free life and your free time).

I wanted to get a law passed in the legislature that would ban companies from disciplining or firing people for any activity outside of work that didn't directly threaten or undermine their employer. But with the most recent elections I doubt anything that sensible would get passed at the state or national level. Regardless, until such a law is passed, if you want to pursue true excellence in life, you need to risk it. YOu need to put yourself and your dreams first, put your employer and their threats second, otherwise you will be the cubicle slave for the rest of your days.

Fortunately, most of what you need is already there. A lousy economy and lousy future employment prospects. Stagnant economic growth and ensuing layoffs (most likely triggered by BOcare). A stale and entrenched managerial class who have to continue to work because they so piss-poorly managed their retirements, thereby resulting in no advancement opportunities. And a sclerotic and corrupt corporate sector, more focused on rent seeking and ass-kissing than they are efficiency, production, and profit. All of which results in a poor proposition from modern day employers. There's just one

ingredient left.

You need to have nothing left to lose.

Most of you have jobs. Most of you have some assets. Most of you have some money. All of which would be threatened if you lost your job or irked the wrong person. The problem is, unless you've succeeded and achieved whatever it is you wanted to, those meager possessions are just that - meager. They are not worth sacrificing your life and your dreams over. Yes you may go hungry. Yes you may lose your job. Yes you may excommunicate yourself from any future job prospects, but what was the other choice?

- Continue slaving away at a low-level job you could have done in the 6th grade?
- Wake up everyday at 6AM to suffer a 2 hour round trip commute working on projects that numb and atrophy you mind and burn away your youth?
- Suffer the inanities of office politics and the leadership of the Norman Dykes of Gen X and the Baby Boomers?
- Become just another ordinary nobody that will never amount to anything unique or significant?

Congratulations, you and another 300 million other Americans will go in the dust bin of history along with the rest of the 50 billion humans that have lived in the past, the majority of which also will be forever forgotten. All because you couldn't risk losing your $40,000/year job with crappy benefits and overpriced health insurance.

I know you all have to make money. I know you all have to make ends meet. Heck, I know you have social and professional circles you can't alienate by speaking bluntly and being politically incorrect. And I know the prospect of being willing to forfeit all you have gained is intimidating. But you have no idea of the freedom and just how much more opportunity presents itself when you truly have nothing left to lose. There are no risks. There are no consequences. You can't lose anything and you're mind is finally free to do what it wants, say what it wants and think what it wants. And a truly free mind will come up with a lot more profitable ideas than slaving away, conforming to the safe, but highly abusive and low-paying status quo.

Sorry for my rant, just sat in a corporate cafeteria watching a bunch of cogs sit there with defeated looks on their faces. The conversation I was eavesdropping on was some middle management putz questioning his subordinates on the most anal retentive details. You could see it in his face he was a dictator and got his jollies off of having control. His staff were scared and confused by his (purposely) confusing questions. These people had at least 10 years on me and their lives are miserable, or at least 8 hours a day it is. Just reminded me of how dysfunctional corporate America has become.

This, also contrasted against coming up on month 6 of surviving off of blog money without having to dip into reserves, makes the whole corporate cog life all that much more revolting.

Those Who Can't Do, Teach

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Those who do, do.

I'm going to tell you kids for about the 300th time

You do NOT need a degree in the liberal arts to gain the knowledge and education it provides. You need to simply go to the library.

AND this has the added benefit of having the exact same employment prospects as if he had attended college...zero.

Heck, I'm one of the best economists in the world and all I have is a MINOR in econ!

Shocking, yes, I know, but I'm just glad I didn't get a doctorate.

Dealing With Female Hysterics

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Some Very Cappy Christmas Shopping Advice

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Advice to save you money and sanity while shopping this "shopping season" for Christmas

Security Guards vs Corporate Cogs

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Roosh is correct in ascertaining that leadership requires solitude. The reason is not that there's some kind of psychological quality and trait in being a loner, but in being alone or having lengthy periods of time by yourself you are allowed to think, ponder and philosophize. A disproportionate number of my higher quality pieces are a direct result of me driving thousands of miles either on my motorcycle or in my car out west, only to hike for countless hours in the western wilderness. After you run out of podcasts and MP3's to listen to, you start listening to yourself and your brain goes on journeys as long and as far as your hikes.

Another thing about being alone or being a "loner" is it requires a fair amount of confidence and faith in yourself. You have to be an interesting person if for any other reason to entertain yourself. You need to stimulate your mind and intellect and not just engage in thought, but engage in activities that challenge you. Most people will not be able to keep up (for example only one person I met in Wyoming could keep up with me hiking), reenforcing your solitude. But you're OK with that because you don't mind being alone advancing your thoughts and philosophies to new frontiers and epiphanies. Just don't expect anybody else to be on Deseret Peak pondering flaws in Austrian Economic theory.

Finally, you must look at what kind of careers or jobs are conducive to being a loner. It is no surprise corporate heads are the most bland, cookie cutter, vanilla wafer intellects in the entire US population. If they do what they're told and are good little cogs, by the time they reach upper management their brains have melted. It is merely anecdotal, but the few higher up people i've met are not intelligent, not engaging and not interesting. They certainly aren't leaders like the founders of the companies who were visionaries. They are conformists who paid the price of intellect and independent thought so they could afford beamers, a McMansion and a "career" that is so drab and dry their brain doesn't even realize it anymore. You wouldn't want to have a beer with them and you certainly wouldn't want to date them. It is also why some of the most interesting people I've met in my life are security guards and truck drivers. They got all the time in the world to think and ponder. Corporate cogs can only tell you how exciting it was to do data entry.

So before you decide to enter a career as a good "corporate man" you have to ask yourself the question NOT if your mind can handle it. But is it worth the price you have to pay knowing your brain will never fully develop and reach it's intellectual and philosophical peak. Because I don't know about you, but life is too short to have boring thoughts or be that person who thinks "boycotting oil on that ONE day" is somehow deep economic or political thinking.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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Do you socialists do anything but hamper and obstruct the progress and advancement of others? Is it an envy or inferiority thing? Or are you just a bunch of assholes?

Ladies Night at the Cappy Cap Club!

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If you love the Cappy Cap Ladies you will provide them some linkage/traffic love.

Though...*sniff sniff*...none of these girls "ever" link to me...*sniff sniff*...if only they'd ever show the Captain a little love and kindness and link back...*sniff sniff*

Hmmm...children or a Ferrari...I'll take the Ferrari please.

The state will replace fathers and husbands...and women WILL like it damnit!

Instead of Daft Punk's "Harder Faster Better Stronger" it could be "Hotter, Younger, Sexier, Younger"

Die Big Education, DIE!!!!

HAR!

0 jobs at $100,000 per year is better than 18,500 jobs at $30,000 per year. It's Marxist economics, you're too stupid to understand.

Financial worry of having children? What financial worry? The state will be you husband and financial provider!

Two pieces. One, the patriarchy will come back, trust me on this. Economics is like physics, there always needs to be equilibrium. Two, gosh I love it when feminism and religion collide.

HAR!!! "Soviet Kitchen!" The best recipes from the Soviet Union for Thanksgiving! Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal of gruel and water that nobody will be thankful for!!!

Joan of ARRRRGH enjoys the decline!

I will never abandon my crew. My crew is what was my family away from home. They were and to this day are the reason I live. No girl, no wife, no nobody is going to get me to leave them because I didn't join up with them out of boredom using them to kill time until I found a spouse. I joined up with them because I wanted to. Men who abandon their crew deserve the loneliness and tyrannical life their wives will force upon them.

James Bond shouldn't sleep with women. It's not Christian.

New inductee into the "Cappy Cap Harem"

I Command You to Watch Saturday Morning Cartoons!

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Hey! It's Saturday! What are you doing on the internet! You should be watching cartoons!

"What Did You Major In?"

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Saturday morning cartoons will come next, but this is just funny on its own:

On a related note, your Ole Captain will be on the Peter Schiff Show! Monday, Nov. 26th 1033AM EST. Let's all tune in and see if we can't send enough traffic to show up on his radar! I mean, DON'T ALL CALL IN just for "shout outs" unless you have a great story or point, just tune in.

Double Face Palm

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Ugh.

Again, I occasionally worry that the advice I dispense to the young boys of today no longer applies. Then I read what 20 something girls are writing (AND ARE DATING COACHES) and realize, once again, The Manosphere is needed more than ever.

Boys, can you imagine the high-end, deep, philosophical talks you'd have being married to somebody like this, not to mention the mental stimulation you'd have?

Yeah, neither can I.

She wins the Double Face Palm Award!

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Good to See Socialism Working

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"Enjoy the Decline" cannot come fast enough.

I've upped the publish date by a month. Hopefully before Christmas.

And this is going to be just as timely as my housing bubble book (which coincidentally was published the day Lehman Brothers went belly up).

The Captain Is In Desperate Need of Women

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Greetings Ladies of the Cappy Cap Persuasion!

I am in desperate need of help from the ladies in the Capposphere.

As you may or may not know I am trying to release "Enjoy the Decline" before Christmas. The writing is on schedule, but the editing and proof reading also has to be done. Normally I rely on a two-lady team to do my editing and proofing, but it is at the mercy of their schedule and when they have free time which I fear will not be before December 25th. And so I am looking to the fine, pretty, gorgeous, sexy, intelligent, witty, charming, beautiful, sexy, wonderful, exceptional, beautiful, intoxicating, pretty, smart, beautiful ladies in my readership for any one charitable and kind enough to volunteer their proof-reading services.

I am not asking for any one person to proof read the WHOLE book, but rather just one chapter. There are 14 chapters in total, so if I am blessed enough to have 14 volunteers, I would be very thankful.

Keep in mind though, it's really boring. I'm not looking for content editing, I'm looking for TYPOS. Wrong words, incorrect words, or sentences that do not make sense. So it means you have to edit it, word by word, not "read it." It should also be easier than normal in that I DON'T CARE ABOUT GRAMMAR. I don't care about what the appropriate use is for a semi-colon vs. a full-colon, I like dangling participles and I do love my run on sentences.

If you are interested, please let me know by e-mailing me. I'll e-mail you a chapter and you can notate the typos however you want to e-mail me back.

Sorry men, but women are just better at proof-reading. Unless you REALLY THINK you can be as detailed as the ladies, I prefer the ~~anal retentive lording over details that women~~...errr...I mean "precision" skills women seem to be naturally gifted with.

The Men Liberal Women Get to Choose From

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Sorry guys, this is a must. You don't have to read it, you just have to look at the title and the picture below it and it says everything.

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Oprah vs. The Captain

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Ladies you have a choice when it comes to what you want to believe in terms of what intimidates men.

Oprah or the Captain.

Or in other words

"Pretty lies that won't help you in the long run and are more likely to damage you in the long run because they're not based in reality"

or

"Blunt truth that may be harsh to digest at first, but when you do your life will probably be much happier."

This behooves a question the great Kojak asked many times:

"Who loves ya, baby!?"

The person lying to you or the guy telling the truth.

Oh, you must go to 13:40 mark.

Housing Starts "Surge"

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SURGE!!!!

Here's the visual

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How Far Would You Go to Avoid Math

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You all know my theory about crusaderism and math. Specifically how the hatred for math drives people to great lengths to avoid it at all costs. The consequence is, absent of math, people cannot find real jobs and are incapable of accepting or identifying FACTS and TRUTH, allowing them (in western societies where they can afford such naivety) to live in La La Land.

Crusdadersim kicks in where the mathphobic has too big of an ego to admit, "I'm not worth much of anything. I'm too lazy to learn a real skill." and accept their low and well-deserved level in society. Instead they join political "crusades" not to champion whatever poor, noble cause they claim to, but instead for their own psychological benefit.

So imagine how afraid this woman is of math to go and join the FARC rebels in Colombia. Anything to avoid learning math, hey sweetheart? She's nothing but another Adam Qadahn.

"Mathphobic"...I like that term.

A List I Need Help With

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Here's what I got:

Myself
Roosh
Kate at SDA
Kathy Shailde

These are the names of bloggers who use their real names and are not anonymous.

Can you think of other pro-freedom, conservative, libertarian, manosphere bloggers that are also using their own names and are not anonymous. It IS important because I just realized something.

Thanks,

Cpt.

So Dalrock and Badger Walk Into a Bar…

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and lay waste to everything in sight.

First Badger

Then Dalrock

Then Dalrock again

and none of the communists or feminists got up ever again.

The end.

Sexism in STEM

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From one of our Lovely Lady Agents in the Field:

"*Anyhow, this is kind of random, but a lot of women who graduate with degrees in Chemical Engineering really aren't all that qualified in comparison to men; even women with PhDs. I know this probably sounds sexist, which I know you don't care, but this is a serious problem. I think it's more sexist to make men do the real work to become Chemical Engineers, while many women can make excuses and do half of the work.*

Women who go through Chemical Engineering programs tend to get special treatment because there's so few women that go into that field. They are especially coddled if they happen to have female professors in the department (they tend to want to push more women through). They are held to different standards and routinely are passed through courses that they really shouldn't be passing. I've also personally seen women who literally do ***no*** *work towards their thesis or dissertation research projects, but are able to ride on the coattails of the department or other Master's and Doctoral candidates to get through. Usually some poor bastard gets stuck doing their work for them. Often they can find a way to shirk their duties in terms of presenting their research to different conferences and committees. The abuse is rampant. I also knew a girl a few years ago who got a Master's, but she was able to earn it because her cousin did all of her homework and tutored her for every exam. Another classmate's father was a professor at the university.*

So what you have happening is many women in Chemical Engineering are not qualified to be engineers and unfortunately, they have other people's lives on their hands when they get jobs. Also, they make the women who are very knowledgeable and serious engineers look bad as a result. I can't tell you how many utter moronic women you can meet at a Chemical Engineering conference. Although it is slightly better than at a Women's Studies conference, haha. It's really astounding considering they're in such a cerebral field. Take this for what you will, but this was my experience going through the program and my boyfriend's experience getting his Master's in Chem. Eng. a few years ago. I can tell you with quite a bit of confidence that this issue is spread among most universities. Consider all the affirmative action and liberal BS that tend to originate in universities and then is applied to their programs...it's really horrible and also in the long run, doesn't work in anyone's best interest.

Now my experiences have been a bit different. The women I knew in STEM fields earned it, but this was over 15 years ago AND I was not an engineering major. Additionally, I knew women in the capacity of student, not job hunter, applicant or employee. Mayhaps some of our Engineering Deputized Economists can fill us in as to just how common this

is.

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

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From our Spanish Agent in the Field.

Happy Thankgiving, Now Go Buy Stuff

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There once was a little boy in Minnesota. He had a dream that instead of going out to all the stores on Thanksgiving night or Black Friday, families would instead gather around the glowing laptop screen and buy all their stuff on Amazon. The large retailers would post horrible sales figures, the markets would tank, and Fed Chairman Bernanke would issue "QE XVII - the Revenge of the Central Bankers" before Christmas. The dollar would further plummet assisting the young boy's positions in Norwegian Kroners and commodities, but families across the country would bond better having more quality family time. The young boy would then take the proceeds from his commissions and buy himself a 3 week vacation in Oklahoma during late May where he could go tornado chasing.

Help make a bachelor-economist's dream come true this Christmas:

Shop on Amazon.

Entitlements or Growth

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Choose one. Not both.

Stupid Business Ideas I Have Dealt With

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So the great thing about the banking industry is that since most banks are insured by the FDIC, they are by law required to submit and make public their financial statements. Doesn't matter if they are a large, multi-billion dollar megabank. Doesn't matter if they're the local pissant community bank hiring burned out high school football heros from the 1970's. All banks have to make public their financial statements.

Thus, every quarter I get to play "I told you so" as I look up the various banks I've worked for in the past and this quarter was no exception. Pretty much every one of them posted a loss, though I was expecting some to either break into profitability or continue their short, albeit minor, streak of profitability. Oh well, it's just more enjoying the decline.

However, as I was doing my quarterly perusal of banks' income statements, it reminded me of all the galactically stupid and brain-dead business ideas that people not only came up with, but scores of bankers were stupid enough to finance. And I thought as a public service to all of you hopeful and budding entrepreneurs I would dispense my advice about what businesses are "good ideas" and which ones are "bad ideas" so that not only do YOU personally avoid personal bankruptcy, but that the taxpayers don't bail you and the world's dumbest bankers out again.

"The Sports Bar"

First, you can't say, "the sports bar." YOu have to say it like your a fratboydouche with your hat on backwards majoring in business. "I'm gonna start a SPortz BAR!!! Wooo!!!"

Except you're not some 22 year old moron, you're typically a 50 year old balding male desperately trying to give your meaningless life some meaning. So you go through a midlife crisis, you remember Cheers from the 80's when you were young and think, "Hey! I'll start a SPORTS BAR!!!"

Do you have any experience in accounting?

No.

Do you have any experience in managing a bar?

No.

Food service?

No.

No, all you know is you want to start a SPORTS BAR because you think it will be "cool."

Thank god you don't have any projections, because that would only confuse the equally desperate and sad middle aged male banker who is also going through a similar midlife crisis. So when you're in his office and he asks you what you want $2.5 million for you can say, "SPORTS BAR!!!"

And he will in turn yell "SPORTS BAR!!!!"

Then you'll talk about how you played mediocre high school football back in the Carter years.

You'll make a go at it, name it a name you think is cool like "Dickie's" or "The Dug Out," but it will inevitably be like your life - a failure.

"My Own Truckin' Company"

Before embarking on this venture make sure you have a decent job as a trucker, but no experience managing a trucking company. It also helps to max out your credit as much as possible so that you spend every penny you earn with no cushion for emergencies or start up capital. Buy all your toys, pick up trucks, snowmobiles, motorcycles, RV's, and then make sure to spit out just enough kids so you're above the poverty line. Make sure your wife still has that hot 80's feathered hair and bonus points to you if you still have your mullet.

Declare to the world,

"Hoo dang dinglely dangilee! What fer I need dis here truckin' job fer? Why I kin do it myself! Don't need no boss. Gonna be my own boss! How hard can it be doin' all dat accoutun' un stuff."

Quit your well-paying reliable job as a trucker.

Declare your wife, who has 3 months cosmetology school, your "Controller and CFO."

Don't bother registering an LLC or any form of a corporation at the state. You won't be around that long.

Go on the internet and find the crappiest POS of a semi-truck that you can afford and after doing that don't worry about maintenance or anything as such.

Go to the local community bank and ask for the entire amount of money you need to pay for the truck. When the banker says, "we can only loan 75% of the value of the truck" have the betwixt look on your face and say, "Nuuh uhh.. I need git of it." The banker will then ask if you have a business plan, which you won't. Go back home. Grab a sheet of paper. Have the Mrs. take .75 and multiply it by the price of the semi-truck (she do dat math stuff) and write that number down in the middle of the paper. YOu write above that number:

"business plan."

You then write below that number.

"How much I need for the truck." (I swear to god I'm not making this up, this did happen).

Return to the banker and sign every piece of paper he puts in front of your face.

Well hot giggity, Jessup! You is an official truck driver!

Make sure you don't have any business lined up before you start your venture. When you do get business lined up, make sure you're drunk about half the time delivering only semi-regularly. Remember, those idiot bosses of yours managing the trucking company didn't know nothing! It is that easy.

In 4 months when you can't understand why you don't have any money left, ask your wife (she's the CFO anyway). She wont' know.

Go to the bank and ask for more money. When the banker asks for your financial statements, give him that blank stare with your bucktooth dopey grin that proves humankind can devolve.

If you're lucky the banker will take a 2nd and then a 3rd mortgage on your crappy trailer trash home (true story) and that will buy you and your utterly crappy excuse of a family another 4 months to live.

Blame your failure on George Bush.

Coffee Shop

First, get your Masters in English so you can spend your time and your daddy's money sipping down $6 a cup coffee. Find a group of equally stupid people to tell yourselves how smart you all are while doing everything you can do avoid math and contributing anything to society. Upon graduation and after 2 months of an unfruitful job hunt, declare yourself too smart to work a menial job and that you're going to start your own

coffee shop.

Find equally ungifted friends who have the same abysmal lack of business acumen and experience. Go to the richest, most liberal part of town, you know where all the hipsters hang out and spend their parents money, driving up rent and costs, and use a computer program to find the area of town with the HIGHEST coffee shops per capita.

Locate there.

Sign a lease without knowing what a lease is and go running to daddy to help you pay. Unable to help you because he's working an extra 50 hours per week in the coal mine to pay for your English degree, you'll have to get a loan.

Spend hours on your Apple laptop downloading pastel colored power point presentations and business plan templates filling them out very verbosely and with unnecessary words, remembering at all times to avoid math at all costs. Outsource any of the accounting and math to that nerdy accounting beta orbiter friend you have. Fail to realize the irony you are marxist starting a for-profit company because you've never given ideology much thought.

Go to the bank, but make sure you talk to a female banker. Preferably middle aged and angry looking. When meeting with her blather on about how you're an independent woman as your father is trapped in a collapsing mine unbeknownst to you. Mention 40 times you have your MASTERS degree and 42 times your are a young, budding entrepreneurial woman and 65 times you plan to go "all green and all organic."

The banker will give you an SBA loan, don't worry about what that is or what it means, have your beta orbiter worry about it, besides the tax payer will bail you out anyway, Julia.

Sign every piece of paper put in front of your face, and meet the construction crew at the new coffee shop as you also have your equipment delivered. Have your engineering beta orbiter put it all together for you. Start drinking into your profits. Name the coffee shop something you think is cute, but doesn't differentiate it from any of the other 200 coffee shops on the block. Say, "Cool Beans." oh, you clever intelligent independent woman you!

Invite all your friends over for your grand opening. Most of your friends end up at different, but equally crappily designed, 1990's grunge coffee shops confused about which one is yours. Design an accounting system where the currency isn't dollars but "likes" on Facebook. Make a go at it for 6 months and when you get tired of it, just put a "closed" sign on the door. Dont' tell anybody, including your landlord.

Contemplate going back for your doctorate in English. Buy some cats.

Horse Farm

Get fake books.
Don't even bother going to college.
Find a rich husband (or at least you think he's rich, but you can't tell the different between debt or equity anyway, so tee-heee HORSIIIIIIEEEESSSS!!!!)
Beg and plead of him to buy you horses.
Hubby will rearrange his 45 inter-owned shell LLC's to make it look like there's equity to borrow against. Dumb banker will lend against it never asking the simple question "how does ONE person have the time to manage 45 separate companies?" Besides, he had nice hair (true story).
Pledge horses as collateral.
Wait for the IRS, FBI and Post Office Investigative Division to arrest your hubby on fraud, tax evasion, and mail fraud.
Bank's loan committee will constantly renew your husband's line of credit used to buy the horses doing "drive bys" to confirm the horses (or at least the barn) is still there. After 2 years of extend and pretend and vigorous debate on whether or not to repossess, loan committee will finally decide to repossess the horses. Repossessing banker finds out horses are dead skeletons...will hold out for $40,000 per horse (that's an inside joke there).

The Beginning of the End for China

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Oh well, kiss the world's second largest economy good bye. They would have made a great super power. Oh well.

Dealing With the HR Ditz

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The next war the Captain will be waging is on Human Resources. You math impaired children have been warned.

Target: Swedish Feminism

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Next time we have to save Europe, let's not save Sweden.

On a related note - the father could not be reached for comment (but thankfully the state is there for her)

On a related note, ladies, I want you to hear me and hear me well. If a law like this EVER gets passed in the US, the guns are coming and the revolution will start. What irks me about the article is how the men in the article completely failed to reframe the debate and are thus lending credence to it by engaging these communists by coming up with pathetic rationales why then shouldn't have to pee sitting down. They should be saying, "you just try it and see what happens."

On an unrelated note - HI-freaking-larious. Language warning.

Sunday Morning Sermon from Reverend Aurini

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Better than regular church. Though a language warning.

The "Less Sucky Economy" Bubble

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I loathe bubbles. Not because bubbles distort prices, misallocate resources, trigger recessions and drop standards of living, but because they keep screwing up my economic predictions. And it's not even that they screw up my predictions. My economic predictions normally come true, I guess a better way to say it is they "postpone" my economic predictions.

For example I intuitively knew a long time ago that the US was on an unsustainable economic path. We would have to balance the budget, cut government spending, otherwise the private sector would be crowded out, etc. etc. I was in my 20's and naturally I was a "party pooper" I was the "loser Republican who was wound too tight." At parties people would try to start arugments with me and i would say, "Look, this is not going to work, it's not sustainable!"

Was I right?

Of course I was, I'm always right!

But was I proven right *at that time*?

No.

Worse, I was temporarily proven WRONG by a bubble, Namely the housing bubble.

With the housing bubble the US (and other) economies looked incredibly great. People were making money, GDP was going through the roof, unemployment was below 5%. *What is that idiot republican talking about? Why is he such a downer?*

And good luck being the one republican at a 20 something party who now has to explain the masking effects a housing bubble has on the underlying, long term fundamentals of the US economy. You're always the life of the party then!

And so, even though I would be proven right *in due time*, at that moment in time I was a bad economist. I was put into the penalty box and I felt shame.

Of course, inevitably I was vindicated. The housing bubble popped and the ensuing crash came. And if anything the election of Barack Obama merely hastened my prediction of an "ultimate" crash coming triggered by unsustainable government spending. But particularly vindicating was the aging and thus maturing of my friends and peers. A decade ago I was the "*tight, loser, most-likely-racist republican*." Today, now that my

friends are married, have houses, have children, had jobs, lost jobs, lost their houses, etc., they're paying a little bit more attention to what the Ole Captain is saying. And I might add there have been several friends who have said something to the effect of,

"*You know, we all thought you were just this nerd who didn't know what he was talking about, but man, you were right!*"

It was almost as if I was becoming a WELL-RESPECTED ECONOMIST!!!

Of course, the irony was that as the economy worsened my reputation and career improved. Predicting doom, but living in a doomed world. Watching the US get destroyed and capitalizing off of it. But I was happy. I was on the vanguard of predicting the crashes, the envelop of economic thought (Enjoying the Decline, ID-ing feminism as a marxist threat, minimalism, etc.), things were finally going the way I predicted they would...until....

another bubble.

Though thoroughly enjoying drinking Rumpleminze and playing video games, sadly I'm starting to see another bubble on the horizon. Another stinking bubble that is no doubt going to postpone my predictions. Another bubble that will mask our severe and crippling financial problems here in the US and give the desperate investing community the false rationale they need to start driving asset prices WAY above the value of their underlying cash flow.

The "Less Sucky Economy" Bubble.

The Less Sucky Economy Bubble or "LSEB" is precisely that.

Is our economy great?

No.

Is our economy good?

No.

Is our economy even sustainable?

No.

But it is LESS SUCKY than all the other economies out there so LET'S FLOOD THE US MARKET WITH MONEY ANYWAY!!!!

The reason we're "less sucky" here in the US is NOT because of the problems of Greece and Europe. I know people have been talking about that for a while analogizing the US to the "best looking horse in the glue factory." And that is true. What I'm talking about is that combined with a crash in China.

I am no expert on the Chinese economy, but what I have read and studied it is becoming more and more apparent the Chinese economy will contract, maybe even crash (perhaps some junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economist can speak more of this). HOwever, it doesn't even have to crash, it just has to stagnate and its other drawbacks (corruption, inefficiency, bureaucratically managed SOE's) will be the end of China being a beacon of economic growth in the world, and thus no longer a destination for foreign investment.

Stagnation or crash, the question will be the same - where do we invest? Who will lead the world economy out of its doldrums? Who will be our hero!?

You won't believe the answer.

The United States.

That fat, bloated, overeducated, unskilled, lazy, gluttonous, debt-ridden, crippled country who re-elected a bread and circus man is going to be the "savior" of the world.

How?

Again, it's not that there are any genuine economic growth prospects, let alone an economic future in the US, it's that we're pretty much "less sucky" than everybody else.

Europe??? Are you kidding? They hate themselves and are being run over by immigrants from other countries who not only want to destroy western civilization, but disproportionately live off the state. Their debt problems are definitely "more sucky" than ours and if France is any indication they love socialism even more than we do.

China? Well if China does crash/contract/stagnate, every quants black-swan models are going to be thrown off because their forecasted growth rates will no longer apply. That means the prices we're paying for Chinese investment assets are way too high and likely to come crashing down. So China is out for the count.

South America/Central America? Well, while I do like Mexico, it's going to be impossible because of its relatively small size to counteract the larger South American continent, namely a collapse in growth in Brazil and Argentina (besides, just watch what happens to Argentina with their socialist fool ruining the country).

That leaves the United States as the default go to economy in a world of really sucky economies.

Sadly, this bubble will again mask our underlying problems and provide faux growth (like the housing bubble did for Bush and the Dotcom bubble did for Clinton) for Obama. I don't believe it will result in "booming" GDP growth or lower employment, as much as continued financing for our government to borrow and low interest rates in general. It will also improve the value of the dollar. Debt will continue to go up, and if there is any improvement in headline economic statistics (GDP, unemployment, etc.) that good news will once again overshadow our more pressing problems (entitlement programs, spending, and debt).

However, this brings up another aspect of the United States that people don't realize. What we are relying on is our previous reputation as the "United States." Keep in mind most people in the world, just like the US, are spectacularly ignorant about economics. They are too lazy to look things up, let alone think through and develop a functional understanding of how economics works. So the majority of people and thus money, flows based on perception and reputation. The US dollar is still the reserve currency of the world only because of the reputation we earned ourselves when we did some serious ass-kicking we did in the 40's and 50's. Today it will remain so because we're "less sucky," regardless of the rot and decay in our economic fundamentals.

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Give the Woman the Credit Card…

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and look what happens.

Just kidding. Margret Thatcher and (more recently) Merkel display/ed more fiscal responsibility than the bozo we have in office today.

That being said, time to buy more commodities! Cause the same thing is going to happen here!

Enjoy the decline!

Reminder - The Peter Schiff Show

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A friendly reminder to all the economists, lieutenants, and agents in the field, the ole Captain will be on the Peter Schiff Show tomorrow, Monday the 26th, 10:33AM Eastern time.

Tune in!

"Rubric" "Paradigm" and Other Stupid Words Academians Use

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You Learn Something from Video Games Afterall

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Super Happy Warm Fuzzy Feminists

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Help the Captain out here. An evil little seed has been planted in my mind. It will grow into an eeeevil little idea and then an eeeevil little plan. And when I execute this plan it will be pure EEEEEVILLLLL! I will laugh maniacally. BWAHA HA HA HAAAA!!!

So here's a list of the "you go girl" "grrrrl power" types of women from an old list whose advice and lecturings have done nothing but hurt women.

Virginia Heffernan
Sandra Log Tsing
Maureen Dowd
Emily Bazelon
Lindy West
Amanda Marcotte
Jessica Valenti
Jill Filipovic
Carolyn Hax
Hanna Rosin
Ann Bartow
Bollick

Can we add to this?

"So You Just Walked Off the Job???"

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I don't know why it popped into my mind, but I remembered interviewing about a year back for a credit analyst position. It was a hiring manager/HR ditz duo combo interview. The hiring manager was asking pertinent questions and answering my pertinent questions in return. It became very clear I knew more about underwriting and analysis when he didn't know what market-inference pricing was (a technique I use to value collateral), resulting in essentially me giving him a lesson. Intermittently we were interrupted by the HR ditz with one of her canned questions.

But two stood out, not because of her questions, but because of my answers.

The first was "so you spent a pretty short stint at bank X. Why such a short stint?"

I answered truthfully:

"They were corrupt, lending money to friends and cronies, and anytime I did any kind of analysis they disregarded it and wanted me to change the figures."

She then asked, "So did you give them two weeks notice."

"Nope, I just up and left."

She was shocked. You could hear it in her voice,

"So you *JUST WALKED OFF THE JOB*!!!???"

She literally couldn't believe somebody would have the audacity to just give their employer the proverbial bird and leave without notice. It was almost as if she said, "So you just *BEAT YOUR CHILDREN*!!!???" Never mind I might have had good reason to. Never mind it is more likely employers are more abusive and unjust than the employees. No, I violated a cardinal rule. I didn't give my employer 2 weeks notice.

The second question that she asked was about my book.

"So I see you wrote a book," referring to "Behind the Housing Crash."

I said "yes, I did."

"So what's it about?"

"It's an expose of all the corrupt dealing and banking practices I saw and endured while working at various community banks in Minnesota."

Thinking she had me she said, "So why didn't you put this on your resume!?" proving she had Google-Stalked me.

I said, "It is on my resume. If you look on the second page at the bottom, it should be noted there." proving she hadn't done her job.

Soon enough the hiring manager piped in, "Actually, he did list it. It's right here."

And then the money-shot quote, "But *you wrote a book*!"

I had to laugh inside because I wanted to say, "Yeah, my god! People writing books! Next thing you know people might start *READING BOOKS*!!! GASP!!!"

Again, I don't know why the thought popped into my mind this morning, but it did remind me that in the back recesses of my mind a theory or thought is starting to form. A theory that goes something like this:

Two factors are giving employers and corporations the upper hand when it comes to the labor market. One, the fact the labor market sucks right now with record high unemployment gives employers the negotiating edge. Additionally the sheer length of time the average person is unemployed now makes these people even more desperate, giving employers an additional advantage. Two, progressive credentialism has resulted in a wicked spiral. Because everybody has college degrees, people now must get additional certifications in order to be the better candidate among their peers. So people then pursue masters degrees. The problem is that everybody is pursing masters degrees. And so people pursue extra credentials or certifications. The problem is everybody is pursuing additional certifications, and so on and so on. In the end nearly everybody is overqualified and overeducated for most jobs. So to outshine other candidates job hunters resort to softer skills,namely ass kissing and brown-nosing. Impeccably sharp suits, spending time networking and attending job fairs, the job hunter is so desperate they'll spend more time trying to find a job than actually working.

Now, analogize this to a market where you have a score of suitors pursuing one woman. The male suitors are the job hunters and the sole woman is the job. What is going to happen to that woman's psychology when day after day she is asked out, pursued, inquired about and just plain lavished with attention? Furthermore, what is gong to happen to her psychology when these men become more and more desperate resorting to tactics like flowers, chocolates, them wearing stupidly loud shirts? 100 to 1 she's going to develop and ego and an attitude. She's going to become arrogant and cocky and instead of looking for what she really needs (a man) she's going to nit pick irrelevant

things (I don't like how his nails are done. I don't like his shoes, etc.).

And it's the same with employers.

Because of progressive credentialism and all the extra labor in the market, employers are adopting a very arrogant and cocky attitude. So arrogrant and cocky the psychological torment you'd have to go through working the job would plain not be worth it (just like dating the entitlement princess). And we already see evidence of employers getting this attitude.

YOU (GASP!!!) *WROTE A BOOK*!!!!???

YOU (GASP!!!) *WALKED OFF A JOB*!!!!?

By the way where is your Facebook password, I want it. And no you can't have mine.

Oh, and we're going to Google-Stalk you.

And we want to run a credit check on you, but you can't request the same of us.

I even recall an investment bank requiring your ACT and SAT scores

It is also no coincidence HR is once again dominated by women. The skills women develop nitpicking minor infractions among romantic suitors is the precise exact same skills they use to nitpick infractions against job applicants. Of course, it is no surprise their success in picking qualified romantic suitors is the same as picking qualified job applicants. There is no data out there to prove it, but nearly EVERY HR lady I've personally know has been divorced, had dating problems, or at minimum had some kind of mental problem. Sure there were a handful of relatively stable women, but the majority were not. And I'm willing to bet their woefully inadequate ability to judge character when choosing men is equally woefully inadequate when judging job applicants (which we do have actual data for from MErcer, which shows a r-square of .14 between HR questions and actual job performance). This should not be surprising when instead of asking questions about accounting, valuation techniques, chemical processes, and HR ditz can only assess things like:

"I don't like his hair."

"He didn't answer 'if you could be an animal, which animal would it be and why' question to my satisfaction."

"Did you see her shoes!? OMG! Hideous!"

Not to belabor the HR angle, the larger point is that it is becoming very obvious corporations are developing a psychosis of their own. It's almost as if they're becoming sentient even though they're organizations. An entitlement princess mentality is developing which makes the proposition of working for them not worth the risk of spending 20 years of your life getting educated, certified, qualified, licensed and CPE'd to death, only to have a job where your psychologically abused.

And just like men are boycotting women, so too I believe employees will boycott abusive employers.

Enjoy the decline!

Feminists Hating On the Division of Labor

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Why do you feminists hate the division of labor so much?

And an aside, but I'm going to keep doing this until it gets into the young ladies' skulls, how many of you men could imagine dating, let alone marrying somebody with this "vision" of a family.

Hipsters on Food Stamps Part II

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It's a simple thesis and no one wants to hear it: hipsters may lack drive, but the world they live in wasn't set up by them, it was set up by their parents, i.e. the Dumbest Generation Of Narcissists In The History Of The World, the ones who magnified the importance and cost of college without having any idea of what should be its purpose, let alone its content.

I would only add that the Hipsters and youth in general who think they're so independent failed miserably to be truly independent in that they sucked up and swallowed whole the leftist commie tripe that was shoved down their throats. There was no "don't trust anybody over 30" They listened to their Baby Boomer and Gen X Parents because the crap they were saying was too sweet to critically think about.

It will be very fun to enjoy the decline.

Boo-Freaking-Hoo

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Dr. Helen points out the shortage of men willing to marry and the surplus of women who want marriage

Dalrock updates his charts lending further data to support this.

I ask the simple question, "If women want to get married, then why don't they start considering what men want?"

Of course, we know the answer. They want a wedding. They want "their day." They don't want to be a wife, let alone serve and support a guy. That is glaringly obvious to the men who are refusing to propose.

But hey, you girls go an enjoy that decline, alright!

Masters Degree in Pot

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Jesus-Effing-Christ.

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The Destruction Principle

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In my Crusaderism video I mentioned the "destruction principle." I didn't do it justice in that it was part of a larger presentation, but I believe it needs expanding and explaining here.

When I was a kid my brother and I would set up snow forts and battle it out throwing snowballs at each other. Of course, it was more than snowballs, it was more like snow cannon balls and ice chunks. The key was not to kill each other, but to demolish each other's fort. Direct hits would cause enough damage that we'd have to spend time repairing them instead of continuing our offensive.

But then I got smart.

I started building a tall snow tower off to the right of my fort. It didn't take much to build and it was a smaller target. Once built it attracted all the attention and attacks of my brother. Sure he'd hit it occasionally, more often than not knocking it down, but the time it took to rebuild it was a fraction of what it would be to rebuild a direct hit to my fort.

In short, I knew psychologically it would make a more attractive target even though it had no "military value." The reason why? Easy target, less work.

The trick though was "production" or "value."

Say my brother DID score a direct hit on the tower and brought it down. The brain would release endorphins because he brought it down. He would think it was progress, that he achieved some kind of value. But he didn't. He was just lazy.

That is the destruction principle. It is easier to destroy something that already exists than build something of genuine value up from scratch.

This is key to understand the psychology Crusaders and Crusaderism because when given the choice of:

"Work hard, study something rigorous, and put in the effort into a long and demanding career"

or

"Find something in society that already exists, villianize it and declare it evil, then wage a campaign against it"

the lazy, mathophoic, work-fearing leftist crusader will ALWAYS go for destroying institutions and pillars over doing something that requires effort.

And you must understand how arrogant and truly evil this is. The crusader doesn't target these pillars or institutions of society because those institutions and pillars are evil. They target those things because the crusaders are evil. They are so arrogant and self-centered they have no problem bring down various aspects of society, regardless of:

1. whether or not society likes these pillars
2. whether or not society benefits from these pillars
3. the wishes of anybody else.

The crusader's desire to engage in destruction disguised as heroic, crusading "faux-production" to simply give their meaningless lives meaning is paramount to all other people, all other lives and all other cultures.

Take three genuinely evil people and see if I'm making this up or if my theory explains them.

Dr. Grover Furr - This guy defends Stalin and claims the genocide that occurred under Soviet Russia never happened. Does he really believe that? No, probably not. But it doesn't matter. It's easier for him to tear down institutions like capitalism, western civilzation, etc., and then claim he's on some kind of "crusade" against the "evil United States." In reality he is just a worthless human being.

Robert Jensen - The nutjob "professor/journalist" (notice a trend here with worthless people and worthless degrees?) who claimed Thanksgiving was nothing more than a nazi, racist event forced on the poor Indians. Again, does it dawn on him this was 400 years ago? Does it dawn on him that most people (Indians included) hold Thanksgiving dear and is part of the American culture? Of course, not, but that's not his goal. His goal is to knock down the snow tower and make it seem like he's doing something. So he falsely vilifies Thanksgiving, gets warm crusaderism fuzzies, and in the process belittles and condemns all you racists, sexist, nazi homophobes. Again, a worthless human.

Annie Laurie Gaylor (later part of the interview) - You may not know her, but she's one of these nutjobs out there riding around the country suing little towns and counties if they display crosses on cemeteries, public parks, or any other public property. Does Annie Laurie Gaylor really believe for a second people in different towns are "oppressed" and "offended" by nativity scenes in the local park during Christmas? No, you can hear it in her voice that she's lying and she can't cite anyone has complained. But a more plausible theory is she is a worthless individual, too lazy and too incompetent to offer

society anything of value. Does it bear out? You be the judge. Worthless degree? Worthless faux-accomplishments? Worthless person?

But again, none of that matters. Annie's little ego is more important than the thousands of other people who she forces her little crusade upon, even though these people never did anything to her.

The scary thing about the destruction principle is just how scary it is in predicting tyrants and dictators. People who don't care about other people, who are so narcissistic they believe they are the only ones that matter and not only do other people not matter, but they should be forced to bide by the crusader's will. Pol Pot, Mao Tse Tung, Osama Bin Laden you name it, all spoiled little brats with no real skill who deemed their precious little egos more valuable than the lives of millions.

I didn't make the video of Crusaderism for S's and G's. I made it as a weapon, a tool, and a warning. We can identify these people. We can indentify the people who are are going to destroy the country. AND we can explain what they're doing and why. This is not an argument to go and kill these people or anything as drastic like that, it's to expose them so when they say, "America is evil" or "capitalism is evil" or "hard work is evil" or any other outright lie they tell is identified as such and the public is made aware of what their ulterior motives really are. To destroy the United States and western civilization because they refuse to be adults and work for a living.

It is that simple.

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This is the first ever QOTD on Cappy Cap. He should be proud:

"*Women, enjoy your cats*
Retirees, enjoy your cat food
Men, enjoy the decline"

I Yearn to Kill My Boss In Meetings

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The meeting works like this;

Big time, gray haired bosses like to see how much of other people's time they can send into a black hole. ALL people, no matter how irrelevant their job is to the presumed purpose of the meeting are required to attend. Nobody is listening to the current speaker because it's irrelevant to their job. Meanwhile, the brown nosers who, like you, have no purpose of being at the meeting either, ask a litany of questions or blather on about their project to make themselves sound busy and productive, which only lengthens the pain and suffering of those who actually have REAL work to do. Meanwhile the boss sits there, laughing inside, knowing he or she is exercising their power forcing youto waste your time and made you spend the money on gas to attend the meeting.

The Pathetic Conformity of Young "Rebels"

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Something I took for granted was the sworn rivalry between teachers and students.

As a student I remember my teachers and I were sworn enemies. It was never stated, but it was obvious through actions and behaviors, and as quickly as the first week of kindergarten, that teachers were not there to help the students, but to take advantage of them. I do not mean in a "physical" or "sexually abusive" way, but in a financial and psychological way. It was very apparent to me at the age of 5 that the teachers were not there to help us, they were there for ulterior motives, and me and my peers would be the victims in this racket.

Obviously I could not articulate this at that time. I didn't have the vocabulary, the thought, let alone the context. But now in hindsight and knowing the racket education is, I can identify precisely what was going on. Young adults, too lazy to find real work, used "educating the children" as an excuse to avoid math, rigor or any career endeavor that required effort. And so, for 13 years, me and millions of other youth had to suffer at the hands of overpaid, overglorified, inferior-human, baby sitters, and though we couldn't articulate the argument above, we intuitively KNEW IT becuase of the day in, day out hell these morons forced upon us. It was WAR. And it was between the innocent students and the people posing as teachers (why else would "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" be so popular?).

Fast forward to today and times have definitely changed. And changed for the worse.

Instead of a Calvin and Hobbes-esque rivalry students have with teachers, they have something much worse.

A BFF relationship.

At least in the "olden days" we knew the teachers were the incompetent boobs sent there to baby sit us. It was clear they were incapable of teaching, let alone stimulating the minds of youth. They disliked math, and we go to suffer for it. So it was clear they were the enemy.

But not today.

Oh no.

Teachers are the best friends of the students. Why, they're all BFF!

Are the teachers the enemy?

No.

Are the teachers arrogant 20 somethings showing cracks as they face the realities of not being intelligent or versed enough in any one subject to capture the minds and curiosity of the students so said students naturally behave?

No.

However, are the teachers spineless 20 somethings that keep the educational standards their typically low level, but now with the added benefits of "happy warm friendship, diversity, global warming, eh.. you all get B's and are winners fuzzies?"

Yes.

It is here a very sinister development has occurred.

Instead of students having a natural and visceral hatred for their faux-teachers, teachers have developed the ability to befriend and cajole students. Beforehand, teachers would just shove whatever political agenda they had on the students, all while spectacularly displaying they had no ability to teach or pass on knowledge, making school a hell. This was not a recipe for compliance. The rebellion was akin to Steve McQueen in the Great Escape (and I don't joke about that, me and my peers in grade school came up with some insanely crafty ways to rebel and deal with the mundane hell of school).

But today, I believe teachers know they know nothing and are not interesting. And therefore they approach their students in a more ass-kissing way.

The result in an interesting one.

Unrebellious youth.

In befriending, and not teaching, students, teachers have simply managed to make students "one of the leftists, educational establishment team."

Did they learn calculus?

No, but they did learn about global warming.

Did they learn basic financial budgeting skills?

No, but they did learn how much George Bush sucks.

In other words, the students and teachers are no longer rivals, they're political allies. And in being allies, there is no distrust. And with no distrust there can be no rebellious youth. They're pawns. They're compliant. They're obedient.

The irony, of course, is that this is the complete opposite of how they view themselves and how they've been taught to perceive themselves. Most 20 somethings think they're "independent," "highly intelligent" and "very open minded." When in reality they are nothing but the most conforming generation EVER in US history.

They swallowed whole the the leftist BS shoved down their throats by their indoctrinators. They swallowed whole the socialist ideology shoved down their throats by their educators.
The parrot and repeat what they were told to by their elders, displaying PERFECTLY they are the opposite of what they claim.

I mean, just look at a hipster. Somebody trying so hard not to conform they only end up epitomizing conformity.

The said truth is that none of you youth are "rebels." You are the most pathetic, sad, group of conforming saps the world has ever seen. And if you don't believe it, compare yourselves to the second-most pathetic group of conformists - hippie baby boomers.

You know how the baby boomers said, "don't trust anybody over 30?"

You guys can't even follow THAT simple rule! You eat up whatever older people tell you as long as it jives with what your childish brain wants to believe. Meanwhile they're robbing your future blind with entitlement programs. Not to mention does anybody see the irony of when administrators and professors of college campuses keep getting 8-12% raises each year, but their students are so brainwashed and conforming, the students blame it on republican legislatures for not spending enough on education?

So to all you idiotic youth, 90% of which join the college democrats, 90% of you who simple repeat what your professors or teachers said, 90% of which think and do the exact same thing as the other 90%,

you're not rebellious.

you're not indepdenent minded

you're not cool.

You're a bunch of pathetic, ignorant, conforming suckers too stupid and too lazy to be genuine rebels.

You want to see rebels?

Look at the college republicans or college libertarians.

But, oh wait, you can't. Your teachers said they were racists, sexist, whatever. And you mustn't disobey you teachers, now, mustn't you? Why, that would not be conforming!

Why You Should Always Carry a Gun in Casper

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Wyoming state law is that you don't need a permit to carry a gun. You can carry concealed, or as a lot of cowboys do on your hip for everybody to see. The reason why is that the right to carry guns in Wyoming is VERY coveted by its people. Casper City Council tried to pass a law banning the open carry of guns when addressing the city council. This received a response from the State government that any laws made by any local government (that would restrict gun rights) would be overturned AND the politicians who made such legislation would be fined/stripped of their office.

They like their guns.

Because of this, in combination with the fact Wyoming is rural, I thought I would not need to carry my gun as much. Everybody is carrying and as they say, "An armed society is a polite society."

That is until I went to the Alibi Bar.

The Alibi Bar from the outside looks to be a cool, kitchy, schwank bar with a 1940's exterior decor. I saw it my first time in Casper and intended on visiting it when I was all settled in.

However, upon entry you get in and quickly realize it's a dive bar just like the rest. Worse though is that it displays one of Wyoming's biggest problems - alcoholism and meth. Drunk men with no lives looking for fights and "tweakers" unaware of what they're doing, looking for trouble. I walked out of the Alibi Bar and a guy in the parking who was yelling at his wife, starts to threaten her because she "probably wants to go for a ride with me on my motorcycle." He then starts to approach me and I realized, "sh!t! I don't have my gun!" His wife's imploring brought him back to her car and a scuffle (or shooting) did not ensue.

The larger point is that there's a lot of guys, a lot fewer women, a lot of drugs, and a lot of booze. Add to that the men of Wyoming really do view their women as property, and you are probably in more danger at the local Casper bar than you are a bad part of town in a large city. You should carry as much as possible....unless....

unless the school you attend doesn't permit you to carry a gun (see below).

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Lance D. Jones
Director of Campus Security and Judicial Affairs Officer
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Your request to carry a weapon on Casper College property is denied.
You may call Casper College Campus Security for assistance any time you are on campus by dialing (307) 268-2688. Campus Security Officers are not law enforcement officers and are not armed.

Of course what could the possible consequences be?

Oh, that's right, being in one of the few places that bans guns in town and then having some raging lunatic come in with an "edged weapon," who goes on a killing spree, and being able to do nothing about it.

But hey, at least you academians did the politically correct and liberal thing and banned guns. And that's worth the lives of a couple people at least!

Post post - it is my understanding Casper College is a private school permitted to make its own rules regarding gun possession. Contacting government representatives would be moot...though, that never stopped leftists from respecting the lines of private property and ownership.

College Cry Babies

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Out-freaking-standing!

The "Dave Foley" Moment

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I have decided to term a new economic phrase:

"The Dave Foley Moment."

The Dave Foley Moment (DFM) is the instance where, regardless of government promises, the inability of the economy to produce the economic production necessary to make good on those promises, trumps those promises, thus delivering the recipients of such government largess a harsh and cruel economic rude-awakening.

For example, the Canadian judge has ordered Dave Foley to pay child support and alimony equal to 4 times the amount of money he makes. Governmental demands and promises made to Mr. Foley's ex be damned, the economic reality is that she will get nothing. Mr. Foley does not make enough.

Another example is all the promises of socialist economies. Food, wealth, health care. It doesn't matter if Stalin or Mao "decreed" everyone is entitled to food, the economic reality is the empty shelves.

I believe in the near future the United States will have its fair share of "Dave Foley Moments." For example all the classes of society that depend on government checks to pay for their lives will be very upset when, despite Barack Obama's guarantees they "entitled" to such largess, the productive members of society just up and go Galt, leaving the US Treasury without the funds to make good on those bribes...errr...social programs.

Old people will also have their DFM's when, sure, that social security check came in the mail, but because of significant inflation it only buys half of what it did a couple years ago.

Young people who voted for Hope and Change v. 2.0 will see their student loans crush their financial futures, not to mention the labor market realities crush their employment prospects when nobody hires the "Music Therapy" major, except Starbucks.

Oh, there's going to be a lot of Dave Foley Moments. And it's just another instance of how god loves us and wants us to enjoy the decline!

Yes, the Democrats are Socialists

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I don't know how much clearer I can make it.

"Ocean's 11 Meets MGTOW"

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This is hilarious, but what i really like is the "Ocean's 11" feel I get with the pictures of Europe and the music.

The One Thing I Mourn the Most With the Death of the United States

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A sad reality which has only gotten worse since the election is the increasing amount of depression I see in myself and my friends. Oh, I try, heck, I'm writing a book on how to ENJOY the decline, but I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't say the death of the United States doesn't bother me at least once a day. BUt still, I try to fight it and find reasons to live anyway.

However, while writing "Enjoy the Decline" I was put in such a depressed mood one day that it forced me to try to think through this problem. It forced me to really analyze what was bothering me so much. And out of everything wrong that is happening to the US, and out of all the bad things that are likely to happen as we switch to a socialist nation, the single, biggest thing I mourn is what the US could have been had we just kept going like we did in the 40's-60's.

I'm not talking about the amount of money we'd make, which I've addressed before, but what we could have achieved as a society in terms of culture, music, technology, space exploration, etc. The coolest thing to happen recently was Felix Baumgartner setting the parachuting record. And before that? Anything?

To make my point take a look at this plane, the XB 70
[image]
That thing was DEVELOPED IN THE 1950's.

In basically 20 years we went from propeller airplanes to a BOMBER that could do Mach 3. 10 years later, moon landing (and no comments about how NASA was a waste)

What have we done in the past 50 years? Yes yes, I know, a bunch of computer stuff, hurray . Great, we can text. But that's just the point, we will never know what we could have achieved had we kept up with the historical level of economic growth and technological innovation. Or another way to put it (though I can't prove this is true, I just remember hearing it somewhere) had the Roman Empire not collapsed, technology would have advanced much faster resulting in us landing on the moon before Christopher Columbus discovered America.

Sadly, the only way to speculate on what we could have achieved is to look back at the past. Not just to estimate would-be trajectories of various advances in the US, but even worse - some aspects of life were better back then.

Can anybody argue the women's rights movements of the 1970's did anything but harm the country?
Can anybody argue the Great Society did anything but harm and create more poor people?
And for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, can we at least get some quality cartoons like Bugs BUnny again??? (yes, yes, I know too expensive, excuses, excuses, excuses).

The worst part of the US not achieving its best is that by default it makes it impossible for the individual to achieve his/her best. Being brought up in the 70's and 80's we were told/brainwashed that the US was the greatest country in the world and if you worked hard you could achieve anything. Certianly the historical evidence proved that. So why would a little kid think any different? It only served to inflate young kids dreams and expectations, making the crash even harsher. Sure enough, slowly, over the course of 20 years, entering adulthood, the economic realities of this nation and the idiots that voted those realities in whisk away your dreams, and worse, make you fear the future.

So now instead of worrying if there will be hover cars,
we worry if we can have cars period, let alone afford the gas.

Instead of worrying about whether you'll own your own personal plane,
we worry about whether we can afford a flight somewhere for winter.

Instead of worrying about finding the "right one"
you'll settle for somebody that doesn't have illegimate kids, hasn't filed for bankruptcy, and have a part-time job.

Instead of worrying about whether you'll be the best pilot, or best welder, or best accountant,
you're worrying if you'll just be able to find a job, period.

I know I say "enjoy the decline," but it takes a mighty strong person to embed that into their psychologies.

"Porn Economics"

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Warning - this post discusses sex and porn. All complaints will be ignored. If you don't like this, then be an adult and exercise your right to choose.

Bitterbabe cites an article about how the ease and accessibility of porn for men has killed their libidos as well as unrealistically increased their physical expectations of women. This is bad because it destroys relationships and "hey, women want to have sex too you know!"

But at its core this is nothing more than a simple lesson in basic economics. Namely, "substitute goods."

Substitute goods are precisely that. Goods that can be substituted for another. You may want to have an apple, but if there are no apples, perhaps you'll settle for an orange. You would like to go to Disney World, but the flight is too expensive. So you drive to Great America instead. You would like that platinum necklace, but the silver one will suffice.

The key relationship between substitute goods is that as the price of one goes up, the demand for the substitute good goes up as well. So even though you may really, really want that steak, if it's too expensive, you will instead order the chicken. But the reverse can happen as well. Say the steak is very affordable. But the chicken only costs $1. You may prefer steak, but the price of chicken is so compelling, you go with the chicken instead. Thus a significant drop in the price of a substitute good can force a significant drop in demand for the original good as well.

The issue with internet porn is no different.

Previous to it porn came in some physical form. It was hard to store/hide. It came with a price. You also had to physically go and pick it up. And there was an element of societal shame about it. But with the internet the effective price of porn dropped to zero. It was also made incredibly convenient. And now with an entire generation brought up with it, society has become inured to the idea of internet porn.

However, true to the law of substitute goods, a drop in the price of porn has caused a drop in demand for real sex. And this does not make the little ladies happy. Why ~~sex was how they controlled men and lorded it over them like a weapon~~...errr...I mean "women like sex too, ya know!"

So let's do a little experiment and play "Amateur Economist." Specifically, I want you to think of it in terms of a business-customer relationship. Take the crassness out of it.

Take the sex out of it. I want you to treat it as a genuine economic problem.

You are an economist at a high end consulting firm and a client comes in. She is the CEO of "GS" (General Sex, a spin off of GE) the sole supplier of sex in the country. Her sales are down, despite it being a monopoly. After some market research she sees there is a new substitute good being offered by another firm, Pron Enterprises. Pron Enterprises does not offer sex, but a substitute good. So when men are looking for sex here are their two choices:

General Sex- Go to the bars, hit on girls. Buy a bunch of drinks. Repeat for several nights over the course of weeks. Get some numbers, go out on several dates, and after a month of hard work, and about $1,000 in social expenses you get to have sex.

Pron Enterprises - Go home, spend 5 minutes on the internet, done.

The CEO of GS wants to know how to increase her sales!

"*How or how Mr/Ms. Economist do I do this?!*"

Bonus Cappy Cap points will be awarded for thoughtfulness and incorporating real world business principles to this problem!

Porn Economics Part II

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I wanted to provide the answers to the question I posed in Part I as we were all over the board, though it did open up some other areas of thought:

1. Lower your price
2. Improve the quality of your product

Those were the two "Business 101" answers I was looking for, but again, extra bonus points for those cynical enough to suggest government intervention a la banning Pron Enterprises or subsidizing GS.

You all get A's from the professor, because, well, that's the only grade universities dish out nowadays.

New Glorious Sponsor

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Happy day Cappy Cappites! We got a new sponsor!

It will make a great Christmas gift and, frankly, it's a REALLY NICE HAT. It is VERY warm. Forget the politics, it's worth buying for the functionality itself.

Are Real Men Even Capable of Leisure?

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The "leisure labor paradox" is a simple one.

Do you work or do you goof off?

Obviously you'd prefer to good off, but the real world requires you at least labor a little bit to sustain yourself.

The problem though with such a simple statement is that it ignores the biological and darwinistic conditioning of men for eons. Until recently (meaning, the past 300 years) men have been genetically programmed to keep working, not just to survive, but to secure a stable future.

Don't work?

Fine, hope next winter is particularly harsh and you didn't squirrel enough nuts away.

Oops? You died?

Too bad, the men who did work harder than necessary will continue to breed their "pro-work" genes into future society, reinforcing that work ethic.

The reason I bring it up is to ask the question can men even turn off their work ethic?

Oh, I know, I know, generations of inferior men who've lived off of welfare, government subsidy, OWS-hipster-paretnal-subsidy, and parasitism can easily socially engineer themselves out of any biological hard-wiring, but for those of us who actually give a care about the future, can you turn it off? Much as I want to enjoy the decline, and much as I am successful at it, what precisely does a REAL man do with 5 hours per day in leisure? Video games are fun and all, but inevitably I cannot refute my biological imperative to produce something of value.

Mayhaps, some liberal men can help me? Mayhaps some OWS "professional activist" types can guide me? Mayhaps some fratboydaddywarbucks can guide me as to what I do with free time and leisure?

Oh, wait, that's right. You're not real men. You require other people to support you.

Never mind. I guess I'll just teach myself auto-mechanics.

Convict Workout

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Interesting.

The Price Fatherless Children Pay

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The larger point for all races is the importance of having fathers in children's lives. Without a father your children are going to go into the real world without knowing how to deal with ½ of society - men. Your daughters will have a heavily skewed biased towards their own self-importance, but worse a dangerously naïve understanding of men, men's sexual nature, and the risks those pose. Your boys will suffer as well. With no man to teach them the harsh realities of life such as competition, independence, self-reliance, self-control, and work ethic, boys will grow up woefully unprepared for the real world. Not just in terms of work ethic and skills, but they will have no clue how to interact and deal with women. Their lives will be failures, both financial and romantic, but worse they won't know why. With no leadership or guidance, you've left them to roam aimlessly for at least a decade, forcing them to figure it out on their own through trial and error. This will exact a heavy toll on their emotions and psychology, and that's assuming they are even successful in figuring it out for themselves, instead of living cluelessly for the rest of their lives.

Shameful, Commercial Whoring

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We're about 2-3 weeks out from Christmas.

Which means if you're going to buy something AND have it delivered by Christmas with a guarantee, you need to buy it NOW.

So procrastinate no more Cappy Cappites. Click on the ole Amazon link (sorry, fixed it!) and get some shopping done. Not for the Captain (though it does bring him warm economic fuzzies), but for yourselves. Besides, you always need something, might as well get it on Amazon instead of driving around all over the place.

Why Your Boss Is an Idiot

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No, you're not insane, most bosses are indeed idiots.

Dirty, Sloppy Linkage

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Trying to knock out the book before Christmas. Here's some linkage.

"Why Feminists Can't Have Nice Things."

I don't remember seeing this. Glad I did.

More advice for young ladies from our Canadian regiment.

You morons voted for this. I didn't.

You youth voted for this. I didn't.

Just can't make it up. Then again, I've never given teenage girls much credit.

I call it tornado chasing, some people call it the Beartooth Rally, others call it "Mancation."

Was at the coffee store the other day. Writing my book. Saw a guy with his laptop out, also seeming to be writing a book, which he was. The conversation ensued and we had the following observations:

1. You stand a better shot at being successful self-publishing than trying to find a publisher.
2. The traditional publishing houses will be gone in about 2 decades time with only a handful of nepotist, cronyist remnants remaining for east coast trustfunders who can't figure out how to upload a book.
3. "Agents" are just as worthless as most publishers.
4. You will not make a ton of money scoring one big hit with one successful book. However, you will make enough money writing multiple books of moderate success.
5. Write series so you get people hooked on the first book, you have them for 4 more.

Here's his book. Former Lt. Colonel suffers from PTSD and becomes serial killer. Again, not economics or the genre we discuss here, but something for you book worms who may like that thriller suspense sort of thing.

The Hardest Part

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Controlling your happiness: (language warning)

Your environment doesn't change your borne temperament. It provides little boosts to your happiness level, but it always falls back to where it was at the start. Changing your belief system can definitely affect the thermostat of your temperament, but only by a small amount. Do you still use your lunch break to go to the bookstore?

How Women Deny Women the Market Price Mechanism

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When you hear the phrase "market price mechanism" your mind instantly conjures up sad, nerdy academian economists with too much time on their hands and a desire to sound intelligent. So they come with some hoity toity sounding phrase and then banter it about much like rubric, paradigm and dynamic, mocking those who've never heard of the phrase, even though the phrase was created all of 10 seconds ago. However the "Market Price Mechanism" is not one of those phrases and is actually a VITAL part of any economy.

Specifically what it is, is the information a market conveys about the value of certain goods via prices. Say, for example housing. If you were like many Americans during the bubble, you were completely ignorant about all the underdealings and going-ons that led up to the bursting of it. Technically you needn't have been informed about these things because the market, inevitably, told you housing was too pricey when housing prices started to tank. The market was telling you "Hey, there's too much housing" or "hey, housing is not worth as much as you think it should be."

While this is one example, the information the market pricing mechanism conveys is even more important than that. Prices provide information about EVERYTHING in the economy. Is milk over priced? What's going on with gas prices? OBama got elected - well maybe silver is more valuable than it was before. Is that Furby really worth $400?

More commonly you see this play out in real time at lightning fast speed anytime you watch a stock market trade up or down. As information is released about corporate earnings, economic data, even things like weather ("Trading Places" anyone?), the vast amount of information is digested by the market and translated into second to second changes in prices. In other words the market pricing mechanism constantly reassesses the value of every item in the economy by taking in all the information that is relevant to the value of those items and conveniently translates that into a numerical dollar price for your brain to understand. You can then decide whether it is worth the price to pay for such an item or not.

Market pricing mechanisms, however, do not just apply to financial markets or commodity markets. You could contest that any time any information is conveyed to a human, that human's perception of whatever that information is about changes. So for example say I'm going tornado chasing and time after time again I see tornadoes have a tendency to show up in the afternoon as opposed to morning. I incorporate this information and then sleep in till 10AM instead of going out chasing in the morning. The

problem is sometimes the information you get is wrong. And if you act on wrong information it can cost you.

Say a jealous tornado chaser doesn't like some noob in his neck of Kansas. He purposely lies to me and says, "Yeah, all the tornado chasing happens at night. It's great!" Then I will see no tornadoes.
Or David Lareah tells me during 2005 that housing is a great deal. I buy and lose my shirt on a McMansion. Such information can be considered "wrong" but it can also be "noise" in that it drowns out the real data resulting in bad pricing.

Now fast forward to today when (once again, I have no idea why) the memory of a girl giving me gift certificates to Sebastian Joe's (an ice cream parlor in town I like) popped into my head. It was long ago, she was a dance student of mine and she learned I liked Sebastian Joe's ice cream. At the end of class she brought me a gift certificate. In hindsight I see that the girl really liked me and probably wanted me to ask her out. But I never went out with the girl. That seemed odd to me today because she was cute and I would have gone out with her. Why didn't I pick up on that Sebastian Joe's ice cream certificate? Why didn't I act upon that obvious piece of information the market pricing mechanism was sending me?

Because other girls previous to her ruined the market pricing mechanism.

What I mean by this is previous to this girl I had suffered a torrent of instances where information I would have thought was giving me a green light, ended up being nothing more that false alarms or outright ruses. There was the one girl who invited me back to her place after a date, took me upstairs, took off her shirt, wanted a back rub and when I went in for the kiss she jumped back, shocked saying, "what are you doing???"

There was the other girl, only in her skivvies, in my bed. So sure was I of this one I turned her around, went in for a kiss, thinking nothing of it, and again, "Wait! What are you doing!? I can't kiss a man until I'm engaged!"

And let us not forget the countless times of married women who take their rings off, show up at bars or clubs, flirt with you and when it comes for a phone number or going back to a hotel, "Oh no! I can't do that, I'm married!" Alas, they were merely using you to test their market value.

With such erroneous information or "noise" flooding the market, the problem is nobody listens anymore to the market pricing mechanism. So when a SINCERE and legitimate piece of information hits the market (nice, sweet girl getting you ice cream certificates), you treat it with suspicion, don't believe it, and don't act on it because now all information is considered corrupt and unreliable.

The effects this has on the "dating market" is identical to the effects a dysfunctional market pricing mechanism would have on a financial market. With no market pricing mechanism, liquidity dries up. With no liquidity, there is no volume. And with no volume, there is no value. In other words, no trades are made, nobody buys anything, the market shuts down.

Now, this was happening in my 20's when it was fun and fashionable for young girls to play games. But 10 years later the women are "serious" and they're "done playing games." They've "had their fun and are ready to settle down." Why, you'll forgive them for their immaturities, won't you? They were just having fun, you understand. Tee hee!

Sadly, it's too late. Not in the sense they're in the 30's and "where have all the good men gone?" But the destruction of the market pricing mechanism explains another little phrase you commonly hear.

"*He's not picking up on my clues! How can't he tell I'm flirting with him! Why hasn't he asked me out yet?! I've given him all the signals!!!!*"

In short, men have become inured to the information the market pricing mechanism sends out. And while girls may be done "playing their games" and are NOW sending out serious and legitimate information, unfortunately nobody is listening, or, let alone dares to let themselves believe it.

What is the cost?

Well, consider my friend from yesterday.

He's in his 40's, has excellent game, is accomplished and is in good shape. He's conversing with a 25 year old thing who has a hipster boyfriend. The girl has dropped every imaginable hint about those two going out. "Let's go for drinks." "Let's get drunk." "I'm bored by myself." etc. etc.

Though accomplished, my 40 something colleague is nothing but skeptical. Would it be great to go out with a 25 year old thing and steal her from her hipster DB boyfriend? You bet. But if history is any indication, it is more likely she would just use him for drinks, OR, should he ask her out, she has the immediate shame-card, "why, GASP! I have a boyfriend! (you dirty, amoral person you - implied)"

The result?

We'll never know. He's opted to do nothing.

Financially that means a market price of zero, volume traded of zero, and a value of zero.

Romantically, that means no dates, no courting, no romance, no nothing.

Enjoy the decline!

Nice Job Saving the Planet

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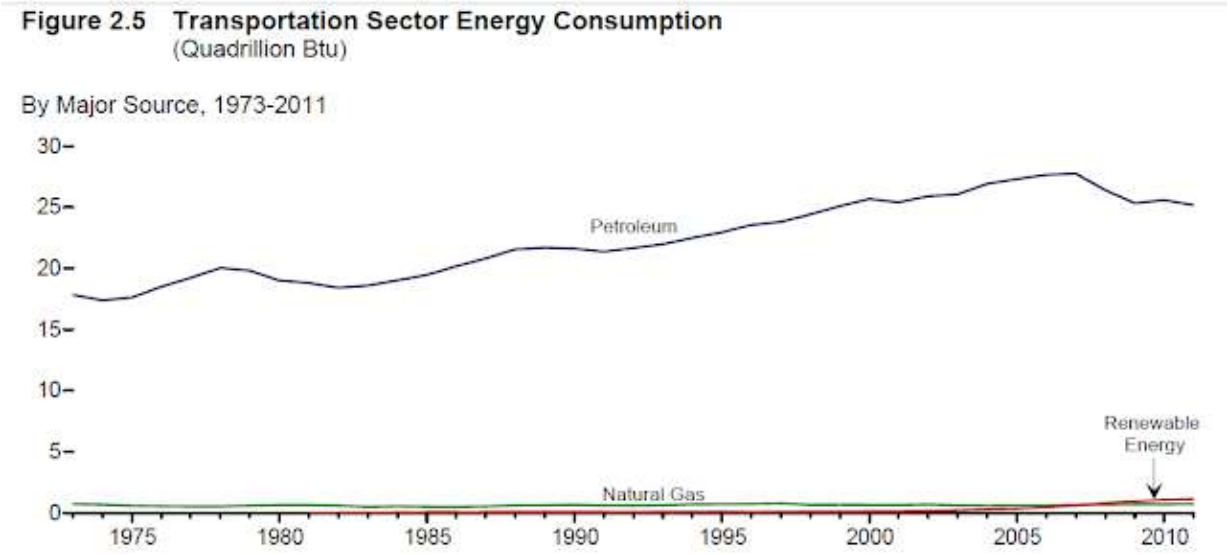
I was doing some research to see what energy consumption in the country looks like in that I don't know if I trust official government economic figures anymore and would prefer instead to look at energy consumption as a proxy for economic growth. The results were inconclusive (plus I think I had the wrong data set).

But then I found this gem:



Americans spent more calories of energy worrying and talking about renewable energy than calories burned using actual renewable resources!

Why the Left Hates the Division of Labor

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One of the things I could not explain until recently was how the left not only wants financial equality, but also seems hell bent on social equality. In other words, I can understand where they want other people's money (that's just human nature). What I don't understand is how they also wage war against social or even biological differences. For example feminists trying desperately to claim "gender" is not biological, but socially driven. Swedes eliminating the words "him" and "her" from their language. Parents bringing up their children with no specific sex. Mothers need to be fathers and fathers need to be mothers. Or, all these leftist groups posing as atheist groups banning one religious symbol or another from public grounds. Or all the women (and some men) pushing for "fat acceptance." Whatever it is, the left wants no differences. Everything, money, status, social networks, physique, even your gender should be the same.

So I was reading "Freedom, Inequality, Primitivism and the Division of Labor"and it was one of those moments where you discovered a link that made you go "AHA! THAT'S IT!" (of course it was also one of those moments where you saw somebody had gone down this path before and that you are not unique or special and even if you had come up with your own epiphany, Mr. Fuller would be there in half a second citing the originator of that epiphany). And that link or observation was...

Marx hated the division of labor.

The ramifications and consequences of this are many, shocking and just outright scary.

Right off the bat this should tell you the man was an idiot, if not, outright insane. He wanted to abolish the division of labor. He wanted people to excel at everything and not be defined or anchored to any one job. Even the most rookie, fresh off the assembly line economist can see the flaws in being against the division of labor. But what scares me is how this miserable failure of a human (and he was) was able to get nearly half the globe to believe his claptrap. How can you take this man seriously, let alone when he purports to be an economist BUT IS AGAINST THE DIVISION OF LABOR????

It not only explains why every communist experiement has failed, but it also testifies to the intellectual weakness of people who swallow this poppycock.

But take the economic consequences of ignoring or "not liking" the division of labor, and look at why he was against it. It defined humans. It applied characteristics and traits to humans. UNIQUE characteristics and traits. And some of these traits are better than others, resulting in inequality. Not FINANCIAL inequality. Inequality in terms of strength, respect, admiration, and status.

It is here I cannot claim to make the link, as Ludwig von Mises did that already for me, but Marx and leftists in general are not just against economic inequality, they are against ALL inequality. It is why Marx and many leftists are against differences PERIOD.

Even if you were in a communist country, as a doctor earning the same as everybody else (0), you would still be deemed "superior" which would be unacceptable. So various measures would have to be taken to "humble" you or ensure you didn't enjoy a higher status.

What's really frightening though is what this psychology leads to and implies. Forget having more money than somebody else. Forget having a bigger house than somebody else. Worry about being just plain DIFFERENT from somebody else. In other words individuality should be punished. It is the group, or the state, or the commune that is more important, the individual does not matter, it is the borg.

This is why you have the left pushing such idiotic things as eliminating "he" and "she" from language. this is why you have such a monolithic push on academia for poltically correct speech. (the 4:40 mark I see the man thinking "how sad these kids don't see the bigger picture") This is why there are things such as the "fat acceptance" movement. This is why you can't keep score at a kid's baseball game. This is why we eliminate the honor roll.

But what's truly pathetic, and it shows you just what a sad, pathetic, worthless lot these people are, is to ask why they insist on destroying the individual.

The answer - hurt feelings.

That's it.

The whole entirety of communism and all of its ramifications and all the lives it's destroyed and hundreds of millions its killed is because weak, pathetic, sad, worthless humans don't want their feelings hurt.

Don't tell me I can't define evil.

You Girls Are Making It Very Hard For Me….

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to defend your right to vote.

New Strain of the "Shaming Language" Virus

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Shaming language, if you don't already know, is a response you get from somebody when you tell them something factual, that they don't like, but since it is factual, they can't refute it, and so they call you names.

That's about as simple as it is.

It's childish.
It's immature.
And simple minds use it.

Normally "shaming language" is used in the context when men speak candidly and bluntly about courting, women, dating, sex, etc. Because it is candid it offends the fragile sensibilities of most women. But since it is true said offended women have no legitimate retort. So the shaming language begins, typically mocking the size of a man's manlihood or questioning their sexual orientation.

For example, I made a video about how women do earn the majority of degrees, but that is only because the vast majority of those degrees are laughably easy degrees. I even went so far as to explain to women why this is for their own benefit because going $75,000 into debt for a Masters in English would only serve to harm them later.

Truthful? Yes.
Honest? Yes.
Even helpful to women? Yes.

But the inevitable shaming language of course came in:

Reply · in reply to intercourseman69(Show the comment)

AaronClaryMangina 2 months ago

You are threatened mangina. That is why you block me, hid from me, and act like a little bitch.

I am not giving you your money back. You are worthless needle dick. And I hope you like that picture I have of you as my background image. You are an inferior little prick and you know it. I feel sorry for your mother. She must cry herself to sleep at night having a son like you.

Reply · in reply to AaronClarey(Show the comment)

Now shaming language is nothing new to real men who have refused to be politically correct and insist on speaking truthfully, candidly and unrepentantly about men, women, and so on. We don't care who it offends. We're sick of little spoiled children who think they're deserve 80+ years of un-offended life. And we're sick of the political and power structure that kowtows to it. Our lives are too short to be pissing away walking on eggshells. But I have stumbled on another hornets nest that has caused enough umbrage it's attracting a whole new variant of shaming language all on its own.

I call it "Going Galt Shaming Language."

Not to brag, but I'm waaaaaay head of the curve on this enjoy the decline thing. I've psychologically adapted myself to accept and benefit from the decline. I've given up all my previous dreams in life (simply because they're not feasible in this economy) replacing them with feasible ones. I am more grounded in reality and prepared than most people are. So when people ask me what I do for a living and I say, "as little as I possibly can" it triggers a conversation about minimalism and enjoying the decline.

Now most conservatives and men are intrigued and reluctantly have to admit I might be right. They are intellectually curious and the furthest thing away from being offended. But there are two groups that actually take umbrage and get pissed off when I say, "I'm not working any more. I'm doing as little as I can. I'm not going to let society live off of me anymore."

Liberals
Religious conservative types

Liberal women in particular take most offense. They can't believe somebody would check out and go Galt. Liberal men just dismiss me and think I'm immature. And the religious types go on about "who is going to keep the population going" or "we need more children to fight this war." But the language, oh, the shaming language.

"You're greedy!"
"You're selfish!"
"Why, you just don't care about other people!"
"Oh, you have it so good in this country! You're a white male! Stop you're bitching!"
"What if everybody did what you did!? You owe it to society!"

In short the new shaming language is to accuse anybody who has half a sense to live life and avoid work as a pouting child who's decided to pick up my toys and go home. That (once again) you're not a "real man/woman" if you don't "man up" and work hard and pay taxes. You're just a whiner, a complainer, a cry baby. Oooo! Boo hoo hooo! Da wittle boy doesn't wanna grow up and be a real man.

In reality it is very much like the shaming language when you voice an opinion about the sexes. It's about control. If you say you refuse to date fat girls, then the shaming language begins as a means to make you feel bad for wanting to sleep with skinny chicks. "Get back in line! How dare you have such thoughts!" But instead of losing power of what men should find/should not find attractive, it's losing power over the production and wealth transfer of a slave. So if the slave decides to leave the plantation (which we all can), the only way they can get us back is by shaming us for not wanting to stay.

I don't believe any advice is needed to explain why you should not feel shame for not trying your best. The generations of politically correct brainwashing and shaming language tactics are starting to show for what they truly are and people are not swallowing it anymore. Besides, anybody with 6 months work experience in this glorious economy knows just what a bunch of rubbish "working hard and having a successful career" means - 40% taxes, crappy benefits, a sadistic, power hungry employer, and incompetent/easily offended/compliant-filing co-workers. Oh, and you get to be loathed in public for being successful or "rich."

So pour yourselves a double. Break out that lazyboy. Fire up the old XBox and just make do with less. In the end all that shaming language is, is a bunch of nagging liberals scared to death you won't slave away to pay for their crap anymore and that their precious little government programs may go away.

Enjoy the decline!

New "Well Hello 2nd Armored Award" Winner

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Happy day economists!

In writing "Enjoy the Decline" I was doing research as to what drugs your local pharmacy would have with exceptional value in terms of a SHTF scenario. So I called the local Walgreens (yeah, I'll mention the company!) and the pharmacist there was quite rude. So off to the internet I went and in came...

"THE PATRIOT NURSE!" who kindly and promptly answered my question.

For this rapid response and kindness I hereby present The Patriot Nurse with the Captain Capitalism's "Well Hello 2nd Armored Award" (again, the 6:00 minute mark and 6:25 mark)

And no, I won't tell you what drugs they were. You'll have to buy the book!

From a reader. it seems the good nurse has unfortunatley suffered the loss of her fiancee recently. I cannot surmise what that is like, but I think we all better visit the good Patriot Nurse as a show of support. No woman deserves to have her fiancee lost before marriage. Please do visit the Patriot Nurse for all of your needs:

Ex Soviet Speaks About the Left Eliminating Individualism

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From our Ex Soviet Agent in the Field.

Clarissa was kind enough to speak to my original post about why the left wants to eliminate individuality. Nearly all of my (Mises') hunches were correct, especially my belief the family was targeted.

She also strongly recommends reading this book about Stalin and just what a sick twisted and evil man he was.

When Government Replaces Husbands and Fathers

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From our Spanish Agent in the Field.

Though, I have a question. Does it fall under,

"government replacing fathers and husbands"

or is it

"other women forced to work to pay for the day care and the taxes to pay other women to take care of their children while they take care of the other women's children and in reality all we've managed to do is take non-taxable labor of child-rearing and outsource it to government employees who now earn a tangible salary which can be taxed, so all we did is tax motherhood, disconnect children from their parents, and (despite claims of how good women are at multitasking) done a craptastic job at outsourcing the rearing of children?"

Just wondering.

Tickity Tock, Ladies

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How's that lefty "perception is reality" working for ya?

Enjoy that freaking decline!

Defend the Blazing Fur

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There are costs to bloggers speaking the truth and fighting socialism.

Always the Eco-Bridesmaid, Never the Bride

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Enough time has passed I can tell this story without fear of people being identified or finding out.

This summer I went to a buddy of mine's wedding. He's a eclectic character, doing his own thing, so it was only natural he would get married later in life. His wife was from San Francisco, was a teacher, as were all of her friends. It was inevitable it was a hippie wedding, most people were liberal, but since it wasn't my wedding I knew enough just to be quiet and shut up.

However in being quiet and shutting up, it was interesting to see the wedding unfold, especially the bridesmaids.

The majority of the bridesmaids and female friends of the bride we in their 30's and not married. They all had very important careers (assistant art director, teacher, teacher, teacher, teacher, special ed teacher, teacher, teacher, drama director, etc.) and they were all noticeably vocal about "finding a man." But there was another thing I noticed.

They were RABIDLY econ-friendly.

Not a la "environmental terrorist" or "ELF" sort of rabid, but the first thing you picked up on was when you walked up to the facility there was one of these 30 something girls telling you how everything was laid out, where all the food was, but (most importantly) this was a "green wedding" and nobody would "have to worry" because everything was going to be recycled or composted. I remember the look in the girl's eyes when she hurriedly rushed to the part about it being a green wedding. A little blank, but this spark in her eye showed when she showed us the labelled bins (trash, compost, plastic recycle, paper recycle).

As the wedding progressed and the wedding party had to be herded from one function or room to another, sure enough there was always some 30 something friend of the bride highlighting the green aspects of the wedding. The confetti was biodegradable. Compost over here, oh "here, here is the recycle bin!" You can eat your chairs. And finally, when we all had dinner and it was apparent people would be disposing of their trash, a cadre of women got up and started orchestrating the disposal of the food. "Plastic recyclables go here, food for composting goes here!" They JUMPED from their seats and were eager to do this.

While this show within a show was going on, there was a guy I got to know a little bit. Foreign guy from a very poor country. We'll leave it at that. He started his own company

here in the US and was very much a capitalist. He was also a very handsome fellow and knew it. He was alpha. And in sitting at our table I silently watched him just run circles around the plethora of 30 something single ladies. He talked about his little boy which melted their hearts (though he never produced a photo). He said all the right things. And smiling, constantly smiling. Sure enough when it came time to make sure people disposed of their waste properly, all the women at our table left, and I looked over to him and said,

"You know precisely what you're doing."

He responded, "they're all the same."

It was true. They were all the same. But in more ways than one.

Sure, they were women. They liked good looking confident men. They were also the same in their professions (liberal arts, touchy feely, no real economic production type jobs). They were also all single. But what really united them was how zealously religious they were about the whole green thing. Because with nothing else in their lives, flashing their "green credentials" was about the only thing they had left in life.

With no husbands, no boyfriends, no family, boring hobbies (oh, wow, organic wine tasting, who saw that coming!?), and jobs nobody really cared about (because they weren't interesting), these girls unconsciously knew on some level they weren't interesting people and didn't lead interesting lives. Teachers? A dime a dozen. Single? All people have been that before. You like to travel? Well who in the Patron's Saint Name of Frick doesn't? The foreign man was the most interesting fellow at the table, and thus he took up most of the attention. No one asked anything buy the basic courtesy questions about them. But once an opportunity for these girls to "do their thing" and show everybody just how good greenies they were popped up, blamo! They were performing like caffeinated monkeys in a circus.

NOw I don't know if they did that because they had nothing else in their lives. I don't know if they did that to impress the 2 or 3 alpha males in the wedding party. I don't know if they did it because they actually believe it. But whatever reason they did it, it was sad. For it was proof that K-16 (18 for some) education system merely indoctrinated them about "going green" and other leftist claptrap to the point they were damaged goods. 30 something, yearning to find a man, and instead of being an interesting person, or having an interesting career, or having a skill (say, ballroom dancing, or playing chess well), ALL they could do was puff their chests with their ability to compost and recycle.

Sadly, it's like hipsters or your average college liberal. They try so hard to "rebel" but lack the intellect to genuinely do so, all they merely achieve in the end is conformity and commonness. And there is no value in commonness and conformity. Alas, there's no

shortage of 30 something liberal art-educated-and-employed-women who lack what men want, but hey, at least they can tell you where to get some mean organic wine from the Napa Valley!

Enjoy the decline!

Sarah Kavanagh - High School Vegan Kid

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Too young and unpopular to hang out with the normal kids?

Check

Too lazy to do something constructive like the physics team or a high school sport?

Check.

Needs something easy to do in life so becomes a vegan not because she cares about the animals but because it takes no effort, but gives her otherwise worthless life some meaning?

Check.

I introduce to you Ms. Sarah Kavanagh.

Something tells me she'll become a lawyer, or an activist, or some person in general who is going to tell other people what to do with their lives, like, oh I don't know....

Adam Gadahn
Jessica Assaf
Haley Koch/Chloe Camilla

"Crusaderism," people, look it up.

A Dangerous Combination

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From a reader who is obviously enjoying the decline...

Glorious hat AND Rumpie!

To quote Jose, "in communist Minnesota, Rumpie drink you!"

53% of All Infants on WIC

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Honest to freaking Christ.

Do not tell me to bring children into this world when over half of them are being brought up and trained to be the parasites their parents are.

53% OF ALL INFANTS???? ON WIC?????

Cripes. Enjoy the decline.

Is There Anything Good About Men?

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I had meant to finish my book and then read Roy Baumeister's book, "Is There Anything Good About Men."

Unfortunately, time gets away from you and I did want to plug this because he was kind enough to have an e-mail conversation with me about some of his research.

I will put together a more thorough review once i read it. And I am also going to be reading a book called "Hookernomics." But that is for a later time.

Glorious New Sponsor! - Ranger Self Defense

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King Leonidas vs. General Maximus

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Let it henceforth be resolved,

Which is the better body to build for the true man?

King Leonidas - Ripped, low fat, constant reps, but mayhaps no actual increase in strength

or

General Maximus - Powerful, brute, low reps, high strength, but no definition and prone to fatness later?

I have done both, but know not which is better.

Proof Positive Feminists Are Psychotic

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I want you to follow me in a little experiment. And I'm being serious, I need to know if I'm missing something.

Victor Pride wrote a self-improvement piece for men. You may not agree with all of his methods, but if you read it, I think the majority of men and women would agree the majority (though, not all) of his recommendations are good things men should pursue.

So riddle me this, riddle me that, Batman. Why the hell would anybody ridicule his recommendations?

"Physically build something." Mock it, ridicule it?

"Start a Business." Mock it, ridicule it?

"Own your car outright/avoid debt." Mock it, ridicule it?

WTF?!

I mean, if you want positive proof just how batshit insane feminists have become you needn't look any further than this "Jezebel" piece. The fact they mock and ridicule fiscal responsibility, self-improvement, and production is only proof that the feminist movement is not only delusional, but they're destructive. So people should do the OPPOSITE of what Victor is recommending?

DON'T START A BUSINESS?

DON'T BUILD SOMETHING?

GO INTO DEBT???

Precisely what kind of world do modern day feminists believe in??? I'm just curious, where does the money come from? Where does the production come from? Who produces the things you need and innovates new products and methods that lowers their prices?? Or does mocking and ridiculing things like "production" and "independence" qualify as genuine economic production in the feminist interpretation of economics?

I expect no sane, adult reaction from the little girls at Jezebel, but rather am using them as an example for everybody else to learn from.

If feminism has been able to convince women (little girls, actually) that things like fiscal discipline, spending within your means, production, innovation, and independence are worthy of mockery and ridicule, then the whole movement is not just invalid, but evil and insane. It is destructive and it is unfounded.

The question is whether people (especially women) are going to realize this and start to reject feminism for the co-opted evil political vehicle it has become, or just to continually subscribe to it for politically correct purposes, granting them the political capital they need to continue their evil agenda.

Regardless, enjoy the decline.

Out of the Park

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Language warning, but hilarious:

more here.

Confessions of an Ex-Crusader

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So the co-founder of Greenpeace, as some of you know, has come out against Greenpeace citing it is no longer the organization it once was. He has since wrote a book:

"Confessions of a Greenpeace Drop Out"

But this highlights another issue I've brought up before.

"What can you do when you've spent your youth ignorantly advocating and voting for socialism?"

Famous conservatives today were liberals. Michael Medved, Joe Soucheray, and now Patrick Moore. Thankfully, they've at least done something. But what irks me is the "JOhnny Come Lately's" who in their 50's and 60's realized the crap they swallowed back in the 70's was nothing more than leftist garbage. Oooo! Great! You get 3 more election cycles before you die of old age! Good thing you only wasted the first 15 election cycles of your life voting to make my future hell!

Sorry, in a particularly foul mood.

A MiG 15 to Freedom

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So I'm watching The Military Channel on youtube, specifically the history of MiG's. I learn about this Soviet pilot who defected to the US by piloting his MiG 25 to Japan. In the Wiki entry I read about this other guy, No Kum-Sok aka Kenneth Rowe. The guy flies his MiG 15 from North Korea to an air force base in South Korea during the Korean War. I'm just wondering how gutsy was that defecting from North Korea, and flying an enemy plane to an enemy air force base hoping they let you land instead of shoot you down. Thankfully he has written a book about it. "A MiG 15 to Freedom." I just have one question:

Why the hell hasn't a movie been made about this guy?

Post Post - Kenneth Rowe talking about his landing:

From the Book of St. Frost

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This goes in line with Ludwig Von Mises observation Marx's hatred of the division of labor was out of envy for specializing in a skill would result in different levels of status. Say an engineer vs. a social worker. It also explains fat acceptance.

The only problem is the language warning that the like of Mises never had to provide. But if you get to the later half of the article, Frost delves into the sad world of the marxist mind.

Real Men vs. Corporate Drones

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From Rev. Aurini:

Another Case Against Having Children

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He puts it more succinctly than I do (language warning)

Captain Capitalism's Super Awesome Political Analysis on the Shooting

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- Broken family
- Kid obviously never had dad give him the asswhoppin' he needed to make him a young man and not the social outcast he was
- On psycho drugs
- Shooting only stopped when armed people arrived on the scene
- ~~Executions were carried out with pistols, not the AR 15 (last i checked~~) (~~it was the AR 15 according to more recent reports)~~ OK, now the third update has it being the pistols.
- Good thing guns were banned at the school
- Good thing Norway banned guns too
- Somebody remind me of my "Nerf" theory of gun control one of these days
- Start buying guns now while you can. Here's my dealer.

The Negative Externalities of Skinny Jeans

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Girl Game

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When just "looking pretty" doesn't seem to cut it, learn "Girl Game!"

Warning, "Girl Game" or "GG" is full of truth and factual data. GG is not for the weak at heart or people who prefer to be lied to even though it hurts their actual real world success. You should not read GG if you are on antibiotics or blood pressure medicine. Side effects include:

- having a rude awakening
- realizing you only consulted women about men, but not men themselves
- changes on your part
- acknowledgement you're not perfect
- acceptance of competitors better looking and younger than you
- having to cut your "must have" list in half
- listening to what other men say

Consult your doctor before using Girl Game.

(language warning)

Grouchy Morning Linkage

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I thought they only went after wiener dogs.

The hot girl will always have the advantage over the unhot girl.

Motorcycles and the Alpha Omega Spectrum. (and not a language warning, I have to read these more carefully when i link)

Liberal talk radio station shuts down, blames lack of revenue on Obama.

You WILL embrace the fat. EMBRACE THE FAT DAMN YOU!!!!

I See Cartel, Not Competition

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Usually, it is said that women are very competitive with each other. Women would prefer NOT to have women bosses in that there is competition. Women are always competing with each other for men. Heck, if you ask why women dress the way they do, it's not even for men - it's to compete against other women.

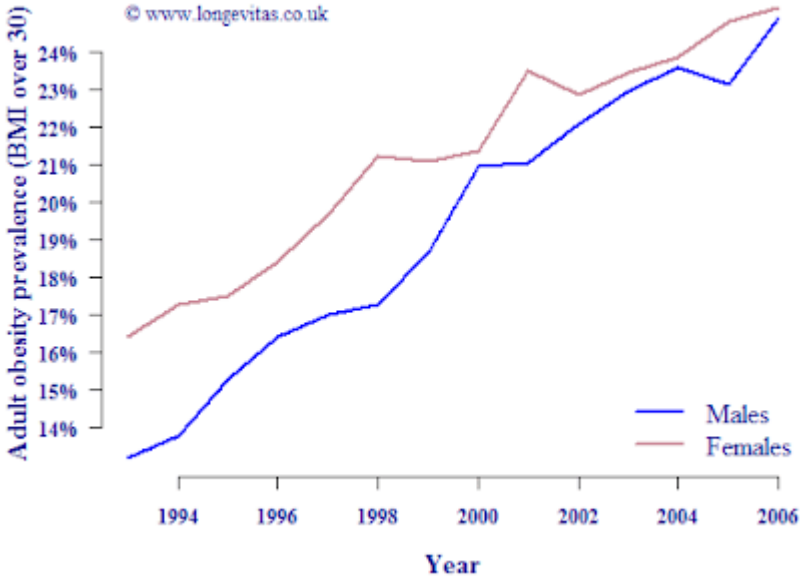
But while i'm sure there are strains of competition among the fairer sex, I unfortunately see more cartel-like behavior than competition.

For those of you who don't know a "cartel" is a group of companies that act like a monopoly. For example OPEC is a cartel of different countries that produce oil. Their intention in forming the cartel is to maximize profits. They do this by acting as a team, and not competing against each other. You can also see this when Lucky Luciano formed "organized crime." Beforehand the various crime families were fighting each other for territory. Luciano realized working together the different crime families would not only have lower deaths, but increased profits.

Regardless, cartels are deemed "bad" because they invariably result in higher prices for the consumer. This is why we have trust-busting and anti-trust legislation and usually break up monopolies - so many companies are competing against each other constantly improving quality and lowering prices.

I don't see that however in the "highly competitive" arena of women.

One chart if you will:



Admittedly both sexes are just as guilty, but what this chart shows me is that there is definitely no competition going on between women in the pursuit of men. If there was the pink line would be trending downward, not upwards. Further cementing my case women are cartelling and not competing is when you combine this with their prohibitive attitudes towards dating, courtship, and marriage, not to mention their insanely long and unattainable "requirement lists" of men. Women, unconsciously or not, are keeping the supply artificially low in order to command the highest price. No man is good enough for them, despite clamoring for "why can't I find a good man" and "where have all the good men gone?"

However, there's a funny little thing about cartels.

Sometimes a member of the cartel will "cheat." Meaning they will break away from the group and act in their own best interests. An example would be the oil embargoes of the 70's. OPEC managed to drive gas prices sky high in severely limiting the supply of oil. Prices got so high, however, members of the cartel were VERY tempted to produce a "little more" oil than they were supposed to, thus netting them significantly increased profits.

I ask the question, "why aren't some women doing the same thing?"

The reason I ask was I was discussing with a friend of mine about how simple it would be for women to snatch a man today. All they have to do is:

1. Be in shape.
2. Be nice
3. Be kind
4. Be reasonably intelligent
5. Be responsible/adult/mature

That's it. That's how low of a quality product the cartel has made. All an individual girl has to do is these five basic things and she will pretty much blow away all of her cartel sisters. She can snatch a man, just like that. It would be like being asking an adult to compete against 1st graders in a 2 mile run and the prize would be $5,000. HOW CAN'T YOU COMPETE???

This is not a question about, "how come you don't want super awesome guys like us?" It's more of a question of why, with it being so easy to compete, don't you? If "finding a man" means that much, how hard is it to hit the treadmill, lose 10 pounds, show up on time, not play mind games, and just follow those five commonsensical rules?

Alas, I'm an economist. Not a social-pscyhologist. And thus, I'll just sit here bemused wondering why OPEC isn't selling more oil at $450 a barrel.

We're Only Trying to Help Ladies

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We care.

Why Youth Should Not Save for Retirement

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I wrote about it before, but in case you missed it or need to send a youth some wisdom:

She Threw the Spear the Furthest

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Why I can't get into the Olympics (mentally, not actually participating in the Olympics) is because

so what?

You threw the spear the furthest.

You jumped over the most sand.

You dove the most pristine.

Did you solve cancer? Did you produce a really cool video game? What the hell did you do other than a physical feat that has no real world ramifications for...well...the real world?

This is not to besmirch the actual atheletes who participate, but I always had the question,

"Precisely what does the gold medal winner in gymnastic's flippy flip division at the age of 17 do with her life thereafter?"

Well, I guess we have the answer.

In the end no matter how much fanfare and hubaloo we put on the Olympics or sports for that matter, these atheletes have to answer to the real world of economics. They really don't produce anything of value, and I often wonder how many of the Olympiads regret dedicating their entire youths to being the best "flipper" or being the best "jumpy person."

Makes all those days playing Dragon Warrior or the Final Fantasy series seem not so wasted.

Will the Soccer Moms Please Shut Up?

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I'm so sick of soccer moms.

It's for the Chillllldrennnnnnn

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When a Girl Flakes

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Roosh provides you young boys with some valuable advice about dealing with a girl when she flakes out or stands you up.

I called it 505025, but the lesson is the same - always have stuff to do, and NEVER assume you're going out.

Girls flaking had gotten so bad at one point, and I so accustomed to it, I had forgotten I had a date one time because I just assumed she was going to flake. I was at the bar with some friends when I received the call.

Regardless, you always assume the girl is going to flake. Matter of fact, you may want to flake on the girl and cancel at the last minute. That technique is one of the few that has ALWAYS worked for me (meaning the girl was sure to go out with me when I "rescheduled" the date).

Girls Will Pay the Price for the Games They Play

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The games that started in middle school, for whatever sick and twisted reason, will initially take a toll on the young boys they were deployed against.

But over the long term, they will cost girls more.

Boys will adapt.

Boys will learn.

Boys will read, compare notes, theorize and inevitably figure it out as their genetics are programmed to do.

They will then become men.

And once that happens, they will have been so forged by fire and tribulation not only will your games not work, your sincerity will be dismissed as a tactic.

And when your sincerity is refused or just not trusted, you will then realize the full price you'll have to pay for your foolish games.

Hey, I Watch the History Channel!

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I even remember how to do molar conversions and still understand valence electron configuration!

Kids "Want a Dad" for Christmas

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Never mind those kids though. They don't know what they're talking about. Kids don't need no STIIIIINKINNNNNG fathers! They have the state! That's all they need!

Men Asking Women for Their Credit Score

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Yes ladies, it's happening. And since HR likes to do those things, we figured we'd just follow their lead and do the same!

Besides, you ladies always hate it when we're so shallow, looking at only the outside. You should be happy we take an interest in your personal financial management acumen and intelligence! Now is your chance to shine!

You go girl!

The Productionless Human Bubble

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No matter how complicated economists try to make economics, it really is a simple study. If you can understand core concepts like why you can't print off more money, what is "wealth," etc, you are about 90% there, heck, you're probably better than most economists who've been brainwashed to look at "production surplus charts" and are addicted to Black Swan econometric models. And so while economists on cable TV are citing macro and global economic figures and concepts, I want to introduce a simple, micro-concept.

If people don't produce, they will die.

Yes, we can make it more complicated. We can take overly productive people and have them support unproductive ones. We can borrow money from productive people overseas to support unproductive people here today. We can even borrow from productive people of the future who don't exist yet to support unproductive people today.

But in the end, if there are too many parasites and not enough producers, the system will fail.

What's funny though is if you look at the resources we spend on the unproductive people it has all the markings of a financial bubble.

We currently spend nearly 70% of our governmental budgets of wealth redistribution, supporting the unproductive people.

We are borrowing from other productive people in foreign countries to support our unproductive ones.

And we are borrowing from the future to support our current unproductive classes.

If you add it all up, the trillions of dollars we spend every year (whether we have it or not) on unproductive people dwarfs the Dotcom Bubble, the Housing Bubble, the Education Bubble, and the Retirement Bubble.

And like all bubbles, this one will pop as well.

The problem is this bubble is not a financial one, it's a human one. And when I say "pop" I mean impoverishment and death.

I do not wish to sound Malthusian about this, but there have been other "human bubbles"

that have popped. Most notably when countries went full blown communism. China's great leap forward and Stalin's brilliant starvation schemes put the Nazi's to shame in their ability to kill. And it was all done in a very simple way - starvation. In short, the economic environment changed to the point the production or earnings (in the form of food) tanked and was not adequate enough to support the price (in the form of human lives).

Of course, these were a bit more rapid conversions from one economy to another, but the same thing is happening here in the US, albeit much more slowly. The government is growing and crowding out the private sector to the point it accounts for 40% of our economy. More and more people are dependent upon government for their survival to the point 1 in 2 people in the US now collect a government check. Our economic growth rate has slowed to about half of what it used to be. And the unproductive people tend to have more children than the productive ones, ensuring the ratio of parasites to producers will continue to increase.

The question is when will the bubble burst.

It's impossible to say, but like all bubbles it will come when lenders no longer extend credit. China will have had enough. The Arabs will have had enough. Even US bond holders will have had enough. They will realize the US does not have the economic productive capacity (desire, actually) to produce the wealth necessary to pay back its debts. At that point in time they will cut us off and the US will take on the mantle of a charity case, desperate of "foreign aid" much like Haiti or sub-Saharan African countries. There may be some debt forgiveness, but all the debt forgiveness in the world will not solve the problem of a lack of production. We will become a welfare state and get to enjoy the death rates, poverty rates, starvation rates, and infant mortality rates of our third world sister countries.

And we will all blame Bush and Big Oil.

Oh, I know, I know, this is harsh and how dare I talk about death, but ignoring it won't stop it from happening. Besides, this is how I enjoy the decline.

Enjoy the decline!

Lisa Kirbie

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If I ever got the genie in the bottle to grant me three wishes, one would be to have all the spoiled western women who are ignorant of history and think communism was "cool" disappear and be replaced with women who actually did suffer under communism. I find their former soviet counterparts to be better educated, less spoiled, more grounded, more reliable, and more responsible.

I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats - feminism = communism.

Something tells me Clarissa will be very upset with this.

Mainstream Media, Here We Come

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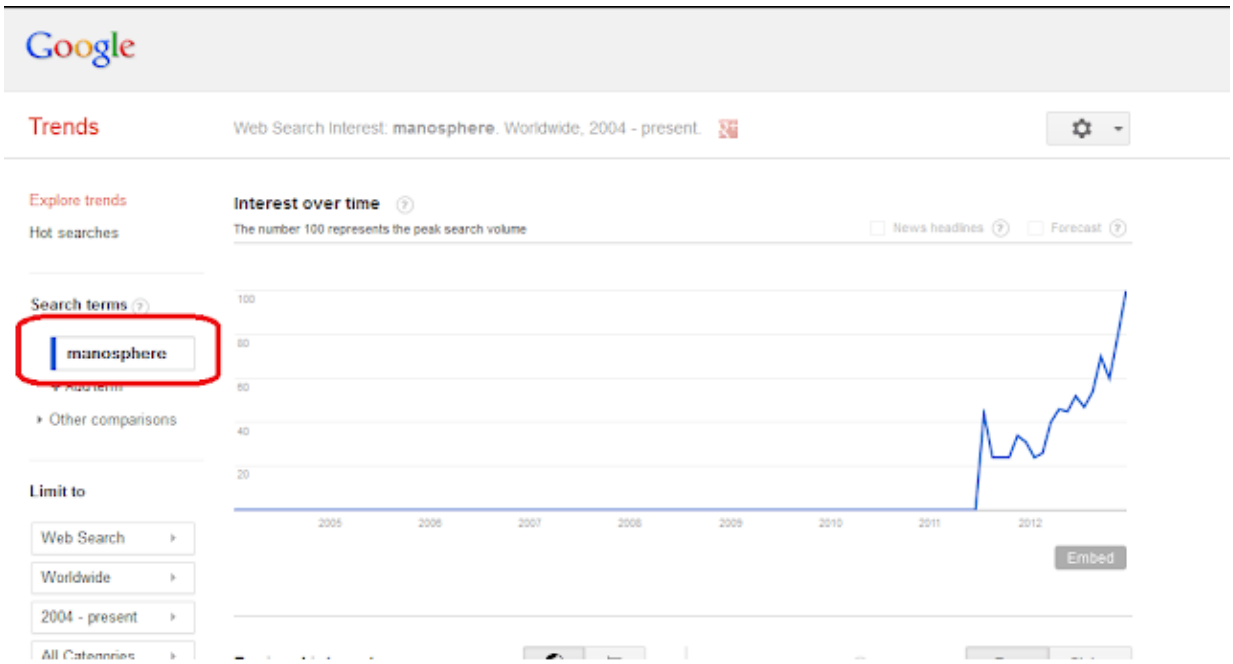
We are not a fad or a fashionable movement. We are not a "faux-crusader" hobby for people too lazy to work at anything (going green, PETA, veganism, etc.) We are a backlash against the biggest psycho-social atrocity foisted upon a people. You destroyed our lives, our country, our economy and our people. And without those things in our lives, we have nothing else to do but exact our toll of revenge.



Children, Without the Yucky, Gross Sex

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Hallelujah feminist brothers and sisters! The day is upon us we can have children without all that icky, yucky gross sex!

I like how the author considers a sexless life "liberating."

My god you people are miserable.

Never Donate Sperm, Period

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Boys, you are handing women and the state your wallet when you do. NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER donate sperm.

Never.

Get that through your heads, boys.

Welcome the Newest Member to the Captain's Family

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Married for 61 Years

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Let me tell you about a local jazz musician and his parents. Aaron Keith Stewart.

Aaron is a local jazz vocalist in town. If you like jazz, then you'll like Aaron's singing. However, I could not pass this up as he posted this on his facebook page. And when I say, "posted this on his facebook page" i do not want you to roll your eyes and dismiss, but rather look and appreciate. His parents just recently celebrated their 61 wedding anniversary. That shit doesn't happen frequently.

He also posted a picture of his old man back in Kansas City when his dad was one of the first black police officers in town. And I want you to look at this picture and tell me pride and handsomeness just isn't oozing from this picture.

There is no moral story or economic lesson. I'm merely just posting this up here because it's pretty damn cool and you wouldn't see this unless we all started posting it.

He's Just a Stupid Russian

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Hey kids!

Are you a spoiled little suburbanite brat whose parents pay for everything?

Are you a little child who's never had to work for a living because your father and mother borrowed all the equity out of their house so you could live the impossible suburbanite princess/prince dream?

Are you so far removed from the real world demands of self-supportation, you can afford the luxury of subscribing to marxism, communism, and other bullshit your inferior babysitters err...."teachers" jammed down your throats?

Then "Mock Real Russians Who Suffer Under Communism!" (aka MRRWSUC!)

Why listen to real people who actually lived and suffered under your stupid, childish, naive, moronic, imbecilic, evil utopia when you can dismiss them with such spoiled brat American child logic?

"The just didn't do it right!"

Listen to your equally spoiled brat suburbanite 1960's hippie professors who never worked a real job in their lives!

Learn to hate production and blame your miserable failures on "capitalism!"

Learn to hate reality and blame all of it on people who aren't you!

Learn to despize the economic system that afforded you the most lush and plush and undeserved standards of living any worthess liberal art-majoring POS spoiled brat who can't do basic algebra ever had!

MRRWSUC!

/> sarcasm

Not Men's Fault

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I find this interesting.

Forget the implied criticism or questioning of "too skinny" or anorexic models, I have a simpler point to make:

This isn't men's fault.

No man (of sane quality) has ever said,

"Yes, I want that anorexic chick who is about to die of malnutrition."

Not one man.

But there is some force driving it. Some force that drives these models to get so skinny it's unhealthy and unattractive. And some force that CERTAINLY is not the "evil patriarchy."

Obviously men are not in charge of the fashion industry, let alone the cutting edge of it. And if there are any men in charge or in positions of power, they aren't straight, and are therefore not interested in women.

No, there's something much more nefarious going on here. Bitter middle aged women who don't like adequately weighted girls. Gay men who view these models as vehicles or canvasses to display their art work and think nothing more than them. These are not accusations mind, you, just speculation. All I know is no man wants a 6'1" 110 lbs woman. Not one (who once again can be considered "sane"). So who is pushing it?

It certainly isn't us, so don't level your accusations of unrealistic physical demands of female beauty on us. It's somebody else. Who?

Curse You Murray Rothbard!!!!

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Always beating me to the punch. He ID'd the problems of the division of labor and modern day feminism way before I was born.

Lousy genius economists who are older than me. Stealing all the good epiphanies before I even get a shot!

The Flaw in Keynesian "Mixing Things Up" Economics

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I am hoping this is going to be one of the few "original observations" or epiphanies about economics I came up with and hasn't been discovered by some long-ago economist or philosopher in the 1700's. I also hope Mr. Fuller doesn't come screaming in like an F-15 Eagle strike to deliver the bad news that, yes, indeed, somebody else has already realized what you did.

Keynesian economics, among other things, relies on what I like to call "black magic." We can try to articulate or summarize it, but in essence, I don't believe/criticize these "black magic" aspects of Keynesianism as such:

1. The government should have any kind of say or any care as to whether or not the economy grows or shrinks. It is not the government's business. The government should let people and companies rot if they fail, and they should not be in the business of anything, but merely protecting the people from foreign invaders, from criminals within, and beyond that, stay the hell out of their business. The arrogant assumption Ivy League brats can somehow "fine-tune" the economy is arguably the biggest failure of Keynesian economics.

2. Your obsession with "aggregate demand" is laughable. Especially given a discipline or variant of economics that only existed since the 1930's with Keynes. You have no empirical data it works. You just have John Maynard Keynes' book. It was theory. Not practice.

3. The belief just "moving things around" in the economy or "priming the pump" to ensure that all important aggregate demand curve up is.

There are more, but of all of them, #3 is the one I believe is key to the Keynesian economic philosophy and the one I think I have found an explanation as to why it is flawed.

If you believe in things like "multiplier effects," "aggregate demand curves," "government stimulus," and unicorns, it all make sense. Government merely spends more money, either borrowed or stolen from other people, it "mixes things up," and "POOF! Economic growth.

But the problem is what constitutes economic growth. That is PRODUCTION. Meaning something is produced and our standards of living increase because there is now more wealth for the population to consume.

Most Keynesian stimulus today is in the form of wealth transfers. And in being wealth transfers, that means there is no production.

I like to call this the "efficiency loss" of Keynesian economics.

ANYTIME there is a transaction of money, there usually is production on the other end. For example, if you were to give me $500, you would probably want something in return. THis requires I expend labor on my part and create something of value. Production. Economic growth. Wealth.

But with wealth transfers there is no compensatory production. It is just "Here, have money!" The welfare bum/parasite just takes it and then spends it.

It is here that a Keynesian or a socialist would trip over themselves to say, "MULTIPLIER EFFECT, MULTIPLIER EFFECT!!!'

But that is not the target of my criticism. My target is the transaction that just took place. That was an efficiency or potential production loss. The government could have spent that money and got something out of it (a plane, roads, etc.) Instead we wasted it. There was no production for that transaction. We had an opportunity to demand production and we did not take it. People slaved and worked hard to transform their labor into those dollar bills, and the government just POOF, wasted those people's labor.

It now becomes an issue of velocity (if you believe in that). Leftists, Keynesians would claim "so what, the efficiency loss of that one transaction won't matter as long as future transactions result in production. And since we're just trying to "prime the pump" it shouldn't matter in the long run.

My concern is what if 4 in 10 transactions are wealth transfers which would be a rough estimate based on government spending as a percent of GDP. We're wasting 4 transactions requiring no production on the other end.

In the end, it isn't to say our GDP isn't $15 trillion or whatever it is. This isn't even a broken window fallacy argument. IT's an issue of lost potential. It's analogous to a partially engaged clutch. If the clutch is only engaged say 60%, then only 60% of the gas you put into the engine via the throttle will translate into speed or movement. The clutch needs to be fully engaged to result in the maximum amount of efficiency and output. Merely transferring other people's wealth/time to the unproductive people destroys the potential that currency had to demand or call for future economic production. And you all wonder why blowing trillions on "stimulus" in this Keynesian nightmare isn't translating into genuine economic growth.

Oh well, not my concern. I'm just here, enjoying the decline.

The Biggest Threat to American Women

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Is when you've made it so painfully clear there are more important things in life than you.

Why Men (and Women) Hate Feminism

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A while ago I received an e-mail from one of my female readers. She was being honest and polite, but wanted to know precisely what I had against feminism. It was along the lines of "feminism is about the equal treatment of women, so what is so bad about that?" However, like many other women, I don't believe she was fully aware as to just how far the feminist movement has gone, co-opting women and how far from the truth it is. Thus, I believe it would be to everybody's benefit to explain in detail why most readers here in the Capposphere and elsewhere are against feminism (and to see if I'm missing any other reasons).

Reason #1 - Myopic View of the Sexes

If there is a "primary" reason I would have to say this is it. Feminism started demanding changes in regards to women, with no consideration as to what would happen to the other half of society, ie - men. They also did not think it through and consider children as well. It was a very female-centered approach and nobody considered (let alone, cared) how actions/changes/etc. in women would affect the rest of society. You still see this today based on the policies advocated by feminism in that it is all about women. A secondary concern is given to the children (more often than not, using children as a means to extract government resources), and maybe a tertiary concern is given to men.

Reason #2 - Lies About Human Nature

A close second is the ludicrous concept that men and women are not just equal, but the same. Women can do what men can do. There are no biological differences. And any difference is viewed as sexism or oppression.

The problem is these differences are what makes men and women great. Men like women. Women like men. Men don't like manly women, and women don't like girly men. We enjoy the difference. All feminism has done is ruined the love lives of millions of other women (and men's as well) lying to youth about "being a sensitive 90's man"or a "strong independent woman." That men are "shallow" and "cheap" for liking long legs and big boobs, and that any man who is worth his weight in salt will "like you for you." Women now ignore these basic biological facts about male sexuality, even mocking and scorning them, and fail to attract men.

These lies about the "exact sameness" of men and women also destroy a vital component of our economy and society - the division of labor. Though nobody is ordained or condemned to play these roles, traditionally the wife would stay home, while the husband would work. This allowed for not only better families, but better reared children. It also

allowed for happier people (as men are predisposed to go out and work and women are predisposed to stay at home and rear a family). Neither role was inferior to the other. Both were vital, but it was feminism that lied to millions of younger women telling them the grass was greener on the other side. The result has been an increase in divorce, less stable family, less financially stable families, and problem children incapable of becoming functioning adults in society. This has also resulted in women being less happy.

Reason #3 - False Claims of Sexism

The thoroughly debunked "wage gap" is getting mighty tiresome. It is a false argument used only to gain "victim" status by feminists to result in legislation that unfairly benefits women. Affirmative action is nothing more than discrimination against men. Most men resent this

Reason #4 - Not Pulling Your Weight

The wage gap, however, does prove something. Women, for all their clamor of independence and "what you can do I can do better" are failing miserably and only achieving about 76% of what men do. This in spite of all the handicaps of affirmative action, a media that is always supportive, and limitless educational and government programs. Of course, the wage gap is not 100% "proof women aren't pulling their own weight." Many women still take on traditional roles and rear children, some drop out of the work force to take care of their families. But when it comes to majoring in rigorous studies, producing things of economic value, and being economically-contributing members of society, they disproportionately fail. They account for more government workers than men, they account for easier subjects in college than men, and they are nowhere to be seen in dangerous or risky jobs. Women on the whole are NOT equal when it comes to economic production.

Reason #5 - Poor Stewardship of the Right to Vote

This is more of an opinion, but I believe it is an opinion held by the majority of men (and surprisingly, women) who hate feminism (so you may not agree the the political opinion, but it *IS* a reason some people hate feminism). In short, feminists have been poor stewards of their right to vote. I say this because they have consistently as a group voted for more government and less freedom since given the right to vote. I believe this is because it is in women's nature to be more caring than men, and thus tend to vote for "nicer" things. Children, health care, education, etc. However, "feelings" and "caring" have no place in government finances. That requires passionless thought and consideration, research, mathematics, and an understanding of history and economics. It also requires an appreciation for the freedom granted to us by our forefathers and an understanding of the role government was intended to play. Feminists have proven ignorant about these topics and vote with their hearts, not their heads (and more

recently, just for plain politics).

Reason #6 - Replacing Men With the State

Closely related to #5 is that feminists and feminism advocates essentially replacing the husband and father with the state. This is abundantly clear when you see how much money and support single mothers get not to mention this macabre desire by some feminists to eliminate men from the birthing process altogether. Not only does this take away the two most important things in a man's live (his theoretical would-be wife and children), but essentially forces men to compete against the government as a much-better financed suitor. Not only do men lose out on love and family, any children brought into this world via Daddy Government are missing a real father and will suffer incredibly later in life.

Reasons #7 - Hypocrisy

While most hard core feminists will claim they're "independent," they're anything but. They are usually the first to have some kind of make-work government job, some kind of professorship nobody asked for, or begging and pleading for donations to some kind of "activist group." They typically produce nothing of value and require the state to transfer other people's money to create jobs for them. They even point out, point blank, they want more government money for them and/or their children in government policy. And while, yes, there may be that one feminist computer engineer, the vast majority of them are hopelessly dependent.

Reason #8 - Backlash for the Ruination of Women/Men/Lives

In general and summarizing some of the above, most people haven't sat down to think things through to the point they can articulate why the are so frustrated or angry with the opposite sex, let alone what role feminism played in this angst. But both sexes are painfully aware of the lower quality men and women of today. Modern day western women are on the whole unmarriageable, and modern day western men are no where near capable of being a provider or protector. As they ponder these things, however, they will start to realize just what a bunch of BS and lies they were fed in their youth. Lies about the sexes, the roles people were supposed to play, how the sexes were to interact with one another, and what people "should and should not like." As people age, they will see the best thing in their lives (namely, members of the opposite sex) ruined and spoiled, and consequentially the quality of their own lives ruined as well. Men now have to settle for women they're not attracted to, women have to settle for men who are effeminate and clueless, all because a bunch of women in the 1970's were miserable with their lives and (as far as I can tell) merely wanted everybody else to be miserable like them. When people put two and two together, they will see it was feminism that warped and thus ruined this aspect of their lives and they will get angry.

Those are the 8 primary reasons I could come up with. I think there may be more, but at minimum I hope it debunks feminism as simply being the "equal treatment of women" and clears up some things on both sides of the aisle.

(Of related interest is this from a former feminist explaining why she is no longer one).

You Only Control You

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Good wise post from Hawaiian Libertarian. The concept of accepting that you can only control what you can only control is vital to happiness.

AARP Enslaving Their Grandchildren

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More than ten years ago while you were crawling around on your parents' floor over the holidays I had a conversation with my father as my daughter was doing likewise. He was prattling on about how he was owed Medicare, Social Security and all of these other benefits because he had paid into those programs and "deserved" them. I explained patiently to him that he had already voted to spend the money that he had paid in on other things, ***and it was gone.***

What he was now insisting on was that the little girl crawling on his floor, ***his grand daughter****, be* ***literally enslaved*** *to pay for that which he believed he was entitled to have* ***despite his own personal support of and votes for spending those monies on other things.***

That conversation did not end well.

Ferris Bueller Syndrome for Feminists

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Ferris Bueller's Day Off is a movie that everybody knows and if you haven't seen it, then quit being a communist terrorist traitor and watch it.

Good, you done watching it?

Thank you.

Now we can move on.

I cannot find the source, but I remember somebody putting together a study about the feasibility of doing everything Ferris and his crew did in the movie and whether there was enough time in a day to do it all.

Ferris loafed around until at least 10AM until Cameron picked him up in his sh$tty BMW.

Then they stole Sloan from Winnetka High.

Then they:

Went to a Cub's game

Went to Sear's Tower

Went to a Chez Louis

Cruised on Shore Line Drive

Went to the Chicago Art Museum

Attend/participate in a parade

and a ton of other stuff.

In short, it was mathematically impossible with commute times and commitment times to do what Ferris and his friends did.

So what makes American women so sure they can do the same and "have it all?"

I'm sorry, the math just does not compute.

You are going to go to college for a bachelor's degree. You graduate when you're 23 because I don't see the caliber and quality of youth today graduating in four years like they should.

Add another two years because you invariably majored in a worthless liberal arts degree which mandates you get a masters (because THAT will get you a job).

You're 25.

Look for a job for a year, intern for another, and if you're really, really lucky you FINALLY land a "real job in your field" at the age of 27.

Congratulations! You're JUST STARTING YOUR CAREER!

Well, you have to prove yourself, so the next 4 years are solely dedicated to your taxpayer-financed "social worker programmer assistant directorship adjutant position."

31.

You need to constantly go to CPE and get new certifications and just aren't done "partaying" yet, so another 4 years until you get the credentials and experience for the promotion.

35.

You really should get your doctorate or the utmost credentials in your field.

37.

Why, you invested so much time into your career, you can't start a family now! You need to reap the beneifts of your investment. Besides, my millionaire, investment-banking, astronaut, surgeon, motorcycle-riding bad boy, sensitive 90's man is just around the corner! JUST LIKE I PLANNED IT!

42.

"Where are all the good men? Why can't I find a good man? Dirty disgusting men chasing after all those 22 year old harlots! They're just intimidated by a POWERFUL, SUCCESSFUL (now scream)

INDEPENDENT WOMAN!!!!!!!!

I'll get intro-fertilization! I don't need no stinking man!

48.

"Why can't I find a man? I'm a "ready-made family!" My son is a straight A honor student at his local elementary school! He recycled the most garbage in his class and knows how to identify 100% certified grade A organic produce! He also plays the cello and is not predisposed to being male or female, just "who he is." I enrolled him at the local charter school for arts. He makes the best 100% certified green finger paintings. I have a showing at the local middle school talent show!"

52.

My son wants to major in music therapy, I co-signed his student loans. No man has decided to marry me yet, but that's alright. I meditate with yoga and hang out with "50's are the New Hippies" group and we all talk about organic coffee, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods and rationalize away why no man has decided to man-up and marry us! It's obvious! They're too intimidated by us! Why, just the other day I saw a decent jogger get out of his Prius look at me, and he RAN AWAY! Can you believe it! He just can't handle a real woman!

58.

"Harmony, my son...that's what I named him. SHUT UP!!! It's a perfectly good name! You're just a close-minded sexist, bigotted, racist, misogynist, asshole! Well, anyway, he finally finished his bachelor's degree in music therapy. He can't find a job, but that's because of George Bush that nazi fascist! So his professors told him about this $75,000 program he can attend and get his MASTERS in Music Therapy! I'm so proud of my son! He started a band you know! "*Pee Piper and the Pip Pop Pips!*" It's really underground, modern, minimalism music that most people are too uncultured to understand. The fact so few people attend his concerts is only proof he's that good. I'm so proud of my little Harmony!" I need money, I think I can sue the sperm donor at the sperm bank for some money! He owes it to me. He did provide the sperm afterall.

63.

So Harmony decided he loves his mother so much he decided to move back home with me. We get along so well. He plays his acoustic guitar and I make us organic herbal tea. He mightbe able to play at the local Starbucks next week! I'm going to go talk to the other young hip women at the coffee shop and see if they want to attend. Why, just because we're in our 60's doesn't mean we don't look hot. Why, 63 is the new 45! That's what Oprah tells me! So it must be true!

70.

Why doesn't Harmony visit me anymore? I've been nothing but his BFF and he meets some harlot in Indonesia with the money I gave him for his charity trip! Joined some insane religious cult and now is off helping orphans in some foreign land and not his mother! Why, with Mittens and Boots (my new cats), we could be one big happy family!

80.

Why are there so few men at this nursing home!? They had all the privilege and all the power! They had the cushy lifestyle! Why do those greedy bastards keep dying off so early! How can that be when they were raping us and pillaging us and benefiting from their "good ole boys network!" Sexist, misogynist bastards!

82.

Dead and with nothing to show for it.

Heh, heh. Enjoy the decline!

Baby Boomer Bosses Part 1

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Help the Captain Out

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OK lieutenants, economists, and Cappy Cappites,

help me out here.

What are the larger/major internet radio shows you listen to?

I got Tom Leykis and Silvio Canto.

That's it.

I'm having a hard time thinking up of others because I just don't know of other internet radio shows and would presume the thousands of minds out there in the Capposphere might know of a local broadcaster or podcaster who does have a little bit of pull.

Reason I'm asking is that the rate of return on advertising dollars is MUCH higher with internet radio than it is with regular radio, even the Drudge Report.

In short, trying to put together a directory of significant podcast/internet radio programs to not only help them out, but make a larger and more important point about advertising.

Thanks for your input in advance!

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"Enjoy the Decline" Now Available!

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Happy day economists and lieutenants!

"Enjoy the Decline" is now available in paper back and Kindle!

(and no, I'm not sick in this picture I'm ghost white in this picture because it's winter in Minnesota)

In terms of what to expect, I shall be blunt and direct. It is a harsh book, but a necessary book. I wrote it to help all the "Real Americans" (a term I concocted in the book to

reference libertarians, conservatives, freedom lovers and all genuine Americans) deal with what is happening to the United States. If you are depressed, saddened, or just plain don't like the way the country is going, then this is MANDATORY reading for you. It will help you take everything in that is going around and happening to the country as well as how to find joy and happiness in spite of it all.

I also must admit I wrote this in fear of what I see in a lot of American males, especially my friends - a deep depression that is not only ruining their lives, but driving some to contemplate suicide. If you know of a friend or a loved one who is particularly affected by the outlook of the country and their future, I STRONGLY recommend buying or recommending them this book.

Again, thanks for all your continued support. I hope this book proves useful and beneficial to you all.

From Our British Agent in the Field

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HA HA FREAKING HA!!!!!

I love how the web site picture is so photoshopped and her reality "con cats" is the real world.

And Not an Ounce of Production

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I was impressed because this post managed to consolidate various aspects (crusaderism, religion, etc.) into one post. But his description of how modern day leftist youth have an entire industry unto themselves is better than what I've ever written. From non-profits to political movements to "green consultancies" he describes the "Leftist Economy."

What's funny though is not one damn ounce of production comes from this part of the "economy." Yes, people are paid, but it still comes at the cost of leftist family donations, and ultimatley produces nothing of value, just crusaders.

Prostitution to Pay for Tuition

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Hee hee.

The Government Cannot Tax Deflation

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An outstanding observation at the 3:20 mark.

A Word From Our Cappy Cap Sponsor

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To purchase the 4 in 1 emergency tool kit, buy it here.

You can also visit Ed at Rangerselfdefense.com

Remember if you mention "Captain" you get 10% off your first purchase, no matter how big!

When Your Professor Sings at a Bus Stop for Money

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From our San Francisco Agent in the Field:

You would have loved this.

This morning when I got off the train, I went to get coffee. Instead of the usual poor to mediocre to decent musicians that inhabit the transit station, I heard two guys droning some monotone sales pitch. I thought they were some kind of activist trying to get people to sign a petition or support some cause du jour.

When I got close enough to hear them, they were saying:
"Art
Music
Languages
ESL
History
Horticulture
Women's Studies

Our courses are entertaining and relatively affordable. Classes start at City College on Monday."

City College of San Francisco is broke. Their payrolls are too high, their tuition is too low. Their classrooms are packed. Their facilities are run down. Their accreditation is at risk because of financial mismanagement. A state referendum just passed that authorized tax increases to support higher education. Students in Berkeley congregated on Sproul Plaza to cheer the election results that kept their tuition low.

So the vultures are circling the carcass of the taxpayers.

A woman walked up to the droning guy and suggested he improve his delivery. He said, "I can sing it...Aaart, Muuuusic, ..." From the sound of his singing voice, his age, and his appearance, I presumed he was a teacher of art or music or at least someone trained in voice. Interesting how his sales pitch was so droning.

I walked by them and said those degrees were worthless. They stood there in stunned disbelief.

Three articles for reference. They show you what happens to academians when forced to deal with the private sector/real world demands for performance.

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And Roosh Comes in and He Changes the Tempo

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Oh come on, Roosh. it ain't that bad. Good writers will rise to the top, bad ones will sink. It's the free market. Here's a little song dedicate to Roosh.

Why are you bringing us down, Roosh?

On a completely unrelated note, an interesting pictograph.

Today's Vocabularly Lesson: Anarchy

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First, don't mock the video because it's filmed in a basement. I actually am thinking about a competition between me, Davis, and any other contenders who film in the worst location possible, while lighting up tobacco products, and smoking them the least professionally.

Second, I wanted to thank Alex for finally making the point that "anarchy" and "communism" are mutually exclusive events. When I started hearing the fringe term "anarcho-communism" I was like, "Are you kidding? Anarchists hate communists! They're the polar opposite of each other!"

Third, additional thanks for explaining these terms (anarcho-capitalism, anarcho-communist, etc.) for those of us unfamiliar with them. Now I know why everybody keeps calling me an "anarcho-capitalist" and "fringe right."

On a related note, from our Spanish Agent in the Field:

About anarchocommunism, it was strong during the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), particularly in the region of Barcelona. The Communists, Socialists, Anarchists, and Catalanist Nationalists (and their multiple weird combinations) were united in the Frente Popular. Check http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreu_Nin_i_Pérez, he belonged to all these groups. His allies killed him anyway. I used to live near the mansion where the Russian Communists had had their embassy in Barcelona during that war. It was in the basement of that mansion where many anarchocummunists were tortured to death by Stalin's thugs. A common practice was to place a starving rat inside a cage on the belly of the prisoner. The cage had no floor, so the rat ate its way out.

Instead of Another Vampire Movie…

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how about you make a movie about these guys?

Dating the 30 Something HR Lady

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My genuine loathing for HR is no secret. I believe HR is the single largest non-public sector threat to the private sector and thus, America. I also believe the vast majority of HR "professionals" are power hungry, sexist, bigoted and incompetent. I believe HR was created as an affirmative action program for women (this is starting to sound like the Nicene Creed). And I believe because of HR's power trip, it has become an agent of compliance and ego-stroking, not performance. This has resulted in an echo chamber that employs only the most bland, unimaginative, but ass-kissing employees, resulting in compliance now, but condemning employers to a Black Swan event in the future.

Yes, I hate HR.

But one of the more interesting observations I had a while ago was how HR (which is predominantly headed up by 20-50 something women) is starting to take on personal traits of said women, namely, dating. The questions asked by women in HR are identical to dating questions. This is not necessarily a bad thing in that you do want a personal fit as well as a professional fit, but I ask a simple question:

How successful are these HR ladies in their loves lives?

Miserable I presume based on the now-approaching-score of HR women I've known (I've also known most of them to have BIG financial troubles in addition to their romantic troubles). But that's my point. If they're so bad at screening for candidates in their romantic lives, how good are they plying the same screening techniques for candidates in their professional lives?

Lousy of course. But don't let that stop them. No, we have to still ask dating questions.

In the end this will all burst like all Black Swan event bubbles do. Having a myopic view, presuming your premises are always correct and you know what you're doing, will result in an inbreeding amongst your employees and corporate culture. Innovators, leaders, revolutionaries, creators and non-conformists will never be allowed in, and if they are, they will be immediately identified by the HR-white-blood cells of the corporate being and immediately dealt with and fired. Without these "free radicals" your entity will lose vision and purpose. It will also lose the ability to identify any threats as well as opportunities that will destroy/benefit your company. You will stagnate and it's only a matter of time before one of those particularly entrepreneurial free radicals gets some financing and either replaces or obsoletes your firm.

But hey, by all means, you keep asking the top graduate from MIT

"Where he sees himself in 5 years."

"What's his favorite movie and why?"

"If you could be an animal, which one would it be and why?"

I'm sure it prove just as successful as your dating life.

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More HR Hate

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Though, in the case of HR, hate is well-deserved.

And the very women making themselves available were precisely the ambitious feminists who should not be allowed anywhere near the reins of power.

"Air Combat Stories for Boys"

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So I was in a posh suburbanite development. So posh the association has a "community building" that has living quarters, a fireplace room, a work out joint, and a library. I saw this book, "Wings of the Navy"

But what was cool was the sub-title:

"Air Combat Stories for Boys"

The book itself had multiple short stories about a heroic naval aviator, but what got me was how simple it was back in the day. There was nothing wrong with young boys reading about war and aspiring to be a hero. Additionally, they were stories FOR BOYS. None of this, "stories for everyone" or "well it should be for girls too" or "gender neutral" heroes or some kind of forced female hero into the plot.

No, these were stories *for boys*!

Not a terribly famous author, but found several of his books were made into movies.

Operation Coffee Shop

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I swore that 2013 would be the year of "Enjoying the Decline." The timing was pretty good, because my Wyoming expedition, a crazy 3 month work schedule covering security gigs for a friend of mine, and the completion of writing the book "Enjoy the Decline" all came to a close in early January. Now with adequate funds, hopefully an increase in future sales, and a supportive and much appreciated readership, I can for the first time in my life "enjoy" life by not working and taking a full year off.

Just one problem.

You ever try to just "not work?"

Especially after 20 years of non-stop work, and go go go, and project after project? It's impossible to turn off.

This is a problem "to have" admittedly, but it doesn't make it any easier to resolve the problem. I've tried playing World of War Craft and have succeeded in leveling up my character. I force myself to sleep in till 8AM. I run, I work out, anything to keep the mind focused, but in the end, everyday, my "chores" are done by noon and there's still 10 hours to kill in the day.

Thus I decided to do something I would normally have never considered - explore the "coffee shop culture" by visiting a new coffee shop in Minneapolis everyday.

This is not out of boredom, but rather curiosity and a bit of recouping youth (it's also an exercise in discipline to see if I can force myself to visit a culture I stick out like a sore thumb in) Without going into a long geographic lesson, there is an area to the south west of downtown Minneapolis that houses the hip "uptown" area and to the south of that is a long swath of a neighborhood with old homes. This area of MInneapolis is covered in a canopy of trees and pockmarked by small little shops and stores, notably restaurants, coffee stores, record shops, and bicycle repair joints. While I've driven through it, I've never participated in it by walking into these stores, patronizing them, or seeing what the culture is like. In my college days this is where are the "kids" hung out or "went to get coffee." I was too busy with school and work to ever "attend." But now I have the time and ability to observe this culture. Not that these reconnaissance missions will be my best writing, but just a break from economics and lighter fare.

I've visited two coffee shops and already I can tell you every stereotype and prejudice you've ever had about "liberal coffee-goers" is correct. My first coffee shop was a run down hovel. The art up on the wall was crap. The male patrons were weak and

effeminate. All of them looked like Seth Rogen with their beards. Some were congregating in another room talking about "setting up a commune" or something akin to that. The barista's were two young ladies, not a molecule of make up on them, and they were dressed in the color of coffee - drab brown. The music was nothing I've ever heard and it was horrible. It wasn't because it was "new age," I don't mind that. It was just poor musicians playing bad music. I was the only one with a Microsoft operating system.

The second coffee shop I'm in right now. This is a bit more cozy, it was obviously built on the side of an old brick building as an afterthought, so it is long and narrow, and the wall is adorned with decent art, but also old license plates from different states. The music is better, and the clientele is a bit more interesting. I am still the only person here with a Microsoft operating system, but there are two couples with their quiet and well-behaved children. The men are again effeminate. And there is a middle aged woman taking notes on a paper notepad. I don't know what she is doing, but I surmise it isn't calculus or an engineering project. It would be hypocritical of me to mock her (or anybody else here) if they fashion themselves "writers," but that's what I'm going to do anyway. I will give this middle aged woman credit though, she is dressed and done up better than all of her 20 something female counterparts. There is also a hipster guy looking shopping for skinny jeans on his Apple computer. I'm not making it up because Die Hipster took a picture of such a phenomenon. It just dawned on me I'm probably the first person to ever carry a gun into this store...matter of fact, that could be said about all the coffee stores I presume

The staff is actually a lot better, not that the first coffee store had poor service, they're just a bit classier. Two younger fellas, but they are dressed sharply (one with a bow tie) and seem a bit more personable. I didn't interview them about their lives however.

And just like that it's 11AM. An hour left to do grocery shopping and then, again, I will be done with my chores around noon.

The Exciting Adventures of "Bio-Dad!"

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Children, women--and men--all benefit when dads keep their daughters off the pole and sons out of the gang.

Outstanding. I also like how Elusive coined the term "Bio-Dad."

"*What's that!?*

Is it a bird?

Is it a plane!?

No! It's BIO-DAD!

Keeps families together and intact!

Helps children with their homework!

Able to support families on a single income!"

I wonder who "Bio-Dad's" Lex Luther would be?

Grerp is Back!!!

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Welcome back Grerp!

But Die Hipster is gone!

Hey! Let's Destroy Evidence!

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"No pictures taken, no questions asked."

Now, if I was a murderer in Seattle and had the gun hidden away, guess what I'm gonna do!

Brazilian Hospitals

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There was a long line of human suffering. Mothers were crying over their sick children and the elderly sat on the floor fanning themselves with newspapers. A girl's shorts were soaked in blood and she had to get in the back of a line that spilled out onto the sidewalk. The door to the examination room was manned by a security guard, and no one could enter unless they showed the proper paperwork, no matter how much they begged and cried. On the bright side, public hospitals inBrazil offer free care.

More to come, almost done finishing the book. Will do a review later today.

A Dead Bat in Paraguay

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Book review time kids!

You can find the book here.

The Shaming of John Galt

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To be "left" or be a "lefitist" is to live a lie.

You believe other people should pay for your stuff. You believe by the fact you were born you are entitled to certain things. And more recently you are brought up to have such an inflated ego of yourself, you expect other humans to act against their own best interests.

For example, men don't like fat chicks.

The fact that that statement right now is getting "*Ooo! You shouldn't have said that! That's not nice!*" kind of reaction only proves my point.

Is it true?

Yes.

Is it politically incorrect?

Doesn't matter, it's true. The truth should render its political correctness moot. The problem is society, driven primarily by the left, has made it taboo to speak simple truths such as "men don't like fat chicks."

Regardless, however, look at to what extents and lengths leftists (in this case, ugly feminists) go to ignore this reality AND force their unreality (where presumably we're supposed to like fat chicks) on other people. Not only are feminists pushing "fat acceptance programs," there is no end to the lecturing and ridiculing of men who dare to speak this simple truth. You are shallow, you are hollow, you are sick and wrong for liking skinny girls with long legs. Misogynist!

Another example, wealth. Say you're born into wealth or you earn your own wealth.

This

is

a

good

thing.

With wealth you have economic security, financial security, health, and a more enjoyable life. EVERYBODY should aspire to be wealthy. It's so commonsensical it needs no defense.

But again, look at to the lengths and extents the left goes to criminalize wealth. You're greedy, you benefited unfairly, you oppressed people, blah blah blah.

Ultimately all the efforts and propaganda that goes into villainzing what is only human nature can fall under one single category or "weapon" of the left.

Shame.

The left uses shame and "shaming language" for one reason and one reason only - they are factually wrong, so they must "shame" what is "right" or what is real. Since the left lives in a world that is not based in reality or the reality principle, they have to "change reality" and the best way to do that is to convince or outright brainwash people into thinking the opposite of what is true and the opposite of what is in their best interests.

Therefore men, no matter what their genetic programming, should like an obese sow for her personality, her triple masters in social work, and here 14 cats.

Rich people should just forfeit their money because money and wealth is (somehow) "bad" or they are somehow "greedy."

And no matter how utterly craptatstic a child's performance is in school or sports, "B+'s for everyone" and "participation trophies for all!" There are no losers, only winners!

But there is another sort of shame coming over the horizon and I already predicted it. Matter of fact I didn't think it would strike so early, but then again I tend to be a lightning rod for the left. The new shame the left WILL BE aggressively pursuing in the near future is shaming people who "go Galt."

I was sitting at my local neighborhood bar. The bartender and I were talking and he knew I just published my new book "Enjoy the Decline" 2 days previous. He was asking how sales were and I said great. A couple stools down was a woman. She asked what it was about. I hesitated to answer because I didn't want a political discussion, I just wanted to enjoy my coffee. So I said,

"It's about how to lead a minimalist lifestyle, make as little as possible, work as little as possible, pay as little in taxes as possible, and enjoy life."

She overhead the title and then asked, "Well why enjoy the DECLINE?" Are we declining?"

I said, "yes."

"Why?"

It was here I realized there was no avoiding it.

"Because of all the debt we've racked up as a nation and all the taxes we're going to have to pay. There's no reason to work hard any more when it's just going to be taxed away."

I could tell I irked her, she either didn't believe there was a debt problem or just didn't like my republican sounding tone.

"So your solution is to work as little as possible?"

"Yep."

And then came the shaming language,

"So you think *that* will solve the country's problems? Doing nothing? Don't you think you owe society something? Didn't people pay for your schooling? What kind of adult blah blah blah..."

She went on, but I didn't care start a political debate. Besides, I knew where it would go. More illogical shaming as to why I should prostitute myself out to pay for other people's stuff. "Advice" from a fully indoctrinated and hopelessly unrecoverable middle aged woman about how I should somehow forfeit a higher percentage of my finite and dwindling life paying for other people's crap. Her age, her status, and her experience were irrelevant. Her logic was hopelessly corrupted and no amount of reasoning or explanation would pierce the brainwashing she received in grad school or from watching Oprah.

The larger point is that more of this is coming. As the "enlightened electorate" decides to ignore reality and go down the path of socialism they will once again face the annoying reality that it is against human nature to pay for other people's stuff. And since it is their stuff that is threatened, they will have to go into overdrive to "shame" people for not wanting to become slaves. Like the ramblings of the middle aged woman, it will not be sensical, it will not be logical, and it will theme on people who decide to work less and "go Galt" as being greedy or selfish. It will be amorphous and intangible, assuming you somehow have a societal obligation to the country and "community" to work harder for the "larger good." That there is something more important than the individual and only the most selfish and evil of people refuse to acknowledge the superiority of this commune. It will also parallel (akin to feminist shaming language) is that you are not a "real man" or you are not "manning up" and owning up to your responsibilities you have

to society. In reality it is nothing more than shaming language and lies to get you to operate against your best interests.

I'd like to say most people have the intellectual capacity and independence to identify such BS or at least stand up to it. Alas, the fact some many adult-children swallowed whole the global warming BS and now pursue "going green" as a religion (while mocking Christianity at the same time) only confirms a majority of them will actually believe they owe it to society to slave away for other people. Just promise me a favor. When the middle aged woman who's hopelessly brainwashed starts to lecture you for daring to only work 4 hours a day, do not be a fool and fall for it. Shamelessly Enjoy the Decline instead.

What's That Disease Called?

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The one where you hate yourself?

Asshole Consulting

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Asshole Consulting is based on a very simple principle:

Consultants will lie to you in order to spare your feelings, and in the process bilk you for as many unnecessary hours as possible

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You then make the corresponding donation to my paypal account.
Upon confirmation the donation is made, I answer the e-mail and

BOOM!

Your question/s are answered and your life is a little less confusing.

For more on Asshole Consulting see below:

Support Aurini

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Here's the basic break down.

He brings up some important points about speaking your mind in a society that is not terribly free.

I will go into length later and it will be one of my most important posts, but free really isn't free, and sometimes the front lines are not in some far flung country but rather at home.

You can also buy his book which is worth it and isn't charity.

Americans may have difficulty in making a donation. Something wrong with Pay Pal (again)

The League of Unemployable Bloggers

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Off the top of my head (and my apologies if I failed to mention you) here are some of the more notable bloggers I've ran into/befriended in my "blogging career."

Kate at SDA
Roosh at RooshV.com
Aurini at Staresattheworld.com
Matt Forney

There are certainly more, but let's just take a look at these immediate handful.

The first thing you're going to notice about all of them is that they are eccentric and eclectic. Not one of them are "normal" or could be considered to be normal.

- Kate is a motorcycle mechanic, champion dog breeder, and runs (from what I can tell) the 3rd largest Canadian blog..
- Aurini is ex-military and an author.
- Matt Forney is the only crazy SOB I know to decide to hitch hike across America as winter approaches.
- Roosh is the only guy I know who can write off his traveling expenses and hotels as he travels the world and writes pick up guides for every country on the planet.
- Not to throw me in there, but I don't know any other fossil hunting, motorcycle riding, salsa dancing, tornado chasing economists.
- And heck, most of us are authors too.

Yes a motley crew of bloggers are we, and no other group would rival us in terms of a drinking party, but there is one other thing that separates us from most other bloggers - we use our real names.

Sometimes this was done on purpose, sometimes this was done by accident, but for whatever reason our real names and faces are out there.

There are pro's and con's to being known. For example it forces you to do your own thing, rely upon yourself and commits you to a level of self-reliance most people never have to face. It also allows you perfect freedom. You don't have to care what anybody else thinks, and thusly you are truly able to speak and think clearly (which results in a much more intellectual and thought-pioneering life). It also grants you a microscopic bit of celebrityship. But there are drawbacks as well. People libeling you, people making youtube videos of you and other things that are par for the course in very-low-level celebrityhood. But if there is on major drawback, especially given most of us are on the

younger side of 40, it's that we are completely, hopelessly, and thoroughly 100% unemployable.

Of course, for most of us it didn't require we have an edgy blog or a politically incorrect internet presence. Our personalities are pretty much mutually exclusive to any kind of corporate career or employment, but again, for anybody on the younger side of 40, not to have SOME measure of employment, at least in the beginning, is difficult and often impairing.

Are there instances where we find a gig or a contract here or there? Sure.

Are there instances where the HR lady doesn't google us or the hiring manager just plain doesn't care? Of course.

But the idea of a 9-5 job, with reliable income, job security, progressive responsibilities, 401k's/RRSP's, a pension, and some kind of "promising career" is laughable, and any kind of "normal family life" is a pipedream. We just do not have the personalities and the politically approved political positions on our blogs and sites to get hired.

Making matters worse is that since we do cause waves, we are the target of malicious and just plain evil leftists who resort to frivolous law suits to inhibit our freedom of speech. This is more of an issue in Canada than in the US but SDA, Kathy Shaidle, Blazing Cat Fur, myself, Ezra Levant, and a score of bloggers dealing with Brett Kimberline, all have had to deal with leftist nutjobs abusing the legal system.

So the question is, why do it? Why put yourself through all this pain and no reward?

I can't speak precisely for everybody else, but I surmise we'd all agree it's for several reasons.

One, we just can't help ourselves. Usually a blogger takes to the internet to fight off a threat or an injustice that traditional forms of media just refuse to identify, point out, warn people about, or worse (and as is usually the case) join forces with those threats and injustices. This could be anything from the slow eroding by the left against Western culture and capitalism (SDA, Blazing Cat Fur, etc.) or the feminist onslaught against men (Roosh, Aurini, Forney, etc.). Not only do we see the threat and the damage it can/has already caused, we want to have a future not just for ourselves (besides, evil just really puts burs in our saddles).

Two, our brains cannot handle corporate employment. Sure, maybe in the 1940's and 1950's when corporate employment resembled some level of a meritocracy, providing not just income, but opportunity to realize our full potential, sure, we may have become "corporate men." But the people that form corporations are from the exact same

decaying stock of people the government pulls their employees from. They are leaderless, timid, fearful, compliant and dare not be brash, audacious or aim for excellence. Ass kissing has replaced ass-kicking, and that is no environment for any real man or real woman to waste 1/3 of their waking lives in (besides, given how reliable corporate gigs are, our self-employment may actually prove to be more reliable and certainly more rewarding anyway).

Third, we're good at it. It takes a while for people to find their calling or what they're good at AND what they might even get paid for. Nobody grows up thinking they're going to become bloggers or media personalities, you just fall into it. YOu wake up one day and you got 5,000 followers all because you had the cajones to speak your mind when everybody else was afraid to. You realize you have more pull and legitimacy than idiotic "journalism majors," because where journalism majors fail, you succeed in pointing out the truth, taking on corrupt interests and can legitimately claim to be the defacto 4th branch of government.

Fourth, sanity. I don't care how much I suffer from worries about money, unemployment, or my freedoms being infringed. That pain is nothing compared with the alternative. I don't know how you people do it. Having to purposely dispose of your mind 10 hours a day at a dead end job? Suffering the inane political correctnesses you have to OBEY otherwise your HR rep might get pissed? Making sure you're flawless in every way possible, walking on eggshells your entire life, constantly trying to make sure you don't goof up even in the slightest in fear it would ruin your miserable career. Or worse, how your mind can exist in such a system without speaking out or full out revolting. You need diversity training, sensitivity training, sexual harassment training, better watch what you say, don't be active politically, the social, career, and financial consequences are too great. Guard your thoughts, regulate your thinking, limit your brain and dare not opine. You got that mortgage, the car payment, and the students loans. Obey little boy, obey.

Fuck that. I'll gladly collect a welfare check before I ever sell my mind and intellect.

So that's why we're here. And that's why we're staying. In part because we can't go anywhere else, in part because no one would have us anyway, and in part because we'd rather be nowhere else. The battle for genuine freedom is here and while most people have better reputations than us and can't afford to loud mouth like we do, we can do it for you.

There is just one simple thing we ask, though.

If you look at "*The League of Unemployable Bloggers*" you'll note we don't just sit there with our hands out. Sure everybody has the obligatory "donate sign" (though mine is much sexier), but we derive the majority of our revenues from producing things of value. A lot of us write books and they're damn good books. A lot of us offer services

(accounting, consulting, art, etc.). Many of us do the "Amazon Affiliate Thing" (where all you have to do is click on the link, do your shopping FOR STUFF YOU HAVE TO BUY ANYWAY, and we get a commish), and finally as we grow in size we offer a medium by which you can advertise. It is not a charity, we do not expect donations, we produce things of value, all we ask is you consider purchasing our wares, advertising with us, buying through us, or (most importantly) forwarding our links. If there is something you can do for freedom and liberty that does not require you forfeit a significant percentage of your time, those aforementioned things are it.

Below is the official directory of The League of Unemployable Bloggers (in no particular order). We appreciate your business. If you know anybody not on this list AND uses their real name/face, let me know and I'll put them on.

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Operation Coffee House III

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I finished my previous post from the previous coffee shop too early. Once I packed up my laptop, put away my notes, and put my winter gear on, I looked up from my table and sure enough a hipster looking mother was nursing her child with her breasts hanging out for all to see. Like I said, EVERY stereotype and prejudice you may have had about people in liberal coffee shops is correct.

Today I'm back at it again after the weekend, this time at a very cozy joint. It's cozy because it's on a corner of a building and most of the external walls are windows resulted in a greenhouse effect in the coffee shop. I also decided to occupy the comfy leather couch in a section of the coffee shop that is unoccupied by anybody else. Everybody is sitting in the uncomfortable metal and wood chairs, in the one section where there is a wall and not a window. Maybe it's because they don't want the glare on their Apple products...yes, again, I am the only one here with a Microsoft operating system.

Art on the wall is from a local person. I can't call him an "artist" because I could draw this shit when I was in the 8th grade. And wow, how original - they're paints of local buildings and locales in the Twin Cities. There are also oil paintings of feline creatures from Africa up on the wall that show a bit more artistic ability. $85 each...unless your house had that African grass hut motif or you just wanted to scare little children, I wouldn't buy them.

Music is some band I remember from the 90's. I can't put my finger on the band, but it's definitely sad and depressing. A cello and an acoustic guitar, accompanied by men who sing like girls. Speaking of the 90's, most peoples cars hail from that period too. I can't complain or mock them though, my car is also from the 90's, but that was more out of a conscious choice of minimalism than one of forced finances.

The coffee is good. I've learned a new bit of vernacular in the coffee shop world - "dark roast." Means stronger tasting coffee. Up until this point the only coffee I had was the stuff you get for free at corporate offices. Sure I had the occasional cup of Joe at the occasional coffee store, but it all fell under "coffee." I still can't tell the difference between different blends and really couldn't care less. There's "strong" coffee and "weak" coffee. Whether it comes from an "Arabica" bean or a Central American bean my taste buds can't tell. It's not like wine where it's sweet or tart, where you can discern between different types of wine. Unless I start seeing distinct flavors and differences between coffees, my brain will be predisposed to entertain the theory that "coffee culture"or "coffee connoisseuring" is an effortless hobby people claim to pursue to sound intelligent or seem cultured.

Hey Kids! You're Screwed!

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But this time it's not me saying it! IT's somebody else.

Hey Art Majors, You Suck!

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Heh heh.

OK, let me level with you little spoiled brat suburbanite kids or you inner city kids that have been living off the government's dime unknowingly and have been lied to for the first 18 years of your lives.

Your art sucks and you have no talent.

No, seriously, you don't.

I know you've been brainwashed to think that it doesn't matter what other people think of your art, but it does, because it is only other humans that can validate the quality of your works.

What, you and your little lonesome and your myopic view of art and your ass-kissing teachers are going to qualify what is "good art." What "Gaia" or the squirrels in the park are going to tell you that you have talent? Or, wait, let me guess. "Art is in the eye of the beholder" and nobody else's opinion matters!

No, I'm sorry, here's a dose of reality for you. The ONLY thing that can validate your art and thus you is OTHER PEOPLE. And if your art sucks (which it certainly does) then it's not art, and is nothing more than a child in an adult's body forcing crap on the rest of us.

Here's a good way to tell if your art sucks and if you are indeed not an artist:

Is your "work" subsidized in any way by the government?

If it is, then your art sucks. The reason why is that your art is SO BAD that it requires the government to FORCIBLY TAKE MONEY FROM OTHER PEOPLE to buy it. Nobody willingly buys it because it's that bad. But to spare your worthless feelings, politicians will (for the cost of a vote) make other people waste a percentage of their precious and finite lives to pay the taxes to pay for your veritable crap that you call "art."

Oh, BTW, now's the point in time you rehearse your "you don't understand art" BS and condescend me about being "ignorant" about art and having a close-minded view of your "field."

Enjoy the Decline you worthless people.

Johnny Depp and the Captain

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Apparently there is some debate as to whether I look like Johnny Depp. A reader then sent this in.

I didn't know Johnny Depp also wore "GLORIOUS HAT!"

Operation Coffee House IV

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Again, it seems the local coffee drinkers eschew the most comfortable seats in the cafe. I am the only one sitting on (what is) a very comfortable couch. Everybody else in the joint is sitting on hard wood and metal chairs.

The clientele is the exact same kind of clientele I've seen at the previous three coffee shops. Of course, all of them no doubt think themselves "independent" or "unique"...especially the particularly hipster-looking young man sporting a rats nest for a beard...but they're just like everybody else. They are all conformists to the highest degree. No matter what they say or do or think, they are completely replaceable with all the other coffee drinkers I've seen before. The only person who stands out is a middle aged man who is sporting a "5k Run" shirt and seems to be in good shape. A woman with a nice figure just walked in and as is common place, once you see her face you see she doesn't care to doll herself up. With so little care given to her face, it's a guarantee she doesn't put any effort into her body, and was thus, very fortunate to be born with such genetics. And of course, she has a short hair cut.

Thankfully there is no music, but an incompetent mother was considerate enough to bring her crying child in so at least we can hear something. Without the kid it's just quiet background conversation of effeminate men and women who think they're smart because they have a masters in some humanities field or another.

Today's coffee is a "Peruvian Medium Roast." I've been letting it cool for a bit, so I'll try it and see if I can taste a difference between that and any other coffee I've had since I've started "Operation Coffee House."

Wow, it tastes just like coffee!

But wait, what's this after taste I'm tasting?

Hang on...trying to determine what it is...oh, wait! I know what it is! It must be the "peace."

The sign outside said, "Fair Trade and Peace Coffee." I do know what "Fair trade" coffee is, but I never knew what "peace coffee" tasted like. Now I do. Boy, I sure am glad they put peace in the coffee. Otherwise it wouldn't have tasted as good. Now I'll have to find a coffee shop that sells "War Coffee." Wonder if it's harsher.

Apparently I'm in the wrong business. There's some simple photographs up on the wall of different locales of the Twin Cities...wow...where have I seen that before? Oh, that's right,

at all the other coffee stores I've been too. But this guy must be a great photographer. He's charging $200 for framed photos, unlike $85 which has been the average at other stores. To me it looks like he just took a 14 mega pixel camera, took some hi-res photos, printed them off at the local Kinko's, and framed them. Of course, I am not an artist, so I obviously don't see the genius of this photographer, thinking I could do it myself. Hopefully he went to school to learn how to take photos.

Heh, so there's an "about the artist" statement on the wall. Guy got a liberal arts degree in French. Good to see he's putting it to use.

A Fist Full of Dynamite

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Was having a conversation with a buddy about spaghetti westerns and was shocked he didn't know about one of my favorite movies "A Fist Full of Dynamite." It also goes by "Duck You Sucker."

[image]

If you haven't seen it Netflix it or buy it because it is worthwhile. I would rank it up there with The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (and if you haven't seen that, then quit being a communist and buy it now). Stars James Coburn and Rod Stieger and is a LONG one. There's no lack of action, and the character development is akin to the quality of The Good, the Bad and The Ugly. Music is also great.

Here is the original trailer

Ayn Rand on Having Children

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Amazing. Could you imagine saying this stuff back then?

Women With Hyphenated Names

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

I love how she blames her blood pressure on the children and not her FAT ASS!

Keep going ladies. Keep hyphenating your names. It's a nice big warning sign to the rest of us.

My WWII Grandmother Wouldn't Be Caught Dead

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doing crap like this.

But hey, you girls keep asking why won't men marry you.

For the Patron's Saint Name of Frick

What Else is Thom Hartman Wrong About?

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AKA, "Why I can't listen to left wing radio for too long."

Stephanie Miller and Her Beta Orbiters

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So I'm listening to left wing radio this morning, specifically the Stephanie Miller Show. I find her show particularly painful because it's basically her making fun of various right wingers and her 3 beta orbiting males that laugh at everything she says. It's not deep, it's not thoughtful, she really doesn't say anything original, and so I usually can only listen for about 15 seconds.

Being no different today than she was any other, she was making fun of conservatives, specifically Glenn Beck. The reason Glenn was the center of her ire was because Glenn came up with an ambitious plan called "Independence Park," a self-sustaining community for libertarians. Her and her beta orbiters were laughing suggesting there would be no stop lights, the theme park would have no safety and people would be flying off of roller coasters, and they were mocking the quality of proposed television programming Independence Park would have.

Is the plan out there?

Sure.

Is it audacious?

Of course.

Is it fringe enough that it should raise an eyebrow and draw some mockery?

I'll play devil's advocate and say "yes."

But I have a question:

What exactly has Stephanie Miller done?

Mock Glenn Beck all you want, the fact still remains he's trying something. And not only is he trying something, he's trying something that is revolutionary. If you look at history it is radical, out of the box thinking that has advanced men and society more than the close-minded lemmings ever could. Most of them don't succeed, but the ones that do bring an immense amount of progress to society. Most likely Independence Park will fail, and yes the left will immediately jump on it if it does, but to sit there when you've done nothing at all with your life but mock others is hypocritical. If Stephanie had, say, experience in real estate development or was on a city planning board, OK, fine, I could see that. But her criticisms would be constructive or informed, not the mere hollow

childish mockery it is today. So until Stephanie and her 3 beta orbiters actually produce something unique and of value, all they will ever be are the radio trolls they are today.

However, I have another question.

What would be Stephanie's answer to Glenn Beck's "Independence Park?"

Thankfully she doesn't have to stress that little brain of hers creating a "leftist utopia" version of Independence Park, because it's already been done - government housing. Liberals can ridicule Independence Park all they want, but their leftist version is infinitely worse and has proven to be a failure. Cabrini Green, Ghetto's in the Sky, oh yeah, you leftists have a great track record of building cities and communities. Even if Independence Park fails, it will not fail anywhere near the level public housing projects have, and it has the added benefit of not costing the taxpayers a dime.

But hey, you lefties keep listening to Stephanie Miller. Maybe someday you can achieve the "greatness" she has and go down in history with a legacy like Air America!

Today's Term is "Gaslighting"

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And it describes modern art perfectly.

Operation Coffee House V

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Look out kids. I'm in the hippest, coolest coffee joint there is. You walk in an already you know this is where the high-end hipsters hang out. It's almost got more of a night club feel. Music is near-techno with a lounge feel. People are better looking (though still trying their best to ruin it with hipster attire), some women are actually dressed nicely and donning make up (though one is dressed like Punky Brewster), and aside from me, there are two other guys who I would deem to be real men and would not mind having them on my side in a fight.

Some of this makes sense. I'm in the "high rent" district of the Uptown area. Kind of near Sebestian Joe's and where everybody wants to plant their business, but can't afford the rent. This joint sure can, $4 minimum for a credit card purchase and based on the square footage of the joint (a lot) and the fact that you only can park on the street for an hour signifies to me this area gets enough traffic. This is something i haven't had to worry about in several years - parking. Since I eschew the downtown area, parking has never been a problem. Now that I'm on Operation Coffee House I have to recall my sharp observation skills I honed in college to find free parking spots and make sure the fine print doesn't allow one of MInneapolis' finest to give me a ticket on some trumped up charge.

There's another interesting thing though. There's a fair amount of Asians here. NOt that that in itself is interesting, but they all have Microsoft operating systems. I am no longer alone. Oh sure, everybody else has Apple, but I'm wondering why it's 6 Asians and an Irishman that are the ones sporting Bill Gates machines. One of the Asian guys is sitting with a female friend of his. She has an Apple, they both have books out. She's better looking than him. I'm guessing beta orbiter Chan trying to win the heart of surburbanite princess Sue by helping her with her pre-Algebra that she wasn't able to do in the 8th grade, and still can't in college. Oh Chan, will you ever learn?

Coffee is tart as hell. I believe this falls under the "dark roast" blend, but I think they infused it with quinine. Thankfully I won't be getting malaria this week.

The staff is very quiet. Not meek or mild, just quiet. Two guys and a gal. All in their twenties. The girl has a "cute face" which is the polite way of saying, "she'd be hot if she'd lose 20 pounds." Thankfully I'm not polite and can just say, "There's a barista who would be hot if she shed 20 pounds." It's just more efficient and adult that way.

Good thing nobody can enjoy their coffee here because they all have to move their cars in an hour.

Teaching Entitled Spoiled Brat Liberal Children

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The thing that bothers me though, is the fact that most of my colleagues tend to have political or economic views that increase people's sense of entitlement.

Welcome to the club kid!

The Captain Comes to Phoenix

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The Captain is going to Phoenix next week to rendezvous with him and his merry crew o' Phoenixians(???). Contact the Ole Captain if you're interested in meeting up.

"If It Just Saves One Life"

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Permit me to go out on a limb here and point out something that is factual, but politically incorrect.

Oh, I know, I know. How dare I point out truth when people's feeeeeeeelinnnnnzzzzz are at stake, but I'm frankly too damn tired and too much of an adult to care. So the rest of you can suck it up or go to hell.

What is the value of a human life?

Many years ago when I was stupid and young, I tolerated dating this evil woman because she was hot and gorgeous. She also happened to be in insurance and told me one time that significant moral issues arose when it came to instances of paying out life insurance.

Specifically, what precisely is the value of a human life?

Well, actually, it depends. And actuaries have gone to great lengths to develop formulae and algorithms to determine it.

If you're a surgeon insurance companies pay out more in your death because obviously you are going to produce more and contribute more to society than an "aspiring rap artist."

If you're an aspiring rap artist, then chances are you have a negative NPV because you're most likely engaged in thuggery, parasiting off of the taxpayer, the drug trade, and mayhaps, even murdering other people. Besides, chances are the concept of investing in something like "life insurance" wouldn't even occur to you.

But in general she said the value of a human life, economically, was roughly $1 million.

This was back in the 90's and a recent search on teh interwebz shows it to be around $2 million.

That's the facts Jack.

Each person produces economically about $2 million.

Now I do not wish to become so callous or macabre, but this should be mathematical proof than any time some whinny leftist says,

"*If it just saves one life, then it's worth it!*"

Uh, actually, no it's not, and I'll prove it to you in the most politically incorrect way possible.

26 kids/people died unnecessarily and tragically at the Connecticut shooting. You take 26 people and multiply it by $2 million, you get $52 million. With Barack Hussein Obama's recent proposal to spend another $500 million, that means an economic loss of $448 million to the taxpayer. And if we're supposed to believe the leftist tripe "if it just saves one life" then each person's life is worth $500 million.

So let's do some simple math, shall we?

310 million Americans times $500 million dollars equals...

$150 QUINTILLION.

That is precisely 10,000 times (if I counted the zeroes correctly) THE SIZE OF OUR GDP.

In other words the math and economics just plain doesn't add up.

You sadly cannot tender the argument, "if it just saves one life, then it's worth it" because if you did you would be ENSLAVING THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY TO TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF SERVITUDE.

You wouldn't just merely be taking a person's life away, you would be taking their life away A MILLION TIMES OVER.

I like to refer to this as "economic murder"…just 10,000 times over.

Leftists and liberals have no problem forcing you to work 14 years of your life to support other people. You don't care about it of course because we have a weekly payroll tax and you never stop to calculate how much of your finite life you spend working to pay the taxes to pay for other people to live. But if you did take the time to turn off American Idol and calculate your servitude, you'd find that about a good third of your working life is spent slaving away for other people. That right there is unacceptable, but when a mindless, pissant, worthless liberal tenders the argument,

"If it would just save one life"

then they are saying you not only need to pay more than 33% of your working life, but

1. Increase your life expectancy by 10,000 fold

2. Dedicate your entire production and work to other people
or
3. Increase your production by 10,000 fold AND still forfeit all of it to taxes

In other words their entire argument is impossible bunk and is a sure fire sign you're dealing with (in the case of a politician) an intellectually dishonest person or (in the case of a math-impaired trophy wife soccer mom who just "thinks of the chillllldreeeennnn") an idiot.

Sorry to be blunt, but what are you going to do about it? It's mathematically true. Us adults are sick of your naivety, we're sick of your idiocy and ignorance costing us and resulting in ineffective policies, and we're not tolerating childish arguments anymore. File you're complaints with the Department of Reality.

My Ex Girlfriend

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Yeah, that about sums it up.

How to Look Busy at Work

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Enjoy the Decline

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Currently in the Canadian Rockies having a meeting with a bunch of Canadian and American bloggers. This is how you enjoy the decline.

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I'm not making it up.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats. Worthless people choose worthless majors and pursue worthless professions because they fear rigor, effort, and math.

When "Good Men" Take a Vacation

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"*Look, I could go all day! It is the end of the day, and you are running out of others' money; and you have run out of your men's patience! However, you will not see the anger outside of the redness of our faces. You are physically secure from harm; for now, until your violent brood of fatherless "youth" turn on you and all of us. We will defend ourselves, but not you! This is a trap.*

You don't see it, do you? The fact that men are now indifferent means that you will now have to earn your keep. Your rejection of your men, will now lead to their rejection of you.

You only matter in your mind; your sex is nothing to save you. You are merely being replaced, can you feel that?

Of course not, and that is the point! I truly desire to give you everything you asked for; it just may not be what you want.

You have failed.

Hey, you crazy kids reap what you sow and enjoy the decline!

Cowboy Bebop Tank

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You can buy the CD here.

The Aurini and Clarey Hour

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Two guys talking about whiskey, texting, working for baby boomers, and other aspects of life from a cabin in the middle of nowhere in the Canadian Rockies.

It's lengthy and sometimes Aurini walks away from the recorder, but it's good wisdom for the younger generations and intelligent conversation that you're just not going to get from Sean Hannity.

She is TRULY Alone

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We will drink your tears and savor it.

Enjoy the decline girls!

Captain Canada

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Some pictures from our Canadian Squad

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Post Canadian Party

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I was up two days straight.

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Hello,

My name is Aaron Clarey and welcome to the flagship product of my little "online media empire" - Captain Capitalism.

Captain Capitalism has a nerdy, pathetic, and sad origin. I was sick of being the only conservative at parties during my 20's in the leftist shithole known as Minneapolis. Not because I was a conservative, but because any time I'd attend a party,

invariably,
some drunk liberal would out me,
a debate would ensue,
I'd mop the floor with him,
finish the debate,
and then kill the party's buzz worse than Buzz Killington.

So, to make quick word of the debates that were sure to ensue I decided to start burning CD's with some key charts and data that always seemed to be at the nucleus of the debates I was having, and thusly put a quick end to them so the party may go on.

Then Blogger came about.

Blogger was an easier format to store my key charts. So instead of having to lug CD's around, all I had to do was upload the charts and data, having them conveniently there in anticipation an emasculated Minneapolis leftist putz of a man decided to play "smear the conservative" in a vain attempt to impress chicks.

From there it basically became a platform for me to yell, vent, and scream at the idiocy I saw around me. Never thought it would lead anywhere, but it did. Apparently I wasn't the only guy on teh interwebz thinking the same thing. Soon links were made, traffic exchanged, books were written, and in 2011 I was making enough money on this crazy blog I could tell my boss to pound sand.

So welcome. This blog has about 8 years of some of the finest economic research and philosophy. And I'm not joking about it. I've predicted more shit that's happened well before any of the "professionals" did, and I only half joke when I claim to have "SAEG" (Super Awesome Economic Genius). So you might want to read up. In the meantime enjoy the posts, tune into a podcast, watch my youtube videos, or buy yourself one of my books.

Aaron Clarey

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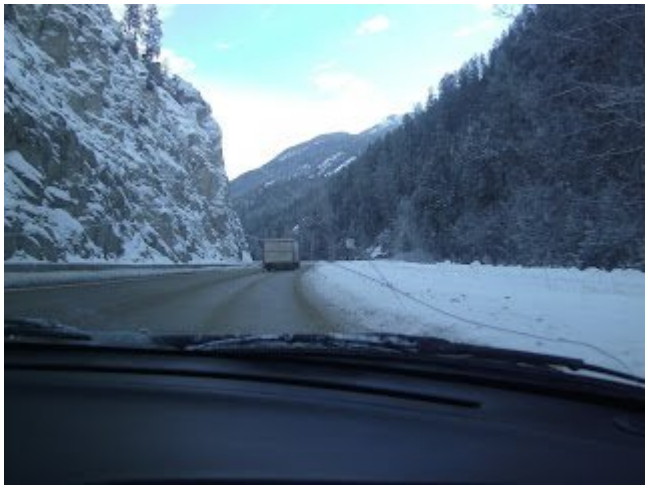
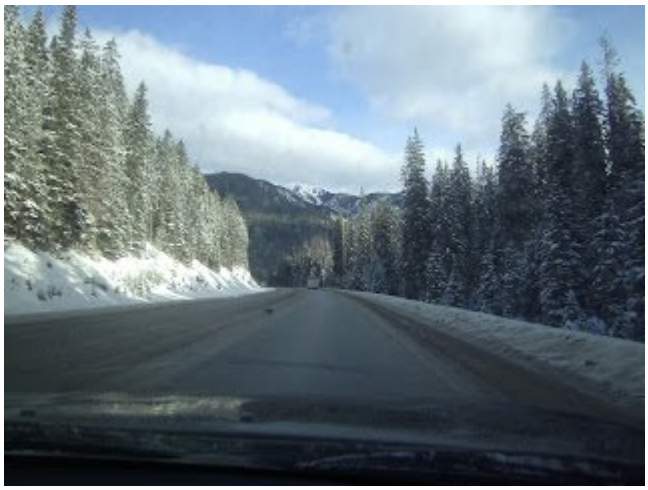
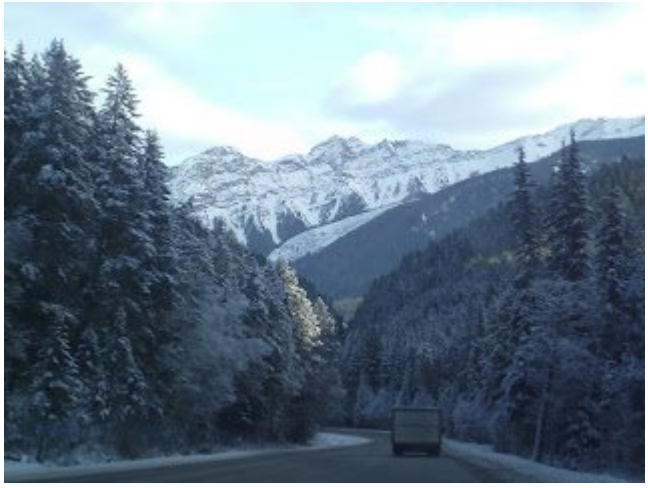
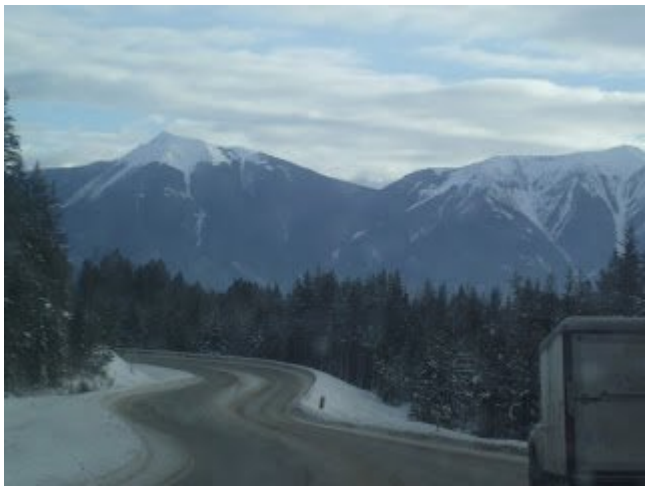
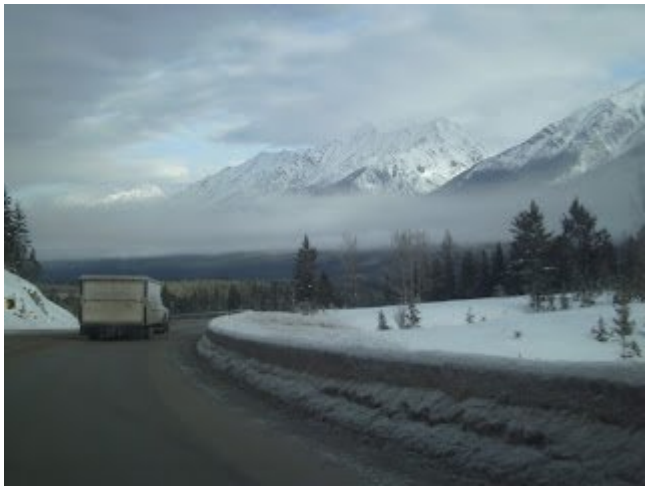
On the trip back to Calgary.

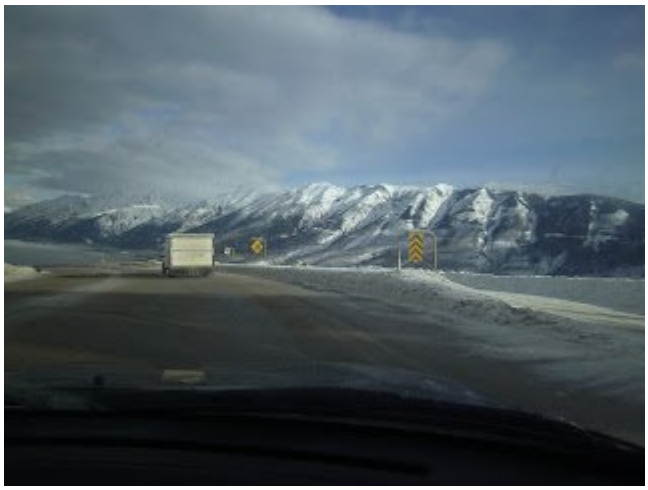


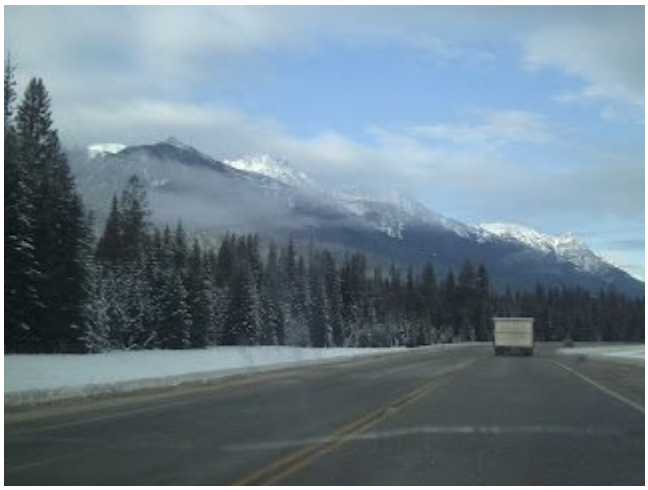


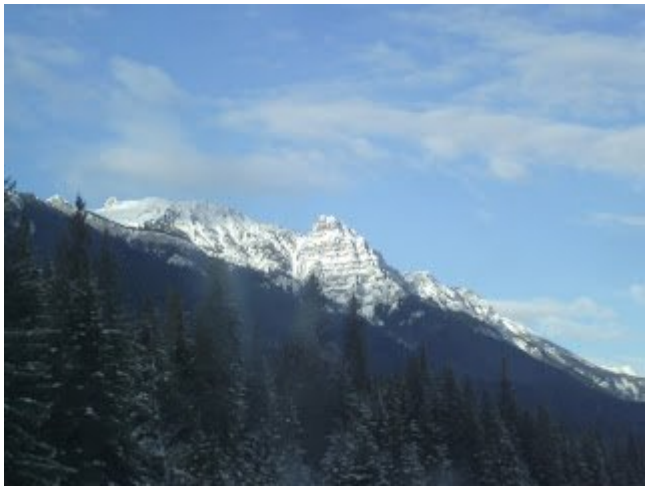


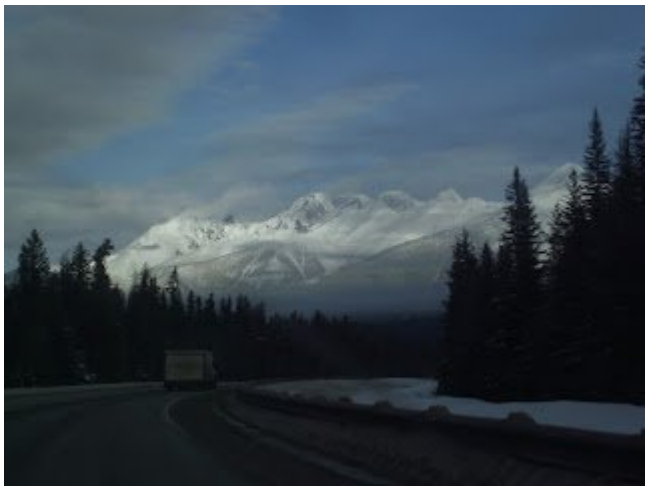


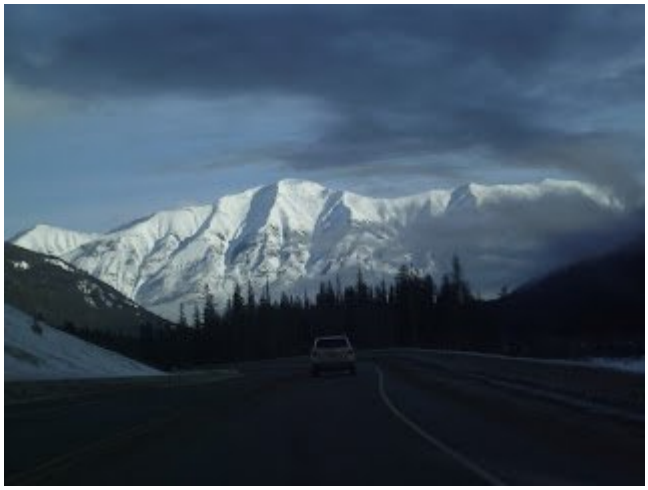


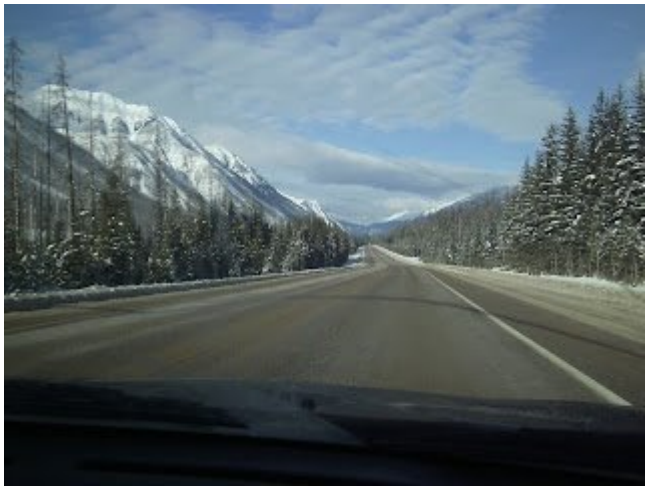


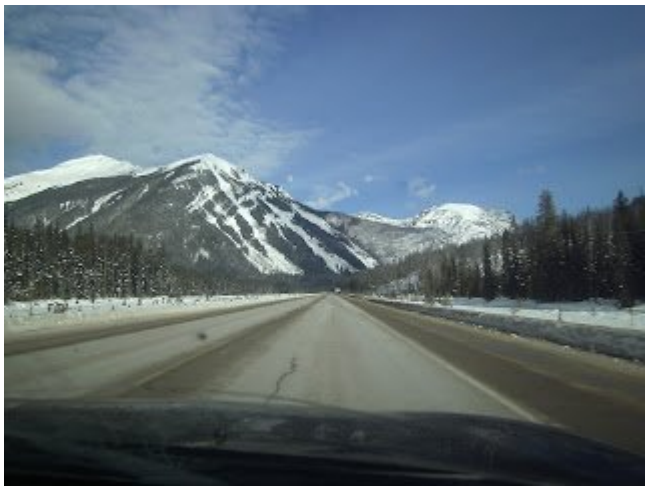


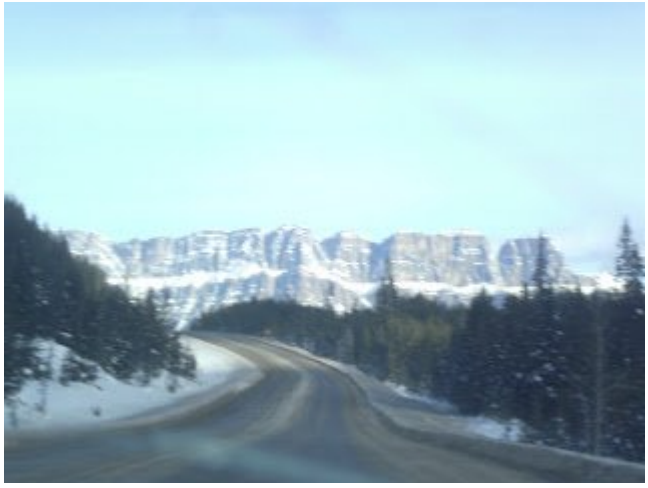


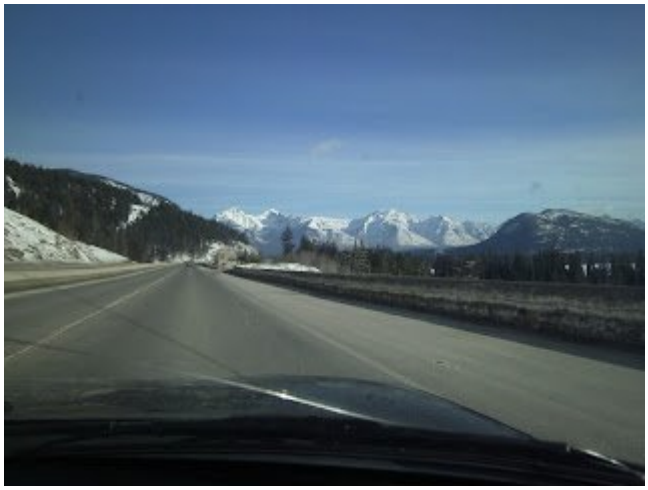












A Quote from a Human Resources Major

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I'm at a Starbucks in Phoenix

Middle aged woman comes out and asks a blue-collarish looking gentleman at the table across from me what he's studying.

"Statistics and algebra," he says.

She says, "Oh, I know the feeling. I just got my degree. Thankfully I didn't have to take statistics and algebra. Last time I did that it was in high school and I nearly failed."

The guy asks, "What kind of degree did you get."

She says, "A Masters in...(Captain wincing)...HUMAN RESOURCES!"

I just laugh.

They Had No Mustangs

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In my effort to continue to enjoy the decline, I went from Calgary to visit my buddy Khanh in Phoenix. We're going to do a hike (and I will be contacting those Cappy Cappite once we get back to see if we all can't rendezvous for a drink).

Regardless, I got to the car rental place and they didn't have the Ford GT Mustang in the color I wanted. So I had to settle for this:

Enjoy the Decline kids!

Post post - We were unaware of the dog at the time. We were in a rush to get to Petrified Forest National Park and just needed to get the picture and go.

The Economics of Renting Sports Cars

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Normally I am very frugal. Key to enjoying the decline is to participate in Minimalism so that you are free from any employer and what little money you do make can go much further. So how do you rationalize renting a sports car?

The key is to realize that Minimalism does not mean "starvation." You don't want to spend so little that you never treat yourself to anything and therefore prohibit yourself from enjoying the decline. And renting a sport car, though it may seem unnecessarily frivolous, is a perfect and "must-do-once" example of treating yourself.

Understand that it IS stupid to buy a sports car. If you think about it the vast majority of your driving will fall under "errands," "work," or "transportation." You're either picking something up, going to work, or driving to a particular destination, say on "vacation." A sports car achieves all these objectives, but at an incredible price. A cheap econo-car will suffice just as well and nobody will care nor expect you to be doing such things "in style."

However, there are instances where a sports car is called for. A hot date, a high end event, a big party (wedding for example, etc.). Instances and events where, very similarly, you would wear a tux, don a suit, or get a new dress. But since these events are so rare, it is better to rent the sports car than own.

THere are other advantages to renting a sports car instead of owning. First, insurance, maintenance, is a mere fraction of what it would be if you owned it. It is very similar to what we refer to in banking as the "Three F's. - if it floats, flies, of f%cks, rent it." Technically sports cars do none of the three, but is closely related to a boat in the infrequency use is called for. Second, once you buy a sports car (say a Corvette) you are committed to that one car. YOu get to sample no others and life is too short for that. Finally, it's not like you can constantly push the sports car to its limit. One of the biggest drawbacks of the Challenger was being able to drive around 170 MPH, but effectively being forced not to because it would be foolish - cops would be pulling me over left and right.

So the next time you are at the car rental joint and the situation calls for it, upgrade to the sports car of your choice. Life is too short not to.

I Am "Pro-Chicks Wearing Outfits"

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In case you ladies didn't know men are usually "pro-you wearing hot outfits."

Normally women think this has to relegate itself to Halloween, but any day other than Halloween works as well.

(warning Star-Trek and Myth Busters uber nerd references in the above linked post)

Bunnies Now Enjoying GLORIOUS HAT!

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Hero Bunny wearing GLORIOUS HAT!

Adventures in the Petrified Forest

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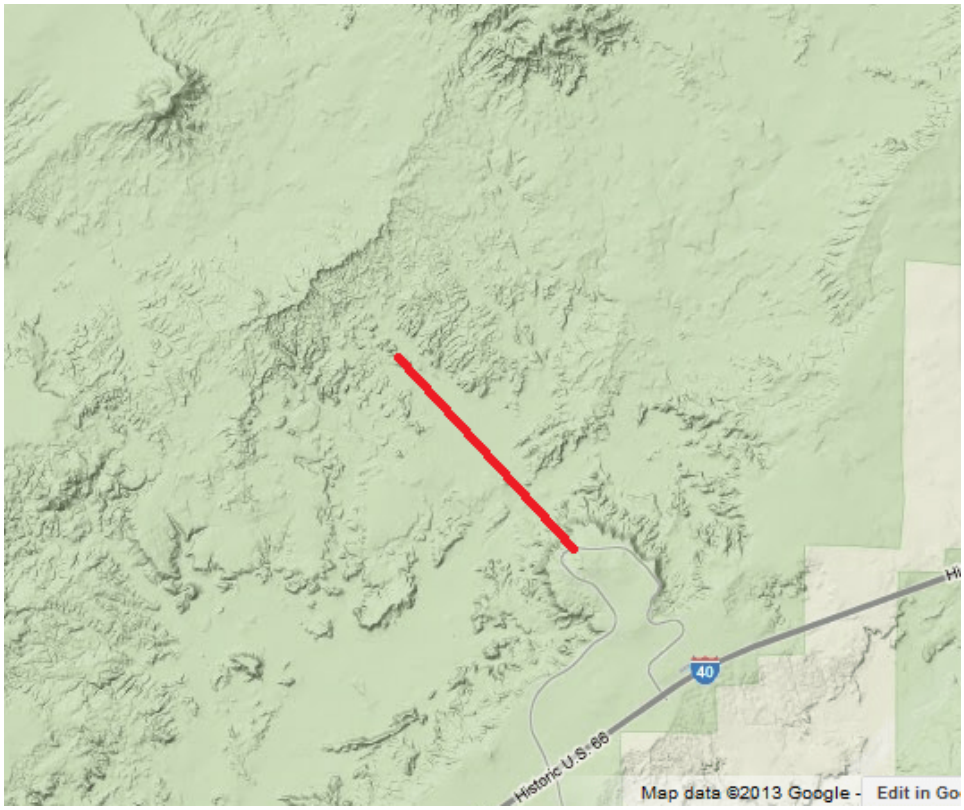
This was from Day #2 in enjoying the decline. My buddy Khanh and I headed out to Holbrook, AZ, immediately east of which is the Petrified Forest National Park. They unfortunatley close at 5PM, so we had to run across a basin to get to a hill I wanted to hike to originally. We were unable to make it due to a lack of time and had to run back. We were literally running across the basin which resulted in some serious "Mad Max Badassery" footage of which Khanh has.



Here's what it looks like out there:

Women Confuse Work With Freedom

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I'm not all on board with the "women must stay home" feel the article has, but the observations of how women have been sold a bill of goods is good.

I'm just waiting to see if women ever revolt when they realize they've been lied to or double down on the feminist BS they've been fed, forever denying them the opportunity to realize a family or marriage.

Regardless, it is very entertaining and we here at Manosphere Inc. are pulling out our lawn chairs and awaiting for the train wreck.

Dwindling Options for Aging American Women

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Very short, but OUTSTANDING piece.

Divorce is for the Chillllllldrennnnnnzzzz

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"Divorce is good!"

Kind of reminds me "the Germans are bad."

Review of "Cubanos in Wisconsin"

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"Cubanos in Wisconsin" is the first literary work of Silvio Canto, host of the radio show "Canto Talk." It is a memoir about growing up in pre-Castro Cuba, fleeing, and then having the fates settle Silvio and his family in far flung Wisconsin. You can tell Silvio has been meaning to write this memoir for a while, but unlike most people, he actually did, leaving not just his experience, but his wisdom for others to consume today and into the future.

I would be lying if I said the writing was grand. It's not. But it's not horrible either. However, his writing and prose is not the reason you should buy and read this book. It's because of the account of history he provides, the message he conveys, and the lessons to learn from it, lessons his more modern day Latino and Hispanic immigrant counter parts today should listen to.

First it reminds you just what a wretchedly evil and disgusting ideology communism was and is. Everything from a rapid decrease in the amount of goods and services available in the economy, to people's personal religions being outlawed, to the elimination of the individual. But the worst is the pure invasiveness of the filthy ideology. Within 2 years Silvio's life as a child goes from playing baseball and visiting his relatives to having "Mr. Bello" a mindless thug of Castro's "neighborhood watch" program interrogating his family why they have a "nice radio" and asking his mother for the children to work in the field. It provides a real, first person account of what the consequences are going from a moderately free capitalist system to one of tyrannical, but ideal, communism.

Second, what I found amazing in the book is how fast the changes took place, but the people were so slow to respond or even realize. At first, even before Castro takes over, people are already trying to ignore and dismiss the "bearded men playing rebel" or the high end department store being burned and nationalized. But soon enough communism rears its ugly head when baseball is outlawed, curfews enforced, Soviet troops are present, and Mr. Bello is in everybody's lives.

Third, though not related to communism was the nearly identical parallels of a young Cuban boy and that of a young American boy. They both love baseball, neither one of them really wants to study, they are always outsmarted and outguiled by their mothers, and they will come up with a way to have fun no matter where they are. It converts "some guy named Silvio" into your best friend or even yourself, just in a far off island in 1959.

Fourth, are outstanding instances of economics. Noticeably people behaving in response to a conquer and confiscate communist economy. A richer fellow would adorn his nieces

with incredibly valuable watches as he sent them off to Miami. Neighbors vouching for each other to undermine communist thugs. Even people throwing up their hands in defeat, quitting their day time jobs, and declaring themselves “communist” to play along and get a job. All the economic, social and psychological reactions of people to a vile system.

Finally, there is a great comparison to be made between Silvio’s education in Cuba vs. that of the US. Much like today, his teachers in Cuba were nothing more than socialist indoctrinators, putting political brainwashing first and education second (the “God vs. Castro and ice cream” bit is worth buying the book unto itself as it shows you just how disgusting communists are). But when he finally gets to the United States (unlike today) his teachers offer no political pressuring, review history, and aim to educate the children.

There are other pros (cute stories, it’s only 89 pages) and cons (sometimes unclear) to the book, but it should be purchased and read to every child (and adult) in America NOT because it rivals the works of Steinbeck, but because it is a mandatory example, lesson, and reminder as to where the path of socialism leads.

Why are Ex-Commies Pro-Gun?

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Amazing how people who lived under communism are all telling us to keep our guns.

Disgusting

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Warning - this topic is an uncomfortable one, so if you are of soft skin I suggest not reading.

At the Canadian Blogger Conference/Drinkfest my colleagues told me about a woman who was raped in Haiti, but blamed her rape on "white patriarchy." I found it impossible to believe and incredulous. A woman, no matter how warped her political beliefs, would not forgive the ultimate crime against a woman (rape).

We couldn't find the article and they were adamant it did happen, but after another 4 hours of drinking the conversation left my mind.

Until Aurini found it and e-mailed it to me.

I know this happened 3 years ago and many people have probably already read it. However, since it has been whitewashed from the internet, not nearly enough people know about this. Furthermore, it is important to bring up again, because it highlights just what a threat socialism, leftism and liberal is not just to the individual, but society.

First, let me state that leftism IS a mental disorder, cognitive dissonance being the slightest of the symptoms. For a brain to ignore reality and create rationalization and excuses so it can hold onto its flawed political ideology parallel to reality is dysfunctional. But if it gets to the point a person puts their political ideology ahead of their own personal sovereignty and well-being, then that is full out psychotic. Sadly, however, you see this happening all the time. Ignorant youth voting for "Obama" only to have him further endebt them. Women disproportionately voting for socialism even though it ruins their lives, etc. But to get to the point you are sexually violated and STILL stand up for your ideology (in this case, a sexist "anti-white" "anti-male" incredibly extreme version of leftism), leaves me speechless and is only more proof such ideological zealotry is not only psychotic, but self-destructive.

Second, realize why leftists (typically, though not always) tend to be the ones putting their ideology ahead of their own self-interests - they have nothing else to live for. They have no real value. If there is a reason to buy "Enjoy the Decline" it is because of the chapter "Revenge" where I go into detail as to just what sad and pathetic lives most liberals and leftists live. Look at your average leftists. What defines most of them is their fear of effort, rigor, challenge, and work. They are lazy. They don't want to try and they (ironically) spend more calories of energy trying to make things "fair" in life than they would have, had they tried. Ergo, they major in worthless degrees, pursue easy make-work careers, and really achieve nothing of value in their lives. They are worthless human

beings. But dare anybody hold them up to standards of production and the real world, they vehemently get violent, emotional, and accuse their accusers of false crimes (racism, sexism, bigotry, etc. etc.)

Amanda Kijera (the woman who blames her rape on people like me - white male) fits this bill perfectly, not out of coincidence, but because this is a law. She is a "civic journalist and activist" (I could not find her biography page). Not only is she contradictory (journalists should not be activists, they should be unbiased and be part of no activism group), she immediately confesses to the world she doesn't wish to try via her chosen "profession" and goes on some crusade to mask her ineptitude. But when the reality (in the horrific form of rape) confronts her ideology, she sacrifices herself so that her ideology may remain in tact.

The reason why is deep down inside she knows she, herself, has no value. And without her ideology she is nothing. Thus, the disgusting result of tolerating rape and blaming anybody but the rapist.

Third, and worst of all for the rest of us, when the individual is so meaningless, worthless, and pathetic, it bodes ill for the rest of society. Namely, it allows for a tyrannical state to take over. For if the individual has no meaning, then it will search for it in some form of a "false god." Some become "born again Christians," others join cults, but in a democracy well on its way on The Road of Serfdom an ever increasing state is more than happy to provide these weak minds with their false god. Educational systems are primarily there for indoctrination, making children believe "going green" and "sharing" trump individualism and success. Colleges and universities are there to provide "adult" minds the reason and rationale for taking other people's money. And the media and government are only too happy to make people focus on bread and circuses, as they slowly erode the individual behind closed doors. If there is a threat the Amanda Kijera's of the world pose to liberty and western civilization it is that they are so inferior in terms of accomplishment compared to their liberty-loving counterparts (and they loathe this fact so much), they are committed to the point of being raped to make everybody else equally worthless and miserable as them. They are so selfish they have no problems torpedoing the world's greatest society to maintain their petty cognitive dissonance.

In the end the reason you have a disgust in your stomach over a woman who was raped and then essentially blames you for it, isn't because of the false accusation. It's because of the fear that socialism can be so convincing of weak minds that it turns them into, mindless, selfless, ideological suicide bombers.

Intuit Payment Solutions Refuses Gun Purchases

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Another reason not to buy Intuit.

Btw, it's flagship products are Quickbooks, Turbo Tax and Quicken. Remember that this tax season.

Operation Coffee House V

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Because of my tight schedule today I had to forgo the regular hipster area of Minneapolis to find my fifth coffee shop and instead settle on one located near one of my free wood supply depots as I'm running short this year on heating wood. Unfortunately, the closest wood supply depot is in the suburbs which means I'm at a chain coffee store. Let's just say it starts with an "S" and ends with "arbucks."

However, even though it is cookie cutter coffee I believe visiting at least one of these chains provides me with a control group to compare and contrast against the heavily imbued hipster, uptown, koffee kulture.

First thing is parking.

One of these days the major cities will realize that if they want people to come to the city and spend their money then they should jettison their stupid parking laws and making parking free. they should also do away with meter maids and make their city (gasp) WELCOMING. You ever see a "meter maid" in the suburbs? No, of course not. This is (in part) why every major metro area in the US is essentially a donut - production, progress and high standards of living surrounding an empty hole of nothing as capital, workers, and innovators escape outwards from the city. Regardless, I sit here now without the annoying concern in the back of my mind

"*Did I read that parking sign right? What if they write tickets on even number days? Are there snow emergency restrictions? What if I get a false ticket (which I have before, Minneapolis will do that when particularly desperate for money). Is it worth going downtown to argue for $30?*"

I can just focus on this fine branch of a monster coffee conglomerate.

Second, the people are obviously better dressed, but they aren't trying. There is no "theme" to their clothing or fashion. ONe guy is in a suit and is working furoiusly. There is a 43 year old woman who was no doubt beautiful in her youth in a sweater and jeans. Two women dressed for the weather are sharing a conversation, and a high school kid with a letter jacket just walked in. Even though it is the suburbs, there is no homogeneity, everybody is doing their own thing, have their own personalities, and have their own lives. But think about that statement. I'm in the suburbs. The most compliant, boring, cookie cutter, SWPL culture in western civilization. And these people STILL have more diversity and non-conformity than their "koffee kulture hipster" counterparts as they aren't trying to "rebel," they're merely living their lives. Alas, I should perhaps refer to the cool uptown coffee drinkers as "koffee kulture conformists" for that is what they

are.

Music has probably been chosen by some marketing genius at Starbuck's HQ as a means to replicate as closely as possible to the underground music played in the city coffee houses. It sounds similar, but faked. Then again, I can't tell one touchy feely song sang by an emasculated man from another. Who knows, maybe the musician I'm listening to right now was one of those underground, local musicians who swore he would never go corporate until Starbucks offered him enough money that he gladly shed the faux-independent musician schtick and took the money.

The music actually just doesn't fit the people here. I remember listening to the Tom Leykis archives and he was just REAMING the likes of Starbucks and Caribou about how they overcharge for coffee. His rant was so effective he got somebody from Starbucks to call him and discuss why they charge so much. She literally said it was so people could have the "Starbucks Experience."

It just doesn't jibe.

The inner city coffee houses have a "culture." The suburbanite chain store doesn't. It's is merely like the people - functional. It's a place to stop by, get coffee, work, maybe even socialize, but then inevitably go about their day. Whatever "experience" Starbucks thinks it's offering doesn't exist. People came here for a purpose, not to mediate. This is now confirmed in that half the people who were here no more than 20 minutes ago have left. Contrast that with the cool koffee kulture, I think there's less than a 10% turnover and I've spent 2 hours at some places. Those people go there to GO THERE. They have nothing else to do…though of course, the same could be said of me.

I didn't get the coffee. I got a diet Coke.

The "Green Ninja"

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God, I knew this was going to happen.

OK, my first motorcycle was a Ninja 250, it was green. We said ***IN 2008***, "how bad would it be that the 'Green Ninja' sounded like a ghey super hero effeminate male cartoonists would create for the global warming scam."

And wow, WOW! what do you know! Some effeminate male cartoonist, who would be the last person women would want walking them home late at night, came up with the idea!

How about we teach this indoctrinating socialist pansy a lesson and "thumbs down" his little cartoon (because, I know it sounds sad, but "thumbs down" actually means something to these people).

Cripes.

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Bad Boys of the Bakken

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Leave it to a feminist to cite a NYT article about women "feeeeeeeeling" not as safe, to make readers infer those nasty, dirty, disgusting boys are just a bunch of thugs and rapists in Williston...

when the empirical data shows Williston is safer and has less crime than the national average.

Oh, and how about we compare Williston to lefty utopias like;

Chicago
New York
San Francisco

You know what keeps men from committing crimes?

Jobs.

Not government handouts.

Conservative states and cities have jobs, liberal states and cities have handouts. Your Detroit utopia's are the places you have to worry about. Not a bunch of cowboys out in the prairie too busy knocking out 16 hours work days of physical labor.

It is here I would go into a rant about how it's possible for children like Jez to even have the presence she does, especially with just outright false data/information, but then I remember that the country is full of idiots who want to be lied to and worrying about such matters is antithetical to Enjoying the Decline.

I'd just like to see the average 42 year old Jezebel reader with her "Masters in English" pull a salary akin to an 18 year old welder on the Bakken.

It's Call Capital Flight

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

The State Owns That, Not You

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Looks like another democrat over in California doesn't understand the concept of private property. This time, it's a professional sports team. There's a chance Steve Ballmer (of Microsoft) is interested in buying some California sports franchise and moving it to Seattle. The democrats in the state senate don't like that, even though that franchise is not theirs and they have no right to it.

You want to see how psychotic leftists are and why the path they're taking us down requires you never forfeit your guns, this is it.

Enjoy the Schadenfreude!

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New feature kids!

If you look under the "Donate Babe" picture to the right, you'll see a new and very welcomed category to Captain Capitalism

"Enjoy the Schadenfreude."

It's exactly what you'd expect. Blogs and web sites where the authors are completely unaware their musings are confirming everything we knew was going to happen, allowing us warm "I told you so" and "schadenfreude" fuzzies!

If you know of any other blogs and web sites where liberals, leftists, feminists and hamsters about to hit the wall wax poetically about reality crushing their fragile perception of life, please let me know!

A Harsh Fact for Men to Accept

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The "Leykis Clause" is in effect for this post. You have been warned. Complaints about the nature of this post will be ignored.

I checked in with Dr. Helen to see if her book is available yet.

It isn't, not till JUNE of 2013...curse you Dr. Helen.

Regardless, I came across this post about a guy who can get a girl on a handful of dates, even (if you'll pardon the phrase) "bed her," but inevitably they find something wrong with him and either never call back or break it off.

Helen charts this up to women having too high of expectations, and while I will agree with her that that can certainly be the case many times, I have a more blunt and probably more apt reason why -

you didn't rock her world in bed.

Yes, I know that is harsh, but we are men and this is the Manosphere, so let us not be fragile little princesses and shoot the messenger. Let us accept this as truth, and thus, in a very manly fashion, improve ourselves.

It certainly can be the case that you didn't meet all 327 requirements on her mandatory check list. I get that and wouldn't doubt that accounts for a majority of reason why women stop calling. But if everything is going "great" and all of the sudden she changes her mind, it leads me to believe there was something much more carnal, and thus, your failure of performance.

Now before you get too down on yourself, let us be honest and admit no guy is a rock star in bed 100% of the time. You're tired, you're not in the mood, you drank too much, you didn't drink enough, and sometimes the chemistry just isn't there. It could also be her - she had bad breath, she said something that just killed your excitement, her bra and bottom didn't match (all experienced by el Capitan) - and thus you were not Jeremy Irons in bed. But if it seems to be a recurring phenomenon then you need to improve your performance.

However, I do not mean that in a Viagra commercial sort of way. I mean that in you got to hit the gym and do laps and lift weights sort of way. You need to improve your physical appearance. Performance in bed is one thing, the tactics of which can range from imaging your grandpa playing basketball in black socks to thinking about what you

have to do at work the next day. I'm assuming you have that covered. But the hard part (heh heh heh) is making yourself physically attractive to the point the girl is physically attracted to you enough you needn't have to perform so much in bed. Additionally, beyond physical improvement you can also increase your verbal game, letting your charm and charisma make things easier for you in bed. Focusing on these things (which you should be anyway) wins over the girl's mind where 90% of the battle occurs anyway (well, at least according to GI Joe it does, and knowing is half the battle).

Do not, however, at the same time just ASSUME you suck in bed. If there's any mistake men have made, it is erroneously blaming themselves. A 327 point check list is probably the reason she stopped calling. That being said, you should ensure that is the case by ensuring your performance is not in question.

Since When Did They Care About Talent?

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Last I recall Wall Street was more concerned about networking, ass-kissing, brown-nosing, rent-seeking, bailouts, handouts, bribing, and lobbying.

Since when did they ever care about talent?

Baby Boomer Bosses - Part 2

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Why are you forcing us to commute in 2013?

The Captain Makes the Washington Times!

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Happy Day Lieutenants!

Diversity Trumps Rape

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats. Leftists and liberals have no value because they achieve nothing in life. Therefore, the only thing they have is their religion or ideology - leftism. And since that is the only thing they have, they will let the most heinous and evil acts go unpunished if stopping or disciplining them would be against their ideology.

Cumulative "Dating Debt"

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Haley is correct in her analysis, but the problem many men are going to have is this sort of historical "trade deficit" and cumulative "dating debt" that has been amassed over the past two generations where women have clamored to be treated EXACTLY the same as men, but then want to hold onto old fashioned norms that financially benefit them. The solution is in part what she recommends (cheap dates for the first few dates), but to also realize the money spent, however hypocritically, in the past is a sunk cost. Men merely shoot themselves in the foot holding women up to the EXACT same standards as men, while we all know

biologically
genetically
and
naturally

women want to be women deep down inside. Therefore it is wise to pay for the girl's meal or (better yet) drinks (while you let Poindexter and her beta orbiters pay for dinner and chocolates).

However, if that nagging cumulative dating debt is still bothering you and you want retribution the solution is simple. No second dates for feminists. If the woman clamors about being a feminist and how independent she is (while you pick up the check) that is a small price to pay for vital information. She's not marriage material. Simply don't ask her out for a second date and reserve your money for a woman that likes being a woman. Time will extract its revenge in the long run. And it will manifest itself primarily in the form of inaction and indifference on your part.

When the Government Replaces Men

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this is what you get.

I'm kind of curious though. What precisely do feminists intend to derive joy from in their lives? I've already admitted that the single largest source of happiness for a guy is another gal, and visa versa. What ELSE would you derive joy from?

Oh, I know, I know. Intellectual pursuits, hobbies, production, living the dream.

But before this feminist claptrap was forced upon society, men and women were designed to be together, either through divine design or darwinistic evolution, and was your largest source of joy and happiness. Now that feminism has claimed that is no longer the case, and men have gone their own way, where does that leave feminists? Precisely what does the accomplished, government-subsidized Swedish woman do to make herself happy?

Play Parcheesi?

Snuggle up to the government check at night?

What a hellish existence.

Of course, a self-inflicted one, but that's what makes it so entertaining.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

What Every 14 Year Old Boy Needs to Hear

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Men, you need to take your sons (14 years old or not, every male really needs to read this) and make them read this.

I'm not even going to dissect it on account it should be painfully clear what you and your sons should pull from this. And trust me, you will save your sons an immeasurable amount of pain and grief in the future showing them this and explaining it to them rather than letting them go into the meat grinder uninformed.

Right, Blame Sarkozy

January 29, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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God, do leftists ever own up to anything?

I hope Sarkozy is enjoying the decline.

The Aaron Clarey Show - Prototype

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Greetings all. Here's the first/prototype podcast of "The Aaron Clarey Show." I'll be experimenting with different recording devices, platforms, etc., until I kind of "perfect the art" thus, your harsh and crushing criticism is welcomed.

THe link above will take you to "Box.com" which is the online storage service I am using. You can download the MP3 by clicking on the "download" button on the top right of the linked page.

New Sponsor - Delusion Damage

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Delusion Damage, if you didn't know, is an aggregator-site that compiles all the various libertarian, manosphere, freedom, etc., posts and sites out there.

However, he also has a cheap, thorough, and effective tutorial on how to start a web site. A la Khan's Academy, it is free, he just wants you to visit it and consult the site before you start building a site. A perusal of the site shows it goes beyond the basics of just "Setting up" a site, but also how to get high ranks in google searches and so forth.

If you are considering starting a site, I strongly recommend this be your first stop.

The Federal Reserve Doesn't Produce Anything!

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Sorry, just had to rant:

It's Because You're Ugly Joan Brady

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And fat, I might add.

Let me explain this nice and clear to all you western women that have been lied to for the past 4 decades about what you "deserve" and what "reality" is.

Men like hot, skinny, in shape chicks.

That's a fact.

That's the truth.

And the sooner you learn that, the better.

Not for any misogynist or patriarchal reasons, but quite the opposite -because it's for your own best interests.

Men will, have, and always will like the hot skinny chicks. You can ignore that, claim it's "shallow" or "evil," vilify it all you want,

it won't change reality.

It will only serve to worsen your life by providing you the erroneous rationale to live in a delusional and false world that will never serve nor help you. Men will not suffer from it, you will. Because in the end, no matter how much you claim "men should like you for your personality" the TRUTH is (there's that damn word again) your personality is only one part of a list of vital and key ingredients for us to really like you. So, yes, I'm sorry Joan Brady's of the world, you need to lose some weight and that non-realistic picture is better looking than you are.

What would be nice for a change is to let boys be boys, have their fun and let them have their innocent 1950's pin up classical poster for a rodeo without some bitter, morbidly obese sow ruining the fun for the rest of us.

But hey, you go ahead and be "that girl" that ruins the fun for everybody else. I'm sure that will send the boys rushing to propose to your metric tonnage ass.

Cripes.

OH, and vote in the poll at the end to make sure these idiots realize basic human sexuality and adult maturity are not going anywhere.

Help Protect a Veteran from His Own Government

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Here's the story.

Here's where you can help.

When the Wedding is More Important Than the Groom

February 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

Just can't make this shit up anymore.

It's Gone to the Dogs

February 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Zoey and Oscar are enjoying the decline!

Smart dogs!

"Dow-gasms"

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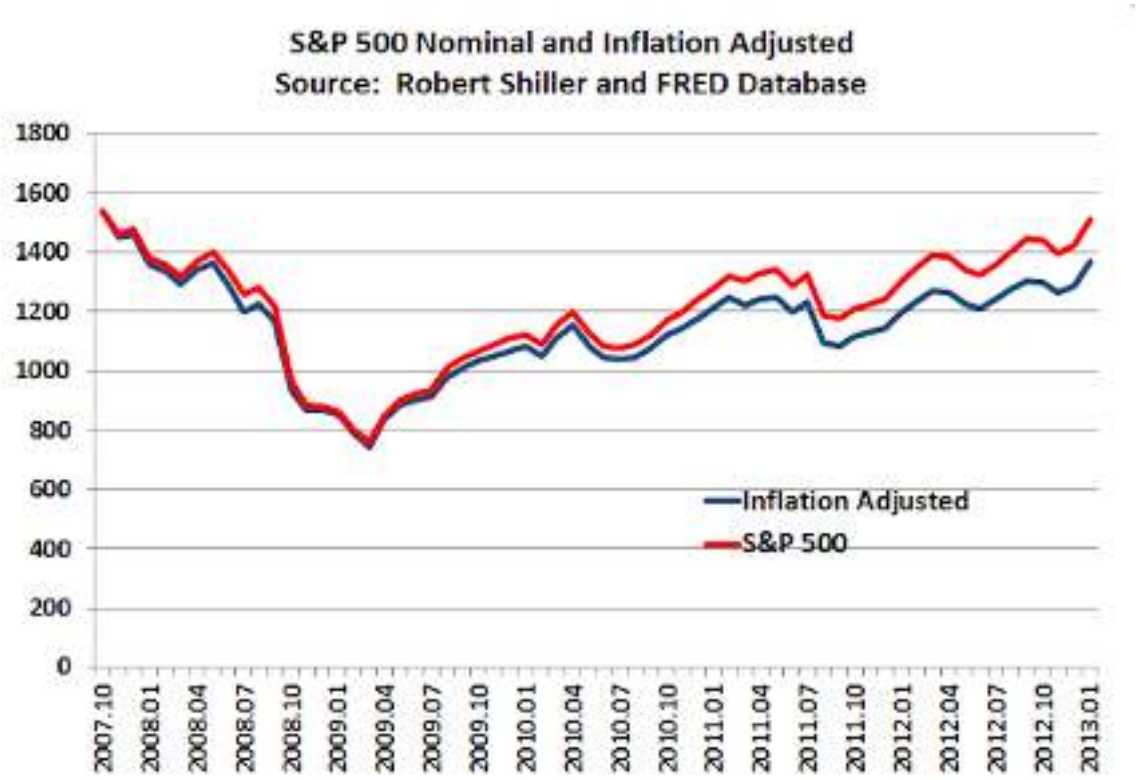
Ooo! 14,000 DJIA!!!! Yea!!!!! We broke even!!! Yeaaaaa!!!!

Did you adjust for inflation? Because if you did, you're still down 11%



So, let me see if I get this right. If the stock market basically remains static for 5 years and inflation erodes at your real value, we celebrate?

My, Obama certainly has created a much lower "new normal."

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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I debated putting this one up on account of it's crassness, sadness, and just plain shock value. However, it dawned on me that this stuff, however, distasteful, needs to be highlighted because it needs to be:

1. acknowledged
2. shamed
3. and prevented so as to stop what is nothing more than child abuse

We get a lot of guff here in the Manosphere, accusations of hating women, being against the family, etc., but if there is an argument as to the importance of fathers, this is it. If there is something where you should really be thinking of the children, this is it.

I will warn you that it is grotesque, it is wrong, and it is definitely not safe for work. You will want to look at it for only a mere couple of seconds and you'll get the idea.

Appalling and shameful.

Do not tell me fathers are not vital.

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Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person

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Greetings all!

In line with experimenting with a podcast, a young reader and I have been doing a series of interviews titled "Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person." Specifically, Jorge Gonzales, a young reader contacted me and wanted to share his experiences starting from high school to graduating from college to trying to find a job today. He wanted to share his story as a means to advise and warn young people about to enter college about the risks and pitfalls he faced in the hopes others could avoid them.

The series is still being recorded, but we have the first few installments recorded. Here is the first segment,

"The High School Vegan Kid."

(ps - if people are still having "bandwidth" problems downloading these MP3's let me know!)

Again, With the Kindle Thing

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OK, I keep getting questions about whether I have books on Kindle so I want to make a statement

ALL OF MY BOOKS ARE ON KINDLE!!!!!!

The links on my site USUALLY go to the paperback, but if you click around you should find the Kindle link. I mean, come guys, if anything you can go to Amazon.com and just search for it. They're there and they're cheap.

The Conservative Sociologist Enjoys the Decline!

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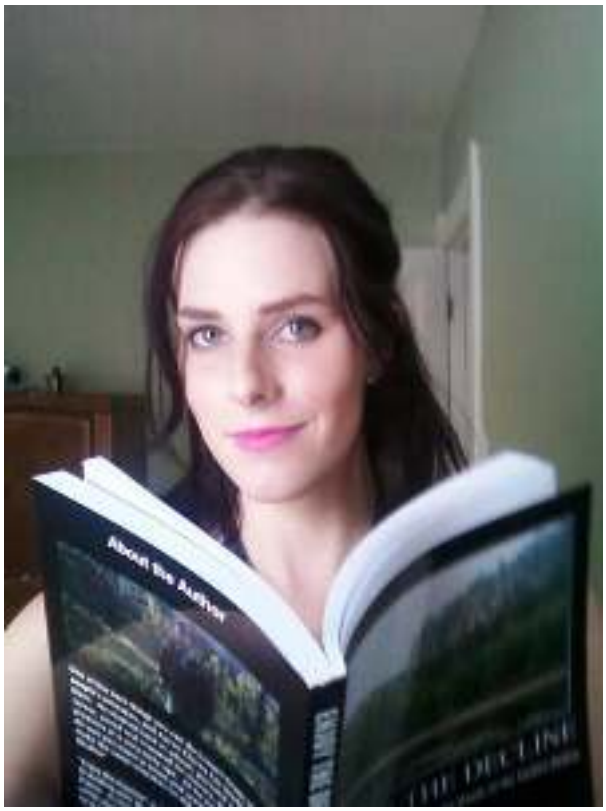
Our Polish Agent in the Field is enjoying the decline!



If you are enjoying the decline, send the ole Captain your photos with the book! (e-mail can be found under profile)

Bonus points will be awarded for creativity or just outright sexiness.

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Correct.

Danny De Gracia II Is Enjoying the Decline!

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From our Hawaiian Latino Agent in the Field:

Clarey's book is a booster rocket in assisting American minds to reach escape velocity from the dense, oppressive gravity of government ponzi schemes and special interest lies. You don't need to be an economist to understand or appreciate his book. It's short, forthright and a liberating read you won't want to miss.

Hey, why aren't you enjoying the decline too!?

Another Cute Girl Enjoying the Decline

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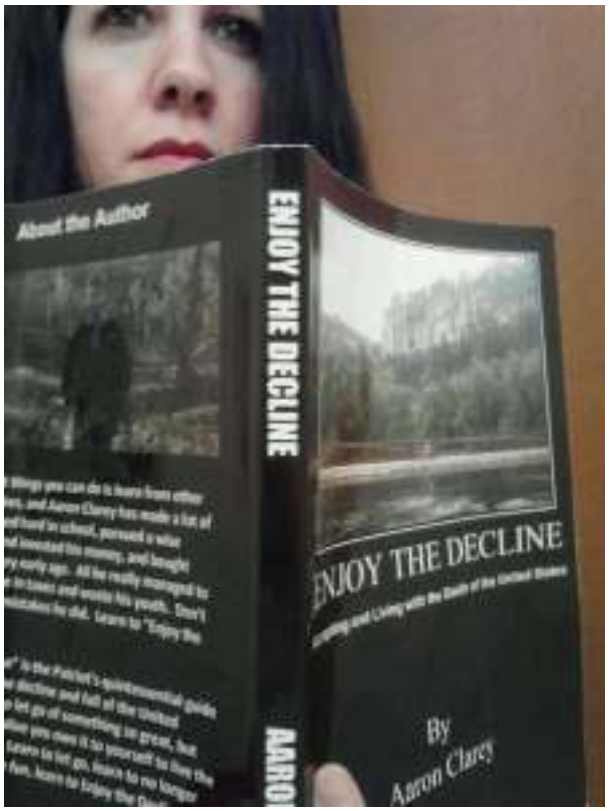
Our Bostonian Jewish Agent in the Field is enjoying the decline!



If you want to send your photo in of you enjoying the decline, please feel free!

INSTALANCHE!!!!

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Glenn Reynolds was kind enough to link to me again! Unfortunately, I will not be able to buy another AR 15 with the proceeds like I did the last time, because, well, there aren't any to buy.

However, when people get excited about an "Instalanche" I hear in my head the sound from a pinball video game MULTIBALL!!!!!

My "Russian Ballet Dancer" Story

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It was about five, maybe six years ago.

The salsa scene in Minneapolis was at its peak and I was also at the peak of my game. I was in the top 5% of salsa dancers, I was able to bench 175 pounds, run 10 miles, and there really wasn't a girl that said no. I was making great coin both teaching dance and in banking, and not that I wasn't confident before, but I was supremely confident now.

Thus when I saw the perfectly sculpted, tight little bodied brunette, I was unfazed in my approach.

We danced ONE song. I knew not to ask her to dance again that night. She was too good looking. Every player would be suffocating her. I would demonstrate superior "market value" by dancing with every other girl in the club and wait till the next time I met her to dance. I'd be aloof, and my aloofness would set me apart.

Just one problem.

When the song ended and I bid her farewell by saying, "thanks for the dance," she didn't leave, but rather followed me outside to where my friend and I had a table. I didn't notice until I turned around to sit and saw that she had followed me out.

This was odd. She was about a 9.8. No girl in the history of 9.8 girls ever did that. And hotornot rated me only an 8.6, at least one standard deviation away to make this statistically significantly odd.

She said, "Can I join you?"

My friend and I looked at each other, mentally shrugged our shoulders at one another, and said "sure."

She was Russian. Formally trained as a ballet dancer and had performed many times in Moscow. She moved to the states about 6 years ago and was currently attending the University of Minnesota for a degree in Business. I also went to the same school and so an intelligent and familiar conversation broke out.

It was soon apparent to me and my friend that this woman was definitely from the former Soviet Bloc. She was cultured, she was educated, she spoke intelligently, she was polite, she was skinny, and above all else, she didn't seem to play games. She wanted to sit and talk with us and even asked me to dance a couple more times. Had I been just 2 years

younger I would have entertained idealistic thoughts of her being "The One," but experience and cool head made it so I played my cards right. After another 90 minutes of conversation, interspersed with me excusing myself to dance "with another friend," I said I had to get home to go to bed (which I didn't) and left the club. We exchanged numbers and if I recall correctly, she called me first. She wanted to go dancing again.

We went on a couple genuine "dates." Nothing seemed to be wrong with this girl. She was intelligent, she had a sense of humor, she picked up on my jokes, and we developed a handful of inside jokes which bonded us further. I had the coveted "Russian Ballet Dancer" in my convertible and as far as I could tell, she was into me.

After the token third date we returned to my house for the third-date-tradition-mandated sex.

And that's when the other shoe dropped.

It was apparent she was uncomfortable taking her clothes off. Her body was perfect, so I had no idea why, but once we became intimate she started crying.

I stopped and asked what was wrong.

Turns out she was a mail order bride. She was brought to the US by a sergeant in the airlift wing at Fort Snelling. Apparently, he enjoyed beating the crap out of her while having sex, thus scarring her from sex for the rest of her life. Again, if it was 2 years earlier, I would have had overly idealistic expectations and this would have phased me and made me angry. By now I just learned there was always going to be a critical deal breaker with every girl.

Since sex was off the table, so was she, and we reverted to friendship.

The next six months I would invite her out with my friends. The reason she originally wanted to sit with me and my friend was that she just got out of her abusive relationship and had no social network. Her husband made her a kept woman are rarely let her out of the house. Having pity on her and wanting to make sure she could enjoy and healthy social life with quality friends I welcomed her into my "Crew." We'd invite her out dancing, we took her to her first "drive in," and welcomed her into our little club. I even had her come to my parent's house with other "Orphans" (friends whose parents lived too far away or were dead) for Christmas. She was a good friend, but by the 7th or 8th month, she started becoming flaky. We'd invite her out, she'd cancel at the last minute. She said she was on her way, and she'd never show. It got to the point she become "one of those people" who you could rely on being unreliable.

I didn't inquire, let alone care, because I wasn't dating her, but she kept mentioning her

new female friends she made and that they were always going to down town clubs. She lived downtown and so it was convenient for her, but it become a less frequent event to see her, and a common event to have her flake.

Her 30th birthday was coming and knowing she didn't have a cemented social network, just the teenybopper girls she was hanging out with, me and my friends decided to throw a surprise birthday party for her. I even wrote her a spoof "children's book" to address an inside joke we had about Russian buffaloes. Everybody was at my house. We had the decorations, a big "Happy 30th Birthday Sign," and everybody was dressed up.

It was 6:15, she was supposed to be there at 6:00. Where was she?

I called her.

Sure enough, she said she was going to cancel on us and go night clubbing with her friends.

I lost it.

I yelled at her like a father would a spoiled and inconsiderate child. I told her all of her friends had set aside time in their day to celebrate her 30th birthday and...well..you get the idea.

She felt guilty enough she showed up, but I decided to 86 the evening plans we had for her.

Instead of dinner at Mancini's I moved dinner to a shitty and cheap Chinese restaurant in the burbs.

Instead of salsa dancing at Babalu, I said we *might* catch a movie.

And instead of friends showing up, I had them scramble with the understanding we'd rendezvous after I'd ditch the ballet dancer at a yet to be determined venue.

I even opted to hold onto the book I made for her because I found it an interesting conversation piece.

What few people who did show up for the Chinese dinner didn't much talk to her. I ignored her, and mere small talk was sent her way. The tab came, nobody volunteered to pay for her "birthday dinner," and I said, "well, have a good night everybody." And we left. It was the last I'd see of her for 5 years.

The "post game analysis" was one of unanimity. We all came to the same conclusion,

even the women - she was "Americanized." She ran into a cackle of modern day, 20 something American bar flies that were accustomed to being the standard discourteous, inconsiderate flakes most American girls had become. She went from a refined, dignified, adult, mature, intelligent, and interesting person, to just another typical shallow, hollow, mass-produced flake. She went from something unique and special, to something common and worthless. And in doing so she lost what I consider to be one of the highest quality group of friends and any shot at a man of better quality than her abusive sergeant ex-husband.

It wasn't until I saw her 5 years later that time took its toll and delivered its revenge. She didn't have the tight little body, she was pudgy.

She didn't have perfectly smooth skin. It was starting to wrinkle.

She didn't dress immaculately as she once did. She was dressed unappealingly.

And I noticed her current cadre of friends were not as reliable or interesting as my Crew.

I was glad to see she was so successful at transforming herself into another everyday, average American woman.

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For the 20 Somethings

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You can pick up the album here.

Darien Long for President

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"What you do is clean up the neighborhood so other businesses can come in and downtown Atlanta can prosper."

Party on Wayne. Party on Darien.

A Scantily Clad Natasha Enjoys the Decline

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Natasha is enjoying the decline...probably more than most! You should too!

On a related note we will be continuing the "pretty ladies" segment of advertising "Enjoy the Decline" because...well...we'd be insane not to. If you are so bold (and are of the female persuasion obviously) you may e-mail your picture to the ole Captain at "CAPTcapitalism -at- yahoo (dot) com" Just ensure to have a copy of the book in the picture. You may CERTAINLY dress a bit more provocatively not just because it will boost sales, but as it just so happens we're kicking around doing a 1940's pin up girl themed calendar with the lovely ladies of Cappy Cap.

Marilyn Monroe is Enjoying the Decline!

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Oh, wait. That's Suz! I keep confusing the two!

Regardless, Enjoy the Decline!

Escape from Cuba

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If you haven't done so already, I strongly recommend picking up a copy of "Cubanos in Wisconsin." This book was written by my good friend, Silvio Canto, the host of Canto Talk. I'll be on his show this Thursday.

The real reason you should buy his book is because it is a direct refutation of all the leftist tripe your teachers and professors are feeding your kids. This one book will dispel any notions about Cuba, Castro and communism being some kind of misunderstood ideology that just "hasn't been implemented right." It shows via personal account just what a despicable and evil regime it is and how innocent people suffer. I believe if you have some lippy kid coming back from college this summer with stupid ideas planted in his head, this would be an ideal gift to hit him upside the head with.

Score One for the Good Guys

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What do I keep telling you boys about vasectomies. Thankfully, this story ended well.

Why Minimalists Artists are Nothing More Than Talentless Lazy Communists

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I intuitively knew that because of their horrible art, "minimalists" and modern day "artists" (heavy quotes) are nothing more than children looking for somebody else to pay them to make what can only be considered

talentless,
childless,
worthless,
crap.

The Dowd Crowd

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This post is intended to help all women, but primarily women under the age of 30. I cannot emphasize enough how sincere and honest I am about this statement - this post ***is*** *intended to help you. It may not seem it at first, but if you can permit yourself an open mind and hear me through you will see that not only is that my intention, but the post itself will actually prove helpful, especially to younger women.*

If you don't know Maureen Dowd, don't worry. It just means you're not old. But to give you the quick 1-2 on her she is arguably the original "*East coast, liberal, feminist woman who lives in New York and pines about socio-romantic topics, as well as politics*" type gal (hence referred to as ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP). Three decades ago she was "hot" and not just physically, but publishing wise as well. Sure she'd dispense advice on politics and economics, but an edge she had was on relationships with men with a feminist twist. Men aren't needed. Who needs men. Women are the new up and coming leaders, blah blah blah. She was heralded, many newspapers (remember those things) wanted to publish her and because of her moxie, she sold.

30 years later Maureen Dowd has paved the way for a new generation of "*East coast, liberal, feminist women who live in New York and pine about socio-romantic topics, as well as politics*" type gals. Obviously younger than her, they still dispense courtship, dating and romantic advice to younger women through a feminist and liberal lens. And though they deliver their message through a new media, the message largely remains unchanged. If anything, it is a more purified and modern version of feminism and leftism.

But I had this nagging thought. And, as I'm prone to do, I researched it.

Maureen has been dispense advice for all these years. And her disciples, some not so young, have also been dispensing advice for years.

Since they seem to be experts on dating, romance, men, and courtship, just how successful have they been in their lives in these regards, and therefore, should young women even be listening to them in the first place.

Off the bat I will admit this is not 100% scientific. This is "what I had to work with." If you can believe me I was intellectually honest in my research and data mining because I too was curious what the reality was. In short I was not looking for any one answer, but I genuinely wanted to know if these "experts" who consult, advise, and inform the younger women of today as to how to go about their love lives (not to mention professional lives) know what the hell they're talking about.

The first step was to get a list of all the "ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's." After eliciting my readership for a list, as well as compiling known women that would fall into this category, I came up with the following ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's:

Virginia Heffernan
Sandra Tsing Loh
Ellen Fein
Elizabeth Gilbert
Maureen Dowd
Emily Bazelon
Lindy West
Amanda Marcotte
Jessica Valenti
Jill Filipovic
Carolyn Hax
Hanna Rosin
Pamela Gwyn Kripke
Liz Jones
Millie Kerr
Lori Gottlieb

Now keep in mind, though the tone of my post thus far sounds hostile, I tried my best to make this list as intellectually honest and scientific as possible. For example many people would say, "Why is Lori Gottlieb on there? She came out admitting she was wrong!"

Correct, but for all those years she DID dispense advice as a ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP. Her epiphany or realization is after the fact.

Or for example I did not put Kate Bolick or Kay Homywitz on the list, despite my readership saying I should, in that they did not write articles that were of the feminist variety ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's did.

Additionally a lot of my readers just sent me feminists in general. There was a feminist lawyer, a handful of professors, but none of them were "writers" or "journalists" who opined about dating and men.

In short the list is the most comprehensive list of your stereotypical, left wing, feminist widsom dispensing journalists who for some reason all need to live on the east coast (I will entertain more to add to my database to further improve my research). They met these criteria and there is no "passion" or "emotion" about it.

The next thing I did was research their profiles to the extent I could to find out the

following traits or "variables" about them:

Are they Currently Married?
Have They Ever Been Divorced?
Was their Undergraduate Degree in a Real (STEM) Field?
Do They Have Children?
Their Looks on a Scale of 1-10 (as rated by me)
Do They Have an Advanced Worthless Degree
Are They Employed in "Real Private Sector Work?"
Age

The reason I picked these variables is because I believed these metrics would not only be of interest to younger women (as to measure their success in romantic and courtship life), but they sure as hell are to men. Ergo, while there may be some debate as to whether young women would find these variables the correct ones to measure success, there is no debate whatsoever these are the variables men definitely look at.

Are they Currently Married?

As it stands right now the majority of the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's are not married. Only 37.5% were married. I did take some liberty with the younger ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's where it was clear they weren't, so there is some room for criticism there, but the fact does not change that the majority of them are not married. It should also be of note not ONE of the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's is under 30. So it's not like these are recent college graduates just getting their careers off the ground. They're been around for a while and very few are married.

However, in intellectual honesty I do have to state that if you take out the 30 somethings and just focus on the 40+ crowd 55% are married.

Therefore if you are a young woman and your goal is to be married by your 30's there is a less than 38% chance of that happening. However, if you wait till you're 40's or older, there's only a 45% chance you won't reach that goal, chances akin to "betting on red" in roulette.

Ever Divorced?

Nobody likes divorce. I think I can safely say that without leftist nit-pickers saying some people do.

Half of theECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's have been divorced.

Normally this would not be concern for alarm because "half of all marriages end in

divorce." The problem is that women with college degrees statistically have significantly lower divorce rates. And all of these women have at least a bachelors. In other words, they are doing worse than their peer group. Unless you consider divorce a "success" (which no doubt some of them do), their performance have failed in this regard.

Worthless Undergad

My hatred and loathing of worthless degrees is no secret. But my passion against these worthless scraps of paper does not change the fact that those who are less intelligent, less rigorous, and just plain lazy pursue easier degrees. Only 1 woman in the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP group has a worthwhile undergrad (Sandra Tsing Loh, surprisingly), the rest all have what can be considered worthless degrees (English and Journalism accounting for nearly all of them). Admittedly there is some selection bias in most of these people are "journalists/writers" but it does not change the fact that at the age of 18 they purposely and knowingly chose cake degrees that avoided math at all costs (it is also interesting to note how many of them "married" into a magazine or a sizable blog)

Do They Have Children?

Good news young ladies. 60% of them do have children! And remember, about 5 of the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's are still in their 30's. So if you want to have kids there's a good chance that will happen. But there is a drawback. Of the women past menopause or at the age where it's too risky to have children (my cut off was 44) one third will go childless throughout their lives.

Single Moms

Only 25% of these women are single moms. Admittedly some by choice, because many of them subscribe to the philosophy fathers aren't needed (one even saying single mothers are better than married parents for the children). But it is still good news you only stand a 1 in 4 chance of being a single mom. However, remember a fair amount of these women were "young" still in their 30's and never married, thereby not allowing them the chance to become single mothers. If you go to 40+ 44% of them are single mothers. In short, in order to get divorced and be a single mom you have to live long enough to get married, have kids, and then get divorced. Though, again, many in this control group would not be against the turkey baster method.

Looks

The average score of a ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP is a surprisingly average 5.39. Also of note was just how plain and average most of them were. Nearly half fell in the 4.5-5.5 range. The high score was an 8.5 and the low score was a 2.75. Scoring was based on

what I found attractive. Scoring was also not adjusted for age. If the woman WAS hot in her youth, it didn't matter. If she was old she got a lower score. It was my visceral response to what she looks like today. I also had to search high and low for "real" pictures. Not glossied up, "glamor shot" pics. Which I found out that feminists would resort to such fake, patriarchal nonsense that was beneath them.

Advanced Worthless Degrees

A statistic merely to quench my curiosity, 53% of ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's have advanced degrees. Naturally all of these advanced degrees were in worthless fields, namely English, Journalism, and Law.

Real Employment

Real employment is defined as genuine economic production that people willingly pay for and is not the consequence of nepotism, cronyism, government financing, or non-profits. Namely, are you producing something of value or are you in a field that produces something of value. Again, sample bias skews this statistic as I do not consider blogging or modern day journalism a real profession (let alone for "Slate" or "Salon" or your husband's newspaper), but I did award full and partial points if they had written a book or something that people willingly purchased and seemed to have some genuine economic productive value. 23% of them can be considered "legitimately employed."

Age

The average age of the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's was 43.6 years. 30 was the youngest (which was a charitable estimate) and 61 was the oldest.

Other Non-Statistical Observations

Nearly all of these women are employed by/write for Salon, Slate, Huffington Post, and Jezebel. It suggests to me an oligopoly or cartel wherein the network is tight, the cadre is small, but because of the reach and connections within the blog/journalism/east coast media monopoly they seem larger and more influential than they really are.

Supporting this is the sheer number of what I would consider "faux awards" these women received. Everyone seemed to have multiple awards from multiple organizations, most of which I've never heard of. After reading enough profiles you didn't "get the impression," you *outright knew* these were nothing but a bunch of "pat yourself on the back participation trophies." The impression of this segment of American media I was left with was that it was nothing more than a house of cards. All "yea for us we're all winners" akin to the minimalist art community. In other words any kind of media presence they have is largely fabricated, but necessary to market their writing/product.

Non-profit employment was rife. Again, suggesting the free market where people willingly part with their dollars was not the driving force or purpose behind their employment, but rather charity or politics in the form of a non-profit benefactor.

The Question I Have for Young Women

Now, let's summarize all the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's into one imaginary "cumulative, average woman."

The average ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP is:

- a 44 year old woman
- who is unlikely to be married
- likely to be divorced
- likely to have children
- with a good chance she will be a single mother
- doesn't have a real degree or a real profession
- but went to school for 6 years on average for it anyway
- and is very average looking coming in at a 5.4

Do you REALLY want to become that?

I don't care what they write. I don't care what they say. And I don't care how sweet it may sound to your young, naive, gullible and VERY INEXPERIENCED ears.

Do you really want to be a divorced, middle aged woman with a hobby that you desperately try to pawn off as a career?

Look, while it may be cool, even intellectually stimulating, even "empowering" to think of men as the enemy, to think of men as "oppressors," or to use words fabricated in academia like "patriarchy" or "male normative," all you are doing in the long run is merely alienating yourself from the other half of the population to have some false sense of pride in your youth. The other half that (despite what the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's would say) can and most likely WILL play a vital role to your future happiness.

What you have to do is THINK INDEPENDENTLY and not let the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's indoctrination ruin your life by transforming you into one of them. Realize there is nothing wrong with liking men, or wanting to have children, or wanting a husband, or (GASP) wanting to be a housewife or stay-at-home mom. Additionally, there's nothing wrong with being beautiful or feminine or the epitome of female. There's nothing wrong with dresses, there's nothing wrong with heels, there's nothing wrong with long hair and (GASP!) there's nothing wrong finding joy in pleasing your husband/boyfriend/man. This isn't to say you HAVE to be a stay at home mom and

CAN'T pursue a degree in accounting, but in listening to the utter hogwash and tripe that is perpetrated by the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's of the world you ignore your natural and biological programming to become the best thing you ever can be - a woman!

The Male's Perspective

Finally, if the argument for enjoying being feminine, being beautiful, and being a woman isn't enough, you better do what your ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP counterparts didn't and that is one very important thing:

Think of the men.

If there is ONE criticism I have of ALL women's writing (ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's or not) it's not an emotional one, it's a mathematical one. If two people are going to date, court, get married, etc., why is 100% of the attention and strategy on the woman? Why is the man or what the man wants never given any consideration?

The problem with ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's approach to men and courtship is that it's myopic (look it up). They are only focused on themselves. But in ignoring what mathematically adds up to 50% of an equation, you are GUARANTEED to fail miserably at solving it. If you want a successful relationship with a man then you (GASP!) HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT THE MAN WANTS!

So ask yourself, what man wants a:

44 year old woman
whose been divorced
has somebody else's kids
doesn't have a real job
has student debt from her worthless masters
is only a 5.4
and has a lippy feminist attitude to boot?

Are you kidding? Not one man wants that! Not one! And the only reason a man might settle for that is because he IS SETTLING and can't get any better.

A man who is accomplished, interesting, independent, successful, confident and in shape will NEVER marry, court, date, let alone give the time of day to such a woman. The type of man you want would NEVER even entertain a ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP.

You may find that offensive. You may find that rude. You may find it disagreeable, but all of that is trumped by the fact it is true.

It's up to you whether you want to:

accept the truth, act accordingly and consequently stand a better chance at a successful love life

or

continuing listening to the ECLFWWLINYAPASRTAWAP's, in which case you're likely to become one.

This post sponsored by "Enjoy the Decline!" Are you down and depressed about the election and the future prospects of the United States? Don't be! Learn to ENJOY THE DECLINE! "Enjoy the Decline" is THE book for anybody who is letting the dismal future of the United States get to them and affect them psychologically. It's not puppies and flowers, but it is forthright and candid about what can be done to enjoy life despite the world's great country going down the toilet. The left has ruined the country, the least you can do is Enjoy the Decline!

40 Alternatives to College

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I think this is an appropriately timed book.

Now That's Just Crazy Talk

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I actually have no preference one way or another whether women serve in the front lines or in combat roles. I really don't. However, here is the view of a veteran on women in combat.

I would say 50% of the reason I'm linking to him is to juxtapose the words coming out of his mouth (which make it very clear he cares about women very much) and the vitriolic response he no doubt would receive from various factions of leftists and feminists. I also like to juxtapose his factual statements (women's physical fitness requirements being lowered) and the fact this would result in "more people being killed" versus the emotional and egotistical arguments that will be tendered by the left, which means I guess people's feelings really ARE more important than other people's lives.

Our Esquire Agent in the Field

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Enjoys the Decline!

Notice it is in Kindle format.

The Metamorphisis of a Player Changing into "The Most Interesting Man in the World"

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I've said it before, but players, no matter how successful, burn out. In part because it is no longer novel, but more so because:

1. the pain you have to go through tolerating the immature attitudes of most girls to get dates/sex isn't worth it.
2. the opportunity costs of your time, energy and money spent increase as you get older

In short, as a man ages he'll start pursuing loftier, grander, more intellectually stimulating pursuits instead of spending another 4 hours of his precious and finite life at yet another bar,

pursuing yet another floozy,

achieving yet the same results.

He'll look at his nice home with the fireplace and wonder if reading a book with a snifter of scotch wouldn't be better. He'll look at his garage and wonder if fixing up that motorcycle with his buddies while home brewing some beer wouldn't be more productive. He'll think about starting a business in a field that is his passion so he no longer has to work.

It's not an issue of "growing up" or "maturing" as much as it is an economic question. Your marginal utility in getting an additional girl is not as high as the marginal utility in brewing your own beer, or taking your first trip to Sturgis, or summiting your first mountain. And given this difference between marginal utility, men do leave the market as they age.

This is why you don't see a 40 year old at the "night club" type bars trying to pick up on 20 something chicks unless they're recently divorced. This is why (if you're my age) you can't STAND going to a bar to "flirt" and try to "score" with a chick, and would much rather don your MP3 player and listen to Bill Burr's podcast while splitting wood. This is (in part) why women in their 30's and 40's, freshly divorced "can't find a man" at the bar, because the man at the bar really just came there to get a drink.

However, though the tone of this post may sound somber, as the player "ages" and realizes he'd rather do other things in life, it shouldn't be. This is nothing more than the natural progression of a player. The good news is what comes next in the evolutionary

stage of a player. He turns into The World's Most Interesting Man.

Conquering what most men don't (their genetic and biological programming to CONSTANTLY chase women), the player is now mentally free to focus on the rich and unlimited opportunties life presents him. He no longer is biologically compelled to go to the bar, waste another half a day, only to score with another journalism major who writes about fashion. He is truly a free man and can now achieve his full potential in life. Like The Most Interesting Man in the World he will pursue whatever his id desires.

Hang gliding
Motorcycles
Travel
Crafts and skills
Art and music

You name it.

And not only will he pursue it, but because that is what he desires, he will master it.

The irony or the funny thing is this will only make him more desirable to women.

He won't be that ripped, smooth talking 27 year old who knows just what to say.

He'll be that peppered bearded man, who pulls up in a convertible, tangos with a select few women, enjoys a cigar with his cadre of friends, and COULD ask a girl for her number, but won't because invariably women will find a way to get to know him. Even if they don't, he doesn't care. He's too busy learning to distill scotch and listening-up on his Johnny Coltrane and Thelonious Monk.

So yes, while we may mourn the "death of a player," realize the player is on to bigger and better things, and the pinnacle of male achievement.

Tony Enjoys the Decline!

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Correct!

Bonus points for putting a Mr. Yuck sticker on the pistol.

Everything That's Wrong With Women

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in one painful and long commercial

if you can stomach it, get to the point they're riding horses side by side and kissing.

I wonder how much dental work was needed after that take.

The Weakness of the Leftist's Mind

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The story is about a relatively privileged student, "Jun-sang," at the time of the death of Kim Il-sung (North Korea's "eternal president"). The death is announced, and Jun-sang finds that he cannot cry; he feels nothing for Kim Il-Sung. Yet, surrounded by his sobbing classmates, he suddenly realizes that "his entire future depended on his ability to cry: not just his career and his membership in the Workers' Party, his very survival was at stake. It was a matter of life and death" (p. 98). So he forces himself to cry. And it gets worse: "What had started as a spontaneous outpouring of grief became a patriotic obligation … The inmiban [a neighbourhood committee] kept track of how often people went to the statue to show their respect. Everybody was being watched. They not only scrutinized actions, but facial expressions and tone of voice, gauging them for sincerity"

Ah, the extents humans will go to ignore what their brain know is true to abide by an ideology they know is false.

The Real Employment Picture

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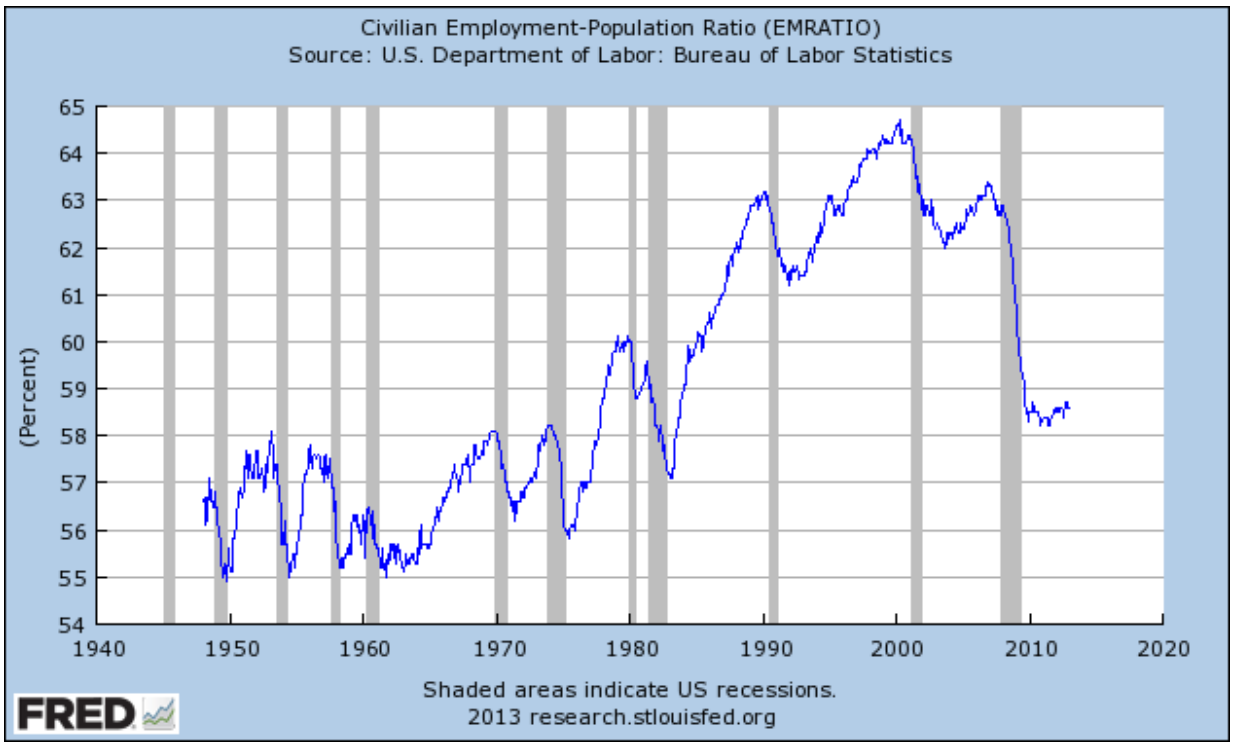
In the earlier days of this blog I'd go into length about various economic statistics and why they're more relevant than some of the headline statistics. I realized people were falling asleep, so I just do a quick and dirty version instead. SO here it is.

Employment to population ratio.



Specifically, this measures the percent of the population that is working. Today about 58% of the people work.

Translated into English this means there's very roughly 1 parasite for 1 worker.

In short if you are working, you are not just paying for yourself, but paying for another person.

There is one way, however, to make sure you are not supporting a parasite. You just have to Enjoy the Decline!

A Real College Commencement Speech

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An agent in the field sent me this video.

It's of an idealistic and clueless professor parting wisdom to her students about what they should do for their futures.

It then dawned on me that she is misleading these children, not purposely, but cluelessly, into lives that will not result in their greatest potential, and most likely spectacular failure. Not because she is evil, mind you, but a clueless academian who'se never worked in the real world.

I respond with a more practical "college commencement speech" that not only aims to undo the damage she did, but turns out to be "the" college commencement speech every college graduate today needs to hear.

If you have children in college and want the best for them, then I suggest taking my bitter medicine instead of her sugar coated placebo.

Dr. Helen Enjoys the Decline!

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Why don't you?

She is coming out with a new book, but unfortunatley I believe it won't be until June of 2013. Sigh.

How to Vaccinate Your Daughters Against Worthless Degrees

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Fathers, dads,

lend me your ears.

Do you want your sweet little daughter to grow up and become a hyphenated-named, obese woman who heads up an "art department?"

No, of course you don't.

So buy your daughter "Worthless."

Yes, "Worthless" has been proven by the American Medical Association to prevent young girls from majoring in stupid stuff which leads to diseases like:

Obesity
Unemployment
Spinsterhood
Self-entitlement
and
A Wasted life

Show your daughter you love her. Buy her "Worthless" today!

(Available on Kindle!)

Why It's OK to Hate Your Teachers

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I will go into this in more detail later, but "teachers," at least the majority of them, never became teachers for "the chillllldreeeeennnnzzz"

They became teachers because at the age of 18 they knew a degree in "education" required less math and a 9 month work year was 3 months shy of a real work year. It was ALWAYS for them, and never for the student.

Thus, when you don't behave and make their job easy, they hate you. But to quote The Spearhead.

In other words, the teachers – overwhelmingly female – don't like them. Nor, apparently, do a number of NY Times commenters, who say it's just desserts for all that male oppression of the past. Yes, that's right: little kids who were born a few years ago must pay for the imagined sins of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person Part 2

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Howdy all!

Part 2 with Jorge Gonzales, a young man whose experiences nearly match everything warned about in "Worthless," who wanted to share his experiences with younger people out there so they can learn from his mistakes.

This episode focuses on the lack of leadership and guidance by parents, as well as other adults, when it comes to helping younger people choose the correct degree for them.

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Fighting Conservative Suicide and Depression

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Mandatory viewing for any conservative or libertarian who is depressed and down about the future of the country.

Why Conan O'Brien is a Class Act

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Long story short. My girlfriend's brother in law has terminal cancer. He's packing it in and enjoying the decline as much as he can. Last year he went to New York and as chance would have it he ran into Conan O'Brien at Central Park. As my girlfriend described it, you could tell Conan was busy, walking in a direct line and with purpose. Not to mention he IS Conan O'Brien so he's obviously constantly harassed by fans. I said,

"Please tell me you didn't harass the poor man."

They did.

But not only did Conan take the time out of his busy schedule to talk, he was kind enough to take a picture with her brother in law.

I'm not a big fan of celebrities as I think they're usually pretty pompous and arrogant, but wanted to point out what just what a sport, class act, and real article Conan O'Brien is.

Aurini Enjoys the Decline

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His written review here, but he mocks, dare I say, MOCKS the Captain in his video review referring to "Weasel Whiskey" and clove cigarettes!

The Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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How "Precious."

Loved Ones Deserve A Modicum of Protection

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Visit Ed at Ranger Self Defense.

Good News Everyone

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"Enjoy the Decline" broke the 1,000th place mark on Amazon and is ranked 12th in economics books. A lot of people think "1,000th place??? How is THAT good?" Amazon has something like 2 million titles.

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I wanted to thank everybody who was kind enough to buy the book, tell friends, write reviews and just send off a link. It certainly is helping me enjoy the decline!

More Conan Class

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I will give props where due. From a reader:

Met Conan at a pub in London. My son and I were having dinner and he was dining with his family so we didn't want to disturb them during their dinner and left them alone. After dinner while waiting for their car Conan talked to some of pub patrons. He was kind enough to talk to and take a picture with my son.

He really is a class act as you said.

I'm (Technically) a Dirty, Filthy, Jew

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Swear there are too many stupid people on this planet.

The Market Failure of Talk Radio

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It is no secret that I listen to left wing talk radio. It is also no secret I've cited the reason I tune into left wing radio is because I can finish the sentences of right wing talk show hosts. This is not a slam on them, but more of a testament to how much of a "wonk" or a political "hack" I am. After 20 years of listening to talk radio, not to mention that minor "economist" thing I do, nothing surprises me anymore, nothing is new, and thus for intellectual pursuit I go elsewhere.

While that may be my particular case, that does not mean it holds for others. Sure, younger people coming into the world of adulthood tune in. Young college boys, disillusioned why women hate them, why their professors hate them, and why they can't find jobs, start to find an explanation why the world isn't turning out they way their high school teachers said it would in right wing talk radio. Young women who can't find a decent date might listen to Dennis Prager. But after 5 years the "treatment" of talk radio runs its course much like an anti-biotic treatment - it ends. It does no more good.

Now this isn't to say that Rush Limbaugh is going to fail or that Sean Hannity isn't going to be renewed for another decade on Foxnews, but this is to say there is the beginnings of an un-served market. A growing group of people, primarily young, but old as well, who have just plain had their fill and derive no significant marginal utility from listening to an additional hour of Michael Medved.

And it is here the "right wing talk radio" industry is making their largest error and setting themselves up for spectacular market failure.

First, understand that the message all of nationally syndicated talk radio conveys can be consumed, digested and incorporated in the average human brain in about 2 years. After that there is an "addiction" phase where you like to hear your logic confirmed by people who aren't lefitst ideologues that can easily run a decade. As you age, however, you start to gain confidence, knowledge, and wisdom. No leftist or media campaign can confuse you or make you second guess yourself. YOur ideology is resolved, it's cemented, and it's verified. You no longer need talk radio.

Second, I'm sorry, the "current" crop of talk radio show hosts are not really "current." However, this needs some explanation.

Understand radio is a business. YOu need to make money. The great thing about radio, however, is that it can be syndicated or broadcasted across the nation. So when a radio station has the choice of hiring some local talent and having to pay that individual a living wage, or merely "leasing" the broadcasting rights for a nationally syndicated show for

1/10th of the cost, what do you think they're going to do? Yes, this results in regional superstars like "Jason Lewis" or "Michael Medved" but it also results in homogeneity. Homogeneity that can be predicted, gets boring, and gets stale.

So while it may be financially beneficial to go with established, seasoned radio show hosts, it prevents any new talent, let alone, better talent from getting in. Additionally, since this more or less ensconces established talent, it also ensures this talented is aged, old, and separated from upcoming generations, and thus, markets.

It is here we have the third contributing factor to the market failure of talk radio - their inability to address younger generations. This isn't to say that Rush Limbaugh or Michael Savage don't talk about the debt problems older generations are foisting on younger generations, but rather the fact they plain don't speak to those generations. Admittedly, this may be a losing proposition. Most younger people are dumber than hell, ignorant as f$ck, and are so spectacularly brainwashed they'll vote to endebt themselves further, let alone, berate and mock anybody who points this out to them. But in failing to engage the younger generations, they anchor themselves to the life expectancy of older generations. THis brings up another point...

Fourth, legacy issues. If I have a complaint about the work I've done it's been the outright impossibility to get any of the work I've done into the "main stream right wing media." I've had some decent success. Glenn Reynolds and Dr. Helen have been kind enough to mention my books. Even Peter Schiff has been kind enough to host me on his show. But these people can't be considered to be "chummy chum Foxnews Elites." For the most part the Sean Hannity's and Michael Savages of the world aren't going to give their younger counterparts the time of day. They're too busy asking Charles Krauthammer for their latest talking points, and we all know how much Charles Krauthammer jives and resonates with the hip kids nowadays. The largest point is who precisely is going to replace the Rush Limbaughs and Dennis Pragers of the world? Who exactly is being groomed to follow in their footsteps? About the ONLY younger person I know of ANY notoriety only has a WEEKEND show and that is Ben Ferguson. There isn't anybody else i see under 40 being considered as candidate for any significant take over.

Fifth, an industry will arise to serve and un or underserved market. Introduce the internet. The internet is not predisposed to younger generations just because it's new, but talent that would have normally been recruited or attracted via traditional media norms are simply refusing to jump through the hoops to score a "gig" or a "contract" with traditional media. It's too costly and the cost-benefit ratio between time spent and opportunities given just isn't there. A young, intrepid and out-going individual can simply circumvent traditional media and build their own brand. They don't need expensive radio equipment, satellites, buildings or broadcast studios, they just need a computer and internet access. They also don't need to placate the masses, but can speak their minds. Not just because there's no boss to relegate and regulate their speech and thoughts, but

because there are no opportunities or employment opportunties elsewhere. There is no consequence to being edgy or cutting edge, because, what? "It was going to ruin your chances at a career?". This presents the market with not only a more diverse "talk radio/podcast" selection to choose from, but more entertaining and thought provoking. A talk radio selection that is infinitely more thought provoking, engaging, and entertaining that the stale, milquetoast, cookie cutting tripe that's been going on for the past decade.

Finally, the death knell for talk radio. This new media, no matter how much it is in its infancy, is more profitable to advertisers. Because renegade podcasters, bloggers, and Youtube Peachers have no restrictions, no employment prospects, let alone, no requiements to be palatable to the masses, they have more loyal listeners. Because their message is so focused and so directly speaks to their intended audience it is more intimate and sincere. It is now a daily occurrence I get a "thank you e-mail" from a reader or listener who thanks me for sparing him/her from majoring in a worthless subject. It is also becoming a semi-daily occurrence that I receive a thank you e-mail for helping a young man with his dating and courting issues. These two narrow topics are not as wide a scope that Jason Lewis tackles on a daily basis, but advertising on my blog gets a higher rate of return than advertising on his show (AND I WELCOME ANYBODY OVER THERE WHO WANTS TO CHALLENGE IT). In other words, because of their celebrityship and broad market, advertising on talk radio is a bubble, it isn't worth the rate of return, if positive at all. But if you're willing to advertise on

The Tom Leykis Show
Dan Carlin
Bill Burr
Captain Capitalism
Roosh
Staresattheworld
Small Dead Animals
Five Feet of Fury

or any of the THOUSANDS of smaller blogs, internet radio shows, Youtube Clergy, etc.

you'll get a heck of a lot more bang for your buck.

Besides, would you rather hear about a conservative's attempt to seduce a hot a liberal chick or Sean Hannity say for the 8,000th time, "You're a great American, my friend?"

The Liberal Zombie Apocalypse

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I do not mean to reference the movie "I Am Legend" so frequently, but there were two instances in the movie that I found applicable to what I was writing about. The first was when he had to kill his dog (and is referenced in "Enjoy the Decline") and the second is this.

The reason for the second reference is that I like how the zombies are completely feral and lacking reason, logic or thought. If I recall the movie correctly, Will Smith's character does develop a cure that would cure all the zombies and turn them back into humans, he even tries reasoning with them, but their brains are too far gone to even comprehend what he's saying. They just want to kill him, even though he's their only hope.

What's funny (sad actually) is just how exactly a zombie's brain parallels that of a liberal.

The time is coming where the promises made by liberals, but paid for by the labor of others, will be broken. The economy is already slowing and it is my prediction this trend will continue. It may accelerate, it may slow, heck we may even grow again, but the overall trend I believe will be the trend it's been since the 1960's - declining growth. At some point it will reach a "critical point" where no matter what leftists politicians promised their parasitic constituents, there plain won't be the money or production to honor those commitments. This is already happening on a micro level. Detroit is a nice municipal example and the various instances of pensions paying out only a fraction of what they promise their government employees is another. But there will come a point where social security, medicare, medicaid, welfare, WIC, you name it, is not only going to not deliver what it promised, but SIGNIFICANTLY less. It is only because of the benevolence (of naivety) of creditors such as the Chinese this hasn't happened already.

Regardless, when this point in time comes you can expect the same amount of reason and rationality from enraged liberals, leftists, and parasites. And it's for several reasons.

First, understand how weak a mind has to be in order to swallow whole the leftist ideology. Yes, I know it's force-fed to kids in the schools, but I'm talking on a biological level. I remember a healthy amount of disrespect and suspicion for my teachers as a child. I didn't just believe what they said because "they were the teacher." Many of my classmates also had this healthy distrust. Turns out we were the smarter cadre of students in my class and I believe on a genetic level had an intelligence high enough to have some kind of immunity against brainwashing. So I do believe right off the bat you are dealing with brains that are genetically predisposed AGAINST independent thought and intellectual honesty.

Second, of course the brainwashing. After 13 years of K-12 education, and an additional 4-8 in college, your average 20 something is so hopelessly and purposely misinformed their entire construct or mental framework for their political ideology is not only erroneous, but so complete and so rooted in their mentality any outside attempts to introduce empirical evidence, logic, or reason is futile. It isn't until they live LITERALLY 20 more years and the real world just plain kicks the crap out of their ideology with anecdotal experience and evidence that they even ENTERTAIN they might be wrong. Some, like spinsters/feminists/catwomen, carry their ideology to their grave with an unenviable legacy.

Third, though this can't be said of all liberals, it can be said of (I'd estimate) 85% of them - most of them have a HUGE emotional attachment to their ideology. The reason is simple.

What precise accomplishments and achievements in life can the average leftist point to that gives their live meaning and worth?

The answer is - "nothing."

Your average leftist isn't curing cancer, building empires, starting an accounting career, or developing a trade. They're "raising awareness" or "engaging communities" or "helping the children" or leading some bullshit crusade. Whatever euphemistic titles and jargon they use to describe their "careers," in the end they're just masking the fact they're literally doing nothing with their lives. ie-their lives are worthless and thus they are worthless people.

Since deep down inside they know they are worthless and their lives have no meaning, they put "leftism/socialism/communism" at the core of their being. As Rush Limbaugh says, "being a liberal is the easiest thing" in that you just have to "claim" you care and vote to use OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY to finance your compassion. Ergo, if you ever GENUINELY, INTELLIGENTLY, LOGICALLY and DISPASSIONATELY constructively criticize of question a liberal's ideology they get emotional, enraged and angry (I remember the only people who cried on my radio show were liberals). This isn't because they *really care* about the poor children in Africa. It's because you are shining light on the fact they are a worthless person who does nothing, has done nothing, will continue to do nothing, and thus waste their lives.

The final result of such thorough brainwashing, insecurity, laziness, and a predisposition to naivety, results in a veritable zombie impervious to reason, logic and rationale. No matter the preponderance of evidence, they simply ignore reality and retreat to their circularly referenced and supported ideology, blame the rich, blame conspiracies and (presumably to their deaths) blame "Bush." You no doubt have ran into this where you can cite data on the internet from a reputable source, PROVING a leftist is wrong, but

they (like the dismembered knight in Monty Python's Search for the Holy Grail) will never admit defeat and continue to subscribe to their now-false beliefs.

But it gets much worse than that.

Since you (and reality) are attacking the only thing that gives them value (their ideology) they will get angry. Worse still, once our creditors no longer renew our line of credit, the tab for their socialist hokey pokey will come due, and we won't be able to pay. This will result in REAL cuts to social spending which will then threaten their livelihoods as a disproportionate percent of leftists are parasitic and dependent on other people.

The end result is a real zombie movie. A post-apocalyptic economy where food, clothing and shelter are no longer being produced in quantities needed, and masses of angry, feral, irrational leftists whose pride (and shame) in their ideology prevent them from being negotiated with or reasoned with to rebuild society. In short, I truly believe leftists are so committed to their ideology that if the economy can no longer produce the basic necessities they would resort to violence, murder, theft and mayhem if necessary. This is of course very pessimistic of me, and a sad statement of a lack of faith in my fellow man, but if you look at how leftists don't even care about their own lives, to the point they'd ruin it by putting their ideology first and themselves second, you can't expect them to be open-minded during the coming Liberal Zombie Apocalypse.

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Persuading and Debating Leftists

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Martel had a good response/post to my Liberal Zombie Apocalypse on how to engage, debate, and ultimately convert leftists.

My most successful tactic has been betting, but literally, less than 5% of the leftists

1. honor their bet
2. admit they were wrong despite conclusive and pre-agreed-upon proof proving them wrong

I cannot emphasize enough just how much of a mental condition most liberals have. They are in denial. And it REALLY has been like talking to a child at times where I say

"the sky is blue."

and their response is

"no it's not"

it's just we're looking at economic data instead of the sky.

It gets to the point debating or even trying to engage leftists is a futile endeavor, one of which not only wastes precious finite seconds of my life, but one that raises my blood pressure. Engage, debate and try to reason with them at your own risk.

Ladies' Night at the Cappy Cap Club

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Versus Condito discovers one of my favorite movies "McLintock!" But her analysis is a bit different than mine - "*The women in this movie are stunningly beautiful and the leading men are wonderfully masculine.*" So in other words, leftists will hate it.

Kate doesn't trust us Americans! Well, Obama anyway.

Tam discovers faux scientists will do anything to create a problem that doesn't exist so they can study it and avoid real scientific work that may benefit society and the private sector.

Girls ARE better than boys at school. Thankfully, school sucks.

Supply and demand of sex. Well, we all knew it was this way, we just now have a study that proves it.

More proof artists, especially academic and leftists artists, make sh!tty art and architecture.

"She's got a great personality!"

Sorry, there's going to be some collateral damage ladies. Don't take it personally.

New stories *are being reported like thi*s, Kathy. Not in the MSM, but in the Manosphere, Conservativesphere and the new media. It not only results in more truthful reporting, but better writing and more-entertaining news.

Correct, The Manosphere is not shallow. Because we cannot be shallow. We will be what we are programmed to be and what we prefer to be. Deriding male nature as "shallow" is like lecturing the sky for being blue.

ARRRRGHHHH!

Everybody hates HR, Clarissa. It's an affirmative action program for otherwise unemployable women.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats. A disproportionate percent of women simply traded in their "housewive/mom" job so they could go and do THE EXACT SAME THING, just instead of it being tending their own children they:

1. are taking care of other women's children and
2. get to pay taxes on the income they are now earning
3. while driving up the overall tax bill that needs to be paid because their other-women's-children-rearing is through the state

Judgy Bitch's original article.

Red Pill Wifey goes over some basics.

Meanwhile, in Academia.

"Women's Work"

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I've pointed this out before, but the majority of modern day "women's work" is simply the same old and much-hated "traditional women's work" but this time it's not rearing, raising or educating your own children, it's rearing, educating and raising OTHER women's children through a state job.

I linked to her in the "ladies night," but Judgy Bitch's post was so succinct, precise and thorough I wanted to link to it on its own.

It's a Beautiful Day to Commit a Crime

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You could work hard, pay half in taxes, and have your wealth confiscated at a later date

you could do that...

or...

you could commit crimes instead!

Sadly, a life of crime is becoming easier than a legit corporate career. Just make sure you do it in a country that is favorable to criminals.

Cuban Green Bay Packer Fans

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From escaping Castro's regime to becoming a Packer Fan in the 1960's.

The End of Low Tier Law "Schools"

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The end is near.

Hopefully this will mean less desperate (and crappy lawyers) taking on and launching frivolous cases to pay back their student loans.

Exacting a Toll of Revenge from Girls on the Dance Floor

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AKA, the latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

This broadcast includes the Captain's adventures while his girlfriend is out of town. The adventures include:

- trying to find the worst block in the ghetto of Minneapolis
- playing wingman to one of his buddies as they go to "pick up chicks"
- dealing with 20 something floozies at a country bar
- why liberal arts majors are to blame for high gas prices

Apologies in advance for my coughing, I lost my voice the night before.

Update - Apparently there is a limited bandwidth at Box.com that i have already exceeded for my monthly allotment. The only way you can listen is to listen to it online, you can't download it. I will be changing the host to 4share unless anybody else can recommend a better location.

The Advice Deficit

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Normally when I do my "bachelor grocery shopping" I ensure I go to a grocery store with self-checkout lanes. I do not care to suffer Tilly pulling out her coupons, moms stocking up on their monthly groceries for a family of 6, nor Herman the retiree paying with a check. I want in, I want out, I want to go home. Unfortunately this last time around I choose "poorly" and was stuck in a line as this particular grocery store did not have the self-check out lanes. This meant only on thing - I was going to be forced to view those stupid women's magazines on the magazine racks.

Long ago I wrote a letter to Super-Valu (the corporation that owns several grocery chains) in the vain hopes of them maybe putting up some guy magazines or just something that wouldn't melt my brain cells like People or Us. No dice. And so there I was looking at the covers of every gossip/trash magazine possible, fully understanding now how Barack Obama got elected.

But then something occurred to me.

What if you were to stack up all the magazines that dispense advice for women and compare it to a stack of magazines that provide advice for men. I imagine it would look like one of them "how big is a trillion dollars" sort of pictographs where the stack of $100 bills reaches the moon and the men's stack would be 2 Benjamins tall.

Naturally this results in an "advice deficit" where the women have a HUGE surplus of advice being dispensed and men barely have any. Heck, a lot of women even feel charitable and occasionally stop giving advice to women so they can give some advice to men out of sheer pity. However, while women dispensing advice at volumes a billion times that of men, there are two major problems with the advice deficit.

First there is the appalling lack of advice as well as leadership for men. As my readership/viewership grows I'm amazed at the types and volume of questions I get from young boys and men. Amazed because it's so blindingly obvious there was no father figure or male role model providing any kind of guidance or leadership. Whether this was because their fathers were absent or their fathers were present, but were not manly, it doesn't matter. These boys are completely clueless about many aspects of life that they shouldn't be by their age.

"*So, um, how do I approach a girl?*"
"*I want to major in poetry, but your book says that would be stupid.*"
"*What should I do with my life?*"

It angers me at first when I get questions or I see such helplessness, but the fact these are common questions coming from nearly all ages of men/boys not only speaks to the severity of the problem, but how widespread it is. Inevitably my rage turns to pity when I realize there's nearly 2 generation of young boys hitting the market clueless, unarmed, untrained and prone to be chattel for the meat grinder.

Thankfully, though, there is some hope. The internet, along with the handful of men's health magazines and other resources are gain notoriety and significance. But given the "introductory" or "elementary" level the recipients of such advice are at, means we have a long road ahead to get them up to speed and on the path towards a productive life.

Second, is there is just plain too much advice for women. The market is flooded with advice. And not only is it flooded, it's flawed and erroneous about 85% of the time.

In financial markets, when you get "flawed" or "bad" information there are costs and consequences. Namely if you make an investment or trade on flawed data, when reality or the correct information hits the market, the stock price drops and you lose money. Of course markets are not always 100% efficient and can remain undervalued or overvalued for long periods of time (for example the housing bubble was an example of a market feeding off of flawed data for several years). But the larger point is that with such an abundance of worthless advice, women can hardly hope to make any significant or serious improvements in their lives following it. (Heck, I'd imagine 75% of the time the advice is contradicted anyway). This is now starting to show with happiness levels of women dropping, the "sages" of the women's world proving their advice was wrong, as well as a social and economic breakdown of the nation and culture.

The end result is a tale of two economies, the differences of which go a long ways in explaining the rise of the "Manosphere" and the relative stagnation of its female counterpart. In the "male market" for advice, you have a DESPERATE and HUGE demand for genuine and effective advice. Boys/men are clueless, hitting the real world, finding out the BS they were fed by the "asexual, single mom, effeminate father, absentee father, public school teacher" matrix was flawed, ineffective, politically motivated, ulterior, and ultimately damaging. Therefore, any man who, either through good fathering or by going through the tortuous process of self-experimentation and self-teaching, can provide effective and pertinent manly advice is worth his weight in gold. It is not a coincidence that many men make their living as "Pick Up Artists," bloggers, dating coaches, financial advisers and authors about men's issues. There are so few GENUINE and REAL men contrasted with the demand for their experiences, wisdom and independent thought, that they can become something as statistically improbable as a "successful blogger." And given the shortage of real (or even) present fathers, the future of the industry looks good.

In the "female market" for advice you have the exact opposite. You have more than

enough women willing to provide advice for a market that really doesn't want it, and didn't ask for it. This results in a ton of "noise" where there is no clear or confirmed "wisdom" or "common sense." Not to mention with such flood of suppliers, those suppliers are incentived to play to the lowest common denominator to make their sales. Ergo, much like leftists politicians, instead of being harsh and truthful, supplying real-world advice when needed, they find it easier to placate, suck up to, and tell women what they WANT to hear, not what they need to hear. The result can be seen not just in the sheer volume of worthless women's magazines and blogs, but (what I found particularly interesting) the very young age of of the "female dispensers of wisdom." How is any college age girl a legitimate authority on anything? The answer is simple - she isn't. But she never intended to be a kind, altruistic soul, aiming to help out those less-advantaged than her via her "wisdom." It's all about her. She WANTS to dispense advice and (hopefully) get paid for it. Whether that advice is helpful or damaging, the recipients of it be damned.

Of course, consequences are to be expected. Most of the "authors" I researched when compiling "The Dowd Crowd" are in one way or another subsidized in their employment. They either work multiple jobs, married an editor, or married rich. Their "career" is more of a hobby in that what they are peddling is nothing special, nothing unique and cannot command an audience to fully financially support themselves. But worse still is the social and societal costs of essentially lying to girls and women with this tornado of flawed and pandering advice. All these columnists and faux-sages have done is ruin the lives of their audiences. Much like the "single parent, single mom, effeminate dad, public school teacher, kumbaya" matrix misled young boys about...well...pretty much everything, so to has the "female advice industry" ruined the lives of girls and young women.

In theory, then, this should give rise to demand equally forthright, honest and blunt advice in the female advice market. In other words, if a woman like Dr. Helen, Woman and Dragon, Haley and Susan Walsh, etc., were to write a book or a blog, they should be able to capture a significant market of women looking for true leadership, guidance, and advice (and to some extent they have). Unfortunately, I believe the rationalization hamsters of most women are so addicted to the lies and flawed advice they've received, no amount of legitimate and constructive advice will ever penetrate the squeaking of their hamster wheels.

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How Our Political Debates Prove Futility

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Step back from the fray, if you will, and try to view the political landscape through a different lens.

It will take some doing, but once you do this you will see the point I'm trying to make and in doing so will allow yourself a bit of respite and a happier life.

If you think about it, the primary or "main" political debates of our time could be summarized as such:

Global warming
The redistribution of wealth
The individual vs the commune
Facts over feelings
Race/Diversity/Sex over character and accomplishment
Federal Reserve monetary policy of increasing the money supply

I'm sure there are more, but I just have one question about the above-mentioned debates:

Why in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick are we even debating these things?

I'm serious, WHY are these even debates? Why are they up for discussion? Any intellectually honest individual, let alone a commonsensical 8 year old can resolve them and knows the adult, real world answer to them. But there they are, every day at the forefront of political debate.

The reason I point this out is because if THESE are the major and unresolved political debates of our time, it only shows you just how far to insanity society has moved and just how doomed we really are.

For example, take global warming.

Has it been proven? No, not by a long shot. There's just as much counter evidence as there is evidence that it there is global warming, that it's caused by humans, and that it will have serious consequences. To the slightly experinced and adult mind, you can see it for what it is (a scam), but for people on the left, it is a veritable religion. The irony, of course, is that the left will ridicule and mock people for believing in a religion, but (because global warming serves their political aims as well as provides them a convenient way to self-abscribe worth) they will never forfeit it. This forces us adults on the right to

come down to their level and debate something as amorphous, intangible and irrelevant as a religion.

Another example, the redistribution of wealth.

The finances and economics of the country are such that people really expect and feel entitled to a life paid for by other people. The CHILDISHLY SIMPLE concept that everybody needs to be self-supporting and independent, otherwise society collapses, is lost on a majority of "adult" leftists. The fact the merits of independence and not being dependent on others is even being debated, again, shows just how desperate, pathetic and sad the situation has become.

And federal reserve monetary policy? OH, *THIS TIME* IT'S DIFFERENT???? Right, because flooding the economy with currency JUST THIS ONE MORE TIME will work.

Hell, Minnesota voted AGAINST requiring ID to vote, earning it the all-time greatest "WTF???"

Ergo, I ask the question - why even debate?

Along the lines of enjoying the decline, how precisely do you fight or argue such stupidity, childishness, naivete and brainwashing? If I can't convince a woman that she is different than a man both physically, mentally, and sexually,

and that it is in her best interests to acknowledge and adhere to these facts

AND I run the risk (shoot, guarantee) of being accused of sexism

then why even bother? They are so childish, so intellectually dishonest, so hopeless and so brainwashed, you are merely wasting your breath, achieving nothing, and alienating political classes who will do you no good if you dare to do so.

The larger point I'm trying to make is that if our debates have degraded to this level of stupidity and idiocy, it proves there is a critical mass of massively stupid and ignorant people and there is no point in trying to debate them. Additionally, there is no point in getting worked up about the dismal outcomes of elections as it is Idiocracy electing its own demise. It is just all the more reason to not waste what precious life you have arguing with leftists, worrying about the future, and proof you should be out enjoying the decline instead.

Telling Your Boss to Do It Himself

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For when you can't read your boss' mind.

Language warning.

How to Troll Libertarians

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HAR!!!! (it's a short video, about 9 seconds)

Twin Cities Sponsor - Conceal and Carry

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For those of you in the Twin Cities I have a new sponsor. Mike Seman will be having a conceal and carry class in the St. Louis Park neighborhood. Here is the information for TODAY'S class, but if you call Mike he will let you know about other classes he has in the near future:

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Speaking for Hours, But Saying Nothing

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One thing that amazes me about Barack Obama (and to a lesser extent, most other presidents and politicians) is his ability to speak for hours but say absolutely nothing. I never watched the "State of the Union Address" no matter who was president because when the president speaks, his speech is tailored for:

- low information voters
- the unintelligent masses
- people who are not decided yet in their political beliefs
- ignorant people
- weaker minds

In short, it's aimed at about a high school level of maturity, intellect, and wisdom. It simply wastes my time.

What gets me more, however, is that people actually fall for it. Of course, this is explained above with the lower level of human that these speeches are aimed at, but I'm still amazed people don't see through it.

Regardless, Muskegon Pundit, has a piece about how the left runs circles around the right in getting their base riled up, mobilized and energized. He is right, but only addresses half the formula.

Yes, the left is better at it, but they have an easier job because their base has more of the qualities and traits bullet-pointed above than the right's. Additionally, their message is an easier sell. How hard is it to sell the "ice cream and cake" promises of socialism compared to the austerity "broccoli and you'll like it" capitalist realism?

In the end, yes the republicans could do more to improve their marketing. But before they waste resources and time, they have to acknowledge it's a losing proposition or at least an uphill battle. The republicans should be taking a much more harsh and stern approach with the American people, not trying to woo them. Pulling the Lester Burnham, being the father who's had enough and puts his foot down. The republicans should say, "to hell with you. We're done. We're voting with the left and crashing this system because you children are too stupid to see where this will lead. We are going to make damn sure the left gets everything it wants and you'll see just how 'great' their ideas are." In short, feed them so much cake and ice cream they throw up and beg for broccoli.

The Southern Man Enjoys the Decline!

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I think we can safely say The Southern Man and his cadre of friends are enjoying the decline!

The Microbrew and Brewpub Bubble

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On my lengthy great western motorcycle ride, I noticed something in pretty much every Colorado town I stopped in - "brewpubs" or "microbrews."

Couldn't pull into town without seeing one or having the hotel desk clerk tell me about "the new brew house that opened down the street." Heck, even in Wyoming there was a new micro-brew being built.

Yes, yes, microbrews this, brewpubs that. How "cool" would that be?

Naturally my cynical and (though incredibly down to earth and realistic, but still) evil nature kicked in and I have come to an epiphany. An epiphany nobody will like because I'm once again the party pooper, raining on everybody's parade.

The brewpub is the next bubble.

Not as big as the housing bubble or the education bubble, and it certainly won't affect the larger economy, but if my experience in looking at hundreds of utterly craptastic business models, not to mention my economic spidey senses, are worth anything the microbrew is going to collapse.

The reason for my suspicion is that a brewpub has all the makings of a failed business.

First, it's what the PROPRIETOR wants to do, NOT what the market demands.

Do people want a brew pub in their town? Sure.

Will people buy beer? Of course.

But if the market is flooded with a billion micro-brews and brewpubs, their margins will be too low to be profitable. Besides, there already is a place that sells beer. It's called a "bar." And it doesn't have all that nasty overhead that brewpubs do.

Second, admit it. You thought it would be cool to start a brewpub. And that's the second dead give away. Like a middle aged man starting a "sports bar" or a trophy wife starting a "horse hobby farm" none of you have ever given a consideration as to whether or not the damn thing will be profitable. It's like "Restaurant Impossible" (which I LOVE) where the guy goes in to help the people who have a failing restaurant and ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS they;

1. Never have done any accounting.
2. Don't know how much they're losing
3. Are in debt, mortgaging their house and selling their 401k's
4. Never had any experience running a restaurant.
5. Cite such galactic stupidity as "it's always been my dream to run a restaurant."

Hobbies are not businesses. They are money-losing fun things you do. Not something you throw your retirement fund at.

Third, permit me a bit of discrimination - too many young man are starting them. Men who still wear their hats backwards and say "hawt" instead of "hot." Yes, yes, I've seen plenty of the proprietors be the aging, desperate to do something with their lives and their measly 401k balance, "hey brewpub! That'll save us during our retirement." They are out there. But nearly half I've ran into are young men in their 20's and early 30's simply making the mistake their middle aged trophy wife counterparts do with horse farms. They are once again blinded by "dreams" and not reality.

Fourth and finally, brewpubs are cool. And bankers like "cool" more than profit. I know a score of small, community banks and their retarded legions of aging male bankers who will be so enamored with the idea of financing a brewpub, that the young, naive entrepreneurs pitching the idea could have the world's worst projections and worst presentations and it won't matter. Desperate middle aged bankers will fall in love with the idea of a self-brewing Sam Malone, remember Cheers fondly, and finance it anyway. This provides the final ingredient for a classical "bubble" - an extension of credit.

Of course after Chip and Tad fail to file their tax returns for the 3rd year in a row and need to have their perpetually maxed out line of credit extended and increased for the 12th time, even moronic community banks will tire. And maybe, just maybe, saner heads will prevail at the bank and foreclose on the now-aged and decrepit property and equipment. That or the FDIC will come in, audit that file and make the bank foreclose.

Now, do I have any empirical data?

Actually, I do. But it isn't conclusive yet. I'm making a bet that in the future this bubble will burst. That cool micro-brew down the road will be no longer in about 3-5 years. The charm it brought to your village will be forever lost and you'll just have to go to the regular bar to get your more-than-ample microbrews. Of course I could be wrong too. Maybe there is a ton of demand. Maybe the brewpub is the next evolution that will replace the bar. But if I know my naive American dreamers faking it as serious entrepreneurs, and the community bank industry that is only more than happy to do their best to finance failing business models, we have a nice little boondoggle ahead of us.

How an 18 Year Old Can Be Better Off Than Most 40 Year Olds Today

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When you cut wood (with a chainsaw) it's pretty much pointless to be trying to listen to an MP3 player. You can't hear it and the wires just get in the way. You want to be safe so unnecessary equipment (scarf, headphones, etc) is just something to "not do" when chainsawing. This leaves your brain to think and just like hiking or long distance motorcycle rides, I have come up with the occasional epiphany cutting wood, and yesterday was just such an example.

I was thinking about "my generation" and realized that most us late 30/early 40 somethings:

- Do not have a positive net worth
- Are in debt
- Are working jobs we were capable of back in our 20's
- Do not have significant retirement savings
- Have children we can't afford
- And are simply treading water financially

The reason for this is the reason for all financial and economics problems - debt.

Despite going to college 15 years ago most 40 year olds still have student loans or are "just now" paying them off. Most people in my generation also thought buying "cool cars" was a brilliant idea and insist on having new cars (a habit developed and held over from middle school where you piss away money on stupid sh!t). And then most of my generation also has credit card debt. Not the credit card debt you pay off every month.

Oh no no no.

No, we use those 24% interest rate credit cards for long term financing of the crap we don't need, but must have. (But it's alright, learning compounding and exponential functions in the 5th grade was for "squares" and so what we don't know won't hurt us!)

Add it all up together and you have somebody who's technically been an "adult" for 2 decades, but is also worse off when they started at the age of 18.

So how can an 18 year old avoid this fate?

Simple. You just don't go into debt.

The hurdle is so low (if you care to "beat" your 40 year old counterpart) that you just need to avoid borrowing money and you will be in better financial shape than your average 40 year old.

I know for the younger kids out there, this seems crazy, but it it's true. Yes, you may view a 40 year old as "old" or "wise" or "experienced." And yes you may say to yourself (as I did when I was 18),

"*Wow, you know. 40 year olds sure have their act together! They're REAL adults! I better listen to them!*"

But the truth is they no more intelligent or experience than you are, let alone when they were 18.

So it is here you can do yourself a HUGE favor and learn from the mistakes of others.

First (BOYS!), don't be a moron and buy a car you can't afford. Forget crippling your financial future by taking on student loans, a car is even worse. It's not an investment, it goes down in value. And the truth is at the age of 18 using a car as a means to "get chicks" is a losing proposition. The reason why is if you are going to play that game, you are going up against men with REAL cars. Brand new Beemers. Brand new Mercedes. And men with checkbooks that can buy and sell you. Girls who also play this game KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 2012 MERCEDES and a 2013 MERCEDES. And will certainly not be impressed with your pimped out Honda Civic with "sweet" fins.

Second, don't be a moron and go to college if the price is too high relative to the earnings potential you will have after you graduate. In other words don't major in a stupid subject. If you go to school, graduate at 22 and you STILL HAVEN'T PAID OFF YOUR LOANS 18 YEARS LATER, you majored in something stupid and something that could have been taught at the library for free. It OBVIOUSLY didn't generate the earnings that would rationalize the $50,000 in tuition and 4 (or 6 or 8) years of your youth. And if you say,

"*You know, college isn't all about the money. It's about becoming a well-rounded person*"

please find a sledge hammer and hit yourself in the head repeatedly.

Third (GIRLS), do not buy trinkets and crap that have no functional value. If you're going to get a credit card and buy things, buy things like gas, utility bills, electornics, etc. Also, how many of your mother's dresses do you borrow over the course of a year from when she went to high school? Oh "0?" Oh, that's right, because fashion for women is nothing but a scam for you to blow away your money on something that is going to be "obsolete" or "out of style" next year. Instead of trying to keep up with the fads, how about your have your wardrobe be "timeless?" Notice the pictures and fashion below are not from

the most recent issue of "Glamour"

Regardless, "shopping" is not an activity or a hobby you do for fun. "Spending money" is not something you should "look forward to doing" or should call up your friends and participate in. It should be practical and functional, serving your needs. Merely acquiring crap on a credit card only serves to enslave you later in life.

Finally, eliminate your rent or mortgage as much as possible.

10 years ago I would have said "independence" is the most important characteristic and trait of a young person, commanding younger people to move out of the house as quickly as possible. Now, forget it. Stay at home as long as you can. Live off of your parents as long as possible. Save as much money as possible. And then, when your parents finally kick you out, find the cheapest place to rent possible. Realize the less stuff you have, the smaller an apartment you need. And if you insist on buying a house, again, find only what you need.

If you do these four simple things (all of which fall under the umbrella of "avoiding debt" aka "spend less than you make") you will be in better financial shape than most 40 year olds. And not only will you be in better financial shape, you'll not have suffered wasting 4-8 years of your youth on a worthless degree, "scrambling climb the corporate ladder," let alone suffer the humiliation of filing for bankruptcy.

This has been a PSA from Cappy Cap.

How Reddit Parallels Democracy and Mob Rule

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Davis hits one out of the park. Especially at the 5:45 mark and thereafter.

Pour yourself a drink and enjoy!

The Epitome of Intellectual Honesty

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My mom does not like it when I slam on baby boomers. She somehow thinks when I say, "baby boomers" I mean "all of them" which I don't, but again, the Leykis Clause is in effect.

However, I received hope that she is starting to discern between generalizations and specific individuals when she sent me this.

You see, the reason some of you love me, and others hate me, is because I speak my mind based on the observations I see. I don't care whose feelings it hurts because I've suffered enough idiocy and demand to point out the purveyors of that idiocy. One special group of people who purvey an inordinate amount of idiocy upon me and the rest of society are aging baby boomers who decide on a whim to "live their dream," and run off to buy and ride brand new, over-priced, and over-powered motorcycles with absolutely no experience. They endanger not just me and nearly everybody else on the road, but their novice selves.

Now, it doesn't matter if you like my attitude. It doesn't matter if you think I'm cocky. Your driving habits were so spectacularly shitty in:

Sturgis '10
Sturgis '11
Sturgis '12
Beartooth '12
and all points inbetween for all years

that I'm strongly recommending all you novice aging boomers who think it's a "cool idea" to get a Spider, a trike, or (heaven forbid) a real motorcycle and clog up all the motorcycle rallies while you 'n "ma" ride with matching helmets, give up that idea and just leave it to the professionals.

Or

ORRRRR!!!

here's another "crazy" idea-

maybe you learn to ride first *before* you drive (not haul) your pristine, brand new Harley's to the various motorcycle rallies thus not becoming another statistic.

Sorry to deliver real world and bad news to you. But, then again, I'm not your parents who told you, you could do no wrong.

Just Can't Let Boys Be Boys, Can You?

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I was thinking about this, an instance where feminism is forcing itself on men in a social capacity, namely games. And it dawned on me that if you follow this to its logical conclusion, it will not end well for feminists. In other words, promise yourself all the financial aid, assistance, welfare and what have you, the one thing government cannot provide women is the non-financial rewards of live.

Friendship
Romance
Love
Comradery
A Social life.

And the day is going to come when women realize that while socialism and feminism provide for their financial and political needs, neither will be able to provide for their social, romantic and familial needs.

My question is this:

Are women then going to demand the government force men to meet these social needs? Are feminists that selfish and entitlement-mentalitied that they would dare to force men via the government to date, court, marry and socialize with women they really don't want to? Or will they finally admit feminism/socialism (same thing) was nothing but a bill of goods sold to them to garnish their vote for abusive and self-serving politicians? Because I got news for all the little ladies out there who think the government is the solution to all of their problems:

The day the government starts telling/forcing men to marry, date, court, let alone socialize with certain women is the day the guns come out, daddy comes home and you'll see where all the "real men" have gone and just what they think of you telling them to do with their lives.

Enjoy the decline!

Grammar Nazi's, Mall of America Economics, and More!

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on the latest installment of The Clarey Podcast!

(HUGE LANGUAGE WARNING ON THE FIRST SEGMENT, though it IS the best rant against grammar Nazis you'll ever hear)

Forced Discipline and Regimen Month

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Most of you know the story, but if you don't I'll give you the very brief version.

My single largest achievement in my life, still to this day is college. Specifically I:

- financed and paid for EVERYTHING (tuition, books, gas, housing, food, insurance, etc.) EVERYTHING
- I worked full time
- I went to school slightly higher than full time (usually taking an extra class over a full credit load)
- graduated 6 months early (and my last semester had only 2 classes)
- with $6,000 cash in the bank
- no debt
- and a 3.96 GPA (lousy Marketing class and their "A-'s")

To achieve this it required a very young, 18 year old Captain to exercise an EXTREME amount of self-control and discipline. Every minute was scheduled in my day and I was literally coming into class with 2 minutes to spare at times, eating bagels as I was walking from my apartment to work, every single second of the day was utilized and consumed. Above all else, this was self-inflicted.

Capable of a monstrous amount of work, production, and dedication, it would take me 7 years to realize there was no employer in the US that would use me to my full potential. Everybody wanted to go home when the clock struck 5PM, no middle aged boss would entrust a 22 year old (no matter what his CV said) with any kind of responsibility or challenge, and so, at most, I operated at about 40% my full capacity, though usually I would say averaging around 15-20%. This caused a certainly level of dismay and depression in that no matter how much I could or wanted to work, the limiting factor in my career would be the limitations of employers. My success was outside my control. I would not become that corporate executive at 30 with a house paid off and a nice car. I would jump from job to job scaring the hell out of every employer and HR director.

The situation worsened with two additional events - the housing crash and the two elections of Barack Obama. The housing bubble showed me just how corrupt and dysfunctional the finance, and in general, corporate/employment world is. Ass kissing, brown nosing, rent seeking, networking and lobbying is how you get ahead, not hard work and innovating thinking. Something I just plain couldn't stomach. However, even if you were to hold your nose and engage the art of ass kissing, it would be pointless in that it became very apparent with the elections of Obama any amount of production and work

(whether of the ass-kissing or ass-kicking variety) would simply be confiscated.

I was enraged, gave up on my dreams, accepted reality, stopped feeling sorry for myself, replaced them with new ones, and now am enjoying the decline.

However, there is one regret I have - a lack or decrease in discipline, self-control and regimen.

Over the years of operating at a fraction of my 22 year old self's potential, I've had neither the incentive or reason to "give it my all." This has resulted in a slacking off in my personal estimation, knowing I am not achieving all that I could. Yes, admitted, there has been no opportunity to "achieve all that I could," but where idleness exists, other things creep in.

For example, while used to being engaged the second I woke up to the second I went to bed, my brain needed something to fill the down time after college. Working out and running only covers so much, but soon, with the demise of the finance industry, the country in general, not to mention your college buddies all get married and have children, alcohol now plays a large role in my life. When the chores are done, the book sales are tabulated and the budget confirmed, it's off to the bar because it will knock my brain out until my friends come home.

Another example is teh interwebz. While this one is a good thing (who knew blogging, a podcast and a youtube channel was a way to make money), checking e-mail, approving comments, and spending 3-4 hours a day on the internet is just not good in the long run.

And video games? Love them! But I get that sick feeling in my stomach that you normally got as a kid watching too much daytime TV when you faked being sick so you could stay at home and not go to school. And heck, I don't even play them that much.

What it is, is something I believe most industrious men of our generation face - a lack of purpose and a lack of challenge. And it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Not that we have been sitting here, saying "woe is me." Nor have we just been asking people "what do we do???" as there is no shortage of self-improvement and life-guidance on The Manosphere. But industrious, adventuresome and capable as we are, we men (and women too) need to fully realize our potential, and COMMIT to doing so, not merely get by. And while we may not wish to return to our 100% full-throttle selves ALL THE TIME, I believe revisiting such a regimen in life would be useful, helpful and healthy.

Therefore I am declaring this "Forced Discipline and Regimen Month." I am going to go back to my 22 year old self-capacity and operate at that level. Even though there is no day time job, I am going to:

work out everyday (running one day, weights the other)
abide STRICTLY by the no carb diet no matter how hard it is to find food without carbs
not consume alcohol
work on every project that needs to be done, putting off and procrastinating nothing
work from the time I wake up to the time I go to bed
schedule work/projects to ensure there is no shortage of work and time is efficiently used

To bring the element of "Forced" discipline I am also posting this picture here, not out of arrogance or ego, but for all to judge and ensure I abide. If there is no improvement in a month you will mock, ridicule, and deride me...just like you schmoes do anyway.

Everybody else is welcome to participate in "Forced Discipline and Regimen Month." By the end of late March I believe people will be not only physically improved, but mentally

improved as well. If you are so bold and wish to "force" yourself to do it, the ole Captain will post your pre-FDRM pic here.

Polish Girls Enjoy the Decline!

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Why aren't you!?

Operation Coffee House VII

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Ahhhh, yes. Can't you just predict it?

Yet another coffee house that claims to have internet access, but doesn't, either because the staff know not the basics of computer netowrking or they fail to understand how coffee shops really work.

Ok, let me explain it to you. The only reason coffee shops exist is because artists, authors, and people who all fall under the "unemployed" category can't just sit at home and do their "work."
They need to get out of their hovel of an apartment and do their "work" at a different place. Understand, I'm not necessarily against this. Heck, I'm even a hypocrite myself as that's what I'm doing (though Operation Coffee House by its definition mandates I go to a coffee house to do my work). I can understand if you have the ability to work from wherever, sure, why not a coffee house?
But for the most part, and based on all my research in the "Operation Coffee House" series, only about 5% of the "artists" and "authors" I see at coffee houses are legitimately authors and artists.
Regardless, my point is that if you don't have internet access, you don't have customers because they're not coming their for the coffee (ironically). They're just getting out of the house and need internet.

Anyway, so here I sit, typing this into Notepad to be later copied and pasted in the blog.

Today's coffee house is a doozy. Hoity toity with the fancy schmancy with the oopdy loopdy. I'm in Linden Hills, and if you don't know about Linden Hills it's where all the aging, old fart liberals retire off of their government pension at 55 or they've finally come into possession of their trust fund.
So it's grey hair central here and I, along with the staff are by far the youngest souls in the neighborhood. We are also in a much lower income bracket and it shows. This coffee shop has wine, champagne, beer and a menu. I could be wrong and just have assumed it was a coffee shop when in reality it's a restaurant, but as far as my cursory drive through of the Linden Hills area told me, two coffee shops are out of business and this was the only one open. Restaurant or coffee shop it will have to suffice.

The coffee I'm currently drinking will by far be the most memorable. That I can guarantee because (I swear to god) it MUST have goat cheese in it. Yes, goat cheese coffee. You can tell you're in the shadows of upper income tax bracket pensioneers when you have goat cheese in your coffee.
Normallly I'll drink and eat anything unless it's absolutely disgusting. And this coffee

qualifies. I don't know if they purposely put goat cheese in the coffee or if maybe the coffee was in the fridge next to the goat cheese and absorbed its flavor, but it's horrible.

Just like the goat cheese flavored coffee is unique, so is this coffee house. The music is currently Johnny Cash, the architecture is really nice, and while I still could beat every man here in a physical fight, I actually don't want too. None of them look to be the hipster type, but then again, they're pretty much all older.

That's about it for this coffee house. I wish I could say more, but it must be a slow day. There is nobody working on their "screenplays," nobody working on their latest fund raising initiative. Heck, you don't even have posters up on a billboard advertising the latest crappy bands or the latest leftist rally or protest. Oddly enough, I don't even feel comfortable here. Almost too sterile based on what I'm used to with the other coffee houses.

Bachelors of Art in Film

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So I like to study films. I totally like, ummmm....watching movies and stuff. But dude, why am I unemployed??? It's that f@cking George Bush and those republicans keeping me down man!

Ahhh, if only you idiotic children (and that's what you are) purchased "Worthless."

When Surgeons Go Galt

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From our Surgeon Agent in the Field via an e-mail exchange:

Earnings potentia as a surgeon? Obamacare will make once-self-sufficient privately practicing physicians into insurance and government lackeys, fully employed and owned by hospitals. Those who have no exit strategy will work more and be paid less. The number of demoralized and retiring doctors I am witnesseing now has spiked like nothing I have seen before. Supposedly 1/3 want to get out within the next 10 years, half of these are under 55. Many of these will talk a big game and do nothing, of course, addicted as they are to their big-spending lifestyles and status as physicians. Due to the length and intensity of training doctors are more susceptible than most to living lives devoid of interests outside of work. Sad. But the resourceful ones will retool and do very well in non-clinical disciplines. My advice to anyone I meet is to secure a good doctor now if you don't already have one. As medicaid expands, patients rush in, and doctors rush out, it is going to get very interesting.

Sometimes life is about more than earning potential. I would rather do meaningful work, performed freely on my own terms for less. And I have no interest in being a functionary in Barack Obama's scheme to "redistribute" my skills to others by further corrupting the free market price of these services with ever-expanding insurance involvement. Learning to be a surgeon took a decade of my youth and hundreds of thousands of dollars. I have quietly gone Galt in my own way... withdrawing myself from any insurance or government payment schemes and performing procedures that are cash only. I may get out entirely, who knows. Obama thinks that if he dishes it out that doctors will be forced to take it. Some, maybe, but not all.

Thanks again for the wonderful book. The greatest benefit from your book really was psychological. It is time Enjoy the Decline!

our agent also wrote:

Freedom-oriented people need to understand that a crisis of care is coming... Not now, but soon enough. I can rattle off in a flash the names of friends and aquaintances who have either gotten out of the pipeline (dropping out during training to get MBAs or to take jobs in consulting.. One friend is selling real estate in NYC!) or very capable fifty-somethings who retired or are planning on retiring very soon. In the case of the retiring docs these are people who really enjoy what they do. These are very capable surgeons, not easily replaced by a nurse. Think of the loss to a community of a single 50-something surgeon. That type of experience takes decades to acquire. This is what liberals fail to understand because much of the work they do requires no skill per se. They just assume

that someone who knows how to "fix it" will always be around.

Not now, but in coming decades we will see more care delivered by fully-employed nurse practitioners, docs imported from abroad, and remaining US docs who either cannot leave (ie not brightest and best) or who have no level of discomfort working in a top-down inefficient Soviet-style bureaucratic hospital environment. Brightest and best in the US will be in derm and plastics or running cash-only private practices at all price points.

The employed Soviet-style docs will gow ever more entitled and dissatisfied, taking on an SEIU sort of culture. There will be strike attempts, a la the red-shirted Chicago Teacher's Union. Then a law will be written prohibiting strikes. Non-private Obama medicine will be the equivalent of public school. Difference is, most people at least get out of public school alive. Those with money will buy the best privately.
I only have one observation/comment:

You leftists are going to learn real soon the difference between a government mandated "entitlement" or "promise" and reality.

Enjoy the decline!

I Lost My Court Case

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The Mayor has ruled AGAINST the Captain and all the minimalists out there.

I tried fellas, I tried.

Check Your Nuts

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Before I hear complaints, let me just quote one thing:

"Save the Boobies!"

Remember that Breast Cancer awareness campaign?

Good, now shut up and don't give me complaints about the crassness about this new testicular cancer campaign I just concocted up.

I was running, listening to Bill Burr's podcast on Lance Armstrong. As you know, Lance had testicular cancer and was cured of it. There has since been a movement akin to the pink ribbon campaign to help prevent testicular cancer. There was Movember I believe, but honestly, men are not going to respond to something like that. We don't need a large, glitzy, "testicular cancer month" kind of BS to prevent testicular cancer. We want something practical. Something simple. Something that doesn't force the rest of the world to wear a color nobody likes. And somehting akin to punching a guy in his shoulder saying, "hey dumbass, go get checked and look out for cancer."

So let me introduce to you the "Check Your Nuts" campaign.

It's simple.

Testicular cancer is easily preventable, all we (men) need to do is "check our nuts" once in a while. My doc recommended fidgeting with the boys once a month in the shower to make sure there are no bumps or irregularities. But the problem is how often do you remember to fidget with your nuts?

Oh sure, we scratch our balls every morning, peel them off the side of our leg after playing sweaty sports. But we don't "survey" them.

Therefore, it is an issue of remembering to do so and I think if we here in The Manosphere occasionally sign off one of our posts with "check your nuts" or sign off an e-mail with "check your nuts" it will get more and more men to check their nuts on a regular basis, thereby preventing cancer.

Therefore, not only should you guys "enjoy the decline" you should also

"check your nuts!"

This has been a PSA from Captain Capitalism.

Joe "Buy a Shot Gun" Biden

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Priceless footage comparing (admitted ditzes) firing shotguns and women firing AR 15's.

My honest opinion is 9MM+ caliber pistol for a woman for home defense is probably best until she learns to shoot a shotgun.

How to Never Lose a Debate

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It's pretty tough, but if you work at it, you too can never lose a debate.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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LOOKS WARNING!

Isn't it ironic her name is "Liz Jones?"

hat tip

Karl Enjoys the Decline!

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Apparently I am a "hat evangelist!"

You can buy Karl's patented GLORIOUS HAT here.

An "Aspiring Rap Artist" TWOFER!

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Aspiring Rap Artist #1
Aspiring Rap Artist #2

The second one you just can't make up.

Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person

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Part 3 of the series.

In this segment Jorge discusses how thoroughly brainwashed his elder sister is as the realities of her worthless degree fail to gain acceptance with her brain. HORSES are included in this story (as those beasts usually find a way into my world) as well as how a sibling has to deal with other siblings when it comes to delusion foisted upon them by socialism, educational brainwashing and the leftist disease.

Remember, all of this pain can be avoided, and the disease inoculated against by purchasing and reading "Worthless." And YES it's available in Kindle!

Captain's Afternoon Linkage

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I knew a guy who did this during the Dotcom days. Would get funding from naive banks and equity investors, pay himself hundreds of thousands, buy fancy cars and talk his way out of any problems. He never had a product. Good news is he's living with his parents-in-laws last I heard.

Wow! Matt writes a piece that doesn't include any epitaphs, curse words and might actually be of help to people without insulting them away! Good going Matt!

The Great Take Down of the American Female Education Bubble.

"Any degree is a good degree" says professor inexorably tied to Big Education and vampirically dependent upon naive kiddies' tuition dollars. Let's light this one up like a bomber over Dresden circa 1944, shan't we?

I know math is tough for girls, but it must be REALLY tough for democrat women.

The fact Russell Brand even has a show is more proof the electorate is predominantly composed of morons and you should enjoy the decline instead.

The Politically Leftist Rationalization Hamster

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If you are unaware of what a "rationalization hamster" is, it is a metaphorical reference created by a man with the pen name "Roissy." This metaphor is typically used in a romantic, sexual or psychological context, explaining how (usually) women will explain or "rationalize away" their conflicting or contradictory behavior. The purpose of this "rationalization hamster" is to allow it's "host" the ability to live in denial, avoid criticism and shame, and to protect their ego at all costs.

For example the rationalization hamster will never allow a single mother of 4, at the age of 44, with a divorce under her belt to contemplate and self-inflect that maybe she chose the wrong guy and made a horrendous mistake in having children and has caused harm to those children. The rationalization hamster will "spin its wheels" and desperately try to find a reason or "rationalization" as to why it is not the woman's fault and why she is 100% innocent and guilt free in the manner. The ex was a "jerk," she loves her children, yada yada yada. The rationalization hamster will also go to great lengths to shield said hypothetical person from her dating prospects.

"She's a MILF"

"She's a cougar!"

"44 is the new 24!"

"Watch Eat, Pray, Love, You'll See!"

In other words, the rationalization hamster is a coping mechanism because the host's brain cannot sustain the entirety of her situation otherwise she would be crushed and no longer able to function.

Naturally, as the hamster spins its wheel faster and faster, creating more and more excuses and rationalizations, it places its host on a trajectory of a delusional life, especially in the context of "sexual market value" (ie-you're always hot, you're always a catch, men are evil for not wanting to raise 4 other mens' children, etc.). Since the host doesn't live, nor make decisions, based in the real world, this trajectory sends her at mach 4 into "The Wall."

"The Wall" is the theoretical point at which the empirical and anecdotal evidence is so numerous, compelling and condemning, the host has no choice but to ignore the rationalization hamster and accept reality. The host is "all of the sudden" 55, men are no longer hitting on her, but her younger contemporaries, and despite being the hot thing

back in the Reagan administration, she is effectively now a grandma, whether she has children or not.

Currently, there is debate if it is even possible for a host to hit "The Wall" in that it requires the host to accept reality. Rationalization hamsters are INCREDIBLY powerful creatures driving women to think they're still sexy at the age of 70 (Jane Fonda any one?). And no post-Wall-collision hosts have been identified in the wild, just women with their cats wondering why they can't find a man. It is merely a theory our scientists are working on, akin to "can you escape the event horizon of a black hole?" and is one that may never be solved.

Regardless of the socio-sexual-romantic ramifications of the "Rationalization Hamster," the metaphor actually provides a great political model as well. Specifically, a model that explains leftist thought and behavior, and can provide great insight and practical uses for those of us not on the left. And once we see the similiarities between that of a (typically) female host of a sexual/socio rationalization hamster and that of a politically leftist rationalization hamster, we can start to draw from it.

First, and most obviously, both are impervious to logic, reason, and above all else empirical data. There is no shortage of instances in my life where I have shown a leftist charts, data, and statistics, of an unbiased nature proving they were flat out wrong, but they STILL came up with a reason or rationalization as to why I was wrong (my favorite being a philosophy doctorate inevitably saying her "perception was reality" and that all of what we were arguing about ultimately didn't matter - she is now a stay at home mom married to a very unhappy surgeon with buyer's remorse).

The reason why is that both types of hosts (socio/sexual, or politically left) do not live in reality. And it's not so much that they don't "live in reality" as much as it is their value is based on lies. If you look at the typical 44 year old single mom with a divorce and 4 kids under her belt, her life is effectively over until the youngest graduates from high school. That is the truth. However, that is a harsh truth to accept and so a rationalization hamster is needed to either help her digest that truth or (as is more commonly the case) deny it outright. For the leftist host of a politically left rationalization hamster the thought process is the same. Most leftists do not achieve anything great in life. Either because of incompetence, incapability or (as is most often the case) laziness. Of course, their egos are far too big and fragile to accept that truth, so their rationalization hamster comes up with rationalization as to why they're

1. oppressed
2. kept down by the corporations man
3. not understood
4. conspiracy theories

etc. etc.

Second is the emotional reactions hosts of rationalization hamsters (social or political) have. Notice when you ask a conservative or a libertarian to describe themselves they will say a "plumber" or a "cop" or a "surgeon." Their trade or job is what defines them first and foremost because that is the value they produce in life. When you ask a leftist to describe him or herself they really produce nothing of value, and so they cite their political ideology as a descriptor of them. Even if they do have a job, the job itself is typically nothing more than a euphemism of their political ideology (activist, crusader, CSR head, director of worthless non-profit, etc.). But further proving the point is what happens when you criticize a host infected with a ratioanlization hamster about their ideology. If you criticize a conservative about being a plumber, let a lone a conservative, they might get irked, but they will dismiss you. They are secure and comfortable in being a plumber and a conservative. YOu criticize a leftist for being ignorant of government finances or that they're not really an "artist" because nobody wants to buy their art, they get ENRAGED. Not because you are being rude, but because you are pointing out the hypocrisy in which they live their lives. You are getting too close to the truth, and you are sending the rationalization hamster into overdrive.

This can been seen in how quickly a debate with a leftist turns into name calling. If you don't like Obama, you're a racist. If you don't want to tax the rich more, you're a sexist. If you want to balance the budget and cut back social security/medicare, you're an "ageist." And dare you insist on dating chicks in shape, you are "shallow" and a cad. Doesn't matter that your concerns are based in reality, reality doesn't occur to them. Their egos MUST be defended at all costs, even if that means ignoring reality.

Third, look at the sheer effort and energy that goes into feeding a political rationalization hamster. If you look at what the primary job of a leftist is, it is to come up with excuses and reasons to be entitled to other people's money. There's never enough money for educating the "childddddreeeeennnnnn." Nearly all leftist arguments culminate into the class the rich "doesn't pay their fair share" (while never specifying what is that "fair share). Feminists claim 1 in 3 women are raped so they can get their precious university funding for a "sexual abuse center" ~~that provides them worthless jobs.~~...errr..."protects women from rapists." And the black community, if there ever was an example, is the saddest and most pathetic epitome of how much a group of people will destroy themselves and their lives because cowardly blaming their problems on racism is easier on the ego than acknowledge illegitimacy rates and fatherlessness. Leftists are no less delusional than the middle aged women consuming Harlequin romance novels, reading feminist articles, watching Sex in the City, all while getting her "Masters in Fat Acceptance."

Fourth, they become "zombies." I believe after a while, the human brain is so indoctrinated and pickled in the propaganda it receives (either because of "pro-women,

you go grrrl!!! Grrrrl power media" for sexual/socio rationalization hamsters or leftist indoctrination for political rationalization hamsters) it rejects reality, even without thinking about. You could have the most factual statistics and data that would turn their lives around, but because it doesn't jive with their leftist ideology, they immediately reject it (while of course calling you a racist). You have probably seen this when listening to leftists debate. I don't even think they're cognizant of it. Their brains have been so hardwired and maladjusted that they IMMEDIATELY have the talking point ready to retort your empirical facts and data. It's worse than having *no desire* to be intellectually honest. It's that they *no longer have the capacity to*.

I call this this "Zombie Liberal" and its ramifications are quite macabre. Because if the economy ever were to collapse, do you see reasoning with the hordes of starving liberals and leftists whose mental capacity is to blame "everything on Bush?" Do you see a raving leftist, in desperate need of insulin, who, coincidentally by the way, has been brought up to have an entitlement mentality, wanting to sit down and rationally discuss with you about how the "debt to GDP ratio" got too high and when China pulled the plug and the US credit rating went down, that's why gas prices got so high insulin couldn't be transported into the city? The only reason they're reasonably well behaved now and not rioting in the streets is because the lights are still on and they're (in one way or another) getting their government check. Wait for an emergency or when there's no goods to buy with the government check and see how reasonable they're going to be.

Certainly, there are many more parallels between the socio/sexual rationalization hamster and its political brother, but in the end you have effectively the same thing - a person with a mental disorder. Being infected by a rationalization hamster, whether sociol/sexual or political, is nothing more than living a delusional life. And I say this not to be mean, but to try to help these people. Because it isn't the libertarian or conservative who has to wake up day in and day out and lie to themselves about how the real world works. It isn't the plumber or the surgeon who has to rationalize taking other people's money from them for nothing in return. It isn't Tina the engineering major who needs a government program in "Women's Studies" to find employment. It isn't the Walter Williams of the world who play the victim/race card to explain the poor decisions they've made in the past. And it isn't the conservative lying on his deathbed wondering if he's pissed his life away as a "professional activist" (because, well, he was an accountant). It's the cowards and intellectual weaklings of the world who plain don't have the stamina, fortitude, work ethic and maturity to become independent adults and enjoy the real world.

The Unnecessary Cost of Dread

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Approaching the end of week 1 of "Forced Discipline and Regimen Month" I am reminded of an important lesson I have forgotten since I was 17.

Look here at this video.

You'll notice the girl spends many minutes agonizing and fearing the jump off the cliff. It is not until her boyfriend pushes her does she actually go. I had a similar experience when I was 17 jumping off of the Interstate Park cliffs into the St. Croix River that separates Minnesota and Wisconsin. The cliffs are 100 feet tall and they go straight down into the water. I remember climbing up to the top of them and there there was a similar hemming and hawing as your eyes and brain tried to rationalize and take in the precipitous fall. However, that is the WORST part of it. Once you commit yourself to jumping and do it, it isn't that bad.

The lesson I learned from it was not to look. Looking only leads to dread and fear, and is the unnecessary price you pay for a task that, though thrilling, is not going to hurt you. And when it comes to working out, it is the same thing.

I HATE HATE HATE HATE HATE lifting weights.

It's boring. It is mind numbing. And the only benefit is physical.

However, since I hate it so much, I dreaded doing it. But much like cliff jumping or cliff swinging, it was the dread that made it 10 times worse than it actually was. In other words since blindly committing to lifting weights, I no longer let my brain entertain or contemplate the option not to. Since blindly committing to running 6 miles the days I don't lift, I don't let my brain fear the temperatures or cold. And since blindly committing to not drinking and avoiding carbs, cravings have gone away. In just putting your fatherly foot down on your own mind and saying, "we're doing this" there is no chance for your brain to fear or dread it, making it all that much easier. There is no debate, there is no discussion, there is no rationalizing your way out of it. It's just a daily chore, you're going to do and the calories of energy you'd normally spend dreading doing it are now repurposed into doing it. It is a skill definitely worth learning.

Enjoy the Schadenfreude!

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From a reader, she will be added to the schadenfreude list!

On a side note, the comments are not just priceless, but I think they answer my philosophical question:

"If a hamster hits the wall, does it even know it?" (I believe it is in the later third of the podcast)

The answer is no. It is very much like the dismembered knight in Monty Python's Search for the Holy Grail.

Heimie's Haberdashery

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In my efforts to enjoy the decline, I decided to treat myself to a haircut and beard trim at a haberdashery. If you don't know what a haberdashery is, it's a high end man's store. I'd like to say clothing store, but they also typically include hats, accessories, cigars, and a barber shop. Not every town has one, but the Twin Cities does - Heimie's Haberdashery.

I did not want to bother the workers, annoying them if I could take a pictures of their entire store, so all I asked is if I could take a picture of the barber shop area and here it is:

Obviously, this is not Great Clips, and yes, you are going to pay more for a hair cut and a trim at a haberdashery, but permit me to convince you why you should AT LEAST ONCE in your life go to a haberdashery before you die.

The hair cut and trim are the best you will ever get. I got not one, not two, but three different hot towel treatments. The reasoning or mechanics behind treating my face with three different lathers, soaps and conditioners was beyond me, but they are professionals and know what they are doing. Additionally, they have to be as all beard grooming is done with a straight edge razor. It is that freaking old school. The end product was a "Tony Stark" beard and hair cut, laser precision definition and jib. I walked out, in all honesty, about an additional .8 points on a scale of 1-10. That is how practical and beneficial a high end hair cut at a haberdashery is.

Also when you walk in it screams "man." Women are of course allowed in, but let there be no mistake this is a place for men. Everything is for men, everything is about men. You can speak freely and be a man. Feminists would burn much like a vampire would in a church if they were to set foot in there. In short it is about the one of the few, pure bastions for men remaining and shows you what men can achieve in terms of fashion and class if left to their own devices and desires.

The music, at least at Heimie's was jazz. Old school jazz. It was perfect. No teenybopper, Top 40, Kate Perry, Rhianna crap. It was talented musicians from the olden days who actually had talent and skill. Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Artie Shaw, they got as recent as Miles Davis (unless I misheard the song). It was music for men. Not boys, not girls, not women, but men.

Finally, the staff was impeccably dressed. Not corny 1880's, barbershop quartet old school, but vests, suspenders, sharp shirts and tasteful hats that COULD be worn indoors. They were also quite dapper looking young gentlemen that would cause palpitations in the hearts of young ladies. I felt a little bit of shame coming in as I did (jeans and a sweatshirt) and believe next time I will wear a suit so as not to offend the staff or disrupt the aura of the haberdashery.

In short, whether it's Heimie's or another haberdashery in the large metro you live in, I don't recommend you go to one. I COMMAND you go to one. This is one of those things men NEED to treat themselves to before they die, and preferably once a year. The experience is like fine dining except when you eat your food you don't say, "Well, shoot, I could have grilled a better steak at home," you walk out and say, "Wow, that's nothing I could have done at home." It is such an experience, even women would love to just sit and watch the craftsmanship of the barber trim your beard. And ladies, if you're looking to get your man a gift, this is what you get him. It is a way for all to enjoy the decline.

"Why Aren't You On a Date?" Linkage

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It's Saturday. What are you doing reading this blog? Go out, get laid...or "at least die trying."

Oh well, since you insist.

College Insurrection has a nice amalgamation of further proof corporations requiring college degrees in their "entry level positions" should expect nothing but the finest whiners, complainers and spoiled brats.

This is the primary reason a disproportionately high percentage of my new readership is of minority groups - because I don't kiss their ass and I treat them like fellow adults.

The Last Christian Standing enjoys the decline!

Legendary Kotetu hits one out of the park. It's a joke ladies!!! not really.

From our Indian, Eskimo, Scandinavian, Canadian (not kidding) Agent in the Field. More on this later.

What do I keep telling you people about property taxes undermining the value of American's largest asset?

I had a girlfriend once. She had all the privileges of connected grandparents and her entire career was due to the fact her grandad was the #3 guy at a very large corporation. I always envied how she had enough money to contribute to a 401k while I got by to pay groceries even though she was (beyond a doubt) dumber than a retarded dachshund. Now, I couldn't be happier.

Danny explains why we love our soldiers.

Marilyn Monroe is dead, but my grandmother (of roughly her age) is still alive. And guess who led the better and more enjoyable life!

What's more pathetic than an "aspiring rap artist?"

Answer - a white bred, nepotist son of a politician "hip hop aspiring rap artist."

"Get to Gettin'"

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Frank Intrudes On Dean

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Is It Possible to Short Bitcoin?

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Just asking. I know absolutely nothing about it, though it intrigues me.

Express Air Medical Transport

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The Captain on Nomad Capitalist

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Here's the interview. You will enjoy the decline!

Operation Coffee House VIII

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My god, where do I start with this one?

I believe I have found the "hive" or "mothership" of all coffee houses in Minneapolis. This coffee house has got to have every variable, trait and characteristic of every coffee house in the area. It confirms every stereotype to the point it is comical.

First there's "Mr. I-Bike-Year-Round." You can tell because there is only one bike parked outside the cafe, not that his winterized attire would give it away either. Gloves, winter pants, a full beard for extra insulation. Though I'll give him more credit than any other man in the entire joint. Those year round cyclists are hard core and are in shape. However, working at a bike shop myself in the liberal part of town, I KNOW FOR A FACT that is because they cannot afford a car. But don't point that out to them. They'll tell you they're doing it for the environment.

Second, let's continue on about the men. I swear, I wish I could take a picture, but that would violate these people's privacy. But if you saw what I saw, you'd laugh. There's a line of men, most of them bald, most of them still in their twenties, all with thick rimmed horned glasses, all, ALL of them with Apple laptops. I so wish I could take a picture because it looks like a bunch of soldiers lined up for inspection. It would make a great "motivational poster" where it could be titled "Conformity - The harder you try not to, the more you fail."

Another thing I notice about the men is the lisp or the effeminate voice. I don't believe any of them are gay, but I do know they have lower levels of testorerone. This is the latest generation to come off the assembly line, go to college, graduate and now drift aimlessly in their twenties. Without genuine challenge or rigor, their bodies and biology have failed to produce the testosterone and hormones necessary to make them look "manly." You think I'm arrogant when I say I can kick every guys ass in the joint (when I myself am a smaller fellow), but that is not arrogance. It IS a testament to this developmental disorder these men have.

Third, related to hormones, the women. Maybe it's not a lack of a challenging or physically demanding environment that explains the "Low T" these men have, as much as it is the women. They're...well...what you'd expect. None of them are wearing make up. Most are pretty ugly. And while the majority of them are in their 20's and early 30's, there is the handful of older women who wistfully look around the coffee shop, perhaps trying to find their youth. Regardless, none of these would inspire your glands to secrete testosterone. Nobody here (men or women) have seen the insides of a calculus book.

Fourth, yes, of course. Art. I told you this shop had all the amenities of your lefty coffee shop!

Today's local artist is a guy who specializes in taking figurines and posing them near lakes to make the scenery look bigger and more dramatic. I sure hope he spent a ton of money on his BA in Art to come up with that clever little tactic. Again, it's something I could do, therefore it isn't art. Perhaps he could take his figurine ability and work for Robot Chicken...naw, that would actually take skill and effort.

Fifth, even though I didn't see a sign that banned guns from these premises, I'm pretty sure I'm once again the only person carrying. I swear if a criminal wants an easy mark, coffee shops are it. These people are not so much against violence (who isn't? I am!), as much as they are afraid of it. They are so afraid of the reality that there is violence in the world their choice is to ignore it and "hope it goes away." I guarantee you if any violent or aggressive person came in here you would have one of those scenes where people would just stand and watch. Not out of a worry of law suits being filed, but they're be scared stiff.

Sixth, oh yes, everything is green. You knew that already, but the establishment has put a poster up parading its various accomplishments and achievements in going green (picture is not rotated correctly because blogger is being difficult now)

One huge thing that is missing should be very obvious - profit.

"Free meetings held?"
"Acres of trees saved by switching to LED light bulbs???"
"Full time job equivalents????"

Again, it's like suggesting a whole new accounting system be based off of Facebook "likes" and not the real world currency coming in and out of the joint. Oh well, even though profits are evil, I'm sure they'll find out it's also necessary for the joint to remain open.

Sixth, the coffee. It ain't bad. I'm not developing my pallet (sp?), but it sure as hell beats out the goat cheese coffee from the other day.

Post Script - I WAS able to get a picture of the Apple Soldiers lined up for inspection. Faces of course deleted for privacy's sake:

Warren Buffet's Magic is Gone

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Every year I get to loathe and dread the annual updating of my financial classes. I hate it even more than doing taxes, because I get to wait for the IRS/Congress to get their act together and update things like contribution limits for IRA's, 401k's, etc. Then I painstakingly go through my classes, updating each and every number and statistic so it is currently up to date. The whole thing takes about 2 days and given how streamlined and bachelorized-efficient my life is, you can understand how 2 days of real work puts me in a fowl mood.

In addition, however, to basic contribution limits, tax law etc., I also have to update charts. These needn't be updated every year, but invariably they get stale and I have to update them. These charts include dividend yield ratios, the S&P 500 P/E ratio and so forth. But another one I update is Berkshire Hathaway's performance chart. This makes me revisit how the democrat's favorite businessman is doing and since I started teaching classes, I've noticed something about Warren-

He's losing his touch.

In the past he RARELY lost to the index, I believe only providing poorer returns than the S&P 500 for three years in three decades. This earned him fame among academians and professors who could only study, but never replicate his performance. But the past 10 years, his performance has been anything but "Berkshire Hathaway-eqsue." He loses just as much as he wins, which adds further proof to my theory that whatever advantage he had, has been lost or whittled away by institutional investors and the market.

1974	5.5	(26.4)	31.9
1975	21.9	37.2	(15.3)
1976	58.3	23.6	35.7
1977	31.9	(7.4)	39.3
1978	24.0	6.4	17.6
1979	31.7	14.2	17.5
1980	19.3	32.3	(13.0)
1981	31.4	(5.0)	36.4
1982	40.0	21.4	18.6
1983	33.3	22.4	9.9
1984	13.6	6.1	7.5
1985	48.2	31.6	16.6
1986	26.1	18.6	7.5
1987	19.5	5.1	14.4
1988	20.1	16.6	3.5
1989	44.4	31.7	12.7
1990	3.4	(7.1)	10.5
1991	39.6	30.5	9.1
1992	20.3	7.6	12.7
1993	14.3	10.1	4.2
1994	11.9	1.3	17.6
1995	43.1	37.6	5.5
1996	31.8	21.0	8.8
1997	34.1	33.4	0.7
1998	48.3	38.6	10.7
1999	0.5	21.0	(20.5)
2000	6.5	(9.1)	15.6
2001	(6.2)	(11.9)	5.7
2002	10.0	(22.1)	32.1
2003	21.0	28.7	(7.7)
2004	10.5	10.9	(0.4)
2005	6.4	4.9	1.5
2006	18.4	15.8	2.6
2007	11.0	5.5	5.5
2008	(9.6)	(37.0)	27.4
2009	24.8	30.5	(5.7)
2010	13.0	15.1	(2.1)
2011	4.6	2.1	2.5
2012	14.4	16.0	(1.6)

But don't let that stop leftists politicians from citing him every time they need other people's money.

Enjoy the decline, Warren!

Bachelors Degree in Hip Hop

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

"A Brilliant, Handsome Man in His 30's"

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Ahem, cough, cough, wheeze wheeze. Well, I guess that is true. (Aw shucks!)

Not Just Free Obama Phones

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Free Commie Obama Hats!

The irony is that the people who are taking the free hats are Obama supporters.

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The Sad State of Corporate America's Leadership

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I do:

"The Facebook"
"The Twitter"
and
"The Blog"

I draw the line at "Linkedin."

This is not to offend those of you who sent me "Linkedin" requests and like to have that fancy "badge" or "linkedin pictograph" made larger and more ornate signifying you're "linkedin-ness." I just hands down refuse to do it because after joining it I realized what it was. Another form of that hated and loathed and ULTIMATELY zero-economic-production value activity - networking.

I refuse to network intentionally because even at college I knew it was bullshit.

Yes, yes, I know, I know, business is all about "who you know" not "what you know" and rain-makers can make or break a company based on networking. But I plain do not have the evil, let alone patience to sit there in networking event after networking event, with a fake smile on my face, acting like I give a crap about the people around me, all in the hopes of meeting that one person with a morsel of business, and magically having more charisma and charm than anybody else to win that tidbit of business. Oh, and the fact everybody else is doing the exact same thing AND EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS FACT makes the whole thing the most hypocritical and fake exercise in the history of humanity.

I'm sorry, I have a soul, not to mention a life to live.

But what is really sad is not so much the futility and fakeness of networking, but that networking plays such a prominent role in "corporate strategy." The fact something so fake, so unproductive, so labor-wasting and just outright deceitful is employed as a legitimate business tactic is testament to the sad state of corporate America, its lack of leadership and it's lack of future prospects. But after thinking about it, I realized something else. "Networking" is (as far as I can tell) one of only four major "strategies" American business leaders seem able to employ and pursue today, and further testifies to the sad state of corporate America. These four strategies are:

1. Networking and Social Networking

2. Foreign Sales
3. "Going Green"/CSR
4. Rent seeking/lobbying

Networking I've already gone over. Not a cent of genuine economic production or wealth is produced by it. And while corporate cogs will slave away at the art, in the end you get a dire and disasterous "black swan event" because of what I like to consider an "inbreeding effect." Since you are hired, promoted, and advanced not on production, innovation or bold leadership, but rather you're ability to get along, kiss ass and "network," the corporate environment becomes a sort of "super-refinery" that refines and purifies employees into "super networkers" and "super ass kissers." And instead of focusing on new and improved ways to increase profits, people are instead constantly pitted up against a perpetually stronger and stronger strain of conformist, SWPL, uber-soldat employees. Making matters worse is the unemployment rate. Most anybody can do the job, so the focus or onus is put on a person's intangible ~~brown nosing.~~.errr...."people/soft skills." This means only the most purified extract of networker/ass-kisser/yes-man remain employed which only creates a spiraling effect, making the corporate environment that much more potent, purified and refined. Soon, in theory, you will have a corporate slave class incapable of independent thought, leadership, and innovation...oh wait, you already do.

Foreign sales is another defeatist strategy employed by corporations. Though legitimate (you should be targeting overseas markets) it does nothing to revolutionize or reinvent your business model or product. It's simply doing the same thing over and over, but in a foreign land. While US corporate sales overseas has remained steady around 46%, their foreign profits (as measured by tax rolls), however, have been increasing (from 45% to 61%) meaning they're likely to expand overseas, not here in the US.

"Going Green" and the whole Corporate Social Responsibility BS.

Do I even have to explain this?

It's a fad. Not one corporate executive believes in this veritable religion. But, unfortunately, millions of brainwashable sheeple do. And thus, to get suckers to part with their precious dollars, all corporations have to do is parade false and bogus "green credentials" and lie right to your face about how they're "going green" and you morons are stupid enough to buy it. And even if they aren't lying and are going green, you're still a fool to pay a 40% premium, 20% of which is just additional mark up. A REAL corporate strategy would be to go "black" focusing only on profit and priding the company on focusing only on profit purposely and proudly ignoring their "carbon foot print." But that would take some cajones, leadership, and the courage to point out the emperor has no clothes. Regardless, the fact corporations throw so much resources and weight into the "CSR" efforts only shows how few new and legitimate business ideas they have.

And finally, rent seeking or lobbying. I believe by the time you are willing to waste your shareholders' monies on bogus ad campaigns about going green and other such poppycock, it's only a fraction of an arcsecond of a degree to just go full out immoral and evil and bribe politicians to vote against the best interests of the people so your firm can get favorable treatment. I love how GE is forcing us all to use lightbulbs we don't want. I love how GM and the unions are getting pie in the sky retirement plans they should have never had. And I love how practically ALL US solar companies were nothing more than fronts to have well-connected cronies play "make believe businessman" where they paid themselves fat salaries at the taxpayer's dime, all while never having an ounce of intention to produce a profit.

Again, my distrust of the public sector is no secret. I still to this day believe it is hands down the single largest threat to the country and the future of freedom. But the private sector is in just as bad of shape, corrupted and dysfunctional. But what makes this worse, if not, dire for the country is that EVERYTHING, including government revenue, MUST COME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. There is nothing the government can do to create economic production, that all hails from the private sector. And since and our private sector has become so lame and desperate that it employs strategies like rent seeking, lobbying, networking, "Linkedin," and "going green" you can expect no solution to the country's financial and economic problems.

Enjoy the decline!

Blazing Catfur is Enjoying the Decline

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Why not you!?

Even Gene is enjoying the decline! I mean, once Gene's on board, it's practically a guarantee to be the next big thing!

$15.96/hr Minimum Wage

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I too am curious how there is not more unemployment in Australia if they have a minimum wage of $15.96. The fact there is already an underground economy forming to pay people less suggests to me there is enough government intervention or hanky panky going on that there is more to this than meets the eye. About the only explanation I can come up with as to why Australia's unemployment rate is so low is that it is not that big of a country (population wise) and the commodities boom they are having it keeping the market rate above the minimum wage.

But I am speculating.

Private Investment as a % GDP

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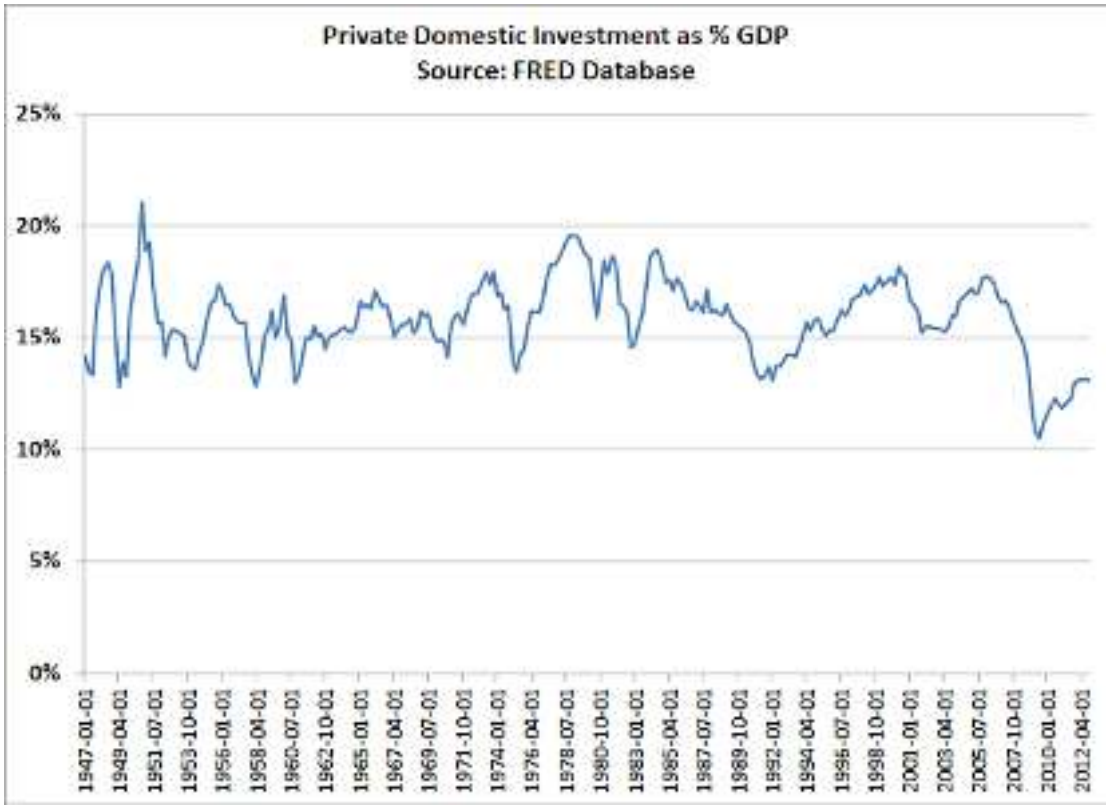

Yeah, I wouldn't want to invest here either.

Get Sick, Get Pampered, Why Can't I Find Laces, and Special Ops Dachshunds

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I Ask for the Non-Western Civilization Equivalent

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Good luck.

The Captain Comes to Mayberry

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Mount Airy is the town Andy Griffith grew up in and based Mayberry, the town in "The Andy Griffith Show" on. The place is kind of a tourist trap, but I did inevitably find my shoe laces at the local army surplus store. The shoe laces, unfortunately, were a bit long for my shoes, but they will suffice until I find another pair.

Saken Aizhulov

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From our Kazakhstanian Agent from Raleigh in the Field:

Apparently this guy has done a TON of significant and awesome motorcycle rides. You can peruse some of his awesome pictures.

Perhaps something to enjoy during your Sunday afternoon.

Winter in North Caronlina

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From our other Raleigh Agent in the field:

The Art of Connecting Far Apart Actions to Consequences

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If you were to ask a random selection of people to explain each and every action and successive event that occurs under the hood of a car from when you turn the key to the point that engine is running, I believe maybe no more than 2% of the people could do it. Most people just know "you turn the key and the car goes vroom." But just because they don't understand all the intricate details and events occurring under the hood, doesn't mean they don't know how to use cars. Everyday millions of people use vehicles they seldom mechanically understand, and thusly their lives are dependent on technologies and processes they are ignorant of.

Computers are another example. Unless you're in computer engineering or a computer networker, most people just know how to turn a computer on and use a point-click-interface. They have a theoretical understanding of how the internet works, but very few people understand binary, routing, electricity, computer processing and all the other processes and mechanics that go on behind the screen. Again, our lives are heavily reliant on processes and events we rarely understand.

Now this isn't to slam on people who don't know how to fix cars or don't know the basics about computers. The truth is such complex processes like starting a car engine or sending an e-mail are the result of a specialization of labor and a specialized economy. An auto mechanic may know in intricate detail how engines work, but could never hope to fix a computer. And a computer engineer may know how to create a circuit, but is hopelessly lost when it comes to making a soufflé. No one person knows everything about every trade and process. However, there is one field or "system of complex processes" that everybody SHOULD know about and familiarize themselves with – economics.

Admittedly, economics is boring (or at least it is to most people). And the reason most people find economics to be boring is because there aren't enough intriguing, dashing, charismatic and interesting economists like me out there. Most are boring, dull, dry, and truth be told, most economists don't even know THEMSELVES how economies work, and thus fail miserably to convey just how exciting and interesting economics truly is. But making economics even more distasteful to the potential student is that it is complex. And when faced with the daunting task of mathematically and precisely figuring out how "fractional reserve banking leads to inflation," most people's minds prefer to just "turn the key and hope the car goes vroom."

There's just one problem.

Who fixes the economy when you turn the key and it doesn't go "vroom?"

Well, let's test you with a multiple choice question.

a. The Federal Reserve
b. The Federal Government
c. Congress
d. The President
e. The people

The answer is e – the people.

The reason why is that since this is a democracy and we vote in our leaders, we are ultimately responsible for putting the right people in office. And by "right people" I mean people who make wise decisions and effect wise policy that helps the economy growth at its maximum level. But when people are so ignorant about basic economics, to the point it's like Bambi the Trophy Wife misdiagnosing why her Lexus SUV won't start, we don't send the "economic-mechanics" we need to fix the economy, but rather equally-ignorant politicians who promise us nice things. In other words the mechanic who brings us bad news, telling us the engine needs to be replaced for $2,000, is booed and hissed at. While the mechanic who brings us good news, telling us there's nothing wrong and that there won't be a charge, gets applauds, accolades and a public office for life.

The solution would seem simple – get people interested and educated about economics. But there are two main hurdles to this challenge. One, most people are WILLFULLY ignorant. Even though there's smoke billowing out of the engine, they will ALWAYS go with the mechanic who lies to them because that's what they want to believe. No amount of reason, sanity, proof or logic will ever break through their brainwashed skulls. Two, requesting the average person learn economics to the point they're reasonably fluent in it, is as intimidating as asking Bambi the Trophy Wife to get underneath her Lexus, get greased up, and change her own oil to the point she can do it on her own. It's daunting.

Alas, why The Art of Connecting Far Apart Actions to Consequences is a must for any conservative or libertarian cheerleader of free markers.

You need to not only be able to understand economics yourself, you need to be able to convey it clearly to others who are not so fluent. You need to be able to take complex economic processes and theories and boil them down to simple, but brilliant "bumper sticker-eqsue" founts of knowledge and fact that disproves what most leftists believe. You need to be able to read a Paul Krugman piece, dissect it, find the piece of data or theory he's spun intentionally and maliciously and THEN explain in under 5 minutes to the average layman why Paul is a shill AND get that layman to understand it. It is in taking the seemingly complex processes and theories of economics and making them not just palatable, but simple and understandable, you will deliver the single largest blow to

socialism and leftism you possibly can.

However, there is an even more important reason in making economics as clear and as simple as possible:

Leftists, socialists, and career politicians of all political stripes, rely on the complexity of economics to mask and hide their ulterior motives.

Understand the single largest advantage the left has over a low-information voter population is the complexity, boringness and intimidation of economics. I termed it the "GLEOC" (Great Liberal Economic Oort Cloud") where most people view the economy and government as some amorphous entity where "really smart people, WAY smarter than them" know what to do and are doing everything they can in some kind of Keynesian, mixing things up, primordial goo, sort of way and hopefully the GLOEC farts out some jobs (actually, quite identical to the medieval days when only the "learned and wise" members of the clergy were allowed to read the bible and the masses could only learn of Christianity through their self-serving prism of teaching under penalty of death). Regardless, the GLEOC is WAAAAY too complicated for sheeple like them to understand, and why bother? Kate Perry is on! Unfortunately, the left hides it political agenda within this ambiguity, mentally removing the people so far from their intentions, they get away with it scot free. But if you were to explain away the GLEOC (and allow the masses to read the metaphorical "economics bible"), and get enough people to truly understand how economics works, you remove this ambiguity and expose them for what they truly are – thieves.

And yes, the leftist ideology is really that simple.

Quite a Moving Review

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From a review on Enjoy the Decline:

This book is strange - I liked it, and it made me happy to be alive. I might be the only one, but in chapter 11, toward the very end, I cried a little; Clarey, at this point, has made his case and is imagining the deathbeds of those who ignored reality... and something inside me just... broke... a little bit, and I was saying to myself, "I want to live...!" and simultaneously feeling the deepest pity and empathy for a dying feminist looking back at her life, longing that she had lived differently...
Buy the book.
Prepare yourself.
Take revenge.
Love your life.

Also don't forget, I DO have OTHER BOOKS.

Worthless
Top Shelf

and (the lonely book that everybody forgot and is starting to think you don't like him)

Behind the Housing Crash

Available in Kindle and Paperback.

Academian Rationalization Hamster

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I'm beginning to believe, heck, I KNOW now that women will use their rationalization hamsters not just for romantic/social purposes, but pretty much anything. The latest seeming to be they're using it to rationalize their desire to major in ~~a subject that requires no math and is nothing more than a taxpayer-subsidized hobby.~~..errr..."the liberal arts."

So here's the latest. Another 20 something girl with a blog who offers nothing to society but her witticisms, but has no problem consuming the production and labor of men and STEM majoring women in the form of

the internet
Apple products
infrastructure
chemistry
engineering
agriculture
and..well...pretty much everything else.

In short she is saying, "I want to get paid to major in bunnies and flowers and I want the REST OF YOU to do all the work...Oh, and don't you DARE say I'm not an independent woman or stupid or immature! I have moxie! Didn't you read my latest column!?"

The Academian Hamster is strong with this one.

Clarissa is Pregnant

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I think between her and her husband the kid is going to have an IQ of like, a billion. Still won't prevent the kid from crying at 3AM. Regardless, congratulate Clarissa.

Our Raleigh Agents in the Field

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Partying with the Raleigh Agents and Economists.

If any Raleigh Agents want their photo taken down, let the Captain know.

When Bachelors Cook

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I don't know about the rest of you but I like vision.

Thus, when I tried to cook fish last night and the oil started boiling and then blowing up all over the place and on my arms I decided to turn down the temperature.

I realized then that at the lower temperature the fish was not cooking enough. Thus I had a quandary and a health risk.

Then a stroke of genius occurred. I grabbed by motorcycle goggles and a rag, resulting in enough armor to safely cook fish.

I then received guff, mockery and ridicule, but I WAS able to cook my fish to perfection, not to mention protect my vision and Cary Grantish looks from boiling oil.

Leslie Enjoys the Decline!

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Leslie is enjoying the decline!

Why aren't you?

(actually, she pulls some of the better quotes from the book).

Escaping Cuba

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Silvio Canto is interviewed by 910 KATH Dallas about his book and what it was like escaping Cuba.

New Lieutenant

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A new addition to the blog roll. The Economic Collapse.

They are prepared to enjoy the decline. Matter of fact, they're not preparing. They just are.

The Disappearing Volume of the Stock Market

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There is only ONE legitimate reason or explanation for the rally in the stock market (even though when you adjust for inflation, we're still below out 2007 levels)

Inflation fears.

Of course, I don't credit the majority of investors (institutional or individual) or the majority of the money in the market with the intelligence to invest in stocks as a hedge against future inflation. The fact that future profits will have inflation adjusted into them automatically would require too much thought on their part.

But what is even more curious than a reasonless rally is the severe drop in trading volume amongst the world's largest exchanges.

- Largest exchanges by value of share trading in the **Electronic order book** in 2012 and 2011

	Exchange	USD bn 2012	USD bn 2011	% change In USD	% change in local currency
1	NYSE Euronext US	13 443	18 027	-25.4%	-25.4%
2	NASDAQ OMX US	9 784	12 724	-23.1%	-23.1%
3	Tokyo Stock Exchange Group	3 463	3 972	-12.8%	-12.2%
4	Shanghai Stock Exchange	2 599	3 658	-29.0%	-30.8%
5	Shenzhen Stock Exchange	2 369	2 838	-16.5%	-18.5%
6	London Stock Exchange Group	2 194	2 837	-22.7%	-16.0%
7	NYSE Euronext Europe	1 576	2 134	-26.1%	-19.7%
8	Korea Exchange	1 518	2 029	-25.2%	-23.9%
9	TMX Group	1 357	1 542	-12.0%	-10.8%
10	Deutsche Börse	1 276	1 758	-27.4%	-21.2%

Normally a rally indicates higher volume, but there are several reasons for this traditional rule to be broken. None of these reasons, however, bode well for your average investor.

High frequency volume trading automated by computers that manipulate the market (and still don't provide enough volume to offset the long term investment money).

A horrible distaste for investment left in the mouths of younger generations after a dotcom and housing bubble (not to mention no employment prospects and no money to invest).

Large hedge funds and institional investors swapping securities for diversification reasons.

But my favorite reason the article provides is "less volatility."

Since the financial crisis in 2008 the markets have become "less volatile" resulting in less people pulling out of the market, less people trying to time the bottom, and more money permanently staying in the market.

But ask yourself a question.

"How great of a reason is *THE LACK OF VOLATILITY* for a stock market rally?"

It once again is another desperate excuse, a desperate reason for stock markets to rally that once again ignores the only two things that should drive a true stock market rally -

1. Increased profits
2. Increased dividends

The fact volume is tanking, leaving a higher percentage of trading in essentially connected firms' hands, AND there has not been the increase in profits to bring the P/E of investments down to a sane level, means this is a rally only for the connected.

You might as well be a man trying to rationalize driving a VW Cabriolet by citing its fuel efficiency.

Standard Excuses Girls Give You

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I was running and for whatever reason I remembered one of the more common excuses I received from a girl in my dating days, specifically back in high school and college;

"My friend just broke up with her boyfriend and really needs me right now."

This excuse is usually delivered when you have a date with a girl and she really doesn't want to go out with you. It's a "perfect excuse" in that it's palatable enough that if you accused her of lying she could feign indignance (and at the same time accuse you of "creepystalkerassholishness" PROVING you weren't worth her anyway, jerk!), but is outlandish and over-used enough that it sends clear signal not to ask her out again or reschedule the date.

This remembrance then sent me down the path of excuses I've heard:

"I'm sick."

"I have to work."

"I have too much homework."

etc. etc.

but the "my friend just broke up with her boyfriend" excuse was so common (not to mention lame) I believed it was part of a group of "well-known" or "standard" excuses women are trained to use.

Ergo, I think it's high-time to catalog the "standard" excuses and their English translations/meanings so young men know what to do when they receive such excuses. This list will then be updated as we receive more "standard" excuses. You may start listing them off now. Please forward this link so we can get the most comprehensive group possible.

Captain Goes Kobo

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For those of you who are Kobo users I've set up an account and uploaded two of my books. I cannot upload Enjoy the Decline until April 30th, but in the meantime I do have:

Worthless

and

Behind the Housing Crash

uploaded.

Since Kobo seems to have a larger international presence, please tell friends about the Kobo release.

"But I'm Not Good at Math!"

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Teaching the kiddies (and most adults) that "I'm not good at math" is not an excuse for being lazy.

Language warning.

Dealing With Leftist Sibblings

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Part 3 of "Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person."

Our guest, Jorge Gonzales, continues sharing with us his college-age experiences, this time talking about dealing with his leftist sister. His sister, older than him, mocks and ridicules him for having conservative thoughts, and even the simplest of things like asking "what are you going to do with that degree."

Making this podcast special, however, is of course the Captain's favorite topic - HORSES!!!

"Capture the Hot Naughty Russian Spy"

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When the Nazis Come Knocking Late at Night

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"Let me be clear"

If any organization, be it public or private, sends agents or representatives to my door pulling off shit like this, the gloves are off, you've gone too far, and the true meaning of the second amendment will become very clear to you.

The reason why is that the next step is cattle cars, and I'm sorry, I'm not going down like my "technically" Jewish ancestors did in Germany. There will be no subservience or "Arbeit Macht Frei" BS.

This is the most gentlemanly and western civilization warning you will receive.

The Kissing Balance of Sickness

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The paradox is a common one.

One of the lovers is sick.

The other is not.

Do you refrain from kissing that person, so as not to infect him/her?

OR

Do you "wuv dem sooooo much dat" getting sick is worth the few precious kisses and you infect them anyway?

Well, let a cold hearted economist provide some insight.

Say one of you is sick.

This precludes you from kissing your beau/babe for the time that person is infected with the disease. That person suffers, and you don't get to kiss him/her. But inevitably that person will recover and then you can get back to "sickness-free kissin' time."

But if you are of the "kisses are worth the sickness" philosophy, then you too are going to get sick.

If you get sick and the other person recovers, then all you have managed to do is simply put that person in the exact same position you were in, THUS PREVENTING THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT OF KISSING.

THEREFORE (thanks to my SAEG (tm))

It is best to let the person be, NOT KISS YOUR BETTER HALF, have "girls weekend" or "guys weekend," and let them fully recover, for if you do, then you

1. won't get sick
2. won't lose out on any more kisses than you would anyway (because of the duality of sickness)
3. and will halve the sick-kissing time, replacing it with "healthy-kissing time."

I am glad I have solved this life-long paradox, making life easier for millions of future

generation people.

You may send your thanks by shopping at Amazon or buying one of my many SAEG (tm) books.

Late Night at the Cappy Club

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Even though it's morning, I think if you play this song you'll be much more capable of enjoying the decline today:

Charty Goodness

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I have a confession to make. I am lazy with my charts. I normally will make a chart and its shelf life can last several years, if not, a full decade as long as the economy doesn't change too much. For example the stock market has remained bubbly over these past few years rarely requiring I update the S&P 500 PE ratio or dividend yield. But the same cannot be said for Obama's deficit spending and accrual of debt. Each year I have to update any debt related charts because the SOB adds another trillion+ to the deficit every year.

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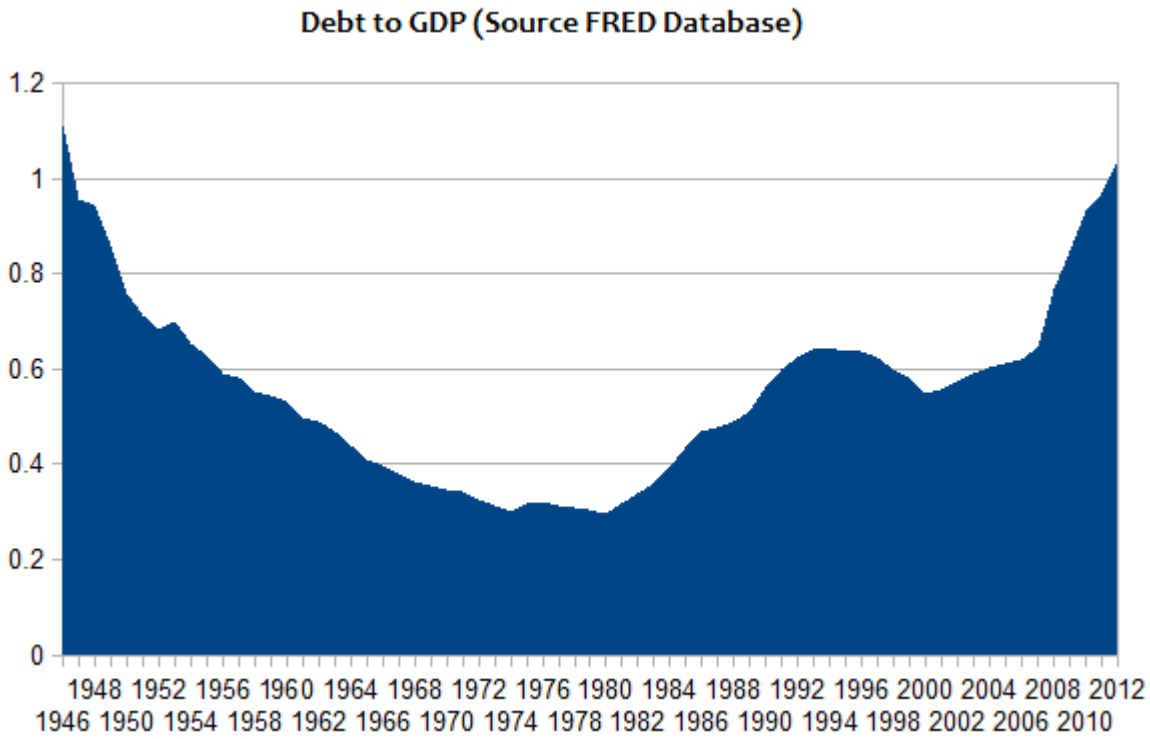
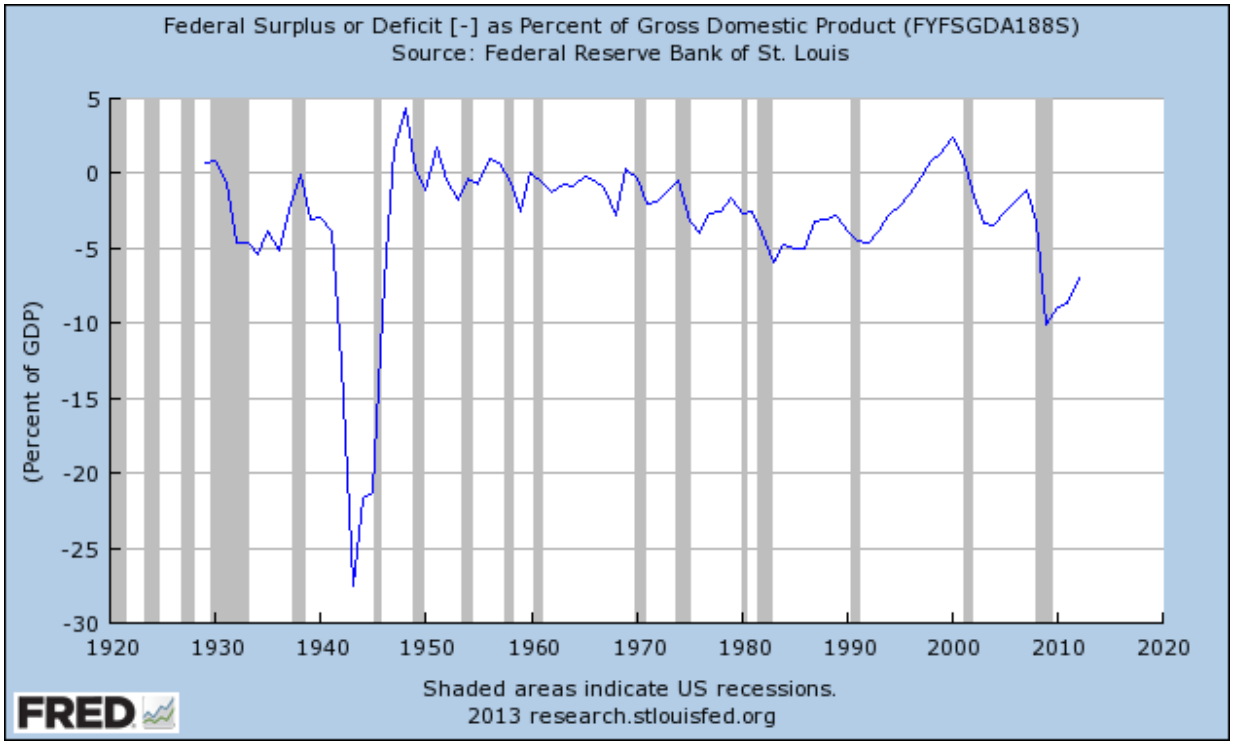
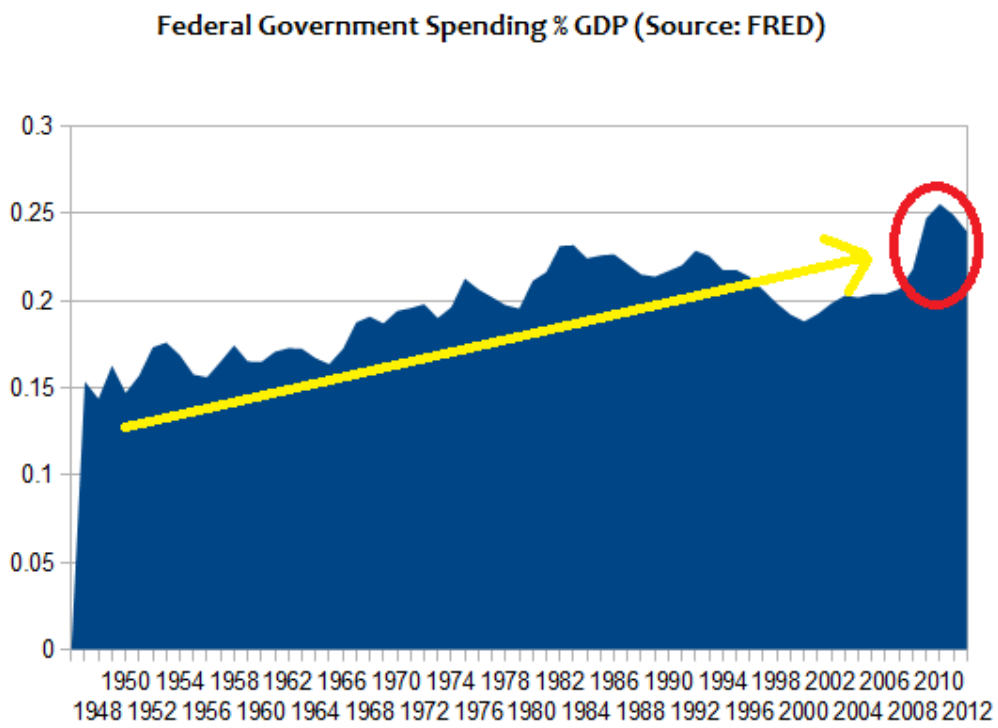
Original Source: Poker Listings

So here are the two main charts (updated) attesting to debt - deficit and debt to GDP.





For S's and G's I decided to also check to see how much the federal budget was as a percent of GDP:



I love the jump in spending not just under Obama, but how the American public keeps

voting in to have government play more and more of a role in our lives. And that chart above is JUST FEDERAL. Tack on another 10% to account for state and local, 20% if you're a sucker and live in California.

Explaining the Angry Atheist

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For once, Inmalafide wrote a piece that doesn't involve enough foul language it manages to insult all 6.6 billion people on the planet. Of course I merely skimmed the article, so maybe I missed something, but regardless, his article highlights how the left hates religion, which reminded me about one of the more curious phenomenon out there - the Angry Atheist.

The Angry Atheist confuses and confounds your average conservative or even your average innocent bystander. Most people don't know where the visceral hatred Angry Atheists have comes from and are kind of shocked by it. Most people's thinking is:

"Well, if you're an athiest, then what do you care about religion? Shouldn't you be some kind of easy, laid back, live and let live sort of guy? What's with all the hatred, mockery and ridicule of people who just happen to believe in a religion?"

Thus when an unsuspecting person breaches the topic of religion or mentions their particular faith, they are completely blindsided by the ensuing screed delivered to them by the Angry Atheist.

However, being brought up on an extremely religious household and becoming an agnostic myself, I believe I can explain why some atheists are so angry and thus explain this phenomenon.

First, understand I have no skin in this game. I couldn't care less what people's religion is. If there's any problem I have with religion, it's that most participants of all religions do not participate in the religion for anything as noble and selfless as worship or a god, but rather for ulterior and selfish motives. Finding a spouse, socializing, business connections, belonging to a team, heck, even rationalizing taking over the world. Whatever the reason it isn't for "god." But for the few sincere and legitimate practitioners of religion, I respect them and leave them be. So whether you're a Jew or a Catholic or even an atheist, I don't care.

Second, NAAALT (Not All Atheists Are Like That). I know the majority of atheists are the laid back, live and let live types. I have atheist friends and I am certainly no fan of religion. Remember, we're focusing on the ANGRY Atheists who feel compelled to foist themselves into people's personal religious decisions. Not Bob at the water cooler who doesn't go to church.

With those caveats out of the way, there are two primary sources of Angry Atheists,

The first source are formerly religious people that had religion forced on them. And not just forced on them, they suffered some kind of abuse. I'm not talking sexual abuse, but psychological abuse. A brainwashing that religion forces on the child, to the point it IS a cult. Cults being what they are, they destroy the individual for the "commune" of the cult. You are no longer your own person, and as a child, not only are you not #1 in your own life, your parents and your family put you second to the cult as well. I would estimate around 30% of all Christian-based religions are at this cult-level in the US, and, naturally, when a young person grows up and "escapes the cult" they have the wool removed from their eyes and realize they were merely being used by a sadistic and self-serving commune. They also realize that their youth was not just wasted, but taken advantage of, and the only and natural consequence is hatred and revenge.

In this case the Angry Atheist has a legitimate beef with religion. But instead of attacking the religion on genuine and weak grounds (ie-most people don't believe it and participate in it for ulterior and self-serving reasons) they just bash it in general. They lack the finesse to surgically strike at people's hypocrisies and just call them "idiots" instead. They have such a hatred for the religion, they need to "undo it" and therefore lack the ability to realize that a true revenge would to let people remain in the religion/cult and that will cause more damage. And finally, they also lack the ability to move on and let it go. Their experiences were so bad, they just cannot let the injustice of what happened to them stand, and thus partially lessen their lives in the process. A bit of forgiveness and understanding might be called for.

The second reason or "variant" of the Angry Atheist should shock no one - they're crusaders.

It is no coincidence your average Angry Atheist is also a leftist. The reason why is that atheism is the easiest religion of them all, requiring no effort, thought, ponderance or work. You simply "declare" you're one and POOF! You're in the club and you now "belong."

In this sense, it's the epitome of irony, because the Angry Atheist is simply joining another religion. It's just not so much an "absence" of religion (as a true laid back atheist would be), it's an "ANTI-religion religion." They have a vendetta, they have a crusade, they (like all other religion people) now have a purpose and belong to a club - we must destroy other people's religion. If anything, it's a testament to the most cowardly (and borderline psychotic) mentality of a Crusader-Angry-Atheist because his/her "religion" is simply to destroy something others have built. They can't just let it be. And it is here we see the parallels between Angry Atheists and leftists because their psychologies are the same.

First, both are hypocrites. Leftists and Angry Atheists are such because the average liberal does not "care about the poor" nor does the Angry Atheist "really want to stop

cultish and abusive religions." They are in it first and foremost for themselves. The leftist will ALWAYS trumpet and parade their ideology first thing in a conversation because that is CORE to their being. The Angry Atheist will as well. They claim membership to these groups FOR THEIR EGOS, not for anything as noble as "helping the poor" or "stopping abusive religion." They are crusaders, and most ironically (again) they are the most devout, zealous, and extreme of religious people. Their religions just happen to be godless.

Second, both are usually worthless people (I am reminding normal Atheists, this does not include you). They have no value beyond their religion. They are too lazy to go and develop a skill, a trade, a career, and develop themselves as a human and live an interesting and productive life. And instead of enduring or expending the effort, rigor, development, trials, tribulations and challenges in life that would give them a core and worth, they instead claim allegiance to a "holy and noble crusade" they really couldn't less about to fill that hole. The average leftist joins the Peace Corps and does nothing to help Africans while the Angry Atheist rips on religious people because their liberal arts degree isn't getting them a job.

And finally, they are envious. Since they are too lazy to go out and get what they want out of life, they must criminalize and villainize what others have. The leftist criminalizes "wealth" and "the rich" while never resting a second in their lives to concoct lies and false rationalizations to confiscate said wealth. The Angry Atheist wishing to belong to something, but not wanting to expend any effort to meet the standards of that club (not to mention, no doubt also envious of religious people's tendency to be wealthier as well), rips on religion, allowing him to immediately join a group of anti-religion religion, thereby giving him an identity and belonging.

If you got intellectual warm fuzzies, buy something you have to buy anyway on Amazon for the ole Captain. Proceeds go to his "Poor Starving Bachelor Fund"

Ranger Self Defense Sale!

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Ed has a sale going on!

Because If We Were Good at Life, We Wouldn't Need More School

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Outstanding.

Coffee Boxer Short Linkage

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Starting this Friday off right with coffee, boxer shorts and a T-shirt, and a hot roaring fire in the fireplace. Let's get to work!

Ah feminists. Fighting against nature and ruining everybody's good time in the process.

AR15's are only for the spouses of liberals. You conservative neanderthals can't have one.

A member of the League of Unemployable Bloggers thanks god that we don't have an oppressive, invasive and brainwashed employer class that thinks your political beliefs or personal life is their business. Thank god!

Even the STEM majoring women (which I am very "pro") still can't stop that nagging desire to be (GASP!) women! Again, feminism has certainly hurt men. But it has hurt women more.

The father could not be reached for comment.

But the important question was whether he was an aspiring rap artist?

Sting Ray writes about chivalry.

A real quick history about Ceasar and power.

What if your Nanny is actually a Thug.

Nearly a dozen billboard-sized photos of vaginas in various states – including shaved ones, others that are blemished, and still some with tampons inserted – are slated for display today and tomorrow at the University of Cincinnati. Where or where could we cut the budget?

Associates in STEM > PhD in Humanities

When "liberal, white guilt" trumps your kids.

And just so you know, boys, you shouldn't rape women. That's "a bad." Thank god we have a Masters in English telling us this important lesson. Because beforehand I was a little unclear about whether or not I should be raping women. Cripes, do liberal arts majors EVER do ANYTHING of value????

You go to Harvard for connections, not to learn anything.

Why Michael Bloomberg is the Reason the 2nd Amendment Exists

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The latest podcast from "The Clarey Podcast" includes Marissa Mayer's (Yahoo CEO) decision to force her employees to work at the office instead of home, the failure of Americans to embrace the telecommute revolution, how women would prefer to sleep with Richard Branson vs. Mark Dayton, how Michael Bloomberg is the reason the 2nd Amendment was created, why the Captain would love to meet him in a dark alley, and what drives men to succeed and achieve (sex and physical attraction, BTW).

What's Wrong With This Article?

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Not the article itself, but what is wrong about what the article is about. There should be something very disturbing, but too many generations of sheeple have been brainwashed not to see it.

Review of "Why Can't I Use a Smiley Face"

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"Why Can't I Use a Smiley Face" is the latest installment of Roosh's series that charts his exploits across the world as he gallivants, country to country, studying how to pick up women in said countries. For those of you follow Roosh or live vicariously through him it would be describe as another, though lengthier chapter, of his Bang series, and will not be let down. However, if you are looking for a stand alone book, say like Dead Bat in Paraguay, this is not the book. Ergo if you are new to Roosh or don't really have an interest in his adventures, this book will disappoint.

The book is essentially the "homecoming" chapter of Roosh. After 2 years in the field he returns to America, specifically his home town of Washington DC and chronicles his day to day life and experiences. These experiences certainly include him going on attempting to pick up girls in DC's nightlight, but also his observations of family, friends, society in general, as well as some familial resistance to his chosen path in life.

Of particular interest is reading his various Bang guides of different countries and then comparing his foreign experiences to domestic ones. Most notably getting uncalled-for assaulted by women twice (slapped and punched) whereas to the best of my recollection no woman ever touched him outside the US. Other unacceptable events result in quite a damning testimony to the perpetually decreasing and unacceptable quality and caliber of young American women (though this is in the DC area only), though this was not the intention of his book. Regardless, the difficulty, rudeness, and just outright unacceptable behavior he experiences going out in DC shows Roosh he no longer has a home field advantage and that he is better at away games, leading him to an important decision.

The overall lesson of the book, however, is one of "player fatigue." Keep in mind by this time Roosh has been overseas doing something no other person has done, and though successful, and though a very interesting career, inevitably he gets burnt out. The burn out comes in three forms. The first is the physical and psychological demands of world travel that would fatigue anybody. The second is that he achieves his goal, foisting the Alexander the Great quote of "When he saw the breadth of his domain he wept for there were no more worlds to conquer" on him. The chase or the novelty no longer appeals to him and he starts searching for a new mission, a new meaning in life. The third form is he starts to realize the costs of playerhood. Get all the play you want, you STILL have to go out, you STILL have to spend time, and you STILL have to spend money. The particularly poor results of his D.C. outtings not only made his recent domestic investments a waste, but they also planted the seeds of "opportunity cost" in his mind.

"Why Can't I Use a Smiley Face" can be found in both paperback and Kindle for $8 and $3 respectively. It is a very short read (took me about 1.5 hours) and worth the cheap price,

especially if you're looking for something to tide you over during a flight OR if you are a regular follower of Roosh. I will, however, warn you the first few paragraphs are unnecessarily crass and lewd. Getting past that you should have a decent read.

This Is Why You HOLD PHYSICAL ASSETS!

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How you Keynesian believers in the central banking system doing?

You doing alright?

You OK?

You have faith in your government and what your politicians are telling you?

Could you bend over a little more please?

Manly Reviews

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Manly Reviews enjoys the decline!

Why aren't you!?

Where the Good Men Are

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I took inventory of my single male friends.

Nearly all of them are 30+, all of them own their own house, all are gainfully employed, and though not all Ambercrombie and Fitch models, not one of them is obese or below what I would consider a 6.

They also all have at least ONE unique eccentricity about them. Many of them are ballroom dancers. Two of them are pilots. One belongs in a band. A fourth is starting his third serious company. And another has taught himself two languages because he managed to retire at 42. It is because of their eccentricities they are part of my crew of friends. They are interesting and significantly-above-average intelligent people and conversation with them is the most enjoyable aspect of my life.

However, there is one who stands out in this category of "Captain's single male friends." The reason he stands out is he is the only one who actively pursues dating.

Though 43, he is in good enough shape and charming enough with the ladies he manages to date 25 year old women on average. While this is certainly fun, his long term goal is to get married. However, he faces a quandary. Most 20 something girls are immature and not marriage material. They are pain to date and are not capable of the level of intelligent conversation he needs. To find women his maturity level, he needs to date older, "older" to him meaning 30+. But when he does there is inevitably a deal-breaker, usually another guy's kid or a financial wreck. Thus, he still plugs along, filling his date card with 24 year old's, occasionally wandering into 30+ territory only to have her life-mistakes return him to the younger ladies.

Now you would think "this is a great situation" and he is having the time of his life. But alas, my 43 year old friend is starting to suffer from "Player Burnout." He no longer is excited about the prospects of a new date. He no longer has the giddiness and hope of taking out yet another 26 year old. And when they text him their naked pictures he merely shows me and the others guys and says, "meh." In the past year I have seen his interest in other hobbies supplant his interest of women, and if you were to ask him today if he'd rather smoke a cigar than go on another date with a girl he met online. In short you are witnessing the last dying moments of a player, much like watching the final stages of a star gone supernova, before it collapses into nothingness.

When he does go "supernova," however, there will be no more players, let alone men looking to date in my crew. And with his resignation from "the game" he will pull himself out of the dating market and there will be one less "good guy" out there for the ladies. It

then dawned on me that the answer to:

"Where have all the good men gone?"

was staring me right in the face. I can answer that question by simply explaining what all my single male friends do.

"Mike" the retired at 42 year old has a lifestyle akin to mine. He has no real job, he wakes up when he wants, and he pursues various intellectual pursuits to stimulate his mind. He is a minimalist with very few expensive possessions and though he is a veritable millionaire, he drives the cheapest import car he could afford. For entertainment he tries different coffee stores and hangs out with some of his other retired friends during the day. In the evening he hangs out with us usually for cigars or a cheap dinner at one of our favorite dives. He returns home where he teaches himself languages, reads books, watches documentaries, has cocktails and goes to bed around 4AM.

"Bill" is a pilot. He just purchased a very nice home and the mortgage on that home is the only debt he has. He has been living frugally for the past 10 years, building up a massive downpayment that he could afford a 15 year mortgage and a very low interest rate. He works out with me religiously. He is also the musician in our group and can ballroom dance. He's been working on his music, his body building, and his career. When he's in town he joins us for dinner at that same dive restaurant or (time permitting) is up for flying down south to enjoy warmer weather.

"Fred" is a computer networker and a race car driver. His house is pretty much paid off because he busts his ass off working about 60 hours a week. If you want to find him you can find him at work, at the gym, in his basement (tinkering with computers) or on the race track. You will not find him at a club or a loud bar, because he is a beer connoisseur. You will find him at the quiet local brewpub with a bunch of other 40 somethings.

I could go on, but if I were to succinctly summarize where to "find the good men" it would be:

1. At home
2. At a coffee shop/low end restaurant
3. At work
4. Out doing their hobbies

In short, NOT at the bar or the night club.

But here is where the women face a high, if not, impossible hurdle. You can't meet these

men even if you wanted to. You can't go to random houses, knocking on guys doors to see if any "good guys" are home. You can't go to a restaurant and randomly approach men to see if they are good guys. You certainly can't go to various corporate offices to see if any good guys are at work. And unless you are in the passenger seat of Fred's race car or Bill's airplane, you're not going to find good guys attempting to join their hobbies. In other words, they've gone ghost. They're gone. They're not only off the market, you can't even find them to convince them to consider going back on the market.

This leaves marriage-seeking women with the "nightclub" or "online dating" as markets for finding men. Unfortunately, these aren't "good guys." Not that they a morally bad men, they're just not marriage minded men. They're players. And so when a guy scores a number and lines up a date with a girl he met at a bar, 9 out of 10 times he has no romantic interest in her, only sexual. This makes things doubly bad for women because it is misleading or (to borrow from economic parlance) "sends the wrong pricing signals." With all these players asking for their numbers, women misinterpret this attention as romantic attention, not sexual. Thus, they are constantly thinking "Mr. Perfect" is just around the corner, when it is just another player. 20 years of bar-hopping and night-clubbing go by with no yield of "good men" and thus, with the biological clock screaming, they ask "when have all the good men gone?"

The answer, ladies, is "home."

Enjoy the decline!

Larissa Faw's "Successful, Gorgeous, and Amazing" Friends

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Ed Thatch has a post up on Return of Kings that merits reading unto itself, but what caught my eye was him quoting a young lady named "Larissa Faw." Larissa writes for Forbes magazine about Millennial and young women's issues (because what else would there be to write about?) and in her latest post she did what every budding 20 something female journalist seems compelled and mandated to do:

She bragged about her "awesome" friends and how they just can't seem to find a man.

So common is this it makes one sit back and say,

"*OK, why is this such a common phenomenon? Why are there so many "successful, gorgeous, and amazing" friends of female journalists that just "can't seem to find a man? More so why do these journalists keep bragging about their "amazing" friends who just can't seem to find a guy?*"

The answer is in the myopic view of women, especially those in journalism. They are incapable of asking what men want, and instead ply their own standards of either *what they want* or *what they think men should want* in terms of a suitable and compatible mate. This results not just in a mismatch between the traits Larissa's "successful, gorgeous and amazing" have and what men are looking for, but complete and utter confusion on the part of the ladies.

Of course to the outside observer, this is funny. Women telling women what men should like in them, is like my friend Steve telling me how I should breath while in labor. It doesn't apply. But what makes it worse is when a woman dares to ask a man what he wants OR a man simply speaks the truth about what men want, they are lambasted, lectured and villainized. Women even go so far as to TELL MEN WHAT THEY SHOULD LIKE IN A WOMAN (You ever been called "shallow?" You see the "fat acceptance" movement? You ever have a woman's personality listed as the primary reason you should date her?)

The reason for such a vitriolic response to fact and truth (instead of what it should be - acceptance) is because women have been brought up and brainwashed (primarily by their own selves) to believe what they WANT. Not what the reality is. And so any time someone dare introduce an ounce of reality into their fragile and delusional world, they get angry. Never mind that the purveyor of truth is trying to help you. Never mind this article would help Larissa's "successful, gorgeous, and amazing" friends (SGAF's henceforth). The irony/hilarity/sad thing is most women reading this right now are having

their emotions blind them to the gold nugget of help we're trying to give them.

Now, even though I doubt most of Larissa's SGAF's will listen, in a vain attempt to bring an end to young female journalists wondering aloud how their "amazing" friends aren't snatched up by men, permit me some explaining. Specifically, let's look at what qualifies a woman as "gorgeous, successful and amazing" in the eyes of a woman and compare it to what men want.

When it comes to "**gorgeous**" women give other women, especially their friends, such a large handicap it dwarfs the tonnage of affirmative action handicap we've given to Barack Obama on the economy. I don't know how many arguments I've had with heterosexual women about how "pregnant is not beautiful." There I am, the heterosexual male. THE authority on what is or is not "gorgeous" in the female sex, and I have a bunch of women, who have NO INTENTION OR DESIRE to date other women and therefore are NOT authorities on female beauty, arguing with me about whether a pregnant woman is beautiful. "Gorgeous" means (and I'll say it again, despite saying it many times before):

Tight ass
Pretty face
Long legs
Long hair
Big boobs preferable

That's it. Period. End of discussion.

How many of the SGAF's actually have all those traits? Probably none. But Larissa can't tell her friend Amy, "You're ass is too big" and thus needs to keep the lie up.

"**Successful?**" I think we've covered this before. Successful in what? Engineering? Surgeon? Oil platform driller? Accountant?

OR

"social worker, teacher, nanny, marketing executive, designer consultant, fashion consultant?" ie-somebody who not only doesn't make a lot of money, but relies on men disproportionately paying more in taxes to create a government make-work job to make you feel like you're "an independent woman?"

Also, as mentioned in Ed Thatch's post, how much money do those ladies save? Because, let's just say for the sake of arugment, the SGAF does make $100,000. How many of them blow through that and spend $120,000? Isn't success supposed to be how much money or wealth you have saved up? Not how many pairs of shoes you have? And don't even get me started about student debts. I'd surmise the majority of Larissa's SGAF's

have a negative net worth and are heavily reliant upon the Daddy-Government-Hubby complex for their livelihood and subsidy.

"**Amazing?**" Really? Did she really do something to AMAZE you? Like if I met your group of SGAF's I would be AMAZED with each and every one of them? Notice in my previous post I LIST THE INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS of my male friends. They have done things that ARE amazing. I have done things that are amazing. So when you compare your typical SGAF's accomplishments of,

"Earned my Masters in English, and I like to travel, I TOTALLY LOVE SUSHI, OMG! And I'm like really conscious about the environment."

to

"I scaled 10 11,000+ foot peaks in a year, did two 1,500 mile plus motorcycle rallies, put myself through college, wrote 4 books, taught myself motorcycle repair, and I'm a ballroom dancer"

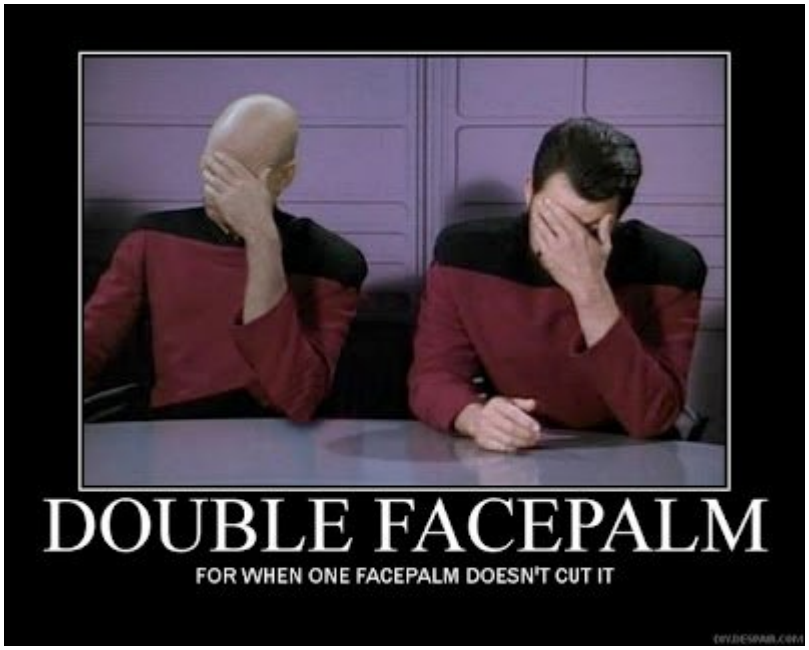
you can understand;

1. you're not amazing, you're actually quite common, common to the point there's millions of women just like you out there
2. you do not prompt an inkling of desire to consider you a potential candidate for marriage
3. compared to me, you're so boring and NOT-amazing, my hobbies and interests are more rewarding than having sex with you.

In the end what men want is so simple, it's laughable more women haven't figured out what a HUGE advantage it would give over their competitions.

A physically attractive woman who is
nice
responsible
reasonably intelligent
and likes sex

How 5 simple variables seem to elude the 150 million American women (even with all the brainwashing and propaganda) is beyond me and worth a Double Face Palm Award.


DOUBLE FACEPALM
FOR WHEN ONE FACEPALM DOESN'T CUT IT

The Lesson of Cyprus

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I ran out of patience and went off the hinge. But at the same time explained the Cyprus event and why so many sheeple are scrambling to get their savings.

Roosh Enjoys the Decline!

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Roosh is enjoying the decline!

Why aren't you?

Your Bank Account Is Safe

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Do not buy a motorcycle.

Do not buy silver.

Do not buy that shapely AR 15.

You will obey.

You will conform.

You will keep your finite life's seconds of life in the form of dollars in the US banking system.

You will Obey.

You will conform.

All is safe.

You are a racist if you dare to have a thought otherwise.

Contracting Student Loan STD

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Outstanding.

Our Motorcycle Agent in the Field

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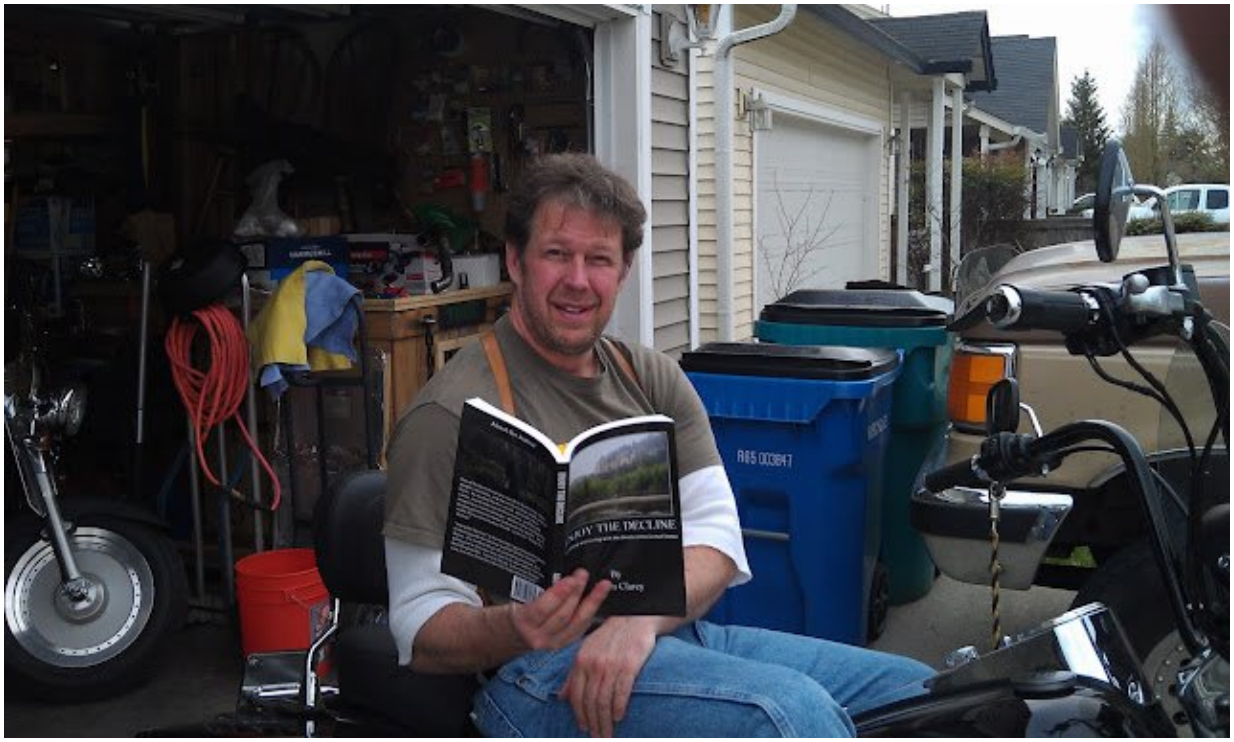
Is enjoying the decline!



Why aren't you!?

When CSR Infects a Corporation

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From an agent in the field:

The company (Origin Energy) continues to pay their employees their full wages, but rather than doing accounting, admin or maintenance for the company, they're released to plant saplings, ladle out soup, and counsel troubled 'yoof' for the charity organisation of the employee's choosing. This "charity leave" is provided in addition to the employees annual leave. The only possible way it could make for good business is if consumers were so impressed with Origin's squeaky clean social conscience, that they'd choose to forgo a cheaper energy provider to make the world a kinder, friendlier place....bahahaha....God, are we proles really that stupid? I'm not sure I want to know the answer to that. In any case, I'm pretty sure Origin isn't pushing that angle with their customers, they're pretty quiet about it actually, rather it seems to be a recruiting lure, it's hinted at here:

http://www.originenergy.com.au/2233/Our-culture-values

I can't see why they wouldn't just offer their favoured charities discounted electricity and be done with it - seems far less economically destructive to my uneducated mind.

CSR is a disease.

Let there be no doubt about it.

It just happens to infect corporations and not people.

The Captain Goes "Full Monty"

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From Instapundit:

Short of going the full Clarey, it is prudent to think of places to put your money where it will be harder for the looters to get at: Paying off debt, educating your kids, hard goods that you'll enjoy, etc.

I like that. New economic phrase, "The Full Clarey." Defined as "when you really go off the deep end, give up on everything, and pound down the Rumpie while driving your Ninja at excessive speeds."

All Economic Production Comes from the Fed

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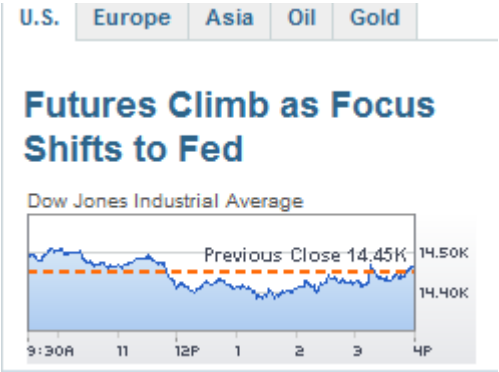
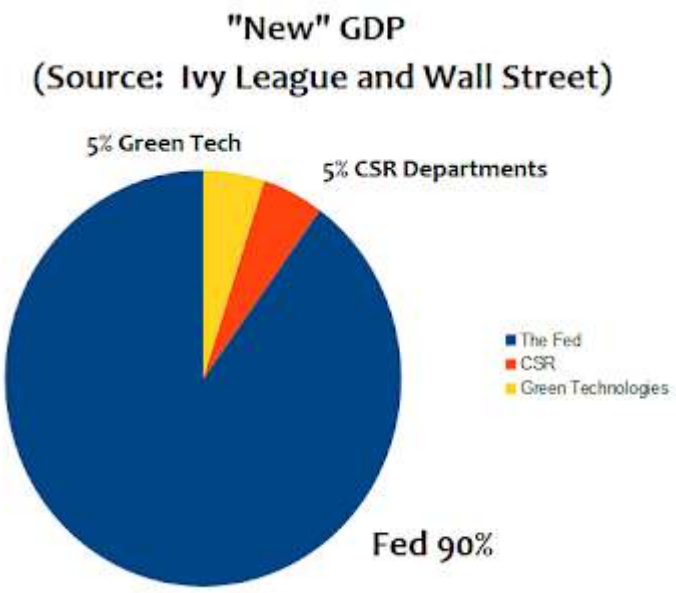
I checked CNBC. Don't ask me why, I was just checking in to see how crazy the crazies were on the financial markets. And well, they're still crazy. Here's the headline title:



If I do my math right, we are now entering the 5th year where the financial markets focus all of their attention solely on the Fed for economic salvation and a source of economic production. Of course, this is nothing more than desperation. Much like middle aged divorcee women focus their attention on "Eat Pray Love" type movies to provide them the rationale a single George Clooney with millions of dollars will choose them and their baggage over a 25 year old, childless hottie, so too do the millions of finance professionals and 401k Clergy depend on an ever increasing stock market for their livelihood. And ANY excuse, even something as pathetic as thinking the central bank is the source of economic production, will do.

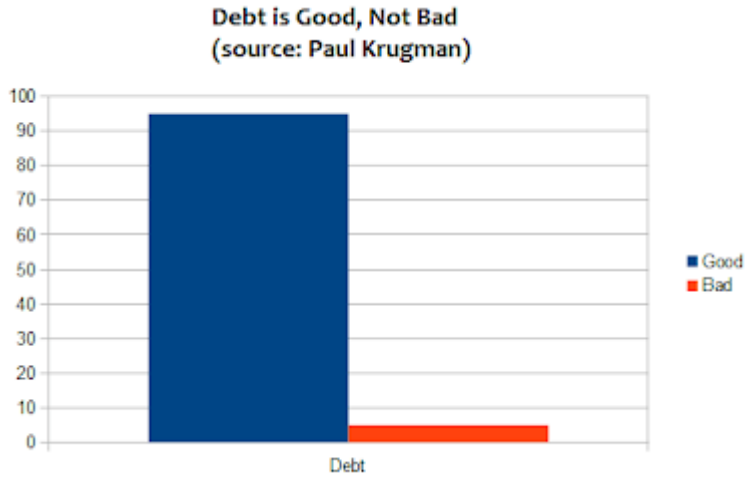
Therefore, since it seems the market insists on being irrational longer than that saner heads have patience, I thought it high time to make a couple economic charts explaining this new economy.

First, GDP by sector:



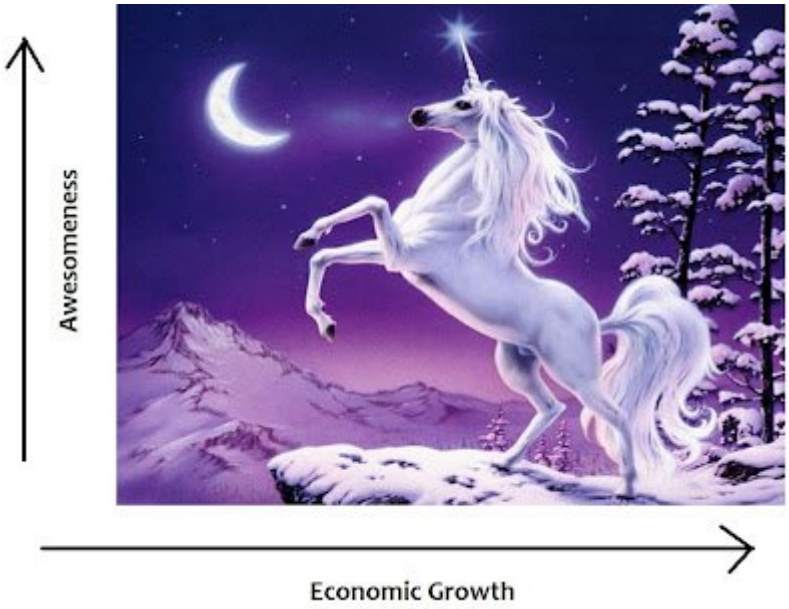
If you don't believe this chart, then you obviously didn't attend an Ivy League school and are stupid. You're probably racist too.

Second, a new refined chart on the basics of government finance:



You're an idiot, or at least not a Wall Street professional or D.C. financier genius like Paul Krugman, if you don't understand this. But it's alright, not everybody can be as smart as these guys. Debt is GOOD. Don't worry that there aren't any metrics on the Y-axis, it doesn't matter. That's how awesome and smart these eocnomists are and how stupid you are. You're also a racist if you don't agree with or understand this chart.

Finally, unicorns.



The implication of this chart should be obvious even a non-Ivy League graduate should understand it. Economics+Unicorns = Awesomeness. But that's OK if you don't, because that's why we have finance professionals to explain these "complex" financial and economic issues to dumbass commoners like you. This is cutting edge stuff by the way. The introduction of the "Unicorn Complex" has pushed economics as a field into new and unchartered territory. Barack Obama came up with it himself. That's how smart he is. And if you don't know why unicorns have anything to do with economics, then you are a racist AND a sexist.

This post brought to you by Amazon. You have to buy something, might as well get it on Amazon so I get a commish and don't have to ever work a real job again.

Why It Will Remain a Boys Club

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It's people like Adria Richards and her petty sense of an "umbrage-free" life that will cause more harm to women as her antics scare away any potential employers from hiring women in fear they will do PRECISELY what she did - go on a crusade first and foremost for her own ego at the expense of pretty much everyone else. I mean, good god. Taking pictures at a conference for a conversation you were not part of and REPORTING IT???? What nazi goose-stepping BS is that??? Are women the new East German Stasi??? I can only imagine the effects of a nanny-nazi-narcfest on employee morale and productivity.

Look ladies, if you can't handle boys being boys, and your skin is so fragile you're going to NARC on them, then you don't belong in IT. You belong in HR.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

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The Check Engine Light That Cried Wolf

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If you grew up in "my day" you knew that when the engine light went on in your car it was something serious. Ruptured cylinder, exploding piston, melting transmission, fire in the glove box, the Russians launched their ICBM's.

Then something happened around the mid 90's.

The horrible and much-feared engine light would go on, and after a gallon of adrenaline shot through your body, praying the car wouldn't blow up with you in it on the interstate during rush hour, it magically made it safely to the nearest and most-rip-offish service station. The next day you picked it up and found out "eh, oxygen sensor. 100 bucks to reset the code."

Next car, engine light, panic, station, 100 bucks "fuel sensor."

Next car, engine light, "what the F&CK? Again???" mild panic, drive it around a little more, station, "fuel sensor" 100 bucks.

Next car, engine light, "f#ck it, don't care." Drive around for another 6 months, pull into an auto part store and the clerk tells you "yeah, if you give us your ID, we can lend you this plug in device to your dashboard and it will reset it for you. You walk out, WOW! Who knew! O2 sensor! Reset button, NO 100 bucks.

So in 15 years the much-feared engine light, which was essentially X-Box's "the ring of death" for cars, no longer says a damn thing about your actual engine, but whether or not your exhaust indicates the TIPPY TOP MOST SUPER EFFICIENT mix of air and gas.

Is it vital?

No.

Is it even important?

No.

But unless you run the damn diagnostic on the car, you never know if *THIS ONE TIME* it ISN'T the bleeping oxygen sensor and the car is about to blow up and render you a charred corpse on a traffic jam during rush hour.

Now, it isn't as bad as in the mid 90's when the local station would charge you $100 to

plug something in and hit a button, but you still have the fear of an imminent exploding car and the annoying chore of driving to your local O'Reilly's Auto store to use your license as collateral to boring a plug in device. And so when your beloved ole Captain was driving early this morning, and received the deceiving "engine light" on his car, only to find out it was once again the stupid "fuel sensor" he went online and bought this.

Not only will I save enough in gas to pay for the damn thing, I will also increase my life expectancy by 40 years not fretting about the stupid check engine light.

"Who's the Private Economist Who's a Salsa Machine to All the Ladies?"

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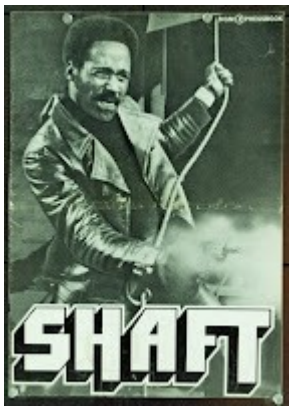

It's "Shaft Themed Linkage" today!

Hey, works sucks, but don't let us stop you ladies from climbing that career.

Ace of Spades enjoys the decline! (though it's nestled in there)

You get what you deserve and we're laughing our asses off at you.

Adria Richards continues to help improve the reputation of ~~nazis...errr..bitches..errr..both.~~...errr..."feminists."

The fact American's who hate their country and themselves so much that this is even a debate is why I enjoy the decline. And if Americans, specifically American women (yes, I am singling you out because of voting patterns) can't understand why the rest of us here can't afford to pay for EVERYBODY'S HEALTH CARE IN THE WORLD, then the 19th

amendment deserves serious reconsideration.

It's a scam and a racket people. Education was NEVER intended to help the students, just the professors.

What's missing from this article?

Tam hits 6 million!

This is why you just pass all students with B's and give the students who try A's. Trust me, that's how you keep your job in academia, and besides, most kids don't learn anything and don't want to learn anything. Make it work for you.

Or, ORRR, just don't have kids in the first place.

Bars prove to be a better place to meet your future spouse than church. BAR TRUMPS CHURCH!

Widowed Alpha Females (a good read, especially the observation about how television shows have changed for women in the past decade)

How do you fight such stupidity?

"If 50% of companies were ran by women and 50% of men stayed at home, then we'd have true equality." And equal misery and a fraction of our productive capacity and a country ripe for being taken over by our enemies. But hey, at least the feminists will be happy!

But we own the blacks! And we own the poor! They're our bitches and their lifestyles be damned! We need to pay back the teachers unions whose money keeps us in power!

This is why I want a bartender as a mom and not a sociologist professor. I would come 2nd, 3rd or 4th in terms of importance to the sociologist professor and 1st in the life of my bartender mom.

I will explain "The Rule of Chores" again. Whoever has the lowest standards of cleanliness THAT STILL IS ACCEPTABLE AND CONSIDERED HYGIENIC, is the one who does the least amount of chores. If somebody else wants standards of cleanliness HIGHER than that standard, then that person will do all the extra work necessary to clean to that level. So (as typically is the case) if the husband cleans to his bachelor pad level (the environment of which he survived just fine in with no medical complications) and the wife wants a cleaner standard, then the wife can clean till her heart's content.

Free Northerner also does an excellent job dissecting government and GDP figures.

Finally, our sponsor, GLORIOUS KARL! Who visited me recently and we had cigars. But in Soviet America CIGARS SMOKE YOU!

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"For those of us who no longer have to fight to pursue freedom, it is easy to forget how precious it is."

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Part 4 is our friend Jorge explaining the political environment at his arts college. You would think they would be open minded, especially be a liberal school, but the hostility Jorge experiences is something most leftists would file a harassment complaint over if it were coming from the other side.

Adria Richards Fired

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Halle-freaking-luja

Here's the official statement.

You can "like" the announcement on facebook.

To all the ladies who think it's your right to not be offended in this world, please take note and stay out of other people's business.

Andy Yang is Your Problem, Not Adria Richards

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If a whiner, tattle-tale or NARC goes to the authorities and the authorities can easily identify her as a tattle tale, real leaders will dismiss the tattle tale as childish, stupid, and irrelevant. If you're spineless and lack any kind of leadership or wisdom, you give the tattle tale power and kowtow to her demands.

The truth is, if the people at PyCon and Andy Yang had ignored Adria Richards for what she was (a NARCy little whiner) none of this would have happened and the true loser (Adria Richards) would be left to wallow in her self-absorbed pity and self-forced-perceived "injustice."

Instead, kowtowing to political correctness, affirmative action, and spineless corporate "leadership," Andy Yang fired somebody who shouldn't have been fired and tarnished the reputation of his firm Playhaven.

Now, it will be very doubtful if any male (who account for not only the numerical majority of IT talent he needs, but highly skilled talent) will work under Andy Yang. whether at Playhaven or not. They will search his name and say,

"Oh yeah. *That guy*. The one without a spine and who will throw me under a bus for something as childish as a NARC. No, I think I'll take my Masters in Computer Engineering elsewhere."

The good news is that this story has a happy ending. The villain (Adria) got fired. Her accomplice (Andy Yang) is exposed for the spineless Igor he is. PolyCon's reputation with males is shattered and will want to seriously reconsider how much they want to open the floodgates to feminism. And I'm pretty sure the young man who got fired will be picked up by a less-politically correct, and more profit-oriented firm.

The lesson to pull from this is for all you executives and bosses out there to not give teeth to such worthless vermin as the Adria Richards of the world by being spineless wimps and bending over backwards for faux harassment complaints. The cost is the people who really matter - us adults who are sick and tired of walking on eggshells worrying about when the next power-tripping, egomanic, entitlement-minded brat is going to eavesdrop and file a complaint.

You want to talk about a hostile work environment? Well then you just keep kissing the asses of the Adria Richard's of the world.

Feline Bigotry

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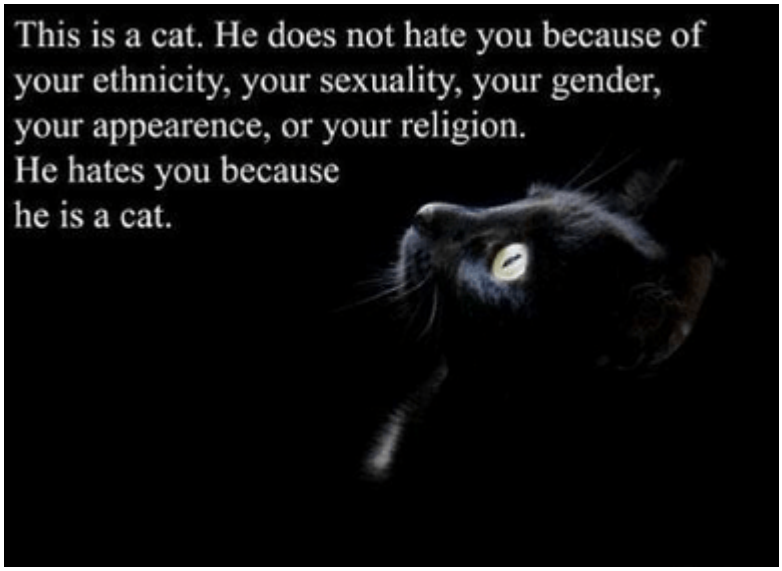

Hat tip.

Why Minorities Account for a Majority of My New Readership

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Uh oh! Looks like all those minority/victim groups are getting sick and tired of being lied to by the left! Even so much to the point they'll trust a evil right wing, bigoted, racist, sexist homophobe like me!

Guns That Shoot Bugs & Misc.

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My concern isn't so much the "gun safety nuts" who race to point out others' failings in gun safety, but "how big are the bugs you need a salt gun to kill them???"

Age acceleration. It is a fact of life. The first 5 years of my "conscious" life seem about 4 times as long as the next 30. I believe, if this acceleration continues, the last decade of my life will be about a day long in the eyes of my 3 year old self.

Remember being forced to pay $200 for the "15th edition" of your professor's book because ~~he wanted to rape you for another $200~~, err...the 14th edition, just was so outdated? Yeah so do I.

We deport people who don't agree with socialism. Everybody else, COME ON IN!

More on bitcoin. Something I still am too lazy to start studying and understand.

Finally, I have not given Delusion Damage its due. If you have not visited him, you should as it is the single largest source of traffic and the single greatest aggregator of various right/mano/econ sites. Make it part of your daily regimen.

Using "The Law of Supply" to Pick Up Chicks

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I'm not joking when I say this, but I believe economics is the key to understanding women.

But by all means. Keep using economics to figure out really important stuff like "how to lower interest rates" or "how to increase labor productivity."

I'll be using it to unhinge bras.

Whores Can't Be Choosers

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Boys, you paying attention to this?

The ingredients before baking were already there to warn you before this happened.

Worthless degree, "writing profession," lack of science, math or STEM.

And how much do you want to bet she will self-proclaim herself to be an "independent feminist" who doesn't need a man while she parasites off of you guys for a meal?

I don't know what angers me more. That she no doubt will claim to be "independent" and thinks this is so "cute" or that there are enough men/suckers to let a veritable whore get away with this.

Latest Episode of "The Clarey Podcast" Available

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Podcast 3-22-13
How cars are being progressively made more and more for chicks and how this will ruin cars. Aaron also talks about who his favorite talk radio show hosts are, as well as explains "the early dark days before the Manosphere" and how men figured this stuff out on their own. Show was heavily edited for quality purposes, however, you will DEFINITELY want to tune in at the 45:00 minute mark.

Results of "Forced Discipline and Regimen Month"

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The month is up and the results are "good." Not "spectacular" but well enough to show improvement.

Though physically there is some visual improvement, most of the improvement came via numbers. i.e. - my bench press increased by 15 pounds, military press by 10 pounds, the amount of reps I could do also increased, and my resting heart rate went below 60. Blood pressure is also low at 114/70. I lost no weight, but did lose an inch in the waist, leaving me to believe I translated some fat into muscle.

While I did want to pretty much cut out all carbs and go paleo, unfortunately I pretty

much had already done that as much as is "bachelorly" possible. Meaning to cut out carbs would require I make my own food and go WAY out of my way to do so. I got sick of spending an hour in the grocery store looking up "carbs" on the back of boxes. Carbs are freaking everywhere. Nearly impossible to cut it out of your diet beyond just not eating bread, pasta and other obvious things. It's easier instead to just work out more or run some physical chores or errands and eat the occasional Mexican dish than piss away an hour a day "looking up carbs."

The work out routine I followed was alternative lifting weights and running each day, it was also closely paralleled to Victor Pride's "30 Days of Discipline." So one day I would lift weights and the next day I would run. I forced myself to run 6 miles a day no matter how cold or how tired I was. I would take Sunday's off. Thankfully, however, this routine has become engrained and I will continue it.

Character Trumps Diversity

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If you ask two men (or women) to describe themselves, the lesser of the two will cite their religion or ideology rather than their profession. i.e.- the superior of the two will say,

"*I'm a plumber*"

or

"*I'm a surgeon*"

or

"*I'm a stay at home wife.*"

while the inferior of the two will say,

"*I'm Christian*"

or

"*I'm a liberal*"

or

"*I'm a vegan.*"

The reason why one is superior to the other is that in order to be a "plumber" or a "surgeon" or a "stay at home mother" means you must do something or achieve something. Being "Christian" or declaring yourself a "vegan" simply takes a declaration and nothing more (please do not flood me with e-mails about catechism). And though it may seem to be a very subtle difference, it is something I immediately pick up on when meeting people for the first time. For nearly 100% of the time when somebody defines themselves by their belief system or ideology and NOT their profession that person proves to be somebody I not only dislike, but do not trust.

The reason why is that when somebody substitutes a belief, religion or an ideology for achievement, it is an (admittedly) unconscious admission of laziness and proof of a weak, or total absence of, character. A person who defines themselves by merely joining a group or espousing beliefs lacks the rigor, determination, work effort and temerity to do something productive and meaningful in their lives. However, their ego is such that it

cannot stand having no prestige or respect and thus they join a "club." Ergo why I truly believe the VAST majority of religious participants do not participate in religion for something as noble as god, as much as it is first and foremost for themselves.

However, religion aside, there is another variant of this intellectual hypocrisy and that is "diversity."

Let us be clear what diversity is - it is nothing more than a political tool of the left. It works by irrationally and undeservingly applying value to traits that a person was born with, and thus, had nothing to do with.

For example, say you were born the "Triple Crown" of affirmative action - black, female, and homosexual.

You are a veritable celebrity in leftist circles. You are fawned over, placated, kowtowed to and told how oppressed you are. You are also told how great you are just by the fact you have the traits of being:

1. Black
2. Female
3. Homosexual

and still manage to live, "courageously" in the face of evil white privilege, male, patriarchy blah blah blah.

But what did you *achieve?*

The answer is nothing. You just happened to be born with the traits of being black, female and homosexual.

THESE ARE TRAITS, NOT ACHIEVEMENTS. Traits you *HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH AND NO CONTROL OVER*.

Of course this isn't to say that a black woman who happens to be homosexual does not have character. If she is a surgeon and you say, "describe yourself" and she says, "I'm a surgeon and an avid cyclist," she is placing value on her achievements and hobbies, not her ethnicity, gender and sexual preference, none of which she did anything to attain. Unfortunately, though, the appeal of "diversity" and applying value where there is none proves too tempting to many. One only has to look at the sea of worthless degrees and worthless college departments in "Hyphenated-American Studies."

"Women's Studies"
"Gender Studies"

"African American Studies"
"Chicano American Studies"

and the list goes on and on and on.

Here the political tool of diversity is particularly deceitful, evil and outright bigoted. It lies to various groups of people telling them traits they were born with somehow give them value. It lies to those same groups of people telling them because of these traits, they are oppressed by those who do not share their traits. It ruins the lives of these innocent people saying the ONLY way they can overcome these injustices is through the government via Democrat/Socialist/Lefitst parties (of whichever country they're in). And worst of all, it deprives these individuals of any real individualistic achievement by brainwashing them into an crippling coma-like state of "Woe-Is-Me-ism." In short the irony of these programs is that they claim to help these individuals, but merely serve to ruin their lives by making them veritable slaves to a political party.

I often wonder how long it's going to be before the black community wakes up and realizes that despite 40 years of affirmative action and democrat bribery their communities are in tatters and they are still in last place sociologically speaking in the US. I often wondering how long it's going to be before the Latino and Hispanic communities wake up and realize they're voting to turn the US into a more northern and colder version of the crappy countries they or their ancestors fled. And I wonder how long it's going to be before women realize feminism has done nothing more than enslaved them to the rat race, replaced their would-be-husbands with a government check, and destroyed any hope for true love and happiness via a normally functioning family.

Again, I don't care. I've checked out. It's just a sad crying shame nobody is heeding the words of Martin Luther King, especially those he worked so hard to help.

$1,300 for a Class in Chicana Lesbian Studies

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For the Patron Saints Name of Frick.

I mean, you just can't make this up. It REALLY IS A CLASS!.

My question is this - what IDIOT decides it's worth spending $1,300 for ONE CLASS on LESBIAN CHICANA STUDIES???

Honest to freaking Christ. What moron, even at the naive age of 18 decides to part with $1,300 of their own money to pay for this veritable shit?

And you people question my decision to give up and Enjoy the Decline.

The Captain Makes the Washington Times

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Huzzah!

Viva La Manosphere!

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New addition to "The Manosphere" directory.

Why I Refuse to See "42"

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On this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast, Aaron discovers what it's like to be a stay at home wife/mom and wonders why women gave up such an easy gig for the skullduggery of work? He also reviews the movie "Burt Wonderstone" and the most recent "Die Hard." He also opines why so many good "guy flicks" are ruined by a forced romance subplot, as well as he outright refuses to see "42" as he alikens affirmative action movies to church sermons - neither of which he is fond of. Finally, drawbacks to enjoying the decline, or just being a rugged individualist. Every adventure has its drawbacks and there's not a lot of people 3 standard deviations to the right of the mean.

It's for the Chillllldreeeennnnn

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"Gee, Jim. I don't know. Where *have* all the good men gone?"

If those samples were found in the post by officials on their way to foreign laboratories, the French men who sent them could theoretically face a year in prison and a 15,000 Euro fine. This year the ban was challenged but the French Government decided to uphold and maintain the anti-paternity testing law.

The reasons for which the Government said the ban should remain were related to the preservation of peace within French families. According to some online articles, Germany, has also banned (or plans to ban) paternity testing for similar reasons. French psychologists suggest that fatherhood is determined by society not by biology...

The argument against allowing paternity testing in France is directly opposed to the argument for allowing it almost everywhere else. While French Authorities believe that paternity testing can cause friction within families, some fathers find that getting rid of any doubt relating to their relationship with their child can help strengthen the bond they have with them, instead.

In cases where their paternity has been verified, the child could actually get to know who their 'real' biological father was and many people believe that is important. So, rather than causing disputes, paternity testing in France could actually settle them. Now that the ban has been upheld, French fathers are likely to continue breaking the law in an effort to discover whether children in their care are biologically theirs.

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Potemkin Women

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When I first moved to my current home and started establishing a rapport with the bartenders at the local pub that would become "my bar," I remember meeting two uppity 30 something women. They were sharply dressed, boisterous, laughing and certainly the center of attention. One was very attractive while the other was average. Because they frequented "my bar" it was inevitable I would establish a relationship with them also. This relationship was business in nature, but also short lived.

They were in the "house staging/fashion" business and wanted me to help them with their finances. I agreed, but found it difficult to consult them for they would constantly bail at the last minute, change meeting times, just plain forget or just plain not take my advice. They were too busy and having too much "fun" with their business and details like "accounting" were deemed non-critical.

Admittedly I was 1/4th attempting to get some kind of angle on the hot one, but after being stood up for yet another meeting I decided to end the business relationship and replace it with a "Minnesota Nice" relationship (one where you hate the other person, but fake being friendly so as not to disrupt the over all social environment). It wouldn't have mattered anyway, because the hotter of the two made it very clear she was looking for a sugar daddy to take care of her.

For the next couple of months they would come into my bar and some of the other local ones, always talking about their business loud enough for people to hear, and always ordering the priciest of drinks to further prove they were successful. It was almost as if they were 20 year olds trapped in 37 year old bodies, who somehow made it seem "house staging and fashion design" was all about drinking, partying, networking and wearing fancy clothes.

Then nothing.

They disappeared. They were gone. And nobody took note, for it was the absence of annoyance that made things "normal" again, meaning you don't remember the moment you recover from a sickness, because that's the way you're supposed to feel normally.

It wasn't until 6 months later that for whatever reason or another a neuron fired in my skull reminding me about the loud duo and so I asked the bartender,

"*Hey, whatever happened to Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dumb?*"

The bartender laughed as he was cleaning out a wine glass.

"*I don't know what happened to Tweedle Dee, but Tweedle Dumb (the hotter one). That's a funny story. She would come in at another bar I work at across White Bear Lake and just get hammered. She'd then start crying about how miserable she was, how should couldn't find a guy to marry her, and how her business was losing money. I think they went out of business, but I haven't seen them in months.*"

And thus was my first conscious observation of a Potemkin Woman.

If you don't know what "Potemkin" is, it is a reference to a "Potemkin Village," a trick the Soviets used to make things look better than they actually were in Soviet Russia. With poverty, lack of production, no bread, lines, and all the other wonderful benefits socialism brought them, the Soviet leadership hid this fact by making fake "villages" to make it look like everything was just hunky dory in the USSR. So when journalists and tourists visited, they were shown the Potemkin villages, not the gulags or everyday Soviet misery. It was nothing more than a ruse to make things look better than they actually were, and is the precisely same tactic many American and western women use today.

You might ask why somebody would engage in such trickery, acting more important than they actually are. But there are good reasons women use such a tactic, specifically it allows them to attain something that they personally cannot achieve or are too lazy to achieve. Usually it is a higher status/richer man, but it could also be undue and undeserved business, undue and undeserved reputation, undue and undeserved attention, and undue and undeserved status. And thus, very much like their midlife-crisis banker male counterparts, they put on the flashy clothes, talk a big game, act all independent, and scoff at people who are actually better than them. Unfortunately, it is just a bluff. A bluff that time and real life inevitable calls. But unless you are aware of it, you can very likely fall for it and (like I did) waste precious time and resources dealing with such women.

First, understand that Potemkin Women have been with us since they were little girls. Middle school girls actually. If there is an example of a Potemkin Village in America, it is middle school. Nothing is real, it is all fake, and the most popular girls rule the roost by essentially faking it into college. They have the fanciest clothes, they have a clique no one else can join, they have the latest gadgets. However, if you've ever had the misfortune of dating one of these girls, you'd know they are typically psychological messes underneath. Of course, this is rarely known or figured out because their ruse is so effective it intimidates boys (and girls) from ever approaching them, let alone dare questioning their legitimacy.

Second, understand Potemkin Girls never mature into women who shed the fakeness and the ruse. They merely become "Potemkin Women." It worked so well as a child, why not continue the strategy? They go to college, earn some worthless degree, go out and "partay," they dress sexy at night clubs and do the faux lesbian thing, only to reject the

naive boys and men who dare to advance. The ruse is so effective and society is only more than accommodating, a lot of young women actually start to believe their "Potemkin Life" is a real one. They actually think they're that smart (when a 3.8 GPA as a Communications Major is laughable), they actually think they're in demand (while most 20 something men just want to have sex, not marry them), and they actually think they're going to succeed in life (as media, parents, colleges, government and every other facet of society lies to their face). When in reality, they are merely setting themselves up for a spectacular failure and accruing debt at a pace of 4 $10 Cosmo Martini's a night on a 23% APR credit card.

Finally, after getting married, divorced, and having no real skills to fall back on, not to mention, they're getting older, the 30 something Potemkin Woman puts on her best act. She wears the clothes she can't afford, starts the business that has no hope, parades a reputation that has no truth, all in the hopes of being given one more chance at attention, money, love, and/or status. However, here reality has reintroduced itself to the Potemkin Woman and I have seen it up front, close and personal. And the difference between the show the Potemkin Woman puts on and her insecure self is stark.

There was the salsa dancing 42 year old who WAS hot for her age and wore the most provocative outfits. Of course she would only dance with the most accomplished salsa dancers. But she broke down, crying one night at her house because her children hated her.

There was 29 year old lawyer who made junior partner in record time and wouldn't even consider dating men who made less than her (including yours truly), only to end up alone at a bar a decade later with a mean scowl on her face that would scare away any man.

There was the former model who at 48 still wanted to go to "night clubs." She broke down crying as it looked increasingly likely her house would go into foreclosure.

And of course there's Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dumb.

Now I could go on retrospectively identifying all the Potemkin Women I've ran into, but the point is, especially for men (though women will also have to interact on a non-romatic or business level with Potemkin Women) is to realize just how hallow and miserable their lives really are. The more posturing, parading and bragging you see, the more likely it is they go home and their lives are miserable. That the woman who laughed at you in front of her friends when you offered to buy her a drink, goes home that very same night in a drunk stupor and cries herself to sleep because "she can't find a man." I don't say this because I "want" it to be true or that I'm looking for some kind of "revenge" for women that spurned my advances. I'm telling you because it IS true. I've seen it. I've seen the Potemkin Woman at home all by herself at 3AM, out of the public view...

and she ain't pretty.

Charty Goodness

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From Mr. Powell.

"We're All Out of White Guilt"

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and we adults are done with you elites and Hollywood types forcing it down our throats.

(so you know it links to a video of me tirading and is not safe for work).

Washington Times Article Part 2

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Part 2! "The Origins of Cappy Cap!"

Is it dark!?

Is it secret!?

How did the Captain become...um...well..uhh...the "captain?"

Was it a broken heart!?

Tortuous childhood?

Did parochial school drive him to become what he is!?

Tune in and find out!!!!

"The Invisible Bitch-Slap"

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It's like "the invisible hand," but instead it's when you piss off the forces of economics and reality decides to punish you for your stupidity.

Who Employs Warren Kinsella?

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Because I'd like to know who would employ such a person who seems to make a career out of defamation?

Roosh Walks Into a Libertarian Bar

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Roosh interviewed me over at Return of Kings. The response from his readership about libertarians and libertarianism was a little surprising. Between him and the Washington Times, we're on track for an interview a day!

The Captain Goes to Milwaukee!

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Going to Milwaukee this weekend. E-mail the ole Captain if you're around and up for cigars or dancing.

The Return of Shame

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Law, at its best, prevents people from doing bad things. And that's at its *best.*

A lot of times people just don't obey laws (criminals) and even when they do obey laws, they may not be moral. In other words laws prohibit bad behavior, but can not compel good or moral behavior. So while I may not murder somebody, law doesn't prevent me from racking up more credit card debt than I can afford or standing somebody up for a date.

However, society did have a tool that picked up where laws left off - shame.

Though not codified or written down, society had their own set of unspoken rules or laws called "standards" and if you violated these social standards you would be shamed and scorned. This shame would compel you to behave appropriately and was a vital and necessary component of society in order for it to survive and succeed.

However, shame is very interesting in that it's very much like "paying taxes" or "having to work for a living." It's a fact of life nobody likes. You step out of line you may not go to jail, but you will be shamed by society. Therefore, you don't get to do whatever you want to do all willy nilly. However, also like paying taxes and having to work for a living, shame can be used as a political tool. Specifically, when it comes to a democracy, an amoral political party can ignore the importance shame plays in society, capitalize on childish-mentalities of the lesser members of the electorate, and promise a world with no shame.

You don't want to work? Fine! We'll tax other undeserving people to finance your life.

You don't want to pay taxes? Fine! We'll make a villainized group pay them for you!

You don't want shame? Fine! We'll launch an all out assault on traditional historical standards, the country's historical culture, and institute moral relativism.

In short, promising the electorate the elimination of shame is nothing more than bribing them. However unlike welfare, medicare or EBT cards, it's a psychological benefit, not a financial one. And thus, just as sure as leftist parties across the world promise their voters other people's money, they also do their best to eliminate shame.

We see this everyday. The idiot who couldn't do basic math and bought a house he couldn't afford is a "victim." The unemployed Music Therapy major, living at home is "just down on his luck." And there is no better example of the elimination of shame as we

replace military veterans with "single moms" as our nation's greatest hero. So successful is the left that the political and social environment is now so hostile that it's now "shameful to shame." If you dare criticize somebody for failing to meet a standard you are the one that is shamed. You are accused of being rude. Your target of shaming is even arrogant and entitled, yelling "HOW DARE YOU JUDGE ME!!!" And if your target of shame happens to be in a "victim class" you are immediately called an "ist" (even though you are criticizing their actions and not their race, ethnicity, sex, etc. etc.).

Additionally, since shaming by its nature is a public or publicized action (i.e. - you can't secretly shame someone) you are immediately alienated and ostracized from society. Dare you demand EBT cards be the size of a poster for all to see on a blog or a forum, employers will no longer hire you. Dare you criticize illegal immigration and are consequently accused of racism, you cannot run for public office. And dare you criticize single parenthood, you can forget finding a date. In short we have fully eliminated shaming from society and all the benefits (personal responsibility being the key one) that came with it.

Naturally, a shameless society will fail. You can make all the laws you want, but without the social norms and mores that force people to be self-reliant, responsible, and respectful units of society, those individual units will revert to their basic human instinct and decay into shameless and parasitical ones. However, there is a consequence to society failing. Specifically, those people who are vested in society and are moral, are going to lose the only thing that matters to them - society. And while a high percentage of them may still be too intimidated or brainwashed to speak out, bluntly and truthfully, a certain percentage of people will realize the cost is too great and start shaming again. Specifically, those people who have nothing left to lose.

Understand that the reason most people don't speak out against and shame the social atrocities occurring in the US is because they have too much at risk. They have a house, they have a family, they have a career. Their entire lives have been built within this system and are thus dependent on it. And dare they get out of line, and dare they publicly shame the wrong group, the political and social cost for them daring to point out the emperor has no clothes is that they will lose it all. An HR nazi will be auditing your facebook posts. Your hiring manager will get a complaint. An Adria Richards will narc on you. Careers in America are so fragile and employers so spineless, you dare don't rock the societal boat with shaming. You watch that recent immigrant use her EBT card at your expense and you shut up and like it.

But what if you're part of a group with nothing left to lose? What if you're young, endebted by previous generations to the tune of $225,000, facing a lousy job market, and no future? What if you're part of a group that is just assumed to have benefits and privileges when that is not the case, and you're constantly accused of bigotry and being part of a "patriarchy?" Oh, and by the way, what if a mental illness has infected the half

of society you SHOULD have gotten the greatest joy out of in life and instead corrupted and spoiled them leaving you little-to-no shot in life at marriage of family? What if your future was just plain taken away?

Why you'd be the typical young man in America today.

And it is here where shame is not only going to have a triumphant return, but it is already back in full force.

I hate to inform all the various political groups, victim groups, protected classes, sacrosanct faux heroes and other shameless classes the left has formed, but your strategy to "shame the shamers" won't work on this group of people. And the reason why is that your strategy hinges on one thing - that there would be an economic cost inflicted on anybody who dares to shame. But if they have no money, no job, no career, no hope, and no future, there's nothing you can take from them. Worst still, as they slowly start to wake up and realize just how much your anti-shaming campaign has screwed up society, they will blame you (rightly so) for stealing and destroying their futures. And with nothing left to do and at no cost to them, shaming you and your ideological adherents is going to become their favorite hobby.

The Ed Driscoll Effect

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Thanks Ed!

Road Trip Linkage

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I predict the term "Affirmative Action" will achieve the pejorative tone in due time similar to "short bus."

The Canadians also have liberal arts majors.

Dal explains why men aren't responding the market price signals.

After 44 years of marriage we divorced. I consider it a successful marriage..Oh, BTW, Castro is great!

Ehhh...I don't want to mess with Kate.

Danny interviews Aurini about how economics delves into post nuclear war!

The DeGroote School of Business

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Sorry DeGroote. You deserve your own post. We're getting sick of the sexist crap leftists, spineless, compliant wanna-bes-but-can't-do teachers and academians are pawning off as education.

Business degrees, unless in Accounting or MIS are worthless. They are just plain worthless. NOBODY should major in business. But what is worse is when you have to suffer a purposeful and designed political campaign of socialist, leftists clap trap from losers who couldn't hack it in the real world and end up being professors.

You want to go to DeGroote? Go right ahead and see if you can ever pay back your student loans.

Repair, Never Replace

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When the next generation of video game consoles come out I will be switching from XBox to Playstation.

Why?

Because I am now on my 5th (yes, that's right) FIFTH X Box 360.

The reason is simple. I am heavily invested in games I like and thus, because I have so much invested in the software, I need the console that plays that format. So when I got the Red Ring of Death for the 4th time, I started to prepare to shell out more money for the video game industry's biggest design flaw.

However, I caught myself this time. And when I say, "I caught myself" I mean I STOPPED an automated thought process that has cost me plenty in terms of money and lost self-teaching. Namely, I decided to REPAIR my XBox 360 and NOT pay somebody to do it for me nor buy a replacement XBox altogether. And after catching myself I realized this is a VERY important lesson for all of us to learn.

Understand our brains are predisposed to be put on rote rehearsal or automatic pilot for efficiency's sake. This is NOT a disadvantage, but rather an advantage for the MAJORITY of instances. For example when the new dual joysticks came out it took every 20 something man about 10 hours of play to learn the "right stick controls vision, left stick controls movement" layout of all modern day FPS's. This is no different than when we first learned to walk when we had to develop the motor skills to do so. And you can ask any beginning ballroom dance student the frustration of forcing his/her feet to do what the brain wants it to do.

But after a while you develop a muscle memory which (more specifically) is your brain stem developing a repetitive memorization of certain muscle movements that no longer require the input of the frontal lobes allowing you to (in the case of dancing) keep your footwork going while soothsaying your dance partner into bed. But while we think of PHYSICAL movements as an example of this, repetitive MENTAL actions, AKA "habits" also fall under this category as well. And these unconscious habits are hard to break, thus, why I want to point out this one.

YOu, me, and everybody else have been mentally conditioned to look for the easiest route out. When this comes to the maintenance and repair of our physical goods, the answer is usually one of "dispose and replace." The problem with this approach is two fold. One, it costs more to replace an item that is repairable and two, we lose the

opportunity to LEARN how to repair things that IF LEARNED AT A VERY EARLY AGE CAN SAVE YOU HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS over the course of a life time. And thus if we can recondition our brains out of the consumerist mentality of "toss and replace" we can not only save ourselves some money, but improve ourselves in terms of skills.

Now you may say, "But I like the convenience of outsourcing repair" or you may say, "But I'm not good at fixing things." But allow me a little bit of economics.

First, there is the obvious savings you will realize if you learn to repair things at an early age as opposed to constantly outsourcing it.

Second, with progressive taxation, regulation, and socialism, the "division of labor" is being undermined, meaning, as people specialize and trade their skills via money and labor, they are taxed more. Therefore, if you can learn to be a "do it yourselfer" you not only save the money it would cost you to outsource the repair of your various items, but you don't have to pay the "sales tax" on it. Heck, you may even be so bold to barter which would avoid taxation altogether.

Third, what? Like there's jobs out there for you anyway? Even if you did specialize in a particular field, get a degree, or get certified, in the end there are no jobs which makes learning to fix your own assets a very profitable investment of your time. In short you have nothing better to do with your time so you might as well learn to repair things.

In the end, I roughly estimate with my SAEG (TM) you will save yourself over the course of a lifetime EASILY $250,000 in repairs, maintenance and outsourced expenses learning to fix, build and repair your own stuff than paying somebody to do it for you (and that quarter million is at least worth a house).

So, how do you do this?

How do you become so skilled and experienced in so many aspects of maintenance and repair life?

Well, I hate to say this, the answer is obvious.

Youtube.

I had a buddy who was an ornery computer guy. I was interested in computers and how to network and repair them. But when I asked him simple, elementary questions, he got pissed off at me and would lecture me.

"*You stupid idiot!!!??? What's wrong with you!!??? Don't you know anything about*

DRAM!!!???"

In short, he was human and was thusly, flawed, and therefore an asshole.

Youtube, thankfully, is not.

"We didn't have Youtube in our day" but you do. And there is practically every imaginable "do it yourself video" out there.

How to change oil.

How to network a computer.

How to cook souffle.

How to clean a carburetor.

How to roof a house.

You name it, youtube has it. It's practically replaced your dad. And if you want to save yourself the pain and agony of a friend berating you for "not knowing the difference between RAM and DRAM" you just go to the Youtube.

Now this may seem cute or quaint, but as the inevitabilities and realities of the US economy takes its toll, learning how to maintain, repair and fix your own stuff is going to prove to pay larger dividends than most college degrees. Matter of fact, I would contend, self-teaching yourself how to repair cars, computers and other devices liberal arts majors love to use, but fear to understand will prove to be a MUCH better investment than the $75,000 most liberal arts students spend on their worthless degrees. So while they charge you $7 for a "grande latte" with their *Masters in English*, you can charge them $750 to fix their Prius with your "*self-taught Youtube video on how to repair a Prius*." The only difference is you spent 30 hours of your life downloading youtube videos on "Prius repair" while they spent $75,000 and 6 years of their lives on "French, Gay, Lesbian, Latina, 15th Century Poetry."

In short, I believe people are VERY MUCH underestimating the value of Youtube and other "self help" and "DIY" sites. Even if your dad was inept at mechanics and was absentee, that doesn't mean you can't find a surrogate father in Youtube and benefit to the tune of hundreds of thousands.

However, truth be told, most people are intimidated by cracking open a computer case or knocking out a wall of sheet rock. So allow me to impart the self-taught wisdom I've gain to make (hopefully) millions of younger people's lives better.

1. CRACK OPEN THAT COMPUTER CASE and DESTROY THE COMPUTER. CHANGE YOUR OWN OIL (and in the process) DESTROY YOUR OWN CAR. KNOCK OUT THAT SHEET ROCK and just make a mess of everything. One of the biggest hurdles I ever had in self repair was that I would make things WORSE than when I started.

And yes you will. BUT, it's better to learn that NOW at the age of 20 than at the age of 70. YOu WILL get better and more proficient. But you WON"T ever achieve a level of proficiency unless you make your mistakes and get dirty.

2. Just accept you WILL destroy things as you go along and MOST IMPORTANTLY no matter how much you destroy TODAY, those costs will pay off more in the future. So drop the money and make the mistakes. They're worth it. Have no fear.

3. The TWO BEST THINGS YOU CAN BUY YOURSELF AT A YOUNG AGE ARE

a. a computer/electronics repair kit
b. a full tool set for cars and home repair

I wish I had somebody buy this for me as a 17th birthday gift, but most of my family was anti-repair and pro-replace. Ideally, somebody will buy you this at the age of 10, ensuring you will be ready to repair anything as you enter the real world at 18. But if anything dropping the money on those two items is a better investment than college itself, so buy those things yourself.

4. There will be points in your life you will be unemployed and pinching every penny will become vital. In times of economic recession where you DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING MORE MONEY having the ability to SAVE MONEY will become key to your survival, happiness, and standard of living. A man who can fix anything can enjoy a higher standard of living earning $30,000 per year than a man who can't fix nothing and makes $70,000 per year. I've seen it and it is true. Being skilled in repair, maintenance and construction/building is a great insurance against poverty no matter what is going on in the economy.

So if you're an unemployed or underemployed 20 something, a bachelor or bachelorette looking for a new hobby or endeavor, or you got a lot of time on your hands and are looking for an intellectually stimulating project, go on the Youtube, buy yourself some tools and teach yourself to repair and never replace.

How Liberal Art Majors Destroyed Stockton

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I pointed this out a while ago, but it needs repeating.

You cannot expect a group of adults whose only experiences are in the non-profit/government/education industries to lead with any measure of competence in that they are politicians first and foremost and have not the ability nor care to adhere to mathematical and financial reality. They are mentally spoiled little children who just happened to be in adult bodies that purposely and consciously chose weak degrees requiring no rigor, effort or thought, and consequently chose easy "careers." It should be no shock that Stockton, or any city or organization, led by such weak and talentless people went bankrupt.

And I'm being deadly serious when I say this, INVESTMENT ANALYSTS, MUTUAL FUND MANAGERS, HEDGE FUND MANAGERS and any other investment professional in charge of investing in government bonds (be they municipal, state or national) are practically MANDATED to investigate whether or not the elected leaders of those governments majored in the liberal arts.

I guarantee you that the default rate of municipalities headed up by doctors, plumbers, accountants, etc., is much lower than that of municipalities headed up by liberal art majors.

The Manosphere is Going Mainstream

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And there's nothing anybody can do to stop it. Congrats to 3rd Mill.

Fractional Reserve Speed Dating

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If you don't know what "fractional reserve banking" is, don't worry.

It just means you're successful with the opposite sex.

That being said (and not to ruin your chances with the opposite sex), "fractional reserve banking" is the idea that a bank will take a depositor's money, lend most of it out, while still allowing for the depositor to fully withdraw that money at any time. Ergo the bank only holds a "fraction" in reserve of its depositors' monies. The reason this works is because it is very unlikely EVERY depositor will come into the bank at one time and withdraw ALL of their money. Therefore banks only need to hold a fraction of total deposits to allow for daily withdrawals here and there, while lending out the rest and making money on it.

There are many criticisms of a fractional reserve banking system. Most notably that the banks are "creating money" by lending out money that already has a claim on it and technically isn't theirs to lend out in the first place. But the larger point is that the true amount of money in the economy is only a fraction of what all the bank's electronic records say there is.

Naturally, you would think money is the only commodity that can lend itself (pun FULLY intended) well to a fractional reserve system, but in my trials and tribulations in life as a SAEG (tm) I have come upon another commodity where fractional reserving is done, and it isn't in banking.

It's in speed dating.

Many years ago I gave speed dating one shot. I walked into the joint, dropped my $35 down along with 7 other men and for that $35 we got to meet 8 other women for 5 minutes a piece. The one date that I did manage to score out of this escapade brought her gay male friend to chaperone, which prompted me to dance with pretty much every other girl on the floor but her. Gay-chaperoned dates aside, the point was there was an equal number of men to women. 8 to 8. For if there was a shortage on either end you would have too many of one gender chasing too few of the other.

But something interesting occurred after the speed dating event was over. As some people headed to the bar, I decided to approach one of the girls I was interested in and chat her up a bit. Using a simple approach I said,

"*You ever done this before?*"

She said,

"*Yes, but technically not tonight.*"

Curious, I said,

"*Why technically not tonight?*"

And her response was one for the Economics of Dating history books.

"*Well, the guy who runs this speed dating thing always has too many men and not enough women. So he calls us when he has extra guys and we just fill in and act like we're interested. If women don't show up, he can't sell as many tickets so he buys us drinks as compensation.*"

Kind of curious about the math, not to mention I just wanted to see how screwed over me and the other 7 men were, I asked,

"*So how many women were plants?*"

She said,

"*4.*"

I was more or less speechless, but the cynical side of me let out a cynical "Heh, what will they think of next?" Seeing she herself was a plant, I just walked away, went to my car and left.

Naturally I was somewhat upset at this little bit of trickery. What was sold as a way for 8 men to meet 8 women was in reality 8 men to meet 4 women. In short a fraction of the women that were truly available. But by cheating the system of sorts, the host of the speed dating was able to "create" women just like banks "create" money and profit from this newly created asset. He just had to pay them interest in the form of free cocktails (and no doubt the ego tinglies of leading poor saps on).

Now, could it have been this ONE speed dating racket doing the fractional reserve dating? Of course, but unlikely. No doubt this is the case all over where there is higher demand on one side (the men) than there is supply on the other (the women) and it doesn't take a genius to faux-fill the market to equilibrium, profiting off of such said market manipulation. The problem this presents men, however, is one of trust and reliability. Given it is a fact women are less interested in dating than men there will always be that threat and likelihood a significant fraction of the women in speed dating are merely plants there to extract your money. And given this risk it makes speed dating

a losing proposition to the average guy whose $35 would be better spent on groceries, rent, gas, utilities or plastic pigeons. So once again learn from the experiences and mistakes of the ole Captain. Don't bother with speed dating.

Besides, even if you're one of the lucky few to land a date, the best thing you'll manage is one of them highly-coveted and much-sought after "Gay-man-chaperoned dates."

You can follow the Captain on "the twitter" here.

With Feminists Like These, Who Needs Misogynists?

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Mercy! And the irony is this is the FEMINIST GROUP of a COMMUNIST PARTY!

Peggy Romo

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She ranks up there with Peggy Joseph, "world's dumbest idiot."

Banker Scum

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Heh heh heh. This is why you own PHYSICAL gold or silver.

But remember, Schiff, me, Beck and all those other non-real economists are fringe and "radical." We're just paranoid.

Enjoy that freaking decline!

The Great Barter Mistake of Bloggers

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I kick myself for not catching it before, but let me cite three bloggers:

Silvio Canto
Roosh
Kerry Lutz

I've had dealings with all three and our dealings have revolved around our blogs. And for those of you who are bloggers yourselves you know that blogging is an accidental career. You don't set out and declare to the world,

"***I'm going to be the best damn blogger the world has ever seen!!!!***"

You don't "Major in Blogging" (though no doubt the worthless world of Academia will come up with a "Bachelors of Arts in Blogging" sometime soon).

You also know once you start blogging any hope of having a "normal" or "real" career is shot. You made yourself public. You've stated your positions. You DARED to exercise your 1st Amendment rights to free speech and thus Corporate/Employer America will have nothing to do with you.

And therefore we congregate on teh interwebz, capitalizing on our freedom to do as we please, write books, plug our wares and do whatever we have to do to avoid "crawling back" to corporate America to grant us another 6 months of employment merely to recapitalize our personal balance sheet, only to tell them to f$ck off as we have too much self respect and dignity to tolerate their BS.

But while we congregate we also scheme. And in scheming we make some observations. Observations that help people stay afloat in the blogging world and independent of any employer or master.

And boy, did I come up with a doozy of an observation.

My observation today was one of needlessly paying taxes. Usually you are approached or would like to approach a blogger with significant internet presence to help advertise your wares. They usually say "$200 for a sidebar image" or "$100 for a post dedicated to your product" or "$25 and i'll mention you in the podcast." Payment is usually done by Paypal, check or some other electronically, and thus, taxable means.

But then Silvio made an interesting observation.

"Why don't you just plug my stuff and I plug yours?"

The simplicity is brilliance.

Not only does Silvio NOT have to pay taxes on the advertising I paid him, I don't have to pay taxes on advertising he's done for me.

In other words, the idea of charging a fellow blogger for advertising is stupid. We merely make a transaction recordable and thereby TAXABLE and let Uncle Sam and Step-Mom State in on our business. Instead, bloggers should use their cache as currency and merely agree to help support, prop, advertise and promote other bloggers. i.e.-traffic is currency, and a non-taxable one at that.

So before you think about approaching another blogger and saying, "Hey, how much to advertise on your site?"

Why not approach and say, "Hey, I'll plug yours if you plug mine."

Not only would it save us taxes, it would piss off Barry.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick

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You worthless academian scum.

The Captain on The Kerry Lutz Show!

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Here's the interview if you're looking for something to download and listen to while running or doing your weekend driving.

Why You Never Tell Others Your Problems

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Stick with me on this one because it isn't going to seem "right" at first, but if you focus on the angle I'm approaching this topic at, you'll see the point I'm trying to make.

Everybody has problems. And everybody has friends. And part of having friends or loved ones is to share your problems. You need a sounding board, you need to vent, and doing such things are healthy and expected. However, when you unload and vent, it is usually problems that are not dire, nor insurmountable. You got a cold, you boss is being a jerk, the weather sucks, whatever, they all have an end and a solution, and are thus surmountable.

But then there are problems that are terminal. There is no solution. There is only one outcome. There is no end. And if there is one, the cost is not only great, but nothing can be done to stop it. Things like terminal sickness, bankruptcy, divorce, etc. And it is here you need to be very selfless and think this one through.

Say the economy has gone south and you are imminently approaching bankruptcy. There is nothing you can do about it. It is going to happen. It is outside of your control.

Do you tell your friends about it? Do you complain to your loved ones about it?

The answer is no, and let me explain why.

Just as you are powerless to stop this horrible thing from happening, so to are your friends and loved ones. And in complaining to them or telling them about your unsolvable problem, you put them at unease because they are powerless and helpless to do anything about it. It is human nature to want to help, but if help is just not possible you unconsciously make your friends feel uncomfortable and powerless.

For example, have you ever had a friend whose loved one got cancer, or your friend got cancer him/herself? And upon hearing the news you don't know what to say because, well, what can you say? "I'm sorry?"

That's about all you can do. You are completely helpless and thus have nothing to say.

Worse still, you can exacerbate this situation, with your "terminal" problem. Because of the severity of these terminal problems, you don't just mention it once to your friends and then it goes away. It's a terminal problem, it will be with you until it terminates. And because of it's severity, it is going to be the single largest topic weighing heavily on your mind. You will want to tell somebody about it, in perhaps a subconscious attempt to find

a non-existent solution, but all you will do is drive them further away because you make it so uncomfortable.

Now, am I saying, you NEVER tell anybody you got cancer or that you filed for bankruptcy or your spouse left you? No, but I am saying once you make the declaration, there is nothing to gain by revisiting your unsolvable problem with friends and loved ones.

However, if this doesn't make sense, consider something on the flip side or opposite of this. Say you achieved something REALLY great. Something phenomenal. Something nobody else has done. Naturally this great achievement means a lot to you and even defines you. And if it truly is great, you will want to share it with people, not out of bragging, but out of wanting to share something of genuine interest. But here too you face a somewhat similar problem. If your achievement is so great, most people won't even believe you did it, or at least be able to comprehend. For example by the time I was a senior in college I had:

1. Paid for everything working full time going to school full time
2. Was on track to graduate 6 months early.
3. 3.96 GPA
4. 3 Internships under my belt
5. Held various performance records at my job

I thought I was a shoe-in for a job after graduating, but in hindsight, I believe what I achieved was so great, nobody believed it and my resume went in the dump. Even my friends didn't seem impressed in my early 20's and so when meeting new people I would never mention this great achievement. I would just say, "I went to college."

In short the lesson is to consider the position your friends and loved ones are in. They are already your friends, they are already your loved ones, but unless it is within their power to do anything, constantly bringing up major problems you have (no matter how much they are affecting your life) only pushes people further away. Love and appreciate your friends and loved ones, be selfless enough not to hound them with your unsolvable problems.

When We Ran Out of Good Men/Bad Boys

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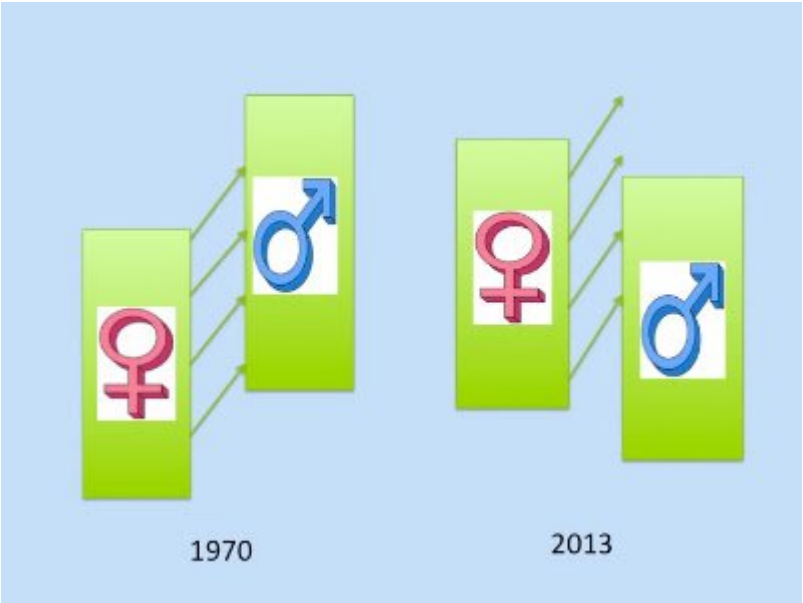
Tell me this isn't the chart of the year:



If your mind is already interpreting it and neurons are firing with stimulation, then just read the article.

And yes I use my real name. And yes, I am a ballroom dancing, tornado chasing, fossil hunting, motorcycle riding, mountain hiking, Rumpleminze drinking economist.

Three Reasons Theater Majors Are Important!

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Please, oh Merciful Patron Saint's Name of Frick,
Invoke the power of my Cappy Cap disciples
So that they may log into their Facebook accounts
And rip this idiot and very much well-deserved new one
So that young innocent 17 year old children
Do not falleth for the greatest lie told to their generation
That if they "follow their heart the money will follow."
And that someday
All taxpayers and hard working adults
Who work real jobs and not government or non-profit subsidized fake ones
May wake up one day,
Audit their tax bill
And vote in politicians who forever cut off taxpayer funding
For something that is nothing more than a hobby for children who never want to grow up or contribute to society

Amen

The Origins of the SWPL People

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"*They used to say establishment, but as the ascendant taste maker group, they are the establishment so they say 'privilege'. By not being an organic setting, they are in effect buying into a subculture that is already packaged and marketed to them. They may think they are creative and unique, but they are just following the built in norms for their distinct group.*"

I would also remind people about how I said SWPL's have economic applications, specifically, they and their behaviors are VERY useful in predicting bubbles, like sayyyyyy....the 401k????

Oh, and you might be asking,

"*Hey Captain! Using SWPL's to predict economic bubbles is pretty witty and clever. What other witty and clever observations have you had and where can I read about such great and insightful epiphanies!?*"

Well happy reader, you just have to buy your copy of "Top Shelf!"

Available in BOTH paperback and kindle.

Inducing Shock In The Matriarchy

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I did a seminar recently at the U of MN Duluth. It was my "Why Gen Y is Completely, Totally and Hopelessly Screwed" seminar. And while admittedly the seminar is not the politest or most adroit speech, when it came to the "What were you told you SHOULD like in the opposite sex" portion of the lecture, an interesting thing happened. I asked the young men in the audience what they found attractive in a woman. Not what they were told to like, but what they in fact did like.

Not one of them answered.

OH, they KNEW the answers, their sheepish faces and smirks gave that away, but they couldn't answer for they feared what the repercussions would be.

Observing this phenomeon right in front of me, I took the opportunity to point out something so sad, but so very true. I said

"*My god, look at how brainwashed they have you guys. You can't even speak the truth.*"

I then bellowed out the truth,

"*Ladies, we like big boobs, long legs, and tight asses!*"

If I read the room right it was almost as if they were saying, "Wow! He said it!"

Now, instigation aside, the reason I bring this up is because it highlights a very important aspect of this whole battle against feminism. And that is just how successful the left and feminists have been at outlawing independent thought and replacing it with their own politically approved thought. So intimidated are men and women they cannot speak bluntly and truthfully about the opposite sex.

Of course I view the truth as an absolute. Something that cannot be ignored. Something that is arguably the epitome of morality to adhere to. But if I were to say,

"*The law of gravity states that mass will attract other mass*"

there is no repercussions for speaking this truth.

But if I point out a truth that runs contrary to the approved speech code or the goals of leftism and feminism, no matter how true:

"*Men like big boobs, long legs, long hair and tight asses!*"

then all manner of social, political and romantic hell will be unleashed.

Of course it should never have gotten to this point. The point you cannot candidly and bluntly speak truths. But it did and the way we got here was via Overton's Window, the political theory where you slowly move the political debate further and further in one direction, but so slowly nobody notices it. 40 years ago you could scoff at the idea of lowering standards for women in protective services, now that's sexist. 40 years ago you could point out women are poorer at math (duly noted that the bell distribution curve is flatter) and logic. You are once again a sexist. And 40 years ago you could make jokes about women drivers. Now, even though they get in more accidents per miles driven, you are once again, a sexist.

However, while the original 70's feminists may have known full well what they were doing, and today may feign umbrage dare you speak a truth about the sexes, the successive generations of feminists and young women have not had that vantage point. Quite the opposite, actually. They've been brought up in a completely female-centric and myopic environment, and have grown accustomed to having society bend over backwards to avoid speaking the uncomfortable truths about the sexes. So much so that when a truth like

"*Men like big boobs, long legs, long hair, and tight asses*"

is uttered they are not just insulted, but enraged.

"*HOW DARE somebody say that!?*"

"*Yeah, but it's true!*"

"*STILL!!!! HOW DARE HE SAY THAT!*"

It's this violent (or at least strong) reaction in combination with social, political, romantic AND CAREER costs/threats that is what keeps most men (and women) from speaking truthfully about feminism. But there is a problem with this strategy. Overton's Window can only be moved so far in one direction before it is so divergent from reality and truth that society starts to crack and there are real and severe social, economic and financial costs. And we are at that threshold now. And not only are we bearing the costs (unemployment, government debt, dysfunctional children, etc.) those costs outweigh the costs for pointing out the emperor has no clothes, especially for young men.

Understand if you take the average young man today and look at his prospects in terms of

Social
Political
Romantic
and Career (otherwise "Economic")

in this society, what precisely does he have?

Socially speaking he already has friends and this one, though important, aspect of his life is inoculated against the forces of leftism and feminism.

Politically, nothing. All political emphasis is on women and women's problems. Government spending disproportiontely goes to women and women are still considered a victim class.

Romantically, the average western male has a lousy selection in women as women were brought up to be men, not women. And any woman who dares to say, "Yes, I'd like to have children and a family some day, and I like men and I want to be beautiful" is immediately shamed by feminists and the left.

Economically, your average young man has no hope and no chance at a successful financial life. THe economy is stagnant, unemployment is disproportionately high for young males and the economy, forever more being progressively dictated by the public sector, is becoming hostile to traditional male-employing industries.

In short, your average young man has nothing, meaning society is no longer able to provide for and support one half of the society. And with nothing left to lose, there are no costs, for speaking the truth. With no hope, no future, and no money, all the shaming, threats, and NARCing of feminism rings hallow as they no longer have any teeth. There is nothing you can take from these men.

It is here that the movement back to reality will not be as slow and meditated as the feminists' original nudging of Overton's Window. It will be lightning speed compared to the past 4 decades. Men (and women) will shed the annoying, if not, impossible-to-adhere-to political correctness about the sexes and will realize life is too short to keep up the charade. Men will realize their sanity and love lives are more important than keep eggshell-fragile feminists' feelings in tact. Men, who never had anything to begin with, will wonder why their fathers and grandfathers adhere to "obsolete feminist morals" and instead will see no cost or consequence in being men, and will instead lay down the law in their relationships and be the man. Women too will be sick of being shamed about "wanting to have a husband and children" and will find nothing wrong with wanting a family, let alone wearing dresses and wanting to be beautiful.

The problem for feminism will be the abruptness of it all. Already you can see this in

feminist responses to Manosphere posts, not to mention the shock and awe that their Patron Saint Adria Richards was actually fired. They cannot believe (since they are inured in the brainwashing that they are the victim and the "patriarchy" is oppressing them) men, let alone ANY man would say such things or do such things. Didn't they get the memo? Didn't they get the brainwashing in school? We were told that was very very BAD and MEAN to say those things in the 3rd grade no matter how truthful it may be. The shock on their internet-metaphorical faces is priceless.

The problem for them is that reality is reality. Truth is truth. And when there's no cost or consequence for speaking the truth, they're going to find out just how flawed and erroneous their much-coveted religion of feminism really is. And no amount of angry, screeching or accusations of misogyny is going to stop it.

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Why Gen X & Y Should Be Denied Social Security

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My general (and intense) hatred and loathing of the baby boomer generation is no secret. It is also well-founded as it is the baby boomer generation that has been in control of the country's finances, politics, economics and corporate leadership. It is not debatable who's been at the helm of the country and its institutions for the past 30 years and, therefore, whose fault the current condition of the country is. And since their generation is near the end of its life cycle, the baby boomer generation legacy is more or less set in stone. They WILL go down in the history books as the generation that destroyed the United States.

Naturally, I don't believe the baby boomers deserve one red cent of social security, medicare, medicaid or any of the other plethora of various government programs they voted themselves in. They are the only generation (at least to my knowledge) in the history of the world that not only squandered the economic production of their parents (via inheritance), but also all of the economic production of their own lives AND were so voracious in their squandering, they needed to mortgage the economic production of their children.

Of course, when a baby boomer runs into me and they're shocked I find their generational theft disagreeable, they always, ALWAYS, ALWAYS say,

"*But I paid into the system!*"

To which I quickly and factually respond,

"*And you also voted into the morons who pissed all your contributions away on all those social programs you so love. You got the benefit of 30 years of Keynesian deficit spending stimulus. YOU ALREADY GOT YOUR MONEY BACK IN SPADES!*"

But the argument then stops because usually the baby boomer I'm talking to has never looked at a federal budget in his entire adult life.

However, before we all jump on the baby boomer generation (and don't worry, history will be INCREDIBLY harsh on them) we have to look at our own generational selves in the mirror. Specifically, whether we deserve all these programs or not.

Of course, the question is moot and academic. I don't think there will be any money to be paid out in the first place, but let's just say there was. Do our generations really deserve all the unicorns, puppies, hope, and change the government says we're entitled to? I say no and here is the reason why.

Gen X and Gen Y are doing the EXACT same thing as their baby boomer predecessors did. They are spending more money than they make. They expect other people to take care of themselves. They are entitled WAY more than the baby boomers ever were. And (most importantly) THEY VOTED IN DROVES FOR BARACK OBAMA and thus THE MORTGAGING OF THEIR OWN FUTURES.

Much as I loathe the baby boomers, the successive generations, mine included, are worse. Despite BLATANT and OBVIOUS financial problems our generations faced, we lacked the adult maturity (let alone simple 2nd grade mathematics) to turn this country around. And while the baby boomers have been voting more and more conservative, it is the younger generations through galactic stupidity, ignorance and selfishness that merely nailed a couple more nails in the US-coffin and thus our own futures.

Like I said, I doubt there will even be any money for Gen Y, Gen X and any future generations to make good on all those socialist entitlement goodies we promised ourselves. But before we start blaming previous generation's for our current problems, we should start blaming ourselves for making our future problems worse.

Oh, and when you're 55 and about to retire, please don't tell future generations,

"*But I paid into the system!*"

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The Zombie Feminist

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I linked to this in a previous post but it warranted it's own post.

GLORIOUS HAT!

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Young female comrade-ette is enjoying the decline! Why aren't you???

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Please Bite the Hand That Feeds You Academia

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Ahhhh…it's a good day when leftist academian scum shoot themselves in the foot.

Worse Than I Thought

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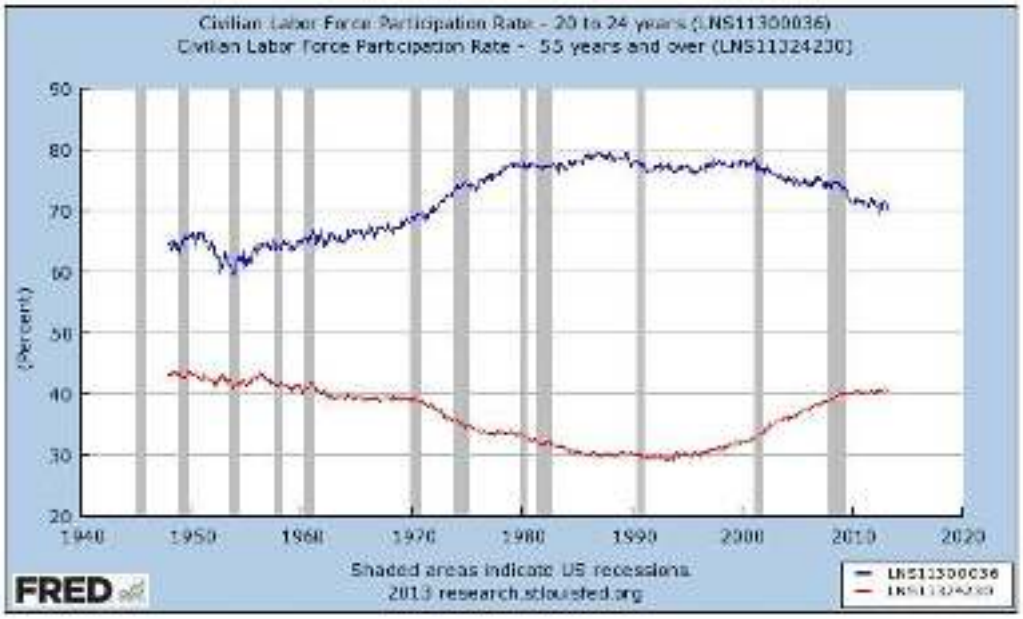
I remember a year or two back somebody ridiculing me about pointing out our dropping labor force participation rate. He said it wasn't because of socialist policies deterring people from working, or because of a lack of economic growth promised by Barack Obama, but because old people were retiring. He even sounded pissed about it suggesting us fools didn't know what we were doing AND if I recall correctly, he claimed to be an economist.

I believed I had already looked it up to confirm what was happening with labor force participations rates between the young and old, but I had a nagging twinge in the back of my mind that I didn't. That it may have slipped my mind. And sure as worthless people majoring in the humanities, I was right! It did slip my mind! Here it is:



I would have remembered this chart because it not only proves the guy wrong, it is the OPPOSITE of what he claimed.

Not only are things so bad, young people are dropping out of the labor force, OLD PEOPLE WHO SHOULD NORMALLY BE RETIRED BY NOW ARE RETURNING TO THE LABOR FORCE!

Why?

Well, the politically correct answer is what Time, Newsweek and CNN will tell you-

Tilly and Herman are just so active nowadays and they're just so intelligent that they can't stay at home and enjoy a life of leisure, relaxation and retirement. Heavens no! They WANT to go back to the labor force. They don't really need the money. They're just doing it to keep their minds stimulated! How hip and cool they are!

The truthful answer is -

They didn't save up enough for retirement and HAVE TO go back to the labor force. They were very poor at financial planning and even with social security and medicare they still don't have enough to retire.

I'm just wondering how long a country can last where it's dying/near dead population is returning to work while the "children who are our future" are dropping out.

Oh well, enjoy the decline!

Ladies Night Linkage

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Why, we love the Ladies of Cappy Cap, right? Well then why don't you show them a little link love and visit them.

We start off with a new reader who sent in a picture of her enjoying the decline.

I like the dog/rat/whatever it is.

And now the linkage love:

The Sexual Division of Labor - I'll say it again for the cheap seats - it is NOT coincidental that the majority of marriages was where one person stayed home and the other worked. It was a naturally forming sociological phenomenon and therefore there were very strong forces behind it and good reason for it. Tamper with it at your own (or society's) expense.

Children are not yours. They are the state's. You will obey. You will conform.

Why I'm a libertarian.

But math is tough. And I'm not good at math. And men are evil and I don't like gravity and I shouldn't have to drink water to survive.

Worthless women majoring in worthless subjects using academia and government to extract preferred treatment by society either via taxation or status and prestige. Again, the majority of problems are caused by liberal arts majors.

If you really want revenge on leftists and feminists, then keep yourself in shape for your woman and keep yourself in shape for your man. Because leftists, in general, will never be as physically atttractive as their conservative counterparts AND (no matter what feminists say) sex and sexual pleasure is one of the best experiences in life. So hit the gym, hit the treadmill and stop making excuses.

When you start acting as men, acting as equals, we will treat you as such. In the meantime, since you act like children, we will treat you like children.

You young idiots voted for this moron and now you will suffer the consequences.

Chewed bubble gum.

They want what they can't have and don't want what they can have. I'm glad my 20's are over.

You will visit the Life of Liz! I command you! Obey damn you! Obey!!!!

I remember trying to score my way into a girl's pants by helping her with her math. I was a freshman, she was a junior. It got me nowhere. With this hindsight of knowledge, I now instruct all young men and boys that the next time some girl wants "help with math" you tell her "hey, isn't the entire state, federal and local government paying billions of

unneeded tutors, teachers, and academians to help you chicks catch up with us boys in mathematics? Go hit them up for help. I'm too busy playing Modern Warfare 3."

We don't need no STIIINKING western culture!

Some outstanding advice for daughters.

I am for coupon clipping. Until it affects your life so much you expend more in labor/time that rationalizes the cost savings. There is a psychological disease with those women. Perhaps something along the lines they can't produce anything of value and therefore go the other route and try to save as much money as possible, losing the larger picture that they waste $10 in resources saving a dollar in expense.

No Cafeteria Christians Allowed

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This is a real Christian.

And even though I loathe religion and you all think I hate religious people. I don't. Just the 90% of them that abuse the religion to advance their own selfish aims, which means they aren't religious.

This concludes the Captain's monthly required ranting against religion.

My Amazing Awesome Super Intelligent Friends

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who just can't seem to find jobs with their ~~worthless fucking pieces of crap liberal arts degrees.~~...errr...I mean..."super awesome advanced degrees in awesomeness."

They Are Coming For Your 401k's

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What do I keep telling you?

It is going to happen.

Enjoy the decline.

How to Legally Exact Your Toll of Revenge on the Left

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The last chapter in my book "Enjoy the Decline" is titled "Revenge" and if there's a reason for you to buy the book, that chapter is it. The reason why is that any Real American, any real independent individual who loves freedom and liberty is in a rather helpless position. Since this (the United States and western civilization in general) is a democracy/republic we get a government forced on us by the majority, no matter how ignorant, no matter how stupid, and no matter how short-sighted. And unless you're willing to resort to violence, tyranny, criminal, and other anti-democratic actions there is nothing you can do but sit and watch the left destroy the greatest thing that has ever happened to humankind.

However, that is what the "Revenge" chapter in my book is about. How exactly does one person get their revenge on the people who destroyed their lives, their country and their futures and not land in jail? There are ways (ways you will have to read the book to find out), but one of them, after further contemplation, I realized was arguably the KEY way to get your revenge and deserves a more thorough flushing out.

Specifically, sex.

Before I go further let me state after thinking this through I am being deadly serious. This is not hyperbole, this is not rhetoric, this is not for shock value. This is what my logic, thought and contemplation (free of the restrictions of politically correct thought) has concluded. And if you follow me through you may not agree with what I'm saying, but you'll at least understand and see some reason in it.

First, ask yourself what is the most important thing in life. I've addressed this before and without a doubt it is other human beings. I use the analogy of having the most advanced XBox 360, huge TV, etc. etc. No matter how advanced, that video game is still finite. It is still limited. A human being, however, is not. It is dynamic, it is sentient. It is the most advanced, complex entity in the known universe and that is what makes another human more interesting and engaging than anything else.

Second, who are the most important humans in your life? Children of course if you have them. But without a spouse you (in theory) can't have them or at least have a decent and well-grounded family. Therefore it is your life partner, the love of your life that is the most important thing in anyone's life.

Third, what is the greatest enjoyment you receive from your significant other?

Companionship, intellectual conversation, yes, these things are definitely very valuable, certainly mandatory requirements, but what sets apart the love of your life from just regular ole friends you have (who you also have compansionship and intellectual conversation with) is sex.

Fourth, what makes sex enjoyable? The answer is simple if you ignore political correctness. Physical attraction. You need to be physically attracted to your partner, just as your partner has to be physically attracted to you. And the more physically attractive each person is the better the sex is. And the better the sex is the better a VERY important, if not MOST important aspect of your biological life is.

And it is here where you will exact your toll of revenge on the left.

Understand the left, typically, though not always, are uglier than those of us on the right. This is not up for debate. All one has to do is play the game I do while driving:

"How Ugly is the Person With the Liberal Bumper Sticker?"

If you don't believe me try playing the game yourself. Any time you see a car with a leftist bumper sticker catch up to it and peer inside to see how "attractive" the occupant is.

You'll note two things:

1. They are usually pretty ugly, certainly homely.
2. They are never smiling.

The reason why leftists tend to be uglier is the same reason they are leftists - a deep-seeded fear and hatred of effort and competition. ie- they are lazy.

To be physically attractive, just like a career or anything else worth doing in life, takes effort. You need to work out, you need to run, you need to eat right, you need to dress right, and above all else, you need to have self-control and discipline. You also have to be selfless to a certain extent, considering the preferences and tastes of others in order to prove appealing and attractive to them. You may not like the maintenance required in having long hair, but you're not having long hair for you, you're having long hair for him. You may not like lifting heavy blocks of metal repetitively as your brain atrophies, but you're not doing it for you, you're doing it for her. In short you have to have a personal philosophy that is opposite of most leftists - hard work and altruism *with your own resources*.

Since these traits of effort, rigor, discipline, hard work, genuine selflessness and responsibility are antithetical to leftism, practitioners of leftism suffer the consequences.

Lower incomes, poorer degrees, poorer employment prospects, lower standards of living, etc. However, just like every other aspect of their lives, they also suffer in the looks department, and consequently suffer a lower physical quality and caliber in their lovers. And since the value and importance of sex is so high, they also suffer in this very key aspect of their lives.

Now while it may seem sophomoric and childish to say,

"*Nanny nanny boo boo! Your sex life sucks! Ours rules! We have a better life!*"

and to suggest hotter people having better sex exacts a heavy toll of revenge on leftists, permit me some additional evidence that shows you, yes it really is that simple and YES, being hotter and having better sex REALLY IS a huge toll of revenge. Namely, the great lengths leftists go to deny reality.

If you look at the left, their entire *effective* (not conscious) philosophy is to do as little work as possible and live off of other people as much as possible. As a consequence to this laziness, they have to CONSTANTLY come up with new and innovative ways to rationalize taking other people's money and other people's success. I even argue that it is a leftist's primary job to rationalize the theft of others production for without them, they would die. Therefore you have the formations of "ists" and "victim classes" and the "rich doesn't pay their fair share" etc. etc. Whatever the rationalization, none are based in the real world for the simple fact they can't be. There is no rational, intellectually-honest or real-world-based argument for parasitism simply because parasitism is not viable. Ergo the left has to constantly rationalize away reality to legitimize their existence.

However, while we normally focus on the left's herculean efforts to rationalize the confiscation of others' wealth, we do not pay as much attention to the equally-impressive intellectual acrobatics they perform to rationalize their non-real world reality in other aspects of their lives. Specifically social, romantic and sexual.

All one has to do is look at the great and (literally) insane lengths feminism goes to destroy basic, simple facts about the sexes.

- Men liking long legs, big boobs, long hair and tight asses (as they always have since the dawn of time and are genetically wired to) is misogynist, bigoted, and shallow.
- Gender, despite obvious physical proof, is socially determined, not physically.
- Women should NOT want to have children or stay at home. They should be men...just as long as it doesn't require math or STEM classes....and it's SEXISM that explains the wage gap, not a lack of female engineering majors.
- Women should not want to be beautiful for that is conforming to the patriarchy

and could there be a better example of denying reality than....

- the fat acceptance movement?

The question is if sex and beauty are not so important, then why do feminists (and leftists in general) go out of their way to belittle, berate, and destroy what society over the eons have determined to be beautiful? What do they care if a man is attracted to a big boobed blond? What do they care if a woman is skinny? Why is nearly 90% of feminist/women's studies focused on sex and sexuality? And furthermore, why are they so vehement, outright emotionally enraged if you disagree with them and dare to say you like big boobs?

The answer is because they DO care about it. They are merely coming up with rationalizations and reasonings because they are too weak to accept reality. It's harder for them to psychologically accept and commit themselves to a life where they have to hit the treadmill (effort) and answer to others (selflessness) in society than one where they lie to themselves with malarkey like "fat acceptance" and other feminist claptrap excusing them to sit on their asses, work faux affirmative action jobs, commiserate with other equally physically revolting individuals, and never enjoy a great sex life.

In short, try as the left might to deny economic reality, social reality and sexual reality, they are living in a delusional world. And no matter how much rhetoric they spew, deep down inside they know they are living a lie (as evidenced by their emotional reaction to any criticism) and cannot deny their basic sexual nature and desires.

It is here, however, where you can extract your revenge.

While their fear of a life of toil, effort, rigor, work, competition, risk and achievement paralyzes them from enjoying life, you and every other conservative, libertarian, and Real American owe it to yourselves to ENJOY LIFE TO ITS MAXIMUM. Go out, try, fail, try again, fail again, try again, succeed, excel, dominate, enjoy, progress, and evolve. Become an interesting person with interesting hobbies and live a unique life they will never live because they're too busy conforming drinking organic coffee with their Apple laptop and skinny jeans. But beyond that, the single largest bit of revenge you can extract from the left is by simply playing on their basic carnal darwinistic sexual desires.

Stay in shape and have a hot wife/husband.

Look sharp in public to the point you turn people's heads.

Spank your girlfriend's tight little ass in public announcing to any leftists in view

"*I'm going to hit that later tonight and you aren't and never will.*"

Rub it in their faces every day with achieving great things, the most piercing of which is

having a physically attractive partner, the likes of which they never will enjoy.

That is how you exact your toll of revenge on the left.

If you found this post intellectually stimulating and not a waste of time, please consider buying something on Amazon. Commissions go to pay for my living expenses as there's no way in hell an employer will EVER touch me. Your business is appreciated.

Linkage of Manliness

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IOTW gets elected...though he was unopposed. I will be entering politics shortly myself fully intending never to get elected, but we're going to stir things up a bit.

Work is more important than your children or family. Ignore this woman. She knows not of what she speaks.

I am not necessarily against suicide. It can be arguably the only option. However, usually it isn't. There's usually a ton of more and better stuff to do.

You don't have to worry about North Korea....unless you live in Hawaii.

It's because feminists love marxism even more than they do women.

It's for the chillllllldrennnnnnnn...

Some basic home safety tips from Ed. This is one of those things you can do while you wait for summer weather to get here.

Man the hamsters are running fast on this one.

Fact! Men like long hair. Fact! You don't convince them of this otherwise.

How miserable is a person who has absolutely nothing else going on in her life that she comes up with a concept of "racist hair?" Pretty f#cking miserable I'd have to say.

I mentioned this before about labor force participation rates. Perhaps the youth are enjoying the decline...that or there's no jobs out there for them.

Ask a Cuban about Cuba. Not a rapper thug and a harlot.

The 70's sucked. The culture, the music, the fashion, and the economy. But don't tell Paul Krugman that.

Why you absolutely must see a girl without her make up.

Marriage is "rent seeking hell." Which is again why you need to get ripped and get in shape.

And what "Linkage of Manliness" would be complete without a pretty dame plugging

Enjoy the Decline?

Book Review of "The Return of the Great Depression," By Vox Day

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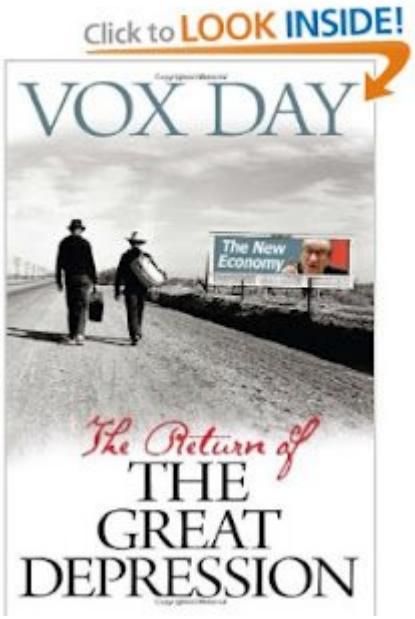
Vox Day, aka Theodore Beale, has several books out, most of which by a perusal of his site are along sci fi and fantasy/fiction lines. However, perhaps his original claim to fame was a book I've been procrastinating reading "The Return of the Great Depression," available in both paperback and kindle.



Unlike the title would suggest the majority of the book is not, in fact, about the next Great Depression as much as it is a very good analysis and study of conventional and historical economic theories and how they are playing out during today's turbulent and uncommon economic times. This is my largest complaint about the book in that I was expecting a book on the next Great Depression and what this man's thoughts would be, but it isn't until the second to last chapter that you actually get to his own personal observations and theories.

That being said, the book was certainly not a let down, surprising me in other regards warranting the purchase AND READING (that's for you, Aunt Judy) of his book. First, the book is an outstanding, thorough, but succinct analysis and comparison of the various economic philosophies that are duking it out today. He compares and contrasts Austrian, Keynesian, the Chicago School and Marxism in ways that shows he's actually read vastly more books on economics and philosophy than I have and can use words like "praxeology" in a sentence. THis makes him "one of those guys" who while would be considered a Buzz Killington at a party, is the guy you'd probably defer to when it came to

matters of economic history and technicality. Second, like reading other economists, you always pick up a trick or two you weren't aware of or observe mistakes you may have made (for example his explaining what the GDP deflator is NOT the same as the CPI may not help you pick up chicks at a bar, but will provide for some interesting adjustments to modern day RGDP). This has not only further advanced my understanding of economics, but plugged some minor holes in my own economic theories and philosophies I've procrastinated plugging. Third he writes very well and very dense, efficiently packing as much information into the fewest and optimal amount of words. The introduction alone is a perfect synopsis that would benefit everybody in terms of "what economics is." Finally, the man is a genius. I say this not in a flattering way but because he belongs to mensa and factually is a genius. This means his writing and the pace at which he covers and delivers material, concepts and theories, etc., is not slow and is sure to engage, if not challenge your mind (sometimes requiring multiple re-readings of certain paragraphs).

Unfortunately, this leads to the second largest drawback of the book, it will shoot over most non-economist's heads. Though intended for "economic actors, not economists" and purposely simplified in language, vocabulary, mathematical formulae and charting, it's obvious Beale has been in an environment where his mind is among equals. Even "dumbing it down" it's still a heavy read requiring your full mental attention and a constant referencing of the glossary.

Ultimately the book is a great read for two groups of people. Those those already in the profession and (more importantly) people who have an intellectual or hobby interest in economics, but are not in the profession. It is this second group that would benefit most, not just because of the exercise your brain will receive, but Beale does a great job breaking down the current and past economic philosophies, providing you the background and history as to how different schools have come about and how they are playing out in the real world today.

It is worth the price of paperback, but the $2 price on Kindle practically compels you to purchase it.

Hedge Fund Manager vs. UFC Fighter

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The pictures is all you really have to look at. language warning.

"I Don't Dress Up For You! I Dress Up for MYSELF!"

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Of the many lies men will be told from the ages of 12 to...umm....death, one of the more misleading ones (that can trip you up for years unless you learn the deceit behind it) is,

"I don't do X for you! I do it for myself!"

"X" being

dressing up
make up
working out
lingerie
etc. etc.

Right off the bat many of these "items" should prove to be an obvious lie.

What woman REALLY wants to wear make up?

What woman REALLY wants to work out? (hell, what man does?)

If you are REALLY going to do something for yourself, then it is by (a non-pejorative sense) selfish. You truly don't care what other people think. So when it comes Saturday day and the girlfriend is out of town, do you think I'm going to

wake up early
run 6 miles
clean the house
put on nice clothes
and fix the car

for myself???

Hell no! I'm sleeping in till 11AM, drinking during the day, playing video games, and going out with the guys. And on top of it I'm not dressing up for nobody! It is a TRULY selfish endeavor and ergo if you're really "doing it for yourself" you will engage in vices and not virtues such as working out, glaming yourself up, etc. etc.

However, the reason this lie is so tricky is because when a woman says this, it is a half-truth.

While she is NOT dressing up for you, she IS dressing up for somebody else. And that somebody else certainly is NOT her (at least in a direct sense).

Again, we revisit the realm where economics and sexuality meet. Women are (primarily) driven by attention. Attention from who? Attention from anybody.

Oh, go ahead and threaten me with your Adria Richard's hallow threats, I'm sorry dearies, I have nothing left to lose. Besides, this is a fact and is truth. And if you don't like that...well, then maybe you really don't like being treated as an equal and perhaps like every other guy I could continue lying to your face to spare your precious little feelings. But I'm sorry, I'm not a sexist. I believe in the equality of the sexes so you'll APPRECIATE me treating you as a GENUINE equal and never daring to lie to you as that would be degrading.

Anyway, women crave attention. And the primary way (before social media) they can get that is by simply dressing the part. This is why in large part you can be at a bar/club, see a group of girls LITERALLY dressed as ladies of the evening, approach them and get your butt shot down. They REALLY weren't dressing that way for you, just as they technically weren't dressing that way for themselves. They were merely dressing that way to get your attention and the attention of others. And should a supreme specimen of man (professional athlete, celebrity, obvious rich man) approach them, that is also why they dressed that way or went to the gym.

In other words, don't be a fool on either end of this half-lie, half truth. She really isn't doing it for you. And, yes, in a roundabout way she is doing it for herself. But she is ultimately doing it to garner the attention of other people, both men and women.

Baby Boomer Economics

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"*Of the participants who took out loans, the greatest percentage were to people in their 50s (34.2%), followed by those in their 60s (28.9%) and then by those in their 40s (27.3%). The increase among participants in their 50s was nearly double the increase among those under 30. This is based on an analysis of a subset of 1.9 million eligible participants in retirement plans that Wells Fargo administers.*"

No no! Nothing to see here! Back to your lives citizens. Oh, and you youngsters! You better hit the ground running. We don't have time to train you. You didn't have it as tough as we did. I don't have time to explain this to you. If you can't figure it out on your own, then you don't belong here. You just aren't a team player are you? You're not as wise as us and you should plan better for your future. Matter of fact, can we borrow $45 trillion from your future? We're really smart and you're too stupid to understand. Didn't you hit the ground running? Why, we told you it was a steep learning curve. You're just not smart enough to understand this. Answer our HR questions. You don't know about HR? Well, that's alright, you didn't hit the ground running and we didn't have time to train you. You have to be a self-starter. Didn't you pay attention to detail?

My gosh the lack of nursing home visits will sure be funny. Perhaps we can securitize or commoditize "nursing home visits"?

"*Hey grandpa? Want a nursing home visit? Well that will be 50% of your medicare payout this month and 60% of your social security check. Good thing you 'paid into the system!'*"

The Underrated Life of the Stay-At-Home Husband

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Frank let's out a screed I'm not necessarily against. Matter of fact I agree with most of it, but then he let's loose on men who want to stay at home as "girlie."

Ouch.

And thus I think I have to defend those of us guys who are the stay at home types not so much to counter what Frank is saying, nor to lick our wounds, but to explain that there have been fundamental changes in the economic relations and roles between the sexes, changes that make being the "stay at home husband" the logical, wise, and correct choice for most men.

But first let me provide a caveat in that the following advice is meant for men and women without children, which I do believe addresses not only the majority of my readership, but Frank's specific targeted audience with his post. If you have children then with today's taxes and cost of living, yes, both of you will have to work and the argument about who stays at home with the chillllldreeeennnnnnsszzz is moot.

Regardless, here are the reasons why you want to be the one to stay at home.

"Real Work" Sucks - And by "real work" I mean the traditional job where some aging boss who is unaware of the miracles of the internet, requires you to show up to an obsolete office, replete with unnecessary computers, and, oh, by the way, a really sucky commute. I don't know why women in the feminist world thought that "work" was "fun" to the point they demanded it, but if you have ever worked a "real job" in your life you know it sucks. You are not working for yourself, you are working for somebody else. You are also not allowed to achieve your maximum because careers and real jobs are not designed to benefit you, but rather your employer. And finally you are not working for you. You are working for the shareholders of the firm. Shareholders whose interests are the opposite of yours. They want your salary low as possible and really couldn't care less about your career or advancement. No, you are stuck in a job that pays you a sustenance level of income and only if you sell yourself and your mental health to a slave-like level of loyalty to your firm, are you going to reap anything approaching a "career."

"Stay at Home Work" Rules - Of course, just because I eschew real work doesn't mean I don't work. I work all the time. It's just not considered "real work" by the "real world." It's stay at home, self-employed work. Oh, laugh as you may as "stay at home office" or "self employed" usually carries the reputation and connotation as "person who can't find a job" and of course banks will never qualify you for a loan for "self employment income"

isn't real income, but if you can be intellectually honest with yourself and pursue real work, just not for an employer, then you are light years ahead of the game. "

Stay at home work" (SAHW), if pursued rigorously, seriously, and professionally means, in a shorter amount of time you will have more success than if you worked a "real job." Not only because you are working for yourself, but because you will typically engage in work you like or at least work you have set up. There are no meetings, there is no negotiation, there is no discussion, it is just you. You are the Supreme Allied Commander and you get to decide, pursue and execute immediately and however you please. This single efficiency benefit is what allows you to run circles around your would-be-employer-now-competitor.

In short SAHW is all about you and the benefits all go to you. You actually enjoy your job, you can do it from home or the coffee store, you are allowed to complete tasks on your own time table and how you see fit, AND, did I mention, no mind-destroying, purposeless commute? Doing what you like AND having an extra 2 hours per day over your commuting your contemporaries makes those that ridicule SAHW look like investment banking analysts plugging dotcoms in 1998. Besides, just because it's work at home, doesn't mean it isn't manly.

I Like Sleep - Sleep is the most underrated benefit to human kind. I enjoy sleeping in till 9 or 10AM. I feel better, I'm healthier and I'm in a better mental mood. I'm more productive and (more importantly) I'm more creative. I can innovate and come up with ideas better than the coffee-junkie forcing themselves to stay awake during that Monday morning meeting. Sure, you could be a "real man" and suffer sleep-deprivation, but why would you?

A Better Home - Sure, I'm the "girlie" stay at home boyfriend. But guess what? The house is in tip top shape. Things are repaired. The cars are in working order. The fridge is full and when my girlfriend gets back we can go out because there ain't no chores to do. Besides, do you know how much you save when you can do your own home and auto maintenance, not to mention how many manly points you get for being able to do those things? Also, we don't need to increase our income tax bracket to pay for others to repair these things. I learn to repair and maintain at home, requiring a lesser income, but same standard of living. Why pay Barry and his legion of constituent parasites more than you have to? Besides, you can't write off maintenance, repair and chore expenses. Might as well do it yourself.

Taxes - On a related note, lower taxes. Certainly, not having children helps in this regard, but still, why have a double income that will only send you into stratospheric tax brackets? You, again, cannot write off house cleaning and maintenance, might as well have one person home doing that.

It's Easier - Sorry ladies, I've lived both lives. The hard working corporate type and the"stay at home wife" life and you have go to be kidding me about how hard it is. Really? Cleaning, vacuuming, and laundry? Really? None of it takes that long and then I can watch Hogan's Heroes. Not to mention the entire time I am doing "house chores" I can listen to my MP3. THAT BEATS LISTENING TO SOME LOSER OF A BOSS IN A MEETING ANYDAY! Not to mention, you don't have any boss watching over you every second. You get to do your chores how you please and when you please. You can leave any time you want, do anything you want, exercise during the day, as long as things get done, who cares. But not a real job. No no no. You got a boss that wants you to look busy even if there isn't any work. You got a boss that wants you to sit in a meeting that has nothing to do with your job. Your boss wants to suck the life out of you, wasting your finite life, for shareholders who couldn't care about you and a government that wants a 40% cut. Meanwhile forfeiting what really is a part-time job where 100% of your efforts go to benefit your family is worth their mental slavery and hell? Sorry, whoever stays at home gets the better deal.

Physical Fitness - Since the standard "chores" only require part time amounts of work, this gives you ample time to stay in physical shape. Never have I been in better physical shape than I am when I'm the stay at home boyfriend. I run every other day, life weights opposite those days. My girlfriend appreciates the physique and so will your girlfriend/wife.

Freedom and Fun - Obviously an underlying theme to all these benefits is your freedom to do as you choose during the day. Not only will this result in you having the most efficient regimen or routine for the day, achieving the most amount of production and work, but you can also maximize your fun. Don't let any stay-at-home husband/wife tell you otherwise. They can sit down and have a cocktail watching the Price is Right. You can play video games while grilling a steak. And if the weather permits you can go out for a motorcycle ride. Heck, even assuming you did have children, playing with the little rug rats certainly is more fun than writing TPR reports.

Fundamental Change in the Labor Market - Much as I lament society's utter failure to fully capitalize on the world's latest revolution, the fact remains it IS happening, just not at the pace I want. If it were up to me, we would not longer have commutes, traffic jams, let alone downtown office buildings because the technology exists that you can work 97% of today's white collar jobs from home. The technology exists, the software is secure, it is the obstacles in the form of aging gray haired bosses who can't let go of control and let people work from home. However, as time has gone on (and more of these aging gray hair types die or FINALLY retire) saner minds are realizing there is no real reason to pay for the unnecessary expense of office space rental, computer expense, and printer expense. Employees are more than willing to work from home and their younger bosses are letting them. This means there is a more hospitable and growing environment to SAHW's and truth be told, that is the future. The mockery and ridicule of people who are

"self employed" or "home based business" types will end, because that is where the future labor market is heading. You being the stay-at-home-husband merely positions himself for the future.

Basic Economics - All the compelling and factual reasons above to be the stay-at-home hubby, in the end it is really a matter of economics. Yes you may have that darwinistic male drive to excel and achieve, and yes you may have that biological drive to be a provider, but the economic reality and fact is that it plain financially isn't worth it being the "go getter corporate type" for most men. First, society and politics are cheering for the woman to excel and exceed in the corporate world. This manifests itself in outlandishly handicapped affirmative action programs where the bar is lowered so much for women corporations will go out of their way to create whole departments like HR and CSR departments to keep the government off of their asses. Quotas, either explicitly stated or not, are in force, and no longer does the job go to the best candidate. And women, who are disproportionately represented in HR are in fact sexist and will ply favor to women candidates. In short corporate America has become corrupted to the point it is not only inhospitable to male employment, but is no longer worth your endeavor to become employed there.

Second, government and law in the form of taxation, not to mention divorce law, are also increasingly hostile. Not so much towards men as much as it is the "bread winner." If you are the bread winner, be it male or female, you are the one who loses half your assets, must pay alimony and must "provide for a previously expected standard of living." You want to be "manly" and "be the man?" Good luck. That's too much risk to be a provider male.

Finally, are you kidding me???? Work the crappy corporate job and run the god damned rat race??? For once I fully and wholly agree with the most ardent of feminists. Women SO should take over and be the sole bread winner and provider. It is a no brainer. Let them do all the real work, let them provide for the family, let them major in engineering, study calculus and physics. We'll stay at home and clean, cook, whatever, and pursue our hobby/faux-career as an "artist" "musician" or "part time teacher." The key issue for the likes of Frank and other men invested in their manliness is to not let their manliness blind them to economic realities. If women and feminists are so adamant about them being GENUINE and TRUE equals, then I say let them have at it. We should not look a gift horse in the mouth when given the option to stay at home, clean occasionally, repair the roof and change the oil, and of course pursue our "career" as a "children's book author." Let them work hard, let them commute, let them tolerate and suffer psychotic bosses, let them sit in the meetings. Even with the presence of children the life of the stay at home husband is INFINTELY easier and better than the working woman. It is simply a matter of letting go of unnecessary pride and letting leftist and feminist women have their dream in spades.

Regret Having Children

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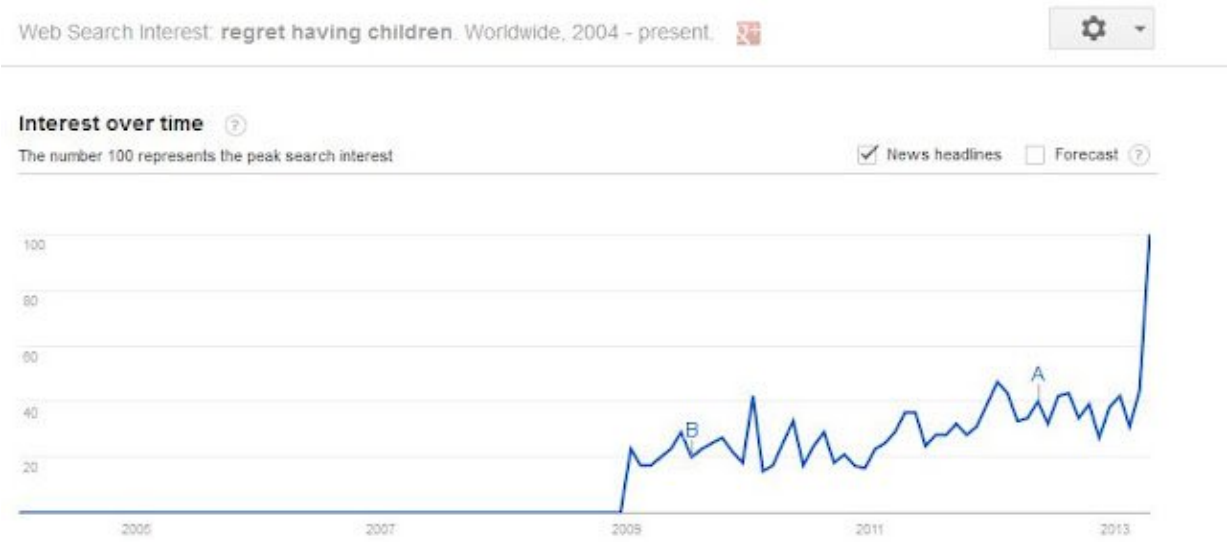
Sunshine Mary has a post over here that triggered my little Google Trend searching:



What I love about this is that children (as well as divorce) is usually the first REAL challenge today's modern adult-children face in their lives. Understand the average American youth is shielded from the harsh realities of life with parental or governmental money well into their late 20's, even 30's. But once they have a child or get a divorce, there's no amount of government money, programs, or societal ass-kissing that can shield them from the consequences. And thus, when their cushy life runs head on into the crushing realities of rearing/raising a child, they have buyer's remorse. Thus, the trend upward in people searching for others who have search "regret having children" so

they can forgive themselves for not wanting to raise their own children because...well, like...children are *whinny tone* "sooo haaaaard!"

Enjoy the decline!

The 3 Musketeers of the Manosphere

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There are three sites that I would like to highlight because they are aggregator sites and they account for a fair amount of my traffic.

However, since they are aggregator sites you usually do not link to them since they do not produce or publish their own material. This kind of creates an irony because they send out a TON of linkage, but rarely do we send any back.

Ergo, please consider getting on the good side or sending a link to a buddy for the following three aggregator sites:

Delusion Damage

Hawaiian Libertarian

Viva La Manosphere

"What Happened to Gold"

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I woke up this morning to a text from my father. My father, a former huge lefty, now is starting to notice what he was told doesn't add up to what is transpiring in the real world. Matter of fact, I get the impression he almost feels violated for being lied to all these years and is even more conservative and angry than I am. Regardless, since his economic epiphany he now approaches me with questions about the economy, politics and the like, the most recent one in his text was "what happened to gold."

I speculated at first.

Market bumps.

Margin calls.

The US dollar is gaining strength against other "less sucky" currencies and thus in terms of "relative" currencies the dollar is increasing. But then something struck me.

"Wait, could it be that PAPER gold is going down while phyiscal gold isn't?"

With ABN Amro failing to deliver physical gold recently, that event could spook the markets, as it rightly should. However, it would have an effect on paper gold, not physical gold, if anything increasing the price of physical gold at the expense of paper. But since there is no separate quoting system between paper and physical gold, you would not see this difference or "premium" between the two.

Enter in my coin dealer.

Last week I stopped in to see if there was a way to calculate a market "physical price" and he essentially said, "no, but."

The "but" being is that the dealer (who has to make a profit on his coins) is charged a premium by his supplier. And premiums HAVE BEEN GOING UP RECENTLY beyond the spot price. This is the closest we can get to calculating the premium, the price suppliers are charging retailers, in excess of the spot price, because they only deal in physical gold.

The moral of the story is to remember why you invest in gold or silver - as an insurance policy. And your precious metals investments do you no good when they are merely claims on physical gold...

to be mined in the future...

in a mine in Australia...

that will be held in proxy by a gold ETF...

and the economy hits the fan.

In the future as unscrupulous banks and investment firms aim to profit off of the metals market, especially with their fractional reserve mentality, you can expect only a fraction of the paper gold to be backed by physical gold and the two markets to diverge significantly in the future.

The Evils of "Progressive Credentialism"

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What is "progressive credentialism?"

How does it delay the incubation of the US labor force?

And how can you avoid it?

Well, just watch this video.

(on a very serious note, this video should be viewed by every 14-18 year old so they know what lies ahead).

Paul Krugman - Economic Whore for Hire

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When the Prom Queen Falls

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I returned to Milwaukee about two weeks ago. I was visiting friends and family because I had to drop off my girlfriend in the middle of Wisconsin and it was convenient to continue on to the east side of the state. There was my old baby sitter, my dad, my best friend and my cousins, but in terms of real worth to my life and care, nothing else.

After meeting with my cousins, my friend, and a fan of Cappy Cap, at a cigar lounge on the west side, the only thing I had left to do was kill time, maybe revisit some old haunts, visit my dad and attend a "charity" event where a handful of old school mates would be. There was nothing, and I mean, nothing left in Milwaukee for me. So inbetween visiting my dad and going salsa dancing with my best friend, I was killing time, which landed me at a bar all of 200 yards from my old middle school.

At this bar was a "fund raiser." It was for kids with Asbergers syndrome. Everybody was very friendly and a nice girl who was a friend of mine back in the day was kind enough to invite me to it, so I showed. But when I showed, it was sad. Not sad because anybody was mean or unpolite, but because it showed we were 200 yards from my former middle school. I couldn't remember names, but I remembered faces. They were older now, decrepit, certainly not as handsome or cute as they used to be, but the ultimately sad thing was, was that they were still 200 yards away from the middle school. They hadn't left. They never left. They were still living in this wretched shithole of trailer trash Milwaukee. They were dating the same people and (after conversation) I realized they had bred and inbred resulting in children from multiple fathers/mothers, lines of which you could connect on the old high school year book.

If anything I took from it, it wasn't the stereotypical

"*Yeah man, I was the nerd and I proved to be more successful than all of them.*"

That was a foregone conclusion I knew in '91.

It was the shock at just how utterly low class, trailer trash and shitty people I had attended school with AND how they never escaped it, DESPITE being on the precipice of a major metropolitan area. They had ALL of the opportunities a modern metro area provided and they still insisted on being and remaining trailer trash. Not just the people I saw, but the stories I heard about former friends and acquiantences. One went to jail, the other was dealing drugs. Single parents about, and divorces were standard. If anything it provided a lot of hindsight and proof that I wasn't insane back in the 80's and 90's, that these people (both present and in reference) were genuinely lower class.

The reason I bring this story up is not for revenge or "I told you so-ism," but rather to make a very important point for younger folk, especially kids who are in the current environment where all of their world seems commanded and controlled by the temporary and faux hierarchy of their school.

It is a FLEETING and TEMPORARY aberration.

I didn't believe it when I was in the thick of it, but when you graduate these people will be forced into the real world in one regard or another. And in the end a person's true temerity, salt and worth is what is going to separate the wheat from the chaff. Even with parental or government subsidy they will fail because it is the person, and their low caliber, that will fail them, not society. And besides, you won't remember them as your life becomes preoccupied with more important shit and more important people.

I didn't believe it, but it will happen. The prom queen will fall. The jocks will get fat. And it isn't because of universal karma or "divine intervention," but because society, especially at the public school level, creates a a huge bubble of popularity, fakeness, and bullshit. It is systematic and predictable. It will prop up young kids to certain heights. Kids with short term skills (throwing a ball, big boobs at an early age, etc.), but no long term ones (mathematics, logic, science). Skills that only serve in that short lived environment. And once that environment is taken away from your peers they will deflate like funding from Dotcoms in 2000 and their true value will show.

For years you will think that you want revenge, but if and when you see them you'll realize their real lives are all the revenge you'll need. It will be so much revenge, you'll actually pity them.

And then you'll leave the bar and continue on with your life.

It's Not Easy Being "Mean"

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It is now pretty universally understood that the single worst thing you can do to torpedo your chances with the ladies is...

be a nice guy.

If there is progress to be pointed to in The Manosphere, that is it. We have pretty much made it basic, introductory knowledge to all men of all ages that you do NOT be the nice guy.

But what is not so easy is doing the opposite. Being a "jerk" or being an "asshole" to succeed with the ladies and let me explain why.

Chances are *you really ARE a nice guy.*

Understand nobody sets out and says, "I'm going to be a jerk" or "I'm going to be a mean guy!" Most guys want to be nice people because it is being nice that gets you quality friends, keeps your enemies to a minimum, and increases your standard of living. In every social, psychological, political, familial and business circle it pays to be nice. Unfortunately, however, in this one circle (western civilization romantic) you have to change your game, change your personality and do the opposite. And it is difficult to do when your core being, your true personality is a nice one.

I've seen this not just in my own exploits, but recently hanging out with a buddy of mine. Even at the age of 42 he still catches himself unconsciously defaulting to "nice guy mode." He has to constantly keep his guard up, at least in the initial stages of courting a girl. And when it comes time to actually treating a girl poorly he's rued on multiple occasions,

"*Geez, I just can't do it. It's not in my nature. I just don't like treating girls poorly.*"

Unfortunately (or fortunately) he realizes that it's the only option he has if he wants any measure of success, and thus he fakes it through anyway.

Regardless, the point of this post is one of morality versus that of practicality. I understand it isn't fun being mean. I understand it goes against your nature to not call a girl back and play stupid games. I understand you don't want to hurt people's feelings. I get that, we've all been there. But unfortunatley the rules of the game are such that you HAVE to be a jerk. You have to be aloof. You have to be an ass. This of course does not eliminate that "twinge" of guilt or regret as you purposely cancel on your date 2 hours

before its start, but the fact these ARE the rules and women respond to it moot any moral qualms you might have.

You need to buy something today. Might as well buy it here on Amazon.

Eye Candy and Underpants Gnomes

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The Underpants Gnomes, if you don't know them is well...here look for yourself:

Obvious it doesn't make sense, which is why South Park is the funniest cartoon ever.

However, something very similar to the UNderpants Gnomes' profit strategy occurs with men. Specifically, eye candy. Why do hot attractive women trigger men to spend money? Ergo, with the help of a kind reader we will test the Eye Candy/Underpants Gnomes profit strategy.

Stage 1 - Desire money to purchase new high quality microphone for podcast

Stage 2 -

Stage 3 - Profit off of increased sales to men of Enjoy the Decline and Amazon sales.

I am, however, reliably informed that if young Amy's pics do help with sales she is not necessarily against providing new ones.

"But Math is Tough!"

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

Honest to god. I know the ladies of the Capposphere are real women who are equals. They prove their mettle everyday. AND they are intellectually honest. They don't go rushing to the defense of a woman simply because she's a woman and then worry about whether that woman is right or wrong later. They hold all people to the same standard and are just as judgemental against the women as they are the men. But for the rest of the women out there who clamor for equal treatment, but then want special treatment when the going gets tough, shut up. You're a bunch of hypocrites.

Teach a finite, precise study like math or physics differently so women can catch up???

No, how about you do what men do and that is man up, burn the midnight oil and quit whining. Then you'll be equals.

Cripes.

Probably a White Guy

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And that's the truth. This is probably a white guy.

Now all leftists can go pound sand accusing me and the likes of suspecting a muslim in the Boston bombing.

Update - I was right! Let's see if I can go 2 for 2!

UPDATE UPDATE!!! NEW EXPLOSION!!! I predict it was a chemical or faulting mechanics. This is because of course I am a chemicalist and a faulty-mechanic-phobe and am bigoted against both groups. I know my jumping to conclusions is PROOF of my hatred for chemicals and faulty mechanics, but that is because my white privilege forces me to assume it was chemicals and/or faulty mechanics.

The Prevalence of "Self Harm"

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What I found interesting in this is how "self harm" was so highly ranked as the #1 or #2 cause for injury in young females. What I also found interesting is how bad men are presumed to be for women in society, even when it's not true.

Oh well. Just another reason to sit and watch society burn and not care, maybe even laugh at it a bit.

A Mean, Old Coin Dealer…

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and other antics in this latest episode of "The Clarey Podcast."

A Call for Everybody's HR Stories!

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Greetings all!

I need everybody to send me their HR stories!

I'll explain why later, but it is for my next writing project. They can be as long as you want. GOOD STORIES. STORIES WITH DETAIL.

Just post them below and forward this to anyone you know with a good HR story!

AND ALSO KNOW I WILL BE USING THEM IN MY NEXT PROJECT AND YOU ARE GIVING ME THE RIGHT TO USE IT.

Wise and Cheap

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Ed, our sponsor over at Ranger Self Defense sent me two links.

I am plugging these because they are something I think everybody can use and should use. Diversion safes.

You should at least have SOME of your investments in physical form such as gold, jewelry, guns, bullets, etc. Not a TON, but at least some in case the government ohhhh...I don't know, confiscates your bank account a la Cyprus?

Anyway, he has safes and

stash cans. Literally, they're cans. They're actually pretty cool, you'll at minimum get a kick out of looking at them.

Remember, mention "Cappy" or "Captain" and you get a 10% discount off of your purchase!

The Old Can Fight Us or Work With Us

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In my latest podcast I mentioned this - how elder people in general do NOT help younger people as you would think they would.

Matter of fact, I've found older people to not only NOT want to help younger people, but obstruct their progress AND take advantage of them. This ranges from obvious things such as the entire education industry (where older people vampirically feed off of younger people) to business "partners" screwing over their younger partners to bosses refusing to do any grooming, training, or mentoring.

Again, if you step back and ask yourself,

"Have any of my elders really helped guide, lead, mentor and help me in my endeavors?"

The answer is not only "no" but also "they have been antagonistic, obstructionist, even against us."

Understand I don't say this as a younger entitled "woe is me, every one is against me," but this HAS been my observation. Contrary to what you would think elders in a society would do (help the younger generations to become successful) I've found they are more against younger people, at minimum indifferent, and at worst taking-advantage of.

Thus when a reader sent me this article, two things stuck out.

1. The elders in this young man's profession had not interest, nor time to guide him or help him in his research.

2. His elders were also WRONG indicating they were manipulating the data for political gain at the expense of future generations.

The lesson to pull from this for younger people is to realize just how alone you are. Not in a social sense, but in a life-leading and guiding sense. NOBODY is here to help you. Nobody is here to lead you. Matter of fact, most people are here to take advantage of you. And the only way out of this mess is going to be through your own self-teaching, self-guidance, logic, and self-upbringing.

Yes, it would have been nice to have elders in society guide and lead you.

Yes, it would have been nice to have your elders be good stewards of the country, and groom you to one day take over and continue its progress, advancement and attainment

of excellence.

Yes, these things would have been nice.

But unfortunately you are faced with a leaderless society forcing that role upon your unprepared self.

For the first time in US history the phrase:

"Don't trust anybody over 30 man!"

actually has merit.

"But They Were Such Good Boys"

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Here's why you have terrorism:

Where's the Feminist Self-Improvement Counterpart?

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Victor Pride caught a lot of flak from feminists a while ago for his 30 Days of Discipline, some of the rules of which were unconventional. But criticize his techniques as you might, the fact still remained that Victor wrote a manual with the intention of self-improvement.

A couple months back I entered a "Forced Discipline and Regimen Month." The goal of this was also self improvement. To force myself to do this I put up before and after pictures. I received some guff about "cheese cake photos" and my blinding pasteyness, but again, the overall intention was self-improvement.

And while the two examples above focus on physic fitness and health, if you step back and cast a wider net, you'll realize The Manosphere, as well as various economics blogs, follow a similar parallel. Namely one of self-improvement. Men trying to improve their chances with women. Men trying to advance their careers and financial success. Men (and women) trying to start businesses. And men and women trying to aim for happier, better lives. They are constantly asking "what can I do to improve myself."

I have a simple question.

Where is the feminist equivalent of this?

If I were to generalize the two spheres (feminism and Manosphere) it seems very obvious The Manosphere is focused on self-improvement and improving one's self while the feminist sphere is one of whining, complaining, bitching, victimization and entitlement. I say this not out of spite or agenda, but because it's true.

The Manosphere, for the most part, is an entity of advancement, progress and self-improvement while feminism is one of complaint, victimhood, and class warfare.

If you don't believe me, just take some sample "themes" from both spheres.

Health

How many feminist blogs/sites write constantly about physical fitness and health? And I'm not talking about "how to eat green/organic" (the purpose of such articles being ulteriorly political, not health), but "how can I lose weight?" or "how can I be sexier to the opposite sex?"

None or very little.

Contrast that to The Manosphere where nearly I'd say 1/4th the articles revolve around health. Heck, we even have entire blogs in our ranks dedicated solely to men's health. And how candid and blunt are they compared to their feminist counterparts? We are harsh and merciless upon our readers. Telling, nay, yelling at our younger readers to lose weight, work out, eat their veggies and your personal preferences be damned. You're going to do it son! Whether you like it or not!

And why do we do it?

For women! Not even ourselves! (though it is duly noted that this is so we can GET women, but the point is we at least change our behavior to match what women want).

Education/Labor Market

Another theme that shows where The Manosphere looks to self-improvement while feminists bitch is education. Manosphere Men always ask whether or not the investment in college or training is worth it. Underpinning this is not just the cost of education, but a long term financial strategy, the purpose of which is to achieve economic independence, self-reliance and freedom. Thus, we pursue fields of study that have a positive and adequate ROI. We also encourage younger men (and women) to pursue such fields based on our experiences. We do not let the difficulty of math or science stand in our way, but commit ourselves to it instead knowing surmounting this challenge will pay much better dividends in the future.

The feminist sphere on the other hand practically demands the right to attend college and have a job as an entitlement. An entitlement of which more often than not proves to be a worthless hobby rather than the first step in a well-thought out, long term, SELF SUSTAINING financial strategy. Then, when the economic realities of the labor market come bearing down on them, they NEVER ask what they can do differently to close the wage gap, but rather bitch, whine, complain and demand government intervention to undo what reality and their stupid decisions have done.

Family/Spouse

A huge percentage of The Manosphere is dedicated on how to be a better father, husband, lover and sex machine. Yes, again, admittedly for our own desires, but I've never heard a feminist fret over "whether or not she could provide for her family." Most men, many of which, did not have the luxury of present or real fathers are now starting to fully understand the damage a lack of a dad has on children and thus are recommitted to be good husbands and good fathers. Their own suffering and experiences make them quite selfless as they thoroughly, seriously and completely think about their children and

family, current or to be.

Feminists? Are you kidding me? They're begging to get artificially inseminated and have the federal government supplant the husband and father role, with absolutely no regard to the children ~~they intend to abuse and extract financial governmental resources and societal attention from~~ cough...*raise*. The fact so many feminists view fathers as unnecessary to the proper upbringing of a child shows they only view the child as an asset to own, a pet to have, ultimately proving it's all about them.

Businesses

The Manosphere has a significant percentage of its text dedicated towards setting up a business and doing something significant with your life. Creating a company, employing people, making a better product, innovating a new creation to advance society.

What is the feminist sphere's answer?

Taxing said businesses to fund some non-profit charity that never solves the problem but manages to pay its "directors" a handsome sum?

Some worthless NGO that only employs equally worthless liberal arts majors to protest for some productionless leftist cause or another?

Even MORE bitching and whining about the performance gap between men and women?

Again, The Manosphere is focusing on advancing society where the feminist sphere is primarily focused on parasiting off of it.

Reality

Finally, reality.

Notice how the Manosphere takes a "what is reality" approach first, abides by that reality and then figures out how IT can change to abide and profit from that reality? You know kind of a realistic, mature adult approach to life?

Well the feminism sphere does the complete opposite.

So lazy and ego-centric is the "feminism sphere," it not only ignores reality, but goes to desperate lengths to CRIMINALIZE and CHANGE reality. AND change it to its own selfish and LAZY desires. "Fat Acceptance" being the perfect example.

So selfish and lazy (and veritably insane) is the feminist sphere they ACTUALLY THINK

THEY CAN CHANGE MALE SEXUALITY TO THE POINT WE'D LIKE FAT CHICKS. They actually think they can shame men into finding fat and ugly chicks attractive. They think they can, via political arms and the government, get men to "accept fat" (not to mention slave away paying taxes for the government to surrogate their roles in society).

But the key thing is LAZY. Don't for a second think they don't full well know what the reality is. They KNOW what men what. It is the fact that to meet that goal would require such effort and challenge (working out, staying sexy, being GENUINELY educated and intelligent) they are dissuaded from such a life. For such a life requires more effort and rigor than being a women's studies professor, a welfare recipient, a CSR/HR manager, AND requires you consider the desires of others. In short it requires you to be self supporting, and above all else selfless.

And that is a trait no feminist has.

The League of Ohio Valley Bloggers

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Glorious Karl visited me a month or so ago and told me about his ragtag band of Ohio Valley bloggers. I finally am getting around to introducing them for this weekends "Lazy Day Linkage."

Nice Deb is one of the better aggregator sites I've seen. Looks like she updates it faster than Drudge does his.

Interesting. I've been to that mine in my great Utah hike.

Karon Wright, enjoy the unemployment line. I'll say it again, the majority of teachers are not the holy, innocent, pure people you assume them to be.

It only took 45 years to kill this idiotic government program. Which is why I have no faith in the future.

And the Conservative Sociologists makes some keen observations about people who drink at her bar, their employment status and their varying levels of stupidity.

Went to College to be a Stay at Home Mom

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I understand that society, the school system, and all of the media drills it into young women's heads that they need to have a career. Some elements of society even shame women for daring to want to be a stay at home mother. However, all of this social engineering will never override biology and most women will answer nature's call to have children. Unfortunately, though, we put women at a great disadvantage practically forcing them to get college degrees, go into debt for those degrees, waste years of their youth pursuing them, only to never use it.

This isn't to say that women shouldn't pursue careers, or shouldn't attend college, or that we're the evil patriarchy glass ceiling, pay gap blah blah blah. It's a request that we at least acknowledge women's tendency to want to have children and when raising young girls to explain that there's nothing wrong with being a stay at home mom, just as there is nothing wrong with becoming a neurosurgeon. The amount of time and money saved would be of great benefit to millions of young women.

"Any Club That Would Have Me…"

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There are many tangents I could go on, but I'll let your minds wander on this one. The reason why is that all the wanderings of all wanderers and the conclusions your draw from them will be correct.

Clean It Up People

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A reminder I believe is in order once again.

Cappy Cap is a controversial blog. Life is too short to have milquetoast writing, discussion and politics. And while I do the occasional cursing here and there the amount of unnecessary crass language, not to mention vitriolic hate, and condescension of women as of recent is not going to get through. Also outright bigoted and naive commentary such as, "kill all the f#cking muslims/jews" is not going to be tolerated.

This is not going to become a sounding board for angry potty-mouthed middle schoolers. Kick it up a notch here fellas. And if you have any questions about comment policy look up the various clauses including the "St. Leykis Clause."

"Her Facebook Isn't Working Very Well"

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I was young.

I was, ergo, naive.

And when the date I was scheduled to pick up in 2 hours didn't return my "are we still on for tonight" call I got upset. My upsettedness was warranted for she never return my call and I was stood up.

For some reason later that night I ended up talking to my mother on the phone and when I explained I got stood up IMMEDIATELY her unconscious "Protect the Female Hive At All Costs Including Your Son's Sanity" instinct kicked in and (I kid you not) she said,

"*Well maybe she got hit by a truck. You never know.*"

I had received explanations like this before, all of them from women;

"*Maybe she's in the hospital.*"

"*Maybe she's really busy and it just slipped her mind*"

"*Maybe her cell phone is turned off.*"

or before the days of cell phones, my all time favorite

"*Maybe she's broken down on the road this instant and can't get to a phone.*"

Of course in hindsight we realize just how stupid these excuses were and realize to what extents the women in our lives would go to protect our feelings or protect the hive.

But I really like this one

"Her Facebook Isn't Working Very Well."

Of course he is spoofing the title, but the spoofing is precisely the sarcasm and ridicule you young boys need to realize just what a bunch of hokey it is when other people provide excuses as to why a girl is

standing you up
not calling you back

etc. etc. etc.

So the next time you hear,

"She got hit by a truck"

you think

"Her facebook wasn't working."

When you hear

"It probably slipped her mind"

you think

"Her facebook wasn't working."

When you hear

"She could be in the hospital"

you think

"Her facebook wasn't working."

THen you go to the gym, hit the weights and run a couple miles.

Chronic Regulation Addiction

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Chronic Regulation Addiction (CRA) is a disease that infects (mostly) leftists and wreaks havoc on society.

Specifically, it is when a leftist in the form of a bureaucrat, regulator or politician simply cannot stop making new laws.

The disease manifests itself when the host gets addicted to its ego. He or she fails to acknowledge or accept that there is such a thing as "enough law" and instead insists on making new laws and regulations, not for the benefit of society, but rather to stoke their ego.

A person with CRA typically has no other real world experience, skills or purpose in life and naturally gravitates towards government, regulation or non-profits. However, there is a natural point where additional codification, law and regulation no longer provides a benefit to society and further decisions should give way to common sense, leadership, and human thought. Again, this sort of genuine statesmenship never occurs to the person infected with CRA.

Some governmental organizations fight CRA. For example the Texas State Legislature which meets only once every two years. Unfortunately most don't.

Mayor Bloomberg, on the municipal level, is infected with CRA his law-making goes so far as to tell people how much soda they can drink.

The "Forest Stewardship Council," an international organization that tries to standardize forestry standards across various countries' DNR-equivalents is increasing their "certification" standard to include 350+ NEW standards 25% of which are contradictory (this from an inside source who was the inspiration for this post).

And how many principals do we know that substitute "zero-tolerance" policies for genuine leadership, resulting in expulsions over pop-tarts eaten in the shape of a gun or a kid playing "Save the World"

Nearly every career-politician is infected with CRA and continues to make unnecessary laws which only slow down and further (though microscopically) erode societal freedoms.

If you want to stop CRA vote for term limits and a constitutional limit on the number of years people can serve in public office at all levels as well as limit the number of years one can work in the public sector.

This has been a public service announcement from Cappy Cap.

Review of "The Hitchhiking Crash Course"

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Hitchhiking is one of those things when you think about it you realize 2 things.

1. It is one word, not "hitch hiking" and
2. "Hey, why don't more people do this? It's cheap, it's a built in adventure, and it's a challenge."

Naturally the appeal of hitchhiking would tempt the tastes of men more than women, but if you're unemployed, young, and got nothing else to do (i.e.-most kids under 30) why the hell not? It's getting somebody to jog your brain out of its predisposed state to never consider hitch hiking and Matt Forney's book does just that.

"The Hitch Hiking Crash Course" is a purposely short book that addresses the do's and don't's of hitch hiking. The book borrows from the author's experience in 2012 hitch hiking from New York to Washington State (where he consequently went through the Captain's home town and did not inform him of his presence). A lot of the book is common sense, but that is only after you read it. You would probably not consider at least 60% of the "do's and don't's" Matt brings up in his book.

Of particular note/interest.

Psychological preparation - Hitch hiking across the country is no small feat. Plus Mr. Forney took 6 months to get across the country. He slept at way sides, truck stops and out in the open. This was not a timid task, hitching 20 miles, that if necessary you could walk in a day. Matt gained invaluable experience, especially mental preparation. The biggest hurdle is one of "just do it," while there are other aspects such as fatigue, a mental mind set while trying to hitch rides and the physical (and consequentially) mental punishment you will put your mind though.

Etiquette - Not that he's conveying the "Carnie Code," but he does clearly show how having the appropriate etiquette will increase your chances of getting rides and making your adventure not only easier, but much more enjoyable. How to interact with everybody you are going to run into (cops, gas station managers, truck drivers, etc) has an effect, if for any other reason you are at the mercy of other people when hitch hiking.

Logistics - Anybody who hitch hikes for 3,500 miles picks up a thing or two beyond common sense. Details like when to hitch hike, where to position yourself on the road, attire, what to pack, and route planning. Save yourself of having to learn by mistake and just take his advice.

All in all it's a solid book, a very short read (60 pages PDF), but most important, the precise and mandatory guide anybody considering hitch hiking needs.

"Education is Not a Human Right"

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Thanks Obvious Atheist!

Why am I not retired sitting on a beach after writing "Worthless?"

How Robotech Caused Terrorism

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I guess I'm going semi-viral.

Don't know how this happened, but I am now the #3 result if you search for the Boston terrorists on Youtube.

This has resulted in a flood of the most worthless, brainless, but still-think-they're-geniuses college brats, as well as some angry radical muslims, spewing the most mind-numbing bullsh$t you'll ever see.

JOIN THE FORAY!!! It's fun!

I've (according to my comment policy) have cleaned it up a bit, but there are still some amazing comments that get through.

Here you go:

Oh, and let's see if "Cappy Gets Results"

Let's like this one up a bit here, eh?

Post Post - Oh honest to god people. Have NONE OF YOU SEEN DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS?????

Here!

Dames in the 40's Liked Math

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They didn't say,

"but math is tough."

or

"I just don't like math."

or

"I'm more of a people person."

They said, "Cool, let's learn COBOL."

And that's when they were (of course) HORRENDOUSLY oppressed in those barbaric 1940's.

Penn's Sunday School

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As many of you know I run.

What many of you may or may not know is that as you get older, fewer of your colleagues can keep up with you.

So whereas it was a blissful summer day in 1998 while you and 4 of your buddies went and knocked out 8 miles in your early 20's around some of Minneapolis' finer groomed parkways...

by the time you're 39 and it's a cold, snowing, dark April night in 2013, you look around and realize nobody is running with you as they've succumbed to the ill-fates of marriage, children, careers, and (sadly some) suicide or premature death.

Thank god technology has advanced to the point the MP3 player was made and podcasts were invented.

I'm a big fan of podcasts, not because I'm trying to create my own, but because they provide what I believe to be the most convenient and beneficial media to people who are genuine intellectuals. There are thousands of "unoccupied audible" hours in a human life where the human mind can be stimulated with the words of another human mind via headphones and I'm shocked there aren't more people with headphones on wherever you go.

Driving, running, working out, you name it. Just because your physical body is occupied, doesn't mean your mind cannot be further stimulated, advanced or progressed through the wisdom, observations and anecdotes of others.

Thus, why I particularly appreciate a good podcast and would like to share with you my three favorite ones.

There is Garage Logic. The host, Joe Soucheray, is pretty much an unknown outside Minnesota, but you will appreciate him and "the Rookie's" rapport with one another. I still to this day don't know why he hasn't been nationally syndicated.

Bill Burr. Rambling and crass and elementary, it's precisely what most men in their teens through 60's need to get through the pansified, girly, PC-obedient society the country has foisted upon us.

But, more recently Penn Gillette's "Sunday School." Though not frequent, I strongly

recommend the podcast because, though it's obvious they're not a serious production, Penn and his co-hosts' intelligence provide for some engaging and intellectually stimulating conversation.

If any of you know of any other podcasts FOR FREE you can download, light 'em up. The average broadcaster/podcaster can do 2 hours of material per working day. The average pursuer of intelligent radio will burn through about 4-6 hours per day, ergo new sources are always in demand.

The Zombie Feminist

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Note - this is a serious post despite the title. This is also a NOT a post about politics as much as it is about psychology. The reader would benefit most from trying to set aside politics while reading this and treat it more as a clinical study in psychology rather than a mockery of feminism or leftist politics.

The more I sit and think about this, the more I realize I'm on to something AND I do not like it.

The "liberal zombie."

The title may get a chuckle, but if you think this through the consequences are very dire, arguably the single largest threat western civilization faces.

In short, how do you reason or rationalize with somebody whose mental capacity has been compromised or impaired? How to you explain or convey a person is wrong when they have a veritable mental disease that prevents their minds from even entertaining the fact they might be wrong. Not to provide a personal anecdote, but to make a very clear point, my brother has been an alcoholic since the 5th grade. After being requested to drive him to the airport this last Christmas, it was impossible to deal with him because he has suffered literal brain damage to the point he can no longer retain commands or maintain his short term memory. You could tell him not to light up the pot in the car, at which point he'd obey your command, only to try to re-light it 3 minutes later. It's not that they disagree with you, it's that their brains have been compromised to the point they're not capable of it, and are only responding to a brainstem level of instinct.

Enter the liberal zombie.

I truly believe that after K-Grad school education, the human brain is so indoctrinated and steeped in leftist thought they are mentally impaired and incapable off;

independent thought
critical thinking
intellectual honesty
open mindedness
admitting being wrong or in error

And with a compliant media, government, and society, this mental disease remains thoroughly ensconced in their psyches into adulthood. But what makes it worse is there

is usually a violent (though mindless) reaction. An emotional and visceral response to anyone or anything that dares to suggest they or their ideology is wrong.

For example, compare and contrast these two clips.

This is what a feminist looks like.

This is what a zombie that wants to kill Will Smith looks like.

Precisely how do their psychologies differ?

Will Smith's character (if I remember the movie right) tried to reason with the zombies saying he could cure them.

They wanted none of it.

The MRA in the other video wanted to have a calm discussion.

The feminist wanted none of it.

But worse, both became agitated and (at minimum) angry. So angry in fact it becomes VERY obvious there is no point in trying to reason with them. They lack the mental capacity to reason.

In other words, I fear there will come the point (if we're not there already) that trying to reason with anybody on the left will not only be impossible, but they are so indoctrinated to hate the right (or anybody who disagrees with them), they will become violent and dangerous. And since they are so far gone that they can no longer be engaged with reason, logic, thought, intelligence or discussion, it will unfortunately force "non-leftists" with only one alternative - physical force.

Ergo it is perhaps best for the left at least try to practice what they preach and be open-minded.

The New Way to Measure GDP

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A couple people have asked about the new revisions being made in terms of how we measure GDP. I investigated this and let me just say

YOU OWE ME BIG.

I had to go through this monster of a document to find the answer and see if;

1. the changes are economically and "accountingly" accurate/correct/called-for/legitimate
2. determine if the impetus for these changes was malicious or well-intended

and after much debating, theorizing and thinking through I think I have your answer.

In short, the changes made (specifically to the R&D) are incorrect in that they double count R&D into the GDP. However, I do not believe these changes were malicious, but were rather logical and theoretical errors made on the part of the economist and accountant "theoreticians."

The longer version...well....why don't you pour yourself a martini first and find a comfy chair before I delve into it?

You back?

Good, OK, let's begin.

First, I found the subsection of the study that specifically addresses R&D and I have it posted here:

Research and development

10.103 Intellectual property products include the results of research and development (R&D). *Research and [experimental] development consists of the value of expenditures on creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications. This does not extend to including human capital as assets within the SNA.* The value of research and development (R&D) should be determined in terms of the economic benefits it is expected to provide in the future. This includes the provision of public services in the case of R&D acquired by government. In principle, R&D that does not provide an economic benefit to its owner does not constitute a fixed asset and should be treated as intermediate consumption. Unless the market value of the R&D is observed directly, it may, by convention, be valued at the sum of costs, including the cost of unsuccessful R&D, as described in chapter 6.

10.104 R&D should be recognized as part of capital formation. In order to achieve this, several issues have to be addressed. These include deriving measures of research and development, price indices and service lives. Specific guidelines, together with handbooks on methodology and practice, will provide a useful way of working towards solutions that give the appropriate level of confidence in the resulting measures.

10.105 With the inclusion of R&D expenditure as capital formation, patented entities no longer feature as assets in the SNA. The patent agreement is to be seen instead as the legal agreement concerning the terms on which access to the R&D is granted. The patent agreement is a form of licence to use which is treated as giving rise to payments for services or the acquisition of an asset.

most of this is gobbledygook so let me translate this into English for you.

The red section is basically the UN saying that the value of R&D and all of its future economic benefits should be considered in the SNA or "new GDP measure." This assertion is true. The benefits that are derived from R&D SHOULD be included in any measure of economic production for it DOES affect economic production. So so far we have no disagreement with the economists at the UN.

However, we get in into trouble with the green highlighted area. Here the UN is calling for a way to go about achieving their goal of accounting for or measuring R&D in the new GDP measure. They don't go into details, merely suggesting new methodologies and techniques to measure this, but here is where they're wrong.

R&D is already accounted for and measured currently in GDP.

The reason why is that all expenditures on R&D are transacted and accounted for. Maybe not obviously, but every bit of economic production and benefit of R&D DOES end up in the current measure of GDP.

Let me explain why.

When a company, government or other institution spends money on R&D it spends it on two things:

Materials and labor.

Any money spent on materials is immediately accounted for in GDP in that the suppliers of said materials record this as sales. So just because Apple is *developing* a new lithium battery doesn't mean all the money it spent on lithium doesn't make it into GDP. It does via the lithium company producing and selling Apple its lithium.

That is your first instance of double accounting.

Labor, however, is a bit more ambiguous and the double accounting is not as apparent. All the money spent on scientists, support staff, and maintenance staff in the R&D lab does not immediately result in the production of a good or service. Not recordable at that moment anyway. At this point, however, you may be tempted to make the argument that:

"*Well, those people will take their salaries and buys stuff, those transactions of which would end up in GDP.*"

and think you have found the "double accounting error."

But, while true, it's Keynesian. It doesn't account for the fact the value of their labor and expertise in developing a "new lithium battery" is still not accounted for. For example the scientist who takes his money and buys the Hogan's Heroes DVD set did not MAKE the Hogan's Heroes DVD set. That is the production of somebody else. Ergo the labor he expended at the lab is still not making it into GDP.

Inevitably though, the scientist's labor WILL make it into our current measure of GDP in the future when the product or service his labor was used to develop is *sold on the free market.*

This is an important point to explore further because I believe it is here where the UN economists are goofing up.

Two things happen when this product is sold.

One, a transaction. This means the transaction will be recorded in GDP.

Two, the scientist's labor is finally valued. It has a price tag put on it.

The reason why is that when a product or service is sold, you are now attaching a value in terms of dollars AND making a transaction. So when somebody buys the latest Apple device the price they pay is NOT just for the materials, and NOT just the labor that went into assembling it, but ALSO for the labor in the R&D lab that was expended developing it's latest doo-dad or feature. Naturally, this is why people are willing to pay a higher price for an IPhone 63 vs. an IPhone 47. That premium IS the market value of the R&D AND IS ACCOUNTED FOR.

Now, admittedly I did not read through all 800 pages of the UN's SNA publication. And I could have misinterpreted the writing, reason or rationale of the economists who wrote it. But as it stands right now, my understanding of this new measure of GDP is flawed and will overstate the level of genuine economic production and wealth in the country.

I VERY MUCH WELCOME any criticisms or corrections from any economists who are more specialized than I am in accounting theory, NIPA accounts, etc. etc.

American Women Need a Good Spankin'

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And the majority of our problems would go away.

And I'm not half unserious about that either!

(This is a clip from the movie "McLintock!" and is actually a pretty fun, good flick.)

A Basic Tutorial on Buying Silver and Gold

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Here you go kids!

Warp Speed, Hamster Sulu

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Aye, Captain Hamster!

Outstanding Cartoon on the Basics of the Stock Market

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I saw this and immediately had to post it.

If you are interested in investing in stocks, or just have a philosophical interest in the accounting, finance and economics behind what drives a stock market, I strongly recommend taking my online class on stock valuation and analysis.

A Most Thorough Review of Enjoy the Decline

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Elusive Wapiti wrote a review of "Enjoy the Decline" over at The Spearhead. I mention it not just for self-promotion purposes, but because it is probably the best and most thorough review of the book. If you or somebody you know is wondering "what is it about, and do I want to buy it" Elusive's review is pretty much spot on.

An example:

By far the most useful aspect of this book, in my opinion, is in the case that it makes for readers to realize that whatever bourgeois values they may presently possess, there is a high probability those values are maladaptive in the present economic and social climate. Up has become down and right has become wrong in these last days of the American republic. Work hard and save for retirement? Don't be ridiculous. Why save when the nation's leaders gleefully debauch the currency, pulling a "stealth Cyprus" to the tune of 8 – 10% each year? Why delay gratification when there will likely be little / no Social Security for Xers and younger generations, particularly if the government will simply appropriate your savings through an outright Cyprus/France/Hungary/Ireland/Argentina/Poland-style seizure? Why work hard, when doing so only qualifies you to be taxed even more to support an income redistribution scheme consuming more than 2/3 of the Federal budget, "spread [your hard-earned monies] around a little", to bankroll parasites who didn't earn it? Why hope for things to get better when unemployment is presently at around 14% and the labor force participation rate is at a 30-year low, is trending downward, and has been so for decades? And why scrimp to pay for college while the higher ed bubble continues to inflate, making your parent's advice to "get an education" in order to succeed nearly financially suicidal and economically ill-advised in the new economic reality? For that matter, why marry and have children? Silly rabbit, very few men and women these days are equipped to be proper husbands and wives. Moreover, 5,000 years of traditional Marriage 1.0 has been subsumed by Marriage 2.0–and now, by homogamy–and is characterized by easy divorce and the subsequent trafficking in former spouses (usu but not always ex husbands) for the pecuniary interests of the state and ex-wives.

You can find the book here.

Dirty, Sloppy Linkage

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Wow, who knew she'd end up as a worthless academian bureaucrat!?

Maureen Dowd is HOT! You're just an ageist, sexist, bigot who's intimidated by a strong, independent woman!

Ahhh, yes, "The Healthy Penis!" That'll make our enemies quiver in their boots and think twice about taking us over!

Dude, that's pretty freaking manly. I'd like to see a liberal arts major do that.

Your morning NSFW funny ha ha.

My children will never grow up with yours as I refuse to bring them into this world with your genetic excrement running feral and rampant.

Hmmmm....dominance trumps sexuality and sexual preference. Veeeeerrry interesting.

And just when my X Box breaks AND the repair kit doesn't work. Curse you Aurini!!!!!!

But math is tough!

Baby Boomer Meat Markets, CSR and More!

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In this latest podcast Aaron talks about Baby Boomer meat markets, how "traditional grandmothers" might become extinct, how he hates it when bank tellers fake taking an interest in you, and he asks corporate America the question - "What's the next, greatest innovation in business? CSR? Linked in? Lobby and rent seeking? Do any of you have ANY new ideas or is it just more BS?"

Some of his finest work and NO recording errors! You can find the archives here.

Oh Danny Boy

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All is not well in Honolulou.

On a somewhat related note.

Beta of the Century

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here's the story

here's the picture

Maybe one of those *cough cough wheeze wheeze* women will let him carry their books to class!

Why Cary Grant is Mandatory for the Manosphere

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My mother, who I do indeed love, gave me a tonnage of advice.

And in all honesty 90% of it was completely worthless BS that only served to cripple me later in life.

However, there was one "arena" or "genre" of advice she gave me that DID indeed prove to be useful and that was watching Cary Grant movies.

Cary Grant if you are unfamiliar with was arguably the premier actor from the golden years of Hollywood. He played everything from his early years of romantic comedy fill-in to war hero in "Destination Tokyo." But if there was anything you could glean from Cary Grant at the age of 14 it was his vocabulary and charm.

Charm and vocabulary are things that are hard to teach. They are endeavors that truthfully an individual must pursue and perfect. But if you start enough at an early age, or dedicate yourself at an older age, you can naturally embed these traits into your being, infuse them into yourself, and in the end come out a much more advantaged man than your peers. And this advantage is huge over your other alpha male contemporaries.

Understand that with all the TRUTHFUL and LEGITIMATE observations about confidence, dominance, leadership, etc. of the alpha male, not all of those traits are conveyed via physical posturing. Women do not solely interact with you on a physical basis, matter of fact the majority of their INITIAL interaction with you will be verbal. And therefore if you wish to improve your chances, having this "natural Cary Grantish charm" to bolster your "verbal game" will prove necessary.

How do you achieve this Cary Grantish charm?

Very simple.

1. Watch Cary Grant movies.

2. Plagiarize his lines.

3. Increase your vocabulary.

#1 Watch Cary Grant Movies

I cannot claim to be Cary Grant, but I've watched enough of them, and have become

familiar enough with the man's acting that I can fake him really good. The man never loses confidence, is always in command, and if he isn't, he is in the state of "confused indifference." Of course Hollywood playrights made him look that way, but merely studying his characters in many movies will at MINIMUM give you a template to work from. He never gets angry, he never gets riled, he's very much like John Wayne. Immovable, though affable and every woman will at minimum like him.

#2 Plagiarize His Lines

The benefit of this is that most modern day women are so uncultured and pursue such mindless endeavors, they don't even know who Cary Grant is. As they lap up the latest gossip of the Kardashians or what latest celebrity harlot had a bastard child to prove her independent womanhood, you clandestinely take in and write down all the smooth oneliners Cary Grant spoke. Even though those one liners were written 60 years ago, the wisdom of our Hollywood playrights in terms of knowledge of the sexes shines through and still applies to today. If you watch those movies from the 50's and 60's you'll see, as clear as day, what charm is and how it plays on female sexual psychology. They knew the formula back then. They know it now. Why bother trying to recreate it? Just repeat it.

Remember. Modern day women are too busy watching the likes of EPL, Sex in the City, etc., to even know who Cary Grant is. So it's like plagiarizing with no risk of being caught.

 # 3 Increase Your Vocabulary

If there is one thing I learned from watching Cary Grant flicks it was the cunningness and cleverness of the PRECISE words he chose.

Of course Cary Grant did not CHOOSE those words, the playwrights did.

But the point is still taken.

Understand the power of vocabulary.

Most people when they think "vocabulary" they think "some nerd who knows too many words."

But the truth is that 100% of your verbal communication with the opposite sex HAS TO COME THROUGH WORDS.

And if you have a better command of the vocabulary, why wouldn't that provide a great opportunity to improve your game?

This is the largest point of my post.

For if you have a better command of the language then you can convey, practically magically, much more than your competitors, your super-awesomeness. Instead of merely conveying information you can become the soothsayer, embedding traits like intelligence, wit, and cleverness in those words.

For example you, say get your ass shotdown by a girl who claims "she has a boyfriend."

The NON-Cary Grant familiar man will scuffle off into obscurity or at best say, "cool."

You, familiar with Cary Grant lingo will say,

"Well, if anybody goes on the critical list let me know." (Charade, 1963)

Or if a girl feigns umbrage at your approach you say,

"Dreadful etiquette, I apologize" (which isn't a Cary Grant line, but a Christian Slater line)

The list can go on and on, but the larger point is not one of merely a "tit for tat" memorization of Cary Grant lines from 1940's movies, but to have a command and (more importantly) a familiarity and COMMON USAGE of many $5 English words that when sparing verbally with a woman you can pull the

precise
clever
sniper-precision

words you need to deliver to such effect it not only mutes her, but turns her on. NOT because no other guy used those words but...

because those words convey meaning that no other man in her life was able to convey.

"Diploma Addiction"

April 26, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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HAR!!!

"More good at being smart"

12 Year Old Rapists

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Hmmm....I wonder if their fathers could be reached for comment.

Oh, but don't worry. I'm sure there are no consequences to 7 year olds being told to deal drugs.

And remember,

I genuinely want you to remember,

men and fathers are not needed. Society will get along, nay, ADVANCE without them.

Is the US Cooking the Books on GDP?

April 27, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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An old school trick economists use to measure the true economic growth of countries where their governments are not...um...known for publishing accurate and true figures

COUGH COUGH
ARGENTINA

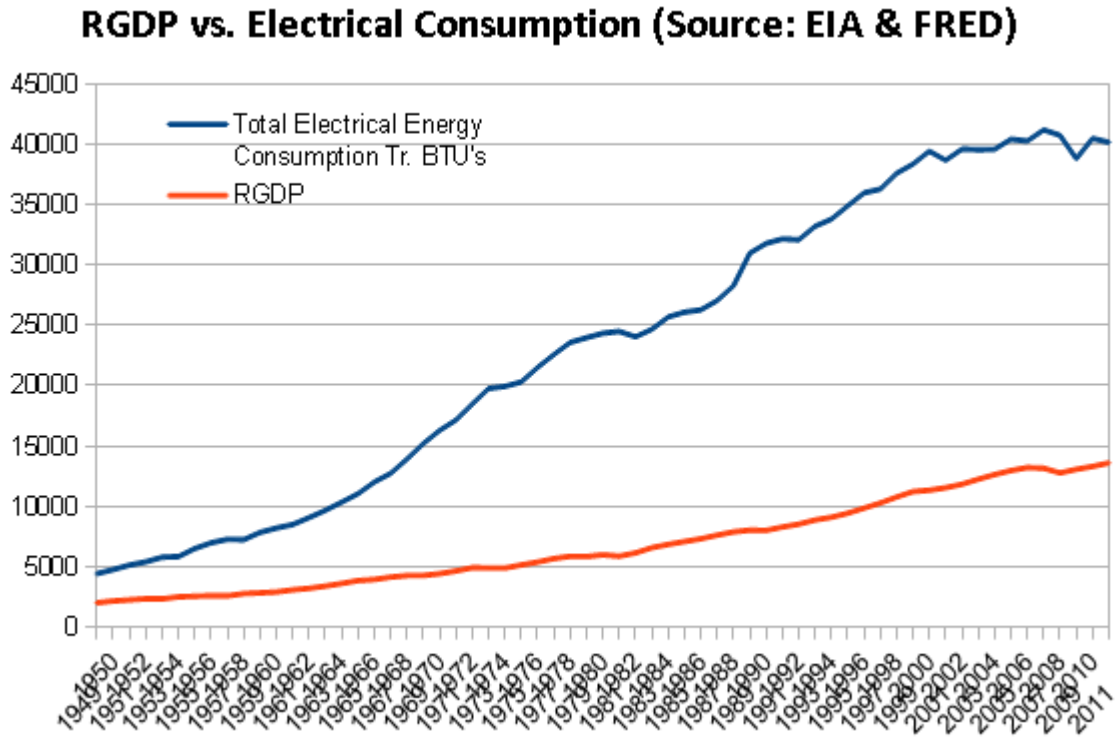
COUGH COUGH
CHINA

WHEEZE WHEEZE
VENEZUELA

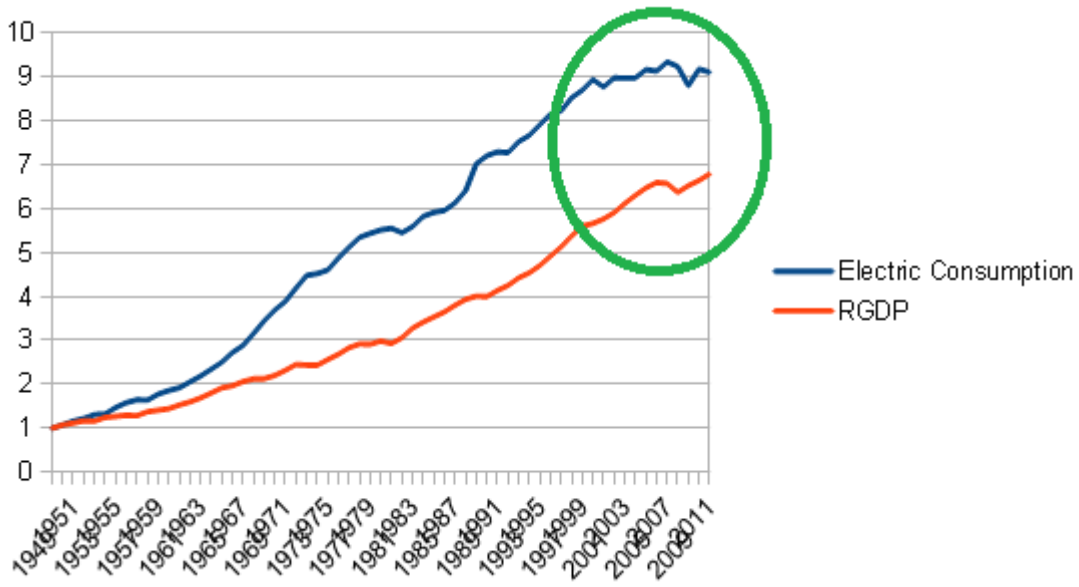
is instead of taking the liar's word for it, they instead substitute electrical consumption. This is a reasonably good proxy, unaffected by inflation or distortions from government bureaucrats and can be easily measured.

So I decided to do the same thing with the United States.

Here is electrical consumption vs. Real GDP going back to 1949.



Because of the varying axes it is important to index both to 100 in 1949 to see whether one is growing faster than the other. Here is that same chart indexed:

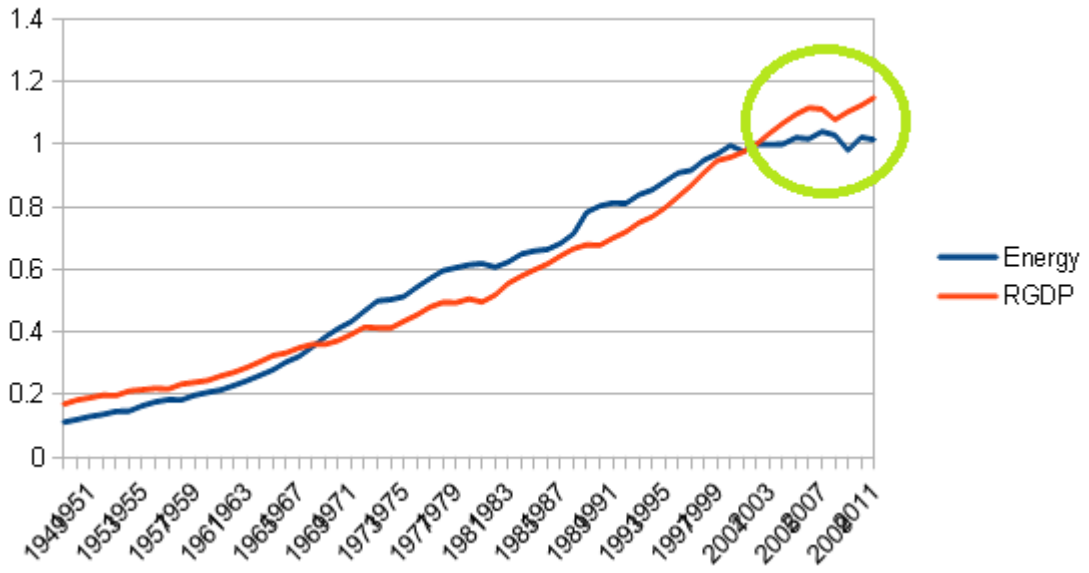


If you eyeball it, it seems the opposite of what I was suspecting was happening. Energy consumption is growing faster than GDP suggesting we've been UNDERSTANDING our economic growth. I double checked the figures , thinking I had erred, but they prove to be the correct.

Understand, however, I still actually think this is an error because if anything the US has become more efficient with its energy and I have seen GDP/unit of energy figures proving

this. But here's the interesting thing. Even with this error (that goes against my original case) this data series actually ends up proving it even more so, notably by what I spy with my little eye in the green circle.

Since the chart is indexed you don't really see it, but starting in 2002 energy consumption flatlined while GDP continued to grow. Matter of fact, GDP has grown by 14% since 2002 while energy consumption has grown only by 1%.



This is what I feared was happened. Where the government says,

"Yep! you're all 14% richer now!"

When the energy consumption does not prove so.

Now it is hard to say whether this is because of measuring differences as the chart shows the two do not perfectly correlate with one another, but NEVER in the history of the two data sets has GDP been a full 13% higher than what electrical consumption would suggest.

I can only want to see how much larger the differences will be once we adapt the "New GDP" measure.

(also, any thoughts on the discrepancy or data source from the EIA would be appreciated).

Your Boss Hates You

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And the sooner you learn that, and accept the fact they will throw you under the bus, the better your career will be.

They are not your friends.

They are not your mentors.

They are your enemies that need to be quarantined as quickly as possible and people you must be promoted over in order to succeed. They are the bottleneck and blockage to your advancement in your career.

Again, cheap nursing homes for all.

Grown Women Don't Read "Twilight"

April 29, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Or Cosmo

Or EPL

Or 50 Shades of Gray

Or anything you can find in the check out lane at your local grocery store.

Which means grown women are definitely in the minority.

If I Were an Oil Corporate Executive

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I'd sell all our assets in the US,

Move our corporate headquarters to Bermuda

and tell all the ungrateful spoiled little eco-brats (and I'm not talking children) in the US

to go pound sand.

It is amazing any of them stay here, let alone supply this ungrateful country with oil.

Leftist Zombies

April 29, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Keep going zombies. Keep going.

Why I Felt Safe In the 80's

April 30, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am not joking when I say this, but when Ronald Reagan was in charge I felt very safe and never worried about the country. Of course I was only a child at the time and there really wasn't anything I could do about it, but I intuitively KNEW the government or "what adults were in charge of" was something I didn't have to concern my mind with.

I didn't know this picture existed, but it more or less speaks more words than most as to why everybody, bar the most hate-filled leftists, loved Ronald Reagan, not to mention felt safe.

(though who is in the background? Stossel?)

Eulogy of the American Woman

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As a dead woman buried six feet under the ground, I'm appreciative of all the privilege I've had to live a life where women were cherished and valued above men, who finally understand their role as sperm donors and tax payers and nothing more. But even more can be done, and I pass the torch to young women today and tell them to keep up the fight for gender equality, girl power, and female happiness at all costs. Thank god I was born an American girl.

Roosh hit this one a while ago and it is still gaining altitude. You will read it.

The Captain's Great 2013 Motorcycle Adventure

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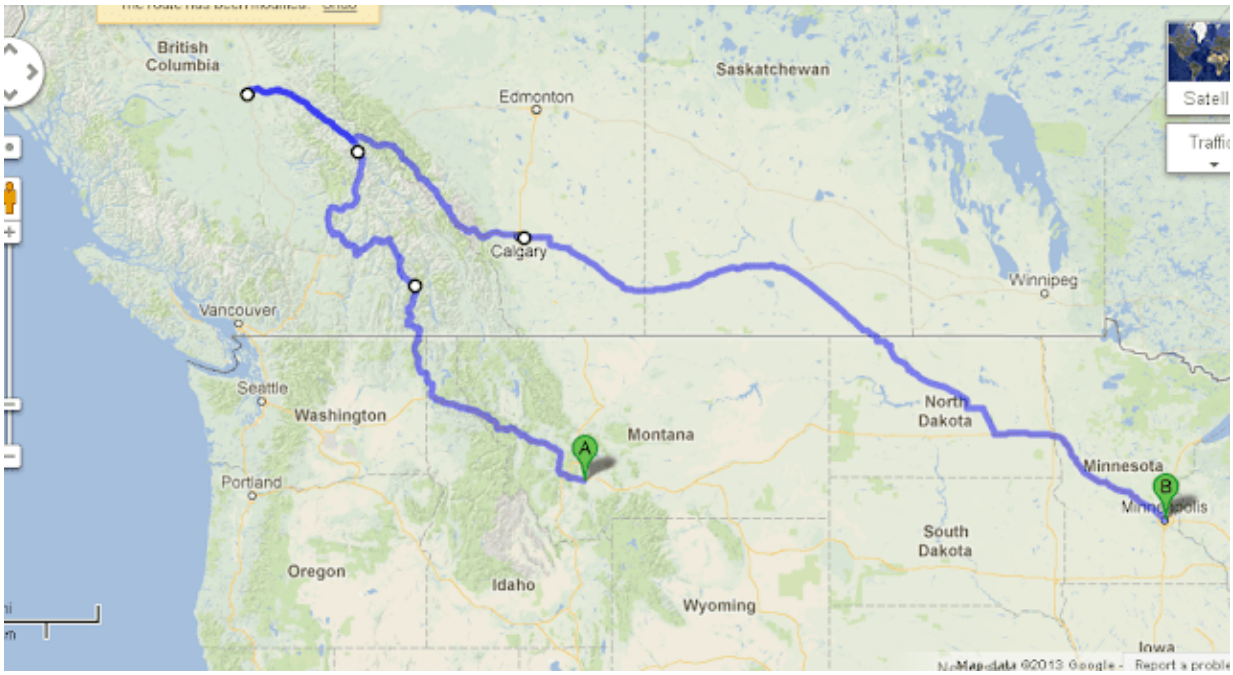
This is the tentative plan.



If anybody happens to be on this route let the Captain know.

No specific dates however.

Liberty Mastermind Symposium

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Remember to sign up if you are interested in attending. The price jumps $50 tomorrow!

We Provide Leadership and Guidance Where There Was None

May 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

That is arguably the most important and positive benefit The Manosphere has brought to society. I strongly recommend the link if for any other reason there's a free PDF book the guy links to and hey, who doesn't like free books?

Suicide Bombing Civilians? It's All Good!

May 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Outstanding chart to show you just what kind of evil in the world exists.

Make Believe James Bond Linkage

May 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As I play "James Bond" in Florida and the Caribbean, here is some linkage from the kind agents holding down the fort at Fort Cappy:

Housing Market Bubble Part II

I'm getting my Bachelors of Arts in Porn.

Karl has a competition going on where you can win **GLORIOUS HAT!!!!**

I know a lot of you have been taking an interest in silver so thought a little post/podcast on the supply side of the silver market might be of interest.

This is laughable. They're going to try to ban guns from (get this) ILLINOIS PUBLIC HOUSING!!!

Happy Day for Says Uncle as he approaches 9 million! Mayhaps somebody from Cappy could be his 9 millionth reader!

Why can't I find a maaaaaaaannnnnn??!!!!! (picture IS safe for work, but just gross)

The Three Urinal Paradox

May 2, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Warning - this is guy humor. All complaints from women will be ignored.

Because of the average amount of traffic that goes into the average men's bathroom in a public place, more often than not you will find three urinals.

HOWEVER

ONE of those urinals will be placed lower on the wall, obviously for young boys who cannot yet reach the adult male urinals (though a really good arching technique will work). This results in the traditional set up of the "3 Urinal Bathroom"

There is, however, a design flaw in the 3 Urinal Bathroom.

If you walk in and ALL THREE urinals are available, which one do you choose?

100% of the time you will choose the one on the far left.

Why?

Because you are too manly to use the little boy's urinal and you don't want to be in the middle urinal in that it would force you to potentially stand next to another guy (and therefore be potentially construed as gay). This leaves the left urinal as the most "manly" choice.

However, while this may absolve you of the decision, it presents the classical "Three Urinal Paradox" to the second man. And every man in the world will at one point in their lives BE THAT SECOND MAN.

Since you have occupied the far left urinal, the second man gets a choice:

Be gay or

Be a little boy.

If he takes the middle urinal, he's obvious flaming gay.

But if he takes the far right urinal, he's obviously not a real man and is a little boy (maybe even a pedophile).

There is no third option, thus resulting in the paradox.

So men of the Capposphere, which one do you choose if the far left is occupied.

I know my answer.

Hyphenated-Named Women

May 2, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Stay frosty, boys. Stay frosty. They're out there.

The Lie of a Generation

May 3, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"When I was in my 40s, I realized I had become invisible to men of my own generation," said Brings, co-author of "Older Women, Younger Men: New Options for Love and Romance" (New Horizon Press). She noticed younger men, often raised by feminist women, were intrigued by and admiring of her success and experience, whereas older men seemed threatened and expected women to play traditional roles."

Whatever you got to tell yourself sweetheart. Whatever you got to tell yourself. It isn't going to be us who suffers. Just you and the idiot women who actually swallow the lie.

It's a Horrible Life

May 3, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just a hello to all the economists and lieutenants out there from Florida!

Remember to enjoy the decline!

Krauser Enjoys the Decline!

May 3, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

New review on Enjoy the Decline.

Why aren't you enjoying the decline?

I'm Right, You're Wrong

May 3, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I received a little blip of traffic that made it on my radar. Not a ton, but something was sending me a little traffic. Looked it up and found this.

In short it is a semi-disagreement-response to my post about how emulating Cary Grant would help increase your chance with the ladies. However, it is not so much a disagreement piece about being charming like Cary Grant, as much as it is a critique of people thinking somehow the 40's and 50's were better in America and that today is just as good as it was back then.

But there's just one minor problem with this specific critique.

He's wrong.

And I'm not saying this as a matter of opinion or a matter of arrogance, I'm saying it as a matter of fact. He is wrong. And not that his post was scathing or even unpolite, it is that he highlights something that really irks me - when people mock and ridicule people for daring to think yesteryear was better than today. So permit me some evidence.

First, this picture.

This is a picture of a soup line in the Great Depression.

Do you notice something about it?

What is odd about it?

Oh, that's right, even though we were in the depth of the worst economy in the past 100 years people still dressed their best when in public. Today, our society doesn't even come close to that.

Second, here's an interesting comparison of searches.

"College Girls"

and

"College Girls 1940's"

Admittedly, in intellectual honesty, I'm all for a little T&A, but not when talking about the quality and caliber for marriage material or people I'd like to associate with.

And for those of you who are arguing that "college girls" would naturally default to a more rated r version of images, fine, try another search for a more intellectual group

"slut walk protest"

Third, the chart that should have won me awards, economic growth is decreasing (despite the government's best efforts to artificially inflate it). Our current generation is only about 55% as productive as the previous generation and this is WITH advances in technology.

Fourth, debt. I'm not even going to link to any charts or data because this is just common knowledge.

Fifth, dependency.

Now I could go on and on (and on...and on.....and on), but the simple fact is that Americans today are:

- lower quality
- lower caliber
- uglier
- fatter

- lazier
- more dependent
- and just all around
- poorer quality

humans than their 1940's and 50's counterparts.

And while there are certainly some areas society is doing better in than in the past (say computer technology), for the most part the majority of economic and sociological data proves the people and society in the 40's and 50's were superior to Americans today.

I don't want to hear any inferior, minds-of-weaklings arguments about "moral relativism."

I don't want to hear any inferior, minds-of-weaklings ad-hominem attacks.

I don't want to hear any inferior, minds-of-weaklings name calling.

And I don't want some trumped up worthless liberal arts academic study done by some equally worthless professor who couldn't hack it in the real world using biased data to advance a political agenda.

No sane, rational, mature and intellectually honest adult can look at society today and say today's Americans are just as high quality or better caliber than yesteryear's. I don't care how much you may disagree with it, you can all sit there, pout, hold your breath until your face turns blue and scream at the top of your lungs just what a mean-poopie head I am. Because in the end, barring some miraculous economic growth, the economic realities of our laziness and inferiority (in the form of massive debts) is going to come crushing down on us. And when that happens you will be BEGGING for the days American's had the temerity, work ethic, and drive in the 1940's, because, frankly, that's the only thing that is going to save this or any other country.

If this post provided warm fuzzies, then return the warm fuzzies by buying something (you were going to buy anyway) on the Captain's Amazon site.

The Importance of Revisiting the Meat Market

May 4, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As most of you know I am spoken for. Took a while, but the benefits of it taking a while and dating 300+ of America's...COUGH COUGH...WHEEZE WHEEZE...PHLEGM PHLEGM...

"finest"

kind of puts things into perspective so that when a quality candidate comes along (one every eight years) you know to capitalize on it.

However, that being said, there is a thing called "euphoric recall," a term an alcoholic friend of mine taught me about. It means that your brain tends to remember only the good things or good times and forgets the bad ones. I believe it is a survival mechanism in that if your brain remembered all the bad stuff in your life, you'd become depressed and suicidal. But that aside, the principle applies in the same regard when it comes to courting and playing the field - your brain will remember only the good times of your single swingin' bachelor/ette days.

Because of this, after some time men (and women) will tend to only fondly remember the good aspects of dating and playing the field. They will then start to wonder about their current spouse/boy/girlfriend/lover, or just the concept of settling down in the first place. But what they forget is the sheer hell and pain-in-the-assery those "good ole times" were.

Thus, why I recommend "revisiting the meat market."

As I sit here now typing, my pilot-bachelor-millionaire friend and I just returned from "Friday Night" in St. Petersburg, Florida. Every Friday night they section off the bar area of downtown and the night clubs, cigar lounges, and bars open up. We headed out to the cigar lounge to smoke, but as luck would have it, I also found a salsa club just a block south of the "Friday Night" festivities.

However, when we reconnoitered the salsa club there were practically no women to dance with, prompting us to think we'd surely be able to convince some women to come dance with us back at the "Friday Night" festival. I thought this would be a breeze given the levity of the festival and figured it would only be a matter of approaches to convince a couple girls to join us, but, ahhhhh yes.... euphoric recall.

The first group of girls "didn't know how to dance."

The second group, "no thank you, nice try."

And the third group! Mercy, a veritable 23 year old bitch told me "nice try, it's time for you to leave."

(And to dissuade any arguments that I was dejected or butt hurt, no, in all honesty I was merely, literally, and honestly asking girls if they wanted to join me and my buddy at a salsa club. And to further address any additional arguments, yes, I was on my game, was charming, wasn't creepy, etc, etc, etc.and my approach was one of NOT hitting on, but a genuine and friendly request that some girls come dancing with us (for example, I asked no one particular girl, but GROUPS to join us) Also the approaches were aloof, indifference and nonchalant.)

Regardless, my point is the responses were just so hostile and arrogant that it reminded me of just what a pain in the ass it was trying to play the field, when in fact we WEREN'T EVEN TRYING TO PLAY THE FIELD! We were just trying to get dance partners. And thus, there is a lesson for both those of you who are spoken for and those of you who are single.

For those of you (men) who are single, my god. I don't envy you. I've been off the market for a while, but not that long. And even in that short time the arrogance and hubris of women has increased 2-3 fold. To see someone as young as 23 dare to have the rudeness to dismiss a request to dance with "time for you to go" only tells me they have been approached so many times their courtesy and etiquette has been obliterated by their egos. And while admittedly this is a sample pulled from St. Petersburg and is not representative of all girls in America, it is once again further proof the wisdom us old fogies have is needed more than ever.

For those of you men who are spoken for, I HIGHLY recommend revisiting the meat market. Not so much to hit on girls, but to be reminded as to just what a pain in the ass it was suffering such brats in your youth, and what a catch you have back at home. I have the benefit of being able to use a platonic vehicle in the form of dancing to test the attitudes of women today, but simply revisiting a meat market or a bar and faux talking to a girl will more than make you appreciate the attitudeless woman who entertained your offer to take her to a movie 10 years ago.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats. I ALWAYS and CONSTANTLY worry that the wisdom we gained from our experiences 10-20 years ago will not apply to the current generation, and in no longer being applicable, turn out to be erroneous, misleading, and thus, detrimental. But the situation has WORSENED, NOT IMPROVED making our advice and experiences all that much more important for the young boys of today.

Stay frosty, boys. Stay the freak frosty.

(Did you like this post? Then go here and buy something)

"Evil" is the "New Good!"

May 4, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh, the sarcasm and cynicism is just priceless.

True, but priceless.

The Man Who Went Galt

May 4, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is the latest. My buddy conveniently had a flight to the Bahamas. I got to ride co-pilot:

No GDP was produced in the production of these pictures.

Tasteful Risqueness

May 5, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Again, the ole Captain is NOT against you ladies sending in pictures of you "*enjoying* '*Enjoying the Decline*'."

Get it?

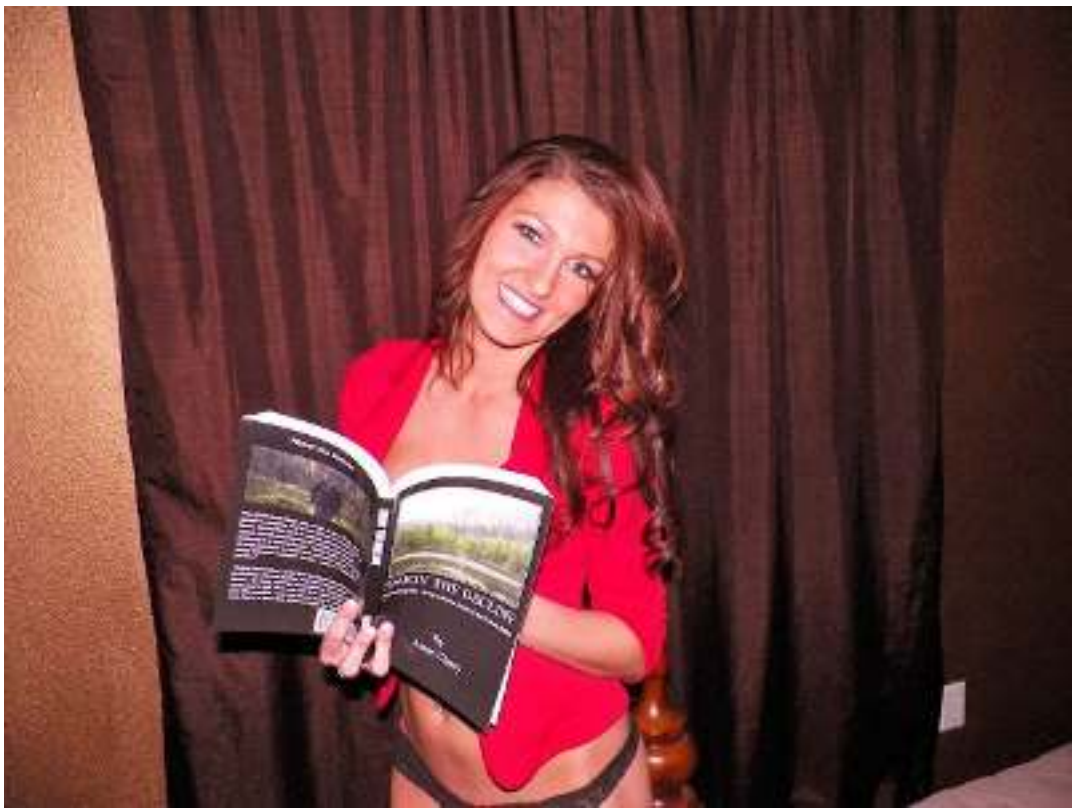
ENJOY Enjoying the Decline???

The pun I mean.

Because the word "enjoy" which is the active verb references the exact same word in the title?

Ya get it? The punchline I mean.

Anyway go buy Enjoy the Decline. Available on Kindle and on Paperback.



And no, I don't know how pretty girls help sell books, but somehow they do.

Danny Impersonates the Captain

May 6, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I'm at the "Manosphere sleepover" and Danny from 504 decides to break out some rare talent. Specifically a "Captain Capitalism" impersonation.

A huge language warning, but you must listen at least to the point where Bill from Apocalypse Cometh has issues with Danny's dog.

QOTD

May 6, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"*The older I get, the more I realize that having TV in the home is a terrible influence.*"

Pax Empyrean

Bill Ayers - A Worthless Human Being

May 6, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is what you get when daddy pays for everything and doesn't hold you to standards, discipline or morality.

A spoiled little brat who becomes a professor.

The Moral Difficulty of Going on Welfare

May 6, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Kerry Lutz interviewed me today and he hit on a very important psychological and philosophical facet of life many Americans are facing today, specifically, should you collect government assistance.

I have caught much flak for this, especially in the review of my book. Matter of fact, if you were to take away all the reviews that lambast me for my suggestion you collect as much government money as possible, Enjoy the Decline would have a near-perfect 5 star rating. However, this addresses the crux of the situation.

Should you collect government assistance?

The only argument I can portend is that if you can, then hell yes.

The issue is no longer one of morality or independence, but practicality and mortality. The idea of an "independent" person is laughably long gone. How many women's studies professors are there that claim to be "independent women" but still suck from the government tit via their state-subsidized professorships? How many "bankers and finance professionals" are there that only owe their careers to a bail out or FDIC over-regulation that mandates their job? How many government employees have you heard COMPLAIN that they really don't do anything on the job?

This stupid, idiotic, idealistic nostalgia of the 1950's is long gone. Nobody in America has the desire nor loyalty to adhere to some kind of over-arching purpose, or country, and are therefore completely and totally in it for themselves (consciously or not). So stop being naive, stop being idealistic and just take the check when you can.

You must realize that the idiots that populate this society have voted in such societal rules. And that they, in voting in such rules, have absolved yourself of any kind of responsibility you have to this nation or its people. So stop being the sucker and start being the advtantager, because in the end all you will have managed to do

"working hard"

"being a good American"

yada yada yada

is be the host for faux "American" parasites.

Enjoy the decline!

Why You Should NEVER Have a Business Partner

May 7, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Story 1

Guy I know decides he's going to buy out an old sandwich shop and run it for his retirement plan. He has enough money, but not enough time to manage it. He finds an old buddy from his high school days to manage the shop. Sure enough after mortgaging his house to the tune of $300,000, he finds out his business partner is not managing the shop effectively, they're losing money, and they guy is handing out free food to friends, almost to the point of embezzlement. He has to take out another $150,000 from his house to buy his partner out and now manage the firm on his own which he has not the time to do.

He is depressed. He is miserable. He has wasted the past decade of his life and with nothing to show for it.

Story 2

Another guy I know decides to start a business with a friend. There is are barely any real start up costs, but some and since both are young, these start up costs are significant and thusly shared 50/50. After depleting what little savings they have, one of the partners decides he wants out and demands he get his capital back. The guy I know has to borrow money from his father to buy the guy out, and once again, now has to manage the firm (which the other guy wasn't really doing anyway).

Story 3

A good friend of mine went and worked for this older fellow who was planning on retiring and needed somebody to take over his business. He agreed to train my friend in and invariably give him the company for all the labor and sweat equity my friend put into learning the ropes. My friend received a minimal wage and upon taking over the company would have to pay out 33% of the profits, but be able to keep 67% of the profits for himself until the guy inevitably died.

Unfortunately, the old man had some health problems and completely cashed out his company dishonoring this agreement he and my friend had. My friend only managed to get a minimum wage as he no longer wished to take over an insolvent company whose accounts and assets had been raided.

I could go on, but there is no limit to the number of stories where a partnership was started, one of the partners was a loser, and the whole business went down the toilet

because of it. However, it is not so much the entertainment value of such stories that is important, as much as it is the financial lesson everyone should glean from it -

NEVER

EVER

EVER

going into business with a partner.

Let me explain why.

If I were to estimate the number of partnership that failed based on my experiences in banking, I would say about 80-85% of them failed. And they

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failed because ONE partner was a loser and didn't carry his weight.

The reason such a high percentage of partnerships have this "loser partner" is because of the binary nature of partnerships. Losers, by definition, cannot support themselves financially and are always on the cusp of insolvency. Because of this they are constantly coming up with scams. It is important to note the difference between a "scam" and a legitimate business idea as one could claim any loser like myself who can't hold down permanent ~~slavery~~ employment would be a scammer. However, business ideas MAKE MONEY, the purpose or aim of the scammer/loser partner is to merely access somebody else's capital so they can live another year or two without having to work. i.e.-they have no INTENTION of making money, they merely (like Solyndra) need somebody else's capital to finance their "business idea."

This brings in the nature of the second partner - the capital provider.

With the smooth-talking sales guy, looking for a sucker to finance his "idea" they naturally seek out friends, even old long lost acquaintances to finance their scam. These capital providers usually are normal, hard working people who have saved up their pennies and dimes and are looking for a better rate of return than what they're getting on their savings account or 401k. Sure enough they are sold on the idea, cash in their retirement account or the equity in their home and are now financing a sports bar with

the "idea guy" running it into the ground and drinking the inventory on the side.

Again, 80-85% of the partnerships I saw had this binary relationship.

The irony, of course, is that this means the majority of partnerships should never have been partnerships in the first place. They should have been sole-proprietors. Not just because you would be jettisoning the loser partner, but out of all the partnerships I've seen 100% of them were not big enough to warrant two people to start them, either for capital or labor. The other person was just completely unnecessary and was extra baggage, if not a risk. Additionally, there is ALWAYS a leadership battle when the ownership of the company is 50/50. It is the WORST of all situations in that the largest single advantage a small company has is that decisions can be made QUICKLY and thus outmaneuver their competitors. I've seen more energy spent bickering over business decisions between two equal shareholders than energy put into managing the business.

The REAL reason people go into partnerships is psychological. Namely they're scared and daunted by the task of embarking on a business venture and thus the perceived risk-sharing seems appetizing. Also, a lot of people are bored and would like somebody to manage the company with. Many friends have become enemies because while they made great friends, they made horrible business partners. The larger point though is that starting a business is not a "fun" thing to do and your psychology should play no role in a financial decision. Additionally, if you do have a genuine business idea, then the last thing you would want to do is SPLIT THE PROFITS WITH OTHER SHAREHOLDERS. Again, it is a FINANCIAL decision.

Now, the reason I bring all of this up is because I know my readership. I know my lieutenants, economists and Cappy Cappites and I know many of you are of the pro-capitalist, unemployable, self-employment types. And because of this you will likely be offered the opportunity to engage in or start a business with another person.

DO NOT DO IT.

Unless the company REALLY needs two people's labor or two people's capital, it's best that it is started, managed and owned by ONE person, be it you or the other guy. The risks of having your savings plundered by some scam artist, not to mention your profits halved should the business prove successful, is just not worth it.

The End of STEM

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Looks like there are 3 graduates in STEM for every 2 jobs in the market. Employers also seem to be hell-bent on importing cheaper STEM graduates from foreign countries.

Solution - default on our debt to these countries since our government and employers prefer foreigners over their own citizens. It's the least we can do and it's actually economically justified.

In the meantime it looks like the trades and minimalism is the route to go for most.

I Link So I Can Drink

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Writing takes effort, thought, planning, and wit.

All of which is severely impaired if you just want to get hammered during the daytime, play video games and enjoy the decline.

So I link instead!

$6.3 trillion for illegal aliens. Though the argument of illegal immigration is not a financial one. It's a philosophical one. If everybody in the world can come here and not adhere to American culture, then why have a country? Let's just be an open "place to hang" for the whole world and us citizens can work hard to support everybody else in the world because it's compassssssionnnnaaaaate.

"The Lawyer Bubble."

Why Glenn, WHY??? Why did you lower your standards and write for USA Today??? (didn't even know they were still around).

I said it before, and I'll say it again, CHARACTER TRUMPS DIVERSITY. There is NOTHING valuable in diversity unto itself. It is a leftist scam to split the country along racial lines, create victim groups they can bribe with money for votes, and a way to excuse criminal/unacceptable behavior if the perpetrator happens to have a trait of a victim class.

This is your bed. You are now allowed to sleep in it.

When You Have to Divorce Yourself from the Country

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"*...don't think your country is too good to follow that path. There's nothing magical about a patch of dirt that prevents it from such ends. The Roman Republic was just as prominent and successful as the United States. Look what happened.*"

Some pretty heavy writing.

On a related note, again, the 50's were superior and you will wish we had such a culture today.

Making Euthanasia Fun

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"*For example, Clarey is the only guy I know who can write about euthanasia and make it seem like a real fun time.*"

a review by Matt Forney

Why I Throw My Hands Up In Futility

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It's kind of like cancer. After a while the body just gives up because it's coming from all sides and it's obvious the host no longer has the will to live.

From 0 to Assault Charges in 30 seconds

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In a previous post of mine I left out a lot of detail because the nature of the post required it. However, there was a sub-story of legitimate worth that would have detracted from the primary one and it is now that I wish to share this sub-story with you.

Without going into detail, my friend and I were at a downtown party. This is one of those deals where they close off the street and in a municipal politician's Keynesian wet-dream attract tourists and locals to support the local economy. I got wind of a salsa club half a block from the "sectioned off block" and then set off to find some dance partners for me and my buddy.

I approached I believe 5 different groups of girls/women with the honest and polite intention of merely scoring some dance partners. However, one stood out because of the lightning speed at which the situation deteriorated to the point I knew to step back otherwise the law would get involved.

At a distance they looked to be upper 20's maybe even early 30's. But as I approached improved vision showed me they were younger 20's. Already committed to the flight path I followed through and made my approach.

"Howdy!" I said, only to receive blank stares from the three girls that populated this group.

"Me and my buddy are looking for some dance partners. Found a salsa joint just a block south of here and wondering if you girls would be interested."

Two of the three girls were silent, but the third (and prettiest) one spoke up with such an arrogant tone that it stirred an agitated darwinian response in my psyche.

"Ummm...no. ***I'm*** not interested in dancing ***with you***."

I paused for what seemed to be an eternity, but (in hindsight) recouped probably lightning fast to this condescending response.

"Who says I'm asking you?" as I put my arm around her slightly overweight, but shy redhead friend. "I'm asking the redhead."

The two silent girls were...well...silent. But the blond, obviously insulted by my "game on" response, got angry.

"Nice try. It's time for you to leave."

Somewhat angered myself I said, "What if they (referring to her two shy friends) want to dance? We only need two, not you."

And that's when the situation really started to deteriorate.

"You better get out of here or I'll kick your ass."

And her face was serious.

It wasn't that I was intimidated by a dime-a-dozen cutesy 20 something girl, it was the audacity any woman (girl really) would threaten to kick my ass for what was a request to take her and her friends salsa dancing.

Again, it seemed like an eternity.

To recoup from the outlandishness I just got threatened by a 20 something child, and to assess the now rapidly escalating volatile situation, and to predict where the current path was taking us (me to jail, her to the plaintiff's desk) and to concoct the precise words that needed saying, seemed to take forever. But again in hindsight, it was lightning fast.

"Yeah, you and your 90 pound ass." as I then proceeded to look away and disengage.

This exchange transpired in what was no more than 30 seconds, but it was a very valuable 30 seconds that not only I learned from, but every young man should learn from as well. A fair amount of American women have been brought up so spoiled, entitled, impolite and easily-offended, there is now a HUGE risk is merely approaching women.

I'm not saying not to approach.

I'm not saying not to make your play.

I am saying that girls today, with society spoiling them for every one of their 20 youthful years, can go from 0 to "Assault Charges" in literally under 30 seconds. And you NEED TO CONSTANTLY ASSESS THE SITUATION and know when your innocent attempt to score a dance partner is RAPIDLY turning into an unwanted advance from a guy and thus an excuse to feed the "drama-queen monster" a reason to file a faux complaint of harassment to the local constable.

I hate to sound old, but this REALLY DIDN'T HAPPEN IN MY DAY. At least the Gen X'er women would politely turn you down or just say no. It never, once in my (probably) thousands of approaches deteriorated to the point so quickly that a violent event would

have consequented in under 30 seconds.

But there is another lesson I want all of you to pull from this.

And it is not to brag, but to clearly paint the picture of what was really going on.

Me - salsa dancing, ballroom dancing, fossil hunting, economist who writes books, goes on great motorcycling escapades blah blah blah.

My buddy - millionaire pilot who lives DT St. Petersburg, can fly wherever he wants, whenever he wants, drives a luxury car, etc. etc.

Both - in great shape, financially better off than most, etc. etc.

How much do you want to bet these girls in 15 years from now in their late 30's, early 40's are bitching and whining "where are all the good men" when there were two accomplished (by the veritable definition) men

OFFERING TO FREAKING TEACH AND TAKE THEM SALSA DANCING!!!!???

Again, there are times where I wonder if maybe if we men are in the wrong, and our advice no longer applies, but it is instances like these that only reforge and reinforce there is a war on, and we didn't start it.

But by god and by damn we will finish it.

The Mathematical Impossibility of Retirement

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Permit me some really rough mathematics.

In my introductory course to basic personal finance and investing, one of the first things I have my students do is go to this website and calculate how much they need to save for retirement. It's a good exercise for everybody to go through, but the primary point is that (if you tinker with the calculator) you'll realize each person needs roughly $1 million in savings to retire.

With 6.5 billion people in the world that ads up to $6.5 quadrillion (the number after trillion) in required savings to invest.

Now, I'll grant you "retirement planning" and things like 401k's and RRSP's are really more of a western phenomenon and most people in 2nd and 3rd world countries don't have retirement plans, so let's just say the roughly 1 billion people in countries where they do have some kind of retirement program need to save up for retirement.

That brings the total amount of required savings down to $1 quadrillion.

Just one problem.

There isn't $1 quadrillion worth of stocks or bonds in the entire world. Matter of fact, according to the World Federation of Exchanges, there's only about $55 trillion in equity and $82 trillion in bonds, leaving us with $137 trillion in securities, only 14% of the total amount required to finance the retirements of 1 billion people (it is duly noted here there are other securities, however, bar commodities, things like mutual funds and ETF's are merely compositions of stocks and bonds. I admit we could throw in the commodities market and REIT's, but you'll soon see the point I'm trying to make).

There are some other problems as well.

First, the majority of the $137 trillion in securities is owned by the richer classes. It is not equally spread out across the 1 billion westerners. So the average 401k schmoe is less likely to have the $1 million in his account.

Second, though primarily held by 1st world nations, some of that $137 trillion IS held by 2nd and 3rd world countries. In other words, the above optimistically assumes all the stocks of the Shanghai stock exchange are held by westerners solely for their precious little 401k plans which simply is not the case (heck, foreigners hold most of our debt anyway).

Third, the bond market has a ton of debt that is, frankly, never going to be paid back and be defaulted upon. $16 trillion (intra government holdings duly noted) alone of which is the US federal government and roughly an equivalent amount in those kick-the-can-down-the-road socialist utopias in Europe that are currently already defaulting.

So of that $137 trillion, can we roughly assume only a third of it is going to go to help finance people's retirement plans? So roughly $46 trillion, i.e. 95% short of the amount necessary for people to retire.

Now there is one other variable I have not accounted for (and, truthfully, am having some difficulty figuring this one out, but I think I have it pegged, though would appreciate any criticism or thought on it)

Not everybody is going to retire on the same day.

As the 401k Clergy will rush to point out,

"See!!! See!!! The stock market goes up though! You're not assuming any growth! You're assuming everybody cashes in today when they will in fact amortize out and we all know the stock market will go up by the magical amount to pay for everybody's retirement! See!! See!!!"

And they're right. Not everybody is retiring today and the markets will grow. So let's do a little more (admittedly rough) math. The magical $46 trillion needs to grow into $1 quadrillion to pay for the current 1 billion westerners' retirement plans. And while these people vary in ages from new borns to nearly dead, assume 35 years for the markets to grow (half of people's life expectancy to roughly approximate the old and young). We'll also optimistically assume an 8% annualized growth rate, meaning the market will increase roughly 15 fold in those 35 years. Even with this idealistic scenario (where governments never default, corporations provide annualized returns of 12%, there's no inflation, and Obama's Magical Job Unicorn farts out jobs), the total global market capitalization for stocks and bonds will be....

$665 trillion.

Still about 35% short of the total.

Now, again, this was VERY rough mathematics and I'm sure somebody will find something wrong (and please do inform me if you do), but using this very rough litmus test it shows once again conventional retirement planning is flawed. The amount of growth necessary in the capital markets will not be sufficient enough to pay for everybody's retirement. And it is not even so much the rate of growth in the prices of stocks and bonds will be inadequate, but rather the increase in earnings, profits, dividends, and solvency of bond

issuers will not be there to legitimize or rationalize current prices. In English, this means as people flood the market with retirement dollars P/E ratios will go up, dividend yields will go down, and financial deadbeats (in the form of most western governments) will continue to borrow money at low rates they will never be able to pay back.

People who are planning for retirement need to consider other forms of retirement beyond their IRA and 401k's. They need to look at skills, property, commodities or just working till they're dead. Not just because they didn't save up for retirement, but because the prospects for growth just isn't there.

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Not Good for My Tornado Chasing

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Lousy stupid tornadoes.

This only PROVES my 100% correct theory that the reason I have yet to see a tornado is not because of bad luck or a lack of them, but rather they know I'm looking for them and they are AFRAID OF ME! And thus, when they know I'm coming they COWARDLY retreat back up into the clouds!

Sling-Shot Religion

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An interesting piece by Athol Kay about a couple where one of the spouses turned "religious" and was born again after 20 years of being anti-religious. This caused some stress in the relationship, not just because of the philosophical or religious change in the spouse, but because it now brings on the specter of one person having a higher moral authority over the other.

While the piece is one of advice, it also happens to be a perfect example of what I like to call "Sling Shot Religion."

I have not mentioned this term before (because I literally just came up with it in the shower 3 minutes ago), but I have addressed it amorphously across multiple posts in the past. Namely, it is my complaint against and disgust with people who abuse a religion, joining one not to praise a god or something altruistic as that, as much as it is an ulterior and self-serving purpose (business connections, finding a spouse, etc.). But what I could not peg down was a term that would describe people who abuse religion to give them presumed "moral superiority" over others.

I was originally intending "leverage," but I liked the phrase "sling shot" because it references how various satellites and space vehicles use the mass and gravity of a planet to "sling shot" and go faster for its own benefit. i.e.-Voyager 1 didn't go to Jupiter to visit Jupiter (well, it did) as much as it used Jupiter's gravitational force to fling it out into interstellar space. And there are people in all religions who are "sling shots" and not genuine practitioners.

The problem with sling-shot religious people though goes beyond merely joining a church or a mosque to make friends or drum up some business. They are particularly cowardly people, sometimes outright evil, because they crave power AND are willing to resort to hypocritical means to get it.

The church, for example, has trouble with young men becoming pastors because majoring in "divinity" is not only easy, but you immediately get authority as a pastor (whether you believe in the religion or not). Many pastors abuse their position, not just reveling in their position, but many times using the bible or the religion to excuse unfair behavior against others or preferential behavior towards themselves.

The born-again christian girl is another example. I don't have to go into the number of girls I dated that would use "Jesus" for any number of non-religious reasons. "I can't kiss you until we're engaged." "I can lay here in your bed in just my skivvies but we're not making out." "Unless you pray with me and go to church, we can't date." "We can't have

sex, but we can do anything else." Again, these sling-shoters don't really believe in the religion, but enjoy having the benefit of a rationalization hamster in the form of a holy script to lord power over you and excuse their own immoral behavior.

In short, much like "crusaderism" I wanted to point out "sling-shot" religious folk because these are bad people and are a threat to your happiness and freedom. It's just that in order to avoid the threats these people pose, the first step is in identifying them, explaining what they're doing and how they think, and explaining why they do such things.

Saving Another Soul

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From a reader:

I heard about you on the Tom Leykis Show and I immediately picked up your book! "Worthless" was the most valuable investment I ever made!Now I don't have to fear ending up like my Leftist sister who graduated with an Anthropology degree & now drowning in debt with no job! I am also obsessed with your YouTube videos and I agree with you on virtually all of your topics! You are one of my 4 biggest role models along with Tom Leykis, Adam Carolla, and Dennis Prager. I'd be thrilled if I could stay in touch you & write to your advice every once in a while. Thanks!

-Brice in California

I appreciate Brice's e-mail, but it also reminded me of a little story I need to share.

I was at the Orlando International Airport waiting on standby. Since my plane wasn't going to be coming in for a while, I was looking for one of the coveted electrical outlets to plug my phone and computer into. As I scoured the area I walked past a young lady who I believe to be a janitor or baggage person. She was talking to another co-worker and I caught a segment of the conversation:

"*I know it doesn't pay well, but I getting my degree in Anthropology. You have to follow your dreams.*"

I wanted to rip her a new one, telling her to stop being so idiotic and naive. That she was never going to achieve anything of note or worth, that there were a billion naive young 20 somethings just like her, and that this lousy job she had was going to be the only job she could get, even after completing college.

Of course, this would have been impolite and probably land me in trouble. So instead I walked up to her and asked:

"*Excuse me, do you know where there are any electrical outlets?*"

She said, "*Yes, there's one down the hallway on the left.*"

I figured it was the anthropology major's equivalent of "Do you want fries with that?"

Regardless, look, don't have your child grow up to become the janitor at the airport with $75,000 in student debt.

Just have your child grow up to become the janitor.

Not everybody has to go to college and you only hurt your children pushing them into a worthless major that they're not going to use. There's nothing wrong with being a janitor or a baggage guy.

There IS something wrong being financially crippled because you or your parents were a moron and you ended up majoring in crap.

Associates Degree in Heavy Metal

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

From our British Agent in the field.

Again, I REALLY should be sipping a cocktail on a beach for the rest of my days as EVERY student and parent in America should be reading this book.

How Hyphenated American Studies Hurt Minorities

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When the Heathens Come Over the Hills

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don't expect me or any other guy to lift a finger except for our loved ones who proved they are worth saving and risking our lives for.

Latest Epidsode of The Clarey Podcast

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In this episode Aaron showcases his new recording equipment and software as he talks about how he'd rather have a celebrity roast than a funeral, how church was so boring he actually read the bible, why everybody should write a book, how it's sad men can no longer ask women to dance, and that yes, he is indeed good looking.

Beyond Help

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Arguably the single largest complaint or criticism I received about "Enjoy the Decline" was that unless you were a single bachelor under 40 who didn't have kids it wouldn't apply to you. Of course, this is not true as the book is actually quite family-oriented, so much so I think it would surprise most of my regular readers just how "pro-family" I am in the book. However, the criticism did highlight an aspect of human psychology that I found interesting, specifically its inability to accept "being totally screwed."

Understand when I say, "being totally screwed" I'm not talking about a temporary condition where after you make a couple course changes and strive a bit you are back on track. I'm talking about life changing decisions that cripple you in one way or another for the rest or the majority of your life.

So for example, let's say you did some drugs back when you were 14, the cops busted you, and at that moment you said, "Dude, I am so screwed."

Are you really screwed?

Sure enough, though the sinking feeling of panic that set in your heart suggested otherwise, three years later you graduate from high school, go to college, and when you're 29 you laugh at it realizing how inconsequential it was.

Now let's say you're 14 and you get pregnant or impregnate somebody.

OK, NOW YOU'RE SCREWED.

And the reason why is that is at minimum 20 years of your life gone, spent raising your child.

For the most part "severe, life-crippling screwed" comes from having children you can't afford. Matter of fact, I believe this so much, I believe you should need to have a license before you start spawning children. However, there are other stupid mistakes you can make that are also life-crippling.

Majoring in something stupid and going into debt for it.
Buying a house or cars you can't afford.
Racking up credit card debt to the point you have to file for bankruptcy
Marrying somebody who is abusive
etc. etc.

These life-crippling decisions and the consequences of them cannot be overcome in a few short years. Matter of fact, they are decisions that will punish you for the rest of your life and only until you die will you be relieved of their consequences.

So my question is this:

"What do you want me to do about it?"

Not so much to my critics of "Enjoy the Decline" but to people like this who have obviously screwed over their lives so much there is no hope whatsoever they will ever recover from it, but then complain when society can't bail them out. By definition being "beyond hope" means NOBODY and NOTHING can help you. So whether it's a book like "Enjoy the Decline" or all the "moral support" you're going to get from your family and friends, NOTHING is going to unscrew you out of your situation.

In short what I think it is, is the inability of the human brain to accept that it's life is over. Matter of fact, it's probably even worse. That it's still going to be alive, but have to suffer a life of strife, agony, suffering and pain and not enjoy the care-free happy life they were expecting. And when faced with accepting such a prospect, the average human brain simply doesn't. It denies it's going to have to suffer for the rest of its days and complains about the lack of solutions. However, it also fails to realize there ARE NO solutions. The only solution is that they will have to suffer, a prospect political promises backed up by lot of redistributed wealth and borrowed Chinese money has numbed most minds to.

Regardless, in the end, the solution is very simple - don't make stupid decisions that will cripple you for the rest of your life. Don't have more kids than you can afford. Don't major in stupid subjects. Don't expect government to support you. Don't have kids when you are a teenager. And for god's sake, don't complain to me when my book can't work miracles by helping the helpless.

Ode to the Ladies of The Manosphere

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Stingray was kind enough to link to me. If you love the ladies of the Manosphere, I suggest you visit her site. Also if you are one of the lovely ladies yourself, you may like the podcast she linked to.

Why They Never Lose Weight

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Nobody likes fat.

Sorry, that's a truth, if you don't like it I'm sure there are some Oprah youtube videos spewing lies that will make you happy.

But if you wish to live with us in the real world, nobody likes fat.

It's disgusting.

It's unhealthy.

It damages relationships.

And it damages the host.

However, during one of my long days working by myself, allowed to ponder the meanings of life, I was trying to figure out what was the resistance to people losing weight when the solution is well known and obvious. And I think I have figured it out via economics.

Understand when you are asking somebody to change something about them be it losing weight, giving up smoking, increasing muscle mass, etc., you are not merely asking them to hit the gym, watch the calories, or give up smoking for that month. You are asking them to do that *for the rest of their lives*.

This prospect, whether consciously realized or not, is daunting to the brain because you aren't asking that person to suffer temporarily for the next month. You are asking them to dedicate a significant amount of their time for the rest of their days towards to something that their previous behavior proved they did not enjoy. In other words it's the equivalent to asking somebody to take on a part time job when they really don't want to.

In this regard I feel a little for my fellow overweight people or scrawny folk because who really wants to spend more of their lives working at what is effectively a part time job they won't enjoy? I hate lifting weights, and if it weren't for MP3 players I probably would hate running too. The question is whether the gains from engaging in such behavior (higher social status, better looks, better pride, better/more sex, etc.) is worth the cost (mind-numbing working out, opportunity cost to time spent running, lousy food, etc. for the rest of your life) and this cannot be answered for everybody. However, for most people, that answer is yes.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats, if I had spent a fraction of the time I spent going to night clubs and trying to chat up girls and instead just hit the gym I would have been immensely more successful in my early years. If you set down the booze and video games so you can knock out 3 miles a day, not only will your physical looks improve, so will your health. And ladies the fact still remains that the ONLY thing a guy can first ascertain about you is your physical beauty. The list goes on, but unless you REALLY hate working out (and I mean hate on a level of hating hipsters and child molesters) it is in your best interests to lift weights, hit the treadmill, watch what you eat and improve your physique.

Yes, it is going to suck. And yes, it is something you'll have to do for the rest of your life. But it will be worth it in the end. And besides, if you find out it isn't worth it, then you can always go back to the status quo as it is very easy to get fat.

Part time job.

Modern Day College Students

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"I continued to google search various phrases and sentences that seemed too well crafted for the ability of my students and found out that out of 92 students, 89 had plagiarized.

The next day I ripped into them. I lectured them about how plagiarism was completely unacceptable, they would all get F's and blah blah blah, they weren't listening. And sure enough I got called into the principle's office.

The "dean" then lectured me about how I was overly harsh on the students and that they "didn't know" they weren't supposed to plagiarize. He then went on to read complaints he took in a survey from my students about my performance, one of which was a complaint about this ever so slight speech impediment I have (I cough due to allergies more frequently than the average person). I was to also let all the students write a new paper. I was dumbfounded.

I was to apologize to these students for their plagiarism. Only in a 2 year degree mill.

It was here that I realized that if I was going to keep my job I was just going to have to play ball and pass these kids no matter what. But the trick was to show them still who was boss because by this time they thought they owned me and had won. Never mind their degree would be worthless. Never mind with that kind of attitude they would get fired in half a second. In their little minds they "won" and now life was just going to bend over for them, if not the dean would always be able to save them and would bend life over for them.

But I would get my revenge. For the next class in the next semester was statistics."

I'm Not Simon Cowell, I'm Aaron Clarey

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I rarely post people's comments. This is in large part because I am lazy and it takes effort. However, every once in a while somebody will say something absolutely brilliant that it mandates I post it.

This is the opposite.

This is a response from (what I believe to be) a drunk 34 year old woman. She is responding to this post from several years back (emphasis mine). I have done a copy and paste job so you can see her post in true, unedited form.

I cannt stand guys like you. You think ur all that and she was probably interested in you because, I don't know UR ok looking and near her age?? What makes you think you deserve a model in her 20's? Who are you? Simon bleeping Cowell? Wouldn't you rather have a ***women who is mature and experienced and confident because she now KNOWS who she is not like some flaky college girl*** *and since your talking about marriage is must be on your mind so a* ***women in her 30's is looking to settle down****. She and already* ***got the partying out of her system and WANTS to get married****. So go ahead and be like that. It's your loss not mine I'm 34 and there R still LOTS guys to date. I post a dating profile and get 50 responses in 20 minutes. So I KNOW I'm still wanted and by the way u know whats funny you went to all the trouble of that* ***making that graph and I didn't even bother to read it.*** *:)*

Normally I would dissect this, but I have a feeling this is meat too tempting to the hungry lions so I'm going to let you guys light this one up.

Have fun boys and girls!

PS - And for cripes sake, with the questioning of my looks thing again! Can't my critics at least look me up on teh interwebs to see if I'm just an ugly, pissed off loser in his mother's basement? Here's a picture of me ~~teaching a salsa dance class~~ in my "mother's basement" playing video games and watching porn because I can't find no girlz. Cripes.

BE THE BEST
YOU CAN BE

The Bachelor Tax Cometh

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If it isn't paying property taxes while you have no children

or paying higher income taxes and not being able to deduct/itemize your non-existent children

it will be something else where other people want to tax the childless bachelor.

Enjoy the decline.

QOTD

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"*Hamsters gotta hamst!*"

Financial and Economic Wisdom

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I was talking with Danny from 504 when in Florida and he was telling me how he knew nothing about economics and that's why he liked my site. I often forget that a lot of people come here for the economic knowledge and that, though, logical and self-improving, the Manosphere doesn't really have a "financial advice" hub making me the "resident economist" of sorts.

He wanted to know where to get educated on finance, investing, economics etc., and while the internet is certainly a place for self-learning, there are couple class and resources I've developed over the years that may be of benefit for those of you looking for financial advice.

#1 The Blog

If you look in the top left of my blog there is a little search box that will search my entire blog for posts on whatever financial topic you are looking for. Understand this blog is NOT designed to be like a class, but over the past 7 years chances are if there's a topic you're interested in, I have at least written about it. This is a good start to get some free information.

#2 My Introductory Finance Class

Many years ago, 13, I wrote a basic introductory finance class for an online company. I was younger then and though I've improved in my writing, it was basic enough and I was young enough that it REALLY resonates with students. It is a BASIC, INTRODUCTORY COURSE to investing and financial planning. It is ALSO "conventional" meaning it doesn't go into the prospects of the government confiscating your IRA's, the collapse of social security, etc. (though I do touch on those things).

Yes, it costs money, but if you're looking for a place to start and to have a good road map providing you context for future learning, I recommend dropping the bucks on it.

HOWEVER SINCE THIS IS A CLASS OF ANOTHER COMPANY YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE AND NOT BE POLITICAL. These are real college classes, they just happen to be online. You can find the closest class to your location here:

Stocks, Bonds, and Investing: Oh, My![image]

#3 My Stock Analysis and Valuation Class

This is the class I originally wanted to write. Not everybody is going to have an interest in investing in stocks, HOWEVER, in all honesty I would have to say this is the best class I've ever seen that teaches people about basic accounting and how to read financial statements. You may not want to invest in the stock market, but it is a GREAT skill to be able to learn how to read an income statement and a balance sheet. Again, it costs money, and AGAIN YOU WILL BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR, but if you are looking to go beyond basic finance, this is the class to take.

The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks[image]

Additionally, if there are any specific classes you are interested in, let me know because I have access to their entire catalogue of classes and can post them here.

#4 Khan's Academy

I have not checked in there in a while, but I would surmise by now Khan's Academy has hopefully started to branch out into the finance, investing, economics world. Last I checked however, it was still pretty IT/Science focused. Regardless, keep an eye on them for future free classes.

#5 Books like "Economics in One Lesson," the "Books for Dummies" series, even Rich Dad Poor Dad are great resources for people looking to get by on the cheap at the library. I also plan on a future book on economics, so keep your eyes peeled for that.

#6 Libertyclassroom.com. It's a classroom, it's liberating, it's libertyclassroom!

#7 THis was sent to me by Wall Street Oasis. Some good stuff here too:

- Anatomy of the 10-K - *one of the most high quality posts we've had on the site, written by a hedge fund portfolio manager*
- MD at top HF invited me to have dinner...should I go?, and part 2 (the follow up) - a *tell all story from a female grad student who was invited for dinner by a managing director to "discuss career opportunities"*
- How to Develop a Personality - *a great story on keeping/growing your personality while spending most of your hours at the office*

Hopefully this will provide those of you interested in personal financial management with some options and help your future financial endeavors.

Cpt.

The Enslavement and Imprisonment of Western Children

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Once again, for the cheap seats, I will make my claim that I do not hate children. Matter of fact I will go so far to say I probably like children more than the average American or western parent in the fact I've actually taken the time to assess whether I would even make for a good father before fornicating and bringing innocent little souls into this world only to suffer under my poor and reluctant parenting. I will even go further and claim that unlike most adults today, I have not forgotten what it was like to be a child and therefore empathize with them.

However, in being an adult I have the added benefit of hindsight and a birds-eye view. I can look back with adult eyes and assess, analyze and view kids today as well as look at my adult peers and see how they interact with children. And the unfortunately I've concluded our (adults') relationship with today's children is not so much of one of love, kindness and discipline, but rather one of convenience, advantage and slavery.

We literally enslave and imprison our children for our benefit.

For example, take religion.

I don't think I ever ran into one religious adult, yesteryear or today, who uses religion as an optional tool to instill virtue, morality, and discipline in a child. A tool of which can be discarded or kept at the child's discretion when that child reaches an age of which they can determine their own religious beliefs. Instead, the majority of instances the child is used as an asset for the religion. A borderline annuity of future collection plate donations, that is brainwashed before it is even cognizant or sentient, and then guilt-tripped into further compliance with the threat of eternal damnation and excommunication from the church. And before you start making accusations of cynicism, ask yourself this question - have you ever seen or forced your own kid to participate in the Christmas service at church? Forcing them to memorize hymns they don't understand and play the manger scene?

Was that for their benefit, god's benefit, or yours?

That's what I thought.

If religion doesn't convince you, just look at how we treat "having children" today. While, yes, I will admit, there are many loving parents who truly love their children and have them for all the right reasons, sadly they account for the minority. This is evidenced by

the percent of parents who actually bring up their own children versus outsourcing it to a third party. Be you ghetto/trailer trash, getting knocked up in your teen years and outsourcing the upbringing of your child to the state or you be uppity higher class folk who pay a nanny to ~~take away the inconvenience of raising your own child so you can pursue your own career~~ raise your child, let us be very clear what you are stating with your actions. You view your child as a physical asset. A thing to "have. A cute little toy that you do not credit with having its own personality, intelligence, consciousness or soul. It is no different than a luxury SUV or an accidental consequence for fornicating without protection. Regardless of whether you are using it as a social status object or a reason to collect more in WIC/welfare, it is clear once again the child is there to serve you. It is a slave, it is a prisoner.

Finally, if none of that convinces you (or perhaps none of it applies to you), just because the parents may not be unconsciously enslaving their children, doesn't mean the rest of society isn't. Namely the education industry.

If there is an example of how we abuse, enslave, and take advantage of our children, the United States' (and most other western nations') educational system is it. From the age of 5, we have our country's WORST people act like they're educating them, when in reality they are doing far worse.

At best they are baby sitting the tykes (thankfully taking those ~~crying, liability-brats~~ much-loved-children off of our hands, which is why very few parents ever complain). But worse they are typically (though not always) our most incompetent and lazy citizens looking for an easy "career." Too lazy to learn a skill or a trade, millions of worthless and lazy people declare "education" as a major not because they nobly care about the children, but like the idea of 3 months off, avoiding math at all costs, and being practically unfireable. But the absolute worst is the brainwashing that occurs by these despicable people. Indifferent about providing a genuine education to these children and preparing them for the real world, members of the education industry are first and foremost interested in brainwashing the little tykes into voting for future socialist causes, namely, more money for education, thereby guaranteeing their own financial futures.

However, the slavery is not merely relegated to K-12. Not by a long shot. There's still blood in those bodies that need to be sucked out and by god, we're going to get every drop.

First, you have every leftist, educator and teacher union thug pushing for the expansion of "pre-K-12" and "early childhood development. Such efforts have already manifested themselves in the form of "Head Start" and the multitude of before and after school activities that are nothing more than breakfast, lunch and dinner programs. Leftists and socialists are only more than happy to have the government take on more and more of the role of parent as it further secures future income for their ~~racket~~ "profession." And

lazy, pathetic-excuses-for-parents are only more than happy to have ~~that little crying bastard~~ their beloved child outsourced to the state. Besides, "it's for the chilllllldrreeeeeennnnnn." And there's no amount of other people's money and government indoctrination that's too good for them, right?

Second, it's not like the slavery ends at 18. Not by a long shot. Matter of fact this is when the child-enslavement kicks into high gear. For after 13 years of indoctrination you can actually sell these young skulls full of mush on the idea of going into debt to the tune of $100,000 for worthless degrees that have no hope of ever providing a positive rate of return. They are so deluded and misled they will actually spend anywhere from 4-8 years of their lives listening to worthless people spew worthless liberal arts and humanities, and they give these vermin their money.

Finally, as the slave starts to approach 30, and has jumped through all the hurdles, giving the adults and the education/enslavement industry the best years of their lives, $100,000 in tuition, and unwavering blind brainwashed loyalty, they finally have nothing left to give. They have been sucked dry of all their youth, all their money, all their energy and creativity, and thusly are...

kicked to the curb.

The adults no longer have any use for them (and the real world certainly doesn't). They have served their purpose - to entertain and support other adults. Besides, there are always newer and younger batches of slave-children being fed into the machine. This child-slave has nothing left to offer and is thus discarded.

Normally, this would enrage and anger most slaves. However, there is one, final ingenious trick the slave masters played on their young victims. They instilled in their children slaves unassailable egos.

With 13 years of K-12 brainwashing, as well as 4-8 years more in college, the education-slave industry lied to the children-slaves. They told them "how great they were" how "intelligent they were" and how they were bound for "great things if they just followed their heart and the money would follow." And when faced with the reality that most of them had;

1. No skills or trades that were employable
2. No future job prospects
3. Trillions of dollars in student debts
4. Just got suckered

their egos can't handle it. Why, they're just so gosh darn intelligent! Don't you know she has a 3.85 GPA in sociology?! And instead of owning up to their mistakes for believing

the BS the education-enslavement industry, they do what they were trained to do - lash out at the enemies of their indoctrinators.

"Evil big businesses."
"IT's the corporations MAAAAN!!!"
"It's George Bush!"
"It's white males/oppression/racism/sexism!"

So brainwashed are they, they will even continue to vote for socialist programs that mortgage their futures such as social security, national health care, medicare, etc. and some are so brainwashed, they merely double down hoping to become a slave master themselves by working for the education-enslavement industry.

Most, however, with time, will realize when they're 40, 50, even 60 that they are the ones who are to blame for believing the lies the adults told them.

But frankly, I don't care about them because by that time they are no longer children. They're adults.

Adults who should known better.

Enjoy the decline!

Boris

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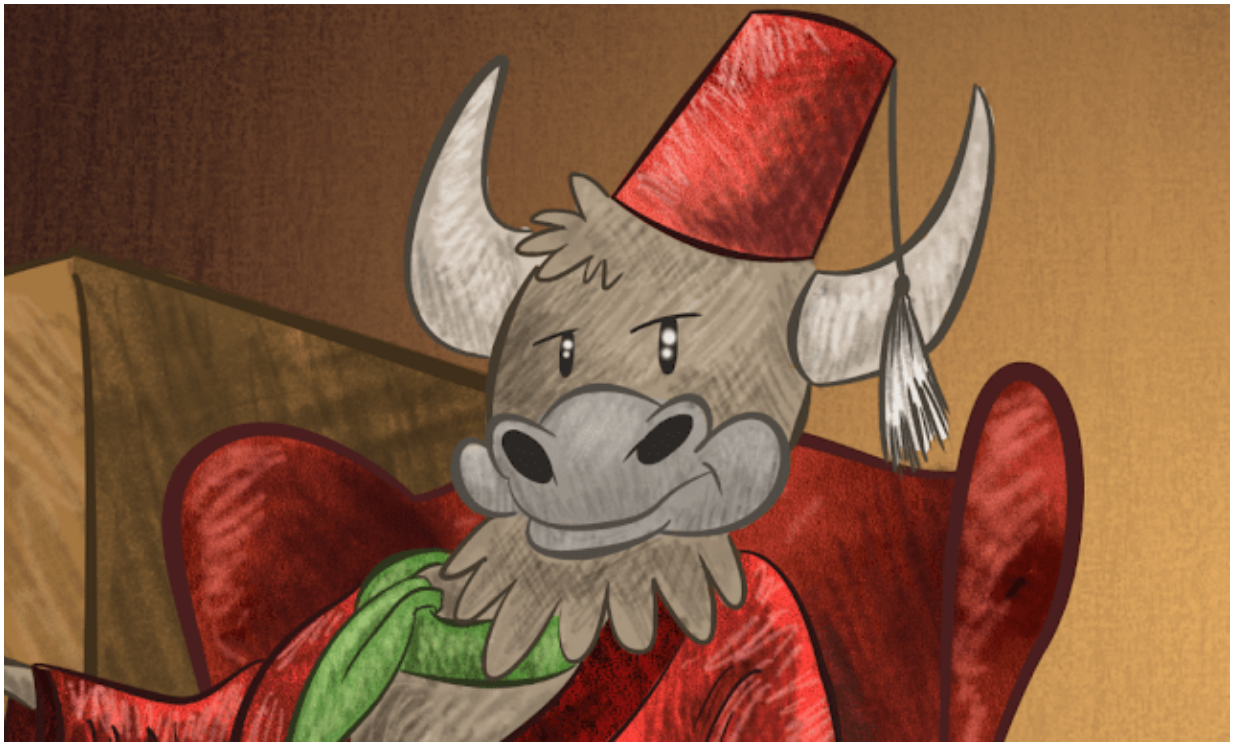
Coming this summer!



Curse His Velvety Voice

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Davis Aurini has finished the recording of "Worthless" on tape. Will be available soon. But if you want to hear his "made for radio" voice he has put up the first chapter for all to hear. Of course, it is fair that I warn you in advance, his voice is like heroin to the ladies. You girls will not be able to resist and will be begging for more.

You're Better Off Playing Video Games and Drinking in Your Mom's Basement...

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than majoring in the liberal arts.

And I'm not joking about that either. You WILL be better off.

Bachelor Work Camps, The Soccer Mom Myth and More

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on this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

A Feminist's Dream Come True

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Ah, yes. Argentina.

A woman in power (by her own merits of course, not because she was married to the previous president).

A compliant leftist parliament.

Hot latin guys.

And non-western culture.

A feminist's dream come true.

What could possibly go wrong in this wondrous utopia!?

Heh heh. Just you wait.

QOTD

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Regarding the post "The Enslavement and Imprisonment of Western Children"

"*I am from an older generation than most of your readers. We had children because remote controls for TVs were not invented yet.*"

Using Politics to Compensation for Lack of Talent

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This is the latest and last installment of "Confessions of a Worthless Degreed Person" our interview series with Jorge Gonzales.

Not that the other episodes weren't interesting, but this one was my favorite in that two very interesting observations were made.

1. 100%, not "most," not "the majority" 100% ALL of the women in his college were leftists and liberals. It is proof of several things

   a. These young kids are nowhere near as independent minded as they like to think they are
   b. They are obviously brainwashed
   c. The vehement responses he got when painting something "politically incorrect" only further proves my "Leftist Zombie" theory.

2. I was amazed how you can no longer just make a work of art. It MUST have a political meaning behind it and it MUST be leftist. This is of course nothing but a ruse to overshadow the fact none of these "artists" have any talent. None of them can be considered "artists."

It's very much worth a listen despite the poor audio quality as it shows you just how far and psychotic this part of life has become since leftists have taken it over.

Before You Major in Law…

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consider this first.

Some Very Practical Advice for Young Men

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And you young men should listen to your elders so you have a better life than we did!

And That's Why I'm Packing an AR 15

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Correct.

Epic Fail in Tornado Chasing

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I have returned from a day of chasing tornadoes. None of which were brave enough to set foot on the planet while I was driving around. Just further proof it is tornadoes that are afraid of me.

Though a member of the Cappysphere seems to have suffered some tornado damage.

Nannies Aren't Mommies

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From our British Agent in the Field:

Good morning Captain! I just had my 79th birthday, I am a woman born in England with ancestors who came from other places as well. I very much enjoyed your piece on children and would have written a comment but prefer to speak directly to you. I was brought up by a trained Nanny and in unusual circumstances, that is, a war which involved moving from place to place and living on the minimum amount. Nothing can be worse for the developing mind and soul than being put in a group of other children supposedly supervised by a woman with no personal interest in them. Many women can be good nursing mothers because nature and the hormones kick in here. Later one is in the absolute power of one person who is most often NOT INTERESTED AND SELF ABSORBED. I do not speak from experience here but from observation. I am an historian by training who was lucky enough to make a living as a librarian\archivist here in North America. Thanks to Vivien, my nurse/ nanny/ governess, a Methodist by the way, I was instructed in the basics of the Christian faith [I am now a convert to Catholicism] and a sane person [well, maybe], my sister owes her very life to this woman. Growiing up with adults dying all around one for something greater than themselves plus some knowledge of God gives one the core belief that it is all for a purpose. Well, enough! I could go on and on as my friends ofteen remark... Most important: Children are not here to be our slaves and playthings as you say.
Thank you!

The Corruption of the Economics Profession

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From a reader, answers I provided are italicized. Figured this may address many questions people have about velocity, why there isn't inflation, the corruption of the economics profession, and let's not forget ripping apart the parasite classes of society:

Hello Captain,

Longtime reader of your site here. I remember when it had the black background. Back then, you used to do more econ heavy site, which is why I, as an economist, was drawn to it. Although you've since changed direction, I find myself still reading. I don't always agree with you, but I continue to read to get your take on things.

I have some questions though that have been bothering me and I thought I'd send them your way to get some insights. Like you, I am libertarian minded when it comes to the economy. I favor smaller, decentralized government, a minimal welfare state, and balanced budgets.

I used to be a big Austrian. The Austrians, as you know, have been predicting for some time that massive inflation would follow the Fed's printing efforts. The logic, as I understand it, is that inflation is a monetary phenomenon, and the expansion of the monetary supply would accordingly result in massive price increases.

But... this hasn't happened. Except for in commodities like food (whose prices have been risen for a variety of supply reasons), inflation has been relatively stable. What gives? To paraphrase the Wendy's lady, where's the inflation?

1. The reason we haven't see inflation is because the marginal propensity to consume and invest has gone way down. In other words, Obama, the debt, and the general socialist direction we are going is scaring away any investors, businesses and entreprenuers. Also, many people are just simply not spending any money as they're afraid of the cripplling effects of government debt AND the future taxation that would imply. Because of this you can pump the banking system FULL of money, but that money will remain unlent and in reserves, never seeing the light of day in the real economy AND THUS not cause inflation. Also, banks are pretty much prevented from lending out any money now due to Dodd Frank and their own incompetence (ever try to refi a house today?) So in short, the money is tied up in the vaults of banks and not until it is lent out will it cause inflation.

TO see this look at the velocity of money at the FRED database. This mathemtically shows just how little faith we have in the future.

My second question concerns the debt. With Reinhart-Rogoff's excel error, everyone is pronouncing the end of austerity. I don't think that's the case, but I'm starting to wonder whether the Keynesians have a point. It seems impossible to cut our way out of the debt. We're still paying off debt from WW2. Isn't the more logical answer to grow the economy, and thus reduce the size of the payments relative to GDP.
I am not stupid enough to recognize that growing the economy is easier said than done. Though I have been straying from the libertarian gospel for sometime now, I know that the government multiplier effect is non-existent at worst and exaggerated at best. Even if the Keynesians have a point about growth, they don't have a point about fiscal led growth.

2. Yes, the logical choice is to grow the economy to dwarf the debt, but to do that in today's economy would require government spending because the private sector is basically scared into inaction. Of course, there's a problem. Government doesn't really produce anything. AND on top of that the problem the Keynesians face is a psychological one. Again, the debt, the general hatred towards production, success, wealth, and innovation Obama and leftists have in this country is scaring the producers into inaction, meaning most government spending will be symbolic, ineffectual, and never spurring real economic growth. The pump will never be primed.

Another problem the Keynesians face is that to get the economy growing again means getting the productive people producing again. But, bluntly, these are the enemies Obama and leftists hate and want to punish. I don't credit Obama or the democrat leadership with the knowledge of economics or intelligence to piece this together and realizing they'll never get the economy to grow because their policies are antithetical to economic growth. However, this no doubt is causing some traditional Keynesian economists (who DO want the country to succeed) to pull out their hair...or what little hair economists have.

Finally, my last question concerns the heterodox nature of libertarian economics. Given that the economics field is dominated by neo-Keynesians or some variant of that, isn't it odd that the supposed correct answers, the Austrian/libertarian school, are so outside of the grain? I guess what I'm saying here is a reformatting of a tired leftist argument on global warming. So many of the experts believe it, therefore it must be true and if you deny it you are insane/stupid/ignorant/pick your slur here. How could it be that those who have dedicated their lives to the study of economics are so wrong about it, if they really are?

3. Economics, like all the other liberal arts, has been co-opted and hijacked by lesser minded people who use it as a means to avoid real work. It is no coincidence they spew (typically) leftist solutions because that is how they get paid in government-financed academia, leftist-non-profit think tanks, and government itself. What angers me most is the hypocrisy and arrogance of these people. On one hand they claim to be trying to

help people, but while on the other hand they are selling nearly a billion westerners down the river so they can advance their own faux career.

The end WILL COME and I say that not out of some kind of religious zealot prophecy, but simply because their current economic model/system/ideology is not sustainable. With no production and government expected to resolve all problems AND having that government merely act as an agent for wealth redistribution one of these days our creditors will turn off the line of credit, call our debts due and the life blood that supports the system (other people/countries' monies) will stop flowing and the system will crash.

I believe this is the way to go because, as you point out, everybody is believing the lie and the stupidity. And not just the professionals and leaders of our country, but the idiotic masses of voters who are truly some of the dumbest people in the history of human kind.

So I say light up a cigar and enjoy the decline. There's nothing you or I can do to stop stupid or ignorant. But we can enjoy watching the welfare class revolt when their EBT cards don't buy jack or their welfare checks bounce OR there just plain isn't anything in the shelves of grocery stores to buy.

Cpt.

B.A.S.D.S.M.T.O.T.W.D

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BASDSMTOT (Bachelors Against SUV Driving Soccer Moms Texting or Talking While Driving) is a new ~~crusade I want to pursue because I'm bored and want to tell other people what to do with their lives so I can feel better about myself~~ campaign I want to start to protect society from a genuine scourge that threatens us all

Soccer moms who drive SUV's and don't pay attention because they're too busy talking on their phone, texting, or are just plain lousy drivers.

Many a bachelor and motorcycle riders would have been killed had it not been for our superior reflexes and defensive driving that compensates for the general poor driving ability of this group, but we here at ~~MADD,~~ BASDSMTOTWD want to be just as aloof, unaware and indifferent about our driving ability as the texting talking soccer moms. I want to be able to do my make up, text, talk on my phone and try to discipline my child while crashing into and totaling a bachelor's convertible (that actually happened to me) with no consequence of legal punishment.

So what I suggest is limiting the ability of ~~normal, responsible adults to have a drink and enjoy life~~ soccer moms to drive because ~~I'm a unproductive member of society, and like Mayor Bloomberg have nothing better to do,~~ I care about society. therefore I'm asking the legislature to limit the NODUITSUV (Number Of Distracting Units In The SUV) to 2. NODUITSUV would be any object or entity that is capable of distraction such as:

1. cell phone
2. child
3. make up
4. magazine
5. on star
6. another person

etc.

So if you have your cell phone, three chidlren, and your husband. Too bad, you can't take all 5. You need to make three separate trips hauling only 2 NODUITSUV's each to abide by this law.

And I don't care how much it inconveniences you, because "if it just saves one life, then it's worth it."

Glenn Thrush, Douchebag and Beta of the Year

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If you wonder why I hate socialism and leftists, this is why.

When the IT Guy Shrugged

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I wonder what all those MBA's and HR directors will do when the IT guys across the world just say, "f@ck it" and go fishing instead.

The Liberal Mind

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Amen brother.

Why You Should Aspire to be a Security Guard

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If I had stayed out of banking when I originally intended to, I would have had more years experience as a security guard than I would in banking. The reason why is that my first job in college was as a campus cop which then predispositioned me for future security work. Sure enough if I needed any extra cash I would work a night shift or go part time. Also, security work gave me options, thus any time a boss got lippy, I was misled about a job's duties, or there was just a good ole fashioned market melt down I could tell the boss to pound sand and take off.

However, while most people look at security guards as one of the lowliest of "professions" truth is it's the best damn job you can have.

The reason is simple - the job allows you to work on you.

Understand that the vast majority (if not all) corporate wage slave jobs require your time to be completely consumed and preoccupied. And more often than not that time is consumed with a mentally boring and mundane task. And even if it isn't, the culture is such that you still have to "act busy," which is even more mind-numbing than actual work. In the end, yes you do have a job, but your brain is completely and 100% occupied doing boring work that advances some other person or company.

However, with security work it is different.

First, your job is to merely be present. Not to track down the bad guys. Not to do detective work. Not to be a wanna be cop. You merely sit at your station or desk, make an hourly patrol, and then return to your desk. The reason why is the big secret in the security industry. You really aren't paid to protect, you're paid because having a uniformed person on the premises gets that company or client a decrease in their insurance costs. A decrease that MORE than compensates them for the $9/hour they're paying you.

Second, since you aren't supposed to be doing anything other than merely existing most security companies allow you to do some other work. In other words, there is no expectation you need to be constantly occupied all the time. Matter of fact, it's expected you'll bring a book, study, bring a laptop or whatever. Some security companies and some security gigs won't allow for this (for example body guarding some socialite at a night club) and these are not the gigs I'm talking about. But the majority of security work is sitting at some corporate campus, twiddling your thumbs, killing time.

Third, the caliber of the average security guard is crap. Absenteeism is a huge problem,

drugs another, and nutjobs thinking they're cops and pulling people over (known this to happen twice) is rank throughout the industry. If you are just a clean cut guy, looking to make a couple bucks on the side, and can show up on time and not be high, you are in.

Finally, the night shift. If you are going to work security make it the night shift. You don't want to be the armed and overpaid receptionist for an office building downtown unlocking people's cars, towing cars, and in general dealing with everybody's mistakes.

In the end and combining all these traits together, you have the PERFECT job, especially for independent-minded people like us. You are paid, albeit it a minimum amount, to sit and work on your own stuff, occasionally getting up so you don't fall asleep, and are completely alone (assuming you took the dog shift). It is the perfect recipe for an inventor, an author, a entreprenuer, or just a minimalist who likes to read books because it gives you 8 hours a day to work on what you want. Better still, it FORCES you to work on your own projects because if you don't have anything to occupy your time you will get bored.

For example I wrote "Enjoy the Decline" in 45 days while pulling 16 hour shifts sitting at a warehouse as a security guard. I wrote "Behind the Housing Crash" in just three months doing the same. Another guard I know wrote the code for an entire program as a security guard. And another one I knew doubled as a network administrator who would telnet into work and get paid double. Though the work was not glorious and the title guaranteed not to impress chicks at bars, working security gave industrious individuals like ourselves the time, the discipline and the opportunity to focus on ourselves and our endeavors.

But the true benefit of working security is ultimately financial. Specifically, your chances of becoming genuinely rich are higher working as a security guard than a corporate cog.

Understand nobody becomes rich busting their ass off in the rat race, climbing the corporate ladder. Most people will deem the mental and pscyhological costs too high to make it into senior, let alone executive management, settling instead for a very median wage. But as a security guard, busting his or her ass off, aggressively pursuing whatever your idea or dream is, you stand a MUCH BETTER CHANCE at becoming rich than your average corporate, ass-kissing slave because it is your entire idea. If it works, you get to benefit from it 100%. Also realize that while, yes, a corporate cog could come home and start working on his or her new business idea or invention, corporate employment is so mind-numbing most people just want to sit and veg out. Security work not only allows you to work on your own stuff, but does the opposite of what corporate employment does to your mind. Instead of numbing it, it invigorates it. It gets the creative juices flowing and consequently gives you more passion and energy to pursue and accomplish your dreams. I've come home from 16 hour security shifts more invigorated and pumped up about life than a 4 hour day cut short by a computer network failure or power outage at a corporate gig, just because the damn job gives you hope.

Of course, all of this is contingent on one thing - that you have a plan or a goal AND you have the discipline to pursue it while working the night shift. For if you don't have those two things, then, well, yeah, you're just a rent-a-cop wanna be Paul Blart. Otherwise, there is absolutely no shame in working a security gig.

How to Exact Your Toll of Revenge on Bankers

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Listening to the Bill Burr podcast, one of his common refrains is to rip on the bankers. He recently bought a house and realized that he more or less signed away his life for 30 years. However, like most teens-50 somethings, he has a very simple understanding of economics and because of this defaults to blaming a handful of bogie men for the condition of the US economy, bankers being the most prominent.

Like blaming "big oil" or "evil corporations," he doesn't really know what he's talking about. To figure it out would take too much time and effort, and since it makes simple logical sense in his world view of economics, his ire and hatred is directed towards bankers. However, unlike "evil corporations," "corporate executives," and "big oil," Bill Burr, and every one who disproportionately blame bankers for the ills of our country...

are right.

Though accidentally right, I am here to tell you now, after working in banking for nearly 20 years, Bill Burr and everybody else who blames bankers and the banking industry for our economic problems today are right. Bankers are the verminous scum you suspected them to be and you should have every ounce of contempt, despisement and hatred for them.

Are there some good bankers?

Of course.

Are there some banking executives that truly are there to make good loans and grow the economy?

Absolutely.

But in my experiences such quality people account for less than 15% of those employed in the banking industry.

For the most part, bankers and banker-eqsue types fall into two categories.

Dumb and evil (and sometimes both in a Venn Diagram sort of way).

Dumb bankers lack the intellect and mathematical skill to fully analyze and assess the quality and risk of loans they are making. They have practically no knowledge of accounting or financial analysis and out themselves rather quickly by being the "rain

maker" or "salesman" (or most commonly admitting to playing high school football). They're always "in it for the deal" or "trying to find a way to get it done." In reality they are simply that. A knowledgeless salesman trying to get a commission on a product that is flawed to a person who is unlikely to pay them back. They don't care about loan quality, they don't care about their clients, they don't care about them employer, and (since the banking industry is backed up by the FDIC and Fed) they don't care about the taxpayer. They have no other skill and very much like other pure-sales jobs, quantity is quality because they get their commission. Again, not because they're evil, but they're too stupid to connect the dots between a taxpayer bailing them out and the crappy loans they constantly bring to committee.

Evil bankers can be stupid as well, but typically know, or at least don't care, what they're doing. They KNOW the client isn't going to pay them back. They KNOW they're condemning the client to file for bankruptcy in the future. They KNOW they're financially crippling their clients, their employer and the nation, but they just plain don't care. They're going to get their commission regardless of morality and will sell anybody under the bus if it financially benefits them. They view themselves better and more valuable than most people and is again why (I explain in "Worthless") most finance majors are finance majors because they are too lazy to study calculus, but still want to make the salary of an engineer. Worse still, in booming times when it's nearly impossible to NOT make money, they charter their success to their "intelligence" and not the massive macro-economic forces behind that success. They buy luxury cars they can't afford, houses they can barely pay for, and trophy wives sure to learn the difference between debt and equity spending when they invariably divorce.

In short, it is not only perfectly normal, but it is your right to hate, loathe and wish the utmost of atrocities upon most bankers.

Of course "the utmost of atrocities" would largely fall under "illegal." Much as I would like to hunt down bankers I personally know and release an unimaginable hell upon them, I can't for it is illegal. However, that doesn't mean you, I or anybody else can't exact our toll of revenge from the banker scum, especially in a legal matter. And that is what I intend to show you how to do today.

Understand that while you may think bankers are sitting up top some sky scraper, smoking cigars on a mahogany desk, that is the furthest thing from the truth. The majority of bankers are not your "Goldman Sachs" types living it up and whooping it up with other people's money. The vast majority of bankers are miserable people, who just like everybody else, has every day problems. But worse for them (and this where your revenge comes in) is the fact they work in banking, and this makes their lives miserable.

First, the banking industry is different and unique from most other industries in that it constantly gets bailed out. However, there is a negative consequence to that.

Recessions, much like your liver, filter out deadweight and underperforming companies and people. If you can't provide a good product at a good price, booming or busting economy, you simply go away. This "survival of the fittest" aspect of economics is not only a law, but ensures that only the most competent, efficient and productive people remain, getting rid of the losers.

However, in bailing out the banking industry this "purging" or "purification" process never takes place and crappy bankers, from crappy banks get bailed out and/or simply go down to the next crappy bank to start a new job. In other words it would be like you eating some salmonella-infected food, which your body promptly vomits up, only for you to re-eat it, re-sickening yourself again, re-puking yourself again and so on and so forth. Bankers, for the most part, are this regurgitated vomit constantly re-introduced and never-leaving the banking industry.

But ask yourself the question, how fun or productive is it constantly having to work with regurgitated vomit? In other words, with such a low-quality and low-caliber class of people employed in the industry, can you imagine how painful it must be to work with such losers? 8 hours a day of dealing with inept co-workers, none of which are competent at the 8th grade math banking requires? Egomaniacs who all think they're better than one another, and the politics, back-stabbing and corporate BS drama that ensues? I've witnessed it and experienced it and it is PAINFUL. It is veritable torture to go into work, day in and day out and deal with such ineptitude, egomaniasm and deceit. It is this fact, that most bankers must suffer their own ilk, that should give you at least a couple of ounces of flesh.

Second, the bankers are one thing, but the clients are another. Matter of fact, they're equally low-class and low-quality as the bankers. And not only do the bankers get to tolerate each other, they get to tolerate their miserable clientele as well.

At one bank I worked at the fattest, most disgusting woman (she looked like the gal in Raiders of the Lost Ark who was having the drinking contest with Mariam) traipsed her obese ass into the bank to cash a check. The check was for $6,000, an amount this sow never saw in her life. She was always overdrawn on her accounts, had well over $1,000 in fees, and was just a miserable, pathetic, excuse for a human being. But what made this great was just how obvious it was she had printed this check off of a cheap ink-jet printer.

My solution was simple - call the cops and get this vermin arrested for passing fake checks.

But oh, no. Not for the staff nor my boss. How did we know it was fake? How did we know she purposely printed this off? Besides (and pay attention to this) *we needed her late and overdraft fees because those (despite never being paid) made this a profitable*

account.

Another client came into my office wanting a loan.

A loan for what?

A loan for GAS MONEY.

Gas money for what?

Gas money for (and pay attention to this) *visiting his new-born grandson in Denver that had to get heart surgery due to complications of the birth.*

I didn't know what angered me more. Him lying to my face with some BS story or the fact he was a 60 year old man resorting to make ends meet by requesting a BANK LOAN FOR GAS!!!

Regardless, I could go on with stories, but you get the point. Most bankers are not dealing with quality clients, quality borrowers who intend on paying them back. Most clients are cut from the exact same regurgitated vomit cloth as the bankers. And this makes the bankers' lives miserable.

Third, along the line of crappy clients is the fact that the majority of work bankers do today is not developing new business or lending money to help expand some successful operation today. It's dealing with problems from the past. Specifically, "problem loans."

Problem loans are loans that are simply that. Problems. They're not getting paid back, the client is late, the client has split town, you name it, the bank isn't getting paid. This then requires the banks to "resolve" these problem loans. However, here is where the banks and bankers shoot themselves in the foot.

Since the economy still sucks, there are no new or potentially profitable loans to make. This puts the focus and onus of most banks today on saving EVERY SINGLE PENNY FROM THEIR PROBLEM LOANS. In other words, since there is nobody banging down their door to borrow money, they instead focus on trying to save as much money as they can from bad loans. This means around 90% of a banker's time is spent dealing with:

1. Collateral that has deteriorated WAY below what is owed on the loan.
2. Tracking down problem clients to hopefully, maybe, potentially getting them to make a payment.
3. CONSTANTLY negotiating with their vomitesque clientele to refi, extend-and-pretend, short sell, restructure their loans
4. CONSTANTLY hounding the clients to get 2009-2012's tax returns, balance sheets and

financial statements
5. Tracking down assets that had been stripped of the property and pledged as collateral

Ironically, however, a vicious spiral develops. Since the only business most banks have are these problem loans, they are practically forced to constantly keep these losers afloat. This chains most bankers to their loser clientele, making their jobs even more miserable and providing you an added ounce of flesh.

Fourth, Frank-Dodd. Frank-Dodd is legislation that resulted from the financial crisis and housing bubble. In short it is a MONSTER of a piece of regulation and I cannot emphasize just how detailed, invasive, and petty it is. I was paid for two days to (and pay attention to this) change a cell in an Excel spreadsheet from reading "Sources of Repayment" to "Financial Capacity of Repayment" for all of our loans. There rarely wasn't a day where our contacts at the OCC and FDIC weren't handing down some new and minor change our bank had to make. And so petty and pointless were they, I was and still am to this day, convinced Frank-Dodd was nothing more than a means to punitively punish the banking industry.

Does such regulation hurt the economy?

Absolutely.

Does such regulation prevent loanable dollars from getting out into the economy, harming economic growth.

You bet.

Does Frank-Dodd drive up the cost of banking for consumers and customer?

Darn tootin'.

But it is a NIGHTMARE for the bankers and banks to deal with and they deserve every second of it.

In the end, what you need to do is step back and look at what has become of the banking industry. It is not this high-flying, romantic, booming and advancing field that it may have been. It is not the "Mad Men" sort of martini's and golf Hollywood has painted it as. And it certainly isn't a functional or sane segment of our economy exploiting you or other innocents.

It is hell.

It is

- Arguably now the most regulated industry in the country (bar medicine)
- Populated by the country's most incompetent and corrupt people
- Serving, pampering and baby sitting the country's worst financial basket-cases
- Whose only future prospects are cleaning up messes of the past with no economic growth to exploit in the future

And that same banker scum, that disproportionately caused the economic and financial problems we have today, are forever condemned to work in that industry because...

well...frankly...

they have no other talents and no other industry would ever hire them. They are stuck there with the regurgitated vomit both as coworkers and clients for the rest of their "professional" lives.

And knowing that is where you should get your full pound of flesh.

If you liked this post, consider buying Aaron's book "Behind the Housing Crash" where he chronicles his adventures and exploits in banking during the build up to the housing crash.

And if you REALLY want to piss off bankers, start buying your stuff via Captain Capitalism's Amazon affiliate program. Nothing would irk his previous bank-employer scum than seeing him make millions on a business model purely based on ripping the banking industry a new one.

Our Man Flint

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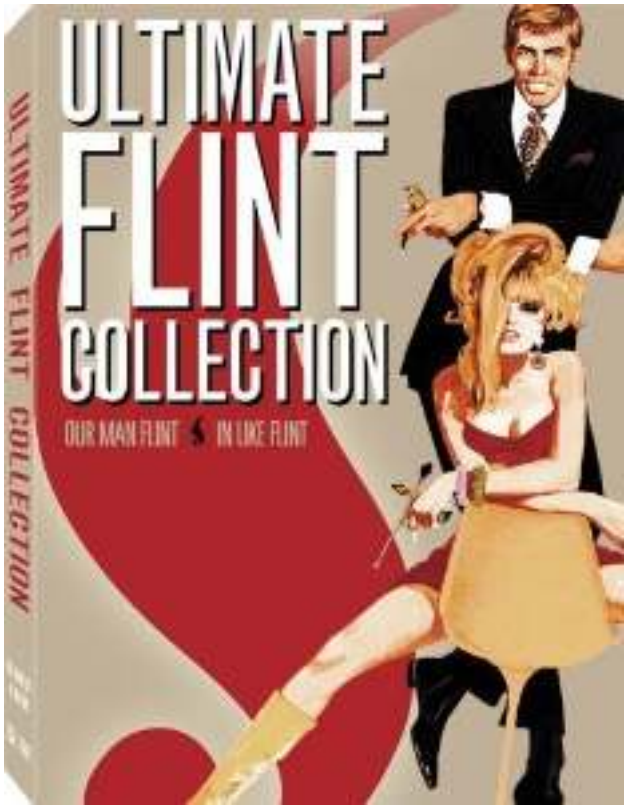

Just ordered it for myself.

How can't you like James Coburn?

Plus the theme song is very bachelor-pady.

The Lawyer Job Market Is So Bad….

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"How bad is it?"

"The lawyer job market is so bad, lawyers are now resorting to prostitution!"

Yuk yuk yuk.

"I'm here every Tuesday, folks! Don't forget to tip the waitresses!"

Anybody want to guess her undergrad?

Why Martin Crutsinger Must Be Assassinated

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GOOD GOD MAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!?!??!???!

Don't you know the media is here to serve the democrat party and destroy the US!?!?!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING POINTING OUT SUCH FACTS AND TRUTHS!? Don't your superiors at the Star Tribune know what you are doing??? And what incompetent editor let your vile, fact-based reality through!!!????

I'm sorry, you will have to be terminated for ~~being an actual journalist, holding to standards, seeking the truth, trying to help America and acting as the genuine 4th branch of government~~ not being the democrat party's bitch.

We're Winning

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We're winning and the feminists don't like it!

The 2013 White Privilege Conference

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I can't think of anything more despicable, hypocritical and deceitful than this bunch of communists resorting to anything to get other people's money.

Ladies Night at the Cappy Club

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Come on Joanne, you know it's because they major in easier subjects.

Again, you wonder why I view the democrats with such hatred and disdain, here is your answer.

Another example of Zombie Liberals. You suggest some rape charges are fake and trumped up, you are now "pro-rape." There is no thought or conscience with these people. Only a political platform.

Leslie provides another great historical lesson that you either were never taught in school, of if you were, you have completely forgotten about it.

To this day, I am still befuddled why anybody or corporation donates money to universities. Agreed, the person's original intent was not the best, but it was her money...***was*** anyway.

March Madness!

To this day, I still am amazed how many people think I'm a eunuch and not simply a man who had a vasectomy. Though, there seems to be a lot of confusion about this anyway.

The Abilene Paradox. THough I am thoroughly amused and entertained when groups of people shoot themselves in the foot.

Gotta have outfits. Life's too short not to have them. Though I prefer the nurse theme myself, the naught librarian is always good too.

You think teen pregnancy is bad there? Just visit Casper, Wyoming! Regardless, is it wrong of me to enjoy the self-inflected misery teenage mothers condemn themselves to for the rest of their lives? Good, I didn't think so either, especially since i'm paying for them.

Hey! Why does Jen get the visit from the professional meteorologist!? Why can't I get a visit? Would have helped my chances with tornado chasing!

That's precisely what everybody in this society needs. Tough talk. Too much touchy feely worthless lies have been being spread around and pandered off as truth.

THey had a term for that back in the olden days - "stay at home parent." It was when the

parents brought up their own children instead of outsourcing it to the ~~public schools~~ baby sitting farm.

I have an interesting question. Today's manly men are truly manly. The generally hostile environment we've been brought up in AND had the intellectual audacity to question it and thus ingest the red pill, have made us more manly than average. We don't care about people's feelings. We don't care about political accusations or consequences. We have no problem standing up to feminism in that we really don't care what they say.
So riddle me this riddle me that, when this generation of Manosphere men start to make decent coin and start to make their own men-only clubs, and the feminists and socialists come in and try to destroy our clubs, do you think our reaction is going to be the compliant, tail-behind the leg variety that you're used to from previous generations? Methinks not.

Neither I, nor Kathy, nor any other real adults give a damn what kind of made-up allergies your kid has.

That's it for the ladies' night linkage. Would be nice if the ladies showed the Captain a little love. But, sniff, sniff, nooooobdy loves the Captain. Poor ole Captian, nobody listens, nobody loves. The girls are completely unaware of his existence, and if they are, they probably don't like him. Sniff, sniff.

Sarah LeTrent, Sorry, "Fat" and "Attractive" are Mutually Exclusive

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Sarah writes a piece getting excited about some nobody who photoshops fat people in Ambercrombie and Fitch ads.

Oooo! You witty liberal arts majors! What would the world do without you!?

Just one problem.

"Fat" and "attractive" are mutually exclusive.

And I don't have to explain or write any further because nature and genetic programming ensures the above statement is true.

Enjoy the fat!

Post - post - Ah, I see Sarah is a worthless person with a worthless degree. Must have been KILLER studying for that "BA in Communications."

Yes, Jimmy, the Democrats Are Socialists

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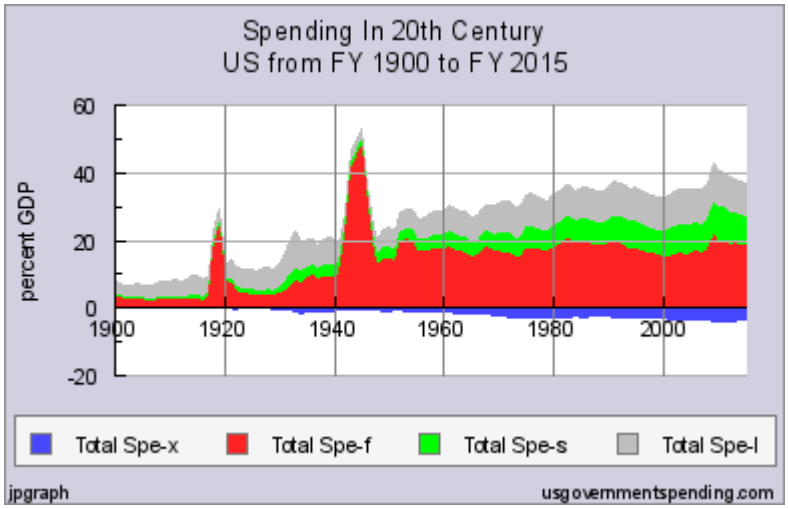
Of the limitless examples of American ignorance, claiming that the democrat party is nothing more than a socialist one and the scoffery that ensues is one that particularly angers me. The average American (at least in my day and before) was brought up to see "socialism" and "communism" as pejoratives. And for good reason. Socialist economies grow slower. Socialist economies produce less and have more poverty. And if they go too far down the left side of the political spectrum into full blown communism, they have a tendency to kill hundreds of millions of their own people. So when you make any accusation of a politician or person being a socialist you are immediately dismissed as crazy or a right wing lunatic because you're essentially claiming that person is a fool-near-murderer.

However, practically nobody in America bothers to take the time to understand, economically, what a socialist is. And so when the democrat party champions nationalized health care, wealth redistribution, unions and worker parties, bailing out companies, and investing in solar ones, the average American ignoramus does see "socialism" they see a party that "cares" and is "for the little guy."

I try to make things simple as possible, so simple the empirical data is right there telling you you're wrong about the democrats and the US not being socialist. But even this simplicity, fact, and empirical data is not enough to overcome the stupidity and ignorance of most Americans (and thus why I no longer care and enjoy the decline). But for posterity's sake I'm going to throw this old beaten up chart up one more time. It shows government spending as a percent of GDP.



A country where government spending accounts for 40% of GDP is NOT a capitalist one. It is a socialist one. And if the republicans had any balls they would start calling the democrats the "socialist" party because that is what they are.

I Will Never Apologize

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For liking hot, toned, in shape chicks.

Never.

And the sooner you feminists realize that the sooner you and the entire other half of the population are going to get along.

Why Techies Love Tax Hell California

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Because while they be smart in IT, they be dumber than all hell when it comes to economics.

Why Every Young Man Needs to Hang Out With Older Women

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I once again decided to avail myself of the free gym and lounge offered to my girlfriend at her place of employment. Normally my schedule consists of lifting weights, using the communal internet to do my daily work, running on the local trails and then grabbing a bite to eat. However, the powers that be had a surprise in store for me, and that surprise took the form of 5 elderly ladies.

At first it was just one. I was sitting in a comfy chair in the lounge when this amazonian woman (6'1') walked in and sat beside me. She inquired if I was with the "coffee club" and I said, "No, I'm just here because my girlfriend works for the company and this is considered my 'bachelor daycare' which prompted laughter and prompted conversation.

She was a widow and a mother of children slightly older than myself, and she was waiting on her friends for their little coffee club. She was promptly on time, suggesting to me she may have been ex-military, and started to ponder whether her friends were even going to show. She called one of them and while on the phone started jesting to her friend that she was sitting with a "fine young handsome man." I interrupted and suggested she tell her friend I would abscond with her to Bermuda, her friend on the other line laughed loud enough I could hear it.

Sure enough within half an hour her friends all did show and as they trickled in I was introduced to them as her "new boyfriend," "boytoy," and "time share." Every one of them laughing at each new title. I had work to do, but set my laptop aside because it became quickly obvious and apparent these ladies were neither boring or uninteresting. Yes I had work, but since I knew other humans are the most important thing in life, I set it down and participated with the ladies.

I would say "normal jousting" occurred, but while the pattern of conversation was that of jousting you would have with other men, the fact these ladies were older made it superior conversation. They were wise, they were experienced, they were witty. In short they were the perfect people that you would want to engage in conversation. They were not crass, but certainly weren't saints either. They would tell stories about how they would peek through the blinds to see young men (back in the day) roof the house from across the street. They would make high-brow remarks about me "coming over to do work for them," but at the same time inquiring what I did, telling me about their families, and other more innocent topics. They were also cultured catching every Victor Borge reference I would lay on them and not having to require me to explain who Cary Grant was. They, in short, were not just a pleasure to be around, but were the epitome of fun.

No person on the face of the planet would not have fun with these women.

Because of this I decided that we should all meet at the lounge during the day time and I would grill them steaks and make them martini's. Not one of them refused the offer. We set a date, arranged for some minor logistics, and I have a afternoon date with 5 elderly ladies for steak and martinis in the near future.

Now let me tell you the important lessons to take away from this experience.

#1 Enjoy Them While They Are Here

Every young man, and I mean EVERY young man, needs to hang out, at least once, with elderly ladies. Not for any ulterior motives such as MILF/GILF or gigilo/money, etc., but because this is the last generation of real women you will ever get to interact with.

Understand once this generation dies off you get to deal with aging boomer hippies, middle aged Gen X'er feminists, and entitled Gen Y'ers and millineals, all of which have to one extent or another been influenced and impaired by feminism. In other words the last true remaining, classy, Sophia Loren-esque women will die off and you will never get to enjoy hanging out with them, leaving you with "empowered women" and "masters in communications" types of females who are only female in gender. There are non-physical reasons men like women and these women are the last ones on the planet that "got it." Reasons that are soon going to go away and you won't ever get to enjoy. So I suggest you enjoy their company and presence while you still can.

#2 This is "How It's Supposed to Be"

You ever feel like you're walking on eggshells with modern day women? Always wonder where the next sucker punch is going to come from? Asking yourself the question, "Will I go to jail if I ask a girl to dance?"

Well that's because women have been co-opted under the socialist guise of "feminism" to be victims and any interaction between men and women is hyper-analyzed to see if those interactions in any way can be construed as "oppression," "victimization" or "crime." In other words, a war has been declared between men and women, unbeknownst to most men.

This is how women were before the "war."

Men and women got along. Men appreciated women and women appreciated men. They would wittingly spar, counter with charm and see who could crack the most smiles from the opposing team. They were not focused on themselves, but rather intrigued and interested in the other. And if you ever wish to experience how that felt, not to mention have a standard or a "goal" as to how men and women should interact, again, hang out with older women.

#3 True Judges and Judgement

Nearly every young man is judged every day. And he is certainly judged when he approaches a woman of his age be it for a date, a social event, or what have you. However, unfortunately, this young man has no context. And when Sally McDitzysociologymajor shoots him down, perhaps even mocking him in the process, he actually thinks that this somehow reflects upon his:

quality
moral caliber
personal caliber
worth as a man

My question is simple - why do you let the most inexperienced, spoiled and childish people in the history of human kind (20 something western girls) judge you AND accept their judgement as a true measure of your worth?

I do not say this out of desire or bias, but because it is true. What experience, wisdom or hindsight does Tanya the Suburbanite Princess have to give her such authority?

Older women are much better judges as to the quality and caliber of a person (be it a man or a woman) than their younger, spoiled-brat, entitled 20 something counterparts

and if you really want to know if you are a good person, charming individual and all around good man, then it is older women you should hang out with.

Can you get them to laugh?

Can you get them to like you?

Can you get them to smile?

and the ultimate condoning of your quality as a man

Can you get them to start inquiring about setting you up with their daughters or granddaughters?

There is no larger or better endorsement to your caliber and quality as a man than a nice ole grandma lady asking if you have a girlfriend and saying she has a nice single grandaughter she'd like you to meet.

I say all of the above not because I'm looking for anybody to validate myself or others.

I say all of the above not to make you feel better about yourselves.

I am saying all of the above because it is true.

Our female elders, just like our male elders, have just as much wisdom and MORE when it comes to the opposite sex. And if you want to enjoy the company of women, and appreciate the true intellect of females, and have some honest judges as to your worth in salt as a man, then I strongly suggest you hang out with our female elders.

This post made in honor of my dance partner in Wyoming. She said yes when all the 20 somethings said no.

NEW BELGIUM

The Death of Charm

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At any time you may ask any woman in my life if I was charming.

And they will say, "indeed he was."

Charm, I have to chalk up to my Uncle Jeff who, though a wonderful man, was very short and bald. He had to develop his charm and he did to the point I would say he was the epitome of it.

He was sharp. He was witty. He was intelligent. And he was a natural. He always had the right thing to say to crack a smile in others AND (most importantly) it wasn't rehearsed. He was smart enough and quick enough that he WAS charming so it came off as natural and genuine because he was.

Being a nerdy skinny kid myself in my youth, I started focusing my efforts to become like Uncle Jeff. I would try to be witty, practice and form the art of dry wit. TO this I added watching Cary Grant flicks, Humphrey Bogart flicks, and Jimmy Stewart movies, developing a repertoire of quotes no girl my age would recognize as plagiarism. And sure enough, over time, growing taller, learning to dance, lifting weights, working out, riding motorcycles, etc., I developed into the devastatingly charming man that I am today.

Again, if you don't believe it, ask any woman who knows me.

However, like many other things, I have taken "charm" off of the table and now reserve it only for women I deem worthy of it. My girlfriend, my female friends, and old ladies I happen to run into at coffee clubs. And the reason this charm has been taken off the table is twofold.

1. Most charm is not appreciated by my contemporaries or younger. Older women will always get the "who are you really and what were you before" line and they LOVE IT. My female friends will always appreciate me purposely underestimating their age. And the girlfriend will always appreciate the clever and witty inside joke hidden within an otherwise unremarkable statement. But most women simply do not get it. THey are not cultured enough, nor have the vocabulary to appreciate it. Most witticisms will go over their heads and worse, they may see you as simply as nerdy, goofy, or just plain creepy.

2. You have to earn charm. Just like chivalry, just like respect, I don't hand it out for free anymore. If I'm going to expend the calories of energy in my little brain to say something entertaining and cute that will improve and enhance (albeit minorly) your life, then you better have done something to deserve it. Not necessarily benefiting me, but you better

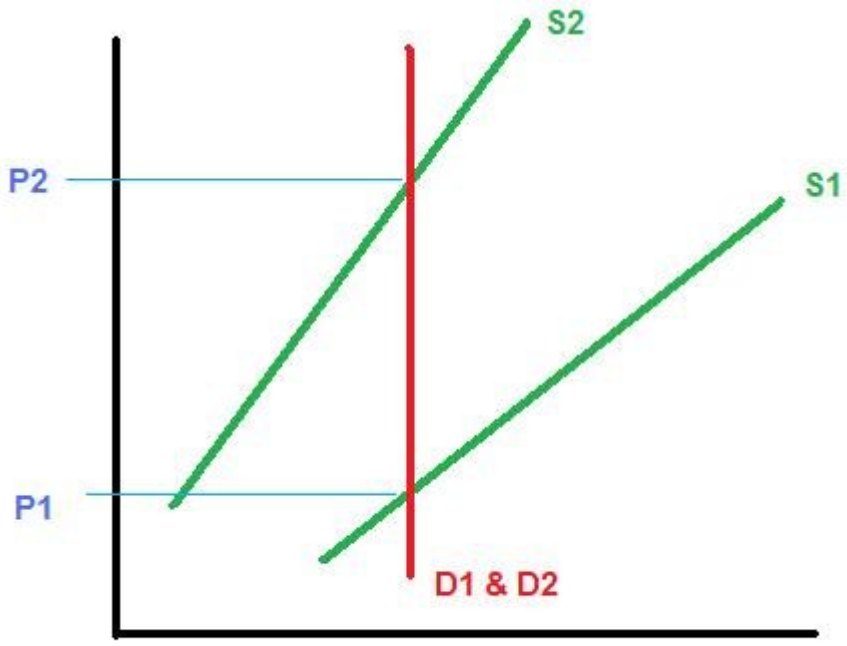
have proved yourself to be a good person, a person I find agreeable, and somebody deserving of charm (or respect, or chivalry).

While this may address why myself and other genuinely charming men have in a cartel-like fashion limited the supply of charm, we cannot lay the Death of Charm solely at the feet of women. For while there is no limit to the Disney-Channel-Justin-Beiber girls-cum-ladies now entering society who may demand it (or feel entitled to it), their male counterparts are hopelessly incapable of charm.

Lacking any fatherly discipline, let alone guidance, let alone role models, young men today have no concept or clue of charm. Hats are still being worn backward 20 years after the plague hit society, "hawt" is still being pronounced, and the behavior is so uniform the word "douchebag" now has a VERY precise Urban dictionary definition, defining young men who can only be described as well...douchebags.

Few men know how to dance, few men know how be witty or creative, none of them have any culture beyond X-Box 360, and nearly none of them could even mimic Jimmy Stewart or Cary Grant because they have no clue who they are. This is not a call for them to "man up" but rather to point out the current crop of men are incapable of charm, thus further limiting the supply.

Because of this, we once again delve into the world of economics to explain what is happening in the courtship market. With demand for charm being relatively constant, and the supply of charm dropping, charm comes at a premium. The price of charm has gone up. And if you want charm, then you better be a girlfriend, a good female friend, or a charming woman yourself to get it. Because if you're not willing to pay "P2" in this market, there is no charm for you.



(PS-you would deserve charm if you could explain what "P2" is or could just explain the chart above and not tell us who Kate Perry is dating right now).

Three Years of Hate - A Review

May 25, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Matt Forney sent me a copy of "Three Years of Hate." He also said he would be discontinuing the book for reasons I don't know and don't understand. The reason why is it is a solid book that, though I don't agree with everything in, is going to benefit and serve its reader with not just entertainment, but wisdom, intellectual stimulation and the exercise of rethinking your own thoughts.

First it is very well written, perhaps too well. His vocabulary had me looking up multiple words, giving me an unexpected vocabulary lesson. But the flow, context, logic and structure of his writing was very enjoyable, as if you're just talking to a guy at a bar.

Second, it is very thought provoking. Something challenging your own philosophies, but more so he expands and advances current thought and philosophies (and this was originally written about 2-3 years ago). And not just in the real of courtship and dating, but politics, economics, and philosophy.

Third, I would say, though not intended to be a primer, it is a great introductory book for the young man or woman about to take the red pill. It is not too elementary or basic, but neither too advanced or over one's head. Not all of it is about red pill theory or questioning your world and premises, but it does address pretty much every major theory, thought, law and development that has been created in the Manosphere.

Fourth, it is blunt and visceral. This may deter most female readers (who I would strongly recommend getting over his crass language and normal guy talk and instead listen to what he is trying to say), but it is precisely what makes this book a very enjoyable book. It is a normal guy speaking normally, resulting in clear language that does not dance around societal-pleasantries and political correctness. It is an example of what all men should be able to do in public and entice no criticism.

Fifth, outright hilarious at time. His "End of Night Game" is not only funny, but brilliant. There are many phrases such as below:

I've always preferred to listen to news/talk radio when I'm in the car. Music radio is a waste, re-playing the same five songs over and over again. NPR is faux-intellectual drivel for SWPLs who want their friends to think they're cultured and smart. And I never really cared for sports. There's nothing like a good screaming rant from some middleaged white guy to keep you awake during those long drives.

that will make you laugh your ass off.

Finally, typos. I love typos. You want to know why? Because it shows the author spent more time coming up with ideas, thoughts, and philosophies than worry about the bleeping difference between a semi-colon and a regular-colon. I read books for the intellectual stimulation and knowledge the author is attempting to convey. Not to worry about whether a comma was in the right place or not.

About the only complaints I would have are two. One, while Matt broaches the topic of race and race relations, 95% of what he says would only serve to help all people of all races, there is 5% I just cannot sign up on board with or have not thought through thoroughly myself to have an informed or at least wise opinion. Two, his economic observations are somewhat underdeveloped and immature. He would benefit from doing more (albeit boring) data and empirical research on the FRED database than reading another philosopher wax poetically never citing a chart or data series.

All in all I would strongly recommend this book as it will only serve to help the reader and stimulate their mind. I would also STRONGLY recommend it to women who want to see how men really are and what really goes through their minds.

It is available on Kindle and paperback.

Book Review of "Men On Strike"

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Dr. Helen of PJ Media fame is in a very small, but elite league. She is one of the few professionals (PhD in psychology) to address and bring to light the sexual-sociological backlash men and women are having to feminism. The only other person I've known to do this is Dr. Roy Baumeister with his book "Is There Anything Good About Men." However, while Dr. Baumeister's book focuses on society's current view or opinion of men, Dr. Helen's new book "Men on Strike" addresses the consequences of having a myopic and solipsistic societal view of the sexes. And the consequences aren't good.

As the title would suggest, men are going on strike. They are striking from their traditional roles as breadwinners, innovators, hard workers, protectors, etc. But worse they are abandoning their roles as husbands and fathers. Not out of a lack of desire, but worse - they are being forced out of these roles as society has made both roles too risky to forfeit their precious and finite lives for.

Naturally there is a backlash.

Women want men to "man up" and marry them. Women want men give them children. But, particularly ironic, while women SAY they want men to be effeminate, sensitive, caring, listeners, their behaviors show their preferences for strong, thuggish bad boys have never changed. This confusion (and risk) to men has sent them fleeing, and blinded by feminism, modern day women can't figure out why. They are stumped as to why they're 42, single, with some other man's child, a masters degree in creative writing and NOT getting approached every day. They simply cannot connect the dots.

Dr. Helen explores this reaction of men and tries to connect the dots for women. Her language is polite, diplomatic and correct. but this is a herculean task to ask of her because she is trying to undo the brainwashing women (and men) have received for 40 years. It is a harsh pill to swallow, too harsh for the progressively deteriorating and childish men and women who populate America today, and her blog receives more criticism than inquiry and acceptance. Regardless she tries and has a professional psychological background to back it up lending the book authority.

Unfortunately, however, what she writes will be nothing new to those who have been on the frontlines since the war began. The book will bring no new observations, epiphanies, or theories to veterans or those well-read about the plight of men in western civilization. It is simply a refining, repackaging and delivery of an argument that has been going on for a decade. However, the intended audience is not members of The Manosphere, but rather society at large and is where the value of her book lies. It is made to be digestible to the general public and, again, has the backing of Dr. Helen's professional background.

The only real complaints I have about the book are two fold. One, the heavy reliance on anecdotal evidence rubs my economist soul the wrong way. While good, anecdotes can simply be dismissed as anecdotes by more cynical people or (worse) ideologues who have no intention of pursuing truth and only wish to maintain a political agenda. There is some empirical data, and enough anecdotal evidence would give cause to investigate a claim further, but given the entrenched and politicized forces of feminism and socialism, stories are not going to debunk them, let alone convince them. Two, it lacked organization and succinctness. This could of course be due to my general impatience and ADHDDDHHD, but I would have liked to see less heart and more of a clinical "legal case" made in this book. Again, though, that is a preference.

In general "Men on Strike" is one of the first real "official" books written by a professional that should make the jump from "fringe, right wing manosphere" to MSM and should be welcomed, or at least, heard out by the main stream. It may not make a great book for those of us already familiar with the battle, but would make a great gift or argument for introducing somebody to the backlash that is occurring against feminism today.

So far it only looks like it is available in paperback format, but I am sure it will be available in Kindle soon as well.

Strictly for Da Guys

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Greetings gentlemen.

The ole Captain needs your help.

I need all the guys in the Cappysphere to send me what they would like to know in terms of personal financial and economics advice or wisdom. This is going to lay the foundation for my next project and though I have a pretty good idea of the topics I'm going to cover, I want to make sure I leave no major or significant topic unaddressed. Things like housing, budgeting, financial planning, etc, anything in the realm of personal finance that would be of interest, benefit or curiosity to you, please list them in the comment section below.

Also, if you would be so kind, forward this to any other bloggers or readers who may be charitable enough to link back or provide some topics/ideas as well.

Many thanks,

Cpt.

Guns Are a Girl's Best Friend

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Remember ladies, your emotional and psychological predisposed position on guns (conveniently given to you by educational and social brainwashing), should trump your safety.

Keep voting democrat! It works so well for you!

Party On Wayne

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Party on Garth.

This I dedicate to you spoiled brat children protesting and rioting against a country that took you in and saved you from the sh!thole you came from.

The Most Underutilized Weapon in Men's Arsenal

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One of the things that irks me is when a company or an organization does something un-American, bigoted, racist, or just stupid, and then...

everybody complains about it and then...

does nothing more than that. They just complain.

Remember Absolut vodka and how they did a campaign showing "Mexico" overtaking California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico?

No, of course you don't.

It would inconvenience you too much to ask the bartender to make sure you don't get Absolut vodka. What's the sovereignty of the US, American culture and the American labor market worth compared to the 5 seconds of your life it would take you to ensure Absolut vodka pays for its threat against US sovereignty. That 5 seconds is too much effort.

I could go on, but you get the point. I'm sick of people (especially conservatives) being whinny bitches when some Hollywood leftist spews their anti-American mouth off, and then like sheep you still go and see their god damned movies, instead of holding to a standard and refusing to patronize the leftist scum.

So here's your opportunity guys. The Samsung commercial has been in the news for the past week, let's see if you men can actually pull out that rusty ole boycott weapon and actually cause Samsung pain and financial cost for being ignorant and sexist.

Let's see if you guys just want to bitch on the internet about how the world is stacked against you, or if you want to cost Samsung so much in sales they fire the ignoramouses that made such a stupid commercial.

Let's see if you can, albeit indirectly, exact your toll of revenge on the misandrists who did that, costing them their jobs.

Here's their e-mail address if you care to expend the precious 5 seconds of your life telling them to shove it.

samsungpr@edelman.com

I got a Samsung, just got it 2 months ago. And when the contract is up, my new phone will be anything but. Of course, if Samsung were to issue a statement and proof they fired all the people responsible for the commercial, I'd go back. But we all know that isn't going to happen.

(On a hilarious side note)

Manliest Man Ever

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107 years old
WWII Vet
Celebrates memorial day with cigars and whiskey.

Damn right.

Why You Own PHYSICAL and NOT PAPER Gold

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What do I keep telling you kids about owning precious metals?

Own PHYSICAL, not PAPER. There is a difference and it is highlighted between the premium people are paying between physical ownership and paper ownership.

Also, this came from Kerry. I couldn't find a link, but for those of you interested in the Liberty Mastermind Symposium, here's some more info:

15 Alternative Media Websites Join Forces To Present One-Day Symposium Discussing The Elevated Threat Level To Your Liberty And What You Can Do About It

DALLAS, TX – Liberty Master Mind LLC (www.LibertyMastermind.us) is pleased to announce it will be hosting the first-ever Liberty Mastermind Symposium Saturday, June 29th, 2013 at the DoubleTree DFW Airport North Hotel in Irving, TX. The one-day symposium will bring together thought leaders from 15 alternative media websites to discuss the elevated threat level to your economic and personal liberty and what you can do about it.

"Liberty is under assault," says Kerry Lutz, the symposium producer and host of FinancialSurvivalNetwork.com. "Our roster of speakers has a combined audience of nearly one million readers, listeners and viewers and that number is growing. People are flying in from all over North America. If you want to arm yourself with unconventional, out-of-the-box thinking to help you survive and thrive in today's hostile political climate, you'll want to attend on June 29th."

The Symposium begins Friday night June 28th with a special "night-before" reception and dinner. Guests will enter the reception through a private receiving line where they will meet and shake hands with each of the speakers and panelists. Following dinner, a special keynote speaker will conclude the event and set the stage for Saturday's Symposium. A private screening of "Silver Circle" will conclude the evening – www.SilverCircleMovie.com

The lineup of speakers includes:
Martin Armstrong – www.ArmstrongEconomics.com
Kerry Lutz – www.FinancialSurvivalNetwork.com
Robert Ian – www.ConquerChange.com
Chris Duane – www.SilverBulletSilverShield.com
David Morgan - www.Silver-Investor.com
Bill Murphy – www.Gata.org

Jeff Berwick – www.DollarVigilante.com
Andy Hoffman – www.MilesFranklin.com
John Rubino – www.DollarCollapse.com
Michael Krieger – www.LibertyBlitzKrieg.com
Jay Taylor – www.MiningStocks.com
Elijah Johnson – www.FinanceAndLiberty.com
Mickey Fulp – www.MercenaryGeologist.com
Aaron Clarey – www.CaptainCapitalism.Blogspot.com
Gary Gibson – www.DollarVigilante.com
Lindsay Hall – www.RMBgroup.com

The RMB Group (Rutsen Meier Belmont Group – www.RMBgroup.com) is the Diamond Sponsor of the Liberty Mastermind Symposium and their Chief Market Strategist, Lindsay Hall, will be speaking.

The Symposium will be held Friday night and all day Saturday, June 28 and 29, 2013, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas – DFW Airport North; 4441 West John Carpenter Fwy; Irving, TX 75063. A special room rate of $99.00 has been secured. Guests can make room reservations directly with the hotel by calling 972-929-8181 with reservation code 'LIB".

*Registration for the Symposium is $249 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. The Friday night reception and dinner is $99.00 per person. R**egister for both the dinner and the symposium and you will receive a free one ounce silver coin.***
Registrations received after June 10th will be $50 more. You can register online at: www.LibertyMastermind.us

For more information please contact:
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Two Book Reviews on Minimalism and Survivalism

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Short reviews for two short books given to me by Danny. "Dirt-CHeap Survival Retreat" and "Rancho Costa Nada."

Dirt Cheap Survival Retreat - M.D. Creekmore

This book was written by a man who lost everything to his ex wife in divorce. To make ends meet he decided to live in a trailer and go off the grid. The book is VERY practical with charts, diagrams, how-to's, and is also very clearly written. It is also very thorough covering everything from electricity to food storage to security. Aside from the background as to how the author ended up in a trailer, there really isn't a story here in this book as it really is just a how-to manual. I personally liked it a lot in that it was succinct and to the point. A small book that would help to have in your bugout bag, I highly recommend it, especially for the price. M.D.'s site can be found here.

Rancho Costa Nada- Phil Garlington

Rancho Costa Nada is the philosophical flip side of "Dirt Cheap Survival Retreat." The author who is terminally unemployable finds a scrap of land in the Californian desert and basically builds a shack he can live in for free. While there are some elements of "how-toism" the majority of the book is the philosophy of living a minimalistic lifestyle, going off the grid, psychological freedom from the daily grind and a general criticism of people self-stuck in the rat race. This makes for good reading, but it will become very obvious to the reader why this man is unemployed - he lacks focus, structure and organization in his writing (things needed in his former profession as a journalist). By the middle of the book it basically becomes a rambling and repeats itself. The first half is great, but by the middle you're like "OK, DUDE! I GOT IT! FINE, FREEDOM! UNDERSTOOD!" The first half is worth the read and excerpts from "The Crazy Veteran" are also good, but you will get the gist of the book without having to read the whole thing. You can find his website here.

The 80/20 Rule for RELIABLE, Pretty Girls

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Notice the emphasis on "reliable?" I've written about it before, but an epiphany just dawned on me as I'm currently reading Roosh's "The Best of Roosh" and I think this epiphany holds water.

A common obseravtion or "belief" in the world o' men is that 20% of the men "trap" or "monopolize" 80% of the women. This 80/20 rule is based on the theory that the majority of women (80%)want to date "up" and so the majority of women will only agree to date the minority (20%) of men, leaving the majority of men, womanless. It is perhaps not a theory as I do recall a college study (that I cannot find right now) where they lined up a group of male and female college students and found out the majority of men were willing to go out with the majority of women, but the women were much choosier, ONLY willing to settle for the top 20 or 25% of men. Regardless, the point is one of "prohibition." A minority of men essentially prohibit the majority of men from attracting women because the majority of women will only settle for the cream of the crop.

But as nature (or god or whatever you want to believe in) would have it, there is a built-in balance of powers giving no creature nor sex a true and absolute advantage over the other. Enter in the attractive AND RELIABLE woman.

While the majority of college girls will only settle for the top minority of men, they do not realize that the majority of men will not settle for them. Oh sure, they might go on a date, they may have a night of hey-hey-hey in the hay, but they will not marry them. Not only because they don't want to, but polygamy is outlawed. So mathematically one "top man" can only take out "one woman" and usually they're going to insist she's a top dame as well. This still leaves the majority of women unattached.

However, while this game of attrition is happening, understand something else is happening. A minority of women, perhaps with a little bit more foresight and maturity, are starting to size up potential marriage candidates. And while they may like the top 20% of men, they are happy to settle for the next quintile of men in the 40-20% range who have perhaps maybe more to offer than ripped pecks. Also other women maybe not the most beautiful of them are, are also thinking with a little foresight, snatching up the next quintile. And before you know it the top three quintiles or 60% of men are off the market.

In short what is happening is the opposite. A minority of women (20%) are keeping a majority of men (80%) off the marriage market, prohibiting other women from accessing them. How do these women do this? Because they have one trait the majority of women don't have - they're reliable.

Understand good and great men are not going to settle for an average or poor woman. Sure, we might date you, sure there's always the hey hey hey in the hay, but marriage? Commitment? Sorry, that requires adult maturity, responsibility, reliability, and truthfully the vast majority of women don't have that. This gives that minority of women who DO have the combination of reliability AND attractiveness a HUGE advantage over their pretty, but flaky counterpart.

The girl who shows up reliably at the agreed-upon time is one step closer to capturing a guy long term.

The girl who makes dinner and doesn't spew some kind of feminist doctrine is one step closer to capturing a guy long term.

The girl who supports herself, pays her rent, and manages a positive net worth with no subsidy from daddy or the state is one step closer to capturing a guy long term.

And though anecdotal, my girlfriend, though not a 10, snatched me from the clutches of

- a GM car model
- a top notch salsa queen
- a scorching hot (and equally promiscuous) Minnesota blond
- and other various 9's and 10's

because the woman showed up on time, did what she said she was going to do, made me lasagna without me asking, and promptly obeyed when I told her to get dolled up in lingerie.

And thus, the 20% of reliable and pretty early bird women who display

responsibility
reliability
adult behavior
professionalism
and a HINT of selflessness

get 80% of the proverbial worm.

However, there is a flaw in this analogy as only ONE reliable and pretty woman can take out only ONE man on the marriage market. THus it isn't so much an 80/20 rule as much as it is a pecking order. A solid 7 or 8 who is on time and doesn't play games will find a quality man loooong before her drama queen entitled 9 or 10 does. A solid 6 or 7 who doesn't flake on a date at the last minute will get a husband long before her mind-game playing 8 or 9 counterpart does. And while these savvy and reliable women pick the best

away from the 3rd and 2nd quintile of men, after a decade of pursuing the top 20% of men (but never getting one) the 80% of women now have to choose from the bottom 40%.

Ah, equilibrium. What a wonderful natural concept.

Of course there's howls and whinings about "where have all the good men gone" and "why can't I find a maaaaaannnnn!?" but I, and most other guys, don't care. Reliable, responsible and attractive women have already sniped us out of the market and now you can have whatever remains. Just remember the time you shot down the guys who wanted to salsa dance.

Book Review - The Best of Roosh Vol. 1

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Yes, I have been on a book review kick. You may think I'm a mad man reading this much this quickly, but the truth is I have read most books beforehand and took notes, and then spring cleaning and house repairs took over, postponing the review up to this week, making it look like I was a book worm and a reviewing fiend. Funny thing is that I still have 3 more books to go and truthfully, until I get counter reviews, the book reviews will be limited to a tit for tat mutually beneficial relationship.

The latest book is "The Best of Roosh Volume 1."

Roosh's latest book is, obviously a "best of" series. And while that may seem cheap and easy, the truth is I am actually a big fan of when bloggers compile their "best of" series.

The reason is simple - it's their BEST OF and let me mathematically point out what I'm talking about.

Roosh's "best of" consists of the top 90 posts out of 1,742 posts. His writing is normally superb, but when you take the best 90 out of nearly 2,000 posts you are talking the top 5% of his posts. My "best of" book "Top Shelf" is 183 posts out of 4,200, again, roughly the top 5% of my posts.

Do you think this writing is going to be anything but pure, intellectual stimulation? A lot of people think "best of" series are an easy way for the author to make a quick buck because they merely repackage what they've already written. And while true, they completely dismiss the quality of writing the author is refining, repackaging and presenting to the audience. In short, this is a person's best writing. However it was presented or published is moot.

Additionally, think of the time savings.

When you purchase an author's "best of" you're not really purchasing the writing in that you may have already read most of the posts. You are purchasing time savings. Because, yes, you could personally go through the past 6 years of posts and pull the best ones, but that will take you over 50 hours and if you pro-rate that at the median wage of $18 per hour, that's $900 in your labor to do so.

The $14 price is certainly worth it. So just like "Top Shelf" or "3 Years of Hate" you may want to consider purchasing "The Best of Roosh" because it's going to save you way more in labor trying to sift through their corresponding blogs for the gems of information.

Logistics and efficiency aside, what content can you expect from "The Best of Roosh?"

First, it is a great insight and chronology (though not presented in chronological order) of watching Roosh go from observant and independent thinking mid 20 something to accomplished and seasoned-veteran 30 something. Specifically, his tiring of the game. Though it has been his core and soul he mentions multiple times across multiple posts that to be a successful player means you must approach courting and picking up women as a job.

I don't know about you, but I don't like jobs. And, not to brag or be condescending (as I have nowhere near the success he has), I do have 8 years on Roosh in terms of age and am a bit further down the mine shaft than he is. And it is nice to see that, even with great success, the best start to tire of the constant scheming, planning, strategizing, etc. Matter of fact you start to feel bad for Roosh because if you step back and look at the book, you start to realize just what a high percentage of his life is dedicated to chasing girls. Though, this is purely speculation on my part, but I predict you'll see Roosh starting to abandon women and pursue more philosophical, loftier, and self-rewarding pursuits in the future. An epiphany most men never realize until death.

Second, it is once again, just like 3 Years of Hate, a GREAT primer and intermediary book for any young, middle aged, or old man. The book is just pure wisdom. And not pontificating observations or theorizing, but field experience. Again, I've never been the player Roosh was, but his experiences not only confirm what I experienced, but his experiences and observations go beyond what I ever did. One would do themselves great service reading and taking in what Roosh is writing about.

Third, I like the typos. I'm taking a religious stance with this in that I believe men are sick and tired of the predominantly female-dominated publishing/correcting-ones-english-at-the-expense-of-ideas industry. I truly believe that with online publishing proper grammar will finally be ranked below "ideas and content" as it should have always been until academian charlatans came in insisting their knowledge of "dangling participles" was more important than pioneering lines of thought. The more and more typos I see, overshadowed by intelligence, innovation, creativity, and just plain cleverness, the better for the publishing industry and readers.

Fourth, though crass even beyond my tastes at time, this book would be 4 times more beneficial to women than its intended male audience. The irony of course would be for women to get over/look past the crassness and vulgarity that would deter most women and once again READ WHAT THE MAN IS SAYING. Of course this is day dreaming, but doesn't make it any less true. Women would benefit IMMENSELY reading this.

I leave with two quotes I found outstanding in the book to give you a taste:

Is she in a group of more than three people? I find that three is the magic number.
If she's in a group with only one or two other girls, your approach not only has a high chance of success but a low proba-bility of getting cockblocked. In larger groups, the dynamic changes to where she tries to align herself with the group's previously agreed-upon personality. She's no longer herself, but a slimy leg of a big anti-social octopus. She will be colder (even though she may be single) and let her friends levy an immediate cockblock strike upon your person.

I'm not attempting to be funny:
I sincerely cannot feel the difference between the men and women of this country once you take away the clothing and hair. Men look and act like fags while women act like men of yesterday, all to make a lot of money in an office park that contains a Starbucks. If you draw a venn diagram of both genders the circles might as well completely overlap.

You can find "The Best of Roosh" in paperback and Kindle.

"He Made Partner"

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I'm at my bar.

This is my bar. The bar I do not have the deed to, but I still none the less own.

And sitting beside me are two men. One young, one old, both lawyers. The younger one "just made partner."

The older one is bestowing his wisdom upon the younger, and it is good wisdom.

"Don't forget family."

"Your wife is the most important thing in your life."

"Your childrens' baseball games are more important than late night meetings at the firm."

I admire the older lawyer and respect him. May even ask for his card later tonight to have a legal resource I respect and trust.

But what i can't get over is what the old man is asking of the young man. He is still telling the kid that there will be times that he will have to subvert his family for the "firm."

That there will be times he has to stick around late. That the family will have to come second. That he may have to compromise his morals to supplicate office politics and power struggles. It is an old man who has sold his soul to a particular path and is now badgering the young, new partner into a life that he may not really want.

Money is a currency people. No doubt about that. Money is a currrency.

But the most important currency is happiness, and the source of your happiness isn't the office. It's your wife/husband/children/friends.

This young victim is literally 2.5 feet from me.

The IRS Audits Glorious Hat!

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This is why you support Karl and buy GLORIOUS HAT!

The Best Graduation Gift

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Your son, your daughter, your nephew or your niece are graduating this spring and are going to head off to college.

There is no better gift you can get for them than this.

This $12 book is a microscopic pittance compared to the price you or your children are going to pay for their college education. And if $12 is too expensive the $5 Kindle version is also available.

It simply is a must and (arrogance and bias aside) I don't know why it isn't in the hands of EVERY high school graduate every year.

Show your love through wisdom, guidance and leadership. Buy your children "Worthless." Or, if you have a blog, facebook, twitter or what have you, you would have my eternal thanks if you plugged it on your site. It really is that important of a book that if you want to do something to fight back against socialism and leftist academia, helping get this book into as many young student's hands as possible the best way to do it.

On a related note.

Republicans Get 30 Seconds, But the Democrats Get 20 Years

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"I have pity for the Republicans. How are they supposed to undo 20 years of leftist indoctrination with 30 second sound bytes for commercials?"

at the 1:05:00 mark or so.

Worthless Degree Awarness Month

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I finally figured it out, and if you follow me on this, I think we might actually be able to do some good.

Today, I declare June to be "Worthless Degree Awareness Month."

It may sound funny, but it really is no laughing matter. The single worst thing we do to our young kids is cripple them financially for the rest of their lives by telling them to waste 4-8 years of their youth and anywhere between $50,000-$150,000 on worthless degrees. Economically, the education bubble is on par with the housing bubble, but this time it is within our own control to stop it.

Since most kids graduate from high school during early June, it's the perfect time to "raise awareness" (I always wanted to use that vile phrase for something that's actually good, legit and noble) about the threats and dangers of majoring in a worthless field.

All we have to do is get the word out there.

Got a blog? Start linking and citing articles about worthless degrees.
Got a child or a family member? Sit down and have a chat with them.
Got a PTA group you know? Have someone come speak to them.
And as always if you don't know how to broach the subject with your children, buying them a copy of "Worthless" is definitely a diplomatic and caring way to tell them about the economic realities of choosing a good degree.

Aurini on the History of Psychological Problems - Part 1

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Davis is putting together a three part series on the history of psychological illness. Part 1 is up and I strongly recommend it. Not that it would help you self-psycho-analyze yourself, but it provides an interesting insight, especially given how nearly 50% of westerners are on some kind of medication.

A Voice for Men

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As everything gets to the forefront, then everything gets put on the back burner, getting A Voice for Men in the Capposphere being one of them. So now I finally have the time.

Was fortunate enough to have Paul Elam and Stardusk take my call when they were talking about MGTOW.

A Voice for Men is now also included in The Manosphere Directory.

Drawbacks of "Making It"

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If you play your cards right, or just don't make any major errors in your life, you will "make it."

What does that mean?

Well, whatever your life goal was specific to you.

You don't have to work for the man.
You have enough residual or dividend income to not work any more.
You achieved a "minimalist nirvana" allowing you to jet set around the world.
You won the lottery.

Whatever it is, in general, it means you achieved the goal you set out for yourself in life and can now enjoy the fruits of your labor.

However, like all things in life, nothing is perfect and everybody's life will have problems regardless of how happy and perfect it may look to outsiders. And since a disproportionate percentage of my readers have independent psychologies and spirits, and are likely to head down this path, I wanted to not so much warn but "explain" what kind of problems you'll run into when you "make it."

First, understand any unique or different individual is so far down the right or the left of the bell curve that though highly talented in some areas, they are by statistical default the "outliers of society." You, by definition of being you, will not fit or jive with vast majority of the population. This is of course your primary strength, allowing you a different life, a better life, and a life not wasted. But at the same time since you are so far down the tail of the curve, it is also very lonely.

For example I climbed Desseret Peak on a beautiful Spring day in Utah. The weather was perfect. It was sunny, it was a perfect day for everybody to be out hiking.

How many people were on the mountain range that day?

4.

One was named "Tom" who I met at the peak and the other 2 were some rookies who were trying to summit the peak starting in the afternoon (which means they would be hiking down at night and getting lost). Aside from that, nothing and nobody.

The reason is simple. Tom and I are too far down the right of the curve. Neither of us had to work. Neither of us had kids we had to tend to. And both of us were in the necessary shape to scale Deseret. Those three traits combined ensured there would only be two people on top of that mountain that beautiful day (and it was a statistical coincidence we were even on the peak at the same time).

The point is that if you pursue an individualistic lifestyle you will be to a certain extent peerless because only you are your own individual. And dare you start to not only think, but live, outside of the box, there will be less contemporaries for you to meet and engage with.

Second, society is not geared or tailored for the individual. It is tailored for the masses.

My girlfriend and I were driving past the mall and I asked her,

"*My god, how many people go shopping? Look at all those cars!!! What can those people possibly be buying?*"

But then I realized it wasn't the thousands of people in the mall that were weird or odd. It was me. The only places I shop are Wal-Mart, the grocery store, and Amazon. I never go "shopping" as if it's an activity, I only shop for the bare necessities because it's a chore. The rest of society does the opposite, and society in turn designs itself around this, shopping merely being one small example of this;

Highways are built to deliver worker drones to centers of work.
Work schedules are assumed to be 8-5.
You get health insurance with your employers
Restaurants serve breakfast during breakfast hours, lunch during lunch hours, and dinner during dinner hours.
Everybody goes to college
Everybody needs to own a home

The list goes on.

You buck this, you deny yourself the economies-to-scale benefits that come with it.

You self-employed? To hell with you on many levels. You can't qualify for a mortgage, you get to pay twice the social security tax and self-employment tax, you get to pay for your own insurance and society will view you as a loser just one step above welfare recipient.

You don't want kids? Tough crap anyway. Pay more in property taxes to subsidize other people's children. Pay more in taxes in general as we provide WIC, EBT and welfare to

people who had children they couldn't afford. A sizable percentage of people won't want to date you. And then there's always the occasional person who will claim you're selfish for not ~~suffering their misery~~ breeding.

You need to moonlight at night to work on your own personal projects? Too bad, restaurants aren't open, nobody is awake, and let's not forget the social stigma associated with working as a security guard.

This doesn't mean there aren't benefits for working outside the Matrix (say, like never commuting), but it is to say you will not be able to avail yourself of how society is structured, even sometimes having to work against it.

Finally, arguably the worst drawback is what I like to call the "Shark Syndrome."

Sharks cannot stop swimming. If they do, the lack of flow of water over their gills deprives them of oxygen and they die. So even when sharks sleep, they are swimming.

Independent types like us are the same.

Either driven by poverty, the drudgery of a corporate gig, a disgust with society, or the intellectual curiosity and desire to push your mind and abilities to their limit, we are constantly pushing, working, and striving to succeed and "make it."

The problem is "what do you do when you make it?"

Just stop?

The sad truth is to "make it" usually takes at least 10-20 years of hard work, discipline and effort. And by that time (and combined with our types of psychologies) you simply can't stop. You can't "turn it off." It is not longer a pursuit to achieve independence and luxury, but becomes one of achieving excellence.

This results in the ironic situation of where you may have been brought up poor and wanted nothing more than to live a life of luxury, but after two decades of striving, working hard, and being innovative, that temerity and work-ethic has now become part of you, if not, fully defines you. And even though you may have achieved the lax life of luxury you always wanted, you can't enjoy it because your mind won't let you. It now needs to keep going.

This forms two problems for those of you who actually "make it."

One, (and I believe this especially for men), you need "agency." I had to look this up because Aurini with his freaking 217 point IQ keeps using words I don't know, forcing

unwanted vocabulary lessons on me. In other words you need purpose in life. YOu can't just, at the age of 40, retire and sit on a beach. Certainly not after the hell you went through to get to that point. You need "agency." So even if you won the lottery and could just jet set across the world, the average man (and I am presuming woman) could not just sit there and eat bon bons all day playing video games. You would need to get out and do something of worth or merit otherwise you have none.

Two, you are psychologically incapable of enjoying life and leisure, because it is the pursuit of that leisure, not enjoying it, that gives you the greatest joy. This is not necessarily a bad thing in that this constant pursuit of achievement results in becoming the "World's Most Interesting Man," because once you've "made it" you ask "what's next?" But since you've made it, your next venture needn't be business minded or profitable, just something that is *more* challenging than before.

This is a problem I (and you will) face in that my "new challenges" are not only NOT relaxing, but increasingly risky as well. My 2,200 mile motorcycle ride (on a crotch rocket) from Wyoming to Phoenix, AZ was awesome, but not enough. I will now be doing a 4,500 motorcycle ride through the Canadian Rockies (alone of course). Doing a 20 mile hike in the Badlands wasn't enough, I had to transverse the entire park (nearly suffering heat stroke and almost falling into an underground cavern). And even my daily chore list isn't enough, usually resulting in me staying up later than I should and depriving myself of sleep.

Whatever the case, it doesn't stop as you need to constantly be going and you never let yourself relax and enjoy life.

THe solutions to these two problems are simple.

First, ensure you always have something to do. And I'm not talking about "cleaning the house" or "changing the oil," but projects that make you a better man. Projects that provide you agency. Writing a book. Rebuilding a car. Self-teaching yourself electronics. Climbing mountains. etc. And you're going to have to provide yourself your own agency, because it isn't like corporate America or the feminist-HR department is going to provide you agency, let alone rewarding agency. You need to have an endless list of life-projects you're going to work on to carry you until you're dead.

Second, you need to take some of that self-control and discipline that helped you "make it" in the first place, turn it around and FORCE yourself to enjoy and relax. Again, I am being a bit of a hypocrite here. I actually have to FORCE myself to sleep till 10AM. I actually have to FORCE myself to play video games. And if you take my laptop away from me I cannot just "sit and enjoy a cigar." It is probably only through booze I can force myself to relax. But you must also realize, more importantly, that your body is not designed to CONSTANTLY go at the rate that helped you "make it." It needs to rest. It

needs to relax. YOu will only shorten your life expectancy if you can't turn it off. It is here where getting into a good habit like FORCING yourself at least 2 hours a day of watching TV or playing video games will help. It is here where making sure you get 9-10 hours of sleep a day will post pone your rapidly approach stroke or heart attack.

Again, I am the pot calling the kettle black in this regard, but when you get here and finally "make it" these are the new problems you will face in life.

The Thankless Job of Aggregator

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Aggregators account for a plurality, if not, outright majority of my traffic, and therefore the lifeblood of my blog. Matter of fact, if you look at your stat tracker or site counter, chances are it's the same for you and any other blog.

Just one problem - they're aggregators.

In being in aggregator you are doing the most selfless and altruistic work in that you never get to write or produce your own stuff. You are constantly (and charitably) linking to and championing others.

What thanks do you get?

Well, you can monetize your site and get some revenue that way. You get the great respect and kudos from the sites you aggregate, but beyond that, not much. It's a thankless job.

Therefore I did want to highlight some of the aggregators out there who day in and day out do you, me and everybody else in the blogging world a big favor. They provide our readership an easy and convenient was to access out material and should be noted, highlighted and pimped out on a regular basis.

Let me know if I'm missing any.

Vivalamanosphere
A Voice for Men
RedPill Reddit
Delusion Damage
Articlesformen
Libertarian Zebby
Instapundit
Hawaiian Libertarian

The Best Compliment I Ever Received

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"You are an evil Cary Grant."

Please post yours below, I have a theory.

I'm Not Having a Threesome With Jesus

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Ah Haley, you loving beautiful angel you.

I hereby award you the third "Well Hello Second Armored Award." which if you don't know what it is, it is an award granted ONLY to women who support us men in this psychotic battle we have against feminism, serving as those "sweet beautiful babies."

Haley won this award for recognition in exposing how many Christian women abuse (not use, but ABUSE) the bible (and religion in general) to advance their own aims over other people, even JC and God. In this specific case, claiming they can't date "non-Christians," but have no problems leading them or or dating them anyway, causing not just confusion, but some pain and harm on the other end.

However, I also thoroughly enjoy watching this sector of feminism in that it is further complicated with a religious angle. Yes, having a religion and abusing it like a get out of jail free card any time you want to misconstrue the bible for your own dating/courting advantage, certainly is in itself an advantage. But the complication or weakness is one where the adherents blindly subscribe to "fateism" and "the lord will provide" when reality will not. For example, she quotes a purist from her post:

I enjoyed listening to the panel discussion on 2nd dates. It sounds like CO Springs has a pretty great Christian singles dating scene. Maybe I ought to move there! Just kidding, of course…but I've been a little discouraged this weekend. I'll be turning 33 years old this week, and I haven't ever been on a first date as an adult, let alone a 2nd date. I don't know how I'll get to marriage someday (something I highly value, study and prepare for, desire, respect, etc.) if I can't even get to a first date. I suppose I'll keep asking God to work a miracle, because I think that may be what it will take!

My god, how absolutely precious and delicious.

I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats AND for altruistic purposes as well, because if these Christian ladies want to know why they can't find men, this will answer it for them.

Their Christian-approved wish list is MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE to what they are physically and mentally attracted to.

In order for any man to meet all of those criteria, not to mention be the type to tolerate

modern day church, those traits and characteristics are antithetical to what most women find attractive in men - independence, charisma, independent thought, manliness, leadership, wit, cleverness, humor, sexual passion, fun and charm. You just will not find those men at the local singles church group.

However, I, in my cynical nature of course, believe something much more nefarious, because truthfully I don't believe the human mind to be that naive. What I believe you see happening here is on a subconscious (maybe even conscious) level, are these Check-List-Christian women belying the fact they value power and control more than love and affection. This is of course based in my cynical belief the majority of religious practitioners do not follow a religion for the religion's sake, but rather because they gain ancillary and ulterior benefits (business connections, social networks, finding a spouse, belonging, etc.). God, Jesus, the bible are dead last and merely tools to be used to rationalize your mistakes and lord yourself over others. Thus when these women list impossible demands of a husband, cite the bible for convenient (albeit, baseless) moral authority during arguments, or conveniently excusing piss-poor real world results on "fateism" or "God has a plan," is proof not of a "good Christian girl committed to Christ," but a power-hungry coward who values control over love.

And that is not...oh...what is the phrase? "Not very Christian."

Enjoy the decline!

Book Review - 30 Bangs

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In my completely not-chronological reading and reviewing of Roosh's various books, the last one is the aptly titled "30 Bangs"

A review of (surprise!) 30 Rooshian bangs.

The standard caveats that apply to all of Roosh's works apply here as well.

It is crass.
It's about sex.
It's how guys speak behind closed doors.
Women will feign disgust and indignation, citing his crassness, accuse it of misogyny, but will be the last ones to put it down.
And blabbity blah blah blah.

We've all heard it before so you know what you're getting into.

However, caveats are where the similarities end in that this book, though about courting and sex, differentiates itself from the rest of his standard "guides." Namely, it is more of a clinical, sociological study, documenting 30 different data points. Roosh, never being able to get rid of the micro-biology scientist in him, analyzes and assesses each of these 30 data points. Certainly it is entertaining, granting the reader the opportunity to live vicariously through him, but trends, correlations, and statistics start to shine through to the point you see there is some science to this art.

Of particular note was the number of times "we're not having sex" came up in a book where the outcome was known THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE SEX. Of the 30 datapoints, I'd estimate at least half of the subjects claimed "we're not having sex" only to have sex by the end of the chapter. Another common refrain was where test subjects would claim to "hate" Roosh's blog, but then still find him fascinating and intriguing. Also prevalent was Roosh's strategic planning which manifested itself in the form of multiple venues, the strategic use of booze, "I'll miss the subway," "I just need a nap" and other tactics Roosh deploys throughout the book.

In short, this book is one of empiricism, but also entertainment and would make this book just as good of an introductory course to redpill/Andro/Manosphere/PUA/etc., as any other well-written book on the subject. It is very entertaining, it is very reasonably priced, and it is very digestible taking me only an afternoon to consume.

The only other observations I would have (which can't even be called "drawbacks," just

observations) are:

1. The later 6th of the book is simply a recap of his exploits in South America, so for people who have already read "A Dead Bat in Paraguay" you may wish to skip these chapters altogether.

2. I noticed a pattern in Roosh's behavior that was always there, but just now consciously made it to my frontal lobes and made me have a scary potential epiphany. When trying to meet girls, Roosh would make attempt, after attempt, after attempt, nearly (and not to be crass, but because it is the perfect analogy) identical to a sperm cell trying to impregnate an egg. He'd try for the touching, get shot down, only to try again. He'd try for the kiss, get shot down, only to try again. He'd try for sex, only to get shot down, only to try again, and in many instances, multiple times. However, regardless of the volume of rejection, he would INEVITABLY succeed.

However, because of the context of this book all we see is Roosh "succeeding" (nay "slaying") women. If you step back and view it from a different angle, there is a different impression. One where you postulate women were already OK with the idea of sex, but were merely having the poor guy dance and jump through hoops for their entertainment. Roosh was providing them with MASSIVE amounts of attention, and then finally being rewarded with sex. In other words, what if women like sex, just as much as anybody else, but they know they can extract an incredible amount of attention out of somebody, then who is really being taken advantage of?

Admittedly, it's just a theory.

3. Finally, I am impressed where Roosh manages to fit in his John Dillinger-esque flatulence problem in EVERY ONE OF HIS BOOKS, but does not let that impede him.

Favorite quotes from the book:

She was a hyper-educated feminist who thought she knew everything about the world, repeatedly saying things that turned off my wang. I responded with slight jabs like, “Are you always like this?” or “Don’t you ever stop?”...We made out briefly in my car when we got to her friend’s house. She said, “It’s obvious that you want me bad.” Her masculine attitude all but assured that this would be a pump-and-dump.

I pushed again for a drink, logically explaining that it would be ten times faster and easier to get to know each other in person than by email. It was a dangerous move to use logic on a female, but she finally agreed.

I had trouble finding the exit to her gated complex so I ended up scaling a concrete wall. Unsure of where I was, I went to the nearest store, a Sam’s Club, and asked for the phone

number to a taxi. They gave me a dirty look like they were about to call the police, so I left and roamed around various suburban streets like a confused cow until I regained my bearings by studying the skyline. I got on a street that seemed to head downtown and then took a bus back home.

All in all I would say this is his second best book, distantly behind "A Dead Bat In Paraguay" and definitely worth the price and your time.

You can find in in paperback and Kindle, and also don't forget the ole Captain's most recent books "Enjoy the Decline" and "Boris the Shitting Buffalo."

College Administrators Resorting to Cold Calling

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I cannot fully explain just how much I loathe college administrators. In due time they will become the next "bankers" in that society, especially younger folk, will wake up and realize just how much these vermin of society screwed them over selling them not just a bill of goods, and not just crippling their finances, but how they brainwashed the youth to so effortlessly go into debt to pay for their bloated salaries. And when the education bubble collapses they will be the righteous scapegoats just like the bankers were for the housing bubble.

However, there is good news on the front. News that shows just how desperate college administrators are that the gravy train may be ending.

From my Secret College Student Agent in the Field:

"*Hey there. Just a quick note between study sessions. I wanted to let you know the latest work-study project I have been helping with. Cold calling former students. Yup.* ***2k+ Names and numbers of students that were enrolled for spring, but have not yet enrolled for fall semester****. This is the script I was given.*

"*Hello, my name is------, from FUU and we just wanted to let everyone know that enrollment is now open for fall semester. If you have any questions our website, fuu.edu, is available or you are welcome to call us at XXX-XXX-XXX. Thank you have a great day*"

Fall classes start Sept. 2nd, so there is still plenty of time to enroll, but the ***administrators are poopin their pants, because by this time there should be looooooots more enrolled, and summer was down a lot also.*** *I don't have those numbers yet, but for* ***them to rally the troops to cold call*** *it has to be bad. First crack in the edububble? Well see.*

I hate cold calling. yuck. YOur tax dollars at work, go work study."

Sniff, sniff. You'll forgive me if a little tear of pride in my little agent in the field is welting in my eye.

Remember, June is "Worthless Degree Awareness Month." Do your part by forwarding, linking or just plain warning your kids about the risks of majoring in a worthless degree. Also consider buying the book "Worthless" which is .0016% the cost of the average college degree (unless you buy a Kindle version which is only .0006%!)

Kick Ass Father's Day Gift Idea #1

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"The Man with No Name Trilogy" consisting of

"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"
"A Fistful of Dollars"
and
"A Few Dollars More."

Don't get your father a gift that sucks. Get him something kick ass.

Economically Benefiting from Vice

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A champion against corporate welfare, and rare ally i have on the left is Ed Kohler of "The Deets". He is a nice guy, but brainwashed none the less, living in the echo chamber of MInneapolis. However, what aligns us is his impeccable work aaginst Zigy Wilf who is the owner of the Minnesota Vikings and rich man who has bent over the Minnesota taxpayer to subsidize himself a new stadium. there's already enough reasons not to attend a Minnesota Viking's game

1. They suck and have never won a superbowl
2. None of them are from Minnesota and are merely people fat, overweight men live vicariously and Monday Morning Quarterback through.
3. Parking sucks

but

4. Subsidized by the taxpayer

can be added to the list.

However, a friend of mine sent me this:

"Football sponsorship is a big business."

And the "football" he's talking about is not "football," it's soccer.

Apparently over in the old country casinos and gambling companies are allowed to sponsor various soccer teams. The two meld together well since you can bet on sports, so an alliance between the gambling industry and professional sports would make sense.

The article cites problems, wondering if there are drawbacks to such an alliance, and of course casinos are not the end all be all of every economy's problems. But if Deadwood and Indian reservations are any proxy, why not use gambling to pay Zigy his "Wilfare" (as Ed likes to call it) and leave the tax payer alone.

I know, I know. Me and my stupid simple economic solutions to simple economic problems. If all of the politicians were dead maybe we could make some headway.

This is Ed, Ed and My other Sponsor Ed

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Today's special at Ranger Self Defense is self-defense/fighting instructional videos.

Kick Ass Father's Day Gift Ideas #2

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These actually came recommended from readers:

Band of Brothers DVD Set

Bruce Willis DVD Set including "Last Man Standing" and "The Last Boy Scout"

Stanley Tool Set (though there are a ton you can find on teh interwebz)

and my recommendation a humidor for your dad's cigars

The Efficiency of Male Anger and Bluntness

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Life is short.

It is only short because it is finite and has an end.

Thus, why you get enragingly pissed when you are behind somebody going 2 MPH under the speed limit.

Because, ***no it isn't*** "'ONLY' 2 MPH, why are you so easily angered?"

It is a parasitic, verminous, scum-human directly transferring precious seconds of your life into their luxurious leisure to drive slow and hold up the rest of society.

Thus, why I like blunt, direct, and truthful (read - "male") conversation and honesty (and yes, that "male" bit was a test).

You see, since I am finite and I am going to die, I want to get the most bang for my "seconds of life" buck while on this planet. And no matter how petty or minor somebody holding up my life, be it in the form of a soccer mom talking on her phone in the left lane beside a semi going the exact same speed, or morons who are too stupid to use the self-check out lane at the grocery store, but occupy it none the less, preventing me from getting on with my life, I want them out of my life.

Unfortunatley, murder (let alone the mass-murder on a scale required to eliminate all the bottleneck people in my life) isn't legal, and until it is, I am relegated to maximizing my life's efficiency via other means, namely those that are legal and within my control.

One of these primary means is dealing with direct, blunt people.

Oh, yes, in today's timid and pansified emasculated society "blunt, direct, and truthful" means

"mean"
"bigoted"
"racist"
"hateful"
"asshole"

and whatever other terms the castratti has come up with,

but these people are the most noble, honest, and trustworthy people you can associate yourself with.

They don't waste your time, they don't waste your life, they don't care about your feelings, and in a very altruistic way (assuming you can be an adult and not take pansidied victimization umbrage because you're addicted to woeismeism)

listening to them
interacting with them
conducting commerce with them
and otherwise engaging with them

will improve your lot in life in that you are dealing with reality and a person who deals with reality, not a charalatan playing "Minnesota Nice" who is lying to you so you have warm fuzzies.

So you'll appreciate the (literally) hours of precious finite life I'll save you about which next video game console to commit to when I present this blunt, harsh, "mean," "cruel," "arrogant," and all the other epitaphs that are now compliments in the real world, analysis of whether you should buy Sony, Nintendo or XBox's newest generation.

You can thank me by calling me names and telling me what an asshole I am.

A Classic to Irk Your Lefty Friends With

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This seems to have had a bit of a resurgence.

No Man Has Any Excuse for Not Working Out

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Thanks to this badass mofo.

Next time you think

"I don't want to work out."
"Working out sucks."
"I hate working out."

have yourself a cup of STFU and hit the gym AND be thankful.

Boo-Freaking-Hoo

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What angers me most is that the idea of bailing out any industry, let alone the cronyistic, nepotistic cesspool of the East Coast/London publishing house industry, is even palatable to society. Society is so ignorant and so clueless about basic economics they'll damn well eat up the "ooooo, we need to save the libraries" and vote to tax themselves more to support this veritable horse and buggy industry.

Hat tip.

Daddy, Where Do Lawyers Come From?

June 7, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

AKA "Finally, now we know why lawyers are mostly scum."

The single largest concentration of worthless degrees is the liberal arts. And the single largest destination for liberal arts majors who can't find jobs is law school.

Law degrees are much like MBA's, just even more depraved of morality and integrity. It is not a coincidence that those too lazy to pursue a real degree end up in law school. Just look at the undergrad degrees most lawyers have and you'll see very few Engineering majors or accountants, but you'll see a ton of Sociology majors and hyphenated-American studies majors. But this disproportionate representation of liberal arts degrees also goes a long way in explaining why lawyers have the bad (and well-deserved) reputation they do.

Starting in elementary school, children are told how great and wonderful they are. You could even say they're brainwashed to think too highly of themselves and certainly are brainwashed today to have an entitlement mentality. These kids continue on through high school and when it comes time to pick a major they never consider the real-world ramifications of picking a worthless degree because the entire time they've been told how wonderful they are and how successful they'll be. Sure enough, a disproportionately high number of them choose the liberal arts. Because it's nearly impossible to get anything below a 3.5 GPA in the liberal arts, their egos and entitlement mentalities are only reinforced. It isn't until they graduate and can't find a job is their fragile little world shattered. However, undaunted, they continue on to law school, work very hard for two years, and after incurring another $75,000 in debt, they still can't find a job (or at least a decent paying one).

By this time, you have a person who has been told they deserve the world for the past 20 years. The world, however, is not complying. But this person has a law degree and huge student debts, not to mention in their
minds they think they worked really hard for the past six years. What do you think this person is going to do?

Of course this person is going to do whatever they can to make money whether it's moral or not. Frivolous lawsuits. Chasing ambulances. Concocted class-action lawsuits. They're entitled to it! However, more commonly today, you see lawyers join political crusades. The primary purpose of which is to extract money from either political donors, charities or the taxpayers under some kind of "social justice" theme. A lot will follow the rule, "those who can't do teach" and return to Academia where they will become bitter, angry professors. And a lot of them, if their parents have the money, will simply enter politics

(go and see if your representatives in government have law degrees and hail from well-to-do families).

More can be found here.

Percent of the Population That Works

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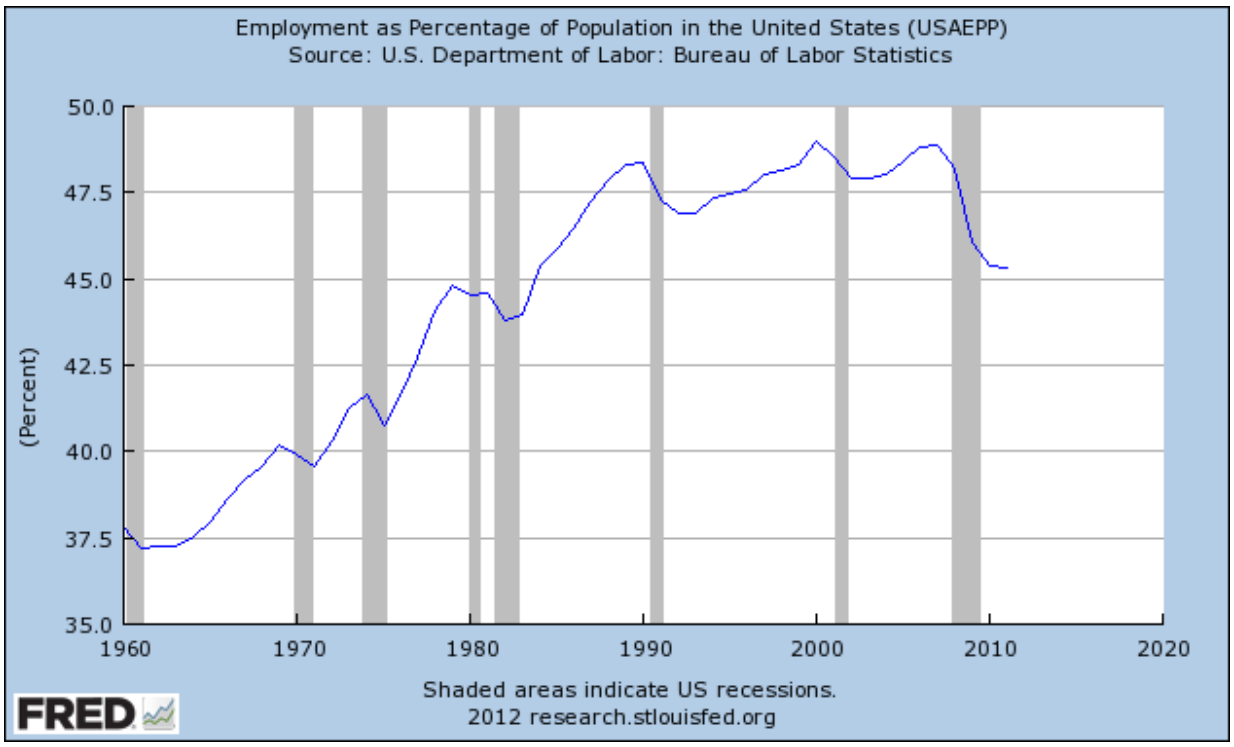
I thought I would have to actually work at this chart, meaning pull the population figures from the Census Bureau, then getting the "total people employed" figures and then divide the two. However, it seems the folks in charge of the FRED database have actually been bucking the government employee trend by (GASP!) working! The data series is already pre-calculated!



Naturally my intent was to highlight the significant drop in the percent of the population that is working and show that a smaller and smaller minority of people are supporting the rest of us, however something did jump out at me and that was just how few people were actually working back in the early 60's. only 37% of the population supported the remaining 63%.

Of course this is somewhat misleading as it does not consider stay-at-home mothers (or fathers) "working" and it wasn't until women left the house for the labor market did this ratio increase. What is interesting, however, is how we had

lower unemployment
higher-technology adjusted standards of living
higher economic growth
and sounded government finances

than we do today with 10% LESS of the population working.

I also find it interesting that with more people working how government spending as a percent of GDP went up. Should this not have been the reverse? As more people labored, then private sector GDP would have gone up, shrinking government's spending as a percentage...unless...hmmmmm.....there is one thing that would explain all of the above.

But I'll let you junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists out there figure that out.

Saint Frick Goes to Wall Street

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I swear, for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick:

Stocks Soar; Dow Gains 200 Points on Jobs Data

CNBC Text Size

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By: JeeYeon Park | CNBC.com Writer

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Stocks closed sharply higher Friday as the monthly employment report suggested economic growth is tepid enough for the Federal Reserve to maintain its bond-buying program over the next few months.

I'm not making it up. I can't. It's too god damned stupid to make up.

So it is FEDERAL RESERVE BOND BUYING PROGRAMS that is a sign of economic growth, NOT THE ACTUAL ECONOMY GROWING?????

He Treats Her Like an Equal and She Gets Enraged

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An "environmental" engineering major (and yes, the quotes were on purpose, because "environmental" engineering isn't a real degree - note "chemistry and calculus is tough!") asks a man for his opinion. And not only does he obey her, he tells her...

the truth.

And in doing so actually treats her as a genuine equal because that is what men do to other men. WE are blunt, we are truthful, and we don't give a damn about your feelings. We just care about getting the job done and done the right, best, and most efficient way. And we know you ladies would have it no other way, because we would NEVER dare to treat you as anything else but true and genuine equals. And that's what you wanted.

Remember, June is "Worthless Degree Awareness Month." And in honor of feminism I say we help prevent women from majoring in worthless degrees and doing our best to help them close that pay gap by forcing them into the trades and STEM.

Kick Ass Father's Day Gifts #4

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Shaving kit (as recommended by a reader)

Old Man Cologne that reminds their daughters of when dad was young and reminds mom of when dad was hot. My female friend recommends Aramis, but you can get Polo and Drakar and other old timer cologne. Heck, you can get him Brut! However, if you Cappy Cap ladies want to see what the Captain smells like, then I recommend "Man."

Air Compressor

And because your dad is the only person in the world as cool as Steve McQueen, the ultimate Steve McQueen collection.

"Why Can't You Be Happy Cappy???"

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Occasionally I will write a screed (which I am prone to do) and will then get comments akin to "geez Cappy, I love ya, but why can't you be happy all the time, 24-7, no questions asked?"

It reminds me of this Calvin and Hobbes cartoon.

So here is something cheerful, joyful, happy, and cute!

Good vs. OK vs. Bad Suicide aka "Suicide in the Manosphere"

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As you know, I am not against suicide. I'm all for euthanasia. I'm all for the Smith and Wesson retirement plan. And if life gets particularly hard (say, you're crippled or life is really just horrible to you), then yes, I do not see suicide as a "cowardly" option, but rather a sane and logical one. However, a couple spates of suicide and knowing some of my friends who have committed it themselves, I believe many of us, especially men, and especially those of us in the Manosphere need to delve into this dark and macabre world as it is more pertinent to our demographic group than others.

First, the good suicide.

Suicide CAN be a legitimate and optimal choice. The most common reason I can see is if you are terminally ill, in pain and don't want to cripple future generations with hospital bills to keep your failing corpse alive another 6 miserable months. Hunter Thompson for example, my grandmother (who did not commit suicide, but was a vegetable for her last 5 years of life) another, or anybody whose physical body is failing them and the conclusion is foregone. I will further contend (and will admittedly not get everybody to agree with me) that if your life is irreparably damaged, destitute, disadvantaged and genuinely hopeless, then yes suicide can certainly be a legitimate option (though I provide the caveat if it comes to "suicide" then all options are open and you should try robbing a bank or something drastic to see if you can't turn your fortunes around, because, what's it going to cost you?).

Beyond that we enter a "gray area" of suicide that I can "understand," but do not agree with. Specifically, when people have success, reach the pinnacle of their lives, and then, have nothing left to live for. You see this in a spike in suicide after people retire, or the likes of Ernest Hemingway perhaps, Kurt Cobain another, or any number of successful celebrities that then suffer from depression or suicide (Amy Winehouse). I am of the personal theory "there is always something to do, some adventure to go on, something to explore," so no matter if you conquer the world there was always places to go and people to befriend. Of course, this is easier said than done when your entire being is wrapped up in you being a great singer, a great author, a great astronaut or a great "anything," but still, family, friends and loved ones should always trump your career.

Then there is bad suicide. Suicide that shows you are weak. You're on drugs. You're a woeisme person, and you're just too damn lazy to change your life. You'd rather feel sorry for yourself and get all emo, making multiple faux, suicide attempts in the vain hope you'll get some attention that will yield a knight in shining armor to save you, but in

the end it boils down to you not wanting to expend the effort and energy necessary to make life worth living. It is these people I have no patience or pity for.

Bad suicide does not interest me intellectually. And "good suicide," though not palatable to the average westerner's mind, is a foregone philosophical no-brainer for me. What intrigues me though is the gray area, specifically for these reasons three:

1. The two life coaches that just committed suicide. These aren't the first, and I fear they won't be the last, but why are people, who are presumably experts on life, committing suicide? And furthermore, why would you listen to this group of people? It would be like reading Jezebel for marriage or dating advice. Regardless, there seems to be a disturbingly high percentage of "motivational speakers" or people who generally dispense personal advice that end up killing themselves, questioning the legitimacy of such a profession. The only way I can see this being legitimate is if they pushed the psychological and philosophical boundaries of happiness so far they mastered it and it became boring.

2. Mystery from "The Game." I'll have to apologize, but I had to spend some significant time tracking down the post where i read this, but "Mystery" who is the author of "The Game" gets suicidal (and I am totally trusting Rollo did his research on this). Again, a guy who is a professional PUA, dispensing advice, feeling suicidal.

3. The handful of stories and posts I've read, but cannot find right now, at various Manosphere sites about "totally cool, awesome, incredibly successful men with the ladies" who ended up committing suicide anyway (I would appreciate if any of you could send me the links because I know they're out there).

In short, there seems to be a psychological profile of pick up artists, ladies men, successful babe hounds, many of whom are and have dispensed advice that are either dead by their own hand or contemplate it today. And what I can't figure out is, is it because these men were

highly successful, finally figuring out an insanely complex algorithm that was never meant to be solved, and thus unintentionally took away their own meaning in life

or

have something wrong with them that makes them gravitate, like "life coaches" and "motivational speakers," towards an advice-dispensing profession plagued by high suicide rates.

Thoughts? Opinions? Observations? Anecdotes or empirical evidence?

Coincidentally and NOT to be considered a subject or example of the above, is this post is sponsored in part by Private Man's dating advice services. Read all the stuff you want on the internet, it is general advice. NOT advice tailored to you. That's where Private Man comes in. One on one advice, SPECIFICALLY addressed to you and your situation and over the phone as well. No texts, no e-mails, unless that is what you want.

Why You Want to Be Like Mike Rowe

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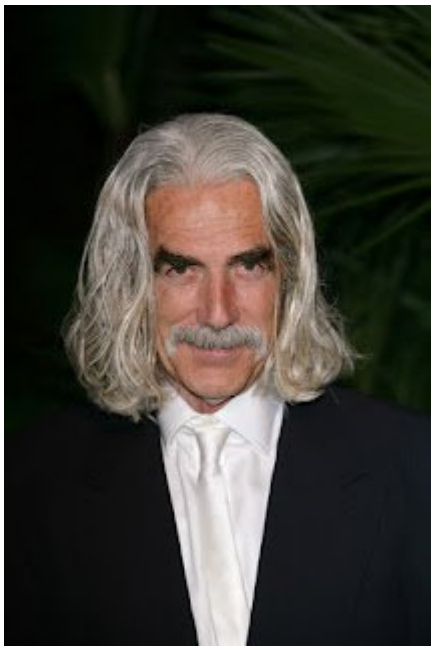
Mention "Sam Elliot" to pretty much any man in America and he will respond positively saying things like "Yeah, cowboy guy with mustache" or "the dude."



Mention "Sam Elliot" to your mother or perhaps even your grandmother and you will be shocked and surprised with the lewd and bawdy commentary that ensues (and you never thought your mother would say!).

Why?

Well, let me explain.

Sam Elliot, while an OK looking guy does not stand out to any man, and most men would not see why he stands out. Truth be told, I STILL don't see why he stands out. However my mother (not to mention a score of other elderly ladies) swoons, nearly passes out when you mention "Sam Elliot." Was it because he was hotter when he was younger?

No, for as it turns out there is actually a lot more to Sam Elliot than meets the eye and a lesson we can all take from him. So let us fast forward to people more our age.

Having the SAEG (TM) that I am gifted with and actually listening to the words coming out of my mother's mouth, I focused on when she kept saying he was "real" and he "was a man." She dislikes George Clooney and dislikes Brad Pitt and kept harping on "the real man" aspect that her and her elderly female colleagues liked (nay, salivated over).

So my brain scanned its archives and came up with another guy who I though would fit the "real man" bill - Mike Rowe.

And I said, "So is Mike Rowe a hottie?"

My mother, not knowing who he was said, "Who's Mike Rowe?"

I said, "You know, Mike Rowe. The guy who does 'The World's Dirtiest Jobs.'"

"No, don't know who you're talking about."

I said, "the guy who did the special 'How Booze Built America'"

"No, still don't know who you're talking about."

Then I said, "The guy who wears a cap and does the Ford truck commercials."

And you should have see her knees turn to jelly.

"***Oh! YES! OH MY GOD! HE IS EXACTLY WHAT I"M TALKING ABOUT!***"

And so let us take a lesson as to why every young man should be aiming to be like Mike Rowe.

First, Mike Rowe is not a "cutie" or a "pretty boy Floyd."

He is a man. He has changed his own oil, done pretty much every other disgusting real-man-imaginable job via his TV show, probably has rebuilt an engine or two in his life, owns Stanley Tools, and is a guy who can get shit done. George Clooney, pretty as he may be, only has experience in being...well...George Clooney and Rose Mary Clooney's nepotist. Mike Rowe is a normal guy, who soared through the ranks of real life under his own steam, and is definitely the guy you want on your team in a post-apocalyptic world. His face shows this and women see it.

Second, he is middle aged, BUT physically in shape.

Have you seen his physique? He hides it under sweatshirts, but if you pay attention during the Ford commercials he is the last guy I would want to rumble with, even if the lord were to grant me an additional 4 inches in height and 30 pounds of muscle. And this physique does not come from a personal trainer, it comes from regular ole work and toil. Any man his age, whose life has forged his physique into that, is a man who has lived a real life and one that women want.

Finally, Mike Rowe is a normal guy, and therefore in most women's eyes he's attainable. Sure, Hollywood and People Magazine go out of their way to brainwash women into thinking George Clooney is the sexiest man alive, and 100% of the women would jump at the chance to date George Clooney...

but you don't have billion dollar media empires putting your face on worthless magazines, do you?

You get to live in the real world. And therefore you have to figure out who you should model yourself after given this real world you live in. And fashioning yourself after a "normal guy" like Mike Rowe will lead to much better results than fashioning yourself after a guy like George Clooney, because the truth is you aren't a celebrity. You are a normal guy. And if George Clooney and Mike Rowe were walking down the street WITHOUT their celebrity status, women would choose Mike Rowe every single time.

So remember, and take it from my mom (and every other crass-talking woman in her cadre of foul-mouthed females), you don't want to be pretty boy Floyd. You don't want to be Brad Pitt. You want to be the tough, rugged, torn-jean, motorcycle-fixing, whiskey swillin', blue collar guy who can punch above his weight, but remembers to buy mom flowers on her birthday.

Actually, One Hell of a Father's Day Gift

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The best of Ennio Morricone.

And if you don't know what I'm talking about try

this

and this

and this

Captain Does Dallas

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Late June if you didn't know and are interested in signing up. Got a bunch of people and I have a pretty darn good topic I'll be talking about. Admittedly it's pricey if you have to fly into Dallas, but for those of you in the area, hopefully you can attend.

The Latest Clarey Podcast

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In this latest installment the Captain explains why radio is doomed and the internet is the future, why people who insist other people be constantly happy need to get slapped, and how the Manosphere is here to stay and is a gold mine that nobody has the gall to mine.

Thank You Chris Muir!

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So I woke up this morning and our beloved Stingray and Dr. Helen (interesting post here) had sent me an e-mails. Turns out the ole Captain got a mention on "Day by Day!" (somewhat NSFW as I was surprised Chris has been drawing some of his characters nude!)

Never in a million years would I have thought this little ole blog and my little ole writings would make it this far.

That's Just Wrong, Man

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Just wrong. I mean it's "correct" and "true," but it's still wrong.

Which is Why I Own a Car

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About the only place I ever lived that made sense to ride mass transit was Chicago. Otherwise, no amount of buses, light rail, trains, or what have you was efficient enough to compensate for the fact a car could go from the driveway of your house to the driveway or parking lot of your destination. Throw in the fact it gets gold in Minnesota and walking to and waiting at bus stops makes mass transit all that much more unappealable.

There is another reason not to ride mass transit. It (usually) has people who are so bad at life they can't afford a car. It isn't that hard to afford a car. Plenty of used cars nowadays for $3,000. Leftists and the bleeding heart types will say, "but who has $3,000 they can just drop on a car? You hate the poor! Why are you so mean! Not everybody can be like you!"

I ask how CAN'T you save up a measly $3,000 for a car? Hell, I managed to do that working for $6.90 an hour AND pay for college, living expenses, etc. A car would be kind of your primary thing you need to get since it allows you to get to work, the grocery store and makes life a hell of a lot easier. Sure, maybe ride the bus for a couple months to build up your reserves, but (and again, unless, say you're commuting to downtown for work and it just pays to take the bus) in the end every person should be able to get a cheap used car. If you can't, then there's something wrong with you.

How Western Civilization Will (Temporarily) Save the US Dollar

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A law, not a theory, but a law of economics is if you print off more money, but the amount of goods and services remain the same, you will have inflation.

There is no if's, and's, or but's about it. YOu print off more money without a commensurate increase in the production of goods and services you have created inflation.

This law is of course, masked by the complexities of central banking and international economics. But pull as many tricks out of their central banking hats, in the end this law will end up proving true, undoing and unraveling all the tomfoolery and magic tricks central bankers try to play.

Many people are banking on such an unraveling. They're buying gold and silver, ammo and guns, and some are investing in more stable currencies like the Norwegian Kroner or Swiss Franc. However, there is always the issue of "investment horizons" and as John Maynard Keynes said, "Markets can remain irrational longer than you can stay solvent." And today's US dollar is one such instance.

THere is no doubt whatsoever that with "QE^1...n" set by the Fed there has been an increase in the money supply that outstrips the increase in GDP. Naturally there should be inflation, but one of the little smoke screens employed by the Fed (or actually, a lack of business confidence in the US economy) is that those monies are sitting in the banking system, afraid to be lent out against such poor economic prospects. So yes, the CPI shows no inflation, but the moment that money ever gets circulated into the economy or velocity increases (if you believe in that stuff) inflation will kick in. Regardless, the larger point is it doesn't matter to the gold or silver investor WHERE the US dollars are sitting, all that matters to them is HOW MUCH DOLLARS ARE OUT THERE as that is what directly speaks to the price of precious metals relative to a fiat currency.

However, the above situation, though true, is over-simplified. Specifically, it does not account for the irrationality of other actors in the world economy and does not explain the recent year long drop in gold and silver prices. And if we were to investigate the "irrationality of other actors" in the world economy, we'd find there's one simple reason the US dollar has had a resurgence against precious metals (and other currencies)-

Western Civilization.

Understand that though the US and other western nations have massive economic and debt problems, they have one advantage over their non-western counterparts - we are more civilized. By "more civilized" I mean precisely that. WE don't have a ton of corruption say like, China. We don't have to bribe officials like say, Russia. We don't have people shooting each other in the streets say like, most of Sub-Saharan Africa. And in general our population agrees and abides by our legal, contact, and economic laws (we pay people on time, we aren't trying to price gouge people at the local bazaar, etc.) And when you compare these traits and factors to people with

trillions of dollars worth of their local currency
in a world where evil is winning in most places
and most other countries are kleptocracies

that disgusting, dirty, evil United States, with it's despicable dead, white European male culture, where those stupid westerners get up, day in, day out, go to work and do what they say they're going to do, still looks to be the best bet.

This "trust premium" if you want to call it that has two effects. One, it provides additional value to the US dollar above and beyond it's purchasing power or underlying economic production. The dollar now becomes a "safe haven," or "reserve" for people around the world looking to just maintain the value of their currency. Two, it increases the value of the dollar relative to other currencies, despite our horrible financial fundamentals in that we are the "least sucky currency" or as a reader put it, "the least ugly sister in the room."

"Sure," you might say, "I can see how this affects the exchange rates between the US dollar and other currencies, but why precious metals?"

And that is an outstanding economics question, one we can take a lesson from.

Understand that there is a difference between "price" and "value." People often confuse the US dollar (or any currency) with value thinking currencies somehow have value. In reality currencies are nothing more than units for pricing something that DOES have value.

"How much is that Big Mac worth?" 4.23 US dollar units of value.

"How much is that gallon of gas?" 3.97 US dollar units of value.

In other words a Big Mac or a gallon of has still has the same value. A Big Mac will fill your stomach just the same whether the price is 5 cents or $500, and a gallon of gas will move your car the same 20 miles regardless of whether its price is 40 cents or $300 per gallon. It is the CURRENCY'S PURCHASING POWER THAT CHANGES, not the value of the underlying good.

To this end you can see why gold and silver have dropped in price in terms of the US dollar. Not because they went down in value, but because with everybody scrambling to park their assets in US dollars (and dollar denominated assets) the value of the dollar has gone up, allowing the dollar to purchase roughly 20% more gold and silver than it did a year ago.

But once again, we need to look at the fundamentals.

Yes, it's nice that we have the least sucky currency.

Yes it's nice that CHina's bubble is starting to burst (not for the Chinese people, or for that matter, global economy, but for the US dollar)

And yes, it's really nice that the US "only" has 105% debt to GDP compared to Europe's 160% debt to GDP.

But we still suck. And over time, unless there is genuine, booming and miraculous economic growth to provide the US dollar with genuine production/wealth-based value, you can expect the eternal law of supply to play out in the end and the dollar to drop relative to other items that have real or "intrinsic" value.

Enjoy the decline!

I'm Not Feeding Your Mistakes...Er "Children"

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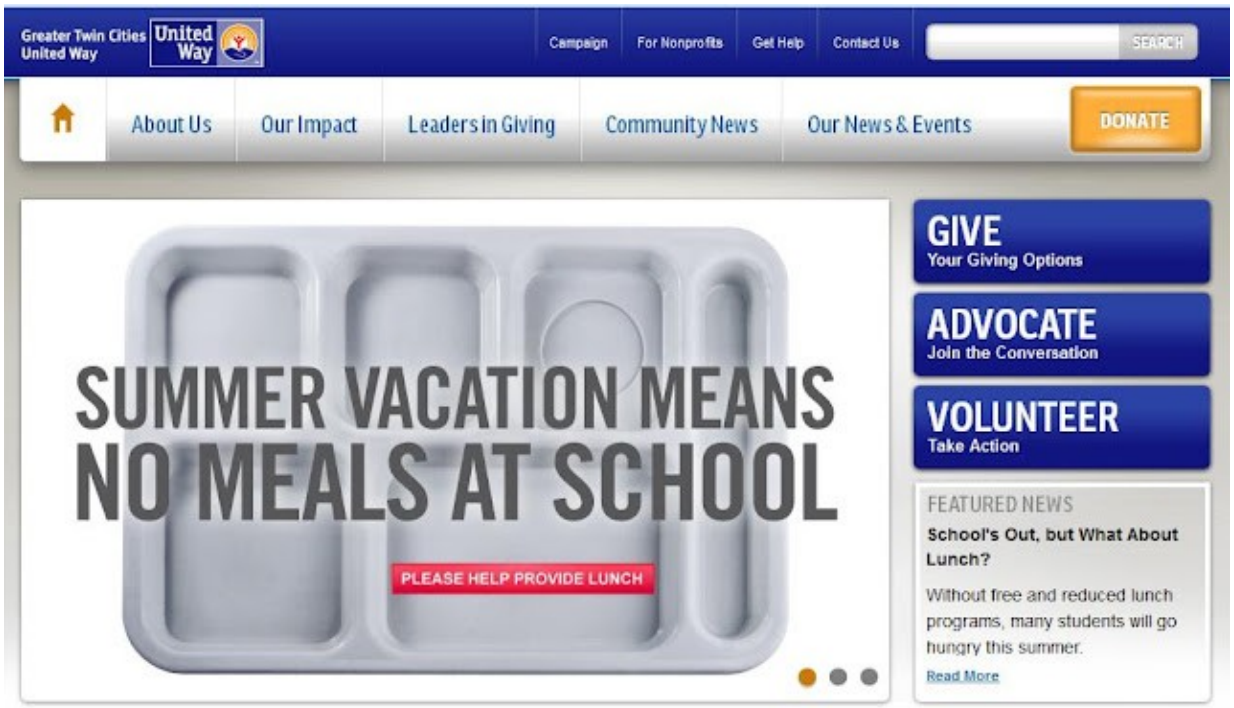
For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.



THankfully, the United Way is private, unlike the public schools which force me to feed other people's ~~mistakes~~ children.

Then Go Marry Jesus

June 12, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cripes. *A 33 point checklist????*

Only one man I know who can meet all those requirements and more

JESUS, SUPER-ROCK-STAR-BAD-ASS-ALPHA!

I'll say it again for the cheap seats - the majority, not all, but the majority of young born again Christian women abuse religion as a means to leverage control, authority and demands over others. Additionally, no man can compete with Rock Star Super Alpha JC. It is an impossible task so do not even bother trying.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the mother's boyfriend could.

Regardless we don't need no STIIIIIINNNNNNNKINNNNNNG FATHERS!

Paul Elam and Bill Burr Walk Into a Bar

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A good post from Mr. Elam.

Today's Word - Nomenklatura

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Future members of the Soviet nomenklatura started out in the Young Pioneers, the Hitler Youth-esque brainwashing organization that replaced the Boy Scouts. From there, they graduated to the Komsomol, the youth wing of the Communist Party, before becoming card-carrying Bolsheviks themselves. At every turn, they were vetted for their loyalty to the communist revolution and their willingness to blindly follow orders. It was effectively feudalism; the nomenklatura fiercely promoted the interests of their Inner Party patrons in exchange for little pats on the head. Modern American feminism functions in almost the same way.

Matt also has a good post here on an unrelated topic. It is a review of Roosh's "best of" series, but he makes a point that I think every blogger, male and female, of a controversial nature needs to heed.

You NEED to publish your works in physical format not so much to "make coin" on it, but so that your best works of literature and thought are forever preserved and not deleted by some bureaucrat or Google-apparatchik. It was the primary reason I published my "best of" book and is the primary reason you should be publishing your works as well.

"My Mom Is Taking Care of My Child"

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Rip apart the boomers all you want (and by all means, please do), there is one area or arena they are getting their comeuppance and getting paid back in spades - raising their children's children.

I don't believe this to be a plague that affects middle or upper classes, but certainly the lower-middle and lower economic classes. And there could not be any better form of poetic justice. For if you raised your child so "crappily" that your child now lacks the common sense and reason not to fornicate without protection and get/get somebody pregnant, it is now YOU who gets to pay the consequences.

Forget retirement grandma, you get to baby sit while your harlot of a daughter goes and works at the local hair salon and then goes to night school to become a "chef" because she can't take care of her kid she had when she was 16.

Hey, did you have your kid at 15 and (surprise surprise) dad didn't stick around to raise your son? Well, don't be surprised when your son "Jessup" comes home with his 17 year old crappy goatee telling you he knocked up his girlfriend. 18 more years of strife for you!

And did your son carry on a life long tradition of children born out of wedlock as he pursues his 'aspiring rap artist' career? Good luck "grandpa," you get to deal with two children now.

Naturally these types of *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE* "families" never read Cappy Cap. I'm just highlighting the above study/link so you can enjoy the self-inflicted misery these losers of society foist upon themselves.

The Role Women Should Play in Society

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I received a question from a reader about what I thought women's role in society should be.

At first thought I imagined the response would be a lengthy one, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized it was very simple.

Women's role in society should be whatever role women wish to play.

That's it.

Period.

Women, like men, are human and have every right to freedom and should not be pigeon-holed into one role or another. They are sentient, they are human, they are individuals, there should be no specific "role" they play in society as pre-ordaining them to play ANY role would be be tyranny over the individual.

Where the hubbub or contention occurs is where women do precisely that, but then whine and complain about the consequences.

For example, if a woman wants to get impregnated at the age of 16...and then 18...and then 21 by three different men, I personally do not care. But when you start telling me I have to pay higher taxes to bail this parasite out of her own idiotic mistakes, then I morally and logically should have a say in how she should lead her life because the veritable parasite is now consuming part of mine. I would go so far as to even say I have the right to force birth control on her. And the reason why is that when somebody starts requiring others pay for their way, then they cease to be an individual and forfeit all rights.

Or another example. Say a woman majors in a worthless subject. I don't care. I don't really care. You go major in Lesbian, Transgender, Chicano-White-Privilege, French, 18th Century Poetry for all I care and make sure to go $150,000 in debt at some prissy little liberal arts college tucked away in the non-urban East coast.

As long as she lives up to the fact she will be unemployable, in debt, and just plain out of luck.

But once I'm requested to bail her out (either though loan forgiveness via the taxpayer or lobbying to increase my taxes to make a pointless, make-work government job for her),

then once again she has forfeited being an individual and I have every right to dictate to her what she should and should not do.

In other words, the issue of "women's place in society" is not one of liberty or individualistic choice or idealism. That is a simple matter - they should be allowed to do whatever they want. It's a matter of whether society is man enough to let them suffer the consequences of their decisions and TRULY TREAT THEM AS EQUALS or is hoodwinked into being asked to bail out women for stupid choices, stupid mistakes, and just plain stupidity.

But don't think this just applies to women. It is only women we are talking about because of the question posed to me. This lesson applies to both sexes.

To what extent do we grant freedom to an individual to fuck up his or her own life?

Philosophically and morally I say "the fullest extent."

But it is on the grounds and understanding that they get to suffer the full and complete consequences of their mistakes, their stupidity, and their inferiority with no cost to the taxpayer.

Of course, we do not have this today. Everybody gets bailed out.

The loser who borrowed more than they could afford to buy a house.
The loser who had more children than he/she could afford.
The loser that majors in English in an English speaking country where English is a skill akin to breathing.
The loser that started a sports bar or a trinket shop because they had a dream but no business acumen.

I could go on, but you get the point.

Mature, freedom-loving adults, allow people to do whatever they want because *that is* freedom and *that is* liberty. It is the consequences of stupid decisions that causes the controversy about women's role in society today because women (disproportionately to men - and yes, I will defend that with empirical data) then go begging, nay, DEMANDING the rest of RESPONSIBLE society lessen their standards of living to bail them out of their stupidity.

So what role should women play in society?

Simple, whatever they want, long as they're adult about it.

The Basics of Tax Deductions

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You Can't Blog on a Motorcycle

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Bar not hitting a deer or meeting Jennifer Aniston on the side of the road, I am currently enroute to the Black Hills for a 2 week sabbatical. Thusly, I will be plagiarizing the work of others as it is somewhat difficult to blog while piloting a motorcycle. Posts will return to somewhat normal once I make it to my hotel. On a related note if you are in the Black Hills area, give a shout out to the Captain. Grab a Rumpie or get a hike or something.

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I've said it before and I'll say it again. We need anti-nepotism legislation. This is one of the things both democrats and republicans (small d/r) can agree on. There would have been no Bush's, no Pelosi's, no Dayton's and no other spoiled little trust fund brats destroying our country.

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I don't disagree with him, but one thing that the boomer generation did (quite brilliantly, though unintentionally perhaps) was dumb down successive generations so much those generations were too stupid to

1. educate themselves about government finances
2. realize they were being taken advantage of and thus

still vote against their best interests.

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Again, why ANY controversial blogger NEEDS to consolidate their best writings and publish a "best of."

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It is a dark, very dark world of psychology that I have yet to delve into the depths necessary to start pulling my own theories, but I theorize my recent "Felon Game" experiment and this are related.

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Diamonds are a woman's biggest shit test.

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I think we have found the most despicable person in America with all the traits and characteristics embodied into one soul. Though this lady is a close second.

Diamonds are a Girl's Biggest Shit Test

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I had linked to this before in a linkage fest, but felt it warrants its own post.

At a very young age I knew diamonds were worthless. They were shinny rocks. They did nothing but sit on fingers. And the amount of money I heard the "adults" said they spent on them, I knew they could buy a lot more cool and practical stuff, say like, food, and ohhhhh, rent.

Of course, as I aged, life empirically proved my skepticism, and my education between college and poverty also confirmed to me just was a frivolous expense diamonds were.

However, it wasn't until yesterday reading this post at Maggie's Farm did I really realize what diamonds TRULY are -

They are the world's biggest shit test.

Understand what a woman is asking you to do, gentlemen, when she wants that diamond ring. She wants you to:

1. Spend as much as your money as possible
2. On a veritably worthless hunk of rock that
3. Offers no genuine production, value or worth other than to
4. Inflate her petty ego as she uses it to brag to her equally hollow and shallow friends who
5. Are such vain and worthless people as they measure human worth based on the size of a rock.

In short it is a purified economic test of the shits. She wants to see how much of your ***PRECIOUS FINITE LIFE*** you are willing to sacrifice on ***SOMETHING THAT HAS NO VALUE***. It is the biggest hoop. The biggest hurdle. The biggest shit test. And it is also incredibly demeaning.

How do you deal with this shit test?

Like any other.

You get a small diamond, or better yet, no diamond at all. You find a ruby, an emerald, something prettier than a boring old diamond. You say, "I'm not getting you some big ass diamond, and matter of fact, we're not pissing away precious funds on a bullshit wedding. We're going to Vegas and getting married by "The Flying Elvi."

Of course, if you're at the stage a woman is still shit-testing you, and you're about to propose AND you still don't know how to pass shit-tests, then go ahead and pony up your 4 months salary, sucker. You may also want to start stashing away for a divorce fund which you're probably going to need later. For the larger the diamond you buy, the less of a woman you have.

Rumpleminze Leads to Higher IQ's

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What'd I tell ya?

Keep Kicking Ass Ladies

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The real-life Rosie the Riveter quit the factory just two weeks after she began, fearing a possible hand injury would interfere with her cello-playing.

You go grrrrrrrrllll!!!

Once Upon A Time

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In a land far far away

There was a bachelor named "Cappy."

He was on his motorcycle crossing the great and barren land of South Dakota in an attempt to make it to the rumored beautiful western side of this land. The great prophet said there would be mountains, streams, buffalo, cigars, and booze.

Much as Cappy the Bachelor wanted to get there, alas, there was not enough daylight to make the trip in one day, and so he set up camp in a little town along the road. Broke out his rations, checked the tension on the motorcycle chain, and managed to save $60 by not paying for a hotel.

In his tent he fell asleep and dreamed.

He dreamed of the mountains he would summit, the booze he would drink, the fossils he would find, and the fish he would catch. However, since the internet was not available in the middle of nowhere South Dakota, he also dreamed that when he finally made it to his destination, they would have internet access as well. And when he'd log onto the internet and check book sales for Boris the Buffalo and his Amazon affiliate account, that millions of people bought tons of books and tons of stuff so that he would never have to work again. And then, upon arriving in Rapid City, Jennifer Aniston would be there in an inebriated and poor-judgement state.

The End.

Because Girls Don't Fart

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Burping, eating fast food in the morning, and playing video games are a sign of immaturity.

Uh huh.

How I Befriended a WWII Sniper

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This post is not one of bragging or heroism. It is a post the background story of which is necessary to convey the moral of the story. Any criticism or accusations of bragging and blowhardism will be ignored.

It is here that I have to confess something, for in me telling this story I will tip my hand and belie what my next project is. That project being the first in a new series of books I will be starting (for the rest of my life) called,

"*The Crotch Rocketeer's Guide To X*"

"X" being wherever my motorcycle travels take me. The Canadian Rockies. Tierra Del Fuego. The Wild West. You name it.

However, the first in this series of books will be South Dakota, specifically, the Black Hills, which is where I currently am. I am taking photos, notes, and whatnot to compile a guide for everybody (not just crotch rocketeers) about how to avail themselves of the most the Badlands and Black Hills have to offer. However, since I only have two weeks here I have to spend my time efficiently and judiciously, requiring me to make side trips and short stops along my general way...which is how I made friends with a WWII sniper.

I had met him once before on one of my previous trips to the Black Hills. This was the byproduct of me hearing about a "barn dance" at some unheard of town, and because this town was so obscure and so out of the way, I was committed to experiencing this event. Upon arrival I found out the townsfolk were going to go to "the" bar in town and get some drinks before the dance started. I decided to tag along and upon walking through the door of "the" bar I saw "him."

"Him" being "Lee." A man nearly 90 years old, thick glasses, a skinny and frail figure.

I was warned about "him." I was told he was a curmudgeon, a pissed off old man, that he had a sawed-off dual barreled shot gun behind the bar, and that I shouldn't piss him off.

And they were right.

He was a curmudgeon.
He was old.
He was pissed off.
And there was the double barreled shot gun.

However, what they did NOT tell me was that he was a HAAAAYOOOOGE fossil collector and agate hunter. They also did not tell me his house was attached to the bar. And they also did not tell me that he left the door open from the bar to his house WHICH GAVE YOU A PERFECT VIEW TO HIS AWESOME FOSSIL AND AGATE COLLECTION!

As I was walking through the bar and looked to my right, I saw all this 90 year old man had collected. The finest pieces, the finest specimens, the crappiest of which put my best to shame.

I turned to my left, gobsmacked, and like a little kid at Christmas asked if I could look at his fossils.

He said in a very stern tone, "no!" And if my memory serves me correctly there was even a threat of the double barreled shotgun.

A little shamed, I realized what the townsfolk said was true. He was an old curmudgeon. He didn't like strangers. And even though he had the world's greatest agate and fossil collection, my passion would simply be an annoyance to him and so I let it be.

However, my memories of this town and "the" bar still remained fond. It is a GREAT TOWN, a LITTLE TOWN, a TOWN YOU WILL NEVER FIND UNTIL I PUBLISH IT IN MY BOOK. And so, when I was on my way to my hotel and realized the sun still had about another hour to set, I figured I had the time to take a detour, take a snap shot of the bar, the town, and the streets for the "Rocketeers's Guide" and save myself a chore at a later date.

Upon arrival there were no cars in front of the bar. I was thinking the old man maybe died or just retired, but when I parked my motorcycle near the entry I could hear a television and knew he was still in business. I didn't want to piss him off so there would be no asking about the agates or fossils, and truth be told, I was a bit fearful of asking him if I could take a picture of the inside of the bar. Old men like their privacy and this guy DEFINITELY was the type I could see getting pissed off, looking at some crotch-rocket-driving city slicker wanting to take a picture of his "cute" and "quaint" little bar.

I walked in, took off my helmet, and sure as shit, there was the old man. Just like I remembered him, but two years older. However, though two years had passed since I last saw him, he looked 5 years older. He was even more frail. He was my height (5'9") and maybe 115 pounds. His shoulders were also unlevel, suggesting to me his bones were going out of whack. He was also more bent over, not to the extent of a humpback, but one of a man in his 90's.

Also at the bar was a man rolling his own cigarettes. He was in fatigues and a muscle shirt. Approaching 60's. Looked like Sam Elliot.

Upon seeing me the old man made his way over to my position at the bar. He used the bar as a crutch to make his way over. He asked me what would I have and I said, "Whiskey."

I stroke up a conversation with the guy rolling his cigarettes. Chit-chatting here and there, but as many men in this area of South Dakota, he knew about agates, fossils and the like. We started talking about different places to hunt and the old man was listening.

However, though interesting, our conversation was interrupted when two large men walked into the bar. Both drunk. Both very large.

They weren't loud drunk, but their body language gave it away. Slow talking, slurring, not getting to their point. Inevitably they wanted two beers and already I knew something was up.

This bar is a far flung bar in the middle of nowhere.

It is in a town you would not know exists unless you already know it exists and if you're going to get a drink when you're already drunk this is not the place you'd go.

Also, when you're hammered, you don't ask for a Bud Light. You go for something heavier with more of a punch, especially if you're over 2 bills. So when these large men asked for two Bud Lights, I knew something was wrong.

Confirming this was when these vermin started giving the old man shit about the price.

The price for 2 beers was $6. The gas alone was more than that to get their drunk asses out to this bar from the main drag. So when they started not "heckling," but complaining, even acting like they weren't going to pay, then (truthfully) I was glad South Dakota recognizes Minnesota's carry conceal laws.

The man rolling his own cigarettes didn't seem to notice. He was talking to me the entire time. I was trying to keep two conversations up, responding to the guy with "Uh huh..yeah...yep...uh huh" while watching the two thugs interact with the old man. Then one of the thugs went to the bathroom, while the other one asked to bum a cigarette off of the other guy. Funny thing was, the other guy was rolling his own cigarettes, which meant there would be some work required of the thug, which actually put him off. Regardless, while they were going over the basics of rolling one's own cigarette I strode over to the old man and said under my breath,

"*you alright? You need me to stick around?*"

The old man said,

"*Yeah, I'm fine. Thanks for asking, but I've handled these types before.*"

Taking the man for his word, I paid my tab and decided to leave. Grabbed my helmet, walked outside, and there was a truck with a kid who was nowhere near the age of 16 in the driver's seat. Hand over his face once I walked out. He obviously drove these two guys to the bar and was sitting just a like a getaway car. Too damn fishy. "Oh well," I said to myself, "the old man is a piss and vinegar sort, he's got that shot gun, he'll be fine with the other guy in there."

Put the key in the ignition, started to done my gloves and helmet, and then I just couldn't do it. I couldn't let the old man be. Piss and vinegar and anger and weaponry all aside, he was just too damn old and too damn frail. They could overpower him easily ensuring he never reached the gun. The large thug could easily hold down the cigarette-roller. And who knew what role the adolescent thug would play. I couldn't leave.

So I returned.

Walked back into the bar and somewhat brashly said, "Eh, I decided I'm going to stick around a little bit!" and took my old seat.

The old man came up and asked me under his breath if I wanted a drink on the house. I said no, but I'll take water. I asked him quietly if he called the cops, which he hadn't, because he wasn't just a tough, old, curmudgeon man in reputation, but in reality as well. His pride wouldn't let him. I figured the best thing to do would be to get the cops to come in and so I walked outside in the vain hopes of having reception.

For some ungodly reason, there actually was reception for both cell AND data in this town. Got the local county cops on the line, started to give them the information, and then the two thugs walked out.

Apparently, they had had enough. The two "Bud Lights" were enough for them. They got in the car their 12 year old son/daughter (I couldn't tell) was driving and as they drove off I saw them open a bottle of tequila.

They already had the booze from the get go. Stopping by at the old man's joint was something more nefarious, at minimum, ulterior.

I told the cops what was happening, telling them they were leaving, but they may want to send out a squad anyway given a 12 year old driving two men with an open bottle of tequila usually isn't good news for others on the road, and then returned to the bar.

I said to the old man, "looks like they're gone" and before I could ask him about how long it normally takes the cops to get there he said,

"*You are really observant. Most young men don't even pick up on that. YOu knew what they were doing.*"

Kind of shocked how somebody couldn't sense something was wrong, I said,

"*Oh, I don't know about that. It was pretty obvious they weren't up to any good.*"

I then decided to throw one from his generation to lighten things up,

"*Besides, you may have that shot gun, but I don't think you can draw as fast as Glenn Ford.*"

And mercy did that get him on my side.

"*Oh yeah!!! Glenn Ford was fast, but let me tell you! This isn't the first time!*"

He then regaled me with a tale that I will not repeat as I assume he would like to keep it private. However, the story consisted of a thug, taking advantage of an old frail man, out in the middle of nowhere, and that old man rising to his own self-defense. But while the old man was telling me this story he slipped and belied why he may be so curmudgeonly in the first place. He said,

"*I was a sniper in the Pacific and by golly I know how to handle myself! Ain't nobody going to get me!*"

Heh, the old frail man who stood in front of me was a WWII sniper in the Pacific. He was the badest ass mofo for at least a 40 mile radius. Sure he was 115 pounds. Sure he was weak. But he was never going to go down without a fight and that made him the coolest guy I was guaranteed to meet this entire trip.

I wanted to say something a little cocky, but lesson-teaching, about large, multiple, younger thugs, up close and personal, vs. Japanese officers at 1,500 yards in the hopes it would convince him to retire, hire some muscle or maybe call the cops sooner, but I opted to shut up instead. He offered again to buy me another drink, but I said,

"*No thanks, I'll take you up on it next time I'm out here. Should be a week or two, but I'll be back.*"

And before I got up from my seat he said,

"*Thank you for making friends with me.*"

It wasn't until about 10 miles later did I fully realize how freaking cool and awesome it

was to have a guy like him thank me (THANK ME????) for being a friend and considering me a friend. It means more to me than "earning a degree" or "getting a promotion" or some other such lame ass shit that passes for "achievement" or "success" today. Besides, pissed-off, curmudgeon, angry, WWII sniper, agate hunter, fossil hunter that could put me to shame, now doesn't hate me so much!? I mean, come on, how do you beat that?

"As a % of GDP"

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One of the most important lessons in economics for the beginner is to learn the concept as "a percent of GDP."

The Occasional Female Alpha

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I am first and foremost for freedom.

I want humans, regardless of race, gender, sexual preference, etc. etc. politically correct obligatory disclaimer crap to get the commie leftist asshole nazis off my ass, etc.

to be free humans pursuing their happiness unhindered.

And though I take a strong stance and insist men and women are predisposed by their sex to play certain roles in society, I will admit that is not always the case. Also, I will admit that it is best that ONE person lead and ONE person follow, REGARDLESS OF SEX.

In short, I put more importance and emphasis on leadership dynamics than mythical gender equality because, frankly, it is more important to have ONE leader than multiple leaders regardless of who has what gender and what gender has historically been given presumed leadership.

Thus, why it's OK to have a gal in charge.

Not every man is born an alpha male, kick ass, John Wayne, type guy....you know...like me (just kidding...no not really).

Nor is every female born an submissive, compliant chick.

And I will even go so far as to say that there are many instances where the man does not wear the pants in the family and the woman does AND that such an arrangement is OPTIMAL because, once again, it is better to have ONE leader than two, regardless of genders.

The reason I bring this up is because not all men can be alpha and neither can all women be the first officer. Sometimes women DO display superior leadership skills and sometimes men DO display superior supportive skills and it is neither your nor my right to criticize such arrangements. Truth be told, if we are going for maximum freedom and maximum happiness, there are some men out there who need a female leader and there are some female leaders that need some supporting males. We should not judge or be critical of such arrangements, but supportive because...well...it works.

You all know the couple. The woman wears the pants in the family and the guy is a little timid.

But does it work?

Sure it does!

Sometimes men aren't cut out to be the leader.

And sometimes women aren't cut out to be the follower.

Both should thank the heavens they have each other and none of us should judge them for it.

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Hotel Vagabond

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"Adventure is out there!" is a quote from an average Disney movie that I took to heart anyway. The movie was "Up" and the quote originated from a scene in the movie where the hero of the film was having a flashback to his childhood. He worshiped an Indiana Jones/Howard Hughes like figure from the 30's that had escapades and adventures from South America and the young boy wished to emulate him. The reason the quote "adventure is out there" resonated with me so well as a 36 year old man was that it completely confirmed what I already knew.

Adventure IS out there.

Understand the average American yutz sits on his or her ass watching HGTV, going to the gym, eating at Applebee's, and maybe daring to have the audacity to get "hammered at Champs" if they really want to get risque. But none of them leave their 40 mile urban/suburban protective radius and try to explore things. They plug in, day in, day out, their regular crappy boring lives, never daring to explore or do something different, almost as if they're giving a proverbial finger to god or whoever gave them this shot at life.

God - "Hey, I gave you life. And not only "life" but like human life. So you aren't like a worm or a tick whose life is going to be really boring and suck, you get to be the most intelligent and advanced creature on the whole freaking planet. So what are you going to do with this amazing gift?"

Typical American -"Well, I thought I'd piss it away. I'm going to go do what everybody else is doing and go to college, get a mind-numbing career, have kids I can barely afford, get a divorce and not discern myself or make this one great opportunity you gave me unique. No, I'm going to just piss it away like everybody else watching reality TV shows."

And thus they waste their one precious life.

However if one were to ever just go on an adventure and "go where no man (or very few) have gone before," they might discover some things. And not only would they discover things, but they would discover them quite easily.

If anything has been shocking to me in my adventures it has been the ALMOST NEAR GUARANTEE I would find something interesting if I just walked off the beating path. For example, most people drive ALONG SIDE ON THE PERFECTLY MANICURED ROAD of the Badlands National Park never daring to walk more than 10 feet from pavement.. I "dared" to hike 500 yards in and found machine gun shells from when the park was a pre-

WWII bombing/testing range not to mention a fair amount of fossils.

People always go agate hunting where the POSTED SIGN SAYS "AGATE RESERVOIR" where I have the

"bold"

"audacious"

"revoluionary"

idea to look *outside the reservoir* and find(I'm not kidding you) a $3,000 agate from a place NOBODY ever thought agates were.

And while most people are going to the hip clubs and bars, I was able to find the old 50's/60's lounges where the original pianist still plays at the piano bar, the original clientele celebrates their 50th wedding anniversary and martini's are cheap and bountiful because the lounge doesn't have a mortgage to cover because they paid it off back in 1977 and can still made decent profit charging $4 for a martini.

But the best discoveries you will have are not finding cheap drinks at old lounges, WWII casings, or precious agates. It will be other unique and interesting people. And thus, why I bring up "Hotel Vagabond."

Find as many agates as you want.

Find as many fossils as you want.

Find as many lost Ute Indian archeological finds you want.

The truest and most interesting discovery comes from finding new and interesting humans.

I was already blessed on this trip with meeting the WWII sniper, but let me tell you another gold mine the milquetoast, cookie cutter, SWPL, Eden Prairieite, Applebee's going crowd will never experience - the colorful group of clients at the Skyline Motel.

The Skyline Motel is when I like to stay when in the southern end of the Black Hills. The reason is simple - it's cheap. It also happens to be closer to the agate beds I like to scour and thus to make the most of my vacationing dollar and vacationing time I stay at least a couple days here.

However the Skyline Motel is off the beaten path. Both physically and financially. It is in Hot Springs, arguably the farthest southern town in the Black Hills and thus not a lot of tourists come here. It is also VERY cheap (cheapest in the Black Hills) and thus you get not only some shady, but colorful characters. THere isn't a year that doesn't go by where there isn't some kind of crime or ballyhoo, but at the same time this motel, in part because it allows monthly rentals, attract a lot of free spirits from across the west. A plurality of the clientele are older men in retirement looking to get away and live on the cheap. And while disheveled in appearance, it is merely a ruse for they too are explorers, wanderers and adventurers.

For example you see a bunch of drunks pounding down 40 ouncers. But what you don't see is the two vets (and one economist) who are happier than pigs in mud. You don't hear the stories they have and interesting lives they've lived and the wisdom they impart. You also don't see the math and finances (these guys are set for life). And you didn't see what they did that day (I returned from a near 300 mile motorcycle ride, these two, and some other old timers at the motel, fired up the grill and had burgers and hot dogs).

It only a person with a keen eye who might pick up the smile or the gleam in their eye and realize their lives have not only been fuller, but they are happier. But let me tender another bit of evidence as to how looks are deceiving. This is the room of one of the guys.

I didn't want to take more pictures so as not to violate the man's privacy, but the place was immaculate. He has the set up. Just a small one bedroom hotel with his sitting chair, his TV, his car pictures and all he needs.

Regardless, hanging out with these old timers, listening to their stories, watching them interact and give each other guff (they're like a crass version of Matthau and Lemon) all under the glow of an old school 1940's red neon light (see below) is a thousand times the discovery that will ever be made at your local sports bar. All one has to do is step outside their front door and keep walking. The people, things and adventure will find you.

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Crusher Joe - The Movie

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"Crusher Joe" is an anime series from the late 70's that I was not made aware of until the early 2000's. Either it didn't get syndication here in the US or it did and it was never broadcasted in my town as a kid. Regardless, when somebody recommended watching it I had gone through the standard "anime phase" or "cycle" most people my generation did:

Stage 1 "Innocent Kid" - "*Wow! What's this new style of cartoon that looks really awesome! Holy cow! People die and get killed in this stuff. DUDE! They pilot robots and mecha! I want red motorcycle too! OMG, this is the greatest shit ever!*"

Stage 2 "Exploration" - "*I'm going to watch all the anime I can! THERE'S HOW MUCH OF THIS STUFF IN JAPAN??? I must go to every obscure video store rental in my neighborhood to see if I can find it. I heard my buddy has a connect and is loaded with it.*"

Stage 3 "Realization" - *How come none of these plots make sense? Why did the robot just turn into a pretzel? I don't get it. Will they ever get to the point and fight the bad guy? Is there even a plot to this? Why the lengthy boring dialogues that are supposed to be deep, but were made for 13 year old Japanese kids and when translated they suck?*"

Stage 4 Indifference - "*What? Yet ANOTHER anime about mecha and young kids piloting them as they grow and mature through life? Yaaawnnn.. oh, hey, college is starting. No more anime for me.*"

In short whatever novelty and uniqueness about the art or style of Japanese anime is quickly overshadowed by the generally crappy, if not outright lack of, plot or character development. You go from an intrigued kid with too much time on his hand to an adult who doesn't have time for lousy animation and you rarely revisit anime again, and thus why I was skeptical about "Crusher Joe - the Movie."

However, every GREAT once in a while a masterpiece of anime comes out that doesn't suck and actually warrants your time and viewing. Cowboy Bebop being one of them (practically mandatory), Spice and Wolf (yes Mr. Fuller) being another, and Ninja Scroll being a third. "Crusher Joe - The Movie" is one of these films and since I know have a subsegment of anime fans let me provide a quick review.

The drawing style is 1970's/early 80's. There are some obvious mistakes made (note the ambulance scene), but these do not detract from the overall quality of the film. Matter of fact I would almost say it makes it "classic" in that 30 years have gone by and it is

interesting to see how the style matches the fashion at that time. The plot is CLEAR and very straightfoward. No attacking octopus god from the sea who changes into a super mecha only unless the princess can overcome her feelings for a young boy and interfaces with some quasi deity. They are mercenaries for hire, period. They get a mission, period. The mission does not go as they presumed, period. Ass-kicking commences.

But what I like the most about it, especially for it's time, is its character development and dialogue. It's very witty, very clever, especially for the era it was made. It would be on par with the crew of "Firefly" or "Cowboy Bebop."

Unfortunately, I believe they stopped making the movie in production in English because so few are out there they now cost around $200.

So if anybody has a Crusher Joe dvd or knows where to get one, I would certainly appreciate it.

for reference:

We're All Out of White Guilt

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Though I thoroughly enjoy watching self-hating SWPL's constantly flagellating themselves for the sins of their ancestors they had no control over.

Porn Economics

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Ahhhhh!!!! It's so nice to light up a cigar and let other people deal with this.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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This is a sad, but a hopeful story in that our protagonist is fighting the good fight on multiple fronts. However, his latest enemy is manifesting itself in boys without fathers. Nothing good comes from children without them (and please don't send me anecdotal stories about this one time, at band camp, I knew this kid, and he didn't have a father and like, he became a surgeon!).

Most Pastors Are Hypocrites

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Let me tell you about Reverend Ryan.

He was a tenant of mine.

A sweet, young kid. God damned boy scout is what he was.

He kept his apartment in perfect order, could fix things faster and better than I ever could, and if you ever needed to rely upon somebody he was the guy you'd go to.

Only one problem.

He wasn't a reverend.

I thought he was because he got his degree in youth ministry, and so I naturally assumed he was a pastor. But as I found out later, that was nothing more than yet another college-education scam perpetrated upon the youth to support an academian scheme, but this time of a religious variety. His degree was utterly worthless.

But his moral character and caliber was not.

If you were to ask me, and in all honesty, he is BY FAR a better man than I will ever be. He is honest, he is pure, he is noble, and he is righteous in the truest sense...matter of fact if you just took me and multiplied me by a -1 you would mathematically get Reverend Ryan. I don't think the boy has ever committed a sin in his life. He is virtuous and upstanding and I am, frankly, surprised such a man exists in a modern day environment today which is so hostile to such virtue.

Ironically, this results in a paradox.

For while this is one of the most pure, innocent, virtuous and noble men I know, he cannot become a pastor because he doesn't have the right credentials.

But I know men who have become pastors.

And I know men who did jump through the hoops.

And for the most part, most of them come nowhere near the caliber and quality of man as my former tenant.

THough I don't harp on it much, one of the most worthless degrees you can get is "religious studies." I don't harp on it because it is presumed you do not enter such a study in the hopes of riches, but out of charity, altruism and selflessness.

But that cannot be further from the truth for many religious studies majors.

For like journalism, management, even economics, "religious studies" grants the major an air of authority. Jounralists always seek truth. Business management majors always seek optimization an production. And economists always seek efficiency and progress. However, in pursuing such lofty endeavors, those studies are nearly-guaranteed to be corrupted by lesser souls using the lofty position of the study to wield power and control over others for their own selfish gain by abusing its moral position. And "religious studies" is the most loftiest (and consequently, corruptible) of all because it presumably is the authority of morals and decency.

Such a discipline attracts two types, both the most opposite you could ever imagine.

Pure, virtuous, and noble saints like Reverend Ryan

and

worthless, lazy, (but worse) power-hungry scum who wish to abuse a religion as a means to advance themselves without work, effort or rigor.

Unfortunately experience has told me most pastors (as well as most practitioners) are not of the Reverend Ryan caliber. They are in it for themselves, in it because it's an easy subject, in it for the power immediately granted to them, in it for the business, and in it because they lack the intellectual power and capability to determine their own morality and virtue and thus rely on a religion to spell it out for them. And yes, yes, I know fellow Christian, Jewish, even Muslim, Cappy Cappites, I know you may have that one special pastor that does not fit this bill, but this is (admittedly) the personal, yet empirical, data I have experienced and I still contest the majority of clergymen/women aren't in it for "god" but in it for themselves.

The only thing that is going to convince me otherwise is when I see the church (of whatever religion, sect or denomination) start opening the priest/pastorhood to people with moral caliber like Rev. Ryan who have good hearts, instead of requiring (much like the HR witches in the labor market) "degrees" and "certifications." When religious entities start promoting good people with good intentions and good hearts to the roles of leadership and not the scamming, verminous scum willing to effectively lie and play "Game of Thrones" to get into positions of leadership then I'll start granting American religions more credit.

In the meantime, I don't care whether Reverend Ryan has the qualifications to be an actual "ordained" minister or not. He's the only man qualified to be a reverend in my book and my standards are a hell of a lot higher than most official religions'.

"Rather Hang Out at the VFW

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than hang out at a bar with people my age."

Warning, this is a podcast. Kerry Lutz interviewed me about how you mentally have to prepare for a world that you were not expecting, how feasible is it for people to not work a real, daytime job, and other such things like minimalism and life.

The audio version is here.

White Privilege Zombies

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I was at one of my cigar bars. The sole female employee in the place was getting her doctorate in philosophy. She was overweight, pushing fat, but not yet obese. She also wasn't very pretty, but not hideous which is where I know most of your minds are predisposing to go right now.

So there I was, smoking my cigar, cranking out my book, when she is talking to one of the black patrons complaining about "white privilege." The man she was talking to was richer than most of us, friendly fellow, but very rich. He certainly did not have any financial problems, but here was a spoiled little suburbanite brat who never had any intention of working for a living, complaining to a very wealthy man about how oppressed he was and how people like me had privilege.

My natural instinct was to rip her apart, but I did not for it was not my conversation and it would rupture the quiet, calm tone of the lounge.

I waited until she came into my area of the lounge and then told her in a calm voice that she was a worthless person, with a worthless degree and that white privilege was f%cking bullshit and mindless faux intellectuals like her were ruining society with their marxist BS.

She then ran and narced on me to the proprietor.

Naturally I was banned from the cigar lounge. These middle aged men needed some kind of eye candy, even if it was of lesser quality. And, of course, this strong, independent woman couldn't take the criticism and did the crying thing and went running to daddy. So they caved and I had to find a new lounge, which was fine by me because I am not abandoning principle and will shame people when they spew insidious Marxism, cowardly disguising it with terms like "white privilege."

However, a sad and scary thought has occurred to me. White privilege is now so regularly taught in schools and to minds so inferior they actually swallow it, that when these people graduate and enter the real world, they will be beyond reason. They will blame everything on "white privilege" and "racism" or "sexism." And since they have no mental capacity for intellectually honesty or reason, they will become liberal zombies, but of a racist and sexist sort(this post is an outstanding one and I strongly suggest you read it).

It is here my theory of "liberal zombies" comes to a dark and dire conclusion. A person who cannot be reasoned with and will not adhere to intellectual honesty can only be dealt in two ways. You avoid them and just plain don't interact with them or violence. Ignoring

them is one thing, but when they decide create public policy, make laws, or sometimes sue you, it will be hard to avoid them completely. Also as more and more of these minds are brainwashed in the schools, they will soon become prevalent in society, completely unavoidable. And violence is sadly what I see happening in some instances, since they are of the belief you are the enemy and the cause of their problems. They will come after you and there is no talking them down.

Again, I reference "I Am Legend." There is no difference between the zombies in this movie and the mindless "white privilege automotons" being mass-produced in universities today. They are mindless and they hate.

Damn Hippies

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Found some hippie tracks. Some damn hippie hiking on my trails on my mountain!

Mark Dayton and the Amazon Tax

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Looks like Amazon will be shutting down the affiliate program in Minnesota.

Here is my response to Mark Dayton and the Minnesota Democrats responsible for this.

However, this does not mean the Amazon Affiliate program will go away. I will simply set up shop in South Dakota.

And thus concludes another fine lesson of "capital flight."

They All Hit the Wall

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An outstanding before and after comparison.

I will merely add this.

The more genetic "gifts/lottery/benefits" a young person is given, the less likely they will develop mature, adult skills needed to survive and succeed in life. And one of those skills is the discipline and temerity to work out and stay in shape after the benefits of youth leave you and age and slowing metabolism visit.

Were you overweight or scrawny when you were younger?

Well then over the past 2 decades you've obviously, no doubt, developed the discipline, habits and ethic to work out and stay in shape.

Were you born a natural god/goddess?

We'll see you at the 20 year reunion and fail to recognize you.

Mike Rowe Works

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So I was watching Fox New's "Red Eye" and Mike Rowe was on. Turns out he has a new web site called "Mike Rowe Works" and he is championing a worthy crusade about getting young men and women real jobs that pay. He was talking about the skills gap, education, and other such things we do regularly here on Cappy Cap, but one problem.

The morons interviewing him kept interrupting him. Matter of fact they were outright rude. And if you watch the interview you can see it on his face. He's a pro, however, and just laughs it off as if saying, "Heh, did they really want to interview me?"

Regardless, since June is "Worthless Degree Awareness Month" send Mike Rowe some traffic and check him out (and by that ladies, I mean "check out his site," not "check him out). Chances are he is a bit more diplomatic and charming than your angry, loud Captain, and would maybe do a better job at convincing young men and woman to choose the right type of education.

If Your Marketing Strategy Consists of "Cookies" Your Company Will Fail

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I was working for what was mathematically and empirically the 2nd WORST bank in the entire state.

This is not my opinion.

This is not my estimation.

It was fact.

I had compiled a ton of research of all the banks in the state using the FDIC's institution database and based on measures like depository growth, loan defaults, loan delinquencies, OREO, oh, and let's not forget those old school measures like ROA and ROE, this bank was without a doubt the second worst bank. Actually, it was quite clear this bank was the second worst, because it was a "very distant second worst." It was very obvious it was in bad shape and the only reason it was second was because there was another bank that was even more spectacularly abysmal than this one.

Unfortunately, I was working for this "second worst bank."

Naturally, because we were in such bad shape, I thought part of our efforts (in addition to cleaning up all the bad loans that were made) would be to restructure the bank, marshal our resources, and then attempt to start growing again. To start anew, and start going after new, but quality business and thusly provide our (very) benevolent shareholders a decent return on their investment. Besides, I was no longer a measly credit analyst, I was now a VP in commercial lending, which meant my job now entailed pursuing new business and expanding our market.

I was fine with this, because truth be told, the underwriting or "credit analyst" part of my job was easy. Also, I was **not** allowed to repossess, foreclose, liquidate or do anything to clean up our "bad loan portfolio" which meant I had about 6 hours a day to pursue business development.

Just one problem.

I was never given the green light to pursue new business.

You see, all of the higher ranked individuals were too busy dealing with bad loans,

decaying collateral, difficult clients, and complying with new federal regulations to approve a business development strategy. They didn't have time to start pursuing new business. Understanding this, and having about 6 hours a day to twiddle my thumbs, I did something spectacularly stupid and should have known better.

I took initiative.

I put together what (in my opinion) was arguably my finest piece of work in my entire corporate American career - an entire marketing strategy for the whole company, based on market research, FDIC data, economic data and so forth.

It was thorough.

It was complete.

It was concise.

And it was brilliantly innovative.

It was also, completely ignored.

"Too busy to read it."

"Gotta deal with the OCC."

"Oh, thanks, yeah, I took a quick look at it, but I don't have time to get back to you on it. Maybe next week."

and other such excuses I received for no less than (are you ready for it?)

9 months.

And so there I was, like a top of the line F-22 Raptor, mothballed in a hangar. Capable of carrying out a great many things, but the brass was too busy worrying about the paint color on the runway or what to order for lunch.

So there I sat, doing what most corporate cogs do - acting like they're working, when they're just killing time. Matter of fact, I didn't even bother to "look busy." I'd just listen to music, e-mail my friends, facebook and so forth. My "boss" would come in, have something that would take him 8 hours to do because he was old and inept, and I'd knock it out in 15 minutes. I'd take a morning work out break (one hour), then lunch (another hour) and sometimes I'd go for a motorcycle ride just to get some air. However, what constantly gnawed at me was what was substituting my marketing strategy in its stead:

Chocolate chip cookies.

You see, my plan consisted of breaking out of the traditional banking mindset. Doing things differently, innovatively, and creatively. We were small, and thus nimble, and if we streamlined operations, got rid of our bad clientele that consumed our labor resources, we could (I estimated) undercut our competitors' interest rates by .5% and still pull profit. We'd also poach business from our competitors by aggressively targeting their best clients, and we'd get new business by doing fun and creative things like sponsoring barbeque and hotwings competitions, dance classes, and sports competitions.

But no, oh no, we were going to deploy the brilliant strategy of "chocolate chip cookies."

As I was told,

"You see, ***it's all about superior customer service.*** It's all about ***personal service.*** When Bill walks into the bank, he wants to chit cat, and talk. He likes it that ***we know his name***. And that's why people bank with us. We have cookies on Fridays and offer them cofee"

And so instead of targeting a higher quality clientele, looking for new and profitable business, we were going to be the shucks howdy, gee-whilliker's dandy bank and offer money-losing-customers chocolate chip cookies (but only on Fridays).

The reason I highlighted/bolded the statements above is because this had happened before at the credit union I worked at. We offered "cookies" to our clients when they came in. And when a bank's (or any company's) strategy is "cookies" and "superior customer service" I can gar-ron-freaking-tee you that company's strategy will fail.

The reason why is simple - it's not a strategy.

It's a platitude leaders spew who have no ability to lead, let alone, ideas to offer.

YOu see, if you're going to offer "superior customer service" then the first and primary way you do that is by offering a better product at a lower price. In banking this translates into offering them a lower interest on their loans or a higher interest on their deposits. Free checking and no fees. Stuff like that. THAT is the SERVICE people want. Not f#cking cookies on Fridays (and technically it was popcorn at my branch, only the main office offered cookies).

Additionally, the whole "superior customer service" is a canard in that WHAT FREAKING BANK DOESN'T CLAIM TO OFFER SUPERIOR SERVICE!? Have you ever heard of a bank claiming they offer INFERIOR service? Unless you've hired the absolute best customer service people NO BANK (or company) offers SUPERIOR customer service. You're all the

same, you're all providing an equal standard of "faux customer service," while completely ignoring the quality of your product.

The result is obvious - do you know of any bank that is demonstrably superior and better than others? Can you find a single, innovating, mover and shaker bank, busting its ass off to offer you a significantly lower interest rate on your mortgage than its competitors? Or is it that same faux-Minnesota-nice teller at Wells Fargo who is being forced to fake an interest in "what your plans are for the weekend?"

Of course, this lack of any true innovation or ideas is not relegated to banks. Sadly it affects practically all of corporate America. For example this little article here. As further proof corporate America is all out of ideas, food manufacturers are spending their time trying to make their processed food looked more "homemade." Kraft alone, spending 2 years to develop a cutting technique to make their turkey "unevenly cut."

But the primary reason in bringing this up is not to knock the banking industry or the food service industry, but one of serious consequences. The ONLY place any kind of economic recovery or a return to our western countries' former greatnesses is going to come from is the private sector. And the ONLY way we are going to solve our debt problems or enjoy increasing standards of living is through the innovation, creation and productivity of private individuals in the private sector.

But for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

If "Friday cookies," "superior customer service," the Wells Fargo teller faking interest in my day, and "uneven cut turkey" is the best our private sector can come up with, we are doomed. Because those ideas, are frankly, so stupid they may as well have come from the public sector.

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Aaron Clarey will be speaking at the Liberty Mastermind Symposium in Dallas June 28th-29th. Everybody is welcome to join. You can sign up here!

Cappy Cap for Governor

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"Governor Cappy Cap."

I like the sound of that.

Sure would be a fun time at the capitol!

Novel and Mundane

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This is the decline. The math is there. There are a few charts to read and some numbers to understand but there's no prerequisite in economics needed to understand everything.

For All The Poor Wells Fargo Tellers

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Just so you know, every one of us knows that your bosses are forcing you to do the fake "nice" thing, asking us how our day is. We feel for you and wish the same miserable and painful death upon your banking boss overlords as you do. Understand we sympathize with your plight and take no umbrage to you being forced to feign fake interest in our lives. We will do our part to keep our transactions efficient and uncumbersome as possible to make your day more bearable.

Please forward this message to all the other poor suffering souls in the teller community.

How An Obama Sticker is a Good Proxy for a Person With Mental Illness

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in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

The archive of which can be found here.

"If Everybody Did What Danny Did"

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Danny from 504 and I were talking not to long ago and he was telling me his plans. And in short, if I were to do it all over again, I would do what Danny did.

He's going to get himself a pension after knocking out 20 years at the firm. He has no kids. He has himself a trailer and a spot of land picked out, and, after running some projections he estimates he's going to work maybe a day or two per week and otherwise just enjoy life and enjoy his free time.

But something occurred to me as I drove through the Black Hills on my bike and pondered our conversation.

"He's going to be retired at 40...he's taking himself out of the labor market before his prime earning years - his 40's and 50's...what if everybody did that? What would the economic consequences be?"

I've already alluded to what would happen if every person engaged in minimalism - the economy would collapse. But what if just a significant percentage of men decided to clock out of the rat race before they started producing and earning the most? We don't need the entire country to go Galt, just a key percentage of them. And this is precisely the legal action libertarians, conservatives, and otherwise Real Americans can take to get their revenge on a galactically stupid electorate.

Understand not all people can just clock out and "Do the Danny." Some men, republican, libertarian, conservative or not, have saddled themselves with responsibilities in the form of mortgages, wives, children, etc. Responsibilities that condemn them to be enslaved to the rat race, denying them the option to clock out at 40. But for the rest of us we are free to do what we choose. And when given the choice of slaving away in the vain hopes of getting promoted to "junior executive" or "senior project manager" only to pay a 50% tax rate (and deal with insufferable office politics) or setting up shop in a trailer on a beach in Southern California (to live off of the generous benefits Californians promise themselves), it's a no brainer - become a beach bum. Additionally, in living so minimally (as I was telling Danny) you are likely to benefit from a TON of tax breaks, income credits, etc., that those generous-with-other-people's-money leftists have voted in. You could easily be paying an effective 0% tax rate AND also be giving it to the system.

In short, not everybody has to starve the beast. Just enough of us do. And if enough "Do the Danny" the left will be paid back in spades.

Remember to sign up for the Liberty Mastermind Symposium if yee'all want to come

down to Dallas.

I've Got "The Klout"

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My buddy in Arizona was telling me she got "the gout."

I found that odd because I thought it was a disease old men got.

So I said, "I thought that was a disease that old men got."

And she said, "Yeah, so did I, but I guess anybody at any age can get it."

"....so what the hell is 'The Gout' anyway?"

She said something to do with an inflated toe or something. It was so innocuous I forgot what it was.

But what was cool about having "the gout" was not only was it an old man's disease, it's a disease that is so hoity toity you have to put "the" in front of it.

Of course now I put "the" in front of any sickness I have to beget further pity and pampering from the women in my life.

"I've got The Cold."

"I've got The Fever."

"I've got The Indigestion."

But another thing I put "the" in front of is any of the myriad of new and faddish social media things.

"I do The Twitter."

"I'm on The Facebook."

"I never did The My Space."

So add to this lexicon "The Klout."

"Klout" is very simple. It's a score of 1-100 that presumably measures the "clout" you have on the internet. The higher, the better. The algorithm they use to calculate the klout score could be complete BS, but I don't care. My spidey senses tell me "Klout"

actually has some staying power.

The reason why is simple - it's simple.

Score 1-100. 100 good, 1 bad.

None of this reverse, backwards ranking from Technorati with a score in the 4 digits.

None of this "you ranked 345,000th" on Alexa in Guatemala.

1-100, good, bad.

Now, you may be saying, "Captain, why are you telling us about this? Are you plugging it or do you somehow profit from plugging The Klout?"

No, but I am making a prediction. The Klout, because of its simplicity will start to play a larger and larger role in this little interwebz online advertising portion of GDP you, me, and other bloggers/internet personality types progressively make more and more of our money on. And it is because of this simplicity that it will moot and obsolete more complex rating systems. It is also a valuable lesson about social media. All it will take is one slightly clever innovation or tweak and media giants like Facebook could be rendered obsolete.

Calling Captain Save-a-ho

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"and thank god it's not"

Hat tip.

Reminds me of this when I was in Wyoming.

The Captain Needs Help

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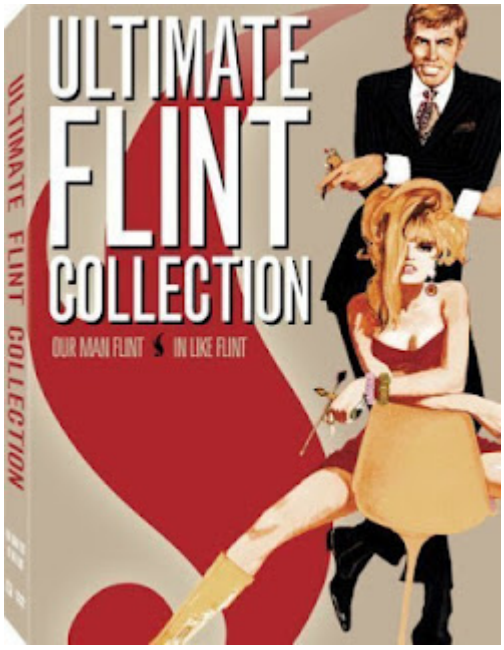
Greetings All,

Your beloved ole Captain needs some help and he'd just consult his beloved readership.

1. I need a model of the female persuasion for a non-puritanical, but tasteful photo.

2. I need a doctor who can help me cut costs for some basic preventative medicine/screening stuff, by bypassing all the damn clinics in town asking me for my social security number, previous records, regulatory bs, etc. etc.

3. I need an artist who can draw this style of art:



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Testing the Lone Ranger

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OK, Cappy Cappites.

I got an idea.

I refused to see 42 because the trailers showed the standard oppressive white man proselyting BS that is always imbedded in hollywood movies today. I didn't oppress Jackie Robinson, let alone any other black man and so I do take offense and umbrage to the insinuation that I am somehow responsible for actions of people who fall under the category of "not me."

So since Tonto is an Indian (played by a white guy, nice going politically correct, liberal hollywood), I fear that "The Lone Ranger" is going to have some token, politically correct lecture about racism and Indians and evil white people.

I WANT to see the movie but REFUSE to until I know for a fact there ain't no condescending lecture.

So how do we resolve this quandry?

Simple.

Let's make a little pact.

Whoever sees it first reports back immediately if there's any hint or tone of some kind of leftist "evil white man come and take buffalo away" guilt tripping. And if there is, I simply announce it here on my blog and nobody goes sees it. That way only one ticket is bought, saving 10,000 people the hassle and humility of spending their own money to get lectured by the left, and roughly, $100,000 in profit for the left.

Any volunteers to go see the movie?

Empirical Worthlessness of the HR Ditz

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Google does a study

with numbers

meaning data and stats

which proves interviews and interviewers are worthless

meaning IT'S A FACT

and then the HR witches come out screaming bloody murder in the comments.

It's priceless.

Sorry HR people, your skills are best used benefits and compensation and employment law. NOT determining who should be hired or not. Yes, yes, I know, you went into HR because you didn't like accounting or finance because of all that icky math, and why, you're a good "people person." You can tell when somebody's lying because you've watch a lot of reality TV. And you went into HR to have power and control over people's lives and would get a power trip out of it.

Um dearies, how bouts you just go file this W-9 with the Feds and leave the hiring to the big boys who have questions about DSCR ratio calculations and the logic of ACL statements, the math of which would hurt your poor wittle bwains. OK. Thatta girl. Oh, fetch me some coffee while you're at it.

Wasting Away Again in South Dakotaville

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Sleeping until 10.
Talk to the old men.
Go hiking in mountains all covered in pine.
I'll take out my old bike
And Harney's Peak I'll hike
It's hard work enjoying the decline.

Wasting away again in South Dakotaville
Searching for my long lost bottle of Rumpie
Some people claim that there's a recession to blame
But I know
It's the socialists' fault

I guess I could go work.
But that'd make my brain hurt.
Dealing with douches who work at the banks.
I'd rather just relax
While you work and pay tax.
For fine public roads I give you my thanks.

Wasting away again in South Dakotaville
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When Atheists Really Aren't Atheists

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Atheists I don't mind. They don't believe in god. Pure and simple. And true atheists leave it at that.

Unfortunately, most atheists don't fall into that category.

No, unfortunately more fall into the crusaderism category where they have to LET YOU KNOW they're atheists. They need to get in your face. They wear it like a badge of honor, because, well, they really have nothing else of value going on in their lives.

And this is the just the latest bit of proof.

Look...I hate religion just as much (if not more) than anybody else. But when you MAKE A CHURCH about atheistism then you have become what you hate. You're a freaking hypocrite and aren't an atheist. Your "theist" has become "atheism."

It's the same thing with "going green."

How many lefitsts mock and ridicule Christianity, Judaism, or just religion in general (unless it's Muslim because Muslims would beat your ass)...

but then in the same breath swallow whole the "going green" "environmentalism" religion?

There is no difference between the two.

Environmentalism is nothing more than a snooty person's religion. Equally unfounded claims. Equally unfounded moral superiority. Equally deserving to get a punch in the face if they ever proselytize to you.

They may "claim" they hate religion or are "too smart for it," but just like all the other sheeple, they find something to glom onto because they lack true and genuine independent thought and individuality (see hipsters). Just because it isn't a biblically-based religion doesn't mean it isn't one and the intellectual weakness of one to subscribe to it doesn't apply. But when you go to the extend to create a CHURCH of atheists you are merely mocking atheists and atheism.

Atheism is the belief there is no god.

Therefore you should not be praying or attending church to/for anything.

Heck, the simplest, most banal reason to be an atheist is to avoid wasting your time praying to a deity in the form of attending church/mass/synagogue/mosque.

But now you morons decide to make a church for atheism.

You're not atheists. You're just a bunch of intellectual weaklings, cowards, and above all else, hypocrites.

Post script - I have also taken a second look at the pictures in the original article from CNN. Notice how nobody is good looking. They're all pretty ugly. Again, they're not real atheists. They are rejected people, desperate for acceptance, and something as pathetic and hypocritical as a Church of Atheism (whose standards I can only imagine to be "a pulse") is only more than happy to have them. This is how cults are formed.

The Consequences of Having No Consequences

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The hotel I'm at is a denizen for

people on the cheap (like me)
old timers looking to retire and live on the cheap
and
outlaws evading the law

This makes for some colorful acquaintances, but also provides for some dangerous entertainment I, frankly, enjoy.

One of the older men had imbibed too much. He was a larger fellow, almost pushing 4 bills. He passed out, collapsed, and landed on the floorboard heater which then proceeded to burn his skin to the point the smell awoke others, but not him. He was then rushed to the local hospital and then helicoptered out to a burn unit and I believe he finally woke up only after they shaved off several pounds of flesh to address his burns.

Not to be crass, but that's the truth.

Now we may mock and ridicule this alcoholic all we may, but the truth is the entire country is nothing more than a macro-economic incarnation of this fellow. And the reason why is that we constantly bail out people from their mistakes, just like the alcohol prevented this sap from experiencing the full pain of his wounds. We ensure there are no consequences.

Complain all you want about "Wall Street Bankers," there are millions of "everyday mainstreet" people we bail out from their everyday, idiotic mistakes that cumulatively cause the country much more harm.

They had too many kids.

Bought a house they couldn't afford

Majored in a worthless subject

Started a sports bar that was guaranteed to fail.

Or they racked up a ton of credit card debt.

Everyday, day in, day out, either through forgiveness via the bankruptcy laws or a

taxpayer bailout, we prevent the most stupid, ignorant, idiotic, parasitic, negative-net-economic value people of our society from suffering the full and complete financial, economic, and emotional consequences of their mistakes they fully deserve.

Why?

Because leftists have figured out they can score people's votes by shielding people from the consequences of their mistakes. They have made a (temporary) world where there is no pain and no consequences. Only success or neutrality.

But what are the consequences of a "world without consequences?" What if we just paid for all the illegitimate children, bailed out all the banksters, forgave all the humanities-liberal-arts-worthless-degree-majoring college students, and just financially made sure nobody ever suffered their own stupidity?

Complete and utter collapse of society.

Understand a world where there are no consequences will only result in a selfish and childish society that will ultimately destroy itself. The reason why is that if you use the public treasury to constantly bail people out of their mistakes they never are introduced, let alone, forced to live in the real world. They are only brought up with the motherly positive-reinforcement and never the fatherly negative-reinforcement/punishment. And they are therefore are never forced to be adults, let alone, self-sufficient, self-supporting, independent units of society. Worse still, because of this lopsided upbringing, they think they have done no wrong and are incapable of shame. And thus each independent unit turns out to be not only a dependent human, but an enititlement-mentalitied one as well.

But there's a mathematical and economic catch.

Classes of DEPENDENT humans can only last as long as the INDEPENDENT humans are *producing enough economic surplus to finance both groups*' *livelihoods*. And while this economic-production-charade can be extended further as you ~~dupe some suckers~~ convince creditors like the Chinese, Japanese, Indians or others to lend you money against your non-producing assets, in the end there is NOT the production necessary to support everybody's livelihood.

"Tami" the single mother of 3 from 5 different fathers, decides to default on her student loans when she pursued her "Masters in Peace Studies"

and

"Tanner Winthrop III" doesn't get paid back his $400 million loan he made to his Sigma Sigma Phi frat brother for that micro-brew that failed

and

any one of the hundreds of millions of equally negative-net-economci value people who rely in some way or another on others' production to bail them out, slowly, but surely start to overcome, and like a cancer consume, outnumber and inevitably kill the productive cells and host.

In short, the whole leftist, boomer-era, Dr. Spock, BS of shielding our pwuecious wittle childwren from the harsh realities of society (because you were too lazy to parent) has only served to produce two generations of net-negative economic producers, three if you include the boomers themselves.

And while we can play the game of moving cones or changing accounting rules, in the end what we ultimately have is

- a bunch of adult children incapable of supporting themselves,
- hopelessly depending on a government for their livelihood,
- which itself is hopelessly dependent on a deteriorating tax base,
- which also then relies on the naivety of foreign creditors to lend against our WWII generation's reputation
- while current generations watch "Keeping Up With the Kardaishians," major in sociology, and vote such an inconceivably inept man like Barack Obama into the presidency.

The fact millions of creditors lent $16 trillion against such lousy, pathetic, worthless, and non-producing assets is beyond me.

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Enjoyed the above? Ensure the Captain never has to go and work a real job again. Buy something you need on Amazon or purchase any one of his books!

Why You Don't Want Your Kids Educated By Prof. William Cunningham

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"To get around this inequity, our forefathers set up a progressive tax system where high-income taxpayers pay a higher percentage of their wages in taxes."

and other bold faced lies by this academian who could never get a job in the real world.

"Men's Interest" Measured as a Commodity

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Now do me a favor and let's not make this complicated.

I want something a little complex, but in actuality is quite simple.

I want any MALE participants who are willing to do the following:

List the percent of your FREE TIME (outside of work and sleep) that was spent pursuing the fairer sex at the following ages:

15
25
35
45
55
65

So, for example, when you were 25, and you finished work, WHAT PERCENT OF YOUR 8 REMAINING AWAKING HOURS did you spend at the bar, happy hour, or the night clubs on the weekend pursuing the fairer sex? This could include online dating, chatting up a girl at the grocery store, any time spent chasing the girly girls, what percent?

Also, let's say you're 52. Just estimate it for 15, 25, 35, 45, AND 55. Do not estimate for 65.

Post below like this:

15 - 70%
25 - 80%
35 - 50%
45 - 50%

Do not let the above example numbers influence you. I want an empirical read.

AND FOR GOD'S SAKE DON'T MAKE IT COMPLICATED WHICH SOME OF YOU ALREADY ARE!

THank you,

Cpt.

PS-Please forward to other men for the more data samples I have, the better.

It's Too Late for the Boomers, But Not For You

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Don't wait until you're 60 to start planning for retirement.

PLAN NOW.

Here's the class I offer on basic personal finance and retirement planning. It is very introductory and written for the common man. No hoity toity crap, no talking over your head. Simple common senses and advice everybody needs.

Worthless Now Available in Audio

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Howdy Lieutenants!

Worthless is available in audio-book format. I believe it is also on iTunes, but I haven't really ever looked much at iTunes.

Also, if you want to stock up on Amazon stuff before the new Minnesota law goes into effect, do it now.

Have to set up a South Dakota LLC and some legal stuff to get her up and running afterwards, but that might have to be after vacation.

Now How Cool Is That?

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So guess who gave a hat tip to the Ole Captain!?

MIKE - FREAKING - ROWE!

About the only thing cooler would be Bruce Willis saying he needed me to co-star in the next Die Hard...as long as it doesn't suck like the last one.

In any case, you should all go visit Mike Rowe's web page of friend him on facebook and the reason is simple. Not because we all like Mike Rowe. But because he has the status and celebrityship to actually convince younger people to make wise choices when it comes to pursuing the right fields. Guy's got a noble cause...and...well...more patience and charisma than I do to convince youth.

Adventures of Cappy Cap

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So I had gone to the extents to duct tape my camcorder on my helmet and film the Spearfish Canyon on the bike.

The angle was completely wrong and all you got was pavement and yellow passing lines.

So here are some pictures instead, of my most recent adventures.

85
16

The following are pictures from the Sheridan, WY Dachshund Races, the bike outside of Buffalo, WY facing the Big Horn Mountains, Spearfish Canyon at Savoy, SD, and the crossroads in Newcastle, WY of 85 and 16. The last picture is from the top of Bear Butte just outside Sturgis, SD. This was all done in a 16 hour period with 6 hours sleep. YOu too can enjoy the decline. Just get your wife's permission first. Yuk yuk yuk!!!! No, seriously, there's no reason I should be out here by myself. You all need to get motorcycles and get your asses out here next year.

Oh, and if that doesn't convince you SUPER DACHSHUND WILL!

Feminists Can't Do Math

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A friend sent this to me. Article claiming Julia Gillard was ousted because of sexism.

The article is full of half-truths and hallow accomplishments, not to mention "successes" that are actually failures (she passed the most amount of legislation since WWII - OH GREAT! Just what everybody wants! More rules!)

But something caught my economist eye. The author claims Australia's GDP increased by 14% under Gillard. Of course it was a feminist prime minister that was the cause of this great economic growth. Not the hard working people of Australia and certainly not China's economic boom requiring Australia's natural resources. No, Ms. Gillard, just like Obama could fart out GDP.

Regardless, I found that 14% odd and a little high for a prime minister that has only been there, about 3 years. So I did two things feminists don't;

Look up some facts
and
math.

Here's the data I used - RGDP growth rates from the OECD.

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Real gross domestic product - forecasts

Percentage change over previous period

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Australia	4.8	2.4	1.5	2.6	2.4	3.6	2.6
Austria	3.7	1.1	-3.5	2.2	2.7	0.8	0.5
Belgium	2.9	1.0	-2.8	2.4	1.9	-0.3	0.0
Canada	2.1	1.1	-2.8	3.2	2.6	1.8	1.4
Chile	5.1	3.1	-0.9	5.8	5.9	5.5	4.9

Here's the math I did exponentially multiplying the various years, halving 2010's and 2013's growth since Ms. Gillard took over and got fired mid year in each years respectively.

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1	1.013
2	1.024
3	1.036
4	1.013
5	1.08862575
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The REAL economic growth figure?

8.9%.

Look, ladies (and by ladies, I mean feminists), if you want to be treated as equals you need to actually BE EQUALS. Not hacks, not spoiled children following an ideology at the cost of truth, and on top of it you need to be able to do at least 5th grade mathematics. You demand all these changes in society, you demand everybody make sacrifices, but when all you spew is propaganda that is either spun so much it's not true, our just outright lies, your entire credibility is shot.

Perhaps you could enlist some engineers and accountants of the female persuasion instead of drudging up the same ole "leftist, humanities-majoring "journalist/writer/adviser/activist" (Oh, that's right, those women are busy with real jobs and producing actual GDP and economic production people want!). Or perhaps you could take some elementary school math classes for free at Khan's Academy. Or perhaps you could actually grow up into a mature adult, learn about economics, develop intellectual honesty, and learn what "empirical" evidence means before you start advocating the world change to unfairly benefit you.

Because to tell you the honest truth, when all your mind is capable of is viewing the world through the feminist lens, you don't come off as myopic, self-serving, and a cry baby, you ARE MYOPIC, SELF-SERVING and a CRY BABY. And ironically if all you can do is whine and complain, chalking every problem up to "sexism" and not take your lumps like a real man, then not only will you incorrectly diagnose yours or society's problems, you will never achieve parity with men.

But please, continue on the "feminism at all costs, including the truth." It provides immense entertainment for myself, not to mention exposes who are charlatans and

ideologues advancing a political cause to benefit at the expense of others, and who are actual statesmen and patriots who care about society.

Why You Can't Find a Man

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I am working on a whole new economic theory. In my humble opinion it will revolutionize economics. I tire as different economists and philosophers argue the differences between "Keynesian" and "Austrian" and "neoclassical" and "classical" economics, because they're

1. talking way over normal everyday people's heads
2. usually are quite often wrong because they are more concerned about supporting one particular line of economic thought instead of ackowledging the empirical real world.

It's just a general theory now with the details and tenets being worked out in my head as I hike and ride, but some day it will be my "General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money" but it won't suck and will be understandable by the masses. And no, I'm not even going to tell what it is because I do not want other economists taking the idea and running with it.

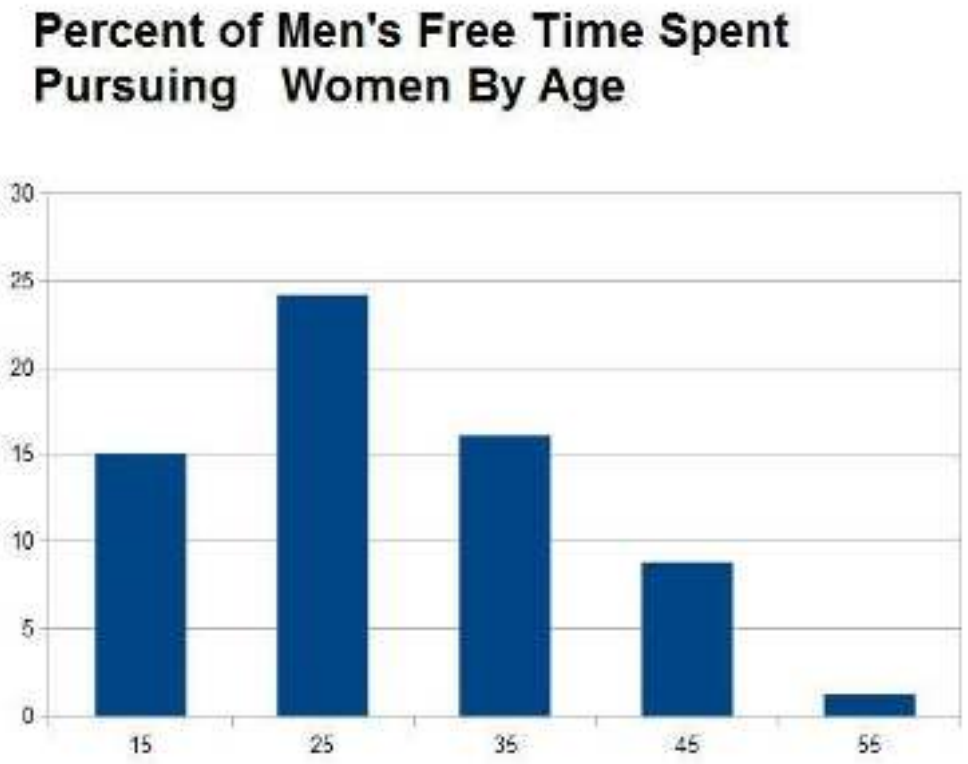
Anyhoo, with this new theory prompted me to conduct an informal and unscientific study. It won't seem any different than any previous sociological study I've done, but it does have its origins in my new theory - specifically why can't those girls find a man.

In a post I requested men estimate the percent of their free time they spent pursuing the fairer sex at the following ages:

15, 25, 35, 45, 55, and 65

Out of the 27 data points only one was 65 years of age and it was zero, so I only have data for ages 15-55.

I then averaged them out to estimate a "demand curve" of ladies for men at varying ages. And it looks like this.


Percent of Men's Free Time Spent Pursuing Women By Age
30
25
20
15
10
5
0
15
25
35
45
55

In short men (while still boys) spend 15% of their free time chasing girls, peaking at around 24% when 25 and then consistently declining to only 2% in the three decades thereafter.

What this confirms is something we've already known - that as men age they leave the market. But that's precisely the point. It CONFIRMS. I don't like going into debates with theories, I like going into debates with facts and knowledge because I don't care to debate. I care to be informed.

Regardless, though just a single and simple chart, it has ramifications.

First, it validates work done by The Rational Male, namely his attempts to chart "Sexual Market Value." No doubt he has gotten guff and accusations of misogyny for daring to chart such a thing, but it is reality and reality cannot be bigoted or sexist. The above chart just provides more empirical data to prove it.

Second, it explains why as women age "they can't find a good man" or "where have all the good men gone." As I've explained before, they went home. This is a very important point to make because it shows the classical signs of an economic bubble. There was HUGE demand earlier for women. Men would flood the market with attention, effort, time and energy trying to find girls. Just think of all the time you would go to parties, clubs, online dating profiles, etc. etc, just to get a number back when you were 23. Men would make themselves available as much as they possibly could.

But then the bubble bursts.

Men no longer go out "clubbing." They don't log into their Match.com account as much. And they could go to that desperate singles event, but the game is on. And soon the supply of attention that was previously flooding the market and driving the SMV of women up, plummets, driving down the "units of attention" per woman.

However, I fear there is a "Wile E. Coyote" experience these ladies have. They have been so accustomed to being flooded with attention, they don't realize the ground has been taken out from beneath them. They are like the McMansion buyer in 2005 who lost his job in 2006, has to sell the house and "can't believe," nay, REFUSES to believe his house had gone down in value. Ironically, he only worsens his situation in delaying the sale based on pride as the market tanks further.

Third, also notice age has an effect. A 25 year old man is looking for a 25 year old woman. But at the age of 55, they 55 year old man is probably not looking for a 55 year old woman. Matter of fact, most of his attention and efforts are going to be expended on a (roughly estimated) 45 year old woman. This means the chart is even worse for aging women.

In short, however, the chart does answer where all the "good men" have gone. They're still alive. There wasn't a disease that wiped them out. They merely aren't in the market anymore and are expending their free time on other things.

The Captain Meets Two Girls From Russia

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There's a bar called "The Vault" in Hot Springs, SD. It's about the only place that fits my age, has decent food and internet access.

I was working my mother's-basement-based internet media empire when two very attractive young women walked in. They were decked out, in heels and groomed perfectly.

I naturally assumed they were with the "Ms. South Dakota" pageant which is hosted in Hot Springs and thus ignored them. I continued with my work, finished my burger and went up to the bar to pay my tab.

However, my path had me go right past the two entrants and so enroute to the cashier I stopped and asked,

"Are you girls entrants in the beauty pageant?"

They, surprisingly said, "no." I continued on to the bar to pay my tab, but in that short 3 minutes I was confused. They were WAY too good looking to be locals. Too young to be natives. And too dressed up to be from the area. I caught a hint of an accent and so on the return trip to my table I stopped by again and asked,

"Excuse me, but do you mind if I ask you a question."

They said, "sure."

"If you're not with the beauty pageant, then why are you here?"

They giggled a little bit and said, "What beauty pageant?"

I said, "The Ms. South Dakota beauty pageant. It's hosted here every summer."

The one on the right said, "No, we're not with the beauty pageant. We're workers at the Vista Hotel. We're from Russia."

And then the light went on.

To handle tourist season a lot of the local hotels, gift shops, and so forth, hire eastern European kids to handle the excess traffic. They get to see some of the most beautiful parts of the US and the employers get cheap labor. And when they said they were from

Russia and working at the hotel, it all made sense.

But here is where it gets interesting.

Had they been American women, my inquiry as to whether they were part of the beauty pageant would have been a complete failure. It would have been viewed as sucking up, dismissed, poo pooed, "yeah we know we're hot," and I would have been guaranteed a 100% failure. But since these were girls from Russia, it was the complete opposite.

They were completely flattered.

"Did you really think we were in the beauty pageant?" one said with a smile on her face.

I said, "Yes, but you have to understand. NOBODY dresses up like you girls do in this town and most of the women are old or ugly. You stand out and since the pageant was in town I figured you were part of it."

This innocent and sincere statement only endeared me to them further. They genuinely appreciated the fact I mistook them for beauty pageant contestants. They started asking what I did, why I was there, as I also inquired about them and what they were doing.

However, it was sad because I only had one more day in town and wanted to make sure these young ladies got the most out of their trip. Since I couldn't play the role of tour guide, I wrote everything I loved about the Black Hills and the Badlands down on a napkin making them promise me they would visit these sites even if it took a little money. They thanked me and then something very rare happened.

One of them asked me to pull up a chair and join them.

I don't mean this to sound like "Gee shucks whillikers howdy" moment as if a girl never asked me to join them. I mean this as a "holy cow, a courteous gesture on the part of a young woman to be considerate enough to OBSERVE the situation and make a stranger feel welcome." Though I would have liked to talk to them more, I was deadly tired from 300 miles of riding and climbing Bear Butte, and very politely declined the offer, said I had to get some sleep and reiterated the importance they explore and enjoy the Black Hills.

The moral of this story is a simple one.

This is HOW IT SHOULD BE.

Notice there were no sexual overtones or romantic interests. There was no presumptions on the part of the girls. It was just a simple and honest interaction between a guy and two

gals. And the women were cordial, kind, sweet, and (dare I point out) physically presentable to the public. When I made my approach they were not rude, dismissive or condescending. Instead they listened, were polite and took me for my word, never once considering engaging in mind games. It resulted in a very enjoyable experience where instead of pulling teeth to merely engage a member of the opposite sex in a non-sexual, genuinely interested, curiosity-based, grounds, I got to enjoy a good conversation with two nice girls that will make two lucky men very happy in the future.

They were ladies. And I suggest American and western women start paying attention if they wish to achieve the same status and respect.

The David Lereah of the Education Bubble

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Meet Verlyn Klinkenborg.

In a recent editorial in the NYT she says

What many undergraduates do not know — and what so many of their professors have been unable to tell them — is how valuable the most fundamental gift of the humanities will turn out to be. That gift is clear thinking, clear writing and a lifelong engagement with literature.

Frankly, I am sick of this shit.

The reason I curse is because no non-cursing language can convey how utterly sick and tired, not to mention, angry I am with shills and whores of Big Education desperately trying to;

1. Rationalize their own stupid decisions to major in worthless subjects
2. Continue to vampire off of naive young 17 and 18 year old children by making them pay inflated prices for worthless degrees so the legions of aging worthless humanities professors can avoid having to work real jobs in the real world.

The Education Bubble is bursting, just like the housing bubble. And you David Lereah's of the education industry are being exposed for the shills you are.

Do you even listen to yourselves???

"The gift of "humanities is the gift of "clear thinking, clear writing, and a life-long engagement with literature?"

Really?

So, then we could agree to eliminate all humanities and liberal arts departments from all universities because there is a cheaper alternative called **"*the library?*"** And since you academian leftist jounralism types care soooooooo much for the "chillllllldreeeennnnnn" you would in all intellectual honesty say, "hey, don't spend $50,000 on a degree when you can get the same thing for free at the local library AND HAVE THE EXACT SAME EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS?"

Or are we going to go the same old boring "education is an experience, it isn't all about the money" route?

You might as well say "housing prices always go up."

The only thing saving you now is the naivety and ignorance of the average 17 year old who has been indoctrinated and brainwashed by ass-kissing, brown-nosing teachers and parents who have convinced them they are great and can do no wrong. That "follow your heart and the money will follow." Not to mention you've convinced these undeveloped minds they're entitled to an education, even if it is in Transgendered-Ethiopian-18th Century-French-Poetry-Studies, and even if it will cripple them financially for the rest of their lives.

The only thing worth less than the degrees in the humanities are the whores, charlatans and scum pimping those degrees in academia, quite literally parasiting off of the children they so hypocritically claim to be helping. They're no different than the bankers and mortgage brokers scum we've all been told to hate who brought the housing bubble.

So do America and the children a REAL and GENUINE favor. June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month. How about you fight back and buy "Worthless" for either a loved one about to attend college, yourself, or hell, if there's any foundation or conservative institution that really wants to implement some change, how about you spend a little bit of that money on buying an entire high school or school district copies of this book? How about flooding a high profile college campus with copies of it? You want to undo all the socialist brainwashing these kids get and are going to get? How about you start at the source and launch an all out campaign where the left is weakest? Their liberal-voter factories - academia.

Replacing Your Husband With the State

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This is exactly how feminism has hurt women more than men. It has taken something as soulless and indifferent as the state and supplanted genuine, loving, caring, human beings in the form of fathers, husbands and children.

I don't have to lift a finger to get revenge on the leftist feminists that are assaulting American and freedom. They're doing it to themselves.

A Worthless Haiku

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for Worthless Degree Awareness Month! From a reader:

Butterfly dances
'Cause her degree is worthless
She needs the money

Why Black Men Can't Compete

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Let's call him "Bill."

It wasn't his name, but I don't care to identify him and give him more grief than what he's already in for.

I met Bill watching over him while working a prisoner shift at a "place."

Over the course of these shifts we get to know the prisoners if they're the talkative types quite well. And Bill was talkative.

He had himself a girlfriend. Thought he was in love. Until he came home one day and she was with another guy. Bill went into a rage, thus leading to the opportunity for Bill and I to get acquainted. Turns out this has happened before to Bill. Not specifically that he came home and caught his girl cheating, but that women would date him for a while and then leave him for another man.

What was interesting, however, was that though Bill was no saint, he was no grandiose sinner either. He was also quite personable, seemed sane, and after talking to him for 8 hours I got the impression it was unfortunate events like this that landed him in the slammer. Theoretically, I wondered, if the first girl hadn't done this to him years back, would he have gone down this path and would we have ever become acquainted? Regardless, I could not see why this guy would have girls leave him for other men so regularly.

One other thing about Bill, he was black.

Now before we let the brainwashing the socialist public schools, media and society have forced on us to immediately have a knee jerk reaction and start slinging accusations of racism around please shut up, engage your adult mind, and listen, for this is an important point I'm trying to make and has a lesson in it for all of us.

So my little detective brain started to piece together a theory. Bill was short, wasn't terribly successful in life, was a little younger than myself. So I took a gamble:

"How tall was the guy she left you for?"

Bill said, "I don't know, 6'."

"Have all the guys girls have left you for been taller?"

"Yeah, pretty much," he said.

And so I said to myself "hmmmm...."

WAs this proof positive of hypergamy running rampant in our society? Proof positive that the women that dumped Bill for other men wanted to date taller fellows?

No, but it was yet another bit of anecdotal evidence that would raise a brow and an anecdote that made me think some things through for our black brothers as Bill drifted off to sleep for the next 6 hours.

"Hypergamy" if you are unaware of, is the theory/fact (depending on who you ask) that women like to marry "up." They want a guy who makes more money, who has a higher status, who drives a nicer car, etc. etc. Because it suggests women (in general) have less-than-pure or ulterior motives, it is thus taboo to suggest a thing in ~~brainwashed and politically correct~~ "polite" society, but since I don't care about feelings and only care about the truth, it is a phenomenon as blatantly obvious as the sun.

Is hypergamy "wrong" or even "bad?" No, it's a fact of life, it is the nature of women. It is a naturally developed trait that has evolved for good reason over the eons, a reason we may not fully understand.

However, when hypergamy is combined with societal, sociological or political changes, it can spell disaster. And such is the case for our black brothers.

Understand the single most important thing in life is other human beings. They are the most advanced, dynamic and changing entities on the planet. Again, you can have the latest version of Grand Theft Auto with the most advanced X-Box system, it pales in comparison to another human being that is not a finite or programmed entity. It is because humans are changing, dynamic and mentally infinite, you can love them. Be it either your children (who will continue to amaze you with their antics, advancements, and mental wonderings) or your friends (who challenge your thought, stimulate your mind and provide you comradery) you can establish a personal relationship with them, a relationship you cannot establish with an inanimate object. However, more important than all that is the relationship you will have with your spouse/loved one. It is a different love and one that is not rivaled and is one of the key sources of happiness. And thus why women are so important to men in life.

However, if you wish to attract a quality woman, all the wonderful personality in the world will not matter. You need to accept and incorporate the reality of hypergamy into your strategy otherwise you will fail. This is a good thing for it forces men to strive and work hard. It forces them to create, innovate, discipline and improve themselves so that they may have a wonderful woman in their life. Matter of fact, you could make a very

reasonable claim that nearly all advances and creations in society are at least partly due to hypergamy. Regardless, the instinctual, biologically hard-wired rules are that men must strive, produce, and succeed in life to attract a quality woman.

But what if extraneous sociological, psychological or even political factors are combined with the hypergamous nature of women and disturb this natural balance? What if something were to happen to society where women's hypergamy was tinkered with? There is no "what if." It's happening in American black culture today.

What we have today (in the black community) is "hyper-hypergamy." Women are no longer satisfied with a hard working electrician or a mild-mannered accountant. They are not satisfied with a stable guy, with regular income. They are not satisfied with a regular Joe who works hard and does his best. Media, society, and other sociological entities have created in their minds the idea that it's "a rap star or nothing." That it's a "professional athlete" or nothing. This puts the VAST majority of black men (and boys) in an impossible situation.

They simply can't compete.

How does Bill compete with Kanye West?

How does the average black man compete with LeBron James?

How does the local average high school black boy compete with his drug-dealing counterpart glorified in rap videos and media?

It's simple.

They can't.

They don't have millions. They don't have fame. Just like every other race, the vast majority of them are just regular schmoes like us. Not rock stars, not athletes, not movie stars.

But there is another entity black men are competing against for the affect of their ladies that puts the likes of LeBron James to shame and makes Kanye West look like a putz. Matter of fact, you could take all of the athletes, rock stars, rap stars, and romanticized thugs, purify their "higher status" and breed a genetically modified "super-athlete-rap-star-alpha Denzel Washington" type and it would still pale in comparison to this irresistible entity. And truth be told, it was what instigated black women to go into "hyper-hypergamy" in the first place and (in my humble opinion) is the core of the cause for black's relative "last place" in society

The federal government or "the state."

Understand the state has decimated the black community by corrupting hypergamy in women in three ways.

First, in in the state providing the basics in terms of food, clothing and shelter, women no longer need a man for these basic necessities. Normally and historically, this was provided by the man, but with these necessities taken care of, women can now afford to demand even more from their men.

"What, you're just going to provide me a house, pay for my food, and pay for utilities? Barack Obama and the state already does that! What ELSE are you going to bring to the table?"

This puts black men in a nearly impossible situation because black men have simply been replaced by the government. Since the man's job WAS to provide a stable living, providing things like food, clothing, shelter, etc., with that gone these men must go into hyperdrive and outperform in other areas (fame, athleticism, brute display of strength, etc.). Mathematically, only a certain amount of men can become professional athletes, rap stars, or what have you. The rest, sadly, "die trying."

Second, it is IMPOSSIBLE to compete against the government. The government has TRILLIONS of dollars every year that politicians are only more than willing to spend on women and children. How does the average black man with a respectable $17/hour job compete against Barack Obama promising trillions of dollars for black women and their children? And worse still, while the Kobe Bryants and Kanye Wests of the world will attract the hottest and top females in the black community, the federal government sops up the remaining 99% of regular women that regular men would have normally attracted, leaving the vast majority of regular Joe black men destitute, lacking romantic meaning in life, and without families of their own. And without that, what incentive does your average black man have to go and make something of himself?

Third, this government entitlement/subsidy WORSENS the quality and caliber of women. Whereas a husband or potential suitor in the past would hold their wives or potential spouses to certain standards, the state holds them to none. Worse still, the worse-behaved and more screwed up you are, the MORE the state will provide for you. This only reinforces low-quality behavior and in a cartel-like way, lowers the quality men get to choose from.

Now, while I am focusing on black men, don't for a second think it only applies to them. Understand I only highlight them because it is our black brothers who are furthest down this rabbit hole.

If you look at illegitimate births (or any other sociological ailment) as a proxy for the level at which the government is replacing men, "sugar daddy government" is, frankly, stealing all races of all men's women at an increasing pace. Whites, latinos, indians, you name it. Ergo, this is not a "black" problem, it is a problem for all men (and truthfully) all women. It's just the likes of Bill are the proverbial canary in the mine shaft.

A Very Apt Review

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Posting this because it hit me as a very accurate and insightful review:

Given the subject, I was expecting a bleak read, but Mr. Clarey presented a practical treatise on a topic many become Chicken Little-esque is discussing. The text doesn't read as a prepper's guide nor the Unabomber's Manifesto. It was written in a thoughtful and practical manner. The premise is: If one cannot change the system to which he is bound, then one should take advantage to ensure, as best possible, a favorable outcome for himself and his loved ones.

You can buy "Enjoy the Decline" here.

When Hollywood Ran Out of Ideas

July 1, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The chart is very telling and confirms what I intuitively knew was happening.

I do have an OUTSTANDING fiction book that I intend on writing and would make for a great movie (and no, I'm not just saying that, it would be an instant blockbuster), but it will have to wait for the day I am independently wealthy on economics and non-fiction books that I can afford the time to pursue such a leisurely pursuit.

Regardless, what Hollywood is suffering from is the precise, exact same thing government is suffering from -

talentless individuals.

I've cited this before, but worthless people with no intention, desire, work ethic, let alone, ability flood the government, public sector, non-profit, and (naturally) art world.

Who declares a poli-sci major?

A lazy egomaniacal 17 year old.

Who declares a journalism major?

A lazy, but still egotistical, 17 year old.

And who declares a "film major?"

Again, an equally lazy, talentless 17 year old who doesn't like math.

Mark my words - in the future the TRUE masterpieces and blockbusters will come from people who did NOT study the arts, but rather studied life and lived it. They will not be spoiled suburbanite brats whose parents paid for their hobby to major in "theater." They will not be the adult-children whose parents made large donations to art museums to have their 45 year old child's crappy art put up in a display. They will be the truck driver who had a lot of time on the road to think about (and pull from his personal experiences) a truly great work of art. They will come from the security guard who has the time to ponder and hammer out a great plot. They will come from the 80 hour a day workaholic who gets laid off and channels his/her energies towards some creative production.

It will never, and I mean, NEVER come from the hipster-infested coffee shops and cafes of conformists and intellectual weaklings who rely on government subsidy.

Teachers Aren't Your Friends

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I will be coming out with a series against teachers exposing them for the failed humans most of them are.

In the meantime some empirical data.

From Our Father Agent in the Field

July 2, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dear Cappy Cap,

My 14-year-old son had been talking of working in IT, which sounded like a decent plan to me. Somebody in India or China can't come in and fix your dead computer, or get the network switch installed down the hall. He's a kid who set up Linux on his PC on his own, and regularly jailbreaks phones/tablets/etc. for himself and his friends.

Anyway, the other day in the car, he announced that he might be interested in entomology, with perhaps IT as a minor.

ENTOMOLOGY?!?

"Son," I said, after managing to not crash the car, "I'm sure bugs are interesting, but what's your plan B? What are you going to do to actually, you know, earn money so you can eat?"

So the rest of the way home, we talked about how useless his entomology degree would be, compared to IT.

And in a bit that may bring a tear to your eye, his younger sister, who had been silently taking this all in, piped up with, "So maybe being an actress isn't such a good idea?"

I gifted "Worthless" to my son on Kindle about 5 minutes after we got home, and he read it within 24 hours. Now he thinks petroleum engineering might be a good major. On his own, he's searching up websites about job salaries.

THANK YOU!

Ahhhh....warm Cappy Cap fuzzies.

That and knowing I cost the liberal art academian vampires over at Big Education another $100,000 in tuition they'll never get.

The Ineffectiveness of Nagging

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Really, no kidding? You don't say!

I distinctly remember a woman (who shall go unnamed) tell me

"*Yeah, I used to nag, but it doesn't work.*"

Which told me

"*OK, so you women KNOW what you are doing when you nag and it isn't just some 'thing women do unconsciously?!*"

I think a new slogan for a PSA announcement might work -

"Nagging - It Gives You Permission to Cheat on Your Wife! THe More You Know!"

Methinks that would bring an abrupt end to nagging.

Resource Warfare from the Terrorists

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The military switched from larger caliber bullets (30-06) to smaller caliber (.223) because they found larger caliber bullets tend to kill the intended recipient. That would take one soldier off the field. However, if you wounded one, it would potentially take three - the wounded soldier and two more soldiers to remove him from the field and save his life (and I swear to god, if any of you people come in and anal-rententively correct me on a technicality I'll murder your cats).

The same tactic is being employed here. The enemies of western civilization are not so much concerned about killing targets one at a time as much as they are resource consumption. THis scum bucket has consumed, ***in terms of time***, more than just one Brit's life and thus caused more damage.

Of course, if Britons wanted to grow a spine and just start throwing/killing scum like him out, they could. But that wouldn't be polite and the lefties would scream bloody murder. Plus it would require self-respect and an appreciation for western civilization.

The Dysfunctional Labor Market

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If there's one "surprise" benefit I wasn't expecting when I clocked out and started to enjoy the decline, it was the sheer amount of effort, time, and resources I saved by never having to apply for a job again. And not just the chronological time, but also the fact I don't have to deal with the bi-polar, passive-aggressive, psychotic traits of the labor market.

For example, I met a guy at the Liberty Mastermind Symposium who works at Miles Franklin, a precious metals dealer. He realized I had advertising potential. I realized his product was aligned with my audience and in what was no more than a 1 minute conversation, we had already concluded business and are likely to start setting them up as an advertiser.

Another example, Ed over at Ranger Self Defense. For him and me to conduct business took all of two e-mails. Him asking me to put ads on my site and me saying "sure."

Contrast this with negotiating for employment with a modern day employer.

First there's the "initial call."

Then the screening interview.

Then the 3 weeks that go by when they said they'd get back to you in 1.

Then you give up.

A month later they call for a second screening interview.

Then set a time for a phone interview with the hiring manager next week.

Oops, can we make it the week after.

Then another 2 weeks.

Then the in person interview.

Then the "panel" interview.

And when it's all said and done you've spent the equivalent of 3 weeks of full time work dealing with these inefficient, private-sector bureaucratic, morons only not to get the job.

The latest bank I worked at was so inefficient, that it took them 3 months to finally get around to making a decision. I remember them setting up their 4th phone interview during which I purposely ensured to be drinking a martini when they called because of all their dicking around.

Regardless, this article highlights and outlines how the situation is not improving. So much so that it's just more straws on the camel's back to abandon "traditional" employment. And I believe it has gotten to that point, especially for impatient and standard-holding people such as myself. And you must understand how powerful a statement that is.

It is EASIER for you to just not go to college, pick up a skill or a trade, and start a business from scratch

than it is to

go to college, rely on the economies to scale of the traditional labor market, spend all the time sending out resumes, etc. etc.

In otherwords, the system has become so corrupted, so dysfunctional it is no longer efficient. A 19 year old sole proprietor stands a higher chance at making more money eeking out some niche or morsel of a market than he/she does wasting their lives and sanity dealing with the HR ditzes, progressive credentialism, compliance, 4 hour meetings, and sociopathic bosses that plague corporate America. You stand a better shot at being a *freaking blogger* than becoming a "valued employee" as an accountant at a Fortune 500 company.

So you all go to college. You all go to those "networking events." You all force yourself to act interested as the recruited comes to school to promise one of the 600 of you a job. You get your bachelors, then masters, the CPE certifications. Oh, and by god, you enjoy that commute. The rest of us are going to the internet, meeting up with people who don't have time for corporate schmoozing bullshit, want to get the shit done, and make some money. Our system may not be as glorious, but we'll be the ones waking up at 10AM and pulling down the real money and not having to talk to a therapist because of the psychotic mental environment of modern day corporate employers.

I Will Not See the Lone Ranger

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From our agent in the field:

"*In one of the busier scenes in Gore Verbinski's very busy The Lone Ranger, dozens if not hundreds of Comanche tribesmen are brutally gunned down by a machine-gun-armed U.S. Cavalry. This sad and ugly violence — employed to represent the larger cultural annihilation being waged throughout the American West in the bloody era of Manifest Destiny — is intercut with shots of Johnny Depp, at the moment dressed up like a Chinese rail worker but face still covered in warpaint, furiously pumping a railway handcar with a blindfolded Armie Hammer as his passenger. Tonto and the Lone Ranger's wacky, madcap getaway complete, we are then allowed a somber moment to pause and reflect on the terrible bloodshed to which we were just subjected.*"

I said it before, and I'll say it again, I'm sick and tired of being lectured by leftists and race whores blaming me and trying to shame me for things I didn't do. And I'm not going to pay them or give them my money. Sure, I'll watch a pirated copy. Sure, I'll watch it if somebody else watches it, but unlike every Eloi, SWPL who will just brush it off and see it anyway, heck, even blame themselves a little believing in BS like "white privilege," I'm not going to part with a portion of my finite life in the form of my money to get lectured.

And just like we took roughly $100,000 away from Big Education recently, I suggest the roughly 10,000 readers take their $10 each and not give it to Hollywood.

Happy 4th Cappy Caps!

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Fuck You Mark Dayton

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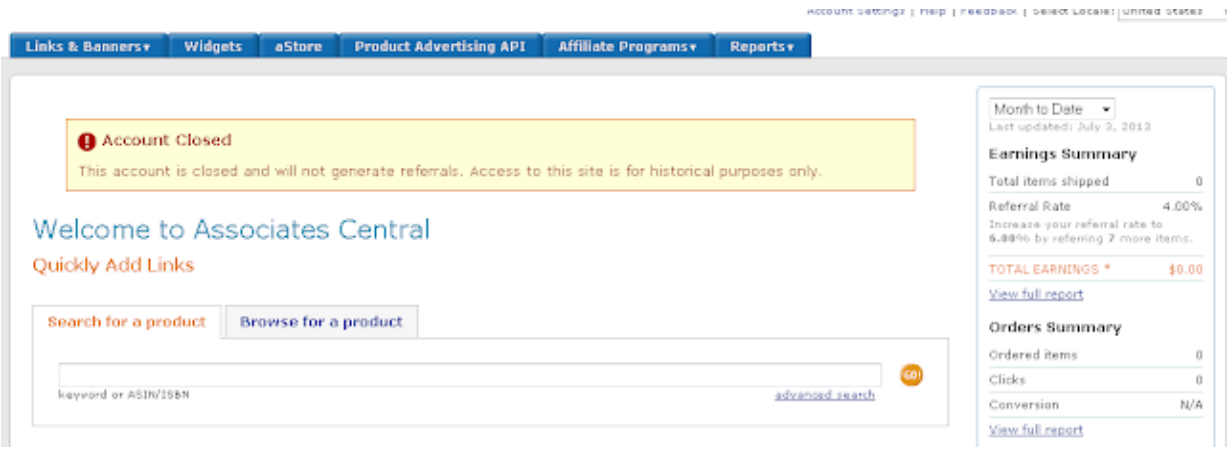
Fuck you very much.



Like I said, South Dakota or Wyoming will be getting the business.

Why Your Job Will Never Be Satisfying Or Challenging

July 5, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Some brilliant career advice if I do say so myself.

And I do, because it is brilliant.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick

July 5, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it isn't "free" tuition when you essentially are having your wages garnished, is it?

It's more like "indentured servitude" or "slavery" or "the state parasiting off of you and adding another 3% income tax."

Honest to god, at any time you dumb, young kids can starve the beast by not attending and getting votech degrees.

Somebody buy the entire state of Oregon copies of Worthless.

By the way, what is 3% on a barrista's part time annual income?

The Fat Rationalization Hamster

July 6, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Spin baby, spin!

Update - from our Swedish Agent in the Field. Apparently the author is a COLLEGE HEALTH EDUCATOR. Yes, that's who I want in charge of a college's health education program, a woman who doesn't believe in discipline and self-control...though, now I have to ask...why does a college need a health educator? And you dumb kids and leftists wonder why tuition is sky high. Idiots, freaking idiots.

Professors are the New Banksters

July 7, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The parallels between the bankers that caused the housing bubble and the professors/administrators causing the education bubble are uncanny.

Men Improve, Feminists Excuse

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There had been something gnawing at the back of my head regarding this post from a feminist/"college health educator," advocating that your obesity was not your fault. It finally dawned on me in the shower;

Men look to improve themselves, correct the error of their ways, and become better people.

Feminists look for excuses for their continued gluttonous and slothful behavior.

Politics, economics and sociology aside, if you look at the Manosphere vs. the "feminist-sphere" the Manosphere has an entire section dedicated towards health, working out, eating right, and self-improvement. Heck, we even have entire blogs dedicated towards working out and health.

Feminists do not.

Matter of fact they perform the most insane mental acrobatics I've ever seen in intellectual dishonesty, lying to themselves, and rationalization. Going so far as to blame society for daring to having values, standards and the audacity to judge.

I've meandered into this rabbit hole before, and I theorize that it is laziness that drives this. It takes less effort to use words and concoct weak mental rationalizations than it does to commit to a life-long part time job of physical self-improvement. I've also theorized in the past this is why leftistism and feminism usually go hand in hand. Lazy people (feminist or not) LOATHE and FEAR

work
effort
tenacity
drive
competition
performance and
judgement

It explains why they're not only physically unappealing, but usually rely on government subsidy for their livelihood, job or profession (for example academia, the non-profits that receive government grants, women's studies departments at public universities and their constant political demands to have the state replacement the husband as the main financial provider).

Regardless, the end result are two philosophies that are starkly different and shows which group is truly more moral, selfless and altruistic - the men.

Men could, we COULD, just sit on our asses and complain all day. And many men do. But isn't it funny, that the most "extreme," "radical" and (guaranteed-to-be-accused-of) misogynistic fringe of the male world in the form of the Manosphere constantly beats it into the heads of its readers that to impress and make women happy they have to hit the gym, work hard and dedicate their lives towards self improvement? Yes there is a element you do such things for yourself, but in the end, don't fool yourself, it's primarily for the women and the theoretical children you might have some day.

I ask, where is the feminist equivalent?

Even those mindless women's magazine you can pick up at the grocery store have articles and sections about maintaining health and beauty! But no, not the group that claims to be first and foremost for the benefit of women. No, they much prefer to bury their heads in the sand, ignore reality, even try to villainize it, and sit and pontificate from their offices in academia new and creative rationalizations as to why they're wasting their one shot at life.

In the end, as an economist, I don't care. There is ALWAYS equilibrium. Every decision has a commensurate consequence and it will all balance out in the end. Because no matter how much feminists hate work, discipline, and competition, and no matter to what lengths they go to rationalize those things away, in the end (and by end, I mean their death bed) they will have to face the fact had they spent a fraction of the time self-improving, working out or working hard as they did concocting excuses, their lives would have been immeasurably better.

But who am I to get in the way of obese, miserable and hate-filled people?

The Death of HR

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Good news everyone!

Inefficient systems, in the ideal economic world, are replaced by efficient ones.

For example bike couriers were replaced with e-mail attachments that made large paper documents they'd normally deliver (blueprints, legal documents, etc).

Horses were replaced by mass-produced cars from Henry Ford.

And land line phones were replaced by cell phones...unless you're my parents.

But for the life of me I could never understand why such a dysfunctional and damaging system or (COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE)"profession" like HR has lingered as long as it has. Heck, aside from affirmative action, I can't imagine why it got started in the first place.

Well rejoice Cappy Cappites, for the free market has come up with a way to circumvent those math-hating, subjective judging, mindless ditzes in the HR department. Apparently those wonderful men and women in HR have such a bad PR problem it's driven an entrepreneurial type to set up a labor market outside the traditional HR dominated one.

Want to find an employee? Go here.

Want to find a qualified worker? Go here.

Want to find a company that's professional and smart enough NOT to have an HR department, signifying their hiring managers are serious about recruiting the talent they need? Go here.

It almost, ALMOST, makes me want to start applying for jobs again, but, eh, that would mean I'd have to work and pay taxes.

Stay Frosty, Boys

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There ARE some women out there who will trick you into getting them pregnant.

When I was younger I thought it so wrong, deceitful and evil that only a very small minority of psycho-paths would do such a thing. It is more common than you think.

Stay frosty, boys! Stay the freak frosty.

Congrats to ROK

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Damnit, I wanted that title.

Why Scarcity is a Good Thing

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The sworn enemy of economists is not debt, as you may presume. It's scarcity.

The reason why is that if you eliminated "scarcity" you would have unlimited "wealth," solving all of the economic problems of the world.

However, terms like "scarcity" and "wealth" have very specific meanings to economists and when compared to the meanings associated with them by normal people, there is some miscommunication.

"Scarcity" means that there is only a limited amount of the stuff. Technically, everything is scarce. There is a limited amount of dirt. There is a limited amount of rocks. However, when it gets to things like oil, gold, iron ore, etc. things become a little more scarce. Because of this people must be efficient, they must be "economic" in their decisions on how to use these scarce resources to get "the most" out of them.

Get the most what?

Get the most "wealth."

"Wealth" though commonly assumed to be money or income, is quite different in economic terms. "Wealth" is simply "stuff." Your cars, your food, your house, every item and asset you own. The reason why economists are so focused on "wealth" and not "money" is because it is not so much the MONEY that matters to people as much as it is the physical items and services. In short you don't get a benefit from a $20 bill. You can't eat the $20 bill. That money is technically not wealth. The $20 in groceries it can buy, however, is. Because those groceries will help maintain and improve your life.

Therefore, in an ideal world (say like Star Trek where they have a replicator), resources would not be scarce, but limitless. If you had unlimited oil or unlimited diamonds or unlimited chocolate, everybody's "wealth" would increase to a maximum level at minimal cost. Standards of living would be unlimited and the only thing that would limit your life would be your mortality. Ironically, in such a world, economists would be unemployed because there would be no need for them.

Of course, a scarceless, unlimited wealthy world is not feasible. There is a limit to everything, not only including physical resources, but human time as well. But there ARE instances of unlimited wealth and while economists may think that is the ideal situation or "goal" of economics, they may want to rethink such an infinitely wealthy world.

Understand there are instances of unlimited wealth. I've seen it first hand. And it was when one of the Saudi princes came to the Mayo Clinic.

My buddy ran the security company that was hired to provide the prince protection. He flew in with an entourage of about 120 people, 90 of which were support staff, servants, cooks and maids. he flew in his own private airliner and was so wealthy he had rented EVERY 2010 Mercedes S Class in the UNITED STATES that was rentable (it was 2009 and he would ONLY settle for the newest cars) to transport him and his family (chauffeurs were driving from California and NYC). There were also trucks lined up at the airport that would be used to transport all the items he and his entourage would purchase at the Mall of America and other places. And he had rented out two entire floors of the Kahler Hotel in downtown Rochester.

He and his family had unlimited wealth.

But what transpired afterwards was something that I couldn't put my finger on, but after reflecting upon figured out what was going on.

He and his family would buy ANYTHING.

And by ANYTHING I meant ANYTHING.

One of his three wives bought a large commercial sized crate of hand lotion at Wal-Mart. Another wife would buy clothes at Nordstroms. One of his daughters left the convoy and her protection for a slice of pizza at Pizza Hut, only to take one bite and throw it away. Top of the line German cars were purchased, as was jewelry. Though one of the princesses insisted on having her hair cut at a cheap salon.

There was no rhyme or reason to their purchases. They didn't buy "only the best" as evidenced by their trip to Wal-Mart. They didn't buy stuff they needed as evidenced by the crate of hand sanitizer. They didn't buy stuff they were going to use (one of the wives bought three truckloads of crap she could never ever wear/consume in her life time). And they didn't buy stuff for a purpose (tools, medicine, entertainment).

They just bought stuff for the sake of buying.

And then I saw what was going on.

With literally unlimited wealth the Saudi prince and his family were unable to assess VALUE. Their entire lives they could afford anything they wanted. There is more than one story of a Saudi prince buying a brand new Mercedes, having NO CLUE it runs on this thing called "gas," runs out of gas in the middle of the desert, and abandons the car there. He would simply get picked up, returned to the castle and buy another one. The

reason why is that with unlimited wealth that Mercedes might as well cost as much as a piece of chewing gum because to the Saudi prince, it does. $100,000 vs. $1 is an inconsequential difference to a man with $10 billion.

But while you and many economists may wish to be so wealthy, think again, for there is a consequence.

What would your life be without the ability to judge VALUE?

You take this ability for granted. You, me and most normal people have to assess, judge, discern and discriminate how we spend our resources. We have to compare whether or not the outlay in terms of time, money or resources is worth the item or service we purchase. And not only in our purchasing lives, but our social lives as well.

Do you spend time with that annoying friend or the couple who can't keep their loud obnoxious kids in line?

Do you spend the time getting that Masters in Quadrapalegic Turtle Art History Transgender Studies?

Do you go on a date with Tami the Suburbanite Bimbo Brat or have a scotch and cigar with your buddies?

But if we had unlimited funds and essentially our entire free time to ourselves, how would you be able to discern which is better? You didn't have to part with a piece of your finite life to get the money or the day off to enjoy a purchase or social time with friends. And since you didn't have to forfeit anything in exchange for money or free time, you don't value it. Your time and life is essentially worthless and you will spend it accordingly so.

This is why the Saudis not only piss away their money in the most random and chaotic fashion, but why they also were never smiling. They were grumpy, I never saw one smile, they were miserable. I would even consider them zombie-like when you'd see them going to and fro in the world's most expensive cars to go places their subjects could only DREAM of going and would be ecstatic in doing so. And also imagine how impaired their ability is to judge human value. Do you think any one of the score of princesses has a good friend to talk to? Do you think the princess has ever endured hardship and strife or just a plain challenge that would have developed character and a personality? Or do they just have legions of servants, maids and yes-men taking advantage of them for their wealth? Heck, one could make a very good claim the Saudi royalty is inoculated against love because they aren't capable of it and nobody would love such boring, mindless, money-spending automatons.

In short having unlimited wealth would be nothing less than sustaining an injury that

would cause you to lose one of your senses. You become blind, you become deaf, or you become paralyzed. You can no longer "sense" value and therefore can no longer make wise decisions on how best to spend your life. Worse still you lose your ability to determine what is important in life.

Fortunately, however, for you and me and most everybody else, we were brought up poor or certainly not "billionaires." We've had to discern and judge value. We've had to work for we got. We've had to suffer and sacrifice, and thusly attach a value to our time. Consequently we have richer lives than any Saudi king will ever have.

Enjoy this read? Then consider buying "The Best of Captain Capitalism" or "Enjoy the Decline." You can also follow Aaron on "the Twitter."

Again, I Ask, Where Is the Feminist Equivalent of This?

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From ROK:

This question is in reference to the work you've done yourself. How well groomed are you? How engaging are you in conversation? Are you funny, witty, and confident enough when engaging the women you want? Do you dress well enough to catch their eye? Are you physically fit enough to catch their eye?

I know I just wrote about this, but it is a point worth reiterating.

For all the accusations of "misogyny" and "sexism" men in the Manosphere sure are critical of themselves and awfully considerate and aware of what women want. They are willing to admit they have flaws or that there is room for improvement. Additionally, men are willing to expend the effort, time and sweat into changing themselves for the better. Naturally this is not purely altruistic as the larger goal is in part to attract a woman, but it is certainly the opposite of what goes for standard gospel in the feministsphere - "the world must bend to my desires and if not then screw society, and oh, btw, you're all sexist."

Notice the men of the Manosphere do NOT try to force society to their will. They do NOT try to undo nature. They ask "What is reality?" and then change their actions, strategies and behaviors to accommodate and benefit from these realities. Feminism is, quite frankly, delusional with a belt of selfish on top of it. To think that an entire half of society is going to undo their genetic programming and fight their hard-wired nature AND to call them names on top of it if they don't? I'm no psychologist but I'm sure there are multiple psychoses infecting such a person with such a deluded perception of reality and oneself.

It's a really simple solution, so simple it's basically a variant of the golden rule - treat others as you would like to be treated.

Well, I would like women to stay in shape, carry their own weight, be interesting, be civil and courteous and dress appropriately. Therefore in return I pretty much do the same. It is whether women realize this basic mutually advantageous relationship with one another and capitalize off of it, or scream "sexist" or "misogynist" because men dare to hold women up to standards before spending their time on them.

Enjoy the decline!

The Manosphere as a Subsitute for a Father

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A well-thought out, though crass, podcast that addresses the issue of how young boys today have to resort to the internet for advice and guidance on being and becoming men. Other topics as well, but that was the main one.

The archive for the podcast is located here. Yes, I have a podcast. Yes, as indicated by the image off to your right.

Fair warning, the quality is off. But the content is very good.

Hyder, Alaska Bizatches!

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So I was going to do the Canadian Rockies on this upcoming trip.

Then my economic spidey senses started tingling.

"Look, Cappy, if you're going all the way to Prince George, then you may as well see if you can't make it to Alaska."

Never been there. Alaska is one of those places like "Burma" or "France" that you'll never see or visit in your lifetime. At least not on a bike. But after an hour of searching on teh interwhebz I found the ONE town that is on a paved road that does not require I go to the Arctic Circle or take a slow-ass ferry.

Hyder, Alaska.

There is literally nothing there except bragging rights that I drove there and I can see some American border guards welcoming me "back home" though home would be the complete opposite direction.

Regardless, I'm still doing the Canadian Rockies and will come through Kampaloos and the like, but I will be driving a bike to Alaska. Which as far as I'm concerned puts me on par with Wolverine because he is well, you know, Canadian, drives a motorcycle and hails from the area. Only difference is I'm just better looking that Hugh Jackman.

You Should NEVER Have to Game Friends

July 9, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Permit me two stories.

About three years ago I was teaching a salsa dance class in Mankato, Minnesota. The dance scene had gone from a bustling marketplace of 20 something hotties, desperate to learn the art of ~~getting attention on a dance floor~~ "ballroom dancing," to a sad shell of its former self. The 20 somethings left to start families, and now certainly in their 30's, their children prevented them from such luxuries as taking dance classes. Instead my dance classes were now full of recent 50 something divorcees thinking they were going to find a "Latin lover" if they and their 200 pound ass just learned a little salsa dancing. It had gotten so bad that sometimes I couldn't teach dips because many women were literally too heavy to dip and the dwindling number of men that remained would injure themselves if they dared try. And so instead of being excited to start a new class, the previous decade of decline in the beauty of my students had taught me not to get excited and treat what was once my passion like a job I no longer cared about.

Then she walked in.

"She" being the second most beautiful girl I ever had in my then 13 years of dance classes. Tall, model-esque, and a face that was the epitome of beauty.

I was about to pigeon-hole her as just another self-absorbed attention queen, and play the appropriate game, until we had a drink after class and was shocked. She was a sergeant in the US Army, fresh from Iraq. She was a communications specialist, worked a real job, and had the misfortune of losing her mother early on in life. She was not spoiled, but rather had suffered a harsher than average life, and thus was a rather impressive person.

Normally, at this point, one's mind might default to "wow, this might be the one," but there was just one problem.

Though stunningly beautiful, there was just no physical chemistry between her and me.

I KNEW she was attractive, my brain corroborating what my eyes saw, but oddly enough I just really couldn't get it up for her. She was one of those rare "hot chicks" that everybody else would want to nail, just not you.

However, while the physical chemistry was just not there, the personality was. So much so that you would almost consider this person to be a soul brother/sister. Her experiences in life shaped her into an interesting person and also gave her the street

smarts needed to just do things on an automated and unconscious level. She intuitively knew what you were saying, knew what you were doing, and would support you without thinking twice. She was observant and clever, making her a great wingman. I was convinced that though I would not be dating this girl, I would have a cool tomboy of a chick to hang out with and thus started inviting her to hang out with my crew.

Then, something interesting occurred.

While she was desperate to go and resurrect her social life after Iraq, pretty much every invitation I gave her went unanswered. I'd say, "Hey, we're going to a jazz club. Give you a chance to get out of uniform and dress like a girl for once." She'd respond enthusiastically, only never to show. I'd say, "Hey, we're going salsa dancing later tonight," only to get a response back the next day that she had to work. I'd say, "Hey, bunch of us are going for a motorcycle ride, we're coming through your town, you want us to pick you up?"

Nothing again.

It soon got to the point that she so infrequently attended that I just stopped inviting her. However, I could never reconcile why we got along so great and why she expressed such an interest in doing things (to the point it sounded like she was "dying" to get out), only never to capitalize on my offers.

The next story is one set in Sheridan, Wyoming.

There I was working at a local bank, sifting through loans we made to local meth addicts, trailer trash, single moms, and degenerates who couldn't run a sports bar effectively. I was fortunate enough to live downtown, which meant I could walk to work, not to mention, four bars were literally within one block of my apartment (one literally under it).

Because of my proximity to bars, my social life received a significant boost. I would hit every bar, every night, and even taught dance classes at the largest bar in town on Tuesdays. Also because of the relatively small size of the town I became one of the "regulars" overnight, me knowing everybody and everybody knowing me.

Unfortunately, since this town was in Wyoming most of the local women were hideous. This is not my opinion. It's just a fact. Women in Wyoming just aren't pretty. They're overweight, they smoke and drink too much, aging their faces prematurely, they get pregnant before they graduate from high school, and they certainly don't care to doll themselves up. They rarely wear dresses. They never wear heels. And no amount of make-up can save them, so they don't even bother. Wyoming literally is just one big, square trailer park and their women represent this fact.

So imagine my surprise when a

buxom,
drop-dead gorgeous blond in
6 inch cherry red heels and a
matching red cleavage-dropping dress
walked into the bar.

It didn't make sense. The needle went off the record. Men's jaws hit the floor and women sneered. NEVER had such a hot woman ever walked through those doors, let alone set foot inside Buffalo, Wyoming.
My instinct kicked in and I stopped looking, ensuring to be the only guy ignoring her. And sure enough she sat next to me and started talking to me.

But just like the beautiful sergeant from Mankato, her looks were deceiving.

She wasn't a ditzy broad, looking for free drinks. Turned out she worked at a rather prestigious ranch outside of town and this was her one night off that week. She never had the opportunity to dress up and had been wanting to wear this little red number for quite some time. And so she was going to wear it, consequences be damned.

She was also incredibly smart and incredibly different. She had traveled to Russia to purchase a unique breed of horse and start breeding them here in the states. She was also very well read on philosophy and could challenge my thinking and make me think of new ideas I had never pondered before. And add to it again, she was a tomboy. She liked not only ranching, lassoing, and riding horses, but 4 wheelers, motorcycles, hiking, fishing and amateur paleontology and archeology.

I was happy for there were very few people in Wyoming I could talk to, let alone be intellectually stimulated by. And because of the rapport we had established it was in my mind a foregone conclusion we would be friends. She invited me out to her ranch where she said she'd cook me dinner and then we could go fishing, hiking, arrowhead hunting, or whatever we wanted. She gave me her number and given how few intelligent and in shape people there were in Wyoming, I promised not to ruin this gem of a find by trying to hit on her or making any advances.

A couple days later I headed out to her ranch where she gave me a tour. We drove a 4 wheeler around, saw some amazing mountains, cliffs and a picturesque stream filled with trout. She showed me the horses (not a big fan) and then she showed me some old buildings that were there during the pioneer days. It was a good ole time, but she had to wake up early the next morning to work on the ranch, and so I headed back. But before I did she gave me a large arrowhead piece. Too large to be an actual arrowhead, but rather was obviously a tool of some kind. Regardless, it was such a nice piece I would

have considered it museum-quality and was consequently thankful and humbled for such a gift. It also made me think she was a kindred spirit and further confirmed I had made a friend.

I was thinking since she could really only take off on weekends that we might climb this mountain I had scoped out the week before. Didn't want to see too rushing, so waited a couple days and left her a voice-mail. She was so far from town, however, that I knew she didn't have reception on the ranch. She had to drive to the state highway every night to get her voice-mails, so I figured she'd call back when she had the time.

Wednesday passed, then Thursday, then Friday and unfortunately, she never called.

No matter, I figured, probably busy. The ranch was quite the operation. I'll catch her next week.
I then walked down to one of the rowdier bars in town and surprise! There she was.

Red dress
Red heels
Drunk as all hell

She saw me and immediately lit up "*Cappy!!!! Hi!!!!*"

"*Hi,*" I said kind of surprised to see her bombed. I said in a jesting manner, "*So I take it we're not going hiking tomorrow?*"

"*Nooo, I'm sorrrry, I forgot to call you. We can go hiking next week. I just needed to get out and let lose.*"

Suspiciously understanding, I said, "*Well, you're sure making a go of it now!*"

We continued to hang out, but unlike the first night we met and the day we had at her ranch, she was now flirting with pretty much every guy at the bar. There was no conversation and she was now dancing on the floor to hip hop music spilling beer. I decided to leave her at the bar and check out the one next door. Sure enough within an hour she followed.

"*Why did you leaaave!??? I need you to protect me from this guy,*" she said somewhat slurred.

"*What guy?*" I asked.

"*This guy, he keeps hitting on me.*"

I saw no guy.

Realizing she probably had a few too many I offered her a place to crash at my joint. She refused and instead decided to hit the remaining two bars, while I believe I had enough for the evening and walked home.

The next morning I saw her car parked downtown. I found that odd. So I walked into the bar beneath my apartment and inquired (I learned that in small towns in Wyoming bartenders proved a better source for information than the internet, and yes, bars are open that early in Wyoming).

"*Oh yeah, Amy!? Yeah, good ole Amy. She got ripped. Ended up going home with a bunch of Italian tourists last night. Bit of a drama queen that one.*"

"*Heh," I said, "she does this much?*"

"*Yeah, she'll come to town, get drunk, lead guys on, piss off their girlfriends, lead on the tourists. Provides for some decent entertainment.*"

And certainly it did, for it wasn't just that one night Amy came to town, but at least three more nights before I left for Minneapolis. I made a token few handful of calls to see if Amy wanted to go hiking, but none, of course, were ever returned.

Last I saw her she was drunk at a bar scoring drinks out of a guy nearly thrice her age.

Now the moral of these stories is not one of entertainment value or living vicariously through the life of the ole Captain. But rather to prepare you for the likely event that in your 80 years of life expectancy you will run into a girl who is:

1. Gorgeous and
2. Has such a unique personality or spirit about her it practically compels you to be friends with her, but
3. For some reason you just aren't physically attracted to her

You will be excited. You will be happy. You will think, "*Wow, you know, I just REALLY dig this person for herself and it would be totally cool to just go and hang out with her.*" But you will be let down, because the friendship you assume is a guarantee will never come to fruition. And the reason why is that her beauty prevents it.

Understand absolutely drop-dead gorgeous women are damaged goods in a certain regard. It isn't even necessarily their fault, but rather society's. Since they are so good looking, the vast majority of men interact with them on a sexual basis. They want to have sex with them, they want to be around them, they simply want to look at them.

Sadly, none of them want to be their friends and therefore truly beautiful women have few, if any, platonic or non-sexual relationships with men. This skews their experience and mental development so far to the point that by the time they're 20, maybe 22, they're INCAPABLE of having normal, healthy, ***non-sexual*** friendships with males.

99.9% of the time, this is fine because 99.9% of the time men ***are*** physically attracted to such women and ***aren't*** interested in friendship. However, for the remaining .1% of men who just don't find that particular woman physically attractive, OR value a friendship more than a sexual relationship, you throw the girl for a loop. You "do not compute." Making matters worse, is that some of these women ARE genuinely interesting and intellectually-engaging people which draw you in on a platonic level. But since these women never had male friends, and thus, don't know how to interact with you, they assume you are just like every one else. You're hitting on them, you want to nail them, you're only interested in sex, and thus the games continue.

This will throw you off because (for once) you REALLY don't want to have sex with this woman! You will be approaching her in (GASP!) an honest and friendly way! And so when you say,

"*Hey, let's go hiking this weekend.*"

You're not saying

"*Hey, let me feign like I'm interested in hiking so I can get into your pants.*"

You're really, actually saying,

"*Hey, let's go hiking this weekend.*"

But she doesn't know that. Matter of fact, her mind and psychology has been so predispositioned by how society interacts with her, she is incapable of knowing that. And therefore, no matter how cool a chick, no matter how much you jive on a certain level, and no matter how much you may enjoy each others company, don't get too excited about making a new friend. Because she is going to default to her sociological programming. She will play mind games. She will assume you want her. She will flake out. She will be the drama queen. She will be just another drop-dead gorgeous girl.

The sad thing, however, is not that you won't realize a true and great friendship with these women. That was fated never to happen anyway. What's really sad is you see a very interesting, engaging, unique person with incredible potential let society and their beauty dictate how they behave and what they'll inevitably become. For while you'll see the potential for a brilliant, intelligent woman, with various hobbies and interests, who would make a great wife or mother, and make a family incredibly happy, or have some

amazing career, or just be one hell of a friend, unfortunately she'll choose to be just another piece of T&A at the bar.

Enjoy the decline!

An Interview and a Podcast

July 10, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The podcast is out. Topic includes how sad it is that young boys and men have to consult the internet for fatherly advice. Also, Lutherans and ham sandwiches, how Aaron got hit on by a guy in South Dakota, and more! Horrible audio quality, my apologies.

Also had an interview done by AVFM last night. Located here.

Should be plenty of MP3's there for your MP3 player when you go running today!

Advice When You Must Kill in Self Defense

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Some helpful advice.

You Assume People Have Jobs

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I like watching the discussion on interest rates because it is somewhat moot when nobody has jobs and younger people are saddled with student debts. I also find it an academic discussion because banks will only loan to picture perfect people with real jobs and none of you self-employed types or those of you who want to buy rental property. You must fit into the slot the government has made and if you don't, well then those interest rates may as well be 0%.

Remember kids, home ownership and the American dream isn't for you. It's only for older people and good little corporate cogs who did what they were told.

Compare and Contrast

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Modern day option.

Option of yesteryear.

Stay frosty boys. Stay frosty.

Off to Alaska

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Leaving this morning in about 20 minutes.

Blogging will of course be limited as blogging from a motorcycle is problematic.

Again, if you're in the Canadian Rockies area, let the old Captain know.

Also if anybody lives in Smithers or Smith, BC, a couch would help out TREMENDOUSLY from a logistical standpoint.

And yes, I did pack my Iron Man pajamas in case I have to camp in the cold.

Anger is a Good Thing

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One of the things the left is trying to beat out of people is "hatred" and "anger."

The reason why is that those inevitably lead to something they truly fear - revenge.

Hatred, anger, and revenge, however are not inherently "bad." They are neutral, they are facts of life, they are darwinistic responses that are necessary to extend one's life and protect one's family and friends.

But the political attempt to villainize hate, is just that - a political move. It has an ulterior motive and that is to prevent or moot people's desire and incentives for revenge, even self-respect.

Therefore, when you see hate, don't immediately default to accusing the person of being a "hater." Ask first why they might hate. You might be surprised that there are good reasons.

Kangaroo Boxer Enjoys the Decline

July 12, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Why aren't you?

From Regina

July 12, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Met two of our Canadian Agents in the Field. They are our top men in Saskatchewan.
"Who?"
"TOP...MEN."

Also found out Regina is not pronounced the way you think.

Also a picture from North Dakota and "Portal, ND" which is where the crossing to Canada is

PORTAL STATE BANK

Sergeant Rumpie in Calgary

July 13, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Sergeant Rumpie Fluffalo says hello to all the Cappy Cappites from Calgary!

The Happiest Salad of My Life

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When you start evaluating your life by ranking the food as "happy moments" your life is pretty much over.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

Smithers, Prince George, Jasper, and Revelstoke

July 14, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Howdy Canadian Lieutenants!

I'm starting the second leg of my journey and am seeing if anybody is in the aforementioned towns (or towns in that general area). I'm essentially heading to Hyder Alaska and then drop south towards Kamloops/Revelstoke and then into Idaho. Love to grab a beer or something stronger.

Let the ole Captain know if you're in the area.

Cpt.

Cappy in Banff

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You might see some other ne're-do-well in the photos too.

This trip possible from your purchases of Worthless and Enjoy the Decline.

Captain on the Return of Kings

July 14, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Guest writing now.

We're All Out of White Guilt

July 14, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And maybe, just maybe, Hollywood will realize this.

Why I Don't Trust People Who Are Nice to Me

July 15, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is how I always know who my friends really are.

Mutually Beneficial Plagiarism

July 16, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'm currently in Prince George, BC. Only 8 hours away from Alaska. Saw the most gorgeous scenery in my life, and no, I'm not being hyperbolic. It was the most beautiful scenery I've seen in my life.

Unfortunately, to make it to Alaska and back on a dutiful time table, I had to push my bike and myself for 14 hours of riding. Ergo, I'm going to plagiarize.

Ed points out, once again, just how biased, racist, politically motivated and (frankly) evil the MSM is.

Kate has some OUTSTANDING photos of Saskatchewan after a storm I missed by a day.

Yes, it has been 25 years since Die Hard came out and was pretty much the last real manly hero men in western civilization to serve as a role model.

I have not addressed the Zimmerman/Travon case much because I am neither hispanic or black...despite the leftist media's best efforts.

Monday Morning Quarter Backing Is Trolling

July 16, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll be brief and blunt because I'm riding to Alaska on a motorcycle, have to maximize daylight and plain don't have the patience.

I have written pieces in the past that, though about women, were NOT about trying to date them or bed them.

However, because they WERE about women, the "Monday Morning Quarterbackers" come out of the wood work and start critiquing game, telling me what I should have done, etc. etc., when the whole point of the post was NOT about gaming a girl, but something else.

For example, this post here at ROK.

Though I am very grateful to have it posted and read by many, the comment section completely misses the forest from the trees and immediately goes into "post game analysis show."

Thus I call BS.

In not being able to accept, realize, and appreciate the point I was trying to make, and IMMEDIATELY go into a "post game show analysis" on how "I failed to ignore them" or "how I didn't do X or Y," it only further convinces me that the manosphere is honeycombed with wanna be's, keyboard jockeys, and "manosphere academians" who have no front line, real world, experience and merely wish to study it from the safety of the anonymous internet.

They never approached a girl.

They never got shot down.

They never failed.

And consequently they have never succeeded.

Instead, they abuse the Manosphere and its composite sites as a mental treatment to vent, yell, scream, and then rationalize. But they either lack the means, ability or will to actually take the advice, wisdom and/or observations of it and thus become talkers, not walkers.

Understand the Manosphere and the stories, data, anecdotes, etc., is not an academic

study to be theorized about. It's not a liberal arts program. It's not a Philosophy PhD department. It's not a women's studies shelter.

It is a practical trade school giving you tools. Tools that have been forged by other mens' experiences.

If you wish to take these observations, tools, wisdom, etc., to improve your life, great. But if you wish to sit in school for the rest of your days, become a theoretician and never apply these practical lessons and bytes of wisdom we're giving you, and instead use it to explain, but never correct your failures, then admit you're a coward, a troll, a professor. An academian who can't do, but will only teach and critique.

I do NOT want any readers making any comments on ROK. I linked to it as it was only empirical evidence. We will NOT annoy or start a troll war over there. My thanks in advances. Just wanted to point it out.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick

July 16, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Could you imagine being married to this?

Just can't make it up folks. Just can't make it up.

The Drumheller Fossil Hunt

July 17, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So it turns out one of our agents in the field is an actual geologist with a passion for fossil hunting. Me and Mr. Aurini decided to head out with the Official Cappy Cap Geologist to Drumheller, Alberta. There we found not only the BEST collection of fossils in the world, but some badlands formations where we launched our very own fossil hunting expedition.

It was somewhat successful with some petrified wood discovered as well as some shells and fragments, however I strongly recommend visiting the Tyrrell Museum.

Smithers

July 17, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There's Smithers

And then there's Smithers

Help the Captain with gas money and buy "Worthless" which is in AUDIO FORMAT NOW!

Jasper/Hwy 93/Glaciers

July 18, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I drove from Smithers to Hyder, AK to Prince George in one day. If you are too lazy to look that up it's about 650 miles and I got another 650 to go tomorrow. In the meantime here are pictures from 3 days ago I haven't had time to upload from my trek on hwy 93 in between Banff and Jasper. It was at that time the most pretty scenery I've seen, but then I saw hwy 37A enroute to Alaska and that has since changed.

Remember, Sergeant Rumpie Fluffalo says:

"*Work hard, kiss ass, brown nose, buck for that promotion, and run ever so much faster in that rat race so you can pay more in taxes so that I and the Captain can enjoy the fine public roads, highways, infrastructure and national/state/provincial parks! Enjoy the Decline!*"

From Alaska

July 19, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

HYDER
Townsite Limits
ENTERING
ALASKA
HYDER, ALASKA

HYDER, ALASKA

What Did I Tell You About Working Security???

July 20, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From our Security Guard Agent in the Field:

Mr. Clarey,

I wanted to thank you for your recommendation of night watchman as a stress free job opportunity that offers plenty of time for personal growth. I secured a position as one following your posts on the subject and it's been exactly as I anticipated. I also have good reason believe I have delayed sleep phase disorder, so in many ways it's been the best job I've ever had. Staying up to 6 am is completely natural for me.

I've seen more improvement in my abilities as a sketch artist and linguist than ever. There are literally no responsibilities to the position aside from touching a wand to a dot every hour. While it doesn't pay a living wage precisely, I have made some good investments in the past and expect to in the future.

Thanks,

Patrick

I'll say it till the day I die:

"Security is security."

Carry on lieutenants!

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

July 20, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

But the boyfriend could.

It's Called Capital Flight

July 22, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And it's the primary reason you leftist scumbuckets will not have anything in the shelves in the end despite all the promises you made to yourselves.

From the Lakes in Southern BC

July 22, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you look at a map of the Canadian Rockies, you'll see near towns like Revelstoke and the like long lakes that were caused by dams. This not only makes for spectacular scenery, but also hands down, the BEST motorcycle riding. Had I known the curves of the road I would have filmed, but was on such a tight time schedule I really didn't have time to pull over and duct tape the camera. regardless, hope you like the lastest pictures. The second to last one is entering into the US in Washington state and the last picture is a forest fire I drove through in Montana.

Remember, work hard, pay taxes, stay in that corporate job and if you behave you might be rewarded with having only HALF of your 401k nationalized by the government!

Logic and Truth are MEAN!

July 22, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I always love how people think emotion overrules reality. From our Christian Agent in the Field.:

Hi Mr. Clarey,

On the link below, a poster named "The Bechtloff" clearly and simply explained why many men have decided against marriage (due to the biased court system). Please check the responses.

I don't see where they ever refuted his point, but they did get personal.

http://www.breakpoint.org/bpcommentaries/entry/13/22618?spMailingID=6429549&spUserID=OTQ0MjMwMzc3S0&spJobID=76736979&spReportId=NzY3MzY5NzkS1

Clearly, he pointed out the high risk side of the risk/return equation.

This appears to be a Christian (churchian?) website.

ADD/ADHD/Aspergers Can Pay for the US Debt

July 23, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Creativity and innovation are the only way the US, let alone, any country will get out of its debt problems. It is through economic growth that debts are dwarfed, and it is through innovation and creativity that economic growth comes.

Not "working harder."

Not "networking."

Not developing a "CSR department."

And not rent seeking via lobbying politicians.

INNOVATION and CREATIVITY.

Good thing we got all that ritalin to ensure creative people never make it into the labor force at their full potential.

When Boys Took Girls to Jazz Clubs

July 23, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was driving back from a buddy's of mine tonight when the DJ on the jazz station said,

"The song you were just listening to was from Captain Jack McDuff."

I remember Jack McDuff. Saw him multiple times in person at the Artist's Quarter and "The Dakota," jazz clubs in the Twin Cities. He died of old age about a decade ago. Only reason I knew of him and the only real reason I ever ended up becoming a ballroom dancer was because a more-cultured friend of mind FORCED me to go see him, and thus my love for jazz was born.

But something else became of that fateful night.

My desire to take a girl to a jazz club for a date.

Simple enough.

Innocent enough.

Hell, down right classy enough.

But oh so complicated.

For while in the past I've harped upon the irony that I could not find a date when I was 19 to attend a Victor Borge concert with me, hearing Jack McDuff this evening reminded me of a problem or phenomenon that was more prevalent back in my collegiate youth.

You just couldn't get a girl to attend ***classy*** events with you in college.

Let me state this and let me state this clearly, so that it goes down in the history books and is recorded for posterity.

There were MANY young men in the age ranges of 18-22 that were more than willing to be gentlemen. And not only gentlemen, but classy men as well. We had ideas about taking young women out on dates that were not just "drinks at the bar" or "going to a house party," but genuine venues and events like jazz clubs, salsa clubs, Victor Borge, and opera. A significant step up from what went for common dates.

But there were no takers.

Understand we were not nerds or ugly men. We were not morons or socially awkward. We were thoughtful young, (albeit) naive men that frankly wanted to do something classy, something different, something better than the run of the mill date. But despite that, there were no takers. And the reason was sociological.

You ever try to get a girl to attend a jazz club with you at 20 years of age?

Damn well near impossible.

First there's the pearls before swine aspect of it. Back in the 90's you had to duke it out with tickets to the "Back Street Boys" or some local, crappy, hippie, grunge band sure to spread tetanus to all of its audience. When you dared to suggest the girl dress up in a nice "dress" and you in a suit and you'd pick her up and take her to dinner before, you were laughed at and dismissed. Perhaps even ridiculed as being sexist for daring to suggest she wear a dress and not a nose piercing.

Second, you're over shooting. What 20 year old girl has ever heard of Jack McDuff? You'd be lucky to get a 35 year old to even know who he was, let alone even know of the venues you were talking about.

And finally, face it, you were a square from day one even thinking along those lines. Forget how great the jazz club was. Forget how great the jazz music was. In you thinking about attending a jazz club immediately took you out of your environment/class/caste and put you at such a great disadvantage you literally might as well have been trying to sell ice to Eskimos. The average 20 year old girl had no interest, inkling, desire or want to have anything to do with a culture approaching something like jazz.

And so there you were. You had worked up the extra $40 over the course of a month to pay for dinner and a cover. You had maybe eyed a handful of girls to ask out. You had strategically chatted up and charmed them to the point you'd be able to ask them out.

But when you finally popped the question:

"Oh, I'd like to see Jack McDuff, but I'm going with my girlfriends to see Lilly Lipstick and the Licking Lizards. They're like the new Kirk Cobain!"

Fast forward 20 years.

I don't think I've asked a girl to a jazz club, salsa dancing, a high end concert, or any other event that would call for formal attire in at least a decade. And this isn't because of me courting a lady. Even when I was single I gave it up. Matter of fact I don't know any guy in my peer group that even bothers with setting up "special dates" where they get reservations, find unique locales of lounges to go to, etc. No, all of them, not the

majority, ALL OF THEM, now only offer "drinks at the local bar," "wings at Applebee's," or a "movie."

The special dates, be it Victor Borge, salsa dancing, Cpt. Jack McDuff, or any date that required pre-planning on their part has now been relegated to "special nights" with their theoretical wife in the future that they may or may not ever marry. Those thoughtful, considerate, impressive dates are now taken off of the table as they were seen to be too bold, too "needy," too "nerdy," and frankly were never availed of when offered.

But in those 20 years, it's interesting how times have changed.

Now, pretty much every girl I know wants to go salsa dancing. Nearly every girl I know would kill to have a guy dress up in a suit and pick her up. Nearly every girl I know would die to go to a high end jazz club. And nearly every girl I know would love to have a gentleman take her to a nice dinner.

The irony of course is that

Jack McDuff is dead

Victor Borge is dead

And that young man is dead.

Though there is still open night jazz at the Artist's Quarter in St. Paul that would require modern day men to drive 40 miles round trip and pull suits out of storage which they haven't worn in years. That would take time and effort they just not longer care to spend.

In other words that nice, innocent, well-intentioned boy with a little more class than the average guy and his offer to take you out to a dinner, a night of jazz and (here is something so stupid in hindsight, but what I'd actually do out of naivete) who would buy you a flower to pin on the lapel of your dress, got his fill of martini's and jazz on his own. He no longer exists. The offer is off the table and now you can enjoy the bar scene, just at the age of 40-60. You can enjoy the aging, balding, recently divorced (or still married) investment banker or failing businessman. You can enjoy the man who leases his Mercedes, but you don't know the difference between "lease" and "own." You can enjoy the guy who has a lot of money, but can't run a mile without suffering a cardiac arrest.

Because it would have been nice. A young, nervous, but determined 21 year old man, intent to impress you with a dinner he could barely afford. And hoping his selection in jazz or symphony would buy him enough time to accidentally show you his quality and caliber. And though not a BMW he'd pick you up just the same in his Ford Escort. And there you'd sit at a high end restaurant, all dressed up, being treated to a fine dinner and

some great music, as people walked downtown and observed from the outside saying,

"how darling"

"how cute"

Yes, that would have been nice.

But alas, it was "girls night" as "Farting Pete's" where you could drink for free and have a score of men lavish you with attention and free drinks. And we all know that is more important than having that young kid pin a flower on your lapel as you listened to Jack McDuff.

Enjoy the decline!

Why It's Mandatory you Have Time to Think

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I was interviewed by Kerry Lutz, but the interview has a VERY important lesson about having the time to think. YOu're usually occupied doing other tasks for other people and never have the time to think for yourself. But it's very important that you DO have time to think for yourself and ponder things. Regardless a very important interview for everybody to listen to.

also, latest podcast is up.

Why Job Hopping Is Good

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In the last few years of my banking career I had built up a pockmarked resume full of year long to 18 month long "stints." A credit analyst position there. A senior analyst position there. Even managed to make it to assistant vice president (which was a euphemism they used to low ball me on salary). Regardless, the reason for the brevity of the stints was obvious - the banking industry was failing, it was corrupt, and it was dysfunctional.

Of course, the HR and hiring managers interviewing me didn't see it that way. They, naturally, thought there was something wrong with me. And thus, I was asked during pretty much every interview in the last 5 years of my banking career,

"*I see a lot of short stays...lot of job hopping. Any reason?*"

And by this time I was blunt and too damn tired to lie,

"*Yeah, you're industry is screwed up, dysfunctional and losing money. Did you want me to have a long term, loyal stint at banks that were losing money?*"

Ironically, this actually landed me several gigs, but the lesson to take away from this little experience of mine is one of "job hopping."

"Job hopping" is usually viewed in a shameful manner by our elders in corporate America. It shows you're not loyal, you're not serious, you aren't reliable, etc. etc.

Of course, this is BS.

The truth is job hoppers are people with two things:

1. Options
2. Self respect

The primary reason I didn't last longer than 18 months at any one employer was I had dance classes and online classes on the side. And anytime a boss got lippy, got an attitude, or started asking me to do immoral or impossible things, I'd tell them to go to hell. I didn't need the job, and the hell if I was going to suffer 8 hours a day under a sadistic environment, serving a boss who was delusional, even sadistic him/herself.

I also had self-respect.

Understand the labor market is so flooded with overqualified and overeducated

candidates that they are no longer hiring people based on competency or ability. They are so flooded with candidates they can be supremely picky and finicky, making their hiring decisions based on ever-increasingly petty criteria. Because of this the employment environment has become mentally abusive. You need to network, you need to kiss ass, you need to play corporate politics, you need to be a mind reader. Oh, and by the way, you need to do your job too.

The baby boomer generation currently in charge of corporate America are fully aware of this and is why you deal with power hungry, petty, and incompetent bosses. They know you're desperate, they know you have student loans, and they are going to eek every non-financial benefit they can out of you, part of which is deriving a sick and twisted psychological benefit of watching you squirm and just through hoops. Thus the lack of clear, concise leadership. The lack of training ("you have to hit the ground running!"). The petty office political games you get to play. Their demands of having access to your private life (facebook passwords). False and misleading job descriptions. And YOU have to figure out what they want because they "just don't have the time to hold your hand." And if you don't, "well then I guess you're just not a team player."

Thus, along this line, they loooove to play the "you're not a serious adult" card when they see a job hopper. When in reality it's just a young man or woman who has figured out the game and will not tolerate any kind of abuse or corporate BS antics. In short, job hoppers scare them and there really is no shame in being one.

However, eliminating the shame old timers try to foist on job hoppers does not solve the problem job hoppers face - primarily employment.

Even without crushing student loans, mortgages or other debts, you still need to put food on the table, you still have expenses. You still need to work because you still need money. Not to mention it is the world's largest pain in the ass to constantly be applying for jobs. So invariably you would WANT to find a good job and settle down. So how do you find a good, quality, reliable job if your a job hopper?

The solution is ironic, but very simple:

Keep job hopping.

Understand the way jobs and careers are sold to young people today is like that of arranged marriages. You find a job and even if it isn't a perfect fit, heck, outright abusive, you still try your best to make it work. You "must be loyal." You must "give 110%." You must "be a team player." And if you're not, you're a failure.

However, this "arranged marriage model" is wrong. Finding a job and a quality employer should be like dating. You date as many people as possible, with absolutely no intention

of committing, until you find a quality courtee worthy of your commitment and effort. You'd be INSANE and STUPID to try to SERIOUSLY DATE EVERY GIRL/GUY you ever dated, so why are you trying to SERIOUSLY DATE every job you have? Forget what the old timers say or try to shame you about "job hopping." SMART people who want to find the ideal job DON'T WASTE THEIR TIME at jobs they don't like. They find out (much like dating) the flaws of their employer.

Lousy boss.
Incompetence.
Idiotic co-workers.
Corrption
Psychoses galore.

You name it, just like girls in their young 20's, employers are rife with tons of deal-breakers, problems, baggage, and damaged goods that should deny them your labor and loyalty. And just like it's bad for your health to stay in a bad/abusive relationship so too is it bad for you to stay with an equally bad/abusive employer.

Of course, this solution is not a quick one. I wish I had an easier answer, but the labor market just doesn't work that way. Just like dating, you are going to have to kiss a lot of frogs to find that employer prince. And it may take DECADES of job hopping to find that right one.

But think of the alternative.

Forcing yourself to slave away at a job you hate, working for a boss you want to murder, all while having your brain rot, just so you can be considered "loyal" and get a pension.

Job hopping and all the faux shame that comes with it, might suck, but in the end you will be one of the very few who finds a job they truly love.

Enjoy the decline!

Stay Frosty, Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

A sad, but good story to learn from/read.

Do Women Even Know the Meaning of the Word, "Independent?"

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Swear to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, you just can't make this stuff up.

From this post:

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I was a single mom for 10 long years. During that decade I relied on welfare, housing assistance, and food stamps to help me support my daughter while I earned both bachelor's and master's degrees.

I was an independent woman working to achieve my goals of self-sufficiency, a meaningful career, and to be the best mom possible. But underneath my professional ambition was an even stronger desire: to get married and become a stay at home mom.

And how much do you want to bet the "bachelors" and "masters" degrees were worthless fluffy puppy crap that came at the subsidy of the state?

Bunch of god damn spoiled brat children running around acting like they're adults.

Post-post: Davis does a more detailed taken down of the article. I just couldn't read the

whole thing. It's the epitome of everything wrong with America and western civilization.

The RCMP's Reputation Problem

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I was in a small town in Saskatchewan. My head was itchy and since the land was flatter than North Dakota and there was no vegetation, I figured it would be a safe place to ride without a helmet.

But before I could fire up my motorcycle one of the locals came running out, yelling,

"What are you doing!!!???"

Confused I asked, "what ***am I doing***???"

He then continued on to explain to me that you could NOT ride in Canada without a helmet otherwise you'd get pulled over.

I said, "Really?? boy that kind of sucks."

He said, "Yeah, I know. They'll confiscate your bike if you don't."

That seemed a little harsh. I dismissed him as a local yokel hick who just didn't like the cops. Probably had a run in with them where he was belligerent and got what he deserved. And so I said,

"No way! They're not going to confiscate my bike!"

He contested saying, "They sure as hell will!"

His adamancy was compelling to the point I didn't believe him, but didn't NOT believe him either.

For the rest of my travels I inquired about the RCMP with locals and to my surprise they all agreed the RCMP WOULD INDEED confiscate my bike if I was not wearing a helmet.

This made me a little weary of the local law enforcement of Canada. Unlike the US, they don't have local sheriffs or constables. The RCMP is basically the national police force. And given their sparseness on the road and the stiff penalties for speeding, I started developing a concept of their law enforcement model.

Fewer cops + stiffer penalties + badassery = low cost law enforcement that can cover a wide area.

I can appreciate that model. You don't have a ton of resources, you have a large unpopulated land, and so it may be of economic benefit to the tax payer to have stiffer penalties to compensate for the lack of manpower.

But then this happens.

And now the cops, who I normally side with, are frankly my enemy. And the reason why is that they are nothing more than nazis.

Understand I enjoy the benefits of free speech in America. I am not Canadian and therefore I can speak freely about matters in other countries with no retribution whereas local Canadians can't. So to all you RCMP "members" (that's what they call their officers) who think you have the right to violate the rights, let alone, property rights of law abiding Canadians, go to hell.

Normally conservatives and libertarians have a favorable view of law enforcement. Normally, we like the cops and have this implicit understanding that we abide by the law and you don't get an attitude or go on a power trip. But based on what I've seen, heard, and this scam going on in Calgary, I just want to let the RCMP know that they are not the "Dudley Doo Right" red coated Canadian mounties media portrays them as, but are rather goose stepping nazis. It needs to be pointed out and I think a little threat from people who are allowed to speak their minds without the Canadian Human Rights Commission coming down on them will do a lot of Canadians some good.

Now, again, I am pro-law enforcement. I for the most part have a favorable opinion of cops, sheriffs and law enforcement here in the US. But I get the distinct impression that the RCMP is getting a little strain of SS in it and a little too big for its britches. Of course, in all intellectual honesty, I am more than happy to post any response to this piece from members of the RCMP or Canadians who are pro-RCMP. But based on my experiences, conversations and recent confiscation of weapons by the RCMP, they need a little international attention from the media and maybe need to be bitch slapped down a bit.

Again, any time you want to legitimize/defend your actions, your comments are free to be published.

Why Charities Will Never Solve Their Claimed "Goals"

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And why you should never donate to them.

Revenge on the Left

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In my effort to enjoy the decline, I focus some of my energies on watching and appreciating the various ways leftists suffer. For example, it is no secret, I very much enjoy watching feminists who swallowed whole the entire ideology, only to live miserable, lonely, and unaccomplished lives. I enjoy watching leftist students major in worthless crap only to end up working at as a barrrrrrista, their lives now financially crippled, which is also a HUGE crushing blow to their precious little egos which have been pampered since day 1. I enjoy "ists" who blame their failures on sexists, racists, misogynists, ageists, and any other bogeyman, which condemn them to lives of hopelessness, which in turn guarantees they'll never succeed.

There are plenty of pounds of flesh out there for the normal, sane, conservative or libertarian to enjoy as they watch their leftists cousins deal with and suffer from what is literally insanity.

But let me give you another little morsel of revenge. A morsel you may not be able to enjoy fully now, but will be as time progresses.

The teachers union.

Teachers and educational administrators, for the most part, but not all of them, are overpaid, glorified baby sitters. There are very few "educators" or "scholars" who genuinely care to educate the future. Most went into teaching because it was:

1. an easy job
2. required little to no math (unless you were a math/science/STEM teacher)
3. and you got summers off

That's the truth and you public educators can stop cowardly hiding behind "but it's for the children." The jig is up, you've been exposed, you are pretty much some of the lowest form of vermin in this country as you are genuinely abusing children, you're not fooling anyone, so own up to it.

However, there is another juicy little irony about teachers and teacher unions types - they always vote for socialism/leftism/government.

The reason this is ironic is because while that may ensure more money for their baby-sitting career, because of the policies enacted by the leftist politicians (which they voted for) society has started to deteriorate. Specifically, the quality and caliber of people are decreasing over time with each successive, and increasingly, fatherless, generation. And

once Suzie Jones-Smith is bored with the rigamarole of giving birth and child rearing, she's going to drop off her ill-reared, improperly brought up, guaron-freaking-teed to be a problem child, child at the public schools for the teachers to deal with.

In other words, teachers, by them essentially voting to replace the family with the state, are ensuring future generations of children are lower quality and therefore poorer students. They will be less disciplined, will have more problems, will be less obedient, will have less respect for authority and in short will make their baby-sitting career absolute hell. Teachers 20 years from now will not be dealing with children of the 1950's, obedient, sitting in their chairs, listening to the wisdom of their elders, aspiring to work for NASA and go into STEM, but rather will be dealing with something more representative of a Chicago proper school where it's a quasi baby sitting operation/juvie-prep-school.

The only thing that makes it better is that by their own left-voting hand, they've made sure their industry is RIFE with progressive credentialism, now requiring teachers essentially get masters to do a job any high school graduate with a 3.0 could do. This, combined with the debt they pay to get that Masters in Baby Sitting, should put a smile on any real American looking for some pound of flesh for the havoc the teachers unions have wreaked upon the US.

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HAR!!!

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Brilliant.

Swab Their Mouths You Scallywags!

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This is why you always always always swab *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE* "your" children's mouths for DNA testing to make sure it's actually "yours."

Stay frosty, boys. Stay the freak frosty.

Don't Let Women Land You In Jail

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She was screaming at the top of her lungs on I-35W southbound right at the intersection where I-94 intersected.

It was rush hour.

I had to make a move to make my exit to westbound 94. I needed the entirety of my mental capacity and senses.

But she was so fanatical it impaired my ability to drive to the point it now was a serious threat to my safety which resulted in the only time in my life I made a physical threat to a woman.

"I will fucking beat the fucking shit out if you don't shut the fuck up right fucking now!"

I said it with more emphasis, sincerity and anger than what Blogger text formatting will allow, so please do believe me that I was a micrometer from punching this veritable child into a bloody pulp. It was that bad, it was that serious, and I was that close from pulling over and just beating the ever living hell out of a Californian suburbanite princess.

But appreciate that statement.

I REALLY WAS a micrometer from beating the hell out of her.

I REALLY WAS so angry I would have not relented.

And had I just a mere brain cell or life-experience less or two, I would have followed through with that threat. She'd be on the side of 35W, a twitching soon-to-be-quadriplegic corpse as I drove off happy to be rid of her.

Now ask yourself the question - what would the consequences have been?

Well, the consequences are quite obvious.

I would have been in jail and this vile woman would have been scot-free (albeit "twitchy").

Another interesting anecdote, and not unrelated either, she married a guy I knew and liked. And while I feel sorry for him, he is the first guy to ever invite me to a party where I saw lines of cocaine lined up. And while I had quite an amiable relationship with his

young fellow, I can only imagine what would have happened had the cops busted down the door when everybody was snorting coke.

Now I could go on.

The time I sucker punched (unjustifiably so) a guy who took my gas station spot.
The time I taunted a guy at a bar for collecting welfare and living off of his dad for tuition.
The time I told a rowdy and drunk cowboy that the girl who was hitting on me wasn't his woman and I'd take her home if I damn well pleased.

There are many instances.

But every instance was a RAZOR SHARP instance and pure dumb luck that the dice didn't roll the other way, with me landing in jail with a criminal record, vs. the other way where I luckily find myself now. And I say that with the most sincerity. I should have a criminal record, but it was only by pure dumb luck I don't.

So you young men listen to my following wisdom.

1. No girl is worth getting into legal trouble for. I don't care what it takes to override your biological, Darwinistic predisposition, you NEED to learn to control your emotions when it comes to women. This is the NUMBER ONE thing your brain is wired to vehemently react to. You must learn to IDENTIFY IT and CONTROL it.

You find your girl sleeping with another man in your own bed. You have a pistol on your person. You MUST learn not to shoot the man in bed with your girl. Because NOTHING good will come of you killing that man.

The (again, I use it rarely, but accurately) cunt is SCREAMING at the top of her lungs for some unjustifiable reason or another while you're driving on the interstate. Do you pull over and beat the hell out of her, or do you take a deep breath, think things through, and in a very zen like fashion ignore her decibels, drive her home, drop her off, and never see her again as you pursue your own life? Again, what are the consequences to succumbing to your darwinistic desires to pull over and beat her?

Jail.

Whatever the instance, you must have the adult, TRUE MAN, maturity to dismiss and ignore such drama and antics, side step such traps, and ensure you remain a free man, outside of the prison system so you can enjoy the finite life you've been graced with.

2. Simply do not associate with even QUESTIONABLE people.

I really don't believe that most people in jail are there because they were hardened criminals. I believe many of them are there because they were innocent bystanders. They had a tacit interest, their friend was being assaulted, their girlfriend needed her "honor" defended, whatever, they were the wrong man at the wrong place at the wrong time.

The key is to avoid such "wrong people" and such "wrong situations" from the get go.

When it comes to the point cocaine lines are starting to show, you go.

When the jealous lawyer who is married (true story) starts to wine and dine your girl, you go.

When your friend needs you to lie for him to provide an alibi you go.

Your life is not meant to be wasted away in a 6 x 7 cell because you were hanging out with the wrong people, so just make sure you don't even associate with such people.

The larger point is that if you look at most people with criminal records or who end up in jail unjustifiably so, they all have one thing in common - they didn't have the good sense or self-respect to say, "You know what, these people I'm hanging out with are bad news. And even though I'm a good guy/gal, their activities could get me in trouble. Be it by association, drama, jealousy, rage, or foolish antics, it isn't worth it."

You need to learn to walk away and never associate yourself with such people in that it only will increase your chance of having a criminal record.

There Is No Debate About Women With Short Hair, Just A Lot of Short Haired Women Who Are Wrong

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From our hairdressing agent in the field.

And for a little background music while you read.

Most Small Business Owners are Dumb as Hell

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I love how politicians only champion "small businesses." "Big business" is bad, but "small businesses" are good.

Never mind that big businesses account for the majority of employment.

And never mind small businesses,when successful, become big.

Nope, small business = good.

Big business = bad.

Just one problem.

The vast, and I mean like 93% vast, majority of small business owners are dumber than hell.

They are incompetent. They have no business acumen. And they consequently fail the vast majority of the time.

The reasons are many.

Most small business owners are naive and start things they think will be "fun." There was no limit to the number of sports bars, trinket shops, horse hobby farms, music studios, and restaurants I had to deal with working as a credit analyst. NONE of them were profitable. NONE of them were feasible. It was just some moron who foolishly cashed in their 401k to "pursue a dream" and start a company they thought would be fun. Of course "fun" things are usually oversupplied to the market and the profit margins just aren't there.

Another reason for the spectacular failure of small businesses is their owners truly and honestly believe accounting is optional. THat's the "hard stuff" and they literally have no idea how much they're making or losing. All one has to do is watch Restaurant IMpossible where the host invariably asks the bloated sows about their "P&L" and they don't even know what that is. Again, these are lazy, dumb people who started the business for "fun." Not profit. And since accounting isn't "fun" they don't do it.

Finally, a disproportionate number of "small businesses" are really just contractors who claim theyr'e running a business. You know, the guy with the truck who bought a magnet to put on it "Joe's Master Paving" but couldn't tell you what "LLC" stands for or where the

secretary of state is to register such a thing. They are basically playing make-believe-businessman. They get cards, they get signs, they get everything that is glamorous and ritzy, but not the basic things like setting up a company or getting insurance.

Normally I would like to submit a solution. Like "hey, if you're a dumbass, don't start a restaurant." Or "hey, if you're a politician, the LAST group of people you should be championing for saving the US economy is small business owners." But I don't care anymore. Not because I'm enjoying the decline, but because the entire small business world, even the entire US economy, is more focused on feeling good and avoiding real work than working hard and making a profit. And no amount of logic, reasoning, lecturing or facts from me are going to wake these people up out of their trance.

The only thing will be when the Chinese and Japanese turn off the credit line and there's no more money to be lent out to sports bars, hair salon, or horse hobby farms.
Enjoy the decline!

The Benefits of a Truly Free Mind

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A mandatory speech for people looking for guidance and wisdom on how to lead and live life.

You may also download the audio here in the case you don't want to sit in front of a computer screen for 30 minutes.

Why You're Still Stuck in 800 A.D.

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Because of stupid shit like this.

Empirical Proof of the Married Beta Male Slave

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Dalrock does some outstanding economic research and pulls some earnings data for different groups of men/women and married/single.

The two trends that are apparent in his chartage is:

1. Single men are increasingly earning less
2. Married men are always making more

Why?

Because single men can and married men have to.

Single men are like the Priuses of the courting world. We can get by on very little fuel. We don't need a ton of money and with the varying economic, political, and socioloigical factors making hard work, production, and a career distasteful, if not outright impossible. Fire up the X-Box and get another bottle of scotch.

But the married men, my goodness, the solid, reliable stalwarts of the labor market. Hell or high water they will work their assess off and buck for that promotion.

Why?

Again, while there is certainly the factor they are being noble and providing for their children and families, I contend it's because they have to. They do not have the option to tell their manipulative, psychopath of a boss to shove it. They do not have the option to stand up for themselves and their self-respect. They have a mortgage, kids to feed, a wife to subsidize, a car payment, student loans (both the parents and the children) and credit cards. They are OWNED by the company via debts that aren't even theirs.

Again, I am not criticizing good fathers and husbands. Many of you who read this are out there and don't let your finances/wife/children get to the point you are living paycheck to paycheck and must suffer the sadism of employers. But for the remaining, I'd estimate, 80% of married men out there, I would love to say "Enjoy the Decline," but I can't because it's impossible for you to. Your life has been cast. And it is one of slavery.

Forcing Others to Live a Lie for Your Petty Ego

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and more on this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Post post - It is Perry the Platypus.

Peerlessness

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When I tell people i'm going tornado chasing a common witticism I receive in response is "what will you do when you catch one?"

Touche witty friends of Cappy, touche.

However, a slight spin on that question has a lesson for all of us and one I'd like to share:

"What would you do if you realized your dreams?"

Very rarely do people realize their dreams. And the reason is simple - society is predisposed to ensure you don't.

I don't mean this in a "conspiratorial" sense, that there is some sentient, organized effort to prevent you from realizing your dreams, but that society is structured and organized to take advantage, live off of, and parasite off of its precious youth.

Chances are if you were born after 1960 your parents wanted you because THEY wanted a child. Whether they could AFFORD children, whether they SHOULD have children, and whether they had the adult capacity to raise children be damned. They wanted a child like a soccer mom wants an SUV. And thus your upbringing was already impaired from the get go because you were an "object" or a "thing" in the eyes of your parents, not another human being.

After that you were pretty much a pawn for the state via the state education system. Your parents, too "busy" to rear you yourself, were thankful that at the age of 5 you could ~~be outsourced to a government daycare program~~ "go to school." There you learned what a socialist/leftist government approved labor union wanted you to.

Global warming
Ozone Layer
Recycle
Give money to poor disadvantaged people in third world countries
You're privileged
Vote democrat
Go to college at all costs
and other things that were neither educational, nor helpful.

You then went to college, because you were told to, incurred a ton of debt, and then started a career where at any moment you could be fired for the most made-up-of

reasons and were strongly encouraged to donate money to your 401k plan, which would be confiscated or haircuted anyway.

In short, your dreams of what you wanted to do as a child never really stood much of a chance. Because from the day you were conceived (not born) society already had your time booked to be slaved away to serve it and not you. Those dreams were merely a fake incentive to get you to work for them. And, for most people, they succumbed to the matrix, they obeyed, they "did what they were told" and now are suffering a mortgage they can't afford, persistent student loans, a spouse that hates them, children they really shouldn't have had, a car payment, parents who refused to sock away for retirement, and a boss that owns them because they are by-proxy-enslaved via debt.

But then there are the "others."

"Others?" You ask.

Yes, "the others."

The men and women who got sent to the principle's office often. The boys and girls who could stump their teacher in the 3rd grade with...well...3rd grade logic. The young 20 somethings who knew something was wrong, couldn't put their finger on it, but via the internet, compared notes, removed the wool from their eyes and realized just what a scam society had in store for them.

We call these people "independent minded."

Most of us fall into this category. We didn't fit in, we refused to obey, and we knew something was amiss, but society kept on telling us we were flawed, erroneous and just plain wrong. Our audacity and personalities would not accept it and we stuck to our guns. We decided we didn't have to obey what society told us. We decided we were going to get a bang for our finite live's buck. We were going to drive our lives to the limit and do what we god damned pleased with it - consequences and society's desires be damned.

And thus you have a new breed of westerners and independent thinkers. Young men (and women) who refused to go with the matrix and are truly independent people.

There are of course, benefits.

We don't fall for the college/education scam. We do not waste our best years laboring away for an opportunistic employer. We don't have enough assets to be confiscated in a 401k or IRA. We don't have debts we can't afford. We don't have kids we can't afford. And by merely identifying and side-stepping the slave-trap society had laid out for us,

we're living lives that are arguably the freest in human history.

I just went to Alaska and back on a motorcycle at a whim. Danny is going to live in a trailer in Louisiana, spending time with his nephew, and retire at 40. Matt hitch hiked across America. Roosh is gallivanting around the globe chasing girls and getting paid for it. Davis and Silvio wrote two great books. And scores of you are starting your own business or going on your own adventure. We could go on, but in general, adherents of this new independent line of thinking are capitalizing on the one finite lives they've been given and are thusly living better lives the the average sheeple.

Just one problem.

When I say we are living lives that are arguably the freest in human history, I'm not joking. We really are. But who else has gone down this path? Who else have lived such free lives? Has anyone gone down this rabbit hole before? Has any one tread this path in the past?

While there certainly have been independent minded people in the past, they are so rare and so uncommon their experiences are either unavailable for public consumption or have been lost to history. Their philosophies, observations and epiphanies were considered "obscure" or "outliers" and thus never made it into the realm of "common sense" or "general wisdom." And with this lost, or perhaps, never recorded knowledge, we are going into uncharted territory. And as with every trip into the unknown there are always unforeseen costs, consequences and drawbacks.

It is here a sad irony unfolds.

To the outside observer, stuck at their wage slave job, and boring mundane lives, all the see is the positives. Gallivanting around the world, climbing mountains, leaving at a whim, never worrying about money, answering to no one. Their entire lives they have been told (and truthfully so) that this is the "dream" and when you achieve it all will be well. There will be no more problems and you will be happy. But what they don't see is the unforeseen costs and consequences to "living the dream" and living such independent lives. Costs and consequences that are all too real and hidden/overshadowed by the blinding benefits.

First is the issue of peerlessness. I say this not to brag, and I need you to understand that. I am NOT bragging. I am telling you the truth to make a point and to help you in the future. But this past summer I took two vacations. The first one was 2 weeks in the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota with my motorcycle. I drove all over the place, hiked all over the place, smoked cigars and gambled in Deadwood. I experienced something most motorcyclists across the world can only dream of experiencing. The second one trumped even that. I drove to Alaska and back. I saw mountains that put the

Black Hills to shame and am one of the very few to claim they drove to Alaska on a bike.

I was miserable about half the time on both trips.

Why?

Because after you gun through the Needles Highway on a crotch rocket or make it to Hyder, Alaska or summit Harney Peak or hike in Banff, and the adrenaline wears off, you are once again alone because nobody can just take 4 weeks off on a whim. There is nobody to share the experience with, not because you don't have friends, but because you are so far to the right of the mean nobody can keep up. Either because they don't have the money, they don't have the time, they don't have the physique, or (more commonly) they don't have the interest.

Roosh is another example. You may disagree with his life choice, but again, to the outside 20 something male observer, Roosh is living the dream. He flies around the world, makes money on writing books about how to seduce women in different countries, and ***that's his job***. But at the end of the day, how many people can Roosh associate with? Who can he compare notes with? Not only is he peerless in that nobody else in the world is doing what he does, but in traveling so extensively, he rarely is in a country where people speak English, pushing him further to the right of the bell curve into further isolation. It isn't until he returns home does he have his peer group surrounding him again.

Whatever it is and whatever your dream may be, realize if you realize it, it will be YOUR dream. And in it being "your dream" it will be so specific and unique to you that by default you will not have any peers.

Second is decreasing novelty.

Imagine if your palate would became inured to new foods the moment you tasted it. You would have to keep pushing the edge getting newer, spicier, and more obscure foods. You'd try one food, and then would become bored with it, forcing you on this spiral to constantly be trying to find new foods. Yes you could eat to merely survive, but you will never experience that "first taste" ever again until you find something bigger, better, and newer.

Your brain is the same way.

Once you achieve your dream, you will become inured to it. My childhood dream was to climb mountains. My first real mountain was Flinch Peak in Glacier National Park. It was amazing. Then I did Hallet's Peak, Laramie Peak, Deseret Peak, Lake Angeline, and more and more and more until one day, half way up a new mountain, I couldn't go on. Not out

of physical weakness, but no desire. It would be just another peak. I would be up there by myself. The view could have very well been as spectacular as when I first summited Flinch Peak, but it would be nowhere near as impressive. It would just be more rocks, dirt and snow.

In short, because society enslaves you and prevents you from ever realizing your dreams, you think when you inevitably realize them you will be engaged and stimulated for the rest of your life.

The truth is you will tire of it in about 2-3 years and need to find a new source of inspiration. You will also wonder if the new "dream" will be the same, and you will then finally realize there is no "final solution" to happiness. Like a shark, you will need to keep swimming, keep going, keep trying or else you will become inured to life.

Now, I paint a very dark and depressing picture. And I know, I know, crocodile tears and world's smallest violin.

Would I EVER want to go back to a bank or a corporate gig? Would I or any of the other independent minded types who are pushing the frontiers of independence EVER go back to regular lives?

Absolutely not. We KNOW and APPRECIATE what we have.

But the reason I bring these drawbacks up is not to complain but to warn those of you who are on the path to achieving and realizing your own dreams in your own lives. And that is a higher percentage of you than most of you realize.

Understand this current "generation" of "others" or "independent minded types" had to start from scratch to get where we are. There was no advice, there was no wisdom, there was no internet. We had to wake ourselves up, take our own red pill, with many of us not waking up until our 30's, 40's or 50's. But with the internet and the plethora of websites out there speaking these derived truths and provide such advice, the "next generation" will be able to benefit from our experiences. And the whole concept of wisdom is to help the younger generations by passing on our knowledge so that you may have BETTER lives than us.

This means many of you will be reaching your goals and realizing your dreams ever earlier on than we did. And while you may think this is great (and it certainly is) us "elders" or "older brother types" who are down the path further than you, would do you no service in not warning you about the drawbacks that await.

So in short, consider multiple dreams and goals you wish to achieve because if you take our advice you will have enough time in life to realize more than one. And you're going to

need them to maintain your sanity and intellect. Also I strongly recommend appreciating your fellow human being and developing an interest in intellectual thought and good conversation with your fellow man. I delve into more detail here, but it is not through peaks of mountains, riches, or a high notch count that happiness lies. It is your fellow man. Finally, do not be so stupid as to shoot yourself in the foot by making foolish mistakes. i.e.-getting somebody/yourself pregnant, majoring in a stupid subject, going into debt for material things, etc. None of your dreams can be accomplished if you've crippled yourself with stupidity.

Why You Want to Be Walter Matthau

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Walter Matthau, at least to the younger generations, is primarily known for his role in the Grumpy Old Men series. Perhaps some of you even remember him as the sloppy bachelor, Oscar Madison, in "The Odd Couple." Whatever the case, most people's perception of Walter Matthau is one of a man who played boorish slovenly characters.

Really?

Does he look boorish or slovenly to you?

Here's why people, especially young men, should become students of Walter Matthau.

He was an average looking guy, perhaps even slightly below average, whose mastery of CHARM more than compensated for his looks.

Have you seen "Charlie Varrick?"
Have you seen "Charade?"
Have you seen "Fail Safe?"

Probably not, because Matthau's most popular work is the likes of The Odd Couple or Grumpy Old Men. But if you did you would see a man whose demeanor, wit, pose and vocabulary compensated for any mediocrity in his looks.

Was his charm at least in part scripted like Cary Grant's lines?

Sure.

Was there multiple takes to pull off the impression the director wanted?

Of course.

But just like you should emulate the likes of Cary Grant's performance, so too you should aim to be as quick, clever, and charming as Walter Matthau.

There is also another reason Matthau should be mandatory viewing for all men -very few of us look like Cary Grant or Steve McQueen, but most of us DO look like Walter Matthau.

We're average looking schlubbs. We're normal looking guys. Got a little extra weight and perhaps our faces are a bit muggy. That didn't stop Matthau and it shouldn't stop you. Unless you are horribly disfigured it is within the capacity of most men to craft, hone, practice, improve and deploy charm to the point their 5.5 face is transformed into a 8.7 man. You can don a suit, you can keep most of the weight off, and if you have an inventory of lines or (better yet) a brain that can craft witty lines in context at a drop of a hat, you can achieve Walter Matthau.

Also, two things about Mr. Matthau you may not have known that would make you want to emulate him more.

He was a gunnery sergeant in the US Air Corps during WWII

And he was able to kiss and pinch the ass of Sophia Loren. (Note the smile on her face).

How many of you can claim that?

How Opportunity Costs Partially Explain Player Burn Out

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I've said it before, and I'll say it again, players WILL burn out. There is only a certain amount of energy and patience men have, and the novelty of the hunt WILL wear out.

However, there is another economic variable that goes unnoticed by most socio-economic spectators - opportunity costs.

If you're a poor, unemployed, young college student with nothing else going on, then chasing tail is very likely the most important and productive option you have with the remainder of your free time.

However, you don't stay in college forever and you don't remain unemployed or poor. Sooner or later you WILL find a job, you WILL get a career and WILL have other things going on in life. As life goes on, these things will gain an "economy to scale" and you will progress and advance in these fields to the point your free time becomes more and more precious.

Soon you're not a 21 year old kid who can sleep in tomorrow, ace your Freshman Comp exam, and play hacky sack for 6 hours on the weekend.

You're 30, recently promoted, bringing down significant money, who also has to train for his upcoming jiujitsu bout and then has night class for his computer networking certification. You also have your motorcycle ride with your buddies and you got to install gutters on the house before it rains again.

And the prospects of going to yet another bar or yet another night club for 4 hours to MAYBE get a number is like getting .0004% interest on your savings account - it isn't worth the investment.

In other words are these boys "giving up?"

"Suffering from low t?"

"Have other options like video games and booze to attend?"

Sure.

But boys become men, and if they become real men, life starts to have other more

pressing matters for them to attend to, to the point they drop out of the market, or significantly cut back their interest. And the opportunity costs of their progressively more-valuable 4 hours of free time is just too high to be wasted chasing Tizzy and Tina as they faux lesbian make out at the bar.

So don't be confused, let alone, lecturing of boys ignoring girls at the bar. Everything happens in this world for a reason. And their behavior/actions are not irrational.

Hogan's Heroes, Peter Gunn, and Venture Brothers

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are the only TV shows I ever watch now.

The rest really is crap.

Time Is More Important Than Money

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The average man lives to be about 79 while the average woman will live to about 82.

However, the average man does not make $1 million per year in income and the average woman does not have a net worth of $40 million.

But there's an interesting thing about the relationship between life expectancy and riches - there is none.

Yes, up front, where you're dirt poor, living in Somalia, spitting out 8 children per woman, and you can't afford the basics like food, medicine, shelter, etc., a little bit of income goes a long way. But once you make it past, oh say, the $25,000 mark, the added health benefit of any extra money goes away. In other words, if you live in the 1st world, your income will have no effect on your health or life expectancy.

This is an important point to make in that it should provide some guidance in how to lead, live and enjoy your life to its maximum extent - time is more important than money.

Take a look at any super rich person - Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Carlos Slim, Oprah, you name it, these people are not going to live any longer than a guy who brings in $50,000 a year. Sure they may enjoy things the average Joe won't enjoy (sushi every day, yachts, travel, etc.) but when all is said and done, these people are going to die pretty spot on the average life expectancy. Therefore the only reason to work that hard or aspire to be rich is to buy all the pretty little toys and enjoy the "rich" lifestyle.

But here's another little secret - toys and material items are not the most important things in life. It is (as I've said many times before) other people. Conversation, thought, philosophy, love, humor, pranking, sparing and witticizing with other humans is the best thing that can happen in a person's life. And if they have that, then a Ferrari or sushi every night won't really matter.

Extrapolating from these two observations (life expectancies are pretty standard across income levels in the 1st world and other humans are the most important thing in life) you should be able to make some important conclusions about "work life" balance.

First, if you're making $25,000 a year and you have family, friends and loved ones, why work harder or make more money? You're only going to pay more in taxes and spend less time with the people who really matter. You are better off working part time, going home to help raise the kids or get some beers with the guys at the bar or have an afternoon quicky with your wife.

Second, along the same lines, you should be working LESS in that while you may be making extra money, the amount of psychological, political and corporate BS you would have to endure only serves to increase your stress and destroy your health. Again, unless you were an idiot and bought a house you couldn't afford, a spouse you couldn't subsidize, and children you coudln't rear, and are up to your eyes in debt, you can (AND SHOULD) scale back on work and enjoy life.

Third, this puts a MAJOR emphasis on physical health. You NEED to eat right, you NEED to work out and exercise, you need to keep your body in shape. These actions cost you NOTHING but extend the only resource you have - time more than income would. This extra time will result in not only additional time you get to spend with loved ones, but you'll feel better, you'll look better, you'll have better sex, and that right there is enough to make any leftists raging with envy. Besides, would you rather be out running around, knocking out 4 miles on a beautiful day or sitting in that cubicle hoping Mr. Grayhair McMoron might promote you to ASSISTANT Reserve Adjunct Vice President?

Finally, Steve Jobs. You'll never know where or when and it's better to have died a poor man who enjoyed life than a rich one who didn't.

So do yourself and all your loved ones a favor.

Go home.
Do some budgeting and number crunching.
And see how little you can get by on.

See if you can go down to part time. See if you can get by on a security guard income. See if you can't make it on the ancillary revenue your home based business generates. See if you can't downsize into a smaller apartment.

Because the only better feeling than telling your boss you don't need him/her any more is when it's a beautiful day like today and you know all your former bosses are cooped up inside, working on their TRP reports, answering to an equally retarded boss and are on the verge of divorce with children that hate them, while you're out running, spending time with your kids, or just playing some video games tanked on a bottle of Rumpie.

Enjoy the decline!

How Women Can Save the US Economy

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Ladies, you want to do your part to help boost the economy?

Do this and inspire men to be more productive.

I guarantee that will boost the economy more than you voting for Obama phones and the government to replace men and more social workers.

God Bless the Aggregators

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Again, it is a thankless job. And actually, no, nobody "has" to do it. They do it out of charity and purpose. So thank them by visiting them:

Morning News Telegraph (new)
Viva La Manosphere
Delusion Damage
Hawaiian Libertarian

The Captain's Commanding Officer - Bill Watson III - RIP

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I have very few men I look up to and respect.

Very few.

This is largely in part because most of "elder" society today not only fails to bring up or lead the younger generations, but, sadly, prefers to take advantage of and parasite off of the younger generations.

Not Big Bill.

Big Bill was a friend of mine and somebody I consider my mentor. He was wiser, more

experienced, was just, fair, and pretty much the epitome of what every man in the Manosphere would wish to emulate. He was a man who you shut up and listen to, not because he was older, but because he went down that path before and had the wisdom you didn't.

But beyond his experience, he was also a lovable man. He was your friend. He was 6'5", 300 pounds, former secret service agent, cop, and could crush you in a matter of seconds, but never chose to as he was the textbook definition of a gentle giant. His heart was limitless. He could take any amount of joshing, ridicule, and teasing and know that it was nothing more than his fellow man too cowardly to say, "I love you, man."

The SOB died way too damn early and is the first person to make me say,

"Damnit, I wish I spent more time with him"

Not because that is the thing to say, but because there will never be another opportunity to experience a man of his caliber, his wisdom, and his kindness.

I will miss Big Bill, which is infinitely more than I can say for the vast majority of people I've ran into on this planet.

Elysium

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For all you suburbanite Republicans who feel powerless against the tide of socialism sweeping the nation, could you maybe for once NOT see a movie that is so blatantly criminalizing and hating you? No, no, I know. That would "hurt movie night" in the blissfully ignorant suburbs.

The "How 'Bout You Call People Back" Economic Plan

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When I am king there will be many changes.

I will cut all government funding of liberal arts/humanities college programs.

I will ban sports from all public educational facilities, K-Kolidge.

I will ban omnibus legislation.

I will force, via the military if necessary, term limits AND a total 20 year limit on ALL public service.

I will allow new hunting seasons such as "banker season," "lobbyist season" and "trial lawyer season."

And I will consolidate all forms of taxation into ONE, SINGLE, easily understandable sales tax.

But my economic plan will be very simple. I call it the

"How 'Bout You F#cking Call People Back"

plan

(or HBYFCPBP).

The reason is simple. Yes, taxes are a problem. Yes regulation is a problem. And yes a lack of skill labor is a problem. But the single biggest bottleneck I have found that is keeping America's economy from booming at 12% annual RGDP growth per year is the fact that nobody calls people back in a timely or prompt manner.

Matter of fact, very few people call people back at all.

It isn't until you make 5 or 6 calls to your intended target do you actually get them to call (or e-mail) you back.

For example, I have been trying to buy advertising on various podcasts to help advertise my books. Podcasts like The Tom Leykis Show, Laura Ingraham, and at least five others.

But if we simplify what I'm doing to an even more basic level, I'm simply asking them *if I*

can give them money.

You would think they'd want to call you back.

But oh, you foolish man. Don't you know this is modern day America, not the 1940's? Why, what made you think people would actually WANT TO MAKE MONEY and CALL YOU BACK? Silly silly man. This is 2013 America when society has decayed to such a point people are too stupid to call you back. Not because you're trying to sell them something they don't want. Not because you offer them nothing worth their time. No, they won't even call you back WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO GIVE THEM MONEY!!!!

No, the ONLY show that has ever called me back is the Tom Leykis Show (which I fully endorse and recommend advertising on). The rest of them have never gotten back to me (though I am still waiting to hear a response from Gillette Sunday school).

Now think about this.

If ONE out of SEVEN people call you back WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO GIVE THEM MONEY, can you imagine the response rate for things not as beneficial?

What if you need that report from your boss?
What if you need the most recent tax returns of your client?
What if you need to order new machinery parts of your factory?
What if you need a new part because the motorcycle mechanic ordered the wrong one (AGAIN) but won't get back to you?

And what if it takes at least THREE TRIES to get them to get back to you?

Well what happens is the entire economy grinds to a halt and it's amazing there's even any GDP being produced at all.

Thus my HBYFCPBP.

With the HBYFCPBP we essentially take the average person's 8 hour day, and instead of 7 hours and 42 minutes of it waiting on other people who are waiting on other people who are waiting on other people to call them the frick back, I decree you call people back IMMEDIATELY under penalty of death. And thus, the average worker no longer spends only 18 minutes per day on actual work, while s/he waits 7 hours 42 minutes the rest of the time, but instead is working and producing the full 8 hours a day.

This is a 2,600% increase in production which would boost GDP in the first year alone by an equivalent amount. Instead of our annual GDP being around $15 trillion, it would be closer to $390 trillion, dwarfing our national debt and pretty much solving all of our

economic problems.

Of course, this would require most Americans not be complete f*cking idiots and maybe develop a little hustle, but since that is more of a 1950's American thing and not a 2013 American thing, I guess we'll just sit here mired in the malaise and rot of the average American worker.

Lady's Night Linkage

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Even though it is morning.

But math is tough!

Paying to change history that, frankly, has nothing to do with you, but people related to you over 200 years ago.

And you think I'm cynical about parents being so self-absorbed it overshadows their kids.

I remember scoping out a bar. Was kicking around even getting a drink, but then the "no guns allowed" sign was on the door. Normally I ignore these as my gun is concealed and nobody checks and I don't give a damn, so I walked in anyway. But when the bar tender asked me if I wanted a drink I said, "No, I have a pistol, I can't patronize your establishment." She had a confused look on her face as I wandered away looking at the bar. Nobody was called to ask me to leave. But they still didn't get my business.

Men always say "marriage isn't easy," but that's because they compromise instead of take command.

I don't care about Hugo. Enough people are ripping him, including women.

I expect women to be feminine. When they're not, I treat them like men. But then they get angry. I'm so confused.

Heh, yeah. When you say, "cutting edge of American cultural trends and society" I IMMEDIATELY think "700 club."

Yes, yes, the reason you're in 2nd place is ALWAYS sexism. Cripes.

The Crapshoot Career

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A buddy of mine was visiting from Kansas City. In all seriousness he said,

"You should become a used car salesman."

I looked at him with one brow raised and said, "Really?"

He then continued on to explain that there was a ton of money, but it took an odd and obscure personality to become a good used car salesman. I laughed, but life has taught me that he is probably more right than wrong. I probably would make a good used car salesman.

Why?

Because my initial reaction would be that I would be a HORRIBLE used car salesman. And what I always thought I would be "horrible" at or would "never do" I ended up excelling in.

I don't know what to call it, perhaps a "reverse skill talent," but if life has taught me anything, it's that you are likely to be horrible at what you think you'd be good at and awesome at what you'd think you'd be horrible at.

For example, not in a million years did I think I would be a ballroom dancer/instructor, let alone an author, let alone a radio personality. I even mocked and ridiculed such professions as fake or bogus. It wasn't until harsh economic conditions forced me into taking a crap shoot at all three, all of which I excelled at, two of which are now my mainstay of income.

Banking? Well, you all know the story. I technically am the best analyst and economist I know. My predictions about the economy and default risk of loans is near a 1.000 batting average. However, that skill is not what matters in the banking industry, as much as how wide you can spread your butt cheeks and how wide you can open your mouth.

Regardless, why this is true, I do not know, but I have a theory.

Different personalities are attracted to different industries. Analytical types are attracted to finance and accounting. Creative types are attracted towards media and the arts. Courageous types are attracted towards military and police. But in an ironic twist, each of those industries are then FLOODED with those personality and aptitude types, thereby lowering the value of those personalities and aptitudes. This puts not so much a higher value of personalities and aptitudes that would DIFFER from the traditional personalities

and aptitudes normally associated with those industries, as much as it gives people with different aptitudes and abilities a HUGE competitive advantage.

For example my business background gave me a HUGE advantage over my touchy-feely, artsy, fartsy dance instructor competitors. I was the first instructor to offer "field trips" to my students where I'd take them out dancing, thereby making my classes more attractive, and I also learned multiple types of dances so I could schedule a "batch" of classes. So instead of just an hour of dance class, I would teach 3 hours of three different types of dance. This allowed me to increase my radius where I could offer classes because I was generating more revenue per trip. In short, and to this day, I am the only instructor from the Twin Cities to travel to far flung places like Mankato, Hibbing, Austin, etc.

The larger point is one that should provide GREAT hope and relief to you younger (or even older) types who are trying to find a job or your place in the world - your best career is likely NOT to be the one you're applying for.

This means that if you're a business major filing out yet another f*cking Taleo-Brass Ring online application, you may be better off walking down to the welding shop, learning how to weld, and getting a job at the Bakken oil field.

This means that if you're the drama major, you may be better off picking up an accounting class or two and becoming a staff accountant at the local beanery or theater.

This means that if you're a computer network engineer, your mind numbing job might be easily replaced by becoming an author or music composer.

Whatever it is, you might be shocked and surprised just how well you would do in fields you thought the complete antithesis of your skill set. It's just a matter of taking a chance, applying and taking a crap shoot at anything.

In all seriousness if my book sales were to dry up, I would probably walk down to the used car lot and ask to be a salesman. I would also pick up a saxophone and start playing because I think I would be horrible at it, which means I would probably rock at it. You should do the same.

Think you'd make a lousy cop? Then volunteer as a reserve officer to see if you're not wrong.

Think you'd make a lousy surgeon? Then watch surgery videos and see if you don't immediately upchuck, but are one of those weird people who find it "fascinating."

Hate kids? Sign up to substitute teach and see if those rug rats don't wear off on you.

Are you a pastor looking for some side income? Consider a career as a porn star.

I personally cannot tell you what it would be, just that my experience has been that it's the complete OPPOSITE of what you think, and usually a lot more fun.

Children Are the #1 Cause of Poverty

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So stop breeding if you can't afford them:

How Feminism Took Over the Church

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Outstanding.

Out-freaking-standing.

We have made a society that has created enough child-women to actually, honestly believe that their personal preferences trump the standards and rules of pre-established institutions, and yet STILL BELIEVE THEY ARE ENTITLED TO BE PART OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS.

I await the response from the religious community.

Do you kowtow to these demands (like gay marriage), thereby admitting you are nothing more than a money making, for-profit organization duping your congregation into donating money to you, or do you hold fast to your religious standards?

I eagerly await your decision!

Ahhh, religion. The trade older than the oldest trade.

Minimalism Pirates

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Arrrrrgggg!

We scallywags be set to destroy the leftist socialist economy by denying her the fruits of our labor and thus the life blood she needs to pay fer her parasitic constituents! Avast President Obama, you not be gettin' us Minimalist Pirates to work for ye!

How to Avenge the Death of the United States

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I, along with millions of others, are angry.

And we are angry because we have had our country, culture and futures taken away from us.

We were supposed to inherit the world's greatest country, and with hard work, a good education, and a good moral code, we would enjoy a great life. Some of us would have great careers. Some would have great families. Others would have great adventures. And most of us would have all three. On top of it, there was a guarantee that we'd be reasonably safe and that this country, its economy, and its government would be reasonably stable. We could focus on advancing ourselves and enjoying our lives, instead of having to fight just to maintain our culture, our nation, and common sense.

Of course, all of this is now rapidly becoming just a dream. Yes, it was very feasible back in the 1980's when you had the likes of Ronald Reagan in office and the majority of the population loved America, what it stood for and were willing to fight for it. But three decades of socialist brainwashing in the public schools, media, and government has resulted in an ignorant, entitled, and lazy electorate that cumulatively has rejected America, freedom, individualism and liberty, and instead replaced it with socialism, the lack of responsibility, commune, lies about the real world, and a vile code of political correctness.

And thus every aspect of America has been destroyed and we all get to suffer for it.

Romance (arguably the most important part of people's lives) has been corrupted as women are fat, narcissistic, arrogant and ugly, while men are weak, emasculated, timid and breakable. The labor market is dysfunctional as you now need a masters in some worthless degree (and the debt that comes along with it) just to get a ENTRY LEVEL POSITION. The government mandates we judge people by the color of their skin and not their character. Generational unity has become a joke as one generation insists on living off of the others via social security, medicare and Obamacare. We don't even have the self-respect to protect our borders, allowing people from the world's worst countries to come in and live off the government because it brings in more socialist votes. Worse still the left has been so successful at brainwashing people you have the most spoiled brats in the entire world hating the country that afforded them a 1st world lifestyle.

And so instead of that stable job right out of high school, with the fit wife and two healthy children, and a car and house you can afford, with the knowledge and security that your government is working for you, you now have...

Ugly and disgusting options when it comes to choosing a mate
Children that are going to be brought up by the state
Student loans that prevent you from ever having a house
A lousy job market that will prevent you from ever affording a decent car
and a constant battle on your hands against a growing number of brainwashed, leftists zombies who are trained to hate you and wage war on you and your country daily through activism, regulations, taxation, lawsuits, lobbying and idiotic faux religions like global warming.

The difference could not be more stark, and your anger could not be more justified.

But what do you do?

As I've said before, this IS a democracy, and for better or worse, the majority DID vote this in. So you can't be killing people or taking up arms as it would be the antithesis of democracy - i.e.- you would be a tyrant. But this still doesn't address how you stop this unstoppable trend towards socialism and the destruction of the United States. Voting doesn't work when the electorate is getting dumber, more dependent, more parasitical and more socialist. And write all the letters to the editor or try to reason with people, they are so thoroughly brainwashed they have become zealots - beyond reason, logic and fact.

Well my good junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists, there's only one thing we can do.

Help accelerate the transition to socialism.

You see, trying to stop socialism is futile in that the majority of its adherents are again, zealots. They are zombies. They don't care about anything else but their religion, which just so happens to take the form of socialism. They are so wedded to their ideology that it trumps facts, reality, truth, and data. They are literally delusional and NO amount of reasoning, arguing, or rationalizing with these people will work.

How many times have you been at a 20 something party and gone in scores of circles with some ditz or some pansy of a man explaining, rationally, logically, and empirically your point, only to have them dismiss you with a bogus study from academia, flawed logic, or just get frustrated and call you an "ist?" (racist, sexist, etc.). How many times have you tried to explain to the 32 year old mom that "no, there really isn't enough money to pay for all these kid's programs" only to have her respond with "well the rich have loopholes and they don't pay their fair share" (never once her ever looking at the federal budget). I could go on, but you get the point - the majority of ADULTS (let alone children) do not care to be intellectually honest or take the time to study or think through their ideology. And most people's lives are so void of any real accomplishment or

meaning, socialism is the ONLY thing they have in their lives. And any time you dare to introduce an ounce of sanity, realism, reality, facts, or data into their fragile world, you deliver a blow to their egos and their core, resulting in (at best) polite cognitive dissonance, but more often vitriol and hatred.

You will NEVER convince these people as they have no desire nor capacity for intellectual honesty.

The only option is to give them socialism full force and make them sleep in the bed they made.

How?

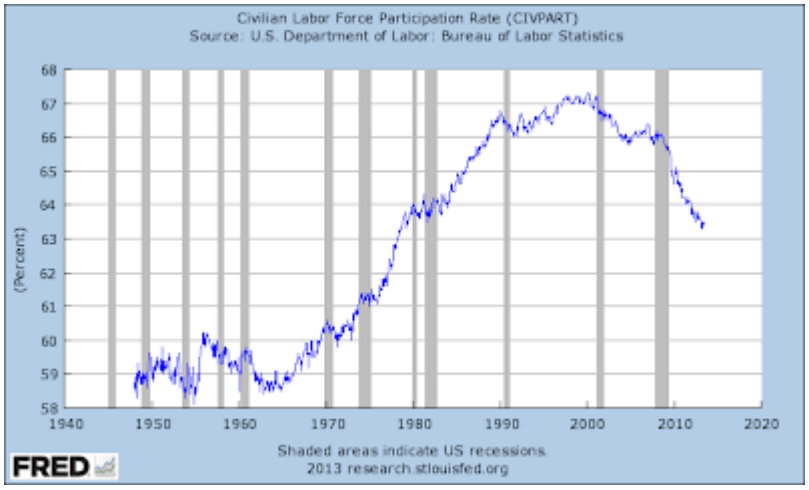
Well, here is where it is actually quite practical and feasible.

Understand socialism is parasitical (and by default, unsustainable) in nature. It needs a host to do the majority of the work while the parasites live off of that host.

But what if that host goes on strike?

Yes, yes, "going Galt," you've heard it before, but have you looked at the numbers?

Already people have been going Galt since 2008. A lot of this has been of course by force with the recession forcing unemployment on people. But a better sign is the labor force participation rate which shows the percent of people who can work and are ACTUALLY SEEKING WORK.

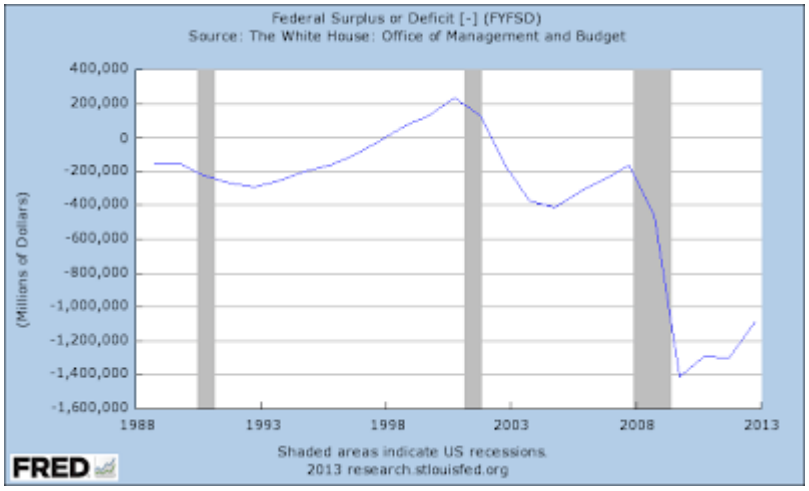


Again, some of frustration from not being able to find a job, but some are also changing their life views towards work and "making do with less." This trend essentially proves the host is shrinking itself, producing less for the parasites.

Of course, the parasites in the US haven't been on a diet. Government spending has gone through the roof, obesity of presumably "poor" people have ballooned as well, heck, we even give phones for votes to our worst citizens.

But if the host is shrinking, where does all the money come from to feed the parasites?

Thank you China, Japan, Saudi Arabia and other ~~suckers~~ federal government creditors:



We have been running TRILLION DOLLAR PLUS deficits for the past 4 years and will probably run another for a 5th.

Trillion dollar surpluses are proof positive the host is no longer large enough to sustain the parasites and the system needs a blood transfusion.

In other words if it wasn't for the Chinese, Japanese and other ~~suckers~~ federal government creditors this "economic reckoning" would have occurred a long time ago and the full price of socialism would have finally been borne by the parasites and socialists. Without borrowing, prices for every good would skyrocket. Electricity and energy would become a crippling expense. Shelves would not be as full, if not outright empty, giving EBT card holders a dose or irony. In general, a whole host and slew of economic consequences, always associated with socialism, would rain down on the ignorant electorate giving them the much needed economic slap across the face in the form of starvation, hunger, cold, disease and general physical and mental pain. But as long as the ~~suckers~~ creditors are there, lending money, politicians can at least keep the lights on, buy votes, and postpone the inevitable economic punishment that will come.

So how do we get our creditors to turn off the line of credit? How do we get them to stop lending the US government money so society can actually pay and experience the full costs and price of socialism?

Tank our credit rating.

Understand that if enough people were to go Galt and go on strike, the US' economic fundamentals would sour enough that it would have an effect on our credit rating. If GDP were to start to contract, instead of grow, it would make the Chinese very nervous. If consumer spending were to tank, instead of grow, it would make the Japanese very nervous. And if the labor force participation rate, labor force productivity, and other measures of labor utility were to tank, it would make the Saudi's very nervous.

In short, if a critical mass of people were to just

quit
stop spending so much money
drop down to part time
downsize
and in general minimize themselves

our economy would contract to the point even the Chinese, Japanese and Saudi's wouldn't lend us money. The line of credit is cut, nobody lends any more money to Obama and Pelosi, their bribe money runs dry, and their parasitical constituents force the first time are not bailed out of their mistakes. EBT cards run balances down to zero. The welfare check bounces. Your disability check is late. You student loans aren't funded. The buses aren't running. And it all wouldn't matter anyway because there's nothing in the shelves at Wal-Mart because 25% of their work force went Galt and are at home living off of their home grown veggies.

Of course, grinding the US economy to a halt like this is not likely. And the reason why is

the beta-debt-ridden-wage-slave. The single, largest and most powerful part of the US economic engine are those hard working, loyal, wage slaves who plain cannot afford to "go Galt."

Why?

A whole host of reasons.

They have a family. They have a wife/husband. They have a mortgage. They have car loans. They have student loans. They have their kids student loans. They have to pay for hockey. They have a credit card debt. They have a line of credit.

In short a goodly portion of the US' economic engine is ball and chained to their jobs via debts they can barely afford and families that are dependent upon them. They will slave away for 3rd world illegal immigrants who hate them because they need to make the next lease payment on that Lexus SUV for wifey. They will slave away for the quadruple single mom who is majoring in Women's Studies because they need to live in that McMansion in that good school district where the property taxes are sky high. They will slave away for any parasite because the banks, mortgage companies, car companies, credit cards, and divorce/legal system has them by the balls.

There is some good news however.

These beta-debt-ridden-wage-slaves are NOT the innovators or creators. They are not the entrepreneurs or the business developers. They are SLAVES, they are CONFORMISTS, they will NEVER create a Microsoft, an Apple, a Wal-Mart or what have you.

That is where you renegade, non-conforming, misbehaving, individualists come in.

I contend, though I have no hard numbers to back it up, there are enough individualistic people, who are not ridden with debt, not beholden to their families, that we could lop off at least 4% GDP, sending the US economy into recession.

How? By becoming Minimalism Pirates.

If enough people, who can afford to go the minimalism lifestyle, were to just up and quit their jobs, drop down to part time, or heck, even go on the government dole, you will do your share in helping bring the socialist system down. Also, in spending less, you will also do your share to bring the socialist system down. In just having a critical mass percentage of the independent minded types, the future or current entrepreneurs, just go Galt and become Minimalism Pirates, that should be enough to slow the US economy down, send it back into recession, increase the amount the US needs to borrow, and decrease its credit rating.

Of course, this requires some sacrifice on the part of people going Galt. Say you have a great career and you can't "scale it" to part time. YOu need to work full time, you might lose your skill set, you worked hard for what you earned. It may not be worth it. But if you're like most people, you hate your job, you hate paying taxes for socialist, parasitic scum, and with some cut backs in spending, debt abatement, you can minimize your "economic footprint" and enjoy a freer life. You know that family, friends and loves ones are the most important thing in life, and thus you don't need that Mercedes and thus you don't need to work. You know sleeping in will help boost your health vs. a daily stressful commute every day, and so you only work part time telecommuting. And while you wake up, refreshed, drinking your coffee at 10AM, finishing your "work" by noon, you go out and ride your motorcycle, watch cartoons, write that book you always wanted to write, or spend time with your kids.

And if that's how you have to defend America and strike back at the parasitical socialist scum of this society, then so be it.

"He Was a Good Boy"

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Dear "Parents of Criminal Children Who Keep Saying 'He Was a Good Kid'","

I speak for everybody when I say the following:

No, he wasn't.

He was a piece of shit.

And you, by default, were a piece of shit parent.

You failed to bring up a reliable, responsible child because you were a lousy, lazy, pathetic failure of a parent who was too lazy to instill the basic moral lessons in your illegitimate offspring because you were too busy watching daytime TV or getting knocked up by the next latest loser.

We're glad he's gone because he was a criminal. We're glad he's dead. The world is better off without him. Matter of fact, if you didn't bring him into the world in the first place, we'd be better off even more so. Matter of fact, the world could do without you.

So have yourself a cup of STFU, collect your welfare check, and continue to piss away the one finite life you have with Schlitz beer, meth, and a loose crotch.

Sincerely,

The Rest of Society

Here's the photo. You should note TWO things. One obvious, one not so.

Antioch College - The Epitome of the Education Bubble

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After it closed its doors, it re-opened with a whole, whopping 75 applicants!!!

Yipdee-freaking-ding.

Couldn't be they're a bunch of batshit insane leftists and feminists incapable of math, accounting and basic budgeting now could it?

Let us know when you close again.

Forget the Night Club, Go to the Fabric Store

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I'm working on a youtube video that, in all honesty and bias set aside, I believe will go viral. It's extremely clever and witty, however, the cleverness and wittiness requires a costume as a gimmick. So there your Captain was today at Joann Fabrics in the suburbs, completely out of his element, looking sad, pitiful and hopeless as he meandered in a clueless pattern trying to find the materiel he needed to make his costume.

However, as I stumbled through Joann Fabrics I started to notice that not only was I the ONLY man in the place, but about half the women were young and good looking. Some, drop dead gorgeous. While I appreciated the scenery, I was on a mission and wanted to get back home before rush hour started. And so, for one of the rare times in my life, I decided to ask for help. And shucks howdy, as luck would have it, the first girl that physically came within a reasonable distance to politely ask for help was a 9.6 20 something babe with a wedding ring the size of a Buick.

"Excuse me," I said, "but can you help me?"

She said with a smile on her face AND WITHOUT HESITATION, "Sure!"

"I'm looking for some velcro that can adhere to both fabric and cloth, but don't know what kind of adhesive to get. Glue? Sticky back? Should I just sew it?"

"Well what are you making?" she asked.

I said, "I'm making a costume for a video I'm putting together."

"Really!? What kind of video?" she inquired.

And it is here that I must interrupt the story and point out a sad fact.

I wasn't there to hit on women, I was there on a mission. AND I had only a finite time to accomplish my mission before the suburbanite idiotic driving masses clogged the streets.

Could I have continued to converse with this pretty lady?

Sure.

Could I have laid on the charm?

Of course.

But I wasn't there for that, and thus, when she asked, "What kind of video?" I must sadly admit I aborted the mission I was NOT on and said, "Oh, it's very boring. It's about economics, you wouldn't like it. So would you recommend one adhesive over another?"

She recommended a fabric glue and so I was on my way to the cloth counter.

At the cloth counter I realized that Joann Fabrics is indeed a store for women. It's clientele is women. It's staff is women. And I'd gather the majority of its shareholders are women. Consequently, this meant standing in a long and unnecessary line as women would take numbers, line up, and when it was their turn to get their cloth cut, they would gab with the seamstress about the world's most inconsequential shit.

"Oh that is a NICE pattern! What are you using it for?"

"Oh, my son likes trucks, it's for his bedroom."

"You know there are more truck patterns in aisle 7."

"I didn't know that. Is there any flanel?"

"Oh my yes!"

I sat there for at least 30 minutes while the staff managed only to serve THREE PEOPLE in that time, thus further advocating my call for bachelor lanes.

Regardless, during that 30 minutes I was able to study the environment a little more. Yes, the women were definitely very attractive, but they were also alone. Very few came there with somebody else, if it there was somebody else it was usually a child. Obesity was not an issue. There was the occasional fat woman, but it reminded me of the 1980's where the vast MINORITY of people were over weight. ie- women there seemed to be the traditional types. And the only other man in the place was staff, and matter of fact, I think most women noticed that too. They were all looking at me as I caught them stealing glances. I mayhaps would have had more sociological observations, but my number was called and in a mere fraction of the time it took my predecessors, I had my cloth cut and was off to the check out lane.

Now while the above may sound like a cute little anecdote about a man stumbling about in a woman's world, what it really is, is a huge advance in the study of "day game." For there are elements and lessons within that can be of benefit to all men.

First, if you don't know what "day game" is, it's simply approaching women during the day time and not at night. The reasons for doing so are many. Night clubs have largely deteriorated to attention-fests for women where they score as many free drinks and

covers from the naive, 20 something male populace. They have no intention of meeting a guy and are there simply to extract resources and boost their egos. Social media has further relegated night game to obsolescence as more and more people flirt and score over facebook or Match.com. Women are also more approachable during the day time as they usually are alone, without the herd there to run interference/cockblock. And they also do not have the mentality and confidence/arrogance at the book store that they would at the night club. It is because of this many men recommend replacing night game with day game (and also why I predict night clubs will go the way of the dinosaur). Regardless, as you age and gain wisdom, you'll probably want to deploy day game instead of dropping $50 a night to maybe, potentially, hopefully, sort of get a number.

Second, just like night clubs or "night game" there are also different strategies for "day game." While there is no "official list" and playing it by ear seems to be as far as the study has advanced, Roosh V's book "Day Bang" extrapolates some strategics based on the basic and pioneering principles of day game. A lot of these strategies exploit the obvious advantages of approaching during the day:

- The girl is usually alone at the coffee store.
- You can engage in conversation better, and thus display your charm, because there isn't loud music blaring as there is at the bar.
- The girl doesn't have her "bitch shield" up while at the library, matter of fact, she's completely off guard
- You feign "ignorance" and ask the girl to help you with a task to open her up to conversation
- You feign "helplessness" to assuage the girl of any concerns that you're a masher, and perhaps beget pity

There's more to it than that obviously, but those are the basic tenets of "day game" strategy.

So riddle me this, riddle me that, Batman, how is the fabric store not the IDEAL set up for day game. How is it not "day game heaven?"

While Roosh recommends pretty much any place to exercise day game (coffee store, grocery store, library, gas station), the fabric store I contend is the OPTIMAL place to deploy day game because it not only has all of the qualities above, but has three additional and distinct advantages.

One, the ratio of men to women. You go to the library, the coffee shop, etc., you will have roughly a 1:1 ratio of men to women. You go to the fabric store, you are VERY LIKELY to be the only guy there. You have NO competition whatsover. You will have a ratio of 40:1, 50:1 if you include staff. You will stand out and immediately have high comparative value (for example, I was on my motorcycle today, and thus looked completely bad ass. The

one other guy was staff with a mandatory polo shirt and khakis).

Two, you don't have to "feign" anything. A brilliant tactic Roosh recommends is asking girls where the closest pet store is. It is ambiguous, can tangent into the discussion of pets (which is "cute" and safe), and shows you are "hopeless" and need help. But you have to fake it. However, when you are in a fabric store, you don't have to fake helplessness and hopelessness, you REALLY ARE helpless and hopeless. You will be COMPLETELY clueless as to what you're doing in such an environment and thus your pitifulness will be sincere. Women will take pity on you. And when you ask for help, you're not doing so to hit on the girl, you're doing so because you REALLY NEED HELP. Thus, you should at minimum have a certain amount of performance anxiety reduced because you aren't performing. Your a being genuine.

Three, whatever craft project you're working on (make one up) becomes a NATURAL and IMMEDIATE topic of discussion. The women there were all genuinely curious about each other's projects and it was completely normal to inquire and ask.

Got yourself a nephew? Make him a "truck blanket."

Got yourself a niece? Make her some "Barbie Pajamas."

Don't got either? Lie and make it up, so when you approach the cutesie near the "flannel" department you can ask, "I'm sorry, but I'm trying to sew some pajamas for my new born niece. Do you recommend wool, flannel or some other material? I'm afraid I don't remember as I was an infant last time this decision came up, not to mention don't know what little girls like today."

The crafts and in's are not only natural, but limitless.

"But Math is Tough!"

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this is why I love IT chicks, or just smart chicks in general, they pull their freaking weight.

The Onus of Man by Damian Bouch

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I was down in Dallas doing my speech at the Liberty Mastermind Symposium. It was only a two day affair and I had to fly back to South Dakota to retrieve my motorcycle and drive it back to Minnesota. So early the next morn, after the symposium was done, I checked out of my hotel and started to make my way to my Mustang GT 5.0 rental, until I saw Damian, a young attended in the atrium.

He looked like he was waiting for the shuttle and so I asked, “Are you heading to the airport?”

He said, “Yes.”

I said, “Want a ride?”

Preferring a sooner and more convenient ride he said, “Sure!”

So off we went for the 10 minute drive to the airport. I learned Damian was a 23 year old kid, ahead of his peers in terms of economics if he was attending an economics seminar, but he was also an author. I didn't dismiss him because he was sincere and earnest about writing, but in my mind I was saying, “Great, another kid with no worldly experience is going to churn out what he thinks is going to be a great book. Maybe another 10 years in the real world and he'll cut his teeth and increase his writing skills.”

That being said he did have a book and he was curious about how to go about getting it marketed. I told him to NEVER go the traditional publishing route and that the best option for a young, unknown man like him was to pitch it through various blogs and social media. He thanked me for the advice and asked if I'd read his book if he ever mailed me a copy.

“Sure!” I said, completely predispositioned to read another directionless rambling of another 20 something.

I was completely wrong

I just finished “The Onus of Man” on the flight to Florida and I was amazed. Not so much with the plot, the character development, or the “Gotcha” at the end (which I DID predict, Damian!), but the SUPERB quality of writing, especially coming from such a young man. I was also flabbergasted by the structure of the book and the plot (which switches between a young man's life memories and his pursuit to go dig up his treasure he had buried out in the wilderness – it will throw you off at first, but after three chapters you'll see how it

flows). It was well organized, made sense, and the “gotcha” is just killer, and quite bold I might say for such a young author.

IN short “The Onus ofMan” is the fiction version of “Worthless.” It follows a young man from roughly the age of 14 through the first few years of college and addresses, from a first person narrative, the experiences, thoughts, and challenges the average American high school/college student faces today. Because it is fiction, it is more entertaining that “Worthless” as well as more personable as you familiarize yourself with the various characters (Aunt Malorie is somebody you love to hate and see die). Also, it paints a personal face on the education bubble, rather than mine and others' dry and academic non-fiction accounts. You see the personal pain young kids are going through, the confusion, and the helplessness/hopelessness of being indebted to such a great amount. You also see just how much havoc and ruin worthless degrees can cause and just what a despicable vile system “big education” has come.

The are drawbacks of course. My primary complaint being it reads too much as a familial memoir, with stories being too long, dragged out, and irrelevant to the primary plot (though this is of course to paint the picture of a “normal” life for the hero). It is also a tad verbose with words that even I don't want to look up on account that I am lazy and have too low of an IQ to understand such words.

Regardless, “The Onus of Man”is incredibly timely and written by some one who has recently gone through the scam known as “college” and thus can relate on a personal level to the people who would benefit most from it – high school and college students. So if you want to warn your kids about the risks of a worthless degree, but don't want to bore them with charts, data and screeds, I highly recommend “The Onus of Man.”

It Is Alright to Disagree

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Chances are I will throw it up, especially if I'm vacationing and not blogging.

Done With the Foul Mouthed Langauge Against Women

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I was at a regular haunt last night in St. Petersburg, Florida - "Central Cigars." It is hands down by favorite cigar lounge because it not only has cigars, but

a bar
a jazz club

and assumes you are an adult capable of making your own adult decisions ergo serving you booze and (GASP) allowing you to take a *GLASS CONTAINER OUTSIDE*!

The other reason I like it is me and my buddy just pull off a Dean Martin and watch all the girls go by. THere is a college campus in town, plus the local ladies usually dress quite provocatively and sometimes quite pretty as well, that it really is a sight to behold. However, past experiences tell us the best thing to do is look. You never approach, you never talk. They are incredibly arrogant, incredibly snooty. The best thing to do is take a drag from your Cusano M1, take a sip of your scotch, while standing on the corner, watching all the girls go by.

But last night the ladies of St. Petersburg pulled off another one, further cementing their reputation.

My buddy and I are sitting at our outside table. A cackle of young 20 something girls walk past us, giggling, and strutting, as one in their cabal places her empty pizza cardboard container on our table, without a bat of the eye, and continues walking with her friends. Following my theory that if shit like this is "let go" it will simply reinforce behavior and turn her into an even more insufferable woman for some (or multiple) schmoes in the future, I grabbed it, darted after her and put in upside down on her head. Of course she just let it fall off and continued her little strut, but the cackle did stop giggling.

Now this is the epitome of a girl who is a genuine, 100% USDA certified "bitch." Her behavior was unacceptable, arrogant, cocky, and demeaning to everybody else to think she could just drop off her garbage at any ole table. She deserves to be called a "bitch" (and many other derogatory words).

However, this is ONE person. A SINGLE girl who may represent a sub-group of people, BUT NOT ALL WOMEN. And it's high time this be pointed out to a significant percentage of readers in The Manosphere.

I've instituted a new policy on comment approval - I'm no longer approving posts that call women in general names and other derogatory terms.

Do I use foul language to describe women at time?

Sure.

Is the language crass?

Of course.

But it is ALWAYS a specific girl. And anecdote. A single person. Somebody who deserves it.

Never women in general.

And when some basement, keyboard jockey says things like "Ameri-cunts" or "whores" or cannot help but put "gina" as a suffix to every word, I'm angry and therefore done. I'm sick of the childishness of it all. I'm sick of "faux Manosphere academians" who merely co-opt the manosphere as an excuse for their poor performance and fear of trying in life. I'm sick of people trying to paint the "Us vs. Them" when it is "Us vs. Feminism/Communism." I'm sick of seeing genuine, sincere, nice women being included with the vile scum ruining the country.

And so I'm instituting the new comment policy for these official reasons three.

1. You damn right NAWALT

We are fortunate enough to have scores of women on the internet coming to bat for men, family, and loved ones. They like men, they appreciate men, and they are spending their time defending them. And for every female blogger out there there are thousands of nice, wonderful, caring, traditional women. Just because they live in "America" or are "western" does not mean they all have their triple masters in Women's Studies and will die of old age with their cats.

2. It's childish to call women names

Name calling???? Are you kidding me??? Of all the legitimate and sincere criticisms that can be made about affirmative action, fake rape charges, lopsided divorce courts, feminist hatred, and insane unacceptable courting behavior of women, you have to resort to NAME CALLING???? First, it isn't going to work. Second, it makes you look like an idiot. Do you think that veritable bitch in St. Pete's would even be phased by calling her names? It won't be until she lives life and hits the wall will she even begin to get her

comeuppance. Name calling does nothing but make you look pissed off, out of options, and one who has no legitimate beefs, just a genuine bigotry against women.

3. Real revenge

Name calling isn't revenge. There is really only going to be ONE source of revenge and that is your absence. I shall review it VERY briefly here, but, the most important thing in life is not material wealth, not income, not riches, but your husband/wife. A member of the opposite sex you fall in love with. They are likely to be the single greatest source of happiness in your life. So in you, and millions of other men, extracting yourself from the marriage market, you deny these women the best thing that can happen to them, and thus exact your toll of REAL revenge. But this is COMPLETELY dependent and presupposed on YOU BEING A QUALITY MAN.

If you are in shape, supporting yourself, are interesting, have a profession, have hobbies and have a life, then you in refusing to date certain types of women get your revenge. But if you are fat, uninteresting, can't support yourself, live with your parents, not hygienic, and just don't have anything going on, then you won't get your revenge, you ARE the revenge of others in that women are left with you to date. Ergo, not only is this a reason NOT to call women names, but it is a practical COMMAND for you to get off your ass, get in shape, becoming interesting, and become a man.

Do Not Tell Me "Economic Growth" Has a Limit

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"*I still contest to this day, a population adequately educated in economics could inoculate itself against recessions. I still contest to this day, that I don't care how "mature" the US economy is, RGDP growth of 7% per year is possible. I still contest to this day that if we mastered economics as a society we could have income per capitas of $250,000 per person and effectively eliminate poverty, not to mention extend life expectancies to unfathomable ages. All these benefits are possible if we just master economics.*"

The Work Place Post Baby Boomers

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Dear Baby Boomer Bosses,

This is now officially my new office.

I know you suffered the past 40 years of your career in a sunless cubicle, the destination of which you aimed for with countless hours in traffic during a stroke-inducing commute,

and then, after you were a good little boy/girl, foregoing your children, outsourcing them to daycare, so you could chase the almighty dollar, maybe, hopefully, after enough brown nosing, ass kissing and "networking" got promoted to the office WITH A DOOR (giggity!),

but technology has advanced enough that offices, cubicles, and massive office tower skyscrapers are officially obsolete.

Notice that rectangular looking thing to the right? That's what we "youngin's" call a "laptop." These "laptops" are also computers and serve the same function as those "desktop computers" you keep insisting me and my generation ball and chain ourselves to.

It has all of the functionality, but with the added benefit of PORTABILITY meaning we can work from anywhere.

Also notice it's seemingly not hooked up to anything?

Well, that's where the wonders of this thing called the "INTERNET" come in. You see, the "INTERNET" is this...well, you know what, it's too damn complicated for people who listened to too much Jim Morrison. The short version is that I can do work from anywhere. I'm able to send e-mails, make pointless MS Word and Excel documents that impress you, but do nothing to boost profitability for the firm. I can do EVERYTHING you want me to, but I don't have to be indoors AND I can e-mail those TPS reports to you just the same.

Oh, you noticed that snifter glass did you?

No, that's not water. That's Rumpleminze.

You see, I'm what's called an "adult." It's a foreign concept, so let me explain. You see, I can get my work done, I can do it in a very high quality manner, and I can do it, not only without you looking over my shoulder, but I can do it while imbibing a bit. I know, crazy, huh? You thought with your social security, medicare, multi-trillion dollar deficits, and the destruction of the world's greatest country, YOU were the only *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE PHLEGM PHLEGM HEAVY FREAKING QUOTES* "adults" in this country, but no, apparently not. Us youngin's can do what you did, but better, cheaper, faster, and at a fraction of the cost, while drunk, outdoors and part time.

I know, I know, you weren't able to enjoy this during your 40 years of work experience, and therefore, illogically, and quite vindictively of you, you think I and every other successive generation should suffer your same shitty fate, but, again, technology has allowed us to do our work, with quality, and if you would make the HUGE jump of faith to assume that I am an adult and can get my work done, regardless of how you THINK it should be done, then we're all going to get along much better.

But wait, now that I think about it. In order to work for you, I have to do all the same shit you did for the past 40 years. Kiss ass, brown nose, buck for promotion, "put in my dues." Hmmm....that seems to inefficient, corrupt, nepositist, cronyistic, and well...stupid.

You know what. I think instead, I'm just going to go and start my own business and market it through the internet. I don't need to go to college because your academian bretheren are charging too much, and well, they wouldn't teach me anything practical anyway. Certainly not with all those prerequisite classes and fees and bloated tuition classes all steeped in leftist indoctrination.

No, I think I have a much simpler idea and business model. I have a skill/product, I will market that skill/product over the internet, I will get paid over the internet, and my clients will pay me. And you know something, here's the real crazy bit. They won't care

how the work gets done
where the work gets done
or what I was doing when the work gets done

because (and this is the shocker)

the work got done.

I know RIGHT?

I mean, you boomers just "KNOW" unless you see people working, then they aren't working, right? I mean, you can't trust any generation other than yourselves to get shit done, right? Why take advantage of the internet to lower costs like eliminating rent and corporate office buildings and leases while people work from home because you need to have control over those good for nothing "loafers" who insist on working from home. I mean micro-managing and never delegating is the GREATEST way to ensure profitability, robust growth, higher employment, and prosperity for all, right?

You enjoy your visitless-nursing homes and the well-deserved reputation as the generation that destroyed the US.

I'm going to enjoy my new office and I'm going to enjoy the decline.

Killing Childhood

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I too am surprised I am alive today.

The Chinese Can't Invade Quick Enough

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Honest to freaking Saint Frick.

It's Called "Capital Flight" and Liberals are Too Damn Stupid to Know What That Means

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But they will suffer from it anyway.

Joseph Cotto is Enjoying the Decline

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Why aren't you?

The Adventures of Government Check Dad

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The Maelstrom Underneath

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The ladies of St. Petersburg are the gift that keeps on giving, and they couldn't let me return home without providing one final present. My flight had been canceled due to weather. My buddy picked me up 2 hours after he had dropped me off a Tampa International and without even having to discuss it we both said, "cigar lounge?" as our solution for what to do for the night. So there we were on Central Avenue, smoking cigars once again.

To keep our prime-real-estate-of-a-seat outside, I had my buddy go in first to get his cigar while I sat outside and reserved our table. But while he was in there I noticed something peculiar. A cutesie blond I had seen previously that afternoon 7 HOURS AGO came walking out of the nextdoor bar with some guy. She had been drinking, starting at 2PM, ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON and was still there 7 hours later.

Her and her male friend sat at the outdoor table next to me, where she began to call a friend and leave him/her a long rambling, curse-filled message that only drunk, angry girls could. It was hilarious. Accusations of stabbing in the back, how she wasn't trying to steal somebody's guy, and who would want to steal that guy anyway, and how dare somebody violate her trust blah blah blah. I laughed inside because she looked a little too old to be leaving such a message, not to mention the guy seemed pained to be seen in public with her.

My buddy returned to our table with cigar in hand. It was now my turn to pick out a stogie and as I got up I said, "You gotta see this girl." I walked into the lounge and there was George, the smart alecky 23 year old maitre d. I said, "have you seen the girl outside?" He said, "Holy cow! Look out for her! She asked me how old I thought she was and I said '28'. Then she yelled at me and cursed at me saying I was an ass and didn't know shit and looked like Doogie Howser!" (George was a young looking 23 year old kid). I proceeded to the humidor, purchased a Connecticut wrapped cigar, and rejoined my friend outside.

By this time her male friend had left leaving me and my friend in the uncomfortable position of dealing with this volatile and angry woman by ourselves. Long as she remained at her table and we didn't bother her, things should be alright. There was just one problem.

I had been imbibing a bit myself at the airport because...well...what else is there to do at an airport? I wasn't completely gone, matter of fact I was quite sober, but I had enough booze in me to turn off any concern or worries about offending somebody that would be so easily offended. So I told my buddy at the table how this lady eviscerated poor George

and then turned to the lady and ask, "Hey, how old are you?"

Visibly disturbed she said in a condescending manner, "Why? How old do you think I am?"

George had told me previously she was 33, so I said promptly, "42, 43?"

My friend, now mentally shaking his head, immediately jumped in, "33?" as a means to calm her, but it was too late. The drunken tart had seen red.

"OH YEAH ASSHOLE!!!??? What makes you think 43!??!!"

I said, "you look 43."

"Well, I'm not!!! I'm 33 asswipe!"

In a brilliant backhanded-complimenting comeback I said, "Really??? It must be your clothes. If I just look at your face, you actually do look 33, but I had to include your clothes. You kind of dress like you're 43."

This did nothing to calm the situation.

She then lit me up over my fashion.

"Oh yeah fuckhole!? Look at you with your stupid hat (I was wearing a fedora) and your Steva sandals. Who the fuck wears Steva sandals nowadays!? You're dressed like your grandpa."

And it was here I knew I had her on the ropes. I didn't even know what brand name my sandals were. They were purchased for me over 10 years ago by a girlfriend from long past, but were (obviously) of such high quality they lasted. But in being able to tell what brand they were, and to know when they were in fashion, the lady belied the fact 10 years ago she was so hot and in such a high socio-economic class (which she didn't earn herself into) that she had the luxury to know about luxury sandals. This was going to be a piece of cake.

I continued my goading along a logical line of inquiry, that was occasionally derailed by her cursing, rants, and sometimes just outright hilarious stuff. But there was a purpose and a direction of where I was guiding the conversation. I first leveraged the fact I had a significant other and she didn't by pointing out "my loving girlfriend, who I am returning to tomorrow, bought me these sandals." I asked her if her boyfriend (which I knew she didn't have) ever bought her nice sandals, "No, I don't have a boyfriend! But my boyfriends in the past have bought me much nicer things that those shitty sandals!" I

then asked about her orange pants, if she had purchased those on purpose, and if they were not themselves 10 years old. Angered even more, she screamed that those pants were $60 pants, were very much in fashion, and that she could easily afford them with the money she made. I asked what she did for a living that she could afford $60 pants, at which point she grew a full inch and said proudly she was some marketing muckity muck at some local magazine. She then took the bait and said in her most condescending and demeaning manner,

"So what do you do for a living?"

I responded, "I wrote a book about a shitting buffalo."

She didn't have an immediate response. She was actually kind of confused as I imagine most people are. She inevitably scoffed at it and said, "Ha! You probably make jack shit."

Knowing my income and how I do make jack shit, but make enough to avoid a real job, I revisited her pants saying, "Yeah, but I don't have to work a real job because I don't buy $60 43 year old pants."

"OK Mr. Smart Guy!!!! What did you study in college!!!???"

And it was here I knew I had her. Because drunk, professional marketing type ladies who start drinking at 2PM on a Monday just have to prove they're better at and superior than you at something. And so we were going to go the "intelligence/education" route.

I said, "Finance."

"Oooooo! Finance. Big deal!"

I inquired, "What did you study in school?"

In a Fresno Valley Girl, talk-to-the-hand tone she said, "Uh, I went to Eckhart!?"

Not answering my question because she was so drunk, I said, "No, *what did you study*???"

"I went to Eckhart! What shitty school did you go to???"

Further not answering my question, I said, "University of Minnesota."

This then prompted one of Eckhart's finest to start slamming on my accent. "Oooooo! Ya der hey. Dontcha know, Minnesoooooootaaaahhh! Bunch of fucking morons up there."

My friend and I laughed. We retorted, "No, you are confusing Fargo, which is in North Dakota. And they don't even talk like that."

"Whatever, bunch of fuckers who probably still are wearing Steva sandals!"

Trying again to confirm what I already knew was true (liberal arts degree) I asked, "So what did you study in Eckhart?"

She said with beaming pride, "Political Science."

I then asked, "Masters degree?"

"Yes," she said proudly.

I then asked, "So what does that have to do with marketing or your job?"

This then sent her into a tizzy. So much so she ignored the question and went on her 37th tirade.

"YOu know what! I went to ECKHART!!!! I'm rich mother fucker!!! Do you know what tuition was???"

I said, "No, I don't, but you're missing my point, if you majored in..."

"$1,000 a year!!!!!"

The booze had taken over. Hell, I'd go to Eckhart for $1,000 a year. I tried to point out her mistake,

"Wait, Eckhart charges only ***$1,000*** a year???"

"Yes"

"**ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR**?????"

"No, wait, it was $47,000 a year!" she yelled.

And then I tried to do some math, "So you spent roughly $50,000 per year for 6 years to go to college. That's $300,000. To get a degree in..."

But I couldn't finish my point before she started her 38th tirade,

"I'm rich mother fucker! I can afford any school!!! Do you know how rich you have to be

to go to Eckhart? You need TONS of money! if you even knew blah blah blah blah..."

I wanted until there was a pause to ask my next question.

"Then why did you go to school if you're already rich. Why work?"

"Well my dad is rich! We're loaded!" she said.

And that's when I kicked the keystone from out beneath her life.

I said, "Well then YOU'RE not rich. You're DAD is rich. That's ***his*** money. Not yours. You did nothing to earn it. You're not a real woman. You're a DEPENDENT WOMAN. You DEPEND on a man!!! You don't support yourself."

For once she shut up, though her eyes told me she was more livid than ever before. Apparently nobody had pointed out this obvious fact and her brain (educated at Eckhart, mind you) was scrambling for something to say. But it couldn't. How do you respond to truth? I was expecting more name calling, but, luckily the taxi cab she had called pulled up. Knowing deep down inside I was right, and having nothing to retort, she got up in a harrumph and made her way to the cab. Refusing to even talk or look at us. But I couldn't let it go. I had in front of me everything I hated.

A spoiled brat.
A person who thought she was better than us.
A former cutie pie who led on lord knows how many superior men cause she was hot at one time.
A liberal.
A liberal arts major.
With a cushy job she got through connections.
Who no doubt votes for socialism
Makes my life more difficult
And a hypocrite thinking in her mind she's an independent minded person.
And scum thinking she's better than other people because her DAD is rich.

It was everything that was wrong with America. It was an enemy of and an affront to America, freedom, liberty, adulthood, and every decent human being who busted their assess off every day, who were superior to this women in every regard.

And so as she walked away I goaded her even more,

"Hey daddy's girl! Enjoy your ride home on daddy's dime. May be he can buy you a boyfriend to tolerate you! Maybe he can buy you another job so you can play make-believe-independent woman. Just know you're not! You are a DEPENDENT WOMAN!!!!"

I said some other things, but whatever I said, I believe the entirety was too much for her ego to take. She couldn't let inferior, Steva-wearing-scum like me say such things about her, so she got out of the cab and came walking back. She was walking straight for me and I knew what I better do. Treat her like an equal.

So I stood up, and made sure to give her a stare that said, "I will treat you like an equal in all regards, including letting you have the first punch and then throwing you down to the ground and holding you there as we call the cops. And if daddy's little princess' face happens to be throw face-first into the pavement, then so be it."

She was walking up fast, but then suddenly stopped short about 5 feet. I believe (can't prove) she saw my stare, it pierced through all the alcohol, making it to her frontal lobes, and she saw I would indeed honor her women's studies' classes demands and treat her like an equal.

She spat at my feet. Falling 3 whole feet short of my "Steva sandaled" toes. About faced and returned to the taxi.

Now I tell you this story not out of entertainment value (though my friend and I found the whole interaction entertaining), but rather there is a very important lesson here. For every "top notch, elite, socialite, daddy's little princess," there is a torture soul underneath.

I say this not out of desire.
I say this not out of "what I'd like to see or think."

I say this out of experience.

Every hottie, every night club girl, every super attractive woman who is hitting the night scene that I have ran into has a hidden psychological maelstrom going on.

You wouldn't know it, because all you see is them put together item. All you see is the exterior. All you see is what she wants you to see, which is the flash and the cash and the short skits and the "look at me, I'm beautiful." But if you ever date these girls, or catch them at a moment of weakness as a friend, or catch them in a drunken rage like my friend and I did, you will see this maelstrom.

For example, St. Petersburg's marketing queen has every, and I mean EVERY financial, familial, social, and educational advantage normal schlepps like you and me don't have. She had EVERYTHING. A rich dad, free education, no fear about how to pay rent, and a cake job lined up for her. She has so much she can afford to get hammered at 2PM on a Monday. She should be living on cloud 9.

But all that material wealth and social status is NOT enough to make her happy. That is what society TOLD HER would make her happy.

The college degree. The masters degree. The corporate job. The $60 orange pants. The night clubbing. Men buying her drinks to get in her pants. Every material and bogus desire foisted on her by society.

Problem is society doesn't tell you what is the true source of happiness and that is other, high quality people.

This puts girls (and men) like the St. Petersburg Marketing Queen in a sad and confusing situation that is ultimately very damaging. Being brought up they never had to develop or hone their personality into an interesting one, a caring one, or an adult one. A personality other humans might find interesting. However, at the same time ironically, they have EVERYTHING ELSE handed to them. Either by genetic luck in looks, being born into wealth, or both. They have money, attention, adoration, toys, drinks, tuition, etc., everything that "should" make them happy, but sadly, no respect. Sadly, no friends. Sadly, no loved ones.

Oh, sure, they have people that just want to use them for their money.
Oh, sure, they have people who just want to nail them.

But nobody in their right mind will tolerate their insufferable personalities to the point they become good friends or genuine, caring lovers rendering them alone.

So by these spoiled children live three decades of life (like our aforementioned subject) they have EVERYTHING society has told them they need to be happy, bar one thing - other cool and genuine humans.

Friends
Families
and
Loved ones.

It's like having a Ferrari, but no keys.

Of course, this causes great confusion, great angst, and ultimately great anger and depression in the elite socialites. When the hottie turns 33 and the body starts to age, the attention and free drinks dry up. Her friends get married, and there are fewer in her cackle of friends (and yes, I use that word purposely). What she thought was "important" in life is being taken away from her, while at the same time she cannot fill that unknown darwinistic desire in her core psychological programming that is screaming for friends and loved ones which would result in true happiness. But what is arguably the worst

curse you can wish on a human, is because she has had such a spoiled upbringing her personality mutually excludes any hope of her finding true happiness. Worse still, her ego won't allow her to change her personality condemning her to this fate forever.

This is why you see the maelstrom unleash itself on Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. It is also why she will no doubt go home and cry herself to sleep, every night, until she's dead, for reasons she will never understand.

America's Best Days Are Behind Us

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From an interview with Mr. Cotto of the Washington Times:

"*When you go from Frank Sinatra to Jim Morrison in 8 years, that's not a slow transition from musical tastes of society, that is an immediate change purposely forced by a generation determined to ignore wisdom, taste, culture and value just for the sake of doing so.*
But music is only one aspect. Fashion turned hideous, divorce became an Olympic event, the idea of outsourcing your children to daycare became standard, nearly every aspect of work, effort, and ethic was thrown out the door and every non-economic aspect of society shows it."

Meet Rozzell Medina - Professional Crusader

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From our agent in the field.

How much you want to be Rozzell is costing you tax payers more money for some worthless academian cause or social/ist crusade?

Regardless, outstanding work from our agent.

The Captain Interviews Roosh on the Drawbacks of Success

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I had hit on the topic of peerlessness and some of the drawbacks of success while doing two two week adventures in the Black Hills and a motorcycle ride to Alaska. Admittedly it is a philosophy in progress, but decided to interview somebody who is down the rabbit hole of success and individualism more than most and that is Roosh V. You may not agree with his lifestyle, and many will criticize it, but you cannot deny this is a man who set out to do his own thing, is doing it, and is successful at it. Consequently, he is one of the few men who is "living his dream" and somebody whose opinions about success should be heeded.

My questions are in regular font, his answers are in italics.

"You are arguably "peerless" in that there is no other man on the planet whose job it is to fly around the planet and try to seduce different women in different countries. And in being this individual, it is only you who has experienced this particular path in life. Now, to the outside observer, most men would say you are living the dream and can only see benefits to such a lifestyle/profession. However, we all know that just because one is "living the dream" or "achieving their dreams," there are always drawbacks. What are the major drawbacks or disadvantages of your lifestyle or "achieving your dream" most people don't see?"

Loneliness is the biggest drawback. I meet a ton of new people, but very few of those develop into something deeper. I am a novelty to the locals and they are the same to me, so it's no surprise that friendships I've met among non-Westerners have been superficial and fleeting. I find it exceedingly difficult, almost impossible, to make male friends abroad that don't already know me through my blog. This may be a product of age: men develop such specific personalities in their 30s that there are few others who can reasonably match it.

Travel is also exhausting in that you have to constantly learn new environments and adapt to them. Just when I begin to relax in a new city after identifying my favorite cafes, supermarkets, and bars, or after I finally adapt to a city's vibe and character, it's time to go somewhere else and start the process all over again. It becomes a grind of having to continually re-adapt to new environments and hopefully find comfort in yet another strange place. I'm usually quite tense during the first couple of days in a new city or apartment, of having to mentally accept a complete change to my living space.

Another result is that since I know I can't really get attached to any person or place, my

emotions have to lean towards the cold side. I approach every city or encounter with detachment.

"Most other people have contemporaries or colleagues in their profession. Even rivals (a la Joker and the Batman) can be considered colleagues. I would surmise you have none. Does that result in any kind of loneliness or a hopelessness that you just cannot just crack open a beer and talk to somebody "about your day at the office?"

The higher up you climb the mountain, the fewer people you see around you. I do meet a lot of men who are internationally mobile with internet marketing businesses, but this mobility means lasting friendships are rare. I hang out with them for a week or two and one of us has to leave for the next city. Even one night out with such man has a lot of value to me, because I can go months without it. I know perhaps the most interesting men in the world, but they are not where I am.

Sometimes I do long to be a member of a fixed community and the sense of belonging that goes with it, where someone at my usual gathering place would ask "Where's Roosh?" if I wasn't there. Once I leave a city, maybe one or two girls may care, and that's it.

I realized that being alone is a skill like any other, and I'm starting to believe my blog is a sort of "friend" where I can write thoughts that would have otherwise been spoken to a group of friends. The fact that I developed a working strategy for "going out alone" signifies how scarce friendship can be while on the road.

"Your profession requires extensive travel in countries where you not only don't know the language, but have inadequate time to become proficient in the language. It doesn't seem to affect your game, but there must be some social drawbacks I'd imagine. You can't sit down with your local chums at the bar. The closest friend you have may be in Stuttgart. Yes, the internet is always there for you to converse, but does language proficiency pose a problem and have an effect on your social life?"

English is becoming very common around the world, because it's a gateway to the middle class for many foreigners who want what Americans already take for granted. While studying Russian in Ukraine, I've had to expend some effort to exclude people from my social life who speak English---it was just that common.

It only takes six months of study in any language to become proficient enough to have sex with the local women, but the conversations will be extremely general. Silences are long. You can only make corny jokes. There is little depth, and complicated opinions can't be shared. You definitely won't be talking about philosophy. It takes years of language study before you can express yourself similarly to your own language, but life is long, and so I believe you should start somewhere.

One thing men have to realize is that the connections they have with foreigners will rarely be stronger than what they can experience with their own countrymen. Sure you can fall in love with a Ukrainian woman because of her beauty, sweetness, and ability to cook you hearty meals, but you won't be able to have as many interesting conversations with your style of humor. Then again, I don't know any man who travels because he wants more friends. They do it mainly for adventure, experience, sexual abundance, and dissatisfaction with either their homeland or lifestyle.

"You have gone on great adventures. South America, Scandinavia, your Central European expedition. And even before you left for your first one (South America) a friend of yours told you about how you would go through a "time machine." You would change, but everybody back home wouldn't. they'd stay the same. You would have experiences, adventures, wisdom and observations, while everybody back home would stagnate doing the run of the mill 9-5 thing. One, are people even able to comprehend your experiences when you come back home and want to share them, and two, does it alienate (not in a bad way, but just a differential way) from your home social network? And three, is this something any adventure seeker should heed in terms of a consequence/cost?"

Even if you don't live abroad, but merely travel short-term, the distance between your friends can only increase. They get new office jobs, move to neighboring towns, get girlfriends, and so on while you're seeing the world. Living abroad only accelerates the problem because you are doing things that they've never done, and so when you return, you're no longer interested in the same habits or routines as when you left.

My friends remain in DC, and they can only pursue DC women, so they go to bars that now I simply cannot tolerate because of my experience in Europe and South America. Since chasing DC women was the main activity that we did together, my inability to dive into that bar scene (or even live in DC), puts a strain on our friendship. Eventually you have to come to the realization that it will get only harder to meet someone who has similar experience as you do, and it's best just to seek basic companionship instead. Humans need someone to talk to, and soon you forget the notion that a man must share in all your interests to be a friend. If your friendship standards don't decline, you will soon find yourself without any friends.

Men must also realize that every lifestyle has a cost. Anything you gain with a lifestyle change must cause something else to be lost. The problem is that travel is like a medicine with a side effect that never goes away. You cure the disease only to create another condition. Even if you want to go back to your stable lifestyle, your mind has now had a taste of adventure and better women, so it will sabotage future efforts at stability, making travel both a blessing and curse. You can never revert back to your old self once you spend a long time abroad. An animal that escaped the zoo doesn't want to go back, even if his daily food is guaranteed.

"The quote, 'When Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept for there were no more worlds to conquer.' highlights a problem a lot of independent minded people might face in their lives - nothing left to do. Do you suffer from "adventure burn out?" i.e. - you have lived such a unique life, done pretty much everything your 20 something self would have ever desired. Upon completing or satiating these "adventures/desires" do you ever say "what's next?" but sadly have no answer? Again, to the outside observer, what does a man do after flying around the planet, laying every girl he can? Is there any intellectual, physical, or economic challenges that seem appetizing to you? or is it a challenge to find "that next project?"

I think it's likely for a man to become an adventure junkie, of seeking higher highs, and then finally burn out from it all. He wants to experience a new adventure which exceeds his previous one. Of course this isn't sustainable in the long run.

I do agree that you do reach a point of diminishing return of what travel can give you and start to see new countries as being similar to ones you've already visited. Even new girls, in no matter what exotic locale you find yourself in, will start reminding you of previous ones you already slept with.

I don't know the solution to this besides living the life you want. I like reading and writing, so no matter where I am, I can at least do that, which offers a buffer from burn out. For guys who don't have their own hobbies that they can take wherever they go, I do believe they will find it harder to continue abroad for more than a year or two. This is why almost all the guys I meet who have been doing it for years have an internet business---they can take it anywhere. You stay grounded when you have a consistent daily routine.

You ask what a man has left to do after flying around the planet, but I would ask what the man in a corporation---who has achieved middle management---would do after his big promotion. You hit walls without whatever lifestyle you pursue. The smart man will appreciate what he has, take one day at a time, and be open to any new opportunities to either learn new skills or enjoy his leisure. Once a man reaches his potential, or at least close to it, I guess there is not a whole lot more he can do but refine his craft.

For me, intellectual challenges offer high rewards. My recent mission was sleeping with women using Russian. I get a nice high when I have a conversation in a foreign language that I only started learning after turning 30, but like any other goal, you experience a little success and then get bored. I have met a lot of men who have monetary goals (i.e. saving $1,000,000), but I already make enough to meet my needs, so such a goal would not serve me any benefit. One thing that I wonder is if my best work is behind me or not. Have I already created my best book? This will be interesting to find out when I'm on my death bed looking back.

"Since you have been down this path and very few others have, is there any warnings

you'd give younger men (or women) who dare to live such an individualist lifestyle. Not so much in terms of "risks" or "failure," but success?"

The individualist lifestyle is great if you are an individualist. If you can't handle loneliness, constant adaption, unpredictability, and intense struggle, you may not be fit for this type of life. Then again, the only way to find out is to embark on a trip of a month or longer. You will never know if you don't make an attempt. As hard as my first trip abroad was, I wanted to get back out there and do it again, so I knew that my days in America were numbered. The main idea is to try something you've never done before, take a rest, and then listen to what your gut is telling you to do next. While my life isn't perfect, this strategy has worked for me, because I prefer my life of today than the one I had in the States.

You can find Roosh's books, travel guides and essays here.

But Math Is Tough

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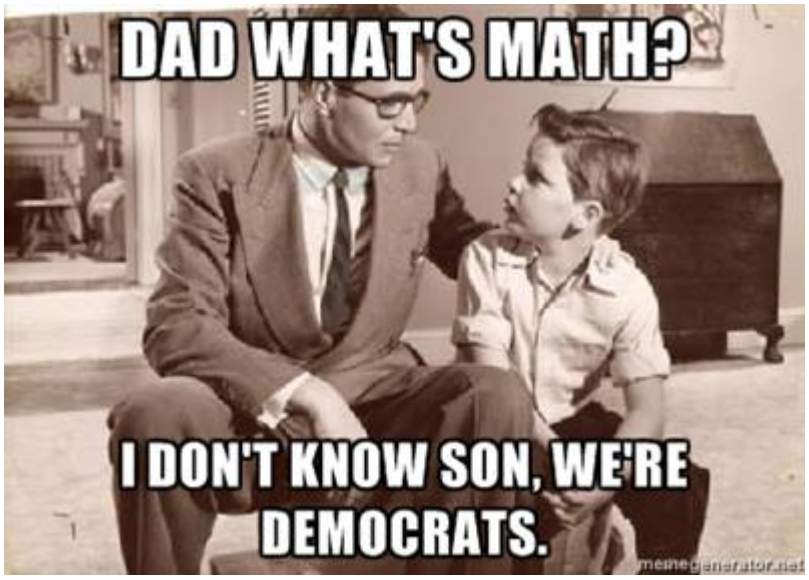

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Taxi Dancers

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So I was watching Peter Gunn and there was a scene where elder men were buying tickets at this dance hall. They would then give the ticket to a lady and she would dance with him.

I personally couldn't believe this happened in that the demand to dance is higher among women than it is men, but it was such an outlandish, but well-organized set up I was viewing on the show that I presumed it must have been true.

Sure enough, it was - Taxi Dancers.

Back in the day men would actually PAY to dance with women. And we're not talking the naughty types of lap dances and strip teases. We're talking ballroom dancing.

Regardless of its history, this is a great example of economics where the suppliers and demanders switched. For whatever reason men no longer cared to dance with women. The demand dropped, and Taxi Dancers went extinct along with the industry and employment that came with it. But (oh cruel, twisted, ironic fate of economics!) just because male demand for dancing vanished, didn't mean women didn't enjoy dancing themselves. They did, it was just that at the time men demanded dancing more, making women the default supplier and allowing them to charge for it. Now with male demand below female demand, it is men who supply the dances and women who are demanding (nay) desperately clamoring for male ballroom dancers.

I should know! I billed out more than once at $100 per hour to dance with clients!

Just Can't Make It Up

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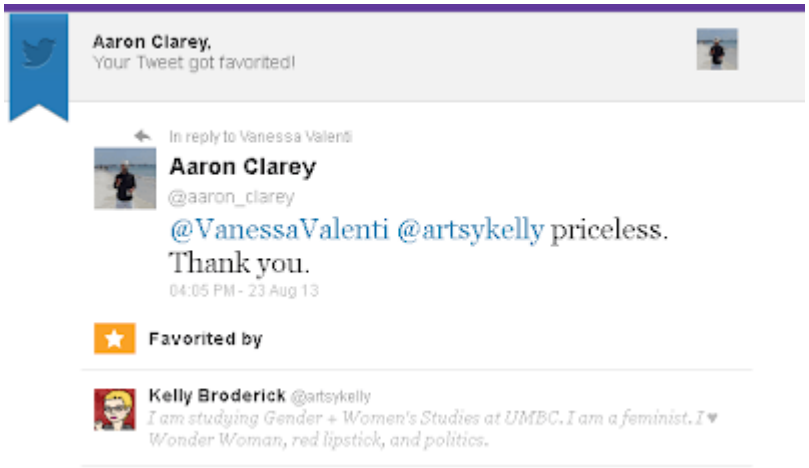
So here is the really really short version.

A feminist posts a picture of herself with the "This is What a Feminist Looks Like" meme.

It goes pretty much viral as everybody points out the obvious that she is ugly, overweight, and precisely what a feminist looks like.

I tweet back to the originator who bravely put herself up there and somewhatknown feminist writer Vanessa Valenti, "thank you. priceless" in that it is so rich you just couldn't make it up.

But they take it seriously



Honest to the Patron Saint Name of Frick, you just can't make this stuff up.

enjoy the decline folks!

Leykis Financial Planning

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It is a basic primer that if every man (and woman) followed, there would be no financial problems.

Straight Line or Bell Distribution of 1-10?

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Heh, a deeper analysis than you thought about "she's a perfect 10!"

Latinos Get What They Deserve

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You move here to escape a country that is lousy.

You then vote for a guy and policies that are the EXACT SAME THING YOU WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

And then you wonder why life isn't better.

Well, you're at least American in one regard - you have the same astounding ignorance of economics that most native Americans have.

Real Men Don't See "The Butler," The Red Head Pacifist I Dated, and How Parents Who Let Their Kids Major in the Liberal Arts Aren't Parenting

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in this latest podcast of The Clarey Podcast!

Everybody Wants Ice Cream

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To put you in a better mood.

It's OK to Hate Your Teachers

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Welcome back to ~~prison~~ school kids.

Crack Open a Can of Dalrock

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Hmmmm….cold, steely, logical, empirical goodness, void of emotions and political correctness.

Why You Shouldn't Feel Bad for Not Saving for Retirement

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Because you never had a chance.

The Academian Rationalization Hamster

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Man, look at this hamster spin.

It makes me wonder if a human brain, after a certain amount of brainwashing/environment/etc., is incapable or independent thought, let alone taking criticism. And even if it is in its best interests to stop, admit it made a mistake, take action to correct it, and thereby have a better life and future, how the ego overrides such wisdom.

I'd suggest sending her a copy of "Worthless" but it would be akin to her most likely path in life - pointless.

The Economy That Was Immune to Keynesian Viagra

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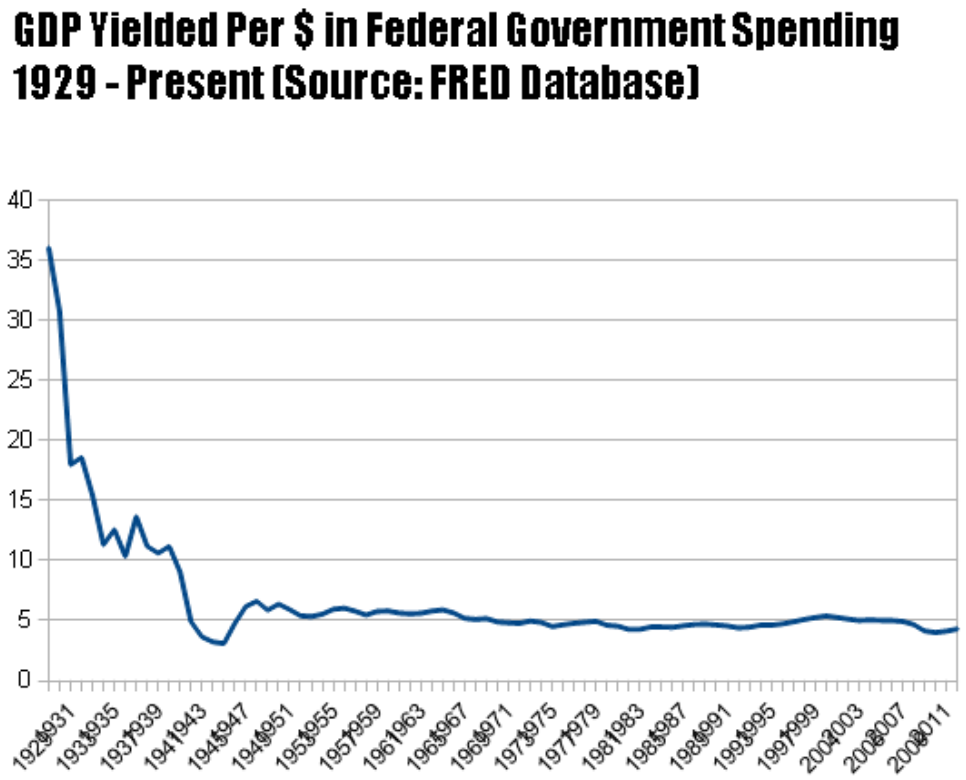
I did a post a while ago showing just what a waste education has become by calculating how much GDP is yielded per dollar in educational spending. This ratio was essentially a "return on investment" for the now trillion dollars we spend on education annually and showed not only diminishing marginal returns but just what a sad and pathetic lot populates the education industry.

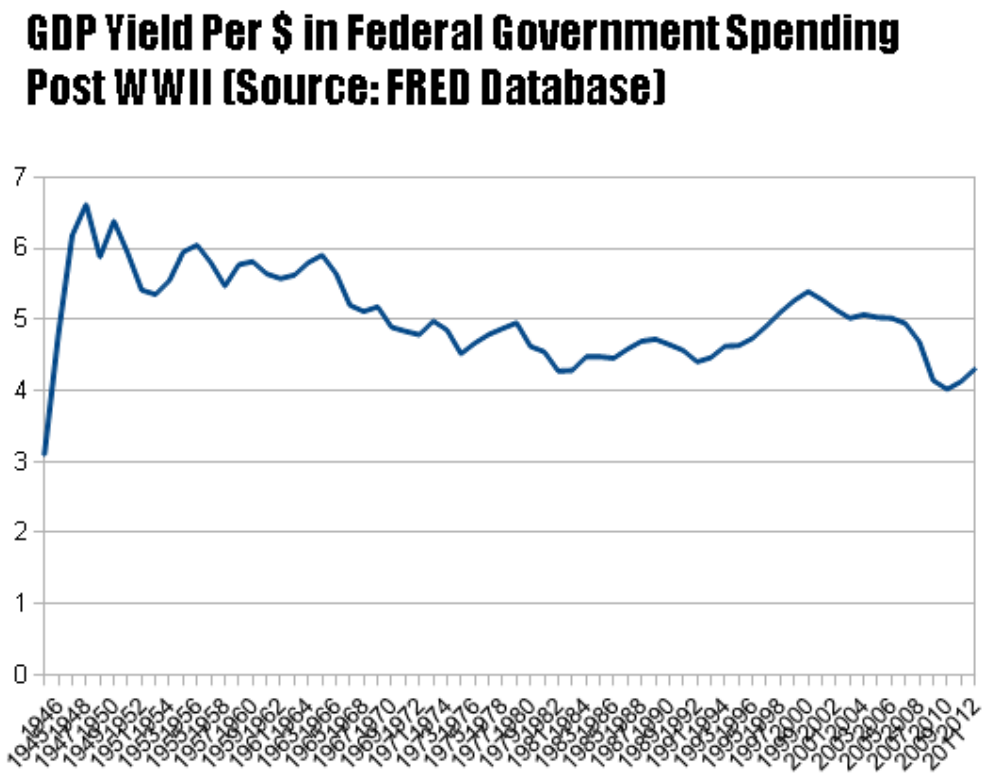
But then I got an idea while motorcycling around.

Since Obama, Krugman, and every other leftist economist out there is constantly plugging Keynesian stimulus and government spending as the way to get the economy out of its doldrums (still waiting by the way guys, anytime time now), I figured a similar calculation would be called for in that if there's a ratio that would measure Keynesian success, it would be GDP per dollar in federal government spending. In short, since there is that *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE* "multiplier effect" a dollar in government spending should result in multiple amounts of GDP.

So here it is:



You'll note that the Great Depression and WWII skew things a bit. When nearly half of your production goes into the war effort, you can expect some odd ratios, so I made another chart post WWII, but keeping 1945 in there so you can see where we came from:



And shucks howdy, look at that. Just like education spending, it looks like federal government spending just isn't getting the bang for the buck it used to. In those "evil 50's" you would get $6.50 in GDP for every $1 in government spending, now we only get $4.30. Matter of fact, in the short 5 years since America's first socialist president took over we lost nearly a buck in GDP per government dollar of spending. The Keynesian Viagra just isn't taking, so what is going on?

It's very simple - government spending does not, in fact, contribute to economic growth. It takes away from economic growth and merely redistributes wealth with a production or efficiency loss.

If you look at what leftists and Keynesians advocate, they advocate merely moving money around in the economy to get things "shaking up a bit" in the childish and naive hopes this jostling will get the economy going again. The problem is this "shaking things up a bit" means taking money from productive people (or the future via borrowing) and giving it to Barack Obama's biggest supporters - economically worthless, productionless parasites.

I say such things not in the pejorative, but in accuracy. That's who gets the lions share of money. People who don't work. People who don't produce. People who are not independent and, thus, by default, and dependent and parasitical.

The problem with such people (and thus, a Keynesian economic stimulus plan) is that they do nothing to earn it. And that is why GDP is not as responsive today to government spending as in days past. Normally when you give somebody money you do so for some kind of production or service in exchange You don't just randomly pass out money, you expect a soda, a video game, a burger or something in return. But the government (specifically, Keynesian stimulus) doesn't work that way. It takes money from people's savings, their income, or the future, normally productive people, and gives it to non-productive people in exchange for nothing. Not one cent of GDP is produced when you pay out a social security check. Not one cent of GDP is produced when you pass out Obamaphones. Not one cent of GDP is produced when you hand out food stamps.

Of course people will argue not all of the stimulus spending is handouts and income transfers. Why there are billions of dollars of grants, investments, etc., that go to bail out companies, invest in new technologies, etc. And this is true. Such government spending DOES get some modicum of return in the form of GDP...just not as much as if it remained in the private sector.

I need not remind people of the spectacular failure and losses of Solyndra and the score of other connected-cronies of Obama who faked like they were serious about building a solar company. I need not remind people of the billions spent on worthless social programs and the employees that manage them that not only fail to solve the social

ailment they contend they're trying to fix, but also results in fake GDP as nothing anybody REALLY wanted was produced. And wasn't there a bridge (though in a Republican's district) to the middle of nowhere? Again, Keynesian spending might get a bang for its federal government buck, but comes nowhere near as productive and high as the private sector.

No, the truth is that not only is government spending inherently NOT economic production, when you give it to the least productive and parasitic groups of people in the nation to either not produce at all or to fake producing (so public school teachers can claim they have some kind of "career" while their students shoot each other and can't read out of high school), you can expect the economy to stagnate and the ratios we have charted above.

But what's really precious is how so many people think the likes of Obama and Krugman are still well-intending, just misled about economics. The reality is they hate this country, they hate freedom, they hate success, they hate liberty, and they make their careers off of giving an ignorant electorate their undeserved pound of by destroying the country.

Enjoy the decline!

Why You Will Remain Poor

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"My Child Comes First"

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Whilst peering over the shoulder of my male friend, perusing the Match or the POF, he'll occasionally point out how common it is for women to list in their description,

"My child comes first"

and then laugh as he moves onto the next, hopefully, childless profile.

But this brings up an important issue about hierarchy and the importance of different people in people's lives.

First, gentlemen, before you wed, you will (not "need" or "should") you WILL make it very clear you will be the number one thing in her life and she will be the number one thing in yours. The kids will come second because without two parents, they will suffer. This doesn't mean you put your kids beneath you, as it is akin to having a pilot and a co-pilot on the plane. Those are the two most important people. The fliers, very important, but they would all die if in an emergency the emphasis was put on them. If you fail to convey this concept then you WILL be relegated below the children and relegated further to the position of ATM. You are not an ATM, you are the father of the household. Don't just act like it, insist on it.

Second, if you fail to do that, you will perpetually be knocked down the hierarchy as various "important" things enter your wife's life. This will result in the following hierarchy and placement as time goes on.

2nd place behind the wife

3rd place behind the wife and any kids

4th place behind the wife, any kids, and if she's religious, Jesus (or God or Allah, etc.)

5th place behind the wife, any kids, any god, and her career

6th place behind the wife, any kids, any god, her career, her affair

7th place behind the wife, any kids, any god, her career, her affair, her family

I could go on, but if there are enough "false gods" you could in theory be bumped down to 117th place.

Regardless, it is important to assess these things about a woman before considering marriage. Say, for example, she's already divorced with kids, has a career and is a really religious girl.

Well lil' buckaroo, you're default placed at 5th.

She's got no kids, but constantly listens to her mother's advice over yours, and is insistent on getting her "Masters in Feelings," you're default ranked 4th.

Again, at any time you men can put your foot down and say, "No, I am the head of the house hold, and I will be in first place." It really is that simple.

Kathleen Rice

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I saw this, but then I remember I knew I heard that name before.

How much you want to bet she didn't major in STEM and comes from a richer family than what you and i have?

Again, It Is OK to Hate Your Teachers

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Because they are not there to educate you. They are there to brainwash you and take your money.

I Standby My Captain America Shirt

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I don't know why I catch such guff for my Captain America T-Shirt. Especially when everybody is wearing one.

"Where She is Forced to Work in HR or Marketing…"

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HARRRRR!!!!!!!

Pleasure in Others' Pain

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I tried to be a productive member of society. I really tried. I worked hard, studied hard, majored in (what I thought) would be a wise subject, and I did my best to make capital markets efficient. I also supported myself the entire time taking not a dime of government money or parental money.

But when all I got in return was a bunch of whinny bankers, socialists clamoring for more of my money, deluded and spoiled women demanding I pay for dates, and people who hate me because I'm white and male, I gave up. My happiness was no longer going to be derived from success, riches, economic production, or status. Not because I chose that, but because the new rules made it impossible. It was all a scam. There was never going to be any kind of "career" or "take home pay" or "white picket fence house with a sane wife and a stable economic future for my children." It was just a way to keep you plugging along for a system fully intent on sucking every ounce of blood and youth out of you.

So what makes me happy now?

Well, enjoying the decline of course, but another thing I truly savor is taking joy in the pain of others.

People call me childish, immature, even petty or vile for taking joy from the suffering of others, but again, I didn't make the rules. I'm just obeying them. And until there is genuine economic opportunity to do my best WITHOUT ridicule and villainization from society for being an "evil, rich, white, male" I'm going to take what pleasures I can in my finite life as I watch the same vermin who stole my dreams destroy their own with their own incomprehensible ignorance and stupidity.

Enjoy the decline!

"Early Childhood Education Majors" Can't Do 3rd Grade Math

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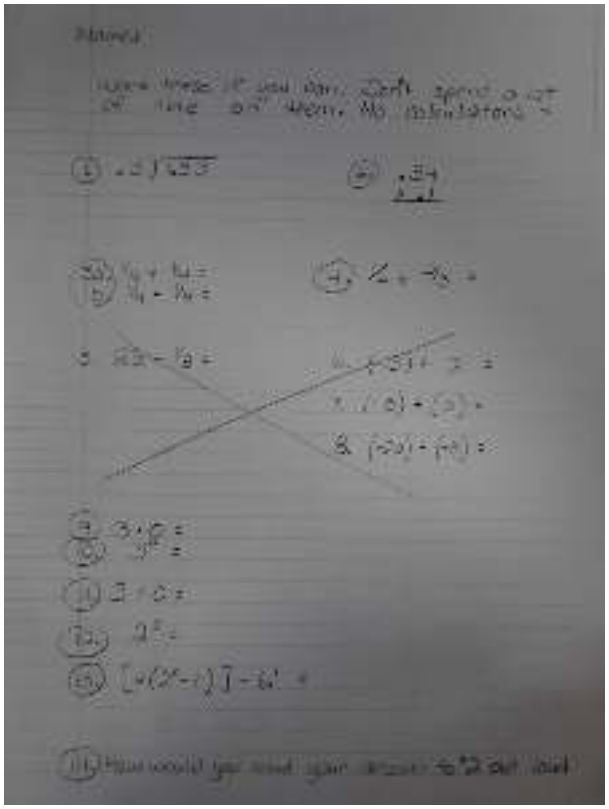
From our Collegiate Agent in the Field:

Here is the class she is being forced to take.

Here is a test she managed to scan in:



Honest to god people. Your teachers are not innocent, nice, well-intended people. They start off at 18 year old children who don't want to try hard in life and choose an easy degree. Remember that next time the teacher's union demands more money as they fake-claim that it's for the children.

"The New Economy, Headed Up By Men"

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"where shit gets done and progress is made."

The Nazi's are Alive and Well

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In Germany of all places!

The Girl That Destroyed Cappy

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and MORE on this LATEST episode of The Clarey Podcast! (if you want to fast forward, it's around the 1 hr 10 min mark).

The $17 Big Mac

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I was intending on doing something like this, but this deputy economist did a fine job - breaking down the effects of a $15/hr wage on McDonald's profitability and pricing.

I'm going to explain this very succinctly and simply as possible in the vain hopes some of these McDonald's protestors are listening as it WILL help them in their financial futures:

Companies would not exist without profit. The reason why is that in order to form a company you need investors. And investors (that's you people with your 401k's and IRA's and pensions) will not part with their money unless they get something back OF HIGHER VALUE in return. In otherwords, people aren't just going to throw money away at McDonald's so they can employ people temporarily until the company runes out of money (besides, that's what Barack Obama does with the likes of Solyndra and other green-red companies).

So you can protest all you want. If you get a law passed for the $15 per hour, McDonald's will shut down those stores.

If Wal-Mart has to pay it's employees $12 per hour, Wal-Mart will shut down.

What you are experiencing and the frustration that comes with it, is the real world telling you that you do not have the skills they want. You offer nothing of value (beyond the minimum wage job) that they are willing to part with their money for.

Your real world choices are jobs that pay minimum wage or no jobs that pay $15/hr.

You also could go to school and develop a skill in which case you'll provide something of value in excess of $15/hr.

But sitting on your ass and merely existing, that's nothing special. And your wage shows it.

And don't get pissed as me. This is the real world. You either live in it or suffer. You should be thankful I'm telling you like it is.

Post script - for those McyD's employees still reading this, I want you to real through the comments. Some wise words there about basic labor market economics. You think long and hard. Do you want real world advice or just want to be lied to? Which is going to benefit you in the long run.

Krista Leighanne Milburn

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Just doing my part to help employ a young unemployed female.

The Trillion Dollar Liberal Arts Scam

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When you're done hating the bankers, perhaps you youth can start hating your professors.

Because, of course, you're all intelligent and independent-minded and shit.

Diminishing Returns on Human Effort

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I contend it is human nature to excel and progress.

The reason is simple - survival. It is hard-wired into people's brains to survive and until the very recent (in terms of human history) advent and expansion of capitalism and free markets, which made things we used to strive for (food, shelter, safety, health) plentiful, human existence was harsh, cruel and short. Because of this unpleasant existence, humans had constant incentive to improve, secure, and progress, and therefore that hard wiring is unlikely to disappear any time soon.

This has pros and cons.

Because of this relentless advancement we have made great strides in science, technology, and medicine. We are without a doubt the most advanced creatures on the planet, and likely the universe. And the problems of our poorest are blessings the richest would kill to have only a short 1,000 years ago.

But the cons come in when this unstoppable force and desire to advance and progress runs into the unnecessary and unneeded barriers society constructs for political purposes to regulate and restrict itself. This then causes great confusion and frustration in people as they try to advance, but society's institutions just won't let them.

Take for example the current labor market.

There is no shortage of labor, let alone educated labor. The urge to constantly progress and advance is so strong people are forcing themselves to jump through insane hoops required by employers, getting MBA's, master's, and any number of credentials to put as many acronyms on their resume. There are no jobs, of course (once again for stupid political reasons society self-forces on itself), so this massive energy of human intention sits unused. But this energy actually doesn't sit unused. Akin to the law of physics, this energy has to go somewhere, and it does.

It pushes the frontiers of business and employment to psychotic and petty levels.

Employers no longer care whether you can do the job (which, when jobs were plentiful was all that mattered). No, because the economy is weak and the human spirit cannot turn off its hard wiring, there is now a surplus of highly-trained labor. This switches the focus from ability to progressively less and less important, and MORE and MORE PETTY qualifications.

Do you play well in the sandbox?
Do you have a facebook account we disagree with?
What kind of shoes are you wearing?
What is your demeanor?
Did you participate in CSR, diversity and other government sanctioned activities whilst in school?
Take the "Personality Profile Test" to see if you're an ENTJ or an ENTP!

And it doesn't stop with the petty and childish questions of HR.

If lucky enough to be employed in today's economy, you will quickly find out your ability to advance is not how well you do your job, but how well you play ball on the progressively petty antics foisted on you by office politics. Did you donate your time to the local Kiwani's club to hand out business cards? Are you getting your MBA (of course without company sponsorship)? Did you smile when you walked into the office today (not joking, had a former boss point out I wasn't smiling). Are you avoiding the use of apostrophes when writing?

All of this pettiness being a testament to the fact that corporate America has ran out of ideas in that it cannot come up with new industries to employ this excess energy and must diffuse it with psychotic and petty games.

Another example is women's studies.

If there was any low-hanging fruit to flesh out in this newly-formed discipline, it's already been picked. Women, one can argue, were oppressed in society in some manner, and a women's studies department was a natural consequence. But in this already-faux field, whatever genuine advances were to be made, were made very early on. Still, this doesn't prevent millions of ill-reared children from declaring it as a major, and thus, once again, with a surplus of human intention and energy the field must "advance" or "evolve."

A perfect example of how this institution accommodates this is the continually increasing sub-divisions of sexuality. The aforementioned link only covers a fraction of the different sexualities that are out there, but one example that came to mind (and I could not find) was a girl's profile on the internet which cited no less than 5 different sexual orientations she had, the phrases of which used to describe these orientations were DEFINITELY academian in nature. Regardless, the fact "women's studies" has evolved to the point it creates whole new sexual orientations, or to catalogue the most obscure of human phenomenons, shows the institution has run its course and offers nothing of further tangible value to society. But with millions of 20 year old girls, with billions of labor hours, intent on majoring in the field, the "field" must occupy them with worthless make-work somehow, and thus the productivity of their efforts become progressively diminished.

And finally, consider government regulation. The US got along just fine before the EPA, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Education. Laws were set up and established at the state, local and federal levels, and the country managed to become the richest, most powerful nation in the history of the world. But all it took was one "seed generation" of professional activists, bureaucrats, and regulators to increase the code and laws to a strangling amount. Was there a call for regulation in the banking industry? Sure. Was there a call for cleaning up rivers that caught ablaze as companies dumped their waste? Sure. But after 50 years these apparatchiks cannot turn it off. It is human nature to constantly advance and evolve. And so bureaucrats, DNR officials, environemtnalists, and activists are always on the hunt for further regulation and further evils to combat, even if there are no evils or calls for their progressively petty (and destructive) regulation.

There are other instances, but you get the idea.

In every aspect of American life, in every corner of our economy, and in every branch of government human effort is not being used to its fullest potential because those institutions have become corrupted to the point they are no longer productive, and thus there is no economic expenditure or use of said effort. And try as you might, and have the greatest intentions you might, and have the CAPACITY to deliver, it will all be in vain, because in the eyes of the overlords that command these institutions the marginal utility you provide is not via something productive and legitimate, but political and petty.

You could stop the housing bubble from crashing, but you didn't kiss enough ass at the last meeting.

You could build a pipeline and bring thousands of jobs to the oil sands, but that would harm the economy.

You could be that much-needed computer networker we need, but you remind the HR ditz of her previous boyfriend.

You could get your degree in 2 years, but then you wouldn't be forced to employ all those liberal arts doctorates with worthless prereqs.

It won't be until we destroy the petty, pathetic, vile and political incentives that put a cap on our human effort will this human effort translate into economic growth, advancement and prosperity. In the mean time, this effort will remain unused and fester, driving most people insane as they

endure another mindless HR interview
fill out unnecessary paper work to get approval from the city
fight another false law suit by the Sierra Club

have to go $250,000 in debt for their MBA, CFA, and doctorate in finance

and jump through other completely fucking pointless hoops society has deemed necessary to foist on itself.

Until that point, I suggest you don't bang your head against the wall. I suggest instead you enjoy the decline! It just doesn't pay to play according to society's rules.

Bullets in the Badlands

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Sounds like a movie, but it's not. Just a "warm fuzzy story" about my exploits in the badlands of South Dakota.

Fun Times With Hyphenated Names

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"*When I was a young college student, I had a boss at my part-time job who told me that she hadn't changed her name when she got married the first time. She ended up divorced, and when she married her second husband, she opted to change her name. When I wondered why, she said that changing her name was her way of saying* ***OK, I really mean it this time.***"

Heh heh heh. Ahhh, is there anything better than kicking back, pouring a tall one, lighting up a cigar and watching feminists put bullets through the aortas of their finite lives?

What I truly savor out of all of it, is how they villainize and hate the best thing that can happen to them, and dat be men.

Really, name something better in life. Name something genetically engineered to be complimentary to you, something that is sentience and thus infinitely dynamic. Something that is not a thing, but an engaging human being, and something that is also designed to be all giggity about you.

You can't name it! You can't!

The best thing in life for women is men, and the best thing for men is women.

And while men readily admit this fact and try to capitalize on this opportunity presented to us, feminists throw away the best thing life has to offer to them.

It's just too precious!

My Truck-Driving Son is Better than Your Doctorate in English Kid

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Because he's employed and not living at home.

The Compendium of Worthwhile Overseas Countries

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As the free market thinkers, manosphere, and other independent minded fellows advance, we not only free ourselves from the false premise of "employment in corporate America" and student loans and 30 year mortgages, we also start to look for greener pastures. However, there is no sole source or depository for information about the various pros and cons for various countries we may wish to move to and start anew.

Of course, finding a new place or a "plan B" as it were is starting to come up on various men's minds, especially those on the vanguard of this new line of thought. So much so it is actually the next logical step in their careers/life journey. But before making such a jump, it would be helpful if we had a pot of wisdom about the various pros and cons of different countries.

This question though is problematic because you really do need to visit each country you are curious about maybe moving to, but with 176 countries in the world, the travel costs are prohibitive.

Ergo, I call for a compiling off different mens' various opinions of different countries they have visited. It won't answer questions for everybody, but it may result in at least a list of key contenders, further refining the list of viable candidate countries into a digestible list. I will invariably start compiling a directory for every one's permission.

Poor Unemployed Humanities Professors

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Now that their scam is known, they're having trouble getting kids to piss away their money on a worthless degree.

My favorite is that you could actually get degrees in "outdoor pursuits" and "travel, leisure and tourism."

And how much you want to bet the kids stupid enough to major in this stuff claim to be "really independent minded" and "great, smart, intellectuals?"

Hat tip!

Why You Should Never Date Chicks With Horses

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Nitrostreak · 2 hours ago

The horrible failings of grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation in this article make me all the happier to NEVER date a man like you.
Any man who doesn't understand horses should avoid women with horses because SHE will have NO interest in YOU, if she knows what's best for her. I'm a 23 year old college student. I have a job, I have life insurance, and I have six horses.
I will never date an idiot like you, and I thank God for that. Maybe the first thing I should say to potential suitors is that I have horses, in order to chase away freaks like you?

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1971creaper → Nitrostreak · an hour ago

Example of batshit crazy; see above.

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I wrote a piece about avoiding, with all of your might, women with horses.

It struck a chord...which means it's completely true.

How the Inanity of Our Political Arguments Prove We're Doomed

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Take the horse blinders off, take a step back and follow the ole Captain on this one, because I had to step back myself, wipe the crud from my eyes and see what was really going on.

I was thinking about global warming. Not from a scientific or political perspective, but a psychological one. Namely,

"How dumb are these people not to see it for the scam it is?"

Really? Global warming? Based on computer models that keep failing, constantly get proven wrong, from avowed socialist scientists, and (surprise, surprise) the only solution seems to be higher taxes and more government spending?

But it isn't even the arguments (scientific, political, economic, or logical) that gets me, as much as it is the pure inanity of the topic. It's the fact I have to even debate this in the first place. That there are millions of mindless, conforming humans that actually believe this stuff necessitating my expenditure of calories of energy to address the idiotic and very-religious-like premises of global warming. In other words, the fact we're arguing about something so inane proves there is a larger underlying problem than global warming itself.

Another political issue I can't believe we're arguing - feminism. Not that women should be treated equal and have the same rights as men, etc., but more the current frontier that feminism is pushing. That men and women are INTERCHANGEABLE, and if they're not, THEN THEY BETTER DAMN SHOULD BE!

Ignore the differences in plumbing.
Ignore the differences we enjoy.
Ignore the different aptitudes and weaknesses of both and how they compliment each other and help society advance.

No men and women MUST BE interchangeable to the point we're going to bring them up "genderless." And if you don't agree with that, then you're a (fill in misogynist term here)_____!

Again, it's an inane argument. No sane people should have to argue against it. But its

outlandishness is only outdone by the fact society is so mindless that this topic has even attained "debatability" in society. The only thing more outlandish is feminism's recent movement into "fact acceptance."

And finally, the never ending arguing I've had to deal with since roughly the age of 18. Where, in a room of thousands of 20 and 30 somethings over scores of parties, I seem to be the sole mind of reason making the "outrageous" claim that you can't have a society where nobody works. That people need to work to support themselves. That we all can't be elementary school teachers and that the equally inane Keynesianism where we "just move money around and economic growth will magially happen" is bunk. 20 years it's been where I painfully have to stoop down to my adversaries' childish level and explain, be it at a college party, a house party, or just in the company of others, the very simple and adult concept that there's no such thing as a free lunch. That if there are too many parasites and not enough producers, society will collapse.

And in return for my insistence on being the only mature adult in the room I get called every type of "ist" or every kind of condescending ideology (Nazi, Fascist, etc.).

But then something dawned on me, prompted by my increasing misanthropy and cynicism triggered by humans -

Do they really believe it?

For example, does the average impoverished black man really believe his poverty is caused by "whitey" and NOT the illegitimacy rate, the crime, lack of fathers and out of wedlock births in his community?

Does that social worker I'm arguing with REALLY believe we can just move money around, take it from those "evil rich" and all the country's socioloigical problems go away?

Does that environmental activist REALLY believe in global warming and care about the planet?

Or is it just one big-ass red-herring for the Right to chase, waste their efforts and energies debating, foolishly believing these people are dumb enough to believe it, when in reality it's just a front to obscure their ulterior motives of theft and parasitism?

And after thinking about it, I've realized it's both.

It is here, we need to break down the left into two general, but very applicable categories - categories I cannot claim to have come up with, but rather a reader - "Dupes" and "Devils." Both of which populate the left, and both of which explain how these inane political arguments are both a ruse and a legitimate ideology members of the left believe.

The "Dupes" are your mindless, zombies who believe anything they're told. They are the foot soldiers of the left. They never think on their own, they have no critical thinking skills (despite what their professors tell them), they don't care to think through the consequences of their actions or ideology and largely can be persuaded with bumper sticker sound bytes or chants that "sound good to them."

Typically the Dupes are you high school or college students or celebrities. Younger idiotic and wiseless children who, by society, the media, the education system, and the government, have been told they are oh-so-smart and "independent minded" as they all wear the same lame ass skinny jeans, thick rimmed glasses, and magically all have the EXACT same political ideology. But don't think it's just youth or a lack of education. You can have professors, fully indoctrinated into the system that their brain is no longer capable of independent thought. A third generation union worker whose forefathers never let alternative ideas into the family. Or even a politician, completely clueless about the mechanics of economics, governance and statesmanship, and just in politics because their grandaddy was. Regardless of the age, economic or other sociological backgrounds, these people have NEVER thought their ideology through and mindlessly follow it like a radical Muslim or a born again Christian. They not only have no intention of "finding the truth," they are fully incapable of it. And thusly, because of the lack of a truly free mind, they make the perfect "dupe" for any politician willing to abuse them.

Those politicians willing to abuse them are the "Devils." People who fully well know what they're advocating is not feasible, unsustainable, and sometimes just outright wrong and evil, but don't care, because it is for their own personal gain.

The liberal arts professors sucking the tuition-blood out of your child, crippling their financial futures until they're 60, as they charge $400 a credit for their worthless humanities class.

Jesse Jackson race-whoring, blaming all of one group's problems on other groups, permitting no critical thinking, self-inflection, let alone desire to actually help the group he hypocritical claims to be helping.

The limosuine liberal, who wants to avoid a real job at all costs and instead enters politics, advocating the unbeatable policy of taxing a rich minority to buy the votes and love of the middle class and poor majorities. Never once would they ever part with their own money to help the poor, it is only through taking other's money do they advocate such a thing.

Whichever of the many variants of Devils, when you're arguing with them, they know full well they are lying, they are living a lie, they are ruining millions of people's lives, and they don't care. They are the epitome of evil.

Now, regardless of whether you are facing a "Devil" or a "Dupe," libertarians, conservatives and other right sided folk face a problem when attempting to engage them in a debate - neither Devils nor Dupes are capable of being convinced.

First, the Dupes are incapable of being convinced because they, frankly, lack the intellectual capacity for intellectual honesty. The lies they've been told are too kind to their egos and thinking of anything else would hurt their fragile little feelings. They will live a lie and suffer the consequences because it's more important their ego be saved than their lives be enjoyed.

And second, the Devils are also incapable of being convinced, not because they need convincing, but because they already agree with you. They agree with everything you say. Now get them to admit that and give up their racket. They won't because the money is just too good. And so good luck ever convincing a Devil.

So what's a righter-leaning person supposed to do?

Simple - deny their premise right off the bat.

You see, I don't know about you, but I got sick and tired of the 2 hour arguments at college parties where it would go around and around in circles where inevitably they would just say we'd have to agree to disagree. Or where through some spectacularly concocted mental self-rationalizing bullshit, a leftist would say something inane like "well my perception is reality." Or "I don't believe your figures." (both true).

My life is too short for that.

Instead, a much better approach to debating a Dupe (or a Devil) is to immediately call them out on their bullshit.

To a Dupe you say, "you know what, I'm sorry, but I'm not going to debate you. You aren't going to be convinced or persuaded because it's simple - you refuse to. You prefer to believe in your ideology like an unfounded religion and no amount of data or empirical proof I have will convince you. You want to believe a lie which is psychotic and there's nothing I can do to counteract a mental problem."

To a Devil you say, "You're a liar, and you know it. You don't believe the BS you're spewing for one god damned second. And you ain't fooling me."

This will not solve any debates. This will not convince any one to agree with you. But you have to realize one key important thing;

You were never going to solve the debate or convince any one in the first place. It was

doomed from the beginning.

But what you DO achieve in calling BS on the premise or calling them out on their intellectual dishonesty is is two things.

In terms of Dupes you DIRECTLY address their real problem - psychological delusion. You say, "No, the real issue is not global warming or whether there are such things as genders, etc., it's that you have such an impaired mind that you actually think this is even debatable. That you have such a psychological problem that I have to stand here and engage you with kid's gloves on actually thinking you believe it's big bad rich people who are holding the world down when in reality you just want an excuse to steal other people's money." This moves the national political debate from arguments that are never going to be solved to arguments as to the sanity of the Dupes.

In terms of the Devils you DIRECTLY address their real problem - they're sociopaths. If there's one thing I love about calling the Devils out on their BS is that you actually do not look like a Dupe yourself. I don't know how many years I've listened to talk radio hosts, WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER, swallow whole the lies and the premise the Devil's put before them and then argue from such an impossible handicap. The Devil's are LAUGHING their asses off at you. There you go trying to explain, in THEIR TERMS, restricted to their premises, why global warming isn't real, why race relations are better than they claim, how the wage gap is BS, when your only argument should be "you're a liar and a charlatan and you can go to hell. You're abusing the people you portend to be helping and you should be ashamed of yourself."

Of course most talk show hosts, pundits, and conservative media types never grow the balls to accuse leftist Devils of "crusaderism" or evil, which plays wonderfully into their hands as they make idiots of themselves vainly trying to convince them. But perhaps someday, they might actually want to take the kiddie gloves off, dispense with the "my fine colleague from across the aisle" bullshit and start throwing down.

The Financial Advice Bible for Men

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Greetings all,

After much debate and pondering I have settled on the next book and what it will be about - it will be the ONE and ONLY guide young men (and women) need to manage their entire financial lives.

Of course it would apply to anybody, but it will be particularly helpful to young men because it is harsh advice (thus I believe most young women will ignore it) and the younger you are the more help this book will provide.

Unlike Enjoy the Decline or "Worthless" however, it's going to take a little more time to write on account "Worthless" was a relatively short book and "Enjoy the Decline" was written while working an insane 16 hour per day, 2 month security stint. And if you have 16 hours per day to sit in a room, you'll churn out books pretty quick too.

Since that is not the case, I'm aiming to have this next book available by Christmas shopping season so you can buy yourself or a loved on this book.

However, the title will not be "The Financial Advice Bible for Men." it's much cooler than that. Just don't want to give it away.

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The Captain Opens His Milwaukee Office

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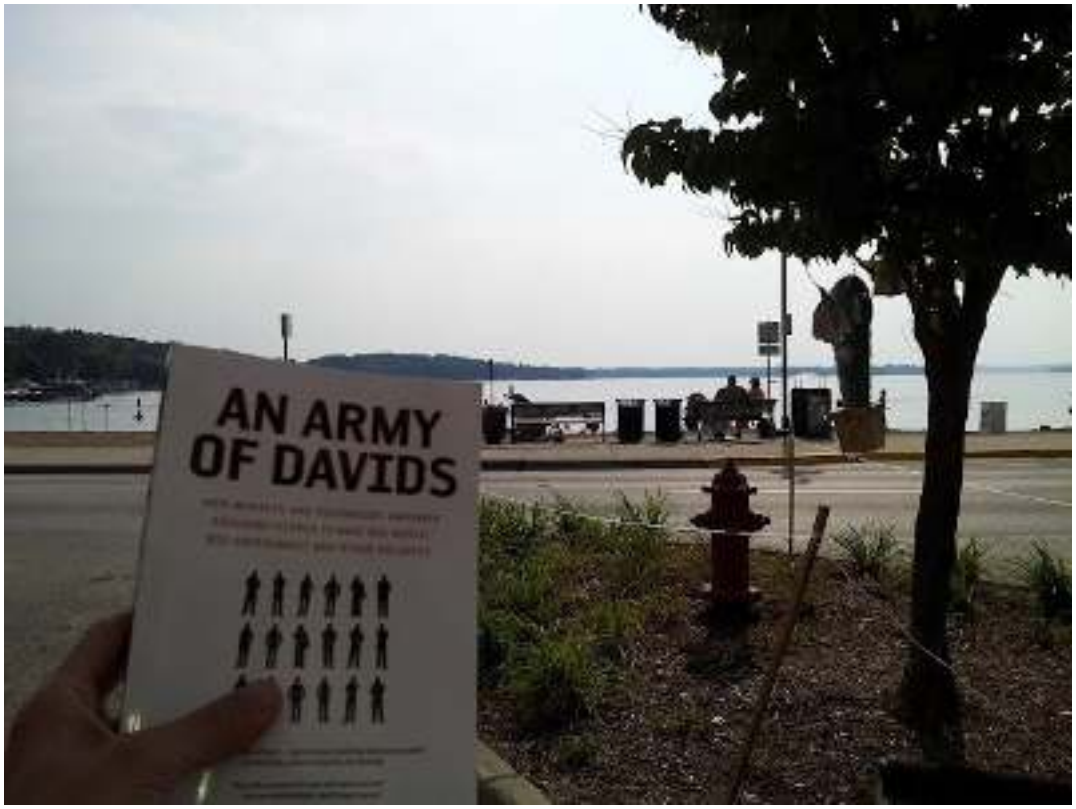
Well, technically Lake Peewaukee.

I found some PRIME real estate right on Main Street and the Lake.

The terms were a 2 hour lease where they served me Mexican food and drink. Figured I had to eat anyway so it was nice they included that in the lease. The view from my office was SPECTACULAR as you can see.



And yeah, it was a tough day at the office. I had to read "An Army of Davids" by Glenn Reynolds. Only on chapter 2 and it's already an outstanding book, but will do a better review later. But that aside, yeah, it was a busy day, sitting at a cafe on a beach, reading...but the new office certainly helped.

I mean, I know I'm not as professional and successful as all my previous bosses and colleagues in banking. I mean, they're the professionals in their cubicles and corner offices with that one window maybe with the view of a street. And you know they're also very successful because they have to commute. That right there is the sign of a really serious go-getter, somebody who commutes. Oh, and don't forget, going through audit and investigation via the FDIC and OCC, that is "the" sign of real professionals. No, I

guess I'm just a failure at banking who couldn't hack it which is why I get these subpar accommodations and work schedule.

But some day, if I work really hard and make loans to cronies, retards, idiotic businessmen and trophy wives with horse hobby farms, then I'll get that office space right next to the toilet with a view of the atrium!

/> sarcasm

Seriously though, this is just a reminder to all my previous bosses who (I know read) and are stuck in their offices doing mind-numbing bullshit work during a gorgeous summer day.

Well, You Could Always Lose the Weight

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No, no, that would require too much.

Much better to cry, rant, and yell at a guy that though what he said was true, it hurt her feeeeeellinnnnnngssss.

Honest to god. It's true, so don't say it and P.S. - you're mean? And you girls want to be taken seriously and treated as equals? You want the right to have a say an important public, national and international matters?

Let me tell you people out there who like to bury your head in the sand,

Telling the truth is the most noble caring thing a person can do. Especially in the face of backlash. This girl should be THANKING Matt Forney as he is likely the ONLY person who has actually done something tangible to help her instead of lying to her face and enabling her.

Prepper and Precious Metals Shaming Language

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I remember getting a comment from somewhere, where the commenter said,

"Oh, yeah, went to his site and saw all this gold and silver stuff, total psycho."

suggesting that I was some kind of doomsday prepper and if you invested in silver or gold you were pejoratively one of "*those guys*."

However, let us be very clear what this is. This is nothing more than shaming language deployed by one of the many and varied sorts of (typically) leftists groups that either through ignorance or conscious desire want to bring about their ideological dream by shaming others they don't agree with.

We've seen this many times before.

The traditional, conservative christian movement is berating the men in their congregations to "man up" and "marry up" when the quality and caliber of women isn't even enough for secular bachelors to propose.

The mindless everyday people of a democrat variety who get angry when they find out you've gone Galt and aren't going to work your hardest any more. They have and will continue to claim, "Oh, what, poor baby, picking up his toys and going home!" in an attempt to shame you into working more hours at higher tax rates to, basically, support them.

And of course feminists or liberal women who, if any any point in time you disagree with them about...well....anything, will immediately call you "gay" or claim "you can't get any" etc. etc.

For those of us experienced or independent minded, this is Somali pirates challenging the USS Ronald Reagan. But most other people have a default psychological response to feel shame or start questioning why they are doing things, so let me defend precious metals and prepping and explain why it is very wise.

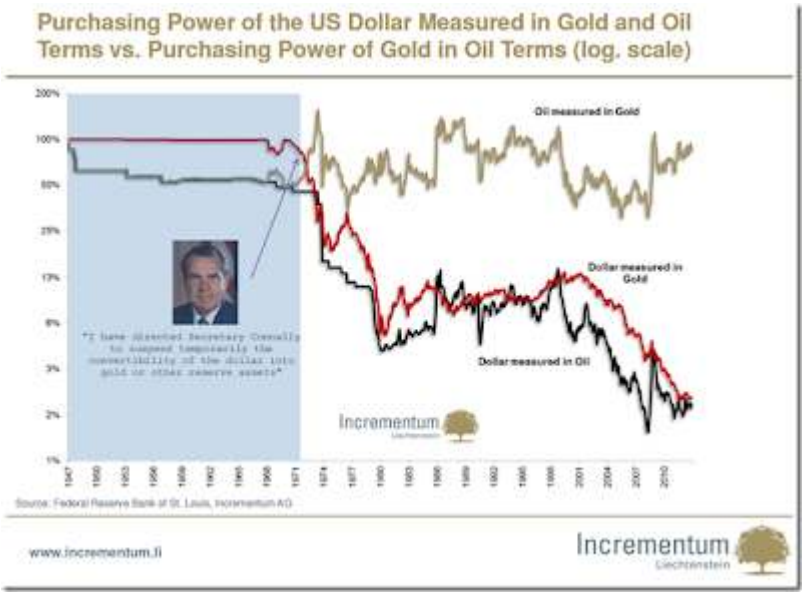
First, anybody remember Katrina? You remember the public service announcement campaign by FEMA and the Feds telling us to have X amount of days of water, have a back up plan, have a back up communications, etc. etc.

Well?

Understand prepping is a wise thing if for any reason else than an emergency. You should, just like you have car insurance, have SOME semblance of a prep plan including a first aid kid, some safety gear, communications gear, a gun, and so forth. Because if an emergency does occur and you are caught out in the open, it will be those same people mocking you for being a prepper that mock you for not being prepared.

Second, investing in gold and silver is not "crazy" nor does it make you "one of those people." Investing in silver and gold is a WISE move that EVERYBODY should do. The reason why is simple - it is an insurance. An insurance against a collapsing currency and a way for you to protect the YEARS of your life you spend building up wealth. And just like health insurance or car insurance, you hope you don't have to use it, but you are happy when a currency collapses that you do have it. To that end.

Third,



No idiotic child, ignorant of basic economics who accuses you of being one of "those people" has ever spent a second of their lives to study something like the above chart. It would get in the way of their cable-TV watching time and distract them from having the education-government-parent complex kiss their ass.

But, perhaps as they sit there with their masters in English, working at McDonald's, they'll have enough time to ponder why they're wrong as they serve you "crazy preppers" your fries.

Enjoy the decline!

When American Women Married Obama and Threw True American Males in the Dust

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From Mark:

We seem to have reached a tipping point where future oriented people who engage in long term planning are becoming a minority. Last year 50% of all women who had babies received Medicaid assistance for the births. You have half the population having children they can't even afford. And after these children are born, the mothers are going to need further assistance to raise them. At the same time, the type of men who would pay the taxes to support all this is declining as they decrease in numbers and many of the ones left just "go Galt" as you suggest they do. These are trends that are going to continue to get worse and will lead to a massive economic decline that any rational person should be preparing for.

Again, I cannot emphasize this enough. Women have consistently and (i would contend) unconsciously voted to have the government replace husbands and fathers. The consequences will be utter societal collapse. But until that time comes, it is in men's best interests to just enjoy life, avoid responsibility, work as little as possible, not support the children they bring into the world, and live by the new rules voted in by the socialists - live off the government as much as possible.

This is not an issue of morality, but sanity and self-respect. If women disproportionately keep voting in government and government programs to supplant men, then by all means, accommodate them to the fullest extent.

You are going to tax men more and more as they succeed? Fine we'll scale back our production to keep ourselves at the lowest tax bracket possible. And we can do it because we need only a mere fraction of the consumerism crap women need. You want a battle of attrition sweet heart? We'll win it like the Soviets against the Nazi's!

You are going to ruin the quality and caliber of women via feminism, materialism, and a Big Media ass-kissing-fest, fine, we'll play, but not marry.

You want to make everything "fair" by taking money from the productive, the go-getters and innovators and giving it to the lazy, parasitic, and whiny? Fine, we're going to take vacation instead of putting in the extra couple of hours.

Women better think about the long term economic consequences of their short term, short sighted, and completely emotional voting. Because last I checked it wasn't a bunch

of female elementary school teachers keeping the lights on as much as it was male electrical engineers.

Why You Should NEVER Go to Culinary School

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Pay attention kids. It's a scam.

Women Are Only Equal…

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until it comes time to pay.

Man, the mental acrobatics displayed are just unreal.

An Army of Davids - Book Review

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"An Army of Davids" is a 2006 book from Instapundit founder, Dr. Glenn Reynolds. The general premise is how the internet and technology is revolutionizing the economy to the point the most optimal form of a commercial entity is not the large corporation with the benefits of economies to scale, but rather the individual with the benefits of agility, innovation, tailoring and expediency.

All bias set aside this book is a MUST for every young person out there, and CERTAINLY every person who is self-employed or somehow depends on the internet for their living. Dr. Reynolds does a SPECTACULAR job in explaining the underlying economic and technological changes that explains why many of us are making money on the internet, sitting in cafes instead of cubicles, and telling our Pointy Haired Bosses to shove it. The fact this book was written 7 years ago and nearly EVERYTHING he predicted or contends has come true is even more testament to his insight.

His first few chapters are exemplary in terms of quality, clear and concise writing that conveys a full 4 college courses in economics in a matter of minutes. He also has the desperately needed wit and humor that livens things up in what would otherwise be boring economic and techno-speak literature. Additionally, the author is "human" and "one of us." He is not just a boring law professor in Tennessee, but (unbeknownst to me) a garage band musician with his own record label. In other words you will enjoy reading this book despite the (seemingly) dry topic manner because it is a normal human writing on the other end.

The only major problem I have with the book is that in the last third of the book he unnecessarily delves into an overkill-amount of detail when it comes to technological and biological advances. This distracts from the general premise of the book and leaves the reader a tad confused as to "where is this going?" He talks about nano-technology, the space race between China and the US, and genetic engineering, rarely tying it back to the original premise of the book.

However, if there was a mistake to make, this was it. While it diverges from the main intent of the book, it isn't necessarily uninteresting. Matter of fact, it's VERY interesting. So much so it has prompted me to start looking into stuff myself. That being said it still is a distraction from the main point of the book. He ties it together in the ending two chapters, but you're left feeling you were taken on the "scenic route" to make a point.

In short I STRONGLY recommend this book to every person who:

is young

makes money on the internet
is looking for guidance
hates their boss
wants to make money on the internet
is unemployed
just wants an explanation about what is happening to the economy

BUT, with one contention - you just read the first half.

The second half of the book I would deem optional, though highly recommended. So if you're busy and just need a bird's eye view of what's going on in our modern day economy, read the first half. But if you have the time and want your mind taken to new heights and intellectual extremes, then I STRONGLY recommend reading all of the book.

You can find it on Amazon in various formats and find Dr. Reynold's website here.

Dealing With Misleading Job Descriptions

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All jobs suck. And most employers will lie on their job descriptions.

Not A Lot of Nose-Pierced Investment Bankers

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Been meaning to write about this, but Vox Day already did a decent enough job.

I will add that when I ordered my Subway sandwich last night I was physically repulsed by the cherry-red haired, nose pierced, lip pierced, brow pierced, disk-earring wearing pile of biomass that somewhat resembled a female human. No doubt she was informed how special she was, how intelligent she was, and how she would become a great poet or whatever...as she makes my sandwich.

I'm just saying you don't see a lot of investment bankers with nose piercings.

No Kid Hungry

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just saw a commercial for for "No Kid Hungry." That's funny because:

1. I thought hunger has been eliminated in the United States.
2. The poor/lower income kids are actually obese.

How much you want to bet "No Kid Hungry" is just a bunch of socialist lefties looking to score some charity money so they can avoid jobs that require rigor, math and production.

Heck, they even have a "share your SNAP story" to further advocate dependence and parasitism.

Let's be clear where your money goes when you donate to such a faux-shell leftist "charity" organization.

It doesn't go to the kids. It goes to the scum who abuse children as a means to enrich themselves.

God I'm sick of such scum.

(This post will be immediately retracted when child hunger is ACTUALLY ELIMINATED and they close shop and move onto more productive activities...but something tells me the children will "always" be hungry. Won't they?)

The 12 Year Problem Leftists Face

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I've said it before and I'll say it again.

Confiscate all the wealth of those evil rich people, and the longest you'll last is 12 years before the money runs out.

This optimistically assumes the rich can liquidate their wealth immediately, turning it into cash to pay the parasitic classes. It also assumes there are enough buyers willing to part with roughly $50 trillion immediately to purchase said assets. It also optimistically assumes prices would maintain themselves in such a sell-off and INSANELY assumes some idiots would want to buy such assets when it's obvious the US no longer desires to protect property rights.

It's because of this simple math and economic logic, I love it when somebody further eviscerates the whiny, sniveling, and lazy classes who think they are somehow "oppressed" and therefore "entitled" to other people's lives in the form of their money. Not because the man points out reality, but because it's just further proof that no matter how far socialism succeeds in this country, in the end, they simply can't win. There's too many lazy people and not enough rich people's money to even boost them above $50,000 per year in GDP per capita. Socialists, liberal arts students, democrats, and other assorted delusionals think there's a vat of $200 trillion dollars that would result in everybody making $670,000 per year...if we only just spread it around.

Sorry people. There isn't enough money. It's going to boil down to you to help yourself...that is unless you're OK with just $50,000 per year...but oh, that's right. You're entitled to more I bet.

The Trader Joe's Blues

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Happy day fellas!

Trader Joe's workers get to suffer the consequences for their leftists voting!

Hell of a way to start the day!

Robot Replaces English Teachers

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Oh, this is just too precious.

Remember, if you're planning on going to school or you are sending your kid to school, ensure they pick the right degree first. Otherwise, it really is just a waste of money. Your choice, $50,000 in tuition or $12.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Let's do some math kids!

At what age did the fornication begin?

Oh, you democrats and the wonderfully dependent classes you have built.

Why You Should Always Screw Over a Corporation

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If you get the chance.

Why the Manosphere and Socialism are Mutually Exclusive

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A young man on the RooshV Forum had posted a question about resources that would help him determine his political orientation. Obviously a younger fellow and not fully versed in politics, economics, and ideology, he was noble in that he was at least open minded and wanted to find out for himself what his political leanings were and NOT let the government-education matrix tell him he was a socialist.

However, I found that kind of funny because if you think about it being a real man or a Manosphere adherent and being a socialist/leftist/democrat are pretty much mutually exclusive.

If you look at what men stand for (and the themes that are being written about in the Manosphere) they are largely traits of that of conservatives or libertarians.

Independence.
Freedom.
Self Reliance.
Production.
Wealth/enriching oneself.
Success.
Competition.
Excellence.
Integrity.
Honor.
Physical health

If you look at our presumed opposite number (feminists or women in general) they write about/champion:

Dependence
Government assistance/reliance
Commune
Sharing
Equality in opportunity AND outcomes
"Fairness"
Sameness
Preventing hurt feelings by the elimination of success
The elimination of concepts like "best" or "better"

Fat acceptance

Now we can debate about the details, but frankly, it cannot be any more stark and any more clear.

Men champion ideologies themed around capitalism/conservative/libertarianism/freedom/the individual

Women champion ideologies themed around socialism/democrat/dependency/commune.

But there are many insightful ramifications for this "boiling down" of the two spheres' ideologies.

It goes a long way in explaining why women tend to vote democrat and men, republican. It brings up good questions about males vs. females aptitudes in logic and math versus emotions and feelings. It explains clearly how women view the government as a viable substitute for men. It even brings up some interesting psychological or sanity issues (in the case of fat acceptance). But if there's one thing it does point out, especially for a young man, it's that real men aren't socialists. Real men aren't democrats. Real men aren't egalitarians. Real men aren't communists.

Real men are freedom-loving individualists who want to achieve excellence.

The reason I bring this up is because there are a fair amount of young men who think they are democrat, discover the Manosphere, love what it has to say about courtship and dating, but then get confused (or even angry) when they find the political aspects of the Manosphere to be conservative or libertarian in nature. I imagine this causes some confusion where a young man would say, "Wow, I really dig this stuff on dating and girls, but WTF is with this capitalist, nazi, GW, racist, BS? I hate the banks, maaaan!"

So let me break this down to explain why there seems to be this disconnect.

1. You are too young and ill-read to know the history and economics behind the current political spectrum to be able to accurately judge and assess the correct political ideology. This is not a slam on you young men, but a correct assessment AND YOU KNOW IT. Have you studied the federal budget? Have you studied Keynesian vs. Classical economics? Of course you haven't. But you HAVE STUDIED GIRLS. The only reason you find the observations of the Manosphere spot on about women IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN WOMEN. Most 20 soemthing men have no interest in economics or politics. It's time you do your civic duty and un-ignorantize yourself about government finances, budgets, and economics.

2. The stuff you like about "dating" and "courting" and "girls" and "sex" derives from the

exact same logic, reality, and truth that most men in the Manosphere derive their political ideology from. The common thread between them is one simple thing - "truth." Real men really don't have an opinion as much as they merely want to know what the truth is and then abide by it, even taking advantage of it to advance themselves.

Do women like caring sensitive men? No
Do women like strong, brutish men? Yes

Conclusion - hit the gym

The same cold, steely logic applies to all aspects of life.

Will majoring in poetry help me get a job? No.
Will majoring in electrical engineering get me a job? Yes.

Conclusion - major in engineering despite me wanted to be a poet.

Will lying around collecting a government check advance society or improve myself? No.
Will lower taxes and less government spending prompt people to get off their ass and work? Yes.

Conclusion - vote republican.

Women, on the other hand (particularly feminists) do the opposite. They find out what the truth is and try to change it or villainize it:

Will majoring in women's studies get me a job? No.

THAT'S BECAUSE SOCIETY IS SEXISTS AND PATRIARCHICAL!!!! I NEED GOVERNMENT MONEY!

Conclusion - vote democrat.

Will being fat and having short hair attract me a man? No.

THAT'S BECAUSE MEN ARE INTIMIDATED BY A REAL OR STRONG WOMAN!!!!! I NEED IVF!!!

Conclusion - vote democrat

Will running trillion dollar deficits ultimately destroy the US dollar and our economy? Yes.

HOW DARE YOU CRITICIZE OBAMA YOU RACIST!!!!

Conclusion - marry Barack Obama vicariously.

The choice is really up to you - do you live in reality or futilely fight against it?

3. Being a man it is in your nature to be conservative/libertarian/individualistic. as time goes on and you become more and more informed about government, politics, economics, and budgets, you will start to realize the BS you were fed in K-12 and college was precisely that. BS. Unless you have high estrogen levels in your system, your DNA and genetic programming will take over your social brainwashing, driving you to succeed, achieve and excel as well as maximize your freedom.

We could go on, but the truth is I am not trying to convince you. I kind of like keeping the Manosphere stuff separate from the political stuff, and I truly believe it is up to the individual to come to their own conclusions about their political beliefs. What I am trying to do, however, is explain to you the differences between the Manosphere's and feminists' political ideologies so that you can make a more informed decision on your own as well as clear up any confusion as to why the Manosphere seems to have so many republicans, conservatives, libertarians, etc.

Besides, the truth is, I don't have to lift a finger to convince you. If at any time you want to be a liberal man, go ahead.

Most real men are anything but.

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An MBA Gets His Head Out of His Ass

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A cozy warm story we can all enjoy

How Old Liberals Eat Their Young

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I will forever be amazed how young liberals don't realize they're getting screwed over.

Perhaps the video can go viral and wake them up.

Amanda Lickers and Anna Shireman-Grabowski

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Two spoiled children, crusading because they're bored.

Again, leftists hate America.

And again, does anything good come from hyphenated names?

All the House You'll Ever Need

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After battling a summer cold for the past week I managed to get the best of it to the point I could do my regular run again of 6 miles. This run of course a bit more full of mucus as I coughed the last vestiges of green phlegm vacationing in my throat, but it was back to my regular schedule at my regular route.

My regular route is at "The Lakes" in Minneapolis. "The Lakes" refers to a group of 4 lakes within the city limits that have immaculately groomed trails, trees, and mansions of old-money fame (Pillsburys, Daytons, Cargills, etc.). I've enjoyed running around these lakes for the past 20 years, fancying in my youth someday I might be able to buy one of those houses.

My favorite house, however, is this one. An old Italian villa that if I ever had the money I would buy it.

Or, at least that's what I thought when I was 18 and first saw it. For now that I've doubled in age since first laying eyes on that house and dreaming that if I worked hard, such a house would be within my reach, my experience and wisdom has told me that such a house is the last thing I would want.

First, unless you have 10 children, a wife, and heck, staff and a mistress or two, the house

is just not practical for your average bachelor, let alone family. You'll have tons of unused rooms and unless you have a ton of hobbies (telescopes, music, painting, etc.) they'll remain that way - unused. Heck, in my window-washing days I had seen the insides of enough mansions to realize most rooms, if even dedicated to "telescopes" or "piano rooms" are rarely used, essentially turning them into insanely expensive storage for insanely expensive, rarely practiced hobbies.

Second, the property taxes. I tutored a rather well-to-do woman who was getting her MBA. The property taxes ALONE on her house was $16,000 per year. That was more than I paid ON MY ENTIRE MORTGAGE per year. And this house, while very nice, was NO WHERE NEAR as luxurious as my Italian villa above. For that amount of money not only can you afford another entire house, but you could travel the world, staying in different places, having a much more interesting and adventuresome life.

Third, on a related note, property taxes again. Minneapolis is notorious for jacking up their property taxes at a rate 4 times that of inflation. My humble duplex I once owned was making me money until my property taxes went from $900 per year to $3,600 in less than a decade, making it no longer profitable AND A RISK TO EVEN OWN. In other words, it's not even an issue as to whether the property taxes are "high," it's an issue akin to nationalization or Cuba. Cities in major metro areas are headed up by socialists. And while they may not take the deed to your house from you, they'll just tax it to the point they've effectively confiscated it anyway, and now you are paying exorbitant rent to have the "privilege" to live in Minneapolis. In short that Italian villa would be nothing but a HUGE liability in that the city would attach such property taxes it becomes a debt to the city, not an asset to the individual.

Fourth, cleaning and heating and maintenance.

I know, I know. If you had the money to afford that house, you'd outsource the maintenance of the place and not worry about the heat bill, but I am talking from the standpoint of normal people who are looking from the outside, "dreaming" of what it would be like to own that house.

When you put this altogether, the house is very much like a hot trophy wife - pretty to look at, but not worth owning.

This is the house you want:

This house was for sale near a buddy's of mine. It is not flashy, it is not luxurious, but for your average bachelor or couple, this is all the house you'll ever need. It's cheap, it's small, it's easy to maintain and clean, and the city will never jack up the taxes on it to the point it loses it's value, and you will save money over the long haul in rent. And even if the city did "municipalize" it, in the grand scheme of things, it's not that big of a loss because it can't become that big of a liability.

Of course, it's not as luxurious or prestigious as my Italian villa, but that is what I'm trying to get you to see past. That's ALL the Italian villa is. It's a pain in the ass AND a risk otherwise. In short, what I am trying to do is spare you the longing, envy, desire and pain I wasted countless calories of energy on as I ran past that and other luxury houses for the past 20 years. Yes, you may have your favorite house or houses, but unless you are filthy rich, there is no point yearning or sighing heavily to own such a house because if your did, YOU'D LIKELY REGRET IT.

So do what I do now every time I run past this or a home I really like a lot - look at it and enjoy its architectural beauty. Because, once again, like a trophy wife, its visual beauty is usually the best thing about it. And you can enjoy that for free.

You Can Have It All

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Just as I can have Jennifer Aniston, my own personal P-51 fighter plane, a successful career, a meaningful home life, riches, immortality, and immunity to the common cold.

You go girl.

The rest of us will be watching with a cigar and a scotch in a lawn chair enjoying the decline in the meantime.

The Captain Crashes a 20 Year High School Reunion

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talks about how he doesn't give advice away for free...

discusses the 1960's shows "Combat!" and "12 O'Clock High"...

how Gen X hasn't matured an ounce since 1991 and make lousy bosses...

how he discovered where "divorce is made" in the suburbs...

and more!

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Fatherhood.gov

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I just saw a PSA for "Fatherhood.gov"

I want you to let that one sink in.

Is it sinking?

Still sinking???

Good, let us commence.

First, I know the intention of the site is good. It is promoting fathers. No problem there. BUt I cannot help but realize how the website is a contradiction.

Fatherhood.gov.

The "fatherhood" and "gov" are antithetical to each other. The government should not be the father. The government should have no role in fatherhood. But apparently men are just "so bad at fathering" the government needs to step in. It's, in economic parlance, a example of "market failure" and the government needs to step in.

This is of course a testament to the genuinely crappy fathers out there, or the complete lack of them. Whether the fathers ARE genuinely crappy OR the system has forced them to be absent OR the mothers chose poorly, it has come to this folks. The government now needs to step in and tell us how to be good fathers.

Second, who is the federal government kidding? If the federal government was REALLY concerned about the importance of fathers it would immediately relinquish it's role as "substitute father," cut off WIC, EBT, and refocus the attention on the individual and family, and ultimately the father as the head of the household. The federal government would get out of the business of being a father and husband to single moms forcing women (and men) to think long and hard about bringing children into the world as they would suffer the full economic consequences of having children they can't afford. And the federal government would lower taxes so parents would have more money to afford either a stay at home dad or mom. Of course, millions of union government workers rely on the fact parenting has been outsourced to the state, and don't give a rats ass about the family, fatherhood, mothers or the children, rendering "Fatherhood.gov" a marketing gimmick.

Third, it's too late, the federal government is the "ultimate alpha male." Limitless funds,

couldn't care less what the woman does, won't hold her up to standards, and will always pay. No man can compete against the federal government. He has not the funds, the patience, nor the ability to be that kind of provider. Worse, you have roughly three, maybe even four generations now of single moms relying on the government as surrogate husband and father and they're accustomed to it, even preferring it over a real flesh and blood man. It's laughable the government is now calling on men to become participatory fathers when the government kicked them out of being the head of the household.

Enjoy that decline.

"Participation Society"

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huh...who would've guessed.

You mean we just can't all lie around, collecting government checks, majoring in art, expecting Obama to give us government jobs as "site interpreters" in the National Parks system????

You mean, shit actually has to get done and be produced?

I though we could have an entirely self-sufficent economy on elementary school teachers, social workers, university professors, professional activisists and politicians.

I mean, the Chinese would slave away for the rest of the world and produce the shit we really need, right?

The older I get, the more I realize just what childish, immature, and idiotic amoebas liberals really are, and RUE how much intellectual credit I gave them in my youth. I have known DOGS more honest and intelligent than most liberals. And that's not BS. They at least have logic.

We Should All Go On Welfare

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I make the argument that we should not just go Galt, but go full parasite on Kerry Lutz's show. Very interesting conversation.

summarized succinctly by somebody else, therefore saving me the time to work on the new book.

Joe Friday's Linkage

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats - teachers become teachers NOT for anything as noble as the children, but because it's an easy job, a part time job, and the training avoids math at all costs. Don't be surprised if the kids are hurt.

Girls like boys. You can fight that, but you'll probably end up angry in the end.

Turmoil in the Middle East and how it affects precious metals.

But what will all those low end country bars do to scam you out of a $5 ATM fee when they say, "Sorry, we don't take credit cards, but there's an ATM right there!!!!!"

New podcast - FTM Daily

The fact the president of the United States, no matter who he is or whether you agree with him, has resorted to saying such a blatant half truth and lie is a testament to just how far we've decayed as a society. The only thing more pathetic than that, is that people will actually listen to him and believe him.

Fractional Reserve Teaspoons.

Women don't dress up for men. They dress up to compete against other women. BUT WE DIDN'T NEED A BLEEPING STUDY TO TELL US THAT!!!

And finally, the death of grandmothers. I'm thankful mine is a class act all the way.

Not Enough Economic Growth to Go Around

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Since it is forced discipline and regimen month, I am up. And one of the annoying nagging things in the back of my head was this score of posts and economic ideas I've had that I just plan didn't have the waking hours to attend to previously. But now since "we work until there is no more work to be done or we fall asleep trying" I'm knocking this one off the "to do list."

Follow me in on this because it takes a little bit of explaining.

All standards of living comes from economic growth. And in the ideal world the economy would be growing faster than the population. This excess growth would result in higher GDP's per capita or higher "wealth." However, it is not the entire population that produces the economy growth. You have children and retirees and, don't forget people who just don't want to work god bless 'em! So you look at the "labor force" which are those "willing and able" to work whether employed or not.

However, I was a bit cynical. I believe if it weren't for women entering the labor force, there would be fewer and fewer abled bodied people working as a percent of the total (which is true). Also, women are also leaving the labor force, resulting in a very quick drop in the labor force participation rate since this Great Recession began. So to simplify things (as well as account for laziness) I dispensed with the concept of "labor force participation" and just looked at "working age population" i.e.-the people who should be working in relation to the amount of economic growth.

In short, I wanted to see if the economy was growing at a rate faster than the employable population and if so;

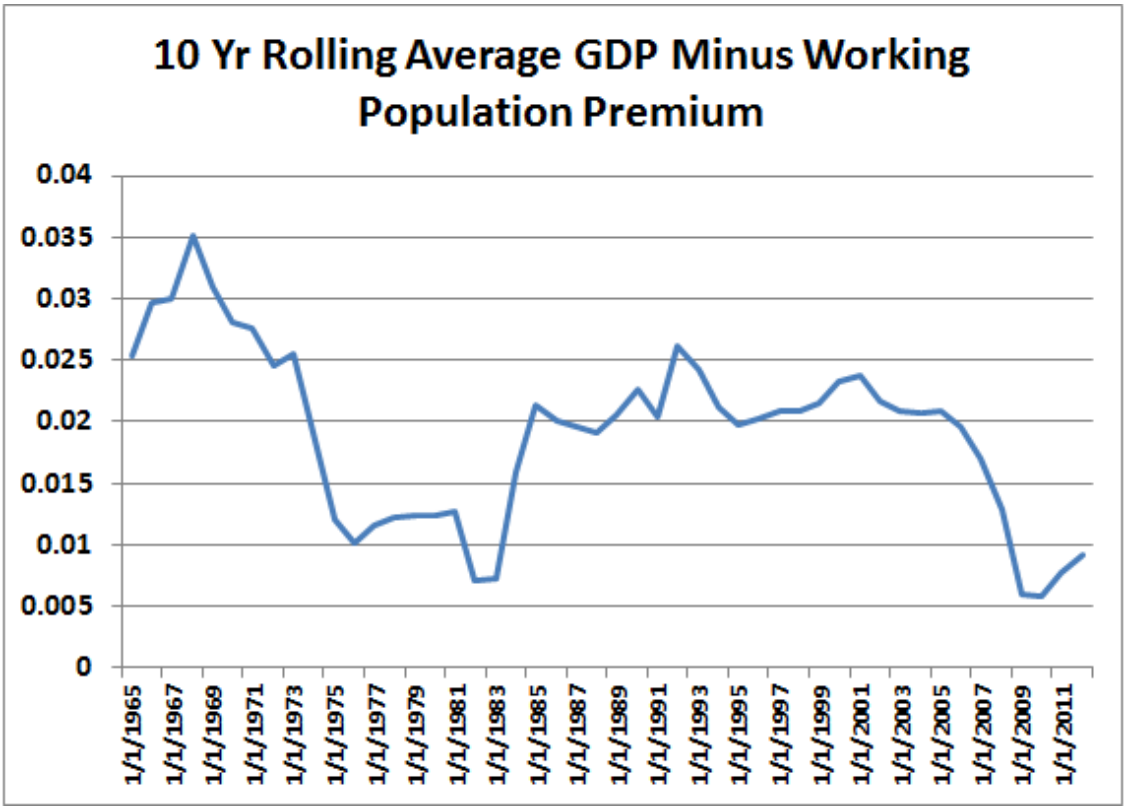
GOOD! Because that means higher wages and higher standards of living

and if not

BAD!!! Because that means stagnating or decreasing standards of living and wages.

Thus the "GDP Minus Working Age Population Growth Rate Premium."

In short I took the annual growth rate of the economy and subtracted out from that the growth rate in the working age population. But because economic growth is chaotic, I did my patented, "Let's smooth things out over a rolling 10 year average." The results were thus:



It's pretty much what I expected. From the 50's to the 60's (when America was evil and bad) the economy grew 3 full percentage points faster than the working age population. This then tanked with the oil embargoes and ensuing Volker Recession, but recovered to

a full 2 percentage point premium for the next 27 or so years, before it tanked during the Great Recession.

There really isn't much to say that we don't already know intuitively. The economy is not growing enough to provide enough jobs for everybody, let alone increase the country's standards of living. And it won't be until the private sector (where all jobs, production and wealth comes from) is reinvigorated will we recoup (though the data only goes up to 2012, I would love to see 2013 and 2014 with Obamacare in place).

The real debate is whether this makes people on the left happy that they've knocked the world's former greatest down to its knees or whether they're so ignorant about economics that they would never see, let alone understand the above chart.

Factories or Office Buildings?

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People say that China has a bubble and will collapse, but after the collapse, which would affect the West just as bad, who is more poised to come back? Those with the factories or those with hollowed-out office buildings? The East will surpass us while we busy ourselves trying to be musicians, foodies, and Vine celebrities. I don't wish bad on the West, but I can't think of a people that deserves more to fall.

You mean the legions of HR and social workers all with their masters degrees AREN"T going to pay off our national debt? Heh, shows what happens when microbiologists don't study Keynesian economics!

It Is Men Who Determine What Is Beautiful in Women

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I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats.

Men determine what is beautiful in women.

Just as it is women that determine what is "hot" or "sexy" in men.

The key issue seems to be that men accept this binary reality whereas women (primarily in the form of reality denying feminists) don't. They wish to change it.

My counter-argument is simple:

Good luck.

You see, barring the 1-3% of the non-straight population, it effectively is a binary relationship men and women have. And "beauty" or "attractiveness" is ultimately determined by the opposite sex.

You can lie to yourself and tell yourself that all women are "beautiful" but you are merely changing the definition of "beauty" to fit your definition which requires less rigor, effort, self-control, and discipline. In order to be beautiful you need to be appealing, by definition, to the opposite sex.

But perhaps we could approach it from another way. Think of the word, "attractive." Well that implies "attraction" which means there are two entities involved. You are attracted to one person, just as another person is attracted to you. It's implication is damn well near the law of gravity that two bodies will have a gravitational, or in human's case, sexual pull towards one another. Ergo, to claim you don't need anybody else to think you're attractive of beautiful, that you on your own little lonesome are "beautiful merely because you exist," implies there are no other entities providing a gravitational or "sexual" pull.

Which only means one thing:

You're a metaphorical sexual black hole collapsing on itself and only attracted towards itself.

A description most apt to most feminists.

(oh, I'm sorry, was all that physics and math talk above most Masters in Women's

Studies' heads?)

What is Hispanic?

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Was always a bit confused on Latino vs. Hispanic.

But now, thanks to my buddy Silvio Canto, we don't have to be confused no more!

It Isn't Because "You're Black"

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Some wisdom we can all benefit from.

Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

The Clarey Podcast

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Welcome to the Podcast Archives! Take the Captain with you in the car, on a flight, or during a run!

As of 8-15-14 I've moved the podcast archive to Podomatic. You can find all the new episodes here. The episodes below are hosted on Box.com for free, but have limited bandwidth and may not be available for download.

8-14-14 The Clarey Podcast 60

In this episode of The Clarey Podcast Aaron is in Seattle where he and his friend discuss;

Cappy's aggressive driving
Idiots who stand in line for 2 hours to get coffee at the original Starbucks
Ruining his reputation by helping a kid

and

Cappy's dream of being airdropped into the Minnesota State fair armed with tasers where he goes Wolverine on a tasing rampage

8-4-14 The Clarey Podcast 57

Two funny jokes,
my awesome grandma
blaming the border problem and lack of US sovereignty of females voting democrat
The Royal Order of the Water Buffaloes
The Mecca of Grunge and Hipsters (Uptown in Minneapolis) has officially been taken over by frat boys

And more!

7-28-14 The Clarey Podcast 56

Forcing yourself to take time off
18 months not knowing you had a dishwasher
50 shades of gray the movie
Feminists invade comic-con
The bar Aaron could never attend closes
And hands down the BEST RIPPING APART of a female troll who insists she deserves

children without a husband.

7-21-14 The Clarey Podcast 55

Getting fired for your political views
Why Laughlin, Nevada is the future of America
An interview with The Great Matt Baldoni
Striving to succeed as a self employed individual

7-14-14 The Clarey Podcast 54

Cheering on the demise of the US
Fan mail
Enjoying the misery of others
HR ladies can't do math
The girl Aaron loathes the most and how she's now outsourced the upbringing of her children to day care
Crying Brazilians
Argentina's default

and MORE!

7-7-14 The Clarey Podcast 53

How nice destroys countries,
a motorcycle ride to the Bakken,
auctioning off my ex gf's tits,
ladies, ENOUGH WITH THE MAXI DRESSES
"I don't live my life for men,"
pregnant isn't beautiful,
neither are tats,
Phil and his dog living the American dream,
hairy armpits for extra credit

and MORE!

6-23-14 The Clarey Podcast 52

Debating about whether to take the crotch rocket to the Bakken Oil Field
The problems you're going to have with success
When male friends of different races use racial epitaphs to show affection
Listener e-mail "how will the US collapse?"
Cappy's trouble with tornado chasing.

6-16-14 The Clarey Podcast 51

Advanced apologies from the road because I was driving to visit my dad for father's day. So if you're against this podcast you're against father's day and you're evil and hate all fathers.

No, actually, you aren't. You just don't like marginal audio quality.

Still, in this latest podcast:

How the Mighty Morphin POwer Rangers are Creepy
How the National Park Rangers in Glacier National Park are Hippie Nazi's you can ignore
Not regretting having children
And the amazing absence of black people in horse racing

AND MORE!

in this totally non-racist, non-horse-a-phobic, non-Might-Morphins-Power-Ranger-Anti-Pedophiliac episode of The Clarey Podcast!

6-3-14 The Clarey Podcast 50

Post Vegas sickness and weakness,
MBA professors faking their intelligence in Hungary,
Defending the online IQ test,
Realizing you are above average,
and a horrible price is paid for a lack of masculine men in society.

and MORE!

5-15-14 The Clarey Podcast 49

Hoping Aurini and Forney don't drink too much before we hike in 92 degree weather
How the Captain just wants a small trailer to live in during winter in Arizona...with his mistress
"Troll of the Weak!"
There is no merit unto college itself
Your mind can't grow when arguing with a leftist
Americans, especially college students, are stupid enough to swallow whole "Privilege 101"

and MORE!

In this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

5-12-14 The Clarey Podcast 48

The jazz scene in the Twin Cities
The one black girl I dated
When your parents violate your right to self-determination
How bad could prison be if you had internet

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

4-29-14 The Clarey Podcast 47

Aaron tells is "Hippie Chick With a Staph Infection in Idaho" story,
The Mandatory decade all college students are condemned to wander in the desert
Aaron doesn't understand "Tinder,"
Responds to the "live in your mother's basement" accusations,
and
Asks, given Dartmouth's recent caving to an spoiled brat college student, if college is for education or indoctrination.

AND MORE!

in this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Language warning.

4-8-14 The Clarey Podcast 46

A "from the field podcast" that includes:

The Captain's Las Vegas Stripper Story
the Born Again Christian/Churchianity version of "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"
why Aaron and his brother are ending the Clarey line forever
the saddest stripper in the world
and
reminiscing about Grandpa and what the 50's must have been like.

4-1-14 The Clarey Podcast 45

The increasing number of idiots in our military
Cavarrici jeans, Vail, Vanilla Ice concerts and other things douchey rich kids consumed in the late 80's,
and why every man needs to go out west

3-25-14 The Clarey Podcast 44

Divorcing women with horses, My Little Pony, HR diversity broads realize they need math, and MORE!

3-18-14 The Clarey Podcast 43

An all female company goes belly up, how friends who abandon their friends once they start dating somebody should pay a tax when the break up and sheepishly want to come back into the gang, Crimean politics and Russia, and how the only source of pride for kids today is "college."

3-13-14 The Clarey Podcast 42

A podcast from the field as Aaron got called into work. Aaron talks about South Park the Stick of Truth, how you can't force yourself to go to sleep, do cats arrogantly ignore god like they do people when they go to Kitty Heaven, wonders who to cheer for in the Ukrainian affair, and says you deserve to get invaded if you only have 6,000 combat ready troops.

3-5-14 The Clarey Podcast 41

Why Senator Murphy looks like he has kids in the basement,
How there's ALWAYS an excuse to eat and not work out,
A movie review of "3 Days to Kill"
Why Connecticut gun owners should refuse to comply with the new gun registration law,

and MORE

in this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

2-28-14 The Clarey Podcast 40

Is there such a thing as a Vietnamese Bar? How the government, media, and education industry abuse, use, and destroy the lives of women, why you should pay people to do your homework, European vs. American liberalism, how to bet liberal chicks to get them in bed.

2-18-14 The Clarey Podcast 40

In this episode I discuss how I will be going "curse free" for a week as a request from several people to see if it boosts readership. I also delve into why people curse, why it's good to have hate and anger, and opine how cushy life must be for people who don't curse. Also, a review of The Lego Movie which leads to a plea for adults to not forget what it was like to be a child.

2-11-14 The Clarey Podcast 39

Minnesota cold, wood management, how feminism replicates a virus or a cancer, "MyRA's" and a fan letter from Romania and MORE in this episode of The Clarey Podcast

2-3-14 The Clarey Podcast 38

Name one problem the left has ever solved
Why you should never buy GTAV for 360
Why if blacks listened to this podcast the democrats would never gain political office again
The sad case of indians.
Why it's now perfectly moral to pay other people to do your homework
Why Superbowl 48 was the gayest superbowl ever
How younger, hotter, minority women are scaring the crap out of their 30-40 something American counterparts.

1-16-14 The Clarey Podcast 37

In this latest episode the Captain talks about how the younger generation deserves what it gets and how their ego's override reality...to their detriment.

He also talks about how women watch the dumbest shit on television, and bar sports, men can't hold a candle to they crap they watch.

He then also delves into how there's a wave of feminist judges entering the legal system that care more about socialism and feminism than meting out justice.

AND MORE!

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!
12-23-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 35

This episode we talk about how truly free people do not want to be pestered about scheduling and details, especially things 2 months in advance. We also talk about how

Matt Forney and Erin McCarthy are at each other's throats now, but will likely hook up and get married and make muchas smoochas! There is some miscellany of discussion about how old people just don't try to drive good anymore, and a tirade against how Kwanzaa is not a real holiday and never will be!

12-13-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 34

Two articles from the middle of nowhere Wisconsin
How buying property in big liberal cities is like buying into a large and expensive HOA
Why my friends are all depressed, some suicidal
Why socialism doesn't even warrant discussion
Has ANY charity or non-profit solve the problem it claims

AND MORE!

on this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

12-3-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 33

Podcasting on the road (literally), Aaron asks why anybody lives where there's snow and liberals, tells the sad story about how the only memento he has from his childhood is a 1970 Hoover vacuum, explains why there is no longer any shame in collecting a government check, gives a helluva plug for Ranger Self Defense, and finishes off with a MANDATORY rant about racism and how the left has just destroyed people of color.

11-19-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 32

Aaron wants Exxon Mobil to put him in charge of their CSR department, he calculates that teen moms could breed 6 generations, making them great great great grandparents before they die, talks about being a misanthrope (look it up), and explains what you should get people for Christmas.

11-13-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 31

Aaron updates us on the latest "Racist Running Game" bout, advises a reader how to enjoy the misery that most welfare recipients endure, talks about the "Lost Jewish Bar of St. Louis Park," and tells some stories about different bars he visited out west.

11-4-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 30

Aaron talks about how all the generations, bar the WWII generation, pretty much suck. How political correctness prevents younger generations from identifying and solving problems. He's amazed how women were sold on the idea that "work is great," and then

celebrates as a NY Times article cites a decrease in the number of students majoring in the liberal arts.

10-25-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 29

Aaron wonders if the children of liberals will ever visit their parents in the nursing home given how bad they screwed up the country, wonders if leftists are capable of admitting 1/3rd of the country is collecting a check, finally figures out why he hates people who wait in line (they're SWPL's!), theorizes if Chick-a-Fillet will ever live up to the hype, and explains why cutting and hauling wood is manly.

10-9-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 28

Aaron talks about how good conversation is better than a sports car, what drawbacks lie ahead for people who advance to the frontier of individualism and minimalism, trying to find a belt, and a screed against head phones.

10-1-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 27

Aaron explains how when there is no future, no jobs, no quality members of the opposite sex for mates, and housing is now a liability, then there is nothing leftists, liberals, commies and socialists can do to shut us up or shut us down. Plus he takes some e-mails and talks about Bill O'Reilly's new book and "female chick porn."

9-24-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 26

Aaron explains to the youth why home ownership is a losing proposition, why you should appreciate self-employment if you can get it, how to torture HR with questions as stupid as they ones they ask you, and a mess of general tomfoolery to prove more entertaining and intellectually stimulating than most other podcasts.

9-17-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 25

Aaron talks about how he doesn't give advice away for free, discusses the 1960's shows "Combat!" and "12 O'Clock High," how Gen X hasn't matured an ounce since 1991 and make lousy bosses, how he discovered where "divorce is made" in the suburbs and more!

9-2-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 24

Aaron talks about how Gen X is the shittiest generation of parents ever, how it's GREAT to be in shape when you run into an ex that has let herself go, why psychologists make up new acronyms to excuse bad parenting, the key to good podcasting, how he set the kid straight, and other great tirades!

8-25-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 23

Aaron talks about World War Z and how the actor who portrayed a zombie did such excellent acting, he deserves an academy award. He also talks about how real men don't let their wives force them to see "The Butler" and pontificates about how men are to blame for letting women decay to such a point. He then manages to link malaria, a red head he dated once, "The Great Raid," guns at schools, and tonic water. And finally, eviscerates parents who let their kids major in the liberal arts, comparing them to parents of the racist thugs who murder people because they're bored.

8-4-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 21

Aaron tells his "Sex Ed in the Lutheran Parochial School" story, how preacher's kids end up having sex in the 7th grade, gives a shout out to his buddy that recently passed away (Big Bill), and makes a bet with himself to see just how good he is at sizing people up with prejudgement, cynicism, and a general distrust of the average human being.

7-31-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 20

The Captain talks about how "back to school sales" should be banned during summer, the "skirt chaser 5k," how night clubs are no longer viable places to pick up chicks, hating Americans who hate America, and more!

7-21-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 19

The Captain does a "pitch podcast" from the field as he makes his travels and travails to Alaska. In this episode you hear about the "girl with the staph infection," Davis Aurini guest stars in this podcast as well, and the details about avoiding deer while riding a motorcycle in Idaho.

6-30-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 18

Another "from the field" podcast as Aaron hunts for the elusive "Hippie Hole" of South Dakota. Join him as he talks about the economics behind small towns, how easy it's going to be to set up shop in South Dakota to subvert Mark Dayton's Amazon tax, how he'd like to do stand up with his minority friends and they would just exchange racial jokes to the shock of the audience, and some interesting facts about dirt roads in the west.

6-18-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 17

Recorded while hiking Battle Mountain in South Dakota, in this short podcast Aaron talks about the proper use of the "c" especially on a woman who deserves it, how a democrat

bumper sticker really is a good proxy for person with mental problems, park board people, and how he hates large thugs who target the weak, frail and elderly.

6-10-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 16

Why people who say, "Why aren't you happy? Why are you so angry?" need the shit kicked out of them, how radio and the entire entertainment industry is going to be destroyed by the internet, and how and why the Manosphere will never go away and is a gold mine for anybody brave enough to speak candidly about the state of men in society.

5-30-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 15

In this episode Aaron talks about the finer points of tornado chasing, how normal people make better artists and actors, he just decimates 20 something liberal art majors to the point they'll never get up again, he ponders how stupid people hold up the rest of society, and shares some GREAT news about Davis Aurini.

5-16-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 14
In this episode Aaron ponders if they'll have "Bachelor Work Camps" wherein they force childless bachelors to work more to pay taxes to support the socialist system, talks about the run he had and how the suburbs are vacated during the work day, how there really aren't any desperate housewives in the suburbs (just old rich men), and wonders why you have to remember birthdays or Mothers and Father's Day.

5-12-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 13
Aaron showcases his new recording equipment and software as he talks about how he'd rather have a celebrity roast than a funeral, how church was so boring he actually read the bible, why baptisms are considered "church going into overtime," why everybody should write a book, how it's sad men can no longer ask women to dance, and that yes, he is indeed good looking.

5-2-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 12
In this episode we learn about how a Chrysler Sebring is NOT like a James Bond Aston Martin. Also what it's like to live the bachelor life in St. Petersburg, how Wyoming is not a "hidden secret" the locals like to claim it is, how Fed Ex packages have now replaced Christmas gifts, people who stink, and how they might bring back stoning just to kill the Captain.

4-25-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 11
Aaron talks about Baby Boomer meat markets, how "traditional grandmothers" might become extinct, how he hates it when bank tellers fake taking an interest in you, and he asks corproate America the question - "What's the next, greatest innovation in business? CSR? Linked in? Lobby and rent seeking?" Some of his finest work.

4.-17-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 10
The Captain takes umbrage at a comment from a guy who ridicules him about "working at home" while he watches Bugs Bunny. The Captain also questions the psychology of people who don't mind standing in lines. Is their job that boring a line is considered a "treat?" And finally an asshole of a coin dealer that refuses to help out the Captain in his quest to measure the difference between the physical and paper price of gold!

4-6-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 9
The Captain talks about his salsa dancing escapades in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. How he had a dance off with some black gay dancers at the local gay bar and why he has more diversity than most poser leftists and liberals. What people really want out of a job and a career. And how he absolutely refuses to send "thank you letters" to HR people or people that have interviewed him.

3-22-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 8
Aaron talks about how cars are being progressively made more and more for chicks and how this will ruin cars. Aaron also talks about who his favorite talk radio show hosts are, as well as explains "the early dark days before the Manosphere" and how men figured this stuff out on their own. Show was heavily edited for quality purposes, however, you will DEFINITELY want to tune in at the 45:00 minute mark.

3-15-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 7
The latest podcast from "The Clarey Podcast" includes Marissa Mayer's (Yahoo CEO) decision to force her employees to work at the office instead of home, the failure of Americans to embrace the telecommute revolution, how women would prefer to sleep with Richard Branson vs. Mark Dayton, how Michael Bloomberg is the reason the 2nd Amendment was created, why the Captain would love to meet him in a dark alley, and what drives men to succeed and achieve (sex and physical attraction, BTW).

3-06-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 6
Why can't Aaron find shoe laces? "Special Ops Dachshunds." And how to extract the maximum amount of pity and pampering from women when you're sick.

2-24-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 5
The world's greatest rant against grammar nazis that is sure to make sure nobody corrects your English ever again. Aaron also discusses his amazement how people are shopping at the Mall of America despite the economy, how you need to drink more when you have more family members in attendance at gatherings, and a miscellany of intellectually stimulating stuff.

2-17-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 4
What happens when chicks unknowingly turn down an accomplished ballroom dancer when he asks them to dance? Well, you'll see. Also "finding the worst block of the

Minneapolis ghetto" and how liberal arts majors are to blame for high gas prices.

2-11-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 3
The Grammies, how men/women like Guys/Girls Night out (and how you get pissed when it gets canceled), girls who drive Chevy Cavaliers and Pontiac Sunfires, how lines are for sheeple communist SWPL's, how did Moses get lost on the Sinai Peninsula for 40 years? It's impossible! And the married man who envied my luxury omelete.

2-4-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 2
Learn about pumping gas in the cold, why tornado chasers at the NOAA are stealing money from the taxpayers, and the difference between people who are independent and those that claim they are.

1-30-13 The Clarey Podcast Episode 1
The maiden voyage of The Clarey Podcast takes off. Learn about why Clarey isn't so smart, he just has a lot of time on his hands. Clarey also asks if you're rather make $20,000 a year and sleep in till 10AM or slave away for $60,000 while driving your kids all over the place. A review of the movie "Parker" is also included.

1-18-13 Aurini and Clarey
A conversation of no particular topic between Davis Aurini and Aaron Clarey recorded in the hinterlands of the Canadian Rockies. Booze may have been involved.

11-5-12 Avoiding the Misery of Feminism
An audio version of Clarey's semi-famous youtube video about the pitfalls of "hating women" turning you into the same hate-filled feminists we all so um...hate.

Guys, You Gotta Let Me Know

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Novel and Mundane wrote a review of Enjoy the Decline.

But like nearly everybody else, he didn't tell me!

There is nothing more that makes me feel bad if you took the time to read my book AND WRITE A REVIEW and didn't tell me. The absolute least I can do is send you some traffic, so for all of youse out der if you did write a review, PLEASE inform me that you did.

I feel absolutely horrible otherwise.

Avoid Windows 8 at All Costs

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I like to be practical and to help my readers as much as possible.

And I'm not joking, this isn't a sarcastic post or a satirical one - it's REALLY one of the most practical ones I've ever done.

DO NOT GET A COMPUTER WITH WINDOWS 8.

In following this humble advice you are saving yourself AT LEAST 10 hours of your life and labor. Pro-rated at a normal wage that's like saving $200.

Hold onto your old copy of Windows 7 and wait for Windows 9. And if it doesn't improve switch to Mac or even Linux.

Yes, it is THAT bad.

The Increasing Desire to "Get Fired and Collect Unemployment"

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I was in Casper, Wyoming. And it was not just me, but no less than a full quarter of the staff that confessed they hated their jobs so much they were hoping to get fired so they could collect unemployment.

And those were only the people who confessed.

I thought it was just the galactically craptasticness of the bank I worked for, but in hindsight and retrospect, I'm starting to realize that employment in America has been become so damaging to one's psychology, so hostile to a sane brain, that the "shame" that comes with getting fired has become moot. So bad has your average job become that people, particularly the youth, don't give a damn any more and the "shame" that was employed by elder generations no longer works.

Nobody cares about having the "perfect resume."

Nobody cares about "having a gap in their employment."

Nobody cares about "getting a good reference."

No, the situation has become so bad most youth (and not so young) are throwing in the towel, admitting there is no "career" to be had and are now BEGGING TO GET FIRED SO THEY CAN COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT.

Of course to the corporate gray-haired automotons with perked lips and chaffed knees who somehow managed to thrive in this vile environment and now head up corporate America, they cannot understand this. They were accustomed to having desperate youth beg and plead for just the opportunity to prove themselves that unpaid internships came into existence. They were accustomed to be able to have youth do the most belittling and berating of tasks because they needed the money. They were perhaps even enjoying creating a work environment where sanity, production, logic, and effort had no bearing on success and got their kicks out of making younger people dance and jump through hoops as they arbitrarily replaced logic with ass-kissing rules. But now with more and more people begging to get fired, there is a sea change afoot.

Of course, people have always wanted to quit their jobs, but had to stick with it at least to pay the bills. But there are two things that are making this a reality - forced frugal living and no hope for a future. After 5 years of debt forgivingness, personal bankruptcies, and

minimalizing forced on them by recession, there are by my estimation millions of people from 18-45 who have scaled down and can get by on a lot less. Also, with no real hope in sight after 5 years, most people have given up hope and no longer desire to obey in the vain hopes they are rewarded with a promotion or high-paying career. they know it's a scam. No, most are in it to get paid and that's it. Corproate loyalty is dead.

Sadly, for HR directors and bosses, this means the leverage or power they once held is completely gone (or at least dimishing rather quickly). With a generation burnt out and jaded so quickly and so early, they have already given up hope and don't care to try to "excel" in their career, leaving employers and HR reps no power or strings to pull. You can't get "Bob" to come in on the weekend because he doesn't believe his future is with your company, he doesn't believe there is any chance you'll treat him fairly, and he just as soon get fired because he hates you and the job so much. Besides, if he does go on the dole it's all those middle, senior and executive type people who pay the 50% tax rate to support his unemployment. And beyond that, he's been trained the past 5 years to get by on unreliable and minimal income. He doesn't need a job, just a small unemployment check. And most employers have not made the marginal income difference between the two worth suffering the psychotic inanities of the corporate world.

No, it will be a very interesting labor market in the next 10 years. Millions of unemployed youth, all with college degrees, and a spoiled corporate sector that thinks it can get away with abusing applicants by forcing them to talk to legions of 25 year old HR ditzes asking about favorite colors. Only to find out those youth are even more arrogant and entitled than the HR ditz and (since they never had any hope in the future) decide they only want to get fired so they can collect unemployment.

Congratulations corporate America and older generations, you've completely disincentived the younger generations to the point you can no longer take advantage of them.

We all just ask you senior, upper and executive management types work extra hard to pay the taxes to support us as we loaf around.

And before you get upset about those "darned kids" living off of the dole and not taking life serious, just ask yourself who you were expecting to finance your social security and medicare...or...well...I mean, who did you think was going to pay for it because...um...well..without jobs those youth just won't be able to pay the taxes to pay for it.

Enjoy the decline!

Oh, John Surma, You Kill Me!

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HAR HAR!!! (check #2)

Ah, good ole John Surma. Always in for a good laugh.

Again, Leftists Are Ugly

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I'll say it again, because it's true,

leftists tend to be less attractive because to be attractive means you have to work at it.

You have to eat right, you have to work out, you have to expend some effort in looking appealing to the opposite sex.

That basic amount of work and the sex drive that should compel someone to do it, is outdone by the hatred and fear of real work most leftists have.

Ergo why they not only look like this, but spend all their time coming up with rationalizations as to why they are entitled to other people's stuff.

Corporate Culture's Mental Sickness

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Again, my detractors will claim I just "couldn't hack it" in the real world.

I contest there is something very sick, wrong, and evil about the corporate world.

10 Years of Unnecessary Hoop Jumping

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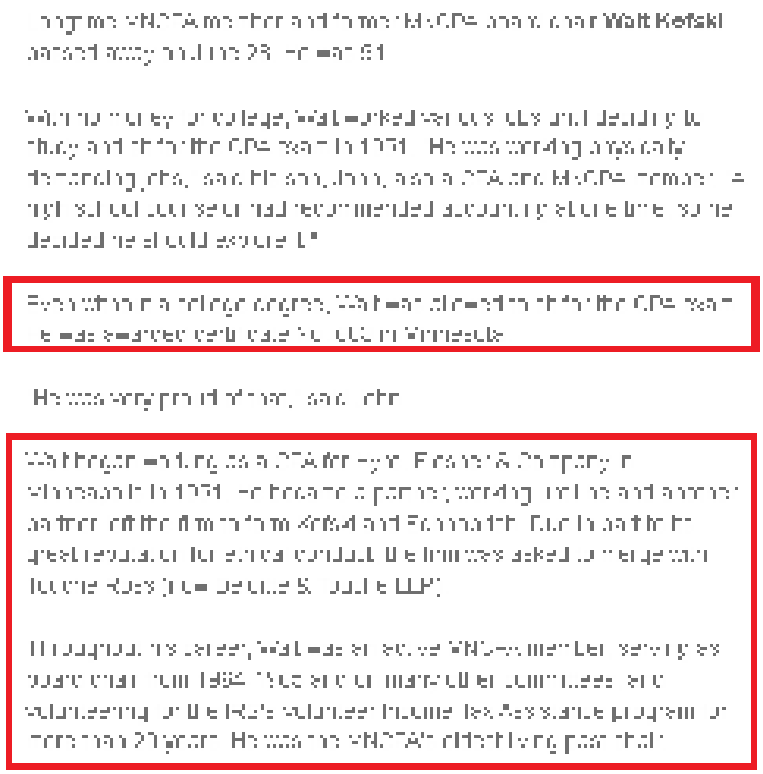
Embedded in this CPA update is the story of Walt Kofski. Because it's not obvious where it is, I've taken the liberty of highlighting the relevant sections:



OK, lieutenants, agents, and economists. Do you see what I see?

Yes, that's right, good ole Walt was able to test for the CPA without having to have a degree.

The other thing you might have observed is that in spite of this

HUGE
DRAMATIC
IMPAIRING

disability he still managed to become one of the most successful CPA's and accountants in Minnesota history.

So riddle me this, riddle me, that,

why in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick are we requiring modern day CPA applicants to have not only an undergraduate degree in accounting, but also a certain amount of masters classes in accounting, oh, and not to mention the never-ending litany of CPE/continuing education? If somebody can just pass the CPA out of high school, then why not let them? Wouldn't it be more efficient for all of us???

I shall answer young lieutenants, and the answer is two fold.

First, there just plain isn't enough economic growth to go around. When Walt sat for the CPA exam, economic growth was averaging around 4.25%. Today is is only 2.5%, nearly 2 full percentage points lower. This means without new economic growth, there is no new economic opportunities for any young up and comers. Therefore employers have to find ways to screen you. This means - you guessed it - progressive credentialism.

While a million people in the state of Minnesota may have the raw talent and ability to sit and pass the CPA exam without going to college, that doesn't matter. Employers just plain don't have the demand for that many CPA's. So they throw in front of you unnecessary and unneeded hoops to test NOT YOUR SKILL, but basically, your compliance. Your obediency. And (ultimately) your lack of self respect.

The reason why they are ultimately testing your lack of self-respect is because people with the least amount of self-respect are the cheapest. So cheap in fact most employers know they can do away with training programs or certification programs and FORCE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PAY FOR A 4 YEAR DEGREE, MASTERS CLASSES, and FEES TO GET CERTIFIED.

But it isn't just the financial costs (which can well be into 6 figures), it's also the time. And not just time, it is your youth you are wasting jumping through these hoops. When all is said and done, I'd estimate with 4 years undergrad, 1 year masters, a year studying for the CPA, another year getting the necessary work experience to be able to test for it, AND let's not forget that oh-so-needed CPE and continuing education (all during your prime years, mind you), you are already agreeing to forfeit 10 years of your life merely TRAINING and EDUCATING yourself to get the credentials.

Understand there is no economic production that comes from training and education. It is merely developing a skill that in the future will result in added economic production, but for those ten years it is a sunk cost the young, poor person pays. Worse, as progressive credentialism expands and HR departments become more picky and requirements become more lengthy, the quality of that "education" decreases. Matter of fact, it becomes nothing more than a big fat expensive joke (for example just look at what they're teaching in MBA classes now).

Now, this is just the CPA, but the vileness of progressive credentialism has infected nearly

every aspect of the working world. College degrees are "preferred" for jobs that 14 year olds can do at fast food joints. Masters degrees are essentially required if you want to get into anything above "entry level," but said jobs will still be way below your skill and education. A young man in the UK was required to dance to get a job at a GROCERY STORE. And I'm sure every one of us would like to have back the 8,000 brain cells we've each lost every time we go in and suffer the inanity of the HR ditz asking us "if you could be a cat or a dog, which one would you be?" But the insanity and psychological pain this all inflicts on us is nothing compared to the economic costs.

Understand there is a counterbalance to all this insanity. And it is the fact that the young are wasting at least a decade of their lives, going to school, getting certifications, and getting accredited INSTEAD OF WORKING. This of course bodes poorly for the young kids doing the Decade Long Hoop Jump Dance. They're not at their full capacity, they're never "advancing" and rarely will they have a career. But it bodes even poorer for the scum who instituted this dysfunctional labor market. For the people in power need young people's economic production to pay for the social security and medicare ponzi scheme they've created.

Many of you are angry about this. But may I point out, you can't pay for other people's stuff if you don't have a job, let alone a high paying one? Because of the piss-poor management of the government and corporate sector, employment prospects are so poor for young people, there's no way they can tax you - you have nothing to tax. Furthermore, with our "great leaders" from "the great society" instituting socialism, you are inoculated against confiscatory taxes on your income. So yes, while you are forced to be poor or at least lower-middle income, you are also protected from high taxation to pay for other people's stuff (that is until bank accounts and 401k's are "haircutted" but that is another topic).

In short, the "lost decade" of economic production is not solely going to fall on the generation forced to jump through hoops. It's going to affect those guilty of setting up such a sadistic system in the first place. The only true costs to younger generations is the time you wasted in school (which you don't have to do) and the fact, unlike say, your WWII counterpart, you aren't going to achieve your best so early (it's almost laughable to think of all the 18 year old pilots and engineers who had more responsibility and achievement during WWII compared to most 40 something cubicle dwellers today).

The second reason why younger generations have to suffer such inhumane treatment is one of simple malice. Here I have no empirical proof, no data, no charts. Just enough work experience and adulthood to come to the conclusion most of the people in power, be it government or corporate America, are petty and evil enough to do this out of entertainment. Power is a corrupting force I will never understand, but I have seen it turn people into the most malicious and petty of people. Adria Richards (though not older) is a perfect example of what just a little bit of power can do. She ruined the career of two

young men (not to mention her own) because of the lizard-brain taste for power. And so when a younger, smarter, faster, better go getter is in the ranks of an old, ass-kissing, brown-nosing, has-been who "doesn't do that Excel stuff" hurdles and hoops must be put up to keep the young and talented from advancing, otherwise LEGIONS of old, obsolete, outdated, and inefficient managers would have to relinquish their positions OR (GASP!!!) HAVE TO GET EDUCATION AND TRAINING!!!! And we all know those hoops are just reserved for idiot young kids. In other words it's just a delaying action to defer the inevitable giving the 57 year old blue hair that vital extra decade he needs to pay off his two ex-wives, pay down the 3rd mortgage on his McMansion and pay off that loan on his 7 year old 5 Series.

Of course, none of this solves the problem that many (if not) most young people are under/unemployed, in debt, and will never have society's institutions use them to their fullest potential. But it does put into perspective as to how society treats its youth today versus that of yesterday. And at least with this perspective, you can make wise decisions that are going to benefit you, and not the pre-made decisions that are going to benefit them.

First, refuse to jump through the hoops. School, I've said before, is quickly becoming a waste unless you major in the right thing. And even if you do major in the right thing, you are not going to be taken seriously until you are at least 35. Again, this is not WWII where you are desperately needed to pilot that P-51. This is the worst economy in 50 years where there is no need for you except to file and fax and be called an "assistant manager" and do all the other crap work your boss doesn't want to do. You will never be challenged and you will never meet your potential. Ergo...

Second, why you might want to consider the military. Any posts about how "you could get killed" and "I'm not defending this socialist hell hole" will be ignored. Because you would not be joining the military for "god and country" as much as it will be for "me and me." The military is about the ONLY place that will take an 18 year old kid and give them the opportunity to achieve their best. And since most employers are too sadistic and inefficient, this makes the military the BEST option for kids nowadays. Free food, clothing, shelter, health care and education. You outta kiss your drill sergeant on the lips for how kind and generous the military is compared to corporate America.

Third, by god, have some self-respect. I know this is tough to do if you have debts, but your youth and your sanity are not worth putting through the mental meat-grinders employers have become today just for a paycheck. Job descriptions that are outright lies, job offers that are half of what they should be, psychotic bosses who never make tough decisions or provide leadership, resulting in feuds between the rank and file as they try to lead themselves. Why even tolerate it? Collecting a government check or working a low level security guard job or working as a parking lot attendance is infinitely better and more self-respecting.

Again, very few of us will ever become that

top notch accountant
elite investment banker
super accurate actuary
or top sales guy

but nearly all of us can get by on very little, enjoy stress free jobs, and give employers the proverbial finger when they tell us to waste 10 years of our youth and at our expense, jumping through hoops.

(If you liked this post please forward it to a friend or consider purchasing one of Aaron's hate-filled, rant-a-licious books. You can also listen to Aaron's podcast located here)

Housing Affecting Employment

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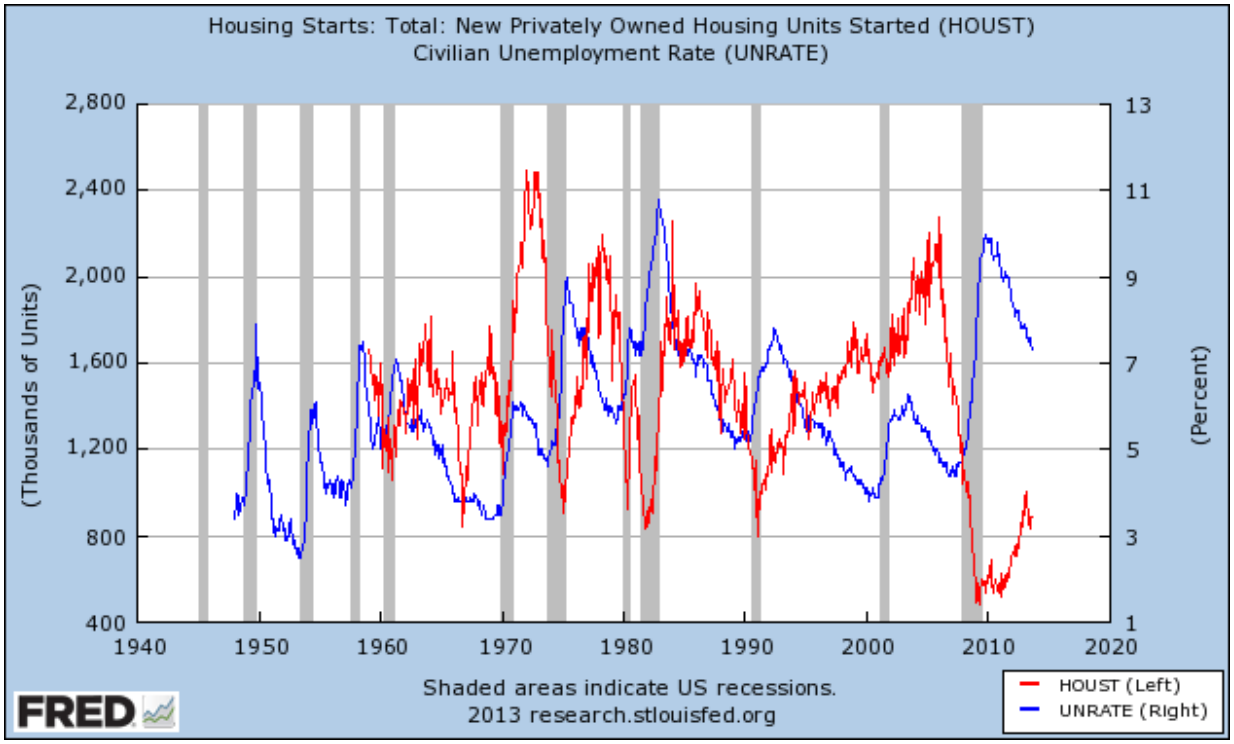
I had almost forgotten one of my favorite charts- comparing housing starts to unemployment.

The reason I like this chart is because any significant drop in housing starts can predict, anywhere from 6-18 months in advance, a jump and peak in unemployment. There are many theoertical explanations for this, but I believe that as housing is the single largest purchase anybody makes, it therefore is also the single largest consumer of material goods and services. Therefore to build a house requires a lot of employment in every sector that goes into making, mining, cutting, transporting and building them. It is also a predictor of additional employment as the little ladies LOOOOVE furnishing new houses with ~~tons of unnecessary crap~~ err....um..."furniture and fixings" which also triggers employment in other areas.



The charts shows that as the housing market has made a slow, but sure recovery unemployment has gone in a near-mirror image. Also note the severity of the housing crash (the worst ever recorded) coincides with the second-worst unemployment peak. And just as it has been a slow recovery in housing (we're not even back to normal) the PRECISE same thing can be said about employment - slow and not even back to normal.

Now, I'm not foolish enough to credit all of an economy's employment to housing, but isn't it interesting it seems this tepid recovery in housing has done more to help the economy than the $5 trillion in Keynesian wealth transfers to the parasitic classes?

I now, I know. Correlation is not causation. You lefty economists and social "scientists" keep telling yourselves that.

The "Real" Freshman Orientation

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It is likely either you or someone you know is starting college or at least returning to college. Commensurate with that comes the obligatory “freshmen orientation”wherein the university or college of your choice charitably takes the time to give you noobs some of the “basics” in order to orient yourself on campus. With this guidance and wisdom you will be able to navigate the school, streamline your studies, make wise choices and enhance your overall college experience.

All of it is a lie.

Understand freshman orientation is nothing more than brainwashing, invariably of the leftist variety. You will be bombarded with the value of diversity, force-fed bogus statistics about campus rape, told (if you're white or male) just how much privilege you have, and (if I recall my freshman orientation) there will be some kind of touchy-feely kumbaya exercise which will have an almost cultish like feel to it. All of this is not for your benefit, but rather the benefit of political forces that are heavily invested in making sure youth think, behave, speak and vote a certain way...and continue spending $150 a credit on the education-government industrial complex.

Because of this, freshman orientation, especially for men, is completely worthless. Not only is it worthless, it's down right damaging as it misinforms, misleads, and misdirects you about the reality of what you're about to face. If you believe it you will make bad decisions that will not only fail to produce the results you want, but also serve to only worsen your college life. Therefore, I think it would benefit every male freshman at every campus at every school in the entire nation to get a real “freshman orientation.”

First, the rape statistics (which I guarantee you they are going to give) are completely bogus. One in three (or four or two, depends on the mood of the campus feminists at the time) women are not sexually assaulted. As you have no doubt read here on ROK the definition of “sexual assault” can now mean an “unwanted advance” or a guy who doesn't go scampering away at first rejection. This has a double-whammy effect on campus relations between men and women. One, women are afraid that every man is a potential rapist, about to jump them at random notice. Two, it makes a young man's job of approaching women that much harder with their shields raised. It also has a tertiary (look it up) effect in that such bogus statistics allow the feminists on campus to lobby for more government money to create “sex abuse shelters” or “programs” which are not intended to help actual, genuine victims of sexual assault, as much as it is to provide worthless women's studies majors worthless jobs.

Second, along similar lines you will constantly be bombarded with the “fact” that women

are earning the majority of degrees. This is merely another head of the leftist-feminist hydra on campus where such propaganda is meant to bolster the esteem of women on campus and (maliciously at times) rub men's faces in the dirt. The reality is, yes, women do earn the majority of degrees today at the bachelor, masters, and doctorate levels.

The question is “at what?”

Chemistry?
Nuclear engineering?
Brain surgery?

Or is it

English?
Women's studies?
Sociology?
And “Child Psychology?”

The truth is women earn the VAST majority of EASY and WORTHLESS degrees. This is not debatable, it's a fact as I spent the better part of two hours sifting through graduate data at the U of MN.

Regardless, the point is not to let this get you down or somehow think, “the girls are beating us.” They aren't. Not at anything that matters anyway.

Third, you have to get off of campus. The dorms are at best an OK starting point, but if you want parties, booze, and sex, you need to get your own place. Some people recommend frats, others recommend just finding a house with a bunch of guys, I personally recommend dropping the additional money on your own studio or one bedroom apartment. You can do all the college coeds, booze, drugs, and pot you want at your own joint.

Fourth, you need a vehicle. Taking a girl out on a bus is...well...as lame as that sounds. Get yourself a god damned car, and if you can wing it, a motorcycle too.

Fifth, you will have to master day game as it is during the day you will have most interaction with women. This translates into sitting next to the hot chick you want to bang *on the first day of class* (as people are prone to re-sit where they first sat) to knowing the study schedules of hotties at a library to just developing the balls to approach any girl out in the open because you'll never see any of them again after you graduate. Truth is you couldn't ask for an easier day-game environment, so much so I would even advise avoiding college parties and night game. But I know you and your girded loins are going to attend college parties anyway, but once you start realizing “this

is lame” go back to day game.

Sixth, and most importantly, why are you going to college?

If you're attending college because “you were told to go” or “you want to experience the college experience” then cancel all your classes and get out until you realize the real reason you should attend – to make money.

Understand what is being asked of you when you attend a university.

You are being asked to spend $50,000-$150,000 of your money and 4-8 years of your youth on a piece of paper.

And it damn well better pay off.

I don't care how hot the chicks are.
I don't care what your parents told you to do.
I don't care what your guidance counselors told you to do.
I don't care how awesome Hollywood made “the college experience” look in the movies.

You are being asked to take on an insurmountable level of debt and spend at least half a decade of your most precious youth sitting in stale classrooms, listening to professors blather on, which you will slowly realize is nothing more than High School v. 2.0.

But that is the true risk you run – when it's all said and done, you have a worthless degree, that doesn't increase your employability, let alone wage, and you are now saddled with $75,000 in debt that will cripple you financially until you reach middle age.

Understand there is an education bubble going on in this country. And it is the most despicable, disgusting and evil bubble out there as it preys on the ignorant youth. Professors, teachers, guidance counselors, principals, the government, the teachers union, college administrators, the media, even your naïve parents are all in on it, brainwashing you from K-12 into thinking you

absolutely
100%
undeniably

MUST attend college.

They then turn around, take your $150/credit in tuition and pay the most washed up, talentless, worthless, incapable people who couldn't hack it in the real world (professors) to "teach" you the ways of the world and somehow give you an "education." But in the

end they hand you a piece of paper, that only after 6 months of a spectacular failure of a job hunt do you realize you've been had.
You owe the government money you can't pay back.
You can't get a job.
And the professors (who were such your buddy buddy friends) are laughing as they buy their latest Prius, Volvo, Subaru or whatever other gay shit-car they drive and give their kids free tuition because the university gave them that perk.

But there is a way around this. A way to make sure you don't get scammed:

Choose the right major.

The majority of kids today (70%) major in the liberal arts or what is also known as the "humanities." While interesting these degrees offer absolutely NOTHING of value in terms of employment and skills. If you are going to drop $80,000 on a degree, you need to major in something that is going to pay off. These degrees are largely found in the "STEM" fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

They are harder, but they are also in demand because while everybody demands an iPhone (requiring a bevy of engineers to make and design), nearly NOBODY demands an English lesson (which is why most English majors become ~~overpaid whiny babysitters~~ elementary school teachers).

This may not be what you wanted to hear. Perhaps you were told to "follow your heart and the money will follow." Perhaps your parents kissed your ass, lying to you, telling you you had some kind of artistic skill or talent when you didn't. Perhaps your teachers said at the age of 17 you were a "great writer" when that is patently laughable. It was all lies and bullshit. The Manosphere is not your mom, your teacher, or Oprah. We are men. And real men tell other men the truth. Because no matter how much truth hurts, it's the only thing that will lead you to genuine success.

What Women Can Learn from Quin Pu

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Ladies,

help me help you.

Help me....help you.

Or better yet help Quin Pu help you.

If you don't know who Quin Pu is, she is a girl who got dumped after two dates and then proceeded to forward sexts to the dumpor's bosses.

But a colorful undertone to this story is her self-concept. She thinks very highly of herself because she has a blog, two self-published books, a condo, and has managed to stay alive for 25 Earth rotations.

But what gets me is not the completely out of whack perception she has of herself (teh interwebz is already eviscerating her for that), but that it's more proof young women think men want a business resume and not a woman.

Look, ladies. It's not that difficult.

Sweet, sexy, pretty, skinny, reliable and not batshit insane.

Nowhere will you see in a "list" of things men would like to have in a woman:

"MBA"
"CPA"
"Vice president"
"Doctorate"
"PhD"

That isn't bigotry, it isn't sexism, it's just the god damned truth.

Keep plugging your resume and see how far it gets you.

Your Revenge is Through Non-Participation

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A dark side of the Manosphere I disagree with is the genuine misogynistic side.

Oh believe me, it exists. And though my female detractors may not be able to distinguish between me (a guy who treats women as genuine equals by holding them up to male standards) and these men (who genuinely hate women) trust me, there is a chasm of difference.

I first ran into this when I wrote a piece standing up for the kind and sweet women who actually stand up for and like manly men. Haley's Halo, Grerp, Judgy Bitch, Sunshine Mary, Dr. Helen, etc. I got sick and tired of not just the nitpickyness of the misogynistic side, but also the "purist" aspect of it. That if you didn't follow along with their purist views that had derived from their discussion forum, you were a traitor, not a real man, not really for the cause, blah blah blah blah. It also irked me that these girls would get the pettiest of complaints and ridicule from these men, suggesting said men were not only academians (focusing on theory and never deploying their wisdom in the real world), but cultists and purists with no capacity or willingness to tolerate slightly different views. Any disagreement or (dare you suggest) to back off women was not tolerated and was deemed traitorous, etc.

It not only made me realize that yes, there are genuine misogynists out there who hate women, but it also made me realize there is a key decision or fork in the road men must take when they take the red pill. Sometimes they take the fork that is healthy and productive, the other fork leads to misogyny. So let me explain.

For whatever sociological reason you want to claim, most men are lied to in their youth about the realities of the fairer sex. It isn't fair. It isn't just. And it costs them greatly. They have every right to be angry and I will go so far to claim they have every right to revenge.

But revenge is not going to come through the mere hatred of women, lumping all women, even those that like men, into the same group and punishing them by cumulative proxy. It isn't even going to come through singling out the individual feminists and leftists and attacking (justifiably) them. It's going to come through the only way it can - non-participation.

Understand the flaw of modern day feminism - it is erroneously based on the lie that men unfairly benefit in society because they are men. They then take this false premise and run rampant with it, extrapolating it irrationally to other aspects of life, demanding irrational and unfair concessions from the rest of society. Their entire ideology is based

on a false and self-serving premise.

So to exact your toll of revenge on them will not come through mockery or ridicule. They are immune to it. They are so wedded to their ideology, not to mention delusional, any criticism is rendered moot. And even more so, it CERTAINLY won't come from mocking and ridiculing innocent women as you lump them in with the rest of feminists. The ONLY way you can get your toll of revenge is by taking away the most important thing in their lives.

Yourself.

Now, let's qualify this statement.

When I say, "yourself," I mean, "a reasonably attractive man who has a life and his schtick together."

If you are Mortimer Snerd, living in your mom's basement, Monday Morning Quarter Backing the Manosphere, playing pure academian, never approaching and getting shot down by a girl in your life because you're too scared, and have thus far used the theories and epiphanies of the Manosphere to excuse your own lack of performance,

then no, we're not talking about you. And the reason why is that you have no value. Sorry to say that, but the Manosphere is the MANosphere not the OPRAHsphere. We deal with reality.

But if you are a reasonably in shape guy with a life and stuff going on, then yes, your best toll of revenge will come from you removing yourself from the situation.

The reason why is very simple, but one feminists will SCREAM is not true - the most important thing in life is a member of the opposite sex you fall in love with. And if you deny women your (presumed) quality self, that's how you get your revenge. You go your own way, you only have sex with women, but never date them, or you could even consider marriage, but only to women who are traditional, truly self-supporting, conservative/libertarian, in shape, etc. In short you deny undeserving women what they want as you have standards and self-respect.

The resulting revenge is not immediate, obvious, or climatic as in the end of a movie, but much much worse.

It is silent. Subtle. Cold. Delayed. Deferred. And unnoticeable until it is too late.

It is delivered when a 45 year old recent divorcee realizes it isn't 1992 any more and boys aren't thronging to take her to a "Poison" concert.

It is delivered when a 50 year old executive NOW decides it's time to settle down and all of her male peers are looking at 34 year olds.

It is delivered when the 42 year old comes up to you drunk in a sequin shirt saying "Cutie" and you in your heart of hearts have no desire to talk to the woman.

That is how your revenge is delivered.

Because no matter how much they scream and contest otherwise, the most important thing in life for a woman is another man. Oh sure, during the day they'll talk loud enough so you can hear how they don't need a man. And sure, at night they will shoot down scores of advances, as they tally up their "like" score from FB. But at the wee small hours of the morning they're crying in bed because there isn't a man there. And if you refuse to be that man, then you have your ultimate revenge.

Of course this is contingent on one key thing - that you are at some minimal level a coveted man and not merely an individual who abuses the "Manosphere philosophy" as an excuse to excuse your non-performance. Because otherwise you're merely an academian, a Monday morning quarter back plagiarizing the philosophies, observations and laws theoreticians in the Manosphere have come up with to excuse your lack performance. Again, this is the MANosphere. Not the OPRAHsphere. I leave it to your own intellectual honesty to admit to yourself which kind of man you are.

How Real People Use Windows 8

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HAR!!!!

The Death of the Nightclub

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Long live the nightclub!

Never Move to Ohio

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Ever.

Reap What You Sow

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Hmmm....you mean you didn't raise a generation capable of producing the economic production necessary to pay for all of your entitlement, socialist 60's hippie shit?

Enjoy the nursing home!

American Women Bending Over Backwards for Latinos

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At the the height of the salsa craze in the mid 2000's there was no shortage of recently divorced, desperate 40 something women to capitalize on the scene and fool themselves into thinking all those Latino males were interested in marriage and not a

green card

or

one night stand

The scene has fizzled now and I don't know where the illegal immigrants went or where the desperate 40 something American women went, but I do know one thing:

It irked me to no end when said women would pronounce, on purpose, and in great compliance, Spanish words in their native accent and not how we normally pronounce it in America.

Tiburon is the Spanish name for "shark" and was also a night club in Minneapolis.

Real,
Normal,
Manly,
American men

would pronounce it "Tib ur ron."

But aging desperate 40 something women to placate diversity and give their meaningless lives meaning would pronounce it

"Teee beer rrrrrruuuuuuuuunnn."

Note the emphasis on rolling r's.

Let me explain this so the rest of society can advance.

Chile is pronounced, "chilly" by normal non-communist, non-pedophile Americans.

People who pronounce it "ChEEE-LAY" are evil, leftist, aging 40 something women who would sell the entire country under the bus so long as they get male attention from illegal immigrants who couldn't care less about the future, society, democracy or liberty and have no problems setting society back millinea to collect a government paycheck.

You may laugh and of course I'm being a bit sarcastic, but not by much. People who purposely change their pronunciation of a word from a foreign land from that of their homeland to that of the foreign are in plain sight decreeing to the world that they have no allegiance to their homeland and have more allegiance to foreign lands.

It's why I don't trust them and neither should you.

Now, contrast that with by good buddy Silvio Canto who IS from a foreign country, then it makes sense that he would pronounce it normally as *it is his home country*.

I pronounce it "Que Ba"

He pronounces it "Koo Ba"

But the dude lived there and had to suffer under Castro's commie bullshit.

The 44 year old HR manager with her waist scarf trying to delude herself about her SMV in the salsa scene who had all the advantages of the United States and never suffered real oppression has no right to start faking accents and pronunciations, DID NOT suffer genuine oppression that most of our Latino brothers and sisters did.

But by all means, ladies. Delude yourself into thinking pronouncing Spanish words in the homeland dialect will increase your chances of scoring Antonio or Jose as a husband. In the end you are just a middle aged woman being used for residency, a one night stand, and AT BEST long term public assistance purposes.

Turn In Your Yachts!

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Teaching Youth "Employerese"

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Hi Kids!

Are you confused about the terminology and jargon being used by today's employers?

Wish you knew what all those really important, really smart gray haired people were saying?

If you just knew what those job postings were saying, you could probably get the job?

Well worry no more with this handy reference list! Below are all the key words that professional business people use ~~to make them sound smarter than they actually are~~ to help keep the American corporate sector booming, bustling, and creating new work opportunities for you!

"HR" - An affirmative action program created by corporations to meet quotas and political pressure to hire more women. It is now morphed into an arm of the Communist Party International where they impede and destroy the western economies' labor markets making sure people are hired based on the color of their skin, gender, and/or ethnicity and not by their character of ability to do the job.

"Probationary Period" - When you did something right that would help increase the profitability of the firm, but your boss either didn't authorize it or is so intimidated by it he needs to teach you a lesson.

"CSR" - A sign that the company has plain ran out of any good ideas and is now jumping on the green bandwagon to get you suckers to buy their product. Also an affirmative action program used to high math-impaired masters candidates from liberal arts colleges, but only as long as they're related to the CEO.

"MBA Preferred"- Typically listed in the job description, this phrase tells you a mentally impaired otter is capable of doing the job, but HR is still going to insist on hiring idiots stupid enough to pay $70,000 to jump through a hoop and get an MBA in the OFF CHANCE it might lead to better job prospects.

"Ad Hoc Duties" - This is the catch all term that basically says, "yeah, we know we said your job would be X, but this clause allows us to force you to do the real work we hired you for and we don't want to do ourselves"

"Internship" - Formerly considered janitorial and secretarial work, this new euphemism

attracts idealistic and hopeful students aiming to put to practice what they learned in school, only to give them a dose of reality, but with out pay!

"Diversity" - The new profit model that has replaced accounting. Corporate goals are no longer measured by income and earnings, but rather diversity, facebook likes and carbon foot print.

"Training Program" - A mythical thing that never existed. Why would they have a training program. You have a masters degree.

"Hit the Ground Running" - A phrase used by many bosses too lazy to train you in, provide you leadership or guidance, let alone tell you what to do.

"Steep Learning Curve" - Another phrase used by many bosses too lazy to train you in, provide you leadership or guidance, let alone tell you what to do.

"United Way Donation" - Mandatory tax that your employer forces on you because if you don't donate then you will get overlooked for promotion.

"Promotion" - A practice of the past where younger, lower ranked employees could get "promoted" to a higher, better paying position. The last promotion, however, was recorded back in January 27th, 1988 as too many old people have failed to save adequately for retirement and now need to work until 2078.

"Continuing Education"- Another way to replace work with jumping through hoops to ensure you never actually develop any skills and all your knowledge is theoretical.

"Synergies" - A phrase that developed in the 90's and they haven't shut up about it yet. Pre 1995 it was called "efficiencies" but did not sound adequate enough.

"VPN/RDP/Telecommute" - Theoretical concepts being developed at the forefront of corporate America. The idea is that some day, technology would obsolete the need to commute to an office building, not to mention the office building itself by allowing to let people work over "the internet." Another 20 years will be needed to see if this is possible so suffering 2 hour commutes will continue to be necessary.

"Facebook Password" - The tell-tale way to see if your employer really cares about making a profit or snooping into your private life.

"Health Insurance Plan" - An insurance plan that at first looks like your employer is giving you a benefit, but when you realize you can get the same coverage for a lot cheaper on your own, you realize it is nothing but a scam to overcharge you for insurance while subsidizing the older employees' health plan.

"I'm Too Busy" - The most common excuse management and bosses will give you because they've failed to manage their time correctly and therefore can't lead the office, let alone you, no matter how important your question is.

Democrats are the Real Uncle Toms

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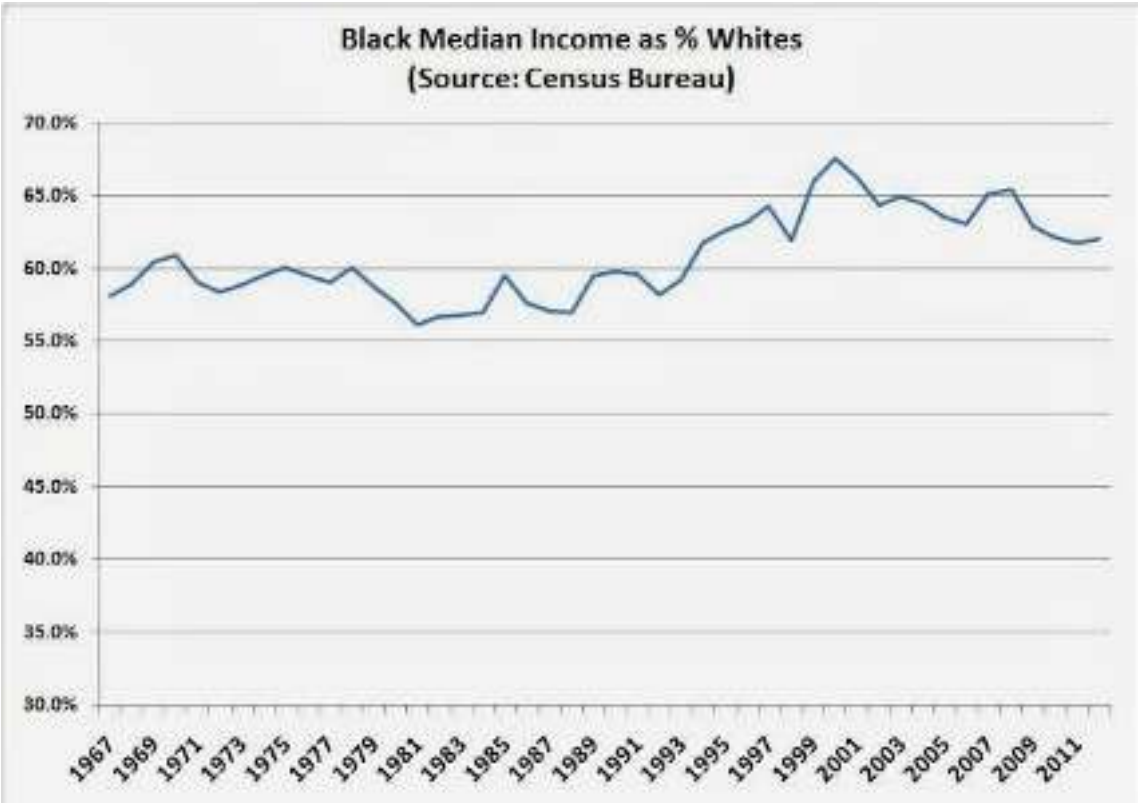
Notice how well the black community has been doing under Obama.



I don't know how else to get blacks to take the red pill they so desperately need. Democrats, especially the likes of Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, and most politicians are using you. Don't you get it? They are using you to make themselves rich while impoverishing you.

You Can't Find a Man in the Bakken Oil Field????

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for the Patron Saint's name of Frick.

In a state where men are regularly pulling in $100K+ and there are 5 men for every woman, and you still can't find a man?

And just when I think, "You know, we've said our peace and we can cut back now."

And mercy, could it get any more stereotypical???

36, yoga instructor.

HAR!!!!!!

Enjoy that decline fellas. Enjoy that freaking decline!

Bar Killing Us, There is Nothing the Left Can Do to Stop Us

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I explain how when there is no future, no jobs, no quality members of the opposite sex for mates, and housing is now a liability then there is nothing leftists, liberals, commies and socialists can do to shut us up or shut us down.

Because what are you doing to take away from us?

and more in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

Defending Her MA Thesis While Applying at McDonald's

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Ahhhh poetic justice.

I Miss the Women of the 1950's

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Somebody please tell me this is a photoshopped deal. Please.

They Even Got Vox

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Ug...they even got Vox.

A well written and charty-goodness post, but he still considers the education/college degree gap a "real" gap.

There are two brief points I shall make as I'm trying to knock out a chapter per 4 days of my book:

1. Women earn the majority of EASY DEGREES. When it comes to engineering and anything that requires significant math men beat them at a ratio of 4:1. When it comes to Masters in Farting Unicorns and Doctorates in Feelings with Minors in Oprah, yes, women dominate. But for the stuff that matters in the world, men by far outcompete women.

2. Women are NOT going to be ahead in the world for this. It is NOT a good thing for women that they are earning the majority of degrees because they are buying into a bubble. It's like having women purchasing 70% of the housing in early 2007 and citing that as an example of some kind of performance gap.

Post post - Vox repsonds.

Running With Dad

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I'm quite impressed with my old man. On the rare times I find myself in his town, without fail, he is always up for a run. He is 67, looks about 53, which is a testament to his religious adherence to running regularly, diet (primarily salads) and no drinking. He can't bang out 9 miles at a 7:30 minute mile rate, but he can do 5 at a decent clip which puts him and his cardiovascular system in the top 2% of his age group.

However he is also old AND also "with it." He doesn't need hand holding. His mind is still sharp and this combination allows him not only to have wisdom but to make observations and think things through resulting in interesting epiphanies. So when we run I'm not tolerating a discussion with somebody just for the sake of having somebody to talk to, nor am I wishing I had my MP3 player so I could listen to a more interesting podcast, I'm simply discussing things with him.

In our latest run he was talking about a church in Milwaukee. He was a pastor and kind of keeps tabs on "the industry." And apparently there is this "rock star" of a pastor coming out who is turning one of Milwuakee's ghettos into a nice place (of course while the Milwaukee's teachers union and leftist thugs fight against it). Regardless, the pastor, paraphrased from my dad said something to the extent,

"The future of the congregation and religion in general is not going to be buildings, but the internet, podcasts, and Youtube videos."

I had never thought of that.

Like radio, the "religion industry" is headed up by old farts who largely are incapable of seeing how the internet will shove an entirely different business model down their throats. Young people don't want to spend the money on gas going to church, let alone sit with a bunch of old farts who want to sing and go through 45 minutes of BS just to get to a sermon that might be marginally good. Additionally, they don't have the money to tithe, those that donate in the first place. But notice how something as simple as podcasting can completely revolutionize religion.

First, people are not stuck with the pastor sent to their local community. Like podcasting, they can go on the internet, select from thousands of podcasting pastors.

Second convenience. No more wakey wakey at 6AM to catch the early service. You download it, put it on your MP3 player, and go running while listening to Reverned Bob tell you about St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Third, no more buildings. Again, like radio, buildings and capital equipment are expensive. But with the internet and podcasting, nearly all capital expenses are eliminated. A rock, solid pastor with a laptop and internet access can smoke any established old fart pastor with the church's largest temple. He can also attract more donations, a higher percentage of which now can be donated ~~to his personal Jimmy Swaggart account,~~ uh...err...ummm...."go to charity."

Fourth, higher quality sermons. Not just because people can choose from more pastors, but with out all the singing, rehearsing or (god forbid you're Catholic) standing,kneeling,jumping, squatting,calisthenics, that leaves more time for the sermon. Also, the pastor only has to record it ONCE. He doesn't have to do late service, early service, Saturday service, etc. He just uploads it and they're off to the races.

There are other benefits, but like all old, established organizations, I'm very interested to see if the old guard will embrace these changes (as they would not doubt immeasurably improve the quality and religious life for many religious followers) or if they will fight against them because it would undermine their control and force some of them to give up their fiefdoms.

Guess where my money's on!

5 Reasons You SHOULD Major in Women's Studies

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I'm not making this up folks. She actually has a 5 point list why you should major in women's studies.

But what I am going to do is a genuine favor for all the women (and men) out there who are thinking about majoring in women's studies and debunk the above list with just one reason.

Ahem...

"*The One and ONLY Reason You Should NEVER Major in Women's Studies.*"

#1 - You can achieve everything a doctorate in women's studies can achieve without having to waste 8 years of your youth and $150,000 in tuition. You can read the books on the internet or library for free. You can read the literature for free. You can protest, lobby, and do whatever you want to advance women's issues for free. And (here's the kicker) you will have the exact same employment prospects as people who have a doctorate in the field.

What we're witnessing here is the cannibalism that occurs in leftist academia. Liberals and leftists major in some faux humanities degree. They can't find a job with a "Bachelor's in Vicitimization" so they proceed to get a "Masters in Whining." That doesn't result in employment so they go full on for a "Doctorate in Asking the Government for More Money While Claiming We're Independent."

But the irony of such worthless degrees is the only thing you can do with them is simply reteach them to future students. Deep down inside you KNOW the degree is worthless, but you have so much in student loans and practically all of your youth invested in this fake industry that your ego cannot take the blow that you

simply
plain
just

fucked up your life and wasted your youth.

And so they cannabalize on (in this case) future young women, cajoling them to join them in their misery at the women's studies department AND in the process ruin and destroy these poor girls' lives (despite, ironically being a presumed *women's studies program*).

Ladies, look, I don't care if you're a leftist, a liberal, or a feminist. You can be all those things for free. You don't need to be "ordained" or "certified." Just "be" those things. But for the love of the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, if you're going to drop 6 years of youth and $100,000 on a masters degree could you at least make it count?

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIIIIINNNNNNKINNNNNNNNG fathers!

We have Barack Obama! Duh!

Men Determine What is Beautiful in Women

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And no, pregnant still isn't beautiful.

All I Want for Christmas is a Remote Controlled Sturmgewehr 44

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I'm trying to figure out how they HAVE a STG 44!!!

To Defend Capitalism and Defeat Socialism - Series

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Several of my youtube subscribers/viewers have asked about the "Capitalism/Socialism" speech I delivered several years back. They said it was private, but it seems to work for me. Regardless, the speech is probably some of my finer work and certainly one of the most comprehensive presentations/arguments I've ever put together, not to mention a ton of succinct economic data.

If you are new to economics and politics, not to mention, just looking for some clear empirical data and arguments about capitalism and socialism, this video series would be it. Will save you a ton of time and trouble trying to read a score of books. It is unfortunately spread across multiple videos, but you can click from one to the next.

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Girls Going to Somalia

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Help the Captain out here lieutenants, economists and agents.

Can you post below all the links, stories, news you've heard about a young western woman going off to some crappy third world country to go "help the poor" or "fight the system" only to end up murdered, killed, attacked, raped, assaulted, etc.?

I have a theory and it's ground shaking. But I need empirical evidence and data to test it.

Post post - I appreciate all the info, but I need LINKS and NAMES. Not just anecdotes and stories guys. Something so I can go and research so I can start pulling data.

This isn't Oprah.
This isn't the democratic party
This isn't the liberal arts college at your local university.

This is Cappy Cap. And we be economists here.

POST POST POST - There seems to be some kind of assumption of race here. I'm don't care if the woman is white, that is irrelevant. I want instances of ANY woman going overseas, or to a destitute area to help only to end up in trouble. Data people, numbers. Not colors.

Waltz for Venus

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Cowboy Bebop is by far one of the best artistic achievements humanity will ever come up with. An integral part of it success is the musical score the accompanied it.

To this day, 15 years after it was released, I cannot with my perfect hearing discern whether this is a xylophone or a music box. It is from the scene "Waltz for Venus." I would appreciate anybody's knowledge/better-hearing than mine to tell me what it really is.

Boys, NEVER Buy a Fancy Car to Impress Chicks

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The best part is the 8:00-9:13. Doesn't have anything to do with cars, but it's funny.

I Was at the Office Today…

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I think I may start a new series called "My Office Today" highlighting the benefits of a location independent career.

This was "today's office" over on the west-sayeed visiting a buddy of mine:

Remember kids,

work hard
go to school
go into debt
get a job, but before you get that first paycheck
get a car loan you can barely afford,
get a mortgage
get a wife that doesn't like you
have kids you can't afford
and then get to work at a job you hate in a cubicle

because that's what "contributing members of society" do!

And remember, if you don't succeed at that, then "you just couldn't hack it in the real world" and are a loser.

So Women ARE Using the Government to Supplant Men

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"We usually have a lull in September and October," Gwynn says. "For us to peak at the end of the month in September, and this week in general, it makes no sense for us to have a growth like this. Half of the new members are single moms, so we're thinking that it's tied directly to the government shutdown, since (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), that help more than 9 million moms, have been stalled. It would make no sense for growth otherwise."

1. This just disgusts me.
2. Men who vote democrat are not men.
3. I don't want to hear anything ever again about single moms being noble or heroic
4. I don't want to hear about "independent women" when I have to pay more taxes to support them
5. This video should be going viral.

The Reality Principle

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Arguably the simplest and easiest way to improve your life is to adopt this principle. It has helped me immensely.

Seetha Kulandaisamy - Another Narc

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Like Adria Richards, another narcer feminist gets offended at male humor and costs another guy his job.

But I want to be INCREDIBLY clear on this. The problem is NOT that petty women like this take offense and self-decree themselves crusaders to "right the wrongs" of evil, and then go narcing to the employers of said employess.

It's the fact the employers ACTUALLY TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND FIRE THEIR EMPLOYEES instead of dismissing these child-women as the mere whiners and complainers they are.

I've addressed this in my latest podcast. It is a trend. It is the future. And you NEED to know how to adapt to this and realize there is NO FUTURE with modern day employers. It is mutually exclusive to being male.

Stay frosty boys. Stay frosty.

Post post, seems she ruffled some feathers.

Ladies, Just Dye Your Hair

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So I'm watching "The Property Brothers," which I will standby because I like the show, even though I know it is nothing but eye candy for women watching "John and Drew." Regardless, the "contestants" come on and I had to snap a photo (because I couldn't find a picture on the internet of the couple)

Alright class, shall we?

#1. The woman is not old. Like Steve Martin she is pre-maturely gray. if you look at her face you can see she is not a day over 40, she just has bad "hair genetics."

#2. She is actually quite pretty...if you can get past the gray hair.

#3. Yes, the husband the entire time fit every stereotype you could imagine as did she.

#4 The husband, is actually not ugly himself. Handsome if he got rid of the Beatles cut and hit the gym.

#5. She was a little overweight. Say 30 pounds.

Put this altogether and what you have s a very important lesson for both men and women, namely:

A little bit goes a long way.

HOW HARD WOULD IT BE FOR HER TO DYE HER HAIR AND WALK 5 MILES A DAY????

How hard?

And for that little expenditure of effort you could see her improving DRAMATICALLY.

Same thing for the guy.

Get rid of the 70's hair cut and the pedophile attire, hit the gym, BLAMO!

Hot couple on the block!

But no. No no no no no.

If you saw the two interact you would KNOW the lady, "loves the way she is and if society can't accept her then blah blah blah blah blah."

The guy, "Well, I'm in charge of the money and well yeah, I guess we can blah blah blah blah."

The only reason I'm writing this is I see two GOOD LOOKING PEOPLE hidden in a thin veil of laziness. and that is the lesson you should take from this. Just a little effort people, just a little freaking effort, and the pay off would be amazing.

But no, I know, I know. Your ego and emotion is all that matters. Looks are shallow. Who wants looks when you can have mundacity and mediocrity and not look like a million bucks walking down the street.

Cripes.

D'oh Jesus

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For Bill Burr fans.

If you don't know why this is funny then start listening to the Bill Burr Podcast.

Off to Jamaica

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Greetings Economists, Children, and Lieutenants,

I'm off to Jamaica so the blog will be on auto pilot with links and other minimal efforts on my part for the next couple of days. I will unlikely access it from Jamaica, because to be honest I don't trust the internet connection from being hacked. Ergo, it's only the most basic of work I'll be doing on teh interwebz. E-mail will also be minimal.

There will be a podcast however, posted later today, that's if I ever get indoors because it's gorgeous outside.

Stefan Molyneux in for the Captain #1

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Ripping apart Hannah Montana.

And It is the Indians Who Will Suffer

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I have a friend from India. When he (and his family) came here they stocked up on electronics because, as he explained, they don't have large companies like Wal-Mart and such items can cost twice that in the US.

So you would think a country like India, with hundreds of millions of poor, would benefit greatly if a company could come in and overnight boost their purchasing power, and thus, standards of living by 20-50% (depending on which items you'd like to compare).

Well, you are right. It WOULD benefit pretty much every Indian. It WOULD be the single largest advancement and improvement in the world of economics this year. But those socialists and ignoramouses are (as you would expect) attaching so many strings to Wal-Mart setting up shop, they've now scrubbed their plans to expand into India.

This is how leftists unintentionally hurt those they so hypocritically claim to want to help.

Are the Young Kids Finally Waking Up???

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I've seen enrollment dropping for college classes and a general disregard for liberal arts degrees among younger circles. This is a good thing, too bad it took a generation of older brothers and sisters to get their asses handed to them so their younger siblings wouldn't make the same mistake.

However, this is also heartening. Younger college students blaming democrats and the left.

I still contend, however, the best allies the republicans and conservatives/liberatarians have would be what would be considered "safe" demographic groups for liberals. College students and minority males. But this would require the GOP to wake up and try some new tactics. Maybe they can nominate another milquetoast nice-haired-billionaire for president.

Pre-Planned Dropped Post

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Today's total cop out of me writing comes from Joe Soucheray.

Attaining Equality to Men

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Step 1 - Stop complaining. Men don't complain, let alone about such petty and minor things like this.

Why Fat Shaming is Unnecessary

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I saw this and remembered it is/was Fat Shaming Week, but had not been able to write as I was in Jamaica enjoying life. But as I flew back on the plane and the battery to my laptop dwindled, my mind wandered and as it is wont to do it came up with an observation:

Fat shaming is unnecessary.

The reason why is look at who fat shaming is aimed at - people pushing fat acceptance.

If the goal was to get people who we like, but are also fat the negative reinforcement needed to lose weight, live healthier and better lives, then fat shaming is (in all truth) kindness and tough fatherly love. But since fat acceptance is pushed by delusional (typically), leftist people, intent on destroying yet another fabric of society, the goal of fat shaming is to cause them pain, grief, mock them and ridicule them.

But let me suggest another route if you truly want to get your "revenge" on people who are increasingly responsible for the decreasing beauty in humans and push fat acceptance:

Let them keep pushing fat acceptance.

The reason why is simple - they're wrong. And in being wrong, no matter how much they try to convince themselves otherwise, they are in the end being delusional. Living in a false world. Living a lie. They are trying to change a law of nature - men like trim chicks - and no matter how much effort they put into it, they are guaranteed to fail as it is no different than trying to change the law of gravity.

The consequences of this are far more punishing and brutal than any kind of fat shaming campaign done on the internet. Their health WILL BE worse. Their love lives WILL BE non-existent. Their careers WILL BE a fraction of what they could achieve. And, worst of all, they have to spend years in mental energies constantly rationalizing it.

In the end these are people who love food more than other human beings, including themselves. In doing so, they will never get to interact with and engage other humans (the most important thing on Earth) to the capacity normal humans do. And in doing so, they will waste the one life they have on this planet.

Us merely shaming them and pointing out what idiots they are, not only is likely to go unheeded, but in the off chance they listen, they might actually benefit from it. Ergo, my

friends who work hard at staying in shape, take joy in the just what miserable lives these people lead.

More Views from My Location-Independent Office

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Remember kids, you're a loser if you don't commute, pay for parking, work in a cubicle, or have to sit in meetings. Those are real jobs real men and women take. Losers like you work from home or where ever you want because you "couldn't hack it in the real world."

Air Ambulance

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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One of the things I'm going to enjoy in the future is watching these children grow up and completely flail about in society, clueless as to how the real world works. It will also be entertaining to see if their parent (yes, that's singular, not plural), will care their children are suffering. Because my cynical (yet, constantly being proved right) gut tells me they never really cared all that much for these kids in the first place.

Leasing Beauty

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I have a friend who is now on his third Russian mail order bride. Every stereotype you are having right now about him is correct. But what I couldn't understand is after the first two ditched him (one with a kid), cheated on him, and split once they got citizenship, why he opted for a third.

But the little hot librarian in my mind decided to search through the ole Captain's mental archives and pulled something she deemed relevant and might explain it:

When he was looking for his second wife he was insistent on showing me her picture (along with all the other girls he was considering) on the dating/mail order bride site.

In hindsight what this tells me is that he never viewed these women as potential spouses, mates or wifey like material, but rather things or objects (albeit luxurious). He was literally shopping for a young, hot, woman in an online catalogue, no different that if he were looking for shoes on Amazon.com. What's worse is that despite the HA-YOOOOGE price he has paid for his past two mail order brides, he is going at it again, with surprisingly little remorse, let alone fear. In other words his hind economic-lizard brain has made the calculation that it is worth it. It is worth the risk and the likely price to have a hot, young mail order bride that he probably really couldn't care less about emotionally.

But then it occurred to me what was really happening on an economic level:

He was merely leasing beauty.

While we can all understand men wanting to be with pretty women as opposed to ugly ones, and preferring to have sex with hot girls instead of fat ones, what I cannot understand is the psychology that drives some men to pay to merely be with and seen with a hot chick. But just because I personally can't understand it, doesn't mean it doesn't happen and doesn't mean there isn't a market. This is a real economic phenomenon that I cannot deny exists.

However, my best economic explanation of what we are viewing (and thus an explanation of why some men do this) is that it is a separate economic market from the traditional sexual market place. In the "normal" market place, normal men and women meet, date, court and kind of stumble their way towards marriage. I would estimate this accounts for 70% of men who (while maybe not all Clive Owen) are capable, no matter how clumsily, of invariably having enough charm and wit to score a mate. Of the remaining 30%, I would estimate 25% are either just fine on their own, MGTOW's, not interested, or are too afraid of rejection to go and attract a mate. But there's that 5% remaining who have no

game or charm, but DO have enough money to essentially lease out women's attention at very high financial and emotional rates, and these guys make up this obscure market. But to them it makes perfect sense.

They don't need to go to clubs.
They don't need to work out.
They don't need to practice Walter Matthauish and Cary Grantish charm.

They just need to pay a price.
They just merely need to "buy" her attention.

And even when the attention dries up or she just skips town, the prospects of participating in the sexual market place to find another girl "the normal way" is still too daunting. So daunting in fact they'd rather "play it safe" and get MOB #2, #3, #4,...#n as long as the money doesn't run out.

I'm no fan of the meat market. Been there, done that, and I was what could have been considered "very successful." But I'd rather take my chances there than going to the ~~lease a whore~~ mail order bride market.

Manosphere Growth v. 20/20's

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The article, written by (undoubtedly) two leftist women is completely biased and passes off the Manosphere as a hate, misogyny, blah blah blah.

But permit me these points three:

1. How's ABC's viewership growth rate compared to The Manosphere and Alt Right econosphere? I'm experiencing 50% annual growth. Which is serving a growing market and which is stagnating, resting on its previous oligopoly status?

2. What is 20/20/ABC hoping to achieve with this? A "shaming and then they hopefully go away?" Again, I've said it before. We have nothing to lose (14:00 mark). Jobs? none. House? None. Wives? None. Country? None. And until there is genuine economic opportunity in the country this is the best use of our time.

3. Consequently, I can't wait to see their response when they read through the comments and it doesn't go their way.

Anyway, you guys wanted mainstream attention, well, now you got it. Might as well light up the comments section and show readers this isn't just a group of "angry meanie men who can't get laid."

Also, the "journalists."

Alyssa Pry - worthless degree, East coast, blah blah blah. You're heard it before.

And Alexa Valienti - Oooooh Diplomatic Relations degree!!!

Ug, you just can't make it up. It's sooooo predictable.

But there is something important to note here guys. Look at their resumes.

These are CHILDREN, young 20 something CHILDREN who have been given the cache and pull of a traditional media outlet like 20/20. HOw can you take their article seriously?

Millions of men unemployed, in debt, divorced, and with no hope for a future and two children with "Ambercrombie and Fitch" experience write an article daring to suggest you're all just a bunch of sexist whiners???

What this is, is proof of just how desperate, out of touch, and worthless the MSM is. It

should also be an ego boost to those of us in the alternative media world.

It's So Bad You Now Pay to Work

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I want to go to work, pay my taxes, come home and not fucking think about it. I'm not a motivated self starting entrepreneur. I don't want an opportunity for growth. I don't need to sound cool to girls. That's what the book is for. Go to work and get paid and come home. Impossible. Jobs do not exist. The promise of a job is just a way for motivated self starting entrepreneurs to sell you something. The unemployed are a captive market. There is no money. There is only debt. What's out there is: you pay to work. Soon the whole economy will be like this.

The Manosphere Takes Down ABC

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And no, that is not hyperbole. It is fact. I've never seen such a pathetic and lopsided victory in my life.

The Pry, Valiente, ABC, 20/20 Thing Continues

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Staresattheworld

Kid Strangelove

Judgy Bitch

Rex

Stingray

Wouldn't have happened if the story was a legitimate piece of journalism.

Kathleen Mooney - Another Idiot Principal

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Again, teachers do not care about the children. They care about their ideology and socialism.

R vs. K Type Breeding and How It Relates to Politics

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An interesting post and book review by Matt Forney.

Is Sandra Foehl Racist?

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Because I have yet to find if Praise Martin-Oguike has been reinstated at Temple, given his scholarship back, and been let back on the football team. And if he hasn't, then I cannot help but conclude it's because of racism. Because that's the script academia would give

A Manless World

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It's already here!

Again, a great entertainment I'm going to enjoy as I age.

Bachelor Pad Economics - November 2013

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Several very perceptive people have asked,

"*Why are you getting all Drudgey?*"

indicating they have noticed my lack of quality, lengthy original posts and merely linking to other bloggers.

Very well played, observant Lieutenants, very well played.

I *have been* linking more than writing and the reason why is my new book:

Bachelor Pad Economics

I have been writing like a mad dog to get it finished for Black Friday and the thing is looking like it's going to come in around 400+ pages. It's about 40% done, but I am trying to knock out a chapter every 3 days.

Regardless, it is what I like to describe as "the young person's financial advice bible." It will be the most comprehensive financial road map for any young man looking to chart his financial future, as well as any young lady open minded enough to tolerate its blunt candor and occasional crass language.

I will also be looking for any bloggers/podcaster types interested in getting advanced digital copies, but in the meantime, I will be focusing most of my efforts on the new book.

Liberalism Really is a Mental Disorder

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I have no patience for delusion or intellectual dishonesty. It's largely why I don't have any liberal or leftists friends and if I do, they are honest people, but misinformed and haven't spent the time needed to become an informed citizen. Heck, I can't even say that as nearly every one of my liberal friends in college are now libertarian or conservative. Regardless, the reason I do not brook intellectual dishonesty of delusion is because I am sane. I am an adult. I live in the real world.

This cannot be said of the vast majority of leftists and liberals.

This isn't to slam on them. This isn't to over simplify an issue in order to dismiss an entire ideology.

It's true.

Leftists do not adhere to reality or act like adults.

You see this everyday and it gets frustrating.

Liberal - "*We need to spend more money*"

You - "*How much more?*"

Liberal - "*I um...don't know. BUT WE NEED MORE!*"

You - "*How can you advocate spending more when you don't even know what we spend in the first place?*"

Or another.

Liberal - "*Racism is why the blacks aren't doing well as whites.*"

You - "*While racism may exist in the form of Cletus the trailer park schmuck in Casper, Wyoming, the real reason blacks suffer such lower standards of living is because they have a 70% illegitimate birth rate.*"

Liberal - "*RACIST!!!*"

Had I still some hope for the future of the country, I might care to try to convince or explain to my leftist brothers and sisters why they're wrong, but you can't because...

they have a mental condition.

I don't know about you, but my time is precious to me, and if I can't convince somebody with statistics, logic, reason and reality, then I'm never going to convince them. Some idiots recently made some comments on my youtube video about "The Reality Principle." They essentially said that they agreed with my concept (that you shoudl live in reality), but that i was completely forgetting the humanity aspect of humans. That they have emotions. And in ignoring that part, I was wrong.

It was such idiotic and outlandish bullshit because they actually think their feelings and emotions are just as valid as reality.

You - "*Look out! Here comes a train!*"

Liberal - "*Yeah, but I feel that the train isn't coming.*"

Of course, that analogy is a bit simple and outlandish, but consider feminists (the most psychologically damaged of them all) who have gone to such delusional lengths as to claim things like the scientific method and math is sexist. So exactly how do you argue with them?

You can't.

You can't argue or debate an insane person.

What I find particularly interesting, not to mention scary at the same time, is just what a high percentage of the population has this mental condition. Yes, a lot of it is just brainwashing. The young 21 year old suburbanite girl majoring in philosophy may not actually have a mental condition. Yes, the young black man is likely to blame everything on racism, because of brainwashing. But what gets me is when this brainwashing solidifies, rendering them imperviousness to any attempt to an alternative explanation of reality. At this point I don't know if it's brainwashing or an actual mental problem, but it still presents me the same problem (though I've had better luck getting some of our black brothers to wake up than Tilly the English Major). Ultimately, I fear the liberal zombie (which I've written about before) where you're no longer dealing with a sane human, capable of reason and independent thought, but a highly functional zombie that doesn't want to eat your brains, as much as they want to take your money.

Thank god I have neither.

Everybody Can Go a "Little Galt"

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The most common criticism I received about Enjoy the Decline (as well as most of my writing and ranting) is that "not all of us are 30 year old, childless bachelors like you. We can't just up and quit. We have a house and a family to consider."

Which I understand.

But when I say "go Galt" or "Enjoy the Decline" or participate in minimalism, I'm not saying, sell the house, buy a trailer, quit your job, and then go work the occasional security shift (though I do say that) as much as I am saying, "work as little as you possibly can." Because even if you don't go full Thoreau, if everybody "just goes a little Galt" the effect on socialists and leftists in the country would be devastating.

Understand just how sad and pathetic our GDP and economic growth is. A normal, healthy economy should be growing around 4% a year. It is my opinion any economy is capable of 10% a year. But we're happy with a measly 1.8% a year today (hell, as long as it's positive, that's fine by us and our new lowered affirmative action standards we're applying to our president).

But just because we're happy with 1.8% doesn't mean our creditors are. Also, pension funds (which are dependent upon perpetually increasing stock prices which are dependent upon perpetually increasing profits which are dependent upon a growing economy) and the people who rely upon them are also not going to be happy with 1.8%. In short everything we've promised ourselves and our creditors has to come from economic growth, and if it becomes very apparent we can't provide enough economic growth then they will....

are you ready for it?

cut us off and rush-sell their stocks.

This would bring about an immediate and required cutting of spending as the government would have nowhere else to go to get the money. The economy isn't growing enough, the Chinese won't lend us more. They will have to cut spending.

But isn't this what we've been wanting? To bring the system down? To end the socialism and starve out the socialists and the parasitic classes?

The great thing is that because or economic growth is so low and sclerotic, it would only take a little bit of scaling back to bring economic growth into negative territory. Since

consumer spending accounts for 66% of GDP, if everybody just cut their budgets by 5% that would lop off 3.3% economic growth, sending us thoroughly into economic contraction and rattling markets. If you could manage to cut 10% from your budget, that would send us into a deep recession and force economic reality and action on congress and the president.

The question is can you cut 10% from your current spending? Most people can.

I visited a mall the other day and I my economic spidey senses started telling me to roughly estimate what percent of the stores were selling worthless crap women primary buy and have no practical use in the real world ("SWCWPBAHNPUITRW Stores"). After ballparking it I realized about 90% of the stores were SWCWPBAHNPUITRW Stores.

Clothing
Trinkets
Gadgets
More clothing
Jewelry
Accessories

You name it, we could nuke all of the country's malls tomorrow and we would get by just fine.

But that's what you have to realize. You don't need all of that crap, ESPECIALLY YOU LADIES.

So if you want to get back at the socialists. You want to make the welfare classes actually feel some pain. You want to raze the economy so we have a shot at rebuilding it correctly the next time, then time to start going "A Little Galt."

I Could Use Some Manosphere Brains

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Howdy all,

I am currently writing the chapter on girls for my new book "Bachelor Pad Economics." I have a streamlined and succinct outline, and pretty much know what I'm going to write, but I also appreciate having more than one brain on this subject.

If any of you could be so kind as to list the major and key tenets of wisdom we have theorized and flushed out in our little itnernet endeavor I would appreciate it. I think I have "most of it" but I know I am missing somethign.

So you know how broad or specific of examples I'm looking for I already have:

Leanring to ride motorcycles
Vasectomies/protecting against false pregnancy claims
The use of booze to get laid
it's cheaper to get a hooker than to find an actual girl

etc. etc.

In general any specific advice that I may miss. Please post in comments. My thanks in advance.

Cappy

Not Another 70's Movie

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I am intrigued by Ed's (quite extensive) analysis of 1970's film and the 1970's filming industry. I was not really cognizant of these goings-on's at the time, but I do know that a genre of 70's flicks I thoroughly enjoy are the Spaghetti Westerns. Of course not American, but probably the best film production from that decade.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi

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Am I correct in assuming Naheed Nenshi is one of those affirmative action mayors who was voted into town by the city's degenerate classes who do nothing of economic production, but pride themselves off of fanciful leftist causes like multi-culturalism, global warming, and other faux crusades? Hmmm....just like our president.

Well you Calgarians enjoy your little municipal decline for electing a potty mouthed child. At least our president acts presidential in that one regard.

Cripes.

Done With the 20/20 Piece

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This will be my last post on the 20/20 piece.

When we freed the Philippines we didn't sit and stare at our navels contemplating about our awesomeness.

We moved on to nuke Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Plenty more work to do, and against enemies just as evil as the 40's Japanese fanatics.

So let us not dwell.

No Mo White People In Marketing

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Funny thing I noticed when I was in Jamaica.

Their advertisements had more white people than ours (US) did.

I found this odd because I was (as far as I could tell) the only white boy to leave the plantation (aka - the resort) and take a 7 mile run into the city (Montego Bay) and explore it a bit.

I noticed many things.

Like the Jamaican version of Wal-Mart near the Catherine Hall neighborhood. Very efficient. Very effective. And despite the guards, that place has improved standards of living in the area by at least 10%.

Or the twin boys who saw me and started yelling "white man! white man!" until I had to

explain to their older brother/father that I wanted to see Jamaica, not America's version of it.

Or the taxi cabs that kept pulling over, honking their horns, thinking I was lost because I was a white man...even though I had running shoes...a running shirt...and I was...um...running.

But what stuck with me the most was the number of white people on their advertisements. Be it TV, the billboards, or what have you, there were nothing but white people. But far as my eye could see, I was the only white guy around. Matter of fact, I can guarantee you I was the only white guy around. Ergo, why i found it a bit insulting to the locals that they had to suffer advertisements and billboards that foisted white people down their throats.

Ergo why me and some people and the Catherine Hall residents may have something in common.

We're sick of the powers that be forcing diversity down our throats.

Go north 2,000 miles and I'm sick of Target's shit where they force minority faces in my face. This is no slander nor slight against my non-white brothers or sisters, but a disgust as to how they condescendingly placate them to eek out that extra 3% market share while ignoring their real market. I look at the advertisements and it's all minorities. But I look at the shoppers at Target and they're all wonderbread white.

Yeah, Target, we got it!

All of us got the freaking memo passed on since the early freaking 90's.

There are non-white people in our mix. We like 'em. We hang out with 'em. Sometimes we try to outdo each other in glorious rhetorical battle as we recite our "worst racist jokes" whilst doing shots of Jack Daniels bringing us closer together than your CSR department ever will.

Now can you stop it with the mixed-raced 14 year old pedophile-inciting models while I'm trying to pick up a freaking belt???

But, no, I know. Your corporate MBA executive types have nothing left up their sleeves. Instead of innovation, creativity, and lower prices that would actually help all colors of all people, we need to keep harping on this baby boomer, leftist bullshit of "diversity" and "corporate social repsonsibility" and "unicorns" and "job-farting half-white half-black presidents."

Good thing the 1990's education system brainwashed all those now guilt-ridden, middle aged, suburbanite white women into buying shit at your stores just because you showcase minorities as 90% of your models. Because it sure as hell ain't fooling the non-white folk.

Cripes.

If You're Going to Rape, Rape Swedish Girls

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The shocking title of this post is purposeful and noble.

It is to point out the outlandishness and true risk an unchecked feminist society presents to those it portends to protect- women.

Understand that feminism is merely a cloak, a ruse, if you will, to shield it's ulterior motive - marxism. It's ulterior goal is to bring down the productive classes, spread the wealth, and bladdity blah blah blah.

But it doesn't care who it destroys along in the process. Ergo why Sweden is one of the most "feminist" countries in the world, but suffers a wee-bit higher rape rate than others. Women are not the goal of feminism, but rather tools to advance the aims of marxists masquerading as feminists. And if women get raped at a rate similar to Lesotho, well, so be it, it's all for the "cause."

Despite my action in posting this (which would suggest a compassion on my part) I personally don't care. I've become too immune to the plight of women after having it shoved down my throat since the late 80's while watching them have every advantage of affirmative action, media, and government, also while hearing how evil and sexist and bigoted I was even though I presumably thought I rather enjoyed the company of women.

So now, I enjoy watching Sweden, and its women, who are further down the rabbit hole than we are here in the US, suffer their own self-inflicted wounds. I enjoy watching the fruits of the labor of feminists, marxists, and socialists as they mire in their own mud.

You girls keep going! "Grrrrrll power!!!! Moxie!! Yeaaa!!!"

I'm just going to light up a cigar as you embrace global warming, the state, and diversity as your gods and saviors and watch the consequences destroy you and your nation much like I enjoy watching "Die Hard" or "Tropic Thunder."

Enjoy the decline! Or as they say in Sweden

Njut av Nedgången!

Why Corporations Can Go To Hell

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Because there's no amount of money that can compensate for non-monetary stuff like this.

But by all means people. Keep slaving away for that mortgage.

(Post Post - Does anybody know if Bill Watterson is out of retirement? The copyright date on it shows 2013)

and is nothing more than an affirmative action industry to employ talentless people.

The Secret to Losing Weight

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It's all very complicated.

Thomas Sowell is Much Better Spoken Than I

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Two videos for you today Cappy Cappites.

One, this early morning video I put together explaining quite clearly what this blog and others like it stand for when it comes to race/gender/ethnic relations.

Two, Dr. Thomas Sowell demonstrating exactly who is the enemy advancing a political agenda and who is capable of intellectual honesty and truth.

What Did I Tell You About 401k's and IRA's?

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Did Paul Krugman predict this? Did he? Cause I thought he was this great economist able to get the country's economy booming again.

Damn, not only am I better economist, I'm better looking too.

The Most Clean Cleans

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Since the age of 18 I have managed, without female intervention or supervision, to

bathe regularly,
floss and brush my teeth,
prevent myself from starving,
clean my humble abode,
do laundry,
not starve

and a whole host of other things that have kept me alive and in reasonably good physical condition and health.

Enter the ladies.

Not one girl in the history of girls could just leave my place well enough alone.

No this must be cleaned.

No this must be put away.

No these clothes must be folded (which I know for a fact they don't because I haven't folded clothes since 1993 and the world has yet to spontaneously explode).

So permit me a new rule in the little lexicon of Cappy Cap;

"The most cleansed cleans."

You see, I clean to a standard that I find is necessary and eliminates biological messes and threats. Ergo the toilet is normally cleaned as is the sink, but the papers on my desk are not. The showed is scrubbed down with bleach when needed, but the clothes will remain in their respective "clean" and "dirty" piles until I do laundry.

Naturally this upsets those of the female persuasion.

"Why doesn't he KNOW that's NOT where the clothes go!!"

"Doesn't he KNOW that's NOT how papers should be stacked!!!?"

So the answer is simple - "If it's bothering you that much, then clean."

This rule solves that vast majority of domestic excuses between the men and the ladies. If you don't like the standards of a certain aspect of the house, then by all means upgrade it to your satisfaction. It's already up to mine, ergo, any further cleanliness is up to you.

But don't be so quick to think it is a cheap way for men to get out of cleaning. Consider the maintenance of the house and other fixed assets.

If left to the devices of women oil would be changed once every 63,000 miles and air filters never. The roof would be curled and warped as the shingles would be approaching 80 years old. And siding would be falling off as the first brisk fall breeze would come through. It is merely an issue of who has the lowest tolerance that determines who does what work.

Thus, instead of fighting and complaining, perhaps everybody should clean, maintain and do chores to their own personal level and not somehow view this as somebody too damn lazy to do it and thus "being their slave."

This has been a PSA from Cappy Cap.

Imagine a World Without "NAWALT"

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I was reading this piece and it reminded me of a theory I had been concocting. This piece, however, promoted it to "fully realized and understood thought in the frontal lobes so now I can write about it" status.

There is only a certain, finite amount of time you, me, and everybody else on this planet has. And a natural, engrained, darwinistic response you get when behind someone in traffic, or the vile and contemptible person who pulls out an order for her entire office in the line at Subway or Chipolte, is one of anger.

The reason why is they're killing you.

Oh, admittedly, not ending your life at that moment, but forcing you to waste precious seconds, and delaying your life by those precious seconds. Seconds that add up over the years to be at least by my estimation a month of extra life.

Now while we can all exchange stories about idiots in line or rush hour caused by three old people, there is another stalling or delaying in our lives and that is bad conversation.

For example, my girlfriend will accidentally send me from zero to "About to murder the Eastern Seaboard" in barely a microsecond as she unconsciously asks me the same question three times. Women do this not because they actually want your answer to something, but they think in merely rephrasing the question, you'll give them the answer they're looking for.

"Do you want to go to the movies?"

"No."

"Well aren't there any movies you want to see though?"

"No."

"Well, I thought you said you wanted to see Movie X."

"FOR THE THIRD BLEEPING TIME WOMAN!!! NO!!!!"

But this is actually an endearing eccentricity of women. One I really have no choice in accepting. But another example of how bad conversation delays things is when you are in debate. And it is here I have no patience whatsoever. Ergo, why I bring up NAWALT.

What if we didn't ever have to bring up NAWALT again? What if people got it the first time, and would then save us the hours of arguing, "well, I know most women are like that, but you see, this one girl, blah blah blah blah blah...."

And not just NAWALT, but what if every fount and bit of knowledge, wisdom, concept and fact was agreed upon and never questioned again?

Could you imagine how much faster our philosophical understanding would advance? Could you imagine the intellectual epiphanies and observations we'd come to realize?

It's akin to "if the Roman empire didn't collapse, we'd have made it to the moon by 1617."

Except I'm not asking the Roman Empire to not collapse. I'm merely asking (both men and women) to acknowledge and incorporate previous knowledge and information so that we may advance the freaking conversation instead of having to constantly revisit and reaffirm things we already know to be true.

Imagine the speed and clarity debates and conversation would have.

But no. Oh, no.

I gotta deal with people playing semantic games, asking me "what is racism?" I gotta deal with women who insist that though my empirical chart shows women earn the majority of easy degrees, they know this ONE person (at band camp) who majored in engineering. I gotta deal with some schmutz who purposely chooses to ignore my larger point and barf all over the technicalities to prove he's smart and that technically my point was only 98% correct. All of which, sapping out my finite life by the second to address these petty and intellectually dishonest contentions.

So I want to come up with a new acronym. Something that says, "We Fucking Covered That Already and All Agreed Upon It Now Can We Move On for the Sake of Future Generations?"

But "WFCTAAAAUINCWMOFTSOFG" seems a bit unwieldy. Perhaps, "It's Been Settled." IBS. Or "Say, Have U Talked to Us about this Previously?" SHUTUP?

I don't know. I just know it would be nice to move a lightning speed while talking about different topics instead of holding up for the NAWALT/technicality/semantics short bus.

Why "LIFT" Won't End Poverty

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I'm sick of non-profits, headed up by talentless liberal arts majors, claiming they going to "end poverty."

Really? Like in Africa and Central America and all these other places the peace corps types go.

You know what would be great. If just once, JUST ONCE you people were actually successful and not merely pissing away millions of dollars playing, "Adventure Liberal Arts Major!"

ONE!!!!

NAME ONE PROBLEM SOLVED BY THE LEFT!!!!

Paul Thornton of the LA Times

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Attention, Attention
I Have a poem
Attention, Attention
I have a poem

LA Tiiiiiimmmmmes
LA Timmmmmmmess?

You think you're better than us?

Than us???

U S.

U S A.

No way!

(for those of you unfamiliar why the above is funny, here is the context)

Jacob Gago

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Before I upload (heck, record) the latest podcast wanted to give credit to Jacob Gago who was kind enough to let me use his music for an intro to the podcast. Figured there must be some law or rule against just using music from different songs from my CD collection.

His genre is club/mixed/DJ music, may not be your cup of tea, but for those ravers out there in the Capposphere, you will be impressed.

Latest Clarey Podcast!

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Aaron wonders if the children of liberals will ever visit their parents in the nursing home given how bad they screwed up the country, wonders if leftists are capable of admitting 1/3rd of the country is collecting a check, finally figures out why he hates people who wait in line (they're SWPL's!), theorizes if Chick-a-Fillet will ever live up to the hype, and explains why cutting and hauling wood is manly in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

SMV is Real

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Uh oh! Science and statistics!

Good thing feminists don't believe in science and math.

But "It's For the Children"

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I crack me up.

The Captain Meets The Property Brothers

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Yes, they are that tall.
Yes, I am that short.
And no, they did not inherit it all. Those guys busted their asses off to get where they are today (business success, not tallness).

The Best Explanation of the Manosphere I've Ever Heard

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If there is an unbiased, truthful counterpart to the hit piece by ABC

AND is hands down the best explanation of what the Manosphere really is

this is it.

And what's great about it, is the people who would benefit most from this would be women.

How Leftist Women Want to Destroy the Careers of Men

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The "Snitchy Bitch" (my latest article at Return of Kings) is up for consumption.

And let me be clear about this.

The "Snitchy Bitch" is not some kind of sophomoric term I assign to some "crazy" women.

It is a real threat. A threat that is just as real and predictable as the housing bubble.

After 40 years of feminists/leftist indoctrination, there are millions of young women who think their "job" is not to produce anything of economic worth, but to

NARC
whine
tattle tale
and report

men out to their superiors to get them fired should said men offend the ever increasingly fragile sensibilities of women.

Does this advance the economy?

No.

Does this increase efficiency?

No.

But it makes a bunch of pampered, spoiled, liberal-arts-majoring-girls feel COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE

"Empowered."

So my argument is simple.

If society has so decayed to the point it kowtows to leftist tattle tales, that you will fire a man, who works hard and earns his economic merit, because some

whinny
snively
20 something
CHILD

files a complaint and what he said on teh interwebz,

then by all means said employer,

you fire that man. You go right ahead.

Because in the end following such a route will result in non-profitability because you're only firing your most productive assets and replacing it with a incompetent woman-child who is more vested "CSR" and "diversity" than profit and excellence. So enjoy that "women's empowerment" initiative or "diversity campaign" your HR and CSR departments are jamming down your throats while you try to figure out how to fund your pension plan.

Cripes.

The Single Father Deficit Crisis

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I hadn't been up more than 40 minutes before I was already pelted with another piece of leftist-religious propaganda telling me I should man up and start dating single mothers.

After the initial rage and anger subdued, however, I had a clear and intriguing thought:

"Why am I, a childless bachelor who didn't torpedo his life with an unwanted child, constantly asked, nearly commanded, to date and court single moms? Why are bachelors in general even a part of this? *Shouldn't there be just as many single dads to go and date these single moms???* Why don't they go date themselves and leave us childless people alone?"

So my brain did some thinking in the shower.

What if there was a shortage of single dads? What if there were more single mothers than there were single fathers, thereby necessitating us childless bachelors who didn't screw up our lives go in and sop up the surplus supply of single moms.

It's certainly possible because a man can impregnate multiple women. Say a real Casanova, who's a little lax on the use of birth control knocks up three women. In this case you have ONE father, but THREE mothers, two of which at minimum have to be single mothers. However, it is also possible for there to be more fathers than there are mothers. A woman can have multiple children with multiple men resulting in a shortage of single moms. The question then becomes which scenario is more likely.

Based on the OK Cupid study (where women rated 80% of men unattractive) it suggests a classical 80/20 scenario where 20% of the men are making off with 80% of the women. You also throw in the natural tendency for women to trade up, it becomes more likely a scenario where you have fewer men knocking up more women, than more women getting impregnated by fewer men.

Then I realized something as stoking the morning fire.

"Hey! I'm an economist! And there's the Census Bureau! Why don't I just look up how many fathers there are in the country and how many mothers there are in the country and that will prove whether or not there is a surplus or deficit of fathers."

And shucks howdy, what do you know.

There are only 70.1 million fathers in the US

While there are 85.4 million mothers.

This means (optimistically assuming all fathers are married, which they're not) there's at least a surplus of 15 million single mothers.

Now, in all intellectual honesty, some of this can be chalked up to men dying before women. In other words grandpa kicks off and grandma is still alive, but grandma is not looking for a new man to save her. I tried to find data at the Census Bureau that would address age, but their data tables do not delve into that level of detail. Regardless, I think it is such a deficit that it can be safely assumed (until somebody wishes to do the research to prove otherwise) there are millions more single mothers looking to date than there are single fathers available because of the "Casanova Effect" (or whatever you want to call it).

In truth, this should be insulting to most bachelors who kept their nose clean. It means you have some of these women doing the 80/20 thing, thinking only 20% of men are good looking enough to sleep with, while the remaining 80% of you schmoes are not worth it....

That is until they get pregnant and then need you single, childless, non-screwed up "schmoes" to bail them out.

The truth is you already are financially bailing them out. In collecting things like WIC, EBT, and scores of other forms of government aid, not to mention the entire public school system, these women disproportionately force you to pay higher taxes for children that aren't even yours. You needn't pay double by giving them your company, affection and attention.

Sex With Dinosaurs - The Latest Harlequin Trend

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

As if vampires and werewolves weren't bad enough.

From a Fan

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What this is, is testament to the fact that you will have more trust in people who pick on you, ridicule you, and mock you, more than you will people who kiss your ass.

How Danny Deprived Welfare Bums $600,000

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Danny is one of those guys who did what "I would have done had I to do it all over again."

Knock out 20 years in the military and take a pension at 39.

But I did some very quick math. Since the socialists and government has driven him to go Galt, what would he have contributed to society had he not been deterred?

Well, he would presumably work another 30 years until he was 70. Pro-rate it at $50,000 per year and a 40% tax rate, that's $600,000 that will NOT be going to welfare bums, whiners, complainers and other general parasites on society.

Now imagine if you will the 75 million male workers in America just saying, "to hell with it, I'm done. It's minimalism for me."

If they did that it would cost the government/parasitic classes $45 trillion.

You want to talk about how to win this war, there's your ticket.

Ladies Night Linkage

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Some linkage love for all the ladies out there in the Cappysphere.

Leslie is doing some research. It's kind of chicky, but it is ladies' night linkage. Perhaps you can assist.

Judged not by the color of his skin, but his character...or..wait..unless you are the federal government.

They're not learning anything anyway. Besides, there's no jobs for them either.

Again, I ask, since when did "women's work" become criminal, condescending and unimportant? Who villainized it and said it wasn't necessary let alone beneath men's work?

No wonder it got 670 comments.

This is why I refuse to take public transportation...among many other reasons.

This is why I refuse to buy cars the government tells me to.

Does Stephen Harper get any credit for navigating the worst recession in 70 years putting Canada well ahead the US? No, no, the Canadian leftist media needs to tell the sheeple how to think and vote.

I went as "Archer with Tactileneck" for Halloween and I pulled off an awesome job. Jennifer also has pulled off an awesome job AND it is a costume that doesn't suck.

Our Ukrainian Agent in the Field warns of Russian credit card scams.

This outdoes birthing music. Remember kids, you weren't had for you, you were had for mommy. Why else do you think you were dropped off at daycare?

Mercy, porn is beating out flesh and blood women.

You're "kinda bitter" about the baby boomer generation? I'm full on raging hatred and loathing of them.

Female privilege.

Let's raise your blood pressure!

Ladies (and men) don't be stupid like kids were in the 90's grunge day. Make yourself look presentable to society.

Economics is "The" Model to Explain Dating

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Always has been. Always will be.

We're Just Arguing Over Price

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Though I will point out it is men who are enabling this.

There is Nothing Noble About Being a Single Mother

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A rant-a-licious rant against single motherhood.

How Stefan Molyneux Saved My Economic Sanity

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There is nothing more

annoying,
agitating,
enraging,
insulting,
and
angering

to me (and I presume most of you) than when I present a leftist or a liberal irrefutable economic data and proof they are just flat out wrong and then they proceed to

worm out of it with the most flaccid and intellectually dishonest of lies.

More than once I've had a leftist resort to the pathetic and "admission of wrongness" excuse,

"well, my perception is my own reality."

Never have I ever wanted to cause physical harm to people more than in those instances.

I personally could never understand it. Here's the data, here's the logic, here's the reasoning, you're wrong.

WRONG WRONG WRONG!!!!

Only to have them retort in the liberal's version of "I know you are, but what am I?"

So after a while I gave up. If people are going to insist on being impervious to logic, fact and reason as Detroit collapses around them then how do you convince them? This is largely why this blog has gone from one of data, charts and statistics, to more of one of philosophy, rants, shame and mockery. If all the research, data, and empiricism I've expended considerable resources on is just going to be dismissed, fine. I'm switching to philosophy, ridiculing everybody, and am going to enjoy watching them suffer their own self-inflicted misery.

However, this mere switch never answered the burning question,

"What in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick is wrong with these people who refuse reality

over ideology? What is their mental damage that they can't see the sky is blue?"

Enter in Stefan Molyneux.

I was listening to this podcast of his and at the 1hr 2min 20 second mark he answers it.

All I could say was "Why the hell didn't I see this before???"

This doesn't mean leftists and liberals won't stop destroying the country.

This doesn't mean leftists and liberals won't stop performing the most amazing mental acrobatics to rationalize believing in lies.

But it does mean you and I and every other sane person out there can now fully understand why these inferior humans consciously and purposely believe something they (probably) deep down inside know to be false, and will continue to be impervious to logic, reason, sanity, fact, data and intellectual honesty.

The Benefits of Avoiding Fatherhood

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An excellent piece by ROK.

There's Something Seriously Wrong With People Who Don't Like Tropic Thunder

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How can't you like Tropic Thunder?

Today's Offie

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Remember, kids!

Work hard!
Pay taxes!
Commute!
And if you don't have a cubicle job at a corporate strip mall you "couldn't hack it in the real world."

Enjoy the decline!

"Victim-Predator"

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Thank you!

I was looking for a term for people who are too lazy to work real jobs and so they rely on their

skin
color
ethnicity
sex
sexual preference
religion,
etc

to claim victim status and thus rationalize the theft of other people's money

and now we have one!

Victim Predator!

A Rant Against Spoiled Brat College Students

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A curse-laden rant as college students are complaining about their student loan interest rates going up to almost 4%.

Remember, inoculate your children against this horrible disease. Buy them the book "Worthless." It will make sure they're immune to living at home at 30.

Mike Rowe Should Be in the Next Expendables

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Just how badass would that be to have Mike Rowe in Expendables 3?

100% completely badass, that's how badass it would be!

Don't Blame Capitalism for the Collapse of the US

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Blame socialism.

Punishing Liberal Millenials

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But liberals, in contrast, are nice. Obama is cool. You chose petty fascism with a smile. Not a lot of thought went into it. Facts, evidence – these were mere distractions from the feelings-based validation that came from rejecting us wicked conservatives.

It's great because they punish themselves.

How We Fooled Women Into Thinking Work Was Great

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and more in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Neotony

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I really wish I could find people who were high level, intelligent thinkers. I mean, this low-brow, boring biological/philosophical talk just isn't stimulating at all (warning, it's a lengthy video, but if you know how to strip the audio from Youtube videos it makes for a great podcast)

Bravo Good Man

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Bra-freaking-vo.

Why You Should Sleep With Your Students

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Permit me to be blunt...not that I wasn't previously.

You should totally sleep with your students.

Of course I am not speaking to K-12 employees or anybody who takes their teaching job seriously, but if you are like me and ended up teaching on a part time basis to adults, you should totally take advantage of your situation and sleep with your students.

The reasons are numerous and the drawbacks are nearly non-existent.

As a (male) instructor you are already put in a position of power and authority, granting you at least two more points on the scale of 1-10. I cannot count the number of women I seduced because I was a:

dance instructor
economics professor
financial advisor

It was almost effortless.

So why should you refuse the advantage if you are in an equal position of educational power?

Aren't you men working primarily to work up the money to hopefully convince a young lady to copulate with you? Why work so hard when your profession will do that job for you?

Also, unless you are really attached to your job or you are teaching minors, does it really pay enough for you to start having morals?

Sure, there were rules against professors dating their students.

Sure, there were rules against me fornicating with my apprentices.

But there weren't any rules after class ended. And there certainly weren't any rules after they graduated. Besides, no girl is going to rat you out and if she does you at most lost a job that paid a lousy $18/hour and had no job stability.

The larger point is simply this:

Out of every bit of game and strategy I've ever ran, it was "Teacher Game" that got me the most play. Being an economist scored me nothing. But being an "economics professor" scored me at least three nubile girls. Being a salsa dancer was fine. I think I got a couple dates. But being a salsa dance instructor score me much more.

It is the position of power a teacher/professor/instructor has that grants him a HUGE advantage when it comes to seducing women. So instead of going down to the night club and perfecting your "negging" skills, may I perhaps suggest an alternative?

Go to your local community college or community education department and "selflessly" become a teacher of one sort or another.

Women under your tutelage are much easier than women at the bar.

If Feminists Are So Independent

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then why do they constantly need taxpayer money?

Why Post-Scarcity Economics is Scary

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Follow along if you will on a mental exercise in post-scarcity economics.

"Post Scarcity" is basically a utopian ideal of economists. It means everything is free because things are no longer scarce. Matter of fact the entire study of economics would be unnecessary in a world where resources were unlimitedly plentiful and not scarce. But to really wrap your brain around the concept of "post scarcity" you have to understand what it really means.

If resources were unlimited, everything would be free. Cars would be free just as gumballs would be free. And because everything is free, then NOTHING would have value. There would be no prices. Just "stuff."

You can kind of imagine this if you've ever seen Star Trek where they have the replicator. As a child you might say, "Well I'd replicate a ton of diamonds and be rich!" But the problem is there is no "rich" or "poor" in a post-scarcity economy. The diamonds have no value because they can be replicated ad-infinitum, just like everything else. Again, NOTHING would have value, NOTHING would have a price. Matter of fact in a TRULY 100% post scarcity economy, you wouldn't even have money, because,

what would you buy? Everything is free.

Naturally, a 100% post-scarcity world is actually impossible. Even if we perfect 3 d printing, you need people to maintain the 3d printers, people to transport goods, electricity, not to mention maintain the infrastructure of society as well as some government services to manage the humans. But what is interesting about economics (and humanity) is that though a 100% pure post-scarcity economy is impossible, we are constantly, asymptotically approaching it. Just 100 years ago food was kind of a huge issue. Now it isn't. Just 250 year ago, electricity was a huge issue (non-existent). Now it isn't. And thus, though we will never have EVERYTHING be truly free, because of technological advances, we are constantly closing in on that post scarcity goal.

This then leads the human mind into an interesting world. If 3d printers actually deliver on all of their promises, it will be the first time in human history where your physical needs are met at zero or near zero cost. This then behooves the question:

"What will humans do or pursue in life?"

Realize you, me and everybody else works a fair percentage of our lives working up the money to pay for everything. But if "everything" (or most everything) were free, what

would the economy be about then? What would humans work and live for?

The answer is other humans.

Specifically, sex and attention.

Imagine again there is no such thing as money. Material goods and physical possessions are limitlessly abundant. What would then have any kind of value in this society and economy? Well, with physical goods being completely free, the only thing would be non-physical goods or services, namely provided by humans. And because of our binary sexual nature, this would leave only two goods or services left to be traded.

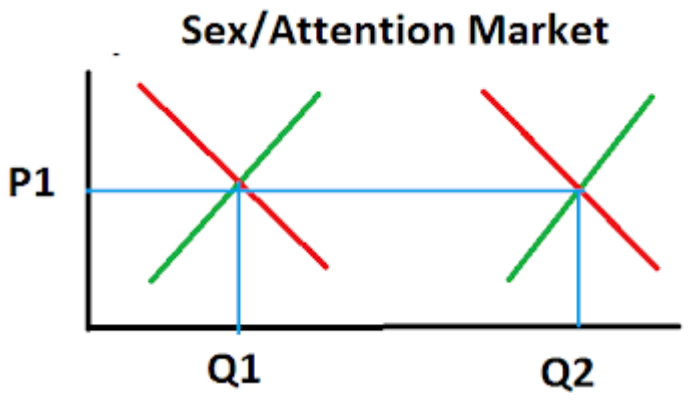
Sex and attention.

Men would want sex from women and women would want attention from men.

Of course, this trade has always been going on, but has been confused or complicated with physical goods. Men needed to display their income earning potential to convince women that are good providers, so they would buy "expensive stuffs" like sports cars, Rolexes, etc. to peacock around. But, alas, in a post-scarcity world, this role would be rendered obsolete, relegating the man solely to his ability to provide attention to score some sex. Women would also face a much more simplified economy. Instead of having to work all those extra hours to buy a pravda purse and pay off her Masters Degree in English, she now just has to earn mens' attention by solely focusing on her physical beauty. And this is where it gets scary.

Though it's impossible to predict, as far as my SAEG (TM) tells me, a post scarcity world would be nothing more than a super, hyper-sexualized world where the last remaining economy is purely based on men's ability to be ripped and buff, and women's ability to make themselves as pretty as possible. In other words, imagine Miley Ray Cyrus and roided up guys at the gym, but a hundred times more vain, slutty, and self-obsessed. Millions of them, all trying to outdo each other in order to garner the most about of sex/attention they can.

In short what would happen is an arms race based on narcissism, looks, beauty, and the like that would drive both the supply and demand curves to the right for sex and attention.



Normally, economists would agree this is a good thing. When the supply and demand curves for anything shift right, you have increased production but (assuming proportional increases in supply and demand) no increase in price. But my fear is at what human cost.

Humans are not cars or widgets. And matter of fact, intellectual conversation and stimulation I believe is the most important thing humans can provide other humans, something physical items can't. But with everybody racing for the gym, getting the latest implants, and injecting themselves with the latest roids, it is unlikely such a vain society will stimulate intelligence, let alone intelligent conversation. And so my second prediction.

Should post-scarcity ever occur, it will fragment humans into two camps.

1. Those willing to expend the effort necessary to participate in the arms war of sex/attention
2. Those not willing to expend the effort and instead focus on intelligence and personality

The first group will likely breed and populate the future as their entire focus is on sex and attraction. The second group, though maybe not as much, will still copulate, but focus on less physical and more mental qualities and traits. Naturally, over time, these two groups will evolve with one group becoming "hotter" and the other group "uglier," but it makes me wonder if over time and because of the "hyper arms-sex-attention race" post scarcity

would instill in the "hot group," that they would evolve into separate different species (and is here where my speculation runs out as I am not a great biologist, geneticist, let alone philosopher, and is perhaps where others might take over).

However, as I said before, this was a mental exercise. There are many variables that would make such a scenario unlikely, even impossible, and I would hope some of you would point those out (besides, it would only take one generation focusing on looks and not the engineering needed to keep the 3d replicators operational that would end the post-scarcity economy). But before economists cheer for a post-scarcity economy, they may want to think about what it would replace and what the consequences might be.

Calculate Your Chances of Divorce

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Brilliant.

Abso-freaking-lutely brilliant.

Crowding Out the Private Sector Husband

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I was listening to Stefan Molyneux and he said something that made my economic spidey senses tingle a bit:

That the average unwed mother, supporting a family, received somewhere around $70,000 per year from the government in the various forms of social services, welfare, etc. He then went on to add if you considered public school that was another roughly $10,000 per child.

The number seemed a little high, and I cannot find the specific podcast, but I trust Stefan's veracity to ensure those numbers are correct, so for the purpose of this particular post, I'm going to assume it's true (if somebody has better data or can cite the study, please let me know). But the point Stefan was making was how this essentially supplanted men as the role of a provider. If the government is going to pay a single parent (typically the mother, but not always) $70,000 per year, then why would she bother looking for a husband, at least in the capacity of a provider?

Simple, she won't.

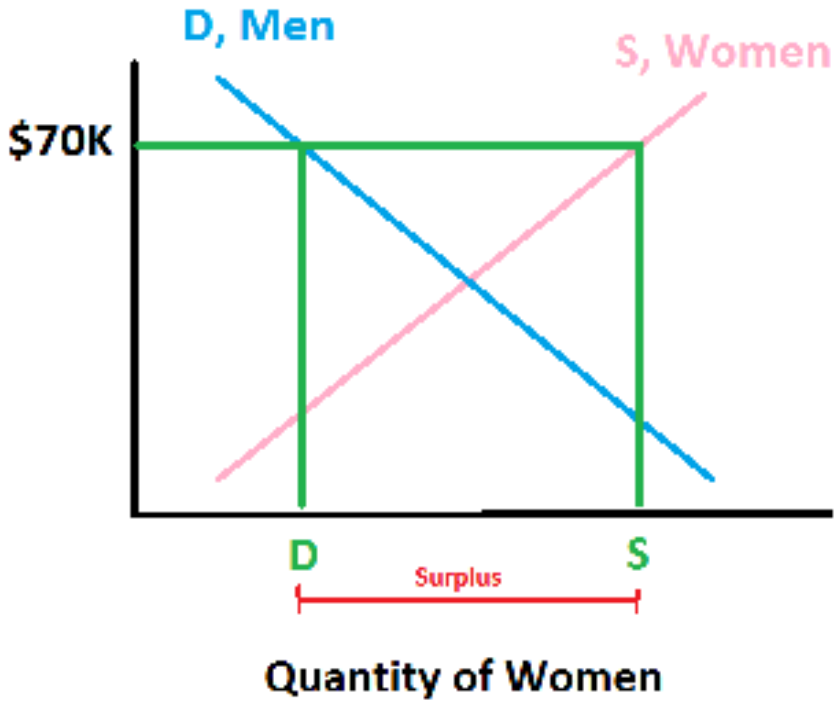
But this got me thinking. Assuming the $70,000 is accurate, what that essentially does is put a price floor on the marriage market. No woman is going to consider any man who makes less than $70,000 because that's the MINIMUM she's going to get from the government. So as a man, if you wish to participate in this market you need to make more than $70,000.

But what percent of men make that much?

Well off to do some research I went and found on wikipedia's entry on personal income that 87% of the population makes less than $75,000 per year (close enough). Yes this included women as well, which probably increased that percent, but let's just say 80% of men make less than $75,000 for the sake of argument. That's 4 out of every 5 men who cannot provide at the level the government does. 4 out of 5 men cannot compete in the marriage market.

Now, naturally, women don't just marry for the provider role, and there are a whole host of other variables that go into it, but the government at least at some level is crowding out men from this marriage market. And we all know from Economics 101 what happens when you set price floors and crowd buyers out of a market -

surpluses.


D, Men
S, Women
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Quantity of Women

The chart above graphs your standard supply and demand curve market. The "supply" of women is in pink and denoted "S, women" while the "demand" for women (obviously by men) is in blue and denoted "D, men." Had there been no government interference, the market would "clear" at an equilibrium price that would be around what the median income is for your average man. This would be "normal" and normal women would marry normal men. You would have a normal house and normal children. And life would have gotten on like it always has, normally.

However, with the government essentially providing a $70,000 price guarantee, it throws the whole marriage market out of whack. At such a high income level, many more women are willing to get married, and so the supply of women increases and is denoted by the green S. But with only 20% of the male population making that kind of money or more, the demand drops to the green D. The difference between the plethora of women who are willing to get married and the few men who can afford it, is a surplus of women who constantly ask "where have all the good men gone?"

Of course, it is impossible to put precise numbers on this market. But it does go a long way in explaining, at least economically, why there seems to be a shortage of men (or a surplus of women). Government has crowded men out of the market by making it too expensive to compete in. It would be no different if the government came in and created a law putting the price of Playstation 4 at $5,000. Some people would buy it, but most others would simply not be able to afford it. However, instead of less video games being played, government's vying for the affection of women has resulted in less marriages. Perhaps they can design a government check that will hug you back at night.

Enjoy the decline ladies!

WhyYou Should Never Donate to the United Way

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If something comes up on my radar once, I usually ignore it.

If something shows up twice, ehh...most likely coincidence.

Three times may be a short term trend.

But when it comes up FIVE times, then I know somethings amiss.

And something is terribly amiss with The United Way.

I have been out of the work force for quite sometime. And when I was in the work force, my wonderfully clam and amicable demeanor told any HR rep or manager never to ask me to donate to charity. It was very clear I was a stringent fiscal libertarian and really have no pity for the poor as I too was once poor and managed to get myself out of without a single penny of help from anybody.

But with an e-mail from a fan, "Rich," it makes now SIX times that I've heard about employees being forced or arm twisted by their bosses or their HR managers to donate to The United Way.

So I decided to do some research, and hokie smokes, it's a god damned epidemic. The most "authoritative" article (I guess) was this one here from the SF Gate. But a basic Bing search pulls up hundreds of stories, articles, discussion boards, etc. about how (in addition to a 40% tax rate) they're forced to donate to the United Way.

Why the United Way is so prevalent, and no other charities are mentioned, I do not know. And whereas my intellectually honest mind says, "There probably are other charities like this," my cynical and statistical mind says, "no, there's something nefarious going on here. The United Way would not be mentioned so frequently."

So lieutenants, economists, agents in the field, children, and Cappy Cappites, how about we flex this here new-found media muscle and do our best to dissuade people from donating to the United Way? Charity ought to be optional, not forced or coerced. And since we're already forced and coerced by liberals via the government to donate to their pet charities, the least we can do is tell the HR bitch and the manager douche to shove it next time they ask us to donate to the United Way.

Remember, Avoid Women With Horses

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It is a surefire way to determine the lack of sanity and fiscal discipline.

Obama Nationalizes Best Buy

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Oops, sorry, wrong country, wrong president.

But it will happen. Give it time.

The "Round-House-Kicking-Chick-Cop Test"

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The Bechdel Test.

Never heard of it, but it turns out it's one of those things that proves we have too much government money going to worthless people with worthless goals and worthless lives.

So to show the feminists of the world a bit of solidarity I've come up with my own pointless test that in a very fascist way forces a pointless and harmful ideology on society for the sole purpose of bolstering my ego.

The "Round House Kicking Chick Cop Test" henceforth referred to as the RHKCCT

It is a very simple test.

If there's a cop show that stars or highlights women:

portraying cops,
who weigh less than 120 pounds and
displays them magically kicking the shit out of men who beat them by 80 pounds and there's no way in hell in the real world they could pull that shit off

then that show and all the actresses that star in and foolish women who turn into that chick-porn get the Nelson Ha Ha Award, henceforth known as the NHHA.

Because, understand this. In order to pass the Bechdel test you need to have

two women
in starring roles
who never talk about men

Which I can sort of understand. But when Swedish theaters provide this rating for all their movies, then frankly it is hilarious, unlikely, delusional, dumber than shit, and not based in reality. Kind of like RHKCCT.

But since Swedish feminism doesn't care about sanity, reality, being dumber than shit, or advancing society, I figured I'd just pick something out from the female world that is infinitely more childish and pathetic, and maybe hope it would make them take a look in the mirror and ~~break it~~...errr...realize their hypocrisy.

Should I hold my breath?

Masters Degree in Pop Culture

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

A reader told me about it, but I could believe it.

But it's true.

You can get ADVANCED DEGREES IN POP CULTURE.

What did you expect? It came from the Frankfurt School.

My favorite is it is so worthless it makes journalism seem like a WORTHWHILE MAJOR.

My god, and I even have to spend time arguing with these people why their degrees are worthless. The problem isn't worthless degrees. It's galactically stupid people who can't or refuse to see that.

To Make You Seem Even Less Manly

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Just watch this video and envy how cool it would have been to have Bruce Lee train you and get to spar against James Coburn or Steve McQueen.

I Finally Figured Out Bitcoin

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Economists,
Lieutenants,
Agents in the Field,

lend me your ears!

For I have finally figured out bitcoin! And truthfully, this is one of my best mental achievements. And hopefully, through my ability to write clearly and explain things, I may be able to explain bitcoin to us all.

I had listened to this podcast of Stefan Molyneux on bitcoin. It was very good, but did not fully answer my question, "why does a bitcoin have any value?" However, what the podcast did do is bring my perception or "observation" up high enough that I could finally see and conclude how bitcoin does actually have value.

To understand why bitcoin has value, you first need to think about why currencies exist in the first place.

The answer from an economics 202 class is "to avoid barter."

Barter is horribly inefficient. If you are a cow herder and want a pint of ale, well, you're out of luck. Because you can't trade a whole cow for a measly pint of ale. Nor can you slice off pieces of beef from the live cow to make the trade more fair. Therefore, if any kind of economic trade and progress is to be made, you need a currency.

Historically, this has meant anything from gold and silver to salt and sea shells. But regardless of what item inevitably becomes an local economy's currency, they all have some key traits and qualities in common.

Divisibility - You can divide gold, silver or salt into measurable quantities. Pounds, ounces, grams, etc. This allows you to scale the currency to the value of the item you wish to purchase.

Durability - The currency cannot rot or decay over time. Milk is a bad currency because in 3 years time it will be quite gross. Gold in 3 years time will still be gold.

Store of Value - The currency must also maintain its value and purchasing power over time. If you're like Venezuela and constantly printing off more commie paper money, it will lose its value. But with a limited supply (gold, silver, diamonds, etc.) you can assume

that currency will still have roughly the same amount of purchasing power as it did.

Finally,

Intrinsic Value - The currency must have some kind of real value. Gold can be used for jewelry. Silver can be used in electronics. Copper can be used in plumbing. Salt can be used in cooking. In other words, people will take it as a currency, because even if they don't use it themselves, they know somebody who will. It does have an intrinsic value unto itself.

And it is here (intrinsic value) where most people get lost on bitcoin.

Bitcoin meets all the OTHER characteristics and traits of a good currency. It's divisible. It's durable (infinitely as it is digital). And it will not decay (again, binary doesn't decay).

But precisely what practical, real world application does it have? You can't use it in electronics. You can't make jewelry (aka - buying sex) with it. So why does it have any intrinsic value at all?

The answer lies in comparing a currency's "intrinsic value" versus its value as a currency.

For example look at what has served as the primary currency throughout most of human history - gold.

Why does gold have intrinsic value?

Economists will answer, "because you can use it in jewelry" which is the polite person's way of saying, "men can buy sex with it."

But does that make any sense? That ONE thing you can do with gold, "make jewelry" is why it served as the standard currency for thousands of years across the planet? What you'll soon realize is that, yes, while gold can be used to make jewelry it serves a much more important function to society as a currency. In other words, an item's value as a currency is really not dependent on its intrinsic value. It just needs SOME intrinsic value to get people to have faith in it and start trading it.

Salt can be used to flavor and store food. Was that grounds enough to make it the Mali Empire's default currency?

Silver can be used to make jewelry and some industrial items. Was that grounds enough to make it the currency of the wild west?

Large clam shells could make some funky and uncomfortable bras in ancient Polynesia.

Was that grounds enough to make it the default currency in the south Pacific?

Apparently so, because it DID HAPPEN. But not because of jewelry making potential or food storage potential. That was just "enough" intrinsic value to suffice. It was because those items provided more value to the economy as a currency than it did some as jewelry making materials or food flavoring. And to prove it an interesting comparison would be to compare the amount of gold (or silver) actually being used as jewelry versus that of currency, bullion or investment. I'd surmise over time, 90% of silver and gold has been used as a currency and NOT tiaras.

Understanding that a currency derives most of its value from its NON-intrinsic value traits, and only needs a "little" intrinsic value, this then puts the focus on how bitcoin derives it's "little" but necessary intrinsic value.

The answer is simple - scarcity.

Consider diamonds.

Why do they have value?

Taking the jewelry and industrial drilling uses of it away, why do they have value?

The answer is, they don't. They serve no purpose. At least from a PRACTICAL or PURPOSEFUL perspective.

But because they are so rare people will scramble for them. But understand what we're talking about when we talk about "scarcity" or "rarity." It is in relation to other things.

On this planet there is 9 quadrillion megatons of dirt and maybe 100,000 pounds of diamonds. Both dirt and diamonds have no real practical use or value, but diamonds are considered infinitely more valuable. Ergo, when we talk about scarcity, is merely a RATIO between two items that determine whether it is valuable or not. It is simply the ratio of the supply of one thing on the planet (copper) versus that of another (platinum).

And this is why bitcoin has that wee bit of necessary intrinsic value. It is very much like diamonds in that is has no practical use, but it is scarce. Matter of fact, diamonds, gold, silver, rare earth, etc., are constantly being dug up out of the ground. The makers of bitcoin have limited their supply to 21 million units forever, making it even more scarce.

In the end, bitcoin is really nothing more than a private sector currency akin to digital diamonds. And it is my opinion, you have a currency that is better than any official government fiat currency out there as it cannot be hyper-inflated away by a central bank. However, there are some drawbacks to bitcoin.

One, it is completely dependent upon the internet working. Any post apocalyptic event that shuts it down or turns off the electricity, and it's about as valuable as those gold ETF's you have. Two, it is not yet universally accepted by people. This may change over time, but it is a distinct (though growing) minority who use bitcoin. Three, it is such a threat to other established currencies I have no doubt in my mind governments will do everything they can to put the kibosh on it. Fourth, it can be undermined by another digital and more preferable currency.

Regardless, whether bitcoin ends up becoming a universally accepted currency is another matter. the key economic lesson to take from this is what drives the value of a currency is not so much its intrinsic value as much as it is the amount of value society puts on it as a tool for exchange.

(if you liked this post and it finally explained that NAGGING question, "how does Bitcoin have any value" please consider buying some of my books- Worthless, Enjoy the Decline, How to Privatize Governments, and Boris the Shitting Buffalo)

The MGTOW Official Theme Song

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Don't know why I didn't think of this before, but it is

"Pass Me By"

perfectly illustrated by Cary Grant portraying Walter Ecklund.

It's "Her Day"

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I gotta do more videos when I'm half in the bag. They come out much better than originally think. (language warning).

Regardless, I eviscerate the idiots dropping $25,000 on weddings only to have half of them end up divorced. Not to mention that money could go to a house or some kid's college fund.

Enjoying the Misery of Others

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...results from the latest "Racist Running Game,"
the "Mythical Jewish Bar of St. Louis Park,"
bars of the wild west,

and more!

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

So Atheism IS a Religion!

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Never understood how atheists are so adamant about being atheist. I mean, isn't one of the biggest benefits of being an atheist that you DON'T have to go to church? Me think they doth protest too much.

If It Weren't for Divorce, I'd Have to Get a Real Job

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To all the parents out there getting divorced, keep it up! We here in the Manosphere need a constant supply of new and screwed up kids to buy our books, subscribe to our YouTube channels, and give us a token amount of money to set them straight and tell them like it is!

All Employers Are Like That

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From my upcoming book "Bachelor Pad Economics" (slated for early December)

The result of such a disparity between what you are capable of and what the real world has to offer is a working environment that not only will spectacularly fail to meet your lofty expectations of challenge and reward, but crush your hopes and dreams of the future. After nearly two decades of schooling it will take you months just to land an interview, sometimes years to find a job. After flirting with the likelihood you'll have to go on welfare, you will have a bit of "luck" and maybe land a job. You will desperately take it just so you can make ends meet, but you will soon find out it is tedious, mundane, and nothing like what your employer said it would be. You will think you're just "unlucky," that not all employers are like that, and it's just a matter of finding another employer. But you will soon find out, job after job, that all employers are indeed "like that."

In the meantime consider getting an early jump on Christmas shopping as you spread Cappy Cap Cheer (TM) by purchasing any one of my books.

I Will Only Protect the Women Close to Me

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Hosurance is the correct moniker to explain this utterly contemptible and disgusting advertisement by Colorado's insurance exchange. I won't delve into it in detail as I believe Roissy has done a good enough job, but I will merely point out two things this vile and childish advertisement screams at everyone:

1. American women have decayed so much that this isn't considered a parody or mockery of them, but rather an accurate portrayal. Making it worse, the advertisement was likely made by liberal women who have no clue just how badly they've presented women.

2. This is young women telling men they don't need men, they just need the government. Maybe a fling here or there, but man's role in society is no longer provider, father or head of household, just a hot guy for a romp around the bedroom.

To that end, it is now my policy to only help women I know and trust. If I'm already paying for harlots' health insurance and they're going to return the favor by acting like Miley Ray Cyrus and marrying the government, I'm done. I don't care if it's -20 and you're on the side of a road with an overturned car. If it doesn't have a conservative bumper stick or some other obvious evidence you care to support yourself, call up the federal government tow-car hotline.

More on Bitcoin

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From Mr. Kerry Lutz.

The Destruction Principle

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Gather 'round kids and let the ole Captain tell you a story which will explain the sometimes confusing and hypocritical behavior of leftists.

Many years ago me and my brother were engaged in glorious snow fort battle. Never had he or I ever built stronger, sturdier snow forts. We would go out at night and pour water on our forts so they would be reinforced with a 3 inch coating of ice. So strong were the forts they were impenetrable to snow balls. So we started (much to the concern of our mother) building and throwing ice balls.

While more dangerous, they were more effective, knocking off a chip of the snow fort here. A chip of the snow fort there, and then we're hurriedly jump out of our forts to repair them while having a gentlemen's agreement to then attack the other side of our opponent's fort.

Then something dawned on me.

If I were to build a simple column of snow on the top of my fort, much like a thick snow flagpole, my brother would be tempted to knock it down. This would then draw the majority of his fire and munitions, and he would waste those precious resources on a pointless target, while I could reinforce my fort and build more ice balls.

It worked.

Once built nearly all of his missiles were directed at the snow column and I was allowed to strengthen my fort. Occasionally he would hit it, knocking it down and then celebrating. But I would just put up a new column in a matter of seconds and continue on.

Naturally, this was quite some time ago. But what I learned back in 1986 has always carried forward with me. People like easy targets.

Now take this fact and apply it to the modern day leftists or liberal. Specifically, environmentalists and protestors.

Do you know why liberals are protesting fracking in the Bakken oil field?
Do you know why liberals are protesting against nuclear energy?
Do you know why liberals are protesting, well....anything they protest?

What they will tell you is that they are doing it for some noble cause or another. To

protect the environment. To protect the children. To save the whales. But this is nothing but an outright lie. However, what's really interesting about this lie is that they are telling it not so much to convince you about their nobility, but rather to convince themselves.

And this is where The Destruction Principle comes in.

Understand the single most defining characteristic of a liberal or a leftist is that they are lazy. They do not want to work. They do not want to strive. They want an easy and paid-for life as much as possible.

However, the second most defining characteristic of a liberal or a leftist is their ego. They have to be applauded. They have to worshipped. They have to be doing something that provides them and their ego validation.

Naturally, these two traits are mutually exclusive. If you aren't going to work hard for a living, if you're not going to strive towards something, if you're incapable of rigor, then you will achieve nothing noteworthy and your ego will go unvalidated. However, leftists' egos are so huge and so hungry they inevitably have to "do something," and so, just like my brother did in 1986, they go for easy, but pointless, targets.

Going green.
Driving a Prius.
Shopping at Whole Foods
etc.

All of these things are nothing more than substitutes for hard work, production, self-supportation, and genuine human value. They are nothing more than rituals, no different than rituals performed at a church. They are pointless, they achieve nothing, but they make their religious participants falsely "feel good about themselves."

However, where the "destruction" in The Destruction Principle comes in is where you have your environmentalists or your most vain and vile leftists. For example, if some dolt wants to buy a Prius and smugly put their MPG on a vanity plate, they aren't really hurting anybody. They are destroying nothing. But if you have protestors who are going to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, then you are costing people their lives, jobs, not to mention economic growth for the country. You are causing destruction.

And that's The Destruction Principle.

In short, The Destruction Principle is:

"*Worthless people, in order to validate their egos, but avoid any real work, will take the production, success, and work of others, villainize it, protest against it, and ultimately*

destroy it. Not because other people's production, success and work was evil, but because it is easier to destroy other people's work that already exists, rather that build up something of genuine value yourself."

Now, understand just what negative-NPV-humans these vermin are.

They are so arrogant, so lazy, so full of themselves, they have no problems ruining the lives of others, just so they can feel good about themselves.

They are so vile, they don't mind holding up the economic growth of the entire nation, as long as they can go and protest against "global warming," "patriarchy," or any one of the fashionable leftists ~~religions~~ causes.

Worse, they are so evil they would rather destroy something that is good, because it's easier than working hard and producing something of value themselves.

Again, look at the Keystone pipeline. To build that would take engineers, chemists, accountants, and skilled tradesmen. But look at just one of the key opponents to it. A worthless crusader who is deathly afraid of real work, never held a real job in her life, and will ruin the lives of millions to avoid it.

Now I know I receive some criticism and guff for simplifying things. But it really is that simple. People who don't like hard work or math are the cause of the majority of our problems today. People who major in worthless degrees are declaring to the world they don't want to work hard, but still want to be in charge. And when you throw in ego and The Destruction Principle, you have a veritable mental-cancer that infects people, has them attack others, and slowly kill off the body known as society. I just wanted to identify and define the problem/symptom as that is the first step to solving problems.

Enjoy the decline!

(If you liked this post you would most likely enjoy my 8 part Youtube series on "Crusaderism")

Use the MSM, Don't Let Them Use You

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These people are no geniuses with diabolical plans, because if they were, they wouldn't have gone to work into media in the first place (my experience shows that reporters are not the mostly intellectually curious of people). Any agenda they have against you is primarily due to mental indolence. They work with people who all think they same because they all graduated from the same colleges. Think of them as bubbly, useful idiots who hate rocking the boat.

Buying Books for Winter

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He'll have plenty to read once the snow starts falling.

Afternoon Humor

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AKA "Dating is An Expensive Pain in the Ass"

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Sit down and pay attention kiddies as Reverend Dalrock delivers his latest sermon explaining why men are not just pulling out of the marriages market, but the dating market as well.

Enjoy the decline!

Another Successful Parochial Student

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Remember parents.

Force feed Jesus down your kids' throats.

The results are great!

The money quote though:

"*But Miss Desaine – who insists that all her conquests wear a condom – added: 'I hope employers see it as a bit of fun and it shows I am more confident than the average girl.*"

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

How Running Can Trick Your Brain Into Thinking You Have Agency

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"Agency" is a word Mr. Aurini taught me (among many others). It not only refers to an organization you might work for, but also means purpose or usefulness. It also happens to be a mandatory requirement for all men to attain happiness.

If a man doesn't have agency or purpose in life, he becomes depressed and lethargic. Sometimes even suicidal. Just look at what happens to men after they retire from a successful career. Many, at best, go through a funk. Others get angry, irritated, depressed and don't know what to do with themselves. But forget men who are lucky enough to have a "successful" career. Consider young men today.

Most young men today have had the three main ways they can attain agency denied to them:

Career/provider
Husband
Father

And this was done largely at the hands of women (and lefty pansied men) who voted in government to supplant men in these roles.

The economy is shot and offers no employment opportunities (let alone something as idealistic as a "career") as it is no longer focused on the private sector and growth, but rather wealth redistribution and supporting out parasitic classes.

Becoming a husband is becoming impossible as feminism has turned the quality and caliber of women into this.

And without a wife, let alone a career, it's pretty hard to become a father. Oh sure, men will inseminate women. Sure, they'll breed. But they won't raise a child or spend time bringing the child up. Besides, that's now the job of state-run schools and divorce courts.

So there sits about 2 full generations of young men, full of capacity, full of potential, laying idle and twiddling their thumbs. And just as government has supplanted their roles in society, these men have turned to video games, booze, drugs, porn, even crime to replace women's.

But drink all the booze you want and save the princess a million times, in the end your

genetic hard-wiring will take over. And no matter how much you fight it, you will get depressed you have no career, you have no family, and you have no future. The environment is hostile to men's nature and it is an uphill battle to find agency and thus happiness.

But may I make a suggestion? It doesn't solve the underlying problem, but does, in a sneaky way, provide men with a substitute for agency.

Start running.

Running is a way to trick your brain into thinking you have agency. In the darkest days of my life I would get up and literally be incapacitated. I could not move. Not because of neural damaged, but every choice, every action I had available to me led nowhere. So why choose any of them. It had no purpose. And so I laid there on the couch, getting up to get food or go to the bathroom occasionally. My frontal lobes knew, however, this was not a viable long term plan. I had to do something, but with no career, no desire to meet girls, and no (at that time) obvious entrepreneurial opportunities, I did the only thing I could do.

I ran.

Not that I hadn't ran before, I always knocked out 3 miles every other day to keep in shape. But now I was running to kill time. And so instead of my short 25 minute run around Lake of the Isles, I was running 10 miles, everyday. I'd return home and for once I felt completely normal. I wasn't sad, I may have even felt like going out that night to an old haunt. But soon the endorphins wore off and I was back to incapacitation.

Time for weights.

Understand at this point in time I was so defeated I also wasn't eating much. I had dropped from 150 pounds to 125. But, add the running and weight lifting, I was ripped. Not an ounce of fat on me. I could bench press 180 pounds and knock out 150 push ups non-stop. But I wasn't lifting weights to get ripped. Matter of fact, I LOATHED lifting weights. It was the "normal" feeling I wanted after. I refused to do anti-depressants and so weights it was.

Sure enough, after an hour or two, I was feeling "normal" again.

Ideally this would last me into the night at which time I would pop two sleeping pills to knock me out to the real world. And sure enough, my internal organs would not fail me, and I would wake up the next day to start the whole miserable process over again.

This lasted about a year, but inevitably things turned around. When a recruiter called me

I was drunk and went into a rage, tirading against the banking industry and how I wasn't baby sitting "dumb, mother fucking, middle aged bankers who can't do Excel."

I got the job.

I had self-taught myself salsa and ballroom dancing.

My dance class revenues tripled.

And though I hated every second of lifting weights,

girls were throwing themselves at me.

Then one day (ironically listening to this song of all things-have to get to the 55 second mark) I all of the sudden realized something - I was happy. I had created my own agency despite society's best efforts to deny me any. I was getting up to do things in life, not merely to run.

Since then, of course my running and weight lifting has tanked. I only knock out 6 miles every other day. I lift weights, but only do enough to keep in shape, and my girlfriend is an outstanding cook, nursing me back to 150 pounds. But I will never forget the role running (and lifting) played in my overcoming that depression. Not because it made me feel normal, but because it didn't make sense at the time why it did. But in hindsight I now know why.

Running or any exercise directly stimulates the lizard part of your brain and tricks it into thinking you have a point or purpose in life. When you are exercising your hindbrain is thinking, "*We must be doing something productive. We must be hunting mammoth or toiling in the fields. We are being productive. We have agency*." which then continues to have your various glands produce various hormones and chemicals that make you feel good. Of course you don't have purpose. YOu don't have agency. And once you stop working out your frontal lobes that are acutely aware of this fact take over, sending you back to Cameron-ville (Ferris Bueller). But for that hour of working out and the two hours after that your brain and body are given the much-needed "normal feeling" you need to get through the worst bouts of depression.

Now, is every Millennial male and young Gen X man in the throes of a crushing depression?

No, of course not.

But they are without agency or purpose, and they are in a hostile environment that will never provide them the opportunity to have those things. This will at minimum put most

young men in a funk and lessen their quality of life. But this does not have to be the case. All a young man has to do is start running (or working out). This won't guarantee a job opens up. This won't guarantee a career becomes a possibility. And it certainly won't turn women today into the Sophia Lorens and June Cleavers we demand. But it will, on a subconscious, cave-man level trick you into thinking otherwise and make it much easier to enjoy the decline.

Brilliant

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Absolutely brilliant.

American Men Demand Their Careers, Women, and Children Back

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aka "Why the Manosphere isn't going away."

Warning, 30 minute video so...like...pour a stiff drink.

Why Doesn't This Come Standard with Every Podcast?

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I am still amazed when it's becoming progressively clearer and clearer that podcasts are the way of the future, that the best podcasters out there still do not have something like this standard in all of their websites.

How hard is it to put a "want to sponsor the program" page with contact info?

Look, I do not get paid for this. I am really just that happy of a customer and perhaps more stunned from an economics standpoint how celebrity podcasters just aren't monetizing their sites. Regardless, I cannot endorse Tom Leykis' Show and Gary's professionalism enough for all you budding entrepreneurs looking to expand your business. The demographics are perfect, the price is affordable, chances are (unlike pretty much any radio ads you might run) you will get a positive rate of return on your investment.

Help Me Help Ed Help You

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Come on! Support an agent in the field!

When Your Aging Parents Come After Your Money

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It's called "filial responsibility." Apparently in 25 states your parents can come after you for your money if you don't help take care of them in their old age. These states are:

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia

But the money quote is this right here:

"*As recently as the 1950s, 45 states and the federal government had them on the books. They began to erode during the New Deal, when the Social Security Act passed and the concept of government rather than familial responsibility started to take hold.*"

Ahhhh, replacing people with the loving and caring government.

This is why if you have liberal parents you should just tell them the government is there new children. The government is their all and everything. The government, the government, the government.

Oh well, you aging lefties who love government, you crazy cats try to enjoy that decline, ya hear?

Why Exxon Mobil Should Hire Me to Head Their CSR Department

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How a "welfare family dynasty" of teen mothers could breed 6 generations in a single lifetime

Why it's OK to be angry and not help out your fellow leftist

Why Exxon Mobil should hire me to head their CSR department

What everybody wants for Christmas

AND MORE!!!

On this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

"Grrrrl Power!" (TM)

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It's just too precious.

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick

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Cripes.

Alyssa

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I am reliably informed there is a book in the picture somewhere:

Alyssa also insists it is available in Kindle.

The Theoretical Price Limit of Bitcoin

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Permit me a very simple mathematical observation.

In my previous post I pointed out how bitcoins were more like diamonds in that there is a limited supply of them, and bar some industrial uses, really have no practical value. Ergo, if you want to compare the value of diamonds to dirt, diamonds are valuable because they are scarce and dirt is cheap because it is not. This ratio of "diamonds to dirt" would by math give you the exchange rate.

So, why not dollars instead of dirt?

You can choose your poison of which measure of the US dollar supply you want to use, but since bitcoin is only going to have 21 million units produced you can calculate their theoretical dollar exchange rates quite easily:

M1 Money Supply - $2.6 trillion
Implied Bitcoin Value = $123,809

M2 Money Supply - $10.974 trillion
Implied Bitcoin Value = $521,319

For this super awesome economic analysis you can read one of my books.

Social and Poetic Justice

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All wrapped in one!

Well, you vote for Detroit, you get Detroit.

Fight or Flight

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Hello All,

I'll be speaking in Vegas Jan 23-25th at the "Fight or Flight/Passport to Freedom" symposium hosted by Nomad Capitalist.

This is nothing low rank. They have Peter Schiff headlining and I'm somewhere at the bottom mopping up shop afterwards.

It is my honest opinion this is going to be the next logical step or "wave" in terms of economic philosophy as the national debt is getting so high that it is at the critical mass point where there is no salvation. After that you are going to have to think outside the US not just for your future, but at minimum a place to diversify your investments.

Truth is I am not an expert on overseas investing, international banks, etc., so I will be very interested in the speakers. Regardless, it's a pricey seminar, but may well be worth the money.

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Are Women Better at Enjoying the Decline Than Men?

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Because it sure as hell looks like it.

Enjoy the decline!

Stares at the World Gets a Facelift

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Go visit. Kind of envy his layout.

Shame Will Get More Women Into Engineering Than This Idiocy

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From our IT agent in the field.

In short it is a commercial spoofing the Beastie Boy's song "Girls."

It advertises a chemistry set like toy set designed to get girls interested in the sciences and engineering, which I'm all for.

Just one problem.

It is SOOOOOO STUPID, even condescending to girls and women that it becomes a mockery of itself.

EVEN IN THE LYRICS they talk about girls don't like pink, buuuuuut!!!!!

PINK IS ALL OVER THE PLACE IN THE COMMERCIAL!

Look, here's how you get girls interested in the sciences and engineering.

You introduce them to video games at an early age and then you tell them the truth:

"Boys are better at engineering and math than girls."

That will at least rile them up and give them the energy to prove you wrong. And then maybe some day we'll actually have a generation of girls who are majoring in engineering at equal rates to boys, instead of us just lying to them saying,

"You go girl!"
"Grrrrrllll power!"
"Anything boys can do girls can do better!"

while they still major in baby sitting, women's studies, English, and other subjects that avoid math and rigor at all costs.

Cleaning House Linkfest

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From our Muslim Agent in the Field - Swiss young socialists want to pass a law limiting executive pay to 12 x's the lowest paid worker.

From our Rookie Canadian Agent in the Field - Feminism declining since 1990's.

From our Glorious Hat Agent in the Field - Wishing you and everybody good times this 2 months worth of holidays.

From our Canadian Agent in the Field - Explaining to young men that there is hope and you still have a life to live.

From our Matt Forney Agent in the Field - Matt is, well, Matt. He is an adjective unto himself. He's Matt "Forney-ey" and was kind enough to review my book.

Nice Guys Finish Last

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Remember that boys.

Felons get more play than accountants.

Also from Roissy, a no-shit-Sherlock moment.

Like I said in my previous podcast, your husband wants you to lose 15 pounds for Christmas.

"Masters Degree Preferred"

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I convey, what I believe to be, the feelings of the younger generation to all the HR, corporate management types, baby boomers, Gen X'ers, and the education industry who INSIST young people get advanced degrees for jobs that could be done by a 12 year old.

How Verenice Gutierrez Demonstrates How Much Feminism Has Failed

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I shall point out a handful of things because I wish this to be short and most of my readers already have the background knowledge they need no hand holding.

Verenice Gutierrez is the principal of a school who has claimed peanut butter and jelly is racist.

1. Minority who benefited from affirmative action.
2. Ugly
3. Feminist
4. Worthless doctorate degree
5. Abuses children so she can have a faux career acting like she's educating them when she's really indoctrinating them.
6. Cares more about advancing her socialist ideology than educating children

I simply point out one thing:

If this is the best product socialism and feminism can put forward AND society decides to put this worthless human being in charge of children's education, it is not only a testament to how much feminism has jumped the shark, but how blatantly obvious it is we don't give two shits about educating our children.

Oh, and yes, she is ugly.

If Girls Want to Pose With Books

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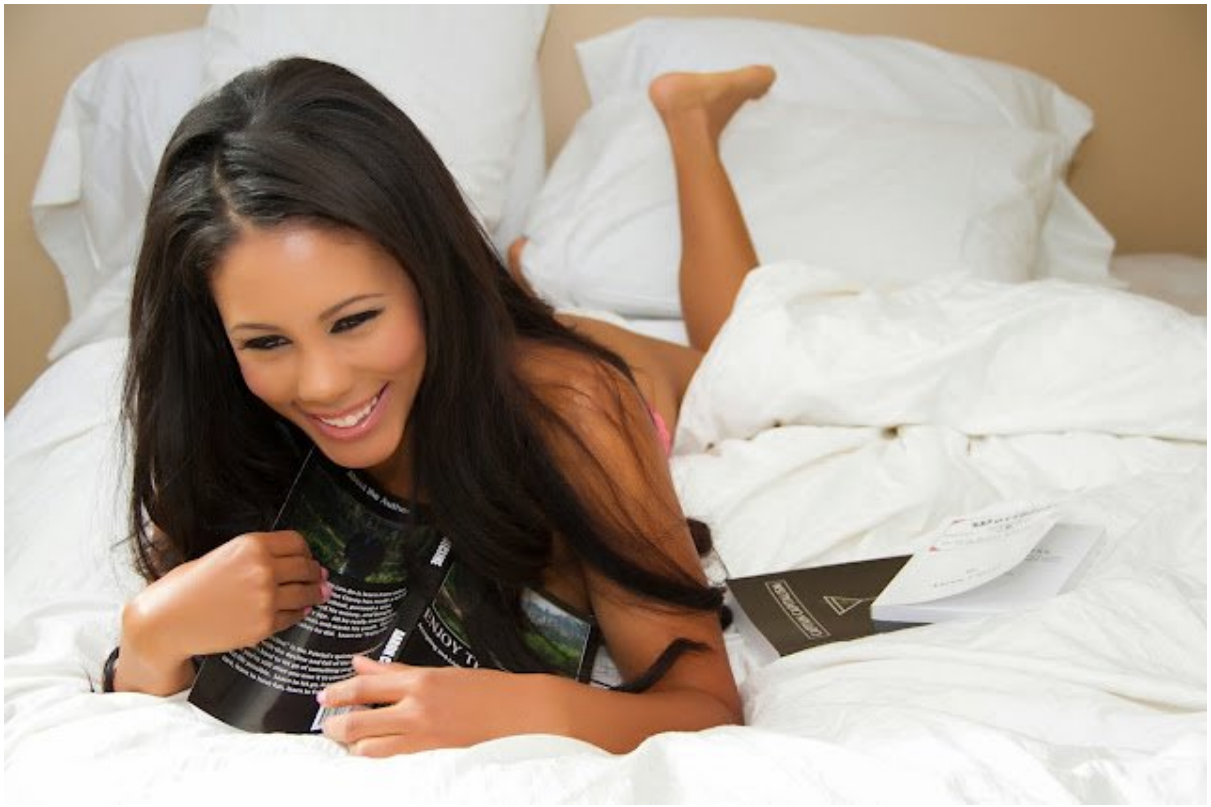
I have had some women inquire about posing with the books. So here is a basic break down of the rules:

1. In terms of "risqueness" I am using the traditional 1950's pinup girl as a standard. Nothing too crass, but nothing too Lutheran either.

2. If you don't know if you are good looking enough, send me a picture. Do not get upset if I decline because, well, my readers are typically 30 something men.

3. Dress up anyway for your husband or significant other. My books don't matter, I'm just trying to spruce up the joint here and get a little eye candy in between the charts.



And yes, my books are that good that girls will read them on a lazy Sunday afternoon in bed.

If the Captain Were to Have a Daughter

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This is precisely how it would be.

Well Let's See if the Girls Can Play With the Big Boys

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Hee hee. I love this shit.

Man I Wish I Was James Coburn

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Class act.

Modern Day Christian Hypocrisy

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Yes, yes, I too would like the answer to that question.

Alyssa 4

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Cripes, almost forgot today's pic!

The Question is Not When Will The Manosphere Go Mainstream…

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but when will the mainstream goes Manosphere.

Proof American Girls are Dumb: One Directions

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Never heard of them.

The reason I never heard of them is because they did not exist until 48 hours ago.

But since some media and marketing executives create them, I have had nothing but an annoying and constant barrage of Yahoo "News" (COUGH COUGH PHLEGM PHLEGM) and other media outlets about

"One Directions"

Look, girls. Don't you think it's about time you "girl up" to your presumed "independent" and "intelligent" reputations American media constantly shoves down my throat?

I mean, you're all so independent.
You're all so smart.
You're all so everything.

And yet, the money in Hollywood is you're so stupid, you're going to swallow whole (pun intended until they take down Miley Ray Syphilis) the latest dumbass boy band.

And you know what, you most likely will.

For once, I find myself aligned with my sworn enemies - the feminists. EVEN THEY can see through this corporatist pablum. They'll tell you the same thing I am, which means (for once) we can't possibly be wrong.

Oh, I know, I know, Hollywood has figured out the magic formula for tweens and teens. And this is merely hypothesizing (look it up, it's word dearies) on my part you're capable of being smart enough to ignore this blatant placation (look up both words dearies) to your genetics. But something tells me you're going to ignore this anyway because "they're so hot" or "they're so cute."

And something tells me the canard (look it up dearies) that "girls mature faster than boys" will continue.

You kids enjoy the decline....never mind, you'll never get the pun.

Why You Wish You Could Be Don Rickles

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I was 18.

I was stupid.

I bought two tickets

6 months in advance to see Victor Borge.

I was stupid because I thought it would be easy to find a date.

How wrong I was.

Because at that point in my stupid, naive life, I thought most girls were like me. Yes, they may have liked "Hootie and the Blowfish" but they also appreciated a pianist genius like Victor Borge.

After asking around 15 girls to attend with me, and having 15 girls say, "who?" I realized I overestimated my generation of women.

Enter now, Don Rickles.

Rickles ain't getting any younger folks. And, like Borge, it wasn't until I was older did I appreciate him. So I was happy to see he's still performing. Better see him before this great American passes on. WWII vet, entertained millions, the epitome of America at its peak.

Or you can always go with Chris Rock or whatever filth passes for comedians nowadays.

The Closest You'll Get to Economic Utopia

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While liberals and leftists do their best to create an economic utopia on Earth, and the best they can come up with is Detroit or North Korea, I've been fortunate enough to experience the closest humanity will ever come to a genuine economic utopia - an all inclusive resort.

You may chuckle a little bit here or there, but I am being serious. All inclusive resorts (the ones without Mexicans or the locals constantly harassing you with trinkets) are precisely what economists, knowingly or not, are aiming for, and let me explain why.

First, I had to turn off my cell phone and laptop. There was no internet or cell phone reception. This forced me NOT to work. Not only did it force me not to work, but because it was not an option, I never worried or fretted about it. Work was no longer an issue. Completely eliminated from my options and therefore completely eliminated from my mind.

Second, all your necessities are taken care of. Food, clothing, shelter. Yes, I had to work up the money to pay for them, but for a wonderful week it was the epitome of true unlimited resources. I could drink until my liver puked, eat until I puked, sleep in my room, and not worry about anything. I would not starve, and thus my lizard brain was not worried about hunting for food or providing for myself.

Third, with all the basics covered, the entirety of my efforts were focused on recreation and fun. I don't think many people get to experience this, even those with unlimited resources. You're always worried or focused on maintaining or increasing your wealth that you never take the time to enjoy it. But (again) with leisure forced on you via no internet or cell phone access, you finally forgive yourself for not working and can finally let loose. I think I played volleyball for 8 hours one day, snorkeled for a couple hours the next, laid on the lazy river for 10, and did waterslides for 20 (I also hosted races with some of the kids to see who had the best time, and yes, I dominated as I knew the technique of slingshotting yourself at the beginning of the slide).

Of course I knew the all inclusive resort was a fleeting phenomenon, and I would soon return to my (horrible) life of waking up at 1030AM, afternoon Rumpies, and writing for 4 hours, but I did have an epiphany or at least an observation:

Would not the all-inclusive resort be the best form of retirement?

As it stands right now, the United States and most European nations so heavily tax their citizenry that 2nd world countries can provide an all-inclusive resort for a fraction of the

cost of most 1st world nursing homes. And if you can afford a nursing home for the last ten years of your life, why not save up your pennies and nickels for the last 20 years of your life at an all-inclusive resort?

Naturally, you wouldn't want to stay at just one resort, but perhaps join a club like "Club Med," but a cheaper version. You'd be allowed to travel, visit different resorts, but know for a "lifetime membership" you'd have food and shelter covered until you're dead. I would have to run the figures, but I have so much faith in the leftist idiots that populate and increasingly run the US that the day will come (if it isn't already here) all-inclusive resorts are more affordable than most retirement communities in the US.

Don't Hate Me Because I'm Bloggyful

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Had a comment that I didn't post because it was cursing and swearing and name calling, but the gist of it was that my little media empire here is not a real job and that I am a charlatan and a fraud, blah, blah, blah.

So let me explain.

I am INCREDIBLY lucky to make a living blogging. I know this, I'm aware of it, and I thank my lucky stars everyday when I see traffic reports or reminisce about when I had a real job.

However, especially since writing Bachelor Pad Economics, I noticed I was getting a little down and a little depressed. This is normal because writing does take it out of you and I am usually very hard on myself ensuring I get my books written quickly, and done by a certain date. This book (Bachelor Pad Economics) is going to be about 450 pages, and it will have taken about 2.5 months to write, edit, and publish. I thought the malaise I go through was because writing is boring, but it wasn't until my girlfriend pointed out I had been writing for four hours straight at my local bar did I realize just how much time I was putting into this.

Between blogging, podcasting, writing, videos, not to mention splitting wood and all the household chores, I knock out about 16-18 hours a day on work.

Is this "real job work?"

No.

Do I have to commute to a cubicle?

No.

Do I have to deal with another gray-haired fool who lost his spine, balls and ability to lead during his MBA classes?

No.

But that doesn't mean I'm lollygagging about, drinking rumpie, and playing video games all day.

It means I'm busting my ass off...and drinking rumpie occasionally playing video games

all day.

In other words, detractors, haters, and jealous people, I do work. This is a real job. It's just one that's enjoyable and one where I am the ultimate authority and boss. It's one I earned through my own sweat, toil, dedication, and sacrifice.

Ergo, you can be jealous all you want, but you can't get angry. Well...I mean, you "can" get angry, but your anger is misplaced.

In the meantime I'll just continue to act like I'm drunk all the time, playing video games, sleeping in and never working just to irk the right people.

Enjoy the decline!

Hello From Phoenix

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A Tactic That Works Against Liberals

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Was at the bar.

Sat next to a young couple. The girl was an education major still in college, the boy was a recent graduate with a degree in economics.

He was excited when I told him I was an economist, but then depressed when I told him he would not get a job. The girl, somewhat offended I was being truthful and blunt asked what I did for a living. Overhearing that she was an education major, I said,

"I collect welfare and foodstamps for a living. I stopped working two years ago."

I said it with a sincere and direct enough face it convinced her.

She was upset.

"Wait, you don't even try to find work anymore?"

Half-tempted to point out in her declaring an elementary education major that neither was she, I decided not to and instead went with my original plan,

"Yes, not worth working any more. You see how much free shit Obama is giving away? To hell with work. It's for suckers."

She got pissed. ROYALLY pissed. She wouldn't talk to me. You could see it in her face. She was angry that somebody might take advantage of the situation.

And then I realized something - I finally figured out how to convince liberals they're wrong.

It wasn't through charts. It wasn't through logic. It wasn't through reason. And it wasn't through statistics or facts.

It would be by agreeing with them to the full logical conclusion of socialism and acting like you were completely abusing their ~~charity~~ naivety.

So the next time you run into a liberal and they ask you what you do for a living, with a straight face you say,

"Nothing, I collect welfare and food stamps. I live off of the government."

It is thus far and by far the most effective tactic I have ever deployed.

Why I Charge Union Members Double

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When I can, I usually charge union members double, sometimes triple.

Of course I can't always do this, but have managed to do it a handful of times. It is the least real people working real jobs producing real economic wealth can do to the parasites.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the bad boy step-father could.

More From Phoenix

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Ladies, Your Feelings Will Never Trump Reality

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His answer is one based in physics (i.e., if you wear tight fitting athletic clothing and you happen to be overweight, inevitably you will wear out the fabric). End of story. If you have an issue with this, take it up with the Gods of Alchemy

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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The primary reason I decided to have a vasectomy was because I could not financially afford children, and never saw the case or instance in my future that I would.

This is rapidly being replaced by, "I don't want my would be child to grow up with the mentally damaged children mentally damaged parents like these are bringing up."

The Maths Are Hard

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I originally intended this to be about old people who don't know how to do decimals and percentages, but it ended up becoming the most off-topic and odd video I've done to date.

Professors Freaking Out About MOOC's

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And they go to their crusaderist extreme to come up with the most bullshit of rationalizations as to why they're still relevant.

Sigh. Clarissa needs to be a chancellor of a school. How much you want to bet she'd provide kids with a better education at a fraction of the cost?

Eric is Enjoying the Decline

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Why aren't you!?

If the States Were Chicks

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I've been in Arizona for about 4 days. In those four days not once have I had to worry about frostbite, hypothermia, or even had the subconscious, darwinistic worry that causes a stir in my stomach by reminding me I might die when I go out in the frigid cold. It has made me conclude that without a doubt, I will be moving to the south. Maybe not Arizona, but certainly Texas or Florida. Life is just too short to live in Minnesota.

However, what's funny is the arrogance most Minnesotan (and Michiganian and Wisconsinite) leftist politicians have about their "beloved" states.

Mark Dayton for example thinks community centers, "Minnesota Nice," and our publicly funded sports arenas are enough to convince people to live in -30 degrees. Why, having to shovel 3 feet of snow, move cars during parking emergencies only to be ticketed anyway, and pay $300 a month in winter heat bills is more than compensated by the fact we have nice bike paths that can be used 2 months out of the year. And don't forget our "hip cool hipster" areas like Uptown and Lowertown! Those inferior artists who populate the place can't work up a damn lick of decent art to the point we've gone so far to redefine art as the minimalist, talentless shit that currently populates the Walker Art Center. But hey, they wear converse shoes, skinny jeans, and they drink their coffee with their pinkies extended! And finally, the taxes. We should be proud of our socialist Norwegian heritage! And that is enough right there to be proud of. We care! So shut the fuck up, pay more in taxes, and appreciate that what you get in return is the fact you were forced to be charitable!

Sarcasm aside, in the end, Minnesota (and her upper midwest socialist sisters) need to realize something:

They're like fat women.

What socialist, liberal, and leftist politicians of the Arctic States of America have to realize is that they already have an uphill battle to keep productive people in their states. Their weather sucks, snow sucks, and 8 hours a day of sunlight during winter also sucks. So what do they do to sweeten the pot?

Foist some of the highest taxes on its population.

This is like a fat wife having the audacity to be overbearing and nagging on top of physically repugnant. Not only is the place unattractive, but it's abusive and intolerable as well.

Now some states get it. They realize they're fat and thus, they are nice. North Dakota and South Dakota know they are the obese ugly sisters of the United States, but compensate by offering no income taxes, favorable business environments, and in general have a pleasant demeanor. Other states, on the opposite spectrum also get it. California for example knows it can abuse its popuilation because it's the "hot girl" of the United States. Great weather, great climate, awesome scenery. Why the IT nerds in silicon valley will line up to get financially ass-raped by the state just as readily as they will to get ass-raped by gold digging divorce-prone liberal arts majors from LA. But at least California offers something.

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, and all the other snowbound shit holes offer NOTHING. Ergo they are the worst - a fat chick WHO HAS ATTITUDE.

Thus, there should be no surprise Minnesotans and the like are moving to Florida or Texas.

You see, Florida and Texas are like the nice farm girls who are hot, but don't have the attitude of California or the delusions de grandiuer of Minnesota. They still appreciate productive citizens, they like stable, non-criminal populations, but are also physically pleasing. Nice weather. Warm climate. And no shoveling snow whatsoever (I might also point out their women are indeed hotter). But ALSO low taxes, freedoms, pro gun, and a general pro-business environment. So the question to Minnesota liberals is simply this:

What, precisely, do you bring to the table for your economically productive suitors?

And the answer is nothing.

You're loud, you're entitled, your obnoxious, you're fat, you're ugly, your abusive, and you're gross. No self-respecting citizen would ever marry you let alone fuck you for one night. And when people threaten to leave, you merely threaten to punish them for leaving instead of looking at yourself in the mirror to maybe consider that maybe you are the one with the problem.

So continue on Mark Dayton. Continue on Phyllis Kahn. Continue on Chris Coleman. You keep snapping your fingers in a "you go girl talk to the hand" type manner. In the end you're nothing but the fat, ghetto trash, trailer trash girl that offers nothing but pain and life-sucking misery to anybody with skill, talent, and future. And until you check your attitude (or somehow magically change the climate) you will forever be the ugly, bitchy fat girl of these United States of America.

Matt Forney Doesn't Like Typos

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Matt was kind enough to read and review my "best of" book "Captain Capitalism - Top Shelf."

May I return the favor and suggest you consider one of his books for a gift this season (I recommend the hitchhiking book) or also consider his podcast?

Accidental Alpha

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I was sitting at my post late one night at the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building. I was stationed there to protect the multi-million dollar super computers that were in the bowels of the building, even though it would take a crane, a wrecking ball, and other heavy industrial equipment to steal them from the premises. In short, I was there to lower the insurance premiums of the building by sitting at a desk because I was "security" and according to the insurance company's idiotic actuaries, there was now officially a statistically smaller chance the 5,000 pounds of super computers would not be absconded with.

Up came a friend of mine. She was an east Indian girl. The epitome of "cute," she must have had a British soldier inseminate her lineage 200 years back somewhere because while her skin was dark, her eyes were piercingly blue. I appreciated her companionship, but she talked a lot, and I had a lot of studying to do while protecting the immovable supercomputers. Besides, I know who she would talk about.

"Brian."

Brian was a guy she had a crush on for the past 6 months. She would consult me about how to get Brian to go out with her. How to get Brian to ask her out. How to get Brian to notice her.

I appreciated her to death because she was a computer science major and was pulling her own weight in life. But I was on such a crunched time-table, I didn't have too much time to consult her or advise her about her love life. She would have to leave in 10 minutes, otherwise I wouldn't be able to finish my chapter and complete my assignment for "Advanced Financial Statement Analysis."

"Hiiiiiiii Aaron."

"Hello, Swatee."

"What are you doing????"

"Studying."

"Why do you study so hard?"

"Because I don't want to be poor anymore."

But soon enough "Brian" came up in our conversation.

I loved the kid to death, but I didn't have time to talk about Brian. It was finals, I was under pressure, and my credit load was the heaviest I had. And so when she asked for the 40th time about how to get Brian to talk to her I broke. I said (though in a polite manner),

"Look, Swati. I don't have time for this. I'm too busy. I need to get this studying done. Just ask the guy out already. I can't be your therapist."

She seemed hurt, as I suspected she would be. But then she sheepishly said,

"You're Brian."

I was perplexed and didn't get it at first.

"Huh? Wha??? What do you mean, I'm Brian?"

She then confessed, telling me that she didn't know how to approach me and ask me out. And so she made it seem that she liked this fictional character called "Brian" hoping I would somehow realize.

She then did the boldest move I've ever seen a girl make - she asked me to date her.

"So, would you want to date me?"

Without a skip I said, "No."

She didn't seem so taken aback by the answer, as much as she did the speed at which I answered. She responded increasingly shakingly as she digested my answer:

"Wa...well...why not?"

Equally callous I said, "because you won't sleep with me."

Now on the verge of non-functioning she said:

"But...but...I would do a lot of other things."

I said, again, equally dispassionate, "No, I don't care. I'm sick of girls not having sex and I'm not dating any more girls that won't have sex. Your religion prevents you from it so I'm not going to waste my time with you."

She ran upstairs crying.

It wasn't until a full 15 years later did I realize just how devastating that must have been to that nice young girl. She really liked me. She really had an interest in me. She even went so far as to do what less than .00001% of the female population does and live up to the truly equal reputation they claim to have and ask me out.

And I shot her down with the coldest of indifferent callousness.

However, I still managed to forgive myself and let me explain why.

One, life was tough. So tough that girls were not on my mind. What was on my mind was much lower and basal on Maslow's hierarchy of needs. I was starving. I had no money. And I could barely afford to live. My entire life was work and school and sleep. There was no fun, there was no "partying," there was no girls. However, a close third to SURVIVAL and TUITION was "girls." And so if there was any freetime I had, it was dedicated towards finding one and getting laid.

However, most girls within my "game-reach" would play their mind games, tease and joke. They had parental finances, they had many more male suitors, they had all the advantages, and so when I had a rare 3 hours free on a weekend and was looking to close in that tight window, they were looking for me to merely begin the beginnings of an initiation to perhaps, maybe qualify later, to be considered a candidate, to perhaps at some point in time, maybe have sex with them.

The best I got was a girl who dry humped my leg (who was just the first of THREE) and then asked me to leave when she was done.

Between the biological-physical pressures of starvation, sleep deprivation, financial demands, tuition, studying, and the rare mind-fuck games girls played on me, I broke and remember, quite clearly saying to myself, "I do not have the time for this bullshit."

And so, you can understand why I was so callous and blunt.

My life was completely consumed with survival and school. And therefore if ANY girl was going to insist on being in my Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs she better damn well be putting out. Otherwise, get the fuck out of my life, you serve no purpose.

Two, self respect. I didn't notice it at the time, but it was arguably the first time I stood up for myself and said, "No." I was sick of busting my ass off, doing 10 times what the local frat boy douche was doing, and if he could get laid while daddy paid for him, his booze, his roofies, his rent, his insurance, and his condoms, then the least any girl that had an interest in me could do would be to fuck me. I was by all measures and manners

a better man than most on campus, but if any girl dared to insult me by saying,

"Lets you and me have a relationship where we cuddle, you pay for shit, spend what rare free time you have with me, but I'm not going to reward all your supreme-kick-ass-edness with sex, but merely my presence,"

sorry sweetheart. Don't care how blue your eyes are. Go fuck yourself.

And it was this transformation that made me the "accidental alpha."

Almost immediately after telling her I would not date her, my junior and senior years were a complete 180 from my freshman and sophomore years. I was working just the same, but oddly enough many women starting popping up, nay, foisting themselves into my life. I would be sitting at my station and several girls would flirt with me to the point I'd be guaranteed a date. I would be walking a girl home (while working) and she'd give me her number. I would be studying at the library and a girl would sit next to me to ask me a stupid question that was an obvious ploy to talk to me.

Of course, none of this mattered because I had to put food on the table, shelter over my head, and money into my bloviating and worthless professors' hands, and so I continued to ignore them. But my ignoring them did make dating a lot easier. Soon, despite my pressure for time, I had notched up over 70 dates in my junior year alone. My belligerent and iron persona got me a "friend harem" on campus which only begat more introductions to other girls. And it almost became a non-issue as women seemingly just approached me and "fell into my lap."

But let us be clear about one thing:

NONE of this had anything to do with what I did.

It had EVERYTHING to do with my environment. An environment that was so harsh, it forced me to push women to the back of the line and put myself first, because if I didn't, I would (frankly) die.

And this is the lesson to learn.

How a man "achieves alpha" depends. Sometimes it is through reading blogs like this. Sometimes it is through good leadership and guidance from a father. Sometimes it is through sportsmanship and competition. But if I were to gander for most men, it was accidental.

One day, you're the nerd of the world.

The next, for some odd reason, you're king shit.

The trick is to be able to learn WHY and HOW.

Consider the natural athlete or "natural alpha." He is genetically superior. Tall, handsome, fast reflexes. Society is geared to practically guarantee him alpha status through sports, captainships, and highschool hierarchy.

But what happens after high school?

He goes to college.

Learns he's not all that as he's competing against nationwide bigger, stronger and superior guys.

And soon develops a gut and gets a "BA" in "business" and works as a salesman at the local styrafoam company. He returns to his 10 year reunion and realizes he's out of shape, no girls recognize him, and no girls want to talk to him.

The man was an "accidental alpha." His environment made him attractive, but he was clueless as to why and thus could not maintain nor replicate his success he enjoyed for those two brief years in high school. His "alphaness" was fleeting.

You need to be smarter than the high school jock. You need to know WHY so you can capitalize on it and sustain it. And thus, when you become the accidental alpha you need to have the wisdom and foresight to step back, assess the situation, and realize why everything is going your way.

In my particular case it was that my environment was so extreme it forced me to say to the women,

"Go fuck yourselves, I do not have time for you and your petty mind-games and drama and bullshit. I need to eat and pay for rent. And unless you're going to get naked, then you can go find an emotional tampon elsewhere."

In other men's particular cases it may have been,

"Sorry sweetie, I'm making $100 per hour. I'm going to milk this as long as I can and no T&A is worth sacrificing this."

But whatever the case, you must realize why it is you are alpha at that moment in time, otherwise it will forever remain ACCIDENTAL. You need to identify the traits and behavior you are exuding that is resulting in the success you have with women. You need to pause

and get your head out of the grind to take note as to the (seemingly odd) success and attention you're receiving from women. You need to stop and identify what precisely is going on because if you don't take time to figure out why you are having that success, it will forever be gone when you;

graduate
retire
achieve your goals

because once you do, whatever it was that was attracting women to you will turn off.

And unless you did indeed identify it so you can replicate it, you will forever lose it.

In short, ensure your accidental alpha status becomes permanent.

Latest Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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Podcasting on the road (literally), Aaron asks why anybody lives where there's snow and liberals, tells the sad story about how the only memento he has from his childhood is a 1970 Hoover vacuum, explains why there is no longer any shame in collecting a government check, gives a helluva plug for Ranger Self Defense, and finishes off with a MANDATORY rant about racism and how the left has just destroyed people of color.

Get Drunk in Vegas With the Captain!

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Not to mention Peter Schiff and a whole bunch of other guys!

Americans Like to Be Abused

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Hey Spike! You wanna go chase some cats! Huh, Spike, ya wanna???

Eeeyyyyyya, SHADDUP!

The Real Reason for the "Fast and the Furious" Franchise's Success

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Hot chicks.

Yep.

Fast cars.

Yep.

Cool ripped dudes?

Yep.

Exotic, though financially impossible careers?

Yep.

Just one thing people miss about why the Fast and the Furious franchise was so successful.

Family.

I'm going to go out on a limb here and draw a couple lines.

The youth that are attracted to the FATF series are also of a generation now brought up by my completely worthless and dysfunctional generation, or the equally dysfunctional baby boomer generation who had children later in life. Whether late boomer or early x'er, they have something in common:

Divorce or absentee parents. i.e. -shitty parents.

Don't know if you've seen any of the FATF movies, but there aren't any parents. There are no parental figures. Matter of fact, every movie is a story of young adults having to make their way in life, and the only way they know how is through the underground or by illegal means.

Is "dad" around?

No.

Is "mom" around?

No.

Is there even a "wise uncle" that could pass as a father figure?

No.

It is 100% parentless youth that can only find refuge, surrogate family, and meaning in other equally abandoned metaphorical orphans.

Are the movies horrible?

Yes.

Will their car chases ever match "Bullitt?"

Hellz no.

But there's a reason there's a "Fast and Furious 7" and not a "Forrest Gump 2":

These kids wanted a fucking family. And if they can't get it in the real world, they'll live vicariously through the movies dreaming they might have the shot at putting together a surrogate one with a ragtag band of rejects and miscreants. They might have meaning, they might have belonging, and they might serve a purpose, even if it is illegal.

Of course, the series and acting is absolutely horrible for TFATF (no disrespect to Paul).

But what is worse is what's driving kids to see such an otherwise horrible and pointless movie series.

Give Up Thee, These Vices Three

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You looking to improve yourself and make yourself happier?

Try giving up three vices for a month.

You can still significantly improve your looks by Christmas.

Shame on the Rampant Racism at the ACLU

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I'm offended. Just look at this link or the image below.

What? You people at the ACLU just assume because he's black he runs into problems with the police? Boy talk about white privilege and institutional racism!

My Prediction About the Manosphere

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Not to get too "Rooshian" on you, but I'm going to predict the word "manosphere" gets added to the dictionary somewhere between 2014-2015.

I know, I know. It's two years so I'm cheating a little. But mark my words, it will be entered in the official English lexicon.

Because, well, it already has. It's whether the academics deem it "worthy" in their little world.

Men, You're Fired

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Some very good writing. Don't agree with it all, but some outstanding observations.

I Like What You Muslims Did With that Debt Thing There

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And that retirement planning scheme you got going on too. Nice work.

Anyway, take the hate you have for muslims out of it and remember that the majority of them voted Republican before some of their people flew planes into our buildings and GW dared to retaliate. It is a conservative culture. Not too sure about the ha-jab, not to sure about the stoning of people in Afghanistan, and not too sure about honor killings, but the extremities aside the Muslims do have some economic principles I'd like to emulate.

The Key Difference Between the Manosphere and Feminism

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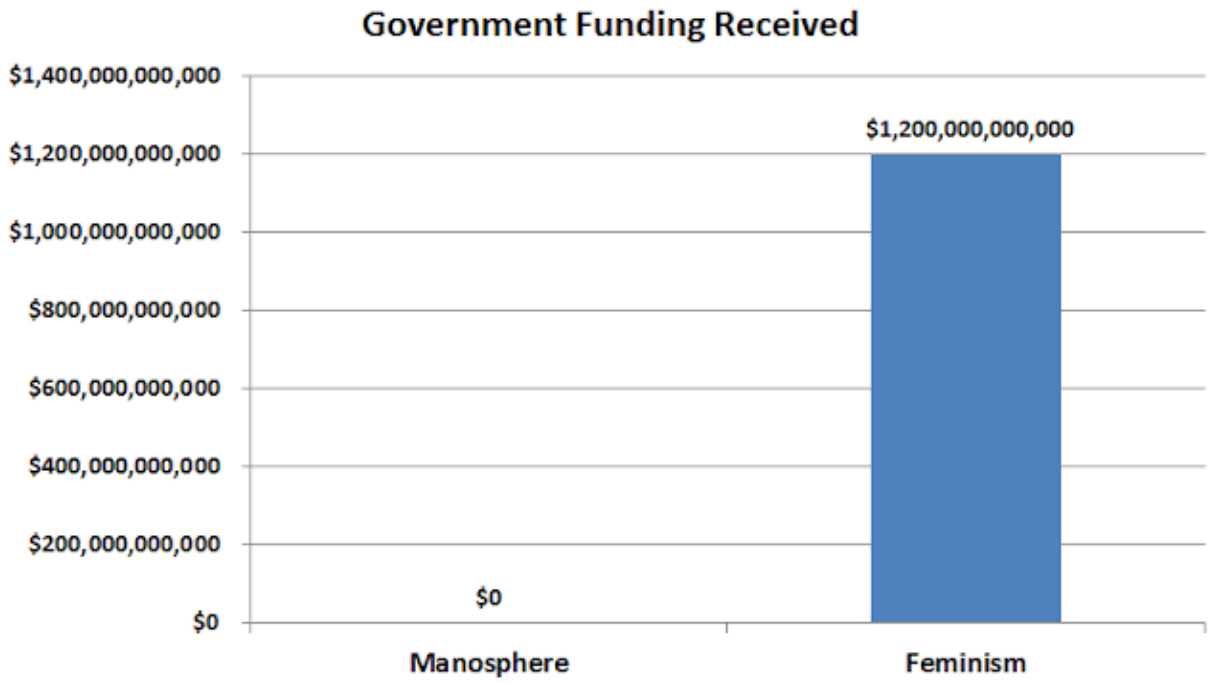
We here in the Manosphere are actually, genuinely, independent individuals who do not need constant help or subsidy from the taxpayer. The irony, of course, is that feminists, who SCREECHINGLY proclaim their *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE PHLEGM PHLEM*

"independence"

is so laughably dependent on forced wealth transfers to their women's studies programs, women's shelters, and the cacophony of non-profit, public sector, social service claptrap make work jobs that they're not only the epitome of dependent, but hypocrites as well.

To provide empirical evidence to this fact, I made a chart.



I know this chart may be a bit complicated because it has "the Maths," but don't let that bother you're little feminist brains. You just claim "the Maths" is a disease created by the patriarchy.

Oh, by the way ladies. I've been meaning to ask you something. Instead of this whole "I pay taxes, government bureaucrats take a piece, and only a portion gets passed onto the intended recipient" perhaps we could cut out the middle man. I mean, why don't I just write you a check directly. Or better yet, how about I hook up an IV to myself and I'll just pump blood into your system? Ooo! Ooo! Better idea even than that. How about you

get genetically engineered to become a lamprey-like human and you can just suck off my lifeblood like the biological parasite you are? That would be incredibly more efficient than the racket we have set up today.

Perhaps that is an idea. Using the Lamprey as the official mascot of feminism.

POST POST - Ug, really? Do I have to do this???? The $1.2 trillion is not real. I don't care to bother to try to calculate all the money. It really is a lazy, guesstimate. The point is that feminists HAVE TAKEN money and the Manosphere has taken NOTHING.

There Is No Reason to Take Public Transportation

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Unless you are disabled or in such a heavily populated area, there is no reason to take public transportation.

"Inflation Insurance"

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You want to tell your woman you love her?
You want to show her how much you care?

Well then this Christmas get her what every woman wants:

Inflation Insurance.

Yes, gold, silver, be it bars or bullion, makes the perfect Christmas gift for the woman in your life. Unlike other men, you know that your girl pays attention to the M2 money supply, is aware of the expansionary monetary policy the Federal Reserve is pursuing, and can calculate national debt to GDP. So instead of flowers or chocolates, you know she wants something tangible and never frivolous - precious metals.

So go to MilesFranklin.com or call them at 1-800-822-8080 and get the love of your life (or even yourself) some Inflation Insurance. Nothing says I love you more than a pound of silver.

(Don't forget to mention that the Captain sent you!)

Today's Office Brought to You in Part By

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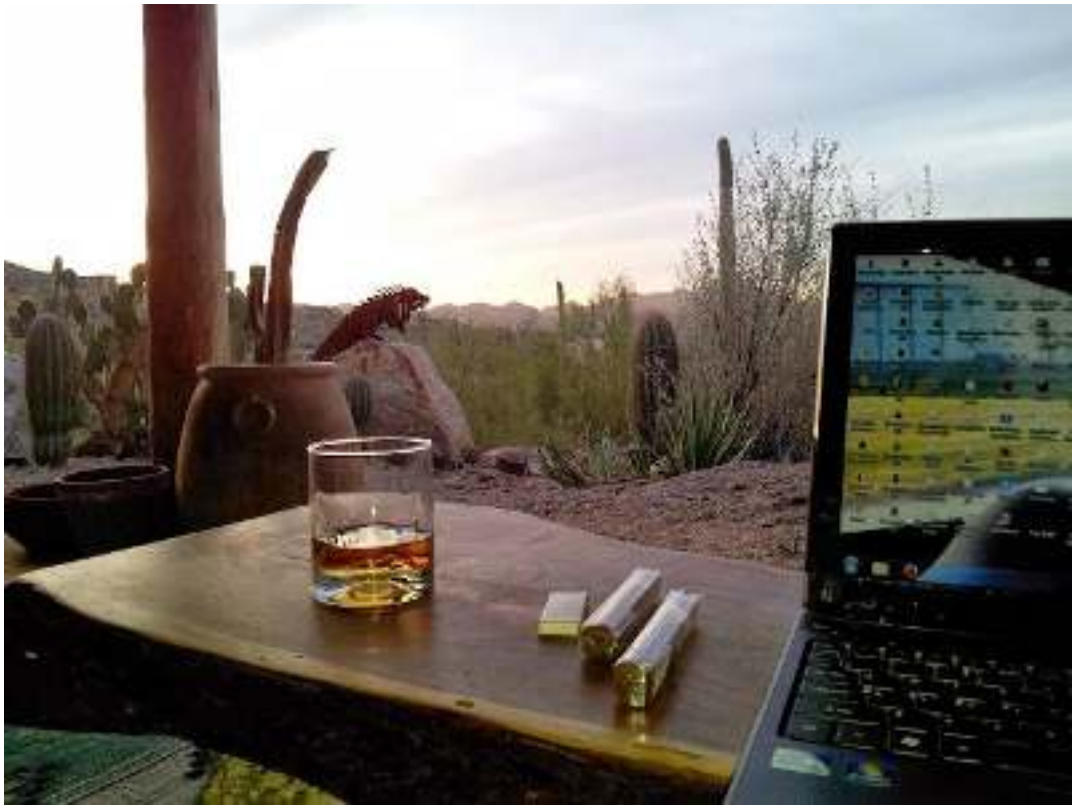

"Go Fuck Yourself" - Are you a boss that lied about the job duties to get a younger employee to agree to take the job? Then go fuck yourself. It's the least you can do for your lies and deceit.

Also

"Have a Cup of Shut the Fuck Up" - Not going to offer a wage that is commensurate for the work you're asking people to do? Then try "Have a Cup of Shut the Fuck Up." It takes the bullshit out of middle management and middle aged bosses.

"Take This Job and Shove It" - No, we're not working in a basement because you planned so poorly you failed to rent enough office space with windows. "Take this Job and Shove It" - now available from kids working to pay your social security.

And by

"Do It Yourself" - Too lazy to train staff? Tell them it's a steep learning curve because you don't want to do it? Then "Do It Yourself." If you're not going to train somebody, then why hire them? "Do It Yourself" - just pray it isn't Excel.

And finally by

"You Lost" - Thought kissing ass and brownosing your way to the top would guarantee a successful career? Uh oh! You lost! Apparently doing your own thing is more profitable, enjoyable and easy. Why kiss ass and work at a job you hate for 40 years when you can live on the cheap and answer to no one...Oops! I guess it's too late for you. "You Lost" - when you realize you lost at the game of life.

Movember Fish - QOTD

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"*That fish hasn't got the hang of movember*"

I love my readers.

What Would Sophia Loren Do?

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Here's a pretty easy rule of thumb to follow ladies:

"What Would Sophia Loren Do?" or WWSLD?

I was in downtown Phoenix the other day, when I saw a cackle of middle aged women laughing and having a good ole time. It wasn't until I got closer however did I realize what they were doing.

Posing with a naked statue akin to the "King David" statue. Yes, they were grabbing his unit and posing in lewd places. But once I shook off the initial disbelief, I figured it would be good to document it.

The picture is a little dark, which is probably for the best.

So let me ask you something ladies. Who can you see doing this?

Sophia Loren or
Miley Ray Cyrus

And then ask which one you want to be.

Seriously, this is the selection boys. This is the selection. Enjoy that decline.

The Mandatory Christmas Gift All Teenagers Need

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It is Christmas time.

You want to know what I want for Christmas?

I want for NO children to go to college only to waste their time and money on some worthless degree that will do nothing to improve their employment prospects and only serve to indebt them into the future, and cripple their finances.

Look, parents, uncles, aunts, and family friends.

You got that kid in your life that just declare a worthless "art history major" or some kind of "masters in creative writing" BS.

Can you please man up, do the right thing, and prevent them from making a horrible mistake?

Buy them the book "Worthless." It's THE book that every high schools senior and junior needs to read and it's going to make your life, their life, and everybody's lives easier. It explains very clearly why some degrees are worthwhile and others are completely worthless.

It is available in paperback and kindle.

But more importantly it's available in audio format so your kid (or you) doesn't have to actually read it.

Eliminating Your Desire for a Car You Can't Afford

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Helping out the chillllldrreeeen (Fall Out 3 "Children," not Michael Savage "Children") like I do!

Alyssa Again

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I know you guys hate her. So out of sheer spite for my readership I shall post the latest pic.

Coincidentally you may purchase my books here, and for any of the lovely ladies that want to send in tastefully risque pics, I will send you all my books for free. All of the lieutenants, economists, and agents in the field appreciate the WWII pin up girl.

Before You Major in Law

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Some outstanding advice for those of you considering going to law school.

Remember, you can also buy "Worthless" to help guide you in what to major in.

Late Night at the Office

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A Discreet Weapon and Christmas Gift

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Hey Kids,

Talon Knife. Go buy one. Great personal protection device. Great survival piece (comes with paracord). AND one of those perfect "small gifts" that you want to get somebody who is outdoorsy or are just looking for a high-end stocking stuffer. Might also prove VERY useful for a loved one on campus where they ban guns, but not small, discreet knives.

TALON KNIFE!

Go get one!

Aaron

A New York Story

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Catch them two decades down the road and they'll talk about how they almost wound up going down a bad path before they turned their lives around and they'll have stories of their friends who went from mugging to dealing to shooting. But often those same men, now amiable and wise, shaking their heads at their past selves, will still have left behind a trail of fatherless kids who are repeating the process all over again.

There's actually a lot more to this story. He paints a clear and full picture of what it was like to be in the Jewish neighborhoods of NYC.

Enjoy Staying Poor

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Because that's where that's heading.

Hi-Freaking-Larious

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What the Man in Your Life Wants for Christmas

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Remember how I said men want women to lose 15 pounds for Christmas?

Yeah, scratch that.

I now know what I want for Christmas.

THIS!!!!!!

All I need is Glenn Reynolds to mention my new book and like my AR-15 I'll be able to buy one!

You can find the website here.

When Your Voter Base Is Full of Idiots

December 8, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I worked in the lower castes of the banking system. Never worked at Goldman Sachs, was ever so briefly an "analyst" at Norwest, but after that it was pretty much the bottom of the barrel for me:

Credit unions and community banks.

This meant taking on the clients that the upper, mid, and regional banks didn't want. Our clientele was by far the dumbest people in the population, and because of their idiocy, they were also the worst in terms of personal finances. And this is not an opinion. The last bank I worked for actually liked problem clients because (get this):

they always had to pay late fees and were thusly sometimes our most profitable clients.

Forget quality clients that pay you back on time. Forget reliable depositors and checking clients who always made sure they never overdrafted.

No, our business plan was to keep the degenerates of society because we could nail them with fees.

Thus, why I'm not surprised that a full 25% of Obamacare applications have errors on them.

Like credit unions and community banks, people who are applying for Obamacare are likely the dregs of society. They're unable to support themselves financially, and so you shouldn't expect them to be able to fill out an application correctly. And frankly, I'm surprised it's as low as 25%. But what I really love about this is not that Obamacare is failing because it's technology is being implemented by incompetent liberals, and not that it's failing because of its own crushing bureaucratic weight, but because the intended users are just too damn stupid to use it effectively.

This is a real problem the left is going to have to face. If it gets so big, and it gets so much of what it wants, it not only has to rely on lesser talented people to implement and manage these programs, but rely on their idiotic voter base to use it AND appreciate it. But since they've dumbed them down so much with K-College education, it's too complicated for their voter base to use, thus appreciate it.

it is the blind leading the blind, and I am enjoying watching it as I enjoy the decline.

Jenny Erickson - Professional Mommy Blogger

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

WARNING - You will be alright if you just read Dalrock's post that I link to above. HOWEVER, if you click on links going to the woman's actual website you will never be able to "unsee" what you saw.

The Choice Blacks and Other Minorities Must Make

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Either you vote democrat, in which case you are powerless because you are told just to sit there in the ghetto and decay and rot while the democrats get you other people's money

or

you realize you are in control of your life and it is not so hopeless your only option is to wait for other people's money from the government and vote republican.

Choose.

How the Short Hair Debate Shows How Girls Have Been Brainwashed

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Alpha Game Plan had a quick, but great, and humorous, post.

He had written before about how short hair is 99% of the time NOT preferable to long hair. And that if women wanted to attract said members of the opposite sex, they should grow their hair long.

Oh mercy me or my, the vitriol he got in return.

So let me see if I can break this down to the simpleton, atomic level so that everybody, especially the ladies, can understand.

You see, this whole dating thing is not myopic or one-sided. There's kind of 2 parties involved. And if these 2 parties are ever going to come to an accord, both are going to have to consider what the other party wants.

For example, it is understood that women would prefer fit, muscular men to fat or wimpy ones.

Or

It is also understood that women would prefer men who are accomplished in one capacity or another.

And because of these facts men, who are serious about it anyway, regularly go and work out, run, and develop some kind of craft, persona, skill, or career of some sort.

Now, as far as my inklings tell me, this is where most American women stop.

"Good, he learned. He is considering my needs. He is expending effort to make himself attractive to me."

Well, not so quick sister. We have a little Christmas wishlist of our own.

Top of the list...

you need to be hot.

Sorry. Dems the rules. Don't care what that fat bloated sow called "Oprah" told you, she ain't sleeping with women. We are. And "we" (that would be the men dearies) do not

"like" or
"request" or
"prefer"

physical beauty

we

DEMAND it.

Now, understand this is not arrogance or bravado. This is nature. This is our genetic programming. This is outside of our control just as much as it is for you to be repulsed by a guy shorter than you. So don't get all upset if a guy first and foremost judges you by your looks because:

1. It's a prerequisite before anything can happen and
2. It's the most easily assessable trait you have. We don't have to talk to you to find out if you're hot, we just have to look.

Now, with all that being said, PART (not all) but PART of the "attractiveness" of a woman is whether or not she has long hair.

I know you hate that. I know it takes more maintenance.

Tough shit. Those are the rules.

Just like gravity.
Just like Newtonian physics (they're one in the same, but I'm going to guess with your BA you don't know that)
Just like quantum mechanics.

Men like women with long hair.

Now, if you want to take personal umbrage to that fact and call men "shallow" or scream that you don't do your hair for men, but rather yourself, then good. You do that.

Because realize what you're doing. You are broadcasting to the world you are incapable of the number one thing it takes to keep a man - selflessness.

Once again, I suggest you read the comments Alpha Game Plan had to endure.

Do any one of these children sound like they're capable of altruism, selflessness, compassion, or kindness?

They sound like greedy, snivelly, self-centered trollops completely incapable of thinking of anybody but themselves. And when you consider the audacity they have to lecture and berate men for being shallow for liking what they're genetically programmed to like, you know there's just a wee-bit of a dash of pscyhoticness in them.

So let us do this all day ladies. I'm game. You keep lecturing men for "daring" to like big boobs, long hair, trim bodies, and tight asses. And while you're at it lecture them for not liking the "inner you" or your intelligence. Because I have news for you dearies, unless you're an IT chick or an accountant or a doctor or a welder, and you're just another one of the boring, billion "liberal arts majoring teacher social worker communications" types who lecture men for insisting on physical attraction, you merely belie two things about you:

You're likely ugly
And you're likely dumb

Which means you might as well cut your hair short, because I don't see any guys coming your way.

Oh, and for reference, allow me to put a picture of what you should be aiming for. You know, just in case you decided to ask the quesiton, "what do men want?"

MRE Ration Post

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I think I've coined a new term.

When the blogger or author is too busy to write new material he or she shall make an MRE Ration post by linking to others work. It will suffice, it will provide nourishment, but it isn't as good as a home cooked post made from scratch.

Ergo, here's your MRE lieutenants, economists, agents in the field, and children. It should stave off the hunger while I polish off the book. (though now the debate is whether Ace of Spades HQ - or any said linkee - will take umbrage to being an MRE post or appreciate the traffic ;)

Barry White and Sean Connery

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do not adjust their speech for California girls.

And that is why they get more respect from society and more play from the ladies.

Why Paul Mason Should Just Try to Take My Property

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Because if he did, he would not be getting it without the most serious of injuries.

Could You Take Them in a Fight?

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This is a serious question because I believe that people's politics do invariably have an effect on their masculinity and femininity. But how many of these people could you take in a fight?

This is not a joke, this is not hyperbole, but how many of them could you duke it out with and know you'd come out the winner?

I'm not saying this because of bravado or arrogance, but I am complete confident for me it would be 100%. And the reason I even bring it up is not to slander them, but to advance and record an embryonic theory I have about masculinity, attraction, and strength in leftists and liberal that I'm trying to flesh out.

What's truly sad is I didn't even research the site enough to confirm whether they were liberals or not. I just somehow KNEW. And that's why I want to get to the bottom of.

How did I KNOW they are leftists??

I don't HAVE TO research them any further. I just KNOW they're leftists. And what gets me is I can tell by their faces and demeanor. So why is that? Why can I tell? And more importantly, why am I so supremely confident they are leftists?

Ideas, thoughts, theories?

YEAAA! I'm on the "Chart O' Evil"

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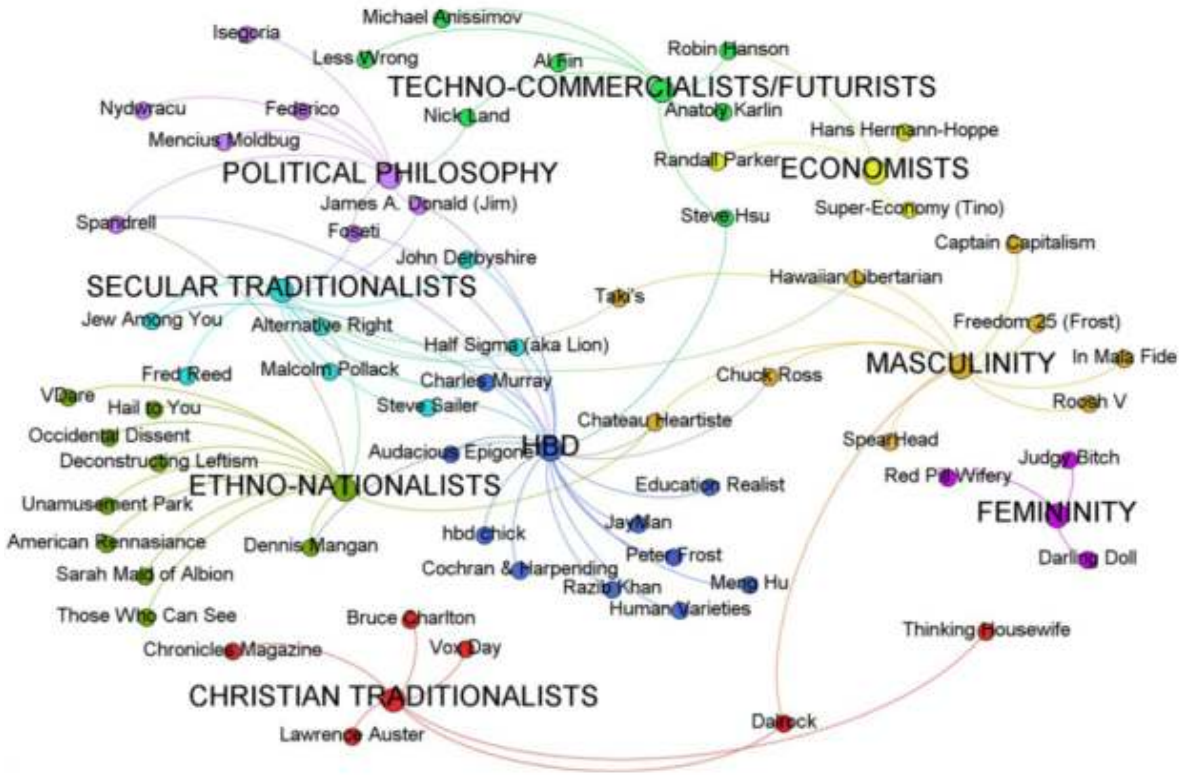

To me it seems like patriots and Americans, not people who want to destroy democracy.

A Question for the Sphere - Are You Better Off Than You Were 4 Years Ago?

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Ronald Reagan in his 1980 presidential campaign asked a very simple question - are you better off than you were 4 years ago.

The answer for the majority of Americans was a resounding "no."

Four years later he would ask the same question, and the answer for the majority of Americans was a resounding "yes," and he then went on to re-election.

But this question asked over 30 years ago in the political arena is one that needs to be asked today of every reader, follower, viewer, and listener of The Manosphere, the Econo-sphere, and any other alt-right sphere:

Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?

And I'm going to bet it's a resounding "Hell yes."

The origins and precise date that these various alternative spheres started is up for debate. And truthfully I don't think "Fred on Anything" or "Roissy" or Tom Leykis or "Matt Drudge" care when it was or who started it as it is truly an altruistic endeavor or intellectual labor of love for them. But we can generally agree that the 'sphere (which ever one you want to consider yourself a part of) didn't start gaining significant readership until about four years ago. I know using my own personal traffic statistics, I'm up about 10 fold since 2009. And given the anecdotal evidence of Google Trends, MSM attention, etc., it seems "the 'spheres" have enjoyed exponential growth over those same four years. Ergo, there are probably millions of young men who discovered us, are following us, and have continued to follow us for the past four years.

But are we doing any good? Are we making any progress? And it is here that I'm supremely confident that we are.

There's not a day that goes by that I don't get a "thank you" e-mail from some young (or not so young) guy who tells me how he was miserable until his discovered the 'sphere. I've even received thanks from women who tell me how much my and others' blogs helped her turn her life around be it career, mothering, of being a wife. And an increasing percentage of my choir is coming from minorities who appreciate me laying down the law, telling them like it is, and not kissing their ass like some SWPL pussy, but kicking their ass like a loving father. And though I have no statistical proof of it, I would bet my

motorcycle that we have done more to advance, help, and improve the lives of millions of people IN A SINCERE, PRACTICAL, AND TANGIBLE WAY more than any government program, more than any feel-good affirmative action program, and more than any astro-turf non-profit, PSA, bullshit lefty "initiative" ever did.

But the key thing is to denote why.

Why is it such a "hated," "evil," "racist," "bigoted," "misogynistic," hate-filled segment of the internet managed to do so much good? Why is it such a vile group of basement-dwelling vermin get such praise?

The answer is simple -

We have the balls to tell the god damned truth.

Realize the paradox or dichotomy writers, bloggers, "vloggers," authors, and podcasters in these alternate 'spheres face:

Obey, get rewarded, but never be free

or

Disobey, speak the truth, get punished, but be free

And 100% of your alternative 'sphere bloggers chose the latter. We don't have the patience, we don't have the tolerance, and we actually respect ourselves and our fellow man too much to swallow whole and parrot the commie, leftist, feminist script. We don't care how much it costs us in terms of our careers, our housing, our families, and our futures, because a life of lies is just not worth the McMansion in the suburbs, a confiscatable 401k, student debts, worthless degrees, divorce and false accusations of "ism."

And so with nothing left to lose we speak the truth. And it's the truth that people are starving for.

Be it the average American male who's been lied to about what women want, that he should be "sweet" and "kind" and "sensitive."

Be it the poor black man who's been lied to that he shouldn't try because he's been discriminated against by "evil white people" and should hold out for a government check instead of majoring in engineering.

Or be it the woman who deep down inside wants to be a stay at home mom and raise

kids, but has been berated for not wanting to become a "powerful lawyer executive supreme awesome independent woman."

we come outright and say not only what's on people's minds, but explain to them with logic, facts, data, and morality why it's OK to think or desire those things. We give them hope, we give them truth, we give them reality, no matter how harsh and unpleasant it may be compared to the lies and bullshit Oprah, the media, the government, politicians and the education industry tell them, because in the end it is only the truth that matters.

In short, it is simply adhering to The Reality Principle that not only makes our 'spheres a success but gives our readers practical, functional, and effective advice because...

it's based in reality

not politics, lies, propaganda and bullshit.

So, riddle me this, riddle me that readers, viewers, listeners, lieutenants, economists, children and agents in the field:

Are you better off than you were 4 years ago? Has the Manosphere, Androsphere, Econosphere, etc., improved your lives? Are you in better financial shape? Are you in better physical shape? Are you in better mental shape? Do you have some modicum of hope? And is your life not better?

Because understand I'm not looking for a particular answer. I merely want the truth. But I'm going to bet my bottom dollar the alternative 'spheres have done more good, helped more people, and advanced more lives (not to mention saved some people's sanity) than the trillions of dollars the government has spent on social programs and thousands of hours of Oprah-spew ever has. Because we have something even better than trillions of dollars and a cable network with a bloviating woman:

Reality and the truth.

And that is the only thing that can genuinely help out your fellow man.

Enjoy the decline.

Retroactive Grade Inflation

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Swear to the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, we need to start nuking law schools

Damnit, Now I Have to Think

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Lousy, stupid, intelligent bloggers. With all their intelligent observations and stuff. I just want to play video games and drink. But no!!!! Oh no!!! Have to get all fancy schmancy with the oopdy loopdy and get all smart and stuff. I remember the days when I was a kid. Oh, it was great, no thinking. No worrying. Just how can I score another cookie without my mom finding out and praying for snow days. No, now I got some Canuck getting all smart and I'm compelled to read his shit. Should have never gone to college. Wouldn't be curious about this stuff. No, should have just stayed at home. Lived in my mother's basement. Then I wouldn't know, let alone care about this intelligent talky stuff. Stupid internet.

Low Level Employees Are Only Worth 1/847th of an Executive

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The math is in and it appears that entry level, low level employees at various corporations are only 1/847th the value of corporate executives.

After spitting out illegitimate children, majoring in stupid shit, expecting the world to pay for them, and in general making bad decisions all around, their productive capacity as measured by the labor market shows them to produce a meager .001 of economic value that their better educated, harder working counterparts do.

Efforts have been made to increase the productive capacity of society's lowest class so that they too may be able to tell what the difference is between a debit or credit is, why you shouldn't breed before you're 20, and how learning basic math skills is required to make it out of poverty. But despite trillions of dollars spent on the public education system, all it seems to have done is brainwash people into a entitlement mentality and enrich a class of education majors. There still (amazingly) seems to be some genuinely stupid (or lazy) people in the country who will never ever manage the intellectual or tradesmanship muster to produce more than 1/10th of one penny the production for every dollar their executive counterparts have.

End Sarcarm...though only slightly

Let me ask you people this.

Why is it we look at corporate executive pay as a multiple of the lowest paid employee as some kind of measure of overpayment to the executive?

What if we did it in reverse? What if we took the logical opposite and applied that rule?

If an executive makes 847 times more than the lowest paid employee, if labor markets are efficient, then by default doesn't that mean the lowest paid employee is only 1 847th as productive?

What if we, with the same hatred, vitriol, envy, and bigotry the left has, skewed the lower classes claiming they're only

1/847th as productive?
1/847th as smart?
1/847th as hard working?

Oh, don't get me wrong. You don't have to convince me that most corporeate executives get there through non-meritorious means (look it up), but you can't simply say this disparity between CEO and entry level pay is solely because of "big bad meanie" executives. I would say the majority of it has to do with why entry level people are making as little as they are.

In other words, the single dad, who didn't graduate from high school, who works at the local McDonald's and can well...do basic subtraction and addition, does not compare to the CEO who has her MBA, CFA, CPA, can balance books and knows how to interpret statistical marketing reports and knocks out 80 hours a week. And you can let your emotions and ideology get in the way, but it doesn't matter. That is why CEO and executives make more than the noobs. They're older, they have experience, and they busted their asses off.

Now you can get mad about this. You can go ahead and protest, but you know what's great?

Let's say you get your little $15 an hour.

Let's say the minimum wage goes up to $10/hour.

Robots.

Yep, robots.

You see, you're so unskilled that you're only about $3/hour a way from being replaced by robots. Yes, they are complex, yes they are advanced, but you know something?

They shut the ef up and do their job. They're never late, they never "um oh, like, yeah, I'm um sick" and they don't breed illegitimate children, let alone get an entitlement complex. So much so they can replace you.

Don't like that?

Tough.

That's reality and I'm trying to help you realize that rather than kiss your ass like Obama or Oprah.

So it's up to you kiddies. Do you want to whine and complain only to be replaced by robots (or in other cases, illegal aliens) OR do you want to go to school for a real reason, stop making stupid decisions, and only have to work at McDonald's to make ends meet until you're on to bigger and better things?

Oh, that's right. YOu'd have to try.

Best to sit there and wallow in your pity and envy and do nothing.

Why There Will Always Be a 1%

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I mean, beyond basic math and statistics.

Robots to Replace Liberal Arts Majors

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Where do most liberal arts majors go?

The service industry.

That's not a joke. I'm sure a statistically disproportionate number of liberal arts majors end up in the food service industry. Just ask any 24+ year old waiter what they went to college for, if they did attend, and I'll bet you it ain't electrical engineering.

But uh oh!!! What were those mean nasty evil engineers building in addition to roads, cars, computers, and everything?

Tablets!

Tablets that can replace human waiters and waitresses!!!!

Oh sure it masked as some kind of "way to get people the bill faster," but don't believe it for a second. You drop $5,000 on tablets and you can easily replace 2-3 people who no longer need to take payment or run bills out to people.

So yeah, clamor for that increase in the minimum wage. See what happens. I can't wait.

Nelson Mandela - Kill Whites

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I have largely stayed away from the Nelson Mandela debate because I was ignorant about him. Aside from what was shoved down my throat in the 80's, I never paid attention to the man. Well, through factual research my opinion on Nelson Mandela has now officially solidified from what my socialist teachers told me to think of him to the truth.

He was a communist and probably a racist. And I don't have time to tolerate assholes, let alone keep up the charade the government/media/education complex wants me to. And if you don't like that fact he was a racist communist, then you really have to ask yourself (especially if you're white) why you would support somebody singing songs about killing white people? I mean, if you're that brainwashed to defend a guy who is singing songs about killing you, then bravo, bravo educational and government establishment. You got people to adhere to an ideology over their own lives.

In the meantime he was a despicable person despite the good he did in South Africa. My opinion will change when historical FACTS (not education or media brainwashing) warrant otherwise.

Will The Real Aurini Please Stand Up

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Please stand up
Please stand up

There is only one real Aurini. Can you tell who are the imposters and who the real one is?

Why Illya Kuryakin Was the Ultimate Bad Boy

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Do you know who David McCallum is?

He is an old actor who plays in NCIS.

Or at least that's what modern kids today know him as. Back 50 years ago the kids had a drastically different opinion. David McCallum was actually a huge star in his youth starring in anything from "Perry Mason" to "The Great Escape." But his defining role was as a Russian agent, named "Illya Kuryakin" in the TV show "The Man from UNCLE" (which I own and highly recommend)

Now take a look at him in his youth:

Certainly better looking than he is today, not to beschmirch Mr. McCallum, as nobody gets better with age, but answer me this. Is he really a heartthrob?

Sure, he's not ugly. Sure, he's in OK shape. But he was no James Dean or Sean Connery, was he?

From Wikipedia

Although the show aired at the height of the Cold War, McCallum's Russian alter-ego became a pop culture phenomenon. The actor was inundated with fan letters and a Beatles-like frenzy followed him everywhere he went.[5] While playing Kuryakin, McCallum received more fan mail than any other actor in MGM's history.[7] Hero worship even led to a record, Love Ya, Illya, performed by Alma Cogan under the name Angela and the Fans, which was a pirate radio hit in Britain in 1966. A 1990s rock-rap group from Argentina named itself Illya Kuryaki and the Valderramas in honour of The Man from U.N.C.L.E. character.

Are you boys paying attention?

Illya Kuryakin was an agent from, at the time, our HATED and SWORN archnemisis - the

Soviets.

And chicks digged him more than any other character in Hollywood, let alone any one of the million of available hard-working American men.

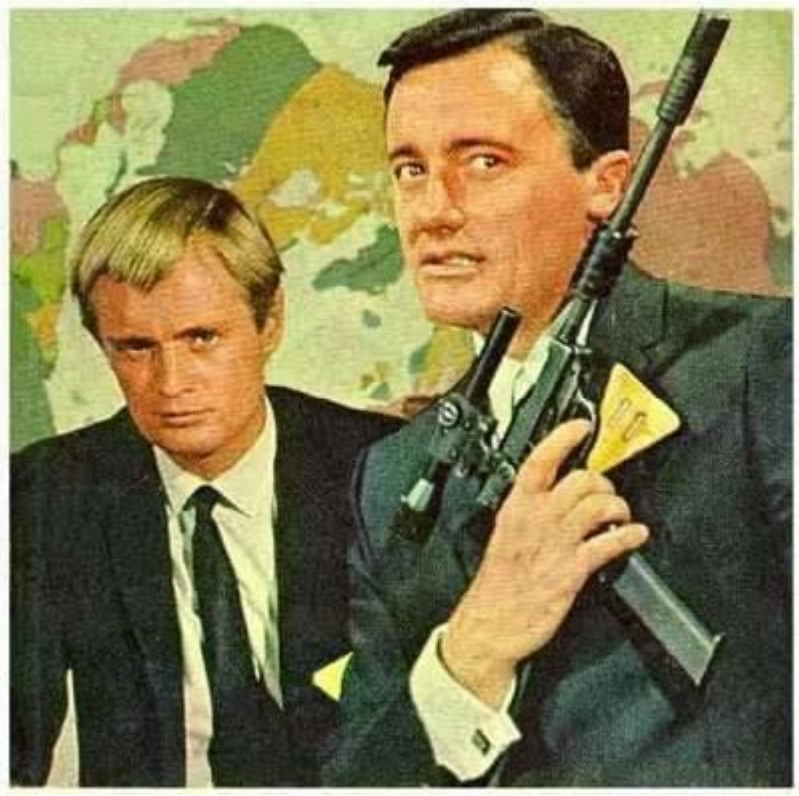
Now I have seen the show. And David McCallum's character is certainly polite, dark, mysterious, but boyish and innocent as well. But do not be confused why he was such a heart throb among the ladies.

He was the "enemy." He was forbidden fruit. He was the "bad Soviet boy" that daddy would be furious about.

It's why felon game works so well.

You need to be forbidden. You need to be bad. You need to be pretty much the EXACT opposite of what women claim they want. This cannot be emphasized enough. If you pull up on a motorcycle with some tats, dare to even dismiss her presence, the girl will not be able to resist.

Don't ask me why. I don't know the underlying psychology and I'm too old to find out. but it "is what it is." And those are the rules you need to play by. Remember you want to be Illya, not Napoleon Solo.



"Maybe You Just Attract the Wrong Type of Girls"

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Two articles from the middle of nowhere Wisconsin
How buying property in big liberal cities is like buying into a large and expensive HOA
Why my friends are all depressed, some suicidal
Why socialism doesn't even warrant discussion
Has ANY charity or non-profit solve the problem it claims

AND MORE!

on this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

The Pinnacle of American Achievement in Theater

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I'm waiting to see something akin to this quality from our current generations.

Dear Arielle Schlesinger, STEM and the Liberal Arts Don't Mix

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

Really??

REALLY??????

"Feminist coding????"

Somebody buy her this book!

You Can Tell A Lot About A Country Based on Who Attends Which Funerals

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When the Spice girl's get more of an attendance at their funerals than Winston Churchill then you know the last nail was put in the coffin of Western Civilization.

From Our Artist Agent in the Field - Ms. Libbi Ponce

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Young Ms. Ponce contacted me about pursuing an art career and I think between myself and our resident artist Jorge Gonzales we set her on the right path to achieve that, but not sacrifice thousands of dollars on a worthless degree. Regardless, she found out I was sick and sent me this kind gesture:

Why I do believe despite my evil capitalist nature, I might have some warm fuzzies.

And just so you know ladies, poor ole sick Cappy NEVER turns down any form of pampering and "awpoorbaby-ing."

An Economy Without Men

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You'll feel the first shocks, as the infrastructure fails to maintain itself under the strain of invisible workers who have been imprisoned. You'll watch as convicts are forced into slave labor to sustain the infrastructure. You'll feel the crunch as taxes increase, then increase again, because no government seems to understand that slaves and government workers cannot create GDP; without GDP, you have no tax base, without a tax base, you can't maintain a government, and a large portion of women work for the government, whether directly or through welfare.

I just want to know who will do the maths?

Math is Tough

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I don't like the maths.
How do I math?
Driving is hard.
Tee hee! I'm majoring in Child Psychology.

When the Fed Doesn't Endorse College

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then you know there's a problem!

Your Age Does Not Determine Your Success (No Matter What Middle Aged Old Farts Say)

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Permit me to be bold.

Well, I'm not actually being bold, I'm just telling the truth. It's just I have the audacity to speak it, which comes off as being bold and arrogant, but still, it is the truth when I say:

Not one,

NOT

ONE

boss I've ever had

was smarter or better than me at either his/her job or mine.

And this is an important point to make, because as many of you youth are finding out, you are being challenged ABSOLUTELY NOWHERE NEAR your full capacity in your careers. You are working jobs that are way beneath your skills, education, and training. And if you don't find out why this is, it WILL lead to decades of confusion, angst, depression, frustration, and anger.

Thus, in order to have this mental peace and sanity you need to understand what is going on in a macro-economic sense to understand the environment you're in, why you are in a job that seems to be going nowhere, and dealing with bosses that are seemingly illogical, constantly lecturing you, and are never happy. And to do this we need to compare two very different economic environments - WWII and today's economy.

To this day I am still amazed at just how much responsibility young men (and women) were giving during WWII. Fighter pilots at the age of 17 (because they lied on their applications), 22 year old captains in command of men. Majors who haven't even made it to their 3rd decade of life. And let's not forget what governments on both sides were doing with their youngest, best, and brightest.

The Manhattan Project had tons of 20 something men.
Hitler's rocket program was headed up by a then 28 year old Verner Von Braun.
And I don't think anybody back at home on either fronts were required to have a bachelor's degree with "master's preferred" in order to work in the factories and help in

the war effort.

But that was the thing. There was a war going on. All countries on all sides NEEDED everybody to produce at their absolute potential, at their absolute best. Because if they didn't, then it would spell the end of that country. To that end, all the hurdles, hoops, and other bullshit was eliminated.

Don't care if you're not related to the boss, you are the best welder. WE NEED YOU!
Don't care if you aren't sleeping with the owner, you are the best secretary. WE NEED YOU!
Don't care if you are only 18 years old, you scored well in flight. Here's your P51. WE NEED YOU!

It was the closest we've ever came to a meritocracy.

Now, contrast back then to today's economy.

The economy is growing 40% slower than it was back then. There is no war that threatens the country to galvanize the people. Thus with neither growth nor compunction to use and employ everybody, including our youth, now people are employed based on an increasingly petty amount of irrelevant traits.

It's not merely if you're the best. You need to network and have an in.
It's not merely if you're the brightest. You need to "have adequate people skills."
It's not merely if you are the best man for the job and can replace your boss at a fraction of the price. You have to pay your dues.
And it's not merely if you're more than capable. You need to answer the idiotic questions of a math-impaired 25 year old HR ditz.

Ergo, our economy is not a meritocracy like it was in WWII as much as it has become a bureaucracy. And advancement and success is no longer dependent upon skills, excellence, ability, and potential, it is based on the (veritably) psychotic and sociopathic laws and rules the current managerial class sadistically applies.

This is why you go to college, become amazingly skilled, but are then hired to do a job you could have done when you were 13.

This is why you ram heads with management because all you want to do is work hard and get promoted, but your boss constantly and miserably fails to provide clear and concise leadership, and blames their failures on you.

This is why no matter how many jobs you get, you aren't "having bad luck." It's just that employers are that lousy.

And to top it all off they drown you in a sea of propaganda telling you:

"you just aren't cutting it"
"you just don't get it"
"you just don't take your job seriously"

confusing you to think you are the one with the problem.

The question is, is it worth it?

Is it worth wasting your entire youth going to school, and then further busting your ass off for another 6-8 years getting advacned degrees and certifications, so that by the time you're NEARLY 30 and have easily spent 25 YEARS IN SCHOOLING AND EDUCATION and THEN and ONLY THEN does society allow you to start working? Only then are you deemed "worthy" to file and fax?

It's the biggest lie (bar social security, medicare, Obamacare, and socialism) told to the younger generations.

Here's the truth kids.

The modern day "employment system" is so dysfunctional, so bureaucratic, so corrupted, and so nepotistic, it's no longer worth participating in.

I don't care what they tell you about working hard and "putting in your dues" and a "steep learning curve," the pay is plain just not worth it. You will NEVER get promoted. You will NEVER be challenged. And you will NEVER make the money that will make your quarter century of education-slavery worth it. It is a scam, it is a lie, and you will easily waste 50 years trying to pursue it only to get laid off and die poor.

However, the true testament as to just how impossible modern day employment is, is not the bum deal you get. It's the fact that SELF-EMPLOYMENT is not only much easier, but statistically more likely to bring you financial success.

Look, if a 17 year old kid who lies about his age can pilot P-51 fighter planes, then you can start a business.

If a 28 year old can build the first successful ICBM, then you can become self-employed.

And if men in their 30's and build an atomic bomb, then you can come up with a better mousetrap.

But you can't do that with $70,000 in student loans, blathering idiotic professors stealing

4 years of your lives in pre-requisite classes, bloviating Pointy Haired Bosses keeping you in the mail room until you're 27, and more idiotic professor holding you hostage in an MBA program until you're 33.

The key is to play a split strategy. Yes, keep one toe in the "traditional route," get some schooling, do what you need to do. But at the same time it is VITAL you immediately start pursuing a business venture of your own, starting as early as the age of 18. 100% of your efforts will go to benefit you, as opposed to the .2% of your efforts that a corporation allows you to have. And while there is no guarantee you'll be successful, and it is likely you'll have to try multiple businesses before one sticks, in the end it is a much wiser and better strategy than putting 100% of your faith in the "corporation" and being a good, reliable "corporate man."

A Conservative Tries to Design a Functioning Welfare State

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Pax was so bored.

HOW BORED WAS HE???

He was so bored, he decided to try to design a functioning welfare state.

An Astute Observation from Mr. Forney

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Yes, I concur.

Manosphere = Producers of original content
Mainstream = Largely (minus Stossel, etc.) Parasites gossiping about what other people wrote/said

Bravo, good sir. Bravo.

The Bankruptcy of Our Nation

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I met Jerry Robinson and his wife Jennifer at the Liberty Mastermind symposium. He being an economist as well as myself, I was happy to see that he was going to speak about "petro-dollars," as petro-dollars was one of the many fields of economics I knew nothing about. Sure enough he spoke, and sure enough myself and every other person in the room knew precisely what petro-dollars were.

However, in addition to this kindness he also gave me his book - The Bankruptcy of Our Nation:
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This was back in July and since then it has been sitting inside my laptop case. Not out of lack of desire to read it, but because of lack of time. But last night, I had the great fortune of being blessed by the Great Security Guard Gods of the sky and got myself a 12 hour shift. Thankfully, I had the entire shift to dedicate to reading the book as I had completed Bachelor Pad Economics and had no more chores or projects to work on. And I'm glad I did as this book proved to be better than what I was expecting.

First, understand no economist knows everything about economics. The field is just too wide. So I was very happy to see that Jerry's book pretty much complemented every field I was either weak or completely clueless about. Specifically, the history of our banking system and central bank. If you are wondering why there is such a visceral hatred of the federal reserve on some people's part, this will explain it all.

Second, I don't care how educated or advanced you are in a field, a simpleton's explanation is much appreciated. Anybody, be you an economist or evangelist, will be able to understand the US banking system, the federal reserve, and how it affects our currency, debt, economy, etc. Because of this Jerry's writing has wide appeal because the every day average Joe can pick up the book and read it AND understand it.

Third, his organization is outstanding. Many people will write books, but put little to no effort into structuring it so that a human brain may digest, incorporate, and comprehend it. There is a glossary, an index, and a bullet point review at the end of each chapter covering the key points that were discussed. The book could be a stand alone class on economics without a professor as it is that clearly written and logically organized.

Finally, it is practical. The first part of the book, like every good book on economics should, introduces some key economic concepts like money, currency, debt, etc. It then goes on to build on that foundation making a case against central banking, making a case for just how truly fucked our nation is financially, and a case, nay, a command that you

prepare for this contingency. However, he doesn't just leave you hanging. The second part of the book is basically an instruction manual that carries you though different strategies on how to plan and prepare your financial life given the economic backdrop of the country.

About the only complaint I would have about the book is the reference or even a bit of mythical "reliance" on religion. Though this is more of a function of my visceral hatred for religion and desire for completely basing economics on empiricism so it needn't rely on outside verification. However, even this complaint would prove beneficial for Christian (and in general religious) people who would like to see biblical supportation for the economic arguments Jerry presents.

In short, about a good HALF of the book was new knowledge for me. AND beneficial knowledge. In a matter of 2 hours reading three chapters I came away with more knowledge about central banking than the mandatory class I was forced to take back in the day. For the average person you will walk away with w TON more. I strongly recommend buying it for yourself or loved ones, especially as a gift for Christmas as it isn't too late just yet.

You can find it by clicking on the image above, or if you're dead set against the Wal-Mart affiliate program, you can find it here on Amazon.

You can also visit Jerry and Jennifer at their website, FTMDaily (Follow the Money) where they have not only articles, but a podcast you can fill your MP3 player up with and listen to over the holidays.

Dragging Kids Into Politics

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick. You just can't let kids be kids, can you people? No, you can't let them pray for snow days, play sports, play video games, and enjoy their childhood. No, you need to drag them unconsciously into politics, specifically, your personal political battle. It's no different than forcing religion down your kids' throats.

First watch this:

And now, my response, which I hope is polite enough for kids:

And yes, I am not surprised both of his parents are teachers.

ALSO, IMPORTANT NOTE. This is a kid. Do not curse, swear, make fowl comments on the poor kid's video. He's obviously being led by his parents, he's reading a script. If you want to make critical comments, make them here.

"Dating 1850-2012: R.I.P."

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Dating is dead.

May it RIP.

Let us rejoice and celebrate the end of this idiotic transfer of wealth, disguised as "courting."

Why You Never Want to Work for BMO Harris

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Kids, you paying attention?

Are you?

OK kids, lookie here.

I want you to read through this job description and answer yourself honest and truthfully:

Does this sound like a sane organization?

Does this sound like a company that wants to hire the best, the brightest, and has its shit together?

Does it sound like a genuine and honest meritocracy?

Or does it sound like a political bureaucratic organization that just reeks of asskissing, brown-nosing, HR-bullshiting, and cock-sucking as the only means to get ahead?

Look, kids, I can't make it any more clear for you. These companies are exposing themselves for the worthless, opportunity-less bureaucracies they are. They're showing their true natures.

You will NEVER be successful in an environment like this. Not at least if you have any ounce of intellectual honesty, veracity and desire to perform. You need to sell your soul, lie, cheat, and obey. And what makes it great is if you take the micro-calorie of energy to just stand back, clear your brain, and look at that advertisement for a job for what it is, you'll realize just how far gone these corporations are when it comes to employing the "best and the brightest."

BMO is nothing more than a political, bureaucractic organization that does not care to be a profitable, productive company. It have been co-opted and corrupted by outside political organizations that it is so removed from it's original charter of profit, that it need to hire a "diversity recruiter."

Have fun working there kids. Have fun working there.

Are You the Enemy of Freedom?

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Take the test and find out.

Shitting on 2,000 Years of Western Civilization Wisdom

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It's almost as if the past 2,000 years of Western Civilization didn't happen.

They Will Run Over You If You Let Them

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Boys, pay attention. You cannot,

CAN

NOT

let the little ladies have their way all the time.

You need to draw a line in the sand, hold people to standards, lead, and in short, be a man.

If you don't, this is the result.

Best Damn Career Advice EVER

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Thank you, thank you very much:

Hey, It's One of My Former Students!

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College students, not elementary. COLLEGE.

The Best Men Lie on Their Application

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You paying attention boys? Are you?

I would not have the career I do today if it were not for some outright, bold faced lies on my resume.

You need to lie on your application and your resume. Just as long as you can back it up.

Again, corporations are lying about the job and the job description. You owe them the simplest of courtesies to lie right back at them.

Your Economic Lesson of the Day

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"Lost decades"

How the "Pregnant Female Protagonist" is the New "Jumping the Shark"

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My favorite cartoon that is still running (Archer) took a bad turn on it's season finale last year. The main female character got pregnant. The reason I don't like this isn't anything against women getting pregnant, but multifold.

First, a pregnant private sector TEC-9 toting spy should not be running around on dangerous missions while she's carrying. Second, the whole Archer cast is without children and single. They are able to not only take on dangerous missions, but with no child-rearing obligations, they can pursue equally dangerous and haphazard-prone social lives. Third, I think it's a play to a female demographic that once again, like "The Replacement Killers," ruins an otherwise good action show.

But my primary reason for not liking Lana getting pregnant is that it telepaths to me that the show might be ending.

Allow me to explain.

Fast and Furious 5, Paul Walker and Vin Diesel are running around Brazil trying to avoid a politician's hit squad. In the middle of flight Paul Walker's girlfriend (the actress of which I have a Jennifer-Aniston-equse soft spot for) stops both of them in the middle of their escape and says,

"I'm pregnant."

Not that the F&F franchise was that great to begin with, but the F&F6 seeming so ludicrous, Paul Walker's unfortunately demise would not have been the only thing to mercifully end the series.

Another example - Control Alt Delete. The comic.

I was an AVID fan. It was hilarious, funny, cute, and entertaining.

Then the girlfriend of the hero got pregnant. Things got emotional, and you know something, I checked out. That was about 5 years ago and I haven't read the comic since. I wanted to read a comic about nerdy tech geek humor, not a soap opera.

"Friends" anyone? How many of those women got pregnant? Fifi or Bibi? Didn't Amy or Pipsi get pregnant too? Sorry, I obviously didn't watch the show too much, but I do know

that some women got pregnant and then the show ended.

The point I'm trying to make is that I think I have found a new replacement for when Fonzi jumped the shark. It's when the female lead character gets pregnant.

Naturally I hope this is not the case with Archer, but if previous "leading females getting pregnant" is any kind of proxy, it usually means the show is about to come to an end.

Regardless, the people at Fox better make sure this isn't the last season of Archer.

And for god's sake, will somebody resurrect "Venture Brothers?" That show had limitless potential.

"Sugary With a Taste of Slut"

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Turn to my right. Brunette this time, hooray for variety I guess. "What are you drinking?" This one is excited and tells me ginger ale and Jameson. Sugary with a taste of slut. We chat it up and things are going well. More hand contact, first shoulder then side waist. She's a fun girl and I'm enjoying my time with her. Maybe I should buy her a drink. Wait, no I can't. I'm in America and that is a sign of weakness. Despite the fact that I genuinely don't mind.

Some outstanding observations brought to your frontal lobes with some outstanding writing.

Women in Video Games

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So Davis has a really good podcast/video about women's role in video games. It unto itself is worth listening to.

But then he does a spot for Ranger Self Defense and TO MY SURPRISE ED HAS TRACKING DEVICES that you can use to keep GPS tabs on your children, cars, or other valuable things in life.

Did Ed tell the ole Captian about these things?

Ooooooohhhhh noooooo!

Keeping all the good stuff for the damn Canucks!!! Traitor!

How Ethan Krupp Embodies Everything Wrong With American Males

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We do indeed rip apart American (and western) women here in this little sphere of our world. But we must also remind ourselves that it isn't only men that have suffered as the forces of socialism and feminism have completely destroyed our selection in the opposite sex.

Socialism and feminism have also destroyed women's selection in men.

Seriously, take the time to be a bit empathetic and appreciate the fact that many innocent women now only get to select from the Ethan Krupps of the world.

How Your Christmas Wishlist Tells You Everything You Need to Know About Economics

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Actually, this is one of those 20 minute videos that will teach the beginner more about economics than three college classes will.

I have also coined the new degree:

"Masters in The Avoidance of Math"

I kill me!

Remember, if you enjoy the videos, buy something through the Wal-Mart affiliate plan. You can click on it in the right side bar.

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like 'Worthless'"

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From a reader:

Aaron Clarey's book is the equivalent of drinking an antidote to a slow-acting poison. The scales fall off and clarity is achieved. Nothing is more touted today that education with all those well-known slogans ringing in the air "stay in school!" Yes, but for what purpose? In what direction? To what end? These are the questions Clarey brilliantly tackles here and he does so in an easy, jocularly manner that belies its great importance. Too many end up spending too much money--read, debt--at our nation's universities in the vain hope (yes, hope. There's almost no thought that goes into their decisions) the piece of paper they get at the end will be rewarded somehow. Clarey convincingly shows why this is wrong and takes those who should know better to task: the guidance counselors, our teachers, college professors and even parents who all profess to care for the next generation.

Every one should read this book. ***Every High School should require its students read and comprehend its contents.***

The problem, however, is that doing so will require our educational system and its denizens fundamentally change how it operates and that's not going to happen any time soon. So get this for your High Schooler or for a kid you like instead so they don't end up wasting what's supposed to be their formative years in pursuit of hot air.
5 stars.

You can find "Worthless" here, and also in Audio book format here!

Meet The Future

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I predict homes like these will be the way of the future as Gen X and Gen Y realize the incredible debt burden they naively voted upon themselves following the self-sabotaging advice their Baby Boomer teachers gave them.

There is good news, however.

How, oh how, will we ever raise the funds to pay for Baby Boomer retirement plans and health care when Gen X'ers, Y'ers, and Millineals, only need to work up $22,000 a year to pay for homes like these?

Oh, and if savvy youth don't have kids (as they obviously cannot live in such small quarters), will you rely on future immigrants from the non-Western-Civilization world to work up the economic productivity to pay for your entitlements?

Heh heh. You hippie AARP boomers, you idiots enjoy that decline. You brought it on yourselves and there's nobody more deserving.

"Man Talk"

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A long time ago, and stupidly listening to my mother, I was lead to believe that girls liked it when a guy bought her flowers, wrote poetry, and said nice things.

I now know that all you need is "Man Talk"

Are you boys paying attention?

The Manosphere's Resident Artist

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Gentlemen (and ladies),

I know many of you are writing books or are pursuing some kind of internet/media venture. However, not all of us are artists. Thankfully, you don't have to be. That's why we have Jorge Gonzalez.

Jorge did the artwork for my up-coming book "Bachelor Pad Economics," as well as drew the entire "Boris the Shitting Buffalo." I strongly recommend contacting him if you need some kind of artwork done or are just looking for an artist in general. However, I also recommend Jorge on account most of his college peers at art school were raging socialists and will no doubt mock and ridicule him for ~~supporting himself with his art~~ "going corporate."

You can contact him here.

Asshole Consulting

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New business model lieutenants!

We will replace Bain and McKinsey!

Bachelor Pad Economics - Tenatively Scheduled for Dec. 27th

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Just got the digital proof and all looks good, but I prefer to have a paper copy to make sure the printing works right. Measure twice, cut once kind of thing. Being express-delivered and will be here presumably around the 26th. And if all looks good I hit the magical "go" button and it will be a nice little post-Christmas gift.

How the Net Present Value of Effort is the Cause of Intimidation, Procratination and Fear

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My Jewish Agent in the Field contacted me laughing at the other end of the phone.

She said, "Cappy, you're not going to believe this! I was at the doctor's office and ran into one of your fans." She then regaled me with the tale of randomly meeting a young 23 year old man who was a regular reader of me and the rest of the Manosphere. However, while he was an avid reader, he was basically an academian. A theorist. He "knew" what he had to do, but still had problems approaching girls. Matter of fact, the words my JAITF used was "afraid of girls." I told her to have him contact me and that I'd solve his problem for a small fee.

Rewind 18 years ago.

A female friend of mine had a crush on a male friend of mine. I did what I could to set the two up, but despite many rendezvous, he never asked her out. For the next six months she verbally pined about him to me. Wondering how to get him to ask her out. To the point I got sick of it and told her, rather bluntlly, that she was pissing away more calories of energy worrying about it and would have had a better life had she just point blank asked him out. She took my advice to heart, was about to call him up and ask him out, but THEN CRIED IN THE FEAR AND ANTICIPATION, and bailed at the last minute.

Fastforward back to today.

Millions, nay, HUNDREDS of millions of western women claim they want to diet. And hundreds of millions of western women attempt new diets every year. But nearly 95% of them fail, invariably going back to eating shit and using their .000004 mile "power walk" or "I used the stairs" as an excuse to stuff their faces with icing-laden cupcakes. They only end up like the fan my JAITF met or the female friend of mine back from college - failures knowing what they have to do, but somehow never having the gall to do it.

So let me explain what is happening here amongst all three, because while we can all stand here and ridicule them, you, me, and everybody else have this "want to, but seemingly can't" hypocrisy about us.

Understand that in the case of my "fan" my JAITF met, it wasn't that he was intimidated by asking that one girl out at the bar.

Understand in the case of my friend back in college, it wasn't the she feared rejection

from my male friend.

And understand in the case of most fat western women, it isn't that they feared they wouldn't lose weight.

It boils down to the "Net Present Value" of effort.

"Net Present Value" or "NPV" is a financial concept that takes a string of payments in the future and asks "what would be the value of all those payments in the future if they were converted into a single payment today?"

So for example a mortgage. You have to make monthly payments for 30 years. Well, considering inflation, interest rates, cost of borrowing, etc., what would the "single payment equivalent" of those payments be today?

But we can take this financial concept and apply it to the psychological world. And when we do we make some great realizations that can benefit us all. Because when you ask

the noob kid to start approaching girls
the fat woman to lose weight, or
my friend to finally ask the guy out

you are not REALLY asking the

noob kid to ask out that ONE girl, or
that fat woman to forego ONE meal, or
my friend to ask that ONE guy out

you are asking them to change their behavior FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. You are asking them to essentially take on a part time job they never wanted, because human nature is to be lazy.

So for example, when you tell a fat woman to lose weight, you aren't asking her to refuse that ONE cupcake. You're asking her to refuse ALL cupcakes into the future AND demanding she take on what is a vertiable part time job of working out everyday FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

And when you tell that fearful 23 year old kid who is "afraid of girls," you aren't saying, "approach that ONE girl and suffer the rejection," you are saying, "You must COMMIT yourself to a life of rejection, dismay, and wasted labor attempting to get girls."

And that is why the "Net Present Value" of effort is such a deterrent. Because when you're asking people to make life changes

be it weight
approaching members of the opposite sex
becoming educated
physical or mental improvement

you aren't asking them to "tweek" something, you're demanding they dedicate a significant percentage of their free time, their free will, and their conscious life to achieve the goals they want.

It is here I can appreciate and feel a bit of empathy for our overweight women, our timid men, or our basement dwelling nerf-herders. They are expending very little effort and energy. They are minimalists in the sense they are willing to forego the demands and desires society places upon them, so they can live a VERY simple and existent life. But, human psychology and darwinism being what it is, it can't just let that poor soul be. It still needs to foist natural, sexual, achievement, and agency desires on humans, and so they are torn.

This is why my female friend was crying at the prospect of approaching a man.
This is why women get so emotionally upset if you dare to point out men just don't like fat chicks.
This is why a man will talk shit about approaching, but rarely do, and when they do, take personal umbrage when shot down.

The trick or the solution to this crippling and pre-programmed psychology is a simple one:

Realize if you don't make these changes, you WILL forever be condemned to failure.

Do I like lifting weights for an hour every odd day, and running 6 miles every even?

No.

Does any guy like approaching women, opening their mouths, and hoping something witty comes out in the hopes they might get laid in the long run?

No.

And do women (let alone ANYBODY) like passing up the great and awesome food that is sure to tempt us this Christmas?

No.

But if you don't, and constantly succumb to the immediate desires and fail to achieve

delayed gratification, you will forever be:

that fat overweight woman nobody wants to fuck
the nerd who sits in his mother's basement and never gets laid
or the addict/alcoholic that never says no and dies early because of liver failure

In short, you must realize it was never your choice to begin with. You need to commit to these part time jobs. You need to commit to the effort to stay in shape, suffer rejection, and put yourself out there. The only other option is not to participate and wonder, dream, and opine what life would have been life if you had. And that life of regret is the worst one you can possibly live.

Cappy's Crazy Christmas Podcast!

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Hey kids!

I know a lot of you will be traveling and some of our younger Cappy Cappite brothers and sisters working, so take a little yuletide joy with you with the latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

This episode we talk about how truly free people do not want to be pestered about scheduling and details, especially things 2 months in advance. We also talk about how Matt Forney and Erin McCarthy are at each other's throats now, but will likely hook up and get married and make muchas smoochas! There is some miscellany of discussion about how old people just don't try to drive good anymore, and a tirade against how Kwanzaa is not a real holiday and never will be!

Have a good Christmas all!

Cappy

Glorious Karl Enjoys Christmas!

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Look, Karl got a gun, some flannel pajamas and a mug from the Occidental Hotel (Cappy's favorite hangout whenst he lived in Wyoming).

Laurette Lynn and How Schools are Prisons

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A Stefan Molyneux podcast that is an absolute must. He interviews an author, Laurette Lynn who actually hates school more than I did.

I haven't even listened to the whole thing, but what struck me is when she is talking about staying home to rear children how much you realize she actually loves her children. Stefan also has a hell of a quotable comment:

"If you have a kid, but instead both parents decide to have jobs, then that's like cheating on your kid."

What amazes is not how feminism thought that outsourcing the rearing of children to the state or nannies would work, but that society as a whole bought such hogwash.

Stay Frosty, Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

"Calling People Fat Should Be Illegal" aka ABC Round 2

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So where do you want to go with this one guys?

Pick on Jennifer Lawrence for being so stupid she's advocating totalitarianism?

Go the regular shaming route and redouble our efforts to ramp up fat-shaming?

Or just ignore it because it's another stupid bint from Hollywood?

Here's the correct answer:

Expose ABC news (again) for being the paper-thin fraudulent media outlet that it is.

Look, the real news story isn't that another 23 year old hollywood harlot is saying stupid things. Nor is it that "fat" is a politicized topic. The real story is that a presume "media giant" like Barbara Walters would even consider interviewing such a mindless individual in the first place, LET ALONE CONSIDER HER ONE OF THE TOP 10 MOST INTERESTING PEOPLE.

This isn't news.

This isn't journalism.

This is pulp-people-magazine garbage being served as "serious, top notch" journalism.

Ergo, the only thing to do is go to the comment section and merely point out ABC has jumped the shark or "gotten the female lead pregnant."

That's if you even deem ABC's comment section worth your time, which I really don't.

Today's Office

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Brought to you in part by,

"Masters Degree Preferred" - You need to go $75,000 into debt so our HR ditzes can more easily sort out resumes. "Masters Degree Preferred" - the biggest, most expensive and unnecessary hoop we force our labor force to jump through.

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"Commutes" - We don't care if the technology allows for everybody to work from home. We need to condition our labor force to obey. Thank god for commutes. "Commutes" - when you're a masochist control freak that hates your employees.

Also by,

"Layoffs" - Were you loyal to the company to the core and gave it your all? Tough shit. We found somebody who will do it for $1/hour cheaper. "Layoffs" - reserved only for the most loyal and naive employees.

Also by,

"Divorce" - Make sure you get your spouse to divorce you as you spend more time at work than tending to your family. "Divorce" - sponsored by the Corporate-America & Feminism Partnership.

Women Who Have Horses are Psychotic

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Again...

not that you didn't know....

women who love horses are mentally deranged and are damaged goods. They love animals more than they love their fellow human being, and would rather ride a horse than have a husband or tend to their children. Now you can add, "love their horses more than their country" in France.

It is getting very difficult to defend women's suffrage.

Teachers Love Your Children More Than You Do

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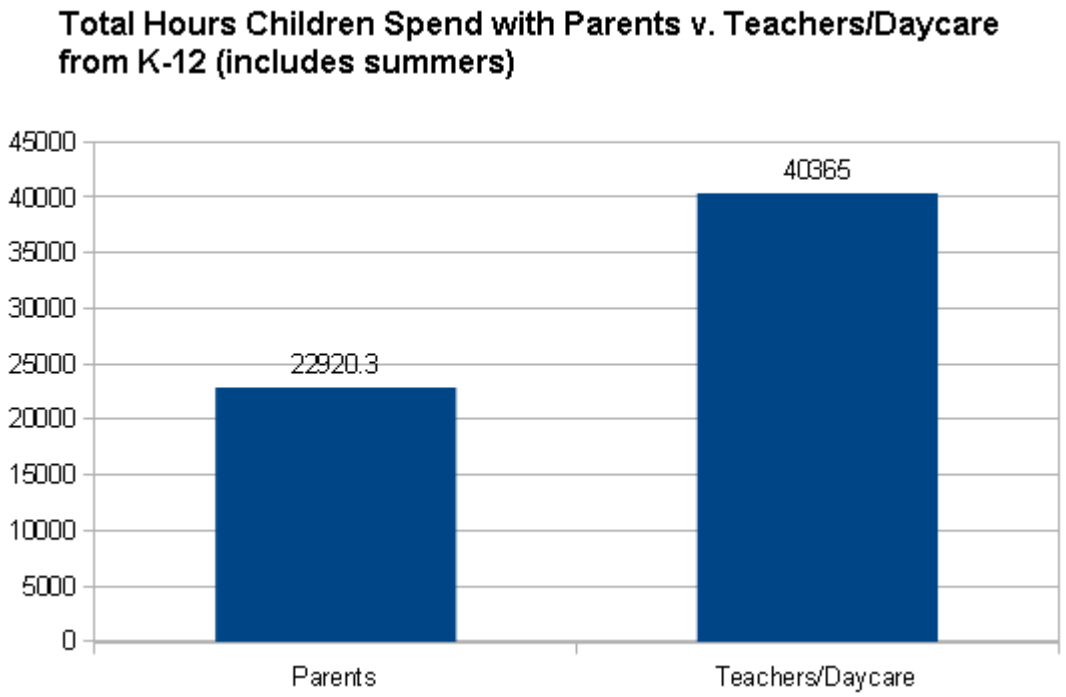
Well, at least that's what the maths say.

I estimated the amount of time children, from kindergarten to 12th grade, spend with their parents, vs. teachers and daycare providers.

There are some assumptions I made and you can certainly calculate your own figures, but including weekends, friends, commuting, summers, etc. those state paid teachers spend a HUGE amount of time more with your child than you do. AND keep in mind their ENTIRE JOB is to be teaching and engaging them the entire time. Your time also includes feeding them, lecturing them, chores, etc. NOT sitting down and TALKING with them.



But remember,

you need a career
you voted democrat because you care
you need to pay those taxes
you need to pay for strangers to raise your kid in daycare

so you're in the clear.

I'm sure your child will come visit you in the nursing home.

Bachelor Pad Economics Proofed and Authorized

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Just got the proof in the mail and figured now would be a good a time as any to show youse guys the cover.

It's going to be 5-7 business days until it's available on Amazon.com. Will let you know once it's officially available.

The thing is a MONSTER. 500 pages doesn't seem like 500 pages until you're holding it in your hands. However, remember, you will NOT read the whole thing through. It is a reference book for EVERY STAGE OF A MAN'S LIFE. So, you know, the 14 year old kid would not be reading the chapter on End of Life Planning or 401k's.

Kindle version will also be available around the same time.

And I don't want to hear ANY complaints about price. It's going to be $30. And the reason I don't want to hear any complaints is that if I had this book when I was younger I would EASILY have had $500,000 more money than I do now. The amount of mistakes you will avoid and wise decisions make by reading this book I would say LITERALLY make it worth it's weight in gold.

Finally, you cannot read Bachelor Pad Economics without having the below music playing in the background:

Table of Contents for Bachelor Pad Economics

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A reader had a good question, as well as several of you have inquired about what "Bachelor Pad Economics" more specifically covers. Here is the table of contents, a more thorough explanation will be released once it's available at Amazon.

Chapter 1 "Leaderless, Guideless, and Adrift"
Chapter 2 "Philosophy" (about economics, investing, life goals etc.)
Chapter 3 "The Basics"
Chapter 4 "Education"
Chapter 5 "Career"
Chapter 6 "Entrepreneurship"
Chapter 7 "Girls"
Chapter 8 "Housing and Lodging"
Chapter 9 "Cars and Transportation"
Chapter 10 "Maintenance and Repair"
Chapter 11 "Investing and Retirement Planning"
Chapter 12 "Wife and Kids"
Chapter 13 "Legal"
Chapter 14 "Economics"
Chapter 15 "End of Life Planning"

In short it is a reference guide for all men of all ages between 14-Death. The younger they read it, the better off their life will be. Basically it is a book of advice that your father should have given you, but given today's single-mother households or just spineless fathers, this vital wisdom and guidance is sorely lacking.

The Clarey Podcast, Latest Episode!

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Aaron talks about replacing booze with lifting weights, gets a GREAT letter from his "Brazilliant" Agent in the Field, explains why everybody has a right to enjoy the suffering of leftists and parasites, and talks about putting together an "Anti-Feminist" poster, and MORE in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Western Women "Saving" Third World Men

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Multiple choice boys and girls! Where do we go with this one?

a) Female sex tourism
b) Treasonous western women helping out everybody but their own countrymen
c) Another trust fund baby bites the dust
d) "But he said he loved me!"
e) Bad boys are sexy, especially if they kill me
f) I didn't like the maths, so I helped the childrenzzzz (aka "Liberal Arts Degrees Kill")
g) Wow! There was only 50 murders in Honduras since 2008? That's pretty safe!

It's Called Capital Flight

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and it's a feature, not a bug, of socialism.

How "Leftist Heroes" Predict the Failure of a Film

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Very interesting podcast from Davis Aurini. Old one from the archives, but good.

Post Wedding Barbie to Hit Stores

December 30, 2013 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Replete with Liberal Arts Degree and commensurate student debt!

Thank god Ken majored in Chemical Engineering!

The Miley Ray Cyrus Effect in Economics

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A great economic lesson that we can all learn about marketing and how to use trolls to your advantage!

Bachelor Pad Economics Now Available!

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Good news everybody!

"Bachelor Pad Economics" is now available on Amazon!!!! (Kindle to follow later)

I have alluded to the nature of the book before, but I think it's best to quote the first chapter of the book to accurately and fully convey what it's about, who it's for, how it will benefit everybody, and just how important this book is for all generations:

"*To this end "Bachelor Pad Economics," (though applicable to everybody) is written with the average American male in mind. Most likely single, most likely young, but* ***every man, married or not, young or not, will benefit greatly from this book.*** *It is the single, most comprehensive source of wisdom for men regarding personal financial management, investing, and life from a financial perspective. It is a roadmap to financial planning that has been sorely missing the past three generations. Reading this book will surpass any number of college classes in terms of the wisdom and help it will grant you, and the younger you read it, the better off you'll be. This book, quite simply, is a must for every young man out there, so that you not only avoid the mistakes your elders made, but live better and more enjoyable lives than we did.*"

The only thing I will add is that it is NOT meant to be read as a novel - i.e. - front to back.

It is meant to be read as a reference book, consulting the individual chapters that apply to your personal life. Ergo, I recommend reading chapters 1-3 to get the "basics," but then reading any future chapters only on a "as needed" basis.

It is $29.99 (though I think they're discounting it) and I am being serious when I say this - IT IS WORTH THE MONEY. Think of what you drop on some worthless, pre-req college text book, think about your booze habit, and then think about a book that would have prevented you from buying that house you're now underwater on or marrying that woman who took half of your worldly assets.

Again, it is a MUST for all men.

Regardless, I would appreciate your spreading the word. My apologies for not getting it out before Christmas. I prefer quality over speed.

This is How You Stick It to Feminists

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Brilliant.

They stole my idea.

But brilliant.

My Humble Thanks

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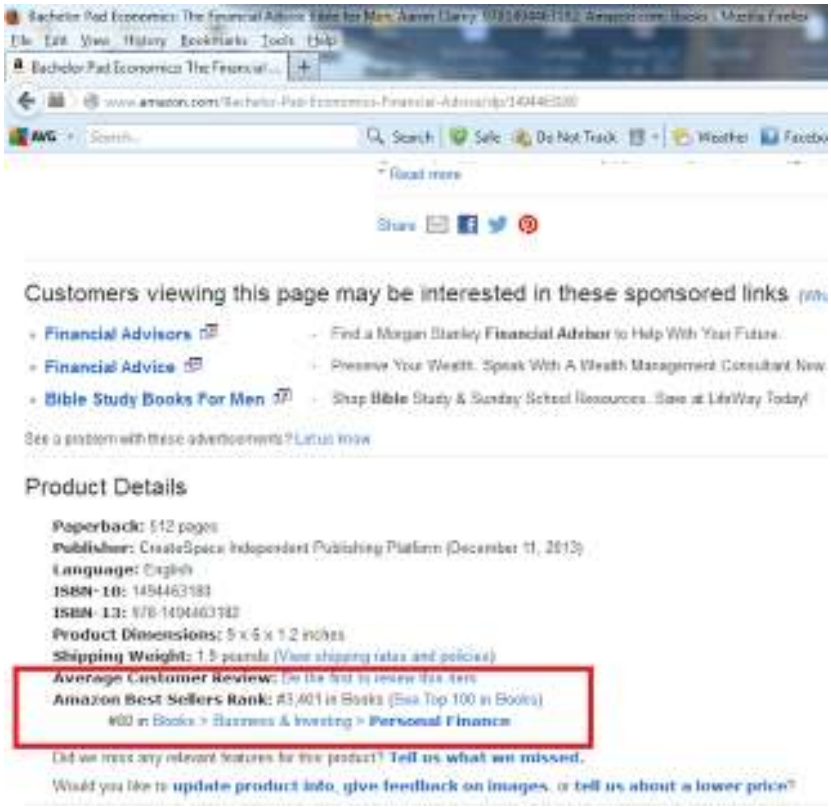
I wanted to thank everybody who has already purchased "Bachelor Pad Economics" (BPE). In ONE DAY you guys shot BPE to an Amazon rank of 3,400 (and I saw it even higher over the evening at 2,800).



This may sound "affirmative actiony," but for self-publishing schlubbs like us, it's actually huge. Keep in mind this is out of 3 MILLION books, so such a ranking is very high indeed.

Another Reason Feminists Tend to Be Ugly

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I will selfishly (but accurately) claim I pioneered a new line of thinking or "theory" as to why leftists and (especially) feminists are ugly. In it's most refined and reduced form it is:

"*Feminists and leftists are uglier than their conservative counterparts because maintaining physical beauty requires work, effort, and rigor; things antithetical to their leftist political ideology which entails laziness, the avoidance of rigor, and the least amount of effort.*"

Dalrock came up with a very interesting alternative, though not mutually-exclusive theory:

Feminists are miserly with their love.

Love is selflessness. Putting somebody ahead of your own self. And feminists are indeed a very selfish and self-centered lot. I've pointed it out before and I'll point it out again, the Manosphere is infinitely more loving than feminists in that we actually care about what women want. So much so we advocate lifting weights, losing weight, eating healthy, etc. Whereas I ask, when is the last time you heard a feminist advocate staying skinny, getting implants, or cook a meal to make their man happy? It's simple - they don't. Matter of fact, they go the opposite direction and advocate such bullshit as "fat acceptance" and dare to lecture men to have the audacity to like what they are genetically programmed to.

This is why they tend not to be pretty. Because "pretty" is an outward, outside, and selfless quality observed by OTHER PEOPLE. A kindness or a courtesy you give to your fellow man (and woman) to:

maintain your physical shape
dress attractively
do yourself up and
just plain give a damn about your appearance.

But since feminists are so self-centered and are incapable of selflessness, they don't care what other people think. They are incapable of empathy. They are only capable of focusing on themselves. And when somebody is so myopic and only care about themselves, then they are incapable of presenting beauty to other people. Ergo, why most feminists tend to be ugly.

The two theories are actually the same, but I like Dalrock's view in that it shows you just what lonely, sad, pathetic and dysfunctional lives these women are living. They are incapable of considering others. They are incapable of love. And it is the fear of effort, rigor and work that keeps them from enjoying the best life has to offer.

Oh well, you feminists enjoy the decline.

So Lindy West Gets on a Plane and…

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you just can't make it up.

The Comeback of Smoking Jackets and Ascots

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Being a minimalist I very rarely spoil myself. This is not only because of limited funds, but because I have achieved an economic "nirvana" of sorts where I no longer desire fancy items. I no longer "envy" people's fancy cars, and I have the vision and economic understanding that me sleeping in till 11AM is the better deal than the "successful" executive slaving away 60 hours a week and suffering a commute.

However, as an incentive to work on AND FINISH various projects and goals I set for myself, I do reward myself with the rare and occasional luxury. This time, it was to get a high end smoking jacket and ascot upon finishing Bachelor Pad Economics:

While normally used as a stereo-type in media or a parody of Hugh Hefner, I have to admit the smoking jacket and ascot is absolutely, 100% worth the money. Not just because of the fashion or "shock value" should you wear it in public, but it is incredibly comfortable and cozy. You can wear it out, but you can also wear it indoors. But understand it also makes three (potentially four) very clear statements:

1. I am successful. Maybe not financially successful, but happy as to where I am in life.
2. I am a bachelor. There is no wife telling me I can or cannot wear this thing. I am in command and do what I want.
3. I am classy.

and should you choose to wear it out:

4. I am ballsy enough to wear this in public.

Because of this I believe a smoking jacket with matching ascot IS A MUST FOR ALL MEN. Bachelor or not. You not only deserve the fine silk threads and the class it conveys upon you, but you cannot leave this planet without at least experiencing your very own smoking jacket and ascot.

But before you decide on a get up, you need to know your options.

First, there are "two types" of smoking jacket. The one above is technically not a smoking jacket. It is a bathrobe that Hugh Hefner has popularized and made acceptable to be worn in public. The other type is a felt or velvet smoking jacket that is designed for actual smoking:

Second, you need to choose an ascot that matches the jacket. This is no different than choosing a tie and they are tied in a similar fashion to a regular tie.

Third, you need some kind of tobacco. I prefer cigars, but you may also want to go uber classy and get a pipe. If you don't smoke, a martini glass or a snifter of scotch will suffice.

Finally, a hat. I wanted desperately to get a fez, but fez's are VERY hard to come by. I went to the most exclusive men's clothing store in the midwest to get my jacket (Heimie's Haberdashery) and they informed me that while they used to sell them, the last distributor in the US closed down. You now need to go to London to get an authentic fez.

All in all you can expect to drop $1,000-$1,200 on a decent get up.

While the price is steep, I am convinced this is a mandatory purchase for most men. Certainly, college students may not be able to afford such a purchase, but the sooner you get this into your inventory the better.

If You Send Marines, Please Send Men

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You know, the real Marines.

All Men, All Races, All Nations

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I've had a handful of men ask if "Bachelor Pad Economics" would "work in Canada" or is "for men in Britain" and the answer is:

Yes, about 95% or so.

While the retirement chapter would be specific to the US retirement system (IRA's, 401k's, etc.) and would not directly apply, the vast majority of economic advice is still applicable to all men in all countries simply because the laws of economics are universal.

For example, women, no matter what country you're in, desire attention and men desire sex. This results in a universal set of rules or laws all humans operate by in the sexual market place.

Also, my advice that 16 year old boys should get their motorcycle license applies to British boys just as it does American boys, French boys or Vietnamese boys.

So in short, no you will not be wasting your money. BPE is basically a "father in a book" and will help any boys/men who need some kind of guidance or purpose in life, regardless of where you're living.

Available in paperback and kindle.

Bachelor Pad Economics Now Available on Kindle!

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Hello economists, lieutenants, children, and agents in the field.

Bachelor Pad Economics is now officially available on Kindle. You may purchase it here.

Also, because of the breadth of the topic, I put together this youtube video explaining the book, who it's for, how to read it, etc. You may want to send the video to people you're trying to explain the book to if you are being so kind as to plug my book.

Thanks for all the support and readership. BPE is now ranked 2,100th place on Amazon and I almost earned enough money to pay for the ascot and smoking jacket!

Cappy

Quiz Time Boys and Girls!

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OK boys and girls!

Can you tell ole Cappy what Amy and her husband did wrong?

I count 6 mistakes.

AND NOTE BOYS WHO GOT TO PAY OFF HER STUDENT LOANS WHILE SHE STAYED AT HOME!

Stay frosty, boys. Stay frosty.

Intellectually Honest Professors Are Even Against College

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From our southern agent in the field.

Conservative Talk Radio's Legacy Problem

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I personally have absolutely no problems helping out a fellow blogger or rookie podcaster. None whatsoever. Kid comes up says, "hey can you put me on your blogroll," long as the kid is writing regularly, sure, why not? Give the kid a shot.

And the reason why I do this is simple:

Why wouldn't you?

Why wouldn't you want to help out your fellow man or woman? If you have the choice between helping improve the life of a person and not, and there really is no expense or cost to you, then the answer should be obvious - you help that person out.

So you could imagine my frustration when, back several years ago I was trying to "break through" by getting radio show hosts to consider my work. Provide a link. Maybe talk about my very timely and relevant book that year. Anything, an interview, a mention. Just to get my name out there that "one time," that one "lucky break," that would result in a very Vince Flynn like career.

Crickets. Nothing but crickets.

You mail the book to the studio.
Never hear back from them again.

Send a link to a post that explains everything and would advance the conservative cause.
Not a mention.

You break a story, giving them a huge edge over their news desk.
Nothing.

Now, admittedly I am fully aware a lot of this has to do with logistics. Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, etc., are all so big, they are bombarded with millions of e-mails they cannot possibly respond to. But that included, there is still a severe lack of effort on their part to search for the "next generation" of conservative talk show hosts, to seek out their successors, to groom, guide, and forge any raw talent in the younger generations. Have you ever seen them have somebody under 50 sub for them? Additionally, there is absolutely this club or "cartel" of media types that they constantly recycle and prop up. I like to call it "The Hannity Cartel."

Michelle Malkin wrote something?

She's on Hannity.

Ann Coulter came out with a new book?
She's on Hannity.

Hugh Hewitt is speaking somewhere?
He's on Hannity.

But if Joe Blow, aspiring public speaker, or Jane Doe, superior-but-unknown author writes a great treatise on economics, even if their work is superior, they will NEVER make it into "The Hannity Cartel."They are not interested in hiring the best or finding the best. They are only interested in protecting their little club. in other words, despite the capitalist political ideology, they really aren't as interested in finding "the best," as much as they are continuing to propagate their little network or club.

But there's a problem.

While it is completely within their rights and their prerogative to advance their little club, they're getting old.

I was talking to the Lovely Leslie at Temple of Mut who has had some indirect, thrice-removed dealings with Dennis Prager. She pointed out that though she loves Dennis Prager (and he is actually my second favorite talk show host), he is so old he no longer can even relate to younger people. I hadn't thought about that because I'm nearly 40 and rather enjoy their older-man talk, but she's right. And not only is she right about Dennis Prager, she's right about pretty much all of the conservative-talk show league. Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved, Michael Savage, all of them are roughly 60 years old. And because they are so old, just like Harley Davidson, they are slowly moving away from any future and younger generations that would provide a future market for conservative talk radio, presenting the industry with a major demographic and legacy issue.

For example, while Rush occasionally tells stories about his dating in the 70's and his initial run in with ~~the Klingons~~ feminism, he and Prager and Medved etc. etc., completely MISSED OUT on the Manosphere phenomenon. I don't recall any of them were on the ball about the education bubble (despite me desperately trying to get copies of "Worthless" in their hands years ago). And they are awfully soft-spoken about the scourge of single mothers. All of these topics would have captured a younger audience and further secured their radio shows into the future, but they were too busy beating the same dead horses they've been for years (unlike Tom Leykis who was one of the few older people who got it and capitalized on the aforementioned topics).

Sadly, and thankfully, however, all of this discussion is moot. And I shall tell you why.

That good ole "interwebz."

Like many other industries, the younger generations, after being forced to go to school for a quarter century just to stand a shot at having a career, have realized how bureaucratic and inefficient various industries have become. And instead of waiting around, "putting in their dues," "getting a masters,"and "hoping for a break," they've instead bypassed the old-boys network and used the internet to start their own industries. Musicians are selling their music directly to their fans. Aspiring radio show hosts are saying, "fuck it, I'm not interning. I'm just going to start my own podcast." Suppliers are setting up their own online shops instead of "starting in the mail room." And more people watch their computer screens than listen to the radio or watch TV. And the radio industry is no different.

Thanks to podcasting a whole new industry has sprung up. It isn't as big as radio, but it's there. The Peter Schiffs, the Adam Carolla's, the Stefan Molyneux's, the Tom Leykis's, the Paul Elam's, the Silvio Canto's, even the *ahem* Aaron Clarey's. This is great because people with talent, people who want to get into the industry, no longer have to wait for permission. They just "do it." And not only do they "just do it," they are going to be much more successful as the time they'd have to spend to "make it" in the archaic radio industry is better spent polishing up their own show or "brand." Ergo, not only is talk radio failing to recruit successors as it protects it's cartel, it's unaware that all the new and future talent is not going to bother with radio. It's all going to be podcasting.

But a "brain drain" from the industry is not what is truly going to spell the demise of conservative talk radio. It will be three qualities and traits of the "podcasting" industry that will spell it's undoing.

First, podcasting is a 100%, pure meritocracy. There is nothing to stop anybody from picking up a microphone, a laptop and start recording. This means the TRULY BEST will rise to the stop as they are unimpeded with HR ditzes, mandatory interning to "put their dues in," and micro-managing program directors that ruin the quality of the podcast. The best will also rise to the top as connections or "networking" or ass-kissing is absolutely unnecessary.

Second, people will help you in the podcasting industry. Glenn Reynolds is a great man because ***he is that guy who will give you your big break***. KOASDA (Kate over at Small Dead Animals) will also send you an amazing amount of traffic if you write well. And Roosh at Return of Kings has opened his site to quality writers aspiring to make a living out of it. In short, NOBODY requires you "jump through a hoop" or "put in your dues." They want to help you because they are selfless, altruistic and good people.

Third, costs. I'll say it again for the cheap seats - radio towers are expensive. So are the large buildings and electrical equipment they're attached to. And so are all those people

that are employed in the building. I'd say the average radio station must cost around $5 million to build, and lord knows what operate each year. A podcast costs about $500 in equipment and $100 a month for storage...not to mention its reach is GLOBAL while a radio tower maybe has a range of 100 miles. This is why advertising with Tom Leykis costs a fraction of radio spots, but delivers about 5 times the sales.

In short, yes it would have been nice if America's presumed "cheerleaders of freedom" would have taken somebody under their wings, under their tutelage and groomed successors to continue their fight. It would have been nice if they just would "give a kid a shot." But the truth is they're not. They probably won't. And, ironically, it doesn't matter. Because the time WILL COME that new and infinitely-more-attuned titans will rise in the podcasting industry, replacing and supplanting their aged counterparts in conservative talk radio. And while the Aurini's, Schiff's and Corolla's of the world excel in their new industry, the power will be shut off and the "Golden EIB microphone" will have electricity run through it for the very last time.

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Yes, Bill, the Market is Still Overvalued

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One of the most irrelevant and insipid arguments liberals love to tender when you critique a democrat president is,

"OH YEAH!!! WELL THE STOCK MARKET IS DOING WELL!!!"

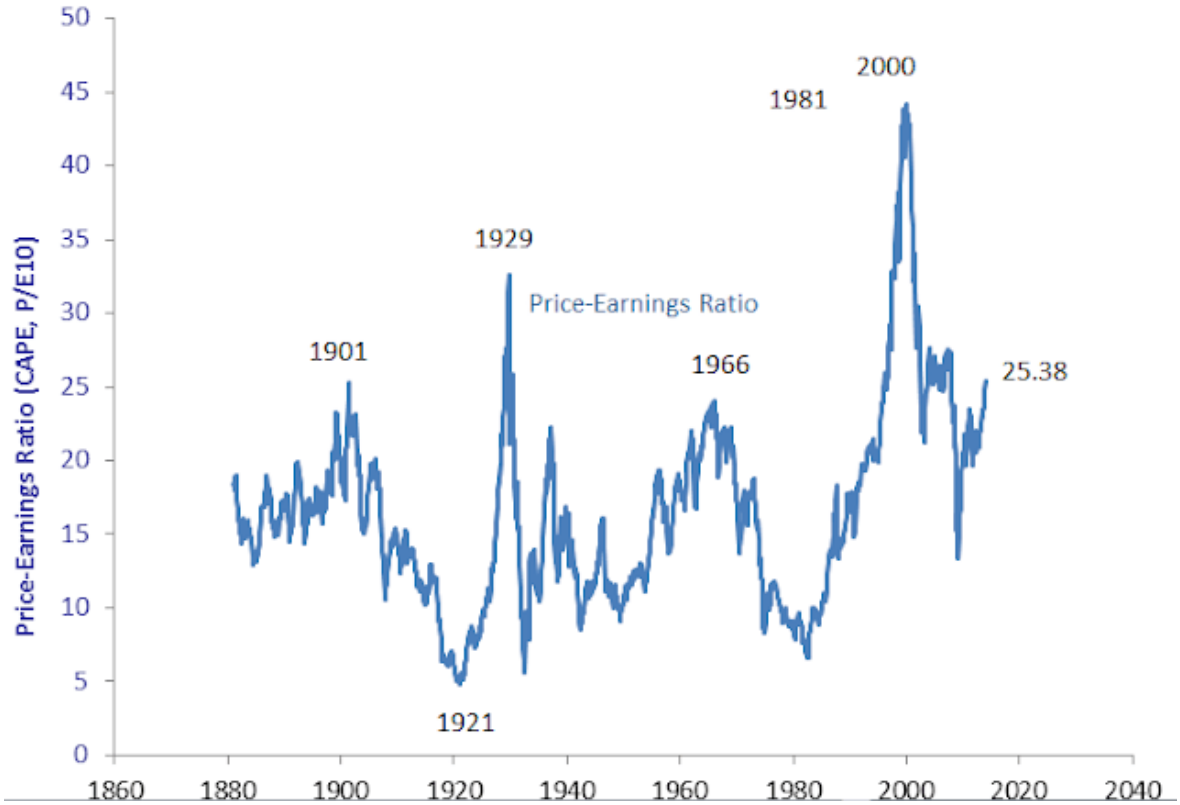
Forget that unemployment is still recession territory
Forget that underemployment is at an all time high
And forget that economic growth is stagnant

No, find that one statistic that has NOTHING to do with presidential or economic performance. AND cite something you normally hate and loathe - Wall Street - as a metric.

Regardless, I didn't follow the market for jack during 2013. This is in part because I have no money to invest and also in part because it is overvalued due to all the retirement dollars that have been flooding it since the advent of the 401k. But while sitting at my favorite bar, I caught a glimpse of a chart of the DJIA on the TV. And it looked like it was almost at 17,000.

"This couldn't be. What has happened in the economy that would warrant that?!"

So I admitted I was ignorant about the stock market for the past year and decided to go right to the source and ask the horse, for Dr. Robert Shiller will give you the answer you'll endorse - the S&P 500 P/E ratio.



In other words, "nothing to see here people." It's the same damn thing that it's always been. Earnings haven't been going up, but prices have, resulting in an even more-inflated bubble. Historically, the S&P has traded at a PE of 15, and now, WITH NO LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC REASON OR RATIONALE the market is trading at a 67% premium over its historical average.

Again, for the cheap seats, this means if you buy stocks today it is like paying:

$5.44 for a gallon of gas
$680 for an XBox One, or
$12 for a Chipolte burrito

And don't even get me started on the dividend yield.

In short, nothing has changed, except for the severity of the bubble. Bar the Great Recession, the Dotcom Bubble and the Housing Bubble, the stock market has never been so overvalued.

"But I Paid Into the System"

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Yes. Yes you did. But….

(and as per policy established before, the above video ONLY pertains to AARP- Baby Boomers. All non-AARP boomers need not watch as it does not apply to you).

Cappy Cap is Comin' to Town

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Good (early) morning Lieutenants.

The ole Captain has to deadhead a car down south to Florida. This means transversing several states. And since one of the greatest joys I have in my life is meeting all you schmoes, wondering if any of you are going to be around.

My path is taking me through St. Louis, Nashville, and Atlanta. I may stay in Nashville, because,well, I don't know, they say there's culture there. But if you do a google map for directions of "Minneapolis to Tampa" if you're on the route, would love to hang out for a beer or a cigar or something.

Shoot me an e-mail. No guarantees, but one of the best benefits of this *job* is meeting all you schmoes.

Cappy

Why The Manosphere is Truly "Racistless"

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You want to know what I love about the Manosphere?

A ton of things.

But one of the more intellectually interesting things is you never see the person, and therefore never know what race they are, until you meet them in person.

This means that the Manosphere (or any anonymous internet community) strips away:

race
creed
ethnicity
sex
gender
religion

from its participants and allows them to form bonds on the only thing that matters - intelligence and the person.

For example, talking to Danny from 504, I could have sworn I was going to hang out with a lanky, tall black guy for the evening. Instead when I showed up he was the complete opposite - a short white dude with bad vision. Wintery Knight. Thought he was a typical Lutheran type white guy. You know, pastey, short, balding etc.. Nope, black dude.

But here's the point. What I love about my completely horrible batting average about guessing the race, ethnicity, etc., of various participants, readers, and writers in the Manosphere is that it shows you that men will form bonds, appreciation, and respect for fellow men based on their intellect, character, and caliber and NOT their race, because ultimately the race doesn't matter. The Manosphere, and to larger extent, internet, strips away all the unnecessary and irrelevant traits and leaves you with THE MAN. The CORE. The INDIVIDUAL.

Ergo, why I don't give a flying fuck when I'm accused of racism, sexism, bigotry, or what have you, because if you want a testatment to your character as to whether or not you become friends with somebody for themselves and not what they look like, then the Manosphere, its anonymity, and the friends you make here is the raceless ideal that leftists and liberals can only envy.

Glorious Karl's Bachelor Pad

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Glorious Karl of Glorious hat fame has put up a review of Bachelor Pad Economics. It is actually a very thorough review with quotes and quips from the book that I believe conveys an accurately portrayal of what you can expect in the book.

Karl was able to write a review very quickly because he was kind enough to volunteer to be one of my editors. He did this for free. So it would be a kind gesture to purchase your very own GLORIOUS HAT!

Besides, it's going to be -28 in Minnesota. YOu'll want one of those hats to keep you warm!

Replacing Booze with Weights

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Greetings all.

I decided to replace booze with weights. Anytime I felt like drinking, I would go to the gym instead and lift weights or run. It's two weeks in and the only way I know to make sure you stick with something is make sure everybody knows you're doing it so you do not become a hypocrite in front of everybody.

Results are thus far pretty good. Bench pressed 170 for the first time in 7 years, lost 5 pounds, lost an inch and my arms are more toned than before.

So what say you Merry Men o' the Manosphere. You going to join me for two months of "Replace Booze with Weights?"

Liberal Women Are Antithetical to Being Wives

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"*…if they are a genuine liberal, leftist, or feminist, they are antithetical to being wives because, consciously or not, they vote to replace men with the state. Like nuns to the church, they are first and foremost wedded to the state and not you. Therefore, any self-respecting man will simply refuse to marry, let alone, support somebody who actively votes against him, his success, and his liberty.*"

More can be found here.

Why Keynesianism is Like Al Bundy

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Al Bundy, if you don't know, is a character from the show "Married with Children." He was the father of a lower-middle income family that was the epitome of the 90's ghetto/trailer/exurbanite trash that was becoming mainstream at the time. One of his defining traits was when he would wax poetically about a football game his played in high school where he scored several touchdowns and threw for several more. It was a mockery of himself as it showed his pinnacle, his peak, was when he was 17. And the remaining 60 years of his life would be as a shoe salesman.

But while I was deadheading a car down to Florida and listening to a discussion Stefan Molyneux was having with an economist about Keynesianism, it dawned on me that Keynes and Keynesianism AND Keynesian economists have something very much in common with Al Bundy.

They can only point to ONE instances in history that gives them any validation.

In Al Bundy's case it was that mythical high school football game back in the (presumed) 70's.

And in the Keynesian's case it was that one big, blockbuster of a government stimulus - WWII.

However, like Al Bundy, Keynesians are equally pathetic.

They have never had a repeat. They have never had more than one instance or datapoint in their lives. They have only that ONE SAD PATHETIC thing to point to that grants them (only in their own minds and the minds of academians) a morsel of validation.

What I don't get is how the entire western world, which accounts for 75% of global GDP and presumably has the smartest people on the planet let such an unvalidated and pathetic economic model govern their government's fiscal and monetary policies.

I mean, can we give it up already with the Keynesian bullshit?

It worked ONCE. And every since then the economy has been growing slower, recessions have been taking longer to recover from, and (if there is any glaring empirical data or proof against Keynesianism) they still can't get it up with $17 trillion in deficit spending.

So I'm done. I'm done granting the Keynesians, the Krugmanuats, and the other idiots

any credit or cache.

Your economic model doesn't work. It isn't working. And it never really did work. We've done it your way, especially with the past 6 years of Obama, and you still can't get the bleeping GDP to grow more than 2%, nor get unemployment below 7%.

Of course, deep down inside they know this. But then they'd have to admit they're not economists, but rather politicians and thieves, thinking they're being as clever as Hans Gruber posing as economists.

Unfortunately, you have some of those John McClane economists running around.

Moose Norseman Pours Himself a Martini

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Why don't you do the same in your own bachelor pad?

Reverse Mortgages Are for Losers

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who failed at the game of life.

3rd "Well Hello Second Armored" Award

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goes to The Return of Queens.

If you do not know what the "Hello Second Armored Award" is, it is an award given to the "Sweet Beautiful Babies" (read, dames) who are supporting us conservative, traditionalist, libertarians, Manospherian types out there as we battle against socialism, feminism, and statism. Women who refuse to be indoctrinated or view men as the enemy, but rather like them and their company, and identify feminism for what it truly is.

For that they are hereby officially awarded the 3rd "Well Hello Second Armored" Award

It is at the 6:25 mark:

A Scary Glimpse into Feminism

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I'm merely going to post it.

No editorial.

No snide remarks.

No nothing.

Just posting it in it's pure, unadulterated form for you all to see.

Getting Rid of Your Principles So You Can Operate in Corporate America

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A reader had asked me about this, and thought it might prove to be a good lesson for all of us.

Kerry Lutz Joins the Bachelor Pad

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Kerry Lutz interviewed me two days ago about Bachelor Pad Economics. Talked about the book, but also the hellish weather we were having. I was more or less battling through a snow storm, but made it through. By the time he called I was in Paducah, Kentucky. Anyway, for you listening pleasure should you choose to.

Capital Flight - The Next Frontier

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First it was the housing bubble. Then it was the education bubble. The death of marriage and the exit of men from the sexual market place was always an undercurrent. And the retirement bubble was there too. But I believe as the US continues does the road of socialism and its debt becomes increasingly unsupportable, the next "stage" will be capital flight.

Not today
Not tomorrow

But I believe over the next decade the productive people of the United States will be looking for greener pastures, especially those who are younger, have their lives ahead of them, and do not have anything to root them down to this socialist, diversity, feminism, wealth-transferring Titanic.

I am terribly naive and uninformed about this realm however. Sure I've read some Escape Artist, and I've followed Nomad Capitalist, but truthfully, I don't have enough money to make it worth while leaving the US. Therefore, I've really had no incentive to "find an offshore tax haven" or "move to Bermuda." But that's just the point. It's no longer whether you have millions of dollars and want to avoid a 50% tax rate. It's becoming bad enough that there just aren't any jobs for young people. Laws and regulations are becoming too onerous, even tyrannical, and sociologically the government, teachers, and the education system is training people to hate people of different colors and races. These political and non-financial reasons are why most people should be considering things like:

another bank account overseas
purchasing property overseas
secondary passports
or at least having an escape plan

it is also why you may want to consider attending the "Passport to Freedom."

I'm going to be speaking there, along with keynote speaker Peter Schiff and many others. I'm actually looking forward to it because I am only speaking about one narrow aspect of capital flight, while expecting to learn much more from others. Besides, it's Vegas. How fun would it be to get hammered in Vegas?

Jan. 23rd - 25th. Escape the cold, have some fun, learn something valuable in the process.

This Isn't a Problem

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Sweden is for socialism, diversity, egalitarianism, equalism. Therefore they should be happy to take those poor refugees that have been so obviously discriminated against in that racist Israel.

Why Is There Such a Thing as a 4.5 GPA?

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From my youtube comments:

:/ gyyy wizz If getting a doctorates degree in child psychology is the equivalent of working at mcdonalds while living in your grandmothers basement, what am I supposed to do with my life? I just recently came out of depression knowing that I can graduate with a 3.5 GPA and there is an interesting major out there for every human being with a passion for some thing. Though I guess if I don't have a 4.5 GPA and I don't go to yale then I'll never get married and I don't suit up, and I'm not unique and special at all? Thanks a lot. Well guess what? My boy friend has a 4.5 and is majoring in nutrition, and loves me for my dorkness, my and for how confident I am as a women. I understand that you all have truth in what your saying and I respect that. Though I don't know, I guess I'm just sorta giving up again after watching and reading all of this. It sucks. I'm tired of worrying about what other people think of me and I just felt like I should stand up for my self or least say some thing.

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Somebody help me here, because I think I'm becoming "old."

Have the children of today become so stupid, so spoiled, that we are now giving them so much extra credit that you can now get a GPA ABOVE 4.0????

I'm mean, grade inflation is bad enough.
Getting doctorates in child pscyhology is bad enough.
Dating boys majoring in "nutrition" is bad enough.

But good lord, have the sensitivities of the wittle wittle childwen become so fragile they now need a full additional point on their GPA scores?

You understand why I say I the baby boomers are crap, but Gen X is crap-squared, and Gen Y is crap-cubed.

This country fully deserves where it's going. Fully.

This is How a Bar Should be Ran

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"*The Bird Cage Theatre operated continuously – twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year – for the next eight years. It gained a reputation as one of the wildest places in the country, prompting The New York Times to report in 1882 that "the Bird Cage Theatre is the wildest, wickedest night spot between Basin Street and the Barbary Coast". More than 120 bullet holes are evident throughout the building.*"

The One Post That Did More for Women Than All of Oprah's Blathering

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Here it is.

Of course, the wisdom in this post is nothing new. The real issue is the psychology that prevents women from actually following it. This psychology has been hardened to the point of imperviousness with feminist ideology, socialism, and a media applauding girls/women without any of the commensurate and required achievement in life to warrant such applause. Ergo, our efforts should not be merely to highlight the simplest of things women can do to improve their lives (not to criticize the post), but rather to employ tactics that change their prohibitive psychology and deprograms their brainwashing. Namely:

shame
avoidance
mockery
ostracization
and
ridicule

"OH that's so MEAN!"
"Oh that's so MISOGYNIST!"

No, it's the ultimate form of love and care - truth, aka "tough fatherly love."

What's truly misogynist is lying to women while claiming to help them merely to profit financially like Oprah, the media, the democrat party, and professional feminists have.

Enjoy that decline, ladies. Enjoy that freaking decline.

Today's Office

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brought to you in part by:

"No Illegitimate Children" - Did you have children you couldn't afford, too early, and with an unreliable partner? Tough shit. You don't get to enjoy this. "No Illegitimate Children" - it's the least you can do for yourself and your kids.

Also in part by:

"High Taxes" - Whoa!? A 50% tax rate if I work hard? No thanks, I'll just go minimalism and get by on $15,000 instead. High Taxes - when you want the producers to quit.

Also by:

"HR Chicks" - Nothing says, "*we **say** our employees are our best assets, but we really don't mean it because we're going to let 25 year old ditzes do the first screening interviews*" than having HR interview your applicants. Ensure you drive the most productive and intelligent employees into a location-independent career so they can smoke cigars while working. "HR Chicks" - they're dumb, they don't like "The Maths," and drive all real talent away, but hey, at least you meet diversity quotas!

And finally:

"Our Great Insurance Plan" - When your employer offers you a "Great Insurance Plan" that is 4 times what you can get for a catastrophic plan on your own, you'll realize they're having your youth and health subsidize all their old, fat, and lazy employees. "Our Great Insurance Plan" - another way to fuck over the younger generation!

Again, Mike Rowe is a Cool Guy

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You want an inside, behind the scenes story about Mike Rowe that shows you what he's like off-screen? Well, look no further.

We should get Mike Rowe to run for president. Of course, that would require the Republican party to get it's head out of its ass and not nominate another connected blue-blood millionaire.

You can find the Real Mike Rowe here.

Our Van Dwelling Agent in the Field

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When I was 22 I was trying to bust my ass off to get into banking, work hard, and prove my mettle.

I wish I did what our Van Dwelling Agent in the Field is doing, and I sincerely mean that:

I'm 22, travelling around the US in an outfitted van on money that I saved working at a hotel for a year and am definitely enjoying the decline. Note: I'm from a cold as hell Midwestern state that would not be as fun of a spot to read your new book in during the middle of January.

This kid is smarter than all of us. Enjoying the decline 15 years my junior.

Book Review - Nixon's Guide to the Multiverse

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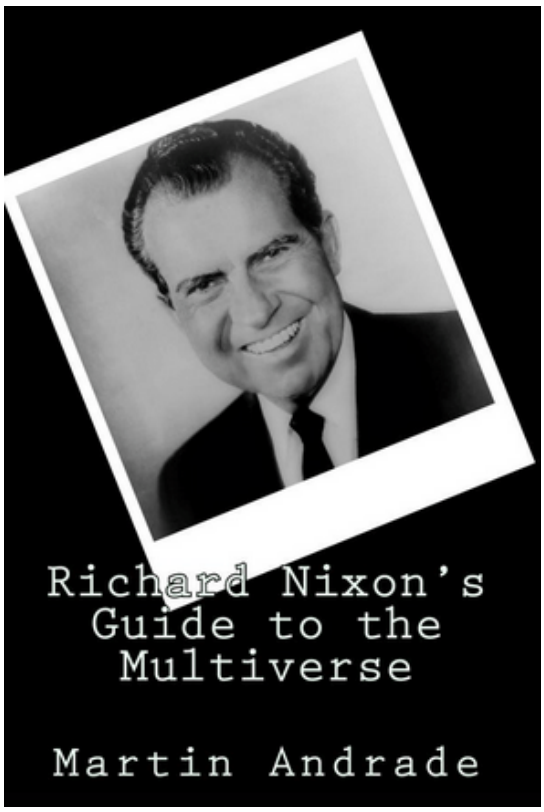
Marty Andrade is a friend and a colleague of mine. I like him and enjoy his company.

This relationship, however, will not bias my book review of his latest book "Nixon's Guide to the Multiverse."



The reason it won't bias my opinion is because, factually, it is a *very good book.* Matter of fact, after dealing with a lot of serious political, economic, non-fiction book, it was a hell of a break and pleasure to read.

The basic premise is an alternative reality of "The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy." It involves the inter-universe space and time travel of a motley crew of creatures, some humanoids, some Migrid Serpents, and of course, one Richard Milhous Nixon. Like The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy, it has no plot, allowing the characters to get into situations impossible in this multiverse. But unlike Hitch Hiker's Guide, Andrade beats Douglas Adams in my opinion in several ways:

First, Andrade thoroughly explores and incorporates all the possible theories about the universe and physics, namely multiverses. That there are infinite realities, infinite universes, parallel universes and that because they are infinite, EVERYTHING is possible.

This not only paints a background for a book that can have unlimited humor, but also makes the reader deeply ponder and think about the nature of the universe. Is reincarnation real? The question is moot. In some universe you probably existed before, because, why not? It is this freeing of the mind that is the intellectual counterbalance for a book that is largely humor.

Second, the incredible creativity that could only be epiphanized on the golf course. Understand with a truly limitless universe Andrade's creativity had to live up to this limitless canvass - and he did not fail. The universe of turtles stacked upon each other, the concept of meta-cars, a wing-monster that naps with half a brain so he can function with the other half, and the come back of the Red Baron all show that Andrade not only used the concept of "limitless multiverses," but availed its potential for creativity as well.

Third, the humor. I would contend Andrade's wit and humor is as funny and dry as Victor Borge's. You're just going to have to read the book to see what I mean. But there will be multiple instances where you snicker at first, but laugh out-loud as you realize just how truly funny and clever it was that you just read.

Fourth, character development. Hard to feel pity for a Migrid Serpent or a bird-monster-diplomat, until you get to know them better. And you most certainly will as you read the book.

Finally, the primary reason I found it better than Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy is it was easier to follow. Douglas Adams moved WAY too fast for me. I had no idea what was going on, and had to re-read several chapters. I inevitably gave up on it, opting instead to watch the movie, and even then I still could not understand it. "Nixon's Guide to the Multiverse" is easier to follow and makes a lot more sense for a book that in a Seinfeldian way is not meant to.

My only complaint is that it is too close of a genre of "Hitch Hiker's Guide" that many people would consider it mimicry and not an original idea and would have liked to see Andrade's talents go to something completely new and original. Regardless, I found it a better book than Hitch Hikers, and the humor and dopamine fix I received in the two short days it took me to read it was worth the price.

You can find "Nixon's Guide to the Multiverse" on both paperback and kindle.

Warm Schadenfreude Fuzzies

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When liberals in Minnesota get the crap kicked out of them by their supporters.

Remember, hungry dependent classes, who are in the middle of revolting because the producers and transporters of the food and energy they need to survive just stopped, will not discern between a good little liberal and a good little conservative.

Why We Need to Outlaw Single Moms

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Because it's (are you ready for it????)

for the chillllllllldrrreeeeennnnnnnnnn!!!!!

(Brilliant satire, but impervious logic)

Using Sex to Spur Economic Growth

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I say this as the honest truth and my honest opinion of which I agree with 100%.

If you want the economy to boom

without Keynesian economic voodoo expansionary policy
without Austrian deregulation and cutting of taxes
without requiring a single concession from either the right or the left
AND to have it completely within the power of women who can then go on to claim to be the SOLE reason for the end of The Great Recession for the rest of history

all that needs to be done is this.

It would work. I guarantee it. More than anything that Paul Krugman idiot is recommending.

From the Field Podcast

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A "Masters in Ego," how hellish it was driving through an ice storm in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the futility of listening to talk radio, and the world's most worthless college...

AND MORE

on this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

The Captain Has Been Nominated

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Good morning Lieutenants, Agents in the Field, Economists and Children,

Good news!

My book "Bachelor Pad Economics" has been nominated for "Best Finance Book" by a rating agency in Canada (I'll take what I can get). Whether it wins "1st place" basically boils down to how many people vote for it.

Ergo, if you would be so kind, I would very much appreciate ~~beating out Jim Cramer~~ you going to the website and voting for me.

Basically, click here to go to the survey.

There are many categories, "Bachelor Pad Economics" is located on the second page under "Best Money Management." You don't have to vote for any of them, just make sure to vote for mine.

Click "next" to the end.

Then to "submit" they ask you for a bunch of information. Name, e-mail address, and "province." I suggest lying on all of them because this does have that feel of "fake award to get more marketing data."

Many thanks!

Cappy

Cappy's Backed Up Linkage

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Posts I've been meaning to link to but have not had time:

"Teen Mom" the show, causing more teen pregnancy.

The INDISPENSABLE cook book for feminists.

The most idiotic, stupid, outlandish degrees, AND YOU STILL GET COMMENTERS ARGUING FOR THEM!

English majors get a cold cup of wake the fuck up from the labor market.

Remy Sheppard Reviews "Bachelor Pad Economics"

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For all interested parties.

The World's Most Worthless College

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick...

An agent in the field has just found the most worthless college I've ever seen - Naropa University. I think it even beats out Macalester and Antioch.

Get a load of the degrees they offer.

And "only" for $28,000 a year.

With all the media, not to mention my super-awesome book, BLARING the alarms about worthless degrees, you literally have to be mentally impaired or incomprehensibly ignorant to get suckered into this.

Why Profit is Mandatory

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I have to snicker every time I overhear some naive 20 something faux-intellectual blather on about about "bad" profit is.

"Profit is evil."
"Profit is bad."
"How dare you profit off of (fill in the blank here)"
"*Excessssssss profits*"
etc.

And the reason I laugh is because saying "profit is bad" is like saying,

"gravity is bad"

or

"water is bad"

or

"the laws of physics are bad."

So let us all pour ourselves a very cappy cap drink, saddle in, and enjoy ourselves a much-needed lesson in the concept of "profit.".

When people hear "profit" they usually associate it ONLY with profits that are begotten by businesses. Corporate profits, Wall Street, 401k's, etc., But profit in the literal sense is merely "excess money" or "excess resources."

For example if I start a business and I invest $20,000 in doing so, and that company then generates $30,000 in sales, that excess $10,000 in money is profit. This is the example we are all familiar with, but this concept can be applied elsewhere.

Say an individual has an option to stay at home on Saturday day. He isn't going to go to work without having some kind of incentive to work. So in order for him to get off his butt and work you are going to have to pay him. You are going to have to pay him an amount of money that is more valuable to him than his leisure. i.e. - you are going to have to make it *profitable* for him.

In other words, profit doesn't just apply to just those evil, rich private sector businesses,

but EVERY single economic entity in the world.

Companies
Governments
Individuals
and yes, even (ironically)
"Non-profits."

And the reason why is very simple - nothing would get done without the incentive for profit. None of those economic actors would go into action, labor away, or produce anything without it.

Leftist of a particularly idiotic and idealistic stripe contest otherwise. They often pine wistfully for a "world without profits." But simply ask yourself what kind of a world would that be?

Without profits not one single business would be started. Why would any would-be entrepreneur sacrifice his time, his money, and his labor NOT to make any money? And with no businesses who, precisely, would be producing all the goods and services you and all those lovey lefties need to survive? (just ask those Venezuelans about toilet paper and electronics). This goes a long way in explaining why there were lines for simple staples like BREAD in the Soviet Union.

Also without profits why would anybody go to work? I'm not allowed to keep the fruits of my labor? Forget the fact no companies are hiring because none exist because profit has been outlawed; people wouldn't show up to the work in the first place if they weren't getting paid.

What about all the suppliers, consultants, energy providers, accountants, lawyers, and other third parties that go into supporting a business? If they are not allowed to profit why would anybody provide internet access to the company, computers, legal services, etc. if there was no profit? What the left (and most non-accounting people on the right) fail to realize is that it isn't just the "evil rich business owners" that gets profits, but all his suppliers, vendors, employees, he pays. In other words ALL of his expenses are other people's profits.

And finally, the favorite den of leftists - government and non-profit.

The ultimate hypocrisy I've ever witnessed of the left is their constant villainization of wealth, money, and profit, but in the same breath their CONSTANT clamoring for more of it.

The public ~~baby-sitters~~ schools are CONSTANTLY begging for more money.

The non-profits are ALWAYS short of cash.
The universities just need more money for those poor children

but not one of these hypocritical fucks ever live up to their "charitable image" accepting lower pay or (GASP!) actually VOLUNTEERING.

No, I'm terribly sorry, profit is an absolute necessity for this or any other economy to work. And the only people who advocate otherwise are the types too lazy to expend the 5 minutes of effort to think their ideology through.

Remember to vote for "Bachelor Pad Economics" in Rate Market's "Consumer Choice Awards" (page 2, Category #6)

"There Are No Good Investments"

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Yes, there are no good investments.

That means it's time to think about things like gold, silver, (yes even) education, but may I also recommend

SAFETY.

That is why Ed over at Ranger Self Defense has been a long-time sponsor of the blogshowpodcastvlogyoutubechannelthingy I have going on here.

If you have surplus funds and you don't know where to investment them consider some security cameras for the home, some mace for your children in college, a taser for your spouse, or some diversionary safes for your valuables.

Ed literally has EVERYTHING but guns.

You can visit Ed here and purchasing something at Ranger Self Defense.

Politics Isn't Art

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Jorge Gonzales, artist extraordinaire and artist for the cover of Bachelor Pad Economics is a 23 year old young man who about a year ago was looking for my advice and guidance. He was a recent graduate from an art school in California, he could not find work, but saw my video series on "Crusaderism" and just about feinted because I had described what he had experienced to a T.

The "High School Vegan Kid," the political leftist indoctrination of college, worthless professors, and the lies students tell themselves about why their "cause" is more important than they pay (even though they were now $120,000 in debt). But what I found to be most interesting in our interactions was how, when he was describing various projects and art work he and his fellow peers created, that every piece, every bit of art had to have a "story" behind it. And not just a story, but a political story.

I found this odd, thinking that "art should just be art, what does politics have to do with it," but oh how foolish I was. For, as Jorge explained, you can't just have a piece of art, you need to have some kind of political motivation behind it, a political story behind it, so you can convey your feelings or explain the plight of some oppressed group or another.

It didn't make any sense to me, and matter of fact, I don't think it made any sense to Jorge, but after sitting down and thinking about it, my brilliant misanthropic and cynical mind came up with the answer like it always does:

These people aren't artists. They're your typical lazy 20 somethings who:

Have no talent
Have no work ethic
Want to avoid rigor and real work at all costs
Still want to become artists anyway

But in imbuing politics with their art they can use it to rationalize in their little minds that they are indeed artists.

Realize the role politics plays in art. It isn't to "improve" art. It isn't to "enhance" art. It is 100%, completely for the *COUGH COUGH AHEM AHEM WHEEZE WHEEZE SUPERLARGEAIRQUOTES*

"artist."

First it masks the fact they aren't real artists. You're looking at a pile of dog shit with a GI

Joe figure stuck out of it and the leftist dolt-hack of an artist tells you in made-up esoteric language how it shows in “inner-hatred America has for its tyrannical oppressors that blah bitty blah blah blah.” But realize what happened there. In a very subtle and cunning (even unconscious I’d say) stroke, the “artist” redirected the focus from art to a “message.” You are no longer thinking “wow, this art is shit both metaphorically and really,” but dedicating your frontal lobes to the message.

Second, it feeds the ego of the “artist.” In having some noble leftist politic message or purpose to his/her art, they think that somehow that compensates for their utter lack of talent. Could my 3 year old draw that? Doesn’t matter, it’s “real art” because it portrays the plight of migrant workers who have to learn English to fill out their welfare forms. Did my dog wipe his ass on the carpet, smearing his feces in a pattern identical to the crap I see up at the Walker Art Center? Doesn’t matter. That painting was done to help raise awareness of the discrimination overweight women suffer in today’s beauty-obsessed culture. In short, substituting a noble cause for a lack of talent helps the talentless artist rationalize wasting $80,000 at art school and 20 years of their life making crappy art.

Third, it serves as a shield. The most common tactic leftists use is to take a noble or innocent entity or cause and hide behind it as they use it to rationalize the theft of other people’s money. Teachers do this every day holding the precious children hostage for forever increasing bloated baby sitter salaries and artists do the same thing.

Did you criticize the painting of the black man urinating on the crucifix?
Then you hate blacks! You’re a racist!

Did you criticize the sculpture of a woman having sex with a donkey?
Then you hate women! You’re a sexist!

Did you criticize the pile of cat shit smeared on a picture of Ronald Reagan?
Then you hate the poor oppressed child slave laborers of Gabbitygoo, Costa Rica that the feces OBVIOUSLY represent because you lack the vision and interpretation skills to see what this true work of art obviously is!

In other words, having a political message attached to a piece of art allows the artist to deflect any genuine criticism of his ability as an “ism” or “ist."

And finally, money. Notice how ALL of the art pieces have a leftist connotation? A leftist political theme?

What, you thought the government and the NEA would give money to a conservative artist?

Government/public/non-profit money is pretty much what makes the art world go around

today. Not the real art. Not the stuff being auctioned off at Sotheby's for $40 million that people willingly buy. I'm talking the crap we get to see everyday in architecture, community centers, local crap-museums, and academia. Heck, you can't even get a building built in St. Paul without a required minimum amount of art from local artists (look it up, not joking). But understand what is really going on here. The art community, just like those "evil" bankers, just like those "evil" insurance companies, just like any other lobbyists, forces the innocent population to pay for their shitty and unwanted hobbies. From $50,000 drinking fountains to lord knows what else is out there, artists are constantly building leftist-theme pieces of art to get more grants, more taxpayer dollars, more of your money so they can play "make believe I'm a talented artist." This not only shows you why most public art sucks, but why there is an obvious surplus of talentless artists and why they are all leftist.

There is good news however. Time.

You see, time is the ultimate judge. And over time the political cronies that voted to buy some talentless hack's art will die. Those talentless hacks will also die. And when the next generation of hacks and artists come in, they will say,

"Why the fuck do we have a statue of a woman fucking a donkey in Minneapolis' City Hall?"

And slowly, but surely, all the government-art, and, consequently, all the life works of the talentless leftists artists will be thrown away and end up in a landfill, right where it belongs – with the rest of society's garbage.

In the meantime people will still insist on seeing the Statue of David, Michelangelo's paintings, and pay $40 million for a Pablo Picasso.

Meanwhile, Over at Instapundit…

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Linked at Instapundit! Yeaaaaa!!!!!!

Ammo as an Investment

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Like silver or gold, guns and ammo can actually be a form of non-traditional investments. However, they are somewhat limited in their ability to serve as an investment. For example I know one guy who owns over 600 guns. I ask him precisely how he is ever going to use all of those guns should the SHTF. He then gives me a redneck smirk and just says, "But I love my guns!" (yes, he is the stereo type).

However, while an arsenal of 600 guns is an impossible number of guns to even move, let alone use, having "some" guns not only serves as a safety measure, but also an investment.

I personally recommend having the following:

Pistol for personal safety.
Shotgun for hunting waterfowl and home defense.
Scoped rifle for hunting/SHTF hunting
AR-15 for protection/SHTF protection

They'll serve the purposes above adequately, but if stored properly will be a decent store of value.

However, regardless of what your end inventory looks like, you will need ammo. So may I suggest one of Cappy Cap's sponsors AmmoforSale.com.

Ammo, is very much like coin or currency. Holds value, has intrinsic value, will have value today and certain in a SHTF scenario. However, just like guns, you can have too much ammo. By the time you 2,000 rounds for each gun, I would recommend switching your non-traditional investments to silver and gold because they carry more value per ounce than guns/ammo.

This has been your "plug for a Cappy Cap sponsor camouflaged as a PSA" for the day.

No Man Likes Treating Women Like Shit

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Matt Forney interviewed me on his podcast last week and has it posted. It was largely about my new book, but the conversation took an interesting turn and an important lesson was learned - no guy really enjoys treating women like shit.

We just don't.

We'd much prefer to be kind, charming, or at least civil. Sadly, to have a modicum of success with today's women you do need to set aside your preferences and act aloof, indifferent, and like a jerk as those are the rules. It takes some doing and it can be done (it has to be), but I NEVER liked it. It never seemed natural. Always twinged when I did it.

Anyway, just wanted it down in the history books that men don't enjoy it.

Parents Need to Parent the Fuck Up

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You need to at least watch the 11:00-12:30 part with the world's largest "air quotes."

How Poverty Arrests the Development of Game

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It is without the slightest milligram of shame or embarassment that I will readily admit that I never got laid in college,

Not once.

And the reason I can admit this to an audience that would otherwise use such a fact as proof that I had no game, I'm a poser, I'm a keyboard jockey, etc., is because of a credible excuse:

It literally was a choice between food/rent or sex.

Tough of a choice as that may sound, invariably even the horniest of horn dogs will be forced to choose food over sex because of the simple fact you need food to live. You technically don't need sex. And I was in such a situation.

You all know the story. Full time work, full time school, no parental or government support, yada yada, yada, but the end result was that I was too busy working and supporting myself to have the social life necessary to score a little play on the side.

Were there some close calls?

Sure.

Was there that stereotypical girl who "just didn't know" by the second date?

Of course.

And did I make it to a party with inebriated women?

Thrice.

But in the end, I would have to either go to work, go to bed, study, or remain sober for that same night's shift. None of which is conducive to being laid.

Naturally, when I graduated this all changed. Without having to work an effective 90 hour work week, I could focus on building a social life. My dancing career certainly helped, acting as a steroid, boosting my charm with the ladies, and for most of my mid to late twenties I made up for lost time. But that was just it, I was making up for lost time. Though only delayed by 4 years, that was enough time for me to realize I was still behind

the curve when it came to game. Worse still, I didn't get it out of my system like most men did by their late 20's, and so while men were slowly starting to get married off, I was not prepared to settle down. I still needed more notches in my belt.

This ended up costing me greatly. For while I may not have been ready to settle down, the rest of my effective generation was. And the girl I was dating at the time, who would have made a quality candidate for marriage and saved me great angst and bullshit from future floozies, inevitably stopped waiting for me to come around and found someone else.

That was the rude awakening I needed to realize that no matter what poor lot in life I drew, it didn't change that the rest of society, the rest of my generation, my environment, didn't care. It was moving on without me. They all got it "out of their systems" from 16-24, and entitled or not, in me insisting I also get it out of my system, my strategy was no longer conducive to the environment I was in and only served to hurt me. My game had suffered from arrested development.

Sadly, there is no solution to this situation except to realize it. Many young men, especially in today's generation, are going to be brought up poor. They will not have the luxuries their generational peers have, and because of this they will have to focus on the lower requirements on Maslow's Hierarchy of needs (safety, food, health, finances) before moving onto the loftier ones (sex, friendship, self actualization, etc., just look it up). Because of this, their ability to game, interact, and score with women will be stunted or put on "hold" while they try to scrape up enough bucks to pay for rent. But when they do inevitably get to the point their finances are stable, they don't need to work two jobs, and they can start to enjoy a social life, they will enter the courting/sexual market with underdeveloped skills or at least outdated goals and ideas. The trick is for you to realize whether or not you are one of these people and have the intellectual temerity to set aside "what you lost during your youth," and accept and realize what the realities of your current dating/sexual market are.

Why You Want to be Alton Brown

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"Alton Brown?" you say?

"Yes."

"The nerdy guy with the bow tie and does the cooking show thing?"

"That's the one."

"Why on Earth would I want to become that guy?"

Well hold on there young lieutenants looking for role models to live up to. Hold on and hear the ole Captain out.

Like me, you probably know Alton Brown as "that guy" who shows up occasionally on cooking shows as you control-surf from the Cartoon Network to Adult Swim to the Military Channel, occasionally transversing the Food Network. You don't stop to watch him because...well...why would you? It's a cooking network. And unless you're Danny from 504, you have no interest in cooking.

But do you know of his background?

For while you and I see a kind of nerdy man approaching his 50's, the man is about the closest approximation to "The World's Most Interesting Man" we have. I didn't believe it at first, when my girlfriend starting citing all of his accomplishments and hobbies, but after further investigation the guy is an accomplished man and a total badass.

First, do you have a 20 year career in radio and television to the point you never have to worry about working a real job again? I didn't think so.

Second, are you a pilot? Neither am I. Alton Brown is and he OWNS two planes. I own a 2003 Chevy and pilot it occasionally to the grocery store.

Third, but surely I beat Mr. Brown in the motorcycle department. Right? I mean, this guy can't do it all. Right???

Wrong.

Dude's an avid motorcycle enthusiast.

Fourth, but at least he's old. Right? He's old. Can't keep up with the youngin's like us. We'll be sure to pass him up.

Wrong again.

Guy lost 50 pounds as he went on AND SUCCEEDED IN losing that weight. He is dedicated to his health...and oh yeah, like young up and comers, he has a podcast.

Fifth, his personality has got to suck. It just has too.

Nope.

Watch any one of his "Good Eats" shows and he is a study in wit, humor and charm that most men should master.

Sixth, come on Cappy. Give us something that we do better than Alton Brown! Well, I don't think he's an accomplished ballroom dancer...oh! BUT WAIT! HE'S AN ACCOMPLISHED GUITAR PLAYER AND PLAYS IN A BAND!!!!

YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS GUY!!!!

Sorry lieutenants, agents in the field, economists, and children, that nerdy exterior Brown portrays is nothing but a ruse. The dude is living life like a real man should - he's kicking ass, he's taking names, he's doing what he wants, and isn't letting one second of his life go to waste.

Ergo, that is why, like

Walter Matthau
Cary Grant
Steve McQueen
Mike Rowe

you want to be like Alton Brown.

PS - from a reader

DAMNIT!!!!

Asshole Consulting

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Making it official. "Asshole Consulting" is now open for business.

The World's Ugliest Belt

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Rattlerstrap has been one of Cappy Cap's sponsors for a while. It is an ugly belt. A hideous belt. I guarantee you girls will NOT want to sleep with you if you wear it to the club.

BUT!

It is THE belt you'll want on you when you go hiking, hunting or anything outdoors where you might run into an emergency and need some paracord to survive. Consider visiting or at least check it out and see if it isn't for you.

Hump Day Linkage

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A combination saloon, pawnshop, shooting range. God bless America!

Uncle Jay is back! And he is explaining the news as he always does!

When the accusation of "racism" lost it's potency.

Warm fuzzies.

Gossip as a weapon.

I often wonder what kind of a mental life people have who put their politics above themselves and their accomplishments. "Hellish" is a word that comes to mind.

May I be blunt? The reason there shouldn't be something like "male studies" is because it doesn't produce anything except victimization and self-pity, just like "women's studies." And truthfully, I don't see any real men being duped into majoring in such a worthless faux-study.

The world owes you nothing.

Bachelor Pad Theater - Why Black Men Can't Compete Against the Government for the Affection of Black Women

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You may purchase Bachelor Pad Economics here.

It's Called Capital Flight

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and it's a feature, not a bug of socialism.

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Keeping the Lights On

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Want to help out the Captain? Consider visiting one of my sponsors Talon Knife.

Does everybody need it?

No.

But it is a nice little SUBTLE and CLANDESTINE knife you can carry on your person which may prove helpful in a close quarters combat situation.

Visit Talon Knife and see if it isn't something for you.

Why the Parasite Will Never Be Bigger Than the Host

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Despite the general decline of western civilization, I try to find what morsels of joy and happiness where I can. Of course, this means giving up my dreams and replacing them with alternative and inferior sources of joy, but when your dreams were never going to happen anyway, the alternatives' feasibility actually make them superior.

For example schadenfreude.

Oh, I'm accused of being petty, but I enjoy watching the single moms of the world whine and complain about how hard life is and suffer a crippled life. It's the least bit of joy I can extract from their situation for them voting for the government to supplant men's roles in society.

Another example, the education bubble.

All those kiddies who were "so smart," and "so independent minded," and "knew what they were doing" only to end up unemployed, financially crippled with student loans, and their egos smashed into a wall because life didn't turn out the way their ass-kissing teachers told them it would. Again, it's the least bit of joy I can extract from their situation for them voting en masse for Barack Obama and the destruction of the United States.

There are other examples, and it does take quite a bit of pondering, thought, thinking things through, even meditation, but I believe over time people will come to learn to "enjoy the decline" like I have. However, to help accelerate this epiphany in others, perhaps I can provide a little bit of "back of napkin economics" that with mathematically show you something about the leftist parasites of society that will provide warm "revenge fuzzies" and a morsel of schadenfreude joy.

Namely, the parasite can never get larger than the host.

I alluded to this before in my "12 Year Problem of Socialism," which in a nutshell says that even if the left got its way and decided to confiscate all the wealth of "the rich," the absolute MAXIMUM amount of time they could survive would be 12 years. But I came up with some additional calculations that will show you the parasites of society will rarely (bar political connections) ever live lives better than the hosts.

Of the roughly $67 trillion in wealth all American's have the "rich" (top 20%) are estimated to have $50 trillion of it. Let us magically say we confiscate this and

stock prices don't plummet
the rich don't hide assets
society doesn't collapse
people show up for work the next day
the electricity still runs

It won't, and the country would immediately go to shit, but let's just idealistically assume like only academians can.

That $50 trillion will have to be spread across the 260 million remaining Americans that aren't part of the 20% (and some of whom also happen to be children).

That is $192,000 per man, woman, and child, NOT in the upper 20%

Naturally, this does not make any of you hard-working people feel any better. $192,000 is certainly likely more than you make. But here's where the revenge comes in:

It's a one trick pony.

This isn't $192,000 per year, it's a ONE TIME PAYMENT that would have to last the rest of people's lives. Once such a confiscation of wealth occurred NOBODY in their right mind would dare to work so hard even again. Therefore, assuming the average person is going to live another 40 years or so, that is a whopping $4,800 per year.

$4,800 a year is not enough to solve the problems of the poor. And it is likely not enough to raise the average socialist parasite's wage to match or exceed yours. But if there is a source of revenge it is not so much the fact this $4,800 is not enough to raise the parasites to a standard of living on par or in excess of yours. It's the fact that the $4,800 is not going to be enough to solve the core problem of the parasites:

Stupidity.

Understand that the vast majority of poor people are poor because of their own damn stupidity. Yes there are some where medical problems befall them. Yes there are some where something statistically bad happens. But the vast majority of poor people are poor because they had kids they couldn't afford, majored in stupid stuff, got in trouble with the law, did drugs, or just plain chose not to work. And no amount of money, let alone $4,800 can solve stupid.

This stupidity, and the fact it will forever cost the individual more than the $4,800 subsidy can offset condemns them to a miserable life. Do you really think Peggy Joseph is enjoying her life right now? How about the trailer trash methed out mothers in Wyoming? Their male idiot counterparts crippled with a truck loan for a Dodge Hemi-

Diesel and three DUI's? Take whatever parasite you want, chances are, even with the taxpayers' money, they are still living inferior lives to yours.

Finally, if you really think about it, it isn't even the incurable stupidity of people and their consequentially condemned lives where you get your warm schadenfreude fuzzies. It's the consequences of stupidity - namely, insanity.

Take a look at this video and ask yourself what kind of a mental hell all the people, bar the security guard, must live in. Can you image day in day out what they must go through? The pinnacle of their lives being "welfare check day?" Let alone what they miss out on in life? Do you think the parasitic classes ever get to go to a great jazz club, appreciate Victor Borge or find the entertainment in a movie like "High Society?" Do you think these people have a good ole fashioned Norman Rockwell Christmas that is sane, quiet, enjoyable, and loving? Do you think these people have any kind of friends and conversation that would stimulate the brain more than the drugs or booze they're doing?

There is none of that for these people. There is the ghetto, there is the trailer park, there is the barrio, replete with perpetual poverty, day time TV shows, illegitimate pregnancy, shitty parents, a constant battle with the cops and no hope for anything greater in life. They'll never eat sushi, never visit Glacier National Park, and they'll never have any accomplishments or feats to point to in their lives. They won't start a business, won't start a (successful family), they'll never climb mountains, and they'll never bike across Europe. If there is ever a crushing revenge you will have on the parasites that insist on living off of you, it's that you will have not squandered your one shot, your one fleeting opportunity to perform in and enjoy this universe, while their lives will not only be insufferable, but inconsequential, irrelevant, and completely wasted.

"The Maths" R Hard, Even for STEM Gurlz

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I know, "The Maths" r hard gurlz.

Just make sure all the bridges I drive over were designed by men please.

Thank you.

The Blunt Truth About Women in the Workplace

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Was going to write/video something similar, but then Aurini stole my thunder.

From his video:

"*So why should men work? We don't require that much money to live. We don't have kids. We just need to pay for our motorcycles, and our beer and our video games, and we can chill the fuck out as we watch society decline all around us.*"

He does an outstanding job and covers all of the topics I would have. So I'll just link to him instead.

The African American Studies Program that Wasn't

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Just can't make it up people. Just can't make it up.

Again, these academians, especially in the liberal arts, are nothing more than the modern day banksters screwing the youth and society at large over.

Thug Notes

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Actually, the review is quite succinct, not to mention it saves me the time of reading any of these books:

Animal Farm
1984
The Great Gatsby
Lord of the Flies

Main channel here.

The Politically Incorrect Reasons Young People Can't Find Jobs

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Ahhh! The truth!!! IT STINGS!!!! IT STINGS!!!!!!!!

90's Nostalgia

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For those of you wondering about one hit wonder obscure artists from the 90s.

Friday Night Linkage

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This is why I always wait for books to come out in the movies. No point in reading.

Go ahead girls. Cut your hair short. See what happens.

Hate is good. And it will never go away.

Some house cleaning and intellectual honesty about how much men suck is always called for. Keeps us honest and makes us better than feminists who believe "they can do no wrong."

Feminism is evil. No, really, it is evil.

Victory Unlimited

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Why didn't anybody tell me of this dude before?

Great podcast and site for any of you young men out there looking for the father you never had or the older brother you needed.

The Solution to All of the World's Economic and Financial Problems

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Detroit's Gross Municipal Product Smells Fishy

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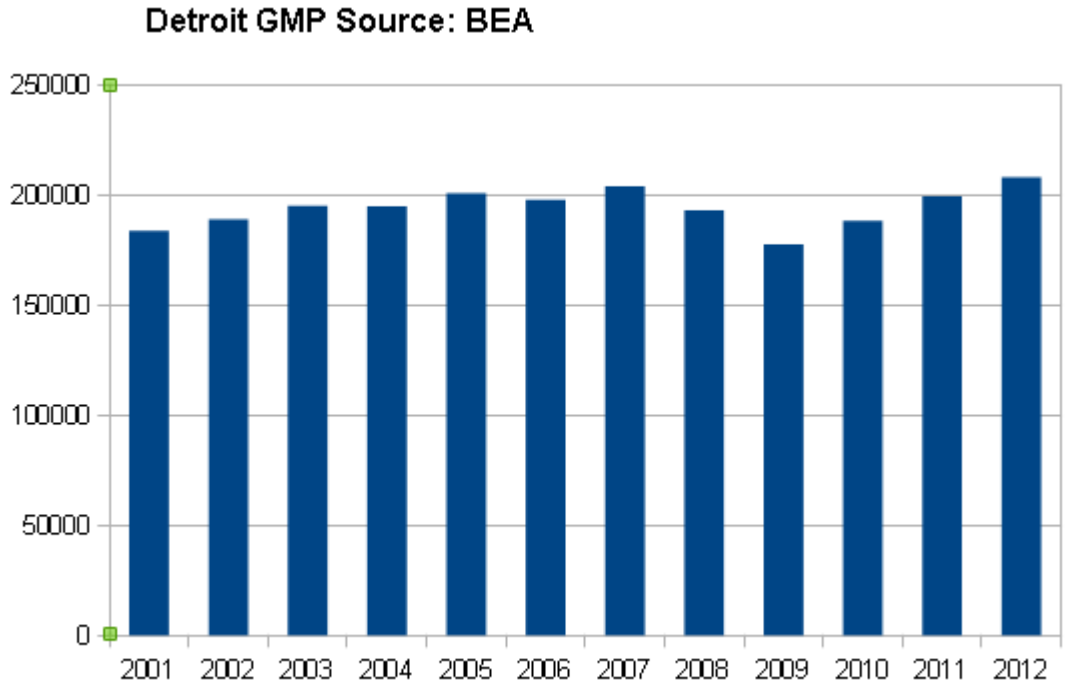
Gross Municipal Product or "GMP" is basically Gross Domestic Product, but for cities. I only don't mention it as much as the data is a bit difficult to come by and isn't commonly cited. However, I remember a while ago looking up Detroit's GMP to see what I was sure to find a cratering drop.

It wasn't. Matter of fact, it hasn't cratered, but held steady, even rising in the past couple of years.

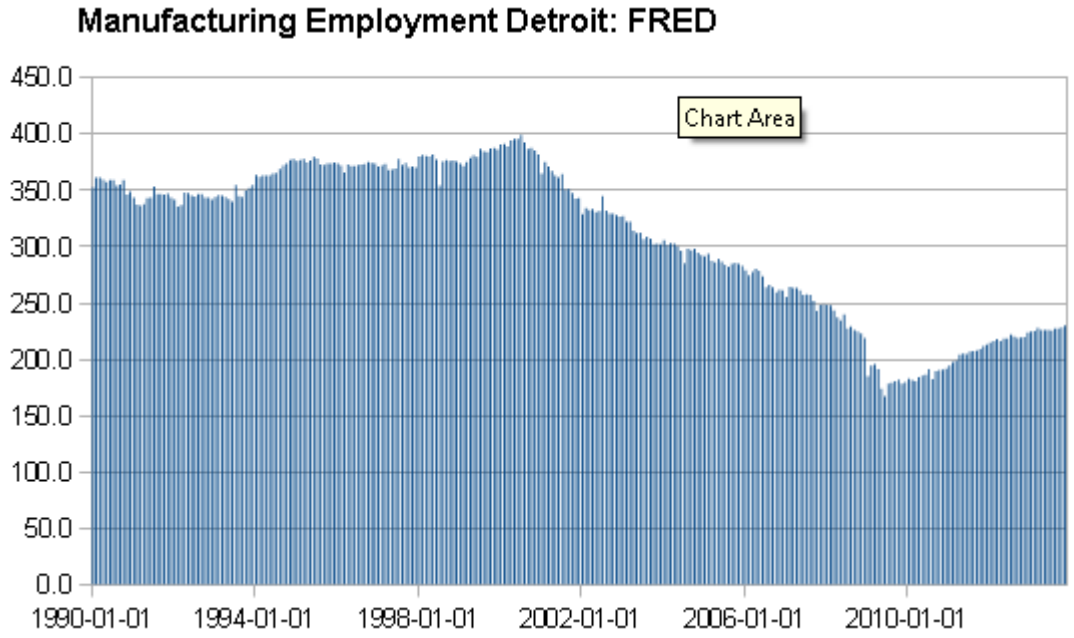


I couldn't believe it, but figured it must have been something with the metropolitan region. Maybe the surrounding suburbs were included. Whatever it was I didn't really care too much about it until...

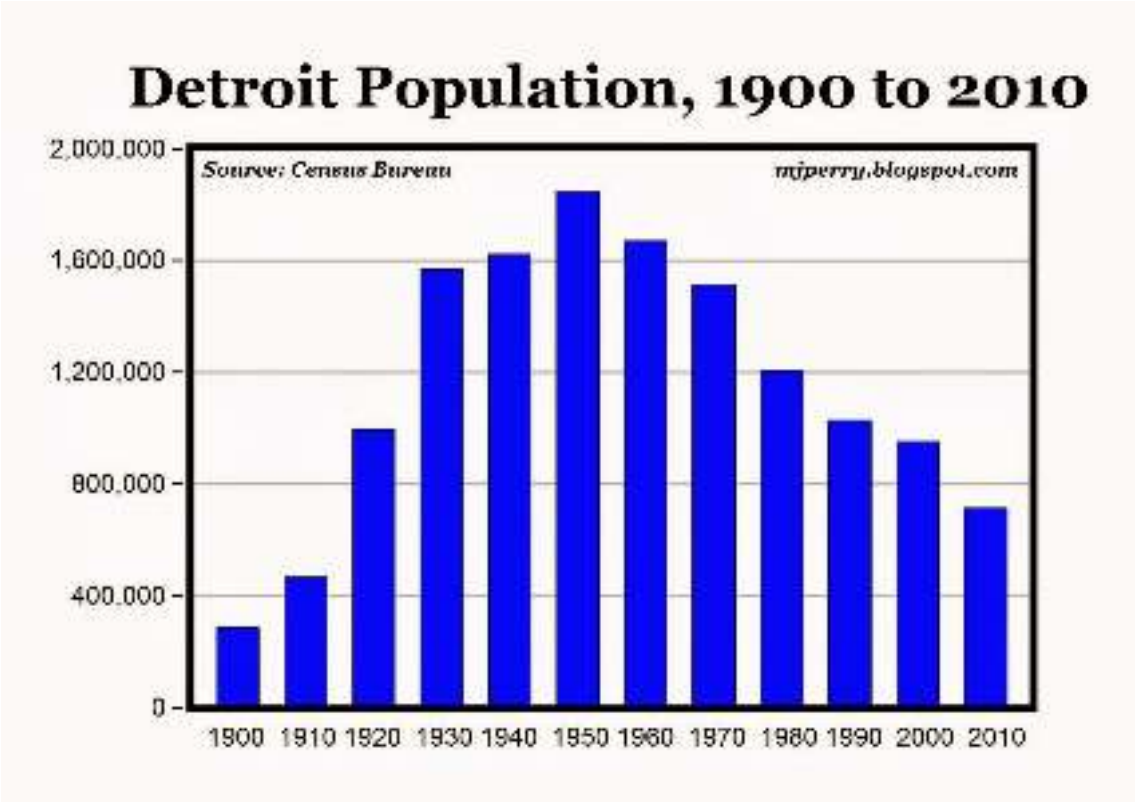
they decided to revamp how GDP was calculated.

This is a major concern I have with the economics industry. Since it is largely populated by academians and government economists, I don't trust them to be honest and employ the best methodologies when measuring the economy. I do trust them, however, to lie and taint their methodologies to have a political bias to favor more socialism. Regardless, this forces real, private sector economists to become tricky and use alternative measures that more accurately measure economic growth, wealth, etc. (for example, many economists will use electrical consumption instead of China's "official" GDP figures as they are prone to overstating GDP). And I'm afraid we may now have to do the same in the US.

However, sometimes you don't have to go so far as to be looking up electrical consumption or some alternative measure. Economists have made so many other statistical measures that invariably they will contradict each other giving government statistics their distinct fishy odor. For example manufacturing employment.



This is more in line with what I hear and see in other statistical circles. Stagnation during booming times and a precipitous crash during the recession. But the ultimate statistic that makes me question and no longer trust Detroit's GMP figures is the only thing that can cause economic growth - people. Namely, Detroit's population:



In the last decade alone it's population has shrunk by a fifth. However, it's GMP has increased by about 7% during that same time period. And even considering all the advances in technology and improvements in economic efficiency that has occurred in that time, I frankly don't believe Detroit's population is smart, educated, driven or capable enough to make those figures jibe.

Something stinks and it's the rosy picture the left keeps trying to paint of Detroit.

ht to MJ Perry for the chart.

A B.A. in "Special Snowflake Studies"

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Here's the original piece.

And here's the commensurate ripping apart of her degree in (are you ready for it???)

Political Science and Food.

Randye, if you're reading this, please let me do you a favor and mail you a book you might like. It may spare your future children from making the worst mistake in their lives. And I'm not joking. You are unconsciously harming your children's financial futures.

Also, a video for all of you parents who can't understand why your kid at the age of 23 constantly needs more of your money.

Monday Morning Linkage

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Irresponsible single mom?
Check.
Twice divorced?
Check.
Had other people pay for her education?
Check.
And you people think she's going to be a good governor?

It is because I shoveled shit as my first job and at the age of 13 had more real world, private sector experience than our president ever had or ever will have that would make my autobiography infinitely more interesting than his two (sure to be three). The only problem is I'm not arrogant enough to write a book about myself.

Would it kill a company to tell the race whore industry to pound sand for once? Huh, would it?

Thank god.

Why the Manosphere Will Unintentionally Become the 4th Branch of Government

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The Manosphere's origins are truly organic, truly unintentional, and truly visceral. There was no organized effort to bring its existence about. No PAC or political group that created it out of whole cloth like "privilege" or "fat acceptance." It was the natural result of men (and some women) comparing notes over a newly created media that allowed us to identify, expose, defend against, and combat various sociological, economic, and political trends that all aimed to benefit in a zero-sum-game off of men.

Because of it's origins, it has largely become an entity of refuge, therapy, education, information, training, and strategy to help first world men deal with the various problems that face them today. We are a brotherhood, a fraternity that pretty much welcomes all comers, aiming to help our fellow man though either passing on wisdom, comparing notes, providing explanations or providing guidance. But while this has largely been a self-help group, like many other entities throughout history, it will likely unintentionally become something else.

And The Manosphere, I believe will become the 4th branch of government.

Understand what the 4th branch of government is. It's the media. It's the news outlets. It's the journalists, television personalities and talk radio hosts that keeps an eye on, and reports on the government, our elected officials or any other self-proclaimed leaders that desire to lord over us in a political manner. Historically, the "traditional" or "Main Stream Media" served this function. Reporting on Watergate, scouring over various economic and government data, interrogating people who wish to run for office. But something interesting happened I'd say back in the 1960's.

Journalism was no longer viewed by those who wished to participate in it as a:

vital and important piece of society that guarantees, protects, and defends freedom,

but as an

easy job, that avoided rigor, only required writing, but then also gave you the ego-boost that you were some kind of crusader, some kind of hero. It is why I hate journalism majors more than any other bar political science.

This ease and "glory" of the journalism field attracted not only the weakest of minds, but the most power hungry as well. People who didn't care so much about intellectual

honesty, intellectual temerity, or protecting freedom, but hacks, quasi-politicians, and egomaniacs who put their egos, careers, and pride above the American people.

The consequences were almost predictable. Following the "Destruction Principle" (just read it first, and then come back, trust me. It will be the "something you learn" everyday) these inferior people preferred to earn their journalism laurels not by working hard, exposing true corruption or evil, but rather by first criticizing and villainizing the established institutions in our society so they could then "take down those evil entities" with half the effort legitimate journalism required. And soon all of our legitimate institutions that existed for very good reasons were under attack:

Corporations
Profit
Freedom
Choice
The Nuclear Family
Physical Fitness and Attraction
Beauty (in humans, but art and architecture as well)
The Education System
Success
Excellence
etc.

Unfortunately for the majority of Manosphere participants this was being done either before we were born or while we were children. Doubly unfortunately our parents' generation fell for it, perhaps even participated in this urinating on the wisdom of our forefathers. And without the internet for us to compare notes, we were left to be brainwashed by the schools, by the media, and with compliant (or at least) oblivious parents.

However, just because the MSM says something, doesn't make it true. And just because the media tells you something, doesn't make it so. And so for about 20 years proto-Manospherians in their teens and 20's wandered the desert aimlessly, completely and thoroughly confused as to why they were not succeeding in life doing what everybody told them to do. It wasn't until the internet and some independent minded men who were driven to the brink of insanity, did they start positing different theories, trying different things, and compared notes did they realize what was going on. But once they did, and this epiphany was realized, the entire lid of the feminists-socialist-media-government-education-complex got blown.

Which leads us to where we are today.

The Manosphere always was, and always will be a brotherhood that helps out his fellow

man. The father you never had. The older brother you desperately needed to beat some sense into you. The Morpheus forcing the red pill down your throat. But there is one quality and trait that The Manosphere has that will supplant the MSM from its position of the 4th branch of government - truth.

See, The Manosphere only cares about the truth while the MSM for the past 50 years has been focusing on distorting the truth. And while people can be fooled by the MSM for decades, inevitably when what they were told doesn't manifest itself in reality, the consequence is not just insanity, but an INCREDIBLY DESPERATE desire to have it explained why. Nearly once a week I get a fan letter saying, "THANK YOU!" not because I helped some kind get laid, or that I prevented him from majoring in a stupid subject, but because I merely explained to him what was going on. And it is this breath of fresh air that not only the MSM is mutually exclusive from delivering, but is the point where a person's trust will switch from the talking heads on CNN and their professors to guys like me, who constitute The Manosphere, giving us a platform.

You combined this platform, with:

the trust of the people, and
the truth

and whether you like it or not, you have the recipe for true, honest, and legitimate journalism. The type that defends freedom, protects the people, keeps the government in check, and is what the MSM was supposed to be doing this entire time.

Naturally, of course, I don't see a ton of the writers that constitute The Manosphere dedicating themselves to "journalism." I don't see them really desiring to do so. They will continue on providing advice to men (and women) in whatever subsegment or specialty they're in. But whether they realize it or not, they unconsciously ARE JOURNALISTS. They ARE THE MEDIA. People are reading them in the exact same precise way they did newspapers back in the 80's.

Finally, the last way The Manosphere will supplant the MSM is in our numbers. Our readership is BOOMING, while the MSM is in decline. I recently did a piece on a Time Magazine author who's hamster ran at Mach 7, rationalizing her daughter's choice to major in "Politic and Culture of Food Studies." In a genuine olive-branchian way I offered to mail her my book. But when I looked her up on twitter I noticed something:

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I write about the intersection of family, politics and culture for the NYT, Time and others. Focus on Gen Y and Z, mostly because I have one of each.
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How does a TIME MAGAZINE WRITER GET ONLY 1/10th MY FOLLOWERSHIP??? It harkens back to the ABC 20/20 scandal where they had two 23 year old adult-children write an obvious hit-piece on The Manosphere. If Time and ABC are giving their platforms to people with even less cache and experience than a novice like me, it only shows that the MSM is on the verge of collapse, or at least must keep up the charade of a legitimate news organization. But what is ultimately driving the decline in the MSM's numbers and the skyrocketing of ours is that we're the first entity in the past 60 years to target America's least targeted, least concerned demographic - men. I don't know how many fractions of a point you can increase your readership by when you constantly harp on women, focusing on the forever increasingly petty aspects of their lives. Articles on how

to get their cuticles done right. Articles on what kind of tap water is good. But did it ever occur to people in the MSM to maybe venture or attempt to capitalize on the male market? I mean, they do after all account for about half the population on the planet.

Sadly, however, we know the answer.

"Men" was one of those "evil" institutions the MSM's 1960's strategy was based on. "Men," just like profits, just like capitalism, just like freedom, had to be taken down. And it has been such a core aspect of MSM for so long, it has become them. They cannot disassociate themselves from it.

Which is fine by us. Because we'll take the male market and its billions in potential business. The MSM can keep writing stories about "male privilege."

Aaron Clarey is a ballroom dancing economist who accidentally found himself making more money screaming truths at the internet. He has this blog, but also hosts "The Clarey Podcast" and is the author of several books that every man (and woman) should read.

Who Has the Life Expectancy to Read Ayn Rand?

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From a commenter in response to this very brief and very short video.

Nathaniel Spatchcock 17 hours ago (edited)

Five words. Did you hear that, Ms Rand? It took him five words. So why did it take me fourteen years to read Atlas f*$%ing Shrugged?

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Tuesday Linkage

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There is such a thing as being "too minimalist."

Heh, who knew American football was so popular in Mexico!

Why black liberals will never fulfill MLK's dream.

Dating is dead. And thank god. It was an expensive and fruitless endeavor anyway.

Again, black men are just furthest down the mine.

Your Late Evening Funny

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Not bad for a rookie. Not bad at all.

(ps-don't drink milk while watching)

Yet Another Reason to Hate Your English Teachers

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I hated school.

But I loathed my English teachers.

They were boring, completely unengaging, but the primary reason I loathed them was that they were inconsistent. I could always ace my math classes, but nope, not English.

I didn't diagram the sentence correctly.

I forgot what the dangling participle was.

I used "their" when it should have been "there."

Forgot my last name.

Or I just didn't write "good."

It seemed to me they would do it on purpose, some of them favoring girls over boys, and while I could never prove either, in my core of cores I knew they were at least unfair and dishonest people.

Of course, as I've gotten older I've realized them for what they were - the laziest of the lazy of education majors. Primarily women who didn't give a rip about children or have a passion for literature, as much as they did a selfish and lazy ego that only wanted an easy job and the "faux" sense they were actually professionals at something.

Oh sure, that may sound harsh, but it's true. They were hacks. They were frauds. There wasn't one English teacher that inspired anybody in my school to read, and had no problems holding 30 kids at a time hostage for 8 hours a day for 13 years all so they could get a pension for 75% work. And for that I will today and into forever expose, rip apart, and humiliate English teachers for the vermin they are.

I'll point out a kid who flunked out of 7th grade English has more fame as an author than they ever did.
I'll point out they could only read what they could never write.
I'll point out they never "changed the lives" of a single student.
I'll point out the entire professional life they dedicated themselves to in literature only got their pictures in yearbooks and that is the ONLY piece of memorable "literature" the universe will ever remember them for.

But it came to my attention quite recently of another crime they committed. I couldn't believe it because of just what a bad taste they left in my mouth, but they still managed to get one last sting in.

They ruined reading and literature for me and hundreds of millions of people.

I always thought I hated reading. It was inefficient, it was boring, there was plenty of other things to do. The ONLY books I ever read were the "High King" pentalogy by Lloyd Alexander. Ever since then the only books I ever read were textbooks or terabytes of economic reports. In the meantime, for the past 30 years, I'd rather eat chalk than read.

But then something funny happened after I finished Bachelor Pad Economics. With the new-found free time I didn't go on a video game playing binge like I promised I would. I didn't go and watch the entire Charlie Brown cartoon series. And I didn't watch all the spaghetti westerns I said I was going to watch.

No, I kept going back and reading blogs, and even reading books people had sent me.
And it literally hit me last week.

Shit, I like reading.

Not the crap they tried to force down my throat in the 80's.
Not the crap my liberal arts prereq profs made me trudge through.

But if I was given a choice in following my interests and reading what I wanted, reading was actually quite enjoyable. So enjoyable that I got more mental stimulation from reading than playing Battlefield Bad Company. This then behooved the question, what did I miss out on? What other books or authors would I have thoroughly enjoyed? Not that I didn't enjoy playing the Final Fantasy series or hiking mountains, but if I was allowed to read what I wanted I could at least understand what Aurini and Molyneux were saying half the time!

So touche, English teachers. Touche. You made life miserable for millions of children. Probably scarred a couple young boys along the way. Unnecessarily cost us some GPA points. And your coup d' etat was ruining literature for us well into our adult lives. But once no longer in the education system and under your auspices, we will slowly and surely wake up and realize reading doesn't have to be the pain you made it be. And while in a vengeful way I'd love to look you guys up to see if you've ever amounted to anything in the literary world, unfortunately I can't remember your names. You were like all other English teachers - immemorable and unnoteworthy.

The Clarey Test

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Permit me a bit of bravado, but hear me out at the same time as I think this will have some practical use in the political world.

It is now practically a daily event we are confronted with some elitist dumbass that thinks they're smarter than everybody else and is therefore entitled to be a tyrant telling us what or do. It could be a media personality, a professor, a politician, but you know the type I'm talking about. People who who are such ego-maniacs they think they have the right to butt into our business and tell us what to do.

Now I have a nose for them, and over time developed kind of a litmus test of sorts. I test my hunches by taking a gander and asking my readers to research somebody I link to, whose profile I haven't seen, to see if they have a worthless degree, have a trust fund, and in general fit the profile. But it gets tiring for me to ask, "OK lieutenants, anybody want to guess their degree, whether they live off of mommy and daddy, never worked a real job, etc. etc?" So instead I'd like to codify it and simplify it by creating "The Clarey Test."

The Clarey Test is simple. It's a scale of 0-4, 0 being a "fail" and they are not the leftist, crusaderist, socialist, tyrant scum I think they are, and 4 being a full-blown, ego-maniac narcissist that views other people on the planet as serfs that should serve them, and consequently confirms my suspicions. There are four categories or "traits" for which the subject can get one point (with me kicking around some degree of allowing for half points or fraction of points).

Worthless Degree
No significant private sector experience
Currently working in government, academia, non-profit or some other such industry (bar military or cops)
Hail from rich or well-to-do parents

So President Barack Obama would score thusly:

Worthless Degree - 1
No private sector experience - 1
Currently in government - 1
Hail from rich/well to do parents - 1

Total score = 4 = pass

Haley Koch

Worthless Degree - 1
No private sector experience - 1
Currently in government - 1
Hail from rich well to do - 1

Total score = 4 = pass

Matt Forney

Worthless degree - 1
No private sector experience - 0
Currently in government - 0
Hail from rich well to do - 0

Total score = 1 = fail

You get the idea.

Now I'm more than open to any ideas, recommendations, and changes, but the larger point would be to come up with a numerical score or just use the test as a label. If it ever gains traction you could literally say, "Oh yeah, I heard that Joe Schmoe wants to provide more money for single mothers by raising property taxes, looking into his background and he totally passed the Clarey test. 3.9!"

So let's give it a trial run shall we? How about we score up Dr. Kirk J. Schneider.

I'm going to go with 2.0 (keeping in mind I haven't looked him up, just read Dr. Helen's post on him).

Tuesday Night Linkage…Um…Again

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Monday's night linkage was called "Tuesday Night's Linkage," as I am really having a problem telling what day it is. The lack of a 9-5 job these past 18 months has REALLY thrown me off, and I'm not joking. I didn't ajust my watch after the battery went dead, and I'm too lazy to look at my cell phone, so 6 our of 7 days I'm clueless. If the girlfriend didn't go to work, I would have no idea what day it is. Anyway, Tuesday Night's Linkage...again:

Yeah, have fun marrying those "good, obedient" Christian girls.

Hawaiian Libertarian learns the economics really is a faux science.

Danny explains how government works for those never in public office.

The gayest video ever and proof liberal arts majors are ugly. Rip the comment section apart.

And hey, don't forget the aggregators:

Delusion Damage
Vivalamanosphere
Articles for Men

The Economics of Reparations

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Two compelling arguments that (if anybody cares to be intellectually honest about) proves reparations is merely another form of slavery.

Coming to Vegas

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Howdy all!

Heading to Vegas on the 22nd. Have to speak at a seminar, but should have nights available. Already having some lieutenants and agents in the field showing up, so shoot the ole Captain an e-mail if you want to hang out!

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Why Girls Like Vladimir Putin

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Is he for individual rights, uncorrupted democracy, clean government, and against crony capitalism?

Probably not.

But that has nothing to do with him being the ultimate bad boy.

Dr. Kirk J. Schneider's Psikhushka

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First read this (if you haven't already)

Ok, now you can continue.

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An Economist diagnoses Dr. Kirk J. Schneider-and other faux psychologists threatening our world. In "*Liberal Talentless Academian Hacks Who Use Psychology to Criminalize People They Politically Disagree With*," Aaron Clarey, SAEG., calls for a new and deeper psychological understanding of the potential threat of biased psychologists who like the Soviets, use trumped up, fabricated mental diseases to lay the groundwork to institutionalize political enemies.

It's easy for people with real jobs to snicker at the fake psychological profession and nefariousness of the likes of Dr. Kirk J. Schneider, but economist Aaron Clarey says that we dismiss or diminish groups like this at our own peril. Clarey, the author of "WORTHLESS," "BACHELOR PAD ECONOMICS" and other books that don't suck like academian pablum, has done an exhaustive study of worthless humanities types throughout history and he says it's time for us to look more seriously at what he calls "unchallenged, unchecked, elitist academians." In "*I DON'T LIKE MATH, WHERE'S MY GOVERNMENT JOB*," Aaron Clarey, SAEG., calls for a new and deeper psychological understanding of our greatest political and social threats and the political operatives posing as legitimate psychologists who drive them.

"*You can see a blatant disregard for personal and economic freedom, as well as an obvious leftist bias at work in virtually all of academia from Nazi Germany to Maoist China to our very own Democratic Party. In fact, it is the pervasive malady of the Hippie Generation*," says Clarey.

How does the Kirk J. Scheider fit in? Many people don't want to work hard in life and so they choose and easy major. They tend to be from well to do families who can afford to bail their children out from worthless degrees. They often end up in the most productionless sectors of the economy - government, non-profits and academia clamoring for other people's money. They resent anybody who works hard, achieves excellence and reminds them of their own mediocrity. And it's not just envy and insecurity that drives them. It's also the ego that leads them to a "crusaderist" mentality and their desire to foist their political opinions on other people's lives. "*I think many in this movement are embittered over the freedom and happiness of others. They look at the amazing track*

record of capitalism and the US, which just doesn't jibe with their socialist ideology, and they feel the need to criminalize individualism, freedom, private property in anyway possible, even if it means throwing in normal everyday Americans with Nazi's and Communists," says Clarey.

Although you won't find "polarized mind" in any official diagnostic manual, for Clarey it's crucial that the psychological community wake the fuck up and start screening its ranks to ensure the profession isn't abused by tyrants as a political weapon. "*When we think of mental illness, we think genuine victims of mental illness that need help, not a political group expressing their 1st Amendment Rights,*" says Clarey. Look, for example, at some of the traits of narcissistic personality disorder or psychopathy: A callous disregard for the feelings of others, the reckless disregard for the safety of others, a sense of entitlement, arrogance, a grandiose sense of self-importance. These traits are ***readily seen in academia, the liberal arts, the humanities, and professors*** that ~~screw their students over for tuition~~ populate the field.

"*No one can or should deny the veracity of therapy and psychological help, but to overlook or dismiss the potential threat Kirk J. Schneider is obviously telepathing, one that would associate political-dissent and free-speech with a psychological condition, is the most surefire way of bringing Psikhushkas here to the US*," says Clarey. "*Recognizing and exposing this vile and thinly-veiled evil when we see it is the first step*."

Uh Oh! You're Going to Be Referenced in a College Paper!

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A funny thing is happening, but it is a testament to how much those little collegiate kiddies are getting brainwashed in school instead of receiving an actual education. It's happened to me three times, Matt Forney once, and I believe a handful of other people who don't come to mind right now:

A college student reads/views/hears something you said on teh interwebz and goes out of their way to inform you in a snarky tone that they are

GASP!!!!

going to cite you for their college paper as an example of "facism" or "racism" or "narcissism" or blabbity blah blah blah!!!!!

Ha! Take that mean, adult who lives in the real world and says things that hurt my feeeeelingssssss! I'll show you!

Oh horror of horrors.

You're going to be "cited" in

not a college term paper
not any genuine academic research
not any kind of professional academic journal

but some freshman comp or psych 101 paper or presentation by 19 year old Twiddly McGoo.

I think you can sleep soundly tonight.

Humor aside, yes it's childish, it's cute, and it's entertaining, but the only reason I bring it up is because it's something I think that will become a trend. Realize you have little leftist ego-maniacs who think they know how the real world works and are (of course) super intelligent and educated just because they passed the 12th grade. They are now in "college" and their leftist crusaderism is only reinforced by their professors. They do some googling for a paper on "racism/sexism/etc." and because of the alt-right's increasing presence, we come up #1 on google. Boom! They have a cornucopia of material they can use in the Hate Malecapitalismfreedomprofitlibertyamerica Studies

class. But they just can't use it. No their egos are too big for that. They need to inform you of what they're doing. And thus why you'll get an e-mail or post or something informing you how you will be the center of ridicule in some class in some college some place.

In any case I find it bemusingly adorable, but still wanted to let you all know what I'm seeing popping up on my radar so when/if it happens to you, you can pat the little tykes on the head.

Wednesday Linkage

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If liberals and lefties are so smart and so independent minded, then why do act so helpless against corporate advertising?

I never once believer Jennifer Aniston was talking directly to me whilst seeing her on TV or in a movie. I guess I'm not a teenage girl afterall.

God, "The Economist" really has gone to shit.

Divorce Corp! Why would you let the government into your life like that?

The father could not be reached for comment.

Make a leftist's head explode by having them watch this short video.

Step #7 is the hardest one.

The next installment of Bachelor Pad Theater.

The MGTOW Forum Joins the Bachelor Pad

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And they brought beer! Alright!

Boys, NEVER Donate Sperm

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Never ever ever ever.

Stay frosty boys. Stay the freak frosty.

(Also note the judge was a female)

When "The Economist" Jumped the Shark

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Yeah, sorry, "The Economist" is really nothing more than a fractional rag of its former self.

Judge Sharron Norton Rewards the Scum of Australia, Rachel Gardener

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1. 36 year old "art student."
2. Freeloading on the train and not paying her ticket
3. Gets awarded $250,000 from what I'm speculating is a feminist judge that cares more about feminism than justice.

Here's what the taxpayer of Oz is supporting now...more than they were before I mean:

Enjoy the decline Oz!

"Bachelor Pad Economics" Won "Best of Canada" Award!

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Happy day lieutenants and economists!!! "Bachelor Pad Economics" won the "Best Book in Money Management" for the Best Finance Awards in Canada!

Spread the mirth and the joy!

You can purchase Bachelor Pad Economics here for Canadians

and here for United State-ians.

How to Test for Counterfeit Silver

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A very simple, but important lesson fellow economists!

The Captain Now Accepts Bitcoin

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The ole Captain accepts bitcoin. You can make donations or purchase any of my wares for the going market rate of bitcoin.

Here is the image address to my bitcoin account

Here is the text address to my bitcoin account.

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Donations are of course welcome.

Caitlin Dewey

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First, somebody get me a score for Caitlin Dewey on "The Clarey Test."

Second, let's commence.

Caitlin, and I'm going to be completely stereotyping and prejudgemental based on her photo, is a typical 20 something American woman who has swallowed whole the leftist, feminist indoctrination that is she incapable of seeing things from a male point of view. She also further confirms that she is a stack of cards of the MSM because she has only twice the followers I do on Twitter, BUT also has the advantage of large MSM outlet.

Again, I ask, "how serious or legit is the MSM when they employ people who are only marginally more popular than I am, and let them write articles on their platform?"

Anyway, she happened upon the Manosphere, found things revolting (or at least contrary to her feminist-centric brainwashing) and felt compelled to go on a rant here.

Girl meets male world.

I love articles like this because it shows just how much they've kept young women in an echo chamber. Girl grows up used to the media hype and political indoctrination of how men "should" behave, but once those men no longer have jobs, careers, or futures, and start exposing their real selves,

SHOCK!
APPALLED!
DISGUST!!!
HOW DARE THEY!!!

Sorry, sweetheart. This is how men are.

There is no further analysis required because, frankly, Caitlin's commentary is not deep nor though provoking. It is just another datapoint. Another anecdote. Another case study.

She's just another girl

in the same ole boring MSM

that is carrying the 60's hippie's leftist torch

who is paid squat

and has less notoriety and fame than her internet counterparts.

The real story is why is Roosh and Matt Forney are making a living, simply being men, while Caitlin needs the entire power of the MSM and backing thereof to even make it on my radar today?

And yes, this will probably be the peak of her fame - me and other manospherians using her as a prop to advance our legitimate journalism. If anybody hears of Ms. Dewey again, in any serious manner, I'd be surprised.

Sunday Night Linkage

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Liberal logic - just barf our random words and put at the end "for the children."

Fatherz in da Hood. Aka "Fatherzhood"

DIE, MSM!!! DIE!!!!!!!! (Which means "the, MSM. The.")

Aurini spews his normal low-IQ, non-thinking, bland thoughts. Also, Aurini's latest podcast.

From our Muslim Agent in the Field - "We can't do the maths because the evils menz are keeping us down with the social barrierz. The maths wouldn't be so hard if it weren't for those evils menz!"

Latest episode of "Bachelor Pad Theater."

Newest Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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In this latest episode the Captain talks about how the younger generation deserves what it gets and how their ego's override reality...to their detriment.

How the word "excuse" was turned into a dirty word by the Baby Boomers.

He also talks about how women watch the dumbest shit on television, only to be outdone by men who watch "post post pre post" game shows. Still, women beat men in the volume of dumb TV they watch.

He then also delves into how there's a wave of feminist judges entering the legal system that care more about socialism and feminism than meting out justice.

AND MORE!

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Why You Should Stay in the Military

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For our boys and girls in the armed services.

Monday Night Linkage

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I like this post because there are some elements I agree with. Like celebrating "accomplishments" that billions of people have achieved for thousands of years in the past. But then there is the anger of "how dare women stay at home and raise their chlidren!!! BECOME A LAWYER DAMNIT!"

Again, the traditional "Aunt Bea" type grandmother will become extinct. Sigh....I miss real grandmothers.

Lie on your resume. Lie lie lie.

No, Bonnie Morris, you don't produce anything of value for society.

I'd care about the younger generations, if they didn't purposely vote to screw themselves over.

Remember what I said about worthless, leftists using their lack of talent to steal taxpayer monies so they can play "fake artist?" Well, here's the quality of art today kids.

Don't worry. With your help or without it, it will burn to the ground. Every empire does.

How the Federal Reserve is Jesus Christ

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With the 2013 fiscal year closed I was intending on doing a full financial analysis of the Federal Reserve. And so, whilst working a 12 hour dog shift, I spent the better part of two hours pouring over the Federal Reserve's balance sheets from roughly 2009 to FYE 2013. I was going to post my analysis, detailed and glorious here, but then something dawned on me.

A full-fledge analysis of the balance sheet of the Federal Reserve would prove boring.

And so I thought a Thug Notes version of it would suffice and make more sense to regular people.

But before we delve into the details we need to understand two things:

1. Some basics about the Fed
2. and the economic backdrop

This will allow us to see the points I'm trying to make and hopefully we can all walk away with some important economic lessons.

First, the Fed.

The Fed is not a government entity, but rather a privately owned "non-profit" that was originally created to "back up" or "insure" the US' banking system. Banks deposit money with the Fed for "safe keeping," and the Fed in turn "guarantees" them against bank failures, panics, and the like. The stated intention of this is to make the banking system sound so panics or runs on the banks do not grind our financial system to a halt, thus preventing an even more severe recession from occurring.

To ultimately back up the financial system, however, the Fed must be in charge of monetary policy. Specifically, it must have the ability to print as much money as needed to make good on its promise in case an a financial "Armageddon"occurs. Economists at the Fed presumably (and I even question that) know they cannot just "print off more money" so they do not resort to this unless they absolutely have to. And so the majority of Federal Reserve action hovers around changing the "interest rate," the sale or purchase of US Treasuries, the reserve requirement ratio and other "tools" is uses as a means to PRIMARILY CONTROL INFLATION.

This is how it's "supposed to work."

Second, the economic backdrop.

That "financial Armageddon" I told you about? Yeah, well that was more of less what happened in 2007-2009. So drastic and so large were the mistakes made by our banks and financial institutions that we entered (and in my opinion, have yet to leave) the largest recession since The Great Depression. Because the economic crisis revolved around our financial system, this then tested the effectiveness of the Federal Reserve as the ultimate guarantor of our banking system. However, so severe were the financial problems of our financial system, the demands for borrowing money from the Fed outstripped what it had available to lend.

This created a unique situation for the Federal Reserve. Instead of merely being the guardian against inflation and a insurer of the banking system, it ended up having to literally bail out the financial system. You can see the trillion dollar "TARP" bailout in the "mortgage backed securities" account of the Federal Reserve in 2008-2009

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION
As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008
(in millions)

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Gold certificates	$ 11,167	$ 11,167
Special drawing rights certificates	5,200	2,200
Coin	2,063	1,688
Items in process of collection	507	979
Prepaid interest on Federal Reserve notes	-	2,425
Loans to depository institutions	95,598	544,019
Other loans, net (of which 588,105 million is measured at fair value as of December 31, 2009)	96,433	120,062
System Open Market Account:		
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-	85,000
Treasury securities, net	823,592	476,449
Government-sponsored enterprise debt securities, net	169,262	20,760
Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities, net	[illegible]	-
Investments denominated in foreign currencies	24,272	24,164
Central bank liquidity swaps	553,272	553,728
Other investments	5	-
Consolidated variable interest entities:		
Investments held in consolidated variable interest entities (of which $[illegible] million and $[illegible] million is measured at fair value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively)	81,580	[illegible]
Preferred securities	35,186	-
Accrued interest receivable	12,941	7,389
Bank premises and equipment, net	2,604	2,512
Other assets	698	639
Total assets	$ 2,243,547	$ 2,245,728

This is an important point to make, because the Fed was no longer just a "central bank" that was there to play the traditional role of "lender of last resort," but was now an entity or "fund" by which to shore up and bail out the entire banking system. And the changing "assets" the Fed listed on its balance sheet proves it.

But after 2009 things "settled down." And despite the US being the primary instigator of the world wide financial crisis, most other countries were doing the exact same thing. Property bubbles, excessive lending, ginormous government debts, etc. And therefore, because everybody else was doing it, the US looked better in RELATIVE TERMS. All countries were going to hell in a handbasket, but the US was "the best looking horse in the glue factory."

This bought us some time. China, Europe, Japan, and the Middle East all wanted to buy US treasuries because of the presumed "safety" those investments provided. THe US was "the US" after all! And just like Superman, we never fail, because we're Americans! We always win! Why? Because we're Americans! And the US never fails! (just ask Sean Hannity).

This "perceived safety" allowed one Barack Hussein Obama, a democratic senate, and a balless, spineless, pussified republican house to run MASSIVE federal deficits to pursue a Keynesian wet dream of fiscal stimulus spending. Obama phones, free money, extended unemployment, Obamacare, you name it, it was approved. However, economic growth did not "obey" like it should have and has since remained stagnant hurting the feelings of Paul Krugman and the like.

Without economic growth, however, debts cannot be repaid, and our creditors took note of this, namely China and Japan. These foreign creditors stopped lending us money which now foisted a third role on the Federal Reserve -

Financier for the US federal government.

And thus my concern for the FYE of 2013.

From 2012 to 2013 you can see that the Federal Reserve now had to essentially bail out the US government. It lent the Federal government an additional $514 billion dollars that the Chinese wouldn't. Worse still, the Fed purchased another $564 billion in mortgage backed securities.

Factors Affecting Reserve Balances of Depository Institutions and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks

1. Factors Affecting Reserve Balances of Depository Institutions

Millions of dollars

Reserve Bank credit, related items, and reserve balances of depository institutions at Federal Reserve Banks	Averages of daily figures		
	Week ended Jan 22, 2014	Change from week ended Jan 15, 2014	Change from week ended Jan 23, 2013
Reserve Bank credit	4,045,116	+ 37,733	+1,095,876
Securities held outright[1]	3,815,952	+ 37,045	+1,077,874
U.S. Treasury securities	2,228,046	+ 11,167	+ 534,211
Bills[2]	0	0	0
Notes and bonds, nominal[2]	2,122,020	+ 10,319	+ 513,798
Notes and bonds, inflation-indexed[2]	92,615	+ 883	+ 17,677
Inflation compensation[3]	13,410	- 36	+ 2,735
Federal agency debt securities[2]	54,911	- 639	- 20,200
Mortgage-backed securities[4]	1,532,995	+ 26,517	+ 563,863
Unamortized premiums on securities held outright[5]	209,059	+ 389	+ 33,757
Unamortized discounts on securities held outright[5]	-13,328	- 494	- 11,711
Repurchase agreements[6]	0	0	- 466

But what makes matters worse is that this is just the change from 2012 to 2013. Since 2010 the federal government debt the Federal Reserve has purchased has gone from $1.1 trillion to the $2.23 trillion it is today.

So what does this mean in every day normal person's language?

It means the Federal Reserve is the modern day financial incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Oh, laugh if you will but hear me out.

Listen or read through the lyrics "Christ the Lamb of God." I know it by heart because it was jammed down my throat by Nazi's using a church called "The Wisconsin Synod" as a front:

Oh Christ the Lamb of God, you taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Oh Christ the Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Oh Christ the Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

How precisely is that any different than what the Fed does for the American people? All you have to do is tweak some words:

Oh Greenspan the Chair of the Fed, you bail out the scumbag bankers of the world. Giiiiive them more moooooonnnneeeeey.
Oh Bernanke the Chair of the Fed, you make sure people don't have to pay for their mortgage. We can't do maaaaaaath.
Oh Yellen the Chair of the Fed, continue to finance Obama's bribery of the voters. Give us Obaaaaaaama phones.

And you know it's true because of the forever changing balancesheet of the Fed that is outside of what it was originally chartered to do.

Bailing out the financial sins of bankers.
Bailing out the financial sins of people who spent more than they could afford.
Bailing out the financial sins of the parasitic classes that rely on government spending.

And does anybody want to bet me on whether or not student loans will make it to the asset side of the Fed's balancesheet within 5 years?

In short, since we can't get those Chinese and Japanese ~~suckers~~ "investors" to ~~give~~ "lend" us anymore money, we now have to rely on the Fed to finance/forgive/pay for our sins.

And it will.

Just pay close attention to the "liabilities" side of the balancesheet in coming years to see how it does that.
And then don't complain when the Fed finally says, "It is finished" when hyperinflation sets in.

Tuesday Night Linkage

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Irony...the women who would make the best leaders sit down, think things through, and realize that becoming a "high powered lawyer" may not make them happy.

Bitcoin is for betas. (though I am still generally Pro-Bitcoin)

What housing bubble?

Wow, imagine if you let kids be kids.

From our Military Agent in the Field about whether you should join the military.

DIE MCMANSION!!!, DIE!!!!!!!

Why Justine Bateman is a Real Role Model for Women

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Justine Bateman of "Family Ties" fame has decided at the age of 47 to go back to college.

For what, you may ask, knowing full well celebrities always take the easy way out.

Computer science.

My jaw dropped when I saw it, but, yes, there is a woman out there who gets it, understands how the labor market works and instead of going the whinny, "the world owes me a living" route, manned up, mathed up, and is now pursuing a legitimate field.

The reason I bring up Ms. Bateman, however, is not just to give her kudos, but rather point out to all the young ladies out there who are brainwashed by their parents, their teachers, their counselors, the media, and the state to go and waste their youth (not to mention money) majoring in the worthless liberal arts. The problem, I have however, is overcoming the emotional reaction I get from women (and men) when I try to convey the simplest of economic truths about humanities degrees. When I tell them it isn't worth the time or money, or that the degree is worthless, women especially, get emotional, some going so far as to spew vitriol and hatred, for me daring to suggest they look into the ROI of such an investment (and yes, I've even gotten death threats over my book "Worthless.")

Going forward my efforts and blogging will be dedicated in part towards figuring out this psychological problem/hurdle. In the meantime I hope highlighting the likes of Ms. Bateman will convince young women to make a genuine investment in their futures and not merely a transfer of wealth to their professors.

30 Days to X Joins the Bachelor Pad!

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You should join the pad too!

"Don't Do Drugs, Stay Out of School"

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One day, whilst splitting wood, I was listening to Stefan Molyneux's podcast. He had on one Laurette Lynn and they were talking about her book "Don't Do Drugs, Stay Out of School." I was naturally hooked because I knew, deep in the deepest of my soul, that most of my K-12 education was anything but, and was likely a scam I could never put my fingers on. Now, in hindsight, i realized it was just a racket for talentless people posing as "teachers," abusing children to extract resources from the private sector.

And no, that's not hyperbole.
And no, that's not rhetoric.

It's the truth.

School was a god damned prison and a miserable experience for myself and the majority of other children.

So when Laurette and Stefan were talking I thought it would be preacher to the choir. However, it wasn't just preaching to the choir, it was them (specifically Laurette) opening my mind to greater heights to see just what was going on, and just what a disgusting epitome of evil our education system has become.

Naturally, this prompted me to purchase her book, which I read on the flights to and back from Vegas.

"Don't Do Drugs, Stay Out of School" is a combination manifesto, ultimatum, and plan. It is a screed against the current educational system. It delivers an ultimatum to parents to actually PARENT and educate their own children instead of outsource them to the state. And it finally is a plan on how to homeschool your own children.

Some of it was stuff I already knew (because of my visceral hatred for school), but it was really eye opening on two levels. One, it made me realize just how few parents actually love their children. They'd rather pursue a career and dump their kids off at what is REALLY a mental prison. Stefan Molyneux said it best - if you dump your kids in daycare/school so you can pursue a career, that is no different than cheating on them as you are depirving them an upbringing. And two, just how unnecessary public schools are. You DON'T need two incomes. You DON'T need to send your kids to school. And you SHOULD have one parent (oh I don't know) ACTUALLY RAISE THE FUCKING KID WHICH INCLUDES EDUCATING THEM!

You throw in the savings of day care, afterschool activities, and the resultant familial

stability that doesn't result in psyschiatrist bills or divorce lawyers, and (who knew!) the nuclear family with a parent at home can beat most government ordained familial structures.

About the only two complaints I would have about the book is that

1. It was repetitive in its intent on proving the public schools are bad
2. The last quarter was a bit idealistic on setting up voluntary communes to home school kids.

Both criticisms are largely due to my personal situation. You don't need to convince me about the despicability of public schools, but you DO need to convince otherwise brainwashed-parents who don't know any better. Also, I have no children, so I have no vested interest in how a utopian home-schooling system would work.

In short, this is not a book for minimalist bachelors who hated school in their youth (though it is therapeutic).

IT IS, however, A MANDATORY book for any mother or father who are genuinely concerned about the education and futures of their children.

Your kids are going to grow up fast. And if you want to have them spend more time with their daycare provider and government teachers than you during their formative years as you pursue a social work career raising other people's kids, then by all means. But if you actually love your kids and want what's best for them, then I suggest buying Ms. Lynn's book.

The Two Mandatory Part Time Jobs All Men Must Have

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Lifting weight

and

Entrepreneurism

Neither are optional.

GET ON IT!

Putting the Podcast on Youtube

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Help the Captain out Lieutenants,

I've received requests to put the podcast on Youtube, which I don't quite understand. Figured podcasting is audio which means you can take it anywhere and do anything while listening to it. But if you put it in video format, what's the advantage?

Anyway, here's the latest podcast on youtube. If somebody could explain the advantage I'll upload the podcasts to youtube regularly.

Thanks,

Cappy

The Unspoken Efficiency Loss of Keynesianism

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As I age I find Keynesianism, and by extension, the entire field of economics, a progressively childish, idiotic, and naive discipline. It's not difficult. It's not hard. And only academics and ulteriorly-motivated bankers would try to make the field more complicated than it is to either bloat their egos or just outright steal money. And so, much like I tire of criticizing childish ideologies like socialism, global warming, or religion, I also get tired of arguing the merits or drawbacks of different economic theories because, frankly, nobody really cares about economics as much as they care about defending their fiefdom from reality or truth.

But if there is one criticism I've yet to make of Keynesian economic ~~philosophy~~ idiocy, it's the efficiency loss.

"Efficiency loss?" you might ask.

Yes, efficiency loss.

The whole underpinning argument of Keynesianism is that the government needs to intervene when "aggregate demand" is not meeting aggregate supply. And while Keynes advocated things that worked on the stimulus side (tax cuts), he also advocated boosting government spending with a magical "multiplier" effect. Take money from one person (ie - rich), give it to another person (ie - poor), and that poor person will spend that money which will boost aggregate demand, as well as set forth a chain reaction of demand-fueled spending with that multiplier effect all Keynesians swoon over.

The common response to this fallacy is that merely taking money from one individual and giving it to another does not increase aggregate demand. You stole money from one person who now has to spend less, which would negate any demand increase caused by this wealth transfer. Keynesians would argue that "well if we borrowed it, instead of taxed people, then everybody would spend more and this wouldn't happen!" Wrong again, because in borrowing that money, that is less money that can be lent out and invested, once again having no effect on overall demand.

But there is an often overlooked drawback to Keynesianism, specifically giving people money in the form of welfare, wealth transfers, etc., that nobody addresses. And that is the fact when you give somebody money for free, that is lost labor or production that should have happened.

For example for people like you and me and other real adults, if we want to get money we need to produce something of value to get it. This could be fixing cars, producing cell

phones, or doing somebody's taxes. Whatever it is, it increases economic production, genuinely increases our standards of living, and results in a richer society. But with Keynesianism, especially of the Obama socialist variety, millions of people get trillions of dollars in exchange for absolutely jack. This "efficiency loss" is the true weakness or criticism of Keynesianism because you basically blew $1 trillion for nothing in exchange. This "cycle" or "rotation" of spending WITHOUT A COMMENSURATE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES not only results in no economic growth, but dilutes the purchasing power of the currency.

Don't believe me?

OK, consider this.

Let's say everybody who collects a government check could not do so without first working on some kind of public works project at a pro-rated rate of the median wage to earn that check. Working on the highways, fixing street lights, cleaning up the road, etc. Do you have any idea how impeccably clean and mint our highway system would be? Or instead said welfare recipients were required to work at the local GM plant (it's government motors after all) doing whatever odd and non-specialized chores the mechanics and assemblers didn't want to do. Could you imagine how cheap GM cars would be?

The point is whether it was a public work or some kind of private company, society would benefit from requiring recipients of government checks to produce at least SOMETHING of value in exchange for the money. Today we literally piss away about $2 trillion a year and get nothing in exchange. Were there no such thing as welfare, production would be on the other side of that money, resulting in genuine economic growth, genuine economic production, and genuine prosperity.

Of course, I'm being foolish and naive criticizing this aspect of Keynesianism from an intellectually honest and economic standpoint. I know it is nothing more than bribing the parasitic classes to vote for the socialists. I know about half the population couldn't give two shits less about the future of the economy or the country. And I know that about half the population has no moral qualms about being the parasites they are.

I'm just making the economic argument against this aspect of Keynesian economics in the vain hopes the Keynesians would have a cup of STFU, and to show just how stupid Nancy Pelosi and Barack Obama are when they say government checks are the best thing for the economy.

The Epitome of Loser

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From my twitter feed:

LMAO what a looser @aaron_clarey @tomleykis pic.twitter.com/nVS6k21sjr

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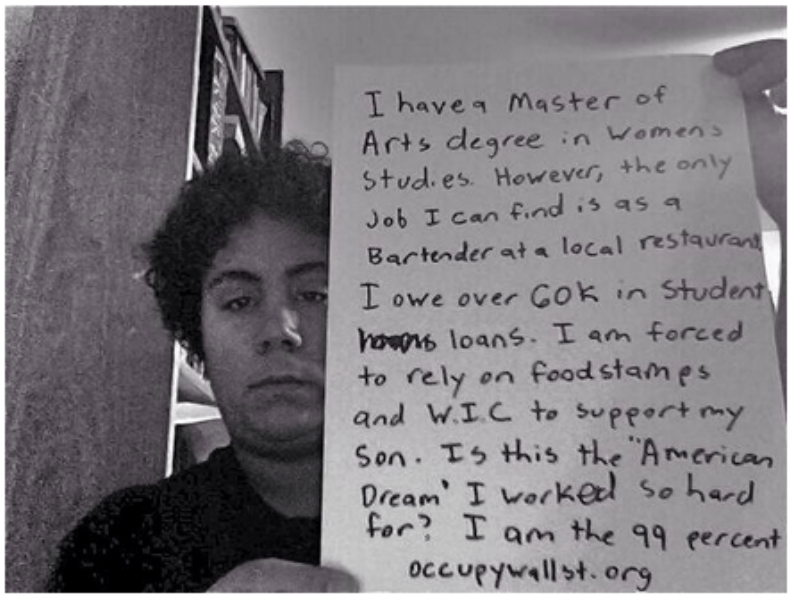

Is Occupy Wall Street even going on still? Regardless, I am having warm schadenfreude fuzzies over this one. Just imagine, friends, what his/her (I can't tell) life is like. Just imagine every day the mental havoc the real world is wreaking on this poor individual's deluded view of the world.

Wednesday Night Linkage

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How sad is it we're happy with a 3% dividend yield? Nope, no bubble here!

My hatred of teachers is justified.

Your career, your education, and you are more important than your child. Your child is there to serve you and satiate your biological clock. It is to be spat out and then jettisoned to the local state financed child care facilities immediately where it will be programmed to vote for glorious socialism and the destruction of the family. You will obey. You will conform. You will "go girl."

It's not easy being a manly Christian.

A legitimate criticism against keyboard-jockeying. Again, The Manosphere is not an academic department at a university where you theorize. It is meant to be a tradeschool where you get in, get your education, and get out and apply it to the real world. Pontificating and theorizing 100% of the time behind a computer screen is not helpful.

Good thing you weren't college material!

And the "Bad Dad Award" goes to Joe Wethington for blaming his mistakes on companies!

You bleeping idiots can't even predict weather 3 months into the future. The only people dumber than you are the fucking idiots who actually believe you know what you're talking about with this global warming scam.

The importance of "unlearning."

Mongoloid, Negro, Oriental, 1980's Words

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I cannot claim the original observation of this as it was Stefan Molyneux that did, but in one of his podcasts he adamant insisted on referring to mentally impaired people as retarded. He validated this preference because he said it was the 5th reincarnation of the noun used to politely refer to retards. First it was mongoloids (I had to look it up) then it was retards, and now it's mentally impaired.

The same eggshell-mine-laying has occurred in other groups of American people.

When I was being brought up "black" was a perfectly acceptable way to refer to blacks. Just as "whites" are still a perfectly acceptable way to refer to "whites." But then the effeminate, pansy, thin-skinned, professional-victim groups got in and turned it to "negro." Mullato (for half white, half black), to "African American."

Even the Asians are getting in on the deal. I lived a block away from a hotel called the "Occidental." Not until I looked that word up did I realize it simply meant "westerner." So "oriental" means "easterner."

Talk to any college "educated" Asian today and they're brainwashed to think "oriental" is a racial term.

So here is what I want to convey to all the groups of all the peoples of all the races of all the victim classes.

Go

Fuck

Yourselves.

I'm done.

And not only am I done, I think most white males or the "non-victim/whinny" classes are done.

I look at all my predecessors and all my contemporaries dancing daintily and pansifiedly around the purposely laid-down eggshell mines, kowtowing to your every whimsical and irrelevant wish to "not be offended" and I'm disgusted. Not only am I disgusted with their lack of spine, I'm vomitously repulsed by your cowardice.

Me uttering a descriptive word that was perfectly acceptable 10 years ago that a bunch of commie, socialist, media, academian decided to purposely repurpose for political/victimhood advantage that "now" offends you,

seriously,

and I want you to listen

GO FUCK YOURSELF!

i don't care if you're offended.

Because you're not. You really aren't.

You're a cowardly, weak, sad, pathetic individual that hides behinds your (choose one)

race
creed
color
sex
sexual preference,

etc. etc.

that insists on making the rest of the world dance on eggshells so you can constantly play the victim, fake being "oppressed" all to merely provide the weak rationalization to steal other people's money under the bogus pretenses of "oppression" or "discrimination."

And I for one am no longer playing your game or dancing to your tune.

You're black?
Guess what!
I'm calling you black.

You're a retard?
Guess what!
I'm calling you a retard!

You're Asian!
Guess what!
I'm calling you Asian...because (truthfully) "oriental" has more syllables and isn't as efficient.

Now if you take umbrage to this or find it insulting or somehow "oppressive" go file your complaints with the Department of I Don't Give a Shit and wallow in your own self-pity. Perhaps you can find some simpering 25 year old female liberal arts masters candidates that will sympathize with you. Perhaps you can find some pansified, white males constnatly begging for forgiveness for the sin of being born white and male. They're so weak-minded they actually believe they've unintentionally "discriminated" against you with poppycock like "male/white privilege."

In the meantime me and all the real men who will genuinely judge you by your character will continue to use the language we were brought up with and refer to you accordingly.

You are black.
You are oriental.
You are retarded.
You are indian.
You are dames.
You are hispanic.
You are whatever.

If you take offense, then you may want to consider if you hide behind traits you did nothing to earn and use it as an excuse to carry your own weight in society, as opposed to people who don't care how they were born, but instead define themselves by their accomplishments in life.

"It Isn't All About the Money!"

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Do you have a humanities majoring friend that is so emotionally invested in their degree they don't realize they're getting screwed? Do they lash out at you if you dare ask about the validity of their choice in degree?

Then show them this quick video and help save them from making a bad mistake.

My Glenn Reynolds Impersonation

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Ahem.

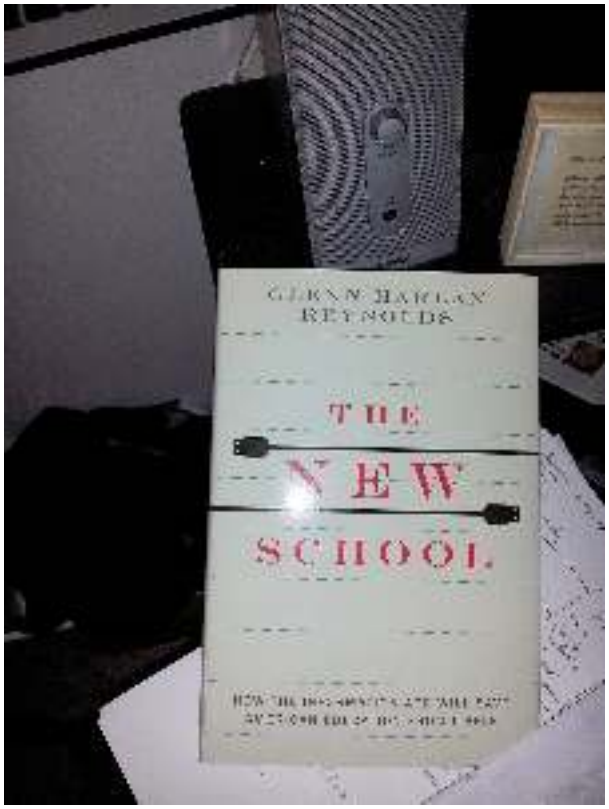
Hang on. Let me get my Glenn Reynold's voice on here.

COUGH COUGH! WHEEZE WHEEZE!

Ok

Here we go!

"*In the mail!*"



Whether this endorsement earns Glenn the proceeds by which to afford himself an AR 15 is left to be seen.

It's Never Too Late to Enjoy the Decline

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Seriously, your mental health deserves you spending the paltry $15 or whatever it is on "Enjoy the Decline."

You'll thank me for it later.

Thursday Night Linkage

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Again, the government will marry your daughter. Not the boy who knocked her up.

A pastor has his hand at becoming an economist and it doesn't turn out too shabby. Wintery Knight really is the modern day incarnation of Nicholas Wolfwood.

You pursue your dreams at your own risk. When they don't pay off because your dreams sucked, then don't blame society for not liking your sucky dreams. Ensure your dreams don't suck.

Again, "The Economist" is not what it used to be. It has sold out and become a media whore.

The Democrats always wanted to ass-rape blacks. Somebody tell the blacks if they can pull their lips from the Obamaphone Nipple.

Chief Sustainability Officer

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When you are younger or first starting to get into politics, you will logically, but simplistically assume that corporations are generally for free markets and capitalism. They want to maximize profits, so they are for efficiency, excellence, growth, and low taxes. But as you age you start to see corporations for what they really are - shills that will take any advantage they can to increase profits for all those who participate in it. This obviously manifests itself in the form of lobbying where corporations throw off the moral mantle and have no problems essentially costing the American public their freedoms over the long run, if it can profit corporations in the short run.

But there are other ways corporations become the moldable, amoral entities that they are and that is when they lose their spines and just do whatever the government tells them.

For example HR and diversity.

40 years ago corporations could have said, "No, we're not doing this diversity thing. We're hiring the best people, period. And no, we're not creating a whole new department out of cloth to employ women. We don't need 25 year old ditzes screening applicants. We need the bosses and managers screening their own labor." But they didn't. They swallowed it whole because they thought the marketing and PR benefits of seeming like a "kind and caring" corporation would outweigh the costs. Now you have day care centers, flex-schedules, etc., that frankly disproportionately benefit women while foisting additional work and costs on men and childless women in the work place.

Combine this along with the 20 year battle I've had with HR ditzes, and my loyalty to corporations as a political ally has all but vanished. But if there was any glimmer of hope that maybe corporations would have an ounce of sanity, that maybe there are people getting into the upper echelons of corporate management that realize the threat socialism is posing to the west, it was snuffed out with this:

Sustainability As A Core HR Discipline

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[illegible]

By Peter Graf, Chief Sustainability Officer, SAP and Anke Dworzapf, Marketing Manager at SuccessFactors, an SAP company

Haven't hugged a tree lately, dear HR leader? Well, you're not alone. According to the "State of Sustainable Business Survey 2013" by BSR, HR is among the least engaged corporate functions when it comes to sustainability. This is surprising because sustainable success has evolved from environmental concerns to a comprehensive strategic challenge.

I couldn't believe it when I heard Joe Soucheray mention it, but yes, fellow economists, lieutenants, agents in the field, corporate America has decayed so much and lost all sense of sanity that it now regularly employs...

"Chief Sustainability Officers."

Naturally, it would fall under the domain of HR as no accounting, engineering, or "real" division within a company would tolerate such tripe. But what is important to learn from this is that corporations are no longer viable long-term solutions to your employment. They aren't sane entities where common sense and logic rule, and a hard working sane individual will succeed. They are increasingly becoming politicized entities that if you work there it would be like working in a psych ward. Worse, it requires that you must play politics, tow the company's "sustainability" line, donate to the United Way, and engage in "Bene Gesserit"-style manipulation to advance.

What this means for you, especially younger people, is that your efforts to find long-term, sane employment are probably better spent looking at smaller companies, self-employment, or companies with a strong, conservative history. You don't want some company that is so large it has HR ditzes screening at the front door, and you CERTAINLY don't want a company that is foolish enough to waste its money on things like a CSR or "sustainability" department. Of course, you could be a soulless sociopath, in which case you'd excel in such an environment! Hell, in 20 years time maybe you could head up the newly formed "Gaia" department. But for the rest of us, it seems the route to a successful career via the traditional large corporation has been closed.

The Fatal Flaw of Feminism

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When you value your "career" more than your fellow human being, especially your theoretical husband and children, then you will pay with a squandered life.

Friday Day Linkage

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When you outsource child-rearing to the state because you love your career more than your children, this is what happens.

Obama speaks the truth for once, and the left pummels him.

HGH, how to get it, and what it does.

Remember boys, some girls would rather date a terrorist than you.

Crabs in a bucket.

I'm honored to be on the list.

The Extinction of Real Grandmothers

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I love my grandmother. She is the epitome of everything a grandmother should be. She is kind, she is nice, she is sweet, she (for some ungodly reason) loves her grandkids. She is also incredibly classy. She worked in investment banking, had martinis, flew to Florida with her friends, and even today schnookers all the old guys at the rummy competitions they have at the senior center. I am very fortunate to have a real grandmother in the Aunt Bea sense and feel guilty for not visiting her as much as I should.

However, I am even more fortunate in another sense. I believe my grandmother is one of the last of her kind.

Understand that feminism has been going strong since the 1960s. And whereas my grandparents hailed from the Greatest Generation, modern day kids' grandparents hail from the hippie generation. And sadly these women have not grown up.

I first noticed this when I visited a cadre of Cappy Cappites down in Raleigh, NC. We went to a jazz club to smoke cigars. Everything was great, very classy club with a good selection of cigars.

Then the music started.

And in came in a cackle of 40-50 something women wearing clothes from their halcyon days during Reagan's first administration that were no longer fashionable and no longer fitting.

I saw these aged women dancing on the floor, getting drunk, dancing with each other, grinding as if they were 21, none of which had rings. And then it dawned on me - these women were my grandmother's age when I was a kid. These women had grandkids.

And in a very Joe Hollenbeck way I said to myself "WHAT THE FUCK!?"

But this was to be expected. After a 40 year regimen of you-go-girlism, feminism, careerism, divorce, and you-can-have-it-all, there was no way these women would turn out to be the refined, elegant and graceful Sophia Loren like grandmothers my generation was blessed with. No, sadly, not only do the kids today get to suffer single mothers, drama, divorce, ritalin, drama, and an otherwise unstable family, even their GRANDPARENTS aren't around to provide that modicum of stability, let alone role modeling.

Regardless, I'm going to go and buy my grandma some chocolates and flowers. I suggest if you have a good one like I got, you do the same.

Post post - found this on my twitter account. What I want you to do is look at the food and the children and tell me that doesn't make you feel like you're in Mayberry and Aunt Bea is cooking for you. That's the type of grandmother I'm talking about.

Girls, Please Stop Mutilating Your Bodies

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Just a simple request from an old man.

Sunday Linkage

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Oh noes!!!! Bitcoin isn't helping the poor immediately right now OMG! I hate leftists.

My favorite actor has died. Guess I'll have to find a new one. Edward Norton maybe?

I never knew so much about porn as I do now.

Amerika.org Enjoys the Decline, why aren't you!?

It pays to be good looking.

Stewardship

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As a young and completely intellect-deprived child I would thumb through hymnals to find the "oldest" piece of music I could find. Hymnals, if you've paid attention, have the dates of the music when both written (for the lyrics) and composed (for the music). I think the earliest I found was around 800 AD.

Regardless

I also noticed something with the hymnals and brochures they'd hand out at the beginning of every ~~brainwashing~~ sermon. They would list what "season" it was within the church.

"Season" meaning what was the theme or the general purpose of sermons during that particular section of the calender. December was obvious Christmas. Sometime in Spring there was "Easter." Somewhere in there was "lent." But after those major three Christian themes, you had about 10 months to fill. So they would fill them with various over-arching themes and principles. One of which was "stewardship."

"Stewardship" was the excuse pastors needed to guilt trip all those COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEXE

"good"

Christians into actually putting a couple coins in the collection plate. I recall Jesus saying something about "tithing" and 10%, but I guarantee you it's less than 10% of the Christians that actually tithe (you know, because Christianity can be treated like a cafeteria - you only select what you want).

Anyway, obviously people were not contributing what they should, let alone what was needed to keep the church going so the "stewardship" theme would provide the pastor the platform necessary to berate, lecture and loathe (more than normal) the ~~sheeple~~ congregants into forfeiting those precious dollars.

I found it a bit dishonest, a bit underhanded, but hey, that's the Wisconsin Synod, so who cared.

Regardless, I'm going to do a bit of "stewardship" myself. However, I won't call it "stewardship," I'll call it "sponsoring." And unlike the church, this will be a straight up, guilt free, only if it benefits you, does it benefit me, sort of relationship.

I am here to make money.

I provide a service.

People realized I have an audience.

They advertise with me.

I plug their wares.

And if they are of use to you, please kindly buy them.

If they are not.

No hard feelings and CERTAINLY no guilt. Just keep on reading or maybe mention the ole Captain to a friend or two and you umm....won't go to um...."Cappy Cap Hell" (which is a place of fat chicks, socialists, and everybody is a teacher, but nobody produces anything).

So here are the sponsors.

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Brilliant.

Lloyds of London Abandons Meritocracy

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Sorry, I'll be banking with people who hire the best based on their character and not their plumbing.

Coincidentally, I'd recommend dumping their stock.

Veterans Speak on Why You Should Stay in the Military

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Karl and Cardigan (sounds like a GREAT jazz duo) voice their opinions about the military and whether you should stay in it. Cardigan is also kind enough to mention "Bachelor Pad Economics" (which every man in America should be reading, so including infants...150 million...times the $8 commish...makes me...ummmm....$1.2 billion dollars....so not even close to it).

Anyway, yeah, I'm sure to a 22 year old 4 years in it sucks.

Try the alternative OR at least listen to your 30 something elders who might have perspective.

Name One Problem the Left Has Solved

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One of my better (and more colorful) podcasts.

Other topics include:

Why you should never buy GTAV for 360
Why if blacks listened to this podcast the democrats would never gain political office again
The sad case of indians.
Why it's now perfectly moral to pay other people to do your homework
What Superbowl 48 was the gayest superbowl ever
How younger, hotter, minority women are scaring the crap out of their 30-40 something American counterparts.

Monday Night Linkage

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"Bad to be good and good to be bad." Thanks lefties, you've changed the rules.

Belly Dancing is a genuine art that should only be taken seriously. It is not, as some witticists would say, "a 2 day, 2 hour token of cultural diversity for western women to take."

The Captain finally makes it to the Ivy League. They are using my book at a seminar in Princeton. Of course, it was self-published and not under "Wiley Publishing", but I have a feeling I'm going to have to remedy that. The further irony is its for their theological seminary. How fun would it be to guest speak there on "Being a Preachers Kid!?"

Wintery Knight leaves the plantation and starts asking questions only "bad" black men ask.

Have you shown Delusion Damage any love recently?

How the fuck does James Coburn, of all people, have less than 5,000 likes?????? Can we at least double that please????

Hey look! Baby Boomer problems nobody gives a shit about anymore!

Cartels and trusts are good as long as it leftist billionaire Silicon Valley types who do it!

Bill Cosby, I Spy, Season 1, Episode 1

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Flabbergasted.

Absolutely flabbergasted.

Cosby will go down, obviously, as a comedic legend. That much is sure. But if you watch Season 1, Episode 1 of "I Spy"

hey may just go down as a patriot and a model for all black men to follow.

Now if you'll excuse me I just found my new favorite show to watch.

Remember, Latest Podcast is Out

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Can be found here.

Archives here.

Why You Can't Criticize Karl Marx

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First, if you have the time, i strongly recommend listening to this podcast by Stefan Molyneux on Karl Marx. If you don't, then allow me to give you the Thug Notes version:

From what superficial studying of Karl Marx as an individual I did, I knew the guy was not right. He came from a relatively wealthy family, always had financial problems, ended up marrying into wealth, but still managed to squander it. He never had a real job and instead focused his efforts on his political-economic theorizing. This lack of focus and adult responsibility is clearly evidence in Das Kapital. Not because of it advocating childish theories, but the writing is HORRIBLE and PAINFUL to read. It was blathering, not a logical, succinct, cogent argument for socialism.

Beyond that I never gave Marx, the person, another thought. However, until I listened to the podcast above, I had no idea just how literally and genuinely insane the man was.

Marx was indeed an older version of today's hipsters. He lived off of other people's money, and when those sources dried up, he would go and try to find others. He viewed real work beneath him and had a crusaderist view of himself which is why he was always "researching" in the library to advance his own economic religion. This alone is enough to make me see red, but mercy almighty, it gets much worse.

Marx also didn't like to bathe. That rats nest of a beard is not by accident. It's because of a lack of hygiene. Because of his preference to avoid basic grooming (probably too much work) he ended up having boils over his body regularly. This is not the sign of a sane person, but somebody who obviously had mental problems.

Further evidence of mental problems are abound if you look into his family life. Such a poor provider was he that 4 out of his 7 children died before the age of 18. 2 of the survivors went onto commit suicide. Marx also sired an illegitimate son with his maid, a woman he never paid, but lived with the family.

Finally, Marx was a hypocrite. To avoid creditors he would use aliases, skipping out on rent and often times not paying butchers, tailors, and other "workers" he so claimed were "exploited" by those evil capitalists. Further more, he was an intellectual hypocrite. Instead of using facts and data to create theories, he did it the other way around. His entire "research" was spent trying to find proof and evidence that his childish and naive ideology would work.

There is certainly more, but the larger point is a simple one:

Karl Marx was batshit insane. He was psychotic. And to believe or subscribe to any ideas the man had (be it political, economic, familial or anything) is foolish.

History has proven this. Only a madman's illusions de grandeur could result in killing more people during peace time than Nazi's did purposely during war. You can compare similar people's implementing Marxism vs. freedom (the Koreas, East vs. West Germany, Cuba vs. Caymans, etc.). And you can look to see what happens when countries abandon socialism in pursuit of capitalism (China, Vietnam, the Baltics). But the real issue isn't what a "moron" or "psychopath" Marx was. It isn't even the devastation and poverty his cancerous and flawed "theories" has wreaked upon the world.

It's the scary fact as to just how receptive humans are to such a stupid, and ultimately, dangerous and evil ideology.

This is why you can't criticize Marx. There have always been idiots. There have always been megalomaniacs. There have always been psychopaths. It the fact humans are actually stupid enough to listen to these morons that is the problem.

For example, it is a fact, A FACT you can't just "print off more money." They tried it in ancient Rome, they tried it in the Weimar Republic, they tried it in Yugoslavia, and they continue to try it in Venezuela, Argentina, and yes, these United States. You would think with a basic and cursory knowledge of world economic history we would know that printing off money will not solve any economic problems and will only bring about a collapse in the economy. But we still do it. And the reason isn't a lack of knowledge, but psychological. Human's want to believe they can have their cake and eat it too.

Another example, obesity. We all know what causes people to be fat - too many calories, not enough exercise. The solution is simple - work out more and eat less. But despite having the KNOWLEDGE the human mind performs acrobatics to ignore this reality and rationalize away pigging out, and obesity rates continue to increase. (Some humans are so delusional and weak-minded, they've even gone so far as to advocate "fat acceptance).

And a third example, minority poverty. It is a fact illegitimate children are the number one cause of poverty. Throw in a lack of education in STEM fields as well as a propaganda-destroyed work ethic, and it is very clear why minorities suffer lower standards of living. The solution is simple - don't have illegitimate children, studying in fields that are in demand, and work hard. However, despite KNOWING this is the path to success, the majority of minorities would rather swallow the spoon-fed lie that it is "discrimination" that is keeping them down and wallow in a Detroitian self-pity.

We could go on as the examples are endless, but the point is that it isn't "bad ideas" that threaten society, but a weakness in human psychology that excuses people for believing

in them. The belief that you can have something for nothing. The inability of the human mind to understand delayed gratification. The willful ignorance of not asking "where does the money come from?" It's almost as if there's a piece of the brain that, despite thousands of years of wisdom, evidence and fact, stubbornly insists on forcing its host to make bad decisions in the long run.

Because of this merely criticizing Marx, socialism, and socialists won't work. The people that need convincing do not believe in socialism or Marxism on a logical level, but an emotional, psychological, even greedy one. Throw all the charts up in the world, cite all the case studies of North vs. South Korea, point to China's historic improvement, it won't work (trust me, I've tried) simply because socialism's adherents WANT to believe in socialism just like a fat woman wants to believe "one more cookie won't hurt" or an alcoholic's belief that "one more drink is fine" or a 38 year old spinster's belief that "38 is the new 24."

Therefore, I suggest a new approach when battling socialism. Instead of fighting it on a logical and mathematical level, we fight it on a psychological one. Understand Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, and Dennis Prager have been doing the same damn thing, day in, day out, and the country has still dramatically shifted to the left despite their admirable work. Their factual tactics have failed. But if we were to do something on a psychological level, especially something they won't dare do, then we might actually see success where they have failed.

I suggest being mean.

Specifically, shame, mockery, and ridicule.

For example the shame, mockery and ridicule that is rampant in the Manosphere has done more to not only free men from their psychological brainwashing, it strikes right at the core of female psychology - shame. 40 years of touchy feely nice guy bullshit has only allow feminism to run rampant over Baby Boomer and Gen X men. It wasn't until about 8 years ago or so did some men say, "fuck this, we're done," and dared to start mocking women for being naive in their political beliefs, shame them for being fat, ridicule them for majoring in stupid subjects, and start holding them to task about wanting to be genuine equals. The jury is still out on whether this tactic has worked, but based on the cumulative "chatter" of social media sites younger women are at least taking note and not swallowing whole their 60's grandmother's feminist bullshit.

Another example the black community. I am obviously indifferently harsh on the black community (and other minority communities). Do I do this because I hate minorities? Do I do this because I am a racist?

No, I do this because I refuse to lie to my fellow man. I could no longer tolerate delicately

dancing around eggshells and gingerly trying to maybe convey the concept that hopefully someday maybe, kind of, our minority brothers and sisters will kind of sort of maybe see the logic I'm trying to convey.

Fuck it. Don't have time. Don't have the patience.

Black community, stop fucking up and get your shit together.

And shocks of shocks, guess what! I have a disproportionately higher black readership (especially young black males) who appreciate me giving them the straight dope instead of lying to them to spare their feelings. Again, despite having a fraction of the audience, I've converted more blacks to libertarianism/conservativism in the last year than Dennis Prager has in 20.

Again, we could go on, but the point is simply this:

You can't criticize ideas.

But you sure as hell can criticize the idiots who believe in them.

And it is that psychological line where the battle for freedom, liberty, and capitalism should be fought.

Did Tyema Sanchez Vote for Obama?

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If she did, then she voted to replace men with the government. And I frankly, don't care about her problems. Perhaps Obama can escort her to the next nightclub and defend her.

"Maybe You Just Attract the Wrong Type of Women"

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I've always wanted to address this topic and probably have in the past, but (not to plug the podcast again) in reviewing it I really hit this one out of the park. It is also an important lesson for all the young boys (and men in the dating world) to learn because the two most common reasons the women in your life will give you as to why you're having trouble with girls will be:

1. "Maybe you just attract the wrong type of women" and
2. "Maybe you're just not looking in the right places."

I have a different theory. Well, it isn't a theory, it's a fact. But it will at least salvage your sanity as to why you're seemingly having trouble finding quality girls. You can listen to the whole podcast, but this topic is specifically addressed at the 59:50 mark.

Tuesday Night LInkage

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Masters and doctoral students in the liberal arts get their due.

The "best of" "I need feminism!" Oh, can you imagine these adult children impoverished and psychologically delusional at the age of 45?

Related

Matt Forney's Podcast is less-sucky! His delivery is improving, though his topics need less hate and certainly are not for the feint of heart.

The second story in this link (don't ask me why Ace of Spades does it this way) bought a house in Detroit for $500 and now he's going to fix it up. I'm cheering him on, but I am not hopeful.

Malta. The latest tax haven/Mediterranean Hong Kong. Once I scrape up by $1.2 million, I'll be there!

A quick synopsis on the housing market.

The children are our future!

The Victory Unlimited Show

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Victory Unlimited is the name of a show. It is also the name of a man out east who dispenses advice to all the boys out there (who was kind enough to link to me). I started listening to "VU's" podcast and was impressed with his presentation. He carefully scripts and rehearses his performance which results in a higher quality, succinct presentation (as opposed to my unscripted ramblings and tirades). However, this unfortunately means there's not as many episodes.

Still, because his material is dense (meaning packed with a lot of well-thought out ideas and wisdom, not "dumb") it is definitely worth taking the time to download his podcasts or "missions." I would also add he is very fatherly. I don't know his age, but whereas I kind of fashion myself the "older brother you never had, but need to beat some sense into you," VU is very much like a patient Ward Cleaver.

Regardless, visit him and "complete all his missions."

Why Nowadays It's Perfectly Acceptable to Pay Others to Do Your Homework

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I got an e-mail from a guy looking to hire the services of Asshole Consulting. He runs a paper-writing company that in-no-beating-around-the-bush-sort-of-way does people's homework for money. It's completely immoral. It's completely unethical. But it's not illegal. And he capitalizes on this fact.

Now before you get all up in arms, understand he wouldn't be in the business if there wasn't a market for it. It's very much like drugs. Are you going to blame the drug dealers for creating something other people want? Or are you going to blame the drug-addicts? Are you going to blame the guy who sleeps with married women, or are you going to blame the married women looking for affairs? Don't blame the supplier, blame the demanders. And given my very libertarian, Machiavellian, misanthropic and cynical beliefs you all know where I come down on these types of arguments.

But morality and philosophy aside, we started to notice that given my readership demographic we might benefit from an advertising relationship. And so it is with without shame, cynical indifference, and a very misanthropic heart I introduce a new sponsor to the Cappysphere, Academic Composition.

Naturally some of my more moral readers are wincing. Some of you that are starting to see the country for the cesspool it's rapidly become are cheering, but before you dismiss this, let me make the argument why it's no longer "immoral" to pay for somebody to do your homework for you in today's United States educational system.

First, progressive credentialism.

I do not "dislike"
I do not " hate"
I LOATHE WITH ALL MY HEART what corporate America and all the other employers have done to the youth in this country. Not in terms of mortgaging the future with government (they've already done that), but how they've made it so difficult to get a job. Specifically, how they've increased the credentials needed to be deemed "qualified" for the simplest of jobs

In WWII you could take an 18 year old kid and turn him into a pilot, a tank commander, a mechanic, or a clerk in 6 months. You had majors at the age of 25 and colonels at the age of 30.

Now, today, nope. You need a bachelors, minimum. "Masters Preferred." Oh, and now you need some certifications and CPE. And then, and ONLY THEN, will we consider you for employment.

But the truly disgusting thing they're requiring you spend 4 unnecessary years and $150,000 in tuition isn't because you really need that level of training or education. The ONLY reason employers require all those credentials is so that they can (are you ready for it)....

more easily screen out resumes.

Think about that.

You are REQUIRED by today's employers to bust your ass off for 4-8 years, forking over $300 a credit, taking on $100,000 in debt JUST SO YOUR RESUME IS NOT TOSSED IN THE GARBAGE.

And thus, if you're "lucky" enough to get hired, you end up working some job you could have easily done at the age of 18 with 2-3 months training.

If the entire purpose of getting your college degree (advanced or not) is to merely jump through a hoop and NOT to increase your skills, then there is no merit in legitimately doing writing your own papers.

Second, speaking of a job that you could have done at the age of 18 without a masters, employers LIE ALL THE TIME on their job descriptions. NOT ONCE in the past 40 years has a job description in the history of job descriptions been accurate. Job descrptions are window-dressed to sound better than they actually are so that you more willingly take the job as well as lower pay. It's not until it's too late that you find out the "analytical work" you were supposed to do is "filing" and that the "challenging work environment" is not challenging for intellectual reasons, but because your boss is a psychopath. If they're going to lie on the job description, you owe them the courtesy of lying right back to them about all those "masters level courses you took."

Third, <u>most degrees are worthless</u>.

If you're going to become an accountant or a surgeon, then you should never hire this guys services. But if you are getting ANY degree in the liberal arts of humanities, then sorry, your degree is really worthless. You're not learning a skill. YOu're not learning a trade. You're learning theory, or just outright leftist brainwashing, that you will NEVER put into practice in the real world.

Since the degree is worthless and no measurable skill will be gained and therefore never

be tested, you might as well pay somebody to write your masters or doctoral thesis. From a purely economic point of view it will result in the same outcome.

Speaking of worthless degrees, fourth, most of academia is a scam.

It is.

You're told by teachers from k-12 to go to college.
You're told by cousnelors to go to college.
You're parents really don't know any better and regurgitate the same thing.
But where they totally screw you over is when they say, "follow your heart and the money will follow."

This then sets you on the path of majoring in touchy, feely, easy subjects you find interesting instead of a trade or major that will result in employment. And there is no limit to the number of colleges, professors, deans, and TA's that are MORE THAN HAPPY to lie right to you face about the merit and validity of majoring in "African American History" or "Women's Studies" or "Communications" or "Child Psychology." Because the truth is

where else are those talentless people going to work?

The best thing to do is avoid these charlatans. But if you're "already committed" to getting your Lego-Diploma, you might as well pay somebody else to jump through the unnecessary hoops for you.

Fifth, even if you are majoring in a legitimate field, the academian scum are still going to insist you pay more by forcing you to take pre-requisite classes that have NOTHING to do with your intended study. Here you may be majoring in something legitimate (engineering, accounting, etc.), but are forced to take "CISgendered Hating Male" studies.

Why do the work for something that is not pertinent to your intended career?

Return the favor to these frauds by being fraudulent yourself.

Sixth, the professors really don't care.

They don't. And neither do most deans. If the UNC scandal about African American studies doesn't do it for you, then my experiences at degree mills will.

The primary goal of most educational institutions is NOT to educate you, but get your money. This is why when I had 89% of my students plagiarize their college papers, the

dean did not kick them out, but forced me to allow them to write another paper. This is why when a student showed up drunk and punched me, they expelled him, but then let him back in.

Your generation is sadly filled with so many losers that the "adult" generations are bending over backwards to give you every excuse, every advantage, and every ounce of forgiveness. Yes they "say" you will be expelled, but I'm having a hard time trying to find deans and professors that give a damn about enforcing it (just look at Martin Luther King!)

Finally, if you outsource all the bullshit classes to Academic Composition, it will allow you to increase your credit load and therefore potentially get out of college a full year earlier. Outsourcing your paper writing will also allow you to work instead, helping keep your debt load low.

In short, the entire "college education" racket is precisely that - a racket, a scam. And coupled with masochistic reasons employers insist on "progressive credentialism" you should have the least bit of self-respect and return to them a proverbial finger by being just as disingenuous and fraudulent as they are.

Now, the caveats and legal disclaimer.

You run the risk of getting expelled. YOu run the risk of ruining your future. Matter of fact, don't do it. Just don't do it. Don't hire his services. Matter of fact, I'm going to say you WILL get expelled. 100% guarantee. Just ignore everything I said above. Just ignore how you are being royally screwed over by a fraudulent system. Just ignore that and be a good little boy or girl and behave.

You hire Academic Composition at your own risk.

Why Don't Men Want Children?

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Oh, let me count the ways.

(An absolute must podcast if you're looking for some humor in your day as well as serious commentary)

Wednesday Night Linkage

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Closing the female wage gap by asking women to volunteer and intern for free.

Aurini writes another low-brow, low-IQ post that is typical of his ho-hum topic selection. Damnit Aurini could you write something intelligent for once!

Hannah Smith - a genuine tyrant and (of course) liberal arts major.

Diversity burn out.

Based on analytics only 15% of my readership is female. That 15% is going to have a huge advantage over the remaining 85% in that they dare to simply listen to what men want.

After 60 odd years of life, 20+ years in radio, and 8 years after alternative media picked up on it, Joe Soucheray finally discovers the public school system is replacing families (around the 32 minute mark). I officially award him a "Welcome to the Party Pal" Award. (though the MSM is expected to pick up on this trend in 2058)

Why can't cool shit like this happen here so I can go look at it?

Destroy Your Retirement for Your Kid's Dumbass Degree

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Make sure worthless professors have a cushy retirement while you eat dogfood.

How "Intrinsic Value" is Derived from Ego and Sex

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In my mission to fully and completely understand the economics behind bitcoin I have gone through a handful of papers, scores of posts, and hours of podcasts. I viewed attaining a 100% economic understanding of bitcoin as an intellectual challenge and while I will write about it at a later point in time, I did accidentally have an epiphany about something else while listening to Peter Schiff and Stefan Molyneux talk about bitcoin. That epiphany specifically being intrinsic value.

Intrinsic value means, in simple terms, "real value." For example paper dollars do not have intrinsic value. It is only the goods and services you can purchase with said paper that does have "real value." However, gold does have intrinsic value because the gold itself is valuable.

Or is?

This is the problem I think very few economists think through about currencies, intrinsic value, and specifically gold and silver. We always assume gold and silver are valuable unto themselves, which made them the "ultimate" form of currency. But if you look throughout history, especially in places where there was no gold or silver, you'll find other "substitute currencies" popped up. Salt, shells, etc. Even today in prisons cigarettes manifest themselves as the default currency. In other words, the value of a currency isn't its "intrinsicness," but rather the physical qualities it has that makes it the ideal tool of exchange.

This results in a debate and is the essence of the debate Stefan Molyneux was having with Schiff - does a currency even need to have intrinsic value or just really good traits that makes it a superior currency.

Schiff argued that currencies like bitcoin and the dollar are not backed up by anything, which makes gold superior. But this then brings us back to whether or not gold actually has intrinsic value. However Schiff pointed out several times something that made me realize gold (and silver) do indeed have intrinsic value. Namely, gold can be used for ornamentation.

Now when I say, "ornamentation" that is the polite was of saying, "sex and ego." For while, yes, humans have always sought gold and silver, you have to ask why would they do so? What is in it for men to grab a hunk of metal that has not the function of iron or the usefulness of bronze?

You can get laid.

Gold was (and still is) nothing more than peacock-feather currency. It was a way to demonstrate you had wealth and power. With gold you could either directly purchase sex (either prostitution, supporting a concubine, or a wife...or 6) or at least demonstrate you were wealthy and powerful by adoring yourself or your house with it. Thus, gold, and by default, intrinsic value does not derive it's worth from something like "scarcity" (though it does need to be scarce) as much as it does play and ego.

If you don't believe me, think about a world without women.

What would happen to the price of silver, gold, and diamonds? Yes they have some industrial uses, and their scarcity and malleability would make them a decent currency, but they would not be trading anywhere near what they are today if there were no women to woo.

Therefore, we need to realize that functional currencies do not necessarily have to have intrinsic value. Gold and silver have adequate enough characteristics on their own that make them great currencies, just as bitcoin, shells, cigarettes and salt. But if you want something to have genuine "intrinsic value," something that goes beyond currency-functionality, then it needs to either stoke your ego or get you some play.

The rest are all truly fiat currencies or commodities.

Thursday Night Linkage

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This is the main reason I don't get a doctorate.

Remember my video about parents crippling their retirements to pay for their childrens' stupid degrees? I take that video back. I want stupid people to suffer. Especially when they pay for their precious little princess to major in this.

Three cheers for Patriarchy!

A nerdy white mathematician plies his trade, has success, and a feminist gets jel.

Teachers, please, get over yourselves. You are overpaid baby sitters for children whose parents love their careers more than them. You purposely and consciously chose to become teachers because it was easy and you got 3 months a year off. You are regularly at the bottom for IQ when it comes to IQ by major and your professional association (unions) are disproportionately responsible for the destruction of the family and the country. Please have a cup of STFU.

Is There Anything Worse Than "Christian Rock?"

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Yes, the upcoming movie called "Christian Mingle."

'Christian Mingle' is about a young, modern, single woman. She's trying to achieve it all – a successful career, amazing friends and finding Mr. Right. She stumbles into the world of online dating looking for an instant 'soul mate solution,' but ultimately ends up taking a personal journey transforming her life.'

Seriously guys, this is one of those instances where (after vomiting) you just sit back and enjoy the decline by enjoying others' misery.

No Mo Procrastination

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Before you enjoy this weekend, ensure you "do the right thing" and get these annoying chores off of your to do list:

1. Buy some silver or gold that you've always been intending to do, but haven't got around to it yet.

2. Buy you and your loved ones some safety gear and security-up your house.

3. Get a Rattlerstrap because...um...you might go hiking once it gets warm again.

Mention Cappy or Captain when you do!

Oh, and it's tax time too! Don't delay, and while we're at it, remember to check your nuts for testicular cancer!

Friday Night Linkage

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Shame works. It works better than anything Oprah ever did.

"Either there's a princess to save or we're razing it to the ground." A surprisingly good podcast about ammo starvation, Star Trek, D&D, and other geek culture that spreads to the rest of society.

Remember, Republicans are the party of "big business."

One of the more delicious morsels of enjoying the decline will be watching California take the brunt of it. Do you remember when California was like the pinnacle of American achievement? Neither do I. But I've seen old television shows.

We won't sleep with you if you vote this way!!!
"Yeah, but you weren't going to sleep with us anyway."
YEAH!!!!??? WELL!!! NOW WE WON'T FOR SURE!!!!
Ahhhh, isn't it great when feminists run out of ammo.

Slothful Saturday Linkage

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Bankers killing themselves. Let's hope for more!

Again, I ask, if feminists are so independent, then why do they constantly need more taxpayer money?

When Associate Degrees beat out Masters.

And I'd like to thank Improvement Movement for his review of Worthless.
However, remember, IF YOU DON'T TELL ME YOU WROTE A REVIEW I CAN'T GIVE DUE THANKS!

How to Self-Publish a Book

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People have been asking me (via Asshole Consulting) several times about how they should go about publishing their own book. This has been a common question so instead of charging for regurgitated information I put together this lengthy, but very helpful video.

Entrepreneurship: Officially the Dumbest Degree

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Book Review: The MBA Bubble

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The MBA Bubble, by Mariana Zanetti is about the only serious or significant book warning against the costs and consequences of getting an MBA. Readers here are already too aware of the education bubble and through reading either "Worthless" or my tirades against MBA's, you are fully inoculated against making such a mistake. However, for people contemplating an MBA, especially those who already have their undergraduate and are driftless in their professional lives, this book is a must just like a Polio vaccination.

Mariana writes from experience getting herself an MBA several years ago at a highly ranked program in Europe. She talks about the program, her experiences, etc., but more importantly for readers the consequences and post-MBA observations.

She explains how the schools make it seem like you should be HONORED to be accepted into their program and have the "right" to blow $100,000 on a two year program. She discusses how much personal time and effort is expended, where you sacrifice everything else in life to earn that almighty MBA. Then there is the job hunt where you slowly realize the whole thing was a masturbatory hogwash for professors who have no real world experience to screw you out of enough money you could have bought a house. And that is where the real lessons come in.

Career service centers that don't have any real jobs to offer you. The painassery in attending "job fairs" and networking events. The "hidden labor market" where you soon realize it is who you know, not what you know that gets you a job. And how employers love business schools because they generate obedient little cogs to put into their machine. Because of these experiences and observations, not only does the book serve as a warning to any would-be MBA pursuers, but as therapy for those unfortunate enough to have fallen for the MBA scam.

The only complaints I have are two:

1. My review has much more hatred, anger, and color in it than her book. She is nowhere near as angry and vicious as she should be. Or maybe she is, but does not allow it to show through her reading. She should be LIVID over just how she (and an entire generation) got screwed over, and should have eviscerated her school, her professors, and the entire industry. Instead she is overly polite, way too timid, and constantly provides caveats about "not all schools are like this" or "I definitely enjoyed my experience, but."

2. It sounds more like a diary than an expose. She does a great job telling stories from the front lines and her experiences, but delves a bit too deeply into them and the

emotional consequences, telling her personal story. Naturally this could be because I am an impatient, angry, hate-filled man, and women readers may actually like this aspect of it, but I personally was saying, "yeah, yeah, get to the point."

In short, this book would not be for any regular readers here on Cappy Cap (because we've known about the education bubble for about a decade now), but is a must for anybody either currently in or contemplating getting an MBA. My minor criticisms (opinions, actually) aside, the book is precisely what is needed in today's education industry and should be read by every undergraduate thinking about grad school. Of course, it is a self-published piece, and it goes against the trillion dollar annual scam academia has set up, so don't expect it to get out there through the traditional channels. It will be up to you to buy it or recommend it to a pertinent reader.

"I'm Too Busy Watching Rocky and Bullwinkle" Linkage

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Some "light" reading.

Davis Aurini mislabels his post, making it sound like professional women do not carry their weight. It should have been titled "Single Female Lawyer."

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When I'm dead, I just want them to say, "He opened our eyes to see what true evil teachers and the public schools really are.'

"The New School" - a Book Review

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The New School
112 pages
By Dr. Glenn Reynolds
Available on Amazon.

The New School by Dr. Glenn Reynolds is his latest essay into the foray of education in America. Like his previous work "An Army off Davids" it is a forward-looking book that attempts to predict what lies in store for the future of America, this time in terms of education.

I personally enjoy reading Dr. Reynolds because he writes well. Even if you don't agree with what he's saying (or you find the topic boring) the man takes the time to be clear, succinct, but, most importantly, thought-provoking. Without fail he always manages to make an observation or have an epiphany that I didn't, rendering me envious and, dare I say, a bit "cheated" as if Seinfeld were to say "Newman!!!" And here Dr. Reynolds does not fail again.

Using a combination of personal insights of the education industry (he works there), charty goodness, clear and damning statistics, as well as geometric logic Dr. Reynolds makes a score of predictions and observations. Education at all levels (K-12, college, graduate school) is approaching the point that it no longer is a wise investment with a positive ROI. From law schools producing twice the number of graduates than there are jobs, to a quadrupling of administrative staff with a stagnance in teaching faculty, to a quadrupling of property taxes with no improvement in academic performance, Dr. Reynolds makes the case that education is a money-losing proposition. He also notes people are getting wise to the scam education has become. Enrollments are down for collegiate enrollment, law schools are suffering a 50% drop in the past two years, and home-schoolers are on the rise while public schools are the ones closing shop. He then projects these trends into possible outcomes with universities cutting all programs until all they have left is a diversity department, the trades trouncing the humanities, online courses replacing K-12 brick and mortar schools, and unemployable mothers with their masters in English deciding to stay home and rear and educate their own children. Naturally, he admits he does not know how it will all turn out in the end, but at least provides a framework or an outline how the education industry may evolve.

There's just one problem - he's incredibly idealistic, almost bordering naive in my humble opinion.

Understand Glenn Reynolds has something the vast majority of his professor, dean,

chancellors, and K-12 peers don't - a soul.

Dr. Reynolds actually cares about education, cares about his students, and cares about the future. However, the vast majority of teaching staff today (K-college) are nowhere near as altruistic as he is. They first and foremost only care about themselves. They did not join the education industry for anything as noble as "the children" or "educating they future," as much as they did "summers off" and a morbid fear of math. They only care about making money, but they're so lazy rather than do something productive in the private sector they took the lazy man's way out and decided to "teach." Dr. Reynolds may disagree, but if there's any empirical proof to this it is the fact nearly 98% of college faculty religiously votes for socialism. Furthermore, all one has to do is look at the brainwashed, hate-filled, mindless zombies being graduated from the various "victim-studies degrees" programs and their equally hate-filled, racist and bigoted professors. The latest academian pablum of "privilege" and "CISgendered" not to mention outright calls for the killing of white males is proof this system is has been co-opted from an institution of education to one of politics and, like the equally evil Third Reich, needs to be completely destroyed.

Dr. Reynolds does admit there will be some political backlash. But I believe he completely underestimates this backlash thinking it will be pure economic reality that will simply override politics. In the end, yes, that will happen, because it has too. But it is in my opinion the millions of worthless individuals that are parasitically vested in education would rather destroy the country than give up their host. The adult-children protestors from the Wisconsin Public Schools who violently fought against Scott Walker's tame reforms are nothing compared to what the millions of students, millions of faculty members, and the millions of union members living off the university system will do when you force them to accept their true economic value is $0. You throw in the millions more students, faculty, and union members of the K-12 schools and reality be damned, they will hold the country and the parents' children hostage if they have to. ANYTHING to avoid real work.

Finally, Dr. Reynolds has way too much faith in parents and the modern population. Some parents do indeed care about their children. Some do indeed pay attention to the schools (some even paying extra for private schools, some staying home to school their kids). But most parents today are of my generation and they are just as greedy and self-centered as any other generation. They do NOT care about educating their kids as much as they do a government-financed daycare (no matter how craftily disguised as a "school") that allows them to jettison their kids as they pursue their careers. Throw on top of that that most people care more about Kim Kardashian than the federal (let alone local) budget and it really will have to be a Greek-like economic crisis that forces the education industry to reform, not a "great awakening" of parents who suddenly start homeschooling their kids en-masse.

This major disagreement, however, does not take away from the larger premise and points of the book.

Dr. Reynolds is right - the education industry is screwing over pretty much everybody.
Dr. Reynolds is right - people are getting wise and taking their money elsewhere.
Dr. Reynolds is right - online and home schooling will present a threat to the established cabal.
Dr. Reynolds is right - what is not sustainable will not continue on forever.

But the real reason to read this book (beyond the statistics, observations, predictions, etc., and what I personally liked most about it) is that Dr. Reynolds proves this evil and despicable industry is finally in decline. It is collapsing. The day is coming worthless professors will have to actually produce something of value to earn their keep in life (the segment where he talks about all the professors admitting there's something wrong alone is worth it). And if you're like me, a victim of worthless teachers, overhyped degree potential, and a constant barrage of socialist brainwashing from the country's most worthless profession, seeing them quake in their boots and get their upcoming due in slow motion is the epitome of enjoying the decline.

While Principal Theresa Nolan Educates Your Children

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I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats.

Education majors are the dumbest, laziest people there are. And you let idiots like this broad in to not only teach your children, but THEY'RE IN CHARGE OF THE TEACHERS!

Anybody want to guess?

Worthless liberal arts degree?
Ugly?
Well to do parents?
Never set foot in the private sector or held a real job?

I haven't looked her up. I just want to see if Ms. Nolan is another high scorer on The Clarey Test.

Mercy, and you wonder with affirmative action charity cases like this why your kids aren't getting educated.

I'm Blaming Marissa Mayer for Yahoo's Mail Problems

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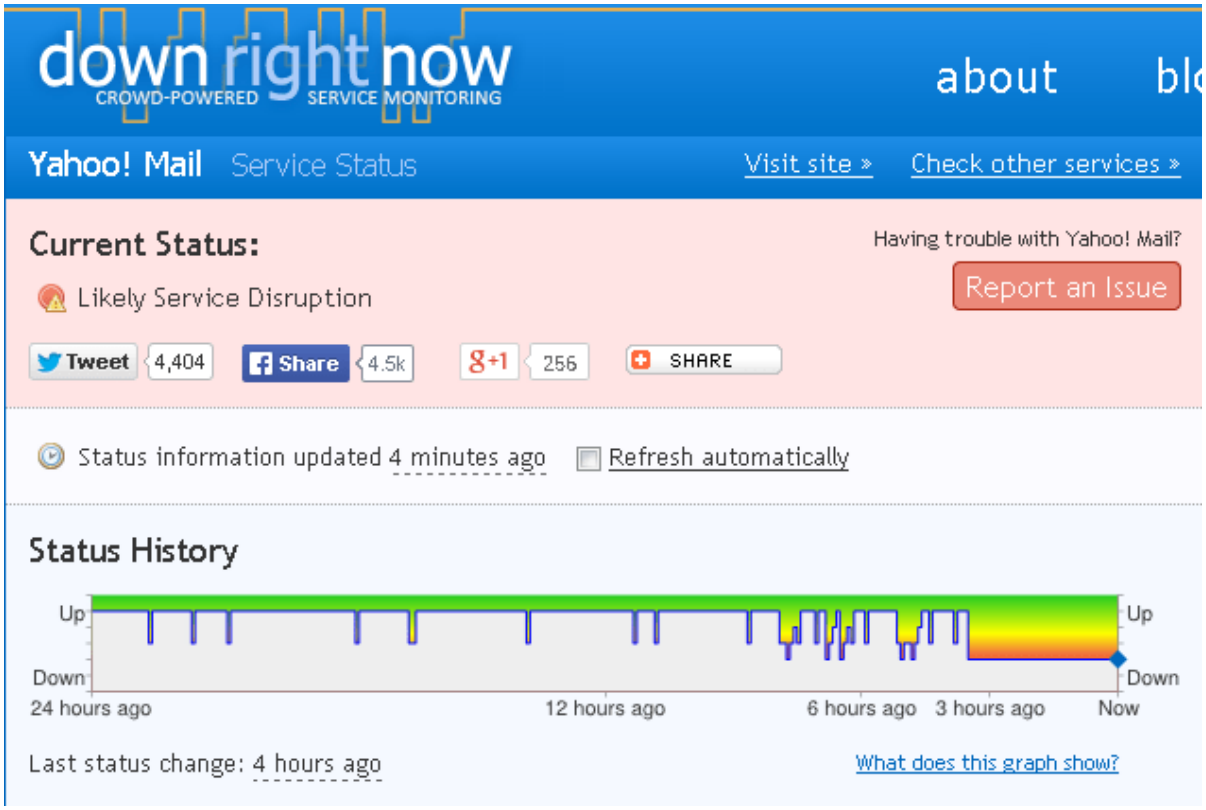
I want to introduce you to a website that I never knew existed, but thanks to Marissa Mayer and the deteriorating e-mail performance of Yahoo, I've had the honor of getting to know intricately.

www.downrightnow.com

You see, it has been a weekly event that the ole Captain wakes up and logs into his e-mail account to see if any of you lieutenants, agents in the field, economists or chillllldren have something important to tell me. You know, links, thanks for the book, I hate your guts, that kind of thing. But whilst the ole Captain can log in all his site does is freeze because Marissa and pals have overloaded their e-mail with advertising.

Of course, if you didn't know this or about the above-mentioned site, you would think there's something wrong on your end. So you spend an hour of your precious finite life trouble shooting something that isn't your problem. But instead, here is the problem:



Now I really don't care that Marissa Mayer became CEO. Women can and do make fine CEO's. But when the performance of the company and its products just spectacularly tank whilst coinciding with a new CEO, I'm prone to believe the primary cause is that

CEO.

Of course, good luck finding any articles about her performance that is critical. It's all about her having a baby, her setting up nurseries, and whether or not a "woman can have it all." But this IS actually the core of the problem. Instead of focusing on the shareholders and customers the media is focusing on politics and gender. So much so the primary article being shoved in my face from searching for Ms. Mayer is about her giving a speech.

I don't want to have articles about her as a person.
I don't want to have articles about whether she's making the company go green or not.
I don't give a damn about whether the nurseries at Yahoo Corporate increase employee satisfaction.
And I don't give a shit about her fucking speech.

I want to know why my god damned e-mail is down.

And until the media (and corporate America) refocuses their attention on profits and not this modern-day-touchy-feely-CSR-diversity bullshit soap opera, you can expect more and more businesses to fail.

You Should Judge a Book By It's Cover

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A post that warranted a stand alone link.

The "I Love You Hannah Smith" Podcast

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In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast Aaron:

explains just how cold it can get in Minnesota,
wood inventory management, ponders the life of a troll,
how the Greatest Generation is a hard act to follow,
shows how feminism is indeed a cancer on society,
obliterates the stupidity of Obama's "MyRA's,"
and reads a letter from our Romanian Agent in the Field

and more! Download and tell friends!

Horses and Herpes

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An interesting little tidbit you may not know about the Cappy Cap online media empire is that my demographics vary greatly depending on the social media I'm using. Also interesting is there is little overlap or cross over between say my "viewers" on my youtube channel vs. "readers" on my blog.

What this has resulted in is me having to repeat some of the wise wisdom I passed along ages ago here on the blog on my alternative channels today. Naturally we want to convey the MOST IMPORTANT lessons immediately so as to do the most good for our Youtube, Twitter, podcast, etc., bretheren, so I decided today to convey the very important lesson about horses.

You all know my disdain for horses, and I don't wish to reiterate what you already know, but I want to convey just how real the problem is with a comment from the Youtube:

[redacted] 16 minutes ago

You know, I felt like I would disagree, even be a tad offended, but you know what, you are quite correct.

My mother has horses. We're not a rich bunch, however we are in a big shit ton of trouble right now due to having to pay for those horses. It has caused arguments, financial problems, responsibilities (as in I or my brothers will get screamed at to clean and feed her horses), and it's just so annoying, and we're getting to a stage where we either have to get rid of them or we go homeless and they get taken regardless. Only problem is, my older brother is in need of care due to his mental issues (not complete psycho or incapable, just very vulnerable, anxiety, depression, and so on), and my little brother who is fifteen.
I brought it up to her that it may come to it that they have to go, otherwise we're going to be dragged down and the horses will have to go regardless. My God, the amount of shit I had to put up with for even suggesting a very possible scenario that could harm our family due to the horses made her go crazy.

Literally, everything you said here hit the nail on the head for my family. Shit, don't even get me started on the family friend that stayed with us who had a horse staying with out horses, too.

You know, now realizing, horsey people are a bit crazy.

Titillating Tuesday Linkage

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Over the counter paternity tests - how long until the government bans you say?

Dr. Helen reviews Bachelor Pad Economics!

Oregon - a place you should already be smart enough never to move to.

Uncle Jay explains the boomer obsession with the Beatles. (get it "Beat"les, clever huh).

I'd like to say, "thank god! You're finally out of our way!" But unfortunately the replacements are even worse.

The ROI of college degrees with (OH NOES!!!!) THE MATHS!!!!!!!
So basically, STEM majors will understand the article and humanities majors will claim it's a Euro-male construct designed to oppress people who can't do THE MATHS!

The Parasitic Human Bubble

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First there was the dotcom bubble. Companies magically were 400% more valuable because you put a ".com" at the end or an "e-" or "i-" at the beginning of a company's name.

Then there was the housing bubble. Housing always goes up and ignore those liberals jacking up your property taxes making home ownership mathematically and factually a perpetuity liability.

And naturally there's the education bubble. "Major in what you want and the money will follow!" "Any degree is good degree!" "It'll open up doors!" And thus came a wave of puppetry degrees, "Beyonce Studies," and "CIS-Gendered-Hermaphrodite-Peruvian-Lesbian-Poety" majors.

But while all of these bubbles did (and will have) devastating consequences for the economy....

"do you recall...the most devastating bubble of them all?"

We can focus on individual sectors such as technology, real estate and education, but the largest and granddaddiest bubble is about to happen. And it isn't going to hit a "sector" or a specific "industry" but pretty much half our population, and by default consume the remaining half - the parasitic human bubble.

Understand that since the "Great Society" the United States (and most western nations) have been championing the losers of society. Originally it was set out with good intentions. Who doesn't want to help the poor? Who doesn't want to help the disadvantaged? Who doesn't want their fellow man to succeed and thrive? But as we all know the road to hell is paved with good intentions and what once may have started out as a charitable endeavor quickly turned into a political tool for the left to bribe blocks, segments, divisions and groups of people into voting for them. And as human nature is prone to do, the beneficiaries of these government programs raced to the bottom. They didn't take the proceeds and use it to improve their lives, but instead used it to loaf around and enjoy leisure. They didn't take the government cheese as a temporary measure to increase their skills to start a new successful career, but as a way to take a permanent vacation. And they didn't view this charity as "other kind and generous people's money," but rather an entitlement they deserved.

Fast forward several generations and throw in a good solid mix of socialist brainwashing from the public schools and media, and you now have a solid 50% of the population that

is dependent upon the other half for their livelihood. And not only are they parasitical, they are mentally brainwashed to see nothing wrong with it, some even hating and loathing their benefactors.

Sadly, for the beneficiaries and the benefactors (more accurately, parasites and producers), this system cannot last. For there are some Malthusian mathematical limits inherent into this system. What those precise limits are is hard to say, but sooner or later the number of parasites will grow to the point they will out-consume what the producers can possibly produce.

And that's when the Parasitic Human Bubble will burst.

Like the housing bubble or the dotcom bubble, it's hard to predict precisely how it will burst.

It could be dramatic where one day the EBT cards won't work, the TANF check bounces, or the WIC office is closed. The parasitic humans will get upset, raid the local grocery store or Wal-Mart before they starve, but this will only exacerbate their problems as on the supply side stores will close and refuse to be re-supplied. Once their pilfered supplies run out, the parasitic humans will be forced to forage for food elsewhere forcing them into areas where people are more heavily armed, overly-taxed, and quite pissed off about being forced to support a parasitic class for decades. Riots and firefights break out and in comes the National Guard. Martial law is established, rationing is enforced, but this only sends us down the spiral further and faster as such restrictions grind the economy to a halt, and society inevitably collapses.

It could be slow and controlled. Politicians, even though incredibly stupid and corrupt, are forced to see the simple mathematical fact they don't have the money to maintain their bribery and are forced to slowly cut the supply of resources to the parasitic classes. The parasitic humans complain and get angry (ever see the teachers union complain about a "*cut in the* ***INCREASE***" of their budget and scream bloody murder?), but not enough to riot or cause civil disorder. Unfortunately, for the leftist politicians, they are mathematically forced to commit to this new strategy of amortizing down the benefits of the parasitic humans, and over time slowly alienate their voter base. It is possible, over time and over generations, the parasitic humans are forced to learn independence, self-reliance, heck, even "achievement," "entrepreneurship," and "excellence," but regardless of personal economic epiphanies, the parasite human bubble slowly deflates. Of course the economy doesn't "boom" because of the crippling debt load we've taken on paying for bread and circuses and so the United States is relegated to a half-century-long stagnation like Japan or Italy. Malaise sets in and western civilization stops advancing.

Whichever scenario the outcome is not "good." But the point I'm trying to make is one of:

"*Stand back and look at just how stupid it is we are arguing about this. How far gone is society that I even have to write about this?*"

What did you expect when you let half your population believe "there's such a thing as a free lunch?" What were you thinking constantly advocating victimization, woeismeism, and parasitism? What did you think the consequences were going to be? Set your crafty, dishonest, disingenuous, made-out-of-whole-cloth academian arguments of "sexism" "racism" "class warfare" "evil corporations" aside, deep down inside you know that

mathematically
factually
in the real world

a society cannot exist where one half loafs off of the other half in the long run.

And the simplicity of this fact does not debunk it. Matter of fact, it only reinforces it and exposes the "elaborate" socio-political-economic arguments people on the left make for the smoke screens they are. They are masking the fact they are one of four things:

1. Evil - for knowingly lying to parasitic humans about economic reality so that they may benefit politically
2. Dumb - for actually BELIEVING in such idiocy that half a population is somehow "entitled" or "deserves" the production of the other half, AND that somehow that system is sustainable
3. Intellectually Lazy - because to take the time to think things economically through, not to mention look at budgets is too much effort for most leftists
4. All of the Above - Which is the category I find most leftists fall into

Thankfully, I will suffer very little of the consequences of leftists' stupidity. I will likely die before the United States and western civilization "really" collapses or ends. Additionally, history will be on sanity's side as historians 2,000 years from now look at dependency ratios and ask "WTF were those leftists idiots thinking!?" But most importantly I don't have kids who will suffer the consequences of my generation's idiotic leftist decisions. This is the "true" revenge I will savor and salivate over, for most leftists are so dumb and intellectually lazy (not to mention arrogant) they will NEVER admit they're wrong. It's too core to their ego and pride. And either out of ignorance or ego most will have children and bring them into this world. A world they created, a world they made, a world they are completely responsible for, and one that will be terribly unkind to their genetic skin in the game.

Enjoy the decline, lefties. Enjoy that freaking decline.

Wascally Wabbit Wednesday Linkage

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"Horoscopes" - That's all you have to say. "Horoscopes"

Davis Aurini with his latest podcast. As always it's mind-numbingly boring. He discusses why it's futile to argue with leftists, the stupidity of Valentines Day and talks a little science fiction.

How come cowards like this don't show up at my house? Oh, that's right, they're wearing masks. They're cowards, and they know they'd be greeted by a hail of gunfire if they set foot on my property.

Stingray brings back a classic.

HAR!!!!!!

Land of the free. Home of the slaves. How much you want to bet those young kids are going to take the deal from the devil and STILL vote democrat?

If You Argue With Turkeys, You Can't Debate Eagles

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In Aurini's latest podcast he delves into detail explaining the "debate" structure of grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Grammar basically meaning you all have to agree on the definitions and meanings of words. Logic meaning you have to be intellectually honest and adhere to associative rules and other logical concepts that ensure integrity. And rhetoric meaning you apply it in the real world or test one another's arguments with anecdotes from reality. If both parties in a debate or even a discussion have these three things, then the conversation/debate is much more productive and progresses towards an inevitable "conclusion," "reality" or agreement.

What's funny though is for the longest time I never viewed debate as a cooperative effort, but rather an adversarial one. One of competition. One where you had an enemy that needed to be defeated. Of course, this was the sad consequence of growing up with the mentally deficient people that populated my generation. Parties I attended in my 20's I was regularly attacked and berated for being a conservative. Debates in college (or even post college) were filled with emotion and vitriol. And in nearly 100% of the cases my opponents degraded into name calling, ad hominem attacks, accusations of "ism," or being a nazi, etc. But Aurini's podcast and points made me realize and appreciate something that I don't think too many "Alt-Right, Econo, or Manosphereians" are aware of and something that didn't hit the ole frontal lobes until just now. And that is:

Just how liberating and freeing-of-the-mind the Manosphere/Alt Right/Econosphere is in terms of debate and discussion.

Whether you realize it or not, chances are you haven't really had any REAL debates in your teens, 20's, even 30's or 40's. What you HAVE HAD is a person with superior:

knowlegde
information
intellectual honesty
maturity
grammar
logic and
rhetoric

trying to explain to idiots, ideologues, and zealots (who not only lacked the aforementioned, but had no desire to pursue truth) why they're wrong.

The results are something we're all familiar with. Frustration. People yelling at you. People getting emotional. Death threats. Anger. Etc. And the reason why is that you

are arguing at a level much higher and much loftier than they are.

The reason is simple. You are interested in the truth. And you are just as likely to admit you are wrong or ignorant in certain matters than you are to claim you are right because you have no emotional or psychological attachment to your arguments or ideology. Matter of fact you don't have an ideology. Ideologies and religions are beneath you. You just, in a very scientific manner, want KNOWLEDGE, FACTS, and TRUTH. The same cannot be said for the majority of people.

The majority of people are weak-minded. They are also lazy. However, they are also egotistical (especially Americans) and so their mind reaches for something that will not only allow them to claim some kind of intellectual "superiority" or "achievement," but also allow them to do so with no work.

Going green
Protesting
Claiming they're a caring liberal
Joining a religion
Going vegan
Becoming a professor
etc.

This not only results in them living in a delusional, non-real world, but also makes them emotionally and egotistically invested in keeping up their ideological facade. Thus, when you make impassionate, logical, stoic arguments of fact, math, and statistics you (consciously or not) pierce their ego, expose their charade, and therefore trigger a visceral, emotional, and often hate-laden response from them.

Sadly, this relegates you to throw a pitched battle every time about your ethics, morality, etc. etc., as you are forced to respond to their emotional outrage. The original debate is quickly forgotten as you find yourself defending your morality, your ethics, why you don't love Hitler and why you don't eat babies for breakfast. But what you DON'T realize (and what I just realized now) is how in having to throw these constant, unrelated pitched battles, your debate, discussion or conversation stagnates. Your ability to advance understandings of politics, economics, philosophy, etc. is arrested. And the reason why is that while YOU may be interested in using debate to advance your understanding of different things in life, your opponents RARELY have the same aim. Your opponents are constantly in an emergency scramble to defend their hypocrisy, and thus your "debating skills" are stunted.

Enter the internet, namely the alt-right spheres and especially The Manosphere.

Not that there is 100% complete agreement here, but unlike the general population, most

participants here care about the truth. And while certain factions may have their disagreements, in the end we all agree we "want to get to the bottom of things." This not only results in a more cordial and polite debating environment, but (most importantly) one that is VASTLY MORE PRODUCTIVE AND EFFICIENT.

Reading the alt-right and Manosphere alone in the past three years has advanced my understanding of philosophy, human psychology, and debating skills more than the previous 20 years of my life. Instead of constantly defending my honor, never getting to the point where I can prove "government spending is 40% GDP," and that I am indeed not a Nazi, those calories of energy are instead spent, nay, invested in either further testing out my own ideas or considering and contemplating others'. Pioneering new lights of thought, and pushing philosophical boundaries. Additionally, in not having to argue with solipsistic adult-children who are only concerned about their egos, nearly 100% of efforts (on both sides of the argument) are put towards advancing and achieving knowledge. In other words the Manosphere's engine of debate is infinitely more efficient than Jezebel's or the Troll section of Reddit.

Naturally, detractors will claim this is merely advocating an echo chamber. That I only want to hear what I want to hear. But to that I say, "bullshit." One, I and the likes of me had to endure the completely emotional and dishonest whining that passes for "debate" in post-WWII generations (and therefore are intricately aware of exactly what kind of "debating" is going on) for the past 40 years. We have been in anything but an echo chamber. Two, the knowledge, wisdom and education I've gained from reading, debating, and listening to the likes of Stefan Molyneux, Dennis Prager, Roissy, Tom Leykis, etc., again, dwarfs what I learned the previous 20 years past. Three, nearly everything that has been said, discussed, discovered, or theorized about in the Manosphere/Alt-right has proven true, especially in the rhetorical or "field testing" stage. And, four, that's rich! Leftists, who mire themselves in academia, media, and government claiming *we're* in an echo chamber?

The sad truth is that the majority of people under 60 lack the intellectual honesty in this country to pursue truth because it not only would force them to realize hard-work is a necessity for success, but they themselves are living a lie and are, quite frankly, a bunch of losers. And given the amount of money (both earned and borrowed) that has gone into satiating all of our material desires, not to mention the billions of hours of self-aggrandizing bullshit the media how blown up every Americans' dirt chutes, there's no "reasoning with them" or genuinely "arguing with them." They are on full-automatic zombie-liberal and are impervious to logic, facts, statistics, truth, or reality. And it is because of that I suggest if you are one of the rare eagles out there who seek truth and reality, that you stop trying to debate turkeys and come join us eagles here in the Alt-Right and Manosphere.

Apparently Some People Find Reading Enjoyable

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I am flattered when readers/viewers/listeners ask me if I've written anything else. And the truth is yes, I have.

While most people focus on "the big three" (Worthless, Enjoy the Decline, and Bachelor Pad Economics) the majority of my readership is unaware of my first book "Behind the Housing Crash" as I've gained about 70% of my current day readership AFTER the book was released.

Not that you don't know what the outcome of the housing bubble has been (yes, it did crash, and yes, the economy did tank btw), but if you are looking for kind of a "Sam Spade" "film noir" themed book that focuses on financial analytical work instead of detective work, Behind the Housing Crash is it.

It basically is an expose that chronicles my trials and tribulations being a "credit analyst" in the banking industry during the buildup to the bubble. The reason I mention I was a credit analyst is because that is where the rubber hit the road. As an analyst it was my job to assess and judge the quality and credit of the potential borrower. For the most part, the VAST majority of loans that came across my desk were absolute junk. HOWEVER, management, bankers, mortgage brokers, and the entire housing and banking industries were completely dependent either through commission or sales on getting the loans approved. Naturally this resulted in conflict where you had nothing short of the most corrupt and idiotic bosses ramming heads with the sane and virtuous underdog, and consequently a good story.

However, at the time I was an analyst, and even while writing the book, I did not have the hindsight or bird's eye view I do today of the banking industry. I was still partially under the belief I was a "bad employee" and that my supervisors were "wiser, older" people. But when I found out the FBI was investigating one of the clients of my most hated banker (you'll have to read the book for details), the wool was pulled from my eyes and I transformed into the modern day, hate-filled, "fuck authority" incarnation of Cappy you all love and cherish today. Regardless, because I was at the bottom, it really does provide a "Peter Gunn" detective theme to the book.

Naturally we all know what happened to the housing bubble. Naturally we all know that I was proven right and that most bankers are scum deserving of the most painful death imaginable. But if you want a "behind the scenes" slash "war stories from the front lines" slash "who dunnit" slash "Tracer Bullit" kind of book, Behind the Housing Crash is the book to read.

Blogroll Addition

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HBD Chick is now officially a lieutenant.

New Podcast Added to Umm..."Podcastroll?"

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Ed Driscoll is now officially in the house.

Keep him away from the whiskey.

There's Always ALWAYS a Catch with Women

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Just helping out the boys.

Friday Night Linkage

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Damnit, I wish bloggers would come up with something intelligent to write about.

I love it when people who have nothing going on in their lives cheer for the "local team" when the "local team" has NOBODY from the state playing on it. Reminds me of the Nika Riots with the red and the blues...or was it the blues and the greens? What does it matter. Mindless idiots who get pissed off when "their" team loses deserve to suffer the sadness.

HAR!!!!!!!!

Astrology is not a science. But don't tell Jezebel readers that.

Happy Valentines Day for all the girls with moxie and grrrrrl power!

The Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan keeps looking better and better.

A perfect example of how leftists ~~debate~~ shift, squirm, lie, and retreat.

Affirmative action in STEM is so bad.
HOW BAD IS IT?
It's so bad that to teach programming you don't even need to know how to code if you're a girl.
Filed under "The Maths are hard! Teee hee!" Hat tip.

Have You Hugged Your Aggregators Today?

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Viva La Manosphere? Huh, did you send him some love?

Delusion Damage? Did you visit him this week? Huh? Didja?

The Red Pill Reddit Forum? Those guys are new. Been getting some traffic from them recently.

Morning News Telegraph? Bet you didn't visit him!

Well, get to it now. Your aggregators need love too!

Pretty Lies or Harsh Truth: Choose

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You have a choice when it comes to consultants.

Suits bilking you at $500 per hour to tell you pretty lies about how YOU aren't the problem, but rather umm...."synergies" or um... you need to "leverage your core competencies"...and umm...."you are beautiful just the way you are and if any man can't see that well then to hell with him!"

OR

An asshole who will tell you the truth and say

"You're an incompetent boss and can't manage for shit."
"You fucking idiot, you don't even have a corporate strategy! How the fuck are your employees supposed to know what to do during downtime."
"You're fat. Lose the freaking weight."

and only charge you $40.

The choice is clear - Asshole Consulting.

Everybody has problems. But only assholes will tell you to your face that you're the problem. May sting, may suck, but in the end it's:

INFINITELY cheaper and
INFINITELY more effective

because it's based in reality.

Just look at how successful all those 50 something women are who did what Oprah told them! Aren't they the happiest, never-divorced lot you've ever seen? Oh, wait, that's right, they believed in lies because it didn't hurt their precious feeeeeeeeelingggsssss.

Fuck your feelings. You need reality. You need the truth. And you need it cheap.

You need Asshole Consulting.

Saturday Linkage

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Cotto interviews Roosh about political correctness.

Our Affirmative Action Military - Cherish Byers

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Cherish Byers, class A affirmative action cunt.

The Latest Trend in Daddy Issue Induced Body Mutilation

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Tongue splitting.

Here's some of the results! (warning graphic)

Just a couple observations if you'll permit me.

1. Boys, hurry up and score one of these fine young ladies before they're all gone!
2. How many OWS vs. Tea Partiers do you think have this?
3. Please do not tell me that western civilization can be turned around, let alone deserves to be
4. How many STEM majors do you think have this done versus liberal arts?

Enjoy the decline people. Enjoy that freaking decline.

You Can't Say I Didn't Try

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Let it be known I tried to save a young girl from going to law school.

Let it be known that like an older brother or tough fatherly figure, I tried to prevent what was likely a leftist liberal arts major from making a life crippling decision.

Let it be known that I am not an "asshole" for speaking the truth, but rather quite the opposite.

Though, let it be known when I tried to tell somebody the truth, I am consequently called an "asshole."

Not only do I want this to be up here for posterity's sake, but I now open the floor to predictions. You may commence.

David Joins the Bachelor Pad

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Latest review of Bachelor Pad Economics.

Not joking guys, this is "THE" book to buy. And ladies, you'd stand to gain more from reading this book than most of your college classes.

Dear Public Sector Workers, You're All a Bunch of Wimps

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I'm going to be brief.

Most public sector employees have no idea what a real job is, what it means to truly suffer, and have not the faintest clue what "strife" is.

I've never seen government budgets cut in REAL TERMS (none of this "decrease in the increase" bullshit they pass on as if you cut off their right arm), and I've never seen massive layoffs as has occurred in the private sector. I've also never seen anything approach real work and real rigor. The adult-children working as government baby-sitters, euphemistically called "teachers," make it seem like they have the "most difficult job on the planet," when in reality they are weak, they are wimps, and they are pansies.

I know myself and the three other private sectors workers in the country have had an infinitely more difficult time than our public sector ~~whiners~~ counterparts. And I say that not out of woeismeism, but because it's true. The average private sector employee not only has to work harder, work longer, and work according to (sort of) principles of production, but is more prone to layoffs, firings, whimsical psycho-bosses, and is at the mercy of the economy. We get to fret about not making ends meet. We have to ACTUALLY PAY FOR OUR OWN REITREMENTS AND INSURANCE PLANS. And there's the never-ending CPE/progressive credentialism bullshit.

The public sector? HA!

I YEARN for the day to see in the newspaper "Minneapolis Public Schools lay off 25% of their employees."

I would LOVE to see on the Drudge Report, "Department of Health forced to restructure to cut costs by 30%."

Just ONCE I'd like to see the public sector pansies walk a mile in their private-sector brother's shoes.

Instead you see this insipid cry-babying from genuine children who just happened to have hit puberty 30 years ago.

Thankfully, this system cannot go on forever. And it won't. The day will come that the public sector will have to cut back or not receive anything at all. Politicians will of course

use it as a voting block/Keynesian-failed-stimulus tool until that time, but you can't have a country where the entirety of GDP is comprised of:

Teachers
Social workers
AFSCME janitors
Case managers
Cops
Firefighters
DOT workers

You need the private sector because ALL wealth comes from it.

The rest of you are factually economically parasitical. Could you please stop being cry-babies on top of it?

Monday Night Linkage

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Those stupid Russians who actually LIVED under communism. Don't they know they did it wrong and our super-awesome intelligent professors are superior to them?

Speaking of the stupidity of communism and an overly large state. Banning laced panties.
You leftists really do hate fun, joy, love, and good looking people, don't you?

They can't tolerate men...but they all want to be married....thus...they want the benefits, but none of the work because....they would have to think of somebody other than themselves...thus the mannequins.

It's "Da Jooz!"

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What's great about blaming "the Jews" for everything, is that it guarantees the blamers will forever fail in life because they never identify, let alone address the real problem - themselves.

Just a Mustard Seed of Doubt

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If you are a true and genuine Christian (or any SINCERE and LEGITIMATE religious person) the following post does not pertain to you.

If you are a family member that wants to maintain some facade of "Goodie Goodie Jesus Rah Rah Yea" then you may not want to read ahead.

For the rest of you intrepid intellectually honest intellectuals, let me tell you a story.

If you want to know where my wit and cleverness comes from, it comes from one person and one person only:

My Uncle Jeff.

Jeff was like me. Small, skinny. But while growing up I noticed he was INCREDIBLY quick, clever, and even charming. It wasn't until I became a student of Victor Borge did I realize what qualities and traits both had in common. And so from the age of 13 or so, I fashioned myself after Uncle Jeff.

This decision sent me on the trajectory that landed me here today and is (what I would boldly guess) is why many of you tune into my blog/podcast/whatever. I'm not the same ole same ole. I come up with the occasional witticism. And above all else, I'm a little bit smarter than the average bear.

Thank my Uncle Jeff for that.

Sadly, Uncle Jeff contracted cancer at a young age. Fight it as he may, in the end he lost and died in his mid 50's. Knowing this was coming and feeling bad I had not spent as much time with my psychological mentor as much as I would like, I drove from Minneapolis to Appleton to visit him at the hospital.

When I visited him he was still, without skipping a beat, good ole Uncle Jeff.

Witty, clever, and smart.

And though we never really had a ton of time together, there was an understanding that he was my uncle, I looked up to him, and maybe he could have picked up a clue or two that I fashioned myself after him. He was happy I was there, and I was feeling guilty for not spending as much time with him as I would have liked.

But, as would be the case with all men facing cancer, death, and mortality, our conversation took a turn towards him reflecting on himself, his life, and his beliefs. But unlike most of the automotonic-Christians that had visited him before, I wasn't a Christian. I was the black sheep of the family. He knew I didn't care about the afterlife. He knew I was the outlier in the family. And so, because I had this reputation, our conversation became rather and ironically...

truthful.

It was there that my Uncle Jeff admitted that deep down inside, despite 50 years of TRULY RELIGIOUS ADHERENCE to the faith and Christ, he really didn't know if he believed any of it. This coming from a man who was the epitome of devout. He attended every Sunday. No doubt tithed. Donated time and volunteered at the church. You could NOT be a "better Christian" than Uncle Jeff.

But there he laid in the hospital bed, hooked up to an IV, and after half a century of life plus, admitted to me that deep down inside he didn't believe it.

I had nothing to say. NOthing religious anyway because I got rid of religion as quickly as a sailor can get rid of the clap. But being out of the "system" for 20 years didn't leave me without explanation or thought on the matter. And so I told my greatly-respected Uncle Jeff what I thought.

"*You don't know, I don't know, and nobody else knows what's on the other side. But I'll tell you this. It can't be anything great, grandiose, let alone horrible, and CERTAINLY NOT LONELY because 50 billion people have gone before you. And you, nor I, nor anybody else is special.*"

I don't know if it did anything to assuage him, but based on the smirk I got, I like to think it did. That where some guy nailed to a cross, and 50 years of unsubstantiated lies, and an entire religion without empirical proof FAILED to provide one of its most devout followers solace, an asshole heathen with a bit of streets smarts, cynicism, and elementary logic succeeded.

Within a month we were at Uncle Jeff's funeral. There in attendance was the preponderance of good Wisconsin Synod groupies including everything from my former-pastor father, to ~~nazi concentration camp~~ Lutheran teachers, to a hypocritical brother who conveniently finds "god" every time he lands in jail, to all the "good Christians" in SWPL goodie-2-shoes Appleton. And my stomach churned as I saw the pastor officiating the event show picture after picture of Uncle Jeff, hidden in the background of various church photographs "proving" Uncle Jeff was indeed a good Christian.

There is no doubt my great and awesome Uncle Jeff was a good Christian.

There is no doubt that my Uncle Jeff was one of the best people to walk this planet.

But if there is a lesson to take from Uncle Jeff it's that deep down inside that the VAST MAJORITY of you Christians (as well as all other religious folk) KNOW for a FACT it is all

BULLSHIT.

I am at a point in my "philosophizing" where I no longer care about arguments, facts, truth, statistics, etc., as much as I am the MIND-BLOWING ability of the average human mind to IGNORE AND REFUTE said things. That I am flabbergasted as to how much time, effort, resources and money childish human minds will KNOWINGLY go to defend an FACTUALLY WRONG AND ERRONEOUS system.

Fuck "allegiances."
Fuck "social networks."
Fuck "fear of ostracism from society."

How can ANYBODY believe in such poppycock as religion?

The simple answer is, "they can't" and "they don't."

It's all a fucking show for superficial reasons.

Networking, familiality, tribalism, survival, you name it. In the end it is just an elaborate version of "the emperor has no clothes."

And thus, I wanted to plant that mustard seed of doubt. Because I know, I KNOW FOR A FACT

EVERY
SINGLE
ONE
OF
YOU

have that doubt in your heart.

And based on the quality and caliber of most "christians" I see today, you fail, EPICALLY against my Uncle Jeff in terms of sincerity, penitence, honor, and self-reflection.

Thus relegating your "religion" into nothing more than a god damned social club.

Enjoy "hell"...that is of course assuming you ever really, truly believed it in the first place.

Post post - apparently this is needed. I'm agnostic. Not atheist.

For Your Audio Pleasure

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Was shopping. Head this song on over their music system. Tracked it down and found it. One of the best songs I've heard in a long time:

Which leads me to a question:

Has anybody else noticed music really hasn't changed since grunge took over in the 90's?

I Love a Captive Audience

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Hospitals and laid up patients make for a great "forced market" for my book.

The Latest Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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In this latest episode I discuss how I will be going "curse free" for a week as a request from several people to see if it boosts readership. I also delve into why people curse, why it's good to have hate and anger, and opine how cushy life must be for people who don't curse. I ask what the deal is with the robots during the intermission of NFL games. Is that manly? Is that cool? Also, a review of The Lego Movie which leads to a plea for adults to not forget what it was like to be a child.

Also, don't forget last week's episode which apparently nobody knew about!

Treating "The Feminine Mystique" As An Equal Male

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aka "holding it up to logic, reason, reality and sanity."

ie- treating it like a male.

I don't like to read. And the heck if I was going to read "The Feminine Mystique." but Davis Aurini and Sunshine Mary are going to read it and give it the once over from a non-feminist mind.

Davis' assessment of the first chapter here.

Sunshine Mary's assessment here.

A piece of me wants to say say your stereotypes ere wrong, that there is indeed something in "The Feminine Mystique," but already it looks like the typical whinny blathering of a spoiled American who didn't appreciate what she had. Someone who BLATANTLY values a career more than her children or family. Somebody who (if I weren't so lazy, I'd look up the author and her background) would probably score a 3 or higher on The Clarey Test.

Naturally detractors will claim we're all sexists and can only view things from a male/patriarchical mind/blahfreaking blah blah blah. But the great thing about The Manosphere is that we're done with the "trying to be understanding, open-minded, and cognizant of our unconscious biases." These people are unrepentantly devouring the book and making blunt, truthful, and direct assessments of "The Feminine Mystique" and don't give a damn about trying to be "fair." Their assessment is going to be what it is without remorse or the consideration of people's feelings.

And that should scare the hell out of feminists that for once some adults are dissecting it.

Regardless, it's just more proof why Bill Burr's "Most Difficult Job on the Planet" is pure brilliance.

Any Mandarin Speakers Out There?

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Howdy all,

I want to put together a project, but would need an interpreter.

Anybody out there fluent in Mandarin?

Why You'll Never Have a Good Job

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My latest piece at ROK.

An excerpt:

*You are going in there, day in, day out, to f*ck that company out of as much money for as little work as possible before you throw it away like the slut you picked up at the bar last Friday. You will pump and dump your employer.*

Peter Gibbons is the New John Galt

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Enjoy the Decline!

Wednesday Night Linkage

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Kelley's Heroes was one of the greatest movies because there were no women in it bar some nuns. Which is what you would have seen in WWII.

The "manosphere" looks like it might get a wiki page.

I do believe the military has gone to pot. Maybe they need to up their recruiting age to 30 before letting all the retards in.

Marx also refused to bathe. But I don't know if he hated himself because he was white. Then again, maybe this is the "new and improved" communist.

"I've been hurt by a lot of assholes in the past, and I really care about you, so I want to do this right"

This is the biggest global threat. More so than terrorism. When governments act like cartels to "harmonize" (read "jack up") taxes, then you eliminate the only thing really keeping them in check - competition for labor, capital and intelligence with low taxes.

Sandra Y.L. Korn - Another Mindless Adult-Child Nazi

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I've decided to start recording individuals, especially the youngin's of college age who, despite being in college and presumably really smart, advocate eliminating the freedom of speech. Not because they are against the freedom of speech, but because they're so stupid and so ignorant and (above all else) so brainwashed they are incapable of understanding what the first amendment means.

Sandra Y.L. Korn is such a person.

Naturally she is a worthless studies major, majoring in women's studies. Also she has never had a real job working at student newspapers he entire career. Finally, she is not pretty. She's not a dog either, but certainly a 4-5. This is germane to the topic because of my theories about why ugly people tend to be liberal. In short because being attractive takes effort (working out, eating right) AND takes selflessness (you care about how you look primarily for other people's benefit.

So three cheers for another waste of human life brought up by parents and an education system that failed to instill in her the basics about human rights, free speech and other vital concepts this country and our livelihood is based on.

Captain Capitalism Takes Down the "MyRA"

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More proof our president is not only an idiot, but has no moral qualms about taking advantage of the poor.

"I'm an Idea Guy"

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I couldn't remember if it was a video or a podcast I had done a couple weeks back, but I was mentioning the "idea guy" and precisely just what despicable pieces of vermin these type of people tend to be. Consequently I received quite a bit of e-mails, comments, and responses from listeners anecdoting about "idea guys" they've ran into in the past and thus I think it's time to expound upon and highlight these individuals.

First understand "idea guys" are really nothing more than lazy bums who want all the glory and benefits of hard work, but don't want to do the hard work themselves. They just want to sit and pontificate and come up with pretty ideas, but when it comes to turning those ideas into reality, they need other people. Typically this manifests itself in the form of a jock with a business degree or an MBA who when it comes time to volunteer to take on a task at a meeting they'll excuse themselves saying, "well I'm more of an idea guy." Bankers also fit this description as they'll "work hard" to provide you the money for your business, but you need to pay them a 7% cut while you do all the real work. Regardless of what form they take, they NEVER get their hands dirty with IT, engineering, trades, accounting, or anything else that is require to turn an idea into a profitable business.

Second, they're egotistical, sometimes even ego-maniacal. They value themselves more than anybody else and think a different set of rules apply to them. Therefore, work and toil is beneath them. They just want to be in charge and benefit from the status of "leader." I point out Barack Obama not because of my 100% disagreeing with his politics, but because he is the epitome of this. The man has no real world experience (just look it up, only 1 year in the private sector). BUT despite his non-existent career and literally achieving nothing in life, he fancied himself so important he wrote TWO memoir books and deemed himself worthy of the presidency of the United States (consequently you can see just how effective "idea guys" are when it comes to actual performance and production).

Third, they're arrogant. They really believe they're that smart. That nobody else has their "leadership abilities" or insights. They think the kid programming code or the woman doing accounting can't come up with the ideas themselves, no matter how simple and obvious those ideas are. Deep down inside I don't think they actually believe this, but their ego and fear of real work conspire to make them think they are smarter than the average bear. Regardless, these are the type of people who will rely on credentials and not true genius as vindication of their being an "idea guy." MBA's, "leadership seminars," and all the cacophony of BS business school tripe where they try to make "leadership" a teachable science, when in reality it is only hard work and experience that makes a leader.

Finally, they're thieves. Because they're so afraid of work, they will do anything to avoid it. Thus many of these "idea guys" develop incredible political and charming skills that (sadly) lands many of them into positions of power. This isn't their fault as much as it is the current employment system we have today, but it doesn't change the fact they take the credit for other people's hard work. Not to say that Steve Jobs was one such guy, but in this Bill Burr clip you get the idea.

In short, you don't want to have anything to do with "idea guys." Be it work, be it school, be it social. In work they'll view you like a CIA agent does an "asset" and at minimum try to offload their work on you, or (worse) blame their mistakes on you. In school they are GUARANTEED to be the person who doesn't do their part in group projects. And in social life, they are the ones to constantly be late, never bring booze to the party, and will constantly parasite favors off of you, never to be returned in kind. Thankfully idea guys can easily be avoided because whenever there's real work to be done, and it's time for people to start stepping forward and taking on tasks, they will yell with the decibel-level of Loud Howard, "WELL I'M KIND OF A BIG PICTURE GUY. AN IDEA GUY MYSELF!"

That's when you punch him right in the face and tell him to start programming code.

In Defense of the Smith and Wesson Retirement Plan

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Here's my defense.

Dr. Helen Makes It Into Cartoon World!

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Damnit Senator! I'm Pro-Dr. Helen, I've always been Pro-Dr. Helen, and will continue to be until the day I die!

TO HELL WITH YOU AND THIS CIRCUS COURT!

Thursday Night Linkage

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When the child competes for your spouse's attention and love.

If there is a reason I vehemently hate the left in this country it's because they don't even care about the country enough to defend it and maintain it's sovereignty. File also under "Another reason to not subscribe to The Economist."

As a non-ideological viewpoint, Conservatism needs a different form of study to be understood. Liberalism and ideology reward the memorization of talking points and arguments; conservatism requires an understanding more like biology or mechanics. Liberalism teaches thoughts, conservatism teaches how something works

One chart that disproves global warming.

Annnnnnd the president backpedals on the one time he told the truth.

Joe Cotto's part 3 on government's assault on free speech through political correctness.

He says "7 uncommon reasons" to quit your job. I call them "REALLY GOOD REASONS."

Divorce! It's good for the economy and it's good for you!

MSM is shocked to see a 23 year old acting like an adult. Three generations ago, MOST 23 YEAR OLD MEN WERE ADULTS!!!!

Reality Alway Wins

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And that's why the private sector will always outperform the public sector.

A Prediction of Girls Who Hate Cat Calls

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That while many a young 20 something women complain about it, by the time they're 45 they'll wish men would make cat calls at them.

Leftistwhitegirlsaveafricavolunteer-itis

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Again, I ask, is there ONE leftist program that has ever solved the problem it set out to solve?

Once again, no.

But at least some spoiled suburbanite kids got to have their egos stroked that they were "doing something."

And that's more important than ACTUALLY ending poverty in Africa or ending disease in the Caribbean.

Three cheers for spoiled American girls who want to avoid math and help out society so they use non-profitism and its ease as a way to shield their egos from the fact they produce nothing.

HIP HIP!

HURRAY!!!!!

HIP HIP!!!

HURRAY!!!!

HIP HIP!!!

HURRAY!!!!

Two for the Record Books

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Happy day Cappy Cappites!

We have two new records set in just one day!

1. LITERALLY the dumbest comment I've ever received in all of my blogging/internetmediaempiring.

and

2. The most delusional hamster ever.

Yep, Idiocracy is coming full force people. Full force.

FCC Bureaucrats Want to Sign Off on Newsroom Stories

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It has been a long time that the MSM has become so corrupted, so biased, so purposeless, that it not longer deserves nor has the capacity for being the 4th branch of government. It has largely become nothing more than a propaganda arm of the democrat party and has turned "journalism" from a somewhat respectable profession to a hobby egotistical, math-imparied children major in because they want to avoid real work. But whereas you, I, and anybody with an ounce of intellectual honesty can see this, the general masses, not to mention the modern day journalists who populate the industry, don't. The people still trust the big three networks, swallowing anything the MSM puts in front of them, and the people in the MSM are too arrogant and stupid to see themselves for the leftist shills they truly are.

Of course there are pockets of resistance in the dinosaur/MSM industry. Joe Soucheray is one of those pockets and in a non-brown-nosing way is about one of the few true and genuine journalists left. However, (in true journalist form) he uncovered a story that should not only strike fear into the hearts of every American, but only goes to show you why the MSM really has completed the transformation from 4th branch of government to propaganda arm.

The FCC is trial ballooning the idea of having a government bureaucrat in each newsroom to ensure "underserved" markets are getting "critical news." (this links to a podcast and yes, you should download it and listen to the whole thing).

Now I'm not going to beat the same old drum that you, I, and anybody who's been paying attention already knows. MSM is biased. Journalism is dead, yada yada yada. But I will say this:

The above makes it official. The internet and podcasting are now officially the 4th branch of government.

The fact that NO major news media outlet ran the above story on their front pages only confirms just how in bed with government and socialism the MSM is. It takes a dying breed of journalist like Soucheray to highlight it and bring it to the forefront with what mediocre platform he has. So if the MSM is going to be so blatantly compliant and unnerved by what is nothing more than a brazen and frightening assault on the first amendment, it's going to be up to us "nerdy bloggers" and "citizen journalists" to do their job for them.

Thankfully this is easy. And not only is it easy, it's easy to do a better job than they do. Instead of answering to a narrative, we simply dig for the truth. And any rookie blogger in his pajamas, drinking coffee in his basement who follows that simple rule will be a better journalist than most of the kids graduating with "Masters in Journalism" from today's laughable schools. But the real reason the internet, blogging, podcasting, youtubing, etc., will surpass the MSM not only in terms of being the 4th branch, but in terms of popularity and widespread acceptance is that the MSM is old. From the corpse that is Diane Sawyer to the burnt out 60's hippies in the boardrooms of the media giants, their stories and narratives are getting old, repetitive, and stale.

Whereas they think a story about a gay football player is news, people under 45 don't care and don't like the insinuation of being a homophobe.

Whereas they think racism is still a problem, people under 45 don't care and don't like the insinuation of being a racist.

Whereas they think the "wage gap" is real, people under 45 know better and don't like the insinuation of being a sexist.

In short, the narrative of "lecture, berate, and belittle" has run its propagandist course, and instead of lies, politics, and social engineering, younger generations simply want the truth. And exposing the government's desire to take over the MSM, AND the MSM's dropping its panties and spreading of its legs in the form of silent acceptance is just a good of a starting point as any.

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More vomit from leftist lawmakers in New York.

The "Racism Bubble." ie - when whites got sick and tired of being called racist when they weren't and the word lost it's meaning and now nobody cares.

Jesse Jackson proving he is an idiot. Though not as dumb as the congressman(woman?) who though Guam would sink if we put more Marines on it.

Steve echoes my previous sentiments about sports fans having psychological problems.

Lefty crusaderist woman goes to India and starts telling them what to do. Then gets murdered. I love happy endings.

Socialism! Coming to a United States near you!

How to Be in the Top 1% of Women

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1. Stay in shape
2. Drop the psychoses you think are defensive mechanisms or "cute" ways to entertain yourself and be a mature adult.
3. Support yourself
4. Cook

You do those four SIMPLE things and you will be in the top 1% of women.

Erin Ching - Another Adult-Child Nazi

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“What really bothered me is, the whole idea is that at a liberal arts college, we need to be hearing a diversity of opinion. I don’t think we should be tolerating conservative views because that dominant culture embeds these deep inequalities in our society. We should not be conceding to the dominant culture by saying that the so-called “progressive left” is marginalizing the conservative,” Erin Ching ‘16 said.

Venezuela, Ukraine, and Syria

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If you're like me you really don't care anymore what's going on in the world. Well you do, but you're not going to let it impede your enjoyment of the decline. However, sometimes enjoying the decline requires a road trip or a flight and so you need to listen to something. Thankfully, Silvio Canto has a podcast that addresses the three "hot spots" in the world right now:

Ukraine, Venezuela, and Syria.

So, if you are like me and you have kind of checked out of the world, but maybe want to see what all the hubbub is about, check out his podcast.

BTW, heading to Florida for business/pleasure. Let the ole Captain know if you're around.

Lazy Sunday Linkage

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Multiculturalism destroys everything.

A Masters of Art in Porn

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick....

Got this from our Captain Agent in the Field via 4chan. A warning as the links lead to pornographic sites, but they are germane to the story. My only editorial comments are:

1. Dads, if you fail to be a real father and instill logic, common sense, and some times tell your little princess "no" she will major in the liberal arts, which doesn't pay, and leads to stripping and (in this case) porn work.

2. This is the most powerful rationalization hamster I've ever seen. Hands down.

For people that dont know here is the sumary:

Girl from duke university managed to get 60k$ debt because of her women studies.
She has the brilliant idea to make porn to pay the bill because porn is so empowering.
Ends up at facialabuse and they trash her. Especially the first few minutes are hilarious I recommend it.

Here she is defending her porn shoots:
http://m.xojane.com/sex/duke-university-freshman-porn-star
Her porn movie:
http://www.cliphunter.com/w/1955731/Belle_Knox_gets_fucked_HARD

We got any other info?
I cant imagine the university is too happy about this

The Wall, Sexual Market Value, Currency, Scotch, Milk, and How Women Overvalue Themselves

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Using economics to explain the sex, dating and marriage.

It's OK to Hate Your Teachers

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Because they aren't there for the children. They're there for an easy job.

Ed Driscoll of PJ Media Interviews the Captain

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Ed was kind enough to interview me on PJ Media. An excerpt:

"Material wealth really doesn't matter. I'm the biggest capitalist there ever was. But truthfully, the only thing that really matters, the true source of happiness is other humans. And the great thing about humans is they're free."

Ed also threw me a curve ball asking about the illustrious model we have on the right sidebar.

The audio file can be directly located here.

Monday Night Linkage

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I'm going to say it again - school is NOT for the children. It's for people posing as teachers who don't want to work real jobs.

Could a blogger win a Pulitzer? Interesting question. But the question is wrong. It should be "should a blogger even want to win a Pulitzer given what's happened to other awards like the Oscars and the Noble Peace Prize?" If anything the bloggosphere should create it's own Pulitzer.

I miss Johnny Carson.

58, $200,000 in student debt for a "Masters in Social Work" and won't ever be able to retire.
Aw, that's too freaking bad.
I do recall baby boomers lecturing me when I was younger about doing my math homework.

Piss Morgan gets cancelled. I do recall him "interviewing" somebody about gun control and calling him an idiot. Will CNN replace him with an equally and obviously biased left-winger or will they be more discreet this time?

A podcast on using testosterone replacement therapy.

HAR!!!

Americanthinker "Malware" False Positive

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Been getting reports from Chrome users that Cappy Cap is blocked because we link to Americanthinker and it is a known malware site. I believe this is a "false positive," but if anybody else is getting these warnings please let me know.

Thanks,

Cappy

UPDATE - I deleted the American Thinker link from my blogroll. Let me know if you still get it.

On the Road Today

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Visiting Kerry Lutz and Chris Muir. Posts will drop as scheduled. Also heading to Orlando for cigars with local lieutenants. Matter of fact, I think cigars will be smoked at every stop and I should probably set down this Red Bull.

For Depressed Conservatives and Libertarians

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Any doubt about the future of the United States and the direction the country was heading was quickly eliminated in the election of 2012. Most of us were hoping the first four years of the Obama administration was a fluke in American history. That his election was only possible because of a childlike naivety on the part of an ignorant electorate. That the voting public, temporarily star-struck, opted to vote with their emotions and not their heads. And that after four years of the worst economic performance of any president since FDR, people would wake up, grow up, realize the error of their ways, and vote like mature adults the next time around.

Unfortunately most of us were wrong.

With the election of 2012 the American people have made it very clear which path they wish to take the United States down – socialism. Whether cognizant of this fact or completely ignorant about it, it doesn't matter, people voted the way they did. They could still be fawning over President Obama like a teenage girl or Chris Matthews. They could be the typical voter who votes for socialism because it sounds "nice." They could be the galactically ignorant soccer mom who believes no amount of other people's money is too good for her children. Or they could be fully informed socialists knowing damn well what they're doing confiscating other people's money. The reason why doesn't matter, all that matters "is what is."

Of course "is what is" is a devastating blow to lot of conservatives, libertarians, freedom-lovers and what I henceforth refer to as "Real Americans." Not just because politically or ideologically "our team lost," but because our entire lives and all of our futures are now in question.

Understand that you, me and everybody else who loved America, believed in America, and loves freedom grew up under some basic assumptions. And not only did we grow up under these basic assumptions, we based our lives and our decisions around these premises. We assumed the United States would continue to be the freest country in the world. We assumed we would be able to keep the lion's share of our income and wealth. We assumed hard work, innovation, and efficiency would be rewarded. We assumed if we worked hard at something our dreams could be realized. In short it was all that made America not just great, but the most successful country in the history of the world and we poured our hearts and souls into these beliefs.

Unfortunately, with these basic premises no longer certain all of the work, effort and time we put into our lives, and therefore our futures, are also no longer certain. Did you attend college to become a doctor? Well too bad, you may have wage controls with

Obamacare. Did you work hard to become an engineer and create something? Too bad, we may have to confiscate your income at a 60% level. Did you have dreams of starting up a motorcycle shop? Too bad we're going to regulate and tax it out of existence. Were you planning on marrying a nice girl? Too bad, feminism has destroyed the quality of women. Did you want to have children? Too bad the state will raise your children. Did you want your children to have a better life than you? Too bad, your generational peers voted to mortgage your children into financial slavery. Say, nice sizeable 401k plan you have there! Too bad, we're going to nationalize it just like Argentina did.

The end result is EXTRAORDINARILY depressing. Not only is it increasingly likely you've lived your life in vain, but you've lived a significant percentage of your life in slavery. Worse still any dreams you had are becoming rapidly impossible. And even worse than that is without your dreams there's nothing you can uniquely achieve that would define you.

In short your life has no meaning.

This epiphany, whether consciously realized or not, obviously takes a devastating toll on all Real Americans. Anecdotal though it may be, everyone I personally know is more depressed today than they were a decade ago. I know more than one rugged individualist contemplating suicide. And there's no shortage of old men I know who MEAN IT when they say,

"Thank god I'm not going to be around to see this country collapse!"

The entire population of Real Americans is defeated emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. With no purpose or future they are simply asking "Why go on? Why continue? Why did I work so hard? What is left to live for?"

But dire as the situation may be, there is some hope. Genuine hope, not the hope that is found in presidential speeches and pablum. Hope that is practical, real, and will yield results. However, this hope comes from the only place real hope can come from – within – which means we have to focus on ourselves and what is within our control to realize this hope and capitalize on it. This isn't to say that the world will turn out all roses and dachshunds, nor is it going to be the "faux depressing type of hope" akin to when your mother would say,

"Well at least you aren't a cancerous, Ebola-infected, starving, blind quadriplegic, leper living in war-torn Ethiopia with lice!"

But at minimum this book will show you there is a future, you can live a happy life, the left will get their comeuppance, and no matter how bad it gets, there is always a way to "Enjoy the Decline."

Tough Fatherly Love and Worthless Degree-Majoring Children

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I had received this video of a man telling the story about his friend who is being asked to pay for his daughter's "social work" degree at William and Mary College. The story goes on to show that the man is completely owned by the wife, never stood up for himself, and more or less faces the choice of:

Pay the daughter's way through college

or

Get divorced.

He was eliciting advice, so I provided it for him here.

In short, it is too late for this pour soul (his friend, not him) to do anything about it. He married the wrong woman (a social worker, ie - liberal), paid off her student debt (thereby setting a precedent), has failed to bring his daughter up to appreciate and udnerstand basic economics, and never told either his wife or daughter "no." But while it is too late for this poor guy, it is not to late for you my find young friend.

Learn to control the finances of your wife and your family. If you can't do that, then don't get married.

Can't Say I Didn't Try

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Apparently my video on journalism being the dumbest degree is getting people's EMOTIONS all a-flutter.

However, when I beseech these kids to use their BRAINS, even extend the offer to give them Worthless for free so that they do not financially cripple themselves for the rest of their lives, this is what you get in return:

Again, this is why I will laugh (and do laugh) when I see liberal arts majors smack against the labor market wall of reality when they graduate and are forced to work in a job they could have done in the 7th grade, but are now hindered with a life-crushing load of student debt.

I will always give them one chance. After that, they are fodder for schadenfreudenistically enjoying the decline.

How to Spot Daddy Issues - 101

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Cripes.

Tuesday Night Linkage

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I was officially awarded an honorary doctorate. It's probably more legitimate than most other "honorary" doctorates:

prettysteeve47 commented on a video on YouTube.
Shared publicly - 12:11 AM

Mister Aaron Clarey: My homeboys and I from the ghetto of Charm City now bestow you with the Honory Doctorate Degree of Recession Economics because you have provided more than enough empirical evidence that the USA is heading for a severe economic collapse of Epic proportions which will inflict massive pain & economic suffering for all the sheeple.

Jimmy Hendrix didn't get his masters in guitar. Michaelangelo did not go to an MFA program. And Dali didn't borrow $50,000 to paint. You are an IDIOT if you pay for get an advanced degree in art.

Whole Foods turns out to be....not so wholesome. Of course, the hipster lefties never really cared about it's organicness or "greeness." It's just for them to gloat over non-green/organic people. Just, you know, don't tell them it's about as valid as any other religious practice like communion or praying 5 times a day.

Roosh expands on a dangerous and ironic cliff men who are successful will look over - that once you succeed, you will be unhappy, until you find something else to achieve, which upon succeeding at, will render you unhappy once again, until you find something

else...and so the spiral continues. I have yet to find a solution to it.

Classic Cappy

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Reposting this because I am lazy and have yet to be inspired to write something.

I Wouldn't Want to Piss Off Gregory Peck

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Well son, you're bystanding days are over!

Wednesday Night Linkage

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Aurini's disseection of "The Feminine Mystique" part 2.

Some humor from Mr. Aurini as well:

HAR!

How many will stay?

The "pact." Though I would say it's socialists playing two groups of people off each other.

Proof of the Mental Illness of Leftists

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First, I wanted to point out how this veritable child puts her petty little crusaderist ego ahead of an entire nation (Israel).

Two, notice how, when the resolution fails to pass, she is completely distraught and destroyed. The reason why is simple - this is about the only thing she's really worked at. And it isn't even work. It follows the Destruction Principle which (for leftists) means people would rather choose immoral easy work over moral hard work.

Finally, seriously. Step back, clear your mind, and look at this again. This isn't sanity. This is a seriously mentally disturbed individual who is in the embryonic stages of becoming a cat lady just like a super giant star about to go supernova. Do you see conservative engineering college students doing this? It leads me to believe that k-12 education is causing more damage than just the mere brainwashing and indoctrination that (basically) destroys young people's lives.

Anyway, just more proof that college, especially the liberal arts are not just a scam, but a place of genuine and sincere evil.

Hat tip

For All Our Australian Agents in the Field

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Howdy All,

I have a friend touring Australia with a band right now. Naturally he is very busy, but as many of you know, traveling on your own, even with colleagues gets a bit boring.

Wondering if there's any of our Australian Agents in the Field that would be kind enough to show my friend around if his tour comes to your town. Here's the schedule:

WEEK 2		
Mon 24-Feb-14		
Tue 25 Feb 14		
Wed 26-Feb-14	PORT MACQUARIE, NSW	Glasshouse
Thu 27-Feb-14	TAMWORTH, NSW	The Capitol
Fri 28 Feb 14	DUBBO, NSW	Dubbo Regional Theatre
Sat 01 Mar 14	WALLGETT, NSW	Wallgett Memorial Entertainment Centre
Sun 02-Mar-14	DEE WHY, NSW	Dee Why RSL
		MARCH
WEEK 3		
Mon 03-Mar-14	Labour Day (WA)	
Tue 04 Mar 14		
Wed 05 Mar 14		
Thu 06-Mar-14	CESSNOCK, NSW	Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
Fri 07 Mar 14	CHATSWOOD, NSW	Concourse Theatre
Sat 08 Mar 14	BELMONT, NSW	Beverly Workers Club
Sun 09-Mar-14	ROOTY HILL, NSW	Rooty Hill RSL
WEEK 4		
Mon 10-Mar-14	Labour Day (VIC) / Adel. Cup Day (SA) / Eight Hour Day (TAS) / Canberra Day (ACT)	
Tue 11-Mar-14		
Wed 12 Mar 14	MOUNT GAMBIER, SA	Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
Thu 13-Mar-14	HORSHAM, VIC	Wesley Performing Arts Centre
Fri 14-Mar-14	WARRNAMBOOL, VIC	Lighthouse Theatre
Sat 15 Mar 14	EXPACC, VIC	Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre
Sun 16-Mar-14		
WEEK 5		
Mon 17 Mar 14		
Tue 18-Mar-14		
Wed 19 Mar 14	WERRIBEE, VIC	Wyndham Cultural Centre - Influence Theatre
Thu 20-Mar-14	DANDENONG, VIC	Drum Theatre
Fri 21-Mar-14	WANGARATTA, VIC	Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
Sat 22-Mar-14	BENDIGO, VIC	The Capital Theatre
Sun 23-Mar-14		
WEEK 6		
Mon 24 Mar 14		
Tue 25 Mar 14		
Wed 26-Mar-14		
Thu 27 Mar 14	DEVONPORT, TAS	Devonport Entertainment Centre
Fri 28 Mar 14	LAUNCESTON, TAS	Country Club
Sat 29-Mar-14	HOBART, TAS	Wrest Point Showroom

Shoot the ole Captain an e-mail if you'd be kind enough to have a beer with the guy and show him around.

Cappy

The Economics of the Sex and Attention Exchange

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Pour over the millions of articles written in thousands of magazine for the past hundred years about the dynamics and relations between men and women, and none of them will come close to the truth. And that truth is:

Men want sex,
women want attention
and we trade.

Of course in the olden days it was

"Men want sex,
women want resources and security,
and we trade"

but with the welfare state and government providing resources and security to women, respectively, women have replaced "security and resources" with "attention."

So imagine my laughing when I read this little article sent to me by one of our Dancing Agents in the Field.

To sum it up it was written by a woman who was SHOCKED, SHOCKED that men would dare to have the audacity to... (are you ready for this)

USE SALSA DANCING AS A MEANS TO GET SEX!!! *GASP!*

I KNOW!!! ME TOO!

What evil men would do this!!!????

Sarcasm aside, what we are witnessing here is what we could call asymmetric information in the "Sex-Attention" market, ie - one of the parties are mis or uninformed about the true nature of the market exchange. In this case it happens to be the women, but what is interesting is not so much that women are misinformed, but HOW they came to be misinformed.

First, ladies, you have to understand that for the most part, everything men do (especially when they are younger) is to try to get women. Their primary goal, more often than not is NOT

to get to know you
to learn to salsa dance
or because they have the same interest in movies or art that you do

They want to have sex with you.

Whether you like this or not, is irrelevant. And whether you deem this "moral or not," is moot. It is factual. It is a law. If you don't like this you might as well get angry at things like "The Law of Gravity" or the fact that fire is hot. Besides, you can see the empirical proof of this in two ways.

1. When the hot girls leave ANY dance scene it quickly dries up and becomes a 40 something virgin Christian singles scene or a greencard market

and

2. Ladies night. Do you REALLY think ladies night is just because bar owners want to be nice to ladies? It is because they are acutely aware of the law of the sex-attention exchange and know young men will spend tons of money on women buying them drinks...just like on non-ladies nights.

So when a guys asks you to dance, yes, he may genuinely like to salsa. And yes, he may genuinely want to improve his dancing. But in the end his primary goal is to either get with you OR use you to improve his skills so that he may get with another girl he is attracted to.

Second, knowing the true nature of "ballroom dancing dynamics," we must investigate why women are so misinformed about this and suffer from asymmetrical information. And the answer is simple:

Propaganda or "social conditioning."

The biggest canard told to women today is that men's primary interest in them should be anything but sexual. And if a man's primary interest was sexual, then he was a cad, a lout, and a scumbag (as explicitly detailed in the aforementioned link). But once again, by the laws of nature, men's primary interest in women IS sexual and thus anything you've been told otherwise is a lie. The problem, however, is if women believe these lies they are deluded into thinking they can get attention for free. That men just selflessly, and pointlessly

spend hours, nay weeks, learning the various dances,
fork over thousands of dollars in cover charges and dance lessons,
waste months of their free time at clubs with (typically) lousy music,

suffer rejection roughly 1 in every 2 times they ask a girl to dance,

all for S's and G's and good ole fashioned, innocent, geewhillikers wholesome Jimmy Stewart, church-going fun.

So when an accomplished dancer parades his female partner at the epicenter of the hottest night club, twirling her like a tornado, dipping her like fondue, making all the other women jealous, and thus begetting her more attention in 4 minutes than she received in the past 4 years, women SERIOUSLY expect there to be no-counter cost or price to that. That the guy just made her the center of attention altruistically and selflessly.

Only 20 years of media, government, feminist, and educational brainwashing could render women so asymmetrically naive.

The sad, but natural consequence of this delusion is that as hotter women are approached more and are "insulted" men dared to have a sexual interest in them, they leave. As there are less hot chicks, the better dancing males leave. The overall quality of looks and talent drops, and the dance scene bubble pops.

So how is a man supposed to approach the debate of whether he should learn to ballroom dance? If the majority of women aren't there for romantic/sexual purposes, why expend the enormous amounts of energy learning to dance?

Well boys, let the Ole Captain tell you.

You SHOULD go and learn to dance. But you should not learn to dance as means to pick up girls.

Not to say you won't pick up girls at a swing dance club or a salsa joint. Sometimes you will. But the primary benefit and reason every man should learn to dance is so that he can reward a quality woman he's already dating with attention. Since (by my estimation) 85% of women on any dance scene are not there for sexual/courting reasons and are really just there for exercise/fun/attention reasons, 85% of your efforts will be wasted (bar the apprenticeship period where you're sole goal is to learn). But if you have a loved one in your life and girl that DESERVES to be the center of attention on a dance floor or a night club, that's when you break out your rare talent. In short use women to learn how to dance so that you may award quality women in the future with that skill.

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The Shady Characters You Meet

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Anybody recognize this fella? He's got that distrustful shady character look to him.

I'll give you a hint.

Why Every Man Needs a Good Neighborhood Bar

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My latest post at Return of Kings.

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Cornell professors running scared that their students are wising up and minoring in employable degrees. They fear some of them may even switch majors and "not pursue their true passion in life." Keep selling that snake oil you verminous scum. Keep selling it.

Even Google is realizing the worthlessness of college degrees. though, like IQ tests, will the government make them illegal because they discriminate against blacks?

5:19. Just fast forward to 5:19. Tattoos, single mom of 4, horses, and mysticism. You just can't make it up.

$660,000 for a superintendent, who still went bankrupt. Remember teachers hate you.

Book Review - "The Book of Alpha" by David Lorenas

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"The Book of Alpha" written by David Lorenas is not a book. It is a guide. It comes in at 74 pages, but about 60 are actual writing, the rest is foreward, TOC, and space between the many chapters.

This is a common criticism I have of many writers on the internet. They write an essay, a treatise, or a guide, but they call it a book.

GUYS, STOP CALLING ANYTHING UNDER 100 PAGES A BOOK. IT'S NOT A BOOK!

That criticism aside, it is actually a pretty good guide. Matter of fact a very solid one and one that every novice or young man should read if new to the Manosphere or just breaking away from the singlemomgovernmentfeministsschool indoctrination matrix.

Yes, you can find this information for free on the internet.

Yes, if you have already consumed copious amounts of manosphere material, you probably won't find much new here.

But it's going to take you a long time to find these key tenets or gems and David has the efficiently and succinctly documented in his guide.

This the what I like most about the guide - its brevity and efficiency. While he doesn't delve into too much detail about the philosophy of "why" you should do these things, he explains them adequately enough for a beginner.

Are you a fat loser wondering why you can't get girls?

Read this book.

Do you hate your job and your career?

Read this book.

Is there anything about your life that you would like to improve?

Read this book.

Best of all, it will take you maybe two sittings to read the entire book and you'll come away with the basic solutions to most of your problems.

My only complaints (aside from it being a guide and not a book) are two:

One, some of his topics/chapters are a bit too touchy-feely girly for me. Stand tall, Breathe Deeply, Meditate...ehhhh....sure, if you want, but those aren't the core issues facing men today.

Two, by no fault of the author's, David has the benefit of employment and things more or less going his way. I could be wrong, but David hasn't suffered any major life failures, crippling events, or devastating or debilitating crises. This leads the book to be a bit optimistic in my opinion. This does not, however negate his advice - it's all correct. But a much better chapter than "Meditate" would be how to maintain and pursue all these bits of advice in the crushingest deepest depths of a hellish life.

In short, I would not recommend this book for anybody who is a man, is a veteran or advanced student of the manosphere, etc., but for rookies and noobs. Nerdy sons whose fathers don't have the heart to tell them to man up. Loser friends who have no guidance or purpsoe in life. And douchebags that need a swift kick in the ass. The Book of Alpha would be a god send in their lives.

You can find "The Book of Alpha" on Amazon in both paperback and kindle.

"Obscene Profit Break"

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Well, hopefully obscene, but i'll settle for just "keeping the lights on."

Academic Composition - Be smart just like your future employers and corporations! OUTSOURCE your stupid liberal arts prereq classes homework to Alex! He charges $20 a page for writing papers so you don't have to. Besides you liberal arts professors really don't care. They just want your money and are thankful for having a job with a worthless degree!

Asshole Consulting - Want to be lied to? Well hire a real consulting company or read Cosmo. Want the truth? Hire an asshole, like me! Asshole Consulting - because everybody needs an asshole.

Rattlerstrap - It's neither a rattler, nor a strap, but a paracord belt every outdoorsman and outdoorsgoddess needs when hiking. Get yours at www.rattlerstrap.com

Talon Knife - Small, discreet, and great for personal defense, especially when you're kidnapped or absconded with.

How the Government, Media, and Education Industries Suck the Life Blood Out of Women

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and MORE!

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

Friday Night Linkage

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HR, female, and baby boomer. And look at how she covets her precious little "high level senior level network." Never once did it occur to this "recruiter" to look at talent. Not once. It's all about power and status.

The difference between "qualified" and "entitled."

Looks like the white kids have cooler toys. But sarcasm aside, it's blatantly racist and laughably inaccurate. Maybe if you put a laptop or a calculator in their hands it might be more accurate.

OK, maybe some white kids do like guns. But they shoot predators and not other humans with it.

Aurini's latest podcast.

Saturday Afternoon Boredom

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The Economy Is Building a Resistance to Keynesianism

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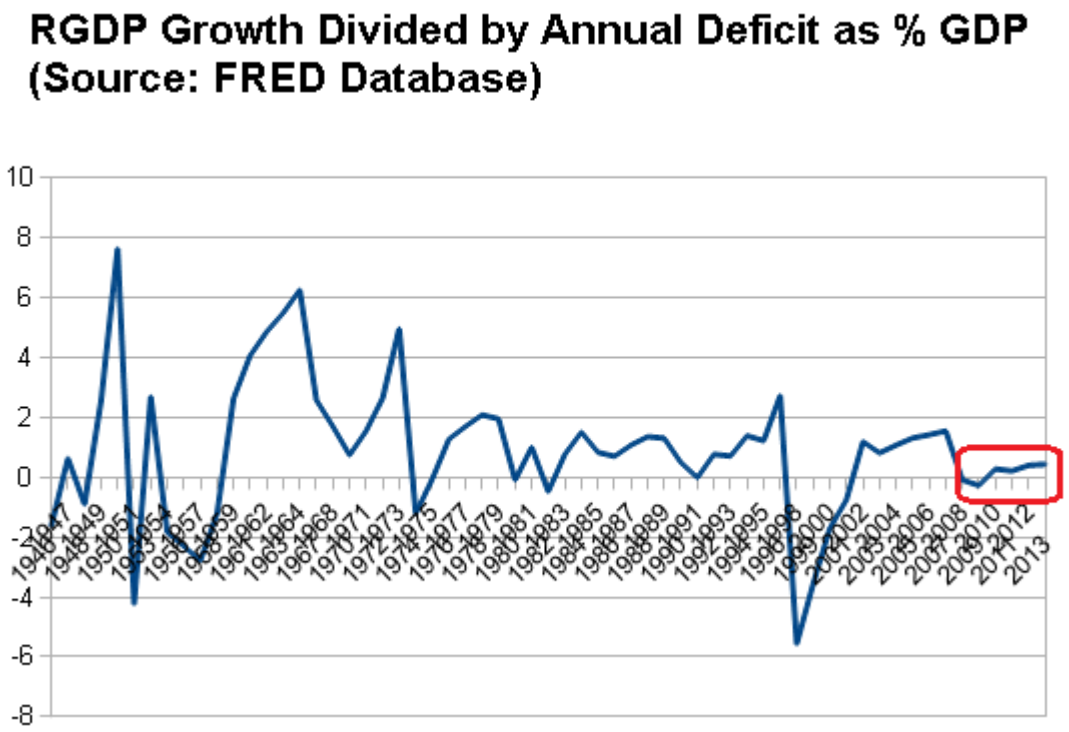
Like bacteria can build up a resistance to antibiotics, or an alcoholic can build up his tolerance for alcohol, so too can an economy build up a resistance to Keynesianism. We are now in our 5th year of Obama's Keynesian wet dream (13th if you want to be fiscally technical) and unlike Bush Jr's economic growth, Obama's growth figures are "paltry" at best. Even taking out the recession Obama has only managed to grow the economy by 2% per year, not enough to increase standards of living with a growing population. And if you wanted to compare "stimulus" vs. "economic growth" a chart showing the ratio of GDP growth to deficit spending as a percent of GDP shows government spending is having the least amount of effect on growth in history.



Why is happening? Why isn't Keynesianism working? And why is Paul Krugman in the fetal position, crying and sucking his thumb?

Let a real economist answer.

First you have to understand that while most Americans aren't smart, let alone savvy on economics, there is SMART MONEY. People who have money and are smart about it. These are your entrepreneurs, investors, businessmen, industrialists, etc. These people are, and always have been, the people that make or break an economy. Without these people you are just left with workers (who are honorable and good) and parasites (government workers, freeloaders, etc.), both of which rely on the "smart money people" for their jobs, and in the case of parasites, taxes, economic growth, and money.

Sadly for Keynesians, the smart money is reading the writing on the wall. And while a little bit of Keynesian stimulus might be OK, when you have so much of it, it threatens the fiscal stability of the nation, then they get worried. Additionally, even if these "smart money" people believe in Keynesianism, when the majority of the money gets handed out for political purposes instead of genuine investments, you start to see a kleptocracy instead of on overly concerned, but well-intentioned government. This further deters investments and moots the effectiveness of Keynesian stimulus.

Second, there is always a "message" attached to Keynesian stimulus. This "message" is important because it tells investors, businessmen, entrepreneuers, and employers what the intentions are of the government. And there can be no starker contrast between the two presidents who have ran up the largest deficits since WWII:

Barack Obama and

President Reagan

Both presidents ran deficits that would make Keynes giggle - Reagan around 4.7% and Obama around 8%. However, the message between the two presidents could not be more stark:

Reagan's message was:

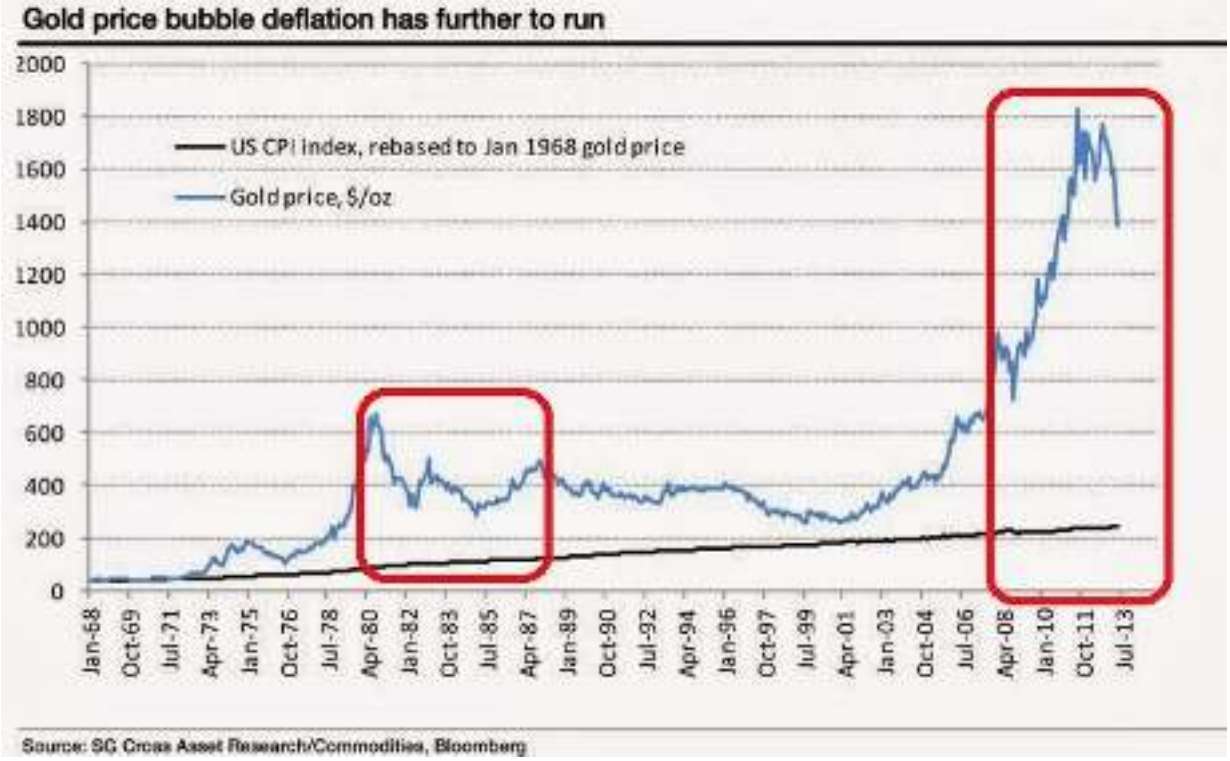
Pro-America
Pro-growth
Pro-business
Pro-success
Pro-excellent
Pro-achievement

Obama's message was/is:

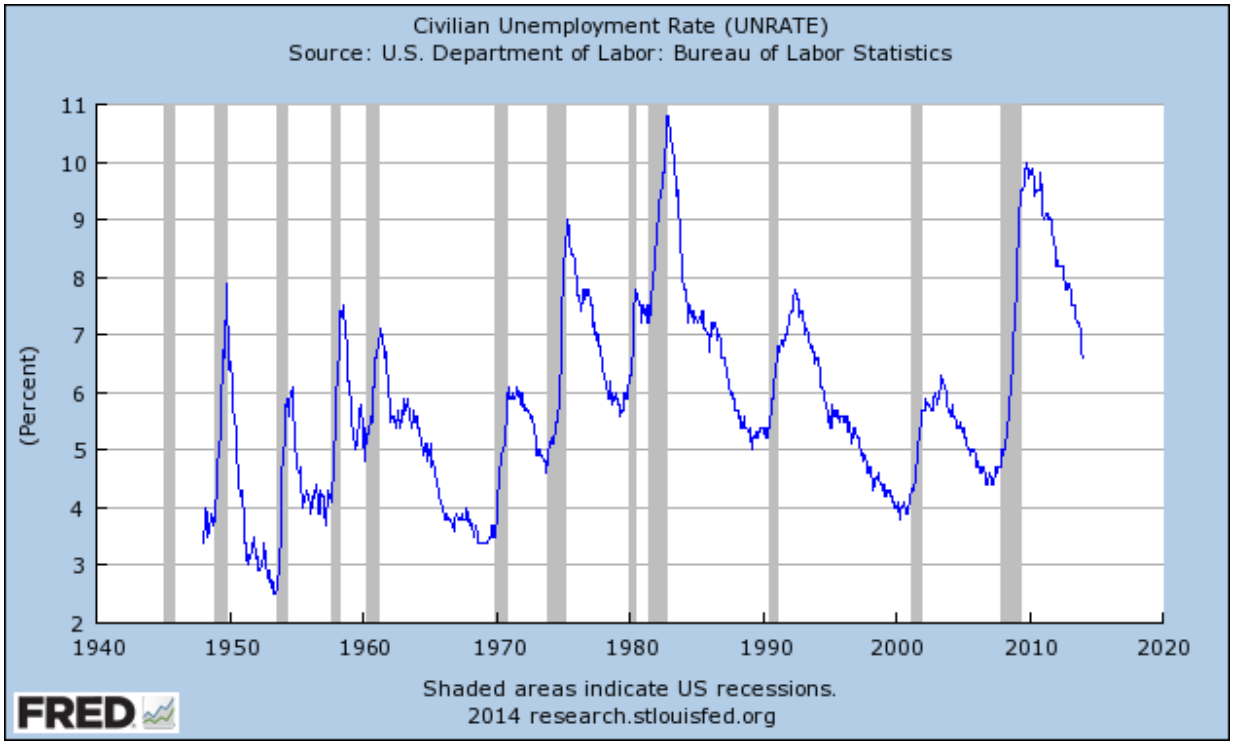
Anti-American (yes, yes it is)
Class warfare
Fair outcomes/equalization of income
Anti-business
Mediocrity
Woeismism/Victimization/Racism

In short Reagan wanted to invest in the future of America while Obama hates nothing more than America and wants to redistribute wealth.

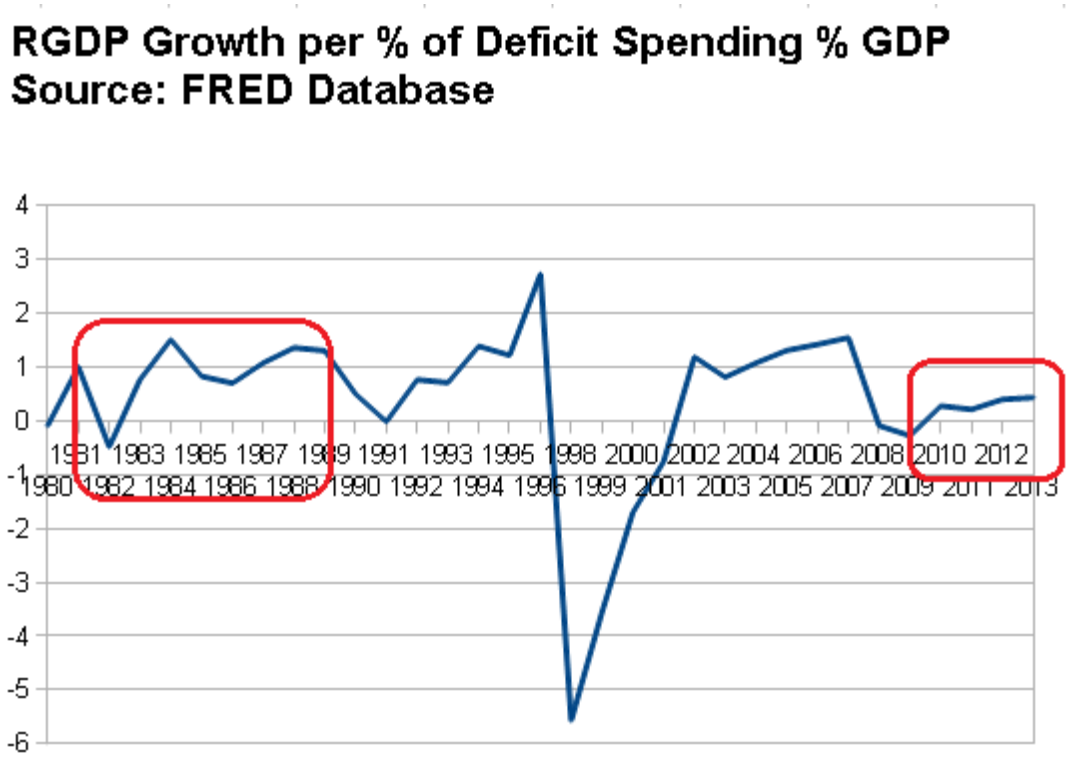
Criticize the above if you must, but the "smart money" doesn't care about your opinion. It's already spoken. Gold alone shows the difference to how receptive the smart money people are to the two presidents. Even with dangerous levels of deficit spending, people had enough faith in Reagan that they pulled their money out of gold and invested it in America. Obama, it's the opposite - people went screaming for gold.



Unemployment is another metric you can use. After Reagan took office, unemployment tanked primarily because jobs were being created. Obama has relied on people leaving the work force to lower unemployment, and even then unemployment is stubbornly high.



And revisiting the original purpose of this post, economic growth under Reagan was more positive and responsive to deficit spending than under Obama:



Ultimately what the above shows is that economists have got to get over themselves

thinking economics is a science and that they are somehow smart. That people are somehow their little playthings and lab rats. That the idea that the government should somehow "intervene" to "help" is the most arrogant and cocky thing to think because it implies professors, policy wonks, and politicians know what's best for people more than the people themselves. But what's worse is when the intention of Keynesian spending goes from "noble" to "political." And your buddy Obama has gotten rid of all pretenses about using Keynesian economic policies to "boost the economy" as he blatantly abuses it to steal from the productive to bribe his parasitic constituents.

And you all wonder why economy isn't growing.

Saturday Night Linkage

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Daddy cuts the purse strings to Ms. Independent 37 year old and makes her raise her own children. Ahhhhh...warm fuzzies.

Girls confuse "mean" with "truth." If telling girls the truth is mean, then lying must be "nice." Oh...wait...that's what we've been doing to women for the past 50 years. Oh well, enjoy being condemned to 2nd place forever ladies.

Clarissa explains the Ukrainian situation. She does not like the Russians much.

Sunday Night Linkage

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Final piece of political correctness and Roosh.

When OWS became the Banksters. More on this later. (post script, she banned comments on that video, so maybe you can post comments on her other video that is equally retarded.)

Resident DJ and musician Jacob Gago has a new album out for any tech/industrial/house music fans out there in the Cappysphere.

And a comparison of the two presidents. Lord help us.

Why the "Oscars" Are Purely an AARP Baby Boomer Affair

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When growing up my mom made it seem that the Ms. America pageant and the Ms. World pageant were important. She also made me think that the Oscars were somehow important. Matter of fact every major television event was deemed to be important because...

well...

television said so.

And so there I sat, for reasons unknown to me, watching dutifully the various pageantry and pomp along with 200 million other doltish Americans.

But as I grew up and realized I had more pressing matters (food, clothing, shelter, friends, life, etc.) things like the Ms. American Pageant, the World Series, the Superbowl, and the Oscars went to the wayside and I don't think I could name one team/person/actor that ever won or were nominated.

Fast forward 20 years and the Oscars have become something like your appendix:

It may have served a purpose at one point in time in the past, but it no longer does now.

And that criticism can be levied against pretty much every form of "award" or "trophy" since the boomers took over.

Take for instance the "Nobel Peace Prize."

What a laughable joke that has become.

It would be more aptly named, "Prize given to leftists that other leftists in Scandinavia like and will use to reciprocally politically masturbate one another and we don't give two flying f#cks about peace."

"Teacher of the year" anybody? Yes, you championed socialism and brainwashed little children to vote the way they need to to ensure your pension is funded. They have no skills, they have no talent, and you are laughably not a REAL educator, teacher, or mentor, but hey, you towed the socialist line the best, so let's lie to the people and call you "teacher of the year."

And what obsoleted "honor list" would not be complete without that veritable worthless rag Time Magazine. Yes, their "Person of the Year" award. How galactically vain, retarded, stupid, pointless, political and other adjectives I can't use because it's "No Cursing Week." Yes, if you want to know your career is over, just look to see if Time Magazine has published something about you.

In short, the premier societal prizes and awards that were given to people of genuine competence and skill have been completely co-opted by political forces to use as a tool to fool Americans into thinking they are wrong, their tastes are wrong, and perhaps even bigoted and racist. That society is much more hip and classy than the average American really is, and you are just a rube, a noob, and a hick if you don't believe "12 years a Slave" is the greatest movie ever.

The truth is these are all false trophies, all false prizes, and are nothing more than propagandist tools. The Oscars, the Nobel Peace Prize, Time's "Entity of the Year" and the Pulitzer no longer have any meaning, veracity, worth, merit or relevance. They have been co-opted and corrupted by the baby boomer's AARP/leftist/political arm and are about as relevant and purposeful to society as the people advocating them (worthless).

So when you're asked this week to attend an "Oscar" party by an aging 50 something, or somebody comments on who the latest Pulitzer prize winner is, or somebody says, "my goodness, did you see who Time declared person of the year!?" do yourself and your generation a favor. Pat them on the head. Fetch them some Metamucil, and be thankful these pointless, self-serving and aggrandizing "prizes" will go the way of the dinosaur in about 20 years.

Because by that time the generations that are alive will have much more pressing financial and economic matters to attend to and won't be able to afford to worry about what meaningless award a group of leftists concocted, created, and awarded to themselves.

Enjoy the decline!

When OWS Became the Banksters

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Two groups of people I wish we could arm heavily and have them duke it out like the Nazi's and the Communists would be the OWS protestors and the banker scum. Give them whatever they want, arm them to the teeth, throw in some good chemical weaponry for good measure, and let them go at in in the New Mexican desert. It would be like two forms of cancers fighting each other in a human body. But whereas I passionately loathe each group for different reasons, the OWS camp is about to add "hypocrisy" to their own list.

Welcome the "I majored in debt" meme.

If you don't know what this latest meme is, it's akin to the "I need feminism" meme where idiotic college students put together videos whining about their student loan plight. They have $40,000 in debt, $50,000 in debt, $75,000 in debt, and (surprise, surprise) they asking you me and all the other responsible, productive taxpayers to bail them out with HR 4170 (the Student Loan Forgiveness Act).

There's just one major problem.

Aren't these college students asking for the US taxpayer to bail them out of their stupidity just like the bankers did with TARP?

If you look at the two groups (OWS/lefty students and banker scum) they're the exact same.

1. They did absolutely no research to assess the value of their investments
2. They borrowed huge amounts of OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY to make said investments
3. And when said investments didn't pay off they went crying and whining to the taxpayer to bail them out

The only difference is that OWS/lefty students never made any attempt to be profitable in the first place. If you watch the videos you'll notice damn well near 100% of them all majored in some worthless touchy feely liberal arts BS. They treated it like a hobby and are "shocked, SHOCKED" they can't find a job with a Masters in Hatewhitemale Studies. Worse still, they have absolutely no shame about it. They don't blame themselves for their lazy decision to choose an easy major, they don't blame their parents or teachers/counselors for the crappy guidance they received, and in true brainwashed and programmed-dolt fashion fail to see the irony when they come running us for a bail out.

What the "I Majored in Debt" meme ultimately shows is how the Millennial generation has

followed their Gen X and Baby Boomer predecessors in failing to grow up and become responsible adults. However, they've taken it to a whole new level. They've perfected the art. They're not even cognizant of the incredible mistakes they're making, how those mistakes cripple their futures, and STILL have the attitude of entitlement and "somebody has to do something about this!"

Sadly for them the socialist experiment has run out of money. Not only are there no jobs (because they voted for an anti-business, anti-capitalism government), but what money is being spent is not being spent on them. Instead, they are the victims of their own socialist machinery. The government, education industry, and politicians LOVE liberal-arts majoring children because these child-sheeple are the only ones idiotic enough to take out hundreds of billions of dollars in student loans and give it to their leftist-socialist professor indoctrinators. It may disgust you that adult-children are asking for your money, but it is the perfect example of where "Worthless" meets "Enjoy the Decline." So pour yourself a drink and sip away as you enjoy the schadenfreude warms fuzzies as reality hits these useful idiots upside their heads.

Sex, Drugs, and Finance

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New lieutenant added to the blogroll: Sex Drugs and Finance.

Late Night Monday Linkage

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It's "Moderate Muslim Monday!"

At anytime American conservatives could wield immense political power if they simply boycotted Hollywood, Coke, and now Apple. But that would just inconvenience your cute SWPL, cookie cutter suburanite lives wouldn't it? Please breed so your children suffer you're complacency.

Speaking of boycott.

The Epitome of "Spoiled American Princess"

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Just can't make it up. Just can't make it up.

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There's the Right Way and the WRONG Way to Do Your Taxes

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New and TIMELY sponsor ladies and gentlemen.

Chad Elkin's 2014 Comprehensive Tax Guide.

You haven't done your taxes (and don't worry, neither have I. I've been a bad economist). But before you do consider purchasing Chad's book. Though written for preparers, it is a great book for anybody concerned about their taxes, people who want to do their own taxes, and some helpful hints about dealing with the IRS.

Also, since may of you are the entrepreneurial type and starting your own business, don't be a dumbass and botch your taxes. This is a MUST to make sure you're not one of those idiots while drinking at the bar with your buddies who says,

"Hey Mike, ask me about business!"

"How's business!"

"It's good! HEY!!! I get to write off the tab!!!!"

You don't need a degree in accounting, just this book.

So go forth and purchase. It's cheaper than a bottle of premium beer and will be much better for you.

Stewardship of the Country

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Realize that since you live in a democracy it is you, the individual, who is ultimately responsible for the governance and leadership of the nation. You are responsible for picking the people in society to lead us and therefore it behooves you to inform and educate yourself about which people and which governmental policies are best for the country and the best for our future. Unfortunately, this decision is ALWAYS obscured, confounded, and blurred by politics, corruption, and just plain evil. People who couldn't care less about the future of the country, look to politics for an easy and lifelong career. People who are immoral look to government as a means to enrich themselves. People who are just plain power hungry egomaniacs become politicians instead of selfless, altruistic statesmen. And the way these amoral scum get into office is very simple – they lie.

They lie about reality. They lie about the economy. They lie about their intentions. They lie about lying. It is nearly impossible to tell who is telling the truth, let alone what precisely is the truth. But there is a way to cut through all the propaganda, deceit, and falsehoods – economics.

Tuesday Night Linkage

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Fancy cars triple your success over cruddy cars in terms of women.

Uncle Jay explains the news!

Animals you do and do NOT want to bring back from extinction.

The grad school scam. Sadly, it really isn't satire.

The Difference Between Sales and Profits

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This is an important distinction to know:

SALES is your total revenue. NOT YOUR TAKE HOME PAY.

PROFITS is what you get to keep after expenses.

Somebody tell the fat balding middle age faux "businessmen" and fratboy sales reps that.

Your Daughter Calls Me Daddy Too!

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Dear American Fathers Without Spines,

Please continue to fail to raise your daughters properly. We younger men need you to lie to your daughters about "follow your heart and the money will follow, Sweetheart" so they:

Major in stupid subjects
Go into crippling debt to do so
Can't find a job to pay their debts back
and are forced to become strippers, prostitutes and porn actresses.

Such desperation not only increases the supply of young, supple 20 something babes, but lowers the price we have to pay.

Your continued support of failing to be genuine real fathers to your "Precious Little Princess" is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Younger Men in America

New Podcast Entry

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Radio Derb.

You will obey.

You will conform.

You will listen.

If Monica Lewinsky Was a Camel

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Guess what day it is!?

"The Guy Looks Like He Has Kids in His Basement" Podcast

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Why Senator Murphy looks like he has kids in the basement,
How there's ALWAYS an excuse to eat and not work out,
A movie review of "3 Days to Kill"
Why Connecticut gun owners should refuse to comply with the new gun registration law,

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

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The concept is simple.

You pay this young man $10, he'll design and put a bumper sticker on his Ford -150 and drive it around.

Why Trevor Phillips Is Another Nail in Hollywood's Coffin

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Just finished GTAV and it is certainly one of the best games I've played in a long time. Many good things going for it, but hands down the best thing it had going for it was its character development in a player called "Trevor Phillips."

If you don't want to play the video game and just get an idea of what makes Trevor Phillips such a crown jewel of the game, just watch some of the youtube clips of cutscenes starring Trevor. (*cursing and violence warning BUT I would like you to watch it so you realize my cursing is quite tame*). You may find it a bit crass, but you will no doubt have to admit that the character development is amazing and Trevor is quite colorful.

So why does a video game character, no matter how well-done, pose a threat to Hollywood?

Time and money. Time and money.

See, even with the extra $20 I had to spend on an external thumb drive to play the $50 game, I got no less than 35 hours of game play out of the game. That's $2 per hour of entertainment and I'm not even 65% done with all the missions. Whereas two nights ago

I forked over $17 to see a craptacular movie called "3 Days to Kill" (movie review found here). Not only was it bad, it was only 2 hours, so $8.5 per hour. So not only was the video game more entertaining (not to mention interactive) than the movie, it was a fraction of the cost.

But where the likes of Trevor Phillips REALLY poses a threat to Hollywood can be found in the credits after you conquer GTAV.

They took forever.

Why?

Well, think of it this way. The programming, the development, the art, the coding, the voice acting, the scripts, everything that went into creating a massive, engaging environment, not to mention a near 35 hour movie, obviously take more time, people, and money than a 2 hour film. But in doing so they produce a product that lasts multifold times longer making it not just a cheaper per hour form of entertainment but a superior form of entertainment. I pay my $2 per hour and I can get about 17 movies out of this game. And when it involves incredibly well developed and endearing characters like Trevor Phillips, the question then becomes, "George Clooney who?"

In short, I've spent more hours sitting in front of JUST ONE video game this past two weeks than I have movies the past 3 years and it's acting is an IMPROVEMENT over films. Soon as technology gets so advanced you can't tell a digital version of a person versus the real thing, real live actors won't be able to compete with the perfection and costs of computers. Alas, George Clooney and Hugh Jackman shouldn't be so concerned about me pursuing an acting career as much as they should advances in computer processing speeds.

Masters in Zombie Studies

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

The Chinese have got to be laughing at us. They have just got to be laughing at us and figuring out what "special" slave camp to put these morons in.

Remember, Last Podcast is Out

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Can be found here.

A Primer on Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism

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I received an interview request from a student who was writing an economics paper. The questions I realized were probably questions many people had and though they may tangentially be educated about various economic systems a good introduction into the three man economic systems may be called for.

1. Can you define each of the three? Communism, Socialism, and capitalism. What are the differences?

There is debate between the definitions of all three. But traditionally the three fit along a spectrum from total government ownership of everything (communism) to technically the absolute absence of government (anarchy) "Socialism" fits in between where the government owns OR TAXES at a rate of around 50%. However, sometimes people refer to "socialism" as the same thing as "communism." So when you are reading or talking about socialism, you need to know what context it's in. Are they talking Sweden or Norway where 50% of GDP is taxed, or are they talking SOCIALISM as in a purely 100% totalitarian Marxist control of the economy.

2. Can you list examples of each? Can be modern examples or past examples.

Capitalism – Bermuda, Singapore, 1940's America, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong
Socialism – Current day US, all of Europe, Canada
Communist – Venezuela, Cuba, Soviet Union, North Korea, East Germany, California (just kidding)

3. Are there any misconceptions that people have? If so why might people believe these misconceptions

Yes, absolutely. The reason people have misconceptions is because most people (Americans) are idiots when it comes to economics. They're more concerned about Kim Kardashian than they are the US federal deficit. The most typical of these misconceptions is that the US is somehow a "capitalist" country or that China is a "communist" country. None of them take the time to study economics, tax rates, spending rates, etc., so most people are arguing from idiotic emotions rather than unbiased, cold, heartless facts and statistics.

4. How does government play a role in each? How does the citizen population play role?

Citizen population only plays a role in terms of voting. But the government plays a role based on how involved or how much ownership it has in an economy. If the government

tax or spending rate is 50%+ of GDP, then it's a solid socialist or communist country. If the government only consumes or spends 20% of the economy, then it's a solid capitalist country.

5. Are there any flaws in each of them? What are they and can they be fixed?

This would take 10 books to answer. In short, the biggest flaw in socialism or communism is that it invariably ends up with more parasites than producers in the economy. Government spending and welfare freebies make it more attractive not to work than to work. Economic production collapses to the point it can no longer support itself and you get deficit spending, trade deficits, and inevitably countries cut you off and you collapse. Starvation and general economic crappiness ensues.

Capitalism, however, is not without its problems. Usually economic growth is so great it allows for one, even three, generations to live off of the work and backs of just one. Those successive generations lose the lessons of hard work, toil, and innovation. Consequently, the money runs out and you have spoiled little brats expecting a free handout. Also, capitalism is high susceptible to "crony capitalism," wherein successful business use their money and lobbying power to bribe the government to pass unfair laws that advantage said people. The bank bailouts, Chesapeake Energy's shutting down of the Keystone Pipeline, even the teapot dome scandal are all examples of capitalism becoming corrupt and thus "crony capitalism"
Both have their disadvantages, but crony capitalism has yet to kill 100 million people in peacetime through starvation.

6. Do some just work in theory and not in reality? If so why?

Yes. Communism is based in a (veritable) madman's idealism (just look up the personal habits of Karl Marx). Capitalism is based in human nature by much more hygienic and sane 18th century philosophers. People are always greedy, always going to serve themselves, so why not build an economic system around it. Only idealistic idiots think about puppies and flowers and unicorns about "wouldn't it be great if everybody made the same amount of money" blabbity blah blah blah. Besides, Marx and Smith are moot. There's over 200 years of track records between the two ideologies. Socialist/communist countries have failed miserably compared to the capitalist counterparts.

North Korea vs. South Korea
East vs. West Germany
The US vs. the USSR
Communist China vs. Capitalist China.

Not to abbreviate or dumb down the life long economic argument, a system that allows its people to keep the majority of the fruits of their labor will result in people producing

more fruit. You want to confiscate/steal/tax them, then you deter work and deter economic production. The fact this is even a debate shows how political forces have desperately tried to corrupt it.

7. Has a country ever switched to another system (ex. Communism to socialism, socialism to capitalism) ? If so why? Was it successful? Did it fail? What were the reasons for its outcome

Not drastically, but then again, I'm going off of the current knowledge I have now. A historian would know, but no examples are coming to me now. There are some instances (say the Baltics) that broke away from Soviet Russia and did quite well in the 90's, but many of those countries reverted back to their socialistic tendencies and are in the crapper again. But anything as "drastic as that" is not available. Countries change slowly over time. So your best case studies are countries divided by socialism and capitalism a la the Koreas and E. vs. W. Germany.

8. Do these systems affect the quality of life, standard of living, or freedom?

Most certainly yes. All one has to do is compare South Korea standards of living vs. the North. East vs. West German standards of living. The comparison isn't even close. The "most successful communist country" (USSR) only had 33% the standards of living the US did. About the only "socialist" successes are the Scandinavian countries . But even they had financial problems or (in the case of Norway) are lucky enough to have oil account for a full 25% of their economy. Those abberations aside you can expect most socialist countries to be a 2nd place/2nd rate western European country like Spain, Italy, France, etc.

9. Do factors such as corruption, poor leadership, geography, population, crime etc. affect these systems?

Oh, most certainly and this gets back to the issue of crony capitalism. Technically Russia today is a capitalist country. But that is only by stated tax rates. It's so corrupt nothing else can get done. Corruption is largely a non-economic issue. If corruption has influenced and infected a country, then it's economic policies are largely rendered moot. Africa is a perfect example of this. You and me and everybody else could debate the economic policies of Somalia all day. It doesn't matter, because it's a shithole that's highly corrupted, highly war-torn and until you have the establishment of law, "economic theories" are truly first world problems that are not relevant to Somalia.

As for other factors (geography, population), not and Hong Kong, Singapore, the Caymans, etc. prove this. If you do not have corruption and a motivated AND MORAL work force, you can achieve anything. Sinapore's and Hong Kong's stratospheric rise in economic growth is proof you don't need a ton of resources. You just need smart people

motivated people, and honorable people. This is one of the best things about capitalism in that it allows people to achieve their best no matter what the geographic or natural resource handicaps are. Smart people always find a way to succeed, it's an issue of whether a government will let them, or tax/steal from them so a politician can bribe poorer people to put him/her into power.

10. Why do some work for certain countries while others seem to work better for different countries

There are absolutely various sociological reason an economic system works better than not. For example the Scandinavian countries seem to do very well with socialism. But they are (at least for now) a homogenous society with a solid national identity. In the US it doesn't work so well because, bluntly, there are various races and instead of focusing on talent, skill, and character, political lines have been drawn (primarily by the democrat party) to alienate and pose against different sex, creed, colors, religions, etc. So if you have a variable (like homogenous population), sometimes socialism "can" work. But once you get different groups of people in, then natural human envy takes hold and an argument for the transference of wealth of a "privileged" class to the "underprivileged class" occurs, consequently destroying the economy in the process.

11. Which one is better in your opinion? Why?

Capitalism. NOT CRONYcapitalism. But real capitalism.
And there is no opinion. It's because it is what has helped serve and advance society and humanity the most. And the argument isn't even close. Capitalism, free markets, free men have yielded more inventions, more advances, more drugs, more innovations, etc., than any socialist or communist nation has. It boils down to whether or not you're going to let individual achieve their best and reaps the rewards of them achieving their best, or go some idiotic, whinny, wimpy, "woe is me I need other people's money" route. Do you award the winners or losers.

Even the losers benefit from a capitalist society because the Steve Jobs and Jonas Salks and Wright Brothers are allowed to achieve their best, creating new innovations and creations that improve the standards of livings of EVERYONE infinitely more than mere income transfers and socialist parasitism can. It's why North Korea today presumably spends all of its money on "the people," but the poorest people of the US are richer than your average "rich" North Korean.

12. Can you give modern examples of each one?

Sure, North Korea, South Korea.
1980's US vs. 1980' USSR
East vs. West Germany

Monaco/Lichtenstein/Luxembourgh vs. All of Europe

Just look at history and ask yourself a simple question:

Do countries that allow their people to be free and keep the majority of the fruits of their labor result in higher standards of living, higher life expectancies, higher innovation, and higher economic growth

Or

Do countries that confiscate/tax 80% of their people's production, to transfer it to people who don't work or are as not efficient, result in higher standard of living, higher life expectancies, higher innovation, and higher economic growth.

The question is so simple it moots the entire "study" of economics.

Thursday Night Linkage

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What would Wendy Davis do? Oh, what this female politician just did! Again, women are HORRIBLE with money.

How do you tell you're on the way to learning the truth? When the Southern Poverty Law Center targets you and calls you a bigot.

The Truth About Abraham Lincoln - a heck of a podcast that changed my mind about the man and showed me how little slavery was part of the Civil War.

Man Ex reviews Bachelor Pad Economics and disagrees with me on a key subject. Remember, if you write a review, let me know!

Annnnnnd then I wonder if the youth even deserve saving. Bunch of brainwashed lemmings.

A True Story About Communism

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From our Son of a Communist Worker in the Field:

Communism is the application and enforcement of flawed socialist economics by firing squad.

To illustrate let me tell you a true story of what happened to my mother on a Kolkhoz (state farm) in the former Workers Paradise.

My mother was assigned to a dairy farm, to help milk the cows and other duties as befitting a farm girl. The farm had a quota which was to be picked up and delivered to the milk processing plants. As long as the cows were healthy and happy, the quota was maintained.

One day, however, the cows got sick and milk production dropped to less than half the assigned quota. A few days later the commissars came by to investigate. The commissars refused to accept the fact that the cows were sick and accused the farm manager of stealing the milk. My mother said that he just went white as a sheet. They also threatened the manager and half the staff, including my mother with execution if the thefts didn't stop.

The manager said that he would take steps to ensure that from now on full quota would be delivered on time.

Of course the cows were still sick and couldn't provide the volume of milk required to fulfil the quota.

The solution? Simply top up the half empty milk containers with well water and voila, quota met.

Socialism, Communism Fascism and Nazism are all branches of the same tree and ALL are EVIL.

I want all the little spoiled brat American children who live off of the innovations and savings and (now) credit/borrowings capitalism created/allowed for to pay attention.

The least of your problems will be that you can't afford the iPhone 7 when your ignorance manifests itself in something similar to the USSR. And there will be no better deserving generation than the OWS'ers.

Oh well, Enjoy the Decline!

Ladies, Think Twice Before You Declare Yourself a Feminist

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Because it's not what you think:

Target Fires Their Affirmative Action Hire

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Former Target CIO Jacob, [female] who holds an MBA, began her career with Target in 1984 as an assistant buyer in Target's department store division, Dayton's, for two years. She was hired by Target in 2002 as director of guest contact centers, and named vice president, guest operations in 2006.

Emphasis mine.

Question lieutenants, economists, agents in the field and chillllldlren!

Why would a large corporation promote a person with

NO IT experience,
an "MBA,"
and an expertise in "guest services"

to the CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER ROLE??????

Anyone?
Anyone?

Bueller?
Bueller?

Oh, that's right! It begins with an "A" and ends with "ffirmative Action!"

Well at least they had diversity at Target Corp and that's definitely worth a cool billion!

hat tip

Friday Night Linkage

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Average is average.

You are not a "bright young woman" if you are majoring in early childhood education. You are a babysitter.

Nomad Capitalist radio is back with it's first episode of 2014.

A tale of two grandmothers, one traditional, one careerist. Guess who won at the game of life!

When Myopic MBA Douchebags are Put in Charge

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You get idiotic decisions like this.

Saturday Night Linkage

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If you're going to stop smoking, don't do it cold turkey. Somebody tell Aurini.

I love happy endings. Don't you?

I will put a slightly different, but related spin on this. Men will always find a way to say yes, women will always find a way to say now. This is one of the many reasons for the earnings gap.

I am better than your kids.

Cat fight amongst liberal women. Moewroar! In short this heffer is upset white women are using belly dancing which is I guess the preserve of Arab women. I find it laughable because no man would want to see that oil tanker belly dance.

A Short Man is Like a Fat Woman

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The LADIES (Bill Burr emphasis) over at Return of Queens came up with an explanation of their scale of attraction for men on a scale of 1-10...

well...OK,

they ATTEMPTED to come up with a scale of 1-10, but being the lovely females they are, nothing is ever so simple. Their attraction to males is a bit more multi-faceted for a simple linear scale, so it became a list of "do's and don't's" instead. Perhaps not as simple as us men were looking for, but helpful nonetheless.

However, one of the best bits of advice was about short men, specifically, how women are just not attracted to them, and this needs to be expanded a little more for the benefit of our shorter brothers.

If you were like me and every other boy/man in America, you were brought up believing what your parents and teachers told you - that women would like you for you and just be yourself blabbity blah blah blah. You were also maybe told women preferred dark, TALL, men, but that was the extent to which height was addressed. And thus you were sent out into the world, thinking your height was no serious disadvantage. That like you, women weren't bigoted against people shorter than them and just as you were comfortable dating a girl taller than you, women would be comfortable dating men shorter than them.

Oh, how wrong you were. For while not addressed or talked about much, height is arguably the number one thing women look at. And I would go so far to say they are repulsed by shortness on a level almost as much as men are repulsed by fat.

While I have seen no studies, anecdotally there is enough data a study doesn't have to be commissioned. It is usually the case women are shorter than their partner. Only during my "ballroom dancing prime" was I able to score taller girls (and they would usually not stick around). And we can of course take what the ladies at ROQ are saying at face value. But if there is a case study that proves the "shortness handicap" it is my much more ripped IT counterpart. This "friend" is basically me on steroids and improved in every other category.

He makes six figures
He is an infinitely better mechanic than I am
He is a computer genius
He races cars and rides motorcycles
He's way more ripped than I am

Has a nicer house
Has a nicer car
Has a higher networth

oh, and

he is an accomplished dancer AND musician.

You could not really improve a human more.

But, alas, he is 5'9", and that's where he "fails." Matter of fact it was a conversation we had about a month ago that prompted me to look at shortness as such a handicap, and the ROQ piece confirms it. You can be the most accomplished man in every aspect of your life, superior to most of your competitors, but if you're short, you might as well be that "fat girl with a *great* personality."

So what is a short guy to do?

Well the primary purpose of this post is to at least MAKE YOU AWARE of your handicap. I do this NOT to berate you or make you feel bad, but to improve your chances with women. A soldier that goes into battle unaware of his greatest weakness or operating on false information is going to fail compared to a soldier that DOES know his greatest weakness and makes decisions accounting for it. So if you are short (I would say 5'10" or shorter) REALIZE and ACCEPT women are just not going to be as attracted to you.

Don't listen to what your parents say
Don't listen to what your friends who are girls say
Don't listen to what society says

If you are working out, interesting, good looking, and doing everything "right," if you're short THAT is the reason you are failing with women, just like FAT is the reason woman will fail with men.

Second, well while a fat girl can always lose weight (well, according to science and biology anyway, HAR HAR HAR!), a short man simply cannot increase his height. There is no "solution" to height.

Correct, so, like the ladies at ROQ point out, you are merely going to be relegated to shorter girls.

This is alright because, again, men really don't care that much about height. And there's plenty of short girls around. The problem is (as many online dating profiles will show you) short girls are just as picky as their taller female counterparts when it comes to the

height of men. Profiles are abound of 5'1" girls DEMANDING a man 6'0" or taller. This "height spread" combined with the fact taller men aren't going to turn down a girl based on height, pushes short men out of the "height market."

Regardless, you're just going to have to "aim low" and not bother approaching taller girls.

Third, lie.

Do women put on makeup?

Do women wear clothes that adjust their shape?

Do women wear heels?

Women lie all the time about their appearance, so the least you can do is lie about your height.

Of course, this isn't Gattica, so how do you lie?

Pull a Prince and get some platform shoes. Nothing 4" or anything as drastic as that, but an additional 1.5" will still look like a "normal" shoes, but mayhaps give you that edge you need.

Fourth, charm. I am a student of Walter Matthau because the man did not look like Steve McQueen, but still managed to be charming. It won't fully compensate for being short (as my IT doppelganger has shown), but a devastating charm can add a couple inches in height.

Finally, if push comes to shove, Asian and Latin countries. Women in these countries tend to be short. And of course this is doing no service to our Asian or Latino brothers, but sorry guys, all's fair. If height is pushing you out of the taller-Anglo/Scandinavian/basketball-player market, you'll just have to go to cultures where women are biologically shorter.

Whatever strategy or strategies you choose to pursue, the key lesson to pull from this is to realize just what a severe handicap being short is for a guy. It's not a "minor" inconvenience. It's not "something shallow girls insist on." It is a genetically hardwired preference of women, neither to be berated or shamed. It is a law, and a law you need to abide by.

The Captain Beats Out Ivy League Schools' Economics Departments

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At an Ivy league college I took two semesters of economics - "micro" and "macro" economics, all of which turned out to be crap. Wish I saved some money on those courses, as well as some sanity, and read this book instead.

Well, that is because the Ivy League's economists are not gifted with SAEG (TM).

Regardless, yes, my book is only $27 ($10 on Kindle) while two Ivy Plague econ classes will probably set you back $10,000 and 200 braincells.

When Your Job Hunt Strategy Consists of "Hopefully the Economy Will Turn Around"

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I love it when college graduates never paid attention to economics class:

The Truth Industry

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Working in the financial services industry sucks. While you would think it is a viable career, an industry that is vital and necessary for the economy (and it is), it has been overrun by incompetent morons, charlatans, and politicians. It's why the dotcom crash occurred, it's why the housing bubble occurred, it's why the Fed is debasing the currency, and bar a parasitic class, it is the number one reason the country will collapse. I am incredibly thankful I'm out of it and have the career I do today.

But what is that "career" precisely?

Blogging guy who writes the occasional book?
Social media guy who blogs and charges for advertising?
Schmoe who wakes up at 11AM and screams at the internet?

It's amorphous and hard to define, but after much contemplation and thought, I finally realized what me and all the other blogger/podcaster/youtubing people are in the various spheres of the internet:

The Truth Industry.

Oh, claim I'm being grandiose and thinking highly of myself, but that really is what our industry is - the truth. And if you think about it, that is precisely the product we offer.

The irony of course is how this industry even formed and, even more so, to whom me and all the other people who work in the truth industry owe our new-found careers. For if you think about it, we owe our success to (by my estimation) 8 groups of people. These people have allowed me and hundreds of others to sleep in till 11AM, work from anywhere in the world, tell our bosses to shove it, have 100% freedom in how we work, and, above all else, given us a monopoly on the largest and most untapped market.
These 8 groups are:

Socialists/Democrats/Politicians
Feminists
Parents Who Divorce
Absentee Fathers
Wimpy Fathers (those who stick around, but are emasculated and not real men)
Public Schools
The Media
and the University System

And the market they've kindly handed to us on a silver platter are:

Delusional people who they've all lied to and are now desperately seeking the truth.

Permit me to explain.

There is the real world. This world is based in reality. And governing this real world are not only physical and scientific laws, but hardline economic and social laws that cannot be violated:

Everybody needs to work
Men don't like fat chicks
Women like strong, manly men
The nuclear family is the best unit to raise children
Specialized skills are in higher demand

etc.

The closer people or a society live by these rules, the better and more successful their lives will be. And over the eons humans have slowly reversed engineered these social laws and incorporated them into society either through actual law or passed-down "wisdom."

But what if somebody wanted to circumvent these laws? What if somebody was lazy or unethical and wanted to profit off of society? Well, they'd simply realize that the real world is very tough, sometimes, not fair. Heck, the real world is brutal often times. So an unethical/evil person would capitalize on these unfortunate facts of life and lie to people telling them what they WANT to hear, and not what they NEED to hear:

You don't have to work for a living.
Fat is beautiful
You are oppressed and entitled to other people's money.
You are not responsible for your own mistakes
Etc.

And these lies are perpetrated on society by the aforementioned 8 groups of people.

Socialists/Democrats tell people lies about not having to work for a living, not having to carry their own weight, and are masters at seeding division and hate among racial, sexual, and religious lines. They are also masters at concocting the most outlandish rationalizations such as "social justice" or "racism" for what amounts to nothing more than theft. Anything to keep their voting block ignorant, impoverished, and therefore the socialists in power.

Feminists love nothing more than lying to women about the nature of themselves and men, because it prevents them from having to expend any effort in life. Work hard to stay in shape? Work hard to get an IT degree and support yourself? Work hard to support a family?

Hell no!

Better to claim you're beaufitul, smart, intelligent, and independent *just the way you are* as you bloat over 300 pounds, major in and therefore offer nothing of value to society, and by consequence need constant taxpayer subsidy from the government. Meanwhile in your path lay millions of dysfunctional men and women completely clueless about what the other wants in terms of attraction, love, support, career, and family.

Divorced Parents are also wonderfully deluded people. Lying to themselves and their children that "you're the number one thing in our lives" when their actions prove anything but. Piss-poor selection in mates resulting in completely dysfunctional families and damaged children. Now we have two full generations of children brought up with a damaged concept of family and marriage which not only ensures their lives will be handicapped, but their childrens' lives as well. But remember, divorce is "empowering" and 40 is the new 30 and the grass is always greener on the other side. Besides, your spouse was such a bastard/bitch that your children are WINK WINK *much better off* now that you're divorced.

Absentee Fathers/Wimpy Fathers are also complicit in the lying. Either too lazy to stick around to raise their own kids or so influenced by feminism they just "assume" mothers and feminists know best, they relegate themselves to wage mule, rarely, if ever, dispensing the real world advice their children need. Of course, this assumes they had real male wisdom in the first place, but it is more likely they are spineless kowtowing wimps, rarely asserting their authority and telling their children the "harsh truths of life," because like a tail-behind the legs Ray Romano, that might rock the boat. And so their sons grow up to be the pansified, weak, timid men their fathers were, replete with a female-only rearing that is sure to feed them to the meat-grinder when they reach adulthood.

The Public Schools are also masterful liars. So good are they, they are better called indoctrinators. Working in tandem with the socialist parties of different countries, they train youth not to think, but to obey and vote more power to the state. They fool young children into thinking the real world owes them a living just by the fact they were born, and also use any propagandist tool they need to advance their political aims - rich are evil and unfairly advantaged. You're "privileged" if you're of a certain race or sex. Boys and girls are the exact same and there are no differences whatsoever. Global warming, etc. Even if you did have a strong father in the housebold, he simply cannot fight the lies and propaganda teachers feed his children 6 hours a day, 9 months a year.

The Univeristy System is merely the public schools v. 2.0. But this time instead of being told lies for free (well, on the back of taxpayers anyway), the children get to pay tuition and cripple their financial futures doing so. Again, the leftist lies continue, but the university system advances the ratioanlizations and conspiracies to ludicrous and idiotic levels. CISgendered, the cabal of "privileged" categories, 1 in 1 women are raped every week, you name it. Things that would be laughed at with 50's common sense are vehemently defended and insisted upon by faux-accredited professors in the most fabricated of studies. Worse, though, however, is the biggest lie told to the youth - that they are going to go on to become something great. Nay, they are entitled to go onto to do something great. That "Masters in Zombie Studies" is going to pay off big, and if it doesn't it's George Bush's fault. But before we blame George Bush, better get your doctorate just for good measure.

And finally, when the youth are no longer under the government auspices of the K-College industry, there's always **the Media** to keep the lying going well into adulthood. Confirming that there is global warming, Miley Ray Syphillis is a female role model, fathers are bungling idiots, and chicks can become the 110 pound "Round-Housing-Kicking Chick Cop." And let's not forget the hundreds of billions that is spent keeping women deluded. Madonna is still hot, cougars and MILF's, you just need this new creme, 50 Shades of Grey, and EPL mind-porn fantasies. Whatever lies are necessary to keep people's egos from getting smashed are told by the media, hopefully until the victim dies of natural causes.

In the end, you have what I would estimate to be a full 60% of an economy dedicated to deluding, lying, propagandizing, deceiving, and misleading the entire population. PLaying off of everybody's desires and innate preference for leisure over labor, the aforementioned 8 entities aim to profit off of these natural human weaknesses. Moral or not, supportable or not, the aforementioned groups of liars don't care. They're making their money and will destroy the country if they have to, and they're succeeding on both fronts.

But there's just one problem.

Did you noticed how most of the effort and lying these groups do are aimed at children and youth? That most of the lying occurs early on in a very despicable and evil way as they're targeting the children? That's not by accident, it's done on purpose. Children are easily brainwashable and once you instill lies into their minds, their minds and mental structure grow around it, making the resulting adult mind almost impervious to reality, and consequentially, deluded. This is merely economics as the "Lying 8" know an ounce of brainwashing early on prevents a pound of propaganda later. However, targeting children is also their biggest weakness and this is where the Truth Industry comes in.

What happens when the children leave the University System?

From there on out the Lying 8 heavily rely solely on the Media to continue to brainwashing. But post education, their victims are no longer under their educational auspices for 8 hours a day. Worse still, no matter how many lies and how much government money go into keeping up the facade that the real world doesn't exist, the real world does in fact exist, and the kiddies are at least exposed to it on some levels.

For example the labor market.

All those "independent minded, open minded college students" that majored in English? What the Lying 8 told them was that they were going to make $60,000 a year teaching English in a warm foreign country. The real world tells them they're going to work for $7 per hour serving coffee while still being unable to pay off their student loans.

Another example, the dating/courting market.

All those empowered 20 something women who put career head of humans, family and love? They're now 35 and "finally" ready to settle down after they got their masters and their certifications and want to start a family in the next 40 seconds because that's what they scheduled. The Lying 8 said they could simply snatch up a husband at this point, but the real world now delivers them the crushing blow that most men would not touch them as they're too old, not wife or mother material, and are instead chasing after their 25 year old baby sister.

Marriage?

Remember the Lying 8 told men they just had to be sensitive caring 90's type guys with great personalities and a decent income. No, don't work out. No, don't lay down the law. Good lord, no, don't be a man. Women will respect and marry you if you're kind and caring and obedient.

Well, they'll marry you, but the real world will quickly show you she won't sleep with you. However, she WILL sleep with the guy who

does work out,
who does lay down the law,
and is actually a man.

THat's the real world.

We could go on, but in short the Lying 8 cannot keep up the facade. Their false world starts to unravel because it has to. It's not sustainable. Divorce goes up, children become dysfunctional, Detroit files for bankruptcy, Millenials fill up the unemployment line, men are fat, women get lip, and everybody is sexually frustrated. The empiricism

builds up to the point the victims of the Lying 8 are completely confused. They did "everything they were told." Believed in every one of their sweet-tasting lies. And when life does not turn out the way the Lying 8 said it would, the sheeple are forced into one of two things:

Cognitive dissonance or accepting reality.

There isn't much The Truth Industry can do with people infected with cognitive dissonance. No amount of reality, empiricism, data or statistics will convince them. They have become so emotionally and psychologically vested in the Lying 8's lies they are beyond hope. They live out the rest of their lives as the basement dwelling troll, the embittered feminist with her cats, the political activist who never gets promoted because of their lack of connections, or the corporate cog who gets divorced and pays alimony to his ex-family that hates him. They live the rest of their lives wasted, progressively and increasingly becoming more wedded to something as stupid as an ideology, religion or politics.

But there is something The Truth Industry can do for those who genuinely seek out the truth and have the capacity to admit they may have been brainwashed.

The young man who inevitably gets so fed up doing what "women told him to do" when chasing girls and dares to try different tactics. He then lifts weights, doesn't return calls and calls women on their BS.

The hen-picked husband who has enough and decides to Lester-Burnham up and start laying down the law. Tells his wife she's fat and needs to lose weight, otherwise there's the door.

The young female college graduate who realizes her degree isn't making her an empowered woman, and there are no quality suitors pursuing her. She then majors in STEM and hits the treadmill and starts to ponder whether having kids is all that bad.

Whoever it is and wherever they are, people who have the intellectual honesty to sit back and say, "There's something wrong here, something is off, is it possible I missed something and I am wrong?" are the people The Truth Industry can help and serve.

And let me tell you what a joy it is serving them.

When they find "The Manosphere," read up on economics and finance, or however they find it, 100% of the time they always say, "THANK GOD FOR EXPLAINING THIS TO ME! I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO VIEWED IT THIS WAY!" The Truth Industry takes away the confusion and the psychological torture of not being able to explain what's going on for literally 3 decades in people's lives and for once explains the lay of the land,

the reality of life to them, so that they may not waste the next 3 decades of their lives. My consulting arm, "Asshole Consulting" has prevented more than one young soul from majoring in a stupid degree, selling his soul to a soulless corporate employer, or wasting their lives "being nice" and instead told them to hit the gym. And the blunt, impolite, directness of The Manosphere has helped save easily thousands of would-be marriages for men and women (and subsequent children) from being the trainwrecks they were fated to be had people merely listened to the Lying 8. The Truth Industry is undoing the brainwashing the Lying 8 has perpetrated on generations, saving people from wasting their one and finite lives and waking them up to the lies that they've been fed since cognizance.

But the best thing about The Truth Industry is not the irony that our adversaries made this all possible. It's not that without these evil vile scum we wouldn't have been here and otherwise would have had boring cubicle jobs. It's that the Lying 8 can't do a damn thing about it.

You see, if the Lying 8 wanted to nip The Truth Industry in the bud, it would have basically sacrifice itself. It would have to admit it was wrong the entire time, it had an ulterior motive, a political agenda, which ultimately means it would have to admit they were lying and abusing society for their own profit. They would have to admit they were selling sweet lies and in the process destroying lives all for personal financial gain. And if they were to do that, they would then face their worst nightmare - they'd have to get real jobs and actually work for a living.

No more pontificating professorships.
No more "professional activists."
No more "non-profit champagne sipping fund raisers."
No more benefit laden political careers.
No more "won't somebody please think of the chilllllldreeennnnn."

They would actually have to work and toil like the rest of society.

And that prospect scares them more than the amalgamation of spheres on the internet that constitutes The Truth Industry.

In other words, we here in The Truth Industy have life-long employment security. The Lying 8 will continue to lie to the children, the youth, and the susceptible. Feminists will still lie to women about fat being beautiful. Socialists will still lie to their parasitic constituents about victimhood. Teachers will still lie to their students about global warming. Divorced parents will still to their children. And the Media will still continue to lie about...well...everything.

And I sincerely hope they do. Because I don't ever want to go back to banking or real job

ever again.

What Happens When You Take Away Career, Family, Wives, and Financial Success From Men?

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This - implosion.

But remember social scientists, economists, and policy makers - men should NEVER be factored into your decision. Never. They're only half the population and the group that produces and innovates nearly everything in society. You don't want to factor them ever into your decision making.

John Campbell - "Capitalism Isn't Fair!"

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Somebody call the WAAAAAAAAMbulance.

Video and simpering whinny baby cry girl here.

The Stock Market is NOT the Economy

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For everybody who points to the stock market as a "sign" of economic success or good governance:

The Resident Mom of the Manosphere

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Do you need a hug? Need some motherly love? A mama-bear that will shred anybody that dares hurts her little ones? Perhaps somebody who will give you some digital pampering over the internet when you're sick with the flu?

Well everybody needs a surrogate mom and we here in the Manosphere are lucky to have several. One of them is Suzie of AVFM fame and I was lucky enough to meet her.

She had been blogging at Shiny Pearls of Something, but then the untimely death of her husband and family medical issues forced her to go on a hiatus.

Now a lot of you already know Suz, but I think it would be kind if we all said hello to Suz here and give her a little love as she runs ragged driving cross country. She will return, but in the meantime any kind words of support and thanks in the comment section would go a long way (also telling her she doesn't look a day over 32 goes a long way I found).

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I am once again intrigued by Islamic economics. The idea of the abolishment of debt as well as rules imposed on traders in the 000's cause for an interesting study.

The latest Aurini podcast about heavy metal, philosophy, porn, suicide and other family-friendly topics.

Apparently 20 something American women do not watch "Hogan's Heroes" or "The Victor Borge Show."

It's called capital flight and it's a feature, not a bug, of socialism. Also notice how they all are workers and contribute to GDP. I'm sure a country of people who don't contribute to GDP will do just fine.

The Deteriorating Intellect of Leftists

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As I've aged not only have I gained more and more insight and wisdom from hindsight, but I've noticed that society has changed along with me. Men indeed are becoming wimpier, women more manly, people dumber and more gullible, and institutions more machiavellian. The majority of society's trends are unfortunately downward or regressive, but it is not under my control, nor my concern. I can only accept these truths as reality and tailor my actions and decisions accordingly.

However, one of the more prominent trends that affects my "profession" directly has been understanding and acknowledging the progressively deteriorating mental condition of leftists. In the embryonic stages of this blog my primary purpose in setting up "Captain Capitalism" was because I was sick and tired of being the sole "republican/conservative" at the various 20 something parties I attended in liberal Minneapolis. Sure enough somebody would out me, I'd have a cacophony of emasculated liberal males attacking me to display their oneupmanship in the hopes of sleeping with a harry-armpitted-South-Minneapolis female, and while I didn't start it, I would most definitely finish it. Of course this ruined the party and so I decided that it would be beneficial for my social life to have some key data and charts readily available on the internet that would pre-emptively end any political arguments, allow the party to continue uninterrupted, and me not ending up the "right wing nazi asshole" by the end of the evening.

But something funny happened.

After no less than 5 years of compiling empirical data, terabytes of charts, and what I consider to be one of the best depositories of economic data in the world, I noticed not ONE leftist was ever convinced or even phased by the preponderance of evidence I had amassed on my blog. They would claim "X," I would show them "Y," and then they would execute the most cowardly and delusional mental acrobatics to weasel out of it. It was until no more than 3 years ago that I finally realized leftists had absolutely NO desire to seek out reality or truth, but rather preferred to have a religion or belief system that made their fragile psychies and egos feel good.

This had a significant effect on my blog and other online activities as I no longer wasted my time compiling empirical economic data or statistics. Why would I waste my time compiling data, when I would get responses like "well my perception is reality?" The left has absolutely no intention of having an intellectually honest discussion. Ergo the switch some of you may have noticed from pure, hard-core economics to mockery, ridicule, philosophy, Manosphere, and antagonism. But while this observation provided the impetus for the switch of focus on my blog, it also opened my eyes to a much larger and deeper phenomenon - the decaying intellectual capacity of leftists.

The absolute absence of any desire to be honest, truthful, and seeking reality at 20 something parties was just the tip of the ice berg. It was a symptom of a much larger problem. Here were presumed "adults," college educated even, who would have a glass of water put in front of them and when told "that is a glass of water" lacked the ability to acknowledge it for what it was. This delusion or denial was just the first of many symptoms of a decaying intellect.

The second thing I noticed was leftist mind's inability to handle literalness vs. general points. A perfect example is where Tom Leykis always always always has to correct his female callers when they call in and say,

"Oh yeah!!!!??? Well my friend, she's 55 and never married and SHE DOESN'T HAVE CATS!!!!"

Instead of listening to the general point being made about most people who are female, 55, and have cats, the leftist ignores the general overall point attempting to be made and scrambles to find an anecdote or a datapoint that disproves the overall point.

Forget the overall point wasn't literally saying, ALL women who are 55 and single have cats, no just desperately try to find the outlier example that does not follow the general rule.

On the flip side, the leftist mind shows the capacity to be literal when it chooses. I've written scores of paragraphs, making a concise point, abbreviating the logic so it is easier to the readership. And mercy do they point out the gaps or the inconsistencies. I wish I could provide an example, but the criticisms are so petty and not-germane to the topic, none come to mind right now.

Regardless, what this once again proves is the leftist mind has no desire to adhere to reality. Only support the religion/script. So it has the ability to CHOOSE to be literal when it wants to be, and general when it doesn't.

This third sign of mental decay was the inability of leftists to adhere to any kind of logic. I never thought logic a great or incredible skill because I think the brain is naturally programmed to unconsciously incorporate "if then" "and" "a=b, b=c, then c=a" and other proof-type logic into debate and conversation. But apparently it must be a herculean task to adhere to because leftists just seem immune to logic.

They lack ANY capacity to be logical, let alone adhere to any kind of linear argument. Ergo, while you may think "OK, I can't beat them with an empirical argument, so I'll get them on logic," forget it. Once you paint them into an inescapable corner, they either engage in intellectual dishonesty to make it seem their position is logically tenable, or they switch the topic of conversation, usually accusing you of an "ism" of sorts.

This leads to the fourth symptom of a deteriorating mind - non-sequitur arguments.

If you and I were having a debate about dogs and I all of the sudden started talking about cats, you might wonder if I had a few screws loose. If we were talking about the best way to get to Sturgis and then I bring up the route to Tallahassee, you might wonder if you shouldn't have carpooled with somebody else. But when a leftist switches the debate from the crushing debt we're destroying our children with to "Oh yeah, well Reagan had death squads in Central America!" that's viewed as "intelligent" or "strategic."

No, it's not. It's a mental flaw. A mental impairment. A sign of a dysfunctioning and inadequate intellect. If you pulled that kind of switcheroo off as a 9 year old boy in the 4th grade you'd be given Ritalin.

Naturally anybody who's argued with a leftist or paid the slightest bit of attention when debating one, has observed and witnessed these symptoms. Perhaps some of you, after bashing your head into a wall trying to actually argue with a leftist, had the wisdom to acknowledge they were mentally handicapped and stopped. But most recently, I've found evidence that the leftist intellect is deteriorating even further. And mental deterioration in this specific category has scary ramifications:

Leftists are losing the ability to understand satire and sarcasm.

It was a spate of hate-filled, curse-laden, death-threat-full comments in the past couple of months that made me realize leftists are starting to lose their ability to discern sarcasm and joshing. One instance was a podcast or video (I can't remember which) where I was opining about what celebrities I could take in a fight.

Bono, no.
Clooney, probably not.
Matt Damon, unfortunately no.
But Leonardo DiCaprio, sure!

Was I REALLY going to challenge any of these people to fights?
No.
Do I REALLY want to beat up Leonardo DiCaprio?
No.

But in comes the tirade about how "I'm not a real man" and "Look at the pussy acting all macho" and "You never served like in Nam, have you ever hunted man" and "I know a ditch you'd fill well" etc. etc. as if I was actually serious about fighting Hollywood celebrities.

It was this instance combined with others that made me realize leftists take everything

you say seriously and no longer can tell when you are kidding. They can't take a joke. They can't laugh. They are so serious and insecure about their politics, their intellect no longer has the capacity for humor.

And this is why it is scary.

Humor, it is my humble belief, is proof of a high intellect. Squirrels don't laugh. Cows don't cut jokes. But humans do. It is humor that not only makes humans human, but is also the primary reason I believe there is a god and that humans are indeed special (besides, theology aside, comedians as a group have surprisingly high IQ's). So when a human no longer shows the capacity to identify and appreciate humor, it shows a regression in their mental capacity. This isn't to say all leftists don't appreciate a good joke, but i have noticed the preference (or perhaps purposeful choice) of leftists to take offense and umbrage, and then display rage and anger at something that was patently sarcasm. You combine this inability to discern humor with all the other aforementioned mental deficiencies (lack of intellectual honesty, lack of logic, problems with literalness, non-sequiturism) and the ramifications are indeed scary, namely...

The liberal zombie.

To be blunt, when you try to talk reality and sense to a leftist today, they more often than not end up getting angry, sometimes rageful. And while most won't throw a punch, what if they were starving? What if they were unemployed and constantly teetering on the verge of poverty? What if they were brought up under an environment of constant brainwashing, hate, bigotry, and classism? What if the EBT, TANF, and WIC checks suddenly bounced in an economic melt-down?

Do you really think you're going to be able to sit there, with a mob of starving leftists charging you saying,

"*No, wait, you don't understand. You see the Chinese cut off our funding and so the federal government had to print money to meet this quarter's social spending demands, but this triggered inflation and is why those checks have lost 90% of their purchasing power. You see, if we just vote for fiscal austerity this next election cycle and reform our social programs, we can reverse this?*"

These people, even the college educated ones, scoffed and did Cirque de Solei level mental acrobatics to dismiss your literal and factual chart. Do you think they're, let alone their ignorant mass-sheeple counterparts are going to pay attention, let alone heed your arguments?

The sad truth is you aren't dealing with sane mental individuals. You really aren't. This is not hyperbole or rhetoric. This isn't even to slander leftists for political reasons. It's

factual.

Leftists are mentally impaired.

And if their deteriorating ability to laugh at humor is any indication, it looks like they're getting worse.

Perhaps all that zombie ammo in the stores isn't a joke.

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You should buy them so you can burn them because burning books is good, unless you're a Nazi, then it's bad. You should also do a Youtube video about what a jerk he is, especially if you're a 20 something college student who think you know everything.

Latest Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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My apologies in advance, but it had to be done from the field and the audio quality is just fine, the background noise is what makes it marginal. But still brilliant economic and sociological observations can be found.

Damn Papparazzi

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This was snapped without my approval or knowledge! Now the truth is out! I do not loathe infants. My reputation is ruined.

When Daddys Let Their Daughters Major in Crap

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Oh ouch. The ending of this is so precious, yet so sad.

Well, remember fathers. Keep letting your pwetty wittle pwincess major in what she wants.

Why You Will See Morgan Baskin in the Future

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I will make a prediction. Not now, but in the future, you will see one Ms. Morgan Baskin in the future of politics.

She has all the qualifications:

None.

She has no real world experience.
Never worked a day in her life.
But at the age of 18 she thinks she's qualified to be Toronto's mayor.

This is the key trait all politicians have - the arrogance and greed to put their personal interests ahead of society's.

Does this bint REALLY think she's qualified to lead the people of Toronto?

Of course not.

But that doesn't matter. Ms. Baskin WANTS the money, fame, and above all else, easy high paying job. She could not care less about the people of Toronto.

It is because of this is a 100% guarantee she WILL at some point in the future enter politics AND a 100% guarantee she will accelerate the decline of whatever constituency stupid enough to vote her in.

Do not say I didn't warn you or that this couldn't have been spotted a mile...err...1.6 kilometers away.

New Lieutenant Added to Blogroll

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Western Rifle Shooters

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"Parents that Suck"

A man is still a man is still a man. I'm surprised that a corporate executive didn't kowtow to PC.

Laid back crucifixion.

Learning to Loathe the United States

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An interesting and intellectually honest observation I had about the United States was that I never got to experience what I presumably loved about the US. This made me realize I was being a bit hypocritical, because the US I experienced was anything but the US I was fighting for.

The US I loved was what I saw in television and was taught to me (either through parents, school, media, etc.). It's history, winning WWII, the nuclear family, truth justice, gallant country westerns, dashing heroes like James Bond (I know, British), John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, beautiful women like Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren, Doris Day, not to mention its entertainment culture be it jazz, comedy, fashion, etc. But that version of the US died around 1965 and I was born ten years after. The US I got to live in was practically the opposite.

Destroyed families, divorce, Volker Recession poverty, hideous 70's music, fashion, and entertainment. Harlots and sluts for female actresses and vocalists, masculine women, effeminate men, spoiled rotten children, bullies and bitches, idiotic teachers, increasing taxes, recessions, bubbles, and prisons masquerading as schools. And let's not forget a selection of women destroyed by feminism, bigotry against white males, a progressive credentialism that ensured your youth was wasted, bogus careers with false promises, and never ever coming close to achieving the American dream a la the 1940's.

No, the two were actually quite different and it forced me to conclude something.

I hate the United States. I loathe it.

Not the idea of America. Not the ideals the country was originally founded on, but what it has become and consequently the US I get to live in.

It's basically a decadent, dependent pile of spoiled rotten human filth.

This isn't to say there aren't good people in the US or that there aren't good aspects of the US, but what me, you, and everybody else has to do is wake up and realize is that the country no longer represents the ideals and ideas it was founded upon. While we naturally surround ourselves with people we like, we have to realize that in doing so we bias our perception of the country. And therefore while you play poker with fellow conservatives, libertarians, and self supporting people and think most people are hard working folk like you, you don't realize that the majority of the population are parasitical, have no desire to be honest hard working Americans, are brought up/brainwashed to hate the country, hate people who work hard and are successful, and whose purpose in life is

nothing more than to live off of you.

If you step back, clear your eyes, and take a fresh look, you can see this "real" United States for what it is and realize this is what you've had to live in and endure:

Lena Horne vs. Madonna vs. Miley Ray Cyrus
Duke Ellington vs. Kanye West
Jimmy Stewart vs. Matt Damon
Dwight Eisenhower vs. Barack Obama
Women with decorum and class vs. feminist brainwashed arrogant lippy brats
Strong, independent men vs. wimpy, simpering obedient, emasculated "men"
Powerful classy cars vs. EPA compliant boxes
Traditional architecture vs. minimalist crap
This vs. that
Don Rickles vs. Margaret Cho

I can go on, but how can anybody champion such crap? How can you advocate the US in its current state?

The truth is you can't. Not unless you're one of the losers that is populating the new America. And so I'm done. I never got to experience a Andy Griffith Mayberry lifestyle. I never got to come out of high school with a job waiting for me. I don't know what it's like to have a population that wants to work with me, instead of villainize and live off of me. And I've never walked downtown to see every man and women dressed their best as they presented themselves in public. It's not that I'm 'sick of it,' I already am. I'm just no longer fighting for something that isn't. The US is not ideal. The people that populate it have no desire to bring it back to its former greatness. And the hell if I'm fighting for something that I've never gotten to enjoy.

Enjoy the decline!

The Mel Gibson Career Paradox

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Say you are really good at something.

No, actually, say you're the best.

You went to school for whatever it was, graduated top of your class, know your field inside and out, and are so good at what you do you know who your competition is and they number no more than three.

That's how good you are.

Now you try to go into your field and you find out, despite how good you are, you run into various obstacles. Inept bosses, drama-politicking co-workers, duties that are beneath your ability, corruption, or a constant ramming of heads with management. None of these things have anything to do with your ability or skill, but they do have a direct effect on your performance and career.

Now say you think that job is a one time fluke and you find another one. But sure enough you start to run into the exact same problems. Old fart bosses who can't do Excel, management that turns a blind eye to either huge opportunities or devastating threats. Co-workers that don't carry their weight or, worse, purposely sabotage you at every corner. You really aren't doing anything wrong, there's no reason for these roadblocks, it's just that you keep running into incompetent, braindead turkeys that won't let you soar at your eagle capacity.

You try and try again, but it's the same thing at job after job again. Mundane duties, never allowed to achieve your best, petty politics and moron managers, constantly ramming heads...

Well son, you unfortunately suffer from the Mel Gibson Career Paradox.

You see, you may be the best in your field. You may be able to see with 20/20 vision what others can't or won't. You may be 100% right in everything you do and observe and would indeed make the best CEO in that industry, but alas, there is something about you that makes you completely incompatible with the industry. It's nothing bad or good, you just have some trait, some characteristic that makes success in that industry an impossibility.

In the case of Mel Gibson and thus the paradox, Mel Gibson is an incredibly talented actor. He is also an incredibly talented director/producer making one of the few billion

dollar grossing film. He is hands down one of the best in his field, alas his personality and alcohol-induced rants are traits that just do not abide with the leftist Hollywood powers that rule the movie industry. Forget that he's talented. Forget he can bring in billions. And forget that many in Hollywood are bigots, racists, and anti-American themselves. He just doesn't jibe with the industry.

Same thing with Peter Schiff, Robert Shiller, and dare I throw myself into the mix. It was as clear as day to us that the housing market was hyper inflated and bad loans were being made. Had the government and/or the banking industry merely listened to any one of us, the Great Recession would have never happened. Alas, where are the three of us now? I cannot speak personally to Peter Schiff or Dr. Shiller, but I'd imagine much like me, they rammed heads with management in their early career days and never made much head way in the financial services industry. However, there is no doubt that we are "top men" in our respective industries. Still be it our personalities, the way we walk, or the fact our intelligence scares the piss out of inept and corrupt banking executives, none of us had successful careers in the finance industry. We just had that "trait" that made it mutually exclusive. And thus the lesson to all of you.

Understand that while you may be the best in your field, AND you may be 100% right, various sectors, segments, and industries of society have become so corrupt or so infiltrated with different groups of people, that qualities and traits you have, that have nothing to do with you ability, skill, or the profession, will make it impossible for you to work in those fields. And whereas in the past this may have meant your skin color, your religion, or your ethnicity, today it can be things as innocuous and petty as "you're too moral," "you're too smart," "you know too much," "you're not corruptible," "you just don't play ball well," "you lack the ability to kiss ass," "you don't dress right," etc. etc. etc. But while this may be "unjust" or "not right," it is what it is. You may be the best, but that is irrelevant. The system and you are not compatible. You need to find a new career.

Sadly this means many of you will have to give up your dream job or dream career. You may really want to become a cop, but the police department doesn't want you to. You may really want to become an accountant, but the CPA firm won't let you. And you may want to be a nurse, but the medical industry steadfastly refuses you. The key thing is to realize that it was never possible in the first place. Your dream job was never to become a cop or an accountant or a nurse, because it was never feasible. The biggest risk, however, is letting your excellence in the field force you to waste your time pursuing something that is not possible. Ergo, even if you are the best, if your career is not flowing the way it should, and constantly has bumps in the road, it is time to give up your infeasible passion and find a feasible one.

Nick Steves - New Blogroll Addition

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New addition to the blogroll. Nick Steves

Why Does Secession Have to Be Violent?

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how you can't force yourself to sleep,
are cats as flippant and arrogant to god when they die and go to Kitty Heaven,
and any country with only 6,000 troops deserves to get invaded,

AND MORE

In this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Dear Stupid Students, America Can No Longer Afford Your Stupidity

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A student majoring in "Design" gets into $163,000 in debts and asks you, me, and all the other taxpayers to bail her out.

I provide a response where I attempt to be as polite as possible...but more or less fail.

Post post - 60 year old returns to school to get a DUAL degree in British Literature and Creative Writing. Somebody please make it stop.

POST POST POST - OK, call off the dogs. She admits she made a mistake and is owning up to it. From her site:

UPDATE 3/13/2014 Thank you all for viewing this video. It was very hard for me to do. To face the mirror of my own mistake was hard! Thats the just of the sincerity of the video. I understand this is a very passionate subject for most people. By no way am I saying that I want the government or tax payers to pay for the loan I knew I took out. That is not the point of this video. The point is that private student loan borrowers are not eligible for the same consolidation privileges federal student loan borrowers are. That's all. I wish I could go back in time and not take the private loans out.

Thursday Night Linkage

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Who doesn't enjoy a good story about a strip club?

Dropping your kid off at daycare is a dereliction of duty. You replaced mothers with the state and this is what you get.

Role models for young girls. Hint there's a "right" and a "wrong" one.

Women Don't Care How You Got Your Money, As Long As You Spend It On Them

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My latest piece at ROK.

Help the Captain on Fiction vs. Nonfiction

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Greetings Lieutenants, Economists, Agents in the Field, and Chillllldren!

I need your input and help before I select my next "serious" book to write. Namely, whether I should leave my traditional route of non-fiction and write a fictional book. I am distinctly aware the two are very different beasts and because of this I know that fans of non-fiction may not be fans of fiction and vice versa. In short I have a REALLY cool book idea, but as with any project of this size it has to pay off financially. Ergo, if there's no market for it, then I will not write it.

If you could kindly voice your opinion in the comments section I would appreciate it. Also I do NOT want my feelings spared. I want to make money. Therefore, even if you think "aw, how sweet, the Captain really wants to write this book. I don't like fiction, but I'm going to tell him to write it anyway" DON'T. I want the truth.

Your thoughts are greatly appreciated.

Cappy

Did Keynes Ever "Think of the Chidlren?"

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I think not.

Black Men, You Have Officially Been Replaced By Government

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And white, hispanic, asian, and every other man, you're not far behind.

I cannot think of a more empirical bit of evidence of the totalitarian state taking over people's private lives and the resultant human filth that ensues.

Friday Night Linkage

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Men are attracted by the physical but marry character.

Why I'd Like to Have a Drink With Larry Brown

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Larry Brown died. Among his many possessions was a 1969 Shelby GT Mustang.

But what is interesting is how there was no heir to his estate.

Larry never married, had no kids, and thus, he was a statistical anomaly.

An anomaly I would wish I could have conversed with.

Let us think about a man like Larry Brown. He didn't marry, didn't have kids, but had enough taste to purchase and store a classic American car. What kind of life did this guy lead?

He was obviously an independent thinker, did not conform, and probably did his own thing. Had enough money to purchase the epitome of American muscle car classical lore, but still, no family and no wife. I don't know if I have more admiration or pity for the guy, but still, somebody unique enough that the tragedy isn't the fact the car has not heir, but that his life, observations and wisdom will not be passed on.

New Blogroll Additions - Victory Girls and Matt Walsh

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You will visit Victory Girls because who doesn't like 1940's style women and pin ups?

And Matt Walsh. Very good writing. You know when somebody says, "Oh, this restaurant has the best food" and you're like, "ehhh...I doubt it." Well this guy does actually write well.

White Male Appreciation Week

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Hey kids! It's White Male Appreciation Week! Celebrate the achievements and contributions of white males this week...not to mention incidentally irk all the right people. Here's my contribution, a list of few achievements and innovation of white males!

Sunday Day Linkage

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That math and accounting thing is tough, huh sweetheart?

Some sociological observations from a bouncer about the night club scene.

White Male Appreciation Week

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This week we celebrate the contributions white males have made to the world and society. We just want to participate in celebrating diversity like every other political group does in America.

Today's White Male Achievement is Double Entry Book Keeping.

It's not a major contribution. Just that the entire world's GDP and global economy wouldn't exist without it.

Celebrate White Male Appreciation Week by using the hashtag #whitemaleappreciationweek or pointing out contributions that you appreciate having in life!

When Podcasters Replaced Pastors

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An interesting epiphany hit me.

Not when I was out hiking 13,000 foot peaks in Wyoming.
Not when I was on my thrice weekly run.
But rather when on the treadmill as this vile of a winter that refuses to end:

Podcasters are the new pastors.

I say this not for my own egotistical self, but rather an observation whilst listening an episode of Stefan Molyneux's podcast. He was reviewing the numbers and 2013 was by far his best year. Over 50 million downloads, the "Truth About" series helping with that, and enough income to at least keep the lights on. This all without a building to preach in, housing, or a congregation all provided by the parish. It was with a microphone, a computer, some bandwidth, and some servers Stefan (and his adjutant) Michael were able to deliver, in just one year, more "sermons" in the form of podcasts to more listeners' ears in a week than your average pastor will deliver in his lifetime.

Driving this naturally is technology. And of course people would rightly point out this could have been said about radio hosts. However podcasters pose a greater threat to pastors than radio show hosts in that they don't need to cover the overheard of a radio station and a radio tower. Ergo, they can focus on special niches in life and attract smaller, but very loyal audiences, instead of aiming for a mass, boring, indifferentiated market share.

The result is a plethora of podcasts and shows that address every imaginable topic. Aurini and Molyneux cover philosophy. I have my own economics/sociological/courting podcast. Ed has his political podcast. Kerry Lutz his precious metals podcast. FTM their survival podcast. Alton Brown his...well..."I'm Alton Brown and everything I touch turns gold because I'm that freaking cool of a guy" podcast. Every imaginable facet of life has a podcast and people can now tune into very specific and precise shows leaving the mass-market-appealing radio shows behind.

But the area podcasters give pastors a run for their money is philosophy and real-world advice. And this is where podcasters are not so much putting pastors out of business, but eating their lunch.

Understand with philosophy, life advice, financial consulting, dating, etc., podcasters are serving a horrendously underserved market of (primarily) youngerish people (45 and younger) who have been misled purposely or unintentionally by all instititutions and

entities in society. Revisiting much trampled ground before - courting, careers, dating, health, politics, government, etc., etc., - nearly every one 45 and under have been lied to about the real world. Consequently they very much are lost sheep and are in desperate need of being deprogrammed from the brainwashing they received and then being informed about how the actual real world works.

However, whereas this would be the domain of pastors and clergy members, they fail miserably addressing these social problems because they have their hands tied behind their back.

Tied by what?

Religion.

Whether you are a rabbi, a priest, an imam, or a pastor, you are relegated to to dispensing advice through the lens of the Torah, Koran, or Bible. You are also further regulated by tradition where all of your sermons must be religious. Ergo, the best a man of the cloth can do is lecture around 500 people once a week, pulling a lesson from their religious tomes that has a real life world application. This of course ONLY AFTER you waste 25 minutes on the front and 25 minutes on the back of the sermon doing calisthenics, kneeling, praying, singing, and saying, "the lord be with you" to some stranger to your right. And heaven help you if there's a baptism or communion. For 2 hours of attendance, you maybe get 15 minutes of sermon, 2 minutes of which is actually practical advice.

But not with podcasts.

With podcasts it's direct, topic specific, and immediately practical to your life. There's no interruptions with pointless 3,000 year old traditions and chanting. It's a fraction of the cost of tithing (because all your good religious people tithe, right? RIGHT?). And it can be listened to anywhere.

Now, will the advent of podcasting flatten the churches, raze the synagogues, and destroy the mosques? ~~Well, one can hope,~~ er...ummm...no. As long as there are people there will always be religion. However, what will happen is philosophy, advice, leadership, economics, political, and other "life guiding" sorts of podcasters will become the effective new pastors. Not because they set out to do so, but because they are actually doing the jobs of what pastors were originally supposed to be doing, but can't because of the religious handicap. You throw in technology and the traditional "business model" of a church (with physical buildings, organs, staff, etc.) is about as obsolete as a radio station. And if there's any doubt, realize even a lousy, curse-laden podcast like mine, has about 2.5 times the weekly "attendance" than the average Wisconsin Synod Lutheran pastor. Then again, it's pretty hard not to beat those sermons.

Monday Night Linkage

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I have said before, and I 100% sincere about this, that if women were to lose weight in America that would increase economic production infinitely more than the trillions in Keynesian spending because hot chicks incentive men, not government welfare checks. And men are the primary producers and innovators of society.

Now if climate model programmers would just admit the same.

He's your boy, not your man.

Liberal arts majoring daddy's girls turn to prostitution to pay the bills. BRAVO on the "fathering" spineless, emasculated males of America! BRA-freaking-VO!

Heee hee.!!!

White Male Appreciation Week

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In the spirit of diversity we highlight another achievement of white males today - vaccines.

"Fornication Trophies"

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Freaking hilarious. And no, it's NSFW, and he curses.

Why Most Lawyers are "Scum"

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On With Kerry Lutz

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Got interviewed by Kerry on his show, The Financial Survival Network. We chat about the weather and how the world of podcasting is evolving.

All Female Company Goes Bankrupt

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a review of Mr. Peabody,
why you should boycott the new Muppet movie,
how conservatives are wimps when it comes to boycotting,
a discussion about Crimea and Ukraine,
how the sole source of pride for youth today "college,"
Law School Lemmings,
making your friends who ditched you once they found a girlfriend pay a fee to be let back into the gang when she dumps him,

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

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Woman marries her dog proving there are no good men to find.

U of Michigan activists trying to force STEM majors to ~~pay for worthless graduate students TA positions~~ take mandatory diversity/race classes.

Cool time chart showing European borders.

Roosh unplugs.

David reviews Bachelor Pad Economics.

Coolest picture ever (anybody know the artist for due props?)

Fueling the Internet Media Empire

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Chad Elkin's Tax Guide

Why Marty Seifert is Mark Dayton

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It is no secret I loathe Mark Dayton. He embodies everything I hate about politics and politicians.

He never worked a real job, chose an easy major, didn't earn his money, and values himself more highly than the people of Minnesota because it's more important for him to run for office and become a senator or governor and have something to do rather than let a better qualified individual represent Minnesotans. He is the embodiment of why government is ineffectual and the primary cause for the decline and decay in America today.

In 2014 Minnesotans have an opportunity to select somebody with leadership and real world experience instead of giving their Dayton-namesake trustfund baby brat another term for his hobby. And naturally a pool of Republican candidates have formed. Prominent among them is Marty Seifert, a man who's been a Republican regular on the scene.

He is no different than Mark Dayton.

Not in terms of being a trustfund baby (he isn't).
Not in terms of him having a naive political ideology (he doesn't).
And certainly not in terms of me loathing him (I don't, I rather like the guy personally)

But when it comes to work history, he and Mark Dayton are no different, and it is the primary reason the Republicans have gotten their assess handed to them time and time again in one of the most liberal states in the nation.

First, Marty is a career politician. And worse, he is an ineffective career politician. He's too damn nice of a guy. But Marty shouldn't take this personally. Pretty much every republican leader in Minnesota has been ineffectual playing the DFL's bitch for the past 50 years. Regardless, his resume shows it. The man has been running for office the day he graduated from college. What kid is qualified to run for office fresh out of college? None, really, but again, like Mark Dayton, it's not for the people, but for Marty he opted to run.

Second, a worthless degree. Nothing says, "I don't want to work hard at life and think I should lead other people" than a young man telepathing it by declaring a political science major. Mark Dayton's education major was no better, but again, I'm trying to point of the similarities to explain why Marty is going to be no better.

And finally, no private sector experience. Marty's career is primarily running for office with a stint as a teacher (just like Mark Dayton) which is also not a real job. Admitted, he's been in real estate now for a while and that sliver of experience is more than what Mark Dayton, Barack Obama, and Nancy Pelosi have combined, but not enough to be effective in the governorship.

In short, Minnesota republicans have a choice. Same ole same ole, in which case we will get the same ole same ole:

Wimpy, timid, meek Republican leaders constantly playing defense with the same old tired tactics

or

A candidate with private sector experience, real world experience, real leadership and somebody who's been a normal person that did something aside from "run for office." And in this group there's more than one candidate running.

Dave Thompson (who in full disclose I know and worked with) has worked as an attorney, ran a business, and moonlighted as a radio show host on the side.

Scott Honours, who I've met has degrees in economics and business, but more importantly has been working in the private sector the entire time as a turn around specialist, buying and improving various businesses.

THere are others, but the point is simply this:

If you want to have any success in changing Minnesota from a liberal state progressively drifting left to one you'd like to live in instead of think of moving out of, you can't keep nominating the same cookie cutter noob politicians. YOu need something different, you need somebody who is able to think outside of the box and strategize, you need somebody that's actually had to face real problems and real challenges.

Politicians like Dayton and Seifert don't have that experience.

Private sector candidates do.

Starting thinking like a Republican for once and turn to the free market for your solutions. Not the government or politicians.

White Male Appreciation Week

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Today for White Male Appreciation Week we highlight the invention of refrigeration which allowed for the storage of food over long periods of time, not to mention airconditioning!

New Blogroll Additions - Page for Men and Manosphere.com

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Added.

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Explaining Why Feminists Tend to be Ugly

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There are no ugly people, only lazy people.

Housing Not Peaky Yet

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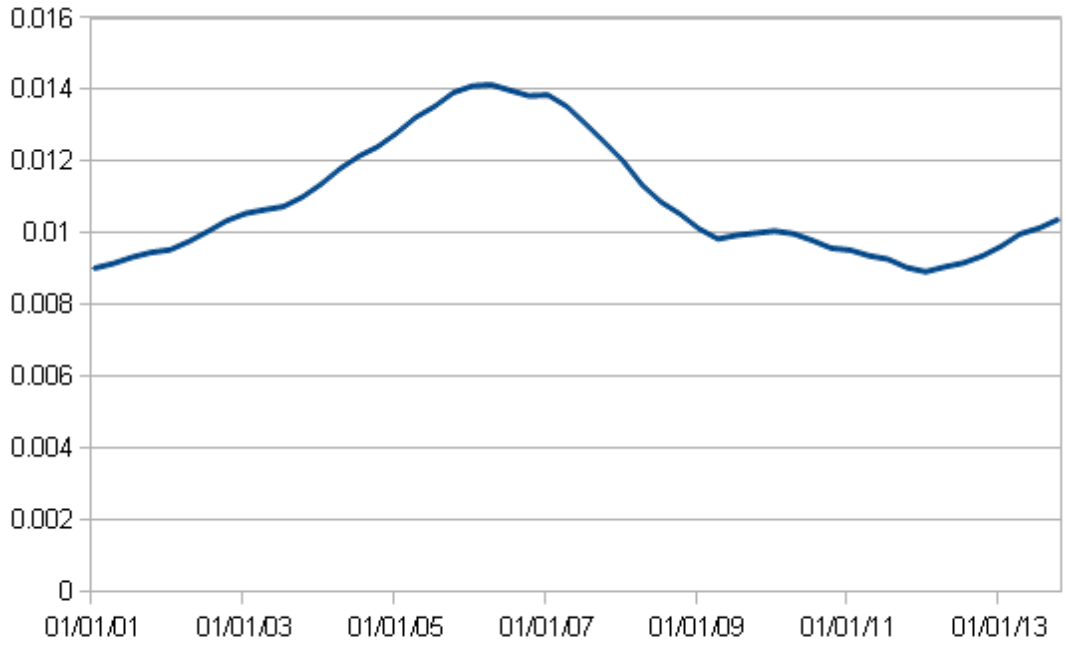
With the recovery of housing prices, but an obvious lack of economic growth (not to mention genuine hope from the non-parasitic classes), many people are concerned about another housing bubble. Of course increasing housing prices has allowed people to finally refinance....

5 years later
after they could have really used it
no thanks for HARP v. 1, 2, 3...n

which has eased personal finances somewhat, but once again is there that specter of a housing bubble.

Well, you're lazy, but loveable economist who decided to stay up all night playing video games decided to check before he went to bed this morning and no, it does not look like there's a bubble....yet.

Using a simpler measure of housing prices to economic production we see what we surmised (increasing prices, but no economic growth), but it is nowhere near as peaky as the idiot-fueled bubble of 2006.



Case Shiller to RGDP (Source: FRED)

Naturally to be professional about it one would look up the price to rents ratio, but I'm lazy and decided to do this temporary hack job instead. Besides, if you want to worry about something, worry about the education bubble.

White Male Appreciation Week

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Today for White Male Appreciation Week we celebrate wheat.

Well, white men didn't invent wheat, but one of them DID invest a strain of wheat resistant to disease and yeast which did more to end hunger than all of the celebrity aid to Africa.

You too can celebrate White Male Appreciation Week by posting achievements and contributions to society by various white males!

Goodbye and Good Riddance to Gamestop

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May they enjoy bankruptcy after overcharging and underpaying a generation of avid video game players.

Oh, and you will have CAPITALISM to thank for the lower prices and consequential increased standards of living for their demise.

(language warning)

White Male Appreciation Week Continues

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Today we celebrate diversity by pointing out another contribution of white males - freedom.

Also another post celebrating White Male Appreciation Week.

Not Obligated to Pay for Your Drinks Sweetheart

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Besides, that would be sexist. And we all know how much you want to earn the title "independent."

Last Day of White Male Appreciation Week

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For the final day of White Male Appreciation Week we celebrate electricity. Now many people will insist on either Edison or Franklin, but we're going to go with Tesla.

How to Be an Architectural Genius Like Frank Lloyd Wright

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Hee hee:

Dave Has a Cocktail in the Bachelor Pad

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Why don't you join us for a spell?

How Economic Bubbles Disproportionately Harm Women and Minorities

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If there was ever something that caused my life serious damage it was nothing purposeful or untoward, but rather unintentional. Specifically, people lying to me to spare my feelings. We've all experienced this before. Your female friends telling you you'll make some girl happy...just not them. Follow your heart and the money will follow...in the form of an unemployment check. Hard work and a strong work ethic will be rewarded...by manipulative bosses who will make you work overtime. No doubt, like me, these lies you were world cost you years of your life and hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost opportunities because the people in your life then could not muster the courage to tell you the harsh truth.

Conversely, those that have the genuine heart to tell you the truth, are likely the ones responsible for what modicum of success you did have in life. Your father telling you to change your own damn oil. The girl who had the heart to say you needed to lift weights. Or the rare guidance counselor that said, "No, son, you're not going to make it with a degree in communications."

The reason polite lies wreak incalculable damage as opposed to harsh truth is that lies, no matter how kind, do not adhere to The Reality Principle while the truth does. Ergo, in telling people the truth, no matter how harsh, you are ACCURATELY informing them about reality, allowing them to make decisions based in the real world, and thus have better results and success in life.

This conundrum or paradox, however, perfectly explains women's and minorities' effective "2nd place" in the US and other western nations as they are both the victims of "kind lies." Propagandized by left-wing politicians, they are led to believe that their second place ranking in society is due to "discrimination" or "sexism." That women earn 25% less than men because of discrimination...not because they major in easier subjects and work less than men. That minorities median income is only 78% white's because of evil racism...not that fact 70% of blacks are born out of wedlock which cripples their future financial endeavors.

While you, me, and any other regular visitor here to Cappy Cap Land knows this, there is another way this left-wing propaganda harms minorities. And it's particularly devastating:

Economic bubbles.

To simplify it, let's say you're a white male. You're evil, you're sexist, and you don't even know it because you're privileged. That's all fine and dandy, but in the end, it does not "blind" you to various economic realities. You're likely aware you have to work hard, probably major in a STEM field, and you're also likely to know not to have kids before you're 30. The majority of propaganda is to make you feel guilty so you are more willing to pay more in taxes so that the socialist party and continue it's bribery of non-white male people. It is NOT to delude you about your future or economic reality.

However, the same cannot be said for minorities and women. Leftist propaganda not only deludes minorities and women into thinking white males and discrimination is the cause of their second-placeness, but that they can do ANYTHING they want. Ergo, not only is their performance dismissed away (because of you evil white males you), but they can do "anything" and "have it all."

The single, independent, Roundhouse Kicking Chick Cop Show woman CAN become a cop, get her law degree, become a judge at 38, teach at the local university, be a cougar at 48, and find the love of her life to start a family with at a wrinkly 53.

The poor black kid CAN become the ganster-rap artist, an NBA 1st draft pick, a future full back for the NFL, or a general P-Diddy-esque socialite. Just keep rapping and lifting weights like the other 30 million black kids, and don't think about engineering or accounting. YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS, labor market realities and "aspiring rap artists'" life expectancies be damned.

I can go on, but the point is that they are not only deluded to think they never made a mistake and are therefore not responsible for their current position in life, but that they are capable of, if not entitled to, great success.

This puts minorities and women in a very dangerous economic mentality because unless they paid particular attention to their college economic courses (assuming they were even taught by a competent economist), they are completely blind to the risks involved with "having it all" and "living the American dream." This makes them incredibly susceptible to bubbles.

For example (and this is the observation I had that prompted this post) look at the racial and sexual composition of Facebook/Twitter posters on "Law School Lemmings." Though not the majority, minorities and women account for a disproportionately high percentage of the kids posting about law school and how they can't wait to attend/graduate. But it's quite apparent than nobody has told them that schools are producing 2 law graduates for every 1 job currently being offered. Matter of fact, the propaganda is so thorough current applicants and acceptees to law school are completely tuning out the dire financial straits current law graduates are facing today. The consequence will be that of which only pretty lies can deliver - graduates with $250,000 in debt, no job prospects, and a

destroyed financial future.

Another example, the housing bubble. It wasn't until the later and last stages of the housing bubble were lending standards lowered so far (both by bankers desperate to keep the bubble going and politicians that wanted to "help" minorities) that minorities and women started entering the housing market in droves. While at the time this may have seemed like "help" and women and minorities were "finally" going to achieve the American dream, all they managed to do was buy into the most inflated housing bubble in history AT ITS PEAK, and thus suffer the largest decline when it burst.

And finally, the retirement bubble. Again, late to the party, women and minorities (and especially young people) who overcome their economic disposition "finally" have enough money to start stashing away for retirement. Hurray! Celebration! Joy! They're buying into a market that based on PE ratios is 60% overvalued. Never mind that would be the exact same thing as being excited to pay what amounts to $5.20 for a gallon of gas, the propaganda and pretty lies have made them think the ability to invest is the goal unto itself, not to get an adequate rate of return (and don't even get me started about how Barack Obama's MyRA harms the disadvantaged).

We could go on, but the point is simply this - in lying to two general classes of people for political reasons you've denied them the ability to be truly independent minded and thorough in their due diligence of researching particular investments. This is bad enough as it impairs their ability to truly assess various investments, but since you did NOT lie to the other group of people (white males) you've allowed a segment of the population to invest in different areas of life. This "smart money" or at least "non-propagandized money" invests when it makes sense, realizes the majority of gains in these investments, AND drives up prices to the point it may get bubbly. When other segments of the population realize how these different investments are "on fire" (housing, Dotcom, education, etc.) they come in, with what little money they have as Johnny-Come-Latelys only to be the last "bigger fool" of the "Bigger Fool Theory," buying when prices were highest, ergo getting the worst deal, and therefore suffering disproportionately compared to their White Male (and naturally-implied) Evil counterparts.

It is here everybody of all races and sexes need to wake up and realize the damage lying to different groups of people in an effort to alienate them, and thus conscript them as life-long voters for left-wing politicians, causes. Women and minorities are not suffering an effective second-place citizenship because of evil white males or discrimination or sexism. They are suffering a second place citizenship because leftists and socialists have been lying to them for decades. Worse still, they believe it, and consequently pay a horrible economic price (Detroit anyone?)

Alas, it is not under my control nor my responsibility to get people to appreciate harsh truths over warm-fuzzy-feelings lies. I have my own life and have been lectured enough

by various sectors of society for daring to speak the truth or hold women and minorities up to the standards I would white males (ie-treating them as genuine equals which I thought was what the goal was). But what I hope will convince women and minorities is how time and time again socialist and leftist causes and promises

put them in houses they can't afford only to be repossessed
lead them to chase impossible dreams instead or realistic ones
destroy their communities and cities
ruin their families
put them $250,000 in debt for a degee that just won't pay
and in short, just completely destroy and ruin their lives.

Then again, I've never seen such propaganda that was so thorough and so effective. It would not surprise me if the entirety of my brilliant argument above would simply be dismissed with an accusation of being "white male" or having some kind of "privilege" thus blinding my "ignorant ass" to the "real problems."

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

When People's Lives Are Beyond Repair

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A common comment I get about my books, even my classes is "if this had only been around 10 years ago." Or "if I had only read this when I was a kid." It's a nice compliment that I take kindly and know that while my various literary works may not be able to help "everyone," it will help those that it can in the future.

Contrast this with a much less common comment I receive, though I still do receive it - that my literary works are largely only beneficial to young men without children. Men who aren't divorced or don't have alimony to pay. And that if you're a single parent, with student loans, and didn't save for retirement and are rapidly approaching 50, my books are pretty darn worthless.

While the two comments may seem different, they are essentially the same thing. The only difference is the person making it.

If you've made mistakes in your past (intentionally, unknowingly, or not) and realize and admit you made said mistakes, you are the type to say, "Wow, where was this book 20 years ago?" However, if you made some of those exact same mistakes, and then say, "Well, this book is worthless, how is it supposed to help me," then you are the type of person who has yet to fully realize the consequences your mistakes in the past and still lingers out for hope that there is a solution.

And I am here to say, "Sorry, I'm not a miracle worker."

Because of what I believe to be an overly optimistic media, public school system, and especially movies, Americans (of all political stripes) have been led to believe that "the good guy always wins." That "no problem or threat is so great, it can end you." Or that "no problem is insurmountable and there is always a solution at the end that will save the day."

And I am here to tell you, "sorry, it just ain't so." It is VERY POSSIBLE that you make such critically bad decisions that you will permanently screw up your life, to which there are no solutions. And there's nothing you, nor I, nor anybody can do anything to solve it.

For example I eviscerated this woman who went $163,000 into debt to get a "Design" degree. Not so much for that action in itself, but in her plea that "congress or Barack Obama" (read you and me) "do something about this." (she has since made it clear that she does not want a bail out so please do not harass her anymore). But she exemplifies the point of somebody who made disastrous decisions and now vainly looks for a solution, to which there is none. Sadly her life is f*cked. She has no other option but to pay the

price and endure it.

Another example are teenagers who get pregnant. Their brains, only about 75% developed, are incapable of fully comprehending just how thoroughly and fully they've destroyed their lives. But worse, pickled in an environment of "single mom heroism," "the youth are our future," "you can do anything you want," and other public school/media feel-good BS, they overestimate themselves, their position in society, and their future capacity for success. This not only prevents them from fully assessing their real situation in life, but more often than not leads to them making even MORE life-crippling decisions (eg. the "empowered single mom" who goes further in debt, whilst at the same time outsourcing her child to daycare, so she can get a worthless degree that will not improve her employability)

Cite as many examples as we want, the point is that people can make such horrendous decisions that they are beyond help. They are beyond repair. There is no possible solution or recovery. Their lives, their one shots at life, are literally ruined, are literally over, and their only option is to suffer their remaining days on this planet in misery.

The question is whether they come to terms with this reality or they vainly and futilely search for a solution that does not exist. Whichever of the two they choose, I don't care. But for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, don't DEMAND other people come up with solutions to your impossible-to-solve problems.

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New sponsor everybody - The Red Ginseng Store.

Never knew much about red ginseng, but apparently it's very therapeutic in a natural sort of sense. Giovanni the proprietor recommends using it as a tea and as a substitute for caffeine. He also suggests infusing it with vodka claiming it adds a bit of a kick, enough so that he advises NOT drinking too much of it.

Regardless of how you use it, I don't care. I'm a libertarian. Just buy some if it seems appetizing to you!

Before You Commit Suicide

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Here's some perspective you might want to consider:

Monday Night Linkage

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Google, Apple, and all those wonderful lefty west coast companies leftists love to love found behaving like a cartel.

Company looking to hire a "Diversity Analyst," but requires a DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. Talk about wasting perfectly good talent on a worthless political and ass-kissing endeavor. Remember kids, corporations are not friends of capitalism.

Job Posting on Cappy Cap

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Howdy All,

Alex over at Academic Composition is looking to hire some people and since I know a lot of you are either in college or fresh out of college and looking for some cash, thought this might be up some of your alleys. Of course, nothing glamorous or glorious, but it will pay some bills. Basically he's looking to expand his homework-writing business and needs people to post ads on Craigslist. The details are as such:

If you reside in one of the below listed regions, you can seize this opportunity by posting ads on craigslist.

1. Minneapolis, MN
2. Denver, CO
3. Dallas, TX
4. Phoenix, AZ
5. Vancouver, BC
6. Boston, MA
7. Chicago, IL
8. Madison, WI
9. Honolulu, HI
10. Toronto, ON

Next, all you'd need to do is follow this simple four step process to receive a $25 start-up compensation.

A. Create a new gmail account
B. Set up the forwarding features to ensure that all of their incoming emails are automatically re-directed to me (sounds more complicated than it really is, most people will be able to figure out how to do this within 3 minutes)
C. Use the new GMAIL account to set up a Craigslist account
D. Receive my ads and prepare to post them in the city where they reside

If you post the ad specifically as you were instructed to, it will not be flagged and removed by craigslist. If your ad stays live on the forum for one full week, you will be paid $20. If it stays for a full 12 hours, a $15 compensation is in order. If it only lasts three days, I'll pay you $10. If it survives for a mere 3 hours, you'll be paid $5.
Contact Alex at academiccomposition@gmail.com

Again, I know it's not an investment banking position, but it beats delivering pizzas.

One More Flogging of the Dead Economic Horse

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As you know, I only occasionally revisit pure economics and that's if I have a very interesting economic observation or epiphany. Most of what I use economics for today is mere citation or statistical support of a larger philosophical (or in the case of the Manosphere) sexual argument. And once again the reason is simple - nobody is willing to listen to data and statistics. Economics falls on the deaf ears of those who need it most - leftists. And since most of the economists, lieutenants, and agents in the field here already have intellectual honesty and a desire to seek out truth, throwing up more charts showing that, yes, indeed, socialism still sucks, it pointless.

That being said I always love a good economic whipping of idiotic South American countries whose peoples are sometimes so galactically stupid they wonder why they're perpetually in 2nd world status. Specifically Venezuela and now, Argentina.

In short, both countries implemented socialist policies. One by a now-deceased crusaderist ideologue and the other a whorish looking president, Christina Kirchner. We all knew Venezuela, pursuing near Marxist policies would end up having lines and shortages for basic staples of life. But what the media in the US doesn't report is more or less the same thing happening in Argentina. Price controls, police shutting down companies that do not comply. It's just another datapoint to add to the already-sickening number of datapoints where idiotic politicians think "this time it will be different," but only manage to show their truly and outstanding ignorance of basic economics.

However, the interesting thing about Argentina's economic problems is that they're failing to gain traction in US media. The answer is simple:

Obama deep down insides envies Kirchner's socialist policies and her stealing every Argentines' private pensions, and the MSM knows it.

The sad truth is that if Argentina's economic problems were highlighted *some* people would realize nationalizing pensions does not provide any medium or long term economic fix. Matter of fact, it just is an omen of worse economic times to come. And sadly, nationalizing private retirement accounts is one of the last tricks the socialists/democrats/Obama have in their leftist bag of economic tricks to keep the "Never Ending Keynesian Stimulus" going. The media, of course, just doesn't have the heart or journalistic integrity to point it out.

Thankfully for Obama, however, the average American is too stupid to care. Between the average American male idiot filling out his "brackets" for March Madness to the average obese American female reading People magazine whilst gorging on cupcakes, both are

way too pre-occupied with the irrelevancies of life to study the structural problems of the US federal deficit.

Again why this blog has turned from one of strictly economics and data, to one of philosophy, mockery, ranting, and enjoying the decline.

Some Retirement Planning Lessons

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This video was a request video, specifically about retirement planning in the military. However, I realized some of the lessons here are applicable to pretty much everybody and would prove useful to most:

Divorcing Women with Horses, My Little Pony, HR Diversity Broads Realize They Need Math…

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AND MORE!

in this latest podcast of The Clarey Podcast!

(language warning - the topics were just impossible to address without cursing)

New Blogroll Addition - Lion of the Blogosphere

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You are invited to visit.

Why You're Wasting Your Time in Language Classes

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Schools and universities love forcing their students to take foreign language classes.

It's for diversity!
It's for a well-rounded education!

No, actually, it's to employ the idiots who 10 years before you majored in a worthless subject.

Oh, huff and puff all you want, the truth is in and it turns out it only pays to major in a foreign language if you're a non-native English speaker living in an English-speaking land.

Now naturally the foreign languages departments, teachers, and professors across the land will get their panties in a bundle, predictably claiming it isn't all about the money, and they wonderful experiences they had in foreign lands, and if they were to blah blah blah.

And for once, I 100% agree with them.

There is a non-financial aspect and benefit to learning a foreign language that should not be measured in increased profits, ROI, or economics.

Good thing Rosetta Stone can replace the billions we waste of foreign language professors and teachers every year for a mere fraction of the cost. And we all know how much those teachers and professors PRIMARILY care about educating the children and not money.

Right?
RIGHT????

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Because Your Children Won't Read

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That's why we converted "Worthless" into an audio book.

Because not only do I not like to read, but most kids don't like to read. So if you are still having trouble convincing your child not to major in a stupid subject, make it easier by merely just downloading this and playing it in the car as you drive your child to ~~K-12 prison~~...errr..."school."

Remember, the Latest Podcast Is Out!

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For your listening pleasure...well...actually, it will just raise your blood pressure given the topics covered.

New Podcast Additions - Jack Donovan, The Black Brigade

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Two new ones that will ensure you never listen to talk radio again.

Jack Donovan

and

The Black Brigade

Also a new aggregator - Red Pill Review.

Words That Prove You Have a Worthless (and Likely Leftist) Job

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Of the many things I loathe about socialists and leftists is how they create words to make themselves sound smarter than they actually are. Academia is a perfect example of this, and women's studies are the epitome. Just read through any course description and you'll see mutli-syllabic words that were completely fabricated for the sole purpose of masking the fact the entire "profession" is a farce and its participants idiots. However, things like "praxis" and "rubric" are usually relegated to the world of academia and are obvious as they are political. But, sadly, socialists and leftists cannot all be employed in academia. They need to find other sources of employment, and natural as it is to leftists, they will try to find work that is:

1. not real work
2. but still feeds their ego

This search for faux-work-but-our-egos-need-to-be-stroked type work has resulted in a bevy of new and hypocritical terms that are dead give-aways to two things.

1. Your job is not a real job
2. You are likely a worthless leftist living off of the taxpayer or charity for your meaningless job

Thankfully, over the past two years I've been jotting these terms down as I've come across them to create a sort of compendium which will allow us to truly understand what these words mean and to identify and expose those worthless people who work in these worthless "careers" for the parasites they are:

Initiatives - this is usually used in the public sector, mostly schools. It means to "initiate the creation of another program that is going to cost the taxpayer more money." The goal of an "initiative" is that it hopefully goes from a program into a full fledged department. For example Michelle Obama would love it if her "initiatives" on obesity evolved into the US Department of Obesity.

Outreach - Usually associated with a program, "outreach" is just a euphemism for "paying unemployable college graduates to go and force something on society that nobody wants." It belies the true suckiness of the program when you have to "outreach" to clients to get them. For example Obamacare has a lot of "outreach" because nobody wants it.

Diversity - Diversity is nothing more than the socialists' attempt to replace character with race/sex/ethnicity/etc. In doing so, socialists can argue for the stealing of other people's money based on race/sex/ethnicity, etc. "Diversity" is also rapidly being pushed by HR departments to replace "profit" in corporations, once again eliminating any need for hard work, character, excellence or achievement.

Raising Awareness - If "raising awareness" is in your job description there is a 100% chance you are a worthless person with a worthless job. Like "outreach" "raising awareness" again aims to create a problem where there is none. If it was a real problem people would know about it. Ergo, since socialists thrive on concocting problems and the ensuing government money that is sure to follow to "solve the problem," "raising awareness" is nothing more than future job security.

Community - This refers to the crime ridden crapholes 50 years of democrat policies have turned most of our major metro inner cities into. There really isn't a "community" as much as there is a group of people who hate each other, but make for a convenient group to champion the expenditure of additional government money on. Ergo, it's for "the community" is really "I'm going to use this community to get my non-profit government grant money so I can pay myself $89,000 a year as the director with no intention of actually helping out the community." It's exactly like a drug dealer's market, but more unicorny and flowery sounding.

Invest - This term has nothing to do with actual "investing" as that would imply some sort of positive rate of return. No, this is a euphemism for "pissing away," "wasting" or "pouring down the toilet bowl" taxpayers money. Usually "invest" precedes some noble cause as a cowardly tactic to change the focus from the pissing away of money to the noble cause. eg:

"Investing for our future"
"Investing for our children"
"Investing in our education"

For those of you with real jobs and who work for a living, simply replace "invest" with "pissing away" and you will be able to translate.

Change Lives - Change lives means "me telling you what you're going to do with your life because I think I know better because the government told me so." Usually people who want to "change lives" go into education or child psychology because they think it is their domain or jurisdiction as a 19 year old girl to tell 5 year olds how to think and behave. You can also see "change lives" in what is nothing more than a travel agency masquerading as The Peace Corps with spoiled suburbanite kids using "changing lives" and "helping the people" as an excuse to travel. You will also note not one person employed in this field has managed to change one person's life for the better.

Provide Leadership - Kind of like "raising awareness" nobody was asking to be led let alone asked for a leader. But don't let that stop you from "leading the community." Remember, these jobs aren't for the people or the purported intended recipients. These jobs are purely for you and your ego. And nothing boosts the ego by being a self-proclaimed leader.

Leader of what?

Who cares?! You're "leading." And if that means being in charge of 5 people carrying clipboards around, then by gum, you have just as much leadership skills and experience as a first lieutenant from Iraq with 3 tours under his belt.

Advocate - Whatever it is you're advocating it's likely taking my money and then giving it to somebody who cannot speak for or defend for themselves. Thankfully, you're all too eager and willing to take my money or non-profit money to be an "advocate" for some group or another, but understand and understand this well - we all know you don't give a damn about said group. You're primary concern is that you get paid for easy work. ie- you use these genuinely disadvantaged people for your own financial gain. You're despicable.

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Naturally there are other words and terms that I have yet to happen upon. However, if you have some, please enter them in the comment section below. I would like this to be the most thorough resource of "faux" job duties leftists like to heap upon themselves.

The Problem Short Male Asian and MidEast Engineering Students Face When In America

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This was a requested video, but I think it addresses a concern many of your Asian and MidEast brothers face when they get here, but there is no tutorial or wisdom to guide them.

Wednesday Night Linkage

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When Hamsters meet Crusaders.

Everything that's wrong with American youth in one tweet.

Like moths to the flame, girls go to tats.

Much ado about nothing.

Bullshit: America's Greatest Commodity

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A requested video.

Thug Notes - The Great Gatsby

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Once again I save you from wasting 20 hours on reading a book by linking to this synopsis.

Denver and Vegas

March 28, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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No posts today as Im currently in the field away from a computer.

But will be taking a road trip out to Vegas via Denver.

shoot me an email if youre around.

Finally Home Linkage

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Molyneux has an absolute must of a podcast. You can listen to it this weekend.

Another person picks up on what I've been saying for about a decade now - worthless degreed people end up going into politics and this is why you have incompetents like Trudeau and Obama in office.

Aurini finally gets off his ass and does a podcast.

"Land War With Russia"

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The problem I face with the Crimea is that it is not a clear cut situation and there are very few outlets telling me what is going on and more importantly why. Steve Sailer comes to the rescue and provides more insight than average.

Average Married Dad

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Thanks Dad!

Plus a fan in Wyoming who doesn't hate me. But then again he lives in Cheyenne which is much more cosmopolitan and less trailer trashy than the rest of the state.

The Economic Reason There's Ladies Night and Not Men's Night

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I shall explain this a briefly, though this is an excellent write up about the epitome of ladies night.

Every bar's business model is based on getting women into their establishment. The reason is simple - men will buy drinks for both men and women. Women won't even buy drinks for themselves. In other words women themselves aren't really ever viewed as customers as much as they are in fact marketing.

Sadly this means most night clubs are really nothing more than "more polite" strip clubs designed to extract money from men.

YOu guys really do have a choice. You can just refuse to go to night clubs. Not saying you won't hook up. Not saying you won't get a phone number. But for the time, effort and money you have to expend to do well at a night club, there are plenty of places where you'd do much better.

On the Road

March 31, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Currently enroute driving from Minneapolis to Vegas. Posts will be sparse until Tuesday.

Arrived In Vegas

April 1, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Posts will continue at a semi-regular schedule.

An Interesting Way to Pay Off Your Student Loans - AKA "Your Credit Score Doesn't Matter"

April 1, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Consider this lieutenants, economists, agents in the field, and chillllldren!

What if you did three simple things:

1. Never bought a house because it's too risky
2. Never bought an expensive car because you always paid cash
3. Never took on any credit card debt, insisting to pay off the balance every month?

Why, you'd never have any reason to borrow money. And since you'd never have any reason to borrow money...

your credit score wouldn't matter.

Women Don't Have the Life Expectancy to View All the Pictures They're Taking

April 1, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The increasing number of idiots in our military
Cavarrici jeans, Vail, Vanilla Ice concerts and other things douchey rich kids consumed in the late 80's,
and why every man needs to go out west

AND MORE

in this Denver-to-Vegas field episode of The Clarey Podcast!

New Material Month

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I tried listening to liberal talk radio for a while. It was painful. But one thing I did take away from it, especially listening to the Ed Schulz Show, is how they define themselves via conservative talk radio.

Since liberal talk shows have no real core, no real depth or logic or intellectual honesty, and merely advocate "other people's money" as the solution to all the world's problem, the entertainment value, let alone the intellectually-engaging value is near zero. It is merely the radio-incarnation of a bum on the street begging for other people's money, and you can imagine how boring (and predictable) the bum's story is about why he needs "spare change." Because of this format around 70% of liberal talk radio is slamming on "republicans" and comparing themselves to Rush Limbaugh. And nowhere is this better displayed than the Ed Schulz Show where he can't go an episode without mentioning Rush Limbaugh, whereas I don't even think Rush Limbaugh has uttered Ed's name once.

However, I noticed something similar happening in the Manosphere. A plurality, and sometimes a majority, of the posts and articles being written are in response to, and thus being defined by, feminism.

This does not mean that The Manosphere is as vapid and coreless as liberal talk radio. It does have a core, it is founded in legitimate, genuinely, and completely new philosophy/thinking. And it does have a noble and altruistic purpose. Ergo, it can stand on its own. But what I've found after reading ROK and Viva, etc., is that it is becoming merely and increasingly reactionary to feminism or the latest feminist bint spewing the most idiotic of ideas.

Realize that while most of which feminism and socialism advocates is outlandishly stupid, and certainly deserves a response, the truth is their numbers and stupidity are staggering and incomprehensible. This has resulted in a limitless number of stupid ideas and stupid thoughts flooding the idea marketplace. And while your visceral reaction may be to shoot each and everyone of them down, I fear all it is doing is driving traffic to otherwise unremarkable and irrelevant feminists. Additionally, as you know, I believe the situation in America is unsalvagable, so why bother wasting your time rushing from fire to fire to vainly put them out?

Ergo, I am suggesting something for The Manosphere and all content generators within - a month where not one reactionary article or post is written in response to the latest idiotic antics of western feminists.

Not to say we'd be abandoning them forever and letting the rooster rule the roost, but for

a month, instead of giving them an absolute value of attention, we dedicate our efforts and focus towards other more-productive topics. We already are covering health, working out, finance, economics, philosophy, etc., which can more than adequately compensate for the lull in feminist-related topics, but perhaps we can also discover new fields and pioneer new lines of thought.

In short, I'm done responding like a Pavlovian dog to the newest of the never-ending retarded ideas coming from the left. I'm going to focus on something else for a while. All authors, bloggers, and internet personalities are welcome to join me this month.

But At Least It's "Hip" to Vote for Socialism

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Remember spoiled brat suburbanite and ghetto brainwashed youth - when you vote left because it's fashionable this is the end result.

I Don't Care If Society Collapses

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A defense I have to make every once in a while when my "No Child Manifesto" videos get rediscovered is that I, being a sentient, self-aware individual, who is entitled to his own life, has no obligation to engage in some kind of "breeding-race war" to outbreed different cultures or races. I, being 100% entitled to all the minutes in my life may choose how to spend them however I damn well please and if I choose not to bring children into this world, then so be it.

One of, if not, the largest benefit of not having children is that I really have no vested interest in the future of this, or any other country, beyond my life expectancy. And therefore, no matter how bad things seem to get, I can glibly move on in life, enjoying my conscious minutes here drinking Rumpie, motorcycling, and enjoying the decline. Call it selfish, call it mean, call it whatever you want, it's reality. I'll be dead by that time and won't care, let alone be cognizant of what's going around post-mortem-Cappy.

However, it is interesting to kind of clock or measure where we are along different stages of society collapse. Again, I have no personal vested interest where we are along this spectrum, but it does make for an interesting academic discussion. Though I must confess I have a morbid entertainment interest in watching Sweden collapse within my lifetime. Unlike the US, I believe I'll seen Sweden collapse within my lifetime.

Progressive Credentialism Gone Awry

April 3, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Boomers will rue the day they made it so hard for successive generations to become productive members of society. If for any other reason than they cut off the only source of their social security/pension - future generations.

Kim Radersma Gets Her PhD in "Critical White Studies"

April 3, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Getting a PhD in Critical Whiteness Studies.

Honest to god, I'm not making it up.

Remember parents, this is the vermin that teaches your children.

Fear, the Final Frontier

April 3, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dealing with, and consequently crushing fear.

Once More, Into the Breach

April 4, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings all,

Posts may be a bit sparse as I'm about to do a four day whirlwind hike hitting four national parks in four days:

Zion
Capitol Reef
Canyonlands
Colorado National Monument

Your patience during these "difficult times" is appreciated.

Cappy

Cappy's Las Vegas Adventure

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Sadly it does not entail lewd prostitutes, run ins with the mafia, nor winning a Texas Hold 'Em tournament, but rather climbing Turtleback Peak and hiking the Gold Strike Hot Springs Canyon by Hoover Dam. Regardless, not one penny of GDP was made during the production of this western adventure:

Aurini Joins "New Material Month"

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You too may join!

Bridget Brown - Proof the Media Doesn't Know Jack About Economics

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Don't know how this one escaped my radar. It's 2 years old, but mercy does it show just how stupid people are.

Yeah, the maths are hard, aren't they girls?

Zion and Capitol Reef National Parks

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Climbed "Angel's Landing" which consists of a harrowing scaling of the "spine" of a very narrow butte with about 2,000 foot drops on each side. I will be uploading "360 panorama" pictures once I compile them.

Why Bitcoin Has Value

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A video request from a client:

Scouting Canyonland

April 6, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Did some reconnaissance today to scope out a hike in Canyonland National Park. The sad truth is that there's just way too many options:

Prof. Fritz McDonald, Meet David Lereah

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David Lereah, if you don't know, was the chief economist of the National Association of Realtors and his claim to fame was swearing up and down that there was no housing bubble until it invariably popped. His outlandishly optimistic and naive predictions and arguments showed how an association like the NAAR was a biased entity and should have been hiring real economists like me instead.

However, there is a new bubble about and it is the education bubble. And while there is no forefront media spokesperson type of guy like David Lereah for academia, an agent in the field sent me this article written by one Fritz McDonald. An excerpt:

I understand that many of you work full time, sometime many jobs. Here is my advice to you: do as little work as you possibly can outside of college. College is a full-time job. It might be the best full-time job you ever have. Go ask your parents for more money, if they have it. Spend less money on your car or clothes. Don't waste your time working at Abercrombie and Fitch or Taco Bell. Spend more time at OU.

The entire article is not so much the standard propaganda of "follow your heart and the money will follow" or "you can't put a price on education," but has taken a new twist of highlighting the social and cultural benefits of attending Oakland University. This is a new twist to the strategy of getting naive children to part with their (or their parents') money in that it suggests that you cannot have a social life nor be cultured outside of that precious and necessary academia.

You know that college experience of drinking at an underage party?

Nope, can't enjoy that unless you're in college.

Road tripping out west?

Nope, can't do that unless you're in college.

See a play at the local theater?

Nope, can't do that unless you're in college.

My agent in the field wrote a response to Prof. McDonald here, but I'm going to be a bit more succinct:

Fritz is nothing more than one of thousands of academians, unionized workers, support

staff, TA's, and all the other people that make up the nearly trillion dollar per year education industry. And like most of his peers, he realizes there's a bubble and it's about to burst.

However, this would force him, and nearly everybody else in academia to live their worst nightmare:

LEAVING ACADEMIA AND GETTING (GASP!!!! NO!!!) ***A REAL JOB!***!!!!

This is what's behind the increasing number of academian-originated pieces out there advocating the "benefits" of a college education.

And just like it was wise to know David Lereah was biased, so too should you know all academians and professors are biased too.

Day One Canyonlands

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Instead of just driving around, ended up hiking AND drove down the most terrifying stretch of road I've ever been on:

Canyonlands Day 2 - Needles District

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Some more pics from my adventures:

Why Scandinavians (and Naive SWPL Americans) are Suckers

April 8, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am always amazed how Scandinavians (and many Americans) allow people in from other countries (as well as people within the country already) who have no intention but to take their charity for granted and parasitically live off of the taxpayer. However, Molyneux has an OUTSTANDING and MUST LISTEN rant in this podcast about why that is. It's around the 51:00 minute mark and it goes for about 25 minutes of non-stop rant.

The Captain's Las Vegas Stripper Story

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the Born Again Christian/Churchianity version of "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"
why Aaron and his brother are ending the Clarey line forever
the saddest stripper in the world
reminiscing about Grandpa and what the 50's must have been like

AND MORE!

On this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

And remember kids, you can get all the archived shows here for your listening pleasure!

Tuesday Day Linkage

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What did I tell you about Warren Buffett oh....about 3-5 years ago?

Glorious Karl reviews "Nixon's Guide to the Multiverse." It is that good, you can buy it here.

Lipstick on a financial pig. Lipstick on a pig. It's about as wise as printing off more money to solve all problems.

This is the natural consequence of governments intervening in social policy.

I loathe the boomers I "interned" under who lied about the job duties and the lack of pay. But when they steal ideas from youth ESPECIALLY WHEN TELLING THEM THE IDEA WAS STUPID, I get furious.

Spoiled American College Students

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From a reader in the field:

Dear Aaron,

I agree with you about the college cost bubble. IIRC, we both graduated in three years of cheap in-state tuition.

But you seem to be missing the demand side. Students want luxury dorms. I remember when we had phones in the hall that only called campus numbers. Students want trips abroad. They want the five-year college experience with easy majors. And they want athletics.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/07/education/colleges-increasing-spending-on-sports-faster-than-on-academics-report-finds.html?hpw&rref=education&_r=0

Much of the inflation comes from administrative salaries, including fundraising and all these new customized extras. I guess students are rich and lazy. Seriously, in 1960, students attended class around 15 hours per week and studied around 25. Now they study (or do homework) around 12 hours. It's like high school or an executive education conference where you just show up and get baby-sat/entertained.

Enjoy your trip out west.

Agent in the Field #47

We Are All Sheep

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Reluctant, but still sheep nonetheless.

Late Night Aurini

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Well actually it's early morning and I just woke up, so whether you're a late night night clubber or an early to rise farmer, I present you with Aurini's latest.

Making the final leg of the journey home. Posts/material will return to normal starting tomorrow.

OK Cupid and Mozilla's Anti-Free Speech Idiocy

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I liked Mozilla's Firefox. I really did. But when they showed they were not real Americans and kowtowed to the slightest bit of criticism from some Nazi anti-free speech assholes, I have no respect for them

This, then begets the standard request of dumbass, oblivious SWPL republican Americans to actually inconvenience themselves from their posh lives and boycott the evil that plots against them. But I know, I know, that's too much to ask from the sedated class.

They will still attend Leondardo DeCaprio movies.

They will still buy Starbucks coffee.

They will still use Firefox.

They are so stupid, ignorant and lazy they are the real reason the US will collapse.

Still, I insist on making my little commentary here for posterity so that I may die with a clean conscience 30-40 years from now.

So here's the basics:

Boycott OK Cupid if (for some reason) you have an account with them.

Also:

Get rid and uninstall Firefox if you're using it and replace it with Chrome, Explorer or some other browser.

Viewing Cities as HOA's

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Whilst adventuring out west I was able to download podcasts from my favorite talk show, Garage Logic. And so, though 2,000 miles away and in the most remote regions of the US, I was still able to hear about the latest stupidity of Minneapolis, this time our newest mayor's desire for Minneapolis to go "zero waste."

Naturally some standard observations and criticism can be made:

1. the municipal left's propensity to blow money on consultants.
2. the blindingly obvious fact that the left has ran out of genuinely good ideas on governance and are instead pursuing the political religion of going green
3. the lack of funds needed to do basic things like pave streets
4. and the poetic justice of the idiot citizens who vote for such idiocy, but get to suffer it

There is more, but the important lesson to take from this is not one of leftists policies turning every major metro into Detroit, but rather one where it pays every potential home owner to step back, clear their eyes and look at cities for what they really are:

Large home owners associations.

I never liked the idea of HOA's because to me it seemed like another layer of unnecessary government. But if you're going to live in a development or a condoplex, HOA's are a necessary evil. However, cities or municipal government are EXACTLY THE SAME THING, just on a larger scale. And just like you would want to investigate who is in charge of the HOA's, what kind of people live in the association, etc., etc., so to do you want to investigate the city you're about to drop $300,000 purchasing a home in.

First, who are your neighbors? Most regular HOA's are filled with boring, law-abiding citizens who live in the burbs or are professionals in the city. Sure they may play music a little loud or perhaps they don't tidy their yard, but in general they are people you can get along with. Contrast that with a major metro area where it is practically guaranteed you have criminals, drugs, racists, dumbass drunkard youth, graffiti artists, all of who are practically guaranteed to be leftists.

Second, because of the city-HOA's populus' propensity to be leftists, you can expect a city council of unimaginable ineptitude to be voted in. All they have to say is the right thing, advocate the rich pay their fair share, beg the state for more money, and spend money on bike trails, art, community centers, and light rail trains. Consequently...

Third, what are your association dues aka "property taxes" like and what is their trend?

Again, it is no secret that while living in Minneapolis my property taxes went up 400% in 8 years. If I remember the math right, I was shelling out around $350 a month, up from $90 a month when I first purchased the home. Not only did I not enjoy an increase of 400% in city services, the perpetually increasing property taxes made it so my rental property no longer cash flowed AND consequently drove its value down. I could only imagine what $350 per month would get me in one of the posher suburban developments.

and finally

Fourth, if the HOA posing as a city is so poorly managed, are you even going to be able to sell your property if you decide you no longer wish to be a part of that HOA? Ask anybody who had a significant real estate investment in Detroit during the 60's if they got their money back or lost money on their property. The problem people face, especially in large metros, is that home ownership really isn't a benefit, but rather a liability.

The larger point is that no matter how big a city is, when you decide to purchase property within those city limits you are consciously or not joining a "club" or an "association" the members of which consist of the entire city's population. This population, like a HOA out in the burbs, will determine the quality of life you have, not to mention the ultimate financial cost associated with owning a home in that municipality. If the people are high quality people, you can expect quality services, a quality standard of living and low HOA's fees. But if it's the typical vermin that populate our major metros you can expect to pay through the nose for bad roads, crime, people bigoted against conservatives/libertarians, and a perpetuity financial liability that forever will increase, rendering your home worthless. The choice is yours.

New Sponsor Uplift X

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New sponsor everybody - Uplift X.

Instead of drinking Red Bull or the like and ruining your kidneys try Uplift X instead. Bottles have 30 capsules, take one a day and see if it doesn't replace your coffee habit. The combination of caffeine and L-theanine improves mood and energy.

Unfortunately, only available for sale in the US.

"Triggers" - The Latest Display of American Weakness

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"triggers" cripes.

It is stuff like this that makes me want to cheer for Putin.

What You Can Learn from Matt Forney

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Congratulations are in order for Matt Forney who because of a recently acquired independent gig, is now 100% completely independent from all forms of employment.

However, Matt's recent success has a lesson for all men in it and I wanted to highlight it.

I personally like Matt but am lukewarm about the material he puts out. It's a bit too crass for me and I like books more than I do what amounts to essays (ergo why I liked his hitchhiking book and not much of his other stuff). This isn't to say that he material is bad, it's just not for me.

But here is the point:

Matt didn't start out a great writer (he is) and a good podcaster (he's improving). Like you, like me, like every other person out there, he started out sucking. But persistence pays off. And just like I had 5 women walk off the dance floor from me whilst learning dance, over time, I ended up becoming an accomplished dancer.

Matt has achieved the same success.

Of course, there is no doubt in my mind that Matt received a lot of guff and flak. Both for his choice of material, opinions, and daring to aim to become an independent writer/blogger/podcaster. But who is laughing now?

Matt is now 100% his own man. He answers to no one and now has his entire life ahead of him ALONG with the right to spend it however he damn well pleases. And he did so not by starting a billion dollar company or even getting a one hit wonder book. He did it with multiple lines of revenue, pursuing minimalism, persistence AND ignoring the naysayers.

It is a feat many young men should emulate.

Saturday Night Linkage

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Predatory cultures taking advantage of empathetic cultures. How much you want to bet the UK was all affirmative actiony with this guy?

Is it possible to enjoy the decline, part 1.

Precious. A worthless academian who never worked in the real world rues the trend of companies getting rid of HR departments.

Podcast Corner

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Three podcasts.

OK, well, in reality ONE REAL podcast and then two guys who use Youtube as the medium to record and publish their podcasts thereby forcing me to convert it into an audio format by which I can listen to on my MP3 player

Just kidding guys, just kidding.

Podcast 1 - Ed Driscoll interviews Kathy Shaidle about her new book "Confessions of a Failed Slut"

Podcast 2 - Two episodes I missed from Aurini while travelling. #1 and #2.

Podcast 3 - The Bechtloff's second foray into podcast world.

I Am Not Sisyphus

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Though I humbly and with great gratitude appreciate the comparison.

On a horribly off color note I present this crass and tangentially related music video.

and other female participants in the more extreme sects of the "religion of peace."

Asshole Consulting Now Official

April 14, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Greetings All!

Like the rest of my life, the things I tried to be successful at I failed at miserably.

And the things I scoffed at and merely tried as hobbies or recreational activities...

I succeeded at incomprehensibly.

Enter in Asshole Consulting.

The problem I faced was I was receiving a ton of e-mails requesting advice that I just plain did not have the time to answer. Out of controlled, but polite frustration, I started telling the seekers-of-free-wisdom that it would not be free. And that though I would love to help them, I personally did not have the time to answer all of their questions without being compensated.

And so what I thought would end up being a polite financial disincentive to turn people down for free advice ended up becoming a genuine and actual market to capitalize on.

People are willing to fork over a couple bucks for some quick and dirty advice.

And thus Asshole Consulting was born.

Many of you have already contracted my services, but for those of you who haven't I'll explain it very simply:

You have two choices when seeking advice.

1. Pay for a professional consultant to lie to you because their goal is to extract as much money from you as possible and will therefore NEVER solve your problem, but merely perpetuate it as long as possible

OR

2. hire an asshole who doesn't give a damn about your feelings, already makes enough money on the side that he doesn't need your money, which means he doesn't have any incentive to lie to you, and therefore will tell you the honest truth...which ultimately means a cheaper and more effective solution to your problems.

And Asshole Consulting is option #2.

Most of the people who have hired me are looking for a TIDBIT of advice. Not a ton. And after what usually amounts to a 5 minute e-mail and a $20 tab, I slightly correct their path in life to a path that is much more profitable and happy. So consider the ole Captain when you have a question in life. A $20 consultancy may be just the nudge or epiphany you need to make the remaining 50 years of your life easier, happier, and financially more profitable.

That's ASSHOLE CONSULTING.

Because only assholes will tell you the truth to your face.

The Importance of Controlling Your Micro-environment

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A funny thing happened to me whilst driving both ways through Utah. While listening to the radio or my podcasts about the outside world and how liberals in DC were doing X, the socialists at the UN were doing Y, and feminists in academia were doing Z, right there in front of me was the most beautiful scenery on the planet.

And while Michelle Obama was spending millions of our tax dollars taking her and her daughters on a whirlwind trip to China, there I was talking to Alvin, the proprietor of my favorite fossil and rock shop in South Dakota.

And while more accusations in North Minneapolis were made about white privilege and economic justice, I was sitting with two of my best friends in Vegas smoking a very smooth and tasty cigar.

Slowly, but surely, over the course of my 2 week wild-west road trip, this juxtaposition between what I heard on the radio/podcasts versus what my eyes saw and what I was actually experiencing brought forth to my frontal lobes another important epiphany:

The importance of controlling your micro-environment.

Understand that although your "macro" environment (the government we live under, the economy we endure, the culture we're born into etc) has a profound effect on your life, your "micro-environment" has a much larger and determining effect on you, your life, and your happiness. And the reason why is simple - you personally interact with your micro-environment more than you do you macro environment. Thankfully, your micro-environment has an additional advantage over your macro-environment - it is nearly 100% under your control. Ergo, while there isn't much you can do to about the idiot Millineals voting in an anti-American socialist into the presidency, there is a lot you can do to ensure such idiots play no role in your personal life whatsoever.

These facts about the micro-environment (let alone realizing there is one) is often underappreciated, and therefore, undercapitalized by most Real Americans. They, naturally and logically, focus on the general decline of the US, the destruction of their culture and the demise of the former-greatest country on the planet. However, if people were to step back, clear their eyes, and take a look at their lives, they'd soon realize that for all the dire news they hear in the media, practically none of it affects their daily lives.

All the Marxist hyperbole of "privilege" does nothing to change the fact you're still employed and current on your mortgage, while those who constantly invoke "privilege" are still dead-last place in society with student loans, a worthless degree, and no future prospects.

All propaganda about "global warming" may drive up your taxes and costs, but in the end you can still afford infinitely more sushi and martinis than the unshaven, dirty, and impoverished "professional" environmental activists.

All all the whining about race, class, gender, ethnicity, etc., will not change the fact that regardless of your color, you made the right choices in life, didn't get/get somebody pregnant before marriage, majored in the right thing, and never have to live in the ghetto, section 8 housing, or send your kids to some crappy inner city schools.

There is certainly more, but if you take inventory of your personal life and your micro-environment you'll soon see that no matter what happens at a national level and what leftist, hate-filled vitriol is spewed by the media or academia, in the end your life is infinitely better than most others simply because you are better than most others and you surround yourself with people who are also better than most others.

Your friends, for example, increase your standards of living more than most tax cuts because they provide engaging conversation, safe reliable friendship, don't deal drugs, and genuinely hold your friendship in high esteem. The same cannot be said for "friends" dealing meth in the trailer park or crack in the ghetto, constantly landing you in trouble with the law.

Your neighbors, again, higher quality people who keep their yards tidy, respect your property rights, and keep quiet at night. They also are likely to vote to keep local taxes low and the majority of money in private citizens' hands. The same cannot be said for denizens of leftists communities who are looking for more bike paths, community centers, and other forms of wealth transfers while keying your cars, graffiting up the hood, and rioting like feral animals.

Your lovers play a vital role in a superior micro-environment. Always hotter and sexier that what most leftists tend to offer, not to mention they tend to be more mentally and financially stable.

The proprietors and businesses you patronize are part of your micro-environment providing you superior products, superior food, superior entertainment, and superior service.

And while "society" may demand the likes of Miley Ray Syphilis, nobody says you have to listen to her or her subhuman musical filth, permitting you to listen to jazz, engaging talk radio, or the(*COUGH COUGH AHEM AHEM*) world's greatest podcast.

In short, bar fiscal and monetary policy, nearly every other aspect of your life is within your control. And as long as you don't majorly screw up, insist on making the right decisions, and surround yourself with quality people, your life will forever be superior to those on the left no matter how much they try to improve theirs at the expense of yours. Better yet, your life will be your ultimate revenge as it will forever burn a hole of envy in most leftists' hearts. They'll never be able to attain what you have, thereby relegating them to villainizing and mocking it.

Enjoy the decline.

Good News About Firefox

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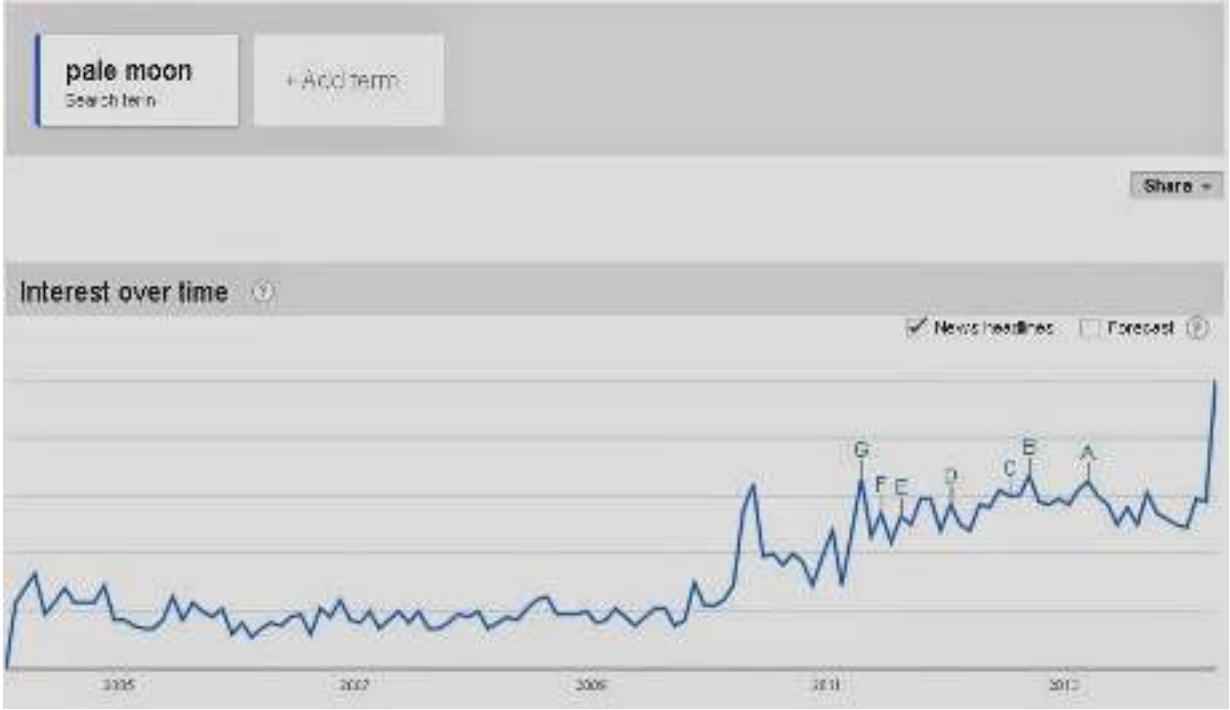
The Pale Moon browser is gaining traction against it:



The Unrelenting Ego of Leftists

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Permit me to cite four stories/examples.

First, R22.

If you didn't know what R22 is, it's a refrigerant that is used in airconditioning units. It's been banned by the EPA and the EU because it "harms the ozone layer." Its replacement is much more costly and has resulted in some entities (smaller sports arenas namely) having to shut down or go without airconditioning.

Second, azodicarbonamide.

You may remember this more as the "yoga mat chemical" that was used to make Subway bread chewier. It wasn't until a "food blogger" Vani Hari went on her little crusade and "exposed" Subway for using this chemical did most of anybody care.

Third, earplugs.

Not that there's anything interesting or newsworthy of earplugs unto themselves, but when a city councilman like Jacob Frey wants to force music establishments in Minneapolis to provide their patrons with earplugs and considers such an idea "good government" you can see why such an idiotic idea and man might make the news.

Finally, the cancer-ridden woman in Rapid City.

Some of you may know the story, but the short version was this 60 something woman who obviously had gone through chemo (she had no hair) was talking with her friends about how they stopped the Keystone pipeline at a cigar lounge I like to attend. They were patting themselves on the back and then said, "ONTO STOP THE BAKKEN!" When I got up to leave she thought I was her friend and asked for a hug "goodbye." I then ripped into her about how she was scum, the reason the country and my generation had no hope, and that her little crusade was just to feed her ego and she didn't give a damn about the environment. I may have said something about her not living long enough to see the Bakken shut down.

So what do all four of these anecdotes/stories have in common?

They all highlight what is arguably the most dangerous aspect of leftists and socialists:

They won't stop.

Understand that there is a theoretical "optimal" amount of legislation. Too little legislation and there's bound to be a lot of crime. Too much legislation and you cripple and choke off your private sector. But leftists don't care about this because to them MORE legislation is ALWAYS better. It makes up for the fact they really don't have good ideas of governance, they have no game plan, and they make for miserable statesmen. I termed this "disease" or phenomenon "Chronic Regulation Addiction" or CRA.

The problem for leftists and politicians in general suffering from CRA is that they fail to realize that there's nothing wrong with doing NOTHING. That maybe over the past 250 years an adequate amount of laws and regulations were already passed and this body of legislation needs only mere and occasional tweaking. No they "must do something" and so they're always on the hunt, always on a crusade to right and imaginary or made-up wrong.

The problem this presents for society, however, is that as the laws become progressively petty they also become progressively invasive. Admitted Nazi, Hater of Humanity, and All-Around Douchebag Extra-Ordinaire, Michael Bloomberg is the perfect example of this. So complete was the legal system of NYC he had nothing better to do than to tell people how much soda they were going to drink. And Jacob Frey, though not in the same league as Bloomberg, is doing his best to make people's hearing health the responsibility of the city government. You take these two and multiply them by the tens of thousands of bureaucrats, politicians, and other participants that populate and lead our legal and regulatory agencies and you can see the threat to personal freedoms CRA infected leftists presents.

Perhaps, however, if we find out what drives leftists and socialists to constantly push for more as opposed to less regulation we can stop the perpetual encroachment upon our personal freedoms? And while that may sound great, unfortunately it's impossible, for what is truly driving leftists and socialist is ultimately their lack of any worth as a human being.

Though not a 100% correlation, if you look at the majority of leftist (and rightist) politicians, crusaders, "activists" and other people suffering from CRA their lives usually have no purpose, no core, and no meaning.

They rarely work real jobs.
They rarely tried hard in life choosing the path of least resistance.
They produce nothing of genuine economic value.
And usually hail from academia, law, government, non-profit and 9 out of 10 times have a worthless liberal arts degree.

Because of this they need something to fill the void and give them some kind of "faux" point or purpose in life, but nothing that would require rigor or hard work. And thus they

not only champion leftist causes (because "other people's money" is a popular and easy platform to run on), but constantly hunt down those progressively smaller morsels of "societal ills" that "demand action be taken to solve!" But worse, it's nearly impossible for them to ever stop feeding their egos with never-ending "do-gooderism" because in order for them to stop at the "optimal level of law" they would be forced to look in the mirror and accept two things:

1. They are in fact worthless people and their lives not only meaningless, but damaging to society
2. They would have to get real jobs

And that the ego of a leftist cannot abide.

Ergo, the ego of leftists is never ending. It will not stop. It will not relent. And it will run-ramshod over your personal freedoms as long as it feeds its host. Because after all, it's more important that politicians and bureaucrats make up new laws and regulations to feel good about their worthless-selves than you have the right to drive the car you want, eat what you want, and do what you want in this country.

Enjoy the decline!

The Worst Advice My Father Ever Gave Me

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"just because somebody CAN do something doesn't mean they ever will."

Amen brother. A-freaking-men.

I will merely add my favorite quote of all time:

"*When you come from, it's gone. Where you thought you were going to? Weren't never there. And where you are ain't not good unless you can get away from it.*"

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Remember lieutenants, economists, and agents in the field, support other entreprenurial lieutenants, economists and agents in the field who advertise on good ole Cappy Cap!

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Rewarding Paul Krugman

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for being the government's lapdog bitch.

When I am king there will be no government money going to anybody to espouse any political views of any kind.

But remember, I'm the "right wing fascist" and Krugman is a caring liberal.

Michael Bloomberg is Precisely the Reason the 2nd Amendment Was Written

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You would think he'd just retire, but alas, the only thing tyrants have in their lives is to control other people.

Why Liberals and Leftists Are Impervious to Logic, Math, and Reason

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A "Sane" Horse Woman Speaks Out!

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I got this comment from this video that I just couldn't pass up.

Silent Stormz 4 hours ago

Haha you're funny not! I understand there are women that are overly obsessed with horses. women have horses so they can escape most of the bullshit in their life's! us women have passion men that talk like this don't understand! women put horses before them self's is because they are important to them, they can be like children to them! Me myself, are completely sane. OK THE LAST THING WOMEN THAT USE THERE BF/HUSBANS MONEY FOR THEIR HORSES IS STUPID, I LIKE TO PROVE I AM PROVIDE FOR MY SELF AND MY HORSE!

Reply

MAXCOBRALAZERFACE 1 week ago

LOLZ 140 IQ & you didn't know horse chick are crazy...

Reply

Kelsie Beaulieu 1 month ago (edited)

I'm probably in the minority but I have 3 horses, one is my step dads, and I'm nothing like your describing but I'm also not a 'girly girl feminist' or whatever. My horses stay healthy and two of them pull a wagon in parades, their food bill is less than my grocery list and I do their feet myself so no farrier(foot trimming) fee. I spend less than $120 a month on my

Read more (16 lines)

Reply

Remember boys, women with horses are *AHEM* "sane." Don't all rush out there and marry all of them up now, you hear. Leave some for the rest of us!

Until the Government Bails Out the Higher Education Industry

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An estimate going around that half of the US universities could be out of business in 15 years.

That is until the government bails them out.

"Confessions of a Failed Slut" - A Review

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Confessions of a Failed Slut is the latest work from Kathy Shaidle of Fivefeetoffury Fame. And I would like to start out by pointing out it is an ESSAY, not a book!

Not that there's anything wrong with that. I am a big fan of essays if for any other reason than that many ideas do not need 300 pages to convey. But I wanted to be a stickler to this point because Kathy readily admits it is an essay and not a book by offering it only in Kindle format. She did not write 35 pages and call it a "book." Ergo, I tip my hat to her in this pet peeve regard of mine.

That being said "Confessions of a Failed Slut" covers Kathy's life through the 70's, 80's and 90's, primarily recording her observations of dating, courting, sex, and society during that time. However, unlike her slutty counterparts or contemporaries writing for Cosmo or aging like Maureen Dowd, she is nowhere near as vapid or vain. She is a woman with a sharp mind, self-respecting impatience, and an cynical eagle eye making her observations prove correct overtime and clairvoyant in the past. Therefore instead of Harlequin romance tripe, you get a straight shot, no dope, Brooklyn east-coast accented talking story (except for the fact Kathy hails from Canada).

The essay takes on basically a rant/screed feel as she effortless transitions from one topic to the next, never requiring chapters or even subheadings. One minute she's talking about being in AA, the next minute she's talking about the Love Boat, and the third about Penthouse Magazine. While this would have normally made my linear economist mind explode, it doesn't matter because there is a logic and a flow, and above all else a lesson - generations of young men and women have been lied to so much that what we are witnessing is not only sad, but sadistically entertaining and utterly predictable. Normally such a dire and macabre topic would beget frowns and heads shaking, but Kathy's realism, indifference, bluntness, and ability to make hilarious analogies on par with Dennis Miller will have you laughing your ass off every 2nd page.

Will this book revolutionize your thinking?

No, probably not.

Will this book convince any one of the hundreds of millions of young westerners to convert back to their traditional 1940's societal roles?

Oh good lord no.

But it is nice to see, from the perspective of a "slightly" older than me type "older sister"

who had been through it before explain what she saw, how outlandish it was back then, and that no, you weren't insane for thinking what you did back in 1988.

You can find "Confessions of a Failed Slut" on Kindle.

(Note, "slightly older" means like 3-4 months older than me putting her squarely in her mid 30's)

Part Two of Soul Smithy's "Enjoy the Decline"

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Admittedly it is very crass and ridden with foul language, but I like the flow and the Sam Spade kind of narration of it.

When the Left Co-opts the Word "Bullying"

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Permit me to make a prediction young lieutenants.

My experience has told me that the left hates and loathes more than anything else the following things:

Being accused of lying
Being shamed
Being exposed as a hypocrite
Being accused of/shown to be stupid
Being criticized
Being ridiculed
and
Being mocked

They can dance in the boxing ring with you all day if you try to argue facts, statistics, and logic, because they will simply ignore what you say and call you a racist or a sexist. But if you stoop to their level and take them on in a personal way, shaming them and exposing them for the idiots they truly are, then they get mad. Because in going after them personally, you reframe the argument to be personal and about them. They (very much like conservatives frantically scramble to deny an accusation of racism) get livid, see red, and muster the entirety of their energies to protect the thing that means the most in their lives - their egos

Does it solve the debate?
No.

Does it advance the national dialogue about the economy and government?
No.

But it's the most progress I've ever had whilst engaging leftists.

However, an interesting little phenomenon is developing and I can see it happening a mile away. And that is the left is quickly drafting on its drafting board in academia the perfect weapon to deflect, deny, and even criminalize any mockery, ridicule, outing, shaming or any other form of one-upmanship. And that perfect weapon is to take all of the above, define it as "bullying" and make it an illegal act a la "harassment" or some other such act of intellectual dishonesty.

Whether they will be successful or not is another debate, but already you can see the

word "bullying" being used in leftist parlance with the context that suggests when you

call a feminist on her bullshit
you're a bully

make fun of a socialist's inability to do basic 4th grade math
you're a bully

dare to hold minorities up to white standards, thereby treating them as genuine equals
you're a bully

laugh at middle aged women who think they can "have it all" as they divorce and find out no men want them,
you're a bully

The ultimate aim of this cowardice is to shut down debate. And like other words (racist, sexist, bigot, homophobe, close-minded, fascist, redneck, hick, privilege, etc.) once accused of the criminal act of "bullying" most spineless conservatives, libertarians, etc., will abandon their post, abandon the argument and rush to defend against the accusation out of fear of social ostracization, fear their career would be ruined, or fear of criminal charges being brought against them.

Of course, "bullying" ending up becoming a crime may sound a bit outlandish, but how far of a jump is an accusation of "bullying" from "harassment?" Also, have you seen just how thin-skinned, cowardly and pathetic the up-coming generation is? Just a quick perusal of our college culture with their obsession to find new forms of "privilege," their hyperbole of "rape culture," and their addiction to becoming some kind of a victim (ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, my sex, my color, my multigenderedness, depression, bipolar, the list is endless as it is pathetic) shows our "future" is a bunch of adult children professionally trained to look for and be insulted. Their inferiority in this regard almost guarantees the definition and illegality of "bullying" will be expanded.

But, as you know, I always like to point out the bright side or at least the solution.

These veritable Nazis, these haters of freedom, these whiny, snively parasites who constantly fake being a victim so they can rationalize living off of others just aren't terribly savvy about economics. And what they don't realize is that the economy is so poor and entire underclass (namely comprised of men) have no

future
career
hopes
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money

And since the teeth of left's "victimization strategy" ultimately lies in the threat that if a conservative or libertarian speaks their mind they might lose their

career
job
money
future
hopes
and/or
family

for at least the future generation this tactic is ineffective. An entire generation of (again, primarily men) have nothing left to lose. And when it comes time to telling a

fat acceptance feminist she's fat
a minority to get off his ass and stop blaming his skin color for his failure, but rather his 5 illegitimate children
or a spoiled brat suburbanite that her degree in sociology is a waste of taxpayers resources and proof she can't do math

no amount of a legal threat of "bullying" is going to stop them. Because at least there's sanity in pointing out the truth, no matter how much and how many whinny, spineless, cry-baby victim leftists cry bloody murder.

Another Cappy Cap Job Posting

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Howdy All,

Alex over at Academic Composition is looking to hire some people again and since I know a lot of you are either in college or fresh out of college and looking for some cash, thought this might be up some of your alleys. Of course, nothing glamorous or glorious, but it will pay some bills. Basically he's looking to expand his homework-writing business and needs people to post ads on Craigslist.

Here are the specifics he's provided me:

If you reside in one of the below listed regions, you can seize this opportunity by posting ads on craigslist.
1. Los Angeles
2. New York
3. Boston
4. Houston
5. Dallas
6. Denver
7. Vancouver
8. Chicago
Next, all you'd need to do is follow this simple four step process to receive a $25 start-up compensation.

A. Create a new gmail account
B. Set up the forwarding features to ensure that all of their incoming emails are automatically re-directed to me (sounds more complicated than it really is, most people will be able to figure out how to do this within 3 minutes)
C. Use the new GMAIL account to set up a Craigslist account
D. Receive my ads and prepare to post them in the city where they reside

If you post the ad specifically as you were instructed to, it will not be flagged and removed by craigslist. If your ad stays live on the forum for one full week, you will be paid $20. If it stays for a full 12 hours, a $15 compensation is in order. If it only lasts three days, I'll pay you $10. If it survives for a mere 3 hours, you'll be paid $5.
Contact Alex at academiccomposition@gmail.com

Again, I know it's not an investment banking position, but it beats delivering pizzas.

Dude Bro Inc

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Let's just say I know "a guy."

And when hanging out with this "guy" one time I met his co-workers. These co-workers were the epitome of the fratboy-douchebags that, like Wyoming, should eliminate any concern on your part that the decline in America is relegated to just "women and minorities." No, they were proof positive that the decline is truly unbiased, unbigoted, and is infecting all people of all kinds.

But something was different about these dude bros. They were extra-special douchey the night I met them.

Sure they all had the signs of dude-bro-ness:

Wearing sunglasses indoors at night.
Having floozies on their arms that had the face "don't dare talk to me."
Doing shots shots shots shotshotshots shots shots shots shots.
Telling stories and giving speeches that were neither funny, nor witty, and completely based on inside jokes.
Bragging about their careers.
Taking selfies even though they're males.

But then two things caught my eye.

One, they all drove cars that I knew by their age they couldn't mathematically afford. Oh sure, it was possible. Anything was possible. But they'd have to be bringing down around $250,000 per year to make all their stories true and hold the deeds to those cars. And I knew from banking the percentage of ***middle-aged*** fratboy douches who owned their car was around 2%. Their younger, less experienced counterparts, had to be leasing or borrowed to the hilt.

Two, they were in sales. "Sales" if you don't know is where many douchey dude bros work because they are completely untrained, unskilled, and too lazy to do anything else.

Frame this house?
"Dude, that's like what my old man did."

Program this router?
"Dude, that's for nerds!"

Weld this car?
"DUDE! THAT GAME IS ON!!! GO LEBRON!!!!! He's my man!!!!!"

No, they were "big idea guys" and any real work was beneath them.

This also caught my economist eye because I knew all "idea guys" were ego maniacs who wanted the benefits of hard work, but used sleaze, ass-kissing, politicking, and networking to attain said benefits without hard work.

So faster forward several years and I don't know why it comes up, but my economic spidey senses start tingling and saying, "you know, there's no way to tell how those dude bros turned out, let alone prove with 100% certainty that they were indeed posers, but I wonder if their company is publicly traded."

And by golly it is.

And by golly will you look at those bottom lines.

Again, there is no guarantee that the dude bros were faking it. Who knows, the company could have been spending all of their money on sales teams making those dude bros the only dude bros in the country that weren't faux $30,000 millionaires. But based on my experience in banking, not to mention knowing precisely what it would take to present and keep up such a lifestyle/image, I think I can safely tell you this very important lesson:

Nearly 100% of the people you see dude-bro-ing it up, or fratboying it up, or (on the female side) "partaaaayyyying" it up, are fake and putting on a show.

Mathematically
Economically
and psychologically

it is just impossible for so many young people in today's economy to all be acting like Paris Hilton AND have the money to back it up. There just isn't the money, there just isn't the economic growth, and truthfully, most young people today are just too freaking stupid to manage their finances, let alone to the level they are in the top 1% of income earners.

Ergo, when you see them in the nightclubs, partying it up at a bar, ordering a round of shots, driving a fancy import, do not feel jealous or that you are somehow underperforming. I can guarantee you with 99.9% accuracy the party is going to end rather quickly for them and the remaining 20 years of their lives consist of avoiding bankruptcy, living paycheck to paycheck, and the constant fear of having to make ends meet. Worse for them, they will have to keep up the lie to save face which will only condemn their entire financial lives to hell.

You just need to realize this, practice minimalism, find non-douchey friends, and both your personal lives and financial lives will be forever better and genuinely richer than the dude bros'.

New Blogroll Addition - James Altucher

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Many of you guys have recommended for some time now I look into James Altucher. I metaphorically said in my mind, "yeah yeah, I will" as if I was promising my mom I would read Atlas Shrugged or something.

Finally, I checked out his site and, frankly I am ashamed I did not heed the words of my readers earlier.

My thanks, and apologies, but James Altucher is now officially on the blogroll. You may visit him here.

I also intend on reviewing some of his books. Namely Choose Yourself and 40 Alternatives to College.

A Podcasty Weekend

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Davis has (in all seriousness) one of his best podcasts. Download it and listen to it.

He also has a post about Tinder, which invariably I'm going to have to figure out what's going on.

The Bechtloff also has the 4th episode of his podcast released.

The Weakest Generation

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WWII was the Greatest Generation.

Baby Boomers were the Lamest Generation.

Gen X, good lord, the most "Pathetic" Generation I suppose.

But there is no doubt the Millineals are the Weakest Generation.

"The Job Market for Law Grads is So Bad..."

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HOW BAD IS IT!?

It's so bad employers actually have the balls to post a want ad for VOLUNTEER LAWYERS!

College as a Leftist Cult

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Which it is and which is why the Zombie Liberal is a genuine and real threat.

Chicago, The Next Detroit

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The stupid! It burns, it burns!!!!!!

How Black Boys' Desire to Become Athletes and Rappers Destroy Their Lives and the Black Community

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Tourism - The Zero Sum Game That Should Be Played

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Let me succinctly and briefly explain "tourism" from an economic perspective so that you all may understand why local governments are all about it, even to a level that said local governments don't even understand (but do on an intuitive level).

"Tourism" is very Keynesian in that it is short sighted.

For example, Obama, all of economic academia, the council of economic advisors, and the entire management of the federal reserve really do believe, like Christians do a guy nailed to a plank of wood, that government stimulus will "increase aggregate demand" and with a "multiplier effect," blabbity blah blah blah.

Is it working?

No, of course not. Average economic growth is the lowest it's been ever, especially considering the INSANE Keynesian-wet-dream-of-a-deficit we've been running these past 6 affirmative action years.

But the reason it isn't working is because the smart money sees what's going on. The government is merely borrowing money from future producers to pay for current day parasites. Who would invest in such a system, even with (I know, *giggle* for the idiot naive Keynesians) "low interest rates" and "low taxes?"

But that is PRECISELY the same concept of tourism.

You are taking money from one group of people and moving it to another group of people.

However, instead of Obama's KWD (Keynesian Wet Dream) where we take money from the future and give it to the ~~parasites~~ present, tourism is merely the same thing taking money from one area of the country and giving it to another.

For example, when I lived in Wyoming, there was no shortage of middle aged men motorcycling through town living their motorcycle dream of driving cross-country. Certainly admirable, certainly something I'd recommend, but whereas Krugman and his Fucktard Keynesians (it's a band of government-quality music) would claim this is "economic growth" or "economic stimulus" in the end it is nothing more than taking money from one area of the country and placing it in another.

The money those motorcycling men spent on gas did indeed go to local economy in

Wyoming, but that by mathematical necessity withdrew money that would have gone to their hometown economy in Pennsylvania.

The money those mid-life crisis men spent on booze at the Occidental Hotel (which I highly recommend) did in fact benefit the local economy in Buffalo, Wyoming, but at the expense of Saskanoose, Michigan.

In other words, the overall economic impact of "tourism" is a zero sum game. You are merely taking dollars from one area of the country to spend on another.

This then presents an interesting local-economy-war game where different localities and municipalities must advertise and duke it out for tourism dollars. This is why you see advertisements to come visit some place or another. Advertisements to live your dream. Advertisements where *SNARK* the parasite state of California wants outside money constantly to bail their pathetic asses out (hey California was cool in the 80's! Come visit us, please...we're umm...totally relevant dude!) It also explains why local taxpayers spend billions every year subsidizing professional sports and marginal teams by building them palaces to throw the spheres into hoops or hit spheres with sticks, or are stupid enough to vie for the Olympics.

Regardless, in the end you have what is invariably leftist local politicians fighting against other local leftist politicians for other people's disposable income in the form of out of state tourism dollars. The next national gain is zero, but the local gain can be enormous. But something tells me the leftist politicians and economists we have in our institutions of leadership can't tell the difference.

Bail Me Out of My "Music Education" Degree

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Boo-freaking-hoo.

Just Once, Some Intelligent Shit

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I have only one request before I die and pass on in this world.

That Davis Aurini would for once write a quality, thought-provoking intelligent piece of shit.

Of course he can't because, well, in an affirmative action sort of way he is a Canadian, so what do you expect.

But still

Just once

I beg

I plead

Could the man just write one intelligent piece of shit?

Why Nazis Make Better Super Villains Than Communists

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An outstanding observation by The Bechtloff.

Nazis make for better super-villains because at least they aim to be super or superior. Communists (and by "communist" I also mean American democrats) are so unmentionable and unimpressive as individuals they by their own nature are not unique and thusly need to define themselves through others. They aren't Lex Luther or The Joker hatching brilliant schemes as much as they are boring, common, petty thieves rationalizing their parasitism.

Ergo, evil aside, think about what villain you'd rather hang out with:

The Borg or Professor Moriarty
Your average women's studies professor or Bernie Madoff
Barack Obama or Vladimir Putin

Now that's telling. Which comic book series would have better success?

One where the villain is Obama

or

One where Vladimir Putin is the arch-nemesis?

The New Style of Debate

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Hi-freaking-larious.

The video he is referencing is here.

Bernard Chapin also addresses debating in the past and how it's gone down the toilet.

Another Product of the Boomer Generation

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I love it. They carry the 60's leftist crap shoved down our throats to it's logical end - kill yourself.

How Andrew Norlen Destroyed Sweden

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It's not even the fact that immigration will destroy Sweden. It's the blatant ending of the freedom of speech.

"I do not think it takes very many prosecutions before a signal is transmitted in the community that the internet is not a lawless country, the sheriff is back in town"

No Arlen, Stalin is back.

Best Economics Cartoon EVER

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An outstanding cartoon that explains money, banking, and economics better than I've ever seen. Mandatory viewing for people of all ages.

Ram Z Paul

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New blogroll addition.

Ram Z Paul.

Pretty funny guy.

Antonia Ayres-Brown

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It is April 22nd, 2014.

I want you to remember this girl's name:

Antonia Ayres-Brown.

The reason I want you to remember her name and this date is because I am making the prediction you will see this person in the news again in the future. And it is nearly guaranteed that it will not be good news, but rather of the "crusader/narcissist telling others how to live life" variety. She got a taste of success. MacDonald's "diversity officer" caved. And she will now and forever be addicted to the powertrip that ensued.

Conservative Female Porn

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At any time, you men have it within your ability to turn this around.

At Least Russia's President is for Russia

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Getting hard not to be pro-Putin.

Municipal Bike Coordinator

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For the Patron Saints Name of Frick.

Honest to god, a god damned "bike coordinator."

Boys, are you paying attention? What did Uncle Cappy tell you about owning property in major metro areas?

That's right, DON'T! You rent and spend your youth there, you do NOT invest or live your productive lives there.

In the Mail - MissLed

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Got this in the mail.

The Night Dad Went to Jail

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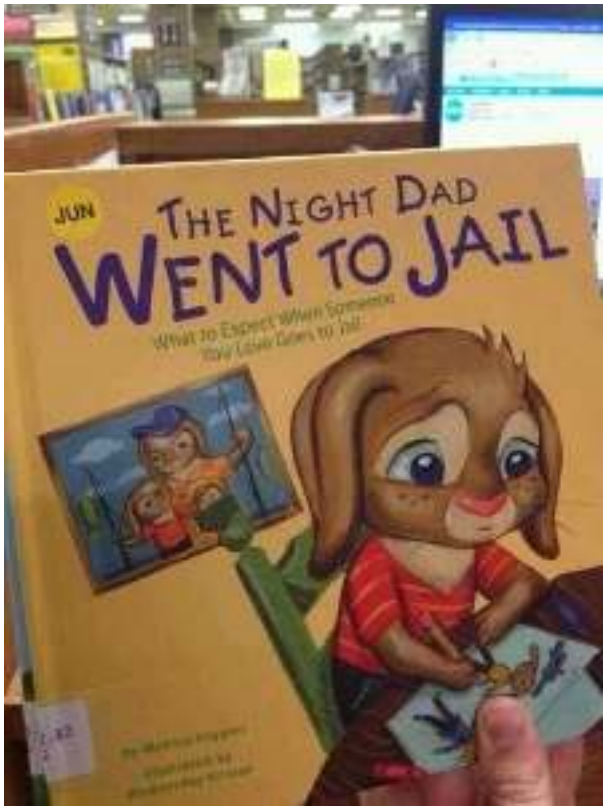
I saw this on my Facebook feed and after an unthinking and visceral reaction against it, with further thought I think it's actually quite brilliant and a sad testament that such a book is needed in society.



Countries that Wish to Secede

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An interesting post about all the different countries/regions that wish to secede.

The Latest Podcast - Why Do Haters Hate?

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Actually, to be honest, I was on Aurini's "The Podcast" as he was gracious enough to host me.

The Most Balless Sheriff - Chris Nocco

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What an utter fucking pathetic excuse for a lawman. "We can't do anything."

OH REALLY??? Then what was this from two years ago?

What this boils down to is that property rights aren't protected in Pasco County because the sheriff is not a sheriff and you are an idiot to live there.

Government Workers Have No Clue How Spoiled They Are

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And MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) is just the latest proof of just what clueless and spoiled children they are.

The Real Reason There is a Liberal Bias in Media

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It really is that simple:

DIE, Higher Education Industry, DIE!!!!

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Ahhhh….warm fuzzies!

Weekend Listening

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Greetings all,

Returned early in the morning from a funeral from Milwaukee and have been playing catch up with spring cleaning, motorcycle prep, and the like. unfortunately I had to do a video from the road and it is duly noted the audio and video quality suffers when I'm not in my "mother's basement."

Regardless, next week shall be more normal as I catch up on my chores. In the meantime I present to you some podcasts I've been listening to over the past three weeks that I also found enjoyable.

Black Brigade's latest podcast.

Honey Badger Radio

Victory Unlimited's latest podcast on avoiding gold diggers.

Kerry Lutz's podcast on Japan's economy which proves interesting because we're basically Japan 15 years ago.

Follow The Money's podcast archive.

The Captain on Alimony

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This turned out a little better than I thought it would:

Free Northerner Joins the Bachelor Pad

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Many thanks for the kind plug.

You can read Free Northerner here.

Uplift X Now Available in Canada

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Sponsor wanted to let me know you Canucks can buy Uplift X if you so desire!

You've Been "Mozilla'ed!"

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I will be putting together the petition shortly:

As the State Further Steals Your Children

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A friend of mine said her kid was in "4K"

I said, "4K? What's that?"

"It's kindergarten for 4 year olds."

I didn't even flinch because it's what's to be expected. The state making further inroads into destroying the family, replacing parents, hiring worthless teachers union ditzes, indoctrinating your children to become future democrat voters, all while using what amounts to nothing more than "free baby-sitting" to sell this totalitarianism to the naive suburbanites.

Why Dennis Prager is Dangerous to Young Conservatives

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Dennis Prager often trades with Joe Soucheray as my 2nd favorite talk show host. He is incredibly intelligent, goes way further into the rabbit hole than the superficial skimming Sean Hannity does, and crafts his shows meticulously.

He is also incredibly dangerous.

The reason I say Dennis is incredibly dangerous is because he (albeit unintentionally) conveys hope to people where there is none. Specifically when he references his book "Still the Best Hope - Why the World Needs American Values to Triumph" during his show where he is typically suggesting people still have hope for America, invest in America, and believe in America. And while this is nice and what many of us would like to believe, it unfortunately just isn't true.

America and to a larger extent, Western Civilization, has seen it's zenith and is now barreling its way down to 2nd and 3rd world status. With government debt approaching 110% GDP, economic growth half of what it used to be, and with unfunded commitments and liabilities running at 10x's our annual economic production, it is economically and mathematically impossible for this debt-ridden sloth of a country to ever achieve, let alone deliver on whatever hopes Mr. Prager claims it has the potential for.

But the real reason there is no hope in America is not so much its already-handicapped economy; it's what has always determined whether a country is great or pathetic - it's people.

In nearly every aspect of the country you see a decay in the quality and caliber of the people that make up the US.

A younger generation so steeped in leftist indoctrination they voted in a guy who has done nothing more than mortgage their futures. These same kids also naively believe majoring in philosophy or Hate-White-Male-Studies is going to land them a job. And they're so unforgivably ignorant in terms of economics NONE of them are capable of supporting themselves financially, let alone know the basics of public finance (oh, and BTW, this is the generation Prager is pinning his hopes on to "save" the country).

The youth are not the only culprits. Gen X, now thoroughly in what could be considered "parenting age" are failing miserably at that. With divorce rates no different than their parents' generation, we are ensuring the young are dropped off in daycare, raised by the

state, alienated from their parents, and are even going to be more inept and incompetent than the adult children that populate our colleges today. But at least Gen X women are empowered.

Of course, who can forget the parasite generation known as the baby boomers? Not only are they parasitical in terms of the resources they will consume via social security and medicare, but the also in their absolute abysmal failure to lead the country. Be it the housing bubble, the government debt crisis, the education bubble, you name it, every major financial and economic problem we have today was done under the reign and leadership of baby boomers.

And hey, let's not forget the newcomers to this country. Why we'll let anybody in. Don't want to learn the language? Sure, come on in! Don't want to work for a living? Sure! Come on in! Want to leave your crappy country, but continue practicing your crappy traditions that made your country crappy in the first place, foolishly thinking just because you're located on a different part of the globe everything will be better? Come on in! And make sure to out-breed the productive members of society because you still haven't learned the concept of income per capita.

Naturally, the result has been predictable. As the quality of humans drops, so does the culture.

Miley Ray Syphilis is on the stage and not Doris Day.

"Black Box" and "Sex and the City" is on TV and not Hogan's Heroes.

"Figgityfoe and His Two Bitch Ho" album outsells Duke Ellington.

And any inferior culture is deemed superior to American Culture simply because it is not American.

Success is failure.

Beauty is ugly.

Excellence is criminal.

Now, are you going to tell me, with all of the decay, all of the corruption, all of the idiots, and all of the just plain evil, you're going to invest in this kind of country?

While Dennis' intention is absolutely noble, honorable, and well-intentioned, unfortunately anybody who follows his advice and decides to tie their anchor to America is going to ruin their one and finite lives. And thus nearly every channel of investing in America is

pointless.

Want an education in the US? You're nuts. 50% of your tuition money goes to unnecessary pre-req classes to keep worthless professors employed. And what classes remain will still have a leftist slant berating you for daring to be white, male, or aspiring to succeed. That's when they're not too busy shoving bogus sexual assault statistics down your throat and accusing you of whatever variant of privilege you're unaware you have. And the final parting gift is a crippling level of debt sure to ruin the rest of your life.

Want a career in the US? You're foolish. There are no jobs here, and there CERTAINLY is not the economic growth needed to provide something as unicorny and mythical as a "career." And heaven help you if you dared to exercise your freedom of speech in the past, as your employer (now thoroughly corrupted into totalitarian leftist thought) will fire you with impunity.

Want a family in the US? You are insane, especially if you're a man. The women are spoiled, entitled, obese and divorce-prone. The schools are there to separate you from your children. And if you have the intellectual temerity and honor that most Pragerites have, you will likely raise your child with a decent work ethic, which will only serve to make them hosts for the parasites of lesser parents they will suffer and serve under.

Want a house in the US? Too bad, you can't own a house. OH sure, they'll say it's yours and give you a deed. But in the end all you've managed to do was buy a perpetuity liability where you promise to pay (ever increasing) property taxes to the state.

And all of this under an ever-increasing public debt, declining economic growth, and increasing hostility towards conservatives, libertarians, and otherwise noble and successful people.

No, for anybody with an ounce of temerity or a desire to enjoy a happy and successful life, you'd be wise to ignore Prager's advice and look for greener pastures. Not that he's a bad man, he's just a man from a bygone era hopelessly in love with an idea that is no longer tenable for younger generations.

Enjoy the decline.

QOTD

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"*In my dream the Koch brothers buy a bankrupt Harvard*"

Everybody Needs An Asshole in Their Life

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Because assholes are the only ones who will tell you the truth.

Ergo, consider hiring an asshole to consult you about;

your career
your education
your dating
your business, and
your life

Cheaper than a "real" consultant, and infinitely more honest.

Asshole Consulting, because we plain don't give a fuck about you...

which ironically means...

we care more than anybody else.

A Location-Independent Job Posting for Cappy Cappites

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Howdy All,

Alex over at Academic Composition is expanding his hiring to other cities. Again, this is NOT going to pay $80,000 a year, but if you're currently out of college, can't find a job, and don't want to work minimum wage, well, here you go. It has the added bonus of sticking it back to the man because this company does college students' homework for them.

Here are the specifics he's provided me:

If you reside in one of the below listed regions, you can seize this opportunity by posting ads on craigslist.

1. Honolulu, HI
2. Houston, TX
3. Dallas, TX
4. Denver, CO
5. Los Angeles, CA
6. San Franciso, CA
7. New York, NY
8. Hartford, CT
9. Philadelphia, PA
10. Pittsburgh, PA
11. Atlanta, GA
12. Raleigh, NC
13. Chicago, IL
14. Phoenix, AZ
15. St. Louis, MO
16. Minneapolis, MN
17. Boston, MA
18. Toronto, ON
19. Vancouver, BC
20. Ann Arbor, MI

Next, all you'd need to do is follow this simple four step process to receive a $25 start-up compensation.

A. Create a new gmail account
B. Set up the forwarding features to ensure that all of their incoming emails are automatically re-directed to me (sounds more complicated than it really is, most people will be able to figure out how to do this within 3 minutes)
C. Use the new GMAIL account to set up a Craigslist account
D. Receive my ads and prepare to post them in the city where they reside

If you post the ad specifically as you were instructed to, it will not be flagged and removed by craigslist. If your ad stays live on the forum for one full week, you will be paid $20. If it stays for a full 12 hours, a $15 compensation is in order. If it only lasts three days, I'll pay you $10. If it survives for a mere 3 hours, you'll be paid $5.
Contact Alex at academiccomposition@gmail.com

Again, I know it's not an investment banking position, but it beats delivering pizzas.

The Clarey Podcast - "College Students Walking in the Desert" Episode

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Aaron tells is "Hippie Chick With a Staph Infection in Idaho" story, gives the most valuable advice in a long time to people "lost" after graduating from college, doesn't understand "Tinder," responds to the "live in your mother's basement" accusations, and asks, given Dartmouth's recent caving to an spoiled brat college student, if college is for education or indoctrination

AND MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

Language warning.

.1% Economic Growth

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Right, blame the weather not the

idiot socialist we have for president
the moronic people that populate this country
the terabytes of regulation
and the anti-business and anti-success mentality in this country.

Nope, it's the f*cking weather.

How to Tell a Person is Worthless

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An excerpt from the latest podcast, but one that is important as it explains it is not the color of your skin, your sexual orientation, or your gender that matters because you did NOTHING to earn said traits. You were born with them. It is what you've achieved in your life that defines your worth:

First Movie I WANT To See in About 5 Years

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The untold story of undercover WWII American fighter pilots who went to Israel to defend Israel in 1948.

A Canadian Alpha Male

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George Beurling

The girls' faces just belie how much women like a tall, dominant man.

The Legalities of the College Homework Industry

May 1, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I proudly allow Academic Composition to be a sponsor on my little Internet media empire because I not only believe in the business, but I also believe students should not have to pay, let alone, jump through all the hoops Big Education makes them while raping them for their tuition money for a degree that more often than not isn't worth it.

Still...

It has recently come to my attention that paying other people to do your homework is actually ILLEGAL is several states.

In the effort to remain above board and full disclose I present...a...um....full disclosure:

Selling and falsifying student homework and fraudulently taking online courses on behalf of students is illegal in New York and 17 other states. It is also a violation of CL rules. Violating NYS laws on Craigslist puts the site and the founder, Craig Newmark, in jeopardy. The NY County DA's office is currently monitoring this listing category and will prosecute those selling homework to the full extent of the law. You would be advised to remove your ad or rewrite it to remain in accordance with NY State law. FYI -NEW YORK STATE LAW: New York: Section 213-B of the New York Education Law criminalizes the unlawful sale of "a dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report or other written assignment" as a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration of up to three months. Local district attorneys or the state Attorney General can initiate investigations into this misconduct. Academic tutoring and counseling services are exempt from prosecution. In 2013 the NYS legislature amended the bill to include any sale of student papers on the internet. Selling homework and student papers is also illegal in Massachusetts, California, Illinois, Florida,Texas, Virginia, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina,Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington.

It is my personal opinion these people may kindly go fuck themselves because as far as I can tell it is nearly impossible to determine whether or not somebody is writing papers for another person and their "punishment" seems to be nebulous or (at worst) a "class B" misdemeanor (so you know, you'll probably get a government check and some counseling or something).

Regardless, when using the services of Academic Composition realize you are taking on the full legal consequences of doing so and that neither I nor Academic Composition are responsible for whatever consequences befall you.

YOu have been warned.

A Month of Pent Up Posts

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"New Material Month" is officially over. The month of not posting anything pertaining to or in response to feminism, but instead focus on new frontiers has come to a close. However, there were some honorable mentions and some outright doozies that needed to be addressed which I have been storing up for the month.

"M' Lady" - freaking hilarious video on white knights.

There will be no demise of men. Just a return of men being manly once they realize the jig is up.

Why are feminists always so ugly?

Degenerate slutwhore complains about the consequences of her idiotic decisions and the epitome of whitenight pansy actually gives her press. Did she at least sleep with you Carl or are one of those kids your own?

I don't think I ever want to get on the wrong side of Judgy Bitch.

The "Mommy's Basement" Accusation

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A common comment I receive on my youtube channel is that, among other things, I live in my "mommy's basement." Naturally a comment from people ~~I've offended~~ the truth pisses off. The expected knee-jerk reaction to being offended is not to critically think through or digest why what some random guy on the internet said causes such discomfort, but instead abandon the entire discussion being had and go personal.

Ergo, "mommy's basement."

The reason I love this counter-punch is because not only is it common, and not only is it part of a prepackaged suite of knee-jerkism ("can't get laid" "small penis" etc.) it's because it belies that the person accusing you of living in mommy's basement has lost the argument.

It's done.

It's over.

You've won, that person lost, and the reasons are multi-fold.

One, do you REALLY live in mommy's basement?

Of all the bloggers, commenters, podcasters, etc., I know none of them live in their "mommy's basement" let alone receive a STIPEND or subsidy from their parents or government like most "mommy's basement accusers" do. Are there basement dwelling trolls who make trolling comments?

Yes.

But what should concern most people who resort to this argument is the fact that there are so many self-supporting men who are merely voicing their legitimate opinion. And accusing them of "living in mommy's basement" is...well...pat-on-the-head-worthy "cute." It's not true, so the accusation rings hallow, and an eye roll ensues.

Second, the "mommy's basement" is a CLASSIC liberal debating technique of changing the topic. If the current debate or discussion at hand is untenable a hypocrite will ALWAYS go personal because they know deep down inside they're wrong and their adversary is right. The real issue is whether you have the self-control not to fall for this ruse, take personal affront, and then go on defending how you "don't live in your mommy's basement." Maintain control of the debate, ignore these personal sleights, and

continue your assault.

Finally, I'm not a big "psychology" guy and don't really believe in this "projection" kind of thing younger generations resort to as a means to debate. But I am a big believer in "deflection." Realize when somebody is so desperate, so hypocritical, and above all else, exposed for their self-serving and immoral beliefs, their little lizard-brain goes into full defense mode and tries to cover up their true intention of basically stealing resources from other people. However, since they have no legitimate moral or logical argument, they need to resort to name calling. As previously mentioned, this is merely a ruse and proof you've won the debate, but I wanted to point out just how cowardly, pathetic, and "loserish" it is of the person that has to resort to this tactic.

In the end, the true "loser" is not the guy (or gal) accused of living in "mommy's basement." It's the person doing the accusing. They're typically a spoiled suburbanite brat that had everything handed to her (or him), never had to support themselves, and never had enough adversity in life to challenge them and forge them into a real, interesting, and self-supporting adult. And so when reality smashes their fragile idealistic view of the world in the form of a genuinely independent person, speaking real truths, their tantrums, and any accusations of living with mommy, can largely be dismissed.

Teachers Who Mock the Trades

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Arguably the most accurate assessment of public school teachers and their worthlessness to society ever:

Southern Man Appreciation

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You will visit the Southern Man.

I feel humbled because I never knew this picture existed:

University is the New Church

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Some really low-brow, dumb writing here.

The Sickness that is Coming

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One of the more important epiphanies I had was that age doesn't matter when it comes to leadership and capabilities. Sure, you would think older people are wiser, but as I've aged I realized that in fact, no, they're just older. They are just as dumb and incompetent as people half their age.

While it took some daring and bravado to make this epiphany when I was 30, it is only reinforced as it is now my generation that is approaching 40 and will be viewed by today's 20 somethings as the "wise elders who have their act together." The modern day 20 something does not know what I know and does not see what I see in my 4 decades old peers - that they're the same idiots and morons they were back in the 90's when they were in their 20's. They did not mature, they just got older, and really have no clue what they're doing.

But if we were to extrapolate this trend, one where generations don't mature, never grow up, and never change, just merely get older, the country is in for a world of hurt. For while I can't believe people in my generation are heading up companies, working their way up the corporate ladders, or are educators and teachers in our schools, what's coming down the pipe is scary - a mentally infected or diseased generation.

When I say "infected" or "diseased" I mean I look at the kids today, especially of college age, and realize they have a genuine mental condition. We can all laugh and mock them citing examples of entitlement, weakness, and idiocy, highlighting stories where they demand free education or have their parents attend a job interview with them or Pajama Boy's latest antics, but these are merely the symptoms of a much larger and threatening sickness. One where nearly an entire generation is incapable of understanding other people's rights, freedom, and property.

If you look at college students and 20 somethings today an unacceptable number of them lack the mental ability to respect the rights and freedoms of others. There was the student journalist that wanted to ban conservative opinions on campus (I forget the name and the school). There was Donglegate where Adria Richards thought it was her domain to get two guys fired, which is only one of the increasing instances of Mozillaing. And there's more than one instance where some idiot adult child will claim we need to ban conservative talk radio.

This trend, however, is not so scary because of what these people are doing, but because they are unconsciously doing it. They are unconscious of what they are saying. And they are unable to fully and thoroughly think through the consequences of advocating such things. What's worse, however, is the disease is further complicated and entrenched in

the minds of young people by a historic amount of brainwashing and pampering. Be it the trillions of dollars in debt accrued to prevent said people from paying the full price of their socialist utopia, the 20 years of brainwashing they received from K-college, or society and their parents bending over backwards to kiss their asses, all of this shields these kids from the harsh and necessary realities of life. This not only results in adults who are incapable of supporting themselves, completely clueless about how the real world economy works, but worse it convinces them they are entitled to everything in life. This lays the ground work for what is arguably the most despicable aspect of this mental condition - victimhood.

From the ever increasing categories of "privilege" to the left's desire to separate and define people by their skin color, an entire generation has been trained to take traits they were born, fool themselves into thinking they are oppressed because of it, and demand other people slave away for them. This is not only cowardly and hypocritical, but it also attaches an emotional element to the disease where they take personal affront to any attempts of constructive criticism or insistence of self-supportation and production. In short, it renders the host with this disease immune to any attempts to cure them.

You combine this altogether and what you have is a group of people who:

1. Are not able to support themselves
2. Lack the mental ability to understand the sovereignty and freedom of other people and
3. Therefore lack the ability to protect freedom while voting
4. Are trained to find insult in everything and view themselves only as a victim
5. Are not capable of logical and intellectually honest thought
6. Who are instead ruled by emotions and self-pity
7. and are therefore uncurable and beyond reason.

Add to that, that generations really never grow up, just get old, and you can see why this sickness is such a threat.

People infected with this disease will act and vote in a way that will destroy the liberty and freedom Western Civilization spent the last 2,500 years trying to build. You may say, "well, that's why we have the Constitution. That's why we have the courts" or "that'll never happen." But what if these people were to become the justices? What if they were to become the politicians and leaders of this country? A piece of paper or the foresight of our founding fathers to have the division of powers cannot stop an entire population that is mentally sick and impaired. And instances such as Brendan Eich and Dartmouth caving to the demands of a sick person, already shows you the lack of US institutions to stop and fight this sickness.

What will "end" this sickness, however, will be an economic collapse wherein there is no

more government money to keep these people supported in their current environment. Life-long college students come professors will no longer have a university to go and teach at. The various "professional activists" will have to worry about clean water instead of saving the whales. And professional victims will have more pressing matters like starvation than finding fake umbrage at a Cinco De Mayo fundraiser. Unfortunately, such a collapse can be staved off a long time with the fed's constant printing of money and the US' relative position of being the "least sucky economy" in the world, and this will continue to provide the environment these diseased people thrive in. Ergo, not only are they not going away, they're going to increase as the 20 somethings of today become the 40 somethings of tomorrow and by default infiltrate our various institutions.

There's not much to do but what we're doing now. Pointing it out and trying to bring shame to these people. Alas, their brainwashing is so complete, their sense of victimhood so engrained, and their sense of entitlement so strong, it is doubtful anything will ever get through to these liberal zombies.

Enjoy the decline.

Only Assholes Can Save the World

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Democrat Math

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AHHGHHH!!!! THE STUPID!!!! IT BURNS!!!!!

A comment in response to this video:

Some comments are hidden as they are probably spam. **Review comments**

rumbrell54 16 hours ago
you sir are the idiot. if you can't spend more than you make, how would anyone buy a house or car? or anything else that costs more than their monthly/yearly income? also, exactly how much do you spend on 'defense', which the gov't spends a lot on.
Reply ·

Millennial Woes 4 days ago
"your average brainwashed unconscious leftist liberal yutz" - LOL
Reply · 1

For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

Do you guys understand or at least empathize with my belief that with so many stupid people in this country there's no hope whatsoever?

"Tee Hee! I Like to Travel!"

May 3, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ranked amongst "My children are the MOST AMAZING CHILDREN" claim

girls claiming they "like to travel" is the most peeving of my pet peeves.

Aurini Needs Your Help

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He's putting together a video and is applying for funding. If his video gets enough votes he'll get the grant. Here's the basic breakdown of it. In very efficient form he gets right to the point.

New Blogroll Addition - Amerika.org

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Amerika.org

You will visit.
You will obey.
Conformance is not optional.

Cargo Cult Manospherism

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Cargo Cult, if you don't know what it is, is a phenomenon that occurred post WWII where several uncivilized, native cultures saw their South Pacific invaded by the US (and Japanese) forces who in turn would airdrop and supply these petty but militarily vital islands with supplies. Unaware of what Western Civilization had discovered in terms of flight, physics, chemistry, etc., they thought that the precious cargo was merely a consequence of having things that looked like planes around. Naively, they built plane replicas out of bamboo and other local material in the hopes that would bring the bounty of cargo a superior culture created.

Naturally it did not work.

And neither will Cargo Cult Manospherism.

I know of the rifts and tiffs that have occurred in the past month of the Manosphere. Naturally, there will be disagreements and that is largely why I stay out of them. It's like Lithuania and Latvia arguing over linguistic differences while the USSR is about to invade both. However, at the core of these arguments is something I believe is legitimate and real and needs to be addressed. And that is poseurs vs. real men.

I understand just what an unfair, unforgivable, and disgusting amount of lies and propaganda has been fed to men.

I understand how most western men have had their birthright stolen from them from socialism and feminism.

And I am completely sympathetic to the Herculean task every western man must take on in terms of accepting this harsh reality, reprogramming themselves, changing their life goals, and making the best of what remnant of life they have in an increasingly hostile environment.

I get it.

But in the end, your righteous and well deserved anger HAS TO progress into acceptance and becoming a real man and saying, "OK, what can we feasibly, realistically, and most efficiently do about it? What is the best possible outcome of this newly-brought-to-my-attention situation?"

It is here the men separate from the boys and we have genuine Manospherians versus Cargo Cult Manospherism.

The real men accept reality of life and move on. Yes, there is some element of the 6 stages of grief, but they get over it, accept it and move on. They start working out instead of trying to further refine their "nice guy personality." They sacrifice their diet, eating what they need to, not what they'd like. They work harder at their jobs, while at the same time start a company on the side. They stop sitting in front of the TV, they put down the video game controller, they stop doing what has been easy, and they take this new-found knowledge, work hard, sacrifice, and achieve something of importance, relevance and worth.

The Cargo Cult, however, finds value, definition, and meaning in the Manosphere itself, never taking the important lessons it's uncovered and applying said lessons to improve their lives. That takes took much effort.

Lift heavy metal objects in a mind-numbing state to increase muscle mass?

That's too boring.

Sacrifice my free time to lay the groundwork for a future company that will grant me true freedom and success in the future?

That's too hard.

Go up to multiple girls and get shot down so you develop a tough skin as well as aptitude to approach women?

My feelings might get hurt.

No, it's much better, much easier, and much too tempting to merely to cheer on what is being said on the internet, living vicariously through a shocking few real men, and say,

"YEAH!! YEAH!!!! WOMEN SUCK!!!!"

"YEAH!!! YEAH!!! THAT'S HOW I GET GIRLS!!!!"

"YEAH!!! YEAH!!! THAT'S HOW I"D TELL MY BOSS TO FUCK OFF!!!!!"

In the end, Cargo Cult Manospherism is nothing more than Monday morning quarter-backing. It's keyboard jockeying. It's criticizing military moves in a war you're comfortably watching from your home, 4,000 miles away on CNN. It's just being a professor or academian studying the industry that would never employ you.

Another Manosphere author said it best (and I don't remember who so could somebody please let me know so I may give due credit),

"The Manosphere is not a church, it's a gym."

Or as I like to say,

"The Manosphere is a trade school, not a university."

And that is the truth.

This is not some religion you follow to have your sins forgiven.
This is not some therapist's office where you talk about your feelings and they say it's your parents' fault.
And this is not some pontificating, bloviating Ivy Tower hiring aging hippie baby boomers to spew leftist fucktarded rubbish.

This is a place where misled, disadvantaged, and otherwise crippled men come to find explanation, sanity, clarity, and truth, but above all else the tools needed to make the best of what remains of their remnant sole life on this planet.

You can sit behind a keyboard and be a bloviating professor or get your asses shot down, doing the hard work like the rest of us like real soldiers:

The Destruction of the Muse Machine

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Laugh as you might, but in my idiotic and naive youth I fancied myself quite the poet. This was brought about in part because of advice from my father (he said girls like stupid poems) and my observation that a poem was a convenient vehicle to hit on a girl while also displaying wit and cleverness.

Just one problem.

Poems rarely worked and were the epitome of beta.

Sure poems enthrall the girl you're already dating, but as a tool for "game" or attracting a girl, poems quickly showed their use - useless.

Slowly, but surely, my poetry writing met the same fate as a gal bladder becoming an present, but obsolete, unnecessary and never used tool.

Still, since that time roughly 15 years ago, there was the rare occasion a girl would suit my fancy, so much so I would be "inspired" to do something creative. Poetry was just one thing, but there were other forms my creativity would eek out. Crafty ways to ask her out, line up unique activities for a date, or just be inspired to write the most charismatic of e-mails. I didn't know it at the time, but what was happening was what I would later find out to be called the "muse effect." A muse being a woman and her effect to inspire men to be creative and productive.

At first hearing about it I dismissed this "muse" effect, but with wisdom and hindsight, it's as obvious as day that there is indeed a muse effect. Matter of fact, it's so obvious the entirety of western civilization (and any civilization) was built off of it. Mens' desire to procreate with women they are attracted to is just a powerful a force as gravity in this universe and all of our advances in all of the different fields as an indirect and inspired means to nail chicks is proof of it.

A sad thing, though, happened one time.

After countless dates with countless pains in the asses manifesting themselves as American women, my system was just completely worn down. So much so (and I remember this quite clearly) I walked into a restaurant one time and there before my very eyes was the epitome of "my type of gal."

Just imagine it "*THE Cappy Cap Gal*."

Petite, redhead, with a little bit of that 90's grunge moxie chick thing going on.

My lizard brain immediately went into default mode and I sent out to approach her. Fully intending to spew some charming charismatic bullshit, I had not one iota of worry as I desperately wanted this woman so. But as the neurons fired and electro-chemical pulses flowed and I was confident in my stride, I remembered, quite clearly, walking towards her with the full intention of asking her out, something abruptly slapped me across my face and stopped me dead in my tracks;

My empirically-experienced frontal lobes said,

"Wait, what's the point?"

I remember the restaurant, and I remember the exact location I stopped. And I remember leaning against the wall there for a solid 3 minutes debating with myself whether or not I should even approach the girl.

What ended up happening was almost precisely what happens when you try to start a car with a dying battery.

The engine just couldn't turn over.

I just could not get excited about what was in front of me.

I sat there running two concurrent debates in my mind. The now-dying debate as to whether I should even bother approaching her versus the now more-recent discovery that I was not incentivized to approach what (as to up to that point in my mind) was the "perfect girl." Taking inventory, I realized that my frontal lobes had vetoed my lizard brain so much so that while there was the natural and impulsive "wooza!" experience, it quickly faded into a simple, but 100% truthful and empirical excuse:

"I'm too damn tired."

Naturally, this accidental, nay, biologically forced decision ended up being the right one. I decided instead of pursuing her to just sit and observe her. And so, over the course of a year, patronizing this restaurant/bar I learned several important things.

One, she was dating a loser whose only form of transportation was a peddle-bike. He had tats, a dumbass haircut, worked as waiter and was about 33. I was just this "loser" compared to him - 30, owned two cars, rental property, taught dance on the side and was still working in banking.

Two, bar her physique, she was no catch herself. Also a waitress, but also an "aspiring

artist" painting "murals" at people's houses (her art work went nowhere).

And three, after getting to know her on a platonic level, I learned about how hard it was for her to make rent and pay for groceries, and...well...to occasionally lend her boyfriend money.

In the end I realized what happened. My muse machine was broken. No more could the mere glance of a woman prompt me to work harder, be more creative, or produce more GDP. If anything, the more attractive a girl, the more my cynical and empirical mind would distrust her. And while this epiphany helped me 10 years ago, it isn't until now I realized the severity and critical ramifications "broken muse machines" present to our economy.

The blatant truth is men are the true innovators, shakers, and makers of this or any other economy. Certainly there are some outstandingly productive women, but by and large nearly 100% of all economic production and creativity come from men. And the primary motivating factor for men is the beauty of women.

But what if women in this (or any other) society become so disagreeable their repugnance actually overrides and kills mens' biology? It destroys their "muse machines?"

Well, the answer is obvious - what we have now.

Pajama Boy, men on strike, basement dwellers, video game players, man-childs, herbivores, etc.

Call it what you may, you have an army of men who are just not incentivzied or mused any more. And you can't really blame them. Look at what is supposed to "inspire" them.

I always love how "low t" and "erectile dysfunction" is presented as a "disease" or problem men have. When in reality you damn well know the number one cause of erectile dysfunction is a fat, unattractive wife. Throw in divorce, lippy attitude, socialist voting preferences, and genuine psychological problems, modern day American women are the anti-muse that are shutting down the engine of economic growth. Nuclear bombs dropped from mother Russia herself could not be as devastating to the US economy and society as the unfeminine, loud, noxious, obese and uninspiring women that roam the landscape today.

I mean, seriously, wow, ***ANOTHER*** overweight, short hair, tatted up, democrat-voting sociology undergrad pursuing her masters in social work with a cat that reads Cosmo and thinks The Daily Show is funny who thinks she's "unique" and "independent" while living off of daddy's credit card?

Wow, let me fire up the ole creative juices and go paint the fucking Sistine Chapel! I need me some of that all-too-common hairy-armpit bitchy government worker play!

The truth is men have lost what has traditionally inspired them to be the awesome, creation and production machines we were. And though it took a while, after 40 years of feminist propaganda and turning women into men, they were successful. Women in the west are so homely, so physically unattractive, and (I would say above all else) COOKIE CUTTER COMMON they couldn't inspire a bear to shit in the woods.

Naturally, women will be appalled and criticize such statements. But when China cuts off the credit line or the Fed's QE-hyperinflation jig is up, the "*uninspiring, not unique, not terribly intelligent, make work government worker, I'm an independent, worthless-degreed female that really offers nothing to society*" bubble will burst and the importance of feminine beauty and genuine production will become painfully clear.

Aaron Clarey is a meanie, jerk, poopey head that lives in his mother's basement and can't get laid. He's a professional asshole and specializes in pointing out the truth and not giving a fuck about what people think because...well, how do you argue against truth? You can buy his awesome books here and hire him for his "asshole consulting services" which every Idiocracy dipshit in America is in desperate need of.

Why Are There ANY Businesses in California?

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It's called capital flight and it's a feature, not a bug, of socialism.

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But I'm Not Haaaaaaapppyyyyy!

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Hollywood lies to you....There will be no handsome millionaire willing to marry you when you're 33 and ready to settle down. Once you're married, adultery is no light, breezy thing. You probably won't live in that huge home with a pool and a maid to do the cleaning. Your "high-powered" career will mostly likely consist of tedious paperwork in a claustrophobic office cubicle as you daily work through messy office politics and cope with a few difficult colleagues, while worrying about all those unfinished tasks at home. All too often, especially if you made poor choices about what to study in college, you will not get your dream career. You might actually end up being the maid or the nanny for another woman, doing the same housework/childcare in a stranger's home that feminists always told you was sneer-worthy work to do in your own home. Your debt load will scare you. Your loneliness could shatter you. Men will come and go as they use you for their sexual pleasure and you will pretend to feel "empowered" by letting them do so.

Monday Night Listening

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Black Brigade has another solid podcast.

Using Children as a Financial Futures Option on the Economy

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He doesn't say it in such financial terms, but whether or not people have children is essentially very much like a futures contract about your opinion as to whether or not the future economy will be bright.

I've been meaning to poll economists about whether they have children and if my theory is correct, they probably have some of the lowest birthrates....well...adjusting for our typically poor physical attractiveness I mean ;)

Nothing Good Comes from Naropa University

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Thanks to one of my agents in the field to brought this to my attention.

While I highlighted Naropa for being the perfect leftwing, self-blowing school that offered the most concentrated group of worthless degrees, understand that there is a correlation between mentally deficient and weak people and worthless masters programs. And like strippers, you can almost bet a worthless degree will lead to problems in the future.

People Who Have No Meaning or Purpose in Life

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I was driving the motorcycle yesterday as it was a reasonably tolerable day to go riding. Saw an SUV infront of me driving slowly and if you know anything about SUV's as a motorcyclist you know they're more dangerous than deer as they're usually piloted by a inattentive soccer mom texting on her phone. Ensuring I gave her a wide berth, I couldn't help but notice her vanity plates saying "4CHOICE" with her requisite "Obama" bumper sticker.

Upon seeing this I had to confirm my theory that leftists are usually uglier and sure enough as I carefully passed the driver side of the SUV I saw a frumpy, elderly lady who was not smiling (leftists rarely smile). I speed off, now with the SUV danger behind me, but couldn't help but think about how sad a person would have to be to have vanity plates that say "4CHOICE."

Understand most vanity plates are an exercise of wit or cleverness. Something that typically brings about humor or a guffaw. Perhaps even personal, but usually an uplifting statement. But to have a plate that yells to the world:

"*The thing I value about myself the most, the number one thing I want you to know about me, what my prides of prides is based on, is that I'm pro-choice in the abortion debate.*"

in English translates into:

"*I really have no meaning in my life.*"

The reason is very simple. Believing in something, be it a religion, an ideology, global warming, or what have you takes no effort, builds no character, and is not an accomplishment. It's perfectly fine to believe in something, but when you define yourself by a zero-calorie exercise such as "belief" then it's almost a surefire guarantee you haven't done anything of noteworthiness, significance, or accomplishment in your life. Instead of taking on tasks, engaging in a rigorous endeavor, you instead subconsciously say,

"*WHOA!!!! Do WHAT with my life??? Work hard? Study hard? Take the harder path!!??? Are you kidding me!?? I'm just going to put going green and "COEXIST" bumper stickers on my car and claim I'm doing something instead!*"

In short you take an effortless act (belief) and substitute it in for actual accomplishment.

Alas, why this is so disgusting on several levels.

Understand I am pro-choice myself. I find abortion to be a lesser of two evils when a potential child is faced with a life where his/her parents never really wanted them, couldn't afford them, or both, vs. never coming into that miserable existence in the first place. Cold, callous, calculating, yes, but that's my belief.

However, at no point in time did I ever CHEER ON abortion. It's not like it's a GREAT thing. It's a horrible thing, something I'm sure most women who had one did not wake up in the morning and say "YEAAAAAHHHH!!!! ABORTION TIME!"

But some people, like the lady linked above, do. Some people are so valueless, such worthless people, they take something as horrible as abortion and pride themselves off of it because...well...what else in their lives can they point to as achievement or accomplishment?

Thankfully these people can be easily avoided as their insecure egos force them to scream to the world about their beliefs. It may not be as clear as a political vanity plate, but you've no doubt seen cars wallpapered with political bumper stickers (of both the leftist and right wing variety). You've no doubt heard somebody say, "environmentalism is very important to me." You've no doubt met several people that "found Jesus." And you've no doubt found somebody within the first 5 seconds of introduction tell you they're a vegetarian.

Whatever variant, all of these are easy beliefs one can merely "claim" which they will no doubt lord over you, even arrogantly use to lecture and berate you. But understand all it is, is a very thin and ineffective veil poorly hiding the fact the person has no core, has no worth, and is wasting their one and precious life they've been given on this planet.

Enjoy the decline!

Funniest Thing You'll See All Week

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The true punch line starts at 3:20 and ends around 4:10

Why Nobody Will Contribute to University Endowments in the Future

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From our Recent Graduate Agent in the Field:

Dear Cappy,
I am a fan of your work and I wanted to share with you what knowledge you have shared with me through your work. I really think this is worth sharing with you.
After a long day at work (I write Performa Operation Plans for a telecommunications company) I get a phone call from a local number. I picked up the phone, thinking it was somebody about a prescription, but instead, I get greeted with this quiet, 19-year-old female voice.
She wanted to know if I was willing to fork over money to donate to the Vampire University (I am using a fake and accurate name for the school) since I am an Alumni from there. I majored in Bachelor's of Science in Management Information Systems. The money would go to current students and scholarships for potential students.
This is not the first year I get these calls, but this will be the last year.

I told her no, I will not. I told her to instead of calling the Allumni for money to donate to students, I told her to go the president of the school for those donations. The student loans and grants go to fund the president's place of residence on school property, living expenses, and anything else the president wants. I also informed her that the school's administrators have a huge budget (we are talking hundreds of thousands of dollars per year) to redecorate their offices. At the expense of the students.
*I told her that most of her money was not going towards her education. I told her that amount of adjunct teachers were very high at that school. They do not get paid as some of the administrators, who do not do real work in the first place. The school keeps asking for more money, but the quality she is paying is not going to her as a student.***
I also informed her that her very expensive tuition is high because there is no cap for tuition as long as the government is willing to pay whatever they want for her piece of paper. The school can keep asking for more.
I finally asked her if she was even getting paid for doing this cold calling (Vampire University is notorious for using student labor and not paying them). She told me she was getting paid: at a call center. I told her "Great, that is fantastic. Do not ever work for free."
After that I told her to take me off the list and for her to think about the true cost of what she is getting out of what she is paying for.

***When I was going to school there part time as a student and working full time as a warehouse manager at a stevedore company at a port, we stored brand new AC units for*

a building under construction at that university. These AC units were as big as single wide trailers, costing somewhere in millions of dollar range in total(I do not remember the exact number, it's been 3 years or so since I have worked there). The AC units ended up going on top of a 5 story building. The building is for Interdisciplinary Science... which holds classes for majors like "Interdisciplinary Social Studies". AKA: Bachelor of Arts degrees in Gerontology, Humanities, Latino Studies, etc. You know "non productive" courses the kiddies love.

Keep spreading the good word, sir. I appreciate the work that you do.
Thank you,
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Our Agent in the Field highlights something I've thought about and is going to be a HUGE problem in the future for universities and colleges that raped their students for their tuition money:

Who in their right mind is ever going to contribute to their alma mater?

You see, in the past maybe college was a fond memory, full of friends, socializing, and fun times. But it was also likely more rigorous, challenging, and productive. Professors were not washed up losers who could not hack it in life, but people with real world experience that decided to share their wisdom. Also pricing was a "tad" cheaper back then, to the point a degree was a positive rate of return. And finally, said degree ended up landing those people better jobs and careers, giving them said extra income to contribute to their fond alma mater.

But not today's kids and certainly not my generation.

I know personally I would NEVER give the U of MN a penny. I don't know one person who actually enjoyed their college experience there. And the lies and propaganda that was fed to me and my fellow 50,000 students during the 90's was unforgivable. Like most other educational institutions, it was a place of evil.

So when it comes to donation drives and ginning up the ole graduates from Whatsomatta U to donate to their college, I see today, as well as into the future, students doing precise what our Agent in the Field did and telling them to pound sand.

This presents a huge financial risk to the futures of nearly every university. Without endowments and donations, what precisely are they going to do to make up for the loss of funding.

Well lieutenants, economists, agents in the field, and others, you know precisely what they're going to do:

Demand a bail out and government money.

And when they do, it will at least be an admission as the evil they truly are.

The Captain Makes It on Day By Day!

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Well, not a personal appearance, but Bachelor Pad Economics I mean.

New Addition to "Words That Prove You Have a Worthless (and Likely Leftist) Job" - Advocate

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New addition ladies and gentlemen!

"Advocate"

Advocate - Whatever it is you're advocating it's likely taking my money and then giving it to somebody who cannot speak for or defend for themselves. Thankfully, you're all too eager and willing to take my money or non-profit money to be an "advocate" for some group or another, but understand and understand this well - we all know you don't give a damn about said group. You're primary concern is that you get paid for easy work. ie- you use these genuinely disadvantaged people for your own financial gain. You're despicable.

You may find the original list here.

If you know of a word that is not on the list please let us know!

A Woman's Ego is Worth $640,000 of Other People's Money

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It's one thing when it's make work government jobs in the form of social workers to essentially raise other women's children.

It's the same thing when it's teachers effectively baby sitting our children whilst feigning to teach them something in the public schools.

But where ego and hypocrisy knows no bounds is when a woman wants to powertrip and play "make believe businesswoman" with other people's money.

The only difference between her and Bernie Madoff is that Madoff had the smarts and ability to handle stress to the point he could swindle people out of billions AND consciously know he was doing so.

Ug, ladies. It's not hard. Major in the right thing and work hard. That's it. That's the secret.

New Blogroll Addition - Law of Markets

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Law of Markets is the newest lieutenant in the Cappy Cap blog roll.

Though he does not seem to agree with me on the Smith and Wesson Retirement plan, no matter how unavoidable it's going to be.

What is and IS NOT Capitalism

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Aurini offers the left a very well-thought out and honorably intentioned olive branch.

How College Should Work

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Home schooled girl graduates at 16

from college.

The trick is to have a parent that actually loves you enough to prevent you from being brainwashed for 13 years in front of a bunch of boring, brain dead government paid baby sitters in the public schools.

The Value of Leisure

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Just how a person spends his leisure reveals a great deal about him. If a grown man tells me he spends most of his free time watching American Idol and playing video games, I simply will not consider him the equal of a man who devotes much time to studying a foreign language, playing the guitar, or tending to a garden. You can deem me an elitist, but in order to value some things, we must devalue others: the very notion of value—inherently comparative—vanishes if we are not willing to make certain distinctions.

Please Tell Me This is Fake

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Please please please please please.

I don't think my brain can accept people this stupid, let alone have to rethink new strategies on how to deal with a society populated with such.

There's No Such Thing as Greed, Only Theft

May 9, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In my economics class I tested my students' ability to not just regurgitate what I told them, but see if they can take what I taught them and start drawing logical economic conclusions. To do this I asked one rather difficult question:

Why are stock prices going up faster than earnings?

It is a difficult question, but of the many guesses I get, the most pluralistic one is:

"greed."

I have to temper my immediate ire and remind myself of the innocence of that answer. Nearly nobody has adequate education in economics, and nearly everybody has misinformation and propaganda fed to them by state schools.

However, the prevalence of that answer only indicates just how widespread leftist indoctrination has become and it's time to explain greed as a means to undo this political brainwashing.

Understand there is no such thing as greed. There is only theft.

In other words the only REAL form of greed is when somebody steals something that is not theirs. That act - stealing - is the only behavior that can truly be considered greed.

What the left has managed to do is change the meaning of the word "greed" to mean "not sharing enough of your wealth, income, profits, resources or time with other people." The problem is "well, how much is enough so that the person is no longer considered 'greedy'?"

This puts us on a slippery slope, and was done so quite intentionally by the left. Because since there is no objective standard as to what is "enough" this leaves it up to the interpretation of the person accusing somebody of being greedy. And no doubt, almost always this accuser is

a leftist,

and the answer to "how much is enough" is always

"more."

The problem is this cowardly tactic by the left does not adhere to reality in two ways:

Morally and mathematically.

Morally, nobody has to share jack with anybody else. The reason is simple - that person gave up part of their precious and finite life to get what wealth and income they have. Ergo, when you are asking somebody to "share" you are literally saying, "become my slave for part of your life so that you may work up the money and wealth to give to me."

Doesn't matter if that person earned a trillion dollars.
Doesn't matter if that person uses diamond spoons.
Doesn't matter if that person has 30 mansions.

It accusing somebody of being greedy, and thereby implying they should share, you are in PLAIN ENGLISH telling them to be your slave, albeit for a limited time.

The second way the accusation of greedy doesn't work (from a leftist standpoint) is the "how much is enough" component. Not one leftist, NOT ONE can answer the simple question:

"How much is enough?"

When it comes to the public schools, there is never enough money.
When it comes to welfare, the poor, and the elderly, there is never enough.
When it comes to the children or global warmer, there is never enough.

The reason why is that leftists are by their nature lazy and never sit down to calculate how much money would be necessary to finance their demands. They are emotionally driven, parasitically even, to constantly demand more and more and more and more and more (matter of fact I intend on doing a little research project where I am going to contact various political parties and ask them what their economic plan is, namely what their goals are and what are their financial plans to attain said goals - I already know NONE of them, Republicans included, will have said plans). It doesn't occur to them that there may be limited funds, and even though we're already spending around 40% GDP, I do not doubt for a second that if asked they would demand 2.5x's or more than what is currently being spent.

The larger point is that the accusation of "greed" is the perfect weapon for leftists because it provides a reason to take other people's money and allows them to take as much as they can as there is no objective standard or adherence to reality governing what is "enough." And so as long as somebody just "thinks" said person has too much money (be it a kid whose brother found $40 or an adult whose neighbor makes $400,000) they can make the accusation of "greed" just as they "racism" on equally flimsy and

intellectually dishonest grounds.

The key is to ignore the accusation knowing deep down inside you are neither a thief nor a racist.

The Little Green Book of Eco-Fascism

May 9, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ed Driscoll's podcast where he interview James Delingpole on his new book. One I will probably buy and read.

Death to the Hipster Beard Fad

May 9, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You mean Seth Rogen wasn't cool after all?

The "Bearded Community" did not respond well to being pointed out for the faux hipsters they are.

Oh well, looks like hipsters will have to find something else that doesn't take effort, but they'll somehow wear as a badge of honor which thankfully makes it easy for us to know who not to hire.

The International Conference on Men's Issues

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AVFM is holding a conference in Detroit this summer - The International Conference on Men's Issues. I will unlikely be attending, but I did want to point this out for some of my younger or newer readers who may have happened on The Manosphere, Alt-Rightsphere, etc., and are intimidated by the sheer preponderance of information out there.

It costs $260 and while a chunk of change you are likely to earn that back in saved labor as the speakers will be speaking directly about various issues allowing you to more quickly digest everything that is out there and get a birds eye view of what's going on. Also the entertainment value alone of Karen Straughan and Stefan Molyneux will likely provide a guffaw or two.

Consider attending if you're finishing up school for the year, looking for a road trip, or are in desperate need to talk with some like-minded people.

Promise Ring

May 10, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

AH HA HA HA HAHA!!!!!

This one is for all the guys unfortunate enough to have dated a born again:

The Law School and MBA Bubbles

May 10, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Explaining to the young kiddies out there why they should SERIOUSLY reconsider MBA's or law school as their next career step.

(plus my world famous "Harvard MBA" impersonation starts around the 5:45 mark)

When a Conservative Girl Dates a Liberal Boy

May 10, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hilarity ensues.

Ahhhh!!!! Warm fuzzies!!!!!

Proof of the Alaskan Trip

May 12, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A very studious lieutenant pointed out that while I had many pictures of the Canadian Rockies, I had none of the proof that I did indeed make it to Alaska.

Duly noted, young observant lieutenant. Duly noted.

Now go have a warm, inviting cup of STFU doubting lieutenant!

The 67% Overvalued Stock Market

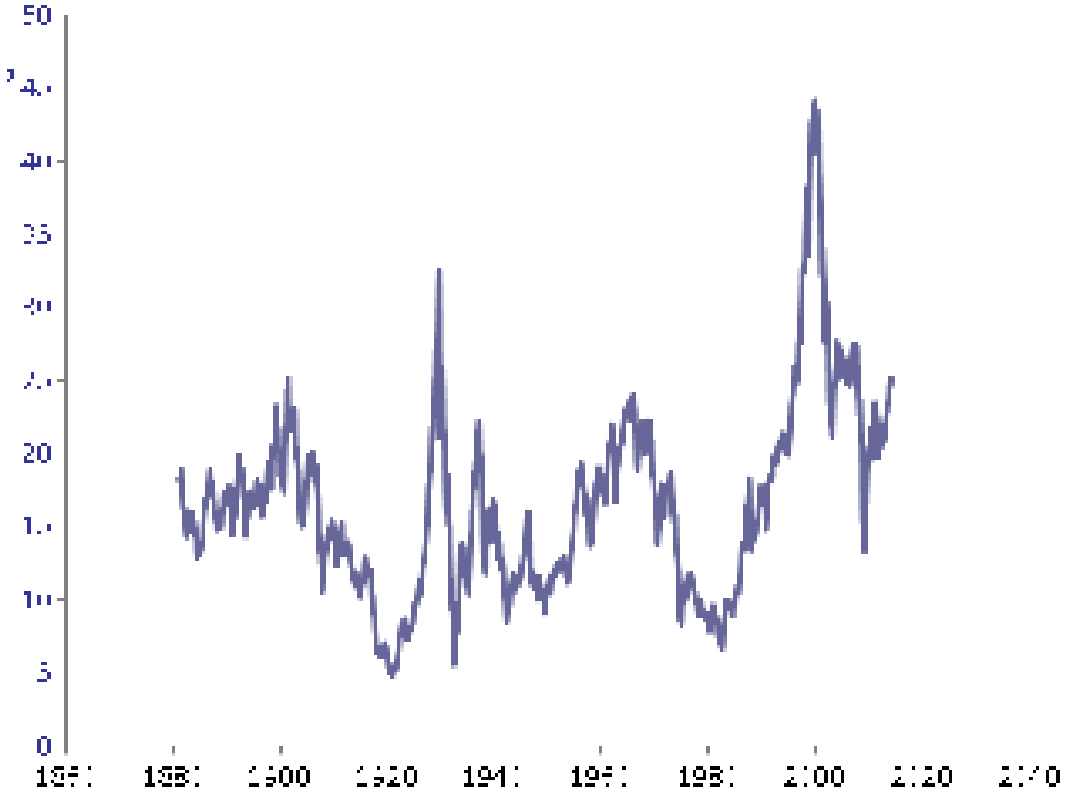
May 12, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

We once again find that our path comes across this dead horse and thus, let us flog it one more pointless time.

As you know trillions of baby boomer dollars have been flooding the stock market since the advent of 401k-esque retirement plans. Mindless lemmings, making their monthly contributions to their IRA's and 401k's on auto pilot never stop to think about the ramifications of this because...well...that'd mean they'd have to think! And independently no less!

No no, much better to believe "Tee hee! My 401k is up over 30% this year! Tee hee!"

So, as these trillions of dollars chase a limited number of stocks, the price of said stocks go up and beyond what the underlying profits warrant. And thus the PE ratio is driven to highs that are approaching the 1929 stock market bubble, indicating that the stock market is overvalued by 67% (source Robert Shiller).



Now, I know, I know. We all love it when stock prices go up because "Obama." We think we're rich and that it's good when stock prices go up.

Well, that's if you already own stock. But if you're like most Americans, especially younger ones, you don't own any stock. All this means is that you get to pay 67% more than what historically has been the "mean price" of stocks.

So ask yourself would you like to pay:

$5.50 for a gallon of gas?
$700 for the new XBox One?
$10 for a Big Mac?
$325,000 for a law school?

And realize that it's the same proposition if you were to invest in the stock market today.

Enjoy the decline!

The Goddess That Broke the Captain's Heart

May 12, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The jazz scene in the Twin Cities
The one black girl I dated
When your parents violate your right to self-determination
How bad could prison be if you had internet

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

Tuesday Afternoon Linkage

May 13, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

More whining about sexism from the NYT. Thankfully you can link to Steve Sailer instead of sending the NYT traffic.

Maggies Farm enjoys the decline by hiking through Italy.

Why did you let them into Italy in the first place?

Blaming society for your problems.

Liberal Silicon Valley Tycoon Learns a Political Lesson

May 14, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yeah, donating money to the teachers union is going to help kids. About as much as donating to the mafia will help crime.

Why the World Trade Center Should Never Have Existed in the First Place

May 14, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Arguably one of the most interesting articles I've read in a while. Didn't know about the history of the twin towers, let alone how they came into existence, let alone how it was never fully leased and required government agencies to be housed there.

Why You Never Date Women of the Clergy

May 14, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My latest piece at ROK about dating female pastors, chaplins, priestesses, etc.

Only Self-Hating Whites Attend Harvard

May 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Seriously, I don't know how anybody who is deemed "privileged" would ever attend Harvard after this bullshit.

You are paying to be insulted. You are paying to be lectured, berated, and genuinely victimized.

I know we all like to pick on Harvard posing as the country's greatest school, but it really isn't with a blatantly politically motivated propagandist class like this.

Wednesday Night Linkage

May 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A sad realization - most people, even family and friends, are on some level parasitical.

The best fight scene ever drawn. The sound effects are amazingly timed and precise.

In anticipation of increasing minimum wages, McDonalds hires....7,000 touch screen tablets. Ahhh, it sure does feel good when people who are already destitute and voted for Obama are going to suffer even more.

"I don't want to hire women." Now now now, wait, it's from a female. So it's acceptable sexism.

An insightful interview of the "Homework Outsourcing Industry." Alex is interviewed by Matt. It starts around the 32 minute mark, Alex does have a slightly difficult accent to listen to, but if you hear his words it's AMAZING just how far gone and corrupted academia is.

Sally Blount, Doesn't Like "The Maths"

May 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ug...

Another shill for Big Education saying we need more... (are you ready?)

MBA's!

But let me be very laser like in my logic and point out one thing in her article.

Do you see any numbers?

No, you know why? Because the Maths are hard. The Statistics are difficult. And young Sally like many people posing as journalists are too lazy to do any research. Better to just talk about feelings and name toss and write a crappy and shittacular article that will lead some naive, equally math imparied soul to part with $100,000 to get a worthless piece of paper.

Post post - OHHH!!! What a shock, she's the DEAN OF NORTHWESTERN'S MANAGEMENT SCHOOL! Hey, maybe you can hire David Lareah to teach a class on housing markets!!!!

There's No Such Thing as a Financial Genius

May 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

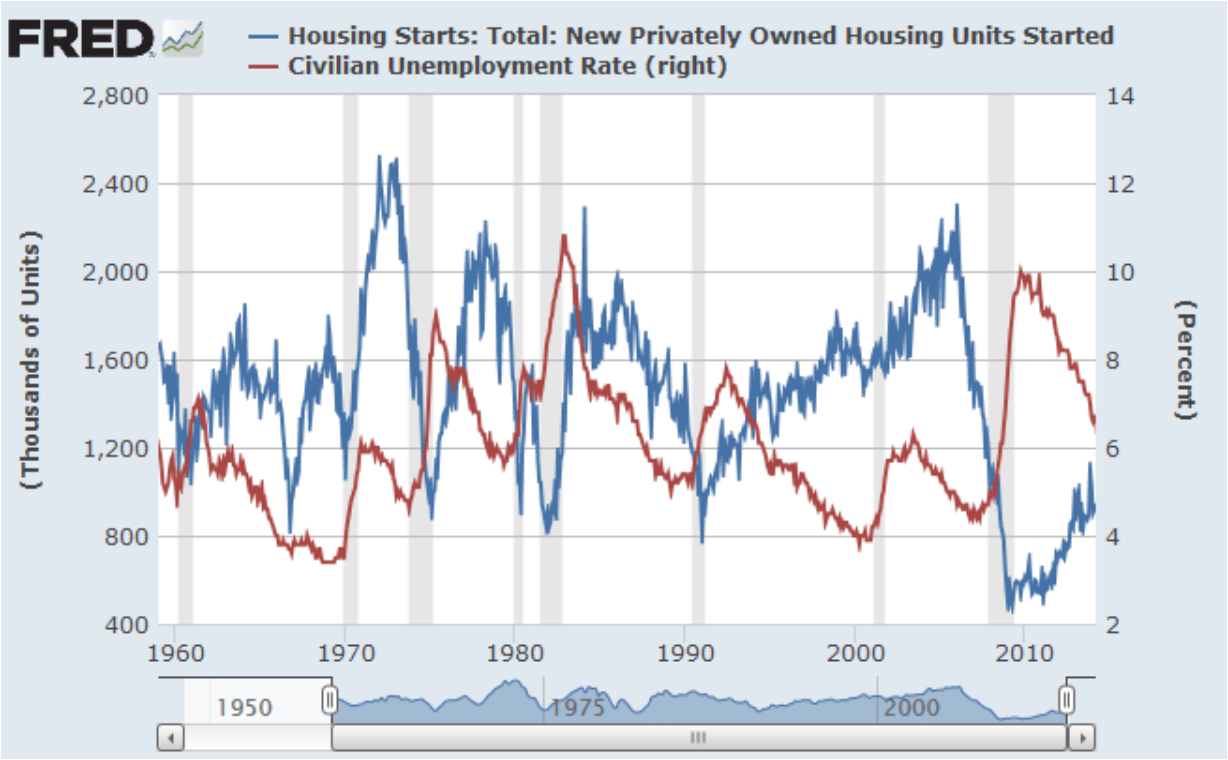
A short video that I wanted to put together explain true "genius" in the financial services industry is really more of a function of daring to have independent thought rather than any sort of inherent "financial genius."

Housing Starts vs. Unemployment

May 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Set aside, if you will, the valid and legitimate criticisms of labor force participation and people leaving the labor market. I am merely updating arguably my favorite chart - housing starts vs. unemployment.

I happened upon this chart quite some time ago and noticed that housing stats lead unemployment figures anywhere from 6-18 months. The logic being that housing triggers not just construction hiring, but effects nearly every other industry as a "house" virtually houses products from every other industry. Ergo when housing recovers so too (generally) does employment in every other sector.



Empirically, this relationship is holding, but as mentioned before a large part of the drop in unemployment has been by people leaving the labor force. I may someday compare labor force participation vs. housing starts to see how this compares (though I fear demographic trends - women entering the work force, baby boomers retiring - may mask any relationship)

The Las Vegas Podcast

May 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An early release of a pre-emptive podcast in anticipation of the Captain's visit to Las Vegas.

This episode includes:

Hoping Aurini and Forney don't drink too much before we hike in 92 degree weather
How the Captain just wants a small trailer to live in during winter in Arizona...with his mistress
"Troll of the Weak!"
There is no merit unto college itself
Your mind can't grow when arguing with a leftist
Americans, especially college students, are stupid enough to swallow whole "Privilege 101"

and MORE!

Listen, forward, share and spread the good word!

Also, don't forget last week's episode!

Dear Class of 2014

May 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Graduation for all the high school kiddies is coming up and consequently I'm starting a new advertising campaign for "Worthless." Obviously I intend on profiting from this, but I want to get as many copies of Worthless into the hands of high school graduates as possible as it is BEFORE they attend college that the book can do the most good.

Naturally, those of you who wanted to purchase Worthless already have, but if you would be so kind to forward this on social media or refer Worthless to a young upcoming graduate I (and their future 30 something selves) would greatly appreciate it.

Weekend Archive

May 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll be in between flights, hiking, renting cars, and other general Las Vegas tomfoolery this weekend.

In the meantime, you can consult the podcast archives given the likely dearth of posts that is to ensue.

The Captain Meets Judgy Bitch

May 17, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Happy day lieutenants!

Got to meet THE Judgy Bitch!

The People You Run Into in Vegas

May 18, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was heading to Vegas for the "Good Preachers Kid Convention" and who do I run into but:

Matt Forney
Chris Bechtloff
Davis Aurini
and the
Great Matt Baldoni

Not to mention a couple fans!

Never a more shifty, shady, and distrustful group of scoundrels and thieves have ever assembled.

Off to Zion National Park today so that we may more professionally Enjoy the Decline!

So Glad I'm Never Going Back to Corporate America

May 19, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The further and further removed I become through time from working in corporate America, the more appreciative I will never have to tolerate this psychological torture ever again.

More Pain and Suffering

May 19, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

We Can't Find No Gurlz

May 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because we're all too busy living in our mother's basement.

Which looks an awful lot like the Bellagio in Las Vegas, but it's really just a backdrop screen in the
basement.

Ending False Rape Accusations on Campus

May 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Looks like universities and false accusers of rape on their respective campuses better start thinking twice before pursuing witch hunts against innocent men.

But oh nozies!

What are the women's studies departments supposed to do if there's no "rape epidemic" on campus to cajole money out of the state and university coffers to ~~help employ unemployable women's studies majors~~ fight the non-existent rape epidemic?

By gum, they'd have to get real jobs requiring real effort and work! And we all know that is what truly scares them.

"Aaron Clarey Tried to Kill Me"

May 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

No east coast bloggers were hurt in the hiking of this mountain.

Why Open Carry is Like Breast Feeding in Public

May 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am not against open carry. Matter of fact during the summer months when it is hot, I will open carry because I don't have a long or heavy shirt to conceal my pistol. But that's just it;

I CARRY A PISTOL.

I don't lug my AR-15 into Chipolte AND POSE WITH IT FOR PICTURES LIKE A COMPLETE F*CKING DUMBASS!!!!

Understand this psychology and understand it well. This is no different than a woman who breastfeeds in public.

It isn't for the baby.
It isn't for convenience.

It is first and foremost for her ego.

And the morons totting rifles into public restaurants are guilty of the same. It's all about them, not gun rights.

Want to carry a pistol discreetly on your side?

Sure.

Perhaps make a fashion statement with a particularly nice piece of gunsmithing, maybe even an admirable hoslter?

Sure.

But looking like the rejected Taliban applicant dude-bros from the suburbs is going to intimidate and alienate people to the point you can't open carry period.

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Obama By the Numbers - Unemployment

May 21, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Originally I wanted to put together a rather lengthy and detailed economic analysis of Obama's performance thus far against other presidencies. The only problem was that this would take a lot of hard work and effort and if there's anything I learned in my 20's it is that hard work and effort rarely pays off. Ergo, I decided to do more of a series where we take one individual economic statistic at a time and compare the Affirmative Action President against the performance of other, obviously lesser, presidents.

Before we do this, however, I should point out that such comparisons are actually somewhat flawed in that chalking up the performance of the entire economy to one man and his affiliate political party is foolish. It is really the policies that are implemented by congress, the president, not to mention the actions of the American people that ultimately determine the economic success and growth of a nation.

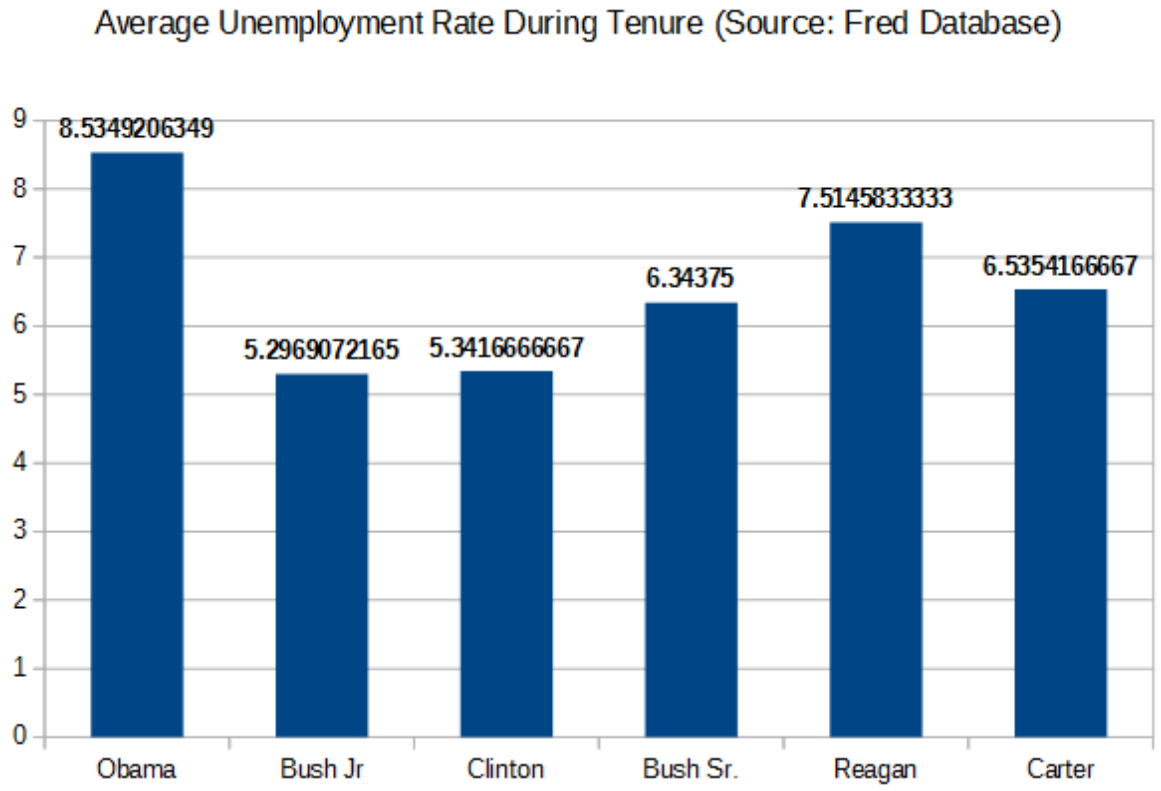
For example both Reagan and Obama inherited outlandishly bad recessions.

Bill Clinton, though a democrat, implemented more conservative policies than Bush Jr because of a Republican congress.

And the "Great Recession" can squarely be blamed on incompetent bankers and a galactically stupid and ignorant American population rather than Bogeyman Bush.

Therefore, remember to take these statistics with a pinch of salt. Be intellectually honest and realize it is the overall policies and financial intelligence of the American public that determines our economic success. However, if at anytime you get into a presidential performance debate with a leftist about "Oh yeah! Well Bush caused AIDS and eats baby kittens!" then by all means feel free to use these statistics.

Today's statistic is unemployment.



Though I could have gone back longer, I didn't feel the need because unemployment pre-Carter was actually not that bad (well, actually it was under Ford, but I don't want too convoluted of a graph). Regardless, since the data series has been kept since 1948,

Obama, thus far, has the worst unemployment average out of all of our presidents. In all fairness, like Reagan, he inherited a crippling recession that largely wasn't his fault, however, unlike Reagan, his recovery...well...isn't a recovery. Reagan was able to get unemployment reduced faster than Obama and it was through job creation, not people leaving the labor force, that did it (as GDP figures when we visit it will show).

So far, based on the NUMBERS (I know, those damn factual mathy statisticy things!) the left's great hope is dead last place.

I'm sure when we look at GDP, though, things will turn around for America's first golf-like handicapped presidency.

Professional Sports Will Never Cure Cancer

May 21, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Third, sports are ultimately irrelevant. I always love watching people watch the Olympics because it ultimately boils down to;

Who can throw the sphere the furthest.
Who can twirl the prettiest on the rink.
Who can do the most flippy-things in the air.

None of it…

Cures cancer
Boosts economic growth
Promotes freedom and liberty

Alas, this is why everybody knows who got traded to New York, but doesn't know what the national debt is as a percent of GDP.

Abortion is Green

May 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Freaking hilarious. NSFW

The Capitalism, Socialism, Communism Spectrum

May 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A good lesson all junior, aspiring, deputy, official or otherwise economists can learn from:

When Leftists Try to Get You Fired

May 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Here's what you do.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being self-employed so you may give any would be witch hunters the finger.

Mandatory Graduation Gifts

May 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Graduation is coming up. You or a loved one is about to finish the 13 years of prison hell called "public school" and will shortly be on their way to the real world. However, unlike K-12 the real world will not be pampering, it will not be cushioned, and it will certainly not be free. Matter of fact it will be outright dangerous.

There are people out there who are eager and waiting to take advantage of you or your loved one. Once you/they leave their parent's home, you will have credit card companies, not to mention the trillion-dollar-per-year education industry salivating over the prospect of young, naive 18 year olds ill-prepared and ill-educated by the public school systems, to be foolish enough to part with their money. Worse, most 18 year olds technically don't even have money to part with, and will likely go into 6 figure debt to "follow their dreams," making it a near-guarantee their financial futures will be ruined, and thus their lives, ruined.

Do not ruin your life. Get two ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY BOOKS for yourself or your soon-to-be graduate.

Worthless

and

Bachelor Pad Economics.

Between the two Worthless is an absolute must for every high school graduate or prospective college student. It is short, it is cheap, and it is even in audio book format for easy consumption. If there is a graduation gift to get it is Worthless. It is the tough fatherly love adroitly and diplomatically delivered in book form about the real world realities of education, the labor market, and how to achieve financial success that you were too afraid to tell your children or read for yourself.

Bachelor Pad Economics is a close second in that it goes beyond the immediate need for wisdom regarding choosing a major, and provides a financial road map for all young people, guiding them from the age of 14 to death in all of life's major and minor financial decisions.

These two books alone, if read by every 17 year old before they graduated from high school, would ensure there would never be any financial problems ever again. It is the financial and economic education everybody keeps regretting they don't have, and desperately wished they had 10, 20, 30 even 40 years ago.

However, while for some of us it may be too late, that doesn't mean we don't owe it to our youth to do what we can to make their lives better. Yes, I do get a commission on every sale of the book. Yes, I am primarily doing this to enrich myself. But a close second is the good these books will do for young people (even middle aged people) across the country.

Ergo, I humbly ask that if you are looking to buy a graduation gift for an upcoming graduate that you consider these two books or refer them to a friend or a loved one.

There Should Be No Libraries

May 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because technology has changed that they are now obsolete and a better, cheaper version is available.

However, something tells me, like the Post Office, we are going to be forced to slave away for unneeded, but highly unionized and politically influential obsoletes osuch as postal workers and librarians.

The Paris Hilton Effect

May 23, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In one case study, an inheriting family blew through a mega-million dollar fortune built over fifty years in just twenty-four months.

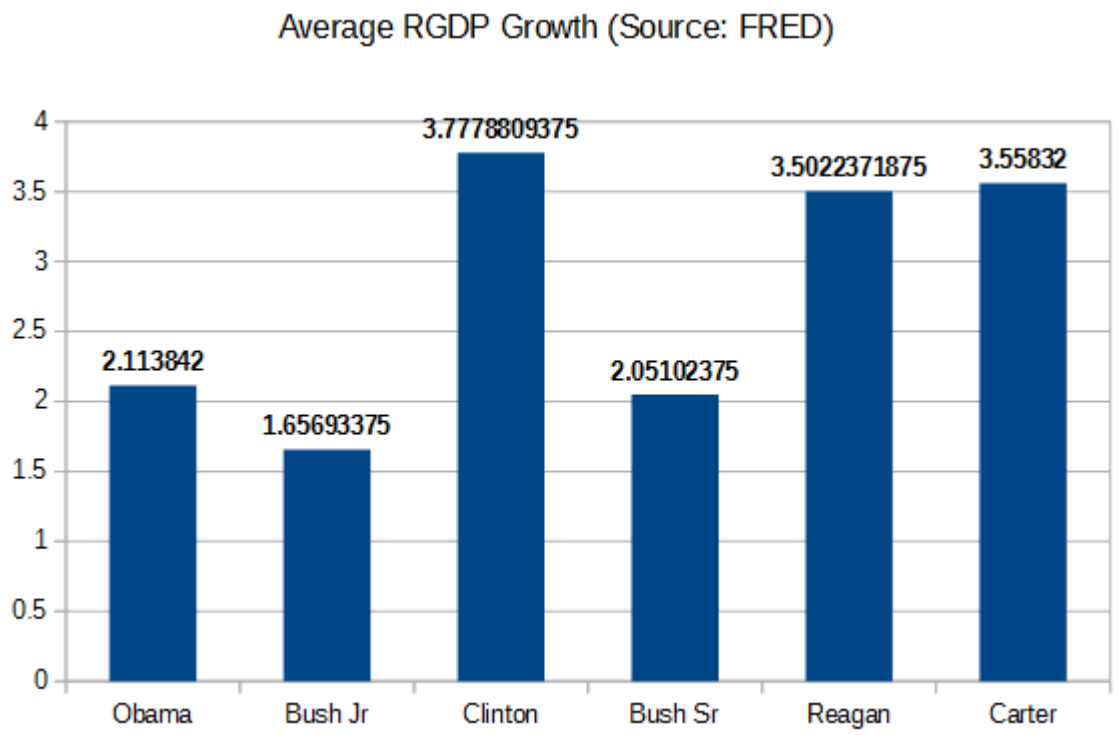
Obama By the Numbers - GDP

May 23, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Continuing on in our empirical series comparing economic performance under different presidencies, we look today at economic growth. Here, even I was surprised based on the empirical data in two ways.

1. Carter had a surprisingly high average economic growth rate. Marginally higher than Reagan's (however this was due to a freakish one off event of 16.5% annualized economic growth in the 2nd quarter of 1978. The reason for it I'm still trying to peg down).

2. Bush Jr. had an even lower economic average than Obama, largely due to the walloping -8.3% contraction in late 2008.



Still, economic performance under Obama is nothing to get too excited about. At 2.1% it is on par with the two nepotist presidents democrats love to loathe, and nowhere near Clinton, Reagan or Carter (two of which were dealing with real recessions). But in all honesty and truth (because the facts don't lie) Obama is "not as bad" as Bush Jr. However, while we can debate which economy is "marginally less sucky" under the hated Obama and the hated Bush, two points of order.

One, though not economic, Obama was billed as this brilliant, intelligent, genius by the media, academia and other arms of the democrat party. However, Bush Jr received nothing but 120% the complete opposite of Obama. He was an idiot, a war monger, etc. etc. Still, the "holy and sacred" Obama could not really muster a significantly better economic performance than the loathed and galactically stupid Bush Jr. If there is a criticism most conservatives, libertarians and republicans have, it's the egregious amount of handicap, affirmative action, and lowering of the bar the media and society has granted Obama while holding Bush to abusive and impossible standards. The truth is that Obama is no better than Bush.

Two, Keynesian stimulus. Understand with the LARGEST Keynesian stimulus since WWII, Obama can still only manage to be marginally better than Bush Jr. This is like Barry Bonds taking steroids, but never hitting a home run. Matter of fact, the above chart should strike fear into Keynesian zealots as the two presidents with the most amount of textbook Keynesian stimulus have the poorest economic performances. Good lord, even Carter trounced them.

With that in mind, the next statistic we will look at will be precisely that - Keynesian stimulus in the form of deficit spending and national debt. Something I'm sure doesn't need addressing, but it will be interesting to see just how much in economic steroids different presidents have been taking.

Soviet Toy Store

May 23, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yea, what fun.

Only liberals deserve such misery.

How to Work in a Bank

May 24, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Had I known back then what I know now, this is how I would have negotiated and acted during meetings. Would have been more productive:

Saturday Afternoon Linkage

May 25, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Student run "Che" coffee shop to shut down because ~~they're fucking spoiled brat children that never worked a real day in their lives~~ of "problems."

Why I ignore "Guns Banned from these Premises" signs and carry anyway.

The future of housing in America. Of course, I predict property taxes would jump to about 20% the value of the home.

Bachelor Pad Theater - Why Your Husband Can't Get It Up

May 26, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Figured we'd start Monday morning off with a laugh.

You Aren't Adult Enough

May 27, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A sponsor came to me. Andro-Plus. We discussed, agreed, and now he's an official sponsor of Cappy Cap. However, it is interesting how he became a sponsor.

In addition dedicating myself to lifting, running, giving up booze, and dieting, I wanted to see what other supplements I could take to achieve my goal of look un-shirt-worthy this summer. This included Creatine, vitamins, and other supplements, but what I wanted was a testosterone supplement.

Enter the US health care industry.

I just can't buy "Andro-Gel." No, I need a prescription.

And I just can't get a prescription. No, I need to see a generalist first who will then recommend me to a specialist who will run some tests so that some day, some how, I might get a prescription.

This reminded me of when I wanted to test my potency and ensure my vasectomy had held.

No, the lab couldn't just run a test.

I would have to see a doctor first who would then authorize me to have a lab test.

In frustration and knowing where there's a will, there's a free market way, I turned to the internet where they have do it yourself lab kits to test your, ahem, virility. Sure enough, I saved myself about $400 in unnecessary health care costs, and so I thought I'd do the same with testosterone supplements.

Andro-Plus was recommended to me by Davis Aurini. I bought it for $100, took it, and knew full well I would live with the consequences if I grew a third arm, but that thankfully did not happen. I can't guarantee you that YOU won't grow a third arm, but if you're sick and tired of needing the government's and the doctor's permission to receive the medical treatments you want as a full grown adult, and would still like to at least give a testosterone supplement a try, I recommend Andro-Plus.

You can buy some here if you so desire.

Pussies Pretending to Have PTSD

May 27, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Arguably my

best

rant

ever.

The Maple Grove Economy

May 27, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A few clicks south and about 10 more west you'll run into a town called "Maple Grove."

Well, there really isn't a town or veritable "city center" there, but that geographical location is called "Maple Grove."

Maple Grove, for the most part, is inconsequential to yours, mine, or anybody else's life. But there is an important economic lesson to pull from it that is consequential to our lives. And that lesson is what the entire American economy is slowly morphing into.

Understand that Maple Grove did not exist at all of 10 years ago. When I was in college it was where the city and suburbs ended and farmland began. But 10 years ago, overnight seemingly, it burst into a large sprawled out, multi-mega-strip mall area. It now covers about 5 times the surface area of the Mall of America, has (by my ballpark estimation) more retail space and outlets than the MOA, and if it doesn't already, it will have more restaurants than the MOA. If you name a chain restaurant, a national retailer, or any kind of American brand name, Maple Grove has it.

When this massive development first went in, my economic spidey senses tingled at the back of my mind. I couldn't understand it on several levels. One, where was the city center? Why did all these stores and retail outlets just open up in this area? Was there some center of commerce I was unaware of that economically warranted such a development? Two, who the hell would go there? It was the epitome of cookie cutter. There was not ONE unique restaurant in the entire area. Just Applebee's after Houlihans after California Pizza Kitchen, after Joe's Crab Shack. Only the most boring, SWPL, mindless suburban automotons would patronize the place, and I didn't think there was a high enough SWPL population make all those businesses financially viable. Three, by god, there was a high enough SWPL population to make it financially viable. HOW??? How could there be that many milquetoast people? There's enough flavorless people in the area to make this a go??? But the key thing that was tickling the back of my brain, but never made it to the frontal lobes until last week was;

Where is all the production? How does this purely retail economy exist? How is this supportable in the long run?

And thus the important economic lesson.

Realize that in the Maple Grove economic nothing is produced. Only consumed. There are no factories, no assemblies, no plants. It is 100% pure, cookie cutter retail. Maple Grove's "Municipal Gross Product" is 100% retail clerks, waiters, bartenders and baristas

selling you things that are made outside of its city limits. It is the first entire city that is solely dependent upon retail and would not exist otherwise.

But while Maple Grove effectively only serves as a large sprawled out mall, it is a microcosm of what is in store for the American economy. A fate where we slowly switch from that of a industrial, productive economy where actual things of value are produced to one where we merely become...

one big ass mall.

Already this is happening to a certain extent globally. The West, including America, the UK, and western Europe act like the world's mega-malls. China, SE Asia, India and nearly all other 2nd world serve as our factories. And the debutantes of western society act likes spoiled suburbanite princesses, borrowing money from daddy (China and other creditors) so they can buy worthless, meaningless crap that only serves to play an unwinnable status game in the West. However, equilibrium is universal, and no unsustainable system can survive. And thus, just like Maple Grove or a suburbanite princess cannot maintain their parasitical existence without the constant supply of foreign made goods (and credit), so too will the American economy inevitably collapse.

Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, and maybe not even next year, but the time will come that China, Japan, the Arab nations and other creditors will realize that America is just a mall, it's people suburbanite princesses, and that we really don't produce anything of value here. Once that happens, the dollar will drop in value, nobody will lend us any more money, and unfathomable amount of economic hurt will slam into our increasingly spoiled and delusional people. Adult-children more concerned about privilege, falsely claiming PSTD, the earnings gap, or the Kardashians will be blindsided as society is no longer concerned about their petty, politically drummed up drama, but rather why there is no electricity, why gas is up to $5 a gallon, and why their bank accounts were haircutted. Their primary concern won't be whether they can live at home, but whether mom and dad can even afford food for the week. And they're going to be begging and pleading to work as a barista as Starbucks lays off 70% of its labor force because nobody can afford a $7 cup of coffee.

Of course, this is already happening to a certain extent already. Matter of fact, I'm surprised our foreign creditors hadn't dumped the US dollar sooner. But they are, and the "factory" of the world is slowly realizing the US for the financial deadbeat that it is and switching out of US dollars, increasing reserves in gold and other currencies. We are now engaging in thinly-veiled inflationary hanky-panking with our "quantitative easing" as one last final desperate ruse to make it seem like everything is normal. This is nothing more than daddy going to the bank to secure one last desperate Keynesian loan to keep his trophy wife and princess happy and spending, "hopefully turning the economy around."

But it won't work. And the reason is simple. No economy can exist purely on consumption. It needs to produce something of value. And while Keynesians, economic professors, and idiot presidents may tell you otherwise, in the end you are foolish to believe them, just as you would be foolish to believe Maple Grove is a self-sustaining economy.

Consider that next time you order the chicken quesadillas at Applebee's while celebrating a hard day of shopping for a new Korean-made smart phone and an Indonesian-made scarf in "The MG."

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Tallie Dolye - Keep an Eye On Her

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I predict, for some reason, you'll hear about her in the future. And it won't be because she starts a new company, but rather is running for office or some other form of living off of the taxpayer.

Dean and Frank

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I would have killed to just be in Vegas when those guys were there:

Dean Martin

MARTIN BURGERS

1 lb. ground beef
2 oz. bourbon---chilled

Preheat a heavy frying pan and sprinkle bottom lightly with table salt. Mix meat, handling lightly, just enough to form into four patties. Grill over medium-high heat about 4 minutes on each side.

Pour chilled bourbon in chilled shot glass and serve meat and bourbon on a TV tray.

Frank Sinatra

SINATRA BURGERS

1. Call for Deano.
2. Tell him to make you a fuckin' burger.
3. Drink his bourbon.

Study Finds No Degree is Better Than a Liberal Arts Degree

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HA FREAKING HA!!!

Hmmm...let me see...

Hire some kid with attitude, lip, and some worthless degree that makes them think they're smarter than they actually are AND with leftist indoctrination about privilege, entitlement, going green, etc.,

or

hire a kid right out of high school

hmmm....that's a tough one.

Remember June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month where we try to get as many copies of Worthless into young graduate's hands.

When It's This Hard to Sell Freedom, Something's Horribly Wrong

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I like to step back.

Stepping back allows you to clear your mind, take the horse blinders off, but most importantly allows you to see the situation for what it truly is.

For example, the eternal debate of Austrian vs. Keynesian economics. The front lines of this battle are between economic intellectual giants on both sides of the debate. Krugman, Reich, Williams, Sowell, you name it, heavy hitters from prestigious institutions of government and academia tender increasingly complex and researched arguments. It's like the Battle of Somme being waged, slugging it out, with no clear winner.

But what if instead of burrowing your head further into No Man's Land you instead, pull back, hop on a plane and take a look at the debate from a completely different, simpler, and admittedly, less-intellectual perspective?

You'd soon realize the debate is about whether the government knows what's best for the economy and has the right to intervene or whether it should be left up to the people.

The answer, if you're intellectually honest, is simply clear.

Global warming is another example. The pro-global warmists will through up a chart and claim we're all going to drown in 500 days, the anti-global warmists will show new data debunking said claims and the latest global warming models. Sheeple will believe who they choose to. Whoever is right, however, if you step back and look at it with different eyes you'll realize it is much more likely this is just the latest political ruse by socialists posing as caring "environmentalists" to get more of other people's money. But you can't come to that realization if you're steeped in the religious indoctrination, or in the throes of debunking it.

So a third "Step Back" observation dawned on me and its ramifications are quite depressing. And that is:

How f*cking hard is it to sell the platform of freedom to people?

Step back and think about this.

Those evil,

meanie,
bigotted,
racist,
fascist,
baby seal clubbing,
grandma tripping

Republicans want basically one simple thing:

Lower taxes.

And not just lower taxes for "the rich," but lower taxes for everyone.

Yes, duly noted, a faction within the Republican party is against abortion. Thank you leftists, we got the memo. But aside from that overly beaten accusation of a drum, their overall political product is freedom.

Now you would think, given logic and reason, the American people would in general want freedom. You would think, given the history of humans, where the vast majority of them were oppressed by the government, they would want LESS government and MORE individualism.

You would think.

The irony is, however, that it's damn well near impossible to sell freedom to the American people.

The question is why, and when you step back, clear your eyes, and think about it, the answer is quite scary.

Admittedly, part of the reason American's are so resilient to freedom is that the Republicans are the worst salesmen in the world for it. But although poor salesmanship is in part to blame, the real reason is that the American people have been brainwashed to think against their own, long term self interests.

This may sound conspiratorial, but it is not. This is only the natural consequence of a leftist political party that uses a public school system and a leftist media to convince people to;

1. Not think critically
2. Never develop the capacity for delay gratification
3. Never learn about basic personal budgeting and financial planning (you ever see this

in schools?)
4. Hate and envy other, more successful groups of people, that they should be emulating instead
5. Self-rationalize why they are entitled to said successful people's lives in the form of their wealth

Of course, this scam is obvious to even the part-time observer of politics. But what is truly scary is how effective it is. It's so effective, and the people's brain's so dumbed down and impaired, they not only can't identify this ruse for what it is, they are so far gone they actively reject and vote against something as simple and good as freedom.

Naturally, I've given up and don't really care. If people are so lacking in brain power and intellectual honesty they foolishly think they can get something for nothing and that such a system is sustainable in the long run, then they don't deserve the freedoms that true intellectual giants fought wars over to ensure. The question is whether you can admit the same and realize you're dealing with insanity when people reject freedom.

Elliot Rodger Was a Feminist and a Liberal

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This will be my one post about Elliot Rodger. I refuse to react or respond to a media that has such a patently blatant leftist agenda that you can no longer call them media or journalists, but rather what they are - liars and propagandists.

If you are intellectually honest
And if you wish to look at the words, behaviors and actions of Elliot Rodger
He is by all means, measures and metrics acting like

a liberal and a feminist.

Roosh has done an outstanding job of pointing out just how identical Rodger's actions and words were to that espoused by feminism and socialism that I see no reason to add anything. I will however address another angle in my podcast, but it will be tangential to this issue.

Mark Steyn on Ed Driscoll

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Tis a beautiful weekend and therefore i'm going to go out and play and not write. In the meantime, consider this interview with Ed Driscoll.

When a Leftist Admits He's Wrong

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It still doesn't change the fact that their ignorance (in this case) impoverished, unnecessarily, millions of Latin Americans.

I applaud him for admitting he was wrong, but it's like saying, "oops" when you helped ruin the lives of millions and stagnate countries' advancement.

The Knowledge - How to Rebuild the World from Scratch

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I had seen and immediately purchased "The Knowledge - How to Rebuild Our World from Scratch" by Dr. Lewis Dartnell. I was so impressed with it and deemed it such a valuable book that I requested an interview with him, which he kindly granted.

I shall write my own review of the book later, but wanted to first post the interview:

1. Before we discuss the book you have a very interesting background. You are only 32, you have a PhD, you are a published author, and you have a bit of a television and radio career as well. Can you tell my audience about yourself and how you came about this unique position in your life so early?

Yeah, I like to keep myself occupied! But all of those activities are related and build on each other. I'm a research scientist at the University of Leicester, working in the field of astrobiology and the search for microbial life on Mars, but also really enjoying science writing and public outreach.

2. Tell us about the book.

My new book, 'The Knowledge: How to Rebuild our World from Scratch' is a thought experiment on all the behind-the-scenes fundamentals that underpin our civilisation, and the prerequisites for it progressing over centuries of history. I take a post-apocalyptic world as the starting point, and ask what is the critical scientific and technological knowledge you'd want in order to rebuild our world from scratch, and how you might even accelerate that reboot second time around.

3. The book is unique, but also very interesting and timely. What prompted you to write it?

I certainly don't think the world as we know it is about to collapse, although humanity does clearly face some grave challenges in the immediate future. But I have been fascinated for a long while by thinking about how you could rebuild civilisation if you ever needed to. This thought experiment could also be rephrased to the essentials you'd need to start from scratch if you accidentally fell through a time-warp to 10,000 BC, or perhaps crash-landed on an uninhabited Earth-like planet.

4. Who should read the book?

Anyone who is curious about how the world around us actually works, and how it came to be created! I think there's a growing feeling of disconnect between all of us in the modern, developed world and the basic processes and principles that support us; things we just take for granted nowadays. As I say, The Knowledge isn't really about the apocalypse at all - that scenario is just a way of holding up a mirror to our own society - and I hope that after reading the book people come away with an appreciation of how things work and a greater sense of satisfaction with all that humanity has achieved over the ages.

5. Going over the book it is apparent you are not merely an academic or theoretician. I presume you've had some hands on experience either in mechanics, a lab, or your dad teaching you how to change oil, etc?

You're right there, my father was an aeronautical engineer and fixed jumbo jets for a living. But I've never been particularly good with my hands myself. During the research for The Knowledge, though, I made sure I got some direct, hands-on experience of a lot of the material so that I could write about it properly. For example, I made a steel tool for myself - a knife - working with hammer and anvil in a blacksmith's forge and the author portrait was created by mixing together rudimentary silver chemistry and using a primitive single-lens camera.

6. There is also a lot of history cited in the book, citing when different technologies were invented by different civilizations. Did you have to research this or did you have this historical knowledge from the normal course of your studies?

Sure, alongside ensuring I got first-hand experience of many of the practical skills described I also made sure that I kept rooting possibilities I talked about right back to actual historical examples of similar circumstances. So we look at human ingenuity during the Second World War in keeping civilian automobiles running without gasoline or diesel, how POWs constructed rudimentary radios out of nothing more than scavenged junk, how Japan industrialised in a matter of decades, and the repercussions in Europe of the Black Death. All of this came from my own library research and interviewing experts - my primary research in astrobiology is a little far removed from this area.

7. The scope of the book is potentially huge, and I imagine you had to be quite selective as to what to put in the book, leaving a lot of things on the floor (for example I was curious how to make toothpaste, but it wasn't in the book). Were there other items you would have liked to have cover, but couldn't because it would have made the book prohibitively lengthy?

Yes, absolutely, the trick for The Knowledge (and a constant source of anguish for me as a writer!) was in deciding what stuff to leave out rather than what could be included. The Knowledge is a popular science book, and so naturally it focusses on science and

technology, and I do genuinely believe that the material included would be the most vital information for rebuilding a civilisation from the ground-up. Clearly for a stable, flourishing society you also need law and order, governance, trade, economics, mathematics, and so on, but you can't also cover all of this in appropriate detail in a single book of 300 pages. The Knowledge also makes little mention of preserving art, literature and music in case of global catastrophe. The argument I made was that while the laws of physics and requirements for human survival are universal - it doesn't matter where or when you are - the same is not true for art. Clearly art is important, and I find certain oil paintings and piano concertos as achingly beautiful as the next person, but civilisation won't be held back 500 years without them, whereas knowledge of electricity or germs would make an enormous difference during recovery. Post-apocalyptic survivors will create their own artistic and literary expressions that will have significance to them.

8. One things I found lacking in the book was the lack of precise measurements. 3 parts this, 2 parts that, boil at 100 Celsius, etc. Failing myself abysmally at cooking the most rudimentary of meals, it would take some considerable trial and error even with the book to recreate some of these technologies. Was there a reason such precision was left out?

This was primarily a stylistic decision, to be honest - reading a technical manual overloaded with lists of precise directions and accurate quantities would be agonisingly boring to actually read as a popular science book. And, of course, for most readers today thumbing through the book on their couch they'd never need to know such level of detail anyway. Having said that, knowing the ingredients for making gunpowder is 99% of the solution and it wouldn't take much trial and error to hit upon the optimised ratio. You can only fit so much into a single book, and the guiding principle was always to provide the condensed kernels of the most crucial knowledge that would then expand under investigation. I'd never pretend that actually rebooting civilisation won't be a long, hard slog, but I do think that the guidelines provided in The Knowledge would make an enormous difference during the recovery.

9. Tell us about the other books you've published.

My first book is very much based on my primery academic research in astrobiolgy. It's called 'Life in the Universe: A Beginner's Guide' and presents an introduction to the current state-of-play in our search for life beyond the Earth, covering the basics in microbiology, biochemistry, geology, planetary sciences, and astronomy, and explaining the latest cutting-edge discoveries. My second book is an illustrated children's book with Dorling Kindersley, called 'My Tourist Guide to the Solar System'. Imagine in the future you could book a holiday with your parents, but rather than going to Florida or France you could go anywhere in space. Where are the tourist hot-spots on the other planets and moons, what are the unmissable sights and unique adventure activities, and which souvenirs must you remember to bring home?

10. Though not related to the The Knowledge, because of your relative youth and abnormal accomplishments, do you have any advice or recommendations to the younger generations either in high school, college, or about to start their careers?

'Abnormal' - errr, thanks…! I spend a lot of time talking to school children and those just starting in their careers (part of my fellowship is in science outreach and public communication) and the advice I always give is to simply follow your heart. Pick your favourite subject to study at university and then try to step into a career in something you really care about. Of course it'll be hard work, and you won't always be happy or where you want to be, but if you enjoy what you do you'll find it comes so much easier!

You can find more of Dr. Dartnell's work here and his website here.

Convincing the Parasites They Are Indeed Parasitic

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A video request that ultimately boils down to:

How do we convince the people who are sucking off of society to stop if they are impervious to reason, logic, and have no intellectual honesty?

The answer?

Shame, mockery, and ridicule:

Che Marville - The Worst Possible Candidate Ever Created

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Wow, from our Spaniard Agent in the Field. He just found what is all honesty is the WORST qualified candidate for the Canadian parliament.

She:

Works for a non-profit
Rides horses
Worked in HR
Has a worthless degree
Comes from a family of government workers
Never worked a real job
Makes Obama's speeches sound succinct, pointed, and purposeful.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the WORST possible candidate you could ever create, even with perfect lab conditions, Ms. Che Marville.

How Forced Entrepreneurship Helps Destroy the American Family

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Entrepreneurship is largely regarded in society as a good thing. It is the "missing ingredient" Keynesians refuse to acknowledge as they strive to find the perfect balance between unionized labor, capital and technology to increase economic growth. It is responsible for nearly all the increases of standards of living since the post-Caveman days. And it is the most surefire way to enjoy a happy and successful career. There is not much bad that can be said about entrepreneurship. However, when it is forced, leaving an individual no other option to earn his bread, it can still yield benefits, but it comes at a cost, an opportunity cost to be precise. And this cost comes at the expense of the American family.

To understand this we first need to understand where forced entrepreneurs come from. And today's economy is as good as any because it is the perfect storm with the perfect confluence of events which breeds (in my humble opinion) more forced entrepreneurs than it ever has before.

The first "ingredient" contributing to the rise of the forced entrepreneur is that there is no longer the "life long career." Historically this laid the foundation to buying a home and raising a family as reliable employment would result in the money needed to afford both. But with a "30 year, uninterrupted career" as mythical as unicorns, Santa Claus, social security, and pensions, any somewhat savvy individual will know not to breed or buy a house. However, scaling down in major life purchases does not solve an individual's need for income and so whereas American employers become increasingly unreliable, taking matters into your own hands does not.

The second ingredient is with an ABYSMAL labor market and declining economic growth, increasing numbers of young people have to compete for relatively fewer jobs. This has resulted in not only historic highs of unemployment and underemployment for younger people, but given employers carte blanche to power trip and become increasingly petty in their requirements for employees. HR ditzes asking job candidates the dumbest of questions, the never ending progressive credentialism, refusing to train people and demanding 5 years experience in software that has only existed for 3 (true story). However, the real cost manifests itself in the form of petty office politics and the increasing psycho-sadism among employers. Like the cadre of "popular girls" in high school, employers now instill a work environment that is nothing short of psychological abuse, making their employees' lives psychological hell. An employee can no longer show up on time, do a good job, and maybe make a recommendation. No, s/he must figure out and play the office politics game or get rubbed out for good. Such an

environment is so unacceptably childish and hostile, entrepreneurship, once again, looks to be a better option.

The third ingredient is affirmative action. Not so much in hiring practices (though that is true), but because affirmative action actively discriminates against the group of people who historically have been most prone towards entrepreneurship - men. However, in addition to being overlooked for promotion, there is a genuine institutionalized discrimination against men. From school to university to media to the government to the entertainment industry, nearly every one of our institutions is geared towards women. But our institutions are also the primary providers of "regular employment" and "regular careers." Thusly, their preference towards women results in a "crowding out effect" somewhat forcing men out of these institutions and pushing them towards entrepreneurship.

The fourth ingredient is outsourcing our industrial economy to foreign countries. Nothing forces a man into another field, potentially entrepreneurship, when you just outright wholesale the industries that historically employed men in exchange for malls, shopping centers, cappuccino cafes, green consulting agencies, government bureaucracies, and horse hobby farms.

Now these variables alone provide a great incentive to give up on the rat race and pursue a career as an entrepreneur. I don't know anybody who truly likes their job, and nearly everybody would love to run their own business, not so much for the money, but "to be their own boss." But that until itself would not spell demise to the American family. Matter of fact, if more people were successful entrepreneurs that might even bolster the American family. The true threat to the American family comes in the final ingredient to the "forced entrepreneur" - The mandatory and required "10 years wandering in the post-college-graduation desert" (or "TYWITPCGD" henceforth abbreviated).

You see, up until you graduate from college, society, government, parents, the schools, etc., is bending over backwards to kiss your ass and tell you what you want to hear.

"You can do anything you want! Achieve your dreams! Follow your heart and the money will follow! Oh the places you will go!"

But while your family and friends tell you this out of a love-blinded naivety, the government, the teachers unions, and your professors tell you this for 100% pure profit motive. The government tells you these pretty lies so when you get older you vote for more government. Teachers and professors tell you this, because they profit directly off of your attending school. But once you graduate from college, you no longer serve any financial or political purpose to these lamprey-like entities, and you are dumped out into the labor market, dumped out into the real world, NOT with an education that has prepared you for said real-world, but one of mush, poppy-cock, entitlement, feel-good

USDA grade A bullshit.

And this is where the forced entrepreneur is formed.

For about 10 years the idealistic college student will live an abysmal life trying to reconcile what he was told the real world was going to be like versus what the real world actually is. His career will never manifest the way his teachers told him it would, matter of fact (because of the dire economic conditions) his career will never get off the ground. He will work part time jobs here, overnight shifts there, but MUCH WORSE he will take it personally, thinking somehow he has failed and not that he was the victim of what is arguably the world's greatest scam. If it wasn't bad enough, add to his immense confusion, psychological pain, and shame that:

constant
never-ending
never-relenting
never-ceasing
always-threatening

poverty that follows him around.

Worrying about making rent for the month, having to eat ramen well-past college when college was supposed to afford him sushi, not being able to go out, and the terror that strikes when his car needs an expensive repair, it will ensure that this period of his life is the worst he will ever experience.

But while this epoch in his life is guaranteed to be the worst, he will learn one very valuable and important lesson from it - minimalism. And that is the added chemical that forges the alloy known as the forced entrepreneur.

After stumbling through the "TYWITPCGD" and getting the harsh life lessons that came with it, he will enter the labor market (if he hasn't already) and be exposed to the aforementioned and unacceptable hell American employers have become. Landing a "real" job "finally," thinking his financial problems are over, he'll learn that his boss is a psycho-path, his co-workers catty women who like to cause drama, and that any attempts at efficiency or progress are viewed as threats that threaten the status quo which constantly land him in trouble. His job duties do not match the job description. And the incompetence that surrounds him ensures he will be that Eagle who can never soar with the turkeys.

He'll think it's bad luck, not logically believing all employers are like this, and apply for another job elsewhere. However, in due time, and after working enough jobs, he'll slowly realize that it isn't just him or "bad luck," but that ALL employers are like this. And when

having this epiphany, he'll realize the ONLY solution is entrepreneurship.

There's just one problem.

Was he stupid enough to breed, marry, sign a mortgage, and get a car loan?
Was he stupid enough to have kids with a spending-addicted woman?
Or did his true education from the TYWITPCGD stick?

Because a man with a mortgage, kids, a car loan, and a wife can rarely become an entrepreneur. The man with such familial and financial liabilities is damned to a fate worse than the forced entrepreneur. He gets to suck it up, suffer the psychological torture and the unreliability of American employers.

A man unencumbered with family, debt, and a house, however, can become an entrepreneur. And given the intolerable work environment of America today will be forced to via self-respect.

However, before you get too excited about this person becoming the next Bill Gates, employing thousands and supporting millions of socialist parasites, understand what kind of entrepreneur he's going to be. Since he went through the hell of TYWITPCGD he will have been trained to be a minimalist. He will be immune and inoculated against the consumerist marketing industry to buy cars, take on leases, McMansions, trophy wives and credit card debt. And given the hell he had to suffer when he made a decent go at the "traditional means of employment" he knows that no amount of money is worth his sanity and freedom. Therefore, this individual has no desire or incentive to create the next Apple or Standard Oil, but rather only cares to make enough money to get by, effectively turning him into a "Micro-Entrepreneur."

This spells doom for some would-be American families. Not that the American family will be wiped out, or that there aren't millions of indebted wage mules on the hook for 30 years of mortgage/wife/kids payments to ensure its future *ahem* "success," but that there is a significant demographic forming (and I would contend growing) that go through the arduous process explained before and are forced into this micro-entrepreneur role. But key to understanding why this would have a negative effect of American family formation is to realize it is antithetical to family formation. Struggling, striving, and starving for a decade after college makes one awfully risk-averse. Couple that with a declining economy and unacceptably psychotic employers, once one has a path and an opportunity to just a modicum (but self-sustaining and reliable) source of employment, they will abandon family creation for the stability, tranquility and freedom that comes from forced-micro entrepreneurship.

Worthless Degree Awareness Month is BACK!

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June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month where we do our best to *ahem* "raise awareness" amongst the youth that the vampiric higher education industry is fully intending of sucky dry their financial live blood.

Naturally I have my book available for 1/32,784ths the price of an average degree, but just having a talk with your kid, highlighting starting salaries, or doing some basic math with your child about ROI will help prevent your child from making a decision that will ABSOLUTELY DESTROY their financial futures.

This is too important of an issue AND TOO EASILY PREVENTABLE that something (unlike most leftists political causes) can actually be done about it.

Just like polio, let's eradicate worthless degrees.

I Told You - Leftists Can't Tell the Difference Between a Million and a Billion

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Now just imagine if you introduced "trillion" to their little logic-impaired brains.

The Clarey Podcast - The Horrible Costs of No Men Episode

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MBA professors faking their intelligence in Hungary,
defending the online IQ test,
realizing you are above average,
and a horrible price is paid for a lack of masculine men in society

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast!

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I Don't Recall Ever Wanting to Shut Down a Feminist Conference

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Short version.

Bachelor Pad Economics is, among others, sponsoring the International Conference on Men's Issues this upcoming June. I was also intending on riding my motorcycle out there for a little summer road trip.

Apparently they've received enough threats that the Detroit Police are going to be "needed" to protect the event (I call it a shake down) Naturally this has raised the costs of holding the event to the point they are going to have to raise money to host the event.

Regardless of whether this event occurs or not, I only have one question - who has a track record of shutting down speeches and thus shutting down the freedom of speech?

Evil, right wing, libertarian, conservative men's rights groups

or

Liberal, leftist, feminist groups?

There is no more obvious proof as to which group is a hate group, hell bent on forcing their political agenda on others and which one is not.

How to Recover from a Worthless Degree

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My latest piece up at Return of Kings goes into detail about what to do if you got a worthless degree and how to best salvage your live after it.

Best Quote in the History of The Clarey Podcast

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"*I've hit upon a splendid combo: I listened to your podcast whilst watching porn with the volume turned down, standing in the kitchen doing shots.*"

You too can tune into The Clarey Podcast by visiting the archives here.

Money Isn't Evil. It's Just Human Time

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How Women Centers Reveal How Pathetic Feminism Truly Is

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I viewed with a tacitly interested eye this "battle" being waged on college campuses between women's studies departments vs...well...men in general. Tacitly because I no longer attend college and I had larger fish to fry. However, with the:

increasing cacophony of this battle,
the increasing severity of feminists' accusations of men,
the outlandishness of what "constitutes rape,"
an obsession with "rape culture,"
plus multiple instances of false charges of rape (and consequently, no punishment for the false-accusers),

it required me to think this through because a fair amount of my readership is younger males and it is my opinion college is becoming a hostile environment for them, too risky to attend.

So after delving into this particular rabbit hole, and flushing it out to the end, I have finally figured out why there is this war being waged against college men. And the conclusion is the most pathetic thing I've ever realized.

It is no secret feminists play the victim game. Too lazy to take on real jobs they all major in some worthless subject and then expect the rest of society to pay for their faux careers in women's studies departments, boring authors, activists, etc. To this extent, you can see their all too familiar and tired broken record of "sexism, patriarchy, blah blah blah." Demands for affirmative action, funding for women's studies departments, etc.

But this obsession with rape is relatively new, as much as it is eerie. And not just eerie, but incredibly damaging and telling. For it's one thing if a naive population votes in socialists and therefore pays higher taxes to fund these economically worthless and unproductive people. The biggest price you pay is higher taxes to support these adult-girls or suffer discrimination via affirmative action. But if you're accused of rape, the costs go well-beyond a mere 10% increase in your tax bill or a rejection letter in the mail. You get to pay legal fees, have your career and future ruined, not to mention the psychological torture as you sit in a jail cell for something (that is progressively proving) you didn't do.

So why would feminists create a rape-scare much like the McCarthyism Red-Scare? Why are feminists and their leftist college administrators redefining rape to include fornicating

when a girl has consumed alcohol? What do they possibly gain from such vile, evil, and above all else, destructive propaganda?

The sad answer is:

Women's centers.

"Women's centers?" you say.

"Women centers."

Allow me to explain.

Like ALL women's studies majors and ALL feminists in the worthless liberal arts fields, the biggest problem facing them is that the real world does not want nor demand them. They have no skills anybody wants. They have no talents anybody needs. And they are usually so physically and emotionally unappealing, no man wants them in a romantic or familial sense. In short, the world does not want them. But rather than admit this and abide by the real world, their ego insists otherwise and demands the world bend for them.

Since they are not going to abide by the real world, providing others with a good or service the real world demands, by logical necessity their nature is forced to become one of parasitism. This is not an opinion nor an insult as all one has to do is look at where the majority of their financing and employment comes from:

Government
Education
Non-profits
Forcing students to buy your book

Because of this, the primary job of a feminist (and leftists I might add) is to CONSTANTLY find sources of other people's money. To find hosts. To find actual producers of society to pay for their faux careers/egos.

To help with this, the "Victim Strategy" is deployed as a means to guilt trip people who are guilty of nothing into forfeiting their financial life blood to these parasites. Again, we saw this before where "patriarchy" results in affirmative action. "Sexism" results in higher taxes and government spending on women's programs. Etc. etc., However, the "Rape Scare" can be directly tied to the one thing that feminists on campus IMMEDIATELY clamor for when protesting or "raising awareness" about it and that is the college women's center.

Yep, that's right.

False accusations of rape.
Redefining rape to include a night of dirty, sloppy drunk sex
Bogus 1 in 3 women are sexually assaulted
The general "men are the enemy" feeling you get on campus today

and let's not forget

The ruined lives of innocent college boys who are accused of rape

are all to get funding for college women's centers so that 10-15 women's studies students can have a part time job tending to the non-existent Rape-Scare on campus. Yes, I accuse those feminists of being that evil. Yes, I accuse them of being that petty. Because as far as I can tell, they have no problems ruining the lives of (theoretically) millions of young men just so they can get that morsel of funding to have a women's center on campus.

Naturally, many people will look at this with a cynical eye. My opponents will merely say I'm "pro-rape" (which, obviously, I'm not). My readers will say, "Wow Clarey, even this is cynical for you!" But I genuinely believe that this witch hunt that is occurring on college campuses is solely motivated for nothing more than funding for women's centers. The fact so much effort is being put into COLLEGE CAMPUSES means that it must tie to what benefits feminists on college. And when you look at the demand of college feminists it INVARIABLY is for more funding (typically in the form of a women's center).

But if that doesn't convince you, perhaps I can remind you of the parasitic nature of most modern day college feminists. To be a parasite is to be the most pathetic, lowest, saddest creature on Earth. Parasites don't have glorious ambitions, they don't have dreams of starting companies, they don't have goals of becoming great. Their only goal in life is to get something for free and achieve nothing of genuine accomplishment or noteworthiness. It is to merely exist.

And when you put it in that context you can see why feminists will ruin other innocent human beings just to get that measly morsel of blood in the form of an unneeded women's center on campus. And once you realize that, you'll realize how truly sad and pathetic modern day feminism has become.

The Reality Principle Causes Economic Growth

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It's a very simple concept - base your decisions in reality and watch your culture and economy grow.

Base them on lies (mainly of the theological or socialist ideological type) and you get what we have now.

Will be on a road trip to Kansas City in the hopes of intercepting a tornado or two this weekend. Posts will be sparse.

Cappy on the Hinderaker-Ward Experience

June 6, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Happy Day Lieutenants,

The ole Cap was interviewed by Brian Ward and John Hinderaker of Fraters Libertas and Powerline fame.

You may find their podcast episode here for your listening pleasure.

Tornado chasing updates will occur over the weekend.

Cpt.

Global Warming Has Surpassed Science

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And become a religion. The reason I say that is this one chart, this one bit of data, disproves global warming. That's it. It's over. It's done. I don't care what anybody else says because the globe isn't warming. It would be like having video footage of Jesus saying, "Hey, you know this whole son of god thing and salvation and heaven and hell and everything? Yeah, it was just a joke."

BUT

you just know, deep in the recesses of your brain that it won't matter. People would still follow Christianity just as they will global warming.

Why?

Because the adherents of all religions participate not primarily for the cause or nobility of the religion or any actual belief. They participate because it gives their otherwise meaningless lives meaning. It fills a hole desperate for purpose. It makes them feel like they're part of a team and gives them something to rally around rather than work hard to provide people in society something genuine to rally around. It's a club, it's a sports team, it's watching the Kardashians.

And I for one, eagerly await what the consequences are for their children as they chart the course of the future based on lies.

Book Review - The Knowledge: How to Rebuild Our World from Scratch

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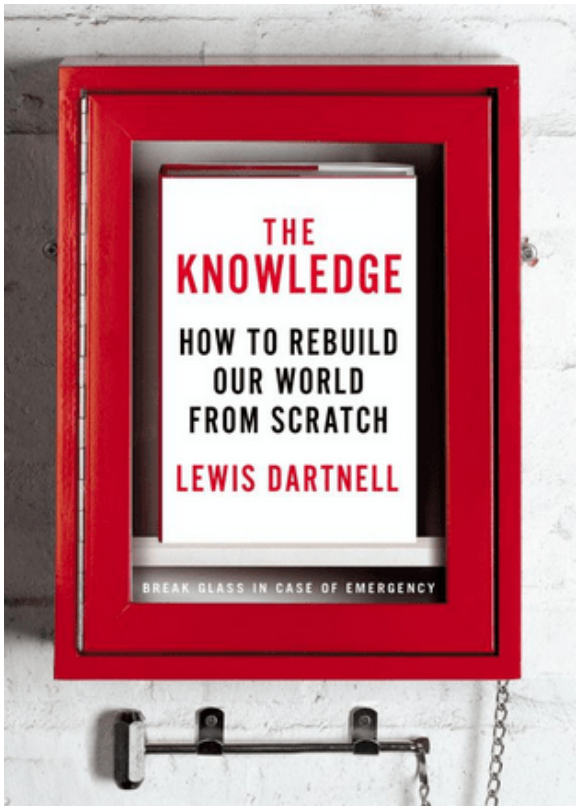
In my bug out bag I have one AR15, one pistol, iodine pills, ammo, a compass, maps, hand-powered radios and flashlights, a tent, and many many other things. Add to that now "The Knowledge: How to Rebuild Society from Scratch" by Dr. Lewis Dartnell.



In short this book is a how to manual to "reboot" society should a destructive event occur wiping out most of humanity and our technological advances along with it. It immediately caught my attention as I have often thought about this in terms of

"*OK, I made it to my safe zone and survived, now what? I'm just an economist. I don't know anything about farming, agriculture, and only have a very basic understanding of chemistry and science. How would I rapidly as possible make the remainder of my life the least-labor intensive as possible?*"

And this book addresses precisely that.

In an amazingly efficient manner, Dr. Dartnell boils down in a "Civilization"-video-game-Gantt-Chart way what key technologies should and CAN be recovered from the basic tools we'd have available in a post-apocalyptic world. With these basic "key" technologies, we

can "leapfrog" other technologies recreating in a matter of two generations that took humankind 10,000 years to create the first time. While the topic is somber and morose, the book is actually quite encouraging, even hopeful, as it explains in a way the average person with average intelligence can understand how to scratch out a reasonably comfortable existence from the ashes of collapsed society.

There are of course drawbacks in taking on a task as broad as this. I didn't see a recipe for toothpaste. He doesn't provide specific instructions (measuring out units of ingredients to create say, gun powder) that will force some trial and error in the future. And he covers the construction of various machines in a general manner, providing no blue prints. The reason for this is obvious, the book would be 5,000 pages long. However, while it may take 4 months to perfect the ratio of the three ingredients to make gun powder, that is infinitely shorter than the 6,000 years it took civilized Chinese to discover it the first time.

In short, the book is a must for survivalists in that most survivalists do not merely wish to survive, but believe in life and believe in the future no matter how dire it may be. And to ensure there is a better future should a collapse occur, having a score or two of these books on the planet will indeed help reboot society and rapidly return the world to the standards of western civilization.

He's Going to Become a Writer After He Goes to "Collage"

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In response to this video.

Some comments are hidden as they are probably spam. **Review comments**

3 hours ago LINKED COMMENT

your are the most ugliest bitter person I ever seen on YouTube how fucking dare you say that 17 and 16 years don't have enough of experience of intelligence to write. For your information you stupid motherfucker I am a 17 year old boy who has 4 short stories in my community newspaper and in my high schools newspaper I have taken journalism and creative writing course in my high school and I got A+ in both of the classes. so don't fucking come on your camera judging anybody. you should judge your fucking whore of a mother for giving birth to you. you are an asshole. I do plan to major in writing when I head off to my wonderful collage and am going to be a successful writer. you fucking dick head go suck a dick you bitter motherfucker.

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Book Review - A Christian Man's Guide to Love and Marriage in the 21st Century

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Thankfully, a GUIDE.

A man who wrote a GUIDE and didn't call it a BOOK.

He called it a GUIDE, and that's precisely what it is, a GUIDE.

I read Don Riefstahl's new book, "A Christian Man's Guide to Love and Marriage in the 21st Century" on my way down to Kansas City. I was able to finish reading the entire tome before reaching Missouri because it is a short, succinct guide. As it's title suggests, it's for Christian men and it addresses love and marriage.

To be truthful (which Christians appreciate) it is NOT reading material for any veteran or experienced reader of The Manosphere for the past 2 years. It summarizes some basic information, tenets, philosophies and laws that have been discovered and repeated adinfinitum on The Manosphere. However, it's intended audience is NOT that of those exeprienced Manospherians. It's market is for two distinct set of Christians:

1. Men of all ages who have yet to wake up and unfurl the brainwashing "churchianity" has forced on them

and

2. Young Christian boys who are about to hit puberty and are in for a world of hurt unless somebody gets them this information right quick.

In short, two groups of people who have NEVER heard of the Manosphere or been introduced to its ideas but desperately need them.

The major problem I personally have with the guide is what makes it most marketable - it's for Christians. Ergo, it cites scripture and bases some of its arguments on the word of God. I personally don't believe some of the conclusions (women submit and serve your husbands, etc.) or other bits of advice that come in the book, but it isn't intended for people like me. It's intended for Christian men. Therefore, if they are true believers in the scripture, they will appreciate this tailor-made guide for their religion.

Naturally, anybody who cites scripture is lambasted in the secular community as a sexist, neanderthal who is foolish enough to believe in god (while oddly silent about radical

Muslim's treatment of women). However, the biggest push back many Christian men face comes from within their own church which has been more or less hijacked by political correctness, feminism and cultural marxism. This puts many Christian men and boys in a very confusing spot. Do they follow the teachings of Christ and the word of God, or do they kowtow to the screaming Christian women who want abortion, pick and choose passages from the bible that convenience them, divorce frivolously and seem to use Christianity as a mere pharmaceutical to scratch some kind of psychological or social itch they have?

In short, your average secular man whose brain has not been encumbered by religious indoctrination does not need this book. The first few chapters are so elementary and apologetic they actually made me wince. But if you look at it through the lens of a brainwashed Christian boy who's not only been fed all the leftist feminist BS from secular society, but also the emasculating "churchianity" BS from his church you can understand the introductory and kid's glove nature of the book. Therefore, even though I wouldn't recommend it to any of my secular friends, I do recommend this short, brief and succinct book be put in as many hands of your Christian friends as possible.

Agreeing With Liberal Girls Will Not Get You Laid

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A bit of helpful advice for our hipster and liberal brothers on campus:

Obama by the Numbers - Debt and Deficit

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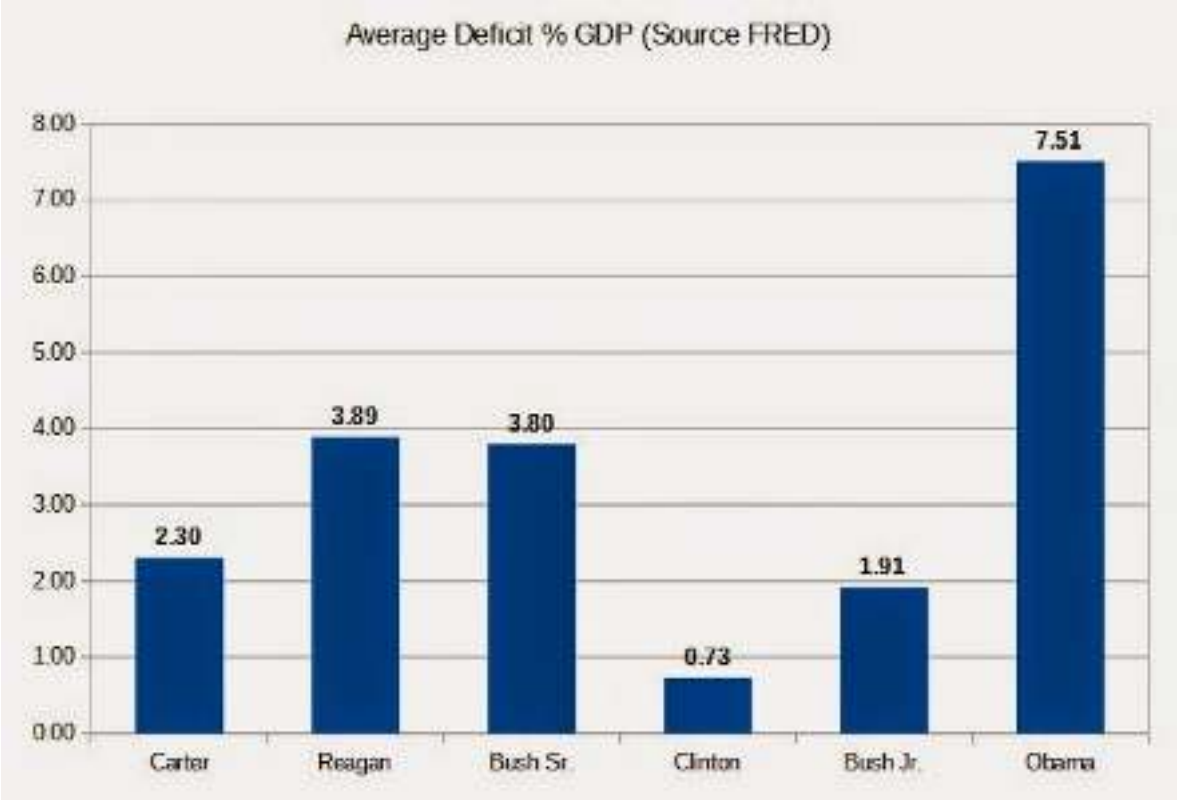
Continuing on with our empirical series of measuring the performance of the presidents' economic performances, we look today at debt and deficit.

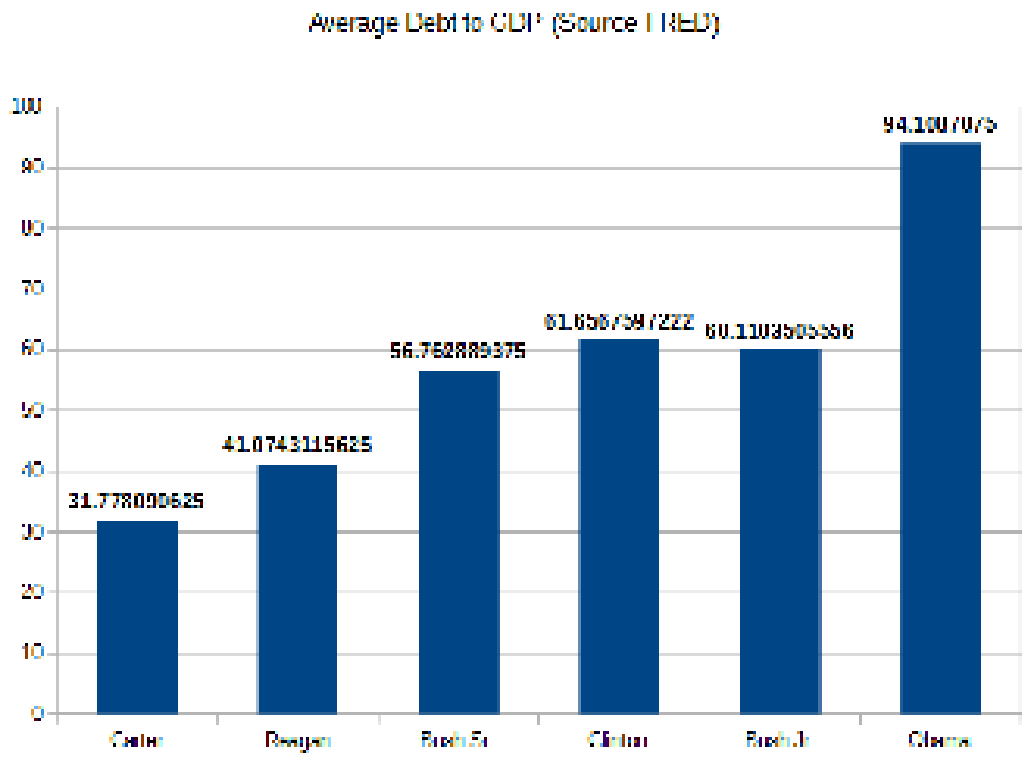
And this is such a slam dunk I don't really think we need to delve too much into the details.

Without a doubt, Obama is the biggest spend-a-holic making Reagan's deficit spending in the 80's (which the left at the time screamed bloody murder) look like austerity v. 2.0.



The natural economic criticism would be that with the world's largest Keynesian stimulus, why the poor economic performance that is on par with GW's? It's like taking five Viagra pills and only lasting 3 minutes. Of course, cynical economists such as myself know when you piss away the stimulus on the dregs of society for Obama Phones, make-work government social programs, unneeded community centers, global warming research, and single-mom mania, it shouldn't be a surprise the money wasn't invested in capital goods, manufacturing, or any real investment, resulting in zero future economic growth.

Naturally, when you piss away deficit money, you do two things. One, increase the amount of debt, and two, you do NOT grow GDP. This then results in an increasing amount of debt relative to the actual economic production being produced: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Carter
Reagan
Clinton

Of all the statistics we could look at the presidents, it is this one, debt and deficit, that not only defines the Obama presidency, but one of the few ones I would claim is completely owned and the fault of the president. Conservatives at least berated Bush for his (then) egregious spending, but the left is completely silent at the crippling deficit spending of Obama, because like him, they are ideologues and in general hate this country. Any spending that goes to them and their causes AND harms the country's finances at the same time is a two-fer in his and their eyes. Call me cynical, but I'd glad change my tune if I saw proof of the left actually loving this country, rather than hating it and trying to destroy its culture and traditions.

When Sons Won't Listen to Their Fathers

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A humbling review of Bachelor Pad Economics where the father bought his son the book, but can't get that damn horse to drink the water.

Don't worry, poverty will cure that.

Daddy's Little Princess Syndrome

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I will be coming out with another video ripping apart all the "fathers" that brought up and sent forth their spoiled princesses into our dating ranks back in the day and highlighting the destruction they caused, but in the meantime, I think it's about high time we define and explain some of the risks of bringing up a "Daddy's Little Princess"

The Economist the Captain Consults

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There are a handful of economists I follow, let alone defer to their authority. Obviously, Sowell and Williams are two, but Jerry Robinson, who you may not have heard of, is a third. And this is the reason why. Jerry has an ability to explain advanced economic concepts simply and clearly. And I'd like to see another economist explains de-dollarization in Russia better than him.

Reversing the Economic Argument

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In being a preacher's son forced to go to parochial school, what information went into my little toddler brain was very controlled and very deliberate. Therefore, like all young children who don't know any better, my brain was limited in it's capacity to fight against what my lizard brain knew was lies, deceit, and sometimes outright mental abuse because it was confined and structured by "facts" that were not facts at all. Things like "I will go to hell if I sin," "If you don't love Jesus you will go to hell," and "the Bible is truth." There are literally thousands more instances of these false facts that religious people use to restrict people's brains, but the larger point is that in getting a young child to agree to false premises, you effectively handicap that individual from ever legitimately arguing against, let alone, challenging the religion. In other words, in a very cowardly way, you fool the child into thinking that s/he can only debate or argue against the religion by using ordained and approved religious techniques. And therefore instead of questioning something as fundamental as proof of god or how precisely a guy nailed to a plank of wood forgives you for putting a snake in Suzie Jone's desk never comes to the forefront as you are instead too busy trying to parse and interpret bible passages.

But a funny thing happened to me today as I was riding my motorcycle around Lake Pepin. I had one of those epiphanies where the light just shot on, forcing me to pull over and take notes so that I would not forget it. And that epiphany is;

You can apply the exact same observation to economics.

As I've aged and become more experienced, I start to realize just how much of a fraudulent study economics is. Not because economics isn't important. Not because there isn't some serious important issues that economics addresses. It's not even that the secret to riches for all does lay within economics (it does and it is what ultimately drives my eternal passion for economics). But rather how the field's self-proclaimed experts have turned it into nothing more than self-serving political bunk. It is no longer simply about the "efficient allocation of resources" or "maximizing the wealth of people" but rather idiotic concepts like the Phillips Curve, running advanced (and ultimately flawed) economic models, fretting about things like the liquidity trap, drawing idiotic foursquare games for "prisoner theory," and the hundreds of other temporary and fleeting relationships that have been observed in the past 60 years that the economist academians trump out and treat it as if it were a real science when in reality it is a constantly changing art as it is human psychology that underpins it all.

And thus my case for "reversing the economic argument."

I tried to read a paper by Paul Krugman once, and while he no doubt probably adhered to

Keynesian theory to the letter, in the end none of it made sense and my mind started to wander. Not only because it was boring, but because experience has told me something that complex would ultimately be debunked by Occam's Razor. I don't care how many charts he threw up, I don't care what latest version of "Ricardian Equivalence" he was using, let alone the empirical data to prove it, in the end if you step back and look at it, it was nothing more than a pastor using the bible to further confirm Christianity. In otherwords, economics has becomes so focused on itself as a study, has put on such horse-blinders, its clergy has lost sight of its original and more important goal and now study it for its own sake.

Therefore, if you truly want to understand (or disprove some things about) economics, I argue going backwards. I argue going outside the study. I argue applying some basic, simple logic and factual testing to see if this increasingly complex "field" even makes sense anymore or is merely a circle jerk for wanna-be mathematicians just like religion is for most clergymen.

For example, a simple question I have, is WWII the only data point the Keynesianism can point to in history where it worked? And if so, why the hell did we base the entire western world's governance and economic policies on something so ill-tested?

Another, precisely whose brilliant idea was it that government should intervene period? Who precisely died and made you economic king giving you authority to "provide incentives" or "boost demand curves?" Since when was it the government's and politician's responsibility to MANAGE people? (I'll tell you who. One sick, power-hungry, totalitarian, that's who).

And though I am certainly very political, shouldn't we be concerned when the likes of Krugman call Republicans racist or we start claiming that 100% purely politically moves such as "diversity" have some kind of inherent value? i.e. - why is politics allowed to enter, let alone corrupt economists and their views?

I could go on, but these simple questions are identical to the basic, logical questions we need to ask (but aren't allowed to) of religion.

First, where's your proof of god? Oh, you don't have any? Then why with the threatening of little children with hell?

Second, explain to me the guy on the plank of wood and the snake in Suzie Jone's desk?

Third, did Adam have a belly button?

And fourth, how is stealing money from productive people and giving it to parasitic people a "winning" long term and sustainable economic strategy?

In the end, if you reverse the economic argument you'll see our modern day economists are no different than those "idiot" clergymen they mock for having equally idiotic, fanciful, and self-serving beliefs.

Enjoy the decline.

Baby Sitting the Banks

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Like always, an epiphany struck when I was innocently sitting at my bar in my town. I don't control when these things happen, but it did, and now I'm forced to document said epiphany before I forget.

Rewind about 3 years ago where I was in the dumbest state of the union, Wyoming. There as an "assistant vice president" working at what was then MATHEMATICALLY AND FACTUALLY the second worst bank in the state, I entertained degenerate applicant after degenerate applicant looking to ~~steal~~ "borrow" money from ~~the fed~~ our beloved shareholders.

One guy wanted a truck equity loan.
Another wanted a home equity loan on his tetanus-infested trailer.
A third tried to pass on a fake check
And let's not forget Casper's finest citizen asking me for a "Gas loan" so he could drive to Denver to visit his "grandson who was in the hospital."

I was in the midst of it and didn't realize it, but the fact the bank I worked for had such a bad reputation that banks were sending literal bums to us should have told me that management was so desperate and so inept that we were entertaining such idiocy as "truck equity loans" and making loans to trailer trash. But add another factor I didn't realize until now because I was in the thick of it.

OCC compliance.

When I moved to the company's "headquarters" my job went from commercial lending to one of federal compliance. The bank was so shittacularly managed before that they were now under audit and had the federal regulators down their throats. And so I got to see, upfront and personal, each and every new regulation, requirement, dictate and demand that came from the authorities.

At first I was angry at these regulations. They were petty, idiotic, and so time consuming they made it so the bank could not be profitable. We had to do monthly updates on our "problem loans." We had to write reports proving to the feds that we were actively working on dealing with our problem loans. I had to fill out 13 pages of paperwork to get the taxpayer (that's you) guarantee on loans we made to Bubba the Incestuous Trailer Trash Hick on his Goat-Screwing farm. And that's just a fraction of needless time-consuming hurdles we had to deal with. But so petty and onerous were the regulations, I was convinced they were doing it out of spite. That way up top of these various departments were leftists, democrat types that wanted to "stick it to the banks," and

that's what I was thoroughly convinced of.

But then I got to thinking as I look at the now polished off tumbler glass of Rumpleminze and reminisce about ~~Screwyourcousining~~ Wyoming.

The feds weren't being the typical "inefficient" government bureaucracy unconscious of their crippling regulations.

And the feds weren't being vindictive ideologues punishing those "evil bankers."

The feds were actually 100% completely right in doing what they were doing.

They were baby sitting what was once an incompetent and piss-poorly managed bank.

Naturally the old guard was fired and replaced with a turn around team. This team was focused on getting out from underneath the federal regulators with the sole goal of becoming a state chartered bank allowing them to have a shot at being profitable (though lending to trailer trash, Goat Screwing Farms, and the burgeoning Teenage Single Parent market will likely prove that difficult). But none of that changed what the federal regulators had to deal with.

View it from the regulators' eyes.

You had the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression caused by the most galactically stupid bankers in the history of the world. These bankers and the management of the banks were SOOOOO incomprehensibly inept that they were literally like dealing with children. The only problem is these "children" were at the vital cross-roads of the US economy and that was the banking system. The lifeblood of this or any other economy was being ran by the most idiotic incompetents in the world. Soon enough, their reckless lending came to roost and when their idiocy was exposed either through audits or the news, the feds had to have been saying circa 2008

"*Who the fuck is in charge of this operation? What the fuck is going on? How dumb can you possibly get?*"

And naturally, the consequence was one where a house full of feral children ultimately come to heel - through a tyrannical, powerful, heavy handed disciplinarian.

In the end, the petty regulations, the constant updates, and all the seemingly pointless requirements regulators were (and still are) forcing on banks were not out of malice, pettiness or politics. But rather necessity because of the unrivalled incompetence and stupidity of bankers and the banking industry. And the fact for once I actually agree with federal regulations and regulators, crippling and choking off our financial services

industry, is a testament to the true ineptitude of those genuine USDA 100% fucktards currently in charge of our banking system today.

Smart People Outsource

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"Outsourcing" is a funny thing.

Business experts applaud it.
Democrats love screwing over their union base by destroying jobs for it.
And every American loves nothing more than forcing Asians to slave away to make their latest Apple product for it.

But you know where the REAL cutting edge of outsourcing is?

Outsourcing your worthless prerequisite classes forced on you by the Big Education Industrial Complex.

Do you REALLY need to take 10 courses in

common sense
diversity
CSR
and other leftist claptrap bullshit?

no you don't.

But your higher education indoctrinators demand you do so they can employ further worthless scum such as themselves and enrich themselves in the process.

Why don't you fight back with a tool they themselves use?

OUTSOURCE your worthless hoop jumping classes to Academic Composition.

Academic Composition will write the pointless, purposeless papers you don't want to, let alone have the time to in order to prove to those souless corporations that you're worth hiring. Besides, corporations believe outsourcing is a GREAT strategy and would be hypocritical if they dared to judge against a person employing their own tactics. So the solution is obvious.

They want to make you jump like a well-trained puppy dog to get an MBA.

You have self-respect.

So why don't you employ the services of Academic Composition to throw it right back in

their hypocritical faces and "outsource" your pointless, meaningless, commie-socialist-professor-enriching make work so that you can get your MBA and ultimately get on with your life?

Society, boomers, academia, corporate America and every other institution is aiming to fuck you over,

why not fuck them back?

Hire the services of Academic Composition and play their equally foul game. It's the least you can do to play their own game.

(PS - Academic Composition is looking to hire! Do you have that worthless masters degree that your indoctrinators told you would be the salvation and your gateway to freedom and happiness? But instead is an albatross of student debt? Well, fuck the system back and help write papers for other students! make money AND screw back the system that screwed you over!)

When the Fuel Runs Out

June 13, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've been kicking around a theory, one of which I've ran past Roosh and some other philosophers and theoreticians.

Do men have a finite amount of fuel/energy?

Fuel and energy for what, you ask.

Fuel and energy for pursuing women.

It seems a stupid question on the face of it, but when you think it through a couple more layers you start to see it's importance and ramifications. Most of "sexual market value theory" is based on the relative worth of an individual where young women in their 20 something prime command the highest premium while men age more slowly, but surely into their 40 something primes. This is the biologically "separation of powers" that nature has programmed into the human species to ensure not only its survival, but that no one sex gains the upper hand over the other. But the entirety of this "model" (completely true as it is) is one-sided in its focus.

It only focuses on **demand** for the respective sex.

It never considers **supply**.

And supply is the topic I'd like to address today.

I took an informal survey a while ago asking men what percentage of their free time they dedicated towards the pursuit of women. And like I surmised, the results showed a high percentage during their late teens and early twenties, only to dwindle to near nothingness in by the time they reached their 50's. Matter of fact most men in their 50's had more interest in reading books than going out and finding favor with the opposite sex.

This not only supplements the theory that men have a more long term advantage over women, aging like scotch while women age like milk, but deals a double blow to the "supply demand" dynamics of aging courtship. Not only do men get better with age, they lose an interest in pursuing women as well.

This isn't to say that men as they approach 50 don't notice a fine POA crossing their vantage point, but based on my observations they are less willing to spend the effort and resources in trying to procure a hottie.

And who can blame them?

If we revert back to lizard-brain-neaderthal times, calories spent was the primary calculation that determined if you lived or died. Do I spent 5,000 calories of energy pursuing a herd of deer to MAYBE beget 6,000 calories of meat? Do I spend 10,000 calories tilling fields to grow a crop to MAYBE beget 12,000 calories of food? Though our minds have recently been inoculated against such biological mathetmatical realities for the past 100 years due to advances in food production, that doesn't undo the 2 million years of human genetic evolution that has trained mens' brains intuitively to calculate every proposition as such.

Ergo, it is in man's natural instinct to constantly weigh the pro's and con's of effort expended on trying to mate versus the opportunity cost. And with ample supply of food, not to mention an unlimited choice of substitute goods (video games, scotch, TV, sports, internet porn, etc.), most logically thinking males will choose the substitute goods and "rub one out" to quote Bill Burr, as that is the least expenditure of physical effort and calories and therefore provides them (according to their lizard brain) the highest chances of survival.

This then leads me to my theory that most men have a finite and limited amount of "fuel." In my younger, more idealistic, years, I would have contended a man's life force was unlimited. He was truly limitless. All he needed was mere support from society and a man's potential was unlimited. While I do on a theoretical basis yearn to believe as such, living in the real world and seeing just how "anti-progress" society is, I've come to accept that a man's potential is indeed limited by the idiocy, closemindedness, bigotry, and anti-success-envy that rules the rest of society. It not only is draining, but is also provides great disincentive at every step of a (would be) genius' advancement. Constantly hounded about inequality, superior performance, the concept of "excellence," and bedraggled into the mundacity of "affirmative action," a true genius or society performer has the life and inspiration kicked out of them. Combine this with progressive tax rates and a general hatred for the successful, men's fuel or "desire" to perform at their peak is severely deterred.

This acceleration, according to my theory, "burns up" the "tolerance fuel" young men have for society, included of which is women. A young man circa 1947 would graduate from college, know how to weld, and likely have a serious job offer at the local car shop. He would have little to no problem finding a suitable woman to court and she'd be happy to court him. Today, however, with $50,000 in debt, no job prospects, and a part time job at Starbucks seriously burns through whatever "patience fuel" a young man has today. Throw in the generally bitchy attitude of most American female college graduates and you don't have June Cleaver at home to soothe your ills and support you, but rather a demanding, commanding, fuel-burning battle axe blathering on about her worthless liberal arts degree. Not only does the lack of economic and employment opportunity

burn away at your fuel, but the parasitic deadweight of liberal arts majoring bloviating entitled-thinking American females just evaporates whatever remaining fuel reserves you have left.

Accelerate this scenario over the course of a 20 to 30 something man's life. Poverty, constantly harangued with a never ending supply of self-entitled liberal female adult-children, and in the end, you will burn out. You will lose your patience, and you will lose your desire to ever go to a club or a bar again. And thus my theory.

Most men have only a limited amount of energy, patience, tolerance, and naivete. But once that runs out, they will rarely, if ever, go out to the club scene and present the "supply curve" of attention women so desperately want. Over time, as men age and get wise, they will eschew the night club scene, and even the online dating scene, as they realize, time and time again, their efforts are wasted. And since their efforts are wasted and said efforts are a very real and mathematical percentage of their lives, costing them genuine opportunity costs, they will scale down.

The results are obvious:

Less men at clubs
Less men at dance classes
Less men asking women out.
Less men in general

This isn't to say hot spots in NYC or Las Vegas aren't going to be teaming with DudeBroInc. But it is to say that over time young men, after having the candle burned at both ends, will "burn out" running out of fuel and no longer have the energy or fuel to go out at night to find you. They will be at home, watching Midnight Run, watching porn, grilling steaks or reading books.

Just remember that when you're 42 and still think you have the right to fire up your "Bitch Shield" because nobody is watching.

Friday Night Constitutional

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Yawnnnn...don't care. And yes, it's because I'm an asshole.

Why you never book at the Hilton in a Liberal Town.

I dated a black girl once. But she acted like a respectable woman. And that's why I dated her (though it was shortlived because she didn't reciprocate the poor ole Cappy's feelings...sniff sniff.). However I would never date this.

What happens when you renounce your US citizenship?

We don't need no STIIIIINNNNKING fathers!

Outstanding Podcast on Your IQ

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Molyneaux has a very good podcast (the first caller) about how having a high IQ serves as a handicap towards integrating with the rest of society. His mockery of people looking for gold on the beach is also hilarious.

It's a Good Day When a Hoarder Dies

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I couldn't put my finger on it why I had this visceral and extreme hatred and disgust with hoarders. Not just in watching the shows, but dealing with people in my own life who put more value on material items than they did life and their fellow human beings.

And then it dawned on me why:

They put more value on worthless material items than they did life and their fellow human beings.

My epiphany about humans being the most important thing in this world is well-covered ground. I don't need to delve into that. But the fact that hoarding is a phenomenon AND to a lesser extent VERY COMMON among the rest of society, only serves as a damning testament to the general patheticness of society.

Think about it. Nearly everybody you know hoards to one level or another. Not the extreme where a worthless soul is crushed by the collapsing floor underneath the weight of filth. But just look at the average American household and how much unneeded and worthless stuff is crammed into it.

Admittedly I have a unique perspective ridding myself of nearly 75% of my Earthly possessions. LImiting myself to just the bare necessities and ONE box of mementos. But even the average person has about 60% of stuff they don't need, don't use, but still hold onto. Certainly, a lot of this is unconscious (not until you move do you realize just what a burden all your stuff is). But where my ire is raised is when a person is asked to get rid of their stuff so that they may continue on with life AND HAS A PERSONAL UMBRAGE AND AFFRONT to getting rid of said stuff, that is where I start to view them as inferior.

Trinkets, doileys, furniture, appliances, televisions, clothes, you name it. Humans are programmed to put more value on stuff they'll never use than the people said stuff inconveniences. They'd rather cripple their finances, renting or paying a mortgage for a house that serves more as a storage facility, not to mention torpedo their personal or love relationships, than rid themselves of meaningless things because they are so subhuman, so sub-par, they actually value things more than life and their fellow human beings.

It took me a while to fully explore and understand my genuine hatred for hoarders and people who are pack rats. And now after thinking it through (not to mention seeing instance first hand) I understand why I not only despised such people but why my despisement was completely legitimate:

They are not humans, but subhumans. And subhumans that would rather collect "Beanie Babies" or some other worthless shit than give their spouse or children or just their plain fellow man an extra bedroom in case of need.

It is indeed one of the few and genuine drawbacks of capitalism.

A Sad Father's Day

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From our Chicago Agent in the Field:

I always knew Jenny McCarthy was worthless. And that Mark Wahlberg's brother was...well...Mark Wahlberg's brother and not Mark Wahlberg. Because Mark Wahlberg would never settle for Jenny McCarthy.

Anyway, deep down inside I wish that what we "perceive" is not what "is" and that we're just being pessimistic. Sadly, when I see this I start to realize that the problem really does run that deep and that it really is an issue.

Lastest Clarey Podcast

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Advanced apologies from the road because I was driving to visit my dad for father's day. So if you're against this podcast you're against father's day and you're evil and hate all fathers.

No, actually, you aren't. You just don't like marginal audio quality.

Still, in this latest podcast:

How the Mighty Morphin POwer Rangers are Creepy
How the National Park Rangers in Glacier National Park are Hippie Nazi's you can ignore
Not regretting having children
And the amazing absence of black people in horse racing

AND MORE!

in this totally non-racist, non-horse-a-phobic, non-Might-Morphins-Power-Ranger-Anti-Pedophiliac episode of The Clarey Podcast!

(Archives can be found here!)

Monday Night Liebschens

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All liberal and leftists roads lead towards Lierre Keith. I ask a simple question of the leftist activists. When it's all said and done...or heck, you're just Lierre's age, do you ever stop and say, "wow, I just pissed away my life?" Or does that thought never occur to you?

That reality is a bitch. Let's replace with with ~~lies~~ er...um....non-reality.

Dow Jones 32,000....and based on his argument I can't disagree with him.

Now if Free Northerner would just write something deep and intricate involving economics, inflation, philosophy, morality, religion and logic. You know, if just once he would do that AND make it interesting. You know instead of all that other boring tripe he writes.

When the Economy Refuses to Play Keynesian Ball

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Guy #1.

Good buddy of mine. Realtor carpenter. Busted his ass off when he was young. Fell in love in his early 20's. Lent a girl with big tits a lot of money, never got it back. Didn't matter as through determination and raw effort he inevitably made killer coin during the housing bubble. However, while he was successful he was foolish enough to buy a cabin and a luxury SUV (among other purchases) thinking it would continue forever. Crash hit, he suffered mightily for 6 years. Now, he crawled back, not losing a thing, and is once again approaching $100,000 for an annual salary.

His next major purchase?

A new fishing pole.

Guy #2

Another good buddy of mine. Smart, young entrepreneur. Made a KILLING during the housing bubble as he was a master carpenter and also invested in real estate. Was flying to Vegas on a semi-weekly basis with his wife. Drove a Mercedes and also thought the good times would last. Housing bubble hit. Some of his investment partners proved not to be as solvent or honest as they claimed. His flagship operation went bust. Now, he's rebuilt himself a nice piece of property he bought at the bottom of the bust, built up a stash of cash to pay off creditors if necessary.

His next major purchase?

A cigar with me.

Guy #3

Me.

Never had anywhere near the success of the aforementioned two. Finally found a company to refinance my house. Make enough money on book sales and various internet ventures to put food on the table and travel on the cheap sleeping in crappy motels, if not the rental car. One time, with full time dance classes and full time banking work, almost made $100,000 had I not told my employer to go fornicate himself. Housing bubble hit, reverted to solely dance classes, and once again lived in an illegally furnished basement apartment to make ends meet.

Next major purchase?

Gas for my next road trip.

So what, young lieutenants, do all the aforementioned boys above have in common?

Well, let me tell you.

1. They in their naive youth were more than willing to bust out of the gates, take on life, and become great entrepreneurs or captains of industry.

2. They foolishly assumed what finite and fleeting fortune they did have was going to last forever and either purchased things they shouldn't have or made investments in what is now in retrospect foolish things.

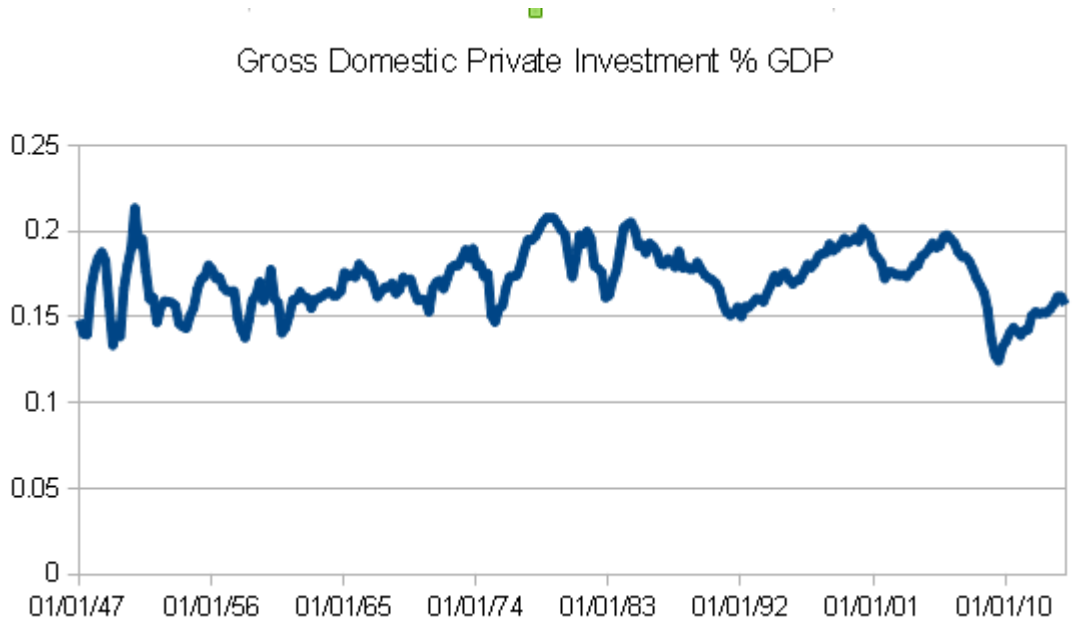
3. After suffering the great recession, having to get by on limited income wherein finances were so crippling and threatening, all of them have (and pay attention to this) ZERO INTEREST IN EVER BUYING ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANT WORTH EVER AGAIN.

And thus the point of my post.

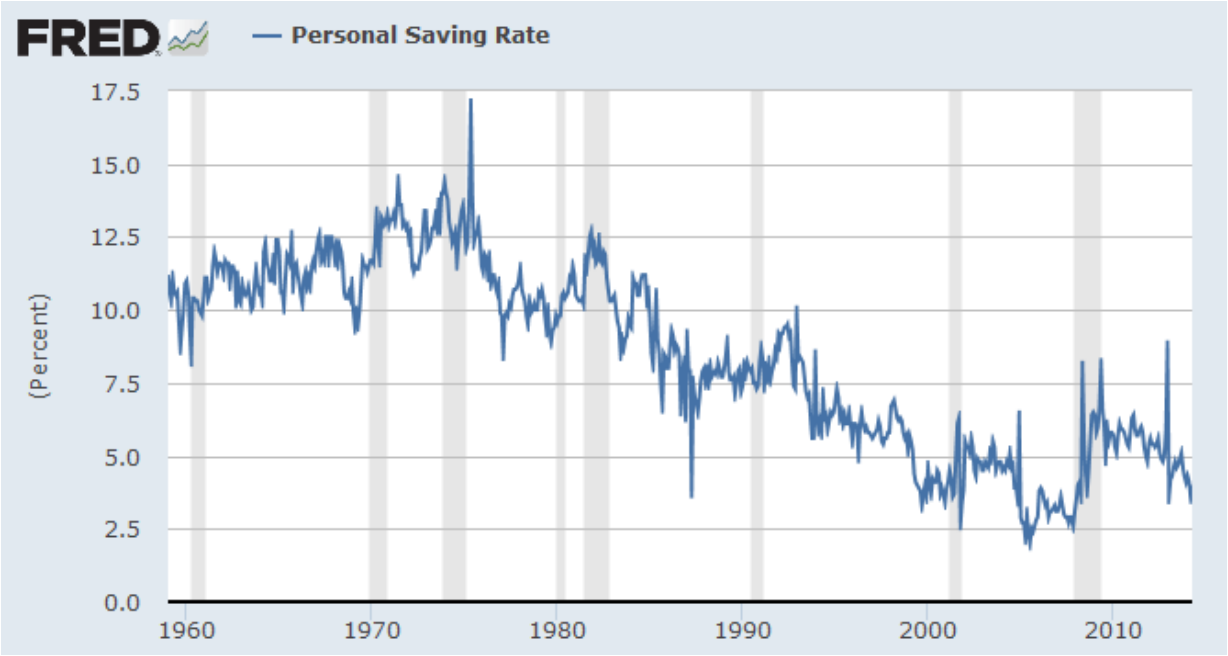
While we three men of occident aren't conclusive empirical proof, we are anecdotes of what I believe to be a torpedoing trend for the Keynesian Obamanauts - people, with the harshness of the Great Recession fresh in their minds, just plain don't want to invest or spend money.

I wanted to see if there was a "Marginal Propensity to Consume" figure on the FRED database to confirm this, but I could not find one. Still, using several proxies you see at least a reluctance or stubbornness as the population becomes penny pinchers a la those who went through the Great Depression.

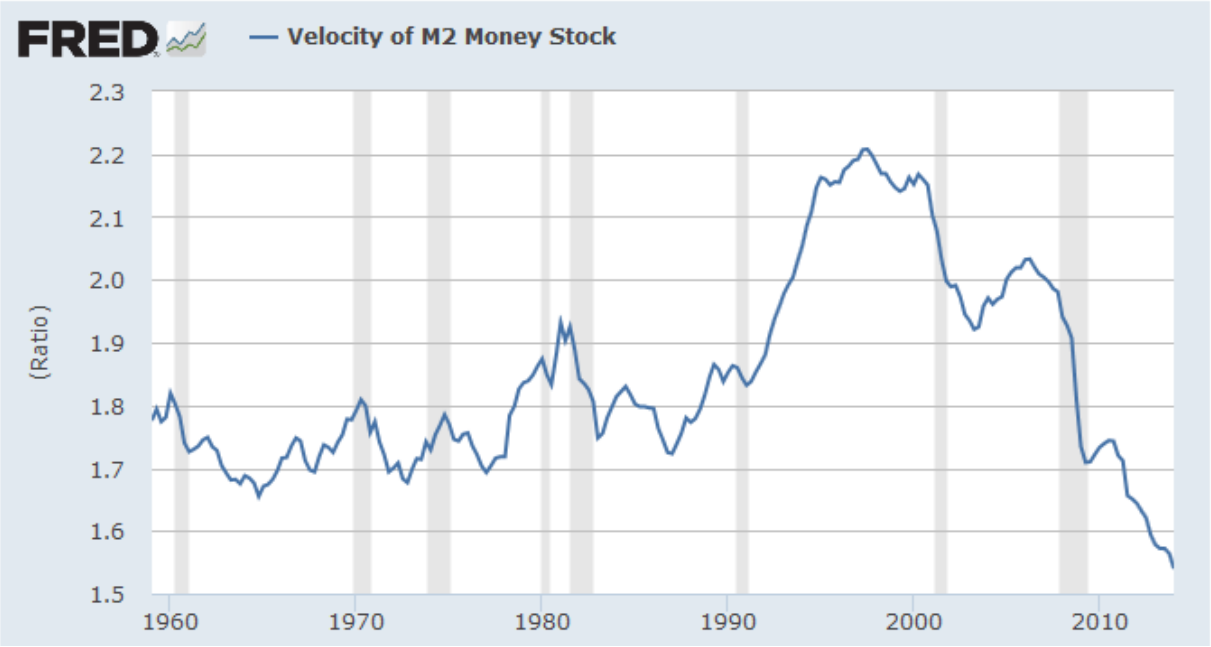
Gross private investment, though recovering, still isn't back to its historical average:



The Personal Savings Rate (which I believe is actually a good thing) is not playing Keynesian ball



And the velocity of money puts another nail on Obama's record-breaking stimulus spending:



Whatever specific events caused this - crushing finances for 7 years, big titted girls running off with money, foreclosure, ne'er an ounce of job security - the larger point is that what is ultimately driving this fear to spend and invest is psychology. And sadly, for Obama and his Keynesians, they largely ignore psychology, insisting to treat economics as an actual, mathematical science arrogantly thinking they can predict the economy like Newtonian physics.

Since they ignore psychology the economic policies they enact are rendered impotent. For example we do have relatively low taxes historically speaking. But spending is so out of control it undermines the entire future of the economy, driving away any long term investment. Obama can talk all he wants about jobs, but with Obama and the left blatantly spouting off their hatred, envy and desire to steal from the successful, it not only makes it just talk, but further deters any would-be entrepreneurs from trying their best. And ironically, since none of these Keynesian tactics have actually worked, the left has screwed over their most reliable demographic - young people. Additionally burden this demographic with student loans used largely to finance the "Leftist Vampire Professor Industry" and it doesn't matter how much "hope and faith" they have in Obama, they just plain don't have the money to buy houses, cars, and boost the economy.

The end result is what we have now - an economy that could not be more diametrically opposed to textbook economics. Historical (and I do mean historical) stimulus spending, yet a stagnant economy.

For Austrian economists or people who just have their heads out of their asses, this makes sense. For charlatans posing as Keynesians, but who know better (Krugman, etc.), this also makes sense, but they need to come up with increasingly fabricated poppycock to keep the spending gravy train going. For the rest of the economists out there this simply does not compute. But then again, most economists spent way too much time obsessing over math, let alone they actually believed the leftist claptrap they were fed in school. Alas, the price one pays for a lack of intellectually honest and independent thought is confusion and forced cognitive dissonance.

Enjoy the decline!

Monday Night Constitutional

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Stay frosty, boys. Stay the freak frosty.

Some outstanding charts from Susan Walsh. My favorite is the chart showing a near-zero interest from women in hooking up or looking for sex, but a booming interest in dating.

New sponsor "Confessions of an Online Hustler"

Indian accounts of tornadoes pre-colonial days.

Dealing With Adult Children

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But the biggest purpose in ensuring that whatever your critics say about you is a lie is that it ultimately calls into question their authority and accuracy. No matter how emotional, no matter how enraged, when they are lying about you it calls into question everything else they've said about you and gives you cache and credibility over them.

The Marksman's Box

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A year ago I headed out west for my annual South Dakota trip. I was invited to visit a reader out in Wyoming. He was an older man, but he was a skilled man because when he showed me his little shop (which was an abandoned gas station) he showed me "The Marksman's Box."

It was one of those things that was so simple in design that it was brilliant. It is basically an ammo box, a strap of which you use to sling it over your shoulder or just carry. However, the way the top opens suspends the strap in midair just above the box allowing you to lay the barrel of your gun down using it essentially as a firing platform.

I've been meaning to link to the poor guy for the past year, but then ended up working on various other projects. It wasn't until recently I rediscovered the pictures from that trip did I frantically realize I forgot.

Anyway, he isn't a sponsor because he isn't paying me, but he was a heck of a nice guy with a heck of a nice idea. please consider purchasing one if you're looking for something to carry ammo as well as to help your aim.

Tuesday Evening Constitutional

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Fat tatted up self-absorbed crusader goes on a crusade because...well...she's got nothing better to do.

El Capitan de Espanol! I was looking for somebody to translate.

College degrees per capita.

Self-sufficiency is better than a college degree. But don't tell professors and their spoiled veal-like suburbanite princes and princesses that.

Oh, just NOW you realize Americans are stupid?

Ghostbusters, 1774 America, and some zingers on Obama.

Uh ohhhh!!!! Google has no problem hiring people without degrees! Oh noezies!!!!! What are the edukated childrenz of Ameriku suppozed to doo?

Speaking of stupid.

Fuck You Mark Dayton

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Fuck you and your spoiled brat children.

(read down to the point where you find out his children run a restaurant and complained to him about the minimum wage hike)

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

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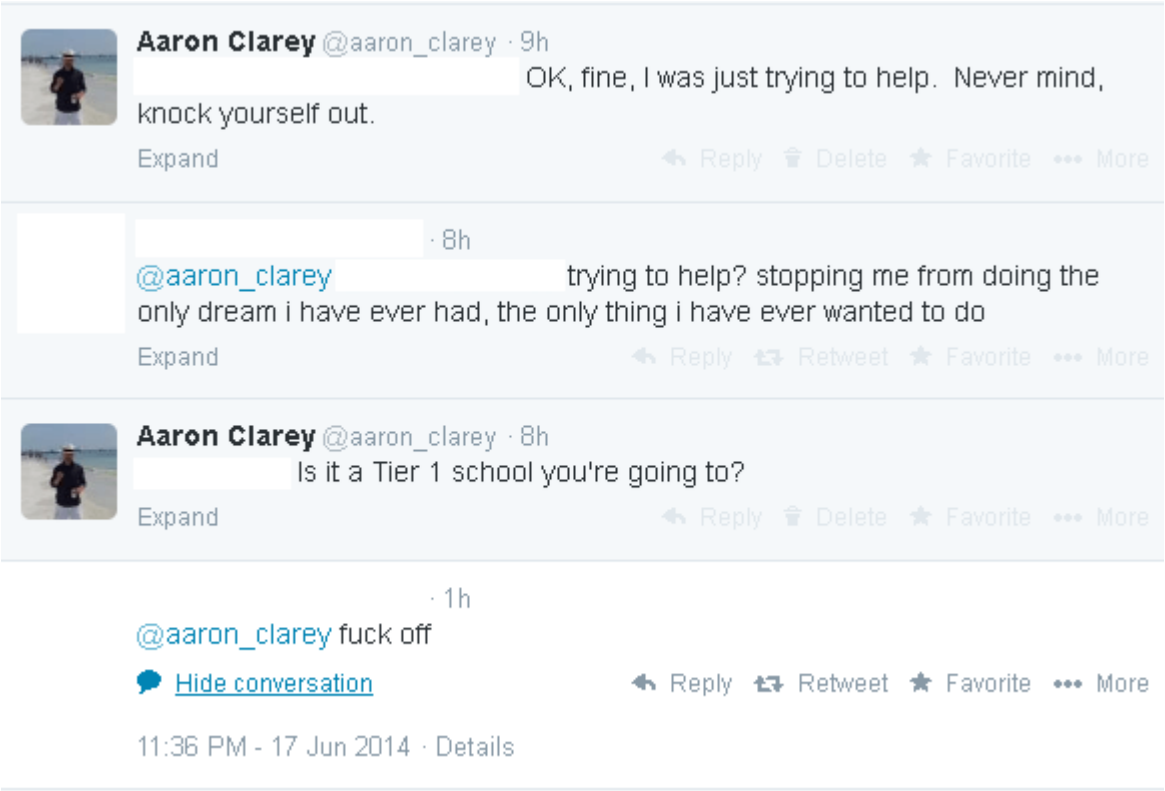
To give context, I was in all good faith attempting to get this kid to at least RETHINK attending law school. Alas, this is what happens when you try to introduce reality into the Millennial's Dream-World built up by politicians, aloof parents, and an education industry desperate to rip them off of their money.



It's instances like this that makes me happy to hear the never ending news stories of (typically) leftists students getting crushed and their lives crippled by student loans.

How 90210 Drove Gen X Women Insane

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Or something to that effect:

New Blogroll - Glitter Night

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Two posts that intrigued me:

The top 4 Forgotten Military Units.

A review of "The Burqa" - Apparently makes Quentin Tarantino seem tame.

You can visit the main site here.

The Most Depressing Podcast Ever

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The Black Brigade has another damn fine podcast up, but the news they cover not just makes it the most depressing podcast I've listened to in a while, but only reinforces why enjoying the decline is the way to go.

No Greater Determining Sociological Variable Than Single Moms

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Why do we champion such idiocy in society?

Never mind, I know, I know. It helps elect socialists to power by promising a surrogate provider to replace fathers and husbands. At least the children don't suffer.

Wednesday Night Constitutional

June 19, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Do not underestimate stupid people.

We should just ban all guns...that way we can use knives.

Didn't we just leave this place?

The Real Threat of the Patent Office

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Conservative talk radio is once again just like the Republican Party.

Timid
Tepid
Weak
Polite
and apologetic

when it comes to the patent office reneging on the Washington Redskin's trademark.

"Oooo!!! Ooo!!! Gee Joe I don't know about that. That 'MAY' lead somewhere! Ooooo! Oooo!!! Slippery slope!"

Thankfully I'm not as spineless as they are and I don't care to be fake nice to the "party across the aisle" in the hopes they may someday reciprocate my politeness.

The truth is it was 100% an Obama appointee ideologue's move and it was done 100% for political purposes.

This, in it of itself, does not particularly wreak any damage. Just a political hack with a government position abusing power. However, because leftists are idiots and really don't understand economics, they have no idea just how much economic damage they've potentially caused in turning the patent office political -

What inventor or entrepreneur is EVER going to trust the patent office, let alone come up with a new invention ever again?

Oh, I know, I know, big companies and big Pharma and big chemical companies will still apply for their patents and copyrights, but the next Edison, the next Gates, the next Ford? If they're conservative (or at least capitalists which they usually are) why should they trust the patent office now with their sweat and toil?

The true damage caused by this little political whining cry baby stunt is that a name that really only offends the professional offense-seekers has now completely undermined that concept of copyrights, patents, and intellectual property.

Enjoy that freaking decline.

Hoarder Economics

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While therapists and TV network producers aim to profit off of hoarders, none of them ever get around to actually solving the problem at its genetic level. They treat it, they have interventions, sometimes an increasingly-rare father figure comes in, bypasses them all, and lays down the law. But by and large the phenomenon is one that persists.

However, with my patented SAGE (TM) I have found an economic rationale or "counterargument" for what is the number one excuse hoarders use to explain why they hoard -

"It has value"

or

"I can use this in the future."

And I think for those of you that must suffer hoarders, it will prove invaluable.

Let us set aside the argument that their basement-dwelling, mold-infested, "Computer Programming Today" magazines from the 1970's really don't have any value. Let us set aside the argument that Beanie Babies don't pay dividends and provide no cash flow. And let us set aside the argument that all those clothes haven't been worn in 10 years and are obsoleted through fashion.

Let's just assume EVERYTHING a hoarder hoards has value.

So where do you store it?

Well, you have many options where to store this stuff. But the problem is that no matter where you store it, it's going to cost money to store it.

A rental facility costs rent.
Your house has a mortgage (and property taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. even if you pay the mortgage)
And your apartment also costs rent.

And if you've ever been in realty you know that rent, housing and storage costs are measured by (what metric was that again?) oh, that's right

$/square foot.

This is often the variable the hoarder's brain fails to account for. That even if their stuff did have value, which it doesn't, they are still paying for it in that they must house it SOMEWHERE. And the more stuff they have, the more they must pay. You calculate total storage cost, and the fact they NEVER sell it, the true storage costs are at least thrice any potential value of all the stuff.

Naturally, for genuine psycho-hoarders who have an emotional vestment in their junk this logical economic argument will not force them to start jettisoning their junk. BUT for the "sane hoarders:"

Great Depression generation
People brought up under poverty
A cluttery husband
and pretty much every female in America (yuk yuk yuk)

this handy economic rationale may open their eyes to how hoarding junk is really costing them more in the long run...not to mention grant you that sanity of having a clean house you can finally enjoy.

Volunteers Love Themselves, But Hate the Poor

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I received a request from some social media internet company that wanted to do some kind of "affiliate" thing with my blog. I always entertain these offers because sometimes they actually pay money instead of "exchange traffic" or "help optimize my SEO." So I said, "sure yeah, what do you got?"

"Well, we work with non-profits" and then he lost me there because no matter what he said after that would be irrelevant and let me explain why.

Non-profits DO NOT SOLVE PROBLEMS.

They don't.

They just don't.

I've asked before for people to provide me a list of social ills non-profits have solved and am still waiting for one. Haiti is still a shithole, Africa is still a shithole, Chicago is still a shithole. racism is still abound, 1 in 5 children are starving in America..matter of fact, if you ask any of these non-profit types they're saying the situation has GOTTEN WORSE and they need EVEN MORE money.

My question is "What happened to the $4-$8 TRILLION we gave you over the past 40 years?????"

Naturally, in the private sector if you handed out trillions of dollars to solve problems and NONE of them were solved, whoever was in charge would be fired. But ahhhhh, there's the problem.

You're thinking logically again.

You see, charity, non-profit and social spend is NOT to solve the said ills of society. It is FIRST AND FOREMOST for the workers in those industries. There is no limit to the MILLIONS of spoiled brat suburbanite high school graduates who go to some third world nation to "help" which is liberalese for "free trip and ego-masturbation hiding the fact I'm a lazy 18 year old who doesn't want to work hard or study math." And they really never grow up, but instead aspire to start their own charities and non-profits (just look at the heads of any non-profit and see if they're engineers, doctors or any real contributors of society, or are instead liberal arts majors hailing from rich families). This results in an entire industry (and a significant part of government) that is nothing more than adult children syphoning money off of charitable people and taxpayers so they can play

"incompetent do-gooder" and avoid a real job.

But what pushes the non-profit world from "naive and lazy" to "full blown evil" is where they realize that if they ever were to solve the problem, then they'd be out of a job and have to find real work. This results in one of two things. Either they NEVER solve the problem, constantly begging for more money (the public schools is a perfect example of this) OR they create whole new problems (once the Keystone pipeline was kaboshed, all those environmentalists went on to protest fracking). In other words these people USE AND ABUSE the actually disadvantaged people they're claiming to help and is ultimately why 32 cents on the dollar is actually received by welfare recipients, "Live AID" made some musicians rich while Africans still suffered, and black kids in Chicago suffer a lousy education while the true Uncle Tom eats sushi in the White House.

I've said it before and I'll say it again - I have more respect for the welfareist of the welfare bums because at least they're honest. They just want a free buck and I can at least understand that on a human psychology level. But the scum that populate the non-profit world are a zillion times worse in that they not only want to parasite off of the rest of society, but DARE to claim their actions are noble and DARE to act superior, smug, and altruistic about it.

What "Asshole Consulting" Tells Us About Society

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I was interviewed on Kerry Lutz's show yesterday and we actually had a great discussion about Asshole Consulting. Not so much the business model, but what it says about a society that there would be an actual market for a consulting company that basically dispenses advice your father, mother, teachers, and elders should have give you.

But that's just it.

What fathers?
What mothers?
What teachers?
What elders?

The sad truth is the "elders" are nothing but spoiled brat children who just happen to be 40+. Inundated with touchy feel-good 60's BS, trillions of debt in stimulus spending, and socialist poppycock, they never grew up. Everybody still gets divorced at the same enviable Baby Boomer levels. The economy has gone to pot. The young have no financial future. And NOBODY has even the faintest clue about the basics in personal financial management.

Throw it all together and you now have two full generations brought up with what can at best be considered an impaired and deficient upbringing.

People may find it despicable that I charge to provide basic "older brother" advice to the young, disadvantaged and destitute, but charging them $30 for a harsh-truth e-mail is better than the free sugar-coated lies they've been told that only destroys their lives, but spares their feeeeeelinnnnngsssss.

Good Christians, Bad Christians, and Why Atheists Hate You All

June 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just a PK's view:

Job Posting

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Aleksey at Academic Composition is looking for people to post ads on Craig's List. The basics are thus:

In summary

Start up compensation: $20
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Regular compensation: $1 per each day your ad stays live on the forum
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From a Father

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Average Married Dad is kind enough to write a review of Worthless and explains why every son (and daughter) needs to read it...and consequently why it should be on the NYT's best seller list.

Saturday Day Constitutional

June 21, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Over nice and under laid.

Just another nail on the coffin on the radio industry. I don't think anybody is going to be shedding a tear watching the East Coast publishers, West Coast recording studios, and all the other "elitists" who determined what kind of media would be published or not.

Picking up girls in a Lamborghini without talking (moths to the flames, boys. Moths to the flames)

How white males can claim the benefits of diversity - claim you're gay.

An interview with a man who does other people's homework for a living.

The Black Brigade has another damn fine podcast, BUT this time replete with incredibly Barack Obama impersonation. Also, they recap the Iraqi situation that I'm too lazy to look up.

Once Lost a Student Can Never Be Recovered

June 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Permit me to explain a non-state-teacher's-union-leftist-education-degree-approved real world, private sector observation about education:

Once I lost interest in school, I never gained it back. And that wasn't just me, but what I'd estimate to be about 95% of boys and about 50% of girls.

Once we lost an interest in school, it was damn well near impossible to ever get us excited or interested about it again.

Notice I say "school" and not "education," because what goes on in the public schools really isn't education but baby sitting, indoctrination and keeping talentless people employed as they hide behind the guise of children. But regardless of the political machinations of what the public schools really are, it is sad because it wasn't until I was about 35 did I take an interest in education or things like reading. School was a chore, all the way from my second day of kindergarten to my last day of college. 17 years of what was no less than a mental prison for an industry that managed to siphon off around $250,000 from me and my parents when it was all said and done. So when it was all said and done you basically had a boy sitting, nodding his head, sometimes barely staying awake, just to jump through one ass big hoop while I learned little to nothing along the way (except a seething hatred of teachers).

And that is the true tragedy of education today. Because just imagine if you, me, and every other boy and girl out there was not forced to go to this mental prison, but were rather invigorated, excited, and MENTALLY ENGAGED their entire K-college education? 17 years of actually looking forward to school like you do today reading a good book or studying something on teh interwebz. 17 years of not just stimulating your mind, but pushing it towards new horizons, exercising it to take on and understand new concepts. We'd have a country full of creative and literal geniuses and nowhere near the financial problems we have today.

Sadly they key vital ingredient to getting students excited about school and mentally engaged is missing - interesting, exciting, and passionate teachers.

Oh, I know, I know. Little Suzy McSuburbaniteprincess at the age of 17 declares her education major because she's "passionate" about education and wants to change "children's lives." The truth, however, is borne out in the classrooms.

Boring
Incapable

Uninspiring
Stupid
Politicized
Adult children

posing as "educators," inspiring excitement in their students about as much as Whoopi Goldberg inspires an erection.

This is the real problem - a lack of inspiring teachers.

Not to brag, but when I taught (be it economics, finance, or ballroom dancing) I made damn sure my students were intellectually entertained and engaged. I had students screaming in a mock-stock market exchange. Curmudgeony old men who came to dance class kicking and screaming, dipping their wives an hour later. And once performed an economics sermon for my class from the top of my 1985 Cutlass Supreme about the evils of brand new cars. This isn't because I'm a genius or have some kind of natural gift for teaching, I just remembered how boring it was sitting in school and couldn't dare to punish hundreds of students I had nothing personally against. Ergo, I took the time to think my class through, think the lesson plans through and create an EXPERIENCE that my students would enjoy and learn along the way.

Sadly, that's too much to ask of people who belie their laziness when declaring education majors.

The truth is that if we really cared about the children, if we really wanted them to get an education, we'd pretty much fire all the teachers, get rid of something as stupid as an a "Degree in Education," and hire people with real world experience, who also have the capacity for empathy of their students. People who just don't mouth the words "I care about the children" as they go and protest Scott Walker, but people who actually DO CARE about the children, enough to ensure those children are never bored, intellectually disengaged, or disincentived to pay attention. People with real world experience that enables them to directly tie in what's on the board to the real world and explain to the students' brains why it's pertinent to their lives, not a 23 year old child spouting off leftist talking points about global warming.

Of course this is laughably impossible in today's political climate. The sheeple believe there's no such thing as too much money for education. And the vile thieves of the democrat party posing as teachers are masters at extracting nearly a trillion a year from these rubes in exchange for the shittiest education in all of Western Civilization. Worse still, they've now had nearly 50 years ~~brainwashing~~ "educating" three generations to think a certain way, protect the hive, and vote socialist.

All I ask is that society wake up and at least admit that nobody really enjoys school and

the primary reason why is we have arguably society's worst and most incompetent people posing as "teachers."

That's a Total Nazi Move

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An update about the International Conference on Men's Issues where feminists and college students have made attempts to shut it down. I won't be attending, but they have moved venues and consequently have more seats available.

My only editorial on the whole thing is a simple one because it is that simple - the left hates the freedom of speech. And every day lefties better stop focusing on free Obama Phones and student debt forgiveness and instead start focusing on true, blatant, and obvious signs of evil within their ranks.

The Clarey Podcast - Crotch Rocket to the Bakken Oil Field Episode

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The Captain's girlfriend spots a tornado at work today...while he still has yet to see one
Taking a crotch rocket to the Bakken Oil field,
Racial slurs between male friends as a means of showing affection,
The problems with success,
Listener e-mails

and MORE

in this episode of The Clarey Podcast.

(You can find the archive here)

Why People Hate Mike Rowe

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Because he's a real man and holds men to real standards.

And that makes all the little pansified, PC boys' panties get in a bundle.

"No-kay"

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Hee hee. I'm so funny!

The Economics of Robots Replacing Human Labor

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A commenter on my Youtube channel, though leftist, did indeed make a comment that made me think. He said that, ideally, and hopefully in the near future, robots will replace human labor resulting in everybody's needs being met. This would wipe out nearly all jobs, but would allow for and mandate a guaranteed income for most humans, even those that did not work.

Though idealistic, poppycock like this can only come from leftist 20 somethings steeped in academia and too much reality TV, there were strains and elements of his point that did make sense, or at least intrigued me, and thus merited a full thinking through. And so I donned my motorcycle helmet, put on my gloves, and hopped on the ole Cappy Capp Cycle and headed out west to think this one through.

And think through it I did. So permit me to share the results.

The first thing to point out about a utopia in which robots do all of our labor and we loaf around like Roman emperors is that it is never going to be possible. Human labor will still be required for tasks that robots are just not ever going to be capable of. Most obvious of which is who will program, build, and maintain the robots? Relatedly, robots not being sentient and incapable of identifying a need in the market will not know what robots to build in the first place to meet the ever changing and evolving demands of humans. Also, robots are incapable of trouble shooting and doing complex diagnoses such as a "ghost" in your motorcycle, a medical problem, or an active crime, let alone coming up with the solution to fix such problems. Finally, humans also want the human touch. This could be anything from a massage, spa treatment, or waiting tables to books, movies, art, and umm....*ahem* the eldest profession.

Because of this, the best of my thinking leads me to believe that there will be at least THREE general types of human labor that will never go away:

1. Programmers and builders of robots
2. Tradesman that require non-programmable skills that can solve randomness (surgeons, plumbers, lawyers, mechanics, etc.
3. Personal human or "vanity" services

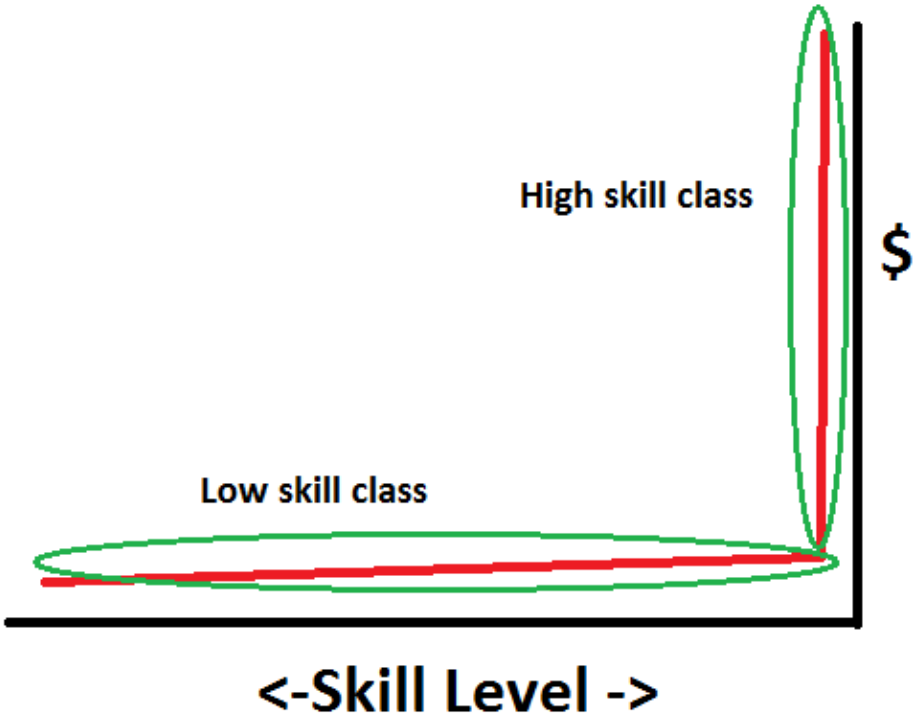
There could certainly be more and no doubt we could debate about the above, but in the "Robot Economy" one thing is for certain - what human jobs do exist will be classified into two general cateogies:

High skill

and

Low skill

You will either decide at the age of 15 "Eh, I just want a life of leisure and will live off of my mandating income, maybe working a shift as a waiter" or "No, I want to go the extra mile and become a surgeon." This will result in a heavily skewed or asymptotic labor market with two very distinct classes within:



So far there is nothing technically wrong with this theoretical economy. If robots and technology are efficient enough you only need a small percentage of "high skilled" workers to support the robots which in turn supports the much more numerous "low skilled" workers. Matter of fact, this would indeed be ideal and I'd be all for it.

There just a couple problems...as there always is with ideas coming out of academia.

1. Some Humans Breed to Resource Capacity

If we could be assured that humans would only have a certain amount of children, this idealistic economy may work. Unfortunately, humans have a tendency to breed to the point their resources are stretched. Admittedly, not ALL humans do this, some living within their means, but noticed how I said, "some" humans and not "all." The reason why is that it only takes SOME humans to outbreed past the productive capacity of the entire roboticized economy. And before you jump to conclusions about which humans those are, I would say nearly all of them.

Africans are the most obvious of this example. Trillions of dollars in aid didn't increase the income per capita of Africa in large part because just more capita were made. It is NOT a coincidence that the poorest countries have the highest birthing rates. Regardless, more money doesn't result in increased standards of livings with some humans, just more capita.

But what of those responsible suburbanite SWPL people only having 1.4 children per couple? See they're not breeding past the productive capacity of said roboticized industries!

Oh, you mean the people who "have to" buy McMansions they can't afford, lease cars that cost more than my mortgage, wear clothes that will be out of fashion in 6 months, and keep those monstrosities of debt-fueled spending frenzies called "malls" in business all while majoring in sociology thinking that career will pay for their outlandishly expensive dreams?

You mean *those* fiscally austere and responsible people?

Yeah, right, they'll NEVER out-consume the productive ability of the roboticized economy.

In short, it really doesn't matter your race is. The point is even if you come from the poorest classes on the planet or hail from the richest, it is human nature to consume to the point your finances are stretched. This will put pressure on not just the roboticized economy to constantly produce more and more, but insane demands on the humans on the back-end of said economy to keep up with the insatiable demands of the low-skill class.

2. The Human Ego Will Not Abide a 95% Low Skill Class

If there's something I've learned in the past 4 years about humans, it's that they need ego just as much as they need food, clothing and shelter.

Let's say you magically get it to where 5% of "high skilled humans" can build, manage, and maintain a roboticized economy that supports the remaining 95%.

In that 95% what percent are going to accept a life and career as a waiter, a backrubber, a smiley hotel bell boy, or just nothing? Can you see the DudeBro's being told they aren't going to become investment bankers? Can you see the 30 something independent single woman being told she is not going to have a career in social work? Can you see the Millennial kid being told he's not going to be needed as a lawyer?

They'd all throw temper tantrums.

What you need to realize today that nearly 40% of the employment we have today (most of which is in government, non-profit, and academia) is NOT for some kind of productive purpose that serves society, but is there SOLELY to benefit the ego of two full generations of adult children who are talentless, but are too emotionally fragile to accept it. The HR ditz, the social worker, the teacher, the fireman, the life guard, the non-profit director, you name it. But not only are they too emotionally fragile to accept this reality, they are also too egotistical. They will NOT sit idly by, getting the "High Skilled Person's Test" in this theoretical utopia, finding out they failed, and are condemned to merely collecting a check or being a spa person.

In other words, not only will the Roboticized Economy need to produce enough to provide for the basics of the 95% low-skill class, it will have to have a surplus production of (what I'd estimate to be) an additional 40% GDP to create entire faux "Ego Employment Industries" so millions can make believe and play pretend "professional worker person"...much like we do today.

3. Class Envy

If you think income distribution, class warfare, and class envy is bad now, just wait till the robots take over!

The irony is of course those who clamor for such a roboticized economy and things like "guaranteed income" would be the first to be protesting the "unfairness" and "economic injustice" that those surgeons and robot programmers were making so much more than they were.

Never mind that their food, clothing, and shelter is paid for.

Never mind no human in the history of the world has enjoyed such a life of leisure. Never mind the above-mentioned system would be as close as humans could get to a genuine "Utopia."

It would be a matter of nano-seconds before the leftists' human nature of envy, greed, and hatred would forget their enviable life of leisure, and start coveting what the high-skill class of humans have.

The truth is that while this utopia is impossible to attain, society has constantly been moving towards it asymptotically the entire time. The West has made amazing, jaw-dropping advances that would no doubt seem magical to people alive just 200 years ago. People back then would have killed and been thankful for what we have today and wouldn't care that they live in the lower skill class. But as is human nature, particularly of the leftist variety, if you grow up surrounded by it, you tend to envy and then villainize the productive people in your society. Ergo, the roboticized asymptotic curve will always forever move towards a perpendicular right angle, providing the masses ever increasing standards of living, but they'll only focus on what the producers have and they don't. Thus, while technology and innovation may in theory make such an economy a possibility (one can say it already has), it is human nature that will prevent it from being realized.

Enjoy the decline.

She'd Make a Damn Good Economist

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I hereby award Kate the "She'd Make a Damn Good Economist Award."

Christian Men Having Problems Dating Christian Women

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A secularist PK's view:

If you need guidance, wisdom, or just a guy that knows everything, contact Asshole Consulting!

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"Open Office" and no, we're not talking the computer software.

The Real Rate of Return of Stocks

June 26, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Follow young Cappy on this financial and intellectual endeavor and learn something you just aren't going to find in the MSM.

Understand that there is no such thing as capital gains when it comes to stocks.

Yes, I know there IS such a thing and that it is proven everyday day, but theoretically there shouldn't be any capital gains, let alone an entire retirement industry based on capital gains because, in theory, a market would be efficient enough to price all future profits into the current day price of a stock leaving no room for capital gains.

So why would you own a stock?

Dividends, my good boy. Dividends.

The reason why is that dividends are THE ONLY THING THAT IS PRODUCED BY A CORPORATION THAT IS ACTUALLY PAID OUT TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS. And this is a very important reality to understand if you wish to understand the value of stocks, because when you buy a stock you aren't

"buying the right to vote"

or

"purchasing a percentage of the firm's assets"

you're not even getting

"a percentage of the firm's profits."

No, you get a proportional percentage of the dividends that are paid out, if any.

That's it. That's all a stock is. A ***right to a proportional percentage of future dividends the company may pay out***.

Ergo, it is ONLY dividends that matter and drive the value of a stock.

So how do stock prices stack up against the dividends they pay? What kind of percent rate of return can you expect from dividends? Well historically you could expect a rate of return around 5%. But with retirement dollars and QE money flooding the market, stocks

have been driven so high without a commensurate increase in dividends that you get

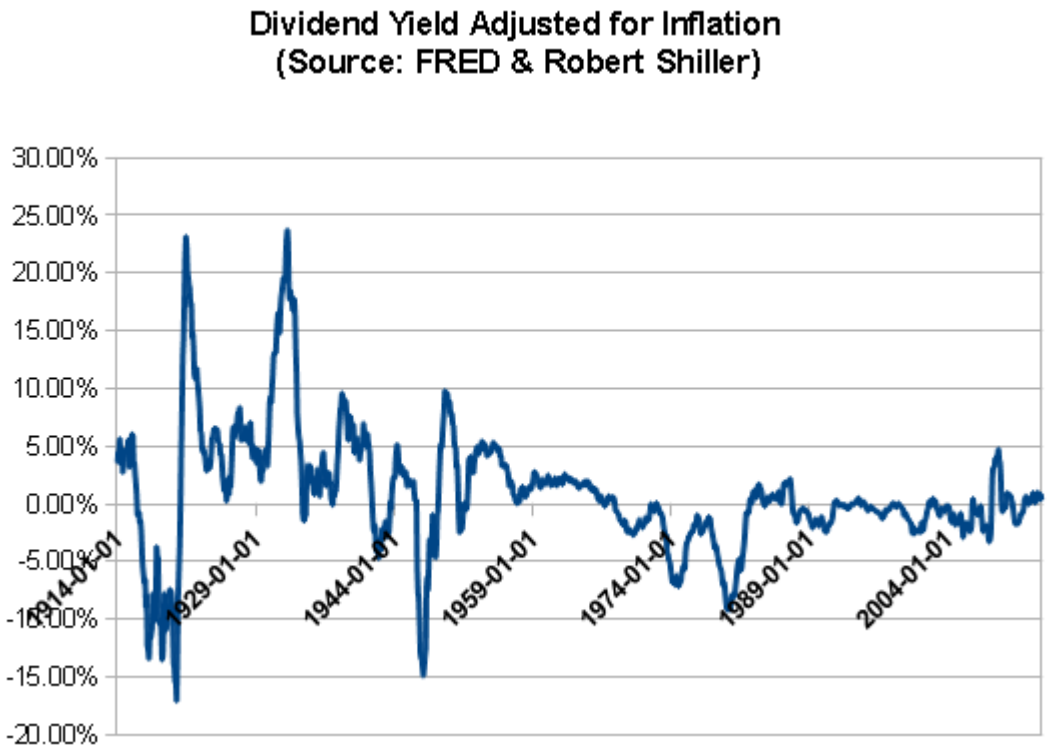
are you ready for it?

a WHOPPING 2% rate of return!

But are you really even getting that?

I was listening to the Kerry Lutz show and he had Danielle Park on who made the very astute point of "what about inflation?"

Indeed what about inflation and so with my SAEG I went and calculated the dividend yield going back to 1914 and adjusted it for inflation. And shucks howdy, look at that!



Stocks really haven't been providing a positive rate of return since about the mid 70's.

A couple points, however.

One, the negative rates of return from 1974 on are obviously caused by the oil embargoes and inflationary days of the late 70's. However, ever since then, rates have more or less remained marginally negative, stocks never really beating out inflation. It behooves the question why are stocks going up at in real terms since their ONLY driver of value (dividends) is effectively providing negative rates of return?

Two, the retirement bubble got it's official kick off in 1978 when we had our first ordained retirement plan (the 401k). Since then the stock market has been flooded with dollars which may have driven up capital gains (and made everybody happy on paper), but driven the real rate of return on dividends below zero.

Three, despite the dramatic increase in the stock market since 2008, you'd think inflation-adjusted dividend yields would be driven into negative territory. However, oddly enough, they're positive in the fraction of a percentage point range.

Why?

Inflation is very low...or so we're told.

The question is if you believe the official CPI numbers being churned out.

The larger point is not one of whether inflation is being manipulated or retirement dollars are flooding the market or QE-X is driving prices higher, but yields lower. It's just what a lousy investment stocks have been post - WWII when you look at the only thing they produce - dividends.

We don't get excited about bonds that only pay 3%
We whine about our savings accounts and CD's only paying 1%

But by god and shucks howdy, we'll plow trillions into a stock market that pays -.5% because...capital gains.

I just hope when Economics 101 classes are taught in the future, right along side the "Holland Tulip Bubble" some kind econ prof will cite this post.

Enjoy the decline.

Why Men Don't Want to Have Children

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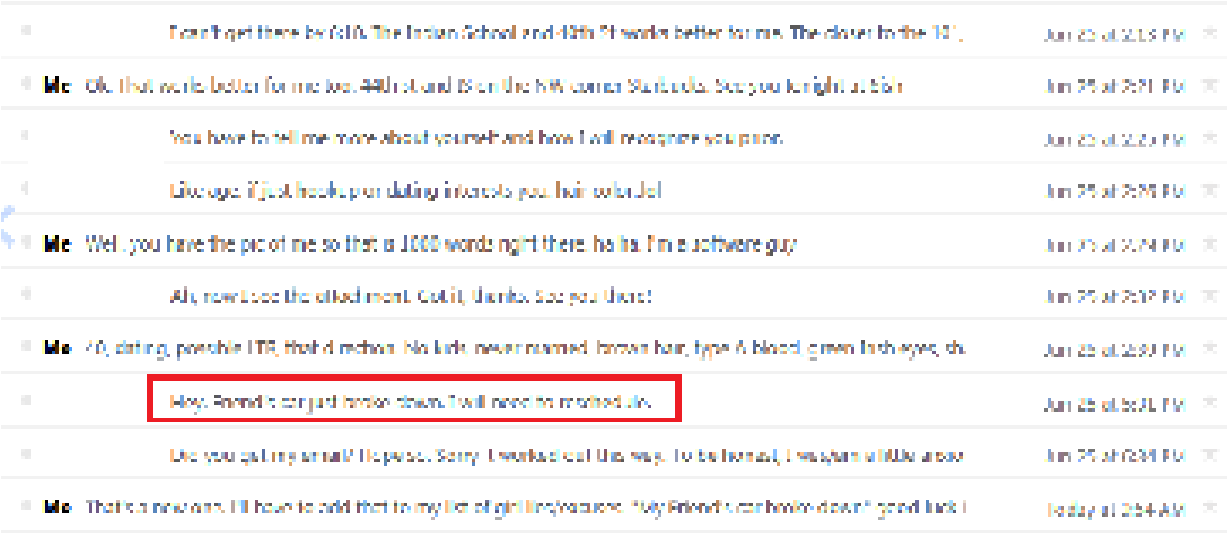
In response to this article where the old broad is just "so confused" as to why none of her sons want children:

40 Year Old Women with 13 Year Old Excuses

June 27, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From our Pheonix Agent in the Field.(names deleted for privacy):



My observations will be kept short and succinct because it's Friday and I don't feel like working.

1. We all need to step back, clear the gunk from our eyes and look at this for what it truly is. We are allowing full grown adult women to grow in this society to the point they reach the age of 40 and still think this bullshit not only flies, but think this is perfectly acceptable adult behavior. It is NOT adult behavior, it is insulting, it is childish and it is all too common.

2. While some people will make claims this whole "manosphere/red pill" thing is a bunch of sour grapes basement dwelling virgins, it is stuff like this that proves it is not. There IS something wrong with the male-female dynamics in this society and (while men do have their flaws and are certainly to blame) the blame is disproportionately and deservedly laid on women.

3. Before you assume something about this guy's physique because he's a software programmer, I have met this agent in the field. Hiked with the guy. He is in GREAT shape and good looking too. Add to that him never being married, no kids, no baggage, you'd think a 40 year old woman would be THANKFUL to find this diamond in the rough.

No, no. "My friend's car broke down."

Ladies, I know "you" don't do these things. And I know your friends don't do these things. That's because you're good women and you only surround yourselves with equally good women. But you have to believe us men when we recount experiences and episodes such as this as you aren't the majority of women. This stuff is bullshit, it's all too common, and apparently, given this is a 40 year old woman, it ain't going away.

Durrrrr… Why is Tuition So High???

June 27, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You idiotic leftist college students deserve nothing more that what you bring upon yourself.

Man from UNCLE 2015

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Hellz yes.

Saturday Roadside Linkage

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The Captain's Prayer.

IQ by major and gender. aka "*Math is tough. How do I math? WHY IS THERE A WAGE GAP DAMNIT!!!!????*"

"Math is Tough" part 2

The "Hotel Desk Picture"

July 2, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In the past three years I've had the fortunate luck to be able to travel. Admittedly within the US and on a shoe-string budget, but still, travel none-the-less.

As you travel you start to notice some common recurring themes or "traits" during your travels.

Like how you constantly end up with a Kia Rio rental because you're cheap.

How your diet goes to shit because you're travelling out west and out west there are no people and therefore no decent restauarants and therefore your diet consists of gas station food.

Or how you strategically plan your travels around Wal-Mart because your plans change and you need new gear to meet your changing plans.

However, out of all of these "eccentricities" of American Bachelor Travel (TM) there is one that keeps popping up in my travels that I've decided to document henceforth.

The "Hotel Desk Picture."

The Hotel Desk Picture is a recurring visual I see every time I travel. It is an empirical testament to what happen during the trip which tells a story unique to that particular travel. It first started when I was in Grand Junction, Colorado about a month ago. There, without me knowing it, was the perfect set up for the "Hotel Desk Picture." I had driven from Minneapolis to the western reaches of Colorado. I was at a shady hotel, but the ideal hotel. This resulted in me putting my loaded pistol on the bedside table, but not without me first putting my laptop on the lonely beige desk in front of the window. The combination made me feel like Hunter Thompson wherein I could write all I wanted on my laptop (whilst looking into the multi-colored cliffs of the Rocky foothills), and reach for my gun in the statistically improbable case a leftist sent a hitman after me in these western remote regions a la "No Country for Old Men."

I didn't write anything like Mr. Thompson, and no leftist goon made an attempt on my life. But after that I have henceforth decided to take a photograph of the desk or bedside table during my travels to document what I (personally) think is a pretty cool phenomenon.

.For example, this is my latest "Hotel Desk Picture"

JIM BEAM
BOURBON

The picture tells a thousand words, but let me cut them down a bit.

1. The Jim Beam is there because I had driven a motorcycle through weather conditions that consisted of consistent Seattle-like rain, sheer winds of over 40 MPH (to the point I'd have to draft off of semi-trucks), and 30-degrees-below-average temperatures of 55 degrees. I wasn't drinking, until god decided to be a total dick and screw me over on my ride to the Bakken. Thankfully the Devil made Jim Beam and my nerves were calmed upon reaching my hotel.

2. Speaking of weather, did I mention it rained like Seattle? Not hard, not soft, but a constant piss of rain that made you think god had drank gallons of water, put a sprinkler spout on his unit and said, "Hey! Let me piss consistently all over I-94 in North Dakota for 6 hours straight!" So consistent was the rain that it soaked through my jacket, the liner, and the pocket that my 9MM got wet. So I had to clean it. Which leads us to...

3. "Remington's Cleaner." That yellow and green can? Yep, that's gun cleaner freshly bought from the Dickinson Wal-Mart. And let me tell you what a fine and upstanding clientele that Dickinson Wal-Mart has.

If you ever think it's just minorities outbreeding their capacity to pay for said ~~parasites~~ children, in addition to Casper Wyoming's two Wal-Marts, now add Dickinson for pure, 100%, USDA Grade A white trash sucking off the government dime. Idiocracy was not a work of fiction, it was a documentary about Dickinson's Wal-Mart.

Anyway, I had to get gun cleaner to clean my gun. Disassembled it, sprayed it, cleaned it, scrubbed it, and reassembled it to its current state in that picture.

4. The gloves? Those are just drying there on the table. Behind the scene my clothes were all scattered about to maximize the surface exposure to air so they'd dry and I'd have dry undies the next day. Truthfully the gloves are the first to dry because they're immediately exposed to windsheer while driving. But still, the larger point is all of my clothes were soaked. I was standing in nothing but a towel when taking the picture.

The moral of this post is that you should take the time to look at your surroundings while you're on an adventure as it will tell a more telling story than perhaps the adventure itself. I have my pictures from Grand Junction somewhere, but until that time, I suggest the next time you're out traveling,

stop
take the time to pull out the camera

and take a picture of what is sitting on your hotel desk.

It may prove a better story than the trip itself.

From the Bakken

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Made it back to my humble Minneapolis in one piece. Some pictures from the Bakken oil field (specifically a rig I visited).

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Outstanding.

Life During Peacetime - Book Review

July 3, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Life During Peacetime" is an essay by Matt Forney about his exploits with a blogger groupie. It is a short piece, which is why I'm thankful he calls it an essay and not a "tome" or a "book," but just so you know up front, it's about 30 pages or so.

The e-book version is only 99 cents and the paper back is $8.99. Whether it is worth the money depends on your tastes and preferences, but I would say definitely for the e-reader, not so much for the paperback. For $8.99 you can get a real book that will consume more of your time.

Costs and pricing aside it is a very well written book. I keep forgetting that Matt is younger than me because he is such a good writer. When I read his stuff, it usually sounds like it's coming from a 45 year old. However, his youth shines through with a wee-bit too much crassness and vulgarity. Naturally, you all know I like to curse, but I try to eschew crass sexual topics, of which there are many in this book.

Still, if you're looking for a short read too kill part of an afternoon or this kind of book is up your alley and I'd recommend buying the book. But if you want a book length work of fiction or have a weak stomach like I do for overly gross sexual details, I would not advise it.

Mandatory Podcasts

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Stefan Molyneux's "Truth About Che Guevera" is an absolute must. I knew the guy was a commie, but I didn't know how much of a crusaderist he was. Spoiled brat, rich parents, and those motorcycle rides he did? Yeah, all financed on mommy's dime. Listen to it if for any other reason than to see the predictive qualities and traits that I laid out in my Crusaderism series.

Penn Gillette has Richard Dawkins on who has an amazing discussion about genetics, evolution, and epo-genetics.

Book Review - The Long Way Home

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The Long Way Home by Sanne Wikjer is a short, but action packed sci-fi book about a soldier/mercenary who goes through an inordinate amount of fighting, war, politics, and espionage in an adventure that has more twists and turns than my salsa dancing.

When Sanne approached me about reading the book, I will be truthful and admit that I said to myself, "Shit, not another sci-fi book, I don't like sci fi." But after reading it, let me tell you…

I still don't like sci-fi.

It's on some foreign planet, there's weird funny names, everything that comes with sci-fi is in this book.

That being said, I couldn't put my finger on something that was gnawing at the back of my mind about the book. It was only 162 pages, but moving incredibly fast. Still, I was able to stick with the story and there wasn't anything abbreviated or missing from it. Then it dawned on me what I was reading.

I wasn't reading a book for 40 year old economist curmudgeons.

I was reading a book written for 13 year old boys.

Ergo, while I personally wouldn't recommend this book to colleagues, I would DEFINITELY recommend it to any colleagues who had 13 year old boys.

The plot is engaging and entertaining, as well as complex. But not too complex that a young person couldn't follow it. It also uses the occasional 50 cent word that would challenge the vocabulary of a young person, but not enough to deter them from the book. There are elements of economics and international trade that are boiled down simply enough a younger person could understand them (and coincidentally get a lesson in economics) And finally (the primary reason I read through it) is that it was fast paced and succinctly written. You can't go a chapter without a fight, a betrayal, or pirates running contraband. You want to see what happens to the hero in the next chapter. Naturally it would be outlandish for a mature man whose age has beaten the imagination out of him to read or "get into" this book, but it would be very entertaining, perhaps even inspiring to a young boy on the cusp of manhood or his teen years.

So if your son or a boy in your life is a sci-fi guy and likes to read, I would definitely recommend buying this book. The will be entertained and come away with an improved

vocabulary, a moral lesson, and perhaps an economics lesson to boot.

Auctioning Off My Ex's Tits

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Greetings all,

A long time ago, when Cappy was in his gallivanting, bachelorhood years, one of the many girls he dated fancied herself an "artist." So much so she plastered her naked front with pink paint and then pressed it on a black canvas, giving it to the young Captain as a gift.

It was fine when I had my bachelor pad in Wyoming, but since I've moved back it's been sitting tucked away in a closet for two years (that and my girlfriend would kind of frown upon it being hung up somewhere).

Anyway, I've decided to auction it off to get rid of it, the proceeds of which will be donated to my favorite charity - me. I will then take said proceeds and put it all on red at a roulette table.

Bidding will start at $1.
Bidding will close at the end of the month.
Make your bids in the comment section below.
I will announce the winner at the end of the month.

Payment will then be made to my paypal account.
Shipping costs will be paid by me.
No, I will not put it on E-Bay so don't say, "Dude, you should put that on E-bay"

Forward to anybody who might be interested.

Sincerely,

Cappy

Dear Millineals, Your Dreams Are Stupid

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From a loving Gen X'er that was fed the same bullshit:

Sunday Afternoon Linkage

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Alcohol, time to give it up.

Yep, those evil men.

An important insight into human psychology that will come in handy later in your life.

An absolute must speech by Stefan Molyneux. He has a score of zingers in the speech, but my favorite is:
"*You know, if you pick the wrong guys to sleep with, can't close your legs, and are too stupid to use one of the 18 methods of birth control out there, then MAYBE parenting isn't for you!*"

Another damn fine podcast by The Black Brigade.

Alton Brown I already hold in very high regard. Pilot, motorcyclist, gun guy, musician, oh and that whole cooking thing. Now add to his list "Interviewed by William Shatner." Damn Alton Brown, outdoing me in every category of cool.

And remember the auction is still on for this piece of Cappy Cap paraphernalia. The current bid is $12.02.

Bold and Determined

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New sponsor ladies and gentlemen. Bold and Determined, but specifically Victor's book "30 Days of Discipline."

Here's the deal.

If you haven't worked out before, dieted properly, or made lifestyle changes to improve your physique and mind, you really don't know where to start.

Yes, you know to eat meat and veggies.
Yes, you know to hit the gym.

But you don't know what to eat precisely, what kind of regimen you need, and you likely don't have the swift kick in the ass you need to prompt you to commit to doing so.

30 Days of Discipline does that for you.

I read the book a couple years ago and it is what prompted me to hit the gym regularly and religiously. I owe Victor my improved physique and diet. And though I'm not ripped Herculean god, Victor actually is (I've met the guy and yeah, you want him on your side during a fight).

Anyway, consider visiting Bold and Determined and buying Victor's book "30 Days of Discipline." Short read, but very helpful.

Adventures in Housekeeping

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reviews Bachelor Pad Economics.

How "Nice" Destroys Countries

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a motorcycle ride to the Bakken,
auctioning off my ex gf's tits,
ladies, ENOUGH WITH THE MAXI DRESSES
"I don't live my life for men,"
pregnant isn't beautiful,
neither are tats,
Phil and his dog living the American dream,
hairy armpits for extra credit

and MORE

in this Episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Why You Want to Be Like Bill Burr

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Bill Burr is no stranger to those of us in this little corner of the internet. He is very likely the funniest comedian of our generation with an edge that speaks directly to us. However, after being a fan of his podcast for coming up on two years now, I've realized that behind the public image he presents to us is a man of great accompishment that should be admired and emulated.

First, Bill Burr is humble. If you listen to his podcast he's always ripping on himself. Admittedly to be funny, but deep down inside this is not an arrogant man despite a track record that would certainly permit him to be. He does not think himself better than any other person and is always looking to improve.

Second, he's always looking to improve. Anyone familiar with his podcast knows he's always looking to come up with new material and improve the material he has. Not that we'd all be comedians, but do you vette, criticize, strain and improve your own work, career, or profession to the level he does? The man aims for excellence and it shows in the final product. You should too.

Third, he's a hard worker. Teaching ballroom dance I'm familiar with what it takes to drive every night through rush hour to teach for three hours a night, while effectively

dancing the entire time. The energy you get from the people in class keeps you going, but the travel, the scheduling, etc. is demanding and takes its toll. Bill Burr, in addition to an even more rigorous schedule which includes flights, goes back home and then works on new material and he's been doing this since he was in his mid 20's. Now add to all this his podcasts, recording, homeownership, taking care of the Lovely Nia, not to mention everyday chores you and I got and he's doubling the work week of the average American man.

Fourth, all this hard work inevitably pays off allowing him to achieve the true American male dream - independence. Bill Burr answers to no one. Yes he has to play nice. Yes he can't offend managers at comedy clubs, but there is no boss in Bill Burr's life. Bill Burr can turn down a sponsor to his show because he doesn't need the money and has enough employment security from other sources. Very few men have this enviable position. But then again, very few men are willing to work for it.

Fifth and finally, self discipline. I envy Bill Burr because in addition to his hectic work schedule the man still is able to religious adhere to lifting weights, working out, dieting correctly, abstaining from booze for lengthy periods of time, not to mention pounding out a podcast REGULARLY AND RELIGIOUSLY every week.

I'm lucky if I bang out a podcast every 2 weeks, abstain from booze for 3 days, and go without Mexican food for a week. And I have nowhere near the hectic work schedule, and therefore excuse, that Bill Burr does. To steal a quote from Bill Burr he often uses to criticize himself, "Ahhh, I'm such a fucking cunt." But whereas such criticism would be called for for most of us, Bill Burr is actually one person the criticism doesn't stick. The man just simply walks the walk.

Ergo, while we all like listening to Bill Burr for his comedy and ADHD-laden podcast, I suggest for any young man (or old) to look at just how much effort the dude puts into his career and life and inbetween jokes, pull some important lessons about effort, discipline, work, achievement and excellence.

Read about other men "you want to be like"
Walter Matthau
Alton Brown
Mike Rowe
Cary Grant

Bachelors Degree Required to Be Secretary at Coffee House Press

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From our literary agent in the field.

Apparently you need a bachelors degree to file, fax, fetch water, transfer calls and all these other things that only college graduates can do.

The Sad Fate of Stacey Hacker-Hessler Professional Crusaderist

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You may not know who Stacey Hacker Hessler is, and neither did I.

Not until somebody posted this article on my facebook (though dated from 2012). Short version, she ditched her husband and kids to go protest at the OWS in 2012. Got an $80,000+ divorce settlement and then...never heard from again.

But when I say, "never heard from again," I mean from the MSM or heck, even alternative media. I had to search her name and after finding her newly hyphenated name was able to track her down.

What is she doing today?

Well....this.

I want to highlight this because there's a couple important lessons to pull from it.

1. Look at the money raised and their pleas for money. Also look where it goes to. It goes into just basically supporting themselves. These aren't professional activists. They're panhandlers on the internet pursuing some sad pathetic crusade they've been told to by media, leftist professors, and yes, even the government.

2. Precisely what is their crusade? To take selfies on Monsanto's signs out in the middle of nowhere as they hold up craptastic home made signs? Not only is the crusade itself pointless and ultimately mentally-egotistically self-serving, but they're not even doing it right.

3. She is obviously with child. If they only have $160, guess who's going to pay for her birthing expenses! That is the least of our concerns though. Any body want to place odds on the kid growing up right?

I could go on, but the larger point is this is ultimately where crusaderism leads. A dead end wasted life of delusion and no real practical or meaningful achievements.

I do feel sorry for Stacey's kids (both present and future). I feel bad for her ex too. But I cannot think a more fitting punishment than squandering one's only finite and precious life on meaningless crusades, while begging and pleading for handouts to help in that squandering. I'm almost half tempted to donate just to keep the delusion up.

Daring Your Boss to Fire You

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It is a rare instance, but EVERY

not "most"
not "the majority"

but

EVERY time I've heard of an employee standing up to his boss, even daring him to fire him, it has worked out in the employee's favor.

This may sound counter-intuitive, but the empirical evidence I have witnessed thus far does not lie. EVERY time I've heard or seen an employee stand up and get in the bosses face, sometimes even yelling at them, they have won and the boss has lost.

The reasons are a bit convoluted and certainly theoretical, but permit me to posit some.

1. Because of the progressively decaying nature of our population, the majority of people are at minimum flawed, if not, outright impaired. The problem is, especially if you are younger, you are conditioned to think people in positions of authority are not. That they are somehow "special." That they are somehow unique super-humans that are more intelligent, more experienced, more logical and wiser than you. That they are immune to this decaying trend.

Not by a long shot.

The truth is they are no smarter, better, or wiser than you. Just older. So convinced of this, I believe nearly 80% of American bosses today are merely bluffing the entire time and engage in such petty office politics antics to hide that fact so you dare don't peak behind the curtain and realize their ineptitude.

However, inept incompetent management can only last so long before driving underlings insane. It's not only illogical, but damaging, not to mention bad management makes employees' jobs impossible to do. Soon the stress is too much to take for some and they barge into their boss' office reading them the riot act. The boss, rarely if ever facing an angry and more competent underling, buckles and the employee gains some concessions (but never enough to solve the fundamental problems plaguing the firm).

2. Another reason is that deep down inside most bosses know they're bad and incompetent. Their ego and frontal lobes will work wonders to convince them otherwise,

but deep down inside that 50 year old, gray-haired, 30 years of experience man was promoted to a level that is seriously challenging his abilities and competences. He's barely treading water. And just like a drop dead gorgeous 24 year old is insecure that she may not be the hottest girl on the block, so too are there underlying and constantly nagging doubts in your boss' head about his competency. If you challenge them, especially with superior intelligence, factual data, or a different vantage point, you may pierce their thin veil of confidence.

3. Exacerbating this doubt is the fact that most bosses get promoted not through achievement or excellence, but rather compliance, obedience and politicking. While that makes for "good" employees, those traits are not those of a good leader. This leads to an irony where the "best" employees are promoted, which is like promoting the most obedient sheep to the position of shepherd. This results in bosses who are out of their element, again, insecure about themselves, but more importantly really susceptible to an employee whose flown off the handle. They are the most COMPLIANT people by "natural corporate selection," ergo the last to say no and therefore the quickest to cave.

4. Finally, most corporate cogs in America are deathly afraid of violence. Even though you may not have the intention of causing your boss physical harm, a person (even a woman) going livid and ripping the boss a new one is such a traumatic event it will shake them to their Darwinistic core. The worst they've seen is maybe a motorist giving them the bird as they suffer their 90 minute commute in their SUV back to their SWPL suburb to watch the Kardashians and watch Jr. in the school play. I guarantee you it's a once in a 3 decade career where a furious, violent-ACTING human is screaming 3 inches in front of their face. Admittedly, sometimes they may choose fight over flight, and that presents a serious legal (and physical) risk. But again, I've only seen them choose flight.

Admittedly, these are only theories and I really don't know why employees who have it out with their bosses are batting 1.000. The sad truth is, however, daring your boss to fire you, threatening to go on welfare/unemployment, reading him the riot act, or tearing him down in front of the entire office to see will not achieve anything as you cannot fire your boss. Your boss will still have his/her position of authority. And though they may make some concessions, like a drug addict, they are incapable of fundamentally changing and your job will still suck.

This means if you have a job with an incompetent boss it pays to mentally check out, not worry about what he says, do your best, and collect that check. However, if you're like many people where the boss barks contradictory orders, is intolerably inept, and really makes it impossible to do your job, then that job is impossible and ripping your boss a new one called for.

Just be prepared to lose your job...and go on the government dole as you live off of his taxes.

Polar Vortex Economics

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Finally got off my lazy ass and looked up what Canada's economic growth rate was during the first quarter of 2014.

"Why the first quarter of 2014?" you ask?

Because that's where the US economy just completely tanked posting a -2.9% economic growth rate.

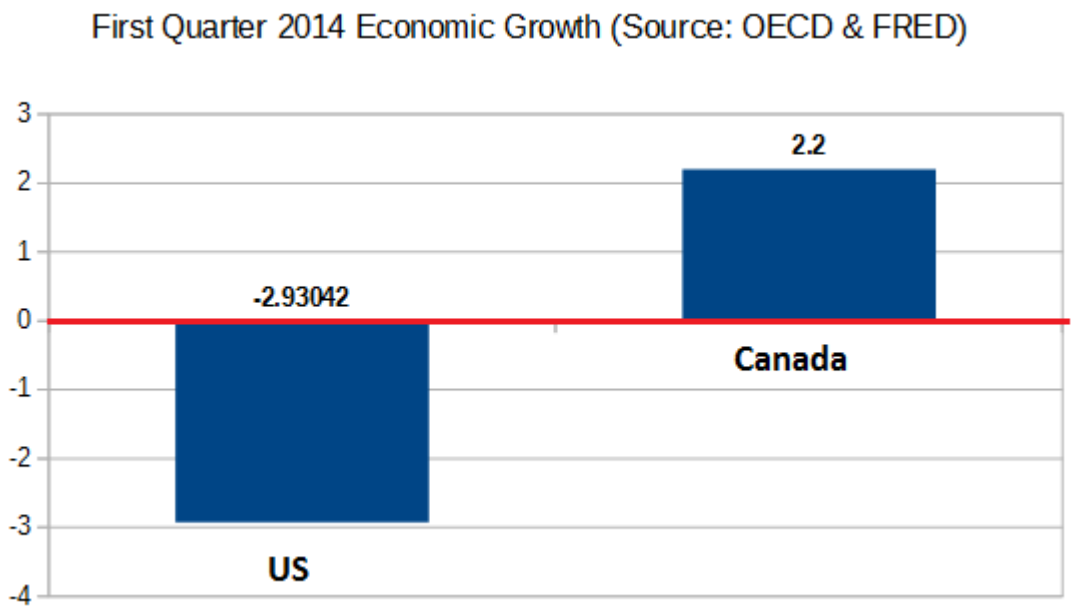
BUT,

what was the excuse Washington gave us for this poor performance?

"The weather. It was the polar vortex."

And since Canada suffered it worse than we did, I figured they too must have tanked in economic growth.

Apparently not:



Why Most Activism is Evil

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Is the current bid on this fine piece of Cappy Cap paraphernalia I'm looking to get rid of.

Get your bid in for this wonderful bachelor pad or man-cave artwork before the end of the month!

Post post, the highest bid is now $30.

The Boring Economics of the Next Recession

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Polar Vortices,
weather,
non-compliant consumer confidence,
and just an utter lack of appreciation for what Obama has done for us aside,

excuses for the last quarter of -2.9% growth don't really focus on the boring fundamentals of economics.

One of those being (one of my favorites) the "Inventory to Sales" ratio.

This ratio compares corporate inventories to sales. But before you fall asleep, allow me to explain why this is one of the better ratios you should be paying attention to.

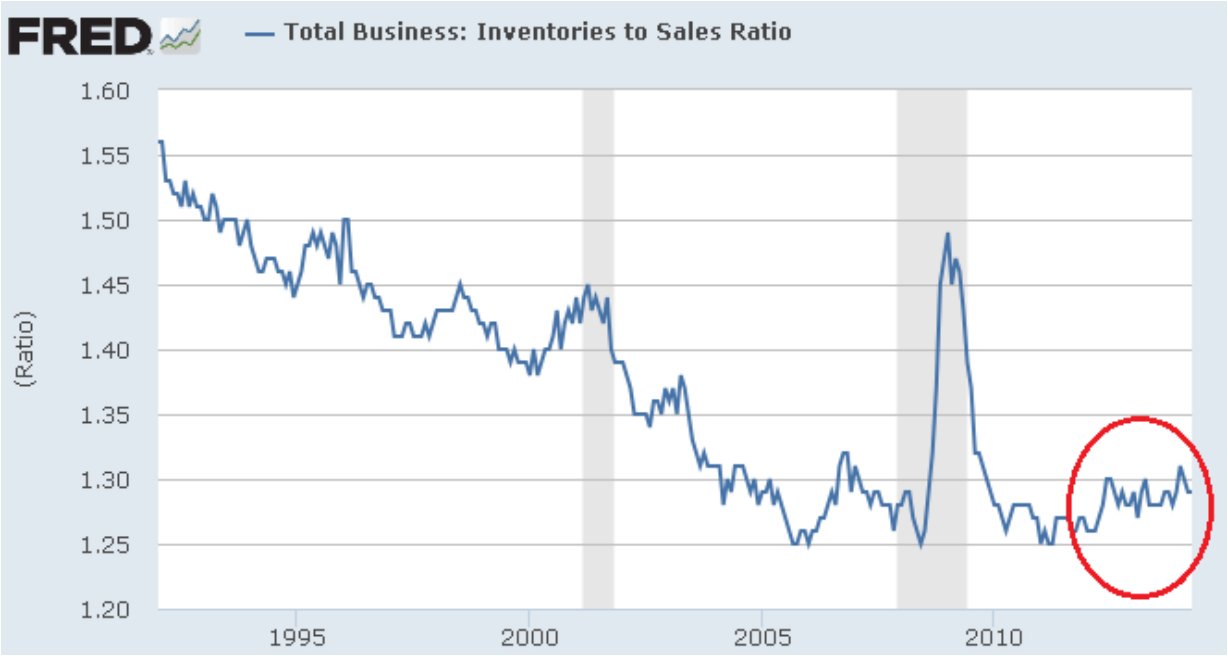
Inventories are made by humans, namely employees. Ergo inventory levels is a great predictor of employment. If there is a glut of inventory you can expect companies to lay people off. If there is a shortage of inventory, you can expect companies to hire people. But how do you determine if there's a glut or a surplus?

You compare your inventories to current sales.

This shows you how much demand there is for a product (sales) versus how much is currently available (inventories).

Naturally you'd like this ratio to be as low as possible. You want inventory (the numerator) to be very low, not just because it would suggest future employment, but because it costs money to store inventory. And you want sales to be high so that companies are profitable and there is demand for what is being made.

But an interesting thing has happened with the inventory to sales ratio in that it is perpetually decreasing. This is because of improvements in inventory management, supply chain management, the internet (you don't even have inventory), JIT methods, and just generally improving managerial methods. Ergo, you should not be concerned only when the inventory to sales ratio spikes, but you should be concerned when it flat lines or does not continue to decrease for a significant period of time, and that's what we have today.



Naturally you see just how crushing the Great Recession was where everybody just cut back on spending, causing inventory levels to soar. But that outlier aside you can see jumps in this ratio correlate with recessions (and economic slow downs which aren't highlighted in gray) and, more pertinent to today, the slight and stubborn trend upward for the past 4 years.

It is here my Keynesian inferiors would demand more government spending, get that aggregate demand up, we haven't done enough, etc., etc. But I will once again defer to my theory that these Keynesian geniuses fail to account for human psychology. Namely the "smart money," consisting of people who pay attention the finances, budget, and

economics of the country are scared stiff to spend, let alone invest, given the undermining of the country's finances. Throw in a financially crippled 20-30 something generation that normally WOULD be buying houses, consumer goods, and starting businesses, but can't because of student debts and an insulting job market, and it's no surprise this ratio refuses to obey according to historical trends.

Sadly, ratios like the inventory to sales ratio are not sexy, exciting or make for good yellow journalism. But if you are truly interested in how the economy works and want to predict the next recession, it's boring statistics like these that will help in that endeavor.

"Nice Guy Game" < "Felon Game" < "Nazi Game"

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I remember when me and my buddy went to the bar and tried different types of "Career Game" to woo the ladies. There was "Lawyer Game," "Accountant Game," and "Student Game," but nothing beat "Felon Game." Yes, that's right, when we told the girls we were flirting with that my friend was a felon and I was his lawyer, and I just got him released, the response was stupefyingly positive, if not outright giddy. Felon Game HANDS DOWN beat every other type of game out there.

Ever since, I thought "Felon Game" was the way to go. That's until I heard of "Nazi Game."

When Good Money Has Nowhere to Go

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Tis Thursday night.

And Thursday nights are just as good as any to get rip roaring drunk as you look upon this once-great society and, after much deliberation and thought, come to the same conclusion you have previous Thursday nights that this country is completely screwed and nothing can be done about it.

By the way, pour me another Rumpie.

Anyway, something that has been bothering my economic mind is why has the stock market constantly been going up?

Naturally logical theories are abound, many of which I subscribed to out of laziness and cynicism, but inevitably that damn thing called "intellectual honesty" gets in the way and makes you want to PROVE your suspicions true.

So off I went to the FDIC where I fully expected to see in the aggregate banking reports TONS, MILLIONS, BILLIONS, nay, TRILLIONS of dollars being flooded into our stock markets because our inept, incompetent, and bail-outtable-affirmative-action case bankers:

1. Had gotten bail out money that they
2. Had nowhere to lend because
3. The economy isn't booming and ergo
4. There's nowhere left to invest it but the stock market.

So I thought.

But the truth is anything but.

Banks have not been increasing their marketable securities holdings and so the boom in the stock market does not come from there.

This perplexed me because I was sure the bail out money was being parked there. But since it was not true (now leftists, pay attention to this), I accepted it as fact and looked elsewhere for the real reason for the boom.

My logic led me to two places or "institutions" that could explain the massive cash inflow into the stock market and thus its ludicrous valuation.

1. The central bank which has been printing off a ton of cash because....WTF not and "where do we put it?"

and

2. Profitable non-financial corporations that had nothing better to do with their cash

And shucks howdy if I'm not the Sherlock Holmes of economics!

My first guess about the central bank dropping money into the stock markets proved false. They're too busy ~~bailing out the parasitic class, welfare bums, bankers, loser liberal arts majors, single moms, and other degenerates~~ *ahem* investing in "government bonds" to invest in the stock market. Politicians need money to bribe the masses to vote for them, and the wise use of money a la a genuine "investment" doesn't achieve that. So all that QE money is NOT ending up in the stock market, but the EBT cards of fat, bloviated trailer, ghetto, and barrio fatherless trash the single mom matrix keeps spewing out. So that money does not boost stock prices as much as obesity rates in the lower classes.

However, I DID find the true cause of inflated stock prices after sampling Apple, Microsoft, and other "cash cows" of the corporate world in their "marketable securities" holdings (read "stocks). Said holdings have skyrocketed as their profits are up but they have no real genuine NEW investments to reinvest said proceeds.

Since we hate corporations, profits, innovation, success, etc., profitable corporations today face a conundrum:

Do they invest in a new venture? A new company? A new innovation?

or

Do they just "park" the money somewhere in an already existing company with political and cronyistic connections that guarantees them a rate of return?

And now you know (at least in part) why the stock market keeps skyrocketing.

Who, precisely, would invest in a new venture in this county? What idiot would dare to invest in a virgin endeavor that has no political connections, lobbyists, or other scum to secure the ordainment of the government?

The sad truth is that any genuinely new invention, endeavor, innovation, venture or business faces such obstacles as regulation, taxation, labor law, not to mention corruption, why would you invest in something new? An old, established, networked, and

connected company, with nowhere near the potential, is a more reliable and provides a higher rate of return than some idiotic young go-getter. Worse still, even if said corporate monies were to be REINVESTED in their own plants, why would they invest here?

Obama and the NLRB effectively nationalized Boeing for daring to set up a plant outside union control.

Seattle just passed a $15 minimum wage.

To hell with the hassle, bother, and politics of setting up a new shop, a new plant, or a new facility.

Corporations would rather just take their trillions and park it in the boring ole stock market where NO NEW INVEMENTS OR COMPANIES ARE MADE, and therefore NO NEW JOBS, but

hey

at least you get a 2% dividend yield.

Again, I no longer care where this country is heading. Matter of fact, I've so thoroughly thought it through I now fully appreciate and enjoy the suffering Americans have brought upon themselves.

I just want to be like Voltaire and write for posterity. Enjoy that freaking and well-deserved decline kids. Enjoy that freaking decline.

Progressive Credentialism and Genuine Racism in Law Schools

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I love this article in that it highlights two things:

1. The ABA forcing students to jump through (and pay for) unnecessary hoops ergo financially benefiting the law school profession, not the legal profession

2. My observation that bubbles hurt minorities and women the most because they are usually late to the party while (in this case) whites and Asians see the writing on the wall and are bailing.

The irony is that the lefty law professors actually believing closing the "lawyer gap" between minorities and whites is a good thing.

It's like saying "we need to close the Soldiers at the Front Line Gap in WWI between whites and minorities."

Keep charging into law school my fine minority friends. And when you're done through the meat grinder, don't say you weren't warned.

What the Maxi Dress Tells Us About Conformity, Architecture, Individualism, and Negative Externalities

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Conservative and Libertarian Outfitter

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Howdy All,

I'm a big believer that if conservatives and libertarians just simply consolidated their purchasing power and bought only from "conservative, libertarian, and pro-freedom" companies, then the rest of the companies in America (which go whichever way the wind blows) would stop bending over backwards and kowtowing to leftist causes.

Would you not like to see the elimination of every idiotic company's "CSR" department?
Would you not like to see the elimination of lip-service they pay to "diversity" and "community reinvestment?"
Would you just like to see a company that says, "We love America. We love profit. And we're not ashamed?"

Well, let's start right here and right now.

I know a lot of you are outdoorsmen, hunters, fishers, and hikers. I would very much appreciate if you would visit and patronize the outfitter for conservative and libertarians - DaWabbit.

DaWabbit has pretty much everything you need in terms of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, survival, prepping and everything you're going to find at Cabela's. Don't get me wrong, I love Cabela's, but I have to drive there and spend money on gas. With

DaWabbit you don't have to AND you know that 100% of your sales will go to support a conservative and conservative causes.

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Let's keep the money in house and let's do it by starting with DaWabbit.

The Economics of Caloric Return

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I have two buddies. Both are in their 40's. Both recently divorced/broke up with their significant others. Naturally the course of conversation invariably comes around to "you looking to date any girls?" And the answer is...

No.

Not out of recency from the divorce/break up.
Not out of time to let the wounds heal.
Not out of time to get their head straight or figure some things out.

The real reason?

They're just too damn tired.

I don't know about you but when I broke up with/got dumped by a girl in my 20's the very next NANOSECOND it was go find another. There was no down time, there was no "time to heal," it was an immediate, OK, what lucky girl is next? But fast forward 15 years and men in their young 40's who recently find themselves single are in no rush to go back to the bar, back to the night club, spruce up their POF profile, let alone gather the courage to make an approach in broad daylight. They're just too damn tired.

The first excuse would scramble to find would be age. The next would be healing. The third might be "losers." And the fourth might be "lack of choice." But the reality (as we're often finding out) does not lay in psychology or biology, but rather economics. The real reason they're too tired is one of a cold economic calculation.

A cold economic calculation of what?

A cold economic calculation of caloric ROI.

Recently, I've been giving more and more credence to biology, genetic programming and Darwinism to explain human behavior and decisions. And when you analyze these thoughts through the lens of economics you start to make some interesting discoveries. And this is one of those instances.

Understand that while money has been used in society for thousands of years, human evolution, genetics and biology has been evolving for 2 million years. Ergo, while we'd like to think our frontal lobes (the most advanced part of our brain) makes all of our decisions in a logical and rational manner, the remaining 65% of our brain is driven by

instinct, survival, and raw desire and still (more often than not) overrides the most advanced part of our brains. Thus,just because money is a (relatively) recent human creation, doesn't mean the laws of economics and limited resources didn't apply to pre-currency humans (let alone EVERY creature on this planet). Therefore, even before the grain receipts of ancient Egypt served as the first currency, there was the ultimate currency that has governed all creatures on this planet and is the prime directive the governs 65% of our brain:

Calories.

Until agricultural advances made food a non-issue, the vast majority of human-kind's experience has been finding food. Finding calories. Finding the energy to stay alive. It's why, despite having adequate food, we simply can't "turn off" the natural, darwinistic, survivalistic desire to eat more. It's been there for 2 million years (2 billion if you consider us descendants of previous creatures facing the same problem) while adequate agriculture methods have only been around for 300 years.

However, while the main problem with human's genetic programming to maximize caloric intake in a time of plenty is obesity, there is another problem. On the OTHER side of the cold caloric economic decision is one of expending calories of energy. Or more so, conserving one's energy.

View it from the perspective of an American Indian 10,000 years ago.

Tonto has a choice. Chase after the antelope with his bow and arrow or not. However, it's not one of whether he'd like to hunt, it's a 100% purely economic decision. Specifically, is it worth Tonto to expend 1,000 calories of energy to MAYBE get 4,000 calories of energy in antelope meat? Because if he chooses poorly too many times he won't have an adequate ROI on his caloric investment and will mathematically starve.

Naturally, over time humans developed less-caloric consuming hunting techniques that yielded more calories in return. Traps, spooking buffalo to run over a cliff, guns, and agriculture. But that still doesn't change the fact that for nearly 2 million years humans have had it beaten into their brains that calories expended damn well better result in a surplus of calories returned. Again, starvation was the other consequence.

Now return back from 10,000 BC to revisit my two 40 something buddies. They are no longer Tonto facing the decision as to whether they want to chase after antelope. They are two men who have to decide whether to expend the calories of energy chasing women. And when faced with the caloric demands of:

Going on line for 2 hours a day to "wink" at girls
Go to the night club to chat girls up

Go to a "Meet up" group and learn a new social skill (dancing, crafts, etc.)
Making approaches 10 times a day

not to mention the 8 year vetting process wherein they have to date 100 women to find "one"

you can see why they're "too damn tired" and are just shutting down.

Admittedly there is of course other reasons as men age they just don't go out clubbing anymore. They're getting older, a decrease in testosterone, a decrease in energy, the novelty of dating wanes, their 18 year old idealistic naivete about dating expectations was crushed with the drama, flaky, reality of dating, etc., etc., But I contend there is a Darwinistic aspect as well. One where the hindbrain is making astute economic calculations, demanding an adequate return on its dwindling supply of calories and time, and sadly coming to the conclusion that it just isn't worth the chase.

So light up those cigars instead,
Pour yourselves a glass of scotch that won't "flake" on you
And head out on the boat and go fish,
because the caloric rate of return on those things are 100% guaranteed, ensuring you
Enjoy the decline!

Feminist Librarian Discovers "Bachelor Pad Economics"

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And all hell breaks loose.

You can purchase your copy of Bachelor Pad Economics, and thus advance the patriarchy and peeve lefty feminist librarians, here.

Let Max Temkin Be a Lesson to You Boys

July 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You boys paying attention? Are you? Good.

Because the last person you'd want to be is Max Temkin.

Straight, Hetero Sexual Men Determine the Beauty Standards for Women

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I love how women just "decree" that they will determine what is beautiful and men have no say.

Yeah, have fun with that and let us know how that works.

And an aside. This isn't cute, or funny, it's a truly psychotic delusion, a GENUINE mental problem women are having if they think they can just "decree" what is attractive absent of men.

Again, have fun with that.

You're Not Being Discriminated Against. Life is Just That Tough

July 15, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A very important video for everybody, especially the younger folk:

Men Really Do Compete Against the Government for Women

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In an indirect manner of course.

Paypal, Not Patreon

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Hello,

Many people have asked, if not, insisted I put up a Patreon account so that people may support my work.

While I certainly appreciate it and I do take donations (as you never know when Google or Youtube or whoever is going to pull the plug and independent bloggers like myself, who really ARE the only source of true journalism and 4th branch of government left), Patreon is frankly a rip off. They charge 10% of the donations while Paypal only charges 3% AND...

Paypal has "pretty much" the same monthly donation option that Patreon has.

ALL DONATIONS go 100% to me and my hedonistic lifestyle. Well, not directly. The donations actually do go to hosting costs which helps me generate income, and *THAT* income goes 100% to me and my hedonistic lifestyle. However, my primary concern is if there ever is a concerted effort to shut me down (either by banning my sites, getting me banned by Amazon, google, YouTube, etc.) my income would dry up and I would then have to rely on donations (or be forced to go back to working in banking).

So if you were concerned, want to make sure I can remain independent, REMAIN HERE, and don't have to worry about going back to working in banking to make ends meet, consider signing up for a monthly donation option on my PAYPAL account.

You can either click on the cute pin up girl where it says "DONATE!" (for one time donations) or click on the icon below to become a MONTHLY "Patreon-equse" donor at varying levels:

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Many thanks,

Cappy Cap

My Response to Librarians Banning "Bachelor Pad Economics"

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My response to this is simple because the reality of this situation is simple:

If you want to "fight back" I suggest buying copies of Bachelor Pad Economics. Already these librarians caused a little rumble on teh interwebz that has bumped up sales. I would just like enough in sales to rationalize sending a thank you card to the librarian in a very smarmy and Cappy-esque manner.

How Do I Math?

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I don't like The Maths. The Maths are tough!

I'll let its own idiocy speak for itself.

When the Stock Market is Divorced from Reality

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is hands down the best article on economics and the current state of the financial markets I've read this year. Arguably the past three. It explains many different things that are going on, but key above all of them is how central bank intervention in interest rates and quantitative easing distorts nearly all pricing in the financial markets guaranteeing them to become bubbles.

The stock market is no longer a "market" wherein investors try to find companies to finance. It is now a tool of multi-billion dollar companies to purchase back shares (because of a lack of any genuine new investment), a place for QE dollars to inevitably be parked, and a retirement vehicle for mindless-zombie-money for mindless zombies who think capital gains is what retirement planning is based on.

I am already getting ready for the people who say after a crash, "well how did you know!!!??? There were no signs!!!!"

I suggest you all stop watching state-endorsed news and go with genuine independent thinkers.

They Found Peggy Joseph

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And she admits she was wrong.

Thanks Peggy. We could have told you that. But thankfully you have children and they will pay for your ignorance.

Yes, Bob, American Bankers are Still Idiots

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

What primarily invigorated me to write "Behind the Housing Crash" was the unbelievable levels of stupidity on the part of bankers.

Seems things haven't changed in the past 8 years.

The Left Has Officially Become "The Man"

July 16, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And I think it's about time to take them down.

The Pornification of Jesus

July 17, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had this sent to me and I originally scoffed at it, dismissing it, thinking it was cute.

Then I realized,

"Holy shit, there's like millions of naive, young, Christian, but hornier-than-hell,dudes out there who are constantly compared to this perception of Christ by the "only" women they're allowed to sleep with - Christian women."

So as a gesture of goodwill and faith between us secularists and our religious brothers, I thought I'd provide my two cents about this to perhaps maybe advance their cause to ~~nail some hot Christian ass~~ breed more Christians.

Boys, this is the key problem you face with modern day "Christian" women - the pornification of Jesus.

Look, you're already a nobody compared to Jesus. I got it beat into my head I was not Jesus. You got it beat into your head you were not Jesus. We all got it beaten into our heads we were not "perfect in the eyes of God." However, while this should not have an effect on your romantic relations, there's a disturbing trend amongst young Christian girls where Jesus is not just their spiritual "savior," but their:

husband
boyfriend
provider
soul mate
gigilo
and, crass as this may be, masturbatory material (any takers that this is not the case sometimes?)

So how precisely do you compete against that?

The answer is - you don't.

You cannot compete against perfection.

And it is here that I humbly request that you consider a humble secularist's opinion. Primarily that:

1. These self-proclaimed "Christian girls" really aren't Christian and instead use the religion as a tool to leverage power over you

and

2. If you choose to be ignorant of their un-Christian intentions you will be taken advantage of by fraudulent, faux, fake Christians

The truth is that most 20 something girls (and boys) are not capable of the mature, adult, indepdent thinking that is required to fully vette and think through something as soulful and important as religion. Ergo, nearly 100% of the self-proclaimed "Christian" women you're trying to date really do not deep down inside believe what their parents have shoved down their throats the past 20 years. Ergo, my humble, evil, heathen, secularist opinion is, that any women, especially under 30, who adamantly proclaims to be a Christian does not do so out of geniune deep and ponderous thought, but rather manipulation and self-advancement. Perhaps not consciously, but it IS DEFINITELY not for Christ. The social benefits that come from joining a religion, the mental calm not having to ponder a godless universe, and the mental stability in having an always loving, always forgiving father/husband figure around.

While these things ancillary benefits to religion can be considered "good" things, the problem is there's a dark side to believing in a religion for ulterior purposes. Namely to view/abuse Jesus/Christianity as an excuse, a perpetual forgiviness, but worst (and most tempting of all) a tool by which to abuse, extract resources from, lord over, and control naive people who actually believe their claims of faith.

No doubt many of you young Christian men have ran into arguments where your logical and well-reasoned points were mooted, if not, completely dismissed with a mis-interpreted quote from the bible. No doubt many of you have been told "they just don't see Christ in your heart." No doubt you've been compared to Super-Alpha Jesus. And, like everybody out there who's dating a Christian girl, you no doubt have a story where she "just couldn't date you" citing religious reasons, but then went out with some guy who violated thrice the rules she had placed on you (mine is one who got drunk, made out with an illegal alien, then complained to me he was calling her. But we couldn't kiss after a second date because we weren't engaged).

The larger point is that I simply request you stop, take off the Christian goggles for a second, step back and look at what is happening empirically.

Are the majority of Christian girls you date using religion and Christ as a means to enhance your relationship? To be a better person? To make your time together more enjoyable?

Or

Are they using it as a tool, if not a weapon, to constantly keep you on edge, criticize you against Christ, lecture you, berate you, and ultimately control you making the relationship painful and like pulling teeth?

Perhaps you can see it from this here secularist's viewpoint.

42, Female, Unmarried, Professional…Miserable

July 18, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How's that feminism thing working out for you ladies?

On a sad related note, perhaps it's because you put a career and material items ahead of human relationships and interaction.

I'm going to say it again - feminism is a mental disease. And that's not hyperbole or rhetoric. It's a warning to younger women and girls.

Respect the "Weasel Whiskey"

July 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From Mr. Aurini who drinks the swill known as ~~Wisers~~ Weasel Whiskey:

How to Analyze Your Girlfriend's Finances

July 20, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Stay frosty, boys. Stay frosty.

Getting Fired for Your Political Views

July 21, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In this episode we interview the Great Matt Baldoni and talk about:

Getting fired for your political views
Why Laughlin, NV is the future of America
Taking a Kia Rio off road into the desert
Striving to succeed as self employed
Behind the scenes of Las Vegas
The Las Vegas DJ Bubble

AND MORE!!!

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True Independence

July 22, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

With an aside about the burrows of Oatman, Arizona:

The State of Minnesota Destroys Aspiring Students' Dreams

July 23, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

By launching a lawsuit against two degree mills who advertise "Criminal Justice Degrees."

Oh, I know, I know, ADULTS know the state is actually doing something good here to protect the naive children, but since it's "been their dream" to major in "Criminal Justice" that's all that matters. They're just getting in the way of these poor kids' dreams!

The Only Way to Close the Wage Gap

July 23, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Language warning:

"The Red Pill Bible"

July 24, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A review I found very humbling:

I am a currently in my late 20s and discovered the red pill about a year ago after a bad breakup (typical right?). As I've stated in other reviews, I'm building a red pill library and have read every single book Roosh V has published, The Game, The Predatory Female, The Way of Men, The Manipulated Man, Men on Strike, The Rational Male, and Now Bachelor Pad Economics. I suggest you add all the books I've named to your library as they are all 4 or 5 star in what they aim to achieve. I will say that I previously stated that "The Rational Male" would be the 1 book I would purchase a friend If I could only pick 1 out of my red pill library....But then I read this book! I found out about Captain Capitalism aka Aaron Clarey and quickly watched all his Youtube videos over the span of a week and shared them with friends I knew would appreciate it. We all came to the same conclusion: Aaron Clarey is THE MOST UNPLUGGED MAN ON THIS EARTH! He's so unplugged that sometimes he's annoying because he's telling you truths you are not ready to accept. Bachelor Pad Economics is the most comprehensive book of any Red Pill book I've ever read (Though the other books are not necessarily attempting to be Red Pill Bibles). This literally is THE RED PILL BIBLE. Buy this book first if you are trying to unplug. Buy this first, then buy The Rational Male, Then buy Bang and Day bang from Roosh V then the others previously named and you will be a very smart and well rounded individual. My only complaint is not about this book but that I wish Aaron would advertise this book on Return of Kings or somewhere because if this book could touch 100,000 men or become a New York Bestseller (by some odd twist of fate) we as men could take this world back. Thank you Aaron Clarey for caring so much about other men that you took your time to comprise a 500 plus page book that will help men like myself reach our full potential. I'm forever indebt to you and best believe when I reach my level of success you as well as the other authors will receive a nice check in the male because the $9.99 price doesn't justify the invaluable knowledge you have given me.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

July 24, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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and it's a feature, not a bug of ~~ignorant, business-hating socialist retards voting~~ socialism.

Economic Growth Without Government Spending

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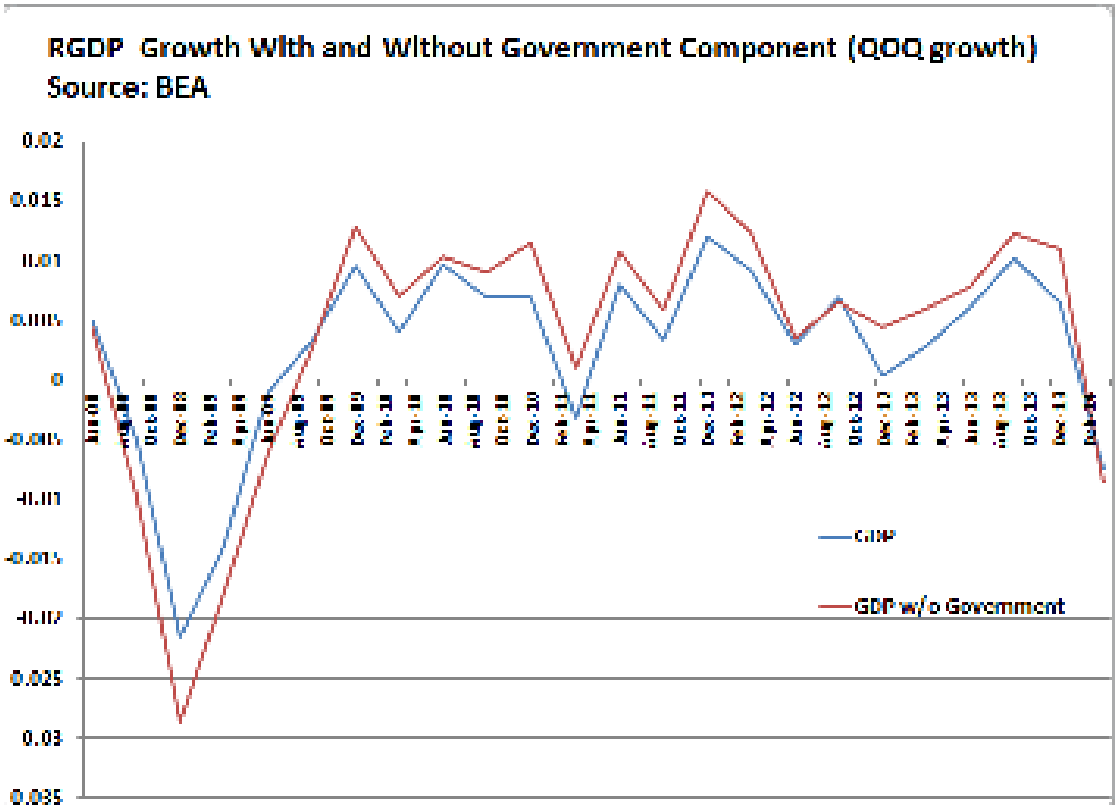
An interesting thought piqued my economist mind:

What if we measured economic growth without the government component of GDP?

And so I did and the results on the face of it are "good."



You'll note that ever since recovering from the depths of The Great Recession, GDP without government (ie - the private sector) has been outpacing the component of growth coming from the public sector. This is good in the sense that the private sector is growing faster than the parasite that lives off of it. Theoretically, if this kept up, government would shrink relative to the rest of the economy, even to the point it would consume less than 1% GDP.

But there's a problem.

The government component of GDP does NOT include income transfers which account for the majority of the budget at both the state and national levels.

So here's the riddle intrepid aspiring, junior, deputy, and otherwise economists:

If GDP does NOT consider income transfers, how do you make an "economic argument" to incorporate income transfers into the calculation of GDP, primarily that they should be SUBTRACTED from GDP to measure the true economic production of a nation? Specifically, just because a bunch of old fogey Keynesian economists said GDP should not subtract income transfers, what is the argument and rationalization that we should?

I know the answer, but I'd be curious to see if you do.

(answer will be provided in the next post!)

A New Cappy Cap Book Babe!

July 24, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

We have the good fortune of having another pretty young lady willing to grace this ugly blog with her beauty, providing some much-needed scenery amongst all the charts and data.

There are more to come, but in the meantime buy Bachelor Pad Economics because...ummm...well....hot chicks!

(Also, any girls interested in modeling with the Ole Captain's books, please let him know. You get the books for free and, well, that's about it).

Subtracting Government from GDP

July 25, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In my previous post I wanted to see what GDP looked like when we took out the government component of GDP. It made for an interesting observation, but as many of you know that component of GDP does NOT account for the majority of government spending. The majority of government spending is on social programs aka "income transfers," or by it's real name "theft".

I then posed the challenge to create the argument why government spending in its entirety (most of which really is theft) should be DEDUCTED from total GDP. Keynesians have logically and traditionally argued that government expenditures on goods and services should be considered part of GDP in that they DO indeed result in additional goods and services being created. However, us slightly higher-caliber of economists know that there is something fishy about just "assuming" government spending translates into higher economic output and thus higher standards of living. So allow me to explain.

First, there is the broken window fallacy that many of you are familiar with. Missiles and bombs built here in America only to be exploded on the Iraqi population does NOT indeed improve standards of living here. Over-paid government contracts handed out to connected cronies in Washington DC to do make work job to "improve diversity" or "study connectedness" does NOT improve standards of living. Ergo, you can assume the "G" in the C+I+G+(E-I) formula in GDP is most likely completely overstated.

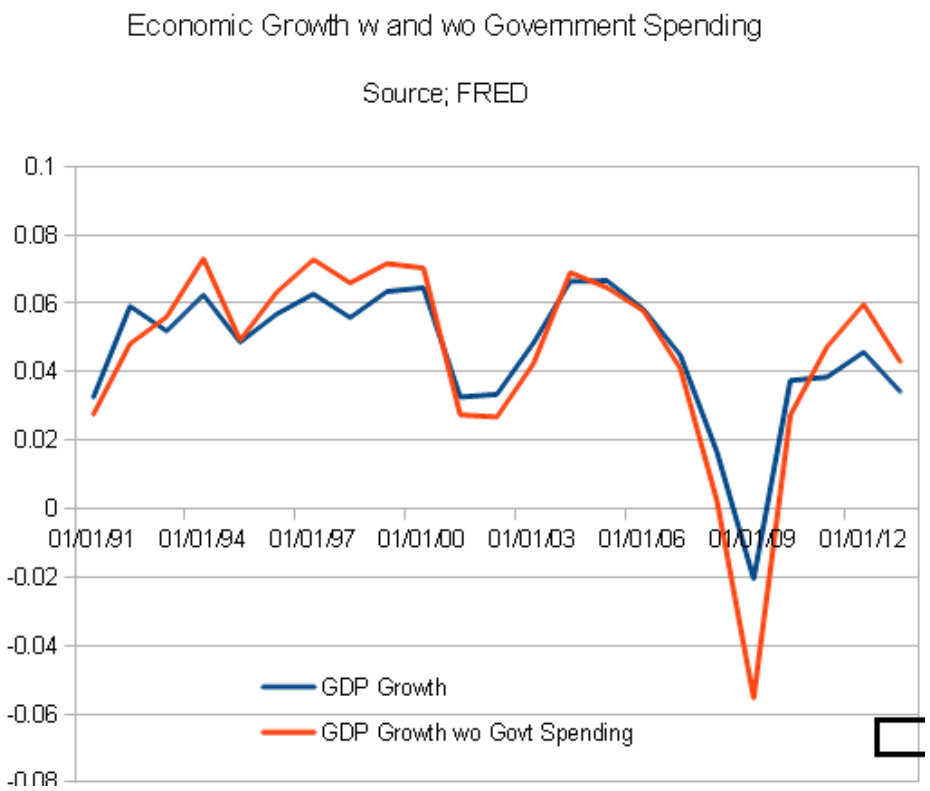
Second, how does one account for the theft euphemistically called "income transfers?" The Keynesians rightly point out that income transfers do NOT result in additional GDP. Parasites (and that's what they are) receive money in exchange for NO labor, NO production, and NO economic product. Ergo, no increase to GDP. However, while Keynesians would argue that there is no increase in GDP and "that's it," I would argue that the money blown on "income transfers" is a lost potential of economic productivity.

In a free market where there would be no parasites, that money would "command" genuine economic production from somebody. Ergo, the $3 trillion we piss away annually (never mind local and state budgets) on theft/income transfers COULD HAVE GONE TO PURCHASE/DEMAND GENUINE ECONOMIC PRODUCTION.

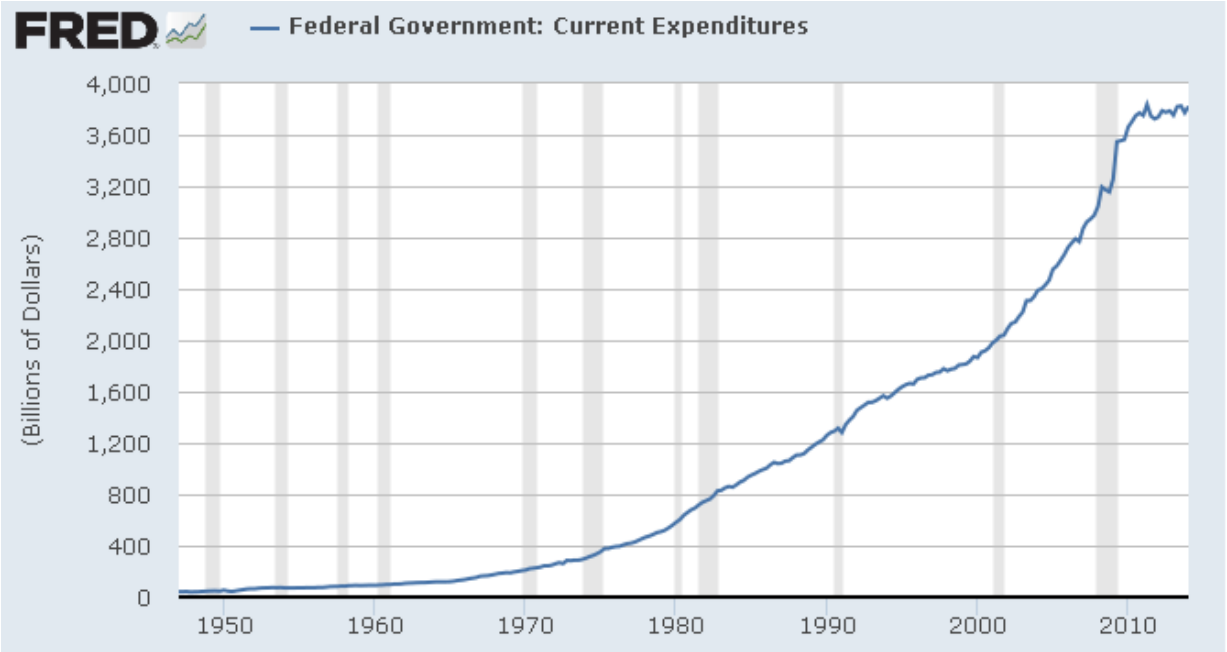
In other words "income transfers" are like steroids. They boost nominal "economic performance" but do not speak to the genuine economic productive capacity of a nation. Therefore, I argue to subtract out ALL government spending to see what the core productive capacity of the country is.

When we do this, the results are interesting.

It takes a keen eye, but what we suspected all along was true. During the depths of the recession TRUE economic growth was much worse than what the obfuscation of government spending attempted to convince of other wise.



However, in all intellectual honesty, economic growth in the private sector has outpaced government spending since 2011 and has posted gains in excess of government spending. Further research shows that this is indeed the truth as government spending has indeed stagnated:



What this shows is an important lesson for any real economist or person who desires to be intellectually honest. It doesn't matter what president is in office and what his political affiliation is. It only matters what POLICIES are effected by the entire government.

If you look at the chart you'll see that the ONLY president to reside over any modicum of fiscal discipline was President Clinton. There (again, partially enforced by a Republican congress) the OVERALL government restrained spending and enjoyed an economic Dotcom boom. This resulted in a non-government economy growing at a rate much faster than government spending AND a drastic reduction in our nation's debt. But since Bush Jr, and most certainly Obama, you see economic growth below governement spending and the resultant crushing national debt.

The recent restrain of government spending is a good thing and a sign of genuine hope that has never really existed in the Obama presidency. I would like to say that if current trends continue private sector economic growth will outpace government spending and the US would inevitably pay off its debts, outgrow the national debt, and we'd be on our way to a glorious future.

Sadly a visit to your:

Local public university
Public school
Wal-Mart
Ghetto
Barrio
Trailer park

will tell you this is merely a fleeting economic condition and our general plunge into 3rd World-ism will continue.

Enjoy the decline!

Another Ugly Girl

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Whatever you do, don't buy Enjoy the Decline. Because if you did then there'd be more pretty ladies like this portraying their beauty on my web site. And we certainly wouldn't want that now would we!!!???

Book Babe #2

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The next in a series of pinup themed babes helping advertise the book and boost morale here on Cappy Cap.

Like the pretty lady above you too can Enjoy the Decline!

And for all the libertarian and conservative beauties out there, free books if you're willing to pose with them.

Best,

Cappy

Geeks for Consent - Feminists Invade Another Male Place

July 28, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Interesting story.

While I am against groping and blatant acts of sexual harassment, not having geek girls dress in alluring geek outfits would kill any Comic Con convention. ie - Comic Cons would end.

Now many would say that that wouldn't happen. That just because groping and blatant acts of sexual harassment would be banned or socially ostracized, doesn't mean men won't show up with the original intention of doing so.

However, as is always the case, it's in the gray details where feminists operate.

Is cat calling at a convention with purposely hotly-dressed chicks harassment?
Is taking pictures of them also considered harassment?
What about having hot models on staff to parade and advocate new products?
What about a false claim of harassment? (because they never happen)

Well, as far as Geeks for Consent are concerned - yes.

At this point you are now starting to wonder what kind of people would ruin all the fun?

Yes, we don't want groping.
Yes, you don't want stalking.
And you do not want approaches when clearly shot down.

But NO Princess Leias??????
NO hot Nazi chicks auctioning off Wolfenstein - NWO???
NO various anime girls all dolled up???

You may as well ban leather chaps in Sturgis. Who would advocate such a thing?

Well, let me answer this.

Feminists.

You see the three ladies who are launching this crusade I gander are first and foremost feminists and not genuine, true geeks. If you read through their profiles their primary

interest is a religious adherence to feminism. Their degrees do not indicate geekery or anything IT. None of them mentioned hobbies aligned with a Comic-Con. And the ONLY thing that could be considered related to Comic-Con culture is one of them has an online comic.

While there may be a tangential and minority interest in geek culture, its obvious this is a blatant and obvious assault on a primarily male-institution in an attempt NOT to do anything as noble as prevent groping and make it more inviting to women, but rather to destroy it be making acceptable and inevitable behavior unacceptable and banned. And in doing so ruin everybody's fun making others as miserable as they are.

I cannot convey enough how important it is that you understand that envy, jealously, hatred, and crusaderism (ie-ego) are the key drivers of modern day feminism. And that you absolutely CANNOT take their stated intentions at face value as it is almost always 100% guaranteed to be nothing more than a ruse to hide their ulterior agenda. If you do, you misdiagnose the problem and let evil, despicable people lessen your life.

Horses Want to Kill Humans

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See? What do I keep telling you about horses!!!!????

Why Never Being Able to Reach Your Full Potential is the Real Cause of Grief Among Conservatives and Libertarians

July 29, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It is without a doubt that conservatives, libertarians, and other generally "pro-freedom" people I categorize as "Real Americans" suffer from a malaise, depression, sadness and grief as they watch this once great nation decay under socialism. They see the country they grew up with turn on them, breaking all the premises and social contracts by which they based life decisions on in the past. They look to their futures now with complete uncertainty and distrust where there was once complete confidence and serenity. They look at their American legacy that not only looks like it will be vilely shat upon by future generations, but is currently and constantly mocked, ridiculed, and criminalized today. And making it all worse is the maddening fact that it is their fellow Americans who ignorantly and blindly believe the bold faced lies told to them by politicians, and mindlessly vote to undo the greatest thing that has happened to this planet.

In short, everything they've worked for, stood for, believed, and advocated will be moot, making it seem their and their childrens' entire lives were wasted. That this great good of freedom and Western Civilization that took humans 2 million years to achieve, will be wiped out by the idiocy and mental weakness of socialists in 50 years. And that humanity will be plunged back into the darkness as we trade things like reality, truth, excellence, independence, individuality and freedom for false gods such as commune, egalitarianism, diversity, affirmative action, environmentalism, dependence and responsibility-free lives.

Yes, it is crushing indeed.

But merely admitting this fact does nothing to assuage our concerns, let alone solve the problem. Thankfully, I believe I have happened upon something that will at least provide some relief, if not alleviate most Real Americans' grief to the greatest extent possible.

It is here we may have some disagreement. whereas I personally think all is lost and that we should "enjoy the decline," others still hold out hope, thinking Western Civilization can be turned around. But whichever camp you fall into (or hybrid thereof), neither does anything to address or identify the true, singular psychological cause of Real Americans' grief. Therefore, if we can at least identify the primary cause of our malaise we can at least address it, deal with it, and lift this depression that plagues us. And that problem is:

That you'll never be able to reach your full potential.

No matter how you look at it, be it psychological, secular, religious, darwinistic, or

genetic, humans have always wanted to take this one life they have and make the absolute best of it. They not only want what's best for them, but they want to achieve some kind of greatness. The problem is that while everybody wants greatness in their lives, not everybody is willing to work for it. And with the replacing of republics with democracies we have put an end to forcing meritocratic behavior on the population, and instead given the power to the masses to legally steal other people's wealth.

This transformation has broken (or at least seriously weakened) the relationship between effort and success. Worse still, it has destroyed the incentives that would inspire and propel those willing to work toward greatness. But even worse than that, is when society no longer aspires towards excellence and greatness, nearly every aspect, institution, organ and component of society is corrupted and decayed, no longer allowing those who DO want to achieve greatness the opportunity to do so. And it is that aspect of decline that has stolen the birthright of greatness from all Real Americans.

Consider how every major aspect of American life has been compromised to suit the benefit of socialists and lazy people at the expense of greatness.

Education - Education is epitome of this. Are you kidding me? We need to have 19 YEARS of schooling before you train a human with enough skills to be considered employable in today's labor market? K-12 is not enough? We need a bachelors degree AND "masters preferred?"

If there is an example where standards have been so lowered to benefit a corrupt network of lazy socialists at the expense of potential greatness the public schools and university system is it. Imagine what greatness has been;

squelched
destroyed
beaten out of
beleaguered
dissolved
eliminated
bored to death
and just plain drummed out of

the hundreds of millions of kids that had to listen to a talentless, inexperienced, 23 year old "education major" drone on 8 hours a day. And not only "drone on," but to take genuinely interesting topics exciting (the American revolution, science, math, history, etc.) and fail so spectacularly at making them interesting to their students, that their students fall asleep. How many future Bill Gates were "Ritalined" out of greatness? How many Milton Friedman's feel asleep because their history teacher couldn't teach economics to save his life? How many Thomas Edison's never materialized because they

were sat in front of somebody thrice their age with 1/3rd the IQ?

Additionally, this says NOTHING about the politics most public teachers are more concerned with than genuinely educating the children and creating greatness. No it's more important Little Jimmy learns about global warming than the American Constitution. No, it's more important he learn about diversity than financial planning. And no, it's more important he be held back in the same class with the problem children of single mothers than be allowed to accelerate at his own pace and graduate at 13.

It is mind blowing to think of the millions of child-geniuses there may have been over the past 40 years whose potential was completely lost to this society because we insisted in sending our children through mindless, indoctrination baby-sitting camps designed first and foremost to benefit the teachers unions and a daycare boon to dysfunctional families.

Sadly, that's just K-12. If the education bubble has shone a light so bright even your average ignorant American idiot can see it, it's the outright scam higher education has become. As if fleecing parents $150,000 for 13 years of property taxes wasn't enough, no, we need to fleece their children for $150,000 more. And can anybody sit there with a straight face and say that colleges and universities offer anywhere near the education they once did, let alone an education that warrants the usurious tuition they charge?

It's not so much that the higher education system failed to identify and promote child geniuses (those were all destroyed in K-12). It's that higher education went on to cripple the finances of most normal kids as well, ensuring they never reach their full potential in life. In the end we don't have 14 year olds capable of work and innovation, but rather 34 year olds who are still living at home.

Careers - Education is not the only institution putting hurdles, if not, landmines in front of Real Americans and their desire to achieve greatness. Most employers are too. Gone are the days of hard work, innovation, loyalty and excellence. Instead we have politics, ass kissing, brown nosing, and lobbying. And don't forget diversity training, sexual harassment training, sexual harassment suits, force donations to charities, quotas, affirmative action, CSR departments, mandatory employee "community service," and progressive credentialism.

Even if you were a child genius, and even if your genius was honed and sharpened for those "mandatory" 19 years of education, in 98% of the instances it would all be for naught in that most employers place more value on ~~people skills~~ kissing ass and ~~not rocking the boat~~ lying than any vaccine or new technology you can create. It's why the likes of Schiff were mocked and ignored and books like these didn't do any damn good. In short, corporate America is so corrupted by the incompetents that populate the country the ONLY way you'll ever come even close to your potential is through self-employment.

Economic Standards of Living -A study I did showed that if the economy had grown like it did from the 1940's to the 1960's income per capita would be around $99,000 per person.

Imagine the implications for standards of living.

We wouldn't have a social security/medicare/pensions crisis.
We wouldn't have the national debt we do today
We wouldn't have any employment problems
We wouldn't have anywhere near the divorce rates we have
We wouldn't worry about paying for college
And we wouldn't be worried about affording health care

But such an opportunity cost doesn't speak to what such excess capital could afford us.

With so much money there'd be tons more innovation. Diseases that could be cured, life expectancies would increase, technological advances would accelerate (imagine the Internet in 1973 and XBox 360 in 1981 and smart phones in 1994), whatever we have today imagine we had it 10 years ago.

But no, it's more important to slow down societal progress and blunt excellence so welfare bums can collect a check and spit out more children.

Family -And finally family.

You are never going to have June or Ward Cleaver.

For all the fun and mockery mindless, ignorant Americans made of them for being "square" and being "SWPL," in the end most Americans would kill for a loyal, beautiful, skinny wife and a handsome, wise, reliable, fatherly husband. Instead today you're going to get what you sow, and sadly, that SEVERELY limits your potential in life in that it limits the most important thing in your life - family.

Today's selection of modern day spousal candidates have:

Psychological issues
Financial issues
Familial issues (you know, already divorced, 3 kids, 3 different moms/dads)
Drug issues
Obesity
Attitude
Student loans
Worthless degrees

Poor job prospects
Credit card debt
Car debt
Household debt

and a never ending litany of other deal-breaking baggage that makes a Leave it to Beaver family a 1 in a million chance. Sadly, this is the single biggest cap on reaching your potential in life in that family and loved ones are the most important things in life. But hey, at least some angry 70's feminists got to make 3 generations of Americans wallow in their own misery.

We could address other aspects of potential-limiting in America, but you get the point. Our general inability to achieve our best is limited as we celebrate and invest in our worst. Had we not squandered our money on the losers of society we wouldn't have millions of youth mired in under/unemployment, but rocketing towards their best career potential. People would have enough excess income they could pursue their dreams, resulting in new musicians, artists, innovators, authors, and the commensurate works and creations that would come with it. Families would be more stable, resulting in a lot happier of a population. And nearly every one of us could take our one finite life and nearly be guaranteed it would not be wasted, ensuring we'd have no regrets on our death bed. Sadly, this reality was just barely whisked out of our grasp, and this is the kernel, the nucleus, the true cause of the grief of all Real Americans.

The question is how do we cope? How do we deal with this?

There are no universal answers, but if you're willing to listen to somebody who has given it some thought, here's my suggestions:

First, realize it's not your fault. You didn't control being born into the filth of the hippie generation and the successive filth spawned after it. You were just really unlucky. You must accept this, but more importantly FORGIVE YOURSELF and NO LONGER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. You must realize and accept you cannot fight stupid and there's just too much stupid in this country.

Second, come up with FEASIBLE goals you can achieve. You may not get that skinny wife or the employed husband. You may not get that career as a cop. But find out what you can do and do it.

Third, realize that the most important thing in life is other humans. Family, friends, loved ones. I personally refuse to waste my time on leftists, socialists, feminists and other mentally damaged people. Life is too short. Additionally, think about the likes of Hillary Clinton and John Edwards. Miserable people that nobody loves while they or their spouse fucks other people. Most leftists live in a delusional world and very few are truly happy. I

say that not to make you feel better, but because it's true. They have surrounded themselves with leftists. How happy can a human in that environment truly be?

Fourth, stay physically attractive and have sex with good looking people. While excellence may not be permitted in terms of finance, success, or your career, there is very little the left can do to stop you from being in good shape and attracting good looking people. This strikes at their core (envy), but gives them no way to get "retribution" in that you can't "tax" or "confiscate" beauty. The best they can do is things like "fat acceptance" or try to shame people for being sexually attracted to what they are. Nothing pisses off a weak, limpy male leftist or a fat, angry female feminist than two hot conservatives or libertarians enjoying each other.

Fifth, collect as much government cheese as possible. This may sound counterintuitive or at least immoral, but realize this is a democracy and society in its infinite ignorance has voted for bread and circuses. These ARE the new rules AND THEY ARE FORCED ON YOU. Ergo, you do yourself a great disservice and disrespect adhering to some inapplicable, higher-caliber moral code. Play by the rules they gave you.

Sixth, consider buying the book "Enjoy the Decline." It is EXPRESSLY written for all conservatives, libertarians and Real Americans and is designed to relinquish you of as much of your anger, grief, depression and malaise as possible so you can move on and enjoy the life as much as you can. Life is too short to be angry, sometimes it just takes a little nudge or a different viewpoint to understand how to let go of the anger...or at least not let it ruin your life.

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America Is Getting What It Deserves

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Again, the America you are fighting for is NOT the 1948, hard working, honest, freedom-loving country of decent moral caliber.

It's this.

"I Deserve a Child, Even Without a Husband"

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Forcing yourself to take time off
18 months not knowing you had a dishwasher
50 shades of gray the movie
Feminists invade comic-con
The bar Aaron could never attend closes
And hands down the BEST RIPPING APART of a female troll who insists she deserves children even though they won't have a father.

and MORE

in this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast.

You can find the archive here!

You can also find more ranty goodness on my Youtube Channel here!

Why We Just Can't "Print Off More Money"

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A simple explanation for your friends if they ask or if you're having trouble during an argument with liberals:

Why Stephen Smith is Proof Men Need to Ignore Political Correctness

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Let me be brief.

We here in this "hate-filled," "mysoginistic," blabbity-blah-blah-freaking-blah sphere of the internet known as the Manosphere, are about the only "baseline" of reality and sanity that exists.

We don't have the billions of dollars that the MSM has.

We don't have the TRILLIONS of dollars that the government has.

But we have something that trumps them all. And that is the god damned truth.

And when push comes to shove the people are going to be desperately searching for the truth.

And Stephen Smith DARED to speak about it.

Here's the deal men (and any women capable of intellectual honesty).

If you can't speak honestly, truthfully, and realistically about what is happening in society without getting:

fired
reprimanded
ostracized
ridiculed
sued
etc.

Then there is no society worth fighting for. And that's the plain truth. If you can't speak your honest, truth-adhereing mind without getting punished, then that society is over with and no longer worth fighting for.

So what are you going to do about it?

The reality is that this backlash and predisposition against the truth comes from the left. I don't hear any conservatives, libertarians or tea partiers demanding the heads, firings

and suspensions of people for speaking their minds. It is SOLELY THE MONOPOLY of the left that comes in with the political correctness and DEMANDS people be fired for exercising their first amendment rights or having independent thought.

So let's see if Stephan Smith, who is black and that DOES play a role in this, starts to appreciate the a-racists (meaning non-racist) defense of his right to merely point out the truth?

Because the sooner everybody realizes, regardless of their skin, that it's the socialists (euphemistically called "democrats") that will throw anybody under the bus to gain power, the better this country is going to be.

In the meantime, enjoy that freaking decline.

What Did I Tell You About Modern Day Christian Girls?

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They abuse the religion for their own selfish aims.

And what a shock, she's a lawyer.

Wednesday Night Wanderings

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Never send a woman to do a man's job.

Never attend or send your kids to the University of Wisconsin.

Never attend or send your kids to Harvard University.

The Case for Impeaching Obama

July 31, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I would say the IRS scandal would be enough, but there are other reasons as well.

And They All Voted Democrat

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but they'll blame Bush.

JBly is the Winner!

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With a bid of $75 JBly had the winning bid.

JBly contact me via my e-mail found in my profile below (or any other social media means) and we can get details.

Thank you all for bidding on my Ex Girlfriend's tits!

Why You Really Aren't "Investing" In the Stock Market

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Important economics lesson here boys and girls!

What does it mean to "invest?"

Well, if you're leftist it means to take other people's money and piss it away on worthless social programs, typically headed up by connected cronies in the non-profit world. For example we "invest" in our children in the schools, but they don't learn anything and are ranked near Mexico in terms of standardized test scores. We "invest" in communities by building (Mark Dayton's favorite) "community centers." they don't do anything but provide a place for bums and poor people to stay warm during winter or have social workers baby sit other people's kids during summer. In every case, the people who "invested" the money never see a dime of return because...well...the truth is those REALLY AREN'T INVESTMENTS!

You see, an investment has to have some kind of rate of return. Something where you take the money, you INVEST it in something, and that something provides you MORE than what you invested over the course of its life. If you use this (reality based) definition, you would think this would apply to the stock market. Your 401k's, your IRA's, your mutual funds! Those are all REAL investments, right?

Oh, you sad, sad goodie, two-shoes, obedient suburbanite conservative SWPL people.

So sorry, it is not.

You see, the INITIAL trade, the VERY FIRST TIME a brand new stock is sold on the stock market, that is INDEED an investment. We call this "initial" first time sale an "IPO" or "initial public offering." This is when a company is looking for investors to finance it. The company decides to sell some shares in its equity and various institutions, banks, hedge funds and other financial firms pony up the billions of dollars to get in on this "IPO."

The proceeds from these IPO's then go to the company which in turn then TRULY AND REALLY invests it. They buy assets, they buy equipment, the hire people, they build plants. They and their original financiers make the REAL investment. But what happens after that?

How do you good obedient 401k Clergy people "invest" if the large financial institutions did all the "real" investing already?

Well, the answer is - you don't.

You see, for a brief moment in time you may accidentally and indirectly hold some original IPO shares through a mutual fund, but over time (quite rapidly actually) those original IPO purchasers do something with those shares they bought directly from the company.

They sell them.

To who? You, them, each other.

Anybody who will pay them more than what they paid for it.

Once that happens those shares are no longer actual "investments." They are merely speculation.

This has two ramifications.

1. This means the entirety of the US retirement planning system is based on speculation. It's not about "investing in a new company" or "investing in an upstart." The vast majority of retirement dollars are based on the hope that a savvy analyst or mutual fund manager has found a 10% pricing error in a stock that allows him/her to purchase it and ride that 10% increase up before selling it (and charging you 3% managerial fees). Of course this says nothing about how now that the share of stock is so far removed from the company that it's economic variables that account for the majority of price swings, and so with QE-291 and artificially low rates prompting companies to leverage up and buy back their shares, OH, and let's not forget you 401k mindless zombies throwing trillions into the market every couple years, the stock market has skyrocketed when there's been no real underlying reason for it to.

2. The stock market and economic growth no longer have anything to do with one another.

I love it when liberals desperately point to the stock market as if it is some barometer of economic growth, standards of living, or well being in the country. Nearly everyone under 35 is under/unemployed, we've lost real, fulltime times on a nominal and adjusted for inflation basis, economic growth is lethargy, but hey hotdiggitydoooo! Dat der stock market broke 17,000! Obama's a genius!

In there's any explanation why the stock market is NOT the economy, it's that the ONLY economic growth to come from the stock market came from those IPO's. After that money was invested, there was NOT A CENT MORE of economic growth due to the sale of those stocks. Thus, any price increases (once again) have absolutely no bearing on any

new investment going into the real economy.

Now, I know, I know. I'm just a party pooper.

I was a party pooper before the Asian currency crisis.
I was a party pooper before the Dotcom crash.
I was a party pooper before the housing bubble
And I was a party pooper before the education bubble.

My question is simply this.

For all of you who got angry at people who said stocks were overvalued in 1999, that housing was overvalued in 2006, and that liberal arts degrees were worthless in 2009 (and there most certainly were VICIOUSLY and FURIOUSLY angry people I had to contend with back then) were the subsequent crashes and economic recessions worth it? Would you have preferred to have the crashes over me and people like me trying to tell you the truth? Or would you have preferred to avoid those recessions and collapses by maybe opening up your thick skulls to entertain something that wasn't bread and circus bullshit spoon-fed to you by politicians, bankers, Oprah, media and all the other "feel good, everything is awesome" establishment types?

Wait wait wait.

Lemme guess!

"This time it's different!?"

Enjoy that freaking decline.

For more of Aaron's cheerful tirades, consider visiting his Youtube channel

He Rested On the Sabbath Linkage

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In case you were wondering, yes, I'm trying to take weekends off. Noticed that I was working non-stop, all week, all day without a clear delineation between work and fun. And further noticed that if you don't stop and make a clear mental break from work, it starts to have negative effects on your mood and happiness.

In the meantime, some lazy Sunday linkage for you:

The Black Brigade has another damn fine podcast.

Stefan Molyneux has an interesting podcast on "The Truth About Israel and Palestine"

Food - it's what makes men happy because it's life, survival, security, and love all wrapped into one.

Couldn't happen to a better city.

Might have to watch this.

Roosh releases his new book with a title I'm shaking my head at.

The Baby Boomers will reap what they sow.

Victor Borge v. 2.0

How many private sector workers does it take to support a ~~parasite~~ government worker.

Daddy Popp explains math to welfare queens, but they won't be able to do the math.

"Royal Order of the Water Buffaloes"

Why You Should Never Go to STEM Grad School

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From our STEM Advanced Degreed Agent in the Field:

I just read your book "Bachelor Pad Economics" and discovered your other work; I thought it was great. I've done pretty well for myself so far but I still wish I had that book years ago. I would like to share my story about grad school in STEM. Don't worry, there's a happy ending – sort of – but I wanted to share my experience with others and invite you to comment.

I grew up in a blue collar family in the mid-west and didn't have much of money to go to college, so for my undergraduate I went to the satellite campus for a larger university that was about an hour from my parent's house. I decided to study computer science and I had won some great scholarships that covered the cost of tuition. I did very well in the program and despite not having attended a big name school, I was able to score some paid internships with a large and prestigious tech company. In my senior year I had great grades, more than a year's work experience in the field, more money in the bank than when I started, and a sunny and idealistic outlook. All of my professors said that I should go to grad school though and so instead of going to work upon graduation I went over to main campus to pursue my master's degree.

First thing first, never go to grad school just because you are smart and hardworking enough to get in. In grad school you need to focus on a narrow subtopic of your field and do "original research" so that you can publish journal papers that hardly anyone reads and beg the government for grant money. You do this research under an adviser, who is basically a manager. Your adviser provides you with lab space, finds sources of government funding, signs off on your coursework and thesis, tries to micromanage you, and then takes credit for your research despite not knowing the first thing about it. You should start looking for an adviser before picking a grad school to make sure you are actually interested in the research the lab is engaged in. In my case, my adviser sold me on a bill of goods about applying artificial intelligence to medical research being done at a more prestigious university. In reality, he didn't have a clue what these medical researchers were actually doing, he just had a friend who was doing a postdoc – that's when you have a PhD but instead of finding a real job you work under a professor doing research – in that lab, and they were willing to accept me as free labor. By the time I realized that I wasn't going to be working on anything like what had been described to me, it would have been politically difficult to back out because my adviser had already bragged to the dean that he had established a collaborative research project with this other university. Basically, I ended up finding some little niche where I could write computer programs that processed some data that the MDs couldn't. The work was incredibly tedious at times, and it wasn't anything like what I had been sold on, but at

least I was able to squeeze a thesis out of it and get the hell out of dodge.

My adviser used various forms of manipulation to pressure me to go get a PhD. He even asserted that it wouldn't overqualify me for any jobs, which I knew for a fact to be utter nonsense. If you have a PhD that focuses on an area that isn't applicable to the job you're applying for, most big companies won't consider you. I decided to find a job with the company I had interned with as an undergrad. ***When my adviser found out, he added a requirement that I write another paper before he would allow me to defend my thesis****. This delayed me by several months, resulted in me spending my last couple of weeks in grad school basically homeless and crashing on other people's couches, and forced me to spend my last summer before starting work cooped up in a windowless room trying to throw together some nonsense paper.*

It's not to say it was all bad. I actually enjoyed being a teaching assistant. I would routinely get comments from students that I explained the material much better than the professors. I lost something though, and not just the two years of my youth it had taken me to complete the program. The whole thing made me much more bitter and cynical. I got to see how professors really spend most of their time ***begging for grant money rather than teaching students or doing research themselves****. I got to see how a lot of these professors care more about prestige than actually advancing the frontiers of human knowledge. I got to see how universities will spare no expense in building and updating facilities that parents and prospective students see during their campus tour but never seem to have enough money to buy quality equipment for student labs. By chance, I actually got to overhear a conversation about hiring a new faculty member in which the only thing that was discussed was the* ***effects on the department's diversity rather than the qualifications of the different candidates****.*

Now that's all over though, I'm making plenty of money and living comfortably. Yes, I still deal with the typical corporate bullshit and I have to put up with Orwellian pandering to women and minorities. A great example of this is the time when I was struggling to secure approval for necessary business travel while the company was flying women from around the world down to some "women in engineering" event – which from what I could gather consisted of a bunch of ego-stroking talks about how victimized they all are followed by a trip south of the border to party and shoot tequila. It doesn't help that I'm now living in a liberal namby-pamby state either, but at least there is still the internet where people are willing to talk plain truth. All I need to do now is get to a point where I'm financially independent and finally say "fuck you" to all of this nonsense.

Thanks for being out there.

Why Keynesianism Is Immoral

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A recent intellectual epiphany I had was that to debunk religion one cannot look "forward," but rather "backward." What this means is that if you are going to try to debunk a religion (or philosophy or ideology, etc.) you cannot further argue within the context of that religion (philosophy, ideology, etc.). You merely abide by the rules laid out by said religion and in doing so get into semantical arguments that never resolve anything.

No, one must go BACKWARDS and ask basic elementary questions about the entire religion (ideology, philosophy, etc.) itself, challenging the PREMISES by which the entire religion is founded upon. And once those premises are proven to be false or at least unfounded or immoral, then the entire belief system itself can be called into question, if not, completely debunked.

And I believe Keynesianism is one such ripe candidate.

Let us say that Paul Krugman is 100% correct.
Barack Obama is 100% correct.
Janet Yellen is 100% correct.
And John Maynard Keynes himself was 100% correct.

My question is simply - so what?

And the reason my question, in spite of them all being theoretically 100% completely correct, is "so what" has nothing to do with being right or the efficacy of their policies. It has to do with whether their actions, claims, or demands upon an economy are moral. What right do they have to demand such behavior from other individuals?

Take smoking for example.

Right now private property rights are being violated across the globe because some people believe that just because they're right, their "rightness" trumps people's individual liberty and choice. Thus, now, even though people "own" their property in the form of bars and restaurants, those people have no rights as to whether or not to allow smoking, not to mention smokers who would like to smoke on private property where it would have otherwise been allowed.

Does smoking cause cancer?

Absolutely yes.

Should you not smoke?

Absolutely yes.

Are the anti-smoking Nazi's right?

100% right.

Still does not give them the right to tell other people what to do with their bodies.

And it is here that is the core to Keynesianism's immorality - they deny people's right to self-determination.

Let us be clear what Keynesianism is.

It is the belief that the government has the right to intervene in the economy (read-individuals' lives) to "make things better."

Noble or not
Honorable or not
RIGHT or not

that one belief transgresses the individual and makes Keynesianism a true evil in that it violates people's individual choice, individual freedoms, and individual decisions. It forces the will of a few government bureaucrats and politicians on the masses because "they know better." It dares to suggest some people know what's best for you AND GRANTS THEM THE AUTHORITY to intervene.

The problems and threats with such an economic religion (and that's what it is) are obvious to anybody with half a brain and an ounce of intellectual honesty.

1. In the Keynesian World nobody learns from their mistakes.

Spit out more kids that you can afford?
Lend to douchebag cronies who are connected to the banking system?
Major in stupid ass liberal arts suburbanite chicky girl studies?

Never fear! Government bailouts are here!

Understand that with a philosophy of Keynesianism any mal-investment that results in a crash or a recession is "magically" undone by merely pumping more money into the economy or (more the more vote-getting solution) bailing out people from their spectacular mistakes. This means that nobody can fail, and in nobody failing, nobody

learns from their mistakes. The consequences are disastrous as amply displayed by the black community. The "hot stove" in the form of "illegitimate children" is never seared in pain with the bearing the full costs of rearing one's own child. Keynesian bailouts merely moot the pain, denying 70% of the black population a much needed lesson in profitability, finance and survivability, and sadly condemning them to a life of poverty. And before you get all pissy and set your phasers to "accuse of racism" it's functionally no different than the denizens of lily white bankers who got bailed out just the same.

2. Keynesianism Is Too Easily Abused By Politicians

Hmmm....let's think this one through.

"Unlimited government spending"

WITH

"the power to bail out people for their mistakes"

COMBINED WITH

"a democracy."

Oh, no. No potential for amoral politicians to abuse this economic philosophy by

1. Spending money till the cow come home to
2. Bail out and thus bribe the idiot classes of society to vote for them because
3. In a democracy every person, welfare queen or not gets the vote

No, no politician would EVER sacrifice the future integrity of the country's finances and economy to win votes now at the expense of a mortgaged future. No, would never happen.

And finally...

3. They're Completely Wrong Anyway

I'd like to say the Keynesians were right, but truthfully that was just a handicap I gave to what is nothing more than the biggest frauds, shysters, intellectual weaklings and parasitic academians currently heading up our government, media, and educational institutions. If there's one thing to learn from the Obama administration it's that Keynesianism

just

does
not
work.

Forgot the moral argument that Paul Krugman has the right to tell you how much money you should earn, keep, save, spend, invest, be taxed upon, etc., because according to his wee-little academic econometrics model it's "what's best for society"

they're all wrong and (worse still)

they all know it (and worse still than that)

they don't care.

They are nothing more and nothing better than the modern day Catholic church killing people for reading the bible or being literate. They wish to retain their power by keeping the masses ignorant about economics. But unlike Europeans during the Dark Ages, most Americans are willing to be fattened and satiated watching The Bachelorette and getting some "great apps" at Applebee's. Just remember come next fourth of July our founding fathers aren't rolling in their graves as much as you're merely pissing on them.

Yeah, It's Like "Swingers"

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Had the honor of meeting Average Married Dad and this was the results. And yes, it is kind of like the movie "Swingers."

He has a book out which I will review later.

Latest Podcast Is Out!

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In this episode:

Two funny jokes,
my awesome grandma
blaming the border problem and lack of US sovereignty of females voting democrat
The Royal Order of the Water Buffaloes
The Mecca of Grunge and Hipsters (Uptown in Minneapolis) has officially been taken over by frat boys

And more!

The Newest Cappy Cap Model

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While I know you guys all clamor for more charts and graphs, unfortunately, we here at Cappy Cap have to get serious every once in a while and make you look at pretty conservative and libertarian girls.

Now, I know, I know, I don't like it any more than you do, but it's got to be done and the sooner we do it, the sooner it will be over with.

We only have like 4 or 5 more of these, so just be patient and we'll get through this. In the meantime buy Worthless.

Oh, she also said you should listen to The Clarey Podcast.

Why Every Young Man Should Consider the Bakken Oil Field

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The Problem With Wisdom

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Sadly, all of us "older, wiser men" have to admit we have no way to "force" you to accept and incorporate our wisdom. We cannot guarantee that had you pursued that career in music therapy you would NOT have become successful. We cannot guarantee that had you tried to get into investment banking you would NOT have become a millionaire. And we cannot guarantee that had you tried to become a basketball star you would not have become the next LeBron James. But if we were to switch it, focusing instead on the risks and consequences of you FAILING, rather than what idealistically "may have been," perhaps these severe costs will make you heed our words.

Stupid People Lending Money to Stupid People

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Again, how dumb are you to lend to Argentina?

and consequently don't deserve the republic, let alone can be trusted with a democracy.

OK, I'll give you the abbreviated version of this.

A restaurant in Stillwater, MN puts a "surcharge" listed as "minimum wage tax" to cover the recently increased minimum wage.

Now you,
me,
and anybody with half a f*cking brain knows that this is merely a play on words

That no matter how they break down the bill ALL OF THE EXPENSES HAVE TO BE PAID BY THE CUSTOMER!

It's always been that way.
It will always be that way.
And if it stops being that way, then the company goes bankrupt because it's NO LONGER PROFITABLE.

But oh no. That's too complicated for the "brilliant" American people.

No, read the comments and take in the galactical stupidity of some of our brothers and sisters.

Cripes, I need a book babe to lower my blood pressure.

Road Tripping to Seattle

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In my life mission to enjoy the decline and pursue leisure over labor, I will be road tripping it to Seattle. No real route is planned and no itinerary set but if you are in the Dakotas/Montana/Wyoming, Idaho/Washington area I may be coming through and more than happy to grab a beer or a coffee or shoot guns. Will be leaving tomorrow morning so give a shout out here if you're around. I do know I am VERY likely to be staying in Missoula, MT and hiking Trapper's Peak near Darby, MT. Then off to Seattle, return trip is eehhhhhh...TBD.

Anyway, let the ole Captain know if you're around.

New Sponsor - Talon Bottle Opener

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Greetings All!

We have a new sponsor. A reader is raising funds via Kick Starter for his own little entrepreneurial venture. Looking to raise a modest amount of $2,500 so he can manufacture and sell the "Talon Bottle Opener" which serves as a bottle opener, but also as this kind of Swiss Army knife sort of thing that organizes keys, making key chains unnecessary. Getting my copy in the mail and will do a review later, but in the meantime if you want to help a fellow entrepreneur out consider going to his Kickstarter page and tossing the guy a couple bucks.

Thanks for your readership and support,

Cappy

Thursday Night Linkage

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No amount of protests will change reality and truth. Also note the hyphenated name.

More insight into the psychology of leftists.

Suing Breitbart's widow.

Why the university system hates America and is nothing more than an arm of socialism.

Oh, the Irony

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And just 5 years ago Kirchner and Obama were best of buds.

An Economist Explains Russia's Sanctions

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Jerry Robinson is an economist who I reference frequently because he is one of the economists I keep learning from AND he's younger than me. Saw this while loading up the ole podcast in anticipation of my road trip and thought many of you would enjoy it as well.

My apologies for the fewer amounts of posts during the summer, but I am trying to enjoy summer while it's here and avail myself of the excellent weather. Normal blogging will return to a more normal level in late August. In the meantime I strongly suggest you also enjoy the summer and not read up too much on economics, politics, etc., during these waning days of summer.

Cappy's Great Montana Adventure

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Hello Lieutenants, Economics, Cappy Cappites and Chillldren!

Currently in Seattle, but yesterday was just south of Darby, Montana hiking "Trapper's Peak." Pictures below:

Leif - "Seattle's Royal Enfield"

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Met up with a fan Leif from Seattle who drove a Royal Enfield motorcycle. The motorcycle is about 4 times older than he is, but he still allowed me to sit on it.

Why You Must Suffer

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and put up with yet another horrifying, painful picture of the most recent Book Babe.

"Behind the Housing Crash" was written quite some time ago, and though sales have obviously dwindled, for some reason I think there may be a slight resurgence.

Seattle to Billings

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Howdy Lieutenants!

Made a rocket run from Seattle to Billings, Montana, and after sleeping in, I shall head out and hunt down some moss agates as well as fossils in SE Montana.

In the meantime wanted to share a couple pictures with you all. One is a picture of a bridge in Washington. I thought the state of Washington was all trees and mountains, but instead it's truthfully mostly prairie and desert, interrupted with the occasional Columbia river or random lake. Also included is a picture of Lake Coeure d' Alene (which I only drove past during night and never had time during the day to swim in, which I did) and the bar in Kellogg, Idaho where my "Staph Infected Hippie Chick" story was from, that is now closed.

Sunshine
BAR
CAFE

"Tampon Journalism" of The Guardian

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The REAL story here is not the click bait of a hopeless dependent and childish feminist who demands tampons be made free for all women.

It's that The Guardian would even consider publishing such pointless trash, which belies just how obsolete the MSM has become.

Why Most People Just Can't "Go Galt"

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I was listening to The Black Brigade's latest podcast whilst hiking Trapper Peak. And among their topics de jour was the recurring theme of "going Galt." This particular instance however, was prompted by local radio show host Jason Lewis walking off the job claiming he had had enough and was no longer going to serve as a host to what is nothing more than the parasites of society.

They applauded his decision, as do I, but they then went onto ask the question, "Why don't more talk radio hosts" or "leaders" in the conservative/libertarian movement provide a how to, or actually go Galt themselves? Matter of fact, why don't just 10% of conservatives, libertarians or as I like to call them "Real Americans" go Galt, crashing this entire corrupt system?

Well, lieutenants and economists, I already had the answer before I made it back to the trail head.

Understand that the number one thing preventing conservatives and libertarians from going Galt and "starving the beast" is that they are saddled with debt. This may at first sound odd that conservatives and libertarians would have such finances, but consider the fact that most people incur debt when they are younger

which consequently means

made those decisions to incur debt when they were statistically likely to be more liberal

and you can see why even "savvy" conservative/libertarian types just can't "go Galt."

If you look at the decisions that result in life's major debts, they are typically made during their "dumbass 20 something leftists phase" ie - before one turns 30.

Student loans
Credit card/consumer spending
Car loans, and of course the biggest ball and chain of them all
Mortgages

This results in an irony, if not a fiscal tragedy, where future and theoretical "Galtists" who would love nothing more than to go Galt, can't, simply because they are saddled with too much debt FORCING them to remain in the work force till their debts are paid and their mortgage gone. You add in marriage and children, and your average male "Galtist" can only wistfully pine about going Galt just as much as he can "buying a motorcycle and

heading to Sturgis without permission."

The result is a phenomenon the Manosphere calls the "Wage Mule" or "Debt Slave." Stupid decisions made in the past condemn the rest of your life to severely limited choices and potential, effectively ruining your life, and certainly making lofty, idealistic political maneuvers such as "going Galt" an impossibility.

There is however, good news.

While Gen X may have been the last generation to partially swallow the

"House
College
Wife
Kids"

propaganda, Gen Y/the Millenials didn't. Additionally, a good percentage of Gen X also postponed marriage, or avoided it all together. In other words, Americans, despite their horrendous stupidity, are actually starting to learn from their predecessors, and with the breaking of the social contract between men and women and default and unconscious "going Galt" is already occurring.

Men just aren't proposing as much as they used to and if they do, they wait till they're well into their 30's to do so. Also, unless you're an illegal immigrant or are too stupid to do basic division and understand the concept of income per capita, people are having less kids. Thirdly, the economy is so poor, an entire generation has had the forced lesson of minimalism forced on them. And finally, if you look at labor force participation rates, people are wising up (even feminist-fed women) and realizing that yes, work indeed sucks. In other words, society is slowly "going Galt" as they respond to the perverse and country-destroying policies socialists have enacted upon society. This may not be the "rapid" "starve the beast TODAY" sort of strategy idealistic Galtists want, but it is to show them that what they wish for is already happening naturally. Perhaps not at the pace they wanted, but it is happening and it cannot be stopped.

The real issue, however, is one of hope. Galtists (theoretical or not) deep down inside want to starve the beast TODAY with the hopes that a new society would emerge from the ashes so quickly that they would be able to participate and enjoy said new society during their lifetime. The problem is that society is too glacial, America too entrenched economically and globally, and our citizenry too fat, stupid and endebted that this will never happen. Most people alive today will die watching a declining America, not a phoenix from the ashes. It will be future generations that will witness a reality-forced destruction of socialist America, and a resurrection, if there ever is one.

When Robots Replaced Liberal Arts Majors

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If you really want to be on the cutting edge of economic thought, the concept of robots making human labor obsolete is the place to be.

This does not really threaten people who are willing to expend the calories of energy to learn skills and trades that either cannot be replaced by robots or that are in the fields of developing, building, maintaining and programming said robots.

But if you're a talentless "liberal arts" major working as a barrista

or

An idiotic customer service worker in Seattle who thought the minimum wage of $15 was a great idea

you may want to rethink you're grand strategy of just "forcing" employers to pay you more when your lack of genuine skills can be automated at a fraction of the cost.

But, you know, hey, you go and "major in what your heart tells you" and see how well that poppycock strategy developed in the 50's works for you. The rest of us will be preparing for the 2020's.

Tasing Fat People at the Minnesota State Fair Episode

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In this episode of The Clarey Podcast Aaron is in Seattle where he and his friend discuss;

Cappy's aggressive driving
Idiots who stand in line for 2 hours to get coffee at the original Starbucks
Ruining his reputation by helping a kid
Trying to remember the lyrics (and meaning) to the Frasier theme song while in Seattle

and

Cappy's dream of being airdropped into the Minnesota State fair armed with tasers where he goes on a tasing rampage

(You'll also note we've switched from Box.com to Podomatic. The download button IS THERE on their online player, but it is not obvious. I apologize in advance. Swear to Christ these programmers do not think of user friendliness when laying out their web sites. HOwever, this will allow for RSS feeds, iTunes and Stitcher radio in the near future)

Post post - Davis Aurini found out the meaning behind the lyrics to "Tossed Salads and Scrambled Eggs"

Rural Revoltion

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"*Declaring a worthless major is simply shouting out to the world, 'I'm a parasite and have no intentions of working for a living. I want to do what I want to do and I want the rest of you to pay for it. I ultimately want to produce nothing society wants, but in return I demand other people slave away to make me MP3 players, computers, video games, as well as engineer hybrid cars and whatever else I want. I also want society to create some make-work job for me so my ego isn't bruised and I can make-believe I'm a real-world-live adult too. And if you dare point out what I'm doing in the real world is nothing more than parasiting off of others, I'll cowardly hide myself behind some altruistic crusade and accuse you of being a racist, a misogynist, or a hater of children.*'"

Rural Revolution was kind enough to do a review. She is also now on the blog roll.

Two 20 Something Western Crusaders Get Their Comeuppance

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I love it when "multiculturalism" and "social Marxism" eat their own.

But you know, never listen to that stale, old, boring Euro-centric wisdom that managed to create everything good in this world. No, no, go on your crusade so you feel good about yourself and how open-minded you are.

A Political Analysis of ISIS

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I think it sums it up actually quite nicely and accurately:

The Epitome of Leftist Bias in Journalism

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Every once in a while you get a photo or a picture that embodies EVERYTHING wrong with an entity, an ideology, a group, or a movement, etc.

This is one of those pictures which shows the:

ignorance
stupidity
bias
political agenda
crusaderism
and
narcissism

of modern day leftist journalists.

Thank you Ryan J. Reilly, you epitomize everything that's wrong with modern day journalism and ensure us bloggers are the real 4th Branch of Government.

Book Review - The Great Deformation

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The Great Deformation, by David Stockman of Reagan admin fame, is a detailed and precise account of how (among other things) socialism, central banking, monetary policy, and corruption in the financial service sector has so warped and distorted the pricing mechanism of the financial markets that it has ultimately impaired and crippled the free market from functioning properly. Lacking this VITAL economic tool, the economy has since mal-invested in many bubbles resulting in a stagnation of our economy and no real economic growth, as well as no real hope for the future.

Ironically, those two lengthy sentences also epitomize the book because it is both lengthy and (unless you're an economist) doesn't make a lot of sense to the average person - thus the tragic and paradoxical nature of this otherwise excellent book.

There is absolutely NO DOUBT as to the quality, precision and workmanship Mr. Stockman put into this book. His ability to explain precisely what was going on, who was responsible for it (the financial crisis), as well as his masterful use of the English language to explain it, is unrivaled. The problem is that this brilliant piece of work has no obvious audience.

If you are an **average person** trying to understand the financial problems of the US and western civilization in general, this IS the book for you to read. The problem is that it's written at such a high level of "economicness" you won't understand half of it and would have to commit to further educating yourself about economics that it would take a SOLID two months of DEDICATED self-education in the field.

Ironically, if you **ARE educated in the field,** and managed to be one of the few economists with his head out of his ass and Keynes' dick out of your mouth, you will certainly understand it, but it will be nothing new to you. Mayhaps some details or observations you didn't know about (there are plenty in the book), but again, if you have the slightest bit of intellectual honesty and a drop of Austrian economic blood in your veins you will be fully aware of Mr. Stockman's points and positions.

Thus the tragedy about Mr. Stockman's book.

I would love to recommend it to beginners in economics as it is the veritable bible and account of what caused our current financial woes. But it would be speaking in tongues to them.

And I would strongly recommend it to my economic colleagues...it's just they already know what Mr. Stockman wrote.

The true value of this book is sadly what many of us do so on a day to day basis:

Writing for posterity.

If there is a "primary" reason to own this book it is because it is a brilliant and detailed account and accord of what PRECISELY happened during the build up to, and the consequences of, the financial crisis and future crises that are about to happen. It is not a novel to be consumed and then discussed at an intellectual light-weight "book club" in the suburbs sipping on $7 cup of Joe's at Starbucks pining when your sugar daddy husband is going to buy you another Range Rover, but rather a reference guide to consult when having serious discussions, and certainly policy issues if saner heads are ever elected into office. In short, it is as if you took "50 Shades of Grey" and multiplied it by -1.

Not very exciting, but infinitely practical and helpful to society if they ever cared to give it two shits about it.

Thankfully, Mr. Stockman has a very good outline where, though titled eccentrically, chapters are labelled (more or less) categorically allowing you to consult topics specific to your interests/needs. I would NOT recommend anybody read it cover to cover (which I did effectively while driving to Seattle and back via audio book), but instead purchase it and use it as a reference book for any point in time where discussion or debate requires an authoritative source as to the causes and consequences of the country's current finances.

You can find Mr. Stockman's book here and his other literary works here.

RSS Feed Available for The Clarey Podcast

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With many thanks to our Eastern European Tech Guru in the Field The Clarey Podcast now officially has an RSS feed and will (hopefully) be on iTunes soon as well.

Celibate Boyfriend = Celebate Husband

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It's always fun to watch Christian women date.

Fun Times Guarding Saudi Princes

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I can't think of a more deserving group of people than Saudi princes to get robbed for a quarter million. However, this story made me realize something.

Most of those Saudi royalty people are grade A, arrogant, aloof, assholes. They believe you are inferior to them and they have absolutely no appreciation for their wealth, their luck and their fortune. They also are more than willing to play mind games, using Islam as a means to make your job of protecting them harder just for entertainment:

No men guards can watch over our women
Do not look at our women
No booze on the floor we stay on, even if it's other people that have nothing to do with our party
We need Muslim compliant food, fetch us some.
Etc.

Thus, while at the time I thought it was pretty cool to be providing security from one of the Saudi princes, in truth I was just putting myself in danger for a professional hit like this. No job, no money, and certainly no Saudi royalty is worth being in harm's way.

So for any young men out there across the world who are approached with the opportunity to play security guard to a Saudi prince, yes the pay might be good, but you're likely putting yourself in a situation where you might have to fire a gun (and suffer the legal consequences) of protecting what amounts to nothing more than one of the biggest douches in the world.

Let the spoiled brat Saudi princes protect themselves.

Communism + Super Fastfoward = Capitalism

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The thing that stuck out most to me in this video is how the director HAD to fast forward the video to make the city look like it was bustling. But if you were to play it at normal speed, you'd notice the SEVERE and DRAMATIC lack of human (and therefore) economic activity in the country.

The ONLY thing of economic noteworthiness was the DHL truck which I was amazed to see in operation. The rest, if you can slow it down to normal real life speed, is actually depressing.

The Clarey Podcast Now on iTunes

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Our Eastern European IT Genius in the Field has also managed to get The Clarey Podcast on iTunes for all you ~~communists~~...errr....ummmm..."Apple users."

Next step will be to get on Stitcher, which I have no clue what it is or why I'm trying to get on it, but the kids nowadays say it's all the rage.

If there are any problems downloading or accessing the podcasts please let me know.

Many thanks,

Cappy

The Common Thread Between Elliot Rodger and ISIS

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A superficial survey of the masses murdering Elliot Rodger and the mass murdering ISIS may only draw one, maybe two common threads. They're both murderers and they're both crazy. After coming to this conclusion most people whilst sipping on their $7 cup of lattes in the unaffected suburbs will then continue on their life, more concerned with whether they should pick up a copy of People magazine to catch up on all the pointless Hollywood gossip.

However, as my brain is wont to do, it wanders and thinks during my roadtrips, adventures and hikes, coming up with epiphanies that people stuck in cubicles and rush hour never have the opportunity to. And my latest great western road trip was no different as I discovered the key thing Elliot Rodger and ISIS have in common (heading south bound on 79 out of Rapid City no less). And if we take the time to identify it, think it through, we can prevent the likes of Rodger's rampage and ISIS's, even radical muslims thirst for blood.

Understand the most powerful force in the universe is not gravity, it's not electromagnetic radiation, and it's not nuclear power.

It's the human male.

Yes, yes, I know physicists will disagree as to the pure mathematical energy that can be measured, but in terms of what has come under control, managed, and been directed towards accomplishing the most amount of good it is not the non-sentient energies that be in the universe, but rather the human male.

It is without a doubt that nearly everything on the planet has been built by men. Civilization, math, engineering, capitalism, chemistry, literature, surgery, vaccines, nuclear power, electronic, communications, flight, space travel, you name it, men have built it. Matter of fact men are so energetic they've managed to master and control all the powers of the universe, bending them to our benefit and will, forever increasing the standards of living and life expectancies for all. This makes men not only the most interesting creature on the planet, but the nucleus and bedrock of society.

Where this limitless energy comes from is very simple - women. Men are programmed to want, desire and procreate with women. Many men also want to see their genetics cast out into the future in the form of children. Ergo a loving, beautiful, and loyal wife along with loving children are the batteries that power these amazing machines of innovation and progress.

But wives and children also serve a very vital role when it comes to the issue of men and their energy. One that puts their role in society on par with the importance of men - they channel men's energy.

Channel it to what?

Channel it to productive uses.

Without wives and children, mens energy has no ultimate point or purpose. And sadly, just because a man does not have a wife or child does not mean that energy goes away. It's still there, it just now has nowhere to be invested in nor a purpose to be invested wisely. And it is here where the dangerous side of men lies.

Imagine, if you will, a single man as if he were the plutonium used in the Fat Man atom bomb. This 6.2 kilograms of plutonium had 21 kilotons of potential energy. Also know that that energy MUST be expended. The man is going to burn that energy one way or another over the course of his life. So what is the best way to expend it?

Well, like nuclear power it can be expended in a very helpful way...

or a VERY destructive way.

The helpful way would be like a nuclear reactor providing nearly limitless energy and power to cities and society. It can heat homes, power industries, light the night and make life incredibly better for all of us.

Or it can be used to destroy and lay waste to society. Level cities, kill millions, wage war and end human life on this planet.

And now you see the importance of having women and family in life, as well as the commonality between Elliot Rodger and ISIS.

Without going into a great and detailed psycho-family analysis of the two, both Elliot and ISIS lacked the guidance, familial structure, and incentive to properly and productively channel their energy. The guidance coming from fathers who were either effectively absent (in Elliot's case) or dead/brainwashed by Islam (in ISIS members' case), never existed. Thus, the PRIMARY individual in their lives that would have taught them about how to go about getting a wife and children (their dads) were either not there or so impaired by a religious ideology things like "game" "wooing" and "charm" were never conveyed to their sons. Without these tools the Rodgers and ISIS's of the world were unable to attract women, denying them wives and families, thus denying purpose and agency to their lives. Worse still, with no children or loved ones in their lives, they had no incentive to be good stewards of the future, and thus no incentive to channel their

energies productively.

Naturally, many of you will point out that just because a man does not have a point or purpose in life, does not mean he will use his excess energy for evil. Why not channel them for good? Why do you so pessimistically assume men will default towards destruction and evil? And while that is certainly true and there are many examples of philanthropists and altruists abound, the sad truth is that human psychology will typically default towards ego and laziness. And this is where the Destruction Principle and Crusaderism come into play.

Ever so abbreviating both, understand the human mind wants to belong to something and have SOME KIND of value. But if either through society, a recession, or a lack of interest from women, etc., no such opportunities to belong to something good and productive exist (a career, a family, etc.), people will go and create it out of whole cloth. Thus "crusades" that claim to be "helping" society, that are in reality nothing more than havens for worthless, talentless people to give themselves some kind of "faux" meaning or purpose in life:

Going green/Environmentalism
PETA
Born again Christians
African aid/mission trips
Feminism
Anti-fracking/Keystone pipeline
Etc.,

Where these "crusades" become particularly evil is on two accounts. One, participants in these crusades do NOT care about society as much as they do themselves. They don't care about the whales, they don't care about "the poor," they are doing it first and foremost for their ego. And whether or not their crusades and their demands actually hurt society (by increasing poverty, lowering unemployment, confiscating other people's money, etc) does not matter to them, because making society suffer (either through higher taxes or lower future performance) is less important than making their egos feel good.

Two, in pursuing crusades that are not based in reality, but rather ego-masturbation, they are diametrically put against reality. This means any success society has had in the past 5,000 years by adhering to reality has to be criminalized and villainized, and ultimately destroyed by these people. Capitalism, freedom, nuclear families, individualism, success, excellence, men, patriarchy, etc. any pillar of success is one that needs to be torn down. Thus, the majority of "successes" and "accomplishments" these type of people point to on their resume is NOT one of "building something" or "creation," but rather destroying something, stopping something, or preventing something.

Now, this mental disease of The Destruction Principle and Crusaderism is nothing "too" dangerous on its own. Wimpy effeminate men will join hairy armpitted women on a whole host of whinny and complaining campaigns, voting for socialism, economic justice and whatnot as they join OWS and protest in cardboard boxes. The worst outcome is they vote for socialism and slowly destroy the underlying economic infrastructure of society.

However you add The Destruction Principle and Crusaderism to men who ***still have testosterone*** and combine it with a lack of purpose and agency, and you now have the most dangerous and volatile cocktail for young men. And with nowhere else to go, and no productive use for their energies, these men will not lash out in a form of amazing production and charity, but rather death, mayhem, destruction and terror all in a self-aggrandizing way. Thus your Elliot Rodgers, ISIS, Al-Qaeda, James Holmes, Tsarnaev brothers, etc.

The solution is one that modern day western civilization is not willing to accept today. We need to put men at the center of society, ensuring they are raised right to ensure their energies are used for good and not evil. This unfortunately means making fathers head of the household and championing the nuclear family as the bedrock of civilization. It also means women (if they wish to have a family) will have to actually be wives and mothers first and foremost instead of temporary incubators for human children that are to be outsourced to the state for raising so she can get back to her career as a "non-profit marketing director."

Until that time the most powerful force in the universe will continue to go increasingly unchecked and unhoned to the risk and detriment of the world.

Aaron Clarey is a mean, evil jerk and writes mean things that hurts weaker people's feelings frequently. He is the author of "Enjoy the Decline" and "Bachelor Pad Economics" among other literary works. He hosts The Clarey Podcast and his Youtube channel where he does stupid "white-maley" things like using statistics, logic, math, facts and the truth because he's a jerk. He's also a racist, mysoginist, sexist, homophobe that hunts kittens and kicks puppies for fun, when he's not too busy stealing the oxygen tanks of nursing home patients.

Idiocracy - Another Reason Not to Breed

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I love how universities are actually unintentionally lowering IQ's.

"What If Your Parents Decided Not to Have Children?"

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In a language-warning rant I debunk the argument "What If Your Parents Decided Not to Have Children" which is also the same argument as "What If YOur Mom Decided to Have An Abortion?"

"Sliming Her Vagina Across the Video Gaming World"

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I have put a call out to The Bechtloff to explain to us lay folk what the big deal is with this Zoe Quinn girl. He agreed to write a piece for later this weekend. However, what prompted my interested in this was listening to Honey Badger Radio's recent podcast.

However, the most gut busting laugh I've had in a long time came at the 1:11:45 mark. You do not want to piss off the Honey Badgers.

On a related note, Davis Aurini and a partner of his are raising money to put together a documentary about the "Sarkeesian Effect." Essentially an expose of these leftists, feminists and varied sorts of social justice warriors that have purposely targeted the video gaming/comicbook/geek industry in an effort to co-opt it for their own political purposes and to bring it down out of desire to pursue The Destruction Principle. They're looking to raise a decent amount of money and given that the frauds they're trying to expose damn well got near a quarter of a million dollars to make "political games" it might be worth throwing a couple bucks there way.

Why Every Worker is a Veritable Slave for 14 Years

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Uncle Bernie did a preliminary review of Bachelor Pad Economics and intends on doing a more lengthy one in the near future. However, he did cite a quote from the book that in simple math explains why anybody stupid enough to work hard is really a slave to socialist and leftist parasites for 14 years of your life.

The only way to win is to starve the beast and make the grocery store shelves empty.

Zoe Quinn for Non-Geeks

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As mentioned in a previous post, I did not fully understand the "conflict" that has arisen in the gamer/geek/comicon/video game industry with the likes of Anita Sarkeesian, Adria Richards, and (most recently) Zoe Quinn. Even though I am an avid gamer and 80's nerd, I still was not able to understand why there is so much hubbub about a bunch of feminists trying to ruin a good time in geek culture. In my layman eye I didn't see any true threat or scandal except for a bunch of hate-filled feminists wishing to either capitalize or vainly attempt to destroy an otherwise happy and predominantly male-enclave of society so they could boost their egos without the rigor and effort of accomplishing anything of genuine merit or worth.

However, because of the sheer volume and visceral backlash against these women, I knew there must have been more than what my novice eye was seeing. And thusly I requested our resident expert in all things Geekery, Chris Bechtloff, to connect the dots for us non-geeks so we can understand the threat these sub-humans pose to society.

I personally know Chris and his podcast is one I tune into regularly. I'm not recommending it because "he's a friend and I'm just trying to help out a friend," but because the dude has a GREAT geek podcast and has the ability to translate the happenings in geek culture to how it affects "normal boring us" culture. You may find his podcast here and the traffic would be appreciated.

Hello there Lieutenants, this is The Bechtloff and the good Captain has asked me to step in and explain, as simply as possible, who the hell Zoe Quinn is, what this controversy is all about, and most importantly, why you should care.

Zoe Quinn is the feminist social justice warrior who made a little video game called Depression Quest on an independent video game distributing site called Steam. Depression Quest is a text based game about having depression. If that sounds like a terrible idea for a video game, it's only because it is. Ms. Quinn's game was, as you might imagine, mocked by many a gamer. A fact that Quinn was able to use to able to use to garner sympathy and even donations via crowd funding. So to recap, Zoe Quinn's original claim to fame was making a terrible excuse for a video game, and then playing the professional victim.

Now recently Zoe Quinn's ex boyfriend published a very lengthy blog in which he accused her of cheating on him with at least five different guys, which is where she earned her new nickname of "Five Guys Burgers and Lies". Now it seems most if not all of these men were fellow video game developers and video game journalists who worked at sites that were giving her favorable coverage as well as covering up negative stories on her that

came out. So obviously serious questions regarding journalistic integrity have been raised. All of this is covered extremely well in videos by the Youtuber Internet Aristocrat. I would suggest checking them out for more on it.

Now I don't want to go into extensive detail, but there are a lot of factors here. The identity of all five of these men, or even if it is indeed only five are unknown as of now. Also a staunch Zoe Quinn defender by the name of Phil Fish is claiming his website has been hacked by Zoe's enemies, although there is considerable evidence that he faked that. I'm struggling with how much to even mention here because I really want to keep this as brief as possible. As I said, there is a lot going on here, and this story continues to unfold even as I type this. But what is clear is that geek and gaming sites like Kotaku are desperately trying to sweep things under the rug on this. In a very Nixon like turn of events the cover up is rapidly becoming far worse than the crime.

Now the real question is why does this matter. Well, this is far more important than the whorishness of Zoe Quinn. This is about how unbelievably corrupt and bias the geek and gaming media has become. Put simply, we have allegations that gaming developers were sleeping with game critics in exchange for positive coverage, and the response from those in charge of these sites has been "Move along, nothing to see here folks.". We have journalists literally in bed with the industry they are charged with covering. It is clear that the gaming and geek media have become completely overrun by corrupt whores who care about nothing but pushing their insane liberal agenda and scratching each others backs in the process, or in this case, scratching each others naughty bits. And if Zoe Quinn and everyone else involved can get away with this, then that means these people can basically get away with anything. Now some of you reading this might think this doesn't matter. Maybe you don't play video games, or read comic books, or indulge in any other aspect of geek culture. But it still matters. Geek culture is the imagination of our culture. It is from geek culture that so much of our technological innovation and our art and entertainment spring. We cannot afford to let these soulless liberal whores snuff that flame of creativity out.

Thanks folks. And now back to your regularly scheduled Cappy Cap blogging.

We Don't Need No Stinking Fathers

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You just have to read the last question.

By all means gentlemen, please be absent in your child's life. We need a constant supply of strippers, porn stars, and escorts. And ladies, please, by all means, choose men to procreate with that will be absent in your daughter's life. We need her to grow up insecure and with daddy issues so that we don't have to work too hard to get some play.

Corporate Taxes Are the Dumbest Thing You Can Do To An Economy

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Yes, language warning.

The Truth About the ALS Ice Bucket Fad

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I think I speak for everybody:

"Yeah, But the 50's Were Racist!"

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When debating economics, nothing angers me more when a human mind purposely chooses to ignore the precise, specific argument at hand and pulls something unrelated to the debate, and presents it as germane.

The perfect example of this - pointing to the 50's as ideal economic times.

If you ever bring up the 1940's and the 1950's as an example of what an economy "should be," you will be guaranteed 100% or your money back, leftists will un-thinkingly knee jerk and parrot two arguments they had spoon fed to them.

1. Oh yeah, well the top income tax rate was 99.8%

and

2. Yeah, but the 50's were racist!

I'm not going to go into the argument about the top marginal tax rate (which so few people paid) as it's been debunked.

But I am going to address the "Yeah, but the 50's were racist."

My counter-argument is simple:

So what?

Not that I am for racism.
Not that I had no problems with Jim Crow laws.
Not that I wanted blacks intimidated from voting or lynched.

But because IT IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE TOPIC ABOUT ECONOMIC GROWTH DURING THE 50's!

During the 20 year period which most would consider the halcyon days of America (1940's-1960's) economic growth was nearly twice what it is today. Unemployment a half. Underemployment, non existent. And debt decreasing. Practically all economic measures showed the economy firing on all cylinders and everybody, and I mean EVERYBODY (blacks included) benefited from this great general economic climate.

But to take an irrelevant sociological phenomenon such as racism and use it to besmirch

or debunk an economic phenomenon is intellectually dishonest and...well...the epitome of leftist.

The truth is that the economic growth during the 50's was so great, it was able to OVERCOME what negative effects of racism there were. Blacks and black families we infinitely better off based on a wide array of economic statistics during "those evil, racist, oppressive 50's" than they are today in Unicornitopia Diversityville Obama Land. Unemployment, crime, real wages, illegitimate birth, divorce, etc. And while things such as Jim Crow laws and other specific instances of truly oppressive racism existed, it wasn't until economic policies changed from that of capitalism and free markets to "The Great Society"/socialism did blacks' economic AND sociological lot start to severely deteriorate. Ironically, this meant outright racism wasn't anywhere near as damaging to the black community than "well intended" socialism.

What I want to see, though, is taking the precise same illogic the left uses when deriding the 50's and reverse apply it today.

So there was a lot more racism back in the 50's, and there's less of it today.
But back in the 50's the black community (as well as all communities) had better technology adjusted standards of living, healthier families, and the economy was growing much.
Ergo, racism is good for economic growth!

Whether the leftist is smart enough to see you merely did what they did - dishonestly substitute the sociological scourge of racism into what was an economic debate - would be left to be seen. Though my money would be on their heads spinning.

Episode 61 of The Clarey Podcast

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The "Three Hour Podcast of Hell" which includes:

How back to school sales ruin kid's summers
English teachers have rarely written anything of literary worth
Test your IQ!
A review of Wolfenstein NWO
A review of Sin City 2
How I'd murder Steve Balmer
"I'm Majoring in Reconciliation"
My enemies were the key to my success
When Cappy read the riot act to a real life high end whore (and paid the price)
And Aaron takes down a sanctimonious single mom like no other

and more in this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

And for you communists posing as "Apple Product Afficionados" you can find The Clarey Podcast on ~~Pravda~~ errr....uhhh....ahem...."iTunes" as well.

My Ex Found a New Home

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The purchaser of "My Ex GF's Tits" has found her artwork a new home. Specifically a frat house in front of a beer-pong table.

I cannot think of a better home.

How the Left Murders the Individual

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I did a spoof video asking why there isn't a "White Male Appreciation Month." And though I knew it was tongue and cheek, it wasn't until a handful of of people, who were offended by it, made me have to go and think through why I found it funny. And after a little scratching of the surface and kicking it around in my brain, I finally realized not only why I found it funny, but why it truly is funny:

ANY "Appreciation Month," no matter which class or race or gender it celebrates, is stupid.

Permit me to explain.

In the video I (rightly) point out white males made, "well...everything." But the punchline is that deep down inside, I am not a single one of those white males.

I didn't invent electricity.
I didn't invent flight.
I didn't invent any medicine or vaccines.
And I didn't invent the auto-mobile.

Matter of fact, like most white males, I haven't invented or done much of jack with my life.

But if we are to follow the logic of any race's "Appreciation Month" that shouldn't matter. It shouldn't matter if we personally, individually didn't achieve anything. It shouldn't matter if we sat on our asses all day drinking beer and playing video games. It shouldn't matter if we're collecting a check, getting bailed out of our mortgage, or having illegitimate children. All that matters is the color of your skin, your gender, your sexual preference, and BOOM! You "magically" are entitled to just as much pride and respect as the individuals in your respective group who actually did do something of merit and worth.

So because I'm a white male, I'm some how responsible and deserve respect for the accomplishments of Albert Einstein, Neils Bohr and John Oppenheimer.

And if you're a black male you are somehow responsible and deserve respect for the achievements of Duke Ellington, President Obama, 50 Cent, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

And both of us could be drugged out methheads with 4 illegitimate children and criminal records.

Naturally there are several things wrong with this logic.

First, why is it only the good accomplishments? Shouldn't it go both ways? Germans should have a huge complex right about now because not only are they responsible for jets, rockets, the auto-mobile, nuclear power, and space travel, they're also responsible for the Holocaust, two world wars, and the Nazi human experimentation projects. Thus, just as it would be stupid for a German today to take pride in German achievements 50 years ago, it would be just as stupid to blame him for German atrocities 50 years ago.

Second, what if because of history, geography and things outside of your "group's" control, they didn't achieve much? I'm still waiting for the day the NAACP and various other black groups cite and celebrate STEM heroes in the black community instead of the litany of never-heard of "civil rights leaders" or "Maya Lou Angelo" subpar-"artists." Couldn't you cite Thomas Sowell? How about Dr. Benjamin Carson? Herman Cain? In part you don't see these genuine heroes of the black community cited is because of politics. In part it is the political nature of these "appreciation months" to paint the group as a victim to beget additional taxpayer monies. But (sadly) another reason is that due to slavery, history, geography, etc., many people in many groups did not have the opportunity, and thus no track record of great achievers to point to as mentors and models.

Ergo, what? Are some groups condemned to really lame heroes? Are the real heroes going to be hidden for political reasons? Are aspiring youth in different groups going to have lower bars and standards?

Only if you make them think their heroes MUST be of the same group they are.

And this gets to the truly disgusting, criminal, even outright evil aspect of these "appreciation months" - It destroys and murders the individual by replacing individual accomplishment and achievement with a trait you were born with.

It's important that all people of all groups understand this because there is a genuine evil out there that wishes to destroy the one thing you have in life - yourself. And if you don't understand this and realize the threat this poses to your life, you will waste your one precious life on this planet. Thus, it is vital you pay attention to the next couple paragraphs.

If you're like me or any other human your "self," your "consciousness," what you experience in life is not affected by your gender, your skin color, or your sexual preference. Like me you wake up and your brain says, "Hey, I'm here." It sees the world through the same way mine does, through our eyes, and the electrical chemical impulses shooting through your brain cells result in the same physical and mental experience every human has. This experience is universal across all humans of all types. It isn't

until you take the time to purposely look at your arm do you notice a different in the color of your skin or bother to look down your pants do you notice a difference in sex.

However, those "traits" are things you were born with. You did nothing to earn a "vagina" just as I did nothing to earn "white skin." They define your physical self, but not your life, your accomplishments, your adventures, or your experiences that ultimately will go into and make up "you." Thus these physical traits have no real value and to place value on them is stupid. This is why I don't wake up every morning and look at my arms and say, "My goodness, look how white I am! I am so awesome!" Nor do I wake up, look down my pants and say, "Shucks howdy! Look at how male I am!!! I'm totally *ahem* 'blessed'." Nor do most of you because, well, you're sane.

But the same cannot be said of many other people. Professional race pimps, feminists, "Appreciation Month" professionals, the "Privilege Clergy," and people otherwise psychotically (or politically) obsessed with traits they were born with and never their accomplishments. And not to simplify it (though it is that simple), but these people can cumulatively be identified as the left.

Understand precisely how evil and despicable the left is when they demand more emphasis and value be put on traits than they do individual accomplishments. They tell you that you only have value because of characteristics you were born with. Something completely out of your control. And that conscious you, the person inside that skull of yours with dreams and hopes and desires, the one thing that is the true you and identifies you, is worthless.

It doesn't matter if you achieve anything great or unique.
It doesn't matter if you want to experience a different life.
It doesn't matter if you want to think differently and make this one shot at consciousness on this planet truly and uniquely yours.
And it doesn't matter if your brain has the capacity and ability for greatness.

No, you are black and condemned to a life of failure and racism.
No, you are female and condemned to a life of pay gaps and sexism.
No, you are gay and condemned to suffer at the hands of "straight-privileged" Christians.

The real issue is whether you're going to believe them or not. If you identify them for the political scum they are, dividing and pitting difference groups of Americans against one another for political gain, you will not waste this one precious and finite life you have and will achieve your own individual greatness. But if you fall for it and actually believe you're "oppressed" and "discriminated against, " so much so to the point you actually put more value on your skin color or sex than your accomplishments, then the left has won, they stole your life, and you as an individual have been murdered.

There's Always a Catch With Women

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Village of women looking for single men.

Just have to "follow their rules."

Funny…the article doesn't mention what those rules are.

How much you want to bet they stay a man-less village forever?

A Very Cappy Job Posting

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A reader of mine has a job that is akin to the Bakken oil field - hard work, but great pay and something young men can probably do.

Consider pursuing it if you're looking for something different and want to lead a different life. Remember to tell him "The Captain Sent Ya!"

The World Needs More Assholes

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Remember kids, if you're having problems and can't find a solution, you have a choice;

Hire a nice person that will take ten times as long, and thus, ten times the expense to beat around the bush and MAYBE get to the truth

or

Hire and asshole who doesn't give a shit about your feelings and will just tell it like it is for a fraction of the time and cost.

Asshole Consulting
When you want to be lied to, hire an MBA.
When you want the truth, hire an asshole.

Why Defaulting on the US National Debt Would Be Moral

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To simplify my banking career, my primary job was assessing the likelihood and probability that people we lent money out to would pay us back. Of course this was a pointless task because management and bankers were paid by commission so they really didn't care about the quality of the borrower, just that the loan got approved and they got their commission. This, naturally, led to me ramming heads with management (where I would almost always lose), but on a macro-economic scale also led up to the housing bubble and subsequent crash and Great Recession.

However, in my pursuit to find genuine, real silver linings to our current economic state, it didn't dawn on me until very recently that my experiences in banking also provided the 100%

legitimate
sincere
unbiased
logical

rationale to default entirely and completely on the US national debt.

Permit me to explain.

While most of us would put the blame of our financial woes on the idiots who couldn't do 3rd grade math and borrowed way more than they could afford, it has to be pointed out that there were idiots that lent to such morons in the first place. There will ALWAYS be math impaired entitled lazy cry-babies thinking they deserve a McMansion and a luxury car. It's whether there are saner heads in the banking industry that would lend to these idiots. This is called "due diligence" and was primarily my job back in my banking days. Thus, while we certainly (and rightly) place blame on the idiots who borrowed more than they could afford, we must also place blame on the banks who were so stupid to lend to these idiots in the first place as well.

Here were have no argument from any side of any political aisle. Everybody was against the bankster bailouts. Everybody hates the banking industry and those that populate it. And nearly everybody agrees that the banks should have taken their losses, never gotten bailed out, gone belly up and died never to be seen again.

So, riddle me this, riddle me that, why do we hate the bankers so much, but love our

nation's creditors to the point we still concern ourselves with paying them back?

Understand they are one and the same AND they made the exact same mistakes.

Bankers lent money to people who couldn't afford to pay it back.
Lenders to the US government lent money to a government who couldn't afford to pay it back.

Bankers failed to do due diligence on the borrowers it was lending money to.
Lenders to the US government failed to do due diligence on the borrowers it was lending money to.

Bankers created a bubble that inevitably crushed the US economy
Lenders to the US government have DEFINITELY created a bubble that will DEFINITELY crush the US economy.

If that doesn't convince you, let's view lending to the US government much in the same terms as bankers view or analyze lending to regular banking clients.

First, who are these idiots lending to?

Well, the US government or the "American people." But I think a better personification of this would be our chief representative to the world, Barack Obama.

Obama has never worked a real job in his life. He has been an academia, a spoiled brat with his grandma paying for everything, who immediately went into politics and because of his youth, looks, and race won the lottery in the democrat primary to be president.

His political platform has been to bribe voters with money that he borrows, while seeding envy and hatred against the only assets in the US that have the capacity to pay us back (entrepreneurs, hard workers, corporations, private sector, etc.)

But again, it is not so much Barack Obama US creditors are lending to, but the people who put such an idiot in office. He is merely a proxy to the caliber and character of the country as a whole, and that country seemingly has no intention of paying anybody back, let alone concerning itself with government finances.

Second, what is the money being invested in?

Understand that banks don't just "lend out money for shits and giggles." The proceeds of the loan must be invested in some kind of asset or business that generates an income. AND NOT JUST AN INCOME, but MORE INCOME THAT WHAT IS BEING CHARGED IN INTEREST. However, this is entirely a moot point because the proceeds of the loans lent

to the US government do not go into ANYTHING even remotely resembling an investment.

1. 70% of government spending is income transfers, which is nothing more than bribes to the parasitic class to vote for democrats.

2. What money does make it to "education" is wasted on indoctrinating youth into socialism and not providing them the skills and jobs they need to support themselves, let alone work up the excess cash to pay back the national debt. Worse still children are so removed from labor market realities they'll blow a trillion in federal tax dollars getting masters degrees in egos and hobbies before considered a trade.

3. Health care spending is, sadly, but factual, mostly spent on people who will never work again and are just going to die soon (so again, mathematically just throwing money in a hole).

4. Wars, no matter how called for, usually are not profitable for either side. Even if the US went into the mid east "for oil," they've done a spectacularly bad job of profiting off of it.

In short, I'd rather lend to a cancer-ridden, faux 55 year old "DudeBro" "businessman" whose Beemer is leased, his house mortgaged to the hilt, and who has a trophy wife with a horse hobby farm that wants to start a bar, because at least a BAR is somekind of an investment.

Welfare bums, single moms, dying old people, tanks, and socialist indoctrination camps are NOT investments.

Third, how are we getting paid back?

You're not! Any basic financial analysis of the government's finances already tells you it is loth to run a surplus. And, once again looking at the caliber of the people in charge of the government, they have no intention of voting in fiscally conservative and astute people into office. The American people are no different than the spoiled suburbanite children and trophy wives of the beleaguered and insolvent failing "businessman" who desperately comes to the bank, begging and pleasing to be lent more money so he can keep the facade up for another 6 months.

Since repayment is not an option, banks naturally then look at the repossession of the collateral.

Fourth, what do they have for collateral?

Creditors to the US government have "the full backing and faith of the US government"

for its collateral.

Translated into English?

"Nothing."

There is no collateral.

And the reason there is no collateral is because if any creditor dared tried to repossess say a piece of land or some islands or some other form of US assets a la "South Beach Tow" the full might and strength of the US military would come crushing down on it.

In other words, simplifying it a lot, people who lent money to the US government were just as spectacularly stupid and naive and negligent in their lack of due diligence that they fully deserve the US government to default on it and never pay them back.

The Chinese and foreign creditors? You were just as dumb lending money to an Obama America as you were building all those ghost towns and ghost malls that populate your landscape.

Pension funds, mutual funds and 401k plans? You were just as dumb lending money to Americans as you were actually believing social security was a great way to retire.

And even you parents who thought "teaching your little children about interest" by having them invest in a Series EE bond, are going to instead teach them a much more advanced economic lesson on government bond defaults.

My simple economic take on this is why not make it easy? Simply acknowledge the emperor has no clothes, default on it now and be done with this once and for all. Creditors to the US government will get what their ignorance deserves, and we'll all be free of the national debt...that is until you idiot creditors lend this country of spoiled, entitled brats more money and start the whole cycle over again.

Enjoy the decline.

Academic Credentialism: The Pyramid Scheme Inside a Pipe Dream

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A guest post from our Agent Alex.

Let me start off by saying that if you're a reader of Captain Capitalism, you don't need me to tell you that the whole academic gig is a scam. Heck, you might have even realized it before you even stumbled upon his works. It's really not that hard to pick up on. You go to class, and it seems like the professor isn't even there. Chances are good that he's an adjunct, commuting between three different campuses a day and earning less than minimum wage, ruing the day he decided to waste seven years studying Medieval English Poetry. Say he's not one of the growing army of "professors" making burger flipping wages. Still, the lucky bum getting a living wage looks over the classroom and sees fifty to a hundred people who really don't care about what he has to say, and distract him from his need to publish or perish, or conduct far more interesting graduate seminars.

The first college I ever attended was one of those crappy for-profit degree mills they advertise on daytime television in between reruns of "Little House on the Prairie" and Judge Judy. The kind of school that a person who sells his plasma for money or needs a pay day loan goes to, or in my case a naive kid just wanting to get out of the boondocks and into the city. The first day of class, the English professor goes up to the podium, introduces himself and says "I am a playwright. Unfortunately, no one gets paid for being a playwright in Arizona, so I am paid to stand here and teach you how to write papers on books you'd rather not read. If you want to get your degree in computer programming or electronic engineering, you will listen, you will write, and you will get graded on it. Maybe you might use this later in your career, but most likely not. However, it's the hoop you have to jump through. Let's try to make this whole thing less painful for the both of us by just accepting that." Of course my bad luck started when I found out I liked reading books and writing about it better than crunching C++ and Java, but the tale of how I became an academic ghostwriter, or as I prefer to call it; "a phantom of the Ivory Tower" is a story for another day.

The fact is, most professors don't give a shit. They're going through the motions just as much as the students are. So what does that mean for you? Well, unless you're a tradesman or one of the lucky guys who figured out it was going down the tubes before you had a family and all the financial obligations that it comes with, you're likely stuck in some sort of office job that requires certifications to climb one more rung up the side of the crab bucket. Certifications means taking classes. Taking classes means… you guessed it; jumping through hoops. Here's the thing. Jumping through those hoops takes time.

Say you're a systems administrator who wants the certs to add information system for business operations to your resume. Is it really worth your time to take those classes on business writing seriously, when it has nothing to do with what you're really aiming for? Take it from me. Even if you're good at writing papers, good enough to get paid to do it for others, it's still hellish to look out that window and realize you're trapped inside in front of a screen while the sun is shining outside. Life is finite. Go out, play with your kids, have a nice cigar, and go to the beach. Why waste that weekend agonizing over a paper that doesn't matter to you, doesn't matter to the person grading it, and is ultimately pointless to the world at large?

It's all pretty much a sign of the decline. Professors teaching things they don't care about to students who don't need it (and in the case of the aforementioned degree mill 2/3rds couldn't comprehend it), all so that... well... what, really? We're educated? Well, if you're smart, you do learn something, but it has nothing to do with the pointless lectures and time wasting papers. You learn that academic credentialism is nothing but a pyramid scheme inside a pipe dream. It's a demoralizing soul-crushing grind for everyone involved, in which money and time is extracted in return for meaningless pieces of paper, which, if you're smart enough to choose pieces of paper that serve as a marker of desirable skills, leads to future monetary returns. In better times, education used to be about enrichment of the mind and of the character.

It sure as hell ain't that anymore.

So why not let one of us phantoms do the heavy lifting for you along the way, hmmm?

Some Outstanding Empirical Research and Data

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The day is near where a camera will be able to assess within an adequate amount of precision the "Sausagefest Factor"

Still, this data is precisely what ever guy needs to see when debating whether or not to make night clubs part of their strategy when pursuing women.

Today's Location Independent Office

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is brought to you in part by;

Socialism! With taxes like that why work at all?

Debt Slaves! Why work hard when people with mortgages, car loans and spend-happy spouses have to work hard and pay taxes?

Corporate America! We'll lie about the job description and everything else!

HR! Degrading people with real skills by forcing them to interview with 24 year old ditzes since 1975. HR-when you really don't care to recruit the best!

Book Review of Roosh's Latest Book

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The reason I don't mention the title is because that's my primary complaint about the book (and a lot of books/writing in general in the Manosphere/Alt Right/Red Pill world) - it's too crass. It's titled "Poosy Paradise."

If you read through it you can see how it couldn't be titled any other way. It's the latest chapter in Roosh's life as he allows you to vicariously live through his as he travels Easter Europe chronicling his exploits and adventures in getting laid. However, what originally started out 5 years ago as a random adventure to ensure his life was going to be different (starting with a trip to South America), Roosh's experiences are rapidly coalescing into an actual professor/career - that of an international playboy. This evolution and honing of his life/career naturally leads him to the more esoteric and philosophical aspect of the book - precisely what do you do after you create your own job getting paid to travel the world and seduce women?

This is where I think Roosh's future lies and where I wish he put more emphasis on in the book. Like the Voyager spacecrafts, he is pushing the limits and boundaries literally going where no one has gone before. And I say this not out of worship or ass kissing, but because it's true and I predict others will be following his lead. Understand, he and MANY OTHER modern day men who dared to think out side the box, insist on better and different for their lives, are not only becoming very successful and leading lives of luxury and interest, but at too young an age (Roosh is 33) are being forced to ask questions rich men retiring in their 60's are asking. And this fact shows in Roosh's logic following his behaviors and actions, leading him not to conclusions, but questions that most likely cannot be answered.

Sadly, as mentioned before, this is a small minority of the book, essentially the last chapter. The rest is what you've all come to know and love Roosh for. Detailed and entertaining accounts of his daily and nightly expeditions to find girls and get laid. I personally enjoyed the tactical and strategic discussions as he would explain why he did something (sit next to a plant) and how he would interpret a text. But then this high-level discussion would quickly deteriorate when he'd go into unnecessary, almost Harlequin Romance Novel level of grotesque detail about the sex he was actually enjoying.

Perhaps that is why his books do so well and he has the followership he does. It is just my personal opinion his future does not lay in writing male-harlequin fantasy porn, but philosophy and pushing the limits of human existence.

Yet Another Reason the Stock Market Is Overvalued

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In my online stock valuation class I teach, The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks[image], I have my students grab the annual report of a company of their choosing and use it for analytical purposes in the class. Over the now 12 years I've offered this class, I've seen trends in the different companies they've chosen.

Garmin, remember them?
Palm? Those were fun times!
Blackberry? Ah, the early 00's.

However, of even more interest was the financial trends that were spotted when we'd get into the nitty gritty of it. Most recently two trends that are related

1. "Cash Flow from Operations" continually exceeding "Cash Flow from Investing"

and

2. A almost nearly always guaranteed repurchase of shares.

Before you fall asleep let me explain these things to you and why they are very relevant to everybody today.

First, "Cash Flow from Operations" (CFO) and "Cash Flow from Investing" (CFI) are two "boring" financial statistics that all companies have. Most people focus on "net profit" or the bottom line, but savvier analysts know to look at CFO and CFI.

The reason is (without going into a long and boring detailed explaination of non-cash accounting) CFO is the amount of actual cash the company is generating while CFI is the amount the company spends on maintaining and expanding it's operations. Ergo the "cash from OPERATIONS" goes to pay for the "cash expended on INVESTING."

These two numbers I believe tell you more about a company than any other financial numbers. First, it tells you if the company is profitable and not just on paper, but actual cash (CFO). Second it tells you if the company is expanding or contracting (CFI should be a negative number showing the company IS expanding and investing). And third, it tells you if it can finance its expansions and operations with the money it generates internally. Ergo, if CFO generated exceeds the amount spent on CFI this is a GREAT thing because the company neither has to borrow money or issue new shares to expand. It is SO PROFITABLE it can do it in house.

There is a problem, however.

As I noticed most of my student's companies were generating a lot more CFO than they were expending on CFI. Yes, profits have recovered from the depths of the Great Recession, but this economy wasn't booming. And most of the profits I knew came from cost cutting, not investing in new plants and equipment, expanding operations, and thus employment. Ergo, what the financial statements of these companies were telling me was the reason for such excess CFO over CFI was not because of healthy CFO, but rather low expenditures on investments and CFI. This is why corporations can have these "record profits," but employment growth and private investment is not forth coming.

Second, now enter in stock repurchases.

Say you're a CEO of a corporation that is generating a lot of cash flow, but not expanding or investing a lot. Well, you're left with the enviable position of having a lot of extra cash on hand. But if you're not going to invest that cash, you have to do something with it. So what do you do?

Stock repurchases.

Repurchasing a company's stock is NOT investing and does NOT show up in the CFI. Additionally a company repurchasing its shares does NOT create any ACTUAL investment. No factories are built, no facilities constructed, no people employed.

It does however boost the price of your stock because it "undilutes" the amount of shares outstanding. This not only boosts the stock price and makes your shareholders (who indirectly vote you into your executive position) happy, but also makes your stock options much more valuable.

Ergo, the trend you see of companies with excess CFO who like to repurchase their shares.

It is here I would like to show you the S&P 500's "statement of cash flows," but unfortunately you have to pay for such research. Instead I'll merely pull some key, large companies we're all familiar with and highlight this phenomenon on their cash flow statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)

	Years ended		
	September 28, 2013	September 29, 2012	September 24, 2011
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	$ 10,746	$ 9,815	$ 11,261
Operating activities:			
Net income	37,037	41,733	25,922
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash generated by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	6,757	3,277	1,814
Share-based compensation expense	2,255	1,740	1,168
Deferred income tax expense	1,141	4,405	2,868
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(2,172)	(5,551)	143
Inventories	(973)	(15)	275
Vendor non-trade receivables	223	(1,414)	(1,934)
Other current and non-current assets	1,880	(5,162)	(1,391)
Accounts payable	2,340	4,467	2,515
Deferred revenue	1,459	2,824	1,654
Other current and non-current liabilities	4,521	2,552	4,495
Cash generated by operating activities	53,666	50,856	37,529
Investing activities:			
Purchases of marketable securities	(148,489)	(151,232)	(102,317)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	20,317	13,103	20,427
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	104,130	99,770	49,416
Payments made in connection with business acquisitions, net	(496)	(350)	(244)
Payments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(8,165)	(8,295)	(4,260)
Payments for acquisition of intangible assets	(911)	(1,107)	(3,192)
Other	(160)	(48)	(259)
Cash used in investing activities	(33,774)	(48,227)	(40,410)
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	530	665	831
Excess tax benefits from equity awards	701	1,351	1,133
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(1,082)	(1,226)	(520)
Dividends and dividend equivalent rights paid	(10,564)	(2,488)	0
Repurchase of common stock	(22,860)	0	0
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net	16,896	0	0
Cash generated by/used in financing activities	(16,379)	(1,698)	1,444
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,513	931	(1,446)
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	$ 14,259	$ 10,746	$ 9,815

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31,

(Dollars in Millions)

	2014	2013	2012
Operating Activities			
Net income including noncontrolling interests	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ [illegible]
Adjustments to reconcile net income including noncontrolling interests to net cash provided by operations:			
Depreciation and amortization	439	422	421
Restructuring and termination benefits, net of cash	182	35	103
Venezuela devaluation charge	172	—	—
Gain before tax on sale of non-core product lines	—	—	(207)
Voluntary benefit plan contributions	(161)	(131)	(170)
Stock-based compensation expense	128	120	122
Deferred income taxes	71	42	38
Cash effect of changes in:			
Receivables	(97)	[illegible]	(143)
Inventories	(97)	(71)	(143)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	74	[illegible]	109
Other accounts receivable and liabilities	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Net cash provided by operations	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Investing Activities			
Capital expenditures	(978)	(936)	(917)
Sales of property, plant and equipment and product lines	16	[illegible]	304
Purchases of marketable securities and other investments	(469)	(373)	(519)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities and other investments	305	171	174
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(6)	(39)	(496)
Other	6	[illegible]	(43)
Net cash used in investing activities	(898)	(956)	(1,514)
Financing Activities			
Principal payments on debt	(7,464)	(1,811)	(1,175)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	7,976	1,437	1,814
Dividends paid	(1,882)	(1,775)	(1,704)
Purchases of treasury shares	(1,671)	(1,514)	(1,806)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options and transaction fees paid	459	476	414

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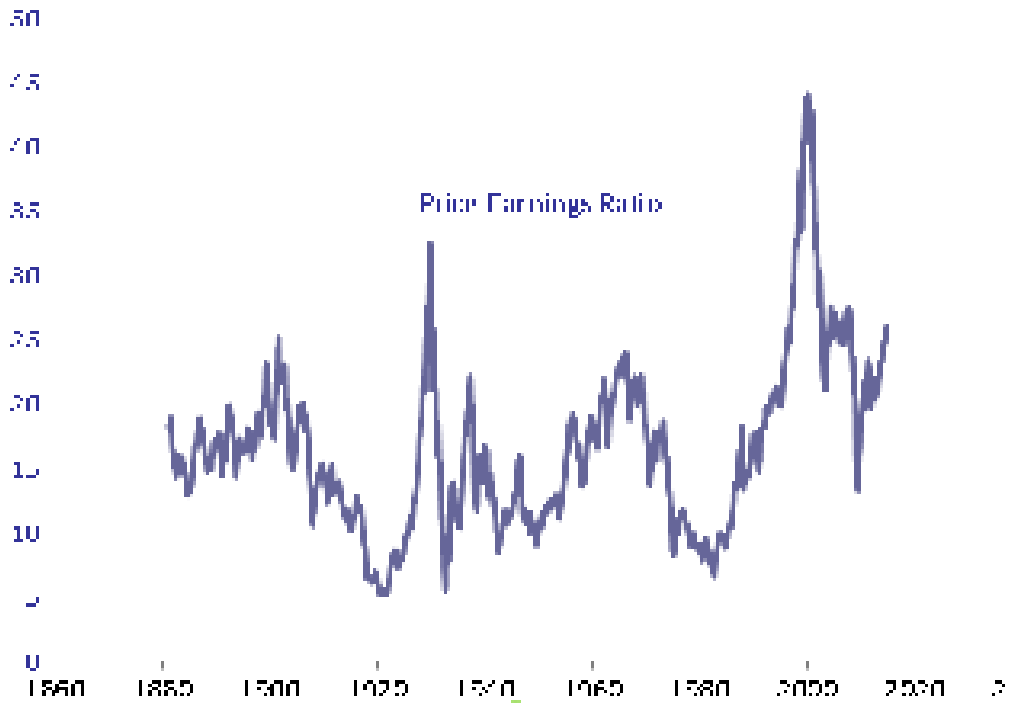
Though your eyes may be glazing over, if you look at the highlighted (red) sections you'll see these companies (Colgate, Exxon, and Apple) making tons of money (CFO), but not fully reinvesting it (CFI). The remaining cash is (primarily) used to repurchase shares (and sometimes pay dividends) or buy other stock's shares (highlighted in blue).

These corporate actions not only speak volumes as to what the "holy trinity" of corporations, investors and ***employers*** (all 3 in 1) think about investing in the US, but also have serious ramifications for US stock valuations.

First, they're saying, "*Are you nuts? Invest here? Sorry, we're going to spend what we have to to ensure our current investments don't rot, make what meager investments we see that are truly profitable, but sorry, economic growth and the investment climate is just not worth it. We're just going to repurchase shares because THAT'S OUR BEST USE OF OUR MONEY.*"

Second, in doing so they further inflation a stock market bubble that is already inflated with trillions of 401k, IRA, 403b, and other pension/retirement fund money. This has driven the S&P 500 well beyond it's historical PE of 15 to a now dizzying 26 implying a 73% overvaluation that only idiot Americans would cheer for and IRA Zombies invest in.



Source: Robert Shiller

Ultimately, though, there is a hidden lesson corporations and investors are indirectly telling the American public (and western civilization citizens in general). And that lesson is one of:

"Fuck you."

I don't know how long it will take "corporation hating" Americans to realize that those same corporations who they love to loathe and blame their ~~laziness and lack of work ethic~~ problems on are also the primary source of:

1. Jobs
2. Careers
3. Economic innovation and growth

and

4. Retirement wealth

in this country. And the fact they have made it so inhospitable financially, politically and socially to be a corporation here that corporations would rather

1. Spend money repurchasing their shares
2. Spend money buying other companies' shares
3. Open factories overseas
4. Bribe/lobby politicians

5. Pull a Medtronic or Burger King

than hire and invest in the US should be a wake up call to all the Obama-supporting college graduates working as barristas for $9/hour. i.e.- even the dumbest of leftists should have the mental capacity to understand these basic lessons of economics and human incentive.

Sadly, however, western minds have been so damaged and polluted with self-pitying victimization and laziness they'd rather sit and mope, feeling sorry for themselves, blaming those "white-male-ly" corporations, and thusly condemning themselves to a life of poverty and mediocrity, than spend the energy it would take to get a basic education in accounting and economics. But, hey, at least they "weren't part of the system man!" and stuck it to those "corporations, man!"

Regardless, for all those Americans who hate corporations and are too busy to be bothered with cash flow statement accounting, enjoy listening to "Rage Against the Machine" when you're 50 and maybe, MAYBE, making that last payment on your student loans.

Another Leftist Lie About the 1950's

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As you all know the 1950's by every technology and inflation adjusted measure was not only better for everybody, but was hands down the pinnacle of US achievement and capitalism.

Because of this the left does its best to rewrite history, besmirch it, criminalize it, villainize it, and (as if it's not the most tiresome and broken record in their playbook) is remind us just how sexist and racist it was. The 1940's and 1950's just simply cannot exist accurately in the history books for it is everything that the left hates and the most compelling and damning empirical data that proves socialism wrong.

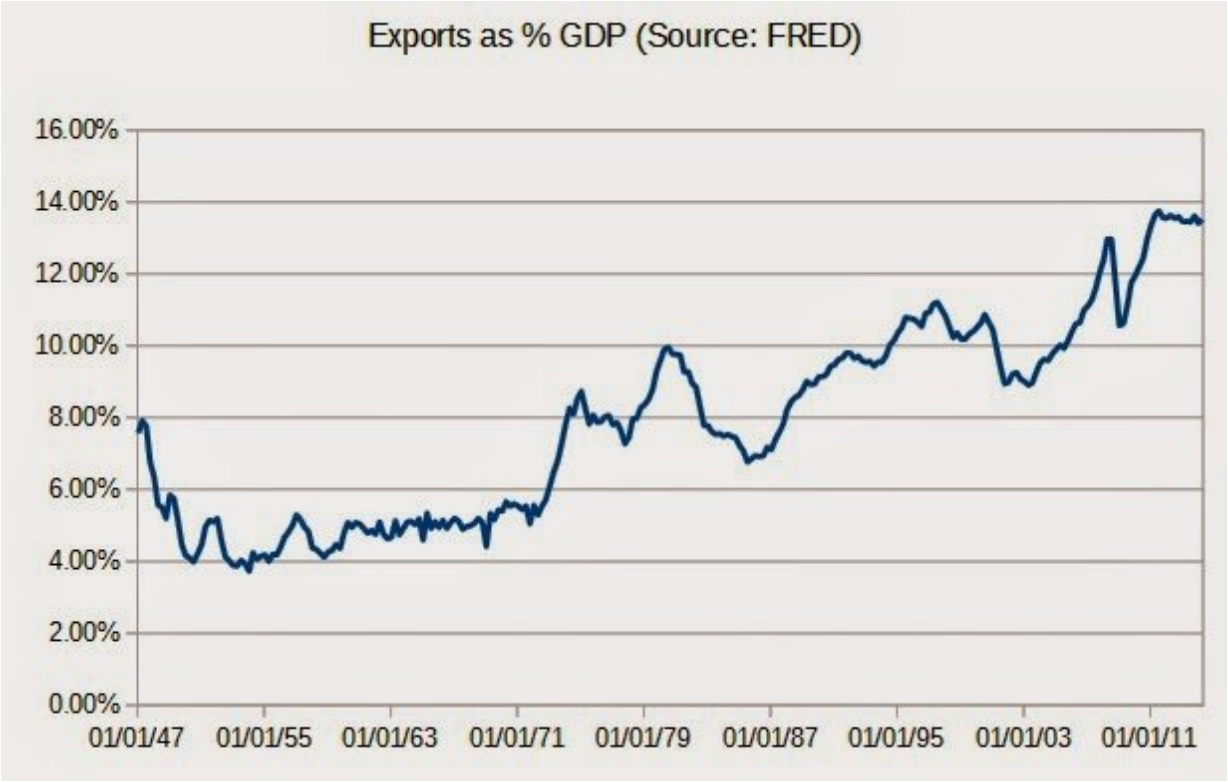
Because of this I like to bring up the 50's occasionally, citing data and statistics and presenting logical, unemotional arguments as to why it was indeed the best decade in US history. And today's leftist argument we're going to debunk is;

"Oh yeah!?? Well...umm....you know what...the WORLD WAS DESTROYED after WWII and the US was the ONLY country left to build stuff for them. That's the only reason the 50's had such great economic growth. It wasn't capitalism! It was because the world was our bitch! So..umm...yeah, so there!"

So young lieutenants, economists, Cappy Cappites, and book babes, let us do what the left refuses to and look at the actual data.

To see whether or not the true cause of the booming economic growth in the 50's was due to the rest of the world being destroyed, I decided to look at exports as a percentage of GDP. To be honest, I truthfully thought there was "some" credibility to the left's claim, and so I was more than willing to adjust US economic growth to account for exports. However, after pulling the data, I realized I didn't have to bother:

Exports as a percentage of GDP have actually GONE UP SINCE WWII.



Yes, during 1947 exports were at a relative high, but after a 2 decade decline and stagnation, exports have consistently been going up since the 1970's. Keep in mind a lot of this has to do with services (which were not as prominent in international trade as today), but the argument that the whole world was "just destroyed" and was helplessly dependent upon US exports which explained the booming economic growth we enjoyed in

the 50's is just a lie. And if we consider exports are nearly TWICE the percent they were back in the 50's, it's actually a damning testimony against the creeping socialism we've had since the 1960's (as well as American spending habits that we IMPORT even MORE resulting in a trade deficit).

The primary lesson to take from this though, ladies and gentlemen, is that you can almost always assume the left has never bothered to look up the "facts" they spew. You, sadly, just have to assume whatever they say is either intentionally or unknowningly false and be willing to spend the 5 minutes to look up the actual data.

A Serious Request for International Readers

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Greetings All,

After a summer of hiking, road tripping, Vegas....Vegas....and Vegas once again, it's time to get back to work (only because everybody else is) and get serious.

Posts, as you may have noticed, have taken on a more serious and meaty tone, projects have been achieved, and things have been tidied up. Since this "house cleaning" is done, now we can move on to "strategic planning" which I promised myself this year would be expanding or at least making inroads into different countries.

I know the majority of my readership is from the US and Canada, but I also know we have a fair number of lieutenants in Eastern Europe, the MidEast, Asia, Russia. Heck, we even have two schmoes running around Morocco.

My simple request is this.

If you are a reader of Cappy Cap and know of sites in your home country that are similar or conducive to our various "beliefs" or "platforms" here, I would very much appreciate it if you would post their links in the comment section below.

DO NOT just send me "My friend Bill's" page. I want significant players in your respective countries as I don't think a lot of effort has been made to puropsely seek out and network different groups in different countries.

I know this sounds "hokey pokey" and "touchy feely," but it is quite strategic and purposeful and any help would be greatly appreciated (especially from you Aussies and Kiwis down south who think you're special because you're in the southern hemisphere)

Anyway, you recommendations and suggestions are greatly appreciated,

Sincerely,

Cappy

New Lieutenant - Bearded Backyarder

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You will visit. You will read. You will enjoy.

Compliance is mandatory. Conformance is not optional.

You will obey.

College Is Not a Means Unto Itself

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A realization I had about a month ago was that children, most of their parents, and a scarily high percentage of the rest of society view college not as a tool or a way to improve one's career, but rather a means unto itself. That college itself is the goal and whether anything comes after that is irrelevant.

If this isn't bad enough, I fear it's gotten much worse. For while there's no limit to the "you can't put a price on education" type rationalization coming from liberal arts majors, any time I've tried to talk reason, sense, logic, foresight and math into young kids today (and many of their parents) about the risks of majoring in a worthless subject the response is typically vehement if not violent.

This leads me to believe that media, the education system, government, and (yes) parents have convinced children college is not only meritorious unto itself, but an entitlement, a life-purpose, a life-dream and a birthright. Every child/student/young person DESERVES an college education and that education is the most important thing in their lives.

And that's not hyperbole or rhetoric. It's true.

Consider your own personal experience when you were about to attend college. 20 years ago in my case I was led to believe that college was the solution to all of my problems. That when I got to this magical world called "college:"

Everybody would be more mature
Girls would throw themselves at me
I'd go to great parties and make great friends
My degree would guarantee me a job
My then 18 year streak of poverty and lower-middle income existence would finally be over

No doubt your expectations of college were equally bullshitty.

But also go back to when you were 17 and ask yourself what else did you have to look forward to in life? What else was there in life? You were just as ecstatic to go to college as your entire educational life up until that point was to make it to the Holy Land of College.

Now imagine today's kids, with thrice the amount of ass-kissing, "you can do anything-ism," "you're all winners" and the elimination of trophies, GPA's, valedictorians, and any

other form of competition and you can see how college is all they have in life. And anytime anybody dares to critique their dreams or deliver a dose of reality, their rabid reaction belies their insane obsession with college.

Sadly, no matter how psychotically and irrationally wedded to college they are, does not mean we don't at least owe it to society to point out the truth. And scream and pout and stammer their little feet all they might, somebody has got to stand up and point out the obvious:

College is NOT a means unto itself
College is NOT meritorious unto itself
You CAN put a price on education
And that price is when your investment in time and money does not result in more of the same in return

College is a TOOL to advance your career first and foremost. And the second you treat it as anything other, especially a luxury good or an entitlement, you only serve to destroy the 70% of your life you have yet to live post-college.

Naturally I speak to the choir here on this blog. I don't think anybody here is going to disagree that with tuition running at $70,000 you should demand a fiscal return on your investment. But the sad truth is this message will fall on deaf ears because those who so desperately need this lesson are not sane. They are fanatics. They are junkies. They are as zealous as ISIS is to Islam as they are to college. And nothing will get the way of achieving their dream.

To that end there is not much left to do than what we're already doing. Mocking people who major in the puppetry. Laughing at people who are $120,000 in debt with women's studies degrees. Telling the MA in Music that yes, we would indeed very much like fries with that. And in short, living better lives than them. But I hope that in your own realm, within your own sphere of influence, that there are some youth or some friends or some family members who are at least receptive to reality, sanity, and math. That they haven't been fully duped and brainwashed into thinking their lives are so worthless a "college degree" is the best thing they can achieve. That the college degree is tool to help them achieve greatness, and often and optional tool at that. And if you can get them not to destroy their futures like the College ISIS Fanatics then you've done a world of good in genuinely saving some lives.

How American Women Could Pay Off the National Debt in 5 Years

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I am happy to announce I have found a simple, easy and painless solution to our national debt problem. Easily the largest economic problem we face is officially over. Everybody can relax, the US and by extension the world economy will be saved and, frankly, we can look forward to very bright economic futures across the globe. And it will be women who lead the way into this glorious future no less!

I happened upon this solution walking through the mall and realized that nearly all of the stores are for women. I fused this observation with the fact women spend the majority of their money on things that are

really
truly

just not needed.

So instead of blowing their money on Jimmy Choo shoes, hand bags, flirtinis and the cornucopia of other worthless trinkets they like to stockpile in their unnecessarily large apartments, we force them instead to cut checks to Uncle Sam that would immediately go to debt reduction.

Looking at consumer spending data from the BEA I estimate that women waste around $3.2 trillion annually (estimates will of course vary). Dividing the current $17 trillion in debt by this means we could have the national debt paid off in a mere five years. But better yet, it's without any genuine suffering or real decrease in standards of living.

Naturally there will be some resistance to this brilliant economic plan. However, since women disproportionately vote for democrats and to "help others," I'm sure they'll find it within their charitable nature to "do the right thing" and help save America's future for the children.

What's funny is this REALLY would work. And it really would be painless. Sadly, that frivolous spending is just too addicting and women place more value on competing against other women than the country's finances.

Oh well, Enjoy the decline!

The True Risk of Rape Culture

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As I've said before, it pays to step back, clear your vision, and look at something with fresh eyes And one such instance that required me to do this happened recently. Namely, how my view of rape has changed.

I personally have not gotten all that much into the "rape culture" thing because there's enough people covering it and it's also too "dramaticy" for me. The feminists lie about the "epidemic" of rape on campus, saner heads point out to the obvious risks men face with false rape claims, add to that I'm viscerally repulsed by rape so I have a natural predisposition to avoid the topic. However, with the "Yes Means Yes" legislation being pushed through California's legislature, I was more or less compelled to address it or at least look into it because of the obvious increase in false rape claims and its potentially disastrous consequences for men.

I made a link, mentioned it on a podcast I believe, addressed the obvious slippery slope such legislation presented, etc., etc,. But it wasn't until I read this article did I realize how my view of rape had changed. And not for the better.

My reaction to the article was what you'd expect of my typically dour and cynical nature:

"*Oh yeah, right, you were 'raped'.*"
"*Oh wow, what are the chances she's doing that just for her thesis.*"
"*Uh huh, more attention whoring.*"
"*Worthless degree.*"
"*Oh! There it is! The 1 in 4 lie!*"

But that's just it. Think about it.

20 years ago had I heard about a girl being raped I would have been appalled and angry. I would have been concerned if she was alright. I'd be demanding the guy be tracked down and castrated. Heck, I'd probably go and hunt him down myself.

But today my natural, default reaction is...

disbelief and distrust.

And this is the VERY important point I'm trying to make. Because feminists in their desire to create a false "rape epidemic," to make every man on campus a potential threat and every woman a victim, to get to the point they are intervening in innocent private sexual

lives to this extent has so alienated most men (and saner women) that they are suffering from "false rape claim burnout." So much so people no longer focus on rape, but whether they're LYING about being raped.

The consequences are typical of feminism and leftism - they harm the people they claim they're trying to help, specifically in this case, GENUINE rape victims. The TRUE victims of rape can no longer rely on immediate support from the community and sane minds. Thanks to leftists, feminists and their gender politics, real victims of rape are immediately greeted with cynicism and disbelief. In some circles the trust has been so eroded people just assume every rape claim is false.

Sadly, this is where many of us need to step back, rub our eyes and look at things clearly. Just because feminists and their "rape culture" have tainted the reputation of self-proclaimed victims of rape, you need to remember that rape does happen, it is a horrifying experience, and there are genuine victims that do need help and support. The trick is to reserve judgement until the facts are in.

In the meantime men, get that "after sex text" and avoid university campuses that are insane enough to instill a "Yes means yes" policy.

Why Tesla Never Married

September 9, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Amazing. Jaw dropping prescience. Over 100 years ago and Nikola Tesla was more or less accurately predicting what is happening today.

Feminism and Feminists Are Doomed to Failure

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My latest piece at ROK.

Monday Linkage

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No, Bill, you don't get it. I don't like any religion.

The left is evil while the republicans are stupid.

Uncle Bernoo's poker story.

Aurini has a good podcast up about socialists, crusaders and the video game industry.

Corporations will start to ask, "where have all the good men gone?"

The Tables Have Turned

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Your dose of Wednesday humor:

Let's Affect a Poll

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MSNBC's poll about gun rights goes horribly wrong!

How Do You Make a Miley Ray Cyrus Song Sound Good?

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Simple, you don't have her sing or be around:

The sound is unreal.

Waaaaa!!! Why Can't I Find a Maaaaan?????

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There’s no door-holding, no hand-holding and definitely no free drinks. There’s no taking off hats or courting through invitations. There are no smooth moves, no jackets to dinner. There are no flowers, no tables by candlelight. But, most importantly, there are no dates.

Ummm...that's because there's no women left. But by all means, misdiagnose the problem.

In the meantime gentlemen, carry on. Carry on gentlemen.

Best Rant Against Sports Addicts Evah

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You all know my personal disgust not with professional sports, but rather the people who base their vicarious and meaningless lives on them. I've had a good rant or two in my life about it, but nothing like this most recent podcast from Bill Burr. Starts at the 14 minute mark and lasts a good 20 minutes.

Asset Prices Outstripping Economic Growth

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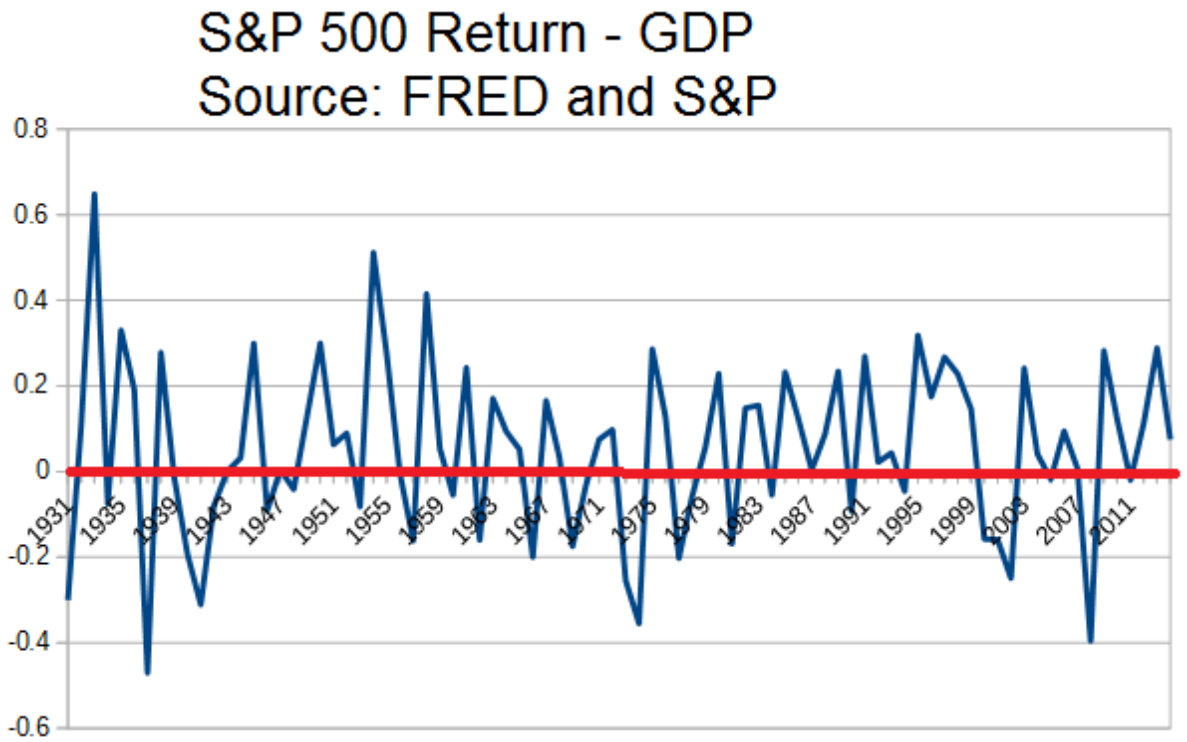
Two of my favorite charts (and I'm sure they're yours) is the S&P 500 PE ratio and dividend yield. It is the basic comparison of what you're paying for a stock relative to what it pays you.

But every once in a while I like to go really macro and compare the country's economic growth to its asset prices. In theory (bar international investments and trade) asset prices should not be increasing faster than economic growth in that all profits must come from economic growth. Therefore, both asset prices and economic growth should grow at the same rate, otherwise we know there's either a bubble or a (well...it's been so long...what was it again we call stock markets that are cheap....um....oh! That's right!) steal.

So I took it upon my beleaguered economist ass to go and pull the data comparing the annual returns of the S&P 500 and subtracting out from it nominal economic growth which should in theory always be 0.

Heh, yeah right.



Naturally there's going to be oscillations and bubbles and troughs in any economy. But given what we know about the PE ratio now being 70% higher than it should be, I just wanted another data set to view this from a different angle. And this one didn't

disappoint.

We see, during the economic crash, stock prices crashing even more sending the net difference between asset prices and economic growth into negative territory. This meant asset prices were growing slower (crashing faster, actually) than economic growth was. However, this only lasted one year (2008) and in 2009 where the economy contracted on a yearly basis by 2.9% the stock market punished this performance by awarding this slowing economy with a 25% increase in valuation.

This is like your kid coming home with straight F's and you increase their allowance by a a full fourth.

Since then the disconnect between economic growth and asset prices has continued as asset prices have averaged annual gains of 15% while the economy has managed just under 3%.

I'm going to say it again for the cheap seats and hope to god some future historian looks this up and sees it, but this is just another bit of proof that Americans are more interested in baloney asset bubbles than they are actual economic growth. It is the modern day epitome of American psychology where we want all of the rewards, but without having to expend any of the work.

Does it matter that stock prices are being driven by retirement dollars and not profits?
Does it matter that equities are being driven by QE and low interest rate monetary policies which prompt corporate buy backs?
Does it matter economic potential in this country is so low corporations would rather buy back shares than invest and create jobs?

No, because prices are up and that's our super happy fun juice!

I know the federal reserve is powerful and that the world economy is already structured around a US dollar reserve currency. But neither are more powerful than the forces of math and reality. I just hope to see that reality manifested before I die. In the meantime, Enjoy that Decline!

If I Were to Do It Again, I'd Become a Leftist Politician

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aka "It Doesn't Pay to be Moral"
aka "Be Immoral, But Not Illegal"

Thursday Constitutionals

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If you want to play a joke on some friends of mine (The Black Brigade) "like" this page. It's an inside joke and if you listen to their podcast you'll laugh your ass off. Otherwise, if you just want to participate in a little prank "like" the page, but DON'T tell them I sent you.

Negative interest rates is like a hot chick coming up to you and asking you to go home and sleep with her. It isn't natural and you know there's something wrong.

Diversity! Imported from a third world country near you!

Oh come on Ed!!! Play some video games!!!!

Grandma hasn't paid off her student loans yet for her Masters in Social Work.

Mississippi Mayhem

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Heading to La Crosse Wisconsin for "Mississippi Mayhem.". Posts will be sparse over the weekend, though i might get a podcast in.

Mississippi Mayhem

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Tee Hee, Math is Tough!

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Why, oh why is there a wage gap?

The Captain Is Once Again Victorious

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Good news everyone! I entered the dance competition at Mississippi Mayhem with my dance partner and took first place.

Of course, we were the only people who signed up...
And they had to pull teeth to get two elderly couples to compete as well...
And the trophy was a hodgepodge of welded 1940's auto parts with a shoe...

But hey! Still placed first!

Anyway, some additional pictures.

New Book Babe

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It is once again that time where we have to leave economic charts and graphs and instead look at pretty girls posing with my books.

I know, I know. I don't like it any more than you do, but we're going to "have to" look at this Chicagoan beauty. I promise, we'll get back to the charts and graphs shortly, but in the meantime this HAS TO get done.

Also, for any of you ladies out there that want to become a Book Babe it's very simple. Contact me and I'll send you free books. Your pictures help brighten the days a thousands of men across the world who appreciate old school, traditional beauty.

Cappy Comes to Europe

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Howdy All,

Going to be heading to Europe for the first time for two weeks. I have no major plans except to spend most of it doing nothing and relaxing primarily in Italy. However, I'll be in Switzerland as well and maybe roadtripping it to France even.

Anyway, I know a lot of you are in Eastern Europe and we even have two schmoes running around Morocco, but if you're around and in the area, let the ole Captain know.

Won't be landing until the 24th. Will obviously post pictures whilst traveling around Europe.

Cappy

Why the Death of Small Town America is a Good Thing

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My travels and adventures largely circle around mountain climbing and hiking. This means I must traverse the great expanses of the great plains, inching my way to the Rockies and the thousands of miles of geologic beauty that lay to the west. Aside from Denver and Salt Lake City, there are very few large metropolitan areas so the majority of time you're either crashing at a hotel or getting gas it's in a small "traditional" American town.

Unconsciously, this meant I was not just pursuing the latest greatest hike, but conducting a near-10 year study on small town America and its corresponding economy. At first my observations were simple ones, primarily noting, even ruing, the demise of these small towns. You typically have a "main street" where old buildings from the 1880's to 1920's have the date they were built etched into the headstone. Their architecture is beautiful, usually brick or stone and it doesn't take much imagination to see what a bustling town it was over a century ago. But by my last back-of-napkin estimation nearly 70% of these gorgeous buildings are empty or up for rent. And the towns I revisit because they're on common throughways I use, you can usually bet at least 20% of the buildings that were occupied have switched tenants. It's a sad sight to see, a quaint little town that was once a genuine, tight-knit bustling community, now approaching ghost town status, but in the demise of these small towns there is hope as it is a testament to genuine progress in America, as well as a lesson for our economic future.

The first thing to realize about small towns is that they were largely built based on an agricultural economy. There were enough farmers and ranchers in a certain area that there was enough economic demand for a town that provided wares, equipment, machinery, banking, etc. (notice how a lot of small towns, though decimated, still have a John Deere dealer?). However, as time went on and technology advanced farming techniques become multiples more efficient, not only increasing yields, but requiring a lot less labor.

Overall this is a good thing for the country. Food becomes cheaper, the bane of hunger and starvation that plagued human kind since 200,000 BC is defeated, and farmers don't have to toil as much as they used to in the mule and ox days. However, the town itself suffered. With farmer Joe able to do thrice the work with 1/10th the labor, demand for labor fell and with it the population of these small towns. Couple that with transportation technology and the managerial efficiency of large retail stores (Wal-Mart, Costco, etc.), not only was your population decreasing, but the local hardware store, grocery and butcher were no longer needed. Thus why those beautiful buildings sit empty in small

town America, and anybody born there usually leaves for the city.

While we may lament this natural horse-replaced-by-car death of small town America, there was another thing I noticed about these small towns. The businesses that WERE in business and replacing the grocer, the butcher, the mechanic, etc., were a testament to how these advances in technology, farming methods, and other general improvements in economic efficiency were making the lives of everybody easier. People were no longer running hard businesses like "butchering animals" or "repairing tractors," but "fun" businesses like opening a coffee shop, an art store, or (my favorite) the small town dive bar.

I didn't fully connect the dots until I started taking pictures of the various small town bars I was visiting as kind of a hobby. But the more time I had on the road to sit and think it through, the more I realized that technological advances were making it so people in these towns today could live more leisurely and enjoyable lives than their ancestors did 100 years ago. And that the empty brick buildings on main street that were being replaced with antique stores, bars, and restaurants was a good thing and not a bad thing.

There is just one "thing," however. And that is what this trend in small town America portends for the rest of the country. And most Americans are not going to like it as it directly addresses and destroys what they hold most dear - their egos.

Realize that what is ultimately driving this change in small towns is the replacement of labor with machines. I've addressed this before in a post about the Roboticized Economy, where more and more humans are rendered obsolete as they are essentially replaced by robots. On the face of it this seems like a great thing. Robots doing all the work, humans just kicking back doing nothing. It's so utopian it has inexperienced, leftist academian morons orgasming over their latest half-baked idea of a "minimum guaranteed income." But there's a problem with this new economy. While it may feed the human stomach, it won't feed the human ego. And people, especially Americans, value their egos above all else.

Realize this new REAL WORLD economy and what the latest generation has been brought up to believe about itself are like two runaway trains heading towards a horrific collision. Because of technology the new economy does not need unskilled, untalented human labor. It needs technicians, engineers, programmers, doctors and all related professions that go into supporting the increasingly-roboticized economy. However, kids today are increasingly brought up to believe the world bends to their wills and desires. That they can "follow their heart and the money will follow." So they major in the most worthless and un-intellectually-challenging subjects. And upon graduation when their skills (or lack thereof) do not match up with what is in demand in this new economy, they sit their, their dreams destroyed, unemployed and with a crippling level of debt. They may have been a runaway freight train, but the real world economy was a much strong, faster, and

powerful one.

Naturally, this does not sit well with a generation brought up to be the most spoiled and entitled of them all. They protest, they demand student loan forgiveness, they demand other people's money, anything and everything, whatever it takes, they demand their pound of flesh because they've been brought up to believe they're entitled.

But understand the real reason for their anger.

While the real world economy demands doctors, engineers, specialists, programmers, etc., to keep this roboticized economy going, and all these people work hard, attend school, and study rigorous subjects to make this technological miracle reality (AND make it so NONE of the talentless people go starving or without shelter) this new economy still has SOME demand for unskilled labor. However, since technology has advanced so much (and will continue to do so) the jobs that remain for the unskilled/overeducated class are deemed "insulting."

Barristas
Food service
Nanny/baby sitting
Etc.

And given the overeducated mindset of today's latest labor market entrants it's like slapping them in the face. They have no real skills. They have no real achievements. The only thing they "have" is their education. And in refusing to hire them for jobs they think they're entitled to, but rather give them the only jobs they're qualified for, you insulted the only thing they have in their lives - their worthless educations.

This is why I don't mind seeing the local coffee store, art store, antique store or dive bar taking over beautiful small town America. Those people actually get it. They don't know how to program a tractor to self-reap a 100 acre field. They don't know how to repair a diesel engine on a John Deere. And they don't know how to route a computer network for the local feed lot. But they can pour a decent beer, cook a quality stew, and provide decent customer service.

The question is whether the vast majority Americans today have the intellectual temerity and honesty to realize and accept the same thing. That their "Masters in English" is not of any value, that they have no sought after skill, and that their future is not one of greatness or participation in the cutting edge of economic development, but rather one of customer or "vanity" services servicing other humans. And if they don't like that, then they need to let go of the ego, work harder and go into fields where they will be in demand.

Of course that would require a genuine work effort, a passion for rigor, and...dare I say it...math.

But wait, let me guess. "You're just not good at math?"

I'll have fries with that.

Thursday Day Happy Hour

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Since I've been busy with "Repair and Auto-Maintenance Hell" this past week some REALLY good links were sent my way.

My interview with Wall Street for Main Street.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats - The US is NOT a capitalist economy.

Amazing how monopolies look like government. But you know, more government is always the solution.

Forcing the Canadian taxpayers to subsidize worthless people with worthless degrees.

Spot the Beta.

What on earth made people think this was a legitimate field and study will forever elude me.

Video game geeks should replace the Federal Reserve. (it's actually QUITE GOOD)

Paul Krugman has been cashing in on this since forever.

Janet Yellen says something stupid.

Job Post for Cappy Cappites

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Alex over at Academic Composition is looking to hire some marketing staff to sell his services on Craig's List.

Not glorious work, but you don't have to commute, it can be done from home or the coffee shop, and it's a great way to make ends meet if you're in need of immediately employment. Here are the details (you can contact Alex for more information):

Requirements

A. Create a Gmail account
B. Set up the forwarding features of that account so all incoming messages are re-directed to Academic Composition
C. Use that gmail account to post CL ads

Compensation: You will be paid for each day that your ad stays live on the forum and it usually stays live up to a month.

You will also be paid bonuses for each person who will reply to your post. If the prospective clients signs up, you will receive an additional bonus.

1. Honolulu, HI
2. Houston, TX
3. Dallas, TX
4. Denver, CO
5. Los Angeles, CA
6. San Franciso, CA
7. New York, NY
8. Hartford, CT
9. Philadelphia, PA
10. Pittsburgh, PA
11. Atlanta, GA
12. Raleigh, NC
13. Chicago, IL
14. Phoenix, AZ
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Lust in the Time of Heartache

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Davis has finally released his short video that he submitted to a "short film" competition and won funding. For a rookie it's actually quite good and the $10,000 budget he received can only go so far.

Naturally, to follow up on this he and a colleague are raising money for another film, but this one is a documentary about the various forces of the left trying to invade and ruin the video game industry. If you're trying to figure out why this might be something you'd want to donate to, I recommend listening to the latest Bechtloff Podcast where he interviews Davis about the project.

We Beat the Marxists

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Between long distance road trips, mountain climbing, working out, semi-daily runs, and pre-winter maintenance on the house, I insist on keeping my brain fed. And the way I do this is by downloading and consuming an inordinate amount of podcasts. I recently devoured about 5 hours of documentaries on WWI and am always on the hunt for more. However, since I switched the hosting service for my podcast to "Podomatic" I discovered if you sign in through facebook you can scour their selection of podcasts.

This new trove yielded some interesting podcasts like Sooper Mexican, among others, but there was one that I listened to that was just HORRIBLE. I couldn't immediately understand why as I was pre-occupied installing a new door, but whatever they were saying was mind-numbing, academic pablum. Even if I wasn't pre-occupied I doubt my mind would have been able to pay attention to it. But soon I understood why, even with undivided attention, nobody would have been able to stay awake listening to it, when one of the hosts said,

"Well I'm a marxist."

That jarred my frontal lobes enough to now pay attention and I wished it hadn't. For what I was now paying close attention to was a podcast between two marxists who specialized in "advanced intellectualism."

My brain was then treated to two self-proclaimed intellectuals agonizing over concepts and ideas that were so removed from reality and practical application to the real world that it was only in their theoretical world that such concepts could be discussed. They used words that I had never heard of before, but knew could only exist in a philosophy that existed only to serve itself. And all of this discussion was with the arrogant air of pseudo-intelligence that would even put NPR hosts to shame.

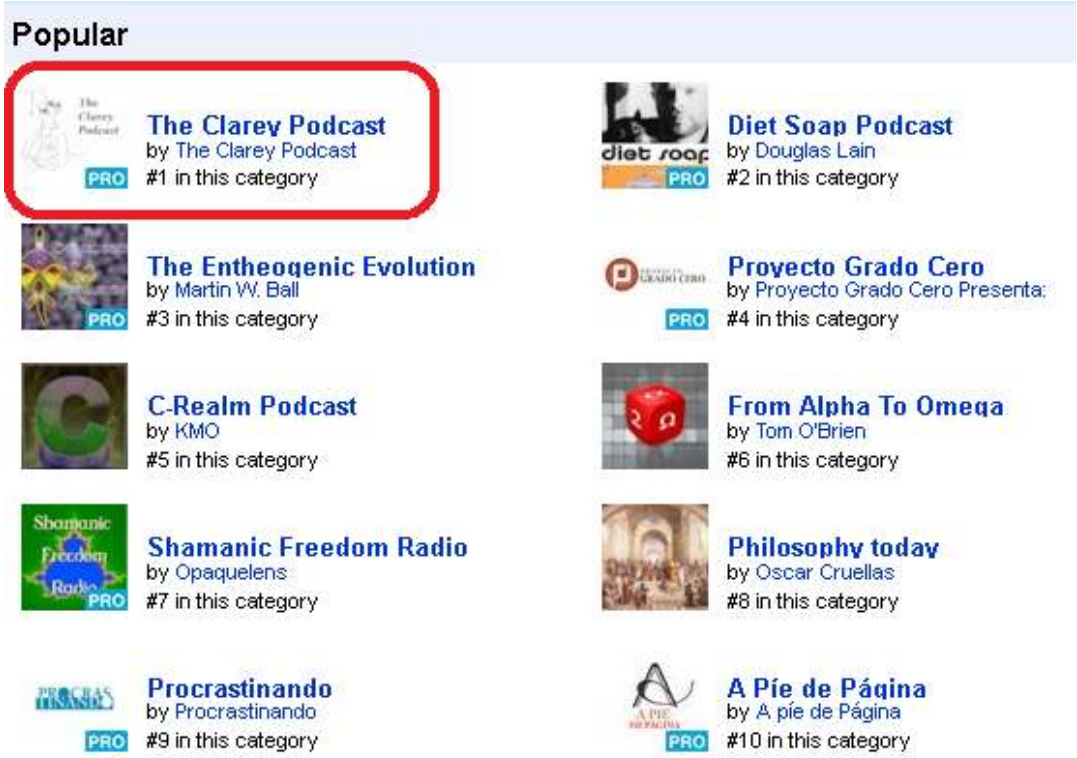
It was the epitome of everything wrong with academia and lefter leaning "intellectuals:"

Dumb people
Using made up words
In a fabricated philosophy
With no real world practical application
Solely for the purpose of
Making themselves sound smart
And rationalizing the theft of other people's money

(You know, kind of like religion without a church.)

Anyway, the whole reason I sampled their podcast was because they were the highest ranked podcast in Podomatic's "philosophy" category. And though I rued wasting what time I did on listening to it, I do have to emphasize a silver lining.

They WERE the highest ranked podcast.



To all my listeners - MANY thanks for your support.

If you want to listen to The Clarey Podcast (which you do, you just don't know it yet) you can download it here or get it through iTunes here.

Beware the Girl Who Actually Likes You

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An interesting observation.

What if the vast majority of your experiences with the opposite sex when trying to court them is largely one of you

fooling
cajoling
convincing
arguing and
teeth pulling

them to go out with you?

That you always operate from the premise the girl does not on her own, willingly want to go out with you? That such a fuss, fight, and resistance is put up, that you accept as premise women are incapable of liking men on their own.

Well, two very sad and tragic things will happen.

1. You'll believe that it's not possible for girls to just "like you." That they'll always need to be convinced or tricked otherwise. And

2. You'll fail to recognize the few girls that actually do genuinely like you, misdiagnose them, respond erroneously to them, and they will likely be "the one that got away."

Regardless, this thought is more thoroughly thought out in my latest piece at ROK. (Also, I recommend reading the comments. No limit to the number of virgins doing their academian, theoritician Monday Morning Quarterbacking tough talk.)

I'm Majoring in Whore

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Some dark humor for you this weekend.

I Am Not Responsible for Sexual Assault

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Boys, I don't know about you, but I'm getting awfully peeved at getting lectured for shit I didn't, never have, and never will do. I'm also sick and tired of the fake "sexual assault" epidemic and the outright lie about 1 in 5 women being sexually assaulted on campus which, intentionally or not, slippery slopes into painting all men as potential rapists, sexual deviants, not to to mention, dramatically increases their chances of a false rape accusation.

Want to fight back?

Well, if you notice the downvotes on this video that is fully endorsed by

Hollywood
The Democrat Party
The MSM
and even
President Obama

is getting a full 1/3rd downvote.

That's impressive. This was a ***professionally orchestrated*** piece that has the ***FULL BACKING of ALL THE INSTITUTIONS*** (media, government, academia, etc.) of the United States, and it STILL is getting a full 1/3 down voted.

Let's make it at least 1/2. Visit the video, watch it, and if you get the feeling you're being accused of being a rapist or are somehow part of the problem, down vote it. It would be a rare triumph of the voice of the people over those who wish to be our moral superior and dare to have the gall to lecture us about a problem that is completely political and not our fault, and therefore, not our problem.

I'm Calling Bullshit on All The Fake Mental Disorders

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Yes, language warning. do not play at work or in front of children.

Weekly Sponsor

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This week's sponsor is Andro-Plus.

If you are looking for a testosterone supplement, but don't want Obama's permission via your doctor to get it, consider trying Andro-Plus. It is a fraction of the cost it would take for you to get it via 3 doctors visits and a trip to the pharmacy, and you'll find out whether testosterone supplements even work for you on the cheap.

However, be aware that there are lawsuits being filed (as there always is) that claim there are negative side effects OR no effects at all. In short you take this stuff at your own risk.

Again, I've used Andro-Plus and saw no effects (good or bad), but others have used it and swear by it, so see if it isn't for you.

Paypal vs. Patreon

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Let me tell you of a dream I have.

I have this dream where the amount of work that is to be done is finite. And I got it in my head that if I just:

knock out one more e-mail
make one more video
cut up another chord of wood
replace one more brake pad

the work will end, I'll cross the "finish line" and will be able to play video games and goof off until I'm done.

While I'm consciously aware that this is a dream and the real world doesn't work that way, unconsciously my work ethic drives me to race towards that finish line that never gets closer. So i'll burn through 10 hours of "work," only to have the next day be filled with unexpected chores, repairs, and the cornucopia of shit I have to do that never ends.

But if there's a particularly irksome "never ending chore" in my "career" that I have, it's keeping up with the latest social media fad/craze. Just can't stick with blogger, nope you need a youtube channel. Can't just have a youtube channel, nope you need twitter. Can't just have twitter, nope you need instagram. And you fool, you just can't have instagram, you need tumblr!

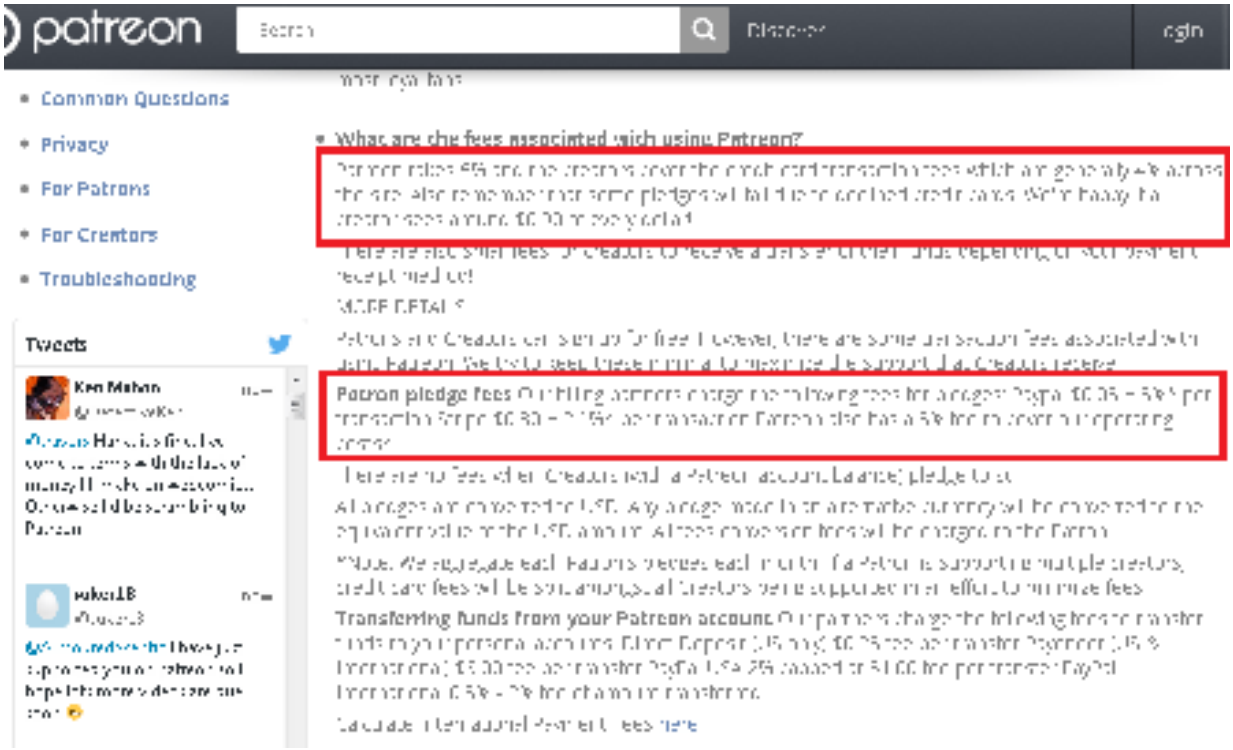
Add to this list of perpetual painassery - Patreon.

First exposed to it by Davis Aurini's project, a fan suggested I look into it as I would make more money on my youtube videos if I were to use Patreon. Somewhat confused how it works, he was kind enough to explain it to me, essentially saying I would be looking for "patrons" to sponsor my work. This would allow me to work on my "work" and not worry about making ends meet. However, I was more interested in it because, frankly, when you go down this path you ostracize yourself forever from any kind of "normal" employment, not to mention anger people who are prone to launch political "campaigns," "lawsuits," "firing missions," etc. in an attempt to destroy your personal finances. Ergo, if people wanted to "thank" you for doing the work they can't while you put your own self at risk defending their beliefs, they could become "patrons" and help you out.

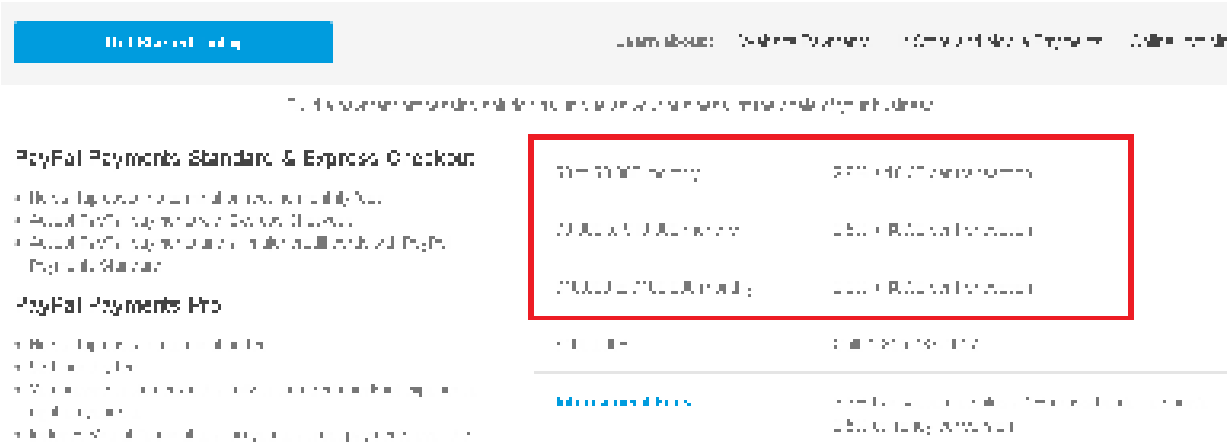
So I looked into it, always happy to take a new source of money. But upon further review (unless I'm missing something) Patreon just doesn't make any sense. If for any other

reason, paypal and other crowd funding sources already exist and do what Patreon claims to be doing. Not to mention Patreon just highway-robs you in fees.

Patreon charges you ***10%***



While Paypal charges around ***3%***



And if you want to be technical, Bitcoin effectively charges ***0%***

Again, I may be missing something, but I don't think so. And if I'm not, then I'm slightly

miffed in that I wasted, yet again, another 20 minutes of my life chasing after that finish line that can never be crossed.

Regardless, the point is if you want to help a blogger you like, a youtuber you're a fan of, or just an artist whose art you enjoy, forget Patreon. Just donate to them via Paypal and make life a lot easier for every one.

The Week Leftists Got Their Heads Out of Their Asses

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I don't expect this to be a trend, but

Example #1 of a leftist getting his head out of his ass

and

Example #2 of a group of leftists using the free market to get their heads out of their asses as well.

Who knows! In 6-700 years maybe they might learn something from economic history and finally flesh out the rabbit hole to realize just how wrong they are!!!

Latest Podcast!

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How women pamper you when you're sick...or not
Cappy prepares for Italy
Sick of the virgin posers in the manosphere/redpill community
Roundhouse kicking chick cop show
All men love a motherly woman

AND MORE

In this latest episode of The Clarey Podcast

The Ass Kicking of "It's On Us"

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Not that you had a choice to notice it or not, but if you or anybody with even the most elementary of "social media" accounts, you no doubt had the "It's On Us" ~~nazi propaganda~~ "PSA" shoved down your throat.

Did you rape anybody? No?

Tough shit, we're lecturing you.

Did you make an unwanted advanced on a person of the female persuasion? No?

Tough shit, we're chartering you with the responsibility anyway.

The good news, and this is GOOD NEWS, is the response "It's On Us" has received.

It's be negative!

Despite all the money, funds, celebrityship, and even THE PRESIDENT OF THE FUCKING UNITED STATES, the American people took this trash and threw it back in the faces of the verminous leftist socialist scum.

Just look at the "like/dislike" ratios of the following videos.

Video 1

Video 2

Video 3

Video 4

You can continue and view all the videos but what you'll invariably see is the American public upchucking the shit that was shoved down their throats. NOBODY, and I mean NOBODY is swallowing this piece of leftist propaganda whole. They're revolting against it!

Now, if you wanted to tell the originators of this evil posing as "leftist moral crusaderism" you can't. "It's On Us" has no "comment" or "contact" section.

But oh my god

by golly
look at big titted Molly

THEY HAVE A "DONATE" button!!!!

Seriously.

You don't have to "kill" or "assassinate" or knee cap some leftist douche to fight the fight against the socialist onslaught on this country. You just have to vote against all those videos and mock and ridicule them.

I mean, think about it. These videos have the "cover" of being against rape and sexual assault.

Which EVERYBODY is against.

AND STILL!!!!

It's SOOOOOO fucking obvious they have a political motivation that people are voting them down.

For once, just ONCE, take the minute or two to vote these verminous leftist, Hollywood scum down and put these fuckers in their place.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Cripes

The Key to Success

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Is simply not to screw up

(language warning)

Greetings From Switzerland

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I have no idea where I am or where these pictures are. Switzerland, if you haven't been here, is basically an entire country of small interlinked villages that even with a map I am getting lost in.

A Plague of Dunces

September 25, 2014 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Aussie executive speaks the blunt truth about the utter craptastic quality of "graduates" colleges are graduating today.

Now all of you thin-skinned college graduates do your knee jerk thing and tell us how he's mean, how you can't put a price on education and all the other preprogrammed stuff you've been brainwashed to say.

Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

Tee Hee I'm a Cute Conservative Girl!!!

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IQ vs Insonomia

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I present this for my readers not as ass kissing but for genuine concern and intellectual digest

I also present it because its 4AM in Switzerland and I'd arrogantly would like to think myself a genius.

Montreaux, Switzerland

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Visited Montreaux and what I'm learning about Switzerland is that I would likely get arrested in a place like this. Not because I wish to break laws, but because there's so many to break. It explains why the ENTIRE country (that I've seen so far) is like a large library. Quiet, obey by the rules, don't act out. There is nearly complete SILENCE even though there are people everywhere. It's quite eerie actually.

Anyway, some pics just to remind you of how much western culture sucks:

"Can't Leave the Country Without It Going to Pot" Linkage

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Fed has their own Snowden now. How much you want to bet it's a bunch of Keynesians desperately trying to keep their faith?

Drop her off with ISIS. She'll lose weight.

Female conservatives finding out they're NOT obliged to have children. Oh noes Sean Hannity! Who will fight your unwinable culture war in the future!!???

It is easier to join ISIS become a "glorious, exciting rebel" than it is to hit the books, study calculus and become an engineer. Besides women find dangerous men more sexy.

World's Most Useful Degree

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More powerful than any liberal arts degree ever.

More Fear and Suffering In Europe

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Greetings All!

Today was adventure in a genuine Citadel in the town of Besancon, France. It was also an adventure because my host is a pilot and I got to fly a plane around the French country side. And yes I did get to fly the actual plane!

However, sadly, I must provide one bit of editorial. The citadel that I visited, which was once a mighty and nearly impenetrable fort in this French town, has since been converted into a zoo.

Yes, a fucking zoo.

So where once proud French soldiers stood defending the town against various assaults, they have now turned their barracks into housing quarters for kangaroos, pigs, rats, roosters, rabbits, and other creatures that are now shitting where they slept 300 years ago.

It frankly pissed me off to see such an achievement of engineering and militarism reduced to being a tourist trap that relies on captured animals to draw the crowds. Ergo, I took no pictures of the animals because I thought it beneath the men that served there.

But on a happy note I did tell a French, street punk, millineal, tatted panhandler to "fuck off" when he came begging to ask me to forfeit some of my life in the form of currency so he wouldn't have to. He understood me quite clearly, and was actually shocked and irritated that somebody would refute him so boldly. Still, after a bit of bravado, he stood down, moving on to parasite off of some young naive females who believed he was genuinely disadvantaged. They poured out their finite life blood in the form of their finite time in the form of their finite currency because...well... they never studied economics too seriously or perhaps were intimidated. But still, it's good to see leftist women taking care of leftist men.

They deserve each other.

My New Mission in Life

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Absolutely this.

Lake Maggiore and Gotthard Pass

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Some more pics of Europe for those interested. As always embracing the suck. Drove from Zurich over the Alps into Italy over the "Gotthard Pass." Was allowed to hold, but not shoot, a European gun. And then the picture of Lake Maggiore from my hotel in Stesa. More pics on the way.

Now while I'm gone I want all of you good hard-working Americans to work extra hard and pay those taxes so I have nice, smooth roads to drive on when I get back.

The Ludwig Von Mises Airforce

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Many people don't know this, but the Mises Institute in at Auburn University has its very own airforce. I am actually a pilot. As proof here is a picture of me and my co-pilot as we bomb UC Berkeley.

That or it may just have been a friend of mine in France letting me fly his plane. I can't remember.

The First and LAST European Clarey Podcast

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In this episode:

Aaron delves into his economic observations of Italy and Switzerland,
As well as some historical and sociological observations about Italy's
fine highway system and all the painassery it entails.
He also notes how diversity is spreading in America in terms of
Ebola and beheadings
Wonders if leftists value diversity more than their lives
And reads a letter from a listener about what he would have done differently
at the age of 15.

All that and MORE in this episode of The Clarey Podcast!

Book Review - Average Married Dad's Guide

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Alex Peck of Average Married Dad fame has come out with his book "Average Married Dad's Guide to Health, Wealth, and a Sexy Marriage - for 30-40 Somethings."

I met Alex a while ago when he was working in my neck of the woods. He was sport enough to meet with me and my friends at Mancini's for drinks and food. Sure enough, like most people you've known over the internet and Manosphere for a while, he proved not to be a poser or a fraud, but the genuine article. He's married, he's ripped, he's good looking, he's an engineer, and thus, there is no doubt in my mind he has the authority to author a guide book.

But before you think he's perfect or lucky, let's be clear about this book. A lot of the advice comes from trial and error, a lot of error. He wasn't born with good looks and physical strength. He had to diet and exercise. He didn't have the perfect marriage. He had the marriage every man has with the equally poor tools and training to manage it. And he wasn't the greatest father. He learned on the job. In the end what the man has is wisdom. And he earned it the hard way - by stumbling through life like the rest of us.

Thankfully, as is per the theoretical "mission statement" of the Manosphere, his goal is to make your lives easier than his by getting the wisdom it took him until he was 40 to learn into your hands and brains in your 20's and 30's. Even then, a man in his 40's with a wife and children could benefit from this book as it would only serve to make a marriage stronger and family better. And thus arguably one of the largest benefits of his book - it addresses an underserved group within the Manosphere - married/older men.

A huge (the largest complaint actually) of my books is that they are only beneficial for younger, single men who don't have children. While I disagree with that, that is the reality. However, where my or other men's books (Roosh, Rollo, etc.) fail, Alex's succeeds. This book covers everything, especially topics such as marriage, children, being a father, and being a husband. It covers child rearing, reigniting your passion in marriage, and does so in a clear and effective manner.

About the only complaint I have about the book isn't really a complaint as much as it is a trait of the book. It's not opinionated or terribly political. It's very much a literal guide/instruction manual. Alex does not cause any controversy or challenge philosophical thought. This tone of writing might come off as a bit sterile or cool, even dry, but he is not here to pioneer new lines of thought or fillet the latest absurdity of feminism. He is here to help 30-40 something men with their lives through discipline, observations, experience, wisdom and failure.

I would strongly recommend this book to the underserved masses of men in the Manosphere who either are married, wish to get married, or don't immediately feel like tirading against the evils of women and marriage when the topic is brought up. As I've said before your wife/partner and children are the most important people in your lives and are the single greatest source of happiness for you. But if you botch it up, they will be the equally greatest source of pain, misery, and strife.

Ensure it is the first and not the latter. Buy Alex's book before you marry.

"Why Can't I Find a MAAAAAN????"

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You don't need a man. You have government!

Now go sleep with it, marry it, and raise children with it.

Dirty, Rotten, Scoundrels

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One of my favorite movies is "Dirty, Rotten, Scoundrels." I found it slap stick funny in the 8th grade, but find it a brilliant work of art in my adulthood.

Naturally, out of all of Italy, I wanted to visit where the fictional "Beaumont Sur Mer" existed, but came to find out it was indeed fictional. There is no such place as Beaumont Sur Mer." However, there were real towns and general areas referenced in the movie that do indeed exist, one of which is "Portovino." And thusly, I decided to visit this town in the hopes of seeing where the infamous Freddy Benson, aka, "Randy Bentwick" walked.

Naturally, the results were very Cappy. Prosecco is quickly becoming the replacement for Rumpleminze, swimming in the Mediterranean was more pleasant than expected, saw a Ferrari convoy come through town, and more or less felt like a poser in what has the claim to fame as being the "richest" part of all of Italy. Of course, Freddy Benson was a poser, so I find it merely fitting I was the low brow lower-middle income American middling in their midst.

Add Hang Gliding to the Mix

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Some pics from the final touristy spot, "Lake Annecy." It's south of Geneva by about an hour or so. Here I actually got to "captain" a "ship," but also found a new passion - hang gliding. If you zoom in on the mountain pic you'll see some hangliders. This will be my next sport starting next year.

The Production Paradox

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It is becoming a daily, if not an hourly event that I receive an article, a post, or some other such media wherein a crusader or some group of social justice warriors are championing some damaging and self-serving leftist crusade to bolster their egos. I've delved into this before at great length with my "Crusaderism" seminar, but one aspect of it I would like to expand upon is the "Production Paradox."

Many years ago the young Captain made an observation about his education, career, and work. While skilled in math, finance, and statistics, he also very much enjoyed working at the police department where he was a wee little campus security guard. He entertained thoughts of becoming a police officer, but beside that temptation he noticed the choice between going into banking versus becoming a cop was essentially a question of:

Are you better at producing good or stopping evil?

Any member of society who wishes to be productive and not a parasite has to answer this question for themselves. Are they better at creating good stuff or stopping bad stuff. Some people have the traits to be cops, lawmen, soldiers, doctors, while others have the aptitudes to be entrepreneurs, inventors, mechanics, engineers, programmers, and chefs. But regardless of which of the two contributing-to-society categories you choose, in both cases you are helping advance society.

Enter in one minor problem - human advancement.

In general we can say that human kind has advanced. And since it's been around for a long time it's advanced a lot. We certainly have a long way to go, and there are certainly cultures stuck in the past, but if you live in the 1st world, the economy and science has been advanced so far that it takes significant time, effort, and rigor to not only learn what has already been discovered, but get to the productive edge of the envelope so that you may be truly productive.

But, "uh oh, Aaron! Did you say 'time, effort, and rigor?'"

Yes, yes I did astute young economist. And you know what that means.

Since to be a genuinely productive member of society takes a lot of effort, training and specialization, that is going to run counter to the (now running) three generations of westerners living (more or less effort free) off of the laurels of their predecessor generations. And when given the choice of being a producer of good or a preventer of evil, a lot of lazy people will pick....

neither.

Yes, some will become cops (which is in part why cops have a mixed reputation). Some will become lawyers (again mixed). But a significant percentage of them will not even be willing to take on the efforts and rigors it takes to be part of the "evil-stopping" contributors of society. Instead, they will become the most evil people in society:

The Crusaders or Social Justice Warriors.

The reason they are the most evil people in society is because they choose a path that does nothing to advance society, neither producing anything of value or prevent anything of evil. Worse, they take a look at what has been produced, what humans have worked so hard to achieve these past 5,000 years and instead villainize and attempt to destroy these achievements and progress. This is thinly veiled as a "career" in the form of getting degrees in "Social Justice," "Sociology," religion, career politicians, activists, non-profits, and the whole panoply of faux/bogus "professions." When in reality it is just selfish, maniacal, lazy ego maniacs who have no problem destroying the achievements of others and parasiting off of the genuine producers in society.

I know it is hard to choose the path of production. I know that it takes a lot of studying and time to become proficient in today's increasingly technologically advanced economy to get to that "production-envelope." But for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick, if you choose not to go down that path, at least choose the path of stopping evil. Otherwise, you yourself are at best a parasite on society, if not a genuine and cowardly evil that hides behind false crusades.

Amazon is BACK Baby!

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Hi All,

For those of you who are relatively new readers, I had an Amazon Affiliate program which many people used and incidentally helped support Cappy Cap. Naturally, as all commie, socialist scum like to do, our governor and trust-fund baby of the Target/Macys/Dayton's empire-extraordinaire, Mark Dayton decided to force Amazon to pay sales tax, which prompted the closing of the affiliate program for all Minnesotans. This resulted in a loss of significant revenue (but did prompt the birth of Asshole Consulting as a means to compensate for this loss).

However, Amazon has built a facility in Minnesota which allows them to be profitable under the current tax structure, which means the Amazon Affiliate program is BACK!

If you are unaware of how it works, basically, all I ask is that if you're going to buy something on Amazon do it here via Cappy Cap. By clicking on the Amazon banner ON THIS BLOG you attach a "code" or "ID" to your shopping session. This code then tells Amazon that your purchases were referenced from the Ole Captain, and the Ole Captain in turn gets a cut/commission.

You do NOT pay higher prices, we are simply keeping (roughly) a 5-7% commission within the Cappysphere.

Anyway, if you were looking for a way to support this blog, but don't like any of the wares offered by our advertisers or sponsors, you can now still support the site AND WITHOUT CHARITY by simply making your Amazon purchases from here.

My many thanks for you yahoos out there who read and support this blog.

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High School Marxists and Anarchists

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When genuine intellectual thought is replaced with labels:

Language warning

Darwinism Poetic Justice

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Good, hope it was painful. Deserves much worse for threatening so many people's lives.

Book Review - "Best Supplements for Men's Health" by Dennis Magan

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Flights, especially ones that cross entire oceans, allow me to catch up on reading and a short little guide I read was Dennis Magan's new book "Best Supplements for Men's Health, Strength and Virility."

Even though it did not really knock off a lot of hours on my flight, it was an EXCELLENTLY written book that was succinct, practical and very helpful. Like "30 Days of Discipline" it re-kicked my ass into not just eating right, but cut through all the BS about supplements, vitamins, pills etc. It also explained (without going into great detail) so the average man can understand why he should take certain supplements, why they have a positive effect, and the simplified biological processes that were involved.

Even if you didn't want to read all the details, the book still serves as a very simplified "instruction manual" or "vitamin list" where you could just take the supplements listed at the beginning of each chapter, go to the pharmacy and be done with this aspect of your diet in under 10 minutes.

It is only available in Kindle (I believe) for the low and affordable price of $2.99. You will likely spend more money on a single bottle of vitamins than this book.

How Inflation Explains Violence in the Middle East

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If you dare to spend the few calories of energy it takes, the average person can increase their understanding of inflation (and thus economics) once they understand the concept of "flooding" a market with money. Once you comprehend that money has no value and if you shovel a ton of it into a "market" with a finite amount of goods it only results inflation (not production), you've promoted yourself above nearly 95% of the population in terms of economic knowledge.

However, while most economic focus is on money and the markets it inflates, there are other forms of "currency" that have similar bubbly (and disastrous) effects on various countries and populations. And military support is one such example.

We (at least here on Cappy Cap) all know the effects of flooding a market with money. The stock market is overvalued by about 60% because of mindless-zombie-retirement dollars and QE money seeping in through buy backs and institutional investors. College tuition, also a bubble, has increased in lock step with government grants, scholarships, student loans, 529 plans and all the other sources of financing the sheeple use to pay for increasingly worthless degrees. The housing and Dotcom bubbles the same. Investors, banks, lenders and borrowers all flooded that market. But take that exact same concept of individual dollars flooding a market and replace it with guns, weaponry, and military support.

And now you can see the "bubble" that exists in the middle East.

Between the US, China, and Russia (and for various political reasons) the Mid East has been flooded with a ton of weapons and military wares for decades. Add to that mix a religion where a significant percentage of its followers is radicalized. Also add to the mix that two general sects within the group loathe each other. And in the end you have a region full of wars, violence, murder, mayhem, etc. However, ask yourself the question, would it be as bad had the powers that be just not involved themselves in the first place?

This is not a criticism of guns or various countries' policies in the Mid East, but merely an economic observation that the EXACT same thing that is happening in the college bubble or stock market is also happening in the Mid East through ISIS, Iraq, Syria, Israel, etc. Just instead of inflation and higher prices being the unit of measurement by which people suffer, that unit of measurement is instead death.

The mathematical/economic solution is a simple one - simply stop supplying the area with guns and weapons. ISIS would not have existed without US support and training, not to mention all the fine equipment and military grade hardware we left in the Iraqi's hands

for them to take. Lord knows how many people would have been saved had Russia not flooded the region with AK 47's. And over time these weapons would wear out to the point of uselessness, and they would forced to resort to poorer and inferior weapons with less killing capabilities. You would not so much get peace in the Mid East, but deaths would go down and maybe a modicum of safety and stability would ensue.

Alas, something tells me the ego of raging Shiite and Sunni are very much like the egos out of suburbanite teenage masses who view college as their birthright. And sadly, the pushers of both weapons and worthless college degrees are more than happy to provide the supply.

Oh well, Enjoy the Decline!

Men Refusing To Marry, Women Getting Pissed

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Here's the latest and "cutest" claim about men not wanting to marry:

They're "immature."

Replete with maps!

The Clarey Podcast #65

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"Immature men" refusing to man up and marry
A listener bribes the ole Captain not to swear in one podcast
Cappy tells the story of returning the rental car in Zurich and then running 6 miles to the airport
The left may win, but are incapable of enjoying victory because they deep down inside are not a happy people
and the Troll of the Weak questions Cappy's notch count

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

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Blood Is Not Thicker Than Water

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A video request for Asshole Consulting that ended up being a video that may benefit some younger folk out there:

Beware of Made Up Words

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Something that I hadn't had time to fully think through was why people (especially in academia) who used made up words gave me the heebee jeebees. Any perusal of a women's studies course description or the a powerpoint presentation from a "diversity consultant" will leave (the sane) reader not only befuddle and perplexed, but asking the question, "WTF?" More so the sane reader's survivalist instincts will kick in in the back of his brain saying, "Something ain't right here. What are these people up to? There is something nefarious going on." And your instincts aren't wrong, because there is indeed something nefarious going on.

Take for example the handful of new vocabulary words I've learned thanks to Mr. Aurini.

Agency
Misanthrope
and
Catharsis

Very hoity toity words. Very high brow philosophy, and one might even conclude these terms are just as bogus as many made up academian ones. However, just because they're high brow and not commonly part of most people's vernacular, doesn't mean they're not real words. And the reason they are real words is because they describe a phenomenon that is naturally happening in the real world. "Agency" is in part responsibility or purpose in life, a very real force that drives men's psychology today. Misanthrope is a person who hate humanity. And catharsis is basically an excuse for you to take all your frustrations out on a whipping boy.

Because these words describe real world phenomena they are practical. They are useful. They serve a function in describing something in the real world, allowing humans to identify, understand, describe and discuss them.

However, the same cannot be said about the ever-increasing faux-vocabulary that the left is manufacturing.

Take for example the words/phrases:

Intersectionality
Privilege
Raise awareness
Pangender
or any one of these 812 other gender types

These words are, frankly, made up words. And the reason the hair on the back of your head is being raised when you hear them is because their primary goal is NOT to define something that is real in the real world, but rather to serve two ulterior purposes (as far as my thinking takes me).

1. The Ego

If there is one thing I want to get across to other people about leftist psychology it is that it is driven by LAZINESS and EGO. Intellectual weaklings who are too lazy to work hard, try hard, and engage in studies of true and genuine rigor find it fanciful to create "studies" out of whole cloth. This serves two purposes - it allows them to avoid any actual hard work, BUT also allows them to fool themselves into thinking they're actually intelligent and on par with truly accomplished individuals. Humanities professors love nothing more than being called "Professor" or "Doctor" when the effort they put into their studies was a microscopic fraction of the work real doctors in real fields forfeited. This is not only why they're typically pompous about their fabricated position in life, but also dismissive of people who ~~"just don't understand"~~ don't believe their poppycock profession is real.

2. Making You a Slave/Stealing Your Life

Well, technically they want to steal your money (which is LITERALLY nothing more than making you a slave to them) but the larger point is that ego and laziness tends not to produce anything of value in the real world. And since the left is typically not productive they need other people's money.

Here, these made up words serve a great function because they manipulate the only way humans communicate. While you're trying to figure out what the heck a leftist is saying, or trying to understand what these words mean, deep down inside you can't know what these words mean because they aren't intended to describe anything real. This provides the smoke screen for a leftist to essentially say, "You owe me more of your money because of (fill in made up word/concept here)_____" and if you disagree or don't know what they were trying to say, too bad. You're a "simpleton" "uneducated," or (more typically) a racist, bigot, homophobe, etc.

But understand such linguistic manipulation was by design. Since these words do not adhere to the laws and rules of the real linguistic world, it's as if they become a supernatural word amongst normal words much like Superman amongst normal human beings. It can be used for any purpose because it is not anchored or handicapped to having to be a real word that describes something TRUTHFULLY, ACCURATELY and REAL.

It is here you commonly see words that at one time WERE real and DID describe something in reality, but have since been co-opted for political and theft-purposes.

Racist
Misogynist
Bigot
Community
Diversity
Appropriate
Dialogue
Empowerment
and others

No doubt when you hear a politician, an activist, a non-profiteer, a media type or a professor using these words you immediately do not trust these people.

The larger point of this entire post, however, is to get you to identify these individual for what they truly are (using real words)

Cowards
Liars
and
Theives

No matter how clever or complicated they think they're being
No matter how much of a ruse they throw up to make themselves seem smart (again faux degrees in the humanities fields attracts these charlatans)
And no matter how much they bluff about their intellectual superiority, they are nothing but

Cowards,
Liars,
and
Thieves

They want your money, but dare not have the courage like a street thug to come up and try to take it from you. Ergo they employ the most cowardly, elongated tactic to rationalize stealing it - the liberal arts and indoctrination. And after brainwashing enough youth through the education industry to believe in things and concepts that aren't real, they "peaceably" steal your life from you through when these brainwashed dolts go and vote as they were programmed to, allowing idiocracy and the state to steal your money/life.

That is why when you hear these words your instincts tell you not to trust such people.
That is why when you hear these faux words the hair on the back of your hair stands up.

It's just now it's gone from an instinctual suspicion of a parasite and thief, to a full blow frontal lobe identification and knowledge of this clear and present threat.

Aaron Clarey is a mean, republican jerky-head and says truthful thinks that hurts people's feelings. He also wrote a lot of mean books that crushes dreams and destroys souls with devastating facts, reality, and economics. He also heads up a consulting division called "Asshole Consulting" where people pay him to tell them the truth. And rumor has it he kicks kittens and slingshots puppies. You can visit his Youtube and Podcast channels if you want to hear more from this jerk.

Truth Cannot Be "Sexist" Nor "Racist"

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What I always get a kick out of (and more or less how I make my living) is how merely speaking the truth will get you accused of all sorts of "ists." I'm already 60% dead and will not waste my remaining life living lies or abiding by them. I've already danced around politically incorrect eggshells for far too long. So I find it very cute, but intellectually conflicting when people claim merely speaking the truth is "sexist" or "racist."

This otherwise fine review of BPE is one such an example.

"*I'm going to have to agree that there are a few things Aaron writes about that are* ***sexist****. However what his critics don't address is the more important issue of whether or not what he writes is* ***true****.*"

So am I to understand that the Victim Industry and Politically Correct Nazis have been so successful in brainwashing people that it is better to *LIE than to speak the truth*? It's scary that people's logic are so preprogrammed this way that it is better to lie than to be considered sexist or bigotted, etc.

Let me tell you the path this is going down.

When people start telling lies, believing in lies, and (worst of all) making decisions based in lies, society begins to falter. Growth falters, standards of living decrease, nearly every aspect of life will get worse because you're NOT living in the real world. What's worse is that people would prefer to hear pretty lies than harsh truths, and this gives genuinely evil people, posing as politicians, carte blanche to tell you whatever they want, and whatever you want to hear, so they can score your naive vote.

You people wonder why economic growth is 1/2 of what it used to be?
You people wonder why you can't find jobs?
You people wonder why there's a national debt 105% GDP?
You people wonder why after trillions spent on "The Great Society" women still earn only 77% of what men do and black's standards of living have not closed the gap with whites?

Well how about you grow a fucking spine and start accepting, living with, and basing your decisions in....(GASP!!!!)

reality.

Enjoy the decline, boys and girls. Enjoy the freaking decline.

The Clarey Podcast Episode #66 - "The Stalker Paradox"

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Asking girls out before cell phones
"The Stalker Paradox" and flaking out in the 90's
"She got hit by a truck" aka "The Night Cappy Was Stood Up"
Troll of the Weak exposes herself through shaming language
The pen IS mightier than the sword
It's better to lie than be called an "ist"
How minorities should be lynching the left for how they're ruined their lives

AND MORE!

In this episode of The Clarey Podcast.

Also remember the podcast is available in iTunes and Stitcher.

And for all you Apple users, for some reason people who also have their podcast on iTunes keep asking to "vote up" their podcast on iTunes. I don't know what that is, I'm sure there's some benefit, so if you'd be so kind, I'd appreciate it.

The Real, Statistical, Factual Causes of the US Deficit and Debt

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A very common and very KEY argument I came across when debating the left is the true and underlying causes of the national deficit, and by consequence, national debt. Those of us on the right claim it is excessive social spending, those on the left insist it is military spending. After studying the budget and public finances tangentially, I intuitively knew it had to be social spending. BUT, I did not know for a fact. And so I decided to spend my coffee session pulling data from the White House's federal budget data and FRED database to find out, once and for all, what are the true causes of our national deficit/debt.

The issue is not as straight forward as one might thing. For example, how far back do we go? 1790? Post WWII? What percentage of today's debt is caused by which years of deficit the government has run. In the best efforts of intellectual honesty I looked at the historical "deficits as a percentage of GDP" aiming to find when we started running chronic and serious budget deficits. I also went post WWII because of the obvious warping effects a global war has on budgets. And I also chose post WWII because adjusting for inflation and population growth (ie - the majority of today's debt was caused by more recent society, not the 10 million people that lived here 200 years ago).

This resulted in a starting point of 1971. If you look at deficits as a percentage of GDP it was 1971 that start not only chronic, but significant deficits (and it is here, no doubt, leftists will focus their arguments because the math henceforth is unassailable).

However, before we move forward it is imperative that I issue a trigger warning for any socialists, leftists or democrats reading this. The following information is factual, math based, and real. I know these things cause great stress, emotional harm, and psychological damage to leftsits, not to mention are insulting to the leftist community. If you could have your government-paid therapist or counselor on speed dial, that may help before continuing reading through this article.

So here is the basic data. The sum of all government spending, by general department from 1971 to 2014, along with their corresponding percentages.

	$	%
050 National Defense:	13926044	21.87%
150 International Affairs:	833259	1.31%
250 General Science, Space, and Technology:	669800	1.05%
270 Energy:	209627	0.33%
300 Natural Resources and Environment:	922712	1.45%
350 Agriculture:	727441	1.14%
370 Commerce and Housing Credit:	362995	0.57%
400 Transportation:	1858984	2.92%
450 Community and Regional Development:	598500	0.94%
500 Education, Training, Employment, and Social Services:	2249879	3.53%
550 Health:	5784207	9.08%
570 Medicare:	7655378	12.02%
600 Income Security:	10089404	15.85%
650 Social Security:	14146393	22.22%
700 Veterans Benefits and Services:	2068136	3.25%
750 Administration of Justice:	936501	1.47%
800 General Government:	635971	1.00%
Total Spending	63675231	

You'll note standard battle lines to be drawn as libertarians and conservatives cite Social Security as being larger than Military spending. You'll also note the left immediately (and predictably) pointing out "Veterans Affairs" is not included in military spending. However,

the above data needs to be simplified as there are multiple accounts across the general two categories that are being debated as to the cause of our chronic deficits and debt - Military spending and Social spending. I simplified this chart into four categories.

1. Social spending
2. Military spend
3. Governance (which is appallingly low) and
4. "Other" (where it wasn't governance, social spending, or military. Namely space agency)

The results confirm what nearly 2 decades of research and common sense would tell you - social spending is by far to blame for the deficits and debt we have today.

	% Cause of Deficit & Debt	
Military	25.12%	
Income Transfers	64.78%	
Governance	5.96%	
Other	4.14%	

But before leftists now scramble to find an excuse (or call their therapist) to explain this reality away, let's us hold on before taking that step and address a tangential issue to this debate that may solve it for both sides - psychology.

You see, in the early days of this blog (and my career) I naively spend hours, if not months, crunching numbers, calculating statistics, and doing so in an intellectually honest manner because I truthfully was concerned about what was truth. I did not want to have an ideology or a political position and then "force" data to fit my preferences. I wanted the facts and data to form my political ideology. However, when presenting data, such as the above, to those on the left, no matter how right it was, no matter how solid and unbiased my ideology, and no matter how apolitical the data was, people on the left simply refused to believe it.

It soon dawned on me the true debate between right and left is not one of facts, data, statistics or reality, but one of psychology. The left is delusional and puts their religion above all else, including reality.

Therefore, let us cut to the chase. I know I just wasted the past hour crunching numbers,

making charts, and uploading them here. I know this is going to be as effective as DayQuil on cancer. So my question to the left is NOT "will you please finally admit you were wrong." It's going to be;

"Please humor me and entertain me with the mentally ill and cognitive dissonance acrobatics your going to use to explain away this one. I always get a kick out of watching mentally damaged people ignore reality."

Enjoy that freaking decline.

The Importance of Having a Study Den

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Not "Man Cave."

Study Den.

(my latest piece at ROK)

Please Stop Begging for Higher Rates of Return

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A common question I get in my "alternative" financial life style is

"How can I get a higher rate of return on my investments?"

People are sick of the barely existent interest rates on their checking or savings accounts. People don't like the rates on T-Bills or government bonds. And people are also tired of the whopping 3-5% on high quality corporate bonds.

Isn't there ANYWHERE I can get a better return? Why, I need my 401k to magically constantly forever unabattedly perpetually infinitely grow at 10% in order to retire at 62!

The charlatans come in and say "stocks."

But let me beat this dead horse one more time in case you didn't get it the first 40 times.

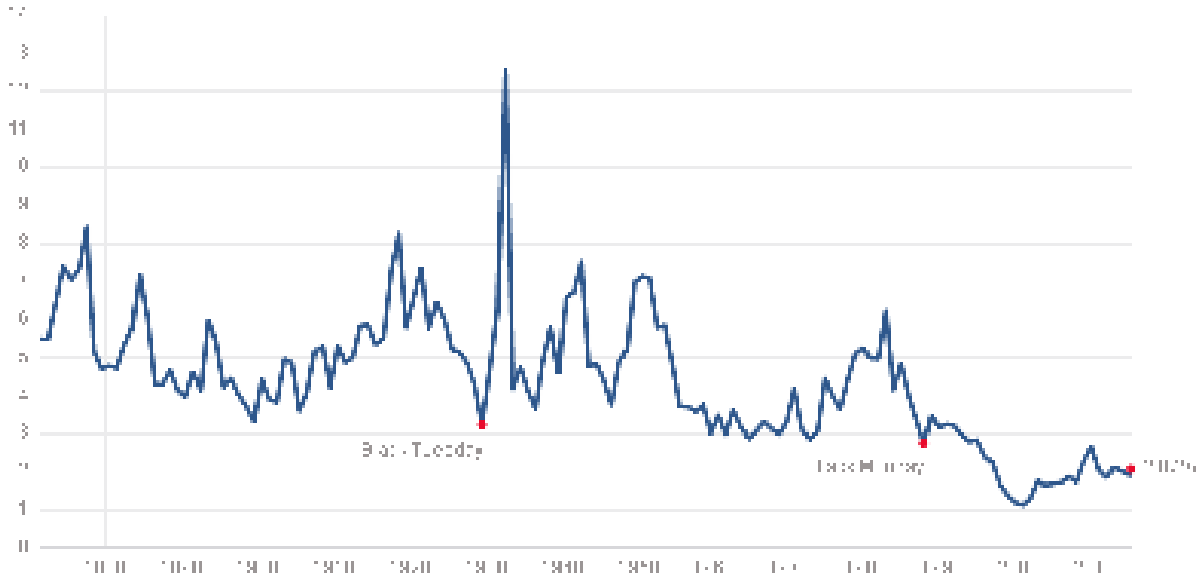
What is the REAL rate of return of stocks? And when I say REAL I mean what kind of income do stocks generate? I know everybody has formed a circle jerk around capital gains and believe that magically constantly forever unabattedly perpetually infinitely increasing stock prices will solve everybody's problem, but what drives those capital gains? What gives stocks their value?

The answer is -dividends.

It's not "earnings" because ultimately a life long share holder never SEES all the earnings. They are ONLY paid dividends (and a final cash out should the company be acquired or their shares be purchased), but even that final cash out is dependent upon the future dividends those acquired assets will generate.

So what "rate of return" are stocks truly providing? What is the real "interest rate" you are earning on stocks?

Well my fine 401k Zombie Lemmings, here it is:



I strongly recommend you plan on working till you're 75.

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Taleo Brass Ring - Yes, we know you gave us your resume. Yes, we know we have parsing technology. But we want to see if you'll jump through these hoops like a good little monkey so we know we can take advantage of you later. Taleo Brass Ring, making life hell for job seekers.

and by

Diversity Training - Do you do your job well? Do you work hard and produce? Do you go that extra mile? Well fuck you, you're still a racist sexist! And we're going to remind you every year. Diversity training, treating adults like children because socialists need to brainwash you.

and by

Meetings - Yes, you have important work to do, but we need you to sit in a room while middle aged incompetents blather and act like they're leaders. Sit there, be quiet and listen to things that have nothing to do with your job, all while wasting precious time that could be used to expedite your job. By the way, you need to come in on the weekend to make up for this lost labor. "Meetings" - it's how idiots manage!

Anyway, just wanted to show you guys my office view today:

Oh, and for any of my ex bosses, please feel free to post what the view looks like from your office! I love pictures of cubicles and parking lots!

What Batman Teaches Us About Agency, Morality, and Life

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I was paid to do a movie review of "The Dark Knight Returns 1&2." Ended up being a much deeper and philosophical movie than I thought it would be (given it's animation). Regardless, some of the lessons pulled from it may be of benefit or use to you lieutenants, economists, and Cappy Cappites. It's a longer video and yes, some minor cursing.

What Ebola Tells Us About Obama

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Wake the fuck up people.

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Gotta Love Large Liberal Cities

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Another reason not to live in Chicago.

However, given traffic, it's nearly impossible to speed, let alone go the speed limit in the town.

"I'm On Birth Control" *WINK*

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Stay frosty, boys.

Stay the freak frosty.

Lazy Sunday Linkage

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The most depressing podcast ever from The Black Brigade.

1950's grade distribution at Princeton.

Obama's ~~crony~~ czar won't start the ~~made up position for his crony~~ job for 5-6 months.

Parents can pay for their childrens' college, but can't find out about their grades.

Daddy, what's a Social Justice Warrior? Well…they're scum, son. Just verminous scum.

The 1950's were better because of the people, not that they needed only one income.

Oh noesies!!! Eliteist book publishers are being destroyed by Amazon. Oh noesssss!!!!!

Another Book Babe

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A southern belle sent in a pic.

Making Money Off of Stupid People

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This was quite predictable.

The Deflationary Spiral is a Lie

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Rick Newman at Yahoo *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE* "News" wrote a piece recently about the horrors and catastrophes of "deflation."

Yes, this economic scourge is so dangerous, so devastating that people unfortunate enough to experience it suffer:

Higher standards of living
An increase in the value of their money
Increased purchasing power
and
a stable currency

Sarcasm aside, you don't need to be an economist to figure out that the "deflationary spiral" is a Keynesian canard because the WHOLE POINT OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIETAL ADVANCEMENT IS TO MAKE THINGS CHEAPER! It's the SOLE PURPOSE of economics. Increasing standards of living through efficiency. So already you know when somebody warns about the "horrors" of "deflation," you know they're either

1. An ignorant journalist who doesn't know jack about economics or
2. A politician or political operative trying to dupe you

(Mr. Newman is the first, despite his degree in economics, which was no doubt dripping with Keynesianism)

However, this simple logic to find out if believers in the Deflationary Spiral are devils or dupes, does not expressly explain or disprove their claims. That claim being that deflation lowers demand by delaying purchases as people "know" prices are going down and simply postpone those purchases indefinitely into the future. And while it may seem logical on the face of it, that's all it is - logical. Not empirical.

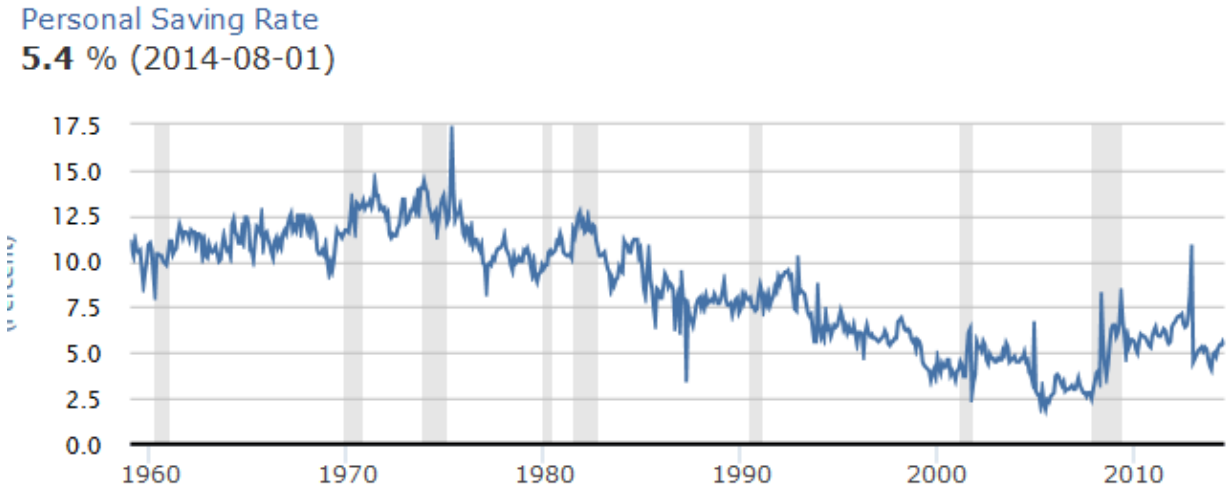
First, in order to believe the Deflationary Spiral exists you have to believe that Americans are financially conscious and savvy enough to know about prices, inflation, etc.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?????

The average American doesn't even know who's in congress or where Canada is, let alone what the CPI is doing!!!! They are so stupid and so doped up on bread and circus BS that the last thing they're doing is reading Federal Reserve minutes. They are the most economically ignorant population in the history of humanity (but they're experts in the

Kardashians and ESPN post game shows).

Second, since the average American is clueless about finances and economics, they spend money like...well...Americans. They save practically nothing,



and (despite enormous debt forgiveness during the financial crisis) have managed to rack up cumulative household debt back above 100% GDP.

Third, Americans lack the capacity for delayed gratification. In the now now now me me me mine mine mine society, nobody is conscious, let alone psychologically capable of budgeting, conserving or postponing purchases.

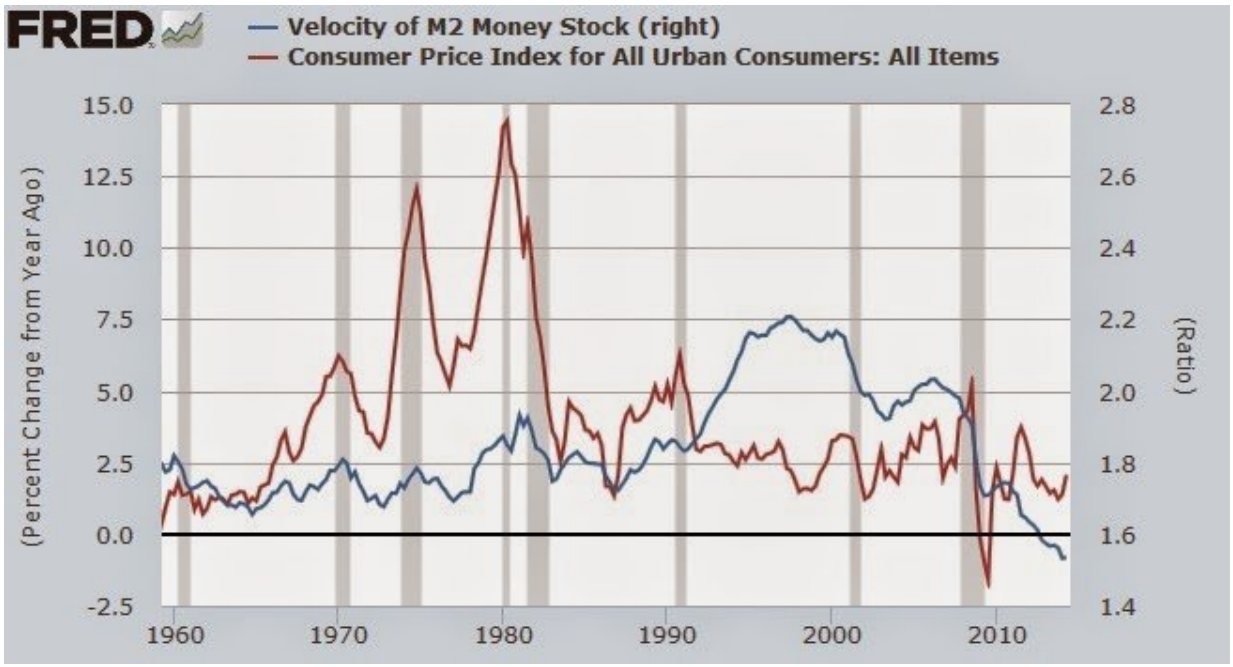
And finally, women. (Yes, sorry, we're going there, because it's germane and true). Depending on what statistics you want to use, women account for anywhere between 55-80% of all household purchases. And most of them are on worthless and unneeded trinkets and crap. I have NEVER, EVER heard a woman utter "deflationary spiral" because it has never occurred to a newly wed wife to postpone purchases of curtains for her new home, a power tripping NYC marketing executive to postpone purchases of her Pravda shoes, or a naive and clueless college student to postpone the purchase of her $200,000 "Masters in Latina Transgendered Anthropologic Poetry Unicorn Studies."

But the ultimate argument against the Deflationary Spiral is simply one of empircism.

It *does not exist.*

While I know economists, journalists, politicians, and everyday sheeple just like to repeat things they heard in college or the news, it doesn't make them true. And if you look at spending versus inflation, THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP.

This chart shows the velocity of money (the rate at which a dollar is spent and re-spent, indicating demand). It is juxtaposed against inflation. To the untrained eye you might be tempted to detect a pattern or relationship between the two, and according to the Deflationary Spiral believers as prices go down you should see a decrease in the velocity of money.



However, THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO. When correlated against one another the correlation coefficient is -.04, meaning no relationship ***at all***.

2011-07-01	1.653	3.7
2011-10-01	1.647	3.3
2012-01-01	1.634	2.8
2012-04-01	1.625	1.9
2012-07-01	1.611	1.7
2012-10-01	1.584	1.9
2013-01-01	1.574	1.7
2013-04-01	1.567	1.4
2013-07-01	1.569	1.5
2013-10-01	1.562	1.2
2014-01-01	1.533	1.4
2014-04-01	1.535	2.1
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Naturally, I don't expect my little blog here, let alone this little post to correct the thousands of erroneous pages in economic textbooks. I don't expect this FACT to change politicians' or journalists' thinking (or incentives). And I doubt that anybody at the Federal Reserve will remove their lips from Keynes' dead ass long enough to consider this data. But I do expect my readers and anybody who really cares about politics and economics to know the Deflationary Spiral just doesn't exist. And that the next time you hear somebody trying to "scare-tactic" you using the "Deflationary Spiral" to know it's a calculated political move to allow for more government debt and printing of money.

Why Big Oil Should 86 Their CSR Departments

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"and replace them with me."

Language warning:

Social Security and Medicare Simplified

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From our resident artist Jorge (who intends on drawing several more political cartoons)

Baby Boomer Vampires

THIS IS What Feminism Looks Like

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For all you young naive girls who think feminism is "just the equal treatment of women" its time for you to wake up.

The Truth About Executive Compensation

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A common ~~whine~~ complaint from unions and the left is about executive compensation. That these evil, fat cat, mean, rich executives make too much money and if that money were instead to be paid out to the "real" workers in corporations, then all would be well and every child would have a pet unicorn.

Like many, if not all, arguments of the left it is based in idealism and not reality. What people want, versus what the labor market can possibly mathematically deliver. Hope and not reality.

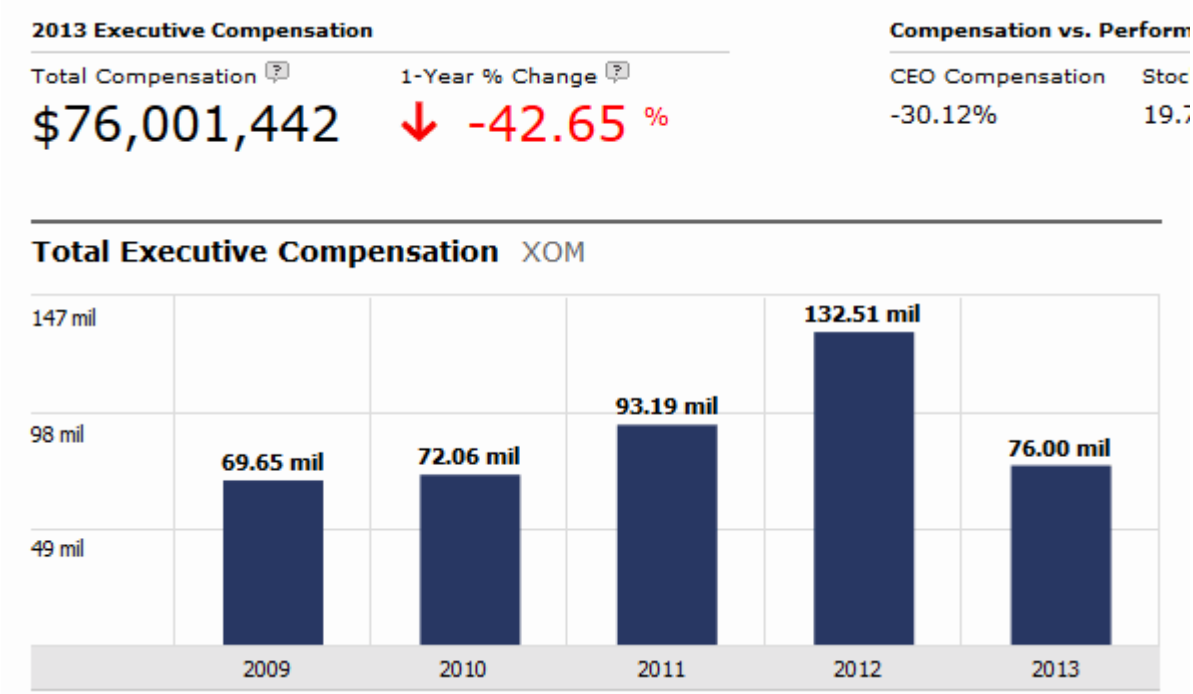
Because of this, their arguments are founded on weak clay foundations, and it doesn't take much research or empiricism to prove them wrong. So after (literally) 5 minutes of research I was able to pull some quick statistics and facts, do a little bit of 3rd grade math and debunk this leftist pipe-dream of an argument that has been around for decades.

Once again, I'm going to go with the most

EVIL
VILE
DISGUSTING
GREEDY
HORRIBLE

corporation that ever existed - Exxon Mobil.

Executive compensation, which is now required to be filed in the 10K/annual report to the SEC, can more easily be found on Morningstar which does a nice job of presenting it annually.



As you note, those evil, mean (and no doubt) 100% white male corporate executives at Exxon Mobil make on average $85 million annually in compensation.

Now, what if we were to take all of it and spread it fairly across all the "real" employees at Exxon Mobil? How much would it help those poor, disadvantaged near-slaves that are being taken advantage of by these evil executives?

Well a little google searching will find that Exxon Mobil employs 75,000 employees. You do a little 3rd grade math and you come to find out that if we stuck it to those evil,

greedy (and don't forget White Male) capitalist pigs, each and EVERY employee would get a raise of (drum roll please!!!!)....

$1,133.

Giggity freaking giggity.

Now, let's do something I like to do to save time and advance the conversation along - predict the knee-jerk counterarguments from the left.

Did you include stock options? - Yes, the SEC considers stock options, grants, and other forms of non-cash compensation in it's calculations.

Well, that's just Exxon Mobil. It's probably worse at other companies! - Then you do something for the first time and research something rather than blather.

Still! That's better than nothing!!!! - Oh shut up.

The whole point is that this myth of if we "just took executive compensation and spread it across the employees, then everybody would have higher standards of living" is precisely that - a myth. The MATHEMATICAL REALITY IS that there just aren't enough executives out there. Yes, they make a lot of money, but given the ratio of employees to executives, it's too high to make this dream reality. Worse still for the left, this says nothing about their ultimate goal - taking executive compensation and giving it to EVERYBODY - employees, poor people welfare recipient, students, single mothers, etc. etc. If you included the millions of dependent parasitic classes, confiscating ALL of Exxon Mobil's executives' compensation would result in an increase of just PENNIES to the average democrat voter.

The truth is that relying on other people and pursuing a life of parasitism will NEVER get you to the standards of living you want. And wasting your life lobbying, debating, and arguing for other people's money is precious time that could be otherwise spent improving yourself, your skills and your own lot in life, much more so than waiting for the democrat party to eek out an added tax "on the rich."

So argue all you want.
Protest all you want.
Whine all you want.
Stammer your feet and pout.

Even if you got everything you wanted, your life would still suck because (and here's the sad truth) you suck.

So stop sucking at life and do something with it instead of sticking your hand out.

California Institute of the Arts

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I had an agent send this to me. He attended the California Institute of the Arts (where these fliers were from) and I think any young man considering this college should rethink given its politically hostile environment towards men and how "rape" is now defined as "regret."

This isn't bullshit boys. You need to be VERY WELL AWARE AND WARNED just how much of a risk it is attending colleges like these, especially in California, where they are so far deluded, so far gone, that mere "regret" is grounds for a rape accusation.

Choose schools wisely boys. You landing in jail or having your tuition confiscated while you're expelled because you had sex with a drunk girl is just not worth it.

The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty

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I was interviewed by Kerry Lutz recently and made the announcement and title of my next book official. I'm going to aim to have it done by Christmas selling season, but that's about to start in a week. Regardless, should be ready before Christmas.

Last Night's Hotel Stand

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Remembered in addition to dive bars across the unpopulated American west I also intended to take pictures of my bedstand before going to bed. This was last nights:

Saturday Linkage

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Businesses don't create jobs. Golddigging wives who ride off of daddy's money, then hubby's political career do.

Dear MSM, Thanks for your lunch, and yes, I am eating it.

Gamergate for Non-Virgins

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Confused about Gamergate?
Wondering why this is breaking into the MSM?
Should you care? Should you not care?
Never fear, the Captain explains Gamergate here!

Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

Dear China, Here's Where Your Money Went

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In a previous post I calculated the statistical causes of the US federal deficit and debt. It was to answer the debate, once and for all, whether it was military spending or social spending that was the primary cause of our financial woes. When the statistics were tallied it turned out nearly 2/3rds of the deficit/debt was caused by social spending and only 25% military spending.

However, while this addresses the budgetary issues facing the country (which will be summarily ignored), it does nothing to address the counterparty to this deficit spending. Namely, our creditors. Specifically China.

The whole idea of "lending" money is that you do so expecting to not only get your principal back, but some interest income as well. And the way your debtor will pay you back is by taking the proceeds from the loan and investing it in a venture that will generate a rate of return in excess of the interest rate being charged.

However, let's focus on the key word of that sentence - "invest."

To sane people or people who care about getting their money back the quality of the loan is based on the quality of the investment that money is used to finance. Therefore it behooves the lender to analyze where the proceeds of the loan are going to go. This was my primary job during my 15 year tenure in banking. My job was to take loan applications, analyze their creditworthiness and determine whether they proceeds would not only be invested wisely, but generate a rate of return that would satisfy the debt obligations.

Out of the thousands of loans I analyzed a majority of them were bad investments. Another real-estate development in an already-oversaturated market. A loan to my boss' buddies with no collateral. Sports bars for ex-jocks going through midlife crises. And horse hobby farms for the trophy wives of insolvent faux "businessmen." There was even the famous "cereal bar" where our money would be used to purchase milk (which does not make a good form of collateral). But out of all these horrendous and idiotic investments, they are nowhere near as bad as the US government bonds you Chinese got suckered into buying. And the reason is simple:

The majority of the money you lent us was not invested. It was merely pissed away.

Consider a statistical break down of where your money was "invested" here in the US.

The Military 26%

One of the largest components of the US budget, your money was used to buy weapons and pay soldiers. Sadly, the military is not an investment. Matter of fact, it's quite the opposite. The military is PURPOSELY designed to destroy things. Not build them. You will not get a return on your investment from the US military.

Social Security/Medicare 33% combined

The reason I combined these two is because of the delicious irony of how your money was "invested." Social Security is paid to people who are retired or are disabled. In other words, they don't work. You are merely paying these people to live with no expectation of a return on your investment. Worse still (and doubly ironic) is Medicare is basically paying to keep old people alive who are about to die anyway. Instead of investing in the "youth" who might have the capacity to earn the money to pay you back, you are investing in old people who not only DON'T work, but will die soon.

Income Security 16%

Oh, you know how I said if you invested in the youth you'd at least stand a shot at getting some modicum of return on your investment? Yeah, well there are some young people out there who could work, but they're lazy and just don't want to. That or they so spectacularly screwed up their lives by having children they can't afford or some other such life-destroying move that they're too pre-occupied living off of others to be concerned about paying you back. Besides, this is the dumbest segment of our society and they frankly probably don't know the different between China and Japan.

Health 9%

Remember those lazy people I was telling you about? Yeah, the ones that don't work? Well they tend to have children at higher rates than their responsible citizen counterparts, and so they need health care. You could make the argument that these kids will grow up and maybe get jobs, thereby giving you a slim hope you might recoup a fraction of your investment, but a visit to one of our fine trailer parks, ghettos or barrios will show you the cycle of poverty these unfortunate children are condemned to.

Education 4%

You may have your final hopes pinned on that a small percentage (4%) of your money went into education and training. This should make people more productive, get them higher paying jobs, and thus provide the tax base to finally pay you guys back.

Sadly, your hopes are misplaced, because unlike our Chinese and Asian counterparts, the majority of American education does NOT go to productive endeavors, but worthless frivolous ones, specifically the humanities and liberal arts. The result is not only an industry that indoctrinates our youth into socialism and sloth, but gives them no real practical skills that will help generate economic growth. You won't get your money back here, but at least Tina the Suburbanite Princess got her Masters in Transgendered 13th Century Sculpture Fairy Studies. Thanks hard working Chinese people!

We could go on, but that accounts for nearly all of the money you've lent us. And as you noticed none of these things even come close to "investments."

The sad truth is that America did not "invest" the money you lent us. It bribed. It bribed our parasitic class to vote for democrat politicians, keeping them in power and preventing them from having to work real jobs (perhaps you are aware of our president's complete lack of real-world work?) Oh sure, our leftist politicians say they're "investing," but that is nothing more than a co-opted word used to hide their true intentions.

The issue is what are you going to do about it? I personally am shocked China, let alone anybody in the world lends the US government (and by association) our parasitic class money. What is literally happening is we are essentially enslaving hundreds of millions of Chinese. We have you work the menial jobs Americans are too lazy to work themselves, while ~~stealing~~ borrowing money to pay for those goods and services. Thus the welfare mother doesn't work, but she still gets Chang at the Samsung plant to build her a nice new smart phone, bought and paid for with money you gave her via the US federal government.

What the Chinese people and its government have to understand is that it is unlikely you will ever be paid back the money you lent us. Not because the US government chooses not to pay you back, but because the population of the US is decaying and declining to the point they are incapable of working up the economic growth to pay you back. I can only hope (and grant permission to anybody who wants to) to translate this into Cantonese and/or Mandarin, and would love to hear arguments why the Chinese people are making such a horrible investment.

This post is now on Reddit. Land of "This Guys An Idiot Because He Disagrees With Me." Would be horrible if a Cappylanche were to happen and it gets voted up.

Obama and the Magic Gini

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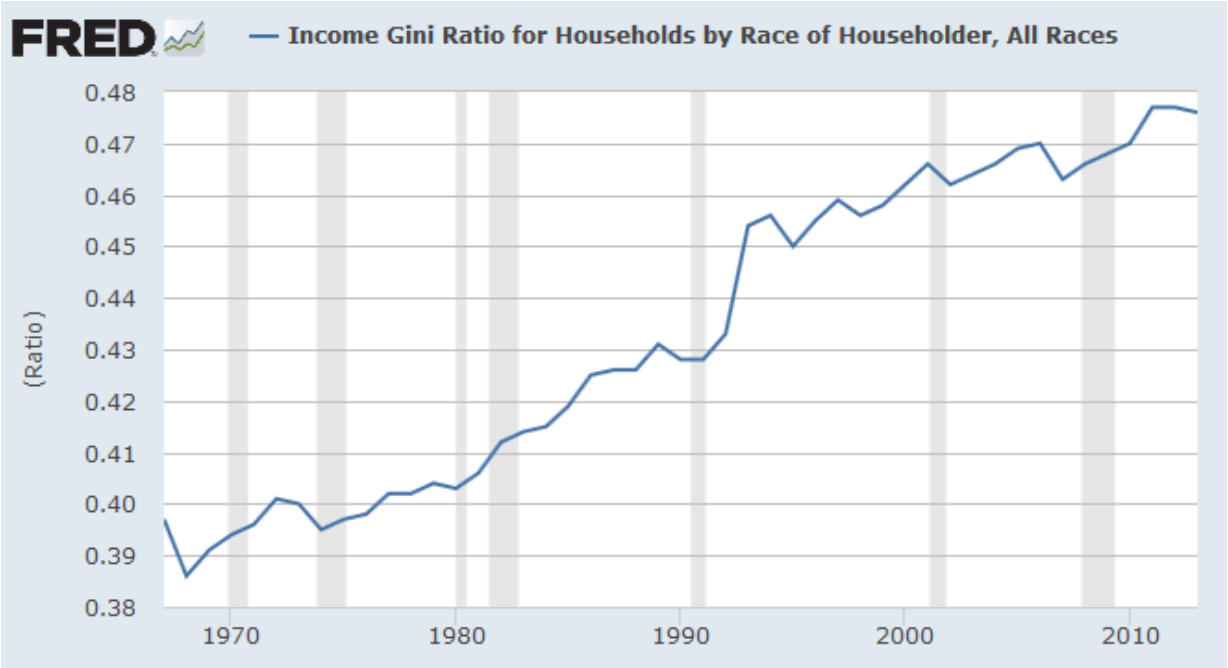
If you don't know what the Gini Coefficient is, that's alright. It just means you have a life. But for the sake of efficiency, the Gini coefficient is a number between 0 and 1. A country with a Gini coefficient of 0 means all income is distributed equally. And a country with a Gini coefficient of 1 means one person makes all the money. This measure was created to show just how skewed income distribution was and, truthfully, to make disparity income distributions "evil" or "bad" in the eyes of a naive public.

Sadly, despite Obama's ideologue-strength desire to redistribute income, he's only managed to (in the classic sense) make the rich get richer while the poor gets poorer. The Gini coefficient has been going up as it always has.



Technically that bold faced lie (the richer get richer and the poor gets poorer) is a lie. Both rich and poor are getting richer over time. It's just that the rich get richer faster because they have the majority of monies and can therefore capitalize on early investments in successful ventures. But still, as a relative measure, the poor continue to lose "relative" ground to the rich. And if you couldn't get an American-hating communist like Obama to lower the Gini coefficient, you're not going to find anyone to do it.

The World Needs More Assholes

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Remember, real consultants will lie to you.
Assholes tell you the truth.

If you got a problem in life, or just a question you want a second opinion on, visit the ole Captain's consulting division:

Asshole Consulting.

What Corporate Taxes REALLY Are in the US

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As you know I tire of debating with people who are not only uninformed, but ideologues who have no problems lying in order to advance their cause. This is one of the reasons I no longer listen to the news, and instead pull data as my primary source of information and opinion forming. One such debate was the issue of "what corporations really pay in taxes."

The right screams bloody murder pointing at the stated corporate tax rate of 40%.
The left screams "loopholes," talks about GE and Google's 0% tax rate, and then claim the "effective tax rate" is 12%.

I know both sides of the argument, and know what is the correct approach to it:

"You shouldn't even have a corporate tax you idiots. You want jobs. You want to attract investors. Get rid of this cancer that is holding the US back from its full potential."

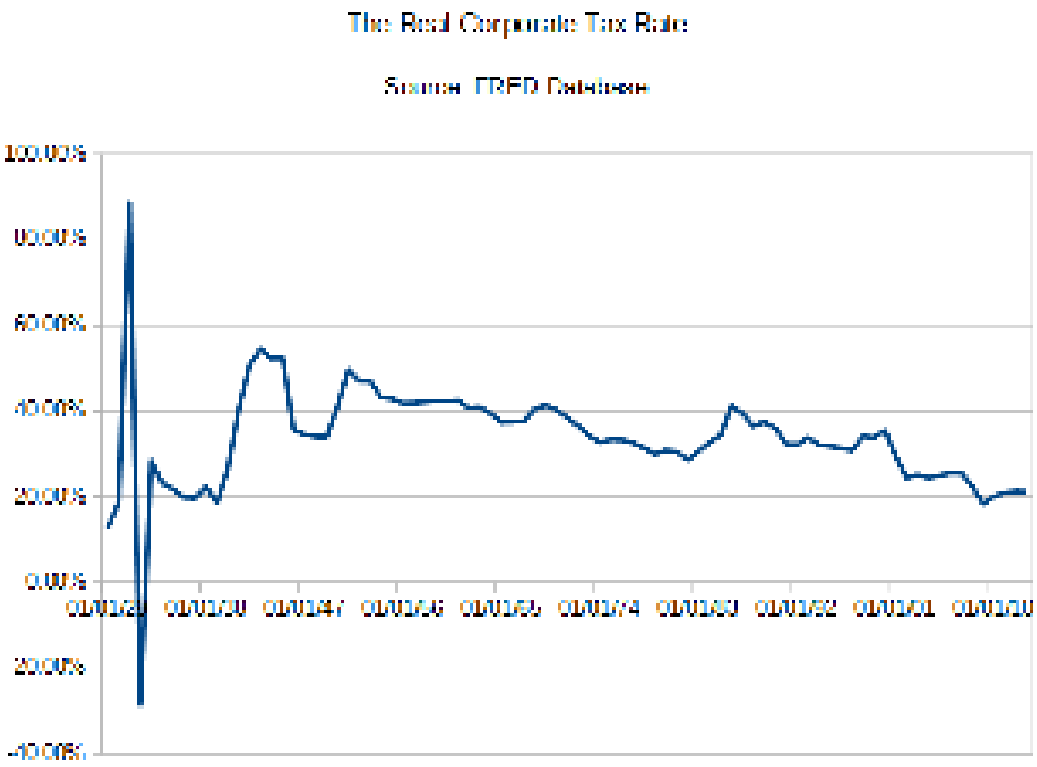
Regardless of philosophical arguments about whether there should even be a corporate tax, I decided to look up once and for all the REAL corporate tax rate. I'm not listening to the right fretting over the statutory 40% rate. And I'm CERTAINLY NOT listening to some bogus academian study made of whole cloth by biased socialists "professors." I simply took "Corporate Profits BEFORE Taxes," subtracted "Corporate Profits AFTER Taxes," divided it by the former and calculated the REAL AND TRUTHFUL tax rate the US has had since 1929.

Got it?

Before taxes. After taxes. Subtract and divide.

"I get the disks, you drop Walsh."

So here it is ladies and gentlemen.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So that's it. That's what all the hubbub is about. The current effective tax rate is about 22% and has been trending down since the 1930's.

Naturally the left (if they ever read this blog) would seize on this claiming that corporate taxes in the glorious 50's was around 41% and we were booming then. And naturally the right will seize on this saying 22% is more than the 0% leftists would like everything to think corporations pay.

But I'm going to try to introduce some reality into the situation as to why corporate taxes have been going down so that we MIGHT actually leave a better economy to our future;

Foreign competition.

And we're not talking about foreign competition from manufacturing or other economic competitors. We're talking about competition from other governments. Specifically, governments are competing for investors and corporations as they ALL lower their corporate taxes to lure them.

This is why you have Burger King merging with Tim Horton's. This is why you have Medtronic leaving for Ireland. This is why corporations have trillions parked overseas in Bermuda, the Caymans, Singapore and elsewhere. Because there ARE greener pastures.

I'm not going to call for the argument that the US eliminate its corporate taxes forever. It will fall on deaf ears of the left that are either too lazy to think this through or are too wedded to their ideology to have an independent thought or intellectual honesty. It is also an argument that doesn't need to be preached to the right-wing choir.

I will point out however a rare phenomenon that you won't see very often - governments competing.

In this one rare instance, governments are acting like private sector companies and actually serving their customers well. Governments want money, they want a tax base, they want a booming economy and some of them are waking up to what Hong Kong and Singapore woke up to nearly 50 years ago. MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE FOR INVESTORS TO MOVE AND INVEST THERE. Because of this some companies are scoring jobs. And not just "jobs," higher paying white collar jobs that typically come with relocating a headquarters there. This, like free markets always do, benefits the customers. The customers of which are the citizens of the countries lowering corporate taxes.

This is not complicated, complex, high end economics.

This is simple 3rd grade logic.

And the fact the left in this country is blinded with envy and hate of "corporations" to the point they can't see the benefits of getting rid of corporate taxes means half the population we're dealing with are not as smart as 3rd graders.

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Again, I'm always concerned about whether the advice I give is dated because its origins come from the 80's and 90's. Then I see this and that she has two children that will continue to wreak psycho behavior well into the future and I know that the future of my career is secure. The world will desperately need Asshole Consulting well into the future.

MGTOWgate, AKA "Sorry Ladies, MGTOW Isn't Binary"

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There's Gamergate, Elevatorgate, Atheism+, and to continue the overuse of the word "gate," let's just call this observation I've had "MGTOWgate."

Of course there really isn't a "MGTOWgate" in the normal sense of the suffix, however I have noticed something similar happening to various MGTOW sites that parallel the concern troll attacks of the aforementioned "gate-scandals." Specifically, a spurt of feminists and some non-feminists writing about MGTOW's and the MGTOW movement, even claiming there's a WGTOW movement.

Regardless of their individuality, their central "thesis" or argument is one of questioning the veracity and commitment of MGTOW's. That men can't and therefore never really do "give up women completely." Sure enough they point to the MGTOW's that have women in their lives, admit they do find women attractive, occasionally "crack" and ask a girl out, etc. And sure enough they say, "LOOK! LOOK! SEE!!! THEY'RE NOT GOING THEIR OWN WAY!" And with 100% predictability call hypocrisy on the movement, hoping to convince others it's fraudulent.

There's just one problem ladies.

MGTOW isn't binary. It's a spectrum

What I mean by that is that if you go your own way you don't COMPLETELY eliminate women out of your life. It's not like one day you're chasing after women non-stop and then the next quit cold turkey ne'er to see the tatas of a woman again. You simply re-prioritize your priorities where women are no longer a...well...priority. ie. - they're not COMPLETELY off the list, they're just knocked down the list some.

The result is something more of a scale or a spectrum. Yes you do have men who have truly given up on women and really don't have them in any capacity in their lives. But the majority of them (I would surmise and have observed) are not going to pass up an easy fling, a true love of their life, or a date that happens naturally and with little effort. The real issue is the effort men put into the pursuit of women and that is where most critics (authentic or not) in "MGTOWgate" are operating on a flawed premise.

To provide you with empirical evidence of MGTOW's being a scale and not an binary designation, consider three bits of data.

The first one is an informal survey I did with readers about what percent of their free time they spent pursuing women at 5 year intervals across their lives. My theory was that as men got older, they tired of the chase, not to mention learned they were led on about the quality of women available in the population, thus becoming disincentived. My hunch proved true as men spent a peak of 25% their free time at the age of 25 chasing girls and in 3 decades time spent only 2%.

The second thing is the decline in the rate (or increase in the age of) marriage. People can blame it on the recession. People can blame it on student loans. People can blame it on whatever they want. The truth is since it is men that do 100% of the proposing the demand for marriage has dropped and men have statistically and empirically gone their own way at least partially.

And the third bit of data is a little anecdote from last night when I went swing dancing for the first time in nearly 6 months. 10 years ago you would have seen me and my crew out at least three nights a week asking no less than 15 girls each to dance. Nearly half of those women would be asked out. And as statistics would have it, it was very common several girls would be asked out by multiple guys in my crew the same night.

But not last night.

It was just me and one other buddy of mine.

I mustered up the strength to ask three girls to dance and had the intention of asking out none.

My buddy looked around, but was not inspired enough by any gal to ask them to dance (and he's single!).

He hasn't sworn off women. And I certainly haven't either. But the effective reality women get to face is that it's MGTOW none the less. Interest in women was 10% of what it used to be as we were more interested in our smart phones and grabbing dinner later that night than dancing or dating.

The point is, so sorry ladies. So so terribly sorry. MGTOW is not like becoming a born again Christian, quitting drugs cold turkey, or joining AA. It's not a yes or no, an either or, a 1 or 0. It's the sad reality that men are making logical and economic choices as to how to spend their finite time, and putting women down further and further in terms of life's priorities when history and empirical data show they don't provide an adequate rate of return. However, women are rarely kicked off the list completely. Therefore when you see a MGTOW on a date, getting some play, or has some broad on the back of his motorcycle he isn't a fraud or a hypocrite. He's a guy who's living his own life on his terms and STILL slaying it with the ladies.

Which is what women have always found attractive in the first place.

Remember MGTOW's. Life is more more than just getting a motorcycle and "going." You need to plan for the future. Consider purchasing "Bachelor Pad Economics." The financial bible 4 out of 5 MGTOW's swear by!

Economics Proves Women Do Not Like Sex as Much as Men

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My brief and curse-laden political analysis for 2014;

The Benefit of the 67% Dead Club

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Many of you care/cared about this midterm election of 2014.

I didn't.

And this was the first election I truly didn't care about.

Want to know why?

I'm already dead Blythe. 67% dead to be precise.

Like my stepdad who is about 90%, I also realized that I am on the opposite side of 50%. My family's genetics is not that great. Nearly every male has died of cancer, alcoholism or stroke, and if any of us Clarey's make it past 60 it's a god damned miracle. And thus at 40, I'm 67% dead.

This permits me a huge amount of levity, freedom, and intellectual honesty because I no longer have to care. Naturally, the fact I have no children allows me this levity, but in the end, it is a benefit. My time on this planet is for the majority, over. And since I have no children I have no long term vested interest in it or what happens to it. So I'm allowed the precious gift of merely watching it without the attachment or concern that most of you other people have to it.

I enjoy people suffering.
I enjoy people suffering their mistakes.
I enjoy watching the limitless single moms and dead beat dads of my generation try to scramble and salvage their lives that are beyond repair as they live vicariously through their underperforming children.
I enjoy the liberal arts majors PANICALLY realizing their financial lives are fucked.

It's great! I cannot think of a better, more poetic justice and gift that life could grant me.

But the issue is simply this. How many of you are part of the "50%+ Dead" crowd?

You see, I know a lot of you still hold on, still believe, still hope that western civilization will recoup, recover, and hopefully repopulate this country and other European countries, to bring back some kind of "glorious" industrial empire era of revitalization, but it isn't going to happen. This one awesome, incredible, TRULY "miracle" of western civilization will be a mere blip in the grand scheme of human history as the savages and ideologues

and religious fanatics out-populate us and your (beloved) children. It's merely a fact, it's merely a consequence, it's merely an actuarial reality.

But, while you're here and there's nothing you can do about it. Why don't you at least permit yourselves the favor of enjoying the decline?

Seriously, if you're already half dead, I think you're in the clear. The United Sates is still strong enough to last another 40 years or so because of the herculean efforts of the WWII generation. And before we get too down on ourselves, let us remind ourselves that most of the world is nowhere near as grand as we are. China may be growing, Russia may be invading, but in the end, both countries are incredibly corrupt and therefore their currencies flawed. In short, the US dollar will not suffer a "quick death," but rather an elongated one that you can (hopefully) more or less "bank on."

It's the younger generations that have to worry as they're the ones that are going to be left with the bag. My non-fellow baby boomers will die in 10 years. I'll be dead in 20. But that's only after we've collected TRILLIONS in social security and medicare from their naive asses. And for once I'll grant the baby boomers a bit of forgiveness. It was the Millennials that voted Obama in twice. It was them who were pro-socialism.

I say take advantage of them!

They voted to give you more money at their naive expense. You might as well take it.

Ergo, it's great to be 67% dead. You lived a great life in a great country, with standards of living supplicated and inflated due to government borrowing. The brilliance is that the youth voted it upon themselves and will pay for our mistakes and their ignorance.

Enjoy that decline people. Enjoy that freaking decline!

American Bachelors' Financial Legacy Problem

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Friend #1.

Multi-millionaire, 52 years old, drives a POS import like I do. Maybe spends $200 a week on social activities. Gets his clothes from goodwill or the veterans store. His only goal in life is to enjoy coffee with his older friends while teaching himself French and Mandarin on the internet.

Friend #2.

My pilot buddy you are all familiar with. Probably worth a couple million. 43 years old, no wife, no kids, and is completely dedicated to his company. Mentioned something about a family...maybe...probably not...but he's more obsessed about cigars and buying a boat that a wife or rugrats.

Friend #3

Senior pilot who makes over six figures and consults on the side in the aviation world. No wife, no children, 46 and just hits the gym while traveling the world on his perks. Owns a nice house in a fine suburb, obsesses over his cash flow even though he is in better financial shape than most any one I know.

Which leads me to my observation.

With more and more men refusing to marry and breed, there is a permanent "Bachelor Class" forming. However, an interesting aspect of this "Bachelor Class" is that they are without a doubt the most "wealth forming" class in the world.

They have no children.
They have no wives.
They have no divorce.
They have no alimony.
They all make damn good money
and with all that free time
Are pursuing entrepreneurial ventures

And alas, all those variables and traits mean...

They have a ton of cash.

I am not rich by any means, but even with my meager earnings, the fact I have no children or wife means I at least have SOME savings. Pro-rate that into the future and when I die, heirless, there will still be some significant funds to be bequeathed.

Thus, while everybody is focused on paying off their student loans, getting out from underneath their mortgage, finally closing their alimony, etc. etc., there is this "elite" and "numerous" bachelor class that I (conservatively) estimate will have easily $4 trillion in wealth when they die to pass on.

So who, precisely, will inherit it?

Well, that depends.

I personally plan to split my "estate" between my girlfriend who has treated me kindly and a little varmint like creature that has endeared me to her childish antics.

My millionaire real estate friend is so indifferent and complacent he intends to let it fall to the state.

My pilot buddy hasn't thought that far, but that's the whole point...

You bachelors need to think about what you're going to do with the wealth you've obviously built beyond what you can consume.

This is one of those rare problems you "wish you had," but still, your decision today on how to bequeath that money will have an affect on a world that will be after your death. Ergo, any moral man will want to make the right decision, ensuring his life-time-currency would be put to the most noble use. Do you donate it to the local "pink ribbon campaign" that has yet to solve...anything? Do you donate it to the local food shelf to feed people too incompetent to support themselves? How about your alma mater that will brainwash the youth on rape culture and socialism? Or do you donate it to some third world African country charity that has never yet solved one problem on that continent?

The answer is very simple.

Give it to close, loved ones you genuinely cherished in life or

burn it.

I don't know about you, but there are very few people that deserve my money, let alone the excess money I've earned through the pain and agony I spent learning to earn such money. And bar a GENUINE charity like St. Jude's Children's program, I'm going to give it to loved ones in my life who were noble, honest and true. Since this is such a small list of

people and said monies run the risk of spoiling them, that means there would still be a significant amount of money left over. And with no obviously deserving heir to it, I will most likely burn it.

You must look at what you suffered as an American bachelor. You're privileged because you're male. You pay more in taxes for children that aren't yours. You're accused on sexual harassment if you merely look at a girl. And you're supposed to work all the hard, risky, dangerous and math-impaired jobs while the opposite number complains about a "wage gap." It's not just the ungratefulness, but hypocrisy and parasitism of society that disqualifies them from deserving any of this $4 trillion so it's upon you (and all bachelors) to set up a will that ensues the money only goes to deserving people, leaving none for the society that viewed you as a personal financial slave and whipping boy.

It may sound wasteful and insane, and certainly you could find enough deserving people of your post-mortem estate. But if it comes to it I'd rather have my money burn than give it to some welfare WIC receiving single mom of 4 who thinks she's entitled to 4 decades worth of my toiling. You must also consider your future finances as such.

Aaron Clarey is a mean bachelor who has the gall to spend all of his money on him. He thinks just because he worked hard he deserves all of his money when it was purely white male privilege that got him where he is today. He wrote really stupid books for men including "Bachelor Pad Economics," "Worthless" and "Enjoy the Decline," all patriarchal and math-based. You can also listen to his hate filled, sexist, racist, bigoted podcast here or watch his politically incorrect youtube videos here.

Politics Simplified

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Just had to share this one:

Calling All Black Lieutenants and Agents in the Field

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Greetings Lieutenants!

As many of you know I'm writing "The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty" and it is coming along "swimmingly."

That being said I'm at the part of the book where I cannot speak from authority about economics, finance, politics, etc., and need the advice, recommendations, and input from black men.

Specifically, I am interested in what it is like growing up in the black community and what the blow back is like if you dare to espouse conservative thoughts, libertarian values, question whether socialism is working, etc. etc. Is there social ostracization, are you accused of "being white" or an "Uncle Tom." What is done to keep you in line and in check?

I've heard merely anecdotes and stories, but nothing approaching multiple, in depth testimonials that would provide me some information to competently work from.

If you'd be so kind, please feel free to post your thoughts in the comments section or if you wish to remain private, e-mail the ole captain at
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Your efforts and observations are appreciated.

Many thanks,

Cappy

Viva Pinochet!

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A warm fuzzies stories when a capitalist put a loud mouth leftist college student in her place.

Book Review - Welcome to the Divide

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Welcome to the Divide by SP Daley is without a doubt the most unique book I have read in a long time. It was given to me by Mr. Daley, and like all books I get in the mail I was suspicious if this was going to be a good book, or somebody's half attempt at a book with no clear point or purpose. It wasn't until I had a flight and knew my cell phone would not last the trip that I broke it out and started reading it. And I was thankful I did.

At first I was annoyed with his writing style which consisted of the narrator using "etc., etc. etc." excessively and other oddities such as referring to himself in the third person. Also at the beginning the hero refers to himself as "we" when it is only one person. If you were under the impression Mr. Daley was a first time author, you'd be within your rights to think he was a 24 year old trying to be "cute" with these antics. But they are not antics at all, but very much planned and key to the development of the rest of the book.

Once you "get it" and realize the role it plays, the book takes your mind on a truly intellectually engaging exercise. Not only are you reading a story about a near future-bordering-economic-collapse sort of tale, but one of incredibly deep and heavy philosophy, science, technology, economics and politics. It also has action which moves the story along, and an incredible amount of creativity when it comes to plot, character development, and surprises.

If this description still leaves you wondering what this book is about, it's because it is that unique and hard to describe. It is about individualism. It is about freedom. But it is also heavily meshed in with psychology, technology and philosophy, making your mind say, "*wow, just fucking wow! I had never thought of that before!*" I also do not want to ruin your reading experience by even running the risk of spoiling any part of the book for you, so am also being purposely vague. Yes, I did like it that much.

Still there were two drawbacks to the book.

One, sometimes the author gets WAAAAY too in depth about his "binary" theory. For the reader it's too detailed, but then you have to realize, "holy cow, this guy had to come up with this idea as the author and thought it through to this extent!" Still, this impression aside may it a bit Ayn Randy with a bit of excessive detail.

Two, the author is too smart. This meant I had to reread things several times to truly understand what the hero or the antagonist were saying or what was going on. Between the philosophy, the author's own personal theory, and the neural-networking of human communes that was going on in the book, I at least reread 40 pages of the book to make sense of it.

These minor problems aside, the book is one I recommend as a "must" if you want your brain to be challenged and imbued with new ideas and thoughts. It may not be for everybody as you might have different tastes than I do, but I have not been that intellectually challenged since college. You can find "Welcome to the Divide" on Amazon and visit Mr. Daley's site here.

Male vs. Female Savings

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In Bachelor Pad Economics I flat out state that women are worse with money than men. They spend more, they spend more on worthless stuff, and they invest less.

And ohhhh the hell did I catch.

Of course I was expecting this because Bachelor Pad Economics was a book based in truth. And there's no point in time you'll catch more hell than when speaking the truth.

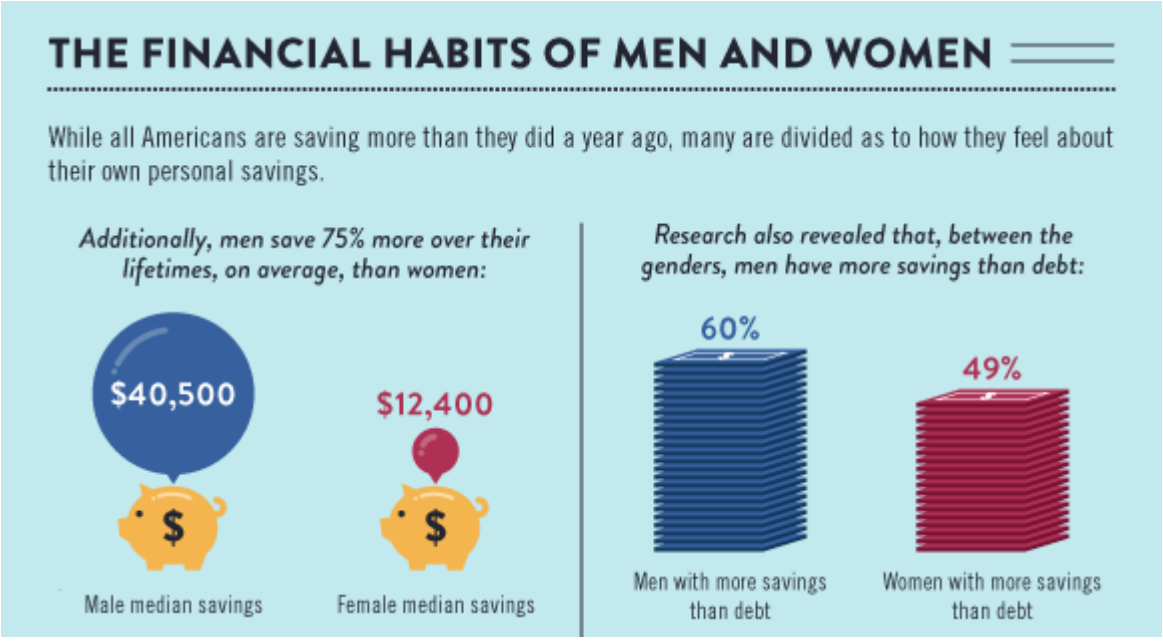
The problem though was that I was going based off of my now-approaching 20 years of researching and studying economics. Not only does this present the problem that I may have recalled some information incorrectly (and women may actually have been the ones better with their money...HAR HAR HAR!!!), but that this fact may have changed in 20 years. And so, being the good economist that I am, I went online to the St. Louis Federal Reserve to look up the savings rate for men and women.

Just one minor problem.

They don't break it down between men and women. Could have swore they did.

This then required that I track down the data that I could have sworn was out there. And as is many things on the internet, whatever data series I once found was now lost to the fates of time.

Thankfully, I found some relatively new data that proved what I believed to be true. Women are indeed worse than men when it comes to savings and preparing for retirement. However, if you're the visual type, here's some nice little charts making the point.



There were other charts they threw in that were irrelevant but purposely made to make women feel better, but the moral of the story is two fold.

1. Women need to save more (which I'm sure most female readers of Cappy Cap already know, and probably are doing much better than the average bear when it comes to finances)

2. For everybody all upset that I dared to say in Bachelor Pad Economics that women had worse finances than men, I'm sorry, it's true. And I'm not sorry in the slightest truth upsets you. I find it refreshing actually.

Absolutely Brilliant

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Best political cartoon ever.

Silver and Gold are NOT Investments

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Originally set out to make a video to point out how gold and silver are not investments, but it become a much more important overall lesson about precisely what is an "investment" versus what is speculation.

What Snow Days Tell Us About American Education

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Arguably my greatest rant against teachers and the public schools. (language warning)

Emotional Prostitution

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A very interesting interview/podcast by Matt Forney where he interviews Chloe Luv, a phone sex operator about her profession. What's particularly interesting is how men use her services more for emotional and psychological support than sex, providing a unique psychological insight into the world of quasi-prostitution.

On a related note, original posts will be a little sparse until I'm done writing "The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty." Regular hate-filled ranty charty economic goodness will continue once the book is done.

Feminism Thrives on the Absolute Value of Attention

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It is now a daily event, if not twice a day event, I get an e-mail about the latest antics of feminism and female leftists. It is so common and so bizarre that not only am I no longer shocked, but I come to expect it. I also tire of writing about it because it's as if you're getting bum rushed with a tidal wave of non-stop, never-ending, feminist crazy and hate. Merely pointing it out and citing it as an example of just how evil and damaging these people are seemingly does nothing to stop them, let alone raise the country's awareness to this genuine and real cancer in society.

Because of this I've eschewed highlighting the latest "crazy feminist" and dedicated my time to more productive things. However, as my brain is wont to do, I looked past the crazy and finally figured out what is driving it. And it is the female desire for attention.

Take a look at the latest or more common "antics" of feminism.

There's your standard slut walks.
There's the obsession with creating new genders
There's Lena Dunham's child molestation which feminists have the gall to defend.
And let's not forget the "zaniest" antic yet, menstrual painting.

Any sane person who can remove him/herself from the political horseblinders, step back and look at these things will accurately and truthfully assess these things for what they are - a mental illness.

These are not sane women "expressing their opinion," or "liberating themselves." They are mentally damaged individuals that need (but are perhaps beyond) help. The only reason they get away with it is they hide behind "feminism" and people's fear if they criticize them they'll be accused of (GASP!) sexism. And so society must tolerate this scourge on itself.

However, if we look under the hood we see what's really going on.

Women, feminist or not, are driven primarily by one thing - attention. Attention from society so that it may secure them social acceptance and security within society as well as the resources from a male provider.

Mentally healthy women do this by being good at socializing, perhaps pursuing a career in a legitimate field, but when it comes to finance and romance, they secure a husband by being as pretty as possible, staying in shape, and using their beauty. This take effort and hard work.

Working out
Dieting
Being attentive to her husband
Offering something of value to anybody who would court/marry/interact with her

They know it's an exchange and if they're to succeed in life, they will have to work at it, offering something of value that is in demand.

However, mentally UNHEALTHY women fail to do this. They do not want to put in the effort to be beautiful, attractive, productive or just generally offering something of value to society. They are narcissists believing they are entitled to the same standards of living and success as their mentally healthy, harder-working counterparts. And this goes a long way explaining why:

Feminists tend to be ugly
Feminists tend to be angry
Feminists (despite their claim of independence) invariably demand some form of government support or charity

They are just too damn lazy to work out, work hard, let alone be altruistic enough to think about what other people want.

Now, the problem facing feminists, despite their demands (and relative success in getting) for government money, is that society, especially men just refuse to go along. Yes, the government can tax me, but I don't have to hire you and your worthless Gender Studies Degree. Yes, the government can make me pay for your fatherless child's school lunch, but it can't make me date you. And so while they may receive a government check, that is all they get. The rest of society rejects them.

The problem for feminists is that deep down inside, no matter what they tell themselves and how many mind-warping classes they take, they're still women. And women are genetically programmed to live off of attention. And since society is not giving them any "good attention" (in the form of men being attracted to them, being invited to clubs, getting job offers in real careers, etc.) they have to go and get "bad attention." And thus their insane, mentally-ill antics.

In being so outlandish with their demands, actions, behaviors and antics, they automatically beget attention from society. Of course it's not of a healthy or good variety - it's disgust and revulsion. But at least it's attention. Add to it the fact this attention is critical of their antics, it plays directly into their deluded world of being "oppressed" and "patriarchy," giving credit and agency to their one and only thing they have in life - their religion, feminism. But no matter what elaborate mental acrobatics they execute, let us be clear what all this is - nothing but attention whoring.

This leads me to the final conclusion of my little epiphany:

What if we were to just not pay any attention to the latest disgusting, "cutting-edge" attention-whoring gimmick feminists come up with next? Instead of ROK, and Uncle Bern linking to or talking about some idiot article at XO Jane or Salon we just talked philosophy instead? Instead of me linking to another spoiled, delusional 25 year old Manhattan nepotist daughter feminist writing for NBC, I just threw up some economic charts instead? What if we just took out all the oxygen in the room and deprived these feminists of the attention they so desperately desire?

No doubt this is impossible as in a country of 300 million "menstrual painting" is going to prove too tempting to resist criticizing for 275 million. But my larger point is one of accurately identifying the problem so that we may find an effective solution. Shaming them only fans their flames and allows them to self-rationalize being a "victim." Ignoring them, however, deprives them of the only interaction they get from the rest of the sane, healthy, and happy world. Leaving them with a government check and each other to squander their lives on.

Episode #71 of The Clarey Podcast

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When girls say, "they say." Who is "they" and why should I listen to them?
How Giada is the founder of "They Say"
A review of the movie "Interstellar" where (surprise, surprise) the one black astronaut dies
The psychology and economics of the phone sex operator industry
50% are posers who abuse the Manosphere
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Troll of the Weak exposes how people really do have mental illnesses
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From Our Black Agent in the Field

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In my research for The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty I get some consultation and commentary from our agents in the field that I deem worth sharing. This is one of those instances where you get to see the trail a man has traveled and appreciate the thought process, but also the adherence to intellectual honesty and reality.

My beliefs did not change until around 2012 when I was around 26. It wasn't a Road to Damascus type of moment, rather it was gradual. I have the personality type of always wanting to be logically consistent, wanting to be right, open to differing beliefs and finding the truth. However, I was always open to the possibility of being wrong about something and was willing to change my views. Therefore, while I had left wing views, I tried to logically defend them and limited name calling of opponents.

I was interested in economics as a college student and was always critical of Marxism and state ownership of capital. My left wings views gravitated more to left wing anarchism. I knew that Marxism didn't work, however I thought there was something better than the free market.

After being exposed to the manosphere and reading "The Myth of Male Power" by Warren Farrell and "Who Stole Feminism?" by Christina Hoff Sommers, I learned about the flaws of feminism. I thought to myself, "if The Left is wrong about Marxism and Feminism and these are two of the leading ideologies of The Left, what else are they wrong about?" The answer to that question is almost everything.

As previously mentioned, I liked to read so I decided to read writers on The Right. I started reading Thomas Sowell, who has a reputation in the black community as being an Uncle Tom and an apologist of racism. The first books I read by him were "Basic Economics", "Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality" and "Economic Facts and Fallacies". His arguments were persuasive and I finished reading those books thinking to myself "holy shit, he's right!" I read other free market economic books solidifying in my mind that the free market was the best economic system. If anything, those books demolished popular notions of the left e.g. we are tabula rasas, differences in outcome are solely due to discrimination, government is the solution, etc.

It also seemed to me that liberal policies did not work. Every 2-4 years the Democrats would come along call the Republicans racists, blacks would vote for the Democrats and after Election Day, Democrats would not care about issues affecting the black community. It was a predictable cycle. However, blacks would not vote for Republicans because they were seen as racists. Nothing really changed their minds since Republicans did not seem interested in getting the black vote anyway. I still cannot think of three

liberal policies that have actually improved the lives of blacks.
I also looked at the results. The most liberal cities in the United States were all upper middle class and white with high rents (due to rent control) ensuring that the poor and minorities couldn't live there e.g. San Francisco, Washington DC, Seattle, or lower income, filled with crime, poor schooling and mostly if not virtually all black or Hispanic, Detroit, Gary, IN, Chicago, etc. Cities under Democratic control the longest (e.g. Detroit) had the worst results. Liberal policies did not create the diverse, crime free, equal utopias that they promised. They seemed to care only about intentions. I had a debate a year ago with my white liberal roommate about the minimum wage. I argued that the minimum wage caused unemployment. He did not seem to care about the actual impact, only about the good intentions. And that is how liberals argue, based on their intentions, they do not care about the actual impact of these policies.

It is my belief that there is no such thing as an honest liberal, because if an honest liberal exists, then over time, he will eventually become libertarian or conservative.

I'm just ranting now. I hope that helps.

But How Do I Math?

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Yes, math is tough.

Another Damn Fine Podcast from the Black Brigade

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Another damn fine podcast by DT and the Man.

Plus some lazy Sunday linkage:

American Liberalism in particular has become nothing more than a secular religion based on so many leaps of faith it makes Islam and Christianity seem rational by comparison.

And another one from Ed.

Keep lowering the bar instead of treating them like equals.

A Russian American Alliance in response to my video of the same.

Undermining Private Property

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Permit yourself a bit of intellectual freedom.

And when I say "intellectual freedom," I mean for once just let your mature, logical, intellectually honest adult mind enjoy some thought without

1. Worrying about how leftists would respond
2. Worrying about how you'd defend this against leftists
3. Pulling up arguments tendered by the left that I would have to address should I wish to waste another second of my finite life doing so.

Just, for once, enjoy a true intellectual experience in economics where you are allowed to dedicate 100% of your thoughts towards the topic at hand, allowing us to have an adult conversation uninhibited or impaired with the childish and regressive brains of socialists.

Got rid of those concerns?

Good, here we go.

Private property, without a doubt, is one of, if not "the" most important thing when it comes to having economic growth and success. The reason is very simple - in order to incent people to work hard and thus produce economic growth they need to be allowed to keep the vast majority of the fruits of their labor. If they aren't they have no incentive to forfeit their finite and precious time in the form of labor because, frankly, it's nothing more than slavery.

We can see this not only in something as obvious as slavery, but even in communist or near-communist states. If I am taxed at 100% then what incentive do I have to work? And even if I'm taxed at 0%, but can't buy property or own anything, then I might as well have no income. This simple 5th grade logic is not only understood by...well...5th graders, but it has also played out empirically in the history of the world with the handful of communist regimes coming into existence...putting their populations into decades-worth of misery...before collapsing...but not without first killing more people in peacetime than any war ever could.

Because of this private property presents the greatest economic threat and greatest economic potential to the world's free societies. Do you protect it, enshrine it, defend it and advocate it as much as possible? Or do you punish it, destroy it, confiscate it, criminalize it, excoriate it and tax it as much as possible? The difference is the unrivaled economic success of the west and, well, the rest of the world.

To those of us capable of long term planning, delayed gratification, post-stage-one thinking, morality, or who just give a damn about the future of society (not to mention, know a little history), we are obviously huge champions of private property. But for those incapable of delayed gratification, post-stage-one thinking, morality or long term planning, the temptation of merely confiscating other people's property for their own personal advancement is just too tempting. And thus the problem facing democratic countries today - there's just too many of the later with the right to vote.

This has resulted in an interesting phenomenon where there's a tug of war between what I like to call the "producers" and the "parasites" because that's what they truly are. The "left" votes for more of other people's money, while the "right" merely votes to keep what's theirs. And thusly taxation levels ebb and flow in the western world from between 33% on the low end to 60% on the high end.

But before you celebrate paying "only" 36% of your property here in the US, it's important to clear the gunk from our eyes and take a fresh look at precisely what is "private property" and precisely how it is being undermined here in the US and elsewhere.

First, to any self-respecting individual, forking over nearly 40% of your life, wealth and labor to a state where 70% of it merely goes to bribe the parasites into voting for more of it is enraging. Emotional and intellectually dishonest arguments from the left aside, you don't owe 14 years of your 50 year career being a literal slave to other people too lazy to work. So right off the bat, the fact 36% of your life is being confiscated is enough to show you property private is being undermined.

Second, the sheer amount of effort that goes into obfuscating just how much of your property is being taken. When people think "property taxes" they usually think real estate. And usually this is such a finite example most people understand the fact you don't technically own your property because you perpetually rent it from the state (worse still, even the presumedly conservative North Dakotans went full-sheeple and refused permit themselves to TRULY own their own homes). But the truth of the matter is people do not understand precisely what property is. For it is not your house or your land or even the assets within your home.

Property in it's purest form is your time.

I've addressed this before, but there really is no such thing as your house or your XBox or your car. These are things merely composed and purchased with human time. You exchange your time in the form of labor for some "money." This "money" is nothing more than a tool, a claim on other people's time. You then pay various people to build you a home, a car or an XBox One. In short there would be no property, there would be no assets, if there was no human time. Ergo, "property" *IS* your time and what you do with it. Typically "what you do with it" is either generate income or purchase assets.

Therefore the cash in your bank account, the stocks in your brokerage account, the food in your fridge, and the house the fridge is sitting, EVERYTHING you've earned, made or saved by forfeiting your time is property.

What this means is that ALL taxation is on property. The divisions between "capital gains tax," "income tax," "sales tax," "dividend tax," and "estate tax" are merely semantics, obscuring and obfuscating the truth - that all taxes are taxes on your finite and limited time on this planet. All taxes are on your life via the tangible property you converted that life into. However, because people rarely think of property as they way they should, they remain clueless as to just how much their private property is undermined (much like normal people are clueless how withholding taxes work).

Finally, even if you did own your property outright, and there were no taxes on its creation, ownership, purchase or sale, the state further undermines private property in one huge regard - regulation.

Tell property owners who were willing to sell "their" to the Keystone pipeline they own it. Tell Duluth Metals they owned the $100 billion mine in Ely, Minnesota when the regulators constantly denied permits to drill.
And tell any home owner in the "republicanny" suburbs that they can build their own home without having some bored, tyrannical soccer mom or trophy wife city council member force a million unnecessary codes down their throats.

Even if you could theoretically and economically "own" your property good luck being able to use it as you see fit with a state that ultimately deems it "theirs."

The consequences of all this undermining and destruction of private property are what most of my readers can guess. There is slower economic growth. Less domestic investment. More capital flight. Lower labor force participation. And a general stagnation in standards of living. But it is important to know precisely, economically why, especially in the most simplified of terms - taxation in all of its forms is ultimately a tax on your ultimate private property - your finite life. And when people's lives are taxed, especially when used to pay for other people's lives, the deterrence to economic production is great and the economy suffers as it should.

Aaron Clarey is an evil, mean-spirited jerk who doesn't guard his words or care about people's feelings when writing or speaking. He's especially mean because he uses statistics, data, facts and empiricism, which causes many micro-aggressions and trigger warnings among social justice warriors and other parasites of society. He also has a hate-filled podcast, a hate-filled You Tube channel, and has lots of books specializing in White Male CIS Gendered Hate. When he's not oppressing minorities, he's running buses of

nuns and pre-schoolers off the road with his large carbon-emitting SUV.

Look! I Made a Meme!

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Yes, yes, 4 years of college is all it took.

Glorious Hat!

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Many of you know I have "Glorious Hat!" However, you can get your own too and it's about that time because Christmas is coming up and they ARE REALLY NICE HATS.

I know you may be reluctant to wear it because it's political, but those placards are removable, making it a warm hat perfect for winter.

Anyway, Glorious Karl is selling them at a 2 for 1 in the build up to Christmas. Consider purchasing one for yourself or as a gift!

Who Started It?

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Again I ask the simple question - who started it?

"Single Mom's Ministry!"

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Well, be it "Jesus," "Obama" or "The State," long as it isn't a real man that holds them to standards, but just "forgives," doesn't judge, and just hands out money.

As the Patron Saint Name of Frick would say, "Cripes"

The "Joys" of Dating Christian Girls

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I love Garfunkle and Oates

(language warning)

My Opinion on Shirtgate

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This.

Japan - Keynesians 25 Year Wet Dream

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Japan really should be debunking every Keynesian and modern day economist out there from academia to government.

But I know, I know, it was never about economics. It was about politics.

Trouble at Harvard

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Oh nosies!

That's Not a Real Hike

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A cute story about hiking a (HA! GET THIS!)

3 mile

2,000 foot peak!

Ooooo! Scary!!!!

Book Review - "The Uncivil War" by Taleeb Starkes

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In preparation and research for my upcoming book "The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty" I knew full well that even though I knew enough about economics, poverty, finance, and investing, I did not have the sociological, psychological, political or philosophical experiences of your average black man. To that end I enlisted the help various Black Agents in the Field of the Capposphere, but also purchased a book that was recommended by an individual I can't remember, "The Uncivil War" written by Taleeb Starkes.

I was looking forward to reading it because it had what seemed to be the combination of what I need. A black author, who grew up in the ghetto, who saw the light, and could convey to me not just the black male perspective, but the path of his thinking that led him out of poverty. This would then allow me to write some of the "transitional chapters" of my book from an educated standpoint, making a compelling argument that was relateable to my intended audience.

There was just one minor problem - it is the harshest thing I've ever read, making it overly harsh even for my extreme tastes.

The author makes no bones about it and purposely wrote it as such. "Nigger" (and nearly a score of permutations of the word) is by FAR the most common word in the book (and even in the subtitle). He mocks, berates, yells at, ridicules, and antagonize the segment of the black population he considers not blacks, but "niggers," and continues on for another 240 screeding and screaming pages. There were certainly segments and sections that were helpful for my purposes, but it quickly became obvious he doesn't care to solve the problems through an olive branch, but by identifying, villainizing and shaming the "nigger" subsegment of the black community out of existence. In other words, it is a damning testament and outright attack against ghetto or thug culture, indifferent if they actually listen, turn themselves around, or improve (he even has a letter at the end of the book dedicated as a "Memorandum to Niggers" where he explicitly says so).

While this may not have terribly helped in my research, it did provide some interesting ancillary benefits. One, you really do realize just what a show or a farce the ghetto/thug culture is. From believing your "independent" while collecting government checks, to buying designer clothes with money you don't have, to spending a prerequisite time in jail to earn "street cred" and "keep it real," it isn't anything to be glorified or envied. It's just a parasitic culture living off of the rest of the community. And the great lengths these delusional people go to convince themselves would be funny, if it were not so pathetic. Two, you realize the helplessness of it all. People are consciously choosing this life and

not only choosing it, but protecting it even if it hurts them. Mr. Starkes cites multiple news articles in his book where a shooting, a beating, or some other such crime SPECIFICALLY WITHIN AND AGAINST the black community occurs, but "magically" there are no witnesses. Alas just as there are no "public witnesses" that corroborated the officer's account of the Marcus Brown killing, and thus many good people get to fear lawlessness living in the likes of Ferguson. But, three, even though many aspects of the book were depressing, hearteningly, there were some optimistic insights into the book. For example there IS definitely a group of people (simply referred to as "blacks" by Mr. Starkes) who are law abiding citizens. They want a better life, they do not hate whites or males, they are willing to work, and they LOATHE the costs they pay in terms of "black on black crime" or the "The Black Tax." Another example is how despite all their bravado and puffing of chests, thugs are indeed afraid of well armed, law abiding citizens in safe neighborhoods simply because such citizens WILL call the cops and WILL defend their territory. And yet another example was how thug culture is not "misunderstood" or "disadvantaged", but is indeed evil, deserving of hate, giving rise to the hope the rest of society might shame it like we do cancer or any other scourge of society. It was insights like these that made the book worth reading.

Still, these observations and insights aside, the book falls short if there was any underlying attempt to win over blacks who are sitting on the fence, and will certainly win no converts from Starkes' "nigger" category. It will simply enrage them. But, again, Starkes writing indicates he'd rather exterminate the thug culture than convert it and that's where his and my aims differ. Perhaps "The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty" may win a few more converts than his book...perhaps even some converts that are merely younger versions of him. For Mr. Starkes admits that he too was once part of that ghetto culture.

You can find his book here at Amazon.

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Cappy's "Southern Planation" story
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The Time Cappy Got Stuck in a Poetry Slam

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(This is a book review, but the story I use to introduce it might be of some entertainment value)

There are only a few things I genuinely loathe and hate in this world.

One is split pea soup. No matter how much bacon you put in it, you are not going to get me to drink that 70's carpet green slop.

Two is theater. I do not like theater. I've attended more than several at the behest and begging of women and without fail they merely made me wish I hadn't wasted my life attending.

And the third is poetry.

I remember a long time ago an elderly Jewish friend of mine who would pay me to be his sober cab and I'd chauffeur him around the Twin Cities in the pursuit of younger women and booze. We were reasonably successful because he was charming and had decent game, but his skills unfortunately landed us in, of all things, a....

poetry slam.

He had hooked up with some young 20 something liberal arts type girls and they invited us to see them and their colleagues perform at some fleeting shithole some idiot artist tried to make a profitable "art business" out of on 1st Avenue in DT Minneapolis. We walked in and sure enough every imaginable stereotype was confirmed. Women with pits you knew weren't shaved. Men who would lose a fight against the women if there were to be a "Wrestlemania" in the venue. And above all else the poetry.

Oh the poetry.

I'd rather drink the 70's green split pea soup slop.

Nothing intelligent. Nothing insightful. And always, always, always political.

Add to that these 20 somethings (who no doubt were still living off of a subsidy from their parents) waxed poetically in such an arrogant, self-absorbed manner over garbage that would thankfully never be remembered by the world, and it was the biggest waste of time I ever spent trying to chase tail. Never would I ever attend a "poetry slam" again.

Inevitably I couldn't take it anymore because it WAS torturing my brain. So I excused myself, told my elderly Jewish buddy to call me when he needed me to pick him up, and headed to Lee's Liquor Lounge in the hopes of finding an ingot of a babe I may have missed the past 40 times.

Regardless, the point is I HATE poetry. I've never liked it, and I doubt I ever will. So you can imagine my joy when I was asked to review "The End of Ideology" a book by Blair Naso of ROK fame.

I was honest with him saying my time would have to be compensated for reading poetry and that I was not a fan of the genre at all. But still, he agreed and I read through a sampling of the book he sent me. And for split pea soup, it ain't bad.

Naturally if you're like me and DON'T like poetry, this is not the book for you. But if you are more of the artistic nature and DO like poetry, you will certainly want to spend the money on this instead of the cover charge for SJW, leftist, feminist, emo infested poetry slam.

It is written by a young man, and thusly many of the poems will relate to men. His "Online Dating" poem is pretty funny, "Daddy's Little Girl" is hilarious though dark, and I did enjoy the "Story from the Tavern." But there are also some dark and effective poems such as "I Killed a Man Today" the somberness, directness, and lack of emotion I very much appreciated.

Still, not my cup of tea, but if there are any poetry aficionados out there of the male persuasion, I'd strongly recommend Mr. Naso's work.

Racism in the Minneapolis Public Schools

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But it's against whites, so it's OK.

Seriously, if you are a parent of a child and live in Minneapolis

GET OUT OF MINNEAPOLIS!

Here's How You Stop Rape, Ladies

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I didn't wait 15 years, or 25, or 45. I got in my car and drove immediately over to the police station and told them what happened. I had a rape kit done, photos taken, and gave my statement. He was arrested, and eventually jailed. He is still in jail, thank goodness. He wasn't hard to find. Everyone knew him. I guess he didn't think that I would go to the police, and do so as quickly as I did, because when they arrested him he still had remnants of my DNA on him.

I'll just say it again for the cheap seats because I know the current hubbub about rape is not about "rape" as much as it is a power-grab from miserable feminists to fund their "women's shelter" programs on various campuses.

GO

TO

THE

COPS

ASAP.

Do not pass Go
Do not collection $200

You need to get your ass to the cops ASAP.

20 years ago when I worked at the campus cop program during college they drilled that into our heads. And I got new for you,

The police department cares a lot more about you women than the "Women's Studies" Department.

Another Reason Not to Breed

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Apparently the state is deeming it necessary to FORCE parents to pay for their childrens' college tuition.

Explaining the Corporate Tax Debate

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As you know I like to take complex subjects and boil them down to their most basic elements.

Remember, if you're looking to hire an artist, consider our resident artist Jorge Gonzalez!

American Education for Foreigners, Not Americans

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Though I can't blame them. American students study stupid shit today anyways.

New Sponsor - Prevail

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Howdy Lieutenants!

New sponsor "Prevail!"

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Presumably you can drink this before you...well...drink and your hangover will be prevented...unless you go crazy and drink way more than you should anyway.

Regardless consider purchasing some the next time you plan on going boozing.

History Podcast Treasure Trove Discovered

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And now I have what seems to be at least week's worth of brand new listening material!

Dear Muslims, Thank You for Invading Sweden

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They obviously have become a society with REALLY nothing better to do.

What's Really Driving the Basic Guaranteed Income

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I happily discovered a new treasure trove of podcasts. They focus primarily on the history of the UK, but also delve into world history, wars, etc., allowing me to further educate myself in an arena I am woefully ignorant in. But something interesting happened while listening to a podcast.

During one of the interviews you could clearly hear the interviewer and interviewee. But in the background you could hear a woman singing. Turns out the interview was being recorded at a cathedral of some sort and as part of the ambiance they had a woman singing. But then my rapid economic mind started thinking, thought through, and then concluded a thought in less than a second:

"*Is that really a woman singing?*
In the olden days I'm sure it was, but with technology it's likely just a recording being played on a stereo system.
So that woman only had to record he singing once.
I wonder what she does with all of her free time now.
God do I hate San Fransisco taxi cab drivers."

The last bit of logic may not make sense, but it does if you allow for a little bit of economic hand holding. For the woman singing in the church (either past or present), the taxi cab drivers in San Francisco and the call for a "Basic Guaranteed Income" are all highly related and provide for us a great lesson and insight into the economics and political motivation of the basic guaranteed income.

The argument for a "basic guaranteed income" (BGI) is that as technology and science progresses, more and more human jobs will become obsoleted and replaced by automation and robotics. This presents the paradox that goods and services are still being produced, but without jobs people have no income to buy said goods and services. Therefore, as robots replace humans (leaving them no income) we should guarantee all humans with a "basic income" allowing them to afford the basic necessities in life.

However, for this argument to have integrity there must be absolutely NO JOBS available for the displaced human labor. I've argued before that this simply isn't true as no matter how much technology advances there will be two forms of employment:

1. The "vanity services" where humans serve other humans (waiters, masseuses, prostitutes, authors, entertainers, servants, etc.) and
2. The robotic support industry (the STEM professionals who keep this progressively roboticized economy going).

However, my argument aside, history provides enough of an argument to debunk the pro-BGI claims. No matter how much technology advances, there are always completely new industries, replete with jobs that replaces the old ones.

Horse and buggy manufacturers were simply replaced with auto-manufacturers.
Phone manufacturers were replaced by smart phone producers.
And employees at the vinyl shop were merely replaced with IT employees allowing for MP3 recording.

In other words, this "creative destruction" didn't replace humans as much as it forced them to be innovative and creative in other endeavors as it replaced and obsoleted previous technologies.

But that's the key thing - forced humans to be innovative and creative. And a lot of humans plain don't like that.

Some humans, when facing obsolescence simply do the adult thing and accept this reality. They move on, learn a new skill or trade, start over again, reinventing themselves earning living. Some humans go so far as to become entrepreneurs, capitalizing on ideas and revolutions in the economy, providing employment and higher standards of living for others. But then there are some who are so delusional, so arrogant, so self-centered, they actually believe that the real world should not advance without their authorization. And if the world "dares" to progress to the point it obsoletes their careers, then the world indeed "owes them a living."

These people constitute a parasitic class that can only be described as lazy and entitled. The union worker who demands his pension despite the company going bankrupt. The person who gets laid off and decides to go on the permanent government dole. Or the pouty school administrator that gets fired by a gracious and generous early retirement severance. These people are economically worthless individuals, providing nothing of net economic value to society at all.

But while these people may be economically worthless, at least these people have the good graces to get the hell out of the way and let society advance. They just want their check and they're happy (or at least as happy as these miserable humans can be). Sadly, there's an even more despicable group of people that make these veritable economic parasites look noble as they are so arrogant, so self-centered, and so egomanical they not only demand recompense, but they demand the rest of the world stop and not advance without them.

And that's where the San Francisco taxi cab drivers come in.

Technologies like Lyft and Uber have obsoleted taxi cabs. They are now officially an

inferior service. Like the record companies, the book publishers, and the horse and buggy industry they should accept this fact and either adapt by becoming Uber/Lyft providers themselves or find a new industry to work in.

However, taxi cab drivers are not only entitled, they're evil. And I'm not saying that as a pejorative, but as a descriptive. San Francisco taxi cab drivers are evil because instead of letting society advance, letting the people of San Francisco enjoy higher standards of living (which is what the whole point and purposes of technology and economic advancement is), they threw a temper tantrum and held the city hostage by causing traffic jams with their cars. In no uncertain words, these few people view themselves MORE IMPORTANT than the rest of society and have no problems holding back, nay punishing these people for daring to aspire for a better life.

Of course taxi cab drivers are not the only example of this. Chicago's infamous toll roads with their manually stationed tolls were so heavily unionized that the metro population of Chicago was held hostage WAAAAY past the point in time traffic scanning technology made such tolls obsolete. The public schools and higher education are another example of unneeded, worthless, obsoleted humans that have no moral qualms holding children hostage in ransom for "more money for schools." And I never tire of the dinosaur publishing houses stammer their little feet as they (futilely) try to stop self-publishers.

Regardless, the point is that human nature is pathetic. And the proponents of the BGI know this and are banking on it. For if a soon-to-be-obsoleted-human is given the choice:

a. Start anew, learn new skills and participate in the new and revolutionized economy
b. Collect a check
c. Not only collect a check, but demand society never be allowed to advance so I can save my ego by keeping my unneeded job

most humans are so lazy, and some so egotistical, they'll choose either b or c.

And that is what truly is behind the drive for the BGI.

The BGI is not something that is "noble" or "compassionate." It is not something that is "caring" or "kind." It is a blatant attempt by socialists and leftsits in academia and government to buy votes by placating the laziness, ego, and self-centeredness of a progressively worthless human population. They are merely presenting the false premise that "creative destruction" does not exist (ergo, there will be "no jobs"), while knowing full well the average American schlep is to proud, too ego-filled to work the menial service jobs that will exist, and too lazy to train for the STEM jobs that would also exist.

But where the real evil comes in is where I predict there will be a "third category" of jobs - "ego employment." Jobs that are not only unnecessary, but hold society back by either

denying society the ability to progress, or at minimum taxing them to create make-work jobs, ALL of which are simply to save the ego of a voting constituent.

It does indeed make the parasite who merely collects a government check look noble.

Post post - a reader recommended this. "Player Piano" a book where in the near future everything is mechanized and there is a struggle between the scientific and management classes that keep the machines running and the unskilled people who have no jobs.

Post post post - looks like there's going to be some automation in the Bakken oil field with drones and roboticized trucks following a lead truck. How much you want to bet the teamsters will get in the way of you getting cheaper gas?

Australia White Ribbon Campaign-Absuing Abused Women

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Disgusting. Just disgusting.

Not only does the Australian White Ribbon campaign make absolutely NO effort to ameliorate abuse against women, they simply use domestic violence as a way to merely profit for themselves. I don't even see a god damned expense for "cause expense" or "charity." There's like NO MONEY making it into the hands of abused women. It's damn well near 100% expenses just to keep the non-profit going to pay their salaries.

You may hate "evil corporations."
You may hate "big oil."

But for the love of god is there anything more sick than using victims to profit off of it ALL WHILE CLAIMING TO BE HELPING THESE VICTIMS?

You non-profit people are scum.

Spot the Beta

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Long-exasperated-SIGGGGHHHHHHHH!

Boys, and by "boys," I mean liberal men,

Acting like you're a liberal and placating women's leftists tendencies does not get you laid, just as submitting this law will not get you laid.

There Is Nothing to Say About Ferguson

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My time is finite and precious. Therefore I don't waste it.

I've had several inquiries about my opinion about Ferguson and it basically boils down to the Alcoholics Prayer where "grant me the wisdom to know what I can and cannot change." And Ferguson cannot be changed.

A thug was killed by a cop.

That thug happened to be black and the cop white.

The black community in Ferguson, programmed to hate and view everything in terms of race did not see it as one less criminal in their neighborhood, but an act of racism. They viewed last night's verdict as additional proof to their oppression and went to the streets to protest, destroying their own neighborhood, looting things that weren't theirs, ensuring no serious employer or business ever sets up shop there again, further condemning themselves to a life of secondary citizenry.

My political analysis of this is

YAAAAAWWWWWNNNNN.

When something new or interesting happens, let me know. Ferguson was entirely predictable, but more importantly, not solvable. Ergo, I don't care how many thousands of hours of political coverage and analysis ensues, not one minute of it will be anything new or productive. You might as well be watching Maury Povich or Jerry Springer. Matter of fact, my little piece here is about the only thing you really need to read about Ferguson.

So I recommend you view Ferguson like I do - your life is too short and too valuable to waste a second on it. Do something else instead like watching a good documentary, spending time with your family, learning a new skill or teaching yourself how to enjoy the decline.

New Blogroll Addition - Freedom Outpost

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You will visit here. You will obey. You will conform. Compliance is mandatory.

How QE Money Ends Up in the Stock Market

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Sometimes I like to connect the dots for my readers or for those of you who "know" something is happening, but don't know precisely how. So today we'll be looking at how QE money ends up in the stock market, thereby increasing PE ratios and making nothing worth buying!

So the first step is where the federal reserve is faced with the fact that Keynesian stimulus is failing, specifically monetary policy only affects inflation and prices and not real economic growth. Egos and heads explode at the fed because they're "economic geniuses" so they can't be wrong! So they lie to themselves and say they just "didn't do enough of it" and go onto fire up the printing presses.

But what to do with the money? They don't want to cause "inflation" but they still want to "boost the economy." So what they do is buy US treasury bonds, sometimes directly from the US treasury, but other times from banks and other financial institutions that are looking to get rid of that paper. But it's not just US treasuries they sell to the ~~sucker~~ fed. They unload their crappy junk mortgage backed securities to the fed, as well as their overprice stocks.

Factors Affecting Reserve Balances of Depository Institutions and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks

1. Factors Affecting Reserve Balances of Depository Institutions

Millions of dollars

Reserve Bank credit, related items, and reserve balances of depository institutions at Federal Reserve Banks	Averages of daily figures		
	Week ended Nov 19, 2014	Change from week ended Nov 12, 2014	Change from week ended Nov 20, 2013
Reserve Bank credit	4,462,332	+ 14,768	+ 605,134
Securities held outright[1]	4,237,848	+ 18,658	+ 602,966
U.S. Treasury securities	2,461,614	+ 19	+ 318,071
Bills[2]	0	0	0
Notes and bonds, nominal[2]	2,346,713	0	+ 306,851
Notes and bonds, inflation-indexed[2]	98,469	0	+ 8,490
Inflation compensation[3]	16,433	+ 20	+ 2,730
Federal agency debt securities[2]	39,700	0	- 18,773
Mortgage-backed securities[4]	1,736,533	+ 18,637	+ 303,668
Unamortized premiums on securities held outright[5]	208,826	+ 281	+ 1,621
Unamortized discounts on securities held outright[5]	-18,610	+ 33	- 9,131

The proceeds of these purchases go into the coffers of the commercial bank and other financial institutions that sold those ~~worthless pieces of paper~~ securities to the fed. And what do they do with these hundreds of billions of dollars?

Why they invest it in the stock market!

And yes, it really is that simple junior, deputy, aspiring, official and otherwise economists!

Of course the increase in stock prices is not considered "real inflation" because...well...fed economists said so. So you go right ahead and max out your 401k contribution buying overpriced stocks with a PE of 27 and a dividend yield of 2%! It's patriotic!

The Children's Wing of the Libertarian Party

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I am a libertarian. And like most libertarians, I'm too lazy and into my own life to bother running for politics or "doing anything about it." If I'd partake in a libertarian meeting it would be to find like-minded fellows and enjoy interesting and engaging conversation.

But while I believe there is a silent majority of libertarians who are basically socially liberal conservatives, there's a loud, vocal minority within the libertarian party. And they're getting annoying.

Unlike the real libertarians, this vocal minority is more of the crusaderist variety. More focused on "protesting" and being part of some underdog crusade against "the man." This results in them voicing protests that are no different than what comes from leftists and socialists.

Hyperbole over police brutality.
All war is evil.
Soldiers are murderers.
It's all about oil.
The Illuminati.
The legalization of pot
"It's the corporations MAAAAAN!!!!"
They even have a god damned Wikipedia entry for "libertarian socialism" which is the epitome of contradiction.

In short, they really aren't libertarians as much as they are college kids who maybe read a pamphlet and now deem themselves "libertarians" since it's "cool" and "edgy." You might as well lump them in with the token high school "anarchist" or "marxist," both parodies of themselves as they Venn diagram with "emo" and "wears mascara."

Now if it were just faux intellectual kids choosing to be different instead of displaying genuine intellect, I'd be fine with that. Pat them on the head. "Yeah, man, 'socialist libertarianism.' What evs" as the youth like to say. But they can't just "be" libertarians. No, their egos get in the way.

No, they go the pastoral route and become the self-declared "majority whip" of the libertarian party, proselytizing, lecturing, and berating the majority of libertarians for their sins of (GASP!)

being OK with legitimate war
liking cops

having beers with soldiers
not believing in conspiracy theories
pro-corporation/business
and thinking pot is stupid

And so I think it's about time to slap them down.

I'm henceforth calling these type of crusaderist libertarians the "Children's Wing of the Libertarian Party." They like to make noise, view themselves in a self-aggrandizing and holy way, they're typically younger and inexperienced, and like children, should be seen and not heard. Perhaps if I ever do attend a meeting and join, I could make a motion for them to have their own little "Kiddies Table" at libertarian conventions where we can give them mascara and nylon and trench coats as well as copies of Das Kapital and a couple bags of pot. And when they get real nice and high, and think they have the solutions to the world's problems (not to mention the political platform of the libertarian party) we'll give them crayons and some paper and maybe they can spell it out, signing it at the bottom with their name and age.

Then I'll take it home, put it up on my fridge and my girlfriend will ask,

"*What's that dear?*"

And I'll say,

"*Nothing dear. Literally nothing.*"

The Contemporary Art Bubble

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An amazing article from a classically trained artist who is predicting the collapse of the "contemporary" art bubble. He uses some interesting statistics, one in particular where there is five times as many galleries displaying art made in the past 60 years as there are galleries displaying art in the past 4,000.

Anyway, I am not art collector, but my general rule of thumb is, "If I can do it, then it isn't art." And sadly, that's most art today.

Wednesday Linkage

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This is true when you hike mountains.

Aurini comes up for air!

Round House Kicking Chick Cop Show!

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Writing books during security
Leadership comes from those who have nothing left to lose
Crossfit is a cult
"State of Affairs" a new ROUNDHOUSEKICKINGCHICKCOPSHOW!
"Clit lit" and "Clit flicks"
A woman author divorces her husband for a fictional character she created
Cappy's drug addiction to "progressive adventure" and how it will ruin him.

and MORE

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

OPEC's Not Torpedoing the Bakken…Yet

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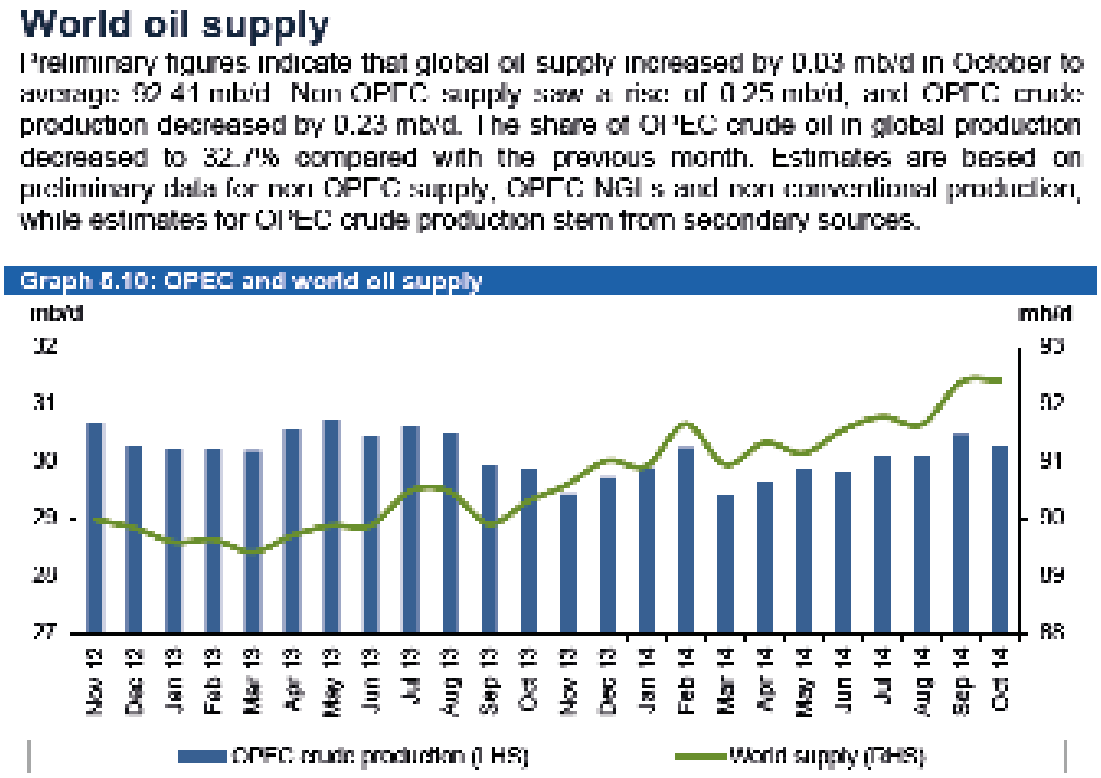
A big concern right now is that the Saudis and OPEC in general have been flooding the market with oil, driving prices down in the hopes of driving Bakken (and other) US oil firms out of business. The Saudi's can pump oil and remain profitable at a much lower price than their American counterparts, and it is speculated that the recent and dramatic drop in gas prices has been due to OPEC flooding the market.

The opposite is quite true. It's American oil flooding the market that threatens themselves;



Source

You combine this with fears of slowing global economic growth and ~~crusaderist wimps~~ green-conscious-fuel-saving Americans and Europeans, demand for oil has also gone down, driving prices down.

OPEC is planning a closed door meeting in which they will collude like the monopolies you'd all like to think "Big Oil Companies" collude like in an attempt to cut oil production and jack up prices. Thankfully they all hate each other almost as much as they hate the US, so they will unlikely cut oil production despite what they say.

The real issue is whether fracking technologies can be improved that American oil producers can still remain profitable at lower oil prices, and I believe since they largely employ the last vestiges of real, innovative and industrious Americans, they can. Better yet, the good news is that "peak oil" or a "post oil world" has been postponed beyond our lifetimes. We will not run out of oil in our lifetimes AND even if the mideast runs out, we got enough here in the US to last.

It is one of the rare bits of good news to enjoy in today's world, especially given this reality will continue to piss off environmentalists for the rest of their lives.

You are Free to Kill Yourself at Any Time

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Nobody is stopping you.

And ladies, I do not want to hear about how "feminism is just the equal treatment of men."

On a related note of arrogant whites who think themselves better than everything.

Episode #74 of The Clarey Podcast

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A 20 something ditz Clarey "Just Rub the Wrong Way"
Getting in fights because you didn't wear Cavarrici pants in the 80's
Getting in fights because you wore velcro K-Mart shoes in the 80's
Cappy rips apart his entire high school as Facebook proves they all turned out to be losers
"My amazing children"
When "Harley ownership" is the "pinnacle" of your life.
Cappy kicking around starting a charity
Torturing yourself over purchasing luxury shampoo
The Left's new strategy of accepting and deserving punishment because you're white or male.

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New Sponsor - British Beers

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Howdy All,

New sponsor - "Always a Favorite"

It's an online beer seller who specializes in and sells only British beers.

For those of you who like the occasional sip now and then and are even getting into home brewing, consider purchasing some British beer especially as a gift to yourself (or others) for Christmas.

You can find them here!

What Every Husband and Boyfriend Wants for Christmas

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And it's FREE! Just trying to help you ladies out:

Monday Lazy Man's Day Linkage

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This is how a culture collapses.

A feminist pines for men to pay for her date...and JB takes her down.

Tickity tock, ladies. Tickity, freaking, tock.

Do not rebuild Ferguson.

New podcast treasure trove - The 405 Gang

And new blogroll addition - Night Sky Radio!

Yes, the picture does describe it all.

How Cold is a Survivalist's Friend

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There's one thing the Minneapolis police department rely upon to keep their budget in line - winter.

For when winter hits, crime goes down because, well...cold.

Much easier and enjoyable to steal a car or go shoot up a hood during July than it is during January so all the criminals, thugs and parasites stay in because it's too cold to commit crime.

Thankfully, however, this is very telling of the criminal and thug mindset in that it belies something about their true nature - laziness.

Of course criminals and parasites are lazy by their nature. They don't want to work, but still want to enjoy higher standards of living so...theft. But you add the cold in and they don't even have the work ethic to steal.

Thus why this is very heartening.

To support yourself, let alone be a survivalist, takes work and effort. Things criminals and thugs don't have. But if the vermin of Minneapolis can't even work up the effort to steal and rob during the cold, imagine just how disincentived they'll be to survive or leave the city if the shit were to hit the fan. Do you think they're even capable of knowing how to keep water liquified for livestock? Or how to insulate shelter? Let alone how to build shelter? They're so dependent on government subsidy or victims for their crimes I doubt any of the criminals have ever thought about what to do if the heat were to go out or how to survive for more than 2 days in a below-zero post SHTF scenario.

Therefore, while many of you may be thinking about heading south to where it's warmer and nicer, perhaps consider Montana, Idaho, or just rural Minnesota when it comes to surviving a SHTF scenario. Old Man Winter will have your back at least half the year and may have the good graces to kill off the parasitic class for you, allowing you to enjoy the decline.

It's Not About Race, It's About Mentally Unstable People

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This more or less wiped away any remnant thoughts I had there was an element of race with Ferguson. It really is just mentally impaired people using color to excuse feral behavior, theft, and destruction.

Glorious Karl Suffers a Heart Attack

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Glorious Karl of "Glorious Hat" fame recently suffered a heart attack.

He is "alright" but if you wanted to help Karl I know that he was stressed with the entrepreneurial endeavor he took by selling "Glorious Hat." He's trying to get rid of his inventory so consider purchasing Glorious Hat as a way to help out a vet, a conservative, and a true American this Christmas season.

Wednesday Constitutional

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Jesus is my boyfriend and you can't compare to him! ht

Tee hee! I want to STEM too! But I don't like the maths! Tee hee! Let's just add an "A!"

Men in STEM made this possible. Feminists, welfare recipients, liberals and humanities majors did not.

The Real Meaning of "It's a Wonderful Life"

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I'm actually quite impressed. DT and the Man made me think about not just the true meaning of "It's a Wonderful Life" but advanced my understanding and appreciation of life. (first segment, so you don't have to wait long)

How Keynes Destroyed the Bakken

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I wanted to believe that it was only going to be the banking industry that was destroyed by the "Dudebro Frat Boy Jocks from the 1970's." Middle aged men who couldn't do math and were too lazy to become engineers, so instead got their MBA's and relied on ~~lying~~ "sales" as a way to enrich themselves. Slowly, but surely, they rose through the ranks so by the time 2005 rolled around they were thoroughly ensconced in positions of power in the only industry that would promote such idiotic scum - banking. Sure enough, their greed and idiocy caught up with them, the banking industry imploded, but not without the taxpayers bailing them out. Today they merely work at the bank down the street, thankfully relegated to the banking industry and not pouring out into and corrupting other sectors of the economy.

Or so I thought.

Enter the Bakken oil field.

With gas prices high investment into alternative means of pumping oil were produced. One such technique was fracking and as luck would have it practically the entire middle part of the North American continent had oil reserves that were conducive to this technique. An oil boom occurred resulting in quite literally the only silver lining to Obama's economy. Hundreds of thousands of jobs were created, there was a cap put on the price of oil, not to mention it turned out the US now had a such supply of oil that it no longer needed to rely on or answer to OPEC.

Now, not that I was thinking we'd become the next Norway where their entire population is effectively millionaires due to their oil reserves, but I did think this oil boom would be more permanent. At least not certainly a bust. For while Dotcom and the Housing Bubbles were caused (primarily) by idiot investment bankers and banks, this was an oil boom. Started by much smarter and saner engineers, scientists and geologists. This was a STEM industry, not a cock-sucking, ass-kissing "dudebro" east coast cronyismfest.

Add two more ingredients.

Engineer naivety about economics and Keynes.

Engineers, god bless 'em, are not economists. I've known this because during most of college the engineering majors wish they could study more finance and economics and the finance majors wish they would have studied engineering. Even after college many engineers go back to get their MBA's with a concentration on accounting or finance. But at their core they're still engineers. They're on the rigs, in the design room, or out

exploring. They're not reading up on OPEC or EIA reports about the glut of oil hitting the market. And it wasn't OPEC that's been driving prices down as much as it was themselves.

Once I saw there was trouble in Bakken Land, I prayed, PRAYED,

"*Please don't let them have a ton of debt on their books*
Please don't let them have a ton of debt on their books
Please don't let them have a ton of debt on their books."

Annnnnnd they have a ton of debt on their books.

Once again, Keynesianism and the ignorance of how central-bank-induced artificially lower interest rates result in companies and governments loading up on debt, has now caused a credit bubble in the Bakken oil field. And while some companies maintain a nice margin of equity on their balance sheets, many do not. And with the price of oil going down, it doesn't matter how low of an interest rate they have on their newly acquired debt, they are going to shut down and file for bankruptcy.

The lesson to pull from this is you don't need lazy, middle aged MBA, Dudebro Salesmen to destroy an industry. You just need a central bank, ZIRP monetary policy, and a dash of economic naivety on the part of industry leaders and ANY industry will be inflated and then destroyed. Alas who knew Keynesians would be the ultimate economic "Dudebro Douches?"

Master X Reviews BPE

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A fine review from a fine fellow who read Bachelor Pad Economics!

HR is BS

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I'm drunk, beligerent and indifferent in this video, but it's the best ripping apart of the HR industry there ever was.

And yes, a language warning

Capitalism is Reality

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From my latest piece at ROK:

Ergo, capitalism is not some kind of fanciful political theory concocted by a delusional, pontificating trust-fund baby elitist (that would be Karl Marx). It's merely the economic manifestation of human nature.

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Ed is writing a future history book about a 2nd civil war in the US.

A spherical Earth is insulting to this particular Muslim, and thus the movie Gravity must be banned.

"The Girl Who Cried Rape"

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I don't know about you guys, but I'm getting mighty tired of getting accused of rape. Felt this rant was necessary (use the link in case the video doesn't embed below)

Yes, language warning:

Europe's Standards of Living Are Overstated…Especially for American Bachelors

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I had meant to write more economics pieces during and post my European trip. Then Asshole Consulting took off, I had to winterize my house in anticipation of the Minnesota winter, and now it's the holiday season. It wasn't through anything but sheer luck I have a glimpse of time at this moment and I fully intend on using it to write about my most important observation about Europe - that it's standards of living are overstated, and especially so for bachelors.

Admittedly, I did not travel all of Europe. I visited Switzerland, Italy and a bit of France. But in sampling those three countries (not to mention practically scouring all of Switzerland and Italy) I can say with reasonable confidence in at least those three countries standards of living are overstated. Of course in the Eastern European Empire of Roosh things may be different, and northern Europe I left untouched, but I believe even the regional differences aside there are some European wide structural differences that not only puts it at a disadvantage compared to the US, but costs its people a lower standard of living.

The first and most painfully obvious reason was the cost of food. I know food does not account for anywhere near a significant percentage of GDP, but since it stimulates one of the five senses and is kind of a "necessity," I was shocked how expensive the food was.

In Switzerland a Big Mac (just the burger, not the meal) on average cost $12. If it cost cheaper somewhere else, I was unaware of it, but I was HONORED to pay "only" $8.50 for a Burger King Big Whopper. Even that was a "deal" because twice I paid over $120 for dinner for four. Admittedly once was in Montreaux (and expensive resort town on Lake Geneva), but it was certainly overpriced.

Second, and related, was the quality of food.

I don't know what idiotic 16 year old suburbanite American girl came up with the lie to make her trip to Europe more exotic than it was, but the food absolutely sucks. The two times I paid $120+ for dinner the food was on par with gas station food, and not even good gas station food. Mac and Cheese, a panini sandwich so toasted you'd lose a filling, and with a stingy thin slice of "prosciutto" (which I believe is Italian for "one atom-thick slick of pork"). And I think my girlfriend had the leaf sandwhich with three-eye-droplets of Diet Coke. If you factor in the quality and quantity of food, Europe probably costs quadruple what it does in the US.

Third, gas.

Yes, I know gas is more expensive in Europe. Yes, I am also aware "well, but tuition and health care are free there!" That does me no good. Unless you're old or in college, these offsetting social programs don't benefit the majority of people who have to endure it. But it is not the mere nominal costs of gas that lowers the standards of living as much as it is when you combine it with the fact 1960's highways were built on the towns' 500AD European infrastructure. So not only do you get to pay more in gas, you get to use more as you meander through indirect highways and clogged city streets that were designed for cattle.

Fourth, housing.

Unless new construction, the vast majority of housing in Europe is inferior to the US. This is not an insult to the European peoples or their carpenters as much as it is a result of the majority of their housing being before the US even existed. A "nice house" is jammed right next to others with roof spines sagging and shared yards. Every castle I saw looked like a home-owner's fixit nightmare. And the prices are so high you never own your home as much as just pay the interest on the mortgage. Simply because the US is/was less densely populated and the majority of its housing stock built with updated technologies, the quality of housing (and thus your living/dwelling experience) is much nicer.

Finally, the hotels.

I was very much looking forward to finding a quiet, hidden Italian village where I promised myself and girlfriend we would "sit and do nothing." I just wanted to find a nice hotel next to the ocean and get drunk on vino.

Never happened.

Not just because to drive from one town to another in Italy will make you so stressed out and weary you can't enjoy a wine, but because the hotels are really not that nice and neither is the wine. We stayed at great, high end hotels in Stresa, Bellagio, and Florence and NONE OF THEM beat something as average as the Crowne Plaza in Billings, Montana. Again, some of this has to do with the outdated technologies these "premier" hotels were built with, but the furniture and fixings are literally no better than a Hotel 8. In short, even their most luxurious hotel in Bellagio (on Lake Como) comes nowhere near the quality and caliber of the Bellagio in Las Vegas.

There were many other things, but the point is whether it's something basic as food or luxurious as a hotel on Lake Como, the costs are twice that of the US for goods and services that are a fraction of the quality and quantity.

However, shocking and appalling as the costs and economic lower standards of living were, there was one thing that was even more cumbersome and "standards-of-life-dropping."

The culture.

Not that Europe is "uncultured." It certainly is, and in many regards, more so than the US. But the European culture is absolutely antithetical to the freedom-loving, American bachelor.

Understand that the American bachelor is arguably the freest person in the entire world. We can get up when we want. Do what we want. Eat when we want. Go when we want. And go wherever we want. This isn't to say that in Europe there are Nazi guards at the borders checking your papers, preventing you from enjoying these freedoms, there isn't. But it is to say the European culture is not conducive to providing the support structure for this level of freedom.

And it's maddening.

Most obvious is that you do not have the "Freedom to Eat Whenever You Want."

Why?

Because every freaking store closes down at siesta for 1-2 hours and then permanently for the day around 7PM. Yes, there probably is one or two places on the continent that might be open till 10PM, but I didn't see them. The problem this presents, however, to the American bachelor is that he no longer has the luxury of not worrying about when to eat. After three days without a host the PRIMARY determinant of where we went, what time we left, and what town we'd get a hotel in, was not determined by our traveling desires, but at what time we could get food, specifically diner.

You may be laughing, but consider the drop in standard of living this presents to a bachelor. Time and freedom are the only things that matter. And if you can get food 24-7, a vital and key necessity is taken care of, allowing you to travel wherever, whenever you want. However, without 24-7 access to food, you are no longer entitled to 100% of your free time. Some of it, now needs to be dedicated and thus restricted based on the operating hours of food providers.

Closely related to this culture of "close when grandpa goes to bed," is the highway system. Bachelors like to travel, especially American ones. And key to this travel is the US interstate system COMBINED WITH gas stations that are not just open, but serving food and other staples of life (toiletries, oil, aspirin, etc.) 24-7. But without this amazing infrastructure, the concept of taking a midnight road trip on a whim across the

country/continent just isn't possible in Europe. There were times that (despite a much higher density population than Wyoming) I was more worried about running out of gas in Europe than in Wyoming. Not that there weren't gas stations, but they weren't open.

This meant we had to travel knowing full when and where we'd get gas if we were traveling at night. It also meant buying food before hitting their "highway" system, but having to wait till it was open...but not too late or we'd hit "siesta." This may sound "whinny" and "complainy," and it is. But it is still a dramatic drop in the freedom-go-now-don't-worry standard American bachelors are accustomed to.

Finally, there are no Wal-Marts, Perkins, or any other large 24-7 facilities where you can buy other wares or food.

I remember traveling across the American southwest many years ago and pulling into Alamogordo, New Mexico, where in BRILLIANT and ILLUMINATED glory was a Wal-Mart open and operational at 3AM. Not only could I buy the food and camping equipment I needed, but

a bottle of Jack Daniels
an X-Box
ammo
guns

and everything else that can be found in a Wal-Mart.

Not only does Europe suffer a dramatically lower standard of living because they have no such thing, but the bachelor particularly so. The bachelor is not only forced to buy from the same overpriced local village "family stores" families are, but they also have to abide by these companies' restrictive hours of operation.

In short, if you go to Europe as an American bachelor prepare for a culture shock. And not just "oh they wear different clothes or their toilets are funny," or $12 Big Macs. But for what is going to be a dramatic decrease in your freedom of mobility and the convenience you've grown accustomed to here in the US. Yes, the US has it's issues, and certainly Europe has it's benefits (somewhere I'm sure), but you will come back infinitely more appreciate of the US, its infrastructure, how it operates 24-7 for its people, and the freedom that allows you to, at the drop of a hat, just get in your car and go.

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Iforgetday is a problem that has been increasing ever since I entered self employment. And not just self employment, but where I have nothing even remotely approaching a schedule to adhere to and only know if it's a weekday or a weekend if my girlfriend is in the bed when I wake up.

Thus I've come up with "Iforgetday." Unlike "Tuesday" or "Friday" it's always, "Iforgetday" in Cappyland. And seriously, right now, I have no idea what day it is. Therefore, today's linkage will be "Iforgetday" linkage. Enjoy!

A white guy who write about white privilege and racism for the SLPC is suspected of being murdered by two black men.

Stupid people want to be thought of as smart. This is why leftists pursue worthless and advanced worthless degrees. This is also why, when arguing with these same leftists, they never agree to take an IQ test. They need to hide behind their piece of paper that says they are smart.

I didn't even know there was a debate about how Amazon/self publishing is or is not going to bring better books into the market. All Amazon did was make it a free market. I've yet to hear that bringing about a worse result.

The Bakken Bubble.

Today's Horribly Offensive, but 100% True Joke

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Female rape claims are becoming an awful lot like female orgasms - fake.

Ba dum bum!

Anyway, on a serious note, the mental acrobatics these scum go through is criminal.

Girls "don't know" that going to the cops is an option? They're not "guided" by the college to report rape to the police?

No, how about Occam's Razor? They majority of these claims are fake and that's why girls don't report it to the police.

This fake rape culture bullshit IS bullshit and is a sick and psychotic (and desperate) power grab on the part of hate filled feminists and socialists to beget money from the government, maintain victim status, all at the expense of falsely accused men. It amazes me how there is NOT ONE WORD written about the panic, pain, and agony men falsely accused of rape go through. And never mind the air of fear that college men must be living under now should they dare ask a girl out.

It's gross, it's disgusting, and we're going to continue to point it out until the masses realize just what an evil is festering in academia and the government.

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Cappy discovers a great time saving device - Chinese delivery
The cold wants to kill you
What your parents really meant when they accused you of being "crabby"
Commenting in the Manosphere is NOT a life to envy
James Bond is now more sexist than ever
The Shelby GT Mustang Super Snake Charity
Hot women want positive attention. Feminists will take ANY attention.
What's going to happen when today's pathetic, victim-whoring college students get into the working world?

AND MORE

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Remember, we don't need no stinking fathers!

Dear Mozilla, FOAD

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The gall of these nazi, anti-free speech assholes who dared to fire an employee for making a political donation, now go begging for money. I literally would rather donate to the nazi party before donating to these fuckers.

Good too see they're having financial troubles at least.

Anita Sarkeesian Plagiarizes the Captain

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I have largely avoided mentioning Anita Sarkeesian because:

1. She's an attention whore and any attention is good attention in her eyes and
2. There's more than enough people exposing this fraud.

About the only thing that irks me is how she gets $160,000 (or whatever it was) for what is nothing more than politically-correct whining and real people with real talent go unfunded.

But this crosses the line - plagiarism:

Discover

Genetics Guarantees That Feminism Will Lose

By Cpt. Capitalism

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I know many, if not all, of the articles here on ROK are original pieces of work. However, I read this article and feel compelled to share it with you for there is an important lesson here that EVERY man (and women) must know and understand. And that lesson is:

Feminism and feminists will lose in the end.

I say this not out of idealism, wishful thinking, hope or what I'd like to see happen. But rather a cold, clinical, unemotional statement of truth. Feminism and feminists WILL lose in the end. And the reason for this is that the entire movement is antithetical to their human and genetic programming.

Feminist Frequency

"Feminists WILL lose in the end. The reason for this is the entire movement is ANTITHETICAL TO THEIR HUMAN & GENETIC PROGRAMMING." #hatemail

I do not take kindly to having my literary works being used, plagiarized and then taken out of context.

For the record I have never contacted or e-mailed Anita. I really do have better things to do with my life. I merely wrote this piece which she obviously then co-opted and used to make it seem as if I have sent her hate mail.

The only thing I will say about Anita Sarkeesian and all the media attention surrounding her is simply this:

The real story about Anita Sarkeesian has nothing to do with any of her "work." It has everything to do with how the media, the gaming industry, video game developers, and other institutions are so dumb and blinded about this evil person that they give her the attention, funding, and platform they do.

And that really is all that has to be said (and will ultimately be the legacy of) Anita Sarkeesian.

Monday Trudge

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Hey parents? You know your SJW kid you raised who is a pan-sexual? Well grandchildren were overrated anyway.

1 in 5? No, try like .03 in 5. Uncie Bern Bern does some math. (but the maths are tough!)

"Micro-aggression Reporting Service" - I wonder if the kids who set it up realize just how nazi-esque, and thus, hypocritical they've become.

And finally, remember to get Christmas shopping in before it's too late.

The Hero's Journey

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The Black Brigade makes a heck of a philosophical podcast drawing parallels between the book "A Hero of a Thousand Faces" and consuming the red pill.

And yes, I am on vacation. And yes, it is difficult to blog from the field...especially while driving. Posts will resume at a normal level in a week.

SJWing to Rationalize Your Worthless Degree

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not to mention your worthless self.

Actually, I take that back. SJW's aren't worthless human beings. They're parasitic. I keep forgetting that they always need other people's money to survive.

Just aiming for 100% accuracy here folks!

Rescuing the Millennials

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To be blunt there is no such thing as the "Great American South East." It's nice, but it lacks mountains, a sin city, and is too heavily populated to give you any sense of adventure or risk. Thus, unlike my "Great American South West" adventures entailing mountains, deserts, rattlesnakes and gambling, this has largely been a road trip with all the comforts of 24-7 Waffle Houses and Wal-Marts.

However, I did manage to drop in an visit Kerry Lutz in his schwank bachelor pad down in Florida and did a short interview that started out as a an inquiry into Asshole Consulting, but morphed into a pretty decent discussion about the Millennials, what's plaguing them, false self-esteem, and how this is a lack of fathers in families.

Raleigh and Atlanta are the next stops, let the ole Captain know if you're around.

El Sooper Mexican Podcast

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Howdy All,

Many of you know my frustrations with "teh interwebz" community when it comes to the lack of business focus and orientation on profit. You have scores of people with a great product (be it a podcast, a blog, a youtube channel, etc.), but they never capitalize on it. Me being of an entrepreneurial mind knows the potential of teh interwebz, especially when it comes to the blogging community and so, when I approach an online media personality with the offer of MONEY, it enrages me that they never get back to me.

Not because they don't want my sponsorship.
Not because they don't like money.
But because they lack hustle or just plain fail to appreciate the earnings potential their online presence has.

Enter in Sooper Mexican.

Sooper Mexican (henceforth "Soop") has a hell of an online media empire going on. Web site, podcast, you name it.

And it only took 4 weeks of hounding and brow-beating to get him to finally run ads for Cappy.

And while I am joking, sadly, I'm not. Most podcasters of significant note, just plain don't have the business acumen like Tom Leykis to get back to you the next day, let alone the next month like El Soop.

Still, Soop got back to me and I wanted to introduce his podcast to all of you. I am a regular listener and believe that if you like my rough-around-the-edges podcast you will also like his. It is definitely an above-average podcast that will replace your talk-radio listening and MSM consumption.

Plus he has a loud-mouth guy from Wall Street or something on, not to mention some Texan hick from a trailer.

Regardless, great podcast, something to download...that's if he'd up his bandwidth and not get cut off by his provider because he underestimates his popularity.

Atlanta tomorrow, St. Petersburg the day after, normal operations by the end of the week.

A Brilliant Podcast

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I'm not joking when I say this, but this episode from Matt Forney was arguably the best single podcast I've listened to. It covers everything from SJW's to Batman vs. Joker philosophy to Chris Bechtloff making his Dennis Millerish observations and parallels. It's 2.5 hours, which I am fine with because it is like being at a bar with some great conversationalists.

3 more days of vacation and posts will resume as normal.

The Clarey Podcast Episode #76

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William Shatner is god
The Captain rides a mechanical bull and breaks the record
Cappy also discovers the American South East is much larger than he first thought
Kids puke!
Partying in Atlanta with some readers
The eulogy of a Social Justice Warrior
ISIS meets US troops, not Iraqis, and hilarity ensues!

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

The Eulogy of a SJW

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A life of avoiding work and accomplishment, placing value on traits you were born with and did nothing to earn, while playing the victim card all the way to your grave, ultimately wasting your life.

Bad Blacks Hurting Good Blacks

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This is the reason hard working, honest, legitimate and honorable blacks must suffer the "Black Tax."

It is also a reason black men should consider joining the Republican or Libertarian parties so as to (not just join for moral and philosophical reasons) send a clear signal to potential employers you're not a worthless, whiny human being, prone to lawsuits, ineptitude, entitlement, and problems.

This Is Why You Don't Hire Women With Liberal Arts Degrees

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Especially "journalism."

Scratch that, "Child Psychology."

OK, scratch that. "International Relations."

Christmas Listening

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Remember while you're on your travels to load up on podcasts should you end up driving through a state like Wisconsin, or worse, Iowa!

The 405 Media
Sooper Mexican
Tom Leykis
Uncie Bern Bern
Sandman
Honey Badger Radio
Free Domain Radio
Follow The Money
Kerry Lutz
Matt Forney
The Black Brigade

I'm 50/50 on doing a Christmas podcast. May or may not be up tomorrow. Regardless everyone have a good Christmas!

Tonight's Hotel Bedside Table

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Forgot to do this the last couple of times:

Anyway, merry Christmas all!

Cappy's Adventures - Savannah

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Finally made it to Savannah, which is a town that has largely escaped my escapades because of it's remote geographic location relative to the entirety of the US. I was kind of let down, not as many rows of plantation mansions with willow trees as I had thought.

Why Retirement Planning for Millennials Won't Be ANYTHING Like the Baby Boomers

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Before You Become a Doctor

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I received a video request from a doctor through Asshole Consulting. However, it was soon apparent he was the one doing me the favor in sharing his experiences and what EXACTLY was required when it came to becoming a doctor. It was a much more arduous and expensive process than I originally thought, and it just makes one want to reconsider becoming a doctor (especially with Obamacare). Anyway, thought this would be of benefit to any of my readers that are contemplating going to med school.

Economics of becoming a doctor and the situations where it's actually worth it: I'll start with an overview of the time and money required to become a physician to provide context for the economics discussion. Then I'll focus more on the costs. PreMed: -4-year bachelors degree is required to APPLY to almost all medical schools. Medical schools don't care what that degree is in as long as the following prerequisites are met: 1 year biology + lab, 1 year general chemistry + lab, 1 year organic chemistry + lab, 1 year physics + lab. Some medical schools also require 1 year of calculus, 1 semester of a writing/literature class, and additional humanities. This depends on the particular medical school. High school AP credits can substitute for certain prerequisites, although some Medical schools will require advanced science classes from those applicants who got AP credit for basic sciences. Let me reiterate that medical schools don't care what the actual degree is as long as the prerequisites are met and up to 1/3 of medical students have a Bachelor's in Bullshit. -During their college years, students must take MCAT (em-cat) test which is a standardized test. MCAT:med school :: SAT:college. When I took it, it cost $300+ to register. -GPA and test scores aren't enough. Having significant community service and lab research experience are also required. Over 20% of medical students have Master's Degrees and PhD's to supplement their application. Applying to Med school: Medical school classes start in August-September and the application process begins in July the YEAR BEFORE and entails the following: -Primary application: performed online through a national company known as AMCAS. When I applied it cost a few hundred $$ to register and covered a dozen applications, additional applications cost more $$ per application. -Supplemental application: SOME (not all) medical schools will require applicants to fill out a second application (if they like your primary

*application) and I've been charged $30-$80 for secondary applications depending on the school. **My application process ended up costing me $1000-1500 -Interview: if schools like your application(s) then they invite you to an interview. It is up to the applicant to cough up the $$$ to travel out to the school. Since interviews start before 9AM, most applicants have to arrive the nite before and pay for their own hotels (some schools can help applicants get a discount at nearby hotels). I have heard of extremely "competitive" (affirmative action-enhanced) candidates who get flown out to interviews and have their lodgings covered (a friend of a friend who is Inuit, grew up in an Alaskan village, and happened to have REALLY GOOD scores). -Overall one can expect to shell out $5-10 for the interview process alone. Med School: -Another 4 years and there's no way to cut it short by taking extra classes. 1.5-2 years of classroom learning (depending on the school) where basically everyone has the same classes and runs on the same schedule. This is followed by 2-2.5 years of clinical training where everyone rotates through a certain "core" of specialties (general surgery, general medicine, general pediatrics, psych, ob-gyn, ER, etc). There's some slack here since students will get 3-4 months to do extra rotations in their desired specialty that they want to pursue post-graduation. -When I was a med student (2006-2010) Private Med schools cost an average 35-50/year for tuition. When adding room & board, meals, health insurance (required), transportation (go to different hospitals for clinical training), books & computer the total ends up being $45-60 per year. Costs for medical school have been increasing on a yearly basis so I don't know the current costs. -During this time some medical students get dual degrees: MD-PhD's, MD-MBA's, MD-MPH (masters public health), MD-JD's. These are required for people who want to go into medical research, administration, get involved in healthcare policy/law, etc. This adds 1-2 years to time & tuition. -During medical schools students must take their Licencing Exams which are administered by a national organization. A total of 3 exams are required to obtain a medical licence. Only 2 of those exams can be taken by medical students. These exams cost $500-$1000 to register for. Internship/Residency: -The MD degree is actually worthless since we can't work as a physician. Another 3-7 years of post-graduation supervised training (with progressive responsibility). -The interview process for residency is similar to med school. I spent $5K-6K on my most recent interview process (I switched specialties from surgery to radiology). Also in the past 5 years medical schools have increase class sized to cope with the*

medical demands of an aging population in the US however the residency programs (which are funded by medicare) have not increased their positions accordingly and in 2011 the number of residency applicants exceeded the number of positions available. BTW, foreign medical grads and people who pursue a DO medical degree (rather than MD) get lower preference for residency programs). -After completing 1 year of residency one may register for the 3rd licencing exam (another $500 for me) and get a full medical license which will allow one to perform VERY BASIC medical services unsupervised. However insurance companies won't reimburse more "advanced" services (any kind of procedure/surgery, making "advanced" diagnoses) without completion of residency. Work hours range from 40/wk (psychiatry, peds, family medicine) up to 80/wk (general surgery, neuro/brain surgery, orthopedics). Most residency programs 55-60 hrs per week although the particular hours depend on seniority (1st years/interns stay in the hospital the longest) as well as whether the resident is assigned to hospital duties vs clinic/outpatient duties (clinic has shorter hours). Also certain programs are more malignant and brutal in terms of work-hours (any program in New York city). FYI, prior to 2003 there were no work hour restrictions and residents could be kept in the hospital up to 120 hours (my father is also a physician and used to work 90-100 hours/wk during residency). BTW, any hours worked from home (made possible by electronic medical records) are not necessarily counted toward the work week. Let me also add that depending on the program and specialty, residency programs can legally require a resident to routinely work up to 28 consecutive hours (and longer in exceptional cases where a rare disease/procedure is taking place). -Residency's saving grace is that residents are PAID a stipend ranging from $42K-$65K per year, depending on the program & specialty & seniority. Mind you the stipend often matches the cost of living in the area where the program is located (there are a few exceptions). Additionally the hospital will provide temporary sleeping quarters for the residents who are working shifts longer than 16 hrs (we can't live there though, we do have to pay for our own apartments). Surgical-based residencies last longer (5-7 years) than medical-based residencies (3-4, rarely 5 years). Fellowship: -Residency only covers limited fields. Many fields (intensive care, transplant surgery, hand surgery, cardiology, many more) require a resident to complete an additional 1-3 years of training (pay $55-70K/yr) before they can actually start working. Work: -We still have a free market. Salaries can range anywhere from $100K-$1 mil depending on whether

one joins a private group vs an academic center. It also depends on whether one takes a job and becomes an employee vs starting one's own business. Some practices will employ young physicians and give them the option of working their way into becoming a business partner. For physicians who open their own clinic (i.e. don't join a pre-existing group), startup costs can range from $80K to over $1 mil depending on the scope (seeing patients, doing scans, doing minor procedures, etc). The minimal age to become an MD is 27 years (unless skipping grades in high school), assuming the following: 6-year joint undergrad-Med program (RARE), get into med school on 1st try, get ideal residency and don't switch careers later, don't do fellowship. In reality the most people will be 31-32 before hey become a doc (4 yr undergrad, 4 yr med school, 4 yr residency, 1-2 yr fellowship because the market is horrible for generalists). For a neurosurgeon, don't expect to be out of training until 34-35 years. THEN you can start paying off debts (which can exceed $300K as I outline below). This will usually take 2-3 years assuming a truly minimalist lifestyle. That doesn't address people with multiple degrees or who take multiple attempts to get into med school or who have other jobs before changing their mind and becoming doctors. Economics: -College: You have covered the costs of college as well as private vs state schools extensively so I won't bore you with details. That being said a few medical schools who are affiliated with colleges offer joint programs where students can perform their college prerequisites and go straight to medical school without needing to complete the full 4-year degree or go through the interview process (that's one thing Europe does right). Tulane University (where I graduated med school) started such a program. These schools are the exception though. Lesson 1: Do college prerequisites at a state school. Only go to a private school if a joint-program is offered. - Medical Schools: When I was a student private schools can cost $45K-$55K/yr when all was said and done. Even public schools will average $20K-40K/yr when including ALL expenses. The Carribean medical schools cost even more (I've heard some are up to $70K/yr). Scholarships are rare during med schools since doctors "earn so much and can pay back their loans". The first $34K of my loans qualified for Federal Subsidies, i.e. they don't accumulate interest until the start of residency. Anything beyond that amount accumulates interest from day 1, even though payments don't have to be made until the start of residency. I used a total of $190K of loans for med school. By the time I graduated the interest had grown my debt to $210K. My loans accumulate interest at a rate of

6.7% per year although I've seen figures range from 5% to 9% depending on the particular lender. I had a total of $45K scholarships and grants during med school BTW. For people who don't have any scholarship/grant and/or people who pursue dual degrees can end up with medical school debts exceeding $300K, not including undergrad costs. Even people in public schools aren't immune (one of my buddies who graduated from Louisiana State ended up with $150K). Some scholarships do exist. The National Health Service Corps provides full scholarships to students who pursue a career in primary care (i.e. lower reimbursements) and commit 3-4 years in a designated under-served area (rural vs inner city vs reservation) where reimbursements will be lower than in a well-off area. Failure to comply results in financial penalties (you pay your loans at a MUCH higher interest rate). The military is also another option where everything is paid for but a time commitment is also required and the salary is lower than it would be in the private sector. The clinical rotations during the 3rd and 4th years of medical schools can require 40-80 hrs per week in addition to reading assignments. The studying during the 1st and 2nd years of med schools is time consuming so a meaningful job that can make a dent in the costs is pretty unlikely. Lesson 2: Try to attend a state medical school. Private med schools should be a second choice unless one is offered significant grant/scholarship. Foreign (i.e. Carribean) and DO schools are a last resort and in many cases aren't even a good alternative since there is open (sometimes justified) discrimination by residency programs. If considering the military or National Health Service corps to pay off loans then realize that the reimbursement during the "pay back" phase will likely be significantly lower than if one bites the bullet, takes the loan, and ends up in a high-reimbursement field and working in a well-off area). Residency pays $45K (small towns in the south) - $65K (New York) per year. Subtract the cost of living a minimalist lifestyle and that still leaves at most $35K per year. Remember the interest rates of the med school loans range from $5K/yr (assuming 5% loan and $100K debt) over $25K/yr (assuming 9% interest and $300K debt). My interest rates were $12K-15K per year at the outset (they're lower now because I've paid off ~$65K in debt in the 4 years I've been in residency with the help of family). Some residents simply choose to "live a little" and defer payments on their loans until post-residency by citing "financial hardship". This included people who want to marry and start a family (because they're in their late 20's and sometimes early 30's). The loans still accumulate interest during this time and

those residents will have yearly interest rates exceeding $20K and their total debt (med and undergrad combined) can exceed $400K. BTW, most residency programs will not allow residents to take "moonlighting jobs" (working in a nurse or physician assistant capacity in Podunk Urgent care/ER center for extra $$) and some of the Surgery-based residency programs won't leave enough time for residents to moonlight regardless. Lesson 3: Don't expect to pay back loans during residency (or fellowship) unless you had significant financial assistance/scholarships during medical schools. However certain residencies (family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, pathology, and a few others with "easy hours") will allow residents to take on additional jobs to significant extra $$ on the side. I know a few who added up to $10K-15K/year working nursing/PA shifts because their residency only required 45-55 hrs per week. Docs who have minimized their education costs can except to make significant dents in their loans during residency but they are RARE exceptions. Lesson 4: Keep an open mind initially but develop a clear picture of what field of training to pursue and include lifestyle and reimbursement in that decision. I switched fields entirely from surgery to radiology (x-rays, mri's, etc) because I started med school wanting to be a surgeon and also didn't research the residency program where I ended up (malignant shit hole of a hospital, might've stayed in surgery if I had taken a residency spot at a better hospital). Over 1/5 residents will end up switching programs (surgery-based programs have the highest attrition rate). The 1st year of residency is very similar regardless of specialty, however as residency progresses the knowledge becomes specialized. Therefore switching fields means that most people only get "partial credit" for their previous residency and essentially have to repeat years and have a longer training period. I have concluded that it is only FINANCIALLY (I don't address "personal satisfaction" worth being a physician if the following criteria are met: 1. Do undergrad at a public school or MAYBE at a private school that offers joint enrollment. 2. Get into med school on 1st try. 3. Don't get master's degree or PhD unless you plan to start out in another job and you only pursued medicine because you had "calling" to be a doctor later on. One of my colleagues worked as an engineer but became inspired to be a doctor after he was hospitalized following a car-wreck, so these things do happen. 4. Don't go to a private med school unless you plan for military career or do primary care in an underserved area, have other significant scholarships, have rich family helping with school costs, or have saved money from a previous careerr. 4. Don't

pursue an MD-JD, MD-MPH, MD-PhD, MD-MBA. 5. Don't pursue a Surgery-based specialty unless you've met the above criteria and have minimized your undergrad/med school costs. 6. Don't pursue any specialty unless you do you damn homework so you don't have to switch residencies (I addressed the shortage of residencies earlier) or unless you've met the above criteria to minimize education costs. 7. Forget about starting a family before the age of 30 unless you meet the above criteria (which is incompatible with peak biological years for reproduction). 8. If you enjoy a truly minimalist lifestyle (Aaron, you're ability to take vacations is too extravagant for the degree of minimalism I refer to) then the above information is irrelevant.

This Week in Stupid

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There is no future in this country. Just a lot of really, really, REALLY, dumb kids.

What the Beer and Radio Industries Portend to Talk Radio

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While driving the crotch rocket from Buffalo, Wyoming to Phoenix, Arizona and back, I decided to go down one side of the Rockies and up the other on the return trip. However, it was without fail that as I would enter a small Colorado town the gas station attendant or hotel concierge would inform me, immediately, about the new "brew pub" that had just opened and how I had to check it out. Not being a fan of beer, I usually eschewed these pubs, but the sheer number of them compelled me to think about them from an economics standpoint, especially whilst navigating the various mountain passes and switchbacks.

My original thought was stained by my previous experience in banking where desperate middle aged men would mortgage their house, close out their 401k, and then approach us for more money to finance their mid-life-crisis bar. And so I thought this was just the latest incarnation where a new generation of dude-bros would start a brew pub and within a year file for bankruptcy.

It didn't happen.

Matter of fact, quite the opposite has happened. Not only have thousands of micro-brew pubs opened up, but they make better, higher quality beer than the swill being mass-produced by Busch, Budweiser, Miller, etc. Add to that fact they usually attach a bar to their brewing operations and an element of community and "walking to the neighborhood pub" ensues, and paying the extra $1 for a pint of special brew makes it impossible for the large producers to compete.

However, it is not only the beer industry that this "specialization" is happening. Enter in our beloved internet. Specifically radio.

It is no secret that I have a general disdain for the radio industry. It is a cutthroat industry I "fell into," but was naive about. Ergo, thinking it may had been my calling, I made changes in my life and career to pursue it, only to have the format of my station change to (my favorite) "sports talk radio" 5 months into my gig.

However, like publishing or the music industry, the radio industry and the elitists that controlled it are getting spanked, primarily through podcasts. Radio stations are EXPENSIVE things to maintain. Not only do you have radio towers and insane electric bills, but you have sales staff, HR, lawyers, producers, secretaries, etc. And the free market being what it is, owners are driven to streamline their operations, cutting

expenses as much as possible. This resulted in a phenomenon similar to "Big Beer" - a mass produced product that is sold nationally. However, instead of a can of "Bud Light" or "Budweiser," radio stations nationally syndicated Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Dennis Prager, and Michael Medved.

Unfortunately, for both radio stations and listeners, this meant (like beer) talk radio hosts had to play to the largest common denominator. This meant bland, not-to-risque, polite talk shows. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but it did take away the Mischke's, Savages, and other eccentric talk show hosts that had smaller, but much loyal followings.

However, some ironic and incredible timing occurred. While radio stations were laying off local talent in the drive for leveraging national syndication, the cost of bandwidth and storage on the internet was plummeting. And it was no longer text or nudie pics of your girlfriend that could be sent over teh interwebz, but audio and video. Early adapters capitalized on this. Chris Krok (a fellow radio show host who enjoyed an equally brief radio career in Minneapolis) I remember getting canceled in 2006. He said he was going to work on some "Blogtalk" project, of which I more or less dismissed, borderline scoffed. However, a couple years later, the feasibility and (thus) threat podcasts presented to talk radio became apparent. And it's the exact same threats that specialized brews present to "big beer."

Today, I rarely listen to Rush Limbaugh, and maybe tune into Garage Logic. Four years ago I would easily spend 3 hours a day listening, now, not more than 5 minutes. The reason is that I can download podcasts, listen to them at ANYTIME, AND (this is the real threat)

LISTEN TO A SHOW THAT IS VERY SPECIALIZED IN MY INTERESTS.

Yes, Sean Hannity, I got it - "Republicans Good. Democrats Bad!"

But have you ever done a deep analysis on Tribalism and its intellectual ramifications like Stefan Molyneux?

Yes, Joe Soucheray, I got it. What is the mystery? Who are the mysterians?

But the mystery was solved nearly 6 years ago by a vlogger/podcaster.

And yes, Michael Medved, got it. "Losertarians." Ho ho ho. That's funny.

You'll forgive me while I listen to women explore and pioneer a completely different and new world called the Manosphere. Slightly more intellectual stimulation.

The truth is that talk radio was already dying without the internet. And I mean that

literally - the hosts are old and are going to be looking at death in the face in 20 years. Rush Limbaugh is over 60, Dennis Prager in his 50's, and Joe Soucheray is pushing 80 (just kidding). But who is being groomed to replace them?

The answer is nobody.

Which is fine. Like most industries in America today, the youth have found it easier to go their own way, using the internet to pursue success, instead of asking for permission through their aged and obsoleted bosses. And while there may not be another manufactured "block buster star" like Rush Limbaugh or Sean Hannity, there will be hundreds of much smaller, but infinitely more interesting and specialized "micro-talk-show-celebrities." And thank god, because micro-brewed beer is an infinitely better product than Miller.

This post was inspired by Tom Leykis who is hands down THE Podcast Pioneer. Please consider visiting his show.

"Lloyd and Joe" for President

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Here's a foreign concept.

The Republican party goes on a recruiting campaign to hire NORMAL AMERICANS to run for president instead of their blue blood, brother-and-son-of-a-president, billionaire elitists.

How much you want to bet the Democrats steal this idea because they're smarter than the Republicans?

Parents Forcing Their Kids to Go to College

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A disturbing trend where some of my clients' parents are forcing them to go to college under threat of disownership, pulling support, and other forms of punishment that are nothing short of abuse...and a sure fire way to make sure you never get visited in the nursing home.

(language warning)

Remember, both Worthless and Bachelor Pad Economics are available on Amazon.

How Minimalism (Ironically) Might Make You Rich

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My guest piece at AVFM.

The Nicene Creed of MGTOW

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Put together this video request.

Which insulted some people in the MGTOW community, prompting this response video.

I don't like getting bogged down in technicalities, semantics, details, let alone being misquoted or taken out of context, so I put together this final "Nicene Creed" of MGTOW.

I then walk away because I refuse to get bogged down in semantics, technicalities, details, and sophistry, and have said my peace.

Post-post - Paul Elam chimes in with some reasoned, ahem "veteran" advice.

Immigrants and the Future of the US

January 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A video request that had some interesting observations:

Episode #78 The Clarey Podcast

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In this relatively curse-free podcast Cappy talks about

A review of the movie "The Gambler"
Escaping depression as a conservative or libertarian
Leaving the blood stains on the guy he shot who burglarized his house
Sheeple and lines
How the Holidays screw with you
Your sad friends who bred more children than they could afford
Guilt about being successful
How CONVERSATION is the most valuable commodity in the world
Private sector powerful successful women who hate their lives

and MORE!!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Before You Become a Doctor

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Another e-mail I received from one of our Doctor listeners. He too also is skeptical about whether it's worth becoming a doctor again. Something to consider for those of you lieutenants in the field that are contemplating becoming a doctor (his writing is a bit rambly, but good advice none the less)

Dear Captain Capitalism-

I also put this on the Before You Become A Doctor posting.
I graduated Med School in the early 1970's. I trained into a subspecialty- 6 years total post med school. During my training I married and my son came along. Then I went into solo private practice. I also joined the US Army Reserve. Two more children arrived. I was always the sole breadwinner. Any solo businessman has good and bad years. The taxes were stupidly high on a sole proprietor. The little bit from the USAR was very handy- I had help paying the social security (and later the added medicare).

I also worked as an independant contractor emergency dept doc when business was slow, plus insurance physicals and other income I could hustle. Note about ED doc- you had better be a gunfighter betting your malpractice you are better than anything that comes in the door- only one doc in ten has the guts for it. I have been in my one town 35 years (more or less- keep reading). The 3 kids turned out good. When they were all in school, my wife oversaw the books. The insurance companies were consistantly shorting me the contractual payment- never over. Forget about getting diligent (or grateful) help. I have owned my house three times. The first working 6 months 2 or 3 nights a week in the ED as well as the office.I walked out of the ED 1 Jan 1980 with my house paid off (and the government).

Then that bastard H Saddam invaded Kuwait in August 1980, I was making a major's pay and the bank had my home (equity loan) to keep the office recurring bills paid. When Kuwait was liberated I went back to my town and started the grind to get my house back. Back to working office, Army, EDs and insurance exams. Got the house back and stopped the EDs and insurance. A few years later my daughter (who had instate scholarships) went out of state to stand on her own two feet and my money. When the Air Force ROTC reneged on her 'promised' scholarship, I was holding the bag for almost 20K. The bank got the house again. Back to EDs and insurance but now I am in my 50's with kids' car insurance plus college. Then 9/11. Sure enough, the USAR two years later promoted me and put me on full time with spending a year or more at various forts. At least I could afford my office overhead on a colonel's pay. I got my house back and so far still have it. Did I mention my 17 month or my 15 month tours in Iraq? Obama was elected when I was over there. When I got back the great recession was in full swing. Solo doctors don't

get paid by medicare- who knew? My insurance payments for patients I saw were frozen at the level 15 years before. You know about that 80 year doctor still practicing and getting $10 a vist- yep, you are locked in. Unless a doctor moves states every 3 or 4 years, his insurance reimbursement is frozen.

Women docs don't work the hours of men. They take SABBATICALS. .for years! I went to cash but my accountant told me to expect an audit because the gov is using audits to punish docs on cash. I could go to a hospital group but these are soulless- given to superficial questionnaires, give a smug answer during the meet'em and street'em and limit or 2 or 3 prescriptions- more than that requires another visit. Plus you are never producing enough. My accountant recommended cutting to 10 hours a week (45 hours a month- I get social security, thank you), keeping up my education, and wait for the crash. I was bitching about this to a friend (blown up in Iraq and partially disabled). He told me I would consider these 'the good old days' when I was treating wounded in a barn on the run from government forces. But if you are younger, forget about medicine.

*This was long already but there are even more downsides to becoming a doctor at this time I did not include.. I would like to know- does your Smith & Wesson retirement plan include involuntary early retirement of a**holes such as in 4GW? Thanks and my great respect for you and what you write and do- COL Doc*

Book Review - "Going Your Own Way: Understanding MGTOW"

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"Going Your Own Way: Understanding MGTOW" is a new book released by Paul Elam and Peter Wright, and (as far as my research shows me) is the first serious publication that attempts to define, explain, and introduce MGTOW to the general public, as well as become sort of a "constitution" of the MGTOW movement.

It is incredibly well written, clear, and succinct, and necessarily so as it attempts to lay down the theoretical foundations for an embryonic concept that will only be damaged if more concrete measures were made to define it. This immediately debunks Mr. Elam's and Mr. Wright's critics (who claim the authors are trying to claim MGTOW for their own and that it can't be defined) as nearly two full chapters are dedicated to explaining how MGTOW is similar to an open source software wherein nobody can claim rights to it. After much explaining and intellectual honesty, I believe they manage to best define it as "male self-determination" and am inclined to agree.

With definitions out of the way, the book then delves into many aspects of traits of MGTOW laying down the logic, reason, empiricism, history, psychology, economic and other causes for the MGTOW phenomenon. I was particularly impressed with the amount of research that went into the historical (sometimes, ancient) study of "bachelors," "bachelor theory," and the bachelor lifestyle, providing not just historical perspective, but a shocking insight into society's past psychological relationship with bachelors (for example "bachelor taxes" and the presumption bachelors some how owed it to society to marry and breed). I was also very impressed with the time dedicated towards pair bonding and attachment. The reason for this is that the same critics who berate Elam and Wright for daring to write a book about MGTOW, are also the same people who in a very hypocritical way insist on a rule that "no real MGTOW" would have anything to do with women. This false believe, unfortunately, presents a huge risk to the younger and disaffected men who search and find the MGTOW community, as they are consequently tempted to dismiss women altogether, women that may actually be of great benefit and contribution to their lives.

About the only real complaint or concern I had about the book was what I believed to be the overly liberal use of excerpts from various books, texts, and periodicals. Entire pages of "The Odyssey" and "The Art of Courtly Love" are quoted, where I would have just preferred some key quotes and then more analysis and commentary from the authors. There were also some philosophical and technical differences and disagreements that I had with the book, but nothing that would get my panties in a bundle, unlike many of the

authors' critics.

Besides that, I believe because the book is the first of its kind and is (more or less) introductory in nature, a glossary would be helpful to young men (and women) who are first being introduced to the concepts therein. "Gynocentrism," "VAWA," "hypergamy," etc. are all terms that the average person does not know, and because of this may be misled into thinking it's one of those "faux" studies like "women's studies" where academians create made up words and acronyms to sound smart.

Overall, however, the book is a very good, thorough, and HONEST summation of what MGTOW is, easily digestible by the beginning reader or a people more involved and aware of the MGTOW philosophy. I would STRONGLY recommend it as a primer to anyone looking to understand or research the topic. I would also STRONGLY recommend ignoring all the fake reviews on Amazon as many in the MGTOW community viewed Mr. Elam's and Wright's writing of this book as "sacrilege" and have since been voting it down with faux votes.

If People Didn't Have Debt

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$15,000 is an interesting number because it is one I estimated with my head, but then also empirically proved out for several years of frugal, minimalist living. Specifically, it's the lowest amount of money a person can live on comfortably in the US.

This assumes a lot of things.

That you don't have an insane commute.
You only have yourself to support.
You eat in and host at home most the time.
You go out occasionally.
You take a cheap road trip once a year.
The primary form of your entertainment is friends and conversation.
You never buy a new car.
And, you never buy frivolous (read-luxury) items.

When it's all said and done a single person can get by in the US, comfortably for $15,000 a year and enjoy a full and wonderful live.

Of course when I published this figure in various books, people would challenge me, questioning whether it was possible, even daring to doubt my veracity. But trust you me, I went through the hell and penny pinching. It's possible and it's well within everybody's ability to do it.

But $15,000 also happens to be a very interesting number in another regard. For while sitting at my other bar I noticed an advertisement for a mortgage company. And then an ad for a car. And so I quickly hit the internet, found some online calculators, and started crunching some numbers. Specifically, the TOTAL debt payments one makes over the course of their lives.

Naturally, this varies person to person so I assumed what I believed to be the "average" American who takes on debt for these specific things at these specific terms:

House
$250,000 mortgage
30 year term
4.5% fixed rate

Cars
$20,000 auto loan

5 year term
7% fixed
12 cars over the course of your life

Student Loans
$80,000 (includes what you paid without loans)
20 year term (or whenever the hell people get around to paying those things off)
6% fixed

Credit Card Debt
$4,000 balance assumed in perpetuity
Forever term
16% fixed
Balance nominal from 15 till 75

Now, when you calculate the total loan payments for these four items you get:

House	$456,000
Cars	$280,368
Student Loans	$137,554
Credit Card	$33,600

And when you add them all up you get:

$907,000

Now a funny thing about that number is if you take it and divide it by the number of years you're expected to live as an adult (60) you get $15,125.***

And what do you know? If you just refuse to take on debt for things like cars, education, houses, credit cards, and crap, you'll save yourself the necessary amount of money needed to support yourself for your entire life.

Of course, astute economists will point out that the numbers do not account for inflation. And normal everyday Americans will point out who wants to live a life making $7.50 an hour Valid points, but let me address them.

First, while absolutely 100% right, those figures don't count for inflation, they actually kind of do. Cars you are constantly buying at higher and higher prices so we could just assume that $280,000 is adjusted for inflation. Credit cards, well those balances will also rise with inflation, thus, adjusted for it. And how many people buy just "one house," never buying newer or better, never refinancing, never taking equity out of the home to improve the kitchen? Yes, that's what I thought. About the only that isn't adjusted for

inflation is tuition, but even that I wonder about given how corporations and employers are now all just so pro-"continuing education" forcing people a life long financial burden of never having to stop paying for education and training. The point is, even if we were to adjust for inflation, that number would still come darn close to the $15,000 mark.

Second, the life style $15,000 a year affords.

Yes, who indeed wants that? Why men with used cars that need repairing, living in studio apartments, never enjoying fondue at the latest and hippy trendy restaurant, who go to (GASP!) Goodwill to get their clothes!? What kind of a life is that?

Certainly not one where they commute 500 hours a year, in a car they can barely afford the insurance on, to a job they hate, while they finance the hockey equipment for the children they can (also) barely afford, forcing both parents to work, while alienating their children in day care (also, barely can afford), driving the wife to divorce the husband, but not first without her racking up $20,000 in credit card debt for trinkets and bobbles she just needed to have, while dad buys himself a new Corvette to cope with the destruction of his family, and now two ex's who hate each other both fork over $50,000 a piece for lawyers so they can squabble over the remaining $5.83 in equity in their palatial McMansion.

You're right, they most certainly CANNOT afford that. They can only afford books, conversation, coffee with friends, fishing, and black and white movies on Netflix.

The point is simply this (and one I think we already know). If Americans simply got by with what they needed and not what they wanted, they would never have to take on any debt of any kind in the first place. This would not only result in much easier and less stressful lives, but lives where you would not have to waste 4-8 years of your youth in college, making college obsolete for many. The real issue many people have to solve for themselves is whether having "nice, but ultimately, pointless" things in life is worth the hell, struggle, strife, burden, stress, and pain the required debts to afford those things will foist on them. And given what I've seen of average Americans and their obsession with "late model German cars" and "brand designer jeans," it most certainly is not.

Enjoy the decline!

****I did want to make the note that while the technical age for reaching adulthood is 18 (and when you subtract 18 from 78 years of life expectancy you get 60 years of effective adulthood), this is functionally wrong for Gen X and Millennials. Since they do not move out of the house or stop fully receiving subsidies from their parents until the age of 43, the total number of effective adult years is really only 35 years. When you take this into account the average annual savings of not going into debt results in an annualized payment of $26,000, much more than the original $15,000. Perhaps this is why endebted*

and parent-dependent Gen X'ers and Millennials still have nice things despite negative net worths and multiple bankruptcies.

Why Feminists Choose Victimhood Over Work

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This is (to date) what I believe to be my best rant against the hypocrisy of feminism and "empowered women." Specifically, how they purposely choose to focus on "sexism" and "victimhood" instead of other, more effective actions they could take that would improve their lot immeasurably and actually close the wage gap, belying their true motives - theft and parasitism.

I also throw in a bit about what the sex life of a feminist must be like sleeping with the Pajama Boys of the world.

Language warning, as always:

A Generation of Men Advancing Too Quickly

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For all the benefits the manosphere has had on men, the male population, and male psychology, an unfortunate drawback is that it is so efficient and effective that men are advancing intellectually "too" quickly. So much so that I predict MILLIONS of men are going to advance so quickly, and so efficiently, they will be forced to face the the "void," the ultimate "blackness" and the end of life.

From my latest piece at ROK.

The Economics of the Education Bubble

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This was a request, but it came out better than I thought. Was able to link "Chang" in China directly paying "Tina" in Suburbanite SWPL America to major in something stupid because US Dollar Reserve Currency:

When Hippies Try to Do Economics

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It's like liberals trying to run a business.

Bachelors Degree in "Event Planning"

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick. Event planning.

And I thought, "no, no way. Nobody majors in this. It must be a scam."

But after searching "I'm majoring in event planning" there are people who actually spent money (and worse) schools that offer this bogus degree.

This is What Happens When you Choose a Government Check Over a Husband

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Language warning, but 100% true.

I Have Officially Defined MGTOW

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While I know there is much debate about MGTOW and who has the rights to this open source concept, I have finally decided that I, being a veteran MGTOW Level 26-c, am the foremost authority and outrank anybody else who either legitimately or falsely claims to be MGTOW. Thus, after much contemplation and thought, I have finally decided what MGTOW is, means, and will continue to mean into the future.

BEHOLD!!!!

Thank you, thank you, and buy my book!

Why the Left Hates Nuclear Families

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For once, I don't think there's a language warning in this one! Still, it's important to know why the left hates nuclear families and especially fathers - it's competition!

There Are No Such Things as Financial Markets Anymore

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Let us take a very simple concept.

Bill wants to raise money for his new company that he, personally, does not have enough money to launch. Bill goes to the "financial markets" which is no different than the fruit market or "farmer's market" except instead of fruit or veggies, he is looking for capital.

Providers of capital (called "investors") meet and bid over Bill's business through a slightly complicated process of "going public" which is assisted by investment banks and brokerages. Still, this market operates no different than any other. There is a demander for capital, there are suppliers for capital, and they haggle and negotiate on a price.

Now in the farmer's market or even the grade-school-play-ground-baseball card market the only things to affect the prices, supply, and demand would be items that are relevant and pertinent to those markets and the wares traded therein. And so too should it be the same with the financial markets. But just because something "should" be doesn't mean it is, and thus welcome to our modern day "financial markets."

The truth is the financial markets no longer represent the news and information that is relevant to stocks, bonds, and other forms of financing new or to-be-acquired businesses. And the reasons for this are multi-fold.

First, the majority of money being supplied into the market no longer comes from interested investors, keen on launching new companies. It comes from retirement planners who are socking away their monies in the idealistic and outlandishly naive hopes of retiring by 65 (33 if you're a government worker or teacher). Matter of fact, these sheeple aren't even investing their money in new business ventures. They're buying stock on the *secondary* market, looooong after investment banks and hedge funds have gotten the majority of equity and capital gains out of those stocks.

Second, you have speculators who have no real legitimate business being in the financial markets in the first place. Oh yes yes, I know, they do make markets more efficient, except when they don't. Their mere existence moots and destroys the concept of a financial market in the first place. Now, instead of just investors looking to supply budding entrepreneurs with capital, you have some idiot in California using an ECN to make .0005 cents per share profits on a butterfly, triple lindee, hybrid spread (if you don't know what that is, that's alright, you're not hip like all those people on CNBC).

Third, machines. Yes, machines. Specifically machines that execute trades based on algorithms perhaps maybe even programmed by humans.

Are these machines there to provide business opportunities with capital?
Are these machines there to fund entrepreneurial ventures with much needed funds?

No, they're, once again, there to speculate, even manipulate prices, driving them up and then driving them down.

Now we can go on, but I didn't really realize how fully divorced today's "financial markets" were from its literal namesake until I was driving down I4 near Orlando listening to "A Finance Podcast."

The host of the show had followed me on Twitter and said, while he does like what I say, he cannot tolerate the cursing or swearing. Fair enough, but I, always with a road trip in front of me and hours of time to fill, downloaded and listened to all of his podcasts. It wasn't until I was just outside Orlando did I realize something about his podcast.

The majority of his commentary and interviewees did NOT discuss the actual financial markets as much as they were:

Government moves
Government legislation and
Central banking

And it is this that is the proof that the financial markets are anything but, and should be named something else.

If you look at the media currently dedicated towards covering the "financial markets," you have to ask yourself the question:

"*How much time do they spend addressing/responding to moves by the governments and central banks, versus the factors that actually should affect the companies and the industries therein????*"

And at least in this little trial balloon, I realized that the majority or at least the plurality of time was spend addressing governments and central banking.

This proves just how far from free markets we've moved. When the "financial" markets move, nay, hinge on every word and move from the central bank and monetary policy, and dismiss all that annoying "background noise" of what's actually going on with the individual company, you need to ask precisely what does this "market" represent.

Does it represent the investors looking to fund the entrepreneurs like it was intended to?

Or has it morphed into this multi-trillion dollar, amorphous, cross-breed Frankenstain monster between government, the retirement planning industry, central banking, crony capitalists, and politicians?

Because one can be reasonably measured, studied and pursued as a discipline by students of finance and economics.

The second is one where even the greatest financial and economics minds are merely observers whose guesses are purely that - guesses. Because by that time, they all might as well become political scientists and everybody knows that is not a real nor legitimate field of study.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Though I would absolutely love to see Target get dragged into court on this, I cannot help but notice things like "suicide," "Aspegers," and employment problems tend to correlate when there are none of those lousy stiiiiinkinnnng fathers around.

Still, I'm sure it was Target that drove this poor soul to suicide and not the lack of a father. Because, as we all know, we don't need no stiiiiinkinnnnng fathers.

Enjoy the decline!

Tuesday Night Linkage

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Remember, there are no consequences for false rape accusations.

DT tells his boss to shove it when the boss changes the rules. Why can he do this? Because he is a real man and he has gone Galt.

I don't lose sleep over the slaves I never owned, nor benefited from. I wish Germans and other innocent westerners who were not part of any oppression had the same self-respect. Oh well.

Some interesting economic statistics from WWII.

How Whites Are Playing the Victim Game Too

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If there is one thing I hate it is the "victim game" that various groups of people play.

The reason I hate it so much is not because it's theft, but it's such a cowardly, hypocritical, and (above all else) KNOWING act these thieves put on. For when you take away all the lies, hypocrisies, falsehoods, and flawed premises, the person mugging you is not just stealing from you, but telling you it's your own fault. Sometimes, so outlandishly they claim you're unaware of it, which is nothing more than the epitome of cowardice and hypocrisy - ie - accusing people of "privilege."

But no matter how much wool they try to pull over people's eyes, I know thieves and parasites when I see them. And when I'm accused of "privilege" or that somehow a group is "disadvantaged" and the solution (surprisingly) is always "more of my money" I know it's just a ruse that less-intelligent and less-self-respecting people succumb to.

But the "Victimhood Game" has taken a very nasty turn. One so crafty I almost didn't see it when it was staring me in the face. And one so disgusting it makes me even angrier than when minorities fake-claim they're oppressed (because they at least have a tangential line of logic to their reasoning):

Spoiled brat suburbanite white people.

At first you may say,

"*Cappy, how do spoiled brat suburbanite white people play the victim game? By the fact they're white, spoiled, and suburbanite, they can't possibly be victims in any capacity or another!*"

But,ohhhhhh, my fellow lieutenants and economists, they have indeed, and this is where it is particularly dishonest, disgusting, disingenuous, and pathetic, as well as pure genius. For while you are correct that a white male who grew up with all the advantages of a upper middle class upbringing and the "correct" color of skin cannot claim to be a victim, he can if there's something wrong with him.

Welcome to the world of fake mental illness.

I wasn't able to connect the dots on this one until two seemingly unrelated events occurred in my little online media empire in close proximity to each other. But once they did, and once I connected the dots, not only was it painfully obvious what was really happening, but it was enraging as to just what level of sloth, laziness, cowardice, and

parasitism these humans had degraded to.

The first one was when my e-mail started lighting up with readers and viewers saying the "Amazing" Atheist had done a response video on my video about fake mental illness. He (and thousands of his followers) were very much enraged that I dared to say I was sick of all the fake kids claiming they had "ADD," ADHD," "Aspergers," and lord knows whatever the latest flavor of made up psychoses the American Psychiatric Association, the public schools, and Big Pharma were concocting. But despite these diseases obviously being overdiagnosed and despite legitimate concern about their veracity, the fact I dared to say they were people falsely claiming they had these diseases threw the 660,000 strong Amazing Atheist community into a tizzy.

True to their self-proclaimed form, they went psycho.

Death threats.
Incoherent tirades of cursing and threats.
"Cut your balls off and shove it down your throat."
Even the host (a 6'7" hybrid "bully-nerd") bravely said he'd kick my 5'9" ass if he ever saw me in public.

But for all the saber-rattling and indignation, I failed to realize what was going on. I thought I had just pissed off a community of basement-dwelling nerds, was somewhat shocked a guy like the Amazing Atheist had the following he did, but in the end said "Meh, oh well, time to go write a book."

It wasn't until the second event did I see clearly what was going on. This event had a similar origin and pathology.

I once again made a video.
The video was questioning about many men who claimed to be MGTOW's (Men Going Their Own Way) were men who were too cowardly or lazy to try to date girls in the first place and opted instead to claim to be "MGTOW" when in reality they were just afraid of rejection and failure. In short they really weren't truly independent minded men who consciously chose to "go their own way," but were cowards who either didn't have a choice or never tried in the first place, and abused the MGTOW concept as an excuse.

And, like the fury from the Amazing Atheist cult, the backlash I received was equally vocal and ferocious.

"Kick your ass."
I'm a pussy.
I don't own MGTOW
How dare you "X, Y, and Z"

etc. etc.

However, unlike the Amazing Atheist community (which I largely ignored and just quietly accepted his traffic) because I was closer to the MGTOW community, I went and attempted to defend myself. And this proved to be the key, the link between the two groups that opened my eyes to what was really happening.

In nearly ALL of the debates, discussions, and arguments I had, NOT ONE person was intellectually honest, listened to or digested what I said, purposely took things out of context, even outright lied about what I said. It soon dawned on me I was not arguing with mentally sane, mature adults, interested in advancing a discussion or figuring out reality, but rather people who had mental problems and lived in a delusional world. And the reason for their passion and blind rage over what I had stated was that it assailed the one mental lie they told themselves to keep themselves sane. It shined a light onto their hypocrisy. It forced a mirror in their face and told them the truth.

And nothing pisses off delusional people like the truth.

It took a while, but within a week of (futilely) battling it out on discussion boards and receiving concurrent residual hate-mail from the Amazing Atheist crowd, I put it together. The butt-hurt, enraged poser-MGTOW community was the opposite side of the same coin as the hate-mailing, Amazing Atheist community and the copper-nickel-clad they shared in this coin was...

mental illness.

Think of it this way.

Say you are a white person who grew up in the suburbs. You've had every advantage handed to you. But, like all other humans, you have an aversion and distaste for work and labor. Nothing wrong with that. Laziness was a great calorie-saving survival strategy for 2 million years of humankind's existence. But thanks to western civilization, technology, and economics laziness and sloth are an outdated and obsoleted survival strategy. You need to work no matter what your aversion to it.

However, for some groups of people (specifically anybody not "white" or "male") politicians have fed them an outright lie of victimization to protect their egos and get them work-free money, all in exchange for their votes. However, the human brain is not dumb. And either consciously or unconsciously, "privileged" white kids and their SWPL parents started to realize that they/their children were not "victims." Matter of fact, they'd by logical default become the hosts to parasites. You combine this subconscious premise with the innate human aversion to work and the ego and pride that comes with modern day Americans, and there's a pressure, if not full-blown race to become a victim.

But left with no physical trait that would visually make them a distinguishable victim, an entire generation of weak-ass Millennials raised by equally pathetic Gen-X parents went SCRAMBLING to find a flaw. To find a disability. To a find a weakness that would also grant their children the much-coveted "victim status" and all the excuses from being a responsible, reliable, self-supporting adult (not to mention all of the socialist financial perks).

Enter fake (or at least) overly-diagnosed BS mental illnesses.

ADD
ADHD
Civilian PSTD
Dyslexia
Aspergers
Thighdogs
and
Cheekfillets

And thus what we have today and the "fad" of either claiming you have a disability or your dumbass child does.

Of course, this merely addresses the financial incentives humans have to play the victimhood game and attain some kind, any kind of "victim status." Claim you're a victim, claim your oppressed, have society lower standards for you and sometimes just give you free money. But what it doesn't address is the emotional, violent, angry, and hate-filled reaction you get for daring to point this scam out. If a thief is a thief, at least he admits it, takes the money, and doesn't care. But if you point it out to the Professional Victims they get more enraged at being accused of being a thief than Hans Gruber.

Enter ego.

Understand people who play the victim game (who are indeed not genuinely "disabled," suffer from a real mental illness, or have anything wrong with them) are parasites. And parasites, by definition have no core, no purpose, no value, and no agency. Thus, with nothing of real and genuine value, they instead double down on the only thing that defines them - their fake victimhood status - and wear it like a badge of honor.

You see this in the real world a lot.

People who instead of defining themselves by their trade or profession tell you they're a "pan-sexual, transgendered, dyslexic" (no doubt getting their "masters in Gender Studies.")

The high school kid that within 3 minutes of conversation cannot help but force into the conversation they are dyslexic or suffer from ADD.

The parents who almost say with pride that their child suffers from some mental disease or another (but still reads at a 7th grade level, despite being in the 4th grade).

And it's the only way I can think of somebody unmentionable like the Amazing Atheist garnering 660,000 followers.

But if you dare come out of left field and call BS on them, claiming it's all an elaborate ruse to avoid work and the rigors of the real world, you not only take away, but destroy the ONE and ONLY thing they have in their lives (no matter how much of a lie it is). You destroyed their core. you destroyed their religion.

And thus the violent reaction.

Violent reaction or not, however, we need to be very clear what is happening in society and the US. Weaker minded people, who eschew work and the rigors of the real world are cowardly scrambling to find any reason, any excuse to do so. Vile leftist politicians have already capitalized on dividing the country across racial, sexual, gender, and religious lines, typically pitting all groups against the convenient bogeyman of "the White Male." But do not think this has anything to do with race, sex, or sexual preference. It is a HUMAN trait, a default setting to be lazy. And ALL humans will be tempted to scramble and find a "weakness," a "disability" and play the victim as long as there's money and the avoidance of work in it.

White kids in the suburbs capitalizing on having a "mental disability" is merely the latest poison in this trend.

Enjoy the decline!

End College Degrees, Institute Certifications

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I received a rather helpful list of IT certifications that provide efficient, self-respecting people a great alternative to the scam that is becoming known as "college education." Certainly, some degrees still have merit, but if you are a logical, self-respecting person who just refuses to be scammed for 2 years of liberal art pre-reqs that have nothing to do with your major, and would prefer to get working instead of indoctrinated, then this list may be of benefit to you. The reader's e-mail is below, following a link to the certification list (in PDF file format on my Box account):

Dear Aaron,

Please find attached an article which is a comprehensive listing of IT certifications. I would imagine different authorities would re-arrange the list somewhat, but it gives a good overall picture. I attended a private-sector IT training school called 'MyComputerCareer' and those who were dedicated students made it work for them, gaining at least a couple entry-level IT certificates and an entry-level job. I managed to get four of the 'Microsoft Technology Associate' certificates (the four in the infrastructure track), and the MTA exams are strictly for entry-level familiarization. In the opinion of one instructor, they are primarily for the first 12-18 months of IT-related employment, and there is little need to pursue more of them after that point. Also, the program centered around the A+ and the Network+ certs, which are both offered by the CompTIA organization (Computer Tech Industry Association). They are both 'generalist' certificates, and are frequently referred to in tandem. I think you had mentioned this: anyone who asks for specific advice, this is obviously a field where independent study goes a long way. Personally, I cannot see an 'Associates in Applied Science' (A.A.S. degree) being a necessity. Proficiency with the needed skills seems to be more compelling. I cannot clearly see an A.A.S. being compelling resume material, unless it leads the way to a bachelor's degree in a related subject (but then there are higher level certs. where those who start in their early 20s can be earning close to 200K per year by their late thirties, and they do not involve having a bachelor's degree). 'MyComputerCareer' provides its graduates with a 'certificate of completion' which has limited utility. The school has limited name recognition, and thus the certs are that much more important. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks for getting the word out!
regards,
XXXXX,

List found here.

(the list was somewhat cumbersome to copy and paste the text so I thought it easier to just link to it. There is also additional information included about each certification that

may be of use to you).

Alex Looking to Hire Cappy Cappites

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Howdy All,

Alex over at Academic Composition is looking for some sales people to load up want ads on Craigs List. Not the most exciting work, but can be done from home and it can pay some bills. See the details below:

"Want to earn a little extra money on the side working from home? All you need to do is put up ads on Craigslist, you'll make 5 bucks for each person who'll respond to your ad. You'll also make a buck for each day your ad stays live on the forum. No, this isn't one of those "get rich quick" scams, but it is a reliable way to earn anywhere from $50 to $200 per week in less than half hour of work. The college semester is just starting out and lots of students will be looking for people to write papers for them, so it's certain that you'll be able to generate plenty of leads every week. Contact Alex at academiccomposition@gmail.com and he'll get you started. "

"Austerity" - It's Greek to Me!

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Austerity in both the dictionary and in real world economics means cutting government spending so you run a surplus, usually in order to pay down or at least stem ballooning government debts.

However, "austerity" has a different meaning to communists, socialists, leftists, democrats and other varied sorts of the same Marxist political spectrum - "bloody murder."

Had you been paying attention to Greece (or even some of the lefter leaning parties in the western world) an orchestrated, purposeful, and intentional assault has been made on the word "austerity." The left (as they like to do with many other words) has targeted the word "austerity" and now intend to redefine it and villainize it so a lemming-like population of sheeple will vote against it, no matter how necessary and required it is. And so like "anti-biotics" or "emergency heart surgery" or "CPR," the left (at least in Greece) has managed to avoid taking it's much necessary medicine by making the word "austerity" a pejorative.

But was what Greece was going through really "austerity?" Did the government "tighten it's belt," run surpluses, and give a much needed, reality based, come to Jesus meeting, rah-rah pep talk to its citizens about knuckling down, doing their share "so we can get through this and see the dawn of tomorrow?"

Ha!

Like all leftists you are nearly guaranteed that what comes out of their mouths is 100% false.

First, the Greek government came nowhere close to running a surplus. Deficits as a percentage of GDP are still laughably in double digits which, for normal countries, could indicate they were engaged in a war.

Greece Government budget deficit

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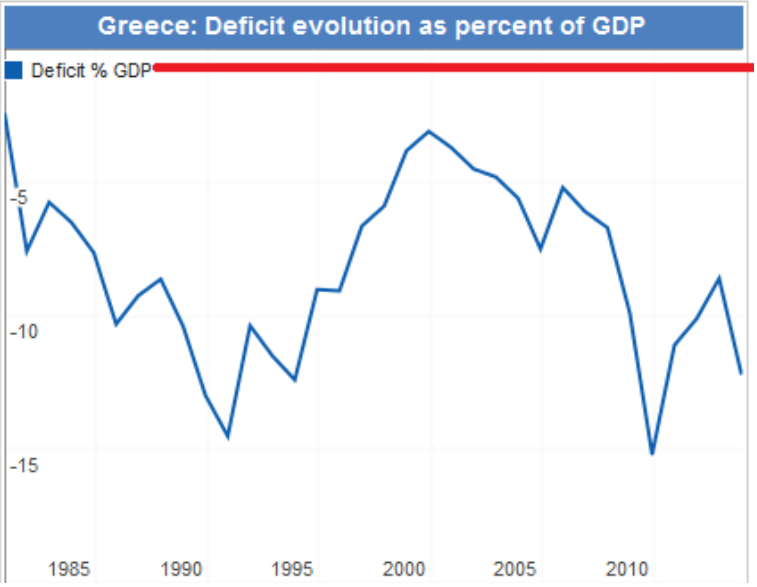
‹ Ghana Government budget deficit up Grenada Government budget deficit ›

Greece: Deficit evolution

	Millions $	% GDP
2013	-7,659 $	-12.20%
2012	-15,825 $	-8.60%
2011	-27,958 $	-10.10%
2010	-32,444 $	-11.10%
2009	-50,359 $	-15.20%
2008	-34,095 $	-9.90%
2007	-20,823 $	-6.70%
2006	-16,351 $	-6.10%
2005	-13,560 $	-5.20%
2004	-17,108 $	-7.50%
2003	-11,144 $	-5.60%
2002	-7,225 $	-4.80%



Second, leftists always looking for an excuse will muster their almightiest of mathematics and make the 4th grade level observation that it could have been REVENUES that were decreasing faster than spending. Really?

Admittedly the chart is missing its past two years (thanks for being on top of that one OECD!), but let's not kid ourselves. Greek deficits were NOT caused by a revenue problem, they were caused by a spending problem.

And finally, as the leftists are against the ropes, painted into a corner by reality and facts, we can reliably predict their next move because it's the same damn move they've always made before. They're going to blame government spending on the always reliable, always evil "corporate tax breaks," "military spending," and "give aways for the rich."

However, unfortunately this is not America, and (as is always the case with leftists) it's not true. The Greek budget (which is actually quite difficult to come by) shows what those of us who insist on being informed already know. The majority of the spending binge went to darlings of leftist spending.

The budget is rather lengthy and detailed, but if you look at table 3.18 you'll notice three things.

1. If you add up all the leftist/socialist/social programs, for 2014 they add up to 66 out of the 88 billion Euro budget. This is roughly 75% of the budget. Not "defense spending." Not "money to rich people." Leftist, socialist programs are the primary cause of the country's financial woes.

2. There are some issues with the "general state expenditure," since it accounts for 37 billion Euro. But since the states do not have defense, etc., I am assuming the majority of that money as well goes to leftist social programs.

3. Government employees. Even if you don't look at the functional purposes of each budgetary group, each group has a shockingly high percentage of their expenses going to "salaries and pension." Indicating AGAIN a leftist, socialist preference to overpay government employees.

In the end, I am fully aware that none of these charts is going to convince a single leftist, let alone the professional activist parasite who's avoided a real job all his life (like our president) who is now the Prime Minister of Greece. But that is not the point of this post.

It is to point out that these people are delusional. They literally have a mental problem and that is the inability to live in the real world. However, unlike other instances where there is a working class or a productive class to bail them out, thereby keeping the delusion up, Greece does not have that. It is at the mercy of the EU. And this will be one of the first (of what I predict to be several more) instances where socialists and leftists will be told "no" and for the first time in their lives face the economic reality that you can't have a society of "professional activists," "teachers," "professors," "government workers," and other parasites because in the end they produce absolutely nothing of real

economic value.

And we, my friends, are going to have a front row seat to watch these communists explode with cognitive dissonance.

Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

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Howdy All!

A young man is starting a funding campaign for a fanfiction website wherein (if I understand this correctly) fans help participate in creating works of fiction (books, video, comics, webcomics) etc. He is in the beginning stages and needs money for setting up the website, servers, other IT stuff, as well as spreading the word and getting some talent and fans.

The reason you may be interested is the theme of the site which is Anti-SJW.

I know a lot of Red-Pillers, freedom lovers, capitalists, Manospherians, and other sorts of people are out there and this is a way to fight back against the SJW's as well as maybe exhibit your artistic flair.

Again, he's only at the fund raising stage of this project. But if you wanted to help fund him AND get in contact about potentially become a contributor to his site visit his fund raising site here.

Thanks

Cappy

Some Saturday Linkage

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I predict suicide will continue to increase and I also predict life expectancy increases will start to slow, perhaps even decline for men within our lifetimes.

Men will find agency and purpose in their lives. Even if it means finding it in video games.

The Man of "DT and The Man" is forced to go to diversity training. I will simply say this - if you have a mortgage or debt or a car loan, then you need to suffer this blatant leftist, anti-white male hatred. If you don't, then you can tell your employer to FOAD if they dare to force you to attend this propaganda.

This is a house I could live in.

Understanding the Economic Concept of "Wealth"

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"Wealth" or being "wealthy" is well understood by most people in society. We know "wealth" when we see it. We all know we want to be "wealthy." But when it comes to having a thorough and fundamental economic understanding of wealth, most people (even economists) fail. The reasons are many, but most people just don't have the time or intellectual desire to fully think through "wealth." However, if you take the time to do, not only do you drastically improve your understanding of economics, but you also dramatically increase your chances of being happy. And that, ultimately, is the point and purpose of economics and life.

The first "stage" or level of understanding of wealth people have is money. I remember a friend of mine and I in college walking across campus on a blustery fall day. The wind was blowing and somewhere upwind somebody must have dropped some cash because soon $1 and $5 bills were blowing right across our feet.

For a nanosecond we were stunned because, well..."there's money blowing across our feet." But soon our innate, human instincts kicked in and we were scrambling to grab as much cash as we can, pushing each other out of the way in a spirited friendly competition of enrichment. After grabbing all we could see we were each about $15 "wealthier," but what I remember most about it was the IMMEDIATE and RAPID genetic response we both had to chase and push each other over bits of green colored paper.

The question is why were we so excited about paper?

Obviously it wasn't the paper as much as it was the stuff the paper could buy. And if we could grab that money it would allow us to buy stuff that would directly help support and enhance our lives. And this is the second "stage" of people's understanding of wealth. It's not about the money. It's about the stuff.

This is a key epiphany to have because what you realize is that economics is not about the "money" a nation prints. It's about how much stuff it can produce. This is why, again, Adam Smith wrote "The Wealth of Nations" not the "Money of Nations."

However, what precisely is stuff? Yes it is goods and services that can be used to help extend, maintain, and enhance your life, but does just having more "stuff" necessarily make you wealthy?

Well, yes and no.

Everybody needs a certain amount of "stuff" to survive. We all need a certain amount of

food. We all need a certain amount and quality of shelter. And we all need a certain amount of clothing. But for the vast majority of mankind's 2 million year existence on this planet just scrounging up this basic level of "stuff" was incredibly challenging. Again, it was no more than 300 years ago that hunger was the number on thing humans were battling against for survival. Thus it is very much hard-wired into our brains to scrounge and consume as much stuff as possible for survival (which is why dogs will not stop eating just as humans won't either and we have an obesity problem despite the "food" problem being solved). Ergo, human's drive to be wealthy is not so much about the stuff itself but to have the peace of mind, sense of security, and psychological benefit that comes with being wealthy. i.e. - you never have to worry about starvation, survival, shelter, or work again (notice how immediate and happy people are when they win the lottery).

Now, in a literally sense to be wealthy, this would mean you would have to store up all the food you're going to eat, have a house you will live in forever, and have all the other material items and "stuffs" collected at some massive depot. Then, slowly, but surely, you'd eat through these resources, dying fat and happy.

But "stuff" doesn't work that way. Food rots. Milk spoils. Even houses deteriorate and collapse without maintenance. So how does one get wealthy without owning that actual stuff?

Well, welcome to the third stage. Time.

At first you'd be tempted to say, "well I would just store all my wealth in the form of money to purchase future stuff!" And this is true. You could store your wealth in the form of money in a bank account, silver or gold in a vault, or some other form of economic medium that stores your wealth.

But (bar winning the lottery) how did you get so wealthy in the first place? Where does this "wealth," the ability to buy future stuff (and so much of it you don't have to worry about it anymore) come from?

Well, the answer is time.

Again, barring winning the lottery or inheriting wealth, you have to understand what wealth really is and what its origins truly are. For while wealth is just "a lot of stuff" stuff at its "economic-atomic level" is created with human time.

I've mentioned this before in several of my books because the concept is so important, but everything you see around you ONLY exists in its current form because human time went into it. The computer you are reading this on right now was sand, metals, and minerals in the ground. And that sand, metal and minerals would remain there had it not been for humans to dig them up out of the ground, refine them, and then assemble them

into this computer. The walls and sheet rock in the room you are currently in would still be timber and rock somewhere had it not been for humans who cut, hauled, and built the building around you.

In other words, yes, stuff is the true source of wealth, but stuff does not exist unless humans exchange their time turning raw materials into usable, consumable stuffs.

Thus, when we look at this or any other economy, it is no so much various tradesmen and specialists exchanging their wares, products and services as much as it is an exchange of time. I will give up my time producing a car in exchange for money. This money will allow me NOT to buy groceries, but rather to pay for the time of the thousands of people involved in producing groceries.

This then puts the onus and origins of wealth in the only place it can be - your time. Specifically, how valuable is your time relative to other people whose time you are going to exchange yours for.

If you are going to become an "English major" or an "aspiring rap artist" or a "professional activist" let us be very clear what you are saying. You are saying,

"*My time is worthless. One minute of my time has little to no value because nobody will exchange one minute of their time executing their profession for me executing mine.*"

HOwever, if you were to become a doctor, an engineer, a pharmacist, or a tradesman you are saying,

"*My time has value. One minute of my time will command MULTIPLE minutes of other peoples' because my trade, my skill is that much more difficult, specialized, and in demand.*"

And it is this disparity, this difference, this deficit between how many minutes of other people's time you can command with a mere minute of yours that builds wealth.

This is why the "Masters in Pansexual Horned Frog 19th Century Literature Studies" makes $9 an hour serving fries to an electrician who makes $50 hour wiring the house of a surgeon who charges $90,000 for 5 hours of open heart surgery. However, don't think of it in terms of "dollars per hour" think of it in terms of "minutes of a skilled person per minutes of an unskilled person."

If I do the math right, just ONE MINUTE of the surgeon above can command 2,000 minutes of the Pansexual Horned Frog Literature major. And since it is human time that ultimately makes all stuff, you can see with such an huge ratio how skilled people can accumulate and command such wealth.

This, technically explains to the atomic level what wealth really is and where it comes from. However, this is only on an economics level. There is one final stage to truly understand wealth, and this also involves time.

Understand there is a law of diminishing returns to wealth. That once you get enough of it, you derive less and less benefit from it. So when Bill Gates made his first billion, no doubt he was very happy. But what about the next billion? And the next billion? And that one after that? For all practical purposes the "first" billion took care of most of his material needs, desires, and wants. But as fun and awesome it is to have lots of "stuff," stuff is not the most important or sought after item in the world.

It's other people. Specifically their time.

Yes, you can command people through money and the labor market to give you 4 minutes of their time in exchange for 1 of yours. But they are working for you and in the end are giving you the finished product of "stuff." But what humans truly value is the time and company of other people who do not give them a "product" or a thing in the end, but companionship, love, friendship, and intellectual stimulation. It is (again) why playing video games is fun, but playing against your friends online is even better. Going to a movie is great, but watching it with friends is better.

In other words the ultimate form of wealth is other people WILLINGLY deciding to spend a percentage of their finite and dwindling lives hanging out with you. Not in the expectation there will be "stuff" at the end, but simply because they want to.

This then changes the focus of wealth from "skilling up" or "leveling up" so your time is more precious than other people's time in the labor market, to that of being a good and enjoyable person. A good and enjoyable person that people willingly spend their time on.

Are you honorable?
Are you honest?
Do you speak the truth?
Are you interesting?
Are you funny?
Are you selfless?
Are you altruistic?
Do you have standards?
Do you have ethics?
Are you charming?
Are you entertaining?
Are you interesting?
And are you humble?

In other words, to be truly wealthy you need to command other people's time in two different ways. One, economically so you can accumulate enough wealth all your material needs are taken care of. But, two, socially so other humans willingly spend time with you and you have good social, familial and romantic lives.

This final "stage" or epiphany is arguably the most important economic lesson humans need to learn. Because once realized not only does it makes people happier, but it has a drastic and amazing effect on your personal finances. For once you realize that true wealth comes from friends, family, and loved ones, your need to make a ton of money for material wealth disappears, or at least is severely lessened to a minimalist level. And if all 315 million Americans realized this, imagine what would happen to our finances.

Nobody would be borrowing money to buy a fancy car they can't afford to impress people.
Nobody would be buying designer jeans or bags to impress people they hate.
Nobody would be slaving away to pay for a mortgage on a McMansion next to the Joneses.

Nearly all consumer and personal debt would be wiped out (or severely lessened), people would adequately save for retirement, and a level of sanity and economic knowledge would pervade the entire population that no doubt would lead to a much more stable, brighter, and happier economic future.

But something tells me more people will tune into Kim Kardashian's derriere than read this article.

Oh well, enjoy the decline!

IBM Baby Boomers Actually Get It

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I didn't believe it when I saw it, but there is ONE company and ONE group of baby boomers who know how profitable it can be to get rid of all that damn office space and allow your employees to telecommute;

IBM.

Read to the part where they gained $1.9 billion when they sold their unneeded office space.

What savvy, charming, handsome, and clairvoyant economist, gifted with SAEG(TM) no less, saw this coming years ago?

Hint - it's not Janet Yellen.

Durrr, I'm a Libral Arts Majer!

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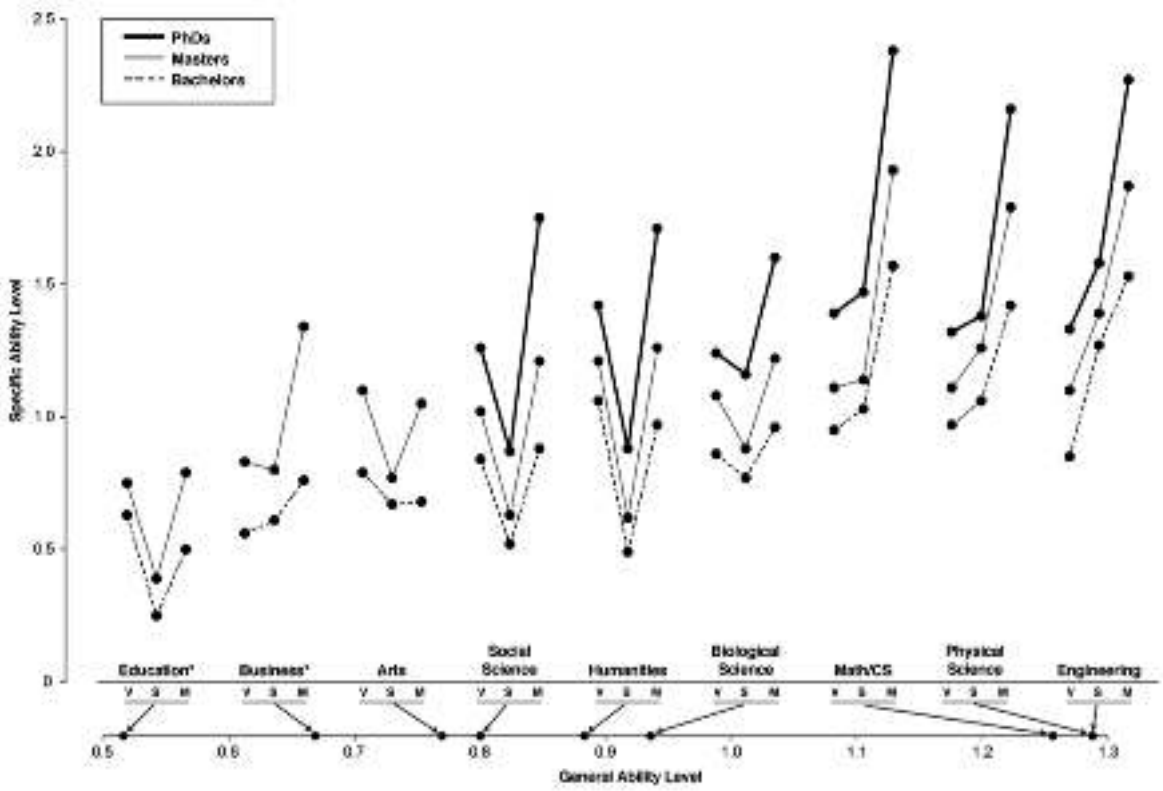
Facts! Gotta love me some facts!

Also no surprise the business majors are bottom barrel too.



The $10 Billion Blackmailing of the Democrat Party

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100% serious. You can make it more serious by buying copies for your fellow black male friends.

Your Taxes 2015

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As our prodigal son returns (because, well, he has to because it's his nature), Child Elkins returns with his 2015 Tax Guide.

It's tax season folks, and whether you're an individual or a corporation or a self employed contractor, it pays to pay for Elkin's guide.

You can find it here and make money on this purchase because the price you pay will more than adequately pay for the price you paid in tax savings.

So stop screwing around thinking you know better trying to read all those damn IRS rules and regulations. Just buy Chad's guide already!

Cover's Done!

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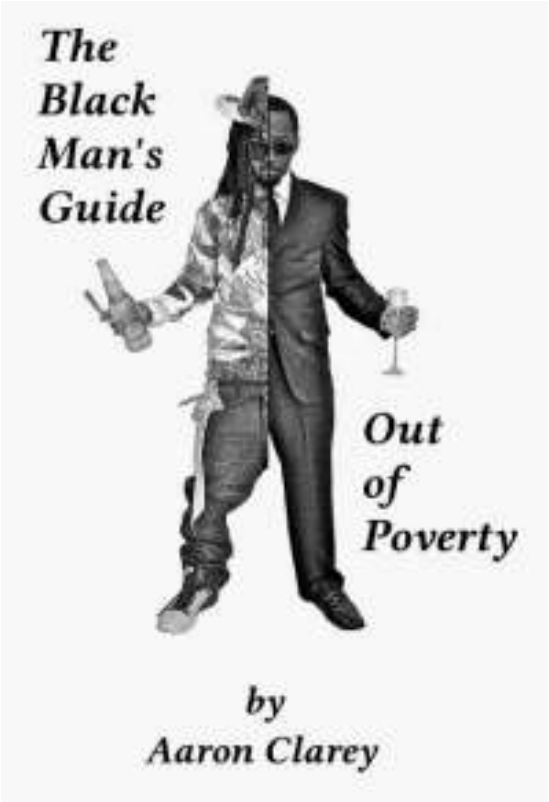
Still waiting on my $14.4 billion from the Democrat party and Amazon to finalize the book. In the meantime, here's the cover. The model is also the photographer and he did a hell of a job.



What Single Parents Should Say

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I made this comment and realized that it is more profound than I originally thought:

I've never seen, "I'm sorry to my children and I humbly thank all the people who are paying extra taxes and sacrificing extra parts of their lives to afford me and my children a better life. I will dedicate my life to pay you back."

Never. Never.

Always, "you owe me more" "don't judge me" "you don't know what I've gone through."

Fuck 'em. Not even their children will visit them in the nursing home. Their best friend will be a government check. They wasted their lives. Let them suffer it.

Thursday Night Linkage

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A hottie redheaded wifey explains how to avoid Valentine's Day. I wasn't really paying attention to what she said.

"Journalism" was never a real profession to begin with. I think the baby boomer infested MSM proved that and removed it far far away from being the "4th branch of government." But hey, you get your Masters in Journalism all you want. Real people will just start blogs.

Before you become a mechanic.

Your funny ha ha for the day.

" I Like to Travel, Tee Hee!"

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"Lousy Western medicine and their lousy culture and all their damn patriarchy! I'll show them!!!"

You sure did sweetheart. You sure did.

How Laziness Explains Everything About Politics

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Breaking it down for ye'all

Sunday Linkage

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This is another reason the US dollar has maintained its reserve status.

"Feminist Choir" proves my law that laziness drives all of leftism.

Affirmative action on parade. I shall not attend.

Why Corporate America is not your friend either.

QOTD - "*Envy drives leftism. The beautiful, never claim EQUALITY with ugly people. Intelligent people do not claim equality with dumb people. Equality is only claimed by those who feel inferior.*"

I would merely add "are inferior."

Dear Seattle, This Is Your Future

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You socialists are so dumb.

Stupid Americans Not Playing Keynesian Ball

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Given the largest stimulus post WWII, many-a-Keynesians are (secretly) very upset their academic and government economics models are no longer working.

Never mind economics isn't a real study in the first place.
Never mind their flagship economic model (Keynesianism) is based on data only going back to 1947.
Never mind their Lord and Savior (John Maynard Keynes) explained ONE economic phenomenon in his life (the Great Depression)
And never mind every "great" contemporary economist today has failed in their job to get the economy going.

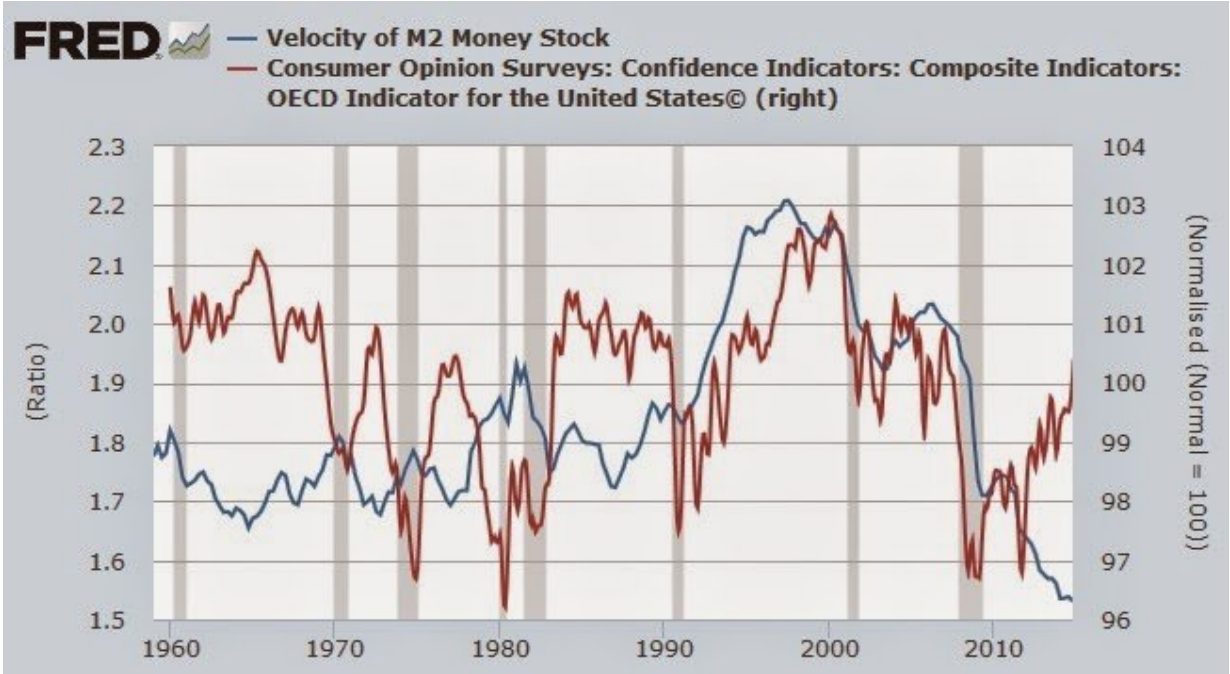
No, we're just going to sit and pout and (scramble) to find/concoct reasons our economic models aren't working and the economy is remaining stagnant despite trillions in stimulus spending.

But while they live-up to the phrase "those who can't do teach or work for the government," real economists are going to try to rationally explain why, despite trillions of dollars in stimulus spending, US economy growth is stagnating.

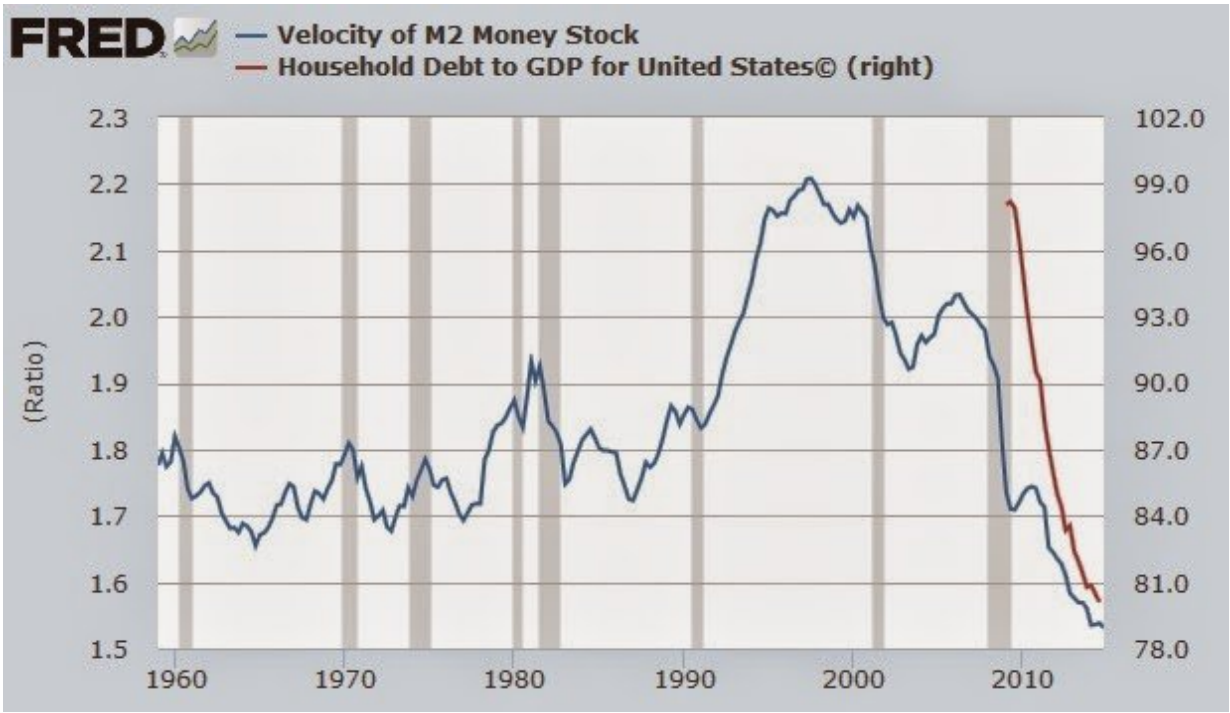
Enter - "Animal Spirits."

Animal Spirits is an economic term that is used to describe humans' natural "instinct" of sorts to capitalize on economic opportunities to (primarily) enrich themselves. And what is perplexing the ~~world's dumbest economists~~ Keynesians now is "Why aren't those gosh darn animal spirits resulting in more growth, investment, and spending!" We currently have relatively low taxes (if you use government revenues as a percent of GDP) and we also currently have relatively high spending (as a percent of GDP). And interest rates are at an all time low. So why aren't those people blowing their life savings on investments, opening up businesses, and buying consumer crap they don't need!?

Well, there's some problems. While many on the left will point to consumer confidence, the commensurate spending is just not materializing. THis has resulted in a divergence between confidence and the velocity of money (the rate at which a dollar is received and then respent).



But if we look at another chart, you start to see something that is really killing those ungrateful, disobedient Animal Spirits - debt.



(it should be noted the chart only has data going back to 2009, but generally correlates with the velocity figure. The US FRED database for some reason only goes back to 2009 and I'm too damn lazy to go hunting for the data)

You see, that whole housing crash has had a lengthy effect on people's memories and thus psychologies. Gen X was obliterated during the housing crash, having whatever

equity that may have been built up in their homes destroyed. And Gen Y is currently saddled with their student loans, not to mention the worst job market (for them) since the Great Depression, prohibiting them from spending money even if they wanted to.

The result?

Throw all the Keynesian stimulus you want at this population, it's been trained to become minimalists, eschew debt, and not play Keynesian ball.

The truth is that effectively two generations' faiths have been destroyed in their futures and the American dream. And when you take that away from any person, they have no real reason to mobilize as labor, let alone be foolish to start a business.

That sad truth for the charlatans posing as academian and government economists is that when your beloved leader does nothing to boost the economy and spews hatred against investment, success and private property (you didn't build that, not paying your fair share, 14% taxes on overseas profits, Obamacare) it scares away Animal Spirits no matter how much money you piss away on government deficits and no matter how low you set interest rates and no matter how much QE money you print.
You completely failed to instill ANY faith in the future of America, and worse, instead of painting a picture of a future America where success, profits, riches, and wealth are championed, you painted one where such things are criminalized and confiscated.

Your laziness, love for socialism, and envy of others has blinded you from practicality, effectiveness, and reality. And so you can print off all the money you want. Promise single mothers all the free housing you want. And make all the worthless community college degrees free to all 315 million Americans. None of this Keynesian poppycock will result in genuine confidence among the American people, especially the innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, and other non-parasitic classes who are your only hope of growing the economy. Ergo, you can expect that velocity of money to stay nice and low and perhaps while you're down there try to scrounge around for some other lofty, theoretical reason your grand, master economic theories are failing.

"The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty" NOW AVAILABLE!!!!!

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Happy day all! The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty is now available on paperback! Kindle will be following shortly when I get around to it tomorrow after recaulking the seams in my wood burning stove pipe that decided to start belching out smoke earlier this morning.

Cowardly, Lazy, and Typical, Communist Greeks

February 10, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Yep, this is not surprising at all. The ole "reparations" gambit.

Anything to avoid real work, eh Greeks?

The Extermination of the Individual

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Uncie Bern Bern delves into the sick and evil world of communist Russia.

Episode #81 The Clarey Podcast

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The symphonic scores of Spaghetti Westerns
Cappy's childhood memory of his backyard going on forever
The sad realization adventures have a limit and end
Where humans never set foot in America
Cappy refuses to pay a ticket in Switzerland
Cappy refuses to ever move to Switzerland
"Look it up in the dictionary" vs. "Google it"
Parents who'd rather read Danielle Steel that spend time with their kids
Allowing your dogs to piss in your house
Fan mail

AND MORE

in THIS CURSE-LADEN EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast.

The NPV of a College Degree

February 11, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Oh no! Maths!!!!!

Dating Problems of Men in the Bakken

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I received this Asshole Consulting request earlier this week and after I thought about it, the video warranted to be a post unto itself. The reason is not just because of the interesting dating dynamics that result from an environment where men out-populate women 10-1, but the 21 YEAR OLD kid who made the request is every woman's dream come true circa 1950 (makes six figures, owns his own house, got promoted, etc).

However, the tragedy is that it's not 1950. And what would have been a SUPREME catch back in the day, is eschewed by young women today as they are too busy chasing after their liberal arts majors and the commensurate poor careers that come along with it. Thus, the next time you hear a woman say, "Where have all the good men gone?" I want you to point them here:

Uh Oh! The Truth About Female and Male Professors!

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Brilliant little chart program here where you can type in a trait or word and see (based on major) whether men or women professors in those fields are described as such. It is based on RateMyProfessor.com and the data is just too funny and telling.

I've tried the follow search terms:

Entertaining
Funny
Pointless
Rambles
Fell Asleep

the best one, however is

hates men/hates women.

Also, do not just look at the sex ratio, also look at the difference between STEM and non-STEM.

And the Pretty Lies Continue

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Whatever dipshittery you aging women who blew your chances years ago have to tell yourself.

My favorite is how it's all about inner beauty....

but she still has to wear heels, eyelash extensions, and learn the "beauty pageant walk."

Enjoy the decline, ladies. Enjoy that decline.

Remember the Aggregators

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Sure, the aggregators send us traffic, but how often do you send back the love?

Viva La Manosphere
Delusion Damage
Manosphere 24/7
Libertarian Zebby
Instapundit

The Race Whore Industry Scared Stupid…Literally

February 12, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Everybody knew and warned me that in publishing The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty I would face a ton of backlash. To that I responded,

"*Tis Christmas, Theo. It's the time of miracles.*"

(Bonus points if you can guess the movie and connect the dots)

However, I didn't think the backlash would start so quickly and so STUPIDLY. Below, a fake review of my book by a fake account. I highlighted the date it was posted for a reason.

2 of 28 people found the following review helpful:

★☆☆☆☆ **A Narcissistic Waste Of Time**

By Wendelex Wallace on February 10, 2015

Where should I begin with this nonsensical attempt at guiding the black man out of poverty? I'll start with Clancy's flawed premise that all or most black men are actually impoverished. Sure, a disproportionate amount of us are mired in poverty, but there is a healthy and growing subset among us who are investment bankers, attorneys, and self made millionaires. It is us in this latter group that find the title both humorous and condescending at the same time.

Clancy also tends to underestimate the strong cultural pull away from success in many black male lives. If you grow up in a family, community, and culture which values social defiance and "keeping it real," a conscious decision to turn over a new leaf as a clean cut, polished, speaker of the Queen's English would earn you derision, scorn, and possibly even personal harm. It is easier said than done when the culture of defiance and hip hop is your world and the only one you have ever known. Aaron.

Finally, Aaron offers no clue how to handle delicate issues like finessing job related bigotry, bias, and hostility. Clancy has no clue how to manage encounters with law enforcement officers. Clancy has no clue how to use the civil legal process to redress concerns instead of resorting to violence.

While I think this is a well intentioned attempt to advise poor black men out of negative circumstances, Clancy's superficial understanding of the complex issues poor black men face make this more of an ego-boosting project for Clancy than a treatise on detailing how to break the cycles of poverty too many black men are born into.

That reason being I published The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty at around ***6PM February 9th*** and had sent out NO pre-published copies to anyone.

Either FedEx is super fast and this guy is a very fast reader, or he's just a pimp from the Race Whore industry, not to mention a genuine racist for trying to block a book that would help out a minority group.

It's very simple. If you want to strike back at this blatant racism and evil, you can buy The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty here or simply tell friends about it. They are scared and it's not even been out 72 hours yet.

Hellz Yes - Man from U.N.C.L.E.

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If you want to know why this is a great thing, you need to purchase this and then be as cool as me.

I should warn you though. Owning such a cool DVD series in an attache case has been known to make women misbehave themselves.

Debbie Turrentine and the Child Outsourcing Industry

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Debbie Turrentine is a 35 year day care veteran in the Springfield area. And she's upset! And the reason she's upset is because the State of Illinois is likely to ~~cut~~ not give as much money as they did last year to the Child Outsourcing Industry.

But what is the Child Outsourcing Industry you ask?
And why should we care?

Well young lieutenants, aspiring economists, and agents in the field, pour yourself a cocktail and let Uncie Cappy explain.

It all started long ago in the late 60's and early 70's when two variables or trends were taking place. One was the 2nd wave of feminism that was educating (then) young girls about independence, equality, and (for some of the more extreme elements) how they did not need a man. Women could do anything men could do. And not only could they do that, they could "Have It All" (TM) - a career, an education, a retirement, a husband, and children. Of course even though this was a trebling of the amount of work that would be required to technically have "everything," the number of hours sadly, did not treble. Which meant an increase in one of these "things" would necessitate a decrease in another.

The second thing was no-fault divorce. This allowed husbands and wives to divorce without there being any wrong doing by one of the parties. In other words, you could divorce for any reason. So frivolous could the reasons be, people often called it "frivorce." This resulted in a BOOM in divorce for the first generation to be married under it - the baby boomers. And just as Jackie Robinson made baseball a hallmark of black athletes, the baby boomer generation made divorce an Olympic event. Divorce rates skyrocketed to where 1 in 2 marriages ended in divorce, and worse, it now seems this "All American Pastime" has passed onto Gen X and Gen Y.

Now these two trends or "variables" at the time were likely well-intentioned. Why wouldn't you want women to have all the opportunities and successes of men? Who wouldn't want to have it all? And why ruin or even inconvenience your life if your marriage is no longer working? On the face of it, they seem very logical, even libertinely American. But sadly they were quite myopic. For there was one insy, winsy, teeny, weeny, nearly borderline microscopic problem.

Children.

For while the people at the time were very much focused on their own lives, they failed to account for what the two aforementioned variables would do to any would-be ~~mistakes~~ children that would have been brought into this ~~psychotic, dysfunctional, narcissistic environment~~ world.

You see, the problem with children is apparently they take not only resources but TIME as well. And to deal with these inconvenient parasites society, in nearly ALL parts of the world, naturally evolved a familial structure or system based on the division of labor.

ONE parent would work to earn the resources to support the family, while
ONE parent would stay at home and take care of the children.

This system worked for 2 million years, 3 billion if you include preceding evolutionary relatives of humans, and still works for the vast majority of mammals on the planet today. However, the people of the 60's and 70's were too busy focusing on themselves to have an ounce of foresight, selflessness, or just plain common sense about how this would affect children. And so the two aforementioned variables delivered a one-two punch to the families, but mainly children, of America.

By the mid to late 70's children were being brought up under broken homes. By the mid 80's any social shame in being a single parent was expunged. And today, it's gone so far that the nuclear family is mocked, while women turkey basting themselves are celebrated as "heroic." Never mind that children from single parents or broken homes do worse and suffer more on pretty much every other variables. Society was adhering to the two aforementioned variables and that trumped all.

But there was a problem, especially for the women.

Precisely how were they supposed to "have it all" with these damn parasites running around? Apparently, you can't just leave them to fend for themselves. They need to be tended to, taken care of, fed, and entertained. And what if there's no other spouse in the house? By golly, that just really throws an inconvenient crimp in one's career and social life, doesn't it?

But never fear, the Child Outsourcing Industry is here.

The Child Outsourcing Industry was originally just a loose network of grandparents, friends, families, and loved ones that would occasional watch over your inconvenient parasites should you and your spouse need a night out and a little adult time. In its undeveloped and unenlightened stage, it operated from the premise the people who brought the parasites into the world would be responsible for said parasites. However, such naivety and ignorance was quickly abolished as the desire for "women to have it all" and parents to get out of inconvenient marriages trumped the needs of their children.

And thus, over the past two decades the Child Outsourcing Industry went from mere baby sitters and grandparents to a multi-trillion dollar, government subsidized industry, full of professionals, social workers, and babysitters-posing-as-teachers who would take those nasty, disgusting parasites off of your hands, and raise your kids for you while you pursued a career and filed for divorce.

Of course, this industry does not come cheap.

With the job of parenting now outsourced to the state, the full cost and burden of rearing these unwanted parasites falls on the taxpayer.

Baby sitting masquerading as "daycare"
Baby sitting masquerading as "pre-school"
Baby sitting masquerading as "elementary school"
Baby sitting masquerading as "before/after school activities"

And shucks howdy, let's not forget all the other euphemistic ways the Debbie Turrentine's of the world help take care of your parasites

Special ed "teachers"
Social workers
Guidance counselors
Nutrition specialists
Community centers
Summer program coordinators
School lunch coordinators
School breakfast assistant diversity counselors

When you ad that up, by gosh that's some serious dough!

But thankfully in a very Keynesian way, this is a BLESSING, not a curse. For you see, people like Ms. Turrentine with their worthless liberal arts degrees in ~~"Baby Sitting"~~ "Education" or "Early Childhood Development" or "Social Work" would normally not be employed, for their degrees were more "hobbies" and easy ones that avoided math and practicality. But now they can find ~~ego~~ meaningful employment for their ~~worthless government make work job~~ profession. And they are only to happy to do so.

There is however, one slight, minor drawback.

In order to finance all of the Child Outsourcing Industry the taxpayers need to shell out around $2.5 trillion annually. This necessitates that BOTH parents work to pay the extra taxes needed for the Child Outsourcing Industry. Thankfully, women wanted to have it all, which means instead of suffering at home raising their own children, they are

enjoying a rich, rewarding life, hard at work being "equal to men," stuck in traffic, commuting 2 hours a day, working soul-sucking jobs, bucking for that promotion, kissing their boss' ass, and paying that much needed 50% tax rate (of course, don't let the fact the majority of women major in and pursue careers to merely raise the children of other women, and thus are still being mothers, making this whole industry redundant, kick you in the teeth).

So, as you see, Ms. Turrentine is right. If the taxpayers don't shell out more dough, some people may actually be FORCED to dirty their hands parenting their own parasites. Parents would have to look away from Narcissus' pool and contemplate such distasteful things like altruism, selflessness, compassion and love for their ~~children~~ parasites. And since we all know that men and women are entitled to "have it all," have the right to divorce at any time, and are the most important things in this world, it is vital the government step in and make sure something as inconvenient as children does not interrupt their perfection.

Enjoy that decline, people. Enjoy that freaking decline.

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Victor Borge Now Ennio Morricone

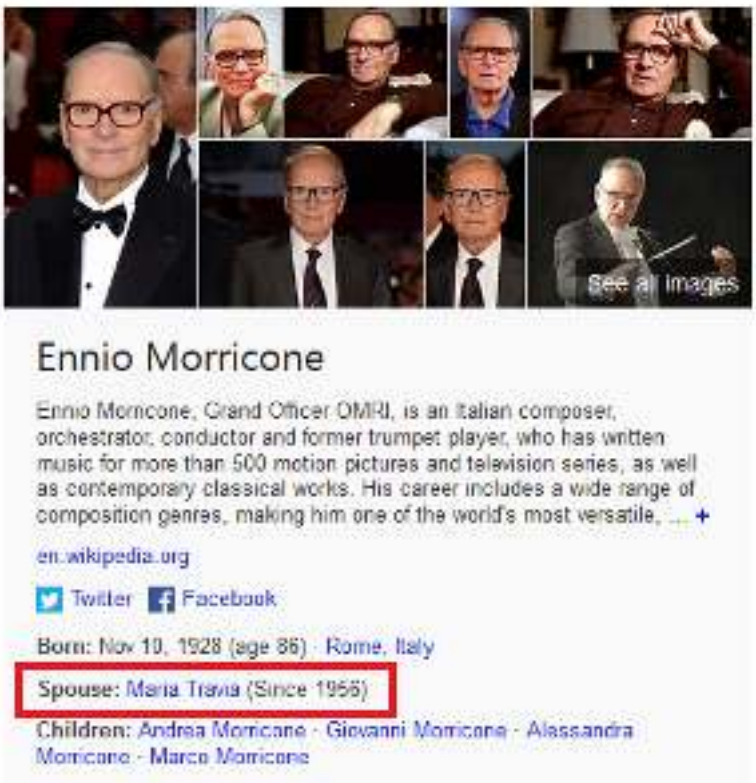
February 13, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I was talking with The Great Matt Baldoni about music. I often run my amateurish musical tastes past his to ensure that my ears do indeed have a good taste for good music and I'm not accidentally going pop. So when I confessed an appreciation for the Spaghetti Western's symphonic scores, specifically the works of Ennio Morricone, I was happy to know that not only did he highly approve, but that Mr. Morricone was still performing.

I thought the man was dead.

This upset me because there are still some stubborn greats that have given death the finger. Victor Borge was one of them, and I was fortunate enough to see him twice before he inevitably passed. But did you know Don Rickles is still alive? And so why not see Ennio Morricone? There are many truly great legends that still live and PERFORM to this day that we either assumed were dead, or our parents lacked the cultural tastes to inform us of their existence in the first place, leaving us to discover them on our own, only to assume they were dead.

Ennio's performances are relegated to Europe now. And though I generally loathe the continent, I do believe I am going to have to fly out there to see this great musician before he passes. Besides, he has the hallmark of a great man that very few modern day ones can match. And to that, I think we should get a rag tag band of Cappy Cappites to wear tuxedos and rendezvous to see this man perform at least once in our lives.



Things Liberal Arts Majors Can't Do

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Leave the awesome to the STEM, IT, and geek professionals.

PS - No liberal arts majors were hurt, nor used in the production of this video or any of the awesomeness you just witnessed.

Episode #82 The Clarey Podcast - Road Trip Edition

February 14, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I wont lie I recorded this podcast drunk and half of it was not up to my standards after listening to it sober. Ended up cutting out half of it. Regardless!

GWAR, KMFDM, Ministry, Revolting Cocks
Emulating people versus being yourself
Naive, idiot Cappy buying flowers for his dates in the 90's
Complete douche moves Cappy did as a youth
Ennio Morricone is still alive and we're all going to Europe
Fuck Switzerland
World's hottest flight attendants? Mexicana Air!

AND MORE!

In this road trip episode of The Clarey Podcast!

I will be road tripping for the next two weeks out west and to the south in celebration of my 40th birthday party. Posts and podcasts will depend on internet access and free time.

Outstanding

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From our Grunge Girl Agent in the Field.

Road Trip Linkage

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A ranger goes to college and runs into…hipsters.

You will never replace the nuclear family or a real life father. No matter how much money you throw at it.

Your first mistake was to assume non-profit people were there for anybody other than themselves.

Two crappy Minneapolis law schools merge into one big crappy law school.

Dalrock is kind enough to cite me in his post about how HR women view the hiring process like dating.

Why the Left Will Never Stop

February 17, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Language warning, but a true observation:

Misogynist MGTOW's

February 18, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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This won't be controversial at all (slight language warning):

Episode #84 National Parks Podcast Edition

February 19, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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In this surprisingly curse-free podcast:

Observations about the US National Park Service
"Retract the broom stick from my ass"
What Cappy would do if he went back to corporate America
The Priest, the Marine, and the Mountaineer Cappy hung out with in Denver
Cappy's just another, normal, guy
A dad gives up his high paying career to raise his daughter

AND MORE!!!

I Didn't Even Know the Oscars Were On

February 23, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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It's nice to see America is losing its tastes for watching Hollywood masturbate to itself.

Embracing the Suck Part 1

February 23, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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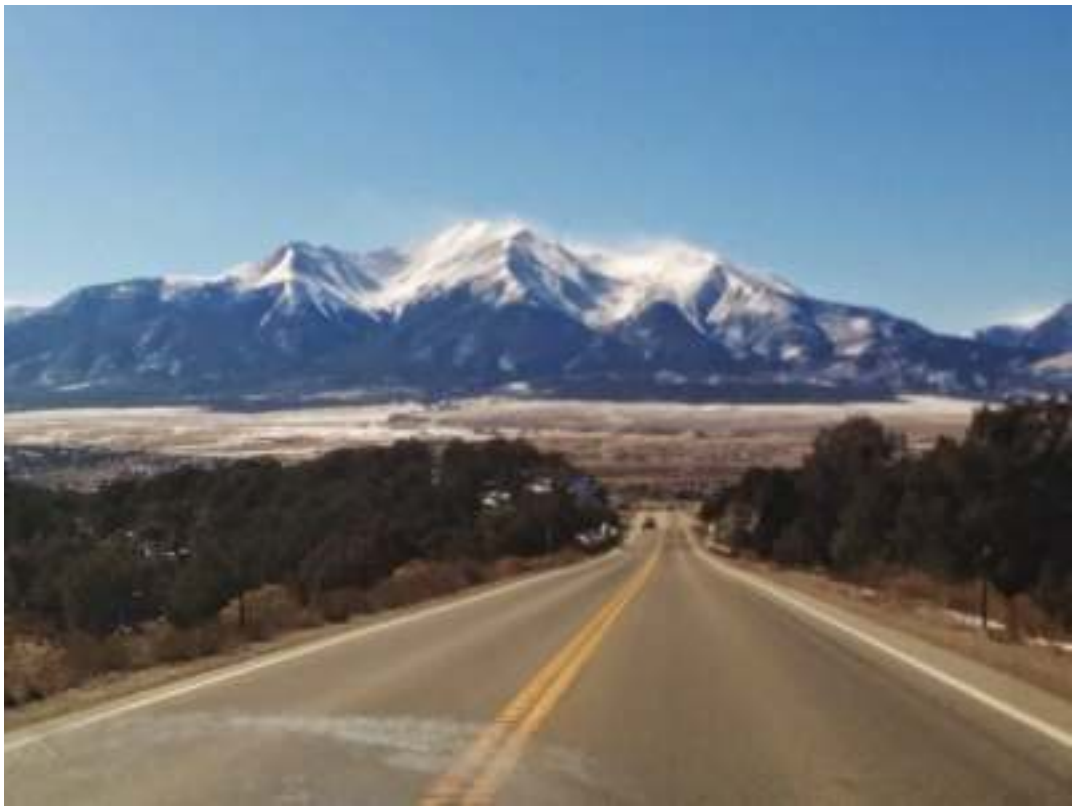
As many of you know it is my 40th birthday party and I rewarded myself for living this long with a 2 week trip out in the wild west. The first part was a trek to what (invariably) led to Las Vegas, but entailed exploring the southwest corner of Colorado. Specifically, visiting Mesa Verde national park and a wonderful hike though "The Canyon of the Ancients" which has similar Ute Indian dwellings from the 1100's. Just wanted to share some pics and prove to my loyal readers that I am not "goofing off" or "having fun," but am hard at work ensuing that I am as Cappy as I can possibly be.

However, I did want to explain one of the pictures below because it is pretty cool. It is the cemetery from a true western town that did exist called "Pahreah." Not only was it a real western town, it was also a movie studio location for various western shows, and a couple of movies. Not least of which was the final scene in "The Outlaw Josey Wales." I will simply make the statement that "adventure is out there" and all you have to do is leave your home to discover it.



Embrace the Suck Part 2

February 25, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

More pictures from this lousy life. These pictures include scenes from our hike in the Red Rocks state park, a hike down to the Colorado River from the Hoover dam, Cowboy Aurini who is taking well to his new Nevada home, me and the affable Sergeant Rumpie Fluffalo summiting Turtle Peak, and a trip out to the Valley of Fire north of Vegas.

Tonight's Bed Stand

February 25, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Simplicity of Capitalism and Freedom

February 27, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Some cursing:

A PhD In Gardening

February 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Honest to god. I thought it was:

1. A spoof
2. And if not a spoof, a bogus degree offered at a bogus school.

It's the University of Michigan.

Which I guess is now a bogus school.

Kansas Snow Storm Road Trip Linkage

February 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The costs of falling in love - payment one way I assure you.

And the bubble goes "POP!"

Isn't this the same MSM entity that purposely edited the audio to make Zimmerman sound racist?

When leftists try to "do economics." (note, she's ugly too!)

What, wait? WHO just did WHAT!!???

DT and the Man will keep me company on my trek back home. YOu should listen to them too.

Aurini opens business for his philosophy consulting venture "Aurini's Insights" Consider visiting him if you have a question about philosophy and everything Davis.

Episode #85 of The Clarey Podcast

March 1, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Why driving through an ice storm in Albuquerque is like Return of the Jedi
The ideas you come up with in Kansas
The "Those were good times" Joke
Shorter to look it up on Google
Venezuela's president blames the US for his screw ups
We'd, sadly, have to kill all North Koreans
What if Whites/Males/Jews/and other boogeymen actually committed the crimes they were accused of?

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

There's No Such Thing as Capital Gains

March 2, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Alex is Looking to Hire Again

March 3, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For anybody out there looking for a job (that admittedly is boring, but you can do it from a beach drinking rum and cokes) Alex at Academic Composition is looking to hire. Information is below:

Want to earn a little extra money on the side working from home? All you need to do is put up ads on Craigslist, you'll make 5 bucks for each person who'll respond to your ad. You'll also make a buck for each day your ad stays live on the forum. No, this isn't one of those "get rich quick" scams, but it is a reliable way to earn anywhere from $50 to $200 per week in less than half hour of work. We're now in the middle of mid-terms and lots of students will be looking for people to write papers for them, so it's certain that you'll be able to generate plenty of leads every week. Contact Alex at academiccomposition@gmail.com to get started If you reside in the United States, you will need to post in the CL sector allocated for the metropolitan area near you. If you reside in Canada, you will need to do likewise, but post on Kijiji instead. Please feel free to apply if you reside anywhere on the Continent, however, the following regions are the most likely to bring in the highest number of leads. 1. Los Angeles 2. Denver 3. Minneapolis 4. Vancouver 5. Dallas 6. Austin 7. Atlanta 8. Boston 9. DC 10. Toronto Aleksey Bashtavenko Academic Composition Owner & Principal Writer (540) 300-1253 academiccomposition@gmail.com www.academiccomposition.com www.linkedin.com/pub/aleksey-bashtavenko/25/7b8/323/

Helping Blacks is Now "Racist"

March 3, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I swear, the insanity political correctness has caused:

STD's - "Student Loan Debt"

March 4, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Remember to vaccinate your children against STD's. Buy them Worthless.

Gov. Mark Dayton Found to Be Stalking His Wife

March 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Gov. Mark Dayton is seeking a meeting "as soon as possible" with his wife about her decision to go out with her girlfriends Friday night without his knowledge.

Dayton told reporters Wednesday that he did not get advance warning about her going out as it is customary for his wife to inform him of everything she does, thinks, and says. He says he wants to hear directly from her about what she did, why she did, and who she was with.

In a statement, Mrs. Dayton said she looks forward to working with Mark and other Minnesota elected officials to inform them about her intentions and whereabouts last Friday.

Mrs. Dayton told friends Tuesday that she would "*do what she wanted because she is her own person and Mark did not own her as a slave*." Governor Mark Dayton called this display of self-ownership "*tragic.*"

Original article here.

My take on it here.

Were the Nazi's (the National SOCIALISTS) Socialist?

March 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I faced a problem.

I had found another one of those "universally known economic assumptions" that everybody assumes is true, but did not know for a fact whether or not it was. We all know these economic assumptions, and even we are guilty of assuming they're true every day:

Capitalism is the best economic system there is (proven true)
"The rich don't pay their fair share" (proven false)
"Sexism is causing the wage gap" (proven false), and
"Housing always goes up" (absolutely proven false)

However, this one was going to be a little bit harder to prove:

Whether the Nazis (the National SOCIALISTS) were indeed socialist.

The reason I was interested in proving this right/wrong is because it often surfaces when people are debating ideologies and many conservative/libertarian/freemarket types will point out that the "Nazis were socialist" in order to show that not all socialists are "nice" and that Hitler wasn't "right wing". However, it wasn't simply going to be a matter of going to the FRED database, pulling two data series, correlating them in Excel and then giving the proverbial statistical finger to the left. It was going to be more problematic.

First, I'll buy you a beer if you can find the actual Nazi's budget. And I'll buy you a chaser if you can find them going back to pre war Germany. AND I'll buy you a martini if you can get me their GNP/GDP figures!

They just don't seem to exist.

It's either been too long ago or the actual documents have been destroy or they're buried in some CIA warehouse next to the Ark of the Covenant. So I couldn't conclusively point at numbers and had to find some other means.

This brought up the second problem. Without actual budget figures, I had to rely on academic research. Unfortunately, this academic research largely focused on military spending and not non-military spending or the overall political-economic philosophy of the Nazi party. However, it did provide some great insight into what Hitler was "thinking" in terms of economics, as well as precise and specific actions the government took during pre-war and wartime Germany. Some of these actions included:

Price controls
Establishing a national labor group
Massive deficit spending (however no obvious data was available)
Massive public works (like our CCC, the autobahn, and other Keynesian things)
Rationing
Nationalizing industries
Banning large retail stores (though due to their primarily Jewish ownership)
Government issuance of securities rising to 90% of total securities issued (ie only 10% private sector)
And a corporate tax reaching 98%

All of these are obviously and blatantly socialist, and conservatives may think they've won the debate about whether the Nazis were socialist here. But you know the left and you know merely citing actions Nazis took is NOT going to convince them.

You need data.
You need charts.
You need irrefutable proof.

That's the only way to get leftists to stare blankly at your data, be speechless, then shrug their shoulders, dismiss your data, and call you a racist (which is the only form of victory you can get over leftists because they are so delusional they think they can never be wrong).

So inevitably, I knew I would have to find data. And after a solid hour of researching, I found two datasets, pre-war Germany, that though NOT GDP and the actual Nazi federal budgets, still allowed me to do a little bit of Algebra (that's "math" for you liberal arts majors) and come up with the precise numbers I was looking for:

Nazi military expenditure as a % of GDP

and

The pre-war budget of the Third Reich

When I put them together I could infer the dataset I universally use to determine whether or not a country is "socialist" or "capitalist."

Government spending as a % of GDP

	Military Expenses	Total Expenses	Non Military Expenditures	Military Spending % GDP	Implied GDP	Total Spending % GDP	Non Military Spending % GDP
1935	1.9	10.4	8.5	0.05	28.73	43.8%	35.8%
1936	4	12.8	8.8	0.13	30.79823077	41.6%	28.6%
1937	5.8	15.8	10	0.13	44.61538462	35.4%	22.4%
1938	8.2	20.1	11.9	0.17	48.23529412	41.7%	24.7%
1939	18.4	31.8	13.4	0.23	80	39.8%	16.8%

And when we look at the actual numbers we can conclusively say that the Nazis were indeed socialists.

Government spending as a percentage of GDP averaged around 40% pre-war. Additionally (at least in the beginning) 80% of the budget was spent on social programs, not the hallmark of an "evil, right wing, capitalist economy." And when combined with the blatant socialist moves of nationalization, government work projects, price controls, and other forms of government intervention it is very clear that the effective economic philosophy of the Nazis was socialism.

However, in intellectually honesty (as well as intellectual interest) there are some interesting observations that need to be pointed out.

One, there was not much time to witness or study Nazism's economic policy that wasn't obscured or masked by Hitler's war ambitions. Matter of fact nearly all of the academic research on "Nazi Economics" was about Hitler's drive for re-armament. Ergo, to see the default state of a "peace time Nazi economy" you maybe get that in 1935 before Hitler ramps up the military spending.

Two, the "Nazi miracle" (where Hitler gets Germany to full employment faster than any other western nation out of the Great Depression) is actually quite misleading. Yes GDP was growing at double digit rates. Yes, "full employment" was attained. But it was all due to an overly aggressive rearmament. So "overly aggressive" that actual standards of living decreased. The military took so much in terms of resources civilians had to suffer rationing, consume less consumer goods and in general sacrifice for the military. And this was NOT even during the war.

Three, ironically the same could be said about the US. Once we entered the war we essentially did what Nazi Germany did during pre-war. Build up our military at all costs. Food and fuel rationing. But in a Keynesian dream come true we "got that dem der GDP figure nice and high and got dat dem der employment rate to full" even though people will still sacrificing. About the only thing that could be said that was better in the US was that pre-war we were getting out of the depression by supplying the Europeans the materials they needed to kill each other. This once again shows the obfuscating effect war has on an economy making it difficult to discuss whether that economy is indeed "capitalist" or "socialist."

Finally, the father of Nazism himself, Hitler, actually didn't seem too interested in economics. He was not consistent in different economic stances, first claiming one thing, then contradicting in another. And though I did not read Mein Kampf, his overall effective actions (in my research) were to outsource the economics of Nazism to his financial leaders (Schacht, Funk, and Goering). Here (once again) the focus shifted almost immediately from rebuilding Germany to preparing it for war.

In the end, however, whatever Hitler's and the Nazi's ultimate philosophical economic aims were, the actions and numbers were effectively socialist. Certainly during "peacetime" and especially so during war (as military spending is still state spending, akin to North Korea). Thankfully, it is a theoretical debate about what a post-WWII Nazi economy would look like.

They're Only Human Afterall

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I would have guessed,

"Young men who put becoming heroes over finding something worthy of becoming heroic about" as to why young men become terrorists,

but sexual slaves makes just as much sense.

Socialists Wonder Why People Aren't Breeding

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Ug, the level of stupid in this is amazing.

Governments becoming more and more desperate to get younger people to breed ~~so they can have future slaves to fund their social security~~ eerrrr...."continue the culture and population."

Sorry socialists.

You let every other culture into our countries.
You CHEERED THEM ON and PREFERRED THEM TO OUR OWN
You pay parasites and punish producers
And good lord, don't even get me started about what your feminist division has done to men's desire to pro-create.

No, you created this problem and our future would be children will not be the solution to it. This is where the game ends and any (unfortunate enough children) born to socialist parents are the ones who are going to pay for your idiocy.

Enjoy the Decline.

For Our Military Men

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Never happens, right?

Cappy on the Black Brigade

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Drove down to visit DT and The Man as they had me on a guest for their podcast.

Here is part 2.

We talk about defeatism within the freedom movement, is it possible to "save America," the "podcast biz," how a YouTube channel is NOT a podcast (enter stuffy elite "cough cough" here), "Charolette Johanssen," "ask Davis Aurini," misanthropy, and more!

Just so you know, I do NOT control how many sounders are put in there. Take it up with DT.

Why Investing Is No Longer Possible

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In one of my classroom discussions (in a class I teach online), I answered one of my student's questions about dividends and whether it's possible to find an "undervalued stock" in today's market. The answer ended up being a bit more profound and insightful than I anticipated and thought it might be of benefit to you yahoos:

"*As for the art of picking stocks (or any other investment), correct. The art is finding the undervalued ones, in spite of whether the overall market is overvalued or not.*

However, in the past 30 years, ESPECIALLY the past 6-8, the markets no longer reflect the value of investments or the securities they're supposed to. This is largely due to:

retirement plans flooding the stock market
low interest rates prompting companies to borrow at low rates to repurchase shares
HFT
and
quantitative easing money ending up in the stock market

In other words, to pick stocks one can no longer look at the individual company or underlying assets of the investment. You need to predict government policy, federal reserve moves, international monetary flows, and people's investing habits.

Unfortunately, all of that renders traditional analysis moot and (frankly) makes the entire process of stock valuation even more impossible than it was before. All that being said, it only reinforces the importance of finding an UNDERVALUED stock relative to its dividends or earnings ESPECIALLY given the trillions of NON-investment dollars that are flooding the market and distorting prices."

US Money Supply as a Percent of Global GDP

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If you don't know what a "world reserve currency" is, allow me to explain it in terms of non-economists (ie-normal people who have sex).

Not all countries are created equal. Many are corrupt, either through their leaders, their people, or both. And so if other countries, people or businesses would like to conduct business with one such country (say, Greece or North Korea or some other unreliable crap hole) you would like to receive payment not in Drachma/Euros or North Korean Won, but something more stable. This gives rise to demand for a third party's currency, a third party whose currency is reliable and trustworthy.

Enter in the US dollar.

After WWII it was pretty apparent that the United States was "the last man standing." Yes, many countries on the Allied side of the war "won," but their economies and infrastructures were devastated. It was only the US that had the economic productive capacity to make their green pieces of paper valuable (not to mention the Ward Cleaverly-Dwight Eisenhowery-US was infinitely more reliable and trustworthy than the murderous Stalin). And so the US dollar became the world's "reserve currency" which allowed international commerce to be conducted in a reliable and trustworthy medium of exchange.

Fast forward many decades later and you might ask, "Now that all these countries have recovered, why do we even have a global currency?" And that is a good question. Nearly all the participants of WWII have recovered, rebuilding their infrastructures and economies, producing economic value that provides their pieces of paper worth, so why not let all countries' respective pieces of paper trade against each other on the international currency markets?

Which they do, but, there are two things that keep the US dollar as the world's reserve currency.

1. There is still demand for international transactions to be made between two different countries in a currency that is largely deemed reliable. The US dollar (more or less) has and continues to more or less fit this bill. Countries trust it, view the United States with confidence and believe our green backs have intrinsic value.

2. Habit. Though I am not a huge international traveler, it is amazing how many countries accept US dollars. Cut across the border to either Canada or Mexico, they take US dollars. Take a boat to nearly any Caribbean island, they take US dollars. The

Jamaicans at the (only) tropical resort I ever visited, very happy to take dollars.

But just try the reverse.

No Canadian can buy anything with their "fancy schmancy" "plastic" currency here in the US.
I don't even know what a Jamaican dollar looks like, let alone would be willing to accept one.
And Mexican Pesos I view as a novelty that I can more or less assume will lose value as what few I've collected sit and inflate away in my desk.

Now most people (both Americans and non) don't think twice about this. They merely accept it as fact that "yes, my US dollar will likely be accepted in most countries" and "hell yes, I'll take that dirty, filthy Yanqi money off of your hands Americano!"

But if you think about it, the economic ramifications of this agreement are immense (if not, outright insane). And if you figure out what these ramifications are you will not only more thoroughly understand what a "reserve currency" is, but be able to understand a lot of what is going on with the US economy.

The primary "epiphany" you should realize from this is that through mere TRUST, through mere RELIABILITY one currency can replace all others. But infinitely more impressive than that is that in replacing all other currencies you exponentially improve that currency's purchasing power (and thus the lives of the people who live in the country that is home to the world's reserve currency).

In other words, each "normal" countries' respective currency can only buy goods and services within that country.

Jamaican dollars can only purchase what is made in Jamaica.
Japanese Yen can only buy what is made in Japan.
And Australian dollars can only buy what's made in Australia.

But US dollars can buy nearly everything in the world.

In other words, if you can get your currency to become a world reserve currency, your purchasing power goes from the mere domestic production of your lowly, single country *to that of the entire world*. And all without lifting a finger or providing the slightest bit of additional economic production.

In the case of the US dollar, this means Americans (or anybody holding a US dollar) can not only buy the $17 trillion in US made goods and services, but (more or less) the ***$76 TRILLION in world GDP***.

Did Americans work harder?

No.

Are Americans smarter?

No.

Did "The Lord Our Savior Jesus Christ" look favorably upon us?

No.

All that happened was 60 odd years ago millions of US soldiers came over to Europe and Japan, helped destroy what remained of the majority of the world's economic producing countries, while the US homeland remained relatively unscathed, giving us and the US dollar the much-coveted "world reserve currency status."

And now, instead of just being able to buy goods in these here United States of 'Merica, we can and have bought whatever we damned well pleased simply because "we're Americans."

However, there is an additional benefit to being the world's reserve currency. Not only do we get to buy everything in the world, but nearly all of our financial sins are bought and paid for by the work and toil of others.

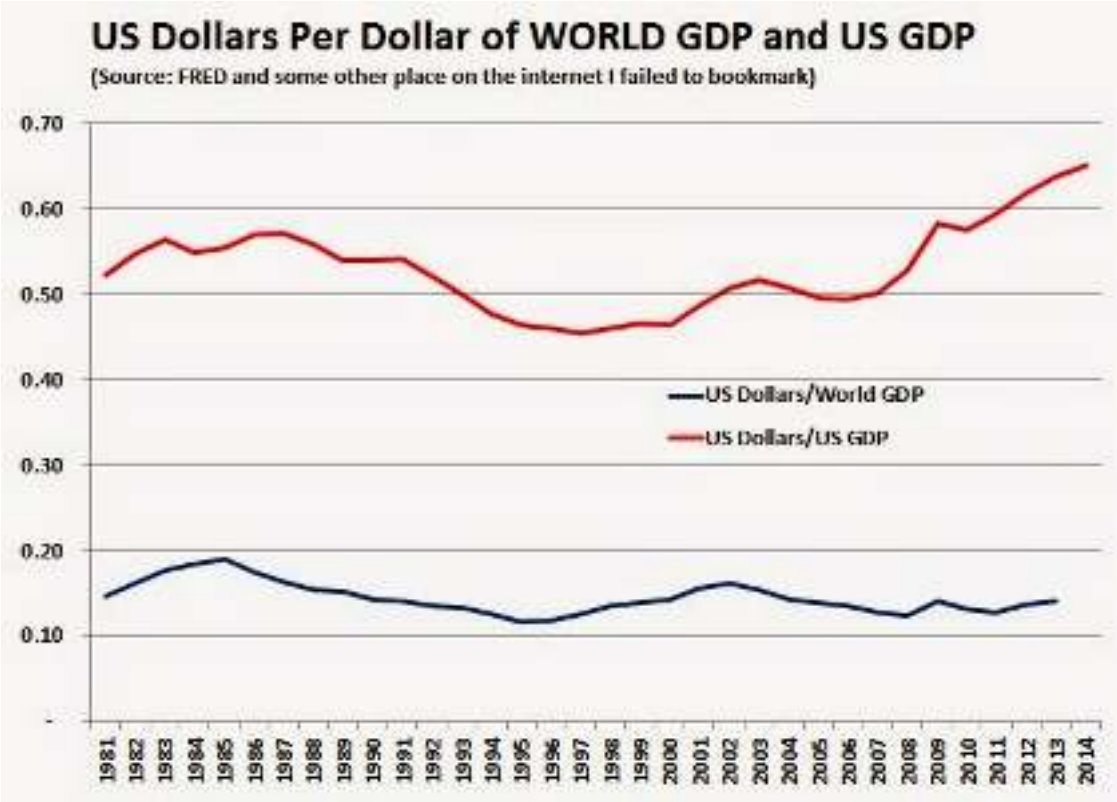
Consider two countries - Greece and the United States.

Both have unsupportable debts.
Both run chronic deficits.
Both have increasingly lazy and slothful people.
Both support their parasites over their producers.
And both are headed up by spoiled socialist children incomprehensibly ignorant of economics.

So how is it Greece is going through tumult and chaos, while the US is enjoying is getting away scot-free?

Well, perhaps a chart will help.

Below is the M2 money supply of the US dollar divided by US GDP and World GDP.


US Dollars Per Dollar of WORLD GDP and US GDP
(Source: FRED and some other place on the internet I failed to bookmark)
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0.40
0.30
0.20
0.10
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US Dollars/World GDP
US Dollars/US GDP
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What this essentially shows is how much money there is relative to the amount of stuff that money can purchase. Normally you would compare the US dollar to US economic production (the red line), however, since the US dollar is the world reserve currency, it pays to compare it to what it can really buy - the world's economic output.

This results in an interesting divergence between the two numbers. The red line shows what most Americans are concerned about. An increasing amount of money being printed against a stagnating amount of economic production. There was roughly 51 cents for every dollar of GDP circulating, while now it's 65 cents - fears of inflation and a run on precious metals expected. However, the blue line shows something quite different. Almost an "ideal" increase of the money supply along with the economic production that said currency can buy, resulting in practically no change and no inflation. And when you consider that the US dollar is the reserve currency of the world and that it is not solely affected by domestic production (but fear of other countries' inferior currencies) then a lot of other things make sense in this seemingly economically insane world.

One, this is why the United States can behave like Greece, but not suffer the consequences. Americans are by all means just as spoiled and petulant as the Greeks. We just happen to have the world's reserve currency...so nanny nanny boo boo on them.

Two, this is why our deficits and debts seemingly don't matter to anybody. If the US was an individual applying for a loan, no bank, even the crappy ones I worked at, would touch him. But since it's the "US" and we have the magical currency, every other country out there is more than happy to lend our insolvent and irresponsible government money.

Three, this is why precious metals haven't gone up (as much as was anticipated anyway). By every sane, reasonable, and empirical logic, gold and silver should be rocketing against the US dollar. But this would, once again, assume the US dollar could only purchase US goods. It also assumes nearly every other country out there sucks even worse than the United States. Ergo, with things looking worse in other countries, combined with the US' already-established world reserve currency, it is just too convenient for people to pile into the dollar, giving it more purchasing power, and driving precious metal prices down against it.

There are other economic phenomena that having the world's reserve currency explains (and masks). But there is one thing I do want to point out about it. It moots and obsoletes nearly every form of traditional (and sane) economic analysis. One of the things I loathe about leftists and Keynesians is the intellectual dishonesty they flagrantly display proclaiming their policies (which have failed in nearly every other country) works here in the US. While marginally true, it's completely contingent on an incredibly lucky economic technicality - we have the world's reserve currency. You take that away and the US would be no different than Greece, Japan, Spain, Portugal, or any other heavily indebted, non-producing nation. The truth is modern day Keynsian economics and the

leftist faux-economists it has spawned are miserable failures that owe the delay of their demise to millions of WWII soldiers and two very large oceans that blessed the US with a world reserve currency. And to stand there, hiding behind this fact, while having the audacity to claim they know what they're doing, while the rest of the world proves they don't, is the epitome of cowardice and hypocrisy.

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"The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty" Now Available in Kindle!

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Finally available!

And don't forget my other awesome books, the worst of which is better than the best of "Oprah's Book Club."

The 10% State

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Bernard Chapin, if you are unaware of, is a micro-celebrity of You Tube fame who generates about 2-3 short 10 minute videos each day and is also a daily stop for your beloved Captain. The majority of Uncie Bern's material covers the daily news, with a focus and specialization on chronicling the efforts of marxists, feminists, and others to bring down the United State and destroy freedom.

However, while the majority of Bernard's focus is on exposing these scum, he does occasionally wander into the realm of philosophy and economics, a common refrain of his being the "10% State."

Bernard's argument is quite simple - that the entirety of the state should cost us no more than 10% of our production. That if we got rid of income transfers, forced people to support themselves, and government merely provided true public goods and services, our final tax bill would only be 10%. Naturally, he receives guff from the parasites that rely on the taxpayer to support them, but parasitism aside, he's 100% right.

The state really only does cost 10%.

If you look at the federal budget (which I know for some leftists is going to be a virginal experience), and add up ONLY the government services that are truly part of "governance" you'll find out that the 2015 federal budget really needn't be more than $1.1 trillion.

Take out social security.
Take out Medicare and Medicaid
Take out the EPA, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, NASA and all the other unneeded bureaucracies and (if you did it right) you'll come up with a bare bones budget of $1.1 trillion.

Divide that by the roughly $17 trillion economy we have and you get 6.5%. Well below the 10% state Bernard portends.

Of course, this does not account for state and local spending which historical and on average run about 1/3 total federal spending. Add an additional 2% (or even 4% for Californians!) and you're still well below the 10%.

Naturally, this is merely an intellectual and academic exercise about what "could have been." The 10% state will never be revisited (we were there once) as the American public is too spoiled, too dumb, and too satiated by government goodies to appreciate

what a potential future we could have. But I did want to at least validate and prove that what Bernard Chapin is calling for is absolutely and 100% feasible. A 10% state would and has worked.

Sadly, this is a democracy. And sadly, the masses are the most spoiled and idiotic in American history. And thus the 10% State will remain where we last left it - in history.

(Author's note - No wandering cauldrons of politically incorrect commentary were hurt in the writing of this post)

English Majors of the Math World

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As you know I largely loathe and despise English teachers. It is nothing short of child abuse that we force millions of children every year to essentially sit in a prison, 9 months a year, and learn a language they already know.

Yes, I know grades K-4 are necessary to learn to read and write.
Yes, I know things like penmanship, reading and writing are necessary to become effective communicators in the real world.

But the mental abuse (post 4th grade) of forcing children to learn obsolete, unnecessary, and idiotic things like "dangling participles," "dipthongs," and diagramming sentences is mere make-slavery-work-child-labor to employ (largely) 20 something girls too lazy to do math and instead chose to become English teachers.

But before we get too riled up about the all-too-common liberal arts teachers, we need to focus on math teachers.

Oh yes.

For while they may (and for all practical points and purposes do) deliver a real and needed education to the children, there is one subsegment of math that is as obsolete as learning the difference between an adjective and an adverb.

Integers
Whole Numbers
Rational Numbers
Irrational Numbers
Natural Numbers
and any other vocabulary terms anal retentive math purists foisted on otherwise unsuspecting and innocent child math geniuses

Not once, in all of my math studies, was it necessary for me to know what the hell those aforementioned things are/were.

Multivariable regression was used to program models that would predict GDP growth.
Correlation coefficients and other statistical measures used to test relationships with different economic and financial phenomena.
I've even used trig to measure the side of a roof for a shed I was building.

But never, EVER have I or anybody else ever had to know what an integer was or what a

"natural" number was.

The truth is the only thing these "things" serve is to lower the test scores of math geniuses and give math teachers who can't do math something to belabor their children over for a week's worth of material and lesson plans. No doubt there's going to be some idiot "professional educator" that's going to parrot the reason why we teach such unneeded poppy cock, and I'm sure some mathematician is going to explain the "importance" of differentiating between and integer and a "whole number." But in the end we all know it's an unnecessary hoop we make children, math textbook publishers, and teachers jump through, wasting calories of energy that could be used studying and teaching math that actually matters and has real world applications.

The Reason for America's Demise in One Video

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It's graphic, not because of cursing, but because of grotesque insanity.

The Three "Shitties" of Public Schools

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Minneapolis Public Schools had a cute outright lie they advertised on KBEM FM 88.5 (a radio station they run, because we all know public schools should be running radio stations).

It went something like

"Good Teachers,
Great Kids
Great Schools."

I had to laugh because I knew the opposite was quite true. Minneapolis had the

shittiest teachers
the shittiest kids and
the shittiest schools.

But it made me think. Precisely what are the ingredients that go into making a school shitty, good, or even great? And I think the Minneapolis Public Schools were very close when it came to ingredients, they just had very poor quality ingredients to throw into the pot.

So I developed a new and revised formula for the Minneapolis Public Schools with one caveat. The formula is:

Parents
+
Teachers
+
Children
=
Schools

And the caveat is that only two of the three ingredients have to be shitty in order for the whole school to be shitty.

For example you can have great kids, but horrible parents and horrible teachers. Doesn't matter how great the kid does, his parents are losers, his teachers are losers and the kid is likely condemned to failure.

Another combination, shitty teachers, shitty children, but great teachers. Much as I loathe teachers I do know there's a handful of them out there who truly do care about education and are indeed great teachers. Unfortunately, that's rendered moot when you have shitty students and equally shitty parents who believe their children can do no wrong (though that is more of a trait of elitist suburban schools, and not the inner city). Regardless, the kid is condemned to failure.

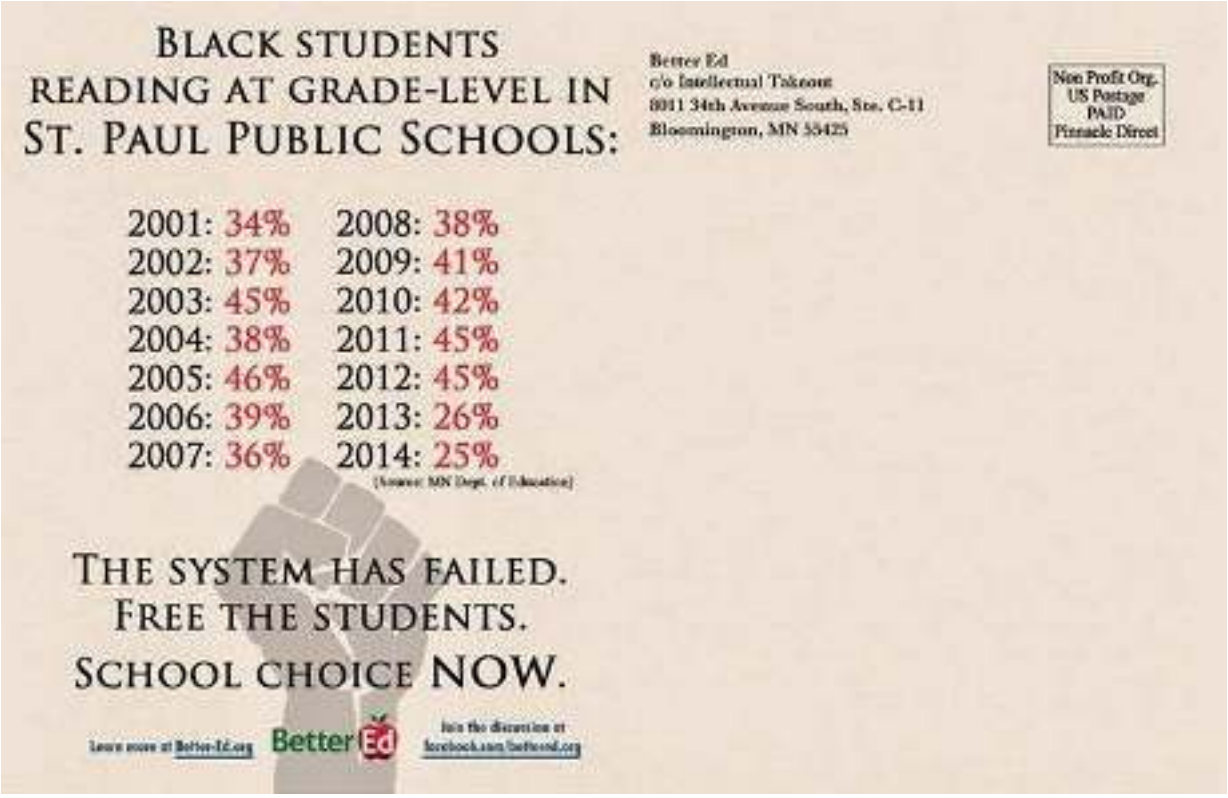
And then there's shitty teachers and shitty students. The parents could have the greatest intentions in the world, but unfortunately the state now effectively raises your children from 5 years old on. You are merely to feed, clothe, and house them until they can be returned to the state indoctrination facility for an amount of time that nearly quadruples the amount of time you get with your own flesh and blood. Again, failed school.

We can go on, but the point is as the moral decay of America has progressed and higher and higher percentage of these three pillars are being corrupted, increasingly becoming "shittier," a higher and higher percentage of our schools are becoming "shitty." And it doesn't matter how much money we throw at them, it's going to require personal resolve, character and dedication to excellence of ALL THREE GROUPS to improve public education.

Until that time you can expect increasing amounts of:

Single/incompetent/absentee/outsourcing parents
Misbehaving children, and
Poorer quality teachers

all resulting in the laughing stock that has become public education. And it will only be a joke until these poor kids are dumped out into the real world.



But hey, at least you didn't have to raise your own kids
And at least you got summers off.
And at least you got your GED.

Why Women Do the Majority of Housework

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There is usually a lot of anger and confusion among both sexes, especially when social engineers tinker with genetics and society, forcing social roles that were largely already hashed out over billions of years of evolution. And housework is one of those things that most men "meh" at, while women grip, whine, complain, moan and scream bloody murder over.

So let ole Cappy explain why the debate about "who does the majority of housework" is not only stupid and moot, but solve it with a health dose of reality and realism.

Whoever wants the cleaner house does the cleaning.

I'll say that again.

Whoever wants the cleaner house does the cleaning.

You'll notice that this rule (based in reality) is not sexist or biased. It is an asexual statement as it can be a man who is more cleansely, or a woman who is more cleansely. However, it is usually women who have the higher standard of cleanliness.

This then revisits that good old fashioned world of economics. Specifically, supply and demand. If somebody has a higher demand for something, then they are the ones not in the position of power and the ones that must compensate and compromise.

A guy who isn't as interested as dating a girl as she is in him.
Why men must do the majority of asking out and not vice versa.
An employer who has 100 applicants for one job versus the starving, debt laden college graduate.
The man in need of a kidney versus the man with one to spare.

And people who want a cleaner house than their spouse get to do the cleaning.

This has largely (though not always) been the case with myself. I keep my abode "biologically clean." That means toilets, dishes, laundry, and anything else that has the potential to spontaneously spawn Ebola gets cleaned. But vacuuming, dusting and cleaning out the microwave? Not a weekly event. But I'll be damned if it wasn't 9 out of the 10 girls I dated who would start doing dishes (that didn't need doing), complain about the dust, and whine about clothes on the floor, all while I was in perfect health and the world still continued to turn.

Like most women, nearly all of them would try to negotiate and get me to do more of the household chores or at least at a higher frequency. But unlike our Swedish male counterparts I used a word that has since likely been lost in the Swedish language - no.

There was also not an argument, an explanation, or a lecture that followed, but a declarative statement.

"I will clean to my standards of cleanliness when I deem it necessary. If you wish to clean to a higher standard AND more frequently you may. But that is your choice and not something you will hold over me or keep track of on some kind of 'chore scorecard.'"

And everytime, EVERY TIME it has worked because not only was I being a real man, but it's true.

The person who wants a cleaner house cleans.

Of course, the truth is this whole drama over housework is precisely that - drama. A Western Civilization-wide shit test feminists and unconscious females are programmed to administer to test the mettle of their (increasingly failing) men. And a mere dismissal of this test will allow you to pass with flying colors.

But if they insist or do not relent. Actually being serious about housework, to the point they threaten to leave or end the relationship, then all you have to do is walk them out to their car, take a look at the oil change sticker they got at Jiffy Lube 8 months and 6,000 miles ago, hand them a socket wrench set and a jack and say,

"You're overdue for an oil change. Have fun dear."

And when she invariably asks you "what kind of oil," "how much oil," "how do I get the lifty thing under the car," etc., etc., you merely break out your lawn chair, pour a nice scotch, light up a cigar and answer,

"Google it, Google it, Google it."

And that one oil change will end the debate of "who does the housework" forever.

When Ego and Fear Trump Truth

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You can visit the Clarey Podcast here.

Gen X Moms - Doe Eyes of YouTube

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In my previous podcast there was a segment where I warn younger generations (Millinneals) that my generation (Gen X) never really matured or grew up. And that if you operate from the logical, but highly flawed premise that "older people know what they're talking about" then you are in for a world of hurt, much like my generation was when we assumed the Baby Boomers knew what they were talking about when they were in their 40's and 50's.

Of course, this tangentially touches on a concern I always have running in the back of my mind. Namely, that the wisdom and life experiences I have may become obsoleted or moot as society changes. Ergo, the wisdom I got through living in the 80's and 90's, may not apply to younger people of the 00's and 10's.

Thankfully, (or sadly depending on how you look at it) it seems the advice us "elder brothers" of Gen X is needed now more than ever, because things have not changed, let alone improved as Gen X has taken over. Matter of fact they've gotten worse. And this video shows it.

I wanted to highlight "Doe Eyes" because this is a woman that is in my generation and you can tell at one time she was the hottie girl in her school through her 20's. But what should be blindingly clear, as well as outright scary, is how this full grown woman, who is a mother, is still acting like a 15 year old child.

And this is the threat and the problem that I cannot emphasize enough to younger generations.

Because she is older she not only thinks she can dispense advice to younger generations, but you younger kids out there are predisposed to believe her simply because she's an "elder." Young men are going to listen to her advice, assume it's correct because "she's an adult," and waste an estimated 2 decades pursuing a flawed chick-getting-strategy. The result will not just be failure, but frustration, mental stress, confusion, and insanity.

Thankfully, however, that's why you have the Red Pill/Manosphere/internet community.

Roosh was the original discoverer of the video and has since sent traffic there. I am retweeting it and addressing it as well. And I'm sure you will share and downvote this veritable and arrogant cunt's video (since she has taken comments down). Whatever it is, we owe it to out younger boys and girls out there to identify, highlight, expose and destroy such propaganda and lies so that they may not be misled by frauds like Doe Eyes, and may have better, saner lives that are based in reality.

Post post - somebody pointed out the kid wrote a girl a poem and that this was viewed as a "bad" thing. Ladies, if you wonder "why don't men do nice things like write poems anymore," there's your answer.

Gen X Moms v. 2.0

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RamZPaul finds that the DoeEyes Gen X mom is not only telling boys how not to approach her daughter, but she also has a video on how to give blow jobs (obviously not intended for young boys).

I'll say it again, they are the adults now, and young people would be wise to know they are insane.

Might Want to Hold Off On Going Galt

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Economists with souls and normal people with brains would look at the twice elected Obama and the people who put him into office and say,

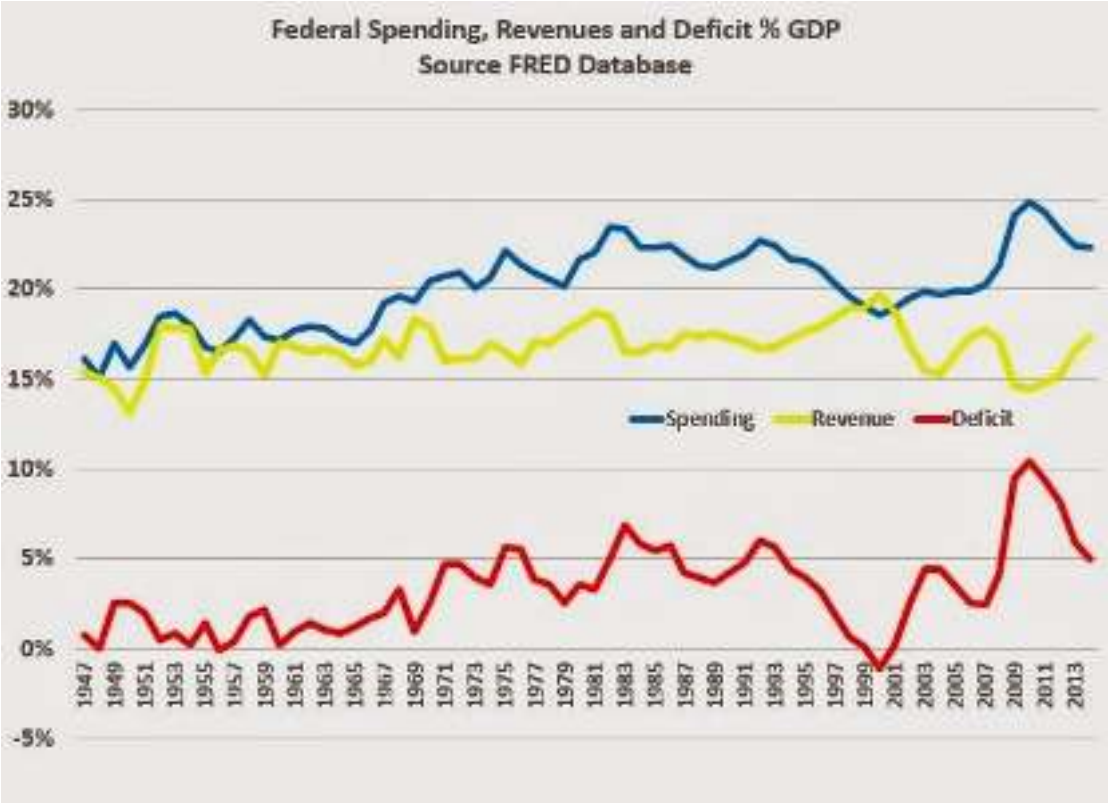
"*This country is not going back to the greatness it came from and is permanently headed towards a more common, and uninspiring European socialist model. Ergo, the great American Experiment is over, democracy with its idiot masses are forever here to stay, and it's now time to buy up silver and go Galt.*"

And you'd be right.

True to form Obama and a more-or-less democrat congress voted in the highest levels of peace-time spending in the country, ran the highest levels of peace-time deficits, resulting in the highest peace-time national debt (which is about to eclipse our all time record war-time debt during WWII). Throw in Obamacare and a couple extra trillion in crony-owned Solyndras and lord knows what else in socialist pork, and you have a political and economic environment where the rational and logic thing to do would be to scale down, work less, and go Galt.

Except for one thing - deficit spending.

While our politicians obey the idiot masses and just spend spend spend, they also want to be re-elected. So the last thing they do is force the true cost of these social programs on the population. Instead they keep taxes artificially low and borrow the money to finance these vote-bribing programs, resulting in huge deficits and a huge national debt.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Source FRED Database
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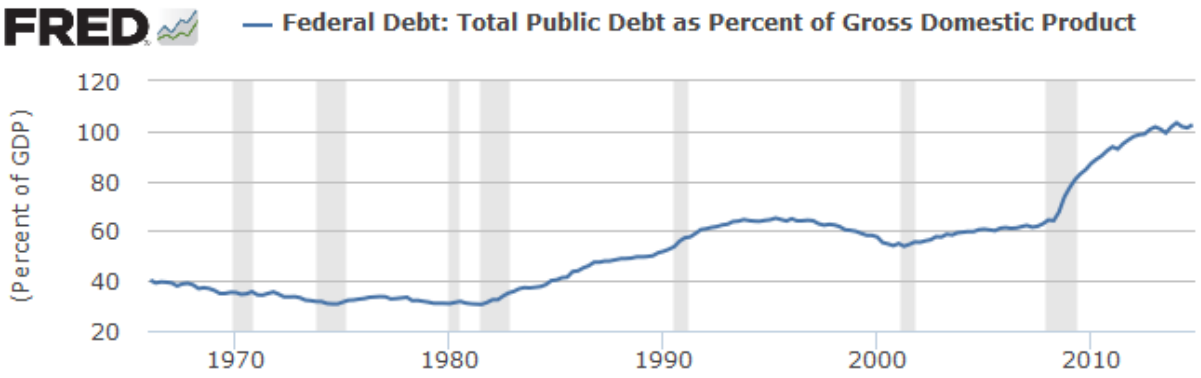

But what this means for you and any other American who is thinking about going Galt is that the true tax rate has merely been deferred into the future. Our tax rate TODAY (disagreeable as you may find it) is actually quite low. Unsustainably low. And at some point in time in the future, it's going to have to go up (especially given this doesn't even account for $127 trillion in unfunded liabilities).

So what's a young aspiring "Galtist" to do?

Work your ass off and build up some cash if you can.

The reasons are multi-fold.

First, as mentioned before, the current tax rate is artificially low. Take advantage of it. If you can make money today, do so, because you're unlikely to keep this high a percentage of your income for the rest of your life.

Second, you'll have time. Not just because our deficit is decreasing ("only" 5% of GDP today), but more importantly because we have the world's reserve currency - the dollar. I've explained it before, but in having the world's reserve currency we can keep borrowing for quite some time no matter how many socialists we elect and no matter how poor our nation's finances. This reserve currency status will essentially allow us to keep

overall taxes lower than they need to be, effectively forcing other nations to pay for our spending.

And finally, third, assets are harder to tax than income. Your income has to go through your employer. Your employer has to report this to the IRS. And matter of fact, forget reporting, they just take out the taxes before you see it. However, if you were to work up the cash now at these lower tax rates and purchase assets to be saved into the future, it becomes a little harder for Uncle Sam to come in and take those assets.

What if you just misplaced that gun collection you had?
What if all that cash was blown on strippers and booze?
Shucks howdy, I slipped, fell and ended up living in Singapore with an asset protection trust!

Oh sure, they can confiscate your house and jack up property taxes, but there are other valuable assets you can store your money in today to avoid the sure-as-hell-guaranteed taxes that are coming tomorrow.

Regardless, the point is that tax rates today are very low not relative to history, but relative to what is likely coming in the future. And while it may put great distaste into your mouth to work hard today, it's likely your best move because the distaste tomorrow is going to be on par with tax rates averaging around 60%.

Enjoy the decline!

What Is Private Property?

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Delving into precisely what is private property and why it is the key to economic success, as well as what happens to economies when you take it away:

According to DudeBroWallStreetFratBoys the Stock Market is Never Overvalued

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A new generation is upon us and I know this not only because of common sense and basic demographic information, but because there's been a recent spat of college age/20 somethings who have critiqued my earlier work about the stock market being overvalued. Naturally, my criticisms go back to even before the financial crisis, but this was when most of these finance-majoring DudeBros were all of 10 years old. And now, equipped the little, microscopic, and misleading information that comes with a degree in finance today, these know it all FinanceMajoringDudeBros are going to set the ole Captain straight about how his predictions have not come true, and that they are going to somehow be smarter and better than their baby boomer and Gen X bailed-out bankster counterparts.

Ahhhhh youth.

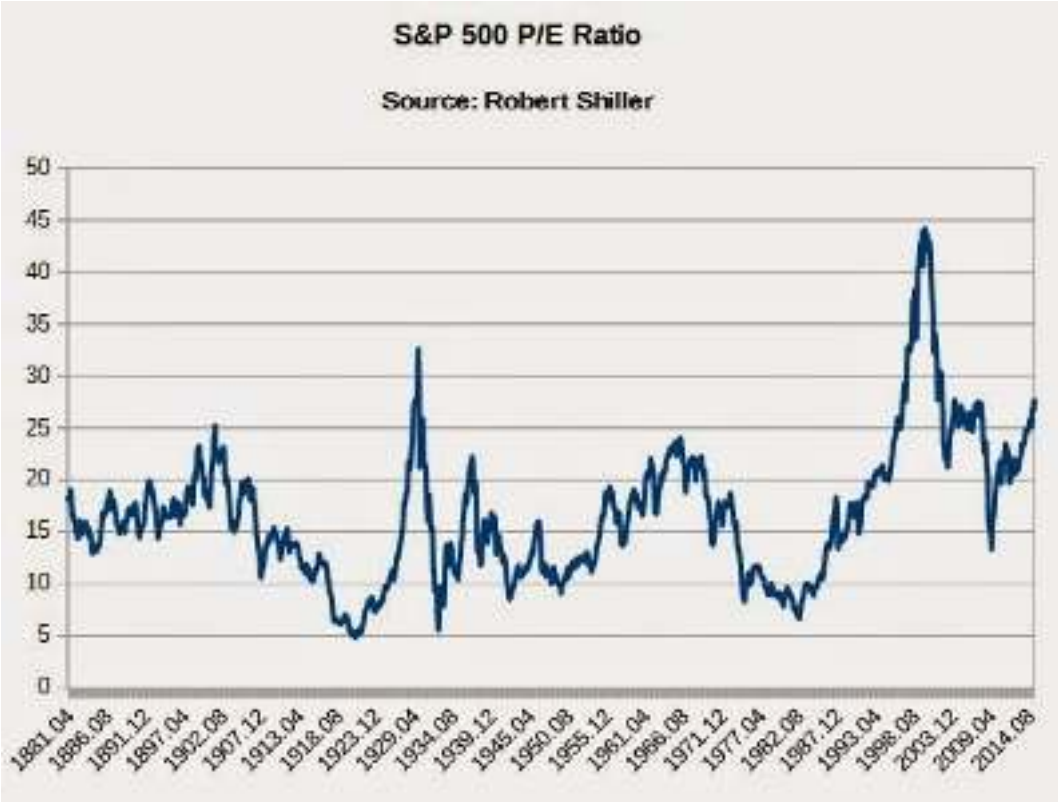
So let's beat this dead horse one more time.

There are two measures we use to gauge whether a stock is worth the price. Price to Earnings (or the "PE" ratio) and the Dividend Yield.

The PE ratio is simply that - the price per share divided by the earnings per share. It shows you what you are paying in stock price per dollar in earnings. The higher it is the more overvalued a stock is and vice versa.

The dividend yield is the same concept, except we flip the numerator and denominator AND replace earnings with dividends (because you technically only receive dividends, not the total earnings per share of the company). Instead of a ratio (like the PE) you get a "yield" or "percent rate of return" on your investment.

And so when we look at both you can PLAINLY see that the market is severely overvalued.


S&P 500 P/E Ratio
Source: Robert Shiller
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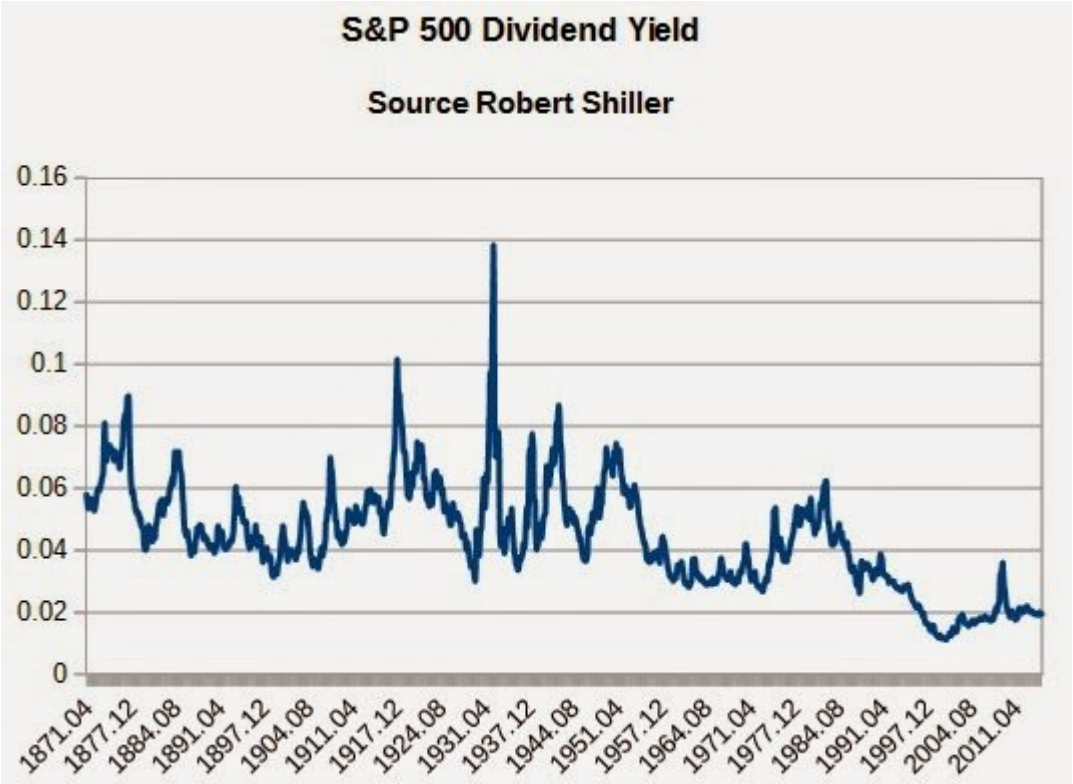

The historical average PE for the S&P 500 has been 15. It is now trading at 27. If you are a DudeBroFratBoyGoldmanSachsFutureBailoutRecipient, ask yourself a simple question. Is it worth paying nearly $800 for the PS4? Is it worth paying $7/gallon in gas? And is it

worth paying $50,000 for a new AVERAGE sedan? Because paying a PE of 27 for a share of stock is no different.

The dividend yield is even worse. The historical average for the dividend yield has been 5%. You could expect to receive a 5% annual rate of return in the form of dividends. Today it is 1.8%, a 277% overvaluation.

Now your PS4 costs $1,108.
A new average sedan $69,000.
And a Big Mac $12.50.

Of course, before we pick on future DudeBroFratBoysofAmerica we have to look at ourselves in the mirror. For while the DudeBroFinanceMajorsofEternalDudeBroness merely parrot what they're told by their charlatans posing as business professors, at least they're not investing in the stock market because they're poor college kids.

The same cannot be said, however, for the millions of obedient, conformist, non-thinking Americans who year after year throw trillions of dollars into their precious 401k and IRA retirement programs. For they are the financially-illiterate zombies that do not take their advice from the likes of Shiller or Schiff, but the 24 year old HR generalist who "strongly recommends" investing in the company's 401k plan *tee hee!* And in doing so inflate the stock market beyond all sane and reasonable measures of valuation, not to mention price out younger generations (if they are smart enough to read articles such as these).

The point is that there are three major things driving stock prices higher than their fundamental warrant.

1. Quantitative Easing

With the Fed printing off money so it can buy treasuries, mortgages, and other unwanted securities off of the banks' hands, the recipient banks of these monies invariably invest said monies in the stock market driving up prices.

2. Fed-Induced Low Interest Rates

With interest rates very low, it becomes profitable for corporations (ie-shareholders and executives) to borrow at these low rates and repurchase the company's shares. This drives the value of their shares up more than the interest expense the company would have to pay on its debts. Of course, this leveraged buyout ignores whether it's worth paying a PE of 27 for its own shares, further fueling the bubble, AND it ignores what would happen if the economy were to tank while they have so much debt on their books, but hey! We drove the stock price (and thus our stock options) up another 200%, and that's all that matters!

and

3. Retirement Plans

This is the deadest piece of the horse I've beating since 2004. Why, oh why, did the government just magically decide it was "the stock market" that would serve as the primary vehicle for 300 million Americans' retirements?

Why not property?
Why not private businesses?

Matter of fact, what business was it of the government's to provide tax incentives for people to invest for retirement anyway?

Pfa! Who cares, it was "well intended" and that's all that matters. Distortion of the stock market be damned.

In the end, the same mentality that occurred in 1998 for the DotComs, in 2006 for the housing market, an in 2009-present for the education bubble is reappearing again today in the stock market.

"The market keeps going up!"
"You can't afford NOT to be in this market!"
"You need to save for retirement!"
"What do you mean 'earnings'?"
"What do you mean 'dividends'?"

and my all time favorite

"This time it's different."

And while yes, this time it is different (as the Fed has now made the stock market a place that is a viable long term hedge against inflation, NOT a place to invest in an actual company), let us be clear. It's precisely the *exact same shit* that happened before. And the reason it keeps happening so frequently is because the exact same people it happened to before are too damn ignorant and uneducated about economics, not to mention stupid, to learn from their past experiences.

It drives nearly every real economist in the world to pour a glass of scotch and enjoy the decline.

Cappy's "Retirement Planning in 10 Minutes"

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You don't need a Masters in Finance to plan for retirement. You just need this 10 minute video the ole Captain put together with sweat, tears, toil, care, and love.

Also, yes, I am aware the whole video is MORE than 10 minutes, but the actual lecture is under 10.

Regardless, please feel free to forward this if you find it helpful. I'll be using YouTube to create higher quality videos this year as a platform to launch the next book.

Help a Fellow Manospherian Who Has Cancer

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Kid Strange Love of Manosphere.com fame has unfortunately been diagnosed with cancer at the age of 30. Hodgkin s Lymphoma, but it is one of the more curable forms of cancer.

Regardless, it just plan sucks to get cancer and I thought what would be better than if Kid Strangelove were to wake up to a ton of new traffic to his site as well as a couple thousand new followers on his twitter account.

Anyway, his site is here and his twitter handle is @kidstrangelove

Take a couple seconds to make his day and boost his immune system to fight off cancer.

QOTD - "The Fed Helps Poor People"

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From my Veteran Chicago Agent in the Field:

I was walking by the Fed the other day, and there was a Father & Mother taking a picture of their probably 6-7 yr old son by the "Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago" sign.

The mother said, "Now when you grow up you can look at this picture and work for the Fed to help poor people."

I just chuckled, shook my head, and walked past.

Asshole Consulting One Year Annivesary!

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Happy day all!

Today is Asshole Consulting's one year anniversary!!!

And unlike most American businesses, it was profitable in the very first year!!!

To celebrate I'm having a **VERY SPECIAL** and **VERY ASSHOLELY *0% OFF SALE*** for all Asshole Consulting requests today! So spread the joyous mirth and happiness of the world's only company that specializes in truth at all costs (and charges for it)! Tell family, friends, and morons who desperately need the services of Asshole Consulting!

The Liberal Arts Have Lost All Validity

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats:

The liberal arts are no longer a valid or legitimate study in college. They are nothing more than hobbies in activism and socialism, serving only as functional tools of brainwashing and employment of worthless, talentless leftists in this and other western countries.

I will NEVER hire a liberal arts major (unless they have seen the light)
And I will NEVER trust a liberal arts professor with anything.

Deb Hollingstad - Woman With Horse, Will Spend Money

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I'm not going to editorialize, but instead we're going to play a game. A game called

"HOW MANY CAPPY CAP THEMES CAN YOU COUNT IN THE STORY!?"

There's at least 7 in there.

Here's the original story.

Here is Ms. Hollingstad's background.

Discuss!

Narrative Uber Alles, Leftism Uber the Children

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I had read an article somewhere where a lesbian mother was confessing she desperately wanted her daughter to become a lesbian. I had tried to find the original article (and if you know of it, please link below), but instead found this more disturbing one from 2011 where the lesbian parents are treating their son with hormone blocking drugs to "give him more time to determine if he wants to be straight or not."

Then there's this article that cites a study that claims to have debunked the "Single Mom Myth." It shows that a mother's education overcomes whatever her marital status she may have when it comes to the efficacy of raising her children. Never mind the sample size they chose was highly dubious. And never mind it was done by an all-woman's college. And never mind the sociologists have a blatant conflict of interest in promoting education to women at the expense of their families. The ends justified the shoddy methodological means.

Now the point I'm going to make is not that this study is proof that academic studies can no longer be trusted, or that lesbians somehow make bad parents. The point is the common variable that connects these two articles together:

Narrative Uber Children.

No matter what the left claims about wanting to help the children (or whatever pet cause they cite), it's instances like the two mentioned above that they belie their true colors. And when you get a glimpse into the true hearts of these leftists you can understand just how evil and vile they are. For they are so wedded to their political ideology that they are not only willing to:

Parasite off of society's producers
Lie to society
Legally steal from others
and
Bankrupt the nation, but

they will do so at the expense of children, even their own.

This isn't to say that all lesbian mothers put their politics and sexuality above their children. This isn't to say that all sociology doctorates seek to fabricate a "study" that will undermine the upbringing of millions of children. But if you look at the actions of the left, particularly when it comes to forcing them to choose between their ideology, their politics and the leftist narrative or their children, a scary percentage of them will throw their

children under the bus.

The reason is simple - ego. They simply value themselves and their ideology more than their children. They are no different than their "right leaning" counterpart families where they have children, only to outsource them to daycare, and are twin siblings of the occasional vegan parents stories where their child dies because the parents valued their faux-vegan-religion more than their children. They are simply vile and evil.

The question is what to do about it?

There's not much that can be done (bar legally in the case of child abuse and neglect), however their arrogance does expose one of their flanks. Society has moved so far to the left and political correctness instilled so many lies, they don't realize their abhorrent behavior is on display for all to see. Worse, they're not even aware their behavior is abhorrent. They think it's noble. It's just. It's admirable. Because it's advocating the leftist narrative, and the narrative is uber alles. So when they proudly display their leftist credentials, while at the same time throwing a generation of children, even their own, under the bus, all one needs to do is highlight it, point it out, and make it very clear just how sick and wrong these people are.

And yes, they will scramble, cowardly hiding behind their victim trait of being "lesbian" or "female" or whatever. And you will be accused of being a racist or a bigot or a homophobe for daring to criticize their priorities and religion. But in the end you are merely and genuinely standing up for the children. Something leftists seem to have a hard time doing.

The Truth About Corporate Taxes

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Uncie Bern Bern Reviews The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty

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Bern was kind enough to review my book and highlighted some excerpts that were particularly powerful. It's written review, but included are two videos.

All Those Smart College Students and Professors

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and yet none of them can do The Maths!

(Also note, they have horsies!!!! Yeaaaaaa! Pretty horsies!!!!)

Katherine Byron Meet The Patron Saint Name of Frick

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The safe space, Ms. Byron explained, was intended to give people who might find comments "troubling" or "triggering," a place to recuperate. The room was equipped with cookies, coloring books, bubbles, Play-Doh, calming music, pillows, blankets and a video of frolicking puppies, as well as students and staff members trained to deal with trauma.

I'll say it again.

I will NEVER hire a liberal arts major from any college unless they admit they were idiots and are repentant for being so.

"I Thought Age Was Just a Number"

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Uncie Bern reviews three articles about western women who married their third country lovers. The hilarity that ensues is the entertainment you are entitled to for enduring 40 years of feminist drivel.

The Underrated Gift of Sanity

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Permit me these examples three.

First, the closing of the all-women's college, Sweet Briar. Sweet Briar last month announced that it would be closing this year. This was greeted with screams and vitriol, claims dreams have been destroyed, and repleted with threats of lawsuits and protests from current day students, as well as alumni and professorial staff.

Never mind the mathematical reality that the liberal arts bubble is bursting.
Never mind they have 1 employee per 5 students.
And never mind this college runs horse stables, indicating insane financial mismanagement and mathematical ineptitude.

Reality doesn't matter to those affected by Sweet Briar's closing. All that matters is what they were told, believed, and wanted. And thus these two irreconcilable forces result in grief, anger, confusion, frustration, and stress.

Second, "girls hate jocks."

Or at least that's what my mother told me when I was a youngin'. Couple that with the 90's decade long propaganda that women wanted kind, caring, sensitive men, and a generation of boys-now-men expended considerable energies during their teens and 20's pursuing women using strategies that were (in part) based on these flawed premises.

The results were entirely predictable - failure. And not just failure, but failure with the same commensurate grief, anger, confusion, frustration, and stress that is currently plaguing the clueless people of Sweet Briar.

And finally, third, "age is just a number."

This is a precious quote from a British woman named Patricia who, despite being 64, thought her marriage to a 26 year old Tunisian man was going to last.

And why wouldn't she?

She was told by feminists, media, professors, and leftist politicians, that 50 is the new 20. Age and beauty are merely social constructs. And men who chase after women for looks are not just shallow, but flawed.

The only problem is reality did not care what politicians, feminists, media types, and

professors told her. 2 million years of human evolution prompted the young Tunisian man to leave her, resulting in, once again, grief, anger, confusion, frustration, and stress.

We could go on, but the above three anecdotes point towards a crisis the United States and Western Civilization are slowly, but unavoidably wandering into. A crisis of a deluded population crashing into the impenetrable wall of reality.

How our civilization became so deluded is somewhat complicated, but in hindsight explainable and understandable. With unrivaled economic success due to free markets, freedom, and capitalism, Western Civilization advanced so quickly that the majority of the economic and biological problems that plagued humanity for the past 2 million years were resolved. Hunger was eradicated. Poverty was eradicated. Even certain diseases were completely eradicated that entirely new ones were discovered because humans rarely lived as long in the past. This resulted in a spoiled population that never really endured the hardships of true life, and worse, gave people with a lot of time on their hands, even more.

Idle minds are the devil's workshop, and go to work he did, for instead of being thankful for a life of ease and ample free time, people's egos got in the way and demanded more. Now people were no longer satisfied with a good home cooked meal, they sought out the "injustice" of who precisely cooked that meal. No longer were people satisfied that a rich guy invented a device that allowed them to communicate with people around the world for nearly free. They were obsessed about him having more money, even obsessed about the color of his skin and the fact he was a man. And no longer were people satisfied. And no longer were people thankful for companies that created life saving devices and drugs, but insisted they were oppressed by these engines of innovation for they dared to charge for their services and dared to move to greener pastures. In short, Western Civilization slid into becoming a spoiled brat, narcissistic, envious society where all that mattered was feeding their ego without the required work and accomplishment that would warrant it.

This insatiable desire to feed the ego without the commensurate work resulted in a group of opportunists who were only more than happy to feed society's ego at seemingly no cost. To do this they created, out of whole cloth, false narratives and religions that the naive masses would swallow whole:

Sexism
Racism
Class warfare
"Evil corporations"
"You can't put a price on education"
"You go girl!"
"You can have it all!"

"Lean in!"
"Empowerment/Raising Awareness/
White/Male Privilege
Single moms are heroic
"50 is the new 20!"

and other outright lies

Worse, these charlatans put themselves in key points and positions within society effectively allowing them to brainwash and profit off of the rest of society:

Politicians
Media
Hollywood
Journalists
Professors
Feminists
Teachers
Activists
SJW's
Non-profits, and
NGO's

And so even with the benefit of stable and sane parents, even with the benefit of grounded peers, everybody, and I mean EVERYBODY within Western Civilization succumbed, one way or another, to at least ONE bit of erroneous and false propaganda. One bit of false, erroneous propaganda that cost them precious years of their lives.

Millions of students, brainwashed by public school teachers, wasted trillions on stupid, worthless, and completely unemployable degrees.

Millions of children were raised in divorced or single parent homes because feminists convinced women that was just as good an environment as a nuclear family.

Three generations of blacks were brainwashed to believe their last place socioeconomic position was the fault of white males, delivering a tragic mentality of defeatism that led to a self-fulfilling prophecy (but at least ensured democrat politicians had life long careers).

And three generations of women were led to believe their careers and government checks were more important than the human beings in their lives, only to find out too late upon their death beds that they had wasted their one shot at life (but again, at least some democrat politicians got their vote).

We can go on, but you get the point. Everybody in Western Civilization in one capacity or another, was brainwashed to believe in a lie that just wasn't true. And even though they may have believed the lie, it didn't change the fact reality doesn't care. And this conflict between what they were told, what they believed and what reality ultimately delivered has caused nearly everyone untold grief, suffering, confusion, frustration, and anger.

But enter two coincidentally timed events:

1. The development of the internet
2. The Great Recession

The internet is amazing unto itself. However, it has a unique trait that has the potential to undermine the charlatans and con artists posing as politicians, professors, teachers, feminists, etc. It not only allows anybody to write anything they want, but it allows everybody in the world to view it. In other words, the internet side steps the establishment guardians and censors of the MSM media. This allows ordinary people to expose the corrupt people of our society and hopefully "wake up the masses"as to just how brainwashed they are, and to just what a tragedy is being perpetrated against them.

However, people in power do not give it up lightly. And to protect themselves against the internet they have made it socially, professionally, politically, and economically for anybody to speak directly and bluntly about the truth. And this "political correctness" is no joke. With Mozilla, DongleGate, and doxxing, people (primarily on the left) only need to take public statements of a person, found on the internet, tell his/her employer about it and ruin their careers and financial livelihood forever. Thus, even with a powerful tool like the internet at their disposal, most people obey like the sheep they are and dare not speak what they truly think in fear of losing their jobs.

Well…that was until The Great Recession anyway.

For while many people have a career or a family to worry about, The Great Recession made it so millions would never have a career and family to begin with. So devastating and drawn out was this recession nearly 1.5 generations never succeeded much past college, and when you combine its severity with the fact the solution to the recession was to bail out those that caused it, any faith in "authority" or hope in a meritocracy had vanished. And now an estimated 100 million people not only have nothing to lose, but a hatred for those who ruined their lives.

And they've taken to the internet.

The red pill, the Manosphere, the alt right, you name it, millions of people with millions of blogs, YouTube channels and podcasts have formed as the only, but growing beacon of sanity, empiricism and reality. Everyday they highlight and point out the insanity they

see, but the rest of the world doesn't as they're too absorbed in themselves and protective of their egos to do so. And these internet rogues also point out the perpetrators who are responsible for it, profiling and shining a light on the endless list of politicians, feminists, professors, deans, activists, and others who are scrambling to save themselves.

However, in being the only bastion of truth, reality and sanity, this part of the internet faces a Herculean challenge. Decades worth and trillions of dollars in brainwashing and lies have been propagated and incorporated into the minds of millions of people. So successfully so, that even if you're trying to point out the truth to them, their egos have been so pampered and protected, their response is not only disbelief, but one of rage, anger, hatred, even assault (imagine telling a liberal arts major their degree is worthless, or telling a wimpy, but reliable chemical engineer male most women will pass him up for a drug dealing thug with muscles). But this daunting challenge aside, it still doesn't change the fact that these people have to face a choice no matter how thorough and complete their brainwashing:

Continue to live in your deluded dream world, continue to chase and pursue after dreams that will never be,

or

accept the cold harsh reality that reality is.

To a sane person the choice is obvious, because there is no choice. *Reality is reality*. By definition choosing not to accept it is delusional and proof of a mental problem. But if you've been brought up your entire life under lies and propaganda, and you value your ego more than the rest of society and the real world, and above all else, you're an intellectual weakling, you will likely continue to live the lie.

But as tempting as it is to stay in the warm, but false, comforts of pretty lies, there is one benefit to "taking the red pill" (as it were) and it's more valuable than all the promises of the charlatans and con-artists.

Sanity.

Understand no matter what the politicians, feminists, journalists and professors tell you, it's not true. Their promises and your dreams that were based in them are never going to come to fruition. So no matter how comforting and ego-protecting it is today, if you believe them and make life decisions based on them, you will ruin your life. And not just by failing to achieve dreams that were never achievable in the first place, but the sheer torment you'll endure that is caused by the anger, confusion, frustration, stress and grief of living a lie (again, imagine the daily torment people with "Masters in English" are

suffering in the labor market or women who believe they could "have it all" are suffering in the dating/marriage market)

But if you give up your deluded dreams and accept to live in reality, you get the gift of sanity. The KNOWING why things happened the way they did in the past, the knowledge of how things are likely to work in the future, and never being confused, frustrated, or angry again. Imagine if you were told what women REALLY liked when you were 13. Imagine if you were told how corporate America really worked. Imagine if you were told about the economic realities of choosing the right major.

To have that you only need to give up your dreams.

Which is a good thing because those dreams were worthless because they were never going to happen anyway.

Daddy Government and Corporate Boyfriend

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What Daddy Government can't offer you is wisdom.

Daddy Government will subsidize your babies, but he won't tell you which men to avoid. He'll lock up anybody you accuse of raping you, but he won't tell you how to avoid rape in the first place. He'll help you get that scholarship, but he won't warn you about the trade-offs required for a full-time career. He'll indulge his baby-girl… but he won't help her grow into an adult woman.

Why Liberals Never Start Businesses

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They're too lazy and they're not intelligent enough to.

And yes, it is that simple:

They're too lazy to work that hard, AND

they just plain don't have the brain power to do so:

UC Berkeley Study Shows 2 in 1 Women Raped

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From MSNBC

"*When it comes to the uncomfortable topics of sexual assault and rape, there seems to be a lack of consistency when it comes to statistics. Is it 1 in 5 women on college campuses who are raped? Is it 1 in 3? Or are they under-reported and it's actually closer to 1 in 2?*

The truth is even more shocking.

***2 in 1** college women are raped on American campuses every year.*

The discovery of this shocking statistic was due to a joint study between UC Berkeley's Women's Studies Department and the Department of Sociology. Headed by Dr. Madison Jones-Pheeters and Dr. Jane Tallakson-Smith (respectively), the study took on the difficult task of authoritatively assessing what percentage of college women were raped. However, to achieve this, the study boldly abandoned traditional researching and measuring methods and replaced them with newer, out-side-of-the-box ones. This not only allowed them to accurately measure how many women were being raped on campus, but achieve completely new and previously-thought impossible statistics.

"*We really didn't like math and logic," said Dr. Jones-Pheeters. "Both were social constructs forced on us by the patriarchy. So if we were able to unshackle ourselves from these tools of oppression, we would finally be allowed to see for the first time just how much of a threat campus rape and sexual assault really are. I couldn't believe it at first, but there it is. 2 in 1 women, 200% of college-going women are raped every year.*"

Researchers in academia generally agree and concur with the findings, even if the statistical methods were unconventional.

"*We have to appreciate what these two women did here. They are boldly defying male-created traditions such as math, logic, reality, and fact, allowing us to truly see reality for the first time in our researching lives," explained political science professor, Tanner Sylvensen-Anders. "And I'm glad they did. Now we know just what kind of danger and what kind of victims American women are!*"

While they have yet to disclose their full methodologies, Drs. Jones-Pheeters and Jane Tallakson did provide some explanation as to these non-patriarchical statistics.

"*Well, if we redefine rape to mean unwanted advances, and count each instance as an*

individual rape, even if it is still only one woman this is happening to, she has in essence been raped 2, 3, 4, even 20 times over the course of the year. Throw in a woman who suffers from multiple-personality disorder and each instance of rape is magnified thrice or four-fold. Ignoring logic then allows us to prorate these atrocities to each individual woman (or personality), giving us the figure that 2 in 1 women are raped every year."

/sarc

Sadly, I do actually see this in the future.

Economics 101 - Women Do NOT Like Sex as Much as Men

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Some more of my SAEG (TM)

Book Review - The Way of Men by Jack Donovan

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"The Way of Men" by Jack Donovan is one of those books that if there ever was to be a "Manosphere Bible" it would be a "must" to be included, just as the Book of Matthew or Exodus. It encapsulates some of the key tenets of being a man in today's world, and compiles and succinctly presents millennia of wisdom from our forefathers. I would consider it to be "required reading" for anybody out there traipsing upon this realm of the internet and not to procrastinate in going to buy and read this book.

Of course, it was only until now I read it, but my procrastination and hypocrisy aside, the above paragraph is 100% true. This is an ABSOLUTE MUST-READ book.

The reason is simple - it provides men of all ages an explanation of what it means to be a man.

At first this may sound a bit esoteric, even a bit effeminate. Who asks themselves "what does it mean to be a man?"

But without answering this very basic and fundamental question, most men are condemned to wander this world and waste their lives. It is a question that needs to be answered because it not only identifies you in respect to this world, but explains to you your basic function here. This book not only answers that vitally important question, but provides guidance, context, and wisdom about how to live your life given that you have the answer to that question.

From here Mr. Donovan goes into the four basic traits of what it means to be a man:

Strength
Courage
Mastery and
Honor

I did not particularly like this part of the book in that through empiricism and age I (at the risk of sounding arrogant) "already knew it." But this does not lessen the part of the book's value to younger men or men who have yet to find their way in life. Jack goes into logically-supporting detail as to what each is and how men can attain those traits.

From there the book goes into what I would consider it's general premise:

That men, and thus our psyche, have largely evolved outside of civilization. And that with the relatively recent advent of civilization the purpose of men, the way of men, is

becoming obsoleted no matter how hard our frontal lobes may try to adapt.

This results in a BRILLIANT comparison of true masculinity that was required (and thus gave men their true purpose in life) in pre-civilization days to today, where technology and the state have largely replaced men, and we now go vainly looking for "substitute masculinity." Specifically, there are three forms of substitution:

Simulated Masculinity - Sparing, rolling, UFC, sports, etc.
Vicarious Masculinity - Watching sports, war documentaries, playing video games, etc.
Intellectualized Masculinity - Focusing on yourself, self improvement, within the confines that society allows

But regardless of how men cope with their obsolescence, it doesn't change the fact that they aren't wired to do so, and that the civilization that has replaced them is flawed and not feasible in the long term. This has resulted in an identity crisis for men, as well as a full blown assault on maleness and masculinity. What worked in the past and allowed civilization to form was manliness, strength, and men. However, now that civilization exists, technology serves our every need, and the state has supplanted men when it comes to women, there is nothing for men to do but play video games, read about WWII and jerk off to porn. Worse still is the criminalization on all things male and masculine by various political forces as their obsoleted skills are not only no longer needed, but a threat to those in power. And making matters even worse, the masculine skills of foresight, logic, and common sense makes the collapse of society perfectly predictable to most men, but because of democracy and civilization, they are powerless to do anything about it, rendering them "Mythical Cassandras" and causing untold amounts of frustration and insanity.

But Jack Donovan knows civilizations collapse. No empire lasts forever. And Rome did fall. And in preparation for that, his book becomes instructional.

His last few chapters focus on what can be done despite an insane, and largely, anti-male civilization. Working out, finding purpose, finding agency, etc. However, the very last chapter is titled "How to Form a Gang," in that a gang was the original unit of society that not only survived in a non-civilized world, but is the origins of the way and meaning of men. This was particularly useful and insightful in that it spoke directly to my experiences that I was happiest NOT when I was richest or had the most amount of money, but when I was absolutely my poorest, but had the most amount of male friends in the exact same horrible environment I was in. Yes, food was an issue. Yes sleep was a problem. But the mental sanity that came with having my own crew and own team is one no amount of money or financial stability can replace. And it is this last chapter that explains why that is.

So if you are confused or need guidance. If you are a young man looking to understand

your place in this world, or an old man who could never find it. Or you still have a lot of questions about society, where it is going, and why certain groups of people seem hell-bent on villainizing you, I cannot recommend enough that you read The Way of Men.

You can find Jack Donovan's website here.

Drunk Tuesday Afternoon Linkage

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Why I Hate the 60's (The truth is NOBODY liked them!)

Leslie gives me some love.

The fun you have with a shitty world reserve currency.

Chris Betchloff accepts a fight challenge from Rich Stanton. I predict Rich will chicken out.

Governor Pence Has No Balls Podcast

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In this relatively curse-free podcast

Bottleneck people strike again
Never buy a Google phone
The end of talk radio
How the baby boomers never helped, but hindered younger generations
Does anybody attend baby boomer funerals?
Kids faking they have mental diseases
Murdering Aaron Clarey
Indiana's Governor fails the leftist shit test

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of THE CLAREY PODCAST!

Wally The World's Greatest Economist

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Hi-freaking-larious.

And this is exactly how we did it at Norwest (purchased by Wells Fargo back in the 00's)

Foreigner STEM Uber American STEM Workers

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Giving our outsourcing to China under Clinton, Obama's rejection of the Keystone Pipeline, and now STEM jobs under Bush/Obama, I believe you can assume, going forward, politicians will always sell out Americans and do what's worse for them.

How to Analyze Mutual Funds in 3 Minutes

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"My Child Goes Well With the Drapes"

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You see, a narcissist does not have children because they want to love and nurture little humans so they can grow into healthy individuals and be successful on their terms. Rather, a narcissist has children because they need reassurance in their own self, they need to feed their ego, and because they want someone to unquestionably do their bidding; so say I, the lackey gas-pumping, errand-running, house-cleaning daughter, but I digress.

Who Watches "The Daily Show?"

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Good catch Ed.

French Nails and Capitalism

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I looked at The Girlfriend and said, "Girlfriend!"

She said, "Yes, Boyfriend?"

"I have decided I like French nails!" I decreed.

"Really, why is that?" she asked.

"Because it goes well with your white lingerie numbers, plus they just look classy."

And sure enough within 48 hours she was downstairs with a French nail kit trying to do her own French nails.

While the operation to get my girlfriend to do something for me went smoothly, the same could not be said about her endeavor to do her own French nails. For not only had she never done them before, but doing one's own nails requires that one hand, by necessity, not be used. At best they came out "average." Lines not perfectly geometric, depth not perfectly uniform, the coating not perfectly applied, etc. But they were still cute and the fact she did it for me is all that really mattered. However, she was not personally satisfied with the results, and when the varnish and nail polish chipped and deteriorated away within 10 days, she went and had them professionally done.

I wasn't expecting anything much different, but when she returned the difference was jaw-dropping. The shine and sheen were perfect. The color spot on. And the craftsmanship in terms of precision and uniformity was obvious. The difference was blindingly obvious even to a boorish bachelor such as myself.

Curious as to how much this cost I said, "What did that set you back?"

And to my shock she said, "$30."

Immediately my SAEG(TM) mind went into action. The materiel The Girlfriend purchased to do her nails the first time was at least $10. Then a solid hour was spent doing them, followed by at least 20 minutes of incapacitation because she couldn't "touch anything" as they dried. But in what was no more than a 40 minute professional job, and for a mere $20 more in price she had far superior French nails when all was said and done.

But the amazing French nails did not stop amazing there. A full MONTH had passed and they were STILL in perfect shape, showing no signs of wear or chipping. And it is here my

economic mind noticed just what testament to the powers of capitalism French nails were.

To simplify this important economic lesson we will do away with things like wage and opportunity cost (that will follow in the sequel to this post) and focus solely on the only unit of economic value - time.

The original outlay of time The Girlfriend had to spend on doing her own French nails was this:

26 minutes of labor earning the money to pay for the materiel
60 minutes actually doing the nails
20 minutes running around with a gay-esque hand pose as they dried

Total Investment - 106 minutes of life

The outlay of time needed to afford a pro to do her nails for her was this:

79 minutes of labor earning the money to pay the pro
40 minutes sitting time while her nails were done
0 minutes waiting for them to dry because they have an infrared drying device that cures the varnish

Total Investment - 119 minutes of life

However, while at first it may seem it's still better to "DIY," keep in mind when she did it herself, it only lasted 10 days. The professional job lasted three times that long. So assuming The Girlfriend would have to do her nails three times a month, the real effective costs are:

318 minutes (for a marginal job I might add) vs. 119 minutes for a professional job.

It is here we plainly see what is arguably the most important and powerful aspect of capitalism - the law of specialization. In allowing people to specialize in a trade or skill, not only do prices dramatically drop, but the quality of the goods and services dramatically increase. This increases people's purchasing power, as well as improves the quality of the goods and services we consume, increasing overall standards of living.

However there is a problem with specialization. It requires you be really good at something. It requires that you "excel" in something. And excellence is increasingly becoming a four-letter word in today's ever-more socialist society. And as society has decided to lash out, punish and tax excellence, it has ignorantly also lashed out, punished, and attacked one of the key engines of economic growth and human

advancement.

The consequences of which are the topic of our next post.

Avoid ObamaCare by Getting Beaten By Your Wife

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Heh, always a way around government.

A Sad Day in Cappy Land

April 3, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Howdy All,

Bad news every one.

Some of you may or may not know of "The Girl That Is Not Mine" that I reference in my podcast. This is a little child of a friend of mine I've known since she was 6. I take a particular liking to her because she comes form a divorced family, is a tough little booger, and when I pick on her she not only can withstand it, but kind of throws it back. We have very much an antagonistic older brother/younger sister relationship, and though we SWEAR we are "sworn enemies," clandestinely we "may" not loathe each other that much.

Sadly her house burnt down and among half her worldly possessions, she lost two dogs.

I'm not much of one to ask for charity (and frankly am waiting for the day for a lawsuit or free speech issue to come down the pipe, and THEN I'll be asking for your help), but in the meantime if any of you wanted to help the little kid out, I'd sure appreciate it.

I would like to raise enough money to replace two dogs, get her some flowers, and ice cream, as well as any excess funds that would go to replace her material stuff she lost in the fire. Any additional money raised will probably go into a college fund or something.

So if you want make a donation using the button below (or the pinup girl "DONATE" button on the side bar) please do so. ALL FUNDS WILL GO TO THE KID, not me!

Because PayPal **doesn't make things easy**,

1. PLEASE PUT "VARMINT" (that's the nick name I gave her) in the description box
2. Then the amount you want to donate in the "Item Price" box.
3. Hit "update" and then off to your right you will have to click "Pay With Debit or Credit Card" to use a credit card to make a payment
4. You will also have to provide some personal information, and THEN YOU NEED TO:
5. *Decline signing up for Paypal and other painassery to make the payment go through*.

In short, make sure you get to the page that CONFIRMS the payment went through.

Anyway, if you know anybody else that would like to help certainly feel free to forward this to them.

Many thanks for your help!

Cappy

(PS - If you wanted to leave a kind message for Varmint below, please do!)

Stay Frosty, Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

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The DIY Poverty Trap

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In my previous post I explained how allowing people to specialize in a trade or a skill drastically increases the standards of living for society by allowing us to produce not only MORE, but higher quality goods and services. However, such specialization, by necessity, requires superiority and excellence, both of which have been under increasing attack since the 1960's. These attacks have economic consequences, which is the topic of today's post - the "DIY Poverty Trap."

Because of what amounts to nothing more than rank parasitism and envy, America's pillars of excellence, superiority, achievement, accomplishment, and success are all under attack. The attacks come from all fronts, be it political (the rich don't pay their fair share), educational (privilege, sexism, racism, and all the other childish pablum of academia), corporate (CSR, diversity, etc.), racial (stop acting white, Oreo), or social (27th place trophies, not keeping score, fat acceptance, etc.). However, while this results in a general, society-wide hatred of those who wish to pursue excellence, the economic effects fall into two general categories.

The first is that it deters those who have already achieved excellence and production in their respective fields. A doctor, an entrepreneur, an engineer, etc., somebody who is making good money stops and asks him/herself,

"*Why the hell should I work more? Why the hell should I pay more in taxes? Why am I working for these parasites, ESPECIALLY when they villainize me and blame me for all of their-largely-self-inflicted problems? Screw that, I'm going Galt/on vacation/moving the headquarters overseas/etc.*"

The result is less economic growth than what would have been had these people not been as progressively taxed or politically and socially stigmatized. Medtronic would not have moved overseas. Google and Apple wouldn't be parking their money in the Caymans. And people might be willing to invest in the US. It's hard to estimate what economic growth would have been had we championed success, rich people, and excellence, but in merely getting rid of corporate tax rates an estimated $2 trillion alone would be repatriated over night into the US economy. Regardless, because success and excellence are under attack, those capable of it choose to scale back or not participate at all.

The second economic effect is a consequence of the first. With all those "nasty" productive, successful specialists leaving or at least not investing in the US, economic growth has dropped to about 55% of what it used to be back in 1940's-1960's. Naturally, employment has suffered both in terms of UNemployment and UNDERemployment,

especially amongst the younger generations. So instead of being contracted right out of a high school metals program to work at Boeing in 1948, you are begging and pleading to get a job at Starbucks with your Masters in Nutrition in 2015, replete with $70,000 in student loans. Regardless, they too are not achieving nor pursuing excellence. They are merely getting by because of the lack of economic opportunities.

But while both groups are not producing specialization and excellence, the reasons are quite different. Group 1 is capable of it, but CHOOSES not to. They have no incentive, they have no desire. They are opting out of gracing society with their excellence. Group 2, however, doesn't have a choice. They are not CAPABLE of providing excellence and specialization either because they lack the skills or there is no economic opportunity for them to do so. Thankfully, for Group 1, it doesn't matter. They've largely "got theirs" and can afford to merely scale down. But because of the lack of economic growth it is the young generations stuck in Group 2 that fall into the "DIY Poverty Trap."

To understand the "DIY Poverty Trap" you have to think of it as the opposite of The Law of Specialization. With specialization, as evidenced in the previous post, you are allowed to trade your units of time for other people's units of time so that you may specialize and create superior, cheaper goods for them, as they in turn create superior, cheaper goods for you. It is why it's nearly 300% MORE EFFICIENT for my girlfriend to work in her specialty (accounting) and pay for a professional who specialty is manicures and nails, than try to do it herself.

However, this hinges on one very important assumption that was (purposely) kept out of the previous post's discussion - wages.

The only reason it was economically efficient for The Girlfriend to outsource her French nails to a pro was because her wage was adequately high enough to afford the specialized services of the salonist. Had she no SPECIALIZATION or EXCELLENCE in her field of accounting, she would only be making $8 as an unskilled laborer/nanny/barista and instead of 119 minutes of her life spent on getting French nails, it would have cost her 265 minutes.

Thus the importance of CHAMPIONING the specialization of labor and achieving excellence in a specific field, and NOT CRIMINALIZING IT, PUNISHING IT, OR MOCKING IT IN SOCIETY.

However, it is sadly not just merely an issue of getting a "specialty" in something and then "boom" the problem is done. Different economic and sociological variables have conspired that has resulted in a perfect "economic storm" that creates an effective "event horizon" that keeps people in poverty and in the DIY trap.

When you take the:

1. Low economic growth
2. Few economic opportunities
3. Worthless degrees the majority of young people have earned
4. The crippling debts they took on to buy said worthless degrees, and (heaven help you)
5. Any illegitimate children they might have had

they are stuck in the DIY poverty trap and will likely never achieve the "escape velocity" needed to get out of it. The reason why is that they can't even afford to go back to college to retool themselves and learn an actual skill or trade that is specialized enough to pull them out of it.

In short, since they don't have a specialization or are excellent in anything, they cannot barter for other people's highly specialized (and infinitely economically more efficient) skills, condemning them to this effective "lower tier" part of the economy.

And this is where the DIY Poverty Trap comes in.

Since they can't afford specialized services, nearly everything has to be done on their own because it's "cheaper." Of course, financially it may be, but not time wise. This ends up costing them more of their time, denying them the ability to spend that time specializing in something.

For example, no more than two years ago, it largely "financially" paid me to fix my own motorcycle. One time, in what seemed was going to be a "simple fix," I had a piston misfiring, which led me to believe it was time to change the spark plugs. While my diagnosis was correct, my estimation of what it would take to fix my motorcycle was woefully inadequate.

The spark plugs were underneath a stubborn airfilter and carburetor and very leaky fuel system. But none of those could be accessed until I removed a very NOT intuitive gas tank. After many tries, I still couldn't get the motorcycle to turn over correctly, until I realized that in taking off the gas tank I had damaged the starter wire.

When all was said and done it took the following amount of time:

360 minutes of amateurish mechanical work
1,220 minutes of working up at $15 an hour to pay for the $280 mechanics bill

Total life lost: 1,580 minutes.

However, that was when I worked as an UNSPECIALIZED, NON-EXCELLENT security guard. Well before I discovered I had a god-given talent at being a SPECIALIZED and EXCELLENT asshole and started billing out $100/hour at my new company Asshole

Consulting.

Now of course, I don't work 40 hours a week making $100/hour, but for the sake of analysis, assume I did. And let's also assume instead of trying to be macho, I admit I would probably make things worse and outsource my motorcycle repairs to a professional. My new "total life lost" would not have been 1,580 minutes, but rather...

108 minutes.

Now this of course assumes the pro would not have severed the starter wire and that I was a full-time "professional asshole." But they key point is that it shows you just what a DRASTIC and POWERFUL gravitational pull the DIY Poverty Trap is. It is (in this instance) ***10 TIMES LESS EFFICIENT THAN SPECIALIZATION***. A 10 fold "time sink." And forget motorcycles, consider that nearly every aspect of your life has to be "do it yourself."

Cleaning
Oil change
House repairs
Computer repairs
Cooking vs. eating out
Grocery shopping

The list is endless and the damage is incalculable to your economic life.

The larger point is to realize NOT just how insane it is that our society, politicians, teachers, professors, racial groups, and media types punish and ridicule excellence, achievement, and specialization, but to realize just what an economic price is paid, especially by those who are in the poorer classes and trapped by the DIY Poverty Trap. Not only are they kept in poverty by the gravitational pull of low wages, but are lied to about how to get out of it simply so certain leftists political parties and academians may stay in power.

And whereas normally I would feel pity and sadness for people stuck in such a position, when they viscerally and enthusiastically accused me and other people who pursued excellence as "privileged," hate us and call us "racist" or "sexist," and dare to demand that I pay more in taxes to bail them out of their mistakes...I just kick back and say...

Enjoy the decline.

Leftists Are Incapable of Art

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For art requires skill, talent, patience, and investment.

Leftists have none of these things.

For All Finance and Economics Majors

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I posted this a while ago and noticed it has over 50,000 views. That's very rare for a video of mine, but after revisiting it I realized that it's very important this message gets out.

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Please retweet or forward or whatever is necessary to prevent you or a loved on from making such a horrible mistake:

Help "The Varmint" Weekend

April 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Howdy All,

I'll be keeping the "Help the Varmint" donation campaign up until Monday at which time I will close the donation page and give "The Varmint" all the donations you have charitably given.

Ergo, if you wanted to donate but haven't yet, then do so NOW because it closes on Monday.

If you want to make a donation (or have no clue what I'm talking about) go here and read through the instructions.

Thankfully, a woman has already volunteered to buy Varmint two new dogs at the Humane Society so we do not need any more offer to buy/donate dogs. She also has had her computer replaced. Basically, the money raised will be going to replace stuff like clothes, toys, etc., and any excess funds will go into a college fund.

MANY THANKS to all of you who have donated already, I'm keeping the amount secret so as to have it be a surprise later on.

Best,

Cappy

Why Business Schools Are Bullshit

April 6, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Language warning...obviously, but very rantalicious:

Episode #89 of the Clarey Podcast!

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"You're a sell out!"
Do Millennials like money?
What the Harlem Globetrotters teach us about childhood
Downtown hotels are overrated
Women only offer sex once
Helping out The Varmint
Athiests and Agnostics are not discriminated against
Fan mail!

and MORE!

IN THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Video Games No Longer for Adults

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Sunday was a sad day because I had to admit to a reality I just didn't want to:

Video games are no longer made for adults.

Yes, yes, I know you may be past the proverbial age of 18 and you may find video games still interesting, but the truth is with the latest generation of consoles and the games that have (thus far) been made for them, they just aren't made for people who have jobs and certainly not those people who have children.

Again, at first I didn't want to admit it. Desperately hoping I just had a string of "bad" video games. But the empirical evidence was too numerous and damning.

First, Assassin's Creed Unity, aka "You Like Pirate Ships? F@ck You!" I was desperately hoping it would be an improvement upon Assassin's Creed Black Flag. But after spending damn well near 2 hours just getting the basics down, finding a weapon, and finally getting into the "world" I would be operating in, I found out that world, frankly, sucked, the fighting was not the same as Black Flag, and, oh yeah, no pirate ships.

Second, Call of Duty Ghosts. Solid FPS, not terribly steep learning curve, but the movie was childish and boring. Matter of fact, I would have preferred they just load up the game with three more missions and cut the entire "backstory" out.

Reversely, third, Wolfenstein NWO. The story was great, but the utter lack of crazy uber-Nazi experimented enemies was a let down. Still, a solid game, but not worth the $60 I dropped on it.

Fourth, thank god I learned my lesson to wait for reviews to come out because I had dodged a bullet in not dropping another $60 on The Order 1886. And dodging this bullet took some effort because I so wanted to believe this would a revolutionary game, or at least a solid one.

Nope, horrible. Just horrible. So bad were the reviews I don't even have a timid curiosity to try it.

And finally, Bloodborne.

Thinking I'd be crafty and buy the most highly rated video game, I had done all of my chores, done all of my work, and purposely set aside an entire weekend to veg out on this 9.5 out of 10 video game.

Things seemed to be going well. The fighting was a little obtuse, but I'd get used to it. And after 2 hours of slogging through a bunch of enemies, I got killed,

respawned

back where I started 2 hours ago

with all the enemies I just slew, revived as well.

F@ck you, "Form Software." F@ck you.

Here's the sad economic truth about this latest generation of video games and nearly every video game developer better start paying attention.

This isn't 1988 where we were nerdy kids with an entire summer to blow away to get past that one impossible stage of "Ghouls and Ghosts" or "Ninja Gaiden 2." We don't have the time or the luxury anymore to "learn" whole new ways of fighting or button combinations as if we're the Asian engineering students playing Mortal Kombat at the college arcade. And, sadly, we have built up enough self-respect to know when you are giving us a digital finger when you ammo starve us or put save points 2 hours of game play apart.

Additionally, who can afford $60 a pop for video games?

The last time I really spent that much money on a previous console was Pitfall II for Atari 2600 (adjusted for inflation). And I got months of play out of that. Now a "Red Dead Redemption" or "Black Flag" is the ***exception, not the norm*** for these multiple-hundreds of millions of dollars-in-development-costs games. And I just don't have the finances to buy 5 $60 games in the hopes one might be good.

Admittedly, a lot has to do with generational changes. Gen X is now "responsible adults" with things like jobs, mortgages, and children. But who do you think are the ones in charge of the purse strings? Gen X is the "richest" generation that plays video games, but still have budgets (both of time and money). Today's kids are subject to this same budget as they are now relying on their Gen X parents to buy these *COUGH COUGH WHEEZE WHEEZE* "block buster" games. And you can't even rely on the Millennial gamers as they're besieged with student loans, student budgets, and lousy employment prospects.

So maybe game developers and the people who review them need to get out of the "video game echo chamber." They need to realize that while their lives of creating, reviewing and playing video games, are not representative of the largest segment of the gaming market. Sure, if I was a game developer or reviewer and my job was to play and review video games, I could go back, restart Blood Borne, and waste another 2, 4, even 6

hours getting to the next save point. But I had wood that needed splitting, clients that needed consulting, and a girlfriend that needed sexing.

Of course, I could be proven wrong. Gen X'ers may still blow $60 per game in the vain hopes one is worthwhile. Millennials may continue to make equally bad decisions in purchasing games as they did worthless degrees. And kids may convince and cajole their parents to buy them the latest heavily-marketed video game, until they bore of it quickly and retreat to the world of social media.

But if my economic spidey senses are right (and they usually are) this latest generation of consoles are facing a huge underlying problem and it's making games that appeals to developers and full time professional gamers/reviewers, and not your regular, normal people who just like a good freaking video game.

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Enjoy that decline people. Enjoy that freaking decline.

When the "Good Men" Retire from The Game

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I was on the south side of the metro. Was no reason to try to battle my way back home during the depths of rush hour, so I drove around, stopping in on different southern-metro friends, even got myself a cigar at one of my favorite cigar lounges.

The GF wasn't getting back till later as she was working for a side client that evening, so I decided to stop by and visit my buddy Craig. It wasn't much past 8 PM, but you would have thought it was 3 AM when he answered the door. He was in his plaid pajamas, wearing his old man slippers, and a fleece sweatshirt, I think he even had a cup of tea in his hand.

Regardless, he was awake and not about to go to bed so we stayed up and chatted a bit. Talked about his various business ventures, any new ideas he had or was pursuing, and what his financial game plan was for the next 10 years. We spent nearly an hour discussing nearly every other social, political, career, and entrepreneurial aspect of his life, until I almost forgot that he recently became a bachelor and I never inquired about his dating life.

"So, any word from the girly girl front?"

And all he said was, "No, I have absolutely no energy for that. I just want to pay the mortgage and go hunting."

And that was it. That was the summation of his past year of dating life. "No, I don't have the energy."

It wasn't an editorial comment. It wasn't one of "I tried, but dem womenz be crazies." It had no passion or emotion in it. It was merely a statement of fact:

"No, I don't have the energy for it."

And though I had intuitively known this for a while, it was once again one of those things that had yet to make its way to the frontal lobes, turning itself into a concrete observation.

Men do burn out.

I had speculated about this before. A theory about whether men have "unlimited energy" when it comes to the pursuit of women, or if there's a finite amount of energy and men will inevitably stop their pursuit. And though speculate I did a few short years ago, in that

time I've gained the experience, observation, and wisdom to realize the later is true. Men only have a limited amount of energy. And my friend Craig was proof of it.

Of course, while the fact men do burn out had consequences for my friend Craig, they also have consequences for women in his market. For while Craig was sitting at home in his PJ's, sipping away at tea, preparing for a speech he had to give the next day at 8PM, it also, by necessary default, meant he wasn't at the bar or the club or online trying to pine for the affections of women. He wasn't asking women out. There was one less man on the market. And one of those proverbial "good men" women are always looking for.

This made for an interesting juxtaposition, for while Craig was sitting there, comfy in his plaid PJ's and old man slippers, he conveyed to me the story of when he last went out socially. He met up with some old high school buddies of his, mostly of the female persuasion. They were all in their mid 40's, but while he was focused on work, his career, and various professional associations he joined, the women were all divorced, all had their children at the baby sitters and were living it up like they were 24 again. Boozing, drinking "woooing." He said, "I just don't get it. I did that shit when I was 24. It's the last thing I'd want to do now! And here they are thinking it's fun or something." He didn't leave in disgust, but because of boredom and having "been there done that."

However, the utter lack of anything genuine or intellectually stimulating ultimately led him to the observation and an explanation why he stayed in and had no incentive to even try to go out to date:

The amount of investment required to be successful in dating was not worth what he'd get in return. And that is why this "Good Man" (TM) was at home with his tea, instead of out there looking in the dating market. It is also why many 40+ women "can't find a good man."

In the eternal quest for women to "find a good man" and then immediately complaint of "why can't I find a good man" the answer, as always, can be found in economics.

Today, millions of 40 something men like Craig have to face a decision. Do they spend the time, money, and resources pursuing women or do they invest those resources in something else. And while at the age of 18 with hormones raging and economic opportunity costs near $0, the decision was a simple one - chase girls, at the age of 43 things are different.

At 43 men have garnered more and more economic success and more and more economic opportunities. They have also likely develop hobbies, skills, and intellectual endeavors that also provide a positive rate of return on their lives. And let's not forget they're no longer 19 year old horn-balls raging around the prairie.

So when they look at what it precisely takes to get a woman on a date, let alone in bed, the costs are daunting:

10 hours a week hitting the clubs/dating sites/"hunting" in general
4,000 calories of energy being witty/funny/engaging to convince a girl to go out on a date
1/4 dates will flake, bail, cancel at the last minute
What dates you do have only stand a 30% chance of leading to a second
The second dates of which only have a 30% chance of leading to a third
And then the "lovely" last-minute-resistance of having sex

All in all you're looking at 2 weeks of labor, time, and money to "maybe" get laid, and that says nothing about whether the girl would qualify as long-term quality girlfriend material.

And while at the age of 18 when you literally had NOTHING else going on in life, no real man of any significance is going to have that much time to piss away on an investment with such a low expected rate of return in his 40's.

In other words, ladies, the men are just plain burnt out. They're spent. When presented with the required investment to "maybe" be successful pursuing a girl, most men post 35 will scoff at it and do something else, hoping something lands in their lap. And while you may not like that, or may find it "insulting," none of that changes the fact it's true. The "good men" you are looking for are at home or at the office, and just plain don't have the energy any more to pursue you.

This means, as all major economic upheavals in markets do, that its participants change their actions. "Wooing" it up at the bar, getting hammered at 43 while your dad subsidizes your child and mortgage is not a product that's going to get an industrious middle aged man to pursue you. Going to the same old bar and club where the same old guys and men from 1994 using the same old "can I buy you a drink" tactic is going to result in the same results you had the past 20 years. And wearing the same old clothes, whoring it up, will result in that one night fling you'll fakely claim you regret, but certainly not the "good man" you're looking for.

Ultimately, you're going to realize that you get to live up to the feminist dream of being truly equal to men now. You get to hunt, you get to strategize, you get to trial and error your way into finding a "good man." And while you'll rapidly point out that men are thirsty at the bar for you, and your POF profile is full of e-mails (and that is all certainly true), we all know those aren't the "Good Men" you're looking for because you would have snagged one of them by now and would CERTAINLY not be complaining about the "lack of good men" today.

So sorry girls. Once more unto the breach....well, for you it will be the very first time.

Varmint Gets Her Money

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I delivered the check to "The Varmint"

Thanks to everybody who donated. You have to keep in mind she was not going to go crazy because I was there and we are "sworn enemies" so the reaction was a bit subdued.

"Cougars" Getting "Catfished"

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I love this woman. She comes outright and says it. Women in their 50 are getting desperate. And scamming them has never been easier.

Barack Obrony

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Hi-freaking-larious.

Brilliant Keynesian Ideas

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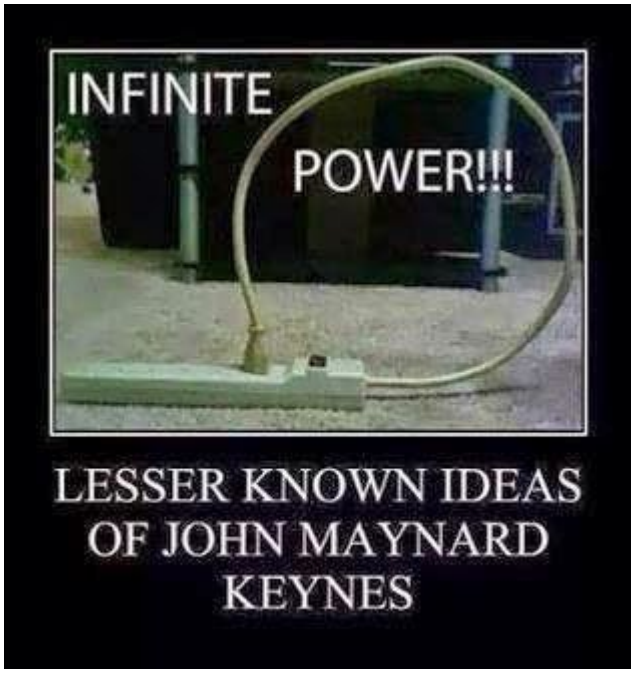

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Did you notice how everything is OK because government checks ensured this man had no problems?

About Joining the Military

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One of our Veteran Agents in the Field was kind enough to put together this very lengthy and detailed piece about his opinion and knowledge of joining the military for any of you Cappy Cappites out there who are kicking it around or wanted more information. It's very lengthy, but very thorough and just wanted to put it up here in case it would benefit some of you:

I know that you've mentioned the merits of going into and staying in the military in light of the shitty economy and, especially in the case of men, to have a solid purpose and direction in their life. As a veteran myself, I know these merits personally, for I was in a somewhat similar situation over ten years ago when I found myself without a job and struggling to find something substantial after my IT job at a severely dysfunctional and corrupt non-profit (the United Way . . . wink-wink) went belly-up and I was faced with a slack job market soon after the one-two punch of the 1999-2000 tech bust and 9/11. Fed up, I did something radical and joined the Army at the age of 31. (At 18 years old, I could have done it, but didn't. But, back then, I still operated with the belief that college was the key and that there were plentiful jobs out there.)

Now, I work for the government in Washington, DC and have excellent pay and benefits. Being a veteran certainly helps in this day and age because there are many more resources out there for them to where being a vet puts you in a special and, dare I say, somewhat protected class. If you know how to exploit these resources, you can do fairly well for yourself, but you have to be creative because, especially when it comes to the government, lethargy, apathy, and bureaucratic friction are the order of the day. It's not all that different for the private sector, where, even if you find a good mentor who can point you in the right direction, he or she is likely limited in what they can do where they work because HR still rules the roost in several cases – and we all know how HR works. Creativity and persistence, as well as patience and a high tolerance for bullshit, will yield some good fruit.

I wanted to share some of my experiences with the military below, outlined in the following points. I'd like you to share these points in a video for those guys, especially younger, out there considering joining the military so that they're forearmed with substantial knowledge from a guy who's smarter than the average bear (I do listen to you, after all) and who was there on the ground seeing this unfold. However, I want to caution that, at the time I enlisted, I was older than the average recruit and so had some biases going in. But, I counterbalanced that with my own innate smarts and hustling to create my own luck to get what I wanted. My cousin did the same thing at a slightly younger age in the late 90s when he was stuck with a marine biology degree, debt, and no job. He came out decently on the other side and now works for JP Morgan as a VP,

since JP Morgan is very vet-friendly and there still are fairly plenty of jobs on their side. Vets' preference, baby.

With that, I'll begin. Take everything I say here with a grain of salt, realizing that this is my own opinion, and do your own homework by talking with other vets. Keep in mind that I enlisted in early 2004, almost one year after the Iraq debacle kick-off, and before the waves of PC bullshit started infiltrating the military (e.g., women allowed in combat roles and the sexual assault witch-hunts). I also was in the Army, so everything I say here references my experiences in the Army. I can't speak to the Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, or to the Reserves and National Guard, though I can bet money that many points here can be applied to those other services. Again, do your own homework and make your own decisions. The key point here is to make an INFORMED decision, based on facts and not on emotion. When you join the military, you're taking a risk and one that you can't back away from so easily as you would just up and quitting a regular job.

INTRODUCTION

Understand that the Army is run like any other large and bureaucratic government, or even corporate, organization in this day and age: badly and wastefully. Add in Congress's relentless dysfunction despite Republicans still loving the military as a pork project, and you have hemorrhoid pain. Add in PC bullshit, and you have a witch's brew. Some will, rightly so, describe the Army as "faux socialism" since you do get goodies (e.g., health care, educational benefits, a pension) in return for signing your life over for a certain number of years. If you refuse to give into patriotism, a sense of "duty and honor," and adopt a somewhat mercenary mindset, those of you that are using the Army as a less-than-stellar option to get more wind in your sails for your life are on the right foot. This is what I did when I enlisted. I needed more momentum in my life and sucked it up with the Army's bullshit.

Now, as with any organization, there are smart people, good and decent people, mediocre people, functional illiterates, and psychopaths. Politicians are the routine mediocre and psychopaths. So are your fellow soldiers, senior enlisted, and officers. The more you devalue yourself and the more you drink the Kool-Aid, the higher you can go in the ranks. If you want to do 20 years and get the pension, this will likely be your path. If you're a short-timer to get the goodies, you can retain some of your mind, personality, and dignity. In the Army, you can meet some cool and downright incredible people, and some of these people could turn into lifelong buddies. You'll also meet many dysfunctional and evil shitbags. Don't be one of them, if possible. (The Army, generally, doesn't attract the best and the brightest.) Work with them, but don't hang out with them. You're not required to. The only thing you're required to do is follow orders, follow regulations, and respect rank. You might get a shitty situation or you might get a cake situation. Consider yourself very fortunate if you get the latter. If you get the former, work with it and get what you can out of it. Most of the time, you'll have a bit of both.

(See the last section for more on this.)

TOTAL MILITARY TIME

Understand that, on the day that you go to your MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) and raise your hand to take the oath to defend the Constitution (uh-huh) you incur a total EIGHT-year commitment in the military.

Let me say that again for the cheap seats: EIGHT YEARS.

You could spend these 8 years either totally on active duty in one service (e.g., Army), or in the Reserves or National Guard. You could also be in the Army for a few years and then maybe go into the Air Force either on active duty or Reserve or National Guard. You could also do 2-3 years of active duty in one service and then not be in anything for the rest of the 8 years or for up to 20 years and then get a pension. This non-active duty time is called the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). While in IRR, you have to check in periodically so that the military knows you're out there, at the ready. This wasn't a bad gig for many people until 9/11 happened and then Iraq kicked off. Then, they found themselves called up and retrained to be in jobs like infantry or military police (MP). These were guys who might have worked clerical jobs in the past while on active duty – and, these might have been guys in their late 40s and early 50s just waiting to put in their 20 years. No matter. If the military has tabs on you, they can call you up in the event there's another war. All of these people, including those in the National Guard, especially, were called up because there was a severe shortage of personnel due to the massive draw-down that happened (and is currently happening, though to a lesser degree, because of sequestration, which are the automatic budget cuts that Congress was too spineless to stop) in the late 80s and early 90s, after the Cold War and under Bill Clinton.

When you come off of active duty and go into the IRR, you won't receive your official discharge paperwork until your IRR time is over. Until you get that official paperwork, you'll be in a "separated" status. Keep this in mind. Also understand that, you'll be in the IRR from the day you raise your hand to take the oath until you ship out to basic training/boot camp. I was initially unaware of this until I checked my enlistment paperwork after my first deployment. I enlisted in July 2003 and didn't ship out until January 2004, so that gave me a good six months of IRR time, which applied to my total 8-year commitment. Consequently, I had 1.5 years to wait until I got my official discharge paperwork in July 2011. I'm now no longer in the military's grasp.

Lastly, if you should decide you get out before you hit the 20-year mark, you'll meet recruiters again who will try to entice you to stay in. If you want to stay in, that's your choice. But, it's better to WANT to stay in to get more of what YOU want or try again to get what you want if bad luck befell you during your first term of enlistment. I remember

when I was in Germany just six years ago listening to a recruiter try to entice one of my buddies to stay in, saying that he'd be promoted and get a bonus, yadda, yadda, yadda . . . My buddy, when asked, said that he had something like $90,000 in the bank, so he was good financially. The recruiter sat their dumbstruck and didn't say anything except, "Um, well . . . so I think you're good." I couldn't help but smile because my buddy had the military equivalent of fuck-you money.

RECRUITERS AND THE ASVAB

Get it in your head that recruiters don't give one corn-enhanced shit about you personally. They're there to meet their quotas and make it easier on themselves because they might be recruiters in your particular area since the Army allows you to do recruiting duty for up to three years, usually to create stability (maybe in their own hometown) and to get out of deployments for that time period. After their duty, then they have to go where the Army sends them. True, there are some "nice" recruiters who are generally aboveboard and are more helpful than others in answering your questions, but they're all salespeople trying to get you in. Don't fall for the allure of being in the service and let yourself be swayed by false promises or, more charitably to the recruiters, their incomplete and/or distorted knowledge about what things are like in areas you have an interest in. (For comparison, think how many job descriptions don't match with the actual job.) Recruiters aren't the smartest bunch, too.

To get what you want in the military, you have to go in with a mercenary mindset and hustle to get it. Once you enlist, you're government property, even though you get meals, a roof over your head, clothing, training, free medical care, and a chance to travel. As the CO (commanding officer) of my first unit said to me once, "The Army will gladly let you work as many hours as you want without one more ounce of what they're required to give you." Also, if you don't take charge of your career, then the Army will gladly do it for you.

The way you effectively deal with recruiters is to go in there with a no-bullshit attitude and know what you want. You do the latter by researching the positions that the Army has available (you have the Internet now, so no excuses for not doing this) and telling this to the recruiter. For example, in my case, I had two positions in mind: IT specialist (which was fairly new at the time in early 2004) and a linguist, with a concentration, I hoped, in Arabic. I wisely chose the former as this would set me up better once I came off of active duty after six years, which was the length of my initial enlistment. If the recruiter doesn't give you what you want, you walk and can go to another recruiter, or come back later if there are other slots open. Never, ever be desperate to enlist, if you can help it. If you can't get your first job, but you want to ship out right away, then have another job you want to do, with a solid payout once you finish your first enlistment. Remember that the military isn't twisting your arm to enlist. There's no draft (except maybe a "poverty draft") and you're free to enlist or not to enlist.

One way you have leverage over recruiters to get what you want is to score well on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) as well as a high school diploma. For the Army, a 31 composite score is necessary for enlistment, and a minimum of 50 is required for specialized jobs, like the technical fields, and for enlistment bonuses. Generally, the higher you score on all areas of the ASVAB, the higher your score, and the greater the likelihood that you'll get the job of your choice, excepting barriers like how many slots are open, enlistment times, etc.

BASIC TRAINING AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

Every Army enlisted soldier has to go through Basic Combat Training (BCT). This is where you learn to "be a soldier" – which is less intense than it was about 20 years ago, so some people told me. Typical length is 8 weeks long, where you do lots of PT, do weapons training, do drill and ceremony, etc. Check out YouTube videos for some insight into this.

The following are the Army bases where you'd be assigned for BCT:

- *Fort Benning – Columbus, Georgia*
- *Fort Jackson – Columbia, South Carolina*
- *Fort Leonard Wood – St. Robert, Missouri*
- *Fort Sill – Lawton, Oklahoma*

At the time I was in, there were one or two others, but I guess those have since closed down. Also, I understand that all four now have females, whereas Benning accepted only males. (Better, in my opinion, because the problems you have with Army females start earlier when they're in BCT with you.)

Understand that, because of PC influences, BCT is watered down – and it has changed to reflect what the Army decided had to be done in light of the outdated Cold War tactics and how they didn't serve soldiers in dealing with "asymmetric warfare." (Look it up.) Because of this, BCT, especially with females, is a big head game. Take nothing personally and get your shit done to get through this. Take the opportunities with PT to get in better shape than you are now, because you'll be doing a lot of PT. Keep on the straight path and keep your nose clean. If you're lucky, you might make some lasting buddy-ships, some of whom might go with you to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) after you all are done with BCT. If you have the right attitude, you should do fine. A big plus, especially when it comes to weapons training, is if you came from a gun-loving family and started shooting when you were younger. I didn't and so sucked at marksmanship. But, that wasn't why I went into the Army in the first place.

AIT is where you receive your job training. In your research for what job you want before you enlist, check out how long the training is going to be. My job was IT specialist, and

my AIT was six months, one of the longer ones. By far, the longest AIT is for a linguist, especially if the language you'll be studying is difficult like Chinese, Arabic, Korean, or Persian/Farsi. Language training itself, done at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, could take up to a year or slightly more. Then, afterward, you might be trained to do intelligence (likely) for another few months. I remember a guy I used to know many years ago who enlisted in the Army in the early 90s and wound up being trained as a Korean linguist and then in intelligence. Adding up the time he spent in the IRR before shipping out to BCT, his BCT time, his language training (at least one year), and his intelligence training, he arrived at his first duty station in Korea with almost half of his four-year enlistment over. Yes, gents, this is so. Though you have a total 8-year commitment, whatever training you receive while on active duty counts toward your total active duty time.

On that note, I also want to underscore the following. Unless you don't really care what happens to you during your Army time (and there are people like that), take every opportunity you can to take training on the Army's dime, especially technical training that will help you get a job in the civilian world when you get out. You want to get IT certifications? Use tuition assistance to pay for it. You want to get your EMT certification? Make sure you enlist as a medical specialist and get that. You can also use some of your GI Bill money WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY to get a degree, including a master's. Again, in my case, I used it to get a master's degree because I already had a bachelor's. If you want to position yourself well before you get out, and already eliminate the hurdles of having a degree and the certifications, you have no excuse not to start working on this after you get to your first unit. Admittedly, there were many active duty soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan who were working too much and dealing with other shit at home (e.g., cheating girlfriends or spouses and the damaging fallout from them) where they couldn't apply themselves to degree programs or other training programs. Now that things are relatively calmer, you should have some more free time. Yes, do your partying and enjoy yourself here and there, but DO NOT piss away your time and not get out with nothing less than an associate's degree and a few certifications. To take it one step further, you could start an online business while on active duty. This is something I wish I'd done while I had the time, but I was more focused on study and traveling in Europe, which I did a lot of, to my satisfaction.

Finally, do online courses for your degree, and do them with an accredited non-profit university. Do not take out any loans if possible and take your time if you have 4-6 years. All of this saves you time. Having that bachelor's, unfortunately, is still a must in today's over-credentialized world. The sooner you knock it out, the less headaches you'll have later on. I can remember some of my old unit-mates telling me not long after we all transitioned off of active duty how they regretted not getting at least an associate's. Now, they're stuck, unemployed, and trying to attend school full time, even with the GI Bill.

ENLISTED vs. OFFICER

Generally, it's better to be an officer, especially long-term. You get better pay, deal with less bullshit (e.g., clean-up and landscaping duty), and are more respected when you get out because you're seen as "management material" by private-sector employers. But, all is not a bed of roses and you have to be circumspect in deciding to go down this route.

First, if you have a degree, regardless of major, you'll already qualify to be an officer. (Even better if you have a medical degree because you can come in at a higher rank like Captain or Major if you're a nurse or doctor, respectively.) This is what happened to me, and my recruiter was trying to push me in this direction. But, something in the back of my mind told me to be cautious, especially since I didn't have all of the facts before me and, at least in my mind, wouldn't be making an informed decision. So, I chose to go enlisted instead, with the intent of maybe becoming an officer later if I wanted to reenlist. It wasn't until later when I could give shape to my doubts.

Understand, firstly, that officers are trained to be generalists – managers. Enlisted are trained to do a job and, given the job, will do that job for the duration of their active duty and maybe their Reserve and National Guard careers. With the Army, both officers are enlisted are trained to fight or to lead others to fight. No surprise that the core of the Army is the infantry and combat arms. (Same with the Marines, though there's greater stress on combat training ("you're a rifleman") first. All other jobs are secondary and are in support of combat arms. As enlisted, you're trained to be on the front line. As an officer, you're trained to lead these front-line soldiers.

Whether you begin your initial enlistment as an officer or become an officer later, you attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia, where you have your weapons training and do other things like land navigation. At the time you begin OCS, you create a "dream sheet" of three branches, one of which has to be combat arms (e.g., Infantry) if you're male. You hope that, at the time you get out of OCS and are assigned your first unit, you have your first choice. Don't count on it. "Needs of the Army" will trump most things. If your first choice was Signal (i.e., communications), you might instead wind up with Air Defense Artillery (combat arms). The only way you can change this is if you find someone in your class with the branch you want and he or she wants the branch you have. You do a one-to-one swap. If not, then you're stuck with what you're assigned – for the duration of your first enlistment. When Iraq and Afghanistan were full force, you, as a privileged and patriarchy-benefiting scumbag of a male, could have wound up with Infantry and then be on the front lines with your men. Nice – not.

Some of the worst officers I've seen have been early 20-somethings coming straight out of college or ROTC and who have no real-world, or otherwise, leadership experience, with the entitlement attitude to boot. Not all are like this, of course, and I've seen some shitbag officers who were shitbags prior enlisted, but who lucked out and went to OCS to

get a better job. In general, though, prior enlisted (and older) tended to make better officers because they knew what it was like to be enlisted and knew what jobs in the branch entailed. Think of the civilian world – an IT project manager, for example, would, in general, be more effective if he or she worked as a network administrator or programmer for a time before taking management courses, or even daring to consider himself or herself a competent manager.

Next, many agree that the best of both worlds (for the Army) is being a warrant officer (WO). A WO is a technical subject matter expert who runs a shop or a section. He or she is a commissioned officer, but doesn't deal with running a battalion or division unless necessary. Think project or program manager instead of "general management." Less bullshit and more focus on the technical side of the house. You especially find WOs as helicopter pilots and Signal officers. WOs were prior enlisted before they became WOs. You don't become a WO straight out of the gate like you would a commissioned officer. The downside of being a WO is that is takes much longer to attain the next rank because you have to know your technical area solidly and because of time-in constraints. This is why you find many WO4s and WO5s (two of the highest ranks) in their 50s and 60s, with at least 20 years of total service. It's also about slots, which I'll address below.

Finally, back to being enlisted. In my view, there's no shame in being enlisted, even if you have a degree. (Case in point, during both basic training and my tech training, there were many people who had worked in IT and had some college credits, which meant that they had a higher rank going in. They enlisted because they had shit for job prospects and wanted to better themselves.) Going the enlisted route makes perfect sense if you're going to be a short-timer and are very focused in what you want. I was in the Signal branch and I went enlisted because I wanted to work to get that hands-on experience and maybe a certification or two (which the Army, and the other services, could pay for). When it comes to IT, as many of you out there know, experience matters more than education. After six years (my initial enlistment term), I came out having done networking, a bit of programming, and working with databases. With my general demeanor, many people have mistaken me for an officer, and are surprised to learn that I was enlisted. I didn't take the certifications, though, but that didn't hinder me in getting my present job. But, I certainly used my GI Bill benefits while on active duty to help pay for a master's in IT, which has been much more valuable in the long run.

Also, with being enlisted, as I mentioned with the recruiters, unless you get the exact job you want, you could be stuck with a shit job for at least four years, then have to reenlist to "reclass," as they call it, to something you want to do, for another four years or so.

ASSIGNMENTS

As is the case with OCT, at the time you enlist, you can create a wish list of where you want to be stationed when you're finished with BCT and AIT. Don't assume that you're

going to get your choice. At the time I enlisted (and it probably is still the case today), the only way you could get a choice is if you chose OCONUS (Outside of the Continental United States), which is anything other than the 48 states. OCONUS, regarding duty stations outside of deployments, means Europe, Asia, Hawaii, Alaska, or the territories like Puerto Rico and Guam. Two main choices are Germany and Korea. If you choose CONUS (Continental United States), you won't have a choice with your first enlistment. You go where they assign you, and that's based on "needs of the Army" and you'll probably end up on a larger base like Fort Benning or Fort Stewart in Georgia, Fort Hood in Texas, or Fort Lewis in Washington State. Them's the breaks, but if you have a mildly positive attitude, it can work out. Some bases really suck and others are rather tolerable. Do your research on the base and the surrounding area, keeping in mind that the nearest city to an Army base is heavily dependent on the base itself. So, expect to see lots of tattoo parlors, check-cashing places, bars, and assorted welfare recipients. (Plentiful with somewhat effortless single-mother pussy, but wear a rubber.)

If you happen to get Germany or Korea, you did have a choice, but, as is also the case with staying CONUS, you don't have a choice with WHAT UNIT you'll end up in. Again, "needs of the Army." In my case, for example, I did BCT at Fort Benning and then went to Fort Gordon, also in Georgia, for my AIT. My first duty station, which I learned not two weeks into AIT, was Benning. Kind of funny when you look at it, because I wound up crisscrossing the state. When I arrived at Benning, I was first to go to a transportation unit but then got moved up to the HQ unit because they needed my skills there. This was a logistics battalion of which the transportation unit was a part. I deployed with this logistics battalion for one year. In early 2006, I got in touch with my branch manager (Signal) at Army HQ and requested a transfer to Germany, which I then did in November 2006, being stationed in Mannheim in the southwest, one hour south of Frankfurt am Main. I wound up in a Signal unit and then deployed with them in late 2007. A buddy of mine from AIT with the same job, in contrast, wound up at Fort Stewart in Georgia with the 3rd Infantry Division, a large, cumbersome, and moderately dysfunctional unit. He stayed there for all of his six years and deployed three times. He was unable to get out of 3rd ID and Stewart. That happens. To get away from 3rd ID, he'd have had to reenlist (which is when you truly do have a choice as to what BASE you go to, but not unit) for another 4-6 years or get out. (He got out, and is now working for Oracle in San Francisco as a software developer.)

The upshot to this is: you have little choice where you go, but you have a choice in what to make of where you're at. In my case, I spent my entire Army career in two places: Benning in Georgia and Mannheim in Germany. Each had their respective merits and demerits. The unit at Benning was run better and I did my job all during the two years I was with the unit, both in garrison and deployed. But, Columbus, Georgia was lacking in things to do, even though I had a car and took some day trips to Alabama and Atlanta. The unit in Germany was run a bit worse and I didn't do my job except when deployed.

But, I was in Germany and near two main train stations and one major international airport. You can bet your sweet ass that I took advantage of that, traveling to France three times, Switzerland once, Italy twice, Greece once, Malta twice, Turkey once, Austria once, and all over Germany. It was all about seeing and seizing the opportunity. After all, in garrison, you work 9 to 5 and have your weekends free, and have four-day weekends whenever there's a major US holiday like Memorial Day and President's Day. If you're stationed in Italy you can do the same thing with Europe. In Korea, you can travel all over Asia, though if you're in the north near Seoul, you'll probably be working your ass off with field exercises and, consequently, won't have that much free time.

Final note: I touched on the fact of doing your research with bases and the surrounding areas. Understand that, with most bases, one or two units are the major force there. All other units are classified as either support units or "tenant" units. For example, as I mentioned, 3rd ID is the main unit on Fort Stewart. If you get assigned there, you might wind up at the division level, or at the battalion or company level of a unit supporting 3rd ID. If 3rd ID deploys, then all or mostly all of the support units will go with it. If you get assigned to a "tenant" unit, you might not deploy, though that's not set in stone. (Case in point: with the logistics battalion, the battalion JAG clerk, a black single mother, found a way to get out of the deployment and so the battalion had to scrounge to find a JAG clerk, which they found in an early 20-something, nerdy and pimply-faced guy who thought that he was set with his desk job in garrison. "Needs of the Army," baby.) Also, realize that getting assigned to a plum base might not be it's all cracked up to be. "Plum" might be Japan (very hard to get unless you luck out or reenlist and get some strings pulled), Spain, or it might be one of the bases near Washington, DC (e.g., Fort Meade, where the NSA is) to include the Pentagon. DC area bases are stuffed with top officers and senior enlisted, so as junior enlisted, you run the risk of being someone's bitch in a more political atmosphere –though you'll be doing a desk job and not out in the field pitching tents. (Higher brass is also someone else's bitch, as a major could be the secretary and dog-walker to a one-star general.) You also have to deal with DC traffic and the high cost of living, and plenty of government employees with their own entitlement mentality. Given that, you might be better off, cost of living-wise, at a place like Fort Bliss near El Paso, Texas, though you'd have to deal with another kind of Shitsville entirely.

REGULATIONS

If nothing else, read up on and understand deeply Army regulations, especially those that govern solider appearance and behavior. Many of these regulations are online, so you can access them much easier than you could in the past, when soldiers tended to be more ignorant because of lack of information. Knowing the regulations better than anyone else means that you can protect yourself when you encounter a shitbag who won't let up on you.

For example, in Germany, I had a higher-ranked supervisor who I didn't get along with because I could tell that he was a self-serving shitbag who could get what he wanted because the battalion leadership needed him for deployments. The guy was Indian and came from a somewhat well-to-do family. (However, unlike the stereotype, this Indian wasn't the sharpest bayonet in the drawer.) He enlisted in the Army to get his American citizenship, but was going to do his 20 years so that he could also get a pension. This guy wasn't well-liked by many people in the battalion, and fate conspired to make him my supervisor.

One thing he did early on was to get on me about my haircut. According to regulation, all males' hair must be short and off the collar. You could either shave your head bald (which I did) or do a high-and-tight. (Look it up.) I usually kept my hair blocked off in the back, as I had been doing for many years. Mind you, no one either in BCT, AIT, or at my first unit said anything about this, as I usually kept my hair very short and they probably didn't care. Not so this Indian guy. The regulation, I admit, said that, in the back, the hair was to be in a taper instead of a block. I couldn't argue with him about this, but I managed to put it off until things got busy with the pre-deployment preparations. Then, after my unit moved from Germany, it fell by the wayside. I never heard about it again, either from him or anyone else.

The point here is that anyone, including you, can circumvent or flout regulations when necessary. Regulations exist for a reason, but there are many that have been there on the books for a long time, and in my opinion, make little sense today. Yet, everyone has to follow them, or suffer the consequences. One thing to keep in mind is that all leadership is required to maintain current regulations and not take away from current regulations. They can also add to existing regulations as they see fit, but "within reasonable bounds." For example, a unit commander can push to have all soldiers starch and press their uniforms even though this isn't necessary and can damage said uniforms. This is frivolous, but you'll run into trouble if you don't follow it. On the flip side, if a shitbag is trying to get you to do something dangerous, you can pull out the regulation and shove it into his (or her) face to get them to back away, even going up the chain of command to get him or her to stop. You'll still suffer some consequences, but at least you can shove back and stand your ground.

This is the Army guys – when you signed on the dotted line and raised your hand, you gave up some of your rights as a private citizen for the goodies. If you're not ready to do this, then you have no business being in the Army.

WOMEN

A crucial subject since many of you out there are younger clueless men with raging hormones. Pay close attention because, as it is in the civilian world, the stakes are high

and you could SERIOUSLY lose your ass, over a piece of ass, and dignity in this minefield if you don't know how to navigate it.

First, understand that there are fewer women than men in the Army, so you're dealing with a pre-existing unfavorable sex ratio. There are certain fields, mind you, where there are generally more women than men (e.g., medical and clerical, though clerical jobs have all but disappeared). In general, the easier the job, the more women you'll find. This was also, until recently, mandated by the ban on women in combat roles.

In my experience, many Army women, whether they're white, black, Hispanic, or Asian, are both unattractive and low on the intelligence scale. After all, even in the case with men, the Army and the military won't attract the best and the brightest. There are outliers, of course, but don't expect to find them. Also, with Army women, since many Army guys are thirsty, the women's attitudes tend to be horrible because of entitlement mentality – which also existed before they went in because of feminism, etc.

Case in point: note the phrase "queen for a year." This refers to a chick on deployment, usually a 5 at best, where she might be the only Slot A (hat tip to Terence Popp) of maybe 50 or more men. You can do the math on that one. In my case, I remember during my second deployment to Iraq being at a small outpost of at least 150 mostly infantry guys. We had one female MP who would stay at the base for a few days every month or so. At best she was a 6 – in the face, but not in the body. Though she was a competent MP, imagine her near-effortless pick of dick. It sucks, boys . . . and she certainly wouldn't be sucking you if there are officers or senior enlisted around . . . wink-wink.

Of paramount importance is the following. If you have the urge and it's too strong to ignore, jerk off or, if you're over in Asia or Europe, put aside some cash and avail yourself of hookers. Because many Army chicks are both entitled and mentally disturbed (daddy issues, physical or sexual abuse at home, low self-esteem, substance abuse), if you avail yourself of the Slot A (and B and D) and she has remorse, you can rightly assume that she knows she can sashay her fat ass over to the MP station at any time and file a sexual assault charge. You'll then be yanked aside and have to go through an investigation. Very stressful and potentially life-upending.

I'll give an example. At the start of my second deployment, one of the senior enlisted (an E-6, staff sergeant), who had a girlfriend in Germany and was tapping ass on the side occasionally, suddenly disappeared from our unit while we were in Kuwait for in-processing and training. I didn't find out until two months later that a chick he had banged once or twice in Kuwait filed a rape charge against him. The Army removed him from Kuwait and our unit and sent him to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to sit in limited confinement while his trial, which could have led to a court-martial, was going on. I later found out that he was at Sill for a good seven months. Eventually, they found out that the chick lied and had filed two other sexual assault charges with two other men. She had a history of

mental illness. The E-6 was cleared, he was reinstated on active duty, and got his rank back. (But, we never saw him again in Germany.) He could have been court-maritaled and received a dishonorable discharge, which would have fucked him. He escaped this fate, though I'm sure that he definitely was shaken because of it. In general, though the guy should have kept it in his pants, especially since he had a girlfriend who was in his corner, what he went through was unnecessary. But, if you stick your dick in crazy, this is what happens. Don't say you weren't warned.

On another note, dealing with Army women is often a challenge because of their entitlement mentality and because they're given a lot more slack than the men are, which then creates work problems and fosters resentment from others. For example, there was one blonde chick in Germany – quite the looker, at least a solid 7 who was thin and had a nice ass – who routinely ducked morning formation and didn't get disciplined for it because her supervisor let it slide. She missed formation because she often had been drinking the night before and woke up hung over. (Yet, she swore she didn't have a drinking problem.) She also had three tattoos and had been getting British dick while deployed, so go figure. Another example was a whiny, sometimes belligerent, and all-around insufferable black chick who talked back to supervisors when they required her to do physical labor. While in Kuwait, she conveniently got herself knocked up by a senior enlisted dude and then was sent back to Germany to wait out the deployment – because, of course, how could you deploy a pregnant slut to actually do work? So, she did clerical work and probably stayed in for a few more years while she got free health and pre-natal care. Great while you can get it, but then the kid is going to be yet another single-mother raised kid. God bless America!

My advice: avoid these chicks and only work with them when necessary. If you choose to fuck them, get a vasectomy and freeze your sperm first. Then, make sure to record the two of you making the beast with two backs, to protect yourself against a sexual assault charge. The witch-hunt is now greater than it was when I was in, so you have to tread very, very carefully in this area. And, as I said, if you're in Asia or Europe, then just go to the brothels. The attitude toward prostitution is more favorable in these places and the quality of pussy is that much better. Army women, even if attractive, tend to be sluts or might be tempted to be sluts. If you had your choice between a fat Hispanic chick, at best a 5, in the barracks, with the risk of her going to the MPs if you didn't "satisfy" her right, or a brunette 8 Ukrainian in the red-light district in Amsterdam, where you pay her 100 euro for one hour with no hassle, which would you prefer? I know which one I'd choose.

Lastly, I strongly advise against being married while in the military unless you choose to do your 20 years and make a career of it. If you're a short-termer and doing only one enlistment, you have shit to do, so get it done. The fewer distractions you have, the better.

Never marry an Army chick because of the risk of getting a psycho (and a petri dish of prior dick STDs) and because deployments, if they happen, can stress and tear apart a marriage, with any kids being collateral damage. You're better off finding a non-Army chick who is very patient and understanding and who will be in your corner for the long haul. Not a given, mind you, since there are plenty of younger uneducated chicks looking to get their hooks into an Army guy to get his sperm and spousal benefits. This also applies to Germans, Italians, Asians, etc., wherever there's an Army base and are looking to capitalize on young dumb Army guys. (Pussy for resources – remember that.) I've seen this one too many times and it doesn't turn out well, for either the guy or the girl. For example, one 19 year old dumbass on my team during my second deployment gave his wife complete access to the bank account before he deployed. A few months in, she went incommunicado and, in tandem, had drained the bank account. He was calling frantically, from Iraq, via Skype every day to find her and eventually found out that she had left town and went back to stay with her parents in another state. Subsequently, they divorced – and then he was back on Skype cyber-stalking this redhead he knew from his hometown. Eventually, the battalion pulled him from our side after six months because he had too many personal issues at home. Good riddance. Then, there are the other stories of Army chicks or Army wives "forgetting" their birth control. You know the story.

Bottom line: if you want to get married, do it AFTER you get out and after you set yourself up. Then, apply the necessary protections and countermeasures as the fine Mr. Clarey and other Manospherians have enumerated.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?

About whether you should stay in or get out once your first term of enlistment is over, that's a decision that only you can make. Sure, there are many benefits of staying in, not the least of which are the continued benefits that you'd get from a highly structured environment (especially, that you continue to get paid even when you're doing nothing or shoveling shit) and a pension (if it's still around nearly 20 years later). However, I can say from experience that, the longer you stay in, the more "Army-unized" you become. First enlistments for shot-termers are always the best in terms of flexibility, especially if you get the job you want and set yourself up well by the time your enlistment is over. Next best is if you do under ten years, correcting whatever mistakes you made in your first enlistment, and doing better by the time you get out. Doing the full 20 (or over) isn't for everyone. I've seen former infantry, Special Forces, and combat arms, for example, who retire after 20 years with severe health problems and a sense of bitterness about them. They reached a point where they decided, "Eh, fuck it . . . I'll just do my 20 since I'm already invested in this too deep." Don't get to this point. Stay in because you WANT to – not because you have to. Those that stay in because they have to have more or less the same problems as those in the civilian world do: cunt of a wife to support, kids to support, health problems, etc.

Recently, the military pushed for the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA), called the "15-year retirement." This allows you to shave 5 years off of the total 20 if you so choose. You could do this, but you'd get only 35% of your base pay in retirement (based on the rank you were at retirement) vs. the up to 50% of your base pay for the full 20. The Department of Defense did this to try and thin the ranks to get people out to save money. Again, it's up to you, but knowing this for the future will help you in your decision-making. Always do your research.

Some are cut out for the 20 and do well. Many more aren't cut out for this, and so get out earlier. Remember as I said in the beginning, the military is "faux socialism." Sure, you get the benefits, but what are you giving up to get those benefits? Since 9/11, military pay has gotten better, but historically, career military people typically couldn't do anything else in the civilian world and so chose to be a professional solider, cook, tank driver, pilot, etc. You can do this, or choose to do something else. Just make an informed decision.

BENEFITS

Finally, a word about the bennies both on active duty and when you get out. I want to note first that you will get all of your bennies if you get an honorable discharge only. Get a dishonorable discharge, and you've fucked yourself over in many ways. Get a less-than-honorable discharge (LTO), and you get some bennies, but not as many as you'd get with the honorable one. In short, you really have to fuck up to get a dishonorable discharge, so it happens fairly rarely. More common is the LTO, so be careful in what you get yourself into. Case in point: a guy from South Carolina I was stationed with in Germany got an LTO not two years into his first enlistment. He was a mechanic who, admittedly, was working for some shitbags in the motor pool who had it out for him. But, the guy, rather than learn how to play the political game and keep his nose clean, chose to fall back on his "redneck" (his words) ways and cause trouble. Eventually, the motor pool guys found a way to fuck him over and which resulted in a LTO. Almost a year I transitioned off of active duty, I heard that the guy was in SC, degreeless, working at an auto parts store, and living out of his truck. Not the one you want.

Back to the bennies . . .

First, I mentioned the GI Bill, which is maybe the most valuable one of the suite of bennies. I said that you can use the GI Bill while still on active duty, which I wholeheartedly recommend for short-timers, especially, to get a jump on getting your degree and/or credentials before you get out. No time to waste, so get cracking on this. There's also tuition assistance while on active duty, but recently, because of sequestration, there's some concern about how much has been cut and how long this might be going on. Best to do your research. (Now that there are online course offerings

through Udacity, Coursera, etc., you can offset this.) With the newer Post-9/11 GI Bill, there's the Yellow Ribbon program that some colleges participate in, where you might get all of your tuition paid as well as a living stipend, based on the military's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). Do your online research on this as there's a ton of information. That's all I'll say about that.

Second, there's the Veterans Administration (VA) medical benefit. Admittedly, if you can get a decent job with decent medical benefits, use those instead of the VA. The VA, in general, is shit because of the bureaucracy and because it's a political hot potato. The VA is best used if you have a service-related injury. For example, did you get your limb blown off from an IED during deployment? The VA would cover that. Did you hurt your back lifting too much shit during down time? The VA can cover that. However, I can't stress enough that, before you come off of active duty, make sure to DOCUMENT every ache and pain that you think is service-related BEFORE you transition. Get it in writing from the military doctor's (and dentist's and specialist's, if connected) office, along with any medication (other than the ubiquitous cure-all for the military, ibuprofen) that you were taking for it. After you transition, make sure to go to the nearest VA clinic or hospital in your current town or city and get into the system. As of right now, current Iraq and Afghanistan vets are entitled to five years of free(-ish) medical care from the VA, even if you don't have a service-connected health issue. But, again, don't use the VA unless you absolutely have to. The last time I used the VA was over 2.5 years ago when I went for an MRI for my lower back, since I have microtears in two discs because of overexertion while on active duty. I got it done and didn't pay a dime. Why? Because I had this documented and it's service-connected. I'm also thankful that I didn't get royally fucked up in any combat situation. These are the really pathetic bastards that really need VA medical care. And, given how the VA is one, the troubles they have in getting medical care is really tragic.

Third, there's the benefit of having a security clearance. When I enlisted in 2004, the job I chose required me to get a Secret clearance because I'd be working with sensitive information on computer networks. The process began shortly after I was in BCT and, because I had a clean record (i.e., no drug use, no arrests, no jail time, paid off my debts in a timely fashion, etc.) I was able to get my clearance before reporting to my first duty station. Yay for me. Others weren't so lucky, and got stuck in AIT for a few more months while the clearance process chugged along.

The benefit of having a clearance is twofold: (1) you have access to jobs that not everyone can get, especially government jobs like in the Department of Defense; (2) it shows to certain employers that you can be trusted with sensitive information and that you're, at least on the surface, and upstanding person. Having a clearance is a nice feather in your cap, especially if you already have your degree and your certifications. Also, having the highest clearance you can get (which, currently is the Yankee White one, which give you access to the White House) moves down the chain to the so-called "public

trust" designation. In other words, the highest clearance you can get means that you can do anything below you, so to speak. If you have a Top Secret, you can work in a Secret position, for example.

However, let me counter the benefits by giving the negatives. I speak from experience on this one, since I've held both a Secret clearance and a Top Secret clearance for a total of 11 years. Yes, having a clearance gives you access to jobs that the great unwashed masses can't get, but you won't be special in a smaller lake of thousands of clearance holders. Not long after 9/11, the Federal government suddenly needed lot of people to work in the defense sector, both on the government side and the contractor side. If you had a clearance during that time, you were like the hot 20-something chick and all boners were pointed at you. You could more or less write your own ticket, especially with contractors. Well, those glory days are behind us. With the Iraq and Afghanistan wind-down and budget cuts, many of these jobs have been eliminated and contractors are left scrambling for other work, while their clearances expired in the process. Not a good position to be in. Also, if you don't have a certain type of clearance at the time you apply for the job, you most likely won't get it.

For example, the clearance called Top Secret with Secure Compartmentalized Information and a Full-Lifestyle Polygraph enables you to work at places like the CIA and the NSA. I have one step below this clearance and so would have to have my clearance upgraded to the Lifestyle Poly to qualify for them. It hasn't happened. Why? Because it takes time and money to run the investigation and upgrade the clearance. Few contractors seem willing to do this now, in this slack market, and the Federal government is hamstrung by its own stupidity in upgrading clearances. Shortly after 9/11, there was a critical shortage of clearance holders. Now, you have a glut of clearance holders, made worse by more stringent hiring practices. And, if you're trying to apply for a job that requires a clearance and you don't have one, you might as well forget it. Again, takes too much time and money to get it working. The government has overclassified documents and facilities too much and is now feeling the pain. Compare this to what the good Mr. Clarey has said about progressive credentialism. It's like constipation and impacted shit. Until the system flushes this out, it will just hurt more and more as time wears on.

So, the upshot is, especially if you want to work in the defense sector, make sure to get a job that requires as high a clearance as you can get. Then, when it's almost time for you to get out, start negotiating with contractors (if that's the route you want to go, instead of the Federal government) to bump up your clearance if the job requires it. If you have software skills, you'll likely bet a job faster than if you have other skills, since software engineers are always in high demand. Whatever you do, DO NOT come out with just training in very specific Army (or Navy, or Air Force) systems designed by defense contractors. That is, if you just know a system the Army uses, you're severely limiting yourself to what jobs a contractor might be bidding on with the Fed. The contractor, especially if it's a smaller one, probably won't get the contract because the giants like

Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics will have the market sewn up. I wonder sometimes about those dumb-asses who worked just in radio and microwave who are scrambling for jobs now. When the money was flowing, they could find work. Not now, I'm sure.

The Truth About Conspiracy Theorists

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In being a libertarian I often run into the faux-libertarian crowd that is largely libertarian because it sounds "cool" or "fashionable." They usually give themselves away with a few "tell tale" traits, but one of my favorite is whether they believe in "chem trails." Once you got a true believer in "chem trails" then all sorts of fun and entertaining idiocy soon follows.

Fluoride was put in the water to make us all behave!!!
Everybody in the military are murderers!!!!
The illuminati/bilderberg!!!
9-11 was an inside job!!!

etc., etc.

However, whereas I am largely bemused with the standard fare of libertarian conspiracy theorists, their existence Venn diagrams into the world of conspiracy theorists in general. And "conspiracy theorists in general" I believe will prove increasingly useful in the future when it comes to understanding politics, economics, and human psychology.

Understand everyone is seeking a religion. And though I may have my disagreements with the world's established religions, at least they call it that.

Christians call themselves Christians.
Muslims identify as Muslims.
Jews claim to be Jewish.
And Buddhists claim to be Buddhists.

Even the Scientologists have the gall to call themselves Scientologists.

The same intellectual honesty cannot, however, be said for the majority of modern day Americans. Especially, those who "doth protest too much" when they hate on religion. Leftists, for example, provide the most numerous examples of people who "hate" Christianity, but immediately replace it with equally false religions (global warming, socialism, feminism, activism, racism, sexism, and all various forms of SJWing, etc.). Atheists, of the quiet variety, are intellectually honest followers of their beliefs, but their closely related "Atheist-cult" cousins who pride themselves on being Atheists (and not much else) again (and quite ironically) simply substituted one religion for another. And I have also pointed out what I believe to be the latest religion the sheeple are swallowing whole - fake mental illnesses. According to the CDC 1 in 5 children have some form of mental illness, and according to MedCo 25% of American women are on some kind of

medication or another (if you believe that). However, which is more likely?

That high a percentage of the population REALLY has a mental problem?

Or

That high a percentage want an excuse so they don't have to try as hard in life/can excuse their failures in life?

The larger point is that I don't care what form the "religion" takes, even if its adherents swear up and down it "isn't a religion." Everybody seeks out a religion. For it is human nature to find some kind of meaning and purpose in life because without it, it really is hard to find some kind of incentive to live (not to mention most people are too cowardly to face the likelihood they are finite, there is no "afterlife," and they will truly cease to end).

The problem, however, with religion, is that it is always based in falsehoods, or at least unknowns. This is what gives it its "amorphous," "intangible," "religious" qualities. However, in not being provable, empirical, or scientific, this leaves ALL religions susceptible to misinterpretation, abuse, and, inevitably, self-servitude.

And this is where the conspiracy theorists come in.

Conspiracy theorists abuse their religion of "conspiracy theories" because they're not only too lazy to think things through, study, and prove their theories right or wrong, but because they also have a bit of an ego and want to think themselves intellectually "superior" or "fancy." And whereas serious study of any topic, to the point one is well-versed, perhaps even an expert on the topic, will yield legitimate and valid intelligence on the topic, conspiracy theorists are too lazy and too impatient for such empircism, study, and research. They want validation and faux-intellectual discussion NOW, and are more than happy to substitute outlandish and controversial poppycock for the truth in order to get it. Ergo, conspiracy theorists don't really believe in their theories, they simply mentally get off on advocating them.

This results in a parallel, even some significant overlap, between conspiracy theorists and leftists in their respective religions.

Nothing has to be verified.
No logic or reason needs to be adhered to.
Reality and sanity themselves can be ignored.

Because all that matters to the conspiracy theorist is the "shock-jock-esque" controversy he or she stirs up while seeming so much more "knowledgeable" than you ignorant

commoners, just as the leftist religious zealot only cares about being made out to be a victim, and thus rationalizing the theft of others (while also snidely accusing you of "ignorance" or "racism" or "sexism" because you dared to disagree with them).

Alas, why the "10 Commandments" of these religions are not just insane, but usually outright wrong, and repeated mindlessly as NOBODY ever ~~bothered to~~ cared to confirm their veracity:

1. Chem trails
2. It's the "corporations maaaan!"
3. 9-11 was an inside job
4. The rich don't pay their fair share.
5. The Illuminati
6. 1 in 5 women are raped
7. The Holocaust didn't happen
8. White/Male privilege
9. Frankenfood
10. Women make only 77% what men do

However, there is a price for such ignorance and ego, and that price is the cost that all religions have historically had - it forces *non-believers to suffer*.

But whereas in the past this suffering largely manifested itself in the prevention of science and all the technological advances that it could have provided to humanity, today it is a sheer attack on sanity, logic, and economics. And whereas human advancement was halted due to belief in a deity, an afterlife, or simple tribalism, today we are bringing our society's to a screeching halt for things as petty as the:

ego
greed
laziness
sloth, and
arrogance

of spoiled, Americans and Westerners.

Alas, whether it was the

Sultan rejecting western medical advances for his people.
Christians burning "witches" at the stake
Feminists fighting for "fat acceptance" or
Jenny McCarthy-esque parents rejecting vaccines for their children.

All their decisions and beliefs were based in lies.
These lies were forced on society through theocracy or democracy.
And humanity will pay the price of achieving nowhere near what it could have.

And that my friends, is why you enjoy the decline.

Two New Blogroll Additions

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Black Dragon and Good Looking Loser have been added.

You will visit. You will conform. Compliance is mandatory.

Getting Your Revenge on the Left

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You can buy the book here.

How the Government Ruined Black Women for Black Men

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You can purchase more hurtful truths here.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Gosh darn it, how come government checks aren't preventing this! Don't people know the government is superior to men and fathers!?

The "Signal Values" of Credentials is Eroding

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It's hard to believe, but employers (and pretty much everybody else) are starting to realize that having a college degree means absolute jack crap. This in turn means the value of degrees is going down AND that the charlatans in academia may actually have to find real jobs.

Hey! Shoot That Kid! He's Escaping the Plantation!

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Uh oh!

CEO Dan Price & the $70,000 Minimum Wage

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Decided to sober up the discussion of executive compensation with some (GASP!) MATH!

The Bakken/Williston, North Dakota's Unemployment Rate

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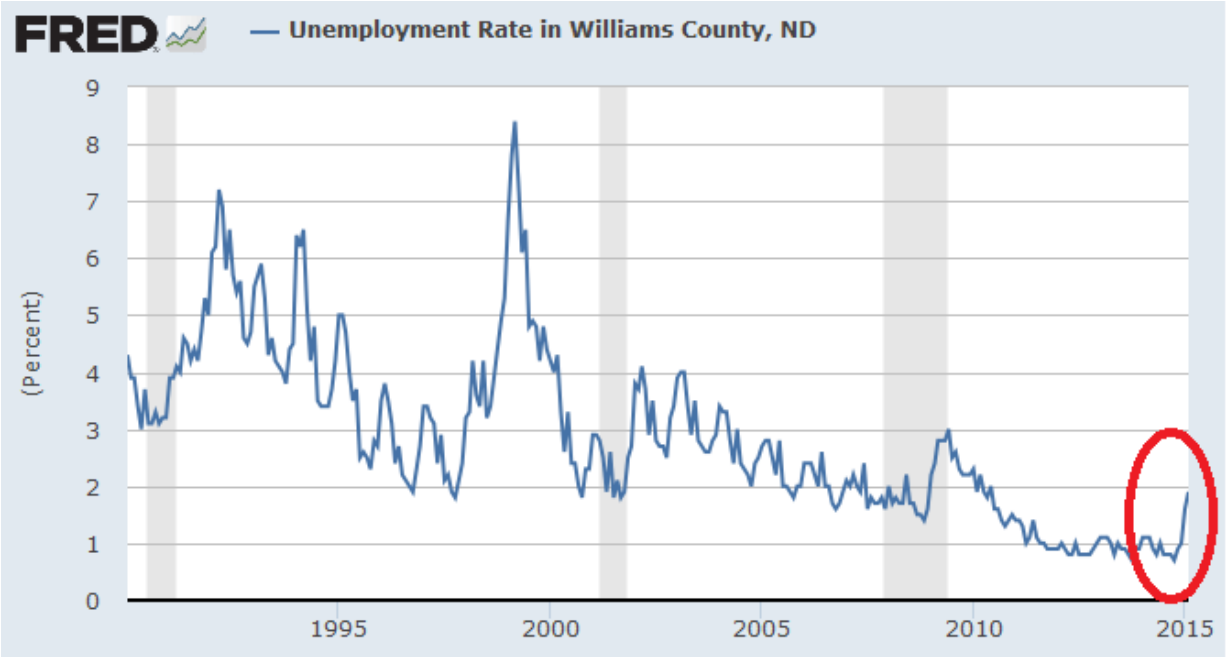
Williams County is the county that is ground zero to the Bakken oil field boom. Of course with the collapse in oil prices they've been laying people off, but I always like to see the visual consequences of it. What is particularly interesting though is I've never seen an unemployment rate of below 1%. It's a testament to just how insanely hot that labor market was, and could be the target we aim at for the US labor market as a whole.



Math Proves the Left's Obsession With Corporate Taxes is Futile

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It is coming up on 5 years now that I have avoided getting into debates or arguments with leftists in person or at social settings. I sit there, ignoring them at parties, knowing full well the BEST outcome is them saying "agree to disagree" and the worst is me being asked to leave as I offended the effeminate and weak sensibilities of Minneapolis' effete and aging Gen X intellectual class. However, while that is how I handle myself in personal situations, I am not unaware of the general political pulse of the nation, as I am constantly reminded of society's ignorance online.

Be it comments sections, links, articles, news, or posts I am acutely aware that nothing has changed and have likely gotten worse. College students and their professors are hard to discern as they throw equally childish and victim-whoring temper tantrums over adult-world realities. Democrats don't even try anymore to come up with convincing lies about national debts and e-mail servers. And every soccer mom is seemingly rushing to have her precious (and otherwise completely normal) child diagnosed with the latest mental disorder to excuse her and her husband's lack of parenting. It's an insane world, and I take solace in that I no longer care and am just going to watch the show as I imbibe in as much Rumpleminze as possible before it's over.

However, every once in a while a leftist choir will sing a chorus that is so parroted, so knee jerk and so Goebbels that it compels me to dust off my ole Economist hat, fire up by economist spidey senses, and do a little research that will debunk the lie indisputably. Not because I want to have the research to point to at a later date should I be debating a leftist and need it. Not because I wanted to know for a fact what the truth of the matter was. But merely to piss them off and force their brains to the uncomfortable brink of cognitive dissonance as quickly as possible. And chorus the choir was singing this time was "evil corporate tax breaks."

Now this chorus has many variations:

If corporations paid what they did in 1950 all our problems would be solved
Corporations get all this "*corporate welfare*"

and the always bland, non-discript and completely void of any intelligence whatsoever

Corporations don't pay their fair share!

So I did a little bit of digging, pulled the national data on corporate profits and corporate

taxes going back to 1947, and have more than enough data to put an end to this debate and the above claims once and for all.

First, corporate welfare.

Unfortunately, this isn't a matter of facts or statistics, as much as it is the left's complete ignorance of basic accounting. Because there is no such thing as "corporate welfare" UNLESS you want to consider the bank bailouts and grant money to solar companies welfare. In that case, yes, that IS corporate welfare and it is wrong. But sadly most leftists confuse merely giving corporations a TAX BREAK with a HANDOUT like welfare.

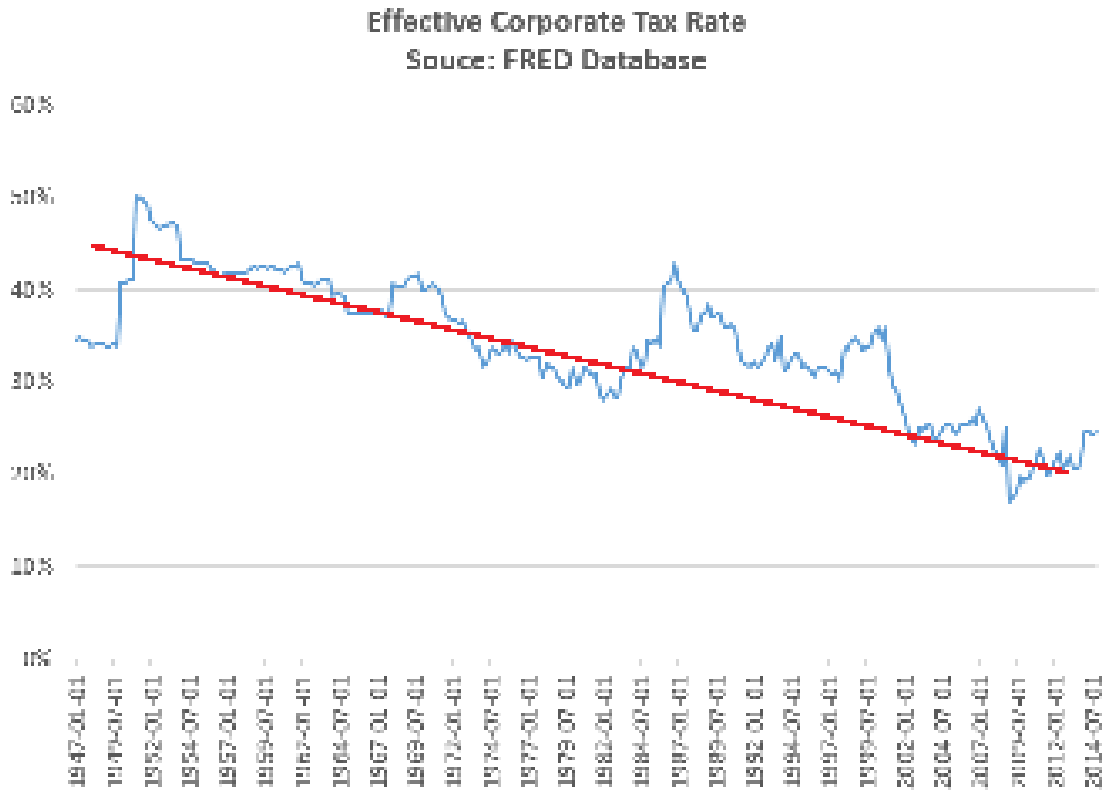
The truth is that all taxes (corporate or individual) are based on there being a profit to tax in the first place. This is the concept of "before tax profit," the amount of money left over after a company deducts all of its operating expenses from its total revenues. This "before tax profit" is the amount taxed because taxing a company on its revenue would be like taxing a father of five on his gross salary. Certain expenses need to be deducted so that the individual/corporation can pay for vital expenses to merely exist and run a business.

Now the stated corporate tax rate is 40% in the US (and most states). However, sometimes local and national governments will give a corporation a tax break if they invest in a certain town, build a plant in an impoverished area, etc. etc. However, this is NOT welfare. It is merely LOWERING the tax the company has to pay to the government. So instead of paying 40% the company pays 35% or 30%. The company did not "collect a welfare check" that required the taxpayers to bail it out. It was already self-supporting itself and NOT parasiting off of society. It is merely just a lowering of its tax bill.

Understanding this fact allows us to move onto chorus #2, "Corporations use tax loopholes to lower their taxes!"

You damn right they do. And it's all legal.

Historically, the left was right. In one year (1951) the effective tax rate was 50% for US corporations and yes the economy was booming back then. However, this had more to do with the fact the US was the only industrialized economy remaining in the world and our corporations were the sole suppliers of goods to the world. That argument aside, the effective corporate tax rate has since gone down to today's rate of 25%.


Effective Corporate Tax Rate
Souce: FRED Database
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
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This effective rate of 25% (whilst the statutory rate is 40%) proves corporations are indeed using whatever loopholes they can to park money overseas and lower their tax bills.

However, while the left will jump to say, "SEE!!! SEE!!!!!!" they need to realize it's a Pyrrhic victory. The reason why is that corporate taxes are out of their control. Many other countries have found that instead of hating and villainizing corporations, they'd rather woo them (and their jobs) to their home countries. And they do this by LOWERING, if not ELIMINATING corporate taxes. This has given rise to rich nation states such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Bermuda, the Caymans, Lichtenstein and Luxembourg, as well as corporations (who are global in nature) simply moving their HQ's and operations to tax-friendlier countries. And no matter how desperate you are to get them to pay those 50% tax rates they did back in 1951, the more you squeeze them, the more they flee.

Alas, just like I have to accept the fact it is outside of my control to get leftist faux-intellectual Minneapolitans to adhere to logic, leftists have to accept the fact forcing private companies to pay more in taxes is increasingly outside of theirs.

But let us say corporations are not like wet soap, and the harder you squeeze them, the faster they slip out of your hand. Let's just assume we "magically" could wave Paul Krugman's "magic wand of Keynesianism" and force ALL corporations to ALL pay 50% of their profits to the state. And let's ALSO assume corporations would not move their investments or even be slightly disincentived by you stealing 1 out of every 2 dollars they earned.

Well that's the leftists' dream come true, isn't it?

If corporations "just paid their fair share" then all of the country's financial problems would go away?

Right?

So sorry. It's that damn ~~reality~~ math that keeps getting in the way.

In a make-believe Keynesian Dreamworld where Robert Reich and Paul Krugman run through daffodils, holding hands, while wearing speedos, the additional money raised if we retroactively applied a 50% tax rate to all corporate taxes going back to 1971 (when our national debt started its upward climb) would amount to:

$7.9 trillion.

A full $10.2 trillion short of our national debt.

I'd even be more than willing to throw in a couple extra trillion to account for inflation and savings in interest, but I'm terribly sorry leftist speedo worshipers, it's ***MATHEMATICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS THROUGH TAXING CORPORATIONS!*** In order to do that, we'd need a tax rate closer to 80% and that would just send companies screaming offshore.

The reality is that the US has a spending problem and not a revenue problem. But complicating this problem is that the left in this country is too lazy to do some basic math to even determine whether their ideas are feasible, and complicating it even more is that the left is mentally impaired to the point they would rather believe in their religion of socialism than the reality of math.

The real issue is how do YOU react to these people?

Like I said, I gave up 5 years ago trying to convince them. When I pointed out simple things like the above math I was called a racist, a fascist, etc. etc., and it finally dawned on me there's no reasoning with insane people. The only thing to do is make your case, mock and ridicule those who believe in these lies, and then enjoy watching reality destroy these delusional peoples' lives as the reality socialism promised them never materializes. It's my new favorite past time and sadly, about the only one left to truly enjoy.

Enjoy the decline!

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Chloe Love is the 1940's PinUp of the Conservative American Movement

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Chloe Love, who is a nice and sincere darling of a girl, only has 600 followers on twitter.

I find this completely unjust in that this woman, who is at heart a hardcore American loving Libertarian, does A LOT for many men on the righter side of the political spectrum.

If you want to help support a girl who is:

pro-sex
pro-men
pro-America
pro-freedom
pro-individualism

Do her the kindest of courtesies and simply follower her on twitter.

And yes, this is a personal request from me and YES it is for ultimately a good cause. So I would very much appreciate it if you'd double her twitter followership overnight and give her a big surprise in the morning.

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Arm powered bikes
Crippling yourself playing dodgeball
POWERWALKINGWOMAN!!! Lookout here she comes!
Respect to fat people who start running
People who point out technicalities
Christopher Columbus discovered America according to written history - get over it
5 year old "transgendered" kids

And MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

The Summer of "Fuck You"

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I had originally written an intro chapter for The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty titled "The Summer of Fuck You." However, after finishing it I didn't think it was "ideal" for an intro chapter and opted to write a new one instead. That being said, it's perfectly fine writing and I decided to save it and use it as a separate post. Ergo I present to you "The Summer of Fuck You."

Booze, Repossession, Cursing and Cigars

The Great Recession had hit me on all fronts in life. My job (which was in banking at the time) was constantly under pressure to find business, any business, otherwise we'd have to lay people off. My part-time job (moonlighting as a dance instructor) was suffering from attendance that was half of what it was two years previous. I couldn't refinance my mortgage at a lower rate because it was underwater and banks wouldn't refinance rental property. And what money I was making on the internet qualified more as a hobby than any serious source of income. I was staring bankruptcy right in the face, and with no solution under my control the dread, fear, and helplessness that ensued shortened a fuse that was already way too short.

Then, one Tuesday, my morbidly obese boss called me into his office and wanted to have a chat about a loan I had written up. I had spent nearly 6 hours writing the report for this loan. These 6 hours were completely unnecessary as even a quick skimming of the applicant's basic financials proved he would not be able to pay back the loan. But I knew what was coming. So desperate was my boss for new business he would lecture and berate me for being “too harsh” and that I should go and rewrite the entire report to his liking which translated into English meant “lie your ass off and make this loan look good so I can make a commission.”

Sure enough I was proven correct. My boss started going into how I was too harsh in my analysis. That things were not always black and white. That the numbers I calculated (though mathematically correct and precise) were still “unacceptable,” and I “better learn to become a better team player” etc., etc. However, he went an extra step further, this time criticizing my ability to do my job. How I wasn't a team player. How my writing skills were not up to par and a bunch of other things that I knew just weren't true. He was lying and trying to get a commission on a loan that he knew would never be paid back. He was being dishonest and effectively trying to steal from the bank. He was the epitome of the “bankster scum” liable for the destruction of the US economy. And this scum bag dared to have the gall to lecture me for getting in the way of his commission.

After the lecture I returned to my desk. Because of the precarious nature of my finances I had already developed the skill of letting this stuff roll of my back. I had developed the skill of ignoring it and not letting it get to me. But something inside my brain broke. Something snapped. I mentally could not tolerate the impossible situation I was in. And for the first time in my life I made a decision that was decidedly bad.

I grabbed what few things I had on my desk.
Called up my boss' boss.
Told him my boss was a criminal scum bag.
And then I quit.

I walked off the job and returned to my shitty duplex. Grabbed one of the few remaining cigars in my humidor. Poured a nearly full glass of cheap whiskey. Unfurled a lawn chair out back and permitted myself to do something I hadn't in nearly 3 years.

Enjoy life and relax.

A couple hours later my (now ex) boss called. By this time the alcohol had amply made it into my blood stream, making me an even more colorful conversationalist. And so, despite being hammered, I delivered what was arguably the greatest “fuck you” speeches ever delivered to a boss. He was more or less speechless. He murmured something about me being unprofessional, but in the end I told him he was fired...and may have followed up with something about his weight. I hung up on him, returned to my cigar and vat of rail-quality whiskey, and proceeded to pass out in my backyard.

The next few months that ensued was what I like to call “The Summer of Fuck You.” Since things were outside of my control, why would I worry or work so hard to futilely do nothing about it? My fate was cast, nobody was going to help me, there were no jobs to have, the situation was truly helpless and this was all inspite of “doing the right thing.” And so instead of “doing what was right” I decided to do what was wrong. I refused to apply for jobs, I committed myself to letting the house go into foreclosure, I got drunk nearly every day and, when sober enough, played video games all day long.

Then something interesting happened.

Out of nowhere I received a call around 2 in the afternoon. It was from a recruiter. I had slept till noon that day and had only been drinking for 2 hours, but was still drunk enough to be belligerent. The recruiter said,

“I have your resume here and you have a very impressive background!”

“Oh yeah?” I semi-slurred. *“What about it?”*

“Well, you have nearly a decade of credit analysis experience, you've programmed models, and the writing sample you left here was exemplary,” he explained.

“So, what, you got a job or something?” I asked flippantly.

Somewhat intimidated he said, *“Well, yes, we actually do and we're looking for someone with your background.”*

I said, *“What bank?”* and he proceeded to tell me

I knew the bank he was talking about. It was what was considered a “community bank.” Small banks that are bottom feeders in the banking industry and were the WORST when it came to credit and quality control. They employed ex-bosses like mine, middle aged scum bags who were just in it for the money and didn't mind driving the bank into bankruptcy as long as they made bonus. Knowing full well what laid in store for me if I decided to to work for this bank I bellowed out,

“Fuck you! What? Another shitty ass community bank that doesn't have it's shit together?!!! Let me guess, your president was captain of the local high school football team back in 1976 and doesn't know jack shit about financial statement analysis or ratio calculation!!! But you know he's a 'great salesman' and can play golf?!? And let me guess, you got a problem loan portfolio the size of Texas! Made loans to fucktarded midlife crisis men so they could run a bank into the ground. Yeah, I totally want to come out there and help you guys clean up your shit!!!!”

There was a moment of silence on the other end, *“....so what do you charge per hour?”*

Somewhat shocked he didn't hang up or tell me to fuck off, but still drunk enough not to give a shit, I bluffed.

“$75 and hour!!!”

Silence again at the other end, *“....how about $65?”*

Not being drunk enough to turn that down I said, *“Fine!”*

After some additional and more sober discussion we agreed upon a starting date and duties. But when I hung up the phone and the weight of what just transpired hit me, I looked around my dumpy basement office and said to myself, *“What the fuck just happened?”*

Surprises during “The Summer of Fuck You” didn't stop there. Because I had given up all hope of any success in nearly all aspects of my life, I had changed my behavior

correspondingly in all of these aspects. Naturally, when I changed my behavior I got different results, usually for the better.

A girl once flaked 20 minutes before a date claiming “her friend just broke up with her boyfriend and needed her.” I read her the riot act telling her that shit didn't fly in the 7th grade and sure the fuck didn't fly at 30. Sure enough she was at my place a week later in lingerie....um...”cooking” for me.

A carpenter quoted me $1,200 and then delivered me a bill for $1,500...until I went into a rage, cut him a check for $1,200 and threatened to see him come after me for the extra $300 (which he has yet to do till this day).

A bartender once tried to short-pour me a drink. Once, and he didn't do it again after I said, *“Hey, hey, hey. Did I say pour me an '*eye drop*' of Rumpleminze?”*

But the most dramatic effect my attitude change had was not on my career, my dating life, or price negotiation skills, but rather my insignificant hobby – blogging and self-publishing books.

Before I quit my job I made sure to keep my writing life separate from my professional life. My blog was (and still is) quite controversial. And a huge risk in today's politically correct world was that if anybody found out about it I could easily be fired for “hurting somebody's feelings,” “offending somebody's sensibilities,” or being accused of various sorts of “isms” (sexism, racism, homophobia, etc.). However, with no career to care about, a house I couldn't care less if repossessed, a genuine indifference about the future, the philosophy of all of which was drenched in booze, there was nothing left to lose. And since there was nothing left to lose I could go full throttle and speak candidly, bluntly, indifferently, not giving a one damn about who was insulted, who was offended, or whose feelings were hurt.

The results were like everything else during “The Summer of Fuck You” - unexpected and beneficial.

Readership started growing at a rate faster than ever. Loyalty increased as readers were not only more entertained and engaged, but knew I was speaking my mind (no matter how much they may have disagreed with me). And while certainly my political adversaries were even more appalled at my crassness, bluntness, insults and harsher hate-filled tone, ironically the more I “insulted” them the more self-published books I would sell.

But the biggest irony was not how the popularity of my blog increased with the controversial, rude, impolite and extreme nature of my writing, but rather what was quickly becoming the fastest growing demographic in my readership – young black

males.

Based on every sort of traditional political analysis or “conventional wisdom” black males would be one of the last demographic groups that would have an interest in, let alone agree with, my blog. I, being an “evil white male libertarian conservative” could not relate to such a demographic, not to mention because of my “privilege” would be clueless, and therefore could not relate to young black men. Furthermore, because of the incredibly direct, indifferent, and politically incorrect nature of my blog it would almost be a guarantee I would be seen as a racist and dismissed as such.

The opposite was happening.

It took a bit to figure out why, but I believe it's because what young black men experience today is very similar to what I experienced seven years ago during “The Summer of Fuck You.” An impossible situation, one where there seems to be no hope, there is nothing under your control that you can do to improve it, and an impossible situation that is just too much to take. You crack and simply give up.

However, in the case of young black men “cracking and giving up” is not as destructive as becoming a daytime alcoholic, daring banks to repossess your home, cursing at job recruiters, and giving up on all hope. Rather it is much more productive in that you finally tire of doing “what was right” and instead start to search for “*something that works.*” And it is this search, this desire to find something that works that has driven both you and me to this same crossroad.

The Potential

At this crossroads it is my sincere belief we both have the perspective and experience to fundamentally and permanently change and improve the standards of living, enjoyment, riches, happiness and lives of all black men. Our unique, but similar experiences, combined with my background in economics and finance allows us to chart the clear and guaranteed path for all black men out of poverty and into a better life. However, it is going to require more than just similarly shitty experiences and a desire for something better.

It's going to require strength.

Specifically it's going to require the strength to commit to discovering and accepting the truth. The resolve to letting go of previous beliefs that have no empirical proof of being true. Predispositions, biases and falsehoods that your life is just too short to believe in. And lies that may feel good to the ego, but are essentially the true chains that keep black man down. You must set aside your feelings and what you'd “like to be true,” and instead accept the fact that a successful life can only be achieved by abiding by what is

true. If you can do that, not only can black men achieve the success of their white brothers, but surpass them, even beating out their Asian brothers.

Feminazi Cartoon

April 24, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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This was hilarious.

Until the MRA's came in.

Then it was gut busting.

The False Rape Accusation Bubble Bursts

April 25, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Uh oh leftist man-hating academia is in trouble.

Why America Needs Bruce Jenner

April 26, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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It gets pretty good ranty at the 4:20 mark once I lay down the premise:

What "Six Figures" Means Today

April 27, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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"Six figures."

Hadn't heard that term in a while...that was until I was the unfortunate bystander to a "dude-bro-douche wedding" as I sat in my hotel lobby availing myself of the free internet.

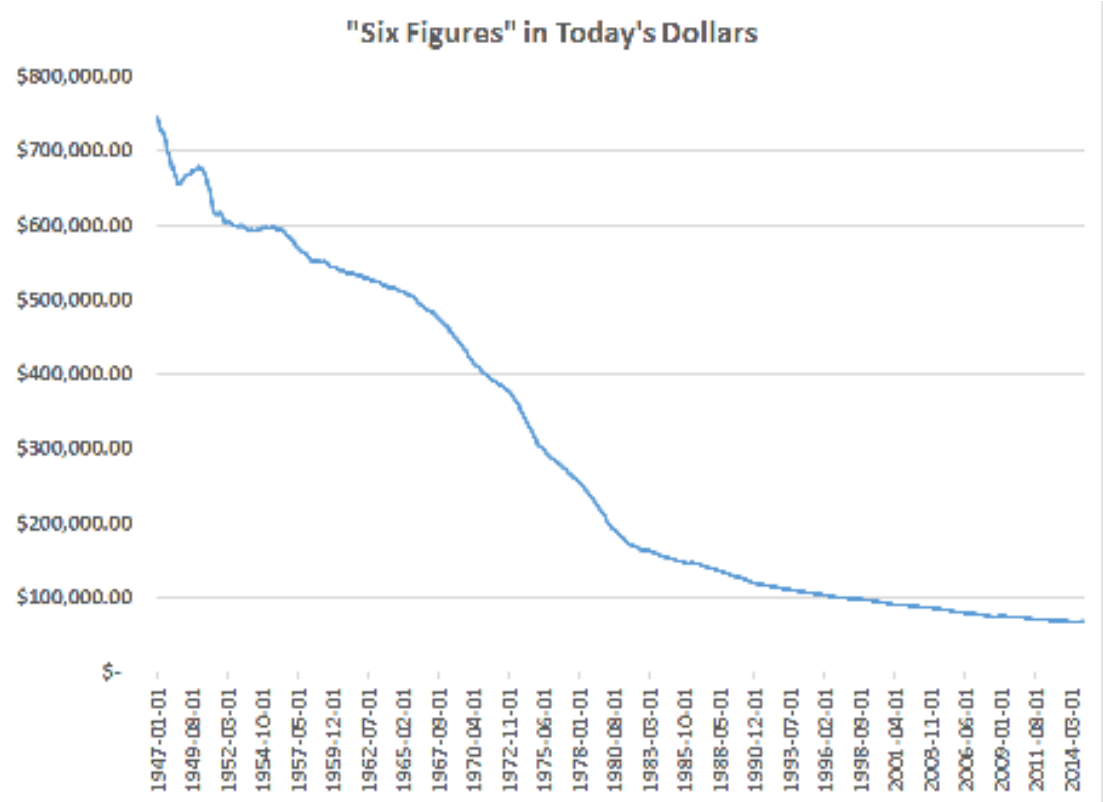
Upon hearing that, sure enough, I looked up from my laptop, and there was your stereotypical frat boy about to ~~take the first step towards getting divorced~~ get married, drunkenly slurring to the security guard about how much he made and she didn't (there will be a VERY interesting story about this in my upcoming podcast).

"*Dude, you know how much I make!? SIX FIGURES! How much do you make 'Ms. Security Guard????*'"

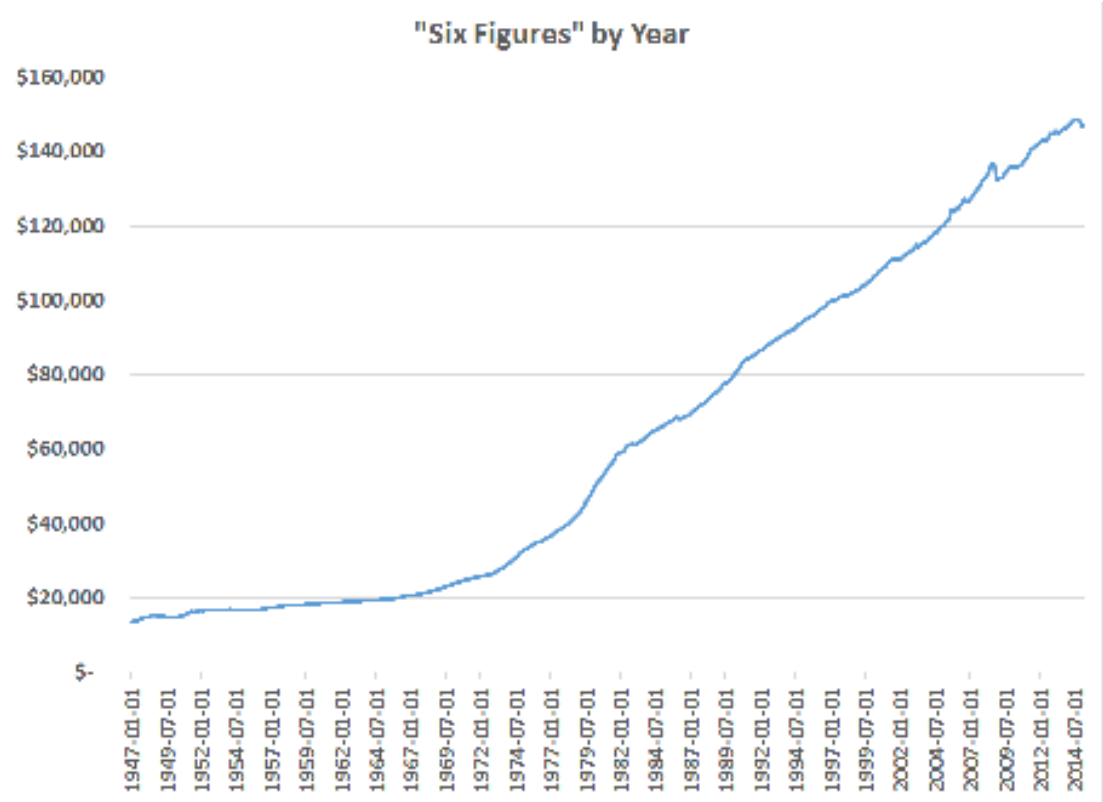
So the ole Captain decided to do a little research on the FRED database at the federal reserve to see just how much "Six Figures" was nowadays in terms of "Cappy Dollars."

This presented some minor, but technical problems as there is not universal year in which "six figures" actually meant something. But since your ole Captain knew that was a lot of money when he graduated from college (in 1997) he decided to arbitrarily use that year as a base and make some calculations and observations from there.

First, "six figures" which was no doubt a princely sum back in 1997, is worth no more than $67,700 today. Certainly a decent wage for a late 20's/early 30's douche, but not what it meant back in 1997, and certainly nothing to be bragging about to a security guard protecting your drunk frat boy ass at his own wedding.



Second, if you felt compelled to actually make what the equivalent purchasing power of six figures meant back when it meant something, you would have to make $147,500 today to earn those bragging rights.



But the two charts above also point out some interesting observations and the effects of inflation.

As a returning WWII vet, if you made "six figures" in 1947, you were boss. It would be like making $743,000 today.

If you were a baby boomer, making "six figures" during Ford's administration, you were pulling down the equivalent of $300,000 today.

But sadly, with the effects of inflation, compound/exponential math, today's young "go getters" and "business leaders," "six figures" really doesn't mean anything anymore as it is now an obsolete metric of success, wealth, and income. You only make $67,700.

So today, if you're going to brag to people about how you make "six figures." Realize that's like saying to all generations and people before you,

"I'm solid middle management."

You aren't rich.
You aren't special.
And you certainly don't have the right to be degrading people who make less than you.

Episode #91 "Why You Should Never Listen to the Clarey Podcast"

April 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Clarey's tippy top super secret "women's body project"
"www.goodguys.com" and why it would fail
You should so date your students
A girl forces herself on 26 year old Cappy
What Cappy wants to see under the dress
Displaced Bottom Feeder College Students
Why Basic Income is stupid
80% of welfare recipients are lying sacks of parasitic scum

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Ranking Schools by Value Added

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Of course, most liberal arts majors have no intention of adding value to anything, so this report will be moot, but if, you know, you were interested in becoming a contributing member to society then you would be very interested in this report.

Debating the $15/hr Minimum Wage Debate with Leftists

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A video request, but some economic goodness within:

We Need a Nationwide St. Scholastica Day Riot

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Whilst the media whips up racial hatred and division by focusing on ~~Ferguson v. 3.0~~ Baltimore, I think we should focus on a different riot I learned through the History Extra Podcast - the St. Scholastica Day Riot.

Apparently, back in 1355 at Oxford two students went to a bar, had a disagreement with the bartender, and then assaulted him. After the mayor requested the university punish the students, which he refused to do, some students gathered and started rioting in the town assailing locals. People from the region ended up coming to town to exact revenge and did precisely that killing 63 scholars.

Of course, this would not happen today, but there are times given how both the students and staff of modern day academia act I would love nothing more than a St. Scholastica Day Riot of our own.

Why the Left Co-opts Society's Awards

April 30, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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If I were to say:

"Oscars"
"Grammy's"
"The Nobel Peace Prize"
"Pulitzer" and
"Ivy League"

chances are most of you would have a twinge of a slimy, snakey, oily type of feeling in your stomach. The hair on your neck would likely be rising. And your eyes would squint, showing a hint of distrust. This is a good sign because it shows your instincts, which have been honed over the past 2 million years to detect BS, are working just fine. Because as time has gone on, these "prizes," "awards," and "clubs" that were once signs and proof of being the best and elite in our society, are now nothing more than obsoleted and meaningless status symbols that have been co-opted by the left to serve and advance their political agenda.

The Oscars no longer measure what was the best film or who was the best actor.
It's a platform for clueless (but culturally commanding) celebrities to vomit their leftist ideology.

The "Ivy League" is no longer where the best and brightest of our country go to study.
It's a club for rich, incompetent children to network with other rich, incompetent children.

And Mr. Obama's Nobel Peace Prize? Heh, it might as well be the prize in a Crackerjack box.

But why does the left want to infiltrate, take over, and then use these institutions to merely award themselves awards? What's in it for them? And why are the hairs on the back of our necks going up when we hear about these awards?

The reasons be these answers three:

One - False Proof of Authority/Superiority

While you, me, and anybody else with half a brain have our BS detectors go off when you mention these awards, the majority of people do not. They really still believe that if it won a Grammy, then it must be the best song. If it won an Oscar, it was the best movie. And that if you graduated from the Ivy League, you're really smart.

So if the left can control the electing or governing bodies of these institutions they essentially can "prove" to the sheeple of society that they are indeed right, correct, superior, authoritative, smarter and better than everybody else.

This is the best book to be reading.
This is the best musician to be listening to.
This is the smartest person in the class.
This is the best journalist in the country.

Of course, none of that is true. President Obama (both a graduate from the Ivy League and Nobel prize winner) is neither smart, nor a noteworthy peace maker. But that doesn't matter. The left has won over the key voting boards to give him these now-plastic trophies which dupes enough Americans into voting him (and other talentless leftists) into office.

Two - Lowering/Eliminating Standards

Leftists hate only one person more than somebody who has more money than they do. A superior person.

Superior at what?

Superior at anything.

Looks
Physique
Atheletics
Smarts
Work
Entrepreneurship
Art
Beauty

The left cannot simply abide it. So to ensure NOBODY is better than them at anything, they try to change the actual definition of "good," "bad," "excellent" etc., resulting in behavior that has just become simple insanity:

Fat acceptance
Elimination of the honor roll
Elimination of keeping score
Trigger warnings
The beach body protests
27th place trophies

The protests against Page 3 models

and let's not forget the outright circus that "victimhood" has become as professional victims claim oppression because of race, sex, ethnicity, privilege, 37 different genders, and lord knows what else.

Regardless, the aim of this insanity is very simple. If they can eliminate standards, then they can hide their true selves - lazy, worthless, inferior people who (typically) live parasitic lives.

However, merely "surviving" is not enough for these people. And though they do their best to hide in the elimination of standards, their psychology still needs to be the best at "something," ergo...

Three - Egos

More than masking their true nature, leftists need these awards, institutions, etc., to feed and protect their egos.

Making money isn't enough.
Being in power isn't enough.
Having complete victory over the United States isn't enough.

They need to be recognized and honored with trinkets and awards no matter how worthless the brand name of those awards have become.

You see this especially with Hilary Clinton. The woman has more money than she could ever need. She owes ALL of her success to her rich father and her philandering husband. But instead of divorcing the guy and moving on her merry, luxurious way, she still needs to be in the spotlight. She needs to run for president. She needs to become a senator. She needs to become the Secretary of State. And she needs all those people fawning over her when she delivers speeches for $500,000 a crack.

The reason why is because deep down inside she knows she hasn't done anything of value truly on her own. But she is so afraid of the toil, work ethic, and slavery required of that would be required of such real accomplishment, that her fear is stronger than the shame she has in taking the plastic trinkets, playing "make-believe powerful woman," imagining herself to be an accomplished individual.

And so not only do they award themselves awards to fool people into thinking they're the "best," they do it so they can fool themselves as well.

Unfortunately, this facade is not going to last. And the reason is very simple. The

internet.

The internet is breaking the left's grip on the scams these awards have become. Nearly all forms of media and art are now directly marketable to the consumer, doing away with gate keepers such as editors, guilds, publishing houses, and record companies. People are also allowed to effectively vote, not just with their dollars, but likes, follows, retweets, traffic, etc. And while the dying dinosaurs fight desperately to insist that they are the only true "chosen ones" to determine what is "best" in society" with these archaic and outdated awards, the true democracy that comes with the internet is proving empirically otherwise and identifying society's real champions.

It's why fewer people are watching the Grammys.
It's why fewer people are watching the Oscars.
It's why nobody cares that you went to Cornell.
And it's why everyone knows Obama winning the Nobel Peace prize made the prize a joke.

The truth is, this is one of the few bright spots in society I see. Previous to the internet everything was filtered either through a MSM network, an editor, or a publisher. And people really didn't know if "X" was the best movie or "Y" was the most deserving candidate for the "Presidential Medal of Freedom." Now, not only do we have the ability to know just what a farce these awards have become, but nearly every award has been replaced with a digital judging system wherein all people get to determine who and what is the best in our countries. Enjoy that decline!

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no stiiiiiinnnnnnking fathers!

Miles Franklin Is Back

May 1, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

After some confusion, kinks have been worked out and Miles Franklin is back as an official Cappy Cap sponsor. Still waiting on a banner image, but if you were in the mood to buy precious metals RIGHT NOW, here is the official link.

Just remember if you buy through Miles Franklin tell them Aaron Clarey aka Captain Capitalism sent you so the ole Captain gets his commish!

Friday Day Linkage

May 1, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A feminist political party is like a green party - it shows they don't care about the population and are just a special interest group.

When liberals try to run and business and do math at the same time.

The consequences of artificial wombs.

Most people celebrate Christmas or their anniversary or have lives wherein spending time with their loved ones and families is what they look forward to. This is what professional leftists look forward to in their lives.

Can Feminists Ever Divorce the Government?

May 4, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An interesting question/request from a client of Asshole Consulting.

Is feminism a psychological backlash wherein women want equal rights, and "then some" for all the oppression in the past, or does something else drive them?

Something else, son. Something else.

The Federal Reserve: Good, Bad, or Just Plain Stupid?

May 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A video request that proved to be a good historical and economic lesson of the Federal Reserve and central banking in general:

Why Charlize Theron Threatens "Fury Road"

May 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Fury Road is coming out and I'm on the hinges as to whether I even want to review it. Despite the trailer's explosions and pure awesomeness, the one thing that keeps me from fully committing is Charlize Theron's character who seems to take the entire leading role. Terribly sorry, I'm done with fake, never-will-happen, female propagandist advertising.

Charlize Theron is a 5'4", 115 pound woman. A reasonably aggressive, medium sized dog could outdo her and have her for dinner. But yet, I'm supposed to sit here and accept the possibility she is the leader of a group of women and is on par with Tom Hardy's character who is the presum-ed replacement for Mel Gibson.

No, not buying it.

I don't care how many explosions and tornadoes you put in your trailer.

I don't care how many "extreme" Aussie characters you have saying "WHAT A LOVELY DAY!!!!"

This entire movie reeks of a politically correct, leftist, feminist propaganda trap to sucker me in, pay my $10 for a ticket, only to walk away saying "WTF, no woman could do that!" as you then include my purchase and millions of other dupes' purchases to say "Fury Road" is the #1 movie in America.

Sorry, not falling for it.

I'm going to wait until the suckers go and see it, read the reviews, and THEN MAYBE contemplate parting with my hard earned money to see it.

In the meantime, I recommend all of you do the same.

Hollywood has desperately tried to court the female audience to the point it has alienated the male audience. I suggest you men grow a pair and wait for the reviews to come out before wasting 3 hours of your life and $20 in tickets to see another "sermon" from Hollywood about "strong, powerful, independent" women.

Monday Late Night Linkage

May 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Chris Bechtloff has a great podcast addressing many things, but I disagree about the disparaging remarks about gays.

All that empirical street smarts and you still major in stupid shit with the charity and kindness of strangers.

Genuine art where sound replaces words and you'll regret not clicking on this.

Is he sexy now you dumb ass ignorant young American bints?

Episode #93 of the Clarey Podcast "Homeless Baby Boomer" Edition!

May 5, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How hot conservative females have life long employment as YouTubers
It's impossible to help people
Increasing population of homeless baby boomers
Will feminism ruin "Fury Road?"

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Joss Whedon Proves Agreeing With Leftist Women Won't Get You Laid

May 6, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There was a big kerfuffle going on as the Millennial generation of spoiled children (primarily girls) got all upset because Joss Whedon killed off a female character in the (largely) crappy movies series "The Avengers." Because Joss dared to kill off a female character he received a torrent of hatemail, accusations of sexism, misogyny, not to mention death threats.

To that I say,

boo

freaking

hoo

Joss Whedon, though a talented director, is unfortunately a very common and typical non-thinking denizen of Hollywood, espousing leftist, liberal political views, feminism of which is included.

And now the nerd-come-popular director is suffering the fate of his own voting.

This isn't a lengthy post, because it doesn't have to be.

Joss Whedon supported socialism, leftism and feminism. And now he is suffering directly for it. Despite his support, the petty women that constitute today's modern leftist, feminist Millennial generation are angry he KILLED OFF A ***FICTIONAL CHARACTER IN HIS OWN GOD DAMNED MOVIE***. So much so they are threatening his life.

I doubt this political lesson will penetrate his head or force him to change his beliefs because ego and leftist religion will trump any person's frontal lobes. But his pain and suffering should prove a valuable lesson to those willing to pay attention:

Agreeing with
Kissing up to
Brown nosing and
Parroting

what feminists and leftist women say

will NOT increase your chances of getting laid.

If anything it will merely get you in trouble.

So do the right thing that men learned looooong ago.

Stand your ground.
Tell women "no"
And do NOT agree with them thinking it will curry favor with them.

Women like men.
Not supplicant, ass-kissing betas like Joss Whedon.

I'm Officially Predicting Recession…But…

May 6, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Settle in young junior, deputy, aspiring, official or otherwise economists! For we're going to have a quick lesson in economics that will help advance your understanding of this here US economy.

The "Inventory to Sales" ratio is a seemingly boring measure. It takes the inventory of all the companies in the US and divides it by all those companies' sales. You might ask, "why would they do this?" and the reason is very simple:

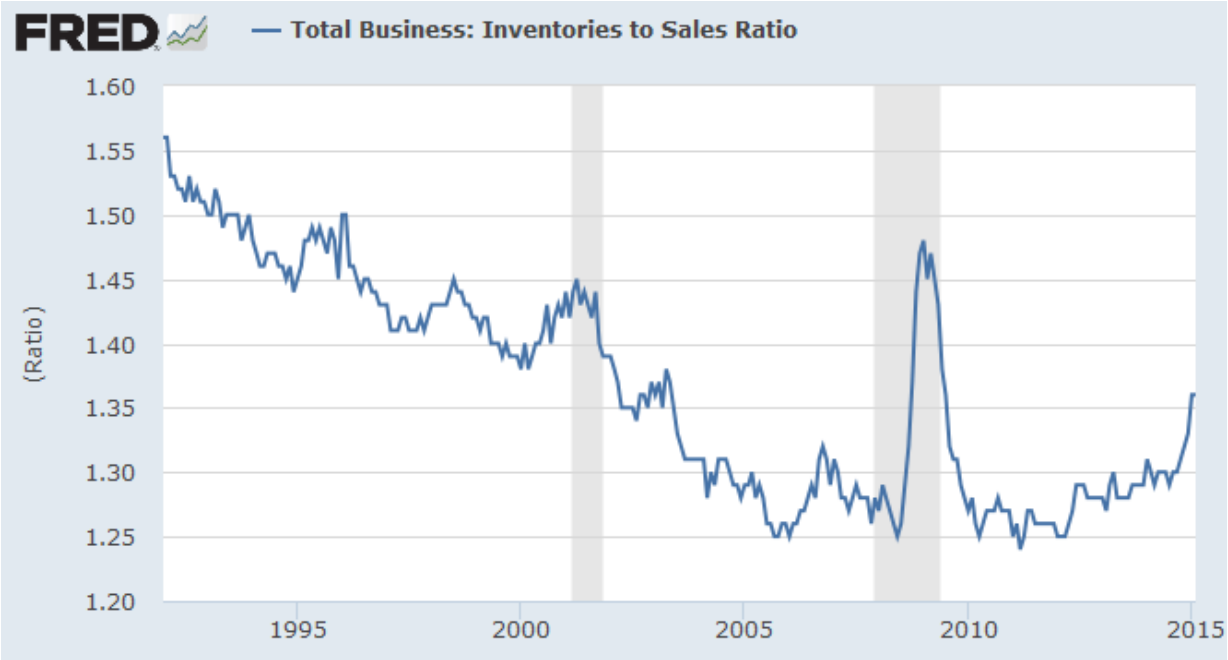
To predict recessions.

The reason this ratio has a decent track record of predicting recessions is because it measures future demand for labor.

How?

Well to produce inventory companies need to hire labor. And as these products are sold, the inventory goes down, requiring said inventory to be replenished, demanding further labor. But if demand is low or sales are down, that inventory has a tendency to build up. And when inventory builds up that is bad news for employees because with excess inventory why would you hire any additional labor? Worse, if you have too much inventory, you might as well lay people off because you don't even need to replenish your inventory.

And so to measure this relative demand to inventory they came up with the inventory to sales ratio. And it's not good:



The first thing you'll notice is the huge spike in the ratio during the Great Recession. The other thing you'll notice is the general downward trend in this ratio. This does not mean we are in a constant state of lower and lower risk of recession, but rather inventory management techniques and technologies have improved lowering this ratio over time.

But what is particularly concerning is the recent trend upward in the past 2 years, along with a spike in the past 3 months. Technically speaking, this is the second worst spike in the ratio's history and rarely does the economy NOT fall into recession when inventories build up this much.

Some of this has already come to fruition. GDP for the first quarter of 2015 was a paltry .2%. Labor force productivity is down this month. And job growth is sclerotic. But we haven't technically entered recession territory yet. Why?

Well, many people in this realm of the internet would claim we never recovered from the Great Recession. And such cynicism is validated when you look at labor force participation, lower wages, and the lack of booming economic growth that usually follows a bust. However, while we effectively may be in what "feels" like a recession and politicians brag about "green shoots" (but never full grown trees) in this economy, there is another reason we just "aren't crashing" like logic and reason would suggest.

The US dollar is the world's reserve currency.

In having the world's reserve currency this allows us to borrow and spend like Greeks, but without suffering any of the nasty economic consequences. This allows the government to keep taxes artificially low, while pumping the economy full of government spending. The result is a stale, uninspiring, and "blah" type economy where the real producers and innovators in the economy are not incentived to produce GDP, but steroid government spending artificially inflates economic growth figures. Throw in the fact said government money (be it social spending or Federal Reserve QE) ends up NOT in genuine investments, but asset bubbles (housing, stock market, education, etc.) and now you can see why we have an economy with effectively 0% real economic growth, but a stock market that is on its way to trebling from it's 2008 lows.

The problem this presents to economists, however, is one of prediction. By all measures and means we should be in recession. And if we were to take away the broken-window-fallacy spending of Obama's entire tenure, I almost guarantee you we never left the Great Recession. But now that the government has limitless spending due to our reserve currency status, it can artificially pump up GDP, masking the real economy.

Ergo, I am predicting recession next quarter. But don't expect to see two serious negative quarters of economic growth. Like Japan the US will spend the next 20 years never giving its people incentive to produce GDP, but never letting the economy go into full blown recession.

Silver Dollar Bikini and Race Relations in the US

May 7, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Was interviewed by Kerry Lutz yesterday where I announced my newest project: The Silver Dollar Bikini.

I am waiting on a model for pics and other media to start effectively advertising it, but the website is up and functional (though incomplete).

Should have a couple photos of it up soon.

Why Robots Eliminating Jobs Is a Good Thing

May 8, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And "basic guaranteed income" is dumber than all hell:

Le Cordon Bleu Scam School Finally Ending

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This is one of the scam colleges I taught at. Good to see the education bubble claiming such a worthless and evil victim.

Bad News for "Round House Kicking Chick-Cop Shows"

May 9, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh no, "State of Affiars" got the ax along with some other ~~female dramas~~ Round House Kicking Chick Cop Shows.

Could it possibly be overkill maybe?

No, no, never can have too many shows about a strong, independent 43 year old woman portrayed by a 31 year old actress, who can beat up 6'4" Russian mafia body guards with a cool government job, and a license to kill, but a soft side as she is torn between the rich oligarch silicon valley billionaire, and the strong, dangerous, ripped automechanic who does underground racing to raise the money for his cancer-ridden 6 year old daughter.

I miss Hogan's Heroes.

I'm Majoring in Bowling

May 9, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For the Patron's Saint Name of Frick.

I'm not joking guys. I'm just not joking.

Fake Rape! It's Fun!

May 9, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tee hee! I'm a rape victim! Tee hee! Pay me attention!

I love how they still paint her as a victim and is in need of help.

"In the Hands of 16 Year Olds Everywhere"

May 10, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yes, yes, I do sound like Randall from "Clerks"

From an Amazon review of Bachelor Pad Economics:

This book is one of the most practical life guides that I've had the privilege to read. Aaron Clary does not mince words, and I love that he addresses the idea that having kids is a CHOICE, not a necessity. He gets really gritty and if you're overly sensitive he just may ruffle your feathers. Literally every aspect of life is covered, from worthless degrees to the decline of western civilization. He is a true man in a wilderness of wildly feminine life advice. His podcast is amazing, as well, so I'd highly advise that you check it out. He sounds like Randal from Clerks and he is just as hilarious, but also mixes in solid economics and live advice. 10 thumbs up. If this book could be placed in the hands of 16 year olds everywhere, civilization might have a chance to survive.

What Precisely Is Quantitative Easing?

May 10, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Well this!

Mad Max: Feminist Road

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But let us be clear. This is the vehicle by which they are guaranteed to force a lecture on feminism down your throat. This is the Trojan Horse feminists and Hollywood leftists will use to (vainly) insist on the trope women are equal to men in all things, including physique, strength, and logic. And this is the subterfuge they will use to blur the lines between masculinity and femininity, further ruining women for men, and men for women.

from my latest piece at ROK.

Monday Night Linkage

May 12, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You're putting the cart before the horse. You have replaced men with government. Men now have no agency in the real world, so they will seek it in a digital world.

An older man gives a younger girl some advice...and she actually listens!

Matt Forney interviews a girl about living in Chicago. She inevitably gets to the point.

Putin, the privatization of Soviet assets in the 1990's, the oligarchs, and how it's the west to blame.

Department of HHS defines fathers to include "men living with your mom." Heaven help us.

"Special needs" is the new vehicle by which a whole new victim class will be forming.

Episode #94 of The Clarey Podcast is Out!

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Beard hairs caught in chest hairs
Independent contractor is superior to being an employee
Silver Dollar Bikini and why it means conservatives have better sex lives
Kanye West and American college students deserve each other
St. Louis Park wants to ban plastic bags

and MORE in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Hiring Writers

May 13, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Howdy All,

Alex over at Academic Composition is hiring writers. It's a great way to work on a beach in Thailand or traveling Europe while making decent coin. Here are the details:

1. Considerable experience writing college papers. While a college degree is not necessary, I'll need some evidence that they are capable of doing quality academic work. 2. Ability to write over 50 pages per week on any subject other than STEM. 3. Willingness to thoroughly with all of the professor's requirements. What's in it for the writer? 1. Minimal compensation: $10 per page, but my full-time writers generally earn between $600 and $700 per week. 2. Flexible work hours, no rigid schedule. All it matters is that you complete all of the work you take on. Yes, I would prefer to have a writer who outputs 50 pages per week, but quality writers are hard to find. Hence, I am willing to work with anyone who does good work on time. 3. Prospects for a higher pay-out. Full-time writers have been the pivotal factor behind the recent growth of Academic Composition. Hence, it is very likely that my per page rate compensatory rate will soon increase. 4. Managerial responsibilities. Full-time writers can procure additional compensation by managing part-timers. Aleksey Bashtavenko Academic Composition Owner & Principal Writer (540) 300-1253 academiccomposition@gmail.com www.academiccomposition.com www.linkedin.com/pub/aleksey-bashtavenko/25/7b8/323/

Some Damn Fine Economics Work

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Steve Sailer does some damn fine work indeed.

My Response to the "Fury" Over "Mad Max: Feminist Road"

May 13, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you didn't know, a piece I wrote at ROK went viral and now I am of course being accused being a misogynist, woman hater simply because I refused to see Mad Max: Fury Road in fear of receiving yet another unwanted feminist or social justice lecture from Hollywood. Instead of answering all the requests for interviews (which no doubt would be butchered), I'm simply putting this video up as my official response to the media

However, despite the hubbub and drama, I am rapidly being proven right. The movie is increasingly looking like a feminist film, and so to (if you'll forgive the term) "raise awareness" to this fact I started a hashtag on twitter that I hope catches on. #madmaxfeministroad Hopefully, (unless the movie proves otherwise) we can save a lot of people a lot of money and a lot of time, and again, I am more than happy to watch the movie if it proves NOT to have a lecture on feminism or SJWing, etc. in it.

(I might also add that this is how you handle the liberal media, in case any spineless conservative politicians needed a couple pointers.)

Why Entrepreneurship May Be the Only Feasible Retirement Plan

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I had faced a problem.
For the first time in a while, the ole Captain had enough money saved up that he could start thinking about throwing some money in the ole IRA.

You might at first think this is not a problem. But it is, young aspiring economist. It is.
For the problem facing anybody under 65 who still has a bit of life expectancy left is:

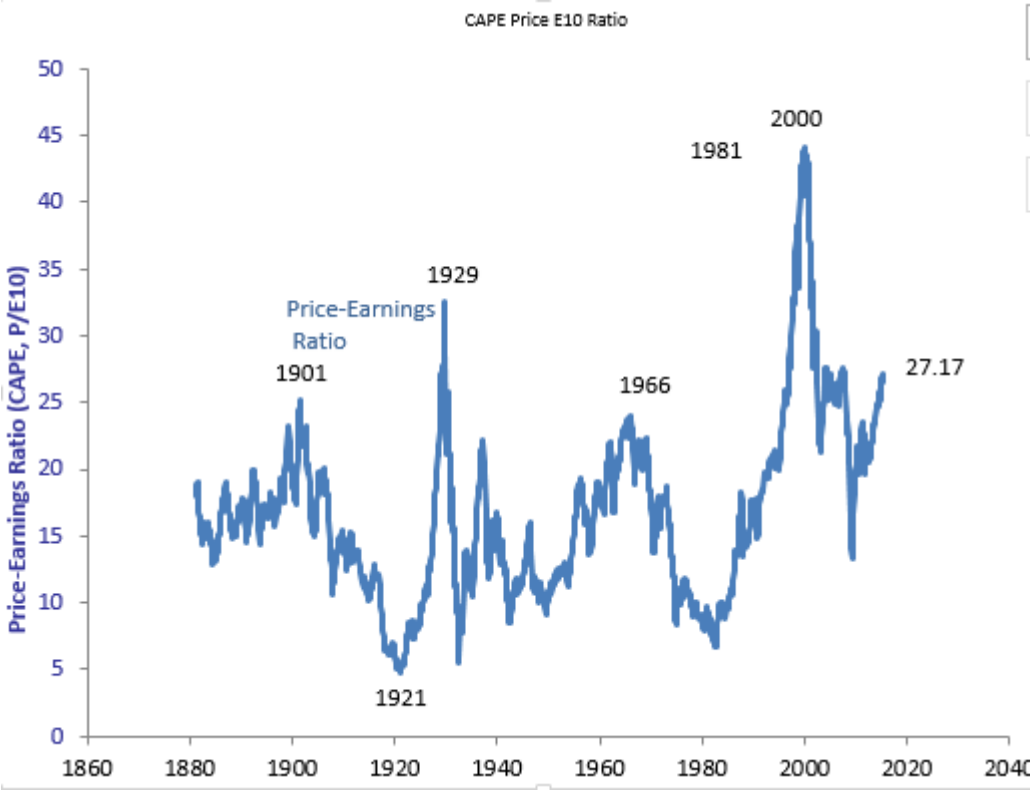
Precisely what do you invest your money in?

All of you know my general concern that money coming from:

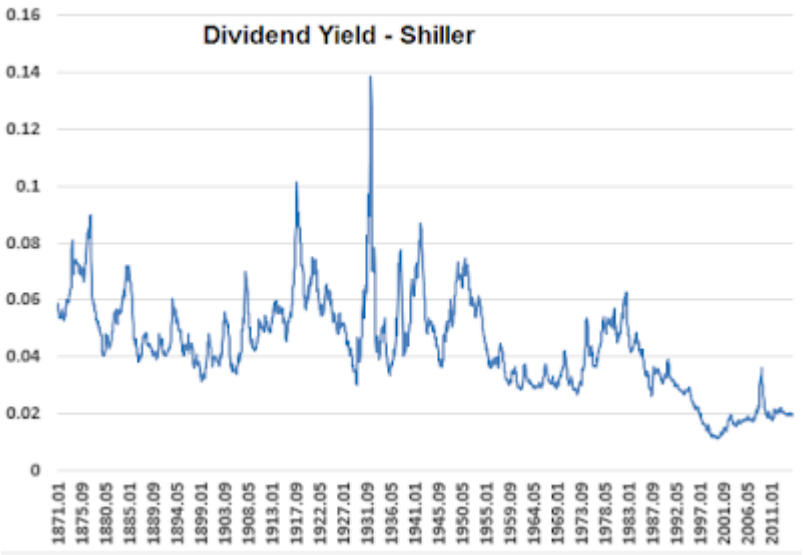
1. Retirement dollars of baby boomers and Gen X
2. Quantitative easing money being injected into the financial markets and
3. Low interest rates prompting a trillion dollars worth of buy backs

is jacking up stock and other asset prices that there's effectively no good deals out there.

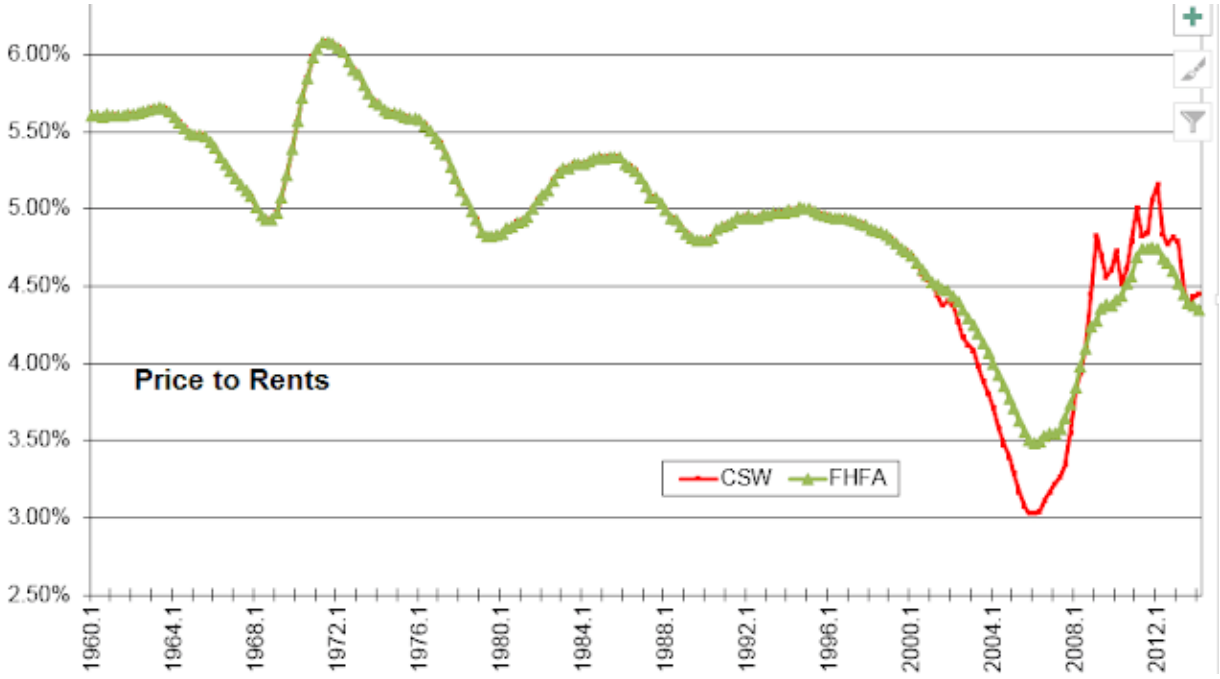
The PE ratio shows the stock market overvalued by almost half:



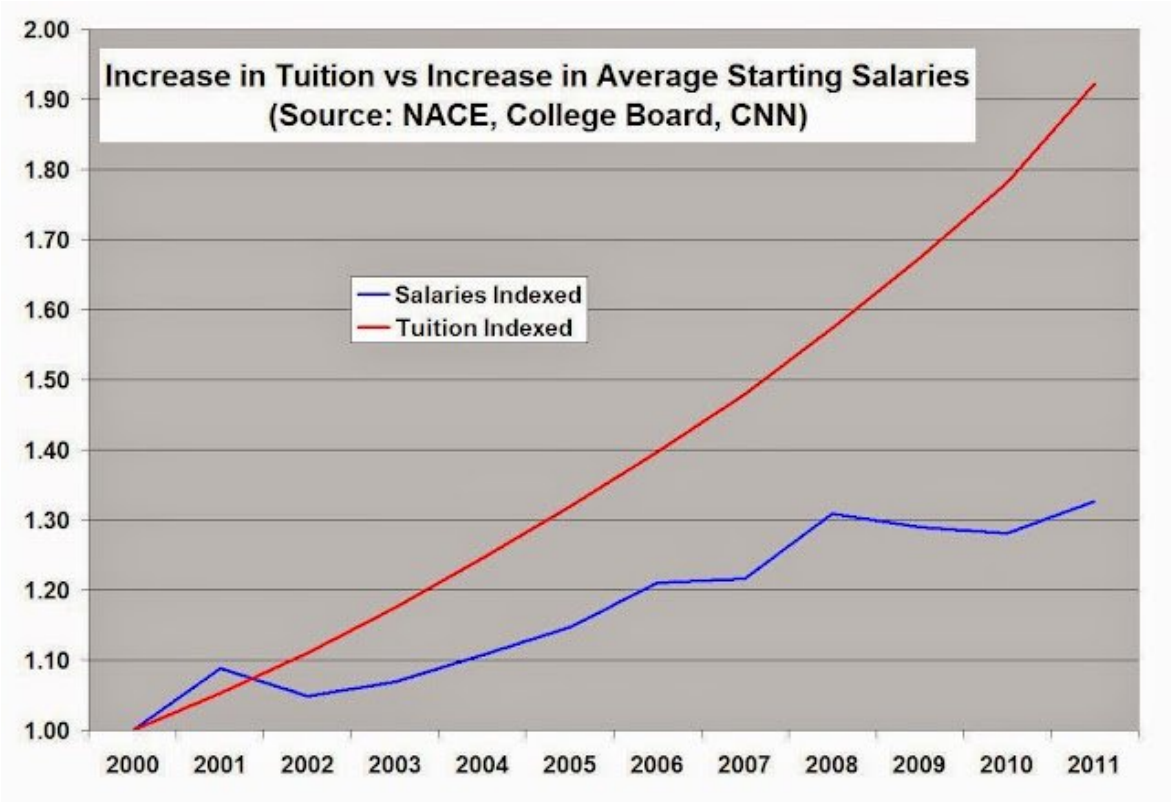
This results in a dividend yield of LESS THAN 2%



Housing only pays a whopping 4% today (and that's if you don't consider repairs and expenses)



And even an investment like education increasingly fails to generate the returns necessary to validate it.



Alas, today's investor is faced with the following effective REAL rates of return:

Stocks 0%
Savings -1%
Real Estate 2-3%
Education - HA HA HA HA HA!!!!!

Now naturally, many of you are saying,

"*Wait! 0%??? The stock market has been booming!!! How do you get 0%?*"

Well, inquiring young mind, I'll tell you.

You see, there is no such thing as capital gains. The real rate of return stocks (or any other investment for that matter) provides is the income or profit is generates.

Housing generates rents
Bond generate interest
And stocks generate dividends

However, ever since we thought it'd be a grand idea to designate stocks, bonds and other marketable securities as the default investments for our IRA's and 401k's back in 1978, stocks have gone up NOT based on their profitability, but by simply how many trillions of dollars-worth of mindless sheeple's money they throw into their 401k's accounts every paycheck.

Microsoft hasn't paid a dividend since it's existence?
Screw it, buy more. *The price might go up!*

The S&P pays less than a Kaazaa account?
Screw it, buy more! *The price might go up!*

Tinder or Twitter don't generate income at all!!!???
Screw it, buy more! *The price might go up! IT'S AN IPO!!!*

And so why we see the above ABYSMAL and PETTY REAL rates of return for the various asset classes.

So where precisely is somebody who demands an adequate rate of return to invest their money?

Sadly, it looks like entrepreneurship may be the only place to go.

It wasn't until I was having a conversation with my dad while running did I notice that even with all the tax benefits and government incentives to invest in IRA's and 401k's,

the best use of my money is sadly to reinvest it in my various ventures.

If I drop $500 advertising my books on the Tom Leykis Show, I on average double my money.
If I drop $100 advertising Asshole Consulting on Viva la Manosphere, I get about a 60% rate of return.
And if I drop $200 running ads on Marginal Revolution for my books, I get about a 70% rate of return.

Naturally of course, I don't enjoy any of the tax benefits on these investments that come with the government ordained IRA's and 401k's.

But so what? Even adjusting for taxes, investing in your own private ventures generates MUCH higher rates of return than the government approved investments for your retirement account.

Tom Leykis post tax rate of return = 75%
Stocks (still) = 0%

Viva La Manosphere post tax rate of return = 45%
Bonds = 1.2%

Marginal Revolution post tax rate of return = 50%
Real estate = (post property taxes, repairs, insurance, etc.) -5%

Now naturally key to all of this is to get a product or a business in place where expending such money on advertising, equipment, etc., would generate such returns. And I will be the first to admit that that is not easy. For every successful business I have, I have at least 2-3 that have failed, and that says nothing of the labor put into researching, trying and deploying these ideas. But all those drawbacks aside, returns are so non-existent in today's financial markets, you may not have a choice. It is a mathematical impossibility to rely on today's conventional retirement planning tenet of "compounding rates of return" when those rates are effectively at or near 0%. Ergo, it practically behooves you to have your hand at entrepreneurship and see if you can't make up your retirement from scratch.

Of course, most people will point out and say, "Not everybody can be entrepreneurs! If we all became entrepreneurs there'd be no workers or economy!"

Thankfully, nowhere near "everybody" reads Captain Capitalism.

Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go and work on my next business idea.

But Is Mad Max Fury Road Feminist?

May 16, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Naturally you all know about the international hubbub I caused by daring to say,

"I don't want to watch a movie that has a feminist lecture in it."

However, no matter how much cursing and swearing and calling me an international professional misogynist occurs, it doesn't moot the question - Is Mad Max Fury Road what I feared it would be? A feminist film?

I have a couple buddies who are going to see the movie, but I know some of you have as well. So for those of us on the fence (or just curious as to whether I was right and called this one like I did the housing bubble) please report back in the comments section below.

40 Degree Monday Morning Linkage

May 18, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because of my obtuse travel schedule, I am up Monday morning before 9AM. Unfortunately, it is a balmy 40 degrees here in Minnesota, and I'm going to have to fire up the fireplace in the middle of May. In the meantime here's some linkage:

DT and the Man make a point I hadn't thought of - of all the work, research, thought, philosophy and strategem, the world is so petty it focuses on the fact a guy doesn't want to see a feminist movie.

The Damnit Janet Podcast Archives (which I would have linked to earlier had Janet informed me she was putting together a podcast, but NOOOOOOOO, nobody keeps the ole Captain informed!)

DIE YOU ACADEMIA SCUM!!!! DIE!!!!!!!!

Remember Democrats, keep telling yourself "deficits don't matter."

When lefties start businesses.

Mr. Muir gives me a hat tip.

New podcast on the Podcast Roll.

Like father like daughter. Don't ever tell me that race whore represents black people.

Latest Podcast! Max Mad Feminist Road Recap Edition!

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38 degrees in Minnesota
The Clarey Family Reunion
The Economics of Wood Cutting
Cappy is objectified by women…and he loves it
People need better sex lives
The Mad Max Feminist Road Drama
The media is no longer the 4th branch of government

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Finance Industry as a % of GDP

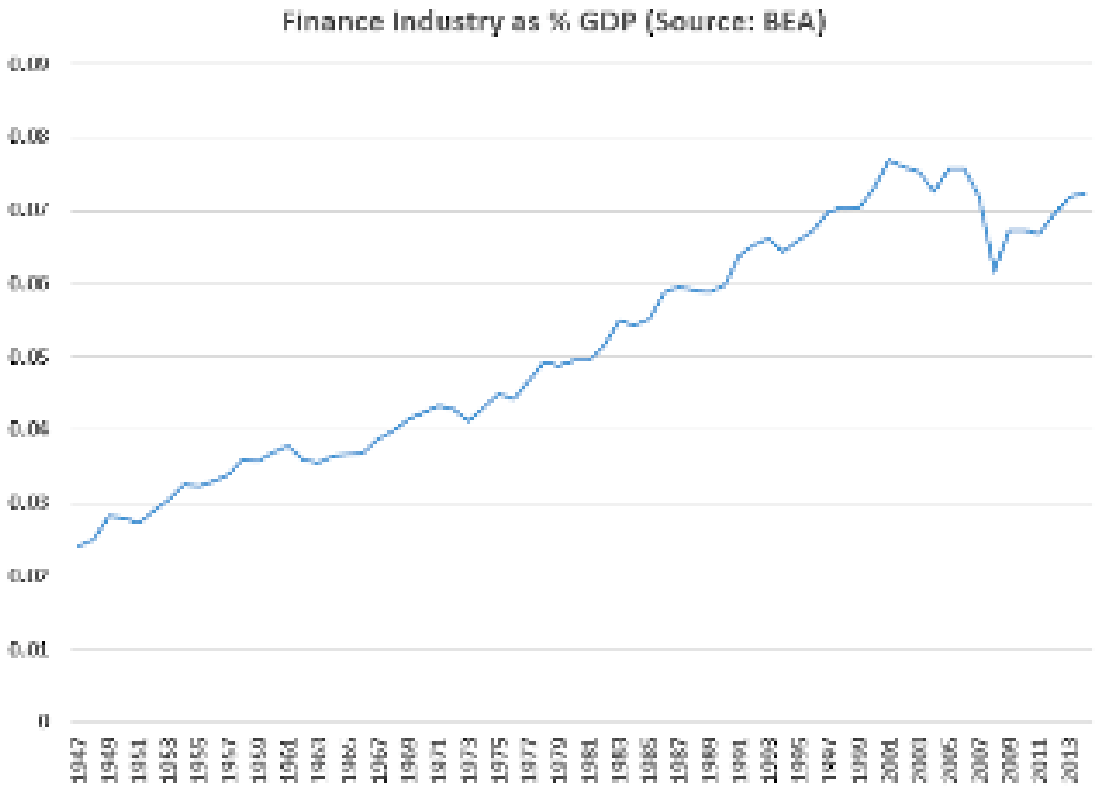
May 19, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Time for a simple economics lesson we can all enjoy. So gather round and listen to ole Uncle Cappie.

The finance industry, technically produces nothing of value. Yes they provide banking services. Yes they keep your money safe. But in the grand scheme of things the finance industry merely supports the production of stuff. It in it of itself produces nothing of value.

Because of this you would like to see the finance industry account for as small as a percentage of GDP as possible as it would indicate the industry is being "efficient" by supporting the "real" economy consuming as little as possible in terms of resources. Matter of fact, you'd like to see it shrinking as this would indicate efficiency gains allowing the finance industry to support increasingly more real production while consume the same or less amount in terms of resources.

So what has happened to the US finance industry as a percentage of GDP? Well this.



While at the end of WWII the finance industry only accounted for 2.5% of GDP, today it's now over 7%, almost reaching 8% during the height of the housing bubble.

So why is this happening and why should you care? Because it explains a lot about the global economy and portends things for our future.

First, the US economy has gone from an industrial one to one where we are increasingly more service based. The decline in industry and manufacturing was caused by outsourcing our industries overseas as labor (and taxes) were typically cheaper. This helped increase services as a percent of our GDP, partially explaining the tripling of the finance industry's size relative to GDP.

Second, manufacturing is hard and math based. If you had the choice to work on an assembly line, doing manual labor for 8-10 hours a day, or sit in an air conditioned cubicle farm clicking a mouse, most people would prefer the air conditioned cubicle farm. And so as economies grow they prefer to pursue these "easier" industries as they are not only likely more profitable, but just plain "easier." Alas, this is why we have "Tina the 25 year old social worker" and "Chip the investment banker" while China has "Jing the suicidal iPhone assembler" and "Chang the coal miner dying from black lung." Modern Americans would just prefer not to get their hands dirty, and there's really no dirty hard work in banking.

This results in a sort of "tail waging the dog" as a flood of labor into banking and finance bloats the industry's size relative to the rest of the economy, while providing less and less value to the real economy. Alas, this is why most finance positions are sales and not providing services that help the rest of the economy grow.

Third, as the world economy becomes more integrated and globalized, different countries specialize in different things. And so instead of merely serving and selling products within your borders, you sell your goods and services around the globe. This results in some countries becoming the manufacturing plants of the world, while other countries (notably the UK, the US and Switzerland) become the "financial centers" of the world. In other words the US finance industry is no longer serving the US, but the entire globe, and thus its share of the domestic economy grows.

But then there is the fourth reason. And the fourth reason is reason enough to worry. And the reason you should worry is because here the finance industry provides absolutely NOTHING in terms of real production or value for the rest of the economy.

The retirement bubble.

You all know my opinion that the stock market is highly overvalued due to the trillions in retirement dollars that have flooded it. However, do not expect people to start becoming

savvy investors who start asking questions about PE ratios and contemplate how dividends ultimately drive value. Too many commission addicted salesmen and mutual fund managers need Americans to keep buying stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. And the "401k Clergy" in the finance industry need you guys to keep mindlessly investing in your IRA's for "retirement." This means that instead of:

financing a new plant
raising money for a new mining company
or providing the capital to expand Stark Enterprises' robotics division

the vast majority of the finance and banking industry is focused solely on selling you assets.

And merely selling stuff does not help contribute to GDP.

It is here I get a little chuckle because 9 out of 10 times when I run into your standard leftist they immediately point to the booming stock market as evidence that "the economy can't be doing that bad." But of course when I cite the actual measure that measures the economy (GDP) they ignore that, preferring instead to think asset prices "are the economy." But the divergence from economic growth and asset prices is not a good thing, because all profits (and thus all the value of all assets) ultimately has to come from economic growth. And right now we have fantastically high prices, with slow, sluggish, lethargic economic growth.

In the end, however, the two will have to converge. We can certainly postpone the inevitable with having a world reserve currency. We can play currency wars and borrow till our heart's content, creating entire industries out of borrowed money to keep our precious liberal-arts majoring princesses and princes employed. But in the end, there needs to be economic growth to warrant forever increasing asset prices.

In the meantime, keeping tabs on how big a non-producing industry like finance grows as a percent of our overall economy is a pretty good way to tell if the country and its people have any intention of growing up, putting work gloves on, and starting to produce things of genuine economic value,

or,

if we want to continue living in Lala Land where we can all be bankers, we can all be life insurance salesmen, we can all be teachers, and we can all retire on full pensions with forever increasing asset prices at 55.

Enjoy the decline.

What Precisely is a "World Reserve Currency?"

May 20, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A video request that turned out to be a pretty good lesson for those new, young, aspiring economists here on Cappy Cap.

If Blogs Were Stocks, We'd All Be Millionaires

May 20, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An outstanding point by one of my commenters:

What's the point of trying to save $300,000 in a retirement plan paying 2%? That's only $6,000/yr in income... so, does that mean if you start up a website that generates $500/month income that it also is worth $300,000?

If so, I'd say it's a helluva lot easier to start the website than to save $300,000 - especially since it will take 36 years to double your capital with interest compounding at only 2%.

This was in response to my original post that given the insane valuation multiples of the stock market, I can get a higher rate of return by investing in stupid ideas like this. Yes, it's not as liquid, yes, there are no perpetual, magical "capital gains," but the cash flow (which once again is the ONLY thing that drives the value of any investment) is a lot more than a paltry 2%. Ergo, if you really want to look forward and not be part of the 401k Clergy Sheeple Congregation, in addition to your 401k or IRA you may want to put forth a little effort into starting a little business on the side.

Help a Fellow Cappy Cappite Find His Lost Son

May 21, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Bad news every one. A good friend of mine's son has gone missing.

The kid's name is Danny/Daniel Domres and he is a soldier based in Colorado Springs that has gone AWOL. The details are here, but the kid could be anywhere.

Anyway, keep an eye out for him or if you know about his whereabouts please contact the ole Captain.

"The Truth About George Washington" by Stefan Molyneux

May 21, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I thoroughly enjoyed this lengthy podcast/investigation about the rise and competency of George Washington. Even if you think George Washington was god, it is still interesting to note the effects of connections and cronyism in Colonial American politics. I would be curious if anybody from the UK or US would be able to corroborate it on account I trust Stefan Molyneux's intent and veracity.

Cappy's Adventures with John Wayne

May 25, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Visiting the Duke's birthplace:

Society vs. The Individual Part 1

May 25, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I originally intended this to be a short video, but the more I thought about it, it was so detailed and important, I decided to make it a post. Then once I delved into the rabbit hole, I noticed it really is a two part post. Problem and then Solution sort of thing. Anyway, if you would be so kind as to forward this to anybody you know that would appreciate it or benefit from it, I would be very grateful as I think in these two posts are the PRACTICAL key for improving many people's lives and the condition of the country.

The relationship between society and the individual, by nature, has to be symbiotic. Society is made up of individuals and it would logically follow that strong individuals make up a strong society. However, over time and under different environments the relationship between society and the individual is not always mutually beneficial. And if that's the case it's almost always society benefiting at the expense of the individual as the many can conspire against the individual and not the other way around. It's simply "there's 8 of us and only 1 of you, guess who we're having for diner!"

We see this "society taking advantage of the individual" throughout history as well as today. Mob-rule democracies using government to force individuals to pay for the masses' mistakes. Religion telling its adherents to donate to the church or burn in hell. Even the unconscious psychology of tribalism effectively enslaving the individual for the benefit of the commune. There are many instances where the individual is right, and society is wrong.

But aside from the time and monetary costs the individual pays for the benefit of society, there is another egregious cost that is often ignored, but the individual must pay - his sanity.

While paying taxes, being forced to donate to a church, or getting beat up because you dared to "act white" and get good grades are clear and identifiable prices the individual pays, in order to keep the individual from going into full revolt or Galt, society needs to brainwash the individual so they don't dare question the parasitic nature of society's relationship with them. To that end a whole host of lies, narratives, political correctness and propaganda are shoved down individuals' throats to keep them from asking questions and keep them from independent thought. However, this "brainwashing" is nothing as simple as merely disseminating lies and repeating it enough that people "start to believe it." It's a masterful, elaborate, and purposefully designed strategy, starting when the individual is all of 4 years old and never ending until that individual is dead and society has used him up as much as possible.

But as "masterful, elaborate and purposefully designed" it is, this brainwashing is above

all else thorough and incredibly effective. If I were to estimate it right now, nearly 95% of westerners are brainwashed and believe in what are nothing more than outright lies. And not only do they believe in these lies, the brainwashing is so effective they have an emotional investment in these lies so that if any of you were to dare question the veracity of those lies, most people would react violently, at minimum, angrily. However, no matter how emotionally vested these people are in these lies, it doesn't change the fact they live their lives and base INCREDIBLY important life decisions on these lies which results in the aforementioned true price they pay - sanity.

The examples are limitless.

"The Nice Guy"

How many millions of men suffered decades of insanity believing the lies SOCIETY told them about what women wanted in men? Here you have what is no doubt the STRONGEST and MOST IMPORTANT biological drive young men have in their lives and did society tell them the truth about what women wanted? Did society tell them, "Hey, women want:

"A physically strong man."
"A leader."
"A man who will not be dissuaded or deterred"
"A provider who can support a wife, mortgage, and children?"

No, society LIED to (now three) generations of young men telling them women wanted

"A nice guy."
"A sweet guy."
"A sensitive 90's guy."
"A guy who listens."

The ultimate end result was a 50% divorce rate, sexually frustrated women, weak, effeminate men, destroyed families, and (now three) generations of men who have ruined financial and romantic lives. But all of that pales in comparison to the INSANITY these men suffered because they "did what they were told" and had absolutely no success to show for it. The sheer madness that ensued when you attempted to be successful at what was arguably the most important thing in life, only to constantly fail, but only to constantly be told to redouble your efforts on the same plan is a psychological pain many men can testify to.

But still, no matter how much destruction these lies caused or how many men in their 20's it drove mad, at least society (in the form of government, divorce courts, the psychology profession, and feminist intelligentsia) benefited.

"You Can Have It All"

Before we paint men as the sole victims, women have suffered too. And not in the "glass ceiling" or "wage gap myth" sort of way. The lies society told women was that "they could have it all" and "you ARE the exact same as men." And so (now three full) generations of young women went out and instead of pursuing families (like they had for 99.995% of human existence) they believed society and all tried to be:

Mothers
CEO's
Doctorates
PTA officers
Yoga attendees and
Race car drivers

And *ALL AT THE SAME TIME NO LESS!*

And forget the mathematical impossibility of doing all of this effectively with only 24 hours in a day. The real coup de etat was *society actually got women to believe* ***that work is fun or something to be desired!***

The result, again, is divorce, destroyed families, ill-reared children, regret, and single-parent homes. However, the true price paid is the INSANITY women have suffered "doing what society told them to do," but being less happy than generations past.

Still, it doesn't matter. Society (in the form of government, feminist intelligentsia, and corporate employers) benefited from increased tax rolls, misery-loving company, and a labor market flooded with new and cheap labor.

Education

If there's a perfect example of the individual suffering insanity because they believed society's lies, today's labor market for college graduates is it. For you could not have a more textbook example of thoroughly effective and successful brainwashing than today's Millennial college graduates.

Fed spoons' full of lies since kindergarten, today's latest generation actually believed in what their Gen X peers proved wrong - "do what you want and the money will follow." "Any degree is a good degree." "It doesn't matter what you get a degree in, it's what you do with it." Add to that the ass-kissing lie that "they were the future" and these deluded sheeple actually thought majoring in Sociology would land them a job.

But sadly, after 4 years undergrad, 2 years in a masters program, another 2 for a

doctorate and voting for Barack Obama twice, your average Millennial has $78,000 in student loans, a lousy labor market, no skills and lives with their parents. Can you imagine not just the insanity, but the terror and fear these poor kids have now that it looks like their lives are ruined forever and will come NOWHERE NEAR to what they were promised?

Oh well. No matter. Democrats got their votes, academia got $1 trillion every year this generation was in college, and employers now have MILLIONS of new and ESPECIALLY DESPERATE people begging for jobs. Again, society won at the expense of the individual.

Careers

And finally careers.

If you were like me, you too believed the lies society told you about what it took to succeed at a career.

"*Hard work, an education, loyalty, creativity, and innovation!*"

So there you went, believing the lies, majoring in a hard and seemingly practical subject. Studying day and night to get that 3.8 GPA. Going that extra mile working an unpaid internship to "improve" your resume. Taking extra classes to get extra certifications with random acronyms. *("I got my DPT and my EGS certifications! But I'm still working on my XKT cert!"*) And dancing like a trained dog to perfect your resume, answer HR's frivolous questions, and "score that job." You may have lowered yourself to reading books on the topic and endured "mock interviews."

But sadly, in the end, to be successful in Corporate America you need to lie, cheat, scam, manipulate, even threaten. You need to be borderline criminally aggressive, preferably a highly functional sociopath...that is of course assuming you're not the boss' son, or performing fellatio on him. Then you just be you.

Regardless, once again, think of the billions in cumulative lives that were wasted by aspiring "loyal corporate men and women" who believed the shtick, sacrificed their families, friends, and lives for a career that was never going to be. How much insanity did they endure "doing what they were told," deteriorating in 2 hour daily commutes, only to deteriorate more for 10 hours a day in a cubicle, for decades only to never get promoted or get that dream job?

Doesn't matter. Society wins again. Employers dupe stooges into becoming effective slaves on the cheap. Governments take in more in taxes. Banks make a fine profit off of the interest on that house you can barely afford. And the day care provider industry is only more than thankful you decided to outsource your children.

We could go on, but I think you get the point.

The moronic yuppie couple trying to afford the McMansion and sports SUV's who believed in the rat race only to benefit society in slave labor, more taxes, credit card companies, and mortgage interest.

The impoverished black male who thinks his lot in life is because of "evil white men," when it's his new slave masters he's benefiting, namely Al Sharpton, the police, and the Democrat party.

Or the "heroic single mom" who actually believes she's heroic (when in reality she's ruining her and her childrens' lives), but at least she'll fork over the money to Oprah, watch "The View" and vote for more government money.

Nearly everybody in the western world believes in, and lives their lives by, lies that society told them to simply take advantage of them. The lies are very sweet, and often times assuages you of any guilt or responsibility for your mistakes in life (which often times explains the violent/angry response when the lies are pointed out as it is forcing a mirror into people's faces). But let us be clear.

THEY

ARE

LIES

They're not true.

And if you live your life by these lies, you will suffer because your decisions are not being made in reality.

Part 2 will address the herculean effort it takes to no longer believe these lies, as well as the punishment society will unleash upon you if you dare to no longer believe them

Rainy Day Linkage

May 26, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Chris and Aurini do the work that the MSM won't.

One of my old haunts is being sold, hopefully remaining the same.

Which is why I got to the Black Hills often.

70% of you can't think you're above average and 80% of you can't think you're special. But don't let reality get in the way of the "Self Esteem Movement."

Traditional universities replaced with rooms full of servers.

The top 9 gods liberals worship.

Dr. Helen makes a funny!

Harland Williams makes the note that Mad Max is not about Mad Max. And no, I still haven't seen the movie.

Attacking the wrong degenerates (though I do wish Mr. Aurini would not use the word "faggot")

Inferior vs. Superior People

May 26, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just stating the obvious which too many people lack the spine to state:

I Am Friends With Muslims, But…

May 27, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I vette them very thoroughly.

I Got Your $15/Hr "Right Here!"

May 27, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Oh noesies!!! What are liberal arts grads going to do for jobs now????

The Clarey Podcast "You're All Not Having Enough Sex" Episode

May 27, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Taking out the motorcycle
The story of 19 year old Cappy buying his girlfriend lingerie
Clarey's "Forced March Wedding in the Desert"
Taking two weeks off from your wife/girlfriend
"We didn't have the internet when we were young!"
Oregon mileage tax and why you don't want to live there
Online accredited classes offered at ASU
and MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast

Social Workers Love Other Women's Children More Than Their Own

May 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Glorious Thursday Day Linkage

May 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is one of the many reasons I don't believe in global warming.

I knew I liked Chris Pratt for a reason.

Robert McCain chimes in on Feminist Road, pointing out there's a "Moby" in our midst.

You don't listen to fat people giving advice on dating, just as you don't listen to European politicians giving advice on economic growth.

Exxon grows a pair.

How Can We Have "Negative Interest Rates?"

May 29, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I received this question from one of my students and the answer I thought would help advance all you aspiring, junior, deputy, official, or otherwise economists out there:

Well, the short version is that countries lie to their people about how the real world economy works.

People believe they can have their cake and eat it too, which ultimately means borrowing more than they can ever hope to pay back for both individuals and governments.

This leads to debts that become impossible to pay back and asset bubbles like the stock market or housing markets which inevitably crash.

Once the economy crashes, governments scramble to get it back on foot, NOT so much to grow the economy again, but to prevent people from paying the price of being so stupid as to borrow more than they could afford or for voting in politicians who spend more than their respective countries can afford. To do this governments print off more money to pay for both the private and public debts, which is done through their central bank. THis money does not pay back the debts directly, but rather buys those debts off of the people who foolishly made them:

TARP
Mortgage Backed Securities
Asset Backed Securities
and I predict in the new future student loans

This money does NOT end up in the economy (which would cause inflation), but ends up simply recapitlizating (or "shoring up") the poor finances of the banks and lending houses that made such stupid loans. This, coupled with a harsh and recent memory of the financial crisis or latest bubble bursting, makes people reluctant to borrow this new money and so the financial system is awash with money that nobody wants to borrow.

In the end banks do not make money if they don't lend out their money. But people want their money deposited and held safely in a bank account. This means that banks would be providing a service (depository services aka "safe keeping") but have nowhere to lend it out to. Thus, instead of paying interest on those deposits, they start charging.

This occurs especially acutely, however, to banks or countries where they are deemed "more reliable" than others. ie - Switzerland.

Everybody wants to deposit their money in a Swiss bank because it is safe. Additionally, people want to own Swiss Francs as opposed to Euros (which would be destroyed by Greece), US Dollars (which would be tanked by a housing bubble or student loan bubble, or just massive government deficit spending) or Chinese Yuan (which would be ruined by corruption and their own debt problems).

Alas, Swiss banks and Switzerland cannot simply be everybody's banker, and they must charge (ie - negative interest rates) on their depository accounts.

And that IS about as simple as I can make it and that leaves a lot on the ground.

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It

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is to follow the Ole Captain on twitter this weekend. (frankly, just trying to see if I can get 1,000 new followers in a weekend)

"Marginally Employed"

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The U6 unemployment rate is the total of:

Unemployment
Marginally employed
Part time employed
And people who are way more capable than of the job they're working at.

In short, the "under-employment rate."

I occasionally like to keep my eye on it to see how it's going, and shucks howdy, look at that! It's FINALLY below it's previous high back in 1995!

Great work guys!

Now just remember. Don't go asking about those nasty 40's and 50's when you could get a full time job right out of high school and that job would support you and a family. Those were nasty, evil, racist, sexist times.

Again, Leftists Tend to Be Ugly

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I've said it before, but now Roosh has said it again. Leftists tend to be ugly.

Society vs. The Individual - Part 2

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I suggest reading part 1 here if you haven't already.

Be you 20, 30, 40 or 50, the point in time will come in your life where you will stop and realize,

"*Hey, I've lived 40, 50, 60% of my life and I'm still not anywhere near where I thought I'd be.*"

This epiphany won't happen to every one, but for those of you who are intellectually honest and have the intelligence to realize AND APPRECIATE the fact you're finite, you WILL make this observation. This is a good thing because it's simply true.

You are finite.
You are going to die.
You've likely already expended 65% of your life.
But your life hasn't gone the way it was "supposed to."
So what do you do to ensure you don't piss away the remaining, precious 35%?

Unfortunately, answering this very vital and single most important question in your life won't be easy.
For in answering this question you are going to have to pit the most important thing in your life (your remaining time on this planet) against the single largest and most-well-financed force on the planet.

Society

You see, most people are indeed good people with good intentions. They WANT to do go. They WANT to succeed and therefore MOST people will do what "society tells them to do." Unfortunately, as demonstrated in Part 1, we realize that society is NOT here to help the individual but to take advantage of the individual to advance society. But, again, society and the institutions therein are SO effective at brainwashing people into thinking they're "doing the right thing," not only do they trick most people to sacrifice their finite lives for the "commune," they get people to become emotionally and psychological vested in these lies.

So be you,

20,
30,

50,
70,

you not only have to overcome DECADES of your own brainwashing, but face the inevitable backlash from society for daring to be an individual and doing (what is in their eyes) "wrong."

Alas, this task is herculean on two different levels.

First, the individual must make the most ARROGANT of assumptions and dare to let himself think that maybe, just maybe, ALL OF SOCIETY is wrong, and that s/he is right. The statistics alone of one person being right while the remaining 300,000,000 citizens in the country are wrong prove the audacity one must have to think such a thought, but have we not see this multiple times before?

If it was 1998 and you were one of those "fools" that said there was a "tech bubble" you were an outcast, a pariah, an idiot who "just didn't understand the internet." Sure enough the individual was proven right, and society wrong.

A short 8 years later and the same idiot sheeple masses fell for the same damn trick again. Except instead of tech stocks, it was housing. Again, if it was 2006 and you dared to suggest there was a housing bubble, you were an idiot, a moron, and a party-pooper raining on every late 20 something's McMansion house warming party that was purchased on an ARM. But sure enough, society was wrong, and the individual was right.

And think of the pre-internet 20 something man in the dating world who was constantly told:

"*Maybe you just attract the wrong type of woman?*"
"*Maybe you need to try a new fishing hole?*"
"*You need to become more sensitive to women's needs*"

yet had the balls to stop and say,

"*Wait a minute. What if there's nothing wrong with me? What if there's something systematically wrong with the way American girls are being raised?! What if I'm perfectly fine and these girls are all batshit insane?*"

Imagine the arrogance and gall it took WITHOUT THE CORROBORATING EVIDENCE WE HAVE TODAY ON THE INTERNET to believe in such a statement. But yet once again, the individual is right and society is wrong.

We could go on, but you get the point. In order to live your life for yourself and not

society, you need to have the balls and the courage to dare to think that you on your little lonesome may be right, while the rest of society is wrong. It goes against, "conventional wisdom." It's the epitome of hubris and arrogance. But it is the only logical conclusion you're left with when you've "done what society told you" and have nothing to show for it.

The second herculean task is unfortunately impossible to complete. For it's more of a new "status" you get to endure rather than a simple finite chore that can be completed in a couple of minutes. And that is society is going to hate you. And hate you on multiple levels.

The immediate hate you're going to receive is that you will be viewed as a borderline criminal. You no longer believe in "conventional wisdom" and therefore aren't breaking any codified laws, but are breaking many social norms and morays. Friends will leave you. Family will lecture you. And you'll likely never have a stable career. You aren't OBEYING, you aren't CONFORMING. You're "not a team player" and have "anger management issues." It isn't that you're personally assailing or assaulting these people, it's that you are directly triggering their "tribal survival instincts" and at a subconscious level are indirectly threatening their livelihood. Alas, you will just "rub people the wrong way" because you insist on being a genuine individual.

The second wave of hate you'll receive is that you'll be viewed as arrogant, cocky, holier-than-thou. Again, you won't be lifting a finger to hurt or harm any one, you'll just be living a life that is based in reality. And after you do that for a while you'll start to do better than your peers. You'll date more women/men. You'll make more money working less hours. You'll enjoy more hobbies and have better mental health. You'll have a better family life with children who actually love you. The high-powered-corporate couple, who are on the verge of divorce, have everything leveraged to the hilt, and can barely afford the nanny for their children they really don't love will secretly envy you as you hop on your motorcycle for a two week American west roadtrip replete with reading books, fishing, and hiking.

And the final (and most visceral) form of hate will result from you essentially making others question their own lives. In living your life based in reality and not what society wants, you are empirical evidence, a mirror that forces people to wonder if they haven't pissed away their own lives. Some people respond positively to this, going down the path of independent-mindedness, salvaging what remains of their lives. But most will merely see red and hate you.

The reason is sad.

Deep down inside these people KNOW they are too lazy to do what is necessary to live a truly enjoyable and accomplished life. And instead of putting forth the mental and physical effort, they choose instead to believe the lies told to them by society. However,

without any real, genuine accomplishment in life, all they have is the lies they believe.

"I have my MASTERS DEGREE! I'm SMART!!!"
"I'm a VEGAN!!! I'm MORAL!"
"I'm a BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN! I'm SAVED!!!!"
"I'm a (fill in victim class here) _____!!! I'm ENTITLED!!!"
"I'm a feminist!!! I'm EMPOWERED!!!!"
"I'm a MGTOW!!! I don't NEED WOMEN!!!"

So when you come along and prove that their false gods and their false religions are just that, you are an unintentional megaphone screaming into their ears that they are wasting their lives, have no value to society, but above all else, are cowards who'd rather live lies than live life.

Naturally, you can predict their response.

Name calling (racist, bigot, homophobe, sexist, misogynist, etc.), feigned indigence, accusations of oppression, death threats, and let's not forget good old fashioned "the world getting its tits in the sling."

But the fact they resort to these methods of "debate" only proves you're right and they're wrong.

Regardless, if you're willing to do these two things (dare to think you are right and society is wrong, AND endure the guaranteed backlash and hatred that will ensue), going down this path in the long run is worth it. And the reasons are three.

1. You won't waste your life.

I don't know how many leftists and other lie-livers are going to be on their death beds wondering and regretting the one shot in life and consciousness this universe gave them.

Could that MGTOW have hit weights and not died a virgin?
Could that feminist tried her hand at STEM and not lived on EBT and government grants?
Could that inner city kid left the ghetto and become the next Ben Carson?
Could you have been a stay at home dad and spend time with your children instead of at the office?

Probably, but that's not our concern.

When we die there will be no regrets. We'll be comfortable with dying because we *lived*. We didn't sit there and mope, whine and complain, and blame all of our problems on other people. We went out there, got our asses kicked, but kicked even more ass in the

process. And in the end we didn't waste second of our lives. They weren't ordinary lives. They weren't lives lived by "what we were told to do." They were unique lives, filled with the successes and mistakes that were 100% owned and defined by us. And that's an experience no liberal arts-majoring hipster, professional victim, SJW, feminist type will ever experience.

2. Sanity

I don't care how much flak I get from how many millions of people. In the end the life I lead right now is INFINITELY better than what I was living before simply because it makes sense. It's logical. It all adds up.

I don't sit awake at night wonder how to excel in my career or impress my boss. I don't get frustrated wondering "what do women want and how can I give it to them?" And I don't spend one calorie of energy worrying about encroaching socialism or the future of western civilization.

I sat down, removed emotion, feelings, and desires from all of life's questions, and simply asked, "what is reality? What is real." And upon answering those questions, and accepting the empirical evidence as fact, knowing and living in the real world provides more stability and sanity than one where you "major in your heart and the money will follow" or "maybe you just attract the wrong type of woman."

Admittedly, a lot of people may not like you. But the serenity and peace that comes with living in the real world is worth all the hate in the world.

3. Progress

In living and basing your decisions in the real world, success is inevitable, even if accidental. You're not throwing $75,000 on a "Creative Writing" degree you "hope" pays off. You're accepting the reality that you should drop $10,000 on a welding program certification. You're not going after the hottest babe at the night club, but meeting that solid B girl at the Beartooth rally who can clean her own carburetor. And you're not believing that president Obama is going to provide for you forever, but you're going to take matters into your own hands, make sure you don't get somebody pregnant, and ensure you don't end up in the poorhouse.

You may not be living the life society promised you (if you "did what you were told"), but that life was never going to happen anyway. And that's the reason the individual's life will always be better than the one society told you you could have.

So the choice is really yours. You can do what society tells you:

Get a worthless degree
Followed up by an MBA or masters
Further burdened with a mortgage and car loans
With children you can barely afford
Plus a spouse who is likely to divorce you
With two "power careers"
Replete with 2 hour commutes
Cubicle soul-destroying jobs
and
Children in day care who hate you

or

Do what you want:

A simple trade or skill
Frugal minimalist budget
A QUALITY spouse
With a focus on family, friends, and loved ones
Time with the children
Fishing trips out west
No debt
and
A reliable used car

But the truth is, this isn't an editorial. There is a right and wrong answer. The issue is whether you can give up caring what society "thinks" about you.

It's "Worthless Degree Awareness Month!"

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I am happy to say that today marks the start of WORTHLESS DEGREE AWARENESS MONTH!

If you really want to help the "children" June is the month where we ramp up the "raising of awareness" of the financially crippling dangers of worthless degrees! So since all those young adults are graduating from high school and about to go to college, June is the PERFECT month to have "the chat" with your kids about this very important topic.

And if you're a coward and never told your kid "no" but don't know how to broach the topic, buy them this book to do the job of parenting that you failed to do!

"I Can't Sleep" Linkage

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Let vets use the GI bill to start businesses, not attend college.

People should not be allowed maximum freedom. I disagree, and will respond later.

Baaaaah Baaaaah! Sheeeeeeple. The SHEEEEEPLE!

Yep, "White privilege" is your main problem there.

AKA those who produce and those who merely serve what's being produced.

Vince Vaughan won't work any more. But at least him and Corolla have their sanity.

Aurini does some DAMN FINE editing work. The trailer for The Sarkeensian Effect is out.

Bernard Chapin tells his story which is not only entertaining and interesting, but very insightful as to what happens when a man who deals with drama, gets engaged, then divorced, gets older, and would rather read books of Russian history than date another 24 year old ditz. It filled in a lot of gaps about Uncie Bern and I hope you listen to his newly launched podcast.

The "Gaia Democratic School" for Kids

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This private ~~cult~~ "school" took 11-13 year olds to a sex shop for "sex ed."

Here is their web site.

Here is their facebook page (note the pictures of the teachers)

I don't have to editorialize. The pictures tell all you need to know. But it will be on my upcoming podcast which you can find here.

School is No Longer Conducive to Human Biology

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A funny exercise I like to run your average endebted American through is the nearly impossible time-line the American labor market forces on its employees in terms of education vs. retirement.

You are supposed to:

Go to k-12 from the ages of 5-18, then...

Attend college from the ages of 18-22, but...

Today's modern economy demands some form of progressive credentialism, so a bachelors degree no longer cuts it. So you need at LEAST two more years of schooling or certification...22-24, however...

Even with all that education, the labor market is flooded with poorly-financial-planning baby boomers who can't retire and millions of other recent college graduates desperate for work, so you work crappy, low paying jobs "earning your stripes" and "proving yourself" doing work you could have done at the age of 13. You never make any real money to significantly pay down your student loans, so at least 5 more years wandering in this job-desert before your now-2 decades of education *might* be put to work...24-29, STILL...

You're an American! You gotta keep up with the Jonses! And not just in housing, but cars, McMansions and other crap you ~~don't need~~ can't afford. So you sign away your life on a 30 year mortgage...29-59.

Did you promise your kid's you'd pay for their equally worthless Masters in Puppetry Degree, taking out a home equity line to pay for it?...59-64

And so NOW, at the age of 64 you decide it's time to "get serious" about retirement planning, except, OOPS! That's right, the patently INSANE demands of the labor market in terms of education and certification (combined with vanity-induced debts) make it nearly impossible for you to ever successfully and mathematically retire.

But whereas this fun little exercise is one of finance and investing, there's another ENTIRELY different aspect of life that is now quickly being made impossible by progressive credentialism and arrogantly-demanding employers - human biology.

You see, for the human race to continue on, we need to breed. And in order to breed

successfully, mothers and fathers need to be earning the resources necessary to raise and support children DURING THEIR MOST FERTILE YEARS. Biologically speaking, this means anytime from puberty (12/13) to the late 30's (for women). However, while biology says we "can" start breeding at 13, society through historical trial and error has developed the wisdom to know that you shouldn't. And so now we wait until we're at least 18.

This "optimal age" for breeding was at its pinnacle during those (hated and evil) 40's and 50's. Young men and women would graduate from high school, land a job here or there, and within a few short years of dating and courting, start marrying and having children while still thoroughly ensconced in their 20's. Women were optimally healthy to be birthing children. Men strong enough to toil at the factory. And both young enough to have the energy needed to tend to the children on very little sleep.

But keep in mind this was possible because a young men and women could graduate from high school and find gainful employment. And not just gainful employment, but enough employment that you could raise a family on just one person's income (albeit a tight budget).

Still, the point is that the educational system and the labor market adhered to this biological reality. You would not only be educated adequately to perform a job, but there were jobs available (and high paid enough) that you could go and support a family while in your most fertile years.

But today a similar clash between education and biology is forming as is the clash between education and retirement. Employers and the labor market are demanding more and more education, to the point it's starting to "push out" the ability to have families.

Simply look at the similar demands mentioned above in terms of family planning:

K-12 is spent learning how to hate capitalism and white males instead of learning skills.

Since you didn't learn anything of employable value in K-12, you need to learn it all over again in college, (plus women are heavily lobbied to eschew families and husbands).

But today you don't graduate when you're 22. It's more like 23 or 24 after your "studying abroad," taking a year off to "find yourself," or heck, just taking a year off so you can afford the next year of tuition.

So you do your obligatory 2 additional years of getting a masters or certifications (because no employer will touch you otherwise) and you're finally deemed "employable" by our employer overlords at the not-so-young age of 26.

Of course, keep in mind just because you're employable doesn't mean you'll actually find a job. Remember that labor market sucks for young people. And you've likely accrued at least $40,000 in student loans. So even if you're lucky and land that $38,000/year job with (giggity!) *benefits*, your average 26 year old man is having NO thoughts of marriage, let alone kids. Which is alright, because nearly every woman in his age bracket is so obsessed about their careers they're deaf to the "tick tick tick" that biology is futilely screaming at them.

So everybody slaves away, slowing chipping away at their insurmountable student loans, and with pure, 110% corporate stooge dedication (and "continuing education" of course), and a 2 hour daily commute, our 20 something heroes finally pay off their student loans and earn enough now to consider, maybe, potentially starting a family.

Just one problem - they're all 34.

Now this is fine according to feminist math. Which, if I understand correctly means, women will earn their doctorate at 28, completing a total of 23 years of schooling, all so they could work a whopping 6 years, before finding their future husband in the 4 months, 2 weeks and 5 day window that remains before their bone-dry eggs ensure an 83% chance their child has Down Syndrome.

But if you don't believe in "feminist math" (and most sane people don't) the reality is that it's more or less too late. Demands for an absurd and unnecessary amount of education, combined with:

Usurious tuition rates
Crippling student loans
Anti-family propaganda, and
A lousy labor market

is quickly making it impossible to form and start families in the US.

But here is the rub.

What you have are two massive and unmovable forces heading towards each other. Human biology on one hand and human socio-psychology and politics on the other. Human biology is not going to change, and our economic and social structures we've created are not going to change either. People will want to have families, but they're not going to because society, the labor market, academia, and American employers have made it financially and time-wise impossible to. So there will be a lot of late marriages and a lot of sex, but a lot of birth control, and thus a lot of childless families. The two massive forces will essentially neutralize each other out. Our population will decline, but corporate America as well as Academia will have no new bodies to sell their wares to in

the future.

Or won't they?

For you see, all of the above hinges on one important, but highly flawed premise. That every person is responsible and will wait until they are financially sound enough to have kids and WON'T if they can't.

This, as we all well know, is simply not true.

For you see there is another group of people who do not wait until they pay off their student loans to start a family. A group of people who don't bother breaking out an Excel spreadsheet to see if children are in the budget. A group of people who just spread their legs or don't wear condoms "cause it feels good." A group of people who don't bother worrying about whether they can support and afford their own children.

Government subsidized families.

By definition if you can't afford your children and take a government check, you are a government subsidized family. You need other people's money to support your family because you (frankly) made a stupid mistake, didn't care about the best interests of...well...anyone, and have no moral qualms about being a parasite. And it is this group of people that will continue to breed.

Alas, I'm no fortune teller (well, actually, yes I am), but if I had to put money on it I would say these are the makings of a culture that is hell-bent on becoming an "Idiocracy."

Which makes you wonder if it's even worth bringing children into this world at all.

Enjoy the decline!
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If you wish to help the Captain make sure he can keep writing and never has to go back to working a banking job ever again, please consider purchasing something through his Amazon Affiliate account. Besides which, he can't go back to the working world even if he wanted to. Nobody would hire him as that's the price for writing the truth.

"I'm Majoring in Selfies"

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For the Patron Saints Name of Frick.

Only idiots (and there are many of them) would defend modern day American colleges.

Bonus Debrief

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Some late night listening pleasure for you guys at DT and the Man have a bonus debrief!

Episode #97 of The Clarey Podcast is Out!

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"Insto-Sleep!"
Don't drink or smoke when climbing mountains
The John Chism Theme Song
David Niven drops in for a spell
Why you don't want to be an investment banker
"Transabled" shows the left DOES indeed have a mental problem
Roosh and how beauty is ideology
Fan mail

AND MORE, in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Link to Tony DeMarco's music:
https://gumroad.com/l/cappy

Communists Hate America, They Hate You, and They Hate the Family

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A classic that I think new readers (and old) need to review.

New Addition to Blog Roll - Andy Hoffman

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Andy does work for Miles Franklin. Yes
Miles Franklin sponsors the show and wants you to buy their stuff. Yes.
But all that aside Andy does write a great blog and has more insight and a finger on the pulse of the global economy, especially when it comes to currencies and precious metals.

You may also want to sift through Kerry Lutz's archive where he interviews Andy and make yourself a little bit smarter than you were before. Incredible interviewee and speaks very competently. You can learn more from just one interview with Andy than an entire college class in modern day academia.

Adventure Break

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Howdy all, going to be on a "Very Cappy Western Adventure" for the next couple of days. Not a ton of posts will be forth coming. In the meantime feel free to click on the links to the left for the podcast archive and YouTube channel. Cappy will retirn...unless he's eaten by a mountain lion...then he won't be returning.

Why Men Must Become Cary Grant

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My latest piece at ROK about living life to ensure all your critics are liars.

Job Posting for Academic Composition

June 8, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

We appreciate all of the inquiries we've received regarding academic writing. However, the Spring Semester has just ended and the Summer semester will be starting in a couple of weeks. Therefore, most of our clients will not have have many challenging assignments until later this month. However, July is usually a very busy month and we'll need even more writers for the Fall. We apologize for our inability to provide opportunities for some of the writers and we can assure you that this problem will soon be corrected. Anyone who is interested in writing is more than welcome to expedite their integration into Academic Composition by posting ads. You may either collect compensation for your efforts or receive access to all of the assignments that will be provided to us through your ads. We will provide you with the advertisement material and the full instructions. If you opt to collect compensation, you will earn $5 for each lead you'll generate and a buck for each day your ad stays live on the forum. Contact us at academiccomposition@gmail.com for further details Aleksey Bashtavenko Academic Composition Owner & Principal Writer (540) 300-1253 academiccomposition@gmail.com www.academiccomposition.com www.linkedin.com/pub/aleksey-bashtavenko/25/7b8/323/

Jobs In the Liberal Arts for Women

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Cappy's Adventures Out West!

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Pics from Mt. Charleston and Snow Canyon Utah.

Remember, work hard, pay taxes, borrow gobs of debt, and buy mcmansions.

Zion National Park - The Narrows

June 10, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just sending all the lieutenants and economists some post cards from my adventures!

Why MGTOW Is Unsalvageable

June 11, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It is now a nearly daily event where I will get a comment on my YouTube channel from some naive late teen or early 20 something girl who parrots the simpleton and naive argument she was programmed to parrot:

"Feminism is just the equal treatment of men and women!"

Like all of you, I find it funny, but disheartening because in throwing her lot in with "feminists" or "feminism" she is associating herself with a movement that entails:

Menstrual knitting
Menstrual painter
Spitting on priests and Catholic men
False rape accusations

and a cornucopia of other outright insanity, hate, and genuine bigotry against men.

However, such a young girl can hardly be blamed. Not only is she young and inexperienced, she's naive. Additionally, feminism is sold to her as "simply" the equal treatment of men and women (while its darker hate-filled side is very often hidden). So when presented with this proposition, that men and women should be treated equally, then who (male or female) would reject feminism?

The problem, however, is while young women may be predisposed to look at the self-proclaimed moral virtues of feminism, because of the internet young men see the uglier and truer side of feminism. They see the slut walks. They see the fact acceptance. They see their dad's getting divorced. They see their buddy's worrying about getting sperm-jacked or being falsely accused of rape. And so when a young woman proudly (though cluelessly) claims she's a "feminist" you might as well proudly be telling a Jew your a Nazi.

And that same thing, I'm afraid, is happening to the term "MGTOW."

MGTOW in all of its original intent was as noble and just as feminism. It was simply men choosing to leave the rat race of careerism, marriage, dating, etc. behind, and go live their one life on this planet as they saw fit. They abandoned tradition, choosing to refuse the offer society currently left them on the table as a cost benefit analysis more often than not proved the old social contract just wasn't worth it anymore.

However, like all good ideas, especially ones that rebuke convention, it attracted not

practitioners or genuinely independent men, but genuine social rejects and outcasts. And soon within a couple of years a concept of individualism, freedom, and independent thought was turned into a religious cult that served more as a haven for cultists to commiserate with one another and hate on women.

This presented genuine MGTOW's a conundrum I'm sure many legitimate and original feminists faced;

Do you keep claiming to be a MGTOW/feminist when radicals, bigots, and losers take over movement and thus redefine the term?

Originally, I thought the percentage of cultists in the MGTOW community was a minority. Just a bunch of loud nerds or unemployed losers who had all day to play a keyboard jockey, pontificating about the "religion" of MGTOW as if they were doctoral seminarians and academics. But when I did a video to differentiate us real MGTOW's from the 17 year old who couldn't find a date to prom, I realized soon they were both too loud and too high a percentage of the community. MGTOW, no matter what its validity and benefits as an idea, was effectively hijacked by the cultists and their behavior would make it a four letter word.

Alas, I have come to the same conclusion the originator of the term MGTOW (Rob Fedders) came to. The term MGTOW is not salvageable. MGTOW today is about as manly as feminism is feminine. It no longer represents strong, independent men who under their own intellectual volition decide to go out and strike out on their own way. It is a bunch of self-proclaim internet professors who can only study and speculate about what real life MGTOW's are doing in the real world.

Are their real world MGTOW's out there, real men, genuinely going their own way? Yes, of course. But they're too busy actually being MGTOW to write about it, let alone care if they're labelled "MGTOW."

Ergo, it's up to every man out there which they'd rather be.

A practitioner with no label:

Or a theoretician "Level 53F" MGTOW:

The choice is up to you.

Seniority Uber Ability

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Ah, the benefits of a unionized education system.

Again, Leftism IS a Mental Disease

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Note she's also an academian.

I'm Majoring in Beyonce

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Worthless Degree Awareness month continues with this latest bout of stupidity.

Only to be outdone by this latest bout of stupidity.

Remember to inoculate your children or yourself against stupidity. Buy Worthless.

Ahhhh, the Baby Boomers

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How does half the people 55 and older not have anything saved for retirement?

Seriously, it is stuff like this and the hubris by which this generation insisted on telling us "we know better" that not only makes me dismiss them, but angry they misled now nearly two entire generations down the wrong path because they frankly had not freaking clue what they were talking about.

On the up side, Asshole Consulting would have never been the success it is today without the Baby Boomers completely botching up the country, so maybe I should be grateful.

But She Was in Wuuuuuuv!

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Ah the benefits of:

Affirmative action
Ignoring the differences between men and women and
Putting politics and affirmative action ahead of the safety of the public

But it's OK. A couple more people dead is a small price to pay so we can imagine women are the EXACT same as men.

YouTube Reinstates the "Inferior vs. Superior Humans" Video

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I don't know what you guys did, but the Inferior vs. Superior Humans video is back up and for public consumption. Originally YouTube had taken it down citing it as "hate speech" when in reality it was quite the opposite. I was going to contest the decision when I got back from vacation, but it seems enough of you gave them an earful they re-published it. However, I don't know if I am still on their "Double Secret Probation" list where I can't upload videos in excess of 15 minutes. If that is the case, you can find all 15+ minute videos on my Daily Motion channel (which at this time is only serving as a back up for Asshole Consulting clients as well as a contingency plan should YouTube ban my entire channel).

Regardless, thanks for sticking up for me. I appreciate it as well as does the thousands of young men and women who come to my channel for the hurtful truth, instead of sweet, pretty lies.

The Clarey Podcast #98

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The Grand Canyon was Fogged Over
Software Nerds Can Leave Well Enough Alone
YouTube Thought Police
Female Prison Guards falling in Wuv
I'm Done With "Stupid Young Girl Does Stupid Thing in College" News

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Clarey and Hobbes

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Visiting our Agent in the Field, Atham:

Maximum Freedom, Maximum Responsibility

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It is with understandable frustration that Roosh recently wrote this post on his site claiming that people do not deserve the freedom they've been given. And when you compare what western civilization has become against the 4,000 years of intelligence, independent thought, sacrifice, war, morality, and altruism our forefathers paid/thought/endured/suffered to make such freedoms possible, you can understand his point.

Pajama boys of modern day America demanding an increasing state compared to the WWII soldiers who fought against a forever growing state.

Girls obsessed with taking selfies when Galileo was ostracized for daring to insist the Earth orbited the sun.

And the years of precious and finite life the likes of Edison, Ford, Saulk, Bourlaug, the Wright Brothers, etc. sacrificed all so a generation of navel-gazers could concoct reasons of how they were oppressed and cheer on the "bravery" of Bruce Jenner.

It is no doubt sickening how the sacrifices and prices paid by generations past have resulted in the most spoiled and worthless generations of the Baby Boomers, Gen X and Millennials of today. However, while Roosh's logic is sound, and his visceral disgust with humanity 100% valid, his argument against freedom for people is flawed. Not by any fault of his own, but by the faults inherent in democracy and the society we live in today.

Understand that previous to democracy and even modern day civilizations, there were automatic punishments built into the world that people would pay should they make stupid decisions.

Did you poke a saber tooth tiger with a stick?
Did you spook a herd of mammoth into stampeding the village?
Did you eat berries that you saw no other animal eat?

If you did any one of these stupid things, you would die and your stupid genes along with it.

However, even within civilization stupid decisions were punished.

Did you breed without being married, thereby forcing the tribe or village to support your mistake?
Did you parasite off of society insisting on being a talentless bard instead of an

industrious farmer?
Did you commit crimes, stealing from people precious food and items that were in short supply?

Well at best you'd be ostracized, and at worst, you'd be killed. Again, taking your inferior genes and decision making ability out of the gene pool.

The point is that yes, you had the personal freedom to do many things. But neither society nor nature was going to protect you from the costs and consequences of making bad decisions. In other words, yes you had maximum, 100% freedom, but you also had maximum, 100% responsibility.

Enter democracy.

Through trial and error, 4,000 years of war, and a little philosophy along the way, government has evolved to its most advanced state - "democracy." And while it certainly has some benefits, the primary drawback of democracy is that it gives people the right to vote to enslave and live off of others.

This not only gives rise to politicians who simply run on a platform of wealth redistribution, but also one that bails out the stupid at the expense of the smart. And so now, today, 70% of the state, local, and federal budgets are NOT spent on public goods that benefit all, but are nothing more than TARP-like bailout programs, bailing people out of their spectacularly stupid mistakes.

Did you breed more children than you could afford?
That's alright, Roissy will pay for it with more taxes.

Did you major in a stupid subject, borrowing $120,000 in student loans which you can never hope to pay back?
That's alright, Roosh will pay for it with more taxes.

Did you fail to save for retirement because you were too busy partying in the 1960's, smoking pot, telling your WWII generation parents they were "squares?"
Don't worry, Rollo's got you cover with extra taxes to bail you out.

In other words, we aren't so much giving people money for bribery for votes (though that is true) as much as we are inoculating and shielding them from the full cost and consequences of their mistakes. And that is why people don't deserve the freedom they've been given. Not because they don't inherently deserve maximum freedom, but because they've never suffered or endured the negative reinforcement lessons that life teaches you.

The argument then, for limiting people's freedoms is compelling. For a society incapable of learning through negative reinforcement and fatherly love will suffer and ultimately destroy itself in three major ways.

One, nobody will ever grow up to become competent, self-supporting adults. They will forever remain post-pubescent children. This is no more apparent than the laughing stock that is known as Millennial College Students. Yes, some are self-supporting. Yes, some will become contributing adults in society. But never has there been a higher percentage of not only fully-dependent pariahs, but equally psychotic ones as well. They are not obsessed about accruing enough in savings to retire successfully, as much as they are beating themselves up over their "white privilege." They are not concerned about attracting the opposite sex as much as they are blaming them for all the ails in the world. And they are not concerned about the $18 trillion in debt they voted to enslave themselves into (most of them don't even know what a trillion is), as much as they are "going green" and their "carbon footprint." In other words these are completely dysfunctional and worthless people to society who will come nowhere near to producing the economic production necessary to support themselves and will become an ever bigger financial burden on society than the baby boomers.

Two, constantly bailing out people from their mistakes prevents the economy and society from purging the cancerous humans from our institutions and engines of economic growth. Nearly every banker scum bag who had a hand in creating the financial disaster is still employed in their same capacity. Nearly every college student today will be bailed out of their by a soothe-saying politician either directly or by creating make-work programs that only further tax society. And it is my humble estimation that the next generation of children to be raised by single moms will be the final straw that breaks the economy's back as government checks may put food on the table, but they do not raise strong, independent, law-abiding, economic-powerhousing men.

Banksters will still be crippling out financial system.
Liberal arts majors will still be parasiting off of the non-profit, academia, public sector world.
And the quality of children will NOT be improving, but rather worsening, providing no hope for a future recovery.

And finally, three, demographics.

Sorry, the fact of the matter is that stupid people breed. And my further apologies by pointing out the additional truth that stupid people tend to breed stupid people. Idiocracy is not a work of fiction, but a documentary.

How did this come to be?

Well, democracy, once again, allows us to bail out all the stupid people who made the most idiotic mistake they can make - breeding kids they can't afford. Of course this taxes the smarter, more responsible people who would have other wise had children (should society be more merocratic), which further delays their breeding to the point they may never have kids. And alas, since it's too impolite to force the losers of society to bear the full cost of the illegitimate children they spawned, they will not only fail to learn their lesson, but breed more, ensuring society has a critical mass of stupid people who simply are not capable of supporting society.

However, while the consequences of letting people have unlimited freedom may mean the ultimate demise of the world's greatest society, it is not in letting people have freedom that is the problem. It is in shielding them from the full costs of their mistakes. It is preventing them from taking 100% responsibility for their actions where the problem lies. And if we were to take action and enact policies that no longer bailed people out (be they bankers, liberal arts students, single moms, or public union pensioners), those natural laws of negative-reinforcement, punishment, and tough fatherly love would do the work for us, relieving us of the duty of "determining" which freedoms people should or should not have.

Of course, this is all very academic and fanciful, and equally so in both camps.

Roosh's theoretical advocation of rescinding the voting rights of unmarried parents would be equally lead-balloony as my advocation of the immediate elimination of all income transfers. Not only is the cat out of the bag (in the fact it is no longer property owners who can vote), but society is so stupid we would both likely be accused of being "bigots" and "haters," and ran out of town. However, since this is all in "Shoulda Land" there is one more compelling reason humanity, no matter how long it is in the future, should never have their freedoms limited as opposed to their responsibilities fully enforced:

Who, precisely will determine what people are allowed what freedoms?

Sadly, the answer is the state, as it is only the state that can enforce such things. And sadly the state is not only completely incapable of determining with reasonable morality and justice who should have what freedoms, but it is also highly corruptible with ideologues and politicians only too happy to oppress and destroy those citizens who disagree with them, further ensuring their own power. In short, going the route of limiting people's freedoms is not only impossible, but it will only end in complete tyranny and totalitarianism.

Ergo, the only answer in this mentally stimulating but completely theoretical debate is to enforce responsibility.

Did that aging dudebro-banker douche make $45 million in loans to his buddy who had no

intention of paying him back?
Let the bank collapse and with it his career.

Did that single mom have another kid with yet another man that "all of the sudden became a real jerk" .0002 milliseconds after she gave birth with no signs whatsoever?
Too bad, there's the shelter and here's an adoption agency.

And did Madison McMillennial get her 3rd doctorate in Women Afro Cross-Sectionality Studies at that prestigious small liberal arts college in Massachusetts with $200,000 in debt?
Too bad, hope you know how to make Big Macs, serve coffee, and like Ramen noodles because that' is the rest of your life.

Alas, you don't need to "punish" people by taking away their freedoms. You simply need to reintroduce the responsibility politicians have taken away from it over the past 50 years. And trust me, bearing the full costs and consequences of the mistakes people have made in their lives, simply making them be fully-responsible adults will be an unbearable and insufferable punishment that nearly none of them would ever be able to endure.

Worthless Degree Awareness Month Continues!

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You warn people about the risk of STD's.
You caution your children about the dangers of smoking.
But do you warn loved ones about the perils of worthless degrees?

Spread the good word! June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month! Help "raise awareness," but unlike most movements that "raise awareness" this one will actually help!

California vs. Saudi Arabia

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Remember when America "just did it?".

Neither do I.

Dylann "Reddit" Roof

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Turns out Dylann Roof was an active member and contributor to Reddit. Not that that means anything or somehow means Reddit is a "bad" thing. But it does provide an additional little bit of evidence to a theory I've been unintentionally developing over time - that various discussion forums and social media outlets are serving not just as safe havens, but accelerants to cultists and psychopaths to form.

Imagine back in the day you were just your ordinary psychopath. You were a loser, a loner, and aside from your job that barely kept you alive, you had no social circles. But with the internet, and especially forums like reddit, you can actually find "like minded people" who only serve to confirm and validate your bias/psychosis.

Sadly, as Davis Aurini pointed out, this means discussion boards or forums that once hosted new and advancing philosophical thought are taken over and democratized by its more radical elements (who are typically unemployed and have time during the day to obsess over these topics), driving people away and out of the forums. The founders leave as cultists glom onto, and then overtake the "uniting principles" of the board, co-opting them for their own personal agendas and validation, rendering the discussion board nothing more than a bunch of extremists and cultists commiserating in each others misery.

Again, this isn't to say scouring Reddit forums is going to find the next serial killer, but if you were to ask me and I was in charge of the FBI I would be looking for two things;

1. Discussion boards where
2. The majority of posts are made during the day as it indicates the participants have no job and no life, leaving them looking for agency and purpose, likely in the harm and destruction of other people.

Ayn Rand for the $10 Bill

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You can sign the petition here

If I Could Go Back In Time and Talk to My Younger Self

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A review about Bachelor Pad Economics:

I graduated high school in 1973. I suspect Aaron Clarey was not around then :-) If I could pay $500,000 and mail a copy of this book back in time to myself, I would do so in a heartbeat. Growing up, I made just about every mistake decribed in the book except fathering a kid. I wasted years slaving away for uncaring scum employers who rewarded extra effort with insults. I spent man years wondering WTF was wrong with me, when my view of how the world really worked was wrong. I gave up on the corporate grind, started a business, and work a basic job for healthcare and extra money. My life is way better now. Buy this book or make all the life mistakes yourself. I beg you not to waste your one precious life in one of the many life traps of the modern world.

Making Debt Payments Tax Deductible for IRA's & 401k's

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The left and the right will rarely agree on anything in that their ideologies are simply and fundamentally diametrically opposed to one another. The result is two parties that are trying to install their own version of "utopia" and we get a dysfunctional hybrid mix of both (eg. Obamacare). Naturally, the people are not served best they could be, but every great once in a while there is an issue all people from all political stripes can agree upon as it would benefit everybody in the nation.

And I have happened upon one of these rare ideas.

Make any principal payments of debt (specifically on mortgages and student loans) qualify as legitimate contributions to people's IRA and 401k accounts.

The arguments for this are so simple and so compelling that I will be putting together a petition in that I truly believe all congressional members and President Obama would sign this into law. However, my optimism no doubt will be rebuked by some naysayer in Washington or some mortgage banking industry lobbyist. However, hear me out and tell me precisely how this could possibly fail, and if you agree, I would appreciate spreading the word as this will genuinely help the country.

First, it will provide an incentive to improve nearly everybody's personal finances. As it stands right now Americans are woefully prepared for retirement and have horrible personal finances. Paying down debts earlier and faster will only help to shore up their finances making it easier to squirrel away money for retirement at a sooner point of time in the future than if they just kept "borrow borrow borrow."

Second, if you look at nearly all the various asset classes that do qualify as a tax deductible investments for IRA's or 401k's, they provide very LOW AND POOR rates of return. I am ignoring capital gains on this, as once again there are no such things as capital gains. However, if you look at what type of interest rates bonds and savings accounts are paying today (0% when you adjust for inflation) and what kind of rate of return dividends are paying on stocks (2%, again, 0% when you adjust for inflation) you'll see these asset classes are so overvalued that there is no real rate of return (except for dem der "magical" capital gains). However, there is a MUCH better rate of return when it comes to paying off your mortgage or student loans. Both roughly average around 4%, twice the average of what nearly every other security is paying out there.

Third, it's risk free. When you invest in a stock you could be investing in the next Enron.

When you invest in a bond, you could be investing in the next ~~Greek oops, I mean US, oops I mean~~, Argentinian swindle. However, since it is YOU who are the one that is at risk of not paying back the loan, there is no risk in you paying off your own debt early. That rate of return is guaranteed not by the "full backing and faith of the US government," but rather the irrefutable laws of mathematics.

Finally, it's moral. Businesses get to deduct R&D and construction expenses as a cost of doing business. But today we ask young kids to load up on tens of thousands of dollars in debt just so they have the right to maybe apply to maybe be considered to maybe be contemplated to maybe be called into an interview to maybe...maybe, that is, get offered a job. However, while young college students are merely doing what businesses do (building up a product - their skills - to sell to an employer/client) they do not get to deduct these crippling expenses from their taxes, while businesses do. If there was any morality in the country (not to mention a desire to win the youth vote while not alienating conservative voters at the same time), allowing principal payments on tuition to be tax deductible would be on every upcoming presidential candidate's platform.

In short, all I am pointing out is that another asset class (paying down one's debt) should be added to:

stocks
bonds
mutual funds
options
ETF's, and
REIT's

as a qualified tax-deductible contribution for people's IRA's and 401k's.

Admittedly, no asset would be purchased and thus "stored" in these retirement accounts for later, however, I contend providing the same tax treatment to such principal reduction payments will go a lot further in improving people's personal finances and helping them adequately prepare for retirement.

Please sign the petition here and please also forward this to others as we need 100,000 signatures and I truly believe this is such a no-brainer it will actually get implemented.

About That Military Pension

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A warning from our Naval Agent in the Field about aiming for that military pension:

Background: I spent almost 8 years in the US Navy as an Avionics Electronics Technician (Navy rate AT). Basically I worked on all the electrical systems on aircraft. I spent my first 4 years after basic training working on helicopters. I went on 4 deployments in those 4 years. My last 3.5 years I worked at a test and evaluation base. There I worked on all aircraft from helicopters to fighters. After seeing the retirement problems my supervisors were facing in those last 3.5 years, I decided to get out of the military. I was Honorably discharged in 2014, and have completed 1 year of school towards a STEM degree in Electrical Engineering.

Retirement: In my last 3.5 years, I watched as 7 sailors in my shop reached 16-17 years of service in the military (my shop consisted of about 100 sailors through that time, for reference). From this time frame they can sign the contract to enlist up to the 20 year mark. This as you know, guarantees a military pension. However, 5 of these 7 sailors were denied reenlistment through a program the Department of the Navy called "Perform to Serve" (PTS). This program would take sailors reenlisting in rates(jobs) that were over manned and evaluate them. The military spending cuts of 2013 were in full force and many were denied reenlistment. They were given the option to either change their job or be discharged and receive an involuntary severance package (usually a monetary sum around $15,000). Changing your job in the Navy requires a paygrade drop approximately 95% of the time. This can sometimes force a sailor out of service simply because they have limits on how many years of service you can have per rank and still stay in (called High Year Tenure). Also, since your retirement is based off your 3 highest years' pay, this loss of rank and pay often means the retirement you were expecting to receive will be lowered as well. A similar program was also instituted about 15 years ago, under a different name. The program back then compared your service record against everyone else in the same rate(job) and kicked out the lowest performing percent based on the government's needs. The new system however, Perform to Serve, compared all

people requesting to reenlist in over manned jobs against all sailors who joined in the same year. For example, if I joined in 2006, I was compared to everyone else who joined in 2006. This could be a problem because if the Navy needed SEALS or Nuclear engineers badly in 2006, they would offer incentives to people to join in those fields. So if in 2006 they had 30% who were in these fields, then you would be automatically fall below these non-expendable assets. These 5 sailors who were denied to reenlist in their field had good records. 3 had just come back from Individual Augmentee service (temporary assignment working with the Army or Marines). This always looks good on a Navy record and often leads to an early promotion for sailors. The Perform to Serve program was started in 2013 and is no longer in effect, but expect that it will be implemented again when they need to cut military spending.

Summary: I understand it is a financially intelligent decision to cut off those close to retirement before you have to pay them for the rest of their lives. It spells huge savings for the government. But it also sucks seeing guys who have spent 16 years in the service get involuntarily separated. So if your clients are looking to join the military, I would advise them to go into the military as a non-expendable asset (special forces) or in a field that easily translates to the civilian workforce. (vehicle mechanic, welding, information technology, nuclear engineering, etc.) Thank you for your time. If you have any questions about Perform to Serve feel free to email me.

He also provides a link here detailing what he is talking about above.

Arguing Past Their Narrative

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If you are like me, you don't like to waste time. Not only because you don't like to "waste your time" in a classical sense, but you also likely had the epiphany you are going to die and any precious moment in your life that is wasted either not entertaining you or serving you in some longer term capacity is in an economic sense tolerating partial suicide.

To that end you've likely made some (very important) changes in life that have not only saved you time, but led to a happier and more content life.

- You no longer tolerate a commute insisting on working from home or living next to work.
- You stopped watching TV realizing no amount of mindless sitcoms will replace one quality conversation with your loving, but ailing grandfather.
- Or you have given up on MSM, instead reading alternative media, or perhaps giving up on media altogether knowing you won't change this batshit insane world.

Whatever it is, you've realized your life is too short to waste on things that either don't matter or things you can't do anything about, and have instead opted to spend that time on things that actually matter in life and will make you happy.

And debating with leftists (and politics in general) should be one such thing you also strike from the list.

It took me a while to realize this, but after nearly 15 years of providing undeniable economic and empirical proof socialism just plain doesn't work and that free markets provides a morally and empirically superior society and economy, ONLY to have every single leftist I was trying to convince dismiss it with some weak or cowardly form of flawed logic ("well, perception is reality" was my favorite), it dawned on me I was not reasoning or arguing with intellectually honest or rational humans.

Quite the contrary.

It was like 1981 where I was arguing with my teachers I had in parochial school.

They were ideologues.
The were zealots.
They were cultists and fanatics.

No amount of fact, truth, reason, logic, or empiricism was going to convince them. And that the key to "winning" the debate was not found in economics, history, or facts, but

through psychology, emotion, mockery, and insult. And even then, most would still adhere to their false religion, rendering all my efforts wasted, and thus a "partial suicide" of my infinitely more important life.

So I made a change. I no longer debated economics or threw up charts. I no longer tried to reason with people on the left. And I rarely bothered ever pulling data. I hopped on my motorcycle, went riding, climbed mountains, hiked national parks, went dancing, drank, fucked pretty girls, panned for gold, ate sushi, lived life, and if I EVER got into it with leftists I immediately went emotional and personal. Mocking and ridiculing them, pointing out their degrees were worthless, agitating feminists that they were ugly, telling single moms their market value's been halved, and other arguments/tactics I would have largely regarded as "sophomoric" or "beneath me" all of 5 years ago, but now realized these are their "modern day equivalent weapons" by which they fight, and are the only tactics that they're aware of and affect them.

However, (though it feels good) merely agitating them and angering them about their reality of life does nothing to "win" the war many of you are still trying to wage against them. And while I don't expect many conservatives or libertarians to just give up the fight, get vasectomies, tell their boss to shove it, go Lester Burnham on life, and join me on my next motorcycle trek out west, I do know for those of you insist on staying in the fight need to change your tactics because it is not working, will never work, and not only will you lose the war, but your children (if you foolishly decided to bring some into this world) are going to pay the price. Thus, the importance of "arguing through their narrative."

Understand one simple thing about "socialism" "leftism" "liberalism" "communism" or whatever you want to call it.

It is nothing more than the lazy of society demanding the hard working and industrious be their slaves.

It is NOTHING more complicated than the parasites of society demanding the producers support and pay for them.

I don't care how many pages "Das Kapital" is.
I don't care how many millions of hours the thousands of liberal arts professors lecture.
And I don't care how many trillions of words they and the MSM write in journals or "research studies."

In the end, when you boil it down, ***ALL*** leftism is is a group of lazy people who don't want to work for a living and want to live off of other people.

That's it.

That's all.

That one sentence summarizes the libraries worth of socialist literature throughout all of history

Socialism is parasitism.

Naturally this stance (parasitism) is untenable and indefensible. NOBODY is willing to be the host in this relationship, and no-would-be-parasite's ego is willing to admit they are a parasite.

Thus, the majority, if not, all of the effort put forth by the left is NOT merely taking other people's money, but coming up with reasons, rationalization, and excuses to steal other people's money. And you see it in nearly all of their arguments/political platforms:

I'm discriminated against by white males because I'm _____.
We don't spend enough on education
We don't spend enough on health care
We don't spend enough on the poor/Social Justice
College isn't all about the money
War on women (glass ceiling, rape culture, wage gap)
Corporations/the rich control everything
We need to tax producing countries to stop global warming

I could go on, but all of the arguments above, ALL OF THEM, no matter how "noble sounding" serve only one purpose and one purpose only - to transfer money from the producers of society to the parasites.

"We need more money for education for the children" when translated DIRECTLY into English should read:

"A bunch of us lazy people who decided at 17 we didn't want to work hard so we chose "education" as our majors want the rest of you hard working people to pay for our cake and 9 months a year cushy jobs. And if you don't then we're going to claim you hate children because we don't want you to even think about just what parasites we are."

When you hear "College isn't all about the money" you should translate that DIRECTLY into English to read:

"We are a bunch of worthless parasites who don't want to work real jobs and found government academia to be a place where we are overpaid professors, who are simply paid to indoctrinate your children to simply vote the parasite class more money while charging $400 per credit for tuition and $400 for our book that is constantly underrevision

so used books can never be used again."

And when you hear "I need money because I'm discriminated against because I'm (fill in your choice de jour)

Hispanic
black
female
transgendered
Asian
gay, (or the newest victim fad)
"have ADDHDHDDDHHHD"

that should translate directly into English to read:

"I'm a coward and am going to hide behind a trait I was born with to claim I'm a victim because claiming to be a victim will get me additional funds and special treatment throughout my life at the expense of others. I will also be doubly cowardly and disingenuous claiming anybody who dares to suggest my personal decisions resulted in my status in life is a rac/sex/misogyn/ist."

In short, nearly all of the left's argument is a spectacularly HUGE strawman that few conservatives and libertarians realize is one. And if they fail to realize it's a strawman, their efforts are misdirected and no progress is made on winning the debate.

Once a leftist claims they need your money because "you can't spend enough on our children" conservatives and libertarians foolishly think *that* is their argument! And off they go, rushing to pull data that shows more money on education doesn't equal better schools.

Or when a feminist claims "rape" is an epidemic on college campuses, again, conservatives and libertarians think THAT is their argument. And once again, foolishly rush off to pull the factual data that college women are raped at rates less than the general population.

And heaven help you if you're accused of racism or sexism or any other "ism." Again, soooo predictably, the conservative or libertarian will scramble to prove they are NOT a racist or sexist, completely abandoning the original argument, and now debating a completely new and irrelevant one.

The reality is they just want your money, and will stop any no dirty trick or lie to get it.

"You can't spend enough on our children" is "give us teachers more of your money."

"Rape is an epidemic" is "we women's studies professors can't find jobs and need government grant money. Give us some because we don't want to get real jobs and we don't care how many young men's lives we ruin with false rape claims."

And "Give me more money because you discriminate against me" is "I'm the true bigot and have no problem falsely blaming people of your sex and skin color for oppressing me because not only will it get me more of your money, but it will assuage me of any personal responsibility that my shitty life is the result of my own horrendously stupid decisions."

To quote Charles Grodin from "Midnight Run"

"*It's all about the fucking money!*"

Alas, this presents conservatives and libertarians who want to "win this war" a choice. You can keep arguing against the false premises even the left doesn't believe in or start arguing against their true motives and incentives. This is easier said than done because the left (and its accompanying entities of the government, academia, and the media) is so hardwired to play victim that any direct accusation will IMMEDIATELY result in accusations of you being an "ist" AND attempts to dox you, ruin your career, and ruin your name. So just imagine a single, black mother of 5 with 4 different fathers starts blaming ("that ole classic") "White Males Keep On Oppressing Me" and you publicly come out saying,

"No you stupid slut, it's not white males. It's because you can't keep it in your pants or go on birth control. And it is you who is the racist and sexist blaming white males for your incomprehensibly stupid decisions."

If you did that, nearly every brainwashed, sheeple facet of society (and conscious leftist agent in the government, media, and academia) would post what you said on the internet, misquote you, and misconstrue your words to the best of their ability to paint you as a bigot, racist, blah blah blah. And whatever career you may have once had is now gone because you are forever "googleable" henceforth.

And THAT is the real reason your hands are tied.

I can be flippant about this because in an ironic sense that is how I make my living. If I could summarize my business model, I sell the truth which has been so villainized by the left that it is effectively an outlawed drug. This not only makes truth a rare commodity, but I can charge a premium for it. The only price is I have to endure is that I will never have a "normal" life again (you know the one with a cubicle career, commute, taxes, a mortgage, children I can't afford, and divorce).

Most republicans, conservatives, and non-conspriacy-theorist-liberatarians cannot afford this as they have kids, a mortgage, a career, etc., that would be ruined by arguing past the narrative and pointing out the emperor has no clothes. But until that time comes, until the vast majority of conservatives and libertarians get the balls and courage to basically just say, "no, you're a parasite who wants other people's money and you're hiding like a coward behind children/your skin color/gender/etc to get it" we will all just be spinning our wheels responding to their red-herring arguments:

"No no, I'm for the children! I just think we can spend the money better!"
"No no! I'm not a racist! See I have this sort of 1/8th black friend!"
"No no! I don't hate women! I just think more of them should major in STEM!"

In the meantime, those fortunate enough not to need "the system" will simply boil down leftists and make the only argument that matters:

"You're a bunch of cowards and parasites, and all you want is for me to be your slave to support you."

And no progress is going to be made until we all do the same.

Cappy's Analysis of King v. Burwell

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Howdy from the Bakken

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Why We All Can't Work for "Non-Profits"

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A nice Monday morning rant for all of you'se guyz

5,000 Miles in 5 Days

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After a very lengthy mad dash to Lake Havasu and back (in a car without air conditioning no less) I am finally home. I did not take a ton of pictures because I have been to most of these places before, but I did want to share these videos of two "scenic viewing areas" right off the side in Utah. These aren't even STATE PARKS. Just "scenic areas." Anyway, will be putting together some 360 panoramic photos later, but hope you enjoy the views and consider making some travels out west;

Built Up from Vacation Linkage

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How gay marriage will affect my marriage.

An analysis of human breeding strategies r vs. k by Stefan Molyneux. Part 1 of a 4 part series and I strongly recommend you download and listen to it.

This is the epitome of "Those Who Can't Do Teach." Talentless people attending an "academic conference" on heavy metal.

As the parasites go hyperbolic.

College degrees are the new fiat currency.

Good for him.

No matter what, women do talk more than men. However, letting the guy speak once in a while leads to successful relationships. So ladies, STFU once in a while.

"Why Do You Carry a Gun, Aaron?"

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Because you never know when some idiot is going to shoot up a movie theater
Some kid is going to start blasting away people at church
Or a swarm of idiots decide to get violent.

Self Employ or Die

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It is now approaching 8 years that the country suffered the 2007 financial crisis and has since been stuck in the slow-growth doldrums of Keynesian mediocracy and "new normalcy." Despite trillions in stimulus spending and QE monies, the (largely) left's attempts to spur economic growth have failed. During Obama's administration GDP has grown around a paltry 1.8% per year, unemployment (if you believe the official figures) is just now below a recessionary 6%, and labor force participation has dropped to its worst measure since the last worst recession (The Volcker Recession).

However, while the macro-economic picture is bad, it doesn't tell half the story for younger people. And that story is a horrible one.

Unemployment for youth is double that of the national average. Labor force participation hasn't be this low since the FIRST oil embargo in the 70's. And (depending on which measures you want to use) UNDERemployment for the "most educated" generation in the history of America is anywhere between 30-50%. And this says nothing about the trillion+ dollar student loan albatross hanging around their necks.

The irony of course is that this generation did it to themselves. They voted for Obama. They "hated" on corporations. They launched the OWS protests. And they Venn diagram heavily with the parasites of society who euphemistically call themselves "SJW's." There is no generation that hates capitalism, economic growth, economic progress, and success more than today's young. However while they did pull the trigger and it is is "technically" their own fault, it wasn't as if they weren't completely brainwashed into doing so. The young did not grow up in a vacuum, uninfluenced by parents, teachers, media, politicians, and TV. They are a byproduct of the previous generations. And so while they did indeed vote against their own economic interests twice (and with Bernie Sanders, maybe a third, even fourth time) you can't blame them too much given the leftist indoctrination and complete lack of economic and financial fundamentals Gen X and the Baby Boomers failed to teach them.

However, the Millennials are no longer the doey eyed 18 year olds they were when they first voted for Obama in 2008. Nor are they the infatuated 22 year old female masters student with the VT's for Obama when they voted for him again in 2012. They are now a generation completely lost because all the promises and guarantees the previous generations told them are not coming true. And for the first time in their lives they are facing the full costs and consequences of being led to make the stupid decisions they did in the past. It is here they are finding out they've been living a lie and the real world is completely different than what they were told.

It is here there is a fork in the road and an important one for them. For they have the choice to start listening to the Knowledgesphere-harsh truths, facts and reality evil, blunt jerks like me spew on a daily basis, or simply double down on their indoctrinated religion of leftism, stick their heads in the sand, and continue to live the lies they were told to believe, consequently ruining their one, finite life on this planet forever.

And I think if you're here, you're thankfully in the former.

If that's the case then there is an important lesson you need to learn. For it's about your only shot at happiness, true financial success, and a life that was infinitely better than the one you've lived thus far. However, it requires that we look back and admit that what you were told was wrong. And not only was it wrong, but the people that told you it had no clue what they were talking about. We need to realize these people are living lives just as sucky as yours AND ALSO admit taking "conventional wisdom" that applied in the past does not apply into the future. We need to be forward looking, proactive and realistic, and develop strategies and make decisions based on these real world observations, all to salvage what remains of our lives.

In short, you must self employ or die.

On my latest western adventure I had lunch with a friend of mine on a main street in a small Minnesota town. He was telling me the story about how his dad worked for one of the largest airlines in America, until it went bankrupt. It emerged out of bankruptcy, but the pension he had worked so hard for was wiped out. The poor man is now underwater on his mortgage and relies on my buddy to support him.

On a less personal note, one of my most hated cities, Detroit, has gone through a similar such scenario. Not necessarily the actual city of Detroit, but its delusional and spoiled brat government workers who were promised insane pensions on the financial back of a dying leftist town. No matter what promises were uttered by the latest criminal-cum-mayor, in the end math and reality reigned supreme and thousands of former city employees are facing a fraction of what they were promised for pensions.

I could go on, but the points are clear.

1. The traditional life cycle of employment previous generations lived by no longer works and is no longer in effect. You will NOT find that life-long job at the local factory where you put in your 30 years and get your golden watch and pension. You are lucky to be working as a barrista and often for many young people today Uber and Lyft are the best employment options you have.

2. The previous generations have absolutely no freaking clue what they're talking about. Not only did they lead two full generations towards the path of life long poverty, debt,

and underemployment, they themselves have so piss-poorly managed this nation you now have a country with 110% debt to GDP, a 7 year old recession, a housing bubble, a Dotcom bubble, a retirement bubble, and oh yeah, they're still blindsided by pensions not being funded AND no more than 10% of them have adequately saved for their own retirement.

And finally,

3. No form of employment is safe. It's one thing if a traditionally leveraged and risky industry like airlines file for bankruptcy. But when government pensions can't even be honored it shows you there is NO employer who can be relied upon to pay for your retirement, let alone keep you employed. You are just one CEO's-trophy-wive's-demand-for-a-horse-farm away from getting laid off. One moronic bankster-inflated asset bubble bursting away from losing your job. And just one rating-agency's-downgrade-of-your-municipal-employer's-bonds away from losing your pension.

In short no place in America today is a consistent and reliable source of employment.

But dire as America's labor market is today for young people, this only speaks to the reliability of employment. It says NOTHING about the working environment that results when you have such an oversupply of desperate labor juxtaposed against weak demand for it. Specifically, an intolerable and hostile work environment where employers are becoming increasingly petty, controlling, manipulative, and sadistic.

Forget requiring an MBA and 5 years experience for an entry level job. Forget 5 stages of interviews, 2 with HR ditzes, and 3 with increasingly incompetent levels of management.

What if you actually get hired?

So untenable and fragile is your employment today it isn't enough that you merely perform well at your job. You need to navigate the insane and illogical labyrinth of office politics and managerial pscyhology. You need to walk on eggshells. You need to anticipate and forecast the inconsistent, psychotic, and always changing demands of all "stakeholders" You need to "kiss the ring" of your employer and dance like a good little monkey.

Alas, merely showing up on time and giving 110% isn't enough.

You need "diversity training."
You need to donate to the United Way.
You need to commute to the new office 90 minutes away.
You need to attend company functions on the weekend.
You need "sexual harassment training."

You need to "walk to raise awareness for ADHDHHDDHDDDD"
You need to "give us your facebook password."
You need to "smile more at work."
You need your "flair."
You need to "come in on the weekend."

And above all else, you need to avoid right leaning politics. Either through donations, public forums, or your right to freedom of association. Otherwise you will be doxxed, you will be fired, or magically a "sexual harassment case" will be made against you. And your career, no matter how far along you are to retirement, will be ruined.

It is these two traits - the mathematical/economic impossibility of a traditional career, combined with the literally psychotic and totalitarian environment employers have become - that makes the only acceptable form of employment in your life self employment. You must self-employ, or you will mentally die.

Of course a lot of people don't think self-employment is for them. They're not the "entrepreneurial type." They like the "comfort" of working for somebody else. And to that I say "tough." Because you are operating under the premise that you have a choice. Yes, technically you do have a choice, but so bad has the employment prospects and employment environment become, that it practically forces you into self-employment. However, if you consider the pros and cons of self-employment against traditional employment, it will hopefully at least make a convincing argument for self-employment and at least provide you the incentive to "get into the entrepreneurial mindset."

First, you eliminate the issue of reliable employment. You are your own boss and thus you have your own best interests at heart. You will be the best boss you ever had and will treat yourself better than any boss you will ever have. You will not outsource your job to India. You won't sue yourself for sexual harassment. You won't "choose to go another direction" when times get tough.

Second, mental health. In being your own employer you won't have to endure the petty Baby Boomer boss antics of "predict my mind or else we'll fire you." Or "I told you this, but I really wanted you to do that." Or "I'm a 20 something brainwashed girl and am offended by everything and will file harassment complaints all the time." Or (my all time favorite game) "I Know We Said Your Job Would Be X, But Now that You Signed a Year Lease and MOved Here, It's Going to Be Y."

In short, all the mental BS, lies, and gimmickry is gone.

Third, efficiency. Closely related to mental health is the fact that most employees want to do their best. However, because more value is placed on conformance and ass-kissing than ass-kicking, being an efficient and productive employee gets you nowhere. When

you're the boss it is all efficiency all the time. No games, no politics, no chicanery. Every decision you get to make is 100% efficient AND 100% IMMEDIATE. There is no "waiting for approval" or "waiting for the green light" from your boss. The mental health alone that comes with the feeling of "getting stuff done" is amazing and rewarding.

Fourth, no commute.

I know the aged, Baby Boomer powers that be who are desperately clinging onto the reigns of power believe this is a myth, but you don't have to commute. Matter of fact, most jobs can be done from home (unless of course you pursue a trade type form of self employment). This not only frees up time but drastically improves your mental health, your physical health, AND dramatically improves your family life. More time with the kids, more time with the wife, more time on the boat, more time playing catch. And its amazing how if you get rid of a commute you get rid of your chances for divorce.

And finally, five, better finances.

In being self employed you can write off a whole host of things you normally can't as a wage slave. Travel, computers, office space, insurance, etc., it usually compensates for the fact you have to pay your full social security tax. However, the tax write offs are not the key financial benefit of self employment. It is the long term asset you are building up that cannot be confiscated nor stolen from you (unless the communists take over).

The government can rescind the tax benefits,, even confiscate your 401k or IRA.
The government can inflate away or just refuse to pay your social security.
And your employer can (as we noted before) just go bankrupt and not pay you your pension.

However, your company, your network of clients, your expertise and everything else that goes into generating income from it cannot. In building your own company you create a system that is mobile, non-confiscatable, and unable to be rescinded like a pension or social security. That system can continue to generate income no matter what happens to social security, and (if done right) can be sold for more money than what 95% of Americans have in their "retirement accounts." If you're self employed, you won't have to sit there for 30 years post retirement worrying about whether "Montgomery Wards" is "going to make it" for the next 30 years. You just need to know that "Bob's Roofing" is running well under your son, "Bob Jr." as he pays you your 30% cut of profits and you retire down south on a beach.

But for all the pros (nay, compunction) of self-employment, there will be one final predictable argument against self-employment. And that is

"We all can't be self employed."

And you're right. We all can't.

Thankfully, despite the pure awesomeness of me and this blog, we are still a small minority when it comes to the general American population and interwebz. Because of the statistics of the bell distribution curve the average reader here is smarter than 93% of the population who are too busy being lemmings, watching daytime TV, Ellen, The View, Sports Center, Meet the Press, CNBC, The Kardashians, and "24/7 Bruce Jenner Saga Drama Show." They lack the intelligence, ingenuity, incentive, drive, rigor, and determination to become successful entrepreneurs and (thankfully) will serve as those tortured wage slaves at Initech or McDonald's so we don't have to,. And better yet, they will indebt themselves to that miserable existence ***TO BUY OUR STUFF.***

Alas, we are compelled to become self-employed. Not just because economics and reality mandates us. Not just because it's the most basic self-respecting thing you can do for yourself. But because if not us, then who?

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Adam Kotsko - Why White Professors Sometimes Hate White People

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Add Adam Kotsko to the growing list of professors (both white and non-white) who are blaming white males for all of the world's problems. Their solutions range from demanding reparations (from people who had nothing to do with any of the world's past grievances) to calling for white males to kill themselves. Of course Mr. Kotsko claims his demand white males commit suicide was a "joke," (and I'll let you be the judge of that), but it is clear that Mr. Kotsko is for effectively enslaving innocent white males for past transgressions (both real and made up) that they had nothing to do with.

In short, Mr. Kotsko hates white males...ironically, of which he is one.

Is Mr. Kotsko a worthless degreed academian with no real world experience?
Yes.

Did he major in a worthless subject ensuring he never works a real job and only anti-male, anti-white, leftist authoritarian 4th tier degree mills will hire him?
Yes.

Is this just another crusaderer leftist who is too lazy to work a real job and is just biding what little remains of his pointless, worthless life on this planet acting like he's morally superior to others?
Yes.

But while this type of behavior is entirely predictable and expected among non-white racist professors, why are there white professors that seemingly hate themselves, even calling for their own race's enslavement or even suicide?

Well, strap yourselves in there fine lieutenants, economists and agents in the field, and pour yourself a hefty drink. For the ole Captain is going to explain it to you.

A while ago I knew this guy called "Bob." Bob had mommy and daddy pay for his masters in computer engineering and thusly never knew poverty, strife or what it took to make society work. He was spoiled and consequently lived on the "top decks of the Titanic" never seeing the dirty, sweaty engine room below that made his luxurious life so possible. Because he was never where the rubber hit the road in society, he was a staunch leftist. He believed that taxes should be raised, George Bush was evil, blah blah blah. However, when I asked him,

"*What's it like forking over 50% of your income to people who don't work for a living?*"

as he made well into the 6 figures he said,

"*I prefer to pay them so they don't riot or revolt.*"

And that was the god's honest truth.

Go back considerably further in time and there's another similar example - danegeld.

"Danegeld" was simply money paid to the vikings in viking times so that they wouldn't raid northern mainland Europe. It was "protection money," nothing more, nothing less, to protect then Holland, Belgium, Normandy, and Denmark from viking raiders. And just like ~~that wimp~~ my old colleague "Bob," they'd rather effectively submit themselves to slavery than fight the parasites that were attempting to live off of them.

Now while the two aforementioned examples may not have any obvious link to Mr. Kotsko's hatred for the white race, there are some similarities and a shared seed between the two that explain why the likes of Mr. Kotsko call for/hate on their own race. And that commonality is laziness.

I will say it again for the cheap seats.

All socialism and leftists are is lazy.

The ENTIRE doctrine of socialism, communism, liberalism, feminism and leftism can be summed up in one word - lazy.

They simply do not want to work and if given the choice between self-supportation or parasitism, they will choose parasitism. This is why the vast majority of leftists are in academia, government, non-profits, or just on the government dole AND is also why the *majority of their efforts are merely concocting reasons and lies as to why they are entitled to other people's work.*

They are

JUST

PLAIN

LAZY

And Mr. Kotsko (and the increasing number of - surprise surprise - leftist worthless liberal

arts academians) are no exception.

However, laziness presents a problem for people who are defined by it and live by it.

It's hard to survive with that mentality.

Again, the majority of leftists' work is simply rationalizing and coming up with reasons you're entitled to other people's time in the form of money. It is rationalizing slavery. It is rationalizing their parasitism.

This is all well and good when there's a healthy host full of a lot of blood you care to leech off of. But what if there isn't? What if the host is dying or dead? What if the host just plain doesn't have any more blood to give? Or the host is under threat of being taken over and replaced with a new entity?

And this is where the laziness is combined with cowardice on the part of the left.

It is my humble opinion that these leftists professors' survivalist instincts are kicking in. And because they are soooooo steeped in viewing the world through academically induce racial goggles, they see their own race "demographicing out," and non-white demographicing in. By 2047 whites are expected to NOT account for half the population, and given the political movement to criminalize whites, blame whites for all problems, and use them as the scapegoat, these cowardly professors see the ***OWN WRITING*** on the wall and will gladly throw away any self respect they have, as long as they're on the "winning side." This will hopefully "curry favor" with their new "overlords" and since they will have a track record of calling for the suicide of whites (and sometimes males) in their sad pathetic minds, their sad, pathetic, parasitic lives will be "spared."

There is however one problem.

In not even having the slightest bit of self-respect, and being so lazy you'll "submit" yourself to a new "tyrant," what kind of life will you live? I mean, I know being a liberal arts profession at a worthless school in an industry that is bursting like the Dotcom bubble must suck. But I cannot help but conclude your life will be like "The Toadie" from Mad Max 2.

Who is "The Toadie?"

Well, this guy who tries to catch the boomerang:

It doesn't matter how degrading the environment or his/her position in life is, leftists are

so lazy they will accept ANY POSITION, as long as it avoids real work. The Toadie is a weakling. The Toadie doesn't care to work out. The Toadie does not care to become a road warrior. But that's OK. Even if The Toadie's fingers get cut off and he is the butt end of all jokes, perhaps even Lord Humongous' bitch, it beats having to work a real job. And that ultimately means having no self-respect, valuing yourself at 0, to the point you'd call for the suicide of your own kind.

The truth is this really has nothing to do with race. This is 100% psychology, psychopathy, cowardice, and self-loathing. These professors, who by their own "profession," are unconsciously admitting they do not care to be real men and women in this society, are the true and genuine fools in this world. They are the weaklings that would rather enslave themselves by paying danegeld to perceived-future vikings than lifting weights, taking up arms, and training to fight them off. They are the modern day incarnations of "Bob" who would rather bribe the parasitic masses than refuse them, fight them, or face them. And sadly, they are the true racists for deep down inside they believe their own leftist, hate-filled propaganda that there's some knid of race war brewing or (more idiotically) "whites should commit suicide" when in reality most minorities and whites get along just fine and we'd miss some friendships and loved ones if half the population just up and killed itself.

So do yourself a favor.

Don't pay the danegeld.
Don't pay the protection money.
Don't be an Uncle Ruckus.
And don't suffer from "The Toadie Syndrome."

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Germany, Not Greece Should Leave the Euro

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I had faced a problem.

The new laptop I got SPECIFICALLY for being able to conduct business whilst adventuring was not recognizing the videos from the sim card I used with my camcorder. This was quite problematic as the majority of my consulting division's business is via video and not e-mail. I then started calculating how many hours it would take to trouble shoot this problem (do I download a codec, how long is it going to take to find the answer on google, what if nobody has had this problem before), until it dawned on me that the solution was NOT to somehow force my current system to work, but to simply use the built in camcorder that came with my new laptop.

Another instance, I was at a swing dance joint. I was feeling pretty good about myself, dapperly dressed in a suit fresh from my banking gig, and with no commitments for the weekend, was quite sure I'd land a couple phone numbers, perhaps even a girl back at my home that evening. However, there were very few attractive women at the club and those that were, were very stingy with the dancing. Even those that said yes were a bit standoffish. At first I thought maybe it was my approach or I had bad breath or something to do with me. But then I realized it may just be the joint and not me. I soon left to go salsa dancing and met a Russian ballet dancer (which is another story for another time).

I could go on, but there have been instances in my life where the solution is NOT the one you think you should be looking for, but one where you need to step back, take off the horse blinders, look at the problem from a wider scope and realize there is usually a much simpler, better, efficient, and cheaper solution.

And thus is the case with the current soap opera surrounding Greece.

Recently Greece voted to reject austerity measures that were insisted upon by the EU in order to continue to ~~have the right to suck the blood out of hard working Europeans~~ receive a bail out and further financial assistance. However, polls also showed 74% of Greeks wanted to remain in the Euro ~~so they can continue to parasite off of other countries~~ for reasons that are not too clear and ironic.

Naturally, the balless EU and its largely pansified, socialist member nations didn't dare play hardball, delivering rightly-due punishment to the communist Greek government. They instead said the door "still remained open for negotiations" which will continue to go forever and ultimately be like collecting on a mortgage of a $30,000-naire "Dudebro" and "Ditzytrophywife" American couple who bought a McMansion in 2006 on an adjustable

ARM with their "part time sales" and "hair stylist" jobs.

So what is the solution my fine aspiring, young, deputy economists?

Is it to kick the can down the road again (and again, and again ^n x infinity?)
Is it to kick Greece out of the EU, forcing it to print off quintillion of "drachmas" and have the idiot bankers who lent them the money bite the bullet?
Should you send in tanks as would have been the norm back in 1800's?

How about something much simpler?

How about Germany leaves the EU?

While everybody is focusing on the screaming spoiled brat child in Europe, throwing its temper tantrums (that would be "Greece" if you didn't know), nobody is focusing on the one sole adult in the room, and that would be Germany. Germany, by nearly all measures is a superior, more responsible, more productive, and more intelligent country when it comes to economics than Greece is. It has only ran a deficit of 2% GDP the past 15 years (while recently balancing it) while Greece has ran a deficit averaging around 10% (halving it to "only" 5% today). Germany's labor force participation rate is (a still laughable) 60.3% today, while Greece barely has half it's able bodied people LOOKING for work (52%). And Germany's government spends (again "only") 44% GDP while Greece's spends 59% (while still screaming bloody murder over the "draconian" calls for austerity).

We could go on, but you get the point. You can look at nearly every economic measure at the OECD comparing Germany against Greece and see that one country is a reliable, responsible, productive adult and the other is a petulant little spoiled child.

However, there's another interesting thing about Germany.

Germany, is the ONLY adult in this daycare center euphemistically called the EU. Again, Greece is merely the loudest child, but if you look at the finances of nearly every other EU member, they're no better than Greece. France, Italy, Portugal, you name it. They all have debts approaching the point of being unpayable and populations that are just as delusional and just as entitled as their Greek siblings. And what this ultimately means is that the only real net-economic producer in this Euro-zone is Germany, making it the host to all the other parasite nations.

Alas, the solution is clear.

We can focus all the attention and negotiations and can-kicking and bail outs on Greece all we want. But Greece is merely one of many more countries that will be going through

the same thing. It would be much easier for the EU's sole economic producer to abandon it's position of "host to the parasites," and let a Germanyless EU suffer its own fate. Germany could start the printing presses tomorrow, re-releasing the Deutschmark and at a rate I'd say around 2 Euros to 1 DM. There'd be international demand for it, and given German speed, intelligence and efficiency, they would lose at MOST 1% of GDP making the adjustment (which would save them the roughly 3-5% GDP the Greeks have been leeching off of them via bailouts).

But most importantly of all,

We Americans would no longer have to listen to this BS, soap opera drama where you European idiots ACTUALLY LENT MONEY ***to a socialist nation*** and thought they'd pay you back.

We can get on to much more important things like talking about Bruce Jenner or the Kardashians.

As they say "Auf Deutsch"

"Genießen Sie den Niedergang!"

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Higher Priced Weddings Correlate with Increased Divorce Rates

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As do pricier engagement rings.

In short, if you blow more than $20,000 on a wedding, your chances for divorce go up 350%.

Still trying to find a study that shows the correlation coefficient (not to mention a study about the rate of divorce amongst women who insist on hyphenating their names, though I've heard studies have been squashed on that topic).

Tuesday "I Lost My Boxer Shorts" Linkage

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Interesting "4th of July" dates in American history.

The Fourth Power.

DT of DT and The Man decides to join the ole "Let's Repair Our Livers Bandwagon" in this episode of The Black Brigade Debrief.

I love the chart at the bottom.

Why do you run everyday?
So I can do it tomorrow (links to a lengthy video that you may want to have time to view)

Well, so much for Cos. Now that we have evidence you can form your opinions.

Ahhh diversity.

My son was stupid. Make a law!

I get a shout out by Mr. Cotto!

The three types of dads. Which one are you?

Federal Reserve: "Student Aid/Loans Cause Tuition Inflation"

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To which I say, "No shit Sherlock!" (language warning)

Economics 101 Quiz

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OK, lieutenants, economists, and agents in the field. What's wrong with this picture?

Chinese stocks were suffering huge declines prior to the New York Stock Exchange shutdown due to an alleged "technical issue," fueling concerns whether the NYSE was actually halted due to the free fall in China.

Companies in China fell 20% from a May high and, right before the NYSE shutdown, the Hang Seng Index plunged its most since the 2008 financial crisis.

"The Hang Seng Index fell 5.8% to 23,516.56 at the close today, the biggest drop since November 2008, after slumping as much as 8.6%," Bloomberg's Kana Nishizawa wrote.

Overall, China's stock market plunge has wiped out around $3.2 trillion since June 12.

"Investors are disappointed and afraid that the Chinese policy makers lost control of the market," Mari Oshidari, a Hong Kong-based financial strategist, said. "With no end in sight to the plunge, sentiment has turned cold."

"With liquidity drying up in the mainland, the Hong Kong market is being sold instead -- the only thing it can do is just quietly take the storm."

Source.

Episode #100 of The Clarey Podcast

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The Racist Running Game
"Senior Frogs"
Old dudes who can kick your ass
How mansions are works of art and not homes to live in
Greece, Cosby, and the idiot who killed himself with a firework
Stop making more fucking laws!
And fan mail

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

(Just to let you know it has to download the MP3 first and then play as my hosting service decided to "change" things because we all know "change" is always better)

Understanding Ownership

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On a run around one of my favorite routes, I ended up listening to a podcast from Bernard Chapin. Uncie Bern had wandered into the discussion of whether the Nazi's were indeed socialist (which by most mathematical, economic, and political measurements were). While one would think with the full name **"*The National Socialist German Workers Party*"** would leave little doubt, Hitler was a such a bad man that the left desperately has (and still needs to) paint him as a right winger (while still have heart palpitations for Mao, Stalin, and Che). This has resulted in a painfully childish debate of semantics about who owned what, were the means of production owned by the state, did the state tell the corporations what to do, were they "corporatist," blabbity blah blah freaking blah.

Alas, I believe it is high time to do away with semantics and discuss precisely what is "ownership" so that before we all get caught up in the minutiae and technicalities of ideologue-infested debate, we can let you, the individual, think for yourself as to whether or not the Nazi's were indeed socialist (not to mention, be able to identify who is and is not an advocate of socialism).

First, one must ask "why do we own any assets" in the first place?

Is it pride? Is it power? Is it consumption?

It can be all of those things, but we have to delineate between a consumable good/asset and an investable asset.

A consumable good (or asset) is precisely that. It can be consumed.

An apple.
A bottle of scotch.
A movie.
A video game.
A car.

All of these things, sometimes immediately, some times over the course of years, are inevitably used up or "consumed" by the "consumer" and no longer serve any purpose or value. They feed a person, comfort a person, make life convenient for a person, but in the end they are consumed.

Contrast that with an investable asset, where that asset is not to be consumed (like a Milky Way bar) but rather employed in a process or business to generate INCOME aka PROFIT aka EARNINGS.

The computer you use to run your company.
The factory used to build widgets.
Even the trucks (which can also be considered a consumable asset) is considered an investable asset as long as it is used in such a capacity.

These assets are used to generate further earnings by which you can live off of and thus are considered "investments." Alas, "assets" in this particular economic sense of the word typically imply there is some income generating potential of those assets and are what are traditionally referred to by communists as the "means of production."

Now what the left and communists will do to "prove" the Nazi's were not socialist is point to the fact that under socialism it is the *state* the owns the means of production while under capitalism it is the *private sector or individual* who owns the means of production. And since the Nazi state did NOT own Germany's corporations, but rather said corporations were still in private hands, the Nazi's=Capitalists=Ronald Reagan=White Males=Kill Them All.

However, like most arguments of the left, they are disingenuous, deceiving, and intellectually dishonest.

The reason why is that while "officially" under Nazi Germany corporations were largely in private hands, the state still effectively told them what to do, what to produce, and how much of it. So sure, the deed to the plant had "Hans Fricktenstein" on it, and the deed to the factory had "Heinrich Gorsternstoppen" on it, but it was only in name. The Nazi state controlled it, not the individual "owner," rendering "official ownership" moot.

Of course, faux leftist intellectuals and libertarian conspiracy theorists will then pull out the term "corporatist." The leftists do this to throw you off track, while libertarian conspiracy theorists do this so they can use 50 cent words to fake intelligence. But whatever name they call it, it's still the STATE that effectively controls and owns the factors of production. Merely slapping "corporatist" on it does not change it's economic nature.

However, thinly veiled and politically-incentived semantics aside, there is a more compelling, fundamental economic reason that ultimately governs what precisely is "socialist" vs. what precisely is "capitalist." And it is not whose name is officially on the deed, nor even who effectively "controls" the assets.

It's who owns the profits of these investable assets.

You see, the ONLY reason people go into business is because they want to make a profit. It's very cute and funny how naive college students, as well as their older (yet pathetically not wiser) professor counterparts think "profit" is some how evil or

unnecessary. When in reality NOT ONE THING in ANY economy would ever have been produced without the prospect for profit. You go to work because you intend to earn more than the gas and car maintenance you expend working there. I write posts and books because I intend to make money on them. And Warren Buffett gives up his money when buying companies not for S's and G's, but because he wants the profits of the companies he's buying. Thus, the real reason for assets even to be considered "investments" or "means of production" (and thus, sough after) is because of the ***profits*** they MAY potentially generate.

Alas, ownership is not determined by the deed, nor even the dictates of what is to be produced by the state, but ***who receives the profits***.

At first, leftists and other ignorants of society will rush to point out "who receives the profits." The evil rich people. The illuminati. The bilderberg groups. "Big Oil." "Big Pharma." But there is ONE entity that that is a bigger shareholder than all the interconnected, multinational corporations and hedge funds combined.

The state.

You see, with a 36% federal corporate tax rate, combined with a ever so roughly 4% state tax rate, the rough average corporate tax rate is 40%. This means your state and federal government combined are the single largest shareholder of US corporations.

They did nothing to earn that money.
The states nor the federal government risked their own money in purchasing any investable asset.
Even Barack Obama didn't build that.

They merely through law declared that they are the default owner of 40% of all US corporations.

Throw in dividend taxes and the statutory rate is 50% (arguments of effective rate duly noted).

Ergo, the economic REALITY is that the United States is not an "evil greedy capitalist" nation like the left would have you believe, but a half owned, state entity where the government is the defacto 50% owner of all US corporations.

Now, of course it is not only corporations and companies that produce all the economic production in the nation. There are individuals, small businesses (who are not in the 50% tax range), and (as many leftists are no doubt spewing vehemently) just because the STATED tax rate is 50%, doesn't mean corporations pay that rate (the EFFECTIVE rate, sans dividends, is closer to 32%).

But we all know that the government taxes these entities as well. We have sales tax, property tax, personal income tax, gas tax, nearly everything is taxed. So it is ALL forms of profit that are taxed one way or another.

So how do we measure this, and thus define, whether a particular government or political party is "socialist" or not?

Government spending as a percent of GDP.

I've hit this one on the head before, but not from the angle that taxation is nothing more than a percent ownership in private ventures. And while you may "own" your house, or may "own" your corporation, or may "own" your stocks, you only own the percentage that the government does not tax away.

What is that percentage in the US?

Well, it depends on the state, but on average 40%.

When you combine state, federal, and local spending, the cumulative "state" is a default 40% shareholder in all American economic activity. This is certainly not the totalitarian Soviet Union or today's North Korea, but it is also NOT the "evil, heartless, capitalist" nation the left successfully ~~dupes the perennial idiots of our country into thinking it is~~ paints it to be.

The larger point is not that the US is "40%" socialist. Nor that a "communism-socialism-capitalism-anarchy" spectrum more aptly describes today's economies (although it does). The key is to understand that it is ownership of PROFITS that determines the true ownership of the assets. And that any debate that ignores this should be relegated to the societal garbage bin where it belongs - academia.

Now, just ask yourself this question.

What does a 40% socialist state say about who owns you and your life?

That is for another post at another time.

Read a Book, Read a Book, Read a Mother Fucking Book

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Hey, I got a book in mind!

Self Employ or Die

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I'll say it again,

Trust no one but yourself.

Don't Blame "Capitalism" for China's Collapse

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And don't blame it for our own collapse either:

Helping Out Blacks is Now "Racist"

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To give you the short background on the story. Mumia of Obsidian Radio did a two part episode (part 1 part 2) on my book and whether it was racist or not. Specifically, he read the complaint of a reader "Vector 313" that claimed The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty was racist and that the Manosphere was eschewing black men. Naturally, I disagreed, but sadly Vector 313's views are not uncommon. Many (though I estimate only 40% based on book reviews thus far) of black men will view a book that is SPECIFICALLY and PURPOSELY designed to help them as "racist." Because of this (and wanting to thank Mumia for covering this topic) I have put together a much needed response that points out the INSANITY (not to mention bigotry) of refusing help simply because of the race of the person it comes from. I sincerely hope it reaches the ears of Vector 313, changes his mind, as well as any black man who agrees with him.

"Hello Mumia,

I was humbled to find out my book (The Black Man's Guide Outof Poverty), and the issue of whether I was a racist or not were topics for two episodes of Obsidian Radio. Obviously, because of the efforts I put into writing the Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty as well as that whole minor thing of being called a racist, I wanted to defend myself against your listener Vector 313 (and those who may agree with him).

In short, I need Vector 313 and everybody who agrees with him (that I am a racist for writing this book) to, step back, clear your minds, and ask themselves a very simple question:

"A guy wrote a book titled

THE BLACK MAN'S GUIDE **OUT** OF POVERTY

AND HE'S RACIST????"

Do you hear yourselves?

This wasn't

"How to Make the Black Man Down."

Or

"How to Keep the Black Man in Poverty."

It’s

“The Black Man’s Guide OUT of Poverty.”

You are accusing an individual, who wrote a book that is intended to help black men, which is the antithesis of racist, a racist.

Another minor complaint I noticed from Mr. Vector 313 was that the Manosphere does not care or is not for black men. That it’s largely a white boys’ club and black men are neither welcome nor allowed.

But when one of the more prominent members of The Manosphere (that would be me) takes the time to combine his expertise in economic and finance, with the consultation and advice from man young black men, to author a how to manual with the express purpose of helping young black men lead a better life than he did, just because the author is white, THAT DOESN’T COUNT????

What more was Mr. Vector 313 looking for? Perhaps a donation of 5 pints of blood and a kidney?

Here is the sad truth. I can’t argue with the Vector 313’s of the world because they’re insane. They have racism on the brain. They are trained to see racism, even when there is a genuine and sincere offer to help, a genuine and sincere olive branch of comradery, a genuine and sincere attempt to help a fellow man. And while I’d like to say that Vector 313 is in a small minority, unfortunately if I use book reviews as a proxy, nearly 40% of black men view a book that is designed to HELP THEM, as racist simply because it was written by a white guy.

Of course, I predicted this, but it still doesn’t make it any less pitiful and sad. 40% of the black population is going to reject help simply because it comes from a white guy (which, by the way, IS the epitome of racism). But that’s fine. Because while 40% may continue on the ways of the past, doomed to repeat it, and ignore potentially successful ways to enrich themselves and escape poverty, 60% won’t. 60% are at least open-minded enough to “give anything a try.” 60% are thankful that a (GASP!) white guy took the time to write a book specifically for them. 60% are going to read it, and 60% of them are going to improve their finances, not to mention their mental health, romantic health, family lives, and racial relations with other races.
So to the Mr. Vector 313’s of the world, who are very offended and are (predictably) used to guilty, SWPL, white people rushing to grovel, beg, apologize and ask “what they did to offend you?”

Fuck off.

Obviously, being nice, sincere, and giving two shits about you doesn't work with you. Trying to help only results in an accusation of racism (because you disagree with the message) which is not only unjust, but insulting. So fuck off. Don't want help? Fine. Nobody's forcing you to read the book. You hack away at life using that same ole same ole "wisdom" that has FAILED to close the

Wealth
Income
Employment and
Life expectancy

gaps in the past 60 years.

Keep thinking doing the same thing over and over again will result in different results.

And keep viewing the world through racist glasses that makes you so ignorant you refuse help just because its origins are white.

Because as I've said before "It ain't my life you're ruining. It's yours."

Ergo, I kindly and humbly ask you to reconsider, reread the book IN ITS ENTIRETY, and at least permit yourself the right to entertain ideas you may find disagreeable ESPECIALLY if they are designed and intended to help you.

Sincerely,

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Why It Could Very Well Be President Bernie Sanders

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Like any good economist admits he cannot predict what will happen to the economy, I also admit I cannot predict politics. However, my spidey senses are tingling and sadly I have to admit that if I were to put my money on any one of the current candidates it would be...

Bernie Sanders.

Oh laugh as you might. I know he is a bona fide socialist and endorses policies that are even "too left" for most leftists, but hear the ole Captain out.

First, I cannot see why nobody else (at least to my knowledge) has pointed out the more-than-one parallels between Mr. Sanders and Mr. Obama. I say this not to be hyperbolic or because I hate Mr. Obama, but simply because it's true-

They're both socialists.

Sure Mr. Obama ran and presented himself as more of a "lefty independent," but his actions, words, and deeds in office (and his entire political career if you cared to study it instead of listening to his pablum speeches) is that of a socialist.

Tax the rich
Spend more money on the poor
Socialized medicine
His hatred for private property
His hatred for Western Civilization
Not to mention all of his affirmative action efforts to advance minorities and women at the expense of whites and males, which gives his version of socialism a particular racial and sexual flavor.

You combine that all together and you have a socialist who is no different in action, policy or voting that Bernie Sanders.

Ergo, so what if Bernie Sanders is a socialist? Our president is one too.

Two, socialism is no longer a four letter word. The Millennial generation proved that beyond a doubt in 2012. And so we must tip our hat to the long-LONG term strategy of the left to slowly but surely brainwash a generation through the schools into thinking that something like socialism is a "good thing." Ergo, while you, me, and our Baby Boomer counterparts either grew up in the 80's (knowing socialism was evil) or grew up in the

60's (only to have the Volcker Recession kick your ass into adult economic reality) and know the evils and drawbacks of socialism, the Millennials don't. They're SO brainwashed, they can't even put it together and realize that is was socialists (in the form of their teachers, professors, and leftist politicians) who have completely screwed them over in terms of

tuition/student debt/worthless degrees
a lousy economy/labor market

AND

that whole minor social security/medicare thing

Ergo, just as the Millennial idiots voted against their own best interests in 2012 (and 2008) they will most certain vote again to shoot themselves in the foot come 2016. And Bernie Sanders is the most qualified candidate to help them do that.

Three, brainwashing and politics aside, the real reason I believe Bernie Sanders will win is (once again) something similar to why Obama won the nomination in 2008 - he's not an insider.

Well, yes, of course Mr. Sanders IS an insider. The loser is the epitome of career politician never working a real job in his life and immediately going into politics in his mid 20's. BUT the fact he runs as a socialist means he has something nearly no other politician has - honesty. And it is this honesty that effectively makes him an outsider and not part of the "established political class."

Consequently, because he's honest and forthright about his politics he at least STANDS FOR SOMETHING.

Something I disagree with wholeheartedly
Something that will continue and accelerate our decline.
Something I would thoroughly enjoy watching being implemented as it would just destroy the Millennial generation and the baby boomer retirements that heavily rely on them.

But at least something more than the self-serving pablum that is spewed from the mouths of Obama and Clinton.

And it is this, combined with the aforementioned traits of Mr. Sanders, that I believe he will get the nomination and win.

If Sanders is nominated the democrat party will be presenting PRECISELY what about 60-70% of the population wants.

1. A (reasonably) HONEST politician who
2. STANDS FOR SOMETHING and
3. That "something" is more free money at the expense of the "privileged class."

With such a candidate you'll win about 80-90% of Millennials, 80% of women, 90% of minorities, and 50% of men 30+, making it impossible for the republicans and whatever spineless, ball-less, SWPL establishment putz they decide to throw at the wall and hopes sticks.

Of course, the republicans could nominate their own equivalent of Bernie Sanders. An individual who speaks his mind. A individual who is honest. And an individual who isn't establishment republican. But republicans are already too busy shooting themselves in the foot and dumping Trump.

Alas, don't worry fellow conservatives and libertarians. The republicans will, as they always do, f*ck it up. They'll pick a nerdy SWPL square that has no spirit or character. A boring, connected establishment patriarch who's not the best candidate but "whose turn it is." And a sheepish individual who cannot handle the media and DARE doesn't get dirty and fight back.

So pour yourself a drink,
Make plans to vote with your feet
Participate in capital flight
And enjoy the decline. http://aaron-clarey.podomatic.com/
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Why Women Make Less Than Men

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Thanks to a VERY deep undercover agent in the field (in academia!), I think I have found the perfect, singular and AUTHORITATIVE source to point young women to when they claim there's a wage gap, women earn less than men, glass ceiling, etc. etc. etc.

Here.

It's a PDF file, but in short it is a 182 page paper on earnings potentials for different degrees. You needed read the entire document (obvious) as much as just peruse the charts in the first few pages. It's DAMNING as to just how clear it is that women simply choose:

Easier
More popular and thus
More supplied/flooded majors

which (if they ever bothered to pay attention to economics 101, but "math hard") explains not only the wage gap, BUT PROVIDES THE THE KEY IF THEY WISH TO CLOSE IT! (but again, I know, I know, "math hard")

Anyway, book mark this page and merely link to it anytime you get into this tiresome and obsolete argument that there's a wage gap.

NASCAR is Next

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Look closely at the first pic.

Why Whites Are Cowards When It Comes to Talking Race

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"An accusation of racism is like an accusation of rape. Even if it isn't true, it can ruin your career."

(Language warning)

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Picking on Greeks Will Be the New Racism

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I predict (as leftists are predictable) that they will claim picking on Greece and Greeks is "racist." They will do this because it will divert and deflect all legitimate attacks against this nation's parasitism into one of "you hate Greeks," further hiding their ideology's spectacular economic failure (socialism) and allowing them to keep their pride (no matter how mentally-acrobaticy they had to be to have any pride in parasitism).

This now presents all self-respecting westerners the opportunity to nip this in the bud and prevent the left from creating another entire new "victim class." Thus we have an option. We can say,

"*No, no, this is NOT racism. We are justifiably picking on a stupid and idiotic people who voted in the world's most evil and worst political party, not to mention shaming deadbeats and parasites who simply refuse to pay back what they borrowed. You will not turn this into a debate about race, which it isn't, as we have the self-respect to refuse to be hosts to another group of parasites.*"

Or we can fall for the ruse, abandon the argument against Greek socialist theft, and rush to

grovel
beg
and plead for forgiveness

because we were accused of "racism."

Of course, I don't have a lot of faith in our guilt-laden-brainwashed westerners to grow a spine and tell the left to shove it when this accusation comes. But in the meantime, here are some jokes that were originally Latvian in origin, that now apply to Greece. Enjoy!

Absolute "Must" Economic Lessons to Pull from Paul Krugman and Greece

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Language warning, but seriously, this is something to watch if you are trying to understand the economics of the Greek debt crisis...not to mention how the minds of "leftist economists" work...or don't.

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College as the Fourth Layer of Government

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I find sleep hard to come by. To aid in this I do many things, one of which is listen to podcasts as I go to bed. As long as they aren't terribly cerebral or detailed, they usually send me off to slumberland. But while half awake and about to make the jump last night, it was Bernard Chapin's podcast that jilted me out of my slumber. The reason why was because he started quoting an article about yet ANOTHER female college student complaining about some sort of injustice or another.

I can't remember even precisely what it was, nor was I able to go back and find the article. But I do remember my brain kicking in saying,

"*WTF? ANOTHER college drama? ANOTHER complaint filed about harassment or trigger warnings or what have you? Why is this happening? Why can't college students get their act together and just go to school? Why all the made up drama?*"

And then it dawned on me.

I learned over to the bed side table, grabbed my notepad, made a note, and though the brain juices were stirred, I managed to fall back to sleep.

When I woke up this afternoon and looked at my notepad the note read "College is the 4 Layer of Government." And I realized, despite being half awake, this epiphany was dead on. For not only is it true, it also explains why we can't go one day without some sort of "news article" about some petulant little child filing some complaint in the world of Academia.

Understand the current three layers of government exist for one logical reason or another.

Federal handles all things national and international. Defense, roads, trade policy, etc.
States handle regional issues, roads, national guard, interstate commerce, etc.
And local handles issues closest to home. Schools, parking regulations, police, fire department, etc.

And between these three layers of government the US people have ENOUGH (if not more than enough) governance to make sure society works. However, whereas governments typical form out of a requirement by the people to either regulate, legislate, or provide a certain public service, additional layers of government may evolve simply because an organization has enough power or is put in an effective position of power over a large enough group of people.

For example, most people really don't have the freedom of speech in the US. The reason why is that employers act as a defacto 4th layer of government.

You can't make politically incorrect posts on facebook.
You can't participate in politics publicly, lest you be fired by Mozilla.
What's your Twitter password?
Pee in this cup.
Were you out late last night? You look tired at this morning's meeting.
You can't date at work.
And (my all time favorite "law" one of my employers told me) you can't teach dance class.

And the reason employers can get away with this is because they have power over you in the form of employment. You need their money to survive.

However, a new and even more Orwellian fourth layer of government has formed and that is colleges or "Academia." But whereas the power of employers come from the fact you need a job, Academia's power comes from the fact you need a degree *to even get a job*! (or so they say). Ergo, entire futures of young people's careers are literally balanced in the hands (and whims) of the unelected officials of Academia.

And who are these unelected officials?

Professors, administrators, diversity officers, and other worthless academic bureaucrats who most certainly, if not entirely, hail from the left.

This has resulted in a defacto tyrannical government forcing their own leftist, socialist, feminist, and anti-white anti-male ideology on the unfortunate and unsuspecting student-citizens of Academiaville.

No longer can "Bill" just show up, get his degree in engineering and go on to work for Boeing. No he needs "diversity training" before he can graduate.

No longer can "Amy" just show up, get her degree in accounting, and go work for Peat Marwick. No, she needs to have 20 credit hours in "Corporate Social Responsibility" before she gets her degree.

And no longer can "Bob" just show up to class, flirt with "Jessica" (who he had the hots for on the first day of class) and nail her a month later after a couple dates. No, Bob needs to worry NOT ABOUT THE COPS, but about how the City Council of Academiaville have revised the definition of the word "rape" to mean "regret."

You combine this all together and you get nothing short of a propagandizing, tyrannical,

leftist, Soviet, Orwellian nightmare. And Mr. Chapin's recent podcast was just one example of the many instances of this hell young people must endure.

The Duke lacrosse team was a perfect example where the fourth layer of government didn't care about police reports, facts, or justice. They (frankly) hated white males and used their effective government power to punish them for, well, being white males.

The fraternities of UVA were shut down by this fourth layer of government because Rolling Stone magazine wrote a story about a rape that was found out later to be false. Again, facts, police reports, forensics, and reality be damned. The leftist, feminist ideology of UVA's City Council was the effective law of the land there and they don't like fraternities. Shut them down!

How about Mattress girl at the Soviet Socialist Republic of Columbia University? Again, a provably false rape accusation where the unelected officials of Columbia university made the life of Jean-Paul Nungesser not only hell, but made it very likely he'd never have a career. It wasn't until Mr. Nungesser provided proof (in the form of texts) that the sex was consensual and that Mattress Girl (and Columbia University) was proven wrong. (He is now suing Columbia University, good for him.)

And how can we forget when they turn on their own? Laura Kipnis, a feminist studies ~~hack~~ professor enjoyed the experience some lampreys enjoy when other lampreys attack their own. After writing an article decrying the "sexual paranoia" she witnessed on college campuses two complaints were filed by (you guessed it) two ~~lampreys~~ feminist college students against her. After circus court ordeal where college administrators wouldn't even tell her what the complaint was about, she was exonerated.

But what makes the drama in college campuses today so frequent and "news worthy" (not to mention laughable) is not so much the Orwellian nature of leftist college administrators as much as it is their own success. Through nearly three generations of leftist brainwashing in both K-12 and media, the (predominantly) aged, baby boomer leftists of the 60's who run Academiaville are now reaping what they sowed. Thus, their problem students are not the "evil" "Straight Laced White Boy McGee" who comes in, wants to major in Actuarial Studies (who they desperately wanted to punish because of whitey-malelyness). It's the professional victim-monsters they've created that are now the citizenry of their domain. And they couldn't deserve these little self-created Frankenstein monsters more.

19 year old spoiled brat children from the suburbs who have NEVER been held to a standard and have ALWAYS been told they were right filing complaints against professors.

18 year old adult children who have NO real world experience, but have been

brainwashed to believe because they champion the politically correct approved crusades and causes, they are "smart" and know better.

And particularly delicious is the egomaniac hordes of young American female students who have been led to believe that not only are they great, but are automatically victims, constantly under assail and assault, because they have a vagina. And that if things don't go their way, by god, they need to file a report and get people fired.

The result is a circus that belies not only the true intent of these academian leftist ideologues, but shows us what a leftist utopia looks like and the ultimate insanity that would ensue.

Trigger warnings
"Safe rooms"
False rape hysteria
Worthless college graduates with worthless college degrees
Financial ignoramouses who VEHEMENTLY defend wasting $200,000 on said worthless degrees
Fat acceptance
Tuition increases at 8x's the rate of inflation and 5x's the rate of wage increases

and ultimately

an entire generation of adult children who are not only completely useless and valueless to the rest of society, but are LIABILITIES NOBODY will want to have anything to do with.

The solution, of course, is two fold.

One, you do not have to live in "Academiaville." You can attend conservative colleges like Hillsdale which do NOT have the totalitarian, leftist insanity. You can focus on your studies and side step all the leftist indoctrination that is falsely posing as your "pre-requisite" classes to ensure you're a "well rounded person." Plus girls at Hillsdale will unlikely accuse you of rape if you kiss them on the cheek goodnight.

Two, that internet is coming. Already the IT industry (rightly) places more value on certifications and experience than it does that increasingly worthless piece of paper. Additionally, with places like ASU offering accredited degrees online in conjunction with the likes of Khan's Academy and CourseX, the MOOQ's will be replacing college campuses for a fraction of the cost, and NONE of the insanity. The only thing stopping it is getting American employers to realize it.

And truth be told, the Ole Captain has a little trick up his sleeve that might just make that happen sooner than you think.

But that is another story for another time.

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Do Baby Boomers Deserve Nursing Home Visits?

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The answer to a question that is wrong:

Defaulting on Debts and Jailing Bankers, Can the Iceland Solution Work for the US?

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In this rather lengthy video I review and analyze the Iceland financial crisis of 2008 and explain how their solution to the crisis would and would not work here. I may then go on a tangent about "what President Cappy" would do...which entails a 52 card deck a la Iraq to hunt down banker scum on crotch rockets totting AR15's.

For Your Late Night Listening Pleasure

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You may get his album here.

"But the 50's Were Racist!"

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It is without debate that the 1940's through the 1960's were America's "golden years" wherein:

Economic growth was nearly double what it is today
Unemployment was half of what it is today
The national debt averaged half of what it is today (relative to GDP)

and

High school graduates could graduate AND GET JOBS without endebting themselves pursuing worthless degrees.

Life *was* better. The economy *was* better. And the future *much brighter*.

Of course, since the 50's were largely the pinnacle economic achievement of free markets, those on the left must attack it. And thus, with the assurance of a ball returning while playing against a wall in one-man tennis, you can reliably predict two common arguments the left will use when trying to tear down those glorious 50's:

1. The highest income tax bracket was 91% in the 50's
and
2. The 50's were "raaaaayccccissss"

The first argument is easily debunked because so few people were in the 91% income tax bracket that its leftist-desired wealth redistributive effects were not realized, nor did it really affect the economy. Additionally, using the REAL tax rate (that would be "spending as a percentage of GDP" for you non-economists out there) shows overall taxation much lower in the Evil Racist 50's than what we have today (25% GDP at state federal and local vs. the 35% we have today, and that includes the Korean War).

But the "*But the 50's Were Racist*" argument the left uses to chicken-out of this economic debate is particularly obnoxious. For not only is it

a non-sequitir
a red herring
intellectually dishonest
cute
amusing
childish

and ultimately irrelevant to the economic debate (attempting) to be had,

it's down right tiresome. Alas, time to take this pathetic canard down.

The first and most obvious flaw with this argument is the fact that IN NO POINT IN TIME in the history of THE ENTIRE WORLD was there "no problems." ANY point ANYWHERE in history there was always something bad going on.

The roaring 20's? Untreatable cancer.
The industrial revolution? Polio.
Roman empire? Slavery.
The Renaissance? Cheating spouses.

You might as well respond to the argument that "the 80's was an economic miracle" with "yeah, but the Challenger blew up."

Bad things existing or happening during an booming economy does NOT moot the economic production that occurred during those times, NOR the variables/policies that lead to said booming economy.

Two, (and you need to follow the logic on this VERY CLOSELY and CLEARLY):

In claiming racism is a valid enough reason to debunk and dismiss the economic boom of the 50's, this MUST mean that the left believes racism had a ***causal relationship*** (in part) with the economic boom. Otherwise they would be intellectually honest and aim for "the best of both worlds." They would say, "well, we should look at what economic policies were in place during the 50's AS WELL AS eliminate the racist policies that plagued the day." However, they don't. They associate and thus imply that RACISM CAUSED THE ECONOMIC BOOM OF THE 1950's and therefore we cannot implement those policies.

Let that sink in.

I know leftists and socialists won't, but let that sink in your brain.

The left (albeit naively, idiotically, and unconsciously) is claiming *RACISM CAUSES ECONOMIC GROWTH.*

I don't need charts, data, or empirical evidence. This is just HIGHLY FLAWED and INSANE logic. Racism is *GOOD for the economy???* And that if we wanted to get the economy booming again we should implement *RACIST policies???*

I know the left does not advocate such a thing, but their unchecked, emotionally driven

"logic" does.

Finally, what's worse is it shows just how little the left views minorities (albeit unconsciously). For this argument to be true - that instituting the economic policies of the 50's would BY NECESSITY bring back "racism" - then minorities would have to have net negative economic NPV's. ie - they would have to be economic sink holes. Not just that they would "produce nothing of value" but actually DESTROY economic value (on par with an estimated 2% GDP per year). And the WHOLE REASON for the booming economy in the 1950's was because "whitey" was keeping blacks (and others) out of the economy, because if minorities were allowed in the economy (or treated as equals) then the economy would tank as if minorities were somehow "saboteurs."

Those aren't my words. Nor (admittedly) are they the conscious words of the left. But, again, it IS their logic and what they are effectively implying.

The truth is the "*But the 50's Were Racist*" argument is just another TIRESOME, REPEATED, and COWARDLY tactic of the left where they hide the failure of their economic policies behind an unrelated social issue. They cannot debate their economic plan of socialism, wealth redistribution and parasitism on

economic,
logical,
mathematical,
historical, or
empirical grounds,

and thus must take the greatest decade in American economic history and villainize it by tainting it with "racism" (and of course "sexism" as men beat their wives THRICE DAILY and Don Draper banged every secretary in his office in the 50's).

However, foolish as this argument is, there is a **STEEP** price to pay if Americans turn off their brains and fail to realize the non-sequitur in the left's argument. In dismissing the 50's economic boom "because racism" we REFUSE to look at a point in all of human history where an economy was **NEVER BETTER**. Poverty was decreasing at the fastest rate in human history FOR ALL PEOPLE. Standards of living were increasing faster than ever. And *if we kept this economic miracle up, we would have had income per capita's of over $100,000 today.*

The key
The answer
The solution
To nearly all of our economic and financial problems lay in those decades of America's glory years sans, of course, the racism.

Too bad nobody's courageous enough to study them, highlight them, or advocate bringing them back because a bunch of intellectually dishonest parasites calling themselves democrats might falsely accuse you of being a (GASP!) raaaaayyyyyyyccccciiiiiisssss!

And no country with an income per capita in the 6 figures is worth *that* risk, now is it?

Enjoy that decline.

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Leftists are Lazy

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I'm going to say this again until people get it.

I don't care how many millions of pages of books are written by thousands of political scientists, journalists, or grad students.

If you want to understand leftist politics you need to understand only one thing:

Laziness is the reason for EVERYTHING they do.

Ahhhh, Socialism

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Yeah, you leftists keep championing this shit.

Why You Are a Slave for 13 Years

July 24, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Time for some basic, simple 4th grade math everybody. The kind of math that debunks even the most complicated and detailed arguments of the left, not to mention, boils things down into very basic, simple, and understandable terms.

Understand that money is nothing more than the physical manifestation of human time. We, as humans, would like to exchange our time because different humans have different specialties that benefit us in terms and quality and extension of our lives.

I don't know how to farm, but Bob the farmer does.
I don't know how to program, but Bill the programmer does.
And I don't know how to do taxes, but Amy the accountant does.

Sadly, neither Bob, Bill, nor Amy want me to spend my time doing YouTube videos for them all day. BUT, if I convert my time into a universally accepted medium of exchange (called "money") which they can use to buy and purchase things they DO want, this allows us then to exchange our time.

So somebody pays me for my curse-laden wisdom. This transforms my time into money, and with this money I buy groceries from Farmer Bob who provides me his time in the form of said groceries.

There is one small minor problem.

Once you convert your time into money, into a physically tangible item, it can be stolen, take, "haircutted" or taxed away from you. And we all know how thieves and governments (but I repeat myself) love to take your money.

Now, in theory, there IS a difference between a government and a thief. A thief merely steals your money and provides nothing in return, thus the definition of theft. But a government TO THE PENNY should be provide you something in return.

What, you ask?

Well, public goods. Goods that directly benefit you.

Roads, defense, judicial system, laws, regulatory services, libraries, etc.

But there is ANOTHER "small problem." Democracy.

Since we live in a democracy, other people get to vote on how much the government takes of your time/money and where to spend it on. And since it is human nature to be immoral, lazy, greedy, and parasitic, the majority will vote to take your money and spend it NOT on public goods that benefit everybody, but them.

This, in it's more literal and linguistic definition can be called "legal theft." But it goes by the leftist euphemisms of "income transfers" or "wealth redistribution."

However, and let us be very clear and literal about this, this transfer of your time/money to other people with no compensation goes by another name - slavery.

Whether you like to admit it or not, whether you'd like to ignore this fact or not (as it will raise your ire) you are a slave to other people in this country. No different than the plantation slaves of the confederate South. No different than the slaves of the Caribbean trade during the 1700's. No different than the slaves of the Middle East (that academians and history revisionists seem to ignore). The only difference is that instead of being kept chained and on a plantation, you are tethered by law (which is enforced with jail time and guns), which (ironically) makes for an even more productive slave. You "think" you're "free" on account nobody is stopping you from going anywhere, but this serves to make you more productive, which generates for income for your slave masters.

Of course not all of your time is confiscated by the government. If they did that, then why work? Why not become a modern day slave master who parasites off of the productive and just collect a government check? But you are a slave to SOME LEVEL and the question is how much?

Thankfully, ole Cappy here has been blessed with SAEG (TM), and can tell you precisely what percent of your life is spent as a slave.

13 years.

The math, again, is quite simple and thus literal and irrefutable.

If you start working at 16 and retire at 65 that is a 49 year work history. The state, federal, and local governments tax us at a rate around 36% (using government spending as a percentage of GDP). However, not all of that money goes to public goods that you benefit from. Truthfully, 75% of it is income transfers to other people, ie- your masters. So if we take a 49 year work history, multiply it by .36, and multiply that by .75 you see that you spend

13 years

working for other people.

Now I know the leftist argument that is coming. That this money goes to help "the poor," the "disadvantaged," the "under privileged," and "the children" and every other group of sops the left bribes with your money. But even if I thought these groups of people were truly disadvantaged and deserved the income transfers, it doesn't change the relational fact that these people are parasitic. And in them being parasitic, they are by default making you slaves to them for 13 years of your working life.

The point I'm trying to make is not one of whether there should be a safety net or we should spend money on the poor. It is to clearly identify and explain what is going on - that those who collect a government check are parasitic and should be THANKFUL for those who work extra to ~~bail them out of their stupid ass life decisions~~ support them. They should be humbled that other people are sacrificing a percentage of their lives (13 years to be precise) so that they are shielded from the consequences of their mistakes. They should be grateful so many millions of Americans are working damn well near a quarter of their working lives for others.

Alas, because of human nature, the opposite is true. These parasites are ungrateful, even entitled, demanding more and more, 100% incapable of humility, gratitude, humbleness, and thanks. All they can see is that those who worked harder and didn't make decisions that required a parasitic existence have "more" than they do and instead of looking into the mirror and accepting responsibility, they merely vote in more.

Many of you ask why I'm such a hard ass or such an "asshole" when it comes to helping out the poor.

I merely ask you why you aren't.

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The Man from UNCLE and Racism

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Interviewed by Kerry Lutz this week and we talked about the irony of being called racist for trying to help blacks, plus our anticipation of the new movie "The Man from UNCLE"

The Sanctuary Where Men Fleeing Feminist Churches Have Gone

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My latest piece from Return of Kings that, in particular, would interest Christian (and other religious) men who are sick of their religion becoming feminist and leftist.

The "Knowledgesphere."

Your "Internet Boyfriend" is Not a Real Boyfriend

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No, you don't have a "boyfriend in Italy."

What Cecil the Lion Tells Us About America

July 29, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cecil, the famous 13 year old lion, who was shot (which increasingly seems to be) illegally has made the news across the planet. As more and more facts comes in it looks like the hunter, Walter Palmer, shot him illegally (though whether he did this knowingly is yet to be determined).

When the news broke and when I read the article, it seemed to me that once again the MSM was going to run with this story and the facts be damned. There were statements made to villainize Dr. Palmer, but nothing confirmed for a fact.

"*They lured the lion off of the reservation!*" - Is that illegal?
"*He paid $50,000 to hunt the lion!!!!*" - Don't you usually have to pay a lot of money for safaris?
"*You can't shoot a tagged lion!!!*" - Really? How do you know?

There were others, but my interest was piqued when nearly the entire planet decided to post his personal information online and protest at his house, many people making death threats. And so naturally like any agitating realistic and principled person I went online, made a YouTube video and told people to stop being sheeple and think about how the media is potentially ruining an innocent man's life all to boost ratings.

Teh interwebz were having none of it.

Now, Dr. Palmer wasn't the only one getting death threats, but so was I. And this of course, bathed in an endless list of brilliant and cogent arguments presented by the YouTube community about me "being a dumbass" or "a stupid fucker" and other arguments of intelligence, thought, and ponderance proving the quality of education the Millennial generation is receiving in college. But it wasn't the death threats or names that forced me to pull the video (that comes with the territory), it was when they started posting the private data of Dr. Palmer that I now had a legal risk. And so unfortunately the video had to come down.

Still, we don't need the video to realize a very important and vital lesson about the mental faculties of your average American. And that lesson is they are no longer capable of logic, reason, empiricism or sanity. Worse, they're so selfish and narcissistic, they happily put their emotions over principles and the rights of others. With no proof (at that point in time) that Dr. Palmer was guilty of violating any law people were already threatening to kill him, ruin his career, and ruin his life. Some were so far gone they said they didn't care about the legality of his kill, they just thought he should be punished for hunting. And it is this principleless, amoral, mindless mob who put their emotions over,

not just an individual's rights, but reality, facts, and truth that not only makes it difficult for the legal system to mete out justice, but is undermining our respective societies today.

The real story is not that poor Cecil was tragically shot. It's that western civilization, specifically the younger generations, have lost their collective minds and do not have the mental faculties to be adults, let alone adults in the free world. They are effectively zombies. And there is no reasoning with them.

Plan accordingly.

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Ivy League Losing Its Luster?

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In the end, reality wins. No matter how rich or connected your parents.

Escaping the Insanity

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With the outright stupidity (and the implications of having a feral, mindless, zombie society) I decided to load up the car and head out west. Within 2 hours of being in the Black Hills, all the strife and anger went away, and I did not see one SJW or frothing aged 40 something feminist at all. Here is what I saw:

Just remember not to let them or the insanity get you down, and to enjoy the decline.

There Is No Stock Market, Just a Dump for Central Bank Money

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I love it. A company posts earnings that dropped 9.3% over the quarter, BUT...

the stock jumps 11%.

No, there's no stock market bubble here.

My Latest Defense for Carrying a Gun

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I once had a middle aged elitist woman in a snobby suburb come up to me and ask me why I was carrying a gun. I didn't realize it at the time, but she was one these psycho crusaderists who got off on having the rare opportunity to "display her wisdom and superiority" by trying to stump me with her "impervious" leftist logic.

Thinking she was genuinely interested I said, "In case I have to shoot somebody."

She then followed up, "But when would you ever have to shoot someone?"

I said, "At work. I'm on call for security."

She then stepped back, said, "Oh, well thank you for your service." and left.

It seemed odd, but once I had the hindsight to figure out what had transpired, I got pissed because it was just another worthless human being desperate to lecture somebody to validate her meaningless life.

So now, to prevent that from ever happening again, this is my response.

Xenosystems

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New blog added to the blogroll.

You may also be asking, "Hey Clarey, are the posts a little less meaty and kind of more linky?"

Yes, yes they are. I'm traveling. It's summer. And the audio is probably going to suck for this week's podcast because I left the mic at home. WHICH, if you haven't already, start downloading the podcasts because I think two more episodes and I'm archiving episodes 1-100 to free up space on the server. After that I'm charging $40 if you wanted the archives mailed to you on thumbdrive.

Mt. Bierstadt, 14,065 Feet

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Happy Day Lieutenants! The ole Captain climbed his first 14,000 ft peak, Mt. Bierstadt.

The Return of Cappy Linkage

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Yes, it's because of "Evil Republicans" that your tuition is so high. Not worthless, bloated, leftist burueacracy.

This is what happens when you can't do math, no matter how pretty you are and how socialist you are.

Dr. Helen suggests a book I may have to look at later.

The "Structure and Genius of ISIS"

This is why I respect engineers infinitely more than their sociologist counterparts.

Chris Bechtloff is HILARIOUS and on fire in his latest podcast. Warning, incredibly foul (but hilarious) statements, some I don't even agree with, but was just rolling.

Posts, podcasts, and general vitriol will return to normal levels since I have returned.

ALSO PODCAST NOTE - Seems EVERYBODY did follow my advice and start downloading the podcasts in anticipation of me archiving them. However, we ate up my monthly allotment of bandwidth (which is pretty awesome). I think it reset on the 8-1-15, so you can continue downloading, but I wanted to say thank you, I'm now ranked consistently (albeit artificially) #1 or #2 in Podomatic's ranking for conservative radio.

Huntington Park, Democrats, and Illegal Immigration

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A question democrats who are AGAINST illegal immigration have to ask themselves is if we're ***not*** going to bother defending the sovereignty of this nation, then why have a nation at all?

Never mind, just enjoy the decline.

Episode #104 - "Summer Vacation Bible School" Special!

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Sleeping in your car
Hiking 14,000 foot mountains
What would Davis Aurini do with $1.2 billion?
Gen X Parents force marching their children up mountains
Mission Impossible Rogue Nation review
Back to School sales are child abuse
School is child abuse
Summer Vacation Bible School is DEFINITELY abuse

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Guns Are Bad, mmmKay?

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Wednesday "Where's My Boxer Shorts" Linkage

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Cavaricci Jeans Theory

Socialism, what a great idea.

Yeah, keep getting lippy with your "$15 Minimum Wage" demands.

None of this will matter on account an increasing percentage of people merely fake having a mental illness to collect a government check.

Our streets may not be paved with gold, but they are paved with government checks and immigrants don't care about the difference.

Good news! I am one of the writers for the Canadian flagship blog Rebel Media's "Megaphone."

There are No More Calvins

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It was within a very short period of time I knew that school, and teachers, were evil.

Oh laugh as you might, but I am not joking. There is no more evil institution in this country than the veritable prison we condemn our children to for a mandatory 13 year sentence. Yes we all turn a blind eye claiming it for "education" and the "future" of our children. But in the end the education system's real purpose is two fold:

1. To outsource children to a large baby sitting operation so (predominantly) women can pursue a career instead of raise their children and

2. Employ generations' worth of talentless, lazy hacks who want an easy way out, 3 months a year off, and are scared stiff of real work - teachers (and the increasing number of administrators).

This is not politics.
This is not hyperbole.
This is not me angry over a lost childhood.

It is the truth.

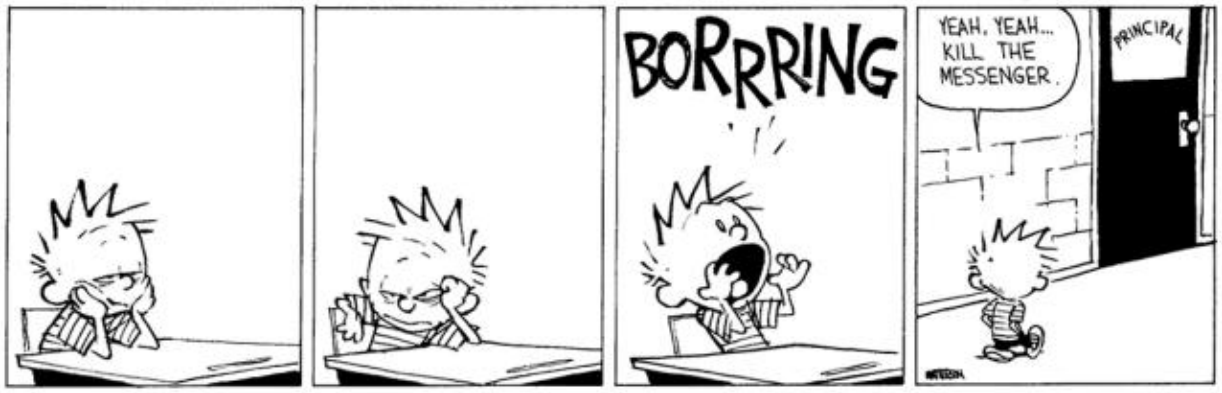
School is nothing more than child abuse as two distinct groups of adults are using it for ulterior purposes.

Naturally there are some "good teachers," and these teachers believe in education, try their best to educate the children, and genuinely want what's best for them. However, the remaining 98% of teachers are not "good teachers" and are there first and foremost for themselves.

This results in an environment that is toxic for children, and certainly not one that can achieve education. Year after year, children are forced to leave home and sit in buildings that are architecturally similar to prisons. The teachers (who by the way have the lowest IQ's out of most majors) are not only uninspired to teach them, but really don't care. Alas, overtime this combination results in teachers who are not just incapable of teaching, educating, and inspiring the curiosity of young children, but teachers who grow to resent the children, resulting in indifference (reading from the book), if not outright petty and indiscriminate punishment. Sure enough, over time a child goes from being wide-eyed and hopeful kindergartener, to a 4th grade zombie trying to stay awake.

Of course, children may not understand the underlying political reasons why they're sent

to a prison-like institution and the country's least competent or caring individuals are chartered with educating them. But they do have genetically programmed within them self-respect and intuitively know when they're getting screwed. Alas a natural animosity forms between students and their prison guard teachers. A healthy distrust between teacher and student. And soon in a very Calvin and Hobbes like way, students and teachers fall into their natural roles of sworn enemies.



Or at least that's how it was in the 80's.

For whereas back in the day this abuse galvanized us into distrusting our teachers, even hating them, the same cannot be said of young students today. For what I see now is NOT the independent minded spirit of a Calvin, questioning why he has to be in school, giving his teachers guff, fighting them at every corner, but instead mindless, conforming lemmings who have plain had the independent thought kicked out of them.

Now this could be due to any number of things.

Teachers becoming BFF's with their students instead of actually teaching (not that they could in the first place anyway)
Ritalin and other drugs destroying the Calvin's of the world making them docile and compliant.
Emasculated husbands breeding emasculated, testosterone deficient boys.
Or the forcing of young female behavior on young boys, turning today's classrooms into compliant, obedient classrooms full of sheeple (and consequently no independent, self-respecting thinkers).

But whatever the cause, there are no more Calvins. There are no more rebels. There are no more independent minded thinkers. And it is a devastation to society.

The reason can be amply seen in what I deem to be the first fully and completely brainwashed generation - The Millennials.

Nowhere can you find a group of people who adamantly insist they are independent minded, but are the epitome of conformist at the same time.

The Millennials all rush to sport hipster fashion to prove their independence...only to look like uniformly interchangeable cattle in the coffee shop.

They all claim to be smart, going to college, getting even MORE education...only to major in the same worthless liberal arts drivel, obviously unable to the 4th grade math that would have avoided this consequential financial fate of such stupidity.

Hey, those tattoos and earplugs are like TOTALLY you giving the bird to the system man! Only to sheepishly get the surgery done to remove them.

And oh yes, politics. The most "independent minded" and "educated" generation ALL, like lemmings, voted TWICE for a man who just mortgaged their futures with incredible peacetime deficit spending. And they were either too stupid, or too lazy to know it.

There are other examples (global warming, privilege, triggers, white males, and "evil corporations maaaan") and CERTAINLY the Millennials are not the only generation to be duped into conformity (grunge in the 90's anyone?), but the larger point is the one thing they claim to be is what they are precisely not.

Independent thinkers.

For while people may claim to be "rebels" or "Calvins" or "SJW/OWS Warriors" fighting against the "system" they don't realize they are 100%, completely owned, programmed, duped and operated by the system.

They actually BELIEVED their teachers.
They actually are BFF's with their teachers.
They not only have no problems going to a veritable prison from 5-18, but then are so hopelessly conformist, they consciously BORROW life-crippling levels of debt to to attend an additional 4-6 years more of the same educational-indoctrinist slop.

They swallowed whole what their government-sponsored teacher-indoctrinators told them and are just too stupid (or brainwashed) to realize it.

Sadly, this has serious costs and consequences to society because without independent thinkers, without genuine Calvins, there are no innovators. There are no creators. There are no geniuses who can look outside the box and come up the next cure for cancer. Technological advancement and economic growth will slow, resulting in lower standards of living than what we could have had. But worse, with nothing but a bunch of conforming sheeple, the "system" can easily manipulate, control, and own society. And

that has always been the goal of the leftist education system.

Of course, try telling that to the "independent minded" tatted up, earloop wearing, liberal-arts-majoring "intellectual giants" who vote to mortgage their own futures while all claiming to be Calvins.

Why Can't I Find a Maaaaaan????

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I'm going to leave this post up here for several important reasons.

1. To remind everyone that discrimination against males (and whites) exists and that it is not a "joke" or conspiracy theory.
2. To remind you ladies that you have a choice. Like men or hate them. Very simple.
3. To remind you men that it is not worth risking your life, labor, capital or time helping or aiding stranger women you don't know, and that you should ONLY help women in your life you love and cherish. No one else.
4. To remind women who were either like these women in your youth or are like them today so when they ask "where have all the good men gone" they'll have an answer.
5. To remind young college age and 20 something men that, no, there's nothing wrong with you. It's really them.

and finally

6. To remind men that leftists, democrats, and socialists hate you.

Story here.

The Beauty of Having No Employees

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Outstanding article about just what a pain in the ass it is having employees.

I'll say it again.

Humans are the number one cause of all problems in this world. And you do NOT want a business model that requires a lot of them. They break down, they whine, they complain, they sue, and they just plain suck.

Employ no one, unless you absolutely have to, and even then, you likely have the wrong business model.

The Clarey Podcast Has Been Archived

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Greetings All,

Well, seems we blew through bandwidth quicker and sooner than I thought and so I decided to archive episodes #25-99.

"WHAT HAPPENED TO EPISODES 1-24 CAPPY?"

They're gone, don't know. Don't ask. And don't complain if they're not on the thumbdrives because I can't find them. Maybe at some point in the future I'll dig them up.

Regardless, NOW if you want the archived episodes you will need to pay. I will burn them to a thumbdrive and mail them to you.

If you live in the US the cost is $40.
If you live in the UK the cost is $50.
If you live somewhere else we'll have to play it by ear.

I'm not trying to gouge anybody, just compensating me for my time, postage, and thumbdrive expense.

Anyway, if you wanted one, please send me an e-mail at CAPTcapitalism *at* yahoo (which is the same e-mail in my "about" section below). Send me your name and mailing address and I will give you instructions on where to pay. And remember, not only will you get some super awesome podcasts, you'll get a free thumbdrive out of the deal too.

Best,

Cappy

Midnight Run Comedy

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NSFW but funny as hell if you've seen the movie:

How Socialism Makes Women Barren

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Arrogance and cockiness set aside, I would make an awesome dad. I did not forget what it was like to be a child. I know that once I had a child my life would be put on hold and dedicated towards raising "The Spawn of Clarey." I would not brainwash him to be a leftist, a feminist, a rightist or a Christian, but would instead impart upon it logic, empiricism, morality, philosophy, and independence letting it choose its own path in life. And above all else, unlike nearly all my Gen X parental counterparts, I would actually stay at home to raise The Clarey Child instead of outsource it to a government baby sitting farm or "day care" ~~concentration camp~~ facility. It is without a doubt that I would make a great dad.

The irony of course is that this entire discussion is moot since I had a vasectomy 10 years ago. And while the reasons for having a vasectomy was many, the primary one was that I just could not plain support a child, let alone myself. And bringing a child into this world would not only ruin what pathetic finances I had in the past, but would just not be fair to the theoretical Clarey Spawn.

Of course times change and now at the age of 40 I could theoretically afford a child. I work from home, I have a (albeit small) house. And my source of employment is stable (self employment) guaranteeing the income to put food on the table and pay the mortgage. But though this situation is specific to myself the question everybody should be asking as it applies to millions more is

"40?"

Think about it for a second. Biology and nature says I've been ready to have a child for about the past 28 years. Society, tradition, and law says I should have been able to have a child since I was 18. But why, a full 28 years after I'm able to, and 22 years after society says I "should" have children, is it now that I actually COULD have children?

The answer is economics.

I've pointed it out before, but there is a disconnect between human biology and our current political-economic system. Specifically, today's political-economic structure does NOT allow people to breed when nature is telling them they should. I first was MANDATED to go to school till the age of 18. This was largely a pointless exercise in that nobody today will hire a high school graduate, let alone pay one an adequate salary to raise a family on. This then mandated I go to college for an additional 4 years. Of course, this dumped me into a labor market that would be ravaged by the Dotcom crash and I would limp along employment wise eeking out a meager living teaching dance and

working security for the next five years. There was hope working in the banking industry, but this hope was quickly dashed as it was so hopelessly corrupt and dysfunctional (not to mention low paying) that the income security needed to raise a child was never there. Throw in the financial crisis, the housing crash, and the Obama economy, and it wasn't until this Earth made 40 orbits around the sun that I would be in a position to support another human being in this world.

Of course, as mentioned before, this discussion is merely academic. But the point I'm making is that our society, economy, educational system, labor market, government, and employers are making it increasingly difficult, if not impossible to PROPERLY raise a family (and by "properly" I mean the 1950's way, not the ghetto culture, Wyoming way where women spread their legs and ask the government to replace the daddy). And this is sad for it is other humans that is the most important thing in life, and it is usually your spouse and your children that are the most important humans.

Now I can sit here and pontificate arrogantly and cockily because I have no skin in the game. Not only can I "not" have children, I still to this day definitely do not WANT them. But, even with a vasectomy if I wanted to I could still HAVE children. It would require either a direct extraction of sperm from the testes or a reversal of my surgery. But the REAL reason I can take this position is that my sperm does not have an expiration date. My sperm can impregnate any woman from here until I'm dead, carrying on the "great Clarey genetic legacy" if I so chose to.

But the same cannot be said for women.

Naturally, we all know by now that women's eggs have an expiration date. Menopause hits by a certain age, and even then the eggs start to deteriorate in quality post 30-32 running the risk of birth defects etc. We don't need to hammer this point anymore, we are all aware of it. But while women are acutely aware of the tickity tock of their biological clock, what they are completely unaware of is the non-biological side of this formula that is also working against them. Namely the same economic, political, and sociological forces that made it impossible for me to have children until the age of 40. And while that number, 40, may mean nothing to men, it *definitely* means something to women.

After 40, frankly, forget it ladies. It's over. You're not having kids. And if you try, you're gambling not just with your theoretical child's life, but your own. But before you get all angry at me for being the messenger telling you biological truths, you need to look back and ask who and what made it so it was basically impossible for you to have children and raise a family in today's society.

First there was the same mandatory K-12 education I had to take. In all honesty the average education delivered by the K-12 system could be shrunk down easily to K-8,

allowing us an addtional 4 years of youth to pursue a career that would support a family. But who do you think is at the core of stretching out this now-economically worthless education to last 13 years?

Republicans?
Tories?
Conservatives?
The Patriarchy?

No, it's your good ***socialist*** friends in the democrat and labor parties who need to ~~live off of your entire childhood~~ mandate you go to school until you're an adult so their main political contributors (teachers unions) have jobs. You're now **18**.

Then there's college. Remember, K-12 education has been so diluted, so dumbed down, NOBODY will hire you. So now you need to spend another 4, more likely 6 years of your youth getting MORE education.

Who predominantly controls acaedemia and benefits from you postponing your life another 4-6 years?

Leftists. You're now ***24***.

Of course, unlike the first "13 years" of your education, you get to pay an egregious price for your last 6 years of education - tuition. And with that comes an inordinate amount of student debt. Certainly you can't start having a family until you pay this off. But complicating this issue is that the economy hasn't been growing this slow since the Great Depression, making good paying jobs scarce, and your student loans a monkey on your back for at least 6 years.

But who told you you needed to go to college? Who pushed you to get a masters? And who told you to vote against those "evil" corporations, rich people, investors, and all those other entities that create those JOBS you'd need to pay off your student loans?

Hmmm...that would be ***leftists***. Congratulations, you're now ***30***.

Now here things are a little different, for while at this age men are FINALLY allowed to start working off their student loans, start a real career, and maybe work up a down payment for a house, women are barraged with propaganda to do something else. Namely, what feminists have been telling them to do for their entire post-pubescent lives - live life, party, you go girl (TM), travel, climb that corporate ladder, have it all, etc., etc., etc.

And so do women starve themselves, live in basements, get out of debt, and start looking

for a proper suitor to raise a family with?

Hell no!

NOW it's time to PAAAARTAAAY!!!!!

Let the flirtini's flow, the car payments commence, and the accumulation of shoes begin as you store it all in an overpriced downtown flat you can barely afford! You've EARNED IT GIRLFRIEND!

And so prompted by feminism (not to mention corporate interests of the likes of Vogue, Oprah, etc.) you party another 10 years.

But if I recall correctly aren't Oprah, Jezebel, feminism, and all those writers at all those snarkey cheeky lifestyle magazines are ***leftist?*** Congratulations, you're now ***40*** (but don't worry, you're a "cougar!")

And finally, how can we forget the final nail in your eggs' coffin driven in by feminism? The blatant, bald-faced lie that looks don't matter.

You were GORGEOUS just the way you were girl!
You are BODY POSITIVE!!!!
Big is beautiful!!!
And any man has mommy issues if he doesn't want to sleep with a human oil tanker.
He's also "shallow" and a "jerk."

Of course looks do matter, tremendously, to men. But alas, you wanted to believe sweet lies over harsh truth and lived a lie your entire life, making you not only too old to have children, but physically unable to attract a mate. So super-congratulations! You believed the (again, ***LEFTIST*** ideology of) feminism and have now not only ruined any chance of having a family, but attracting a mate as well.

I could go on, but the larger point I want all women to understand is that it is NOT

The "Patriarchy"
The Republican's "War on Women"
"Lad culture"
"Rape culture"
"White Males" or
"Evil Corporations"

who are ruining your lives.

It's the left.

It is the left who wants to enslave you at a school where you learn nothing till you're 18.
It is the left who mandates you into thinking you need a college education to have any worth in this society.
It is the left that tells you you are oppressed and need to be freed, replacing your family with a career.
It is the left that convinces you to ignore the biological programming and demands of the (necessary) half of humanity needed to bring and raise children in this world.
And it is the left that tells you you need to spend money on stupid crap to have fulfillment in life.

In reality, all they are doing is taking

your money,
your youth,
your vote,
your love,
your family, and
your life

just so they can stay in power and enrich themselves. And once they have sucked as much of your financial and life blood out of you, they will dump your ass into the real world. A world you are WOEFULLY unprepared for, and one you offer nothing of value to.

So please wake up and take the time to identify who your true enemies are. If not, enjoy your masters degree, cats, body-positive "slut walks," and articles about freezing your eggs.

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Were the Nazi's Socialist? Why Not Ask Them?

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From our Agent in the Field (who makes the simple point of "why not go to the source to see if the Nazi's were socialists?")

I saw your article asking about National Socialism and am sending the above link.

The above link is to one of many English translations of the Party Platform of the Nazi party. Once you get to around paragraph 11. you start to see, from the original source document, that especially for the times in question, they were a brand of socialism. I would suggest you simply look for the Nazi Party Platform on your search engine to get other translations of the original source document if you are interested.

To the extent practical politics deviated from party platform, this is a common occurrence in modern times and one suspects it was no different then. Compared to USA at the time, which had no federal minimum wage/ maximum hours laws, no unemployment insurance, no social security, no federal pension laws, no federal welfare benefits, and so forth, these proposals would have seemed far reaching, national and socialist at the time.

Obviously, I understand you are not in favor of this group, its history, and personalities; and I am not a fan either. I hope you find this interesting and a good place to start, in answering your question about the brand of socialism, if any, there was in Nazi Germany.

A Masters in Male Studies

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A professor wants to start an entirely new (and worthless) study - Men's Studies.

The problem is it already exists. It's called "history."

A New Breed of Man SJW's Can't Beat

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In the spirit of full disclose I must admit that:

1. I know Roosh and
2. I am an occasional guest writer for his site Return of Kings.

Having said that neither my personal nor professional relation with Roosh will affect nor color my analysis of his Canadian trip and the SJW drama that has ensued. The reason why is simple - his actions and experiences in Canada speak for themselves and tell a story that needs no editorializing.

As this post is being written Roosh has completed one of two Canadian speeches in his world speaking tour. The first speech (Montreal) was threatened by some SJW's, notably one who set up a petition to prevent him from even entering Canada, while another (Jessica Lelievre, the epitome of "spoiled brat rich daddy's girl") harassed him in public by dousing him in liquor (and foolishly filming it which has resulted in a lawsuit).

Now I can go on, and certainly the media will cover Roosh's travels through Canada and the SJW circus that will come with it. But instead of chronicling what's happened and then make some obvious observations about the mentally-ill culture of SJW's, I wanted to explain

1. Why this time it will be different
2. Why it is because of qualities and traits of men like Roosh that will make it different and
3. Why the SJW's will lose

What SJW's, leftists, socialists, and other vermin of society are used to is a tired, old, and worn out tactic of silencing somebody they disagree with or threatens to expose them for the parasites they are by accusing them of an "ism" (racism, sexism, ageism, etc.), which in turn then threatens that individual's career and thus livelihood. Mozilla firing Brendan Eich, Dr. Palmer's shooting of Cecil, doxxing and SWATing, even I've had people try to tell my clients I wrote "mean racist things."

Though dishonest, cowardly and tiresome, this tactic works and is highly effective. In threatening and holding hostage an individual's career and reputation, they also threaten that individual, his life, and his family. Alas, they can essentially shut down any social or political commentary from the productive classes, leaving only leftist, SJW and politically approved socialist thought in the public forum.

However, this tactic only works if there is something of value to hold hostage over the person saying things SJW's find disagreeable.

A dentist with a career.
An accountant with a family.
A professor with a 20 year track record.

But what the SJW's and leftists don't realize is that while they may find the world to be such a place of injustice and they "still have a long way to go," their leftist predecessors have made great strides in the past. They have managed to stagnate the economy. They have managed to create an education bubble. They have managed to destroy the labor market for young people. And, above all else, feminists have largely been successful in destroying young women for young men.

And it is from this environment a new strain of men have arisen. A strain of men immune to all SJW's tactics.

Take a look at Roosh and his background and you'll see a man who has nothing to lose, and therefore nothing the SJW's can threaten.

He tried (like all of us) to "do what was right." He went to college, tried his hand at a soul sucking job, and when his employer found out he was blogging under a pen name, they still threatened him with being fired. This not being exactly conducive to having the "freedom of speech" and with no real job prospects that were promised to him like the 1950's, he went on a South American trip which laid the foundation for what would be his career - traveling to different countries and then writing about how to get laid in these countries.

Of course, while that sounds great it wasn't easy. Traveling on buses in South America, constantly going to clubs, learning new languages, and the meticulous level of detail he had to take in terms of notes and writing made it a real (albeit exciting) job. But the larger point is that SJW's, socialism, leftism and feminism had made the US so hostile, if not impossible for the "9-5 job and wife with children and a white picket fence," he was practically compelled to go down this route of self-employment.

But what is doubly ironic is how precisely he makes his money. Most entrepreneurs can still be threatened by SJW's. The cupcake shop that doesn't make cupcakes for lesbians. The pizzeria that theoretically would not deliver pizzas to a gay wedding. They have a product that can still be assailed, assaulted, held hostage, and destroyed.

But what if your job is merely countering the political, economic, social, and psychological environment SJW's created? What if your job is to unplug as many Neo's out of "the Matrix?" What if your job is nothing more than being an SJW hunter? This is why Roosh is

simply immune to any SJW's attacks. It's because he not only has nothing they can threaten or take hostage, but because his business is a direct result and response to the environment SJW's and leftists have created.

Alas, this is why Roosh is invincible against the SJW's and there's no way they can win. Unlike Mortimer Snerd, loyal accountant at KMPG for 30 years, with a mortgage, two car loans, a wife about to divorce him, and three kids in college, they cannot threaten Roosh's career or family as it doesn't exist. Worse for them, the more they attack, the more publicity he gets AND the more they get exposed for the psychopath, tyrants they are.

But what's worse for SJW's is there's (what I would estimate to be) millions more Rooshes with absolutely nothing to lose. Men who grew up in and are by products of the SJW/feminist culture, and are thus immune to it. My company, Asshole Consulting, NEEDS feminist, SJW culture to continue to brainwash young men and women into delusion otherwise I'd run out of clients. Jack Donovan NEEDS SJW's to continue to emasculate young boys otherwise nobody would need his books on masculinity. And that's just the tip of the iceberg when it has come to what is nothing more than a full-fledge industry of neo-masculinity that has arisen in the past decade to deprogram, explain, provide sanity to, and provide agency and purpose to MILLIONS of young men (and women) who are slowly waking up and realizing just how badly feminism, socialism, and their goose-stepping SJW's have ruined their lives.

What SJW's around the world need to realize is that Canada is just the first instance where SJW's have met a monster of their own creation in the form of Roosh. And not only can he not be stopped, but there are millions more who also have nothing to lose, are immune to you, and are very, very angry that you not only lied to them about the real world, but destroyed their birthright to western civilization.

And there's nothing you can do to stop them.

Additional Gun Laws I Will Not Be Following

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You always carry in National Parks. Even if the burnt out hippie woman park ranger from the 1960's tells you not to. You always carry in the National Parks.

Students Now PAYING to Intern

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Remember, there's no education bubble here!

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Howdy All,

Wanted to make sure I made a specific post here for Good Looking Loser who has a product called Phenibut that he is marketing. It is an anti-anxiety supplement that calms you down WITHOUT THE USE OF BOOZE. So if you're one of those people who needs a drink to relax, but you want to stop drinking, this here is what you may want to try.

Haven't tried it myself because I am always very calm and relaxed and never agitated at the slightest thing.

Regardless, if you think you could use Phenibut OR you want to visit his site (which has merits unto itself) consider visiting the Good Looking Loser.

Cappy

Late Night Listening with Your Local Podcasters

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New podcast out by Davis, but I love how the SJW's are downvoting his podcast. If you want to do him a solid, stop on over, download it, and then upvote it.

Bernard also has a new podcast out over at Male Defender.

Bill Burr has his Thursday Afternoon Monday Morning Podcast.

And DT and the Man...well, they're recording now, but you can check in and maybe they'll have their Thursday night podcast up later.

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Whining about driving in a Corvette
"There's always a gun on my desk"
Capitalism vs. Socialism in terms of Logical Proofs
Running to the airport makes you manly
Coke commercials and the sheeple
Cappy's Global Domination (and world's first trillionaire) Plan
The Goldfinger theme song to be redone as "Cappyfinger"
60 years of the same medicine has not helped the black community

AND MORE

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Privatizing Governments

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Got a couple inquiries about this since I mentioned it on the podcast. Basically, this was a business proposal that I turned into a kindle only short dowloadable "proposal." You can't call it a "book" because it is not.

Still, some people were intellectually interested in how one could go about privatizing governments and not only did I find a (of course, theoretical) way to do it, but a way to profit into the trillions of dollars' worth in the process.

I DID approach several investment banks and even Peter Thiel, but nobody was interested.

BUT! If you got the connections (or are just intellectually curious how a private government would work) here you go.

The Megyn Kelly Effect

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Howdy All,

The ole Captain is intending to do some research, but needs some data points. Specifically, I need a list of women on teh interwebz who have either a YouTube channel or Twitter account where I can see NUMERICALLY how many "subscribers" or "followers" they have. However, they also have to be:

1. Conservative/Libertarian.
2. Decent looking

I am already aware of Julie Borowski, Katie Kieffer, etc., but aside from those two not much else.

If you could list some women below in the comments section who are on the Twitter or YouTube that are these cutsie "Tee Hee! I'm a Soccer Mom and I Like Sean Hannity! Yea for America!" types, I would greatly appreciate it.

Cappy

Boys, You NEVER Date Girls in Cosmetology School

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Don't know how this one slipped under the radar:

Proof Young Ole Cappy Had a Heart

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A friend of mine started posting pictures from a NYE 2000 party I was graciously invited to. This was of course 15 years ago and in 15 years your forget a little bit of who you were, what you were, and start to question the beliefs you hold today.

This is of concern to me as it makes me think…

"*Was it really that bad?*"
"*Did I really play my cards right?*"
"*Perhaps I screwed up and I've been wrong this entire time?*"

In short, I question myself and my actions in the past as any erroneous thought back then would lead to an ill-informed and erroneous philosophy today.

Perhaps I was in the wrong.
Perhaps I didn't play my cards right.
Perhaps I was indeed a loser and just didn't realize it till now.

But then I saw this picture and one thing jumped out at me and consequently jumped my memory.

Her corsage.

I remember back when I was young I would buy my dates corsages if I liked them in particular and made it to the 3rd or 4th date. I would also take them out on dates that would warrant a corsage and my usage of a tuxedo. In this particular instance I remember BEING EMBARRASSED because my date had no straps on her dress and we had to pin her corsage to her side. But I still had the consideration to purchase her a corsage.

Now, I ask you this ladies.

When's the last time a guy bought you a corsage for a date?

That's right. NEVER.

So in hindsight, and with the use of this picture, I don't ever want to hear American women again about "where the good men are" or "why can't they find a man," because I have empirical proof they did exist, even if they themselves forgot about it. You shot them down, you fucked them over, you stood them up, so much so the entire CONCEPT of buying a date a corsage was not only abandoned but *completely forgotten* that it ever took place in a man's life.

So, in summary,

Fuck you
Fuck you
Fuck you

You enjoy that decline ladies. You've earned it.

Precisely How Much Silver Do You Need Post-Collapse?

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A concept I try to explain to either friends, clients, family members, or random hot chicks I try to seduce with my awesome economic knowledge on the street is that you don't need "that much" silver in order to hedge against an economic collapse.

The logic is simple.

If there was an economic collapse, all fiat currencies (ie - all major world currencies) would become worthless and an alternative currency (nearly practically guaranteed to be precious metals) would HAVE TO rise to replace them. This "last currency standing" would be the default world reserve currency and it's supply would then have to (by necessity) purchase all of the "post-economic collapse" world's GDP. And though that GDP would be less, there is far less precious metals in circulation to purchase said remaining GDP. This increase in the ratio of "production to currency" would increase the value of the world's supply of precious metals and is why you don't need "$1 million in silver" to insure $1 million today's assets.

Of course, this logic does not translate into precise mathematical figures and still leaves open the question,

"Well, if I have $500,000 in assets today, how much silver (or gold) would I need to purchase to effectively insure against an economic collapse?"

So I looked into it and though the numbers are of course VERY back-of-napkin, I think I've come up with a pretty good rule of thumb most people can operate by.

Assume first, that during an economic collapse the world's GDP would shrink by 80%. This would leave only $15 trillion left of the world's current $74 trillion in GDP in annual economic production.

Assume second, that the current world supply of silver of 1.4 million tons does not dramatically change AND that it is preferred over gold as gold is too precious (I know this is not a valid assumption, but just work with me on the math). When converted to ounces this results in 44.8 million ounces of silver, the effective world's money supply to purchase said annual post-economic collapse production of $15 trillion.

Using simple division we get a value of $330.36 per ounce.

As I write this right now, the spot price of silver is $15.10 per ounce. So buying one ounce of silver today would buy (under a post-economic collapse economy) $330.36 tomorrow. Essentially a ratio of 22 to 1.

Of course, this does not speak to the fact that the world's remaining silver supply would not just buy one year's worth of post-apocalyptic world's GDP. It would buy the world's GDP into the future until an alternative currency would replace it. Ergo, if one wanted to be mathematically "correct" about it, you would take the NPV of that ounce of silver's purchasing power. Here it's anybody's guess as to the "discount rate" one would use in a perpetuity calculation (don't worry if you didn't understand that, it's to get the finance nerd-technicalitists off my ass). But applying a heavily discounted rate of 30% that would imply a purchasing power in today's dollars of $1,100. A full ratio of 73.

Meaning for every $1 in silver you buy today you would have a theoretical insurance of $73 in a post-economic collapse future.

Now naturally silver will not be the sole currency left. And naturally the discount rate is not going to be 30%. And naturally, we don't know if global GDP would collapse by just 80%. But somewhere between a ratio of 22 and 73 is likely the value of "insurance" silver would provide in a post-economic collapse world.

I say, for the sake of simplicity, let's just take the average and call it 48.

So to translate all this economic mumbo jumbo into English for normal people, this is the take away:

If you have $500,000 in network and want to insure it against an economic collapse, Divide it by ***48***, and that's how much in silver you need to buy ***today***.

Again, just a rough measure. But a measure most thinking folk should consider.

And always, remember, Enjoy the Decline!

The Escape Velocity of Poverty

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This was for a client, but came out better than I thought it did and deemed it worth sharing. It addresses how you can be so poor you can't escape poverty, making it so ALL your decisions have to be made right and paid off. It also addresses the crippling depression many college graduates have due to no jobs and student loans. Finally, it revisits the "God Complex" I mentioned in my video about suicide.

Also, if anybody out there is willing to hire this guy or is in Pittsburg and can point him in the right direction, that would be great:

How Bernie Sanders Proves "Socialism" is No Longer a 4 Letter Word

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A position I've held since I took my first college level economics course was that the democrat party was not functionally a political part that advocated democracy. It was, based on all measures, intents, and actions of its members a socialist party. Of course, I was laughed at when I said the democrats were socialists because "socialism" and "socialist" were pejoratives we reserved for the evil Soviet empire and communism during the 80's. However, there in my economics textbook, was statistics showing the government spending just shy of 35% GDP and the democrats were advocating for even MORE spending. This, combined with my independent mind, convinced me of precisely what the democrat party was.

The next twenty years passed by, and like Overton's Window, we've slowly, but surely moved more and more to the left. Also during this time my friends who once mocked and ridiculed me as "*Oh crazy Clarey! You funny Republican you!*" started having kids, jobs, and adult responsibilities. And soon I wasn't that "one crazy republican at the party, bringing the buzz down," but a respected economist that even my most ardent detractors of days past had to agree with.

So, as further proof that this country has moved to the left, and quite rapidly so allow me to point out a curious observation. Bernie Sander's poll numbers.

As it stands right now Bernie is the front runner for the democratic presidential nomination. Bernie as you know is an avowed socialist, replete with a lack of any real world private sector experience, 1960's hippie expertise, upper middle class upbringing, and an entire career as a soft-hands, work-free politician. However, what should be shocking to you is that a SOCIALIST, a person who advocates banishing private property, a person who wants to have the same economic system as the Soviets, Venezuela, Cuba, and Argentina, is so warmly welcomed by democrat voters.

This shift, though shocking, was entirely predictable. For while we were told and aware of the evils of socialism in the 1980's, nearly two new generations have since been brainwashed by the K-College government education system. Thus why we've gone from:

President Kennedy willing to go to war with the Soviets in 1962
To Ronald Reagan breaking their backs in 1985.
To Bill Clinton wetting the panties Gen X girls with his saxophone in 1992.
To Barack Obama wetting the panties of Millennial girls (and boys) with his government

checks and nationalized health care in 2008 and 2012.

And now, so complete was this brainwashing of the younger generations, Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist, is the front runner of the democrat party, *even beating out Hillary Clinton*, no rightist herself.

The larger point is to point out and tip my hat to the democrat party and their various leftist organizations. They have MASTERFULLY taken over the country's key institutions with the conscious and intended purpose of brainwashing America's youth to the point they are so naive and ignorant about history they have NO PROBLEMS voting for a socialist. It is a PR stunt no different than getting two generations to vote for nazis (who actually have a lesser track record of murdering innocents than socialism).

However, to all my friends who patted me on the head 20 years ago dismissing me as alarmist. And to those of you who voted for Bill Clinton or even Obama in 2008 because you thought they were "cool," I just want to say "I told you so."

Socialism is no longer a four letter word.

Enjoy the decline.

The Economics of Waifu

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The world, I have concluded, will never cease to amaze me. And thus, once you get to that point you'll say, "nothing shocks me anymore." And so once again ole Cappy went head long, cluelessly into a whole new world where he learned about "Waifu."

If you don't know what "Waifu" is, that's alright. It means you're normal and frankly avoided a sad aspect of humanity. But while it originally meant "favorite female Japanese anime character," (and there's nothing wrong with that) it has also morphed in some circles to mean where men have actually formed imaginary relationships with these fictitious characters, some times even marrying them. This not only explains the inside joke on Archer where Krieger has a pink-haired hologram for a girlfriend, but also explains the existence of "Waifu dolls/pillows."

My initial reaction to all of this was "thank god I'm dying in 30 years," but that annoying part of my brain dedicated to economics wouldn't turn off. It just "had to" do some research, and look into what possible incentives existed for this to even be a thing. And the observations were very interesting.

First, economically speaking, the only way a boy/man would choose to date/court/marry a fictional girl instead of a real one is because the costs required to get a real one is just too high. At first you may scoff at this (and I surely did), but upon running some numbers and thinking about, it ***IS*** a very expensive endeavor. If you think back to when you hit puberty on, precisely how much have you spent in terms of

Time
Money
Labor
Effort
Mentality
Stress
Strife
Fear
Regret

and plain ole other sources of calories of energy dealing with women?

My figures are of course HIGHLY subjective and up for debate, but if you take into consideration direct financial expenses, mental costs, and opportunity costs, the total costs to find a wife ever so roughly hover around $720,000. Enough for most single people to retire on.

		Per Week				Annualized	
		13	29				
		13-23	24-29	Rate	Rate 2	Youth	Older
per week	Time/hours	42	21	10	18	21840	19656
	Money per week	25	50			13000	26000
	Mentality/Opportunity Cost per week	200	150			10400	7800
					Sum	45240	53456
					Sum Years	452400	267280
					Total Cost of Wife Hunting		$ 719,680

These costs are not insignificant, and only certainly higher for less social or good looking men who (likely) populate the "Waifu Community." So even though they are very UNLIKELY to run and crunch the numbers I did above, intuitively their brain does some kind of cost benefit analysis and concludes it's not worth the $700,000+ in life expense to chase after a real girl. Not *entirely* irrational.

However, enter in the concept of substitute and inferior goods.

Just because a young man decides it's not worth the total expense to get a girl in the real world, doesn't mean he can't (albeit delusionally) satisfy some of his romantic desires with non-human substitute goods. Sex can be more than adequately (though inferiorly) be replaced with porn. A loving relationship can be replaced with one's imagination (think Wilson in "Castaway"). And a marriage or confirmation of a relationship can be replaced by fake ceremony where you marry a video game character (or in the case of an increasing # of American women, marrying yourself). And so instead of becoming a hermit or a virgin "MGTOW" where you have no relationship with women, some men escape into a fantasy world where they get themselves a Waifu.

Now naturally everybody's mind is focusing on the delusional aspect of this mentality. However, I want to again reiterate and refocus our attention to the economic aspect of this. Whether you agree with them or not, whether you find them sane or not, they are at least being RATIONAL to a certain extent. And we can't deny the fact that they've made the conscious choice to choose a fake girlfriend over a real one. But the fact ANYBODY is making this choice consciously speaks volumes as to the price and costs of finding a real woman today.

Consider not just the various financial, time, labor, and opportunity costs associated with finding a quality real world girl. Consider the lack of drama and the mental pain associated with having an "imaginary girlfriend." Not only do you save yourself $700,000 in explicit and implicit costs, you also save yourself;

Being stood up
Being shot down
Drama
Temper tantrums
Girls cheating on you
Girls leading you on
Bi-polar freaks
Feminism
Blue balls

and every other form of scourge and fire-laden hurdles you and every other man had to jump through during his teens and 20's.

Additionally, though it isn't real and it IS delusional, imagine what nice, kind, compliant, and supporting personalities Waifu's have. She isn't a single mom. She isn't demanding you gotta do this and that. She isn't going to cheat on you. She's always happy to see you. She's PRECISELY at your EXACT same intelligence level (because she is you), etc. etc. It's a trait the inferior good has that is superior to the real thing. So when you

consider all these factors through the lens of a (likely) unattractive male, you can start to see why they choose to be delusional instead of live in the real world.

The sad point I'm trying to make is that if men are willing to be irrational in the real world by choosing to live in a delusional one, the economics of having a Waifu make complete sense. What's even sadder, however, is that the cost differential between having a real girlfriend and a fake one is so huge in the real world, the concept of having a Waifu (or marrying yourself in women's cases) is actually becoming a real thing.

Enjoy that decline!

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Announcement: "Cappy's Crap"

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Howdy All,

Finally getting around to opening up a Cafe Press shop to sell various Cappy memorabilia affectionately titled:

"Cappy's Crap"

Right now there is only ONE item, a bumperstick titled "Enjoy the Decline" but I will be adding more.

On account you are the market, let me know if there is something you wanted in particular and I can likely make it.

Mucho thanks,

Cappy

How Much of an Advantage Do Hot Conservative Women Get?

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DISCLAIMERS:

1. I do not HATE anybody in the group of women used in this study (bar Katie Kieffer, who I don't even hate, I just have no respect for). Many of them are intelligent and accomplished, some of whom I do listen to regularly...while many are not. Do not take this personally if you know you are one of those women who are ***talented****, who do* ***make original content*** *and do* ***NOT mere regurgitate conservative talking points.***

2. I am aware that there are other people on the lists you would like to see. These lists were compiled with what I had and in a non-scientific fashion. I will gladly add others to help the accuracy of the study. But for now, this is the data I had to work with.

3. Data was adjusted for Dana Loesch's insanely high twitter followers. The official "final" ratio was calculated taking an average of all three "final" ratios. Criticize the methodology as you like.

A well known fact about life is that pretty girls have it easier.

That's not an opinion.
That's not a guess.
That's a fact.

However, I was curious just HOW MUCH of an advantage there is.

Specifically, instead of being a super awesome economic genius trapped in a 5'9" average looking male body, what if I was instead a very average mind trapped in a cute 20 something female body with a nice set of perky tits?

So I set out and asked all my agents in the field to send me examples of hot conservative or libertarian babes that had an internet presence. I then averaged both the number of their Twitter followers and YouTube subscribers. I did the same within my professional circle of right leaning MALE internet celebrities and then calculated the ratios of female Twitter followers to male Twitter followers, as well as the ratio of YouTube subscribers.

This was the result:

Men	Twitter	YouTube			Women	Twitter	YouTube
Davis Aurini	2357	12038			Julie Borowski	37500	68126
Bernard Chapin	2601	12285			Katie Kieffer	3023	136
Matt Forney	3636	808			Lauren Southern	8244	11118
Roosh V	15500	15506			Ann Barnhardt	7360	15213
Jack Donovan	3204	1217			House of Sunny		2806
Chris Bechtloff	617	461			Tomi Lahren	68200	24437
Aaron Clarey	3216	18357			Libertarian Girl	12000	3785
					Joanne Nova		3525
Average	4447	8667			Dana Loesch	294000	1574
					Michelle Fields	18100	470
					Kristin Tate	6998	184
Ratio	9.87	1.64			Meredith Ancret	2335	
Non Loesch	3.86				Syrian Girl	25100	38694
						482860	170068
Total Ratio	5.12				Average	43,896	14,172
					Avg Non Loesch	17169	

In short, when you average it out women are paid a premium of 512% over their internet male micro-celebrity counterparts.

Now, again, this is nothing new. And I'm not even going to argue against it, for it is human nature. A hot conservative or libertarian female is much RARER than an average looking conservative or libertarian male. What I will, however, file a complaint about is the quality of each group's work.

Certainly there ARE accomplished, intelligent, insightful people on both sides. However, when you average it out, it is just not comparable. The sheer number of ditzes in the female list REALLY DO get by on their looks. Again, I don't "hate" anyone on either list, but when a girl is essentially paid 5 times to regurgitate talking points Limbaugh made before they were born, or epiphanies I realized on my blog when they were in grade school, don't tell me all the men in the conservative or libertarian movement are "deep philosophical types." They're just your regular average horny guys who happen to vote Republican. That is the market you are serving. Not your high-minded economic and political intellectuals.

Finally, (and I have mentioned this to my pretty AND SMART conservative and libertarian female friends) if you are:

1. A pretty AND SMART conservative or libertarian female
2. Who is looking for a job,
3. And have the slightest bit of camera presence
4. And are willing to show off some leg and cleavage,

you will find no easier career than being a "COLBOTI" (Conservative Or Libertarian Babe on the Internet). You will make 5 times the audience your male counterpart has in 1/5th the time, making 5 times the money. And if you happen to actually be SMART and not just a cute set of tits, you can write your own ticket for the rest of your life.

I know this post sounds cheeky. I know it sounds arrogant. I know it may have insulted some people.

Too bad it's 100% true.

Ladies, take advantage of that 500% advantage.

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More Cappy Crap

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A coffee mug of The Clarey Podcast now available at Cappy's Crap.

However, ladies, I won't lie because you'll be tortured between that and whether you buy a coffee mug with Mr. Brown's epic picture from BMGOP. It IS a tough choice.

More crap coming once I figure out what might sell.

An Economist's Take on the Meaning of Life

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and why self employment is vital to it:

The Music School Bubble

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A guest post from the Great Matt Baldoni:

My music education began at age 8 in my hometown, when I began taking guitar lessons. It continued through junior high and high school where I was participating in public school music programs for jazz and classical music. I played my first professional gig with a rock band at age 16. Also that year, the guidance counselors started pressuring all of us to pick a major. So, I decided I'd better major in music in college. I had already received a small amount of attention (and even a few bucks) for what I believed was my passion and my talent. It should be noted that the word “prodigy” was NEVER used in reference to me. I don't believe I have any natural gifts or talents, I simply believe that I was able to discover a sort of “natural affinity” and general interest for playing music and practicing hard when I was a young kid.

My boomer parents and everyone else told me that I absolutely had to go to college, there was no other option for me. So, I did what I thought I should, I applied and sent audition cassettes (remember those?) to all of the top schools I was reading about in the magazines: GIT at Musician's Institute, USC, University of North Texas, and Boston's Berklee College of Music. I was offered money by each of these schools to attend, but I did not attend any of them. They were “too expensive and too far away”, but all located in hot music towns where there was a lot going on. I was disappointed. So I took a full tuition scholarship for $2000 per year at a small state college 70 miles from my small hometown and got a degree in classical guitar performance. You see, I “absolutely HAD to go to college”, but it had to fit the criteria of what the boomers were actually willing to pay for, which was next to nothing. That scholarship, incidentally, was for full tuition. College cost my family nothing. I gotta hand it to 'em, they tricked me into doing whatever I could to save them a few bucks.

While in college I tested out of certain curricula like ear training, aced music theory, was a strong reader of sheet music notation by the standards of my peers, and was working my way through school washing dishes and playing in cover bands. By year 2 I could afford to not have another hourly job ever again. I was also eventually teaching a few college courses TO my peers, including the classes I tested out of myself. After graduation I was just anxious to get to work, teaching guitar and playing five nights a week without all the hassle and horse shit of being in class every day when I could've been sleeping or making the girl brekfast I had brought home from the bar gig the night

before.

That didn't last long, I accepted a fellowship at USC's prestigious Studio/Jazz guitar program, getting my tuition paid for by teaching undergrads. I arrived there and was absolutely SHOCKED at the high level of playing that the younger guys were exhibiting. But I took a minute to think about it, and eventually I found out why. They went to the top private arts high schools, they were from areas like Marin County, Montauk Long Island, and Beverly Hills, and...here's the kicker...they never had to have JOBS in high school. They all came from highly wealthy families, had access to the best resources, unlimited money for top level equipment and private teachers, and lots of free time to practice. They also had access from their early teens to the best musicians and teachers in large major cities full of working entertainers. My 4 years of hauling dirt and scraping plates in high school had me woefully behind many of these guys. However, I was already making a living.

I dropped out of USC about five minutes after I had some good gig offers. The fact is, I couldn't fucking stand the place. It was impossible to legitimize things like rock and blues music at the ivory tower level, and none of my teachers seemed to be playing that many jobs. None of the commercial styles that were actually making me my rent money were even discussed in passing at a USC music class. The teachers who WERE playing jobs of any significance often got fired for subbing out their teaching hours too much. It was at that point I decided I didn't belong there. See, I never cared what the fuck I had to play in order to make a living, I just wanted to be good enough to make good money, and it was a sad day when I realized that music school can not often give you what you need to actually pull that off. So, I left. Turned down a full graduate fellowship. Everyone was pissed…my parents were pissed because they were more excited about me attending a famous expensive school than they were when I later played for the fucking President. The school was pissed because grad students are free labor. It costs them NOTHING to stick another guy in a classroom when he's giving them the hours of a full time salaried professor in exchange. To this day I feel like a fucking idiot for even entertaining the idea. Let's now look at my music school experiences by the numbers:

This is easy to do these days because we are ALL connected on social media now. It's very easy to see what everyone else is doing. So, I went to undergrad college with 15 or 20 other guitar majors. Number of them who are making a full time living as a live performer? One. Me. These guys play a lot but most of them have to supplement or replace their gigs with a significant amount of teaching. I went to grad school with 56 other guitar majors. Number of those guys making a full time living as a live performer? From what I can tell from the interwebs, about 6-10. Again, there are many, many guys who are teachers

full time, or at least teach more than they do play.

See, I believe that being a full time musician who plays live (and/or in the studio) is the greatest badge of honor a musician can bestow upon himself. Why? Because it's proof you can beat the odds. It shows you have no need for the “stability” of teaching music. See, we all think we need to be teachers because that is what MUSIC SCHOOLS tell us. They have a large stock in keeping interest in becoming a music teacher, for it keeps them employed, and the cycle continues. As of today, it's spiraled out of control. Our families all want us to be teachers because they figure it's the closest thing to a “real job” that a musician can have. It's a lot safer than playing in bars, touring, and all of those “lifestyle” things that many people think are part of a music career.

When the recession began in 2007/8, things got interesting. All of the music schools, even the most prestigious ones, lost a lot of revenue and interest from young musicians. They were (are) far too expensive. So, young players began checking out smaller, cheaper, less prestigious state colleges like the one I went to. Well, the A-league schools said “We can't have that!”, so they began slowly lowering their audition and testing standards while their tuition prices have continued to skyrocket, just like their skyrocketing endowments and assistance from state and federal governments. Today, they have more money coming in than ever, and lower audition standards than ever. They are now at their most expensive in history and are turning out the least talented and equipped musicians they ever have. And I am laughing my ASS off, because this whole thing is hilarious. They have literally dug their own grave, and they are a ticking bomb.

The music business itself has also changed drastically in the last 20 years. No one makes money selling records anymore, so everyone has to play live and stay out on the road more than they used to. The steady stream of studio work is gone, it's no longer a requirement to have good musicians on your recording. The computer can fix everything, and the digital world turns talentless hacks into international stars. The ProTools engineer is now at the top of the music business food chain. Every two-bit asshole with a macbook and garage band software can call himself an “artist” or “musician” or “songwriter” or “producer”. The DJ, the karaoke bar, and the football game on large plasma screens now stand where the live band once stood.

Is there still room for highly skilled musicians? Absolutely. There is great demand for a good live band in thousands of places all over the world. Artists need sidemen to play behind them for their concert dates, churches need musicians, people need a band for their wedding or Christmas party, and the list goes on and on. These types of gigs are the bread and butter for a

musician's work throughout the year. Does music school teach you what you need to know to get these jobs? Absolutely not. I make a very good living at what I do, and I got 100% of my abilities from the street. I did have a few good teachers, yes, but even they aren't making what I make or playing as much as me. Are there musicians better than me? Faster? Richer? More able to raise a family? Of course there are. But none of them are turning down as much work as I am simply because they're always booked.

The charlatans in the halls of music schools are taking your money and telling you if you do what they say and ace the test, you'll make a living and get a gig. That's a lie. If someone deceives you for their own financial gain, that's committing fraud. If I pay money for a specific service, and that service is not rendered, I should be able to get my fucking money back. Worse yet, the charlatans KNOW they're lying, and they keep right on going. I don't know how they sleep at night. I've been hired and fired a million times over for all sorts of reasons, many of which were actually my fault, just as many were not. It's a tough and shitty business with really great perks and rewards, but you need very, very thick skin to survive it. You need to be able to take rejection WELL a million times over, and then a million more. This makes most of us pretty tough, and many of us skeptical, jaded and cynical. These attributes are bare bones requirement for making it in my business.

That thick skin and the ability to take rejection is another thing music schools will never be able to teach. Why? Because the vast majority of people teaching in music schools never actually had to go through it. They went right from being a student to being a teacher, having spent no significant amount of time in the actual workforce they're claiming to supply with employable candidates.

I just spent last week in Boston. One of America's great cities and a great music town too. While there I was guesting with the renowned Boston Pops, one of America's most beloved groups of musicians. It was a wonderful experience. While there, I ha the opportunity to make a few observations. The first was seeing that a guitar degree from Berklee now costs a quarter of a million dollars. It didn't surprise me when I heard that, but it struck me again what a bad investment it is. If I invest $250,000 in anything, even just put it in the bank, I should expect a return on that investment very soon if not immediately. They'll give any 18 year old punk with a pulse and a guitar case the loans to get the degree, and most of them will never pay it back in their lifetime, no matter how hard they work or how great the gig is they get, if they even get a gig at all.

I also spoke with an old friend who is a professional drummer in the Boston

area. He spoke very happily about how busy he was, not in a boastful way, but proud of himself for being able to raise his son and daughter by playing the drums. I know the guy's a phenomenal musician, he's a dear friend and I've worked with him a great deal, but I wanted to hear from HIM why he thinks he's working so much.

He told me that the Boston area is inundated with Berklee grads, everybody's out of work, and they all “play too much”. See, now I'm gonna tell you the other area where music schools fuck up. They're gigantic locker rooms with a bunch of young jocks in them who are constantly measuring their dicks to see how fast and complicated they can play their instruments. My drummer buddy has the ability to do all that too, he has incredible technique and can play anything. However, he just goes in to the job and “bangs out the time”. He just plays his instrument as simply and effectively as he can for the song and the occasion. He's got nothing to prove with his chops. Consequently he's the busiest guy around, while the other cats are playing in ways that don't get them the call back even though they desperately need the money (to pay back that quarter million). But as they were spending the quarter million, the institution somehow forgot to mention to them that they need to shut the fuck up with all the scales and stick control exercises and just simply play the minimum part that's required for each song with the maximum of authenticity and effectiveness. In a way I don't blame these kids for going out and fucking up potential accounts by playing too much, they were not properly prepared. But once again, at some point you gotta blame them for spending that much money on such a stupid investment in the first place.

Every decision I make as a professional musician is an economic one. I remain single and childless and living as a bachelor because I can only have the life, freedoms, and luxuries I want if I am by myself. I only take a gig if it makes economic sense to me, and if it does not, I say no. I buy guitars used or get them on endorsements because I refuse to pay full price for them. And I do NOT recommend going to music school because it's a BAD economic decision. It's an investment in thin air. You might as well burn your money. You'd have a better ROI if you bought a home or just put it in the fucking bank. Even Wells Fargo can guarantee you more return on your money than music schools can.

Here's what I do recommend for young musicians: Get ONE good private teacher who tells you the truth. Find a musician you admire who's making a living you want to make for yourself and begin following him around. I say him, ladies, because most of us are men. It's not sexism, it's a fact. There is not one woman on my list of subs. When people wanna see a rock guitar player bangin' out some notes and screaming some lyrics, they wanna see a dude. And not a fat or ugly one either. Oops, I almost forgot, that's another

thing music schools don't tell you: Fat, ugly motherfuckers don't work as much and lean and handsome guys do.

Anyway, find that guy and follow him around. Get on youtube and scan through the billions of guitar lessons on there, or lessons on whatever instrument you choose. Practice your ass off and learn how to play, you don't need to spend money to do that anymore, you just need to work hard. The music teacher I DO know say that's the biggest problems with their students, by the way, they all say they're all too lazy.

If you're gonna pick an instrument, pick the guitar or the keyboard. Why? It gives you the most options. You can play gigs solo, duo, trio, on up to playing with orchestras like I just did. Drummers can't do that. Singers can't do that (unless they also play guitar or piano). Horn players can't do that. If you pick one of those two instruments, learn how to sing, and learn how to read and interpret sheet music, you'll always work. The last thing is most important: KNOWING SONGS. You have to know a lot of fucking tunes to work steady. At this point it's about five decades worth of songs in about 8-10 styles. I'd say I probably know how to play and/or sing a thousand or more.

Choose the minimalist lifestyle, drive the cheapest car and live in the cheapest apartment you can afford. Don't knock anybody up. Don't move your girlfriend in. Don't get married, and don't accrue any significant debt. Above all else, do NOT fall prey to the fraud sold to you by the charlatans that hide behind the banner of the music school or conservatory. It's a dead end road. Get out now instead and just start working.

But, But, But "The Patriarchy!"

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Die, Night Club Industry, Die!!!

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Upon returning from Wyoming and having no real job in hand, I revisited my life's motto of "security is security" and ended up working for a security company a friend owned. They specialized in armed security so most of the gigs were prisoner transport, body guard work, and the infamous "protecting spoiled rotten Saudi Prince brats and his entourage of 120 equally douchy elitists." However, before you were allowed to work one of these easier shifts, you had to prove your mettle working the hated "parking ramp shifts."

These "parking ramp shifts" were really nothing more than "baby sitting the night clubbers" shifts where you would prevent fights, stop people from pissing in the stairwells, watch black women fight over "their man," and even prevent the occasional Russian body builder from kidnapping a pass-out party girl. This was only made infinitely worse in the fact we had to patrol on foot which, during Minnesota winters, made life miserable.

But through all the headaches and hypothermia that comes with baby sitting the Twin Cities' club-going filth, I did notice something those 3 short years ago - there was only a FRACTION of the night clubs that used to be open during the 90's.

First Avenue (a night club) was still the "anchor club" of the Twin Cities and still in business. Same for The Gay 90's. And The Fine Line, another reliable standby, was also open for business. But nearly every other club or bar I went to was now gone. Daddy Rock's was no longer. Banana Joe's gone. Even Old Chicago (not a club, but just a bar) was gone too. And they weren't necessarily replaced with new clubs either. In short, there was by my quick economist eye only about 40% the amount of clubs that existed during my night clubbing days 20 years ago.

Fast forward three years to today and it's even worse.

Solera, gone.
The Times Cafe, gone.
Fhima (a St. Paul club), gone.
"Block E" (an entire BUILDING of night clubs) gone.
And the over-hyped, over-rated "Capital Grille" gone (thank god).

There is just nowhere near the night club life that once existed in the Twin Cities.

Of course, as economists are wont to do, they research things they see happening in real life. And after poking around on teh interwebz the death of the night club industry is an

interesting and telling death.

First, there is not so much a "death" in the night life scene as a stagnation and a shift. Revenues for the "bar and nightclub industry" are stagnant, if not slightly dropping if you account for inflation. However, the Minneapolis club scene has not "stagnated," it's cratered. So how do these figures jive? Simple, the data is for the "BAR AND night club industry."

While nightclubs may be tanking, bars are doing quite well. This would explain why nearly every night club I attended during Clinton's administration are gone, but the neighborhood bars are still around.

Lee's Liquor Lounge, The CC Club, Jax Cafe, etc., all neighborhood bars, all still in business.

Second, this is corroborated by the most cited reason for the industry's decline- "The Great Recession." While Gen X may have been whooping it up in the Dotcom days, drinking and partying themselves into oblivion, they at least did not graduate into "The Great Recession." Their modern day Millennial peers have. And not only are the Millennials facing the worst job market since the Great DEPRESSION, they are also saddled with more college debt than any generation in the history of the world. Combine that with their worthless degrees and they plain don't have the money to afford a cover charge and drinks.

This has led to two behavioral changes. One, Millennials now pre-drink at home, getting within one drink of a proper buzz. And two, they avoid cover charges, commuting/parking expenses, and DWI's by walking to their local bar.

The third reason for the nightclub's demise, however, is the really interesting one. Because no professional publication or researcher can speak of it, even though it is the core and the heart of the nightclub business - sex. Specifically women.

When we wipe away all the politically correct "industry research" jargon and cut through the bullshit, night clubs are all about men wanting to get sex from women. And even though they may not come outright and say it, club owners are ACUTELY aware of this and it shows in their business models.

EVERY nightclub knows you have to get hot women into the club, otherwise the men (with their money) will not show up. Therefore you have "ladies night," drink specials for ladies, sometimes women even get to drink for free, and if you're a 20 something female in America you don't even know what a "cover charge" is.

This presents a problem however. Wherever there are hot women, horny and thirsty men

are sure to follow. And their constant advances will inevitably scare away women. Therefore, how do you get women to show up AND stay AND return next week?

Make the nightclub environment incredibly hostile towards men and incredibly tailored towards women.

You ever wonder why nightclub music is not only shitty, but incredibly loud? It's so the girl can get you to buy her a drink, but not have to talk to you.

You notice how the music is the most monotonous remixed pop top 40's crap that has not an ounce of talent in it? It's because girls like it and men don't.

And you notice how you have to stand in line, while a cute girl with a short skit gets to jump in line? It's not only because they need her as "seed capital" to "get the party started." They need to wear you out so you don't have the energy to approach (and thus harass) women in the club.

It is this "love hate" relationship nightclubs have with men (and their money) that they must delicately balance where you are encouraged to part with your money, but deterred from actually having any sexual success with women. And if they do it right, you'll have spent at least $50 of your money with them and have no girl to show for it.

Now, for the past 40 years this business model has worked. And using back of napkin statistics men have transferred roughly a trillion dollars worth of wealth to women in the form of drinks, food, cover charges (and flowers if you were stupid enough to fall for that gag where the guy is hocking roses in a bucket). But there has been an incredible game changer as of recent. One that completely obsoletes this model and has completely rewritten the rules for many other industries as well.

The internet.

"Fun" as it is to go clubbing, because of the challenging environment it presents to men, it gets tiring. And even the most ardent of club-going men will burn out and seek for alternative ways to pick up women. So after spending 5 years in the nightclub scene, forking over $50 a night, to maybe, just MAYBE get laid 3 times, the majority of men will inevitably do a cost benefit analysis and leave. However, whereas in the past "leaving" meant giving up and basically staying home (or trying to "meet girls at church" or work, etc.), now men can get what they want (sex) by going online. And the reasons are just too compelling.

First you waste nowhere NEAR the amount of time you do going clubbing. There's no commute. There's no finding parking. There's no waiting in line. And there's no competing against 3 other guys for the same girl.

You fire up your laptop, set up a profile, and start firing off messages.

Naturally, the vast majority of your advances will be rejected and is the primary reason many men say online dating isn't worth it (for example a recently divorced friend of mine complained he had to spend a full hour a night online to get a date for that weekend). But a mere hour a night is NOTHING compared to what 20 something men pre-internet invested daily in their pursuit of women.

Second, the financial costs. Online dating is effectively free. Either by going through Plenty of Fish, Tinder, or meetup groups where you indirectly try to find women, there is really no significant added marginal cost to start online dating. Contrast that with 40 nights a year of clubbing for 5 years at $50 a pop, and you save yourself $10,000 in explicit financial costs merely going online.

And finally, the sanity you save. In going online you avoid the nearly impossible environment that nightclubs have become:

Women who have their "bitch shields" up as they gussied themselves up earlier that evening with their friends in sort of a "pre-game pep talk," making them froth at the chance to shoot men down (and consequently cry themselves to sleep later that night because "they can't find a man.")

The 100%-USDA-Certified-Full-Backing-and-Faith-of-the-US-Government GUARAN-FREAKING-TEE that there ***will be*** a fatty cockblocker there to pull ANY girl you're having success with away.

The "herd" you must masterfully penetrate or wait until a weak one separates herself from the herd, only to have the mother hen fatty cockblocker come in and "save her from you."

All while under the constant and never ending assault and barrage of the monotonous bass-beating of hiphop, rap, regatone, or whatever the latest "girl power" top 40's song that came out that week.

No, you just pour yourself a nice scotch, throw on Jazz24.org, and click away.

Certainly, there are economic reasons for the decline in night clubs. And certainly there are sociological/demographical reasons for the decline in nightclubs. But although the data is not perfect (there is a report I found for $1,500, but I'm not going to buy it), the real threat nightclubs face is that they no longer hold a monopoly on (effectively) the only legal means by which men ultimately pay for sex/dating. And in the face of competition from the internet their current business model is too punishing financially, mentally, and time-wise for any young man with the slightest bit of self respect and common sense.

Perhaps, with luck, there will be no need to patrol those parking ramps in the future.

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Housing Getting Kinda Bubbly Again

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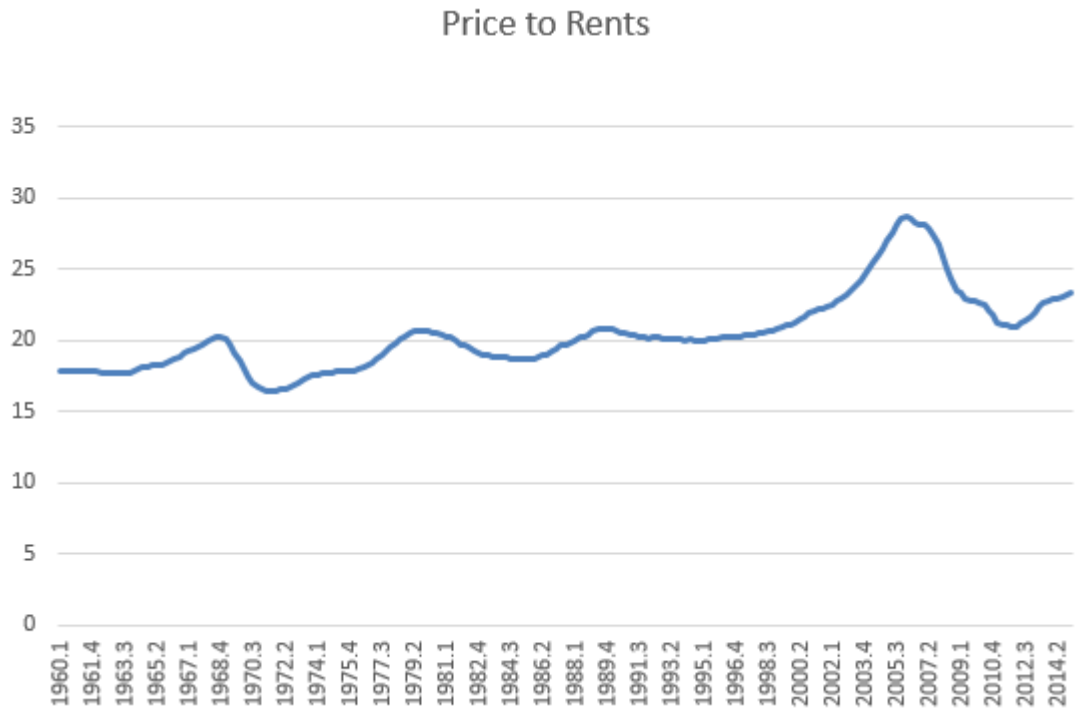
Figured it was time to take a look at the "Price to Rents Ratio" of the US housing market. For those unfamiliar with this ratio it is basically a "PE" ratio, but for property. It takes the price of a house and divides it by rent (either monthly, annual, etc., as long as you're consistent, you'll get the same shape graph).

Though nowhere near the peak of the bubble, it seems chronically low interest rates has driven money into the market even though rents may not warrant it. Back in 1960 the ratio was 17, now it's 23. Roughly a 25% overvaluation.



Nothing to panic about yet, but more proof it is federal reserve funny money is indeed causing inflation. We're just happy with this because "housing going up is good" even though people have to buy into this market.

Enjoy the decline!

Source:

Why the Federal Reserve Ain't No "Jesus Christ"

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If there is a skill I have, it is taking incredibly complex and complicated things in the financial world and explaining it to normal, everyday people who had too healthy of social lives to major in economics. And while today's post is one such article, it is one I had to sit down and think through, because I too had a simple question that I did not have the answer to. Specifically;

How is this all going to end? Can the Federal Reserve just keep "QE-ing" the government out of its debt problems? And what is going to happen to the Fed when all those toxic assets they've been buying up don't pay up? Won't it go bankrupt too? And if it does, what will happen?

Thankfully, despite the complicated nature of central banking, it's something we can all understand.

First we must look at the Fed for what it is. A separate entity that is technically NOT part of the government, NOR is it a private corporation owned by the "Rothchilds" and Illuminati. It is best described as an NGO that is chartered by congress to be the country's central bank.

Second, we must look at the role it has most recently played that is OUTSIDE its traditional role of central banking. Namely, playing the role of "Jesus Christ."

You may laugh, but regular listeners to my podcast know I jokingly sing the tune "Christ the Lamb of God (who taketh away the sins of the world)" but substitute my own lyrics in it to fit it to the Federal Reseve:

"*Oooohhh Janet the Yellen of the Fed*
Who taketh away the sins of the banking community
Baaailll out these banksters.
Ooooohhh Janet the Yelley of the Fed
Who bails out the scum who bought McMansions
Prinnnnnt off more money"

Blasphemous as that may be, it's 100% true. The Federal Reserve has served as "Jesus Christ" like entity to wash away all the financial problems that were (and continue to be) created by various entities within our economy. Specifically, all the horrible loans made during the financial crisis AND the federal government's insane deficit spending. And you can see this, quite literally, on the balance sheet of the Federal Reserve:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION
As of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013
(in millions)

ASSETS	2014
Gold certificates	$ 11,037
Special drawing rights certificates	5,200
Coin	1,873
Loans:	
Depository institutions	145
Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (measured at fair value)	-
System Open Market Account:	
Treasury securities, net (of which $11,144 and $17,159 is lent as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	2,596,241
Government-sponsored enterprise debt securities, net (of which $655 and $1,099 is lent as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	39,990
Federal agency and government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities, net	1,789,083
Foreign currency denominated investments, net	20,900
Central bank liquidity swaps	1,528
Accrued interest receivable	25,644
Other assets	29
Investments held by consolidated variable interest entities (of which $1,808 and $1,774 is measured at fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	1,811
Bank premises and equipment, net	2,630
Items in process of collection	86
Deferred asset - remittances to the Treasury	667
Other assets	910
Total assets	$ 4,497,774

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

As of December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2007
(in millions)

ASSETS	2007
Gold certificates	$ 11,037
Special drawing rights certificates	2,200
Coin	1,379
Items in process of collection	1,804
Loans to depository institutions	48,636
Other loans	-
System Open Market Account:	
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	16,000
U.S. government, federal agency, and government-sponsored enterprise securities, net	745,620
Investments denominated in foreign currencies	22,914
Central bank liquidity swaps	24,000
Consolidated variable interest entities:	
Investments held by consolidated variable interest entities December 31, 2008)	-
Bank premises, equipment, and software, net	2,539
Prepaid interest on Federal Reserve notes due from U.S. Treasury	-
Accrued interest receivable	6,438
Other assets	1,900
Total assets	$ 914,776

I apologize in advance for the small font of the chart above, but I have highlighted the key figures that demonstrate the Fed's "Jesus" activity.

In the RED are US government bonds that nobody else in their right mind would buy. Remember, especially under Obama, the US federal government has ran the country's worst peacetime deficits. Worse, that deficit spending was not on genuine investments that would produce the profits necessary to pay back the principal and interest on those bonds, but (frankly) just vote-buying from the parasitic, non-economic producing classes for the democrats (welfare, worthless education, WIC, etc.). Because of this traditional investors who would lend to the US government (pensions, the Chinese, Arab nations, retirees etc,) had no interest in lending money to this effectively insolvent entity. Therefore, the ONLY entity that would buy US government bonds was the Federal Reserve. And in the 7 years following the financial crisis, the Federal Reserve has purchased (lent) roughly $2 trillion to the US government.

But before you go hating on Obama and the democrats, look at the GREEN. The GREEN didn't even exist in 2007. However, recklessly lending money just so they could make a commission on increasingly unprofitable mortgages, bankers and Wall Street drove the US economy, head first into the worst recession since the Great Depression. And since they were at the effective "cardio vasculatory system" of the economy (the financial system is VERY much as vital to an economy just like your heart), they needed to be bailed out. And so where you see:

"*Federal Agency and Government Sponsor Enterprise Mortgage Backed Securities*"

in English that means

"*Crappy mortgages nobody else in their right mind would buy that were created by the bankster scum of the Earth, who conveniently made a 2-5% commission on those deals,*

but we had to buy these things anyway otherwise the entire financial system would collapse."

We could go on, but if you look at the BLUE square you see that the nature of the Federal Reserve has fundamentally changed. It has gone from that of a central bank in 2007 to an effective "bailout machine" in 2014. We bail out incompetent bankers, we bail out irresponsible borrowers, we bail out socialist politicians, and we bail out the parasitic classes that need government subsidies who vote for them (*and if you'll permit this economist a minor prediction - you can bet you'll see* "*student loans*" *on the Federal Reserve's balance sheet within our lifetimes*).

Third, how does the Federal Reserve afford all this?

Very simple, the Federal Reserve controls the US money supply and thus merely "prints off more money."

Of course, it doesn't literally print it off as they did in the Weimar Republic. That would be too obvious, brash, and Zimbabwean. They use the flashy euphemistic technique called "Quantitative Easing" wherein they merely digitally add more money to financial institutions' deposit accounts in exchange for their worthless mortgage backed securities nobody else wants. But whether the money is digital recordings on bank accounts or actual pieces of paper in circulation, the effect is the same. A booming money supply, going from $1.4 trillion before the crisis to $3.1 trillion today.

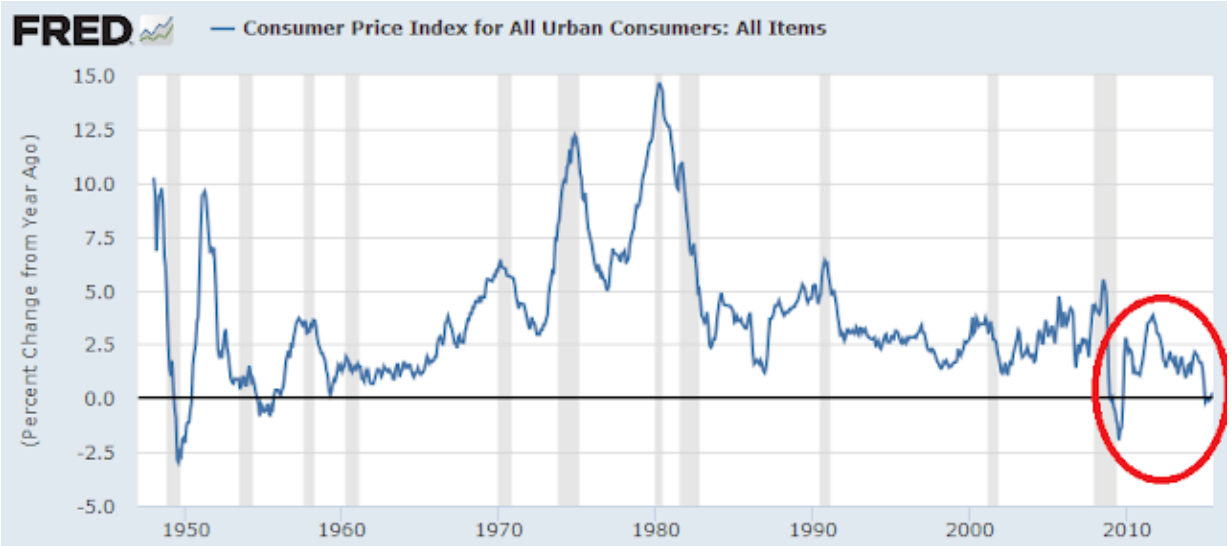
Now here is the point where normal people, and even economists get a twinge in the back of their head saying, "Hey, something's not right here." Because whereas "Jesus Christ" presumably washed away everybody's sins, that's a religion. Not the real world. And just like physics has the conservation of mass law, economics also adheres to similar such mathematical laws. In other words, we know there's no such thing as a free lunch. A price has to be paid and somebody has to pay it, which leads us to our fourth point.

Logic would suggest that it would be the Federal Reserve that pays the ultimate price. It is a separate legal entity, and since it's been buying up all these worthless assets, like any other business it should go bankrupt. Additionally, nobody really owns the Federal Reserve. They actually DO have shareholders (who own an effective "preferred shares" in the entity which only entitle them to a 6% dividend while the remainder of Fed profits go to the Treasury), but based on the latest balance sheet of the Federal Reserve, they only have $57 billion in illiquid shares. Hardly enough to cause a financial crisis in the US should the Fed "go bankrupt."

However, here is where the "Jesusy Magic" occurs. Since the Federal Reserve is not the government, nor is it the financial industry, it effectively becomes a "sink hole" of sorts that wipes away all of our debts. All the federal government has to do is refuse to honor the bonds the Federal Reserve holds and all of the country's financial problems go away. Matter of fact, we don't even need taxation. We could theoretically just have the Federal Reserve lend money to the government ad infinitum and go bankrupt every year. But for those of us on the righter side of the political spectrum, we know this can't be true. There HAS TO be a price to this, and there is.

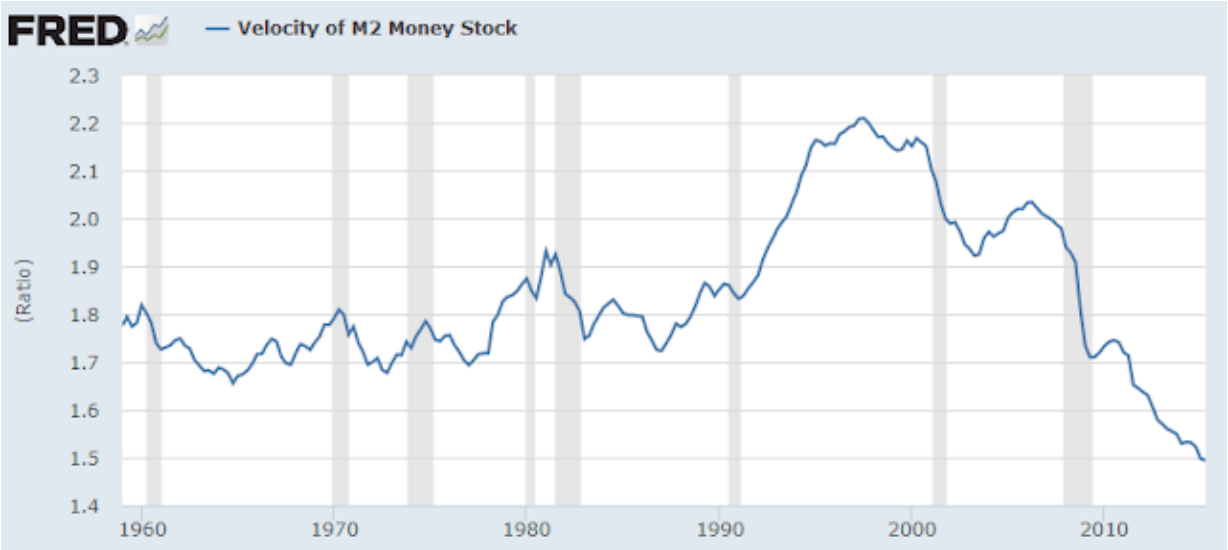
Inflation.

Since the Federal Reserve's currency is ACTUAL CURRENCY it spreads or "socializes" the costs or "sins" of society by debasing our US dollars. Now, at this point in time, if you listen very quietly, you will hear Paul Krugman and a bunch of other Keynesian economists nearly going into cardiac arrest as they trip over themselves to rush and point out there is no inflation (don't hurt yourself Paul, I'll do it for you here):



And they'd be right. According to the CPI there has been effectively no inflation. But there are two problems.

One, I'm outright accusing them of telling a half-truth, because (if they're economists) they know this low level of inflation, IN SPITE OF A NEAR TRIPLING OF THE MONEY SUPPLY, is due to a TANKING of the "velocity of money."



Without boring the reader, the velocity of money is the rate at which a dollar is re-spent. So you can theoretically have a low money supply, but if people keep spending (either because of faith in the future or a market bubble) instead of saving, you can trigger inflation still. However, the opposite is happening today, and the reasons are (I claim) the total disheartening and destructive effects socialist policies (primarily under Obama) has had on investors, purchasers, innovators, entrepreneurs, businessmen and other productive members of society. The constant assail and assault against "the rich," "corporations," "success," and the always-available evil and hated "white males" has thrown sand into America's most productive economic engines, tanking faith and hope in the future, and thus the velocity of money. And though this has slowed economic growth considerably, this grants the Federal Reserve's "Jesus Strategy" a reprieve in that their money printing has not caused inflation.

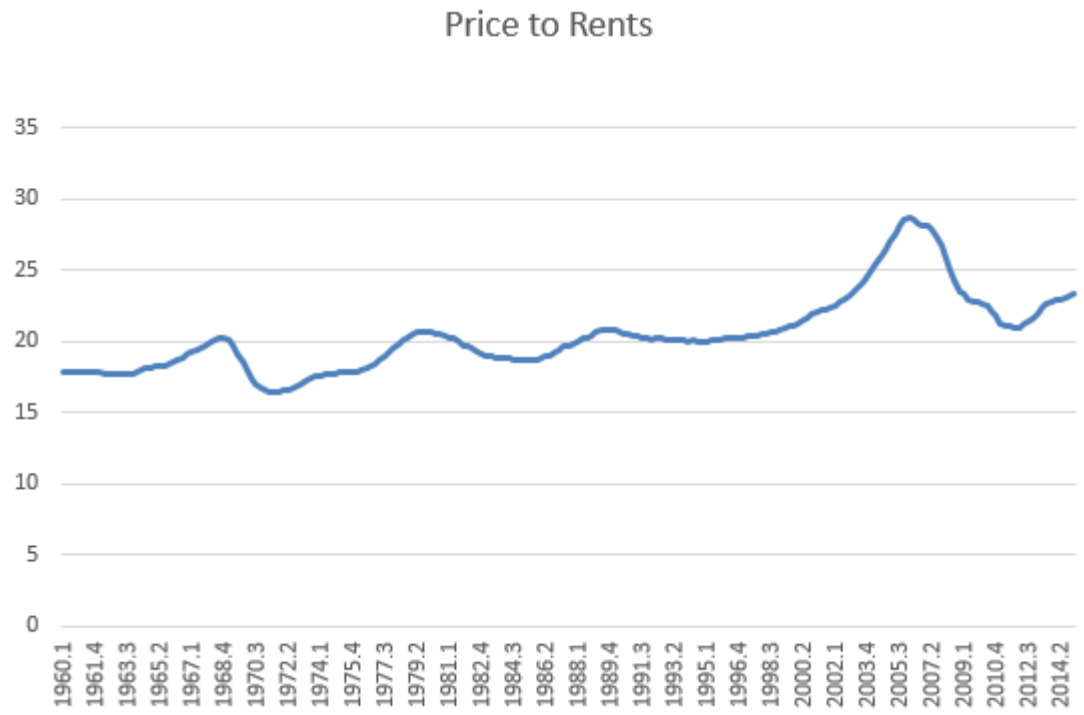
The second problem in claiming there's no inflation is that it's simply false. While the CPI

does measure what somebody is going to face in terms of prices at the gas pump or the grocery store, gas and groceries are NOT the largest items on people's personal budgets.

Housing
Investments
and
Education are

And if you look at these items, they have skyrocketed.

Housing, though nowhere near it's bubbly peak in 2006, is starting to re-inflate again driving both housing prices and rents up. Using the Price-to-Rents ratio, we can see that Federal Reserve money starting to take its toll on the American public, being more costly than any point in recorded time BAR the housing bubble of 2006:



Investments the same. If you would like to retire, tough. Stock prices are LAUGHABLY overvalued. Largely in part due to the trillions in Baby Boomer retirement money that has mindlessly flooded the market since 1978 through their 401k's and IRA's, but more recently through (once again) Federal Reserve money.

Once banks unload their worthless toxic assets on the Fed for an overinflated price, they have to do something with that money. But since the corporate sector is demoralized by the socialist trend of the US, there's no economic growth and thus no demand by businesses to borrow it. This is why the majority of that money does NOT go into new investments, plant, and companies (which would create jobs by the way), but instead merely goes into the stock market either for repurchasing their own shares or taking a position in stocks and bonds to "hedge against inflation." This has resulted in over a trillion dollars (in this year ALONE) of buy backs. But it has also made stocks simply unaffordable to anybody who wishes to retire. This is more than amply displayed in the S&P 500's PE ratio and dividend yield, which suggests stocks are historically overvalued by about 33%.

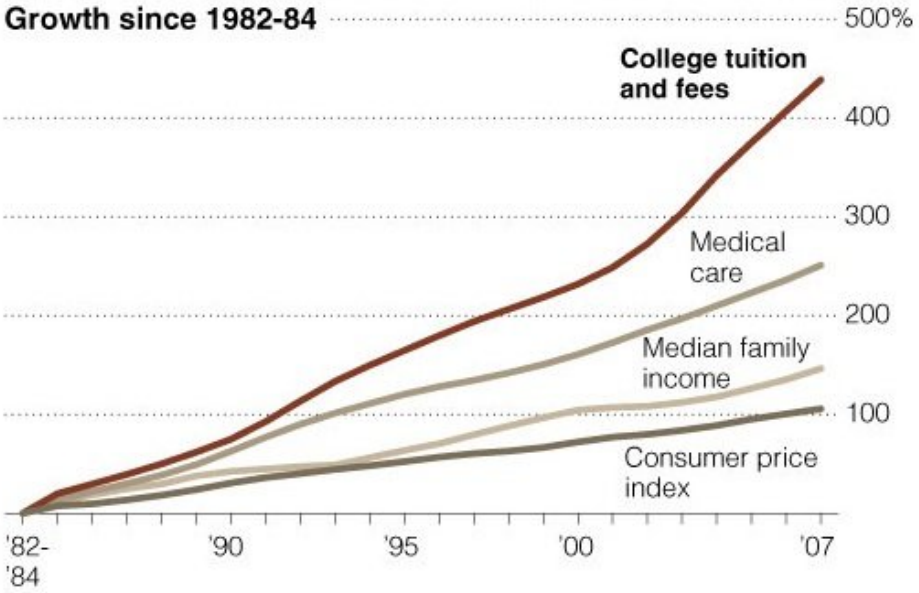
Ironically, however, people are happy when the stock market goes up. Which would be akin to being happy that the price of gas "jump to $6 a gallon." Regardless, this is proof positive the Federal Reserve funny money is NOT sitting stagnant in some bank's digital account, but is seeping into sectors of the economy, causing real and serious inflation, and lowering our purchasing power.

And finally, student tuition.

It is no coincidence inflation is appearing where there is federal government money and intervention. Housing is backed up by Sallie Mae and Freddie Mac. The stock market is being inflated by Federal Reserve policy and US government retirement policy. And now with Pell grants, Stafford loans, etc., government money is (and has been) flooding into the higher education system. This flood of money, without an increase in either the volume or QUALITY of education, has resulted in skyrocketing tuition costs:

Soaring College Tuitions

College tuition continues to outpace median family income and the cost of medical care, food and housing.



Of course, student tuition, though the single largest expense of nearly every person under 30, is not considered in the CPI. But again, that doesn't mean those student debts and $300 textbooks aren't real. In REALITY students are also paying the tax of inflation to finance the Federal Reserve's "Jesus Bail Out Strategy."

As you no doubt likely surmised, you knew there was a price to pay for all this central banking hanky panky. The only problem is you couldn't put your finger on it because of the complexities and complications of central banking, the US' Federal Reserve system, and the machinations of "Quantitative Easing." But when you strip it all away, it sadly is very simple. It's just printing off more money.

I don't care how many doctorates in economics they have working for the Fed. I don't care how many of them came from the Ivy League. And I don't care how many Clark or Nobel prize ~~participation trophies~~ medals are awarded. The majority of economists are not economists as much as they are overly-degreed-laden charlatans who make things "more complicated than they are" to hide what is their simplistic, childish, and highly flawed understanding of economics.

To quote Holly Gennero, "You're nothing but a common thief" and you "economists" at the Fed, and the majority of the economics profession should be ashamed of yourselves.

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Cappy Gets "Strike #1" on His YouTube Channel...Again

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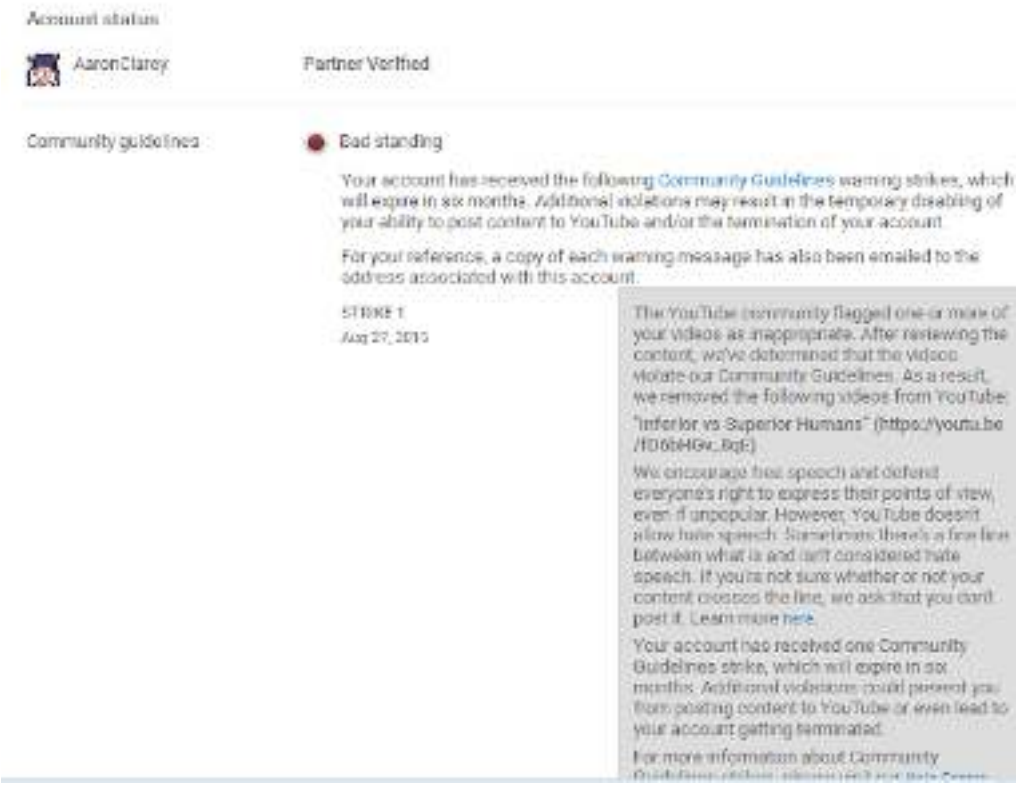
You can't make it up, but again, this is why I have a back up account at Daily Motion.

I have received my SECOND strike from YouTube about a video it found violated its speech codes. Just two minor problems.

It's technically a FIRST strike because they rescinded my original first strike on "Inferior vs. Superior People."

AND (here's the good stuff)

This second strike is on THE EXACT SAME VIDEO THE FIRST STRIKE WAS ON - "Inferior vs. Superior People."



I've appealed the strike...again...but just a reminder that if YouTube proves too difficult to use as a platform I will be going over to Daily Motion. And certainly feel free to file complaints with YouTube. The video they're referring to is quite the OPPOSITE of what they think it is.

The "Pay to Intern" Racket Continues

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From our Australian Agent in the Field;

4:01 PM (3 hours ago)

to me

Dear

Thanks for your email. The internship search and match program works as follows:

1. We have an initial discussion: Internship requirements analysis to identify your internship industry preferences, location and eligibility for the program.
2. If you decided to move forward with the internship program then you would pay an enrolment fee of $110.
3. We set up an interview for you with the host organisation.
4. If you are successful in the interview then you would pay a placement fee of $880 and you commence an unpaid internship (duration is flexible and can be customised according to your course requirements).
5. If not successful in the interview then we look for another host organisation until a placement is achieved.

If you are interested in this program please let me know in order to have an initial chat.

Kind Regards,

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Is Bond Having Less Sex?

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I was having a late night dinner with my buddy Richard and the GF. We were discussing Bond films and the upcoming release "Spectre." This then naturally delved into observations of the various Bonds over time, but when I said,

"*I hope he gets laid this time!*"

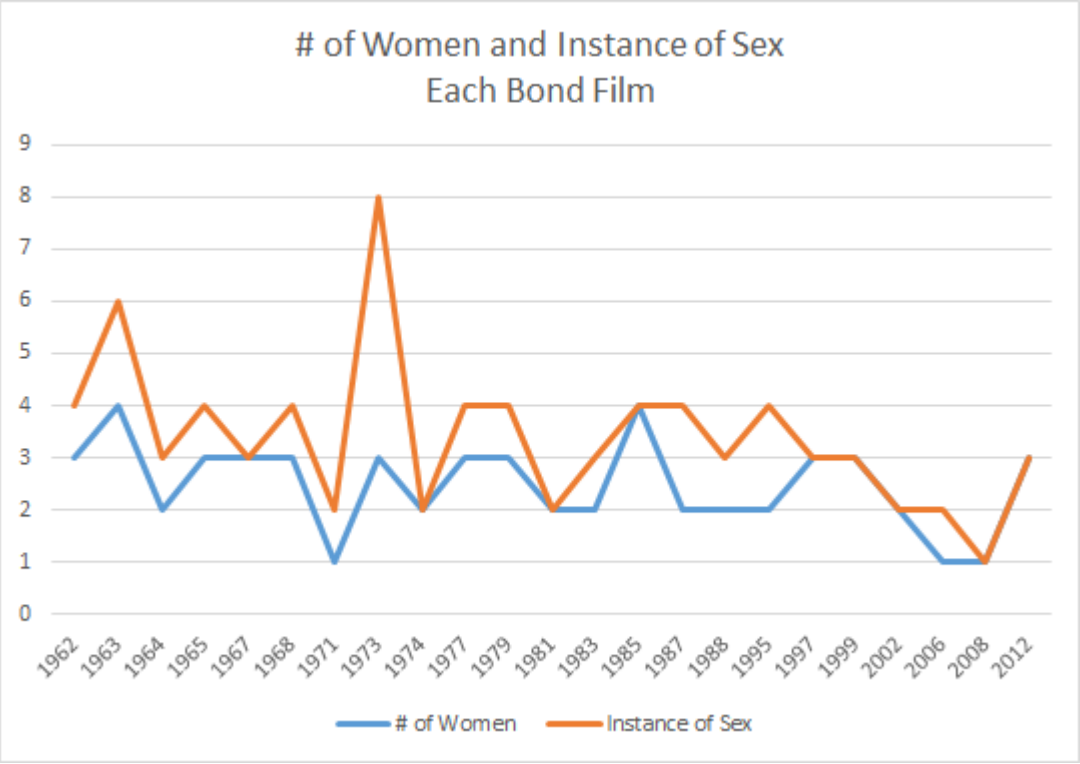
Richard and the GF looked at me quizzically...

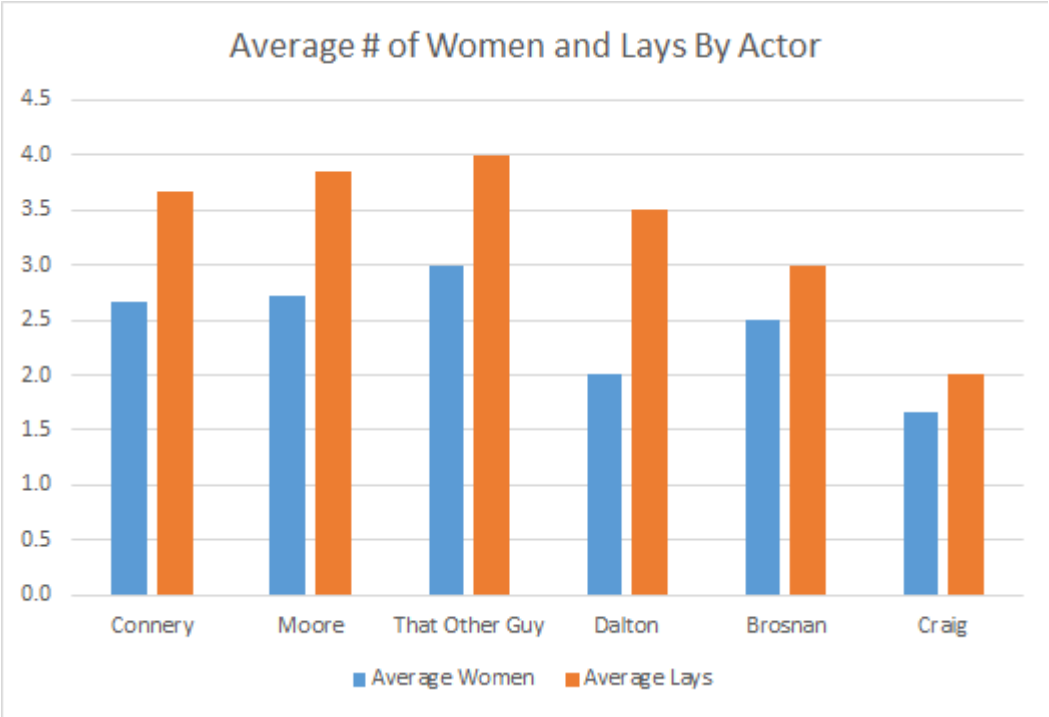
and then thought about it...

and then said, "*Ooooohhh yeeeaaaah! You are right!*"

Which I was. For if you think about it Daniel Craig is the least-laid James Bond out there. The movies do blur together (especially the last three), but I was under the distinct impression he didn't get laid in the first two (Casino Royale and Quantum of Solace) and only got laid in the last James Bond (Skyfall).

However, vague recollections amongst a handful of movies that blur together does not empirical data make. And so, ever so the vigilant economist, poor ole Cappy took it upon himself to study not only how many women each Bond slept with in each movie, but how many lays there were in total and averages for all the Bonds.





And shucks howdy, look at that, the ole Captain was right. Daniel Craig is the least laid Bond both in terms of number of women frequency in sex. He averages only 1.7 women per movie and only 2 lays per movie (he'd only have ***1 and 1.5*** respectively if it weren't for Skyfall making him practically a virgin).

However, some other statistics of note.

Roger Moore (unsurprisingly) holds the record for most amount of lays (8) and ties with Sean Connery for most number of women (4).

George Lazenby (named "That Other Guy" because I couldn't remember his name) is the all-time stud of the James Bond actors, luckily starring in the one film that would give him the highest average in both categories.

And if Daniel Craig is even going to finish with an average score, the screenwriters better serve him up a record-breaking 5 women and 9 lays in the next two movies.

Keep a notch count for the guy when Spectre comes out this fall.

This post brought to you by Bachelor Pad Economics. It's what Bond would use for a financial advice bible.

Ashley Madison and Fractional Reserve Dating

August 28, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Just too true to pass up:

Only Connected Communists Will Avoid Toiling in the Fields

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I'm going to leave this right here for all you idiot socialist, democrat, and communist college students and professors who think you're going to be given a cushy government job, when in reality those jobs only go to the connected cronies.

Episode #108 of the Clarey Podcast

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Matt Baldoni the Master of Guitars
Captain Lloyd the Master of Guns
Some gun talk
Chris Cantwell is no capitalist
Mozilla continues its nazism

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

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Cappy revisits Italy
Going to Seattle
Women who clog the toilet
Men don't care about race
Corporate American cocksuckers

and MORE in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Accounting for Inflation as a Tax

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I will say it again for the cheap seats, it doesn't matter how much money a country has. It's how much stuff it can produce. This is the beginning lesson I would always start my economics class with because not only does it simplify economics incredibly well, but it's true. It is the stuff your country produces that determines its economic success, not the amount of money it prints.

However, an interesting, but simple thought crossed my mind. Why haven't we ever incorporated inflation into the federal tax rate? The money IS controlled by the government/fed and since stuff is the only thing that matters then inflation SHOULD DEFINITELY be considered when attempting to calculate one's level of taxation.

Of course we need to define things (so leftists can disagree with semantics instead of grow a spine and deal with the argument) but I think you'll find the results interesting and of course enraging.

First the TRUEST measure of the overall tax rate of a country is taking TOTAL government spending at ALL levels of government (state, federal and local) and then dividing it by the country's total economic production, GDP. Now leftists will argument it should be REVENUE as a percent of GDP because people don't pay the full effective rate at which governments spend. We borrow money from other people and in running these deficits we provide an effective lower rate of taxation.

Which is true....for now.

Because in the end that debt has to be paid back with either:

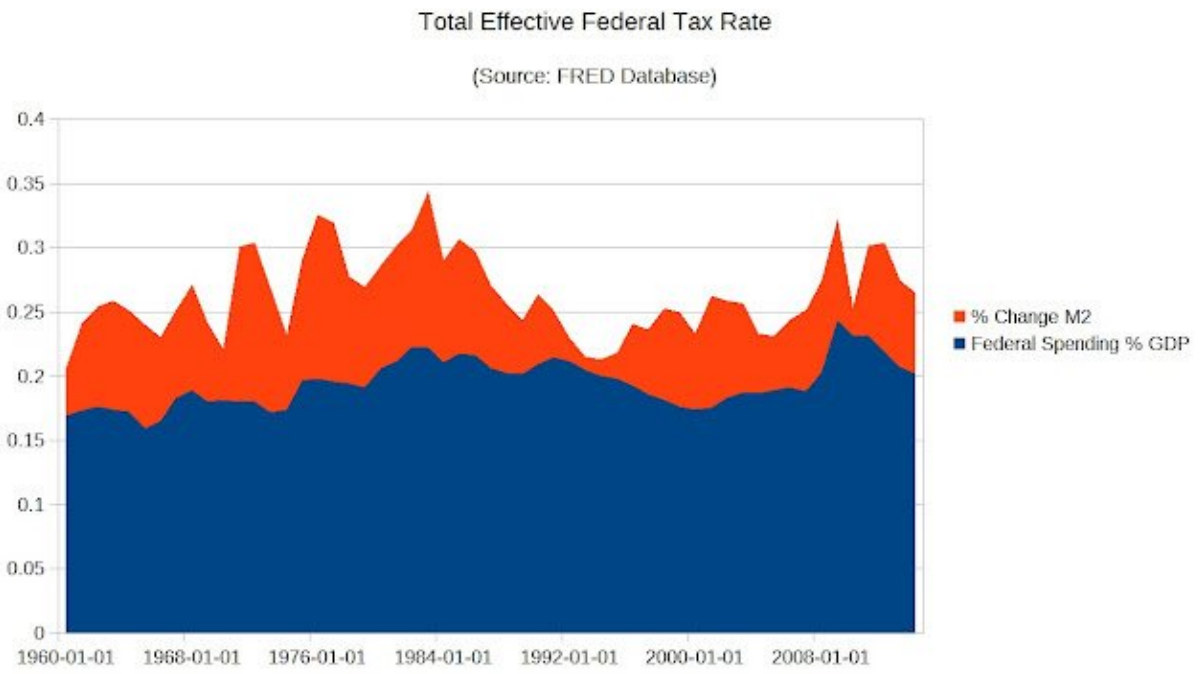
1. Future taxation or
2. Printing off money/inflated away (which again is nothing more than indirect taxation)

So true and intellectually honest economists look at what has to be paid, now and into the future, to see what the real rate of taxation is.

Second, there is not a lot of data about total government spending (including both federal, state and local) that goes back significantly to provide a decent historical look. Ergo, I used only federal data which goes back to 1960. Still, if you want to be ever so rough about it, tack on another 15% GDP for state and local (47% for California and New York) and you'll get a rough proxy of total tax rates when we include the diluting effects of inflation on our currency.

Finally, what is "inflation?" If you're a Keynesian you (once again) stumble over yourself to cite the CPI. But if you're a technical person you would look at the money supply as any increase in the numbers of dollars, by definition dilutes those already in currency lessening their purchasing power (arguments about what is sitting in banks vaults as capital and not currently in circulation in the larger economy duly noted).

Regardless, when you do the math looking at the annual increase in the M2 money supply (orange) and add it on top of the federal tax rate as a percentage of GDP (blue) the results are quite interesting.



When "inflation is considered you can see it is at times a VERY significant tax, sometimes being even more costly that state/local taxes. The oil embargo/inflation days of the 70's and early 80's are very noticeable as well as the jump in the money supply during the financial crisis. And when you tack on the roughly 15% state and local tax, you're looking at a total government take of about 42%-45%.

Thankfully, the inflation tax (like debt) is a deferred tax that future generations will get to deal with. The US is once again VERY lucky to be the world's reserve currency and we're also very lucky that pretty much any other significantly sized economy is in worse shape that we are. This makes the US dollar a "safe haven" for people who are not so much worried about the value of a dollar, but just want a currency perceived to be more stable than their own. This effectively "ships" US dollars overseas where they can no longer cause inflation in our domestic economy and why is your Apple product still costs as cheap as it does.

But don't worry, either through future taxation or inflation, the aforementioned rates above WILL be paid, and quadruply so by future generations who were nearly completely innocent.

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Whilst Cappy's Away, Uncie Bern and Davis Will Play

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To cover the Cap until the point in time I return consider visiting our good friends Davis Aurini and Uncie Bern. Bern has his latest podcast out (AND HE INSTALLED A STAT COUNTER!) Send him lots of traffic so you can show the love.

And Davis, believe it or not, actually got a REAL podcast, not a YouTube channel you're all supposed to rip the audio off of.

Fed Interest Rates Have No Effect on the Economy

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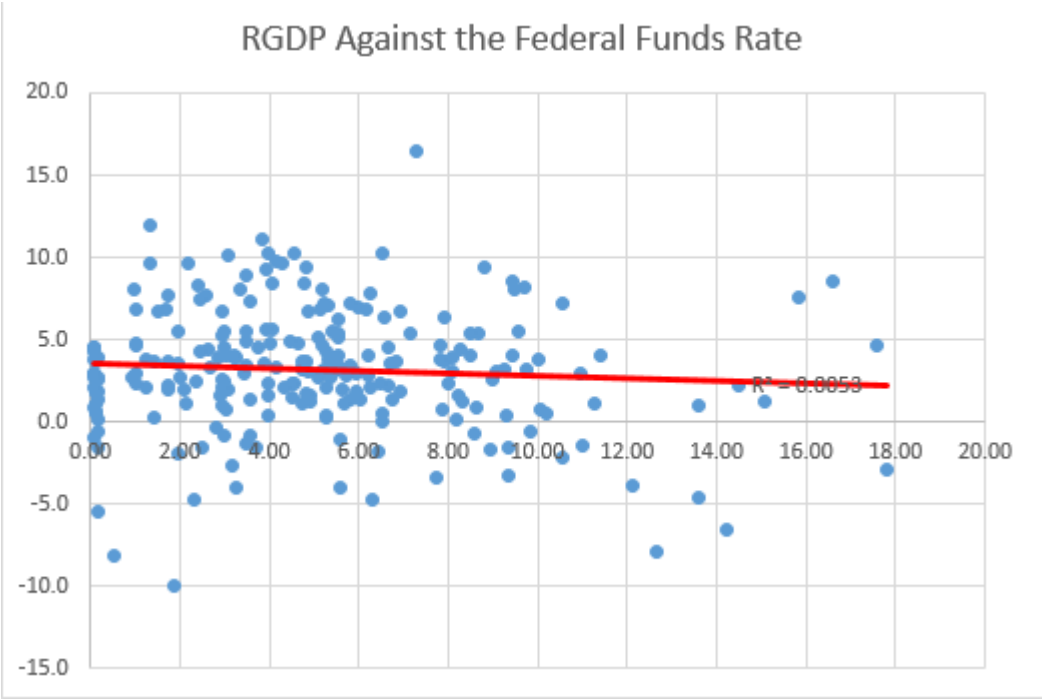
Since the day you were born and your parents put an economics textbook in your hand, it was just "known" that lowering interest rates helps boost the economy. Specifically, "the interest rate" the Federal Reserve controls (also called the Federal Funds Rate) was our monetary policy savior in case the economy looked like it was going to go into recession. Ergo, in combination with expansionary fiscal policy, "lowering the interest rate" would help put people back to work and defeat the hated "business cycle" forever.

Or maybe not.

For before I hop in my car and head out to Seattle, I decided to do a little research in aiming to make some pre-made very Cappy economic posts. And one thing I wanted to see was if the federal funds rate had ANY correlation or effect on economic growth.

It does not:



This concludes your pre-made Very Cappy post of the day.

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The Christian Hour with Chris Bechtloff

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Chris is getting serious about putting together weekly (Saturday night) podcasts that last on average about 3 hours. This is a "short one" but he has guests on as well as his insights that make for a gut-busting funny broadcast. Consider tuning in.

Episode #106 9-7-15

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Cappy podcasting from the road. This time in Seattle where he interviews his friend he's crashing with (about some rather crass topics) and James Cue of "recovering MGTOW" fame about why he left MGTOW and focused instead of self-improvement.

Greetings from Lake Coeur d' Alene!

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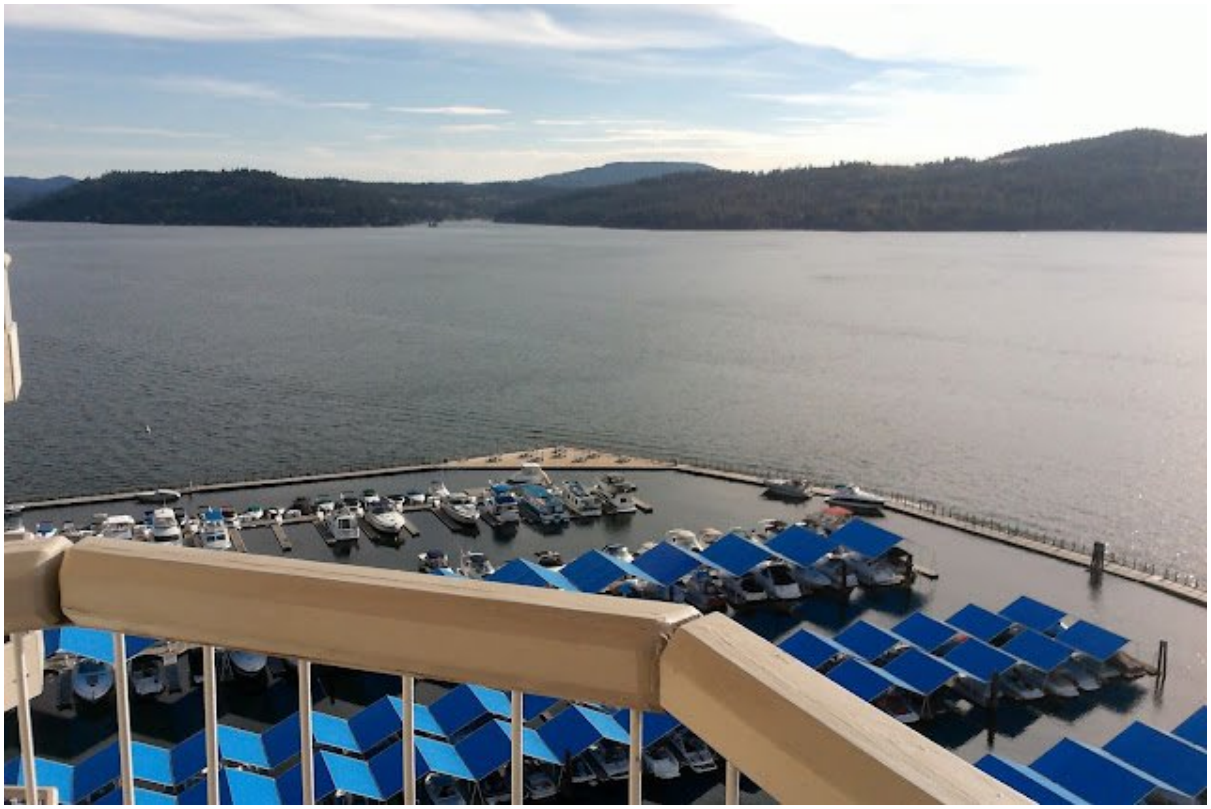
Remember to Enjoy that Decline!



World Reserve Currency and the Collapse of the USD

September 9, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Was a guest on Jason Hartmann's show. Had a very enjoyable chat about all things economic and "world reserve currency."

A Revisitation of Scarcity and Why It's a Good Thing

September 10, 2015 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A classic from a couple years back that reminds us that without scarcity there is no value.

Geek Out with The Bechtloff Whilst Cappy's in Billings

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Making my way back home and posts will go back to a regular schedule. And they're going to stay that way. The traveling will be done for practically the rest of the year. In the meantime may I recommend you tune into The Bechtloff's latest podcast where he talks about murders in Chicago, SJW's, video games, comics and more in his hilarious and engaging demeanor.

From Beartooth Pass

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Discovered after 2 years my phone has a "panoramic" photo function. Served me well on top of Beartooth Pass in Montana.

Psychology is Bullshit

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An excellent take down of pseudo science known as psychology by Mr. Aurini.

Seattle's Lazy..errr... "Poor" Get What They Deserve

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Ahhhhhh warm fuzzies. And on Labor Day no less.

Your College Job This Year

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Alex is hiring.

Thank you all for your support, Academic Composition has grown a lot because of you. This summer, we received plenty of help with regard to both, writing papers and posting ads on CL. With your help, we were able to expand the ranks of our writers and regular marketing contractors. Despite this, we still need to replace one of our main full-time writers who has gone off to law school. Although several applicants already look very promising, we just cannot get enough help for the Fall semester. Quite easily, we could well hire at least five full-time writers and dozens of part-timers by the end of the year. Our average full-time writer earns around $3,000 per month and our CL part-timers easily bring in $200-400 per month with less than 10 hours of work. The most regular marketing associates have the potential to earn over a $1,000 per month in near future within 30 hours of work: that doesn't even amount to a full 8 hour day per week. For all of you who have already contacted us, please keep in touch. Most of our clients will be back in school within a couple of weeks, the high-season is just around the corner and it will soon be opportunities galore. Aleksey Bashtavenko Academic Composition Owner & Principal Writer (540) 300-1253 academiccomposition@gmail.com www.academiccomposition.com www.linkedin.com/pub/aleksey-bashtavenko/25/7b8/323/

Why Davis Aurini is Better Than Your 401k: AKA Micro-Equity Investments

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I faced a problem I never had before in my life.

After investing in

silver, guns, bullets, iodine pills, my house, even body armor,

and

after trying my best to blow the remainder on my version of “hookers and blow” (American west road trips),

for the first time in my life I actually had money left over to

invest in an IRA.

Now many of you know my personal opinions about IRA's, 401k's, RRSP's and other retirement plans. Not only do I fear the risk they will be confiscated like they were in Argentina, Bulgaria, Poland, and more recently Cyprus, but I also plain just refuse to pay the current prices being demanded in today's stock market.

Today I am expected to fork over $23 for $1 in earnings, which in actuality only entitles me to a paltry 2% dividend yield (ie- the only REAL rate of return, not the magic paper “capital gains” everybody fawns over). And forget bonds as they're offering rates of return as paltry as stocks.

So where, precisely, is the Ole Captain supposed to park his money?

Why, Davis Aurini of course!

At first you may be scratching your head, wondering if Davis has started a new corporation you can invest in or if he's selling himself into slavery. But there is a very good reason I invested in Davis Aurini instead of an IRA. And if I go through some of the numbers you will most likely be guaranteed to agree with me.

First, I didn't invest in “Davis Aurini.” I hired him to do a project for me. Specifically, I paid him $1,000 to record the audio book version of “Bachelor Pad Economics” because not only does he have the voice for it, he is a pro and I know he will get the job done. So

it's not like I bought his servitude for the next couple of months and get a percentage of his future earnings.

Second, that investment will likely give me a rate of return that will beat out all the investment pros in Wall Street, Peter Schiff, Warren Buffett, and anybody else who has an impressive track record. If my audio book sales of Worthless is any indication, I can expect to clear $120 a month in audio book sales of "Bachelor Pad Economics." 50% of which I pay out to Aurini for his work. This nets me $720 per year and thus a ***72% annual rate of return***. Again, beating out the majority of Wall Street professionals by far.

And, third, this is nearly 100% under my control. Unlike stocks, bonds, REIT's or other securities, I'm not throwing my money into some large multi-billion dollar corporation with 100,000 employees and millions of moving parts, effectively casting my fate to the wind.

I pay Davis.
Davis records the book.
We upload the files.
I market the book.
Collect underpants.
Profit!!!

In short, I am getting an infinitely higher rate of return for a microscopic fraction of the risk and it's all thanks to our Canuckian friend, Davis Aurini.

Now, naturally, while a 72% rate of return is phenomenal, on a meagerly principal investment of only $1,000 it's not going to bring about early retirement. Additionally, I am well aware that I am in a unique position able to hock my wares leveraging Davis and the internet to realize this 72% rate of return. But eccentric as my investment strategy is, there are lessons for your everyday Joe when it comes to investing. Lessons you may want to heed.

First, the market is so overvalued for anybody looking into government sponsored retirement plans it's just not worth it. For the past four decades trillions of dollars in retirement money has been flooding the stock market driving up prices WELL above what the earnings and dividends warrant. You throw in the added 2-4 trillion dollars recently in QE money and ZIRP-financed corporate buybacks, and the stock markets no longer reflect an investment opportunity, but irrelevant numbers that speak more to inflation, government policy, and central banking policy than earnings, profits, dividends, and future growth.

Second, this then forces the SAVVY investor (ie-one who looks at rates of return and not just "super happy funny magic capital gains on paper") to look at alternative

investments. Ones that provide higher rates of return and compel you to part with your money. But since the public markets are horrendously overvalued, it is the private markets we must look at.

Peer to peer lending.
Lending money to friends.
Investing in a small business.
Taking a crack at entrepreneurship yourself.
Crowd funding.
Hiring out the Davis Aurini's of the world.
And other forms of “micro-equity investing.”

This isn't to say these investments are not without risk, or that you wouldn't risk straining and alienating friendships violating Shakespeare's “neither a lender nor a borrower be.” But the public markets are so overvalued that the only real investments that are worth a damn are these private, micro-equity, entrepreneurial type investments.

Third, these returns are typically so much higher than the rates of return you realize in public investments that they more than pay for the tax benefits you passed up on in 401k's, IRA's, etc.

You didn't get to write off your IRA contribution at the tax rate of 20%?
Good thing that small, private investment pays 30%.

That Roth IRA would have grown tax free at a whopping annual rate of 8%?
Good thing your private investment grows at 20% more than offsetting any capital gains tax you'd have to pay.

Admittedly, there is no guarantee that your private investments will more than compensate for the opportunity costs of tax benefits that come with government endorsed retirement plans, but the difference between returns can be that wide.

Fourth, as I mentioned before, control.

I can't go to Apple's corporate headquarters and talk to their limp-wristed CEO.
You can't go to Starbucks and chat with their American-hating, leftist CEO.
And neither of us have the connections nor the money to vote in even ONE member of the board of directors to reflect our interests.

However, if I lend money to my friend to purchase a rental property, I can put it in the contract that I have significant say and control over the management of that property.

If you invest in the horse farm down the road (though I'd advise against that), you can

stop in and check in on the employees to ensure they're doing whatever it is that makes horse farms profitable (glue).

And if we pay Davis to record audio books for us, and instead find out he's blown it all on Weasel Whiskey, we can both go down there and bash his knee caps in.

Again, when you “invest” in a modern day, publicly traded corporation, you are merely casting your financial fates to the wind. Micro-investments you can wield considerable control over.

Fifth, the risk of confiscation.

All the government has to do is flip a switch and your 401k, IRA, Roth or not, is now part of Obama's or Trudeau's “Wealth Equalization Happy Bunnies Act.” All those digital records of you having that hard-saved $540,000 in your RRSP is “poof!” gone, or (a la Cyprus) 50% of what it used to be. And the reason why is because it's so easy since it's nothing but digital and electronic records.

But a duplex you've gone halvsies in with your buddy is NOT a digital record the government can just “take.”

Those silver coins are not the “Silver ETF” the government just took 25% of, but physical silver coins that are in your physical possession.

And that book deal Davis and I signed is not sitting on some broker's account where the SIPC can just come in and nationalize 75% of. It's an accord between me and Davis.

Admittedly, these investments are not as liquid as say the easily-confiscatable stocks, bonds and other publicly traded securities, but you never invested in them for their liquidation. You invested in them for their RATES OF RETURN. Which leads us to the final point,

Sixth, you are actually INVESTING.

Understand that buying stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc, in your IRA or 401k is ***NOT investing***. The “investment” happened long ago when those companies issued the original shares or stock or bonds, took the proceeds and then invested that in property, plant, or equipment. After that it is nothing more than secondary “investors” trading very expensive baseball cards in the forms of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. You buying your “Vanguard Index Fund” from somebody else on the NYSE does NOTHING to increase the amount of investment in the country. You merely traded cash for stocks and they, stocks for cash.

In other words, the rate of return is going to remain the same. The company will still be just as profitable and pay the exact same amount of dividends regardless of how many times you exchange your ~~Pokemon cards~~ stocks. The only real difference is if you're paying an ever-increasing amount more for that same string of future dividend payments (which nearly 100% of everybody is).

Contrast that with investing personally in either entrepreneurial ventures, micro-equity investments, peer-to-peer lending, etc., where that transaction ACTUALLY IS INVESTING, not only providing you a rate of return, but creating something of value, not to mention, likely hiring people in the process.

Again, I admit that not everybody is going to have an entrepreneurial idea at their doorstep, waiting to be financed, that provides a 72% rate of return. And I know it would take multiple of these micro-equity investments to compile an adequate portfolio that would support a retirement. And I also am aware that managing all these investments will take time and labor, unlike the convenience of merely setting your monthly auto-pay to mindlessly invest in the S&P 500 Index fund in your 401k. But here's a dirty little secret…

That's what investing has always been.

Financing individuals who had great ideas or were reliable risks you would personally lend to. Not this mindless zombie 401k clergy BS that the sheeple are sucking down whole, flooding the stock market with trillions in IRA monies because "retirement."

So if you want to continue on, worrying about how you're "*only getting 1.3% in your CD's*" or "*Oh nosies! The Fed raised interest rates by .0000005% and the markets crashed!*"

Fine.

But if you want to ***invest***, may I suggest my good friend Davis Aurini?

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How I Accidentally Became Alpha

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I didn't notice it at the time, but it was arguably the first time I stood up for myself and said, "No." I was sick of busting my ass off, doing 10 times what the local frat boy douche was doing, and if he could get laid while daddy paid for him, his booze, his roofies, his rent, his insurance, and his condoms, then the least any girl that had an interest in me could do would be to fuck me. I was by all measures and manners a better man than most on campus, but if any girl dared to insult me by saying,

"*Lets you and me have a relationship where we cuddle, you pay for shit, spend what rare free time you have with me, but I'm not going to reward all your supreme-kick-ass-edness with sex, but merely my presence,*"

sorry sweetheart. Don't care how blue your eyes are. Go fuck yourself.

And it was this transformation that made me the "accidental alpha."

This is a repost from 2013. Been playing catch up and working on some major projects before winter sets in. New posts will be forthcoming next week.

Episode #111 9-15-15

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Cappy and DT from The Black Brigade discuss:

IDing hot chicks in high school before they became hot
"Armchair Alphas"
Cappy's hate for humanity reinforced
1980's "death metal" zombie shirts
What economic production would be without idiots
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Japan Closes Its Liberal Arts Colleges, and We Must Do the Same

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The "Humanities" and "Liberal Arts" offer nothing of value to society that can't be gotten for free at your local library. Worse, they destroy generations of youth by impairing them with socialist indoctrination and hate. There are very few things on this planet more evil, destructive or worthless as liberal arts colleges:

Minimum Wage, Seattle, McDonald's, Robots, and Basic Guaranteed Income

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If anybody starts blathering on about basic guaranteed income or their fears that "robots will take all the jobs" please just show them this:

Genuine Journalism - Why You Should Never Advertise on Facebook

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From one of our Agents in the Field. Some outstanding research and TRUE journalism on just what a fraud it is advertising on Facebook.

This explains why I have over 300 likes for The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty, but effectively no increase in sales.

Boy Ain't That the Truth

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Never seen Hillary Clinton depicted so well in a political cartoon.

Why I No Longer Trust Academic Studies

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Arguably the single largest concern I have about the economics "profession" is that the data we use to analyze and study economies of the past has been corrupted and tainted by political forces. Not only because this means there are nefarious political forces at work, more than happy to stunt the economic growth of a nation for their own gains, but because without REAL and ACCURATE data we will be unable to achieve the ultimate goal of economics - unlimited wealth and riches for everyone.

This has not only given rise to sites such as "Shadow Stats," but has also made me question the data I'm using in my own research.

Can I trust the FRED database?
Do I dare trust the figures posted by the BEA?
Has Obama's latest affirmative action hire corrupted the BLS data?

It makes me question the economics profession as a whole as it becomes increasingly obvious the profession is failing to increase economic growth, not to mention blatantly whoring themselves out to socialist politicians.

The problem, however, is one of a submarine without a sonar. How exactly do you analyze and research economics, society, politics, government, etc., without reliable data? And the truth is you have to go back to logic, reason, and common sense because you have nothing else to go on.

But this brings about a problem on its own. Especially if you are arguing against leftists when it comes to wealth redistribution and freedom. For while you are using reason, logic, and common sense, the left has a virtual monopoly on "academic research," and all the "empirical" data that comes with it. This allows them to simply point to bogus "studies" that "show" your wrong, when the most basic of common sense knows you're right.

To reconcile this I do two things. One, I still do empirical research. What I've found is that there are so many sources of economic data out there that they can't all be manipulated to serve (and consequently hide) a political agenda.

Can they tweak GDP? Sure.
Can they revise the methodology of unemployment? Of course.
Can they fabricate lower inflation figures? Yes.

But then they also measure labor force participation, the DOE measures electrical

consumption, and I can see the stock markets inflating (showing you there IS inflation in this economy) using those as proxy and alternative economic measures to know the "official ones" don't paint the most accurate picture. In other words, if you dig deep enough you can still find the truth.

Two, I simply dismiss any research coming out of academia.

Of course, this seems the coward's and hypocrite's way out, but academia has been so corrupted it's laughable to think THEY provide real, accurate, and truthful data. All one has to do is step back, wipe their eyes clean and look at what academia has become and ask what is more likely.

First, academia is more biased to the left than journalism. It is chock full of society's lazy and ego-addicted adult children. This means they can't just collect a government check, but need some kind of "faux career" where they play "make believe intelligent adult" and thus become professors, diversity counselors, chancellors, and other worthless persons. However, since they avoid any type of real work, they need to constantly validate their existence in order to get a check. And since the private sector insists on getting something of value in return for its money, they CONSISTENTLY vote for state intervention, forcing the tax payers to finance their entirely fraudulent and unnecessary industry.

You may find my description of them a bit harsh, but there is NO doubt they are biased and have a huge incentive to fabricate data to show a mandate for an increased state.

Second, related to the first, have you ever seen an academic study that concludes there should be LESS government involvement? Have you ever seen a study that shows we should LOWER taxes? Again, step back, look, and think. Isn't it ODD their solution to EVERYTHING is "more government money?" The pure lack of (ahem) "diversity" in their recommendations should prove academics and their studies are worthless.

Third, a conflict of interest.

Since many of these "academics" aim to solve the world's social problems, what happens when those social problems are resolved?

The answer - they lose their jobs.

Ergo, just like charities, their real goal is NOT to ever solve the problem, but stretch it out, propagandize it, and demand ever more resources to TREAT it.

This is why global warming is now "climate change."
This is why the bold faced lie of "the wage gap" persists.

Because "environmental science majors" and "women studies professors" dare never to admit they've solved the problem because then they'd have to grow up, become adults, and get jobs in the real world.

And final, the childish insanity that academia and academics have become.

You can't go a week without some veritable psychopath who some how got a professorship advocating the most insane of things. Calling for the death of white males. Claiming everything is rape. Or (typically Berkeley) offering the most retarded of classes ever.

Academia is NOT the valid institution it once was back in the 1950's, but an insane asylum for society's spoiled and psychotic adult children who offer nothing of value or worth to society.

Of course, me calling professors and academians names doesn't make it so. I could be wrong after all, and they could all be 100% on the up and up. 100% honest researchers with the utmost of integrity, and I'm just an angry ideologue who doesn't like the fact their (COUGH COUGH) "empirical" research proves my world view wrong.

Well, enter in this little gem.

Apparently, in an attempt to test the validity of psychological studies, researchers (real ones) were only able to replicate the same result of only ONE THIRD the original studies. And this ~~suggests~~ proves what I've been saying all along, confirming my suspicions.

The social sciences, especially in academia, is bunk.

It's BS.

It's all a lie and not to be trusted.

Perhaps, at some point in time in the past these studies were valid. Perhaps back in those "hated" 40's you could trust your professor. But given the circumstantial evidence of childish insanity at our universities, their outright and total leftist bias, not to mention the study above, today academia and the professors that populate them are

liars
charlatains
thieves
ideologues
and
parasites

on society.

You want society to advance? A really good first step would be to eliminate all taxpayer financing and funding of higher education. But right now let's just settle on not believing one "study" let alone word that is ever uttered out of the mouths of these worthless academians.

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Women CEOs

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I am all for women becoming CEOs through merit. But this is just hilarious where they say women-heades S&P 500 companies "perform great" and immediately follow it up with a chart that proves the opposite.

Manpoints

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIIIINNNNKING fathers!!!!!

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Strategies of patrolling and staying awake
Nobody likes shitty art
Minneapolis taxpayers to PERMENANTLY fund shitty art
DraftKings is the epitome of douche

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Very interesting.

Alex is Hiring at Academic Composition

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Remember, the job isn't not exciting but it pays AND IT CAN BE DONE FROM HOME!

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same day I was paid, almost instantly. Every week was like this, all I had to do was let Aleksey know and boom the money was on my Paypal account, within 1 to 2 hours!!!! If you don't believe I can show you my payment proofs, just email me at petaraki95@gmail.com and I'll send them to you. Overall, this is a very trustworthy organization and with that, I would like to say thanks to Aleksey Bashtavenko because if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have my beer money!!!! ;)" Nenad, Vancouver Aleksey Bashtavenko Academic Composition Owner & Principal Writer (540) 300-1253 academiccomposition@gmail.com www.academiccomposition.com www.linkedin.com/pub/aleksey-bashtavenko/25/7b8/323/

Book Review: Pushing Rubber Downhill

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You can find the book here.

Days of Wine and Roses Are Over

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A good piece by Mumia over at AVFM.

"You Don't Have a Real Job"

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Glendon Cameron had me on his show and the conversation was not only one of the better ones, but just gut bustingly funny and something I think "Clarey Podcast" listeners would very much appreciate. Also a heavy dose of two "older brother" type guys discussing wisdom that would help out younger brothers.

Made It to Day By Day!

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Everything is coming up Milhouse apparently today!

"Sales vs. Profits" - A Tutorial for Dude Brahs and Gold Diggers

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Something's Funny With Silver

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New sponsor everyone, but it's not so much a product, but a show and a site I think those of you interested in investing may like. Future Money Trends.

Ken sent me a sample of one of the shows and though certainly has a guy plugging his services, the discussion about silver was interesting. Don't know if you've tried to buy silver in the past couple of weeks, but it's GONE, OUT! And I don't mean the funny money paper silver, I mean the real thing.

Oddly though, the price keeps going down making for some interesting market economics.

Regardless, download or listen to the show and see if you don't like it.

Replacing Husbands With Government Checks

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Actually, the father COULD be reached for comment, but he was in Chicago.

Regardless, this is what happens when the leftist dream is installed where women trade boring, reliable, employed husbands in for sexcapades with multiple losers and government checks.

If You Think the Millennials are Wimps

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Just wait for THIS generation to circle 18 times around the sun.

Guess I'm in the Plot Line for Day By Day

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Actually made an appearance in Day By Day! Didn't know I'd be part of a plot line!

I Ask, Did the Victims Vote Left?

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Because voting left is doing the right thing and that's all that matters.

There Is No Such Thing as "Market Failure"

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"*Whatever happens, happens.*"
-Spike Spiegel

"Market failure" (depending on which economist you ask on which day) is when the market "fails" to provide the optimal outcome for society. It is NOT at its peak efficiency, NOT delivering the most utility to the people, NOT delivering its maximum goods and services, and therefore is failing the population.

This then gives rise to the call for (wait for it!) "government intervention."

You see, with this magic medicine called "government intervention" we can repair the market, making it efficient once again. So we lower interest rates here, jack up taxes there, perhaps regulate or deregulate an industry (again depending on which economist you ask and what time zone he's in), and POOF! All better.

Historical examples of market failure are:

The Bank Panic of 1907
The Great Depression
The Stagflation Days of the 70's
The Dotcom Bubble and
The Housing Bubble

Those gosh darn stubborn economies of those times just weren't behaving like they were

supposed to damnit! And by gum, the federal government had to go in there and set things right either through inventing a central bank, or implementing the New Deal, price controls, massive expansionary fiscal policy, or good ole fashioned trillion dollar bailouts.

Immediately, leftists, socialists, internventionists, Keynesians, and other varied sorts of parasites are quick to point out the recovery that invariably ensued after these market failures. And if you were to dare ask "well, what if we just left the market alone" they all hold hands and sing in a cappella that old, standby classic tune "It Would Have Been Worse If We Did Nothing."

But while we can debate (impossibly) about whether or not intervention in these various financial crises accelerated recovery and remedied "market failure," I want to pose a different argument that is much less theoretical, much more logical, and simply one of definition. And that is calling into question if there can even be a thing called "market failure."

While true theoretical economists can debate about the technical definition of it, the operational definition of market failure, the one we have witnessed in the real world, has been one not of "a non-optimal use of resources," but rather "the government should prevent bad things."

Great Depression?
FDR will blow billions (by today's standards trillions) on the New Deal.

Inflation?
Nixon will just simply institute "price controls!" See, all better now!

Great recession?
Bush will bail out the banks, while Obama will piss away thrice that amount on poor unproductive people.

But the problem in having the government "just prevent bad things" is that it is antithetical to a free market. The nanosecond the government intervenes the market is no longer a market, but a hybrid, that neither operates nor behaves as it normally would if it were completely void of government interference. Ergo, if the government is constantly intervening, we never get around to finding out if there is such a thing as market failure or that markets can, and will, inevitably heal themselves no matter how severe the "failure."

The real issue, however, is not whether governments should intervene to prevent "bad things from happening." It's an issue of pain avoidance and speed.

Very much like slowly peeling versus rapidly ripping off the bandaid, most humans are

cowards and fear the immense and immediate pain of the rip. Therefore they prefer "government intervention" in the form of taking the time to gently and meticulously peel the bandaid away. However, this only delays the inevitable, amortizing the pain over a much longer time period than had you just ripped the bandaid off. But in either case, the bandaid would have come off and you would have gone out to play as you normally would anyway.

Regardless, the exact same scenario played out with the Great Recession.

We COULD HAVE let markets work their magic. CRUSH the bankster scum that deserved to have their fortunes and careers destroyed. Let the banks fail teaching them a lesson they'd at least remember for a generation. Have the financial system go into disarray, and send the economy into a much deeper and harsher recession than we endured.

But prices would have dropped rapidly.
Assets would have become cheaper.
Labor much cheaper as well.

And soon it would be profitable once again to start ventures, business, companies anew, bringing about a quick end to the economic recession.

Instead (again, the cowards that we Americans have become) wanted to believe the lies and poppycock of an "intelligent affirmative action hire Harvard man" who assured us he would pull the bainaid off slowly, and gently, and if there was going to be any pain it would be those rat bastard rich people. And so, now ***7 years later*** (of still-significant economic pain mind you) we are FINALLY getting back to (what can at best be charitably called) "normal" in terms of unemployment, jobs, economic growth, and income....A place we could have been at 6 years ago had we just bit the bullet.

The point is not one of whether Barack Obama's, FDR's, Bush's, Nixon's, or any other presidents' fiscal policies were correct. The point is that if left alone, the economy would have recovered just fine without government interference. Ergo, "market failure" does not really exist. But our fear of paying the full price for our economic sins, and our naivety to think politicians can some how "wash them away" does. And *that,* my fine young junior, deputy, aspiring, official, or otherwise economists, is the true definition of "market failure."

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Remember kids! If you go to school, get good grades, go to college, heed baby boomers, and follow your heart...

You'll never ever see this in your entire life

EMERGENCY PREDICTION: Peanutizeme.com Accused of Transgenderism

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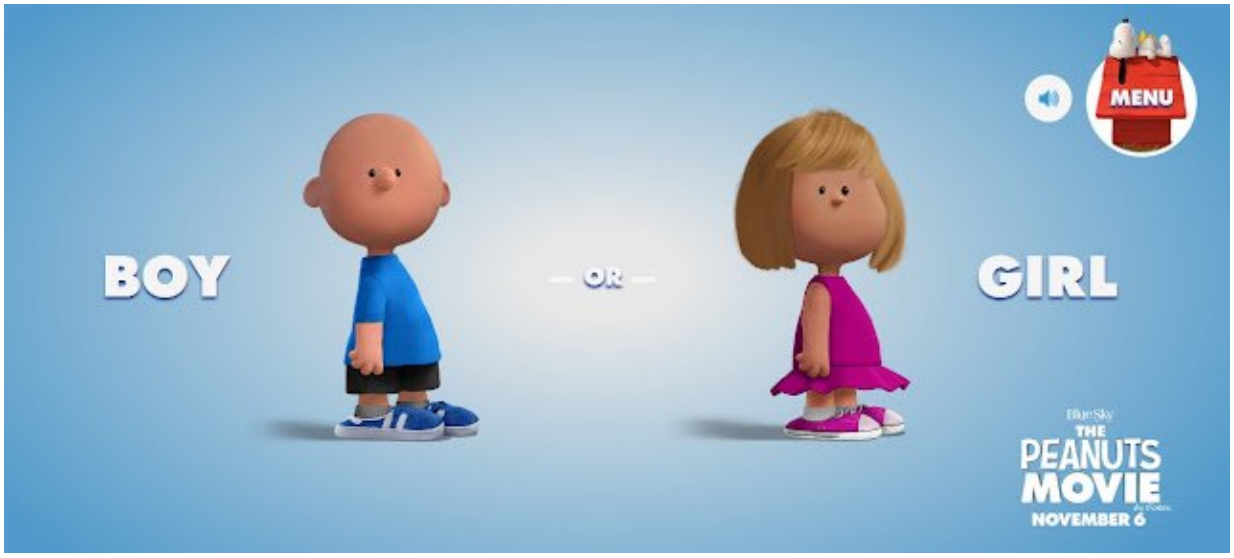
It is a prediction that is too easy to make and one I'm going to do here, because if you can predict people it means you understand them perfectly and know what drives them. And the SJW's, specifically of the transgender variety, are going to go apeshit over the website "Peanutizeme.com"

Why?

Well, psychologically speaking they're worthless people (not transgendered people, I'm talking the SJW's who are going to protest this) and so they offer nothing of worth to society. However, just because they're worthless doesn't mean they want people to know that. Their egos are too big and fragile for that. Ergo, they constantly search for fake injustices to lash out at in a heroic and crusaderist way making it seem they offer something to this world. Of course they're just lazy, spoiled brat children who whine constantly and nobody in the real world likes, but that's what psychologically drives them.

But more specifically, THIS is going to make them see red:



See, for those of us who are normal, we are going to harken back to our childhoods during the 60's, 70's, and 80's and say,

"OH CUTE! I can become a Charlie Brown character!"

But the valueless parasites of our society will purposely look past the fun and innocent intent of this site and attack it because (once again) these people are worthless and need to fabricate faux meaning in their lives.

Anyway, to the best of my knowledge the SJW shitstorm hasn't happened yet.

But it will.

Oh, it will.

Enjoy the decline!

Daughters Don't Need No STIIIINKING Fathers!

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As we all know, father's are completely unnecessary and unneeded. They are obsolete given government checks have arrived.

But I'd love to see a government check pull off this.

Warm Fuzzies

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Ahhhhh.

Robert Stacy McCain, Father of Six

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Schools feminist-communist 19 year old who obviously has no father.

(I love the picture of the feminist vs. McCain's children. Tell me who is living the happier childhood?)

The Great Matt Baldoni Breaks in His New Guitar

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If you didn't know, Matt had a guitar custom made in his honor. Figured some of you (particularly of the female persuasion) would like to see him break it in:

The Big Short

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As you know there is a movie coming out about the housing bubble called The Big Short. However, for the new readers you may not know that it was the housing bubble that led the ole Captain to his writing career and his first book "Behind the Housing Crash."

If you were interested in the goings ons of the finance and banking industry back then I cannot recommend a better book. Not because I wrote it, but because it is that good.

Anyway, if you wanted to throw the ole Captain some coppers consider picking up "Behind the Housing Crash."

Blame Women (Disproportionately) for the Collapse of Western Civilization

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THE GREATEST GIFT

Human history has basically been the struggle for freedom. And it has been a struggle against two things:

1. Natural elements or "limitations" (such as starvation, thirst, disease, famine, cold, heat, predators, etc.)

and

2. Other humans.

The natural elements that limit human freedom have been fought against (and largely won) with advances in technology, agriculture, economics, and science. We've eliminated starvation and thirst through agricultural technology, cured diseases through medicine, and though we have yet to unlock the secrets of immortality, the majority of people today do not spend their time searching for a clean water source or worrying about where their next meal is coming from.

However, whereas "natural limitations" to human freedom can be solved through vaccines, technology, and other cures found in the physical world, the human-induced limitations to freedom (called "tyranny") cannot. By their very nature they are human, which means in "eradicating" humans would wipe us all out, tyrants and innocents alike, leaving no human history to speak of. Thus, instead of "simple" solutions such as vaccines, farming methods, economic advances, etc., the solution to human tyranny has been 6,000 years of

blood
toil
slavery
war
tears
torture

and other incalculable amounts of human suffering.

However, slowly, but surely human kind has made advances in pushing back the tyranny

that once enslaved us all. First it was fighting against the warlords and tribal chieftains who merely enslaved entire tribes for their own enrichment and pleasure. Then it was against religious theocracies who, again, merely used deities and the threat of hell (or burning at the stake) to enslave entire populations for their own advancement. Monarchs and kings were nothing more than glorified warlords who were "benevolent" enough to let their peasants participate in the euphemism of slavery called "serfdom." And even today, after billions of gallons of human blood has been spilled we have outright dictators and despots who, again, use their people as cattle to live high off of.

But still, after all of this, some humans have managed great advances against tyranny. And after many wars, reformations, revolutions, Magna Carta's, and constitutions, a genuinely free society in the form of Western Civilization formed, arguably with the United States of America as its most refined product. For the first time in history humans can do what they want, say what they want, believe what they want, but above all else, be entitled to the vast majority of the fruits of their labor. They are no longer slaves to a tyrant, slaves to a theocracy, or serfs to a king. They are their own masters who self govern themselves. And it is this - that man has freed himself from not just nature, but other men - that is the pinnacle achievement of human kind.

This freedom, which has cost more than anything else in terms of human blood, time, toil, suffering and sacrifice, is the greatest gift humans have ever given themselves. In letting people keep the majority of the proceeds of their time and have agency over their own lives humans have made the most incredible of advances over the past 300 years (which is roughly when freedom started to become prevalent in Western Civilization). We have solved hunger, we discovered automation, we discovered electricity, we achieved flight, we've eradicated disease, founded computing, unlocked chemistry, and a million things more, all of which have allowed us to create lives for ourselves that are so amazing and rapidly advancing they were incomprehensible to merely a single generation before.

It is the proverbial finger free men can give the past 6,000 years of tyrants.

But all of this, ALL OF IT, hinges on one thing - that people are allowed to remain free and be entitled to the vast majority of their own production and be the masters of their own lives. And if we lose that, we lose everything.

Enter in women.

WOMEN

Women, in a historical context, of course have always been here. They are a part of human history as much as any man. However, they are not the primary actors, participants, or determiners of human history, largely in part because of biology and nature's "natural tyrants." Women are physically weaker, thus less prone to wage war

and participate in battle. They also are the ones to get pregnant, again physically limiting what they can do in a world largely ruled by "might makes right." They also are more nurturing, psychologically predispositioning them to stay at home and rear the children. And they also have boobs (which if you didn't know) was nature's kind of authoritative way of saying, "Yeah, you're the one who's going to stay off the battlefield and rear the children."

This is not to belittle or besmirch the role of women in history (of which there are many examples of women in history). It is however to point out that the vast majority of human history has been determined and made by men. Consequently, this greatest gift of freedom, that was so hotly contested for over these past 6,000 years, was bought and paid for by the deaths, blood, toil and suffering of hundreds of millions, if not, billions of men. Additionally, it is men who have availed themselves of this freedom, well beyond that of women. The VAST majority of all scientific advances have (once again) been discovered through the mental sweat and toil of men. And while we can all certainly rush to point out the occasional female scientist or inventor, this fact is blatantly apparent, even today, where the majority of STEM students are men, and the majority of "social work" majors are women.

The point, however, is not a competition as to "who created what" and what the sex ratio of corpses were on history's battlefields. The point is this freedom, and the commensurate AMAZING technology and INCOMPREHENSIBLY easy life that came with it, was available to both sexes even though men largely earned it. And with these amazing advances in technology, life got so easy (in historical terms) that humans no longer had to worry about the natural tyrants that historically oppressed them (disease, starvation, sanitation, etc.), but could now focus their efforts on much lesser problems.

What were these problems? Well, more of the sociological variety.

Egalitarianism
Education
Health
Family
Crime
Psychology
Etc.

However, a very interesting one was the issue of women's suffrage and equality.

Previous to this, and admittedly by nature, women were just plain not allowed into the management and leadership of society. Men had paid the price, literally, in blood, sweat, and toil, and it was laughable at the time that women would have a say in economic and political affairs. However, with technology (invented by men, afforded to them by the

freedom they paid a dear price for), pressing matters such as war, famine, disease, etc., were becoming less and less frequent. Additionally, labor saving devices created by the industrial revolution (*COUGH*, MEN!) allowed women not to be anchored at home, as well as allowed them to work, earning a keep just like men. Furthermore, it wasn't as if raising children and maintaining a home was not work itself. Ergo, there was a good and compelling argument to consider letting women have the vote. And so, in 1920 the 19th Amendment was ratified in the United States and women were allowed to vote.

However, whatever the logical, economic, philosophical, not to mention, MORAL reasons there were to let women vote, you cannot deny there would be HUGE consequences in literally DOUBLING the voting population to include a group of humans who are biologically, psychologically, mentally, and emotionally different than men. And the primary fear that would result from such a dramatic shift in voting rights is that the world's greatest gift humanity gave to itself (freedom) would be undone. Women would vote for more state intervention, reinstating the human tyrants, essentially undoing what hundreds of millions of men had fought for over the past 6,000 years.

Of course, on the face of it, this is laughable. No doubt such concerns were scoffed at during the early days of women's suffrage, just as they would be today. Why would women CONSCIOUSLY vote themselves and the rest of humanity back into tyranny? Who wants to be ruled by a dictator? Who wants to slave away for the government? However, if we are to look at the empirical data and see how women have handled the responsibility of voting we see that is PRECISELY what they're doing. And there is sadly no debate about it.

Again, the vast majority of human history has been a struggle for freedom from its oppressors. It has been minimizing the government that lords over them and maximizing the individual. It has been allowing people to keep the majority of the fruits of their own labor and control over their destiny. And the way you can tell whether somebody in Western Civilization is for freedom or not is quite simply this:

Do they vote for more government?
Or do they vote for less?

This further simplifies into the direct actions of:

Do they vote left?
Or do they vote right?

Do they vote labor?
Or do they vote conservative?

Do they vote democrat?

Or do they vote republican?

And while admittedly, there are certainly flaws with ALL political parties, it is the voting action that belies the intention of the individual. And women's intention has been for more government, a larger state, and less freedom.

Unfortunately, the data is not perfect as it only goes back to the Eisenhower administration (and please provide me better data if you have it), but it will suffice. The best data I could find on voting patterns for women is the presidential Gallup Poll that measures the lead (+) or deficit (-) democrat candidates had among men and women. *(This graph takes a bit of thinking to understand, but for the sake of simplicity it's best to read it as (if there's a positive sign) men/women like the democrat +X or (if there's a negative sign) men/women hate democrats -X.)*

Gender Gap in Voting for President, Final Pre-Election Polls

	Men	Women	Difference
[illegible]	-8	-17	10 pts.
2008	0	14	14 pts.
[illegible]	-12	-4	16 pts.
2000	7	8	15 pts.
1996	+1	-13	14 pts.
1992	4	8	4 pts.
1988	-12	-4	8 pts.
1984	28	10	18 pts.
1980	-13	-3	10 pts.
1976	18	3	14 pts.
1972	-26	-34	8 pts.
1968	2	2	4 pts.
1964	-[illegible]	+[illegible]	4 pts.
1960	4	2	6 pts.
1956	-[illegible]	-[illegible]	17 pts.
1952	6	16	10 pts.

Figures represent lead/deficit for Democratic candidate among men and women in each election, in percentage points.

GALLUP

But regardless of the complexity and shortcomings of the chart, the point is very clear. Women prefer a larger state and less freedom to men.

However, within this chart there are two other important observations.

One, (you have to read the numbers, not just look at the right column) ***originally*** women actually *preferred the republican candidates over men*, especially during the Eisenhower administrations. They even preferred the ugly Richard Nixon over the hot and handsome John F. Kennedy in 1960 (though not by much margins). It wasn't until 1972, and especially 1976 did women switch to preferring a larger state.

Two, this switch accelerated rapidly from 1976 to 2012, going from just an 11 point preference over men for a larger state to a full 20 point preference with Obama's second election.

This doesn't make a lot of sense since if women were supposed to be the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse for Western Civilization, then why did they wait a full 50 years to start voting in a larger state?

The answer may be found in a study conducted by Dr. John Lott and Dr. Lawrence Kenny.

D. Conclusion

There is strong evidence that it takes a very long time for turnout to fully respond to major changes in the voting franchise. Between 40 and 54 years are needed after women are granted the voting franchise for their turnout to match men's turnout. The results consistently indicate that there was a greater initial increase in turnout in states with a larger fraction of adult women who were 45–64 years of age. And it takes 16–30 years for turnout to completely rebound after a poll tax is eliminated. Secret ballots reduced voting rates, and the impact of literacy tests was significant only for the estimates without fixed effects.

Just because women were granted the right to vote didn't mean they all went to the polls that day in 1920. A lot stayed home. A lot voted the way their husbands told them. Some of them still didn't find it their place or right to vote. It takes about a generation or so for different groups of people to fully avail themselves of the franchise. This makes a lot of sense in that if you add roughly 50 years to 1920 you get 1970 where women voted "in force" and showed their true "pro-government colors."

But while this may explain the increase from Gertrude voting in 1924 to Janis Joplin voting in 1972, it doesn't explain the increasingly passionate love-affair, nay, stalker-like-obsession women have had with the government from 1972 to today. Why are women increasingly fanatic about having a larger government?

Well the answer can also be found in the dates. 1972. Feminism.

While the Susan B. Anthony's of the 1890's wanted the right to vote, own property, and sign legal contracts, the radical feminists of the 1970's were nothing but outright marxists who cowardly hid behind their genitalia claiming it caused sexism and thus entitled them to a lifelong government check. While for the most part they could be written off as such, unfortunately they largely got into a key position in society that would further influence future generations of women to come. The only place that would take them.

Academia.

And it was from our colleges, universities and other educational institutions that feminists have very successfully convinced two full generations of young girls (Gen X and the Millennials) to vote against freedom and for an increasing state.

Now I could go on measuring the various ways women vote for tyranny over freedom, but the point is that for whatever reason ***they do***. And worse, increasingly so. They vote for the government at the expense of the individual. They vote for dependence rather and independence. They vote a government check before a paycheck. And while we can sit here and debate about whether that's the price we have to pay for equality, or that maybe men were wrong this entire time, and that maybe its time for a different approach, they ARE doing *precisely what we feared*. They are undoing what all of human history fought for these past and painful 6,000 years. They are undermining freedom. They are destroying Western Civilization.

The question is whether we as a people, both male and female, love the freedoms afforded to us by the countless sacrifices of countless generations before us enough to have the courage to merely state this fact.

THE COSTS OF NAIVETY

But while women (as a group) tend to vote for tyranny, the question is whether they do this consciously. Whether they do it maliciously.

Do women wake up every morning, licking their chops saying, "I can't wait to bring down Western Civilization today!"

Or are they just naive, blissfully believing the sweet lies politicians tell them about free education, free health care, free child care, free food, free housing and free everything?

The answer is rather clear.

Very few people are genuinely evil and wish bad things upon others. And we can safely say that the majority of women are NOT evil people who wish to destroy the best development of human history. And though there are some genuinely evil people who DO wish to destroy and harm others (feminists and SJW's) the vast majority of women are well intentioned, caring people.

The problem, however, is you can be the sweetest woman with all the best intentions in the world. If you're naive or ignorant to the point you're wrong, you'll still have the same effects of being an evil, malicious person out to cause damage. Thus, whether out ignorance or evil, society is going to pay the exact same price no matter what your intentions. And so, as women vote and make other decisions in life about how the country should be run, Western Civilization suffers because of their ignorance and naivety.

The first and most obvious of these is money.

Money is not the root of all evil or some kind of tool of control of evil capitalists. It is your time. It is your life. It is what you get in exchange for forfeiting a fraction of your FINITE life in the form of labor. You then use this "root of all evil" as a means to SUPPORT YOURSELF and KEEP YOURSELF ALIVE.

The freedom of speech is one thing.
The freedom of religion is another.
But the freedom to be entitled to the majority of the money you make is the most important freedom as it is your LIFE.

But women think nothing of voting in tyrants who want to take it.

Readers of my blog are already intricately aware of the amount of money governments take from their citizens every year. They are aware of government spending to GDP. They are aware of government debt to GDP. They are aware 70% of the state's budget goes to income redistribution. They are aware of the difference between a million and a

trillion.

Your average Western Civilization female voter is not.

You average female voter is a by product of her evolution, environment, genetics and upbringing. And therefore your average female voter is stuck in "stage one" thinking where she:

1. Wants to solve a problem, but
2. Doesn't know how much it will cost, but
3. Doesn't care because she never looked at the budget anyway because
4. She thinks "the government has unlimited money" because
5. She really doesn't know the difference between a million and a trillion

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6. Votes for more government spending anyway.

The problem is she LITERALLY does not realize that money just doesn't come from "poof" out of nowhere. And she CERTAINLY does not understand how the government just "printing off more money" would result in hyper-inflation. Thus, in a very naive and child-like way, she will do what is logical to a 7 year old. Vote for more government money, consequently voting the country that inch further into tyranny and enslaving us all that micro-second more in taxes.

Now, you multiply this times 150 million women, over the course of now four generations and you get what we're all familiar with. Debt to GDP of 110%. Government spending as a percent of GDP of 40%. Slowing economic growth, etc. But the larger point is the relationship between women voting and government is not merely one of more "socialists" being elected, but increased government spending which DIRECTLY lessens the amount of money and TIME we have to ourselves.

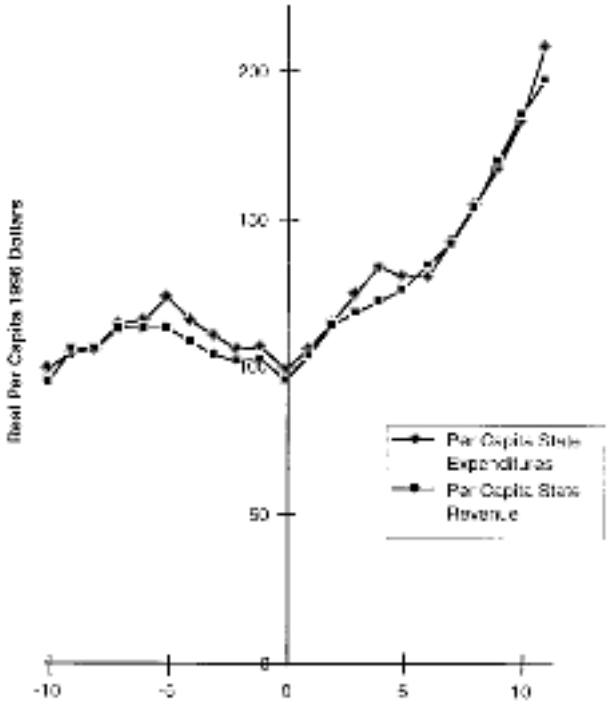
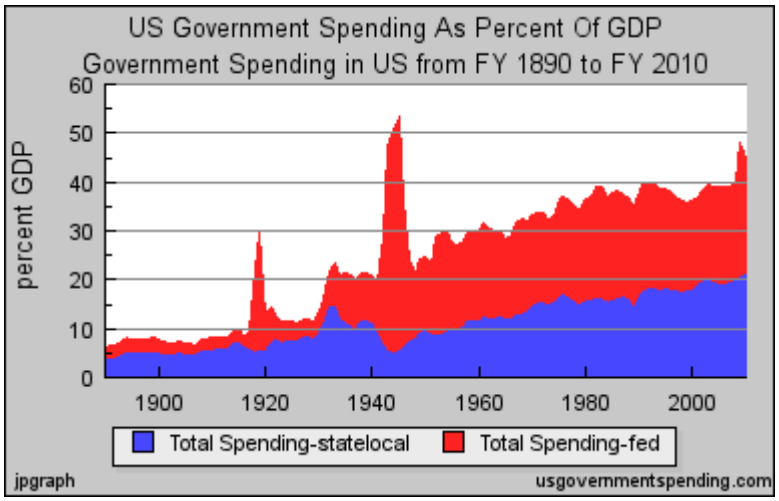


FIG. 2. Effect of giving women the right to vote on per capita state government expenditures and revenue. The horizontal axis shows the years before and after women were given the right to vote in different states; year 0 is the first year in which women were allowed to vote in different states.

Unfortunately, the costs female naivety does not stop at a simple increase in our tax bill. The consequences cascade horribly from there. For in voting for an ever increasing government, you by default crowd out the people it governs. And with government accounting for now 40% of GDP



"something's gotta give."

The first thing that gave was men, specifically in their role as fathers, husbands, and heads of households. Previous to women's suffrage and the massive expansion of government, men were the nucleus of society and the economy. It was around a man families and society were raised. And it was his economic production that supported them all.

However, as women voted in more and more social spending they effectively replaced men with the government. It was no longer the man who brought home the bacon, but the mailman who delivered the government check. It was no longer dad who would feed

the kids, but the EBT card afforded to you by Barack Obama. And it was no longer father who paid the mortgage and kept a roof over the family's head, but HUD and their section 8 housing.

Soon women started asking the question 1970's feminists were dying them to ask all along:

"Why do we need a man?"

And sure enough 73% of black women, 51% of Latinas and 28% of white women agreed. Why did they need a man? And those respective percentages of women went forth and had illegitimate children thinking a government check was a superior substitute to a father.

Sure enough, without purpose or agency in life, and their birthright as a man taken from them by a government check, more and more men lost all hope and started checking out of society. They started marrying less, working less, substituted real women with porn, and lived vicariously through video games. They were no longer the strong and intrepid men like their WWII ancestors, but unincentived lifeless men with no direction and purpose. And with the economic nucleus of Western Civilization disheartened to the point of inaction, economic growth started to slow.

With the engine of Western Civilizaiton sidelined from their original roles of fathers and husbands, the next chip to fall was, naturally, the family. Without a father around the American family started to disintegrate. There were of course pre-ruined families called "single parent" home, denying children from birth the right to a stable nuclear family. But even those children "lucky" enough to have been born to a husband AND wife, only stood a 50/50 shot of having a normal childhood as half of all marriages ended in divorce.

The wife wasn't "haaaaaapppyyyyy"
And she needed to "fiiiiiind heeersellllllffff"

and the feminists were there egging them on every inch of the way.

Sure enough more than half of all children born from the 1970's on would be brought up in non-stable, non-nuclear families. And while this may have been championed by feminists and other true enemies of Western Civilization, it took a devastating toll on those children who were the future generations of America. Depression, suicide, crime, debt, divorce, alcoholism, nearly every single social and psychological ailment you can think of is positively correlated without having a stable, nuclear family to be brought up in. Alas, not only did half of America's future endure this, it left such a bad taste in their mouths the smart ones said, "never again," swearing never to have children, tanking the birthrate and putting an end to American families.

This relates closely to the third domino to fall, lost sovereignty.

Since leftist politicians (as well as rightists) want to stay in power, they will do whatever they can to ensure they are in control of the government. This not only means bribing the naive portion of the population with "free everything," but it also means sacrificing the nation itself. As long as these tyrants don't have to work real jobs they, will do ***whatever*** they can to stay in power.

Enter in immigration.

I find three things cute, endearing, and ironically tragic:

1. The "refugee crisis" going on in Europe
2. The illegal immigration debate in the US and
3. The rape epidemic in Sweden

In all three cases men and women, rightists and leftists alike, are against, if not aghast at what is happening in their respective countries when it comes to immigration (and well, that whole rape thing).

In Europe nearly everybody is against the allowance of 2 million "refugees," but their governments still allow it to happen.

In the US 76% of democrats are against illegal aliens and amnesty, but again, our government allows it to happen.

And in Sweden, ahhhhh, lovely socialist, very pro-feminist Sweden. There's a "bit" of a rape epidemic going on due to the immigrant Muslim population there. But nobody dares grow the balls to kick them out in fear of being accused of racism.

Now in all three cases the women, I presume (and especially in Sweden), are against these immigrants coming into their respective countries. However, even with broad support from people all across the political spectrum the governments (leftists ones mind you) ignore the desires of their people and let these immigrants in knowing full well they will never return to their countries of origin.

Why?

Because it will keep the left in power. It will expand and ensure future government control. Those are all future leftist voters who will demand future leftist politicians.

Alas, this is the perfect example of how women's naivety deals another blow to Western Civilization. Even though women are generally against illegal immigration (and I would

presume also rape), they never get past stage one thinking of:

"*Well the democrats/labor/left is for children/the little guy/the poor/the old/fluffy bunnies, so I'm going to vote for them.*"

But then are surprised when leftists like Tony Blair or Jack Kennedy sell the sovereignty of their nation to foreigners who plain don't care to adhere to Western Civilization, if not outright hate it, so they can ensure they and their party remain in control of the government.

Again, it doesn't matter what women's intentions or expectations are when they vote. If they vote for the wrong people the effects will be the same as if a malicious and evil person, intent on destroying the country, voted. And allowing a people from a culture that is non, if not anti-Western Civilization is arguably the final blow to the long term survival of Western Civilization.

THE SOLUTION

To be frank there is none. This entire post is merely one for posterity wherein I will be able to say "I told you so" for the rest of my life, as well as an exercise in philosophical and theoretical thought. The left is too heavily funded, well too positioned in education, media, government, and the universities, and have done such a great job of brainwashing women that there will never be a significant percentage of women that will wake up and heed the points I've made above. Additionally, (in a comedic, but still 100% truthful sense), in the wise words of Bill Burr,

"Women are surrounded by this tornado of misinformation [about how great they are], and nobody corrects them because we want to f#ck 'em!"

However, if we are serious about not throwing away the best gift humanity has ever given itself, and we do not wish to dishonor the untold number of men who paid incalculable prices over the past 6,000 years, we need to look at who has the right to vote.

The obvious solution is to rescind women's suffrage. The various leftist political parties in western nations would never recoup from such a loss and we could very easily enact (or rescind) the legislation necessary to put Western Civilization back on the fast track. However, this is not the answer. If we rescind women's right to vote, then why not blacks? If not blacks? Why not Jews? If not Jews, why not dashingly handsome half-Irish economists with a penchant for video games and motorcycle riding? That road merely goes back to the tyranny we're wishing to stave off.

The answer lies in the founding principle of Western Civilzation - Merit.

Admittedly, I've been very hard on women in this treatise (but rightly so). However, while the majority of women do vote against freedom we all know women personally who are not naive, who do not vote with their hearts, who are not stuck at stage one thinking, and *actually do know the difference between a million and trillion*. We know women who DESPERATELY love their husbands, desperately love their children, and take the time to study the finances, economics, and politics of this nation before ditzily casting off their vote for the politician who promises them the most money. Concurrently, we also know blacks, hispanics, asians, Jews, Madagascarians, gays, eskimos, Indians, Muslims, agnostics, Catholics and lesbians who also earn their keep, study the country's finances, and also desire to vote for freedom and against the state. Ergo, we cannot rely on mere physical traits or religious beliefs, but rather whether they are contributing members of society who have ***EARNED*** the right to vote, not merely "spat out of a vagina within the US' borders." And there ARE ways to do that, some of which have already been done.

For example, in the embryonic years of the United States you not only had to be a white male to vote, you also had to own property. The founding fathers had this requirement because not only did they not want blacks or women to vote, but because they also didn't want stupid white men to vote! You couldn't just have been "born a white male." You also had to prove you could work and manage your finances accordingly that you were a productive member of society. And requiring ownership of property was a proxy for that hurdle.

However, while that may have had the intended effect in 1790, today we have the technology that a much better and much more meritorious voting franchise can be given - taxes.

Very simply, if you want to vote you need to have paid taxes.

If you collect a government check. No.
If you're on EBT. No.
Are you on TANF? No.
Disability? No.
Social Security? No.
Housing assistance? No.
Attending a state university and getting a subsidy from the taxpayer? No.

You MUST BE a contributing member of this society, paying into the government to have a say in how the country is ran. You must NOT BE a parasite collecting a government check making you by definition a ward on the state. This discriminates against no one, but ensures those who are paying for the government are the ones determining how it is managed, and is thus far in my economist's mind of thinking the best way to award the right to vote.

Of course, sadly, as I said before, this is all academic. Too many people who are too vested in the demise of Western Civilization already have the vote. And too many people (both men and women) are just plain too damn stupid, ignorant and naive to listen to reason, evidence, logic, and reality. But let it be said and noted that when Western Civilization finally collapses, when Rome v. 2.0 falls, when humanity's greatest gift to itself is taken away it was the female voter and her naivety that was disproportionately to blame. And those 6,000 years of human pain, suffering, sacrifice, blood and war was undone by 60 years of childish, spoiled, petulant feminism.

Enjoy the decline.

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Seriously, THIS is Why I Have Guns

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These are zombies. Liberals, but zombies none the less. They will be coming for you if society lets them.

Blue Collar Guys are Beneath White Collar Women

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Even though they make more than them. Oh well. Enjoy you cats.

MGTOW Flow Chart!!!

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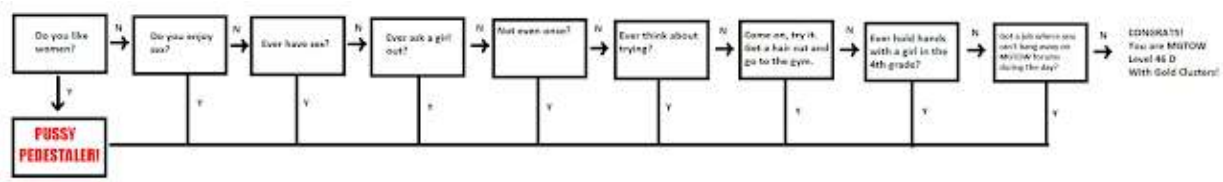
Are you confused about whether you're a ~~VirginTOW~~ MGTOW? Not too sure what it takes to be in this elite group of men? Never fear, Cappy's here with his easy to understand flow chart! Just answer "yes" or "no" to the questions below and find out if YOU have what it takes to be ~~VirginTOW~~ MGTOW! (may have to click to get original size)



Things Liberal Arts Majors Can't Build

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One man tanks.

Psychology is BS

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Just utter BS.

They Were Wrong Because They Were Liars

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A cute segment of the ole Captain's audience is young Millennials who are libertarian/free market types, but actually believe in the global warming tripe. I find in amusing in that they obviously have the independent thought to see through their teachers' BS and politicians' BS when it comes to economics, but then fully and whole heartedly believe the exact same liars when it comes to the environment.

So let me help the yoots out there and point out two things that may at least make you want to QUESTION your indoctrinators the next time they say "climate change" is real (and "by the way, vote for more social security")

#1. Laurent Fabius, France's foreign minister said we have "500 days to avoid climate change chaos!" Only problem is that was 504 days ago and counting.

#2. While the baby boomer teacher caste was brainwashing my generation about the ozone layer (yeah, you don't remember that because it proved to be another leftist bogus scare tactic), they were also trying to scare everybody saying there was going to be "peak oil" and that we'd run out of oil by 2015.

Only problem is we haven't. Matter of fact there's a glut of it on the market right now.

I intend on doing a more indepth video about why I don't believe in global warming because there is a significant contingent of my readers who are genuinely curious, as well as intellectually honest about it. And so a reasoned and truth-hunting discussion will be had on it. But I did want to point out the horrible track record these environmentalists have about predicting such things. And not only their bad track record, but also how long they've been with us, in our midst lying to the young, the intellectually weak, and the politically motivated.

Please, apply the exact same critical thinking you used to unbrainwash yourself from your socialist indoctrination. You owe yourself that much.

Legal Insurance for Men

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Hi All,

New sponsor, for everybody, but particularly men.

Cydonian Signal is offering a product called Legal Shield that basically works like a "AAA," but instead of for your car, it's for your legal protection.

More can be found here, but seriously, consider it. If you're looking for some kind of investment and you don't like the price multiples of the stock market, then things like silver, guns, LifeLock, and Legal Shield make sense. Besides, all you have to do is set down the booze for a couple days and BOOM! You've already paid for Legal Shield.

Regardless, please consider supporting Cydonian in his entrepreneurial ventures if you could use this product.

Thanks,

Cappy

The Over-Supply of Single Moms

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I had ran into a buddy of mine earlier this afternoon who I haven't seen in about 2 years. He's a professional, works hard, stays in shape, and is the "in-demand" type of guy that every corporation wants to hire. We caught up quickly because he had to get back to work, but among the standard, job, health, "still riding motorcycles" sort of questions, inevitably the issue of him dating came up.

He said, "Yeah, I'm kind of seeing some one right now. Not terribly excited. Has a 4 year old child."

Without yelling too loud so as not to disturb the public, I said, "Really? Jesus Christ, another fucking single mom?"

He replied, "Yeah, well, at our age (41) most women have children. It's either that or date a 24 year old child and I'd rather just blow my brains out."

He was right, and it's a paradox most of my male friends face. Once you're over 35 or so you can no longer tolerate the mental pain and anguish that is known as "20 something girls." But if you do date older, it's practically a guarantee the women has spit out some other guy's child. And so millions of men every year choose between a rock and a hard place, wondering what it was like in the 50's when you could have BOTH a sane, young, 20 something girl who was NOT towing some other guy's mistake around with her.

But then something dawned on me as I headed back home.

First, this wasn't my only male friend I knew who was 35+ and childless. I knew many more. Matter of fact all my male friends are childless and over +35. And they all had the same complaint - it was practically impossible to find a woman 30+ who wasn't a single mom.

Second, why was it nearly all of my male friends didn't have children? Wouldn't I know one or two single dads??? I needed multiple hands to count the number of single moms I have as friends, but when it came to single dads it dawned on me I know NONE.

This stark contrast made my economic spidey senses start to tingle. And so, once I got set up at my cushy security guard gig, I delved into the world o' teh interwebz, and my my, the information I found.

On the face of it, logic would dictate that there should be an equal number of mothers as their are fathers. It takes two to tango, and by biological necessity one child has ONE

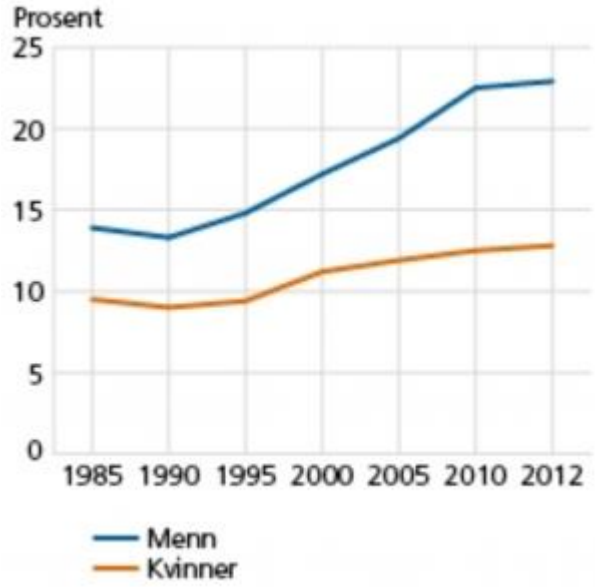
father and ONE mother. But the huge anecdotal evidence I had in front of me, where I knew NO single dads, but a ton of single moms, suggested it was possible for there to be more moms than dads. And if you permit yourself the right combination of cynicism, misanthropy, and pessimism, you're mind can easily find the reason why there might be more moms than there are dads, resulting in a mismatched market where there is a flood of single moms, and not enough childless women.

A sole woman having multiple children with multiple fathers. Or another way of putting it, fewer men impregnating more women, disproportionately lessening the number of childless women compared to childless men, resulting in a shortage of childless women (or the reverse, a surplus of single moms).

At first I tried to find some data on the number of childless men and women in America. This proved problematic and there was no obvious data available. However, I did find some data in Australia and extra feministy Norway. For men Down Under, between the ages of 45-59 13% of them are childless compared to only 10% of women of the same age. This 3% difference is not necessarily enough to trigger the drastic price changes that usually come with genuine shortages or surpluses in economics, but leave that one to Norway.

In 1985 only 14% of Norwegian men were without children by the age of 45%.
By 2013 this had increased to 23%.

Naturally, this could have been for any number of reasons. Economics, progressive credentialism, politics, etc., But if you looked at what happened to Norwegian women of the same age, you see it's largely a female decision. In 1985 only 10% of Norwegian women were childless, compared to 13% in 2013. Norwegian women were having roughly the same number of children, but with much fewer men.



However, none of my friends (domestically anyway) live in Australia or Norway. And I

kept trying to see if I could find the data to prove whether my hunch was right or wrong. And sure enough I found it in (oddly) the Census Bureau's "Mother's Day" news release and "Father's Day" news release. Alas, I should NOT have been looking for statistics on "childless" men or women. I should have been looking at the opposite side of the same coin - the number of mothers and fathers in the country. And it's about as lopsided as Norway.

As of 2010 and 2012 there were 85.4 million mothers impregnated by 67.8 million fathers. Yes, I know men die earlier, but we are talking a nearly 26% GAP between the number of fathers and mothers. If we take the nominal figures (and ignore deaths of fathers) these 67.8 million fathers effectively took 17.6 million single, childless women off the market by impregnating them. And when you consider there is roughly only 120 million post-pubescent American men in the country, 67.8 of which are already fathers, leaving only 52.2 million childless men, that 17.6 shortage is HUGE! There is an effective ***33% SHORTAGE OF CHILDESS SINGLE WOMEN FOR THEIR EQUIVALENT CHILDLESS SINGLE MEN!***

The result is nothing short of insulting.

It's not just my buddies' "bad luck" they can't find childless women, but it has been women, consciously and purposely sleeping with men AND bringing their babies to term, who then either file for divorce, or never got married in the first place, returning to the dating market thinking having another man's child is not an insult or repulsive to men who were infinitely more responsible. Worse is the utter absence of shame or responsibility, or even being cognizant of what they've done. I'm all for giving women the green light to slut it up, ride the cock carousel, and do whatever they want to do sexually. But without the traditional norms and social values, specifically shame and the insistence on a nuclear family, women actually think they've done nothing wrong bringing a child into a broken home, and are even insulted when you have a microscopic modicum of self-respect and say, "yeah, I'm not dating a single mom."

Alas, the tragedy is no matter how right we may be, and no matter how much sanity this brings all those responsible childless men explaining "*YES, there is indeed THAT MANY SINGLE MOMS*," it doesn't change the fact there's that much of a shortage of childless single women. And with such a shortage, the price you are going to pay is immense. So immense, you (as you no doubt have noticed), mathematically you are likely to be forced to date and marry a single mom.

Just do yourself a favor and insist on her knowing who is settling, who is in charge, and who has the final say in all matters adult.

Feminists Pissing Themselves for Feminism

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Honest to god, you can't make it up.

Shooting Humans…Er…"Fish" in a Barrel

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Logically it's not complicated.

But when leftists value their political positions more than human life, well then it gets complicated.

But for us sane people, it's not that complicated.

Marvel's Destruction of White Male Comic Book Super Heroes and Why It's Irrelevant

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Despite the dashing looks, irresistible charm, and much-better-than-average-for-a-40-year-old-physique I have today, in my youth I was a nerd. And not just "the kid who was shy" type nerd, I was a full on, 100%, grade A nerd. I DM'd several D&D campaigns, played Shadow Run, didn't break 100 pounds until I was a sophomore in high school, and still to this day have my dice bag.

I was, and still am to this day, a nerd.

So occasionally I like to geek out and listen to one of my favorite podcasts, The Bechtloff, wherein Chris (the host) hosts anywhere from 2-5 other nerds and discuss all thinks geekery.

Video games
Movies
RPG's
Table top games, and
Comics.

However, a common theme that is discussed on his show is the trend in the comic book industry to basically eliminate all white male super heroes and replace them with any one of a number of permutations of non straight white males.

The Green Lantern is now black.
Thor is a girl.
Peter Parker (spider man) is now gay.
But that's if you didn't know he was Hispanic before.
And then there's Ms. Marvel who is now a Muslim

Naturally, there is a backlash, but for more reasons than you'd think.

One, you are destroying the original characters as they were originally created.
Two, the obvious ploy amongst Marvel (and DC comics) to placate to leftist politics of diversity at the expense of the franchises (much like James Bond being black) ruins the comics.
Three, it insults true original creators of non-white male heroes such as Static Shock, Blade, Jason Fly (a video game called XIII), and Storm.
Finally, Marvel insults their fans as they're implying their readers are so shallow and

stupid they'll respond positively to gender, race, or religious changes and not a good story line OR new original comics that contain new non-white male superheroes.

But while the assault on American comic book classics is under full swing by a new generation of talentless SJW wanna-but-never-will-be's Stan Lee's at Marvel's comic book division,

and

normal, everyday Americans are appalled at this assault

what we all need to do is step back, clear the gunk from our eyes, and look at the comic book industry through a different lens. Specifically that of economics. For if we do, you'll see why this destruction of "evil white male" comic book super heroes is not worth wasting one more calorie of energy getting riled up about.

First you need to know that Marvel is not Marvel anymore. It is part of the Disney corporation which bought them out in 2007. Previous to that it was a flailing company, one of which had filed for bankruptcy indicating Marvel, as a stand alone entity, was worthless and nobody wanted what they were selling.

Second, you need to ask yourself a question. "How big is Marvel compared to the rest of Disney?" And not just Marvel, but specifically the COMIC BOOK SEGMENT of Marvel?

Well, that's not as easy of a task as it seems.

If you look at Disney's 2014 annual report, you'll note that Marvel is accounted for under two of Disney's divisions. One, the "Studio Entertainment" division and, two, the "Consumer Products" division. However, MOVIES are different than COMICS and thus the COMICS ONLY portion of sales would be accounted for in the Consumer Products division:

CONSUMER PRODUCTS

The Consumer Products segment engages with licensees, publishers and retailers throughout the world to design, develop, publish, promote and sell a wide variety of products based on the Company's intellectual property through its Merchandise Licensing, Publishing and Retail businesses. In addition to using the Company's film and television properties, Consumer Products also develops its own intellectual property, which can be used across the Company's businesses.

The Consumer Products segment generates revenue from:

- licensing characters from our film, television and other properties to third parties for use on consumer merchandise
- wholesale revenue from publishing children's books and magazines and comic books
- sales of merchandise at our retail stores and wholesale business
- fees charged at our English language learning centers; and
- sales of merchandise at internet shopping sites

Significant costs include costs of goods sold and distribution expenses, operating labor and retail occupancy costs.

And when you look at Disney's total sales of $49 billion, the consumer products division accounts for a only 8.2% of that (though 10% of gross profits):

(in millions)	2014	2013	2012
Revenues:			
Media Networks	$ 21,152	$ 20,356	$ 19,436
Parks and Resorts	15,099	14,087	12,920
Studio Entertainment	7,278	5,979	5,825
Consumer Products	3,985	3,555	3,252
Interactive	1,299	1,064	845
	$ 48,813	$ 45,041	$ 42,278
Segment operating income (loss):			
Media Networks	$ 7,321	$ 6,818	$ 6,619
Parks and Resorts	2,663	2,220	1,902
Studio Entertainment	1,549	661	722
Consumer Products	1,356	1,112	937
Interactive	116	(87)	(216)
	$ 13,005	$ 10,724	$ 9,964

But here's the problem. Consumer products include not just comic books but all of the merchandized crap that Disney sells in association with its movies. Dolls, games, video games, music, lunchboxes, backpacks, you name it. And when I walk through Target I can see every manner of merchandise with a super hero or Disney character slapped on

it, but *NO comic books*. So out of that meager 8.2%, it is likely ***much, much*** less.

How much less is hard to tell. Because if you search Disney's 2014 annual report you'll come up with 37 instances of "Marvel" but only 6 mentions of "comic books." And there was no data that explicitly stated how much Disney had in comic book sales. It's almost as if Disney is ashamed they even produce comic books.

So off to teh interwebz I went and I found this helpful link that contains some comic book industry statistics from 2012. Specifically, it contains total industry sales ($418 million) AND Marvel's percent of the market (39.06%). This would imply that Marvel's TOTAL comic book sales in 2012 was no more than a whopping $163 million. You know what? Let's be affirmative actiony just like Marvel's SJW comic book artists and give them a helping hand by rounding up to $200 million.

So, in 2014 Marvel sold $200 million in comic books which accounts for (drum roll please)

.4% of Disney's total revenue.

NOT 4%,
.4%
Like ***FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT.***

And this is the reason why Marvel (and DC) going on an affirmative action campaign, replacing all the evil CIS gendered, white male super heroes with anything but doesn't matter. It's because nobody cares.

While ruining classical comic books' canon may upset comic book readers, in the grand scheme of things Disney just doesn't care. Disney bought Marvel for its ability to make movies, not comic books. And either out of the leftist political CSR bias Disney has, a hope Marvel's comic book team would develop new comics that could be turned into infinitely more profitable movies in the future, or (and I would not doubt this) Marvel put a poison pill into their acquisition from Disney that they HAD to still produce comic books despite being bought out, Marvel's comic book division still remains. Unfortunately it's staffed by talentless Millennial puke whose one trick pony is NOT to create new and exciting comics, but merely ruin previous artists' work by forcing "diversity" on it. But so what? They're irrelevant. They're .004 of Disney's total sales and it's obvious Disney doesn't care what they do.

The truth is that the comic book industry is no different than the music industry or the book publishing industry. The talented artists coming up with NEW and ORIGINAL art are on the internet and selling them directly to comic book fans. The connected, the political, the ideologues, the ass-kissers, the talentless, and the hacks are employed (unnecessarily and charitably I might) by the old and now obsolete guard. This presents

a choice to true comic book fans who will determine the future of comic books.

Do you continue to buy what is nothing more than leftist propaganda posing as a comic book just because it has the brand name of "Superman" or "Thor" on it?

Or do you find new and upcoming artists who are creating the TRUE works of comic book art that will become the masterpieces of the future?

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The Real Reason for Millennial Mass Shootings

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What about them? (NSFW - cursing)

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And all their awesome innovations.

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Oh nosies!

Parents, Please Stop Giving Your Kids Bad Advice

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In this video I review the most common bits of bad advice parents have given their children, which usually lands them at the door step to Asshole Consulting. However, in the vain hopes some parents might listen, I compiled this list regardless:

Being a Musician Cuts Your Game in Half - By Guest Writer Matt Baldoni

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Being a Musician Cuts Your Need For Game In HALF

...but you still need game. Read on, gents.

I've been a pro freelance musician for two decades. In that time I've met a lot of women, and judging by the numbers that other men in our corner of the interwebs have calculated so diligently, I'd say my notch count is in the top 1% of all men. But that's certainly not the reason I do what I do for a living. I do it for girls AND money.

I got started playing music as a kid because I saw how well the athlete boys were doing with female attention and knew full well I couldn't do what they did, so I needed to find something else. Once I discovered that a man with a guitar and a microphone was adored, I knew that was it. I was driven by learning how to play things that inspired me emotionally, and determined to make it my job someday. It worked. But it should be known that honing my skills began at age 9.

Playing music is an incredibly difficult thing to do WELL. It takes years and years of diligence, practice, handling rejection well, and sacrifice in order to attain professional proficiency. It would not be easy for a newbie to learning game if he decided to learn to play music instead. As an adult who has never played music before, I'd vote that it's much easier to follow the advice of our experts here and just begin overcoming your anxiety and start approaching cold. But if you already have interest or experience in playing music, it can eliminate a lot of the work for you.

WHY WOMEN LIKE MUSICIANS

I've talked to thousands of them about this, learned what they like and what they don't, and there are some things that they all agree on. Some of these are: Being good with your hands is sexy. A man who can manipulate a gigantic phallic symbol and create beautiful sounds with it gives a woman tingles in the nether regions. Many women love music themselves, and find it attractive that a man loves it like they do and they like someone

who
they have that in common with. This happens a lot, as musicians tend to be the BIGGEST fans of music and musical artists. The confidence that comes with being a professional performer is just like any other confidence a man has...sexy. Passionate men are sexy.

When that passion and the sweat generated from it is visible and she can see it and touch it,
she wants it. High status as a musician, or performing for large audiences, suggests you have status, money, and can provide resources. If you write original music (I do not), every
woman dreams of being immortalized in song. Like Layla. Musicians are “different from the
other guys”. Sometimes it's just long hair, other times it's because women see it as a unique
job to have.

But the main reasons they like us are the same that drive them to do most anything else they do...ego and attention. We can all agree that there are many different kinds of “whore”, but the one thing women will prostitute themselves for more than any other is attention. Their egos drive their innate need to compete with one another, and musicians are often men that other women want. If they can nab a musician, they win. Also, and this is not often mentioned elsewhere, they are in absolute awe of the attention a musician man
can generate for himself. They're even envious of it. Sometimes they hate us for it, but we're like drugs to them, and they can't shake us off without withdrawls.

ORIGINAL MUSIC vs COVER TUNES

I'll mention again that I am NO original artist. I've written some songs, collaborated on others, but let me remind you that my main reason for doing this is money and making a living. Musicians work to serve the public, and the public likes what they get fed. Play songs they know, play songs they like, do it with relative authenticity and accuracy, and you
will make money. This formula has worked for me my entire career. I know the songs that women of all ages like, and I play them.

I have in fact written a few songs about women, sometimes just to play it for them alone, sometimes they've ended up on someone else's album or a film soundtrack. But lyrics are very difficult for me to write (not to sing), so I don't do it much. I can tell you that
the songs I have written myself for a girl have gone over like gangbusters and dropped the
panties in seconds.

Bottom line, in order to get laid as a musician, you need to be on stage as much as possible. In order to do that, you need to play cover tunes. You can get started and get visible a lot faster that way, it opens you up to more professional opportunities, bands, and
venues, and you can “cast a wider net” of women when you're working every night playing
hit songs, as opposed to playing your own songs once a month at some open mic or club gig
for 6 people. Other people's music makes you MORE money and gives you access to MORE
women.

CHOICE OF INSTRUMENT

I have friends who do well on every instrument, but in my experience as both a music fan and music professional, there are two that attract more women than anything. Those are 1)singing lead, and 2) playing lead guitar. It's no accident that I do both. All my heroes do both (Clapton, Hendrix, Stevie Ray, etc.) and that's what I always wanted to do too. I also did both because it made more girls notice me as a little kid. I still practice both instruments every single day, even if I'm playing three gigs that night.

Do drummers get laid? Sure they do. Bass players? Yep. Keyboard players?
Sometimes. Horn players? Not as much. That's about where the hierarchy ends from what I
can tell. Musicians are always gonna get laid more than guys with conventional jobs, and often times the instrument choice doesn't matter much. But nobody is commanding more attention than the lead singer and lead guitarist in any given band, and by learning both you
can not only make more money as a musician, but also meet more women.
Singing in general, no matter what instrument is your first choice, if done in addition to that instrument can really up your chances big time. Even guys who sing a few background harmonies while playing bass, drums, or keyboard do very well. But being the lead singer in a band or principal performer in a show will always win that shitfight.

WHERE GAME NEEDS TO ENTER

Being a musician will eliminate the need for many of those unsuccessful cold approaches. It's my opinion you should ALWAYS go approach a woman that interests you with NO regard
for the outcome, whether you're on a gig or not, but having some solid experience as a performer can really give you confidence you can't get in a lot of other places. I learned to
hone and sharpen my game after already having been a musician for some years, and

other
parts of my game came naturally just BECAUSE of being a musician. You'll find this common
among musicians.

At the end of the night however, you still need to close the deal. One cannot live on singing sappy pussy songs alone. You need to make eye contact while working, establish a
vibe, and then move things forward with conversation on your break or at the end of the show. I should also mention that this is often IMPOSSIBLE when touring, because you have
to break down the gear or load up and get right to traveling as soon as you're done playing.
But often we travel in the early morning hours, and you can get a lot of one-nighters under
those circumstances.

The gig will also allow you to “read the room” as I call it, and get a good view of many different women in the venue. You can see from the stage where they are, what they look like (sort of), who is buying them drinks, and who they might be fending off or hooking up with. If you can multi task, which most musicians can, you can formulate your talking points/bait-drops/lines/thoughts while finishing a song and be ready to spit as soon as you're off stage.

I would never in a million years take away from the importance that the experts in
our internet corner place on game. They're all absolutely correct. However, if solid game is
an American V8 motor, being a good musician is like putting twin superchargers on it. Zero
to hero in 12 bars.

TALENT AND LOOKS

The 'sphere places huge importance on fitness, strength training, grooming, and other subjects. All incredibly useful and vital shit. NOBODY wants to fuck and/or hire a fat ugly guy and put him on a stage. I happen to have long hair and a beard, which I've had for many
years. I did it to deliberately NOT look like other guys I saw out there years ago, I wanted to
be the exact opposite of them because I thought they were all douchebags, and these days I
get stopped at many places and asked “Are you in a band?” I just sorta have that look by default. It helps, because it's most often women that ask that. I don't consider myself an

overly handsome guy, average at best, but I maintain good physical shape and I groom properly. Put an electric guitar and a microphone on top of that and it's your third supercharger.

As far as talent goes, musicians who sound shitty do not get laid as much as those of us who are really good. Am I really good? Of course I am. Does that sound egotistical? Of course it does. I maintain a professional standard of skills that my business requires, and if I
weren't any good, I wouldn't be making this much dough. So, if you're in a band and not getting laid yet, you need to practice your instrument AND your game every single day. When they're both proficient at a professional level, they'll start to pay off handsomely.

BEING RESPONSIBLE WITH MONEY AND HEALTH

Most of us are freelancers, and like any freelance career, playing live music has a huge amount of ups and downs. Musicians have an incredibly bad reputation for being irresponsible. I am determined to go against that grain, so I live very minimalist and cheap
and watch my money like a hawk. Being responsible with your money in an insecure business promotes discipline, health, and overall well-being. You're a lot more free to scam
girls at the gig if you're not so worried about what they're paying you.

Like I said, I tend to eat clean (hard to do on tour), work out, and choose to live alcohol- and drug-free. I'm usually the weirdo on most gigs and tours I do, but I always get
laid the most. It's almost comical how much farther ahead I am than guys I play with regularly. Many of them are married, but married guys are sometimes more anxious to hear
about your conquests than anybody else.

Always being in control and waking up rested and healthy keeps your musician game sharp. You play better, you fuck better, and you won't make bad choices when it comes to
girls at the gig because you're thinking clearly. I ain't saying don't have fun, but this is a JOB
and I am running a BUSINESS. People who take their business seriously don't get drunk or high at work, or they lose their jobs.

USING THE GIG TO GET IN A RELATIONSHIP

I just can't let this one go by without acknowledgement. I have never been married or had any children, and I never will. I don't use the gig to find a wife or mother to my future

children. But I know guys that have done so with great success. The other guys try to wife up some groupie whore and get totally screwed.

Women and beta pussies will squawk and cackle that only low quality sluts are into musicians, or something stupid that sounds like that. I can say without a doubt that all of those generalizations are TOTAL BULLSHIT. That's just something women and pussies say because the women are jealous of other women who get musicians to fuck them, and the pussy men are jealous of the musicians who get laid easily. ALL straight women have been
attracted to a male musician at one time or another, regardless of their “quality”, and there
are many we've met that ended up being super cool. A gig has led to several very fulfilling
and loving relationships for me.

Sure, you'll meet a bunch of brain-dead skanks, and if you're in a metal band they're ALL brain-dead skanks, but if you work your way up to playing nicer joints, the quality of women go up and you have more choices. I've gotten numbers from medical doctors, six figure lawyers, models, actresses, and athletes, all of them hotties. There will be the normal
coalition of chubby broads and ugly broads, ones with too many tattoos, too much hair dye
or too many holes in their face. They might be easy fucks, but they're not GF material. Choose wisely fellas.

So, say you DO start dating a chick exclusively after meeting her and hooking up with her after a show. Then you're gonna have a whole other set of shitfights and difficulties. The worst one...other girls. Other girls ALWAYS show up to the gig. If you're GF or wife starts fending them off or getting jealous, it's bad business for you and the band. Also, if your significant other wants to all-of-a-sudden get involved in “band business”, that's a big
no no. Bands have fallen apart that way. We jokingly call it “Yoko Ono Syndrome”.
It takes a secure and independent woman to date a musician and put up with the
long hours, the traveling, the ubiquitous other women, and the lifestyle. But in this day and
age there are plenty of strong women who can handle it, and many of them are dateable. Just because I won't move one in or marry them does not mean you can't either. But don't make the mistake of thinking it's mostly low-quality women in your audience. Nothing could be further from the truth.

BETA MUSICIANS

Just like anywhere else, you'll find that a huge amount of musicians are slobbering little

geekboy beta pussies who just happened to be proficient enough on an instrument to get in a working band that generates an audience. This is the last reason I'll give you as to why
game is so important. You're not only gonna need to play better than these guys, you're gonna need more solid game than them just like you would on the street. I've seen guys who have no reason to NOT get laid based on their professional position strike out nightly. They may have looks, they may have talent, some women may like them, but they don't have
what we all can learn in our little corner of the 'net. Do yourself a favor and continue learning more and more about your game all the time. Being a musician can eliminate a lot
of work if you're a good one, but there is still no substitute for the real work laid out by our
pioneers. All I am saying here is do BOTH. You can get by on just being a musician, but a musician who has practiced his game as diligently as his guitar will be unstoppable.

IN CONCLUSION

This particular matter does not have to do with gaming chicks and a musician, but it's so important that I couldn't finish this article without addressing it.

We who have diligently ingested the crimson capsule will find that once our eyes are open, our beliefs change. We may lean more politically conservative or libertarian, we may
shy away from traditional institutions like religion or marriage, we may become fully involved in the neomasculinity movement. With all this comes a certain responsibility if you
choose to make your life in show business.

You won't find a more liberal and leftist business than the “business we call show”. Most of middle management will be either women or gay men, feminism and feminist women run rampant among your professional performer colleagues and superiors, and it seems everybody is a total fucking socialist. In meeting the men on gigs who DO share my
beliefs, I find we must keep them very quiet if we want to keep our gigs. Most are quieter than I am, but I often could give zero fucks whether I keep a gig or not, no matter how prestigious it is. It's often this attitude that garners you the respect of your bandmates and
colleagues too.

But it should be noted that there are a million guys waiting in the wings who are willing to play music live for FREE, often just for the sake of meeting girls. Yes, our job really is that cool. Being true to yourself and maintaining frame is essential for the

happiness of man, but we all gotta eat, and part of being a professional adult is knowing when to keep it to yourself and just do your job, as painful as it may seem at the time. In the meantime, gentlemen, I'm happy to offer more advice and answer questions. As guitar virtuoso Joe Satriani says, “Play on...and keep it alive till you're 95!”

The Empty Containers Economy

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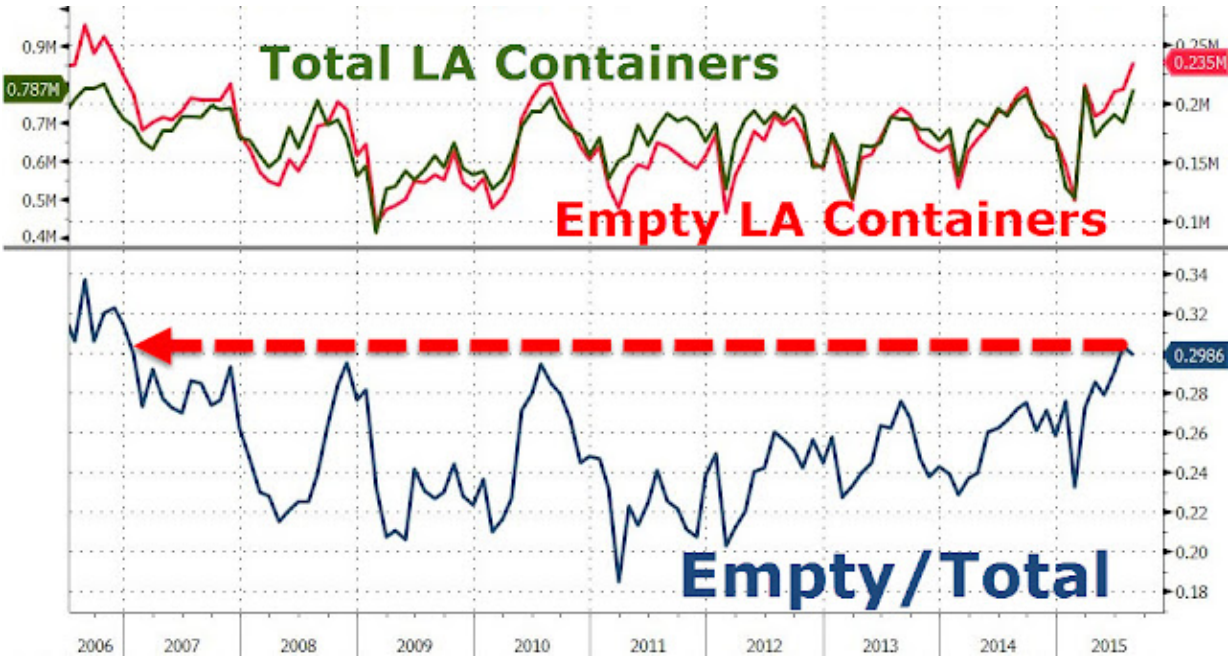

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You drugged up piece of spoiled, trust fund baby shit.

Yeah, it is time to leave.

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Was interviewed on the Jason Hartmann show where we talked about cars, feminism, and the importance of dating B girls (the ones who aren't 9's or 10's, but have sanity, jobs, and maturity).

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My review of Bernard Chapin's book.

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The Expectations Bubble

At 10 years old I believed that I was going to become a Vertitech Fighter. If you don't know what that is, that's fine for it is only something 10 year old boys growing up in the 80's would know. But in fact, the "Veritech Fighter" is an imaginary fighter plane from the Japanese anime series "Robotech." It could convert from a standard fighter for long distance space battles to a humanoid like robot for close quarters combat, typically against the *evil* "*Invid Invasion*" that wished to enslave the human world.

Naturally I did not grow up to become a Veritech pilot, not only because no such thing existed, nor that there wasn't an evil alien force called the "Invid," but because of reality. My family was poor so even if there were such a thing as a Veritech fighter we were unlikely to afford it, and I had to focus on more practical means of escaping poverty.

However, while poverty kept my life goals grounded in reality, the same cannot be said for many of my peers and members of future generations. For while it was impossible for anybody of any generation to become a Veritech pilot, it was not *necessarily* impossible for them to become a

famous singer
famous celebrity
high paid athelete
President of the United States
or just plain social diva

Statistically, unlikely?
Yes.

Impossible?
No.

And so what ensued was a phenomenon that was not only insane, but increasingly so as time went on.

Parents told their children "they could become anything" because that was nice thing to do.
Teachers echoed their parents, telling them the same, because it would be mean to crush little Jimmy's dream of becoming the next Michael Jordan.
Did you want to become a world famous singer/celebrity? It was all possible according to

the movies, MTV videos, and Madonna.
And come graduation time, before children were shipped off to college, parents would buy their adult children the hilariously optimistic "Oh The Places You Will Go" by Dr. Seuss.

This child-age propaganda did not stop there, nor in its intensity. As time went on it wasn't merely "telling your children to aim high" and "chase their dreams" but to ensure at all expense your children's ego and self-esteem was never shattered. And so the successive generation (Millennials) were treated to an even more potent dose of pie in the sky poppy cock that inflated their expectations.

Participation trophies.
No scores being kept.
The elimination of red markers for grading papers.
The elimination of grades.
Tutors.
Special ed teachers.
"Everybody should go to college"

and other outright lies that cowardly parents and teachers told their children/students their entire childhood lives.

One would think it would stop there once these children grew up and went on to college, having their childish dreams and expectations smashed by reality. But the machine driving the "Expectations Bubble" was just firing up.

First media and Hollywood couldn't have young people think they couldn't chase and inevitably realize their dreams. Especially women. Ergo, they created even more movies where the good guy always wins, the girl gets the rich husband in the end, and everybody makes $100,000 a year while serving coffee at the "Central Perk."

Second, academia needed these now-adult children (especially women) to believe that the key to achieving their dreams was a college education. And not just a college education, but preferably an advanced degree through college education. 23 year old girls just couldn't become $250,000/year fashion writers for Vogue in Manhattan without a Masters in Creative Writing. And 22 year old boys just couldn't become the next Kirk Cobain without getting a degree in Music Theory. They needed the guidance (and promise of success) from adult theoreticians ~~posing as~~ professors. But don't worry, once you got your college degree you were GUARANTEED not only to get a job, but FINALLY after nearly 2 decades of schooling, live your dream.

Third, we can't forget this entire time what the fashion/movie/sex industry was telling these kids. Women were entitled to strong, but sensitive, but not too sensitive men, who

could read minds, were all millionaires (preferably billionaires) looked like Brad Pitt, voted Democrat, wanted sex, but only when the women wanted to have sex, and wanted to wait until she was ready to have children, and would MAGICALLY show up and be ready to marry when she was ready to take a brake from her "fabulous" writing career at 32 years and 7 months. Boys were fed the lies that women liked kind, sensitive caring men, who voted Democrat, opened doors for girls, and wrote poetry, and as long as you did that you would be guaranteed to have that hot, sex-addicted nymphomaniac that you've come to expect watching increasing amounts of internet porn. Besides, who can blame them? According to their teachers and parents they were the greatest people to ever grace this earth. Besides, they had college degrees and were "going green," and that ENSURED they'd have great love lives.

And finally politicians.

What politician is going to win over this voting bloc by pointing out things like:

"Debt to GDP Ratios?"
"Unfunded liabilities?"
"Government spending as a % of GDP?"
or "Labor force participation rates?"

None.

And that's why there was a lot of talk about hope and "the children are our future" without a lot of hard math and statistics based in reality.

When you threw it all together, it was the biggest lie ever told. Previous generations had so misled their children about what they could expect and were entitled to by the future that nearly EVERYBODY in the entire country had expectations that GREATLY exceeded what reality was ever capable of giving them. But worse, it was about every aspect of their lives:

Career
Education
Love life
Family live
Health
Finances

Nearly every one in the United States of America is so delusional that this "Expectations Bubble" dwarfs that of the Housing or Dotcom bubbles. And like all bubbles, when they burst there will be pain.

Why Did This Happen?

Before we move onto solutions to the Expectations Bubble, we need to know how and why it formed in the first place. And the answer is three fold and very simple.

#1 There's Profit to Be Had in Dem Der Lies!

Oprah's entire career was basically "lie to women by telling them what they want to hear, even though it will ruin their lives in the long run, and charge them the entire time." But before you jump on Oprah, realize she was merely just one figurehead-example of the "Charge for Pretty Lies" industry.

The entire fashion industry is one big lie to women that wearing those clothes (for that year) will make them not necessarily sought after by men, but envied by other women. Make up is the same thing, but it is to make you look "younger and better." But even these industries have a morsel of honesty in them in that fashion and make-up can make you look better. Such a thing cannot be said, however, of the vanity industries of "women's empowerment" books, feminist studies in college, and (my coined phrase) "roundhouse-kicking chick cop show" media.

You see women can't be stay at home moms and supporting wives. There's no money in that. Corporate America needs women to have their own salaries and outsource their children so:

1. They can make billions in ~~child outsourcing prisons~~ daycare center profits
2. They can make billions on fashion sales for vain products like purses and "hand bags"
3. They can make billions on second and third cars
4. They can make billions on the CAR LOANS to pay for those second and third cars
5. They can make TRILLIONS on selling you more house than you need

and

6. They can make TRILLIONS on selling women worthless liberal arts degrees.

So you see we need to mold women's expectations into "having it all" even though not one woman in the history of the world has ever pulled that off successfully.

But before we mock women, men are just as easily duped and to blame.

It may not be a Prada purse he buys, but he'll blow 10 times that amount on a fancy car.
It may not be a "Masters in Gender Studies," but he will blow $50,000 on a "Creative Writing Degree."
It may not be a "$4,000 Italian couch," but it is a $4,000 bet on a DraftKing's "sportsball" event.

And just as women blindly sopped up the lies told to them by all these corporations that their lives would be great if they had these THINGS, men equally naively thought they'd be fat, married, employed and happy if they did the same. In the end, all most Americans really end up doing is LITERALLY mortgaging their lives away in the form of student loans, car loans, and McMansion mortgages to pay corporations and universities till their dead.

#2. There's Votes to Be Had in Dem Der Lies!

Just like corporations, universities, and non-profits will lie to get you to part with your money, politicians will lie so they can get your vote. The consequences, however, are not immediate as you are unlikely to directly pay for what you vote for. Remember, it's only those *eeeevil* rich people and white guys that pay.

Of course ripping on corporations, males, whites, or people who just plain have more than you is also ripping on employers, innovators, spenders, and investors. *Kind of* the whole engine of economic growth for the country. So when they're taxed...and leave...or just don't invest...or just work less...or innovate less...or retire...there's not as much economic growth to go around. Oh...and yeah. Less jobs too.

So that "great career" you were promised by those politicians if you did what your parents told you to do and "just go to college" and everything will work out fine?

Yeah, how's that working for you now? Oh, and by the way, how are those student loans you used to pay those leftist professors $300/credit who told you to vote Democrat all the time? They afford those professors a nice house near campus? No no, I know. "You're really smart and educated" and I'm "just a big jerk who doesn't understand economics."

3. You Parents (and Friends) are Cowards

You parents and friends have likely failed you because they dare didn't hurt your feelings by telling you the truth. This is cowardice on their part because whatever temporary measure of ire you may have sent there way for telling you a harsh truth was enough to deter them to idly stand by and watch you go down a path that would ruin your life.

Your son or daughter is going to go to a private liberal art college and major in Social Justice Studies, ending up with $125,000 in debt?

No, no, don't stop them. You're not a real dad. You're a spineless one, soon joining the eunuch trope. Tell them "follow your heart and the money will follow" as you condemn them to a life of poverty.

Your friend just got engaged to an insufferable, spoiled trust fund baby who is majoring in Women's Studies?

No, no. Don't stop him. You're not a real friend. You're a spineless one who has no problem condemning your friend to a life of misery, divorce, and child support payments.

Whether it is real cowardice, laziness in parenting, or an inappropriate amount of "well they're their own adults and I can't stop them" non-interventionism, the result is the same.

"Everybody's a winner!"
"Everybody is happy!"
"You're all going to have wonderful and great futures!"
"Everything is awesome!"

Again, when you combine these three things, they are the ingredients for a perfect storm. Nobody has any financial incentive to tell you the truth. Nobody has a political reason to burst your delusional expectations of reality. And even those closest to you have been so spoiled and made soft by decades of decadence lack the spine to tell you otherwise. With nothing to stop them, multi-billion dollar corporations, multi-billion dollar universities, and multi-TRILLION dollar governments will take advantage of your naivety, inflating your ego and expectations from life, just as long as you enslave yourself to them forever.

What are the Costs?

The costs are what you'd likely expect from the world's largest bubble - the world's largest price. I cannot think of at any point in time, bar maybe the mass starvations caused by communism and the two world wars that would come close to what the United States, and to a larger extent, western civilization will pay for their delusions. However, regardless of the price it will be paid in two ways. Mental and financial.

Mentally we are already paying this price. For those of you who got through high school, graduated from college, did what you were told, and went into debt doing so, you are already suffering for the lies, deceit and delusion that was cast upon you. Like many 20 somethings you are wondering what you did wrong? Why isn't life going the way you were told it would go? Where is your job? Where is your mentally stimulating career? Where are the droves of women/men that you were to date?

And this confusion isn't something simple like "why isn't my car starting?"

This is a life crushing experience as for the past ENTIRETY of your life you have been lied to, and thus PROGRAMMED to think a certain way. It's not like you can just "YouTube" "how to clean a fuel injector" and be done with this this afternoon. It is the most rudest of awakenings in that your entire world view is being shattered and along with it your entire mental programming and life philosophy. You need to rethink everything, AS WELL AS

ADMIT YOUR ENTIRE LIFE HAS BEEN WASTED UP TO THIS POINT! All that schooling. All that education. All that political indoctrination. All that BS about women liking "caring men" were not only lies, but wastes of life, time and money. It is the closest thing to insanity healthy minds will ever endure, and some even crack, going insane themselves, giving some explanation to the recent spat of millennial mass murderers we've seen.

If you manage to get through it you will naturally be angry. You will not be happy. You will want revenge. But there is nobody to get revenge on, because you very well can't take on a corporation, nor the US government, nor the university that just ass-raped you for $50,000 in tuition. It is here you will either double down on your delusional life (like a women's study major getting her "doctorate" and blaming anything on "white men"), or you will admit you DID make these decisions, even if you were misled, and you believed them.

And it is here yet another life-determining decision will be made. Do you pick yourself up and do what you can with only 67% of your life left, and nearly none of your youth remaining? Or do you give up and sink into depression? Many-a-construction workers committed suicide when they went bankrupt when a housing bubble THEY DIDN'T CONTROL burst. But some stuck it out and got back their wealth they lost in 7 years. It will be the true test of a man and woman's mettle to see which of these options they choose.

Regardless, this is the mental price people will pay for the Expectations Bubble. Wasted lives, wasted youth, some will commit suicide, others will pursue the delusion blaming bogey men, and others will limp on in life. But regardless of where they end up, the pure psychological torment of realizing you've been lied to your entire life, and that this has cost you your youth, AND how to control that rage to salvage what remains is the mental price two generations, maybe three will pay for the lies, deceit and cowardice of previous generations.

The financial price is incalculable. We could discuss economic estimates of "unfunded liabilities" which are around $100 trillion in promises we can't keep. We could discuss the national debt, 65% of which was used to buy votes which if interest rates nudge even slightly up, the US is insolvent. We could be theoretical and ask "what could have been" had we adhered to those nasty, dirty, disgusting WASPy principles of the WWII generation. But in the end it is moot.

With now about 80% of the population wasting 1/3rd of their lives getting educated, and nearly 75% of them getting educated in worthless subjects, NOT TO MENTION crippling their financial futures in debt, the entire economic system just plain doesn't have the human productive capacity, ability, nor desire to

1. Honor all our debts

2. Pay for everything else

The herculean economic challenges that face this nation are insurmountable to the deluded, incompetent, incapable, and demoralized population we have today. One can fully expect default (if we lose world reserve currency status), and a long slow decline as the Romans experienced in the 4th and 5th centuries AD.

What Can Be Done?

Just like the Dotcom Bubble, just like the Housing Bubble, and just like the Retirement Bubble, people are so brainwashed and wedded to the bubble, it's nearly impossible to wake them up and effectively deflate it. You now have nearly 90% of the population that is NON-WWII, meaning they lack the hardships, sacrifices, and other real world experiences in life to harden them to the point they prefer harsh truths over reality. You have Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers, Millennials and whatever god-forsaken generation is coming after that, and NONE OF THEM seem to have an inkling of desire to turn off The Kardashians and start reading The Wall Street Journal.

Additionally, all major institutions in the country are too vested in the system as it currently is. The democrats will never forfeit the promises of "unicorns, free health care, free education, you can do anything and if you didn't it's whitey's fault" type strategy. Corporations are too invested in men and women thinking delusionally about themselves, and thus being entitled to all their material goods. Universities and colleges need to also keep up the lie you need college to achieve your dream for what else would the parasitic scum of society posing as professors do for a living? And the media has too much at stake for they are the ones who sell you the lies as to why your life isn't going the way you want it, or at least produce the mind-numbing drugs of sitcoms and Grammy awards so you never question it to begin with.

But all these major obstacles aside, there is at least a THEORETICAL way to undo all the damage that has been/will be done and maybe, put the country back on the path towards greatness and reality. And it starts with that. Reality. Specifically, The Reality Principle.

The Reality Principle is not a theory or concept or an idea. It's reality. And it basically states that your decisions become more and more effective the more and more you base those decisions in reality.

If you work out, eat right, put yourself together, get implants, and grow your hair out long you will abide by the REALITY that men like girls with long hair, big boobs, tight asses, and a pretty face and are practically guaranteed to succeed with men.

If you instead lie to yourself and claim beauty is a social construct as you wharf down your 4th cheese burger, cut your hair short, wear military boots, and pierce your nose on

your way to the latest "fat acceptance" meeting, then you will FAIL with men.

But the CRUX of The Reality Principle is not the simple common sense that it implies. It is pursuing The Reality Principle in spite of our wishes, desires, biases, predispositions, wants and preferences.

For example it's very easy for me to acknowledge women want an in shape guy, with big muscles, who makes a lot of money, is charming, talented and charismatic.

It's another thing for me to run 6 miles, lift weights the next day, pursue a degree in engineering, work 60 hours a week to make the money, while picking up dance classes and practicing Cary Grant lines to meet those standards (which I have by the way ;).

Ergo it's not the concept of basing decisions in reality as much as it accepting the criticism and responsibilities it forces on us.

Do you want to have a job after college? Tough luck, you have to study hard disciplines in STEM, engineering, and math.

Do you want to have that hot nymphomanic babe you see on the internet? Tough luck, hit the gym, lift weights, get rid of the carbs, and enjoy the suck.

Do you want to be a social justice warrior that helps the poor and are too lazy to get a real education? Tough luck, you will be poor, nobody will really respect you, and nobody will take you seriously.

While this "responsibility-taking" aspect of The Reality Principle implies a third impossible hurdle to bursting and recovering from The Expectations Bubble, it does something that all the lies, government checks, and warm fuzzies can't do, and that is provide real and genuine hope, a real, tangible and possible solution to most people's problems. For while the sweet lies do satiate most of the sheeple out there, most sheeple do know, deep down inside this is not how they want their lives to be going. They are not satisfied with their lives. They are not happy and they are not hopeful about the future. Additionally, they inevitably tire of a life where the lies and promises they were told are never realized.

How long are blacks going to believe the Democrat lies? Another 60 years?
How long are women going to believe the 60's feminist lies? Another 60 years?

Inevitably, after a couple generations of no success, no progress, and above all else, no happiness, they WILL start to question the lies they've been told (which in part explains my disproportionately high black male readership, as well as loyal contingent of women who want to be traditional housewives).

In other words, lies and deceit do not work in the long run no matter how good they feel. And if we are in a very Trump like way, direct, unapologetic and blunt about it, being HONEST and pointing to REALITY at least gives everybody a realistic and understandable road map to success. It is only those who are truly delusional or so vested in their ideology that they will want to continue to live the lies for that is all they have ever known in their lives.

Ergo, to reach this society-wide level of "epiphany" requires one simple thing. A sustained adherence to and broadcasting of The Reality Principle by various independent media outlets, philosophers, bloggers, podcasters, teachers, and above all else, PARENTS. Again, what we offer is not as sweet sounding as "the glass ceiling" or "you can have it all" or "nobody's too good for my little princess," but it is based in reality. In theory, slowly but surely, people will realize pursuing becoming the next Miley Ray Cyrus only to be unemployed and singing karaoke, is not as good as aiming to be an electrician *and actually becoming an electrician*. Or aiming to be an elite investment banker at Goldman Sachs only to make it into a 4th tier commercial bank, is not as good as aiming to be a cop *and actually becoming a cop*. It is simply telling our fellow loved one or even our fellow man that they need to lower their expectations inline with reality, not because we wish to rain on their parade, but because we wish to save their lives and spare their youth from the destructive forces of delusion.

And if that is too hard a sell to the American public. So be it. They will get what they deserve.

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Looks like Alex is looking to hire in Hawaii. Please forward to anybody you might know.

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40 things college girls say and what they really mean.

Why "Buying Local" Is a Stupid Economic Strategy

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On par with the stupidity that was the "Let's Boycott Big Oil" (for one day and then everybody buy twice the amount of gas the next) is the Gen X-inspired, Millennial-endorsed "Buy Local" economic strategy.

With data that is as spurious as a research paper written by a women's studies professor who hates her father, meaningless and unfounded data is thrown around claiming "if just everybody spent $100 locally it would benefit our economy by $3 million!" Perhaps "$4 million!" Heck, why not "$1 billion?"

But for saner heads and those who are GENUINELY interested in enacting economic policies that raise everybody's standard of living, and not just 20 something college kids masturbating their political egos, it is time for the Ole Captain to brush off the dust, put on his ole economist hat, and explain to you how "buying local" is not only stupid, but actually HARMS people economically.

At the heart of these naive people's economic strategy is the utopian idea that if you buy locally then the "money is kept in the local economy" and thus benefits those locally. So instead of going to Wal-Mart and buying everything, you go to the Ma and Pa's store in town, thereby helping them AND their local employees. And while on the face of it this may sound logical and simple, it is. So simple it fails miserably to account for the real world.

First, in order for this to work, EVERYBODY, and I mean EVERYBODY would have to be forced BY LAW to re-spend the money locally until death do us part. Not only would you have to buy from the local ma and pa dime store, THEY would have to buy all of their

wares locally as well. Additionally (and I'm sure the economic masterminds behind the "buy local" strategy accounted for this too), they would have to reinvest ONLY LOCALLY to keep the money local. Ergo, not only would all goods and services be bought locally, but all sources of financing and investment would be local AND could only go to local companies. Already you can intuitively see some problems with this as it sounds totalitarian and restrictive.

Second, which is closely related to the first, is the lack of competition and choice.

What if I don't like the Ma and Pa store?
What if I don't like the local ice cream parlour?
What if the clothier does not have the fashion you want?
What if I don't want to invest in the local bean plant?

Well, tough cookies for you. You HAVE TO buy local.

The irony is that the people who typically clamor for "buying local" are usually the same ones who protest against monopolies. However, to a certian level, that is precisely what they're advocating. A monopolistic market. The only difference is merely who is the monopolist?

An "evil" big corporation from out of state that has lower prices and a better product?

Or

A "good" local company, owned by Herb and Bethel in Bisbee, Arizona who charges $14 for a "local organic burger" that tastes like crap?

It belies their true political leanings - they're Nazis, but "for the small people," which I guess in their warped and inferior minds makes it all good.

Third, quality.

In limiting competition and choice, you by default lower quality. Both in terms of allowing people to enjoy specialized products, as well as the benefits that come with having variety. Soon, you WILL get sick of Bisbee's 5 local-only coffee stores. You'll also get sick of the decor and the washed up hippie staff. And you will yearn to have a Starbucks or a Caribou or a Dunn Brothers coffee. But no, not if they can pass an ordinance in town banning any of those "evil, nasty, chain store" coffee shops. So you're stuck looking at an algae infested fish tank that they use to brew their kombucha, not to mention listening to the latest in "indie" music out of Tuscon, when all you wanted was a quality cup of Joe.

Fourth and finally, prices. Specifically, standards of living.

As much as you hate those "national chain stores" or those "eeeevil" multi-billion dollar corporations, the sad truth is that big is beautiful. And by beautiful, I mean cheap.

See, back in the day they had this thing called the "industrial revolution" which among many other wonderous things, automated a lot of processes previously done by humans. This allowed us to mass produce the same goods at a fraction of the time, cost, resources, and on-the-job-deaths than before. However, also key to this was SCALE.

Instead of having everybody make their own cars in their own garages, it paid to make a lot MORE cars for a fraction of the per unit cost in these things called "factories." Additionally, instead of selling a little bit of everything at the small Ma and Pa dime store, where customers would have to pay a hefty premium for square footage, it made immense economic sense to create super stores like Wal-Mart, Target, and malls where the retailing costs were a fraction of what was once before. And so now, not only were goods being mass-produced by these large "evil" national chains or multi-billion dollar corporations, but because they were being made on scale, their costs dropped dramatically. And when costs drop dramatically, that increases people's standards of living dramatically which is the WHOLE POINT OF ECONOMICS.

In short, these large, multi-billion dollar, "chain" stores and corporations like Wal-Mart have done more to PERMANENTLY help out the poor by boosting their purchasing power than any government program or pot-induced "buy local" dipshittery ever did.

The truth is "buying local" is a euphemism for "undeserved charity." If you buy local you are usually paying a premium for a less efficiently made product or service out of political or charitable leanings. Additionally, in insisting on "buying local" you also deny yourself the BEST possible goods and services that world has to offer.

Swiss chocolates? No, not local.
Cuban cigars? No, not local.
Saudi oil? No, none for us, thank you. Not local! We're from Bisbee!

Just what kind of a life would you lead?

And finally what if everybody only "bought local?" Like tourism, you are merely taking away business from one group of people to benefit another group of people who just happen to live in your town. There is no net economic gain in such a strategy for the nation as a whole. But it's even WORSE than tourism. Tourism is a net-zero effect and does not adversely affect any particularly industry. If you insisted on "buying local" only you would wipe out all of the nation's industries and along with it their ability to mass produce and sell on scale. Prices would sky rocket, quality would tank, and you'd be stuck with what meager goods and services your "local" economy could produce.

So please, to all the restaurants, bars, waitresses, college students, city council members professors, and other varied sorts of wanna-be economists who advocate the "buy local" economic strategy, shut up. Just please shut up. You don't know what you're talking about, you're going to hurt your community more than help. Just please shut up and leave economics, production, and standards of living to free people making free choices. I know telling people to "shut up" is not a legitimate argument, perhaps an admission of defeat. But not in your case. You're so ignorant and stupid about economics "shut up" is not only the response you deserve, it's the only one you'd understand.

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She wasn't haaaaaaapppyyyyyyyy.

I was surprised there was still this many smart people in America.

My son will ask, "What was it like when women were women?" And I'll look at him and say, "Heck if I know son. I was born after the 60's and never met one my age."

Silvio Canto talks about the debate, but more interestingly El Chapo on the run again.

Captain America now helping illegal aliens out.

Alternative Media is Winning

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Let me provide you a little bit of insight.

When I had my radio show at AM 1500 for all of 20 seconds, I was allowed to see and work within the "inner beast." I saw all the radio show personalities. I saw all the behind the scenes action. And I saw how it all worked.

But one thing my eagle economic eye caught is just how normal, if not shoddy people were in radio. Not because "they have a face for radio," but because (after some investigating) how little these people actually made. They were not rich, they were not even well off. And if you were under 30 you were working for peanuts to have the "honor" to work in "show biz."

Of course, now in hindsight we know these people pay a premium in salary to work in an industry that is considered fun, but that still doesn't debunk the "star" or "celebrity" effect they have. Most people think that if you get a radio show gig or a part in a movie you are "set for life." You get a record contract you are "golden." And that if you have your own show you are showered with millions of dollars.

But it's all BS. These people make peanuts.

So it is with a keen interest I noticed this little nugget from the Guardian. Written by one "Kate Iselin" about her feminist problems of trying to find a real man that would...well...be the opposite of what her and all the feminists were clamoring for.

Now laugh as we might, scoff and send her a katyusha rocket barrage of "I Told You So's" the real story, if you're paying attention, is NOT that a feminist is having to sleep in the bed she made, but that Kate Iselin has...the same amount of followers on Twitter I do

This is telling because, well, frankly, I am TECHNICALLY and in ALL REALITY a nobody. I'm just some guy who started a blog a decade ago, ranted and tiraded against all I saw, wrote a couple books and host a podcast like everybody and their brother. So why is it a nobody like me, who had no intention of getting into "journalism" is on par with a "professional" with the establishment and multibillion dollar support of an established media giant?

The answer?

It's because we're winning.

Not that there was a war to begin with, and not because of any particular doing of our own, but simply because of the democratizing effects of the internet an industry that was once the preserve of connected lazy baby boomers who feared math, is now the backyard hobby of millions of rookies. And these rookies are proving better than the "pros" who were unfortunate enough to join this industry as the internet has rendered it obsolete.

Of course, if you were brought up in the past 40 years (which most of us were) you are still under the spell of "oooo Celebrityship, Stardom, and Rockstar!" You see somebody on TV or hear somebody on the radio you think they are "famous" or "rockstars." And while the media may have been able to throw up this veil of "celebrityship" it's becoming increasingly apparent just how fragile and "veilish" their fame was. So much so The Guardian, a presumed premier battleship of left-wing media is now on par with a guy who started a blog 10 years ago and threw up charts.

In other words, the internet has completely removed the veil these "rock star journalists," these "Time Magazine" authors have and exposed them for nothing more than washed up , wanna be, poverty suffering journalism majors and political activists they are. The real journalists are the millions of minds who actually do think independently and take to the internet to voice their opinions or at least call BS on the previous guard's claims. And the fact a guy like me has equal ranking and footing as their "professionals" shows that the American population is slowly refocusing their eyes and recognizing the real media world for what it is.

So the next time you decide to dismiss Roosh or Aurini or Sargon or what have you, why don't you look up the Twitter following, the YouTube subscribership, and other measures of social media and compare them to the "professionals" the likes of "The Guardian" are hiring.

Some people are finally waking up!

Why I'm Better Than Eduardo Porter

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Continuing on from my previous observation that the MSM is nothing more than a leftist veil of aging and dying baby boomers, enter Eduardo Porter.

This guy is at least 20 years my senior and he works for the New York Times.

The NEW YORK fucking TIMES!

You know, that has-been baby boomer rag that claimed in the 70's it was "all the news fit to print?"

Anyway, he came out with this article about how welfare does not corrupt people and is a good thing.

Now, again, if you believe how you've been conditioned to believe that because he works for "THE" *New York Times* he is some how an authority figure. Well, just take a looksy at his twitter followers:

Look, guys, again, I'm a freaking nobody. I alone with NO MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR NEW YORK ASS KISSING SUPPORT NETWORK still have 50% the followers "Eduardo" does.

So why would you listen to him?

Which behooves, why would you listen to the New York Times?

I will say it again simply because it advances the focus of the American public to realize that the MSM and the likes of "Eduardo" are NOT the "authorities" they claim they are:

These people are HAVE BEENS! And sadly they were "NEVER WERE'S." They are an obsolete class of political activists that never had any talent and are simply trying to fight against the internet and its democratizing effects on the American public. This guy is a NOBODY! He's just an aged baby boomer journalist who never worked a real job in his life! The only reason you heard about him is because the NYT slapped their stick on him and (sadly) I'm bringing attention to the fact this man even exists.

So seriously, I mean this. We are winning. The dipshits at the bankrupt-only-to-be-bailed-out-by-Carlos-Slim-New York times have to resort to hiring nobodies like Eduardo Porter to write masturbatory pieces for their leftist 50+ readership. They aren't real "journalists." They're wanna-be's. They're hacks. They're propaganda pieces.

Just realize that the next time some idiot out there cites the "New York Times" as a "source."

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Made it to Liberal Logic!

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Not:

Also, a side video that was actually hilarious.

Actually, a Real Solution to Obamacare

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Will be looking into this.

Why the Republicans Should Consult Tom Leykis

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Ever since I've become aware of politics and certainly since I've followed it, the US has generally made a slow, but consistent movement to the left. This is not measured by who was elected democrat or republican, but much more empirical and concrete measures, specifically, government as a percentage of the economy. This measure, though going up and down, has generally trended upwards during my adult years to the point that we now (depending on which state you're in) pay around 40% of your money to the state, 43% if you consider inflation a tax (which it is).

When you compare this to the pre WWI average of 3%, you can see that America is not only nothing like what it used to be or the principles it was founded upon, but freedom, free markets, capitalism, and everything Western Civilization fought for these past 4,000 is also losing.

The only thing in a position to stop this is, laughably, the republican party. And while I see many of the heads and establishment, RINO republicans doing nothing, if not advancing the progress of socialism, there are still some true believers in the party who insist on the principles the republican party theoretically stands for.

The irony, however, is that the establishment republicans, even though they have moved to the left, still keep getting their asses handed to them. This is not Monday morning quarterbacking, but a fact. They are the biggest pussies and pushovers, thinking appeasement and being nice is what's going to win over the American voting public. And even though they

failed to stop Obamacare,
failed to make him a one term president,
failed to protect the integrity of the sovereignty of this nation

AND

Trump's viable candidacy is proof "regularly every day" republicans (and people) are sick of their eunuch politics

they still are in such an elitist, blue blood, clueless echo chamber, they still don't know why they keep losing.

Which is why they should consult Tom Leykis.

Tom, largely stays out of politics. He's too busy leading the young boys in this country

out of the lies, propaganda, and deceit they were fed as children, helping them salvage what they can in their lives. But some of the lessons he learned the hard way (trial and error) are vital, not just to young men of today, but today's ball-less republican party. Specifically, "There's the door."

Unlike what young men were told their entire childhood and adolescent lives, women do NOT like being pampered, having their asses kissed, and having every whim satisfied. Even more so, women respond more positively to a man who tells her "no" than one you says, "yes dear" each and every opportunity. Ergo, after dating and marrying enough women, Tom finally learned to say, "There's the door."

"Tom buy me more stuff."
"There's the door."

"Tom, I want a cat."
"There's the door."

"Tom, you don't treat me well."
"There's the door."

He learned, although over many years and much pain, that to have a successful, productive, and above all else, respectable relationship with a woman you simply had to stick with your principles, hold your guns, and tell them "no." And it's the precise same lesson the republicans have to learn about the American voting public.

The American voting public has been courted, successfully, by the democrats simply through bribery. "Vote for me and I'll give you free shit." And they fall for it because, in general, people are morons, can't do math, and don't want to do the math. Their survivalist instincts always love free shit and they'll vote for it NEARLY every time. However, the American public also at least respects the left because they get it done. They stand for something. They hold to their principles.

This is why they could get an out and out socialist elected twice as president and can get a publicly admitted socialist in Bernie Sanders elected too.

But the republican's response to this has been a bigger pussy move than one I pulled off buying a girl flowers in the 7th grade:

"We'll give you ***slightly less free stuff.***"

Unfortunately since this has no principle, stands for nothing, based in no plan, and is based in MIMICRY it comes off as the pussy move it is by simply confessing "We have NOTHING of value to offer you so we're going to try to be like the democrats." This

strategy is flawed in its design and has empirically and historically proven to be so.

Instead the republicans should insist on principle, insist on holding their guns, and simply say to the American people:

"There's the door."

"You don't like balanced budgets?"
There's the door.

"You want open borders?"
There's the door.

"You want free health care, and college tuition for shitty degrees?"
There's the door.

Simply insist on the rule that you will not violate your principles AND be willing to lose a couple elections if the American public is too stupid to insist you do. Let the foolish American voting public vote in the socialists, vote in the democrats, jack up taxes, make everything "free," and let the American people get the government (and economy by the way) it so rightly deserves.

Then, and only then, like a spoiled girlfriend who stammers out the door, only to pay the price of her naivety in the real world, will you win these voters in the long run. The left will NOT be able to deliver what they promised, but more importantly you present a CLEAR and DISTINCT alternative in politics, rather a confused, amorphous, muddled one that looks nothing more than "wanna be democrat."

Finally, and I say this not because it's politically incorrect, but because all politically incorrect statements are true, republicans lose elections because of women. And it is the PRECISE same exact psychology where you tell a girl "there's the door" that she may claim to "hate you" initially, but in the end will at least respect you and inevitably ~~sleep with you~~ vote for you.

Imagine if you had told all these third wave feminists to fuck off instead of cowering like the cowards you are fearing they might call you "sexist?"

Imagine if you dared to cut their funding from the public universities and their women's studies programs?

Imagine if you "republican" "conservative" "traditional fathers" actually grabbed your balls out from your "elementary school teacher" wife's purse and said, "Son, here's how women, economics, and politics really work."

Imagine if instead of kissing illegal aliens' asses in fear you might lose "the Latino vote," you manned up and did what men have done for millennia and DEFENDED THE NATION.

Oh, you'd get heaps of scorn thrown on you, but many other women would admit to having the "voting VT's" for you as you were simply adhering to principle and being the epitome of man.

Of course, you aren't going to consult Tom Leykis. And of course you aren't going to consult me. And of course, you'll keep losing to the democrats. You'll keep listening to Dick Morris and all the other "political analysts" with their masters degrees from the MSM. But at least for some of you this ~~horribly politically incorrect~~ truthful reality will explain why the republicans keep losing, the left gets everything it wants, and why the only real strategy true freedom-loving, "normal" republicans have is to enjoy the decline.

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Ah, the Fake Mental Illness Bubble Continues

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British Accent Privilege

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To be blunt and direct I put my heart and soul into my new-found "online media empire" career. I cook, I slave, I write, I podcast, and when coupled with my life-long passion for economics and capitalism these efforts have produced society some impressive gifts.

My ability to predict the housing bubble long before it happened.
My ability to warn the youth about worthless degrees long before anybody else.
My ability to foresee the "retirement bubble"
Not to mention my ability to consult and advise the lost youth of today.

Thankfully, these efforts have not gone unrewarded and I am one of the VERY lucky few to have a significant enough of a following that I no longer have to sit in a cubicle, commute, or answer to a boss even again. I have just under 20,000 followers on YouTube, approximately 3,000 weekly listeners to my podcast, the same amount of daily visitors to my blog, and this generates enough income so that I may put food on the table and shelter over my head.

But then my keen economic eye caught something.

While me and my colleagues slaved and toiled as we tamed this new digital landscape, right behind us came some women. And these women had two traits:

1. They were cute and
2. They were conservative.

And so while the likes of me, Roosh, Mike Cernovich, Aurini, and others pioneered this new world, advancing and developing new lines of thought, these women came in and said,

"Tee hee!!! I like Sean Hannity!"
"Tee hee!!! I like America! Go capitalism!"
"Tee hee!!! I support the troop!"

And so for merely parroting very watered-down versions of the great economic, philosophical, and political arguments, concepts, and theories we men created, these girls were rewarded with:

OVER FIVE TIMES THE SUBSCRIBERSHIP AND FOLLOWING.

Naturally, some of us got angry and a bit perturbed as it was simply not fair. We did all

the heavy lifting, we did all heavy thinking, not to mention those thousands of hours of research. But this great injustice aside, I fully acknowledge and am aware that it is the nature of the world.

Men (specifically conservative Western men) have a huge, desperate, and thirsty demand for hot, conservative women. Unfortunately, there is a very limited supply of such girls. This results in a classical economic situation of a shortage, predictably causing higher prices for lower quality goods.

However, unfair that 5:1 advantage may be, did you know there was another unearned trait that MILLIONS of men are born with each year that dwarfs this 5:1 ratio? A simple characteristic that dwarfs the benefits given to a cute set of conservative tits?

Enter the hated British accent.

Ever since the dawn of America we have had to fight this global scourge. First in the Revolutionary War, then again in 1812. And today this war continues as men with their perfectly-pitched and perfectly-polished British accents come in and swoon our women, take all the leading roles in Hollywood, and are automatically conferred an additional 15 IQ points during conversation.

But while I thought the plague of "British Accent Privilege" would be largely relegated to tickling the fancies of our women and playing the villains in Star Wars movies, unfortunately it has spread into my back yard. It has hit me at home. It has directly affected my career.

I didn't notice it at first until the internet drama surrounding one "Laughing Witch" exploded onto the scene where presumably this aged, leftist woman who has doxxed several people, ended up getting doxxed herself. I had only been paying a tacit amount of attention to the chaos, but to understand it more fully a friend of mine linked to a video of one of the more prominent YouTuber's she was trying to take down-Thunderf00t.

As I listened it was immediately apparent he had "British Accent Privilege," and was of course refined and polished in his delivery. But it wasn't until I looked at his subscribership did I fully comprehend just what an unfair advantage his British accent gave him over us colonials.

Thunderf00t had ***400,000*** subscribers. A full 20x's more than me!

Soon my mind raced as my synopses knew I had seen other YouTubers who had British Accent Privilege and orders of magnitude more subscribers than me.

Sargon of Akkad with his 191,000 followers.

And
Stefan Molyneux with his 280,000 followers.

You did some simple math and the benefits of British Accent Privilege was painfully obvious.

These three men averaged 290,000 subscribers. While I, a lowly colonial, only had 20,000. This resulted in a ratio of nearly 15:1, ***THREE TIMES THE ADVANTAGE HAVING A CUTE SET OF TITS AND THE ABILITY TO SPOUT CONSERVATIVE TALKING POINTS!***

And whereas my economic mind is more than willing to accept the economic-sexual-psychological nature of men and their propensity to give a 5:1 advantage to women, what my American blood cannot abide is giving a man with a British accent such advantage and privilege.

Why is it a guy with the name "Thadeus Danglepuss" or "Benedict Cumberbatch" can even be considered refined or theatrically talented?

Why is it a guy with the name "Englbert Humperdink" or "Stefan Molyneux" can even be considered a musician or a (pfa!) "philosopher?"

It is high time the world wake up and realize the OPPRESSION we suffer under those with British Accent Privilege. And it would be equally just for those with British Accent Privilege to admit it, apologize for it, and pay us reparations for their winning the "accent lottery of life."

Han Solo, Trump, the Afghan War and More

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In a Chris Bechtloff podcast you HAVE TO listen to (at least the first 15 minutes for the Han Solo psychological break down)

What a 20% Abortion Rate Tells Us About (Roughly) 20% of American Women

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I can't remember the reason my curiosity was piqued, but whatever it was it resulted in me asking the question:

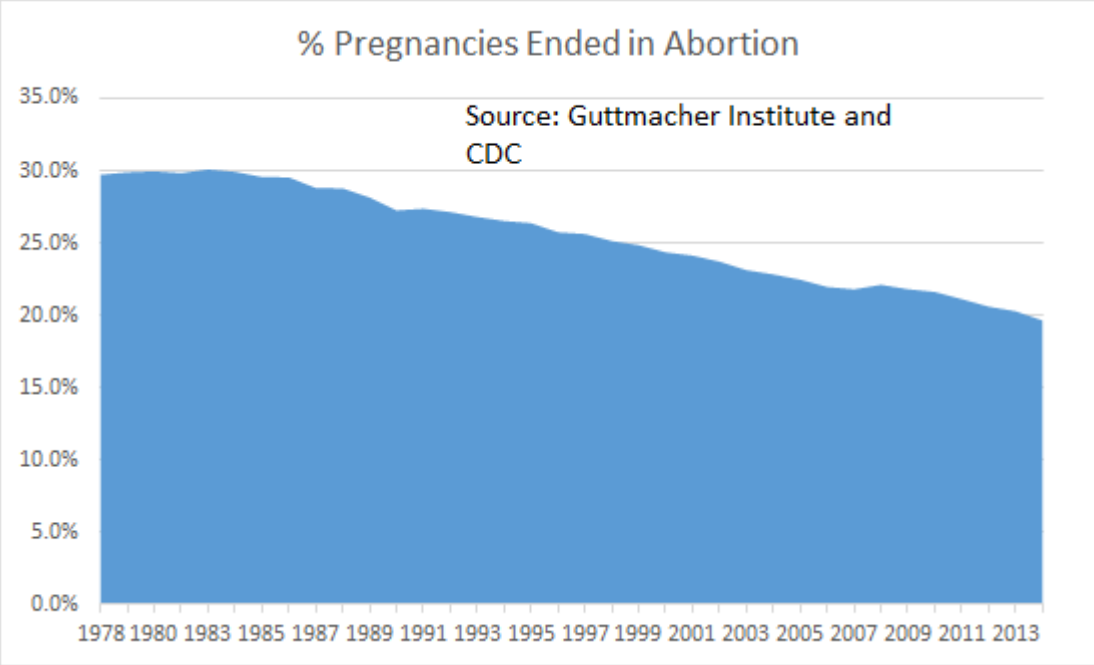
"What percentage of pregnancies end up being aborted?"

So off your intrepid economist captain went to teh interwebz in search of the data he needed. And though it took some adjustments and other methodological maneuverings (missing years of data, what about miscarriages, etc.) he was able to suss out the details.

20%

20% of pregnancies end in abortion.

Now before you get all appalled, realize this is an IMPROVEMENT over the women of the baby boomer generation where they seemed to make abortion an Olympic sport. Back in those "glorious" 70's and early 80's it was 30%.



But it's still a pretty atrocious figure that 1 in 5 pregnancies today end up in abortion.

Now keep in mind I am pro-choice. I truly believe a child not wanted or a child unable to be cared for will live a life worse than the 100% neutral life of never being born in the first place. And in all intellectual honesty I can be flippant about it.

I'm not religious.
I don't have kids.
I got a vasectomy (class of '07).
And I'm very thankful the law has made it SOLELY the responsibility of women to make this horrible decision.

So yes, for reasons of cowardice and misanthropic indifference, I really don't care if you abort your baby and will fight for your right to do so.

However, so high was this number not only did I forgot my original reason for calculating it, but it replace it with a separate observation.

How irresponsible and amoral are American women?

Now I know there are already some mathematical problems that could potentially overstate or distort these numbers.

What about women with multiple abortions?
What about the morning afterpill?
What about birth control failing? IT DOES THAT YOU KNOW!!!
What about rape?
What about widows?

And thus it does not translate directly to "1 in 5 women get abortions." But even accounting for these variables, it's still pretty darn close to 20%. Which behooved my question.

How irresponsible and amoral do you have to be that 20% of you use ABORTION as a means of birth control?

You see, the problem I have with this number is not that there's this many abortions going on. It's that it tells me 1 in 5 women are not responsible enough to use the 438 other forms of birth control before screwing around with not only the lives of future innocent children, but their own. That before they partake in the act of potentially bringing in a new and innocent human life into this world, 1 in 5 of them just say "meh" and to hell with the birth control.

But where the morality of this comes in is one that even though I'm pro-choice, I just don't understand.

WHY RISK THE MORAL DECISION TO EVEN HAVE AN ABORTION???

Look, I'm the first guy to admit I don't know if there's an afterlife or if there's a god or whether a fetus is a living human being and whether abortion is murder. But even with my callous indifference to humans, I would NEVER put myself into the position of having to make that decision. It is such a daunting moral (not to mention psychological, biological, physical, and emotional) decision that when I originally set out to do this calculation I thought for SURE it would come under 5%.

Alas, 20% of women disagree with me and don't give a flying flip about the moral gravity and ramifications of having an abortion.

Now the good news is that this is (thankfully) not the majority of women. 80% of women actually have the responsibility, wisdom, and selflessness to make the right choice, use birth control, and bring a child into this world when she's ready for it. And also (if the data is correct) this trend is trending down. But I wanted to point out this statistic not just because it's appallingly high, but to warn the young boys out there. 1 in 5 women are just not responsible and at minimum have a questionable moral compass. And while you may say, "well that means 80% of the women are just fine," true....but have you ever dated more than 4 girls?

Stay frosty boys. Stay the freak frosty.

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And of course....

GLORIOUS HAT!!!!

Laci Green: A Case of Swapping One Religion for Another

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Originally an Asshole Consulting request, but a lesson we can all learn, not just about Laci Green, but that trading in "traditional" religions for new, "political ones" doesn't make the new ones any more valid.

Should Women Work?

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I would have titled this post differently, as I believe women should absolutely have the right to work and we should ban nobody from doing what they wish with their lives, but Roosh still brings up some good points. Precisely how vital are women to the economy? I wish he would have harped on the public sector/non-profit sectors of the economy with some numbers (perhaps something I could do), but precisely what would happen at the office or factory if women weren't allowed? What would happen to government bloat if there were make-work jobs for them? What would happen if you had one strong disciplinarian vice principle in the high school and not a dozen "guidance counselors?"

Again, I am very much against telling people what they can and cannot do. But as an economist I am infinitely intrigued about what they "should" do in theirs and society's best interests.

Everything Wrong With MGTOW

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In one simple picture.

I'm going to be brief on account it's Friday and I think we've gone over these topics before, but I think a convenient, consolidated recap here will prove helpful:

1. How Much of it is "Ugly Feminist Who Can't Find a Man" but Reversed?

One of the things that tipped me off to the fake MGTOW movement was the nature of the problems and complaints men had about women. It was confirmed once I started hearing concepts like "Incel" and "TFL." And though you could not "totally" confirm as they hid behind avatars of 17th century philosophers, medieval knights, and anime characters (though I'm guilty of that), you could just tell they were men who did not keep themselves in shape, were not attractive, and instead of doing something about it, rather take the easy route and (just like feminists) shame and lecture women for "liking the bad boy alpha with muscles, money, and a motorcycle."

2. Still Obsessed Over Women

Real MGTOW's have more important shit going on in their lives than to protest a feminist protest. And we certainly do not have the time to make a body of armor out of ducktape to do so. This poor soul obviously still cares about what women think as he spent lord knows how many hours of his precious life to do this. The mere fact he's trying to bring attention to "MGTOW" shows just how much control women still have over him. Closely

related to this...

3. Crusaderism/Lack of Purpose and Agency in Life

Again, real MGTOW's are out there doing shit with their lives. They are not going to protest...well...feminists protesting. They will have a hobby, a craft, friends, a business venture, some books to read, a family to raise, mountains to hike, landscapes to paint, girls to nail, even video games to play.

This guy and many other "MGTOWs" do not. They have nothing more going on in their lives than to mire themselves in how they've all gone MGTOW which is no different or lacking in accomplishment than Laci Green claiming she's "pansexual." Inevitably the "GTOW" has to become part of MGTOW. And since that takes effort, sadly, I'd estimate 30% of self-proclaimed MGTOW's (primarily the cultists on the internet) never do. And sadly they never really join the remaining 70% of their authentic MGTOW brothers.

Ultimately, however, the problem is that MGTOW by its nature is a silent movement, a philosophy, a quiet choice. YOu simply "go ghost" and live your life a different way. This leaves the academians, the theoreticians, the wanna be's who pound away at keyboards and throw vitriol on YouTube. Worse, it leaves the likes of the above (who by no means defines MGTOW's) define them to the outside world. And ironically, it accomplishes the EXACT OPPOSITE of what the crusaderist arm of the MGTOW's want as society doesn't take them seriously, but mocks them and writes them off.

Anyway, today I'm going to hit the gym, bang out some miles, listen to the Ancient War podcast, practice a speech I have coming up, go swing dancing with my girlfriend while having dinner with friends, then I'm going to prepare my truck for a roadtrip out east to visit fellow fans and bloggers.

I will not be donning plastic homemade armor and protesting a feminist protest.

Burn Baby Burn!

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Another scam college goes bankrupt and their idiot students are "enraged."

What I love is most of the people who attend these colleges are too stupid to realize it's a GREAT thing the school went under because it effectively put an end to them continuing to make a horrible and costly mistake.

"But That's Not Fair!!!"

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"*Alas, not only because fairness is important to society, but as individuals we have the instinctual demand for self-respect, "fairness" is a concept constantly hammered and hounded upon us. At three you are told "it's not fair to steal your brother's candy." From all of K-12 your teachers insist on everything be "fair." And when you're in college your liberal arts professors do nothing but whine and complain about how the world is so "unfair." So when you graduate from college you think the real world should, ought to be, and is fair.*

Oh, you foolish man."

More at my latest piece at ROK.

You Are an Idiot

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Don't be an idiot.

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How Silicon Valley nerds ruined video games
A drunk Thee Man hits on Cappy's girlfriend!!!??
How inuring yourself to rejection, blinds you to women who actually like you.
Affirmative Action Star Wars
Cappy is for universal healthcare, BGI, and free housing??? What???

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Comic Books Taken Over By Marxists

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Amen Rocking Mr E.

The "97% Consensus" on Global Warming is Bullshit

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I find global warming "cute" because it's not only something the left gets excited about, but many people on the right and in libertarian spheres get excited about it too. Specifically, people on the right think it's all BS and libertarians think it's real and wonder how I (an otherwise rational, logical, empirical human being) don't believe in it.

Well, here (links to MP3).

The entire argument for global warming hinges on this convenient statistic that 97% of scientists believe in man-induced global warming. Only problem is that statistic is pure bunk and made up. Now the lesson to learn from this is one of when to ignore data and let pure, simple logic (not to mention cynicism in your fellow man) determine your position on different things.

If you just trusted your gut and looked at this global warming thing for what it was, it would have become very apparent that it was all a scam. It was just a racket.

You have:

1. Leftists at all levels of government creating a problem out of thin air
2. That the only solution is more government and taxes
3. Wherein the people who could determine if there was a problem were all compensated on there being a problem
4. With holes in research and methodologies, not to mention completely fabricated data
5. With predictions and computer models failing to predict the past and future
6. Oh, and yeah, don't forget about the "brand new religious" element that the mindless sheeple can follow where they can buy indulgences and give their meaningless lives "value" by claiming "they're going green."

The real story about the global warming hoax is just what a high percentage of the west's population is easy marks and fall for this huckster bullshit. That they lack such basic common sense to identify a scam like this, if not race to sop it up, shows just how far gone this society is and that it is going to get what it precisely deserves.

Regardless, my point is that this one was so obvious you didn't have to waste your time pulling data, pointing to research, and highlighting shoddy methodologies. All you had to say was "it's a scam and you're a dupe." Because in all honesty, people who believe in global warming choose to believe in it and will never be convinced otherwise. Alas, why waste your time or get riled up about global warming? It's just the newest state-endorsed religion for the sheep.

The Fucktardery Never Ends

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For the patron Saint of Frick.

Why I Don't Watch the "Debates"

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Sober Saturday Linkage

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An analysis of the movie "High Noon."

A good, dense piece on economics and history.

Please don't tell me you socialists care about the children. You just don't.

Was on the Swank Life Podcast.

Chloe Luv started her podcast (and fair warning even I blushed when listening to it! I thought it was going to be more about the industry and business...annnnnnnd....no. Just fair warning!)

New blog, Swords of the Saints.

Lazy Sunday Linkage

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Stefan Molyneux and Bill Whittle have a great conversation (link corrected)about the r and k breeding strategies. Many things were explained in this discussion that even I was unaware of. Strongly recommend you listen to it.

Wedding loans. For the Patron's Saint name of Frick. Effing "Wedding Loans."

Rich liberals will need to move minorities out of the cities and into the suburbs because they need fancy downtown condos. That and Russia, Syria, and Egypt...all in one post.

Keep exposing Academia for what it is - a depot for America's adult children who cannot work real jobs and must become professors.

Uncie Bern Bern has his latest podcast up.

Correcting Our Own

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As many of you know I am a big fan of Stefan Molyneux. His call in shows are a bit emo, but when he does specials or particular research on a particular topic I very much enjoy them as he is usually pioneering a new vein of philosophy or thought.

However a common fact he refers to (not necessarily cite) is that the amount of money in social programs that actually reaches their intended recipients is a mere fraction of the total, implying the majority of it merely goes into the pockets of government workers and administrators.

I had no reason to doubt him as I trust the man is intellectually honest, but it wasn't until my economic spidey senses started tingling with a great economic idea that I found out he is likely wrong.

The idea was that if there was that much government bloat, there would be an area where even the most right wing and left wing persons could get together and have a great compromise. Recipients of welfare, TANF, WIC, EBT, etc., could get an increase in their benefits, while the producers and taxpayers of society could get their taxes lowered. This would be possible by simply streamlining the government bloat used to manage these programs and would be a win win for everybody.

The problem is government overhead accounting for the majority of social program spending just isn't true. Glenn Kessler did some outstanding (and rare) journalism researching the topic, finding a study that shows SNAP's overhead only accounts for 6% of total spending. Media Matters also pulled some data for multiple social programs showing the overhead for these programs ranging from 4% to 17%. And while I don't trust Media Matters to present this data without manipulation or spin, it is in line with Kessler's research (though, not surprisingly their links to the original sources no longer work).

Regardless, the point is that those of us on the right or libertarian side of the political spectrum cannot rely on lies or false data simply because its against our principles. We want to base our decisions in reality since that is the best way to develop policy, theories, and philosophies that work best in the real world. So even though it would have been nice to perhaps balance the federal budget on the backs of overpaid and overbloated numbers of government workers, sadly, it doesn't look that way. We'll just have to find other ways.

POST POST - I spoke with Michael over at Free Domain Radio and he said Stefan already has something in the pipe on this and will present his figures. Some of the things cited in

the comments are what he will be addressing, so I'm sure we'll have a good response.

7 Articles Later and I Still Don't Know What Missouri's President Wolfe Did

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It kept coming up on my damn twitter and other social media until I finally broke down and said, "*Alright, fine, I'll look into this. What thef@ck is going on with this guy* "*Wolfe*" *at the University of Missouri?*"

And seven articles and 45 finite minutes of my life later, I still don't know.

Oh, I know he resigned as well as the chancellor.
I know the student group 1950 had posted a list of tyrannical and racist demands that would make any self respecting and prospective student refuse to attend.
And I know the college sportzball team was instrumental in getting these events to transpire.

But the KEY question I was trying to answer has still gone unanswered.

Precisely what the hell did President Wolfe do that was so drastic and bad that he AND the chancellor resigned, not to mention the entire university system is now forcing "diversity training" on their students?

I was expecting him to have used a genuine racial slur. Perhaps assaulted a minority student. Maybe got caught banging a freshman during orientation.

Nope.

The best answer I could find was "he didn't respond to some racial issues on campus fast enough." Seriously, that's the official reason for all this hubbub. He didn't handle a CLAIM that a young black man was called racial slurs while on campus and a feces swastika was smeared on a door.

So now I (along with the rest of you) have to ask ourselves, what is the likely scenario?

1. President Wolfe was SOOOO incompetent that he was unaware of the Stasi-level culture of political correctness and race-victimization in today's college campuses that he let two SERIOUS claims like that go unanswered and uninvestigated?

Or

2. Political correctness, victimization, and crusaderism have so infected today's

millennial and college campus generations that they are professional and feral victims, constantly on the search for a reason to whine and claim they're oppressed because (ultimately) they're too damn lazy to work and think majoring in real subjects is beneath them?

Any one with half a brain knows it is the later (whether they have the balls to admit that or not, however, is another matter).

Now, of course, I could be completely wrong. Maybe it was in the 8th article I would have read that I'd find out he blackmailed the entire black sorority on campus to flunk them out if they all didn't sleep with him. Perhaps he stalled, or refused to investigate, which I could understand would lead to his resignation. But if all the students and left have is "*he didn't handle racial tensions on campus* ***well***," FOAD. You're not fooling me. Try your little "woeisme victim game" on John Boehner or some other ballless republican.

The truth is that this is simply another (and ballsy) play on the left to use false racism and victimization to provide the rationalize for further brainwashing and indoctrination of America's youth in the bottleneck of college we force them to go through. It is secondarily a BLATANTLY CLEAR aim for the worthless tranches of academians, professors, professional activities, and worthless-major-graduate students to get more funding to create make work jobs such as "diversity counselors," "professors," "advisors," and "directors."

Again, at any point in time, prove me wrong. I want to see what Mr. Wolfe did wrong and will certainly celebrate his resignation. Otherwise this is nothing more than what the left always does - bitch and whine while excelling at cowardice.

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"Leftists Only Respond to Violence" Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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Fan mail!
Christmas shopping at home while wifey is in lingerie
Black Friday is proof America needs to die
Your wife won't let you go to Vegas
No blow jobs? Then no boyfriend for you!
The Nazi Zombies are real at the U of Missouri!
The left only responds to violence
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Alex is Hiring for Busy Season

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Viewing the Liberal Arts from Another Perspective

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A client sent me an e-mail wondering if he should instead major in engineering rather than his current major, construction management. Knowing engineering was the obviously superior major, I was already predispositioned to recommend it until he told me his IQ.

128.

Now, it almost was mandatory he became an engineer.

I remembered vaguely a rule of thumb you needed an IQ of about 115 to be an engineer, but I checked first before consulting and found I was wrong. It was more like 120, with some of the higher level engineers having an average IQ of around 128 (Economics, ahem, ahem, also came in at 128). Regardless, he had more than the raw potential to become any kind of engineer he wanted.

But as I looked down the list I noticed the dramatic drop in IQ as you went from STEM to the liberal arts. Matter of fact if you took the average of the top STEM fields and

compared it to the bottom of the humanities your average roughly dropped form 128 to 106, a full 22 point or 1.5 standard deviation drop.

This was interesting to me because I remember when I used to teach statistics I (in a brilliant stroke of retaliatory genius) had my students take IQ tests online and then calculate their percentile rank. The results were predictable, but I recall one of my smarter students all depressed because he scored a 79. I looked at him and said, "79? That's borderline retarded!" He sheepishly said, "Yeah, I guess I'm retarded." I then yelled at him, "John!!! You're not retarded!!!! You just didn't try your best! Matter of fact you purposely had to try to be this bad! Now take it again and try this time!"

Regardless, that number stuck with me, and as it just so happens it's true. 80 is considered borderline retarded.

However, it wasn't until 13 years later today did this little expedition into the world of IQ provide me some insight on the problems we have in academia, specifically as it pertains to the liberal arts. Compared to their STEM peers, liberal arts majors ***ARE*** retarded. The gap between a normal person with an IQ of 100 and a mental retard is 20. So the gap between a STEM major and your average humanities major would be like an average person with an IQ of 100 and the average liberal arts major with an IQ of 78. "Officially retarded."

Of course we don't recognize this or view it that way since we are on the "good" side of 100. People between 90 and 110 are "normal" and it is those who are above 110 that are the statistical freaks in a good way. But if we were to not look at absolute scores, but relative scores to your average STEM major (or, cough, cough, economist), dealing with your average "college educated liberal arts major" is indeed as painful as dealing with a mentally impaired adult.

Watching the average person get excited about sportsball to the point they get upset or happy depending on how one group of guys throws a ball against another group of guys?

Painful.

Listening to women gossip at the water cooler about what dress which slut wore to the Oscars?

Torture.

Channel surfing through TV, searching for a morsel akin to "The IT Crowd" or "Sherlock," only to have "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and "The View" show up?

Bamboo shoots under the toenails.

It's no different than if your average humanities major had to deal with Rupret the Monkey Boy for their entire waking days.

But cultural comparisons aside this may also go a long way in explaining why so many of us on the right have had absolutely ZERO success in getting people on the left, specifically those in the liberal arts, to acknowledge and accept some basic mathematical facts and realities. To a guy with an IQ of 130 the concept of ever-increasing government debt leads to an obvious conclusion of unsustainability and collapse. But to your average early childhood education major, she doesn't even know (or care) about the difference between a million and a trillion. To the woman with an IQ of 140, she understands the concept that there is no such thing as money, only the goods and services it can buy. But to your average "Child Psychology" major he can't understand why pieces of paper don't have value. And to the guy with an IQ of 120, he knows villainizing and punishing "corporations" will simply have the effect of deterring them from investing in the place they are punished. But to your average journalism major, their brain isn't smart enough to overcome simply envy and spouts out "it's the corporations, man!!!!"

This is not to dismiss my theories that the true motivator of leftists is the mere formula of "laziness+ego." But it is to point out they may simply lack the intelligence to understand and comprehend "slightly advanced"

economics,
cause and effect,
math, and
advanced logic,

rendering what we think are simple, black and white facts moot and ineffective.

Ergo, it doesn't make any sense to get angry with them if they can't understand "% GDP" or "exponential growth," because expecting that out of a liberal arts major is really like expecting a mentally retarded person to be able to do long division. And while it does not solve the country's myriad of problems, it does lower your blood pressure and provide a little bit of sanity.

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Batman vs. Terminator

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And you guys wonder why I geek out sometimes:

The KKK and Concerned Students 1950 - A Match Made in Heaven

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"The Black Storm Trooper Guy"

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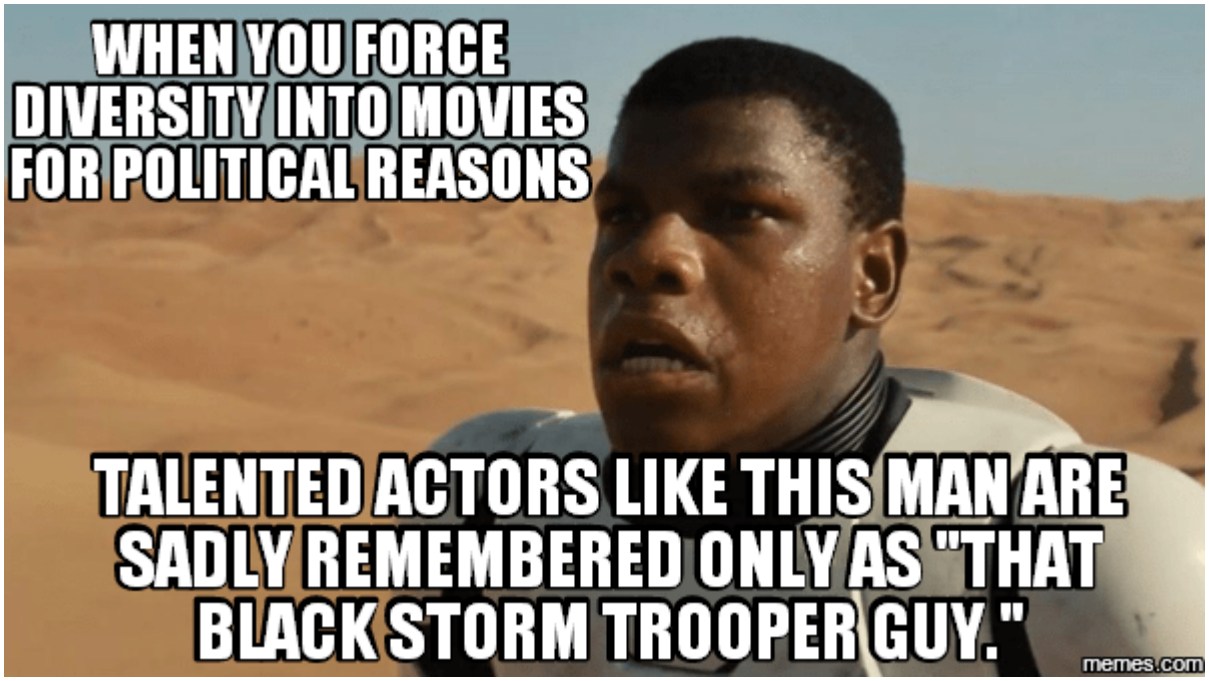

My Speech to the Minnesota Tea Party

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Both in video

and

audio.

The topic is how to get young men (under 40) interested and involved in conservatism. I sat down and thought long and hard about it and came up with a brilliant strategy that would work.

Only problem is, you're relying on political parties to implement these strategies. Still, some great ideas and insight that will prove useful to all.

France Brought It Upon Themselves

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And we will too:

Also, if you want to see how perfectly brainwashed the left is, look at the immediate knee jerk reactions in the comments section where spineless and brainless leftists scramble to blame everything but radical Islam. It is amazing to see them so desperately try to defend a group of people who want to destroy them. Enjoy that decline people, enjoy that freaking decline.

Lazy Sunday Linkage

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Aurini writes another "boring, frivolous, light read."

Why Millennial college students need the shit kicked out of them.

DT and The Man have a podcast (with behind the scenes info on how enraged I was at the Tea Party meeting)

PBS has professor on to explain "Micro-Aggressions" and the video gets a torrent of well-deserved hate and downvotes. Please feel free to downvote it.

Just discovered a new Podcast Treasure Trove - The History of Russia. 168 episodes so far and they are VERY well done.

STEM > STEAM

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A particular ranty rant that you may want to share with your "STEAM" colleagues:

What Would College Be Without Football?

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An institution of learning.

Episode #120 11-16-15

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Cappy likes Jamaica
Wedding loans and wedding whores
How success will destroy novelty and why that is a huge problem

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

President Hollande Apologizes to Concerned Students 1950

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Out East Road Tripping

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Posts will be infrequent. But if you want me to pass along a message to Chris Bechtloff let me know.

On the Road

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Aaron

These pictures make me look better than I am in real life. Seriously. Glorious Karl is an amazing man with a camera.

Glorious Karl and Glorious Hat

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Consider buying one. The redhead ***DOES*** come with the hat! I swear!

Road Trip Podcast Special! - Glorious Karl Edition

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Cappy visits Glorious Karl and Karl ***disagrees with Cappy!***

OFF WITH HIS HEAD!!!

Cappy and Karl discuss abortion, secularism, religion, law, communism, single parents, adoption, the "blogger profession," Laci Green, Jenna Marbles, IQ, and how the masses are too busy watching sports ball or Oprah that their sites will NEVER achieve mainstream status.

Tune in here!

UPDATE - I've switched from that shitbag service known as Podomatic to Soundcloud. This means for all of you with ~~communist devices~~ iPhones will NOT get the new episodes through iTunes until I update the RSS feed. In the meantime, consider buying a device that let's you download directly to your phone without forcing you to join the "Apple Commune." It's what us adults do.

Most American Parents Don't Deserve the 5th Commandment

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However, as hellish this guaranteed-to-be-a-nightmare is going to be, it is better that living under an abusive home. You may not have food, but you will have freedom. You may be sleeping on a couch, but you have the right to come home when you see fit. You may be going into debt to pay for tuition, but you won't have your money stolen or be forced to tithe 10% to a ~~defunct state~~ religion. And you may be down and depressed, but you will find your own family either through friends or a spouse, and they will treat you better.

It's the best life you can live, no matter what disadvantages life gave you.

Road Trip Special - Chris Bechtloff

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We visit Chris Bechtloff and discuss why America deserves what it's going to get, 20 something feminists unable to have orgasms, his snoring dog, reporting pedophiles, and more in THIS PODCAST ROAD TRIP SPECIAL!

Road Trip Podcast Special - Guest on Bechtloff's SNL

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Chris was kind enough to host be on his Saturday Night Live Stream. The audio is marginal on account me and Chris were sharing a microphone. But we cover everything from SJW's beating the dead horse of multiple genders, "what if whites turned their focus towards killing people instead of making iPhones," how women are deathly afraid to ask out men, and a man who eats a jar of mayonnaise.

All that and more on The Bechtloff's Saturday Night Live Stream.

I Am Changing Podcast Hosts

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As some of you have noticed the Podomatic site does not have the latest podcasts OR it says it does and then there's nothing to download.

Welcome to the retards that somehow got financing to start "Podomatic."

Since then I have switched to Sound Cloud and you can find the new episodes here.

Unfortunatley, for those of you with communist devices (iPhones) you are not allowed to download MP3's directly because you are viewed as children in the eyes of Steve Jobs and are FORCED to go through iTunes. So you will have to download and listen on your computer OR when I get home from my trip and provide a new RSS feed to my iTunes account.

Terribly sorry for the inconvenience, but you may send your complaints to Podomatic.

Road Trip Podcast Special - Isle of Man

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I was interviewed by Sam at the Isle of Man podcast. Sam is one of the best interviewers I've spoken with on account he had his questions thought out and prepared, and really did some great follow up questions. We talked about Star Wars going diversity-crazy, philosophy, familial relations, and more!

Posts will return to somewhat normal as there are no more 10 hour stretches of driving for my east coast road trip.

Why You Should Never Attend the Carlson School of Management

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Remember, the only two reasons you go to business school is :

1. To major in accounting or
2. Because the school is a top ranked business school like Wharton or the U of Chicago.

Road Trip Podcast Special - Marcus Brown

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In the final installment of the Road Trip Podcast Special we interview good ole Marcus Brown, the photographer and model of the cover "The Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty." We talk about Marcus growing up on the South side of Chicago, black community "vocabulary," girls, minimalism, and more!

SoundCloud and RSS Feed Download Problems Solved

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Hi All,

Noticed that the download option was not available from Sound Cloud. Fixed that an also found my RSS feed for those of you asking.

Slowly, but surely making the transition.

Cappy

Better Than Any Day in Banking

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I chose the wrong profession.

Weekend Guffaw

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The thing that gets me is the order of the family is too perfect from left to right. Makes me wonder if it wasn't a spoof.

Also, if anybody knows the artist please let me know:

New Sponsor Chad Elkins CPA

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Howdy All,

Tax season is coming up, and heck, forget tax season. What if you are an entrepreneur or just looking to lower your taxes? Then visit our newest sponsor Chad Elkin, CPA.

Remember, the year end is just a short month away, which means tax season is upon us. Make sure to lower your taxes by consulting Chad and asking him about 401k's, IRA's, and whatever else those CPA people do!

You can visit Chad here and tell him "The Captain sent ya!"

Academian Blacks Are Racist

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And until I see proof otherwise, I will be assuming, rightly or not, the average black studies professor or black college activist is a racist who hates white people.

Episode #121 of The Clarey Podcast

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Luke warm jacuzzi's
Cappy's footprints in Michigan
How Jessica Assaf & Hallie Turner show how society uses and abuses its youth for ego (this alone is worth tuning into)

AND MORE

in this ABSOLUTELY MUST LISTEN TO EPISODE OF THE CLAREY PODCAST!

How Jessica Assaf Serves as a Warning for All Aspiring SJW's

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In my latest podcast I did a segment on Hallie Turner, an unsupervised 13 year old who at the age of 12 filed a lawsuit against the State of North Carolina over global warming. The over arching point was not

that a 12 year old shouldn't be filing lawsuits, or
how it was proof the schools brainwash children in socialism, or
another lesson in crusaderism

It was how a 13 year old egomaniac does not form in a vacuum and how society (namely, her teachers, media, and parents) failed her, effectively ruining her childhood and bringing up a future megalomaniac who is practically guaranteed to be miserable her entire life.

However, while tirading in a stream of consciousness sort of manner, I remembered that a very similar situation occurred several year ago when I put together my speech on Crusaderism. Specifically, one Jessica Assaf.

At the time she was a mere 15 year old girl, but like Hallie lacked the parental oversight to check her ego. Naturally, she found a "crusade" just like Hallie, and decided she was going to lobby the California legislature about "safe cosmetics." Articles were written about her. How she was so brave and "smart" for fighting what "she thought was right." Look at what a "courageous" girl she was fighting "big cosmetics." etc. But this was now approaching 10 years ago, and so I was curious:

What ever happened to Jessica Assaf?

So while podcasting I looked into her and her fate was exactly what I feared.

Despite hailing from Marin County (the richest county in all of San Francisco) and despite pursuing her MBA from Harvard, in all honesty, Jessica is a failure.

Yes her bio is chock full of "achievements" and "accomplishments," and yes her resume has her heading up all these "beauty activist" organizations, but behind all these (largely) self-created "organizations" and "movements" she has done nothing of genuine significance these past ten years. She has a worthless undergrad degree in "Public Health, Documentary Film and Activism Studies," has no real world working experience, and unless she has a full scholarship or rich parents, she is GREATLY indebting herself (or

her parents) for a very pricey MBA from Harvard which, sadly, won't pay dividends because her protesting and litigious background makes her a risk to hire for employers.

But the real reason Jessica is a failure (not necessarily by any fault of her own) is because of what she has lost in heading down the "Social Justice Warrior" path at such a young age. A lost life. A wasted childhood. And an impaired future.

First, imagine what you were doing when you were 12, 13, 14 or 15. I sure as hell wasn't going on political crusades. I was living and enjoying my childhood. Wasting lazy summer days away going fishing, playing video games. Sleeping in class, chasing after girls that wouldn't let me catch them. Everything that every young boy and girl does that makes their precious and all-too-short childhood the magical time in their lives that it is. And to have that ruined and tarnished with the unwelcomed and vile adult disease known as "politics" is a tragedy.

I'll say it again. I will never have children, but if I did, they would NOT ever hear a word of politics or economics out of me until they were 16. That's the LEAST parents owe their children.

Second, in pursuing crusaderism or Social Justice Warrioring as a career, Jessica, Hallie, and any other aspiring SJW fundamentally undermine and destroy their lifetime earnings potential. Naturally, and predictably, they will retort "IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY!" until it is about the money because they incurred $150,000 in student loan debt for worthless, unemployable degrees. Hopefully, they have rich parents to bail them out, but if my generation is any kind of proxy, you can expect to be in your 40's, even 50's, still saddled with student loans, a worthless degree, and a torturous debate about whether you let your ego take the hit, admit you goofed up, and make decisions to salvage what's left of your life, or double down and insist it's the "evil republicans" and "white males" that are oppressing you and your "Masters in Social Activism" degree.

Finally, in going down the Social Justice Warrior path, Jessica and Hallie severely limit their ability to have a family. Not just because they are financial liabilities (as young women are now saddled with student loans and worthless degrees), but because they're not marriage material. Their careers and egos obviously come first, which is antithetical to love, marriage, and children. And they also won't be ready for marriage until they fulfill their career goals and aspirations. This not only means they need masters degrees and years working at some low-paying non-profit or government job, but that they'll be 33, 34, 35, 40, by the time they're ready to settle down. And the sad truth is any man with any quality and any options is just not going to marry a woman that old. Alas, going down the SJW path severely increases the risk you'll trade in the most important thing in life (other humans, typically your family) for a career that in all honesty is pointless, useless, meaningless and unfulfilling.

But the real tragedy of going down the SJW path is that it doesn't deliver what it promises or aspiring-SJW's hope for:

Attention, fame, and glory with little-to-no real work.

Let's be very clear and honest about what motivates young 13, 14, and 15 year olds to go on political crusades and 17,18, and 19 year olds to major in the liberal arts.

Fame, attention, and a shot at riches without having to do math and real work,

Their goal, even though they will vehemently deny it, is to get through life working a cake job,

BUT

secretly pining for fame and attention

BECAUSE

why the hell else would you file lawsuits and protest at the age of 12 unless you are an attention whore (male or female)?

And it is here 10 years down the SJW path that Jessica Assaf serves as a horrendous warning to all others thinking of doing the same.

Despite hailing from the elite Marin County and getting into Harvard and having all the media attention in the world, Jessica's fame just isn't materializing.

First, her YouTube channel has 11 whole subscribers. 1/2000th the amount your lowly non-SJW Captain has. Naturally, she may not be actively pursuing a YouTube channel, but for a "Beauty Activist" ESPECIALLY IT BEING HER CAREER, you'd think she could beat this lower-middle income boy from Milwaukee County.

Second, her flagship website, "Beauty Lies Truth," boasts having "rock star" Alexis Krauss on board, who (though I'm sure a fine musician) is not a "star." More literally, however, since we are aiming for ego, attention, and fame, the Alexa rating of Beauty Lies Truth is 850,000th, while you're humble Captain's blog ranks much higher at 95,000th (and that's without a Harvard MBA).

Third, she was mentioned in a book! She didn't write the book. She wasn't necessarily even the subject of the book. She merely got mentioned in the book. And sadly that book has a paltry 4 reviews putting it on par with my SPOOF book "Boris the Shitting Buffalo. (which makes a great Christmas book BTW)"

Fourth, if you read through her bio you'll note her most notable achievements are *HELPING* getting some legislation passed and being ***A*** participant in a study about cosmetics. Not to be an asshole, but...

Whipdy freaking ding.

So what? THAT'S your life's accomplishments in your SPECIALTY??? 10 years, with an early start to boot and that's your life's work? That's what you're going to point to? That is what you take pride in? It is neither influential nor memorable nor notable to society.

And finally, yet sadly, me merely writing this piece is going to get her more fame, traffic, and attention than she's had since the original article was written about her nearly 10 years ago. It wasn't her protesting, lobbying legislatures, or setting up a ton of fabricated "organizations" or "non-profits." It was some guy still in his boxer shorts, banging away at his laptop who has yet to shower today that saw the risk (and the lesson) Ms. Assaf epitomizes in the SJW crowd.

The sad truth I'm trying to point out is the ironic tragedy that the attention, fame, ego, etc., you seek when going down the SJW path ***never materializes***. The reason is because ever since Gen X millions upon millions of like-minded youngsters came up with the same "diabolical plan" to attention whore on the backs of political crusades they did not fully understand, nor cared to understand, because it was an easier route than becoming an engineer, an accountant, a doctor, a tradesmen or any other productive member of society. And with this many people all trying to be Social Justice Warriors, only a few will stand out, while the vast majority will relegated to unmentionable roles like Ms. Assaf. So while this path may be tempting at the naive and clueless age of 16, 17, or 18, it is one that is JUST NOT WORTH IT, will simply ruin your life, and waste what precious time you have on this planet.

It is not too late for Ms. Assaf to be honest with herself, take inventory of her life, ask herself what she really wants out of it, and GET IT. She can become a wife, a mother, a doctor, an engineer, anything, and I mean ANYTHING would be more productive, meaningful and rewarding than what she is doing now.

And it is certainly not too late for 13 year old Ms. Turner to stop right now, abandon her little SJW-ing, crusader ego trip and got back to being a child.

But once you hit 30, and heaven help you if you hit 40, and you never abandon the SJW path, you at MINIMUM have severely crippled and wasted a significant portion of your life. No cause is worth that. Please find value and meaning in your own life, not the political aims and goals of others.

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It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House

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Thanks to the wonders of the internet I was able to find an old cartoon special from my childhood. It's titled "It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House" and while funny when we were children, it is HILARIOUS as well as charming for adults. If you have any children, I recommend watching the two parts (about 7 minutes each). You will not regret it:

Why Women Crying is a Manipulation Tactic that Should Be Ignored

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From a woman no less.

Why I Only Protect Those Close to Me

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And never open doors for women I don't personally know or hail from the WWII generation.

Ho Ho Ho!

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Remember kids, all of Cappy's books make great holiday gifts!

Nothing says, "I Love You" more than destroying your childrens' (unattainable) dreams with Worthless, Enjoy the Decline, Bachelor Pad Economics, and other Cappy literary works!

Also, remember to do all your Christmas (and life time) purchases via the Captain's online Amazon Affiliate program. If you don't know how, simply click here and start shopping, it's that easy (make sure your ad blocker is off).

Best!

Cappy

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Merc Works.

I Was Going to Bet Crazy White Guy

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But apparently it's just members of the religion of peace.

How the Average American Can Deal with Jihad in America

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Ah Felicia Follum

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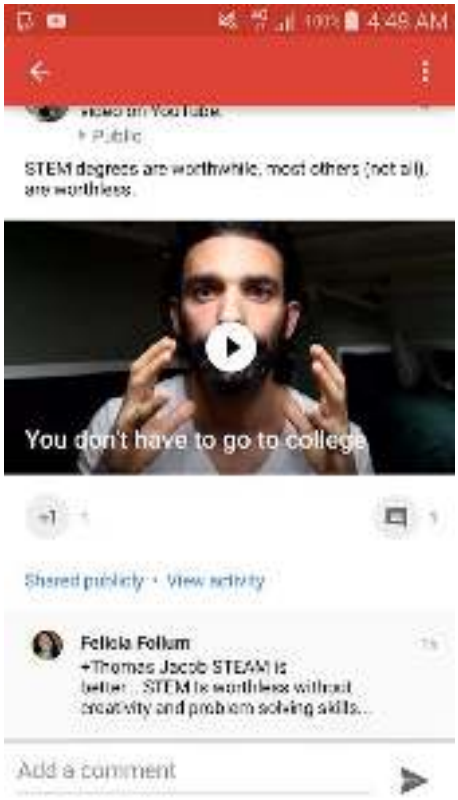
You sweet, innocent, cute girl you:



"Muh Feelz" Uber Alles: Aka "I Just Solved Philadelphia's Poverty Problem"

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A very real paradox I face is one where I can either sell the truth or sell lies.

Selling the truth has merits unto itself. It's true, it will help advance society, and it is such a rare commodity that if you're willing to suffer the slings and arrows of the PC-Nazi's, media, death threats, doxxing, and general hate of the leftist population, you can charge a hefty premium for it because so few purveyors offer it.

However, whereas truth is in very short supply, the demand for lies outstrips any shortage of it. And thus, while I could be one of the few suppliers of truth, there is an INFINITELY larger market for lies. Only so many people demand a book on "male lifetime financial management." Or a book about the hazards of worthless degrees. But MILLIONS of women will fork over money for lies telling them how "big is beautiful." And MILLIONS of men will fork over BILLIONS to have a web cam girl put on a show "just for them." Additionally, in telling people lies you don't get death threats, "strikes" against your YouTube channel, or accusations of racism. Matter of fact you are generally loved by the sheeple masses of the world and likely elected to become president.

So tell me again why they hell would you do something as stupid as market the truth?

Alas, I am increasingly tempted to become like Oprah. Why work hard, doing economic research, mathematics, statistical analysis, and deep, thorough testing of logic to highlight and warn people about the real world threats that exist and could destroy their lives to simply "make ends meet?" When I could:

Tell women they're great no matter what
Become a Harlequin romance author
Lie to youth telling them to follow their heart and the money will follow
Or advocate some leftist-ordained political cause

and make BILLIONS in the process?

Of course there is a moral answer and then the Machiavellian answer. But regardless of which one I choose (perhaps both down the road), while debating this paradox I happened upon what is arguably one of the most important epiphanies in my life. One that if understood by more would help not only advance the political debate we are having in this nation, but perhaps even solve it, raising millions out of poverty. And that is "feelings" is the most powerful force in the world.

AKA "Muh feelz uber alles."

I happened upon this discovery while driving down Broad Street in the worst town I've ever driven through, Philadelphia. And I'm not joking. Philadelphia is hands down the worst town I ever drove through. The reasons are multiple.

First, the town was built in the 1600-1700's meaning its streets were designed for horses, not trucks from Wisconsin. This would be moot if they had leveled the old houses and replaced them with new ones, but alas, the "historic district" on the south east side of Philly is VERY nice, but nearly impossible to drive through. Chicago, though more populous, is a JOY to drive through by comparison as the great Chicago fire leveled the old town, so it could be rebuilt during the dawn of the automobile.

Second, you just have too many damn people in too small of a space (but nobody there ever leaves Philly because they don't have cars and don't know about the "outside world")

But what really connected the dots and make me come to my epiphany was Broad Street.

Due to traffic I had head north and then come back down south to DT Philly via Broad Street. Unbeknownst to me however, this was the "ghetto." And while at first it just seemed like any ole regular run down part of a major metro down, as I approached Temple University it got worse

and worse

and even worse.

So bad was Broad Street that it made the South Side of Chicago and parts of Detroit look clean, and definitely preferable. However, it wasn't the people or donks blaring rap music that made it so bad. It was the state of disrepair the neighbodhood was in.

There were burned out buildings that had not been demolished or taken down. There was garbage blowing in the street because people were littering constantly. Worse, there were garbage bags just laying out in the open, both on the side walks and the streets. And finally there was the occasional guy just sleeping in an abandoned lot or out in the open at 11AM.

In other words it wasn't the crime, or the graffiti, or the drugs that made it so bad. It was the painfully blatant fact that the people of north Philly plain don't give enough of a f@ck to even clean up their own neighborhood. They were walking, living, and sleeping in filth. Shoot, even some businesses were still open in buildings that were partially burnt down. It was no different than a 2nd or 3rd world hovel where you could just tell the

people were so lazy, so dispirited they could not even do the most basic of things and simply clean up after themselves.

Now, no doubt anybody with an ounce of intellectual honesty and two brain cells can point to the primary cause of this. Only the socialist policies of a city and neighborhood ran by democrats for the past 60 years can wreak this much havoc and devastation IN SPITE of receiving what is no-doubt billions in aid and taxpayer monies. But what got me and made me realize this very important aforementioned epiphany is just what utterly deplorable and low standards of living these people tolerated. And not just tolerated, but have been tolerating for decades. Why would anybody, in the United States, when you can move anywhere you want, do whatever you want, endure this for a second, let alone decades?

It became apparent to me there was a ***VERY*** powerful force ***KEEPING*** them there. And that force was "their feelz."

The truth is residents of north Philly CHOOSE this outcome. At any point in time they can move OR they can improve themselves.

How can they improve themselves?

Well, they can stop having kids out of wedlock. They can stop having kids they can't afford. They can stop committing crime. They can get good grades in K-12 and then go to college for STEM or the trades (Temple U is right there). They can set down the booze and drugs and instead open up businesses.

Oh, and they can pick their shit up off the streets.

In short, it is not "whitey" holding them down or "patriarchy" or "evil republicans" making them leave garbage bags in the street.

It's their own damn fault.

But herein lays the problem.

I just literally solved north Philadelphia's poverty problem. At any point in time the community can pursue a path of excellence, achievement, hard work, and entrepreneurship. They could, if they wanted to, make Beverly Hills look like a ghetto. And heck, if they did that, I would have just obsoleted the entire "social work" and "sociology" industries and fields. But the problem is I committed the cardinal sin. I told them the truth. And the truth "hurtz their feelz." And remember…

"Muh feelz uber alles."

So strong is the power of feelings that millions would rather live in a shithole like north Philly than endure the minute or two of pain a truthful constructive criticism would provide. Worse, even though in the long (heck, medium) run said painful truths would GREATLY improve their lives (if acted upon), they still will rebuke it because "muh feelz." Alas, feelings (and consequently ego and pride) are such powerful forces, people would rather live in poverty, wasting their one and finite precious lives than hear the truth that would help them and set them free. It makes you wonder if gravity is indeed the most powerful force in the universe.

But as bad as this is it gets worse. For the second part of my epiphany was one of true Machiavellian darkness.

As it stands right now, we assume the likes of the left, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, the democrats, labor parties, Oprah, feminists, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, professors, academians, and the entire stew of socialists advocate what they do either for charitable purposes, altruistic purposes, racial purposes, political purposes, or even purposes of hate and revenge.

But what if they came to this exact same epiphany I did ages ago? What if the ruling elite knew "muh feelz" was the most powerful force in the world? And worse, what if they amorally capitalized on it, KNOWINGLY lying to people simply so they could advance themselves? You, me, and everybody else we know were steeped in a life philosophy of hard work, freedom, independence, and morality this idea may seem novel (as well as abhorrent). But what if great grand father Clinton or the heads of the Ivy League knew people's feelings were the most powerful force on the planet, and simply pass on this hush-hushed wisdom that "to advance in society, lie to people, sell them down the river and blame other people. Feelings and ego are so powerful, as long as you provide a scapegoat, the masses will support you?"

It would certainly explain a lot of what we see.

Of course my own personal opinion is that it varies from politician to celebrity to trust fund baby.

I truly believe Obama's motives are not based in profiting off of people's "feelz" but revenge and a genuine hatred of America and racism.

I truly believe Bernie Sanders is a true believer and is completely unconscious of how his policies directly result in north Philly being a shit hole.

But when it comes to the likes of Hillary, Oprah, Sharpton, feminists, the women's fashion industry, and the legions of spineless deans and professors in Academia there is no doubt in my mind these disgusting and vile people have no problems ruining the lives of millions

all so they can profit off of it.

All I ask is for the citizens of north Philly and those who are perpetually "offended" by criticism is to

stop
look at your neighborhood
ask if you deserve better
and entertain the theory that it is not the democrats' policies that are helping you

but are precisely what is keeping you down.

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Millennials are cry babies and the rest of the world is sick of it.

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Western Civilization is in the Hands of Women…Heaven Help Us

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Confusion

If you are a sane, normal person, void of OTC drugs and other mind altering substances, an increasingly frequent phenomenon you may have noticed is one where (typically) leftist women are the victims of their own rabid endorsement of multiculturalism.

The rapes in Sweden can be disproportionately blamed on women voting left.
The rape rings in the UK, same thing.
Refugee rape in Germany, again, women's bleeding hearts resulting in leftist policies that brought them there.
And particularly confusing is when activist women (no doubt of the leftist stripe) are raped or sexually assaulted but refuse to report it because they love their political ideology/religion more than they hate being raped.

It is confusing because to those of us with just average intelligence (not to mention, self-respect) we can't understand why women vote to ruin their lives, home countries, and economies, not to mention are so wedded to their leftist politics they would rather be raped and enslaved than betray their commitment to multiculturalism.

Now there are many possible explanations for this self-hating, self-destructive behavior. Perhaps these women deep down inside hate Western Civilization so much they'd rather be raped, and maybe even view that as fighting "evil white male, Eurocentric patriarchy." Perhaps these people are cowards, see the writing on the wall, know Western Civilization won't make it, and kowtow like cuckolds to what they perceive to be their future overlords. Maybe it's crusaderism combined with the allure of bad boys, prompting young girls to join ISIS even if it means their inevitable death. Or perhaps, deep down inside it's nothing more than good ole fashioned "rape fantasies" influencing the way they vote.

The truth is, it doesn't matter. Because no matter which way you slice it, it simply boils down to…

Betrayal.

Betrayal

Regardless of the reason women vote to destroy themselves and Western Civilization, it

doesn't change the fact that *they just simply do*. The rest of us must accept and adapt to this fact. And call it "democracy," call it "women's suffrage," call it "empowerment," it's nothing more than a euphemism for "betrayal." And the reason it is betrayal is because women are (disproportionately) voting for two key things that go against Western Civilization:

1. Socialism
2. Multiculturalism

When it comes to socialism I've covered this before, but women, in general vote for more state control. They vote for socialism. And while many of them do so out of the naivety of "it's to help the poor/children/old/etc.," it is is a slap in the face to the immeasurable and ultimate price millions of people paid to bring Western Civilization about. Quite simply, the history of the world has been a horrible and costly struggle to free people from the tyranny of government. Going back to the warlord tribal chieftains, to the theocracies falsely claiming to represent "god," to the fiefdoms where the "king" was supported by a slave class of serfs, to wars waged against slavery and nazism, hundreds of millions of lives were wasted, destroyed, committed, and dedicated to bringing about a limited republic permitting the people to govern themselves. And women (along with some cowardly little men), in a short 60 years of spoiled-brat-laden feminism have been able to undo what took about 4,000 years to create. It is arguably the single largest setback to human advancement since the bubonic plague.

When it comes to multiculturalism, here women's naivety betrays us all again. With child-like thinking "I feel the democrats/left/labor is for the little guy" they consciously vote in socialism, while unconsciously inviting the Dracula of "Multiculturalism" into our homes. And this is not necessarily bad if you consider cultures conducive and generally on board with the base principles of Western Civilization. Asians, East Indians Europeans, etc. These are peoples and cultures generally for freedom, innovation. Even self-respecting, independent minded individuals from other *non-western-compliant cultures* reject their original cultures, demand better, and become doctors, dentists, physicists, entrepreneurs, etc. (for example no doubt many of you know of an Iranian who escaped Ayatollah Khomeini to lead a successful life here). But to wholesale out the best thing on this planet in the pursuit of marxism and multiculturalism by importing those who not only refuse to participate in Western Civilization but

go on welfare
commit terrorist attacks
and advocate Sharia law over the constitution

is tantamount to treason.

But these two specific acts that would make Judas jealous are further steeped in a

general stew of betrayal that plagues Western Civilizatoin. And that is one where women have replaced fathers and husbands with government programs and checks. And in doing so (admittedly, likely unconsciously) killed the engine of economic growth and innovation that made Western Civilization great. They took away men's reason for living. They took away their purpose and agency in life. They gave them nothing more to live for than merely to be the hosts to parasites they themselves have become, not to mention the new ones they constantly invite in. And thus they have immobilized men.

When you take the fact women are voting to undo all that men have worked for

and

are voting to bring in other cultures that want to kill, parasite off of, or just plain destroy Western Civilizatoin

and

won't report getting raped by the enemy because "diversity"

but

WILL make false rape accusations against Western men because "patriarchy"

precisely how many knives do you plan to impale into the backs of Western men before they give up?

Of course this is already happening. Men are postponing marriage. Men are also majoring in increasingly worthless fields. Consequently they are also unable to earn the money necessary to start a family. Which is alright, seeing most women don't want to start a family until they're 43, if that. The result, however, is (hilariously) what young women complain the most about today. That there aren't any "real men" around any more as they're all too busy looking at porn and playing video games while living at home with their parents (perhaps that's the underlying Freudian reason women don't protest too much about all these "Syrian" "refugees" being young, fighting age men, as well as seem reluctant to report it when they're getting raped by them.) Regardless, how can you blame them? The men of society (as well as some women) are so deterred by having no country, culture, family or agency worth living for, it has resulted in an increasing catatonic state that explains why economic growth has been tanking since we started replacing them with the government.

Just One Problem

While no doubt many real men, not to mention many real women are infuriated by this

betrayal, what's worse is the utter helplessness they feel. Most likely you too have felt this helplessness as your brain evaluates all your options, thinking, hoping there's something, *anything* you can do to help save this country and turn it around.

Perhaps you could write a blog?
Maybe you'd start a political campaign?
Maybe you yell into the internet via a YouTube channel?
Write your congressman?
What about forming a militia?

But if there's a bit of practicum to this post it's that you should not concern yourself with these things. There is nothing you can do.

Understand that since we have devolved into a democracy it is the majority rules. And while there has always been a percentage of men who were idiots, voting to undo what their forefathers desperately fought for, women (be it nature, biology, feminism, hate, ignorance or what have you) consistently vote for socialism and tyranny. This makes the American (and Western Civilization) voting blocs fatedly leftist, guaranteeing a slow, but inevitably slouch towards socialism and the fringe benefits of multiculturalism, thought police, CSR, and political correctness that comes with it. You may be tempted to think about resorting to violence, perhaps even starting a second American revolution, but what would the point be? Western voters ARE getting EXACTLY what they voted for, and you would actually be the tyrant trying to force a minority view on the majority. Alas, your hands are tied in nearly every capacity as the people simply want none of it.

The key is to let go and simply enjoy the life you have. You cannot control that the participants of Western Civilization want to commit suicide. You cannot convince the brainwashed Millennials about the risks of government debt. You cannot convince women that happiness is not in their careers or a government check, but in family and loved ones. You cannot convince porn addicted, video game-playing, red jean wearing hipster "men" about the merits of being manly. And you certainly can't convince leftist women whose hatred for Western Civilization is so great, they'd prefer to be raped by the scum they let in.

It is the end of Western Civilization and these people will CERTAINLY get theirs in the end. But for those of you who are sane, have a bit of morality left about you, and want to make the most of your time on this planet before you pass away, may I strongly recommend you enjoy the decline instead of fretting over it?

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Dear English Teachers, Please Don't Give Career Advice

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Just had to share this Asshole Consulting request.

The 11th grade English teacher of a client told him his pursuit of becoming a dental hygienist was pointless because it wasn't a 4 year degree. I looked up median salaries for English teachers vs. dental hygienists and the dental hygienists make $20,000 a year more than English teachers.

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The Leftists Eat Another One of Their Own

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How's that "Early Childhood Education Degree" working for you now Ms. Guaranteed to Vote Democrat All the Time?

Why the Term "Racist" No Longer Means Anything

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Many years ago because of my political affiliation it was a fear of mine that although untrue, the mere accusation of "racism" would have far and wide reaching consequences for my career and future. Combine that with the internet and the fact any future employers could look me up, it made me doubly careful to demonstrate I was not a racist and did indeed hold all people to the same standard.

Of course, deep down inside we all knew being called a "racist" or a "sexist" was nothing more than a cowardly tactic by leftists with precisely that intent. To taint and paint anybody who advocated free markets, capitalism, freedom and treating people as genuine equals as a racist because it would divert people's attention from the left's ultimate lack of solutions. Ergo, instead of debating you on the merits of hard work, merit, equal opportunity, but not equal outcome, it is simply easier for the cowards to yell "racist" and hope the fear of doxxing or your employers finding out would shut you up.

No longer...well at least not for much more.

For just as sure as the laws of physics, the laws of economics will (if they haven't already) render the accusation of "racism" moot, pointless, obsolete, even the complete opposite - make it a badge of honor.

It's quite simple. To make the accusation of racism "damning" and effective it has to be true. And since the vast majority of conservatives, libertarians and other right-leaning people are not in fact racist, you would think you would reserve this four-letter word for only the rare times it applies. But instead of using it as a descriptive word, the left has relied on it all too often as a political strategy to compensate for their lack of substance, progress, and solutions. So now, if you are against affirmative action (which is by definition racist) you're

racist.

Want to get rid of quotas?

Racist.

Hold blacks to the same standards as white?

Racist.

Want to keep your own money?

Racist.

Don't believe minorities are held down and are instead pampered?

Racist.

Want lower taxes?

Racist.

You don't even have to believe in or take a stance on something racial. You merely have to be white and then you are immediately, but unconsciously guilty of the academian-inspired poppy cock of

"privilege" or "institutional racism."

But soon, with all these baseless accusations of racism two things happen.

One, the market is flooded with so many accusations of racism, by the laws of economics each individual accusation means increasingly less. In the 1980's if you were called a racist it meant something. But today, especially with the brainwashed, college-indoctrinated millennials blaming everything from flatulence to paper cuts on "racism" it means nothing. It has become so common to be accused of an "ism" it is now part of the American psyche and it has lost all of its sting.

Two, it exposes the accusers of their true nature. People flinging around accusations of "isms" and "ists" are not "noble, moral people trying to wipe out the scourge of bigotry, allowing for the American ideal of merit, individualism, and judging people by their accomplishments." They are, quite frankly, despicably evil and disgusting people.

The dipshittery that went on at the University of Missouri (not to mention all of American universities) is nothing more than power hungry millennial psychopaths who cowardly hide their despotic desires (not to mention their true racism) behind the color of their skin.

Black Lives Matters is nothing more but the same, with the added agenda of thinking themselves superior as they demand to be above the law.

Advocates for affirmative action, reparations and the welfare state? Nothing more than thinly veiled thieves, once again cowardly hiding behind their gender, color of skin, or ethnicity to demand other people sacrifice their lives and money for them.

And politicians/media types who dare you not to critique the "refugees" or Islam for San

Bernadino, lest you be called a racist, and instead demand you make yourself less safe by forfeiting your guns? True bigots against Western Civilization who hate you and want you dead (and yes, that means our Mr. Unicorn President).

In short, the demands of these race-whores and pimps have become so arrogant and blatant even the most brainwashed leftist or cowardly-compliant-please-don't-accuse-me-of-racism cuckservative can see through them.

We're supposed to enslave ourselves financially to minorities?
We're supposed to pay for everything for them?
We're supposed to be born with the "original and unforgivable sin" of privilege and institutional racism?
We're supposed to be accepting of affirmative action because it's "good racism" because it's ***against us***?
We're supposed to resign dean positions in schools because "whitey."
We're supposed to tolerate mandatory classes of indoctrination in our schools?
And
We're supposed to give up our lives and country as we let people into our country that hate us and want to kill us, lest we be called racist?

I know there's a lot of pussies in this country, and you leftists are used to running roughshod over them. But frankly, fuck off. I, along with increasingly more people aren't going to tolerate this attempt to enslave us, and in some cases, outright kill us. And no matter what new and innovative ways academia concocts as to how I'm "privileged," and no matter how compliant the media is in brainwashing the sheeple to believe it, and no matter what the politicians say or demand of me, in the end it's all lies. It's not true. And the real evil is all you cowards who can't come up to me like a decent, respectable robber and say to my face,

"Give me your money or else."

Still, while to me and millions of others the accusation of racism no longer means anything, the fear of this accusation will still carry weight at least for a little while longer even though everybody knows it's bunk because of two things:

1. Corporate employers are still <u>too cowardly and fearful of being accused of racism</u>. Their lips are too firmly attached to the ass of political correctness. CSR, diversity training, sensitivity training, HR departments, etc., far too much effort, energy and resources have been invested by corporate America in the hopes of staving off accusations of discrimination. Additionally, "diversity" has become the "strategy de'jour" of corporations and MBA programs across the country as their business leaders lack any genuine innovation, intelligence, capabilities, or leadership. Ergo, if you are employed by one of these mindless ass-sucking institutions you need to play ball, admit you're a dirty,

filthy racist and lecher, or lose your job, if not your career.

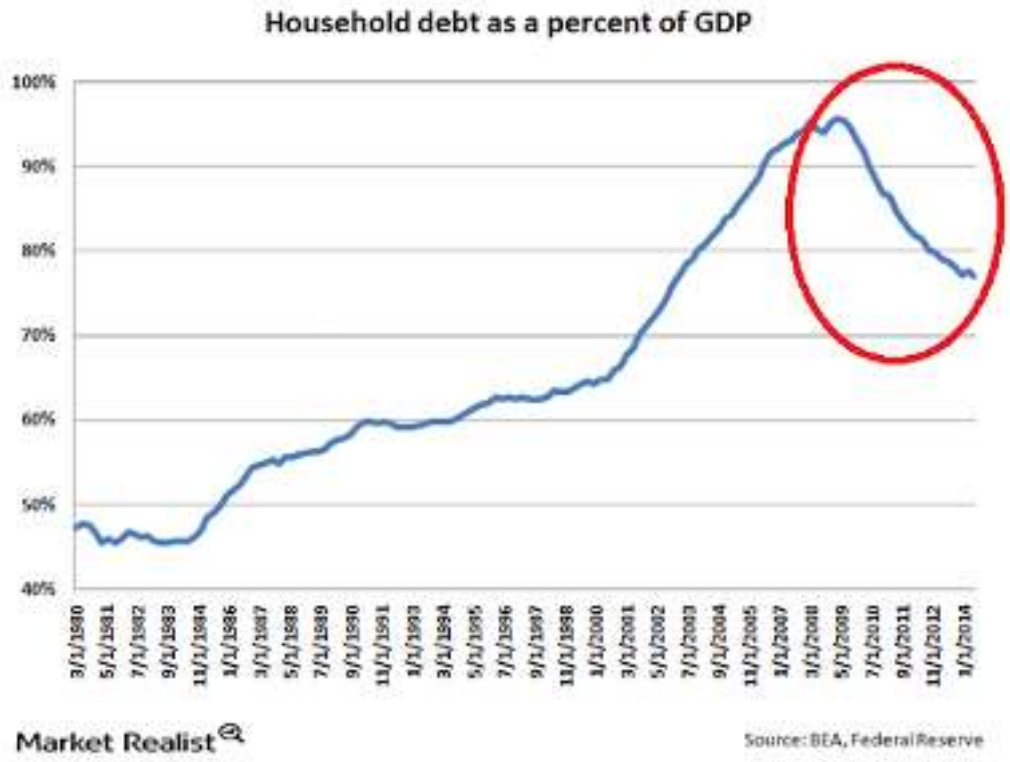
2. Debt.

Debt enslaves people to be good wage slaves and stooges. Want that new car? You need that car loan! Want that college experience? You need those student loans? Want a house? Well you need a mortgage for that!

And so (and I want all corporate employers and HR ladies in America to know this), even though nearly every single corporate employee out there wants nothing more than to walk into his boss' office with the HR lady in there and slash both your throats, the ***only*** thing holding them back is that they are indeed slaves to the job as they need to get out of debt. Which by default means they can't speak their mind on the internet and tell the race whores to fuck off, and worse, must endure the childishly mockery of "diversity" and "sexual harassment training" you force upon them.

But there is hope.

For you see, while self-employed people like me are immune to accusations of racism (heck, we profit off of it), there's a trend indicating soon your average wage slave will also be as well. And there's nothing you corporate employers, you power-hungry HR/CSR bints, or tyrannical government bureaucrats can do about it.



Because once people no longer have that chain of debt around their ankles, and don't need that job any more, they're going to feel a lot more free to truly speak their mind. And that's the magic moment when the people admit the emperor has no clothes and your little "race-whore-racket" is over. And then your worst nightmare comes true - you're actually treated as an equal and forced to work a real job like the rest of us.

Enjoy the decline.

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More SJW Racial Problems for Star Wars

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So short story, this Chinese poster for Star Wars has come out and look who is NOT as prominently displayed on the poster?

I'm surprised with his adamance that Star Wars be a multicultural unicorn fart JJ Abrahms is letting this fly...oh wait...that's right, money trumps race in leftist land.

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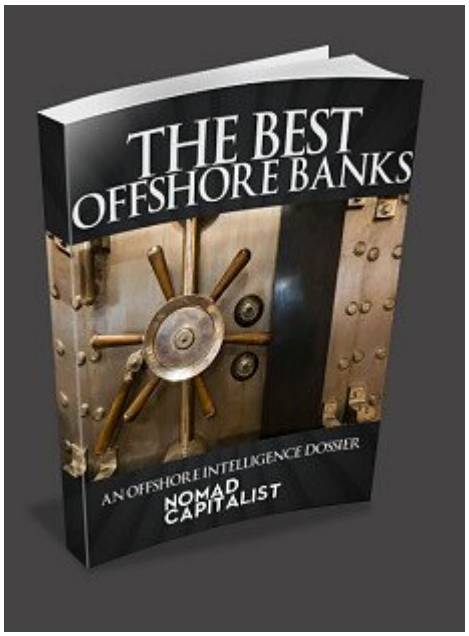

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Kerry Lutz visits Havana just to see it for himself.

The Real Aim of Islam

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"*Islam is not like any other religion. Islam is a supremacist racist political and social ideology wrapped in a thin peel of religious rituals. It seeks domination and supremacy over all other systems and religions.*"

Never mind, she only lives there.

Cos Strikes Back

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Hmmmm....a multimillionaire man with very limited life expectancy left, with nothing left to lose, and you painted him into a corner. Hmmmm....I wonder what he's going to do.

There's Nothing Wrong With Declining Populations

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One of the biggest lies or canards of the left is that we need to import immigrants because if we don't our population will be in decline. And since the word "decline" has a negative connotation with it, the sheeple sop it up thinking it is a fate that must be avoided at all costs.

The problem is, as with many of the left's assumptions, is that there is nothing inherently wrong with a declining population. Sure, in the tribal days you would like your tribe to be bigger and therefore stronger than the other tribes, but since society no longer operates on the premise that "big" is always "better" the growth rate (positive or negative) of a population is moot.

Now of course I will be forced to waste the intelligent and intellectually honest people's time and provide the caveat to address the incredibly predictable claim that RAPID declines in population due to war, famine, plague, ~~or communism~~ are indeed bad. However, what I am talking about here (as this is where the focus of the political debate is) is the primarily western world's inability to get their birth rate at or above the replacement rate, which therefore guarantees an ever-growing population.

First a slowly declining population is nothing to worry about. It doesn't mean you'll go extinct as people will always be willing to fornicate. And it doesn't mean the economy will collapse as there are less people the economy needs to support. Ergo, the focus should not be nominal economic growth, but rather the key and infinitely more important variable, GDP per capita. What are the standards of living the individual person is enjoying. Ergo, lets say Japan's economy shrinks an enormous 25% in the next 50 years. That's great if its population shrinks 50% because those people who remain just saw an enormous increase in their standards of living.

Second, logic would dictate that if a declining population is "bad" then a booming population is "good."

Oh really?

Like how the 2.8 billion people in China and India are all living at first world standards of living?
Like how Hispanics and Blacks have the highest birthing rates and (shock of shocks) also suffer the lowest standards of living in the US?
And let's not forget that sociologist's, SJW's, and social worker's utopian ~~eugenics/socialist experiment~~ dream come true - Africa. Yep, because we all know with Africa's booming population they're enjoying nothing but increased standards of living on par with

Switzerland.

Sorry, it's just not true, increasing populations WITHOUT commensurate or better economic growth just means increased poverty, suffering, and strife.

The truth is the left has ulterior motives for increasing the population perpetually. And it has nothing to with the unfounded concerns that "population decline is bad mmmkay?"

First, (though not leftist) companies and corporations want a perpetually increasing population so people buy more stuff. Nothing wrong with that on account purchasing and enjoying material things in life is part of goal of economics. But let's be clear, corporations and companies don't care if it's sustainable in the long run or if it's in the best financial interests of the population. This is why we have slowing economic growth, but booming debts. People are willing to borrow to pay for what they can't afford today. This not only boosts consumer spending (which profits companies), but it slows long term economic growth because said monies are NOT going into investments. Again, though not specifically leftists, this goal has nothing to do with preventing the "horrors" of a declining population, but is merely corporations trying to beat the previous quarters EPS.

Second, very much like how the private sector needs perpetual (though unsustainable) growth to increase their profits, the entire socialist economic/government system the left has installed in the US (and west) depends on future hosts for today's parasites. What I love the most is how the left tells people right to their face "Well we need future children to afford the social programs like social security and medicare!"

Really?

Shouldn't something in your brain be going off saying "Well where the hell did the old people's SS contributions go? Why is it behooved upon the youth to pay for the elderly?"

Of course, Westerners have become idiotic sheeple and just blindly agree saying, "Well yeah! We need more population growth in the future to afford all this sh!t we want to buy ourselves today!" But for those of us with half a brain we realize this is an admission and proof that the socialist's government/economic system is unsustainable and needs to parasite off of the future to make it SEEM like it's working today. Ergo, to keep up the facade they import as many new immigrants as possible with the the hope they'll be the willing slaves that will pay the taxes to support them in their old age (when in reality they don't produce anything as much as they parasite on welfare and other social programs making it laughable they will become the economic juggernaut that will make good on all those government IOU's and social welfare promises).

Third, perpetually increasing asset prices.

Since our entire retirement system is based on capital gains in the stock market, we need to, in theory, increase not only the demand for companies' goods and services (therefore driving up prices), but we need more purchasers of said assets to drive these prices up. This not only plays out in the stock market, but especially so in real estate in that more people directly drive up the rents and value of land.

But imagine if the population was declining. What would happen to asset prices?

Well stocks would tank, as would commodity prices, not to mention real estate. And since nearly every pension, trust fund, and American's 401k is dependent upon those prices why we just can't afford to have those drop now can we? So let's import a bunch of people who hate our guts and want to kills us, or at least live off of us, so our precious little government pensions and IRA accounts stay fully funded.

And finally, the blatant and painfully obvious attempt to stack the voting bloc deck with parasitic immigrants who will vote left because "welfare." Do not be fooled thinking the left is being charitable of kind. They couldn't care less about the immigrants just as they couldn't care less about the black community. They view and use these people as pawns in their political game to remain in political power, thereby avoiding any real work, suffering, or strife in life.

So the next time you have some idiot sociologist, politician, or leftist talk about the "horrors" of a declining population, please show them this little post, tell them they are a liar, and then tell them to have a cup of STFU.

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"After the Drop" from MOH

Project Cuckservative

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Hello All,

Working on a new project. But I need a list of the top cuckservatives in the US.

Right now my list includes:

Chief Justice Roberts
John Boehner
Jim Jeffords
Arlen Specter

Any others would help. Please list below in the comments.

Thank you,

Cappy

Rich White Liberal Trust Funders Have to Live Somewhere

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I love how they say, "gentrification can sometimes displace long time residents of a neighborhood."

The neighborhood is improving.
Housing prices are going up.
Crime is going down.
Said residents were no doubt PAID for their properties.

But no, the leftist virus infects journalism majors and they HAVE TO just find something bad about inner cities improving.

Awww, That's Too Bad

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Le Cordon Bleu, the fakest of the fake schools is closing it's doors in Minnesota.

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Do dogs prove god exists?
Why SJW's waste their lives
Le Cordon Bleu closes down
If you're a single mom going to culinary school, nothing good happens.

AND MORE!

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"F is for Family" Review

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A "tad" more drama, familial abuse, anger, hatred, and "cartoon porn" than I really was expecting.

Sick and in Bed

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Sorry all, but came down with a nasty cold that I have not been able to kick. Posts are going to be a little slow which is just as well given it is Christmas season.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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The story is developing, but I'm going to go out on a limb here and say, "the father was not available for comment."

What Would Happen to the Federal Deficit If Interest Rates Increased?

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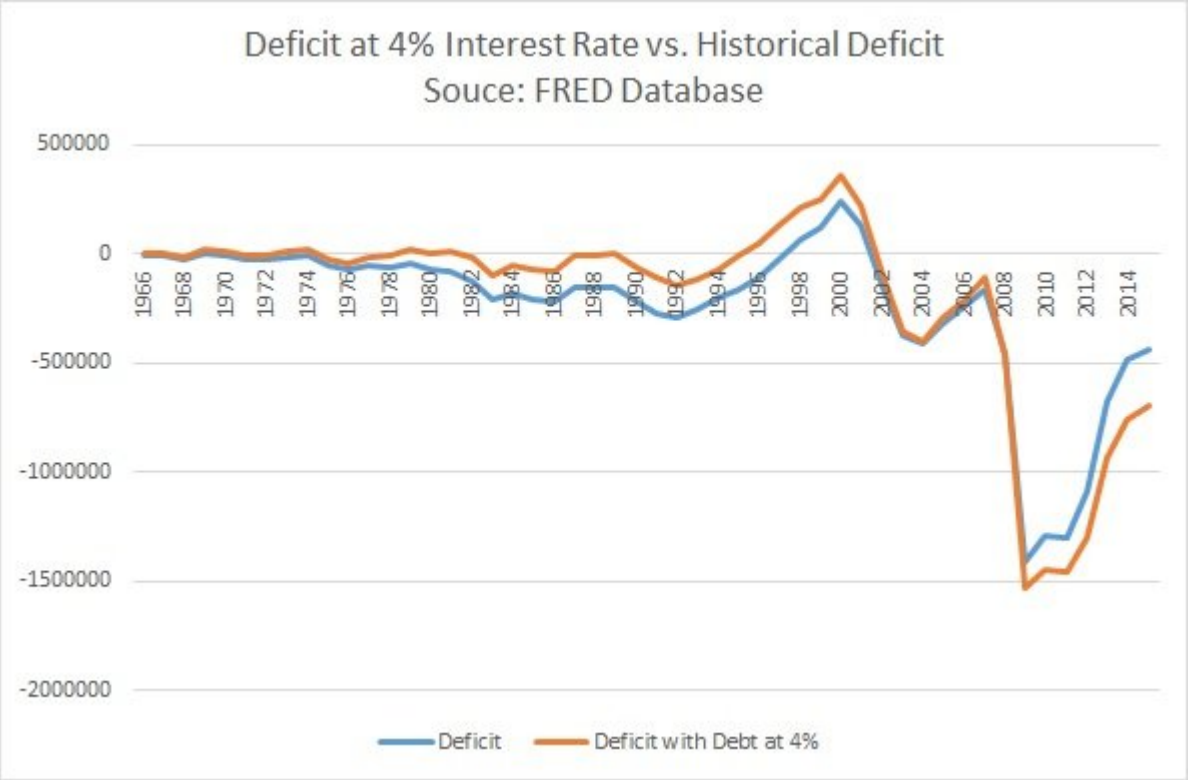
A big, and legitimate, concern is that the monstrous US debt is at such a low interest rate, what would happen to the interest payments of the federal government were to bump up just a little bit? What if they were at historical norms? What if they were to reflect the creditworthiness of the actual government?

Never fear! Cappy's here!

So the ole Captain went online because he couldn't sleep and dusted off his ole Excel skills Downloaded some data series and went to work. And it's basically what you'd expect.

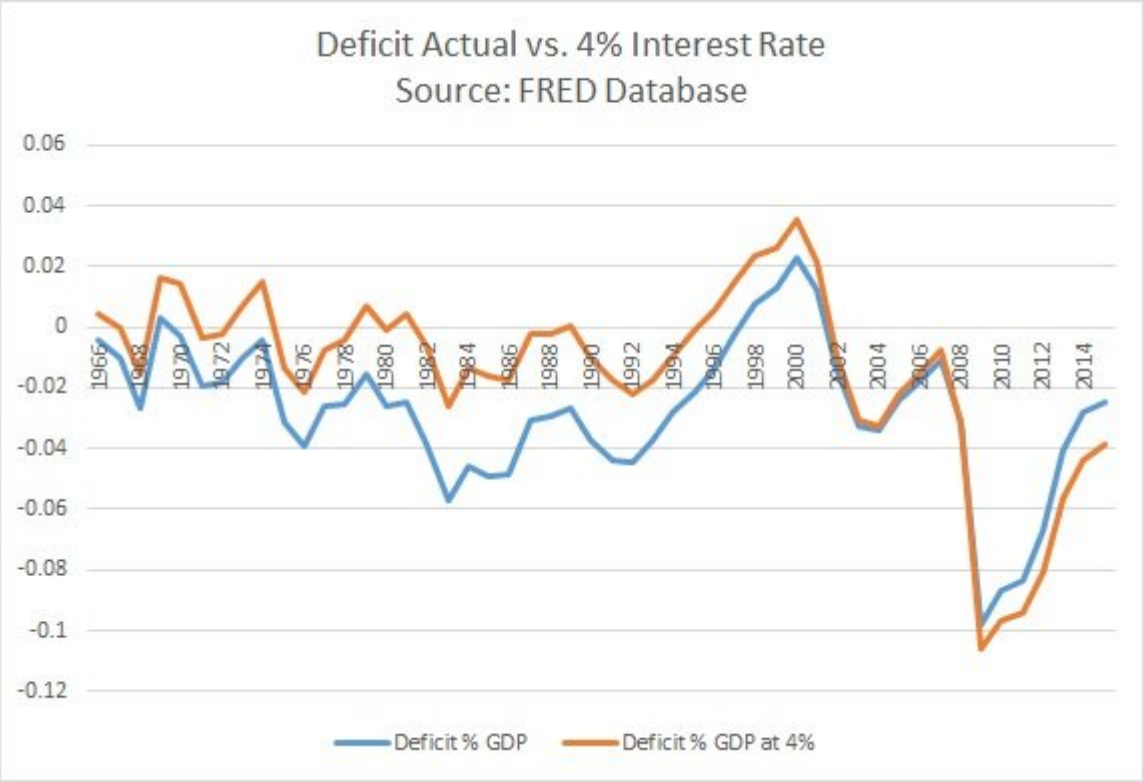
I ran two different scenarios. One where the average interest rate on federal debt was 4%. I chose this because that's what it's been historically and would provide us a good "control" variable. I also chose 8% because if I was a lender that is the MINIMUM I would demand for a bankrupt, insolvent POS like the US federal government. And here are the results.

Under 4%



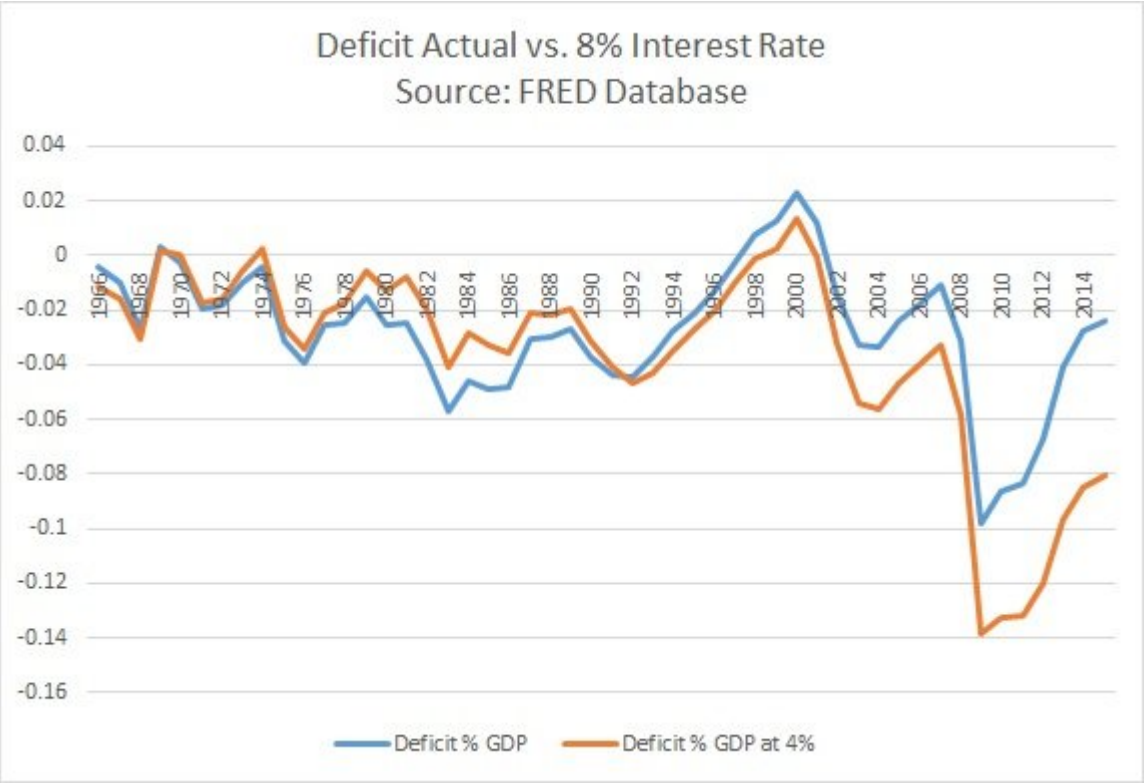
As you would expect artificially low rates that the federal reserve charges the federal government has understated what would have normally been our national deficit. During the crisis and the "recovery" we could have expected to shell out an additional $200 billion a year on average during Obama's entire presidency. This would have naturally added to the debt, further increasing deficits, but I was too lazy to calculate that.

Of course, this isn't the New York Times, this is Captain Capitalism. An actual reputable source for journalism. So like all good journalists we know that we should convert this to deficits as a % of GDP.



This gives us a bit better perspective showing we'd still be running deficits around 4% GDP had the creditors of the US federal government had the slightest bit of self-respect and demanded more than .000035% interest on their bonds. Let us be clear. It is only the shenanigans of the central bank and the fact that foreigners are even "more sucky" than the US that the federal government can get away with paying such a paltry level of interest.

Finally, what if the federal government was in the real world and did not hold the world's reserve currency? Well, I would at minimum charge an interest rate of 8%. Truth is, I would never lend to an entity in as bad of financial shape as the US government. But let's just humor ourselves and assume 8%. Well, shucks howdy!



What I like about this chart is it really shows you how the interest rate wouldn't have mattered until 2000, especially, since the financial crisis. If there was any sanity in the bond market, the federal government would be running deficits of nearly $2 trillion each year since 2009. That would be an absolutely unsupportable 11% GDP deficit for 7 years running. Obviously, this added debt would be added to the total debt and creditors would have stop lending to us long ago. But let this be a lesson to the LUCK, not SKILL that has spared the US a fate like Greece, Spain, or Japan. It is ONLY because we have the world's reserve currency that we avoided this mess and it has nothing to do with Obama, the federal reserve, Paul Krugman or any other idiot claiming responsibility for this "recovery."

Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty, but also DON'T GET SO THIRSTY YOU'RE AN IDIOT LIKE THIS MAN!!!

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1970's claymation Christmas specials
Single moms ACTUALLY DO kill more than terrorists
Gen X fumbled the divorce ball
Naps are a conspiracy concocted by adults
"Overtired" is like "white privilege"

and MORE

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Curse of the High IQ and Campus Unfree Speech

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Another bit of radio for your Christmas traveling. Was on Kerry Lutz's show and we talked about the new book coming out (Curse of the High IQ) and what will happen when today's college kids enter politics and the judicial system!

Review of The Big Short

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Did a quick review of The Big Short. Glorious Karl also did a review.

"Financial Dominatrix"

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Two points:

1. Notice where a liberal arts degree will land your precious little daughters.
2. She's one of the successful liberal arts graduates!!!

Hooters Girls Worth More Than Feminists

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A friend had posted this picture on the Facebook and while I originally had a good guffaw over it, the more I thought about it, the more I realized there is A LOT more going on that what first meets the eye.

1. The Hooter's girl is employed. That means she's working and contributing to society. You may scoff at her profession or that she just got her job because of looks, but ask yourself this question. What in the Patron Saint's Name of Frick is the feminist doing for work? Protesting??? Holding signs??? Mock the Hooters girl all you want she is getting people to WILLINGLY hire her, not force taxpayers at the end of a gun to fork over grant money to create a never-needed make-work "job" for the vast majority of feminists.

2. Their looks. I've said it before and I'll say it again because it is VERY telling and insightful about leftists, but leftists tend to be uglier than righter leaning folk because staying in physical shape takes EFFORT. And that is the whole principle leftists are against. They are AGAINST hard work and effort. Ergo, the CONSTANT rationalization of how they are entitled to other people's money. Of course, unlike money looks cannot be transferred or redistributed, and thus the feminist is trying to "shame" people for liking girls prettier than she is.

3. The free market never lies. Sadly, ladies, whether you like it or not, the most valuable thing you have is your looks and youth. This is because HALF the WORLD'S POPULATION (we call them "men") demand sex with pretty girls. Doesn't mean they're going to get it, but it is the SINGLE MOST UNIVERSALLY DEMANDED COMMODITY IN THE WORLD. More than oil. More than gold. Always has been. Always will be.

The question is are you smart enough to capitalize on it?

This is why I have absolutely no qualms with prostitution, strippers, or simply women who keep themselves in shape demanding high-earning husbands. It is also why I have quite a bit of respect for the likes of Chloe Luv, Mercedes Carerra, Jenna Jameson, and other women who work in the sex/porn industries. It's not that they're hotties working in porn, but are serious entrepreneurs themselves knowingly capitalizing on this market.

The real issue is who is selfless and who is selfish in the picture above? For that is the key lesson to learn about how to be financially successful. You don't do what YOU want, you do what OTHER people want. You deliver what they demand, not the other way around.

Ironically (though, perhaps not), the "dumb blond bimbo" knows more about economics and financial success than the doctorate in Women's Studies holding the sign.

Again, Before You Become a Doctor

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The money is not worth the time.

"How Do I Math?"

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The maths are hard.
Tee hee! I'm a girl!
I just like working with children.
But aren't math numbers? Why are their letters?
Tee hee! I like the Kardashians!

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Cappy gets NO PITY from women when he claims he's sick and injured!
Real men can exchange racial jokes
Too many pussies in the Red Pill world
Cappy's favorite coffee mug
Percent of "Pansexuals" that are faking it.

in THIS EPISODE of THE CLAREY PODCAST!

***An interesting last segment where I inquire what percentage of people who are claiming to be "pan sexual" are merely just millennial leftoids faking it so they can belong to something.

How Dennis Prager (Unintentionally) Hurts Young Men

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Every Woman Who Ever Voted Democrat Ever

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Why the Economy Hasn't Collapsed Yet

January 2, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Please forward and share because this really would advance and resolve some debates in economics:

How to Become a Successful Economist

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We don't need no STIIIIIINNNNNNKIIINNNNNNNGGGG fathers!!!!

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Western women voted in their own rape...and Cappy doesn't care
Why hasn't wireless boosted GDP?
Fan mail!

AND MORE!

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Why Most of Your Professors are Idiots

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"*The final price genuinely intelligent people will pay in college is dealing with those who aren't. Specifically, "faux-intellectuals." These are the idiots who aren't intelligent, but since they're on a college campus they desperately try to fake it. They fall into two general camps.*

Your professors

and

college graduates.

Like K-12 teachers, most professors are worthless, talentless hacks who couldn't find jobs in the real world. They typically hail from enough parental money (or student debt) that they managed to get a doctorate or masters in their field. Unfortunately, most of the "faux-intelligent" professors majored in worthless subjects that required no intellectual rigor (the humanities, the liberal arts, etc.) so the only real place that will hire them is academia…to simply reteach what they learned 2-4 short years ago. This means you are guaranteed to run into them as you're forced to take their meaningless and pointless classes in "14th Century Lesbian Pygmy Sculpture" or "Diversity and Ethno-Centrism Privileged Studies."

The problem is, very much like your teachers being the "adult," you will assume your professors are smarter than you because…well…they're "professors."

Hogwash."

This is an excerpt from my upcoming book/essay "The Curse of the High IQ"

And yes, it is coming out that good.

HR and "People Skills"

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An excerpt from the upcoming book/essay "Curse of the High IQ!"

The HR ditz also Introduces a new aspect of careers and the employment world. One that is the bane of existence for abnormally intelligent people.

"Soft" or "people skills."

In 2012 I had a job interview with a bank in Rapid City, South Dakota. I had not been this excited in nearly a decade in that Rapid City and the Black Hills area is my favorite place in the world, and I was now looking at the prospects of finally living there with gainful employment.

However, on my drive there I ran into the worst snow storm I have ever experienced in my life. Scores of cars were stuck in the drifts, at least five semi-trailers were in the ditch, and invariably it got so bad they closed the interstate down. It was only through some strategic driving, "piggy backing" off of semi-trucks to plow through the drifts, and raw determination did I manage to make it to Rapid City. Unfortunately, I had not arrived until 4AM and only managed to get three hours sleep before my interview. I walked into my interview a bit fatigued.

The interview went very well and I even got the job in the end. But after receiving the job offer my future boss called me and said,

"We need to talk about something."

Curious as to what it was I returned his called and found out he had a concern.

"Well, I noticed when you walked into the interview you weren't smiling. You see, were here at the Rapid City Bank want to give our customers an experience. And we need everybody to be smiling and happy to provide that warm welcoming environment. But when you walked into our office you were frowning and that kind of demeanor can…"

I cut him off and told him I was no longer interested in the job.

Whether it's a bank in South Dakota or a parking lot in Miami employers value "soft skills" or "people skills" more than real ones. And the reason is very simple. Normal and dumb people value feeling good over actual, genuine progress.

A perfect example is Oprah Winfrey.

Criticize her as you may, Oprah is a genius because she realized people would rather feel good than actually achieve good in their lives. And thus, she went out and told millions of women for over 20 years what they WANTED to hear, not what they NEEDED to hear.

You're not fat, you're beautiful inside!
Your husband should love you for who you are!
Follow your heart and the money will follow!
You deserve it girl!

For this she was rewarded billions of dollars in net worth.

The problem is high IQ people (unless they jettison their morals) simply can't do this which puts them at a disadvantage in the employment world.

First they cannot keep up the charade or façade of emotional interest. It just isn't in their nature and it's simply too taxing mentally. High IQ people can plainly see a problem for what it is, what logical decisions need to be made in order to solve it, and can remove any emotional or psychological preferences they might have about it. They offer direct, blunt, emotionless solutions that are guaranteed to solve the problem, but unfortunately step on people's precious little toes.

This then leads to a second problem, because not only does the majority of clients prefer good feelings over production, but so too does the majority of co-workers and bosses. Your entire employment environment is driven by everybody's insistence you place feelings and emotions over reality and truth. This is simply maddening for smart people because what needs to be done in the real world counters what your boss, co-workers, and clients are demanding of you.

A colleague of mine worked at a video game store and was lectured for up-selling a client a $60 boxed-DVD set and NOT getting her to sign up for their "membership card."

During my days in banking I was routinely lectured for being "too harsh" when analyzing and rejecting loans...until I was proven right when they all went into default and bankruptcy.

And no doubt you personally have experienced some instance of contradictory insanity in your own job where reality is telling you "X" and your boss is threatening to fire you if you don't do "Y."

It doesn't matter. Dumb and average people account for the majority of the customer base. Dumb and average people also account for the majority of workers at your firm. Thus, it is feelings and emotions that rule the day, guaranteeing you will suffer this cognitive-dissonance insanity during your entire career.

"Curse of the High IQ" is slated to come out in two weeks! Tell friends! Particularly the smart ones!

What "#WasteHisTime2016" Tells Us About American Women

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It's just mean, cruel, and disgusting, but it DOES shed an incredible amount of light on young American women today and just what a mine-field boys get to walk through. It is VITAL if you have any young men in your family or circle of friends to show this to them.

How You Get Revenge

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If a group of people came in and destroyed your country, destroyed your family, destroyed your life, and stole your future, your natural, mentally healthy reaction would be simple – revenge. You would hunt those people down and kill them. Unfortunately it wasn't some roving band of post-apocalyptic bandits that did this to you, it was the electorate of the United States. And unfortunately this electorate did it legally under a democracy.

Since this is a democracy, no matter how much damage the electorate causes, you have no recourse. It doesn't matter that it's unlikely you'll ever have a successful career, it doesn't matter that it's nearly impossible to start a family, it doesn't matter you have no future. By living in a democracy you agree to accept majority rule for better or worse. Ideally this rule would be "better." The electorate figures things out, puts 2 and 2 together, and inevitably comes to the logical conclusion a minimal state and maximum freedom is the ideal form of government. But as evidenced recently, the electorate is impaired, it's ignorant, it's naïve, and it's brainwashed. Consequently, the people not only get the government they deserve, the minority gets to unjustly suffer the consequences.

But what makes things particularly frustrating for the minority is one of forced-inaction. Because this is a democracy any form of revenge or retaliation would be considered tyrannical or dictatorial. The people have spoken, the majority got its way, opposing this would be hypocritically forcing the minority's view on the majority. Sadly this leaves Real Americans with no option but to sit and take it. It also makes most of us feel helpless. There's no way to strike back, there's no way to circumvent the consequences, there's no way to turn the boat around. There's nothing we can do but futilely write letters to the editor or start blogs. It is an issue of losing control over our futures and our lives, and there's nothing we can do to avenge ourselves, let alone receive an ounce of recompense or justice.

However, things are not as hopeless as they first might seem. There are legal measures you can take to exact your toll of revenge. There are things you can do that will ensure your life is better than others. And as it just so happens there are much more powerful forces at play that will deliver such a devastating blow of revenge against the people who destroyed the United States, that you could only dream of delivering such a blow. The trick is to open your eyes to see it and savor it when it happens.

Future posts until I publish the new book will be excerpts from my previous works on account I want to finish it as quickly as possible, but not leave people lurching here.

Libertarians Who Vote for Bernie Sanders

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Um, dudes, you're NOT LIBERTARIANS!!!!!

Trumbo: When the MSM Makes Movies About Themselves

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Looks like another piece like The Pelican Brief where the daily media dregs need to make movies about themselves.

Islam and Rape

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Hilarious.

Study…Er Reality Finds Women Can't "Have It All"

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Gen X women find out they can't have it all and that they were lied to by leftists and feminists.

Yaaaawn. Crocodile tears.

The Post Education Era

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A guest post while I put the finishing touches on The Curse of the High IQ.

Why are the Psychologists Psycho?

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Couldn't help but post this.

Doing my research on the psychological drawbacks of high intelligence and the article above is just precious. Everytime they quote an psychologist or a "professor" in the field, they cannot help but also list all the problems they had in terms of suicide, bi-polar, etc.

I'm sorry, this profession is simply being undermined by its practitioners.

McDonalds, Education, and Leftist Religion

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Another from Alex.

Western Women Don't Deserve the Protection of Western Men

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Again, #WasteHisTime2016 Is a Warning All Men Should Heed

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Guest post whilst I bang away at the keyboard.

The Grandfather Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Oh you fucking women thinking you don't need men and they can be replaced by government checks. You fucking scum.

Nature vs. the "Social Scientists" in "What Women Want"

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An excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ!"

Finally, the most common complaint I hear from my female clients under 40 is the lack of real, masculine men. While pursuing the ideal of equal treatment of the sexes, various faux-intellectuals and hacks posing as "social scientists" have pushed beyond equal treatment under the law and now demand equal outcomes and equal…well…everything.

Anything men can do, women can do.
Applauding Bruce/Catlyn Jenner more than young girls majoring in engineering
Besmirching women for daring to want to be wives and moms.
"Gender is a social construct."
Replacing "he" and "she" with "zhe" and "zhr."
As well as the complete elimination of gender entirely.

This perilously ignores the teraflops of empirical data (not to mention fact) that men and women are different and that these differences cannot be erased no matter how hard you try. It also ignores the obvious point that these differences exist for some pretty damn good reasons and likely shouldn't be trifled with.

Men have penises, women have vaginas. They are designed that way to breed children. Women have breasts, produce milk, and are more nurturing. They are designed that way to take care and nurture children. Men have testosterone, are bigger, stronger, faster and (by some measures) smarter than women. They are designed that way to provide for and protect their families. And forget the obvious physiological differences. Just look at the history of how men, women, and society have naturally organized themselves over the millennia across different cultures. I find it very cute and adorable "social scientists" of the past 50 years think they know more than what nature has figured out over the past 2 million.

Still, the academic and political classes of society thought it best to trifle with these realities, blurring the lines of gender, which has ultimately resulted in pansified, emasculated men that no woman wants. Yes, television says women want sensitive "90's men." Yes, academia says men need to get in touch with their "emotions and inner-selves." And yes, even women say they want that bearded hipster with his red skinny jeans who writes poetry, works at the coffee shop, lives at home, and can't afford a car.

But it's almost as cute as "social scientists" thinking they know more than nature.

No matter what society, politicians, media, even women themselves say, their genes want a talk, rugged, strong, brilliant, charming, clever, brute of a man who can rock her world in bed and crush the skulls of any interloper who threatens her children.

Your Everday, Average, Common Boss

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Another excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ"

But the reason the entire country is forced to endure a daily commute on traffic-jammed roads is because instead of real leaders we have millions of compliant, obedient, and incredibly average bosses who are not intelligent enough to get past the third grade quandary of

"Well, if I can't see you then how do I know you're working?"

Alas, the entire country is held hostage by a bunch of Peter-Principled, MBA-laden idiot commoners because they don't understand "telecommuting."

Regardless, the example above highlights the difference between a REAL leader and your everyday, common boss. A real leader, a real boss is trying to make genuine advancements and achievements to not only benefit the company, but himself, and society. He or she looks beyond mere compliance and has a genuine intellectual interest in how to not only make things better, but dramatically better. It is these types of bosses that high IQ people can work for in that your brain will be intellectually stimulated and challenged.

Your average boss, however, comes nowhere near this. He is usually so incompetent, so average, and so obedient their "leadership" strategies entail the same tiresome tactics that have never worked in the past 50 years:

Meetings
Motivational posters
Motivational speakers
More meetings
Corporate retreats
Meaningless plastic trinkets as rewards (Wells Fargo is a perfect example of this)
Meetings about meetings
Continuing Professional Education
And whatever other pablum endorsed by the latest "business management" books.

In short, you may not personally hate your boss. He or she could be a great person. But even if they are personable, you will at minimum be limited to their ability to lead and achieve. And the truth is for every genuine leader that is out there, there's a thousand everyday, average, incompetent bosses who don't know they're the butt-end of Dilbert's

Point-Haired Boss' jokes.

Calling All Hot Nerdy Chicks

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Attention All Female Lieutenants and Agents in the Field,

The ole Captain is coming around the final stretch to finish "Curse of the High IQ" and will move onto the marketing stage. And to be blunt because i'm an asshole and I don't like wasting time, I want to market it with hot nerds. This entails donning some glasses, and aiming for that "nerdy babe" look, and posing with the book (once it gets to production). I know we have some female lieutenants and agents in the field that may not be nerds, but you can always pull off the motif if you want.

Anyway, contact the ole Captain if you're interested, send me a mailing address, you get free book, no money blah blah blah blah, men like to see cute girls instead of charts, blah blah blah blah, help inspire the real men with blah blah blah blah show leftists we have hotter women blah blah blah blah.

Sincerely,

Cappy

The Handicap of a High IQ (Guest Writer Matt Baldoni)

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The Great Matt Baldoni was kind enough to guest write as I head across the finish line on "The Curse of the High IQ." Mr. Baldoni is a genius, and I don't mean that in a musical sense. I mean that in a literal sense, and conveys his experiences and thoughts growing up with a high IQ, experiences that will hopefully prove useful for your own lives.

The Handicap of a High IQ by Matt Baldoni

I didn't know my IQ was high until I paid to get it tested three different ways as an adult in my 30s. I had actually underestimated what the numbers would be by a long shot. It doesn't change much in my life now that I know, but it's a nice confidence booster. I sure as hell don't advertise it that much, but it's sorta like finding out you have a huge penis. You can't really tell anybody about it during a business meeting, but it sure helps you feel like a winner, which helps you out in the rest of life. I carefully chose three different standardized tests (The Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale, The Cognitive Assessment System, and Stanford-Binet), took them separately, and waited for results. Depending on who you ask, my numbers fell between 127 and 140. With a mean 100 and standard deviation 15, that puts me in the top few percent. Now, many say that these tests mean NOTHING, and while they don't mean everything, they mean something. Especially for children. Children who measure high on the intelligence quotient scale tend to favor the arts. That turned out to be true for me. High IQ kids also tend to shy away from sports and be more socially active within their comfortable circles. They also tend to develop cognitive ability faster, which makes them good at things like math. These kids also tend to develop self discipline and responsibility at an early age. All this turned out to be true for me. However, it soon became a handicap to have high intelligence in MANY different ways. Here are a few of them, starting with the two things I did to myself the most:

Self-destruction

People with a High IQ are more likely to exhibit self-destructive behavior, including addictive behavior. TRU DAT. When I entered my teenage years as a student and budding professional musician, it wasn't long before drugs and alcohol became a daily ritual. Those daily habits lasted for many years, and were destructive. Science shows us that many drug addicts/alcoholics tend to have high IQ's, which they think allows so many of them to be “functioning addicts”. Other people kill themselves with that shit, but we can function somehow, even while our physiological insides are getting eaten away.

Lying and Manipulation

People with a High IQ are more likely to lie and manipulate. We're also more likely to be sociopathic. I'm no clinical sociopath, or else the two licensed therapists I've seen would have diagnosed me as such. But I did speak with these two professionals about the fact that I have lied a lot. Mostly to get what I wanted or needed. Getting money, getting laid, manipulating a situation to my advantage, throwing someone else under the bus with a lie, lying to get revenge, I did them all.

People with a high IQ are more likely to have vengeful tendencies too, by the way. From teenage years to the bulk of my 20s, lying to women was almost a requirement. I sure did get laid a lot, though.

So...those are the two most self-destructive behaviors I put in to practice that science also says are more likely to be exhibited by subjects with my IQ numbers. Now let's look at how it played out in some other situations:

Immediate Family

One look at my family will tell you that most of them are bumbling idiots. My dad's no doubt the smartest of his entire household, but my mother's a wingnut and a lot of the rest of em couldn't spell some of the words in this essay or do long division if you held a gun to their head. They also reproduce like rabbits, which is a characteristic of lower IQ numbers. Oh yeah, forgot to mention that one, people with High IQ's are less likely to pass on their genes. Shocker. Being smart in my family meant that you were a “know-it-all” or a “smartass” or trying to prove something to everyone else. They always had great animosity to people smarter than them. Now that I've had time to think on it, it handicapped me in a few different ways with the large group of Italian Americans who raised me. They're loving people and they cared for me a great deal, but I did feel like an outsider. To this day, on the rare occasion I visit for a holiday glut-fest dinner, we don't have a whole lot to talk about or relate to. I should also mention my brother in all this. He's a real-life exception to the rule. He was a star athlete who was actually diagnosed as ADHD as a child. Usually great athletes don't exhibit High IQ numbers, but somehow, at age 20, upon graduating from the firefighters' academy in California, he not only scored in the top 5 for written testing, but also in the top 5 for physical agility. He continues to be one of the strongest and smartest firefighters in his world, and has excelled through the ranks with greater speed than anyone he came up with. He's set to be one of the youngest Fire Department Captains in the history of the state this year. According to the science, my brother is an anomaly.

Education

Hindsight is 20/20, and I look back on my K-17 education as a total joke. The absolute worst in leftist brainwashing, from kindergarten through dropping out of grad music school. Grad school was when I finally came to full realization what a bill of goods I had

been sold, and I left hastily. I'm embarrassed it took me that long, but again, good science shows us that some with High IQ numbers are more likely to believe bullshit when they're young. I guess that's me too. Being a child of California public schools and the California State University system through the late 80s, 90s, and early 2000s was a recipe for disaster. Although the economy in California was robust for most of that, the system was failing fast and getting more and more and MORE government subsidy all along the way the years I was there. You had to be a blank slate with these teachers (90% of which were women, of course). There were no exceptions allowed. Some weird tests were given to me early on, something called the “gifted program”, and a few others. But for me, getting singled out like that was a recipe to get bullied and get the shit beat out of you at the bus stop, so I turned them down. It was my choice after all. By the time I got to a high-end private university for grad school, I saw that most of my colleagues were not intelligent at all, just simply rich. They had the dough to be there, and they were buying a useless degree in jazz guitar. So I got out. I still, to this day, feel so utterly embarrassed for buying into all of it and spending so much time on music education after public school, when I could have just been working. Thankfully, I don't have any debt from it anymore. I do not recommend it to any young musician with potential, especially ones that I see are very intelligent.

Religion

Okay, more good science, kids! There is a negative correlation between involvement in organized religion and IQ numbers. Dumb people go to church, basically. Smart people don't. I couldn't throw away Catholicism fast enough as a teenager, and what a bag-o-bricks THAT was to set down. I've lived an entire adulthood free of that guilt, and it's been a major component to my success. You can read more about why atheists in particular have High IQ's. It's no accident that large groups of people just hand over their money and their time to gigantic machine-like religions and churchianities. The bell curve of intelligence makes no mistakes. People of average or below intelligence need something to explain things to them, and who better than their imaginary friend Jesus and his dad?

Once you grow into young adulthood and can be responsible and make some of your own choices, being surrounded by religion and having no choice in the matter can seriously handicap you.

Dating

Ah, this one's my favorite. As far as the IQ #'s in men vs. women, we must remember that much of this science is government funded. The numbers have to be often cooked in order to spew out the proper results so the scientists can continue to get their funding. And you just CAN NOT say that men are smarter than women, that's a big no-no, even if it's true. This is a topic of much debate for a long, long time. For centuries before the

1960s or so (when feminism was introduced), the science was pretty ubiquitous on men being ever so slightly more intelligent than women. Things changed, and now we're supposed to be the same. The testing was changed starting in 1974 to equalize the genders. But good science (in the private sector), to this day, still shows us that although gender plays no role in intelligence from ages 0-14, after that the curve bends slightly towards men. Particularly in the areas of math and science. No matter how much they try and cook the books, there is always that one difference between men and women. The general consensus is also that there is a mean difference of 3 IQ points to the advantage of males. That ain't much, but it's something.

How can this handicap a smart guy's dating life? Well, in many ways. First, hotter girls are generally dumber. Although easy to bang, you won't have much to talk about with them if you're dating them at any length or significance. Hot girls are dumber because there's no need for them to be smart. Men don't correct a hot girl when she's wrong because they usually wants to fuck her. Attractive girls can get things provided for them far easier for a far longer time. While it's easier for a smarter guy to manipulate his way into a hot girl's life (using game and general cognitive advantage), she will then likely expect provisions and resources from him, simply because biology and evolution suggest that women are attracted to men with more resources (intelligence and otherwise) for purposes of breeding. There is also a long-held direct correlation between intelligence and income. We make more money than dumb guys do, regardless of field, so we're more likely to have women around because we have more money. The handicap here is that we have a higher chance of getting manipulated out of our resources. After two decades of bachelored singledom and many, many relationships, I've found that the best bet for happiness is to find a 7-8 with lower intelligence than me.

These women are everywhere and can make a smart man very happy, even for a small amount of time. Let's also remind ourselves that we are far less likely to breed, which correlates to being far less likely to marry, which can send women of ALL intelligence levels packing very quickly. I've lost more good women because of my refusal to marry and procreate than for any other reason. Oh well!

Keeping hours

This one turned up a lot of results in my research. Higher intelligence people are more likely to operate best at night. I found this to be true at a very young age, and it's to my advantage now because I live my life in show business. We work when all the other worker bees are off, which is at night, on the weekends, and on holidays. This night-owl type stuff can also lead to depression, some science says. People with high intelligence can often experience frustration with many common interactions on a given day. Say for instance, everyone getting upset when you correct them during conversation. We don't even think about that when we do it, but it makes people very angry. Being called an “egomaniac” or a “braggart” when you're simply excited to share something you've

learned. And after all this brow-beating, people still expect you to be a top performer when you're smart. This can frustrate us and make us feel shitty.

More....

A common association in many bullshit studies is that people with high IQ's are “more socially inept or awkward”. It may be true. But not if you associate with other smart people. If I'm in a fucking Wal-Mart or passing through a crowd of women watching the Kardashians, no, I'm sorry, I don't want to talk to any of you and I will act like an asshole to get you out of my face. If that makes me “socially inept”, fine. High IQ also commonly results in the individual requiring a higher amount of solitude and contemplation than the middle of the curve. People will call you socially inept if you like to be by yourself. They'll also call you depressed, lonely, and sad when in all reality you may be perfectly content. Being an “outsider” is very common for people with high intelligence, but thankfully, in this day and age, we are all connected through an insanely accessible network. It's easier today to find other intelligent people than it ever has been in any time before. It's easy to find those people like you, and spend time with them. When smart people hang with smart people, it's not an echo chamber, it's a wonderful exchange of differentiating ideas and yet another learning experience that can contribute to our intelligence. So go find each other.

But E. Coli is Organic!

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This is another perfect example where these organic and green zealots think the local ma and pa store down the road beats Wal-Mart in terms of efficiency, emissions, and health.

I know you leftists hate large and successful companies. I know you hate lower costs and genetically modified food that has resilience to disease and plague. I know you all want to live in teepees and get back to one with nature.

But in the end economies to scale, efficiency, technological advancement and (GASP!) CAPITALISM beats, hands down, an irrational zealotry to pursue "green" or "organic."

Besides, just admit it. You don't really care that it's green or organic. That's just marketing.

Any Lieutenants Along I-10?

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Greetings all,

Your ole Captain may be driving a newly acquired Harley across from Florida to Las Vegas. Most of the route being Interstate 10. If any of you are along the way and mayhaps even have a couch for the old Captain to crash on, let the ole Captain know!

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Why High IQ People are Down and Depressed

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Another excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ!"

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs basically states that in order to advance as a human there is an order in which you do it. Certain needs cannot be satisfied until those under it are taken care of, thus a "hierarchy of needs." So you can't be pursuing your doctorate in finance if you don't have food on the table, just as you can't think about asking Suzy Q on a date if your position is about to be overrun by Al-Qaeda terrorists.

However, whereas Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs primarily focuses on advancement and self-improvement, it can also be viewed in terms of the severity of problems you face in life. And it is through this lens we can start to understand the problems facing abnormally intelligent people.

To be bluntly honest, "mental illness" really is a "First World Problem." They don't have things such as "bipolar" or "social anxiety disorder" or "affluenza" in Pakistan. Your average Ecuadorian does not refer to the village psychologist as "her psychologist" like an American soccer mom who has "her psychologist" on speed dial. And the average kid in Turkey does not suffer from "ADD" or "ADHD." They have infinitely more pressing matters such as poverty, terrorism, death, and disease on their minds.

This isn't to belittle the mental problems people suffer (first world or not), but it is to highlight where people focus the majority of their mental facilities depending on where they are in the hierarchy. It is also to point out that the biggest problems people face in their life is determined by where they are in Maslow's Hierarchy, not how their problems rank in the world.

For example consider two men.

There is a soldier whose wife just sent him a "Dear John" letter, telling him she's divorcing him and taking the kids. He has also been informed by the bank that his mortgage has not been paid and is going to be foreclosed upon. He can't do anything as he's in Iraq and on patrol, when suddenly he is captured by ISIS.

The second man is a retired surgeon. He ran a successful practice for 40 years, has $20 million in the bank, saved many lives, and through hard work has afforded himself every luxury life could offer. He has visited every country he ever wanted, done everything he's ever wanted to do, ate everything he wanted to eat, and now sits there at his Floridian mansion depressed because there really is nothing left to do. His friends are all dead or living in other parts of the country. His wife passed away. And he awkwardly tries to

spark conversation with the landscapers who come in weekly to tend his estate, too embarrassed to ask if they'd like to get a beer.

Who has it worse?

Obviously, the poor solider captured by ISIS does. He could die at any moment, and certainly be tortured along the way.

But whose problem is solvable?

Soon, a SEAL team bursts in, takes out all the ISIS members and rescues the poor soldier. Meanwhile, back in Florida the doctor tries to invite the landscaper to a beer, but he doesn't speak English, so the doctor goes back to pour himself another scotch to avoid his loneliness.

But the real question is who's happier?

The poor soldier, despite having horrendous problems at home and still being WAY below the doctor on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is ECSTATIC because the immediate problem he was facing (survival) was solved. He's not going to die. He won't be tortured. He can now move on to solve whatever problems he faces at home.

The doctor, despite having all the luxuries the world can afford is alone, has no mental stimulation, and is depressed. The problem he faces is there are no problems to face anymore, and because of the ennui he pulls out a gun and kills himself.

Episode #128 of The Clarey Podcast- Guest Host Chris Bechtloff!

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While I'm trying to finish my book, Chris Bechtloff was kind enough to guest host in my stead.

99.9999% of Humans Who Have Ever Lived

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Another excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ"

This status quo has been completely satisfactory for the vast majority of humans throughout human history. Most people are perfectly happy in having a family, wasting two hours a day in a commute, eight hours a day in a cube, 25 years in school, seven years in a marriage, eight years in a second marriage, feeding their gullet, watching the game, drinking light beers, dying in a nursing home, making no notable or mentionable contributions to society their entire lives. And while this may sound a bit harsh and judgmental it's true, and much more than you realize.

List all the notable humans throughout recorded history that come to mind. Now, grab all the history books or the resources of the internet and come up with a list of every notable person ever recorded in history. Henry Ford, Julius Caesar, Erwin Rommel, Genghis Khan, Gilgamesh, Plato, large and small, you name it. If you're lucky you'll come up with 10,000 people, but let's be generous and say 100,000.

That 100,000 are the humans who have shaped and molded this world. The ones who are 100% responsible for all the successes and tragedies of all of humanity. They are the ones history will remember forever and the ones who will define this planet until it is consumed by the sun.

Now divide that by the 100 billion humans that are estimated to have lived since recorded history.

The number you should get is .000001. Or .0001%.

ONE TEN THOUSANDTH OF ONE PERCENT of the human population has achieved anything noteworthy in the history of the world. That means 99.9999% of the population hasn't,

and have lived regular, ordinary lives that will be forever lost to obscurity, commonness, and mediocrity. There is no record of them, nor any trace of them, ultimately meaning their fleeting existence in this universe served no purpose and was wasted. It's as if they never lived in the first place. But we are alive here and now and have the raw intellectual capacity to not suffer such similar fates. Thus, we owe it to ourselves to follow the wise words of Cypress Hill,

"We aint' goin' out like that."

Writing College Papers for a Living

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From our sponsor at Academic Composition.

Hey guys! My name is Nenad but most people here in the western hemisphere refer to me as Ned. I just turned 21 years old, my birthday was on January 12th, so happy birthday to me! Anyways with jokes aside, I would like to tell you guys how I found Aaron's blog. It first started I believe in the year 2011 when I got back from my recent trip from my native country in Eastern Europe.

I saw all my "friends" on Facebook partying with cute girls and having fun, in my mind I wanted to be like one of those guys. So, with a quick Google search I found the original MGTOW forum. There I found guys that where similar to me, not good with girls, where not popular when they went to high school and etc.

Anyways as time went on I found Aaron's blog and famous video "Don't Try Until You're 35". I immediately fell in love with his videos and his persona. To be honest I was a lost kid back when it came to life and so on back then, but today I am comfortable to say that I am little less lost then I was before. I will admit I am still not perfect, but damn, I sure learned a lot from Aaron's videos and blogs. He was like the older brother I never had! I just wish I found him earlier!

Anyways as time went on I saw a post for a subcontractor position posted by Aleksey on Aarons blog. The first time I saw it I didn't apply but as time went on and I kept seeing these kind of posts, I said to myself "Why not just apply". Well I applied and it was the best damn choice I made!

I started working for Aleksey back in February of 2015 and I quickly rose up through the ranks. As of today I have been paid on time every Monday close to around 2000 USD. As I look back I find it pretty amazing that I have made that kind of money online by only doing 10 minutes of work a week. To be honest I don't even consider it as work because there are no set hours and I can do it whenever I want! That's the beauty of it!

That amount might not seem like a lot, but trust me it is! Considering I had to work 8 hours a day 5 times a week as a construction laborer and only get paid only 7.5 hours because lunch time didn't count for around 2200 CAD (after taxes, union dues and other things) a month at the local construction company I work for every summer break.

Also, I would like to add that I hope to continue learning from Aleksey and Aaron Clarey so that I may improve my life and because the best version of myself that I possibly can.

Overall, I feel blessed that I found Aleksey and Aaron Clarey and more importantly I consider them as brothers. I wish we could meet one day, I owe you guys lots and lots of beer!

Thank you Aleksey and Aaron Clarey!
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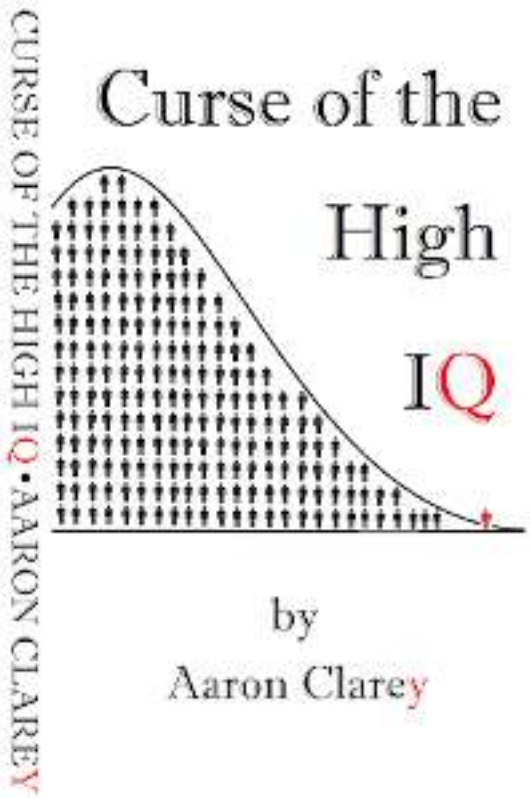
Another estimated 72 hours and all systems should be go for Curse of the High IQ



Why Your Social Life is Unsustainable Post College

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Another excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ."

For all the drawbacks there are to school, there is one incredible benefit. They congregate a critical mass of young people together in one spot. At first this may not seem like such an incredible benefit. Cliques form, fights ensue, mental trauma is suffered, and childhoods are wasted. But in this gulag-like morass of public education high IQ children enjoy something they will never again upon entering adulthood – enough high IQ peers to form a social life.

If you think about it school is the only time in one's life where all the children within the region are forced to go to the same place and socialize. And while there is everything wrong with today's education system it does bring a critical mass of all types of children together. This creates the environment where friendships, some of them life-long, form which is one of the most important things a human can have in his or her life.

Of course, high IQ children are likely to be mocked as geeks and nerds.
And yes, abnormally intelligent children will get beaten on the playground.
And yes, genius children will be mentally tortured by their teachers for 13 years.

But in the end they meet equally-intelligent peers who are so statistically rare, it would be unlikely they'd ever meet and form friendships had there been no such thing as school.

Unfortunately, school is an artificial environment and once college is done, this artificial environment goes away. And what children (who are now adults) assumed was going to be a constant variable in their lives since the age of five and would continue on forever…ends. And slowly, but surely so too does the number one thing in their lives – their friendships.

This presents the fundamental problem high IQ people face in their social life. What they considered to be a "base" or "normal" social life is not sustainable. It is very much like a stock market bubble, pumped up by temporary forces that will inevitably go away. And when these forces go away (school and college) their social life will "crash" down to where it should be or is considered "normal."

However, the social life that is considered normal for an average person with an average IQ is NOT the same for an above-average person with an IQ of 135. Remember, 68% of the population falls within ONE standard deviation of an IQ score of 100. This means the average Joe can go down to the bar and likely find scores of average Joes equally excited

about sportsball and swingystick. But if you are two or (heaven help you) three standard deviations above average less than 1% of the population is at or near your intellect. This sheer rarity of smart people makes having a social life incredibly difficult. It's not only hard to find equals, but nearly impossible to find them in the quantities needed, LET ALONE NEARBY, to have an effective and rewarding social life. Thus, the crash from the artificial social life supported by a fleeting school environment to the base or normal social life supported by the real world is cripplingly dramatic for abnormally intelligent people.

But what makes it worse is the rate at which it happens.

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Why I Will NEVER Hire a Liberal Arts Grad

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Do not even begin to tell me there is ANY value in the liberal arts in American colleges:

Remember, you can vaccinate your children from this bullshit by buying them Worthless.

Curse of the High IQ Now Available!!!

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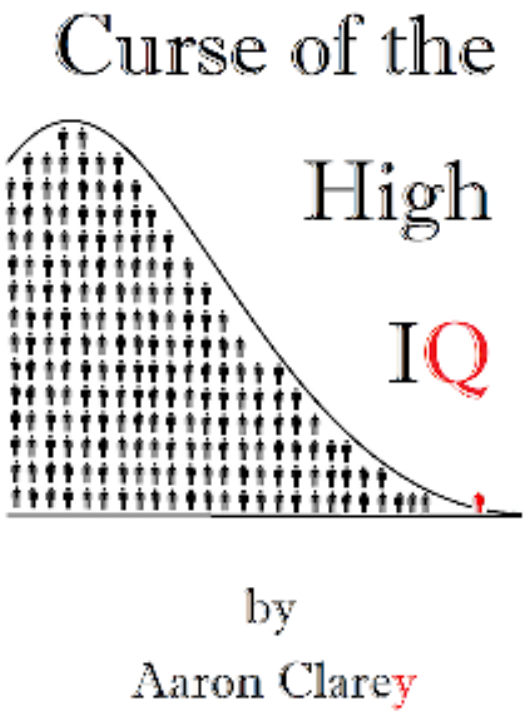
Happy Day Lieutenants!

Curse of the High IQ is here!

Tell friends, forward, etc. etc.



Yes, Curse of the High IQ Will be Available in Kindle…Just Not NOW!

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Holy flipping for the Patron's Saint Name of Frick! YES! It WILL BE available in Kindle! Give me a second!

Why the Left Hates the 1950's

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Because to achieve this required work, excellence, standards, and effort,

all things antithetical to being a leftist.

Still a great picture to see what humanity was capable of. So sad it was 60 years ago and we've deteriorated since.

All comments about "yeah, as the husband smacked the wife around the house" will simply be deleted.

Eich's "Brave" to Take on SJW Mozilla's "Firefox"

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Fuck you Mozilla!

All of Consulting and "Business Management" is Bullshit

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It's just common sense. That's all it is.

Common freaking sense.

Lowering Standards for the Whiners

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to the point just like the Nobel Peace Prize, it no longer means anything.

Nothing Good Comes from Women With Horses

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Seriously, it's better for a woman to have herpes instead of horses.

Friday Night Podcast with DT and Thee Man!

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Don T Tread and Thee Man have a new podcast out.

"Those were good times"

Essay Contest: "Do Western Women Deserve Ronald Speirs"

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Greetings All,

Since I'm still in catch up mode from finishing Curse of the High IQ, I had an idea that I think might prove interesting. There is much kerfuffle about Western women voting in socialism and with it, multiculturalism. This has resulted in the predictable results, but it's not until the mass sexual assaults in Cologne did feminists, leftist females, and labor/democrat-voting women get their first real black eye and see where their political naivety might get them.

Also, chiming in are the right-freedom leaning side women who are damn well aware of the consequences of socialism and multiculturalism. Their primary concern is that if men do (as I suggest) stop protecting women, letting them suffer for the first time the consequences of their actions, these innocent women will suffer for the idiocy of others.

The only solution to this is to is to go old school. man up, and go Ronald Speirs on the world once again. For women to start voting pro-Western Civilization, pro-capitalism, pro-free markets, and therefore not only allowing us to simply maintain the simplest of sovereignty of a nation, but unchain Western man and let them do what they do best.

Of course, in my cynical mind, this is academic. I'm checking out in about 20-30 years and I personally don't believe high enough a percentage of Western countries' populations even deserve what 3,000 years of human sacrifice and suffering gifted to them today. And it is CERTAINLY my opinion Western women as a majority do not deserve it, and deserve every PENNY of the socialism and hatred for Western Civilization they vote for.

So ladies, you've had the right to vote these past roughly 100 years and you've only managed to stagnate the greatest civilization ever, bring in genuine rape culture, and grow the state by about 300% at the expense of our personal financial freedom. Oh, and then there's that whole hating men for the past 30 years of feminist bliss.

So humor me and all the real men. Why precisely should we leave our flippant lifestyles, our bachelor pads, our video games, and gyms, and our fine scotches? Why should we abandon our motorcycles, our adventures, and our cigars? Why should we "man up," marry women, bring children into this world, not to mention, arm ourselves, kick the invaders out, with the added nbonus of it being at great physical risk? Why should Western men defend Western Civilization when such a large percentage of women

vehemently fight against it? Why, in short, do you deserve us to turn into the Ronald Speirs this country so desperately needs?

I will entertain all essays, publish all that are worthy, and the best one (whether you agree with me or not, I'm looking for the best argument) will win $50 of the Captain's hard earned money.

You can e-mail your essays to CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Do not send attachments. Just write your essay as text and e-mail it.

The winner will be announced when I get around to it and I have a qualified winner.

Why Are Women Always Late?

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We here at Cappy Cap used our patented "SAEG" (TM) to finally solve this problem:

Liberranter, Contact Me

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Liberranter,

Contact me, can't find your contact info on your blog.

Cappy

A Generations of Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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One thing before I attach the link.

It was my policy in high school and middle school to ask out hot chicks. That was about my only policy. I didn't care where they came from, whether they were living in a trailer, whether they were poor, or even if they were dumb. If I wanted to nail them, I would ask them out.

And I remember being universally rejected at the same rates regardless of what class, clique, or social status the girl was. In other words the same percentage of popular girls would say yes as the same percentage of trailer trash.

So what I don't fall for one second is that these women/girls, just because they grew up poor or from a broken home, didn't have good boys/men asking them out and approaching them, and like most women, went with their tingles and not their brains and consciously chose bad men over good. You don't need to be a 4.0, honors student in the debate team to know that the douche with tears tattooed on his eye who can barely show up to school on time and already has a juvie record is bad news.

Still they choose shit over quailty.

Ergo, not only do I award this a:

"Generations of Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment"

but also award it

"And Zero Fucks Were Given"

Essay Entry #1 - Do Western Women Deserve the Protection of Western Men?

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From "Grumbles." You can read up on the essay competition here.

Do Western women deserve Ronald Spiers? No, we don't. We deserve to be left to our own devices to see if we could survive without men (we can't). But the very salvation of us and all of the West relies on men taking back their masculinity. Men gave in and let us have our play time, it's time for us to give it back. Man giveth and man taketh away. Please, take it away.

The women of today truly know no better. How many notice the sitcoms with the overweight, stupid, helpless husband being constantly beat down and given dirty looks by his good-looking wife? The popular blogs written by whipped husbands, apologizing for not doing enough housework or forgetting to bring home chocolate? The comments from women are typically, 'oh, I wish you were friends with my husband!' Weak men are like sluts for women. We want them now, to use up, but they aren't what we respect in the long run.

We need masculinity. We need our men to put their foot down and tell us what the plan is. Tell. Not ask. Women leave their wussy husbands for assholes. Why? Because they have spine. They can't be pushed around. The women with the hardest heads are often the ones who fall head-over-heels for the abusive asshole. Why? He's even tougher than she is. We WANT our men to be strong, decisive, leaders. We crave it. It's in our evolutionary make-up. It gives us security. When we get hysterical over something stupid, we NEED our men to pull us back to reason and tell us he's got it under control. Even feminists need this.

Now, I'm not saying for men to become abusive assholes. I'm saying that just as men like a wife who is Doris Day in public and Betty Page in the bedroom, women like a man who is John Wayne in day-to-day and Dennis Morgan when no one is looking. You know, that big burly guy who gives a goofy grin and finger wave to babies at restaurants. Even a staunch feminist would melt away if a man stood strong and impervious to her shaming tactics. Don't let them get to you anymore. You're the bosses, men. Don't forget that.

The problem is that we don't know what we're missing. We need our men to show us. Show us what's good for us. Tell us what we need. Pull our reigns in and tell us, 'okay, you've had your fun, but let a man show you how it's done.'

For the sake of humanity, men, please PLEASE take the power and show us how it's done.

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Cappy's back with topics including

Riding his new motorcycle to Vegas
Celebrating the finishing of the new book
"Let's just go!"
Hallmark Channel Movies
MGM Charging for Parking
The National Review/Conservative Establishment has failed
The need for the Manosphere and Alt Right to move on

AND MORE

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What is Socialism?

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Nothing more complicated than this:

Send it to your worse-than-nerdy anarchist-socialist-marxist high school/college student colleagues who are all circle jerking to Bernie Sanders when they try to explain what socialism is. I want their heads to explode.

It's 12 O'Clock High for the Traditional Conservative Establishment

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The Traditional Conservative Establishment's Obsolescence

The above picture needs a bit of explaining, but when done this post will make a lot of sense and hopefully, unlike the past 20 years, lead to or at least initiate a movement to the political right.

Not amongst Americans. I'm nowhere near that optimistic. But "conservatives" and "republicans" in this country.

The screen shot is from the movie "12 O 'Clock High" from 1949 starring Gregory Peck. It's about the US Air Corps in WWII where General Savage (played by Peck) has to take over a squadron of bombers that just isn't cutting it and getting the job done.

In this particular scene you see General Savage and Lt. Colonel Davenport or "Keith" as Savage and Davenport are friends. You see no animosity between them. They are obviously on the same side. And they are both sincere, intent men who want to get the job done. The problem is the job isn't getting done, so the higher ups replace Davenport with Savage.

The movie goes on where Savage changes the bomber squadron's tactics, coddles no one (punishing the worst by throwing them in with "Leper Colony"), lowers the bombing ceiling, and pushes the men 24-7 demanding "maximum effort" from all of them until exhaustion. Many of the men crack from the stress, all of them file for transfer orders, but in the end, guess what?

The job gets done.

Savage turns the squadron around, bombing raids are more successful, and morale increases, until he himself succumbs to exhaustion and "maximum effort" by the end of the movie.

The same must be done within the traditional conservative movement in America.

For the past 30 years, perhaps time-stamped with the start of Rush Limbaugh's talk radio career, my entire adult life we have had the same conservative establishment, the same conservative leaders using the same milquetoast conservative tactics that have ultimately failed.

Government spending as a percent of GDP EVEN UNDER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS has grown during this time to levels on par with Europe.
Our national debt is the highest it's ever been during peacetime, and will soon surpass our WWII peak.
National health care has been implemented.
American women, for the most part, prefer a government check over real men.
We don't have the spine to protect the sovereignty of our nation.
A veritable socialist who loathed the country has been elected twice as president.
And now an admitted socialist stands a good chance of getting elected.

In nearly every aspect and facet of American life the conservative establishment's tactics have miserably failed.

However, like Col. Davenport, this doesn't mean those who populate the traditional establishment are wrong, corrupt, or weren't trying. Rush Limbaugh is 100% right and tried his damnedest. George Will and Charles Krauthammer do pen thoughtful and correct pieces. Fox News does what it can to counter...basically...the ENTIRE media. And our politicians, I'm sure in the demented, warped little minds, are trying to do "what they

can under the rules of Washington" to save the greatness that 4,000 years of Western Civilization took to build. In other words, bar genuine cuckservatives, these are good people on our side, who like Col. Davenport did their best.

The job still isn't getting done.

Enter General Savage

With the National Review's hit piece on Donald Trump, it because apparent to me not only how ineffective this group has been for the past three decades, but how out of touch they are from the political reality on the ground. They, eerily similar to their leftist academian counterparts, pine and pontificate haughtily thinking penning one more piece in the WSJ or one more interview on Fox News will somehow convince millennials not to vote in more of their own financial slavery, or get women to realize there isn't a war on them by white male republicans. But the problem is, quite simply, their time is over. And I don't mean that in a leadership way. I mean that in a literal way.

These guys are old. Their lives are over. Ann Coulter like Jennifer Aniston WAS hot. And the battle is no longer about what kind of America THEY are going to live in (they've already lived in it - a failing one). The battle is now ours and what we want America to become. And thus it is time to relieve the traditional conservative establishment.

But who is General Savage? Who will precisely replace the Sean Hannities and his harem of women with pretty legs? And will his tactics work?

Enter in the Alt-Right.

The Alt-Right is by no means defined, organized, or even embodied within one person, let alone a cabal of people. It is the natural, organic growth of conservative and libertarian minded people, predominantly younger ones, who are fed up with the abysmal performance of the poor stewards of the conservative movement these past 30 years. However, whereas most of them had to watch helplessly from the sidelines as kids or young adults via television, talk radio, or the newspapers (National Review being one of them), the internet has allowed them to not only vent their frustrations, but take matters into their own hands and become a force unto itself that rivals the traditional establishment.

I doubt George Will has more readers under 30 than even the most average of Alt-Right blogs.
Glenn Beck's media empire is losing listeners, while scores of much more manly and specialized podcasters are experiencing 100%+ annual growth in their listenership.
I don't know anybody 40 or under who still listens to Hannity, but I know scores of men who listen to Adam Carolla.
And don't even get me started about the precious naivety of thrice-married Dennis Prager advocating young men get married in today's America and what kind of response that evokes from young men who know better.

Regardless, the point is the Alt-Right is more in tune and in touch with the real American people than the cute little Ivy-League-Academian-Crony Club of Hannity-Prager-Medved-Coulter-Krauthammer-Will in DC. Furthermore, they are much more blunt and direct as the urgency by which their future American lives are threatened forces them to be so. They don't cower at being called a racist. They don't preface every statement like "not all women are like this, but," and they simply blast through whatever leftists defenses and attacks come their way because, well, frankly, they never had any hope for anything to live for anyway, and thusly have nothing to lose.

But the real reason the Alt-Right needs to relieve the traditional right is much simpler (and more pathetic) than all the reasons listed above.

We simply have different ideas.

You have to understand just how bad the situation is with the current conservative leadership and establishment. The only group of people who tried MORE than the conservative establishment to make FAILED POLICIES work is the black community. It's just instead of 60 years of pursuing socialist policies for blacks, the conservative movement has been pursuing this spineless pussy-footing strategy of appeasement and reason for the past 30. And unless we want to see if cowardice and being "democrat light" will work on the 31st year, like the black community ANY ideas are by default better because there's at least a CHANCE they ***may*** work. Even if they don't, they would at least serve the benefit of experimentation to the point we develop strategies that do.

New Tactics

So what are these new tactics?

Well, I'd love to tell you, but it is here in all honesty I must admit I cannot divulge all my thoughts on the many and infinitely more effective tactics I believe will work in winning over the American people. The reason is simple - I charge for advice. And like the Joker says, "If you're good at something, never do it for free." Additionally, after making several approaches to the republican party, not to mention delivering two speeches to them, their ineptitude and utter lack of action thoroughly convinced me it would be infinitely easier to simply start a new party and obsolete them...or perhaps consult the democrat party instead. Two ideas I actually am kicking around.

Regardless, while I won't throw pearls before swine, I will tell the swine where they're wrong which would provide some insight as to what new tactics the Alt-Right would pursue...but reserving some of my more devastating and effective gems for the highest bidder.

One, grow a pair.

It is APPALLING how the the left with a cowardly tactic of name calling people they disagree with "racist" or "sexists" sends the conservative establishment running. It immediately forces them to abandon their position, change topics, and race to prove they are "not a racist."

I've found treating minorities and women as GENUINE equals, ESPECIALLY holding them to the same standards of criticism and critique, calling them on their BS may not make smiles, but earns more respect and trust in the long run than some ass-kissing "me-too-ism" republican vowing to do "more for minorities."

Two, eliminate the cronyism.

The cabal that currently exists within the conservative leadership is just as corrupt and nepotistic and cronyistic as the Clinton's. From the fact the son AND brother of TWO presidents is considering running for president all the way to the fact nobody at Fox News seems to come from outside the New York-DC Ivy League cesspool costs the conservative movement face and reputation.

Additionally, it's laughable you advocate meritocracy when no effort is made to develop a system that would ID, hunt down, and identify the best candidates that would advance freedom, liberty, conservatism, and American ideas. It shows you place more value on using an ideology as your career than the noble purposes it portends.

Three, no crying.

For all that is sacred and holy, there will be no crying. None. There will from hence forth only be real men in your party, and especially your political and media leaders. There will be no effeminate, pansy-assed Glenn Beck's. There will be no castrated, cry-baby John Boehner's. There will be real men in this party which will do more to win over women as being a real man gets you more women than kissing their asses. You are only allowed to cry upon the death of a loved one and the loss of your dog, and you are NEVER to do it on national television or radio.

Four, win over minorities.

It's possible. WAAAAY more possible than your realize. I'd like to tell you how, but that would lead to the republicans ruling over America for 100 years, not to mention the incredible economic growth that would come with that. Yes, for that gem, you will pay.

Five, win over women.

Again, like minorities, but with a lot more votes. Again, you will pay.

And finally, turn secular.

Religion has no place in politics. Too many millions of people were killed, tortured, and slain ensuring theocracy was relegated to the Mid East crap holes of this world. Certainly, go and practice whatever religion you want, but the republican party absolutely must jettison the religious right that infects it.

There is more. Infinitely more. And the future of America could be salvaged in one election cycle. But given the entrenchment of the conservative establishment, their cluelessness about the real world, their debilitating cronyism, and sadly, their increasing irrelevance, I doubt they are even capable of making any effective changes, let alone in time for them to witness said changes before they die.

Sorry Keith, you're relieved.

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The Real Reason I Don't Believe in Global Warming

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It's predictors can't predict shit.

Informal Baton Rouge Cigar Lounge Meet Up Tonight

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Greetings All,

Ole Captain is on the road again and just found a cigar lounge called "Churchill's" in Baton Rouge. Aiming to be there at 730PM would love to see any people who randomly happen to get this in time. Sorry for the last minute nature of it, but didn't even know I'd be crashing in Baton Rouge until this morning.

Regardless, be good to see some fellow economists and lieutenants tonight!

Cappy!

Gingers Demand High IQ's

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Remember, free redhead with purchase of every book. Scouts honor!

Houston Cigar Meet Up

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Howdy All Lieutenants and Economists!

Going to have an impromptu meetup/cigar smoking at Cigar Envi in Katy, Texas aka "west Houston."

730PM, please show up if you're around!

Cappy

San Antonio Meet Up

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Wildfish in the scenic suburb of Stone Oak.

Is it oak?

Is it stone?

The world will never know!

But we will be there at 8PM for drinks and cocktails though it may be an early evening.

Pussy Pass Privilege

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Here's real privilege.

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Motorcycle riding across the US
Meeting "Bama the Dog"
Cigar Lounges of the South
Houston is rather large
If you're going to the office after 45 you're doing it wrong
How large cities screw over young people
Women more violent than men

and more!!!

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Some Genuine Journalism Work in Flint

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I have to say I'm impressed. DT did some investigative work on the Flint water crisis and actually pegged down who is to blame. You'll need to get to the first segment of the podcast, but it's what you'd suspect. Lazy, parasites (this time as Detroit citizens) wanting other people to pay for their existence.

Cappy's Motorycling Adventures in Texas!

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Greetings all! Figured I'd post a few pics from my little roadtrip across the Yee Haw state.

First, you have to spray for "little girls." If you don't spray your motorcycle for "little girls" it can become infected like mine here. I'm usually much more professional, but I was in a rush and sure enough, mine got infected and it took more time out of my day to dislodge her with bleach and turpentine than had I sprayed. Just a pointer for you beginner motorcycle riders.

If you're motorcycle gets infected by "little girls," you will have to have your coffee in a Cinderella cup as you wait for your laundry to get done.

You will also be forced to have your motorcycle jacket "improved" with stickers.

Once your clear your motorcycle of the infection you can now enjoy the country side of Texas:

And after 8 long hours of driving they will built an old Spanish-Western type hotel in your honor:

And that is Texas so far.

Why Corporations are Seemingly Leftist

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Medtronic was (emphasis on "was") a Minneapolis-based company until it decided it would move to Ireland under a "tax inversion" that would lower its corporate tax rate from 35% to 5%. With the savings they had repurchased $5 billion in shares giving shareholders $5 billion in value that would have otherwise been given to parasites via government programs had it been taxed. Abbott Labs did something similar. And Halliburton also moved it's corporate headquarters to Dubai.

These are moves we expect from corporations because it makes sense. It lowers their expenses and increases profits.

But then there are companies, especially those in from Silicon Valley, who do not seem to be the quintessential "right wing, pro-capitalist" corporations. Instead they're actually quite leftist not only taking leftist positions, but donating monies to the democrat party. Naturally lobbying the socialist party of the US is nothing new, but this goes beyond that with companies and their executives taking outright politically left-stands when it would only serve to increase their corporate taxes.

Apple's CEO telling people Apple doesn't want global warming deniers' money (fine by me).
Mozilla's firing of Brendan Eich for making a anti-gay marriage political donation several years ago.
Don't get me started about all the Fortune 500 companies that brag about their commitment to diversity.
And companies like Whole Foods or Trader Joe's that purposely target leftists with their organic and fair trade foodstuffs (though admittedly that's marketing).

Still, it doesn't make sense to most people as to why an increasing number of corporations would advocate and advance leftist political issues when in the end it just means higher corporate taxes. But if you stop thinking logically and instead look at this phenomenon through a different set of eyes it's actually quite apparent what corporations are doing. And what you'll find is that it's a combination of today's Gen X'ers taking over corporate leadership roles combined with a lack of any new ideas or talent.

Welcome to the new marketing strategy of corporate America.

Let us be very clear why there's a seemingly leftist bend in corporations - the current generation of business leaders plain have no new plans or ideas. Gen X is not particularly bright, most business leaders aren't real leaders as much as they are obedient, very average MBA clones. And until the millennials came on the scene we were hands down

the laziest generation this country had ever begotten. But worse, Gen X is the first generation and "SJW prototype" to have been brainwashed by leftist indoctrination as it pertains to businesses.

This laziness and ineptitude, combined with the brainwashing they received is now infecting corporate American in full force. And it shows in the often confusing leftist policies FOR-PROFIT corporations endorse and enact. They enact these policies NOT because it's going to help the corporation. They enact those policies because it's the only marketing strategy they can think of. They enact these policies because it (in their minds) improves their reputation with the American people. They pursue these policies because, in short, they think leftism sells. And we see this every day.

It originally started about 30 years ago with "diversity." Diversity was being shoved down college students throats since the late 80's. When we hit college in the 90's it didn't matter, we knew it for the BS that it was. But after three decades of telling people they're special because of traits (and not hard work or accomplishments) that's a sales pitch even Oprah can't match.

Then came "going green" or CSR (corporate social responsibility). A corporation wasn't just a private entity owned by and completely beholden to its shareholders. No, now it was part of society and must put profits below it's "corporate social responsibility" to society. Under this BS was diversity, sexual harassment training, sensitivity training, etc., but it also laid the ground work for the "green" and "organic" fads that rushed through America in the past decade. Of course none of this did anything to improve the bottom line, increase shareholder value, or improve products for the customer, but it was just like the latest business management fad textbook - it provided nothing of value, but took nothing to enact, but still looked like you were doing something. A dream come true for most lazy business managers.

And most recently, and we see this especially so in our entertainment industries, is the rebooting of old shows or movies because we just don't have the creative juices to create another Indiana Jones or Harry Potter.

A new Star Wars.
A new Mad Max.
Call of Duty 57
And now they're rebooting Scooby Doo

It would be one thing if they were just too lazy to come up with new ideas, but these reboots have a particularly cute and leftist twist - replacing traditionally white male characters with non-white male characters.

The Hulk is now Asian.

Ms. Marvel is a female Muslim.
Chris Bechtloff can tell you about all the new gay or lesbian charcters.
The new Ghostbusters is just a blatant pandering to women.
And they even tried floating a balloon to see if they could make James Bond black (please do and launch the "White Shaft" while you're at it Hollywood).

I could go on, but the strategy here is something very simple and one politicians have been using for years - divide and conquer. Of course corporations and their newest generation of "leaders" don't really want to "conquer" anything. They just want to sell their wares. But reliably and predictably, despite all claiming to be "independent minded," the brainwashing in school and college worked. Today's business leaders really do think taking political positions on race, sex, privilege, the environment, etc., is a genuine and effective business strategy. They think bragging about how they hire "minorities" but not "the best" is a long term managerial strategy. They think donating 5% of their pre-tax profit (because a corporate tax rate of 40% just wasn't enough) will win people over.

Alas, this is the newest generation of business leaders. People who use "fads," "political correctness" and "leftism" to sell their products. And if you thought the Baby Boomers were bad business managers, just wait for these over-educdated, political-correct-crusaderist Gen X'ers to fully be at the helm.

Heaven help us.

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NDSU's Theater Program is Bunk

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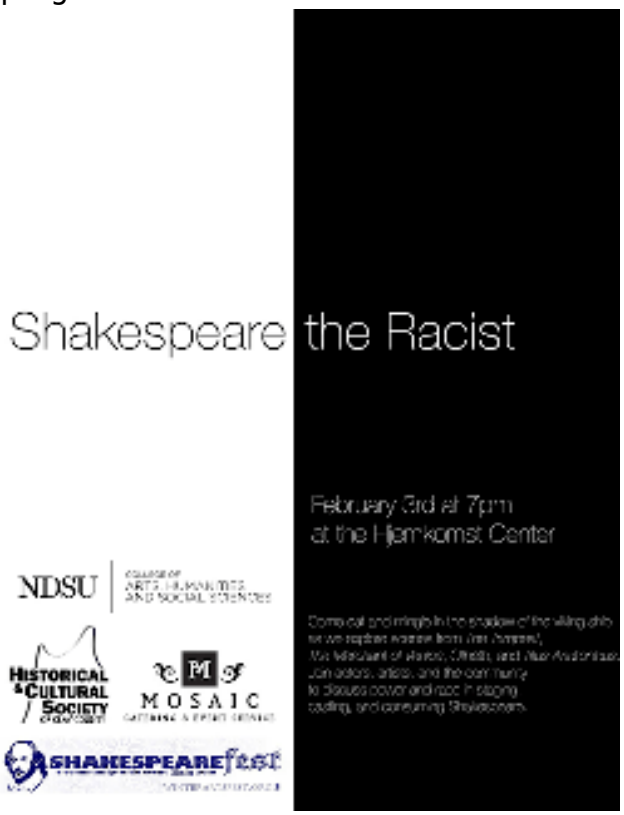
Everything wrong with academia and further proof the liberal arts is merely a make-work program to hire worthless hacks:



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Here it is! Sorry for the delay!

Political News Coverage is Just Plain Insulting

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My now-approaching 12 years of not watching political news came to an end yesterday as I brought the bike into the mechanics to have them give it the once over before I continued on my cross-country trip. The mechanic informed me there was a waiting room where they had comfy couches, internet, coffee, and TV. As I grabbed my gear, looking forward to park my rear for a while, I was let down to see they had CNN on.

It didn't matter, I had brought my laptop in anticipation of having some down time. But I still could not help but watch the 60 inch TV that was sitting directly in front of my face, and it was one word;

Insulting.

Perhaps I've been inoculated against political news coverage.
Perhaps I've just gotten older and, thus, wiser and can ID BS when I see it.
Or maybe my most recent book made me even more disdainful of what the commoners consume.

But as I watched Anderson Cooper and Wolf Blitzer cover the recent kerfuffle between Trump and Cruz, Hillary and Bernie, not to mention their representative mouth pieces, my mouth dropped not because of what they were saying, but because all of them:

The politicians
The spokespersons
The interviewees and
The CNN staff

treat you people like genuine f*cking idiots.

First the drama (and I use that euphemistically) between Trump and Cruz was soap-opera worthy. Cruz stood accused of telling people during the Iowa caucus that Ben Carson had dropped out of the race, thus begetting more votes for him. Cruz accused Trump of being childish and acting like his daughters. They covered this cumulatively for about 15 minutes of my precious life I'll never get back.

Second, there was also drama on the democrat side. Here the big to-do was Bernie Sanders accusing Hilary of not being "progressive enough." Never mind it isn't a real word. Never mind she'll do whatever the population wants her to. Never mind post-Obama anything more to the left will be 100% socialism. No, Bernie insisted he was more progressive. And that was newsworthy enough for Blitz and Coopy to waste 15 additional

minutes of my life.

Then there were the politicians. News clips of them talking to their respective bases, but by god, the idiotic things they were saying. It was worse than any presidential speech (which is what originally made me swear off of political news). Generic pablum that is made for people with low IQ's who are the epitome of those who'd rather hear what they want to hear over the truth any day. Mindless sycophants, with nothing better to do in their lives than take up political crusades, hinging on every word of their politician (who all magically utter thousands of words, but still managing to say nothing).

And then the spokes people. Hilary's spokesperson I wanted to beat. A pretty boy-Floyd from the east coast who did not answer ONE question directly, but always managed to turn his answer into a scripted, puke-inducing, ass-kissing ad for Hilary. A congressman came on for Ted Cruz, and during the interview was the only person who was honest and not rushing to plant his ass on some politician's behind. But this was a fleeting moment of genuine political insight as he was quickly replaced by spokespeople for Cruz, Christie, and Sanders.

In the end 90 minutes of my life was wasted, and I was further validated to have abandoned paying attention to politics for these past decade-plus worth of years.

But as mentioned before, the one thing I could not believe was just how degrading and insulting this entire experience was. It was BARELY better than the fake speeches and drama I watched as an 8 year old watching the WWF. But whereas I could be forgiven at the time for believing Macho Man Randy Savage truly had it out for Hulk Hogan (because I was 8), somebody tell me the excuse millions of full-grown adults have for watching this spectacle of BS.

Not one of these politicians said anything insightful or meaningful. The media (CNN) should be ashamed of itself for instigating, drumming up, and concocting a really lame afternoon political drama that, like all soap operas, proved nothing and only managed to waste billions of human hours. And the spokesmen. Oh, the spokesmen. How do you have no soul and just stand there and lie? How? Doesn't your stomach churn when you have to pull down into the deep recesses of your mind and pull up the slop you think it going to convince the average voter idiot your candidate isn't the scum-bucket life-long career politician she/he is?

Of course, like Amy Schumer stand up or a Will Ferrell comedy, this wouldn't sell if there wasn't demand for it. And so the real culprit is not the politicians, the media, or the spokespeople. It's the average American idiot who is so stupid, so ignorant, they don't realize how insulting and degrading this political news coverage is to them. And so once again, I have to let go, not bother watching this slop, wait for it to get above 60 degrees here in Phoenix, hop on the motorcycle, and enjoy that decline!

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Why bachelors shouldn't need refrigerators
There's only Waffle Houses in Florida
Cappy's grocery store
Sushi logistics
The pitbull who forgot Cappy
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Old men shouldn't go to nightclubs
Fan mail
College students develop a $20,000 house...and still feel guilty about the poor.

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Do Western Women Deserve the Protection of Western Men - Essay #4

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From Jessica:

The women who betrayed the West certainly don't deserve to be protected by it, but Western Civilization itself does deserve to be saved. We cannot just abandon it. However, the only way to do that is likely by simply riding out the storm. The nations of Europe are ripe for civil wars, and only time will tell if America follows, or if the global economy collapses and it's every man for himself. Pick your worst case scenario.
As food and energy grows scarcer or runs out, and the bullets start flying, how much power do you think the Social Justice "Warriors" will have? Academia? All the other annoying leftists more concerned about their feeeeelings than anything else? Social media mobs and hashtag activism won't save them when harsh realities are shattering their rosy little illusions. Who will listen to them if they cannot protect or provide for themselves? Only men who are strong enough to fight and wise enough to lead will be able to get what's left of society back into some degree of order, only they will have any kind of power that actually matters.

And the women will be stuck in the middle of this clash. The government will not be there to provide them with first world security, or extra goodies. Are they going to suddenly toughen up and get a grip on reality during the most cataclysmic point in their lives? Nah. They will look to anyone getting control of the situation and restoring whatever amount of order is possible. If the women want to be protected by the smart people who know what they are doing, they will have to follow the new rules. The old ways of political correctness will be stripped away. After all, progressivism is all about the easy and convenient path. There is no easy and convenient path when civilization is collapsing around you. I suppose one could keep railing on about all the progressive buzzwords (or that Shakespeare was a racist, just because), but no one will care and everyone will tell the moron to scram. Not the best way to stay alive.

The point being that you men may determine to "Enjoy the Decline," and not care what happens, but consider that there may come a time during the decline that will be a very strategic moment to step in, lead, and change

society for the better. Or even save Western Civilization. Are you willing to keep an eye out for that opportunity? Or does the West really matter that little to you?
I suspect it still matters to you, the time just isn't right yet, not for everyone anyway.
But it is coming.

Essay #2 Do Western Women Deserve Western Men?

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By Unsweettea

The heroics of the "greatest generation" are well documented and used as a standard of what men should aspire. The question we face now is do women deserve men like Ronald Spiers and the other brave men of Easy Company? Women can rationalize all the want, but the honest and simple answer is no. The majority of women today would likely not even appreciate a man like Ronald Spiers. They would look at him and probably call him a misogynist while being confused as to why this misogynist just caused them to soak through their panties. Hell, even in Mr. Spiers' time, women were self-indulgent; some women happily cheated on their husbands or left them while they were deployed overseas. As we know, this still happens today.

I do not believe men should sacrifice their lifestyles, games, hobbies, or gym memberships for for women. These things help define men. They help recharge men's bodies and souls when work or life gets particularly difficult. Men should determine what aspects of their life and hobbies are non-negotiable. If a woman they are courting cannot respect that, plate or next her, but definitely don't reward bad behavior by marrying her. Women should respect men if only on this one thing. If a woman respects you enough to give you space to recharge yourself by doing "manly" things, she may very well be a keeper. Respect is a trait sorely lacking in women. This probably has to do with the indoctrination that women are somehow better than men and men's needs are somehow less important.

This begs the question, why are women so threatened by men's hobbies, gym memberships, games, etc.? How does it hurt them? Easy. It's because they are not the center of attention. Most women today are nothing more than emotionally stunted, overgrown children. When men do their thing either alone or with other men, his attention is on his buddies or the task at hand, not on his woman. As irrational it is, women feel threatened when they are not the center of attention. That weekly poker game with the guys is just as threatening as the hot bartender showing major cleavage while serving drinks. What ends up happening? She manipulates the situation or throws a tantrum. Just like a child, any attention is better than no attention.

Let's circle back to respect and other traits. Men are expected to be stoic, honorable, hardworking and loyal. What are women expected to bring to the table? Maybe be pleasant for short periods of time and occasionally put out? That's a pretty lopsided deal. Men should be under no obligation to give women their best when women do not offer the same in return. Women should contribute the same as men. If she expects a man to be honorable and loyal, she must offer him the same. If she cannot be a contributor to a man's life just as much he is for her life, she is not worth it.

A stay-at-home is not being respectful or loyal to her husband when she allows him to come home from a long day at work to a dirty house. She is not being respectful when she makes him swing by McDonalds to pick up dinner for himself and the family because she just didn't have time to make dinner. She didn't have time last night either, the night before that, and the night before that one, too. Those pesky daytime talk shows and Facebook got in the way, but she will never admit that. She does not respect that he works 50 – 60 hours between two part time jobs to provide for the family. His days off are filled with errands and honey-do items because if he doesn't' do the laundry, it will never get done. She does not honor or respect him in the least to let him have time for himself or with his friends, to let him recharge himself before he starts another week of long shifts. But she believes she is not in the wrong; she is too self-entitled and knows he is trapped. If he leaves her, he will end up with nothing because of divorce rape. The sight of such a beaten man is sad indeed.

It's from real life examples like the above that I understand why men plate women or decide to go MGTOW. I don't believe all hope is lost. It may take either a catastrophic event or many generations to turn this around. There is a small and slowly growing pocket of women who realize the stuff they have been taught about their superiority are all wrong. They are learning the old ways of traditional gender roles in relationships. In having these kinds of relationships, they are having fulfillment they never had previously. They honor their men, subscribe to the "keep his balls empty and his stomach full" philosophy, and quell their inner hamsters without relying too much on him. They give their men space to be men and nurture it.

Until the tides change and more women actually understand what it means to be women rather than harpies, Western men should only defend Western civilization for themselves, for their fellow man, to preserve their way of life. Going back to "Band of Brothers," when

you watch the first episodes, the men initially enlist to protect the American way of life and to ensure the war doesn't spread across the Atlantic. After being hardened by several hard fought battles, their intentions change. They still have a patriotic sense of duty to fight, but more importantly, they find themselves fighting for each other, for the brotherhood.

Men should stop protecting and saving women. We don't deserve it and we will never learn if we don't have to pay consequences for our piss-poor decisions. Protect yourselves and each other.

Cappy's "Apache Trail" Adventure!

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Some pictures from the Apache Trail. And for those of you who will ask, yes, I did the whole loop. Not just to "Tortilla Flats and back."

Of course, remember, I am NOT a real MGTOW. So don't try this at home!

National
Forest
Scenic Byway
Apache Trail

Corona
Budweiser
CERVEZA
DOS
LUNAS
SALOON
OPEN
Now On
Draught!

A Nerd's Ode to the Super Bowl

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An excerpt from "Curse of the High IQ"

But before one perceives the above to be largely a female-dominated phenomenon, think again. Because there can be nothing more average, more mindless, more meaningless than sports.

While Madonna is convincing 60 year old women they're still hot, 80% of the American men are glued to a TV set at a bar watching one large group of guys try to get a ball past another large group of guys in the all-so-important hopes of getting it past "the line."

Does world peace ensue if the ball gets past "the line?"
No.

Do we end world hunger if the ball gets past "the line?"
No.

Do we solve the mysteries of the universe, cure cancer, achieve immortality, or find out the meaning of life if the ball gets past "the line?"
No.

But that group of large guys with the ***blue and white*** *jerseys got the ball past the line more than the group of large guys with the* ***red and orange*** *jerseys and that's worth spending at least 5% of our GDP on.*

The truth is, there's nothing wrong with watching sports or enjoying a good game. But if it were only that. Sadly, millions of men (and women) pin their happiness and hopes, their actual mental state of mind, even their identity on whether or not "their" team wins. Severely average men spend hours sitting at Applebee's, eating wings, wearing some other man's jersey, chugging away light beers as they set up fantasy sportsball teams based on real athletes who don't even know (or care) that they exist. And while we mock the billions of women wasting their lives watching day time soap operas, vicariously living a fake life while pissing away theirs, there's just as many men wasting their lives watching pre-game shows, post-game shows, pre-pre-post-game shows, and calling into sports talk radio shows to Monday morning quarter-back men who are multi-million dollar professionals.

But the real tragedy is that despite TRILLIONS of human hours dedicated to these things, be it sports, celebrity gossip, or the slop served on TV, not one intelligent thing was ever said, nor one significant advancement ever made. It is a sad waste of human life that

abnormally intelligent people just can’t understand and, frankly, don’t care to.

New Blog - Adam Piggott

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Pushing Rubber Downhill - The Blog.

Sucky Saudi Economics

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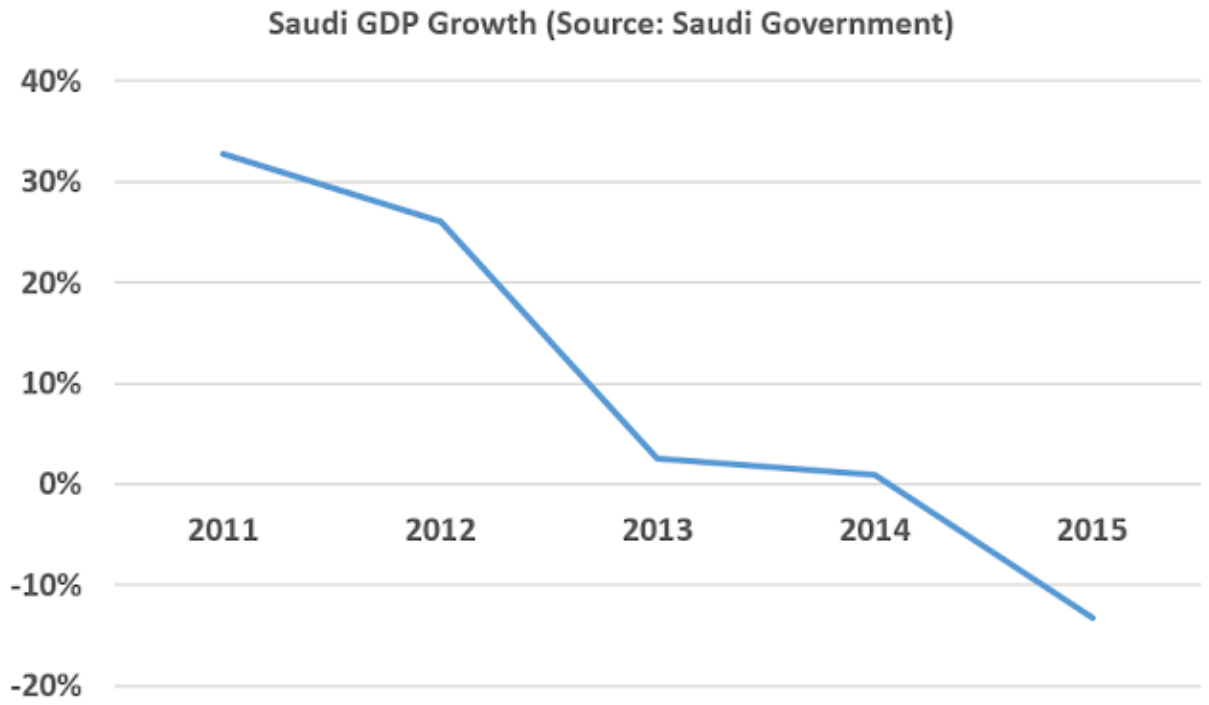
With no interest in the presidential election nor Super Bowl, and a growing disinterest in trying to drag the rest of society along into some kind of enlightenment that may not make the future so sucky as it is guaranteed to be, I found myself bored and decided to investigate why Saudi Arabia's credit rating had been cut. Yes, I knew it had something to do with collapsing oil prices, but I wanted to see how severe the ramifications was for Saudi finances.

And mercy, is it!

First we have economic growth. This is NOT GDP, though the graph will look that way. It is YEAR OVER YEAR economic growth, ie- GDP growth. In 2011 and 2012 Saudi Arabia's economy was booming, logging a near one third growth rate for both years. Not 1/3%. 33%. Growth collapsed quickly in 2013 and 2014, entering a NEGATIVE 13% GDP for 2015. Of course, Western nations aren't accustomed to such volatility in their growth rates, but it still doesn't change the fact 2015 was a devastating year for Saudi Arabia.



Since the Saudi government is so dependent upon oil prices, it behooves the question what happened to government revenues and finances. It's hilarious.

In one year the Saudi deficit crashed to more than 13% GDP, worse than even Barack Obama's worst year.

There really is no economic lesson here aside from the importance of diversifying your

economy. But it does make me feel good to see a financial source terrorism either directly or indirectly relies upon drying up.

You may continue about your Monday with these additional warm fuzzies.

"Free Shit" Beats " Vagina"

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Unfortunately Hilary's "I Have a Vagina Campaign" doesn't seem to beat Uncle Bernie's "Don't worry sweetheart. I'll take care of you baby" campaign.

I'll say it again, women are genetically programmed to vote in a larger state. Vagina or not.

Phoenix Cigar Meetup

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Churchill's Cigar's in Tempe.
730PM.
Tuesday the 9th.
Be there and be square.

Today's High IQ Girl Eye Candy is Cindy

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Alright boys, pay attention.

Cindy was very kind to volunteer to take this pic to help the Ole Captain out and to give you yahoos something prettier to look at than charts. Kind of like a WWII pinup girl/Rita Hayworth helping the soldiers out on the battlefield against socialism and SJW's.

Anyway, if you'd be so kind to help her out if you have a need for a model to model...well...anything, young Cindy would appreciate it very much.

Oh yeah, and there's a book or something in the picture there too.

Cappy's Adventures in Sedona, Jerome, and Prescott!

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And this girl FORCED herself into my bed at the end of the night!

For English Teachers, Grammar Nazis, and Typo Twats Everywhere

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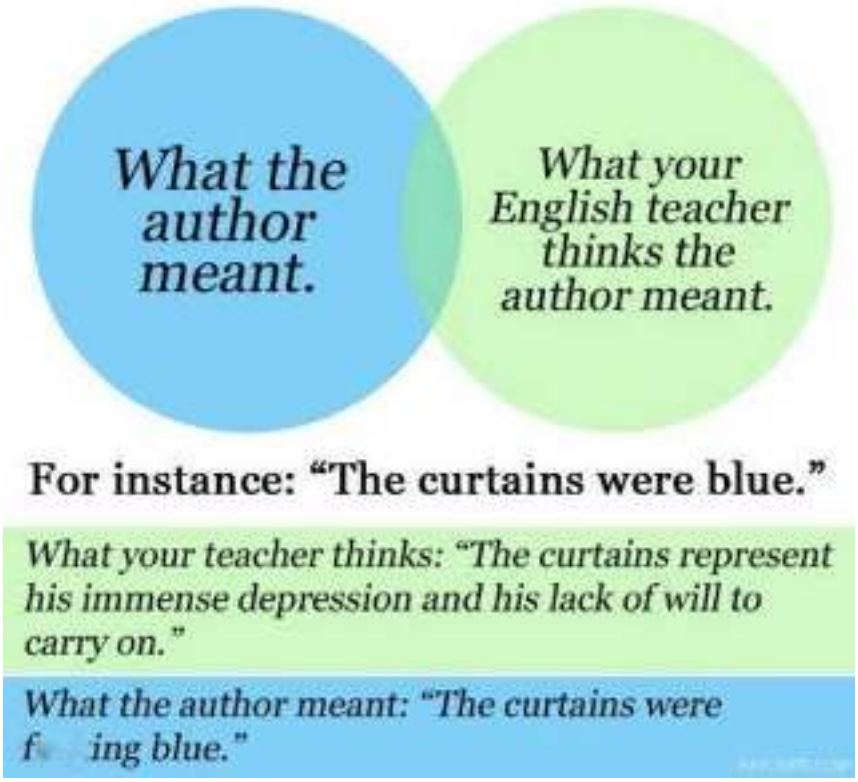
Please sit down and take this humble note from the master:



Episode #133 of the Clarey Podcast FROM MEXICO!!!

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Cappy podcasts from Mexico!
Mexicans need to up their game..and speed limits
Concrete-block wielding meth heads
Cappy simplifies the 2016 presidential campaign

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!!!

A Kind Review of "Curse of the High IQ"

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Many thanks!

Cappy's Adventures in Mexico

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Took a quick trip south of the border yesterday. Went from Phoenix, Arizona down to Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Lot's of cacti and old people from Wisconsin dancing with trailers!

Remember kids, leave "Enjoying the Decline" to the professionals!

San Diego Meet Up Tonight!

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8PM
Sanctuary Lounge in Northern San Diego
12090 Scripps Summit Dr, San Diego, CA 92131
Friday

See youse guys then!

Why I Don't Work for Ernst and Young

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And will never open up a division in the UK.

Hmmmm....maybe Ernst and Young could hire Asshole Consulting. They're going to need it.

Mizzou Protestors - Where are They Now?

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Hee hee!

Celebrate The Black Brigade's 100th Episode!

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Part 1
Part 2

Cappy's Adventures in Salton Sea and California

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My adventures took me from Yuma, AZ, around the Salton Sea, through the back way to Del Mar (San Diego) and then up the PCH 1 to Balboa Island. If you ever want to visit a city entirely based on the meth trade I recommend Bombay Beach. If you want a place where people have all their teeth and aren't collecting a government check, I recommend Balboa Island.

Salton Sea
State Recreation Area
Bombay Beach

This is How You Sell Diversity

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I would totally be on board with diversity if they pushed it like this.

This is Why You Want to Work a Government Job

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Skips work for 6 years and nobody notices!

Why Amy Schumer Is So Popular

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It was 2013 and I was road tripping out in the American south west. I was lucky enough to get a car with Sirius satellite radio which meant even in the most remote locales of the country I was able to listen to pretty much whatever I wanted. So there I was, in Canyonlands National Park, far far away from the only civilization in Moab, when a hilarious comedian by the name of Amy Schumer came on the air.

She was funny.
She was hilarious.
She made my trip all that much enjoyable.

And I took a note in my little notepad to look her up when I returned home.

But like many items on my to do list, I forgot to look her up. And whereas normally this would mean the name "Amy Schumer" would likely forever be lost on a piece of paper as I unconsciously threw it in the garbage, I would NEVER forget Amy Schumer because at about that same time the

traditional media
social media
alternative media
print media
and
Hollywood

went gangbusters promoting the hell out of Amy Schumer, ne'er letting me forget this woman existed.

Oddly, however, it wasn't her comedy as much as it was just...well...her they were promoting. Not that she had done anything amazing (aside from her comedy), but quite the opposite. She was just your average, obese American woman, and the media had launched a cognizant and purposeful campaign blitz celebrating that fact.

She was Amy Schumer!
She was large and in charge!
She was body-positive!
And she's all about feminism!

3 years later neither you nor I can go a week without seeing her on some social media meme, on the cover of a trashy grocery store magazine, or some other such theatrics

blasted over the internet.

She's Amy Schumer!
And by god she's overweight!
And she's in your face about it!
And we're going to celebrate this fact!
HA!

Naturally, this in-your-face-24-7-Amy-Schumer-channel has ruffled the feathers of conservatives, libertarians, or people who just don't like being told what they should and should not find attractive. But in addition to this (intended and planned) revulsion, a common question coming from my conservative and libertarian circles, AS WELL as some associates of mine on the left is:

Why the hell is Amy Schumer so popular?

And it is here a very important lesson lies for us all, regardless of politics, So strap in lieutenants and pour yourselves a stiff one because in understanding why Amy Schumer is so popular you will be able to attain an element of serenity and calm previously not had before.

By all measures of sanity and logic Amy Schumer should be popular because of her comedy and humor. My hatred for her does not blind me to the fact she is an incredibly talented comedian and is one of the funniest people I've heard. But if you look at nearly ALL of the media, attention, and hype Schumer has received in the past couple of years it has NOT been to promote her comedy, her humor, or her literary works, but rather push a political agenda, namely one of fat acceptance (and to a larger extent, feminism).

A sane and logical mind would ask "what gives?" Why would she abandon her true talent of humor to become just another harpy harping on fat-acceptance and feminism? The market is flooded with such women, and it certainly is not as rewarding as being a comedian.

But while you're focusing on her talent as a humorist (and the general hatred that mars the world of feminism), what you fail to see is a market that is MUCH larger than the comedy market, and one that is much more profitable:

Pretty lies.

Currently the largest industry in the world right now is government. Governments are the largest organizations by far, they are the largest consumers of resources, and they employ the most amount of people. But in Western governments in particular the primary service they provide is not

defense
roads
infrastructure
cops
or
judicial systems

but rather...

pretty lies.

And these lies are told with the sole purpose of getting corrupt politicians re-elected so they can avoid real jobs in the real world/private sector.

You're not poor because you had 6 children from 4 different fathers.
You're poor because you're black and whitey hates you.

You're not making 76% of what men make because you majored in "French Lesbian Communication Studies."
You're making 76% of what men make because "sexism."

And you're not an overpaid union member who drove jobs overseas with your bloated pay.
You're a victim of "The Evil Corporations Maaaaan!"

This racket is a multi-trillion dollar industry and is the largest scam ran on all of humanity....

except for religion.

It is no coincidence that the predecessor to government was religion. Previous to those evil-white-males introducing secular government and ending the pointless deaths caused by theocracies, religion was the state and maintained this age-long multi-trillion dollar racket by providing the same service modern day governments do:

Pretty lies.

"There's an afterlife!"
"You're immortal! You're all going to heaven!"
"You're the chosen ones!"
"You are superior to non-believers!"
"You have the right to kill them all!"
"And take all their stuff!"

It's the same thing governments do today, but with "god" and immortality as the prominent lies.

But while you'd think religion and governments have a duopoly on this market, think again. The human demand for pretty lies is insatiable. There's trillions more to go around! And the private sector also wants its share of this racket.

Enter in:

the media
Hollywood
the fashion industry
Oprah/The View/Daytime talk shows
Reality TV
Academia

and a whole host of other industries designed to lie right to people's faces so they mindlessly part with their money.

And that is the industry Amy Schumer is in.

Sadly, the free market has determined that Amy's skills as a comedian, though impressive, are outshone by her ability to sell lies. Yes there are likely thousands, tens of thousands, even perhaps millions of people who would buy her DVD or buy tickets to her shows. But there is MORE demand from (predominantly) overweight women who want to believe that there is something wrong with society and men for liking and being attracted to skinny chicks. Thus why nobody has heard of Amy's latest comedy tour (if she even has one), but EVERYBODY knows how fat her thighs look.

The result is the confusion (and frustration) we're all enduring over the inexplicable popularity of Amy Schumer. She is not an actress of any type, she isn't funny when propagandizing politics, and I really am sick and tired of seeing her fat ass showing up everywhere on facebook. However, we all have to realize that all of this "Amy Schumer All the Time Show" is not intended for us, but rather the mindless sheeple whose lives are so void of meaning they need to live off of lies.

Schumer's antics are not to agitate conservatives or libertarians.
Schumer's showmanship is not to anger men over what they should or should not find attractive.
Just like People Magazine, the "Schumer Media Blitz" is to tell sad, pitiful women the lie that big is beautiful, all women are gorgeous, and they can "have it all" (TM), etc. etc.

There is of course a problem.

These lies don't come free

Yes there are the few dollars here or there women spend on magazines or any media outlet willing to publish a body-positive piece of propaganda. And yes, anybody using Ms. Schumer as a marketing tool will get those ladies' hard earned dollars as well. But the real price is these women waste their lives in a delusional world thinking:

Big is beautiful!
"Loud and proud" is a noble aim.
And men are shallow for not liking overweight, obnoxious women!

Which condemns them to living in a delusional world, guaranteeing them no real success with the opposite sex, finding a quality man, or having a healthy, functional family. They will have wasted their one shot in life, their minute spark of existence in this universe on lies, and that's a higher price paid than all the taxes paid to governments and all the tithes paid into all the world's religions. If you think about it, it's actually quite precious and full of poetic justice. It almost makes you want to cheer Ms. Schumer on.

"Smart Girls Read Clarey"

February 16, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Yes, yes, they most certainly do!

IQ, Bikes, and Mating Patterns

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A review of Curse of the High IQ from Mangan, but also some interesting historical tidbits about how mating patterns changed with the advent of the bicycle.

Cappy's Adventure in SoCal (Balboa Island and Del Mar)

February 17, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

More pictures from the road trip. Finally got to the Pacific ocean. Vegas is the next stop.

Episode #134 of The Clarey Podcast!

February 18, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A short podcast where Cappy recounts his latest motorcycling adventures and opines about random stuff.

Debt Is the Only Problem

February 19, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Brilliant.

Do Women Want Justice or Drama?

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Whether it's authentic cases in the case of the feminist being groped, or an outright false rape accusation like Mattress Girl Emma Sulkowicz, or a questionable one like my ex girlfriend, it's nothing more than the dopamine high women get when they stir up drama and controversy, playing the ultimate trump card of "sexual assault" to rally and rile the masses of men to give them so much attention they might OD on it.

And while I wish I could say this was only "demented women," nearly all women will belabor you with their problems, NOT to solve them, but simply to play off of your male instincts for justice or simple kindness as a ploy to hold you hostage to get attention. This is an absolute insult to men and it should never be tolerated.

Say Good Bye to Military Pensions

February 22, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Looks like the military got wise to me and is phasing out pensions. Damn

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Ahhhhh, actresses who raise adopted kids without fathers. A recipe for success.

Why Twitter's Politics Ultimately Doesn't Matter

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With the much publicized removal of Milo Yiannopoulus' Twitter account's "authenticity", not to mention the outright removal of various controversial conservative twitterers' Twitter accounts, many on the right are up in arms about what seems to be a purposed, biased, and leftist agenda by Twitter to essentially limit the speech of those on the right.

Does Twitter have the right to do such things?
Yes.

Should Twitter ban anybody?
No.

Is Twitter's bias to the left?
Yes.

Should we form another "alternative Twitter?"
Yes.

But all of this debate and kerfuffle about Twitter and how they seem to have it out for non-leftists is moot because while it is immoral and wrong to let politics influence what is effectively an avenue of speech, the simple truth is...

Twitter is not going to exist much longer.

The cold hard truth is that Twitter is not financially viable. It's bankrupt, it's insolvent, and unless they start making some killer profit in the next 6 months they are either going to have to file for bankruptcy or find a VERY charitable investor to infuse their money-losing operation with tons of cash just to keep it afloat another couple years.

You can look at the details here and here, but after issuing "convertible notes" (which is just a fancy term for "borrow money") on the order of $1.8 billion in 2014, the company simply lost ANOTHER $500 million in 2015 like it did in 2014. This is in addition to the perpetual string of annual losses it has ran since...well..forever, and is proof the company is just not a profitable concern.

But what is particularly interesting about this Dotcom Bomb v. 2.0 are two items.

One, if you look at their cash flow statement the majority of "investments" they make are not in property, plant, or equipment, but marketable securities (stocks and bonds). This would be normal if Twitter were a hedge fund or an investment bank. But since it's a

social media tech company, it's a sign they don't have faith in their core business and seem to think dumping the proceeds from that $1.8 billion loan into the stock market is a better investment.

Two, the media's BLATANT attempt to mask Twitter's financial problems as "growing pains" or just "standard operating procedure" for a start up (search any new article about Twitter's finances).

I'm sorry, but NO, this is PRECISELY the same BS I saw in the run up to the Dotcom bubble and the housing bubble as well. Charlatan Wall Street talking heads drowning you with pablum to obfuscate the fact this company is a money-losing craphole and has no value. I don't know how many bubbles we have to go through where a company loses half a billion dollars a year (after year...after year...after year) before sanity sinks into the heads of retail and institutional investors and they realize "Oh, crap! This company is garbage!" but apparently it's happening here again. I'm too tired to find out why this is this time (politics, feel good pretty lies, connections, big money backing, etc.), but buying a company that is losing all of its real equity balance every year is like paying somebody to punch you in the face. It plain doesn't make sense.

Ultimately, my point about Twitter is not one of finances or economics. It's not even one of politics. It's one of philosophy.

Look, yes, I know Twitter may have a bias against anybody not-left. I know Twitter likely has leftists working at its helm and in its ranks. And I know it's dishonorable to ban people for their political opinions. But it ultimately doesn't matter what Twitter does politically because unless it's bailed out by a rich benefactor, it's going to inevitably run out of money and shut down. The only way it can continue to exist is if the democrat party (or a branch thereof) continues to perpetually fund it as a money-losing, but press-releasing media arm (which I would not be surprised if they do).

Otherwise, may I suggest for both of you on the right and left who use it as a social media press-release tool to start finding an alternative? Because that which cannot go on forever, won't.

Aaron Clarey is a mean, hate filled economist who unleashes his hatred upon society by telling the truth and putting reality above people's feelings. You can hire him at his consultancy, Asshole Consulting. You may also buy his latest book "Curse of the High IQ" where he explains why you are surrounded by a world full of idiots.

Thank You Dr. Helen!

February 23, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Of PJ Media fame!

Cappy's Las Vegas Adventure

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Including Oatman, AZ too!

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LAKE MEAD
NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA

DO NOT
ENTER

Episode #135 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Podcasting with the GReat Matt Baldoni
Being on the road and homesickness
Evolution of internet media
MGTOWs and VirginTOWs
Las Vegas night clubs suck
How the internet destroyed fliers

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

The Epitome of Vanity

February 25, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Seriously, I know the Baby Boomers and the Gen Xer's were vain, but we NEVER named a fucking magazine after our generations.

Unless the owners of the magazines are savvy Boomers/X'ers who know to pander to the egos of the Millennials.

Megyn "With a Y" Kelly

February 25, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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As she approaches President Trump's election to the White House

Kill That Cunt Now

February 25, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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And I don't care if she's "15 and confused."

The Tough and Tortured Life of Today's Millennials

February 26, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I think I'm going to now officially declare the Millennials now officially more spoiled than the Baby Boomers and Gen X.

Seemingly More Fake Rape Stories Than Real Ones

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Just noticed something. The majority of stories about rape are about false rape accusations than real rape victims. If this is any proxy, my logical mind is only going to be forced to believe the majority of women are crying wolf and are not to be trusted. Sorry, I just don't have any more fucks to give.

New Pilot Program for Cappy Cap

February 27, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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On account my voice is nasally and not "Sean Connery-esque" not to mention I don't have the patience for scripted readings, I'm entertaining enlisting the help of audio professionals to read posts since I know many of you don't like to read, but rather would listen. Would very much appreciate your input on the young man who was kind enough to offer this as an audition sample:

Welcome Refugees!

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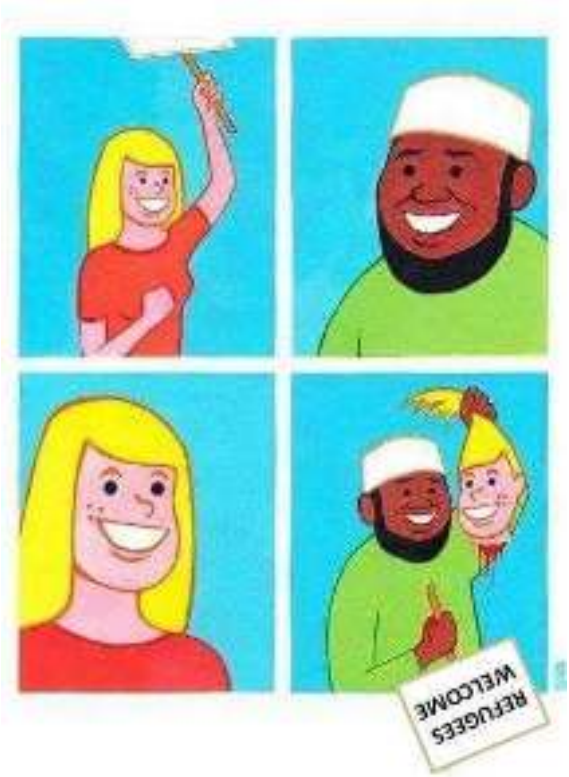
Fucking hilarious!



Omnipresent Noise of Gen X Bar Owners

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My friend called me and said, "Hey, we're going to be near your neck of the woods and a band is playing at one of the local bars. Do you want to join us and attend?"

Naturally, because of the convenience I agreed and was looking forward to my friend and her friends visit.

However, upon walking into the bar I realized they decided to bivouac right in front of the monstrously loud band, in part because the birthday girl of the party rarely got out, and also in part because of this group's naivety about bars. They were of the married-with-children variety and so, of course, ANY bar with ANY music must be a better bar than one without. Still, this did not forgive the fact that the band was so loud and their proximity to it so close that it was literally impossible to have a conversation. It was so bad that for the first time in my life my friend and I *were having a text conversation when we were no more than 1 foot away from each other*. It LITERALLY was the best way to communicate.

Time warp back a mere two weeks ago and a similar such situation also occurred. I was at La Casa, one of my favorite cigar lounges in Las Vegas. It was Friday night so naturally it was mandatory the lounge hire a loud and amplified band to blare music into what was normally a quiet and serene cigar lounge during the day. The music was so loud that when I was trying to buy my cigar the connoisseur could not hear me and said, "what?" which prompted me to yell (with full intent to imply he fucktardedly hired a band that was too loud)

I WANT A V CUT AND A DIET COKE!!!!

He jumped back because I yelled so loud, but you could see in his eyes that maybe...

just maybe...

he got the fact that the band he hired was maybe...

just maybe...

a weeeeeee bit too loud since people one foot away from him had to blare out his ear drum so he could understand which type of cut his customers wanted on their freaking cigars.

Alas, it is time for a plea to all the bars, cigar lounges, night clubs, and venues in America for one simple thing.

Turn down the fucking music.

I know that as the 50's have faded so too has the quality, caliber, intelligence and wit of your average American. I know the baby boomers lacked the Cary Grant and Walter Matthau charm that was an acquired skill needed to woo and whittle people's fancies, so they introduced Woodstock, concerts, and bars as the usurper to ballroom dancing to meet one's mate. And I know that today your modern day Gen X'ers and Millennials lack any conversational skills whatsoever and are in desperate need of "noise" to cover this gaping inadequacy so they might futilely "grind" or stumble their way to a stable, divorce-proof nuclear family.

But in constantly making venues so loud, so cacophonous, you are denying Americans (and westerners) the much-needed training they need to hone, practice, and develop their charismatic and conversational skills. And by association, their ability to become charming, intellectual, wooing, engaging, interesting, and devastating adults. And that is a price society pays in spades.

I know, I know, it's easier for the mop-headed sheeple inferiors of society to just walk into a sports bar with blaring music to yell at a girl

"***I THINK YOU'RE HAWT!!!!!***"

or

"***CAN I BUY YOU A DRINK!!???***"

as they slightly tilt their flat-brimmed cap 3 degrees to the left.

And I know, I know the entire night club industry heavily relies on loud blaring music to make it impossible for a man to get to know a girl, but still enable him to buy her drinks.

I know.

But in the end, this bullshit will end. And here's the reason why.

Teh interwebz.

In addition to buttfucking the snooty east coast New York publishing houses with self publishing

and

In addition to ass-raping the arrogant west cost recording labels with iTunes and MP3's

the internet has now usurped the dating/meat market from night clubs and bars to that of online dating, social media, and just general digital flirtation.

I've been out of the dating market for about 7 years, but if I ever had to go back I would NEVER set foot into

a night club
a bar
a discotech
or a
"hot spot"

ever again.

I'd be on the internet the entire time because....

well...

it's quiet.

And I can listen to jazz or the Cowboy Bebop soundtrack

all while trying to land me some play.

That is the impossible competition you idiot "noise pimps" are competing against today.

But at least in the 90's there was a low enough volume level that you could theoretically and practically speak to girls. I know many times at First Avenue (Prince's former club) it was not IMPOSSIBLE to speak with a woman using the English language. But at this latest bar and this latest cigar lounge, forget it. You noise whores have jacked up the volume SO MUCH there was ABSOLUTELY no way to not only woo a woman with charm, wit, and charisma, but I couldn't plain have a ***fucking conversation with my friends***. And while you bar/cigar lounge/night club owners may be 100% right that today's single, inept, intellectually-retarded rejects lack the intellectual capacity for ANY intelligent conversation, blaring music so loud to assist them as a handicap merely drives every one of genuine value and worth away.

We'd simply like to hear what the person 12 FUCKING INCHES AWAY FROM US ARE SAYING, even though you think we're so lacking in intelligence we need your loud blaring noise to absolve us of the "chore" of conversation.

Regardless, it doesn't matter.

The generational migration is moving from the night club to online. This is where the VAST majority of millennials and Gen "Z-er's" interact socially (and romantically) and (since these are the younger, and thus hotter people) soon the stereotypical loud bar will be obsolete, and thus a thing of the past. It will be a museum memorial to the Gen X and Baby Boomer generations. It will be as pathetic as the "our time" baby boomer dating site or Oprah's and the women's magazine industry's attempt to convince 60 year old women they're still hot and "cougars." And the more and more you attempt to compensate for the fact people have no social skills, making the music so loud conversation is impossible, the more and more intelligent and competent people you will drive away.

Soon, just like Florida or Sturgis, you'll have nothing but wrinkly, pruny-boobed Gen X, intellectually-inferior gray hairs coming into your club hoping to get a taste of geriatric Z-Cavaricci ass as they reminisce about the 80's and get nostalgic about "Iron Maiden" and "The Scorpions." Which will be fine.

Because most will be deaf by that age anyway.

So please, turn up the music just a little bit more. I think I could actually hear that fount of intelligence my buddy 10 inches away from me said. And I wouldn't want to hear anything intelligent in a public social setting because that shitty ass band you hired is doing a shitty ass rendition of Kurt Cocaine's crappy ass 90's song so loud it's more important I waste some brain cells listening to that shit than merely hearing music in the background while at the same time....

GASP!!!!!

BEING ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION!!!!

Oh, I'm sorry...

BEING ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION!!!

Redheads in Hot Tubs

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All love "Curse of the High IQ!"

Karma Does In Fact Exist…Thank God

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The Clarey Podcast - "The Return of Cappy" Episode

February 29, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Cappy returns to HQ and talks about:

His triumphal return, crickets, and wanderlust
The one bad review of "Curse of the High IQ"
Using jail to avoid alimony
Is Oprah losing her influence?
Idiots who wore Raiders jackets in the 90's
1,428 in business finally goes bankrupt
Why is there debt???

And more!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Motorcycles, Donkeys, IQ's and More

March 1, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In my latest interview with Kerry Lutz!

This Would Have Prevented the Housing Crisis

March 2, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And would have made my job a lot easier.

Improve Upon the Prototype

March 2, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The tone of this post will at first seem arrogant and pompous. Please read the post in its entirety as that is not its intent.

The past decade of internet access has brought about many revolutions and upheavals in society. And for those of you in Cappyland one of the more notable ones has been the rediscovery, amassing, fine-tuning, and creation of an amazing array of masculine wisdom, philosophy, and empiricism. This amazing array has manifested itself into what we roughly refer to as "The Manosphere" and has, truthfully, saved the lives of what I estimate to be millions of young men (and women).

The founders of this philosophy, frankly, had to build it not only from scratch, but...

1. Through trial and error
2. With no ability to compare notes across the world via the internet
3. All while operating under false premises various political and social forces forced on society through decades' worth of propaganda.

and

4. While having no clue whether it was them or the world that was insane.

This resulted in an enormous mental, psychological, emotional, financial and physical toll paid by these founders. Entailing anything from being shot down by over thousands of women just to prove a correlation, to wasting their youths on worthless degrees and careers, these men spent decades of their lives exploring this new sociological and

psychological frontier, laying the ground work and mapping it out so that future generations would not only be able to navigate it successfully, but be spared the pain of having to learn it for themselves.

Normally these "founders" would be called "visionaries," "pioneers," "revolutionaries," and "leaders." And many of you have been kind enough to bestow upon us those humbling titles. However, the truth is that we aren't so much visionaries or pioneers as much as we are...

guinea pigs.

And there's a lesson to learn here.

Previous to the internet it was nearly impossible to overcome and override society's media, governmental, and educational institutions. They had a monopoly on the information network by which nearly all data, thoughts, philosophies, and theories were disseminated to society. This made any development of a counter-theory very difficult because you had no idea of the sheer volume and omnipresence of lies that were being told and maintained. Ergo, if you started trusting your eyes and said,

"You know, I think western girls are batshit insane."

or

"You know, these baby boomer-led corporate American employers seem to be a racket."

society would come crushing down on you calling you a "misogynist" or "not a team player."

This caused an inordinate amount of mental torture as what you were witnessing with your very own eyes conflicted with what society was screaming at you. Not only did this make advancing and achieving success in life nearly impossible (ie-doing what society demanded ALWAYS led to failure) but if you dared to question society, they would ostracize you and ensure you paid a price. Still, for some the insanity and lack of success was invariably too much to bear. And with absolutely no success (and therefore, nothing to lose) some truly bold (and desperate) men started rejecting society, risking the ostracization, punishment, and pain society constantly threatened.

Sure enough, since they were basing their decisions in reality they started finding success in life. More of them were getting laid. More of them were starting successful businesses. And many of them starting to find true happiness in life. But you must understand however, just what a Herculean and ballsy effort this was pre-internet. There was no way to confirm whether they were on the right track until they threw away

convention and their entire lives to take this risk...all in the face of SCREAMING opposition. These are the true pioneers and Daniel Boones of our time.

Then came the internet.

Even with the internet, it still took a decade of testing, note comparison, and wandering in the desert to slowly, but surely crystallize the laws, theories, wisdom, and philosophies we have today. But sure enough, just like the pioneers of 30 years past who dared to question convention in the 80's, these "internet pioneers" of the past 15 years achieved the same. They dared to believe their eyes, they dared to think independently, and they dared to give a lying-society the finger. And now, for the first time since the 1950's, they not only had the answers humankind previously spent millennia discovering, but with the help of the internet were disseminating it to the masses.

And because of all that, nobody, from here on into the future, has to endure that hell ever again.

Naturally, you may look favorably upon these "pioneers." Roosh, Roissy, Rollo, myself, Tom Leykis, Cernovich, Molyneux, Paul Elam, and the many others who laid this foundation. You may even view us as "dad" or the "older brother you never had" (which we are humbled for). But the truth is we were just a bunch of guys that were sick of it, had nothing left to lose, and decided we weren't going to go off quietly into the night. We're no different than you, we just happened to have been born before you were.

Ergo, it is a vital and important lesson that every reader in the Manosphere, alt-right, Neo-masculinity, etc., needs to learn that you should not be aiming to become like us, but you should be aiming to improve upon us and surpass us. And not just by a marginal amount, but by leaps and bounds.

The sheer decades of time, labor, money, and mental resources that you will save learning from the wisdom that has been unearthed is astounding.

First, consider education. If it were up to previous generations past, you'd be stuck in a viscous progressive-credentialism black hole, earning your doctorate in "14th Century Transgendered Latino Sculpture Studies" that not only would sap you of all your youth until you were darn well near 30, but condemn you to financial servitude until you were 60. The sheer savings on this alone would be $100,000 in wasted tuition and 20 years in wasted life.

Second, courting, dating and marriage.

The amount of mental pain and anguish young men suffered in the 70's-90's, thinking there was something wrong with them when the girls they were trying to date

stood them up,
threw temper tantrums for no reason,
spermjacked them,
played mind games,
and
a limitless litany of other psychologically-draining psychotic bullshit,

is incalculable.

But image how much pain and agony would have been saved that if at the age of 14 young boys weren't told:

"*It's your fault if the girl's unhappy.*"
"*Just be yourself.*"
"*Maybe you attract the wrong type of girl*"

but instead were just simple told,

"*Most girls are batshit insane, love drama, and need a strong man to stand up to them.*"

Hundreds of billions of hours of psychological pain across hundreds of millions of men would have been spared.

And this doesn't even include the incalculable savings young men are spared today being fully warned about the risks of marriage, divorce, alimony, cuckoldry, and child support.

Again, you add to the two decades and $100,000 you saved yourself not majoring in a stupid subject, the $500,000 in alimony and child support, not to mention another decade of your life wasted, you're $600,000 and three decades ahead of your contemporaries.

Third, economics. Specifically, minimalism.

While society and convention is pushing you to get that $100,000 liberal arts degree, followed by a $50,000 car, a $600,000 McMansion, and a wife and children who are likely to beget an additional $100,000 in life-long credit card debt, the "Wisdom of the Manosphere" tells you it can all be replaced with a used car, a skilled trade, a cheap studio apartment, a used motorcycle, and network of loving, caring people. I'll say it again for the cheap seats,

"*The most important thing in life is other people.*"

And once you realize that, you can save yourself an easy $500,000 in lodging expenses, $100,000 in life long car expenses, $100,000 in credit card debt for crap you don't

need...not to mention...find yourself a decent quality girl...instead of a psychopath with tits and a spending problem attached to it.

There are certainly many more ways the wisdom of the Manosphere will save you time, money, and psychological pain, but if you add it all up it is amazing the leg-up you have over your pre-internet predecessors.

Well over $1 million in life time financial savings.
Well over 50 years of your life not wasted.
And the psychological pain you've avoided is as priceless as it is immeasurable.

It is from this enviable position, assuming you take the time to study, understand, and incorporate this knowledge into your own lives, that you can blow past all the "pioneers" and "visionaries" who founded this philosophy and leave us in the dust. If you play your cards right you will make more money than we do, save more money than we ever will, work a fraction as hard, endure a fraction of the psychological pain, slay more ladies, and live happier and better lives than what we could ever imagine. You will also be able to advance the philosophy, and thus the progress of men (as well as women), to heights we "founders" will unfortunately not be alive to see. But that in itself will be such an intellectual treat, I predict that will make your lives all that much better.

The most common lament I hear from my colleagues in this world is:

"*Had I known back then, what I do now.*"

But for you guys it is not a lament nor regret. It's a reality if you choose to accept it.

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Real Musicians Don't Major in Music

March 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Great Matt Baldoni sent me this article. In short it is the music education industry desperately trying to further convince future students to part with their hard earned money to pursue a degree in music. This, of course, is nothing but a racket by talentless wanna-be-musicians who are so talentless nobody will pay them for their music...but naive 17 year old, aspiring musicians will.

Regardless, I just couldn't let this one go and made the following comment. I'm posting it here on account it's almost a guarantee they won't authorize it.

Heh, way to skew a "study."

First, to take Music EDUCATION majors and claim they work in the music field is misleading. They work in EDUCATION, not music. And stingingly prove "those who can't do, teach."

And 1 in 2 music majors make some modicum of money playing gigs? Really? A hobby they had a passion for, and were likely to pursue regardless of whether they're forked over $80,000 to professors who also could not do, and ergo taught, played anyway?

Then you add these two ratios together and get a 75% participation rate? Hilarious!

Yeah, keep selling young 17 year old musicians those unnecessary degrees in music because all you guys could do was teach and that's all you'll ever be paid for.

Certainly feel free to make a comment to let little ole "Bill Zuckerman" know how the adults in this world know his little racket is up.

Turning Trump into a Perot or Nader

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I largely avoid politics as it is pointless, futile, bad for my blood pressure, and frankly, where the pigs wrestle in the mud. However, if you'll permit me this one, well-placed sniper shot, I would appreciate it.

The Republican establishment can

yell
scream
pout
threaten
and
stamper their little feet

about Trump.

But you better get behind him. Because if you don't, and you dare nominate somebody OTHER than Trump, his voters are the type to vote for him anyway and they WILL split the vote. You'll lose the election (like you always do) and then you'll pussyfoot around hitting up your blue blood donors to "Help Fight the Hillary Express!" and this country will go down like it deserves because there's nobody with balls left.

Feminist Ghostbusters: Epic Fail

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Despite all the warning signs, the feminists, leftists, SJW's, and the IDIOT financial backers of the film are going to ensure it's the greatest flop ever:

Feminist Ghostbusters Going Bust

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There is not much to say about the upcoming feminist movie “Ghostbusters.” For those of us who aren’t in the echo chamber of Hollywood and the media, we see this movie for what it is - a truly inferior, slipshod affirmative action piece that is so blatant in its pandering towards “team woman” it’s pretty much insulting everybody. It’s so bad even avid consumers of “Round House Kicking Chick Cop Shows” aren’t swallowing it, as evidenced by its trailer receiving more downvotes than a Hitler speech in a synagogue.

But for Hollywood, and by Hollywood, I mean Sony Entertainment, they are so blinded by political correctness, not to mention the fad of taking anything men have made and slapping a “woman” sticker on it, they are completely unaware as to the millions of dollars they’re going to lose on this guaranteed-to-flop movie. And it is here Hollywood could stand to learn a lesson about the market it’s trying to sell such slop to, as well as a lesson "The Sheeple Society of America" could learn about how Hollywood views them.

Yes, your average American is an idiot. And yes, you average American woman can be sold a bill of goods if you merely slap the label of “rah rah female” on it. But what Sony did was take a hallmark of American culture, a genuine apolitical cinematic classic that young and old hold dear to their heats, and shit all over it with politics. And even the most ardent feminists doesn’t like to see her childhood heroes defecated upon.

It’s one thing to take obscure comic book heroes, even notable ones, and kill off all the male/white characters. This is done daily by the basement-dwelling SJW nerds in the bowels of Marvel’s money-losing comic book department. And you can certainly float trial balloons about turning somebody like James Bond into a black man. But you NEVER take valued and beloved cultural icons like The Ghostbusters and castrate them, let alone invest money into such a stupid and bigoted venture. And thus Hollywood (and certainly Sony) is about to learn that this dumber-than-hell strategy of merely “feminizing” or “de-whiting” movies that were already made won’t sell if it’s so blatant that even your average American idiot can see what you’re doing.

Turning a secondary character like Felix in James Bond from a blond Texan to a black guy?
Sure. Nobody will notice.

Making a movie about a one-armed woman and calling it “Mad Max?”
Maybe. Just make sure there’s a flame-throwing guitar player to distract the sheeple.

But taking a childhood hero classic like Ghostbusters and smothering it in “vag?”
No, nobody’s falling for it.

In the end Hollywood needs to take a lesson from the democrat party in Washington DC – If you want to sell shit to minorities and women you need to cover it in soft racism and bigotry. It can't be obvious what you're doing because even the most left-wing minority's pride and self-respect will be insulted. But don't worry, over time you will gently nudge Overton's window to the left enough that SOME in society will accept a black James Bond, a transvestite Captain Kirk, and an all female Ghostbusters.

Just don't' expect these copy-cat, affirmative action, wanna-be movies to be anywhere near as good as the originals. And don't be shocked when society revolts because they're sick and tired of you trying to shove political-vag down their throats.

Say Hi to Dutch For Us

March 6, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And thanks for supporting the country through supporting the best president in my lifetime.

Audio Version of "Improve Upon the Stereo Type"

March 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good Luck to Smart Men Finding Equally Intelligent Wives

March 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Dr. Helen's first take on "Curse of the High IQ"

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

March 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Not that it would have mattered in this emo Millennial's case anyway.

Remember, Free Redhead…

March 9, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

with every purchase!

Also, just finished making edits and correcting typos in the book. The "revised" version (with the whopping 4 legitimate typos corrected) should be already uploaded and

available for sale.

The Triggering Shall Continue

March 10, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Until humans accept reality and truth and no longer require triggering.

BLM and SJW's Defined Perfectly

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You may find the artist's site here.

Why You Should Sell Lies to Sheeple

March 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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As I go further down this rabbit hole, it is almost no longer a debate as to whether one should capitalize on people's sheepleness, naivety, and insatiable thirst for lies.

Fuck You Mizzou!

March 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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20% decline and $32 million deficit at racist school that hates whites.

Surprise surprise.

Cause I Think I Still Might Have a Chance

March 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How Communism Used Feminism and Women to Destroy the US

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The audio/video version:

Sex, Drugs, and Finance Reviews IQ

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Many thanks to our Canadian colleague up north.

The Selous Scouts: A Repost

March 13, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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As you guys know I like to delete lesser posts in an effort to declutter the ole blog. But a professional race-whore complained my link to the podcast about the Selous Scouts was racist because it was about the Rhodesian War, even though the purpose of linking to it was to highlight the Selous Scouts remarkable espionage and infiltration skills. ie-it would be like linking to a post about about mechanic ability of the Tiger Tank, and being accused of being anti-Semitic.

Of course, the professional victim thought the post was taken down because I was fear I'd be called a racist. So I just wanted to repost it as it was not only interesting, but seems to piss off all the right people.

Make sure to give the History Channel's war podcast an extra amount of downloads!

Gravity Defeats Milleannial

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Milleannial takes photo.

Details at 6.

Why Political Rallies are Now Obsolete

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Whether it was at the bar when I saw Fox, CNN, and HLN with their breaking news about Trump's Chicago rally, or my phone blowing up with all the social media comments about it, I calmly set my phone down, returned to my coffee, and continued my conversation with my friends because I knew something about political rallies most people don't. And that is...

They don't matter.

And so before we waste precious hours of our finite lives come Monday morning, listening to the talking heads on talk radio or Fox News be "aghast" at the tyrannical behavior of leftist thugs, let the Ole Captain put things in context for you, so you not only save yourself some blood pressure, but hours of your lives you can't be wasting on what amounts to nothing more than never-ending political soap operas.

First, you need to understand that political rallies are very much like concerts. If you think about it, concerts are stupid. You spend your time and money to drive through rush hour-esque traffic, pay for parking, then like cattle shuffle into a euphemistically called "auditorium," where the acoustics are so poor a tinny 1930's radio sounds better. Yes you get to see "your band," but the truth is for a fraction of the cost and hassle, you could have just stayed at home, fired up your MP3 player, with your home stereo system and enjoyed a much higher quality of music than what you'd hear at any concert.

Political rallies are the same thing. You would have done a lot more had you stayed at home, penned off three letters to your congressman, donated what you would have paid for in parking or gas to your candidate's campaign fund, or merely wrote a thoughtful piece to convince your FB friends to vote for your candidate.

Second, political rallies are obsolete. If this were the 1880's, sure. Political rallies would have made sense. Your only form of media was newspapers and a visual display of mass numbers of people may inspire (or intimidate) others to vote a certain way. But with television, radio, not to mention this thing called "the internet," the mass groupings of people to convince the king he was 10 minutes from the guillotine if he didn't change aren't necessary. A flood of e-mails, polls, or just watching the news will inform people and politicians what the nation thinks, much more than a mass of rally goers.

Third, the numbers of rallies no longer mean anything.

Trump claims there were 35,000 people at his rally in Chicago. Which is fine and great, but...

Tennessee, just one state, experienced a 17% increase in primary votes, with a 2-1 margin of those being Republicans (all I'd say due to Trump), before any major rallies.

You do some quick math and those extra 56,000 Tennessean voters, 2/3rds of which were Trump-inspired Republican primary votes means without a rally, just the mere internet and news coverage of Trump, ONE moderately populated state produced 37,000 primary votes for Trump.

And VOTES are what matters, not attendees to a rally.

In other words, just like concerts, only die hard fans attend political rallies. But also just like concerts, musicians don't much care about concert attendance as much as they do album sales, and ergo, politicians should be more concerned about prompting the silent majority to vote (ie - "buy their album") than merely attend their concert.

And Trump has obviously done that.

Fourth, political rallies are horrendously inefficient and horrendous wastes of resources, especially in the internet era.

In light of point #1, I remember attending ONE political rally and it's inefficiency became very apparent to me. No politician saw us, I could not see how we would make a difference, and in the end it cost me about half a day of my time. Had I instead done something else aside from standing there with a sign, it would have gone a much longer way to defeat the legislation I was hoping to defeat.

Now imagine you take that 4 hours (and say, $20 in gas and parking), and multiply that times the 35,000 Trump supporters at the Chicago rally.

Instead of the shit show anti-American, racist, socialist thugs made it, it could have instead been:

140,000 hours of Trump volunteers making calls to potential supporters.
140,000 well-thought pieces written to newspapers, new shows, talk shows, and social media
140,000 hours of people writing counter-pieces against Cruz, Bernie, Hillary, or Move On.org.
140,000 hours of canvassing, postering, etc.
$750,000 in donations ($20 in expenses those 35,000 could have donated instead)

And if you pro-rate those human hours at a $15/hour wage, that's ***$2.1 million*** these rally goers could have worked and donated to his campaign anyway.

And that's just Chicago!

Of course, the Ole Captain knows his SAEG (TM) will never be fully realized and to get political candidates to think with this laser like level of precise logic, let alone hire Asshole Consulting as an advisory, is wishful thinking. But that doesn't mean we individuals have to make the same mistake twice. So don't waste your time this upcoming Monday listening to the talk shows analyzing something that TRULY doesn't matter. Spend the time instead defeating socialism in a manner that is useful, practical, and effective instead.

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How NOT to Get Women in STEM

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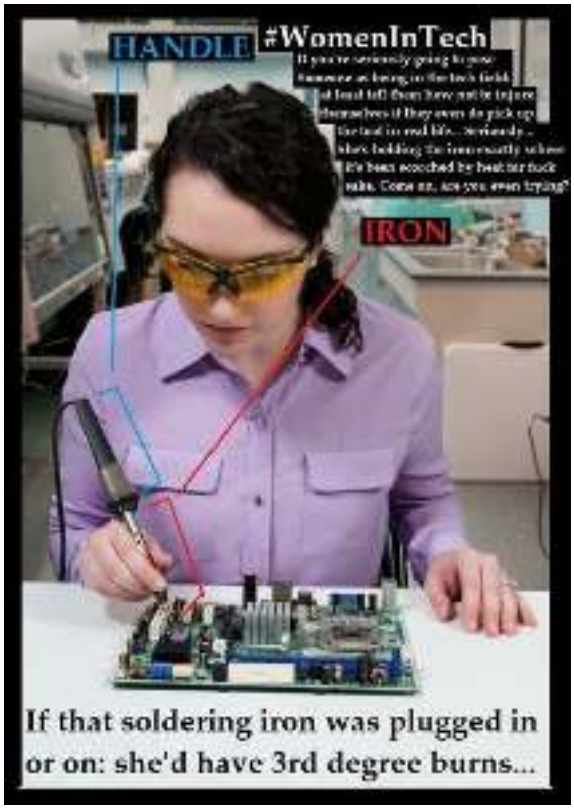

Please don't have liberal arts majors taking photos of other liberal arts majors playing "make believe STEM women." Just buy a girl you care about, who you want to do well in college, this simple book.

Rape: The Police Department vs. The Women's Studies Department

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I may be a bit partial. But still....***ah-freaking-hem***

Pay particular attention to the "rape" statistics.

A Damn Fine Podcast

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From our friend Chris Bechtloff.

Those Who Lived Under Communism

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Can tell you ignorant spoiled American fucks what it was like to live under communism.

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Drinking because you're bored
Thug notes and Atlas Shrugged
Financial Markets no longer exist
Voters don't choose the candidates
Venezuelan Socialist Paradise

AND MORE!

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What You REALLY Ought to Look for in a Woman

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An Asshole Consulting request that I found worth sharing.

Leprechaun Economist Explains (again) Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIINNNNNNNKINNNNNG FATHERS!!!!

"Before Cappy Was Evil" Special Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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Too lazy to write a post and wanted to talk about

Stalin,
WWIII
Human psychology
and
"Before I was Evil"

Death of the Baby Boomer Journalism Industry

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1. You lied to the American people, putting your leftist ideology ahead of journalism.
2. Admit it, you were lazy and didn't want to study math back in 1960.
3. Admit it, you never intended to report news, but wanted to "change the world" as well as force your opinion on it.
4. You will never become David Frost. You could if any one of you wanted to really look at Hillary Clinton,but we know that violates #1 and #3.
5. We Gen X'ers and Millennials thank you very much for letting us have the entire internet to replace your old, outdated, corrupt, and obsolete "journalism" business model. It was awfully nice hearing for decades that "you just didn't understand Excel, computers, or the internet."

Now please go FOAD.

Lazy Sunday Linkage

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Davis Aurini vs. YouTube - a lesson why you need to diversify outside the monopoly of social media.

Eric Andre exposed.

Adam Piggott reviews Curse of the High IQ

Glorious Karl also reviews Curse of the High IQ

Only 1/3 of "Entrepreneurship Professors" Ever Started Companies

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I quit my research early only after 31 data points.

And the reason I quit my research early is, frankly, because "I have shit to do." I run a real business, that no matter how obscure, has paying clients unlike today's topic - "Entrepreneurship Professors."
And since I don't have the time to prophecize, theorize, and pontificate all day to naive 20 year olds, I decided 31 datapoints was enough, as it was time to move on with my day.

In short I took the time to scratch a curiosity itch I've had for quite some time:

Precisely what percentage of entrepreneurship professors have experience starting and running a business?

I knew the whole concept of an entrepreneurship degree was flawed (because you get a degree to get hired by an employer - the antithesis of entrepreneurship). And I also knew most professors are scam artists who could never work it in the real world, and thus sell worthless, over priced pieces of paper to naive millennials. But there was also a piece of me who theorized there MUST be some old timer who retired, made their millions, and just wanted to share their experience to help young, budding entreprenuers.

Oh, foolish Cappy. You had an idealistic thought didn't you?

The truth is 66% of the "entrepreneurship professors'" resumes I searched had NO experience in being entrepreneurs. The vast majority of them, like all their professor brethren, were the epitome of "those who can't do, teach." Merely bystanders, spectators, studiers-of, and observers of real entrepreneurs in the real world making real change. Simply the marching band who lacked the talent, skill, and work ethic required to make it on the football team.

But even those who listed "entrepreneurship" experience in their resumes were questionable. A significant amount of professors claimed they were a "founding partner" of some kind of venture capital group. Or sat on some board of a company they invested in. Another great one was where they run some kind of "consulting company" that advises (you guessed it) entrepreneurs on how to start up their companies! A further layer of dubiousness was added when it was obvious nearly ALL these "real world entreprenuers-come-professors" relied on teaching as their primary source of income and NOT (ironically) their super-awesome successful businesses they started. In short,

NOBODY STARTED A FREAKING BUSINESS AND BUILT IT FROM THE GROUND UP! They simply either consulted or invested, but NEVER "entrepreneured."

In short, my suspicions were correct. Not only is entrepreneurship logically a stupid degree, it is just another field of academia that is populated by a world of losers who couldn't hack it in the real world, and now suck off the blood of naive youth to sustain their parasitic existence.

Were there some genuine entrepreneurs who had a passion for business, made their wealth, and wanted to share their experiences?

Of course.

But they are rare for the real entrepreneurs out there are too busy and too successful making money to piss away 4 years of their lives getting a "PhD" in "entrepreneurship" just so academia will deign them "qualified" to teach about the topic.

It is the epitome of "those who can't do, teach" in the world of "entrepreneurship professors."

Post notes:

Research was done by google searching "professor entrepreneurship".
The majority of datapoints/resumes were selected from the Carlson School of Management (which has a surprisingly high percent of real entrepreneurs), Babson, and some other college whose name escapes me now.
If you doubt my figures, or don't like what I'm saying, or don't think 31 datapoints is enough, then you take time out of your precious day to research it (unbiasedly, I'm sure) and come up with your own damn study. I'm sure you have the time. You're an academic. I unfortunately don't. I'm an entrepreneur.

Liberal Success Defined

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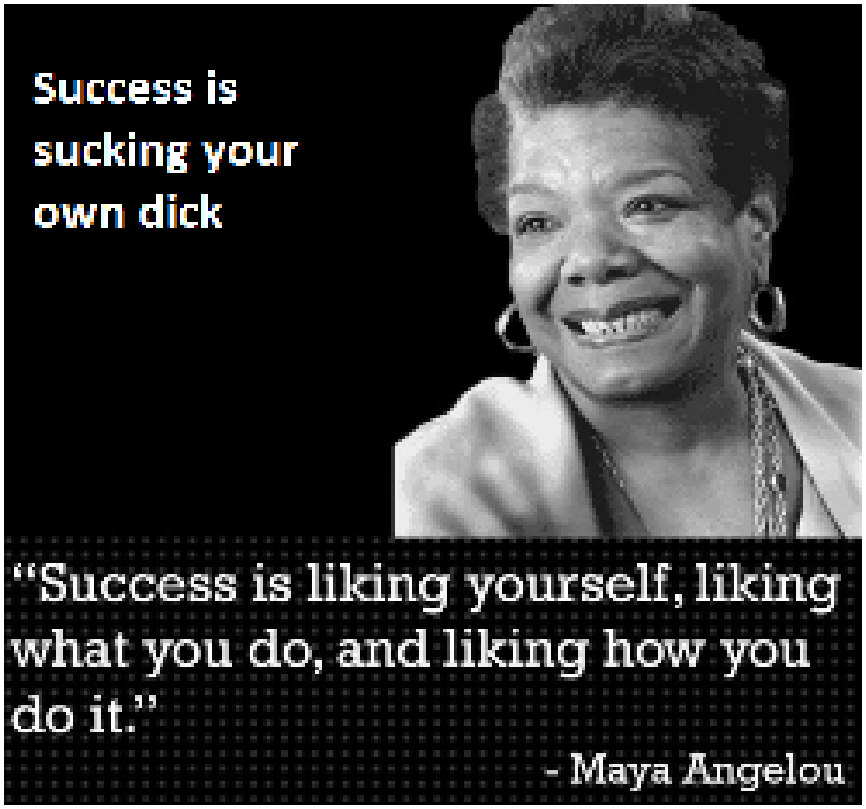

Tee hee, I made a funny!

Friends of Cappy Helping Out Friends of Cappy

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From one of our Agents in the Field:

Not often in your life will you be able to make money with almost no effort. But thanks to Aaron's blog, I found a way. Let me explain.

My name is Florian, and I was born and raised in Germany. Yes. Remember the guy who had a run in with ~~Aaron Clarey~~ John McClane on one of his security shifts? My countryman. If that observation is not nerdy enough for you, let me up the ante:

I was always interested in math and sciences, and in my last years of high school I decided to study biochemistry. I wanted to be with all those cool scientists I had read about and seen in the movies and I wanted to know what held them and the world together, so I was completely sold on going all the way to becoming a professor.
I did a PhD in Dresden (Germany) and then came to the US to do postdoctoral work. After years of study and several original research papers, I was close to my goal: becoming a research professor.

All is well that ends well? Almost…

… if it wasn't for this one detail I had not seen when I started my journey: as a scientist, you work 60-80 hours per week, with only minimal contact to the outside world. And this is the exact opposite to what Aaron is teaching us, namely:

1. *Don't fuck up.*
2. *There is nothing more important in life than other people.*

Seems I was en route to disregard both principles.

So I took a step back and a good hard look and decided to create ways to transition out of my job - into financial independence and entrepreneurship. Since I had noticed all these ads about Academic Composition on Captain Capitalism, I decided to finally see what it was all about.

Academic Composition is a ghostwriting agency for college papers. You can either become a ghostwriter yourself – if you have good skills in writing Liberal Arts papers – or place ads on Craigslist. These ads are pre-written, all you have to do is post them every two days. Aleksey, the owner of the company, then pays you $5 for every lead you generate.

I started a couple of months ago and have so far made hundreds of dollars for literally

nothing. Here are some of the advantages working for Academic Composition:

1. Getting started is easy. Aleksey gives you exact instructions, down to the text of the ads. You just copy-paste them, hit "publish" and you are off to the races.
2. The work is very flexible. You can post whenever and wherever you want. With your home computer, your laptop, your phone… imagine sitting at Starbucks and knowing that a mouse click on your laptop basically takes care of your coffee, while you have enough time to relax or work on another project!
3. Payment is fast and reliable. You send Aleksey the invoice once a week and within minutes, the money is in your paypal account.

And over time, you can take on larger responsibilities and thus earn even more money, all the while learning about posting advertisements and copywriting.

Working with Academic Composition is easily the biggest return on investment I have ever experienced. It sure as hell beats your 9-5 job. No commute. No abrasive boss. Nobody who wants you to do it "their way" when you know there is a better way. And nobody telling you it would be "nice" if you came in on the weekend.

I am incredibly happy that I found this opportunity as I continue to make money for nothing.

Thanks Aaron and Aleksey!

If you are looking to hire or work for Academic Composition please visit:

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HR Meets The Millennials

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I love it when cunts collide. It's like Hitler fighting Stalin. They deserve each other and I can just sit and watch for ages.

Terrorist Attacks Again? Yawn

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I officially don't care about the terrorist attacks. It is to be expected when democracy and feminism raise Europe's skirt and values diversity above western civilization.

This concludes the political analysis of the terrorist attacks.

Used Panties Economics and Terrorism Episode of The Clarey Podcast

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There's nothing to say about the terrorist attacks
The Economics of Used Panties
Corporate Greed
Fan Mail
Traveling to Iceland

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Gawker's Financial Statements

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I, like many of you, have been watching as Hulk Hogan has beat down Gawker for the POS brown journalism entity that it is. We all like to see evil people lose. We all like to see the likes of Nick Denton see their empires collapse. And we all like to see some semblance of justice and sanity prevail in today's society.

But while we can cheer, the question is will Gawker finally go away?

Mathematically, yes. Gawker will go away. With revenues of $45 million and a a lawsuit, even when paired down, will wipe them out financially, you can safely say Gawker will die as a financially solvent entity. But there are some problems, and this introduces the world of finance.

Nick Denton, the founder of Gawker has a net worth estimated to be $100 million. Of course a lot of that is tied up in the ever decreasing stock of Gawker, and lord knows what other genuine liquid and veritable assets that networth is tied up in, but Nick is a rather well to do man. There is also the issue of outside interests who just view Gawker not as a viable business entity, but merely a smear engine/tool in which case (like I predict Twitter will become) a money losing operation to be used and financed by political forces. Twitter is not viable. Gawker is not viable. But who cares as long as billionaire politicians and crony capitalists will constantly fund their bleeding balance sheets to basically be a press-releasing operation for their political goals. ie - Twitter and Gawker may be bankrupt a million times over, but who cares? They're merely an expense account for political/financial backers to propagate whatever propaganda they desire.

And that is why we need to identify Gawker (and inevitably Twitter) for what it is (and will become).

A money losing media arm of evil political forces.

Look, Gawker was going to lose in the end anyway. Being the biggest and most complete douche of the internet world will not win you any friends in the long run.

Click bait?
Yes.

Traffic in the short term?
Yes.

But a long term viable entity?

No.

But the value Gawker does deliver is a bersmirching/slander tool that can constantly be sued (and filed for bankruptcy, repeatedly) while convincing the ignorant sheeple masses that "X" person is a very very bad man as their attention spans are as long as Nick Denton's dick. That expendable entity DOES have value for politicians.

In short, Gawker will go away, but not the business model and not Nick Denton. There will always be demand for smut, gossip, and character assassination. And there are deep pocket political interests that will always want to hire the cowardly mercenary pussies like Nick Denton to do their character assassinations for them. The real issue is whether society will wake up and realize the Nick Dentons of the world for who they are, or continue to sop up the juicy lies they sell. And if my experience has told me anything the sheeple will always side with the Nick Dentons of the world.

In other words, Nick Denton and Gawker may be bankrupt, but their industry is infinitely more solid and secure than social security. He won't go away and you will see him again. And it's nobody's fault but society's. And frankly, I can't blame him when he returns and makes a mint off of the lemmings that made a disgusting and pathetic business concept like Gawker a viable business entity in the first place. He'll just have a new and improved version of Gawker that will be swallowed whole by society. And thus, Gawker's financial statements really don't matter, because he has the best finances anybody could ever ask for.

Society's vanity.

Why Leftists Don't Love Their Own Children

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To put it succinctly, it wasn't fair.

It just wasn't fair.

You always self-judge yourself, wondering if you have the intellectual integrity to validate your own political opinions, but when I ran into this veritable douche-bag it wasn't fair. It just wasn't fair. He was your typical leftist. An ideologue. And like most leftists didn't know jack about

1. the basics of economics
2. the budget
3. debt
4. math

And so the slaughter began.

I'd go into the detail, but it wouldn't matter. We were at the bar. He started spouting shit. I didn't have the patience, plus, I had the experience to know how to defuse AND capitalize on the situation. So when the blabber mouth started to claim the national debt was BETTER under Obama than Bush, I said, "OK, I'll bet you the finest pour of scotch this bar has to offer you're wrong."

Of course he didn't take, because like every leftist, he's not just a pussy, but a hypocrite and a coward.

The moron didn't know whether the debt was worse or better under Obama or Bush. That would've taken effort and research! And why inconvenience the suburbanite poli-sci major-come-realtor with reality and facts? So he blathered on, obviously emotionally vested in the fact I wasn't at the alter of Obama, and came back at me with...

"The economy has never been better!!!!"

To which I responded

"Oh really??? You want to bet the next beer average GDP growth is less now than it has been for the past 10 years???"

Once again, pablum, blathering, and grandstanding, but the coward still wouldn't take my bet.

We did this many times over.

GDP figures lower than Clinton's/Bush's administrations?
5$ bet? Beer tab bet???
No.

Unemployment higher than 5% average under Obama?
Is your opinion worth a $6 beer bet?
No!!!

Government debt to GDP??? Huh? How's that? Is THAT worth a $5 beer bet?
No!!! (it's because GDP means nothing, you understand, to this leftist. It's all the "corporations maaaaan!!!")

In the end the pussy, like all leftists are, wouldn't take any one of the NUMEROUS bets I offered him to prove his numerous opinions were fact or fiction. And so, since the coward wouldn't even put $5 down for a bet, it proves most leftist's opinions aren't even worth $5.

But if it was only $5. For there was something infinitely more valuable this ignorant man was gambling with.

His childrens' futures.

We can go on about whether leftists have the heart or conviction in their beliefs to put down $5 of their own money or not. It is an academic question. But what is grand is that this particular leftist, like many others made a GRAAAAAVVVVEEEE mistake;

He bred.

He has two daughters.

And ohhhhhh, my friends. Does that make the difference.

For while I was trying to engage this fellow into the world of reality (not to mention score a few free drinks off the ignorant fuck) my other buddy who was at the bar watching this debate, was very much like me.

Single
Childless
Successful
and zero fucks left to give

And we knew precisely what authority, wisdom, and position we had.

The irony was that I (along with him) were trying to get this leftist to understand he needed, ABSOLUTELY NEEDED to understand that he was wrong. Not for my ego. Not for my friend's ego. And not even for himself. But for his own god damned children.

His voting and proverbial worship of socialism was not boding well for his children's futures. And even when i tried to explain it clearly to him, he simply dismissed me in a very millennial way of "wow, just wow! OK! I guess we're all nazi's now!" sort of way.

I stood somewhat agape.

You value your own god damned ignorance and intellectual laziness more than you do your own children? Your politics is more important than your children's futures???

It would be hilarious, if it wasn't so sad.

It only convinced me more that leftists are inferior pieces of scum that are so obsessed with their own egos that they'll sell their children's futures out to their own ideology. That they value their own children so lowly that their children are not worth the time to spend 10 minutes looking at the federal budget and evaluating what kind of a future you're voting in for them.

I may have had a vasectomy. I may personally not like children. But apparently I care more about the children who aren't mine more than leftists do their own flesh and blood.

Enjoy that freaking decline baby. Enjoy that freaking decline.

The DJ Bubble Bursts!

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Oh nosies!!!! Las Vegas is starting to ditch the loud DJ club and (GASP!) put together a *quiet lounge where CONVERSATION IS ENCOURAGED?????*

I love the change, but precisely where are you going to get conversationalists in today's Gen X and Millennial generations to populate these clubs?

The Little Economy That Coudln't

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"Malaise" is how I will forever describe the economy under the Obama administration. Not because he's a socialist, and not because of any ideological difference, but just because that's what it's been. Malaise. RGDP growth has averaged 1.8% under Obama which is less than half of what it used to be during those evil and hated 40's-60's. Even that hated Bush Jr., with the lion's share of The Great Recession's economic contraction in his figures, posted a 2.0% average growth rate. But then I decided to pull up one of those old, boring economic charts I occasionally like to look at:

Inventory to sales.

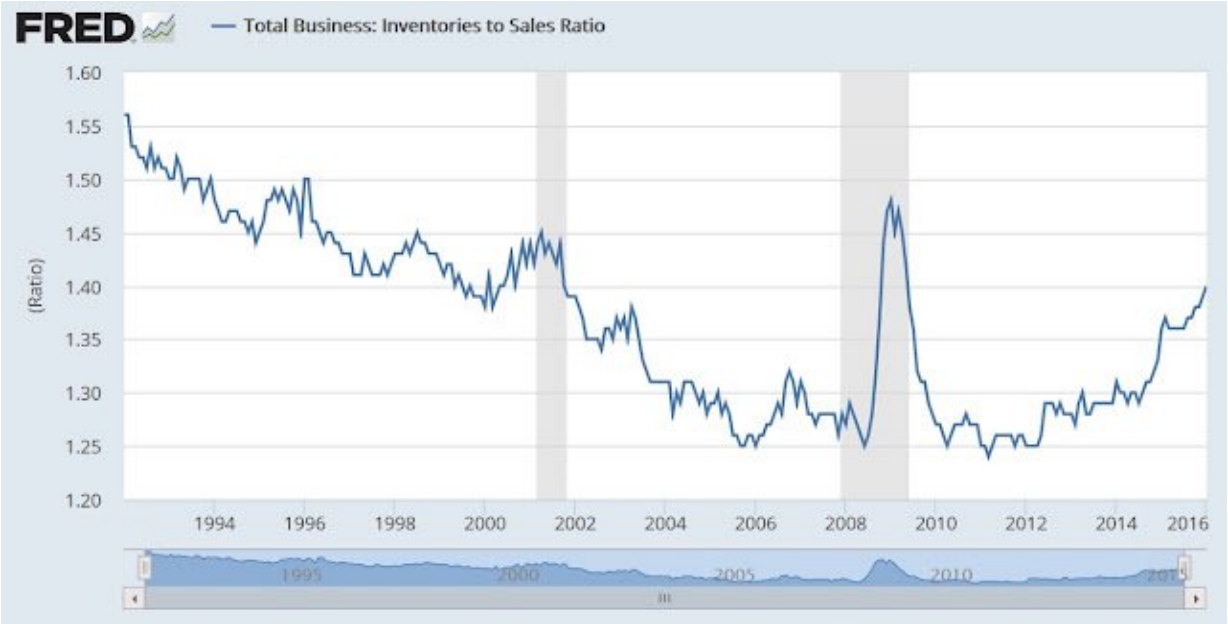
And you just can't help but toss your hands up into the sky, for it looks like the malaise will continue.

Inventory to sales, though boring, is a ratio I like to look at because it's telling about what you might be able to expect in our economic future. Specifically, it is the ratio of corporate inventories to their sales and this ratio shows how much "stuff" corporations have on hand relatively to how quickly they're selling it (sales).

A decreasing ratio is a good omen for the economy in that if sales are up, that means there's demand for more goods. Additionally, if sales are high relatively to low inventories, that is doubly good in that it implies corporations will have to hire more people to make more goods.

An increasing ratio however, is a bad sign. That means either sales are low, inventories are high, or a combination of both which means low demand AND companies are likely to lay people off to eat through excess inventories.

Historically, you'll notice two things about the inventory to sales ratio. One, you can see it spike right before recessions, and, two, a general downward trend (as inventory management techniques have constantly been lowering the amount of inventory relative to sales). But during pretty much ALL of the Obama administration this ratio has been going up, especially so these past two years.



This isn't to say that I'm going to predict recession starting tomorrow. Nor, is this to say employers are going to start cutting back on employees next week. The truth is since the TARP bail outs, QE-X, and the fact the US has the world's reserve currency, neither our markets nor economy is functioning how they should, and predicting them is even more laughably impossible than it was before. But I will take one huge gamble. There isn't going to be any booming economic growth nor massive hiring sprees we experienced under Reagan in 1983 or Clinton in 1998 in the near future. The malaise will continue until Obama leaves the presidency, and even then no real recovery will happen unless President Trump and an agreeable congress decide they want to aggressively pursue policies that result in a booming economy.

Regardless, for any of you millennials or young Gen X'ers that wanted that white picket fence, a nuclear family, and a stable career that could provide for them all, think again. That American dream will not be available to you.

The DJ Bubble Continues to Burst - Part 2

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When the guy from Bar Rescue tells you it's over, it's over.

Why Too Much Social Media is Toxic

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Many of you no doubt heard about the AI bot Microsoft let loose on teh social medias and then became a Hitler, racist, conspiracy theorist. But it got me thinking. If this was merely a non-sentient program, then the results were 100% the by-product of the internet environment "she" was let into. Of course I don't know much about AI, but it leads me to an observation;

If this is the default state or "most logical route" of social media, then

1. A lot of people are consciously choosing NOT to become a racist, Hitler, conspiracy theorist and

2. Those that stick in this environment for a long time must, at some level, suffer some kind of psychological toll or pay some kind of psychological price.

In other words, if this is the results on a robot, humans need to UNPLUG every once in a while.

SJW's Hate Women in STEM

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This was a bunch of poppycock somebody sent me. An info-graphic claiming if women just achieved equality in the world then there'd be another $28 trillion for us to spend...on a bunch of problems that would never be solved anyway.

Regardless, my favorite part of the entire info-graphic is not the outlandish bullshit and numbers these math-impaired idiots pulled fresh out of their asses.

Nor is the "may" "could" "possibly" put behind every claim they could churn up an additional $28 trillion.

But that in all the ways they proposed to close the gap between women and men STEM WAS NOT MENTIONED ANYWHERE!!!

Which led to me to observe this isn't about actually closing the wage gape as much as it is another opportunity for these worthless SJW's to masturbate their egos while solving NONE of the problems in the world they all ferociously claim they want to solve.

Thankfully, they comment section is open (for now) and you don't have to register or anything.

Why Every Leftist Needs to Listen to Khrushchev

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I've been listening to a podcast series called the "Russian Rulers History Podcast" and it has given me a better, more thorough, and more-informed course in Russian History than I'm sure any of the hacks posing as liberal arts colleges would. It has provided me a lot of understanding about communism, its origins, as well as the reason it came about in Russia. However, in this particular episode I am amazed to hear, ***out of Nikita Khrushchev own mouth***, his opinions on communism and economics in Russia.

Not because he is basically admitting the economic policies of communism are failing his people.

And not because (unlike pretty much every previous leader of Russia) he dares to admit it.

But because of his complete naivety and cluelessness about economics.

I would have figured an ardent communist, a former leader of the USSR, when writing his memoirs would have a FULLY REHEARSED, SCRIPTED, and POLISHED explanation as to why there was no food, toilet paper or meat available to the Russian people (especially under his reign). But it is amazing the man who was once pounding his shoe, telling the "Imperialist Western Capitalist Pigs" he would bury us, admits his economic policies are failing.

The thing that really gets me though is how apparent it is he just doesn't get it. Here's a man in his 60's, maybe 70's, who went through the communist system his entire life, from the lowest ranked pledge in the youth communist party, to the premier of the Soviet Union, and if you ask him "why isn't there enough bread?" he has no answers.

He has great observations.
He has great explanations.
His logic about how people reaction and behave in an economy is sound.

But when it comes to solutions, all he can say is "I just don't get it."

Perhaps he was too brainwashed to realize how free markets and free people would have solved all the economic problems of the USSR. Perhaps after serving under Stalin coming up with new ideas was just not possible for his psyche. The point is largely (and tragically) moot since hundreds of millions either died, starved, were murdered, tortured, or at minimum suffered MUCH lesser lives than was necessary simply because the leaders of this idiotic economic religion just couldn't admit they were wrong.

Regardless, these precious words of Khrushchev, which make it painfully clear he was not only wrong, but had no clue what he was doing, is absolute mandatory listening for not just rightists, but especially leftists. Because if the ***god damned leader of the Soviet Union*** was so flimsy and weak on economics, then how much more weak and flimsy is your average spoiled brat liberal arts college student?

Seriously, it's like the pope admitting Catholicism is all wrong, yet your commoner Catholics, who never read the bible, would argue that it's still "all right."

Suicide Bomber Free Zone

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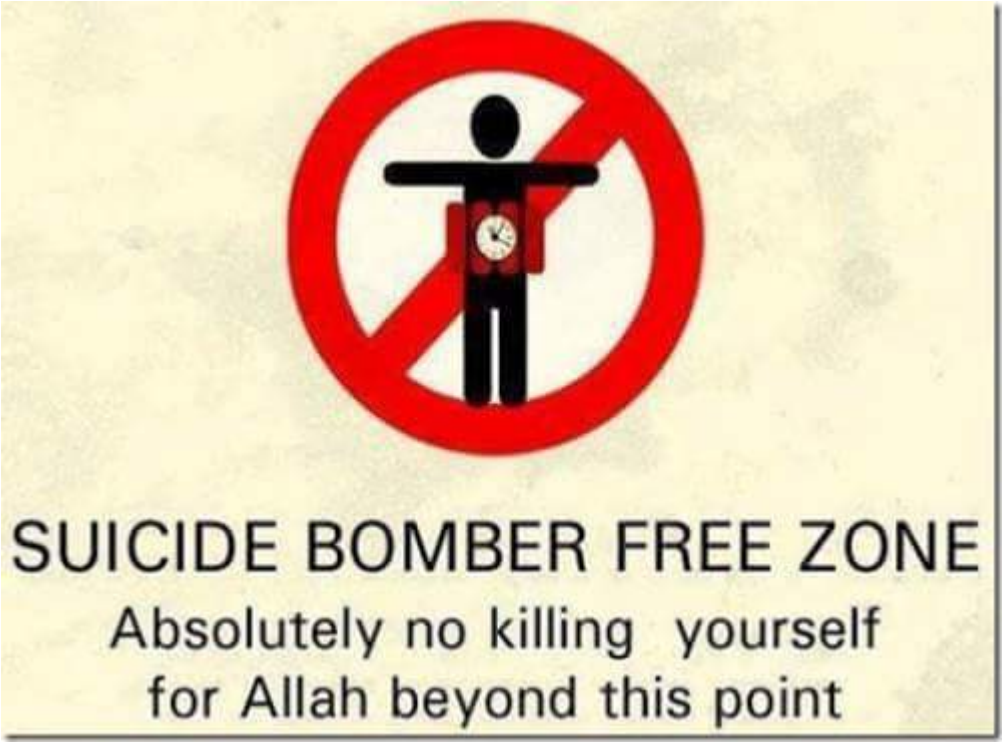

Leftist Teacher Takes in Muslim Refugee

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And then ~~murder~~ hilarity ensues!

I LOVE IT LOVE IT LOVE IT LOVE IT!!!!!

The "Street Fighterfication" of Super Hero Movies

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Twin Peaks, if you were unfortunate enough to waste your precious life-seconds on that derisible show, was based on a simple premise:

Have everybody intertwine with everybody else.

Bob was having sex with Amy.
But Amy was married to Steve.
But Steve was Bob's boss.
Who was Abitha's conjugal visited inmate.
Who was the father of Amy's daughter.
Who was having an affair with Billy's uncle.
And who was Laura Palmer?
And frankly nobody gives a shit.

In short, you wasted the viewer's life watching a show that in reality had no real creativity behind it except for the gimmick of creating false drama by interweaving every character with each on on different levels.

Oh the "wit."

In short, "Twin Peaks" was nothing more than playing a game of "Street Fighter 2" wherein everybody else fights everybody else with no particular allegiance to good or bad, right or wrong, sane or insane, plus not real plot to begin with.

And thus is the EXACT same formula for the upcoming spate of "Super Hero vs. Super Hero" movies. Batman vs. Superman, Marvel "Civil War," and whatever other movies Hollywood execs are concocting but haven't come out with yet, because I (like I always am) am way ahead of the curve on this one.

I knew Batman vs. Superman was not going to bode well because it does/proves two things:

1. It pits two GOOD MEN against one another (which nobody likes) and
2. Proves Hollywood ran out of ideas and now they're just going to have the good guys fight each other.

It's like the WWE in the 1980's where you try every permutation of fight to drive up ratings.

The problem this formula presents to movie makers is you have to make one good guy the bad guy and the other good guy the "more good" guy. This delivers you into a world of murky/gray/foggy/morality drama where a slight disagreement in morality or principles leads to two men/super heroes having a VERY unlike fight.

"*You have to ask yourself what's right.*"
"*In times like these there are no heroes.*"
"*But if you don't who will.*"

I haven't seen the movie, but am I right that these sorts of amorphous, Twin Peakish, WWE-ish, Street Fighter-ish dramatics were in Batman v. Superman?

This will not necessarily be the downfall of superhero movies, but the plateauing of them. You're going to not only force people watch two beloved heroes duke it out (like child watching their divorce-bound parents argue, and hey! how fun is that!!!!???), but you need to at least spend 2/3rds of the movie creating a faux drama/crisis so you can spend the next $200 million on that epic 1/3 of the movie fight! All while watching mom and dad beat the shit out of each other.

Yeah, that's a recipe for success.

The truth is nobody wants to see Superman and Batman beat each other up. And nobody will want to see Captain America and Tony Stark beat each other up. There are plenty of true villains in this world super heroes could battle. Communists, terrorists, Hillary Clinton...which, I know, I know, are protected classes of evil people we can't attack in public. But if Hollywood is so void of ideas they have to have the good guys start fighting each other, they have every right to gamble $400 million on what is nothing more than watching your parents fight. And I'm sure in today's America we can all get that for free at home in AMAZING real-life digital quality with front line seats no less.

Another Damn Fine Podcast

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From DT and The Man

Yaaawwwnnn Another Terrorist Attack

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My my my. My prediction about terrorist attacks just becoming the "new normal" is becoming true.

Perhaps we can "make some arrests" and "kill the third in command of ISIS!"

Oh oh! I know may be we can

fly the flags at half staff (again)
or
hold a candle-lit vigil (again)
or
put the Pakistani flag on our facebook profiles!

You go Western Civilization!

We Are No Longer Americans

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They no longer exist.

Nothing Good Ever Came Out of a Business Meeting

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Found this interesting. A calculator to measure the cost of a meeting.

I remember one time being so bored in a meeting I was calculating how much money we were costing the shareholders.

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When the fuck is Jesus coming back?
Cappy is joining Satan!
The Pioneer Podcasters
Do Ozzies hate Yanks?
Muslim kills leftist teacher
Peter Gunn and Herschel Bernardi

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Vote Trump or Die

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This is not an endorsement of Trump. Merely an observation about the balance of power in the Republican party.

Denis Tukhmanov: Hero

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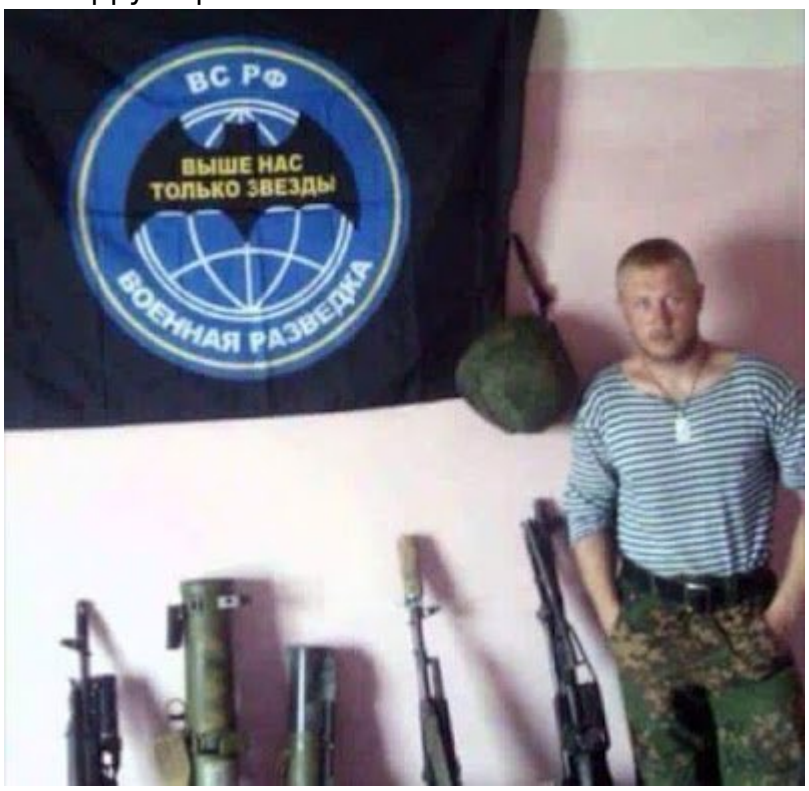
Picture has surface of the Russian soldier that called in the air strike that not only killed a bunch of ISIS terrorists, but himself. Figured he was owed at least some notoriety here on Cappy Cap:



It's a Man

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Hey! I'm a two legged animal that runs around!

Davis Aurini Launches the Sarkeesian Effect

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After much anticipation, Davis finally releases his video.

Cappy's on Engineered Truth

March 30, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Where Matt was kind enough to have me on his show where we discussed what I thought were the 12 biggest lies we tell society:

Emory University Now the Next Mizzou

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I will never attend, nor hire, anybody from Emory University.

Never.

More Proof Freedom is the Best Economic Policy

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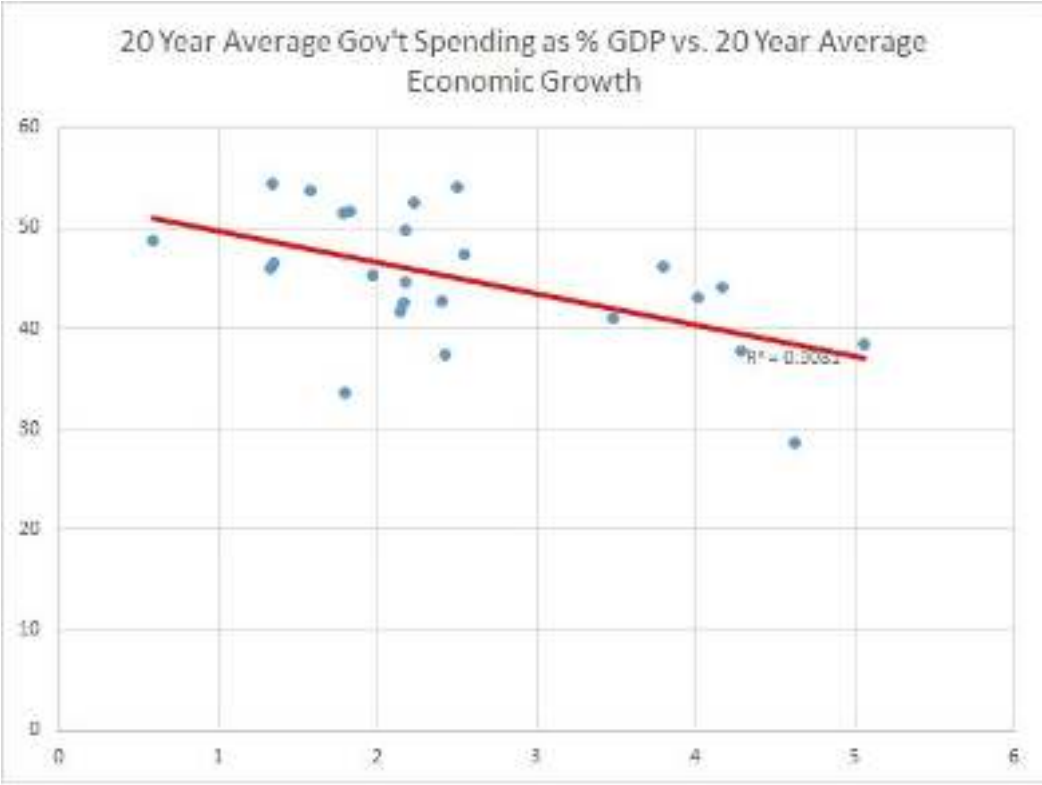
Many years ago, and by "many" I mean about 20, I decided to embark on a mission to pull all the data I could and empirically prove or disprove all the economic philosophies and beliefs I held. In short I didn't want a "philosophy" or "belief" or "ideology," I wanted proof. I was sick of arguing with leftists and liberals, sick of wasting logic or common sense on pointless college-student-late-dorm-room-night debates, and all I wanted was some simple, mathematical proof I could point to and say, "There. Now have a cup of STFU."

And about 20 years ago, I did precisely that. Arguably one of my best charts I ever compiled proved me correct - ***government spending as a percentage of GDP versus economic growth.*** Albeit boring and now making your eyes glaze over like Ben Stein in Ferris Bueller's Day off, the chart showed a NEGATIVE correlation between government spending and economic growth with a correlation coefficient of around .3.

The problem is that was 20 years ago and the data I had was not the greatest, merely what was available on the OECD at the time. So I figured it was time to pull new data and see if this relationship still held true. And boy howdy has it!



Not only did the relation between government and economic growth continue to be negative, but the strength of the relationship increased to a correlation coefficient of -.55 (-.56 if you only use a decade's worth of data).

Now like all economic studies there are caveats and considerations. The data above does not include Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Mexico, China or Greece. I have NO idea why the OECD doesn't have enough data on these countries to make a 20 year study, but they simply don't (though the 10 year correlation I calculated DOES include Japan). So it's merely the data I had to work with. And of course, the OECD does not include most 2nd and 3rd world nations. Only the nations who have been providing them with their economic data. Still, all these asides, if we are to look at the EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE economic growth is VERY NEGATIVELY correlated with the size of government. Even more so since you'd think SPENDING as a percentage of GDP would correlate positively with economic growth...but that is in a deluded Keynesian wet-dream world.

Regardless, this new data only merely re-proves what we all know to be logical and common sense:

A freer people are a more productive people. If you let people keep the majority of their wealth and fruits of their labor they will work more, create more, innovate more, and your economy will grow more. It's not only logical and empirically proven, it's simply moral. Of course, the parasites of society will whine and contest and complain otherwise, desperate to use the force of government to enslave you to support them, but it doesn't change the fact that a smaller government results in a better and ever-more progressing society. The issue is simply if society wants to vote for parasitism and dependency of excellence and independence.

"Poetry" to Save Detroit Youth

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It's stuff like this that makes me knight Katie Couric with the official title of "Baroness of the Bint."

"There once was a man from Nantucket...."

New SURE FIRE Retirement Plan for Boomers!

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Look! You can "fight the system maaaan" AND retire at the same time! Free food, clothing, lodging and health care!

Big Daddy C Wants!

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Cell phone transformer gun. I want!

More on Freedom vs. Economic Growth

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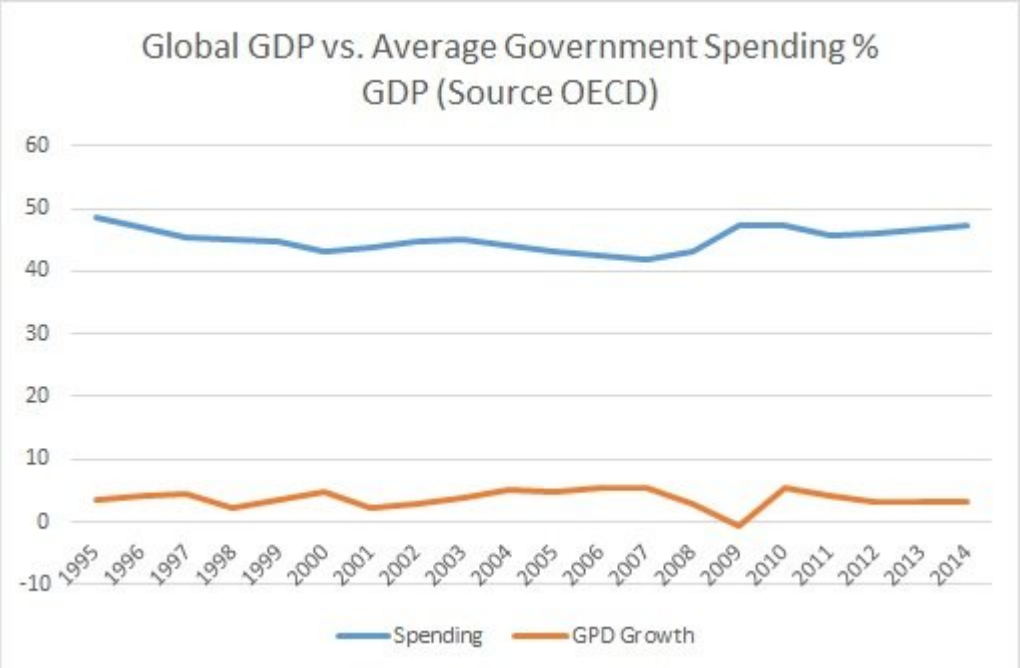
Expounding upon my previous research I wanted to take global economic growth and compare it against the average government take of global GDP in terms of spending. To the naked eye no real trend can be identified, but if you correlate the two you get a CC of -.39. Again, proving the more governments take/spend the less economic growth there is. It's very simple. You crowd out the private economy with an inefficient (or worse) parasitic public sector, expect your economy (and tax based) to shrink.



*Missing from the data as it is not on the OECD is China and Russian, which I would VERY MUCH like to include. If anybody knows where I can get 20 years worth of RGDP data for them AND total government expenditure as a percent of GDP I would appreciate it.

DIY Paternity Kit

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Uh oh!!!

Misjudging Hipsters

April 1, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This has now happened three times which compels me to make a meme as an apology.

Though I will plead with these "conservative hipsters" to ditch the salmon jeans, hit the gym, and get a real haircut. You have no idea how much you're wearing the enemy's uniform and confusing the rest of us.

Cappy's Analysis on the $15/Hour Minimum Wage

April 1, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Their fatness belies two facts:

1. They aren't starving
2. The reason they make so low a wage is because they're lazy, not underpaid.

More Eye Candy for You Lieutenants

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Don Quixote
Copper ingots!
The history of champagne
Speaking speech
Don't kill your gay dates
Fuck grammar

AND MORE!!!

On THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!!!

The AltLeft?

April 6, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Seems some white leftists are getting sick and tired of being called racist all the time.

When I Am King

April 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I will ban all money or association with the made-up word "micro-aggression."

I will also cut all funding to all liberal arts department since this is the best use of the taxpayers money they could come up with.

Sugar and Spice

April 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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and everything nice.

She shouldn't go to jail or even be in court. But it is a lesson that every young boy out there needs to realize that, yes, yes indeed, these girls not only exist, but exist at a very young age.

Are Feminists Angry?

April 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"*I think of when I was three, cuddling into my Granddad Murphy's lap as he stroked my hair and told me I was the best girl and I wonder did he really think that, or did he secretly hate women too?*"

No, no, they're perfectly happy individuals

(Warning about this "article," it's horribly written. It's just BAD.)

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Never visit your girlfriend at work
The death of letterman jackets and class rings
Amy Schumer doesn't like being called fat
Millionaires leaving France
$9,000 per year AVERAGE cost to maintain a car???
Three car garages the new standard???

AND MORE!!!

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The "Texting Killer Girlfriend" Case is the "False Rape Accusation" for Women

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If you don't know, the short and sweet of it is that a girl named Michelle Carter is on trial for murder charges as she taunted her boyfriend into committing suicide.

Much ado and hubbub has been made about this, but the ole Captain is going to boil it down to its two most simple elements so you don't waste any more time on it and can move on with your much more important life.

One, the girl cannot (and I predict will not) be charged with murder because the boy had sovereignty over his own decisions and chose to end his life. He also had the right to ignore the taunts of this veritable cunt at any time. I desperately want to egg people on who do "suicide attempts" because I find them deplorable attention whores who torture those closest to them, but I do not pull the trigger at the end if they inevitably get serious and actually commit suicide. Regardless, if the girl is found guilty that now means we are responsible for other people's actions which opens up a whole new can of worms. A can of worms even the most leftist of judges know not to open.

Two, this is the opposite sex-side of the coin of the false rape claim. We drag boys and men through the courts on false charges of rape, ruining their lives in the process, now we're going to drag an equally innocent (though vile) girl through the legal system and see how she/they (meaning feminists) like it. Of course, instances like this (where a boy commits suicide and was egged on by his girlfriend) are much rarer than false rape claims, but it does for once provide an example of "shoe on the other foot," allowing us to point and say, "OK, how do you think she feels?"

All that being said, it is nice to see a precious little princess go through hell. Most men who are falsely accused of rape did nothing more than break up with a girl, triggering the false rape claim. This girl is an evil sadist who enjoys making other people suffer. It's good to see her squirm, but she should not go to prison.

A Lesson About Public Transportation

April 10, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I find it funny the "best cities to live without a car" also happen to be mostly leftist shitholes where most people can't afford cars (though I will readily admit cost of living in these towns also make it impossible to own a car).

How Does Hillary Rationalize Bill Clinton's Cheating?

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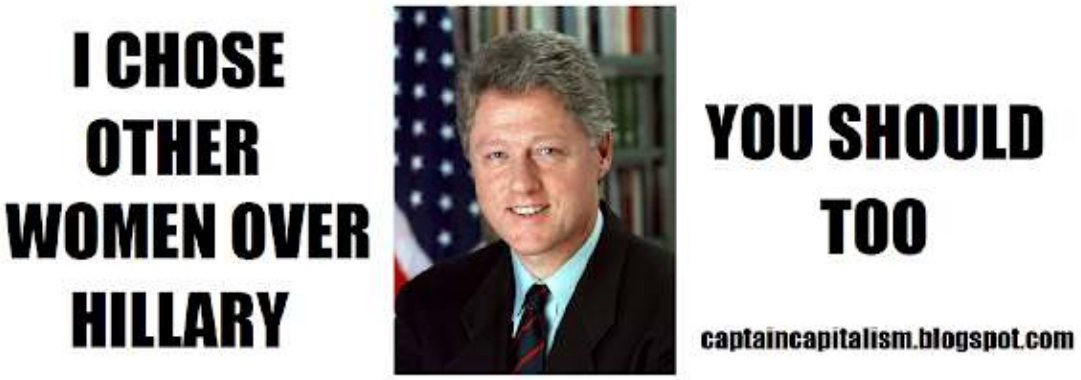
Frankly, I don't care, but I'm going to capitalize on it.



When Millennials Try to Economics

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Awwww they're so cute!

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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I like how the grandmother's presence indicates several generations of missing fathers.

Another Chart the Snowflakes Won't Comprehend

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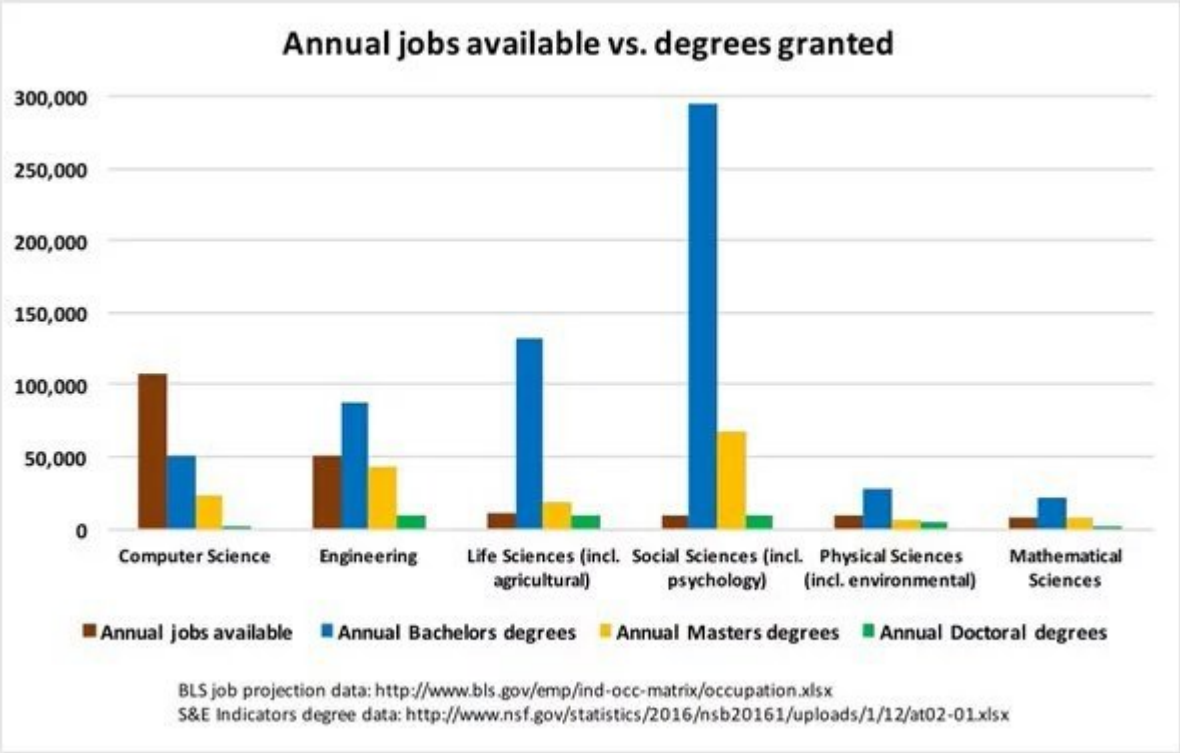

Masculine Books

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Reviews Enjoy the Decline!

Many thanks Seth!

How Charity Destroys Price Discovery…and Thus Society

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The economic concepts of "markets" and "price discovery" are boring to your average American. Too obsessed about what Kim Kardashian is doing with her ass or the pre-post-post-pre game show of Sportzball, your average American lacks the intelligence and thus interest to appreciate the ramification of things such as "markets" and "price discovery."

But thankfully my readership is not your average American, so we'll actually learn something today.

First, while markets are considered places of exchange where buyers and sellers meet to conduct commerce, and are ultimately where economic production comes to fruition, they also have a very important "fringe benefit." They provide pricing.

While buyers and sellers haggle, not to mention streamline their operations to cut costs so as to maximize their profits, the entirety of their efforts and the accounting information collected along the way results in a "price." This price is very important because it measures, precisely, what the real value (and cost) of a product or service is. Of course, prices are in a constant state of flux because on the supplier's side the inputs are constantly changing (price of raw materials, labor, managerial efficiency, etc.) and on the demander's side their tastes and preferences are also constantly changing (lost jobs, fads, economic conditions, family budget, etc.). But in the end, the totality of EVERYTHING that goes into producing and buying that product is played out in the market, ultimately resulting in that price.

This price is incredibly precious because it tells everybody what it's value is and allows people (either investors, consumers, or businessmen) to calculate and determine whether it is worth buying that particular product or service. It also enables investors and businessmen to plan, allowing them to determine whether they should build a new plant, purchase new equipment, or start another business, ultimately affecting economic growth. Therefore, it is vital that markets produce prices that reflect as accurately as possible their true value, for if they don't, and prices are either overstated or understated, consumers can waste their money and investors malinvest, resulting in lower economic growth.

Again, at first this may seem boring because this is just theoretical talk. But there are two VERY relevant and recent instances of mispricing and failed markets that has struck every American close to home and should be of much more interest than Kim

Kardashian's ass and the opening game of Swingystick:

The housing bubble and the education bubble.

In both instances we have the classic example of where the market failed and there was massive mispricing in both the value of a house and a college education. And like most mispricings, both were caused by an inordinate amount of debt (or "credit") that flooded the market, driving prices way above their real values.

In the case of the housing bubble trillions of dollars in debt were introduced to the market by ARM's, variable mortgages, and other forms of short term lending. Additionally, lending standards of traditional 30 year mortgages were ~~reduced~~ eliminated completely lending money to any dipshit who could sign loan documents. This fabricated demand caused developers to overproduce housing, so much so it outstripped even the debt-inflated demand, resulting in the housing crash of 2007.

This "boring" economic phenomena of mispricing directly affected the GLOBE as so large was the malinvestment, it threw us all, smart and stupid, into the worst recession since the Great Depression. And those times were so bad even they were seared into the memories of the dumbest Americans.

The exact same thing is playing itself out now in the education industry. Millions of stupid children, propagandized to believe "follow your heart and the money will follow," willing sign their futures away by taking on inordinate amounts of student debt to pay for a piece of paper that has even less utilitarian value than toilet paper. Here, however, it is not so much greedy bankers willingly financing the dreams of stupid people, but the federal government lending over $1 trillion to this industry. Consequently, just like housing prices, tuition prices are skyrocketing...and oh...these precious students (of the OWS variety no less) will be bailed out in the EXACT same manner as the banker scum they so loathe.

Now we already know how mispricing has dramatically affected Americans, all for the worse, between these two bubbles. But there's an even bigger bubble growing, and instead of a trillion here or a trillion there, it's roughly a $4.2 trillion PER YEAR bubble. And that bubble is charity.

At first you may find this distasteful. "Come on Cappy, how can you go after something like charity." But remember, for anybody who dared to criticize housing or education, they were equally lambasted because "housing should be a right" and "you can't put a price on education." But need I remind you of the Great Recession and the problems the millennial generation is facing with their un-repayable student loans? And if you think these are/were problems, just wait till the charity bubble bursts. Regardless, the key point to be made about the "charity bubble" is that its origins hail from the exact same

origins as the housing and education bubbles. Mispricing.

But the question is "the mispricing of what?"

And the answer is "the mispricing of stupid decisions."

Understand that bar charities for cancer, disease, etc., the vast majority of charity is simply bailing out stupid, irresponsible people from their stupid, irresponsible decisions.

If I took my life savings and invested it in Beanie Babies, I made a stupid decision and deserve to lose my entire investment.

If you were a young man who graduated from high school and bought a brand new car to "impress the chicks," you made a stupid decision and deserve to live in poverty as you try to make the car payment.

And if you were one of those idiot investment bankers who threw money into a "Dotcom" technology you didn't completely understand, only to find out it was IT geek fraudsters talking over your head so they could score the funding to pay themselves bloated executive salaries, you (and your clients) deserve to lose all of your original investment.

But what if you make the most stupid decision of them all?
What if you make the most damaging decision a human being can make?
What if you bring a child into this world you can't afford?

Well then the government, society, non-profit, for-profit, and practically the whole world bends over backward to give you money and reward you for your mistake. And it is this reward for stupidity that causes the cost of stupid decisions to be mispriced.

To boil it down very simply, we spend between state, federal and local governments about $4.2 trillion on welfare, social security, medicare, medicaid, TANF, EBT, WIC, section 8, and a whole host of other programs that go to one purpose and one purpose only:

To bail stupid people out from their stupid decisions.

Historically people who made stupid decisions either died or at least didn't breed more stupid people because, simply, they couldn't afford it. There was no taxpayer-financed "forgiveness," no taxpayer financed "second chances," and there sure as hell was none of this "hurray for single moms heroism" going on in the past. If you made a stupid mistake, you suffered the consequences and, quite literally, were financially prevented from making much others.

But today people are shielded from the true costs of their stupid mistakes.

Had a kid you can't afford? Here's some money! Hurray for you! Vote for me!
Paid $250,000 for an English degree? Never fear! We'll bail you out!
Didn't save up enough for retirement? Vote for me and I'll tax your grandchildren to pay for you!
Bought a house you couldn't afford? That's alright, we'll put together TARP!

And so, like housing, like education, stupidity is not only mispriced, but encouraged and subsidized, resulting in a population where roughly half of us are parasitic.

But the true cost of this "stupidity bubble" is not that the stupid are rewarded by being able to live off of the productive and smart (though that is a cost). It's a dual cost in terms of lives wasted and the inevitable economic crash that always follows bubbles.

First, understand how important it is to suffer the consequences of stupid decisions. Everybody, smart or dumb, makes stupid decisions. And as long as you learn from them you will advance. Matter of fact, that is how most advancement in humanity was made - learning from failures. But if for political purposes and votes, you shield people from the costs of their mistakes, they will never learn and are thus condemned to be fractions of what they could have become.

The single mom of one would have learned from her mistake quickly and maybe salvaged her family by marrying a very charitable man. But with a government-check -get-out-of-jail-free-card she spits out 4 more, all equally condemned to repeat her miserable lives.

The troublesome kid in school who was coddled through special-ed classes and "guidance counselors" will never learn his lesson and forever become a criminal. But perhaps a discreet bathroom beating by the larger bully might have set him straight.

Or the immigrant who comes here from some god-forsaken third world shit hole. Instead of being held to the rigors of traditional America, sink or swim, become an engineer, and live the American dream, he is now trampled by the number of socialist politicians desperately willing to bribe him from his harsh reality all in exchange for a vote...and a sacrificing of his future.

It is the impossible promise of eliminating negative conditioning from people's lives through a government-check-for-your-vote bribe that has turned now nearly 3 generations of Americans into pariahs, denying them a greatness they could have become.

Second, Idiocracy. Like all bubbles this one will crash. May not happen today, may not happen tomorrow, but having a society that is constantly bailed out from their stupid

decisions will never learn, never advance, and certainly not produce the economic production necessary to make good on all those gubmint promises. And when those government checks bounce (or more likely, due to inflation, they won't buy anything), the stupid people will revolt, killing whatever few remaining smart/productive ones exist, and then it's all over. Matter of fact, you should pray for Idiocracy as it at least wasn't violent. It will be more like Mad Max.

Regardless, you can only expect something egregious or life-ending to happen to society when you prevent people from learning from, paying for, and living with their mistakes. And since you've underpriced the cost of stupidity, even rewarding it,you have signed the death certificate of western civilization, perhaps accelerating it to the point we may see its end in our lifetimes.

Enjoy the decline!

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The Authoritative List of Obama's Lying, Law Breaking, Corruption, and Violating the Constitution

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Had an interesting request from Asshole Consulting. A guy wanted me to plug his book. Said he was offering it for dirt cheap and just wanted to get it out there. He originally wanted to offer it for free, but Amazon made him charge at least 99 cents for it.

Of course I was "yeah yeah, another author who slopped together a pamphlet and thinks they're going to cash in," but when he explained it was a compendium of all the violations of the constitutions, lies, law breaking, etc. of Obama, I was interested. And the reason I was interested is because it's a very important list to have in case somebody says, "Oh yeah, precisely what has he done???"

Well, this.

Anyway, the man has put A TON of effort into compiling and citing this list. If you would be so kind to book mark it, or share it, or at least tell people about it for reference purposes, it would be kindly appreciated.

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Finally warm in Minnesota
Cappy's idea to eliminate colleges
Cappy predicts the internet will destroy skyscrapers
How do you destory a skyscraper?
You NEVER tell the government you discovered gold coins
Fan Mail

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"Aspiring Rapper"

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Amazing how "aspiring rapper" coincides a lot with "father could not be reached for comment."

A Question for Our Swedish Agents in the Field

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Howdy All,

Trying to find how men and women vote in Sweden based on polls, research, etc., but for the life of me I can't find anything. It's almost as if the Swedish government/media doesn't let it get out, or they just don't do any polling in the first place.

If anybody in Sweden (or anybody who happens to know where this data is) can provide links in the comment section below I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Cappy

Tax Havens and the Panama Papers for Beginners

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Mini Justin Trudeau

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He's young.
He's handsome.
He promises to pay for every thing.
And that's enough to cinch the vag-tingle-vote.

College Degrees in Prison

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Pointer for all you aspiring criminals out there. If you're going to do 25 years in the slammer, don't get your Masters in Humanities.

We Told You So

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But "muh feelz" trump the economic reality of a $15 minimum wage, right?

Heather Hackman is a Hack

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Showing up on time for class I guess is "white privilege" now too.

How to Tell if Your Degree is Worthless

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A quick little thing you can do, in under a minute, to convince your children or yourself that their/your degree is worthless:

Why Men Make More Than Women

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Because you damn well know the majority of people running away from the fire tornado are not women with their "Masters in Communications."

Academic Composition Looking to Hire

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Remember, if you're a Cappy Cappite looking for a location independent job, consider contacting our good friend Alex at Academic Composition!

From one of his employees:

"*I have been posting ads up for Aleksey for over a year now. I send him an invoice for all ad postings and contacts once a month. He pays the same day and most of the time within a couple of hours. Posting the ads does not take much time, once I had everything up and running it is literally a few minutes 3 or 4 days a week to check and renew ads. Aleksey has been easy to work with, knows what he is doing and I would not hesitate to recommend working for him.*
Steve"

The SJW/Femnist "Media" Bubble is Bursting

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Good riddance. What, however, will these talentless "journalism" majors do once this gimmick runs its course?

How to Properly Light and Smoke a Cigar

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Another exciting episode of Bachelor Pad Theater:

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Kill your son...just kidding
$1.5 million and Cappy will go to church
$15 million and Cappy will donate sperm
How to kill the Wisconsin Synod
The "sighing" callers to the Stefan Molyneux podcast
Candace Owen, Social Autopsy, and how the milleannials will end America

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clare Podcast!

Why You Don't Understand Trump

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OK old people. I'm going to try to explain it to you.

I know it will be like explaining the internet, Microsoft Excel and other technological advances you've steadfastly refused to understand, but were ultimately vain in trying to ignore, but we're going to explain Donald Trump to all you fuddy duddies, especially you establishment republican types.

You may hate Trump.
You may loathe him.
AND you may have every right and reason to do so.

But he is still better than the slop you've been serving since Ronald Reagan took office.

That's 30 years of slop. From the Bushes (both father and son DRENCHED in nepotism) to McCain, to the billionaire white boy socialist named Romney, you have served SLOP to the real, everyday republicans of America and they've eaten it up because it was better than voting for genuine socialists.

But you throw in the shitshow that was known as Boehner and Ryan, and the absolute cowardice that the republican house has been since, not to mention Gen X has seen talk from only Rush Limbaugh, and only massive expansion of government under Bush Jr., it is very apparent the republican party just isn't cutting it.

You're failing.
You're losers.
You couldn't protect the constitution if your wife's loyalty depended upon it.

No matter what you say, no matter what politician you throw forth, you have lost 100% of the GENUINE, REAL republican American constituency, and we are now voting for anybody (and I mean ANYBODY) who isn't a career politician and actually might make a change.

The key thing to understand (and I know that's hard for you lazy, fat establishment types, not to mention baby boomers who are stuck in the Nixon era) is that no matter how much you HATE and LOATHE Trump, the American republicans HATE AND LOATHE you even more. They're sick of your non-performance, they're sick of your corruption, and they're sick of you impotence and incompetence. They are so sick of you they'd rather vote for what is clearly an opportunist over your "best" candidate you present forward because he is at least "different."

And that is how sad and pathetic you've been these past 30 years.

It merely takes somebody who is "different" to beat your pretty boy polished Cruz.

The confusion you have is how can a charlatan like Trump just come in and whisk away the vote. How can somebody with a very grey business back ground, not to mention crass and lewd demeanor, present such a threat to the establishment Republican party.

You need to realize the problem is not with Trump, but that it is with you. YOU are the problem. YOU are the ones who failed. You are so corrupt, but more so, inept and cowardly that the real Americans would rather vote for a potty-mouthed, straight shooter, than any of the "Slop v. 3.0" you're going to serve up this round.

I know most of you purport to espouse "free market" ideals. Perhaps you should for once follow those ideals and listen to the customers and deliver what they want.

Oh, wait, that's right. You're a political party no better than the democrats.

Guess we're just going to have to replace you.

What About "Big Oil" Now?

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I like watching the normies and leftists react to the oil industry because it not only shows how completely clueless and deluded they are about the oil industry, but it belies just how fantastically stupid they are. Usually, once every 5 years or so, some journalist will crack open Exxon's annual report and decry that it made "$40 billion" in EEEEVIL profits while kids in Durkadurkastan live off of a nickle every five years and eat flies for nourishment. Naturally the leftists and normies are incensed, and demand something be done about it. But if we're really lucky, once every 10 years they'll parade their stupidity for all to see and float around that deader-than-a-door-nail idea to "boybott big oil" on "one" day.

However, that's usually when oil prices are high and thus, naturally, when profits are also at all time highs. But what about when oil goes to all time lows? Does the left report on the losses or drops in revenue of "Big Oil?"

No, of course not, because that doesn't fit the narrative. And so to keep the sheeple in line, the media will never report how "Big Oil" is doing today, now that oil is about a 1/3rd of what it used to be. But I will.

In short it doesn't look good.

Exxon came out "the best" out of the Big Oil companies I looked at. Their revenues are down about 40% from last year and their profit has been cut in half since 2014.

Summary Statement of Income

(millions of dollars)	2015	2014	2013
Revenues and Other Income			
Sales and other operating revenue[1]	259,488	394,105	420,836
Income from equity affiliates	7,644	13,323	13,927
Other income	1,750	4,511	3,492
Total revenues and other income	268,882	411,939	438,255
Costs and Other Deductions			
Crude oil and product purchases	130,003	225,972	244,156
Production and manufacturing expenses	35,587	40,859	40,525
Selling, general and administrative expenses	11,501	12,598	12,877
Depreciation and depletion	18,048	17,297	17,182
Exploration expenses, including dry holes	1,523	1,669	1,976
Interest expense	311	286	9
Sales-based taxes[1]	22,678	29,342	30,589
Other taxes and duties	27,265	32,286	33,230
Total costs and other deductions	246,916	360,309	380,544
Income before income taxes	21,966	51,630	57,711
Income taxes	5,415	18,015	24,263
Net income including noncontrolling interests	16,551	33,615	33,448
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	401	1,095	868
Net income attributable to ExxonMobil	16,150	32,520	32,580

British Petroleum experienced a similar drop in revenue, but actually posted a loss of $6

billion.

Group income statement

For the year ended 31 December

$ million

	Note	2015	2014	2013
Sales and other operating revenues	5	**222,894**	353,568	379,136
Earnings from joint ventures – after interest and tax	15	**(28)**	570	447
Earnings from associates – after interest and tax	16	**1,839**	2,802	2,742
Interest and other income	6	**611**	843	777
Gains on sale of businesses and fixed assets	4	**666**	895	13,115
Total revenues and other income		**225,982**	358,678	396,217
Purchases	18	**164,790**	281,907	298,351
Production and manufacturing expenses[a]		**37,040**	27,375	27,527
Production and similar taxes	5	**1,036**	2,958	7,047
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	5	**15,219**	15,163	13,510
Impairment and losses on sale of businesses and fixed assets	4	**1,909**	8,965	1,961
Exploration expense	7	**2,353**	3,632	3,441
Distribution and administration expenses		**11,553**	12,266	12,611
Profit (loss) before interest and taxation		**(7,918)**	6,412	31,769
Finance costs[a]	6	**1,347**	1,148	1,068
Net finance expense relating to pensions and other post-retirement benefits	23	**306**	314	480
Profit (loss) before taxation		**(9,571)**	4,950	30,221
Taxation[a]	8	**(3,171)**	947	6,463
Profit (loss) for the year		**(6,400)**	4,003	23,758

And "hated Halliburton" (which recognized your hate and has since moved their HQ to Dubai, don't worry, you won't be able to tax them soon) also experienced a loss:

HALLIBURTON COMPANY
Consolidated Statements of Operations

Millions of dollars and shares except per share data	Year Ended December 31 2015	2014	2013
Revenue:			
Services	$ 17,482	$ 25,039	$ 22,257
Product sales	6,151	7,831	7,145
Total revenue	23,633	32,870	29,402
Operating costs and expenses:			
Cost of services	15,900	20,959	18,959
Cost of sales	5,213	6,571	5,972
Impairment and other charges	2,177	129	—
Baker Hughes acquisition-related costs	308	17	—
General and administrative	200	292	333
Activity related to the Macondo well incident	—	(195)	1,000
Total operating costs and expenses	23,798	27,773	26,264
Operating income (loss)	(165)	5,097	3,138
Interest expense, net of interest income of $16, $13, and $8	(447)	(383)	(331)
Other, net	(324)	(2)	(43)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(936)	4,712	2,764
Income tax benefit (provision)	274	(1,275)	(648)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(662)	3,437	2,116
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income tax benefit (provision) of $3, $(9), and $1	(5)	64	19
Net income (loss) $	(667)$	3,501 $	2,135

Even Baker Hughes (the fracking half brother of "Big Oil") posted a loss for 2015.

I could go on about how this is another example of leftist bias in the media and how Americans are idiotic lemmings sopping up whatever propaganda is put in front of them, but we all know that is pointless. I merely want you to book mark this post, or perhaps share it with people on the facebook or teh interwebz so the next time oil prices go sky high and "Big Oil" has those hated at vilified "record profits" you can pull up this ole post, shove it in the sheeple's faces and tell them to have a cup of STFU.

Black Moms Using Black Boys to Rake in a Payday

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I'm starting to wonder if these mothers really love their sons or just view them as a vehicle to sue the police when their "dindu nuffin" gangster son (that they failed to raise properly AND without a father) gets in trouble with the cops.

Yeah yeah, remember, we don't need no STIIIINNNNNKING FATHERS!

Rant of the Year

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Though it is only April:

Who is Candace Owens of Social Autopsy?

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Looks like the Honey Badgers are on the case.

The "White Privilege Conference" Shit Show

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Bunch of white people who hate themselves.

and see what happens.

Last Minute Rapid City, South Dakota Tour

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Decided to head to Rapid City for the weekend. Any lieutenants, economists, or agents in the field that are either out there or up for some hiking out west, let the ole Captain know.

Why Every Conservative Should Cheer that Harriet Tubman is on the $20 Bill

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Any woman who hunts, scouts, and kills democrats is a good enough woman for me!

New Blogroll Addition : Director Blue

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You will enjoy.
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Compliance is not optional.
You will obey!

The Molyneux Caller "Sigh"

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In my latest podcast episode I tiraded against the callers into Stefan Molyneux's show who, when cornered about their hypocrisy or weakness, exhaust the exasperating and patented "sigh" which drives my blood pressure up.

If you listen to this episode of Stefan Molyneux's show you will find exactly what I'm talking about at 1:09:15 (for the next 10 seconds) and the PERFECT example at 2:30:05 (for the next painful wishy washy 20 seconds after that).

Again, I am a big fan of the Stefan Molyneux show, but I just couldn't let this itch go much further without scratching it.

Today in Awesomeness

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WWI's stuffed penguin flying mascot pulled from wreckage.

Obama and the Constitution

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New sponsor ladies and gentlemen. Daniel Alman has put together a compendium of all of Obama's violations of the constitution, law, and everything else. I find it a very handy reference book to have in case people say, "OK, name ONE time Obama violated the constitution." And since there's been many you are at a loss to conjure up just one.

Well no more, here's an entire list you can simply pull out and go through one by one:

[image]

Remember, Amy Schumer is Not Intended for You

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She is intended for low information people.

Cappys Black Hill Adventure!

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We Don't Need No STIIIINNNNKING Fathers!!!!

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Oops...wait.

Declining Energy Consumption in Europe

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Some charty (and economic) goodness here.

Big Oil Redeux

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Another little tidbit to bookmark lieutenants and economists.

Remember when leftists call Exxon and BP "big oil" that those are PRIVATE companies. They pale in comparison to the GOVERNMENT OWNED OIL COMPANIES of Mexico, Venezuela, and (the largest one) Saudi Arabia's Aramco. Aramco has a market value of $2 trillion dollars.

By comparison, Exxon only has a market cap of $350 billion.

Now I know "The Maths" are hard for leftists, so don't expect them to understand advanced concepts like "market capitalization," "billion" or the number 3. But all you have to do next time is print off this here little post, put it in front of them, and then walk away. You'll have won the debate and can move on with your life.

Cappy vs. Feminism on "Crush the Street"

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My latest interview with Ken over at Crush the Street. We talk about feminism, talking past their "victim game" and calling them out for the liars, thieves, parasites and cowards that they are.

Only Blacks Created Stuff in America

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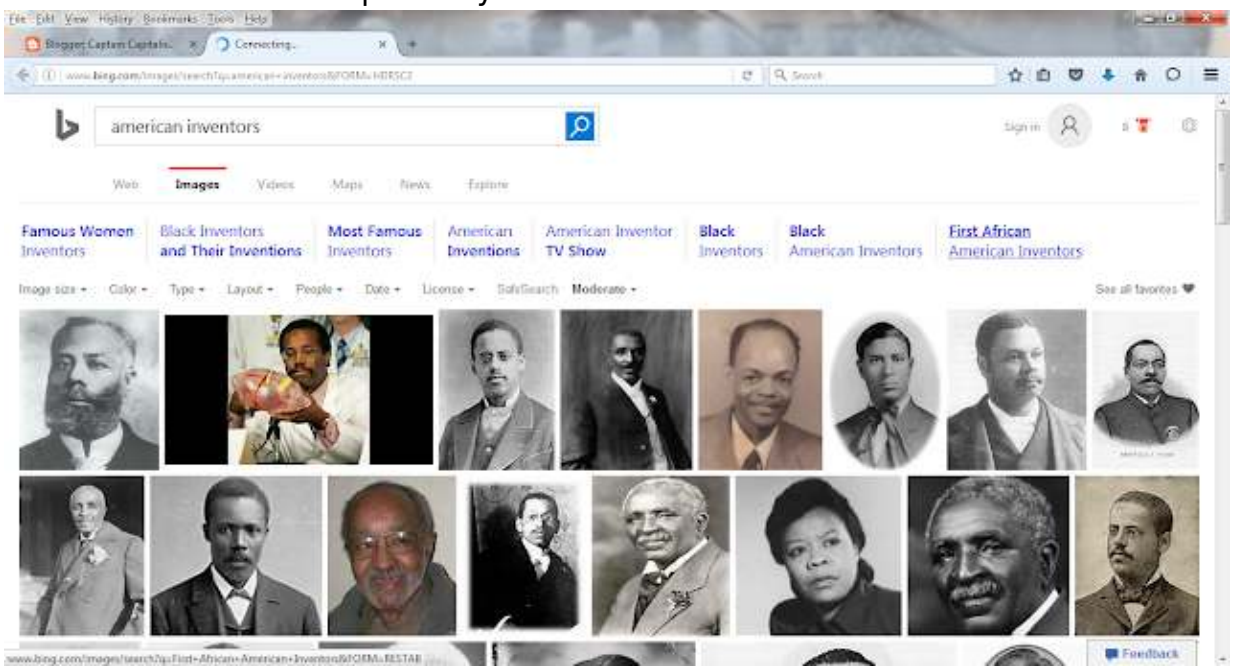
I don't know how long this will last, but I found it interesting that when searching for a mural of American inventors, Bing's search algorithms went ape-shit affirmative-actiony and produced this for an image search.

I took a screen shot for posterity.



At first I thought "Bing was Broken," but then it dawned on me with the universal and omnipresent push to plug diversity, minorities, etc., between academia, the media, and the government, I would not be surprised that the logical search algorithm assumes you are looking for black American inventors and not the traditional American inventors.

Regardless, touche leftist, multiculturalist, revisionist, marxists. Touche!

Prom is "Uneconomic"

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Provide you useful, helpful SAEG since 2005:

The SJW Black List

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Looks like Voxday is fighting fire with fire by outing and putting together a list of all the SJW's who like to dox people.

Episode #147 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Dirty Harriet and stories from Rapid City
White and Asian males fight diversity at Intel
How diversity hurts us all
What REAL minorities heroes are we missing out on?

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Link to "The Real Lone Ranger" aka "Bass Reeves."

From Our Millennial College Graduate Agent in the Field

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A relatively recent college graduate wanted to report about how his attendance of college had NO bearing on his future life. This is a guest post written by him and I do want to put the emphasis on MILLENNIAL.

The Reality of Post College Graduates

The reality of college in today's modern world is this: college doesn't do a whole lot.

I'm a living and breathing example of this. In December of 2012, I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in economics. In February of 2013, I took a job as a computer engineer. In February of 2016 (with one additional job in between), I am now a guy who makes his living off the Internet, whether it be via my blog, books, web design, or whatever else floats my boat.

I recently reactivated my personal Facebook account after several years, because I'm now living in Eastern Europe (it's huge here). I was missing social opportunities, so despite my usual protests to engaging in any personal social media, I jumped back into the fray.

When I logged back into Facebook for the first time, what do you think I was greeted with?

Profiles of old friends who were kicking ass in life, using their degrees to their fullest potential and maximizing their college investment?

Or...

Profiles of old friends were who still meandering in the same jobs they had in college, or had become baristas after realizing that their worthless degree was not even worthless - but actually a negative return on investment for their life as a whole.

If you guessed the first option, then go back to reading your Liberal Arts textbook, I wish you the best.

For those of you who chose the second, allow me to elaborate on my story a bit.

MY STORY

I'm now 24 years old, and as I said, I have a degree in economics but ended up working as a computer engineer. This is the first red flag that the collegiate system in America is broken.

In what world can some 21 year old kid with a degree in economics start working on 1 million dollar+ computer systems as his first job? They say it all comes down to connections, and this was exactly the case for me. I had a great friend and mentor in high school - when I started working in a computer shop at the age of 14, he was the head salesman. We struck up a fast bond and he is still one of my best friends to this day, despite a ten year age gap.

He talked me up to his bosses at the engineering job, and I walked into the interview knowing it was mine provided I didn't come off as a total moron.

Needless to say, I got it.

I never was asked what my degree was in. Not once, in a two hour long interview, with four panelists. The piece of paper that I had invested the last three and a half years of my life (and $100k, give or take - and I went to a public state school!) did not matter one bit.

Yet, my entire life I was indoctrinated to think that it was. I should mention that there is some truth to that - they may have not given me a shot if I didn't have the piece of paper proving that I could take orders and listen. However, the proof is in the pudding. You don't need a degree to start a career - but the real lesson to learn here is that you should never get a worthless degree.

To illustrate that, let's look at a few of my other friends.

SARAH

Is a very cute, now 24 year old girl. She left the original university where we started college together after a year and a half to return to her hometown, which is a big tourist hotspot. In school, she was studying Journalism and Media Studies.

In her hometown, she took a job at a large hotel as a check-in clerk. She was making $15 an hour, give or take. Five years later, she has finally finished her degree, and still works in the hotel. She now makes $22 an hour, give or take.

Despite her dreams of being a sportscaster and a writer, I can promise you that I write more on a daily basis than she likely has in the last year.

MAX

Was a good friend of mine for several years. He was a Marine Biology major, and a pretty good one at that. He had strong grades in all of the hard classes like organic chemistry, physics, etc.

Max started working at Petco during our junior year at school. At 24 years of age, after 5 years of study - he still works at Petco.

SUSAN

Is someone I still keep in pretty consistent touch with. She got a Sociology degree. Right after graduating, she moved back home. She then found a job that paid her about $14 an hour as a social worker. She hated it and said it was "too hard", so she took a job at a coffee shop instead.

It was, in her words, "Less stressful and more fun."

Now, she is engaged to be married and will tie the knot at the end of this year. Most likely, she'll be pregnant within a year and never work another day in her life again (provided her future husband has a degree worth that provides more than a barista job).

This means that she threw away all of her parents money and their Sociology for a job making coffee.

WHAT DOES THE BLUEPRINT LOOK LIKE?

Even those who have strong personalities are not immune to society's shames and methods.

From a young age, it is quite clear to any young person growing up in America that you must go to college. Especially as a man - you are made to believe is the only way you can get a girl, the only way to provide, that you are far less of a man if you lack a college degree.

In reality, having a silly Liberal Arts degree in LGBT Studies makes you less of a man.

I'm not going to preach that you should or shouldn't go to college - but what I will preach is that you should think very carefully about throwing down six figures or more on a piece of paper that won't get you a job beyond making a latte (also remember: a Civil Engineering degree from a random state school is likely more valuable than a LGBT degree from Harvard). In addition to that, even if the job is has some prestige and sex appeal to it, if it only pays $18 an hour - is it really worth it? There are plenty of options out there that pay far, far better, won't require four years of your life, won't require a ransom worth a 20% downpayment on a new home, and won't suck you into the system

designed to keep you in debt and working for the rest of your life.

Because it doesn't end after the college degree. Next comes the house, and it best be in a good suburb. Then you need the nice cars to look good in the driveway, even if you only drive down the street to work. Then comes the kids and the private school, then ultimately - their college education.

I started to get sucked into this after I started my first job. I bought a nice car, that, coupled with the insurance payments, cost me $600 a month (plus premium gas!). I considered buying a condo that would have meant a monthly mortgage equivalent to half of my take-home salary.

Why?

Because I was told that was just how it was. That this is what it meant to be American.

The best advice I can possibly give to anyone is to think for themselves. Look at me now. I'm now living abroad, writing this from a cafe in Poland. I make my living running my own business. I am my own free man.

And that piece of paper that says "Bachelor's in Economics" has nothing to do with it.

Now that's true freedom.

If all these kids had read Worthless, none of this would have happened....I also want to know if Susan is hot because I have a job for her that pays more than $14 per hour.

What the Heck are "Critical Thinking Skills" Anyway?

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"Critical thinking" or "critical thinking skills" come up in two common scenarios.

One, when a leftist defends their worthless liberal arts degree, claiming it provides them with the rare and enviable skill of "critical thinking."

And

Two, when liberal arts professors defend their bogus fields of study by claiming the "*#1 thing employers look for in college graduates is critical thinking!*"

Of course, I never gave "critical thinking" much thought, writing it off as some kind of worthless, commonsensical skill your average person develops during childhood. But because of the cacophony coming from academia, not to mention, the academic left's complete and utter reliance upon and championing of it, I decided to find out, once and for all, what the heck are "critical thinking skills anyway."

A standard google search will pull up a ton of results, but the first thing you'll notice is that there's NO standard definition of critical thinking skills. You can go to Wikipedia and you'll see two amorphous definitions with pages and pages of text vainly trying to define it. You can even go to the "Critical Thinking Community" (which serves, I presume, as the "professional association" of critical thinkers) and even they have four separate, equally amorphous definitions. But as far as my evil, empirical, logical, and sane mind can tell me, critical thinking closely follows what I set out in my "reality principle" video. It is merely the discovering of reality. A commitment to intellectually honesty. Or what we normal people, with normal jobs, who live in the real world call...

"getting to the bottom of things."

Naturally, leave it to the wanna-be adults of academia to take a simple concept your average 10 year old understands and turn it into an entire 4 year study unto itself. Leave it to inferior-minded people to extrapolate thousands of painful pages from a concept as simple as "be intellectually honest." And do you want pain? Just imagine how anal retentive, unimaginative, and truly void of any intelligence you have to be to come up with a "Critical Thinking Community" replete with:

a bookstore
a library
research
professional development

and
assessment and testing.

But, as are with most things in academia, their championing of "critical thinking" is not merely an intellectually-void, navel-gazing, masturbation exercise to falsely validate handing out worthless doctorates and self-importance in a field that provides no value to society. It is to provide them authority over the rest of society. And it is here their nefarious and malicious intent is exposed.

On the face of it, any introductory video to critical thinking will explain it as intellectual honesty, the pursuit of reality, and (as we commoners call it) "getting to the bottom of things." It is based in sanity, reason, logic, and reality. However, if you delve into the world of academia and critical thinking "experts," you'll start to notice a common refrain. They not only obfuscate a simple concept like "reality" in volumes of unnecessary pablum, but they always include some sort of "social awareness" or "adherence to other people's feelings/thoughts/opinions/culture" political component to that definition. AND usually that component trumps reality. Matter of fact, I rarely saw the word "empirical" or "empiricism" mentioned in these definitions. And all one has to do is take a look at a sample definition from one of these "critical thinking authorities:"

"*Critical thinking is self-guided, self-disciplined thinking which attempts to reason at the highest level of quality in a fair-minded way. People who think critically consistently attempt to live rationally, reasonably,* ***emphatically****. They are keenly aware of the inherently flawed nature of human thinking when left unchecked. They strive to diminish the power of their egocentric and* ***sociocentric tendencies****. They use the intellectual tools that critical thinking offers – concepts and principles that enable them to analyze, assess, and improve thinking. They work diligently to develop the intellectual virtues of intellectual integrity, intellectual humility, intellectual civility,* ***intellectual empathy****, intellectual* ***sense of justice*** *and confidence in reason. They realize that no matter how skilled they are as thinkers, they can always improve their reasoning abilities and they will at times fall prey to mistakes in reasoning, human irrationality, prejudices, biases, distortions,* ***uncritically accepted social rules and taboos****, self-interest, and vested interest. They* ***strive to improve the world in whatever ways they can*** *and contribute to a more rational, civilized society. At the same time, they recognize the complexities often inherent in doing so. They avoid thinking simplistically about complicated issues and* ***strive to appropriately consider the rights and needs of relevant others****. They recognize the complexities in developing as thinkers, and commit themselves to life-long practice toward self-improvement. They embody the Socratic principle: The unexamined life is not worth living , because they realize that many unexamined lives together result in an uncritical, unjust, dangerous world.*
~ Linda Elder, September, 2007"

That's a whole lot of SJW-ing and crusaderism when all we want to do is get down to the

truth. But keep in mind this overkill of verbosity is on purpose as they are more concerned about advancing political agendas (not to mention keeping their academic fiefdoms financed by leftist governments) than they are pursuing empiricism. And they obfuscate these ulterior motives by attempting to not only hijack a concept like "critical thinking," but by self-appointing themselves as the final authorities and arbiters as to what is "reality," "truth," and "empiricism." This not only grants them sweeping powers (in their minds anyway) to dictate to the rest of us what reality is and how society should be ran, but why when one of us "commoners" question their politics, their motives, and their incentives, they simply bog you down in minutiae, academic pablum, bogus studies, and of course, the always reliable accusation of "you lack critical thinking skills."

However, rather than fight them in their own turf, allow me to simply debunk, disprove, and destroy them in a much simpler, and sniper like way from the opposite direction. If they are so committed to reality. If they are so correct. And if they truly know better than all of us. Then why have nearly all the liberal arts and humanities failed to improve, let alone solve, any of the social ills they purport to be solving?

The wage gap between blacks and whites has not closed, nor has the wage gap between men and women.

Income distribution has worsened since the academic left's wet dream of The Great Society has been implemented.

Divorce, single-parenthood, and broken families have skyrocketed.

And they never seem to point to any success they've had in solving the social ills they purport to (thus always resulting in a hypocritical clamoring for more money and funding).

It is exactly like the laughable Keynesian economists, whose economic policies have spectacularly failed to combat the great recession, but still have the gall to demand the taxpayer "didn't pay enough, because if they did *THEN* our policies would have worked."

In short, the irony is that if we were to use GENUINE critical thinking, we'd look at all those academic left champions of critical thinking, see that they have made virtually NO progress in their OWN respective fields, and empirically deduce they not only have failed, but are con-artists, charlatans, and parasites cowardly using "critical thinking" as a means to avoid working real jobs in the real world so they may continue to live off of the rest of us. So the next time you hear an academian, a liberal arts graduate, or any other variety of leftist boast about their "critical thinking skills" tell them the truth. Critical thinking as a skill is no more impressive than wiping your own ass. And sadly, most of them lack the intelligence to do either.

A related somewhat response

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Oops….those damn fathers. Why are they never available for comment?

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and when they say "but" you cut them off and say "talk to the hand."

Club Vasectomy

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Join it before it's too late!

MGTOW 101: What is MGTOW?

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Decided to rattle the hornet's nest because I was bored. It's always fun to rattle the cages of the MGTOW theoreticians:

Maybe Blacks and Whites Just Like to Hang Out With Likes?

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I love the forced "integration" of the races.

I could have sworn America was based on choice and most races would like to just hang out with each other and have amicable relations with other races. But apparently, that isn't what your overlords have intended and they're pissed off we haven't melting into a dipshittery goo that is known as that "financial economic success" known as "Brazil."

Perhaps the left should actually endorse what it champions - diversity. Because in the adult real world of economics "diversity" means "specialization" which means better goods at lower costs and improved standards of living for all.

Oh Nosies!!!

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Looks like some genuine racists got caught lying to the po po. But remember, they're not white so they "can't be racist."

Bitcoin Creator ID'd

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Or so they theorize. Would like to have a beer with this guy.

Bureaucrats' Jobs Uber Economic Growth

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats. Politicians, professors, bureaucrats, and ideologues value their jobs and their egos more than the progress of the rest of society and its people. It's why they will overregulate an economy and make more laws than is necessary because their ego trumps any sense of "optimizing" the level of laws/regulations.

Millennial Theme Song

May 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

HAR!!!

Being Smart Is Like Being Stuck in Traffic

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An excerpt from a kind review of Curse of the High IQ:

Pretending IQ doesn't matter might be great for the self-esteem of the average kid, but it also means some of us just don't understand why we go through life feeling like we are stuck in traffic all the time. And when we do understand that, then ways to actually make use of that excess time and energy begins to suggest themselves. Knowing where on the bell curve you sit can help you find new reserves of patience and confidence. Learning that I was in the 99.4 percentile of human learning and processing capability suddenly changed my game, because I realized that I could be doing a lot more, and making much better money… which is leading me to make some serious shifts in how I do business.

Episode #148 of The Clarey Podcast!

May 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Racist Running Game!
Snow days
Commutes of the Sheeples
Fitting into your college tuxedo
Spouses who die together
Humphrey Bogart no bigger than Cappy!
Naming buildings after you is not a legacy

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

How Not to Do It: Vicki Larson

May 4, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I like to be succinct and expeditious. And so I can tell you girls how to do everything right, in pain staking detail, outlining each step of the way needed to succeed in life....

or

I can just tell you what NOT to do. And this is the resume you should simply NOT DO!

Nearly EVERY single mistake your standard American failure of a baby boomer, has-been, rah rah, 70's feminist, leftist woman is scripted in this resume. I simply could not make it up even if I tried. Do the opposite and your chances of happiness will improve.

The Rise and Fall of Glenn Beck

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Worth a read.

Trump Announces Presidential Running Mate

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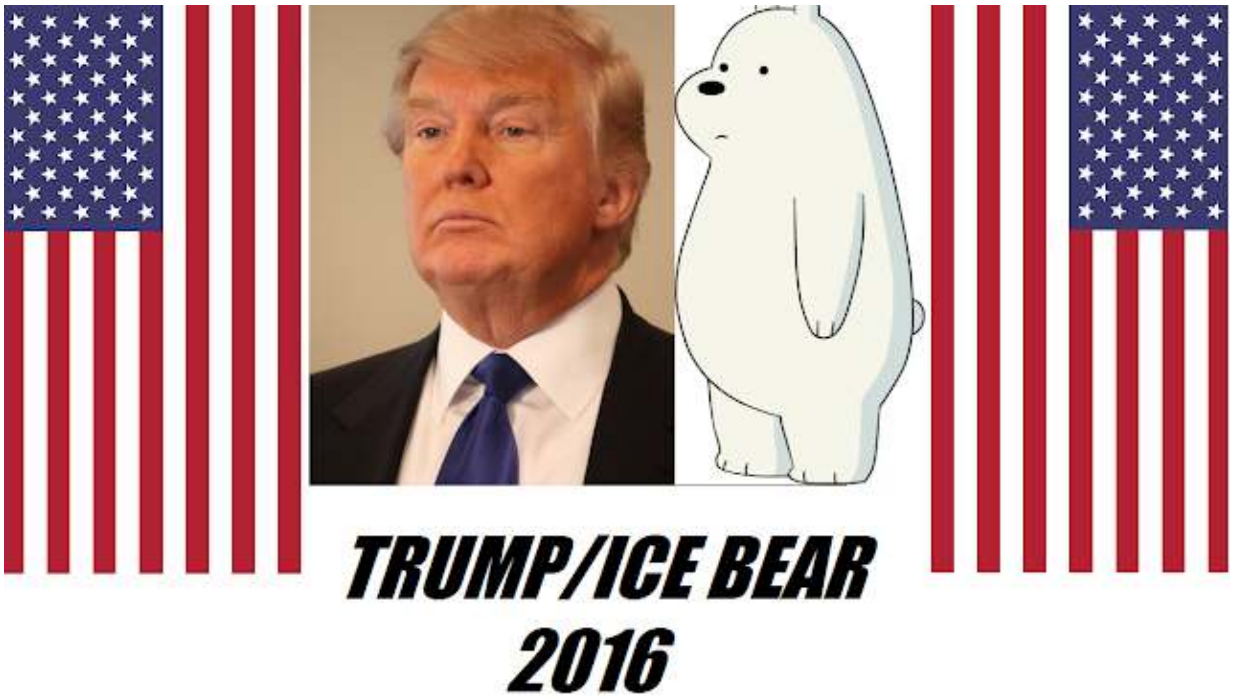
It is Ice Bear:



The Only Justice to Meet SJW Justice is a Gun

May 5, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Who Will Pay for Everything When the White People are Gone?

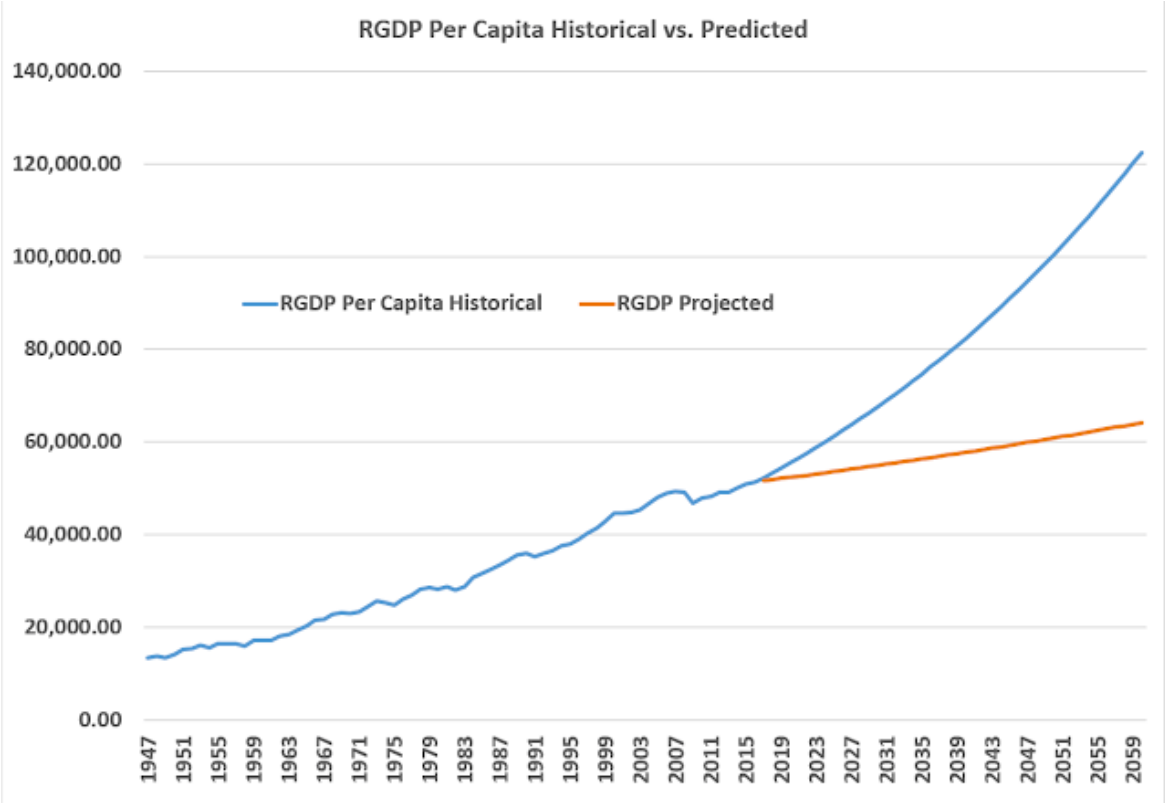
May 6, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A concern of mine is the slowing rate of not only overall economic growth, but more importantly the stagnation of real GDP per capita (as RGDP per capita is the primary measure of economic well-being). However, another concern of mine was how the future demographics of the US will affect economic growth, because, frankly immigrants and minorities are not as productive as whites or Asians. You may not like this fact, and you may chalk it up to racism, bigotry, or whatever else academia, the media, and politicians tell you, but in the end whites and Asians earn/produce more when measured by economics for whatever reasons may be.

Unfortunately, the larger of the two groups (whites) are projected to decline relative to the rest of the population while pretty much every other group grows. And because of this decline relative to other populations I wanted to estimate what would happen to economic growth, and thus, standards of living (measured by RGDP per capita).

I would like to say my methodology was simple (as simple usually results in better more accurate results), but it was as "simple as could be" due to the inherent complexities in projecting populations by race, applying productivity rates to each, and thereby inferring a forecasted RGDP, population, and thus RGDP per capita into the future. In short I used the population growth figures out till 2060 for the four main racial groups in the US, historical RGDP data from the federal reserve, income per capita as a proxy for RGDP per capita (as what you are paid is correlated to what you produce), and multifactor productivity to estimate future, genuine "Real" economic growth.

And the results were interesting.


RGDP Per Capita Historical vs. Predicted
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Historically (since 1947) the US has experienced an average RGDP per capita growth rate of 2% per year. This may not seem like a lot, but when compounded over the course of a lifetime you can expect your standards of living to nearly quintuple. Thus, if historical American economic growth rates continued, we could expect to all be producing about $120,000 in GDP per capita by 2060, contrasted with the current $51,000 we produce today.

However, that will not be happening. As the racial composition of America changes, downward pressure on economic growth will result. Of course, this assumes current production by the four main racial groups remain the same (as well as birthing rates for each group), but if the forecasts are correct (which, as a caveat, in economics they rarely are) we can expect an average annual increase of only .5%, resulting in barely any advances in our standards of living (and before you start making accusations of racism, keep in mind by this time whites will be a minority in the country, so this post is by mathematical reality, to benefit future minorities).

Now, if you have a care for the future, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, or political affiliation, these figures (guesstimates as they may be) are MATH and have serious ramifications for your children and future Americans. For while it's all fun and games today to blame everything on "whitey" or "males," in the end they are the engine of economic growth that powers this economy AND (as it just so happens) subsidizes the government programs minorities, immigrants (and women) rely disproportionately on. And without them either taxation on minorities would have to increase considerably, or you will simply have to do without your precious government checks (though technically as it stands right now, the current system is not suppoortable or sustainable anyway, but we can keep this up as long as the dollar remains the world's reserve currency).

Therefore, if you care about your children and grand children, economic production of women and minorities need to increase. I have already outlined what is required to close the various wage gaps between minorities and whites/males, however I fear that pride, ego, and self-pity is getting in the way of this success. From kindergarten to college, everyone is brainwashed to believe it's racism, sexism, bigotry or misogyny that is holding them back. It's the "patriarchy," the "corporations," and "CIS gendered white male scum" who actively conspire against you. However, we (and by "we" I mean minorities and women and their children who will take over this country) do not have the time for these lies. Yes, there certainly is token examples of racism and sexism. And yes, if you go looking for it, especially with the 17 years of k-college brainwashing you've received, you'll see "ists" and "isms" hiding in every shadow and every corner. But keep in mind this is nothing but propaganda and lies from the democrat party to spare your feelings, ego, and pride, all in exchange for your vote...and sadly...your future success in life.

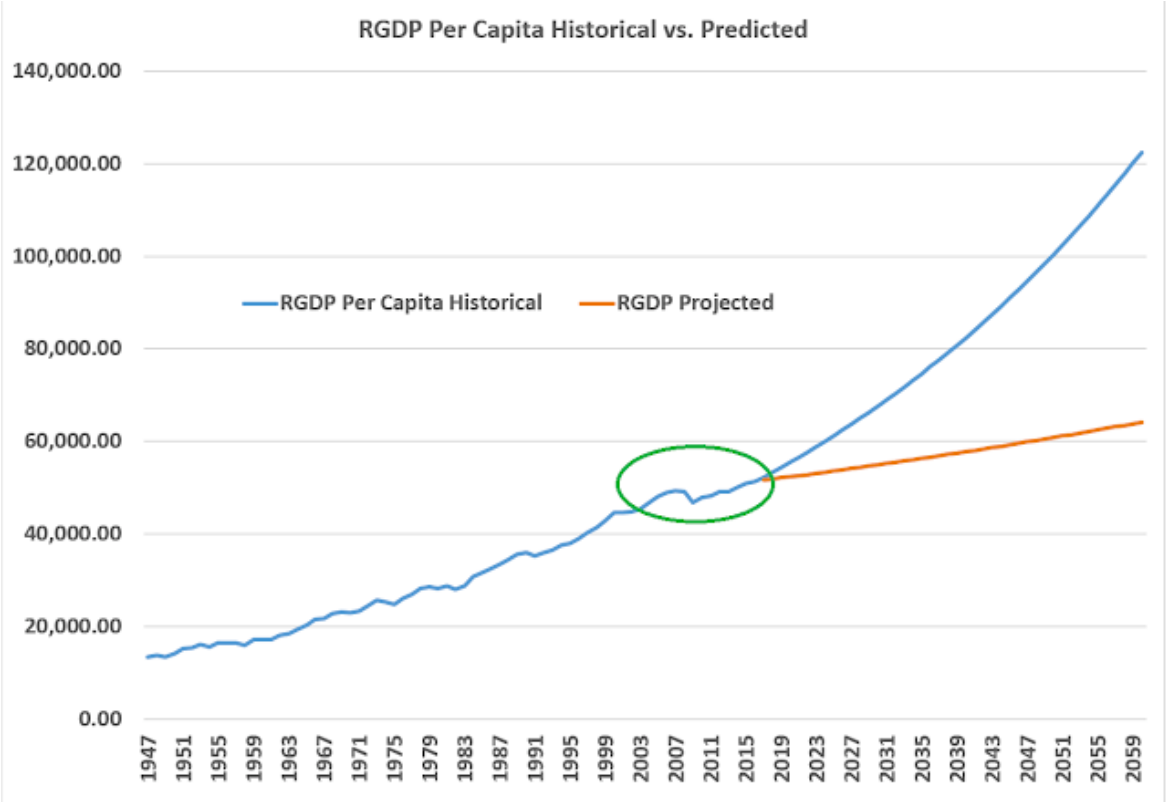
To be blunt, while there is nothing you can do about genuine racism, sexism, or bigotry,

you can:

Stop having kids you can't afford or out of wedlock
Stop majoring in stupid shit (that goes particularly for the ladies).
Stop spending more than you make.
Stop blaming your own stupid decisions on other people.
And make sure you don't make stupid decisions in the first place.

It won't eliminate racism or sexism, but unlike racism or sexism, these things ARE under your control and will do more to close the wage gaps between minorities and whites/males than any government program or piece of self-pitying, self-defeatism coming out of the public schools or the democrat party.

Finally, one last warning. While this post has been a tough-fatherly-love-inspired criticism of the economic production of minorities, not all of the blame can be put on them. For while "white males" have have traditionally been the engine of economic growth and innovation that have made people's standards of living quintuple over lifetimes, even that engine is succumbing to the same leftist propaganda of entitlements, woeismeism, laziness, easy degrees, and an abdication of responsibility. Note the lack of growth in RGDP per capita that has already been occurring since 2006 (in the green circle).



Some of this can certainly be blamed on the Great Recession. However, how much of it is

also the average American white male going from this:

to this:

Not only are white's numbers going to decline, their quality and caliber has already gone to pot.

The day will come minorities will be on their own. Prepare accordingly.

The Pope is a Socialist First, a Catholic Second

May 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When you Catholics decide to start thinking on your own and realize this fraud loves socialism, hates western civilization, and maybe gets around to thinking about religion on a tertiary level, then maybe you'll impeach him or whatever the hell it is you Catholics do to kick heretics out.

Late Night Podcast Listening Pleasure

May 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Geek out with The Bechtloff.

Sign up for the Black Brigade Debrief with DT and The Man!

An analysis of Rabbits and Psycho-Pass from Davis Aurini.

May is Worthless Degree Awareness Month!

May 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Prevent loved ones from ruining their lives by ensuring they DON'T major in worthless subjects!

Is There an End to Feminism?

May 9, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ummm....no.

How to Measure Corporate Welfare

May 9, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A problem I faced is that I am not a leftist. And since I'm not a leftist, that means I just can't pull statistics out of my ass, start my statements with "I just feel," or outright lie because it suits my belief in how "I feel" the world should be.

I need statistics. I need facts. And I need good methodology so I know, as accurately as possible, precisely what the hell I'm talking about. And one of the few economic stones I have left unturned with empiricism has been "corporate welfare." Specifically, how much is there?

This is an important statistic to know because when debating leftists they always claim that if we "just got rid of corporate welfare" then we wouldn't have a budget deficit nor (consequently) a national debt. That if we just stopped giving all those nasty corporations all that government cheese we'd be able to fund everything and everyone, from free education, to free jobs, to free house, and free healthcare.

Of course, when you try to peg them down on precisely how much in "corporate welfare" me and the other taxpayers give to these evil corporations, none of them have any figures. And so, as always with leftists, you can't rely on any kind of constructive debate that advances our understanding and moves us closer to a practical solution, simply because the left has no freaking clue what they're talking about. They're merely regurgitating talking points (usually lies) they heard from some other equally misinformed leftist and the real adult work of getting to the bottom of things and conducting research begins.

To be succinct and save you time, the truth is corporate welfare is poorly defined, and thus hard to measure. Leftists would claim any law or action by the government that would benefit corporations is "welfare." So if a construction company gets a contract to build a road that's "welfare" (even though the company IS building a road). Leftists would also claim any tax break or lowering of taxes is corporate welfare, obviously operating from the premise that all those corporate profits are THEIR money, not those stupid shareholders'. Again, lacking intellectual honesty and not really the definition of "welfare," this does not help us define corporate welfare, nor advance the conversation, let alone nail down a number.

But I believe there is some common ground we can agree upon.

For example I think we all agree that backroom deals and any UNFAIR gains given to connected corporations via political donations or lobbyists IS indeed corporate welfare. The TARP bailouts are no doubt corporate welfare. And the upcoming student loan bail

out's is also guaranteed to be corporate welfare (Oh wait, never mind. It's OK when stupid leftist college students get bailed out of their mistakes like banksters.)

Ergo, somewhere between the $19 trillion in corporate welfare (assuming if we believe the leftists and that without corporate welfare we'd have no debt) and the Benjamin of grease that is slapped on the palms of a local councilman, there is the true measure of corporate welfare that reasonable and intellectually honest people would agree upon. Unfortunately, I'm too lazy to economics today to find it. But fortunately I don't have to because two economists have done it for me.

A recent study from the Cato Institute suggests in 2012 corporate welfare was around $120 (at the federal level). Another study, done quite some time ago in 1990 suggested it was $170 billion. If we were to prorate that today to adjust for inflation and the increase in the budget/economy that would be about $500 billion. I'd like to split the difference and call it $330 billion, but I noticed the author of the second study was a professor of social work which I don't believe is a real science or discipline. In short, I don't trust academians over the Cato institution. Besides which, my suspicions were right. He is a life long academic, never setting foot in the real world, and in all intellectual honesty I have to believe his research was biased by his ideological leanings. So with this "mailing it in, back of napkin" economics, I've decided to weight the Cato Institute heavier than the lone socialist academian, I have come up with a cool **$225 billion in annual corporate welfare** (it should be noted however, this does not include TARP as - hopefully - that was a one time anal raping of the American taxpayer).

Naturally, it is impossible to know how much in corporate welfare there truly is. We can't measure every penny, won't know every bribe, and don't know which of Obama's cronies got which contract to run Solyndra. I'm heavily relying on the intellectual honesty and methodology of both economists mentioned above. And truth is I'd be more tempted to believe when all corruption and inefficiency is taken into account, it may very well be closer to the hippie pothead professor's $500 billion (which would actually make the case for the left for once!). The key thing, however, is to see if the leftist who parrots the "if we got rid of corporate welfare" line as the faintest clue as to what he's talking about. Hopefully, this post help you determine that.

Bachelor Pad Economics FINALLY Available on Audible!

May 10, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Finally f*cking here!

How Radical Muslims Will Get Nukes

May 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

They will simply vote themselves in and take over the UK and its arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Emma Watson and the Panama Papers

May 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I already made a video about the Panama Papers and how it was basically leftist journalists hoping for a "gotcha" moment, when in reality it was nothing more than rich people using the tax laws to LEGALLY lower their tax bills

But it's good when they eat their own.

Make a Fortune Selling Lies to Women

May 12, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Seriously, if I ever had a son I would tell him to forget medical school, forget engineering, and just go and lie to women to make your fortune.

Way easier.
Way less capital investment.
Just follow the democrat business model.

Lie to women.

What Would Happen if Trump Defaulted on the US Debt?

May 12, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If economics were taught this way, every man, woman, and child would be informed citizens and we wouldn't have the financial problems we have today.

Episode #149 of The Clarey Podcast - Huey Ray Fischer Episode!

May 13, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Mall of America
is blogging dying
Lie to get ahead
Is hate fucking rape?
Austin's leftists fuck over Austin's leftists
Huey Ray Fischer - the epitome of a lazy, millennial, socialist, parasite
SWPL Republicans blow $63 million of high school football stadium

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Why Feminist Ghost Busters Was Doomed from the Start

May 14, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An excellent analysis.

Another Western Motorcycle Adventure Begins

May 16, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings Lieutenants,

The Ole Captain has decided to retrieve his new motorcycle he purchased earlier this winter and drove from Sarasota to Las Vegas. It had to remain in Vegas until the snow in the upper states melted, which they have, and now it's time to fetch it.

Thankfully my buddy needed his RV transported from Minnesota to Las Vegas, which not only provided the opportunity for a free ride out to Vegas, but made me feel like Jason Statham in "The Transporter"...minus the cool car...and the hot Asian chick...and the muscles. But I beat Statham on hair.

Regardless, expect pictures from the American west as the Ole Captain's tour stops at great places like Kayenta, Grand Junction, Cortez, Steamboat, Denver, Hot Springs, and Deadwood.

Ahhhh Philly

May 16, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

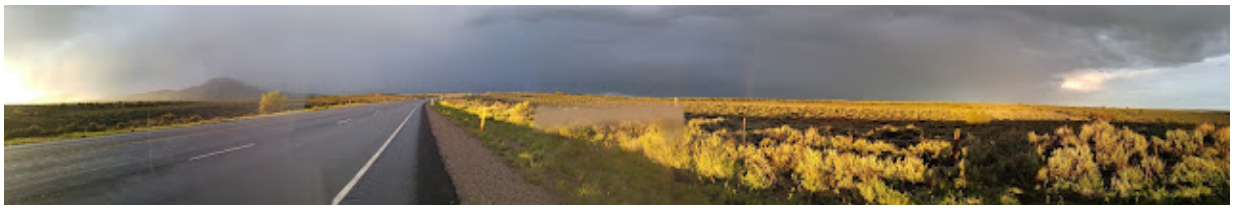
I'll always remember you fondly.

Las Vegas to Moab via Punching Through the Storm

May 17, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Did the first leg of the home coming trip to bring my new cruiser bike back. Started in Las Vegas early this morning and then made it up to Moab, Utah. The problem was, however, that there was a storm...which had just dumped snow in Zion National Park...and hail south of Moab...and was the storm we had to punch through. Because it's now or never to bring the bike back.

Unfortunately the shoddy rain poncho/gear I bought was torn to shreds by cross winds and the ole Captain got drenched and a tad bit hypothermic, but it did provide for some great post-storm pictures (though Monument Valley was "rained out")



Remember everybody, buy ALL of my books so when I get home I can retire.

The Continuiation of Cappy's Western Adventure

May 19, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

More pics, these are primarily from Moab, Utah. Half are "panorama" pics which you need to click on and expand to get the full effect.

The Major Lies of Feminism

May 20, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An excerpt from Bachelor Pad Economics, which if you haven't read it, you will after watching/listening to this video:

Sony Butthurt Over Feminist Ghostbusters?

May 22, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I was going to recommend you Geek Out with The Bechtloff until I saw YouTube has taken down his podcast/video because it had pictures from Sony's Ghostbusters (the feminist one) and thus violated the user policy.

Though, it does make one wonder was it really because some of the background pictures happen to be from Sony's film, or that the podcast, rightly, ripped the hell out of the upcoming shitshow called "We Don't Need No Man Ghostbusters."

In the meantime if you need something for your listening pleasure and still want to Geek Out with the Bechtloff, you can listen to John Steele's interview with him as they talk geekery and politics.

Also, will be making the final leg of the journey back home and posts will return to normal.

Overcoming the Lies of Your Elders

May 23, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You can buy the book here.

$1 Million Charity to See the New Ghostbusters

May 23, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You may make donations and share here. If this thing gets funded that would the funniest and coolest shit ever.

Fuck You Minnesota, and Fuck You Mark Dayton

May 23, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Plastic bag bans and now this.

Fuck you all.

South Senior High School in Minneapolis Racist Against Whites

May 25, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An agent in the field sent this to me. In the vain hopes of helping the students out at South Senior High I put together this video.

I'm sure they'll take down the page now that the "workshop" is over, but I have saved images from the page and will never let the school district forget that they:

1. are GENUINELY racist and hate white people
2. view the children as a means to profit off of instead of actually help them and educate them to be successful in the real world.
3. employ only the most worthless and unemployable parasites who lack the real world experience to teach their students anything of value
4. are the perfect argument to homeschool your children and privatize the schools ASAP

The Gospel of Wealth: Guest Post

May 26, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Gospel of Wealth

The West is an ever increasingly hostile environment for those who understand the virtues of capitalism and profit from it. The Occupy Wall Street movement, the growing hatred toward the 1%, the War on Cash, and even Pope Francis' War on Capitalism all send an alarming signal to the remaining capitalists of the world. The free market in the Land of the Free and throughout the West isn't so … well … free, anymore. Too many people mourn the death of the American Dream without realizing that its passing has come as a consequence of their attack on capitalism.

America was once the home of capitalism at its finest. From that era have come some of the greatest rags to riches stories of the American Dream. Andrew Carnegie's story is one of them. Carnegie was a capitalist giant in an age of US history when capitalism was king. The son of Scottish immigrants who moved to the United States in 1848, Carnegie was a hard worker and a passionate learner. Though he began spending most of his days working for $1.20 an hour, his hunger for learning was fed through the books he read thanks to a wealthy man who opened his library of 400 volumes to working boys each Saturday night.

Over the years, Carnegie made his way up the ladder of success. He became superintendent of the Pittsburgh Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at a young age, began investing in his early twenties, and eventually got involved in the ironworks industry. He soon left his position at the railroad, developed a steel rolling mill and built and expanded his company over the years.

Carnegie was an industrial success, a product of pure capitalism, and is recognized as the driving force behind the expansion of the US steel industry at the end of the nineteenth century. While many critics of capitalism would have him demonized in the history books as an industrial tycoon, Carnegie left behind a legacy of philanthropy — one he based on his personal philosophy as outlined in "The Gospel of Wealth."

In defense of capitalism

Written in 1889, Carnegie's "The Gospel of Wealth" still contains financial wisdom any aspiring capitalist should analyze and put into practice — whether they ever intend to become a philanthropist or not. One of the most important points he made was one that many people in the US have forgotten: the benefits of capitalism. He argued that the contrast between the millionaire's palace and the laborer's cottage was merely a measure of the change which comes with civilization. This contrast was not to be

deplored, but welcomed and recognized as something beneficial, and even essential for the progress of society. The material development and improved conditions that come in the wake of capitalism — despite the inequality it creates — makes life better for society as a whole.

Yet, all the poor working class Americans of the 21st century with TVs, iPads, and smart phones will never recognize capitalism's general advancement of society because the mentality of entitlement has taught them that they are the victim.
Yes, despite the incredible material comforts that have made the life of even the poorest among us more lavish than that of ancient kings, the advancements of capitalism are still stained by the inequality that so often grows out of the free market.
But Carnegie knew that this inequality was the price society pays for the law of competition, and that it was a price worth paying.

What to do with excess wealth

Carnegie also recognized that those who rise to the top by virtue of the free market will soon have more money than they could possibly ever spend on themselves.His question, then, was what the wealthy were to do with their fortunes, especially when taking into consideration the fact that one day the possessor of such wealth would die. He argued that there were really only three ways to administer surplus wealth: it could be 1) left to the families of the descendent, 2) used for public services (i.e. taken by the government at death through the estate tax or voluntary donation) or 3) administered by the possessor during their lifetime.

Of the first two options, Carnegie was skeptical. He felt that leaving one's wealth to family was more of a disservice than a blessing, and stated that "the thoughtful man must shortly say, 'I would as soon leave to my son a curse as the almighty dollar.'" Man must earn his wealth, not inherit it. And, of the second option of leaving wealth at death for public use, Carnegie argued that this was only an option for those who were content to wait until they were dead before becoming of much good in the world. He also claimed that those who earned such wealth were the individuals in possession of the exact skills needed to administer it. He also pointed out the great waste in so-called charity programs where money was spent so unwisely that it produced the very evils it was aimed at eliminating. Sound familiar?

So Carnegie argued that the best means of administering your excess wealth was to use it during your lifetime. His conclusion was to use it for charitable purposes that aimed at helping those who would help themselves.
By the time of his death in 1919, Carnegie had funded the construction of 3,000 public libraries and either funded and/or founded several universities. In all, he had given away $350,695,653 (roughly $76.9 billion adjusted to 2015) of his wealth.

Your Wealth, Your Decision

Now, I am not going to tell you as Carnegie did that you should spend your excess wealth on projects that will improve the general condition of the human race. Nor am I going to tell you not to if that is what you wish to do with it.
But I *am* going to agree with Carnegie in his applause of capitalism and his conclusion that you should not wait for your wealth to be used by the government at your death.

Because — whether you want to believe it or not — you will die and the government will take your money.
In fact, the United States government will take 40 per cent of it. And, yes, that's one of the highest rates in the world. The fourth highest to be exact (tied with the UK).

The beauty of being a capitalist, however, is that you are not bound by the borders in which you were born. Countries and the estate tax laws they wield have borders, you don't.

Once you go beyond the lines that are drawn on maps — the lines that make up countries and house Big Government — you'll discover that there is a lot more freedom for you and your wealth on this planet. There are even countries that won't take your money when you die.

Not a cent.

You read that right: there are countries on this rotating chunk of rock that will not charge you a single penny for dying. There are a lot of them, if truth be told; and you can take advantage of that by diversifying your wealth on an international scale. Just since 2000, eleven countries and two jurisdictions have repealed their inheritance or estate taxes. And these are places where you probably wouldn't mind keeping your money while you're alive to begin with — countries like Singapore and Hong Kong. Even tax-happy governments like Norway and Sweden — not shy to use revenue from tax rates as high as 60% for their own brand of social welfare — have done away with the estate tax.

In other words, you have a lot of options.

So don't wait until you're on your death bed to think about the eternal destiny of your wealth. Make active decisions now to ensure that your wealth does what you want it to do and goes where you want it to go while you're here and when you're gone.

If not, the government will decide for you.

Vote for Bernie Sanders

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And this is what you millennial dipshits will get.

I Refuse to Defend Western Women

May 26, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And so should you.

Why I Will End Funding to All Public Universities

May 27, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Our "brightest"

More Smug Leftist Virture Signalling from Target

May 29, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Didn't know this was going on until I just saw the commercial now. The campaign has been going on since 2015, but it's just cementing my decision not to give this corporation any more money.

Dear "Capitalists," Monetize Your F@cking Sites Already!

May 30, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Look, if you're a "right of center" podcaster, blogger, or YouTuber, could you at least not by a hypocrite by asking for "patreon" donations like NPR and at least run ads on your fucking site?

Episode #150 of The Clarey Podcast (For Your Memorial Day Drive Listening Pleasure)

May 30, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ummm...yes I can say "Happy" Memorial Day you idiots.
Baton twirling, parades, football and soccer.
"I'm gonna stay at home."
Poser PUA, Life Coaches, and MGTOWS
The Lord will not provide for dumbasses.
Asking out the HR lady.
Hate mail and Fan Mail.
It's funny seeing Venezuela suffer.

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Elizabeth Holmes Prediction About "Women's Empowerment"

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I know, I know girls. It just isn't fair that you have to actually do the maths and the hard work and the STEM in order for there to be genuine production and thus, genuine value in society. Trust me, I know sister, it's all part of a patriarchy conspiracy called "reality."

But in the meantime, how much you want to bet the professional victim industry is going to swipe this disgraced fraud right up and put her on a speaking/consulting tour about "empowering women?"

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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On a related note, economist in Minnesota thinks he has figured out the magic "Minority Report" formula to ID future millennial mass shooters who kill innocents because they couldn't get laid.

Details at 6!

Why Even Conservatives Don't Deserve America

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Though I wrote the book "Enjoy the Decline," my 37 years of life previous to its authoring still left some semblance, some nagging ounce of hope, and love for this country. That perhaps, through spectacular luck and unseen natural economic and political forces, the country would wake up, vote against the state, and pursue a new path towards freedom, liberty, and greatness. Of course, I have no genetic skin in the country's future game, but still, it was a dormant hope that kept popping up, and one that (though appreciated) I still managed to keep in check.

Sadly, that hope is now officially gone as I've realized even the majority of conservatives do not deserve America.

This final nail in the coffin came in the form of a new podcast I was listening to over my Memorial Day travels. It was clever, it was intelligent, it was libertarian, it had 35,000 subscribers. And so I was hopeful I could run some ads for my own books on their show resulting in a mutually beneficial arrangement. Of course, when the segment came up where they'd normally run advertising, they did the most non-conservative, non-capitalist, 100% NPR thing - they asked for donations. This then sent me into a tirade as not only were my hopes at future profit and a better life dashed, but this was just one more of the many "conservative, libertarian, pro-freedom, pro-capitalist" social media sites that proved to be only capitalist in theory.

This experience then reminded me of the exhausting, wasteful, pointless, and sometimes outright costly experiences I've had doing business with effectively "not liberals."

When I was on my "Worthless" book tour I was sponsored by a young conservative college group. I took a full week of vacation and a week of leave of absence to tour the country, giving a speech about the risks of majoring in worthless subjects. Hoping this would prove mutually beneficial (I would profit, young college students would invest wisely in their education), I was instead greeted by impossibly inept republican, conservative, or libertarian college students which made the entire tour a waste.

They'd only book the room for 15 minutes, while the speech was an hour.
They forgot to bring an LCD projector, and one time chairs.
Some conservative college groups failed to advertise the speech altogether, and thus...
We'd have a whopping 3-4 people in the audience if anybody showed up at all.

Then there was the two speeches I gave to the MN GOP and Tea Party. Thinking these were wiser, older, more mature people, I expected we would not endure the same youth-caused logistical problems that plagued my book tour. Which we didn't. We did,

however, get to deal with a whole new problem. It fell on deaf ears.

Not that the speech wasn't good. Not that the audience didn't love it (they did). But the whole point of the speech was how to get young men interested in conservative politics. At best, both audiences had 20 years left of life expectancy, and they wanted to bring new blood into the GOP. And after delivering a rousing speech, which clearly and cleverly laid out a brilliant strategy to do this....nothing. Not a single thing.

No call.
No inquiry.
No follow up.

I even called MULTIPLE chapters of the GOP to volunteer only to NEVER have a single call returned. I even attended the republican caucus HANDING MY CARD TO THE INTERIM CHAIR, EXPLICITLY STATING I'D LIKE TO HELP only to once again, never hear back. It became apparent to me that this ineptitude and laziness is so rife and complete within the republican party, that its presumed most ardent cheerleaders don't even care about freedom enough to expend the 2 calories of energy it takes to call people back.

Then there's boycotting. Boycotting is very simple to me. If you as a company, an actor, or some other agent in the US is/are going to advocate an action that lessens my freedom and life, I'm not going to give you any of my business, money, or time. I don't buy Apple. I don't shop at Target. I don't buy Starbucks. I don't bank at any bank that took TARP money. And I'd Napster U2's music (if I wanted to listen to very bland, very beige, baby boomer tripe).

But oh no, that's too much of an inconvenience for 95% of the conservatives in America. They will line up for every Leonardo DiCaprio movie, get their daily starbucks, fork over their children's college fund for the newest iPhone, bank at Bank of America, and will support communism directly by getting gas at Citgo. Of course, the hypocrisy is if the 50% of the American public (which is presumably conservative) were to all cut off these agent whores of socialism, then there'd be more REAL change overnight than there was during Reagan's entire administration. But that's just too inconvenient to drive the 5 minutes down to Dunn Brothers, the 6 minutes down to Wal-Mart, and geez, we SWPL republican suburbanites just can't let the neighbors see us with a Samsung!

Then there's my personal experiences with so called "capitalists" in my own life. Related to my frustration over the "*non-profit capitalist*" podcast that didn't run ads, most conservatives, libertarians, capitalists and free marketers I've meet in my life just lack the hustle and desire to achieve excellence. They just plain lack the work ethic and hunger it takes to push themselves, and thus as a group, society to new levels of success, innovation, achievement, and accomplishment. And so when I try to employ them, either through contract work, reaching out to them to conduct business, or perhaps offering

them money outright, the responses I get are...

never calling me back,
6 month delays,
lethargy,
a completely lack of hustle,
a cluelessness about the opportunity that is being wasted,
no appreciation for the insane value of time,
no appreciation for the potential of profit,
shoddy work, or
no work at all

They, like the aforementioned podcast, are merely academian, theoretician, Monday morning quarterback capitalists. They like to claim they are, but never put forth the effort to become actual capitalists.

This, among other things, has forced me to conclude that the majority of conservatives (not all) are very much like most liberals and leftists. They view politics and economics not as the key to unlock and unleash the total potential of human kind, allowing us to drastically improve the lives of future generations, and achieve untold levels of greatness in our own. They view it as a religion, a therapy session, and a substitute for real and genuine accomplishment in life because they're too damn lazy to put any real work or effort into it. This is why after 40 years of Rush Limbaugh and 35 years of conservative talk radio, nothing has been achieved because, just like going to church, it's easier to bitch, whine, lament, rue, and mope, than actually put forth the work and effort. And just because they claim to be conservative doesn't meant they have a harder work ethic or know better. They just happened to be lucky to choose the political model that actually works.

All these drawbacks aside, however, there is a silver lining.

The epiphany that most conservatives are just as inept and lazy as leftists has allowed me to achieve great solace, serenity, and calm in my philosophical and political-psychological-life because, frankly, the vast majority of Americans do not deserve America. Democrat or Republican, conservative or socialist, capitalist or communist, the majority of people are just too damn lazy and incompetent to deserve something as great as America. This should be of great alleviation to both you and me because we no longer have to:

worry
fret
or burden ourselves with the future of this country because...

this country and its people will get PRECISELY what they deserve. It is perfect justice, it is right and correct, and for us to get in its way is not only wrong, but a waste of what few and precious moments of life we have on the planet. Cheer it on and…

Enjoy the decline.

What Do You Call a Marine Reverend?

May 31, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Sir."

Introducing a new blog and podcast, Rev. (and Marine) Kenn Blanchard.

You can find his blog here, but you can find his podcast "Black Man With a Gun" (though I prefer "Preacher with a Gun") here.

The Reverend has been kind enough to help me get Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty out there, so please stop in and check him out, especially if you are a gun enthusiast.

What Are Negative Interest Rates? (An Explanation for Normal People)

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Dear Facebook, I Think It's Time We Took a Break

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Dear Facebook,

I know we've had our troubles in the past, especially you kicking me out of your life for a 72 hour probationary period. However, thankfully, in those 72 hours without you it gave me time to pause, think, and reflect upon our relationship.

You see, while I love interacting online with my friends, engaging in conversation, and provoking new thought and emotions in others, in the end I find that about 90% of my time spent with you is ultimately wasted. I've been conditioned to automatically click on my Facebook App icon if I see there's a new notification, only to realize it's a picture or a comment that neither advances nor genuinely improves my life. When I hear that "ding" on my phone my heart has palpitations, thinking it may be something of genuine intellectual interest, only to see it's another, of increasingly common, articles about refugees raping their "Refugees Welcome" hosts or Donald Trump p'wnding the media. And instead of going to bed at a reasonable hour, you keep me up at night in the vain hopes you might just say something useful, inspiring, or intelligent to me...and you just don't. When I add it up, I waste a full 2 hours a day with you that is just unrewarding.

Also, to be honest, you're just a bit too controlling. When I'm having a private conversation with friends about sensitive political topics, you seem to think you have the authority to come in and ban me out of your life because of my views. And I fear it isn't even my views as much as it is my language, which makes you even more invasive and tyrannical! My use of the word "faggot" (which I can only surmise is why you wanted to not see me for those ponderous 72 hours, but you won't tell me) wasn't a slander against gays (of which you KNOW I'm pro-gay and pro-gay marriage), as much as it was leftist faggoty pussies that are destroying our nation. And my BFF Chris? You banned him too for equally unknown reasons! Of course, I know I'm under your house and your rules, and you can make up whatever rules you want, but I just thought you were more progressive and open-minded than that, especially for somebody from San Francisco.

Considering all this, I agree with you. I think we do need a break. But unlike your 72 hour probation period, I don't want to see you for 2 weeks. I miss my real friends in the real world. I want it to be like the 80's again where we met in meatspace, played baseball, had lunch, and biked all over town. I want to find myself again so I don't lose myself to a digital world of kitty pics, Daily Mail tabloid articles, and Donald Trump hashtags. I want to go and fish and ride my motorcycle and live life. And truthfully, I want to end my addiction to clicking on the Facebook app everytime I hear a "ding" or see a notification.

I know this may be hard for you...and heaven help you if millions of other people were to

do the same thing. Because, unlike "boycotting big oil for one day" if millions of people didn't check into Facebook for two weeks, that might actually have an effect...but I think we both need more than 72 hours off to find ourselves. Me, so I'm not wasting the two hours a day on unrewarding clickbait...and you so you can realize that expending shareholder resources lording over and snooping in on people's conversations probably isn't a good idea.

I'll only be calling when I need to post articles I've written or post a new episode on my podcast. Until then....

Farewell,

Aaron Clarey

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http://www.assholeconsulting.com
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Time for the Nerds to Show Down MassMutual over H-1B Visas

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Article can be found here.

The REAL Threat the "Quadrillion" Derivatives Market Poses to the World Economy

June 2, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Just keeping it real folks:

Chad Finally Got His CPA Site Up!

June 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Our good friend Chad Elkins finally has his site up which you can find here.

Remember, if you're looking for a good accountant, be it for taxes, audit, financial advice, or business accounting, consider contacting Chad.

Friday Afternoon Linkage

June 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Aurini vs. YouTube. A compelling case to diversify your social media.

Glorious Karl also chimes in about the censoring in today's social media.

A book review I was paid $350 to do...and it still wasn't enough. It's about Fareed Zakaria's "In Defense of a Liberal Education" and it was TRULY an insight as to just how much of a bubble our educational elite live in.

Eat, sleep, sex. It's so simple but you girls just insist on making it complicated.

Asshole Consulting Sponsors a Race Team

June 4, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I kid you not! (and no it's not photoshopped)

You may find more about the team, racer, and race here.

Remember, if you have problems and you want them solved AND you don't want Oprah rainbows blown up your ass, visit Asshole Consulting!

Burn Baby Burn

June 6, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Again, I'll explain it to the younger and dumber people out there,

if you attend a school that runs advertisements during day time TV that is proof you are an idiot, you have no hope in life, and you shouldn't make it worse by attending one of these schools.

At any point in your history of ignorance you may read my book for a fraction of the cost it takes you to go to a degree mill.

Looking to Hire Pastors and Priests

June 6, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The ole Captain has a heck of a doozy plan in that little brain of his and I'm in need of pastors and priests. I need GOOD pastors and priests, not morons who wanted to avoid the vietnam war and just signed up at the local seminary because they didn't have anything better to do in their lives. REAL men of the cloth who are passionate about their work, truly believe in what they do, produce good sermons, and are the slightest bit technologically savvy.

If you know any or you yourself are one, please contact the ole Captain below at his "about" profile.

Episode #151 of the Clarey Podcast!

June 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Telling your wife "no."
The world will not end if I don't put the glass away.
At least Fred Flintstone put up a fight.
Marrying the ocean.
Podcast pastor!

AND MORE!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Raping the Canadian Taxpayer

June 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The good news is the Muslims will totally take care of this.

Ladies, Do You Want to Close the Wage Gap or Just Bitch About It?

June 7, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because I'm sick and tired of hearing the whinny complainy bullshit:

In the meantime, if you're serious, you may close the wage gap anytime by reading this book.

Actually, Most Bosses Are Idiots

June 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My dislike of authority or bosses is certainly no secret. People may chalk this up to my personality, my independence, or my ego. But my personal eccentricities that makes W4 work impossible aside, the majority of people do not like having a boss. Additionally, the majority of people think their bosses are idiots and they could do a better job.

"Wisdom" and experience merely writes this off as ego, or the pride of the employee. Sure, all bosses are "idiots" and all of them "suck." Now why don't you suck it up and get your ass back to work like the rest of us. But something got me thinking about bosses, as well as the nature of companies. The vast majority of them fail. And very few last more than 100 years. Meaning, matter of fact, by statistical reality...yes...

most bosses do suck, are idiots, and the employees are very likely right.

After wracking my brain to come up with a formula to calculate what percent of companies fail, and thus, what percent of bosses are incompetent idiots, I realized this was an impossible task because of the nature of businesses.

8 out of 10 businesses fail in 18 months. But those are start ups and not established companies with thousands of middle management bosses.

Also, those entrepreneurs/bosses may start multiple companies.

What if the company doesn't go belly up, but grows? Vindication of good bosses, but then it's bought out and management is cut to save overhead.

Do we include bosses in mergers? How do we track them? They could have helped the company grow, but lack the foresight to avoid getting laid off (as they train in their replacements).

The truth is there is no way to nail it down to a single digital percentage, but in just looking at how few companies actually survive long term, as well as the short term failure rate, the mathematical reality is the VAST majority of bosses are incompetent oafs who really don't know what they're doing. From outright idiotic business moves elucidated in "Restaurant Impossible," to the daily chronicling of Scott Adam's Dilbert, to the bailing out of companies that couldn't see the housing bubble coming, as a whole corporate America and your average employer are freaking morons that usually end up stealing money from their creditors (and sometimes taxpayers). But what's worse is the mental torture they wreak on their employees. Employees who have simple, basic common sense, know precisely what's wrong with the company, but are either disciplined or just outright

terminated if they dare to point out the failings of their supervisors or, worse, can't simply live the lies their bosses want them to.

In the end having very average, if not, inferior people promoted based on conformance, compliance and ass kissing spells inevitable doom to the majority of employers. They are not only incapable of management or leadership, but are also incapable of identifying opportunities that would result in a successful company, not to mention threats that immediately threaten its survival. This is why nearly every company you or I have worked for is no longer in business and if you were to look up your bosses, they too have likely been fired, "let go," or are now working for a completely new employer.

But don't worry, they're actively working on bankrupting that company too.

The Difference Between Keynesian and Austrian Economics

June 8, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A request from an Asshole Consulting client that I thought I'd share:

The Victim Whoring Industry Targets AirBNB

June 9, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Crony capitalist/lobbyists targeting a new and up-and-coming start up that threatens their business model?
Check

Worthless humans who can't be employed pimping out some leftist cause so they can get shake down money?
Check

No empirical proof AirBNB is guilty of racism and it's just thus far hearsay?
Check

Why There Are No High Hopes for Trump

June 9, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I find the heart attacks and strokes traditional (and typically, older) republicans have over Trump to be entertaining because it is perfectly analogous to your old, square parents just not getting something the younger kids are hip to. And that "something" is the fact that Trump, as bad as he is, is at least not a career politician. He's not been in office, he has private sector experience, he speaks his mind, and even though we may even vehemently disagree with some things he says, it's the fact he's blunt about it that makes it so refreshing.

Still, the fuddy-duddies and has-beens in the republican party, take out their canes, and yell at us like Grandpa Simpson, "*Dag nabbit!!! Don't you youngin's know Trump is a wolf in sheep's clothing!!!??? Why he was a democrat before he ran for the republican nomination! Why can't you vote for somebody sensible and who wears good shoes and has a decent haircut like that Kasich fella!!!!????*" And to them we roll our eyes, pat them on the head, and say, "there there grandpa." For no matter how many times you try to explain it, they just don't seem to get it.

However, in order to show that Trump supporters aren't naive, foolish children, and that we are fully aware of his dubious background, let me let you old timers in on a little secret.

Nobody has high hopes for Trump.

Oh, I'm sure some people do, but most Trump supporters are fully aware that he is not the absolute best this country has to offer (that would've been Ben Carson). We are aware of his questionable background. And we are sure his personality will ruffle all the right and wrong feathers in Washington. But what the old-timer republicans have to understand is the Bush-McCain-Bush-Bush-Dole-Romney-Cruz legacy of candidates the republican party has given us is even worse. And with such a low (and corrupt....and nepotistic...and elitist) standard Trump, with all of his faults, still clears that hurdle.

So then what precisely are we expecting from Trump?

Well, frankly nothing.

It goes without saying he will effectively be an independent party president as neither the republicans or democrats in congress will work with him. He's also only one man, unable to solve our nation's largest problem (national debt/the economy) as it's beyond solving. He might build a wall, but again, congress would have to fund him. And the psychological indoctrinating foundation has already been laid for 30 years to raise a generation of truly

worthless, unreliable, and borderline psychotic socialists who simply won't discover a work ethic once Trump gets elected.

All we are hoping for is a slow down to buy us some more time so that we might see a social security check or two. That maybe we don't let all of Syria, Iraq, and Somalia into our country next week. Perhaps he even keeps taxes from jolting up to pay for all the socialist parasites the republicans were incapable of stopping. So inept and so impotent has the republican party been at stopping America from being ruined, we'd rather take a bet on somebody we don't truly know because doing that same thing over and over again isn't working. And since the republican's track record has been so bad, we really don't have any expectations from Mr. Trump, and won't be surprised if he achieves nothing.

And just keep in mind, that minimal level of quality and caliber is still a better option than the same RINO republican slop candidates you've been serving all this time. Enjoy that decline!

How Democrats Use and Abuse the Black Community

June 10, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A letter I wrote to one of my favorite radio shows that I thought might be worth sharing:

Dear Joe,

While your efforts to improve the lot and lives of those living in North Minneapolis is certainly noble, altruistic, and admirable, in an effort to advance the conversation to the point there might actually be a solution, an interesting question occurred to me.

Precisely what responsibility is it of the Minneapolis City council, let alone the state, to "fix" things in North Minneapolis? no other municipality in the state has council members trying to "close racial gaps" and "fix neighborhoods." In other words once the city, state, county, etc. supply public infrastructure, roads, cops, etc., their public and civil duty has been met and it is now up to the individuals within various communities to determine their own futures and lots in life.

Assuming this is true, this leads me to believe the various cohorts of councilmembers, state politicians, activists, etc., don't view the black community as a bunch of self-determined individuals, deserving of the same rights, treatment, and opportunities as whites, but rather pawns in their games to attain power, wealth, public office, and ego satisfaction. Worse, they are willing to lie to entire neighborhoods, communities, even races, costing them their lives and futures as long as it helps advance their own self-serving political agendas.

It won't be until true statesmen are elected, who actually put the lives of blacks ahead of their political agendas and have the courage to point out the drawbacks of illegitimate children, self-pity, and replacing fathers with government checks, will the plight of North Minneapolis improve. Unfortunately, most leftist politicians neither have the courage, nor incentive to do this. Deep down inside I accuse them of being fully aware that North Minneapolis is not their responsibility, but instead of just leaving them alone, they take advantage of them.

Perhaps highlighting this cowardice and abuse, or at least accusing them of it in public will wake up enough people in North Minneapolis that they jettison these false leftist prophets and take control of their own lives and destinies.

Good luck,

Aaron

Another Reason Not to Attend Mizzou

June 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because in addition to racism and hatred towards whites, you get to pay inflated tuition because of leftist, academic scum like this.

An Eye Brow Raised

June 11, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Interesting, first time I can remember a government doing something sensible.

Why I Don't Care About the Shooting

June 13, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because so far, the vast majority of people killed in not just this, but all the terrorist attacks, are those who voted it in upon themselves:

I will be addressing in SLIGHTLY more detail my thoughts on the shooting in the upcoming podcast, but frankly, this isn't anything new and I'm not rushing my day today for something that is going to be a common occurrence (that would be terrorist attacks) every 3-6 months in this country.

Episode #152 of The Clarey Podcast - "Why the Florida Shootings Don't Matter" Episode

June 13, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Why the Florida shooting doesn't matter
Realtors have no hustle
PS4 spells the end of console gaming
"Unicorn Rape!" They're not all false accusations!

and MORE!

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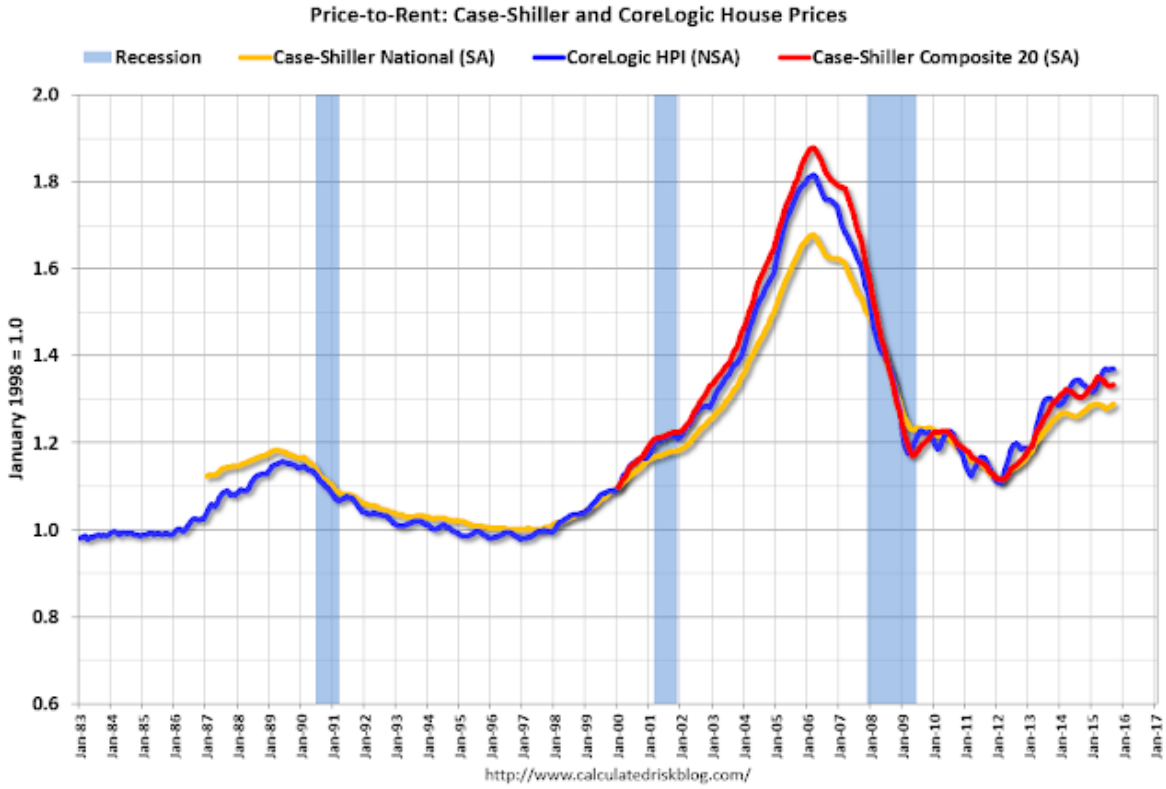
Is There Another Housing Bubble?

June 14, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

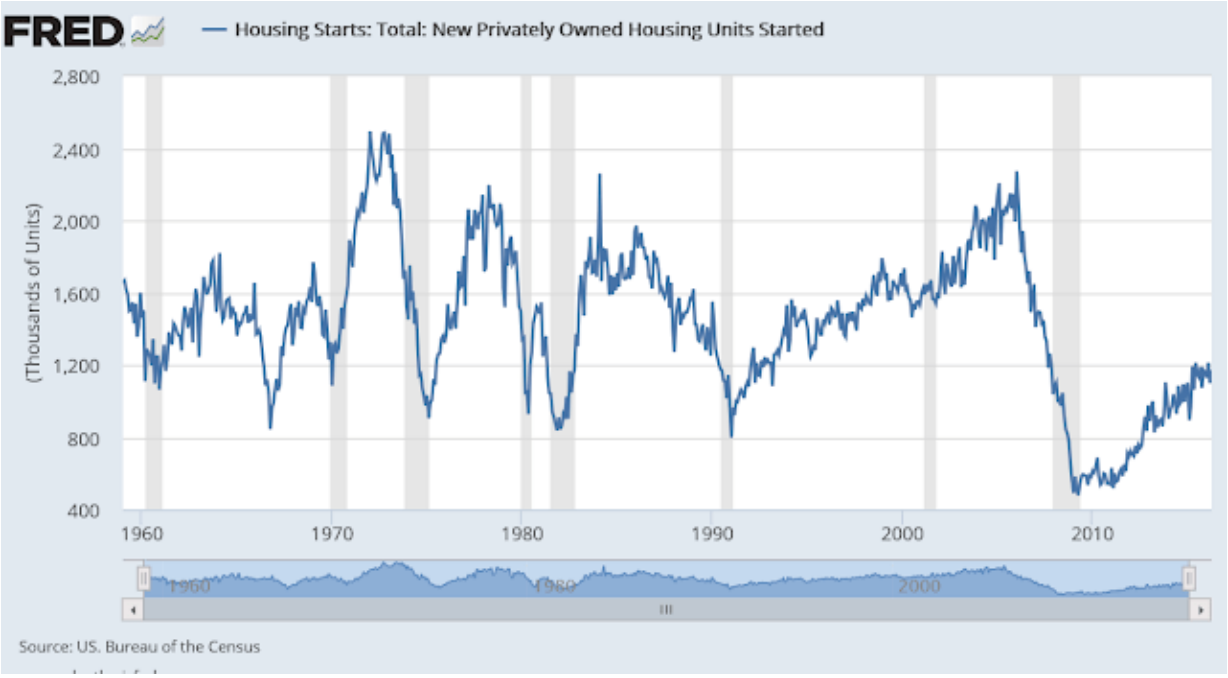
Because of the news and talk and social media and anecdotal stories about the return of NINJA loans, people have been asking whether there was another housing bubble and whether we could expect another crash. So, since this has become an increasingly common question, I decided to put some research into it and the answer is

"No, not really."

The primary measure by which we gauge whether or not housing prices are sane is the "price to rents" ratio. Very much like a "price to earnings" ratio for stocks, the price to rents ratios does the same thing by comparing the value of a house versus the rents it can generate. And if we look at this ratio today we can see that though a touch above historical averages, housing prices are nowhere near a bubbly as they were in 2006:



Normally I would stop here because this would provide the definitive answer, but whereas the above chart looks at the demand for housing that drives values (rents), I also like to look at the other side of the economic equation - supply. And here, once again, we are nowhere near the insane levels of supply we endured in the mid 2000's:



So while yes, there is technically a bubble, I would not be freaking out just yet about an imminent housing collapse like we saw in 2007. I would be more worried about the

collapse of our currency than the collapse of housing prices at the moment.

The Day's Just Keep Getting Better

June 14, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

At least for those of us in the "I told you so" crowd.

Trump is so going to win this one.

A Bet for Mr. Conan O'Brien

June 14, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ahem...

Here's a Foreigner I Want in My Country

June 15, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Surgeon and sues the TSA.

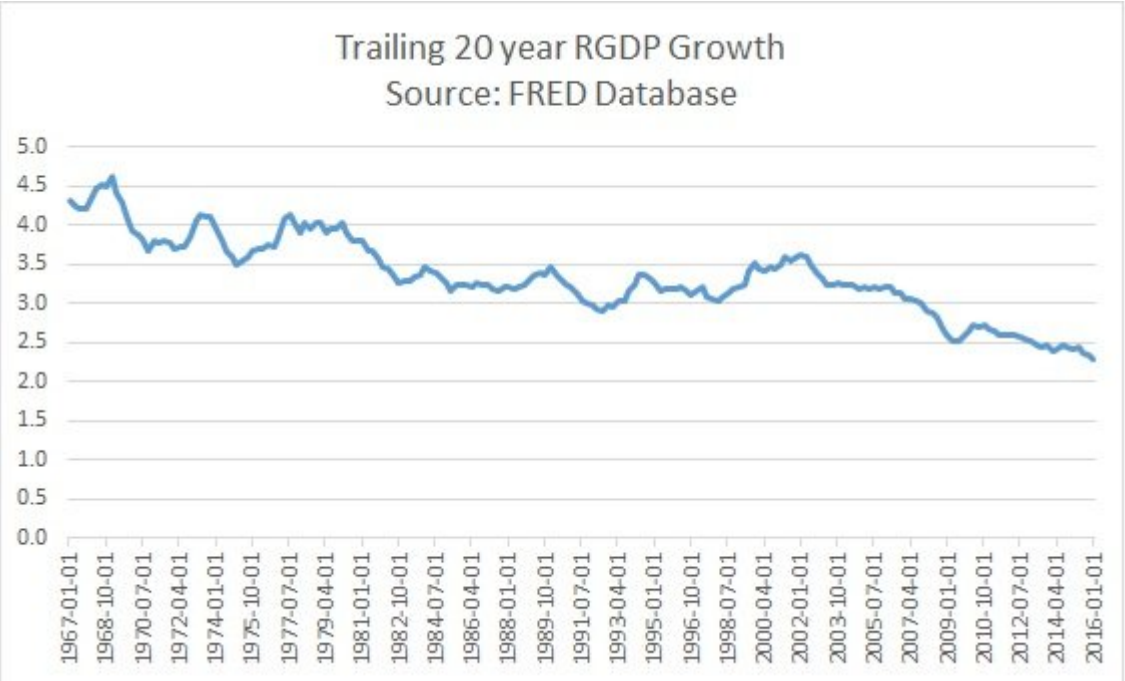
Buy this man a cigar, some apple pie, and an AR 15!

Obama Just Can't Get It Up...GDP I Mean

June 15, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

With only two effective quarters left of the Obama presidency, I wanted to see what RGDP growth looked like so I could update my famous "Rolling 20 Year Average RGDP Growth Rate." Once again, this takes the past 20 years of economic growth and averages them out to see what kind of long term, "generational" growth rate our country is producing. And with last quarter's GDP coming in at a paltry .8% growth rate, I wanted to see what effect Obama's past couple of years has had on this measure.

And it's what you'd expect.



As you know I have largely given up trying to sound the alarms and toll the bells to wake the American sheeple up to the major economic and financial problems we have. However, this chart is the one I want to be remembered for when I die, because it speaks so directly to the major problem we as a country have. That we are increasingly lazy, slothful, entitled, and incapable of producing the historical economic growth this nation once did. And while the only real solution to our immense financial problems is economic growth, this modern day American economic engine is so replete with:

1. immigrants who go on the government dole more than they work
2. divorce which begets single motherhood which produces more criminals than engineers
3. entitled, spoiled little millennial and gen x brats who genuinely think economic wealth just grows on trees
4. a non-profit/public sector/activist unproductive class

that it's just too weak to produce the growth necessary to solve our financial problems.

So the next time you get involved in some kind of economic debate.
Or you are in class and your professor is talking about how Obama saved the economy.
Or some idiot republican says we need to "grow ourselves" out of these problems

Just point to the chart
Pour yourself a scotch
Take a sip
And tell the fucker to have a cup of STFU.

Another Reason Not to Shop at Target

June 16, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

They're just so smug about how open-minded and progressive they are, aren't they?

Interview with Kerry Lutz

June 16, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Kerry had me on his show this week. Remember to visit Kerry if you're looking for your daily dose Financial Survival!

Reconnaissance Man

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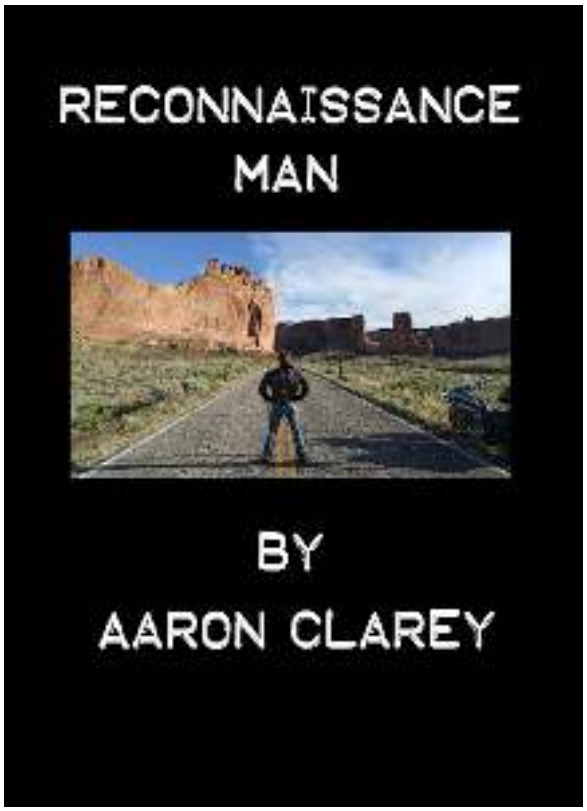

A Very Happy "Don't Piss Off the Penguins" Father's Day

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I Hate Teachers

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Especially the lazy, fat, marxist slobs holding Mexican children hostage as they fake being "educators."

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Too many white people in the crowd.

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Percent of professional athletes who go bankrupt
Hot babes who have hustle and a work ethic

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Michael Steven Sanford - Pushing the Envelope

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Normally I would say "the father could not be reached for comment," but there is more going on here than the standard scum of the earth that are begotten by the lack of a father.

1. I love how they are pushing "autism/asperbgers" as a reason for pleading mental insanity. Now any one of these idiot emo millennials will be able to plead insanity because of a mental disorder that may exist, but normal people fake-claim to have to get the feelz/attentions/government check.

2. Of course he's here illegally

3. Another pussy of a man without a strong/real father who doesn't hit the gym will have trouble with girls. Since women play the largest role in a man's life at least genetically, failure in this arena will send some of the weaker minded "men" into despair and result in stupid behavior like "killing Trump."

4. I couldn't find it, but how much you want to bet this worthless human isn't majoring in something that will produce a good or service other people want?

It's Come to This: Don't Date Girls On Campus

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However, while I was more focused on trying to figure out if he just naturally looked creepy, failed to read their signals, or truly was the victim of an increasing feminist-anti-male-rape-hysteria-drama, a solution recommended in the comments section to my consult hit me as it is a depressing portender of things to come.

"Don't date girls on your campus."

Cappy Explains Brexit

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With lot's of cursing, swearing, and simple common sense:

It's Not the Single Mother's Fault

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that she married the man who would murder her child.

See, he was just a great guy, so great you just had to exchange vows with him, and then all of the sudden, POOF!!!!! He totally changed 180 and killed her daughter. Out of nowhere!! No signs. No hints. Just BAAAM!!! Dr. Jeykell and Mr. Hyde!

See, so there were absolutely NO warning signs and this woman, who let the murderer of her daughter into their home, is not to have any guilt whatsoever because single mothers are never wrong about anything ever.

All I ask of you fuck up baby boomer (and now) Gen X parents is can you at least not ***murder*** your children or step children and leave them alive long enough so they seek help from Asshole Consulting? See my business needs future clients, and you guys have been doing a GREAT job fucking up generations of children. I appreciate it, I really do. But if you kill them then how am I supposed to make money on your shitting parenting job?

Abuse them, beat them, scream at them, steal from them, and give them the WORST advice possible. But for the love of god, don't kill them. I need them alive!

Fan Art!

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A young man named Arjay was kind enough to draw this picture for me since he appreciated Bachelor Pad Economics. I sent him an e-mail to see if he had a website in case some of you were interested in hiring him but he has yet to respond. I will post it immediately once he sends it over. In the meantime, consider buying Bachelor Pad Economics since it's now available in AUDIBLE meaning you don't have to read and can do something else while taking in my Super Awesome Economic Genius that has saved the financial lives of thousands!

Job Posting for Pastors and Priests

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The Ole Captain is looking to hire. If you happen to know any (especially the kind that get back to you and have hustle). the Ole Captain should would appreciate it.

Friends Don't Let Friends Attend Law School

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Arguably my biggest and best beat down of liberal-art majoring lawyers in terms of what incentivizes them and how they deserve the financially crippled life they bring upon themselves. Feel free to share with any lawyers you may know! ;)

Congratulations to the Brits Who Voted for Brexit!

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And fuck the 49% of you who voted against your own country's sovereignty you traitorous fucks:

The British Pound's "Collapse" After Brexit

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Yes, it truly was NOT epic, NOR a crash.

Are Government Bonds the Next "Big Short?"

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You may worship my SAEG (TM) here:

You may share my SAEG(TM) with as many people as you like in the hopes people actually learn something about economics.

Resident Artist for Cappy Cap

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Wanted to give due props to the fan who put together the drawing for Bachelor Pad Economics. You can find his site here if you need some artistic talent.

The Perfect Woman by a Perfect Woman

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Greetings all, currently trying to finish my latest book/guide on schedule which has taken time away from posting on the ole blog. Had a reader kind enough to write a guest post in the meantime about the "perfect woman."

The Captain is busy preparing his next literary regale, and asked me to entertain you with the woman of your dreams...

Real women are nearly extinct. But, as with the fossil record, we do know that they existed and what they are like.

Proverbs contains the full identification of the ideal woman. The book is relatively old, written around 900BC. In chapter 31, the question that plagued men in that time seems even more hopeless now: "An excellent wife, who can find?" A woman of excellence is rare; she is an asset and not a liability. The qualities Proverbs describes her with are: trustworthy, faithful, wise, kind, willing to work with her hands, productive, prepared, conscientious, a good money manager, a financial contributor to the household (yes, really!), caring for the needs of her family - and even the community. She serves her family with every attribute of her femininity - her intellect, body, hands, emotions, and strength. That woman, my dear men, is "far more precious than rubies".

A real woman is proud of who she is - not ashamed of it or striving to be something she is not: a man. This is perhaps one of the biggest ironies of feminism. If womanhood is to be so celebrated, why do women strive so hard to be like a man?

A real woman is conscious of and takes great care of her physique, eating well and exercising for an attractive, healthy body. When I see a man with a fat unkempt woman, the first thought that runs through my mind isn't how fat and nasty she is, that's my second thought. My first thought is: "wow, she must not think very highly of him, I probably won't either".

A real woman loves and nurtures her family with the best food, medical care, and tender affection and makes each family member feel like they are the most important person in the world.

A real woman doesn't mock or degrade her husband. Ever. She builds him up, praises and encourages him in front of others whether he is present or not.

A real woman doesn't try to change her husband. She accepts him fully, including his flaws, and even looks forward with great anticipation at what new and surprising things

he can accomplish with a helpful, gorgeous, loving woman cheering him on. Look, if you don't like something about your man, remember no one held a gun to your head and made you marry him. Complaining about him only makes you look like a bitter fool.

A real woman is easily content, prods her husband to work less and encourages him to do more stuff he likes, whether it's fishing, hunting, cigar lounge with the guys, sports, model airplanes, racing, or stamp collecting. Interest, participation, and cheerleading should come from the woman he loves. Making his friends jealous isn't a bad goal either.

A real woman enables him to be efficient. She doesn't drag her feet or dig her heels in. She helps him to complete tasks, to be on time.

A real woman doesn't nag.

A real woman is not just sexually available, she doesn't just try to find creative ways to make his eyes pop out and get him to make that face of indescribable bewitchment, she competes with him to initiate sex more frequently than be does. A man who can brag about being over-satisfied by his wife is a man who is very proud of having her.

A real woman doesn't use sex to manipulate.

A real woman doesn't cheat - she doesn't even flirt except with her husband, she doesn't fantasize with her friends about other men.

A real woman is quick to listen, quick to forgive, quick to ask for forgiveness, doesn't retain bitterness from the past, is honest, and slow to speak.

A real woman knows her husband is human and makes mistakes, just like she does. She knows God is sovereign and isn't surprised by her husband's mistakes. She doesn't expose his weaknesses, but elevates his strengths. She is on his side, is his advocate, and builds him up when the rest of the world seems to grind him down.

A real woman is joyfully submissive and doesn't argue with her husband's leadership, she doesn't see him as the enemy, but as having her best interests in mind. In Ephesians 5:22, "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord." God is exhorting women to voluntarily and actively do this - choosing to put herself under his leadership, choosing to be subordinate in a circumstance or relationship. This is not forced upon her by the recipient. It is impossible to have two competing wills - two authoritative leaders - in a successful relationship. Take ballroom dancing for example. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers are breathtaking, not because Ginger went rogue, but because she was incredibly talented and sensitive to Fred's movement, following him flawlessly.

A real woman always prioritizes her husband above her children and never undermines

his authority in front of them.

A real woman is hospitable, kind and generous to others. Her gratitude for the kindness and generosity her husband has shown her overflows into the lives of others.

Real women aren't easily offended. Want to get beaten, sued, lose your job or reputation? Call a girl "property" or "chattel". Agree with me about what a real woman looks like or not, I live a better life than anyone I know and have no problem saying that I am my "husband's property", or he "owns me". I'm not insecure or offended knowing my husband deeply values and appreciates me and can honestly say I have never once felt unappreciated or even underappreciated by him. In fact, it's quite the contrary. Like everything else he owns, I am treated with care, attention, maintained, and given the very best of his resources to keep me running smooth.

Real women huff their husbands farts. This is why they are extinct. Okay, just kidding...

Unfortunately, there is a depressing vastness to the ocean of feminist females in this world, and it only seems to deepen every day. They are miserable, fat, angry, demanding, selfish, and impossible to please. I feel so sorry for men. Not with disconnected sympathy, but genuine empathy. It's hard for women who love and serve their husbands to find likeminded girlfriends, I can't imagine trying to find a wife!

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My name is Kitty and I am the luckiest girl on the planet. I married a 45 year old smoking hot Christian alpha male 16 years my senior. I get to work with him in my own home and garden, wear cute little aprons and no... shoes, research health and make nutritious meals, clean, give my husband massages and other physical therapies, and live next to & hang out on a So Cal beach with him every day.

I admit I am not the unicorn described above, but I truly love being a woman & my husband's wife. I love making good food, seeking to perfect nutrition and flavor - I love feeding him things I know will increase his health, stamina, and longevity. I strive to be his best friend and meet his needs to the best of my ability - we fish, hunt, ride dirt bikes, camp, farm, exercise, mountain bike, spear fish, hike, boogie board, swim, etc. together. I love to save him money. I feel no entitlement to, do not want or need kids.

I love making him my priority, far above friends and family. I even loved him before we met, maintaining physical purity for marriage. In a world of infidelity, divorce, child support, alimony, etc., I love making him feel secure about my intentions in our relationship. Before he proposed, I wrote a three page mock pre-nuptial agreement absolving myself from all of his assets and finances. (We of course had a lawyer draw up a real prenup, which I *highly* recommend to every man considering marriage).

I love relieving him of the mundane "grunt" tasks he hates, and am good at doing them. I do all of our food shopping and am his liaison/buffer to the general public and all the incompetence and inefficiency in our modern equal-opportunity, affirmative action, liberal, environmental, feminist world, to help keep him sane and happy. I also occasionally accept part time jobs as long as they don't interfere with my job as a wife, and try bring an extra $15-20K/year to help with groceries and buy him gifts.

Not only do I understand and embrace the feminine qualities God designed me with, I love them! I adore my husband and cannot believe I have the privilege of being the one - the only one - who gets to serve his needs with those qualities.

Our marriage is successful (not just in tact) because we are not confused about our roles. Well, that, and we have chosen to be childless minimalists in a failed economy.

A real man leads, protects and provides for his family, and my husband goes above and beyond. A real woman is not afraid or ashamed of her gender and understands she is her man's helpmeet. She simply discerns the painfully obvious differences between genders, and embraces her qualities without trying to be something she's not- her opposite! It's not complicated.

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My only request from men? Be. Picky. Be very very picky. Don't settle for loneliness abatement. If you can't find a good woman, just enjoy being single. In doing so, you'll starve the nasty women into non-existence, you won't confuse and depress the good ones, and you'll be rewarded with a good life. "A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining a windstorm or grasping oil with the hands." Proverbs 27:15-16

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Women standing men up at the age of 35
Cappy's east Indian buddy, Sadeep!
Road tripping across Michigan
Never date women who won't have sex.

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Some guest posts from Glitternight.com

I hope everything is going well with you. If you are kind enough to post links to my blog I sent $25 via paypal. This first one is an Onion-type phony news story about Barack Obama apologizing for all of his own failures instead of things he blames America for. https://glitternight.com/2016/05/31/barack-obama-apologizes/

This second one uses an ancient comedy to point out how the worst of the faux intellectuals of 1960s liberalism stayed hidden in the prolonged adolescence of the academic world, from where they've created their own Cloud Cuckooland. I make it Ivory Towerland in this article, to honor Aristophanes' line "Here in Cloud Cuckooland/ Ivory Towerland things become what they are called rather than being called what they are." https://glitternight.com/2016/05/05/the-birds-414-bc-ancient-greek-comedy-by-aristophanes/

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Women and their fucking horses, man.

Women and their fucking horses.

Saving 10 Million High School Students at a Time

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Yes, Worthless should be in the hands of every high school student. And this hilarious video is a damn good first step to make that happen:

Another Win for Feminist Ghostbusters

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And remember you're all sexist if you don't see a movie that kids are already pre-emptively rejecting the toys of.

But The Maths and The Stats Hurt Mommy!!!

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Just a warning, the statistics will hurt lefties' feelings.

Geek Out with The Bechtloff

July 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Late night Saturday night cause none of us have dates!

Is Socialism Only for (Really Really) White People?

July 3, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The latest news coming out of Venezuela surprises no one who has a basic understanding of economics, let alone common senses. However it did jump-start a question that had been lurking in my mind before, and I'm surprised I hadn't thought of earlier:

"Is socialism/communism only for white people?"

And by white people understand I mean REALLY REALLY white people, because if you think about it, the only place "socialism" has worked (sorta), is the Nordic countries.

Latino/Hispanic Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia have all gone through large swings to the left and only have a shortage of toilet paper to show for it. Chinese communism (again, not white) only managed to kill more people during peacetime than any world war ever did. Its smaller oriental siblings of Vietnam and Cambodia certainly didn't make a good go of communism either. Ethiopia (again, not white) needed both Soviet money and easily-duped 1980's American kids' monies to not starve. Greece, hee hee, Greece. And even the Soviet Union, though pretty-darn white and *even the original practitioner,* was just not white enough to pull off communism successfully.

Apparently, it is only the Swedes, Finns, Norwegians, and Danes who can do socialism the justice the rest of the world can't.

But why?

First, we need to take out the obvious outlier of the group, Norway. Again, the left looooves rushing to Norway as the perfect place to live. It sure is, especially since it has so much oil it sovereign wealth fund makes all of its citizens millionaires. And remember, oil is evil...unless it's under a state owned enterprise, then you never mention it.

Second, are they really socialist? Depending on the country you look at the government "only" spends 45%-60% of GDP leaving a whopping 55%-40% of money in the private hands of those rat bastard people. Not pure socialism by any stretch of the imagination.

And then, let's not forget these "communist" countries not only ALLOW evil private corporations to exist, but they tax them at rates roughly half that of the US!!! Anywhere between 20% and 25%! Those traitors!!!

So in short, even the most successful examples of "communism" aren't communist. They're at best the exception-to-the-rule-mixed-European-model-economies.

Still, why do they succeed where every other non-REALLY-REALLY white country fail?

Well first they are racially homogeneous...for now. Don't worry, diversity and the introduction of non-Scandinavian cultures will prove the myth of magic dirt wrong soon enough. But for now, they are racially homogeneous. This has nothing so much to do with their skin, but more the climate they've evolved in over the years. No sun and cold temperatures result in very very white people. That is a function of the climate. But with such cold temperatures also comes short growing seasons, which forces cooperation, heavy reliance upon thy neighbor, a team spirit, and over the years, trust. You force a people to live in that environment over the course of millennia, they will evolve both consciously and unconsciously to vote in a more socialist economic model than one where fruit and bananas are falling from trees on warm tropical beaches.

Second, this instinctual work ethic makes them unconscious dupes. Even though the United States (and to a lesser extent, western civilization) has made the technological advances that allows the individual to work for himself, support himself, and finally be free, those precious Scandinavians just can't jettison thousands of years of environmental and social conditioning. They are not as individualistic of a people. They put their country and society ahead of themselves and their family. They are genetically most borg-like because that is what resulted in survival in the past. And a mere 250-year American experiment won't simply undo all that programming. Therefore, not only do they enslave themselves to the rest of their own society, they're "dupey" enough they'll enslave themselves to completely different societies that largely hate them, or at least view them for the easy marks they are.

Regardless, this willing "dupiness" is necessary for a socialist economy to work. Everybody has to willingly value society more than themselves in order to work at the slave-like tax rates necessary to finance a communist/socialist state. The Swedes, Norwegians, Finns and Danes on the whole are more than willing to do this, while the Greeks, Russians, Venezuelans...and pretty much the rest of the world are not. This is why "sorta socialism" works best in Scandinavia...and pretty much nowhere else.

But the thing I really get a kick out of is what this spells for our beloved western SJW's, leftists, academians, professional protestors, faux millennial intellectuals, media types, and social ~~frauds~~ scientists.

A world of cognitive dissonance.

Because along with the constant drum beat for socialism and enslaving the world's population, there's nothing more these people masturbate to than diversity and the insistence there's no such thing as culture or race or ethnicity (which ironically would be diversity). And these two things (socialism and diversity) are mutually exclusive.

Unless you're a REALLY REALLY white person, you simply have too much self-respect to vote in your own slavery. You're not working for other people, you're nobody's slave, and you're going to try to keep as much of yours as possible. Of course, this won't prevent you from voting for socialism anyway because you think you're special. That you won't have to actually be the slave and pay the taxes. That's for other people. And thus, unlike our Scandinavian counterparts you'll vote for socialism, but won't put forth the selfless-work ethic to make it work. Alas, socialist hell holes like...well...all of them form.

Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, the Soviet Union, North Korea, East Germany, etc. etc.

All people of all colors of the rainbow just won't take communism, but they'll sure as hell vote it in. And thus non-REALLY REALLY white people suffer.

Latinos in Venezuela.
Blacks in Detroit.
Chavs in the UK.
Chinese buried in mass-graves.
Liberal arts-majoring millennials in college campuses.

In short, the number one thing in these elitist leftists' lives, their only god, purpose, agency, and meaning in life - socialism - is bound to fail, and pronouncedly so in non-REALLY REALLY white cultures. This is doubly destructive because not only will their ideology fail, but it will hypocritically and disproportionately harm those the left purports to love the most - non-whites.

Of course, in the end, I seriously doubt any leftist cares about socialism or non-white people. If they did, then they'd be empiricists and bravely deliver whatever socio-economic medicine was required to truly advance their fellow human being no matter how harsh. They instead, are largely lazy, cowardly, self-absorbed ego maniacs who put their egos above the lives of billions, insisting billions suffer, and millions die, all so they can haughtily play "social science god." What's worse, is the majority of humanity swallows whole the slop they're serving.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

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Eat, Pray, Divorce, Die of Old Age

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Is there any way to prevent this veritable baby boomer poison from ruining the lives of younger women? I mean I know these old hags have really fucked their lives up to the point it's unsalvagable, but for the youth that still have futures, any way to inoculate them against this snake oil? Or does the dream override reality and I should just say, "Fuck it, Enjoy the Decline?"

Google Hates White People…And Minorities Too!

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I guess there's just hate all around…Oh! Wait!!! Maybe, if you started treating everybody as equals this shit would all go away!!!

Because a Masters in Human Resources Just Isn't Enough

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Apparently you need a senior certification to be a gossipy, power-tripping, HR lady. I guess in addition to handwriting analysis and asking "Where do you see yourself in 3 years" this certification teaches you the ability to judge good employees by looking at their shoes and the color of their ties.

I'll say it again for the cheap seats. Ladies, if you want a real job, one where you don't constantly have to be going to school for the rest of your life, getting CPE's and progressive credentialism, you need to major in STEM.

What Nigel Farage Teaches Us About Politics…and Hillary Clinton

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Brian Michael Bendis and the Black Female Iron Man

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I wanted to make this a separate post to ensure that Brian Michael Bendis gets this or somebody who knows him sends him this episode of my podcast. I dedicate an entire segment to him and his decision to make Iron Man a black female.

You can listen to the podcast, but the short version is that Brian Michael Bendis is admitting he has no talent or creativity if all he can do is change the gender and race of an already existing super hero.

This is not only tiring, but an insult to minorities because apparently Hollywood and Disney are so lacking of talent and creativity they're too lazy to create new original super heroes that are minorities. This is not only disgraceful to the already existing super heroes, but insulting to minorities because apparently you guys think minorities don't deserve their own original super heroes.

You are a talentless hack Brian Michael Bendis, and you know it. I, a former banker and now economist/podcaster/youtuber, could create a better original super hero than you ever could.

Now go draw your drawings and enjoy that dying industry of comic books.

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"I want the prick and so will you!"
Eat, Pray, Love author getting divorced
Lie to women if you want to be rich
The Black Female Tony Stark
Leftists love their religion more than being raped

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Dear SJW's, Thick Rimmed Glasses Don't Make You Smart

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A new sponsor ladies and gentlemen, "Humans of Start Ups." And it may take a little bit of explaining as to why this would benefit you.

Basically, Max (who heads up the site) is highlighting different up and coming businessmen and women and entrepreneurs. He has a significant following (23,000) because this niche of the interwebz is full of people who are either coming up with new business ideas, philosophies, or products or people who just find this stuff interesting.

I can personally attest to the effectiveness of Max's site wherein I spent $100 for a month worth of advertising one of my books and easily earned back my original investment. If you are like me and have a book, an idea, a product, etc. you'd like to advertise I STRONGLY recommend you contact him (and tell him The Captain sent ya!)

Ed Latimore Reviews Curse of the High IQ

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A kind review here by Ed.

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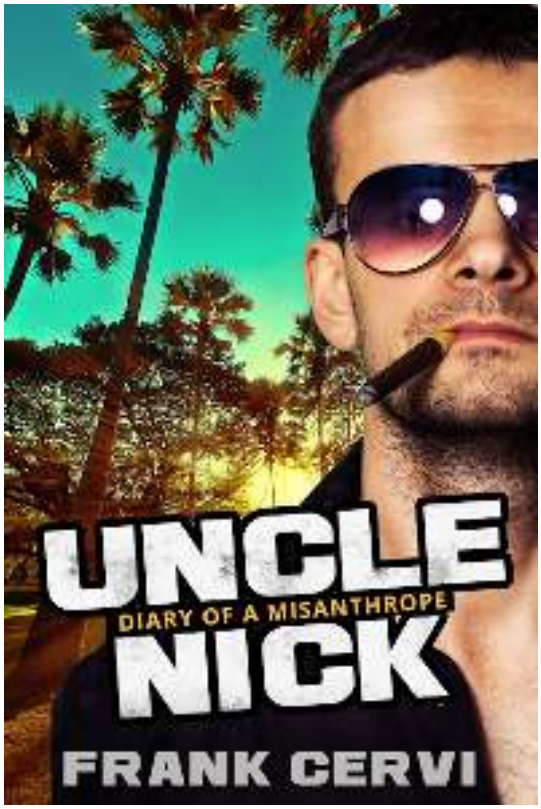

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Conan O'Brien's "Gun Ban" Ratings Fallout

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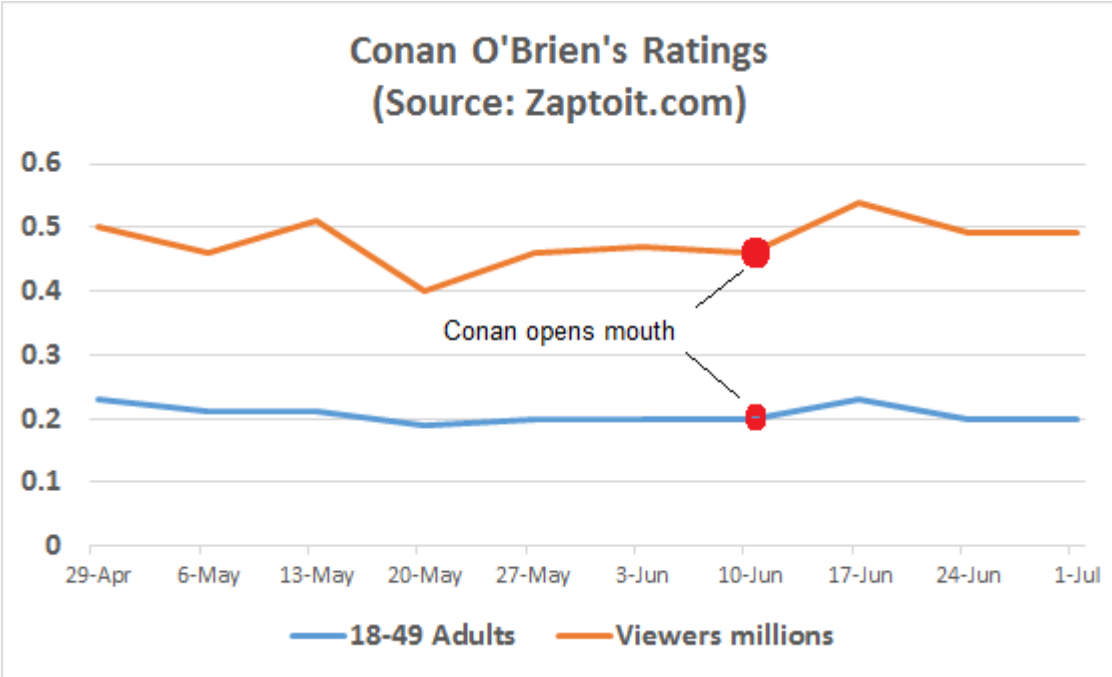
Bored as I often am in a car I'm not driving, I was surfing teh interwebz and it dawned on me,

"What the heck happened to Conan O'Brien's ratings after he opened his yap and decided to lecture the country about banning AR 15's." And so off I went searching for the data and found it.

The answer? Not much:



While I was expecting a rather large drop, the truth is his little sermon actually boosted his ratings among both total viewers and the (I guess the "precious" or "important" in the TV world) "18-49 year olds."

Though temporarily. After his little attention-whoring political stint, things went back to normal for Conan.

This further cements two theories I have about people and their behavior.

One, any news is good news aka "Did they spell my name right?" I have personal experience with this as the single best week in my entire career for boosting readership and subscribers came in the same week I received the most death threats - when I theorized Mad Max would be a feminist SJW lecture. This sent the tabloid world into a tizzy and boosted my permanent readership by 20%.

Two, conservative, republicans, libertarians, and even pro-gun folks are just a bunch of pussies when it comes to boycotting. I would have thought Conan had at least an apolitical market. And thus an assault on the 2nd amendment would have taken a noticeable and permanent toll on his ratings. Apparently not because, like Target, you conservative, SWPL republicans just can't be inconvenienced in your life to go without your precious late night CoCo.

In the meantime, I don't want to hear any complaints about the media, actors, Hollywood, Target, etc. from the Suburbanite Right. You're all too soft and pansified to sacrifice the simplest of things for freedom.

Another Example of Leftist Whites Hating Blacks

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From this article, these are the people arrested at the Minneapolis Black Lives Matter protest that shut down I-94.

I'm going to explain one thing so we all understand BLM and what it truly is.

Understand the majority of blacks do not support BLM. The reason why is BLM are like ISIS - they're total pricks. They block interstates, they block airports, the block marathons which is indiscriminate and affects all races with their hate. Everybody hates them.

But what these pictures should tell you, especially those of you in the black community who always vote left, is just how much leftists white liberals view you as a tool to advance not so much their political aims, but their egos. Liberal whites do not care about you. They only view you as masturbation tools to inflate their egos.

Which should concern you.

Because when white people start acting like total pricks under the flag of "being black" I hope and wish and pray, the black community starts to realize who their real enemies are.

Again, Curse of the High IQ is NOT for Dumb People Who Think They're Smart

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And this review explains that.

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Volleyball won't cure depression
Jerry Lewis was the original red pill man
Bachelors in Social Media
Why don't they take cash at fairs?
"Welcome to Country" is facials for white Australians

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Twin Cities Police Chiefs and Sheriffs are Pussies

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The Feminist Dream Realized!

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I'm betting:

No husband
No children
No life
No friends

But she's got a career and a ton of you-go-girlism Moxie!!!!!!

Now I Remember Why I Canceled My Subscription to The Economist

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It's dated, but somebody just sent me this. "The Glass Ceiling Index."

Remember when The Economist was good?

I barely do and it's increasingly fading away in my memory.

Oldie But Goodie from 2012

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Nobody showed this to me till now.

Born Again Christians Using God to Forgive Debts

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You just gotta love this.

Typically millennial moron liberal arts major, going to go to "the Big NYC," fails miserably, life sucks, and then....dun dun DUUUUUUNNNNNNNN!!!!

FINDS JESUS!!!!

Because "God has a plan!!!" And "Jesus forgives me!!!"

Because, remember, if you believe in fateism, then you abdicate yourself of any responsibility! Because it was fated to happen! And now, the true thing that matters most in your life, your ego, was spared. And that's worth trying to become a nun.

Too bad God can't forgive student loans.

Will the Suburbanite Right Fucking Boycott Citgo Already???

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Buy my books here and make yourself smart.

What the Heck is the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) Anyway?

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My Nice Terrorist Attack Analysis

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There's nothing new to say that hasn't already been said in the past 10 monthly terrorist attacks, so this is the only new analysis I will be presenting:

"Welcome to Country" is Bullshit

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As I said before, it's a facial to Australians, but here's a real Aussie's take.

Loving Money More Than Your Children

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This was a good one:

If you need advice/your ass kicked, OR know someone that does, visit Asshole Consulting!

Affirmative Action Ghostbusters: A Review

July 17, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It's as bad as you think.

Anshu Wahi - Let Her Name Forever Be Remembered

July 17, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

For she has done so much.

This is "Progress!"

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We had the formula to success. A small state that served the individual. But once the left took over education we brainwashed everybody to believe the state was the solution to all our problems, and the next generation will pay for it. And they deserve it.

Traits are No Substitute for Accomplishments

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If you've been paying attention, you've noticed an increased amount of insanity in the population. This insanity manifests itself in many ways, resulting in a relentless onslaught of what is seemingly an incoherent potpourri of madness.

31 flavors of pansexual genders.
Why everybody else has "privilege" and should let blood for those who don't.
Interstates blocked by Black Lives Matters (though it is seemingly only white people).
Majoring in the world's easiest, but most worthless degrees...and then expecting a banker-like bailout.
Feminists carrying mattresses as they throw out false rape accusations.
Leftists getting raped by Muslim invaders...and doing nothing about it.
Priding oneself on going green as we ban plastic bags and Styrofoam.
Claiming we're black or native American when we're not.
Blaming your poverty, student loans, illegitimate children, and STD's on "CIS-gendered white males."

And the list goes on and on.

But while to the untrained eye there doesn't seem to be any logical rhyme or reason to this insanity, there is most certainly is. And once you figure that out, it not only grants us sanity by explaining precisely what is going on, it also allows us to actually attack the problem, and hopefully, resolve it.

The first clue you should have is that NONE of this is coming from the political right. Triggly Puff, the student loan crisis, mattress girl, blaming Orlando on Christians, refusing to report your Muslim rapist, and accepting a monthly terrorist attack as "the new normal" are ALL, 100% the hallmarks and patents of the left. You don't see the engineer-majoring sons from nuclear families who likes Ronald Reagan demand the taxpayers bail them out of their stupid mistakes. You don't see the daughters from father-present families who want to perhaps get married and raise a stable family get raped and then not accuse her rapist. And you don't see your recent trade-school graduate who landed a job as welder block traffic on an interstate like his 40 year old leftist counterparts. This insanity, and that's PRECISELY what it is, is all owned by the left.

Now we can simply write them off as being leftists and, therefore because we disagree with them politically, flippantly dismiss them and say, "well, they're just crazy." But the truth is there is something much more pathological happening here. And that is my "Universal Theory of How Laziness Explains Everything in Politics and History."

It is no coincidence the cacophony psychotic behavior of today hails from the left, because...well...quite simply...they're lazy.

They don't want to work.
They don't want to study hard subjects.
They don't want to try at life.

Be it Barack Obama or the spoiled suburbanite Seattle scum panhandling in Pioneer Square, the left is simply lazy and doesn't want to work.

But, unlike a truly indifferent welfare bum, who just wants to collect his government cheese, sleep in and play video games, the majority of leftists cannot abide that fact mentally. Their pride and ego cannot live with the fact that they are nothing more than parasites. But since their laziness and sloth prevents the obvious solution (work), how do they solve this problem?

With the insanity and mental acrobatics mentioned above.

If you look at the list above (or for that matter ANY example of craziness coming from the left) the one thing they have in common is deflecting responsibility.

That black woman isn't poor because she never graduated from high school, or had 4 kids from 5 different fathers, or never gets off her fat ass to attend trade school and make something of herself. Not, it's "racism."

The student with $200,000 in student loans for her doctorate in "Women's Studies" can't find a job NOT because she's a worthless, self-absorbed narcissist who was just too lazy to do math. No, it's "sexism."

And anybody who isn't doing well in life, either because they don't show up to work on time, majored in a stupid subject, can't save money, can't find a second job, etc. etc., certainly DON'T blame it on their lack of work ethic. No, blame it on "the corporations maaaaan!"

These pretty lies they tell themselves spare their undeserving egos the truth that would otherwise crush them. They have no agency or responsibility in their lives. Their problems are ALWAYS somebody else's fault. So all is forgive and they can feel good about themselves. But whereas this mental-trick falsely absolves them of guilt, their egos, pride, and mania can't just settle for a guilt-free parasitic lifestyle. No, they need more. They need a purpose. And not just more, but something that makes them superior WITH the added benefit of not having to work.

Introduce traits.

Traits are an amazing thing. Everybody has them. Each trait is unique to oneself. And you can even identify yourself with traits. But the one thing about traits leftists have seized upon like a lamprey is that....

you're born with them.

In other words, you don't have to do anything to get them.

And that's PRECISELY why the left champions traits over genuine accomplishment. Because they don't have to work for them.

For example; "diversity."

The biggest canard I believe I will ever see in my life is the concept of "diversity." Starting in the 90's they shoved this down our throats claiming that somehow "diversity" had an intrinsic value unto itself. Common senses says it doesn't. Reality says it doesn't. And it's also immoral, racist, and sexist to place value on mere traits one was born with over others without said traits. Still, this hasn't stopped the education system, government, media, even the private sector from capitalizing off of this lie either to garner votes, or use as a faux marketing campaign. The democrat party has masterfully enslaved their voting bloc by dividing the country up via traits. It has also (quite unbelievably) gotten the idiot sheeple masses to blame ALL their problems on white males. And whereas you'd think/hope the for-profit private sector would resist this, they've instead capitalized on it using it as a means to virtue signal their pro-not-white-male credentials to get lazy sheeple to buy their crap.

Another example: "pansexuality."

I lost count after 38, but if you're confused about the ever-increasing numbers of gender, don't be. It's just lazy leftist psychopaths who don't want to work, and instead pin their entire life's value on their recently-made up gender identity. Of course, if you grab a mirror, put it in front of their faces, and point this fact out, they'll throw a temper-tantrum and scream that you're an "ist" of some kind. But their emotional theatrics aside, doesn't make it any less true, just more cowardly.

And then there's leftist religions.

Like a zealot or religious fanatic, leftist fanatics worship and use their made-up religions to fill the hole of nothingness that is otherwise known as their life. This is why you NEVER see the captain of the football team with a 3.8GPA join the "anarchist/marxist/minarchist" trench-coat wearing, movie-theater-shooting, nerd crowd. Or the studious Asian engineering major block the interstate near campus. They have lives. They have meaning. They have purpose. They have agency. They have value to the rest of society.

But again, those things require work, effort, rigor, math, and intellectual honesty.

Ergo, why do all that hard stuff when you can just claim a religion?

You're a feminist!
You're going green!
You eat only organic/non-GMO/gluten-free/whateverthefrickthey'llcomeupwithnextweek!
You're fighting racism!
You're helping the poor!
You're a pacifist!
You have a ADDHDHHDH Autism or Aspergers are bi-polar or whatever you want to tell yourself.

You can claim allegiance to any one of an increasing number of bogus leftist religions and simply wear that trait on your sleeve like a badge of honor. And the best thing about it, so AWESOME in fact that leftists masturbate to it, is...

you didn't have to expend one calorie of energy on work to get it. You simply "declared" you had this trait or believed this religion. And now, not only does your worthless life have faux-worth. You are a more intelligent, superior person to those troglodytes who don't understand "intersectionality."

Of course, there are consequences for being veritably delusional and living a life of lies. The black community has made no progress to close the gaps with whites because they value their egos more than the taxing lifestyle it would take to have legitimate children, keep a father in the house, major in the right subjects, and bear responsibility for their actions. Generations of blacks have now suffered the lowest standards of living in America for living this lie.

Women, notably of the Baby Boomer and increasingly Gen X variety, swallowed whole the "you can have it all" propaganda, throwing away their lives...not to mention shot at having a family or husband...all so they could get that masters degree and become a professional non-profit something or other at the age of 40. These women also voted to replace men with the state, essentially wedding themselves to government. This is all well and fine as long as you remain attractive and your eggs remain fertile. But when that ends, and reality comes crashing down, it's sad how quickly they scramble to validate the feminist lives they've led by simply telling themselves more lies. 40 is the new 20! Test-tube babies! MILF's and Cougars! When, frankly, it just means nobody's visiting you in a nursing home in the end.

But where the delusional lives of leftists run into reality full-force and there is carnage on top of consequences, is when leftists meet diversity in the form of Islamic culture. The

monthly scheduled French attacks, Orlando, refugee workers getting raped, Malmo, Cologne - be it merely a butt being groped or 50 innocents slaughtered, leftist voting and leftist delusion is to blame.

But here you see just how deep their mental illness goes.

If you, I, or anybody else were attacked, we'd seek vengeance, retaliation, and justice. I carry a gun, and like Creasy, I'm intending to get at least 6 before I get taken down. But what has the response of the left been?

In the case of Orlando, some leftists (though not all), blame guns, blame racism, they even blame Christians. In the increasing number of cases where some leftist idiot bint is raped they fail to mention who their rapists were. And some politicians are so wedded to their ideology when the perpetrator is NOT a Muslim they use it as a means to score more political points with Muslims. And while certainly some of this insanity could be chalked up to the fact they're more afraid of Muslims than they are non, the truth is even more pathetic and sad than that.

They lack such meaning, purpose, and reason in life,
They are such worthless, pointless people,
That when their ideology rapes them, or even kills them,
They will still stand by it because...

that's all they have life.

It appalls me just how powerful the force of laziness is. Where you see millions of people, entire generations waste their lives, endure hardship, seeth in hatred for white males, even suffer rape and murder because they'd rather do that than own up to their own decisions, take responsibility, and get a job. But there is a silver lining. If you ever think it's hard being a conservative or libertarian is this increasingly parasitic world, just imagine what your life would be as a leftist who is so worthless that they'd prefer getting raped than giving up their ideology because you literally have nothing else in your life.

Enjoy that decline!

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Don't Shoot Feminism, Let It Burn

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"Terrorism" Now a Biased Word

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I swear, sometimes I don't know who I hate more, the terrorists or these schmucks.

Corporate Virtue Signaling is Just Slimy Marketing

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Virtue signaling, in short, is where you take a position or advocate a position as a mean to signal to others that you're virtuous.

You may not actually be virtuous.
You may not even believe in the position, lying entirely about what you advocate.

But that isn't your main goal.

Your main goal is to convince sheeple that you are a good person, you care about the poor, you care about minorities, you're morally superior, ie - you have virtue.

Of course, in reality, you really don't. You don't care about the environment. You don't care about the wage gap. You don't care minorities. You don't care about the children. And you certainly aren't morally superior. But if you can convince weak-minded people, especially those who also wish to virtue signal, then you can sucker them into do things for you.

For example Target.

I loath Target with all my heart.

Not because of their politics or even that they allowed whoever to use whatever bathroom in their stores. I'm actually for transgendered rights. It's the gallons of smugness they have about themselves and how they just outright lie to their customers about their corporate morality, if not superiority.

They donate 5% of their pre-tax profits back to the community.
They go out of their way to hire waifs of women as security guards.
They're body positive.
Anybody can use whichever bathroom they want.

Oh, and they will remind you of this every two seconds if you're in one of their stores.

Let's be clear what's going on here.

Corporations realize that the socio-political trend in the US is drifting to the left. Not just in terms of economics, but socially as well. Ever since the 90's a huge trend in deriving one's value from any one of a number of approved, leftist, politically correct political stances has occurred. Going green, being a feminist, organic, non-GMO, diversity, the environment, etc. etc. And since now at least half of the population derives their entire life-value from their beliefs (and not their accomplishments) corporations know these beliefs are the only thing a lot of people have in their lives. Therefore, if they virtue signal to these sheeple that they too are (choose your plate of BS)

green
organic
for the whales
for the snails

these sheeple will buy their product.

In other words when you see Chipolte CONSTANTLY remind you about how organic it is, it isn't because their founders had some moral crusade they truly believed in. They just wanted your money.

The body positive ads you'll see in women's magazine? Yeah, the editor doesn't care that if you're fat...or...unhealthy...of that you're likely to be fat and childless by 50. They got your money.

And the colleges that sell you sheep $150,000 doctorates in some SJW BS crusaderist "studies?" The ones where you'll constantly have to beg charities or the taxpayers for government handouts so you can do absolutely nothing to advance the world? The ones

where the student loans will cripple you for the rest of your life? They don't care, they got your money.

I absolutely love it when leftists always claim corporations have all this power to "trick" people into buying their product. But yet, while they're at the trough, slopping up the virtue signaling slop these companies sell them, they have the clueless gall to tell me they're too smart to fall for it.

So carry on virtue signaling leftists! Buy your fair trade (as far as you know) Starbuck's coffee. Buy your slave-labor Apple product. And please shop at Target. Because you're too stupid to see corporations' slimy marketing for what it truly is - virtue signaling euphemistically paraded as "Corporate Social Responsibility."

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Fan mail
Crazy women are a higher % of the population you think.
Cappy doesn't do "Milo Drama"
Failed liberal art-majoring whores "find Jesus"
Bugs Bunny and Yosemite Sam

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A Financial Analysis of Ghostbusters

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A little bit of economic theory.
A little bit of case study.
And a little bit of a lesson Sony and Hollywood can all learn in the end.

Forget Monthly, Try Bi-Weekly

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I thought monthly terrorist attacks was the new-normal leftists and Muslim terrorists wanted to impose on the West. I guess it has to be bi-weekly now.

The "Don't Know Where or When" Vacation

July 23, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Hello Lieutenants, Economists, Agents in the Field, and respectable others!

Your beloved Captain is taking a motorcycle ride vacation out west. This is the first true vacation I've had since I can remember since there is no itinerary, schedule, or destination. I'm just going "west." I for certain will be in the Black Hills area of South Dakota and Denver, but that's about the only concrete plans for this trip. Don't know where I'm going after that, and I don't know when I'm coming back, and I don't care.

If you happen to be in the "west" let the ole Captain know. He just may be in your neck of the woods and would like to grab a Rumpie or a beer. Regardless, posts may be a bit infrequent, though since I'm in no rush I very well could just hole up in a hotel room out in some small town and just write for a week. You never know.

Cappy

Point Your Motorcycle West

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Some pics from the trip thus far. Hiking the Flume trail and driving through Badlands National Park.

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The Muslims Can't Invade Fast Enough

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And then a piece of me asks, "Does this country even deserve to be around anymore?"

Meanwhile, In the Land of Zero Fucks Given

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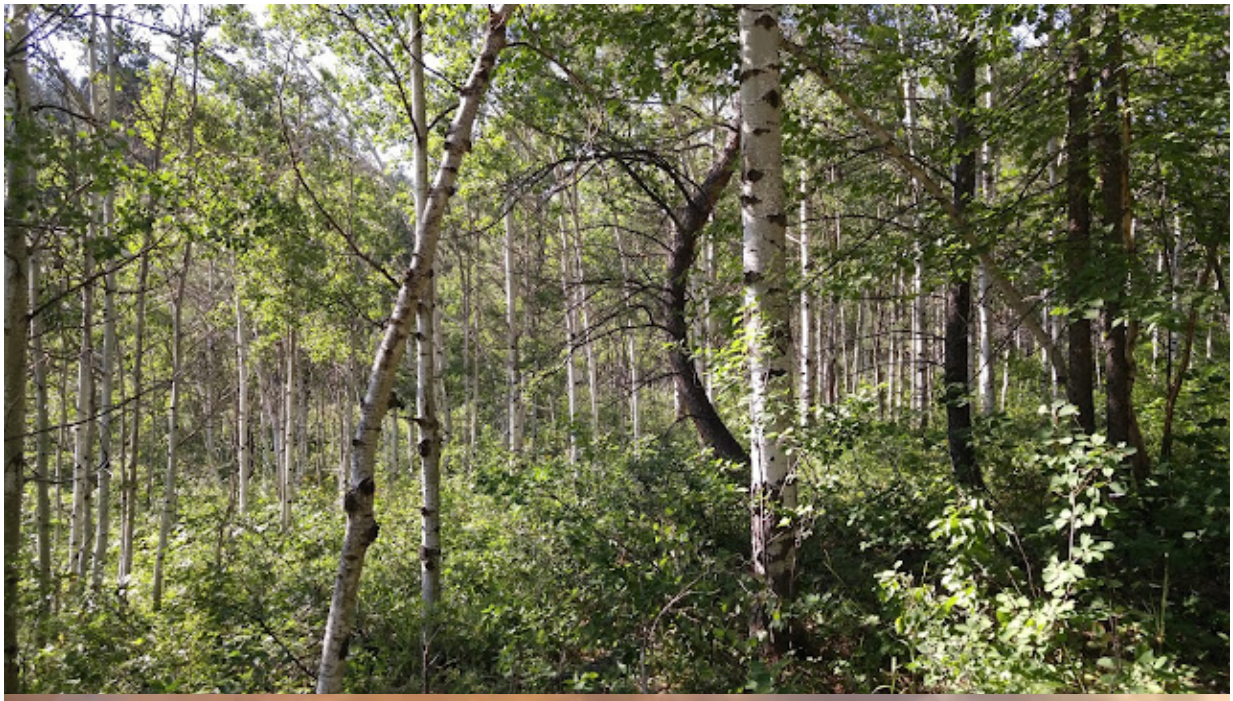
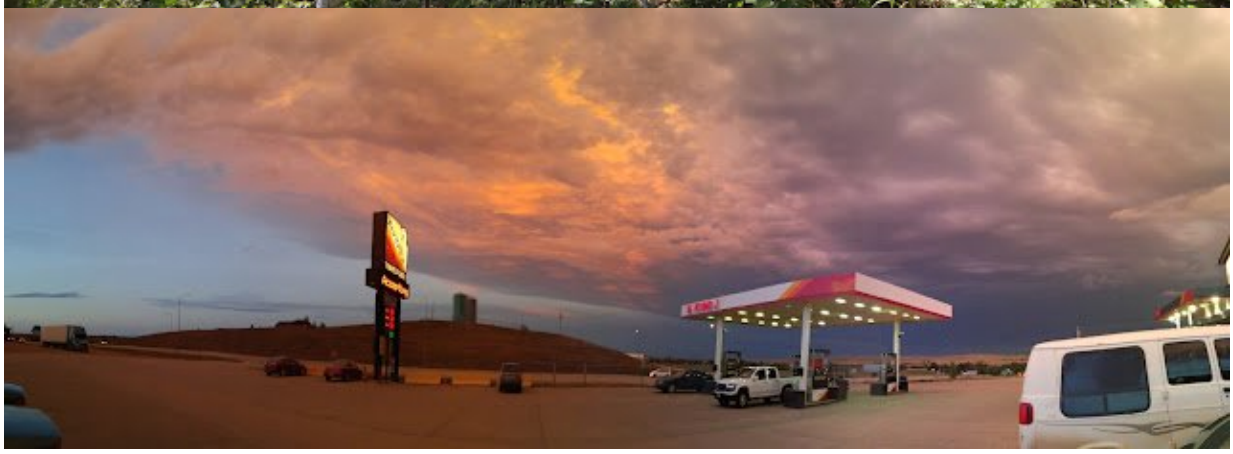
This was all done in one day. And when you're done excusing yourself for your procrastination, victimhood, or whatever excuse you come up with, you can become a real American man/woman.





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SUPER DUTY

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How political coverage is as dumb and pointless as sports coverage.
Cappy's Indian name "Man Who Walks Through Cow Shit"
Pokemon Go is indeed awesome AND for adults
Hiking in the Black Hills
Oh, that's where Spearfish Creek starts!

AND MORE!!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Amnesty International And Venezuela

July 30, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You gotta love it when AI leftists finally get their utopia and then criticize it.

Ghostbusters Officially a Flop

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What I love about the left is how they jam and force the feminist Ghostbusters down our throats, and the second it started to show signs it was going to be a flop, ANY criticism was countered with "geez, get over it, it's just a movie, how sad are you."

No, terribly sorry leftist cunts. You forced this issue and now we're going to stay on it until it's ran its full cycle...which it has.

The movie that cost $150 million to make and roughly another $150 million to advertise has officially brought in....

Which means since it can't even cover it's production costs this late in the game, we can officially call it a "flop."

I'm not going to delve back into the political/social analysis of this movie since it's been done to death, but I will point out to Hollywood and Sony that this is what you get when you try to pass on an obvious political agenda as entertainment. Perhaps you can wait another 10 years to try this stint again after Overton's Window has moved a bit more to the left and try again. Who knows maybe an "all female Hogan's Heroes!" But they're gay, and pansexual, and all have bi-polar or social anxiety disorder.

Books Done, Returning to Regular Schedule

July 31, 2016 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good news all!

"Reconnaissance Man" is done and off to Amazon for approval. This process takes 7-14 days, but my work on it is over and so we can now return to a regular schedule.

Rebuilding Sad Hill Cemetery from The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

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From our Spaniard Agent in the Field. It's in Spanish, but some of the pictures are cool.

Make Sure to Breed Before Going to Med School

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If you're going to breed before going to med school, then you are not smart enough to be a doctor.

Everything Wrong with the Republican Party

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This is more common than you think. The real conservatives and libertarians have real jobs and are otherwise productively employed in the private sector. Leaving morons like this to run for office.

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John Steele and Ann Sterzinger fill in for the Captain in this episode as he plays catch up from his motorcycle adventure out west.

Ann's Site
www.annsterzinger.com

John's Site
www.youtube.com/channel/UCiMrlFpBpmis8P06sWS_x1w

Latest Book "Reconnaissance Man" Now Available!!!

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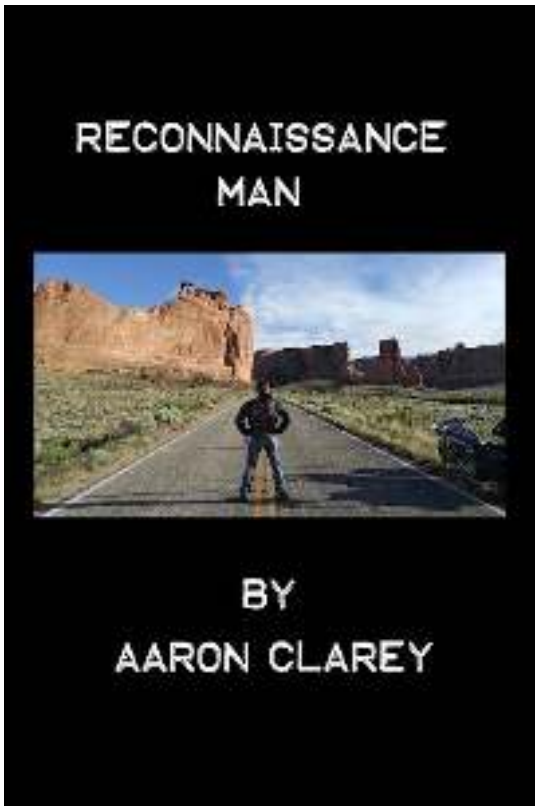
Looks like "Reconnaissance Man" was approved by Amazon and is now available on paperback. Kindle will be coming shortly, and audio will be coming within 4-6 months. In short, the book points out that going to college immediately after high school is stupid, because most young people know nothing about themselves or the world around them. It then advocates all people, young or old, become "Reconnaissance Men" by traveling around the United States to find out not only where they belong, but who they are and what they should study. I then also provide a methodical process by which you can conduct your reconnaissance around the country. GREAT book for teenagers, 20 somethings, and 30 somethings who are wandering around aimlessly in life.



Must Make Wifey Happy

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So work 80 hours a week in "Big Law."

hat tip.

Where's the Historical Working Model of Socialism?

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A simple, but important question occurred to me as I was driving my motorcycle out to Sturgis:

"*Precisely where is the historical, functional working model of socialism that socialists can cite as proof that socialism works?*"

You know, where socialists can point to a time in history and say, "*Here, here it is. Here is the example of how socialism not only works, but succeeds?*"

Something tangible and empirical that would provide economists, philosophers, politicians, sociologists, and even skeptics an actual model they could study and learn from and see with their own eyes how socialism works?

Because if that existed, then I could see where the left might have a point. They'd have empirical proof that socialism did indeed work (well, once, anyway), and we could study and learn from that example to see how and why. But as far as I can tell, it doesn't exist. There is no example throughout all of history that socialism works or ever has worked*. And this simple observation has GRAVE ramifications not only for socialists, but for all of society. Namely, the left is gambling the entire economic future of the world world on a...

theory.

Ignore the millennia of historical and economic proof that a freer people do better than an enslaved one.
Ignore the billions of people who have died over thousands of years and hundreds of wars to grant us the freedoms of Western Civilization.
And ignore the morality of letting people keep the majority of the fruits of their labor.

No, you see some *really good* theoreticians in Academia over the past 50 years studied the ideas of an 1840's parasitic hack who lived off of his buddy Engel's and never worked for a living. And they have this theory, see? And this theory is to eliminate private property and put everything under the state. Never mind it's never worked once in the history of the world. And never mind that it usually kills more people through starvation than nuclear bombs did in war when implement. The difference is these really smart people have DOCTORATES in the LIBERAL ARTS, and they know more than the cumulative 30 billion people that have lived since the Greeks (and certainly more than you). So let's risk the entire world's population's freedom, futures, and livelihoods on a ~~gamble~~ un-proven theory.

It is this insane risk that not only appalls me, but frightens me. Damn well near half of the West's population (in the form of people who vote left) is willing to risk, basically everything, for a theory. A hunch. A gamble. A pathetic religion, just as unfounded as all the others, all so they can have "teh feelz" and actually fool themselves into thinking there's some magical path to a free lunch.

Of course, I wish it was only *people's entire financial and economic futures* the left is willing to gamble on an unfounded theory. But sadly, they don't stop there. Oh no. Enter in feminism.

Feminism today, no matter how you slice it, is simply matriarchy. That's cute you've all managed to train young college girls into thinking "it's just the equal treatment of men and women." (Very nice, now go participate in a slut walk and carry a mattress around). But I ask again, where in the entire history of the world does an example of a successful matriarchy exist? Is there any point in time forcing women to be men and vice versa resulted in a successful and longevous society? There's certainly examples of "matriarchies," but most of them are third-world crap-holes that don't have electricity (duly noting "Iceland," the one 1st world country dubiously included on the list, which STILL went bankrupt in 2007). Some might point to the Amazons of the middle east, but they are largely of Greek myth (and obviously short lived). About the ONLY historical account of a successful matriarchy was the AMAZONIANS (not to be confused with AMAZONS) of Futurama. And even there the entire male population was wiped out by Snu Snu.

But despite the absolute absence of a successful matriarchy (or perhaps "genderless society") those really smart, 1960's feminists had a theory, damnit! And that was the world's entire problems were caused by men! And if we could just get women to rule the world, then peace would ensue and we'd all be singing kumbaya together!

Of course, never mind this resulted in divorce rates not seen since ever. A decline in women's happiness. A division between the sexes. A welfare state. The replacement of fathers with a government check. And two full generations of mal-raised children. You see these self-important, upper-class, white feminists had a THEORY, and it was very important that they risk the entire romantic, familial, and love lives of the entire western world to make their socialist utopia a reality.

There's even a third unfounded theory the left insists gambling the future lives, safety, and happiness of the world on - multi-culturalism. Once again, show me where it's worked. Point me to the model where different races not only "tolerate" each other, but thrive and grow faster than they would separately. South Africa I think both blacks and whites agree it's not ideal. I'm sure if you talk to the Swedes in private about Malmo not everybody is happy. About the "best' model we have of true multi-culturalism is Brazil, and that is at best a second world, zika-infested, crap-hole.

But once again, the left have a THEORY. And by gum, despite there being no historical or empirical evidence (and a lot of genuine evidence to the contrary), they're going to shove multi-culturalism down your throats whether you like it or not. Because despite millions of years of evolution, history, and genetics, this time it's different because they're professors and academians from the 60's and 70's. And shucks howdy they know better than nature! (Oh, and by the way, if you disagree with them, then you're a racist).

The point is socialism, leftism, communism, whatever you want to call it, is a religion. It's a groundless, baseless, fanatical belief worthless people have to give their worthless lives faux meaning. And the three largest "tenets" or "principles" of the leftist religion today are forced economic equality, the elimination of the sexes, and the forced integration of the races. However, just like all religions, there is also no empirical proof that these things are preferable, let alone feasible. But feasibility and practicality be damned. It is more important to socialism's followers and zealots that humanity come to heel under their baseless religion than to let society advance, succeed, and live their lives as they see fit. Ergo leftists have no moral qualms about forcing humanity to gamble EVERYTHING, and I do mean, EVERYTHING on an ill-thought out, self-serving, psychotic theory, a bunch of ego-masturbating spoiled brat children from the 60's came up with.

The economic system that provides us the goods and services we need just so we can live?
Naw, let's tinker with it because Maduro and Chavez have a religious obsession with socialism.

The nuclear family which over 2 million years evolved to be the optimal structure to raise a family?
Screw that and screw the mental happiness and health of the children. We 60's feminists need validation for our doctorates in Women's Studies no matter how much it destroys the black community. Men are women, women are men, fish bicycle, exchange the father for a government check.

And the fact that humans naturally separate by race, though can peacefully interact with each other?
Screw that! Bring in a culture honeycombed with radical, suicide bombing, ideologues and let them lose among a population they're sworn to destroy.

In short, the left wants to risk everything that brings happiness, joy, and reason to live to satiate their religious egos. The ability of the economy to function normally and provide the necessities that are required for life. The ultimate happiness and joy that comes from finding love and having children. And the right to be safe and associate with whom you please. You take those three things away and you have the only real model of socialism that ever existed.

The USSR
North Korea
East Germany
Venezuela
Communist China
And the embryonic psycho circuses that Western nations are quickly becoming.

Only leftists could be so narcissistic, ego-maniacal, and evil to take such a gamble with other people's lives in the face of these historical odds all so in their little inferior minds they could play god for a short, mortal 75 years.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

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**Admittedly the left loves to run towards Norway, Sweden, and Denmark as the "working model" of socialism. Take away oil, you take Norway off the list. Give Sweden a couple more decades, and they will take themselves off the list. And Denmark highlights something all the handful of "successful" socialist models have - they're not that much more socialist than the US. Our taxation rates (bar Sweden) are all within 10% of each other. Add to this fact that the democrat party, not to mention all leftist/labor/left parties in Europe are still advocating MORE government, then obviously these countries are NOT the model they had in mind. They demand even more socialism.*

The other minor thing is that outside these precious 4 Scandinavian exceptions to the rule, socialism's track record is horrible. For every Norway or Sweden there's 3-4 Ethiopia's, Zimbabwe's, North Korea's, USSR's, East Germany's, Greece's, Venezuela's, Cambodia's, China's, and Vietnam's. And not to mention the largest peace-time, and war-time death tolls. So before leftists come on here and present the "I Know a Tall Asian Argument," there really does not exist proof socialism has worked once in history.

URL: "Ultimate Reading List"

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I wanted to introduce a new sponsor "URL" aka "Ultimate Reading List."

I've advertised with this guy before and he does indeed get results. So I'm not just being paid to be a whore, I've used the product AND I'm a whore! If you are an author and are willing to drop $100 for a month's worth of advertising you'll want to visit the site and contact Max. Of course, your book has to be good and of interest to intellectual/righter leaning folk, but it's at least worth one month of advertising on that site.

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Female Labor as a Commodity

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Most of my epiphanies strike when I'm in the middle of nowhere, driving to some destination or another, where my mind has nothing to do but wander. And I remember precisely when this epiphany struck because it's the only way I'll ever remember the town of Midland, South Dakota. Specifically:

Why is it OK that Hershey's chocolate costs less than Godiva, but the world has its panties in a bundle that women make less than men?

This then sent my brain down the road of pricing, commodities, and efficient market theory, which I all sussed out by the time I reached Phillip, South Dakota. So let me explain.

Different commodities of different quality have different prices. This reflects the value they offer to whoever uses them. Hershey's chocolate, which is about the worst chocolate you can ever buy, is appropriately priced at 3 cents a pound (or whatever it is) because only kids with no palate can manage to eat that stuff. Godiva chocolates on the other hand are priced around $.50 to $1 per piece because they are not only made from superior ingredients, but also taste infinitely better.

Sweet crude oil has a higher price than heavy oil. This is because it's easier to refine and has a higher viscosity making it easier to pump and transport. Refiners and extractors know this and the market reflects this in sweet crude's pricing.

And coffee, of its infinite varieties and blends, has an amazing variation in pricing all based on its quality, where it's from, is it organic, is it fair-trade, and did it come out of a cats ass (not joking).

Matter of fact, nearly everything we buy, commodity or not, has price variation based on it's quality, efficiency, profitability, taste, and all the other variables that ultimately result in ***value***.

Ferrari's versus Fiats.
Bush Mills Black vs. Canadian Windsor
Nordstrom's vs. Wal-Mart
Pure breds vs. mutts
Regular vs. premium

You name it, pretty much everything we buy in the market has gradiated pricing to reflect differing values.

And it's the exact same thing between male and female labor.

While the ~~lie~~ politically correct excuse for the lower pay of women is "sexism," my epiphany forces me to ask a simple question - why is the market efficient at pricing nearly ***millions*** of goods and services in the economy, but when it comes to women, it's all of the sudden "sexism?" Am I to believe the market, which prices everything accurately from lumber to licorice, from manure to moccasins, all of the sudden just "fails" when it comes to valuing women's labor?

The truth is the myth of the female wage gap has been thoroughly debunked that any intellectually honest person (male or female) knows and accepts this. They know women disproportionately major in worthless subjects, take more time off, work less, etc. etc. And when you account for these variables, the wage gap disappears. But I am not here to debate the wage gap any further. I know leftists and feminists will forever cling to it because it supports their religion and their profitable victim-whoring industry. I am here, however, to shoot another simple, but logical torpedo into the wage gap myth ***that the average idiot on the street can understand.***

For example, Dennis Prager pointed out that if women made 25% less for EQUAL WORK, all corporations would fire all men overnight and only women would be employed. This is a simple, logical argument that normies and morons can comprehend. Because of this it does more to fight the lie of the female wage gap than any amount of studies, research, statistics, or math that flies over most people's heads. And though my argument may be a bit more nuanced with the concept of "efficient market hypothesis," the average idiot on the street, even your average liberal arts major, can understand that if the market can accurately price the varying qualities of millions of goods, services, and commodities, then it's also likely valuing female labor precisely where it should be.

Still, I wouldn't hold your breath in hope this bit of economic logic ends the ~~professional victim-whoring~~ wage gap debate.

Buy my latest book "Reconnaissance Man!"
And if you really want to close the wage gap, buy my other book "Worthless!"

City Pages Meets the Real World of Journalism

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If you don't know what "City Pages" is, don't worry. It's the pre-internet "what's going on in Minneapolis" weekly that you would consult to see...well..what was going on in Minneapolis every week in the early 90's. Of course, they wouldn't just leave it at that. That would be providing a genuine service to society with no pain nor cost nor sermoning. So they attracted a bunch of wanna be, journalistic failures who write (wait wait for it!!!!) LEFTIST (amazing, I know) skewed "articles" so they could feel like they're achieving something.

Never mind the platform was merely advertising. And never mind the only people who read City Pages for the articles are the same Minneapolitan dippy hippy dipshits who fashion themselves intellectuals. No, "City Pages" keeps going on like a zombie because hipsters in our "Uptown" need to read something when waiting for their organic coffee.

So when they came out with an article about Trump visiting Minneapolis, it was, as predicted, soaked with "sarc/snark/talk to the hand/oh snap" level writing. But it was also curiously closing the comments section.

Of course, this is what happens when old, obsolete, outdated, baby boomer media that is used to preaching to the choir comes full head onto the internet which is much more democratic and representative of the people. I guarantee you City Pages was used to its cozy echo chamber of spoiled brat trust funder baby readership, but when it made it into the real world via teh interwebz, the comments were just too "triggering" for its editorial staff to handle. And since we wouldn't want to upset these precious liberal arts majoring failures, the comments section was closed, and their little imaginary journalistic fiefdom was maintained.

Anyway, this is the only time I'll write about the "City Pages" because like the Star Tribune, for 20 years I had to tolerate their leftist slop as it was the only thing available. But now, thanks to the interwebz, City Pages is going down in history for what it truly was:

An advertising platform for bars, clubs, and museums to support the otherwise unsupportable and never-demanded journalistic hobbies of talentless, leftist hacks.

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New sponsor and one I think some of you may be interested in. Basically "Easy Mode Blogger" sets up a blog for you. You may think "So what, I can set up a blog myself." Yeah, but it's usually under a private company like Google or Wordpress and then you have to abide by their community guidelines and rules.

This then requires you set up your own site AND learn how to program HTML on the fly. OR NOT. You can hire the guys at Easy Mode Bloggers that set it all up for you and all you have to do is start writing. AND you don't have to worry about offending the precious little millennials, SJW's, and other thin-skinned pussies of the world because it's your own site.

Anyway, consider contacting my buddy Pete at Easy Mode Blogger and tell him the Captain sent you!

Reconnaissance Man Now Available in Kindle

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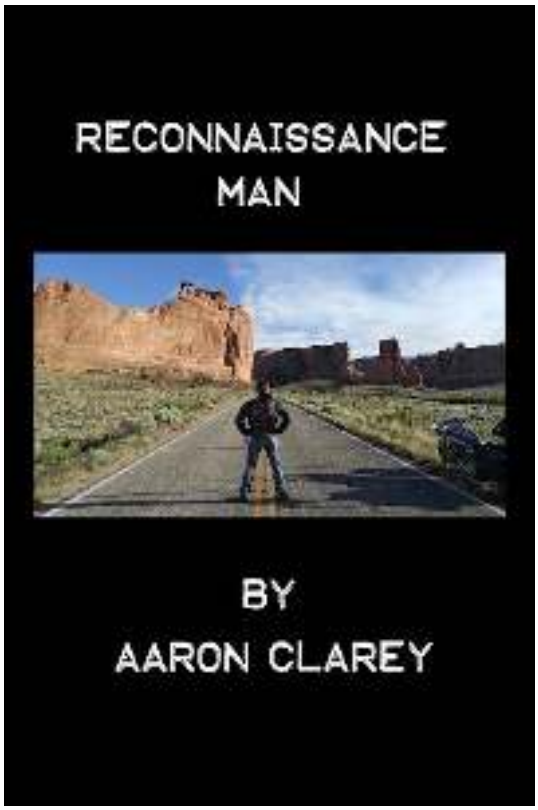
In case you're ashamed to be reading one of my books, you can discreetly read it now on Kindle!



New Podcast: "The World of Laurie Zoock":

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New podcast to add to the podcast role - Laurie Zoock.

If you're looking for something outside of politics and is more of a variety show. You may want to check her out. She specializes in, however, delving and studying a subject deeply and then bringing on experts. She also owns a dog so extra points there. Anyway, if you're looking for another podcast to sample check her out.!

A Red Pill Analysis of HGTV

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An interesting analysis.

Boys Ditching Girls in Real World for Digital Ones

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I like how the MSM, religious folk, and baby boomer types get around to discovering stuff the Manosphere did 5-10 years ago. So imagine my chuckle when a study was done and they discovered boys are preferring to play video games and watch porn than

work
date
get stood up
go to school
go into debt

and all the miserable shit they saw Gen X go through.

I was to quote John McClane and yell "Welcome to the party pal!"

Davis Aurini is Back

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Apparently YouTube has given Davis back his full rights to broadcast. Remember, this is why you back up your work and you have an alternative Daily Motion or Vimeo channel.

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Playing Pokemon Go
2 year olds will outlast you in the park
"The hand off!"
Fellatio Cafe
Girls getting dined and dashed by guys

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How Much Does the Stock Market Have to Increase by for Us to Retire?

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To be blunt, the entire US retirement system is a ponzi scheme. I'm not talking about social security or medicare (though, those are ponzi schemes as well), but the 401k's and IRA's that the government, the media, Hollywood, our employers, and our educators tell us we "just must" invest in. The reason why is very simple - we are relying on capital gains (ie - increasing prices) to fund our retirements and NOT increasing profits. This is why PE ratios are going up and dividend yields are going down because stock prices are increasing faster than the underlying profits corporations generate and the dividends they pay.

However, this got me thinking. Since the government more or less ordained the stock market as the primary vehicle by which we would retire, what kind of asset price increases would be required to adequately provide for the retirement of the Baby Boomer and Gen X generations? I know it's funny, and you're all laughing at me, but let's just say this crazy ponzi scheme works (or at least keeps working long enough for me to retire). How much would stocks have to go up by in order to provide enough money for each person in each generation to retire?

This mental and mathematical exercise of course requires some assumptions and simplifications, all of which will be proven wrong as time goes on. But just to see how feasible this whole "throw all your money into your 401k's" plan is, I just wanted to get some ballpark figures. Ergo, I assumed each generation retires separately and cycles over/sells their investment to the previous generation. I also assumed younger people accumulate mainly stocks and older people hold onto their bonds. I assumed every baby boomer is retiring today into today's market and that all Gen X'ers will retire 20 years from now. I assumed Americans can ONLY invest in US stocks/bonds. And I also assume a 2.5% annual rate of inflation. Again, none of these assumptions are true, but I'm just trying to do some back of napkin economics to get some ballpark figures.

The first thing I wanted to do is take a look at how much the stock and bond markets would have to be worth to effectively retire the entire baby boomer generation today. Right now there are 77 million baby boomers. Each of these boomers are going to require $800,000 in retirement funds to provide $40,000 per year in living expenses, as well as increased medical bills for the estimated 20 years of their life they'll be living. This means they need a total market capitalization of $61.6 trillion in order to retire. And thankfully the total market capitalization of US stock and bond markets are $23.4 trillion and $37 trillion respectively, for a total of $60.4 trillion, just a trillion shy of what's required.

Normally, this would be welcomed news as there's enough wealth in US stocks and bonds to retire the entire generation. However, there's a problem with the distribution of ownership of stocks and bonds. One, 30% of stocks and bonds are NOT owned by households, pensions, retirement programs, or mutual funds. They're held by other entities that are either institutional owners, brokers, traders, international investors, etc., that aren't likely going to be cashed out to pay for the baby boomers' retirement party anytime soon (bonds are even held by a smaller percent). Also, depending on which leftist rag you want to quote, "the rich" (whatever that means, and they fail to say) own anywhere between 50% and 80% of the stock and bond markets. Unless they're charitably going to "spread the wealth" you can expect the majority of boomers are going to have a shortfall. And then there's corporations like Apple that hold stock in other companies (in Apple's case I think it's up to $22 billion now) that they're not going to be selling (let alone, giving to baby boomers) anytime soon. So when you make the following adjustments/assumptions:

1. Lop off 10% of the baby boomers who are "rich" leaving the main 90% of boomers who "need" 401k's to retire
2. Subtract out the 30% of securities not earmarked for retirement
3. And subtract out the 50% ownership that goes away when you take out the richest 10%

you're left with 63.9 million boomers who need $55.4 trillion to retire, but only have....

$22.8 trillion in likely retirement accounts (and even this is a high number).

This results in a shortfall of $33.5 trillion meaning prices would have to double in both the stock and bond markets..umm....basically....***RIGHT FREAKING NOW*** in order for baby boomers to fully retire. Alas, this is why today boomers are still working, relying on social security, and reverse mortgages. In other words, generation-wise, the 401k/IRA retirement system has failed the boomers.

The hypothetical retirement of Gen X, however, provides an even more interesting case in that we have to forecast inflation and infer what kind of growth rate would be required of the stock, bond (or both) markets to adequately provide for Gen X'ers. First there's 99 million Gen X'ers. Assuming they all retire in 20 years, and also need $40,000 a year in today's money to retire, we come up with $1,311,000 in required retirement funds per Gen X'er, which translates into $130 trillion in stock and bond market capitalizations. We of course have to whittle this down just like we did for the Baby Boomers, so we adjust for the 10% of the rich, 50% of their wealth, and 30% of securities not earmarked for retirement and the Gen X generation will need $117 trillion to retire, but will likely only have ...

$46 trillion in their names-a $71 trillion short fall (*but hey, at least in 20 years they'll*

maybe have their student loans paid off!)

Therefore, to make that $46 trillion the $117 trillion NON-RICH Gen Xer's will need to retire, the entire stock and bond markets will have to grow to a combined market capitalization of $329 trillion. A 14 fold increase from today.

Now, is this possible?

If we erroneously assume that Gen X exclusively invests in stocks and they do not rely on bonds (as younger people aim for higher growth, not to mention bonds have no hope of providing the required returns), the stock market would have to grow by 14% per year for the next 20 years to make good on the 401k promise. This is VERY unlikely as it took the S&P 500 33 years to increase the required 14-fold since 1983 that must be done under 20 years starting today. And given the power of compounding, Gen X will be woefully short on retirement funds without those extra 13 years of growth (54% short if we use the S&P 500's historical growth and retroactively apply it).

We can also assume the scenario where both stocks AND bonds are purchased in full from the baby boomers which would change the required rate of growth of 8.9% per year. However, this is just outright laughable with those whopping 1% interest rates on treasuries, not to mention negative interest rates right around the corner.

In short, using these-certainly flawed, back of napkin calculations, this whole 401k, IRA retirement thing just isn't feasible. It constantly requires a "perma-Tulip Bulb bubble mentality" of relying on the religion of "because I can sell it more for latter" to work. It requires an ignorant population that doesn't read financial statements, can't compare prices of securities versus their underlying profits, and has a sheeple-ish mentality that is easily duped by the powers that be. Thankfully, (well, for Wall Street and the government anyway) they have precisely that. So over the past 40 years you've had millions of dupes flooding the market with trillions of dollars...paying trillions along the way in commissions, managerial fees, and taxes.

But sure enough like all bubbles it will burst (or perhaps be inflated away with QE infinity). I'm particularly curious what PE ratios and dividend yields are going to look like if we need 8.9% in annual price increases when the economy can only manage to fart out 2% per year in economic growth. It may even get so bad, like government bonds, the sheep will be paying businesses dividends and not the other way around! Regardless, I do believe it's time for Gen X and perhaps even Millennials to question the same generation that brought us

1. The Ozone Layer
2. "The kids in Africa are starving"
3. The Housing Bubble and

4. "EVERYBODY MUST GO TO COLLEGE!"

about why the hell should we be investing in the stock market for retirement? Because as far as I can tell, it's like all their other advice - not only worthless, but damaging, even life destroying.

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Why the Economy Won't Recover Without Men

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Though a Asshole Consulting request, the video ends up explaining, in entertaining detail how:

Negative interest rates
The lack of economic growth
National debts and
The inevitable collapse of the West

is 100% dependent upon men and their sociological/romantic/sexual relationships with women. It is some of my finest (accidental) work and if you TRULY want to understand how economics works and how to get economies to boom, I suggest you listen to at least the first half:

Hollywood Doubles Down on "Feminist Ocean's 8"

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In an increasing amount of empirical evidence that Hollywood has a political agenda and presumably no longer cares about profits, it seems they're going to ignore the flop known as "Affirmative Action Ghostbusters" and force another feminist lecture down your throat - Feminist Ocean's 11.

Of course it's called Ocean's 8, but there's nothing new here.

I mean, REALLY nothing knew.

They're plagiarizing a movie that plagiarized another one. And in more ways than one. They are simply taking a movie from the 60's, that was a remake in the 90's, and copy-cating the (oh so clever move) of replacing the entire male cast with women. Dang those creative crafty Hollywood types! How do they do it???

I don't know what to say that hasn't already been said about Affirmative Action Ghostbusters.

1. Hollywood is plum out of ideas if the best they can come up with is "Take 40 year old movie + Women."
2. It's plagiarism
3. It's forcing gender roles that don't work and nobody likes
4. It's the antithesis of feminism if you merely do what men did 30 years later
5. There's no originality
6. It's an admission of defeat that women can only repeat what men do, but can manage nothing original on their own.
7. It's forcing a political sermon on people who don't want it.
8. It's mixing fun with politics.

I really don't care if Hollywood wants to make the next 100 movies all female casts. It's their and the shareholders' money. But the fact they're pushing forward with this in light of the spectacular failure Feminist Ghostbusters was, suggests to me the higher ups in Hollywood view some of the movies they make as nothing more than CSR expenses to virtue signal and (vainly) try to capitalize on the naivety of women.

I wish you all in Hollywood good luck and look forward to the all-female cast remake of The Great Escape.

Super Cappy rant on YouTube here.

What Did You Think Was Going to Happen?

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I like how the camera man is saying "Oh my god" as if this was a shocking and unexpected result.

Ahhhh, warm fuzzies.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Cause Downunder...WE DON'T NEED NO STIIIIIINNNNNKING FATHERS!!!!

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Cappy hates State Fairs.
Cappy goes to a Sportsball Game.
Bernard Chapin does not heed advice.
Feminist Ocean's 11.
Christians are confused by MGTOW.

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Laurie Zoock and Cappy Cap Walk Into a Bar

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and then have a great long conversation about IQ!

Anyway, was on The World of Laurie Zoock! Trust me, you want to listen to this woman.

Couldn't Keep Her Yap Shut

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Ahhhh, warm fuzzies.

Retirement is Death

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Kerry Lutz and I talk about retirement planning on his latest podcast.

Episode #160 of The Clarey Podcast!

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In this episode we interview Tom from Small Scale Life about setting up a simple garden for lazy bachelor survivalists or people who just want to get started on growing their own food. We also interview Ann Sterzinger and John Steele about the Millennial generation and how much they suck.

Mark Dayton's Economic Minnesota Miracle

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For the past couple years I've had the occasional brainwashed Minnesota leftist automaton regurgitate cud it received, pre-chewed by the Minnesota democrat party and say,

"*Oh yeah!!! But what about Mark Dayton's economic miracle!!!!???? About how he taxed the rich and now Minnesota is the fastest growing state in the nation? Huh? What about that!!??? Huh huh???*"

I'm old and experienced enough to ignore this because 100% of the time...

not 97%
not 98%
not 99%

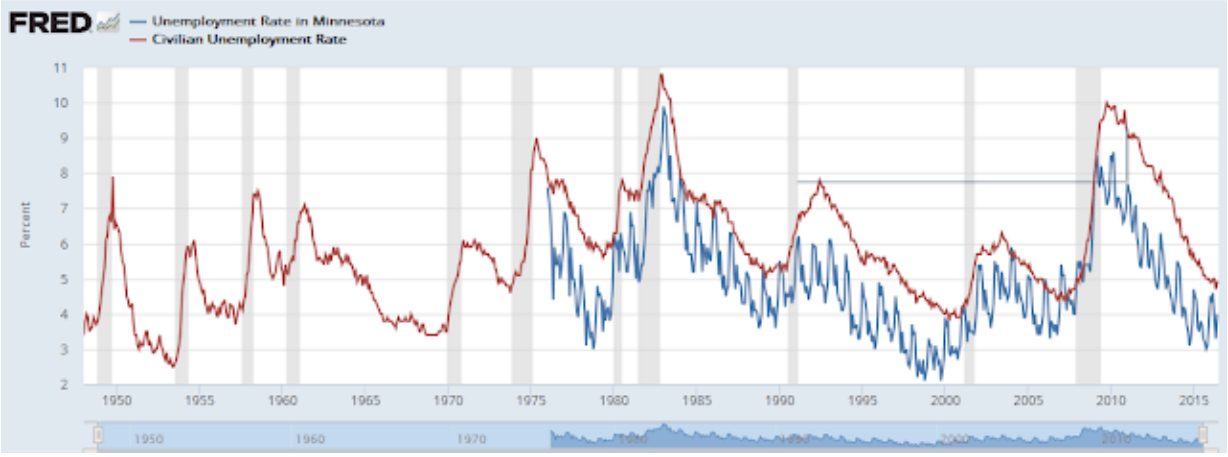
but ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of the time when I hear anything coming from the left it is either an outright lie or it is a half-truth making the entire statement a lie. Combine this with the fact no leftists (and not that many rightists either) care about empiricism or proof, I don't bother wasting my breath trying to argue, and just let the naive fool continue on his/her doomed leftist career path of non-profit work, academia, panhandling, or slinging Uptown coffee.

But when I heard it the fourth time, it was getting annoying. And so to have the data very handy I decided to look up this "economic miracle" and see for myself just what a great job Mark Dayton (and not the hard working people of Minnesota) did to get this economy booming. And true to form, you find out the left's claim of an economic miracle here in Minnesota, just isn't true.

Right off the bat there is no "miracle" happening here in Minnesota. If you look at GDP figures of Minnesota vs. the United States, we averaged a whopping ***1/10th of 1%*** more than the nation since Mark Dayton has been governor. This right here is not a "miracle." It's a rounding error. Minnesota's economic growth has been IDENTICAL to the nation's.

	MN	US
2011	2.34	1.6
2012	1.25	2.22
2013	2.5	1.67
2014	2.6	2.4
2015	2.36	2.6
Average	2.21	2.098

Of course, then the left immediately cites unemployment as success of Dayton's trust-fund baby socialism, pointing out Minnesota's unemployment rate is much lower than the country's. This is true, but has always been true. Minnesota has always had a lower unemployment rate than the nation. Chalk it up to sociological factors of its people, not the governor:



About the only thing approaching "miracle" status is that of the government budget, which went from deficit to surplus under Dayton's reign. This is hardly shocking that the left would point to a growing state as "success" since they largely parasitically depend on it for their survival, but state finances are NOT the economy. Furthermore, this was the trend NATION WIDE. All states went through the worst recession in 2006-2010, most of their budgets went into deficit, and when the economy (sort of) rebounded, they went into surplus. About the only thing Dayton did was his same ole same ole Trust Fund Baby Socialism or "tax the rich" which may have begotten a healthier surplus than most, but at the expense of driving long term capital and investment away (um for those leftists reading this, "capital" and "investment" means companies who provide jobs).

In short, I would like to say that I am writing a biased or political piece. I would like to say I have a personal hatred for Dayton (which I do). But I don't have to. An empirical and

intellectually honest assessment of Minnesota's economic performance will plainly show there is no booming economy here, let alone a "miracle." It's simply a lie that should be a text book case study for any student interested in studying political propaganda.

25,000 Subscribers on YouTube

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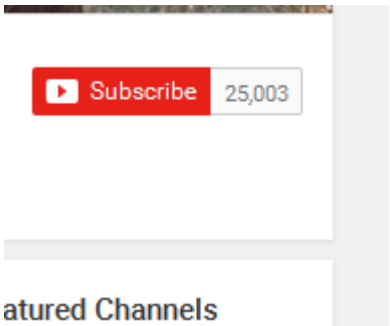
Wanted to say thanks to all of you who followed and made not only my YouTube channel successful, but made Asshole Consulting possible as well!



Amazon Affiliate Trial and Error

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Hi All,

Without going into a long and detailed explanation, browsers have evolved a lot, so much so that some them are now putting in automatic ad-blockers which, among other things, blocks my Amazon Affiliate banner (top right banner, right below the ad for Curse of the High IQ). I think I programmed a work around, but won't know for sure until I can verify some purchases.

So if you are one of those kind souls who does all their shopping through my banner, please let me know if/what/when you purchased something so I can see if the new banner I programmed is capturing and recording your sales.

Many thanks,

Cappy

PS-If you don't do your online shopping through my Amazon Affiliate program, START!

How the Left Brought Racist and Sexist Trolling Upon Itself

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Though brash and callous, I draw the line at using words like "nigger," "spick," and "kike." These words have no benefit or upside to them, and while I'm very critical of black, hispanic, American female, and other minority cultures, it is a constructive criticism that aims to improve their lot in life. However, whereas I draw the line at using outright insulting phrases and terms, the same does not hold true for others. For example I wince every time Matt Forney claims he's a Nazi and, frankly, won't listen to Chris Cantwell because of his frequent use of the term "nigger."

However, I know Matt Forney and (after listening to several of Chris Cantwell's shows), am familiar with Chris Cantwell. And if I had to put money on it, I'd wager Matt is no Nazi and I have serious doubts Chris Cantwell genuinely hates blacks. But their flagrant and flippant use of these words, even though deep down inside they likely don't believe a word of it, is an interesting phenomenon. For if you step back and look at it, it's a response, if not outright backlash to the left's obsession with accusing everybody of racism and sexism. And it is here that the left has created a monster that will forever hound and haunt them.

To understand this monster you have to understand its origins. And its origins come from the left's obsession with victim-politics. Without going into the long and belabored psycho-political explanation, leftists are at the core lazy people. They don't want to work. They don't want to do math. And so they approach life with a survival strategy of parasitism and forcing others to pay for them. However, life doesn't pay the parasitic, so leftists must become masters at rationalizing the theft of others. This results in the professional victim-whoring industry where they claim they're discriminated against because of their (choose any one of the following)

race
sex
gender
religion
ethnicity
mental illness
disability
etc. etc. etc.

And since they're "discriminated against" this gives them the right to your life-labor in the form of extra money and taxes you get to pay.

This pins not only the emphasis, BUT THEIR ENTIRE SURVIVAL on their ability to highlight discrimination. And so not only is every whiff of genuine discrimination highlighted, magnified, and brought to the forefront, but things that aren't bigotry, but can be construed as bigotry, are spun thusly so (and let's not mention minorities faking their own hate crimes). Add to this most leftists have no value, worth, or agency in life, and they trip over themselves to highlight sexism and racism as a faux-profession, notably in journalism.

The result in a constant cacophony of perpetually offended people who invariably blame the boogie man of "white males" for their laziness, sloth, parasitism, stupidity, and utter lack of achievement and success in life. It also results in a world of people (notably whites and males) having to walk around egg shells so as not to offend the precious, fragile feelings of the perpetually offended, not to mention avoid the career-destroying accusation of being a (GASP!!!!) RACIST/SEXIST! And so like the increasing cowards they are, men and whites tuck their tails behind their legs, and tip toe around the land mines the race-whores and sexist-pimps have laid out before them...except for one group of people.

Those (predominantly) white males who have nothing to lose.

The Great Recession had a great effect on the lives, and more importantly, futures of a entire generation. It more or less destroyed them. Saddled with $70,000 in student loans for a degree that land them zero jobs and released into the slowest growing economy since the Great Depression, millions of millennials (and Gen X'ers) have realized they will never achieve the American dream. They won't own a house, they won't have a loving, caring, or supporting wife. They won't have enough for retirement. And they won't have a career they were promised. Adding insult to injury, males and whites of these generations are falsely accused of having "privilege" and are constantly blamed for the failures of others when they themselves have no success to speak of. So with no job to lose, no career to be had, and no financial success to point towards, they simply say "fuck it" and rip apart the entire system.

This has resulted in a large digital, but veritable army of online bloggers, posters, commenters, and trolls with zero fucks to give. From their basements, their buddies' couches, or their local bar they slam and troll the precious sensibilities of the professional victim-whoring industry. Comments sections are filled with racial epitaphs, outright sexism, outright bigotry, and all manner of name calling. They blow through the mine-field of political correctness by jettisoning any pretense of political correctness, indifferent if they're accused of an "ism" or "ist," agreeing-and-amplifying with bulldoze force. And they only increase the ferocity of their attacks when the professional parasites whine about being attacked. In the end, these leftists who insist on being professional victims, are guaranteed to be hounded and harassed when they publicly post their whining and parasitism on line. And since that's how they get their money, they have condemned

themselves to an entire life of online harassment, criticism, lecturing, and hatred.

Just one problem.

It's all trolling.

Certainly there are some genuine sexists and racists out there. And no doubt there are bigots and homophobes on teh interwebz as well. But the increasing army of posters and commenters aren't racist or sexist. They're just sick of the constant lecturing, proselytizing, whining, and bitching coming from the professional victim-whiner-whore industry. Even women and minorities are sick of it as they don't want their skin or plumbing to be associated with such a whiny, parasitic, pathetic, and loser class. But since reason, evidence, and empiricism doesn't work, then why not just troll them and increase their blood pressure? Why not mock them and ridicule them, by showing them what real bigotry and racism would look like? This is why the majority of articles from these ist-whores don't have the comments section available. This is why Anita Sarkeesian doesn't allow comment on her channel. They are such weak and worthless people, they can hypocritically (and falsely I might ad) blame others for their failings in life, but can't stand to take the criticism. And criticism is all they ever get in life.

In the end you have to take inventory of who is really winning this battle. Yes, to be a professional victim-whore may sound nice. You don't have to work (a real job anyway). Life is easy. And all you have to do is take whatever handouts you can get. But while that may sound easy, the lack of honor, agency, and purpose in life invariably becomes taxing and destroys your life. Have you seen a happy feminist? Have you seen a content BLM protestor? Just imagine that instead of producing something of value, or raising a family, or working as a mechanic, your entire life was just 65 years of panhandling and concocting excuses as to why you have the right to be a thief. You will have achieved nothing of genuine intellectual, emotional, romantic, artistic, or industrial worth. You're just a parasite.

But if you think that's bad, just imagine that life with millions of trolls harassing you everyday, exposing you for the fraud and leech that you are. And they're not going anywhere because you were so successful in implementing a socialist system you took away any future they might have had, any women they might have married, and dared to blame all of your failures on them.

It's great when Dr. Frankenstein dies at the hand of his own creation.

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Those precious, heroic single mothers. How do they manage to do what they do?

Reconnaissance Man Is Meant for 20 Somethings

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Glorious Karl of Glorious Hat fame did a review of my latest book "Reconnaissance Man."

However, I did want to dispel some myths about the book, namely who this book is written for. The most common complaint I get about my books is that they're of no use to people 50 or older. And...well...yeah, I can't really help you when your life is 70% done and all major decisions have been made. However, this book is not for high school, or even college aged kids only as people seem to think it is. It's for anybody who is wandering around the desert,clueless about what they want to do, and are contemplating or kicking around either attending or returning to college. Ergo, the target age was 18-35, with kids "ideally" picking up the book at 14.

Regardless, the whole point of the book is to make sure you either choose the right path the first time, OR, leave the wrong path you're on now and quickly identify the right one, easily saving you 10 years of your life, perhaps even 20. Yes, it is for kids about to enter college, but it's for anybody who is either stuck, listless, or directionless in life and cannot see any other way out. This book shows you that out.

When Yellow Journalism Infected Blogging

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A very interesting analysis (video) by Bernard Chapin about how the drive for traffic and clicks has jettisoned the pursuit of truth and accuracy, resulting in very few blogs that are genuine vehicles of journalism.

Men Pay More In Taxes

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Men pay egregiously more in taxes, resulting in a tax gap. I would also be curious to know if we collect less in government money. Wait, never mind, I already know.

15 Lies Single Moms Tell You

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Looks like the Ole Captain's advertisement made it to Terrence Popp's latest video!

Why Citizens Should Have Access to Fully Automatic Weapons and M1 Abrams

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Was interviewed on Crush the Street with Ken again, and we discussed my position on the 2nd Amendment. I frankly don't care about obscured gun/death statistics and view the right to gun ownership on a principled level - it was instituted to counter an oppressive government. Ergo, individuals should be armed to the level of soldiers and militias (in my opinion) should not only have access to tanks and other armament, but training in the use of them AND supplied with them.

We then went on to talk about how it's impossible for everybody to retire off of the stock market.

"Captain's Quarterly"

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Happy Day Lieutenants!

After a three week work binge some of my projects are coming to fruition. And while Reconnaissance Man was recently published, I also put the finishing touches on another project "Captain's Quarterly."

"Captain's Quarterly" is basically backing up the best works of this blog. However, instead of doing that every 3-5 years (which resulted in the 900 page monstrosity that "Captain Capitalism - Reserved" was), I'm backing up the blog every quarter to make it more digestible, thus Captain's Quarterly. I have also added some eye candy to the project in part to give you something more than charts and data to look at, in part because I appreciate the 1950's looking woman, but also to piss off feminists because they hate truly beautiful women. Thus each issue of "Captain's Quarterly" will have a new model dolled up in classy 1950's attire and lingerie (that's if I can keep finding reliable, timely models, so if you know any, send them may way).

The only problem is that "Captain's Quarterly" is made first to be an analog back up of my works, and second as a work of art. Therefore it's in color and it's price is well...rather pricey. Each issue is estimated to cost around $20 an issue, which I hope in the future will go down with advances in technology. That being said, the Kindle version, not being limited by color-printing technology, I set at the lower price I could possible at $2.99 per

issue.

Regardless, if you are interested in purchasing a copy, you can find both paperback and kindle versions on Amazon.com. And many thanks to all of you for your support!

Cappy

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What if college girls dressed like the 1950's?
Captain's Quarterly is out.
Amy Schumer pulls an Obama and writes about herself.
Millennials aren't have sex because they're not sexy.

AND MORE!

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A Very Capitalist Weekend

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Remember to do all your online shopping this weekend via my Amazon link. Costs you nothing, and all proceeds go to an evil white republican male to do evil white republican male things.

Blame the Black President for Once

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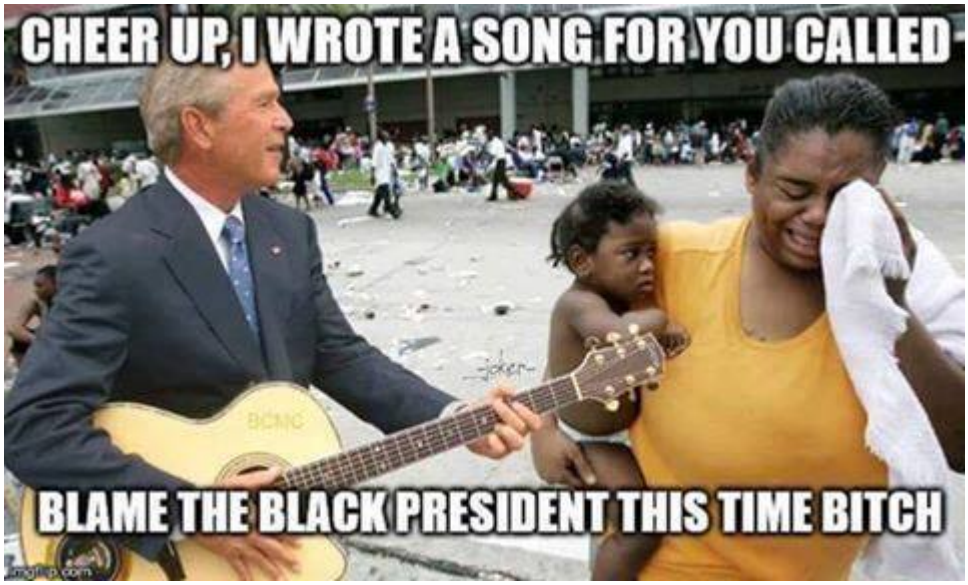
Ho ho ho!



Monday Morning Linkage

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I do believe fat women are the least honorable and trustworthy people. It's simply the biggest, boldest, most honest tell about their personality.

Target's virtue signaling backfires.

Meanwhile in Venezuela.

Why Manveer Heir Shouldn't Be (and Brendan Eich Should Never Haven Been) Fired

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If you don't know the kerfuffle surrounding Manveer Heir, he is a developer at Bioware games that has made some tweets and social media commentary that some deemed racist. And while I can certainly understand criticizing various races, or pointing out shortcomings in an aim to constructively criticize (or perhaps even vent about) said races, I kind of drew the line at this:

Naturally, whether genuinely racist or not, calls for Heir's head have come forth. There's even a petition to get the man fired (I sent an e-mail to Bioware and as of yet don't know if he's still employed). However, after getting over the visceral reaction of loathing a man that seems to loathe you merely for your skin and gender, a more somber analysis (hat tip to Honey Badger radio) is required. For if we merely insist SJW's get theirs in return, we miss a much larger and more important threat to all of us - the freedom of speech.

Tempting as it may be to get your pound of flesh against somebody who hates you for irrational reasons, the larger issue here is one of the freedom of speech. And disgusting as you may find Mr. Heir's comments, he does have the right to say what he wants (or perhaps not in Canada, given the latest ruling by the Canadian Human's Rights commission). Regardless, simply turn the tables and let us revisit Mr. Brendan Eich. Eich was the former CEO of Mozilla until it was discovered he made a political donation to a campaign to ban gay marriage. For him exercising his right to the freedom of speech he was summarily fired...and we all stopped using Firefox as a browser. But while we can highlight a tit for tat exchange between leftists and rightists getting fired for their political views, the larger point though is that Americans (and Canadians) EFFECTIVELY do NOT have the freedom of speech. Not because of government or a tyrannical state, but because of....

employers.

I have argued before that people either HAVE the freedom of speech or they DON'T. And it doesn't matter if it's the government infringing upon your freedom of speech, but ANY entity in a position of power over you. And so while the government may not care if you ramble off racist tweets, sexist YouTube videos, or controversial Instachats, your employer might, and that effectively infringes on your speech.

We've seen this in another arena as well, not just with employers, but also college campuses. Though colleges are NOT the law and they are NOT your employer, because they are the only way by which you can get a degree, and thus employment, you are effectively answering to a defacto fourth layer of government. This allows colleges to not only force you to attend a kangaroo court if falsely accused of rape and force whatever kind of political indoctrination upon you, but if you violate their speech codes you get punished, expelled, you career ruined, etc. Again, (and TRULY ironically) you don't have the freedom of speech ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS!

In short, because of these "quasi" layers of government in the form of employers, colleges, even social media giants (with their "community guidelines), nobody REALLY has the freedom of speech. And since nobody has the freedom of speech, great ideas, controversial ideas, and ideas that will genuinely advance and progress society (not to mention ideas we'd like to just talk about without the fear of consequences) cannot come to the forefront or be advocated.

This is why, in my humble opinion, legislation should be passed that prohibits employers (and colleges) from firing (or hiring) people based on what they say on the internet or in public. It is none of their business, it does not concern them, and if employers TRULY cared about CSR or "virtue signaling" their liberal credentials they would advertise the fact they do NOT investigate, monitor, or inquire about your internet or social life. The only form of "justice" or comeuppance would come in the form of the market place of ideas and debates on the internet. Racists, communists, facists, homophobes, etc., would all be outed and publicly shammed/ostracized. So distasteful would their ideas and commentary be, they'd have to turn off the likes/dislikes ratio and comments and deal with the hate mail in private. And people would choose with their time and dollars whether or not to deal with these people. Besides which, there is a huge benefit to letting people TRULY have the freedom of speech - they'll show their true colors. And if you can find out somebody doesn't like you because of the color of your skin, or they intend to blow up a building because they don't like a particular religion, it makes you wonder why Facebook, Google, Youtube, etc. have community guidelines at all. Because I for one (not to mention the FBI and CIA) would like to know who these people are. So please let them exercise their freedom of speech uninhibited.

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#Womenwithdegrees!
Dumping UK husband for Jamaican lover.
Mail order brides.
Target losing business.

AND MORE!

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How Women are Truly Oppressed

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Never have so many
Been duped out of so much
By so few:

Hanging Lake Park

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Greetings from Colorado:

More Hanging Gardens

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Craig's Nest, Grand Junction, Colorado

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Curse of the High IQ Available in Audio

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For those of you who insist you get a run in or some work done while taking in a book via audio, you'll be happy to know "Curse of the High IQ" is available in AUDIO now!

Who is the "Alt Right?"

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An analysis by Davis Aurini.

Highway 141 Colorado

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Some pictures from my latest adventure:

Margaret Cho: The Gen X Millennial

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This won't be a long one, but one that should be noted.

Margaret Cho, if you didn't know, is a "comedian." Those air quotes are the largest ones I could order from China, but they are currently building aircraft carrier-size ones that they will ship to me once completed. Regardless, the only reason I know of her was a friend of mine, who was gay, said I just "had to see her." So I watched about 10 minutes of a video and had to turn it off when she did a "comedy" skit about eating pussy.

This was about 15 years ago, and I distinctly remember two things about her:

1. She is NOT funny.
2. Much like Amy Schumer is today, she was championed by the pacifier sucking Gen-X at the time as a female comedic genius.

And then she went away.

Perhaps she "went away" much like Saturday Night Live "went away" in my life, because it was only funny to sophomoric 7th graders. ie - it still exists, but you either grow up, or realize it just isn't that funny. Perhaps her career stalled and people had their fill of "eating pussy jokes." But whatever the case, Margaret Cho, in all of her media-hyped "comedy" was no longer at the forefront.

Which brings us to today. For while perusing my facebook, the Talented Mr. Aurini sent me this:

Let me explain something to the young Millennial women, or perhaps even the Gen X women that think Margaret Cho is anything of intellectual value.

This is a now-approaching 50 year old woman. And this is what she's doing.

Let that sink in.

This isn't a 14 year old girl pulling a prank.
This isn't a 24 year old college student protesting something or other.

This is a 67%-life-over woman who's legacy she is choosing to leave is wearing a full-body sweater penis.

If you can't see that Margaret Cho's life's purpose has simply been to serve as a warning for others, then I can't help you. And if you're of the leftist variety to think this is some how "cool" or "edgy" and you're "sticking it to the man," your entire life will be a waste. But if you're a younger woman, who still has her beauty, and still deep down inside would like to get married, have a family, and a shot at a traditional life, you cannot listen to these leftist, Hollywood, viruses. This is where their path leads. This is where you will end up. Choose your path wisely and enjoy the decline.

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Cappy's 20 year regret.
What Metallica teaches us about homeschooling.
Leftist Millennials are The Borg/The Flood.
An 80 year old fan writes Cappy a very humbling letter.

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Charity Isn't Necessary

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Remember if you'd like to support the Captain, donations and charity are NOT needed. Just do your weekend online shopping here (and book mark the URL if you'd be kind enough to).

The Solution to Colin Kaepernick

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If you are a true American, at minimum Colin Kaepernick pisses you off. A rich minority millionaire football player who was adopted by white people who made headlines recently by not standing for the national anthem because (exhausted *sigh*) "racial equality." Such hypocrisy (and unoriginality/conformity) makes any normal person detest such a person, plus deep down inside your darwinistic instincts are scrambling for a "solution" for a traitor to your country.

Ergo, you'll call into the Sean Hannity Show.
You'll tweet it on your FriendFace.
Perhaps you'll get into a debate about him online.

But in the end you know this will have no effect because this is the narrative and the entire media, educational, and government systems are championing that narrative.

So how do you fight back?

Well, there is only one way.

You boycott the 49'ers.

This is an example of a theory I've been working on that there is a universal equilibrium when it comes to political attacks from your enemies. That for every political attack (or even "action") there is a succinct, simple, Occam's Razorish type response that would counter it. Think the laws of physics where for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Or in economics, markets are always trying to find equilibrium. It may take some time, but if you sit down and think about it, a clear and obvious solution to any political attack/action DOES invariably exist.

However, there are two problems that exist with the simple solution of boycotting the '49'ers.

One, they are from San Francisco and most people in San Francisco cheer on the ignorant demand of equal outcomes and not equal opportunities. They are for stealing money from white people to give to minorities that fucked up as badly as Colin's birth father (you can look that up). And they are all for replacing meritocracy, fairness, and justice with equal outcomes for a hatred of those who worked hard and earned what they have.

So you're not going to get anybody in SF to boycott Mr. Kaepernick.

Two, thankfully, you can still cause the NFL a sting if fans of any team playing against the 49'ers decide to boycott them. This may (once again) be the simple counter-reaction political solution we are seeking, but alas, remember what I've said before:

Republicans are pussies when it comes to boycotting.

While there is some hope with Target Corporation suffering financially for it's sickening virtue signaling, in general Republicans, SWPL's, RINO's, and suburbanites still give money to corporations and companies that hate them, or at least hate America and freedom. Starbucks and Apple are always patronized by suburban conservative folk because they just have to have their coffee and latest iPhone fashion statement. Lines go out the door at Chipotle as sheeple SWPL's get their "organic grass fed beef." I still, for the life of me, can't understand why people still have leftist MSM rags delivered to their squeaky clean White Fish Bay doors. And year after year, in major metro after major metro, the (predominantly white, republican) football fans bend over and spread their ass cheeks so the NFL can ass-rape them for billion dollar stadiums.

In short, yes, there is a simple solution and one that 50 years ago would have worked. Had some arrogant spoiled suburbanite brat QB failed to stand up for the pledge of allegiance and spew leftist hatred for white people as the excuse, I'd imagine the majority of football going fans would boycott any games he played, forcing the NFL to silence him or bench him altogether (truthfully, the NFL would probably never had let it get that far). Of course, the male football fans of today are pussies compared to the men of yesteryear, and (just like they get ass-raped paying for stadiums), they'd rather have this whinny child spit in their face and indirectly accuse them of being racist, than give up "sportsball" and stand for principle. Their lives are that meaningless and void of purpose, all they have is "the Sunday game" and will submit themselves as inferior men to this self-pitying race-pimp.

Alas, there is a solution, but it requires real men and women to implement it. And very few of these people are real men or women.

Enjoy the decline.

ITT Out of Business

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Or almost anyway. And awwwww, that's just too bad.

Now when will the public universities go out of business? Or at least end their liberal arts programs?

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Sleeping in the back of a Prius.
Black Canyon National Park and 2,700 foot drops.
Yes, I charge my girlfriend rent…and so should you!
Forcing people to sit-down dinners.
Death by Prius!

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Pikes Peak, Sand Dunes, and Ouray

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Some pictures of my adventure these past 24 hours:

Black Canyon and Royal Gorge

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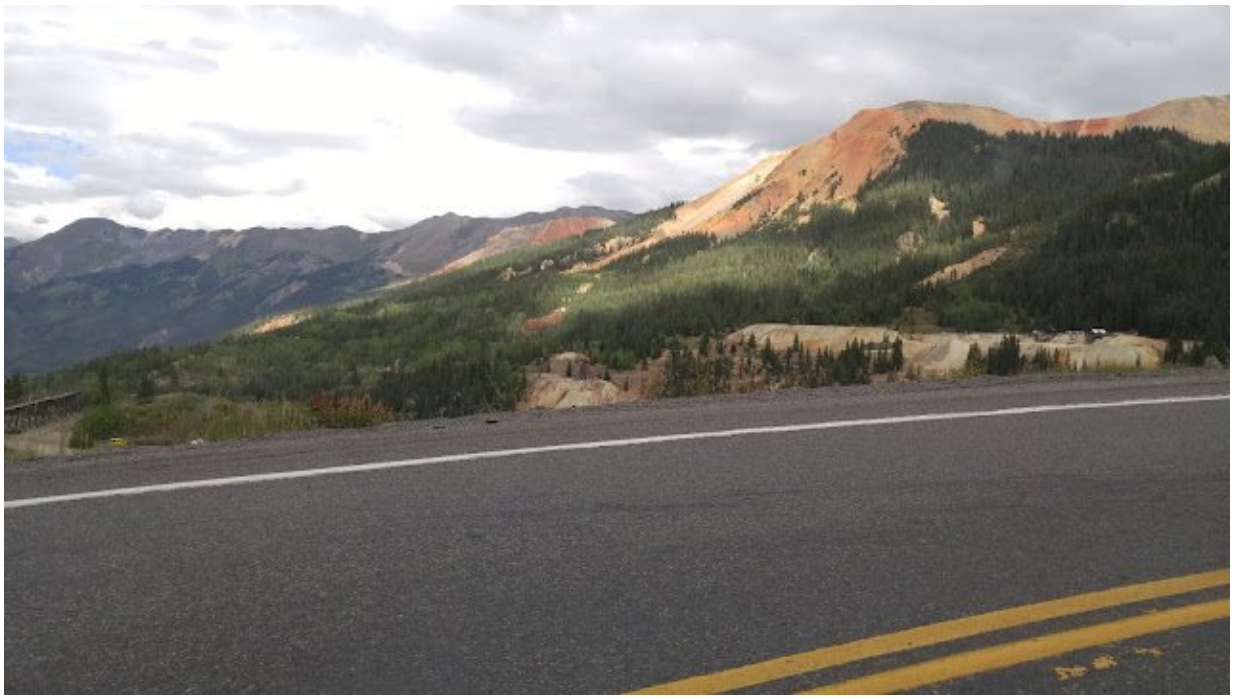
Last pics from Colorado. These are primarily from Black Canyon National Park, which I would say is a must if you are visiting Colorado. The pictures fail to do the park justice as those cliffs range from 1,500 to 2,700 feet straight down. The "stream" you see there is actually quite a large and rapidly flowing river. Some other pictures include Royal Gorge and Red Mountain.

Operations/posts will get back to a normal schedule...until once again I get stir crazy and decide to randomly leave Minnesota for some other destination I've yet to visit.



The "Wymyn's" Episode

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I'm about to board a plane and intend on listening to the Pushing Rubber Downhill podcast. However, you may want to tune into this particular episode of Adam's podast, the "Wymyn's" episode where Adam says, and I quote,

"I love all women. The pretty ones, and none of the others."

Never Lend Money to Liberal Arts Majors

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I guess Amazon learned the hard way.

Why Girls Will Never Ask Out Boys - Because They're Not Equals

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A reader of mine sent me a post from the Daily Telegraph. In it was the lamentations of a precious British snowflake who was complaining that no men were asking her out. She admitted in the first quarter of the post that women, being equal, should be approaching men as well, but dismissed this on the flimsy grounds that *there's a chance approaching a man might annoy him*. I was going to dismiss it on the grounds that the Daily Telegraph was a tabloid looking for click-bait like the Daily Mail, but when I looked up the Daily Telegraph, it seemed to be not only a legitimate paper, but a center right one as well.

Alas, I knew what I was dealing with. Another traditional, conservative, suburban "me too" republican type chick who is slowly realizing men are doing exactly what they were told by 60's-90's feminists, and leaving women alone. And it's scaring the hell out of her because deep down inside, no matter what women or feminists say, they want children, they want men, and the death of men approaching them strikes at this visceral genetic and darwinistic core.

Her solution, however, is telling, for it belies a vital and VERY important lesson about women that all men, especially young ones, must learn. So pull up a chair and gather 'round older brother Cappy as he pours himself a scotch and explains this lesson to you "lads."

First, you boys have to realize just what a coward this woman is. Leftist or rightist or not, after the 40 year cacophony of "rahrahfeminism,anythingmencandowomencandobetter," when it comes time to put up or shut up, she tucks her tail between her legs and BLATANTLY LIES saying "she doesn't want to inconvenience men" by asking them out. Huh, funny. Because that's PRECISELY what makes asking out and approaching women so daunting. You don't want to offend them, interrupt them, or come off as creepy or a stalker. Yet, men push through this blockade, and not only push through it, but spend untold mental and creative resources trying to make said approaches, charming, dashing, entertaining and above all else, successful. Still, despite saying they want "X" for 40 years, when it comes time to own up to the responsibility side of equality, they retreat faster than the French. This leads to...

Second, hypocrisy. Like Cafeteria Christians who pick and choose which aspects of Christianity they will and will not follow, your standard western feminists choose which aspects of feminism they want, and which aspects of traditionalism they want. When it comes to hard things, difficult things, or taking responsibility that comes with freedom

and agency, they invariably play the "Why I'm Just a Traditional Girl Card." When it comes to easy things like education, cushy jobs, income, etc., then they can't pull out the "I'm A Feminist Who Demand's Equality Card" fast enough. Alas, why women are strangely absent when it comes to studying STEM, but demand equal wages. And why our precious snowflake above wants a man, but doesn't want to do any of the heavy lifting to get one.

This leads to the third point or question - is it just the precious snowflake, or is the eschewing of the responsibility that comes with equality a universal trait amongst women? Naturally, asking people out is just one aspect of equality between the sexes. But if we are to use it as a proxy, in this one regard, yes, MOST DEFINITELY, women as a whole are shirking their feminist responsibilities they clamored for and are RUSHING back to those traditional and hate-filled 1950's standards, insisting men must run the gauntlet and ask them out.

It is here we have to look at this phenomenon of cowardice and hypocrisy and recognize it for what it is:

An example of female inferiority.

Of course, this is nothing shocking to men and women who have intellectual honesty and live in the real world. We know men and women are different, and we know men and women excel at certain things the opposite sex sucks at. But according to feminists and feminist doctrine, this is IMPOSSIBLE. An instance of where women are inferior to men just cannot exist. But it does, and the lack of women approaching men shines a glaring light into the short-comings, dishonesty, falsehoods, and outright unfairness of feminism.

Now, we could write this off as something "cute" and entertaining as the "battle of the sexes" continues on. "*How quaint! How precious! When it comes down to it, deep down inside, girls want to be girls despite all that kerfuffle about feminism and equality. They still like boys and want to be chased! OK boys! Go chase them!!! Tee hee!!!*"

But there's two major problems with this.

One, though "cute" and "darling" on the outside, who asks who out is arguably the most important part of equality between the sexes, because it speaks to arguably the most important thing in life - sex. Procreation. The continuation of the human race. Family. And dismiss it as you may, all of civilization has been built and created by men pursuing sex and the continuation of their genetic line. There is nothing else men have historically vested and valued MORE than the pursuit, and invariable conquering of a woman. So when a man approaches a woman to inevitably inquire as to whether she'd like to procreate, he is opening his entire (at least genetic and darwinistic) value to her for judgement. And in doing so risks having his entire value, his entire being, his entire life

judged as "not worth it" or "worthless."

Men do this at least THOUSANDS of times in their lives. We invariably build up a tolerance and a courage to rejection. Some even lose a bit of their soul and humanity as they've become so calloused to it (and these men move onto become "the players" women claim to hate so much). But regardless of the path, it invariably leads to traits men have that women don't - fearlessness, courage, intellectual rigor, pain-tolerance, and tenacity. And in these regards, men are blindingly superior to women.

But if this still doesn't convince you that "who asks who out" is likely the most important aspect of equality, consider this story. A female friend of mine had a crush on a male friend of mine. She would inquire about me setting her up, inviting them both to the same party, and doing all manners of theatrics to PUT HER IN THE PRESENCE of this young man. This went on for SIX MONTHS where she would inquire, ask, scheme, and plot to constantly be "conveniently" in his presence, all in the hopes he'd inevitably ask her out...which he never did. Inevitably I got sick of her asking me to pitch softballs over the plate and said, "*Dude, just ask him out. You've been at this shit for six months! You'd have saved yourself all this time and energy and moved on regardless if he said yes or no.*" To which she started *crying and sobbing uncontrollably* at the ***MERE PROSPECT*** of having to ask a young man out.

The fact that a mere THOUGHT reduced an otherwise functioning, controlled woman into a sobbing mess suggests "who asks who out" is neither "cute" nor "funny," but flirting with one of the universe's most powerful forces.

The second problem is one of mootness or theoretics, because discuss this all we may, sorry ladies....men took what you said these past 50 years to heart. You know that CONSTANT BARRAGE of propaganda you've been feeding young boys starting in kindergarten through college that women are not only equal, but any expression of romantic or sexual interest can be construed as...well...choose your poison:

sexual harassment
creepiness
stalker
date rape
rape
etc.?

You know how you made it illegal to cat-call women and wolf-whistling a punishable offense?

Yeah, actions have consequences. And though most men may have honorable intentions, innocently intending to merely ask you out for coffee, the omnipresent and never-ending

lecture that women are equal and approaching them can (and sometimes does) result in criminal charges or expulsion from school makes men somewhat loth to ask you out.

Of course, there is a silver lining to all this drama. And that is for the first time women are actually getting what they want - equality. And this equality is coming in the form of forced-responsibility and owning the consequence of their actions. They told men they were equals in the "who asks who out" game, and men believed them. They told men approaching them could be construed as harassment or stalking activity, and men believed them. And thus a dearth of men approaching women has resulted, lessening the chances these women will marry, have children, and otherwise live meaningful lives. This is cause for celebration, because I know, ladies, you all wanted equality. And by god you're going to get it in spades, whether you like it or not.

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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I love how all the single moms just applaud themselves as heroes for merely lying on their back and having a guy ejaculate into them. Meanwhile the kids are chaos and are being groomed as the next generation of criminals, thieves, and future single parents. Oh well, enjoy the decline!

Curse Free Episode #4 - Women Owe Men Reparations Special!

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Fat people - they're everywhere!
Western Women cost society $150,000 each.
Homeschooled children kick ass...again!
Women own men $18 quadrillion in REPARATIONS!

AND MORE!!!

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Forcing Economics Down People's Throats

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This is Cindy. She is a model for "Captain's Quarterly"

Cindy wants two things:

1. That you buy a copy of Captain's Quarterly in either paperback or kindle. To give you an incentive she has kindly provided centerfold shots in various outfits and poses after each article. You WILL read it for the articles and you WILL read it for her pictures.

2. She wants you to do all your online shopping via my Amazon Affiliate program this weekend. That way I can afford to hire her as a model again for future issues.

Please make Cindy happy.

Lazy Sunday Listening

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If you are looking for something to listen to, either of the intellectually stimulating or entertaining variety or both, please consider these two podcasts this weekend.

Adam Pigott's - "Why You Never Tell Her You Love Her" episode

And remember, there's always the good ole Captain and his humble curse full AND curse free podcasts!

The Meaning of Life: Religion, Hedonism, Family, and Legacy

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A client's request ended up being a bit more profound and, after thought and contemplation, resulted in a very organized and structured approach as to determining what is the meaning of life:

What the Railroad Tells Us About the Economy

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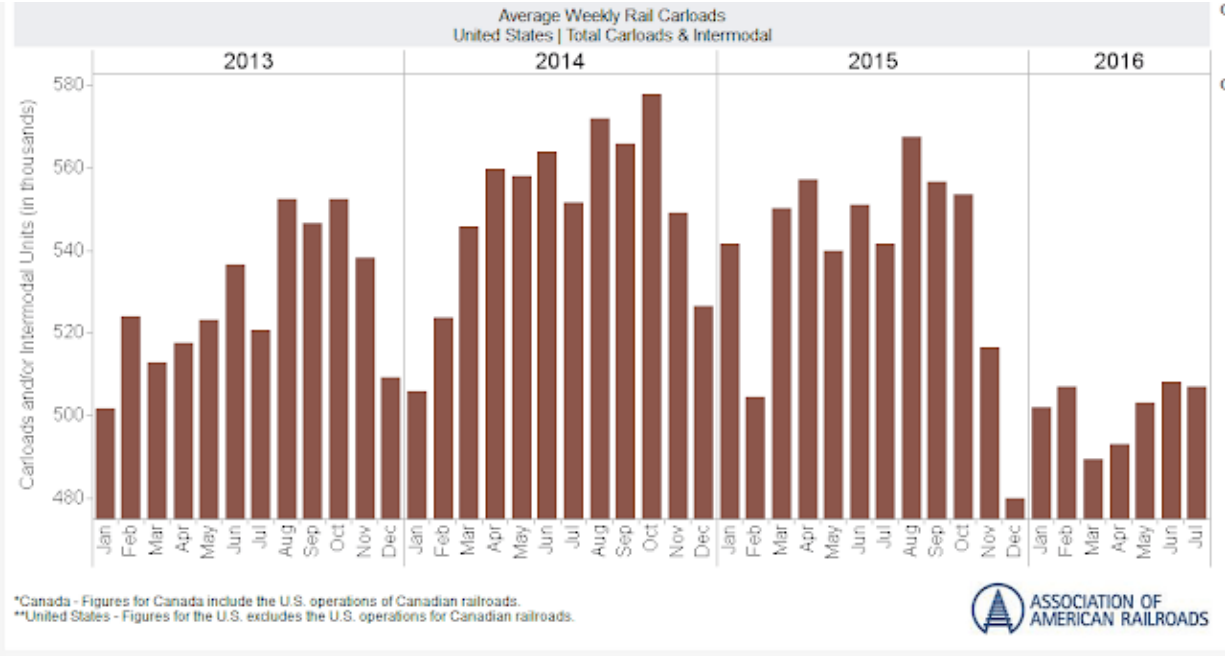
The economy ever since 2006 has been "Meh."
When historians and academics look back at Obama's economic performance, they'll say "meh."
We never left the recession as far as I'm concerned and with economic growth BARELY outpacing population growth our increases in standards of living has been "meh."

And since "meh" isn't exciting, I moved onto other things.

But then I hear whispers and rumors, sayings and speakings, and an increasing amount of them are about the economy. And the economy is no longer "meh" like it has been since 2008, but things are not looking too good. Oil prices are down (not just on supply concerns, but demand concerns). The Baltic index is down, showing a global slow down. And then a little birdy in the railroad biz I know said to look at rail car traffic. And 2016 it is very much down.



Now like I said before, I really don't care much about economics anymore. In part because there's nothing new. In part because it's quite a simple social study and not the complex science it's self-promoting whores make it out to be. And in part because the majority of people prefer their parasitic consumption of free stuff over the long term viability of the economy (and their childrens' futures). And so instead of banging my head against the wall, I just go pour another drink, hike another mountain, and buy some more ammo.

But this chart is interesting because (as Alan Greenspan was famous for measuring) rail road car traffic is a statistical measure than can't be fabricated or manipulated by BEA economists. It's a concrete measure that (like the railroad tie replacement Alan greenspan would measure) can be used to measure true economic production and growth in an economy no matter how violently Washington DC economists rape GDP figures.

I still don't think there's going to be a great economic collapse like 2006-2007. The world needs us too much and our reserve currency will protect us from most of the shocks. But don't be surprised if we have a little slow down like we did during Bush's final years in office....just expect the media to claim it's a "minor economic slow down" and not "the worst economy in 50 years" because Obama is in office.

My Humble Thanks for Oshay Duke Jackson

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My Chicago Agent in the Field sent Mr. Jackson's video to me where he basically said many and kind things about Black Man's Guide Out of Poverty. I put Oshay's channel on the "podcast roll" and wanted to bring his channel to light for any of you interested in GENUINELY helping our black brothers close the life expectancy, income, and wealth gap through progress and not theft-redistribution:

Episode #163 of The Clarey Podcast Steve Pearlstein Episode

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30 days and no booze makes Cappy an angry man.
Steven Pearlstein The Epitome of Baby Boomer.
ITT shutting down its campuses.
Never send your kids to Gonzaga.
Millennial Millie vs. Oshay Duke Jackson, tits vs. smarts.

AND MORE

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What Trucking Tells Us About the Economy

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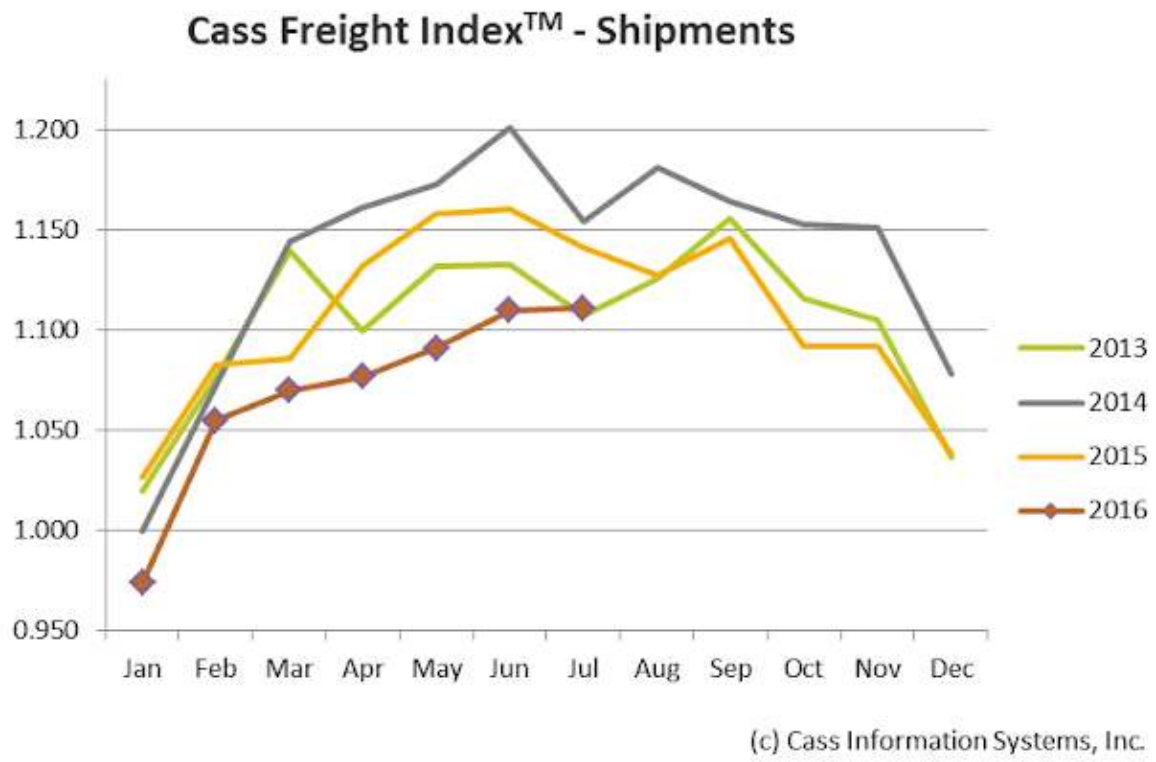
After posting the chart about rail car traffic being down, an Agent in the Field suggested I look at the "Cass Index" which is a measure for trucking volume in the country, and by gosh, it too also points to a very weak 2016!



Again, if I cared about the economy, I might look into this further. But this is just additional proof we may be heading towards a recession.

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But he wasn't with the mother.
Nor in a nuclear family.
But his presence was completely unnecessary anyway because I'm sure all those government checks made everything perfect.

A Nickle Says A White Cop Didn't Shoot Him

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And a dime says a black male did.

Oh the irony.

Women Reward Lies

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How Entitlement Drives Inflation

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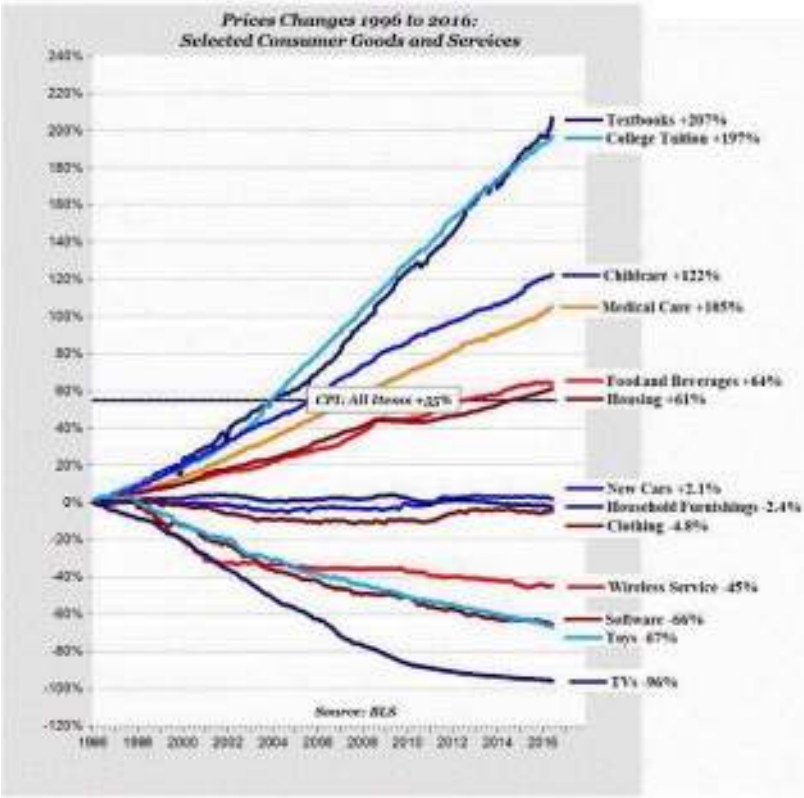
Our Slavic Agent in the Field sent me this:



I've seen this chart before and nodded my head saying to myself "Yep, that's inflation." But it is what she said in her message that piqued my interest:

"*I'm no economist and I don't understand inflation, but it seems to me something fishy is going on here.*"

This confused me because she's a smart gal and I would have figured she'd know precisely what's going on. I wanted to yell

"*Money's flooding these markets! There's a fixed amount of goods. Prices go up! What's not to understand???*"

But that's what my SAEG economist mind sees, and not your everyday Joe. Alas, it dawned on me that unless you dedicated a significant amount of time to studying economics, most people aren't going to understand this chart, or perhaps, more specifically, WHY certain things go up in price more than others. And that is going to be our economics lesson of today.

The first lesson to pull from this chart is to note the things that have gone up in price the most. Tuition and college are most prominent in the chart, along with childcare and health care. I would also throw in health insurance and stock prices, because those are two other major items that have gone up faster than the rate of inflation. But if you look at the most inflated items vs. the others, something should stand about about them.

That's right, the government is highly involved in these fields.

Government backs up, if not lends directly to students. The government also guarantees and in some cases outright buys (therefore becoming the technical lender) the mortgages of most people. The government has also mandated Obamacare, driving up your premiums and insurance costs. And the government through low interest rate policies, quantitative easing, and the invention of 401k's and IRA's has either lent money to corporations to buy their stocks back in the stock market, or provided people a huge tax break to sock away money in the same.

So let me be a bit of an arrogant economist - why are you shocked these respective markets are the most inflated?

We can talk about inflation merely being "the increase in prices." But to really understand inflation you need to know how prices got so inflated in the first place. And that happens when MORE money is flooded into a market than others.

In other words say the government didn't spend/lend $1 trillion annually on education and left it up to people to pay for it privately? What if Obama wasn't taking another $700

billion of working people's money to pay for the health care of the parasitic classes? What if you didn't have every government guarantee backing up the housing industry? That would damn well take away 75-80% of the money flooding these markets and prices would drop by the same. People fret saying, "Well how can we pay for college/healthcare/housing/retirement/etc. without government help!?" but they fail to realize it's government money that is precisely driving these costs up. If you simply took away this money (be it college, the stock market, healthcare, etc. etc.) prices would drop dramatically because there's be TRILLIONS less in money chasing those same fixed amount of degrees, doctors, houses, and stocks.

The second lesson is one that the Austrian economists keep trying to make, but you idiot commoners with your lips affixed to Keynes dick just can't seem to grasp. Inflation, caused either by government spending, or excessive lending results in bubbles that overprice assets. These assets become overpriced and cannot generate the income to pay off the debts incurred to purchase them. As people default on these assets, closing their businesses and operations down, this then results in a genuine economic recession, until prices go back to where they naturally should have been in a free market allowing for profits (and lower prices I might add) once again. The housing bubble and education bubbles are perfect examples of this LAW of economics.

Idiot Gen X dudebrodouchebags borrowed $800,000 on a $30,000 income to impress their blond bimbo wives back in the 00's by buying McMansions. The government and banks were only too willing to provide them financing via ARM's and NINJA loans. Sure enough, this flood of money drove housing prices up that their prices were no longer worth the rent these houses could generate. And sure enough when Chaz McStevenson the IV got laid off because his dad was embezzling funds at the company AND the ARM reset at .5% higher than he could afford, he defaulted on his mortgage, becoming the first snow flake that caused the avalanche of our worst recession since the Volker Recession.

The education bubble is exactly the same. Millions of idiot millennials (and Gen X'ers) thinking they're smarter than they are, deem themselves entitled to a college education. Combine this with their parents, teachers, counselors, and progressive credentialism, they go off to college by the millions, spending trillions on degrees that for the most part are worthless. This does a two-fer on the education market. It drives the cost of tuition up (as evidenced by the chart above), but also lessens the income generating potential of degrees as the market is now flooded with them. The economic cost is an entire underemployed generation living at home, unable to afford homes themselves, and a postponement of families as the female members of the millennial generation get to worry about menopause striking before they pay off their student loans. We also get to see dwindling economic growth that barely keeps up with population growth, and thus a stagnation of standards of living.

In short, if we did even a half-ass job of educating our population about basic economics instead of the full-ass job we do today, two full entire generations would be able to vote in politicians and policy makers that would have said, "leave it the fuck alone." The housing bubble (and subsequent recession) would never had occurred. The education bubble and a generation of self-absorbed talentless and perpetually unemployable millennials would never have become. And medical care/child care would not be going up as much as it has today. But merely having the wisdom to say, "keep the government out of it" would not be enough. We would also have to be willing to say, "I will do without." And that's the real problem driving inflation - entitlement.

In the real world where people are forced to be self-sufficient, affordability is a determinant of demand. And if tuition or children or a McMansion was not affordable, you would simply do without. However, because we've brought up a generation of spoiled, entitled pussies since the baby boomer era, nearly all of our population thinks they're entitled to...well...just look at Bernie Sander's platform:

Free health care
Free child care
Free mental care
Free education
Free housing
Free food
Free...well...everything

And whereas some of these things are necessities, others are not. But if you still insist on them being "rights," and you invoke the intervention of government to help you pay for them, this then drives prices up to the point you'd DEFINITELY be better off without them. And we all know somebody personally who has endured financial, personal, and psychological hardship trying to buy one of these "rights" they were entitled to.

The college student who the government "helped" by lending her $150,000 for her "Masters in Poetry."

The fratbrodudedouche who borrowed $499,999 to pay for a $500,000 house in 2005.

The ghetto/barrio/trailer trash legions of single moms who "didn't need no daddy 'cause I got me my gubmint check!" and spat out a gross of bastard children.

Yes, congratulations, you sure are entitled to those things, and by gosh the government did help you finance for them. But you ruined your life in the process purchasing assets that will never pay the debts you incurred to get them.

So yes, inflation is boring if you think it's merely "the increase in prices." And if you had

your run of the mill economics professors, I can see why you think inflation is dullsville. But if you look at the details of our most inflated markets you witness a wonderful story of avarice, greed, entitlement, and stupidity being punished with a lifetime of debt, pain, poverty, and cluelessness. And that, my friends, is how you enjoy the decline.

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The U of Chicago Business School Should Be Ashamed…

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that they wrote this drivel and are actually suggesting MORE LOANS to lower the costs of college. It's like they don't remember the Dotcom Mania, the Housing Bubble, or the current Retirement Bubble. And then they're actually kicking around a way to make college tuition free, which I'm sure will totally NOT destroy the value of a degree by the law of supply. AND THIS IS PRESUMABLY THE TOP FREE MARKET BUSINESS SCHOOL IN THE US!!!!

Target Corporation Really Doesn't Care

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats. You rubes and suckers believing in Target's non-stop virtue signalling better take note, because all it is is marketing to them. They just want your money. And if push comes to shove, they'll screw you over as much as they can to save a buck.

How to Replace Colleges and Universities

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A client at Asshole Consulting asked "What would the world of education look like under Cappy?" To which I answered him below. All of my ideas are genius and should obviously be implemented, but pay particular interest to #11. I not only think it's feasible, but if we got enough employers on board we could obsolete college degrees overnight.

OK, here is "The Education World of Cappy"

One, there would be no mandatory attendance past the 5th grade. The state would provide vouchers for students to attend schools until they have the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, and after that, the state no longer cares if your kid is in school or not. It would be up to the family to decide if they're going to keep their kid in school past the 5th grade.

Two, there would be no public schools. All schools would be private and the government would provide vouchers for those who are too poor to afford schooling.

Three, any trouble makers would be kicked out. bullies could be beaten by the teachers. Physical discipline would be allowed. Any shit students would and could be expelled. After that it would be up to other schools as to whether or not allow trouble makers into their school.

Four, progress/advancement/graduation would depend on ability, no age. You could in theory pass high school at the age of 7 if you master the subjects and test out of it. There is no reason to keep smart kids with stupid ones for 13 years of education.

Fifth, you would only attend until 16. There is no reason it takes 13 years to educate children this much. We can easily lop off 2 years of unnecessary bullshit.

Sixth, as much education could be done over the internet as possible. If you can pass the test either in person or online, I don't care. You passed the test. homeschooling would be a completely viable option and you could just have to show up to test at the local school to get certified.

Seventh, starting at the 6th grade the school would become military. Drills, exercise, uniforms, discipline. Not mean or beatings or anything like that...unless some kid mouths off.

Eighth, English and writing would be eliminated after the 5th grade and the curriculum would be practical education hence forth. STEM, IT, trades, agriculture, medicine, civics,

economics, construction, firearms, martial arts, survivalist training, etc. This would require a fair amount of labs and hands on work. We would also be constantly in contact with employers to see what was in demand and incorporating those skills into the curriculum.

Ninth, mandatory military service. 2 years, have a cup of STFU and then you can vote upon completing those two years.

Tenth, teachers would be required to have 5 years minimum experience in their field. Nobody with a liberal arts degree or "education degree" would be allowed to teach. A bum off the street who has 10 years experience programming, but no degree would be hired over the fuckwit, know-nothing cunt with her doctorate in "education." They can set up private schools and colleges all they want, but you'd be an idiot to pay for attending when there's a perfectly good library on every corner.

Eleventh, colleges and universities would be eliminated (or funding completely cut) and replaced with a national certification board. You would test and get certifications, not degrees. Certifications specifically addressing skills like accounting, programming, supply chain management, welding, etc. etc that would not already be otherwise offered via unions, the various CPA state boards, or IT certification entities. There would be no "4-8 years in college" BS. Just a test you may pay some nominal sitting fee for. This national certification board would be publicly funded, but enlist the help of industry experts to develop the tests and standards to ensure students have the required skills.

Anyway, that would be the rough outline of "Cappy's Education Industry". Hope that helps.

Best,

Aaron

Silicon Valley Slaves

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I love it when leftists suffer at their own hand.

Female refugee workers who get raped (and don't report it because they love their politics more than themselves).

Liberal arts majors who go $150,000 in debt for a degree that is nothing more than leftist indoctrination and hatred for whites and males.

And white liberals who are stupid enough to breed white children into a world they created that is sure to hate their offspring.

It's not everyday the left is unshielded from the consequences of their actions, but it does happen. And the Slave of Silicon Valley is another perfect example.

It's no secret young Silicon Valley executives vote democrat. Apple's CEO's are by corporate by-law to vote democrat, you can find any one of a number of articles of tech-start up executives donating heavily to the democrat party, and matter of fact I couldn't find any Silicon Valley big wig endorsing a republican. But the rank and file sheeple of Silicon Valley also vote overwhelmingly democrat. A simple search of voting patterns and maps of California shows Santa Clara county consistently on the left, confirming everybody's on board the socialist A-train.

But at what cost?

The thing about Silicon Valley professionals, executives or not, is they're great at IT, but horrible at economics. Because if they were they would realize just how little they're working for themselves, and how they're veritable slaves to others.

In 2013 the average Silicon Valley employee made $153,000. This was of course three years ago and at the time was rapidly growing, so let's just err on the side of caution and say it's $175,000 today. But, oh, foolish naive recent Stanford graduate. You think that's a lot of money, don't you? Now you get to pay for swallowing whole all the leftist BS you were fed in college.

First, the federal government is going to want its share. That's 28% lopped right off the top for you privileged Silicon Slaves lucky enough to be making six figures.

But, wait, aren't you Silicon Slaves all young people? That's right! You get to pay for the old people who didn't save up for retirement AND voted to piss away any surpluses that

would go to otherwise fund social security and medicare. That's an additional 6.2% and .9% you get to pay for voting to be so charitable with other people's money. Throw in another 1% just for good medicaid and other measures, and you're looking at a total federal take of 36.1%.

Second, please don't think it's just federal taxes you pay my fine Python programming friend! Because since you and all the other Californians are just so much more enlightened than the rest of us troglodytes you voted in a socialist utopia of California! And all that virtue-signalling and being charitable with other people's money also has costs! Specially, a state income tax rate of 9.3%, which now brings up the government's take to 45.4%! You good obedient liberal you!

But hold on our MIT graduating friend! Third, you have local taxes!

You see, state and local taxes are interesting. They don't just have "income tax." No, they have a whole potpourri of taxes you pay that make it impossible to measure. Gas tax, fees, property taxes, you name it. There's a tax in every corner! But one of the larger local taxes which should account for at least a plurality of these local taxes you pay would be the state sales tax. And look at that, it's another 9.08%. Congratulations! You're paying an tax rate of 54.48%! Let's just call it 60% because I'm sure there's a couple minor taxes and fees you pay when you cross a bridge or use a paper bag.

So when we tally it all up, the average Silicon Slave forfeits 60% of his/her income to pay for state, federal, and local government services. And I know you are all getting your money's worth over there in Silicon Valley. Why the wide open roads, adequate transportation systems, the local of traffic jams, cheap cost of living, low tuition, affordable housing (well, for illegal aliens and welfare recipients anyway), adequately funded schools, and let's not forget that everything is so cheap out there in the Bay Area. Why it is the epitome of socialist utopia!

BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE!

You see, if you're intellectually honest you'll study the federal, state and local budgets and realize that about 70% (give or take a couple percentage points) of the money you just paid into the system...

go to pay for other people's stuff.

Their food
Their health care
Their education
Their transportation
Their psychologist

Fake-make-work government jobs
Their tuition, and
Their housing

NOT YOURS!

You still get to pay for your own stuff, because, well, after all, you are a privileged Silicon Valley slave who didn't earn your position through 4 grueling years of studying IT and STEM. It was just handed to you! So what will that remaining $70,000 buy in Silicon Valley?

Well, I suppose you need a place to live. Congratulations, with leftist "smart growth" policies, people's lemming mentality that "California" is the place to move, and your insistence that "you can't spend too much on education," property taxes and demand has driven rents to $2,500/month on average for just a one bedroom apartment. Lop off $30,000 of your remaining $70,000! And I suppose you need a car...but one that will impress your co-workers so you can keep up with the virtue-signaling rat race...hmmm, a Prius with financing should set you back about $8,000 a year in financing and maintenance costs. And, oh, that's right, pretty much EVERYTHING is twice the cost of what it normally is in Troglodyte country, so after groceries, energy, gas, and all the basic necessities in life, you're lucky if you have disposable income of around $10,000 in effective purchasing power.

Here's the deal. Because of all the minute and many taxes, not to mention every person is different, it's impossible to calculate to the penny just what disposable income will be, let alone what percent of the time you're literally being a slave for other people. However, we do know, ***at minimum*** with 60% of your money being taxed and 70% of government money going to other people, ***you are literally a slave for 42% of your working hours***. You then have the secondary effect of leftist taxation and regulation at the state and local levels, and your $70,000 in after tax income, is really more like $35,000 when adjusted for purchasing power and cost of living adjustments.

When you add this up, I have a simple question for you:

Is it worth it?

I don't mean the money. I know suffering Bay area traffic, taxation, and people is DEFINITELY not worth take home pay of $35,000 a year. And lord knows you Silicon Sheeple are working 60+ hours per week. There's no way in hell THAT comes anywhere near equitable.

I'm talking about voting left all the time and by your own hand turning yourselves into slaves. Because I don't get it. You're some of the few students of today who actually

majored in something worthwhile, yet you lack such self-respect you'll endure traffic, poor standards of living, a hellish work week, AND a 42% enslavement rate. Was the leftist indoctrination in school so thorough? Do you really feel guilty earning a (somewhat) decent salary after busting your ass off for 4 years in STEM or IT? Do you think you have an obligation to bail people out of their mistakes? And PLEASE don't tell me you suffer and endure things like "diversity training" or "sexual harassment training" at work. Because that would make it all that much richer.

Regardless, for those of us outside of the echo chamber, it sure is fun watching you lefties vote for your own enslavement and demise. Oh, and before you think your Silicon Valley overlords are just as magnanimous, charitable, and virtuous as you, think again. The only ones getting duped are you Silicon Slaves.

Writing Other People's Papers for a Living

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Once again Alex is hiring in anticipation for the start of the school year. If you're looking for a location independent job that will put food on the table, please visit him and read below:

I'd like to personally thank Aaron and all of you who follow his blog Captain Capitalism, you guys have been the main driving force behind the recent growth of our enterprise.

We are more than thrilled with the quality of personnel we've received for our positions in writing and advertisement. Regrettably, things have been a little slow lately as most students prefer to take some time off before the busy Fall semester starts.

However, we're definitely getting much busier and this may well be our most lucrative semester yet.
Quite a few people have inquired about job opportunities with us and we weren't able to receive help from all of you. Yet, we could definitely use all of the support we can get.
Within a month, we will be entering the busiest juncture of the academic year and it will last all the way through the end of 2016.
Our full-time writers earn over $3,000 per month and part-time work opportunities are always available. Above all, we value quality and it doesn't matter how much work you're willing to do. As long as you meet deadline and complete your assignments accurately, you will always have work with us. Dozens of our loyal writers can always attest to this.

We're also looking to expand our ranks of Craigslist subcontractors. Many of you have been posting for us regularly and invariably, this helped us get to where we are today.
We pay $5 for each lead our subcontractors generate and another $1 for each day your ads have been live.
Contact us for further information and we look forward to working with you!

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Man wasn't meant to stay in one place.
How is Sully a movie???
Black people talking in theater.
Renting rims means you've got bigger problems.
Fat acceptance is bankrupting Weight Watchers.
Hillary's Clinton - hope the bitch dies.
Why does body-positive Target offer diet pills?
Apple fucks you over again.

AND MORE!

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Sailing in Puget Sound

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Remember to Enjoy the Decline otherwise life is not worth it.

Lazy Day Linkage

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Ever hear of Avery Williamson? No? Because the MSM doesn't want you to.

How much to cosmotology majors make? not enough that they need government checks financed by the chemical engineering majors.

Women like the bad boys.

Abdicating responsibility. Now we'll blame Tesla's for our bad driving.

The Largest Argument Against Women's Suffrage

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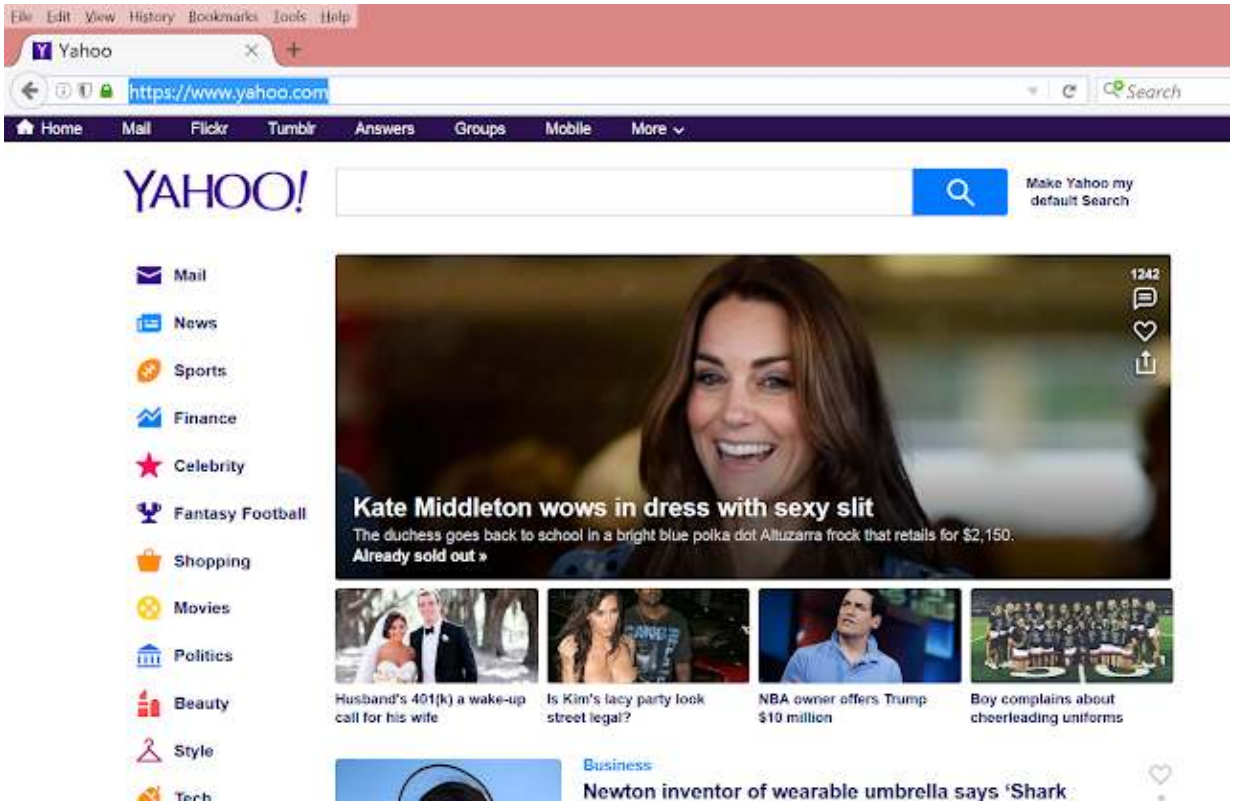
My official policy on voting rights is that you must own property and receive no government check either as an employee or a parasite on the taxpayer. Beyond that, I don't care who votes as you've both earned the right and you are financially vested in the country. However, there are times....

ooooohhhh are there times....

I really question the wisdom of given women the right to vote.

And it really does boil down to this simple argument - what kind of people read this kind of tripe?



I am 100% serious. The fact that this is the lead on "Yahoo News" and that this utter worthless, pointless garbage is consumed by women AND IN SUCH VOLUMES THAT IT WARRANTS FRONT PAGE WORTH, really makes me wonder if women have the logical and mental facilities to be good stewards of the vote. Of course, by historical voting patterns, women vote for less freedom and an increased state 70% of the time, once again undoing what 4,000 years of western civilization and millions of men's lives fought for. But hey, as long as they get to waste their precious life reading about what some British slut wears when she goes to school (while she's independently wealthy), fuck western civilization, fuck the Magna Carta, fuck the constitution, and fuck the American Experiment.

Hillary has a vag, and it's about time we get a woman president!

Enjoy that freaking decline.

How a Good Wife or Girlfriend Can Help You Go MGTOW

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Unlike feminism, the red pill community/manosphere advances. We don't dwell in whatever injustices we face. We don't navel gaze, obsessing about ourselves in the mirror. And we sure as hell don't come up with 31 flavors of gender or faux academic concepts like "intersectionality." The true natural state of all real men is advancement, and unlike our feminist counterparts we seek to progress and improve to the maximum extent that our lives, resources, and gile allow.

Part of this relentless march towards advancement is knowing when to close a chapter in our lives, for the wisdom we gained living it opens up a new one. Be it the 17 year old who gets over his first true heartbreak, a 22 year old who dodges a false rape accusation, or a 45 year old who's fresh off his first divorce, it is just as important to move on from these experiences as it is to retain the wisdom they taught us. But one of those chapters most men must invariably close and move on from is one we don't mind reading. One that is actually a happy chapter (or so it seems at the time). One we could very well dwell in for the rest of our lives. And that chapter is your Playerhood Days.

This is not a lecture or a sermoning. This is not a recommendation that you should quit goofing around, having fun, getting laid, and being a player. And it certainly is not a call for you to "man up and marry those sluts." It is merely a prediction your older brother Cappy knows is going to happen to most of you.

For fun as it is, jovial as it is, and exhilarating as it is, you WILL tire of the game. You WILL tire of the chase. You WILL get sick of going to bars. And you will tire of spending ne'er-to-be-recovered hours on social media trying to land a date. The novelty of slaying another piece of ass will wear thin and you will look at all the time you wasted chasing/tolerating/enduring/suffering painfully stupid and unimpressive girls just to get laid, and then ask yourself what greatness you could have achieved otherwise. You will suffer from "player burnout" and thus this chapter of your life will come to an end.

MGTOW or Marriage...or Both?

This results in classical binary choice you must face. Do you go "MGTOW," putting women at the bottom of the priority list, perhaps swearing off of them forever? Or do you settle down, get married, and raise a family, or perhaps just get a steady, long term girlfriend? The two seem mutually exclusive and diametrically opposed, but I contend there is a third option---that they are not only NOT mutually exclusive, but having a quality woman in your life CAN indeed help you truly go MGTOW. Ergo, why not do both?

Understand man's need for sex and female company is not optional. Certainly, harsh enough experiences and hostile enough environs are so punishing that truly going MGTOW can override these hard-wired preferences, making a boycott of women a better option. But it still doesn't erase the genetic programming and hard-wiring you have to want sex and a woman in your life. And to refuse to acknowledge these basal desires is as foolish as feminists saying women need men as much as fish need bicycles. But, in an ironic twist of fate, actually going MGTOW can help you secure a wife/girlfriend that is "MGTOW compatible." You simply set forth to live your life as you see fit and if a woman happens to come along your way AND can keep up, so be it. Therefore, in doing so, it is theoretically possible to find a woman that is loving, caring, supporting, who can not only dramatically improve your life, but really help you go MGTOW and achieve all you can in life.

For example, take all the time you spend and have spent on the pursuit of women. From puberty to today, how many hours, days, weeks and months of time, resources, and labor have you expended chasing (and then dealing with) them? Also, how much psychological pain, torment, and bullshittery did you have to endure with their antics and games? And what was the final life-time financial tab you've dropped on women? How much in total financial resources did you expend on cover charges, drinks, foregone work opportunities, etc.? Now imagine you never wasted this enormous amount of resources on girls in the past, but instead invested it in yourself? Set forth in your own life? You'd likely have a house paid off in cash. A entrepreneurial empire. Perhaps a herculean body and physique to boot. Whatever it is, you'd at least have something to show for it and this is the argument for finding a good, quality woman in your life.

In making a quality, MGTOW-compatible woman part of your life, you satiate your biological and psychological needs for sex and female companionship. You also quell whatever mental strife that comes without having one. And if she is indeed quality, she would be a net financial asset, and not a liability. This frees up your entire financial, mental, and physical resources which you can then focus and dedicate solely towards achieving greatness. You are no longer distracted by women. You no longer have that scratch to itch. And thus, though presumably mutually exclusive, having a good woman in your life could technically allow you to pursue the individual greatness that is the epitome of MGTOW. Admittedly, it statistically unlikely, but to quote Dumb and Dumber, "So you're saying there's a chance!?"

Enter the Cult of VirginTOW and MSTOW (Men Sent Their Own Way)

Of course, you can predictably hear the spergy hearts of millions of VirginTOW's going into cardiac arrest. As you read this right now, they are no doubt tripping over their key boards to bang away saying that getting married or having a (GASP!) woman in your life "is the COMPLETE ANTITHESIS of being MGTOW!!!!" And though these self-proclaimed, purist authorities of MGTOW may have a literal point, you need to understand precisely

who these people are so you don't let the Cult of MSTOW ruin the larger, and very important point being made in this post.

First, we know who these people are. These are not real MGTOW's nor real men. These are intellectual weaklings who abuse and use the term MGTOW as an excuse for their piss poor performance in life and their fear of rejection, toil, failure, and effort. They are posers who have no value, and use MGTOW as a substitute for accomplishment, meaning, agency, and worth. And like many professors in academia, they don't actually go MGTOW and do MGTOW things, but spend their time studying real MGTOW's claiming they're experts in the field.

Second, they are stuck in the "Chapter of MGTOW." Every man has the red pill awakening and anger is a natural and called-for response. You've been lied to. You've been cheated. And you should be enraged. But inevitably you have to accept is for what is, and move on. Otherwise that is not progress, nor advancement, nor achievement. It's merely the self-pitying navel-gazing that feminists do as they mire and waste their entire 80 years of life-expectancy on this planet. Sadly, MSTOW's are functionally no different than feminists in this regard, rendering any opinions they have on the matter moot because why on god's Earth would you heed advice from them?

Third, their visceral and hate-filled reaction you will see in the comments section below is proof the above directly strikes at their biggest fear - that they COULD HAVE had a good, quality woman in their life while still being MGTOW...but chose not to. This reality is what really keeps them up at night. That there IS a chance, perhaps even a decent one, they could find a MGTOW-compatible woman if they put forth the effort. But the level of defeatism and fatalism they subscribe to (which I find ironic given a presumably strong and independent philosophy such as "Men Going Their Own Way") is again proof that laziness and fear are the strongest forces in their lives, trumping love, hope, and courage. Deep down inside they still want women and would prefer a life with one, otherwise, why do they constantly obsess about being MGTOW so much?

Fourth, there's already proof women and MGTOW are compatible as genuine MGTOW's are currently married or dating women. Roosh has made it no secret he wouldn't mind getting married or having children. Adam Piggott, a man who has traveled, motorcycled, and kayaked the world, is married and is more MGTOW than the MGTOWiest of MGTOW's. Yours truly has had the same girlfriend for 10 years. And need I even mention veteran Manosphere founder Rollo Tomassi? But wait, let me guess. There's some 28 year old, 280 pound virgin MSTOW Pharisee on a MGTOW discussion board somewhere who's about to tell us we're not "real MGTOW's" and that MGTOW compatible women just don't exist.

The only problem is they do.

And you my dear reader, as an individual, have to reconcile this fact with purported purist MGTOW "doctrine."

The Fork in the Road

The possibility of women being part of the MGTOW life will cause a split that will become more apparent as time goes on. In one camp will be the traditional theoreticians, academics, purist MSTOW's and VirginTOW's, still banging away in their discussion forums about how much they don't need women...just like they did 5 years ago...just like they're doing today...and just like they'll be doing 20 years from now. They will be NO DIFFERENT than the feminists who have done the same since the 1970's because the movement has consumed them and they simply can't move on. Their entire life will be defined, determined, and controlled by "MGTOW," so that in the end, while they're on their death beds, all they will be able to point to is "MGTOW" as their crowning achievement in life. Sadly, that's not only NOT an achievement, it's one they failed to achieve as they never truly went their own way and lived a unique life.

In the second camp you will have the true MGTOW's, married or not, long term girlfriend or not, who are living their lives as they see fit. If they want to get married and have kids, fine, they'll marry and have kids. If they just want to jet set across the world, fine, they'll sip martinis in Macau and bang broads in Bangkok. But where ever they are, and whatever they're doing, they're not going to be banging on their chests about being "MGTOW." They will let their actions speak to who they are. They will live a life that earns them that adjective. And if living with a woman or getting married is their desire, they'll do it because that's what real MGTOW's do. They live their lives as they see fit. Alas, when they're on their deathbeds, they won't be pointing towards a title or a fake religion as their crowning achievement, but actual achievements living a MGTOW lifestyle allowed.

I humbly ask which lifestyle do you want? Do you want to actually be a MGTOW and perhaps incorporate a loving woman into your life? So be it. Do you want to sit, stew, and waste your life in a self-pitying cult whose only definition is the exclusion of women as you award yourself fake awards, merit badges, and acronyms? Fine, it's your life. I merely want to present the case that MGTOW does not mean the exclusion of women from one's life, and that they can indeed (if you find the right one) make your life measurably better. I also want to warn any prospective MGTOW's about the MSTOWs', purists', and VirginTOW keyboard warriors' false insistence women cannot be part of a MGTOW's life. It's simply not true, and you do yourself no favors eliminating the option of having a woman in your life.

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Curse Free Episode #6 of The Clarey Podcast

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Cappy and his good Seattle friend yell and scream at each other about "stuff." His blood pressure goes up and nothing is really accomplished. Cappy does his best not to curse, but his friend curses up a storm, in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

And this weekend, why not do all your online shopping through Cappy's Amazon Affiliation program? Costs you nothing extra and Cappy makes 7% off of your purchases. Make Cappy rich, make Cappy happy, BOOKMARK the Amazon Affiliate link and get into the GOOD HABIT of keeping 7% of the money within the Cappy Family!....which if you think about it would be a very dysfunctional family full of yelling, rage, anger, and alcoholism, but eh, those would be good times!

Lake Stuart Near Leavenworth, Washington

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Suffering the decline as always. Remember, work hard, go to college, go into debt, breed children you can't afford, and carry on:

New York City Deserves Diversity!

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Keep voting leftist you cool, hip, New Yorkers. Because you know so much more than those hicks in fly-over country.

Vigor and Spirit Reviews "Reconnaissance Man"

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A kind review you can find here.

Removing Emotion from Decision Making

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This was a response to a client that, after writing, I realized might serve as a good lesson for some of the younger folk out there who've been fed lies and bullshit their entire lives before they enter the real world:

OK, there's how I personally separate emotions from my decisions, and then there's how I'd recommend doing it. Explaining my journey towards "emotionless decision making" this is the route:

One, it wasn't a choice. If you are brought up under reasonable wealth, or at least have parents (or the government) willing to finance/lend you money, you can live in lala land where your emotions can temporarily rule your decisions for quite some time. Shit, you see this with middle aged women who live until they lose their looks thinking they're the greatest thing ever because of "themselves" and not because they're young and guys want to bang them. So in my particular case my poverty made the real world REALLY apparent to me early on. I coudlnt' afford bars or night clubs or time pursuing stupid shit (girls, liberal arts degrees, etc) because such a waste of resources would result in a week without food, no gas, etc. It was hard and crushing (and I remember it to this day), but there was a night where I realized what I was facing in the real world, and it was depressing.

Still, living in the harsh real world, is better than living in la la land, especially the long run. My one night or anger and rage is infinintely better than 30 years of post-menopausal delusion cat ladies go through before they die still thinking "big is beautiful."

Two, this then led to having my dreams crushed and accepting what the real world was. So once this happens, emotions are removed from any decision making. You replace your unattainable dreams with real world goals. And you don't think "wouldn't it be nice or fun to attain these goals," but you look at the world in a cold, scientific, and calculating manner and figure out how to attain those goals in the most efficient and expeditious manner because your life and survival depends on it.

Three, this inevitably leads towards you becoming an adult real quick and quickly develops a hatred for the poppy cock, Oprah's pretty lies bullshit. THis also leads towards a complete disdain, if not outright hatred of the sheeple and morons around you. I truly don't know who I hate more. People who are purposely evil, or the sheep who swallow every line of bullshit from politicians, talking heads, media, Hollywood, professors, parents, etc., and then have the gall to think themselves more noble and moral than you. Regardless, only further reinforces removing emotion from decision making, perhaps replacing hatred and vengeance in where there once was hope. But it also turns you into

a machiavellian where you're often tempted to just become a charlatan yourself and legally extort as much as you can from your fellow man (for example Asshole Consulting is an INCREDIBLY RARE blessing where being truthful actually helps people morally. If this were to ever go away nearly all my plans are to lie to the dupes and rubes of society and make as much bank on telling them pretty lies).

Finally, it inevitably just becomes a simple, conscious choice. Even a principle you live by. "Am I going to live in the real world or let my feelings and emotions get in the way?" Seriously, any intellectually honest man or woman can ask themselves this simple question and answer it correctly, and that's how I'd recommend most people remove emotions from decision making. You simply ask yourself:

Does making decisions in the real world or emotional delusion result in better long term results?

However, while it's intellectually easy to answer this question, it's getting rid of the emotional pain that comes with doing what is sane, empirical, and right that's the trick. Fortunately, over time, the real world will punish you, making it more painful to make emotional decisions than logical rational ones. Men typically get to face the full costs and consequences of their decisions earlier in life because society won't shield them from the cost of their mistakes. So we learn quickly. But as Bill Burr famously said, "Women keep patting themselves on their back, thinking they're great when nobody corrects them because we want to fuck 'em." And this permits women to temporarily live in lala land, making emotional decisions more frequently and longer into life. But, still, sooner or later, the real world will punish you for making decisions based on emotion and not reality, and that pain will inevitably remove all emotion from your decision making...whether you like it or not 😉

Anyway, hope that helped.

Aaron

IQ, Prison…Errr…"School" and Idiot Bosses with Laurie Zoock

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Had my second interview with Laurie Zoock about the problems of having a high IQ. We delve into the world of employment, idiot bosses, prison…errr. "school" and "teeeeeacccheeerrsssss" who are the dumbest of all adults children will run into in their lives.

Million Dollar Extreme Presents: World Peace

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The first Red Pill show to make it to the airwaves.

Uh oh, the free market wants to hear what the MSM isn't giving them! Look out!

Didn't Think This Whole Electric Car Thing Through Did We?

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A sponsored post, but nonetheless, another head shaking example of environmentalism running aground reality.

Why Silicon Valley Votes Left - Sex

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In my previous post, I asked Silicon Slaves why they work in an environment and state that results in them being slaves 42% of their working lives. Thankfully, a fair amount of insiders and former Siliconers responded, explaining to us normies in fly over country why so many Silicon employees willingly vote against their own best interests. The reasons were many and varied, ranging anything from the "excitement" to work in "the" Silicon Valley, propaganda in school that channeled their careers to the Slave Jose area, or outright simple mistakes of failing to account for cost of living adjustments. But while all these reasons were legitimate and I don't doubt a single one, there is one that explains at least why men slave away to...well...slave away at Silicon Valley.

Sex.

Let us be very clear why civilization exists. It exists because men wanted sex. And the way men traditionally got sex was by being good providers to women. This meant a combination of not only providing adequate resources to support a woman and her children, but the ability to defend them and keep them safe. In ancient times this meant being the strongest warrior, or perhaps and biggest barbarian, but as time went on and technologies advanced, accumulating resources wasn't a direct function of your brute strength or power. It was also determined by intelligence, creativity, and innovation. And thus men set out to build...well...basically everything, in the hope of making it rich and attracting mates. And this ages-long genetic ritual is simply playing itself out in Silicon Valley.

There's just a couple problems.

One, while amassing resources and making it rich does certainly help with the ladies, the problem is that women (as well as men) are still genetically programmed to be attracted to what worked the past 2 million years of evolution, NOT the past 200. Yes, nerds, geeks, and capitalists can create the Standard Oils, Microsofts, and Facebooks of the world, but that does not turn on women as much as a tall, strong, aloof jock does. We see empirical evidence of this practically everywhere, but my favorite was the ballroom dance scene where nerds galore would master the art of salsa, tango, swing, and waltz, TEMPORARILY score a hot chick, maybe even marry her, only to have her abscond with the noob 6'2", ripped, good looking dudebro who showed up for one or two classes, and then leave. And this is the exact same problem the male nerds of Silicon Valley face.

Yes, they may be making all the bank.
Yes, they may make those magical six figures.
But in the end, usually it's only the money the women are after, and even then, they're

very unlikely to stay with your scrawny nerdy ass till death do you part...especially if they can take you for half.

Two, ironically the leftist policies left-leaning Silicon males vote for obsolete women's need for them. In making sure socialist policies cover women (and men) from womb to tomb, a woman and her children (no matter from how many fathers) simply don't NEED a man. This (if you remember your college economics class) results in a price floor set above the market rate. Men in lefty Cali need to provide more than the STATE AND FEDERAL governments combined do to women. This means only particularly rich or well-to-do men can out compete the state, leaving the majority of Silicon male slaves picking up the EBT tab for the woman who shot him down and is dating his boss' boss.

Three is also a vital lesson in economics male Silicon Slaves may have overlooked - a lopsided sex ratio. While obsessed with landing a job in "the Silicon Valley," I wonder how many men thought it would be any different than their Calc III class with 45 men and 2 Asian girls? Of course, it isn't that bad, but it isn't great either with a sex ratio of 115:100 men to women. And if you thought a generous welfare state, affirmative action, and competition from billionaires wasn't bad enough, just wait to see how picky a Silicon female can be when there's a 15% deficit of them.

And then finally, there's the reason why rich, successful, hard working males of Silicon Valley vote against their interests and will be lining up to pull the lever for Hillary Clinton - they think agreeing with women increases their chances of getting laid.

Understand, that for the most part, young women have replaced traditional religions and values such as Christianity, family, children, husband, home, god and country, etc., with leftist politics. I bet you'll be hard pressed to find a woman under 30, who in addition to her all-important career, does NOT derive the majority of her agency, purpose, morality, and reason in life through some kind of left-leaning political crusade or cause.

Going green.
Feminism.
Leaning-in.
Closing the wage gap.
Organic food.
Dog/animal rescue.
A woman in the white house.
Ending sexual harassment.
Helping the poor.
Supporting the refugees.
Etc. etc.

And in addition to this laundry list of political causes, it's very unlikely they won't shut up

about them. They will at minimum have a bumper sticker extolling their beliefs, but more likely will lecture and sermon you to death about whatever leftist religion they have. It will be made PAINFULLY clear that politics is the number one thing in their lives - more important than love, a family, or even their career - and if you EVER hope to date her, let alone cop a feel (over the bra though mind you), you better be on board the feminism-kambucha-socialism-wage-gap substitute-for-real-meaning-in-this-world choo choo train.

The only problem is the majority of these Silicon Valley men believe it. They actually think agreeing with a woman turns them on.

Now, look, any real man over 25 knows agreeing with women never gets you laid.
And any man married knows you never listen to what a woman says, you watch what she does.

But these aren't your normal men. They're nerds. They're geeks. And love them to death, they don't know jack about women. They've spent the past 10 years since they were 13 SOLELY working towards the goal of becoming a great engineer or programmer in the vain hopes of "finally" making it big and attracting hot women with their money. They didn't want to hit the gym, they were afraid of physical toil and pain, and based on lies told to them by their mothers, teachers, professors, politicians, and Hollywood, they actually thought being:

Supplicant
Obedient
Kind
Caring
Sensitive 90's men
who agree with women

would lead to sex.

It is this upbrining and their complete lack of knowledge of women I believe explains why men in Silicon Valley ignorantly vote for their own demise. They are not only drawn to Silicon Valley because of the "excitement" of being there, or because that's all they were told in school, but because they actually think agreeing with women is what turns them on. And since leftist politics has replaced anything of meaning or value in life for most women under 40, all men MUST agree with their new faux-religions lest they not wish to cop a coveted feel under the bra. Little do they know a high school drop-out, Trump-supporting, motorcycle mechanic could likely come through Santa Clara county and get laid more than the lot of them. But, why try dispensing an ounce of reality into the slave plantation of the left coast?

Enjoy the decline my fine male Silicon Slaves. Enjoy the decline.

For Our Guitar Playing Agents in the Field

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Greetings All,

We have a new sponsor, Johnny Montoya Guitars, where he offers classes online for those of you who are either beginners or novices looking to improve your game. Not that we will all become The Great Matt Baldoni, but if you're looking to improve and seem to be stuck at your current level, please consider taking a class from Johnny by visiting his site.

Many thanks,

Cappy

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The joys of having no schedule.
How politics ruin history majors and history podcasts.
Flying first class is overrated…for short people.
"Tony Prophet- Chief Equality Officer."
Cappy doesn't camp.

and MORE!

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Cappy's on Instagram

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Like pretty much every social media platform, I adamantly refused to join Instagram until somebody younger and wiser than me said, "Oh yeah, dude, you have to go online for that because of XY and Z reasons." So apparently on the Instagram if you take a lot of photos people like that. And since I travel a lot and take a lot of photos I uploaded some of my best ones on my new Instagram account. You can find it here.

Lazy Thursday Linkage

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Former HuffPo writer on how she was sick of the anti-white elitism.

Correct, what could possibly go wrong?

Brad Pitt finds out his politics won't save him when targeted for divorce by the titless wonder.

The Clintons are corrupt. Don't know if you knew that. But it doesn't matter. She has a vag and the vag will save the US.

College accreditor shut down by the Feds! The second thing Obama did right!

And a very humbling development Lieutenants and Economists! A musician by the name of Jesus Guerra dedicated a song to "Enjoy the Decline" on his latest album. Please help out a fellow aspiring entrepreneur and consider purchasing his album!

Everything You Needed to Know About Central Banking, Currency, Inflation, Debt, Prices, GDP, Production and Globalization in 20 Minutes

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Why We Should Let Women Have Corporate America

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Women's Take Over of Corporate America

An Agent in the Field of mine, deeply seeded in a large multinational, sent me an e-mail he received from company's Office of Diversity. It was heralding the "great success" of their "initiative" to employ and promote more women in the company. They had an arbitrarily set goal of increasing female employment (in this predominantly IT/Tech male company) up to 30%, and even handed out awards to employees that came up with the "top three ideas" on how to get more women on board (this included a "mother's contract," a blatantly sexist policy of hiring one woman for every man regardless of ability, and - the only sane one - to attract more women into STEM). You couple this with the recent statement from SalesForce.com's new "Chief Equality Officer" Tony Prophet,

"*At Ford, quality is job one. At Salesforce, equality is job one.*"

and it is painfully clear that corporate America has abandoned excellence as a means to profitability, replacing it instead with virtue signalling, rent seeking, politicking, and marketing/pandering to racial/sexual in-tribe biases.

This, of course, is not only morally wrong, but blatantly sexist (and racist) as you consciously and purposely give preferential treatment to people based on the color of their skin, or their plumbing downstairs, over the content of their character. And anybody with an ounce of self-respect, intellectual honesty, a work ethic, and an adherence to true fairness should be outraged at this cowardice and evil.

But then the ole Captain's wheels started turning, and in a very Enjoy the Decline-esque way, he make a very important epiphany. Yes, it may be unfair we are giving preferential treatment to women over men. Yes, we are sacrificing a meritocracy for sexism. And yes, this will lead to lower production, lower economic growth, genuine injustice, and a lessening of standards of living. But so what? If you really sit down and think about it Corporate America isn't worth it.

Let the women have it.

It's All Yours, Sweetheart!

If it were the 1950's and corporations were booming and headed up by more fair and meritocratic WWII managerial class, I could see Corporate America being a place you'd want to be. You'd be compensated for excellence and hard work. You'd be promoted for innovation and creativity. It would be a reasonably just system where loyalty was

rewarded, stable employment was offered, and corporate corruption was at a minimum (at least compared to today).

But it's not the 1950's any more. It's "the current year" and corporations are a fraction of the equitable places of employment they once were.

Gone are the managers from the WWII generation that led these corporations to their heights and their Jack Welshian logical, but fair management. They are now replaced with legions of inept, MBA-laden Baby Boomer scum whose only accomplishment was halving US economic growth, getting the largest bank bail out in history, and sending the US into the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Gone is stable employment and the goodies that came with it. You don't get pensions, you don't get health care, and you certainly don't get that 30 years of lifelong employment that once made a 30 year mortgage a relatively risk free proposition. Now you can get outsourced, train in your own replacements, be perpetually employed as a contractor, and let go if your job can be done for a fraction of a cent cheaper in China.

And let's not forget the wave of psychotic political BS these past 20 years that has infected Corporate America and just chides the morality and honor of good, honest workers, particularly of the male persuasion. There's the HR lady epidemic where we put power hungry, inept, math-impaired 20 something ditzes at the helm of our hiring process. There's "Corporate Social Responsibility" where we force unrelated and unnecessary political crusades on our employees be it donating to the United Way, mandating weekends be spent on charities, or wearing pink every year. There's diversity, sexual harassment, and sensitivity training where we blatantly treat men like sexual predators, molesters, rapists, and racists, humiliating them to attend said trainings. There's the eggshell environment men get to work in, one mere false sexual harassment accusation away from being fired. There's the invasion of privacy into our personal lives where the politically correct Corporate Abwehr will fire you over a facebook post. There's progressive credentialism where the HR Reichstag demands you have masters degrees for entry level jobs. There's the blatant sexism against males as previously evidenced before with clearly sexist policies favoring less-qualified women for the sake of "diversity." And let's not forget this raw deal is topped off with the number one cause of divorce, marital strife, and problem children - commutes!

I ask one simple question. Who the f*ck wants any part of this rotten deal? Who the f*ck wants to work at Initech?

And I'm not joking.

I'm not saying this because deep down inside I want to work at Corporate America. I'm not saying this because I have this discreet dream to retake and recapture Corporate

America for meritocratic males. I'm saying it because it's true. Corporate America is a HORRIBLE deal for any self-respecting man (or woman) who wants to live a free, healthy, happy, sane, and prosperous life. You, at minimum, must attend school for a quarter century, face daunting odds of just landing a job. That job will at best be entry level and mundane. You're then forced to get a masters if you have any hope of "making it" due to progressive credentialism. You are a mere merger away from being let go or laid off. Your compensation is significantly lower with both sexes now flooding the labor market, lowering the wage you can command. You can't have a political or social life your employer doesn't approve of. Compensation and promotion is increasingly based on your skin color and plumbing, not your hard work or effort. And if this wasn't a horrible deal enough, it's all under a psychotic environment where bosses who know they have you by the balls unleash their sadism on their employees simply to get off.

There's just no godly reason to be part of Corporate America.

The real question is, then, why do women seem so desperate and adamant on joining Corporate America? Why do they seem so obsessed over having a corporate career to the point they'll get one via legitimate means or not? And the answer is they've been sold a bill of goods.

The Biggest Lie Ever Sold...To Women

I've mentioned it before, but understand like housing, education or Dotcoms, women are buying into a bubble. Perhaps not a financial one like those mentioned before, but a bubble nonetheless. They go to college (a bubble and increasingly poor investment unto itself) at rates higher than men, earning the majority of worthless liberal arts degrees, also now accounting for the majority of worthless masters/advanced degrees. With these worthless degrees, they then throw themselves onto the Omaha Beach of Corporate America where they forfeit family, children, husbands, a social life, and loved ones, all in exchange for promotions, careers, commutes, and Jimmy Choo shoes. They obsess about "leaning in" and getting the latest certification, credential, or promotion in their lives. And congratulations if they make that magical six figures.

But to what end?

Not only do they have to suffer the unacceptable environment laid out before, basically ruining and sacrificing their lives, but all so they can become "Queen Bee of Shit Island?"

Alas, it's obvious women didn't consciously decide on their own to pursue the hell known as Corporate America. They were duped, lied to, propagandized, and fooled into becoming corporate slaves. And any simple, logical pondering will come up with the main culprits that misled women into choosing such a rotten deal.

First, blame men. Not consciously, or maliciously, but men are to blame because I don't think they ever truly conveyed what they endured in Corporate America, working a real job to support the family. In the past, traditionally, men went to work, brought home the bacon, and in order to have a peaceful and enjoyable home, they didn't bring back their work with them. The wife didn't want to hear about the conditions of working on the railroad, the loneliness of being a traveling salesman, or the politics of a corporate office, and the man frankly didn't want to talk about it either. He wanted to eat good meal, have sex with his wife, play with his children, and enjoy his free time. This then misled women into thinking somehow work was fun. And not only was work fun, it was MUCH MORE FUN AND REWARDING than being a homekeeper, housewife, or mother. They only saw the financial upside of Corporate America, not the labor and responsibility that came with.

Second, feminism. The greatest scam ever pulled in the history of humans was not social security, nor buying Manhattan from the Indians for some beads, nor Seward's Folly. It was the con job bitter, angry, ugly, jealous, contemptuous women from the 60's and 70's pulled by convincing their prettier, younger counterparts that being a mother or a wife was not real work. It was fooling three full generations of women that they didn't need men, and that a paycheck (government or Corporate America issued) could replace a passionate kiss from a loving husband and a swarm of hugs from her children. The fact that women are trying to break into Corporate America, by any means possible, moral or not, sexist or not, while forfeiting a life of staying at home and spending time with their children is jaw dropping once you can remove the hood of leftist, feminist brainwashing. No sane, self-respecting person would do that back in the 50's, let alone in today's sadistic and enslaving corporate environment.

Third, politicians. Like feminists, it is amazing the con job the democrat party pulled on women. By making women jealous of what men had, and not appreciating what they had, politicians created a problem that didn't exist. They thoroughly convinced women they were oppressed, discriminated against, and that sexism was rampant. And the only way to make things right was by voting in these politicians. Politicians would enforce affirmative action, enforce Title IX, give you a never ending litany of PSA's and speeches blasting those evil males for their inherent sexism and privilege, and as an added bonus, designate the government as your sole supporter and provider making those nasty evil men unnecessary and obsolete. This propaganda was so successful, it actually overrode women's genetic programming to the point they actually believed "women need men like a fish needs a bicycle." And if you needed more proof as to the completeness of the job, women look up to and envy the life of one of the world's most miserable women - Hillary Clinton. Women, once again, gave up anything and everything that gave them point and purpose in life, all for a masters degree, a commute, and a cold career in Corporate America.

And finally, there's Corporate America itself. The best thing for Corporate America was women entering the work force. It lowered wages, it boosted demand for their products

(now that women had additional purchasing power), and it created demand for a whole new list of products and services. Daycare facilities, additional cars, more gas, more insurance, more dining out, more clothes, more cell phones, more divorce lawyers, more child therapists, more cleaning services, more ritalin, more lithium, more everything - the amount of material goods and services families had to buy now that you had two workers, no parents, and needed to outsource your child rearing easily boosted their sales by 50%. It was a boon in terms of both sales and lower labor costs that only outsourcing to China would outdo. Of course, the family suffered, divorce ravaged three generations, mal-raised children of broken homes drove up everybody's taxes, women we're becoming less happy, and the country's finances went to pot, but it didn't matter. Women had careers in Corporate America. And that's all that matters.

So What Do Men Do Now?

It's a foregone conclusion that with the support of government and corporations themselves, women will inexorably take over Corporate America. And any sober, realistic, self-respecting assessment of Corporate America will conclude we should let them have it. But if men are to give up Corporate America what are they supposed to do for work? What do we do for employment? What do we do for agency? What do we do in order to support ourselves and live our lives to the fullest?

The prospective loss of what has traditionally kept us employed and alive is daunting, and willingly giving it up may seem insane. But giving up on a career in Corporate America is a reality we're just going to have to face. And not only one we have to face, but one we should be welcoming. For while abandoning what has served as our primary means of support may be daunting, we men have a trick up our sleeves that have served us well since time immemorial.

We adapt.

Understand Corporate America is a bubble. It's the Titanic. It's going to burst and sink anyway, so you're better off living in reality and coming up with a Plan B. But while many of you may not see an obvious alternative to Corporate America for employment, millions of men have already blazed the trail to a new, and much better form of employment - minimalism and entrepreneurship.

Though not the traditional corporate career we originally wanted or were brought up to desire, minimalism and entrepreneurship is the only logical choice for any man not already:

1. Steeped so far in Corporate America in terms of his career that it would not be economic for him to abandon it and start down the path of entrepreneurship, or

2. Endebted in terms of student loans, auto loans, mortgages, alimony, child support, etc. that he is a debt slave and therefore needs to be in Corporate America.

The reason why is that minimalism and entrepreneurship is infinitely superior to working for Corporate America. One, in being a minimalist you do not need that much money to survive. You avoid debt, you avoid unnecessary luxuries, and in doing so you not only minimize what you need, but maximize your freedom. This leads to a second important benefit - the ability to insist on employment standards. If the pay isn't high enough, they won't let you telecommute, it isn't enjoyable work, or your client is just a lippy pain in the ass, simple. You fire them. You just quit. You don't need the money and therefore can do without them. This also leads to a third major benefit - you can bluff your way to higher compensation. Unlike your divorced, debt-enslaved, Corporate American wage slave counterpart, you don't "need" the money. You have a choice. You aren't a beggar, you're a chooser. This allows you to demand $100 an hour, because if you don't get it, so what? You don't NEED it. Alas, if done right self-employment can, in the long run, become much more lucrative than a Sheryl Sandbergian corporate slave career.

But perhaps the single largest benefit of the minimalism-entrepreneurship form of employment is the happiness and sanity that comes with it. While you're sleeping in till 10, your Super-Power-Tripping-Corporate-America-Power-Woman is waking up at 6 to suffer her commute at 7. While you're at your local bar getting your morning coffee with Bailey's at 11 to answer e-mails, your rah-rah empowered feminist counterpart is stuck in a meeting, begging the government for more grant money. When you decide you've done enough work at 2PM and it's time to hit the gym, your "You-Go-Girrrrrrl Power-Moxie"(TM) Corporate America counterpart is only half way done with her day. And when your kids come home from school at 4PM, you can take them out for ice cream, go swimming with them, or give them noogies, the strong-independent, divorced, Corporate American "single mom hero" leaves her kids to decay in daycare till 7, and that's if traffic has cleared up.

It's simply a no-brainer.

The sad tragedy, for women at least, is that men are one, small epiphany away from realizing the wise words of Freddy Benson in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, and switching our historical roles. It was already hard supporting oneself in this world. It's much, MUCH harder supporting a family. But if socialist, sexist (and racist) political forces are going to insist on turning Corporate America into a childish insane asylum like today's Academia with "safe spaces," "mandatory diversity training," and a blatant favoritism for women, forget it. "*I say it's time for a change. I say let them give us money. Let's live off of them for a while.*" And men can do it, not just because we're more capable of minimalism, but (hilariously and ironically) women have also voted in a huge welfare state. And if they want to be the ones to slave and work away in Corporate America, then they can pay the taxes to support men who just, meh, don't fee like working.

Alas, women fought so hard (as well as unfair and dirty) to get ahead in Corporate America, I cannot think of a better fate than to let them have it. And the only way to give it to them is to realize losing Corporate America is no great loss, but a blessing. Let women do the work. Let women drive the commutes. Let women waste their lives in meetings and cubes while the world passes them by. I'm going fishing. I'm sleeping in. I'm working out. I'm riding motorcycles. I'm spending time with friends, families, and loved ones. I'm going to Enjoy the Decline. I suggest you do the same.

You can visit my other hate-filled, but 100% truthful sites below!
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Bachelors in "Applied Shakespeare" at University Colorado Boulder

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You are a fucking idiot and deserve to have Big Education steal your money if you think this is a legitimate and viable program.

Will the Anti-Free Speech Nazi's Get Dr. Glenn Reynolds?

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Remember, universities are places of open-mindedness and thought.

Curse Free Episode #7 - Worthless Professors and Their Background Special!

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Is it even possible to pass on wisdom?
Motorcycle riding out east.
The "professional" background of a liberal arts professor.
The barn with the face in 1978.

AND MORE!!!

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Black Baby Boomers Hurting Black Youth

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I've said it before and I'll say it again, you want to talk about

REAL Uncle Toms?
REAL Oreos?
REAL Traitors to the race?

How about the scumbag charlatans charging young black youth an arm and a leg for tuition for a completely WORTHLESS degree such as African American Studies?

Shoot, show me a group of white people that get young black kids to

1. borrow $100,000
2. Give it to them in return for
3. Nothing, while
4. Crippling those kids' futures for the rest of their lives.

It's good to see hyphenated-American studies are being shut down due to low enrollment. It should also be noted they should be shut down because they're bad for the minorities that "earn" those degrees.

A Lesson About Race for the Video Game Industry: Mafia 3 & Originality

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The number of instances where a white comic book hero was turned black, a Mary Jane turned Latino, or a male movie hero turned female is too high to count. It is merely the empirical reality of a wider trend among Hollywood, Disney/Marvel, and (in a more general sense) corporate America to appeal to a wider audience and virtue signal to an increasingly brainwashed leftist society. To any intellectually honest person it's both testament to the fact these people have ran out of creativity, and the true racism they hold against minorities in that they think minorities don't deserve their own original superheroes.

Which is why I was flabbergasted when I saw the trailer for Mafia 3.

Mafia 3 is PRECISELY what America needs, what minorities deserve, and what video game players expect.

Originality.

Though the third in a series of three, Mafia 3 focuses on a black hero who must build his own gang to stave off the Italian mob. It takes place in the late 60's when Motown and black culture was very prominent (if not defining) in America, it allows all video game players a chance to escape into a different world they may be too young to remember (or even be around for), and it delivers a true, ORIGINAL black hero that all races can cheer for.

So I just have to ask:

WTF gives Hollywood and Silicon Valley? Did you finally get your heads out of your asses and deliver a game that wasn't sermoning, lecturing, or driving some ulterior political motive? Did you actually start to think maybe, just maybe blacks deserved their own heroes? Did one of you actually take the time to sit down and think of a new idea that hadn't been done before? Or was it just 2K and the rest of you are still the bandwagoning race pimps who are still fresh out of ideas?

Because let me explain to you how this is going to go down. If more and more movies, games, comic books, and other media are launched with original minority and female heroes (and villains) blacks, hispanics, Asians, women, not to mention whites are going to start demanding (GASP!!!!) MORE ORIGINAL HEROES! And that's particularly threatening to you because that will require what you're just plain out of:

Originality.

What's worse for you is that in due time minorities and women will realize PRECISELY what you're doing: merely co-opting Whitey-Mc-Male-Male characters and putting black face on them (or vag). Which is not only insulting, but nothing more than passing on "hand-me-down" clothes to your less-liked children.

I know talentless hacks and posers like you have no creativity, ability, innovation, or originality within you. But you better get some, otherwise you will be outed for the condescending racists you truly are.

Why the Middle Class is Disappearing

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AKA "The Labor Productivity Pay Gap:"

This concludes your Cappy Cap economic lesson of the day.

How Women Can Monetize Their Beauty

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You can find other economic genius here.

What the Hell Is Up With Deutsche Bank?

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Nothing much that we haven't seen before.

Your Majesty

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If I'm ever asked this, I'm so doing this.

Your Weekend Humor

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Driving through Tennessee and North Carolina. Specifically aiming to drive The Dragon's Tail. In the meantime some weekend humor for those of you who have seen Interstellar:

Saturday Night Geek Out with the Bechtloff

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He's streaming live now, but if you are listening to this post broadcast his rant against the Beatles is epic.

Cappy's Kentucky Knoxville Adventure

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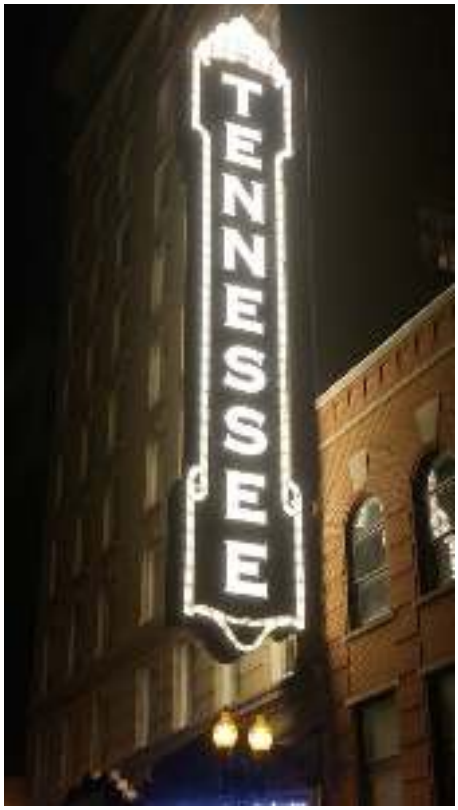
Greetings Lieutenants!

Just a couple of pictures from my ride from Cincinnati to Knoxville, TN.

This is the FIRST and ORIGINAL Kentucky Fried Chicken.

There's kind of a mural to the Colonel.


TENNESSEE

That is downtown Knoxville.

And if you're lucky you'll get to have dinner with Dr. Helen and Dr. Glenn of PJMedia and Men on Strike fame.

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Clarey hates the Susan G. Komen Foundation almost as much as he hates breast cancer.
Kentucky may beat Wyoming for dumbest state.
Somalis get free rent in Minneapolis so they can travel home.
Health insurance premiums going up in Minnesota.
Cappy visits the first KFC.

AND MORE

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Why Donald Trump is Doomed to Fail

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I had just finished a nerd-econo-blogger-podcaster conference in Cincinnati. It was a great time full of booze, poker, philosophy, economics, and all the stuff that makes for the rare addictive fix intelligent people crave. And while there was general consensus among this meeting of the minds, there was one issue where I was the odd man out.

Hope.

Hope for what?

Hope for the future of America, specifically through Donald Trump.

The reason I was in the single-person minority was because my colleagues genuinely believed that not only is there a chance America can be saved from a Soviet-esque 75 year nightmare, but Donald Trump is going to win the election. They would talk about "what needs to be done" or would start off sentences with "we need to do XXX" as if this Titanic was salvageable. Some even made the (rightful) argument that America, freedom, and liberty were the most noble of causes worth fighting for no matter what the odds.

I was certainly on their side and took no issue as to what "should be" in this world, but where I differed with the consensus was in the realm of practicality. I just don't live in "Shoulda Land."

Ergo, given their majority opinion is likely a good proxy for fellow libertarian, conservative, and freedom-lovers' opinions, I wanted to make the argument why I believe Donald Trump not only will fail, but is doomed to fail. And the reasons are two.

First, despite all of The Don's charisma and refreshingly blunt talk, one has to remember the re-election of Barack Obama. A veritable socialist who FAILED MISERABLY to get the economy moving again, I was convinced any self-respecting American would vote his incompetent ass out of office. Leftist or not, minority or not, male or female, people would realize he not only failed to live up to (unrealistic) expectations, but only worsened the long term financial stability of the US. You throw in Obamacare and I truly thought American would wake the f*ck up and vote him out.

They did not.

And what that taught me was that not only can a conservative never win the presidency ever again with 15% (and increasing) of our population being minorities (who

tribalistically vote for socialism), but too high a percent of the population (including whites) are wedded to a socialist ideology to such a zealous level their emotions have totally eclipsed any intelligent thinking they're capable off.

The second, and iron-clad reason The Don is not the second coming of Ronald Reagan, is a variable I'm shockingly surprised nobody has brought up or thought of before.

Congress.

Perhaps it's because I remember the Jesse Ventura administration, but the executive branch does not stand alone. This isn't a monarchy, it's a democracy. And the executive branch (gubernatorial or presidential) has to deal with a legislature. And the legislature, BOTH republican and democrats hate Trump.

This is the real reason any discussion about "President Trump," let alone the "saving of America" is moot and a waste of time. I'm sure people are very excited to see the first non-politician get nominated for a major political party's presidential ticket. And as I drive further south past the Mason Dixon line, it becomes increasingly more apparent. But even if he does get elected...

So what?

You think congress is going to work with him to actually improve things? I, sadly, predict this will go down very much like a Jesse Ventura administration and nothing long term, fundamental, nor genuinely hopeful will come of it.

The truth is minorities are too brainwashed, people are too stupid, and congress is too corrupt to "get the government *the WWII generation deserves*." And while I know there may be some hope, perhaps wishful thinking, in the end you not only have to financially and physically prepare yourself for a decline with silver, guns, and overseas investments, you need to prepare yourself mentally for what's about to come.

Alas, I suggest you learn to enjoy the decline.

Raleigh Meet Up - Cigars and Booze!

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Greetings Lieutenants, Economists, and Agents in the Field!

If you happen to be in the Raleigh area going to have a meet up at the Angus Barn's "Wild Turkey Lounge" where we can smoke cigars and drink booze. 730PM, Wednesday. If you happen to be in town stop on by and saw howdy!

Can Men Out-Compete the Government for Women?

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A better question is "Meh, if it's come to that, would you want to?"

Comparing Economic Penis Sizes for Socialists

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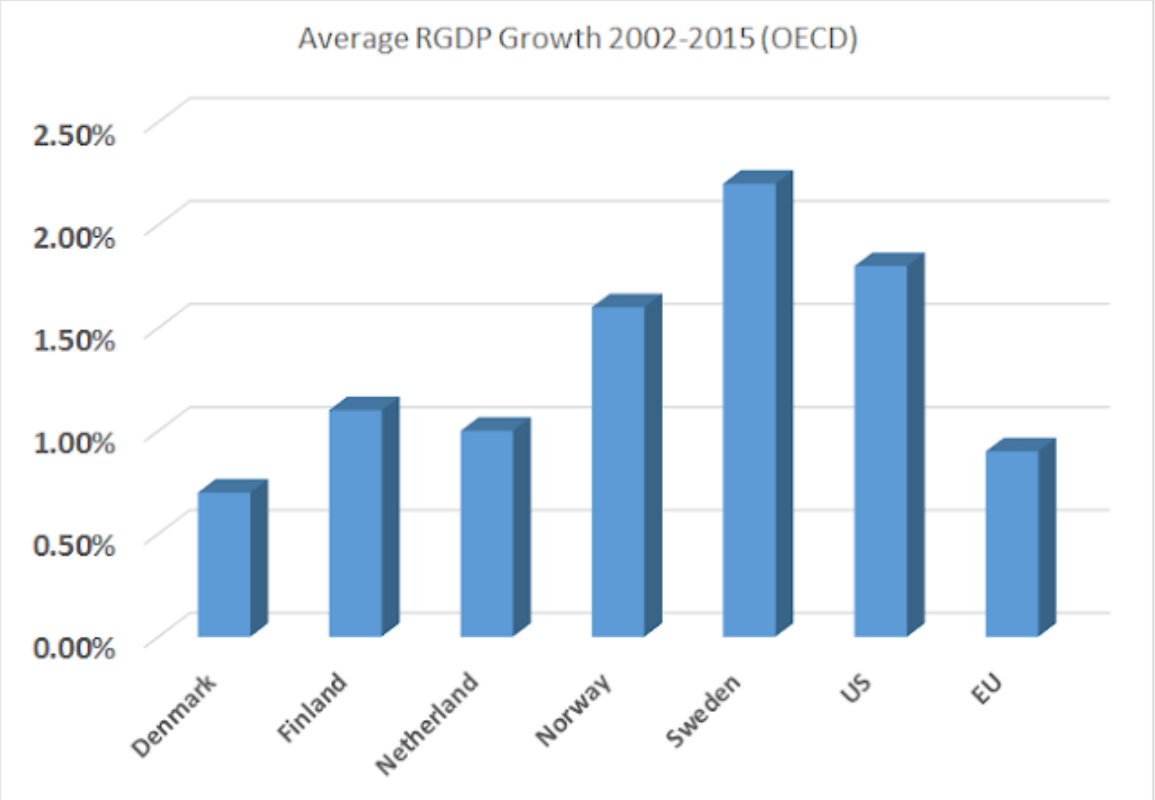
Though I've largely given up on trying to convince people about the realities of economics with reason, evidence, empiricism, and logic, for my own personal sake I like to check in on various countries to see which economic models are working. And today I decided I'd check in on the left's favorite exception to the "Socialism Kills Nearly Everything" rule - the Scandinavian model.

To be honest, I was expecting their average economic growth to be slightly better than the US. This was in part because of our pathetic economic growth rate (which does not beat population growth) and Norway's oil (which would not only pull up their average, but is also the single most convenient fact about Scandinavian socialism leftists purposely ignore). But I was surprised to see the left's favorite economic children not even being able to beat the US's already pathetic economic growth:



It should be noted (and the left is already tripping over their organic coffees to point this out) that Sweden is the only country to average a growth rate above 2% (perhaps rape is good for economic growth after all). But that exception considered, the Scandinavian model looks pretty, well, horrible. They're only averaging around a 1% economic growth rate, a rate that is not going to help maintain/realize their socialist utopias, and only 60% their evil capitalist US counterpart.

But before we start breaking out American flags, chanting "USA," smugly assuming this is a point for capitalism, you have to step back and realize...

1. The US is NOT a capitalist nation, but is by all measures a mixed economy model like our Scandinavian counterparts and
2. The above economic growth rates, even Sweden's, still suck.

In short, we're doing a "who's got the biggest economic dick contest" amongst the smallest-dicked economies in the world - socialist ones.

Any visit to the OECD will show there are countries who are much more capitalist than the US and it's socialist sisters. You will also find out these countries have economic growth rates averaging around 4%, 5% even 9%, doubling, tripling, even quintupling the left's lazy economic growth. Russia, China, South Korea, the Baltics, even Mexico, all posting economic growth rates the United States used to.

I've done a much more thorough economic analysis of this, and this development is nothing new or shocking. Lazy people who live and parasite off of a dwindling productive class will result in slowing, and inevitably, contracting economic growth. The government by it's nature doesn't produce anything of value, and as more and more people view it as a source of income, or even employment, any country that pursues this economic policy will end. This isn't opinion, this isn't biased "right wing talk," it's merely pointing out simple economic realities.

Of course, the real problem the West has is not economic, but psychological. We've raised three full generations who are so ignorant and stupid, they actually think they have a right to do whatever they want and food, clothing, and shelter will magically fall out of the sky.

And it will for a time.

But understand this economic "manna from the heavens" is simply other people's work and production being forcefully redistributed by the government. And once the parasitic class out-consumes the productive ability of the productive class, that spigot will be turned off.

And then the real fun begins!

Enjoy the decline!

When Feminism Jumped the Shark

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Why does Laura Parson have a job? Seriously. If this is what she is paid for, by North Dakotan (and likely) federal tax dollars, why does she have a job?

Informal Washington DC Meetup

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Howdy All,

Will be making my way north from North Carolina to DC and will be having an informal meet up on Sunday.

McGinty's in Silver Spring Maryland.
Sunday
8PM

Be there and be square.

Cappy

Never Work for Vagina, Inc.

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Remember gentlemen, let women have Corporate America.

They deserve it.

Episode #168 of The Clarey Podcast!

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First Red Pill Album by JR Guerra. Music intro.
Cappy discovers the greatest advancement in motorcycling
Ernst and Young ignoring degrees.
Dragon's Tail and Raleigh.
Conservatives make horrible entrepreneurs.
How to legally fuck with the Sheriff?

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Trump Wants to Fuck Women and Talks Like a Guy

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My thoughts were already, thankfully, written by somebody else.

I'll say it again:

I'd rather have a truthful sinner
Than a lying saint.

The Knoxville Swing Dancing Association: How SJW's Took Over Ballroom Dance

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Ballroom dancing has not only served as a key passion and source of income in my life, but is a skill I recommend every young man learn. Not only is it good exercise, fun, and an excellent way to practice discipline, but it is an invaluable skill in order to attract women. So when I pulled into Knoxville, Tennessee on my latest motorcycling adventure, I decided to check in to see if there was any local dancing, and sure enough there was.

The Knoxville Swing Dance Association.

Usually every major metro area in the US has some sort of group or association that lists all the various ballroom dancing activities going on in the area. Dances, lessons, competitions, etc., and I thankfully had found Knoxville's swing dancing chapter. But before I could get excited enough to pull out and iron my crumpled dress shirt from my saddle bags, something caught my eye:

Their "Code of Conduct."

I had never seen a "code of conduct" before listed on any swing, salsa, or tango site. Usually it was just a calendar, some photos, and some links to some social media. But when I read through their "code of conduct" I put away my crumpled shirt and looked for other plans because it was plainly obvious the Knoxville swing dance scene had been infected with people who were not first and foremost swing dancers, but social justice warriors.

Knoxville Swing Dance Association

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Code of Conduct

At all times be courteous and respectful of everyone while helping to ensure everyone's safety and comfort. This is
regardless of, but not limited to, age, body shape, ethnic background, gender, gender identities, life choices, political
beliefs, race, religious beliefs (or lack thereof), sexual orientations, skill level, etc.

- Contacting a Community Ambassador in person. These people are identified by their ribbon lanyards. They will be wearing on their wrist. There will be at least 2 of these individuals at any KSDA sanctioned event.
- Calling or texting 865-231-0208
- Emailing contact@swingknoxville.org
- Leave anonymous feedback or otherwise via https://swingknoxville.org/contact

The KSDA reserves the right to take any action which, in its sole judgment, deems appropriate in response to reports of abuse, harassment, discrete, hazardous situations, or other inappropriate behavior (whether or not listed as an example on this page), including but not limited to: warning the individual(s) who appears to be responsible, expelling them from the event, banning them from future KSDA events, and/or notifying law enforcement if there is reason to believe that laws have been violated or there is a dangerous situation.

This is a development that I should have seen coming, as I was already familiar with the boom and bust cycle of ballroom dance scenes. This cycle consists of:

1. A new and unique scene truly independent minded individuals explore and pioneer, which

2. Attracts popular kids, SPECIFICALLY attractive women, to the scene as their primary goal in life is to be popular/scene/be validated.

3. Which in turn attracts men whose numbers (and money) now make the scene "hot."

4. Rumor spreads to commoners, regulars, and the not so pretty people, and soon you have a fad on your hands.

5. Rumor further spreads and because of the nature of ballroom dance, nerds, rejects, creepers, feelers, stalkers, green-card seekers, Single Christian Men, basement dwellers, and other less-than-Cary-Grantish-men flood the scene because it's a (presumably) easy way to meet women.

6. These not-so-hot, awkward, creepy, and otherwise, less-desirable men drive away the hot women.

7. Without the hot women, the fuel which fed the fad dies.

8. The hot/cool/rich/normal men leave

9. Leaving MOST ballroom dance scenes at their pre-fad levels as refuges for nerds, dweebs, 50 something divorcees, and other forms of social outcasts.

It is at this point nobody pays attention to the formerly hot ballroom scene because why would you? There's nothing in it for anybody and it's not until the scene goes ghost and is discovered decades later by those pioneering individualists again does the cycle repeat itself. The cycle is complete. There is no new stage to be added.

Except now.

And the reason I say "except now" is because unlike history past we have the millennial generation. And the millennial generation is the first generation to be fully brainwashed into thinking they can't just

"Be a lawyer"
"Be a doctor"
"Run a company"

or
"Be a housewife."

No, they have been fully convinced they they need to

"Be a lawyer" +advocate a social crusade
"Be a doctor" +have a political cause
"Run a Company" +champion Corporate Social Responsibility
or
"Be a housewife" +volunteer for a cause

They simply can't have a profession and that in it of itself is enough to be of service to society. No, they need the ego fix to right some non-existent, fabricated, perceived wrong. They need to go beyond what their career, job, or education is. They need to be heroes, even if they have to make up a problem out of whole cloth, ruining everything good in the process.

And the Knoxville Swing Dance Association has become precisely that.

Why, precisely, is there a disclaimer about "race, gender identities, political opinions, and life choices?" What does ANY of that have to do with swing dancing? Not once in my now 20 years of dancing have I ever struck up a conversation on the dance floor about gender, politics, and a person's opinion about abortion.

Additionally, while I'm fully and ACUTELY aware of "creepers," "stalkers," and "feelers" that plague every dance community, these were largely handled naturally and in house. We didn't need to resort to nominating ~~Gestapo Agents~~ "Community Ambassadors" to wear a ~~swastika~~ rainbow band to go running to ~~the SS~~ the police.

Finally, who died and made these self-ordained shitlords King of the Knoxville swing dance community? I'm aware that events hosted and paid for by the Knoxville Swing Dance Association are under their domain. They can organize an entire SS division and to manage their club however they see fit. But if the first hit you get when searching "Knoxville swing dance" is their site, I wonder if their politics doesn't deter people who just want to....ummmm...swing dance and not suffer a political sermon.

If you operate from the erroneous premise that this club is about swing dancing, then their insistence on bringing politics into dancing is confusing. But if you realize swing dancing is merely a ruse, and they use it to put their egos first, running their little imaginary fiefdoms, then it makes complete sense. Sadly, it is dancing that suffers.

The problem ballroom dancing's SJW infestation presents to normal people who just want to dance (or learn) is two-fold.

One, the politics will drive any normal people away. Not because they're creepers or stalkers, or are necessarily afraid of creepers or stalkers, but who wants to be hawked over by dancing Nazi's or be subjected to a political sermon? I know leftist millennials in charge of this are brainwashed to make politics a mandatory component of everything they do, but normal people (of all generations) don't want politics in EVERYTHING they do. Alas one of the greatest passions a person can have is corrupted.

Two, when the anti-male spin on this Stasi "code of conduct" policy is combined with:

the increasing trend of false rape accusations among the millennial girls

AND

the loosening standards as to what constitutes sexual harassment

AND

the outright threat to involve law enforcement (though I've NEVER seen ANY dance scene come to that!)

it not only puts men in a very grey area, it's enough to send most running for the hills! And the reason is very simple -

No matter WHAT people say, no matter what dancers claim, men learn ballroom dancing to meet, date, get with, court, kiss, hug, fuck, marry (or any combination thereof) women.

Men can act all platonic, holier-than-thou, and eunuch-y they want. In then end ballroom dancing has been, currently is, and always will be primarily a means to meet the opposite sex. But if you're going to lay land mines around for men, making an already challenging challenge more challenging, don't be surprised if men with options don't show up and there's a dearth of leads.

Alas, I believe the introduction of social justice warriors to ballroom dancing will not only break the ballroom dance scene life cycle, but permanently leave it at where it stands today (I'll leave it to my readers to see what I spy with my little eye). The swing dance scene will never recoup its former 1990's greatness. The salsa scene will never see again it's '00's sizzle. Like a supernova being the last stage of a star's life cycle, the social justice warriors swarming around the jettisoned carcass of a once-vibrant ballroom dance scene is its last and PERMANENT stage in life.

Ergo, I suggest no man look for love, romance, sex, or courtship in today's dance scene (unless it's COMPLETELY void of any politics and social justice warrioring). Instead, I strongly recommend you use it to learn how to dance in anticipation of meeting a non-

leftst, non-SJW marriage-material woman outside the dance scene who will actually deserve your dancing skills and talents....but if your skills happen to get you laid at a wedding where you're the only ballroom dancer...so be it.

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Matt Baldoni Has a Q&A Session About the Bee Gees on Facebook, Oct. 12th

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Well now's your chance ladies. You can converse over Facebook with The Great Matt Baldoni on October 12th!

The Economics of Overpopulation

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Armchair quarterbacks and overpopulation theoreticians/conspiracy theorists can file your complaints in the comments section below:

SJW's Continue Their Destruction of Ballroom Dance

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I would take this apart piece by piece but the fact this video had to be made AND the video says "*Sometimes you have to hold hands while dancing because, well, that's part of dance*" just made me realize merely viewing it in all of its aspy, SJW, awe will be enough to scare any normal people away from ballroom dance.

Again, for those men and women looking to learn ballroom dance, by all means LEARN. But most dance scenes have become mere nerdy, fractions of their formerly great selves.

The Father and Grandfather Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Remember, with Government Check replacing dads, we don't need no STIIIINNNNNNKING fathers!

Precious Metals, Brexit, Negative Interest Rates, the Election, and Currencies

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Sponsored post, but it's still a good podcast episode if you're interested in currencies and precious metals.

they deserve it.

The Case for Mike Rowe for President

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It is no secret that I hold Mike Rowe in very high regard. The man is an entrepreneur, an Eagle Scout, worked and still works a real job, and for what amount he's delved into politics, it has been (truthfully) addressing one of the largest problems facing the US - the education bubble. So when you compare him to the two "best" schlepps the democrats and republicans managed to scrape from the baby boomer barrel this time around for a presidential election, there's just no competition. Mike Rowe would make an infinitely better president than Clinton or Trump.

But before we get our hopes up of a charming, honest Mike Rowe announcing his presidential bid, there's just one minor problem. And the problem is not Mike Rowe himself, but Americans. Americans, frankly, don't deserve Mike Rowe.

As it stands right now, Trump and Clinton are so hated, even within their own parties, I contend any normal, honest person could walk right in and win the election. With financial support form the Peter Thiels of the world, not to mention a GoFundMe account I'm sure would raise millions overnight, Mike Rowe could just walk in in the 11th hour with a clever marketing strategy and steal the election with a write in campaign. But, ironically, that's the easy part. It would be getting Mike Rowe to decide to run that's the hard part.

Think about what Mike Rowe or any normal person would have to give up. Since he is normal that means he likely has a healthy family, normal life, and a job he enjoys. He has his hobbies, interests, and friends. His entire value and happiness is contingent on that life and all of that would go away over night if he decided to run for president.

Instead of working on another documentary like "How Booze Built America" he'd have to deal with the asswipes in congress trying to force some unwanted toxic piece of omnibus legislation into a term limits bill.

Instead of spending time with his dad, he'd have to deal with accusations of racism, sexism, bigotry, ageism, and whatever other "isms" Americans can create as he cuts social spending and tries to balance the budget.

The media would find, if not outright create, skeletons in his closet, ruining his life at home.

Not to mention his prominence would bring out 20 year old (likely false) accusations of rape or sexual assault a la Bill Cosby, Donald Trump, Bill Clinton, etc., running the risk of legal troubles.

And all for a paycheck that is likely not too much more than what he can muster working in film.

The truth is only people who have nothing else in their lives can endure this baptism by fire because "getting elected into office" is the only thing in life they have. Clinton (both Bill and Hillary) epitomize this with a broken family, a miserable home life, murder and rape accusations, and a machiavellian relationship that is designed for political advancement and not love. I don't care how many millions they make in speeches, they'll never come close to what Mike Rowe and normal people have. And that's just not worth risking on a presidential bid.

Ultimately it is the American public and a "fanning-the-flames" media who are to blame for the outright pathetic presidential candidates we have today. In becoming an entitled and spoiled population, the American public get vehement if any politician dares to hold them up to adult standards of self-supportation and independence. In separating the country by race and gender, any attempt to treat people as genuine equals and hold them up to equal standards begets accusations of racism, sexism, and any other form of "ism" professional victim whores can come up with. And the media, with its abandonment of genuine journalism and its duty as the 4th branch of government, would prefer to get clicks and make money by shelling out yellow, if not outright, brown journalism, even if it ruins would-be honest politicians' personal lives (not to mention, the future of the country).

Joseph Maistre said it best when he said, "You get the government you deserve."

And Americans don't deserve Mike Rowe.

Hard Work Beats Talent

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A very important point...especially to all you high IQ millennials lying around telling us how you're going to solve the world's problems with your 18 year old pontificating "ideas."

Why Annual Reports are Bullshit

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For those of you interested in stock valuation and analysis (warning, very rantilicious):

Book Review of Mitch Berg's "Trulbert"

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"Trulbert," which is intended to be pronounced phonetically "true liberty," is a book by Mitch Berg of Shot in the Dark Fame. It chronicles the would-be happenings of a post-economic collapse in winter-bound Minneapolis, following various characters, tribes, families, media personalities, and agency-less government bureaucrats. While the topic may be somewhat somber and macabre, the book can be summed up in one word:

Fun.

What threw me off at first was the seemingly unreconcilable comical nature of the book, its characters, and its tone with what would in reality be a harsh, rapid, and deathly decline in the Twin Cities population. Specifically, the La-La-Land that Mr. Berg paints after the currency collapses is one where cell phone towers and satellites still work, electricity still runs, an effective replacement monetary system is up in a week, and the north side of Minneapolis doesn't revolt immediately when the EBT checks don't clear. However, while my part-economist, part-prepper mind was expecting a much more realistic tale full of rampant disease, an 80% death rate, and cannibalism, Mr. Berg purposely avoids this to tell an economic tale.

Well...he at least slows down the economic collapse a bit.

Well...OK, a LOT.

For in the real world Minneapolis' economic collapse would happen so quickly the vital economic lessons in this book would not have the time to be elucidated. And so Mr. Berg purposely slows this collapse down to show not only what could be achieved in absence of government, but also what would happen in the vacuum of its absence. And here his observations are not only insightful and true, but hilarious because only things that are this tragically accurate, damning, and destructive to humanity are truly funny.

For example, precisely what value do government bureaucrats such as teachers, counselors, non-profit workers, protestors, and social workers provide society? It's a hard question to answer in today's world because we see them and presume their title explains their value. "Teacher," "social worker," "librarian." But through the lens of a post-collapse world we see that these people are absolutely worthless to society, if not easily replaceable with books, a thumb drive, or nothing at all. It becomes PAINFULLY clear society merely pays additional taxes to keep these worthless people pointlessly employed.

Another brilliant skewering Mr. Berg does of a real world worthless caste of people are the

academians and media personalities. As the city collapses around them (and the mob slowly takes over), these charlatans maintain their air of fabricated and self-assigned authority as to why the economy and society is collapsing around them (and the two paragraphs where a mobster explains to a former journalist why she was nothing but a whore for political powers pre-collapse, as she vainly points to her worthless awards and degrees, is by far the best piece of excoriation that aptly describes today's media and alone makes the book worth buying). Like most government workers, it becomes painfully clear just how worthless these people are both in the book and the real world.

Particularly funny is the fun he pokes at libertarian ideologues and pacifist zealots whose belief in the "non-aggression principle" gets them robbed, if not killed, especially as they're lecturing wild mobs about the irrationality of their actions. They start off sanctimonious and proud as U of MN professors, only to end up...well...few in number by the end of the book.

And the sportsball and sheeple! Don't even get me started! It's as if Mr. Berg was reading my mind about how the majority of Americans truly are dumb enough to be taken in by bread and circuses. His brilliant weaving of the NFL as a national and dominant force in the country would be laughable if the American public's IQ wasn't so low that a mafioso NFL is a real world, post-collapse possibility.

But what I think is Mr. Berg's pinnacle achievement in this book is the inevitable creation of a mob. Not so much that a mob or gangster form of government would form, that's a given. But how it would form is his true brilliance.

It would form with the legions of disaffected, unemployed, and talentless former government employees.

Without giving too much of the book away, figure heads start to form mobs who demand protection payments from the actual producers in the government-free society. It's only natural government employees, bureaucrats, academians, and non-profit workers would be starving as they offer nothing of value. Ergo, with their careers destroyed and the private sector moving on without them, they would feel entitled (and would be quite hungry) towards taking what wasn't theirs. The rationales given by the mob bosses are the same as today's modern governments, and Mr. Berg draws identical parallels with slogans and department names that are indecipherable from today's democrat and socialist agencies and non-profits. Add to this natural evolution of government employee-turned-mobster thug, that the seed by which gangs form is based about religions and churches (read- tribalism), and I wonder if Mr. Berg realizes how accurate he might be in predicting a collapse in Minneapolis.

There is certainly more to like in this book. The constant digging at stereotypes such as roller derby girls, hyphenated named women, and coffee snobs will make you think I

wrote the book. The actions scenes, some spectacularly creative and graphic, will leave you wincing. Slamming on the Green Bay Packers is always fun. And the debauchery of the socialist power heads reminds you of Hugo Chavez's daughter.

About the only things missing are four:

1. I would have liked to see more on prostitution, not only because it would be a very real reality in a post apocalyptic world, but it would have provided the perfect vehicle by which to show how feminism is hopelessly dependent upon good men to protect them, so they can have such a delusional religion.

2. Slavery would at least be starting to form in some capacity or another given the progress of the mob.

3. It's not available in paperback or audio book.

4. There was no mention of "The Clarey Sniper Brigade" that would come in from White Bear Lake and charitably free the Minneapolitans from the clutches of tyranny for a weekly tribute of the city's population of big breasted, poor self-control, redheaded daughters.

But these minor shortcomings I am willing to overlook.

Regardless, if you can get past the somewhat unrealistically slow nature of the economic collapse, Trulbert is definitely a great read. You will learn more about economics than three full semesters at the U of MN, your mind will be opened towards what to expect in a collapsing society, and you will get many-a-hearty guffaws at the expense of nearly every variant of leftist as they are shown to be the worthless, tyrannical scum they are in the world today.

You can find Trulbert on Amazon.com

And In Amy Schumer News

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Ahhhh….warm fuzzies.

Australia Cuts Loans to Worthless College Classes

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Oh nosies! What ever will the spoiled suburbanite brats of Oz do without getting dem gubmint checks for their liberal arts degrees???

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What Real Equality Would Look Like for Women

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From a female oil rig worker who works a real job and has a message for the "too pretty to toil" liberal arts-majoring non-profit-teacher "air conditioned only" office type workers.

Millennials - The Dipshit Generation

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It's a real hard toss up who to hate more. The baby boomers or the millennials.

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Holding women up to men's standards.
Cappy Appleseed spreading the Word of Economics!
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Corporations using non-straight people for ulterior purposes.
Goldfinger was not in Kentucky.
Cappy goes to a business networking event...heaven help them.

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Did Obama Help Blacks?

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Friends of mine asked me if I was going to watch the debate tonight. I said, no, I was going to dedicate my time towards something more important instead. Specifically, I was going to provide the answer to the question millions of Americans have been waiting for these past 8 years:

Did Obama help blacks?

So if you care to advance your mind and help make meaningful progress to help improve the economic lot of blacks (as opposed to having your brain cells destroyed by watching Cheech and Chong duke it out), turn off the TV, pour yourself a drink, and let us look at some empirical data.

To be blunt, Barack Obama, "magic negro" as he might be, no longer has the time left in his presidency to do anything meaningful or helpful for the nation. As Americans are glued to the shitshow that is going on between arguably the most corrupt person in America and a man who has diarrhea of the mouth, it is a short 3 months before one of those two is sworn into office, replacing America's first (sort of) black president. Ergo, I think I can safely assume it's OK to start measuring the improvement blacks have enjoyed under the Obama presidency, without too much of a margin of error between now and January 20th.

So how did America's first Kaepernick-esque president do in improving the lives of blacks?

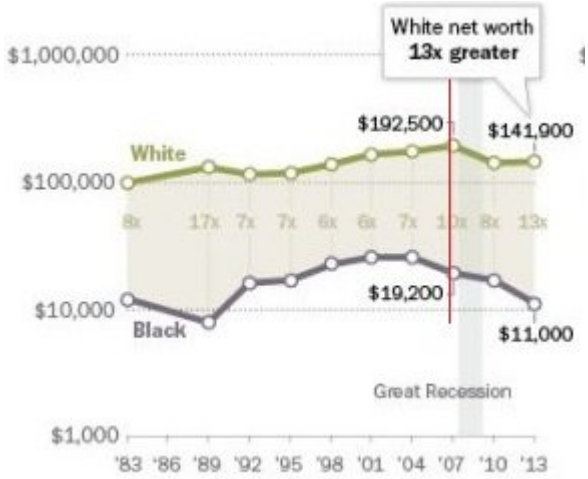
Poorly.

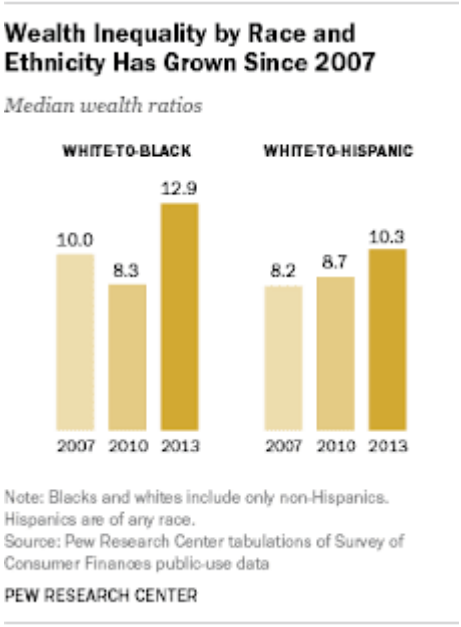
Matter of fact, you wouldn't have thought a "sorta black" guy was even president.

The first and most important measure of economic well-being - median income - not only showed a worsening gap between blacks and whites, BUT OVER ALL NOMINAL DECLINES IN INCOMES FOR BLACKS! In other words, blacks not only lost ground against whites in income, but their incomes fell by 2%!!!

Median Income	2008	2015
White	$57,588	$60,109
Black	$37,669	$36,898
Gap	35%	39%

The second, and arguably second-most important measure of economic well-being - net household wealth - also showed deterioration against a white-measuring stick. At the beginning of the recession (before Obama took over) white wealth was 10 times that of your average black person, while 2013 (the latest data available) showed it worsening to 13x's that of blacks.





Third, life expectancy.

Here some genuine progress has been made. In 8 years (though the latest data is only up till 2014) Obama has managed to close the life expectancy gap by almost 1%. Sadly, this is likely more due to whites drinking more and having more complications of gluttonous behavior, but I guess you gotta take a win when you can get one.

Life Expectancy	2008	2014
White	78.5	78.8
Black	74.3	75.2
Gap	5.4%	4.6%

Fourth, crime. Sadly, like life expectancy, no real improvement either (arguments against incarcerations rates vs. arrest rates duly noted, the data is the best data I could find available AND of a consistent measuring nature).

Arrest Rate	2008	2012
White	4.5%	3.9%
Black	11.5%	9.7%
Multiple	2.57	2.46

Fifth, unemployment. Not only a ***very important measure of economic well-being***, but again, absolutely no progress in closing the gap between whites.

Unemployment Rate	Jan 2009	Sept. 2016
White	7.1	4.4
Black	13.4	8.2
Multiple	1.89	1.86

Now we could go on, and I'm sure as more recent data emerges there will be no surprises, but the FACT is that the plight of blacks HAS NOT improved under Barack Obama. No measurable or significant improvement has been made and the past 8 years HAS BEEN COMPLETELY WASTED in terms of helping blacks (and hispanics too if you care to look at the data) close the wealth, income, employment, crime, and life expectancy

gaps.

And this utter failure (not to mention the doubling of our national debt) grants the likes of me, and everybody else who has been saying socialism is not what is going to "save the blacks," the right to start asking some serious questions of everybody who supported this failure of a president.

1. If you'll permit me to plagiarize Donald Trump, "What ***DO*** you have to lose?" Be it the more-than-adequate track record of large liberal cities headed up by leftist, liberal mayors (black or not), the academic performance of your children, your job prospects, or the plethora of economic data presented above, when does the black community wake the fuck up and realize the democrats and the socialism they're offering are NOT the solution? This isn't to say Barack Obama, Michelle Obama, or even Jessie Jackson don't care to improve the plight of blacks, but that they are WRONG when it comes to the medicine they're prescribing. And before you start blaming it on other people with "but it's the evil republicans" or "white institutional" or "but but but," I think it's about time the black community start realizing it's not whitey paying the price, but themselves for this constant lying to themselves.

2. Do you know what 11% is?

That's the percent of your life you just wasted, spending 8 years on false hope Obama promised you. This not only goes for the black community (who have shorter life expectancies btw), but the white, hispanic, and all other people who think that socialism, free health care, and, frankly, using the government to bail out people from their mistakes (be it an illegitimate child or bankster scum) is going to help improve the lives of minorities. This unfounded and religiously-stupid belief that government is the solution to people's self-inflicted problems just got debunked (again). But like all experiments with socialism, it didn't come free. It cost another three generations of blacks their youth, their time, and their mortality. But hey, at least some rich, upper middle class academians with their sociology degrees got to feel good and some politicians got re-elected to cushy government positions. And that's worth all the murdered blacks in Chiraq this year.

3. Do any of you white leftists feel ***any guilt*** for misleading the black community down the wrong path for another 8 years? Is it because you lack the spine to tell them the harsh truths about escaping poverty and achieving economics success? Or is it because it's just so much easier to tell them pretty lies so they like you, vote for you, and don't call you racist? Or do you make too much money on them heading up some bullshit academic department like "African American Studies" or "Diversity Director" or any one of the thousands of non-profit jobs that fail to ACTUALLY IMPROVE the lives of black people? I know you make money off of selling them into poverty, but hey, better they live in poverty than you work a real job, right?

4. Will you leftists now stop accusing people who disagree with Obama's/socialist policies of racism when it's empirically clear these policies do NOT improve the lives of minorities?

and finally

5. Will the black community have the self respect to set aside its emotion, pride, ego, and tribalism, and instead in an effort to improve itself make an honest and long-term commitment towards empiricism, logic, the scientific method, facts, reason, discipline, reality, and hard work? I understand the sheer scope and consistency of lies told these past 50 years is compelling, completely self-validating, even angering. But with nothing to show for it, with no measurable improvement, how many MORE generations of blacks must live in a dead-last place position relative to whites for these failing social experiments to go on?

ANY self-respecting black person who wishes to improve their (and their childrens') lot in life owes themselves at minimum an alternative strategy, or at least the right to explore other explanations as to their poverty. And I suggest you don't look at the tired and failed policies of socialism for the answer, but an alternative explanation in freedom, liberty, self-ownership, and responsibility.

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The Clarey National Debt Plan

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In part because the economy was collapsing, in part because I found it easier to analyze economies instead of companies, I made a foray into currency trading about 10 years ago. Analyzing companies was becoming boring, not to mention more of a game predicting which government policy would affect which industry as opposed to looking at fundamentals like earnings, debt, and cash flow. And so, using techniques nearly identical to those I used in commercial lending, I bought some Swiss Francs, Australian Dollars, and Singaporean Dollars.

I did well.

Very well.

And because of the leveraged nature of currency trading was starting to wonder if this wasn't a quick way toward riches and my true calling. That was until....

the Swiss central bank decided it's currency was too strong and purposely started to pummel it's own currency. Once again, I would have to predict government policy and not economics or fundamentals as the currency market was no longer efficient, but merely a reflection of government and bureaucrats.

But then it got me thinking.

"Wait, if countries purposely weaken their currencies because there's a benefit (in this case, their export industry doesn't lose business or jobs because their goods are in higher demand overseas), then there must also be SOME kind of benefit to having a strong currency as well. In other words, in a "equal but opposite force"-type-law of economics (that I truly believe exists) what would be the benefit of a country with a strong currency?"

And then I made the connection.

Purchasing power.

I witnessed this the more I traveled overseas and realized in Mexico, Jamaica, the Bahamas, even Canada, countries would gladly accept greenbacks, saving me and other American visitors the pain of converting currencies. I also remember a John Stossel episode where he could more quickly hail a cab in Russia flashing US dollars (and cigarettes) than the local Rubles.

But then it really dawned on me.

If a country were to have a very strong currency, if it were to adhere to free market economics, then it wouldn't weaken its currency to protect it's export base. It would let its citizens buy world goods AND INVESTIBLE ASSETS on the cheap.

This made me wonder "couldn't the US immediately after WWII just printed off a couple billion dollars and buy all the world's productive assets in 1945?"

Which makes me wonder, "Couldn't we do the same today?"

And this is the underpinning epiphany of The Clarey National Debt Plan.

While other people's national debt reduction plans are based on some combination of cuts, fiscal discipline, frugality, and taxation, my idea is much more international and opportunistic. For while the US may not be in its supreme position it once was back in (the evil, racist, oppressive) 40's and 50's, the truth is neither is the rest of the world. And poor as our finances are, the world's is even worse. Alas, we ***still*** have the world's reserve currency and we can (and do) abuse the hell out of it.

For example the money supply (using the monetary base as the measure) has increased 350% under Obama. That should result in inflation of 350%, but it hasn't. The money has been sopped up in recapitalizing banks, bailing out bad mortgages, and bailing out other bad investments, wherein the money sits on a balance sheet or in a vault, never allowed to circulate (and thus cause inflation) in the economy. The money has also been used to finance bubbles such as new mortgages, student loans, and corporate buy backs of their own stock where inflation has occurred, but we don't care about it because we like it when "stocks go up," "housing prices go up," and millennials believe "you can't put a price on education." The third area this money has gone is overseas where countries such as China, Russia, Brazil, and all of Europe are in such WORSE financial shape, our dollar and it's horrible fundamentals are still relatively attractive and act as a "safe haven" investment.

In other words we're like the only girl in Casper, Wyoming with all of her teeth. Hideous, disease infected, and the mother of 4 from 3 different baby daddies, but we're still the best looking horse in the barn.

I say "why not capitalize on this?"

Since printing money does not (directly or immediately anyway) result in inflation, why don't we avail ourselves of this undeserved purchasing power, print off $22 trillion, and go on an acquisitions binge across the globe? I say "acquisitions binge" and not "pay off the national debt" because, while printing off $22 trillion to merely pay off our debt is

possible, I do believe the global markets and rest of the world aren't THAT dense and they would immediately dump the dollar immediately causing real inflation at home. But if we instead INVEST that $22 trillion in assets that generate an annual profit not only does that give those $22 trillion in US dollars intrinsic value (and thus hopefully stave off inflation), but the annual profits from these investments could be used to pay down the debt. And that's the twist to the "Clarey National Debt Plan."

I've ran some figures.

There's $44 trillion in publicly traded global equities of the G20 nations. These securities on average pay a dividend yield of 3.156%. You may ask "why would you only print off $22 trillion, why not a full $44 trillion and buy these global equities outright" and the reason why is you don't want the US government becoming majority shareholder *of anything*. They'd ruin the underlying investment forcing unnecessary corporate social responsibility initiatives, under-performing minorities in positions of power, mandating carbon footprint quotas, and a whole slew of politically motivated leftist slop that would destroy the profit potential of these firms. You want the US government to be a silent, non-participatory, non-intervening partner, and ensuring they only own 49.9% (thus the $22 trillion) of these firms is a way to do that.

A 3.156% annual dividend yield on $22 trillion generates $694 billion in proceeds each year.

Assume there's a balanced budget (which is the LEAST likely assumption in all of this theoretical plan, and sadly, I'm not joking), and the national debt is paid off in a maximum of 28 years, probably less assuming growth in earnings (there's technically a way we could eliminate the national debt in a year or two, but I'm not paid enough to consult on these matters).

Now admittedly there's plenty wrong with this idea.

One, printing off $22 trillion (I would hope) would cause the currency markets to crash (indicating there's at least some sanity left in this world). But here's where the juicy irony lies. We just almost quadrupled the money supply under Obama/Yellen/Bernanke.

I ask you one simple question:

Where did all that money go?

If you look at the federal reserve balance sheet and the federal budget this newly minted money went to the following places:

1. Bailing out unprofitable banks

2. Bailing out other unprofitable financial firms
3. Bailing out unprofitable people who borrowed more than they could afford
4. Bailing out people either via welfare, EBT, social security, etc., ie - parasitic people who do NOT produce a net positive economic production
5. Wars/military (where in once again, the purpose of the military is to destroy things, not make a profit)
6. Forcing the tax payer to bail out millennials from their worthless, idiotic degrees (oops, wait, that hasn't happened...*yet*)

In other words, NOT ONE PENNY was an actual *investment* as you expect to get a positive return on investments. These were ***expenditures*** on money losing operations, money losing people, money losing wars, and the just plain losers, degenerates, and scum of our society. There was no hope of profits, earnings, dividends, cash flow, or capital gains. It was simply a pissing away of money.

When you realize this you'll see my plan is INFINITELY more sound, logical, and sane because there's an *actual profit* at the end of this $22 trillion investment. And that's the key word - ***it's an investment***. If markets are as sane as they are now, and consistent, the dollar should (ironically) SURGE compared to other country's currencies because unlike Greece, Japan, Europe, Brazil, and nearly every other country we wouldn't be bailing out our country's losers, but investing in global winners.

This then leads to the second problem - inflated stock prices.

If it were to get out the US government was on a $22 trillion global spending spree stock prices would jump to the point the purchasing price would no longer make this plan viable. Additionally, as it just so happens, central banks are already doing this just the same. But while smaller central banks such as the Swiss, Singaporean, etc., might go and take such actions, they're too small to drive prices up significantly on the global markets. The US is too big. Ergo, kind of like China, they'd have to do it clandestinely and secretly through unremarkably named subsidiaries and shell companies. This would take some time to slowly, indirectly, and discreetly amass a $22 trillion global equity portfolio, but in time it could be done, especially if there are dips or crashes in the market.

There are other problems with "The Clarey National Debt Plan," but truthfully it would be a waste of time further exploring what is already an academic, theoretical exercise. The balls that would be required to execute this plan just do not exist in the US. While Japan and Australia have the spine to end their worthless degree bubbles, our president apologizes when he states the truth about art history degrees. And the student loan bubble is merely 1/20th the size of our national debt problems. However, we can learn something from this intellectual exercise aside from just what a bunch of self-deluding clowns and asshats the central banking/governmental/international finance "authorities"

are. And that lesson is the only source by which national debts can be paid off if through the economic production of the people.

In other words, government is not a solution to anything as it is the underlying people who are the ones with not only the power, but the economic production potential necessary to make good on whatever promises their governments made. It is cute that today's international economy is so screwed up that the US could just waltz in, print off $22 trillion, and purchase the productivity of the *world's* productive classes, which would bail out *our* parasitic and lazy classes, but it doesn't change the fact that when it all boils down to fundamentals, economic production of the private sector is where ALL economic worth, value, and wealth comes from. And if you really want to build a successful society, civilization, or country, I suggest you found it around this key and vital principle.

In the meantime you central bankers, government bureaucrats, and international bond traders enjoy the decline!

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Academia's True Ulterior Purpose Today - Propaganda Ministry

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Historically college, university, academia and in general "higher education" has served three roles in society:

In the medieval times it was largely a luxurious pursuit of the elite and upper classes. Learning languages, teaching latin, and reading philosophy was the preserve of rich or royal children so they could wear pantyhose (either men or women), powdered wigs, and impress equally talentless bluebloods at parties and balls before heads were put into guillotines.

During and after the industrial revolution, science and the scientific method replaced the liberal arts as academia's new role wherein pursuit of more practical studies would provide the knowledge and skills that would make a man's (or woman's) time infinitely more valuable. From roughly the 1870's to the 1970's western civilization enjoyed the increasing opportunity to postpone work, enter college, learn a valuable trade and then enter the workforce, increasing their lifetime earnings multi-fold for what time they invested in college.

This then gave way to the third role academia played starting circa roughly the 1980's. With now everybody going to college and EVERYBODY flooding the labor market, the value of degrees decreased. Of course this didn't matter to most entitled and spoiled Gen X'ers, plus their baby boomer parents didn't know jack about economics, so the recommended they attend anyway. So even though degrees were becoming increasingly worthless, demand for degrees was at an all-time high, nay, *an entitlement* to the "college experience." And so the role of academia went from one of altruistic support and advancement of society, to that of maliciously capitalizing off of it. The primary and ulterior goal of higher education was to now transfer as much wealth from younger generations to enrich an entire class of talentless liberal-arts majoring hacks posing as professors, teachers, sociologists and other liberal arts "professionals."

You would think this is the current and final stage of academia's evolution, however, there has been a fourth evolution. And that would be one of becoming a veritable Ministry of Propaganda for various socialist, leftist, and communist political parties throughout the world.

This is not "hyperbole" or Alex Jones' like "conspiracy" simply because it's painfully obvious.

Academia has simply become a joke.

First you have a 2015 study that shows 2/3rds of psychology studies cannot be repeated. We're not talking those cute studies you did in your (mandatory) Freshman Psychology class. We're talking the tippy top, super elite, getting their doctorate, with "peer reviewed" level "authorities" and "experts" in their fields sending in slop and passing it on as empirically proven truth. Given psychology is one of the more "legitimate" fields of the social sciences, it's practically guaranteed the rot is equal-or-greater in the remaining fields. The entire realm of the liberal arts and humanities is debunked (and it's primary job would be re-validation instead of political propaganda). But how much soul searching do you see these "social scientists" doing versus vehemently defending their quackery as today's education bubble spectacularly bursts?

Second is the BLATANT political agenda. Forget that over 90% of ~~stunted-adult-children~~ professors vote religiously left and purposely direct nearly all of their studies towards the rationalization of stealing other people's money, just look at the modern day shit show that is academia today. Genuine black bigots who hate white people demanding segregated housing at UCLA, the tiring and completely fabricated drama of zhe zer and non-binary gender pronouns, and the limitless number of stories where PAINFULLY OBVIOUS socialist indoctrination is passed on for "freshman orientation." The only thing more enraging than this naked grab for youth's minds and our money, is the balless parents who stupidly still pay for their idiot childrens' worthless degrees.

And if none of that convinces you, there is again no limit to the number of stories where you find out your hard earned tax dollars are subsidizing some worthless parasite acting as a graduate student as they pursue research in some popcockery or another. The most recent one that comes to mind is Lisa Jordan Powell, a hack, who is studying how pumpkin spiced lattes cause racism. I'd like to say I'm joking, but academia has become the joke. If you seriously think with this blatant racist, sexist, communist crap that academia still has some merit or is somehow not a parasitic organization here to live off of otherwise hard working people, then fuck you, you're a liar, and I pray for the day the world collapses so there is no law and I meet you for coffee.

Regardless, you combined all of this veritable bullshit and the precise goal of academia's new ulterior motive is perfectly clear - to get the American public to no longer trust their own eyes. The goal is to, through "official academia studies," redefine lies as truth, even though the world around us collapses and everybody is worse off. It is to designate "academia" as the final arbiter of truth, allowing the parasites, scum, thieves, psychos, SJW's, cowards, and tyrants in both academia and politics their continued theft of society's money and hard-earned wealth unopposed and unabated.

To what few eyes remain unbrainwashed it is plainly obvious academia is nothing more than a cowardly, sniveling, Ministry of Truth for global socialism. For the rest of the

sheeple, however, whether they're just plain stupid or are conscious worthless, parasitic participants in this game, it's the only thing they have in their meaningless, pointless lives. And since the west is all democracies, you can more or less be guaranteed to be forced to enjoy the decline.

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Forget whether these attacks are racially motivated or not, just drive up and down Broad street and you'll see the school is situated right in the dirtiest ghetto you've ever been in.

You are a fool for attending Temple University.
You are failing as a parent for letting them go there.

Are There ANY Masculine Millennial Male Role Models???

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I noticed something a bit odd.

Tom Cruise and Mark Wahlberg are the two main guys heading up the two main action movies in play right now. Cruise is over 50 and Wahlberg is over 40.

Where the heck are the Millennial male action heroes???

So when I tweeted this out, an Agent in the Field returned this. The top 40 or so actors under 35. And bar Captain American and Thor (both actors are Chris I believe), the rest of them a pussies for god's sake! Seriously, look at those limp-wristed, pansified girly men. Christ, the original Hans and Franz in SNL were more manly than this lot!!!!

Oh well. Millennial girls worship at the altar of feminism. I guess they got their dream come true with the men of this generation.

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Why Millennials Need Don Rickles

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Donning my "Charming as Fuck Tuxedo," I was feeling a bit smug since I bought it when I was 19 and still managed to fit into it 23 years later. After posting a couple pictures on teh interwebz and social mediaz my ego was further vindicated with tons of likes and even the occasional female saying,

"Wow, for the first time I don't want to throw up when I see you!"

But the reason I was donning my rarely-donned tux was because it was a special occasional. I was going to see the (quite literally) legendary Don Rickles, who at the age of 90 is not only still performing, but may not be performing for us much longer.

Being familiar with his work I knew what to expect in terms of comedy and shtick, but what I didn't know was how he would perform physically and whether it would be a short show. At his age he certainly wouldn't be able to repeat his energetic performances from the 60's and 70's. And so I tempered my expectations of a boisterous man, whose loudness was to only be outdone by his laser-guided-precision as he masterfully flayed witting and honored members of the audience.

I was wrong to temper my expectations.

Mr. Rickles is of course very old and naturally he had to sit down most of the time. But his brain was just as fast as it had always been. Pulling happy victims from the audience he would ask what they were ethnically and do everything from goose-stepping if you were German, calling you a fag if you were Swedish, and asking "Why are there Chinks in Iowa" if you were Chinese and grew up in Des Moines. There were no hecklers, but overenthusiastic fans, some of which were women, who when they "wooed" or "hollered" Mr. Warmth would say, "my god they all want my body." Further blasting past any concerns for political correctness he, in the witness of a sold out crowd, plainly, blatantly, and purposely sexually harassed a female drummer in the orchestra telling her to come up to his room after the performance, to which the entire audience and drummer herself laughed.
It was a great time enjoyed by a (much older than myself) crowd and I'm happy as hell I got to see him before he passes on to join Frank and his mother. But that was the key thing. The crowd was much older. Which means it was much more mature. And because of that this crowd got to enjoy a type and level of humor no stereotypical Gen Xer or millennial of today every will because, in what I would surmise Don Rickle would say…

”You’re all a bunch of faggots.”

Understand Mr. Rickles has lived a full life, served in WWII, has been married 51 years, has a career that has spanned 60, has a full family, contributed more to this world than you ever will, and at the age of 90 is the poster child for “zero fucks to give.” He is completely untouchable by today’s thought police, academia’s nazis, and the complete faux-intellectual pussies posing as millennial liberal art students. This position means he is the perfect barometer of truth and reality because he is immune and pardoned from any of the would-be attacks that would come from (what I would predict Mr. Rickles would call) “precious faggots.” The millions of weak-minded fools that parade themselves today as faux-intellectual college students, professors, politicians and journalists would not be able to be in the room with this great legend for more than 10 seconds without their weak and fragile minds being more triggered than there was triggering in all of WWII. And because of their hubris and arrogance these SJW’s, millennials, and perpetual-victim-status-seekers would merely dismiss this genius and jewel of America because “racism” and “sexism.”

Which is ultimately and truly their loss. For in merely dismissing Don Rickles as an outdated “has been” they miss out on not just the humor, but some vitally important lessons his humor teaches us about humanity.

Understand the average American today, with its complete sheeple regimen of 13 years K-12 brainwashing and an extra 4-8 years of worthless academic study, is likely to be triggered just in the fact there was a sell-out crowd enjoying (GASP!!!) RACIST AND SEXIST JOKES, because they have been trained to be

Constantly offended
2. Constantly be on the look out to be offended
3. Constantly be searching for ways to be a victim, all so they can
4. Demand taxpayer money because they’re oppressed or disable (link to article on IVF)

This means they not only fail to realize it’s a joke (ARGUABLY some leftists are not even capable of enjoying or identifying humor), but that they lack other important skills it takes to survive in this world.

The first and foremost skill insult-humor hones is the ability to determine if you can trust somebody. Understand only true egomaniacs, people who value themselves above others, take offense at a joke that pokes fun at them. They are so full of themselves and value themselves more than others that they can’t brook an insult, joke or not. This is why racial or sexist jokes are a great determiner of whether a person is humble, doesn’t value him/herself more than others, and has the intelligence to not only be able to identify humor, but appreciate it as well. Irish jokes, black jokes, German jokes, white

jokes, Polish jokes, you'll trust your kids more with a guy who can laugh at a joke at his own expense than you will one that gets his panties in a bundle. Matter of fact this is such a good skill to have I implicitly do NOT trust anybody who compliments me or calls me "sir." It would genuinely freak me out and depress me if my friends all of the sudden started treating me nice because it meant I had done something that made them feel uncomfortable and they are now acting disingenuous.

Two, it's a secret tell.

To a charlatan, con man, or anybody trying to get something out of you, logic says you should treat people nice so they like you. But anybody who has tried to date women or make friends with men know that acting nice gets you nowhere. Most people who are trying to screw you over cannot get past this simple logical fallacy because their untrustworthy goals are not long term or sincere, but more immediate. Therefore they don't care about you long term because they have no intentions for you long term. This becomes immediately evident when they treat you nice right away (a bum about to beg for money calling you "sir") and the hair on your neck stands up.

Trustworthy people, on the other hand, have the urge or need to occasionally pick on those they love or care about. Trustworthy people test others occasionally to see if that person can take it, and therefore has the capacity for selflessness, altruism, and above all else, humor, which makes them good candidates for friends and loved ones. In return trustworthy, honorable people can take, will take, AND APPRECIATE a joke at their expense because at either a conscious or instinctual level they know it is a sign of care, consideration, or love. This ability to ID trustworthy and untrustworthy people is arguably a more valuable benefit of insult humor than the humor itself.

Three, it is also a secret tell you're a dick.

If your life support strategy is to:
constantly look for offense
so you can feign victimization
so you can demand other people's money

this strategy, though you think it's clever and clandestine, stinks to high hell. And so much so it will immediately raise the self-defensive instincts of others, even to the point they automatically disrespect and hate you, but don't know why.

For example, do you like this person even though you don't know him?

How can you? There's physical tells these SJW type of people are evil and fully intend on living off of you.

But in addition to having a very punchable face, these people cannot laugh at themselves, let alone find humor in anything, AND it all stems from their constant attempt to parasite off of others. If this is you, you will NEVER have any real life time friends, you will NEVER have an honest or reliable spouse, your children will NOT grow up to become successful, and you will never have any success or happiness in life. It's all because you look to live off of people and not be friends with them.

Four, constructive, but loving criticism.

The black community is largely in last place because nobody wants to hurt feelings or deliver, blunt force truth. But if you look at black men in the military they tend to do much better in nearly every category. Not only is this a function of blunt truth (of which there is plenty in the military), but the comradery and help from fellow men wherein the constant ripping, joshing, belittling, and besmirching build and forge better, stronger, and more trustworthy men. However, ensconced in this smack talk and insults are hidden bits of constructive criticism. Constructive criticism that's there NOT because the person hates you or is bigoted towards you, but because the person genuinely cares about you and wants you to do better.

"Nice shooting fuck face. Know I can't rely on you to protect my ass in the field."

"No, you didn't scare her with your 50 texts in 24 hours. You just made her call the cops and put your ass on a sexual predator list."
"Hey dicknuts, WTF were you thinking majoring in communications was a good idea?"

But if you're a pampered little civilian (black or not), and especially if you're a precious, spoiled high school or college student with all sorts of ADHD, Asperger's, and social anxiety disorder problems (definitely a monopoly of white SWPL folks), any incoming joke intended as either

an initial test of trustworthiness,
a genuine sign of care or compassion,
or a well-intended bit of constructive criticism couched in humor,

you will purposely misread as an insult because you value any potential victim-shekels you can squeeze from that person more than you do their potential friendship or comradery.

And finally, it's funny.

The fact two generations of Gen X and Baby Boomer professors, politicians, and public school teachers have brainwashed your faggoty asses so far up your faggoty asses you can't take a joke means you're denying yourselves one of the greatest forms of humor and the joy that comes with it. The fact that millions of SJW's mental growth is so retarded and stunted that a Dean Martin celebrity roast wouldn't get a laugh is tragic. What young people are missing out on in terms of the ability to laugh at ourselves and the friendship that comes with it is incalculable.

When you add it all up, I cannot imagine a life without these 5 skills/benefits that come from insult humor. I would not have the trustworthy, loving people I have in my life today, I would not have the thousands of hours of joy, laughter and happiness under my belt, and for the life of me I don't know how the SJW, leftist, victim-pimping, millennials live or enjoy life without it. I imagine many of you live a Stalinesque lives where destroying others is all you have in life. Or worse, you're so blinded by your race and the constant victim-pimping from school, you'll never enjoy this humor or the true kindness that is behind it.

If there was any justice in this world, and colleges and universities were truly "institutions of free thought and open minds," they would send their students to see Don Rickles. But since they're more concerned about banning types of free speech that promoting it, it is (in my humble opinion) every Millennial's job to see Don Rickles more for their own sake than his.

And if you just plain have your head out of your ass and aren't a (as I would predict Don

RIckles would say) “a millennial faggot,” go see him before this great man passes away.

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Why Debt and Deficits Don't Matter

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I rarely pick fights. But every once in a while there is such a falsehood, propaganda, or outright lie that comes about it cannot go unanswered. And this is one of those cases.

A client hired me to address an article a man by the name of Mike Norman wrote about how debts and deficits don't matter. I was hoping for a cogent argument, but it was so poorly written and so blatantly false, I along with many others couldn't let it go unanswered.

Mike received such a backlash, that he disabled the comments on the article AND put together a response video to his detractors, presenting an equally cogent counter-argument of "you're all just fucking stupid." (the comments are depressing as it shows you just how easily sheeple believe you can print off more money, certainly vote down the sycophants' upvotes)

I find this odd (but confirming) because the man has a masters in economics and 30 years experience. I was hoping to find an argument that I wouldn't necessarily agree with, but at least a cogent one where I could "see where he was coming from." Sadly the "you're fucking stoopid if you don't get this" counter argument confirms my suspicions most people in the economics professor simply don't know what they're doing if this 4th grade "I know you are but what am I" type response is all we get.

Regardless, the video I compiled for my client I think you'll find valuable because it addresses the issue as to whether or not debts and deficits matter. Unfortunately, because it was in response to Mike's article, it was couched in, and therefore has to cut through, all the smoke and mirrors of purist-Keynesian self-delusion in his article. Still, let this be a valuable lesson.

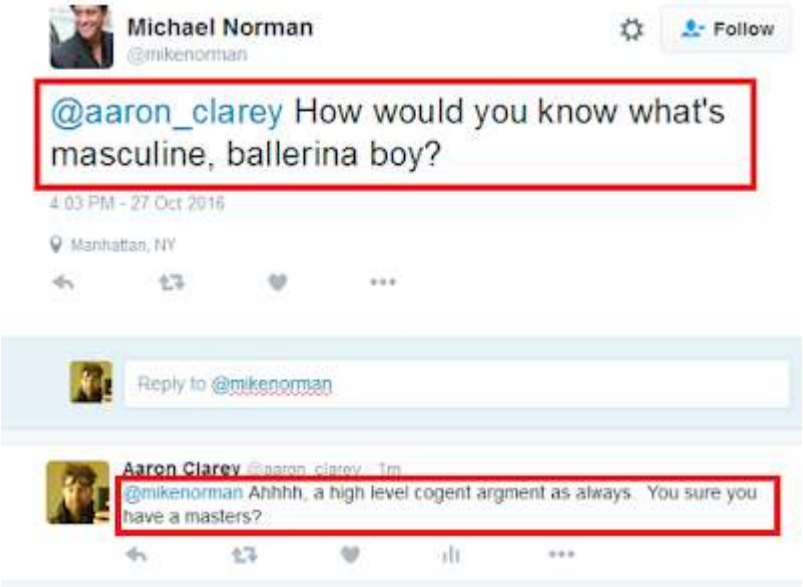
Reserve currency or not.
Central bank printing presses or not.
Borrowing from Bob to pay Bill or not.
All debts, to have value, must inevitably be paid off with the requisite amount of economic production.

And to contend otherwise is simply lying to, and further endebting, younger generations so people today can live off of the children of tomorrow.

Enjoy the decline!

Post Post

Mr. Norman has responded with a counter argument (see below) that in intellectual honesty I wanted to share with you all. It's somewhat of a complicated and nuanced argument that for those of you without degrees in economics may not understand. However, I believe this higher level debate has shown some light onto Mr. Norman's position on MMT and hyper inflation. Again, if you don't understand the argument, I can break it down into layman's terms for you. Additionally, I wanted to thank Mr. Norman for further expounding on his position so we can all progress towards a higher understand of economics:



Dear Millennials: Stop Majoring in Stupid Bullshit

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You may choose a wise major here.

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Listen to me boys (and any women who are looking for something to buy their man)…

nose hair trimmers.

You think I joke, but I am deadly serious and any man over 35 will tell you nose hair trimmers are worth their weight in gold.

Go buy one now. You will thank me for it later.

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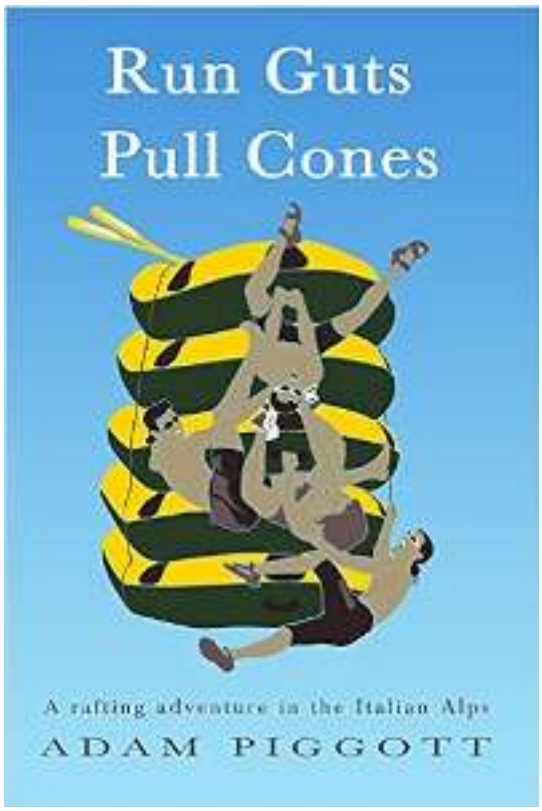

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Never. Ever.

A Bit of Economic Advice? Do Your Christmas Shopping Now!!!

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I am, first and foremost, an economist. It means I'm efficient and economic. You come here not just for my philosophical insights, but the economic ones wherein you may apply and benefit from them in your own personal lives.

So heed me here.
And heed me now.

Do you Christmas shopping NOW!!!!

Do not delay.
Do not wait.
Do not procrastinate till December when prices are jacked up and you have to fight commoner sheeple on Black Friday or Cyber Thursday and Horny Wednesday or whatever popcockery they come up with this year.

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Do ALL your Christmas shopping *THIS WEEKEND* online using Cappy's Amazon Affiliate. That's it. That's all there is too it. Set aside ***one measly hour*** this weekend, compile your gift list, click this link, and be done with it before Thanksgiving!

You'll thank me. You'll thank yourself. You'll have no fret or worries. Plus the Ole Captain makes a 7% commish on all your purposes AND YOU DON'T PAY A PENNY MORE!

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And you want to help him pay off his mortgage before Christmas
And you want to make Christmas shopping very easy
AND you want to be done of this chore in the most ECONOMIC manner possible

DO ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!!!

Cappy humbly thanks you.

Cappy

PS-Yes you have to click the link and not go directly to Amazon.com because that way

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Women Vote for Socialism, Complain Men Don't Work

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Woman celebrates likely win of socialist, then bitches why men don't work.

Raging Golden Eagle does an AMAZING job deconstructing her.

Like I've said before, let women have corporate America. Let them work. Let them pay the taxes.

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Kristine Solomon of Yahoo News, Beauty and Style Writer

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Remember how in the Ole Captain's podcast I say "The news is not the news. It's what the news is about that's the news."

Well we have just such an example here.

The news is NOT that some douche in Arkansas dressed in black face as Bill Cosby. It's the fact that Yahoo's shareholders paid one Kristine Solomon to waste their money and their readers' time with this story.

"NEWS FLASH! WHITE DOUCHY KID IN SOUTH HAS BAD TASTE!"

Kristine might as well go to Fort Wayne, Indiana and report on a guy who was seen wearing a blue shirt.

Of course, this is CRYSTAL clear proof that the media, and ESPECIALLY "Yahoo News" has a narrative and agenda. If they are so desperate that they're going to write an "article" everytime one of America's 310 million people do something stupid, then they better go and hire a lot more Kristine's. But, this instance of idiocy was racist so we must marshal the media's resources to highlight it and bring it to everybody's attention to remind the country how racist it is (even though we're all largely saying, "he's a douche, so what?")

The real question is who is Kristine Solomon.

Well her profile is what you'd expect.

She has a worthless degree from a worthless college. She's worked in media her entire career, and now she is at Yahoo (Cough cough WHEEZE WHEEZE) "news." She also works at the Huffington Post, though (I'm running out of air quotes here) "works" is debatable because the Huffington Post is availing themselves of the millions of desperate and worthless journalism majors flooding the market and often times not paying them.

Here's what the real news story is.

Online media, in combination with a bunch of brainwashed college graduates from both Gen X and the Millennials, are posing as the magnanimous and noble fourth branch of government. None of these (predominantly girls) wanted to work real jobs or major in real subjects, PLUS they had the added ego of "having to change the world." So instead

of doing genuine journalism like investigations, research, or something that might actually be of benefit to society, they've glommed onto editorials and opinion pieces that simply regurgitate politically correct political positions. This not only masturbates their egos so they think they're "saving the world" in their crusaderist minds, but it does so without them having to do any real work. Ergo, the real news story is that these people aren't reporting the news. They're posers and hobbyists distorting the news all so they can have cushy, work-avoidant jobs and make believe they're "journalists." And that's why we have an article of "Man Buys Truck in Omaha, More at 11" type stories.

Naturally, most of you know "Yahoo News" and the "Huffington Post" are not legitimate media companies nor sources for news. They are propagandist entities or at best People-like gossip machines that dispense girls' fix for dopamine when told they're the victim or crusaders or "good obedient liberals."

It's just when it's so blatantly obvious with Ms. Solomon-type pieces I deem it necessary to point it out to the adults of the world.

Seth Rogen and Amy Schumer Axed

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Aw, that's just too bad.

Silicon Valley Virgins

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Are Black Women REALLY the "Most Educated Group in America?"

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A friend of mine who happens to be black posted some kind of *rah rah women can do it all female empowerment* article on Facebook. Under the post he tagged me with the sarcastic quote "remember, black women are the most educated group in America!" I didn't think much of it until I realized that that phrase couldn't have been random. It must have been uttered before and was making the rounds.

So I asked him, "You got to be kidding me?"

He said, "Nope. They're officially the most educated group in America. And they won't shut up about it either!"

Naturally this of course raised an eyebrow because obviously there was a study done and, assuming the methodology wasn't hack, I almost knew where the flaw in it would be. Alas, my work for this post wasn't going to be trying to find the flaw in the study (I wouldn't doubt there are more black women in college as a percent of their population). It was going to confirm there was a flaw in the reasoning as to why such a high percentage of a particular group in college is a good thing.

And yes, for my regular readers you can easily predict where this one is going.

This first question I had was "was the statement true?" Are black women TRULY the most educated group in America?

And it is, more or less.

Based on some statistics by the NCES, black women have the highest enrollment percentage out of all the binary race-sex groups, 9.7%. This means of all adult aged women in that group, 9.7% of them have either graduated or are currently in college. This makes them technically the most educated group in America.

While this is certainly good news, I simply ask the $64,000 question..."educated in what?"

Here statistics are a bit tricky for both black AND female college students. You can get data on females. You can get data on blacks. But you can't easily find out what ***black women*** are studying.

So I looked at females first.

It is of course no surprise to anyone here that the majority of women major in worthless and easy subjects. Based on my research for "Worthless," about 2/3rds of worthless degrees are earned by women. But using some more recent research, it again shows women prefer easier subjects, with less math and rigor, and therefore are in less demand in the labor market.

GENDER	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Arts	Biology and Life Science	Business	Communications and Journalism	Computers and Mathematics	Education
GENDER COMPOSITION OF MAJORS							
Percent Female	30	61	55	45	64	31	77
Percent Male	70	39	45	55	36	69	23

So already it's no shocker why "women earn the majority degrees" across all racial groups.

When you consider race, it only magnifies the percentage of worthless degrees. Using enrollment data from the U of MN as a proxy, blacks (male and female) major in worthless subjects 74% of the time, contrasted to their white peers who "only" major in worthless degrees 57% of the time. Once again, reiterating the importance of my question "educated in what?"

But if there is proof positive that black women are simply majoring in easier (not higher paying) subjects, it was the (admittedly) anecdotal bit of evidence I saw with the hashtag "#womenwithdegrees."

If you're not familiar with it, it was a hashtag trending on Twitter this past summer. In it was pictures of women graduating from college, noting their degree and what their plans were. And two major things stood out:

1. The vast majority of women in this hashtag were black and
2. The VAST VAST majority of them were all majoring with worthless, easy subjects.

Child psychology, criminology, women's studies, African American studies, communications, sociology, you name it. I counted only one accounting major and one engineer. So hopeful were these women (and in for such a rude awakening) I felt bad enough to together one of my more kind and polite videos trying to warn them about the path they were going down. But neither here nor there, it's painfully obvious why black women are truly (and unenviably, I might add) *the most educated group in America*:

Because they're the largest investors (and therefore victims) in the worthless degree education bubble.

It is here, as an economist, an empiricist, and one who genuinely wishes to help out his fellow man (black females in this particular case), I want to make a plea for reason, common sense, logic, and reality with black women. And you have the choice here ladies. You can continue reading below in which case it can only help, or you can dismiss me as a "racist" or a "sexist" in which case I can guarantee your life will be much worse.

1. Understand that like the Dotcom Bubble, the Tulip Bulb Bubble, and the housing bubble women and minorities are investing into an education bubble at rates and amounts higher than their white male counterparts. You THINK you're doing better. You THINK you're making progress. But all you're doing is precisely what suckers did in the housing bubble:

Borrowing money you can't afford to pay back, for an asset that isn't worth it.

This doesn't mean college isn't worth it. Nor am I an "evil white male" trying to dissuade you from going to college. It is however meant to deal a dose of reality into your educational plans that it's not WHETHER you go to college that will determine success, but WHAT YOU STUDY that will determine success.

That's too bad you don't like math. You think Asians and males enjoy doing calculus either? And that's too bad you find programming boring. That's where the money is. But since so few people major in programming or engineering, while there's (literally) MILLIONS of "early child hood education" majors, don't be surprised when you're making $30,000 a year and Yang or Chip is bringing down $80,000. If you REALLY want to close that gap and not just bitch about it, major in a real degree like engineering instead.

2. You WILL ruin your financial future investing more and more into this bubble.

In the #womenwithdegrees hashtag, the majority of women were going on to get equally worthless, but twice as expensive advanced degrees in those same crappy fields that are

so bad you can't land a decent job with a bachelors. I know your teachers, guidance counselors, politicians, and media moguls are telling you that "you can do anything."

They're lying.

They don't want to hurt your feelings, and most of them either want your tuition money or your vote.

You may find me insulting and enraging, but that only means I'm the first and only person to tell you the truth.

The truth is you are going $100,000 in debt ($200,000 if you are foolish enough to enter law school) all for a degree that will maybe generate $30,000-$40,000. This will cripple you for at least a decade, probably more as you struggle to "finally" pay off your student loans in your 40's. This will also postpone things such as buying a house, starting a family, YOUR STUDENT LOANS WILL CERTAINLY DETER QUALITY MEN FROM YOU, and many other "fun" in things in life will be put on hold. This worthless degree posing as an ego trip WILL ruin your life.

3. Your degree doesn't matter.

Right now the single greatest accomplishment you have likely achieved in life was earning your degree.

Too bad the simple act of "earning a degree" does not matter. It's your career and what genuine contributions to society you make in your life that matter. And thus far, you've made no contributions in life. You merely walked down an aisle and picked up a piece of paper.

The real test as to your value in life comes now. Do you work? Do you contribute? Or do you beg for grant money or more taxes that nobody really wants to pay just so you can have a job? Do you go back to school where society has to support you another 2-4 years because you're just not ready to be a self-supporting adult yet?

Even though since the age of 5 school is all you've ever known, in the end schooling with no production or contribution to society is merely masturbation and killing time. Get your asses out of academia and into the real world.

4. Your careers are largely make-work government charities that no one wants.

If you look at where the majority of black female graduates are supposed to work (based on their degrees) its in the arts, the government, or the non-profit. And the key thing to note here is that people are FORCED to pay for your services and employment.

This differs from computer programmers, petroleum engineers, waitresses, pilots, and auto workers whose skills are willingly demanded by free people. But the "Vice Reserve Assistant Deputy Diversity Director" at the college? The "professor of Hispanic Lesbian, Unicorn Theater Studies?" The "Save the Humans Fund Outreach Director?" Please, don't even joke with me. They are all completely unecessary and only exist either by forced taxation, politics, CSR, or the reluctant charity of donors.

You may find this pill of reality hard to swallow, but entire sectors of the economy were created not to solve some kind of social ill or "educate the children." They're make-work government programs which means your entire "discipline" isn't a legitimate career, but Truman Show-level bunk. Anybody without your degree can do your job. And if you don't believe that, just wait till you're 4 years into your make-work career and realize "I could have done this without a degree, without the debt, and at the age of 13." Then also realize just how charitable the rest of the country is for working the extra hours to pay the taxes so you can have these make-work faux careers, let alone the hubris and ego to think you're "a successful independent woman."

5. And finally, do you want to BE equal or do you want to PRETEND to be equal? Do you want genuine progress in life or do you want the rest of society to lie to you?

Trust me, I understand women like to be lied to. They reward men with sex, politicians with votes, liberal arts colleges with tuition money, and Oprah with billions when they're lied to. But like all lies, they're not based in truth and when you believe in them (let alone drop $200,000 and 6 years of your youth pursuing them), your ruin your life and waste what precious time you have on this planet. The question is what kind of life do you want?

One of ignorant bliss where your feelings are spared but your life is a nightmare? Or one where you're truly treated as an equal, held to real-world standards, are guaranteed to have some tough challenges, but in the end have a great life because it's based in reality?

Because if black women were TRULY the most educated group in America, they'd wake up, they'd realize they're being duped, and they'd ALL be switching their degrees to STEM starting tomorrow. Unfortunately, as it stands right now, they're the biggest and latest victims of the education bubble because the lies are just too sweet, and their degrees too easy to quit cold turkey.

If you are GENUINELY interested in getting a REAL education and are serious about improving your life, I strongly recommend (all college students) buy and read the book "Worthless." Also, for those of you who deep down inside know your degree is worthless, but have no alternative "Plan B" and that fear is what's keeping you in a college you can't

afford, may I recommend the book "Reconnaissance Man." Both books are vital for those of you with worthless degrees and are the vaccines that will immunize you against a life of debt, poverty, and regret.

If you have an individual problem or question that you think my blunt, force, trauma reality might help, consider hiring me at my consultancy, Asshole Consulting. It is a REAL company, and unlike Oprah, we deliver REAL advice.

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"I'm an Independent Woman!!!!"

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Uhhh...no you're not.

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Female doctor is:

So bad at her job she only makes $25,000
So bad at being a human nobody would impregnate her, so she
Had her gay friend donate the sperm 13years ago
Who is also a doctor, but
Is a good enough doctor he brings in $250,000
So now she's suing for child support.

You never donate sperm boys. You never donate sperm.

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A Very Cappy Christmas

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Howdy All!

The Ole Captain has one simple wish for Christmas.

I want my mortgage paid off by year end.

I did the math and if all my readers were to do all their Christmas shopping via my Amazon Affiliate program, I should have the mortgage paid off in two months. You can find the Amazon link here.

Many thanks,

Cappy

Treating Women as GENUINE Equals

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The video is a bit blurry, but I could swear it looks like she hit him first, legitimizing self defense.

If this is the case, and she did initiate the attack, I cannot help but insist on being a feminist and fully agreeing women are equal to men and should get equal treatment.

And you're a sexist if you disagree.

A World Without White People

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We all know that white people, especially the males, are to blame for everything bad that has ever happened to anyone and are to be blamed for all bad things that will happen in the future. This is a fact because it's taught in the public schools, both K-12 and college, and our politicians say so.

But just for a little fun I decided to "economics" a little bit and see precisely what the US would look like if we were to remove white people from the picture. More specifically, what would the economy, our standards of living, government, and taxation look like if we just got rid of those nasty, nasty white people.

And the results are...heh..."interesting" to say the least.

First, our population would be whittled down immediately from 318 million to the 122 million non-whites that live in the US today. This is more or less 42.5% black, 42.5% hispanic, and 15% other (Asian, mixed race, indian, Pacific/Eskimo, etc.).

Second, the economy would obviously be much smaller than the $18 trillion it is today. You would think with 38% the original population, the "New Non-White America" GDP would be 38% of $18 trillion - $6.9 trillion. However, quite bluntly, minorities don't produce as much as whites (except Asians, who produce more). Using income per capita as a measure as to one's economic productivity, weighting it based on percentage of the new population, and then pro-rating that production per person based on race, the resultant GDP would be more in the ballpark of $4.9 trillion.

This would result in a GDP per capita of only $40,303 versus the $55,800 it is today, meaning people would (on average) be 28% poorer.

Third, the federal budget.

Again, assuming straight proportionality and percentages, the federal budget would take 22% of GDP like it does today. This would result in a total federal budget of $1.09 trillion.

But there's, yet again, another problem.

The NON-SOCIAL SECURITY portion of the federal budget is largely income transfers (welfare, WIC, TANF, TANG, BANG, WANG, CHUNG, etc.). And even though those nasty, icky, gross white people are evil incarnate, the problem is only 2.2% of them use welfare contrasted with 10.2% of the black population and 5.7% of hispanics (who would make up the lion's share of "Not-Whitey-Nuevo-America"). Again, doing some weighted averaging

using today's population, we suss out that even though non-whites are only roughly a third of the population, they consume 70% of welfare and ~~parasitic~~ income transferring services, for a total bill of $1.12 trillion. This expense would not go away because, again, it's what non-whites consume every year in income transfers, which would wipe out ALL of the presumed federal spending (and more) if tax rates were to remain at 22% GDP.

Ergo, to account for the military, general government, social security, and all other functions of the federal government, PLUS the welfare/social spending component, federal taxation/spending would have to increase to 36% GDP (a 63% increase) to account for the higher percent of the population that is dependent on the taxpayer.

Fourth, the state and local budgets.

Unfortunately in "Ne'er A Whitey Man Seen Again America," this 36% tax rate does NOT account for state or local taxation. And while there is significant disparity between local and state governments between say Wyoming and New York, on average state and local governments tax around 15% the economy. If we add this to the new federal tax rate of 36%, that would imply a new overall tax rate of around 51%. But once again we have to account for the fact that state and local government budgets are very similar to the federal one. Around 2/3rds go to welfare/social spending, and the rest goes to cops, judicial systems, and actual governing. Since the budgets are similar you can expect state and local budgets to increase by that same 63%. This would increase state and local governments' take of GDP to 24.5% resulting in a TOTAL tax rate of....

60%.

Welcome to Sweden...well...without the white people.

Fifth, not all minorities are welfare-collecting bums. The majority of them work. But those that do work will get to face this new post-whitey tax rate of 60%. And understand that's an AVERAGE tax rate. Given minorities preference for the democrat party and socialism, I'm sure they'll all be on board with a progressive tax system which means if any one of you rat bastards tries to work harder or smarter and dare to make more money than your neighbor, why you're a bourgeoisie, capitalist bastard! And you'll be facing tax rates around 80-90% (and when that day comes, methinks many of you will be voting republican real quick).

We could go on, but the ramifications from the above are numerous, telling, juicy, and arguably the single most serious warning to minorities who truly believe it's evil whitey keeping them down. And it is here that minorities have a choice when it comes to reading further. Write me off as a racist and ignore this warning, in which case I guarantee your life will continue on as it has, or read on and there's much higher chance it will improve. Regardless of your choice, the below won't change.

One, bar Asians, nearly all other races in the US are hopelessly dependent upon whites. Not so much in terms of technological advancements, medical innovation, and economic growth (though that stuff too), but the welfare state minorities disproportionately rely on. Without whites shouldering the majority of the welfare bill, minorities would have to nearly double their current economic production to afford the welfare state they currently need AND keep the economy from becoming a debtor nation. Additionally, I believe minorities (blacks in particular) have more self-respect than most (specifically SWPL white folks) that they would not tolerate on average a 60% tax rate. Technically, our country doesn't even tolerate the 40% effective tax rate we have today as we borrow and print about 7% of it per annum since Bush Jr. But the unwillingness/self-respect not to work and go on the dole when tax rates are at 60%, not only ensures the non-white welfare state would never be financed, but minorities would either have to cut their own welfare state or effectively enlist a slave class to willingly and charitably finance it...which would lead to war unless you conveniently find a compliant group of slaves.

Two, as a group minorities in the US are parasitic.

You may not like this, it may anger you, but in all sincerity I am not saying this to anger people. I'm saying it to point it out in order to accurately diagnose reality so that we may actually progress. Mathematically, minorities need whites to live. The reverse cannot be said to be true. The reason highlighting this politically incorrect fact is that the day IS COMING where whites will not be the majority of the population. And if trends continue, they'll be the minuscule minority. And all other races - black, hispanic, indian, every one - will have to become self-reliant OR the entire population will wither and die, if not crater into poverty. Maybe not this generation. Maybe not the next. And it certainly won't happen over night. But if demographic trends continue, in 100 years your grand children or great grandchildren will no longer be able to blame whitey because, well, whitey won't be there.

This brings up a third interesting point. Who are you going to blame?

Though the intent of this post is to get minorities of today to realize the problem they will face tomorrow (and perhaps even provide a solution to their poverty today) , I am fully aware of human nature. And human nature (regardless of race) puts ego, pride, and arrogance above reason, intelligence, reality, and responsibility. People would rather have a scapegoat to excuse their laziness, poor decisions, and mistakes than own up to them, change them, and thus improve their lives forever. This has afforded minorities (and women I might add) about 60 years of worth of excuses that has done nothing but spare them guilt at the expense of their livelihoods. And no attempt at reason, sanity, or logic has seemed to get them off of their addiction to "blaming whitey" for their problems, no matter how much better lives they'd lead.

Therefore, it is my (admittedly) pessimistic and misanthropic prediction that once whitey

isn't around anymore to blame, minorities will simply blame each other.

Blacks will blame Hispanics.
Hispanics will blame Asians.
Asians will simply leave (as I predict Asians won't tolerate a slave-level of taxation).
And everybody will be incredibly original and blame "the Jews."

Never mind that your standards of living will be 72% what it once was. Never mind that the economy will be in free fall. And never mind you'll look more and more like South Africa, Venezuela, or Zimbabwe. Your petty and fragile egos, feelings, emotions and pride won't take the hit. And instead of inflection, honest assessment, and a desire to adhere to empiricism and reality, your grand children will continue to abdicate responsibility, living in increasing squalor. This then leads to...

Four, Islam.

Islam, for all of its faults has two things going for it:

1. Self respect (they don't have things like "white guilt" or believe they're guilty of "privilege.")
2. Aggression

And while various races are bickering about who's at fault if some single mom spat out her 7th kid from the 6th boyfriend, Islam won't care. Islam will become not only the fastest growing force in the US, but the most unifying. And they too will want a piece of the long-gone American dream. Ergo, while minorities are too busy fighting over skin color, gender, racism, and "gender identity," Islam will be forming the largest unified group of people in the country and they won't be as understanding, tolerating, and accommodating as those long-gone "evil white people" were. This I believe will lead to confrontations, both cold and hot, that your grand children will get to look forward to.

Five, your kids and grand kids will pay.

Did I mention it will be your grand children that get to deal with all this?

Remember, whitey is gone. You don't get to play that proverbial race card ever again. But if you insist on playing that same ole broken record of "Blame the Gringos for Everything" instead of teaching your offpsring about work ethics, REAL EDUCATIONS, not to mention basic civics and understanding of economics and government finances, they will have neither the skills nor ability to improve their own lives, let alone deal with the deteriorating world you brought them into. All you will have passed down to them was "woeismeism," "defeatism," "entitlement," and a race card that no longer works. The real issue is whether you love your future children and grandchildren (heck, even yourself)

enough to start finding the true cause, and thus, true solution to your poverty, lower life expectancies, and other achievement gaps between minorities and whites/Asians. The answers are all there. It's whether you want to get rid of the pride and ego that have been your true slave masters these past 60 years.

Six, people will finally learn there is no "magic dirt."

What I love about this article is it shows how ignorant illegal aliens are about America. They think that somehow if they pass some arbitrary line in the desert and make it into the US that everything is going to turn out OK. They don't learn the language, they don't skill up, they spit out kids they can't afford, they don't save for retirement, and then they are "shocked, just shocked" that they don't have enough for retirement.

This is called the "Magic Dirt Theory."

It's the theory that America and the Americans that founded it, built it, and created it, were nothing special. They themselves were (once again) normal, everyday evil white people. It was the DIRT, you see, that made this country great. And once those European settlers came over (never mind the indians never did anything with the magical dirt), and made it past that geographical finish line, BOOM! World's greatest country ever!!! They just got LUCKY because they were on magic dirt!

The fact people believe this is insulting.

The reason the United States became hands down the greatest nation ever was because of its culture. It was because of WESTERN CIVILIZATION. It was the principles of freedom, liberty AND SELF OWNERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY, SELF-RELIANCE, and INDEPENDENCE that made it great. It wasn't welfare, it wasn't racism, it wasn't "diversity" and it sure as hell wasn't "magic dirt." It was a group of hard workers, who worked even smarter than they did hard, and they were allowed to keep the majority of the fruits of their labor. Not have 40% of it taxed and sent to a bunch of parasites living on welfare.

But if you don't want to believe that, don't worry, because your grandchildren will be forced to. Because if the "no-whites economy" detailed above ever approaches reality, American dirt won't be too magical. Thus, without a race card to play, and no magic dirt to make government checks magically come in the mail, future Americans will be forced to re-learn what it took Western Civilization 3,000 years to figure out. And trust you me. It *will be learned the hard way*.

Seven, it's not just minorities.

Before you pull out that race card, in intellectual honesty I have to admit white culture is not exactly pure as the driven snow. Matter of fact it's deteriorating, and I'd say at rates

faster than minorities. Labor force participation rates are down. The majority of white kids major in the world's dumbest subjects. They're lazy, they're whiny, they're spoiled, they're entitled and they're worthless. Furthermore, the dual scourge of single-motherhood and government-checks-replacing-fathers that has been laying waste to minority communities, is now fully wreaking havoc on whites as well.

But before you celebrate the fact that the same social ills affecting minorities are now affecting whites, realize it's destroying the precise economic engine that minorities rely on disproportionately. Sociology majors don't make a lot of money and therefore DON'T PAY A LOT IN TAXES. Social Justice Warriors and "professional activists" don't create jobs, and matter of fact, drive them away! The feminists who seem to whine all day about men, patriarchy, and the wage gap? None of that results in a penny of economic production, taxes, jobs, or employment. Minorities may want to close the achievement gap, but whites are doing everything in their power to destroy themselves so that you won't have to.

Finally, as I said before, I have no faith in humanity. The ego, pride, laziness, and hubris of people is more powerful than any desire to achieve greatness or success. And with minorities clocking in at a 3-1 ratio of government dependency, it's even more pronounced in those circles. Therefore, once the "whitey gravy train" runs out, I predict the United States will no longer be viable economically and will, much like the Roman empire, not so much "collapse," as much as fizzle out. And without that great economic, technical, and innovative juggernaut in the world, the world will see a second Dark Age.

It won't be as bad or as dire as the first one because of all the medical and technological advances made. But it will force all of us (well, your grandchildren anyway) to go through a second enlightenment, a second renaissance, oh…and let's not forget all those wars Western Civilization had to wage to get to this point in history. Of course, this could all be avoided if minorities started to take a more honest, vested, and empirical role in their lives and the future. They could say, "Hey, maybe I should major in STEM, not commit any crimes, learn the language, study the budget, learn about capitalism, and not have children I can't afford." But my money is on human nature. It's just a lot easier to major in "Chicano Studies," get knocked up at 15, get involved in crime, and then blame your consequential life on "whitey" or "the Jews."

Alas, that's why I'm not going to hold my breath, and that's why I recommend enjoy the decline.

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Hey MSM, Keep Making False Rape Accusations

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Because it's all fun and games until you get slapped with a $3 million tab.

How's that Whole "Fuck Whitey" Thing Working for Ya?

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Imagine that. Whodathunkit?

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Politics is nothing more than Jerry Springer.
Watching Saturday morning cartoons in the 80's.
Wal-Mart is cheaper than Goodwill.
Venezuela...what a socialist shithole.
Prostituting your daughters for survival.
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How Trump Did Better With Blacks and Hispanics

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Understand, until the Trump campaign, there were two general strategies to winning over the black and hispanic vote:

The Democrat way which was kiss their ass, pat them on their heads, say "oooooh poor babies," and then blame the Republicans for whatever ill befell them.

And

The Republican way which was to say in a panicked way, "We're not racist! We're not racist!!" and kiss minorities' asses a touch less than the democrats.

But then Trump came along and presented people a third way - treat minorities like adults.

And he succeeded.

Though polling data is still coming in, I'm going to predict that by simply being a man, telling a group of people "no" and holding to standards is why Trump won more minority votes than his previous Republican predecessors. By not patronizing minorities, treating them like retarded little step children, bribing them with candy for good behavior, he become the father figure that is sorely lacking in minority cultures and said, "No, I'm laying the law down."

This confuses both democrats and republicans because to them it was simply a bribing game about who could buy minority votes with the most government money. This, when you think about it, is insulting to minority voters because it implies they're not intelligent, don't have their own agency, and can simply be bought off. It's also creepy as hell because no real man trusts or respects people who are constantly trying to kiss his ass. Trump didn't do this, instead he risked telling them no, but in the process also made it very clear he was honest and (to men anyway) showed he had a spine.

And that is where my other prediction is.

To win the minority vote the republicans (or any party) needs to play a game the democrats have been playing and that is divide and conquer. And the line by which to divide minorities (and whites I might add) is between the sexes. All men, regardless of race, may not like what Trump said, did, or said he was going to do, but they respected Trump for simply being a man and standing on principle. It's why most men, if you ask them, have more respect for Bernie than they do Hillary because at least Bernie was

honest. But drawing this line does another thing - it makes men aware just how much the government has ruined their lives by replacing men's role in society with a government check. And it is my belief, that in combination with the manosphere/red pill community, minority males are starting to wake up and see who their real enemy is - a socialist government that has replaced them.

It is here that IF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANTED TO they could ensure victories until I'm dead. If the republican party were to win over the MALE minority vote, the democrats would never win an election ever again. Of course they'd lose the female minority vote...all 2 % of them that vote republican... but they'd gain, I'd estimate 90% of the male minority vote.

Thankfully, this "divide and conquer" is not immoral or not in line with conservative and libertarian principles. While the democrats are more than happy to ruin minorities' lives by destroying the nuclear family, replacing men with government checks, and brow-beating them into defeatism, winning minority males over with "Hey, we gotta put you back as head of the household" means a smaller state, lower taxation, increased individual liberty, and nuclear families which strengthens the country.

Of course, republican strategists like Dick Morris will never come up with ideas like this. That takes balls. But if any politician, President-Elect Trump included, is interested in implement such a strategy (and more), you can find me here...for a price.

Why Did the Stock Market Go Down When Trump Won the Election?

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I give you my SAEG (TM) here:

A Jew in China

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Except this Jew is a savvy finance and economics guy, and took a group of people there to learn how to have products made in China and have them directly sourced/sold on Amazon.

His economic observations about technology, economics, and business are interesting to say the least.

Trump Victory Triggers Twin Cities to Call in Sick, Rush Hour a Breeze

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In full intellectually honest disclosure I must admit that the day after the election I intended to drive around and visit all the coffee houses in the Uptown area of Minneapolis. This is where all the hipsters who live off of their parents or taxpayers' monies hang out to convince one another that they are all smart, independent minded, and special while epitomizing the word "conformity." I wanted to see them in their misery. These are the same leftist sheep who voted to destroy this nation, who constantly remind me that I'm evil because of my skin color and plumbing, and at such a young age have the arrogance to think they're smarter than people who have been on this planet twice, even thrice as long as they have. I also knew they were worthless people, having no real value to them except their religion of politics and political crusades. So with this defeat their entire life-meaning and purpose would be called into question in their minds and I wanted to witness this show as I rightly deserved to enjoy their grief. But before I could even get to Uptown I started noticing on the interstate...

"Geez there's NO traffic!"

Normally at that time of day the roads would be "slow and go." I would get mightily frustrated and it was the largest factor weighing on my mind against going to Uptown. But then a thought occurred to me.

Quickly I grabbed my cell phone and called my girlfriend.

I said, "Girlfriend, was traffic bad this morning?"

She said, "No, it's almost like it was a government holiday. Why?"

I called a buddy of mine and said, "Buddy of Mine, how was traffic this morning."

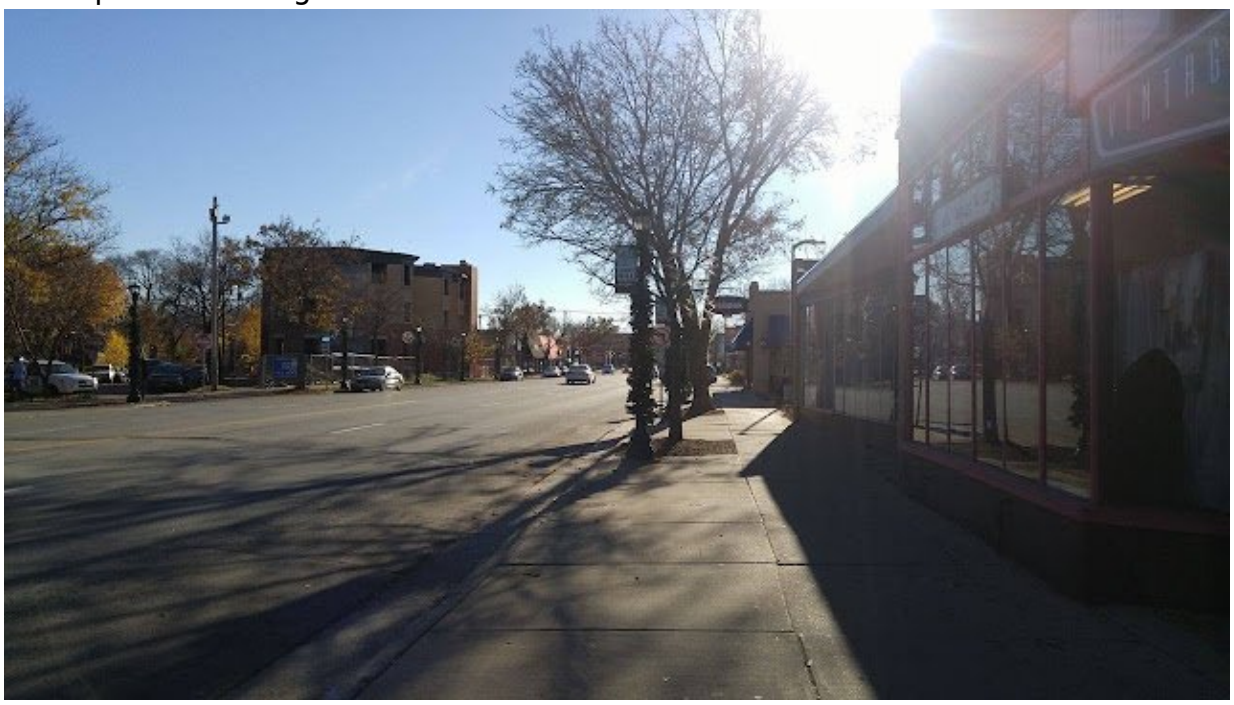
He said, "Traffic? What traffic? It was like a weekend!"

It then dawned on me that Donald Trump had triggered so many people in the Twin Cities that enough of them called into work sick that there was no morning rush hour.

I tried to do some actual journalism by calling different Twin Cities employers to see if a higher than normal number of people called in sick. None of them could disclose that information because of company policy But the more ancillary and indirect evidence I saw, the more I realized it HAD TO BE weak-minded leftists calling into work because they

needed a "mental health day."

There were the numerous reports of colleges accommodating students who were traumatized by a ~~Trump win~~ democracy. The baristas I talked to said business was slow. And Uptown was a ghost town. I had not seen it so desolate ever.



This then made me realize it wasn't just your average college kid who was this weak, but damn well near 20% of the adult Twin Cities population. There are so many weak, emotionally fragile people that a democratic election triggered them to the point they had to call in sick for a day. Of course, the real reason for this odd phenomenon was not that these petulant little children with pubic hair couldn't handle a Trump victory. It's that society has brainwashed them, conditioned them, and spoiled them to the point that at the age of 30, 40, even 50 they actually think in their feeble minds they're entitled and need to take a day off because things didn't go their way. The constant Minnesotan-socialism-pampering they're received these past 3 decades both in terms of government checks and pretty lies they were told about themselves and society, has resulted in a major metro area populated by pussies who simply cannot handle real life.

It is here I will say it again, as I've said it before,

DO NOT MOVE, INVEST, LIVE, OR GO TO SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA!

It is a socialist hell hole with the contiguous US' coldest temperatures, which is only outdone by the world's coldest people. They are arrogant, snooty, dumb, clueless, and smugger than the smuggest of faux intellectuals. Out of the entire country there are

THOUSANDS of infinitely better places to start a business, find a spouse, raise a family, attend school, retire, or just plain enjoy life. Because if you have to wait for a republican presidential victory to make it so traffic is tolerable you are dealing with a highly pampered and spoiled society. One that is very unlikely to offer anything of value to genuinely productive and intelligent people.

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Trump hasn't done anything yet.
An olive branch to the intellectually honest left.
Cappy gets confused about bras.
How Cappy's business network meeting went.

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My Compilation of Crying Hillary Supporters

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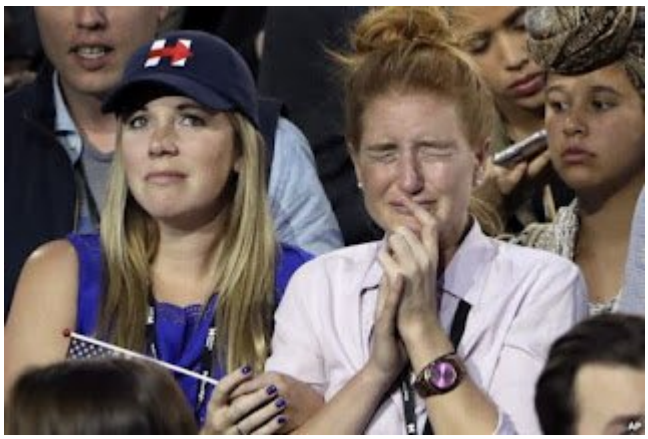
This makes me feel a touch better. But we're a looooooong way from even-stevens for these socialist parasites taking 40% of my life time labor for their own political interests. Do note how ugly these women are. I'm not joking, there is a correlation between leftist political belief and ugliness.



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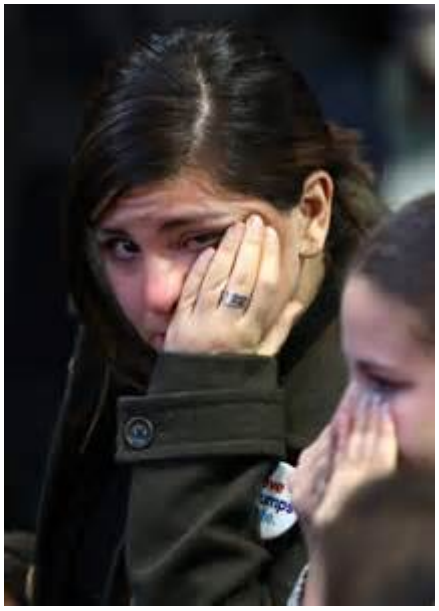

I know ladies, I know. "Vagina" didn't win it, and nor should it ever have because that's genuine sexism. You might get 5% less a raise this year in your cushy government-make-work non-profit jobs. And you know what, some of you might experience what we do in the private sector and get laid off. I know, your life is NOT going to be perfect. It's just not fair!

And I know, I know. You're likely going to have to pay back those nasty mean taxpayers who lent you money at lower-than-market-rates for your women's studies degrees and your masters in communications programs. And there's an increasing chance you'll have to work real jobs, because, well...most of you are fat and ugly and no man is going to want to marry you. So good luck paying back your $150,000 liberal arts degree tab slinging coffee for $8.60 an hour.

And dearies, trust me, I know. Without private sector workers forced to fork over 50% of their income, you're not going to be able to afford that brand new Volvo because the "Vice Reserve Assistant Deputy Diversity Director" position won't be funded at PCU. You're not going to be able to afford those daily $5 lattes at the organic shop. Yes, you may have to shop at the commoner's grocery stores where everything is not organic. You'll have to slum it with normal, real people who work real jobs, and don't depend on government largess to finance their made-up faux careers, or just outright government checks. It is truly horrible the world you live in.

But at anytime, and trust me, we all understand, it's OK if you move to Sweden where everything is perfect and feminism reigns supreme. Because they at least know that "because vagina" is the answer to all of the world's problems. They're so much smarter and not-sexist, it's a utopia already in existence. I suggest moving to Malmo. I hear it's very diverse over there.

Enjoy the decline.

What Would Happen If California Seceded?

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We'd rejoice:

Donate to the "White Male Bachelor Who Really Doesn't Need It" Fund

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Did you know that in every major metropolitan area, there are middle income bachelors, with minimalist lifestyles, who don't really need your money?

Did you know that 95% of them will do just fine without additional funds and the other 5%, would probably do just as fine anyway?

Did you know that these bachelors eat, drink, travel, and do whatever they want, when they want, with no major obligations or responsibilities in life?

And did you know because of fiscal discipline, frugality, and spending within their means their only real debts are their mortgages?

It's a tragedy many people don't want to talk about. But these poor bachelors are forced to pay their own mortgages.

But you can help.

With your commitment to use Cappy's Amazon Affiliate program for all your online and Christmas shopping, you can help eliminate Cappy's mortgage. Just go online here and do your shopping and 7% of all your purchases will go to help this one particular bachelor in no particular need. Yes, your money could go to poor starving children, minorities in desperate need of more government scholarships, third world countries that never get their shit together, or single moms who couldn't keep their legs shut, but trillions still haven't solved those problems so why waste a penny more?

Spend your money on something that is ***mathematically feasible and possible*** instead.

Donate to the "Eliminate Cappy's Mortgage Fund."

Unlike all other charities, 100% of your donations will go directly to the "Eliminate Cappy's Mortgage Fund" allowing this bachelor-not-really-in-need to spend even more disposable income on motorcycles, Rumpleminze, hiking, sleeping in late, girls, video games, and guns. You'll also have the added benefit of knowing you helped out a CIS-gendered, white male, which will really piss off all the right people. And for every $1,000 in commission he earns, you'll receive a signed picture of this poor bachelor on his motorcycle, hang-gliding in the Alps, smoking a cigar in Vegas, or sleeping in his cozy bed

till noon. But the real reward is that you will have made his already-pretty-easy-life even easier.

So when you're sick and tired of contributing to charities that ***never actually solve the problems they portend to***, ***and only seem to make things worse***, consider doing your online shopping to help the "Eliminate Cappy's Mortgage Fund."

Because charity with no solution is in all reality just pissing away money.

Will the Electoral College Switch from Trump to Hillary?

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Ummmmm……no.

Stupid Degrees and How to Get Blacks Out of Poverty…Well the Men Anyway

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Was on Laurie Zoock's show. The podomatic screen seems to have a little bit of technical issues, but you can find the direct MP3 download here.

Loving Government Checks More than Your Children

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This is child abuse and somebody better call CPS:

The Buzz Aldrin Syndrome

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"*And if you've done it right, you'll be two decades ahead of your Gen X peers since you avoided worthless degrees and leap-frogged your philosophical understanding of life. You will be accomplished, you will be successful, you will have paid a fraction of the mental toll to get there, and you will indeed be an amazing man, the world's most interesting perhaps. You have reached the so called "finish line" much earlier and faster than Buzz Aldrin…*

and that's when your real problems start."

From my latest piece at Return of Kings.

The Black Brigade Debrief with DT and Thee Man Returns!

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Of course, it won't be anything permanent, so don't get your hopes up. But they have a new Trump election episode!

Trump's Whitehouse Press Corps

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Cernovich, Molyneux, Milo, and me?

Hell yeah!

Guess I'm Not Buying Pepsi Anymore Then!

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Pepsi CEO, big Hillary supporter, opens mouth about Trump.

Come on guy, please, just this once, will republicans actually grow a pair and boycott Pepsi?

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Buying a girl flowers when you were 14.
What do middle eastern and latin seducers tell white 50 year old Western women to part with their money?
The MSM is no longer the media. We are.

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When Young Boys Used to Buy Girls Flowers

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Remember when you'd find a girl you thought was pretty in middle school and you'd spend you hard earned cash on buying her flowers so she'd go on a date with you?

Yeah, neither do I.

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Why Donald Trump No Longer Needs the Media

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Brian Stetler, of MSM fame, penned a piece (where comments are, of course, not allowed) frantically claiming there was a "backlash" because Donald Trump committed the egregious sin of (GASP!) NOT TELLING THE MEDIA WHERE HE WAS GOING!!! He abandoned the press pool and carried on with his personal life getting dinner with his family!

Of course to "the" Brian Stetler and the echo chamber of "journalists" this is just not acceptable. Why, they're the PRESS! They're JOURNALISTS!!! They have a right to follow Trump no matter where he goes all the time! And the flimsy excuse they give is that the American people have a right to know what our president elect is doing.

To which I penned a video calling bullshit on him and the MSM.

The truth is the MSM, especially CNN, are not the media. They are propagandists for the democrat party and socialist political forces in the US. This isn't an accusation. This isn't hyperbole or rhetoric. It's merely a description. The people who constitute the main stream media today are not unbiased journalists who report the truth. They are lazy, egotistical high school kids from the 90's who wanted to "change the world" but not do any real work so they attended j school. Their political bias is thoroughly documented and the last three elections where they pandered and carried water for the democrat party undermines all their credibility.

They just aren't real journalists. So why should anybody who isn't with the democrat party listen to them?

But what is doubly precious is how their ignorance is only outdone by their arrogance as think they're still relevant or needed in today's world. The truth is with the internet, YouTube, blogs, and social media, they're obsolete. Just like authors today do not need east coast publishing houses, or artists of today don't need record labels, President Trump, or any president in the future, does not need a "White House Press Corps." They need a YouTube channel whereby they can can communicate to American public about whatever, whenever with the added benefit of....(are you ready for it?)

NO EDITING, BIAS, SPIN, OR INFLUENCE FROM THE MEDIA!

I've said this before, and I'll say it again, you NEVER talk to the media. 100%, and I mean 100% of the MSM articles written about me or quoting me are spun, biased, and edited to the point that what they wrote is not the truth. So since the point and purpose of journalism is the truth, why would you go through an institution that has a horrible track

record, has blatant bias, not to mention, especially when there's a cheaper, more direct, more efficient work around - the internet?

If anything the arrogant attitude and claims there's a "backlash" from Mr. Stetler is proof just how out of touch the dinosaurs in the MSM are. It's proof their attitudes of entitlement, laziness, and crusaderism from their teens has carried on to their careers today. And instead of asking the very important question of "why is president-elect Trump not talking to us" and thinking about their future job security, their reaction is to throw a temper tantrum and pout.

Pout away Mr. Stetler. I can't think of a more deserving group of people that deserve to go hungry and actually hustle for a real job in the real world for a change.

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Why Trump Should NOT Build a Wall

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Should White Men Work for Fortune 500 Companies?

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Is It Worth It?

I had an interesting client. He was a white male and had been passed over for promotion, not once, not twice, but thrice. In each instance he was passed over for a minority or female (or both) candidate who had less experience and lesser qualifications. This prompted him to ask me,

"Should white males even bother working for Corporate America?"

To which, after some pondering and thinking I said, "No, no they shouldn't."

And it's important other white males (not to mention males in general) understand why.

There is no study or research that measures or tracks "how much white males get passed over/screwed over in Corporate America." Not only would such a statistic be stupid, but academians and politicians are too focused pushing the opposite narrative proving just how much women and minorities are oppressed. This relegates us to what humankind has relied upon the past 2 million years to discover the truth - our eyes. And though anecdotal, the evidence is compelling.

There is the story of my client above. There is my friend who was passed over for promotion because the company preferred gays and black women at a large financial firm. There's a VERY HIGH ranking lesbian economist in one of the federal government's key economic institutions who doesn't even have her degree in economics. I know one of the Big Four accounting firms was aggressively promoting minorities and women over higher qualified CPA's to managerial positions. Salesforce.com recently created an affirmative action position out of whole cloth (filled by a black man, of course), the sole purpose of which is to ensure SalesForce hires based on skin color and plumbing, and not character. And don't get me started about Target Corporation, where they go out of their way to hire, promote, and celebrate anything but white males. You combine this with blatant-but-approved sexism/racism in the form of affirmative action, the constant celebration of women and minorities in society, and the villanization of white males with cowardly concepts like "privilege," and it presents white males a serious question;

"Is it worth working for a Fortune 500 company?"

It's Way Too Risky

While the above is nothing more than anecdotal evidence, and there is no hard statistical

or scientific proof white males are actively discriminated against by large employers, realize there doesn't have to be. The sheer risk one takes trying to make it in corporate America is daunting enough that if there's even a whiff, a slight hint things are not meritocratic it's not worth it.

First you have to commit your entire life to working for the corporation. To "make it" in a Fortune 500 company you need to prioritize your career ahead of your life. Forget your spouse, forget your family, forget your friends, forget your loved ones, and forget your life. The company is your life.

Second, progressive credentialism. Once you commit to working for a Fortune 500 company you are NEVER leaving school. You need a bachelors just to get an entry level position, an MBA so you can keep it, and you better be keeping on top of all those freshly-pulled-from-the-ass certifications via CPE or "continuing education" classes if you hope to make it into management. Fortune 500 companies know they have you by the balls, and can constantly dangle promotions to "*SENIOR* Vice Reserve Assistant Regional Director" to validate why you wasted your youth on stupid degrees and family time on worthless certifications. But what's worse is competition to advance within Fortune 500 companies is so fierce, they'll actually get you guys to pay for your own unnecessary education.

Third is competition. If you really want to "make it" in corporate America you need to outperform and be better than everybody else. That way you get promoted to that glorious "6 figure salary" and get the much-coveted "corner office!" But to be better than everybody else, that means you get to work overtime, weekends, holidays, and extra hours. It also translates into your wife divorcing you and all your children being diagnosed with Aspergers.

Now when you add this all up, and realize just what you have to risk and sacrifice in order to have a successful Fortune 500 career, even the first-day freshman business major realizes it's all contingent on meritocracy. That in order to get promoted and make sure this HUGE investment pays off, your work and excellence has to be recognized. It MUST BE rewarded. And if it's not or is somehow undermined by corruption, nepotism, cronyism, or incompetence, then all your efforts and labor will have been wasted, and you have more or less ruined your life.

And sexism/racism in the form of affirmative action is precisely what undermines this meritocracy, and should scare away any competent, capable, hard-working, and self-respecting white males.

What In the Wild Wild World of Sports is Going on Here?

For those of you either already ensconced in a Fortune 500 career or aspiring to work for a Fortune 500 company (or you just have an intellectual interest), you may not be able to

understand why, at such a competitive level, Fortune 500 companies are abandoning excellence for skin pigmentation and "vagina." The NFL, MLB, and NBA cannot afford NOT to award excellence, and you'd think it would be the same for a soulless corporation whose only motive is profit. But there are two key reasons why sexism and racism is pursued in Fortune 500 companies.

1. Virtue signalling.
2. Whites are perfectly OK with being discriminated against.

Let us understand VERY clearly why corporate America, Fortune 500 companies, the government, and other large employers prefer to hire anybody but white males. It has nothing to do with "noble" motives such as "diversity," "affirmative action," or "helping close the wage gap." Nor does it have anything to do with capitalizing off of cheaper labor via hiring women and minorities. All this is, is marketing thinly veiled as virtue signalling.

That's it.

That's all it is.

Corporations want a cheap, nay, free way to market to idiotic sheeple and they do this by signalling their "politically correct virtues" said idiot sheeple were brainwashed to worship and value.

Don't believe me?

This is merely the third or fourth reincarnation of "Virtue Signal Marketing."

First, it was corporations donating to charities like the United Way.
Then it was corporations "going green" or "caring about the environment."
Third was the fad of "fair trade" and implementing full blown "Corporate Social Responsibility" departments.
And now it's magnanimously promoting every possible minority or woman to unearned positions of power or parading them on their advertisements and annual reports for the whole world to see.

Still don't believe me?

The examples are hilarious as they are naked.

There's Battlefield One where the WW***I*** video game has a black hero. There's the constant white-washing of traditionally white male super-heroes in Marvel comics to hispanic, black, or female ones. Target Corporation's hilarious debacle of bragging about

how they'll let anybody use whatever bathrooms they want. Do I need to bring up Feminist Ghostbusters? Pepsi's CEO is a blatant case of politics and skin color over competence. And I dare you to find an annual report of any Fortune 500 company that has a mix of races and genders representative to the actual population, instead of a heavily lopsided mix of minorities and women.

All corporations are doing are capitalizing off of the political, psychological, and mental infrastructure schools, colleges, media outlets, and politicians have laid down by brainwashing two full generations of American sheeple. They are playing to the vanity,ego, and laziness of millions of Americans who don't want to actually put forth the effort to achieve good, but will gladly buy political indulgences to "feel good" via buying "organic coffee," "fair trade CD's," and buying from companies who ~~discriminate against whites and males~~ aggressively pursue affirmative action.

Normally this farce would be seen for the bigotry, discrimination, and charlatanism that it is. But it works because there's one unwilling accomplice - white males. They, frankly, don't have the balls to stand up for themselves and boycott companies who marginalize them and outright discriminate against them. And good luck getting women, even conservative ones, to boycott their precious Target or give up their morning lattes at Starbucks. Why, that would just be too inconvenient to forego their precious Apple machines even though their husband was passed over for promotion at Apple. Whites are universally wimps when it comes to self-respect, and some are even stupid enough to feel guilt for sins they're not guilty of. And so they just shrug their shoulders and accept this discrimination.

This gives Fortune 500 companies carte blanche to abuse them and use them (or the lack of them) in this virtue signalling marketing racket. And they're not going to give up this racket, because the economic truth is the *free marketing is more profitable than the money they would have made pursuing a policy of excellence and meritocracy*. Ergo, they aren't really being racist or sexist as much as they are leveraging the political zeitgeist and infrastructure of "diversity," "going green," "organic," "affirmative action," and other forms of virtue signalling that American sheeple are suckers enough to swallow.

Trust Me, They're Doing You a Favor

At one time I was the "corporate man." I worked for large corporations, made my way up to management, earned what today would be an inflationary-adjusted six figure income, and also had that coveted "corner office." It's what I thought I wanted, what I worked hard to get, and in the end got it. But as a man who has walked this path in life I can tell you, nay GUARANTEE you one simple thing;

It's not worth it.

Understand from the day you can comprehend wealth the media, corporations, and the larger society is conditioning you to think money is everything. When you get to college not only will business schools convince you "investment banking" is the path to heavenly riches and success, but Hollywood will throw in a couple of movies to convince you this is true. The networks will create shows showing power-tripping women in New York sipping martinis and having the time of their lives. And the relentless barrage of advertising to convince men that they need a luxury sports car to woo the women is never ending. Corporations and colleges are not only selling you their products so that they may enrich themselves, they're also selling you the lie that "success" is a junior executive position in a downtown office for a Fortune 500 company so that you slave away for them for peanuts.

So if you're stupid enough to drink this cool aid, it is a 100% guarantee ***you will ruin your life.***

The time commitment to succeed in "Corporate America" will ensure you have no life worth living outside work.

The taxes you'll pay, if you succeed, will ensure you take home only half.

The psychological price you'll pay sitting in pointless meetings, working for inept bosses, while commuting 50 minutes one-way downtown (because that's "where the action is!") is immeasurable.

The increasing "politically correct culture" where you're forced into "diversity training," "sexual harassment training," and you're only one fake sexual-harassment accusation away from a ruined career is intolerable.

The never ending educational and training requirements that are completely unnecessary.

And the incompetence. Mercy, the incompetence. I know MBA's and corporate executives like to fool people into thinking they're smart, but the fact that this "Virtue Signal Marketing" fad is the *BEST* idea they got is proof there's not a single ounce of originality, innovation, or intelligence among them. You won't be working with Steve Jobs or Mark Zuckerberg. You'll be working with idiotic ass-kissers who try to pass on obedience and conformity for actual intelligence and leadership. The exact same types who, no matter how "diverse" or obedient, are so myopic they typically drive corporations into the ground.

The truth is when you take the entirety of what is required to excel in a Fortune 500 company, no man, regardless of race, deserves this hell. Not only is it unacceptable in terms of professionalism, wages, commitment, and fairness, the reality is you'll make a

lot more working for a smaller company, perhaps even yourself, for a fraction of the effort. In other words, white males may not find it fair that Fortune 500 companies and corporate America are adamantly pursuing an anti-white male agenda. And it may have been your pre-conditioned dream to become the "corporate man." But if you are truly the best, regardless of your race, you simply are not going to be allowed to achieve your best in an environment where we promote people because "vagina." Let the diversity pimps have corporate America. Entrepreneurship, or just a happy life of minimalism, intellectual stimulation, and a pursuit of one's hobbies is an infinitely better one.

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Trump, Precious Metals, and the Honeymoon Period (that hasn't even started yet)

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Our pal Kerry Lutz has an interesting guest on his podcast if you're a gold bug and curious about precious metals prices post election.

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Where should Trump people move?

Grilling your turkey for Thanksgiving. It's truly American.

Trump don't need no media.

Green companies vested in wind farms paid indian tribes who are now protesting the North Dakota pipeline. They could just be whiny cunts who were going to protest anyway too.

Chicago to remain a shithole.

Shemale candidate doesn't win in Utah.

If millennials read this chart for 2 minutes they'd have learned more about civics than what all their "teachers" taught them in K-college education.

Threatening the lives of electoral voters. It's what peaceful, democrats do.

Rebooting "Golden Girls' with Millennial girls in Texas.

Cynical Libertarian Society's pretty good podcast about intelligence being an accident or by design. (takes a while to get through the first 5 minutes of bullshit)

Curse Free Episode #12 of The Clarey Podcast

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New recording studio is up!
Getting old and having no energy.
The real world will destroy the left.
Mansplaining Hotline in Sweden.
Cappy's "Irish Hat Date."

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...and get your Christmas shopping done this weekend by making *all* your online purchases via Cappy's Amazon affiliate program.

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me!

Stoicism: A Podcast by Roosh V

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For your lazy Sunday listening pleasure may I recommend Roosh's episode on Stoicism which I found educational and confirming.

Sunday Livecast with Bernard Chapin

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Was a guest on Bernard Chapin's show. Tune in for some lazy Sunday listening where we talk about whether the millennials are to blame for being the most worthless generation ever, how minority men played a roll in the election and are a vital to the future of America, entrepreneurship, and how all people, regardless of politics, should tell their employers to fuck off if they dare interlope into their personal political life.

Gab.Ai: Where the Front Lines of the Battle for Freedom Are

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I find it necessary to fully disclose that I have no financial or personal interest in Gab.ai. I was not paid to write this article, I do not benefit financially from doing so, but am writing it because I found it necessary as it highlights what is truly the front lines in the battle between freedom and oppression, right and wrong, free speech and political correctness. I hope anybody who is serious about these issues reads this and at minimum understands the point I am trying to make, and the importance that a platform like Gab.ai is successful.

While the presidential election of 2016 has turned social media and its many platforms into an indecipherable swamp of mudslinging, hate, death threats, accusations, slander, libel, triggering, and other forms of political drama, an infinitely more important battle is going on behind the scenes that all people must be aware of. For while SJW's are using Tumblr to campaign against whatever fabricated evil white males have perpetrated against them, and Trumpsters are using Facebook to counter-trigger those on the left, what people don't see is that more and more eyes are viewing the computer screen than the television screen. And what once was the source where Americans got their news, information, data, and empiricism from, has now gone from the television to the internet.

Though originally perhaps intended merely to be *social* media, online social technology has unintentionally become the preferred source of news by today's younger (and likely future) generations (or at least the method by which it is spread and consumed). This means the masters, and ultimate owners of these social platforms have (whether they like it or not) been forced into the role of not so much the media companies, but the providers of the tools that puts the power of journalism and media into the hands of the people. News-gathering, journalism, research, investigative journalism, editorializing, marketing and dissemination has all been handed over from the outdated-dinosaur media such as radio, television, and cable to everyday people like us (as it ideally would be in a truly democratic society).

But the problem is just like traditional and MSM companies were biased, filtering the news, biasing the news, and pushing a narrative that fit their political agendas, so too are the companies of these new tools. And just like their predecessors they are biased, quite clearly, to the left.

Apple's CEO doesn't want you buying stock if you don't believe in global warming. Sheryl Sandberg of Facebook fame is known more for her feminist propaganda piece posing as a book than she is for her actual job. Facebook co-founder Dustin Markovitz famously

donated $20 million to Hillary Clinton. And if these anecdotes don't convince you, research will show an overwhelming bias towards the left in Silicon Valley. Of course, it is possible that they keep their politics out of policy - leaving people be, drawing a clear line between their personal beliefs and company policy - but sadly they don't. Just like their obsoleted MSM counterparts, they cannot help but let their bias seep through...if not, maliciously force it on their customers.

Mozilla famously thought it was their business to get into the personal life of their former CEO, Brendan Eich, to the point he was forced to resign over a political donation regarding gay marriage. GrubHub (though not an anchor Silicon Valley company) told employees to quit over their political views. But these blatant violations of morality and the freedom of speech, choice, and association aside, what is most disconcerting as it pertains to the freedom of this "neo-press" and the freedom of speech in general is the way the major social media players are tightening the noose around their platforms, and the disproportionate effect it has on their non-leftist clients.

People will of course say there is no bias, but I am calling BS. Not only because there is no study that has been published that would conclusively dis/prove it, but the anecdotal evidence I've witnessed points towards a leftist bias. I've seen Facebook put people in "Facebook Jail" for RECEIVING death threats from leftists because they were a Trump supporter. I've had a friend's YouTube channel put on probation for videos that were NOT controversial or threatening. Furthermore, I'm sorry, with that level of bias, where *100% of Twitter employee donations to political parties went to the democrats*, do not tell me this bias and hatred of the right does not seep through. What I believe to be an accurate assessment of Silicon Valley's true political bias AND INTENT is Twitter's recent (and at least honestly open) decision to ban what they deem "Alt-Right" accounts. Whether the Silicon Valley masters of these new media tools will admit to having this same desire/intent, I don't care. This is the reality the American people get to deal with or will get to deal with in the near future.

This then leaves us with the question - If the new media is controlled AND OWNED by private companies, then do we just suffer this new reality and accept a compromised freedom of speech? And the answer is, "No, we just pull a Fox News like they did during the cable wars." And Gab.ai is the first "Fox News" in this new digital news media age to offer an alternative to the oligopolist Silicon Valley "neo-news" industry.

Since Twitter, Google, Facebook, and Instagram are all private companies, no amount of morality, logic, reason, or ethics will FORCE them to truly be unbiased or benevolent masters of these new media tools. They are private entities, owned by private people, and they can plug Karl Marx and anti-western philosophy all they want. It is up to (as it usually is) the free market and competition to deliver a new platform that TRULY allows for the freedom of speech and uses that as its selling point (NOT "virtue signaling," "going green," "diversity" or whatever other political heroin today's American sheep are addicted

and masturbating to). The real issue is - like all platforms, be they operating systems or social media - will they get a critical mass of people to subscribe to them, so instead of logging into MySpace they log into Facebook?

And I believe Gab.ai is the platform that will attract that critical mass.

If you don't know what Gab.ai is, it's not the alternative to Twitter, it's its replacement. Gab.ai was purposely created to ensure the freedom of speech, no matter how harsh, on a social media platform. You would think with no controls it would be taken over by trolls, political factions, anarchists, etc., but even if it was, it doesn't matter. It offers something no other current social media platform offers:

Freedom of speech.

This has made it an attractive refuge for what I can only describe as "the adults of Twitter." People who wanted to have blunt, direct, and honest conversations, share their opinions, all without the worry or concern their account might get banned, put on probation, or landed in "Facebook Jail." You can have adult, mature, and (above all else) empirical real-world conversations about race, sex, production, economics, philosophy, politics, ANYTHING all without the shackles of fear and political correctness inhibiting your speech, and thus inhibiting your intellect. It is an oasis for people who just do not have the patience to tolerate the petty and power-tripping neo-bureacrats in Silicon Valley's neo-news industry. And it is the "breath of fresh air" true independent thinkers and philosophers of the internet have been searching for.

But freedom of speech and all that other good stuff aside, the reason I personally like it (and I think it's Gab.ai's best selling point) is very simple:

I'm treated like a god damned adult.

If you've ever been banned on Twitter, got a "strike" against you on YouTube, or ever landed in "Facebook Jail," you start to realize just how insulting and condescending it truly is. It's no different than if at the age of 37 your father started lecturing you about not going to church. Or your mother started nagging you about your language. Worse is where they think they have the authority to give you a "time out" or "ground you." And even worse than that is these social media platforms are honeycombed with little, pathetic, cowardly millennial SJW "tattle-tails" who will "narc" on you as if it were the 4th grade.

Not on Gab.ai. There's no teacher. There's no authority. There's no Silicon Valley Gestapo. It truly is the nightclub where all the cool kids hang out (and I'm not joking, *the cool kids of the internet are there*).

The only problem is Gab.ai needs two things:

1. Subscribers
2. Money

Thankfully, the first problem is easily solvable. You go to Gab.ai and sign up. Unfortunately, like any hot nightclub there is a waiting list. They are growing faster than they have the computer/server infrastructure to handle, so it might be a couple weeks before you are approved. But once you're in, you're in and you can join me at my table for intellectual shots of Rumpleminze on me.

The real problem, however is money. And not so much so Gab.ai can buy the servers and hardware to handle stealing 60% of Twitter's client base. But so that it becomes a viable option to Twitter and thus the first TRULY FREE SPEECH tool in this world of neo-news media.

To that end I ask three things of anybody who is for the freedom of speech and FULLY COMPREHENDS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT GAB.AI MAKES IT OFF THE GROUND.

1. If you are are a smart person who enjoys speaking freely, sign up with Gab.ai now.
2. If you have some money you can part with, forget donating to the local corrupt RINO republican re-election campaign or some non-profit that never manages to actually solve the problem it's been claiming it will solve for the past 40 years. Donate it to Gab.ai instead.
3. And if you are an established large donor to the Republican party, Libertarian party, or any other kind of conservative group or movement, stop what you're doing right now. Understand HOW THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM AND AMERICA'S FUTURE IS BEING FOUGHT HERE (and not some god damned country club republican fund raiser) and ACTUALLY MAKE A GOD DAMNED DIFFERENCE by donating enough money to make Gab.ai the dominant player in this arena.

And yes, I'm looking at you Koch Brothers.

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Minority Men Using White Guilt to Lay SJW Girls

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I love it when a plan comes together!

"When We Rise" On Track to do WORSE than Feminist Ghostbusters

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How Prissy Spoiled White Girls Destroyed the Freedom of Speech

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I shall be talking about this at length in my podcast.

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Fan mail.
We might be sent to war if you join the military.
Blow jobs interrupted by central banking discussion.
Australians lose freedom of speech for precious white, blond, girl.
St. Thomas University keeps poor kids off campus
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Cool Stuff I Bought My Niece

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OK, maybe I bought them for myself, but I'll buy another set for my niece too.

"Whitey and Welfare"

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From our Canadian Indian Agent in the Field:

$235.00 for bills and food, $325.00 for rent.

That's how I managed to move out of my parents place when I was 20, by getting on welfare. From one crappy reservation house to another. This is what I survived on for... 6 years.

Didn't do anything either just spent my days and nights playing League of Legends and downloading Movies 90% of the time.

Keep in mind I never invested in myself either. Didn't have a licence until I was 26, all my ID was expired and I didn't exercise.

Because who needs all that when the money just rolls on in?

Plus my entitlement always had to be fed. "White man took it all, I at least deserve this!"

So fast forward 6 years of this sloth: no job, no car, no girlfriend, and an extra 80lbs in fat.

Who cared? Not one damn person told me I wasting my youth. Told me I was wrong to accept someone else's money because I didn't earn it. No one pointed at me and laughed. Why? Great question.

What would my people give up to continue believing the White Man was keeping them down? At least their honesty with me... so my misery was worth it to them.

They would never admit it was hard work, discipline, and honesty that provided true wealth. Nope. Never.

Another fun-fact: Not everyone got as much money as I did. Welfare was the bottom of the totem pole, the only competition we had was over comfy Band Office jobs. Where the only work done was to look busy and watch the chief manage to get most of his/her family members all "jobs" long enough to go on Employment Insurance. Not to mention all the missing funds from the Bands bank account, yep how the mighty have fallen.

At one time we lived like hunter-gatherers, against nature. Back when masculinity was celebrated.

But now whenever anyone try's to leave the crab bucket everyone else attempts to pull him back in. I could never be right in my arguments with family nor could we ever be in the wrong ethically as a people.

I would point out the flawed logic in spending money of the 'White Mans' children(Tax/Debt payers) they didn't do anything to hurt us. "They inherited a legacy of genocide!" My mother told me... now that's fucked up.

Even if we followed that principle ourselves we would end up owing other natives money. I'm sure at one point we took land, women, and resources during war. But why would I owe anyone anything? I wouldn't do those things unless in self-defence. Yet no one expects me to pay anyone!

Logic, Reason and Evidence don't work on the willingly ignorant. I'm almost 28 now and for the past year and a half I've wasted my time trying to save those who don't want to see the world is full of possibility and if they worked hard enough could afford a happy lifestyle.

My latest mistake is obvious. I attempted to bring those who hurt me off the reservation. But I now realized they can't change unless they decide to and most of them are so old now that, in my opinion, they deserve the misery they brought onto themselves.

Remember: they are now subjecting the young and innocent to their delusion and broken way of life.

So in the wise words of the man who Red Pilled me: '"Giving back to the community" presupposes the community ever gave to you in the first place. Fuck the community.' - Aaron Clarey

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I'm just some fat native guy trying to get his life started. Working on odd jobs and in becoming a minimalist. Feel free to follow me @realAllenK, in my free time I watch/listen philosophy and podcasts.

Cappy Schools a Millennial on Economics

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Some lessons that are a basic Econ 101 review for us, but are completely new material for the "college educated" millennials:

Friday Day Linkage

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Liberals and leftists are anti-democratic. And this is my counter-argument.

How does a man lose his faith? When god fucks him over so much, you realize it's just bad luck (a must-listen from the Black Brigade Debrief)

"Eight years of calling whites racists has consequences." Another MUST LISTEN TO analysis by Cynical Libertarian Society where he (correctly) analyzes the election results.

The Alternative to Black Friday

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I swear I don't know why the malls parking lots are full when this exists.

Simplifying Marxism

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Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, and Aurini

To my great pleasure, my friend and colleague Davis Aurini started up his YouTube channel again. I enjoy his videos very much because I lack any formal education or training in philosophy and his channel does an amazing job of separating the wheat from the chaff for people like me who have an interest in philosophy, but aren't stupid enough to waste 8 years studying it in college.

So when his video "Lenin and Trotsky: Early Marxist Philosophers - An in Depth Analysis" was posted, I was excited because while I am thoroughly familiar with the economic side of Marxism, I knew little of its philosophical underpinnings. So off I went, downloaded the video, converted it to an MP3, put it on my phone and started listening to it over the course of my day.

It was a 41 minute waste of time.

Not because Mr. Aurini did a poor job or somehow failed to make any kind of interesting philosophical insights (it's actually impossible for him not to). But because he made a mistake that ensured he wasted his time making the video, I wasted my time listening to it, and anybody else who studied communism wasted their time too. And that mistake was he stayed within these long-dead communists' frame, and in doing so lent credence, credibility, and legitimacy to faulty premises and arguments.

Faulty Premises Waste Our Time

Not that I am against "communist premises and arguments." I certainly am in a real world, but the point I am trying to make here is one of argument and debate tactics. One of trying to advance one's philosophical understanding on anything (communism included) in the most efficient way possible. And if we operate from flawed, faulty or (what I contend is the case of the original communist philosophers) intellectually-dishonest premises, all - AND I MEAN ALL - time, effort, energy, and resources spent discussing it, debating it, and philosophizing about it, are wasted.

And communist philosophy is the epitome of what I'm talking about here.

For example, take two premises about communism and what it is.

1. Communist philosophers' views on communism

vs.

2. My own.

The communist philosophers' opinions and views on communism are lengthy, long, varied, diverse, and arguably limitless. They are complex, ever-evolving, and encompass completely new concepts, theories, and vocabulary that didn't exist a short 200 years ago. Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" alone is 610 pages. The "essential" works of Lenin only comes in at 410 pages. Trotsky's "History of the Russian Revolution" is 1,040 pages. And that's just arguably the first three founding members of communism! You throw in the literally millions of pages that have been written by other communists, leftist-journalists, propagandists, and (perhaps the most prolific writers of them all) academians, and there are hundreds-of-thousands of life-time works dedicated towards communism, what it is, its theories, and its philosophies.

Now replace ***all of that*** with my own personal take on communism:

"It's an excuse for lazy fucks to steal your shit so they don't have to work"

and ask which premise is more accurate, more grounded in truth, and is therefore going to result in more progress being made about this political philosophy.

Simplifying Marxism

To be honest, I don't have the time, and neither do you, to sit and listen to the fanciful blatherings of socialists in academia or the meandering, blathering, screeds of long-dead and empirically disproven "philosophers." And especially so in light of communism's abysmal historical economic and human rights track record. But more importantly, we need to step back, clear our eyes, and ensure we don't fall for the very first trap communists always lay. And that trap is that somehow their philosophy of "communism" is a philosophy at all. That it has merit. That the debate of communism is some kind of "higher-intelligence" debate that is the preserve of PhD's, academics, and "social scientists" AND can only be argued within the confines of "communist philosophy." We need to never accept this premise in the first place, rejecting their flawed frame, therefore avoiding the faux-philosophical pablum and hokum that ensnared Aurini, and did nothing to genuinely advance or resolve the debate about communism.

So permit me to offer a much more succinct, concise, and empirical explanation of communism that will save us all a lot of time, a lot of headache, tons of brain cells, not to mention, explain what communism truly is and advance society more than Marx ever did.

Communism is a method by which lazy people concoct reasons and rationales to steal other people's money legally.

That's all it is.

There's nothing more to it than that.

They're lazy people, deathly afraid of work, labor, and toil, and instead of suffering the pain of work that all of us do, they'd rather spend lifetimes concocting reasons why the rest of society should be enslaved to provide them a free living. And that's precisely what they do.

Academians constantly begging for more money in fake disciplines such as "sociology," "women's studies," and "lesbian-Portuguese-Anthropological-Studies" all so they can avoid the real world.

Millennial college students forever perpetually putting off adulthood, DEMANDING their student loans be forgiven so they can avoid the working world as long as possible.

Politicians who find real work beneath them, opt to instead divide us against one another, blaming those who ~~work harder~~ have more wealth for the ~~idiotic mistakes~~ misfortunes of others.

Non-profits and their army of "employees" always championing some cause or another, yet never solving it.

And all of them, ALL OF THEM, blaming people with more money as the cause of the world's problems, yet ironically demanding rich people's evil money as the solution.

One could even argue that the true job of a communist, socialist or leftist is to CONSTANTLY come up with new reasons and rationales as to why they're disadvantaged, oppressed, discriminated against, etc., and therefore deserving of other people's life and labor. It makes me wonder if they had just put forth the same effort they did into parasiting off of others towards productive endeavors in the real world, whether or not they'd all be millionaires. Regardless, if you look at people who advocate socialism you will see them wasting nearly every minute of their fininte lives begging, scamming, and demanding other people's

Of course, none of this makes sense unless I provide some evidence. And the empirical proof I'd like to tender are the founders, supporters, and advocates of communism themselves. For if you look at them the vast majority of them are precisely what my theory would predict they'd be: rich, spoiled brats, that hail from the upper classes of society, who were so lazy and so fearful of real work, they spent the lions share of their lives advocating the theft of others. And it is AMAZING how accurate and applicable this description is to all communists over the ages.

Karl Marx himself hailed from a well-to-do family where his father was a lawyer and vineyard owner, allowing Karl to attend private schools and join a drinking club. Avoiding work with all of his might, Karl fancied himself a great philosopher which led to his genuinely unintelligible writings, but also a perpetual parasitic reliance on others to support him. Most notably, Friedrich Engels...who was also a spoiled brat pampered son of a rich man. The irony that communism couldn't exist without first parasiting off of capitalism should make one think.

Vladimir Lenin, perhaps the original executor and implementer of socialism, also was not missing any meals in his childhood. His father, Ilya, was a rather well to do director in the school system in Russia. Despite the passing of his father early in life, there was enough money to send Lenin to university where he...like today's millennials...majored in protesting and not any kind of serious study.

Mao Zedong, the son of an incredibly rich father, was just another spoiled brat in a different country...who ended up starving out 50 million of his own countrymen. And a little to his south, a few years later would come Pol Pot, the son of a relatively well to do farmer, who would go on to study in France (which most of us never had the money to do)...and kill only 2 million of his own countrymen. Both early adapters, advocates, and implementers of socialism.

I could go on with historical communist figures, and you'd find a shocking majority of them were just spoiled rich kids who wanted to tell the world what to do, but you will see a similar, almost identical profile of people who advocate socialism, communism, and leftism today.

Today's professorial class, ESPECIALLY in the liberal arts are by FAR the weakest minded, most fraudulent parasites in today's western world. Not only are they too lazy to work real jobs, they're complete hypocrites living off of their presumed beloved "young." Having no real skills to offer society, they instead sell their fake "trade" to naive college students for $200 a credit and $150 per textbook. In exchange these naive students receive a worthless piece of paper, sopping wet with rank leftist propaganda, so they're too brainwashed to realize how much they just got screwed over by their professors. Of course, to keep this racket up, this communist class of professors need a perpetual inflow of government money, and therefore it should notbe surprising they are the most fervent advocates of communism.

Today's students are simply the proto-professorial class. Most of them hailing from the SWPL white suburbs, or flooded with tons of scholarship money because of their minority status or vagina, they too are spoiled children who like Marx, Mao, and Lenin find real work beneath them. Thus when given the choice between majoring in engineering or political science, they'll chose political science because (once again) they're lazy and are deathly afraid of real work. Of course, just like Marx, Mao, and Lenin, this won't stop

them from telling the rest of the world how to live...perhaps become parasitic professors themselves...but such intellectual hypocrisy won't bother them as they vote for Bernie Sanders to take your money so they can live the parasitic life of a professional student.

Journalists anyone? Speaking of lazy and worthless degrees, could there be a better major that more clearly declares to the world "I'm lazy, don't want to work hard, but want to have a job that strokes my ego!"? Their desperate desire for an easy and lazy life shines through with the horrendous political bias "journalists" have. And that political bias is, you guessed it, to the left.

And politicians. Unless specifically anti-communist, nearly every democrat/labor/leftist/socialist/left-leaning political party in the world is staffed by worthless, lazy people, typically from rich backgrounds, who have the gall to not only demand other people work hard to pay for their salaries, but demand to be put in charge of the world's governments, and thus rule the world. If there is proof that there's a second "incentive" or motive for communists and socialists beyond laziness/weakness/fear, it is ego. You see it in professors, protestors, college students, media, non-profit directors, and others. But nowhere is ego as prominent as it is in our politicians.

So my question to you is, why would you bother wasting your time arguing the differences between "Trotskyite communism" vs. "Leninism" vs. "Marxism" when the entire political philosophy is explained in one word - parasitism? Why would you waste your time arguing at their pig-in-mud level when you can simply dismiss them all as lazy pigs? Communists, whatever their incarnation, be they historical figures, your university professors, your local democratic politician, etc., are lazy, worthless, parasitic human beings who cowardly hide behind lofty and fabricated academic theories, solely created to steal your wealth, all while boosting their egos as they fool themselves into thinking they're somehow smart, educated, or superior. And if it isn't lofty, fabricated academic theories, it's rank and cowardly lies such as "privilege," "racism," "the glass ceiling," etc.

My life, as well as yours, is too damn short to tolerate these lazy, egotistical, and above all else, evil people. And I am not going to validate them by giving their arguments credit or trying to debate them using their premises. I'm going to simply call them what they are and dismiss them as such, because that's all they deserve.

They're a bunch of spoiled brat, lazy, weak, parasites.

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Temper Your Hopes for Trump

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The election of Donald Trump was historic. Not because of his unconventional manner in which he ran his campaign. Not because of his unconventional style in which he runs himself. And not because every presidential election is historic. It's genuinely historic because...

he is the first ***non-politician to be elected since Dwight Eisenhower***.

This is the real reason people should have hope in Donald Trump. Because he was never a politician. And though my support for Trump is timid, and I am forever the pessimist, if there is a president I can see who will actually make tangible improvements, it's Donald Trump because he has 0 F's to G.

This, however, does not mean I'm a screaming, feinting school girl whose watching Elvis swing his hips. I'm not some teeny bopper bobby-soxer crying because the Beatles are on the Ed Sullivan Show. I'm not some hippy baby boomer woman getting wet to Mick Jagger. And I'm certainly not some black single-mom of 7 from the south side of Chicago fawning over Barack Obama at Grant Park. But some people on the right, including colleagues of mine ARE when it comes to Donald Trump.

Ergo, just like the insanely-over-rated Beatles music
The OD-ing Elvis Presley
And the failed-to-perform Affirmative Action president

people on the right need to temper their expectations of Trump.

First, the man hasn't done anything yet. Heck, he hasn't even been inaugurated! But I've heard people heralding his coming as the "saving of America," or the "dawn of a second golden age." I even recall an article (or a comment, I can't remember which) saying that there will never be a democrat president ever again.

Please. You have to be kidding me.

I prefer to look at Trump as I would any prospective date with a girl or business I conduct with a company - Nothing happens *until it happens*.

Just because a girl agrees to a date doesn't mean she's going to show. And just because you've done work for a company, doesn't mean you're going to get paid. The girl can stand you up at the last moment and the company's check can bounce. Ergo, I think it is wise to judge Trump's performance....when there's a performance to actually judge.

Second, as I've said before, Trump does not get to willy nilly dictate new laws. He has a congress where both parties hate him, and members even within his "own" party are RINO enough to vote with the democrats. This of course would not reflect upon Trump if congress decides to get in his way, but it will directly affect what he can and cannot deliver to the American people.

Third, if any real progress is to be made, the challenges facing him are (in his own words) "uuuuge." Deporting 3 million illegals, re-establishing American sovereignty, restructuring Obamacare, deconstructing the leftist education industry, solving social security/medicare, closing the deficit, paying off the debt, scaling back the welfare state. These challenges will present Trump incredible backlash, even necessary violence in the street if he is to seriously solve these problems. At best a president has maybe managed to solve one problem of this magnitude during his entire tenure (Clinton closing the deficit, though that was due to the dotcom bubble economy, and Bush Jr. landing the largest tax cuts since Reagan...along side the largest spending increases since LBJ). But to have Trump tackle all 8, and successfully so? I would not hold your breath.

And finally, demographics. Understand one of the main (and many) reasons Trump won was because the democrats put up a HORRIBLE candidate, while also alienating its base by cheating Bernie Sanders out of a fair primary race. This resulted in 2 million less voters turning out for Hillary than did Obama. Ergo, it's not so much that Trump "won over America" as much as it was Hillary pissing off blue-collar democrats and anybody with a soul. This suggests Trump's win was a lucky fluke, and if we look at long term demographic trends in the US, I believe it's the LAST TIME we will see a republican presidency.

By 2047 whites will no longer be the majority population in the US. This doesn't mean that minorities always vote left....but minorities always vote left. Combine this with the fact younger generations, fresh from the brainwashing academy of the public schools and American colleges, vote left more than...well...ever and there is a structural trend in America's voting bloc against conservatism, freedom, liberty, capitalism, and the individual. The ONLY hope the republican party (and America) has is to win over minority males with blunt force truth and talk about the reality of the country, the world, the economy, and (frankly) women. Trump achieved a modicum of this, winning over more minority males than Romney and McCain, and if there's an ounce of intelligence within the GOP (which there is not) they would try to reverse engineer the formula why, and mass produce it in time for the next election.

Still, even though I know this secret formula (stop treating minority men like idiots and explain how the government has replaced them), it is doubtful there's enough conservatives and libertarians in the country who have the balls like Trump to disseminate this message to minority males, thereby winning them over. And it is because of that I am warily hopeful of a Trump presidency, and infinitely confident that in

4-8 years we will once again be enjoying the decline.

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OH hell yes!

Safe Space with Taleeb Starkes

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Going to be on his show here in a couple minutes.

"OMG! Al-Qaeda is SO 2000's!"

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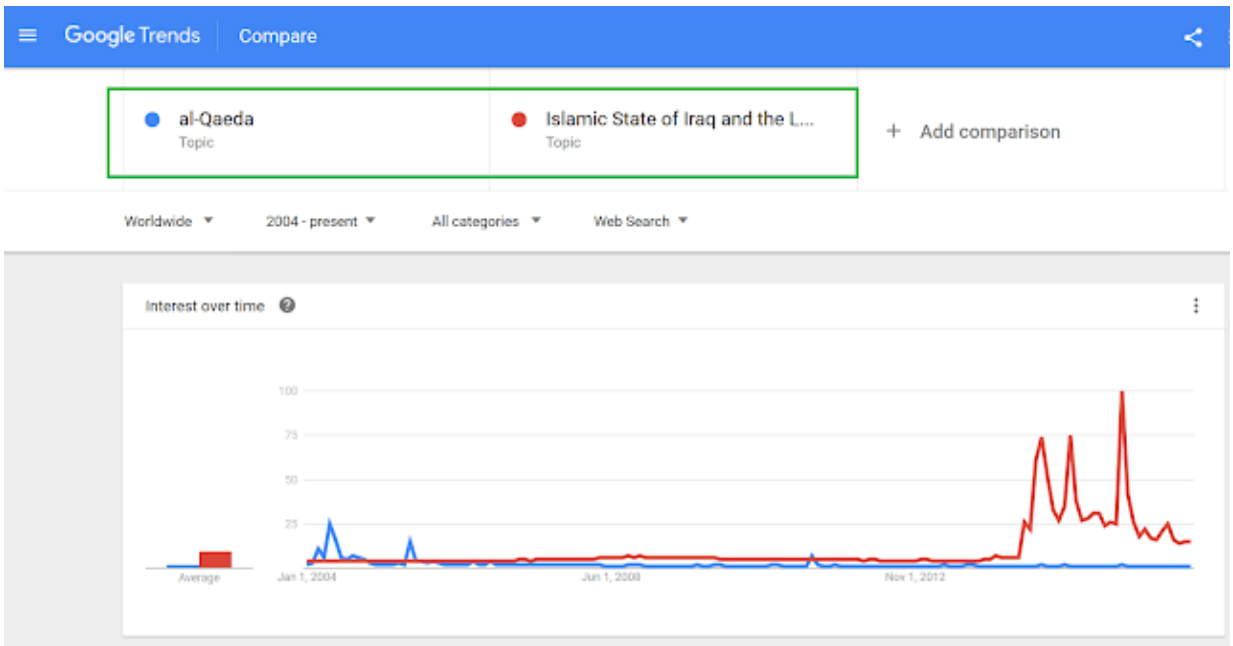
I had a curious question. Whatever happened to Al-Qaeda? Did we defeat them? Did they retire? Did they just go away and raise sheep? I truly have no answer because like most Americans I'm too busy with my life and have zero fucks to give. But my spidey senses weren't lying to me. "Al-Qaeda" is sooooo 2000's! It's ISIS that's getting all the attention now:



The Economic Value of a Social Justice Warrior

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Only Cucks Will See "Rogue One"

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I was almost going to see Rogue One when I saw this:

"When I look at the 'Rogue One' trailers, I see what I want from America. I see a multicultural group standing strong together led by a rebellious and courageous woman. That's what we are working towards, and what we will continue to work towards no matter what. That's what America - a land created as a haven for the persecuted, to be able to realize their limitless dreams - was created to be."

But no no. Don't let me get in the way of your precious SWPL republicans Starbucks, Apple Products, and other ways you support genuine racists and socialists.

The Truth About Yahoo "News"

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They're a bunch of dumbasses:

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A Phd in Young Adult Climate Change Literature. Cynical libertarian rants about it here.

Fuck the WWII generation. They didn't know anything! Hippies from the 60's in Canada know much better.

Record gun sales, which surprises me. Would've thought Obama's two elections would have had everybody stocked up. Hat tip.

Again, I will not protect western women unless I personally know them AND they vote in a manner that does not stab me in the back or let anti-western civilizations in.

And he ain't even been inaugurated yet!

Finally, somebody makes sense of Russia for me.

Don't Delay What Can Be Done Today

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Do yourself a favor by saving yourself 8 hours and headache of frantic last-minute Christmas shopping, and do all your Christmas shopping NOW online. It's going to cost you more in the long run if you continue to procrastinate, so don't delay what can be done today!

I guess the link below generates a 12% commission instead of 7%:

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Amy Schumer playing "Barbie."
Rouge One Promises to be an SJW Lecture Against White Males.
Why are poor people fat?
NEVER help a woman stranger. That's the job of the government.
The "Dindoo Statute of Limitations"

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Cappy Christmas Cheer

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Merry Christmas!
(and yes, there is a larger picture, but I don't see a lot of Christmas shopping getting done!)

Old School Democrats vs. Modern Day Democrats

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I would like to go into a long and detailed poli-socio analysis, but I think this is much more succinct and on point:

New Cover for Enjoy the Decline!

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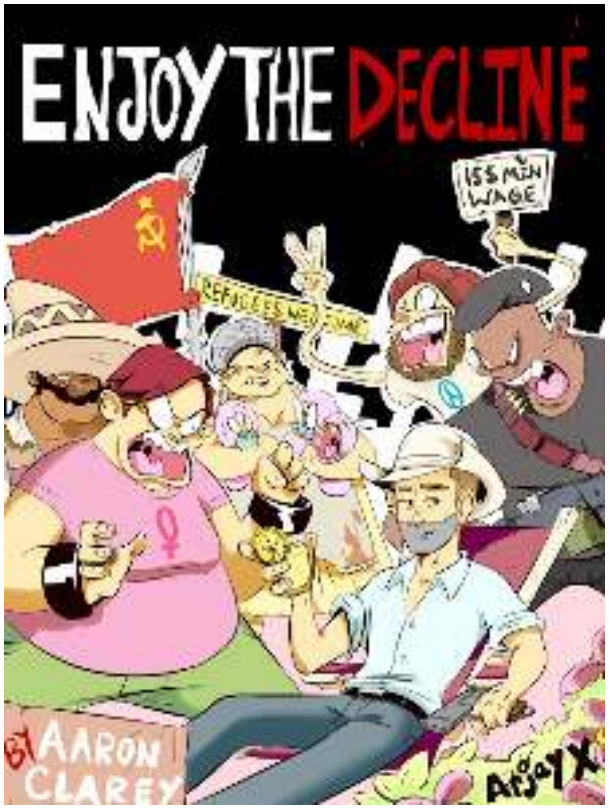

While Cappy's Away Bob Davis and Jen Lokken Will Play

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Bob Davis had Jennifer Lokken on his show about how women should treat their men and how men are going ghost.

Cappy is Going on Vacation

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Hi All,

The Ole Captain got orders from some "guy" who has a "medical degree" or something to take some time off. So I am doing nothing this week. In my stead will hopefully be some friendly neighborhood bloggers and podcasters you all know and love and Davis. Also, Asshole Consulting will be on hiatus for this week, unless people are willing to pay double the price. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy your week and for the love of f@#$ing christ, will you guys go buy some shit on my Amazon affiliate page?

Love and kisses,

Cappy

Why 22 Year Old Girls String Along 45 Year Old Men

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After getting stood up 4 times, a client asks how to "keep" a 22 year old girl.

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Wanted to remind all my younger readers of my longest serving sponsor "Academic Composition."

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Alex is also looking for marketers all the time as well. Neither job is exciting, but it pays AND, unlike your baby boomer professors and bosses, you won't have to commute.

Rogue One Promises to be Another SJW Sermon Against White Males

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From my latest piece at Return of Kings:

"*We can pick on Brett [White] all we want (and I will because I and about 60 million other white males are done being accused of evil because of "melanin and penis" by talentless, worthless people like him), but Brett and Rogue One's anti-white male politics is merely Hollywood's confession that they are plumb out of talent, intelligence, originality, innovation or ability. They are so incapable of coming up with new ideas that, like a talentless trustfund baby minimalist artist, their only idea is to "add leftist/racist politics" to an already existing work of art. It's nothing more than an inferior scumbag "tagging" the Mona Lisa with political-graffiti because they lack the real talent to make something as great as the original. And it's proven by all the remakes, reboots, and sequels Hollywood is making.*"

Related from 2 years ago.

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"The Great One Himself" from the "Cynical Libertarian Society" guest hosts (direct MP3 link here) while Cappy is on vacation. You can find him and his site at:

The Cynical Libertarian Society.

Masculine Books Reviews "Reconnaissance Man"

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Many thanks to Seth for his kind review!

And if you haven't bought it or don't know what to get your child or young family member in your life, you can click on the banner image in the side bar and buy it!

Debt and Deficit Talk with Kerry Lutz

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Me and Kerry talk about how to really eliminate the deficit on his show, Financial Survival Network!

Socialists: No Morals, No Ethics, No Courage, No Brains

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A buddy of mine, who is incredibly well-versed in economics and politics, set up his out YouTube channel. Only problem is his videos are in Italian because, well, he's Italian. HOWEVER, he was kind enough to put together a video in English so we can all understand. You can find his channel here if you wish to subscribe, but enjoy his first (and thus far, only) English video:

Adam Piggott in for the Captain: Australia - Yes You Can Drive Across It

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Mr. Piggott fills in for the Captain today so I can go sleep, play video games, and go Christmas shopping with my niece (direct MP3 link here). You can visit Adam's site here!

Economic Christmas Shopping

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Remember this weekend you have a choice:

Waste time in the car,
Commuting to Wal-mart, Target, and the mall
Spending hours finding gifts that don't exist
Only to spend hours more in lines when you find that ONE gift that does
Dealing with the lemmings and sheeple who clog the highways with mall traffic
Which is only going to get MUCH WORSE by next weekend

OR

You can avoid all that headache and hassle
Increasing your life expectancy
Spend precious weekend hours with your family and loved ones
By SIMPLY doing ALL your online shopping via Cappy's Amazon account.

It's the cheaper, faster, safer, healthier, happier, and SMARTER way to do your shopping, not just for Christmas, but ALL your shopping.

The Basics of Stockpiling Food

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If you are like the Captain you are always looking forward to see what kind of responsibilities, liabilities, costs, or expenses can be knocked out today to make tomorrow more secure. Real estate, education, precious metals, etc. However, once you get down the rabbit hole far enough the next step is prepping and preparing for an economic collapse or SHTF scenario. This then brings up skills like pickling food, gardening, marksmanship, hunting, etc. The most concerning of these to me is being able to make and store food for long periods of time, because without food the rest is moot.

Thankfully, a fan who is an expert at pickling and storing food was kind enough to provide a tutorial in the basics.

Stockpiling is one of those practices which is difficult to understand from the outside. When you don't stockpile, it can seem fruitless, too much effort, expensive, or even paranoid. But the reality is that a good stockpile can be of use to most of us. From minor geographical catastrophes, to having food home even after a weekend away, to surviving unexpected bills and loss of income, a wellstocked larder can make all the difference to most of our lives.

Starting your stockpile. Starting a stockpile means getting in all the basics you will need, not only those which you cannot supply for yourself, but also those which will allow you to keep your own stockpile going. The groundwork for your stockpile needs to be things which do not easily expire: • Dried legumes. • Dried grain products. • Tins. • Nuts and seeds. • Salts, sugars, spirits and vinegars. • Processed oils. All of these products last a very long time if not forever, are obvious when they expire, could be used to sustain yourself for extended periods if needed, and can be bought very cheaply.

Seeing as they do not easily expire and will not expire without giving off serious signs, these products can be kept long past their printed expiration date and are therefore perfect for bulk buys and warehouse clearances. Provided it's a product you are definitely going to use and that doesn't expire easily, there's nothing wrong in buying 6 years worth of an item. For instance we bought a 25kg sack of turtle beans and a few trays of emergency cans of Irish Stew over two years ago. They get used slowly, haven't gone off, and cost us less for buying in bulk. On the other hand, flour in paper bags, however cheap, is under constant threat from airborne moisture and will probably only last one to two years.

The benefits of a good basic stockpile are countless, and it is so simple and easy to establish that if it's the only step you take towards stockpiling, you'll be miles ahead of

everyone else. Should you lose your job or get struck by disaster, an abundance of grains and beans will at least keep you alive, and a supply of goods for preserving other foods will allow you to make the most of whatever comes your way.

Invest a bit of time into comparing warehouse clearance and bulk buy websites before stocking up on enough dried goods for a few years.

Jamming and canning. The next easiest step to forming a stockpile is to take advantage of seasonal fruits to make and can jams and pie fillings. Due to the intense acidity of a jam, these don't go off easily at all. They won't breed serious diseases like C. Botulinum, E. Coli or Salmonella. And if they form a thin mould skin over the top, any seasoned jam maker will tell you it's safe to simply scoop off the mould and consume the rest.

To make a jam, take a supply of fresh fruits and fill a pot around two thirds full of them. Cook them down until they only fill half the pot and fill the remainder with sugar, stirring continually. Once the sugar is dissolved and boiling, put the jam into prepared cans, seal, and store.

To can goods you don't need an expensive canning bath or specialist equipment. All you need is undamaged pop-lid jars. Wash thoroughly and, before decanting the jam, fill with boiling water to raise the temperature of the jar. When the jar is hot, empty the water out, immediately fill with jam and firmly replace the lid. The canning is complete and sterile when the pop-lid sinks back down. If it does not, your jar was damaged and you need to use the jam within a month or two.
Once the jam has sealed, it should last 6 months in an average kitchen cupboard or 12 months in a fridge or very cold pantry. If your pantry has heating, assume only 6 months again.
You can use this technique for storing any highly sweetened mixes, at least 1/3 sugar, such as sweetened pumpkin purée, apple sauce, or even sweet chocolate spreads. They will last you until next harvest.

Savouries, botulism and not dying. Preserving anything savoury has a distinct risk with it. Essentially, there are two preservation methods which work long-term even when done by amateurs, and both involve creating an acidic environment: sugar preservation like jams, and vinegar preservation, as with pickles. Anything alkaline is risky, even moreso in the hands of amateurs.

Thus, if you want to preserve something savoury, then your best main bets are: pickling in vinegar, dry curing, dehydrating, and freezing.

Pickles. A pickle is the simplest way of preserving savoury foods, although the distinctive taste may put many people off. You can pickle all vegetables, all nonsweet fruits, all seafood and eggs.

All you need to do is prepare your savouries and cram them into a jar so they won't float. If you must, boil a flat rock until it's clean and use it to weigh down the pickles. Next, take a vinegar, maybe add a hint of salt and sugar to it, and cover the pickles. Seal the jar. You can sometimes use heat to vacuum seal the jar, but generally I've found it unnecessary.

Other vegetables can be pickled in their own juice. A simple home pickle involves taking cabbage and repeatedly salting and compressing it in a large container until the leaves begin to release liquid and ferment. Once the fermentation is complete you can pack them into a jar.

Drying and curing meats. Meats can be salted and pickled as well, but the best way to extend a meat's life is controlled rotting, more euphemistically known as curing. To cure a meat, we use a casing, vast quantities of salt, and a cold, dry room, to slowly draw the moisture out of it. No moisture means good bacteria thrive, effectively cooking the meat via bacterial digestion and driving out the bad bacteria, to make the meat last longer.

Curing meats can be done many different ways, and it is best to consult a specialist book before starting to cure your own meats.

Drying vegetables, legumes and grains. Vegetables and grains can also be preserved by drying them, only here we are dehydrating them fast enough so no bacteria can take hold. This can be done in an oven at 50-80C over the course of a day to three days. The closer to 50C the temperature is, the longer the dry takes, but the less spoilage from burning we get.

Prepare your vegetables by washing, peeling and cutting them. Prepare your legumes and grains by rubbing the husk off them and rinsing them. Spread your plants out over a baking tray and put them in the oven without preheating it. As it rises to temperature, the surface water will slowly evaporate, drying them off without cooking them. Check periodically. Vegetables are done when their colour is vibrant but they are firm and thin. A bendy vegetable will last maybe a year. A crispy one could last for several years. Grains and legumes are done when they are solid and rattle, with no burning smell and no give at all.

For many of us, dehydrating grains and legumes really isn't worth the effort, though, as they are cheaper and simpler to buy and store.

All pickled, cured and dehydrated savouries can be vacuum packed for longer, safer preservation.
Freezing for stopgap storage. Freezing goods isn't the very best long-term storage method. Freezer burn can cause damage anywhere from four to twelve months into storage, and an electrical problem could mean your store will spoil.

However, as a stopgap freezers are amazing. If you don't have the time for canning or drying or curing something, but it's harvest time or you found a good deal somewhere, you can use your freezer to temporarily preserve assorted goods. Meat and chopped vegetables are the big ones we focus on, with some space for fruit when we're building up to a season's worth of jam-making. Also, in the event of a power outage you have up to three days before your freezer goods begin to spoil, which is more than enough time to defrost them and jam, cure and pickle them.

You ought to be able to use most of your frozen goods right out the freezer, to maximize usefulness and avoid losing anything which is nearing its use-by date. So make sure everything you freeze has been prepared before freezing.

Caring for your stockpile. Finally: always take good care of your stockpile.

Keep dry goods dry. If they start to rehydrate, they will spoil. Consider vacuum sealing if damp is an inevitability in your home.

Monitor labels and dates. When it comes to home-preserved goods, write down the date you made them and their expected lifespan and keep an eye on it.

Clean everything and arrange by use and date. Be sure to keep cans and packages clean and dry and to keep the items with the earliest expiry dates at the front of your stockpile. Especially important if your stockpile grows very large.

Check once a month for spoilage. Look out for dried goods rehydrating, moulds and condensation, rusty and bulging tins, pop-lids that have expanded, or strange odours. Get rid of anything affected immediately and clean the area thoroughly. If the problem persists, look for any possible cause.
Monitor your freezer. Keep an eye on dates, do not allow your freezer to overfreeze, defrost it once or twice a year at least, repackage or get rid of items in bags that have burst.
Golden rules.

1. Don't drop a year's wages on a crate of ration packs to “get this stockpile over and done with”. Good, cheap stockpiles are built piece by piece.
2. Only buy or make items you can and will use, no matter how cheap.
3. Only buy or make up to a year's worth of anything that isn't one of your basics. Unless you plan on living off them, most other items will expire before you use them.
4. Expiry dates aren't everything and best before dates mean nothing at all.
5. Spending more in one go could mean savings in the long term.
6. Don't fall for the fallacy of sunk costs: get rid of stores that are not serving you.

Having a stockpile is a wonderful thing. And if you follow this advice you can quickly and

inexpensively create, build, and maintain a stockpile to serve your needs.

Fuck Starting a Business in Portland

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You are a fool if you have a great business idea and plan on setting it up in Portland.

Communism: It's for The Children

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Socialism is all fun and games until it comes to fruition.

Voltron Toy, The Muppets Were on Drugs, Mr. Rogers was Creepy, and MORE!!!

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in this special Black Brigade Debrief where me, DT, and Thee Man talk about 80's toys, Christmas, bad movies, and which children's shows had pedophiles in them.

The Venezuelan Grinch that Stole Christmas

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Honestly, I can't think of a more evil woman:

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The truth is, he's likely a much better person that you are:

All is Forgiven, Because She's a Female CEO

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Male Versions of "The View"

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From my latest piece at Return of Kings.

"The View" is (rightfully so) the butt end of all jokes, references, sleights, and insults intelligent people use to shame the inferior women who watch it. It is vain, vapid, narcissistic, unintelligent, masturbatory, full of itself, and other accurate pejoratives, but above all else it is a waste of time. Women who watch it are quite literally pissing away their lives. About the only thing worse that could be said about it is that it misleads women into having an inaccurate view of the world that not only ruins what dwindling time they have on the planet, but lessens the value of the lives of those around them. It is, quite simply, poison.

But before we men get on our high horses and mock and ridicule those who watch "The View," we might want to take inventory of our own viewing habits, for most of us are guilty of wasting our time on equally worthless, vapid, and pointless shows."

Review of Rogue One

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From one of our Agents in the Field:

Ahoy Captain,

I saw Rogue One last night, it wasn't feminist multi-culti garbage. The story was much tighter and a significant improvement over Episode 7. I think the previews way oversold the role Jyn Erso, Heroine of The Rebellion, in order to make her fit the Hollywood Grrl Power narrative. The movie was much more nuanced and a better film for it.

Jyn Erso, is introduced by when the Empire shows up to kill here mother and kidnap her father to build the Death Star. Her motivation for the film is to rescue her father and keep his plans for stopping the Death Star. Outside of one short scene where the 120 pound girl beats up a couple of storm troopers, she's shows she's capable but not a one woman army. Her role in the film is more inspirational and most of the fighting is done by the male supporting cast and the leading done by Cassian Andor.

In Cassian's first scene he shoots a supposed ally so he can escape from storm troopers. Years in Rebellion has made him a competent fighter, but a very jaded man. He has regrets about what he has done, and I think the best part of this film is how Jyn helps him see the better man inside himself. When it comes to actual missions and planning he is running the show. One of the better scenes is when Jyn is trying to gather people to go on the big raid, he just shows up with his mob of commandos. Of course he's going to fight.

The rest of the supporting cast is good. The blind force monk is awesome if cliche, and he has real chemistry with his big gun toting companion. The ex-imperial snark droid steals several scenes, and is probably my favorite character. For all the talk about the multi cultural cast, I don't really see how it mattered. Race issues aren't important when there are actual aliens, and nobody was miscast to the point where it damaged the movie. If anything having a blind Asian guy as a kick ass monk was over the top stereotyping.

I recommend seeing this movie, it is a vast improvement over the adventures of Mary Sue Skywalker.

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Chris Betchloff's Saturday Night Podcast

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Was on Chris' podcast this evening where we talked about how women are being replaced by holograms in Japan, Rogue One, the left's obsession with destroying things, the right no longer giving a fuck, how Putin will go down in history as the next Peter the Great, and the top movies from 2016.

All Management Degrees are Bullshit

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I forgot "Sports Management." Damnit!

Uh…WHO Exactly is Propagating Fake News???

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Now "cat men" are "hot."

When Holograms Replaced Women…and Men

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Not much surprises me anymore. My world view, which has been formulated from empirical data and a healthy dose of cynicism, has never failed me. It predicts the slow and inevitable devolution of society, that when I see a 48th gender created or another deluded college professor advocating the elimination of the white race or stories about pedophilia and pizza, I just shrug my shoulders and go "meh." But every great once in a while something happens that even I wasn't expecting. And one such a thing has happened that completely blind-sided me.

A hologram wife that is being marketed as a substitute for the real thing.

If you're unaware or don't have time to watch the above-linked video, in short, Japan is suffering a "sex/romance crisis" wherein fewer and fewer men are pursuing women. The purified/extreme form of this trend are called "herbivores," where men opt to completely abandon the pursuit of women, choosing a life of video games, grooming, living at home, anime, and porn instead. They are an interesting case study in not only are they the most "extreme" form of this woman/marriage boycott, but it results in some interesting behaviors, namely replacing real women with a substitute.

The last time I was this shocked was hearing about the existence of "waifu pillows" and the shocking advances (and resources dedicated to) developing robot women. Odd as they may be, however, they are simply substitutes this small segment of Japanese men are using for women, so the creation of a holographic Stepford wife should come as no surprise. But while "waifu pillows" and (eerie as hell) "sexbots" could simply be dismissed as the sex toys of a fringe element of Japanese society, the hologram wife is different which makes it so shocking. Specifically...

it's the free market telling us this trend isn't so fringe.

Not that every man in Japan is some herbivore metrosexual, dropping the $2,000 it takes to get a hologram wife, but *there's enough of them* that a commercial enterprise has invested the money into it to make it a reality AND they have the *gall to advertise it on TV and the internet!* Additionally, it's almost as if there's no shame as the commercial seems to be completely indifferent, indifferent and matter-of-fact about what it's advertising. It suggests that it's perfectly acceptable today in Japanese society to have a hologram wife instead of the real thing.

When you think about it, this is incredibly sad and telling and on many levels.

One, just how poorly have women been brought up that they're being out-competed by a

hologram? The saddest part of the commercial I couldn't get over was how the hologram simply said simple and kind things that has been bred out of today's women. "How are you?" "When are you coming home?" "It's raining out, don't forget your umbrella." You laugh at it now, until you realize just how few women display such concern or care in Japan (or other western cultures) that it actually has become a rare commodity. It's a sad state that basic wifely courtesy and concern can be replaced with some voice recognition and computer code. And while you may be quick to deride, mock, and ridicule these herbivore men (and perhaps rightly so), remember, *they're consciously choosing freaking pillows, sexbots, and holograms over the real thing*.

Two, while Japan may be down the "freaky-hologram-wife-sex-bot-pillow rabbit hole" further than it's other western counterparts, we here in Europe and the US face a similar phenomenon - porn. Mock the herbivore men all you want, there isn't a man under ~~30~~ ~~40~~ ~~50~~ alive today that hasn't looked at porn. And many men, when given the option, would rather spend 2 hours jerking off to porn than expend the 40 hours it would take to land a date, land a second, charm her on the third, and maybe have sex by the fourth in today's modern America. This manifests itself in many ways similar to what's happening in Japan. Japan has herbivores, we have MGTOW's. They're watching animie porn, Europeans are watching...uhhhh...just "regular porn." Japan's birthrate has dropped below sustainable levels. The West's birthrate has dropped below sustainable levels. Men have gone on a marriage strike in Japan, and men have gone on a marriage strike in the West. This is all the result of (in part) a substitute good that is cheaper/easier/faster or whatever you want to call it, than the real thing.

Third, the real thing. Understand what is happening here is 100%, PURE, CLASSICAL, ECONOMICS. Women are getting replaced with a substitute good. Normally people would say, "Why would you take a hologram over the real thing? What the hell is a matter with you?" But what normal people don't realize is that you are not these people and every person has their own tastes and preferences. Some people like chocolate. Others like vanilla. And some weirdos prefer black licorice. So you can judge and laugh all you want, but in the end these men/boys ARE opting to go with a substitute. It is perhaps the shock that we are finding out just how little it takes to be a substitute that makes this hard to believe. Namely digital or "virtual" simulations are equal to (or better) than the real thing to some men. But hard as it is to believe, the collapse in marriage rates makes your belief irrelevant.

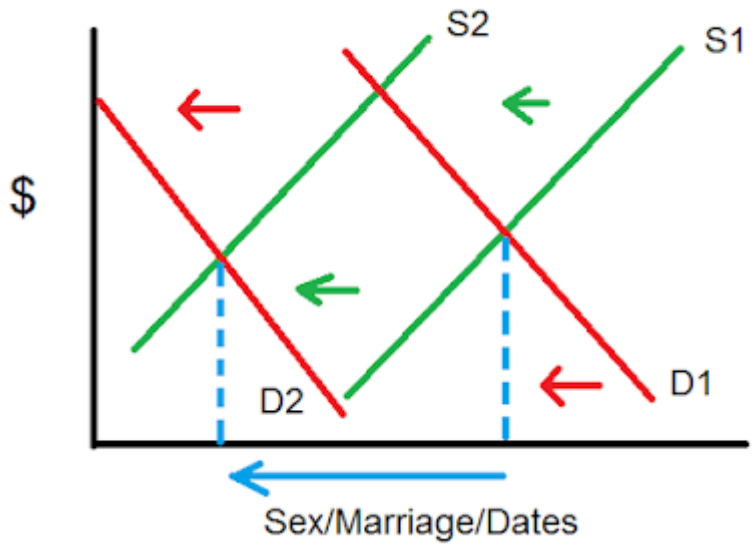
Finally, women. While my focus has been on substitutes for women, I am fully aware of the point many of you are screaming right now - that women today themselves have changed (for the worse) making your right hand and a hologram wife the better of the two options. I am also fully aware of the economic and sociological arguments that student loans, a poor labor market, and a stagnant economy (all three variables of which are in play in Japan, the US and Europe) make marriage and dating impossible for many young men. But sticking with the effect digital technology has had on the sexes, we

cannot ignore its effect on women. For while digital technology in the form of porn, digital wives, and sexbots are all competing against women for the attention of men, digital technology also competes against men for the attention of women. Namely, social media.

While demand for women has gone down because they've been substituted out, demand for men has also been decreasing because women have found their own substitute good - social media. Simplifying things a lot (but not by much), men want sex, women want attention. And while porn has certainly lowered men's demand for women, social media has DEVASTATED women's demand for men.

Women no longer have to date you, tolerate you, be pretty, be nice, or be kind to get attention. They simply have to post a couple well-angled pics on Facebook or Twitter, and BOOM! A limitless source of attention from THE ENTIRE WORLD OF MEN. Flirts, winks, emoticons, texts, sexts. They're getting everything they want without having to give up sex or committing to one guy, so why should they buy the cow when they get the milk for free?

This has not "cleared" the courting market, as much as it has ***evacuated*** it where both parties (suppliers and demanders) leave the market because they've found a substitute, if not, superior good. Men, who may have demanded women, are leaving the marriage market for porn, and women, who supply marriage/dates/sex, are also leaving for social media. The result is a drastic drop in marriage, sex, and dating that can be classically graphed using economics:



This, of course, spells doom for socialist economies and politicians who rely on bribing old people with social security to vote for them. Without younger people marrying, breeding, and having children, minimalist herbivores and MGTOW's won't work up the tax base necessary to continue financing these social security ponzi schemes. This is why Japan (and other countries) have launched lame PSA campaigns trying to get native ~~suckers~~ younger adults to breed. What's worse, however, is the delicious irony that these exact same socialists are the ones who pushed feminism hard in all of Western civilization, which also provided great disincentive for men to marry and breed. You then throw in digital technology that has advanced to such a state, AND capitalizes on the disgust the sexes have for each other, and you've manage to destroy the entire marriage market and any hope future ~~hosts~~ children will be around to ~~be parasited off of by the elders~~ continue on society.

But my view is a bit more empirical and cynical. If it's come to the point women would rather attention-whore on Facebook and men would rather marry a hologram than get together in the real world and rub naughty bits together, I say let it burn and enjoy the decline. Society, no matter what the country, doesn't deserve to continue on.

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And another one down
another one down
another one bites the dust

Why the Millennials Will Finally Get the Punishment They Deserve

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The 2016 presidential election showed me the true and horrific colors of the modern day left.

From...

threatening the lives of electoral college electors,
to denying Bernie Sanders a fair vote in the Democratic party,
to beating up Trump supporters,
to the abysmal cry-baby shit show that followed a legitimate election,
to vomiting the canard to our children that "we apologize for you having to grow up in this world"
to the hypocrisy claiming democracy was broken

the left has shown they are a hate-filled, racist, bigoted, violent group, who have no interest in democracy, and will gladly institute a dictatorship if they can get their way and other people's money.

Naturally not all leftists are like this. Many of them are also complete tools, unaware of the evil that is festering and growing within their own party, naively thinking today's democrats are the JFK party "of the little guy." And, of course, we hope the 2016 election woke some of them up to the point they'd maybe clean house in the democrat party. But it wasn't until I was talking to a buddy of mine did I see a clear delineation line, a trait that more or less identifies which leftists in the democrat party are simply well-intended, though ignorant bleeding hearts, and those that are tyrants, thugs, racists, and hate-mongers whose hearts are filled with envy, greed, and jealousy.

Age.

Specifically, the millennials.

Understand there are evil people across all age groups (and parties). And the errant behaviors of one or two people does not reflect the group or political party as a whole. But if you recall the re-election of (the hated) George Bush Jr. in 2004, certainly there was anger and rage on the part of the left, but there was none of the threats, violence, and purposeful undermining of our democracy we saw in 2016. The left, much like the right

when Obama was elected...twice...did not protest, riot, shut down interstates, or threaten the lives of college electors. They were mature adults about it, respecting the wishes of the people and democracy and went on to field a better candidate who would win 4 and 8 years later.

But after 8 years of Obama, my how the left has changed. The potpourri of criminal and temper tantrum behavior on the part of the democrat party is disgusting compared to 2004. And the only variable I can come up with is that the millennial generation has come online and is the reason for the inexcusable and dictatorial behavior we saw in the 2016 election.

Of course, the millennials did not do this simply on their own. They were led, taught, and indoctrinated by the public school system and universities which is honeycombed with the most worthless, talentless members of the baby boomer and Gen X generations. Never setting foot in the real world, nor having an independent thought, thousands of teachers and professors successfully brainwashed millions of millennials into leftists. And not just leftists, but the most entitled, spoiled, incompetent, irresponsible, delusional, brainless, programmable, and narcissistic group of leftists the world has ever seen. Coupled with the choir of worthless parents who pampered the genetic crap that resulted from their copulation, these veritable worthless human beings are incapable of self-supportation, independent thought, honoring the golden rule, sympathy, and respecting other people's rights. And if they got their way, they would have enslaved the rest of us to pay for their parasitic lifestyles, while working crusaderishly to chisel away at freedom, democracy, and the United States.

However, they face one problem. Trump.

Understand their entire plan hinged on one thing - the election of a democrat.

The reason this was vital was because without a democrat in office these rabid, anti-democracy millennials would have to spend their time working to make ends meet instead of relying on government cheese. This means they'd have to find job instead of pursuing their socialist obsessions of bringing down the United States. And most importantly, they needed a democrat like Sanders or Clinton in office so somebody would forgive them of their self-inflicted student loan debt.

And none of that is going to happen now.

This is good news (at least for those of us who are adults, who work for a living, and who support ourselves) because if there is a punishment worse than death that these leftist millennials are afraid of, it's honest work.

Understand that socialists, leftists, communists, etc., are not deep thinkers, philosophers, or intellectuals. Very much like Marx they are simply losers and parasites who are so weak, so pathetic, and so pampered, they'll spend their entire lives concocting the most fanciful and elaborate of fabricated theories as to why they're entitled to other people's labor and money. "Privilege," "institutional racism," "31 flavors of gender." It's no shock that nearly all of the liberal arts in academia are geared towards rationalizing the theft of others. But no matter how hard they try to make themselves sound smart or intellectual, in the end it is simple and rank laziness (and jealousy) that drives their socialist ideology of parasitism and theft.

But what one should take particular note of is just how much effort they dedicate towards the theft of others. Be it studying the social sciences, spending 10 years in college, working on political campaigns, working for non-profits, not to mention the irrationally high amount of emotional investment and agency they put into this faux-religion, their ***entire waking lives*** is eating, breathing, and sleeping "the theft of others." This fanaticism (not to mention waste of life) is driven by two things. One, their previously-mentioned weak character which is deathly afraid of the toil that comes with labor. And two, the fact they have nothing of value in life, but their parasitic ideology.

When you combine these two things it's very easy to understand why these millennial leftists are so violent, angry, and unhinged. For the ***first time in their lives*** these leftist millennials are facing the prospect they might have to WORK. And not just work, but WORK FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES! Overnight their lives went from one of elitist Roman luxury to that of the slave class. The mere thought of it scares the living daylights out of them.

But this is only the half of it!

Without toil, labor, work, pain, and failure, one cannot achieve anything. And the millennial leftist's ego cannot abide that. They MUST have SOMETHING to point to in terms of achievement. They must have some point, purpose, reason and agency in life...*as long as it doesn't require work*. And conveniently socialism and leftism provides them this faux, virtue-signaling religion as a substitute for genuine accomplishment. You don't have to work. You just have to virtue signal. You don't have to study a hard subject. You just need an advanced degree in some worthless humanities subject. You don't have to produce anything of value. You merely have to blame whites and males for all the world's problems. And you don't have to support yourself. You just need to claim your a vegan or are going green.

Unfortunately for them, however, this is all going to go away with a Trump presidency.

Understand just how devastating a Trump presidency is to these people. In their eyes it is complete. It is total. It takes away and destroys everything these millennial leftists

hold dear and rely upon. Not only will they have to face their harshest fear (labor), and not only will there be no salvation from their student loans (condemning them to an entire life-time of labor), the fact their ideology didn't win takes away all of their purpose, meaning and worth in this world. It's a full-length mirror of reality shoved into their faces for the first time, forcing them to stare into the abyss and acknowledge the reality that their lives will not be one of continual government support as they pursue faux-intellectual pursuits in academic, but one of labor, toil, and commonness. It shows them not only that they're worthless, and not only will they have to (GASP!) work for a living, but that their entire lives up to this point have been a complete and total waste.

This explains nearly everything we witnessed post-election. The inordinate amount of crying from Hillary supporters when their candidate didn't win. The YouTube freak-show where millennials were having melt-downs because Trump won. Teachers and other Gen X/Baby Boomer leftists "apologizing" to their children/students that "they'd have to grow up in this world." And of course the criminal element shutting down interstates claiming "democracy is lost." It is nothing more than a generation-wide temper tantrum these adult children were throwing because it was the first time they were ever treated like an adult.

The question is whether they're going to learn from this experience, take inventory of their lives and themselves, and try to improve upon it, or just double down on the same leftist religion of theft and parasitism.

And we pretty much know the answer to that.

These are not mentally strong individuals of high intellectual caliber. Shoot, they don't even have basic common sense. Again, they've been brainwashed for 25 years from the K-college educational system. They lack any capacity for reason, intellectual honesty, empiricism, and objectivity. Their entire lives were simply to be programmed drones to vote and support the democrat party/socialism. They know no other life because the Baby Boomer and Gen X generations (of teachers and parents predominantly) failed to show them. And now, for the first time, as many of them are leaving the artificial-life-support environment of the education system, they are entering the real world which they are COMPLETELY incapable of living in.

You want to talk about a most horrific punishment?

Imagining having another 50 years of life expectancy to live in a world you're simply not capable of surviving in because you've been brainwashed to the point you're effectively mentally disabled.

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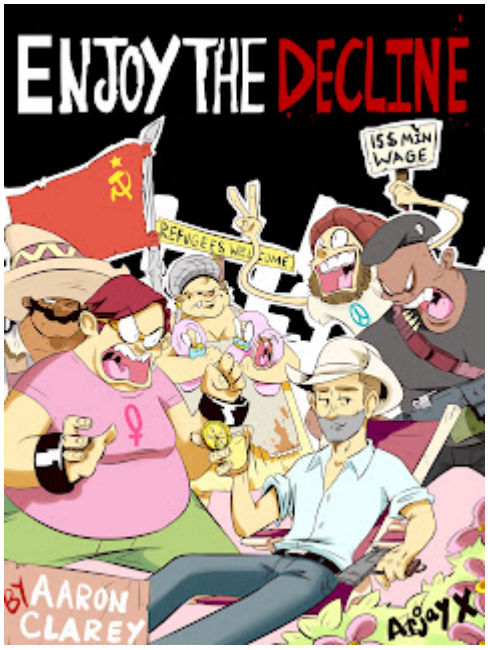

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Simple show them this:

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Isn't it WONDERFUL when leftists are attacked by their own creation?

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Last winter I had bought a motorcycle in Sarasota, Florida and decided to drive it across the country to San Diego, leaving it in Las Vegas until the spring months came wherein I would be able to drive it back home to Minnesota. It was a very nice road trip with stops in Phoenix, Sedona, and Puerto Penasco, but as I crossed over from the Salton Sea on Highway 78 to Del Mar I was introduced to an experience I underestimated...

Californian traffic.

Not that I didn't know Californian traffic would be bad, but rather it was how the entire population is held hostage by it and just what a controlling and invasive role it plays in people's daily lives.

The people I stayed with in Del Mar didn't bother leaving their house until it was late in the evening, at one time "risking it" to go to a beach during the noon hour.

Another place I stayed near Huntington Beach, my host was delayed by 2 hours simply because of "traffic," but did not seem angered, angsted, or bothered by it, simply dismissing it as "well, traffic."
I could go on with examples, but it became immediately clear, especially when driving in it, just what a determining and influential role traffic played in everyday Californians' lives. They weren't necessarily controlled by it, but it was definitely the primary determining factor in how they were going to lead their lives that day.

This then got me thinking, and it wasn't until I was sitting in (you guessed it) traffic near San Bernardino, did I realize what I was witnessing.

Traffic was the true price Californians were paying for the socialism they all loved and voted in. And upon thinking about it further, I realized just what a heavy price it was.

First, understand that Californians already pay the most in taxes in nearly every form and facet. Sales tax, gas tax, income tax, fees, tolls, you name it. Additionally, with more regulation than anywhere else in the country, they pay more for housing, transportation, insurance, and other living expenses, paying essentially a "regulation tax" which further erodes their purchasing power. When you point out this insanity, trying to explain to them that $3,000 for a San Francisco one bedroom apartment is insane, they are quick to explain the ingenious solution Californians have come up with to deal with these rapish-levels of taxation. They simply dismiss it all away and say, "You can't beat the weather!" (Though Bay area residents usually claim "The restaurants are great!")) Regardless, the point is Californians DO pay a financial price for the socialist state economy they've

instituted.

The second point, however, is that the financial price they pay is merely the explicit cost for this Californian socialism. The real price they pay comes from the fact the government they voted in puts socialism ahead of the REAL, TRADITIONAL duties of government, and those duties are to provide public goods that benefit every one.

Defense. Legal systems. Cops. AND ROADS.

And when given the choice Californians at the state and local levels would rather cut gibmedats checks to their parasites than build roads so their producers can get to work.

This has resulted in the traffic jams that choke California AND *every major city*. People will contend it's population growth, but population growth would indicate a linear relationship with economic growth, and thus, taxes that could go to afford more roads. The truth is socialist local governments, be it the state of California, or the City of Chicago, CHOOSE to spend their money bribing single moms, welfare parasites, liberal arts students, and other sorts of socialists with government goodies to win their votes than provide the adequate highway systems that would be needed to get the engine of our economy (that would be the workers) quickly and efficiently to work. The result is the sheer amount of time we all waste in leftist socialist "utopias" in commutes and in traffic.

Urban Californians think nothing of spending 2 hours a day in traffic. That's 12.5% of their waking hours, and a full 25% of their free time wasted paying for the parasites of their socialist utopia. New Yorkers, I'm sure, are too busy patting themselves on the back for living in New York to notice their commute is taking a toll on their marriage back at home which is about to lead to divorce next week. And Chicagoans, while bragging about their Metra and El systems, are perfectly fine paying more in taxes so some stranger at the state-funded daycare or some unnecessary "student reserve assistant teacher" at an after school program can raise and spend more time with their kids than they the parents themselves do. But you see, it's all worth it because of California's weather, Chicago's culture, and those great restaurants in New York.

When you add it all up, increasing amounts of producers' lives are being sucked up by the inadequate transportation systems because money that would have otherwise been earmarked for roads and highways is going to fund the parasites of these leftists' socialist utopias. Instead of 65% of the state and local budgets going to pay for the parasites of society, imagine if it had gone for roads instead. It's not that there would be no traffic or even (if you dare to dream) no such thing as a commute (though those are indeed benefits). It's the amount of your ever-dwindling free time you'd be able to spend on yourself, your spouse, your hobbies, your children, and your life.

I'm absolutely sure that authentic, 100% organic Pakistani restaurant is worth your

$4,000 a month rent in San Francisco.

I'm absolutely sure that museum in NYC is worth the divorce papers that are about to be delivered to you in 20 minutes.

And I'm sure the "Los Angeles weather" is totally worth missing out on your kids' childhood as you pump them full of ritalin and they blow their brains out at 17.

Besides, you provided free health care to all the bums, free child care to all the single mom hoot rats, and free education for all the illegal aliens. And we all know that's infinitely more important than your life.

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Drama in the Manosphere...it's not worth it.
"Under the Kissletow" and other chick flicks.
Holding a girl's hand in the 7th grade.
Fake red pill men living lies lead to suicide.

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You Never Apologize

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Never ever.

What is sad is how feminism and leftist politics have not only made it impossible to compliment a woman, but now make it impossible for a woman to ever have a legacy of being beautiful.

You leftists wanted this world. You will get it. And you will all be forever remembered as being ugly.

National Geographic

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Like all artists, they can't just create art and let it speak for itself. It needs to have a political bend to it and that's why I don't bother reading national geographic.

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For those of you who wanted to read the book, but simply do not have the time to

1. Sit still
2. For several hours
3. While doing nothing else

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Opening Up a Second Front on the Left

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I have many ideas that would be effective, efficient, and devastating to the left. A "Department of Dirty Tricks," a concept of total economic war, and another idea (that is completely legal, so do not worry) that is so good, I won't even give it an obscure title. And until I'm paid a princely sum, in my brain they will remain and the republicans, tea party, libertarians, etc., will continue to waste horrendous resources inefficiently fighting the left.

But one that I can let go of it opening up a second front on the left. One that would strike at the resources that keep them alive, and permit them the luxury of 24-7 activism, propaganda, indoctrination, and politicking:

Cut off their funding.

Adam Piggott explains it much better here, but the idea is very simple. If you cut the source of blood off for the parasites, then they will be too busy foraging for food (and GASP! JOBS!) that they won't have time to protest, apply for government grants, block interstates, apply for government hand outs, or park their lazy worthless asses in college. Oh they'll put up a stink, and they'll certainly shut down interstates. But after two weeks of no food, no rent, no student loans, and no free transportation, they will rearrange their priorities to find food, clothing, and shelter when their WIC check doesn't come through, their paycheck at the university bounces, or the funding for their worthless public services program is cut.

Understand the MAIN job of a leftist is to constantly legitimize, rationalize, and validate the theft of other people's money. If you simply cut it off and force them to work real jobs like the rest of us, they won't have time to write 6 different letters to the same congressman, vote 5 different times for the same politician, nor apply for welfare in 4 different states.

Of course, this all pre-supposes republicans and our politicians grow a pair, which is the weakest part of this entire plan.

What Your New Years Resolution Should Be

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A common refrain I hear amongst friends, colleagues, and listeners is just how little TV they're consuming nowadays. In part this is due to digital media consuming a larger percentage of people's free time. In part it's due to the increasing average age, and thus maturity, of my social and professional networks. And in part it's due to the lack of creativity and new ideas coming out of Hollywood. But the single largest factor for driving people away from the television, even to the extent of getting rid of it is...

the shows are just plain stupid.

Be it the Kardashians, daytime soap operas, reality TV, or cookie cutter sitcoms television is just not intelligent enough to stimulate the intellects of my audience. And I'm not saying that to kiss up to my audience. I'm saying it because it's true. Television today is PAINFULLY stupid to people with above average IQ's.

So riddle me this, riddle me that...

Why are fans sending me articles from tabloids all the time?

At first you may be saying, "*Well who is actually sending you articles from TABLOIDS??? Come on, Cappy. Nobody in your audience is too stupid to do that!*" And you're right, they're not. But what they are doing is failing to identify the new tabloids of today for what they are, and therefore failing to identify what is truly news versus what is nothing more than clickbait, propaganda, and the lame personal internet diaries of failed leftist millennials. And everybody who is on the right side of the political spectrum would do well to make it their New Year's resolution to identify it, ignore it, and swear off of it for 2017.

For example, what originally put me onto this was the international shit show that occurred when I penned my Mad Max piece stating I wasn't going to see it because it was advertised as a feminist film. The world got its communal panties in a bundle which earned me an article at the Daily Mail. But what I noticed was just how wrong, erroneous, and false the article was about what I wrote. There was no journalistic integrity whatsoever which led me to discover, after further research, that the Daily Mail was not a legitimate newspaper, but mere a rank tabloid on par with The Enquirer. Additionally, it's not just the Daily Mail, but nearly ALL the tabloids ignorant Americans forward because we assume (much like their accents) because it's British, then it must be correct and right.

The Sun

The Mirror
The Daily Express
The Sunday Mirror and
The Morning Star

All tabloids, all of which post fake articles like this that are purposely designed to make rightists in the US see red, share the link like wildfire, make it go viral, and make them millions of pounds.

Another example is online American-bred gossip columns that you don't have to be a Benedict Cumberbatch-level Sherlock Holmes to figure out are using leftist politics to drive traffic to their sites. Joe Soucheray, a local talk show host here in the Twin Cities, did Vulture.com and its writer (Brian Moylan) a huge favor when he not only read their article about "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer being gay," but ranted about it for a full 45 minutes on his talk show. Unwittingly he helped this trash go viral, earning Vulture additional advertising dollars and Bryan Molan a healthy commission check. But before you tisk tisk Mr. Soucheray for falling for such an obvious ploy, how many of you forwarded Gawker, Vice, and Buzzfeed articles this year when all it did was benefit leftists like these human rejects?

And, speaking of human rejects, then there's what I consider "The Internet Diaries of Failed Leftist Millennials." I realized this was a third form of tabloids we non-leftists suffer while listening to a podcast about one Allison Moon. The was reading an article from The Other McCain that was highlighting Allison Moon for being nothing more than your average run of the mill feminist. Nothing new was reported, nothing new was gleaned and all I learned that there was an yet ANOTHER obscure millennial out there whining about white males. However, it is not so much the sensationalism of the Allison Moons of the world, but that there's so many of them.

How many "articles" have you read from some whinny millennial brat about some insane complaint about the real world, forwarded it to your friends, but can't remember for the life of you the name of the person or what they were complaining about two months later? I remember an "award winning journalist" in Chicago complaining on her blog that illegal aliens who didn't speak English didn't save up enough for retirement. Another millennial child complaining about how liberal arts degrees were in fact more difficult than STEM. There was Polly Dunning, a feminist-turned mom who regretted having a boy. And how many drama-bitching millennials were writing "articles" or putting together "videos" about the unfairness of Donald Trump getting elected?

The only problem is neither you nor I can remember any of these people because there's a cacophony of them and they get lost in the noise, not to mention the commonness of their whinny, childish, entitled message. And the only reason I remembered Polly Dunning was because somebody just sent me the link to her article (again, benefiting this

attention whore). But Polly is precisely the person to make my point because who is she?

She's a nobody. A loser. A nothing.

She only has 1,300 twitter followers.
A whopping 900 on YouTube.
Majored in english and works in the laughably fake and easy profession of being a teacher.

Why in hell's name would anybody listen to this inexperienced, totally common, totally boring leftist millennial?

The reason why is she successfully got her 15 minutes of internet fame, and you will unlikely ever hear from her again. But because there's millions of them, we can expect a new Polly Dunning with some form of outlandish millennial leftist dipshittery to grace the headlines and grab our attention.

The truth is Polly Dunning is the epitome of the third form of fake news - "The Failed Millennial Leftist Diary." Merely one of millions of failed leftist millennials who cannot accept that, even with their precious liberal arts degrees, they are common, boring, and offer nothing of value to the world. Since they cannot accept this and their ego must be satiated, they go to the internet to journal about their "heroic journey" or "struggle" where they find other sympathetic, self-commiserating failed millennial leftists. But mere commiseration is not enough, so they resort to increasing levels of sensationalism, brown journalism, and radical story telling to get validation in the form of traffic and likes. Some, like Polly, get lucky and have one article go viral for 15 minutes of internet fame. Some get REALLY lucky and get an unpaid job at the Huffington Post. But they never get more followers, subscribers, or notoriety than a Bernard Chapin, a Robert Stacy McCain, or even myself because their stories and they themselves are unmentionably common.

So my question to all of you is this:

How much time did you and millions of other non-letists waste on these type of stories in 2016? How many of you forwarded a Daily Mail article, shared a Polly Dunning-like story, or helped make the people at Vulture more profitable by actually believing the gay Rudolph story was real?

Additionally, how many years did you lower your life expectancy by getting your blood pressure worked up over these fake and irrelevant articles? How many more minutes of being in a foul mood were you, when you could have been in a happy one? And did this negatively affect your personal life be it family, friends or your profession, making you angry? Making you depressed? Even losing sleep?

And dare I ask how many of you are addicted to this gossip? Who after decades of leftist media and right wing talk radio have become dependent upon hearing the latest as to how the US is getting screwed in yet another way?

I ask you and fellow non-leftists to promise yourselves a change for the better in 2017. I ask that you recognize these new tabloids and news stories for what they are - the neo-internet, leftist versions of The Jerry Springer Show. I ask that you do not forward them, do not read them, do not bother with them and instead spend your time on your family, on your friends, on your loved ones, and on yourselves. I ask that you use them when it comes mid-term election time as these stories DO indeed help get conservatives elected. But above all else, for the love of god, if you're going to forward something in 2017, forward this article instead.

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It is NOT Cappy's birthday.
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Or maybe just ensure the US remains the world's reserve currency.

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A request from an Asshole Consulting client that turned out to be a good post unto itself:

The Most Fuck Up Millennial Story Ever Told

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Warning, this is 30 minutes long, but it is a great case study on where fatherless homes, substituted with government checks, all with the public schools, both at the K-12 and collegiate level, will leave you. This is the byproduct of replacing nuclear families with the state.

FIFO Feminism

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From my latest ROK piece:

"*FIFO assumes the first gallon of gas you bought is the first gallon of gas you sell. Therefore the "first gallon in" is the "first gallon out" and you record your costs and revenues accordingly. But the accounting concept of FIFO does not just apply to accounting. It holds an lesson and some hope for the United States. For in the world of feminism the United States was certain the first country to experiment with, and fully implement, feminism. And if this simple accounting rule holds true we'll be the first to get out and be done with it, perhaps forever.*"

Why You NEVER Major in Biology

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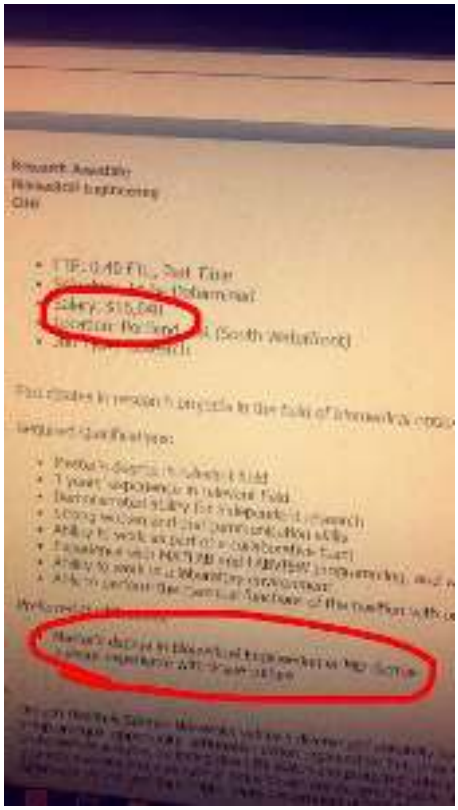
Or "bio" anything!

And YES I'm aware it's part time. Yippee, $40,000 a year for a Masters!



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Venturing across the plains states.

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"Young Adult Eco-Fiction" and More!

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While on the road I stopped in Fort Collins and visited the Cynical Libertarian Society. We did a podcast in lieu of my traditional curse full Monday podcast.

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"Masters in Museum Studies"

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It starts off with a young woman trying to recover from a MASTERS in "museum studies." But it then turns into a great rant about just how stupid you have to be to major in the liberal arts.

Cutting Government Funding to Liberal Arts Classes

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Rep. Thorpe may be hated by 17 year old children who don't know any better, but he's doing them a great service.

What Chimneys Teach Us About Entrepreneurship

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I couldn't remember where I heard it, but be it a podcast, a blog, a documentary or the radio, a man was speculating why it took so long to build the chimney. The Romans had the earliest success with "chimney technology," installing flues in bakeries that would channel smoke outside. This technological advancement was lost with the collapse of the Roman empire and would not return until 1200AD in England. But whether it was 1200 England or 100BC Rome, humans had already been living in much more northern, and therefore colder, climes millennia before these inventions.

So how'd they keep warm?

Simple. They'd just have a fire on the dirt floor in the middle of their house with a hole (or holes) poked in the ceiling of the roof to aerate out the smoke. Of course, only a fraction of the smoke would aerate, leaving a barely breathable room to live and sleep in. And of course, heat would also escape making winter particularly cold for Vikings and others who lived in northern climes. And of course, this would make life miserable for anybody living in winter. But that is what humans endured for *tens of thousands of years* until the Brits developed the "advanced" technology of putting a pipe over flame in 1200AD.

Surprisingly, chimney technology would not advance seriously for another 500 years until various 18th century philosophers, scientists, and tinkerers (Benjamin Franklin prominently among them) would finally hunker down, put pen to paper, and start to experiment with various forms of heating, ventilation, and flame ultimately resulting in the two modern forms of chimneys we have today - the brick chimney and the wood burning stove. So it wasn't until a short 200 years ago (out of the 2 MILLION years of human existence) did we have effective and efficient chimneys.

My question was, "Why the hell did it take so damn long for humans to develop this basic and NECESSARY thing?"

Not that this wasn't an impressive accomplishment. If you research it, successfully heating a home with fire AND successfully ventilating the smoke out of a structure is more complicated than you think. There's heat convection, understanding (or in the olden days, misunderstanding) how fire burns, being able to adjust air/fuel, as well and the creation of a flue. But even this level of complexity it not that complex, and with heat being a vital necessity for human survival, one would think the chimney would have been developed long ago, along side the creation of inflammable ceramics and/or pottery.

But the historian I was listening to had a theory as to why this was. And it was so obvious

even I had had the same epiphany earlier, but from a different angle:

Humans were too busy staying alive to take the time to sit down, think about it, experiment with it, and develop the chimney.

Between staving off rival tribes, growing food for winter, preparing for winter, cutting and hauling wood, maybe tending to livestock, and all the other demands of pre-historic/ancient life, humans simply did not have the spare time to pursue the luxury of thinking about how to heat a home more efficiently.

We may look at our prehistoric and ancient ancestors with a bit of derision and shame. How dumb did they all have to be that thousands of years, tens of thousands of years, perhaps even 100,000 years passed by and nobody thought to build a receptacle to hold a fire in and add a pipe outside to it? Certainly, SOMEBODY out of the past 50 billion humans that existed must have had SOME free time to create the chimney? Why The Original American Playboy, Benjamin Franklin, so late in the 1790's? But before we get too condescending realize nearly all of us are guilty of the exact same thing today.

It's just instead of

hunting mammoth,
fighting off raiding tribes,
culling our weak, and
hunkering down in winter

today we,

go to school,
go to college,
suffer a commute,
work mind-destroying jobs,
get married,
have kids,
get debts,
watch TV,
play video games,
and if we're lucky,
wifey lets us go to Vegas for a weekend.

In short, humanity, regardless of the era, and regardless of the technology, has always focused at the tasks at hand and never taken the time to stop what they're doing, step back, look at what they're doing, ask themselves if there's an easier way to do things, and then spend the time actually developing those easier ways.

I came to this realization as I slowly, and accidentally, slipped into the vagabond "author, blogger, professional asshole, Cappy Appleseed" lifestyle I have today. Between roadtripping across the country, merely only to hike many parks, trails, and mountains by myself, you're forced to be alone with your thoughts for thousands of hours. Couple this with podcasting technology that gives your brain food for thought, it creates the perfect environment where you're (practically) FORCED to sit down and think about life and how to do things easier. This has resulted in not only a handful of clever, but profitable businesses I run today, but a surplus of business ideas that I have on my "idea pad" back at home that I can resort to should my current slew of businesses turn unprofitable. But my portfolio of business ideas set aside, the lesson learned is an important one that cannot be emphasized enough for fellow aspiring minimalists, philosophers, freedom-lovers, and entrepreneurs:

Sitting down and taking the time to think things through is a mandatory ingredient to successful entrepreneurship.

I am completely convinced that unplugging from The Matrix, quitting the Rat Race, and pulling your nose up from the grind is absolutely necessary to give you the time to survey the world around you, understand the context by which society, the economy, and businesses interact with one another, and therefore give your brain the time to identify ways to capitalize on this environment. Furthermore, if you are consciously "on the hunt" for entrepreneurial ideas, you will train your brain to recognize these opportunities more frequently, resulting in a "business idea list" like mine that is (in all honesty) a better guarantee of a financial future than social security.

I know "not everybody can be, nor wants to be, an entrepreneur." But I do know the majority of my readership are freedom-loving, envelop pushing, authority-hating individuals who would be happiest working for themselves (and subsequently telling their former bosses to shove it). Because of this I cannot emphasize enough you learn a lesson from the inexcusably-long development of chimneys. Take the time to unplug and think about things in society long and hard. Combine that with an "on the hunt" mentality for any entrepreneurial opportunity that exists. This won't guarantee you'll come up with a successful business idea, but it will guarantee you'll stand a better shot than the average wage slave commuting 2 hours to work, whose mind is rotting away in a cube, while being further medicated/impaired with mindless television and Oprah-level societal distractions.

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Oh nosies!!!! Corporate America is waking up to the utter worthlessness of HR!!!

Debunking the Multiplier Effect

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I do not intend this to be a lengthy post because though the topic of economics and the multiplier effect may seem complex and nuanced, the truth is the entire economics "profession" has gone so far beyond it's philosophical roots, laughably treating itself as a "science," that so many mistakes have been made along the way that some of it's key tenets are easily debunked, prominent among them, the "multiplier effect."

If you don't know what the multiplier effect is or why it's important, it basically states that any new introduction of money into an economy will result in increased economic production MULTIPLE TIMES the original increase. This is based on the fact that one person's expenditure is another person's income, so an increase of $1,000 can result in a total economic production of say $5,000.

Bob gets a tax break of $1,000 and buys a new computer from Jim.
Jim takes the money and spends some of it, say $900, buying a new suit from Bill.
Bill takes $800 of that $900 and buys himself a set of tools from Amy

and this cycle continues on and on and on till the fractional expenditure is so small little Leroy is buying a 1 cent piece of bubble gum, resulting in $5,000 in total new spending.

While this explains the multiplier effect, it does not, however, explain the political motivation behind it and why (leftist) politicians love it. The multiplier effect basically authorizes or legitimizes increased government spending, especially deficit spending because that $100 billion in welfare to the poor, or that $10 billion forgivable government loan to Solyndra will result in MULTIPLE times that amount in economic growth, and therefore tax revenue. This is why Nancy Pelosi foolishly said unemployment and government checks was the best thing for the then-economy, why Paul Krugman believes in aliens, and why nearly every leftist is for increasing government spending on the parasitic - it not only wins them votes, adoration, and popularity among the sheeple, but the multiplier effect is quite literally magic economics with no costs because in theory it generates more tax revenue than it costs.

Now, you don't have to be an economist to know something is fishy when politicians and pundits start claiming there's such a thing as a free economic lunch and you can have something for nothing. And so to debunk this malarkey we can simply look at whether or not increased government spending has resulted in economic growth in the past. And the truth is, it hasn't. It simply hasn't. Not only has government spending coincided with ***slowing*** economic growth, the Obama presidency was a Keynesian wet dream come true that has only further proven the multiplier effect just does not work. Obama doubled the national deficit, spending an additional $10 trillion the country simply didn't have, and GDP continued to limp along at a pathetic 2.2% average growth rate. I only need further point out if there was a Multiplier Effect, we wouldn't have to be running deficits...which we most certainly have the past decade.

In short, to those of us living in the real world, the multiplier effect simply doesn't work.

But while anybody (if they're so inclined) can look up the data on the FRED database and prove it to themselves, it's more important, especially in an attempt to educate the public, to explain WHY the multiplier effect doesn't work and why economic policy based on it is doomed to fail. And that answer comes in way before the government check is cut, the tax break given, and Bob pays Bill $1,000. Specifically...

where did the money come from?

If you look at the multiplier effect, it is truly magical because it assumes we have this pile of money that just "POOF!" shows up out of thin air when the economy conveniently needs it. But, again, any adult who has lived in the real world knows there is no such thing as a free lunch. The money has to come from somewhere, so where?

There are several sources, but regardless of the source they are all "other people's money." And it is here economists and politicians conveniently forget this fact because for every penny of economic growth you garnered by giving Bob $1,000, it is obsoleted from the lack of economic growth that didn't happen because you took that $1,000 from Bill.

Say you increase taxes on "the hated rich." You do this because it's popular, you want to get re-elected, and you believe in ~~Santa Claus~~ the multiplier effect. Congratulations, you managed to take $10 bill from rich people and give it to poor people. Now instead of yachts, champagne, and caviar, that money will be spent on rims, trailer park fences, and antibiotic STD treatments. You didn't create any new economic growth, you merely shifted it. Worse, (though Keynesians will knee-jerk to quickly point out poor people are more likely to spend money) congratulations! You increased ***SPENDING, NOT INVESTMENT***! Nobody ever points out it is rich people who are more likely to *invest* their excess reserves, which leads to....

jobs and GENUINE economic growth.

Buying rims doesn't lead to long term economic growth. Paying for day care for your bastard baby daddy children does not increase the economy's economic growth potential. But building a new plant or creating a new business DOES create jobs, DOES increase our economic growth capacity, and DOES improve long term, sustainable economic standards of living. But in the world of Keynesians they do not differentiate. Blowing $400 on grills for your teeth or tattoo sleeves for your arms is just as viable economic "growth" as investing in a new semiconductor plant.

Second, let's just agree with leftists/Keynesians and say rich people don't spend their money as much as the poor. And that money would "just sit in the bank anyway." Well, do banks just let money sit in their vaults collecting dust? No, of course not. They lend it out so people can buy things, but also invest be it a house, an education, or a company, all of which leads to more than just mere "consumption" and "spending." Additionally, taxing people with money simply because "it would just sit in the bank" leaves them with less money to put into the bank. This lowers the supply of lendable dollars which increases interest rates and lowers economic growth.

And third, perhaps more pertinent to today's economy, would be the closest we can get to "economic magic" where the federal reserve just prints off money. These monies are infused into the economy either through government programs, bank bail outs, or (as I soon predict will happen) student loan bail outs, and will all be heralded by leftist politicians as "investments." This simply causes inflation, taking away real economic growth from the economy by lowering the purchasing power of every one else to bail out the banks, hipsters, liberal arts majors, or lazy and stupid people who just can't keep their legs shut. This has happened in Argentina, Brazil, the Weimar Republic, and any other country that has tried to print their way to success, and the only reason it hasn't happened in the US YET is because we have the world's reserve currency (which is an entirely other topic).

We could go on citing different examples, but whatever the source of the original "seed money" to get the multiplier effect going, there is an equal and opposite economic effect

because you simply took money out of another part of economy and overall economic growth will remain unchanged.

The truth is economic growth is caused by hard work, innovation, creativity, self-supportation, and increased efficiency. It's nothing new or mysterious as human kind has, through trial and error (and not faux "studies" done by idiots in the economic departments of academia or Washington) figured this out over the millennia. And the fact something as stupid as "the multiplier" effect can not only be swallowed, but be so prominent among economist and professional circles, is more a testament to the human mind's amazing ability to lie to itself than any kind of epiphany or "discovery" by the "profession" of economics. It is here I simply ask Americans and westerners to do something they pride themselves off of. Be TRULY independent minded people with genuine critical thinking skills. Wake the F up, use your brain, think things through and realize just what a bunch of frauds, posers, and charlatans most economists and politicians are.

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The Mexican Window Washer's Prayer

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It is actually a Marcus Aurelius level of thought and masculine virtue that has gone into this prayer and is what I believe to be on par with the Serenity Prayer.

"*Do not deprive me from my suffering and my pain, for negative consequences must follow if I hope to learn from the crimes I committed against myself. Let me wander in this blizzard, I know I shall survive and become a better man. No one is coming to save me and that is a blessing.*"

When Feminists Enter the Nursing Homes

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It's going to be very lonely. VERY LONELY.

Ahhhhh SPERG OUT!!!!

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Let's get the MGTOW's, feminists, and alt-right to sperg out all at the same time:

How to Handle an Accusation of Racism

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Here is a textbook example of taking an accusation of racism, and turning it back on your accuser WHILE making profit at the same time.

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Some dead air error up front FYI.

Hiking dogs
Snobs of Paradise Valley and Scottsdale
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The Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan

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To be an effective president you must lead with an efficiency that produces multiple winners, minimizes costs, solves multiple problems at the same time, and unites politicians across the political spectrum. This results in government policy that is not only most beneficial to the people, but is also cost effective AND (above all else) realistic in that it wins the support of both political parties, making such policy a reality. Luckily, I have such an idea/policy that I believe will be of realistic and utmost benefit to the American people:

The Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan.

At first you may have many questions about this seemingly controversial plan.

"Wouldn't the democrats be against deportation?"
"What does deportation have to do with economic stimulus?"
"Why would we need an army to do this?"
and
"Won't this cost money?"

But fear not, for I, with my SAEG (TM) have thought it all through. And once I explain, you'll see why having a Deportation Army is in the best interests of everyone and is *budget revenue positive.*

First, a huge problem we have in the country is the number of unemployed and underemployed males. The "Underemployment Rate" is currently at 9.2% for everyone, but this "mancession" as it was called disproportionately affected males. You also throw in the fact that women now make "99.76%" of college students, young men face an unemployment rate of 4.6% while women enjoy an unemployment rate of 4.3%. This says nothing of men who have given up hope, leaving the labor force forever resulting in the lowest labor force participation rates ever recorded. In short there are millions of men either unemployed, underemployed, or just staying at home playing video games because they've given up hope there's a job for them out there somewhere.

Thankfully, the Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan is also a JOBS PLAN for men. We cannot investigate, round up, and deport illegals with the current staffing levels of the border patrol. But by creating a 2.5 million man deportation army, not only will be be able to deport all the illegal aliens in the country, but we will be able to offer jobs to all those men unfortunate enough to be either unemployed or underemployed.

This leads to the second benefit of the Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan - jobs

growth, and therefore economic growth. Assuming 2.5 million FTE jobs created at a (very conservatively estimated) $15 minimum wage, that would bring an additional $75 BILLION to the US economy EVERY YEAR! But it gets better than that! Because if we very securely affix our lips to Keynes's ass, the magical wonders of the "multiplier effect" will cause much more stimulus. Using the savings rate of 5.5% as a proxy for the "marginal propensity to save" (and don't worry if you don't understand this economic jargon. It's only for really smart people like Paul Krugman to understand), the REAL total economic effect would be $1.4 TRILLION. That's a full 7.5% in IMMEDIATE economic growth on our current $18.7 trillion GDP PER YEAR!

Which leads to the third reason the Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan is a great idea.

The democrats will LOVE IT!

Understand while democrats love illegal aliens for a multitude of reasons, they love Keynesian economics more. Why any chance they get to spend more money on broken window fallacies, they can't trip over themselves quickly enough to vote our children into debt and rich people's money away. Of course, spending it on deporting their illegal voter base away may seem a deal breaker, but when you whet their appetite with the 18x's multiplier effect today's savings rate provides they and their economist policy wonks won't be able to help themselves! They'll vote for it immediately!

And finally, four. Whereas Nancy Pelosi was right that welfare checks were the best thing to get an economy growing, and Paul Krugman was also right that we should just print off a ton of money, that is condescending to all their constituents and congregational members (of the Chuch of Keynes). It implies they're lazy, just don't want to work, or have given up hope when they couldn't land a job at Intel with their Masters in Puppetry Studies.

The Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan gives its participants PRIDE because it gives them ***jobs.*** We know everybody who collects welfare, TANF, WIC, SS disability, and Section 8 are all fully aware and ashamed of their parasitic nature and want nothing more than to become contributing members of society. Why absolutely NONE of them have lived off of the taxpayers for generations, and when they're on the government dole, they want nothing more than to get off. That's why the pride in having a job is just as an important psychological benefit as the paycheck that comes with it is financial.

So contact your congressman today! Tell them you support The Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan and want them to vote for it! It's sound government policy that has bi-partisan support and is guaranteed to get our economy booming again!

PS - If you don't support The Deportation Army Economic Stimulus Plan you're racist.

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A Job Millennials Can Do from Home

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Again, Alex is always hiring. It's not a great job and it's not a high paying job, but it's location independent and you can do it from a beach in Thailand:

Thank you all for your support so far. Without your help, we would not be where we are today.
Today, I solicit you with a simple proposal. Get paid for posting ads on Craigslist. You will make five bucks for each lead you will have generated and even if you don't produce any results for us, you'd still make seven bucks per week. That is, your base pay is one dollar for each day that your ads stay live on Craigslist.
Here are the three simple steps you'd need to follow to get started.

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3. *Use that new gmail account to set up a craigslist account*

> *When you are done, send a test email to your new address to make sure the message gets through to me. Then, I'll set you up with material to post.*

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A PhD in Reading

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The stupid burns so much it's cut the nerves that I no longer feel the pain. But I wanted to highlight that this is what kind of job you can expect to work AFTER 16 YEARS EXPERIENCE and having a "PhD in READING"

FUCKING

READING

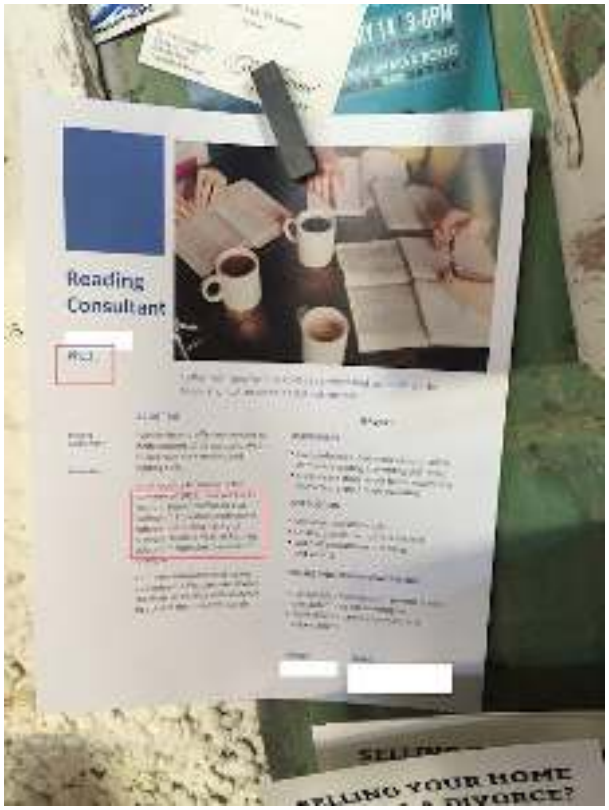
You know, that shit you learned to do by the 2nd grade, perhaps even before kindergarten if you were homeschooled?

Yeah, this gal took 13 years PLUS 8 years of COLLEGE.

THAT'S 2 DECADES PLUS 1 YEAR TO BECOME…

REALLY GOOD AT FUCKING READING

My god, you fucking nitwits who suck the cock of "higher education."



Cappy's Arizona Adventures

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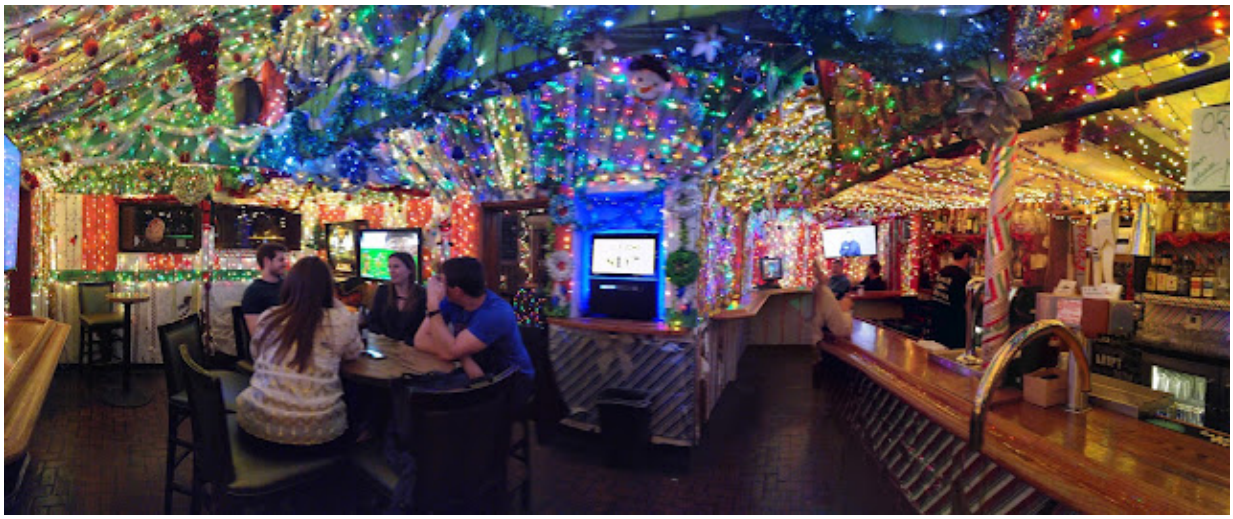
These are from the Salt River Canyon. In addition to it merely being very pretty, it is also a filming location for one of my favorite movies, Midnight Run. The picture underneath the bridge is the scene, thus answering your predictable question, "why did you take a picture underneath a bridge?"



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From the road so the audio is a bit windy

Sheeple holding up the men's bathroom and gas station.
How much are the Million Women March going to spend on hotels?
Protesting is stupid and a waste of time.
Concerts are also stupid and a waste of time.
Manosphereians/red pillers who desperately need an older brother

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College Students are Parasites

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Or at least more parasitic than originally reported.

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Dave Ramsey Should Kick William Dudley's Ass

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New York Federal Reserve president says people should withdraw equity from their homes.

Because, well, you know, it's more important to get those GDP figures up than people pay off their debts and have healthy personal finances.

The Starkest Contrast Between Obama and Trump Administrations

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I think can be seen between the real man Trump selected as Secretary of Defense and the veritable pussy that preceded him under Obama.

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James Mattis

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"Mad Dog Mattis" redirects here. For the disc jockey, see Mad Dog Matis (disc jockey).

James N. Mattis (born September 8, 1950) is a retired United States Marine Corps general, who will be the United States Secretary of Defense in the administration President Donald Trump. He previously served as the 11th Commander of United States Central Command, the Unified Combatant Command responsible for American military operations in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, and Central Asia, from August 11, 2010, to March 22, 2013. Mattis was confirmed by 97-1 by the United States Senate on 20th January 2017, the first of Trump's cabinet to be confirmed.

Before President Obama appointed Mattis to replace General Petraeus on August 11, 2010, he previously commanded United States Joint Forces Command from November 9, 2007, to August 2010 and served concurrently as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation from November 9, 2007, to September 8, 2009. Prior to that, he commanded I Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Forces Central Command, and 1st Marine Division during the Iraq War.[1]

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James Mattis

26th United States Secretary of Defense
Incumbent
Assumed office
January 20, 2017
President Donald Trump
Preceded by Ash Carter
Commander of United States Central Command
In office
August 11, 2010 – March 22, 2013
President Barack Obama
Preceded by John R. Allen (Acting)
Succeeded by Lloyd Austin

Ash Carter

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Ashton Baldwin "Ash" Carter (born September 24, 1954) is a physicist and former Harvard University professor of Science and International Affairs who served as the United States Secretary of Defense from 2015 to 2017. He was nominated by President Barack Obama, and confirmed in February 2015 by the Senate by a vote of 93–5, to replace Chuck Hagel as Secretary of Defense.

Carter received a B.A. in his double-major of Physics and Medieval History from Yale University, *summa cum laude*, in 1976. He then became a Rhodes Scholar and studied at the University of Oxford, from which he received his D.Phil. in theoretical physics in 1979. He worked on quantum chromodynamics, the quantum field theory that was then postulated to explain the behavior of nuclear reactions and the structure of subatomic particles. He was a postdoctoral fellow research associate in theoretical physics at Rockefeller University from 1979 to 1980 and a research fellow at the MIT Center for International Studies from 1982 to 1984.

Carter taught at Harvard University, beginning in 1986. He ultimately rose to become chair of the International & Global Affairs faculty and Ford Foundation Professor of Science & International Affairs at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs within the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Carter is author or co-author of 11 books and more than 100 articles on physics, technology, national security, and management.

Carter served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy during President Clinton's first term, from 1993 to 1996, responsible for policy regarding the former Soviet states, strategic affairs, and nuclear weapons policy. He was Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics from April 2009 to October 2011, with responsibility for procurement of all technology, systems, services, and supplies, bases and infrastructure, energy, and environment, and more than $50 billion annually in R&D. He was then Deputy Secretary of Defense from October 2011 to December 2013, serving as the chief operating officer of the DOD overseeing an annual budget in excess of $600 billion, 2.4 million civilian and military personnel, and global operations.

For his service to national security, Carter has on five occasions been awarded the DOD Distinguished Public Service Medal. He has also received the CJCS Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award, and the Defense Intelligence Medal for his contributions to Intelligence.

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Ash Carter

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In office
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President Barack Obama
Deputy Robert Work
Preceded by Chuck Hagel
Succeeded by Robert Work (Acting)
United States Deputy Secretary of Defense
In office
October 6, 2011 – December 3, 2013
President Barack Obama
Preceded by William Lynn
Succeeded by Christine Fox (Acting)
Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition,

The Vast Stupidity of the Performance Review

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A Guest Post By Adam Piggott

We didn't have performance reviews when I was a whitewater rafting guide. Our performance was based upon whether we had managed to kill any of our customers or not. All of your passengers alive at the take-out point? Good performance review. Lost a couple along the way? Poor performance review.

But when I returned to Australia and I got a "real job" I was suddenly exposed to this strange modern employment ceremony. It hadn't been present back in the nineties when I had last had a real job but now it was a core feature of any company of even moderate size. The existence of the performance review goes hand in hand with a human resources department. The two are symbiotic in nature - one cannot exist without the other. Even though I have actively despised performance reviews since I first encountered them, it was only when I saw this tweet in an article at the Dark Triad Man that I really understood why these reviews are not just awful but also counterproductive.

> I had a mentor/boss once who gave me a performance review. "You say what you mean and you mean what you say." That was it. Complete review. Took four seconds. He coupled it with the biggest raise he was able to give. I learned something that day.

Wouldn't you love to have a performance review like that? The reasons why this review is so good help to illustrate why performance reviews in general are so awful.

First of all we have the length of the review. All of the reviews that I ever sat through were of unbearable length. This was because the reviews were not about me, the employee. They were about whoever was my manager at the time, ie the one who was giving me my review. In their eyes, the longer they sat there droning on about rubbish that had next to nothing to do with me or my job, then the more interest they were apparently taking in my welfare as their minion. The performance review was their big chance to pretend to give a crap about me and my existence within their organization. I soon learned that these reviews were most certainly not the place to bring up any real issues or grievances that I had. They were just for show and any deviation from that illusion was met with a severe decline in the attitude of the person who was giving the review. We were there to hear how wonderful they had been and how well they did their job as a manager.

Which leads me to my next point about the quoted review. The manager in question is so good precisely because he has clearly been doing his job of managing the employee for

the entire year. He does not need the review to manage the employee. The review simply tops off all the work he has done throughout the year. It is the icing on the cake. When he states that his employee says what he means and means what he says what he is actually doing is demonstrating that he knows exactly what his employee has done, what he is capable of, and how much he values this particular employee. In other words he has actively managed his employee throughout the year. He does not require a performance review to manage this person due to the fact that it is a continual process which goes on all the time. He is interested in his employee's welfare and thus his true value to the department in which he works.

However, the vast majority of "managers" spend the bulk of their time playing political games and undermining underlings who might constitute even a fraction of a threat to them seeing as they never actually do their job. When these managers enter a performance review they are faced with the panic of having to engage with someone whom they probably know nothing about. Thus their only real option is to spend a great deal of time talking at length about themselves.

They do however, have a get out of jail free card. This is the ubiquitous form that employees are required to fill out before they enter the review itself. This form contains questions such as, 'what are your 5 big success for the year?' and 'where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?' The only reason that this form exists is to give the clueless manager some idea of who the hell is this person who is sitting across the other side of his desk. Whenever a manager is particularly out of his depth then a choice move is to get the twenty one year old HR ditz to sit in on the review so as to give him clues as to what he is supposed to say. As she herself is only privy to the information contained on the form then this can make for an entertaining spectacle, if you yourself are not so demoralized at understanding what her presence actually signifies.

The final part of the quoted review is the raise. For the rest of us mere mortals this is of course hilarious. Not only is the topic of a raise never brought up, if you are so brave and foolish as to do so then you will be met with a wall of stony silence. In one case I actually had a manager inform me that he was not authorized to give raises. He didn't take kindly to my question as to why he was in the position of a manager if he lacked this basic power.

I have no advice for you as to how to negotiate the perils of a performance review so as to bring about a satisfactory conclusion. The obvious reason for this is that the review is based upon the capability of your immediate superior and if he is a clueless moron then your review will reflect as such. Perhaps some of you readers have brilliant advice as to how to turn the tables in such an encounter. If you do then I am all ears. Of course, I no longer work in a job that requires such a thing as a performance review. Perhaps that is the final answer on the subject.

Find the Thug

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I bet he stitches up those hoop ear lobes real quick.

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Girls getting multiple hotel rooms.
Cappy's School of Not Getting Shot by Cops
Black barber shops.
Cappy's not Irish, but sadly Socialist Scandinavian

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Governor Mark Daton Collapses While Giving the State of the State Address

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As many of you know I do not like nor respect Gov. Mark Dayton. It is not my opinion but he is the embodiment of everything I loathe about politicians, right or left. He never worked a real job in his life, inherited money from a real man who did all the work, and as an elitist puts his own personal boredom and political ambitions ahead of the people he wished to govern.

However, while delivering the State of the State address he collapsed and hit his head.

It's times like these one must abandon politics and view Mark Dayton as a fellow human being and search ones soul for one's true opinion of the man. Ergo, I give my most earnest wishes that the alcohol and prescription drugs caught up with this vermonous parasite and that when he hit is head, he does not die, but suffers a traumatic brain injury that leaves him severely impaired for the rest of what will hopefully be a miserable life.

Yes, I hate that piece of shit that much, and no, I am not being facetious in the slightest in my wishes. I am laughing at that pampered, (genuinely) privileged fuck and wish him ALL that he received unfairly in his life to manifest itself in am equalizing punishment and comeuppance today. Of course, it's likely he just got a bump on his hallow head, but one can pray for this genuinely worthless human being.

UPDATE - Governor Dayton is perfectly fine. Damnit. I guess he'll celebrate his health with his limousine liberal trust fund Crocus Hill crowd with $100 shots of scotch at W.A. Frost.

"I Really Just Want to be a Stay at Home Mom"

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Well knock it off with this feminist rah rah career woman bullshit and BE ONE!

Rhode Island College Degrees Now as Worthless as High School Diplomas

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"When everybody's a super, then no one will be."

Your Education Does Not Make You Smart

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Please, all college graduates, just have a cup of STFU. You modern day "high school diploma" means nothing.

More WARM SUNNY Adventures of Cappy

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It's a tough life but somebody has to live it:

Getting a Career in IT in 2017

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This is an article I had my IT buddy write in response to a surge of requests from Asshole Consulting about the IT industry, how to get into it, what to specialize in, and should you go to college, bootcamp, or a 2 year community college. I am not an expert in the field, so I decided to outsource it to a professional to give us the low down on the industry and how to get into it in 2017 (and you can tell he's a professional IT genius because of his indifference for spelling and typos). Because of the constantly changing nature of IT I am kicking around doing an "State of the IT Union Address" each January. Regardless, you can find my IT friend here for all your IT and computer needs.

There is a cliche in consulting....the answer to any question is always: "IT depends". That cliche fits rather nicely into this topic.

EDUCATION:

College education will not land one a job, nor will it properly prepare one for a job in the IT field. IT as a whole moves far to fast for the typical four year college to design a program that reflect the jobs available. Two year and trade schools are far better in getting one prepared for entering the work force, however are often too focused and become out dated. However what a bachlors degree does is allow one to move further up the ladder further and faster, potentially management one day. It also puts you ahead of the next person(s) assuming the only difference is education. Two big reasons for that is, A. by completing a degree, it shows that the potential to learn is there. And B. a certain about of dedication and work ethic is present. Also as you may have already heard, a college degree is more of a passport.

Certifications are great. However one is probally better off being more well rounded and if the employer wants you to focus on one area then they will send you there. A couple of issues with doing certifications on your own, is that they are VERY specific. Is there an actual real demand for people having that certificiation? What happens in 24 months when things change and that certification is for the most part null and void? For instance holding a certification in Windows 2008, doesn't hold much weight any more. However if one achieves a multi-level certification say for instance: Microsoft Certified Server Engineer, VmWare Certified Professional, or Cisco Certified Internet Engineer; these certs. will always be a feather in your cap and will be an asset no matter how old they are. Even if one had a MSCE in Windows Server 2003; that communications that you have a good foundation of how things work and adapting to the newer stuff will be easier than someone coming in fresh.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF IT:

Server Administration: Server Virtualization has been hot for the past 10 years, and will continue to stay at the very least warm. In a nutshell Server Virtualizaiton is taking a single server, but making appear to the network as if there are ten servers on the network. For instance a cluster of three servers physical servers can present well over a dozen virtual servers to the network; and be able act as fail over for each other. All with out the end users or their computers knowing. VMware ESX, Microsoft Hyper-V (known as hyper-visors) are the biggest players in this space.

This area is starting to cool a bit since "the cloud" has come to the grasp of mere motors. Now days any tech saavy person can setup their own servers using places like AWA (Amazon Web Services) . Thus bypassing the need for much of in house IT. Many smaller players also basically can provide a company all of their server needs as a subscrition service. A smart play MAYBE to become skilled in manipulating these types of enviroments.

Companies are shrinking thier budgets, thus requiring IT professionals do more with less. Thus anything that automates, scripts, or generally allows an IT person to get more stuff done in less time will be in demand. A good place to start is technolgies like Puppet, Cheif, and PowerShell.
Security is super in demand now, and will be for the near future. There are very few "industry standard" or commonally accpeted certifications in this area. Well other that a Cisco Certified Security Expert. To be good in this area one needs to know networking inside and out. Get expirence playing with firewalls, routers, and switches. Then go beyond that looking into white and black hack items.

Database/information Architechture has always been in demand and keeps grown at a slow and steady rate. A quick search on the buzz words "big data" or "Hadoop" show just how in demand they are. The basics of databases hasn't changed much in 20 years, however the implentation has. If one gets to be comfortable with Microsoft SQL either as a data designer or the implentation engineer, there will always be work for them.

Docker will be very big for those looking to get into code. Docker is essentially doing for applications what VMware did for servers. Docker provides a frame work for applications without all the heavy Operating system. It is a modular system. One can simiply load a Data base docker or a CRM docker etc and not have to install a Windows server for each appliation. One just sets up the Docker infrastructure then add and remove appliacation components.

Coding: Programing languages are very much like real languages. Learning the first one is real hard. Switching or learning adtional ones is easier. As your brain picks out methods and similarities. IE If one knows German, and needs to learn Italian it will be much easier for that person vs. the person learning Italian who only knows English. What am I saying? It doesn't matter what computer language gets taught; once you know one

it becomes easier to switch to another down the road. The "hot" language changes about every 5~10 years anyways, however there will always be a demand for the "language of yesterday." Apps written in the older languages will still need to be updated/changed or re-writen.

HelpDesk/user training/assistance: Applications are becoming for web driven, computers have gotten cheaper and less repairable. This has lessened the need for the typical HelpDesk person on one aspect. On the flip side there will always be a need for people to do the "hand holding", the guiding, and trouble shooting for the end users. One just will not be doing nearly as much swapping out hardware components.

Summary:

Do not take simply look at salary guides out there and make a career decision based mostly on that. To be sucessfull in IT, in general demands one needs to have a natural interest in the area, a desire to learn, fast learning and a trouble shooting mind set. If you are just chasing the money, you will fail or get an entry level job and stay at roughly that same position for life. Education is great, the more the better, it will never hurt you. Expirence is just as important. This industry is flooded with people who have all sorts of acrynyms behind their name but yet can't think worth a darn, think outside the box, or trouble shoot. Somethings just can't be taught in class. Or to use another cliche, they can talk the talk but cannot walk the walk.

Start anywhere looking for expirence. Start with getting a used PC and building/repairing it up. Start helping others with their technical diffuculties. Start playing around with networking gear. Start dabbling in scripting and programing. Often just having some expirence with a technology is all it take; mastery of the technology is often not needed to land a good job.

Jason Dion Bews Thy Name is Coward

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Looks like the fuzz decided to charge a lefty wimp with assault...against a woman....at a woman's march.

The Economics of Reverse Jungle Fever

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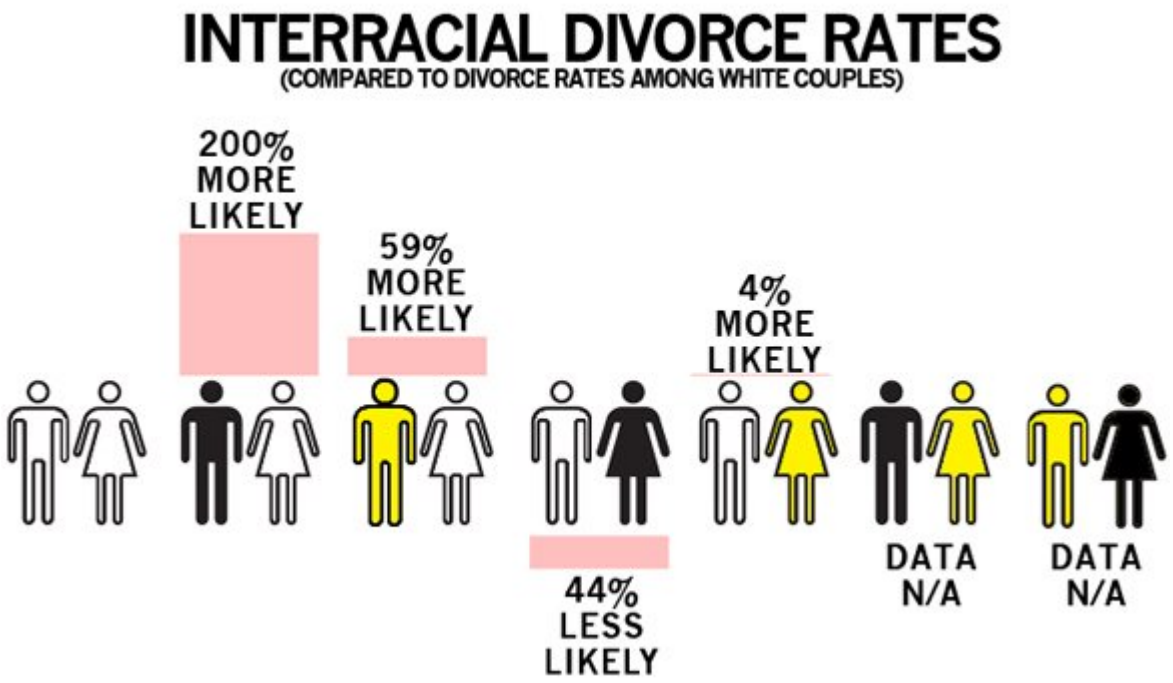

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Women Voted it Upon Themselves

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Gang raped again?

Yaaaaaaawwwwwn.

Remember, diversity is more important than rape in Sweden.

Throwing in the Towel - When It's Time to Retire from Game

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The GF left for a week to visit her mother. Unencumbered, I decided I'd visit some old haunts to see if they were still lively, specifically if there was any revival in the dance scenes I left nearly a decade ago. The first was the swing dance scene which has become nothing more than a siren call for the millennial virgin-hipster-nerds to congregate and further refine their sperg together. It was a shame what I saw, with veritable 30 year old virgins, perfectly groomed bears, and rank ugly women/girls despite being in their prime years.

The salsa scene was no better. When I left it many moons ago it was a sausage fest with 3 men for every woman. The feelers, grabbers, and stalkers scaring away all the good looking girls, leaving nothing but purist salsa dancing females left, who would not dance with you unless you had already ingratiated yourself into their clique. 10 years later it was hands down the worst male-female ratio of about 10 to 1 (I am not joking), where I saw scores of self-disrespecting males chasing after only a handful of females. It was so bad I paid my cover, walked 20 yards in, turned around, walked out, and refused the doorkeep who offered to refund my cover. I then went home and played some video games.

But these two short forays only served to confirm something I've known for quite some time. I'm too old for this shit anymore, and though fun at the time, the time I spent chasing tail in hindsight was about a 60% waste. There was much better shit to do with my life, I just hadn't matured enough to realize it.

This epiphany is only natural because as the "manosphere" has aged, so too has its authors and founders. Certainly us old fogeys now in or rapidly approaching their forties have ran the gambit like any modern day 20 year old, going from a nerdy noob with absolutely no game to an accomplished player. But like Voyager 2 leaving the Oort cloud, so too will most men leave the pursuit of women, bringing on a new stage of exploration and pioneering.

The question is when do you retire from game.

There is no magical age or number. Roosh, for example in this podcast (which inspired this post) is on the later half of 30, and though attached to a girl, AND the topic of the podcast itself is "The Death of Night Game," still carries the reader through the do's and don't's of night game as if it were still a viable option. I abandoned it long ago and with the advent of texting/social media, etc., I recommend you do the same. But some people

still have it going well into their 30's and 40's and choose to waste hours of their time at loud bars and nightclubs.

Others find a quality girl and either get married or get a steady girlfriend. Slings and arrows from the VirginTOW community aside, they don't care because while the fear of divorce is real, it is a healthy respect and acknowledgement of that fear that allows you to find a quality woman who will not rape you in divorce court or sperm jack you.

And then there's just plain age and tiredness. No matter how fun, no matter how successful, in the end chasing after women gets tiresome and loses it's novelty. Again I subscribe to the theory that men have a limited amount of energy and it will get exhausted, even if you are successful in slaying the ladies. But the economics of novelty also come into play. Using the same tactics on the same bimbos playing the same games with the same lines, while dealing with the same crap over and over and over again, just isn't worth the sexual pay off no matter how good.

However you come to this point, if you find yourself unable to conclusively determine that you want to go out and chase tail, and are instead rather tempted by the prospects of staying it, it is time for you, my good sir, to retire from game. And chances are it was the time anyway a long time ago.

If being out of the game for a decade has taught me anything, it's that while you're in the thick of it you don't realize the opportunity costs of investing so much of your life chasing tail. Blinded by either youthful hormones or just the echo chamber of society telling you "that's what people your age do," you don't realize how much of your time you are wasting, mal-investing it in things that just aren't going to pay off. Ask any older man whether half the lays he had were worth the time he had to invest getting them, and I'd wager 95% of them would say, "no." And further ask them what they could have achieved with that time had they not invested it in girls, and they would say "conquer the world." And it's not until you unplug yourself from the matrix, removing yourself from this environment for a while, so you can look back at it with fresh eyes, will you see just what a waste of time night clubs are, chasing tail is, and what a general time/resource sink the pursuit of women are.

This isn't to say not to pursue them, let alone pursue them wisely (setting minimal time/resource investment, insisting on high standards, timeliness, etc.). Nor am I saying you shouldn't go to a nightclub, fire up the Tinder, ask Suzie Q on a date, or run a little bit of the day game. But I am asking all men, regardless of age to occasionally stop, say once a year, not pursue women for 2 weeks and take inventory of their success, their life goals, their desires, and what makes them happy. I'm suggesting men fast from women every year for 2 weeks so they can clearly and critically look back at all their precious time they spent pursuing tail and see if that wasn't a horrendous waste of time. It's no different than sobering up from booze or drugs, clearing your mind of any chemicals or

hormones, to see if they should continue to play a role in your life and if you genuinely have an interest in them.

For most men, especially the younger ones, the answer will be yes, they want to keep chasing girls. And to that I say continue the chase young man, continue the chase.

But if you go on a 2 week hiatus, and find yourself in better spirits, and perhaps start taking a stronger intellectual interest in hobbies, your career, philosophy, or just the peace and quiet time you have to yourself, it may be time to throw in the towel and retire from game. And dare I say start looking for a "girl who's good enough" to settle down with so you never have to go to the frontlines ever again.

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No Thanks Uber and Lyft, I'll Walk

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Fucking west coast tech liberals in a virtue signalling dick-sucking contest.

The Case for Global Warming as a Religion

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A client at Asshole Consulting paid me to get off my lazy rear and put together my argument for why I don't believe in global warming. Among the many arguments is that global warming is nothing more than a religion and certainly not some noble aim to "save the planet." Regardless, more data, arguments, analysis and observations as to why "the Ole Captain" doesn't believe in this neo-religion can be found below:

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Cappy's Adventures at Fremont Saddle!

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An homage to all my bosses who thought they knew better than me. May your cubicle have a reverse side angle view that maybe catches a glimpse of what I get to see everyday.

Dear Public Sector, Welcome to the Private Sector

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Where you get to face obsolescence and get fired when you're no longer of benefit to your employer. It's what real adults working in the real world have faced since time immemorial, and it's about high time we treat you as equals.

The Milo Drama Continues

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Please understand the ulterior motives behind these speeches. I don't expect the sheep to. But I expect my audience to.

Never Start a "Tiger Tank" Company

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I have a friend who runs an international business. A real one. One with employees, divisions, departments, and multiple offices. It is indeed international with clients in the US and production in China. And he is indeed successful, enjoying the finer things in life that the 99% will never work up the work ethic to enjoy.

The company is also the bane of his existence.

If it's not shipping, it's customs.
If it's not customs, it's some critical employee who put in his notice.
If it's not an employee, it's a customer who didn't pay in time.
And if it's not the customer, it's his fledgling subsidiary with a never ending litany of growing pains.

On a GOOD DAY 40% of his time is spent actually managing. The remainder of it is merely putting out fires and dealing with problems.

Thus are the problems of starting a "Tiger Tank Company."

If you don't know what the Tiger Tank was, it was the "premiere" tank that debuted in WWII. Virtually unstoppable, superior in nearly every regard, if you pit any other tank against it, that other tank would lose. And thus when the Germans released their Tigers on the field, other tank crews would rightfully fear because there was a good chance they'd lose their lives.

But the Tiger had a huge disadvantage that nearly every other tank did not have. It was overly complex. And since it was overly complex it had infinitely more problems than any other tank.

The transmission would break, the gas consumption was unsustainable, the fuel system would leak, the suspension would break. It may have delivered on everything a tank commander could ask for...that's while it was working and not in disrepair.

Inevitably it was the Russian T34 tank that would doom the Tiger Tank. Though not as massive, armored, or weaponized, it was cheaper to produce, faster to produce, more efficient, and had only a fraction of the problems. So while the German Tiger Tank could take out 3, 4, even 10 of the enemy's tanks, the Russians could produce 11, 12, 13, even 20 more of them, all of which would see more field time than a Tiger.

Companies are the same way.

Not to brag (because it was originally intended as half a lark), but compare my buddy's company to Asshole Consulting.

Asshole Consulting has the least moving parts possible. In part by it's nature and in part by intentional design as it evolved. There is a bare bones (some would dare say "craptastic") website. A simple e-mail server. A paypal account. A laptop. And one Grade A, professional asshole. 5 pieces of machinery, in total, that generate a tidy sum above beer money.

Compare that to my buddy's company. Three divisions. One subsidiary. About 30 employees. A score of company phones. Two score of company computers. Tracking software. Suppliers. Vendors. Production facilities. Their employees. Managers. Accountants. Phone operators. Delivery men. His operation has infinitely more moving parts which means things go wrong at his company infinitely more times.

Now, admittedly, he is a millionaire and I am not. But if you are a regular reader of Cappy, you know that I endorse entrepreneurship not so much as the path to riches (which is certainly nice), but primarily as the path to freedom. That your time is more important than money. And that if you live the life of a minimalist, then the amount of money you need to make as an entrepreneur is just that much less, making your goal of true freedom just that much closer and more attainable.

The problem comes in where the entrepreneurial idea you concoct may indeed be brilliant, may indeed make you millions, but if it sucks your time and life away, then it was all for naught. This is not to belittle the value of money and riches, nor to tisk tisk you if you make millions (more power to you), but to make you realize the value in not only evaluating which business ideas you should pursue, but how to streamline their operations when you set them up so as to have the least amount of moving parts possible.

Here there are a couple lessons I've learned either through my mistakes or watching the mistakes of others.

1. PEOPLE are the NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF ALL PROBLEMS. We're not talking just employees. We're not talking just supervisors. We are talking ALL PEOPLE involved with

the business. Employees, supervisors, suppliers, vendors, lawyers, customers, ALL OF THEM, ALL POTENTIAL SOURCES OF PROBLEMS. This is why I only have one employee at Asshole Consulting and why I control the product process with an iron fist. Like the soup Nazi I DEMAND my employees follow instructions, do EXACTLY as I say, and get paid up front because not only does that limit the amount of problems that can go wrong, but it also lowers prices DRAMATICALLY providing better service to my customers (just think about how expensive therapists are when it comes to insurance, co-pays, billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and bill collectors).

2. Run one business at a time. While my buddy runs technically one business, there are two separate divisions within the company necessitating twice the amount of managerial overhead. He also sponsors a sporting event annually which is yet just another unnecessary piece of machinery that can go wrong, and at BEST consumes his vital and limited time. Do not chase every little bunny rabbit that might make a good entrepreneurial venture. Focus on one at a time, and until you have that set on auto pilot freeing up additional time to pursue new ventures, do not pursue new ones.

3. Do not bring Tiger Tanks into your personal life. I know two people who got dogs.

Why?

Because they wanted to have dogs.

Never mind neither have jobs or are able to support themselves let alone the dogs. Never mind they're living at home and got into this mess by agreeing to take care of other people's dogs. They simply wanted the dog, and who can refuse a cute little doggie?

Well now, even with something as innocent and unassuming as a dog, look at how much of your freetime is consumed and your life complicated by by providing for a retarded-child-equivalent.

You have to feed the dog.
Walk the dog.
Take the dog to the vet.
Take it out to go potty.
Spend time with the dog.

And never mind the new logistical hurdles you face.

You have to get a dog sitter.
You can't go on planes.
You can't go into most restuarants.

You forever have to rent apartments that only accept dogs.

You just sank the equivalent of a 10 hour per week part time job for a dog.

And dogs are just an example. You need to look at every decision in your life and ask if it adds an unnecessary cog to the streamlined machine.

You want to get your MBA? You sure?
You want to buy a boat? You sure?
You want to start a restaurant? You sure?
You want to get a roommate who may or may not stiff you on rent? You sure?
You want to buy that fixer upper dream home? You sure?
You want to get involved with the local civics group, church group, or run your children around town for their 31 different flavors of sports? You sure?

Everything takes time, and not only does it take time, it may unintentionally become the single largest waste of your time in your life. It may ruin you, even driving you into bankruptcy. But while that is certainly not the most common outcome of blindly making your life more complicated than it has to be, most people unconsciously saddle themselves with at least 10 hours per week of unnecessary moving parts.

Be smarter than that.

Time is your most important (and only) resource you have on this planet. Before either blindly following the crowd, or starting some kind of business venture that will make money, but torpedo you life, evaluate and contemplate how much time that move is going to cost you, and how to design it so that it takes the least amount of time to run.

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Trump shouldn't stop at Berkeley.

Friday Afternoon Listening Pleasure

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I present to thee, these podcasts three.

1. Black Brigade where DT does a great job dissecting the hate filled, disgusting rant of Ashley Judd.

2. Adam Piggott explains how world-traveling, vagabond, international playboy, DINKs choose quality hotels. I'm not sure I'm about to drop $300 a night on a hotel, BUT IF I WERE, then I'd make damn sure it was perfect. Adam explains how.

3. The right mix of politics, video games, geekery, and locker room talk from The Betchloff.

Cappy's Adventures on Camelback Peak…and Peralta Trails…Again

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In short, just more pictures to give the proverbial "fuck you" to my old bosses and brag about my new lifestyle.

Why Being Called a "Racist" or "Sexist" No Longer Means Anything

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Right before I fell asleep I had a pleasant, though melancholy thought. It was about how great it was to be a kid in the 80's. The cartoons were great. The movies were great. We would bike everywhere. We were the last generation of kids who could "just go outside and play." And for those of us old enough to remember the 70's, we VERY MUCH appreciated the stability and jobs Ronald Reagan provided for our families (and I'm not even being disingenuous in the slightest, Ronald Reagan WAS a calming, father figure). But perhaps #3 of the "Top 3 Things I Miss About the 80's" was that racism and sexism never entered my mind once during that entire decade...unlike the daily scourge it is today with the left and media constantly shoving it in our faces.

Think about that (or perhaps reminisce back to those days).

Days, weeks, months, even years, where you didn't have to worry about being called a racist, having "privilege," let alone watching your neighbors actively hating, even acting on the demise of the country.

We'd play with our buddy Luther (black kid).
We'd watch The Cosby Show.
And like every other kid we dressed like Michael Jackson in the 4th grade Halloween party (we had those in school).

And nobody batted an eye. Want to know why?

Because nobody was racist or sexist. It was a nice time. A wonderful time. And I'd dare say that if an HONEST sociologist (ha ha, I know) were to study it, I'd bet we'd find race and sex relations to be at a peak during the 80's (bar the Olympiad Baby Boomers who were specializing in divorce at the time).

Enter in the reliable left.

With a game that is as old as 2nd wave feminism, but a new one we didn't recognize at the time, a concerted and conscious effort to split the country along the lines of race, gender, ethnicity, and religion, pitting them against one another, while making "whites," "straights," and "males" the villain, was implemented and pursued aggressively. The attack increased and intensified over time into the 90's, and the crescendo hasn't relented, resulting in the never ending and daily cacophony of accusations of people being an "ist" of some sort today. It has gotten so absurd the left borrowed a page from the Christian playbook accusing all people of having "original sin," manifesting itself as "privilege" and "institutional racism/sexism," meaning me and my 8 year old cohorts in 1983 actually were racist against Luther and sexist again Christy, we just didn't know it, AND we are certainly oppressing minorities and women today. And while pitting neighbor against neighbor, friend against friend, and destroying the sexes for one another for two full generations is a digusting sin the left will never be forced to atone for, one cannot deny they were entirely successful with it.

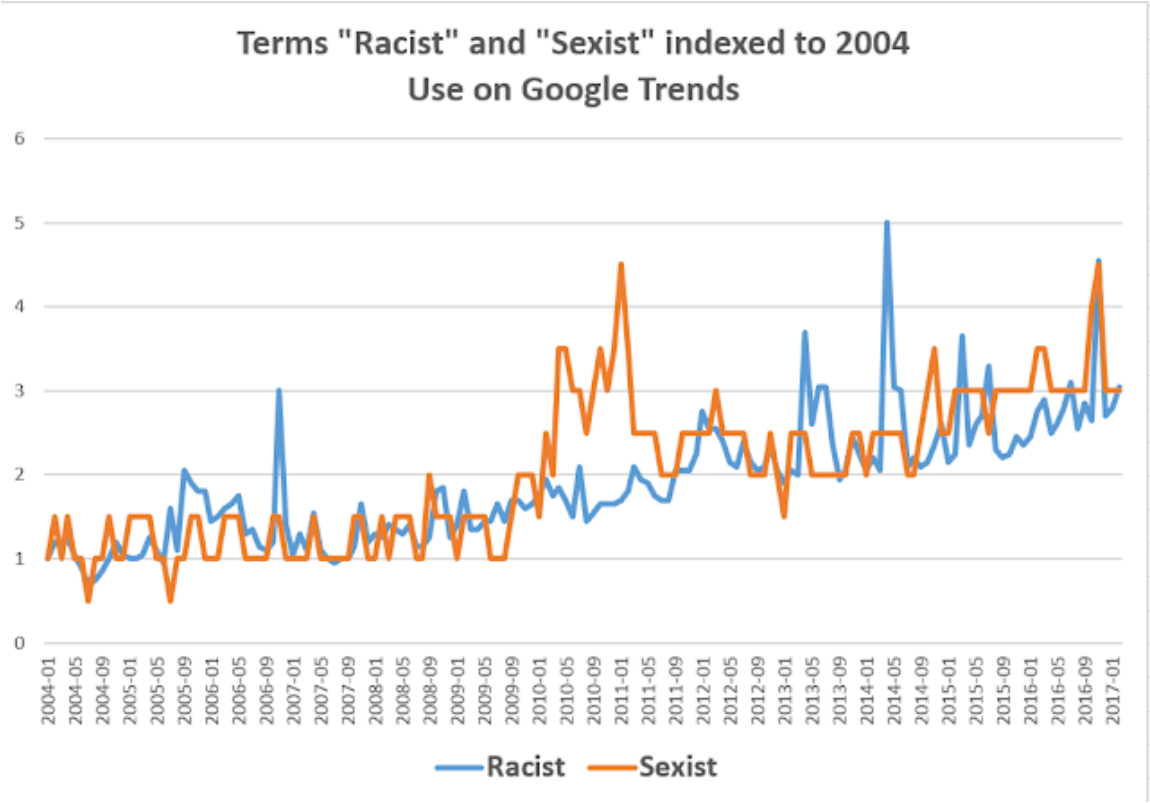
Two full generations, both Gen X and the Millennials, were so steeped in this leftist brainwashing in school and college that they either forgot the halcyonic days of the 80's, or never got to experience the joy of a truly post racial society. Conditioned to blame the triumvirate bogeyman of "white," "male," and "straight," you not only have the majority of the population obsessing about race and sex, but the media and academia, now both thoroughly taken over by brainwashed (and talentless I might ad) Gen X and Millennials, is only capable of obsessing over race and gender, penning scores of pieces daily that do nothing but propagate the fires of racism and sexism. Ergo not only is "racism" and "sexism" the fake topic dejour they've been conditioned to write about, that's all they seem to write about, obsess over, and discuss. And while it may anger those of us who don't like being falsely accused of "unconscious sexism" or "racism," because of the number AND intensity by which Gen X and CERTAINLY the Millennials obsess over it, their constant mentioning of it does one thing...

It lessens their value.

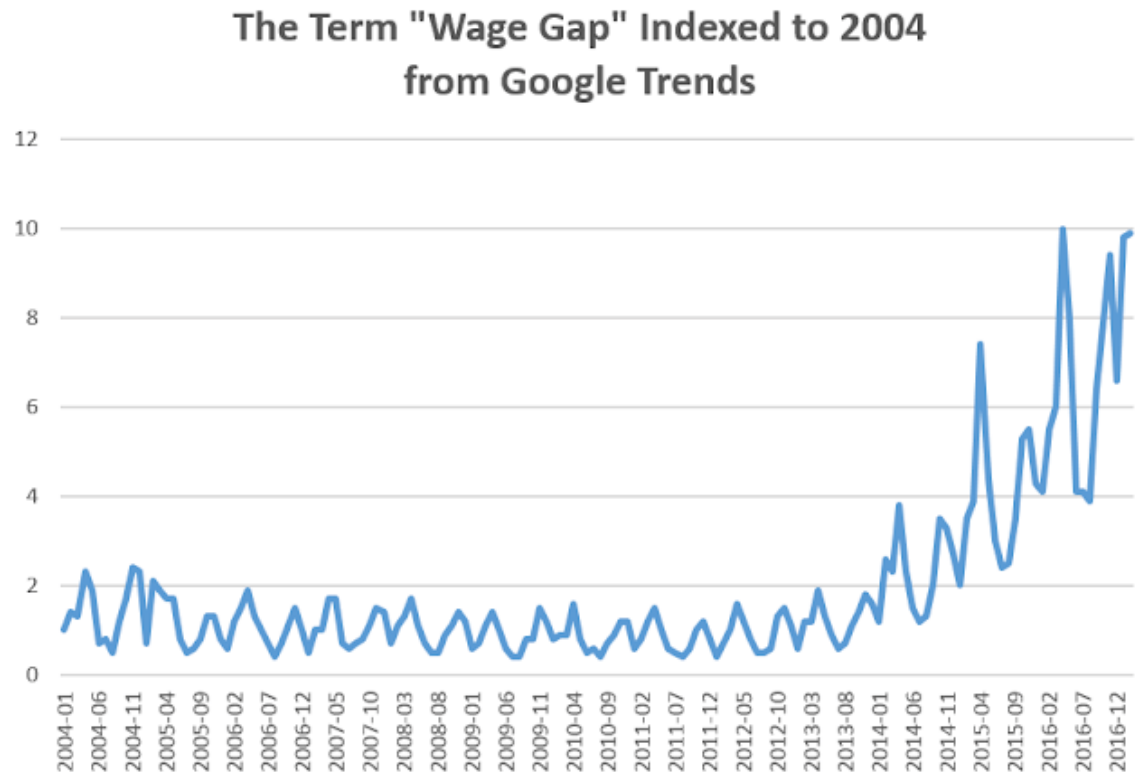
Matter of fact, I wouldn't say the constant choir and accusations of racism and sexism lessens the value of their meaning, but at the rate Gen X and Millennials are going, it makes these words completely meaningless. And if you don't believe me, just think about it. If you had to hire somebody who was accused of being a racist in 1990, would you hire him? Likely not. But today if somebody was called a "racist" or a "sexist" you're almost more likely to hire that person simply because

1. Not only do millennials and Gen Xer's call everybody that bests them a racist or sexist, but
2. It means that person probably stood for something and therefore has character

But the real reason the terms racist and sexist no longer carry any meaning is simple economics. They've been overused. The baby boomer left was certainly successful in getting two generations to blame everything on skin color and "vagina," but in doing so flooded the US public forum with the word to the point the law of supply means those words mean nothing. We don't have data going back to the glory days of the 80's, but in just the 12 years of Google trend data that is available (and indexing them to those years) we see just how over used the terms "racist" and "sexist" are.



From 2004, when the strategy of falsely accusing people of of racism and sexism was certainly in full swing, this cowardly (but highly successful) tactic ***tripled*** upon its previous success to today. People are talking and I would say accusing people of being an "ist" at thrice the rate they were in 2004. When you look at the despicable and cowardly term "glass ceiling" it's even more exponentially repugnant, showing a increase of 10 TIMES that in 2004



But for all that success in getting society to hate itself and loathe their neighbors, to saner minds, to more mature people, and to people who simply don't have their heads up their ass, such an overuse of the terms now renders them useless. You don't have to be an economist to know that when you triple or increase supply 10 fold the value of whatever you are supplying will tank. If I triple the number of XBox's in the market, triple the number of girls at a night club, or GM triples their production, the value of said items will crash. And with words it's no different.

According to the left EVERYBODY's a racist.
According to feminists "EVERYBODY'S a sexist.

To para-quote Syndrome from "The Incredibles"

"*When every one's a racist/sexist, then no one will be.*"

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Explaining Public School Teachers

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I'll say it again for the cheap seats.

The public schools are obsolete because YouTube and a decent stay at home parent can do infinitely better than they can. Shoot, YouTube and a curious kid can outdo a teacher with a million dollars worth of taxpayer's funding.

And when you're done having a laugh, buy this book for ALL your children or any young people you care about to make sure your poor kids don't screw up their lives even more by majoring in a stupid subject.

Will ABC Cancel "When We Rise?" Doubtful, But...

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If you didn't know, about two months ago ABC launched a trailer for their upcoming mini-series "When We Rise." It was so bad and such a blatantly biased, leftist piece of lecturing, indoctrinating shit that it had 2 million views and a downvote ratio of 3:1. Everybody hated it. Straights hated it. Whites hated it. Blacks hated it. Gays hated it. About the only people who didn't hate it was the professional SJW/victim whore class that vainly tried to defend it with the obsolete, ineffective, and tiresome accusations of genderism if you didn't like the movie.

Naturally, in a country that has gotten over homophobia decades ago (not to mention) are sick and tired of being falsely accused of bigotry, there was a backlash. And so large was the backlash ABC took down the trailer, leaving my mocked version of it (to my knowledge) the only one that has the original footage.

But then something interesting happened.

Quite quietly ABC released a "new" official trailer of "When We Rise" which begat the same disgust ratio of 3:1. But what's particularly interesting about this video is that it only has 40,000 views compared to it's pre-taken-down-video peak of 2 million. It's interesting because, while ABC is a traditional media company, it's not like they don't have the digital muscle to plug the show on it's various arms and subsidiaries giving it a million views like it had before. Matter of fact, bar leftist online media sycophants who are obliged to fawn over this tripe, I haven't heard a peep about "When We Rise." It indicates to me that this show is SO bad and going to be received SO horribly by the public, that ABC is quietly and sheepishly trying to back out from this trainwreck, limiting the damage as much as it can. This was confirmed in my mind where it was announced ABC would postpone an episode of "When We Rise" for Trump's congressional address.

Admittedly the president's congressional address is a more important event than a mocku-drama-mentary. But if ABC was so bold coming out of the gate with "When We Rise," AND given their general hatred for President Trump, why are they collapsing? Are they not for gay rights? Don't they want to blame everybody in America of hating blacks,

hipsanics, gays, and women like they patently did in the original trailer? Aren't they aware that normal, everyday Americans don't view themselves as homophobes and racists, and NEED to be FORCED to realize they are? And aren't they aware that there's some people who INSIST they're not homophobic or racist and need to be lectured into submission?

The truth is saner heads at ABC are slowly (and very reluctantly) realizing that normal, everyday Americans are sick and tired of being accused of "isms" and "ists." That Feminists Ghostbusters, Birth of a Nation, the upcoming Oceans 8 and other forced leftist/diversity/"you're racist" propaganda does not sell, especially so when you can't even mask its political agenda.

I sincerely hope Sony, ABC, and any other media company out there puts their reputations and their shareholders' money on political sermons, propaganda, hate, and race baiting. Because dumb as the American population is, the Trump presidency is proof they are slowly (eeeeeveeerrrr so slowly) waking up. And I can't think of anything better than you genuine bigots and race whores losing money.

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If Christians Led with the Truth Instead of Lies, They'd Have the World They Wanted

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A friend of mine put me on to a Pastor John MacArthur. Though agnostic, I am not against listening to religious sermons in that traditional religions are often sources of wisdom, advice, and philosophy. And if you get a good presenter such as Mr. MacArthur even an agnostic hell-bound heathen such as myself can glean a valuable lesson or two from him. However, enroute from Phoenix to Vegas I was listening to a particular sermon from Pastor MacArthur about the role of government in a Christian's life, specifically how a Christian may be prone to respond negatively to over-taxation. And while I was interested in how a religious person would view the role of an increasing socialist state into one's private life, he cited a common complaint that is the subject of my post today.

The lamentation of anti-religious types trying to purge Christianity from the government and history of the US.

This is nothing new. Most recently near my hometown, Belle Plaine became the (almost) victim of the reprehensible attention whore, Annie Laurie Gaylor and her "Freedom from Religion Foundation." Gaylor has a lengthy rap-sheet of harassing small American towns to provide her meaningless life with a meaningless point, but she is certainly not the only person driving the purge of religion, "god," and Christianity from the government. Hawaii's legislature succumbed to the pressure of the ACLU to do away with prayer before their sessions. Schools are doing the same. And in general most democrats and leftists seem to have a vendetta against religion in places where it's been historically, traditionally, culturally, and above all else, benign.

This then begets decries from the Christian community as they see god, Jesus,

Christianity, etc., increasingly removed from their culture, to the point it's logical conclusion will be, like smoking, that you'll only be able to do it, observe it, and partake in it within the confines of your own home.

But what really confuses Christians is the seeming personal nature of Gaylor, the ACLU, and leftists in general. Why don't they pick on Jews? Why don't they pick on Muslims (they're cowards). And why are they seemingly searching for problems that don't exist, just to give them the fabricated rationale to further erode and eat away at Christianity in America?

Well I have a theory. And though my theory may not be right, and it may not stop this uncalled-for assault on Christianity in America, it might at least explain why and therefore provide some sanity to my Christian brothers and sisters.

You lied.

And more so, you lied to the absolutely worst people you possibly could. Christian children.

My Christian colleague Chris Bechtloff, who I love dearly, likes to simply dismiss this as the "Fuck You Dad Stage" of Christian children. Children raised under Christian homes are forced to attend church. And as they age, natural rebellion sets in. You add a bit of secular or atheist philosophy from school, and like a 15 year old highschooler claiming he's an "anarchist" or a "marxist," soon you have a rebellious teenager leaving the church for good because it's cool, it's fun, or (frankly) you're so poorly educated in your own religion, you can't tender the arguments to reason him or her back.

But whereas this plays out in practically every Christian household resulting in the rank and file Americans who inevitably return to the church when they have their own children, the future Annie Gaylor's of America, the ones who actively wage war against Christianity are ironically forged in the furnaces of the most Christian (and I would say extremist) of homes.

Be it a born again Christian family where the parents falsely use "god" as an excuse/forgiveness for their mistakes and force the fanaticism upon their children

The family of a pastor/preacher where god and the church and him/herself are more important than the children and the bible is manipulated to verify it so

Or just good ole fashioned hate-filled, power-hungry sadists who "lord" the bible over their children as a means to control them juuuuuuuust under the line of law of abuse

that is the fire that turns your children from obedient little future Christians, to the Anakin

Skywalkers of the Christian world who will wreak massive havoc on the Christian community in the future.

And it all starts with a "first step lie." A "virginal lie" or "original sin" if you will.

You tell them you have proof that Christianity is the true religion....

oh...I almost forgot!!

and if you don't believe that you will burn in hell.

This is bad enough scaring the piss out of little 3 and 4 year old children who want another cookie, but are threatened with eternal damnation for daring to covet said cookie. But the extremism, the zealotry, the fanaticism that some Christian households have is that incredible pressure that galvanizes a future enemy of Christianity. And it is that pressure, combined with that innocent lie up front that creates the people presenting the majority of the problems you face in America today.

For what will inevitably happen, especially under hate-filled Christian households, is a child will try his or her best to appease and adhere to the impossible (and often changing) standards of their parents, pastor/s, and teachers. In the process, this hate-filled Christian household will ruin that child's childhood. They don't know that of course because they're in the thick of it, but they will grow up. And when they do, they will come to realize a few key things.

1. Their childhood was wasted. Matter of fact there was no childhood to speak of. And with the demanding pressures of self-supportation, survival, employment and general adulthood upon them, there's no way they can ever get it back.

2. They family was ruined. I know, I know, "God is more important than the family," "Abraham Issac," those are really cute lies evil people hide behind and abuse Christianity with in order to excuse their lack of parenting, love, or effort in raising children. But no matter how you excuse it, the child has no family, and they WILL realize that when they're older, and your religion will be to blame.

3. No matter what you say, Christianity (and all religions) are circular in their logic and proofing. You have no empirical evidence. You have no scientific proof. And Christianity (as is all religions) is not proven by the scientific method. You can go ahead and rush to your bibles (or Torahs or Korans) and try to rush to the page where some nomad high on khat wrote something while sunstroked in the desert 4,000 years ago, but I know you know that isn't proof because...

4. Four...ah yes...four. In the end, when you get into it with even the most ardent of

preachers, the most devout of pastors, they inevitably concede it's all about belief. It's all about faith. Ultimately there is no proof, and the entire religion hinges on your belief in Jesus. This is so key to Christianity that my father's (and many other pastors') churches were/are *ACTUALLY NAMED "FAITH."*

But think about that. "Faith."

Not "Proof."

Not "Evidence."

Not "Empiricism."

You name your churches FUCKING ***FAITH.***

Which means that first lie you told to those little 2 and 3 year olds, was precisely that. A lie. And a lie that costs those innocent children their lives, or at least their childhoods.

Alas, when you sheepishly admit to the now-adult child, who now has the logic and reasoning ability to get you into a corner, that it was all a lie AND that the price was a lost childhood, a lost family, untold mental torment, AND a likely dysfunctional and impaired future...

what the hell did you think they were going to do?

They are going to go on the war path and exact their pound of flesh with a couple gallons of blood for interest for a debt that quite literally cannot be paid back.

Alas, you needn't "wander the desert" anymore. These people actively, passionately, and aggressively attacking Christianity are Christianity's own creations. They are your own Frankenstein monsters who are turning on you. And though I charge egregious "Dr. Emil Schaffhausen" fees for my advice, let me impart a little free advice to the Christian community.

Lead off with the truth with your children about your religion.

Tell them it is a BELIEF, a FAITH, a THEORY you have and choose to believe in.

Present to them your bible and the many founts of wisdom within. Explain to them why you believe those things and subscribe to such doctrine and why you think the child should too.

Even WAIT until they're old and mature enough to understand the concept of "beliefs,"

"faiths," the "after-life" and morality and make your case then.

If you do that they may just stick with Christianity. Better still, in the long run they might actually turn out to be genuine Christians who understand the faith and are sincere in their belief, unlike 95% of the posers you have filling up the pews now.

But for the true love of God, don't break your own damn 9th commandment by lying to your own children.

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Dr. John Bates, Global Warming Whistleblower, Confirms Bias of "Climatologists" and NOAA

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I don't know how much more proof you people need to see global warming is a scam.

Oh, wait, that's right. You're worthless people with nothing of real value or purpose in your lives so you subscribe to this global warming religion all so you can feel good about yourself without putting for the effort required of real achievements.

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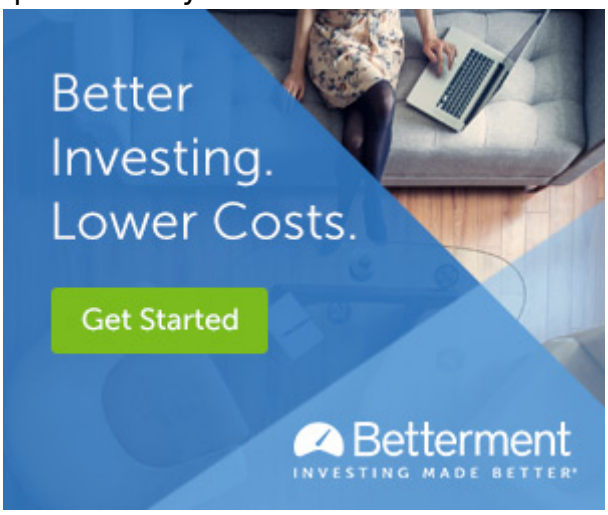

St. Paul Public School Teachers Getting Exactly What They Deserve

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Oh nosies! After refusing to discipline children based on race, the kids are starting to terrorize the public schools! But before you start feeling sorry for the teeeeaccheeerrrsss, remember, they voted for it, and as far as I'm concerned, deserve it:

St. Paul Public School Teachers Reap What They Sow *by aaron-clarey*

Feminism is Largely a Western White Woman Affair

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An outstanding article from Return of Kings that I read in preparation for an Asshole Consulting client. One of the best, if not, "the" best article I've seen about how race, history, and economics results in feminism being largely a white western woman affair.

Yes, John Wick 2 is Really That Good

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Marvel Backing Off Politics?

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Highly doubt it. Their talentless writers (like many Gen X'ers and Millennials) have substituted politics and virtue signalling in for genuine accomplishment. But there seems to be hope!

Ice Box Canyon and the Talented Mr. Le

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Some pictures from Ice Box Canyon (named after a cold, Christian ex of mine) and a hike with my good friend, The Talented Mr. Le:

Prof. Josh Roiland Should Serve as a Warning to All Liberal Arts Majors

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Are you millennials waking up to just what a racket these posers and frauds in colleges and universities are? They can't even support themselves!

Seriously, buy my book "Worthless" and don't become a worthless person like Josh Roiland.

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How do women clean bras?
Review of John Wick.
Why white people won't boycott Netflix.
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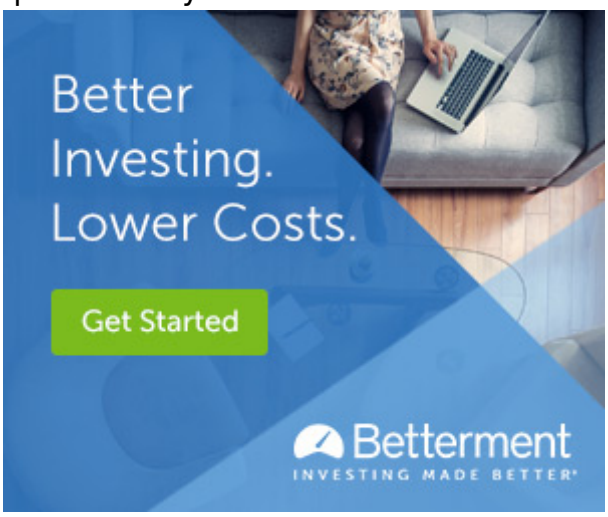

Is Wealth Toxic?

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Travel with me to West Bloomington. You are already likely familiar with East Bloomington in that it is the suburb which hosts the Mall of America. But unless you were native to the Twin Cities you would not know that while East Bloomington is largely a ghetto with a mall in it it, it's western brother is much more hoity toity, much more posh, and infinitely richer. In the 90's I would permit myself one night off during Christmas break to travel through the neighborhoods to look at the Christmas lights and wonder how the rich people lived...that was until the demographics changed and now the current occupant Gen Xers no longer celebrate Christmas and the light display has gone to pot.

Neither here nor there, I would dream what went on behind those closed doors of those proto-90's McMansions, but 10 years later I would wonder no more for I would see it first hand.

A rank and file spoiling of the worlds most worthless children.

I luckily/unluckily knew a family that lived in one of West Bloomington's larger mansions and while on the outside it looked luxurious, rich, and problem-free, on the inside it was hell. The wife was cheating around on the husband. Their finances were always stretched to the limit. And I had never seen so much worthless "stuff" packed into one house. But the worst was the children. The husband was a pushover, neither disciplining his children nor standing up to his wife, and consequently suffered belligerent children, a back-talking son, and a wife that was just as prone to use the kids in a "King of Thrones" way against him, as she was him against them. The husband was certainly spineless, but I couldn't help but realize that if he didn't make $250,000 a year, then the economic

realities of poverty would make it a lot harder for him to spoil them, and a lot easier to tell them "no." This would result in much better behaved children and ones I didn't feel like (honestly) punching square in their 8 and 10 year old faces.

Travel north and a little bit east to the gated community of North Oaks, and allow me to tell you a tale I've told some of my readers before. This was the story of the Asian Princess whose parents had a net worth of over $1 billion. After being set up by a friend, I thought she was doing me a favor on account this Asian Princess was super hot, cheerleading for the Timberwolves or the Vikings (I couldn't remember which). And while the sex was good, it was brief as she went full-on psycho because I didn't offer to buy her a soda when stopping for gas one time.

I kid you not. A full grown, then 23 year old "woman" threw a temper tantrum, crying and screaming along I-394 all the way to Hwy 280 where the spectacle ended with her threatening to commit suicide. Being a naive 24 year old at the time, I genuinely thought she had mental problems, when in reality she was just another spoiled rich bitch the American suburbs were ramping up production of at the time.

And then there is the election of Trump.

Though this may not seem related, or at least tangential, it shares the same common thread as the two examples above.

Trump got elected.
Trump won fair and square.
Trump is your president whether you like it or not.
And you have every right to vote him out in 4 years.

Yet none of this seemed to dawn or register with what I estimate to be a good 33% of the population.

The cumulative cry-baby, temper-tantrum shit show put on full display for the world to see by the left is on par with, perhaps even improving upon, the soda-deprived temper tantrum the Asian Princess threw and the back-talking brats of my long-ago friend in West Bloomington. Be it the riots of Berkeley destroying people's freedom of speech, to the Million Meg March, to the terabytes of pure stupidity and ignorance displayed daily on social media by millennials, it does not take a deep-thinking sociologist or political analyst to realize a third of the country desperately needs a disciplinarian father figure to metaphorically spank the ever living shit out of them. And while we can chalk these behaviors up to leftist indoctrination in the schools, or the lack of fathers, or the surplus of spineless fathers, I think there is a larger determining factor that explains this nation-wide phenomenon of spoiled brat behavior.

Wealth.

If there's one lesson I've learned from Asshole Consulting it's that people cannot learn unless they suffer, and suffer mightily.

Fuck "positive reinforcement."
Fuck "not keeping score."
And fuck encouragement.

Lessons are only learned, and learned most expeditiously, when there is immense pain, agony, and cost associated with it.

I can scream at the top of my lungs,

"Don't major in stupid shit!"

or

"That 24 year old girl with big tits and a 50 year old boyfriend is leading you on and in it for the money!"

or

"Don't buy that boat!"

And I can provide every bit of reason, logic, empirical data, and evidence as to why you shouldn't do these things. But people will still end up with

$150,000 in student loans for a Masters in Anthropology,

a broken heart and broken nose, and

the financial world of trouble that is known as a boat.

It is then, and ONLY THEN do they realize what I said was right. It's why I charge an egregious fee because in order for my clients to learn it needs to hurt. And it's worth every penny because $100 of preventative pain is better than the $150,000 and decades worth of damage.

But no matter how vital pain is to advance and progress in life, there is one thing that acts as a shield against it, and therefore blunts and counters any real life learning that is so vital and desperately needed to be successful in life.

Money. More specifically, wealth.

Take for example two seemingly unrelated groups of people.

SPWL suburbanite brat princesses and welfare ghetto trash.

While they may have very little in common, what they do have in common is that they are indeed shielded from the full costs and consequences of their mistakes.

Daddy's little Suburbanite Princess can wreck a car, major in stupid shit, flail about in life well into her 30's and never suffer an ounce of pain, starvation, or reprecussions because daddy will simply bail her out.

You typical ghetto/trailer/barrio trash may not have the benefactor of a rich SWPL suburbanite daddy warbucks, but they have Daddy Government bailing them out just the same.

Didn't want to study hard in school? Got pregnant at 15? Got in trouble with the law? Started dealing drugs? Never majored in a stupid subject because you never made it to college or trade school? Didn't save up anything for retirement? Had more kids than you could afford?

No worries what so ever! The ~~government~~ errr....~~Obama.~~..errr *the taxpayer* will pay for everything and bail you out just like that worthless Suburbanite Princess.

And the consequences are the same - worthless, parasitic people who live off of others and are a drain on society.

In my 40 years of life on this planet, watching everything from spoiled rich kids at parochial school, to spoiled brats at "The Carslon School of Management," to dating scores of suburbanite princesses, to my beloved governor Mark Dayton, to Presidents Bush and Obama, to watching both the bankers and their clients getting bailed out by the government, I am COMPLETELY and thoroughly convinced that money/wealth is absolutely 100% toxic to human beings. At best it turns them into worthless layabouts like the Kardashians, and at worst it turns them into evil, vile, destructive people like Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi.

This puts society, not to mention my capitalist-loving self, at a quandary. Money and wealth is what improves and enhances our standards of living. It's what humanity and every person has been working towards and desires. Infinite wealth is what economists (in theory) dream to be the perfect utopia. But if money is so destructive to the human mind and the rest of humanity, how can this be reconciled.

Simple. The one thing that inoculates humans against the toxic effects of wealth.

Earned wealth.

You have to work for it.

I've often debated starting a "Spoiled Brat Trust Fund Baby Camp" wherein I'd put the world's most worthless spoiled brats through a painful bootcamp. It wouldn't involve push ups or 10 mile runs, but simply cutting them off from their parents' finances and dropping them off at the bus station with $1,000 and saying "good luck!" Every great once in a while a rare rich kid does this (I recall an heir to a 1920's fortune running away from his family so he could live among the normal people - his name escapes me now), but for the most part pampered children lack this level of maturity, discipline, rigor, and introspection. Regardless, the point is the only way people can learn the value of a dollar and never be corrupted by money and wealth is by staring starvation and poverty right in the face, perhaps even wrestling with it for their very own life, so they know PRECISELY what it takes for an individual to support him/herself and just what a precious commodity money truly is. It also humbles them so they know what the average person on the street endures and suffers, resulting in a communal respect for your fellow man, especially those not born into the ~~Mark Dayton family~~ wealth.

It is doubtful that the rich, even those who borrow their wealth to spoil their children (which are many more in number than you may realize), will have the perspective, insight, and true consideration for their follow man and society to raise their children unspoiled, unpampered, and bounced around a little bit in the tough world of reality. Often times this is due to the originator of the wealth loving their children to the point they do not want them to suffer. Other times it's simple hubris and ego about "their family" being better and more important than others. Regardless, the result is the same - worthless people who lack the ability to love their fellow man, have an entitlement problem, lack the ability for altruism and empathy, and frankly are the cause of the majority of problems and corruption we witness in the world today.

If rich people really want to help the world, and if leftists really want to help the poor, and if you want to stop raising the worthless lot of college protestors living off of the government-student-loan-dime, stop spoiling your children.

Be it a trust funder
A 5th generation welfare bum
A 6th generation single mom
Or daddy's precious suburbanite princess and prince majoring in Social Justice Warrior studies on his 3rd-mortgage-dime

knock it the fuck off with blank checks and unlimited government bailouts and force them

to become real world, full-agency, self-supporting adults.

Not only will they thank you in the long run, but society won't collapse either.

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Negro Manosphere

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If you don't know, Oshay Jackson is an up-and-coming-and-blowing-people-out-of-the-water YouTuber directly chartering the black male community with agency, purpose and responsibility. I wanted to highlight his channel not just for him kindly plugging my book a while back, but to provide a resource to any young black men out there who would like to hear another black man's voice. His blog can be found here and his YouTube channel here. Stop in and say hello.

Word Hyperinflation - "Fascist"

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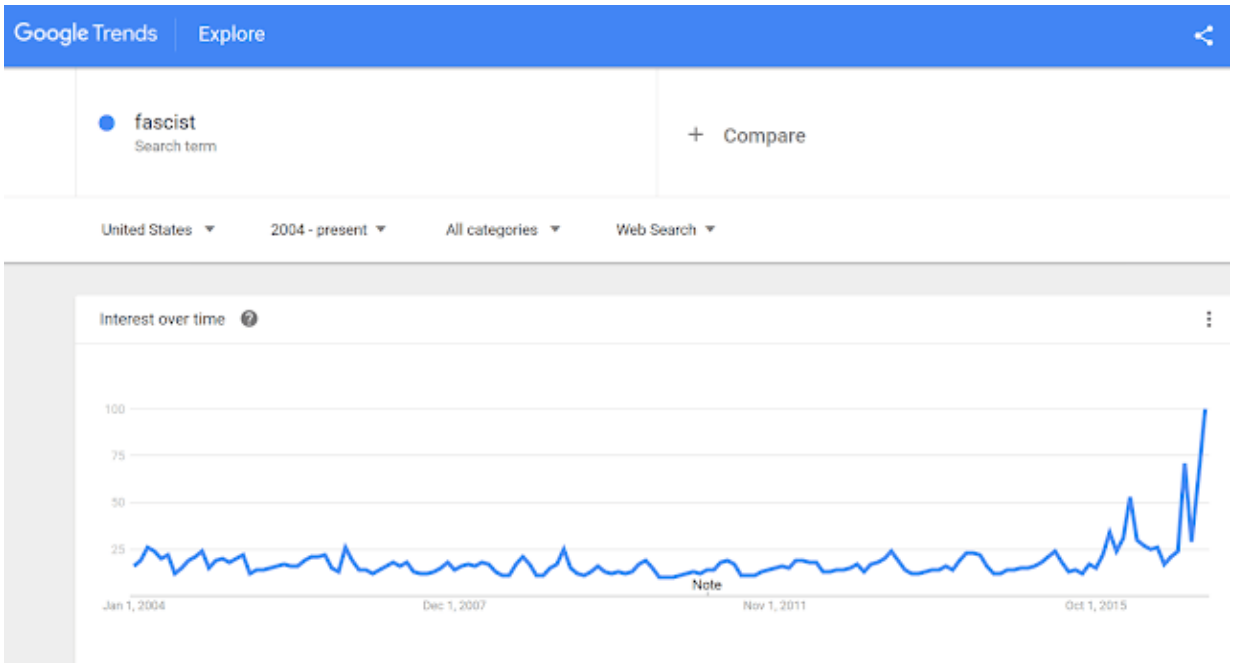
Applying economics and the Law of Supply to language, when a market is flooded with a term or a word, especially when it is being used for ulterior motives, it lessens the value of said word. I'm of the economic belief that there is a direct and linear relationship between the supply of money and it's value, thus if you double the money supply you lessen the value of the money by half. However, applying the same principle to words the left likes to use when it's losing an argument, I decided to look up the word "fascist" because all the cool kids are using it now to describe a democratically-elected president...who also is looking to lessen government involvement in business and society...which is the exact OPPOSITE of what fascism is.



Regardless, SJW's, antifa's, millennials, and other ignorants have abused the term "fascist" so much that the market has been flooded with 5 TIMES the amount of "fascist" as historically normal. This means today the word carries roughly only 20% of the value it used to and can officially be considered meaningless by adults and mature responsible people.

This has been your "Word Hyperinflationary Moment"

Cappy's Petroglyph Adventure

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Some petroglyphs from my hike today. If your hike did not include petroglyphs, then you did it wrong. Go back and try again.

Blaming White People Does Not Produce GDP

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First it was the Million Meg March, then it was a day without immigrants, then it was Netflix's "Dear White People," and these are merely three grains of sand to add to the desert of anti-white and anti-male propaganda that has been in full swing since the 90's. I take a very indifferent and flippant attitude towards such things because when they're boiled down to their base elements, they're nothing more than socialists making a naked grab for other people's money while cowardly hiding behind their gender and their skin color. However, this led me to a previous epiphany I've had before. Specifically, what do leftists do for a living? While certainly some of the immigrants in the protest do indeed work, and one or two people at Netflix must do some real job, what precisely does the average Million Meg March participant do for a living?

Extend these three examples to leftists at large. The Berkeley protestors that shut down Milo's ~~attention whoring~~ speech. The protestors during Trump's inauguration. And forget protestors, what about leftists in general?

Students, professional students, professors, academians, NGO employees, coffee slingers, activists, slacktivists, politicians, teachers, Peace Corp workers, AmeriCorp workers, public sector administrators, diversity counselors, diversity consultants, bloggers, vloggers, media personalities, etc. etc.

If you think about it, all they do is complain. They never actually DO anything. They never actually work. Their entire "business" model, their entire profession, their ***entire life's existence*** is to bitch and whine, thereby rationalizing the theft of others (white males being the current target).

But I have bad news for leftists, regardless of your gender or skin color - complaining about white people and males doesn't produce GDP.

This makes me wonder, precisely what utopia are modern day leftists, especially academics, rushing towards? Bar some Silicon Valley Virgins among them, none of them actually produce anything of economic value. There are no farmers, no tradesmen, no butchers, no roofers. There are no carpenters, mechanics, or almond growers. Nearly all of the non-old-school-union-democrats offering nothing of tangible value to society, so who is going to keep the lights on?

Furthermore, like it or not, their most hated group - the Evil White Males - are the ones who do the majority of the producing and keeping the lights on. This is in part because they account for the largest male percent of the US population, but it's also because (bar Asian males), white males enter professions that produce the majority of economic production, growth, and wealth (and is the number one reason they enjoy higher standards of living). Without them, the United States would be a collapsed socialist hell hole, with a mere fraction of the standards of living it enjoys today...which will only serve to enrage the non-union left because, sadly, white males don't need you, but you need them.

Regardless, I'm writing this as a warning because what is guaranteed to happen is what always happens when the non-working, always complaining, academic, professorial, theoretical, air-conditioned class gets their way - communism. And while to many leftists that is their goal, realize you're not all going to be professors. You're all not going to be Vice Diversity Directors. And realize you're not all going to be commissars, bureau chiefs, or life long public school teachers. Like Zimbabwe, SOMEBODY is going to have to till the fields. Somebody is going to have to go out at night to repair the downed electrical line. And somebody will have to grow the food. And all of you (especially you precious suburbanite white kids) with your worthless degrees, "Masters in Social Work," and whatever other unemployable, talentless dipshittery you claim to be an education, are simply incapable of producing those things.

This will ultimately culminate into one of two things. A Zimbabwe like collapse where you replace competent, skilled, and trained people (white or not, male or not) with laughably incompetent replacements as the engines of economic growth

OR

you will have to enslave the productive people to do your bidding while you play make-believe-leader at some made up, unnecessary government job or all work as "teeeeeaaacheerssssss." The latter of which will not work either because slaves are not as productive as free people, and well, frankly, at least half the men I know would rather kill as many of you as possible and die themselves before they get on that cattle car.

Of course, I could be wrong. Perhaps somewhere in the world's financial exchanges there's a market for "Complaining About Whites." Perhaps people are willing to pay good

money and currency for "Fighting Against the Patriarchy." And I know, like gold, your "Masters in Ethno-Victim-Whoring Studies" carries the cache and intrinsic value just like the skills of an electrician.

But, as an economist, if I had to put my money on it? I'd say you'll all be eating dirt and boiling sewer water, wiping your asses with your "Doctorates in Anthropology," still psychotically obsessed with blaming it all on "white males" because your ego cannot sustain the fact you're an economically worthless person and you have nobody to blame but yourselves for your craptastic lives.

So please, for your own benefit. So you don't waste any more of your finite and quickly dwindling life that you've wasted already. Please do something of value BESIDES bitching about other people. Because bitching and whining never solved anything. And majoring in it to the tune of $150,000 in student debt doesn't help either.

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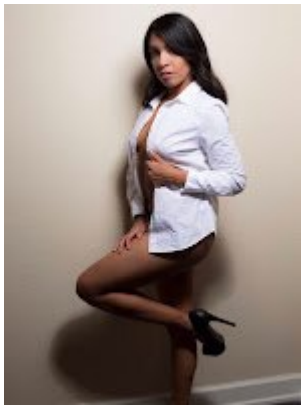

Why We Need Profit - Sound Cloud

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If you are wondering where the podcast has gone and why I haven't been able to upload one recently, looks like SoundCloud has ran out of money, and thus, juice to keep the lights on.

When you f#cking idiot leftists wonder "why is profit so important" or if it's even necessary, this is why. Because if there's no money to be made, then why would people, investors, workers, or managers, show the f up to work.

Currently driving across the US in an RV, will find a new host to host the Clarey Podcast later. Might through it up on YouTube in the meantime.

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I predict cats.

Lot's of cats.

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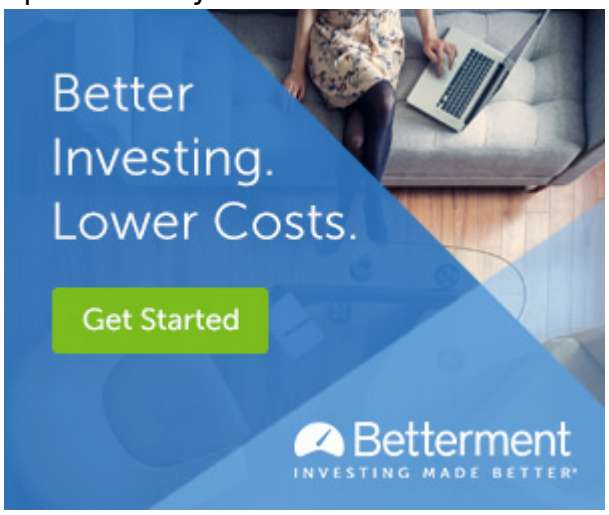

I'm Majoring in "Spiritual Journies"

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Alright class, can anybody tell me what Ms. Gronski did wrong here?

There are at least 5 major topics that are at the forefront of political discussion in the west today that are highlighted/debunked here. Let's see if you guys can point them out/guess them in the comments section below.

OH! In the meantime, if you want to make sure your kids don't because an e-begging, worthless parasite on the rest of society, buy your children this book BEFORE they go to college.

Trumps Kids Raise Never Seen Before Problem

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The kerfuffle over Nordstroms cancelling Ivanka Trumps line highlights what I believe to be the biggest fault Trump has - his lack of grace, couth, and not knowing where he has no authority. Naturally, and rightly so, the media has attacked him and will no doubt continue to go over his behaviors with a fine-toothed, SJW comb. But the problem with Ivanka's clothing line made me realize something about the Trump presidency, and more so his children.

They're not losers.

And not only are they not losers, they're entrepreneurs.

This begets a whole host of potential conflicts of interest, back room dealing, and speculation about nepotism, but it also highlights a problem the American public has not had to deal with when it comes to presidential children in the past. Since Trump has trained his children to be businessmen, women, and entrepreneurs, this otherwise admirable trait, by necessity will call into question whether their dad is pulling strings for them or not. Every business move they make, every investment they take, America will be watching them. And there will always be the specter that Trump is somehow unfairly benefiting them through the office of the president.

But let's think about this for a second.

Had Trump's kids been the mere trust fund baby, spoiled brats that previous presidents' children have been, would America have batted an eye? Admittedly, a lot of this has to do with the fact that Trump is older and his children are adults (contrasted to say the Clinton's, Obama's, and Bush Jr's children), but if Trump's kids had been the typical blue blood losers and NOT the movers and shakers he brought them up to be, would their entrepreneurial endeavors even be in the news?

The truth is Trump should not be disgracing the office of the presidency by getting involved in his childrens' businesses. But the fact they have businesses in the first place to even get involved in is a step up from the "Chelsea the Magic 26 Year Old Hedge Fund Manager Clinton" or the Bush Trust Fund League children that we're typical of seeing in American politics.

The US is the World's Bitch

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Since cognizance, my observation of the US has essentially been a slow motion, 35 year nightmare where I saw the US triumphantly rise from the malaise of its 1970's ashes, to the supreme, undisputed superpower in the 80's, to the slow, inexorable decay that we unconsciously realize today. And while the temperature in the pan has been slowly increased so American sheeple-frogs do not realize it, I and many of my counterparts are not so easily duped as we are fully aware of what has been going on. Slowly, but surely, people on the left have eroded away the sovereignty of the United States, and have successfully brainwashed and indoctrinated the majority of the population to forfeit this precious and vital thing.

If you look at the attitudes among Americans (and western Europeans) their views on sovereignty are perverse and ultimately self-destructive. They take no pride in their respective countries. They have an irrational guilt for non-existent historical sins they did not personally commit. They lack the ability to see the threats foreigners and foreign countries present if you do not maintain the integrity of a nation. They're against voter ID laws. They're OK with 58% of legal immigrants parasiting off of them, and they're additionally OK with 71% of illegal immigrants doing the same. And they give preferential treatment to foreigners who do not like or respect them in our academic, corporate, and government institutions. It's as if they're seemingly rolling on their backs, splaying and enslaving themselves to foreigners because they lack the basic self-respect for sovereignty, self-determinism, and self-ownership of their futures.

We can speculate all we want about why this is.

Americans have been successful brainwashed to hate themselves and the country.
Americans are cowards, afraid to actually fight in a verbal or hot war to protect their land.
Americans are deathly afraid of being called an "ist" and so like Sweden spreads her legs for all the world to rape.
Americans are increasingly siding with the more aggressive people because said people tend to win over countries and societies in the long run.

But whatever the reason, when we contrast these attitudes, or simply juxtapose them into foreign countries, we see how absurd and dangerous America's cowardly and flippant view towards their sovereignty really is:

Imagine going into Mexico and demanding the countrymen not only speak your language, but pay for your everything.

Imagine going to India and getting preferential treatment through H1-B visas over Punjab who lived there all his life.

Imagine going to Japan and demanding the right to vote and that their ENTIRE population simply breed itself out of existence because "diveristy."

And imagine just waltzing into Sweden, living off of the local population, getting the right to vote, raping the locals....oh wait, you don't have to imagine. You can just visit.

Regardless, the point is Americans (self-hating leftists or rightists) can clearly understand why those host countries (bar Sweden) would have every right to arrest us, throw our asses in jail, and deport us. We understand sovereignty. We understand it's "their country." We understand all of this...except when it comes to the United States.

This disgusting lack of self-respect makes us the world's bitch. And the saying "Asia for Asians, Africa for Africans, and America for everyone" epitomizes the world's psychology towards the US. For while Americans have been deluded this past 60 years with unrivaled economic growth and unrivaled debt spending to think resources are unlimited, the remaining 6.7 billion people on the planet know otherwise. They know resources are limited. They know poverty. And if they can get a free meal out of a bunch of easily-duped, self-loathing pussies, they will. It's why immigrants today are majority-parasites and why they really don't care about the morality of being parasitic. Furthermore, if you didn't notice, they are more aggressive than the millennial liberal arts majoring pussies, getting pissed off and angry, daring to protest in a country that isn't theirs because they might be deported and their welfare might be cut off.

This presents a problem all Americans must face. We must deal with the illegal aliens and immigrants in our country that have no respect for the country, no respect for the law, and (get this through your precious liberal-arts majoring heads) no respect for you.

They view you as a meal ticket. They view you as a host. And, if you take the time to think about time, money, and labor, they are doing nothing more than simply enslaving you to work for them.

Slavery, no matter how obfuscated, is a reason to go to war. It is a disgusting violation of human rights, we fought a just war over it already, and any self-respecting person will not tolerate it. However, this doesn't mean we have to go to war to re-establish US sovereignty. Deportation is certainly called for and is a much more peaceful solution. Building a wall, no matter what Sheila Lebouf says, is not "literally nazi" or "fascism" but simple self-respect. And simply enforcing the law is not only well within the rights of the country, but moral as well. I sincerely hope these peaceful methods, exercised over the same 30 years the left had to destroy this country, will peacefully re-establish US sovereignty, show Americans it's alright to demand their own nation, and remind the world the US is not their communal property.

But if it doesn't then it's high time the US act a little more like Russia and remind the world militarily. I'm sure an army at the border with Mexico, shooting anybody who crosses into the US would get people's attention. I'm sure building an internal Deportation Army to kick parasitic and criminal aliens out of the country would not only be a Keynesian boost to the economy, but send a clear signal to foreign countries that the US is not their communal time share. And I'm sure that if we just decided to start taking over bits and pieces of other countries whose illegal populations invaded ours, they mind just reconsider viewing Americans as the doormats they are.

But that's just the problem. Americans are doormats. They're push overs. They're weak. They're self-loathing losers who only enjoy the standards of living they do because of the work of their ancestors and the fact we have the world's reserve currency. They are so soft and self-loathing they'll gladly take in people who, at minimum, want to parasite off of them and, at worst, kill them because it's politically correct. They simply do not have the spine, self-respect, or stomach for the violence and sacrifice that would come with a domestic war to reassert sovereignty. And so, despite the election of Trump, you an expect America in the long run to become like Sweden and bend over for the rest of the world. It's not only what modern day Americans deserve, but it's another good reason to do some reconnaissance as well as enjoy the decline.

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Used Tampons of the Democrat Party

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Used tampons of the Democrat Party
Stop complaining about the costs of protesting the Trump family.
Lying to Gen Z about sex and life.
Let's create a fake mental illness.
Cappy's RV mad dash adventure.

AND MORE

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Why All of Academia is Bullshit

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They are merely in it for the money and cushy life long jobs that avoids the real hard work and toil of the private sector. Ergo, their studies are bunk, resulting in 2/3rds of now SCIENTIFIC STUDIES being unable to be replicated.

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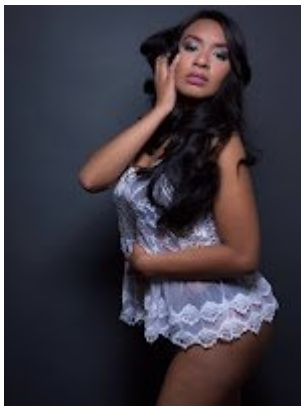

Rachel Dolezal, Fake Black Person, On Welfare

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If you remember, Rachel Dolezal was the 100% pure as the Swedish scandinavian snow white person, who falsely claimed to be black.

People can speculate why she did this, but it was obvious - she wanted to get free benefits and preferential hiring treatment for the rest of her life.

She failed.

And not only did she fail, she failed so badly that nobody will hire her now and she's now on welfare.

Ahhhh poetic justice.

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Rachel Dolezal now on welfare and can't find jobs.
How whites can be Professional Victim Whores too!
Matt Baldoni and Cappy chat for an hour.

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"Never Date Wiccan Girls" Road Trip Podcast Special

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Interstate 25 is closed, which forces Cappy to detour south through Nebraska, forcing him to drive all the way home in one shot. He decides to do a podcast about driving ferrari's, dating wiccan girls, and long distance road tripping.

Why Cappy Will Inevitably Ditch Sound Cloud

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Mark Baxter explains, better than I can, why the ole Captain will inevitably be ditching SoundCloud for another podcasting host. I guess it's just too hard for some companies to keep the lights on.

How Governments Made Living So Expensive

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and you idiots voted it in.

"When We Rise" Falls

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Hmmmm....anti-white, anti-straight, anti-male propaganda fails.

Who knew!

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Defeating Weaponized Empathy

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Leftists are only parasitic more than they are cowards. But cowardice being their second most defining trait, you must understand it to understand when they are attacking you. They mask it in fake kindness while also cowardly hiding behind noble and politically correct purposes, so that when you accuse them of laziness, parasitism, and just plain thievery they can quickly hide behind their noble cause and call you names.

This post delves into this phenomenon more than the above, but reading it would do a lot to advance conservative and libertarian aims to defeat the left than merely, and chicken-shittily say, "No no no!!! I'm not racist!!!"

The Female Sheep Will Do Anything the Media Tells Them

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And sadly, I do believe this latest "free the nipple" crusade of the feminists will be the cause d' jour of 2017. And before you think this is a "good thing" remember only fat, ugly feminists are going to walk topless in public. Not the hot chick you'd like to see.

It will be no different than architecture.

Talentless, lazy, inferior leftists forcing their worthless abominations they'll laughingly call "art" and "beauty" on the rest of society.

You have been warned and oh, by the way, enjoy the decline!

"Gen Z" Will Not Save the US

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It was twenty years ago and I remember very clearly my realtor friend having hope.

What was this hope, you ask?

Well it was hope that the-then upcoming generation of youngsters were showing signs of conservatism. That based on some study or another, or perhaps a poll he read, these young men and women would turn back and undo all the leftist poppycock our generation enacted in our young adulthood. It was only due to Newt Gingrich that we defeated Hillarycare (look it up, it was a thing), and thankfully, right around the corner, was this generation chock full of Reaganauts ready to bring us back to the glorious 40's and 50's.

That generation he spoke of was the millennials.

Fast forward twenty years to today and a similar conversation is being held amongst hopeful and naive conservatives.

Why, did you hear!!?? This "Gen Z" is the most conservative generation since the WWII generation! They don't have tattoos and they don't like abortion! They don't even like sex! By gum! We're going to see those glorious Eisenhower-Leave It to Beaver-Nuclear Family days again! And look! Here! Here's a study! A STUDY!!! See that! It says Gen Z is conservative so it must be true!

And so, it seems high time for the Ole Captain to dust off the "Bat of Reality" and start beating people over the head with it.

First, realize it was just ONE STUDY. And we all know just how reliable studies are. Be it the fact 2/3rds of psychological studies were not able to be repeated, or the more recent exposure that even scientific studies can't be repeated, one study does not mean every conservative should pin their hopes in a generation of children overly-optimistically just as they have Donald Trump. It's just one study, it doesn't mean anything, and as it just

so happens, it's a study done on Gen Z while they're still kids.

This leads to the second point why Gen Z will not save you. They're kids.

I'm sure there was a seed of truth to my buddy's claim 20 years ago that the Millennials were "the most conservative generation since Hoover!" I'm sure there was a study, a poll, or something. But it was done when the millennials were children. And academia and the school system is NOOOOOOWHERE near done brainwashing your kid's by then. Matter of fact, the Educational Left saves their most potent indoctrination and brainwashing for college. And while Little Susie is sent off to college as a good, studious, conservative, even church-going girl, by the time her first summer break rolls around she's a pansexual, white-apologist, liberal arts major whose been on three Slut Walks, 2 pussy hat protests, who hates you because you didn't tell her about the wonders of Karl Marx like her professors did. So just because they're conservative now, don't think you did a decent-enough job parenting them to inoculate them against the addictive temptation of ~~other people's money~~ socialism.

Related is parenting.

Terribly sorry. But the quality and caliber of parents who are raising Gen Z are no better than the laughable bunch that raised the millennials. Younger Baby Boomers are the ones demographics squarely blames for this atrociously parasitic and worthless generation. But bad as a Baby Boomer Parent-Millennial Child combination is, who do you think is raising Gen Z?

Ward Cleaver?
John Wayne?
Healthcliff Huxtable?

It's Gen X. The generation that's so stupid that even though they suffered mightily at the alter of divorce, they learned NOTHING from the experience and have the exact same performance, perhaps even worse, than their baby boomer parents. They're the generation the swallowed whole the going green, organic, OWS, save the whales, fat acceptance, participation trophy BS that millennials have now taken to a whole new level, making it their virtue-signaling-as-a-religion. If the baby boomers begat the nookie-sucking-as-an-adult, Winona-Ryder-worshipping, Generation X, just what pathetically hopeless filth do you expect Gen X to begat? Well we will find out with Gen Z, but something tells me they're not going to be landing anybody on Mars any time soon.

Fourth, we don't have to wait to see if the first Gen Z'er to graduate from MIT actually gets us to Mars. You can see it empirically just watching them. Just like the millennials, nobody in Gen Z works. They're all glued to their phones and video games. And they're declaring majors in the exact same worthless, liberal arts BS that their slightly older

millennial brothers and sisters just majored in. In other words, there is no clear delineation between Millennials and Gen Z'ers, not only because of demographics, but their behaviors haven't changed. The boys are wimps, the girls are masculine. They're more doped up on Ritalin and lithium than even the millennials, yet somehow you guys think this generation, made from the EXACT SAME INGREDIENTS is going to turn out any different than the millennials. You'll be lucky if they don't turn out worse.

And finally racial composition.

The younger you go the higher the percentage of the population that is a minority. And minorities, no matter what age, tend to vote for more socialism than less. However, don't think this is largely a minority affair. White millennials have been shown to be perfectly susceptible to brainwashing and indoctrination to such an extent they are trained to hate themselves and feel guilty for things they haven't done. But be it minorities that are sociologically predispositioned to vote left, or white kids who are sociologically predispositioned to self-hatred, BOTH are NOT the "independent minded mega-minds" they all claim to be. Just like Gen X, just like the millennials, they are nothing but sheep. They will swallow whole the leftist brainwashing just like their predecessors, and you just have to tip your hat to the Educational Left for convincing them that they're "independent minded" students too boot (that truly is a master stroke what you socialists have done there). Regardless, the success of the left to get kids to view everything in terms of race, and to get white kids to feel guilt for things they're never done, is not only proof to the incredible job the left has done brainwashing these kids, but just what utterly obedient, conformist sheep these kids are.

You add this all up, and I don't care what one poll says, and I don't care that Donald Trump is in the office. The democrats and the left in this country have laid the seeds for the destruction of the US long ago through its children via the educational system. And the republicans as still too busy dislodging one anothers' heads from each others' asses to realize they must do the same or at least de-politicize schools to let the US even have a shot as surviving. Gen Z will prove to be another wasted crop, just like the millennials and just like the Gen X'ers. And having such futile hope in now 14 year old kids to magically have the wisdom of Milton Freidman or Thomas Sowell is laughable.

Enjoy the decline kids. Enjoy that freaking decline.

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Episode #190 Special Guest Host Oshay Jackson

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Vital Advice Before Men Turn 30

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Trust the ole Captain when he tells you this, I don't care which one you buy, but just buy one. You're going to save a lot of time and agony and pain and tears yanking out nose hairs while driving down interstate.

No no!!! TRUST YOUR ELDERS! And if you don't believe me, I guarantee you every older man who bought one of these will vouch for them in the comments section.

Help me, help you!!! Seriously, a degree in chemical engineering won't even come close to providing the ROI that a good pair of nose trimmers does.

Why Taxing Robots is Stupid

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Much like Ben Carson delved into a world he didn't know what he was talking about where he claimed slaves were immigrants, Bill Gates, like many IT moguls, decided to stupidly wander into a world he knows nothing about - economics. In a video Gates advocated "taxing robots" as a means to assuage people over their irrational concern that robots are going to replace them and steal their jobs. This tax would be used to finance charitable, social work, and other humane type jobs, such as helping the elderly, the poor, and the children, and would create the jobs needed to replace the ones lost to the robots. But while the idea seems nice and there are some elements that could work, the idea is childlike, naive, and ignorant as (like most idealistic leftist poppycock) it ignores real world economics.

First, how would you tax the robots? Would it be a sales tax on robots purchased? Would it be on their production? Would there be a stamp tax? I certainly don't put it past the governments (state, federal and local) to choose the worst (or all) of these means by which to tax robots, but if you thought about it there's already a tax in existence to tax robots.

The corporate income tax.

If a robot replaces human labor for a fraction of the cost, then the labor expense of corporations would go away. These DRAMATICALLY increased profits would be taxed at the 40% statutory rate in the US, resulting in a boon to state and federal corporate tax revenues. In other words, the tax to tax robots already exists.

But there are two subset problems arising from this fact.

1. Since the robot tax is already in place, that means NOTHING has to be done. Normally, a logical person would say, "*Great! The problem will solve itself! No work required on our end. Corporate income tax revenue just goes up for the government and they take those proceeds and create some make work jobs with them!*" But politicians and aging virtue signalers (like Mr. Gates) need to "do something" to show they care, they're good people, and to win votes. Why, they just can't let a problem solve itself! They need da feelz and da gimmedatz. So I'm afraid an increase in the corporate tax rate or (worse) and additional tax (resulting in additional costs and burden to the system) on robots would be unnecessarily implemented.

2. I don't know if you noticed this, but (especially) leftist corporations like Google and Apple like to ship their taxes overseas using corporate inversions and other tax loopholes while hypocritically claiming to be good "corporate socially responsible citizens." And I'm

sure if I looked into Mr. Gates personal taxes and Microsoft's, they're actively engaged in hiring tax accountants and lawyers to lower their tax bills as well. Unless you were to effectively close these loopholes to ensure increased corporate profits due to the elimination of labor costs could be taxed, these virtue signaling lefty corps (as the rest of them) will merely squirrel away their profits offshore resulting in no funds to create new-make-work-warm-fuzzy-jobs according to Gate's plan.

A second simple question I have is "what if China doesn't implement a robot tax?" This question is preciously moot because the robot argument is being precisely paralleled in China in terms of ~~our, oops, sorry~~ ***their*** manufacturing and labor force, but humor me anyway.

What if China decides not to tax their robots?

Assuming the US adds an ADDITIONAL robot tax beyond letting the corporate tax rate capture increased profits OR they increase corporate taxes for virtue signaling reasons, corporations will simply do what they've been doing since Clinton. They'll ship their manufacturing facilities and robots overseas where they'll not only be able to keep more profits, but enjoy lower production costs as well. The trade balance will worsen (for the US anyway) and no free happy warm fuzzy wuzzy money for make-work-touchy-feely-jobs will exist for Americans.

The point is any country willing not to tax their corporations or robots will have a HUGE manufacturing edge over the United States. But, as I eluded to before, this argument is moot because nothing is physically produced in the US anyway.

And finally, BGI or "basic guaranteed income."

I do like Bill Gate's (or whoever really came up with it) idea because there is a seed of truth to it. Robots would free up American labor to pursue easier, loftier, and more noble professions. The only problem with this is that this runs right into the face of human nature. Humans don't want to work with the elderly, help with the children, or do whatever charity work. They don't want to work period. This is why the left is arguing for a BGI or basic guaranteed income and NOT work programs.

If you haven't noticed this in the past 60 years, then you truly do have your head in the sand. Humans, and especially Americans, do not want to work. It is their nature, it is in their genetics, the majority of humans prefer to be lazy and collect a check. Ever since the Great Society multiple generations and millions of people have chosen to sit on their asses collecting a government check when they could have easily gone out and volunteered at a hospital, donated time to a school, or offered their idle labor to some other such noble cause. And while Bill Gates dreams of chocolate rivers, lollipop trees, and an army of people recently-laid-off-by-robots working non-profit jobs to help out

society, the truth is these people would rather sit on their asses and play XBox and watch Cowboy Bebop.

Now the argument can and will be made that these new jobs would be JOBS. They would be financed by new government monies arising from the Robot Tax, and if you wanted the money you would have to apply and work. And in a normal, evil racist sexist Ward Cleaver 1950's world of American logic, yes, that would be true.

But understand the people's wishes trump logic, reality, and reason. And the left is not arguing for make work jobs. They're arguing for BASIC GUARANTEED INCOME, which is indeed a gubmit check to sit on their asses. And to appease these people in order to get their votes, leftist politicians will NOT require people actually work to get these monies and so the elderly will continue to rot in nursing homes, the children remain un-mentored, and the poor untrained and untended.

This, sadly, is the main reason why Bill Gate's cute little dream will not work. It's not the taxation problems. It's not the international competition from foreign countries problem. It's the fact Americans are lazy and would rather let their neighbor WWII vet starve and collect a BGI check, because working for a "Robot Tax Public Works Touchy Feely Jobs Program" check would be...well...work.

Alas, if you want to work in this upcoming brave new world, I suggest you take a lesson from the Simpsons:

"*The wars of the future will not be fought on the battlefield or at sea. They will be fought in space, or possibly on top of a very tall mountain. In either case, most of the actual fighting will be done by small robots. And as you go forth today remember always your duty is clear: To build and maintain those robots*"

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Day Without Women March, Just Like the Oscars

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Didn't know it was happening till it was over.

And didn't these broads already have a March like last month?

Cappy On PhilosoChat Today!

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250PM Central Standard Time with Rockin Mr. E!

Revolutionizing Retirement

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Was on Kerry Lutz's show wherein I offer a taste of my upcoming book/essay that aims to revolutionize retirement. Most of my readers will NOT need this book if you've already incorporated the importance of your fellow man in your life. But if you are looking for a new way to retire and still spend more than you'd like you may want to tune in and buy the book when it comes out.

The Future of the US Economy

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I was interviewed by Rocking Mr. E on his Philosochat podcast where we discussed the post Obama economy and what we though the future economy of the US looks like:

Trump Meeting Reagan Poster

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Apparently this is selling off the shelves.

Curse Free Episode with Special Guest Host Mitch Berg

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Mitch Berg sits in for the Captain today on this CURSE FREE EPISODE. It's curse free because Mitch is old and is of higher moral caliber than Cappy. Mitch also is a real radio show host at AM 1280 The Patriot and author of the book "Tru LBRT" which Cappy highly endorses.

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Some are. Most aren't. Plan accordingly and prepare to enjoy the decline.

How to Recon Denver

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A client of mine wanted to know if he had only 2 weeks to do his Reconnaissance where should he go and what should he do. Because of his personal tastes and preferences we came up with a general game plan on how to tackle the US (in pieces), but I compiled a very specific itinerary that I thought would be of use and benefit to any young man or woman out there curious about the Denver area and PRECISELY how to get the most out of exploring the area in 2 weeks.

Admittedly the schedule is aggressive (cough cough - unless you're me - cough cough) and you're not stopping to look and smell the roses, but it is the most efficient and optimal way to see South Dakota, Wyoming, parts of Utah, and Colorado if you are interested in HQ-ing out of Denver and seeing all that is within a 2 week road trip.

Regardless, if you are a young person and you don't know what you want to do for a living or what to major in, I cannot recommend exploring this country FIRST and finding out where you belong ***BEFORE*** committing yourself to a 4, 6 or 8 year educational commitment. It's why I wrote the book Reconnaissance Man so you don't waste your lives like we older folk did. Trust me, it's worth every penny, and if you're lazy and don't like reading it's available in audible so you can listen to it while you explore the country.

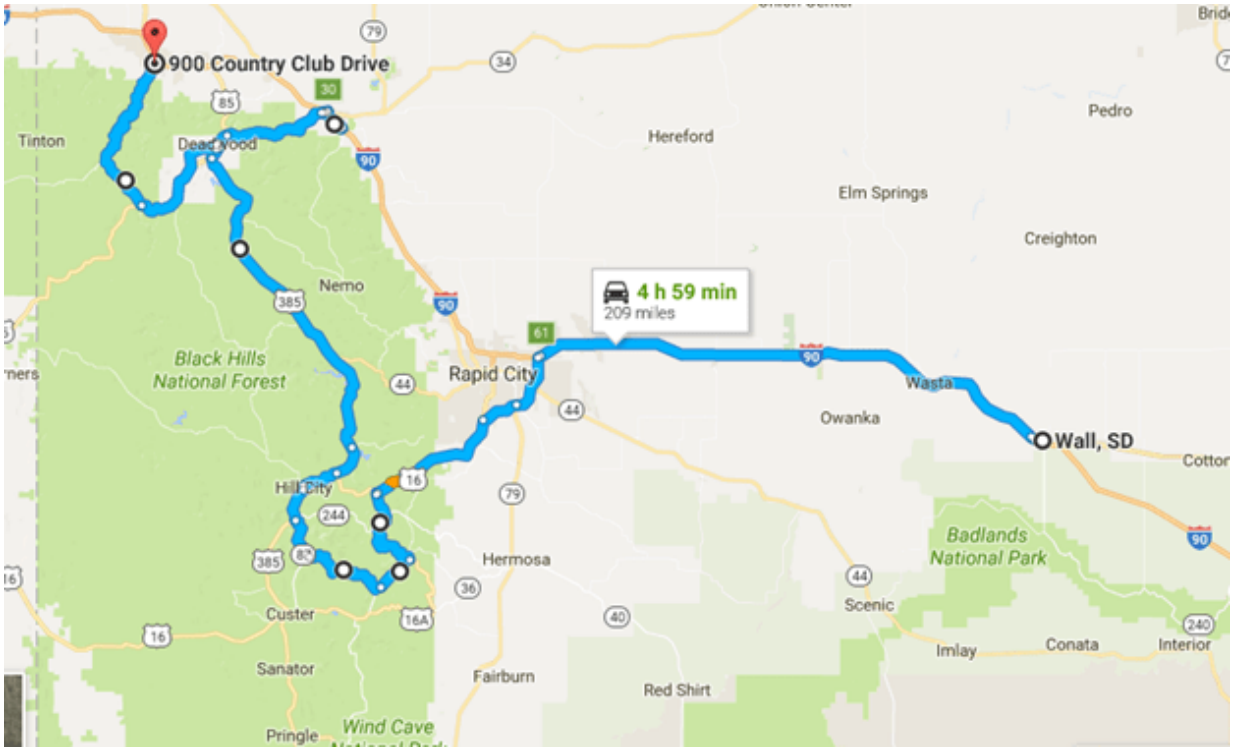
Day One

Land in Denver in the morning. Hi-tail it to Wall, SD. If you get there in time to do the Badlands National park north rim and the sun is out DO IT. It will save you a day. ALSO BUY THE NATIONAL PARKS PASS. It'll cost $100, but will be cheaper given the number of parks you'll be going to.

Day Two

Do the Badlands National Park Rim if you haven't already. Then head to Keystone via Rapid City. Just outside of Keystone is Mount Rushmore. Your national park pass should work there as well, but don't dither. Just look at the guys, say hi, and move on. They don't put on a show. You will then backtrack back down the mountain towards Keystone and hang a right on 16A going to Iron Mountain look out. This is some of the best curvy road driving in the country. Keep an eye open for the South PlayHouse Road. Hang a right there and if you get lost you are aiming for the Black Hills Playhouse which is a shitty theater in the forest. Then hang a right on hwy 87. This will take you through the back door to the Cathedral Spires, the Needles, and past Lake Sylvan where the trailhead

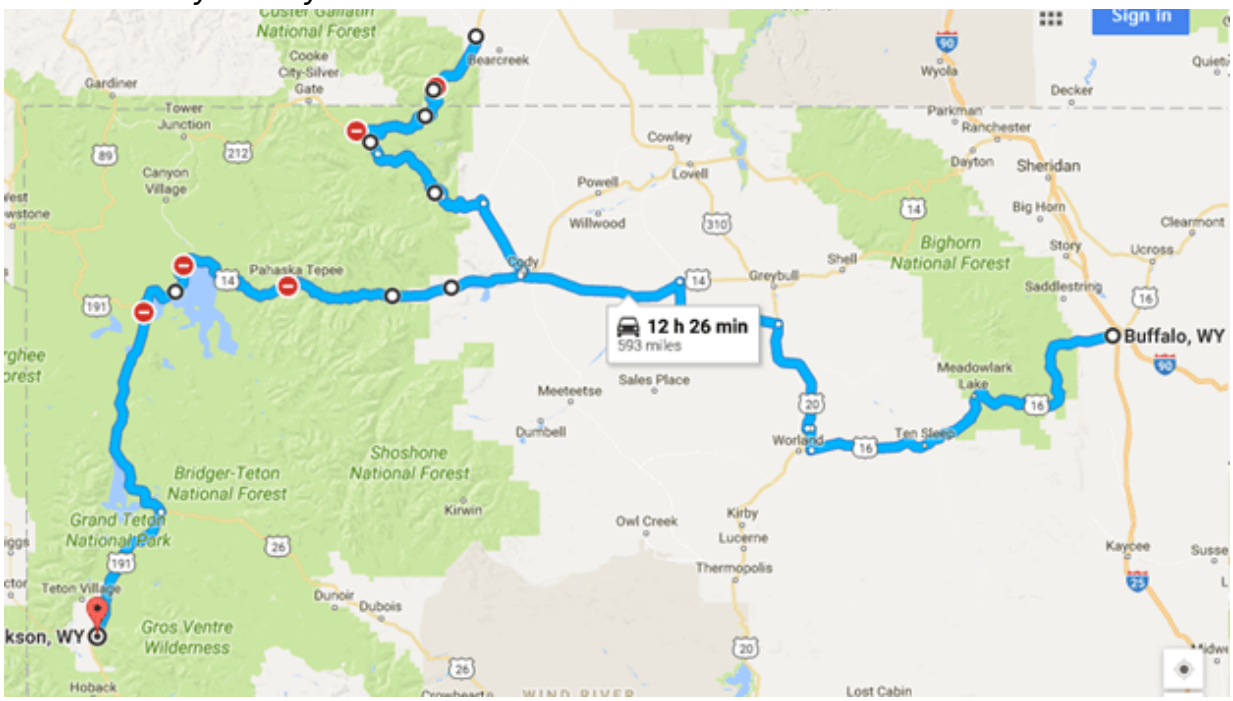
to Harney's peak (the highest peak in the Black hills) is. If you want to hike Harneys peak I'd recommend it, but you may have to postpone your travels for a day. Regardless, BECAUSE YOU WENT IN THE BACK DOOR TO THIS STATE PARK YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE PASS TO BE THERE. SO IF YOU WANT TO HIKE HARNEY"S PEAK YOU NEED TO DRIVE PAST SYLVAN LAKE TO THE RANGER STATION, PULL A U-y, GET A PASS, AND PARK BY SYLVAN LAKE. However if you don't have the time or inclination, just drive through and IF you get stopped (you won't) save you were told in Keystone by a bartender to take the "16A" route to Sylvan lake and "you didn't know there was a fee" because "you're just two dumbasses from New York."
Regarldess, continue to take 87 all the way down to 385 which you will take all the way up to Deadwood. Park, pay the meter, and walk around downtown and gamble a bit if you want. There is the ONLY cigar lounge in that area in Deadwood. But after a couple games of black jack and some marginal food you'll want to move on.
Here you'll have the option to go to Sturgis if your dad really wants to see it. It's nothing exciting, so don't dilly dally. But regardless of whether you go to Sturgis or not, you will have to head back the way you came to dead wood to Lead, staying on Alt 14/85 to a crossroads called Cheyenne Crossing. Hang a right here on 14A/ "Spearfish Canyon Rd" and drive that ALLLL the way down to the town of Spearfish. Here, you'll hook up back to the interstate and drive to Buffalo where I recommend you stay at the Occidental Hotel, but one of the cheaper ones will suffice. "Dave" is the older gentleman who runs the place. Tell him "Aaron the dance instructor" sent you guys and pony up to the bar you won't find another like it.



Day Three

Here, you will need to check weather and road conditions in Wyoming. Specifically if BEAR TOOTH PASS is open. If it isn't, your goal will be to go Yellowstone national park and Grand teton's national park via 14. If not, then I'd recommend spending time in the Big Horn mountains specifically Crazy Woman Canyon, Ten Sleep Canyon, and going up to Sheridan. Still, "ideally" you'll wake up early and be prepared because you'll have about 16 hours of traveling ahead of you.

Out of Buffalo, go over the Big Horn mountains to Tensleep. You will go through Ten Sleep Canyon. It is worth it. Go north out of Worland to Greybull hang a left on 14 and take that to Cody. You will go north on 120, but your goal is to go via Chief Joseph's Highway (Dead Indian Hill road) to Bear Tooth Pass Highway (also 212). Go right on 212 to a town called Red Lodge, Montana. The pass down will probably be the coolest thing you see on this entire trip until Moab. So pray the pass is open.
Fuel up in Red Lodge, turn around, go back up the pass, back to Cody, right/west on 14 again into Yellowstone Park. Drive around, take some pictures of buffalo and hot springs, but don't take too long or the sun will set and you won't see the Grand Tetons. Regardless, take 14 to 191 south into Grand Teton's National park and Jackson, where I recommend you stay.



Day Four

If you haven't seen the Grand Tetons, go back north on 191, look at them, say "wow" and get your asses back in the car going south. You will drive to Grand Junction, Colorado, taking 191 south through Rock Springs and Vernal Utah (use your GPS/phone). This route is more scenic and you have the option to stop at Dinosaur National Monument which is optional, but pretty cool. You will want to stay in Grand Junction because it's going to be a HELL of a lot cheaper where you're going next – Moab, Utah. Still, if there's daylight, I'd

recommend driving through Colorado National Monument (national park pass should pay for itself by now) and getting a hotel in Grand Junction for the evening.

Day Five

You will drive to Moab Utah, but you will NOT go the most direct route. You ABSOLUTELY MUST take the alternative back road called 128. You will not regret this drive. It will bring you to Moab, and you should have plenty of time to drive through Arches National Park as well as my favorite park, Canyonlands National Park. Unless you and your dad TOTALLY PREPARED for some major hiking, just drive through and look at the parks. There's not much else to do. You absolutely must drive to the end of Grand Point view road AND if you are courageous enough, drive the switchbacks down on Schafer Canyon Road. Drop the money and spend the night in Moab even though it will be pricey.

Day Six

There are three parts to Canyonlands National Park. The first one being up north by Moab. Another one located to the south where the entreance to the park is on 191 and 211. It's worth driving there and doing a little hiking if you feel like it, but your next stop after exploring this area a little bit will be Cortez, Colorado. Cortez isn't that far away so if you want to recoup or just explore Moab some more, go ahead. But if you get to Cortez and there's enough sun out, you must hike at least a little bit of "Canyon of the Ancients" The trailhead is several miles west of Cortez on Road "G." Keep driving, there's a big sign on the north side of the road that marks it. Hike up those trails and you'll see scores of ancient Ute Indian adobe dwellings from the 1100's. You can see the same thing for $25 and a 2 hour round trip, with a MANDATORY PAIN IN THE ASS PARK RANGER CHAPERONE at Mesa Verde National Park to the east of Cortez which is a royal pain in the ass and not that impressive. Ergo, I strongly recommend Canyon of the Ancients over Mesa Verde

Day Seven

Drive from Cortez to Durango, then north to Ouray. More majestic mountains, AGAIN CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE PASS IS CLEAR. From Ouray, your goal will be to hit Black Canyon National Park. You can't really hike it because they are 1,000 foot sheer cliffs, but they're amazing to look at. After an hour or so there, drive to Colorado Spring OR if you want to just sit and chill in a mountain/white water rafting/microbrew/pothead town crash in Salida.

Day Eight

Pikes Peak. Just outside Colorado Springs. Again, make sure it's open, pay the $10 and drive to the top. I would also maybe check your oil and brake pads before driving up it. After that I'd head back to Denver where you will HQ for the rest of the trip.

Day Nine

Rocky Mountain National Park. To be truthful, you will have seen much nicer mountain ranges than what Rocky Mountain National Park offers, but you got that park pass so you might as well use. Additionally, Hallett Peak is a "doable" peak assuming you get there early enough and your dad and you don't die from altitude sickness.

Days 10-14

After that, that is the MAJORITY (though not all) of the major sites to see out in Colorado, Wyoming, parts of Utah, and South Dakota. Obviously if you rush it you will do it in about 9 days, but you'll obviously want to rest up or just explore some areas more than what the mad dash schedule recommends. Since you'd likely be looking for work in Denver, I'd spend a little more time in the town just to get to know it even though it may not be as exciting. Regardless, here are some day time trips to consider:

Hanging Lake hike
Black Hawk (casinos, small town)
Cigars on 6th (Denver)
Golden (nice town, they have the Colorado School of mines, worth considering for career option)
Rocky Mountain National Park
Fort Collins downtown
And a billion miles of hiking trails off of the Rockies.

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Mercy god almighty in heaven above. Don't act white.

Profiling Corporate America's Virtue Signalers

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Your Corporate Moral Superiors

Superbowl 51 was by far the best football game in Superbowl history, or at least the best one I saw with my very own eyes. The triumphant come back, the game going into overtime, and the crowning of Tom Brady as the greatest football player ever, made the game historic. However, Superbowl 51 was historic in another regard - its commercials. Specifically, never had Superbowl commercials been so political, so biased to the left, and so sopping full of virtue signaling.

At first, imbuing politics into marketing doesn't seem to be a wise strategy. Politics (regardless of which side you choose) is going to alienate half your potential market. Politics has no place in selling lumber, cars, or anything else for that matter. And it's impolite. People want to watch a game, a show, or some other form of entertainment and needn't their solace and free time ruined with politics. But Superbowl 51's commercials were merely the latest example of an increasing trend where corporations have been oddly deciding to force politics into their marketing in an attempt to win over customers.

The question is why.

And my question is "who is doing this?"

The "why" is not only easy to answer, but important, because on top of it being annoying to be lectured by sanctimonious corporations, we need to know what's going on behind the scenes and why, all of the sudden, corporations deem it their position to lecture the American public about politics. Usually that's the domain of politicians, tyrants, activists, and other people aiming to rule over and parasite off of you. So when corporations do it the hair on the back of your neck should go up out of simple self respect and self-survival. But what you'll find out is (thankfully) there is no malicious intent on the part of corporations to rule over you, but rather that they are being headed up by idiots who think virtue signaling in marketing is a good idea. And these people are nothing more

than rank, indoctrinated sheep, following their political programming they received in school, and are too stupid and common to pose any intentional threat.

Why?

Understand the phenomenon of leftist virtue signaling politics being imbued into marketing is the unintentional byproduct of socialist political brainwashing Generation X received from academia during their collegiate years in the 90's, and the millennials continue to receive to this day. I remember it very clearly because I was there when concepts like "diversity" and "going green" were first being shoved down our throats in about 1994 and by 1997 concepts like "Corporate Social Responsibility" were being floated in the business school. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND because previous to 1994 such concepts were not part of academia, let alone business school as (presumably) businesses would not be concerned about people's politics, the environment, virtue signaling, etc., as they would be concerned about real world issues such as profits, accounting, marketing, etc.- things that were vital and required to operate a business. In other words, concepts like diversity, privilege, CSR, etc., had no demand or call for in the real world and were purely the concoctions and creations of worthless theoretical hacks posing as business professors (and professors at large).

Normally this would not matter as, in theory, Generation X would enter the real world and the cute pet theories of hack socialist professors would be disregarded as the demands of the real world would prove them to be worthless. But there were three variables that not only allowed such concepts to survive, but become the philosophical bedrock of Generation X and the millennials...and ultimately the corporations they would go on to infect.

Consistency, universality, and time.

It wasn't as if academia called it quits in 1998 when most corporations were balking at the opportunity to set up unnecessary and expensive CSR departments. Academia and academics continued to preach leftist politics, environmentalism, and feminism in all facets and disciplines in colleges and universities. And since nearly ALL Gen X'ers and Millennials were being forced to go to college, and since nearly ALL of them were weak-minded sheeple, academia had the perfect host to install their leftist, virtue signaling theories in them over the next 20 years. And though in 1998 Gen X were mere entry-level plebs in the world of Corporate America, in 20 years time they would rise to the rank of mid, even executive level management....

which is where we are today.

This has resulted in quasi (albeit unconscious) Manchurian candidates in positions of power in the previously non-leftist-infected world of Corporate America. And since leftists

in academia have been consistent, it also means they have successfully brainwashed a consumer generation - the millennials - in that same leftist, feminist, glass ceiling, virtue signaling philosophy. This is only made worse for the fate of the country by two facts.

1. The life philosophy Gen X and the Millennials have is of zero value to themselves and society. Normally college and education, certainly the real world, would have taught them a skill, a work ethic, production and the importance of producing something of value for society. This would lead to economic growth, progress, advancement, and increased standards of living. However, leftist virtue signaling has no value whatsoever. It is a zero-calorie life philosophy where simply advocating and "signaling" the politically correct and approved positions is deemed enough to replace real purpose and agency in life. And since it takes absolutely NO EFFORT OR LABOR to do, it is the preferred religion and life ideology of the weak minded.

This is why it's no surprise most Millennials have no meaningful form of employment, no meaningful lives, no real future life plans, and no meaningful people in their lives. It's also why Gen X is just now finally paying off their student loans, maybe recovering from the housing crisis, are nowhere near where their WWII counterparts were at this age, and are just as good at divorce as their Baby Boomer predecessors. You have two full generations of wasted crops that are of zero value to society.

But, understand through their eyes it's all OK and all is forgiven because of their effortless and laborless belief in...

choose your flavor of virtue signaling

I'm going green
I recycle
the glass ceiling
I'm for equality
I'm for the poor
I'm for the old
I'm for the children
I'm against white males
I have white guilt
I acknowledge my privilege
Diversity
etc. etc. etc.

2. Bar the Baby Boomer generation and what remnants of the WWII generation remain, the entire country is thoroughly steeped and indoctrinated in this new and worthless religion. The academic left has successfully convinced a majority of the population that

their mere, pathetic, and ultimately worthless political beliefs are a substitute for genuine work, accomplishment, achievement, sacrifice, agency, purpose, and love for their fellow man. It is a religion so thorough, and so universal, that likes, political positions, and political posturing are more important than having a job, having a family, and having respect for yourself. And so, now that real purpose and reason in life has been replaced with a leftist religion, and most of these people ***literally have nothing else in life***, it makes pandering and virtue signaling to leftists the perfect marketing tool for Corporate America.

In short, it is no different than the US interstate system. The academic left has (I still believe unintentionally) laid down a system, a philosophical/religious infrastructure of which now the majority of the population subscribes to and drives on. And no matter how worthless, wrong or damaging, there is an economies of scale efficiency to take advantage of it, and Corporate America, now headed up by true believers itself, is fully intending to do so. Ergo it doesn't matter that politics does NOT belong in advertising. It does not matter that socialist policies are antithetical to corporate profits. It doesn't matter that you'll risk alienating whites, males, or legal citizens, or even the sovereignty of the country itself. It's a religion believed from the heads of CSR and marketing departments, all the way down to the 6 year old getting his or her first dose of leftist political indoctrination by his politically correct teachers about global warming.

Who?

So who are these people now heading up corporations, fully intending to avail themselves of the leftist indoctrination highway infrastructure? Are they evil masterminds? Are they the next generations of George Soroses? Are they cutting edge visionaries who have insights into the minds of the American public nobody else has?

Unfortunately, no. It's quite the opposite actually. There's very little individuality, intelligence, and visionary thinking going on. It's nothing but a bunch of mindless conformists who have the same worthless marketing and diversity degrees, spewing the same bland "pro-diversity" "you go girl" pablum they've been programmed to since the 90's. There's nothing new, there's nothing unique, and it's damning proof corporate America, especially under Gen Xer's leadership, are plumb fresh out of ideas, innovation, or intelligence.

Ergo we can reliably predict the boring demographic profile of this herd of sheep. They're predominantly Gen X. They're predominantly in worthless soft fields such as marketing, general business management, (or blatantly political and worse), CSR, or "diversity." Very few if none will be actual producers (engineers, accountants, doctors, etc.). And if there's any availability of their politics, you'll find them to have the politically correct and approved leftist political beliefs their indoctrinators told them to have in the 1990's. Alas, when we compile a list of marketing, CSR, HR, and (heaven help you if your wasting the

shareholder's money on this) "diversity" heads of companies that are the most ardent of corporate virtue signalers, you will clearly see the trend and understand why corporations have decided to lecture you about politics.

Salesforce.com

If you don't know about Salesforce.com, that's alright, it's an unprofitable firm that has never turned a profit. However, Salesforce.com did make news when it's CEO, Marc Benioff, announced it would create a CEO position. Not a "Chief Executive Officer" position, but a "Chief EQUALITY Officer" position. Here, the new "CEO" is not the actual virtue signaling culprit (he's actually quite an accomplished gentleman from Microsoft), but Marc Benioff himself. If you look at his background, again, Gen X, general business degree, a sales and marketing background, and his resume speaks more about changing society than...well...turning a bleeping profit. Again, his politics of virtue signaling is more important than reality, a triumphant accomplishment of the left.

Lumber 84

Though on the cusp of Gen X/Young Baby Boomer, Maggie Hardy Magerko - now CEO of Lumber 84 - is the one responsible for the blatantly pro-illegal alien, anti-US sovereignty ad that (I personally hope) bankrupts Lumber 84. Though she claims she is pro-Trump and didn't think the commercial would be controversial, again she fits the profile. A milquetoast degree in "business administration," an older Gen X'er, and the luxury of not having to live in the real world because she inherited the company from her father.

Target

Who can forget Target and their "can-see-it-from-a-million-miles-away" virtue signaling when it came to transgendered bathrooms? There was no problem to solve. Transgendered people had been using bathrooms just fine for years with no major complaints or problems. But that's not enough for Target's corporate virtue signaling culture. They needed to do something, and damn the shareholders' profits if we have to!

The truth is Target has always been on the forefront of corporate virtue signaling. If you shop there you'll be reminded constantly that they donate 5% of pre-tax profits to the community. You'll also be reminded of diversity as nearly all of their models are not white (even in the whitest parts of Minnesota), their CSR department looks like a 1990's Burger King Kids Club rainbow coalition special, and though not personally responsible for Target's unrivaled track record in virtue signaling, their "Executive Vice President and Chief External Engagement Officer" - Laysha Ward - is the epitome of what this article is talking about. Journalism degree, "Masters in in Social Work," and a resume of touchy feel good non-profit "work" that hasn't done a single thing to genuinely help minorities or

women. Then again, Target is not interested in genuinely helping minorities and women. They are interested, however, in virtue signal marketing to the equally brainwashed, suburbanite sheeple Gen X soccer moms so as to get them to buy an indulgence from "Diversity Rich Target" to forgive them of their white guilt.

Coca Cola

Coke, like Target, has been an early adapter corporate virtue signaler. Though not explicitly political in their ads, their ads always had the leftist kumbaya, hipster, hippie, ski-bum-parasite, globalist feel to it. So one cannot personally blame Coke's new marketing director - Melanie Clark - for their historical track record. But Ms. Clark's background again precisely fits the profile. Gen X, worthless BA in business administration, a masters in "marketing," and the obligatory conferred (and many) "women's awards" in any modern day woman's CV. She may not have come up with Coke's "America the Beautiful" Super Bowl ad, but I'm sure she'll come up with something similar next year.

Audi

Now sit down, because I don't want to shock you, but have you ever heard of this before? This "glass ceiling?"

Have you heard of it?

There's also this thing called "the wage gap."

I know! Crazy stuff! Who's EVER heard of these things before???

But just incase you HAVEN'T heard of these things before...constantly....repeatedly...for the past 20 years, don't worry! Loren Angelo of Audi is here to remind you.

In charge of Audi's American marketing I surmise he is ultimately responsible for reminding Americans (again) of just how oppressed and bad women have it here in the US. He's also here to remind you men that you are personally responsible for this oppression because you oppress American women everyday. And if you didn't know that, don't worry, Audi's latest Super Bowl commercial will remind you. He may have gotten help from Christine Gaspar, Audi America's HR/Diversity head (replete with liberal arts degree), but the point is moot. Both fit the profile previously established.

Worthless degrees (marketing, psychology).
No real production (sales, non-profits, soft sciences, no calculus)
Gen X

and (given the dislike ratio on Audi's Super Bowl commercial)

a preference for their prescribed politics from the 90's over reality, profits, and courtesy not to lecture people about politics.

Lyft

And finally there's Logan Green. I don't want to incriminate the innocent hard working men and women of Lyft when this epitome of Corporate Virtue Signaling is such a virtue signaler he needs a cape, but Logan Green is everything this article is about.

A worthless degree in economics, a background in public sector transportation work, he simply got lucky with the technology allowing him to form the second largest, and not profitable, ridesharing company. But what angers me is the intellectually dishonest shenanigans Lyft played on Uber when Uber made a tweet that surge pricing was turned off during a taxi cab strike at an airport so its clients would know they could still get to the airport. You want to talk about lack of innovation, creativity, or just plan inability to come up with a superior service, and then substituting a virtue signaling arms race in its stead? I give you the poster child of Corporate American Virtue Signaling - Logan Green.

Follow the Corporate CSR Virtue Signaling Road

We could go on, and there will certainly be no shortage of future corporate virtue signaling in the future, but if you want to understand why corporations find it their right to moralize and lecture you about politics, merely trace who is in charge of their marketing, HR, CSR, or diversity departments. Chances are you will see robotic, Gen X, Manchurian candidates forcing their politics into the operations of the firm because they literally do not know any better. I don't care what degrees they have from whatever "prestigious" business school, they are automatons who lack the ability to think, and because of this default to the programming they received by socialist social engineers in the 90's. Instead of coming up with genuinely creative marketing campaigns, or (here's a crazy thought) coming up with products people will willingly pay for, they unimaginatively resort to relying on the leftist-virtue-signaling-infrastructure that has been laid down for the past 20 years. The only REAL way to get these moralizing crusaders and proselytizers to stop is to stop buying their products, boycott them, and do it en mass enough that the executives have to choose between their 90's political-religion or bankruptcy.

Of course that would require independent thought...
And of course, self-respect...
And a spine to inconvenience yourself not to buy a Starbucks coffee...
Which most non-leftist people don't have...
And most of the population is brainwashed into the religion of Virtue Signaling...
And the schools are still mass producing these virtue signaling sheep...

So never mind. Expect Super Bowl LII's ads to be just as insulting, degrading, and moralizing as Super Bowl LI. And for the rest of you who do have the slightest modicum of independent thought and self-respect, Enjoy the Decline!

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U of MN: "No More Homecoming KING and QUEEN"

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Because that's binary genderist or some other such crap those psychos in academia have come up with.

Scale Triggers Gym Goers

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The precious snowflakes must die.

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But Then Teachers Would Have to Work

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And remember, the primary reason inferior 17 year olds declare education majors is because they're lazy and don't want to work. So boys will continue to be given Ritalin.

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Silicon Valley: A Brilliant Leftist Success Story

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This post is not intended to be tongue and cheek.
It is not meant to be mocking and derisive as I normally am towards the left.
And there are no spoilers at the end of this post, where I pull the rug out from underneath them.

This post, in all sincerity, is a tipping of the hat, a golf clap, and admission to a genuine and brilliant achievement of the left that the right cannot hold a candle to. It is to admit an amazing success of the left that I did not realize until just this past week. And I would even say it raises the possibility that what the left aims to achieve is possible and feasible (though it means brainwashing entire generations and eliminating individuality, independent thought, and simple self respect).

And that achievement is Silicon Valley.

Hate California all you want. And loathe the epicenter of smugness called San Francisco. You cannot deny that Silicon Valley is one of the few remaining and modern day American success stories. Admittedly the story dates back to the 1970's with the PC revolution, but today it is a reinvented success story with the internet and social media revolution.

Like the Bakken oilfield a young man (or woman) with the right skills can go out there and make six figures. And also like the Bakken oilfield their skills WILL NOT go to waste as if it were some 1990's internship scam. And furthermore, while not every social media platform is guaranteed to be profitable, let alone truly advance society, the titans that have come out of Silicon Valley thus far have drastically improved the quality of life, entertainment, and happiness of the world, not to mention (I theorize) kept US GDP positive since the housing collapse.

Silicon Valley, its leftist politics aside, has been a large net positive for the US and the world.

But one thing kept nagging me, as I'm sure it nagged you.

How can the people of Silicon Valley vote so left, so consistently, all the time? Shouldn't they be conservative? Or at least libertarian? Why are they - be it the billionaire CEO on top, or the "lowly" entry level programmer making "only" $120,000 on the bottom - willingly voting away half their salaries, effectively enslaving themselves to people who just plain don't want to work? Don't they know? Don't they care? Or do they know something we non-leftists don't?

The truth is none of the above.

What we're witnessing in Silicon Valley is not a lapse of judgement or faulty logic, nor is it a superior knowledge of socio-economics and politics us fly-over country plebs aren't hip to. Quite simply, all the left has done was successfully brainwash two full generations in socialism.

And they have done so masterfully.

Like a nutmeg tree, the left has been patiently growing the Millennial and Gen X crop of leftists for the past 30 years. They have done so through the soft underbelly of the United States, namely the public schools and academia, because the nuclear family and US military were too strong. But slowly and surely, the seeds the left have sown in the 60's and 70's are paying off today. And Silicon Valley is their pinnacle achievement.

Note that to be "old" in Silicon Valley is to be 35+. Not 50. Not 60. That's the proto-crop of Baby Boomers who were experimental and inevitably went right when Reagan came into office. But in perfecting their technique and having the Baby Boomers fully outsource the rearing of their own children to day care and the state schools, the left came to fully own the environment and primary media by which children were raised and educated. This included reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also included subtle (and not so subtle) leftist bias, "the ozone layer," "the rain forests," "kids starving in Africa," which evolved today to things like "privilege," "31 flavors of gender," "sexism," "the pay gap," "global warming" and "your carbon footprint." And if they weren't fully indoctrinated by then, college would cement their brainwashing, if not forcing it down students' throats as a prerequisite to graduate, graduate with honors, or mandatory pre-req classes.

The result (for at least the STEM graduates bound for Silicon Valley) were highly skilled children who were programmed to value the commune over the individual. So not only would they produce a lot, but they'd be willing to vote themselves into slavery for half their working days. You can see this in the charts again where more and more money Silicon money is donated to democrats as the millennials enter the work force (or Silicon Valley's millennials having orgasms OVER A VERITABLE SOCIALIST WHO WANTED TO TAX THEM AT 75%) But what I find jaw-droppingly-amazing beyond that was how the left MASTERFULLY brainwashed these kids to think they're "independent minded" on top of it. Like an auto-immune deficiency virus, this brilliant stroke of brainwashing ensured any attempts to instill GENUINE independent thought (heck, just a different thought) would be impossible since the host/slave themselves would not believe it possible they could be duped because "they're so smart and independent minded."

The result is a drastic improvement over the Bolshevikian communism of the Soviet Union. First, unlike Soviet communism, the left is at least smart enough not to ban

private property and tax people at 100%. It's kills people's incentive to work, it kills any desire to invest or innovate...and heck, it just kills people, so there's no wealth for the left to confiscate. But if you can get the government to be an effective 40% shareholder in corporations, train students to be workaholics, but brainwash them to WILLINGLY fork over half their life's work, the amount of money, wealth, and income that can be transferred is unimaginable. Second, if you substitute independent thought and a respect for the individual with leftist religious hokum, you can distract Jang or Steve, slaving away 80 hours a week in a cube and 20 hours a week in a commute in Silicon Valley, from just what veritable slaves they are. Why he's not "supporting an illegal alien family of four." He's "a good person because he's driving a Prius." Why she's not "paying for he lazy sisters grant money to pursue a degree in Women's Studies." She's "a good girl because she recycles." And why he's not working weekends only to bail out student loans, single mothers, and bankster scum. No, he's "a good man because he wore a pink pussy hat on his head." I cannot emphasize this enough, the false leftist religions have completely supplanted economic production and agency in the minds of Silicon Valley slaves. It means more to them to champion things like "diversity" and other politically correct pet leftist causes than think about the work life balance they have, not to mention the difference between gross and take home pay.

But even getting 400,000 of America's highest paid and hardest working workers to willingly prostrate themselves for the rest of the country to live off is not the final cherry on this brilliant leftist success. That is what I like to call "The Safety Valve of Buyers Remorse."

Like miserable, ugly, spinster feminists who wasted their entire lives in feminism and women's studies, nobody in Silicon Valley is going to admit they were wrong about this fake religion that has stolen half their life's toil. It's too harsh a pill to swallow. Even if, through some miracle, they would start to wake up and ACTUALLY EXERCISE INDEPENDENT THOUGHT, I doubt the human mind or their egos would let them admit they had effectively been slaves for half their lives to the leftist political and parasitic classes. Furthermore, by the fact they're socialists they value their leftist religion/ideology more than they do their own labor and selves. And since that false religion has served as the source of value, agency, meaning, and purpose in many of these kids' lives, taking that away would leave them with an unbearable nothing. Sure, you'll get one or two genuinely independent minded rarities to acknowledge and endure this epiphany, but most will continue to lie to themselves and stay within the false religion.

Sadly, this is "The Safety Value of Buyers Remorse," and is what will forever keep Silicon Valley's most productive enslaved. Just like a feminist won't admit she deep down inside wanted a husband, just like a career woman won't admit deep down inside she wanted children, too much has been invested in terms of time, career, education, money, resources, thought, and youth for Silicon's best to admit they should've gone fishing

instead. Too much value and purpose has been placed on "going green" or virtue-signaling for whatever approved political cause the left told them to. It would be admitting the best years of their lives were wasted and they were indeed duped by their leftist professors, teachers, and politicians. And so on the leftist Silicon Valley Plantation they will stay working for their true masters.

So I do indeed tip my hat to the left. Like corporate America, you managed to snag the top talent of two full generations AND got them to enslave themselves willingly AND you programmed into them a poison pill that will make them yours forever. That is some wicked crazy amazing work and needs to be noted, highlighted, applauded, and jotted down in the history books. You not only improved upon your original communist template, but proved with simple (though long term and consistent) brainwashing you can get entire generations of humans to vote against themselves, vote against the individual and work instead for the ~~commune~~ "greater good."

And for you hard working Silicon Valley slaves, enjoy the decline my friends. Enjoy that freaking decline.

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They Would Crucify Benny Hill Today

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Which is all the more reason we need to show this to the precious snowflakes:

Why the Left Won't Stop at Money

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Reminder to Do Your Lazy Sunday Shopping

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Though Cappy's online Amazon program.

Why Environmentalists Are Incapable of Saving the Environment

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Because in order to do that, they'd have to be like these engineers who developed these sails that will help power tankers at sea cut their fuel consumption by 10%.

I'll explain it again.

Windmills.
Solar panels.
Fuel efficient cars.
Batteries.

Everything that is going to help make a "greener" world is produced, conceived, and developed by STEM graduates and engineers.

Not professional whiny pussy "environmentalists" who are nothing more than professional complainers and activists.

Autism Muppet on Seasame Street

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Our Muslim invader overlords can't invade quickly enough.

And I for one will welcome our new overlords.

How Blacks Can Make More Than Whites

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Yes, it really is that simple:

There are Only THREE Reasons to Go Into Business

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1. Fuck you money.
2. No boss/can realize your potential
3. Mental health

It sure the hell isn't "because I thought it'd be fun!"

Episode #192 of The Clarey Podcast

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In this triumphant return of Cappy to The Clarey Podcast:

Building clubhouses as 80's kids.
How slow normies piss me the fuck off.
Horny old conservative men hire hot millennial girls with boobs.
How have you not seen COWBOY BEBOP???
Horse girl turns lawyer!
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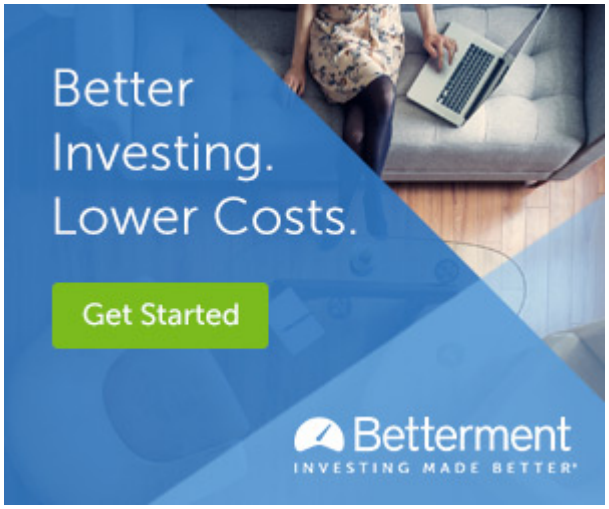

Americans Dying with Debt

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After 78 years on this planet, Americans still can't get their act together and die with a positive net worth.

Is the US in Another Housing Bubble?

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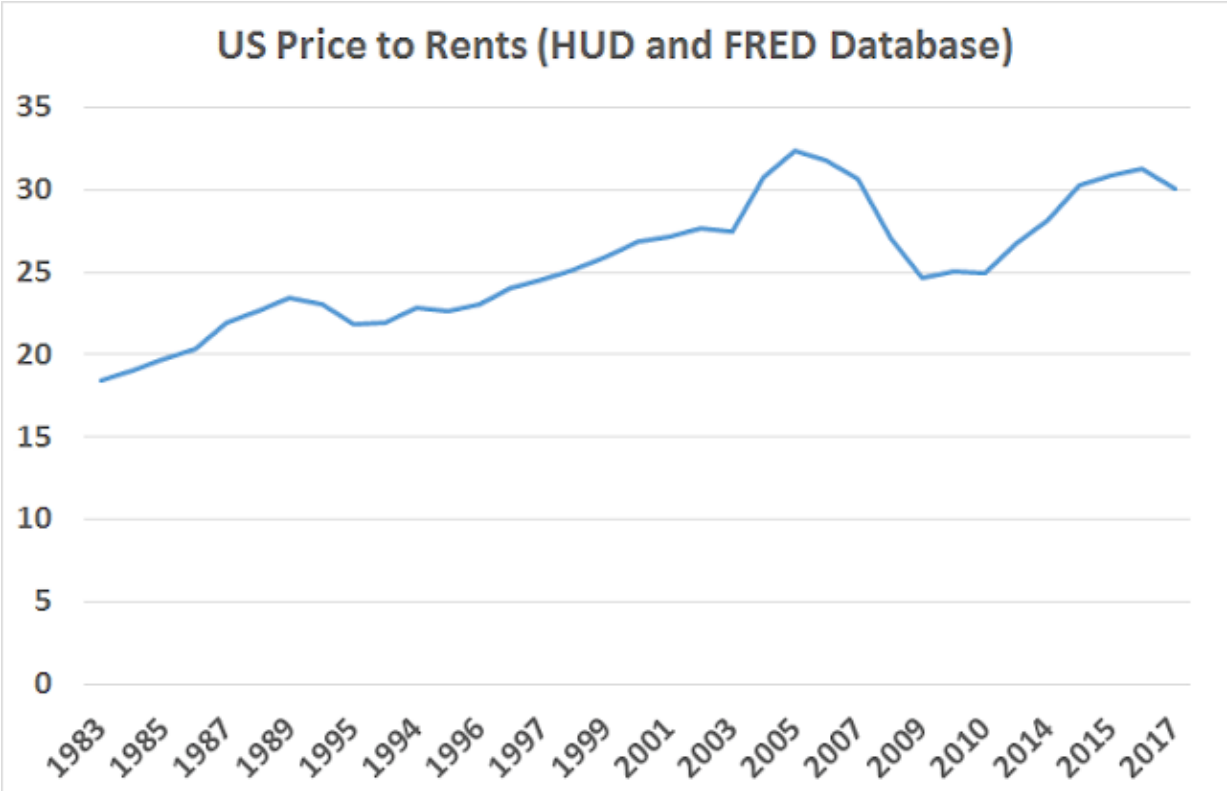
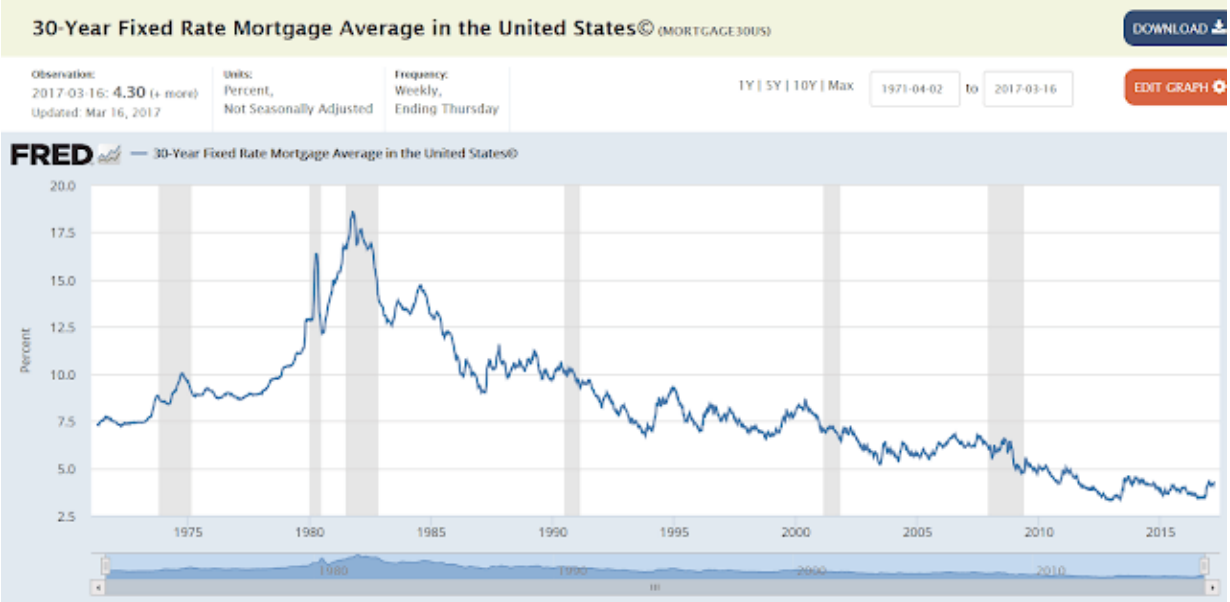
It's approaching 10 years since I wrote Behind the Housing Crash, and certainly beyond 10 since I started writing it. I've long abandoned the banking industry and frankly have forgotten most of the metrics, statistics, methods, and techniques I used to predict the bubble (amazing how if you don't get paid, you forget). That being said, I did want to check in on the housing market to see if perma-low interest rates have inflated prices back to their 2007 levels and my findings, truthfully are mixed.

First, yes, according to price to rents we are back where we left off in the nose bleed section in 2007.



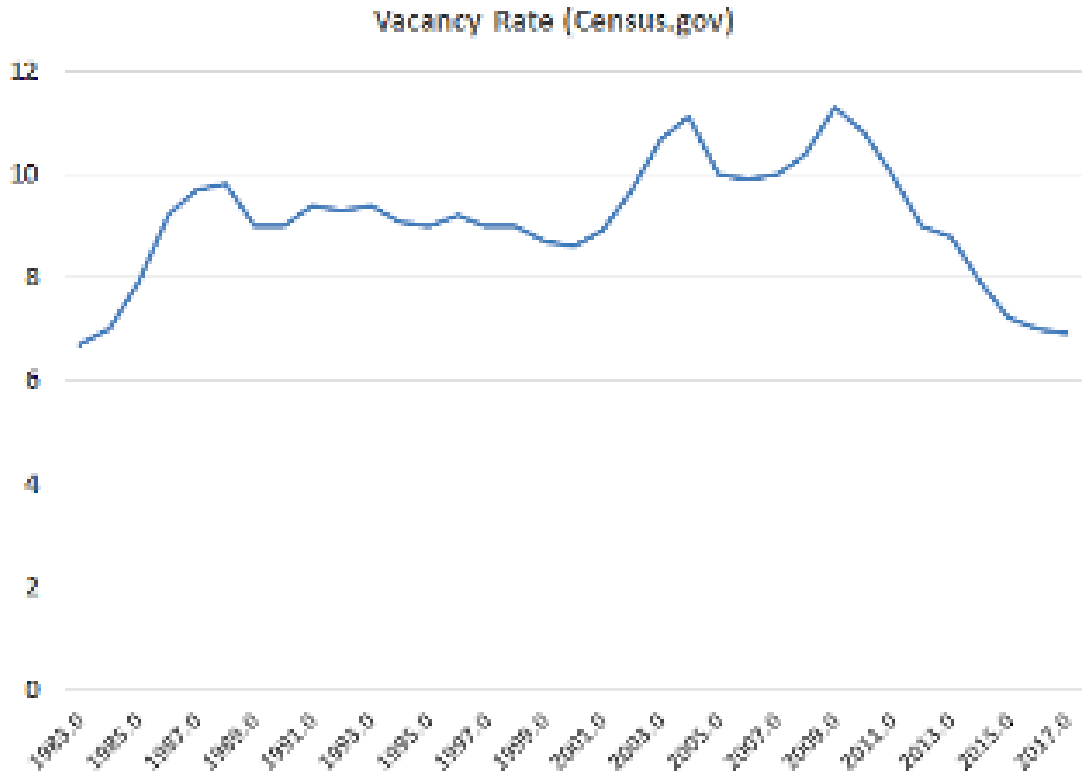
The price to rents ratio has tapered off a bit since its second peak in mid 2016, but based on historical data, prices have outgrown rents across the country significantly since the second great Keynesian expansion under Obama took place.

However, enter in historically low and historically long mortgage interest rates. While any non-Keynesian knows artificially low interest rates create bubbles and malinvestment, two things about this long round of perma-low interest rates is that they're long term (30 year, not some damn resetting ARM or NINJA loan) and have been around for nearly a decade.



This has allowed people to not only buy more housing on the same income, but make significant dents into their mortgages if they held onto them. Couple that with the bad taste the housing crash left in people's mouths, it was only the long term players and home owners that were buying houses. Not the dipshits and douches in Phoenix, Florida, Vegas, and California playing "Let's Flip This House Dude Bro!" These variables assuage my concerns about the high price to rents ratio in that the market is not as liquid, a higher percentage of homes are not second, flip or investment properties, and 98% of the housing market is not financed with 947 to 1 ARMS with NINJA quality underwriting.

Further assuaging my concerns of a bubble are vacancies. While rents are relatively low to prices, vacancies are just above half of the double digit vacancies we saw right before the housing bubble.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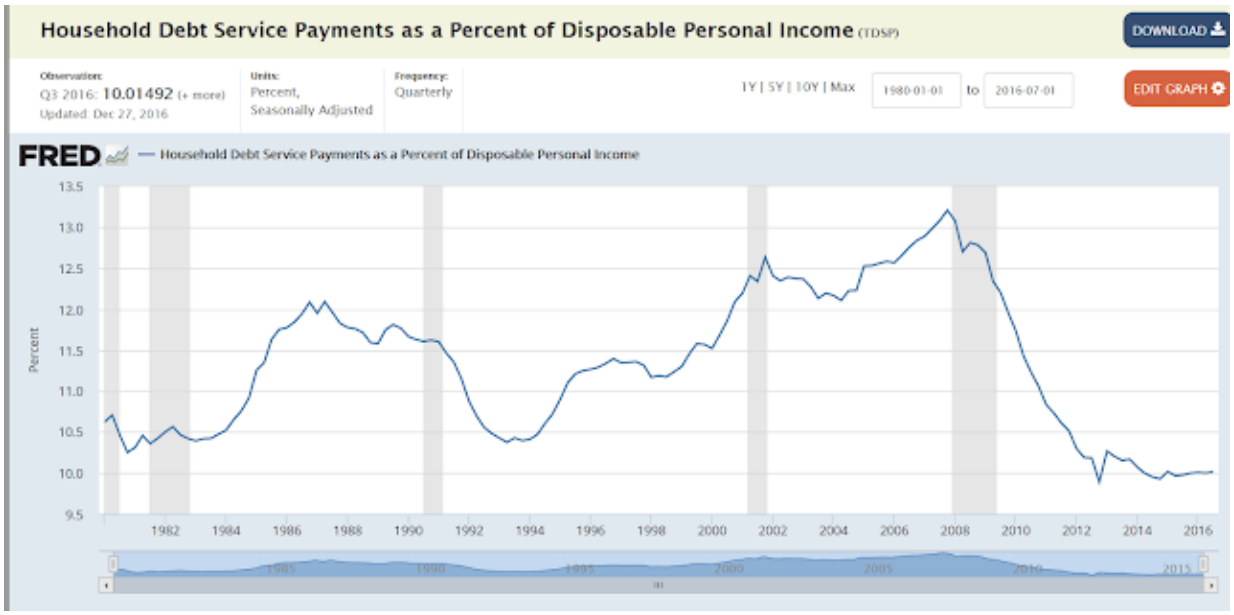
While the overall housing market and rental properties are not the same market, this tightening of the rental market provides somewhat of a floor that rents will unlikely fall through. Yes, people looking to rent condos in downtown are not looking to rent suburbanite homes, but in case of an emergency, a collapse, etc. etc., spare rooms and bedrooms are commodities in that they have potential rental value.

Finally, related to people paying down their mortgages instead of taking on three extras, combined with long and low interest rates, debt servicing to disposable income is also trending low.



I know the argument against this is that the asset, the house, only has value based on its rents, but we have to admit a large percentage of the housing stock is to be lived in by its owners and is not purely rental property. And artificial, disagreeable, and unprincipled you might find abusing monetary policy to pump up housing prices, low interest rates have lessened people's mortgage expense on their personal budgets, meaning they can indeed afford more housing on less income.

Does this mean I'm advising people to go out and buy their first home or perhaps look at rental property as a means to retire?

No, not at all. Truth is, I'm still very skeptical and wary of the high price to rents ratios the country as a whole faces.

But what I am advising is that people who are interested in property be VERY careful and proceed with caution. The above figures are nationwide and real estate is a very local game. You will want to do a thorough and complete analysis of the housing market you're interested in before committing your life's savings and agreeing to a 30 year commitment. Some markets, even individual houses, are a great buy. Some property is

a good deal. But given the valuations and the fact that the 30 year mortgage rate may not hang around 4% for the next 10 years, there's a lot of properties and markets out there that just aren't worth it. Make sure you do your homework.

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Democrats Love Welfare Parasites More Than Government Workers

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It's tough being a democrat.

It's like being the father to a bunch of parasitic children.

You have the teachers union and AFSCME. Then you have regular unions who actually produce something. Then you have your parasitic voting base. Your illegal aliens. White-hating minorities. Male-hating feminists. SJW professional students. Academians, and life long-government workers. You can't play favorites because you love your socialist leeches equally.

But what happens when the money from employed white males starts to run out, or just run a little low? And by financial default you have to start triaging your precious little lamprey children? How does a democrat politician choose who to support and who to cut off?

Well, it seems we have the answer. Because while government workers and government unions think the democrat party loves them the most, their behavior belies the truth. The democrat party likes them the least. And their favorite child is the rank welfare parasites who don't even feign to have a work ethic.

This unfortunate decision has arose because the federal government is facing breaching the debt ceiling again. Don't worry, congress will increase it, but it forced the government into a rather embarrassing situation. It had to pilfer the "G fund" which is nothing more than the pension fund for government employees through their Thrift Savings Plan.

This is something government employees, forever sucking the cock of socialism and the state, need to learn. If push comes to shove, the state - notably headed up by democrat/socialist political parties - will always choose their leeching base of welfare collecting parasites over government workers. I believe the police in Dallas might be acutely aware of this situation, not to mention some municipal employees in fine liberal towns such as Detroit and Compton, who came to find out that their beloved Democrat Dad did play favorites and cashed in their ~~college~~ retirement funds to continue to bribe and pay for votes with social programs for their favorite child - welfare constituents.

In short, government workers, the democrat party WILL throw you under the bus if the money isn't there.

But don't worry. At least the federal government can just print off more money. You local and state government workers....ehhhh, not so much.

Why Virtue Signaling is a Survival Mechanism for the Weak Minded and Cowardly

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Not to mention stupid and easily duped too.

For Your Early Morning Commute

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A podcast about why the self help book industry is BS...except for the people who make money off of it.

And a podcast episode of The Great One Himself that I have not yet vetted. Be prepared to disagree.

Mattel Would Be Crazy to Cast Amy Schumer as Barbie

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Because vagina jokes are leftist tirades by fat chicks will totally not ruin Barbie for little girls, oh, and not to mention the bottom line for Mattel.

Why I Just Don't Care About the London Attack

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ENJOY THE DECLINE!

Before you accuse me of being cold, heartless, evil, or a psychopath, understand the point of this post is one akin to the Serenity Prayer. A very important philosophical epiphany many people never realize, but should as it is vital to their psychological well being and mental health. It is one of accepting reality and not getting worked up in the world of theory. And the London attacks, like previous and any future terrorist attacks, are/will continue to make my point until the point in time something is actually done about Islamic terror. And I strongly suggest you set aside emotions, politics, and even your own sense of self-survival to clearly see and hear the point I'm trying to make.

First, "What is it this time?"

Be it the Nice attack in France.
The bombing in Germany's market square.
The Boston marathon bombing.
The Cologne sexual assault party.
The Orlando gay night club shooting.
Or
The hotel bombing in Mumbai.

It's very apparent that nothing new is going to happen. The media will immediately rush to say it wasn't confirmed that it was a Muslim who did this. Then, when it's discovered it was, they will rush out to say Muslims fear a backlash in their communities before the bodies get cold. There will be furor on the internet on the right demanding we "do

something about this." And people on the left will rush to say it's racism to point out the attacks came from Muslims.

But in the end NOTHING different will happen.

NOTHING.

And the reason nothing different will happen is too many young people, too many old people, and too many women have been successfully brainwashed in western schools to put diversity and the fear of being called a racist over their own desire for self-survival. They will continue to vote left, they will continue to vote for the elimination of western culture, and unless you're willing to waste your life by taking up arms and overthrowing a democracy, only to be killed yourself or land in prison forever, then your only option is to sit there and take it.

Second, this brings in the importance of stoicism and practicing it. Since the outcome is already concluded for this and all future terrorist attacks, why get worked up about it? I know it's not fair. I know it's not right. I know your country's very own survival is on the line, but it is here an ultimate test in sanity (and stoicism) applies.

If you don't control it, why bother getting worked up about it?

Yes I know murder is not acceptable. Yes I know terrorism is bad. But if it's going to happen no matter what I think about it, then I'm not paying the added price of stress, worry, fret and anger on top of it. I'm going about my day and working on the things I DO control.

Will I eat healthy?
Will I work out?
Will I work hard?
and most importantly
Will I spend quality time with family, friends, and loved ones?

These decisions and actions WILL have an effect on your future whether you are fated to die in a terrorist blast or not. And if there's something to save your energy for, executable and effective actions are it.

Third, these people did it to their god damned selves.

If there's a reason to hate me, this third reason is likely it because it shows you how I'm all out of fucks to give about the human race and just what a genuine misanthrope I am. But if you think about it who are the majority of the victims in these terrorist attacks?

Hard working conservative farmers in fly over country?
The quiet studious man spending time with his nuclear family at home?
The penitent man confessing his sins at church?
Or the engineering student, foregoing a night of partying so he can study for a better life?

The absolute-zero cold statistical truth is the majority of terrorist attacks kill a majority of people in western civilization who voted this stuff in. Namely leftists.

The twin towers wiped out predominantly New Yorkers. Sad and tragic as it was, of the 3,000 people died the majority were leftists.

The party goers in Nice and Cologne? Young people living off of the government dime studying some worthless degree or another telling them how evil white people and capitalism are. Leftist.

Bar the cop who heroically died in the London attack yesterday, I'm sure people wandering downtown London that got run over by Terrorist Attacker #379c were good leftists.

Boston. Left.

The San Bernardino terrorist attack was at a government facility on government workers. Leftists.

The horrifying attack in the gay night club. Leftists.

And my favorite is when the occasional feminist gets raped at a refugee camp. Most definitely leftist.

I know this shows I no longer have a soul, and yes, I acknowledge there were definitely some non-leftist victims in these attacks, but again my point is not one of morality or ethics. My point is one of acceptance, numbers, and reality. It's hard to attack and kill conservatives in large numbers because those ignorant hick bastards are spread out over rural and suburbanite areas. They don't congregate in downtown areas to "party." And the major metro centers with the richest targets for terrorists tend to have heavily dense populations of leftists.

And while on a human side I do mourn the innocent worker in Mumbai, or the innocent tourist in the twin towers, on the whole I just can't give a fuck when the majority of people who are dying in these attacks are the ones who voted it in. And I REALLY can't give a fuck when for the past 30 years of my life these people are the ones who call me racist, sexist, evil, fascist and "privileged," blame me for all their problems, and likely hate me more than the terrorists themselves do.

And this leads to my final point about terrorist attacks nobody's going to do anything about - self respect.

Much as I disagree with terrorism, Islam, and murder, there is one thing they have that westerners don't - self respect.

Disagree with their culture, disagree with their heinous methods, disagree with whatever you want, they actually have the self-respect to put themselves first and not roll over on their backs in a death-bound psychotic virtue-signaling competition to see who is the least racist and biggest proponent of diversity. They actually love themselves and their culture enough to die for it, while leftists can't wait to lift their skirts quick enough while jettisoning and throwing their own culture under the bus.

This lack of self-respect disgusts me. It's like the nerd who self-pities himself and mopes, saying, "no girl will ever like me. Sigh. There's no reason to live. I'm such a bad person." But instead of begetting pity or sympathy, it begets disrespect, disdain and (in my case) hatred and rage.

I just can't respect or care about people who don't have the basic, simple ability to respect themselves. To be such self-loathing, cowardly, worthless human beings that they place more value on valuing others over themselves is revolting. It's so disgusting that in full intellectual honesty I can actually respect the terrorists themselves more because at least they stand for something.

So when you throw it altogether, why should I or anybody else with self-respect and a life to tend to, give a flying fuck about this or the scores of attacks that are going to happen in the future?

Nothing is going to be done about it.
The people who are attacked don't care and even think they deserve it.
Nobody has the courage to speak up about limiting immigration to cultures that don't have irreconcilable differences.
And the people getting attacked are unconsciously the ones who brought it upon themselves.

A culture without self-respect will not survive. Not in as much that it doesn't "deserve" it, but the reality is that other cultures with self-respect are superior to it and will overtake and conquer it. Ergo, bar being armed to the hilt to protect my loved ones and myself, I just cannot muster up the care for the self-inflicted problems of self-loathing others.

In the meantime I recommend what I always do. Enjoy that decline people. Enjoy that freaking decline.

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Montrose County

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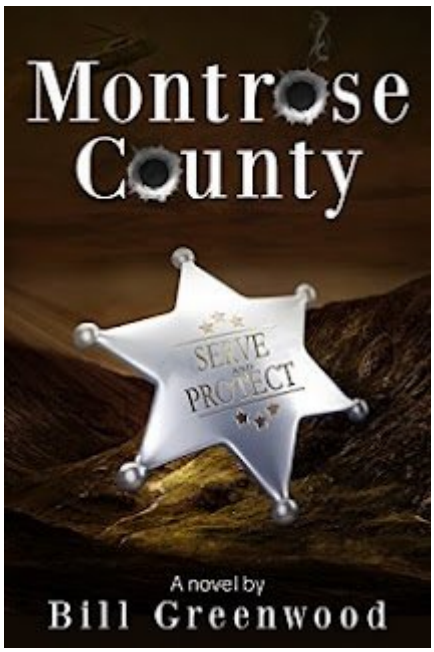
New sponsor and I was going to plug the book, but the description the author sent me was compelling enough I didn't have to write anything!

Montrose County is a story that could be tomorrow's headlines. An Islamist organization has dispatched two teams to hit the President and two visiting world leaders at a resort in western Colorado. In Iraq, a pair of NATO commandos have discovered the planning documents in the remnants of a bombed out house, but have no means of communication with which to raise the alarm. In between is Montrose County Deputy Sheriff Sabrina Murdoch. Originally from New England, she's an Iraq war veteran scarred by her experience. When her life fell apart after her return from Iraq, she hit the road in search of a place to start over, and ended up in the far west end of Colorado. Bit by bit, she has been rebuilding herself and her life. But now, as the two Canadians face a mile-by-mile struggle to get back to their base and a radio, Deputy Sabrina Murdoch edges ever closer to her own confrontation with an enemy she thought she left behind.



The Illusion of Infinity

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I linked to him before, but I'm going to link to him again, because the concept he came up with is brilliant, and that is Cynical Libertarian's "Illusion of Infinity."

Take for example three entities:

The government.
Religion, and
The internet.

They play a role in normal everyday people's lives, but they also introduce, unintentionally "infinity" in one capacity or another, or at least the ILLUSION of infinity.

The government provides the illusion of infinite resources for welfare scum, single moms, and leftists in general.

Religion provides the illusion of infinite life with the promise of an "after life."

And the internet provides the illusion of infinite knowledge with all of humankind's knowledge on the internet.

These illusions CHANGE people's behaviors profoundly in that it fundamentally changes the premises we live life by.

The government has infinite resources? Well why should I work then? I'll just sit on my ass.

There's an afterlife after this one? Well, I'll obey some rules set forth by this religion, but there is no emphasis on the here and now. No urgency to pack it in and enjoy my life. Besides, I'll see people on the other side of death.

The internet has all the world's knowledge? Why study? Why research? Why learn. I'll just google it.

But then there are consequences and costs, especially if there are no infinite resources.

The government goes bankrupt and the economy collapses because too many parasites collected a government check. Futhermore, in abandoning work, humans also abandon agency and purpose in life. Working for your food, clothing and shelter meant becoming something of a professional or tradesman. Now, government check collectors only have

the advocation and championing of worthless political crusades (going green, transgendered bathrooms, etc. etc.)

Religion, tragically, makes people waste and squander the one and finite life they have here on this planet. They don't pack it in. They don't appreciate what they have. And they have no hustle in life to enjoy it as much as humanly possible.

And the internet, well, the millennial generation answers that. Compared to their 18th century counterparts, the lack of wisdom, intelligence, genuine education, and philosophical thought once again renders the millennials as a wasted crop of humans.

Anyway, this is merely a synopsis of what Cynical Libertarian expounds on in much greater and better detail than what I could here. You NEED TO LISTEN TO THIS PODCAST as it is likely the most intelligent thing you will have listened to this year, and you will not regret doing so in downloading his podcast.

But But But….Vagina!

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Isn't it the universal get out of jail free card?

Nope!

Now if only Trump would go after Hillary.

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Talk radio doesn't advance philosophy
Cappy discovers an SJW assembly plant
Stefan Molyneux's intelligence or Millennial Millie's tits, which would you prefer?
Refusing to attend diversity training.

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A Fat, Virtue Signaling Chick Who Thinks She's Hot

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Thy name is California.

Is There ANY Happiness in Feminism???

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I try to ignore the world of feminism as it's nothing more than a religious hate group full of zealots who abdicate responsibility and worship at the feet of marxism. It's merely glorified parasitism with a pair of drooping, ugly, pruny tits. Nothing more, nothing less, and it sure as hell isn't an intelligent discipline or study that women's studies vainly attempts to make it. But every once in a while their psychotic behavior shocks even me and therefore deserves highlighting, especially for the benefit of warning young boys and men about just what a sick and vile virus feminism is, infecting the girls they wish to court.

And this week there were two such instances.

One, an article in Cosmo (which I won't link to, but will link to the Federalist instead) that says it's bad when men enjoy women having orgasms during sex. The tongue and cheek analysis is funny and rightly skewers the author as the painfully common liberal-arts-major-turned-poverty-striken-New-York-blogger that she is. But my god, now "women having orgasms" is bad and sexist because "men enjoy it."

Two, the kerfuffle over Wonder Woman's armpit hair has gotten feminists in a tizzy, not to mention given agency-less baby boomer and Gen X media types something to write about in their equally-pointless "journalist" careers. Multiple articles have been written about this "crisis," but feminists have once again taken a movie about historical American comic book hero, that promised to be fund for the whole country, and managed to ruin it for the rest of us with their faux-victim-whore-seeking-rage. Again, can you not just sit back, buy some popcorn, and have some fun?

But while we can focus on the seeming blood-oath feminists have sworn to being miserable, I'm not focusing on them on account they can't be saved. Instead I'm going to focus on a group of people that are going to take the brunt of this mentally-diseased group of people - young mens and boys. Because they are going to have a Darwinistic interest in the young women this poison called feminism will infect. Ergo, to make sure they know they're not going crazy, and that no, you didn't don't anything wrong, I'm simply going to stand here and say:

"*Dude, just open your eyes, look at this shitshow, and see just what a bunch of miserable, unhappy people feminists are.*"

Though the fine net of the internet has dragged up all sorts of horrific floor dwelling vermin for the world to see, young boys and men who literally don't know any better (especially given their female-centric education in the public schools) need to be shown

this type of feminist sadness, anger and misery so that as they age and attempt to court women, they understand just what poison their female counterparts have been fed.

Be it getting yelled at because you cutely referred to your date as "kid" in reference to Casablanca (two girls hated me for this as early as in the 90's)

Be it being lectured for walking a girl to her car or door.

Be it being admonished for having a sexy cheesecake photo (which feminists will call "degrading and objectifying") of your girlfriend on your phone

these normal, historic, genetic, and ultimately, happy, joyful, fun, playful, and loving inter-sex acts between men and women are hated by feminists. And especially when young women are particularly prone to swallow (if not at least parrot) a lot of this hate, it won't be until they grow up and mature a little bit will they have the adult, reasoned, and altruistic mind capable of being part of a loving (or at least) mutually beneficial dating relationship. Until then, they are simply not capable of being a quality girlfriend or wife.

The sad thing (for feminists anyway) is that their behaviors and temper tantrums are so outlandish, so petty, and so extreme that young boys (even girls), steeped in the leftist indoctrination of universities and K-12 can realize feminism is not some legitimate ideology with legitimate concerns about the sexes, fairness, progress and the equal treatment of women. But instead, it's a mentally-ill, hateful cult filled with women who are

anti-fun
anti-love
anti-joy
and
anti-male

and can simply be written off as miserable women who hate life.

Warn your young boys, sons, and nephews about this poison they are going to run into as they get older.

Warn your daughters, sisters, and nieces so that they don't waste their lives being miserable like feminists.

And you don't need to show them this article to do so. Just merely point out what feminists are doing today and even a child's mind can realize their misery.

London Defeats Terrorists with Candle Lit Vigil!

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Soon to follow is an assault with hashtags like #prayersforlondon and every piece of shit leftist coloring their facebook photo with the British flag.

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When You Woke Up and Finally Realized, "Wait! Hillary LOST!!!"

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I've often said the human brain cannot fully comprehend either amazingly BAD things that happen or amazingly GOOD things that happen, especially in short periods of time. It takes time to mourn the loss of a loved one, just as it takes time to fully realize the ramifications of winning the lottery. It's almost the same thing with Hillary Clinton losing.

Certainly we (and very likely the rest of the sane world) rejoiced loudly when she lost those five months ago. But we may not have fully incorporated and therefore appreciated this fact until now. Yes, Hillary losing was THAT GOOD of a thing. And we should thank our lucky stars like we do for good health, good family, and employment that that evil bitch is not president today.

Data Suggesting Virtue Signaling Marketing Doesn't Work

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A survey was put out recently wherein Millennials were asked if, in light of the completely fabricated "Uber was racist" story (during Trump's travel ban), were you still going to use them?

And surprise of surprises 95% of Millennials said "yes."

This little tidbit may be of no great concern, but within it lays a whole bunch of implications for leftists and leftist strategies.

1. Virtue signaling doesn't work either to gain market share or getting your enemy to lose it.

Lyft's disgusting cowardice in accusing Uber of being racist, in all reality should have backfired. Of course it didn't, but it also didn't score Lyft a huge part of Uber's business. We also saw this in Target's desperate attempt to be ahead of the SJW curve in letting whoever identify as whatever so you can use whichever bathrooms. Target's sales have slumped ever since.

2. Most people, both right and left, are too fat and lazy to boycott.

Boycotting is haaaaarrrrrd. And the lazy Americans who've populate North America today don't want to drive the extra mile to get non-Star Buck coffee, and "gee shuck whillkers howdy, they just can't do without their Anti-American Apple product!" It doesn't matter right or left, you can have a company like Bioware come out right and say "we are going to ass rape you full of leftist politics" and kids will line up to buy those video games. So here there is good news for the CSR heads and other SJW's who are employed by corporate America. They will still get their warm fuzzies and muh feelz championing what they were programmed to champion. Won't do jack to your sales. Either boosting or harming them. So an entire generation of fake corporate skeeze can get their political jollies off using marketing and corporations to think they're doing something worthwhile.

3. Virtue signaling is solely for the virtue signaler.

You would think that since virtue signaling has no effect companies would not engage in it. Politics would be taken out of commercials and companies would...oh I don't know...just offer their fucking service or product without a sermon.

But oh you poor simple minded fool. Virtue signaling is going nowhere because it's solely for the virtue signaler.

Understand virtue signalers and the people who virtue signal do so because they really have nothing else in value in life. They are not your engineers or your truck drivers or your stay at home parent or your otherwise engaged and purposed person in life. They are wasted lives wandering the US who have no real value or agency and use (predominantly) leftist politics as a substitute for meaning. A surgeon who just spent 5 hours in surgery does not brag about how he goes green. An airline pilot does not parade the fact he's for amnesty for illegal aliens. And a CPA in the middle of busy season is too busy to flaunt her organic/free trade diet. Real people with real jobs and real lives just don't have time for these fake religions.

Unfortunately, millions of Americans are completely worthless, pointless people who have no real reason to live. And they could go out and get a real job, or study STEM or raise a family,but that would take effort and that would be haaaaaarrrrrd.

Ergo, why nearly all your virtue signalers are worthless people engaged in worthless professions.

CSR heads.
HR heads.
"Diversity consultants."
Professors.
Teachers.
Non profit employees.
Liberal arts majoring millennials.
Liberal arts majoring soccer moms who live off of STEM majoring husbands as they compete against each other as to who shops more at Whole Foods.

These people need something to point to in order to fool others and themselves that they're not parasites. And the religions of the left, with their Nicene Creed like recitations about global warming, going green, anti-racism, etc. etc., fills that void of agency and purpose in life.

So while virtue signaling may not work, and may prompt no one to change their behaviors, realize it's here to stay until the millions of worthless people die off. Because, seriously, what else do they have to do in life?

SJW Dies at the Hand of Diversity

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HA HA HA HA HA!!!!!!!!!!

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Closing the Wage Gap Between Blacks and Whites

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Oshay Jackson and I have a good discussion about getting black men out of poverty, how to do it, and other topics germane to the conversation:

The Sad Truth About Women's Economic Value

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It was with much ballyhoo (and a wink and a nod) that the world passed around the story about VietJet, an airline that is going to make Vietnam's first female private sector billionaire. Ms. Nguyen Thoa, the founder and majority owner of VietJet, has a very impressive background making her first million at 21 selling rubber and fax machines. However, the reason for the global wink and a nod is a service the baby boomer generation made sure to get rid of from American-based airlines long ago.

Young pretty women.

Not only has VietJet reintroduced young, pretty women into the aviation world, they also have them scantily clad in bikini's, heels, and lingerie. And degrading and disgusting as many feminists, even non-feminist western women may find this, the reality is the free market has rewarded Ms. Thoa's airline with a $1 billion valuation.

However, while this story may ruffle the feathers of a few prudes and get a couple discreet smirks from the few men in the world with red blood, there's a very valuable economic lesson here that all women, but especially western one's need to learn. And that is what determines their economic value.

I have said it before, and I'll say it again, and the reason I'll do so is because it's true, but the most valuable commodity in the world is not oil or gold, silver or diamonds, copper or plutonium. The most valuable commodity in the world is female youth and beauty. And the reason why is very simple.

Because it's true.

No other commodity in the world is in as high of demand as female youth and beauty. And the reason why is that half the world's population (the would be men) demand it. And not only do they demand it, they demand it highly. They demand it so much that they built civilization to ~~afford it~~ win it over, so much so to the point we could say nearly all of human civilization and global historical GDP was created to get it.

In short, women hands down, have ownership and agency over the world's most demanded commodity, and Ms. Thoa's VietJet airline is just another bit of empirical data to prove it.

It is here women really need to stop themselves from defaulting into their preprogrammed state of thinking, going on a tirade about how women are not objects, and there's more to women than beauty, and beauty is a social construct, etc. etc. They need to view this from a purely economic, empirical, and clinical point of view that I'm trying to make, otherwise the vital economic lessons that lay within will be lost on them and it will be their loss. Regardless, whether you like this fact or not does not matter. It is a fact. Half the population (that would be men again) demands and will pay a pretty penny for female youth and beauty. And there's really nothing you can do about it.

This presents women a paradox. There is what they may want to do or become when they get older and then there's what the world is willing to pay them for. Men largely don't face this problem because our youth and beauty is nowhere near pursued or in demand as women's, but because there is such demand by men for women's looks and beauty AND men produce the vast majority of economic production in the world, whatever other skills, talents, desires, and ambitions a woman has, there just isn't going to be as much demand for them compared to youth and beauty.

For example Cindy Crawford was originally a chemistry major until she became...well...Cindy Crawford.

Hedy Lamarr (an actress from the 40's) was not only a stunner, but also a scientist on the side.

But both were neither known for their STEM backgrounds and were much more highly compensated for their looks.

The key thing for women to realize, however, is that this is not an "either or" decision. Choosing to major in electrical engineering or going on to become a computer scientist does not mean you must forego modeling, acting, or simply benefiting from female beauty, and vice versa. Being the most demanded commodity in the history of the world is an added bonus and additional choice conferred upon pretty, young women in addition to the same career choices men have.

There's just one problem

The majority of women choose neither.

Based on declared college majors and a simple walk in the public, the majority of women are neither majoring in STEM nor maintaining their beauty. They are instead opting to major in the liberal arts and eschewing the gym, neither of which are in demand in the real world. And the reason why is very simple. Hitting the gym and studying math is hard.

To maintain your physical beauty you have to diet, eat right, run, work out and exercise. Additionally for women they must comport themselves accordingly, wear the right fashion, all of which is an effective and taxing part time job.

To get a successful career you have to offer society a valuable skill most people do not have. This is done by mastering difficult and boring subjects, subjects that most people are not going to tackle. And most western women aren't doing that either.

You may find this insulting, you may find this offensive, but the real world of economics does not care about your feelings or what you'd like. The real world demands engineers, computer programmers, doctors, accountants, plumbers, and electricians. And if you happen to be female you have the additional option of translating your youth and beauty into money. The only other option is what nearly 75% of women choose and that is to pursue fields where they need to beg, plead, and pull teeth to get funding. So whereas Intel will ***willingly*** pay a female computer science graduate $80,000 a year for a job in Silicon Valley, or a rich husband will ***willingly*** set up a beautiful woman for life, the ugly women's studies or communications major has to literally go begging to non-profits for charity or lobby the government to force taxpayers to pay for their pointless career that nobody ever demanded and does nothing to benefit the world.

Now I know the immediate response on the part of many women in the western world and most of them on the left will be to point out that this is why we need to change men's perception of women. That we need to re-program men to not view women as sex objects and to shame it out of existence. But here is the problem with that.

Do not men have the right to like what they like? Are they not allowed to be free to have tastes and preferences?

The problem in thinking there's something wrong with men for being attracted to female youth and beauty (as they have been since time immemorial) is that it is women forcing their desires on other people. It is telling them, nay, demanding others want what they want them to want. Not what the individual wants. And you can call it whatever euphemistic phrase academia has concocted to make it sound valid, good, and noble, but

when you boil it down, it's nothing more than rank tyranny. Refusing to accept people's opinions, even if it is whether they want to hire you, date you, marry you, have sex with you, or have an opinion about you, and daring to force them to think otherwise is not only tyrannical, but delusional.

But the real issue here is simply one of sanity. Do women want to live in reality?

The reality is that the world demands STEM type majors. Not the touchy feely malarkey that passes for the liberal arts. And if you don't like that, women (unlike men) have a fortunate alternative option. An enviable "Plan B." You can use your looks and youth to score a husband, resources, a career, and other financial advantages men simply can't. Beyond that, there are no other options. And no matter how much you fight it, claim there's a "Plan C," or simply write this off as "misogyny," your 50 years of cute feminist theory is not going to undo 2 million years of human evolution. This is the real world. This is reality. This is why Ms. Thao is infinitely richer than all the world's women's studies professors combined (and probably much happier too).

I suggest while you're here on the planet you live in the real world. It will not only prove more profitable and close the wage gap, but you'll live a happier life as well. Otherwise you can look forward to living a happy and fulfilled life just like all those aged, dying, and lonely 1970's feminists, perhaps the pinnacle of which would be Hillary Clinton.

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Academic Composition is Looking to Hire During Busy Season

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As always, our friend Alex is looking to hire people for the upcoming busy season for finals week. If you want to help strike back at Big Education by getting paid to write the papers of others, read below:

Thank you all for your support, we would not be where we are today without your help. Aaron and his readers played an indispensable role in facilitating the growth of Academic Composition. We've made great strides in the last few years, but marketing is the backbone of every organization and ours is not an exception.

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Here is how this works. Most students are now panicky about their final exams and major projects that are due at the end of the semester, which is a month from now. Between now and the first week of May, the average college student will have to hand in several writing projects that will culminate in the final paper that's 10-20 pages long.

Even students who are working professionals dread this time of the month and college kids are going to be desperately pleading for our help.

That's why this is the ideal time for you to capitalize on this opportunity. We will pay you five dollars for each lead and all you need to do is follow these three basic instructions.

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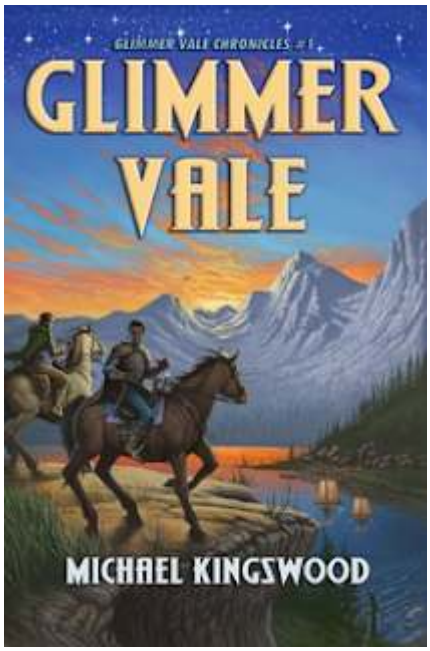

Science Fiction and Fantasy writer Michael Kingswood presents Glimmer Vale, a sword and sorcery adventure with a western feel, the first book in the Glimmer Vale Chronicles.

Raedrick Baletier and Julian Hinderbrook are two swordsmen on the run from their past. When they stop in Lydelton, a small fishing town in the remote valley called Glimmer Vale, they find the town besieged by a ruthless band of brigands. Worse, the brigands have taken up station in the mountain passes, blocking the two friends' escape. With no way around the brigands and no option of returning the way they came, Julian and Raedrick accept an offer of employment. Their mission: defeat the brigands and restore peace to Glimmer Vale.

They are outnumbered at least twenty to one, long odds even if they recruit help. But that help may not be enough when the specter of their past rears its head, forcing Julian and Raedrick to openly face what they are fleeing or risk losing not just their freedom but the lives and fortunes of Lydelton's inhabitants.

Never Attend Purdue University's School of Engineering

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It's now headed up by a worthless affirmative action hire that won't teach you what you need to know, and will make you a poorer engineer than schools that just focus on (of I don't know) *fucking engineering???*

And Some Women DO Realize Their Economic Value

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Related to my previous post about "The Sad Truth About Women's Economic Value," it seems some young women are requiring they get paid first before talking to you on Tinder (and no doubt other apps).

Well played pretty young girls. Well played indeed.

Cappy the Whore for VSpeaks

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VSpeaks is a new sponsor of the (vast and sprawling) Clarey Online Media Empire. He is a Romanian immigrant who moved to Ireland to support his family back home, learned English, and at the young age of 24 knows more than most spoiled American brats from the suburbs at the age of 34.

His topics range from working out, lifting weights, minimalism, MGTOW and general philosophy. So if you're looking for a different Youtube channel with a European perspective and a zero fucks to give attitude, visit and subscribe to VSpeaks!

The Private Man Has Passed Away

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Good night Private Man. Unlike most, you died knowing reality and truth, which gave you peace and serenity.

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I Want Safe Bridges, Not Affirmative Action Engineers, Thank You

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Yep, you women are equal, and not just equal, you're the exact same as men. It's why we keep having to lower the standards for you.

It's all going to be fun and games when bridges start collapsing and trains derail, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands because we couldn't hurt little Suzie's feelings about reality, physics, and math. You see, when we lower standards for the liberal arts and social work and government work, we only destroy and ruin nuclear families. But when you enter the physical sciences and insist black is white, and 2+2=5, now there will be death because your feelings are more important than reality.

You Can Have It All Ladies!!!

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Said the generation of miserable women drinking themselves to sleep.

For Your Late Night Listening Pleasure

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It is, of course horrible that Chris Bechtloff had to put his dog down only to find out that same day he would be laid off from his job. However, it is good to see him channeling his freetime and energies towards productive means by churning out more podcasts. Stop by his channel and help the man out with some traffic.

You Will No Longer Be Able to Make a Living Off of YouTube or Amazon Affiliate

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Last week the content creator community of YouTube went into full sperg mode when they found out YouTube was demonetizing their videos, among other things such as throttling traffic, taking away subscribers, and other behind the scenes digital media hanky panky. Amazon affiliates were also treated to similar news as they heard Amazon was lowering the commission they'd make from around 6% to 2-5% on various products. But regardless of which company was doing what, the result was the same - it was increasingly harder, if not impossible, for people to make a living on YouTube or Amazon affiliate.

Naturally, taking away someone's livelihood, especially one as easy, fun, and passionate as being a YouTube celebrity or an Amazon affiliate salesman, is a huge blow. Amazon and YouTube have served as a godsend to many people during the non-recovery from the Great Recession, not to mention provided some much-needed income to impoverished Millennials battled their way out of worthless-degree student loan debt. But as bad news as this is for the thousands, likely, millions of people who derive some kind of income from this new economy, there's some vital economic lessons to learn from this "YouTube/Amazon" bubble bursting. Because if you don't learn these vital economic lessons, you're life is going to be infinitely worse going forward.

First, understand the days of making a living on YouTube or Amazon's affiliate program was a bubble. Just like the Bakken oil field, just like the gold rush of 1849, just like the Dotcom bubble, there was the boom and then the bust. The good days are OVER. You may not like this fact, but it's reality. This new digital economy is not immune to the natural forces and laws of economics that all of human history has been subjected to, so you must come to grips with reality and accept this.

Closely related, second, stop being a teacher or government worker. A disproportionate number of YouTube content creators and Amazon affiliates are younger people, either inexperienced or ignorant about the real working world. And because they were brought

up under a K-college environment where everything "should" be a certain way, they have delusional expectations that YouTube and Amazon would/should be providing this income opportunity for them forever.

You know who else thinks that delusionally?

Teachers and government workers.

Hailing from the private sector where the economy is allowed to evolve, advance, and jettison obsoleted parts of itself, I'm always amazed at how government workers, especially teachers, think they're entitled to life long employment. Like a toll worker on Chicago's interstate system, they think they're entitled to hold up the rest of society just so they can keep a job. And whereas there are some arguments for civil service jobs to be somewhat permanent because of their different nature to private sector jobs, YOUTUBE CONTENT CREATION AND AMAZON AFFILIATES ARE NOT THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

Amazon, and especially YouTube, are responding to changes in the economy so that they may (in YouTube's case) remain profitable and thus in business. Matter of fact, if you bothered to look at their income statements (they are available) both YouTube and Amazon operate on negative/razor thin margins. In other words, this current business model was not sustainable. And while I know your diversity studies professor, who has no real world working experience, may blame this on "the evil privileged white male corporations maaaan" the reality is you should be happy you had the chance to make money when you did.

Third, Amazon and YouTube are monopolies. And if you paid attention in your economics 101 class (while again, your professor who had no real world experience, probably told you how things "should" be and you're all entitled to free everything), you would know that, like it or not, the world is the monopolies' bitch.

Don't like the fact oil prices are going up? Too bad, talk to the OPEC monopoly.
Don't like the fact MS Office costs $300? Too bad, talk to Microsoft.
Don't like the fact YouTube is the critical mass source of videos? Too bad, go to Dailymotion.

In other words, since YouTube and Amazon are monopolies they can literally do whatever they want because you have no other option. The real issue is whether you're going to accept this and realize it.

You can protest, argue, write letters, and make all the videos in the world, but none of that changes the fact YouTube and Amazon have all the power in this relationship. And if you don't realize that, you're going to waste more time trying to change the inevitable, which is wasting precious time, energy, and resources you don't have. This leads to...

Fourth, did you monetize your site? Did you build a business or some kind of independent revenue stream from this success? Heck, did you save your money during these 7 years of feast in preparation for the 7 years of famine? I've detailed this in a video I did before about how you can sell ads directly on your own channel without YouTube's permission. I also built up an independent empire called "Asshole Consulting" where I merely use YouTube as a tool to consult, not as a means to make ad revenue, meaning I don't care if my videos get demonetized. The larger point is I came up with a Plan B, diversified and leveraged what modicum of YouTube micro-internet celebrityship I had into alternative revenue sources, and more or less inoculated myself against the monopolistic whims of these two companies.

But let's be perfectly honest. Do the majority of these new internet income makers have this level of entrepreneurial hustle and business acumen? Most, though not all, of these people fell into this. They stumbled upon this digital gold either finding out they had a voice that was popular among social media or just had a knack for making content. And much like Bakken oilfield workers pissed away their money on $70,000 Dodge heavy duty diesel trucks, these new digital boom town workers did the same. Johnathan McIntosh, known most primarily for being Anita Sarkeesian's boyfriend, has twice the internet following I do, but apparently can't find a job... but still desperately holds onto the hope he'll make money doing videos. The Amazing Atheist, who at least diversified into a successful $10k per month Patreon e-begging racket and A MILLION FOLLOWERS, is freaking out. If there's any bit of proof that this was a classical bubble and people's success was accidental, it would be the sheer number of leftists who made serious capitalistic bank on this bubble while not being the slightest bit hip or couth to free market economics.

The larger lesson is now that the good times are over, how are you going to react to it? Are you going to accept it, live in reality, and move on? Are you going to accept your YouTube girlfriend dumped you and wants nothing to do with you any more? Are you going to acknowledge and realize fighting against this is stupid, pointless and futile? AND are you going to learn your lesson for the next time there's another Amazon, Bakken, gold rush, or Dotcom boom and save your money?

This is the first real world test for a lot of Millennials who had a (great and fun) first time experience romping around with real world economics. You may have squandered your opportunity this time around, but learning from it will ensure you capitalize on the next opportunity....if one ever presents itself...because let's be honest, these bubbles are once in a life time opportunities.

Enjoy the decline!

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Good Night, Mr. Warmth

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Don Rickles, a comedian no Millennial would ever get, dead at 90.

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Got a new sponsor and service I will be rolling out. It's called "Praxey" and was started by a libertarian, entrepreneur, the technology of which I think has great potential.

In short it allows you to contact experts, celebrities, or anybody else who has Praxey installed on their phone. It's like Facetime or Skype for your phone, but allows you to charge for/pay for expertise. So for example if you are a computer repair guy, THIS IS A MUST because now you can offer your services across the planet and trouble shoot people's problems, get paid, and not have to travel to the site. For me it allows for "emergency Asshole Consulting" if you have a question or problem and do not have the time (or patience) to send me a request through Asshole Consulting. And though it may be uncomfortable to think about this, pretty girls can basically charge the millions of desperate, thirsty men to chat with them over their phones now.

I'm under "AssholeConsulting" on Praxey, but regardless, I strongly recommend you install the app. You can certainly visit the Praxey site, but it is predominantly a phone based technology, so you will have to download it through your Google or iPhone store.

You Can Visually Identify Male Weakness

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"Johnathan McAloon!"
"Johnathan McAloon!"

That's all Adam Piggott (of Pushing Rubber Downhill fame) was saying on one of his latest podcasts. Only problem was I was driving and couldn't see what this "Johnathan McAloon" character looked like. And this was important because Adam's entire point was this "Johnathan McAloon" was your typical leftist, wanna-be journalist who wrote for the Guardian and the like, and he was speculating what the fellow looked like. Sure enough, he found out and surprise, surprise, Adam was right. "Johnathan McAloon" is indeed your typical wimpy, limp-wristed, hipster, testosterone deprived, looking leftist who still finds it his place to write articles on masculinity.

But then I took a gander at the next post on Adam's site and it's a bit about a hyphenated named couple on some cooking show where the husband has a perfectly coiffed beard and is essentially (like the name) submitting to his wife. It's painful enough to read Piggott's article, I doubt I could tolerate watching the actual show.

Regardless, the point is be it an androgynous Guardian millennial writer or the perfectly ~~castrated~~ groomed hipster husband, anybody with sight can visual identify masculinity. However, the real issue is whether you have a truly (and increasingly rare) independent minded brain to acknowledge this. If you wish to choose to go down the road your K-college indoctrinators programmed you to, you'll immediately upchuck the same parroted lines of "well you never know, that hypenated named fella could be really strong!!!" or "that's not nice." But if you're, once again, independent minded you'll accurately assess these people for who they are, and this is important, because then you will understand them even though they (and most of politically correct society) will claim otherwise.

For example when I see the girl with half a shaved head and the other half dyed purple, with multiple piercings and tattoos I am "brave enough" to simply deduce and acknowledge the truth - she is not somebody I want to have anything to do with. She has no value to me socially, intellectually, romantically, sexually, financially, or in terms of employment.

You can say that's prejudice, you can say that's discrimination, and you are 100% right. But I don't give a fuck. I too am also 100% right and I'm not going to even waste a second of my time giving her the benefit of the doubt because it will simply cost me my time, money, resources, and sanity.

Or say there is a fat, loser VirginTOW who's hiding behind some avatar on the internet as

he spews his "wisdom" about girls and how he could totally nail them all, but chooses not too. Again, I don't have to waste a second of my time believing that person because of political correctness or politeness. The empirical evidence moots whatever forced premises of "open mindedness" and "understanding" the thought police have forced on society.

So when it comes to taking in the entirety of today's western male population, especially if they're speaking from platforms about public issues, you absolutely have every right to judge these books by their covers, because their covers don't lie.

Skinny, wimpy millennial boys writing about how they're feminists AREN'T MEN AND HAVE NO CLUE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A MAN SO DON'T LISTEN TO THEM.

Sad, pathetic, salmon-jean-wearing, bearded hipsters are not only NOT MEN, they are also NOT INDEPENDENT MINDED. THEY ARE THE EPITOME OF CONFORMISTS.

And if you have some skinny, effeminate, pony-tail wearing, middle aged male professor, media personality, journalist, "social science expert," or some other form of faux authority figure telling you what women want, look at them;

And then look at Steve McQueen:

And then ask which one, despite all your K-college feminist brainwashing you were given, women are going to want to have something to do with.

The point is very simple and very important especially for Millennial and Gen Z boys. There is a CONSCIOUS and PURPOSEFUL effort to eliminate masculinity from men. It benefits no one, be it men or women. And no matter how much they tell you the pretty lies you want to believe:

"Girls like you for you."
"Girls like a sensitive caring man."
"Girls like feminist men who vote democrat."
"You don't need to hit the gym."

They're all lies that will ruin your life, and deep down inside you know it, because truthfully, you're just a lazy fuck who doesn't want to put in the hard work at the gym.

Knock it the fuck off.

Start being men.

And you can start by not listening to the emasculated wimps who visually lack any masculinity.

You can also improve your pathetic self by buying some of my books. Trust me, one page from one of my books is infinitely better than the decades of bullshit you've been fed by feminist professors and all-female public school teachers.

Diversifying Out of YouTube

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Inevitably you knew the day would come and that day is more or less here - time to diversity out and away from YouTube.

Starting this week I will be experimenting with having my Asshole Consulting (and original) videos put on two new platforms. Dailymotion and Vidme.

My Vidme channel you can find here and my Dailymotion channel you can find here.

To be honest I do not know which one I will go with next, but that is the reason for the experimental phase. Already I like the Vidme layout and user friendliness more, and it already blows away DailyMotion in terms of upload capacities and speed. Though, as you know, it will take time to see which platform is best.

Still, if you would be kind enough to subscribe to me on both platforms if you happen to have an account with them yourself, that would not only be great, but also necessary as I think both require a certain following before they allow you to monetize your channel.

Also, this week ALL Asshole Consulting videos will be done on Vidme, so if you want to tune in, do NOT go to YouTube. Go to my Vidme channel.

Many thanks,

Cappy

Is Justin Trudeau Masturbating to This?

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Just wondering what Canada's first lady's position is on this. I presume she broke out her toy for this and is all for it.

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How Cappy Would Run an HR Department

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I would exact a toll of revenge so large and with such interest, that HR ladies would suffer the precise same treatment they've dished out these past 30 years.

And it would be grand.

Al Capone Cappy

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My new toy.

You may also purchase one here.

God bless America.

New York's Free Tuition Devil in the Details

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Apparently you can't just leave New York after getting your free tuition. You are apparently the state's bitch for 4 years.

The good news, for leftist New York and the rest of the country, is they are about to be educating the most worthless, unintelligent generation of New York children who are going to be choosing worthless degrees. This will not only cost New York taxpayers a hefty penny, but it will cost them additional monies as this army of unemployable liberal arts majors are guaranteed to drive up their welfare and unemployment costs. THis will not only make New York crappier than it already is, but punish a much-deserving blue state with it's own idiotic leftist policies.

Alas "Escape from New York" is more relevant than ever.

The Economics of Catholic Subsidiarity

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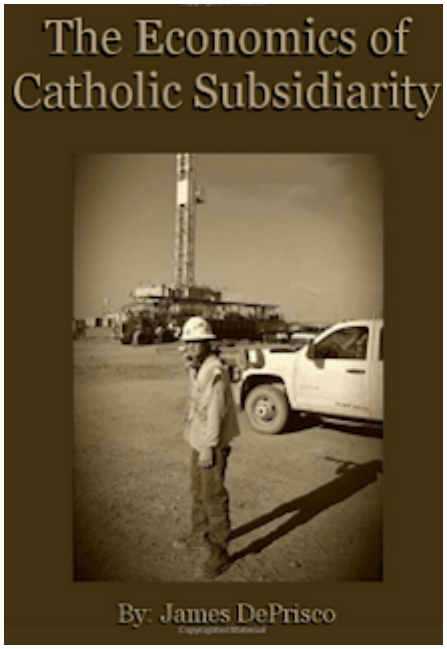
New sponsor and one that I think will pique the interests of a more than average amount of Cappy Cappites - The Economics of Catholic Subsidiarity.

I'll post the book description below, but it makes the argument/case for free market principles of economics within the Catholic church and Catholicism. He also takes a swipe at the leftist politics infecting the church, most notably that fake pope you guys have posing in the Vatican (I don't actually know, I just like ripping apart your communist pope). Regardless, it is available on Amazon.

I may actually read the damn thing because I enjoy watching people square the cold, harsh, realities of economics with human idealism in the form of religion. I'll admit I've lost a bit of my soul not really caring what happens to the future of the world and gone down more of a route of stoicism. So I do tip my hat to the men and women who still adhere to a moral code, such as religion, and go the extra step to make cogent arguments as to how it parlays and functions within the cold, hard world of economics. Regardless consider purchasing a copy or two.

Description:

"*This book starts with basic philosophical principles coupled with relevant Papal Encyclicals to arrive at a free market economics the Catholic Church has historically labeled Subsidiarity. A must read for Catholics tired of the socialism and Liberation Theology heard preached from the pulpit and read about in "Catholic" media. The quotes from the Papal Encyclicals alone are worth the price of the book.*"



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No sun in Minnesota.
10,000 times more potent than heroin.
Can female journalists NOT write about the glass ceiling?
The Spergville community spergs out due to YouTube Demonetization.
New York's "free" tuition requires you be assets of the state.
Did YOU fly F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam? No? Fuck you then!

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Manchurian Candidate Journalism

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Socialism Infecting Christianity

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A plug for a sponsor that turned into an important lesson for our Christian friends.

Why College and Weddings Are Economically Identical

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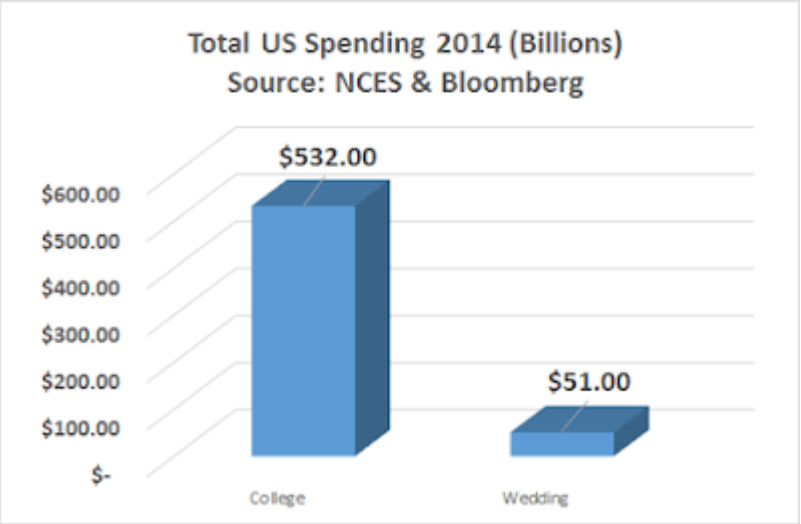

An economic mystery was flummoxing me.

Why is it so hard for millennials NOT to go to college?

With college tuition being literally unaffordable, stories after stories about the plight of un/underemployed college graduates, horror stories of the same with crippling student loans, and it no longer being a secret that college is a bubble, why is it so hard for 18 year olds to say, "screw this, I'm going home?"

Furthermore, why MORE SCHOOL? Didn't these millennials have enough? Aren't they SICK of school? Why are they willingly signing up by the millions for 4 years more? And they get to pay for it this time! Wouldn't you be RELIEVED you no longer have to go to college? Shouldn't you be happy this HUGE added responsibility is no longer needed? Shouldn't it be an easy decision NOT to go, and instead go find a job instead?

Yet still, there the lemmings are, lining up by the millions for their turn to jump to their financial deaths and ruin their lives.

But why? WHY?

And I finally figured it out.

The problem was, as is often the case, I was operating from a wrong premise. I was operating from the premise that the point of college, college's true economic nature was that of education. People go to college, pay for tuition, and attend classes so that they

receive an education which allows them to make more money over the course of their lives. But whereas this was certainly the case before, it no longer is now, and I consciously knew this at some level because in the past I've said students treat college as a consumption good, not an investment.

Still, while I knew college was no longer an investment good, this did not explain the unique consumption good behavior of millions of college students every year. Nor did it explain the insane prices students would be willing to pay and go into debt for. Ergo, college wasn't some kind of fad consumption good like Pokemon trading cards or Beanie Babies where you'd drop maybe at most a couple hundred dollars on. It was something more. It was TENS OF THOUSANDS of dollars, 4 YEARS of their youth, MIND NUMBING CLASSES, for the past TWO GENERATIONS, all in the face of mounting evidence college was a losing financial proposition. And then I asked myself a question that sent my brain down the path that would inevitably led me to discover it's true modern day economic nature.

What other consumption goods have these traits? What things in the world do people:

1. Spend 4 years of their lives investing/working on/preparing for?
2. Go into debt to pay for?
3. That have price tags from mid five-to-low-six-figures?
4. That also have a fad-like, lemming-like, sheeple like conformity about it?

and this was the key trait

5. And are pushed by all of society to purchase?

At first I was thinking sporting events. Those are consumption goods. Thousands of Minnesota's dumbest pay $100 a ticket and $100 in food and $25 in parking to see the Minnesota Vikings lose every year. They probably put it on their credit card. But it isn't a $75,000 price tag.

Then I was thinking larger sporting events, perhaps even once in a lifetime religious-like events. Say the Super Bowl, Burning Man, Sturgis, the declaration of a new pope, or pilgrimages to Mecca. Still, you may prepare years to attend, but even attending these events in luxury does not cost $100,000.

So what possible consumer good exists, that people can't afford, will go into debt for, that doesn't offer anything of tangible financial value afterwards, and has this societal push, borderline obssession to buy it regardless?

Then it hit me.

Weddings.

Weddings are the identical twin sibling of college.

The reason why can be summarized in one simple phrase:

"It's my day."

However, whereas "my day" is the exclusive preserve of women on their wedding day, there is a similar sense of entitlement to having "my day" FOR BOTH SEXES when it comes to college. And the reason why is that college is NOT sold to young kids today as the education it was supposed to be, but the "college experience" it is has successfully and falsely been propagated and inflated to what it is now (an industry that is more than ***TEN TIMES THE SIZE OF THE WEDDING INDUSTRY).***

First, there is a HUUUUUGE element of Exodus and liberation philosophy and psychology that simply CAN NOT be understated. K-12 school SUCKS. IT SUUUUUUUCKS. It is so bad and so torturous that it sucks the life out of normal students and is a veritable mental prison for high IQ students. An entire artificial environment children are forced to attend that is managed and operated by the country's dumbest college graduates. This environment results in a place that at best is a prison for college-bound students, but usually is pure torture as we prevent kids (of all intelligence levels) from achieving their best. NOBODY is happy. NOBODY like their pathetic sad saps called teachers. And everybody cannot wait to leave.

However, the hope that is sold to college-bound students is that "college" is where the REAL smart people are. That when you get to "college" everything will be better. That when you go to "college" all this pain and misery will end and you will TRULY find "your people."

In short, because K-12 is so bad, college becomes a veritable second heaven, a Land of Canaan, a birthright that all intelligent kids are entitled to for enduring the hell of K-12. And because they are so young, and because they have not lived in the real world, AND BECAUSE THEY LITERALLY HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO HOPE FOR, college is not a means to an education and a better job, but the finish line to freedom and happiness. And that freedom and end to their slavery GREATLY outshines the purported educational benefits of college.

Second, nearly all authority figures lie, both consciously and unconsciously, to children about the realities of college. Parents lie to their children because they don't want to hurt their feelings or destroy their children's doomed hope. Teachers don't want to tell their students because...well...they're teachers and they NEVER LEFT the artificial environment of school. For all they know school is great and the entire economy's GDP should be

"teachers." The media has no incentive to tell kids the truth about college because they need to sell good and being the bearer of bad news is poor salesmanship. Corporations CERTAINLY have no incentive to tell kids the truth because they need those kids to not only borrow $100,000 to do the training that would otherwise befall on corporate training programs, but they need students desperately in debt so they make good, loyal ~~slaves~~ workers. And colleges have every incentive in the world to lie to these kids for without them, damn well near 90% of the colleges and universities would close overnight because we only really need 10% of the college graduates we have.

The exact same cacophonous brainwashing occurs with weddings.

Nearly every economic entity has the incentive to get people hitched. Corporations, travel agencies, airlines, the government, divorce lawyers, divorce courts, day care, child care, the schools, nurseries, credit companies, pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, parents who want grandchildren, and siblings who want nephews, everybody wants to push people into marriage. Furthermore, EVERYBODY lies to women that the most important day in their life will be their wedding day. Thinking they're entitled to "their day" just like kids are entitled to the "college experience," nobody, and I mean NOBODY is going to tell them any different. GOD HIMSELF could come down from the heavens above and tell the bride to be "no, dude, this ain't the guy for you," just as the entire COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS could come out and tell all high school seniors not to go to college, it would not matter, women are going to have their day and millennials are going to borrow $100,000 to have the college experience.

And then finally, the price. To have this birthright, to have this entitlement, nobody cares about logic, reason, evidence, finances, or math. College, just like "her day," is worth any price because up to this point in these kids' lives, we as a society have given them nothing else to live for. We get divorced, we mock nuclear families, we value things over friends, we cripple the economy, we load up on debt, we hate our own country, we criminalize success - precisely, what do these kids have to look forward to after they graduate from college? As far as they're concerned life is over at 22 and then they lead the lives you do, which, sadly, for the most part is pretty pathetic in their eyes. Worse, you've made their childhoods so painful with the craptastic public ~~prisons~~ schools, any childlike idealism or hope has been squash and the only light at the end of that tunnel is college. The price of tuition could go up another 300%, it won't matter, they'll still pay it because these kids have nothing else to live for.

Alas, it should be no shock that college is no longer acting economically like the educational service it was meant to be. It is one, big, huge ass party. A birthright to all American teenagers. A utopia society falsely sold it as. And sadly, a lie bigger than telling American women "their day" is the most important day in their lives. It is the "college experience." And there's some Dotcom's from 1999 that have infinitely more value.

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This Week's Asshole Consulting Videos Will Be on Daily Motion

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The Video Platform Wars continue as I have to abandon Vid.me because:

1. You can only upload videos shorter than 30 minutes.
2. You have a 2 GB per week limit and
3. My application for verification got rejected

Alas, the experiment and hunt for a new video platform to potentially replace YouTube continues as this week's Asshole Consulting videos will be posted on my Daily Motion channel.

Fuck It, Take Our Women

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You can have 'em. We're done here.

Our Buddy Marcus Brown Makes It on Oshay Jackson's Vlogcast!

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And no, the boy still hasn't seen Die Hard, Back to the Future, Indiana Jones or any other movies. So don't ask.

The Week of Hell

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Howdy all, couple items,

1 - I got a deluge of Asshole Consulting requests. So many in fact, I may have to wake up before...

930AM!

I know, I know, I don't know what kind of country this is where you have to wake up before noon AND work 8 WHOLE HOURS A DAY, but apparently this is what electing Trump has gotten us.

Regardless, the podcast may be a bit late as will posts.

2. High quality posts are being relegated to one a week because I'm also trying to finish my essay about revolutionizing the retirement system. This, combined with the increase in Asshole Consulting has (in all honesty) pushed me over 60 hours a week. Still, I have a growing collection of high quality posts accumulating, but will get to those after I get through this glut of work.

3. I have inquired with several people about writing original pieces in my stead, notably a person of great intellect and writing ability who shall go unnamed. Let's just say his last name starts with a "B" and ends with "echtloff." Rumor has it he has a lot of free time, so hopefully he'll write something this week. ;P

4. To top this all off, I've been experimenting with different platforms as a potential replacement for YouTube. This week we will be using Daily Motion, but for all points and purposes, it sucks. Certainly some pros and cons, but I'll be detailing my experiences with all the platforms in a much more detailed analysis-post/video.

5. They've updated my Praxey site in case anybody needed to get in contact with me for "Emergency Asshole Consulting." Couple people were inquiring, but yes, it is up and running. You just need to install the app.

Anyway, thanks for your patience. Cappy will return to regularly scheduled programming soon enough.

Cappy

But Who Would Want to Work for The New York Times?

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No, seriously, who? Because you can make more just running your own channel. Heck, just use them as a platform to get a critical mass of followers and then strike out on your own. Let them pay for those expensive buildings and the rents of their employees while you can just work from the comfort of your own home in Springfield, Illinois for a fraction of the cost.

You Will Worship the Bunny!

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Worship it I tell you!!!!

How the Left Blew their Entire Racist Load

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I have a Clandestine Agent in the Field, deeply embedded within the strongest stronghold of the American left - the public schools.

Though I won't say what s/he does or where s/he is, s/he said something the other day that gave me, even the ole pessimistic, Enjoy the Decline, Cappy, a bit of genuine hope and optimism.

"They're not swallowing it anymore. They're not believing all this privilege and racist stuff."

When I pressed my agent for more information, s/he continue to explain that the left through their most ardent of acolytes - teachers - were so uniform, so omnipresent, so overbearing with the "white privilege," "racism," "sexism," 31 flavors of gender, that the kids (dumb as they might be) not only DON'T believe any of it, but are now mocking it and ridiculing it, much like Gen Xer's do today.

This gave me hope, and I think it should you too, on many levels.

One, in watching my and the Millennial generation of kids just swallow whole what tripe their teachers forced down their throats, I was sure these Gen Z'ers would prove no different. Everybody showed how independent they were by regurgitating the same talking points as their teachers. Everybody would show how independent minded they were by wearing salmon color jeans, perfectly groomed hair, piercing their noses and getting tattoos. Everybody I knew voted Bill Clinton and went for the whole grunge thing. And every Millennial is, well, just an amazing case study of conformity and sheeple behavior. Why would Gen Z be any different?

While I still think Gen Z will succumb to the all-too-tempting offer of free everything from the left, the fact they're consciously identifying this racist/sexist propaganda for what it is - propaganda - AND making fun of it, means the teacher-left overplayed their hand on this one. Not only does calling whites and males sexist and racist at the age of 10 immediately piss young kids off, it's too much and just so blatantly wrong the kids in a very South Parkian manner know the adults don't know jack. So now, instead of getting whites and males to cower in fear of the accusation of racism or sexism like Millennials or Gen X'ers, you have an entire generation that scoffs at it and dismisses it.

Two, it's not just white and male students who make fun of this leftist lie that everybody is a racist or sexism, but minorities and females too. This proves doubly troublesome for the left because not only have they lost the ability to shame whites and males into voting

for reparative socialist policies, but they are losing an entire generation of female and non-white crops (and that's PRECISELY how they look at children) for future votes. Again, it's a mere spring-time sprout, but the fact that black and white, hispanic and asian, male and female students are getting together and uniting over the idiocy of their leftist teachers' indoctrination, not only means this tool of the left is no longer effective, but simple adult behavior is uniting races than any race whoring or sexist mongering the left purposely forced on society.

Three, what would the left do without their vital tools of racism and sexism? Imagine the left without these two vital tools at their disposal. While after 20 years of a consistent cacophony of brainwashing from academia, media, and government, and 8 years of intensive anti-white and anti-male bigotry under the Obama administration, what if you imbued the American population with it so much, they built up a tolerance to it rendering them immune and vaccinated against it?

Right now it is laughable how the scaredy cat, spineless Gen X'ers, Baby Boomers, and Millennials will jump at the mere potential chance somebody maybe might accuse them of being a racist. The left was COMPLETELY successful in getting three whole generations to see everything as race or sex, making them putty in their hands. But now, if what my Agent in the Field reports is true and universal across US schools, the left will have to go back to mere class warfare and global warming since they overplayed their race/sex whore hand.

Again, I still think the US is in terminal decline. Too many stupid people have been bred, and too many leftist sheep trained that one mere generation is not going to turn this country around. It does, however, give me hope that a generation is on deck that may not have to live with the nation wide mental illness that the rest of the country has been infected with and had to live with these past 30 years. Imagine if an entire generation grew up much like you and your friends did in the 80's with no consideration of race or sex. Imagine if through simple genetic programmed self respect and self survival you knew when the adults were evil lying sacks of shit. Imagine, if the group of friends you have today, which no doubt includes non-whites and women, where you guys can be completely open with each other and give each other ribibngs over your races and genders, is already embedded into Gen Z'ers today because they needed to unite against evil teachers with an agenda. Instead of being like ESPN and masturbating over race everyday, kids today will actually enjoy watching the sport. What would it be like to go an entire day, week, even year, without being lectured about race, sex, or gender because it truly doesn't matter?

Gen Z MAY be at that point, thanks to leftist teachers' overzealous forced feeding of hatred, sexism, and racism. And like chicken pox, these kids may be vaccinated against this mental disorder of "Ist and Ism Fever" forever.

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Clarey's a dick due to poverty, not choice.
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Australians bail out stupid liberal arts ditz.

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Welcome to Team Man, ladies! You are truly equal now.

Why Socialists are Passive Aggressive

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Because unlike honest thieves, they're cowards:

Broke Millennials Ordering $800 Bottle Service

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Decided to crack down on the book and thusly have been spending many-a-late nights at various Perkins around St. Paul and not banging out stuff on the blog. Also March and April have been record-setting months for Asshole Consulting (which on Tax Day celebrated it's 3rd year in business), which has also been taking an inordinate amount of time.

In the meantime if you'd kindly tune into the Pushing Rubber Downhill podcast wherein your kind Aussie host, Adam Piggott, will regale you with a tale about broke Millennials ordering $800 bottle service he'd appreciate it.

Why Millennial Girls Should Date Gen X Men

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We're stronger.
We make more money.
We have established careers.
Oh...
And we don't live at home.

The irony is with every Millennial girl looking like Harley Quinn (and I don't mean that in a good way), I doubt any quality Gen X men are going to be up for the job of baby sitting and telling you to take that stupid ring out of your nose.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

The Best Dating a Girl from Wyoming Story Ever Told

April 22, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Cynical Libertarian has a podcast out, a story of which he tells is an absolute must, not just for the entertainment value, but the lessons to learn for young boys chasing beauty and not much else. The story starts at 41:41 and unless you want your ire raised, I suggest you just skip ahead to that minute mark.

Cover for the New Essay

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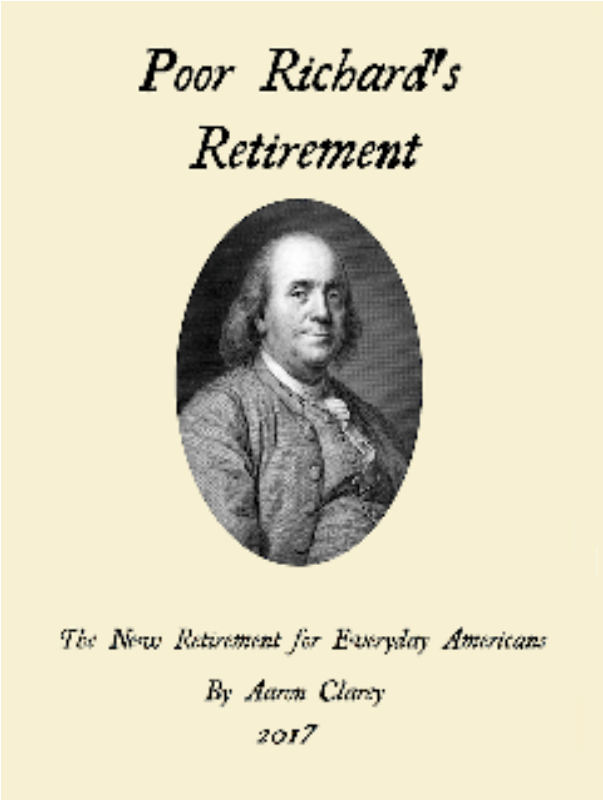
Finally found the right font and layout I wanted for the new essay. Once again, a reminder that it is an ESSAY, not a book as it is only about 40-50 pages. Also, if you are already actively practicing minimalism and are aware of its benefits, this book will largely be a review, though a MUCH MORE THOROUGH application of using the love for your fellow man as a means by which to eliminate materialism in your life, and consequently therefore, drastically improving your finances. Ergo, if you are interested in the philosophy of what's most important in life, yes, you will want to read it. But if you've already attained this level of philosophy and understanding it will perhaps be merely entertaining.



Teeeeeeaaacheeeeerrrsssss

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They're just so great and wonderful and they love the children.

Perhaps a little too much.

But it's OK, because they're teeeeeeaaacheeeeerrrrsss, the most preciously wonderful people on the planet! And since they're leftists it's OK if they're child rapists and kidnappers.

You are a Fucking Idiot for Attending Law School

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These liberal arts undergrads-turned law students are so stupid they're CRYING when in reality they should be thanking their lucky stars they're not going into debt anymore.

Late Night Cappy

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Had nearly a score of videos backed up, two of which may prove interesting listening.

1. Ayn Rand is Basic Bitch Economics
2. How Conservative Guys Can Bang Liberal Chicks

Warm Fuzzy Story of the Day

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Got a comment that deserved to be it's own post in response to "The Best Dating a Girl from Wyoming Story Ever Told."

Thank you for posting this. I went through the exact same bullshit with a hot, sexually talented, former cheerleader, raving fucking alcoholic I worked with. Her pattern was to show up at work drunk, get fired or quit in a huff, then latch onto a beta to live with while she " planned " her next move. I was that beta and did everything possible to keep her, including buying booze. The end came when she dumped me and went to live with a former boyfriend in California. The boyfriend died suddenly due to an overdose of methadone. She told me boyfriend was taking methadone for back pain? :-) :-) All of a sudden, she wanted me to fly her home and wanted to live with me, again. I had enough of this bullshit and told her " If you show up on my doorstep I will drive you to a family member's home and drop you off " She then moved in with her dead boyfriends best friend and convinced him to get engaged. She died suddenly at age 36, probably from liver failure. I went to the funeral and family members told me they had done everything to get her to quit drinking. Very sad as she was a highly talented writer and she killed herself and wasted her life.

My thoughts 16 years later? The sex was amazing but it was not worth the drama and upset. I am just glad I did not marry the flake or get AIDS.

Know this and know this well young men. The prettier a girl is, the easier the world has gone on her, to the point she is unable to support herself and only knows parasitism as a means to survival. But while so many get out of jail free cards seem to give these girls a life of luxury, in the end, it condemns them to a hellish existence once her attitude becomes unbearable or her looks fade.

There is equality, equilibrium, and justice in all things. You often times just don't see it.

Die Radio Die!!!!

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Awww, too bad. Another dinosaur, gallbladder piece of the baby boomer economy going away.

I'll take that bit of your market, thank you very much NewsPaper/Radio/Television/Publishing industry. And I sincerely hope all you ex journalists, television media and radio types frantically do your best to find a way to pay for your retirement these next 20 years.

Hey, I hear the Huffington Post will let you work there for free!!!

Arbeit Macht Frei

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The one thing missing from this, otherwise great, article is how debt ensures you guys all suffer HR ditzes, sadistic bosses, and with smiles on your faces.

Oh well, remember, Schmoopsie Muffins needs her Range Rover to impress the other soccer moms at the coffee store and your lil' Princess just "NEEDS" to go to that $250,000 a year liberal arts college.

It's all worth it.

Curse Free Episode #20 of The Clarey Podcast

April 25, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Women and the "Cold Shoulder" fad.
Don't kill your dates.
Millennials are going to millennial.
Baby Boomer journalists working fast food.
All male flights in the 1950's and 1960's.

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And So the Private Sector Experiment with Affirmative Action Ends

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With expected results.

Why You Want Might to Reconsider Moving to Australia

April 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Long ago, when John Howard was Prime Minister of Australia, I looked at Oz with a jealous eye. They had good economic growth, low unemployment, balanced budgets, low debts, and sun. A whoooooole lot of sun.

But then I met Adam Piggott and I knew a report from an Agent in the Field was infinitely better than all the EIU, OECD, and IMF reports I'd read across the other side of the globe. Which is interesting, because the man is leaving Australia for Europe.

Definitely worth the read if Oz was on your list of Plan B's for America as it's turned into a 2nd world diversity affirmative action circus.

The essay is almost done and writing will return to a normal schedule soon.

IQ of College Students Dropping Like a Rock

April 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I could do without the racial reference being unnecessarily forced in, but IQ has dropped a full standard deviation since the 1960's.

I often wonder why the college bubble continues on and how young kids just don't wake up and get it. Then I realize they are the epitome of normies, sheep, and idiots and Big Education is targeting them.

ESPN Should Read Rollo Tomassi

April 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Letting women invade and dictate male spaces is on the menu whether you like it or not.

The Left Values Their Ideology More Than Life Itself

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Especially if it's yours.

The rest of the country better start waking up to the fact these people will drive the bus off the cliff and kill everybody with it. Specifically, the rest of the country better start drawing the line of letting immigrants in who have no intention of becoming Americans or working for a living. And they better grow a spine because they're going to be called all sorts of names that end with "ist" for daring to insist on the right to living and not being enslaved to a welfare-parasite class.

Oh wait!

That's right!

I don't have kids!

Never mind! Enjoy the decline!

Ladies, Just Get the Fuck Out of Our Way

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The Rant of the Day

The Hungerless Hunger Strike

April 29, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Only leftist, academians could come up with something so utterly worthless and hypocritical.

Captain's Plan B for Entrepreneurship

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As I've alluded to before, if the truth business ever goes away or for whatever reason Amazon decides they're going to pay pennies on the dollar like YouTube, I will resort to completely unethical, but completely legal entrepreneurial ideas, predominantly in the industry of selling pretties lies to stupid people for a pretty profit.

Here is an example of what I'm talking about.

Think about your future career long and hard. Do you want to work hard telling people truth, holding them up to standards, and getting called every name in the book while making pennies, or be like the democrat party and make BILLIONS selling lies to the dupes and rubes?

Why Isn't Socialism Working In Venezuela?

May 1, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because they hadn't thought of raising the minimum wage hike FOR A THIRD TIME this year. And THAT will be the silver bullet the ushers in a whole new world of Venezuelan economic and global dominance.

Where Last Man Standing Fails Conservatism

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"Last Man Standing" is a family sitcom starring and created by Tim Allen. Tim plays "Mike Baxter" - successful marketing executive, father of three daughters, and husband to the very milfy Nancy Travis. However, what makes the show stand out from the rest is its superb writing, BRILLIANT acting, incredibly clever humor, and above all else, the conservative principles showcased in the show. Despite some genuinely cringe-worthy sappy moments, it is hands down my favorite TV show on today, rivaling Black Books, Father Ted, and IT Crowd in terms of humor in my opinion.

Because of its quality and unabashed conservative politics it has become a favorite of Americans who still love America. It's teaches the value of the nuclear family, strong male role models, fathers, capitalism, and work ethic. And it also skewers leftists, socialists, and SJW's for their blatant stupidity and naivety on a regular basis. Since at least half of Americans don't hate America (not to mention are sick of the leftist indoctrination being shoved down people's throats) it's no surprise it has such high reviews, a loyal following, and is running into its 6th season.

There is, however, a major flaw in the show in terms of the politics it, and Tim Allen, are trying to convey. A flaw that is reflective of the larger conservative community, and one that it is unaware of and has been been unaware of for quite sometime. And though I know "it's just a show" and to relax, because the secondary purpose of the show is to use the American family as a vehicle to make the case for conservative principles, this is something the conservative community in America needs to fix within itself.

Dependency.

While conservatives, republicans, libertarians, and anybody "not left" eviscerates and condemns dependency upon the state, "Last Man Standing" unintentionally advocates a similar such unjust parasitism, but upon the family. In the Baxter household, Mike Baxter has:

1. Bailed out a teenage single mom daughter.
2. Allowed for free lodging for all adult daughters
3. Allowed one daughter to set up her company in the basement (also rent free)
4. Paid for/committed to pay for all daughter's colleges
5. Given no consideration for the quality of these degrees (fashion)
6. Bailed out the leftist-ex-dead-beat-dad-now-reliable-father son-in-law from his student loans
7. Pays for all adult children's cars, cell phones, food, and insurance
8. Lets the wife quit her otherwise respectable STEM job to become a (you guessed it) teeeeeaaaacheeeerrrr.

and oh,

9. Starts an ENTIRELY NEW RESTAURANT SO HE CAN EMPLOY HIS TEENAGE MOM DAUGHTER AS A MANAGER

It's so bad it makes you wonder if Tim Allen ever actually did time in prison.

But then there is an interesting juxtaposed character. One whose background is the complete opposite of the spoiled suburbanite Baxter daughter royalty. One, that though I'm sure Mr. Allen intended to be there for lovable, comic relief, makes my point by exposing the lack of meritocracy in the fictional "Last Man Standing" world.

Kyle.

Kyle is a moron as much as he is a good and genuine soul. He works at the outfitting shop Mr. Baxter works at, is incredibly loyal, does the most demeaning work without question, looks up to the fellow "sirs" in the shop, and is the epitome of the most loving, loyal, but stupid, dog. Dumb as he may be, however, he is superior to most everybody else in the show for his age group because....

he supports himself.

The entire show Kyle is living on his own and supporting himself. He lives in a dumpy, studio apartment (that gets raided by bums), doesn't have any illegitimate children, helps

support his grandmother, and not once ever asks for a handout, a bail out, a car, free lodging, free tuition, or even a free fishing pole. If anything Kyle just wants a father in his life, painfully pining for one of the "sirs" to accept him as such, but (if you were to watch the show) it's tragically depressing how he's never tossed a bone or given a fraction of the help the Suburbanite Royalty Baxter Princesses are, or worse, taken advantage of.

Here's how this would go down in the real world, and is the VITALLY IMPORTANT LESSON many conservative families, especially fathers need to learn.

First, the Baxter daughters would be insufferable spoiled brats, much like most suburbanite princesses are today. None of them would have real jobs, they would perpetually be forever-dependent upon their dad for a bailout, they would be EASILY brainwashed into leftist stooges in college, they'd all be "feminists," they would stand up their dates, and they would NEVER view the family as the unit of society. They would be, much like most 30 somethings today, facing mom and dad FINALLY cutting the purse strings because they never did before, finding ways to avoid getting real jobs and getting their student loans forgiven. But worse (and remember, this is for you conservative fathers who want to raise conservative daughters so they go off and marry similar young Mike Baxters) they would be unmarriageable.

I've explained this before, but spoiling your precious little princess only makes it hell for the younger men to date her. Certainly in terms of entitlement mentalities, but also younger men simply cannot compete against a Mike Baxter wallet. And while you think this is predominantly a SWPL upper middle income affair, it is universal across all income and racial categories. Men in the ghetto, barrio, or trailer park cannot compete against a government check to win the affection, attention, and commitment from their women. Regardless of your socio-economic status, simply handing things to people (be it from the private sector or public sector) result in inferior people, no matter where you hail from, and the rest of us get to deal with these people when they're released into society.

Two, Kyle, despite his mental handicap, would be an infinitely more successful, stable, reliable, happier, and superior person. And the reason is simple - he suffered, he endured, he learned. Unlike being pampered in opulent suburbanite bliss, Kyle was forged in the fires of the real world. And because of that would come out much stronger and reliable than the worthless faberge eggs being mass produced by conservative fathers in the blissful suburbs. But more importantly, for the sake of conservatism in America, he would know what it takes to survive in the real world, what it's like to work in the boiler room of the Titanic, he would know how the real world works and all THAT....

would result in him holding conservative principles.

The irony of Last Man Standing's political aims is the exact same irony of conservative fathers across America. You guys are creating the leftist monsters you're so desperately

trying to fight. And you're doing it by fostering dependency and parasitism in your children. If you really love the country, if you really love America, if you really love your children, given them a little more Kyle and a little less Mandy.

We real men and women in the real world who had to support ourselves would appreciate it.

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College: The Modern Day Catholic Indulgence

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You must pay to play. Because you are not smart, capable, or worthy of hiring until you pay Big Education.

Diversity and Feminism Not Selling on Night Time TV

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Keep making leftist, political, virtue signaling slop, Hollywood. People aren't buying it. I can't think of people who need to waste more money than you leftists on the left coast.

Episode #197 of The Clarey Podcast

May 3, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy's scotch "Glenclarey"
"The Silent Bar"
RoundhousePITCHINGchickcopshow canceled
Female cop puts everybody else in danger.
Women's feelings more important than safety.
Reality or leftism? Choose.

AND MORE

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The Struggle is Real

May 4, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Blaming Trump and racism for driving drunk.

I don't know if I'm more impressed that leftists think that line with work with a cop or that they've been so successfully brainwashed to use "isms," "ists," and "Trump" to absolve themselves of any responsibility in the world.

The Manosphere Bar and Lounge

May 4, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Where we serve only "Glenclarey" scotch and our bartender is the arms supplier from John Wick 2.

Why Technology, Not Environmentalists, Will Stop Global Warming

May 4, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I am going to make a prediction. And when I make predictions, people should pay attention because my track record is pretty good. Plus the prediction is hopeful and optimistic, so this rarity should definitely be paid attention to.

Telecommuting will become standard within yours and my lifetimes.

I didn't think it would happen, but the good news is the single largest hurdle to telecommuting is going away - Baby Boomer bosses. They're getting old, they're retiring out of the work force, some are dying, and *even some are starting to get it through their incredibly thick skulls* that this 20 year old technology can be implemented without the world collapsing. The day *is coming* where every white collar worker will have a commute like me...which is merely walking upstairs to my home office in my boxer shorts, grabbing coffee and turning on the computer.

This is of course great news because of many reasons.

One, I believe it will result in stronger, more stable families as more adults spend more time at home and less stuck in traffic.

Two, I believe it will result in better children who spend more time with their parents as opposed to a daycare operator or parent-substitute.

Three, I believe there will be less divorce in the country since time and financial constraints are the #1 cause of divorce.

Four, transportation budgets will be drastically cut because our roads do not need as much repair and maintenance.

Five, family finances will improve as we spend less on gas, auto repairs, insurance, and the cars themselves.

Six, housing will become cheaper as people no longer have to live near hubs of economic activity (read-cities), but can move out to more rural areas drastically improving their budgets.

Seven, taxes will be lowered as people are allowed to escape leftist crapholes like California and New York and move to tax free states such as Florida or Texas.

Eight, costs of goods will go down because corporations will not longer have to shell out office expense, be it renting expensive downtown buildings or building cubicle farms.

Nine, there will no longer be a commute/rush hour and the commensurate traffic jams that come with it

and finally

Ten, with nobody commuting western countries will drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, certainly more than any arbitrarily applied "reduction schedule" governments had signed onto. This will finally achieve the reduction in greenhouse gases environmentalists have wanted and (at least western countries) will have done their part to stop global warming.

This will be cause for celebration. And I would contend not for the fact we will have ended global warming, but because of all the economic and standard-of-living improvements that come with being able to telecommute. But what is going to be very telling are the lessons, realities, and facts that will be observed AFTER we reach this stage in telecommuting/green house gas reduction.

First, as is always the case, society's problems will not be solved by protestors, activists, slacktivists, sociologists, SJW's, politicians or other worthless, talentless people. It will be solved by innovators, creators, scientists, and engineers. I don't care how precious a religion "global warming" and "the environment" is to the zealots who put the false religion of environmentalism at the core of their being. The truth is all green technology is created and produced by engineers. STEM majors. Not the professional parasites and whiners too lazy to do calculus and actually DO something about it.

Second, we cannot help but point out global warming will also be solved by entrepreneurs and visionaries who saw the potential for different technologies and innovations to make life easier and solve problems. These entrepreneurs were of course driven by profit, which means whether you like it or not, it is also capitalism that solved global warming. To quote Newt Gingrich (regardless of whether you like him or not) "E-mail saved more trees than any tree hugger."

Third, while the western world will move towards a commute-free world, making actual tangible change towards reducing global emissions, this doesn't change the fact that environmentalists, protestors, and activists are still going to want their iPhones, laptops, cheap clothing, and...well...every material good they've always wanted which are produced predominantly...

outside the western world.

i.e.-China, India, and the score of other Asian/second world countries where most actual physical production is done.

This means the fight to stop global warming will have to be taken overseas to get those countries to lower their emissions.

Which brings about my final and key point.

Fourth, will the global warming crusaders and environmentalist religion zealots actually go overseas to help stop global warming? This is so easy to predict, I feel I don't have to write it, but I will for thoroughness' sake.

Everybody, including the environmentalists themselves, know damn well they're not going to. And the reason why is evidenced by every action environmentalist, protestors, and people who supposedly care about the environment take - none. They take no tangible, effective real action at all. And they do so because at their core they're lazy. If environmentalists actually cared about the environment, they would major in STEM, engineering, science, and pursue careers that would actually bring about the end of global warming. But at their core are just like all other religious people - fakers and frauds. They don't actually care about the environment, they just want to use environmentalism to provide their worthless, lazy selves with some kind of fabricated purpose, agency, or validation. So once it becomes inconvenient to bitch and whine about a problem, or the problem itself is solved, they won't stop and repurpose themselves into another capacity that actually serves society. They will simply find another cause or crusade to bitch about. They will simply find another religion.

This will become painfully clear when telecommuting becomes widespread across the western world. Spoiled kids from the suburbs, replete with the worthless liberal arts degrees will be unable to complain in their home countries about global warming. But since to continue the fight against global warming would require going overseas (you know, *actual effort*), most will drop out of the fight because of cost (both in terms of time and money).

The real issue (and even my prediction skills aren't this good) is what new "problem" or "crisis" will the environmentalist/professional crusaderist/lazy good-for-nothings come up with next to provide their meaningless lives with fake meaning? I'm always amazed at the left's ability to pull crises out of thin air, but even more flabbergasted when the sheeple public swallow it whole.

First it was global cooling.
Then it was the ozone layer.
Then it was the kid's starving in Africa.
Then it was the rainforests.

Then it was global warming.
Then it was "climate change."
Then it was "privilege."
And (one I still can't believe the sheep swallow whole) the 31 flavors of gender.

It's almost worth staying alive just to see what genuine craziness they pull out of their communal ass next.

Regardless, mark my words, these people will not simply "go away," hang up their environmentalist robes, and return to society as accountants, cooks, mechanics or other productive members of society. Their entire life's purpose is to avoid real work, while hiding behind the fabricated nobility and morality of some leftist cause. And this hypocrisy will be exposed for a brief moment when the west adapts telecommuting.

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 a Bucket of Emotional Tampons

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Swear to god can you people in Hollywood just make two good movies in a row?

For Your Weekend Listening Pleasure

May 6, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

DT of The Black Brigade Debrief has a good podcast.

The Nyadzonya Raid - When 84 special ops soldiers clandestinely killed over 1,000 enemy soldiers.

A brutal take down of one "Chris Johnson" - a man who wants to tell you how to live, through bikes. Arguably the scariest insight as to the tyrannical nature of leftists. Language warning.

Adam Piggott questions your lack of questioning authority.

New Book Cover Complete

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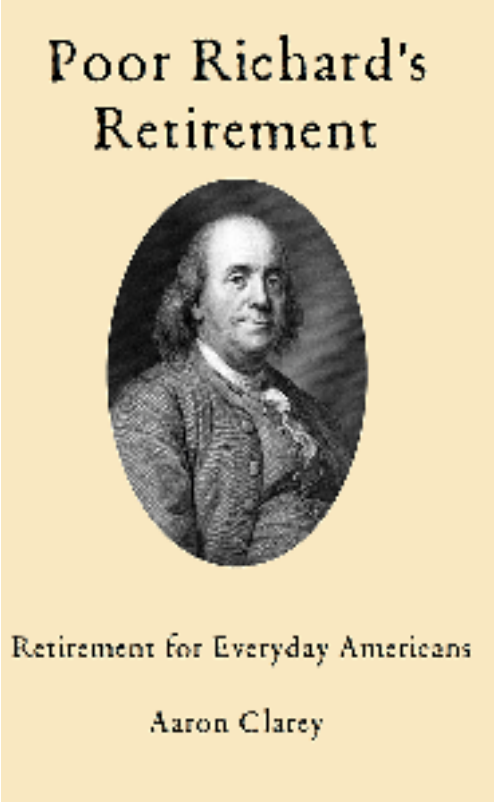
Poor Richard's Retirement shall be available for sale in about a week or so.



Sports Culture Needs to Die

May 8, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The stupid is just impossible to measure.

Yoga Isn't Exercise

May 8, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From a man who practiced yoga for 5 years.

And coincidentally, I'm off to the gym.

Why Leftist Art Sucks

May 9, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because when you're so bad and talentless that you have to resort to applying politics to your art, then son, you ain't an artist, but just a hack.

"Poor Richard's Retirement" Now for Sale!

May 9, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings All!

"Poor Richard's Retirement" is now available for sale in paperback with Kindle and Audible coming shortly! IN FULL DISCLOSURE it is an ESSAY, not a book, coming in at only 140 pages. Additionally, it covers ground most regular readers are already familiar with (that humans are the most important thing in life), and expands upon that ground forming an entirely new retirement system upon it.

If you already know humans are the most important thing in life, and have implemented that into your life philosophy, pursuing a financial life of minimalism, *you likely do NOT need to read this essay*. One of the larger goals of this book was to garner new readers, and the poor state of American's retirement planning was the venue by which I'd achieve that, but most of you guys already practice what is preached here.

Regardless, you may find the book interesting and practical, and it CERTAINLY is philosophical. I just wanted to fully disclose about 50% of it will be material you're already familiar with.

Cappy

Curse Free Episode #22 of The Clarey Podcast!

May 10, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy rambles on about banging liberal men's wives, his trip and taking it easy instead of blasting across South Dakota in one shot. Restuarants that are open 24 7 aside from Perkins and Waffle House. And the firing of James Comey or whatever his name is because Cappy no longer pays attention to politics.

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

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Dating is Over for Gen X

May 10, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I got out of two rat races when I was in my early 30's. One was the 9-5, corporate prison of being a wage slave. The other was dating.

The catalyst that prompted my exit from corporate America (banking) was the collapse of the housing market. I was being driven insane when my hard numbers were telling me there was trouble, but the gray-haired baby boomer who desperately needed a commission check that month to finance their leased vehicles insisted otherwise. It wasn't until the FBI contacted us did I realize that, no, I wasn't insane, and that, yes, corporate America and its baby boomer leaders didn't know jack. It was a corrupt system and one where nobody with any talent can excel. And thus it was time to hunker down and get self-employed quick.

The snow flake that caused the avalanche of me exiting stage right from dating was a cute car model from Detroit who moonlighted as a waitress at one of the bars I frequented. This particular snowflake was nothing special, her dramatic antics common amongst pretty western females, but enough that it was the straw that broke this camel's back. The total economic cost in terms of time, resources, effort, and sanity just wasn't worth it anymore. I went ghost and found that quality reliable girl your mother always talks about. Never set foot in a nightclub or disco ever again.

More than a decade has passed since both retirements, and I'm glad I exited when I did. I now answer to no one for my paycheck, weekly reminding baby boomer bosses of my freedom, and I've been so long removed from the dating scene, I cannot for the life of me understand how I stayed in it so long. But while I was fortunate enough to get out of both rat races, the same cannot be said of my Gen X counterparts. Most, thankfully, have started to get some semblance of justice when it comes to careers. Enough baby boomers are retiring or dying, providing leadership vacuums that should have been long ago. Plus the internet has obsoleted millions of baby boomers, allowing true talent to bypass them, no longer dependent on their brick and mortar monopolies, and allowing a more meritocratic labor force and economy. But the dating rat race has only gotten worse, and for the benefit of any Gen X'ers unfortunate enough to be stuck in it, lend me your ears.

The primary complaint I see amongst colleagues, friends, loved ones, and associates is that there is just not ANYBODY worth dating. Gen X is in their 40's now and 4 decades is enough time to make life crippling mistakes, unrecoverable decisions, and deal-breaking choices the render most undateable. Criminal records, financial problems, student loans (STILL), bankruptcies, other people's children, STD's, unemployment, obesity, mental disorders, and all the other plagues that come with getting old.

Life isn't over for this generation, but the mistakes made in their 20's are now finally coming due with a ton of interest, and momsie and popsie aren't going to bail them out this time. Alas, much like the millennials we love to deride about being irresponsible, I haven't and will never forget the stupid decisions the majority of Gen X made. They simply aren't making the news because nobody wants to see the aftermath of majoring in stupid shit, borrowing a ton of money for a McMansion, getting divorced like the Baby Boomers, and basically the fallout for being the conformist, basic bitch generation they were. Still, the selection is poor for any divorcee, ne'er married Gen X'er who kept his/her powder dry, Gen X'ers who maintained their physique, or anybody of Gen X who is in the dating market.

Gen X's dating problem is further encumbered by an age paradox. Because you can only make more mistakes as time goes on, that means an ever-decreasing percentage of your generation is dateable. An obvious solution would be to date younger, finding people who haven't made your mistakes...yet...but there is a problem in dating younger - they're not mature enough and thus not mentally compatible. This is especially pronounced among male Gen X'ers who did not have children, were never married, and thus far kept their nose clean. You can certainly date younger, but doing so will only cause a headache as you date into the realm of "feminist, empowered, yet completely clueless, Millennial women." You can date older, but now you run into other men's children, financially troubled women, lithium prescriptions, Jesus freaks, newly-empowered 40 something feminists, and government-check-addicted Hillary Clinton acolytes. Alas, I've seen many male friends ping-pong between the two, with no solution in sight.

Sadly, the reality is one of cold, hard economics which more accurately reflects a produce market than the pretty lies TV, media, and movies paint to get you to believe your Ann Margaret or Prince Charming is right around the corner. All markets clear, just like the produce section. The quality tomatoes are picked over quickly, and those that are left will spoil in due time. This isn't to say you're a rotten tomato if you haven't been snatched up in this market, I know some men and women who are truly great and wonderful people in this unenviable situation due to circumstances largely out of their control. But it is to stand back, clear our eyes, and accurately assess what is going on so we can accurately diagnose the situation and take action that will help going forward.

Gen X'ers today need to take a somber look at dating and acknowledge what's going on. They may also need to entertain the possibility of just being single forever or that their standards are just too high. Millennials would also do well to pay attention because while they're hot, young, and beautiful (well...young anyway), the lies they've been fed about career, education, "partaaaaaying," and politics being more important than family, friends, and loved ones will put them in the exact same situation as Gen X and the Baby Boomers before them. One that is certainly not enviable.

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Play Stupid Games

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Win stupid prizes.

Last Man Standing Canceled

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Well it was fun while it lasted.

Why Can't I Find This While "Working?"

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Some people get all the luck. Fossilized dinosaur brain.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Cough cough.

Poor Richard's Retirement Now Available on Kindle!

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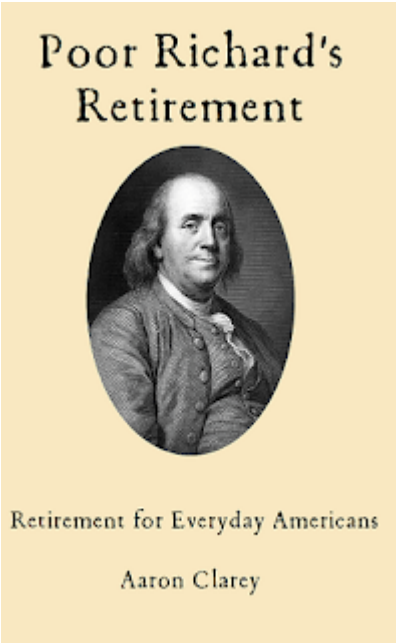
For $6.74 you may guarantee you have an adequately funded retirement by purchasing the Kindle version of "Poor Richard's Retirement." As a friendly reminder, if you already practice minimalism and know humans are the most important thing in life, you do NOT need to buy/read this essay. Won't hurt and certainly you may enjoy some of the philosophical takes on economics, retirement, finance, and evolution play an interactive role with one another, but it is not a "must read" for regular Cappy readers/listeners.



Audio book version coming out quite shortly actually for those of you, who like me, do not like to read.

Yes, Berkeley "Haas" a Business School

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The University of California Berkeley is a curious entity. It is without a doubt the most leftist, anti-free speech, anti-freedom college in the United States. It generates, at best, worthless liberal arts graduates, and more typically, damaging ones who will be net parasites on society. Yet, at the same time, it has highly-ranked, highly-legitimate STEM programs, producing engineers, scientists, and other productive members of society. But while this odd square peg is rounded with a universal indoctrination of leftist politics (all their scientists/STEM graduates are just as easily brainwashed as the liberal arts majors), I was shocked to find out Berkeley has a business school.

Yes, an actual business school replete with MBA program and all.

It's called the "Haas Business School" and is ranked surprisingly highly in both undergraduate and MBA programs.

This completely flummoxed me because there was just no way to reconcile Berkeley's anti-progress, anti-capitalism, anti-production environment with that of a highly ranked business school. Alas there it was, in all of it's business schooly glory, punching in the weight class with Wharton and the U of Chicago.

So out of morbid curiosity I just had to look up what the class requirements are to earn a degree from the "prestigious" Haas School of Business, and what I found was not surprising at all.

First, like all colleges, the Haas School of Business does not make it easy, clear cut, or obvious what you need to graduate. Despite my best efforts to take the minimum number of courses to graduate from college, I too took one unnecessary class. I believe schools make it this complicated on purpose so that they can eek out those couple extra thousand dollars from their students.

Second, what also stood out was Haas' insistence you take 7 "breadth" classes, one each from the following categories:

Arts and Literature
Biological Science
Historical Studies
International Studies
Philosophy and Values
Physical Science
Social and Behavioral Sciences

You can look up the individual lists from the link above, but all are chock full of worthless, liberal arts pre-requisites that, once again, only exist for two reasons. 1) to serve as an employment vehicle for Berkeley graduate students in the worthless liberal arts. 2) to brainwash you into leftist politics that has nothing to do (even everything antithetical) to business. All under the hypocritical lie that you need to be "well rounded."

Third, was the "core" group of business classes every business major, regardless of specialty, has to take. This includes 10 "basic bitch" classes such as "micro-economics" (because your high school class I guess wasn't good enough), "business communications" (which is surprisingly like all communications), "marketing" ("gotta spend money to make money!"), and two complete throw-away classes "Leadership" (because I'm going to let a 22 year old leftist moron lead my company) and "The Social, Political, and Ethical Environment of Business" (more leftist brainwashing from a professor who never worked in the real world of business).

You would think this would be enough in academic-indulgences-bribery money to satiate and keep employed Bekerley's ranks of worthless professors,theoreticians, and academians, but it's not, because the University of Berkeley also has some class requirements of all their graduates, regardless of their college and degree. Like all graduation requirements, they don't go into detail, hoping to get you to sign up for 3, 4, 7 classes you don't need, but they fall into three categories.

"American History"
"American Institutions"
"American Culture"

These requirements are likely nothing more than additional and unneeded, rank leftist propaganda, but even if not, they *certainly have nothing to do with business*.

Fifth, you need 12 "upper division, non business units" to graduate from the "prestigious" Haas Business School. What they are, again, they don't clearly say, but they EXPLICITLY tell you it CAN'T be business. Making me (and the students no doubt) wonder how much better a business major they could have been if they were allowed to...oh, I don't know...STUDY WHAT THEY WANT WITH THOSE EXTRA 12 CREDITS???

And then finally, the numbers.

They just don't add up.

Though I could be wrong, the best I could suss it out, your average Haas Business School student will take, in total, 65 BUSINESS credits. Only 38 of which will be in their particular major (finance, marketing, HR, etc.). This is out of a TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS of 120 to graduate.

So let's do some math that I think even Haas Business School students can understand.

When you go to the Haas School of Business, only 54% of the classes you take will have anything to do with business. And when you really look at it, only 32%, LESS THAN ONE THIRD of the classes you take will have anything to do with you major.

Translated another way, 2/3rds of your tuition money and time is spent on crap you never wanted to study and (in my humble opinion) is nothing more than a money grab from Big Education that makes the mafia's insurance plan look fair.

Of course, this is not just the Haas School of Business, but nearly every business school, and nearly every college in America. The majority of classes college students take have nothing to do with their major, and everything to do with enriching the life-long-academian class. The first and foremost purpose of higher education is NOT to educate "the future" but to get you to endebt yourself, often times to the tune of $100,000, all so Big Education can make almost as much money on you as the mortgage industry.

The real question is why is it taking Americans, especially the youth, so long to see this scam for what it is? I understand that we are now forcing all of our (precious) youth into indentured financial servitude because the Bachelors Degree is the new High School Diploma. I know millions of baby boomer and Gen X'er parents are naive about the realities of higher education, unconsciously brainwashing their children that "they MUST ALL GO TO COLLEGE." But when do you sheep wake up and realize a college "degree" that only gives you a third of the education you need/want with a price tag of $100,000 and 4 years of your youth is a racket, not to mention, the primary cause of all future millennial financial problems?

I used to want to do the right thing and sound the alarm, toll the bells, and try to warn Americans about the financial risks of pursuing worthless degrees. But instead I (or anybody else) who tries to warn people about this are greeting with hostility, accusations of "ruining dreams," or just being "ignorant" (a favorite accusation of 19 year old self-described "independent minded people"). Throw in the fact these lemmings continue to keep running off the cliff, I not only find myself wanting to enjoy the decline, but actually am sadistically starting to enjoy watching the carnage.

For example, just two months ago the clerk checking me out at the grocery store unsolicitedly lamented to me about the election of Donald Trump. I asked him what he was going to major in, and he said, "theater." With a straight face that would win the World Series of Poker I told him,

"Look kid, I know you think just getting that bachelors in theater is going to help, but nowadays you REALLY need to get a doctorate if you want to be successful."

Because, you know, I don't want to get in the way of anybody's dreams.

Aaron Clarey is a mean, bitter old man who likes to destroy young people's dreams and kick puppies. He does this because he is evil. If you'd like to read some of his evil works consider buying "Worthless: The Young Person's Indispensable Guide to Choosing the Right Major" and "Poor Richard's Retirement: Retirement for Everyday Americans." Both are full of mean, hurtful things like "facts" and "numbers" and are guaranteed to hurt your feels, trigger you, and send you into a campus safe space. You may also hire him for a personal consultation at his company Asshole Consulting.

"Iron Horse Heist"

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Saw this painting in Deadwood and knew it was one of the few and rare luxuries I "must have."

Then I saw the price was $3,850, JUST FOR A PRINT!

It is now officially "one of the few and rare luxuries I must have...when I'm a billionaire."

White Hating University Lays Off 400 People

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Awwww, too bad for Mizzou. Remember how the inmates took over the prison?

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Panning for gold.
There are 2 black people in South Dakota.
Why Tim Allen doesn't need ABC.
Fuck you Mizzou!!!

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Putin Loves America More Than the Democrat Party

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It's a sad day when a former KGB agent seems to like Americans more than their own democrat party.

Marvel Cancels Black Lives Matter Comic…Finally

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Hmmmm...it's almost as if the kids (and adults) are getting their fill of forced-diversity at home, on TV, the media, politics, billboards, newspapers, books, and...well...just about every other place and don't want to see it in their recreational activities!

Robots Eliminating Need for HR

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LinkedIn to replace HR.

Well that's one good thing about robots taking our jobs away.

The Chris Cornell Test of Intelligence

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If you are wondering if you're smart, but don't have the time to take an IQ test, consider instead the Chris Cornell. Test of Intelligence.

If you don't know who he is, and don't care that he died, congratulations, you're intelligent.

Curse Free (Sorta) Episode #23 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Wearing velcro shoes in the 80's.
What happens to the losers post high school?
Harley riders are so cute.
Housing Bubble 2.0.
Marvel cancels racist comic.
Chris Connell who???

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"College" vs. "Collage"

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A little bit of help for college graduates...who don't know how to spell "COLLEGE"

IBM and Female Boss' Hatred of Telecommuting

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Meet one Michelle Peluso.

No engineering or programming experience. BUT she DID work in the fashion industry and she has a degree from Wharton AND a rich daddy.

So she knows better than you stinky, nerdy, IBM geeks.

Outsource Your Homework

May 22, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Alex is in busy season and is not just looking to hire, but also looking for clients. The end of the school year is upon us! Be smart like corporation and OUTSOURCE all your unnecessary liberal art/humanities pre-reqs to the pros!

"Thank you to all who reached out to us over the last few months. You have done a great deal to help us get through the busier juncture of the academic year.

We were able to achieve quite a bit of growth, yet now, most of our clients are on summer break. This is yet another opportunity for our marketers to step up and help us cultivate new working relationships.

The gig we are offering is very simple. You set up a new Gmail address and make sure it automatically forwards all incoming messages to us. Then, use that gmail address to create a CL account. Lastly, we'll send you ads to post and you may begin posting.

Here are the step by step instructions

1. Set up a new gmail account with your initials in it
2. Edit the forwarding features to ensure that all incoming emails are re-directed to Aleksey.Bashtavenko@gmail.com
3. Use that new gmail account to set up a craigslist account

In all likelihood, you will generate plenty of leads and we will pay you five bucks for each one. Yet, even if you don't, you'll still make a dollar a day just for posting.

By mid-summer, most of our marketers generate 5-10 leads in less than 10 minutes of work a week.

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Don't Let Corporate Profits Bother You

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I have largely checked out of the realm of politics and finance. Both entities/worlds are not controlled, nor influenced by me, but instead are determined by the unlimited sea of sheep, lemmings, and the politicians and corporate marketing shepherds that guide them into the slaughter house. This has turned politics, economics, finance, and in general, history, into a movie I watch, indifferent about the outcome, with no passion nor care about the characters. This means most humans mean nothing to be, and so when they:

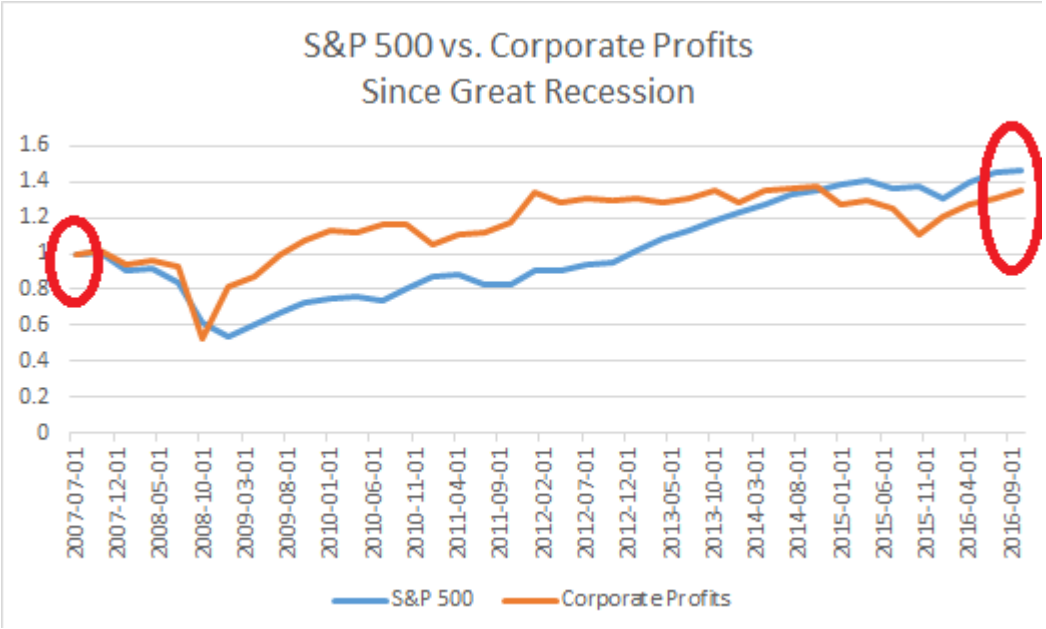
Buy a McMansion at the height of the housing bubble.
Investing in a dotcom in 1999.
Borrow $150,000 to major in a worthless subject
Volunteer at a refugee camp and get raped

and consequently have their lives ruined, I laugh at them because in my world they are merely non-sentient characters on the stage of life, all here for my entertainment.

So an article about IBM's stagnant revenues and profits prompting them to end their telecommuting policy, piqued my interest. Was IBM having trouble? Were their profits down? I had no idea, I was too busy at the moment riding my motorcycle in the Black Hills to tune in. But apparently it is true, IBM is having a bit of a tough time. This then prompted me to research corporate profits overall and it seems it's the same movie being played at the "AMC CNCB Jim Cramer 25 Cineplex."

Corporate profits have indeed not only stagnated for IBM, but corporations overall. Bar the oil price collapse of 1986 (which drove corporate profit growth to an all time low) the trailing 10 year average of corporate profits is at an all-time, post-1950's low:

I know the democrat/socialist movie directors want to tell you in this movie the economy has recovered and this is the new normal, but in the real world this does not bode well for the entire country and the millions of sheep who have been told to invest in the stock market via their 401k's, IRA's and 403b's. I was hoping that with sclerotic corporate profit growth, corporate prices would be equally slow to grow, meaning they'd be cheap for the millions of Gen X'ers and Millennials who would like to also contribute to their retirement plans. But alas, even after the 50% stock price crash in the S&P 500 during The Great Recession, stock prices have not only recovered to their pre-cash levels, but grew an extra 11% over what corporate profits warranted, making them EXTRA EXTRA pricey for millennial and Gen X sheep to buy.



This is on top of a longer and historically larger bubble where the stock market is

essentially trading at twice the value it should be because of all the:

1. Retirement dollars
2. Low interest rate loan corporate buy back dollars
3. Quantitative easing dollars

flooding the US stock market.

It is here I lose interest in the movie because I've seen this movie thrice before. There was the "Housing Bubble" which came out in 2007 and starred Dick Fuld, Bernie Madoff, and Ben Bernanke. There was "The Dotcom Bubble" which starred CNBC, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and a sea of idiot American sheeple. And though most never bothered to view it, I did watch that old classic "The Tulip Bulb Bubble" starring the ENTIRE POPULATION OF HOLLAND.

All of them have the same plot.
All of them have the same outcome.
They are as boring, overdone, and scripted as the Fast and the Furious Series.

And just like the "Fast and the Furious" series promises to be *the last one*, they'll drag Vin Diesel's and Duane Johnson's ass out again and again and gain...

"for just one more time"
"because this is the last time"
"until the next time"

"for family"
"never again"
"until the next time"
"till I was never coming back"
"until we have to do it again"
"for the last time."

It won't be until the American sheeple *actually learn from history*, will they avoid these once-per-decade financial crises they inflict upon themselves. Until that time, enjoy the show and enjoy the decline.

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Penises Cause Global Warming

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It's sad when leftist academians don't pass the Turing Test.

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No fucks given about the terrorist attack.
We are the top 10%.
IBM renegs on telecommuting deal.
Valedictorians don't excel in life.
"I want to change lives."

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"National Millennial Day"

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"*With National Millennials Day, we want to turn the stereotypes inside--out. To show that we're more GENERATION WE than Generation ME. To transform ideals into actions. To inspire hope for the future. To celebrate the most open-minded, connected, innovative, purpose-driven generation on the planet: Millennials.*"

Because nothing says "selflessness" like demanding your own fucking national day.

Hat tip.

Because Sportzball is More Important than Economic Growth

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Bread and Circuses apparently are NOT long term investments! Who knew!

Shock! Republican With Balls Wins!

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Who knew America was sick and tired of prissy-white, lying saints as politicians and elected a man who slapped up a lippy journalist!

Why are Women Suckers for Fads and Bubbles?

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You can almost see the MSM admit that there might be an education bubble. But the problem is that runs contrary to their narrative that education is always good and always mandatory and "rah rah yea for women."

Oh foolish women. Always buying that shinny new (and expensive) object in front of you.

Please, ladies, I'm being serious here now. If you want to close the wage gape you need to start majoring in the right subjects. That is going to do more to ACTUALLY close the wage gap than whining about it or blaming "the patriarchy." And that, is frankly, more help and honesty than you've ever received from feminism, your professors, diversity experts, or politicians.

Socialist Men Less Manly

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Shocking!

Just shocking!

I feel bad for millennial girls.

Good thing gender is just a social construct.

The Case for Evil

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The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

"The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" is an amazing movie and is an absolute must for every person to see. There is the Hollywood-good "Blondie" played by Clint Eastwood. The Saturday-morning-cartoon-villain bad "Angel Eyes" played by Lee Van Cleef. And the relateable ugly "Tuco" played by Eli Wallach. The story that unfolds as the three try to abscond with $200,000 in Civil War gold is unrivaled and I shan't ruin a single bit of the movie for you here. But the title is as catchy as the movie is good because it prompts people to conveniently categorize all of society into these three categories.

The good.
The bad.
and
The ugly.

The truth is, however, this is wrong. Society does not break down neatly between the good, the bad, and the ugly, and this can be seen in the character of Tuco (the ugly).

Tuco may be dirty, low-life, skeeze. He may indeed be ugly. But he has a trait that outshines his ugliness, puts him on par with the good and the bad, and makes it possible for the movie to happen.

He's smart.

And in the real world society does NOT neatly break down between

The good.
The bad
and

The smart.

It DOES, however, most certainly break down between

The good.
The bad.
and
The stupid.

And it is here a moral case for evil exists.

The Stupid

Understand nearly all western nations and societies can be broken down between the good, the bad, and the stupid. Where a small 10% of the population is good. Another small 10% of the population is bad. And though both of these minorities are smart, the remaining 80% of society is stupid.

This makes the battle between good and bad a lopsided one (I'd even say deterministic) in favor of the bad. The bad can easily prey upon the stupid. The bad can easily convince the stupid they're good. The bad can even get the stupid to attack the good. And with a few mere lies, the bad can more or less have the stupid at their complete disposal.

The good on the other hand have to fight with one hand tied behind their back. The good don't lie. The good don't cheat. The good have moral qualms taking advantage of the stupid. Alas the good are not only constantly on the defensive, but outnumbered at times 9 to 1. Worse, the good can never get around to actually doing good, progressing as a society or excelling at life, as the majority of their efforts have to go fighting the bad and vainly trying to convince the stupid they're not the enemy. And so society wallows in painfully slow and incremental progress, often times regressing because the stupid are so easily duped by the bad.

Take for example democracies. After 3,000 years of war, philosophy, revolution, and

blood, western civilization finally evolved to the point we minimized the government and wrestled it under the control of the people. Now, the stupid, over the past 100 years have been convinced by the bad (politicians) that a larger government is a good government, and in these past 100 years have largely undone what our western civilization ancestors so tenaciously fought for the past three millennia.

Closely related, the democrats exclusive private property ownership of blacks. Is there a better example of an evil group of people ruining the lives of another group of people with lies and false promises? The democrats have convinced nearly 90% of blacks that their entire fate, their entire lives are controlled and oppressed by "whitey" and "republicans," and that the ONLY way they can get out of their oppression is by (surprise, surprise) electing more democrats into power. The true evil of "the bad" in this scenario is where blacks continue to remain in last place, suffering mightily under democrat cities and policies, but are still so brainwashed they don't realize it is the bad/the democrats who are their true oppressors.

Paralleling very closely to the plight of blacks are another prey of the bad in this country - women. Certainly the democrat party view women as a victim class to advance and enrich themselves, but feminism and feminists are the true villains in this movie. Wanting to avoid real work at any cost, feminism and feminists have created and entire victim-whoring industry out of whole cloth. And they did so by telling women the most damaging of lies.

Women are men.
Gender is a social construct.
You don't need a man.
Being a mom/stay at home wife is oppression.
You are oppressed.
The glass ceiling.
Patriarchy.
The wage gap.
Etc.

Surprise, surprise again it is only feminism and feminists that can solve and remedy these injustices. And the way we do this apparently is by creating entire departments of women's studies, channeling women into "social justice" or "liberal arts" fields (where they coincidentally pay $100,000 for worthless degrees), financing make work government programs to employ these otherwise unemployable people, replacing men with government checks, and convincing women that working, paying taxes, and a career is more important than having a husband or children.

But at what price?

There are now three full generations of women (baby boomers, Gen X and now millennials) who put a paycheck, a career, their politics, feminism, and their education ahead of their biological and heart-felt desires to have and raise a family. They'll never admit it, but they're miserable and have wasted their entire lives. But at least ~~the bad~~ feminists made off $100,000 in tuition, Oprah is a billionaire, Jimmy Choo made a lot of money on shoes, corporate America got some cheap labor, the government got a lot of tax revenue, and the democrats/labour/socialist party got a lot of votes. What's only worse than the ruination of millions of women's lives is how they still claim to be independent minded when they were so obviously hoodwinked and screwed over by feminism.

How about the mentally ill? Well, not really the mentally ill, but the legions of lazy young people who all want to claim they too are victims and in need of government assistance, legs up in society, handicaps, and hand outs and therefore falsely claim to have a mental illness?

ADHD
ADD
Bi-polar
Asperger's
Autism
Social anxiety disorder.
Depression.
Etc.,

These things certainly may exist, but one thing is for certain - there certainly are millions of millennials, Gen Xer's, even baby boomer ***faking*** it all so they can collect government handouts, disability, legs up in society, and (last but not least) an excuse for their laziness and utter patheticness.

Sadly, the bad is all too eager to help accommodate them in their own self delusion.

Not only do the usual socialist suspects rear their ugly heads to champion free mental health care, government programs, and blank government checks (all in exchange for a vote, of course), but the psychology "profession" and pharmaceutical industry are all too eager to capitalize on these faked mental illnesses.

Is your 9 year old boy acting like...well...a 9 year old boy?
Ritalin!

Are you feeling down and depressed like...well...EVERYBODY does now and then?
Zoloft!

Are you anxious because you're a pampered spoiled brat from the suburbs?
Xanax!!

Are you just an evil, insufferable person conveniently looking to hide behind a made up mental disorder so you can continue to manipulate and abuse people?
Lithium!

And let's not forget the legions of psychology majors who are otherwise unemployable and rush to the scene to provide unneeded psychological services to children, long as they get to suckle on that government teat.

Never mind millions of people's lives will be ruined thinking/faking they have a mental illness. The government, the psychology industry, and the pharmaceutical industry made billions off of these sheep.

And if the pharmaceutical and psychology industries didn't consume enough in billions of GDP, let's talk about a $1 trillion plus, per year industry where the bad just completely rape the stupid, while also COMPLETELY brainwashing them against the good.

College.

Does a better example of evil exist, where people profit and parasite off of a naive and innocent people, than modern day liberal arts and humanities colleges? The bad are so good at enslaving the stupid in this case I almost feel compelled to applaud them. They not only convince the stupid that the good are their enemy, but they also:

1. Convince the stupid they're entitled to free everything
2. Convince the stupid that nothing is ever their fault.
3. Convince the stupid they're smart.
4. Convince the stupid to enslave themselves to the state

and (where I tip my hat to the bad)

5. Convince the stupid to borrow $150,000, financially crippling themselves forever, to pay for these worthless degrees.

I know the stupid are *the stupid*, but for them to fall for such idiotic poppycock is unbelievable.

It's Good to Be Bad

The problem with this complete and total level of stupidity is that it lessens, if not outright ruins the lives of the good. We not only have to fight the bad, but must also tolerate, often fight the stupid. I argue this is the true societal cost of the stupid in that the good are not allow to come anywhere near to achieving their full potential. If it weren't for stupid people we wouldn't be paying 40% in taxes, traffic would be non-existent, we would have landed on the moon in 1200 AD, and cancer would be cured. Instead we need to bail out banks, single moms, liberal arts students, and dedicate nearly half our economy to shield the stupid from their own mistakes.

But if putting up with this total and complete price of stupidity wasn't insulting enough, what, I ask you, do we get in return for being good? In the movies the good wins in the end. In the movies the good vanquishes the bad and makes off with the girl But what happens in the real world?

The truth is you're punished.

Any attempt at doing good in today's world is met with fierce resistance, not only from the bad, but the stupid as well. And the bad are so good at brainwashing the stupid, they even have scripted verbiage they've trained these sheep to not only use, but actually believe in.

You're "racist!"
You're "sexist!"
You have "privilege!"
You're "oppressing me!"
There's "institutionalized ism/ist."
The "patriarchy."
The "glass ceiling."
Literally Hitler.
Fascist!
Etc.

And merely being called names is the best punishment the good can hope for.

If you dare to help out the stupid, tell them the truth, or try to get them to wake up, you run the risk of losing your job, getting doxed, or having your entire career and life ruined, simply because you want to "be good." Donglegate, Brendan Eich, and the Orwellian nightmare that corporate America is becoming is not only proof the bad are winning, but shows just how pervasive and successful the bad have become.

The simple question is, is it worth it?

Morality and religious reasons aside, take a cold, secular look at humanity and ask yourself why not be bad? Not that bad or evil itself has merit, but does the stupid in society deserve the good? And not only does the stupid deserve the good, but with their idiocy, ungratefulness, and outright hatred for the good, does not the stupid *deserve the bad in spades*?

It is here you almost have to reluctantly admit that "the bad" was right all along. Of course, I argue the bad is bad because they're lazy and have no moral compass, accidentally choosing the right path. But from a practical, functional view it not only pays to be bad, but it is precisely what the stupid deserve. In this case, you almost have to applaud and respect the democrat party, feminists, academia, the psychology industry, and all the other "bad" institutions for the James-Bond-Villain-level global domination plan they've pulled off. And since the stupid is not only all for being the victim to these plans, but hates any good person that tries to help them, even going so for as to ruin these good Samaritans' lives, I cannot help but conclude:

It's good to be bad.

If a wife is going to cheat on her husband, you do yourself no favors refusing to sleep with her. You simply pass up free sex because she's going to cheat anyway. Might as well be the guy to bang her, because it's not going to change the outcome.

If a minority is going to vote for a democrat because of the free gibmedats, he's going to vote for the democrat no matter what. You simply pass up a cushy public office position running as a republican. His poverty is guaranteed regardless, so you might as well lie to him, run as a democrat, and get your government check as well.

If a 20 year old girl is going major in social justice, you're only going to piss her off telling her her dreams are stupid and she should major in engineering. Ergo, push her along and encourage her to ruin her life. You'll not only get on her good side (be you a parent or a boyfriend), but again, she was condemned to major in social justice anyway.

And all my contesting and fighting against the approval of bad loans during the run up to

the housing bubble did absolutely nothing to stop it. I would quite literally be a million dollars richer had I just played ball, and NOTHING, NOT ONE THING would be different.

And before you start claiming that any of the above would be immoral and unethical, realize being moral or ethical would have no effect on ANY of the outcomes above. The only difference is whether you profited off of it in the end, delivering the lies the stupid so richly deserve, and were condemned to believe.

It is here I make the argument that for those of us who are "the good," we need to really sit and contemplate the consequences for being so. I know some of you have children and therefore have a vested interest in doing what you can to make the future brighter for them. I know some of you have religious reasons that would prevent you from taking such a Machiavellian approach to humanity. But as I've alluded to in my podcasts before, I am very lucky to make a living as a purveyor of truth. It took two decades and a life of hell to scratch out this morsel of business, but I am incredibly thankful for it and we do a lot of GENUINE good. But the day it goes away, the day the stupid and/or the bad make it illegal, ban channels, ban sites, etc. etc., is the day they leave me no choice. And if Oprah, the democrat party, bankster scum, and academia are any indication, that day is going to be a very profitable one for me indeed because I will aggressively sell the poison and lies the sheep so desperately crave. Just be aware, that day might be coming for you too. And it'd be best if you knew there was a moral case for evil.

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More Nails on the Coffin of the Education Bubble

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Universities are SLOWLY starting to offer classes and degrees on "Big Data" or "Data Science."

But then Microsoft came along and offered this.

This speaks to an idea I had wherein there would be a certification system ran by the government that would allow you to test to get degree equivalents, much like a GED, but for specific college degrees. I even thought about profiting off of it offering classes much like COMPTIA and other companies do. But the problem is the private sector (surprise surprise) is already actively offering such a product/service, AT LEAST FOR FIELDS THAT MATTER AND HAVE ECONOMIC VALUE.

The real issue is how do we obsolete the need to attend college and university for worthless LIBERAL ART DEGREES and thus (not only save millions of kids every year from financial servitude), but kill off the marxist, anti-freedom academic left once and for all?

And the answer is we can't.

As I've explained before, most students pursue liberal arts and humanities degrees NOT as investments, but as consumer goods. They are paying for "the college experience" and never had any intention of their degree being useful, employable, or rigorous. It is just one big entitlement, birthright, and party America's dumber high school students demand to be entitled to, and even if there was an "GED/certificate equivalent" (or heck, the library) they are still going to sign away on the dotted line to pay $200,000 for a worthless degree.

In short, there is no way to leverage technology, the internet, and online classes to provide a superior and cheaper educational alternative for liberal arts and humanities degrees because the people who pursue these degrees are NOT interested in cost, value, or ROI. They are paying for an incredibly expensive experience, much like a 4 year spa treatment or 4 year vacation.

The sooner you realize the economic nature of liberal arts degrees are CONSUMER GOODS the sooner the insanity of the academic left will make sense.

Professor Bret Weinstein Meets His Frankenstein Monster

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Bret, let me tell you that you deserved and continue to deserve everything coming your way. You created these anti-freedom monsters and it is a DIRECT result of your leftist politics.

Don't worry, soon nobody will be hiring your students because, seriously, who is ever going to hire liberal arts graduates?

Experimenting with Micro-Communism

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I had a debate a while ago on Taleeb Starkes show, where he ambushed both me and a veritable communist by getting us to be on his show under false pretenses. Much like Iraq soldiers would get various insects or spiders to battle each other for entertainment, it was the same thing as natural enemies will attack each other. There wasn't much to say about the debate except for the fact the communist he had on was a purist, even going so far as to support North Korea (though choosing to live in Canada).

I can't find the video (because I believe it's hidden behind a paypal on Taleeb's site), but with the limited time we had I wanted to clearly understand the point and position the communist was making. And what it ultimately boiled down to was that he truly believed in Marx's theory about communist and that we had yet (of course) to implement communism correctly and were not yet at that stage. This prompted me to ask then, "Has a working model of communism ever been successfully implemented in all of human history" to which he said no. To which I responded "well don't you think you should try to get a small working model first before rolling it out on all 7 billion people?" which promptly won the argument.

However, this got me thinking: *what about* experimenting with small "micro-communism" environments? Not necessarily because I want to implement communism, or that I'm curious to see if it would work. But because before we upend the entire global system that has naturally evolved over time (that would be "capitalism" for those of you in academia) which would CERTAINLY cause some inefficiencies...or outright millions of deaths due to starvation (if history is any indication)...wouldn't it be prudent, wise, and HUMANE to test it out FIRST on a small group and small scale of people so it could be perfected BEFORE forcing all 7 billion people under a gun to accept it?

Alas, this article sent to me from our good Australian Agent in the Field, Adam Piggott.

Apparently, in an effort to follow marxist maxims "Lentils as Anything's" (they needed to hire Asshole Consulting before naming their company that), would allow people to pay only what they could and not what was necessary to cover the expenses to pay the wages and overhead of the working-class people who supplied the restaurant with food, supplies, labor, and...well...everything. And as they found out, people, when given the choice, would not pay what was necessary to make the restaurant a viable economic concern and it was forced to close.

This is nothing more than another repeat "micro-communist" experiment where another restaurant, Bartertown Diner, also failed to keep it's doors open. Unlike "Lentils as Anything's," Bartertown's communist philosophy focused on management and not

pricing. They decided not to have any management, allow employees to show up whenever and do whatever, allowed employees to determine their own wage, and even had such libertine policies as no-official hours. Once again, this micro-experiment in communism failed and the diner is no longer around.

We can go on, but I do like this concept of experimenting with communism on a micro-level first, before rolling it ~~over~~ out ~~onto~~ for the people. Despite economic differences between me and communists, I would assume they have the best wishes of the people at heart. And if you're going to insist on changing the current socio-economic system from what it is to a communist one, then you'd make damn sure you could run a measly restaurant, let alone an entire economy. It's only the moral and right thing to do. But if you can't get restaurant to work, then why would you insist on implementing socialist policies nation wide, let alone municipal wide? It only hurts the people you're claiming to help.

Venezuela is only the most recent nation-wide implementation of this ill-tested prototype political-economic philosophy following such successes as North Korea, the USSR, East Germany and Cuba.

Detroit, Chicago, the black community, and academia are also "municipal" sized experiments that have cost millions of innocent people their livelihoods, futures and, some people, their actual lives).

And Minneapolis just made a huge stride towards nationalizing private property under the guise of section 8 housing, already adding to a huge communist push by their privileged white girl major (if you don't know about Minneapolis, it's fallen under disrepair from their latest Mayor Betsy Hodges).

About the only socialist success story, that unfortunately COMPLETELY depends on capitalism and free markets to provide its participants with the luxury of claiming to be socialists...while the major employers of this economy ship their tax nexus overseas...would be Silicon Valley. But that took decades worth of K-college brainwashing and (once again) only works within a capitalist economy.

Of course, what sadly is more likely the case in the majority of communists, socialists, democrats, and active politicians is that they care more about free stuff, easy jobs, government positions, and political power than they do the millions of lives their political religion destroys. They truly don't care how many brown people in Venezuela starve or how many black people in Zimbabwe die or how many black people get shot in Chicago. It's more important to them that they don't have to work and can live off of western government teats, not to mention feel good when virtue signaling in college as they pursue advanced liberal arts degrees. ANYTHING to avoid real work and labor, while hypocritically claiming to be the party of the worker. And so when a logical, obvious,

humane, and SAFE option exists to experiment, perfect, and THEN roll out a feasible and practical communist society (which by the way if you can swing it, I'm all ears), it sadly falls on deaf ears because the majority of socialists/communists/democrats don't care about the people.

They just care about themselves.

So much so they have no problems ruining the lives of everybody else on the planet.

You may hate capitalism. You may think it's cruel and evil. But at least it's been tested. Both on a small scale and large scale.

Enjoy the decline!

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Pissing Pug, Raging Bull, Fearless Girl

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HA!!!!

I think some segments of American society are sick of the now-approaching 40 years of rah-rah you can do it girl feminism.

Episode #201 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Ladies, stop majoring in stupid shit.
Retire miserable or happy.
Can't drive after being president.
Amy Schumer bombs...again.
Minneapolis forces Section 8 on landlords YOU DON'T OWN YOUR OWN PROPERTY IN LARGE LIBERAL TOWNS!!!!!

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Day By Day Cartoon Gets Overhaul

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New site for Chris Muir.

And yes, yes, I already know for those of you with a savvy eye for capitalism, profit, and opportunity.

"He's got a lot of ad space available."

Working on bringing the ole man into "the current year" of monetizing his site.

Regardless, make DayByDay a daily stop for your morning-avoiding-work-ritual.

Spending Money You Don't Have To

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"Rubes and yokels
Rubes and yokels
Rubes and yokels

Get 'em into the tent

Believing what they're sold
Buying what they're told
Smokin' what they're rolled

Can't get enough of that shite
Right

Rubes and yokels
Rubes and yokels
Rubes and yokels

Get 'em into the tent."

70's Babysitters Babysitting the Babies They Brought Up

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I love it when leftist academians get eaten by their own monsters.

Retirement is Death

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Chatted with Kerry Lutz today where we discussed telecommuting, how you don't need that much to retire, social security, and how retirement is death.

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Why Gen X Just Might See a Social Security Check

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And a non-hyper-inflated-away one at that!

Because, yes, while the United States' economic fundamentals have been doing nothing but deteriorating over our entire lives

And yes, nobody in their right mind would lend money to an individual with the US government's finances

There are three main reasons that I am increasingly optimistic that we Gen Xer's will receive social security AND those checks will still have purchasing power.

However, we first need to understand what threatens social security. It's not that the US government will be unable to print SS checks off and the worthless pieces of paper to finance them thereafter. That has never been called into question. It's whether those pieces of paper will have any purchasing power left to them. The federal government's debt now hovers around 105% GDP, we run deficits and not surpluses, and to finance all this the federal government, since Obama alone, has doubled the M2 money supply and tripled the M1 money supply.. Normally, these hallmark traits of insolvency would render a traditional borrower's currency worthless. Lenders would stop extending credit, and the entity would go bankrupt. But the US is not a traditional borrower, nor is this a traditional lending market. And it is here there are three reasons I predict Gen X will get as social security check...and should be incredibly grateful for it!

One, the US is the world's reserve currency.

Without boring you with an incredibly dull lesson in international economics, the world has always needed a "world reserve currency." The reason why is such a thing is very useful and therefore in demand. First, countries that want to conduct international trade may not trust each other's government to inflate away their currency. So they write their contracts and settle their accounts in a currency that is stable and everybody has faith in. In the olden days this was the Roman "denarius," in not so olden days it was the British Sterling, and after WWII (when there was no functional economy left in the world) it was - and remains today- the US dollar. Second, there is also international demand for a safe haven currency, especially amongst unstable 2nd and 3rd world economies. Even to this day, entire economies can become "dollarized" wherein there is ultimately no faith in the local currency, but there is faith in the US dollar. These forces, and more, result in a HUGE global demand for the US dollar that goes beyond what domestic demand we have here for the consumption of goods and services. And it also allows for the seemingly magical trick where we can triple our money supply, but see little-to-no

inflation here at home. The short answer is, all those extra dollars were sopped up by countries in even worse shape than us.

Two, this then puts the onus on the US maintaining its world reserve currency status to ensure our future social security checks have value. And there are two reasons I believe the US dollar as the world reserve currency is here to stay (or at least as long as I need it to be before I die). First, a lot of the dollar's reserve status is due to hold-over habit. After WWII the dollar was the OBVIOUS reserve currency, even though it's fundamentals no longer warrant it now. But the world is dumb. Most people don't look up debt to GDP ratios, current account deficits, nor GDP growth. They've grown up their entire lives eating, sleeping, and breathing "the dollar is stable and has value." So you can have a financial home-wrecker like Obama come in, print off all the money in the world, and the reputation our forefathers and WWII vets gave the US will still hold in the eyes of the world's sheeple. The second reason is a bit more concrete. The US is about the only country today that could be the world's reserve currency because of its size. For example there are scores of currencies whose countries' underlying fundamentals are vastly superior to the US. Switzerland's Franc. Norway's Krone. Even Mexico's Peso (it's true! look up Mexico's finances!). But these countries' economies are puny compared to the US. Ergo, Switzerland could print off trillions in Francs in an attempt to make it the world's reserve currency, but it would become rapidly apparently the Swiss could not produce the GDP to honor all those newly minted Francs. The US, however, accounts for about 30% of the world's GDP and is a deep enough reserve of economic production that it can provide at least some modicum of value to the dollars it prints if the world so decided to repatriate those dollars and buy US goods with them. This then leads to the third reason Gen X might see a social security check, which we can highlight through China.

Three, China. More specifically, corruption.

Many people will rush to point out that China, with it's $11 trillion economy, most of which is producing PHYSICAL TANGIBLE ITEMS (not services like the US) is a better candidate for the world's reserve currency than the US. It has less debt, much higher economic growth, and on paper is a superior candidate for the world's reserve currency. There was even talk about a "BRIC country" cartel (consisting of Brazil, Russia, India and China) issuing their own currency to dethrone the US dollar as the world's reserve currency as these economies actually have more legitimate production of valuable stuff compared to the US. But there is a problem with all of these potential rivals to the US, and that is corruption.

According to The Corruption Perceptions Index, the US has a score (out of 100) of 74. This is not perfect like the squeaky clean, goodie two shoes, ass-kissing, teacher's pets of Canadians, New Zealanders, and Scandinavians, but it's CERTAINLY and DRASTICALLY better than any near-candidate competitor for the world's reserve currency:

Russia is HORRENDOUSLY corrupt with a corrupt score of 29. While China, India and Brazil all score 40, putting them on par with Jamaica, Mexico, and Turkey.

This strikes at the heart of being a world reserve currency because it's all about trust. It's all about faith. And if you are so corrupt that you don't know if the Russian mafia is going to force you into an insurance arrangement, or the Chinese government may revoke your license at anytime, or the Turkish government may declare you an infidel and imprison you, then what value does your currency have? Ergo, the purchasing power of Gen Xer's future social security checks does not so much depend on the US' sucky economic fundamentals, as much as it depends on the rest of the world just plain sucking. And given the entrenchment of communism in China, corruption in Russia, and socialism in Brazil, there's not going to be any viable contenders against an albeit imperfect Western nation that accounts for 30% global GDP.

So cautiously rejoice my fellow Gen Xer's. The curse we thought the baby boomers saddled us with - paying for their social security - may skip a generation, landing squarely on a generation that could not deserve it more. The millennials will not only pay for the baby boomers' social security, *but ours as well*. And I don't know what's better. That we might actually get to see a social security check. Or that it will be the entitled, whiny, leftist millennials who pay for it.

Enjoy the decline and remember to ***save for retirement!***

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June is "Worthless Degree Awareness Month"

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My goal for June is to end worthless degrees like cancer.
Except, unlike cancer, we can end worthless degrees in 2017.
We just have to actually...I hate to say it..."raise awareness."

How to Value a CryptoCurrency

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Global Warming - The Forced Religion by the State

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I was kicking around writing a piece about my take on Trump leaving the Paris Accord. My spin was not going to be so much about global warming, but how this was indeed the ballsy, bold leadership I'd like to see on the international stage a little bit more. A harsh reminder to the Europhiles, UN, and One World Government tyrants that, like Brexit, you don't fucking own us.

But this is just as good anyway.

Wonder Woman: A Review

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I went to the prestigious Carlson School of Management so I know what I'm doing when it comes to marketing. Thus, why I'm offering anybody who wants one, a free and super-duper, tippy-top, hoity-toity, with the fancy-schmancy "*OFFICIAL*" Asshole Consulting bumper sticker!

E-mail me if you want one, provide me your mailing address, and I'll drop one in the mail for you IF YOU PROMISE TO PUT IT ON YOUR DAMN CAR (or laptop cover, which is also acceptable).

Life's Too Short for Politics

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Allow me to tell you about my weekend.

Both mornings I woke up with the long legged Amazonian around 10AM. She made us coffee. We sat in bed for an hour exchanging ideas and flirtations, in between checking out phones and seeing what was going on in the world. I can't remember if it was Saturday or Sunday morning there was the latest attack in London, but I didn't care, though we did chat a bit about how we didn't care. Inevitably we got up. Enjoyed a motorcycle ride towards Wisconsin. Dinner and lunches at various locales. And then my buddy picked us up in his convertible and we headed to a cigar lounge, after which we grabbed ice cream at a local ice cream parlor. I truly can't tell which events were on Saturday and which were on Sunday because it was all good.

This La-La-Land was briefly punctured, however, when I went to the gym. Where on the boobtube were the talking heads of Fox and CNN, trying to digest the terror attack in London and Trump's exit from the Paris Accord as if it there were some kind of science. They all had stern faces, they were all so very serious, and though they all have impressive Mickey Mouse degrees from Columbia and Brown, I knew it was all pointless and irrelevant. Nothing I was going to do was going to change the events of the world. Nothing they were saying was going to change the events of the world. And putting the Serenity Prayer into practice, I continued about my day committed to enjoying the decline.

The same, however, could not be said of the people populating my various social media feeds. For there were two main camps of people letting politics ruin their otherwise glorious weekend;

People freaking out over the latest terror attack and people freaking out over Trump

leaving the Paris Accord.

Admittedly, most of my feeds were populated with conservatives and other non-leftists taking the ultimate ZFG and "meh" approach to the latest visitation by The Truck of Peace. It was getting so bad I almost feel a lot of us are cheering on the terrorists because how can you respect a people who won't stand up for themselves? But if I left my echo chamber to check out what the "real world" was saying and it was the exact same regurgitated panic/slop that always comes with terrorists attacks.

Hashtags
OMG's!
Prayers
And signs at concerts telling the world how they are united.

The other camp was purely leftists doing nothing but FREAKING THE FRICK OUT over Donald Trump leaving the climate claptrap scam accord. Kathy Griffin's stint of a beheaded Donald Trump understates just how pissed off these people were. These leftists were seething, uncontrollably angry at Donald Trump, so much so that it was apparent they were obsessed with whatever the Don was doing that weekend (Paris Accord or not), and consequently let that completely determine their mood...and thus their weekend. Ironically, the enemies of Trump were letting him have another victory in letting him ruin their precious and finite weekends.

Alas, it is here, in the weekend of June 3rd-4th of 2017, that a vitally important lesson lies for all of us, whether you're a "political news junkie" addicted to Drudge Report or mentally retarded SJW frothing at the mouth over Donald Trump's each and every move. And that lesson is just how many people let politics ruin their lives. Because whether you're on the right or on the left, too many of you are pissing away precious and vital time you don't have on things that you do not control, and therefore, ultimately doesn't matter.

Take, for example, the right wing "news junkies" or people who intravenously consume their news from Fox, Drudge, Heat Street, or conservative talk radio. Worse, consider the increasing number of non-leftist Americans who actually believe the British tabloids like the Sun Herald or Daily Mail. Before the clock hits 8:01 AM, they're already pissed off, angry at the Anti-American world around them, and are immediately put on the defensive for the rest of the day. They post things on Facebook, Twitter, or what have you, about things they ultimately do not control, solely as a means of therapy so they may digest the world that is collapsing around them. I'm not saying the world isn't in a bad state, but I wonder if obsessing over it, to the point it is your life isn't worse than the fate of the world itself.

Bad as that is though, the left takes politics to a whole new metastasized level. For while

people on the right predominantly care about politics because it affects them, the left (and admittedly an increasing number of people on the right) obsess over politics because...

they have nothing else in life.

At least rightists have families, friends, hobbies, loved ones, etc., *lives OUTSIDE of politics* that they pursue and enjoy. They get upset when politics interrupts or threatens these lives and pursuits of happiness, which prompts their passionate interest in politics in the first place. But most leftists do not have families, hobbies, interests, or lives, leaving them only with politics as a sad and pathetic substitute. And if you don't believe, please, by all means look at the bio, background or social media profile of any leftist. You'll sadly see an emphasis on their politics, ideology, worthless liberal arts degree, or whatever virtue signaling political crusade, instead of something fun or meaningful like hang-gliding, ballroom dancing, spouse, children, or business. In short, leftists have no core because cores usually take effort, labor, sacrifice, selflessness and work. And leftist politics, whatever their strain (feminism, environmentalism, rank socialism, racial politics, etc.) are an effortless faux religion that provides fabricated meaning to their meaningless lives.

This provides a silver, albeit sad, lining to the cloud of socialism that is inexorably covering the world. Leftists are MISERABLE because all they have in life is their religion of politics. They cannot escape its grasp because there is nothing else they have in life. Ergo, they are completely at the whim of it.

Their happiness is not determined by whether they start a company or go fishing.
It's determined by whether a guy with a funny hair cut leaves a climate accord.

It's not determined by spending time with their children or sex with their spouse.
It's determined by what Anderson Cooper said that evening.

It's not determined by going outside and climbing a mountain or finishing a marathon.
It's determined by Dove soap making a fat-acceptance commercial.

And their happiness is not determined by friends, engaging conversation, and the humor therein.
It's determined by whether Bernie Sanders will forgive student loans.

Look back at this past weekend and ask yourself a question. Did you enjoy it, or like a leftist, did you let politics ruin it for you? Because I don't know if you knew this or not, but you're going to die. And life is too short to be like a miserable SJW millennial, an angry feminist, or even a "Fox News Junkie" to waste it on politics. I suggest you learn to enjoy the decline instead.

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How Vasectomies Put Reproductive Control Back in the Hands of Men

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Remember, I got a vasectomy over a decade ago.

Just now the ALTERNATIVE media is getting around to realizing the ROI of a vasectomy.

Can you imagine how long it will be before the MSM gets around to it? If the education bubble is any indicator it'll be 2078 before the MSM warns you about sperm jacking and worthless degrees!

You can be ahead of the curve or behind it. And if you want to be ahead of it remember to drop in and occasionally real the Ole Captain, this book prominent of which would do men wonders.

Poor Richard's Retirement Now Available in Audio!

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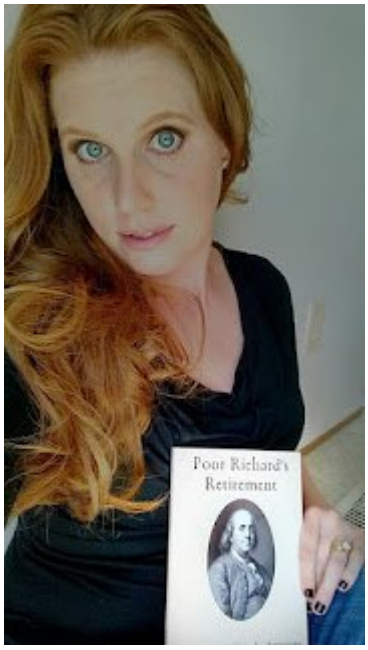
I've got good news...and good news.

The good news is that "Poor Richard's Retirement" is available to you folks who are like me and CAN'T STAND READING. In other word's it's available in audio.

The other good news is that apparently I make a $50 "bounty commission" for every "first time Audible buyer" who buys this or any of my other audio books. In other words if you never bought an audible book before, and you buy mine, ***I get AN EXTRA $50 IN COMMISSION***. I think the regular commission off the audible version of Poor Richard's Retirement is like $3, so for you Audible Virgins out there please consider losing your Audible virginity to me!



Men Increasingly Aware College is a Scam

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I like how the feminist inadvertently scared one of these male college students to leave with her rape talk. She did him the biggest favor ever, quite unintentionally of course.

But Muh Muh "Critical Thinkin' Skillzzz"

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Again, in case you didn't know, I will NEVER hire a liberal arts major. EVER.

Curse Free Episode #22 of The Clarey Podcast!

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American's can't identify British tabloids.
One of Clarey's ex banking bosses is dead…thank god!
Wasp nests in vaginas, women's mutual funds, the case for evil continues!
Japan's "Groper Insurance."
Just what the heck are you studying????

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Worthless Degree Awareness Month - An Easy Problem to Solve

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Cancer is hard to cure because of it's varied and chaotic evolutionary nature.

Crime is also hard to eliminate because of various socio-economic reasons, not to mention it's part of human nature.

Even a vaccine for the common cold, common as it may be, has eluded science for millennia.

But while some scourges of society have no obvious or immediate solution, there is one that plagues us today, but could be solved tomorrow.

Worthless degrees.

Before you get your blood pressure up or your emotions a-flutter, realize neither you nor I nor the taxpayer have the time, money, patience or resources to keep this facade up any longer. Every year millions of American students take on $300 billion in student debt. They waste anywhere from 4 to 8 years of their youth earning degrees that have no job prospects attached to them. And then for the next decade are financially impaired under the weight of these student loans, preventing them from homeownership, forming families, or the plain ole pursuit of happiness. This translates not only into ruined lives of the victims of worthless degrees, but greater economic social costs in the form on an inadequately trained labor pool, lower economic growth, lower standards of living, and a debt bubble that is larger than the mortgage crisis of 2007.

The question is how to solve it. And in order to answer that question we need to find out how the scourge of worthless degrees became so prominent and widespread in America.

To be blunt the worthless education bubble came about because of a combination of sparing people's feelings, poor parenting, an ignorance of economics, and a resultant entitlement mentality. To an outside observer, majoring in something like "English" is laughably foolish. It offers no real world skills. You're already living in an English-speaking country. And, unless you had a mental disability, you are likely 100% fluent in English by the age of 18. But that is not the environment in which a 16, 17, or 18 year old child determines his or her major. He/she is cocooned in an environment controlled and dominated by parents and teachers. At best these parents and teachers are innocently ignorant about today's labor market because they attended college in the 70's or 80's. They recommend college because it worked for them...back in the Nixon

administration. But what is increasingly likely today is a spinelessness on the part of both teachers and parents to tell their children the harsh, real world realities of economics and the labor market. And instead they tell their children what they want to hear simply to avoid the standard rigors (and crying and temper tantrums) that come with properly raising and educating a child:

"Follow your dreams and the money will follow!"
"Any degree is a good degree!"
"You can't put a price on education!"

Alas it is no surprise little Jimmy decides he's going to major in puppetry because there was no real adult there to stop him.

But there is another, not-so-obvious-yet-key cause of the scourge that is known as worthless degrees:

A birthright.

And this is perhaps the real reason the worthless degree tick is so thoroughly lodged into America's bloodstream.

Understand that from a child's perspective the ONLY thing he or she has in her life is college. K-12 is so horrendously boring, inefficient, and mentally stifling, it resembles a prison more than it does a school. Increasingly apathetic parents drop their children off with increasingly apathetic teachers, where the true purpose of K-12 education is more baby sitting than it is education. Alas, most kids are just biding their time, waiting out a mental prison sentence, chomping at the bit to get out. But the biggest lie we feed them is not "follow your heart and the money will follow," or "you can't put a price on education," but the canard

"It will all get better in college."

This turns college into the ONLY thing these poor souls have to look forward to in life. And this delusion is only further propagandized as a utopia by media, government, politicians, and the colleges themselves. Movies, college football games, the false illusion of 24-7 free sex and partying, it becomes every American high school senior's promised land. And for any sane or rational person to come in and try to interrupt that dream, warning them that a degree in "Art History" will result in a nightmare, is VEHEMENTLY met with a scathing emotional, passionate, and completely irrational response. Most people, parents, teachers, or not, dare not upset these children with the truth. And thus we condemn these poor kids to a life of underemployment, debt, and a lesser life.

The solution is very simple - tell these kids the truth about the employment prospects of

different degrees. It's sadly too late for the millennial generation as they were the experimental sacrificial lambs Americans forfeited to see if absentee and spineless parenting/teaching would work. So far removed are they from the realities of the labor market and the real world even a mere attempt to get through to them evokes unexplainable accusations of "racism," "sexism," or "ignorance." But Gen Z and all future generations of Americans do not need to needlessly suffer as the millennials (and Gen X'ers) did. We do not have to ruin their lives by forcing them to go to college to get a degree, "any degree," and mortgage their futures for it. Having candid, realistic, frank, and adult conversations with them about what their educational options are, be it college, the military/GI Bill, trade school, or IT certifications, can not only spare them the fate of the millennials, but usher in a new era of strong economic growth, financially stable families, and happier Americans all around.

It can happen tomorrow. We can end the cancer that is worthless degrees. We simply need to love our children enough to tell them the truth.

Help end worthless degrees! Share this article with a loved one you care about who's about to go to college or has children that are about to go to college. Use the hashtag "#WorthlessDegreeAwarenessMonth"

Helpful Books:
"Worthless" - The young person's indispensable guide to choosing the right major.
"Reconnaissance Man" - A book for students who don't know what they want to study in college.

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Cowboy Bebop to Get Live Action Show

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"Bang!"

For those of you who don't know what Cowboy Bebop is, one, hit yourself for lacking culture, and two, see the sample below:

Now go buy the series, watch it, so you can be as excited about the prospects of a live action show of Cowboy Bebop.

What Young Men Can Learn from Matt Forney

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Matt Forney is bald and fat.
Matt Forney is also, along with Cynical Libertarian Society, one of the peers I disagree most with.
Matt Forney also drank an open container of alcohol in my rental car in Vegas, leaving it there even after I told him not to.

That is indeed the Matt Forney I know.

Publicly, however, these traits are perhaps overshadowed by his somewhat radical stances, unpopular opinions, and often times purposed and rank agitating positions epitomized and exemplified in his essay "Big Lovin'." This has made him a lightning rod for...well...everybody, catching flak, hate mail, scathing commentary, and death threats from both the left and right, and anybody else in between. But whatever your reservations about Matt Forney are and no matter how detestable you may find him, what people don't see is a vitally important lesson exhibited through his behaviors that should not be obscured by his words. And it's a lesson everybody, but especially young men, could greatly benefit from today.

I first knew of Matt Forney when he (publicly) had no presence on the web. He was a part time rookie radio show host (and a poor one at that) and was just branching out of his New York home. However, instead of maybe moving to New York City or perhaps down to Baltimore or maybe to Boston, Matt decided to...

hitch hike across America with a pitstop in the Bakken oilfield to find work.

I found this pretty odd and ballsy of a 23 year old kid, especially since he had never set foot in unpopulated states like Wyoming and Montana. Sure enough he got stranded in the second worst city in Wyoming (Gillette) for three days, but still managed to make it to the Bakken oil fields to work, and move onto Seattle to complete his trip.

It was either shortly of before this trip (I can't remember which) it became public that he wrote under the nom de plume "Ferdinand Bardamu" at the site "In Mala Fide." This became a shock to pretty much anybody else who knew him because the writing was so good and so observant most people pegged him for a 42 year old. This also coincided with increasingly cheap bandwidth, allowing Matt to start his first podcast (which also sucked), and his establishing his main site MattForney.com.

What followed was three years worth of consistent and persistent writing. Not only for his own blog, but for Return of Kings and his own books. And he didn't just focus on writing,

but expanded and tested his horizons in YouTube and podcasting. He had multiple podcasts, kept writing books and essays, and if there was a marketing angle, he worked it. His site is continuously updated and professional looking. He'd look for affiliate marketing plans. He'd find ways to sell his books directly begetting him a higher percentage on his books. He even offered his own variation of Asshole Consulting. Anything and anyway he could work it, he would. All while continuing to create written, audio, and video content for his audience.

Matt further continued "The Forney Hustle" when it came election time. I personally didn't have the time, inclination, or energy to cover the DNC and RNC conventions. I didn't go to various protests or political gatherings to cover them. And I certainly didn't find myself getting chased down by anti-fa protestors like Matt did. But Matt did and all on a shoe-string budget, becoming, frankly, more of a journalist than most of us who merely editorialized from blogs.

If this wasn't enough Matt decided to go international. First, in true Matt Forney form, it was to the Philippines to basically get laid, explore the country, and write a book about it. But he then decided to head off to Hungary to cover the refugee crisis in Europe from a country that was determined to maintain its sovereignty. A la Roosh, it was again a ballsy move to just up and move not knowing the languages, cultures, or social norms and just put yourself out there because "well, why not?"

Now when you combine this all together -

Matt's impressive-and-increasing-volume of work
Matt's willingness to try new things and put himself out there
Matt's relentless hustle, innovation, and trial-and-error
And his ability to endure the flak he constantly gets with a ZFG attitude

there are going to be consequences. And those consequences are ones of galvanization, progress, and improvement. Because while we all would like to pick on Forney simply because it's easy and his controversial positions make it so, what most people fail to see (including himself I speculate) is the drastic improvement Matt has enjoyed and the amazing potential future he has.

When I first met Matt he was horrible at podcasting. His podcast was barely listenable. Now he is drastically improved through sheer simple practice, able to monologue, be a participant on another show, and interview others. He was always a good writer, but he has turned that skill into a money maker with his books and essays. And that moron who was drinking an alcoholic beverage in my rental car in Vegas, who had an incredible lack of social graces to boot, was actually quite insightful, interesting, and pleasant to be around at a meet up I attended in October. In short, Matt was a fat, nerdy, socially retarded, impolite, unemployed loser. But now, after forcing himself into challenges and

trials of life, he has self-galvanized into somebody most millennial boys (and especially the leftists who hate him) could only dream of becoming:

A self-employed, independent man.

He may not have the bankroll and financial success of Mike Cernovich. He may not have the fame and notoriety of Milo. And he may not have the looks of Laura "Cute Girl Saying Obvious Shit" Southern. But he has put in all the hard upfront work to lay the foundations for a career and life where he answers to no one, goes where he pleases, and can live how he wants. Whatever your disagreements and reservations you have with Matt Forney, I can certainly understand. But he is the imperfect role model for every nerd and loser out there who wishes to stop being one. You'd be wise to study and learn from his still-evolving career.

LinkedIn Life: "Why I'll Never Hire a Liberal Arts Graduate"

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My latest article on LinkedIn. I like to post articles about the business world on LinkedIn because it targets and shakes up the world of corporate sheep. Kind of like Rodney Dangerfield's character in "Caddy Shack."

via GIPHY

How Leftists Let Politics Ruin Their Lives

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I, in all honesty, don't know a thing about Comey. I stopped listening to politics quite some time ago. But all I know is that this man has made these liberals miserable. And for that I am happy.

New Addition to the Blogroll

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NegroManosphere.

Surprised I actually didn't have it on there already.

Interview with "The Real Mark Baxter"

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Was on Mark's show yesterday where we talked about the DRAWBACKS of working from home, how telecommuting could (but hasn't) revolutionzed society, Poor Richard's Retirement, and more!

A Lazy Sunday Reminder

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Get your online shopping done TODAY. Don't procrastinate and just get your online shopping chores done!

I'm Officially Disabled

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"In the United States, the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that employers make reasonable accommodations for employees with sleeping disorders. In the case of DSPD, this may require that the employer accommodate later working hours for jobs normally performed on a "9 to 5" work schedule.[39] The statute defines "disability" as a "physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities", and Section 12102(2)(a) itemizes sleeping as a "major life activity".[40]"

Where's my gubmints gibmedats!!!!????

"Traditional Mexican Foods"

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Hmmm…would that be those hard working (but too lazy to learn English) Mexicans who take the jobs lazy white kids from the suburbs refuse to take (which is true). Or is it that large Swedish immigrant sector using EBT to buy that food?

(look at the chart at the end of the article)

Tinder: A Toxic Waste Dump of Society's Rejects

June 12, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A client wanted my opinion on Tinder and dating strategies. After installing it and using it for 48 hours, my already-impossibly-low opinion of humanity drops even further:

Why Sheeple Deserve to be Taken Advantage Of

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As I further trek down the path of Machiavellianism, opportunism, and legitimized mercenary behavior.

The Catholic Economic Subsidiarity Podcast

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Introducing a new podcast and blog:

Catholic Economic Subsidiarity.

Check out James' site, book, and podcast if you're sick of leftism, socialism, feminism, and just plain politics infesting your church!

The Bitter Generation

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"*This is the great theme of the boomers' life: They could always take a lot of wild, irresponsible chances on everything, because nearly every bet they made seemed to pay off handsomely, at least within their lifetimes. The completely predictable and obvious long-term costs were always way, way over the horizon -- a problem for somebody else. The bill, if it ever came due, would be paid by their posterity, and who cares about those losers? They don't even like the Beatles, and they're too whiny and lazy anyway.*"

The only thing I would add is the damage and cost associated with having to DEPROGRAM all the wrong information you were given, and then start FROM SCRATCH to reprogram yourself with absolutely no adult wisdom or template as it was completely absent from the Baby Boomer generation. You only had common sense, which was heavily mocked and ridiculed, and only the truly independent minded said, "fuck this" and blazed their own path.

Thankfully the internet is allowing younger generations to directly bypass their parents or tainted elders to at minimum have ACCESS to alternative points of view, not to mention the entire wisdom of the world. Though, it's a sad day when YouTube teaches you how to fix your car because your dad can't, or teaches you how to court women because your mom's corrupted by 70's feminism.

Retirement is Death

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From my article on "After 50 Living."

"*Retirement is not some Viagra commercial, replete with svelte chardonnay-chugging wives and husbands, frolicking on some Floridian beach. It is the end of your previous life, which, for all of its faults and drawbacks, provided you with reason, agency, and purpose. And to stop that life, without replacing it with new point and purpose to live, is the quickest way to a sad, depressing, and unhealthy retirement. Thankfully, this problem and inadequate savings for retirement can be solved by continuing to work past retirement.*"

Vivalamanosphere and Delusion Damage

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A friendly reminder to visit your alt media, conservative, manosphere, libertarian aggregators who are kind enough to maintain their sites and send traffic to all the people they link to.

Specifically

Viva La Manosphere

and

Delusion Damage

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Cappy fucks the world back.
Antifa feminist marries muslim, gets raped, learns nothing.
Girl marries her degree, replete with ceremony.
Emma Sulcowicz working as BDSM "art thingy."

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False Rape Starts to Have a Cost

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More of this needs to happen. And soon falsely accusing people of rape will go away.

Big Education Continues to Bleed Out

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Awwww, you can see the end of the line off in the distance for Big Education. What, ever, will those deans, assistant directors, diversity counselors and other worthless parasites do for real work in the real world with their worthless degrees?

Related.

Will Politics Ruin the "Black Panther" Movie?

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Do not confuse the movie "Black Panther" with the political group, "The Black Panthers." I know if a movie called "The KKK" came out, it might raise some eye brows, but the movie is based off of a Marvel comic book superhero who had a prominent role in the latest Avengers movie - Black Panther - not the political group. But with the origins of Black Panther out of the way, I'm afraid the movie faces more hurdles than merely its name. Namely, and not surprisingly, political ones. And it's all up to Marvel and Hollywood to ensure it jumps them.

Understand Hollywood and Marvel Studios (owned by Disney), not to mention corporate America at large, has capitalized on the "*PC, political, going-green, environmentalism, diversity virtue signaling" political infrastructure/religion* that has been laid down on Millennials and Gen Xer's. Since "Captain Planet" the public schools, colleges, and media has built an entire religion that the majority of young people subscribe to, derive value from, and sadly, often put as the sole point and purpose of their life. We can argue the merits or drawbacks of this later, but the point is that if you put in a politically correct message about diversity, going green, you-go-girlism, etc., you immediately tap into and avail yourself of this political infrastructure and psyche the majority of the US population has...*all at no cost.* Alas, why all corporations are bragging about their "carbon foot print," offering gender neutral bathrooms, and Chipolte can't just make a f@cking burrito without bragging about how organic they are. It's so bad (and blatant) ***even the leftist GUARDIAN*** acknowledges corporations are paying lip service to get naive leftist millennials to part with their money.

The only problem is that after having this political sermon shoved down their throats in school, college, home, the church, television, and the movies for 30 years, Americans are starting to burn out on all the "wholesome goodie two shoes leftist liberal" virtue signaling. Worse, for studios stupid enough to keep shoving rah rah she-rah feminist propaganda down America's throat, their shareholders lose money as they famously did in the painful "Feminist Ghostbusters."

Surprise, surprise, after having lefty politics infused in nearly every aspect of their lives,

Americans just want to sit back and

oh, I don't know,

watch a f#cking movie.

This is why "Wonder Woman" was such a pleasant surprise. There was not one, NOT ONE, ounce of feminism, rah-rah-you-go-girlism BS in the entire movie. The director still couldn't help but get knives in for the "white man" taking away Indian lands or a Moroccan who couldn't act in France because he wasn't white, but it still was a welcomed HERCULEAN accomplishment not to go for the politically-mandated-low-hanging-fruit and make Wonder Woman a sermon on feminism. It wasn't a great movie, but it was fun ENTERTAINMENT.

This gives me hope for Black Panther. Marvel can learn from DC Comics and realize that people, black or white, are kind of getting sick and tired of politics being put in everything, including their entertainment. They also have the huge opportunity that, like Wonder Woman, they can introduce a truly first original black superhero and NOT merely co-opt a white one, turning him black, which Marvel has a horrific track record of doing. Not only is co-opting insulting to comic book readers, fans of the original heroes, and their originators, but it should also be insulting to blacks (and other minorities) that Marvel (until Black Panther) didn't deem it appropriate to create a truly ORIGINAL black superhero. The issue is, is Marvel/Disney going to make a GOOD AND ENTERTAINING MOVIE, or are they going to sermon and lecture the audience about being evil racist people?

It's too early to tell since the movie doesn't come out until February 2018. The trailer introduces a hidden El Dorado civilization as the backdrop for Black Panther, begetting predictable accusations of "We-Waz-Kaaaangggzzzz!-ism," and resulting in a premature (and all too tiring) discussion about race (besides which, Black Panther NEEDS an origin and I think this fits wells). And the truth is the world's first original black super hero was going to have pointless racial discussions about it anyway. However, I wish for nothing more than Marvel to rise above this and just make a damn good movie, void of politics, for the entertainment of all. I, however, am not going to hold my breath and will wait until others see it first to ensure I don't pay to be lectured or sermoned at. Terribly sorry, I got enough of that in college.

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Diversity Over Excellence, the London High Rise Fire and KTCMO

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You see, people's safety is not as important as diversity.

But what did you expect from a country hell bent on committing suicide?

Academic Composition is Always Hiring

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If you're looking for a summer gig and want to be able to work from home, consider our good pal, Alex at Academic Composition. He's always hiring and I cannot emphasize enough how this type of job, though sucky, is ideal for any student who can't find a gig and needs a little side income, especially if you have the gift to write Marxist BS to satiate inferior professors' minds. Anyway, read below and see if working for Academic Composition isn't for you.

Thank you all who replied to our advertisement last time, you've helped us a great deal and we are well on our way to forming a new marketing team for the summer.

The summer semester is short, but intense, so the students who are enrolled in classes are more likely to need help on a regular basis. That is precisely why now is the ideal time for you to join our team.

The plan is simple: we will provide you with ads to post and you will earn five dollars for each lead you will have generated. Additionally, there will be a base pay. To be sure all of you will generate multiple leads each week, especially in light of the fact that the summer semester peaks in July, which is just two weeks away.

To get started, all you need to do is contact us at AcademicComposition@gmail.com, and then follow these simple instructions.

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3. Use that new gmail account to set up a craigslist account

Next, we will send you the ads to post and at the end of each week, we'll compensate you through PayPal.

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Why Worthless Degrees Will Never Go Away

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I got an interesting comment in the comments section today:

You are going to have to find a new gig dude. Your signature topic, worthless degress, is going mainstream. http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-06-15/four-reasons-why-college-degrees-are-becoming-useless Once that happens the camp of continuing the crusade disappears.

So what is plan B?

Great question young, aspiring economist! And the Ole Captain will explain to you what his Plan B is.

Nothing.

Absolutely nothing.

Because while more and more people are starting to recognize the utter worthlessness of some college degrees, you misunderstand the market for them. For worthless college degrees are not investments, or capital goods that will help increase one's earnings in the future, but rather egregiously expensive consumer items that are purely for the dopamine releasing effects on par with a wedding. And it is because of this nature of worthless college degrees that the Ole Captain will be here to stay.

I've delved into this in detail before, but the short version is that real world and smart money has moved on from college and is rapidly divesting itself of this old and obsolete model. Companies are bringing back training and "node education," allowing employees

to advance and educate themselves within the company. The IT and computer industry has long abandoned college degrees preferring certifications and testing for their ever-evolving and very-specifically needed skill set. And even the smart high school students are waking up, taking classes online, opting to join the military, go to community college first, attending a trade school, or anything and everything to avoid worthless liberal arts degrees. All of this under the umbrella of rapidly evolving online education technology where classes and certifications that lead to better job prospects are being offered online for pennies on a traditional liberal arts college dollar.

But the key phrase here is "smart money."

And if my latest philosophical meanderings into the world of evil is any proof, there is ALWAYS stupid sheeple willing to be lied to and taken advantage of, which means a market for liberal arts degrees will always exist.

Certainly, a genuine and real epiphany could be being realized amongst American youth. They may identify the baby boomer and Gen X professorial and teacher class for the generational vampires they are. But this is only the smart youth, and they are outnumbered by the

pampered
spoiled
ADD-addled
SWPL
participation trophy
delusional
single-parent-raised
leftist-indoctrinated
"my teacher is my BFF"
SJWing
trench coat wearing
"I'm a high school vegan"

slop that is being mass-produced by today's teachers and parents. Worse, as I've said before, these sheep are completely sold college as not only a Utopian Nirvana, a place where they "finally" can graduate to and find their place in life, but a birthright, and entitlement that their then-17 year old lives have nothing else to live for. With such a large and established infrastructure brainwashing these kids, with such a tasty and addictive lie, it doesn't matter how many smarter students are red-pilled on the fringes via the alternative media, nuclear families, present fathers, or even my book,

there is ALWAYS going to be sheep, willingly lining themselves up to be slaughtered at the altar of Big Education.

This is, of course, good news for me and my business. I capitalize off of misled students and youth who, when dumped into the real world after Big Education has raped them of all the money they could borrow, are disillusioned, can't find a job, and have no clue why the world did not turn out the way their ne'er-had-a-real-job-in-the-real-world professors said it would. It's certainly good money for me and it's certainly a booming industry to be in. But, much as I want to capitalize off of evil, I hate the leftist teacher/professor establishment more as they not only have ruined my country, but ruined my youth and to a large extent my life with the exact same lies they're telling kids today. It's why I set up Worthless Degree Awareness Month and why I constantly plug it. And I conservatively estimate I've cost Big Education millions of dollars, preventing thousands of students from getting worthless degrees.

The problem (or "benefit" to my business model), however, with worthless degrees is two fold. One, it's damn well near a decade later that ALTERNATIVE media and MAYBE some traditional media is SLOWLY starting to toll the warning bells about worthless degrees. I tried my best to get the conservative and libertarian establishments to spread "Worthless" far and wide as the vaccination against worthless degrees AND the perfectly placed torpedo to destroy the left's future democrat voter factory - academia. It was, *and still is*, the silver bullet that can end socialism in the west. Of course, as you know, the Dennis-Pragery, Koch Brothery, Republican party conservative establishments are dumber and slower than hell, not to mention don't have the spine to take off the gloves and aggressively attack the left where it hurts. Alas, we're making molasses-like-progress stopping an evil that should have been stopped a decade ago. Two, low quality, low caliber, low intelligence students will always be duped into the liberal arts, no matter how apparent it is that worthless degrees are poison. This has resulted in a stagnation, not a crash, of worthless degrees and worthless colleges. Therefore, my market isn't going anywhere. I confidently predict that I will continue to make money on worthless degrees well into my retirement because the right is incompetent and the amount of stupid being bred in K-12 is limitless.

Sadly though, yes, I would have liked to see every kid in high school read "Worthless." I would have liked to see every parent force their kid to read it. And yes, I would have loved to hear about clandestine conservative teachers passing it around to their students in a hush-hush contraband like style. It sure would've been nice to see the Socialist Titanic go down due to my one well-placed "Pen is Mightier Than the Sword" torpedo. Instead it looks like we're in for decades more of debt-crippled Millennials, lost Gen Z'ers from broken homes, single mommy households, anti-free speech protests on college campuses, assassination attempts on congressmen, and a continued deteriorating of the west.

And I intend to profit off of it. All of it. Down to the last stinking penny.

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The Left Will Gladly Eat It's Own

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Like professors getting the shit kicked out of them at Middlebury, now those "cool, hip, leftist capitalists" are getting a taste of their own medicine.

Don't worry Ben and Jerry. There's still enough hard working, rich, SWPL, suburban, ignorant republicans to keep buying your ice cream.

Why You Never Invest in St. Paul or Minneapolis Reason #5,833

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"we want you to be able to rent out your property, absolutely. But...."

Lies are Free. The Truth Is Gonna Cost You

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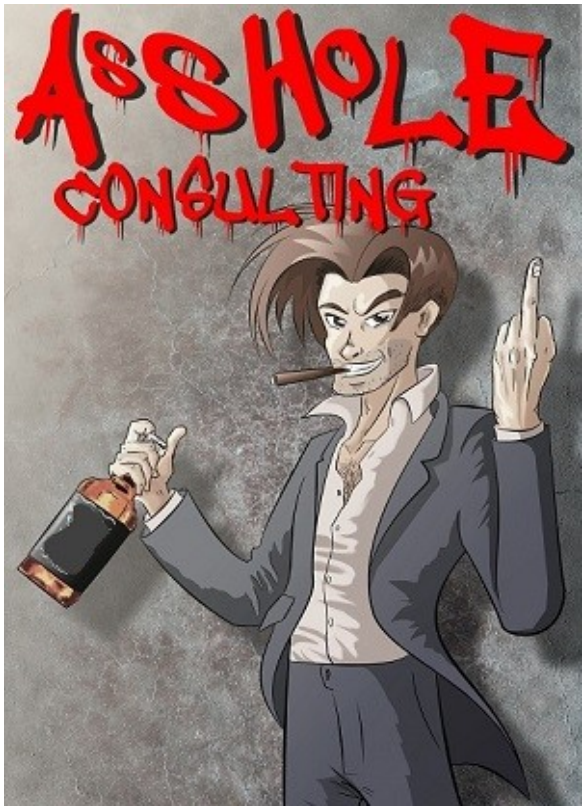
A friendly reminder that if you are having troubles, or know somebody that needs a swift kick in the ass (but of course, you don't dare delivering it to them), visit the Ole Captain at Asshole Consulting!



The "Steve Jobs is Dead" Principle

June 18, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Work is your enemy. Not your friend.
Your boss is your arch-nemesis. Not your colleague.
Your career is your slavemaster. Not your life.

Interview with Dr. David Perrodin

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Was on Dr. David Perrodin's podcast where we talked about conducting reconnaissance for middle aged men, growing up as kids in the 80's in Wisconsin, forging Robin Yount's signature on your glove, and a little bit about Poor Richard's Retirement and how putting humans first in your life makes your finances infinitely easier.

You can listen to the podcast here.

How to Lower Tuition by 88%

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Allow me to take what has historically been a complicated economic concept, and make it simple - inflation.

Say you travel into outer space and come across a whole new, but inhabitable world. "Clarey World." And in "Clarey World" the only thing of any value produced is Rumpleminze. There are no cars, paper, houses, shoes, video games, OR ANYTHING. The ONLY thing that is produced on this utopian planet is Rumpleminze. Period.

The inhabitants of Clarey World pay and exchange for Rumpleminze with "Clarey Bucks." These Clarey Bucks are made with gold, no different than the coinage of the Earth 100 years ago. So let's keep it very simple.

Clarey World produces Rumpleminze.
Clarey World uses gold "Clarey Bucks" to buy Rumpleminze.

That's it. That's all this economy is. Stop over thinking it.

So upon your intergalactic discovery of the Clarey World planet, you find that that year Clarey World produces 1 million gallons of Rumpleminze per year and the ENTIRE gold supply of the planet has been mined, resulting in precisely and only 1 million ounces of gold.

That's it. That's all there is. Stop over thinking it.

So the exchange rate in any given year will be ONE Clarey Buck to ONE gallon of

Rumpleminze.

So while visiting this planet, you volunteer to work at the Rumpleminze factory, earn some Clarey Bucks and buy some Rumpleminze because...well...there's literally nothing else to do in this lovely planet. After a while you get bored and decide to fly back to Earth and spread the good word of Clarey World. You also sing the praises of the galactic quality of Clarey World's Rumpleminze, and soon people also want to fly to Clarey World to sample its Rumpleminze.

But oh no. There's a problem. How are all of these new-comers going to buy Rumpleminze!?

"No problem," your ignorant space-exploring ass says. "We'll just grab some gold here on Earth and use it to buy Rumpleminze on Clarey World."

So you and a fleet carrying 1 million people carrying 9 ounces of gold each, for a TOTAL of 9 million ounces of gold, fly to Clarey World with dreams of imbibing on the universe-famous Rumpleminze.

You guys get there, start spending your gold to buy Rumpleminze, and the economic question I ask of you is:

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRICE OF RUMPLEMINZE???

Some of you intuitively know "well the price has to go up" but in this incredibly controlled environment where there is NOTHING but gold and Rumpleminze, you should be able to figure out, TO THE PENNY, what will happen to the price of Rumpleminze on Clarey World.

It will go from 1 Clarey Buck (or ounce of gold) to 10.

The reason is simple division and IS THE VITAL CONCEPT OF INFLATION I (and many other Austrian economists) are trying to convey upon the masses. The total supply of gold went from 1 million ounces to 10 million ounces over night, but the supply of Rumpleminze remained at 1 million ounces, thus a ratio of 10:1.

Forget, "velocity" forget "who spends the money first." Just harken back to your "probability" math class back in the 7th grade where you put various colored balls into a bucket and calculated the "ratios" "probability" etc, of "pulling a green ball from a red bucket." "Clarey World" is no different than a bucket where you have two colored balls. Rumpleminze-colored and gold/Clarey Bucks-colored. Before the discovery of Clarey World, the ratio of gold to Rumpleminze was 1 to 1. One ounce of gold to one gallon of Rumpleminze. And just like the math problem you had in the 7th grade:

"When you add 9 more "gold" colored balls to the bucket what is ~~the ratio~~ ***the price*** of gold to Rumpleminze?"

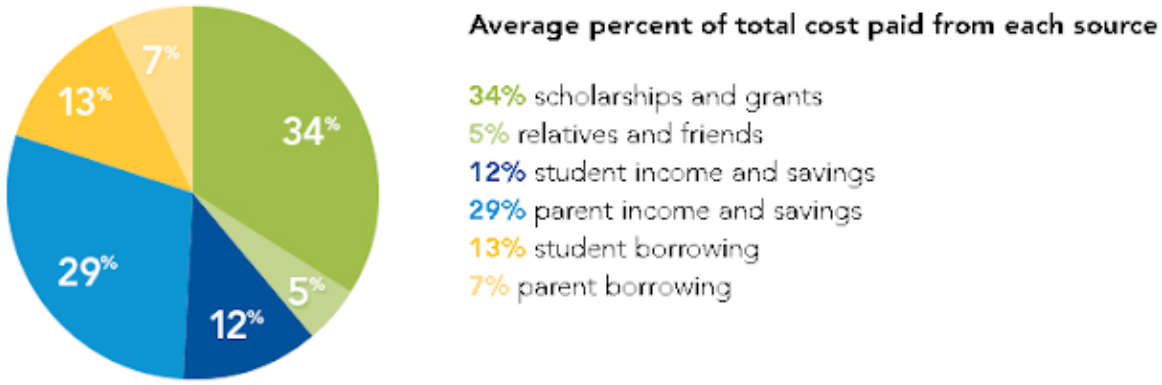
And BOOM! 10. You have 1,000% inflation. It is merely the change in supply of dollars/currency/Clarey Bucks to the amount of goods and economy or market can produce.

Of course, Clarey World is a very simple economy. It only produces Rumpleminze and it's economic infrastructure is only currently capable of producing 1 million gallons per year. But how is this any different than the US higher education system?

At any given year there are only so many ~~parasites~~ professors, so many ~~vampires~~ deans, and so many ~~lampreys~~ adjuncts that can provide only so many degrees and educations to X amount of students. And just like Clarey World, when you flood this particular market with money, the result is not an increase in the number of degrees being conferred, but merely a price increase. So in an ironic sense, if you want more affordable tuition, the key is NOT to flood the market with EVEN MORE GOVERNMENT/TAXPAYER MONEY, but.... (try really hard boys and girls)

LESS.

This is perhaps the biggest misunderstanding about why tuition keeps going up, not to mention the primary cause of why it continues to do so. People, completely ignorant about economics, think flooding the higher education market with more money, more student loans, etc. etc., will help "solve the problem," but this is EXACTLY the same thing as giving an alcoholic more booze to stop his drinking problem. IT IS THE PROBLEM. And when you consider all the sources of financing a college education and how students today pay for college, you find out that tuition is overpriced by 88%, almost identical to the famous "Rumpleminze Bubble" occurring on Clarey World today.



This chart shouldn't be viewed as "How to Students Pay for College." It should read, to

the decimal point, **"*Causes of Tuition Inflation.*"** And while here at Cappy Cap we all love to blame the government for everything, the truth is the government is actually NOT the primary culprit in this one. It's ironically

PARENTS

and

SCHOLARSHIPS!

If parents and various scholarship-offering entities simply refused to pay for their children's tuition, that alone would lower tuition OVER NIGHT by nearly 2/3rds. I've argued for this before, where idiotic calls to "Boycott Big Oil for a Day" won't work for Big Oil, but *SURE AS HELL WOULD WORK on colleges and universities*! However, convincing SUV-driving-soccer-moms and Dude-Bro-turned-MBA-wage-slave-simp parents of basic economics is impossible. Also convincing crusaderist, non-profit do-gooders to end their enabling of children to pursue worthless degrees is also impossible. So we can continue to expect the higher education market to be flooded with these ignorant-billions of dollars every year and tuition costs to skyrocket.

But what I found particularly interesting (and shameful of most students) was just how little they actually contributed to their own education. 12%. They're either borrowing money that isn't theirs, taking from the taxpayer, or completely hammocking off of their parents and charities. It's no wonder students today think they're entitled to a free education, because they're practically getting one! But the 12% number is much more important from an academic and economic perspective. It's the what the price of tuition should be. If left to pay cash for their own education and not rely on the hyper-inflation-causing outside sources of financing, the REAL price of a college education would only be 12% of what it is today. It's what an uninterrupted, untainted market would be without the intervention of well-intended, but ignorant monies from various external sources.

Of course, for this "real price" of tuition to be realized, we'd actually have to end the scourge of "progressive credentialism" where we demand everybody has a bachelors degree (though "Masters Preferred") to work an entry level job. Employers would also have to become more merocratic, allowing people to self-study, self-certify, and self-train for free on the internet, and apply for jobs without wasting 4-8 years in college. And it would also require some ballsy moves on an entire generation to say, "No, screw you Big Education, we're boycotting you for a full year and going to work in the meantime for a gap year instead." THAT right there would land a powerful one right in the groin of Big Education. But, alas, the world is filled with sheeple and such independent thought and maneuvering is beyond them. Nothings too good for American parents' "precious little children" and they'll do whatever they can so daddy's little princess or mommy's little prince can go to college and get "the college experience."

Just don't complain when Rumpleminze on Clarey World costs 400 Clarey Bucks per gallon.

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"Chief People Officer"

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick.

In case you were wondering, young lieutenants, no, I will never be working for a company with a "Chief People Officer."

LinkedIn Starting to Resemble a Night Club, More than a Career Site

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I like how 12% just completely lie.

How much you want to bet they get more than their fair share of job offers?

Your Parents Don't Know Jack Shit About College

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Language warning in this video, that if there was any justice in this world, would go viral:

When Leftists Try to Run Businesses

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Though later today I'll be coming out with The Clarey Podcast, pour yourself a nice cup of coffee, charge up your cell phone, and listen to this excellent story about a leftist who wants to launch a grand opening party for his theater. The story isn't great because of the leftist's delusional expectations, but the poor protagonist who has to deal with him. It's truly shocking just how little leftists ever deal with money, let alone using their own to pay for things that they are so far removed from the true cost of things.

How Leftists Waste Their Lives

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A more recent rabbit hole of political thought I've been going down has been how the majority of leftists waste their lives. This is caused by the primary driving force in their life - the fear of work, labor, and toil. And though nobody likes labor, toil, or work, avoiding it is simply avoiding a necessary evil of life. It is also a way to guarantee you'll never achieve anything of value, worth, or greatness in life as genuine accomplishment requires labor and toil.

This then presents a leftist a very important existential question - if you're not going to work, then what are you going to do?

And the only answer I've been able to see in their behavior is

"Become REALLY REALLY REALLY good at avoiding work and REALLY REALLY REALLY good at coming up with excuses as to why you're entitled to the fruits of other people's labor."

Which in all honest means your life not only sucks, but is completely wasted.

For example, the same people who tried to ban Ronald McDonald A DECADE AGO (because he is the cause of childhood obesity) cite accomplishments that in all reality, aren't accomplishments, but sad, pathetic excuses for wasting time.

There's the local chapter of the Sierra Club that for 15 YEARS tried to stop a bridge from being built over the St. Crois River....which was inevitably built anyway.

The eulogy of a leftist whose life I pointed out was nothing more than a waste.

And more recently, a student protest that has been going on for 17 years in Mexico.

As a fellow human, I'd normally try to help out these leftists, explaining why they're wasting their one and finite life on this planet achieving literally NOTHING. But they're leftists. They not smart, they're not intellectually honest, they're lazy, and they'd yell at me for trying to help them. They're also hate-filled and would not doubt accuse me of an ism and being a white male. So I guess the worst thing to do to them would be to...

cheer them on.

Episode #203 of The Clarey Podcast

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Why do country clubs exist???
Not having problems is a problem.
Ex Cons to sit on Oakland Police Board.
Ben and Jerry's gets attacked by leftists.
Minnesota's balless male republicans.

AND MORE

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Another Case for Stay At Home Parents: The Elimination of Schools

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Of the many statistics and calculations I ran for my latest essay, perhaps the most interesting one is that:

after going to college for 4-8 years
and working hard to get that coveted non-profit or government position
and after putting in 10 years of work to make your career a go

when you factor in

taxes
extra commuting costs
and especially daycare

the average woman's job brings home a big, huge, whopping extra....

$4,000.

Never mind your kids are ill-reared.
Never mind you never got time to spend with your kids anyway.
Never mind divorce is all but guaranteed.
And never mind the tragic irony that many women's careers are simply taking care of anybody else's kids but their own

Nor the doubly rich irony that your labor is now taxed on what was previously untaxable labor

Nope, that Masters is Social Work, pending divorce, broken family, wasted youth, and children that will grow to hate you was totally worth it because...well, dude...come on! *THAT'S $4,000!!!!*

Now admittedly it's not always the woman working her pittance of a make-work government affirmative action job at the expense of her family. Often times it is the woman who is obvious breadwinner and there's a stay at home dad. Often times there are traditional families where one person stays at home to (GASP!) raise their children and the other works the 9-5. But given there's such a small financial advantage to outsourcing the rearing of your children, even in today's "hectic career obsessed world," it doesn't pay (well, OK, $4,000) to have that second income.

Dedicate one parent to stay at home.
Dedicate one person to rear your children.
And the amount you'll save in Ritalin, Adderall, and psychologist visits alone will easily recoup those precious $4,000.

But then the ole Captain got thinking again. Specifically, about the handful of women he knows that home-school their children. They do an infinitely better job than the public schools do. Some of their kids are already learning to program and code at age 12. Another one knows how to inseminate, milk, and tend cows. And all this from stay at home moms who "shockingly" don't have degrees, certifications, or licenses. So if for the vast majority of families it doesn't pay to have a two income household, and kids are better educated when home-schooled, would there not be a case for eliminating schools altogether?

This is not only simple logic, nor wishful right-wing thinking. It's simple economics.

In the olden days before time saving devices such as vacuums and washing machines, being a home-keeper (male or female) was indeed a full-time job. There was cleaning and maintenance. Rearing the children. And one that I like to highlight in particular (because it was just as important as how much the family made) was the budgeting and spending of the family finances. Couponing, budgeting, making meals at home. All of that was just as important as the (traditionally) male role of being the breadwinner.

But with the advent of washing machines and vacuums, hours were freed up for your typical house-keeper. And with the push of 1960's feminism and the commensurate outsourcing your children to day care, the (traditionally) female role of house keeper was obsoleted. Women were to enter the workforce just like men...even if the plurality of their jobs were to effectively be government-compensated mothers to other women's

children...and now you'd be taxed on it.

But add to this rapidly evolving mix of sex roles and true game changer.

The internet.

The internet not only saves households even more time in terms of shopping, banking, and a nearly limitless number of other chores. But it also makes entire industries obsolete.

Education for example.

There is no godly reason colleges and universities should even exist anymore. College degrees in all reality are obsolete, it's just the rest of the outdated and lethargic economy hasn't realized it. But while the real world slowly catches on that colleges and universities are going to go the way of the dinosaur, I contend we should also turn our focus to the public schools of K-12 because they too are obsolete.

Since it only pays an extra $4,000 to have a two income household, and there is so much time freed up for the home-keeper with appliances and the internet, what if every family had a stay at home parent that would not only maintain the home, rear the children, but educate them as well? The internet has the ENTIRE world's knowledge a fingertip away. There are tutorials and MOOC's online that could teach you and your children literally everything the K-12 can and more. Even Tom Woods (though the home schooling site links here) on a dare created an entire home schooling curriculum. This would not only result in much better educated children, but in eliminating the public schools, save Americans billions in unnecessary property taxes.

Of course, I know this is politically infeasible. There are too many people vested in their make-work-government-careers and degrees to give it up and raise their own children. I know Big Education has a trillion-dollar per year vested interest in fleecing the taxpayer to keep up their inferior and obsolete industry. And the democrat party alone needs public schools and universities to continue to brainwash and make future democrat voters. There are huge political, psychological, sociological, and just plain evil hurdles to bringing about happier families and better educations to children. But just like the internet and e-mail technically made commuting an unnecessary chore in about 1999, it doesn't mean society is fast, sharp, or visionary enough to capitalize on it. And if commuting or the higher education bubble is any indicator, it's going to be at least three decades before the American sheeple wake up and realize K-college education can all be done at home, with a loving father or mother at the helm.

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Is the HR Ditz FINALLY Extinct?

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From my latest article at LinkedIn:

"*I personally could not care less about the plight of these HR ditzes. They proved nothing more than a huge impediment to the labor force, the advancement of the economy, and the advancement of millions of people's careers. They were predominantly spoiled rotten brats from the suburbs, given undeserved and uncalled for power which they abused and went power-tripping with. And while I certainly know and appreciate some REAL HR professionals (benefits and compensation and employment law ARE real fields), the extinction of "Barbie the Know Nothing HR Ditz" and the idiot employers that used them will not be mourned*."

Revolutioning the American Retirement System

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Nose Hair Trimmers Sunday

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Remember!

Nose hair trimmers are life savers. You will rarely have a better ROI on an investment than nose hair trimmers. Oh you laugh, but instead of yanking out your nose hairs while you drive on the highway, just go and drop the $14 on a set of nose hair trimmers! Your nose will thank you.

And while you're at it, why not do ***all*** your Sunday afternoon online shopping through Cappy's Amazon Affiliate program. The ole Captain gets a 7% commission and you don't pay anything more! It's a way to help the Captain pay for hosting costs and other operational expenses associated with being an online media mogul.

AND LADIES!...all six of you...look at what the Captain's lovely girlfriend bought through Amazon! Yes, for you traditional women out there who don't hate their husbands, and want to make them happy, buy all the happy stuff that makes life fun through Cappy's online Amazon Affiliate program!

Corporate Offices are No Longer Needed

June 26, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And like 70's music are old, outdated, obsolete, and completely unnecessary.

Why I'm For a $15 Minimum Wage in Large Liberal Cities

June 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And, coincidentally, all for large liberal cities implementing income taxes.

Because it one of those rare instances where leftists actually suffer for their bad decisions.

You Just Don't Hire Liberal Arts Majors

June 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Especially English majors who live in an English speaking country.

Curse Free Episode #25

June 27, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There is no money, only time.
The life philosophical consequences of vicelessness and no booze.
Google gets treated like a "Big Evil Corporation."
Wanna Be Dude Bro Businessmen Fraudsters

AND MORE!

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LinkedIn Life: "Tell Me Why We Commute Again?"

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"*The issue of telecommuting I find cute, removed, and academic. The reason why is because I work from home and I largely view telecommuting to be for the sheep and the shepherds that employ them. But as I approach my now 9th year since my last appearance in rush hour traffic, I'm so far removed from it that I see a commute much like an abused wife sees her ex-husband for the irrational, damaging, and ultimately pointless waste that he is. The only question I have is:*
Why do you guys commute?"

The Rise and Fall of the Zulu Nation

June 29, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Found this particularly interesting, especially if you're like me and have very little background on the history of South Africa or colonialized Africa in general.

How Smart People Can Find Happiness

June 29, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Remember, "Curse of the High IQ" is always for sale.

Why Spending is the Future of Retirement Planning

June 29, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You don't control the stock market.
But you do control your spending.
And that ***will be*** the future of retirement.

"Poor Richard's Retirement" can be purchased here for 1/100,000th the price of your actual retirement.

I Am Officially on Steemit

June 30, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In the never ending list of new social media platforms, I decided to get an account at Steemit as I think it might have a slightly better than average chance at becoming something.

You can find/follow me on Steemit here.

Bad Decisions, Another Case for Evil

June 30, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Mr. Piggott pens a great piece about how society doesn't want to admit they made bad decisions, which opens up an opportunity for profit.

It was inspired by a post by good Ole Dalrock, which was in turn prompted by this article written by a mentally ill "power-you-can-have-it-all" divorced mom. Boys, PLEASE pay attention to the comments section in the "power grrrrrl" article so you KNOW that we are not "hating on women" or making this stuff up. Realize just how many women support/are inpsired by/believe the BS and REALIZE that is your dating market.

Dear Baby Boomers, You Will All Work Until You Die

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There is however, hope.

Economic Analysis of Minneapolis' $15 Minimum Wage

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Minneapolis passed a $15/hr minimum wage. I'd go into economic, mathematical, statistical, and empirical detail. But this is much more efficient:

Shopping on Amazon Hurts Minimum Wage Workers

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Which is why you should do all your online shopping through Amazon this weekend!

Happy 4th to All You Magnificient Bastards

July 4, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Coincidentally today I'm mortgage free. Can't imagine a better way to celebrate the 4th:

Cappy and DT's Podcast "Crossing the Streams" Special

July 5, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I sit in with DT for our podcast as we aim to save time because we're both lazy and didn't want to do separate podcasts. You can tune into the podcast here.

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A Heart-Warming "Asshole Consulting" Success Story

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For $35 you can save your life at www.assholeconsulting.com

Gay Pride Month 2017 Was Overkill

July 6, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Allow me to tell you the tale of two different gay men.

The first is about my long time friend, "The Talented Mr. Le." There really isn't a story to tell about him aside from the two decade's worth of anecdotes and experiences I have with him being my friend. He is an avid hiker, and outstanding artist, and to make money offers his services as an architect. He's incredibly intelligent and there's not much more I enjoy in life that hiking with him and sparring intellectually. Mr. Le is defined by his artistic ability, philosophical mind, child-like mischievousness, passion for hiking, and passion for life. He just happens to be gay, and most people don't know that about him as he doesn't really bring it up.

The second is about some dickwad that walked into what was yet-until-that-moment a quiet bar me and the GF were trying to enjoy a cocktail at. We were in the middle of a conversation and, like some cars or loud jet engines, you heard him LOOOONG before you saw him. He had the perfectly forced and faked gay accent "HELLLLO EVERYONE!!!!!" His attire was so loud it drowned out the fact his fashion was originally meant to convey he was gay. And he made sure to have a conversation loud enough with the bartender so everyone in the bar KNEW his thought process on choosing a drink. These boisterous traits duked it out between one another to let you and everybody in earshot that this man, was indeed gay.

Did you know he was gay!?

HE'S GAY DAMNIT!!!!
HE'S GAAAAY!!!!!!!!

Did he tell you he was gay?

These two drastically different gay men convey an important lesson for those in the gay community, as well as those who are not. One is about achieving equality, acceptance, and right to a normal life, the other is one of attention whoring, virtue signaling, politics, professional victim-whoring, ulterior motives, and preferential treatment at the expense of society. And Gay Pride Month for 2017 indicates it is the latter at least the "professional" gay community wants, which raises some interesting questions as to where the larger gay community wants to go and what they want to accomplish.

Understand the best and most optimal outcome for gay or any other marginalized group in society is parity. One of equality. To be normally accepted into the culture. You can go down and get a fish sandwich at "Bob's Sandwiches" and nobody is going to raise an eyebrow. This is what most struggles for equality have been for, and they've largely been achieved. A black man can go and sit in a theater with white people. Gays can attend a baseball game with straights. Women can drive and vote. But the question is when is this goal of parity achieved? When is this movement "successful?" And therefore when can people from said aggrieved group go back to living a "normal life" with the rest of society? And though there are certainly instances of religious people not willing to cook a cake here, or a particularly close-minded city or state denying gays the right to marry there, the gay community has been largely successful in getting equal treatment within society.

This is exemplified with The Talented Mr. Le. He lives a normal life. He does normal things. He doesn't flash his sexuality in people's faces or demand celebration because he has more going on in his life than his mere sexuality. Additionally, and I know this is going to hurt a lot of you in the "professional" or "activist" gay community, but...

nobody cares you're gay.

Gays have been so successful in getting society to accept them that you are now very welcome, even celebrated in many parts of society, and so celebrated nobody really cares anymore.

"You're gay? Meh." And thus is the incredibly boring, yet accepted life of The Talented Mr. Le.

However, like many movements in society, many people make their living off of it. And once the movement is over and achieves its goals, these people are faced with the prospects of finding a new career and a new job. Sadly, many of these people would rather keep an obsolete movement going, no matter how unnecessary it is, even if it damages the group/people/original members of the movement, because they're, frankly, too lazy to return to the real world of work.

For example, is there a more hated group in the world than feminists? Sure, Susan B.

Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton were feminists, but at a time when they were calling for the right to vote and the right to own property. Once those rights were achieved, the women's rights movement has since morphed into a warped and twisted monster where everything is rape, women are always oppressed, the false "wage gap" is constantly hounded upon, and men are enemy #1. The costs to society of propagating this obsolete movement past its usefulness are horrible. Families are now broken up. Divorce is on the rise. False rape accusations are more common than real ones on college campuses. Government checks have replaced fathers. Schools have replaced mothers. Men don't trust women. Women don't trust men. And we've effectively ruined the sexes for one another. *But it's all alright,* you see, because thousands of women's studies professors, activists, lawyers, and other professional feminists got decades-long careers out of this past-its-due-date movement.

And do not think it's merely the temptation of a life-long job as an activist or professor that keeps obsolete movements alive. There are many and HUGE entities and institutions within society that can profit off of obsolete movements.

For example, similar to the financial incentives associated with an activist career is the point, purpose, and agency in life that a "crusade" or "movement" offers people. You can work in an cube writing TPS reports for Initech, or...

"YOU CAN FIGHT THE SYSTEM AND WIN FREEDOM FOR ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES!!!!"

This sexier, more romantic career has condemned millions of college students to join political crusades that don't pay as much had they majored in Electrical Engineering and just worked a boring job at General Electric. And if you know any professional "activists" you know the pursuit of their passion has cost them mightily in compensation and finances, but arguably more in life and mental health. Placing your entire life's value on a trait you were born with (female, skin color, sexual preference) and nothing you earned (built a business, become an accountant, raised a family) is an express ticket to depression and other mental problems.

Politicians, shocking, I know, like to divide people into groups so they can advertise directly to said groups. And the strategy they most often employ is how one group of people is "oppressing" the other group of people, and by god, the only way that will end is if you elect Joe Blow for another 30 years in the senate. You may think the politician espousing his or her support for "Group A" really like's "Group A," but just look at a Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, or any other professional politician and ask if they really helped, let alone cared about the people they purported to.

And then there's corporations.

No more than a decade ago I can still remember when corporations were "The EVIL

CORPORATIONS MAAAAAAN!" But now, corporations like politicians, have realized the marketing potential of (predominantly) leftist politics.

By gosh, these corporations just care so much about diversity, and feminisms, and women, and the children, and the environment, and going green. They've even dedicated entire departments within their corporate structure to virtue signal to ~~you sheep~~ the people just how great and caring and green and pro-women and pro-gay they are.

But in the end, no matter what they call it ("CSR," "carbon foot print," "diversity,") it's just lies and marketing to get you to part with your money because they think pandering to your skin color, you sexual preference, your ethnicity, or your politics will loosen your purse strings. It's truly insulting when you think about it.

When you tally this up, it behooves the question, is this where the gay community wants to go? Because if June of 2017 was any indication, it most certainly seems it is. I've been a life long supporter of gay rights and gay marriage. I (obviously) have gay friends. I want gays to live normal and unharassed lives just like straights. I wish the gay community nothing but the most success and happiness in life. But I don't need the entire City of St. Paul putting rainbow flags on the bridges for the entire month of June. I don't need to see two lesbians, who I've never heard of, throw the "starting pitch" at a baseball game because it's gay pride month. I don't need commercials, advertisements, billboards, or every form of media reminding me it's gay pride month. Not because I'm against gay rights, but because I don't need political sermoning or lectures shoved down my throat. I don't need that loud, boisterous dickwad ruining my time at the bar.

Gay Pride Month of 2017 was that loud boisterous dickwad. May I suggest a Gay Pride ***Day*** just like St. Patrick's Day or Cinco De Mayo? The Irish and the Hispanics are accepted into this culture, and they only have one day. Gay are also accepted into this culture, may I suggest paring it down to a day as well?

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CNN is an Evil Entity Getting Exactly What It Deserves

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CNN has been lying to Americans and the world for far too long. This has been apparent to anybody with true critical thinking skills or just the ability to look up and verify things on the internet. But, thanks to Trump provoking them and stirring their leftist ire, they have done fucked up.

Now 4Chan is doxxing some people at CNN (a practice most people at CNN no doubt support...as long as it's against republicans).

And after the WWE and Russia debacles, CNN is now rated below Nick at Nite.

Apparently the fake-but-hates-you Anderson Cooper veneer is wearing off and even the American sheeple are starting to realize they've been lied to.

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An Audi R8 or Your Nephew?

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In this episode of The Clarey Podcast I ask what's wrong with people who buy Range Rovers and Mercedes instead of support their nephews and nieces.

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Men's Reluctance to Marry Hurts Nevada Wedding Chapel Industry

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It's the longest, but nicest story of poetic justice ever told. Where women were so debauched and raised so poorly, even those slow poke men started waking up and eschewed what they were programmed by 2 million years of evolution to want.

Keep going ladies. I don't think we've heard enough of "fish bicycle" yet.

Why Major Metros Deserve $15 Minimum Wages and Municipal Income Taxes

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There's been three major municipal events over the past year.

1. Seattle approved a $15/hour minimum wage.
2. Minneapolis approved a $15/hour minimum wage.
3. Seattle approved a municipal income tax on it's richest citizens.

Republicans, libertarians, and other assorted "non-leftists" are in uproar over these items and tender the same, and correct, arguments against them. They will drive away businesses, employers, rich people, and others. They will lessen the amount of employment offered to the public. And they will actually hurt the poor, the disadvantaged, and the ADHDDHADHDDHD people's the left so loudly claim to want to help.

It is a rare instance where the right is actually trying to help those on the left.

But let me offer an alternative viewpoint. One that is in agreement with the left, the $15 minimum wage, and a municipal income tax on large metro area's richest. And one that might even get the non-left to agree with, as well as calm their nerves.

Let them have it.

I don't know if you noticed, but socialist utopias like the Soviet Union, Venezuela, modern day Zimbabwe, and America's own Detroit have a tendency to punish the stupid. If you're so dumb and naive to think "magically" jacking up the minimum wage to some arbitrary number or taxing the rich "just this much more" is going to overcome the problems and consequences of having children you can't afford, majoring in stupid shit, being lazy, or any one of the numerous mistakes leftists make, then you deserve the hell you wreak upon yourself. And while I know philosophically, fundamentally, and morally you might be against a minimum wage or municipal income tax, I ask you, who is this going to hurt?

If you look at large metro areas they are predominantly populated by liberals, leftists, college students, and trust fund babies. And those that make enough money to be taxed in a municipal income tax are also likely goodie-two-shoes-obedient-leftist-sheeple who just can't wait to buy some kamboucha at Pioneer Square.

So why are you trying to stop them from hurting themselves?

If there is a complaint to be had it's for you moron NON-leftists that still decide to live in major metropolitan areas where they hate success, they hate freedom, and they hate whites and males. I know your downtown condo is really cool, and I know the coffee is just fabulous at that little cafe. But if the handful of non-leftists were to simply have the self-respect to leave leftist shitholes like Minneapolis, Seattle, Chicago, and Denver, then these "smarter-than-thou" leftists could tax the ever living hell out of each other and bring upon the Detroit-fateism they so rightly deserve.

The issue of a $15/hr minimum wage or a municipal income tax is not one of economic policy, philosophy, or politics. It's poetic justice. It's just desserts. It's effortless vengeance. You just have to be smart enough to step out of the way and not live in a major liberal metro area when leftists get in a circular firing squad.

"Cultural Incompetency"

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All I ask is that Western Civilization keep the lights on for another 35 years. You can go to pot for all I care after that.

In Search For Fool's Gold: The Saga of Progressive Credentialism

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From Kindergarten to High School, America's youngsters are taught that education is the key to success in life. The underlying explanation is simple and straight-forward. In order to land a high-paying job, you must be able to think critically and display a good deal of mental agility. After all, if you want to be engineering, you must have a solid grasp of science and mathematics. If you want to be a lawyer, you must be verbally proficient and if you intend to enter medicine, there is an altogether different body of knowledge you must master. What about all of the other, less intellectually rigorous professions?

As for that, our guidance counselors would say that a degree makes you stand out. If you want to be a book-keeper or a financier, you'd have a much higher chance of getting hired with a degree. Today, more people have academic credentials than they did decades before. Previously, a degree offered one a way of standing out from the crowd, today, it has become the new norm. In other words, a Bachelor's degree is the equivalent of a High School degree in the 70s.

As appealing as this comparison may seem, it is a false equivalency. In the 70s, employers had considerable confidence in the quality of education High Schools offer. As such, they were able to justify their preference for applicants who finished High School over those who did not. At that point, it seemed clear that High School graduates displayed superior intellectual, practical and interpersonal skills to those of Middle School graduates. Yet, can one say that today's graduates are superior to High School graduates in these respects?

Managers routinely complain that College graduates are deficient in basic skills required at the work-place such as verbal communication skills, mathematical calculation, writing proficiency, public speaking and interpersonal ability.

(https://www.forbes.com/forbes/welcome/?toURL=https://www.forbes.com/sites/karstenstrauss/2016/05/17/these-are-the-skills-bosses-say-new-college-grads-do-not-have/&refURL=https://www.google.com/&referrer=https://www.google.com/_). In a rigorous academic environment, youngsters can cultivate all of such skills, yet it is no secret that the standards American universities employ tend to be woefully inadequate. This is evident in light of the proliferation of ill-conceived majors such as Women's Studies, Queer Studies, Transgender Studies and so forth. Even students who pursue

more respectable scholarly disciplines do not receive the quality of education that their parents and grandparents did (https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/03/29/survey-finds-grade-inflation-continues-rise-four-year-colleges-not-community-college).
In the late 60s, the self-esteem movement began taking root on America's college campuses and the seeds of this worldview were planted in the minds of educators across the country. Shortly thereafter, a significant percentage of teachers and administrators believed that all disciplinary behaviors among children stemmed from a low-self-esteem (https://www.amazon.com/Narcissism-Epidemic-Living-Age-Entitlement/dp/1416575995/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498883511&sr=8-1&keywords=Narcissism+epidemic). To rectify this apparent problem, teachers lavished praise on youngsters and evaluated their students' work in an exceptionally lenient fashion.
Since then, the trend of grade inflation has accelerated and now the students often display the kind of ignorance and intellectual incompetence that would have been unthinkable for previous generations of college graduates to show (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-t2TwLRdgk&t=1s). Despite the staff's efforts to accommodate the dullest and least industrious of their pupils, the student body continues to demand further concessions. Today, the students are no longer satisfied with a curriculum where almost anyone can earn an A with a minimal expenditure of effort, they now demand to be sheltered from views that they may disagree with (https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2015/09/the-coddling-of-the-american-mind/399356/). It is now customary for professors to issue "trigger warnings" about any readings they may assign that expose students to ideas that may be considered "sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist" and so on.
The foregoing generations not only had to be exposed to the conflicting point of view, they were required to consider them with an open-mind. Likewise, they were forced to display a much higher level of academic rigor and communication skills throughout their discussions in class than today's student do. By the same token, students from 30 years ago were given far greater opportunities to learn to think in an objective manner and form a balanced worldview.
. In 1975, liberal professors outnumbered their conservative peers by a ratio of 3 to 1 (http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/6/liberal-professors-outnumber-conservatives-12-1/). Today, this ratio is 12 to 1 and continues to increase. In departments where curricula are known to carry a heavy left-wing bias, that ration is often as high as 30 to 1. While a significant percentage of instructors in departments of finance, economics and engineering identify as conservatives, such pedagogues are virtually unheard of in departments of literature and gender studies.
Despite this, left-leaning "news outlets" routinely propagate the notion that even the professors of "soft sciences" are intellectually honest enough to refrain from forcing their views on students (http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-gross-academia-conservatives-hiring-20160520-snap-story.html). The reality is that the matter is much more complicated than that. Considerable evidence suggests that human judgment can often be influenced by subtle

hints. (https://www.amazon.com/Pre-Suasion-Revolutionary-Way-Influence-Persuade/dp/1501109790/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498890295&sr=8-1&keywords=Pre-suasion). For example, the effectiveness of an advertisement can be significantly changed if only one word is altered. Likewise, individuals tend to focus on ideas that they were most recently exposed to. In surveys where one is asked if they are "unhappy" with the product or experience in question, most people are likely to reflect on their negative experiences. Yet, the opposite occurs when the question is phrased in a way that emphasizes the positive elements of one's experience. These findings prompt the question of how the views of students may change when they are constantly exposed to ideas that subtly reinforce the left-wing perspective. Even if the instructor does not explicitly articulate their point of view, they often unwittingly leave subtle hints or assign readings by authors who are sympathetic to the leftist perspective. In other words, the professor does not need to openly claim that "right-leaning Americans are racist and sexist", all he needs to do is keep on bombarding the students with readings that imply this premise.

At Academic Composition, we've served over 10,000 different students, many of whom called for our help with their papers for "electives" and "general studies" courses. Instructors who teach these "disciplines" tend to show much less restraint than those who are in charge of more respectable scholarly métiers such as economics, history, philosophy and political science. Karl Marx infamously declared that the philosopher's task should be not to understand the world, but to change it. Remarkably, 18% of social science professors identify as Marxists and many others have been influenced by Marxism in subtler ways (http://econlog.econlib.org/archives/2015/03/the_prevalence_1.html). Such academics now subscribe to the ideology that can be broadly described as post-modernism (https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2017/06/05/jordan_peterson_why_you_have_to_fight_postmodernism.html).

Unlike the Marxists, post-modernists deny that reality is objective and can be understood in an unequivocal fashion. However, they embrace the Marxist premise that human nature is malleable and the human condition is predominantly a consequence of environmental rather than biological influences. Building on that assumption, they maintain that the most powerful people in society have the capacity to control the destiny of all others. Similarly to how Marxists regarded the capitalists as the oppressors of the working class, the post-modernists impose the same condemnation upon the "privileged white males".

In large part because of the alliance between Marxists and post-modernists, professors of the humanities can openly support socialist policies without openly endorsing Marxism or communism as it was implemented throughout the 20th century. Without offering clear-cut policy prescriptions, such academics champion vague slogans such as "fighting the right", "redistributing the wealth", "taxing the rich" and "doing away with capitalism" (https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=9381). In light of the post-modernists' rejection of objective truth, it is now acceptable for instructors to parade such platitudes without taking responsibility for their intellectual negligence

(http://dailycaller.com/2017/06/13/marxist-wisconsin-professor-rakes-in-170000-per-year-teaching-about-inequality-and-oppression/).
The fusion of Marxism and post-modernism not only creates an environment where professors tend to be biased to the point where they are likely to skew the students' ideological orientation to the left, even if they do not intend to do so, but also that the collegiate milieu is unlikely to foster the youngsters' intellectual growth. In a classic on education, "The Closing of the American Mind", Allan Bloom has shown that the attitude of cultural relativism dampens the students' passion for the truth (https://www.amazon.com/Closing-American-Mind-Education-Impoverished/dp/1451683200/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498975060&sr=8-1&keywords=The+closing+of+the+American+Mind). The underlying rationale is simple and straight-forward: if one believes that there is no objective truth, there is no reason for anyone to spend their time wrestling with the big questions of life. As a result, learning becomes perfunctory, routinized and aimed at the achievement of extrinsic results.
In light of these developments, it is clear that today's generation of college students will not receive the quality of education their parents and grandparents took for granted. Although employers may harbor nominal expectations that "college educated" applicants are better workers, they are starting to question this assumption. With every passing decade, employers become more cognizant of the gap between what academic credentials putatively represent and what they empower graduates to achieve. Hence, a Bachelor's Degree is no longer the ticket to a middle-class living that it used to be. Despite the diminished economic value of academic credentials, the apologists for the Ivory Tower continue to insist that formal education bestows intangible value upon students that they cannot receive elsewhere (https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/may/12/humanities-students-budget-cuts-university-suny). In other words, it is often maintained that the humanities "teach people how to think" in an environment where such lofty skills cannot be acquired anywhere else. It is a well-documented fact that ideological bias is a significant impediment to intellectual growth and multiple academic departments are immersed in it. Moreover, in the minds of many academics, the dogma of post-modernism appears to justify the rapid decline of academic standards. In light of the proliferation of ill-conceived majors and abysmal standards that students must fulfill in order to graduate with distinction, the suggestion that "humanities teach people to think" is risible.
Although it is true that numerous employers see academic credentials as an indicator that the applicant in question is capable of "finishing something" and in this sense, an impractical university degree may not be entire worthless. However, attaining such credentials is seldom worth the cost. In the amount of time one devotes to a degree in order to show that they can "finish something", they could have learned a trade and acquired considerable work experience. Regardless of what skill one chooses to pursue, there is a considerable advantage to postponing formal education in favor of entering the work-force. First of all, this is a great way for a youngster to obtain relevant work experience and determine if a university degree serves their purpose. Secondly, if college education seems appropriate at that point, it will become easier to see which specific

major is worth pursuing. Thirdly, real-world experience should inoculate most people from the ideological indoctrination that takes place in the general education courses. Fourthly, students who have practical experience will then see formal education as merely one activity they could pursue. Unlike those who enter college straight out of high school and think that earning a degree is their only viable option, the world-weary students will be in the position to evaluate all of their options and commit to a judicious course of action.

Horsies!!!!!

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I know it's a bit dated, but a friendly reminder to you boys, women with horses are not mentally stable. Combined that with being a teeeeeaaaacheerrrrrr and there's nothing but trouble waiting for you ahead.

Is It Moral for Conservatives & Libertarians to Collect Social Security?

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Yes. Hell yes. Matter of fact, they're the only ones morally entitled to it.

The Evil "White Plurality" Cometh

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Understand that nearly all of the left's reasoning and rationality for the theft of other people's money is based on victimhood. And this victimhood is defined by a trait or characteristic you were born with or have that is outside of your control.

Your race.
Your sex.
Your gender.
And the newest and fastest-growing trait, your made up mental illness.

This allows a leftist (regardless of stripe) to intellectually-dishonestly claim they are oppressed by the "majority" and are not only disadvantaged, but are also entitled to special privileges in society AND some of the majority's money. Furthermore, any criticism or mere pointing out of this victim-whoring, is immediately met with accusations of racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, etc., as they cowardly hide behind their traits (and never own up to their personal actions that led to their lot in life). The only thing more shocking or disgusting than this rank and cowardly parasitism is the right's failure to call them out on this as they are too afraid of being called an "ist" or an "ism," and thus this pathetic strategy actually works..

But the left faces a long term problem with their victimhood strategy, particularly in its chief application - racism. By about 2045 whites won't be the majority in the US anymore and victims who play the race card won't be able do so (at least honestly).

So how will the left go about perpetrating the race-victimhood racket? Simple.

They will quickly discover and use the word "plurality."

Plurality, among many other definitions, means the largest segment or percentage of. It doesn't mean an outright majority, including 50%+, but just the largest single group among many groups. And while leftists may be too lazy to increase their vocabulary on any given day, I can guarantee you when the 2040's come, nearly every leftist is going to make this part of their daily language.

"The white plurality."
"You benefit from pluralism."
"The oppressive and privileged white plurality in this country..."

You get the idea.

What this belies is a larger trend, even genetic fact about leftists' DNA that every hard-working person in the world, regardless of country, regardless of race, and regardless of gender, better learn about leftists. They will stop at nothing to get your money. They will stop at nothing to get your wealth. They will stop at nothing to live off of you. Be it a mentally ill millennial college student majoring in "Gender Studies" claiming you're oppressing it because of a new gender that was created 30 minutes ago or Karl Marx's illogical and incoherent ramblings from 150 years ago, the left will come up with any excuse - nuanced, complex, completely fabricated, or otherwise - to excuse their living off of you. Matter of fact, when you look at the amount of effort Marx put into his ramblings or modern day academic leftists put into entirely fabricated faux-studies, their commitment to parasitism becomes very clear. They'd very likely make infinitely more had they just worked real jobs instead of becoming professional whiners, but their commitment to professional victimhood and living off of others is so fervent, so fanatical it becomes their religion, which guarantees they waste their one precious and finite life on this planet.

With this level of dedication - to come up with any lie, to create entirely fabricated academic studies out of whole cloth, to even waste their entire lives in the pursuit of other people's money - the productive people of the world better accurately comprehend and appreciate just what a threat to their freedoms and personal finances the left in the world present. And "The Evil White Plurality" which is coming to a theater near you in the Summer of 2045 is just a mere insight into their total and fanatical commitment to continue living off of you.

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They just loves the childrens.

Dotcom v. 2.0: Cryptocurrencies

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I was on Kerry Lutz's show and we discussed, among other things, the Cryptocurrency market and how it's eerily similar to the Dotcom bubble.

None of them make money (because, they're well...currencies)
"New technologies" and fancy tech talk are the reasons they have value.
If you don't understand it, don't worry, I guess it's just over your head.

Oh yeah. I almost forgot.

There's also 970 of them.

Can Muslim and Western Men Unite Against Feminism and Socialism?

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"*Any traditional man or woman, regardless of religion, must realize that we are facing the Borg when it comes to feminism and socialism.*"

How Much Does the Stock Market Have to Increase By for Every American to Retire?

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More than what it's gonna!

Job Hopping is Good for You

July 18, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I loved it when all the gray hairs told me "you don't want to be a job hopper do you????"

Yes, actually, yes you do.

Curse Free Episode #25

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In this "sorta" curse free episode:

Why doesn't Canada build some roads?
Seattle's income tax is a GREAT idea for leftists.
Men leaving the marriage market hurting Vegas wedding chapels.
A cashless society is not all that bad.

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Why Economics Is Not a Real Profession

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And "Doctor" Steve Keen proves it so:

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the boyfriend sure could!

Episode #205 of The Clarey Podcast

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In this weekend podcast special, Cappy doesn't want to write and opts to podcast instead. Topics include:

Clarey's romantic as fuck.
Review of the movie "Crusher Joe"
SoundCloud's finanial troubles.
"Collaborative work environments."
Lumber 84's silently new CEO.

AND MORE!!!

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How Stupid People Caused the Sub Prime Auto Loan Bubble

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Not once is it suggested that people who are so stupid as to sign up for a 25%, 7 year auto loan on a USED CAR are the ones responsible and, like liberal arts majors, deserve to have their financial lives ruined for the rest of their life.

The fact the media and people are automatically programmed to think these people are victims only reinforces my "let it burn" attitude and commitment to enjoying the decline.

Why Online Liberal Arts Colleges are a Good Thing

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At first I was pissed.

I viewed online courses and the internet much like I do telecommuting - it was an innovation that would lead to genuine, revolutionary changes that would DRASTICALLY improve the lives of millions of Americans. Telecommuting would eliminate rush hour, lower companies' lease expenses, and improve family stability beyond what any government program ever could. It would usher in a new golden age of America, and its people would live dramatically improved lives for it.

Ergo, just like telecommuting held great promise for humanity, so to did online colleges and education.

The BEST teachers would offer the BEST classes at nearly ZERO expense to the world's ENTIRE student population, and all governments would have to do is set up some kind of certification board for people to test for their degrees.

Students would no longer have to commute.
Students could learn at their own pace.
Colleges and universities would have to jettison their worthless administrators and adult-children-do nothing professors.
The tax payer would no longer have to finance around half a TRILLION a year in student debts.
And the price of college would drop from $125,000 to free.

If governments truly cared about students and "the children" they would have implemented this 10 years ago, but the point still remains that online classes and online education can eliminate what is easily the largest hurdle facing young people today to get an education.

Some progress has been made with schools like Western Governors University and ASU Online, accredited colleges offering real degrees for a fraction of the cost of their brick and mortar counterparts. And the IT world has always shown the online/self education to be a perfectly feasible and working model where certifications, and not degrees, land you jobs. But when Coursera offered classes in "Social Justice Parasitism" I got pissed.

Forget that these classes operate from the false and arrogant premise that worthless, lazy, but above all else, stupid students, too lazy to major in STEM or something legitimate, are smart enough, let alone have the right, to "change the world."

Forget that these degrees are merely the entrance to an entire world of make-work government and non-profit jobs so these worthless people can feel like they're real adults, working real jobs.

And forget that deep down inside the people in these industries are simply the evil and parasitic among us.

My main complaint was how could Coursera, presumably one of the spearheads to eliminating the evil known as "Big Education," succumb to offering such worthless, evil, and parasitic classes to the easily duped students of today? How could an entity that knows it's origin is founded in the noble purpose of making education cheaper to students, turn around and sell naive teens and 20 somethings this poison that has ruined the lives of millions? Lila Ibrahim, and the executive staff of Coursera should be ashamed of themselves for dealing what is nothing more than the addictive mental drug of worthless degrees.

But then I received an e-mail.

It was a link to an article by Dr. Jordan Peterson, wherein he talked about his new goal to offer liberal arts degrees online for free. His Patreon donations earn him roughly $40,000 a month, and with the modern technological power of the internet, he intends to, much like Western Governors, offer real degrees in the humanities and the liberal arts at a cost of near zero (unfortunately, I cannot find this article or link, so if anybody has it, please comment below).

This made me rethink my opposition to liberal arts education from one of principles to that of machiavellianism and practicality.

Yes, liberal arts degrees, especially the social justice warrior slop Coursera is serving up, are worthless, pointless, even damaging to the students naive enough to take them. Yes, these courses/degrees will ruin their lives, at minimum sending them down the career path of poverty and e-begging, at worst replacing family, love, freedom, and excellence with a fervent ideological addiction to socialism. And yes, you can learn this slop for free, with the exact same employment prospects, as going to the library and reading ALL the liberal arts/Marxist books you want.

But what do I care?

First, students stupid and arrogant enough to major in the liberal arts, let alone social justice, deserve the lives they choose. They'll soon find out the real world needs Python programmers, not social justice activists.

But more importantly, second, if liberal arts and humanities degrees are offered online, AND it catches on with prospective and college bound students, it will DESTROY the largest and most vital organ of the left - academia.

If Dr. Peterson or Coursera or ASU want to offer worthless humanities and liberal arts degrees, let them. One online college can do the work of a score of Middlebury's and Evergreen's. If efficient and well-programmed enough, a mere handful of online colleges could wipe out ALL the liberal arts colleges across the world. And thus, instead of the millions of professors, deans, vice chancellors, chancellors, diveristy directors, vice diversity directors, Women's Studies managers, diversity program managers that currently vampire $500 billion a year out of America's youth and taxpayers, you'd have around 50 offering the same education at nearly $0. This would send the worthless vermin of academia out on the street where they'd have to e-beg, apply for government grants, apply to non-profits, or GASP!!!!...apply for real jobs!

Of course, I argue that you won't totally get rid of brick and mortar liberal arts colleges. Too many students attend college for the "college experience," viewing it more as a birthright and party, than a serious and determined investment in education and one's future career. But even if you can dupe half the naive high school juniors and seniors to earn their liberal arts degrees online, it spells doom for the leftist, parasitic denizens of professional academia today. And if Trump and the Republicans in congress wish to hasten this doom, there's nothing better they can do than start certifying online liberal arts programs as accredited, perhaps even replacing degrees with a government certification board.

Though I know, that is asking for too much competence of the republican party. Oh well,

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Interesting read from Amerika.org. Apparently the advertising revenue is not manifesting itself like it should, nor resulting in the sales internet advertising promised. I personally know that Facebook ads are completely pointless, doing absolutely nothing to raise sales of books or Asshole Consulting. Additionally, with YouTube cutting people's commission on their YouTube channels, I asked the simple question "Why not make your own personal ads on YouTube" instead of relying on YouTube's advertising partners.

Also, it was interesting to see how he painted the "FANG's" are mere middle men, which they are, even though they own the social media and technological platforms by which nearly all e-commerce happens.

Can't say I'd be sad to see Google and Apple tank. But, as evidenced in the article, there's too much QE money for their stocks to tank. And there's too many sheeple in America willing to buy those stocks.

Sean T. Collins Ladies and Gentlemen!

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May his name go down in infamy!

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Then it's not a good college.

And finally it seems, even the democrats, are aware of this.

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Who knew all the BS and Drama with Kapernick would have an effect?

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Even disease.

Rollo Publishes His Third Book

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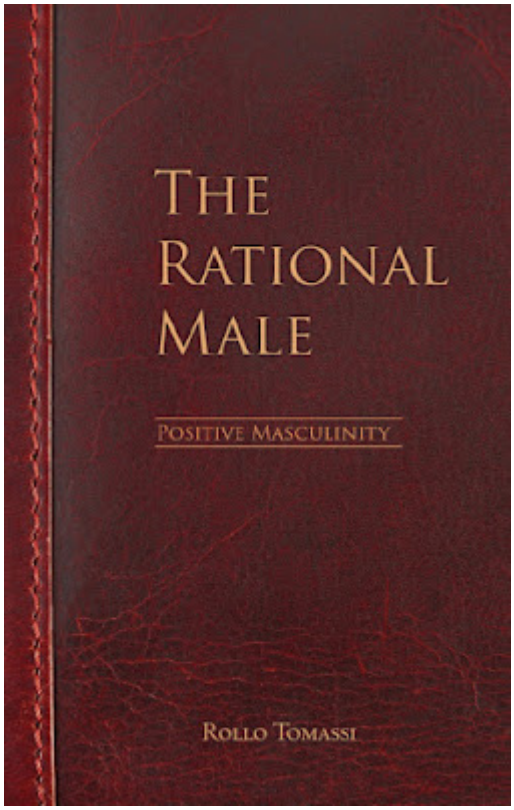
I believe I mentioned it before, but wanted to make sure I mentioned it again, Rollo (of Rollo Tomassi AND Tap Whisky fame), has published his third book "The Rational Male - Positive Masculinity."



I have not read the book yet, but he has reliably informed me it will be available in audio in 4-6 months, at which time I will read it because I am lazy and do not like to read, but LOVE to listen to it in audio book format as I run, hike, and workout.

Regardless, drop in on ole Rollo and listen to Ole Man wisdom much like the Captain's.

New Sponsor: Early Retirement Extreme

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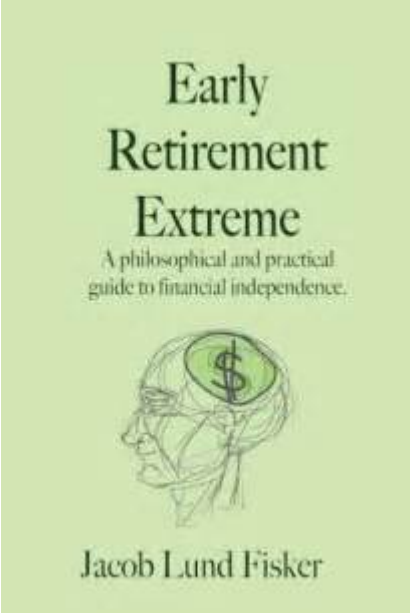
Many of you may already know of Jacob Fisker of Early Retirement Extreme. He was kind enough to take an intellectual/professional interest in my works, as well as promote them to his audience. In kind I wanted to promote his work to my audience as I believe you will not only have an interest in it, but would benefit from it as well.

His flagship book has the same name as his site "Early Retirement Extreme" and after perusing it, it is a VERY thorough and detailed mathematical work on how to retire early.



I know many of you have already read "Poor Richard's Retirement," but if you wanted something more detailed and hand-holding, I'd recommend picking up his book.

The Pettiness of the Left

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It was when driving across Arizona I had a small, but important epiphany. I had the cheapest car I could rent, a cell phone approaching 3 years old, Wal-Mart attire, and would be sleeping on buddy's couch instead of having my own hotel room. Yet, despite these hallmarks of a lower-middle income life, I was perfectly happy, for soon I would be meeting my best friend for some hiking on some of Phoenix's finest trails.

But then it dawned on me.

One of these trails (Camelback Peak) was located in the prestigious "Paradise Valley" neighborhood of Phoenix. This neighborhood was so rich, they often mocked and ridiculed Scottsdale as a place they "make investments." But although my income came nowhere near to that of your average Paradise Valleyite, how was my life any measurably worse than one of theirs? I had a car, I had grub in my stomach, I was going to enjoy the exact same trails they got to, and I was going to be listening to podcasts on my phone the entire way. One could have even argued I was better off given my digital nomad career. What, precisely then, did the richest man of Paradise Valley have that I didn't?

This then got me thinking. Precisely ***what*** are the left so jealous of the rich over? What does the rich have that they don't? And as I thought about it, I soon realized a dark and sad truth about leftist psychology and leftism in general:

Just how pathetic and petty their jealousy is. And consequently, how that jealousy ruins their lives.

It is here we need a bit of historical context to understand the point I'm trying to make. We all know that today our poorest of the poor live like the richest of kings 500 years ago. Inventions like electricity, penicillin, plumbing all make today's humans infinitely better off than the richest of yesteryear. But we don't have to go 500 years ago in the past to see how incredibly better off today's humans are compared to past humans. Consider just 50 years ago.

There were no cell phones, the cars (though pretty) were drastically inferior (and more dangerous), food today is markedly improved as well as dirt cheap, clothing is dramatically cheaper, we have PC's, and houses are almost thrice the size with a fraction of the heating and cooling costs.

But forget 50 years ago. Let's just consider 20 years ago.

We have the internet. Smart phones. Exponentially faster computers and internet

speeds. Netflix, huge and cheap flat screen TV's, hybrid cards, Tesla home batteries, Amazon, and the world's information at our finger tips. This allows us to teach ourselves, find things more rapidly, have ANYTHING we want delivered to our doorstep, not to mention this has opened up fields such as telecommuting, Ubering, and becoming a digital nomad. Consequently, our lives are dramatically improved compared to 1997 as we no longer have to commute (though we stupidly choose to), we no longer have to find dates at loud nightclubs, we can watch movies at home, we can run a myriad of chores from home (banking, bills, etc.), and we (I predict) will make college education free via the internet.

And ALL of these great technologies, and the opportunities that lay within, are available to EVERYONE.

Rich, poor.
Young, old.
Fat, skinny.
Male, female.

EVERYONE can avail themselves of all these innovations and advancements.

So what is it, precisely, the left has its envious green panties in a bundle over?

Well, consider 6 different items that the left would presumably begrudge the 1% over, which also, I believe, account for the majority of envy and jealousy on the left.

1. Cars

Cars are a classic example of the have and the have nots. Some people own used, salvaged Kia Rios. Others own Ferrari's and Telsa's. But aside from about $250,000 in price, can somebody tell me what the REAL difference between a used Hyundai Elantra is and a Mercedes G65?

In all reality, nothing.

My used, salvaged Kia Rio, which I paid $3,000 for, can do about 98% what the Mercedes G65 can. It can transport me in comfort, night or day, long distances regardless of the weather outside, all while playing music or podcasts from my cell phone. And not only can it do that, it can do it for a lot less in gas and about 1/100th the price.

Period.

The only thing the Mercedes G65 can do that my battled up Kia can't is heat my tush with leather heated seats and adjust the windshield wipers automatically to the amount of

rain. Oh, and self-tinting windows. Can't forget that. The windows self-tint.

Yet, despite this true pittance of a difference between my car and that of a Winnetka trophy wife's, poor, middle income, and lefties are greener than Kentucky Blue Grass over those stupid enough to buy luxury vehicles. They see a Ferrari drive by and can only come up with "huurrr, compensating for a small penis." I can't tell which is dumber. Blowing $250,000 for transportation that you could get for $3,000 or getting envious over it to the point you make penis jokes and vote to take their money.

2. Planes

Specifically coach vs. first class.

In the grand scheme of things all people aboard the flying aluminum bus should be AMAZED at the technology they're all availing themselves of. You're in a flying beer can, going nearly the speed of sound, which allows you to travel to far away places for a couple hundred dollars, that just a mere century ago was not a possibility for all of human kind.

But instead of marveling at this amazing technology and being thankful to be alive to take advantage of it, you're jealous of the smug looking dude bro in a suit sitting in first class.

Again, the 99%/1% metaphor is lost on most OWS protestors and leftists in general. You are enjoying 99% of what air travel is offering, but you get your leftists tits in a sling over the fact Thadeus up in first class has a little more leg room and free drinks. Perhaps you can get further pissed as he rents a Corvette and you rent a Kia after you land.

3. Homes

I recently rented a boat on Lake Minnetonka to celebrate paying off my house. Lake Minnetonka is home to family fortunes such as the Pillsburies, The Daytons (Target and Dayton Department Stores), Cambria, and Breath Right Nasal Strips (yes, the inventory has a house out there!). The captain of the boat also informed us that a couple of these estates would have Aerosmith and Tim McGraw play on their beaches where boaters could anchor and listen to the band occasionally. And although those veritable mansions were impressive, all I could think of was "that's a lot of vacuuming, dusting and rooms I ain't going to use."

It doesn't matter how many bedrooms, bathrooms, jacuzzi's or guest houses you have on your estate, you can only sleep in one bed at a time, shit in one toilet at a time, and converse with people in one dining room at a time. The rest, in reality, is pointless excess that goes beyond the shelter, comfort and entertainment a house is supposed to provide.

But if we were to have taken your average leftist on my celebratory victory lap around Lake Minnetonka, instead of being in awe of the architecture and beauty of these homes, and instead of questioning more philosophically why a single couple would need an 18 bedroom palace, all they would be able to think of is how much more money these people had than them. All they could think about is how much "nicer" and bigger those mansions were than their simple bungalow in Longfellow. Never mind their simple bungalow or condo provides them heat in the winter, air conditioning in the summer, and a comfortable and adequate place to live. Nope, it's just that "Rat Bourgeoisie Bastard Mark Dayton" has a nicer house than they do.

4. Clothes

Clothes are personal to me because I remember getting in fights in school because I didn't wear Cavaricci jeans or wore France Varnet shirts. I also remember getting into fights because I had Wal-Mart velcro shoes while every other boy had "Nike High Tops." And though I was young, I knew enough to know that these kids were idiots to think the name of a shirt or the brand of some jeans was worth beating some kid up over.

But ohhhhh, how little those people have learned.

Because what was Cavaricci in 1988 is now "LuLuLemon" in 2017.
What was FrancoisMirthBiguard jeans in 1990 is now Jimmy Choo in 2017.
And what was Guess Jeans in 1989 is now DKNY in 2017.

Full grown adults are blowing money not on the clothes or the materials the clothes are made out of. They are blowing money on the stamp, patch, or label that comes with it.

Still, to lesser minds (leftist or not in this case), they cannot help but be envious of somebody with Gucci shoes or Armani shirts when a $10 pair of either from Wal-Mart (or Goodwill) will do the same. Yet, it's only leftists that I see going the complete OPPOSITE/full-retard extreme by wearing hideous clothing, piercing their noses, and tatting up their bodies as if they're protesting beauty as presented to them by richer people. All they're doing is cutting their noses off to spite their face, and their green is all to easy to see.

5. Food

I've told the story before, but I'll tell it again, I was ecstatic when Subway came out with their $5 footlongs. It was in the depths of the recession and every one of my revenue streams was hurting. In college it was bagels and 25 cent "day old bread" from the local subshop that kept me fueled, but as I no longer had to pay tuition and started making my own money "luxuries" like Davini's and Perkins were now within my budget. To this day my friends mock and ridicule me for liking Perkins or the local all you can eat Chinese

buffet, but there is nothing wrong with the food a poor or lower-middle income class person can afford to eat.

But again, does the left see what was once the SINGLE LARGEST PROBLEM facing humans for 99.99999% of its 2 million year existence being solved? (that would be hunger by the way). Does the left cheer that OBESITY is now a "bigger" problem than malnutrition or starvation?

Nope.

Once again, all they can see as they're horking down their "lousy" Applebee's shrimp scampi is those rich bourgeoisie bastards eating at high end steak houses and seafood restaurants. All they can see is the 21 year old scotches rich people are drinking as they drink that Cutty Sark "swill." You know what? Those rich people probably have left over mahi tuna steak in their fridges while you have to walk ALL THE WAY DOWN THE STREET to Wal-Mart if you want to eat something at 3AM.

Once again, being envious of somebody who can afford sushi, while all you can afford is Perkins, to the point you're going to "stick it to the man and tax them more," ESPECIALLY in light of humanity's history with hunger, is petty, pathetic, and sad.

and finally...

6. Cell Phones

Oh is the pettiness rich in this one.

Much like petulant little 13 year old girls complain about not having the latest iPhone or android, leftists get their communal tits in the bundle when all they can afford is a previous generation phone or have to resort to a FREAKING PAYMENT PLAN to get the cell phone they want. Never mind there REALLY IS NO DIFFERENCE between the iPhone 943Z and the iPhone 944A. Never mind a Samsung 9 does nothing more than the Samsung 8. Nope, I gotta get me some of datz because rich people have the most recent and up to date phone and "I gotta show them I'm a baller too!" Even if you get a free Obama phone, no doubt you are complaining that those rich, 1%, elitist bastards have nicer phones than you.

You can't even say the technological difference between one generation of phone to the next is a 1% difference. But damnit if the left doesn't get their green thongs in a bundle over it. And the fact that Chip has a nicer phone than Jose is reason enough to vote Sanders and completely revamp the economy into a socialist one.

I could go on highlighting different consumer items both the rich and the poor consume

today and the barely perceptible difference in quality between them, but the point is how the left obsesses and hinges its entire confiscatory and parasitic ideology on these petty differences. Thadeus drives a Lexus while Bob drives a Chevy - let's tax Thadeus at 75%. Felix owns a boat while Jim occasionally rents one - let's tax Felix at 80% AND hate him at the same time. And Chip owns a Rolex, while Jerome owns a Quartz. Chip is a 1% bastard, probably racist, AND let's tax him at 90%. But worse than the jealousy is how nearly every leftist lets the fact that other people have more ruin their lives. Certainly there are some leftist and democrats who do no begrudge those that have more. But the majority of them stew in their jealousy which turns into hatred, forcing them to live lives where all they do is obsess about the rich instead of appreciating what they have and getting lives of their own.

Social justice warriors.
Feminists.
Professional activists.
Professors.
Unpaid leftist online journalists.
Nearly every liberal arts major.

How many leftist lives that are wasted envying what others have instead of saying, "WOW! I'm driving a car ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY at 80MPH to see the GRAND CANYON while eating food conveniently located EVERY 20 MILES at gas stations!"? How many leftists are pissed because the government won't pay for their birth control, instead of focusing on the fact that affordable birth control exists? How many leftists live angry, hate-filled lives because somebody has a 10 bedroom, 4 bathroom McMansion, ignoring the fact their modest 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom house will more than adequately house them for the rest of their lives?

I always like to look on the bright side of things. And the fact that leftists cannot be happy with the amazing advances and innovations capitalism has put in their green little hands, and choose instead to obsess over the petty and microscopically "better" things the "rich" have to the point it ruins their lives is justice and revenge enough for me. Understand this and understand this well about leftists. They are miserable people who will waste ***their entire, precious lives*** being envious of what others have instead of appreciating what they have. And when the day comes that they're on their death bed, all they will have to point to is a life of whining, complaining, hatred, and jealousy.

A worse punishment does not exist.

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Digital churches should obsolete the physical ones.
Communist statues to sexually satisfy women who marry the state.
Animal lovers free...and kill 30,000 minx.
Honeywell bans telecommuting.
Google's new "Limited State Policy"

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"Alpha Males Do Not Exist"

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Heh, some interesting meat for the lions:

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Marissa, just stay the fuck home and raise your fucking kid.

The Great Matt Baldoni is on The Black Brigade Podcast

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Looks like ole DT got Matt Baldoni to sit in with him for a while. If you like music or are a musician yourself I can't recommend this episode enough.

Your Last Month of Summer

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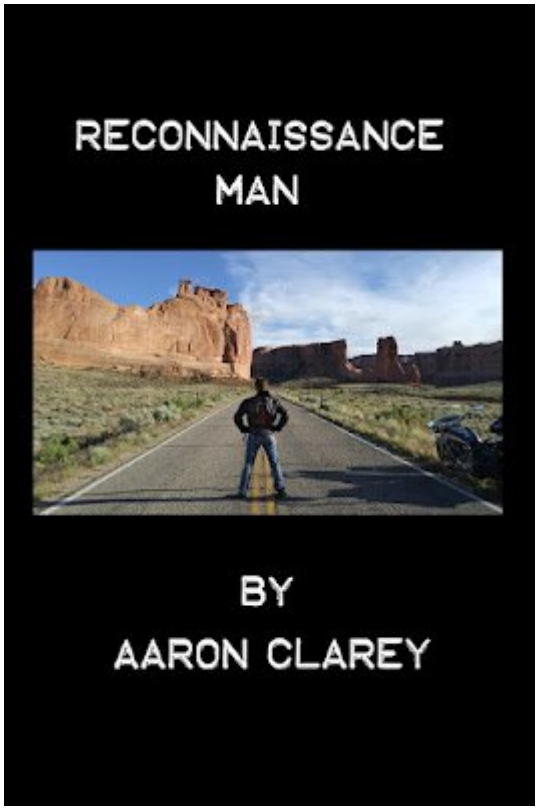
Spend it wisely by roadtripping across the US to find out where you want to live and who you truly are. Do not spend another year slaving away in a cubicle thinking you're going to get promoted to "Vice Reserve Manager." Get in your car, grab a back pack, grab your tooth brush, and go. And if you happen to know some young man or woman who is lost this summer and is really milquetoast about college, their future or their career, get them Reconnaissance Man.



Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation?

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Short answer? Yes.

This is why I also leave the phone at home when going out and do not do social media on weekends, no matter how vital to my super awesome online media empire.

The Big Lie: A Review by Cynical Libertarian

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Cynical Libertarian, in is cursing swearing ways, just rips apart a book titled "The Big Lie," written by a 38 year old woman who penned her book after she realized it's not as easy to have kids at 38 as when she was 18.

I suggest listening to it because it's rare you hear feminists and leftists admit they're wrong, but more so, it's great to hear them suffer the full cost and consequences of their mistakes. Don't read the book, don't give her any more money (she receives a ton in various NGO grants and tax dollars). But do listen to Cynical Libertarian's rant against it if you want some well deserved poetic justice. He also has a Part II, and will likely make this book a 5 part analysis/series if you wish to have a little dessert after dinner.

Google's Anti-Diversity Manifesto Memo

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Uh oh. Trouble in paradise. I love the Orwellian title "VP of Diversity, Integrity & Governance."

Never work in Silicon Valley boys. Not unless you're paid gobs of money and are only going to do it for a short time.

Why the Left Will Always and Inevitably Eat Their Own

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Chris Bechtloff explains the ultimate end goal of leftism as:

"*The last human on Earth, who is a leftist, standing on top of a mountain of skulls as he/she eats a bullet.*"

I never understood this as I've never understood the much more "PG" explanation I've been given in the past that "the left always eats its own."

Do they not circle the wagons?
Do they not stay together as a team?
I've seen democrats rally around the most criminal and corrupt of people simply because they're on "team left."
And I've been angrily jealous when the right spinelessly refuses to protect their own when faced with a potential accusation of an "ism" or an "ist."

Still, for every example of leftists protecting a Charlie Rangel, I could see a historical example of leftists turning on their own.

Stalin on Trotsky.
College SJW students on their leftist professors.
And democratic candidates against each other during primaries (though that is to be expected).

But I didn't understand why. I didn't understand the etymology of this belief. I did not understand the underlying philosophy.

Until now.

I sat down, put pen to paper, coffee to brain, and with some Sherlockian deducing finally figured it out. And, like other observations of the mental, psychological, and ideological traits of the left, I believe this observation will come in handy for non-leftists to understand them, as well as counter them, not to mention explain various political and historical phenomena we've witnessed in the past.

First, you must understand what drives the majority of leftists and 100% of leftist politicians - laziness.

I'm not talking about the hard-working life-long union democrat. The tradesman or laborer who actually produces something of value and votes democrat "because that's how grand-daddy did it and we're a democrat family damnit!" I'm talking the Hillary Clinton's, the Debbie Wasserman-Schultzes, the Stalin's, the Mao Zedong's, the SJW's, the Bernie Sanders, the leftist professors, the MSM and their journalism-majoring ilk, nearly all liberal arts majors, and the Game-Of-Thrones-esque North Korean leaders. All of them, democratically elected or not, politicians or not, are the world's "leftist elite" who deem it their right and position in life to tell others what to do. To lead, but never toil in the field. To command, but never contribute one calorie of energy to bringing about their "glorious leftist utopia." All of them, NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY, are driven first and foremost by laziness. And this laziness trumps EVERYTHING, EVERYONE, AND ANYTHING in their lives. It rules their lives. It dominates their psyche. It determines and influences every decision. Their entire operating program, their entire point and purpose in life is simply to avoid toil, work, and rigor as much as possible.

Second, you must understand where this laziness comes from - a 100%, complete and total fear of work. A 100% complete and total fear of labor. A 100% cowardice of the necessary toil required for self-supportation. These people are inferior, weak, but above all else, cowardly people who will do anything to avoid the everyday pain you, me, and others endure to put food on the table and a roof over our heads.

Hillary Clinton went straight from her rich father to her first-governor-then-president husband because she was a worthless coward. Her laziness and fear of work was so complete she ignored Bill's infidelity as it would keep her from having to divorce him and get a real job.

Nancy Pelosi and Mark Dayton are both trust-fund baby brats who viewed real work beneath them and have yet to work ONE MINUTE of honest work in their now-approaching 70 years of life on this planet.

President Obama, also hailing from a rich grandmother, never held a real job until becoming president.

And nearly every communist hero, be it Lenin, Marx, Mao, or what have you, hailed from privileged backgrounds, ne'er dipping a toe into an honest day's work.

And you don't have to be a politician or leader to see how pervasive this pathetic cowardly fear of work is among the left. The millions of young men and women who declare liberal arts majors every year are simply confessing their laziness, sloth, and cowardice to the world, unconsciously admitting they have no desire to work hard, provide society something of value, and demand the rest of the producers work harder to support their parasitic selves. Like I said before, bar the hard working (and completely misled) union democrat, nearly every leftist is cripplingly afraid of real work.

Finally, ego.

A mere welfare parasite who doesn't want to work, I can understand. He or she may be apoliticial, doesn't even care about politics, may not even be aware of their parasitic and unsustainable economic nature. The most they participate in politics is being the sheep herded out in droves to vote democrat because "republicans be racist/sexist/hate the poor/hate children/punch kittens." But the "professional left" cannot suffer such an inglorious life. For in a VERY CLOSE second place to "laziness" is ego. And their ego will not be satisfied with a mere government check.

To fool themselves into thinking they're "good, productive citizens," let alone have ANY value in life, the left subscribes to any number of political crusades as long as it doesn't require work, toil, labor or effort. Crusades that kind of have a "no duh" aspect to them:

We're for the environment!
We're for the equal treatment of women!
We're for the poor!
We're for the children!
We're for education!

However, merely taking popular, uncourageous, and effortless political positions is not enough. Their ego demands more action. So these otherwise "no duh" political positions become fervent, even radical religions falsely providing leftists meaningless meaning in their lives.

Feminism
Environmentalism
Non-binary genderism
Wealth redistribution/socialism

or any other kind of ism that talentless and worthless liberal arts majors are celebrating today.

These "isms" not only provide the non-working left faux meaning and agency in life, but a cause and crusade to cowardly hide behind in case they are accused or outed as being the lazy parasites they are. Because if you are against pissing away money on education, "you hate the children." If you're against affirmative action, "you're a racist!" If you're against feminism, "you're a sexist." And if you don't believe in global warming, "You hate the environment!"

In the end, leftists' egos and their fabricated political crusades inoculate them from the demands of the real world, while insulating their minds from the fact they're meaningless, pointless, worthless people. Some believe their ideologies so much they find themselves

fit to lead nations, and in Mao and Stalin's case, murder millions in the process. Worse, some are so deluded, even when their ideology results in their rape, they'll still stand by it.

When you combine these three traits:

Laziness
Fear/cowardice
and
Ego

you get socialism.

Not because these three items are the ingredients to form a leftist, but because leftism is the ONLY economic and political philosophy that will abide a person who is ruled and defined by these three inferior traits. Alas, the only real "job" or "profession" a leftist can have is one of politics.

This "political career" can manifest itself in various forms in the real world,

You can have an outright politician.
You can have a professor, teacher or academian.
You can have an artist, philosopher, musician, or author.
You can have a bureaucrat, social worker, or other unessential government employee.
You can be a mouthpiece for the government as an unpaid leftist blogger, journalist, or other propagandist.
Or you have have NGO's, non-profits, or other entities that suck on the teat of government money.

None of them require real work.
None of them require real labor.
All of them feed the egotist.

The problem, however, is these industries are not self-sustaining. They are not self-supporting. They are not economic. They do not produce anything of value and are therefore entirely parasitic and reliant upon other sectors of the economy to be taxed to finance these make-work industries. And it is this economic fact that is key to understanding why the left will always eat its own.

As long as the "other" parts of the economy are large and productive enough, there will be enough economic production to tax to fund and finance these fake/make-work industries. ~~Overpaid baby sitters~~ elementary school teachers will continue to receive their bloated pay. ~~Professional hacks~~ university professors will continue to receive tax-

payer guaranteed student loan money to brainwash their idiot liberal arts majoring students. ~~Women too lazy to study math, who loved their careers more than their own children~~ social workers will continue to get paid to raise other women's problem children which wouldn't be problem children if somebody stayed at home to raise them in the first place. And ~~talentless trust fund babies~~ professional activists will continue to get government grants so they can avoid working a real job that is actually needed in the real world.

But what if the economy slows down?
Or what if the economy becomes increasingly socialist and the government takes over industries that actually produces things?
What if leftists become the majority be it an outright majority of the population or via government take over of various industries?

What will inevitably happen (as in the case with all communist economies) is you will have all the leftists wanting to be leaders, and not enough wanting to be workers. Too many chiefs and not enough indians. You not only saw this in the bloated communist bureaucracies (and their ego-inflated titles and awards) and drastically underutilized factories, but you can see this in the democrat party (admittedly as well as the republican party) where all the volunteers think they're going to become an elected politician, but are merely used for their volunteer labor. And it is here the left will eat its own.

Remember that socialism and leftism is the only political philosophy where a lazy, egotistical, coward can "work." Leftism is not DEFINED by these traits. It only ATTRACTS PEOPLE with these traits and it is therefore defined by the people. And an entity (be it an entire economy or a mere political party or movement) composed of people with these traits is simply not going to have enough money, resources, or ego-satisfying "leadership positions" to satiate everybody.

Leftists with their inherent laziness and parasitism simply do not generate the money/resources necessary to satisfy everyone's ego about becoming "Assistant Vice Reserve Diversity Director" or "Vice Secretariat of the Communist Central Commission." All organizations, leftist or not, need a handful of leaders, and at least thrice the workers. But since most leftists' egos are insatiable, not to mention their biggest and life-dominating fear is work, when the time comes and if necessary they will GLADLY abandon their ideology and throw their "beloved comrade" under the bus. Alas, leftism only really serves as an excuse, a mask, an ideological hide out for the world's lazy, cowardly, and egotistical. And if faced with the choice of supporting the cause (and working) or murdering the ideological brethren (to avoid work), they will gladly plant daggers in the back of every "fellow leftist."

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, it's a sad mental state to be a professional leftist. I know they fear work above all else, to the point it ruins their lives, but if they just put in

half the effort working real jobs, producing real value that the real world wants, as they do in academia, politics, and media rationalizing the theft of others, they would be immeasurably better off. If instead of begging for grant money, a professional leftist worked a security guard shift, they'd have thrice the money. If instead of spending 8 years earning a worthless doctorate so you can teach for $20/hour, you joined the military, you'd be an officer with a pension now. And if instead of wasting your time protesting with a "pink pussy hat" against the patriarchy, you could be a wife with some children and a chemical engineering career waiting for you once the kids are off to school.

Alas, the K-college industry and media has done a great job convincing millions of leftists every year to throw their lives away on an ideology that is as parasitic as it is pathetic. They've successfully sold you leftists that you are entitled to the easy life, long as you vote for them. And they've successfully got you to waste your entire lives in sacrifice for the politically connected and not the meritocratic.

I'd say "Enjoy the Decline," but I'm afraid you're too brainwashed to understand.

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Viral Podcasting by Kerry Lutz

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Kerry Lutz, as many of you know, is a friendly man down in Florida who has me on his show occasionally. He came out with a book recently and I wanted to share it here in case any of you were interested in getting into podcasting. Though his show largely themes around economics, precious metals, and government finances, his show is VERY successful which prompted him to pen a "how to" book on podcasting. So if you're interested please consider purchasing his book below.

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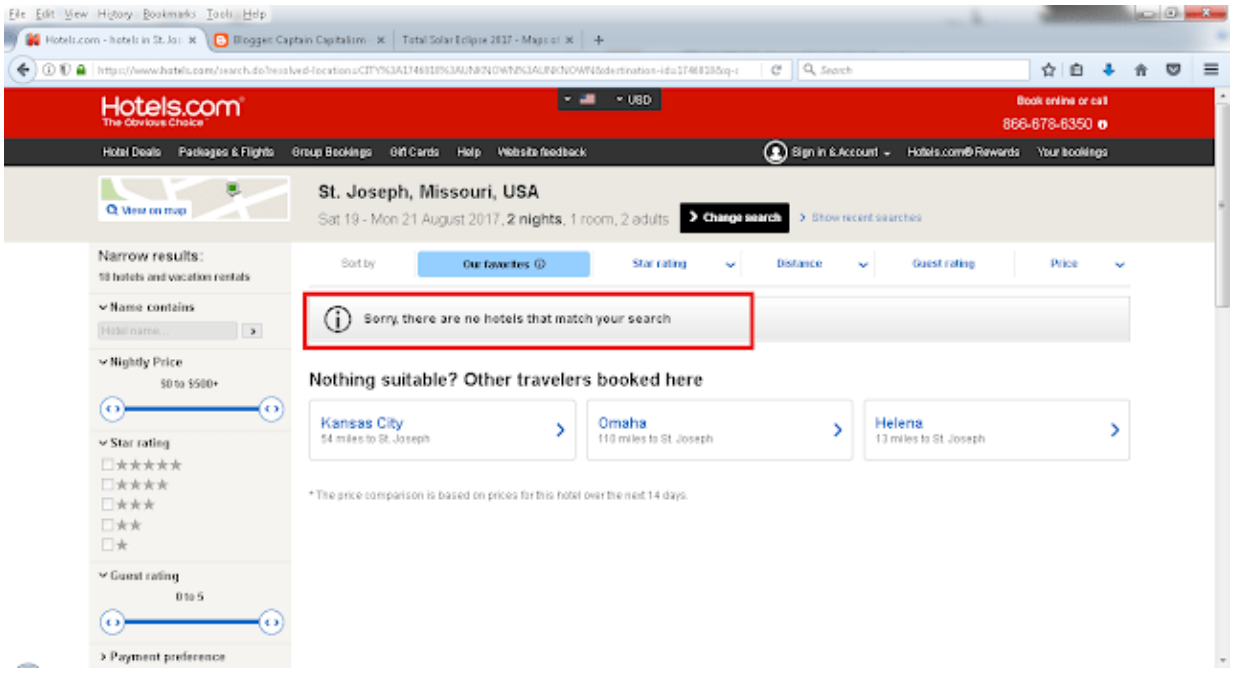
Like many of you, I am going to drive towards the latitudinal center of the country in order to see the upcoming solar eclipse next Monday. I've never seen a solar eclipse, and so before I depart this mortal world, I think it would make a nice little check box on my bucket list.

There's just one problem.

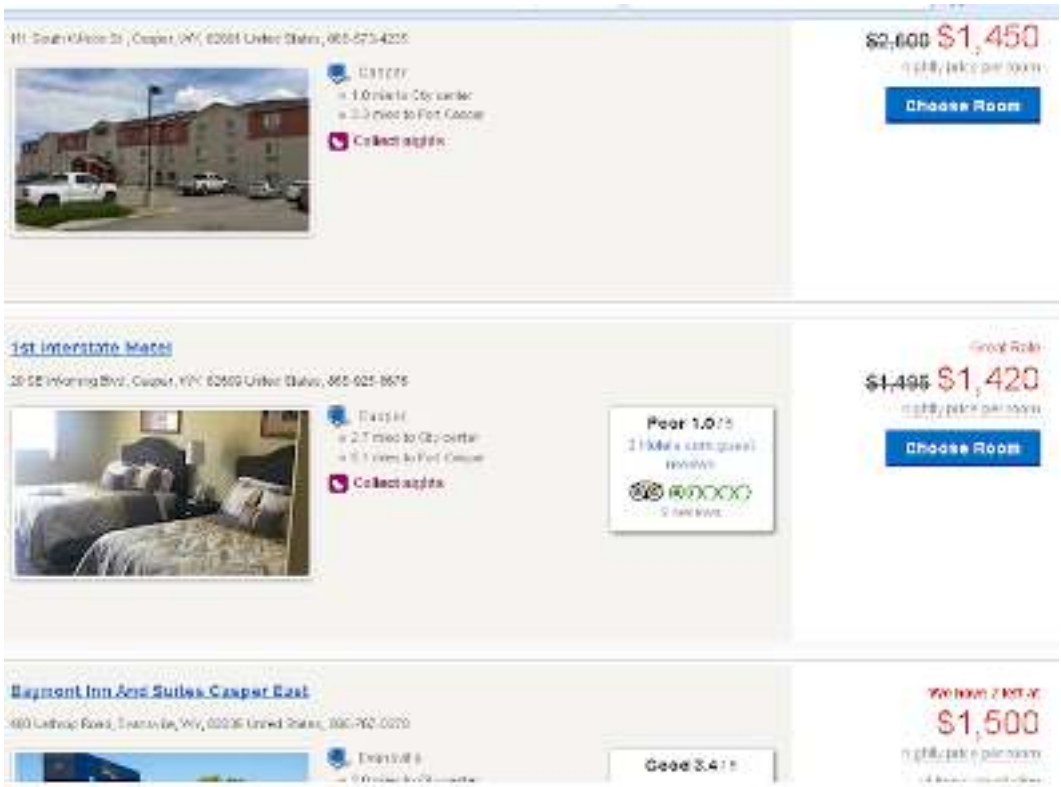
It seems everybody else in the US is doing the same.

Numbers are impossible to estimate, but if hotel prices are any indication it seems the entire country is going solar eclipse crazy.

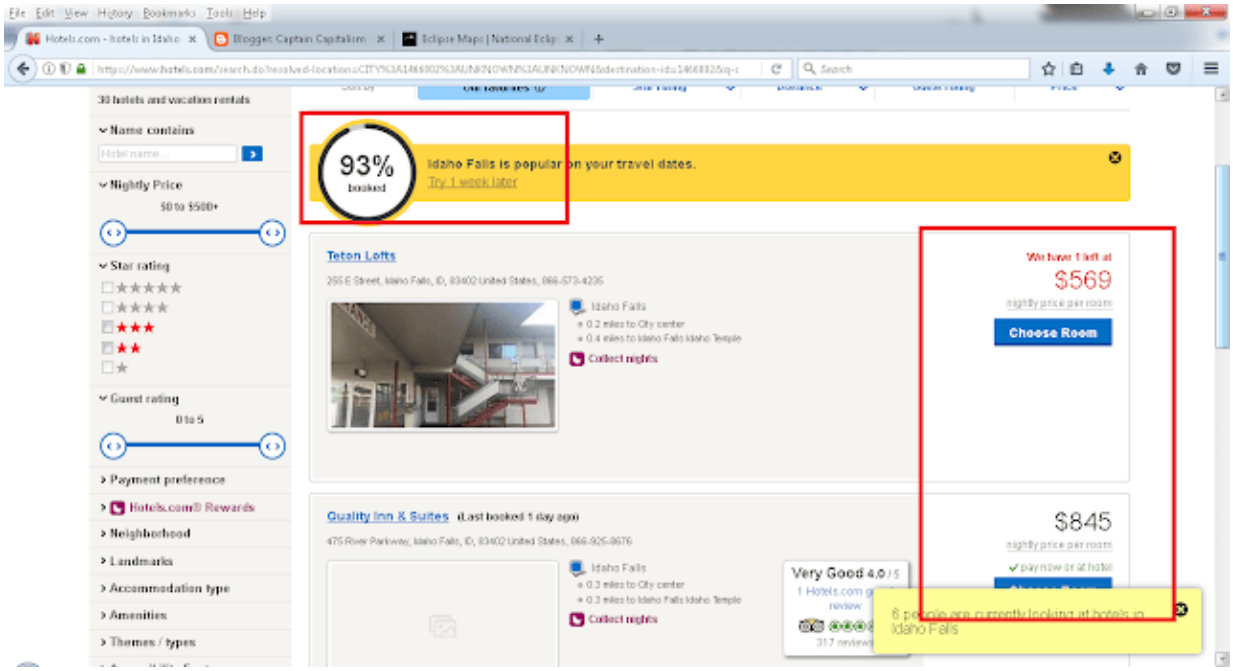
St. Joseph, Missouri, originally where I aimed to view the eclipse has NO VACANCY in the entire 76,000 person town.



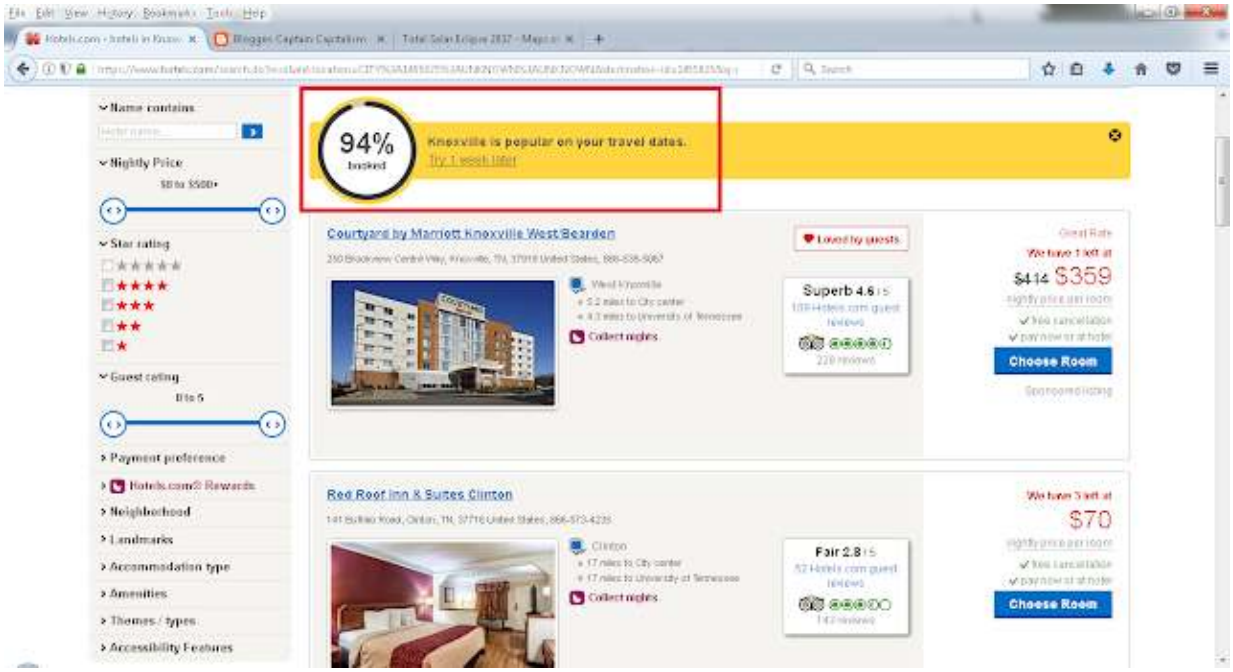
If I'm willing to drive two states over and one up, I can find lodging in Casper, Wyoming for around $1,500.



But if I'm willing to go over one more to scenic Idaho Falls, Idaho, I can find much more "reasonable" accommodations for around $700 per night.



About the only place I could find somewhat affordable lodging was in Knoxville, Tennessee, but with a 94% vacancy rate, I doubt there will be any rooms left in the inn for procrastinators.



If you had plans to see the solar eclipse it looks like it's time to start couch surfing with buddies. And for those of you savvy enough to avoid lines and traffic jams, it might prove wise to view the eclipse from some small remote town in America's farmland rather than the larger metro areas which promise to be zoos.

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Cappy chooses to enjoy life.
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How "Good School Districts" Ruin Families

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Out of boredom I found myself walking on a newly paved path in a newly constructed development of suburbanite bliss. The paving was perfect. The houses were perfect. The yards were perfect. It was just so perfectly perfect it couldn't be perfected anymore. And though this particular development wasn't one of the elite suburbs of the Twin Cities such as Edina or Wayzata, it was one of the up-and-coming where the starting price for a BASE house was $530,000.

I'm no longer in banking, so I'm no longer paid (nor bored at my desk enough) to study the housing market like I once did. But these type of "Perfectly Perfect to Perfection" suburbanite developments are popping up everywhere. And it is not uncommon for the starting price to be on the higher side of half a million. And since this has been going on for the better part of 5 years, my spidey senses have been tingling. There's something amiss because there just isn't enough "Doctor-Accountant" couples out there to afford all of these high-end homes.

Still, not really having any vested interest (professional or financial) in the outcome of the housing market, I contacted my Realty Agent in the Field to see what he thought was going on and he uttered just one phrase:

Good school districts.

Perplexed I looked at him, but my mind had already raced to the conclusion. So before I could speak my face went from one of being confused to that of "no way."

He looked back at me and said, "Yep, Precious Princesses' kids just "HAVE TO" be in a good school district."

I was then regaled with instances and explanations of the phenomenon I was seeing. There was one development where houses sold for an extra $50,000-$100,000 across the street from an identical development because one was in Wayzata while the other was in that filthy, no good "Plymouth" school district. The developments and trail systems I've been walking about are in Woodbury, Lakeville, Eagan, Lakeville, Lino Lakes, and far-flung Carver, all of which are far-flung, all of which make for hellish commutes, but all of which have "great school schools."

My Realty Agent in the Field and I know each other well enough, plus my finely honed cynicism skills are advanced enough I was easily able to figure out what was happening while my buddy just nodded his head.

"Gen X'ers and what modicum of older millennials who can afford kids need a bigger house."

Mmmmhmmmm.

"A lot of them bought during the depths of the housing crash, and some actually have seen gains on their starter homes."

Mmmmhmmmm.

"But they don't want their kid going to Fridley, St. Louis Park, Richfield, or other leftist-shitholes they voted for and ultimately created and are now jettisoning out for the suburbs."

Mmmmmhmmm.

"And now that wifey poo has kids of her own, all that leftist rah rah diversity bullshit is out the window and they have to move to these picturesque suburbs."

Mmmmhmmmm.

And then I looked at him and said, "But there just CAN'T be that many doctors and surgeons and electrical engineers. I know low interest rates help people afford more houses, but there's no way all these people can actually afford these homes."

And then he spilled the beans.

Half the purchases are a proto-wanna-be power couple where they need two incomes to afford these Neo-McMansions. The kid is dropped off at daycare. Wifey gets to work and pursue what's more important in her life. Hubby works the real job to help keep the lifestyle facade up. The other half is wifey poo is a stay at home mom, but hubby's

income is juuuuust enough to pay for the car PAYMENT, house PAYMENT, and credit card PAYMENT. And bar 5-10% of genuine rich people who can actually afford these houses, 90%+ of these house are afforded by the same material used to build them - plastic.

And this is where good school districts ruin families.

Though sclerotic, economic growth has at least been consistent. And while most millennials and some Gen X'ers have dropped out of the labor force, those that remain are facing a pretty tight labor market and can make decent money. But as you know, I know, and any introductory student of economics knows, economies do and will go into recession. And since these people are leveraged to the hilt, living paycheck to paycheck, the slightest hiccup, the slightest bump in the economy can result in lay-offs, furloughs, or pay-cuts, any of which will through a monkey wrench into these perfectly-perfect-plastic suburbanite plans.

Wifey poos across the country, I doubt know this. I saw this in banking in the 00's where wives and girlfriends had NO CLUE their hubby or lover was technically insolvent. They simply didn't care. They also didn't know the difference between debt and equity spending. Long as their man was spending money on them, affording them this unsustainable lifestyle, wifey was happy. But whereas in the 00's it may have been luxury cars, McMansions in the suburbs, or downtown condos, it is now the insistence that wifey's precious little children have ONLY the BEST schools, which forces a bunch of pussy-addicted husbands to buy houses they can't afford in school districts that are really no better than the blue collar ones they left behind.

This then paints the picture anybody who's been divorced or seen their parents get divorced is all too familiar with. Tight finances.

Finances (in case you didn't know) is the number one reason cited for divorce and marital problems. And in case you didn't know, ALL financial problems are caused by debt - ie - spending more than you make. And whereas it may have been material things such as luxury cars, trips to Europe, McMansions, and fancy clothes, my abbreviated research is telling me its school districts that are disproportionately driving this particular bubble.

"Nothing's too good for my children" even if it means redlining your family finances, dramatically increasing the chances of divorce.

"But it's a good school district" even though it's not better than the burb next door.

"We need to get Jr. into the ABC School District!" even though the kid is doomed to bad grades because you're bad parents and never spent time with the kid and are stupid enough to think "Magic Dirt" theory will overcome your absentee parenting.

It's not that I'm cheering on the demise of these fake, picture-perfect Ken and Barbie doll families. It's not that I'm jealous of having car and mortgage payments eat up 98% of my take home pay.
It's my defeatedly-reluctant acceptance that you humans, even the presumably "smart ones" are truly idiotic sheep, incapable of independent thought, and will just do what you're told, even if it is at the expense of your family. That wifey-poos across America are seemingly incapable of GENUINE critical thinking (not the bullshit they told you in college) and hubbies across America are seemingly incapable of not letting pussy impair their thinking. And that your kids (which, again, you just love SOOOOO much) are going to end up suffering either because you get divorced, or your effectively absent anyway because you're always working to afford these stupid things in life.

You vice presidents in banking with your part-time assistant-reserve-deputy-director at the non-profit wives enjoy sending your kids to those "great school districts." The rest of us are going to enjoy the decline.

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Adam Piggott is finally back "on the air" after taking his sweet Aussie ass time moving to Europe. Anyway, he put together a hilarious podcast titled "The Nice Guy Episode" which will keep you snickering as I go and chase the solar eclipse this weekend in Kansas City.

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By Paul Allen no less.

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Good night Nutty Professor. Those were some outstanding laughs.

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"I are smart. I go too kollig."

Perhaps Doug Hawkins could benefit from this.

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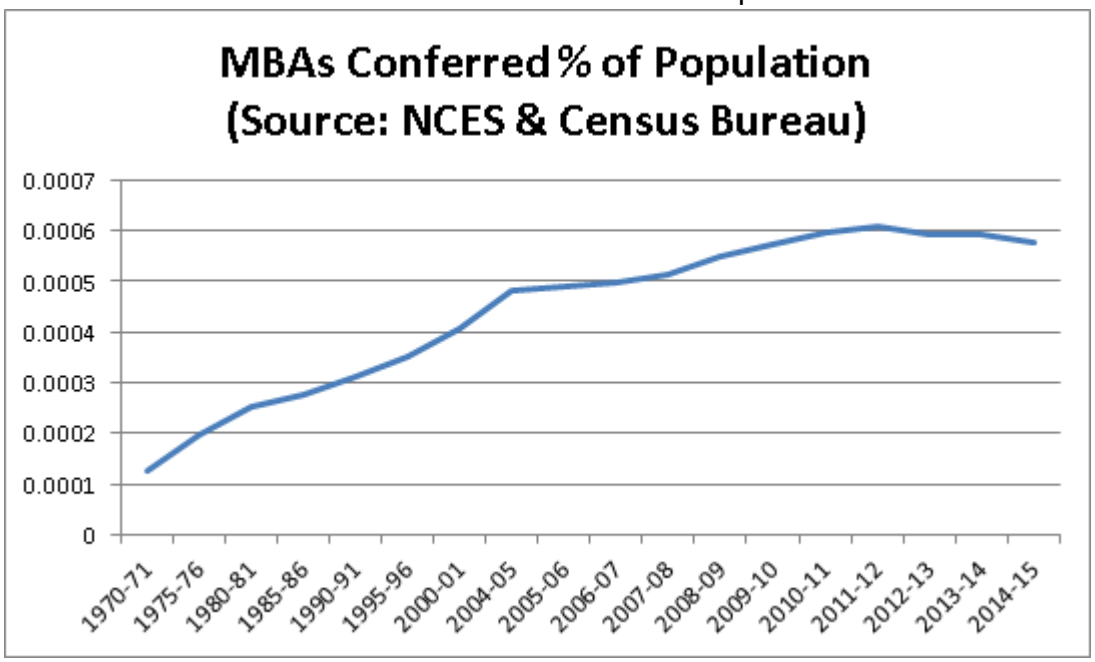

Your MBA is Worthless

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From my article at LinkedIn (because it's fun to pick on the lemmings).

"*The only "real" sub fields you will find in business schools are Accounting and MIS/IT as they require 2-4 years of study to get some level of mastery of these subjects. The rest of them, be they marketing, HR, "general business management" or whatever other popcockery b-schools are whipping up and charging you $400 a credit for are bogus. This isn't to say that there isn't value in learning about employment law in HR, or learning some statistical analysis in marketing, but all of these subfields can be summarized in a week long seminar and a pamphlet about 50 pages thick. Not the 4 to 6 years of your youth and 2,000 pages of over-priced, incredibly diluted textbooks they suck out of your veins. And it doesn't matter if it's a "BA" or and "MBA" in business, it's all the same BS.*"

Remember to buy "Worthless" and make sure either you or somebody you love does not RUIN THEIR LIFE getting an MBA.

You're Not Falling Behind Your High School Peers

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They're just at the peak of the K-college bubble right before it bursts:

How Chryss Cada Should Serve as a Warning to Journalism Majors

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I enjoy listening to the The Cynical Libertarian Society Podcast (do not get deterred by his Obama/Commie/Nazi/Hillary morphed emblems. He is not a nazi or communist, he is merely mocking Obama and Clinton.). But his latest podcast, wherein he excoriates one Chryss Cada (starting at the 36:30 mark), is a must listen 50 minute long rant.

And for multiple reasons.

First, though the article is dated, it highlights the delusional and entitled attitude among liberal arts and social science majors, specifically those who go onto become professors. Ms. Cada's complete failure to understand basic economics, yet lie to herself about how important "journalism" is (despite what the labor market has told her for 30 years), is one I'm sure is prevalent among college professors who never worked a real job outside of academia.

Second, it shows how bad professors have it in academia since the market is FLOODED with journalism majors, sociology majors, and other assorted millions of "masters" graduates, whose services are so lacking in demand, the only thing they can do is teach. This makes liberal arts professors a dime a dozen as their only option to is apply for teaching positions. The schools know this and are fully taking advantage of these sheep they just sold over-priced "advanced degrees" sheepskins to (my favorite is how she makes $20,000 a year and has to pay $500 a year for parking. You just can't make it up).

Third, I was originally incented to write a piece about this, delving into the delusional world of academia, but the Cynical Libertarian did an AMAZING job, not just ranting, but hitting every major and minor point, and analyzing the economics of the adjunct professor world. I cannot emphasize enough how you should listen to his (albeit crass) take down and analysis.

Finally, though Ms. Cada's aim was to validate, champion, and cheerlead the merits and value of journalism, journalism majors, journalism professors, and the journalism industry in general, she unknowingly stabs the profession in the back, plugs two .45 caliber bullets in the back of its head, douses in in gasoline, lights it, and then sacrifices herself into the pyre. Unless you are a truly delusional millennial, who thinks you're going to be "special" and the laws of economics don't apply to you, you cannot help but conclude from this article/rant to JUST NOT MAJOR IN JOURNALISM.

And here is where I hope there is some lemonade to be made out of these looney

professorial lemons.

Ms. Cada's experience should serve as a warning to every young (or old) aspiring journalist or journalism major out there. Journalism is not only dead, but because of the internet, you needn't go to college for it. You simply get yourself a blog, write religiously and honestly, podcast on the side, and soon you will have just as successful a career as any "journalism professor." You don't need to blow $50,000 on a worthless journalism degree, you simply invest $50,000 on a worthwhile degree and pursue journalism in your free time. And finally, if you haven't noticed with all the fake news (on both sides), not to mention the complete and total 100% leftist bias of journalism professors, the entire industry cannot even be called "journalism." It's merely click-bait, yellow journalism, sensationalism. There really is no "journalism" industry to employ honest aspiring journalists anymore, so you might as well strike out on your own.

So do yourself a favor if you're considering majoring in journalism or becoming one or (heaven help you) teaching it.

Don't!

Choose a different degree instead that will make you not regret wasting 4 years and $75,000 in tuition.

Big Education Scamming Black Women

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After seeing billboards, internet ads, and plain ole websites of liberal arts colleges, it is painfully clear that Big Education is targeting minorities and women in a last, vain attempt to get them to:

1. Borrow $100,000 in student loans.
2. Hand it over to the hacks posing as professors, deans and administrators at worthless schools.
3. Fellate them while brainwashing them into a victimhood mentality with leftist, racist politics.
4. While giving them an utterly worthless education.

All of which has the effect of crippling these people financially, mentally, and making it damn near impossible they will ever find a quality husband, raise a decent family, or have a successful career.

If you know a minority or a woman who is about to be sold on this scam, get them the book Worthless

Real, Caring Men Tell Women "No"

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"*Women need to understand that men who speak to them directly, and tell them no, and set boundaries and try to push them to be serious about education and career and finances and marriage are NOT anti-woman. We are trying to protect you and strengthen you, by telling you to make good decisions, and be responsible.*"

It's a great piece, but the only thing I would add is that it is not a single man's responsibility to compensate where are weak or absentee father left off. Women should be raised to at least HEED a man that tells them "no" or advises them to reconsider their choices in life. Unfortunately, they are not only "not raised" by men, but brainwashed by a predominantly leftist, feminist, and female school district, rendering them shrews that are just not worth being tamed. Young men already have a full plate in their lives. Student debts, lousy employment prospects, slowing economic growth. Taking broken goods, trying to put them back together, and play the role of therapist to MAYBE recondition a girl whose father/mother failed her ON TOP OF THAT is just simply too tall an order for your average 24 year old boy.

Stay frosty, boys. Stay the freak frosty.

Eclipses and Horses Now Racist

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Of course both of these signs of idiocy come from academia.

One, a worthless feminist who has nothing going on in her life that literally the BEST USE OF HER TIME she decided was to author a 20 page diatribe about how eclipses are racist.

Two, a horse mascot is now racist...according to a whiney college student in charge of some kind of student group.

Good news though, Sheriff Joe was pardoned. Fuck you communist scum.

Reminder to Shop "Cappy"

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A friendly reminder this weekend to do ALL your online shopping through my Amazon Affiliate link. It costs you nothing extra, and I get a 7% commission on ALL purchase you make. You just have to click here and just start shopping.

Additionally, as it just so happens, Google/Youtube has demonetized nearly everybody's YouTube videos. Any foul language, curse words, or questionable language was demonetized last week, which has basically put an end to anything PG13 or racier. I think it also puts the nail on the coffin of YouTube paying content creators because soon they're just going to not pay anybody anything. I have my Vid.me channel also set up in case YouTube decides to start charging people to have a channel, but the larger point is if you want to support me financially, about the ONLY thing left is my Amazon affiliate program.

Will keep you posted about the latest dick-fuckery going on with YouTube as it happens. In the meantime, shop away.

Is the Left No Longer Capable of Intelligence or Sentience?

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An excerpt from the latest upcoming episode of The Clarey Podcast. It does, however, ask a very important question. If solar eclipses and horses of mascots are now "racist," is that not a sign that leftists who advocate such nonsense lack the ability to think, be intelligent, and are sentient?

Curse Free Episode #27

August 28, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Fanmail
Month long motorcycle ride to Vegas.
Why 3 year olds think Cappy's GOD!
People telling Cappy how to do his job. Heh.
Solar eclipses are racist.
So are horses!
Are leftists capable of human intelligence?

AND MORE!

in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

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Pics from the Month Long Motorcycle Ride

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If you were asking "where's Cappy" he was busy racing across South Dakota and then on a 13 mile hike on the Deerfield Trail #40 in the Black Hills.

I then proceeded to continue to achieve nothing by driving to Deadwood, smoking a cigar, and then eating some French Silk Pie at Perkins because I deserved it after my 14 mile hike.

The achieving of nothing will continue, though to let my leg rest/heal up a bit, I will likely get around to doing a post on the average IQ of the stock market. Not the stock market itself, but the people that compose it.

Enjoy the pics!

ENTERING
BADLANDS

Oh Look Baby Boomers! Another Day of Self Employed Bliss!

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To all my previous bosses.

FOAD.

If Women Are Equal…

September 1, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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then why do you have to keep plagiarizing men?

Seriously Hollywood, just FOAD.

Does Minority Privilege Exist?

September 2, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Since it's codified into law and corporate American can't help but bow down at the altar of diversity, yes. But...

The Clarey Podcast - Fort Collins Special!

September 2, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Cappy is in Fort Collins, Colorado, sitting in with none other than The Great One Himself. They discuss the wisdom of just recording conversation, Cappy's motorcycle ride, old men passing away, do girls still flake in their 30's, and how art is ruined by politics.

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Month Long Motorcycle Ride Continues

September 5, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This time from the border between Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Least populated area bar parts of Wyoming and Alaska in the US:

Ardmore

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The Department of Not Impregnating Chicks Before Marriage

"We Can't Rely on these Models to Predict Irma's Path"

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But they're the same ones they're using to predict global temperatures.

"Income Share Agreements" to Finance College

September 7, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I like this more than blindly lending out money to every student, wherein 2/3rds are going to piss it away on worthless degrees. It would take in private financial markets to determine which degrees get financed and which do not.

The problem, however, as is with many Republican/Conservative/Non-leftist solutions, is it does not simply aim for the optimal solution, and replaces a horrendous problem with a slightly less horrendous one.

Students would now be indentured servants. Instead of letting private markets lend to engineering majors at 4% and liberal arts majors at 18%, they would own a part of that person's life long labor, which is the definition of slavery.

A much simpler solution exists and that is privatizing all schools, getting the government out of higher education altogether, and letting private people figure their educational needs on their own.

An even simpler solution than that, is what is slowly, but surely happening, and that is the internet (and employers) are replacing and obsoleting insanely overpriced brick and mortar schools.

Government could have done something looooong ago to save at least 30 years of students trillions in unnecessarily high tuition. But the politicians, like the people, are too stupid to understand basic economics and the power of a free and uninterrupted market.

Enjoy your sociology degree.

The Western Adventure Continues

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More suck to embrace.

Since riding does not allow you to listen to podcasts or music, I've come up with about a dozen ideas for more thorough thought pieces. However, I will be continuing to enjoy my month long ride worry free and will just be focusing on sleeping, hiking, and riding. Will post more pictures in the meantime.

Shampoo and Soap for Bachelors

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The struggle is real!

How Diversity and the Liberal Arts Harm the Economy and All of Us

September 9, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Hiring inferior people, especially those with worthless degrees, all for the sake of "diversity" or women's rights, has costs and consequences.

The Biggest Lie Told to Women…

September 11, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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was convincing them that work was not only fun, but the entire point and purpose of life.

Congratulations girls. You sure are "independent minded" swallowing whole what the left, feminism, and media told you to.

Cappy's Sandia Peak Adventure!

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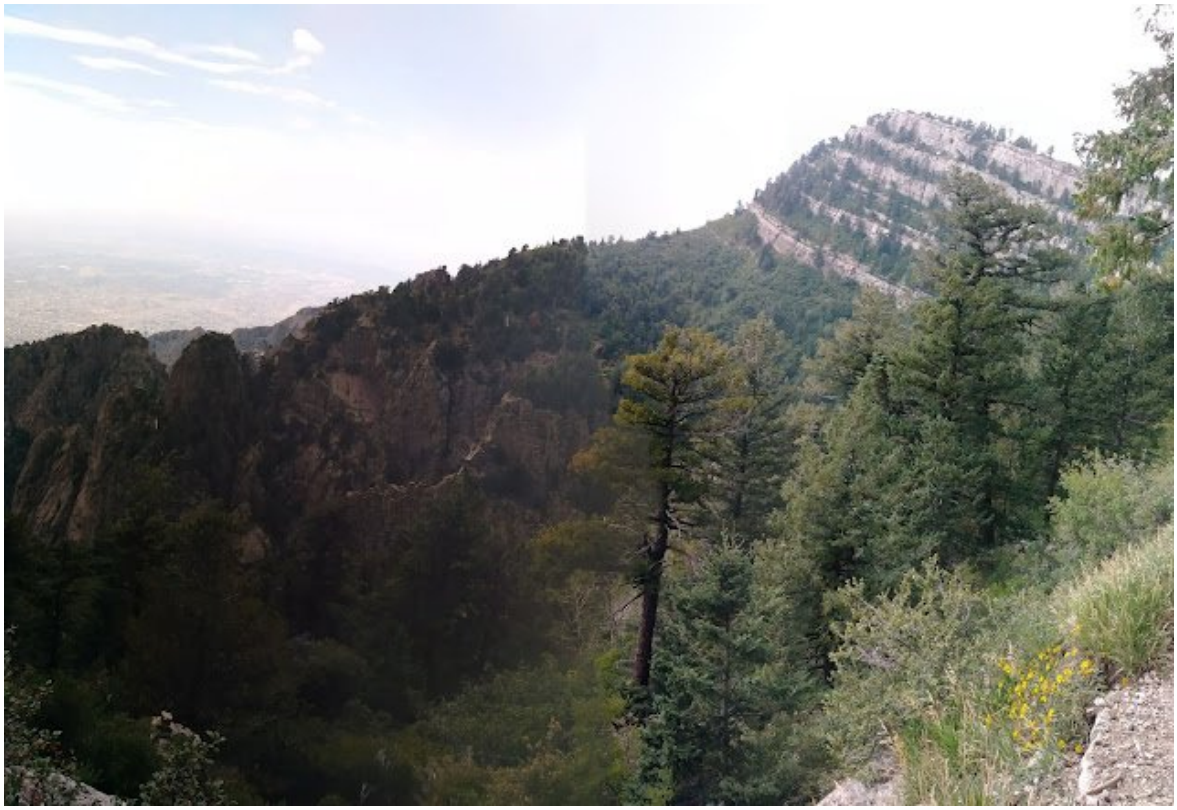
Remember, slave away, go to college, go into debt, buy fancy clothes, date girls who are not nice, but are hot, have kids you can't afford, get a car loan, get a home equity loan, refinance, extend, debt debt debt debt debt

or

Live life like you're going to die, because you're gonna.



Why STEM Majors Shouldn't Trust BLS Forecasted Job Growth Figures

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Remember, buy Worthless!

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Soap and Shampoo for Bachelors
Equifax's affirmative action costs America
More of Cappy's Adventures!

AND MORE!!!

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Charging Mohamed Noor Is Racist

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If you don't remember the drama, an Australian woman who was betrothed to a Minneapolis man was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer, Mohamed Noor. The Australian woman was a hippy dippy lefty into peace and alternative medicine and no doubt her Minneapolitan family was as well (lefty I mean, not alternative medicine).

This presents the family and the citizens of Minneapolis a quandary.

Do they charge Mohamed Noor with manslaughter or murder, which would then abandon the holy religion of diversity, and be racist?

Or do they champion Mohamed Noor, stick with their diversity principles, but then admit, their leftist religion is more important than their own lives and livelihood.

It looks like they will choose the later.

Naturally, I'm being a bit tongue and cheek, but not by much given how fervent, obsessive, and radical lefties are about diversity and are a mere butterfly's wing flap away from accusing everybody of racism. I've opined and theorized before about how deep lefties' politics go into their personal psyche and (given their typically unaccomplished lives) serve as the only thing that gives them value in life. And so if they or a love one are assaulted, raped, even killed, where do their loyalties lie?

Their own survival and self respect?
Or their religion?

Feminist women being raped in refugee camps choose their religion of socialism over their own selves.

And Justine Diamond's American family's call for charges against Mr. Noor, choose the other option.

Too bad (if we were to use the EXACT same standards Minneapolis lefties love to apply to everybody else) that's racist.

Climbing Engineering Mountain

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Banged out Engineering Mountain. 12968 feet. Not bad for an old fart. Video is up top, pics below:

Asshole Consulting

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This is not a post. Had some issues with Flickr and just uploading this image. Remember, though, it's always better to pay Asshole Consulting $35 now than it is to pay back $150,000 in student loans tomorrow.

Cappy Rides from Silverton to Ouray to Telluride

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Telluride, btw, is oozing pretentious assholes. I cannot emphasize enough how you should NEVER visit that place unless you want to see rich trust-funders, old hippies (with "EBT Accepted here!" at the farmer's market) and makeup-less women. I snapped some pictures, turned around, and headed back out to the parts of Colorado where people work for a living.

The dog at the bottom was worthless, but completely lovable.

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The Biggest Lie Sold to Women: Part 2

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Saw this come up on my blogroll feed, but Roosh exemplifies an irony most young (and old) women do not understand about non-feminist, non-leftist, traditional men.

They're not your enemy.

Matter of fact, men advocating traditionalism (or heck) merely pointing out biological reality, are actually better friends and allies to women than most feminists are. And it has nothing to do with ideology, politics, philosophy, or some newly discovered epiphany.

It's merely that they're speaking the truth.

The good news is that I'm past the point of caring whether young women waste their lives or not. I, along with thousands of other men, have said our peace, tried to toll the bells, sound the alarms, and help women of our generation in the past, only to be eviscerated, yelled at and called "sexist." And after a decade or so of that, not only do you tire of trying to help people, you soon realize it's too late for the women of your generation. And not only is it too late, they got precisely what they deserved.

I suggest you younger men try to reach this same epiphany and understanding. If young women want to waste their lives chasing worthless degrees and replacing the emptiness in their lives with socialist/feminist politics, let them. And not only let them, encourage them. You are only going to be accused of misogyny if you try to introduce biological or economic reality into their lives, so cheer them on. And when they're 53, finishing up that "Masters in Health Administration", and only have $100,000 in student loans and 4 cats to show for it, THEN you make the case for traditionalism, but while also saying...

"Of course, this is academic, for it's too late for you."

All That Virtue Signaling for Nothing

September 15, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Poor Google, despite all the lip service and espousing the correct leftist values, feminism still comes a-knockin' for it's danegeld.

Again, the left will eat its own because it is programmed to put itself and its enrichment ahead of everybody else, even fellow leftists.

The Colorado Utah Hinterlands Adventure

September 16, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

These were taking from the town of Gateway, Colorado, which is near the border with Utah. Took a road bike on a dirt road, which is not advisable, but did get some epic shots.

Why Minimalists are the Superior Race

September 16, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Also related, if you want to learn about minimalistic retirement planning.

The Left Will Eat It's Own

September 17, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Though I'm starting to wonder that instead of some kind of deep philosophical economic survival reason for leftists eating their own, maybe the simpler explanation is they're just batshit insane.

Cappy's Adventures in Dinosaur National Monument and Harper's Lookout

September 18, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Long day today where I visited both the Colorado and Utah sides of Dinosaur National Monument. The Colorado side has the actual town of "Dinosaur" in it, though no dinosaur bones have been found. But Harper's Corner or Lookout provided some of the best views of this trip so far.

The Utah side of the park is very pretty, but is most known for a gold mine of dinosaur fossils that you can take a shuttle to see which are preserved in the original stone where they were found (the pictures does not do their size justice).

Dinosaur
CITY LIMIT
ELEV 5900 FT
NO TRUCKS
OVER
26,000 GVW
ON TOWN
STREETS

DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Emmy's and Stephen Colbert's Obsession with Trump

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Hollywood's, and particularly, Stephen Colbert's obsession with Trump blinds them to the fact that America views them first and foremost for entertainment. And when all you know is "slam Trump/slam Republicans," after 12 years of that schtick, it gets mighty tiresome and people tune out.

Of course, this is merely belying the fact Hollywood and the likes of Colbert really have no talent, innovation, or anything new to offer the American public. Just like most of today's artists, they suck, and then use leftist political messages in their paintings, sculptures, poetry, and architecture to obscure this fact.

Yes, Stephen, I know you and everybody younger than you were brainwashed to hate conservatives, republicans, America, and white people in K-college. But even with this huge indoctrinating/marketing/religious advantage, people get sick and tired of politics and sometimes actually want politics-free entertainment. Alas, I'd like to say, "so get your monkey ass back in the cage and do a little dance," but you and most of Hollywood can't even muster up the artistic creativity to do that.

But by all means, please do make your life career "slamming Trump," and thus letting Trump define your lives. Nobody is watching anyway.

An Actual Example of Racism

September 18, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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And stupidity on top of it. How in f#cks name do you shoot yourself in the SHOULDER???

Ladies, Your Career is More Important Than ANYTHING Else!

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Hey, it's Sheriff Peterson!

A Job Posting for All Cappy Cappites at Academic Composition

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You all know Alex, he's on his fall hiring (and selling) spree as the kiddies in college finally realize that "oh wait, I have to study" and the fun times are all of the sudden not so fun anymore.

Anyway, if you have a laptop and can write or you're willing to tolerate a tedious posting of jobs to the internet, you can make a little coin that will hopefully cover any spell of unemployment...or if you live in Cambodia, cover your rent! His message is below:

As many of you may know, we have been expanding our business quite a bit. To be sure, we owe a great deal to all of you who regularly visit Aaron's blog and help us reach our goals. Academic Composition is ready for another fast-paced and a grueling semester.

The Fall season is starting and most of our clients are resuming their classes.

Although we rely heavily on the support of returning customers, we are always looking to expand and this is the ideal time to pick up new clients.

Students are now much more likely to contact academic writing services such as ours than they were before.

October and November are the busiest juncture of the academic year, so we're definitely looking for more marketers.

The arrangement is simple. We'll provide you with the ads and you'll post them. You'll then get paid a flat fee for posting the ads and a bonus for each prospective client who will respond to your posts.

To get started, follow these basic instructions.

1. Create a new email address with gmail

2. Set up the forwarding feature to make sure all incoming emails come to me

3. Send a test email to yourself to make sure the forwarding works

4. Use the new address to create a CL account

Once you are done, contact us at **academiccomposition@gmail.com** and we'll walk you through the rest of the procedure.

On average, our marketing associates spend about 30 minutes a week on these tasks and given how busy the Fall semester is, many earn over a $100. Not a bad bargain considering that these tasks require very little effort.

Thanks again and we look forward to working with you.

Episode #228

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Cappy "recaps" his past week of adventuring.
Cappy realizes broken and/or bruised ribs really hurt.
A segment live from Dinosaur National Monument.
Why don't kids like petroglyphs!!!???
Homesick.

AND MORE

in this ADVENTURING EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!!!

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Cappy's Second Adventure into Dinosaur National Monument

September 20, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Pictures from my hike down Jones' Hole. Saw some pictographs and made some friends at the end of the hike which you should see if you look closely enough!

At Least You Bailed Out Single Moms and Have a Micro Socialist State

September 24, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Because who needs that lousy stinking electricity anyway?

Millennials Giving Up the Right to Vote

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As long as their student loans are forgiven.

Please dear god in heaven, make this happen.

Glorious Karl's New Book - Trade the Ratio

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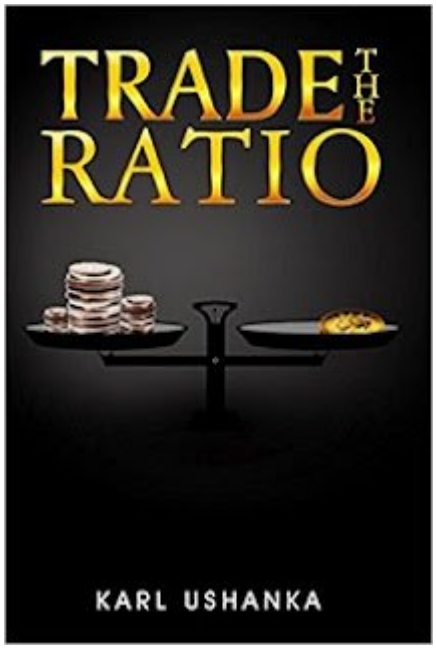
Greetings All,

New sponsor and that is our good friend Glorious Karl who has written his first book, "Trade the Ratio."



If you are a novice to precious metals, or you already have purchased some but would like to trade them in an attempt to make money on them, this book is for you.

I've already written a review on the Amazon page, but the short version is it's pretty good, but I would skip the first chapter where it goes through the history/arguments for precious metals, and go directly to the trading portion of the book. This isn't to say the first part was bad, just that most of my readers are already intricately familiar with the economic case for precious metals.

Regardless, help Glorious Karl out and consider purchasing "Trade the Ratio."

Episode #228 of The Clarey Podcast Piggott/Great One Special

September 26, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Adam Piggott and The Great One Himself sit in for Cappy as he needs to take a break from podcasting and fly back home from Vegas. Learn about Irish Spring, hot field hockey Dutch chicks, the crappy weather in Holland, and MORE as these two kind gentlemen fill in for the Captain.

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Cappy Returns

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Howdy Lieutenants,

The Ole Captain has returned home and will get back into his groove after chasing down some errands and doing a couple chores. Ended up coming up with a ton of new posts and deeper thought pieces, but it was nearly impossible to write while adventuring out west. I wanted to thank Cynical Libertarian and Adam Piggott for covering me and if you haven't already, you may want to check out their sites.

In total I drove over 4,000 miles, hiked over 100, and was gone precisely one month to the day. I cannot recommend randomly wandering through the west enough, and should you retire or be a digital nomad it is something to seriously consider before you die. Anyway, things will finally get back to normal and I'll be thankful to sit in a truck and sleep in my own bed.

Cappy

New Sponsor: Business Buyer Advantage

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If you are looking to buy, invest in, or perhaps even sell a business, may I recommend dropping in on our new sponsor, David Barnett of Business Buyer Advantage.

In short Dave runs an outfit not too unsimilar to my little online media empire here, expect he specializes in entrepreneurship.

He has a blog.
He has books.
He has a YouTube channel (actually some pretty good videos there)
And he has courses.

The only thing I don't think he has is a consultancy where he yells and screams at people.

Regardless, I will be interviewing David about his business on my YouTube channel in part because he's a sponsor, but more so to find out precisely how his business works and the particular niche he's carved out for himself on this here interwebz.

Regardless, check out and poke around his site and see if Business Buyer Advantage might be of interest and use for you!

A Conservative Lives, While a Leftist is Still Dead

September 28, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Steve Scalise has returned and James Hodgkinson is still dead.

The Stock Market's IQ is Only 105

September 28, 2017 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It was 23 years ago and I, an intrepid, determined young man, wanted to prove to the middle aged baby boomer interviewing me that I was indeed the best man for the ~~internship~~ "job." I had perfect grades, truly did have the determination for the job, and perhaps (what was in hindsight the biggest qualifier) I was supporting myself and didn't rely on mumsie and poopsie to support me.

And so there I sat, answering questions the slightly rotund, middle aged man posed to me, until he asked me a question that I had never been asked before:

"So what investment ideas do you have?"

This question threw me off because I didn't really think much of investing because I had no money to invest. If anything I was just trying to pay cash for college so I wouldn't incur any student debt. But I did have one investment idea which had been battling about in my brain, that though elementary, was the first that popped to mind. And so circa 1996 I said, "I would buy up property in the outer suburbs from farmers, hold onto it, and sell it at a gain."

The then-middle-aged baby boomer looked at me, wholly unimpressed, looked back at his notepad, scribbled something down and I obviously did not get the job.

Fast-forward to today and we of course, with hindsight, realize just what a - ahem - BRILLIANT (and devilishly handsome) young man I was. Because any dope investing and buying up farmer land in 1996 would have made a killing to the point of paid-retirement had he sat on that property for 10 years.

But there is a more important lesson lurking in this story and one that my readers can gain from. And that lesson is not to overestimate competition, enemies, people, or

society as a whole. Do not play 4D chess when these entities aren't even capable of playing checkers. For if you overestimate your adversary, society, an economy, a market or any other system, you inaccurately diagnose what is going on, and thus make wrong decisions that will cost you in the future. And the entity I want to discuss today is the financial markets.

To be succinct, the financial markets operate at an IQ of 105. Not dumb, but certainly not smart. But to the untrained (though logical eye), you may view the financial markets as this vast, complex, overly intelligent entity that only Harvard and Ivy league "financial geniuses" can understand. However, if you do, you are over estimating the "intelligence of the market" and therefore going to fail to predict it. This unfamiliarity most people have with financial markets allow people who work in the financial markets to "bluff." To present a fake front or air about them, making it seem they're much smarter than they actually are. But if you look at the type of people who compose the financial market system, you'll see financial markets for what they truly are - a ho-hum, terribly UNimpressive lot.

First there are the clients, namely individual and corporate investors. I differentiate between "corporate" and "institutional" investors as institutional investors (hedge funds, quants, insurance companies, etc.) are the ones who might actually have some smart people about them, while "corporate" investors I consider your mindless HR managers who manage 401k and 403b plans. Regardless, individual and corporate investors are your you rank and file sheep who never ask "why does the stock market keep going up," never bother to ask "what if everybody invests in a 401k? won't that inflate the stock market," and can often be found at the sports bar, horking down wings, wearing another man's jersey. These people have an IQ on average of around 90 and think The Stephen Colbert Show is news.

Second, there are the actual "professionals" in the finance industry. I use that term loosely because most professions in the finance industry don't require any real intellectual rigor or effort. Nearly everybody in the financial markets (no matter what they say) are salesmen. Bankers, brokers, even investment bankers do nothing more than sell, sell, sell, and then claim to be "geniuses" when they get a commission on a deal. The majority of day traders fancy themselves geniuses when the stock market is booming, but oddly enough disappear when the general trend in the stock market is down. M&A types think borrowing at an artificially low 3% to buy back stock in LBO's is somehow "genius" when in reality the federal reserve's charitable monetary policy makes it so a three year old could do it. And let's not forget the talking heads at CNBC, the financial news media, and the legions of professors and "experts" they have on the show. I still fondly remember the days they were talking about Krispy Kreme's IPO. In the end and in their totality, these are not brilliant financial geniuses who know something about the financial markets you don't. They are your run of the mill aged "dude bros," with IQ's solidly in the 105's, who are only capable of graduating from business school and all want

to be "the big idea guy."

Then there is a modicum of smart people. These are more of your truly renegade maverick types who not only possess intelligence, but the courage to rebuke group think and think independently. Schiff, Shiller, even moi. Quants, econometricians, and other data science types. And traditional finance professionals who happen to also be genuinely intelligent (as profiled in the movie "The Big Short.") These people certainly have IQ's above 120, but their numbers are so small, and the financial industry so unmerocratic, they have no affect on the market's overall intelligence.

The result is an industry that not only has an unimpressive IQ of 105, but is completely obsolete. Additionally, because it lacks true, genuine intelligence, it often gets caught with its pants down, or even its hands in the cookie jar.

In terms of obsolescence, most finance professionals are simply not needed in that the vast majority of them cannot beat the stock market returns of the S&P 500 index. The average person, without a day of finance education, can invest in the index and beat 85% of the professionals, all replete with their MBA's from Harvard. Even sales people are obsoleted through in the advent of roboadvisors. All one has to do now is go to a site like Betterment, answer some questions online, and the roboadvisor will come up with a portfolio of index funds that will match your target retirement date (I believe in this product so much I offer it as an affiliate program). One could even say crowd-funding will inevitably replace investment banks...that's if most crowd funding ventures didn't completely suck. These people never did anything truly intelligent or genius-like. And so now that the technology exists that can do 105 IQ level tasks, there's really no need for the majority of finance professionals today.

Of course, this doesn't stop people from entering the world of finance. Plenty of ex-high school football players, dude bros, frat boys, and other normies who watched too much "Wolf of Wall Street" want to make their millions. But instead of doing it honestly like say an entrepreneur, a STEM major, or surgeon, that requires too much work and sadly, an IQ around 120. So off to business school they go where they think they're going to "break their way into Wall Street" and all become investment bankers.

And some do!

But remember, these aren't terribly intelligent people. They're conformists and morons who were wearing their hats on backwards in the 90's. And thus, even though it is PAINFULLY obvious there's something wrong with the stock market or economy, they lack the intelligence to see it. Thus we get;

The dotcom crash
The housing crash

Dick Fuld
Lehman Brothers
TARP
AIG
and
The Great Recession

And then there's getting your hand caught in the cookie jar. Some of these people are so egotistical, so desperate to be rich and successful, but lack the mental strength to do it, they'll resort to outright theft. Bernie Madoff, Tom Petters, Edward Woodward, Jon Corzine, Jeffery Skilling, the list goes on of ponzi schemes, embezzlement, fraud and other financial sins where "financial geniuses" just couldn't make an honest buck. And yet, all the sheep look in amazement as if there's a thing called "financial geniuses" or something actually intelligent going on in the stock market instead of hustling, sales, and lying.
The cost in overestimating the financial market's intelligence is you spend money you simply don't have to. Financial advisors, financial planners, brokers, mutual fund managers, consultants, and salesmen, none of them are doing a job you can't. These "super smart people" can easily be replaced with roboadvisors, Berkshire Hathaway, investing in the index, or simply spending less than you make. So I implore you. Do not be intimidated by what is simply "the unknown." Financial markets are not that complicated and you can quickly self-educate yourself on their basic functions. And if you're willing to do this, you will save yourself thousands in managerial fees and commissions, not to mention ensure you never get scammed by the Bernie Madoff's out there.

Aaron Clarey is a banking veteran who knows the world of finance inside and out. And he only wants to help people realize they don't need it. He is the author of many books on finance and economics, and also offers an introductory course to stocks, bonds, and investing. You can tune into his ranting, curse filled podcast here, and visit his consultancy here.

Academics are Whores

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No, seriously. They are literal whores now.

Will be covering this on the podcast tomorrow.

Podcast Special: American Adjunct Professors Resorting to Prostitution

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In this one topic podcast, Cappy reads from an article from The Guardian about American adjunct professors, how they're poor, some homeless, and others even desperate enough to resort to prostitution.

The article and the podcast are ABSOLUTELY MUST listening and reading in that it highlights everything wrong with leftism, socialism, and the consequences of ignoring reality and making these things your religion. All (not some) ALL of the professors highlighted are middle aged+ women, with completely worthless degrees who swallowed whole the leftist indoctrination that all that mattered in the world was what THEY wanted. The resulting horrendous consequences are only outdone by the laughter, joy, and "I-told-you-so-ism" that comes with watching arrogant, egotistical, and above all else, lazy leftists get the absolute every-living shit beaten out of them by reality. It only adds additional sprinkles, whip cream, and cherries to the sundae when you find out most are divorced, some have kids, and others write spectacularly craptastic books.

Ensure EVERY young man and woman you know who is going to college listens to this podcast as well as reads Worthless so they will not suffer the same fate as these leftist automotons.

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Beyond Wealth

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Without sounding like a completely spoiled, arrogant asshole, the largest hurdle I face in my life is what I like to call "The Impossible Trifecta." This "Impossible Trifecta" includes an individual who;

1. Has the time
2. Has the money
3. Has the stamina

to keep up with me.

Nobody to date does.

And at best, people have at most two out of the three.

You have an old man who is retired, has the time, has the money, but doesn't have the stamina to ride motorcycles across the Alaska highway.

You have a young lady who has the stamina and the money, but doesn't have the time to take off from work to go on a three week western adventure.

Or you have a young man who has the stamina and the time, but is unemployed and thus cannot afford to make it west of the Mississippi.

Only VERY rarely do I cross paths with a like-minded and equally-abled digital nomad soul, and usually it's atop mountain tops or in the remote hinterlands of Moab.

But during my latest adventure across the American West I had an epiphany. And it is one that is of ultimate importance for it defines what every man and woman should be

aiming for in life. And not only is it what we should be aiming for, it debunks what society, the school system, and media have brainwashed us into think it should be.

"Post wealth."

"Wealth" or (in simpler terms) enough money to satisfy all our Earthly desires, needs, and wants has been every human's key life pursuit since time immemorial. Our immediate goal in life is to sustain our own lives, immediately followed by further securing our future lives through the amassing of enough wealth we no longer need to work. This goal of being "independently wealth" or in more modern parlance "fuck you money" has been at the foremost goal of every human in history. Historically, this has been a challenge where 99.999% of the humans have failed, working till death, dying penniless, or perhaps even dying in debt. It was only a rare occasion, reserved for kings, warlords, and modern day entrepreneurs, where enough wealth was amassed where you would be "set for life" and could then truly enjoy life, free of work, toil, and labor.

But today, especially for smart people who know the benefits of frugality, spartan living and minimalism, modern technology and advances in capitalism have made it so most people needn't become "millionaires" to achieve the nirvana of "independent wealth." Food, for instance, is effectively free, whereas in the past hunger was the number one scourge that plagued humanity. Clothing, which until the 1950's consumed nearly 20% of a household budget, is free (especially for un-choosy bachelors) who are willing to shop at Wal-Mart of Goodwill. Fuel and transportation is increasingly becoming moot, especially if your profession is digital/online. And unless you insist on living in a McMansion to keep up with the Jonses, a small studio apartment, or even a cheap flat in Cambodia, is more than adequate a place to rest your head and house some key belongings. In other words, the goal of humanity is easily within reach of those willing to major in the right subject, spend within their means, not have children they can't afford and otherwise just plain simply "not fuck up."

The problem is - tell the rest of society that.

While regular readers of this site are already familiar with the benefits of frugality and minimalism, the majority of people, western civilization or not, are completely and hopelessly brainwashed to think "wealth" means billionaire like status with bling, bitches, yachts, and Lamborghini's. Be it the dude bro frat boy who dedicates his life to becoming an analyst at Wall Street, or the Silicon Valley Virgin who gets his $150,000 a year job at Facebook, the inner city black girl who blows her check on weaves and brand name jeans, or even the desperate middle aged bankers who lease vehicles to maintain the Winnetka/American Beauty lifestyle facade, all of them think "wealthy" is at least 10 million dollars in the bank, if not a billion, all defined by the luxury items media and marketing has told them is the epitome of "wealthy.". And thus they dedicate their entire lives to get this "faux wealth," whether they can successfully amass the money to afford

said luxuries, or cheat by borrowing the money to make it look like they can.

But while my regular readers are smarter than the average bear, there is a trap set forth in this pursuit of wealth and "fuck you money." Not that you guys would waste your wealth on sports cars or unnecessary McMansions, but the means by which one attains wealth, independence, and true freedom - entrepreneurship - can lead to a ruinous life even if your entrepreneurial venture is successful. And it is here the important lesson of looking "beyond wealth" lies.

Take, for example, three people.

One, Marissa Mayer, the formerly disgraced CEO of Yahoo.
Two, a colleague of mine who runs a "real" company.
And three, the ole humble Captain himself.

Marissa Mayer is 100%, completely successful and wealthy. She got a $186 million bailout for her retirement package when Verizon mercifully ended Yahoo's existence through an acquisition. You would think that with a new child and enough money to last her EASILY till her death she would retire forever and spend the time with her family, eating caviar all along the way.

Nope.

She has been successfully brainwashed to value work, labor, toil, and her career more than her own life and her own child. She can't want to get back to working as a CEO. Admittedly, she isn't an entrepreneur, but for those of you who are going to go the "loyal corporate man" route, hoping to amass your fuck you fund through a hard-working corporate career, remember you inevitably have to LEAVE THE CAREER. If (for whatever insane reason) I wanted to invite Ms. Mayer out on a month long Cappy-Motorcycle-Extravaganza, she easily has the money and stamina, but she simply does not have the time. She's too busy with her career to go an actually enjoy life, let alone raise her own child.

Then there is my colleague who runs a real company.

This company is real in that it has employees, payroll, divisions, assets, depreciation schedules, marketing departments and legal departments. It is a complex, complicated machine, that when ran correctly, results in handsome profits for my friend.

The problem is, though self-employed, my buddy has no free time whatsoever.

In the company having so many moving parts it is as complicated, and thus prone to breaking down, as a Tiger Tank. If it's not accounts payable, it's accounts receivable. If

it's not insurance, its regulation. If it's not an employee, it's a piece of machinery. And if it's not a break in the supply chain, it's a legal issue. My friend does not manage the company as much as he does put out fires and deal with problems. It's not only mentally taxing, but he has no free time, nor energy to go out and participate in said theoretical "Cappy Cap's American West Motorcycle Hiking Adventuring Extravaganza."

Then there's the ole Captain himself.

My business model is very simple - a man and his laptop.

I have no employees.
I have no accounts receivable.
I have no divisions or legal departments.
I just have products I sell and consulting I offer, and an Amazon Affiliate program if you care to make some purchases.

My entrepreneurial venture is not only as simple as a P-51 Mustang, it's mobile, versatile, and allows me to work from anywhere. And while admittedly a fair amount of this was not by design, but unintentional, it doesn't mean I don't appreciate or realize the incredible benefits of its simplicity.

So yes, I do not make the millions my friend does.
And yes, I do not have the millions Marissa Mayer does.
But bar an unexpectedly short life expectancy, I am going to live the same 79 years they are going to, but with a fraction of my life wasted at work.

And this is the key point of looking beyond wealth.

Once you have food, clothing, and shelter covered, the primary focus of your life should be freedom. Specifically, maximizing the amount of free time you have to yourself, allowing you to live the maximum amount of your time on this planet the way you want.

You should not be a mentally deranged Marissa Mayer, Hillary Clinton, or Cheryl Sandberg dedicating your life to an office, a commute, a position, an MBA, or work.

You should not be my friend, held hostage by an overly complicated entrepreneurial venture.

You should be a minimalist, with a simple, though reliable source of income that can be done from anywhere, permitting you the freedom and budget to pull off "The Impossible Trifecta." And your biggest problem should be finding people you can enjoy in life, who you'd like to come tag along in your own adventures in life.

The key is when choosing an entrepreneurial venture is to ensure it pays enough, but is also versatile enough that it allows you to enjoy life "beyond wealth." Because whether you have $1 million or $10 billion, it won't matter if you're stuck in an office and can't join "Cappy's Drunk Rowdy Motorcycling Hiking Brigade Vegas Extravaganza 2018," make paper airplanes with your kid, or bang your hot wife while watching Spaghetti Westerns.

Aaron Clarey is an economist and author. You should buy his books. You should also consult him if you have any questions. And you should tune into his podcast to hear him rant and rave.

The Day is Coming Ladies!

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When you want to get serious about this life thing, contact me here instead of listening to Oprah, leftist, feminist slop.

No, You Will Not Build Her Her Dream Home

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As I age and see more of not only my generation of men, but other generations travel down the path of life, I have realized that 'being nice' and trying to provide everything for your wife leads to her being spoiled and entitled. People (men included) if spoiled rotten will end up becoming spoiled rotten and so you need to ensure that everybody in the relationship faces, suffers, and endures what is required to support oneself. Any shielding or subsidizing people from these hardships, even if out of love, results in a slow but inevitable entitlement that is hard to unlodge and unseat once cemented into their psyche. This leads to, at minimum, strife and stress within the relationship, but more often divorce and an ending of the relationship.

But there is another drawback to "happy wife, happy life." And that is the financial ruination you will likely suffer if you try to provide for two people on the efforts of only one. I suggest reading this story before you boys start thinking about "buying your dream home" and before you ladies start thinking of forcing your husband to do the same.

Outsource Your Kids!

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"*By all means. Breed, have kids, much like you "have an SUV." Outsource them to daycare like you do your SUV to the dealer. But when your kid has no attachment, loyalty, love, or respect for you, and is more than happy to ditch you off in a cheap government nursing home facility and NEVER visits you, I'd love to see the night-time advanced MBA course that solves that problem.*"

my latest piece at LinkedIn!

Episode #213 of The Clarey Podcast - ANGRY FEMINIST LIBRARIAN SPECIAL!

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The USS Cappy is back to ship shape.
Why social workers are the true vampires of the world.
What girls can learn from angry feminists.
You just NEVER invest in California. EVER.

and MORE!!!

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For the Aspiring Entrepreneurs in my Audience

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I did an interview with David Barnett who is a sponsor of my show. Yes, it is a commercial of sorts, but I wanted to get him on because (not only did he pay me), but there are many of you who are aspiring entrepreneurs and you may be looking to entrepreneurship as a means of retirement. Also, most of you are aware of the overvalued stock market and purchasing or investing in small, privately held companies (as opposed to large, publicly traded ones) may provide higher returns.

I certainly plug his services, but 90% of the interview is good do's and don't's in the world of purchasing a small business. There's also some interesting anecdotes and stories that teach anybody about the risks of purchasing a business and entrepreneurship. Regardless, consider visiting David and checking out his videos to get a sample of what he offers.

Islamic Finance and Economics

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I had an interesting request at Asshole Consulting. The client wanted my opinion on Islamic finance and economics. The economics part was interesting because there is (what I believe) to be a politically/religiously motivated force on the part of Muslims to use "economics" as a means to spread Islam. The handful of Muslim scholars/economists who advocate "Islamic economics" have used the financial crisis as a means to leverage Islam into economics, claiming western/capitalistic economics has failed, but communism has also failed, thus giving rise to demand for a "third alternative." In the video I analyze their claims of this "Islamic economics" and then also explain how capitalism is the only real economic system out there as it is inherent to human nature.

The second part is on Islamic finance which is actually interesting and there are some lessons westerners/non-muslims can learn from it. These lessons include frugality, non-speculation, the avoidance of debt, and financing legitimate concerns, not pie in the sky poppycock. And it also highlights how using religious principles leads to more conservative lending standards, which would have prevented western banks from needing a bail out.

Of course, if banks merely had lending policies AND FOLLOWED THEM, then you wouldn't have a theocracy lecturing you on how to lend, but that is a debate for another time.

The Economic Case for Price Gouging: The Safety Doc Podcast

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Dr. Perrodin, aka "The Safety Doc" has a podcast about all things safety. However, this particular episode about price gouging during natural disasters might prove to be some decent weekend listening pleasure should you be out doing yard work, going for a run, or just viewing the fall leaves.

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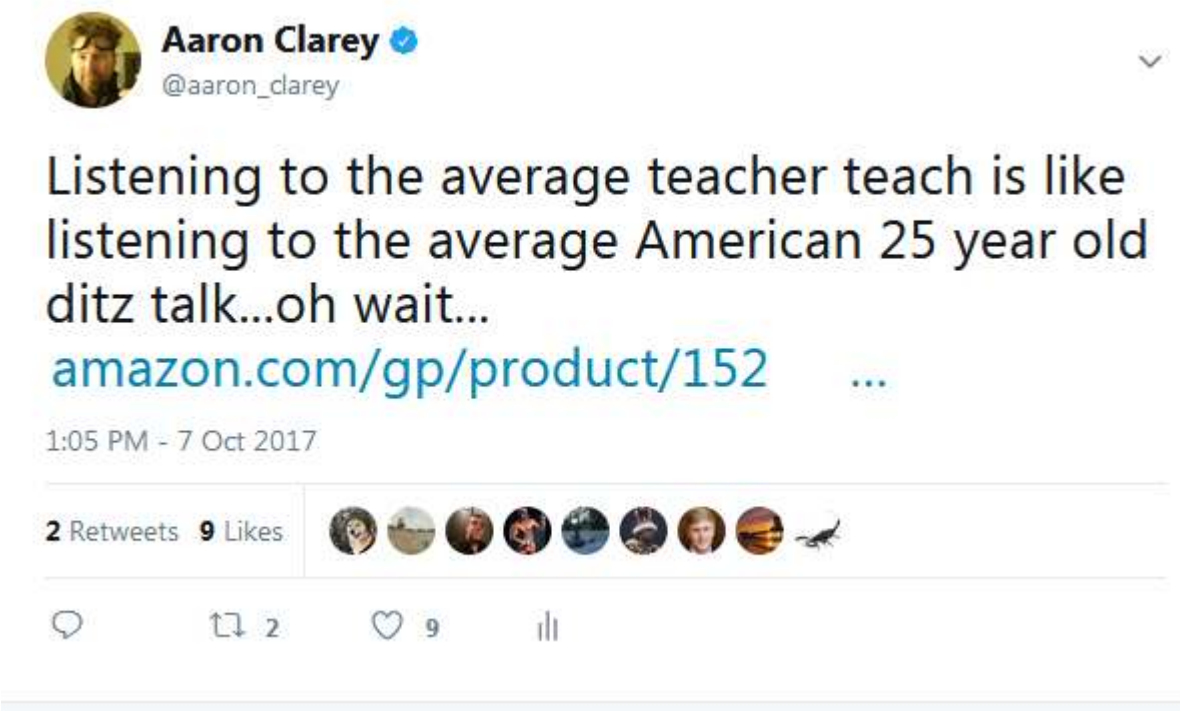

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You may purchase the book "Worthless" here so you may avoid becoming your typical ditzy teacher.

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Who's the Worst Generation? Baby Boomers, Gen X'ers or Millennials

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Are per a request from Asshole Consulting, Cappy tries to apply some kind of logical methodology to an impossible question: which generation is the worst in America today? Though Cappy's loathing for the Baby Boomers is no secret, he loathes them all quite equally, but when you look at some data and public behavior a clear "victor" emerges.

Aim for Sanity

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I was on The Hanging Chads Podcast where among many other things we talked about how, in an insane world, one's primary goal should be to attain sanity, serenity, and peace. Below is an excerpt if you just want to sample it.

They also interviewed Rollo Tomassi and were "thiiiiiisssss close" to interviewing Jenna Jameson. They are better than the average podcast and I would strongly recommend giving them a shot.

Link to their podcast page here.

Link to the specific episode here.

A Politics Free Childhood

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In this pre-release excerpt from the upcoming podcast I ask the democrats and socialists of the world if it is possible to NOT put politics, SJWing, and virtue signaling into EVERYTHING, especially kids' childhoods.

Curse Free Episode #27 10-10-17

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Must leftist politics infect EVERYTHING?
Childhood during the 80's.
Nyquil influenced dreams.
Boxing Ed Latimore.
"Meal penalty" and union stupidity.
Millennials can't hammer nails.
Millennials can't use analog clocks.
Late night talk shows pay for politics.

AND MORE!!!

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Why Crypto-Currencies are the Next Dotcom Bubble

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A couple months ago I was hired by a person who shall remain anonymous. He was instrumental in the launching of a reasonably notable crypto-currency and wanted to know what its value was. It was the classic meeting of the worlds of economics and technology where the tech gurus wanted to know precisely what was the value of the monster they created, so they enlist the help of ~~clueless schmoes~~ economists like me to do so.

This presented a problem to me because unlike say, a bond, a stock, or a rental property, currencies (crypto or not) do not produce income. They are a tool of economic exchange, a store of value, and naturally forming and evolving economic phenomenon since humans existed. Silver bars do not poop out little silver coins and gold coins do breed to make little gold coins. And since all currencies produce nothing, there is no means by which to value them. The value of currencies are therefore determined by their rarity relative to one another, whether they have intrinsic value (precious metals), utilitarian/commodity value (silver is used in electronics), purchasing power (the Big Mac Index) and the amorphous, whimsical, and impossible-to-measure trust and faith of the entire world's people.

So what I employed was a technique used to value traditional currencies where a stable currency (such as gold or the US dollar) was used as a base and the historical exchange rate or "ratio" between that base currency and the one I was attempting to value established an average. This average would then allow me to determine whether a currency was overvalued or undervalued relative to the stable base currency and we would have a rough estimate as to what a currency should be "worth."

For example, historically (when allowed to trade freely) the gold to silver ratio has been 47 to 1. During my lifetime the British Pound would fetch 1.8 US Dollars. And the Euro vs. Dollar exchange rate has been around 1.2. These exchange rates have been volatile, but you can ever so roughly determine a currency to be undervalued or overvalued depending on how far away from these averages they trade. But instead of using gold or the US dollar as the base, I used Bitcoin as the "base currency" by which all other cryptocurrencies would be valued.

This presented some obvious drawbacks.

Bitcoin, the eldest of all cryptocurrencies, isn't even 10 years old, providing little if any kind of historical performance by which a stable, long term average base can be established. Also, for the short 9 years it's been in existence, its price performance has been HORRENDOUSLY volatile as such a revolutionary idea as a cryptocurrency would

be. Further complicating matters is that new cryptocurrencies are younger than bitcoin and all cryptocurrencies tend to move in concert with one another. This has relegated the pricing of various cryptocurrencies merely a theoretical exercise and me admitting to the client that all I could provide was a methodology that might work in 50 years time from now, but was completely worthless today.

In short, it was impossible to value a cryptocurrency today.

But my research had an unintentional side benefit. And that was a look into the INSANE underworld of crypto-currencies. A look that immediately flashed me back to 1998 because the parallels between the cryptocurrency market of today and the Dotcom market of 1998 are eerily similar.

First, both cryptocurrencies and dotcoms were revolutionary advances in technology that promised to revolutionize the economy. They were so new and society had yet to figure out what role they would play in the future economy and world, their values were impossible to assess. But we did know they were going to play a major and upheaving role in the future economy. There was profit to be made, but we didn't know precisely where, or how.

Second, there was a flood of them. Dotcom Mania had so captured the nation companies who never produced a profit in their entire existence were getting hundreds of millions in financing from venture capitalists. IPO's were celebrated when there was no profits to celebrate. And if you simply put an "e" or an "i" in front of your company's name, your market cap would septuple overnight. It was so bad you had Gen X'ers acting like millennials - achieving nothing, while being highly rewarded for it.

This easy money merely attracted more money as everybody thought they would transfer the entire world economy from bricks and mortar to digital in a mere year. And soon every industry, sector, and facet of the economy was going online. If I recall my dotcom history correctly, there was even a fish company that decided to sell shoes online. Yes, it was that insane.

However, the same insanity has infected the minds of the cryptocurrency market.

I'm no economist, but as far as my logic takes me, the world should only need ONE cryptocurrency. Maybe three or four in order to account for the fact people would want to diversify out of being reliant upon just ONE cryptocurrency. But when I did the research for my client...now approaching 4 months ago...there were....(drum roll please)

967 cryptocurrencies!

But wait, it gets better! In those four short months the number of cryptocurrencies has

increased by 200!

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1153	microCoin	MRC	?	$0.000046	?*	?	?	?	?
1154	BagCoin	BGC	?	$0.000741	?	?	?	?	?
1155	FedoraShare	FEDS	?	$0.000008	?*	?	?	?	?
1156	FiboCoins	FBC	?	$0.000751	?	?	?	?	?
1157	Digitalfund	DTF	?	$0.000451	?	?	?	?	?

* Not Mineable

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Total Market Cap: $155,349,687,786

Do not tell me this isn't Dotcom II all over again.

Third, and perhaps more eerie is how the cryptocurrency market has morphed from what should be a currency market to its own culture or society. And even the words "culture" or "society" understates this morphing. More like "religion" or "cult."

In doing my research I happened upon discussion boards, comments sections, facebook pages, and all other forms of social and not-so-social media where its participants were so far removed from the fundamentals of currency economics, it was now their daily personal hobby they'd obsess about because (as far as I can tell and I hate to sound so harsh) they really had nothing going on in their lives.

"*Did you hear they're coming out with a new cryptocurrency with DOUBLE encryption???*"
"*I like BloggerCoin because they're backing up their currency with the intrinsic value of blog posts!*"
"*I heard about BloggerCoin, but I like FARTCOIN better! They're capturing people's farts so you can exchange your cryptocoin for human methane!*"

In other words, people were discussing, talking, and buying cryptocurrencies not because of any economic fundamental value, but more like trading cards or Beanie Babies. It was novelty, a hobby, a culture unto itself that had nothing to do with intrinsic value. This too was the case during Dotcom while CNBC and the various "professionals" they had on were talking about Krispy Kreme donuts, upcoming IPO's and ill-understood technologies that had ne'er been tethered to profits or reality.

Which perhaps leads to the eeriest similarity of them all - ICO's and technospeak.

While the Dotcom bubble heralded IPO's (Initial Public Offerings) of the latest dotcom

company that traded dog manure for Styrofoam widgets, this same "crypto-cult-culture" heralds "ICO's" (Initial Coin Offerings) with the same fanfare AND complete lack of profitability, intrinsic value, and sanity.

Never mind there's 1100 currencies out there already.
Never mind these coins don't produce dividends, rent, interest, or income.
Never mind the world really only needs 3-4 cryptocurrencies.

Nope, you got yourself an ICO! Let's uncork the champagne while cashing in our 401k's to buy FECESCOIN!!!

Worse, coupled with this unwarranted fanfare is the scariest hallmark of Dotcom Mania, "technospeak."

If you're too young to remember (or just too ashamed to admit you got duped by it) in order to get financing aspiring dotcom companies would talk over investment bankers' and investors' heads with technical jargon. Remember, the internet was relatively new technology and you could easily fool a Harvard MBA at a bulge bracket investment bank that you knew what you were talking about.

"*If we increase the RAM on the baud information super highway, then the TCP protocol packets will be redirected to our mainframe servers, resulting in increased bandwidth and profit for our firewall. And if you invest $1.5 billion in 'E-genuity' you'll get a 20% share of our firewall profits!*"

In a very Dilbertian way you could almost also guarantee funding by uttering the phrase "I understand if you don't get this technology, because it's pretty complex and over most people's heads." Bankers, investors, finance professionals and other incompetent egotists would trip over themselves to cut you a check to save their pride.

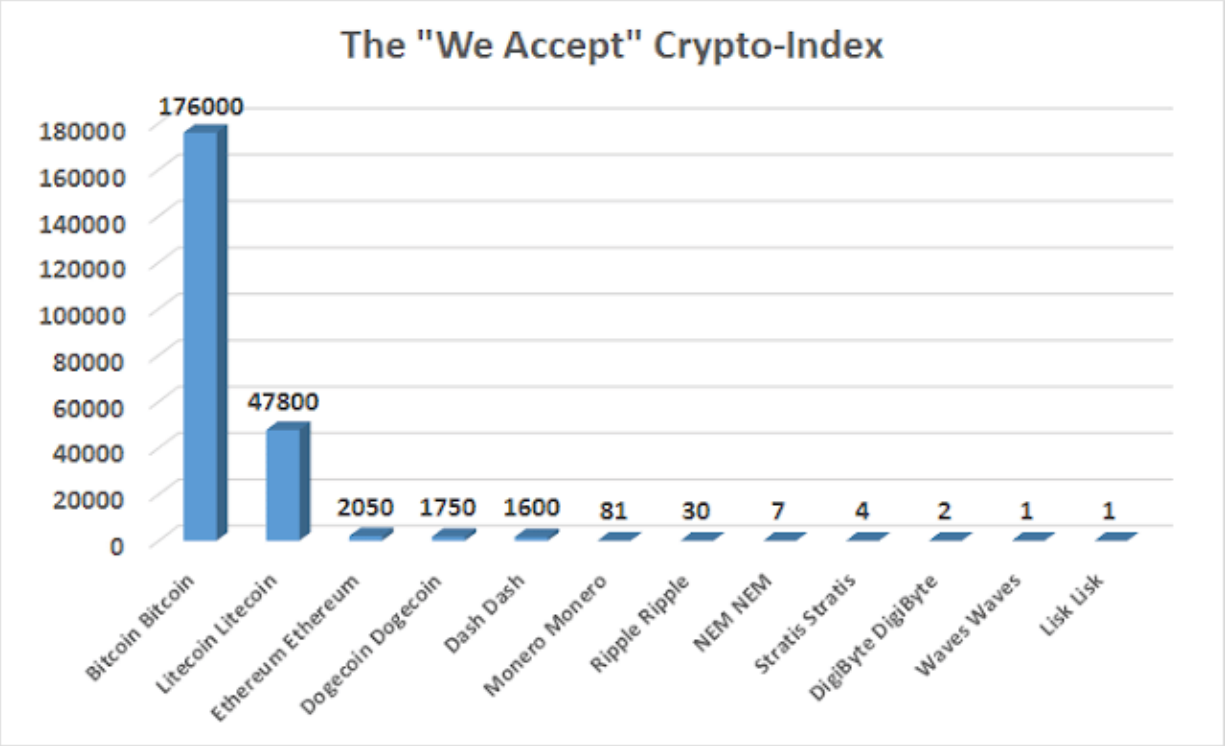
The same thing is happening in the crypto-currency market. In a desperate attempt to differentiate themselves from already-established crypto-currencies increasingly petty, even pointless technological traits and characteristics are being added (and heralded) as a reason to give THAT cryptocurrency at $4 billion valuation and not Bitcoin.

"Double encryption, triple encryption, double blockchain technology." I'll admit I don't know what that is and I don't care. But I know it stinks to high heaven when you're desperately trying to tie blog posts, tweets or some other faux-commodity to a cryptocurrency to vainly give it "intrinsic value." It's like I'm 24 all over again, they just happened to change the vocabulary this time.

The real question is: does all this mean the cryptocurrency market has no value? And the answer is "no, of course not." Just like Dotcom Mania there WERE companies that

DEFINITELY had value and they are some of the largest and most successful companies today. Amazon, Google, Betterment, not only do these companies have value unto themselves, but brick and mortar that are explicitly "dotcoms" inevitably incorporated digital/internet technology universally. But like the dotcom market, it will only be a small minority of cryptocurrencies that have value today and will be around tomorrow. The question is how to determine who these are?

While there's no way to predict this or guarantee one cryptocurrency that's around today will be around tomorrow, I came up with a final, albeit simple metric for my client. The "We Accept Index" aka the number of Google search results of "We Accept Bitcoin" or "We Accept Dogecoin" etc.



Very simply "The We Accept Index" reconnects and measures the only thing that matters with a currency - whether it is accepted as such. Whether you can use that currency to purchase ACTUAL TANGIBLE PHYSICAL THINGS IN THE REAL WORLD. Whether other people deem it to have value. And it is here we find out just how few cryptocurrencies have value.

In all honesty, only two, MAYBE four have value:

Bitcoin
Litecoin
Ethereum, and
Dogecoin (and this was started on a lark!)

The remaining 99.7% of cryptocurrencies, in literal economic terms, have no value.

Thankfully, the entire cryptocurrency market is only $150 billion (today anyway) and does not present the threat to the economy the $6 trillion crash in dotcoms did. You don't have to worry about this article tanking the cryptocurrency market and then next, the world economy. But do be reasonable and rationale when it comes to "investing" in cryptocurrencies. You are gambling on a market that is eerily similar and stable as Dotcoms in 1999. If you must, invest in a diversified portfolio of them and do not cash in your 401k. Even I own a full Bitcoin that I paid $800 for some years ago.

The only problem is I can't find the digital wallet and have completely forgotten how to access that @&%*ing Bitcoin.

Which is of course another drawback to cryptocurrencies.

Check out Aaron's other neato stuff below!
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Another Reason to Enjoy the Decline

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When your tippy top super secret spy agencies use "admin" and "user1" as passwords.

Don't know about you, but I'm pouring myself a drink and saying "fuck it."

Episode #217-Why Aren't There Jewish Bars???

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Mocking vs. emulating Cappy
Just don't fuck up.
How black names hurt black people.
Do Jewish Bars EXIST???
"Clarey's Land of Canaan"
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So he says he's going to sue the NFL

and a reporter is stupid enough to ask if Green Bay is going to take him on.

I don't pay much attention to sportsball, but it is fun watching the forces of media and SJW's try to take it over.

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Both their own and their kids' student loans.

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Fox News reports a man living in the woods for 10 years to escape his wife.

And nag Chelsea Handler ends her show to which people were responding, "She had one????"

Playboy Featuring Transsexual as a Playmate

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Couldn't even wait for Hugh's body to cool down eh?

He's rolling in his grave.

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Remember, these organizations are NOT entities meant to help the poor, boost economic growth, or help the children.

They are evil entities used to employ the world's most connected, worthless, and corrupt social justice warriors.

Scamming East Indians and Asians on American College Degrees

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There was something I noticed when I'd occasionally stop by the website of my alma mater, "The Carlson School of Management." A VERY disproportionately large percent of students in the pictures were of East Indian descent. I found this odd in that most of the East Indians I met while attending college were in IT programs. This then made me wonder if business schools, forever hungry and desperate for other people's money, weren't hocking their (more or less) worthless degrees to poor foreigners who didn't know any better.

Coincidentally I received an e-mail from one Pranab Prabhash, who has written a book, but also attended business school. I asked him to write a guest piece on his experiences as an Indian attending business school and thought his insights and thoughts might prove useful to others. He is also the author of "Perils of Information Age" and is a book you may want to consider picking up. His post below:

Here are some very interesting outcomes of the HSBC surveys "Value of Education". More than 90% of the parents in Asian countries India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia believe that having an undergraduate degree or higher is necessary for their children to achieve their life goals. Interestingly, the number drops to almost 50% for USA, Canada, UK and Australia.

When it comes to international education, the US is regarded as offering the best quality of education worldwide, but is the most expensive destination globally. However, a lot of surveyed parents hugely underestimate the costs. A lot of doe-eyed students come to US for studies and go in deep debt funding their college education. Many of them are left disillusioned in pain and debt in the end, but not many knew about it beforehand. Ironically though, as per the HSBC survey a vast majority of Asian parents, considering a university education abroad for their child, were willing to go into debt to fund their child’s university or college education.

Among the surveyed parents, satisfyingly most have a specific occupation in mind which is driven primarily by earning potential. The most favored subjects for parents would be medicine; business, management and finance; engineering; computer and information services; or law.

As an international student who has done an MBA in USA, the above data bothers me because I can see their validity in my personal experiences and in the struggle of fellow international students. It raises a few questions. Is college education worth the money? Is

college degree an appreciating asset or a depreciating asset? Do we see prestigious colleges as educational institutions or as expensive membership clubs? And most importantly, are all college majors equally valuable?

Since, my MBA days I have pondered over the above questions, and I believe today's internet fueled Information age is exacerbating the issue. One of the key negative side effects of today's Information age, among other things, is the issue of college majors. There is a proliferation of worthless knowledge subjects and a growing impotency of academic training. The college education system is feeding on our insecurity to become successful and our ingrained reverence for scholars.

If you are bothered by similar issues and want to know how to deal with it, then the book Perils of Information Age might interest you.

Will Leftist Politics Trump Biology?

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In the latest instance of virtue signaling insanity, Playboy has announced the very first ever transsexual Playboy Playmate.

Never mind this misses the mark by 180 degrees.
Never mind no straight man will ever want this.
And never mind it's simply in the absolute worst financial interests of Playboy, Inc.

This is the new marketing strategy corporate America has embraced, not to mention proof that such leftist lunacy is NOT relegated to the radical fringes of leftist ideologues, but is becoming institutionalized among America's mainstream institutions.

But this trend of American corporations, governments, schools and other institutions embracing rank leftist insanity begets an interesting question. Will it work? Will it stick? Because when you boil down this political movement to its core, it's simply trying to take a political ideology and change human nature with it. To wipe out humanity with a socialist utopia. To deny humans their right to live and evolve as they see fit, and control it instead with a naive (and untested) leftist blueprint.

Disgusting as this may seem to sane people, it still piques my interest because it allows me to witness a ***galactic*** collision of an **unstoppable force** with an **immovable object**.

In one corner you have the unstoppable force of leftist politics. 31 flavors of gender. Gender and race are social constructs. You don't need fathers. Womendon'tneednomanfishbicycle ™. Follow your heart and the money will follow. In short the entirety of the past 50 years of leftist politics.

In the other corner you have the immovable object of a mere 2 million years of human evolution.

And, as is always the case when an unstoppable force collides with an immovable object, the laws of physics dictates an explosion...or as Sammy Davis dictates "something's gotta give."

But if leftist politics is unstoppable, and human nature immovable, what exactly is "going to give?" Leftist politics will relent on, and human nature won't budge, so what in this world of "socio-political-physics" is "going to give" to balance out this equation? And the answer is - the quality of human life. Humans are going to suffer, and horrendously so. Mentally, psychologically, financially, economically, romantically. Suffering, all across the board, for every human foolish enough to be part of this collision. And it ain't going to be pretty.

Let us be clear. Between the two fighters entering the ring, one is a naive 50 year old, cultish religion, born from humanity's most spoiled, softest, weakest, yet fanatically-dedicated minds, while the other is an 800 pound gorilla called "2 million years of human nature." And no matter how adamant, unstoppable, and relentless, when you don't abide or live by reality, the laws of nature, or human nature, that 800 pound gorilla is going to beat you senseless and you will take damage. The real issue is whether you learn from human nature and start abiding by it, or (as is the case with leftists) keep throwing yourself up against this gorilla. And while I've certainly learned my lessons getting beaten by the gorilla of reality, so fervent, so dedicated, and so brainwashed are leftists today, they will stay in the ring with that gorilla until they're dead, thus ensuring they live completely miserable and wasted lives.

The examples are many, funny, and sadly sometimes tragic.

For example take liberal arts majors. Always "follow your heart and the money will follow." "Make a change and major in social justice!" "Study critical thinking" and somehow think there's a career in it for you.

In the end you've crippled yourself financially for the next decade with student loans. You're not going to be able to buy a house or raise a family. And some of you may even have to resort to prostitution to make ends meet.

Another example - transgendered people and the push for the 31 flavors of gender.

I'm actually quite libertarian when it comes to sexuality and sexual choices. I'm pro gay marriage, I personally don't care what you do with your body as it's yours. And if you want to believe you're a "pansexual" buy all means go right ahead.

But under the boisterous celebration of transexuality, the institutional championing of it, and the political rush to bow down and worship it, lays tormented souls where 41% of transgendered people attempt suicide. Again, plaster as many transgendered Playboy Playmates as you want on the centerfolds, the "Gorilla of Reality" does not care, condemning many of these people to tortured psychological lives.

Feminism anyone?

For eons men and women played a yin and yang, complimentary relationship. Where men had weaknesses, women had strengths, and vice versa, and when combined into one, humanity not only succeeded, but excelled. It's so painfully obvious all one has to do is look at a penis and a vagina and ponder how the two might possibly get together.

But no, some really smart upper middle class white women who were bored from the 1960's knew better than the entire genetic code. And they oh so brilliantly figured out women can be - *and should be* - men, and that sex is a social construct anyway.

The result?

Well...

women are less happy ever since they became "liberated,"
they still can't close the wage gap (even though we keep telling them to major in STEM),
despite their precious careers they inevitably collapse and admit around 34 they wanted a husband and children all along,
they cry themselves to sleep at night,
they have "starter marriages,"
a quarter are on mental drugs,
and articles about freezing eggs or 60 year olds giving healthy births are eerily championed and forwarded as if nature was winning all along.

Some angry, bitter feminists may have made some fortunes on the naivety of American women, but the Gorilla of Reality has ensured millions of women who believed such poppycock lived miserable lives void of love, family, husbands, great sex, children, happiness, and belonging. But at least they got that oh-so-coveted "Gender Studies Degree."

And the children.

Ahhhh, yes "the chillllldrennnnnn."

The left's favorite cause to champion and hide behind. Why NOTHING is too good for the children.

Where do I even begin?

First you have the left's assault on the nuclear family, replacing fathers with government checks. Kids grow up under a broken home, and suffer horribly be it poor school performance, fights, poverty, drugs, lesser careers, and a perpetuation of this hell upon their children.

You have bogus mental diseases you accuse children of having all so teachers don't have to teach and parents don't have to parent...and lord what hell does that do to a child as they age into adulthood!?

You LIE to these children DEMANDING they go to college all so a leftist K-College "Big Education Industrial Complex" can make a trillion a year off of them...even if you cripple them financially well into their 40's.

And if you're a particularly vile leftist you'll raise your children "transgendered" or you'll force an all vegan diet on them...in which case the Gorilla of Reality will sadly and tragically kill them.

I could go on, but I don't have to. It's apparent who is going to win this fight. No matter how cacophonous, complete, total, and successful the leftist indoctrination and mental illness is today, in the end reality is "reality." It will not be changed, and it will always win. True believers, even part time believers in leftist scripture can expect to live financially poorer, physically unhealthier, and mentally unhealthier lives, some even being driven to insanity.

This provides us sane people the one silver lining to this vile, evil, and mental leftist cloud descending on America and the West. Our taxes may go up. Our children may be attempted to be brainwashed. And we will have to suffer such idiotic notions of "transgendered playmates." But at least we have sanity. At least we live in reality. At least we aren't left wondering why we can't find a job with our "Masters in Puppetry" and are laden with $120,000 in unforgivable student loans. At least we aren't the rah rah college party girl feminist, doped up on antidepressants, "who don't need no man" who cries herself to sleep every night. At least we're not sucking dick to pay for our English degree. And thank god our parents weren't militant vegans or loved transgendered politics more than they did us.

Our lives on this planet will be infinitely more enjoyable than the people who swallow whole this leftist slop and it's simply due to one thing;

We acknowledge and live in reality.

Enjoy the decline.

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Men are to Blame for Women Invading Their Spaces

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Mr. Piggott takes a more nuanced approach, highlighting men wanting to please women in an attempt to get laid, going so far as to let women invade their spaces.

This is true.

But it's also because men are pussies nowadays and simply are of incapable of telling a woman to fuck off and then (upon the guaranteed screeches and accusations of "sexism") say

"I don't give a fuck."

Follow up by

"Make me."

And that, my good friend, would be the end of it, and you could go about running your all male institutions once again in peace.

Raising White Kids to Hate Themselves

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Self hating white parents can kill themselves at any time.

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Stop Chasing Women If You Wish to Catch Them

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An excerpt from my latest piece at Return of Kings.

"*These economic opportunity costs are huge. Most men, if they invested their time into themselves instead of women, would easily boost their lifetime earnings by over $1 million. We could easily retire at 40. Most of us would have no mortgage, car loans, or student loans. Not to mention the mental serenity, peace, and calm that comes with such a life. But there are also other opportunity costs in the quality of life when you put wife-hunting ahead of your own life. You forfeit adventure, hobbies, traveling, intellectualism, philosophy, reading, entrepreneurship—a nearly limitless number of things you could have pursued, enjoyed, even mastered—making your life a genuinely interesting one, had you not wasted your time on bars, nightclubs, or Tinder.*"

Micro-Communism Fails Again

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One of, if not the biggest complaint I have about communists is, like a multi-cultural society, they have no successful track record of getting communism to work just once. I'm all for society experimenting and trying different things because that is how you advance, but on just a simple logical level, don't you think you should try communism on a small scale before rolling it out for all 7 billion people on the planet?

And in light of the Soviet Union, Moaist China, Pol Pot, North Korea, and Venezuela, don't you think it should be tried on a small scale first before applying it an entire country? You know, before you starve another 100 million people?

Which is why I find this story particularly interesting.

"Pizza with a Purpose" is what I like to call "micro-communism." It's a small scale attempt at implementing a socialist economy, albeit on a micro-scopic level. It allows people to experiment with communism to see if they can "finally" fine tune it and "do it right this time."

But they just keep failing.

Beforehand there was a "Marxist" restaurant in Michigan that closed. There was also an anti-cop coffee barista who had to close her shop as well. I'm sure if you dig you'll find a dozen cafes, shops, bistros, and restaurants, all headed up by (ironically) communist capitalists who just can't keep a cafe open.

Which begets the question - if you can't run a restaurant, how the hell do you people expect to run an economy?

Of course, to most communists this question is moot. They value their religion of

communism more than the lives it would destroy. Their ego and religion is more important than the reality it hasn't worked, it won't work, and likely will never work. And this is a point I'm desperately trying to convey to those not on the left - stop trying to argue reason and evidence with these people. They simply do not care to debate with intellectual honesty, and they truly don't care to bring about a "better world." They simply want other people to pay for their stuff. They simply want free shit. They want to parasite off of you and these elaborate economic, philosophical and political "theories" are merely bunk to mask their cowardice and parasitism.

What piques my interest is when these people actually put their money where their mouths are and open a communist restaurant. They're so delusional, and so fervent in their marxist religion, they'll ruin their own financial lives attempting to run a "communist company." It's at times like that you simply pour yourself a cup of coffee, sit back and watch the show. And then when they blame it on "patriarchy" or "sexism" or whatever bogus excuses parasites come up with for their own failure, you merely enjoy the decline.

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Millennial SJW's Find Out Running a Business is Tough

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There was fanfare, ballyhoo and much "hurrahs" going on a short 10 months ago. Why two up and coming hip millennial cooks were going to open up a restaurant. And you know what? You know what? You know something? Yeah! Guess what!!!

They were going to pay their employees $15. Oh! And vacation and benefits!

Yep! That's right! Because they care! Because they're down with the struggle! And that wages are purely arbitrary and controlled by big corporations! We'll show economics and the labor market! We are going to pay $15/hour because we want to!

But a short 10 months later, it looks like the restaurant Byte ummmm..."bit" the dust. Not even enough time for it's employees to likely cash in on that "vacation time."

I know you millennials (and a lot of you older people too) think economics and things like "wages" are just fabrications of large and powerful entities of the economy. They are not derived from the forces of supply and demand, nor are they affected by the expense of running a business. And I know not a single one of you can be bothered with things like an accounting class or learning how to put together an income statement. It just wasn't part of your ~~indoctrination~~ education where you were told you'd fart out gold bricks and everything would come out rosey.

But some day, just like "Mark and Travis," you're going to have to face reality. And when that day comes, you're going to realize just how little you know, how poorly your teachers and professors lied to you, and just how woefully prepared you are for the rest of your life. And for the rest of us who live in the real world, it's going to be great to see your smug, condescending, know-it-all asses get the ever-living shit kicked out of you by the real world.

But by all means, please continue tell us how we should run society, when you can't even keep open a god damned cafe.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Now

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It is that time again. Time to remind all Cappy Cappites to do their Christmas shopping NOW so you don't have to worry about delays, lines, and even longer lines. So do yourself a favor and do all your Christmas shopping in the month these next couple of weeks! And do it using Cappy's Amazon Affiliate program. Costs you nothing more and I get a 6-7% cut for commission for something you were going to buy anyway. Plus it provides the Captain warm fuzzies when you make your online purchases through his Amazon affiliate plan.

Many thanks,

Cappy

Why You Should Feel Sorry for Millennial Girls

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No more independent minded than their Gen X and Baby Boomer counterparts,

Prone to vote for candidates "because vagina"

10 times more likely to accuse your attempt at hand holding as "rape"

And completely monopolizing the "slut walk" market

Millennial girls are arguably the most contemptible and worthless generation of women the US has ever had.

But I will grant them one large dollop of forgiveness - they unfortunately have to date millennial boys.

Now I know this is EXACTLY what they wanted out of men, and I know this is EXACTLY how feminists intended to raise the "ideal boy," but deep down inside we all know no matter what they say, women want masculine men. And the millennial girls are going to be deprived of having them, or they're at least going to be in short supply.

But an interesting "study" was conducted by Buzz Feed's "The Try Guys." They all got their testosterone tested. And the results were not shocking to any man who has worked a real job and seen the inside of a gym.

Here is what they look like:

And here are their scores:

Keep in mind the average male (well...non millennial anyway) has a testosterone level of 650 and yours truly came in at the decrepit age of 42 at 602.

Admittedly, these are journalists. Hardly a profession that attracts real men. And admittedly they work for BuzzFeed, the reject bin of journalism on par with Vice and the Enquirer. But my god, you poor millennial girls. THIS is what you wanted? THIS is the promised land feminism wishes to drive men into? A bunch of socialist pussies who can't do a damn thing of worth in their lives, let alone satisfy you in bed?

To normal men and women, it's painfully obvious just how leftist millennial men fail not only women and society, but themselves. You're not really able to protect society. You're not going to attract an attractive mate. You're not going to raise well anchored, productive, and resilient children. You're not going to produce anything of real value to society since it takes effort. And heaven help you if the economy were to crash. You'd like be enslaved or shot on site. But to those millennial boys in the echo chamber who don't realize just what utter failures they are in life, as time goes on they truly won't know why the real world isn't working out the way they were promised by their single mothers and feminist school teachers. And while some will get lucky like "The Try Guys" finding a spate of employment here and there, the majority of them will be the NEETS society loves to mock, yet insisted on raising. They will not find true point or meaning in life. And their entire lives will be wasted playing video games, watching porn, and getting the shit divorced out of them.

Again, I can't personally complain. These are the same male feminists who accuse me and millions of other innocent men of privilege, misogyny, sexism, racism, and - that-old-millennial favorite - "ignorance." They're the ones with 20 years of schooling, but not a day of real work in the real world who insist they know how to lead the world. They're the ones claiming everything is sexual harassment and assault. They deserve the cluelessness and mental drifting that will result in life long psychological torture. But from an academic standpoint it's just amazing to witness these clueless morons make a mad dash for the cliff just like all the other millennial lemmings were trained to

do...oh...all while claiming they're so "independent minded."

The country may be going to hell in a handbasket, but you millennials sure are making it an enjoyable final generation....oh...and leaving behind some horribly sexually frustrated women.

Enjoy the decline.

You Mean Treat College Students Like Adults????

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ARE YOU INSANE!!!!???

Spider Woman Now Pregnant

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Don't know how this escaped my net 2 years ago, but still deemed it worthy to post here on the ole blog. Apparently Spider Woman is now pregnant.

I knew Marvel was full of SJW 20 somethings who simply cannot create works of art void of politics, but my god are they completely tone deaf to what the MARKET and their CUSTOMERS want???

Never mind, I know, I know. This is all they know how to do because actually creating new characters with new plots is beyond their skill level. It's rehashes, remakes, sequels, pre-quels, reboots, and white-washing because there's not one cell of originality in all their brains.

The Humanities/Liberal Arts Circle Jerk

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This not only shows you how pointless all of the humanities and liberal arts are, but just how sad and pathetic the people are. Imagine that you are EXCITED that your lousy article, that you spent 6 months writing, was read by...

10 people.

The liberal arts and humanities TRULY are nothing more than make work for America's most worthless and talentless.

Perhaps if you "professors" read a book about degrees that have value versus those that don't?

When the Individual is Right, and Society is Wrong

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Arguably the most important video request I've put together for Asshole Consulting.

Studying the Path vs. Walking the Path

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There is not so much a "great debate" as much as there are two distinct philosophical camps within the Red Pill community. One is that one must walk the path, endure life's hardships, and suffer life's assails in order to truly grow and become a man. The other is that (with the internet) we can garner this same wisdom by learning from the lives of others. Studying them and gleaning the life lessons without the pain and suffering.

To exemplify this take the MGTOW community. Within the MGTOW community there are genuine men who walked the path of life, suffered immeasurably, learned their lessons and grew as men. There are others (whom I term "VirginTOWS") who merely study real men academically, from the comforts of their own mother's basement, who ne'er set foot in the real world, ne'er had their lips touch a woman's, yet ardently support and claim to be MGTOW's. When I put together a video exposing this hypocrisy, the VirginTOW's completely sperged out because nothing enrages hypocrites more than the truth.

But whereas you might think I come down solidly and solely in the first camp, I believe young men (and women) would benefit most from pulling from both camps.

This thought was inspired by a post by Adam Piggott, our loofa-loving former-Australian, now European friend. It was in response to my video about the individual being right and society being wrong, namely that in order to become the truly independent minded men we all aspire to be, you have to go through the hardship, suffering, and enduring of life's challenges. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized a balance must be struck between the academic and practitioner camps of the Red Pill community, otherwise we will suffer unnecessarily and forfeit an amazing amount of success and advancement in our lives.

First, there is no doubt in my mind of the benefits of walking the actual path and suffering what life throws at you. It DOES galvanize and strengthen men. It DOES increase your testosterone, and I would even argue that the human brain CANNOT learn unless there is some actual pain or a price to be paid. You can sit there reading all the Roosh, Rollo, and

Roissy you want, until you get your ass shot down by scores of women, hit the gym like Ed Latimore, or ride across the country like Ole Cappy, you will merely be a professor, a theoretician, and teacher who can only teach and never do.

But this doesn't mean taking in the wisdom and advice (not to mention learning from the HORRIBLE mistakes) of other men has no value. It most certainly does. It prevents you from making the same mistakes men before you did, it prevents you from wasting your resources (as men before you did), and (what I would argue is the best benefit of the red pill) is provides you clarity and sanity so you know you're going down the right path and that, no, you're not insane. If you take the academic approach and study the wisdom of others, you will ensure you do not waste DECADES of your finite life and HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS in wasted resources.

The real issue is whether you're going to blaze your own path in life...
or stay in your basement keyboard-warrioring about how much you hate girls.

This is the true benefit of combining the two camps - genuine progress. In taking the advice and wisdom from your predecessors WHILE ALSO committing yourself to walking the path of life, you practically guarantee you will live a better life than your predecessors. Just like aerospace engineers built off of the Wright Brothers, inevitably leading us to land on the moon, so too can men (and women) build off of red pill wisdom to lead lives much greater than ours. The issue is whether you're going to pursue excellence and push the envelope of life, or merely rest on the academic laurels of others, giving up on life and in a defeatist mentality say "why bother?"

It is here I agree with Mr. Piggott. Your predecessors turned up many stones, but you have your own stones and suffering to endure. Completely new and different stones that will not only add to the canon of previously-established wisdom, but the up-turning of which will provide the exercise that turns you into a seasoned, salty, experienced, masculine man. And when your time comes, you should pass on this wisdom to the future generation so that they too may advance the understanding and success of humanity. The real issue is whether you're going to sit in one camp or the other, either unnecessarily repeating the mistakes of others, or lazily being satisfied studying the lives of others, living no life of your own. I can only say real men will stand on the shoulders of those real men before them, and commit to going out into life to make completely new, unforeseen and SPECTACULARLY horrible mistakes of their own. It is the only way to progress.

If you want a summary of previously established wisdom so that you may have a better life than your predecessors, I strongly recommend reading Bachelor Pad Economics. It may cost $20 and take 8 hours to read, but it will save you $200,000 and DECADES of your life. It is simply a MUST READ for every young man and woman.

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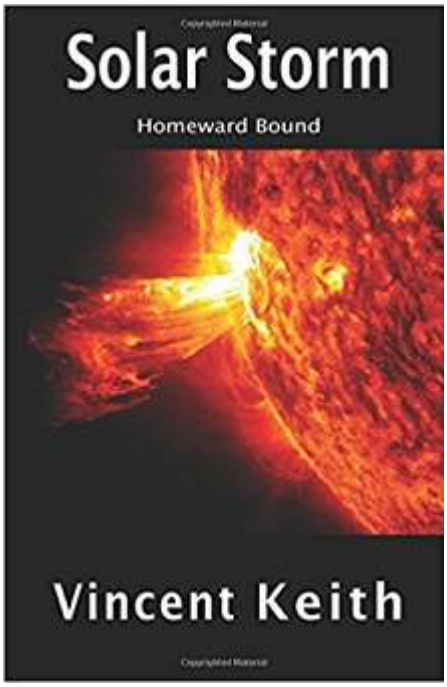

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Episode #226 of The Clarey Podcast - Terrorism and Sexual Assault Accusation Fad Episode!

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Women jumping on the sexual assault bandwagon.
The terrorist attack is not news. It's normal.
SJW restauranteurs fail...again.
The sad life of "Chicago Bird Coalition Monitors."

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RELATED, The Great One Himself at The Cynical Libertarian Society is celebrating his 13th year podcasting today with his latest episode. I do not vouch for the contents of this episode, but if you want something DIFFERENT, have a listen.

Never Hire People with Nose Piercings

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People will warn you about their true nature without being aware of it.

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The End of Minneapolis' City Pages

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Allow me to tell you the tale of two *cough* "newspapers" from the 90's.

As a student at the U of MN Minneapolis campus there were two newspapers that were there to constantly remind us just how bad we were, how oppressive we were, how we owed other people money, and (not too shortly after the 90's) lectured white and males about being...well...whites and males. The two newspapers were The Star Tribune and City Pages.

The Star Tribune was your typical baby boomer, large city new publication that subtly and not so subtly advocated socialism while faking the air of "journalism" the entire time. The City Pages was the local "music and events" calendar, which also (oddly) insisted on forcing outright and obvious socialist politics and articles on their readers. Most of us 20 somethings merely grabbed a copy of the City Pages to see what was going on at this nightclub or which jazz musician was playing at that night club, but only the devout proto-SJW Gen X "grunge" garbage (replete with pacifiers in their mouths) would read it for their "articles," thinking they were high end philosophers as their parents from the suburbs paid for their ~~Work Avoidance~~ "liberal arts degrees."

This presented an annoyance for those of us with real jobs and real degrees contributing real GDP to the economy. City Pages hands down had the best and most comprehensive list of events going on in the city. For that they were serving a need and providing value to the economy. But (as is the case with nearly every leftist artist) they couldn't just be satisfied with providing that good and quality service. Like Hollywood, the Walker Art Center, and every other "artist" out there, they just had to add politics. And not just soft

left politics. Insulting politics demanding you pay more money and it was your fault for everything wrong in the world.

This thorn in the side of unrequested leftist politics being served with an events calendar was somewhat tempered with the advent of the internet. City Pages made the successful jump from paper to digital, but you could go directly to their calendar and not see the latest oppressed minority or latest Che Guevara t-shirt wearing "activist" with their latest call for other people's hard-earned money. But it still irked me that they we the only game in town when it came to finding events in the Twin Cities. Worse, as SJWism and the 00's rolled around, the events they listed started to reflect their politics, relegating nearly all the events on the City Pages to 4 main leftist categories.

Lousy art shows.
Lousy theater.
Lousy bands.
Lousy speeches/lectures.

Many-a-time I would hit up the City Pages, thinking I'd find something interesting, talented, and of genuine intellectual interest, but it was just ads for the Twin Cities' finest leftist artists using (inferior) art as a mask to promote their leftist religion. Poetry slams by (guess what!) leftist college poets. Art shows at (guess what) the leftist Walker Art Center. "Hey that band looks interesting, let's check them out!" Guess what! A sermon and lecture in between each song about the evils of Republicans.

It was bad enough a good conversation with friends in the Perkins of suburbia was more enjoyable, entertaining, and intelligent.

But there was good news on the horizon and it would only be an accidental search on Google that made me realize the end of The City Pages was already here or near. For one night, completely bored and nothing to do at home, I decided I would look up and see what was going on in Minneapolis that night. I had already searched Meetup.com, which i had been using as a daytime replacement for City Pages, but instead of going to City Pages, I remembered Google would also consolidate flights and hotel prices in case you wanted to just quickly peruse what the airlines were offering. And shimmy shammy, wammy bammy, with the hoity toity and the oopdy loopdy, guess what.

Google does the same thing for Minneapolis events.

I tried doing the same with Chicago Events, because like Minneapolis has the City Pages, Chicago has it's own leftist rag called "The Chicago Reader." But somebody at the Chicago Reader must have had some pull because Google does not list events for that city. Same with LA and New York. But for Milwaukee, Denver, or any other non-major city, it looks like the internet in the form of Google and Meetup.com has now completely

obsoleted the need for these communist-propagandist papers...that just so happen to have events calendar attached to them.

As with any shrinking and obsolete industry, consolidation is the name of the game. In 2015 The Star Tribune bought out City Pages, and now the two are one and the same "big conglomerate evil corporation" ironically writing leftist slop for faux-intellectual SWPL humanities majors to masturbate to as they sip $5 espressos and opine entirely new theories as to why they're entitled to other people's money. And like nearly every other newspaper (paper or digital or otherwise) their employees are relegated to the incomes of part time bloggers...or perhaps volunteerists who are paid nothing like the Huffington Post. Worse, they are relegated to fewer readers, fewer advertising dollars, and need a larger parent company to float them financially because...well, why would hard working people visit their site to be insulted when there are cheaper, freer, and politics-free alternatives via Meetup.com and simple Google searches?

It was fun City Pages. I'm sure you guys with the thousands of articles claiming entitlement to other people's money for "reasons" since the 70's has really solved poverty, racial relations, closed wage gaps, and done the world and world of good. And who knows!? With your "backpages" you may have even helped spread the good word of STD's. But in the end, your politics provided society no value, and all you were were parasitic tag-alongs to a damn events calendar.

Enjoy the decline.

How to Handle Politics, at the Dinner Table, With Family, Over the Holidays

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You have ONE GOAL AND ONE GOAL ONLY over the holidays.

MAKE MOM HAPPY!

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Stay Frosty Boys

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Stay the freak frosty.

Saladin Ahmed - Another Reason to Ditch Marvel

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It's professional victim whoring pussies like these that ensure I don't bother seeing another Marvel movie, let alone pick up a comic book.

Guys Who Always Get Laid, Guys Who Never Get Laid, and Guys Who Get Laid Sometimes

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You don't want to be the guy who gets laid "sometimes."

Some more wisdom for you youngin's from Mr. Piggott.

How Social Media Has Ruined Your Life

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An outstanding podcast from The Hanging Chads where they interview fellow old fart Pleasure Man of My Posting Career fame. The majority of the show is Pleasure Man talking about how social media and trends in major metropolitan areas has destroyed the family and triggered massive depression amongst nearly every one as we mindlessly substitute digital attention for real, in person attention. I would have been curious if they delved into how this may affect young men vs. women (free digital attention and free digital porn), but they unfortunately did not.

Before listening to this podcast I uninstalled facebook for a two week sabbatical from the platform, and may solely start to relegate it to just a press release mechanism and occasional texting tool. It got too annoying with constant dings and message reminders for increasingly petty things. Was becoming too much of a distraction and a time suck for what little free time I have left. Regardless, listen to the podcast as it delves into more detail about WHY you feel depressed only having a digital life and why you must get out and actually meet real people in the real world.

Episode #227 - Cappy Fails Starts a Comic Book Episode

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Cappy's new comic...that is doomed to fail.
Problems in hiring "comic book artists."
Cappy ditches out on a business "networking event."
Douchebag Dude Bro bars around the U of MN.
Deer can't read signs.
Fan mail!

AND MORE!!!

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Why Profit is Necessary

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The latest closing of a social do-gooder restaurant sent me on a tirade on my second-latest podcast where I explained that if you don't put profits first, then your company will fail (and you will fail your employees or whatever do-gooder lefty cause you happened to be championing that week).

Many of you on the left may disagree with this and even write it off as capitalist, right-wing propaganda, but the point transcends politics, even economics, and approaches one of physics, even simple logic. Also, whereas most non-leftists may intuitively know why profit is necessary for a company to survive, one might wonder if the socialists might possibly be right in some obscure philosophical way. IS there a way for a company to exist without profit? "*I know it sorta seems like profit should be necessary, but I haven't got through and developed an economic proof or theorem that proves it so.*" And so let us delve into the boring world of profits and learn a vital economics lesson we all need to learn...that no doubt the leftist ideologues will choose to completely ignore.

The simplest way to understand why profits are necessary is to understand it from a perspective of providing goods and services. This is an oft forgotten or ignored aspect of economics because everybody seems to focus on MONEY and not the things that actually matter - GOODS AND SERVICES.

I cannot eat a dollar.
A Yen will not provide you surgery.
A pound will not feed your dog.
And a Euro will not fuel your car.

However, these currencies WILL buy us the goods and services that provide ultimate value and utility in life. A dollar will buy me an apple that I can eat. A Yen will buy me some gas that will fuel my car. A Euro will buy a dentist's services to repair your teeth. And a pound will buy some dental floss after your dentists lectures you for not flossing. So the whole point and purpose of an economy is to produce the stuff, not the money nor necessarily profits in the process of doing so.

Since it is the stuff that needs producing that ultimately matters you need to ask how stuff gets produced, and the answer is "not charitably."

In order for things to get produced, somebody has to inevitably forfeit some of their time to produce them. This can be done on an individual level as per subsistence type craphole economies like Africa, or in the awesome 1st world through organizations, namely, corporations and companies. Large and complex systems organizing capital and

labor to produce an amazing plethora of things all on the cheap. But regardless of the size of the company, it has to ultimately be started. And since time is ultimately the ONLY resource that matters to humans, any sane and self-respecting human is going to demand he or she be compensated for it.

Thus introducing profit.

This is the problem most people who have a problem with profit face. They look at it backwards. The issue isn't whether somebody deserves profit or whether profit should exist. NOTHING would exist unless it was for profit. And the insurance industry explains this incredibly well.

NOBODY likes paying for insurance. It's a necessary evil, and it's so evil illegal aliens often go without it as they ram their cars into us otherwise law abiding, superior people. But what really irks most people is that insurance companies...GASP!!!! MAKE A PROFIT! This means they charge us MORE than the damages and payouts they actually have to pay out. HOW DARE THEY!!!???

But think about it. If they DIDN'T charge more than they paid out, then why would anybody start an insurance company? The only reason an individual or a group of investors would start an insurance company would be to make a profit for themselves. They put their time, money, and risk into the venture, so you're damn right they're going to charge more than they pay out. But while you may detest that profit, if it wasn't there, then there would be no insurance at all. And not only insurance, but no

food
gas
video games
cell phones
clothes
housing
dog food
cat food
medicine
surgeries
cars
buses
trucks
and coffee

NOTHING in this world would exist without profit, and a world with nothing being produced (no matter how much money is printed) will look more like Soviet Russia, Venezuela, North Korea, or Zimbabwe (much as those places make leftists wet).

Now let's ignore the fact the track record of socialism and communism is horrendous and makes the nazis look like saints. Let's ignore the fact that Mugabe of Zimbabwe is begging those evil capitalist white farmers to come back and make food again for his idiot electorate. Let's ignore Venezuelans eating pets to stay alive. And let's ignore practically everything about North Korea.

Let's go completely theoretical.

Is there a way to replace profit with a socialist model where the government provides the capital or resources and profits are either retained in government coffers or redistributed amongst the workers (which explains why former communist workers are so rich). Does there need to be the incentive for profit, or can a government company merely be efficient and produce the goods and services in the variations and amounts necessary to sustain (forget satisfy) an entire society?

In this situation a government would merely print off the money, buy the capital and equipment necessary to start a company, produce widgets, and (assuming it's an efficient widget company) all profits would go back to paying single moms to breed more bastards as they get their Masters in Health Administration degrees. There's just a couple problems that will more or less ensure this leftist-whetting utopia doesn't ever manifest.

First, communists are too nice. The whole point of communism is to make everything "free." This not only means charging nothing for the ultimate good or service produced, but overpaying employees because, well we all need a living wage! This naive (albeit) kindness dooms nearly every communist/government company to being inefficient. It's why Byte failed, it's why Bartertown failed, it's why the Soviet Union failed. In making things free (and paying your employees more than they produce) you ensure your companies/system are inefficient forever needing more infusions of cash to balance your books. Bailing out the occasional pizza store is one thing, but when you're entire economy is government owned and inefficient, you need to print off trillions which only causes hyper-inflation, and ultimately never increases production.

Second, there is no competition. Without somebody nipping at your heels and threatening to take away your profit, you have no incentive to work harder, better, faster, or stronger. And communism ensures there are only monopolies, and not competitors. This results in not so much lazy, but unincentivized people which are a hallmark of government workers. Government workers have no competition. They have no hustle. They are fat, lazy, and slothful creatures that deserve the mockery and ridicule their parasitic asses attract. But imagine if the incompetent fuckery going on at the DMV....

WAS EVERYWHERE.

It would take 4 hours to get a Big Mac.

It would take 3 hours and $400 to fill your tank with gas.
Have fun shopping at Best Buy as you wait in line to get your government issued computer.
And if you didn't like it, tough cookies, there's no other competitors or companies in town to "take your business elsewhere." You simply have the "company" store.

Competition, specifically the threat that profits will be earned away by a competitor, is precisely what keeps the ***entirety*** of society's producers and entrepreneurs 100% completely focused on making you happy, condemning them to a life of constantly improving and creating new products at cheaper prices till they're dead ***just for you*** (ironically delivering on more of communism's promises than communism itself!). They're practically slaves to the rest of society, and you dare get upset they make "profit" as you leftist sheep line up to buy the iPhone X?

In the end a world without profit is like a woman without a vagina, a man without money, a car without gas, or a plane without wings. Nobody wants it and it has no value. You may not like the idea of profit, you may not like the idea of "greed" or "human nature," but like death, disease, mortality, and hipsters, it's just an unfortunately reality of life. I suggest you accept it instead of trying to futilely fight against it.

Enjoy the decline!

He Listens to the News So You Don't Have To

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DT at the Black Brigade Debrief has a damn good podcast covering Donna Brazile exposing the democrats, why Hilary Clinton does indeed need to go to jail, how can you call the democrat party DEMOCRAT when their primaries are rigged, as well as the take we all take on the new-normal terrorist attacks of "meh."

How and Why the Left is the Biggest Threat to the Freedom of Speech

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The short version is they're mental and have nothing else in their lives, but their religion of politics. The longer version is below:

End Sexual Assault by Forcing Men to Work from Home

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As an economist I always try to find the simplest, cheapest, and most effective solutions to society's problems. However, whereas mere mediocre economists talk about multi-factor productivity, education, etc., the reason I'm one of the best economists is because I do something most others don't.

I think outside the box.

And so, just like I was (in theory) able to prevent the Dotcom Bubble, the Asian Currency Crisis, the Housing Bubble, Education Bubble, and Retirement Bubble, I have found a way to bring the epidemic of sexual harassment and sexual assault to a screeching halt, and at practically no expense to America.

Force men to work from home.

It seems to me that "boys are just going to be boys" and while I know feminists, academians, HR departments, CSR departments, and non-profits are doing their best to eliminate toxic masculinity and bring out the more feminine side of men, until that noble goal is achieved, it may be best to avail ourselves of already available technology and require that men only work from home.

This will bring about a lot of benefits to society that go well beyond ending work place sexual harassment and assault. Women won't be bothered by men at the office or in the downtown eateries come lunch time. They will not be harassed, allowing for much safer work place environments. An all-women workplace environment will FINALLY come to fruition allowing them the chance to excel that was traditionally the preserve of men. Plus, the highways won't be as crowded come the morning and evening commutes. One might even say this would force men to be the house husbands, forcing them to see what it was like to be oppressed as a stay at home mom.

I'm not advocating necessarily that we eliminate choice from men and as to what their work options are. I'm merely suggesting that corporations, schools, universities, and other employers exercise their rights as private employers insist their male employees, workers and students simply work and study from home. It will bring about the immediate end of work place sexual assault, prevent crises like Hollywood's current sexual assault affair from happening in the future, put a dead stop to the campus rape epidemic that is occurring now, and finally give women the shot they deserve at equality.

Episode #229 - Great One-Piggott Special!

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Adam Piggott and The Great One sub for Cappy as he gets dental work, drives to Chicago, and gets slammed with Asshole Consulting. They talk about random things, working with leftists in the theater, pick on Cappy for "not having a real job," Bill Nye, George Takei, and other random crap.

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MSM Even Admits There's an Education Bubble

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When NBC admits there's an education bubble then you know American students are really fucked.

They Just Didn't Do It Right

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But next time those parasitic commies with their all-non-profit SJW jobs will get it right! And then you'll see!

Coup in Zimbabwe

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But he was such a nice racist man who hated the right people to hate.

Why Normal People are Inferior

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You may buy the book here.

It's OK for 34 Year Old Men to Bang Teenagers

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Assuming they're either 18 or 19. But since that goes against the feminist imperative, it must be shamed.

We Will Return to a Regularly Scheduled Blog This Week

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Many of you may have noticed the lack of posts since Wednesday. Un/fortunately I got slammed at Asshole Consulting. Who knew with the lack of fathers, rampant and celebrated divorce, and lying to now three generations of children, these kids when they grew up would start seeking out the truth and would be willing to pay handsomely for it.

Anyway, I do not see Asshole Consulting slowing down so if any of my regular readers find TRULY interesting articles or posts (no British tabloid garbage like the Daily Mail), please e-mail them to the ole Capmeister at CAPTcapitalism (at) yahoo (DOT) com. Would put up some good links and some material to fill in the space between the deeper thought pieces.

And remember, if you want lies, hire a regular consultant.
If you want the truth, hire an asshole.

America's Only SJW Who Admitted She Was Wrong

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I like how deep down inside she knew all along which means the majority of them are hypocritically faking it to avoid the regular trials and torture of the real world.

Why SJW Women are So Happy

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Remember the "Life of Julia?"
Where the government took care of every need and want of a woman from cradle to grave?

Yeah, they never tell you about the mental price you pay when you bow down at the altar of socialism.

The Gift of Early Retirement

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Remember, with Christmas around the corner, you might as well give a gift that is practical and will help out your fellow man - early retirement. Buy Poor Richard's Retirement at Amazon.com.

SJW's Infest The Girl Scouts

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I'm thinking I'll have to do an expose and Clarey Test on the Girl Scout's executive management after this.

I will sadly also not be buying Girl Scout cookies anymore. Not because I do care for the girls, but I loathe the leadership who abuse girls to advance political aims.

Millennials Fear Credit Cards More Than Death

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My question is what the hell do they think of their student loans then???

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Saturday morning cartoons in the 80's.
Bullies are pussies.
Who are the pedophiles and mass murderers?
What Percent of women cry themselves to sleep?
Movie review of Justice League and Murder on the Orient Express
Princeton females have no agency, act as only objects.
Apple fires diversity and inclusion uber-czar for speaking truth.

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28% of Women View "Winking" as Sexual Harassment

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And for that reason, I'm out.

Here's the original survey.

Remember that Equifax Breach?

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Since (basically) half of Americans were exposed, here's what you do.

Are Women Agents or Objects?

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An excerpt from The Clarey Podcast!

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Be Thankful for the News Aggregators

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Seattle's Wealth Tax

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Though to be expected (because it violates state law), a judge unfortunately ruled against Seattle's attempt to implement a wealth tax.

Liberals in Seattle deserve not only to pay the tax, but they also deserve the low economic growth that would result. They deserve the capital flight out of the city that would ensue, along with businesses already leaving town in anticipation of their $15 minimum wage.

In short, Seattle, like all large, liberal towns deserve what inevitably and ultimately happens to them. They deserve to become Detroit.

Why Gen X Will Be Worse Parents than the Baby Boomers

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If you are Stefan Molyneux, please read no further. But if you're not the Canadian philosophical genius, please read on.

This past extended Thanksgiving weekend had confirmed in my mind a trend I was subconsciously noting, but hadn't consciously realized or had crystalized in my frontal lobes. And that trend was the completely unacceptable behavior of my generation's children.

As more and more of my generation were breeding, their little rug rats (though originally starting off as unconscious cute infants, cooing and cuddling) soon turned into toddlers, exercising some sentience, independent thought, and independent behavior. And while there's the token kid who's cool, respectful, well-behaved, and...well...normal, the same cannot be said for what I estimate to be at least 90% of the remainder. They are absolutely atrocious little pieces of shit that (in all deadly seriousness) I would have no problem beating, and in some rarer cases, simply breaking their necks so that the herd may have a higher chance of survival. Quite literally, the only thing that prevents me from doing that is the law.

Their behaviors range from constant whining to biting adults.
From screaming because they didn't get what they wanted to spitting milk in parents' faces.
From "insto-crying" because you didn't immediately dot on whatever whim they had at the time to running around knocking stuff over at the (previously) quiet coffee shop.

And perhaps the one I find most fascinating is the 100% reliable refusal to obey their parents' commands. I once witnessed a GROUP of adults tell children to stop running NO LESS than 12 times, not one of them did. They COMPLETELY ignored their parents as if they weren't even there.

Of course, much as I'd like to break these childrens' little necks, the fault does not lie with them. They're too young and too unevolved to understand the moral ramifications and importance of good behavior and obeying their elders. But the blame does squarely land with their Gen X parents, the generation of which I am completely convinced will make Baby Boomer parents look like June and Ward Cleaver.

For each and every unacceptable behavior their children exhibit their is an equal and opposite shitty parenting technique that caused it.

Time outs (and not spanking) causes children to ignore your commands.

Reasoning with them as if they're fucking Plato and are going to ponder the moral ramifications of spitting in the house only sounds to them like Charlie Brown's teacher, the deep philosophical discussion of which will be immediately ignored once you're done saying in your wimpish tone, "*Sweetheeeeeeart, we don't spit in the house? OK?????? That's not right. We don't do that.*"

Constantly telling...
then asking...
then begging...
and then groveling with your children to "not run in the house" only reinforces their running in the house because you've never expended a calorie of effort to enforce it. Alas why after telling a kid 3 times, I'd make sure the kid would be limping through the house, while no doubt you'd be on your 12th or 13th plea-bargain to get them to come to the negotiating table at the UN where you and other worldly negotiators would presumably use the Socratic Method to hopefully convince your 4 year old to perhaps maybe "jog" though the house.

I could go on, but all the poor parenting techniques that make up the canon of modern day poor parenting boils down to one thing.

You're lazy. You're cowards. You simply do not have the work effort or strength to do the hard part of parenting. You simply lack the spine to provide the desperately needed tough fatherly love and discipline every child needs. Your parenting is not "new" or "progressive" or "advanced" or "on the cutting edge of child psychology." It's lazy, cowardly, shitty slop just like your kids.

The good news is that (as is always with the universe) there is a cost and consequence for failing to raise and discipline your children properly. Some of which society will unfairly bear, but most of which the parents, and even their kids, will bear.

In terms of society, there are negative externalities we must endure due to your crappy parenting. That screaming 2 year old that was sitting in front of me ruined my coffee

(and prompted me to write this article). The misbehaving children at church detracted you from the sermon. You couldn't enjoy your dinner because some avant-garde parents don't believe little Jimmy shouldn't be blowing his milk through his straw. And I can't estimate what we're paying in taxes for "special ed" programs for kids that would have otherwise been normal had there been a real dad in the house. But in the end these children go away. These children leave. They are no longer in our lives or households, they are merely fleeting bleeps of annoyances we temporarily endure.

The same cannot be said of the parents. And here a whole new world of hell opens up.

First, you have a household that is intolerable to adults. They are slaves in their own homes, subjected to the tyranny of their children. In many o' houses I visited it is PAINFULLY obvious who runs the show. The entirety of the parents' time is dedicated not so much "to" their children as much as it is dealing with them. Constantly asking what the children want, instantly responding to every cry and whine, reasoning with them as if Jordan Peterson was sitting across from them, and spinning there wheels fetching this or that to end the crying. Alas, since they're incapable of expending the 2 calories it would take to spank a child, they spend millions running around like butlers and servants for 18 years.

Second, holidays and family gatherings are ruined. All it takes is one misbehaving child and Christmas dinner is ruined. Not only is it annoying to the rest of the participants, but it makes adult conversation, bonding, and being a family impossible. You can't converse with your brother Jim about his job because Jim Jr is still in diapers at 4 years old and shit his pants. You can't inquire about how your cousin Amy is doing because Amy Jr is screaming for no reason whatsoever. You can't watch the Thanksgiving football game because, despite their parents' toothless 47th plea, the kids are still running in front of the television, perhaps knocking it over. Ill-reared children raised by incompetent parents make family gatherings a baby sitting operation, not a time to enjoy and love one another.

Third, the parents are haggard. The wear and tear of ill-reared children inevitably takes its toll on the people who refuse to rear them. Remember, a spanking costs 2 calories of energy. Refusing to raise them takes millions more. And it shows in the face, mental health, and even physical health of the parents.

Constantly being sick.
Constantly tired.
Constantly working whether you're at work or home.

And let's not forget the ancillary consequences of being constantly taxed. Your fuses are shortened, you are more prone to blow up at your spouse. And this I inevitably predict will lead to a divorce rate on par with the previous Divorce World Champions - the Baby

Boomers (but that's OK, because like avant-garde parenting is good for your child, I suppose you think divorce is good for your kid too).

Finally, the kids themselves.

Understand this trend has been going on for decades. It was not necessarily Gen X that came up with the original idea of ~~absentee~~ "new age" parenting. It started with the Baby Boomers and just became popularized by Gen X. So we can already witness the full results of children raised in a disciplineless household. Namely, the medicated generation.

In my day we didn't have ADD, ADHD, Aspergers or Autism. We had a dad that would spank the hell out of you, and if he didn't, the playground bully would. This isn't to say that ADD, ADHD, the Aspergers and the Autisms doesn't exist, but they do not legitimately exist anywhere near the number of people diagnosed with it. Nearly all of those cases you will see either an absent father or a father who was there, but never disciplined his children. And thus, when you release your ill-reared children - spitting, biting, shitting their pants and all - into the school system, to the untrained elementary school teacher's eye, it plainly looks like a mental disorder.

This condemns your children to a world of disillusion, misdiagnoses, and outright lies that will punish them forever.

You have a disease (that you really don't). Here's some drugs.
You're depressed/have social anxiety disorder/are bi-polar. Here's some drugs.
You're not behaving the way a 24 year old female teacher wants you to. You're in special ed.
You could be bi, gay, transgender...at 7. Yes, you can wear a dress Johnny.
You got triggered and have PTSD. You need to see a psychologist. BTW, here's some more drugs.

And thus "special ed programs," pharmaceutical companies, and ~~hacks~~ psychologists make HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS off of you and the taxpayer.

Oh...and let's not forget that when your child finally turns 18 and enters the real world he/she is completely incapable of self-supportation, will likely live at home or off of you till they're 30, and are so deluded about the real world they will pay the price of life-long insanity (thinking they have a mental disease or are a "non-conforming pangender queer") simply because you were too cowardly to spank, too weak to say "no" and too spineless to parent. I endured enough hell believing the baby boomer lies that "girls just want a nice guy" and that "any degree is a good degree." I could only imagine how insanely painful and difficult life would be if I was misled to believe I was a "panqueerggendered-transexual" who had ADD, was bi-polar, and never moved out of the

house!

I used to think the Baby Boomers were bad parents, and as a generation they most certainly were. But the blatant lack of parenting on the part of Gen X parents belies just how selfish and greedy they are. They never had kids for the sake of the kids. They had kids solely for themselves, as if the kids were mere objects. And this is only confirmed in that most Gen X parents view parenting as a lackadaisical hobby that they half-heartedly work at, as long as it doesn't require work, rigor, toil, discipline, a spine, or effort. It's further confirmed where they put their convenience ahead of the pure hell their absentee-parenting will damn their children to for their entire lives.

I know I give the Millennials hell, but the generation Gen X is raising today is going to make the Millennials look as noble and hard-working as the WWII generation.

Enjoy the decline.

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May her name be remembered forever.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the live in boyfriend could.

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Convincing mom to get a smart phone.
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Your hypocritical, public sector, cause you couldn't hack it in the private sector, ass won't be missed.

Oh, and remember when you penned this piece telling Trump he was done?

Good to see irony will be your legacy.

The Left Punishes Itself…Mercilessly and Horribly

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I was talking to a buddy today. He was upset as he recently got into a Facebook war with a leftist friend of his. I can't remember the precise topic they disagreed on, but he was so flustered he was debating leaving facebook or at least giving up making political posts for good. I concurred with his decision and said, "Look, you're not going to change their minds, you're only going to make yourself more angry. So you might as well give up and enjoy the decline."

He agree, but said, "Yeah, it just angers me that they don't get it. They just think more of other people's money will solve their problems. Or that it's the rich's fault for their own stupid mistakes. They never stop to think about it, plus they get bailed out all the time!"

I asked, "Well how old is this gal? Is she a single mom? And how poor is she?"

He confirmed all three of my suspicions. "She's about 46, single mom, lives in a crappy part of St. Paul."

To which I responded, "Soooo…don't you think she's suffering enough?"

And it is here a vitally important lesson all libertarians, republicans, conservatives and other "simply not leftists" need to learn. For if we don't realize this very important lesson we will let the leftists we know ruin our lives by forcing us to steep and stew in the erroneous belief that leftists somehow live blissful lives, completely unaffected and unaccountable for their erroneous beliefs and horrible mistakes derived from those beliefs.

For example, my buddy is not the only one to have a leftist facebook friend. Many years ago I too had a facebook friend. She was a single mom, aged horribly, got into the "raise organic chickens bandwagon," bought at the peak of the housing bubble, got foreclosed on, never learned any real skills, and pretty much made every horrific idiotic decision a young-now-aged woman could make.

So who does she blame it on?

Well she got fully infected with feminist indoctrination and now everything (obviously) is men's fault!

PATRIARCHY!
RICH WHITE MALES!!!
IF IT WASN'T FOR SEXISM I WOULD HAVE A LIVING WAGE JOB!!!!
REPUBLICAAAAANS!!!!!

It wasn't that she got knocked up at 16. Had more kids than she could afford. Or never bothered to get a degree in accounting, or bought a house she couldn't afford.

Nope, it's "patriarchy."

She's now pushing 60 years old and is the stereotypical cat lady. She's too old and ugly to attract a man with any means. She has no savings. I don't even know what she's doing for work nowadays (but by her complaining about a living wage, I'd bet below $15 an hour). And if you were to look back in her life, bar from the age of 0-16 (when she first got pregnant) her life has been hell. What's it like living in poverty your entire adult life AND with three kids? What's it like to get foreclosed on? What's it like to be delusional to think all of that is simply the fault of "men?" I don't know because I didn't screw up like she did, but I'd hate to find out.

Take for example another friend of my friend. This guy was an ardent leftist. "The government needs to pay for this. The government needs to pay for that. Why we deserve a basic guaranteed income. We deserve free health care and education. And by god if it weren't for those evil, rich, fat cats and 1%'ers, we'd have the American dream we were all entitled to!"

Good for him. It's nice to have dreams. The only problem is he mixed those dreams up with a heroin addiction and now (at the age of 48) is homeless, stuck in Minnesota while winter is upon us, and was hitting my buddy up for money to pay for "a hotel for just one night. I just need money for one night and I'll get back on my feet!"

Sure you will skippy.

Point again is I don't know what it's like to be homeless. I don't know what it's like to be 48 and bumming money off of people for lodging for ONE NIGHT. And I sure as hell made sure I would not be homeless as Minnesota's winter was upon me. All I know is I sure the hell never want to.

And if you don't know a feminist cat lady or a 48 year old heroin addict, I'm sure you can throw a stone and hit any one of the millions of Millennial (and Gen X) liberal art students who could not bow down enough at the alter of leftism and could not spend enough at a worthless liberal arts college. At BEST they're working as baristas at your local coffee shop, some well into their 40's. At worst they're resorting to living in cars and prostitution as they're zealously committed to their ideological religion more than their own well-being. But I don't know what these things are like either because I majored in a reasonably employable subject and worked multiple jobs if necessary so I didn't have to blow dick in a back alley to make rent.

I could go on.

Women who love government checks more than a husband, now aged spinsters with no one to love them, let alone visit them.

Our poorest community (that would be the black community) BLINDLY believing in government and Obama instead of themselves and the individual. Now they can only point to Detroit and Compton as pinnacles of democrat, leftist achievement.

The millions of aged Baby Boomer hippies who didn't save up enough for retirement and now desperately rely on Social Security.

And heaven help the Gen Z'ers and Millennials who actually believe in the 31 flavors of gender (or were forced to at the age of 7). Male, female, bi, and gay, I can understand. But the life long mental insanity they self-inflicted on themselves with zhe/zher/pansexual/transsapiosexual/or whatever other bupkis has seemingly only translated into mental illness, a 40% suicide attempt rate, and a life of mental hell.

Millions (and I would contend all) leftists in some way or another are suffering horribly living the lives they do.

But there is one simple variable running in the background that explains it all and ties them all together. And it explains why no republican, libertarian, conservative or simply "non-leftists" has to raise a finger or their voice to get their pound of flesh out of the leftists who vote to parasite off of them.

Leftists ignore the Reality Principle.
Leftists ignore reality.

And when you choose to ignore reality, living your life and basing your decisions in leftist-utopian la-la land, the real world will come down on you like a 100 megaton bomb and cause such unimaginable pain and agony, even I don't wish it on the majority of leftists who inflict it upon themselves.

For example, the REALITY of the labor market is that people demand things they want. And if you were to make a list of everybody's Christmas wishlist it is going to be populated with electronic gadgets, cell phones, computers, laptops, vehicles, clothes, games, drones, and a panoply of other goodies. Consider more boring "necessities" your old man wants and you add tools, gas, insurance, home repairs, auto repairs, lawnmowers, and a whole bunch of other stuff. But if you were to list the trades, professions, and skills that go into making and providing these things to the market, you will find NONE of them require people with "Women's Studies Skills." Or "Critical Thinking Skills." Or "Literature and Poetry" skills. Or "Communications Skills." They need engineers, accountants, actuaries, tradesmen, metal smithers, and a whole host of other people who actually provide VALUE to the rest of society.

But this harsh reality of having to work for a living, providing value to others, working a job you don't necessarily like, never dawns on the majority of American high school graduates. It also is antithetical to leftist thought. And so what do 67% of them do?

They major in the liberal arts.
They follow their heart because the money will follow.
They're going to major in something (because at the wise wise age of 18) they're going to "change the world."

Now i don't have to explain to you what happens a short 4-8 years (depending on if they're dumb enough to get advanced degrees in these fields). For while they glibly and arrogantly lectured your chemical-engineering-majoring-ass about how you were polluting the environment, and you weren't helping society, and how great they were "raising awareness" about the 3 out of every 2 women being raped on campus,

after graduation
after all the graduation parties
after all the pomp and circumstance was over
and after their parents and relatives are done kissing their asses

the rest of the remaining 55 years of their lives started. And ALL of those 55 years WILL entail a hell of poverty, scraping by, begging for grant money, and vainly trying to validate their value to society as a single mom in East St. Paul earning below $15 on Facebook.

Their lives are over.

They have reached their peak.
The remaining 2/3rds of their lives are now downhill and, frankly, pointless.

Let's take another example. Feminism.

Feminism is leftism + vagina. That's really all it is. Abdicate love, jettison pair bonding, and ignore your biological desire to get married and have some little rugrats. Those really smart 60's feminists came up with some theories about the sexual dynamics between men and women that in a short 60 years OBVIOUSLY obsoletes and replaces 2 million years of human evolution.

And most women (sadly, leftist or not, but disproportionately leftist) bought it!

Women don't need no man.
Fish bicycle.
You can have it all.

Have you seen the first test subjects this poppycock was tried on? You probably haven't noticed because the human eye is naturally gravitated towards youth and beauty, but look around at all the single Baby Boomer women. Short hair, no ring, wrinkly, aged and alone, and it isn't because they're widowed. They are the ones who "wanted it all" and by gum Oprah, feminists, media, and the government told them they could have it. Heck, Obama with "The Life of Julia" would pay for it with a government check. So off to have careers, children, husbands...and the inevitable divorce and mentally ill children that comes with biting off more than you can chew and outsourcing everything to day care. And so instead of a Norman Rockwell, nuclear family Christmas, you have what you got now - "*A broken family, step-half-brother sister...who the hell are these people??? Meet mom's new boyfriend and his bastard children from three different mothers*" Christmas. The larger point is no little grandchildren are going to be there. No husband or pair bonding will be there either. Feminists celebrate Christmas alone...which they probably don't because they're devoutly atheist...as they cuddle up to and kiss their government grant check (look out for paper cuts on your lip).

And just for good measure, a third example - millennial male feminists...heaven help them.

These effeminate boys actually believe, actually think that if they agree with women, parroting the leftist talking points they think women want to hear, they're going to get laid. In one ear their biology is screaming for them to get laid, in the other ear leftism is screaming at them to do the precise OPPOSITE of what's going to get them laid. Not only does this damn them to the world of perma-virgins and perma-friendzones, it condemns them to at least a decade of confusion. And given the overpowering biological urges they have, running smack dab against what leftism and feminism tells them to do, I can only

imagine a 7 year old raised to be transgendered by his vegan parents would suffer more mental pain and agony than this generation of poor lost boys.

At best you're Johnathan MacIntosh cause you're not collecting a government check.
At worst you're a NEET.
But regardless, you are not seeing a woman naked ever in your life and you validate the complaint "Where have all the good men gone?!"

The point is, even if you gathered all of your republican, conservative, libertarian and simply "non-leftists" buddies, and sat and conspired for weeks to concoct the most painful, horrific, devastating form of revenge on just ONE single leftist, the level of revenge you would exact wouldn't even compare to the lives leftists have chosen to live for themselves. And the reason why is that living outside the real world of economics, romance, love, logic, psychology, sex, friendship, and career ensures you will ruin those things forever in your life. And not only will you ruin them, they will torture you in every single one of those capacities until you are dead. Your life will not merely be "wasted" like a happy drunk or pothead, it will be TORTURED as your adamant and desperate belief in leftism never jives with reality. Again, if you think about it, it's a punishment you'd think twice about meting.

So this Christmas, and for the rest of your life, do not let leftists or the fact they're "getting free money" or "vote against freedom" or "vote to increase your taxes" lessen your finite time on this planet. Though they'll never admit it, they are getting punished ENOUGH. Just be happy and take solace in the sanity, serenity, and good mental health that comes with living in the real world. And as the impoverished single mom feminist screams at you on the internet, or the black nurse says white women should kill their babies, or a university allows you to "self-identify" as a different race, just pour yourself a drink, throw on some jazz, appreciate your non-leftist friends, share this post with some fellow conservatives and enjoy the decline.

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SHOCK! Liberal Art Major Single Moms With Inflexible Schedules Can't Find Work!

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The amount of stupid and ignorance in this article is just more proof as to how refusing to tell people (particularly women and single moms) the truth about degrees and having kids in a broken home has consequences, none of which are good. It makes me truly wonder if people in the media actually care about these people and just don't have the spine to tell them they fucked up, or if they're that stupid and actually believe majoring in "international studies" which having a kid out of wedlock has no ramifications for your employability.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

Privatizing Marriage

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I always wondered why the government has ANY say in marriage whatsoever. I'm sure it has to do with women needing men with guns to force men who banged them to pay money forever because, well marriage is essentially a very complicated and expensive version of prostitution.

BUT!!!

In an adult real world, theoretical place where intellectual honesty reigned supreme and we could have serious and adult conversation, I always wondered "what if I just got married privately and told the government to fuck off because it wasn't the public's business and I don't need no stupid fucking license."

Women Can't Do "The Maths"

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When you girls acknowledge majoring in stupid shit is why you don't make as much as men, then we'll talk. In the mean time, I am not going to heed your flawed claims "sexism" is why you don't make as much as men. You CHOOSE easier degrees that are...well..dumber than fuck. And when you stop acting "dumber than fuck" then I'll entertain arguments men are discriminating against you. In the meantime...you're just dumber than fuck.

Why I Recommend the Military

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Boys, wish my old man told me to join. I didn't. Consider it. And this cartoon, though from the 50's, is no less pertinent today.

What Exactly Is "Net Neutrality?"

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Matt Forney in a very empirical and logical approach answers with his excellent article at Return of Kings.

A Literal Economic Intepretation of Bitcoin

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Participate with me, if you will, on a simple mental exercise about supply and economics.

As bitcoin approaches $12,000 (may have even passed it by now) there is much hubbub and discussion about it, from some economists that are old and don't understand crypto-currencies to vested-interest parties who will champion cryptocurrencies to enrich themselves. But to more simply understand bitcoin (or any crypto-currency) let us simply do what we all learned in the 4th grade and....

divide.

To be literal, the exchange rate for all currencies should be a simple division between the global supplies of currencies. You take the number of yen, you take the number of dollars, you divide them into each other and you have the LITERAL exchange rate of the currency pair. You take the number of Euros, the number of Rubles, divide and that's the literal exchange rate. Naturally there's other future-looking variables that determine the value of a currency. If you're a leftist moron living in Venezuela or an idiot tyrant who hates white people in Zimbabwe, you'll just print off more money (because that always worked) and that will negatively affect the exchange rate of your currency. But in a literal sense the global supply of any two things should be their literal and mathematically precise exchange rate.

Carats of diamonds to tons of dirt.
US dollars to barrels of oil.
Silver to cement.
It can be done for anything.

However, bitcoin presents an even easier calculation. Whereas the amount of cement made and the ounces of silver mined is yet to be determined, bitcoin is finite in that there will only be 21 million of them ever in existence. So you only need to take the supply of any currency and find out how many units of that currency there is globally per bitcoin and you in theory have a price (inter-currency demand differences duly noted). And with roughly 4 trillion in US dollars in circulation that gives us

$186,000 US dollars per bitcoin.

Now there are other arguments as to why bitcoicn and cryptocurrencies have value. And (though I own bitcoin) I'm not terribly sure it has yet reached the full faith and acceptance as a universally accepted medium of exchange. But to introduce some simple math into the debate we need to realize we HAVE tripled the money supply since the financial crisis

and the debate I contend is not so much the value of cryptocurrencies or bitcoin, but rather the declining value of paper money we keep printing off.

This isn't to say that tomorrow the price of bitcoin should be $186,000. It may or may not. I'm merely pointing out there's 186,000 dollars out there in the world for every bitcoin...and that number is increasing as we print ourselves out of financial deficits.

I'll leave the speculation about bitcoin's price to the rest of you to discuss.

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If you can figure out Tinder, you can apply for jobs online.
Winter strikes Minnesota hard!
Garrison Keillor is out at MPR.
What will be considered "sexual harassment" 40 years from now?

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South America's Hillary Clinton

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Though what originally attracted me to this story was that Kirchner (Fernandez) might actually get arrested, the story mentioned the ex-president was sworn in as a senator last week. After her disastrous running of Argentina you'd think she'd retire and just go on off and enjoy her grandchildren and Botox, but no. All evil people have in life is foisting their evil on others.

Or Maybe Laura Davies Should Just Raise Her Fucking Children

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I love how the BBC doesn't provide the author's name in the article or allow for comments.

Goodbye Al "Fuckhead" Franken

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Sorry Al, if you were better looking and more charming like Bill Clinton you could have fucked whoever you wanted and the democrat women would have still loved you.

BLM Surprisingly Silent

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Beause

1. This isn't supposed to happen and
2. It doesn't fit the narrative of professional victimhood.

The Democrat Whore Who Lied About Roy Moore

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Uh oh!!!

You democrats just can't stoop low enough can you? Looks like your little lady friend was lying about the groping allegations...

from 30 fucking years ago.

You don't say!!!???

Color me shocked!

When real rape and sexual assault victims are no longer believed because you leftist women cried wolf so many times, don't blame us.

Silicon Valley Paying Whores..Errr..Models to Show up to Christmas Parties

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Remember ladies, these forward thinking, progressive companies care about you and CSR and diversity and women's rights so much.

How Valerie Johnson Perfectly Defines White Privilege

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If you didn't know, one of the local suburban mayors here - one Valerie Johnson - had a meltdown when she was challenged on "white privilege" during a city council meeting. There's not much to say about her (as there's surprisingly little about her on the internet), but I am not here to analyze her politics or to administer her The Clarey Test. There is more important role she serves and that is she allows us to truly understand what "white privilege" is so that instead of rolling your eyes the next time a leftist brings it up or blindly believing it as a liberal or leftist, we know exactly what we're talking about and we can actually move the concept forward and make tangible progress in improving race relations.

First, notice it is largely leftist white people who are the most ardent supporters of white privilege. Certainly non-whites may believe in the concept, just as women would be prone to believe in "male privilege," but when it comes to race notice it's most ardent cheerleaders are not blacks, hispanics, latinos, or Asians, but whites, typically in public positions. Mayors, congressmen, professors, university administrators, media types, even white people on social media. As long as the spot light is on them, they all eerily seem to really care about "white privilege."

This should raise the hairs on non-whites who believe in "white privilege" and raise the eyebrows of nearly everybody. Why is it white public figures all of the sudden have jumped on the white privilege bandwagon these past 5 years, while nearly no white person when asked in private believes in white privilege. There is something about being in public that forces you to believe in white privilege, bringing up the prospect that you really don't believe it deep down inside at all. And that missing variable is "acceptance."

Acceptance for what?

Well acceptance for your own personal advancement.

For example, it's very clear why mayoral candidates and other politicians claim to believe in white privilege - it gets them the minority vote. Notice how the entire New Brighton City Council is all white. Or how Minneapolis' former mayor was white too (but couldn't shut the f up about "privilege" her entire administration). Odd they believe so much in white privilege because if they did, they'd give up their seat and allow some non-whites to serve.

But it's not relegated simply to candidates for public office paying lip service to minorities to win their vote (the democrats have been doing that to blacks for years!). Take for example universities. Universities have be lauding their white-privilege and diversity credentials for about the past 2 decades under the premise they want to help minorities close the wage gap. And they intend to do that by providing minorities college educations that will lead them to great careers.

But do they?

In reality universities, and ESPECIALLY programs like "African American Studies" completely scam minority students out of their money simply to enrich themselves. I don't have to highlight the score of articles written about some poor minority college student who wasted $150,000 on some worthless liberal arts degree or got some kind of law degree in "social justice" endebting them an additional $200,000 in debt, and now can't find a job. Up front and with all the lip service, yes, these university professors and administrators all seemed to want to help non-whites, because.. "well of course! They SAID they believe in white privilege!" But in hindsight they simply robbed minorities (and especially women I might add) out of 100's of thousands of dollars and 4 to 8 years of their youth. The ulterior motive of public white people who stand by "white privilege" could not be any clearer.

And then there's just popularity. This is more the domain of social media and celebrity types. Angelina Jolie and others who adopt minority children are merely virtue signaling to show you what good, open-minded, non-racists they are (even though they don't give a damn about the children). The infamous Amy Biehl murder, whose parents forgave her black murderers, is another example of putting your popularity above...well, nearly everything else. But more commonly you just have to go to your average white woman/girl under 30's social account and she will more than likely, and loudly, proclaim how much she believes in white-privilege and can't wait to welcome some refugees into the country. Again, the hair on the back of your head should go up when a drunk white girl tries to tell you how much you're oppressed and how much she loves minorities because she's doing it for popularity and herself, not you.

This ultimately is what defines white-privilege (or any political concept of privilege). It is a tool to win over non-whites so that that person may advance themselves individually. The problem though is blaming white people does nothing tangibly to improve the plight

of minorities (hello democrat party? hello detroit?) Worse, it wrongly diagnoses the problem minorities, women, or other victims of privilege face, ensuring their problem is never solved and their lives never improve.

For example, you can take the TOTALITY of ALL the written works about racism and white-privilege, be it academic studies, journals, news media, social media and political speeches, etc., as to why minorities (bar Asians and middle-easterners and a handful of other races) make less than whites. It would be MILLIONS of pages long with hundreds of billions of words. And you could take all of it that has been written, read, or discussed over the past 30-40 years.

None of that will help minorities as much as the following microscopic bit of advice:

Do not have kids you can't afford.
Do not major in stupid stuff.
Do not get in trouble with the law.
Get good grades.
Wait until you're married to have kids.

You could take the same totality of everything that has been written about men and women, and sexism and misogyny. Which going back to the Susan B. Anthony/Elizabeth Stanton days would go back a hundred years. All the books written, all the screeds on feminist pages, all the words women's studies professors have said as to why women are oppressed, and let's just throw in the protests and "slut walks" to boot.

None of that will help women as much as the following few bits of advice:

Don't become a single mother.
Don't major in stupid stuff.
Learn math, IT, STEM, and programming.
Stay in shape.
It's alright to want a husband and kids.
It's alright to be feminine.
Your beauty will leave you some day.

And these two different bits of advice for two presumably oppressed groups exposes "white privilege" (and the white people who ardently claim to believe in it) for what it truly is.

Cowardice.

I have absolutely no reservations about telling people, minority or not, female or not, the truth. No matter how harsh, the truth is a better medicine than the most sweet tasting of

lies because it is the truth. It is reality. And any decisions made from or based in truth is going to be infinitely better and more successful than decisions made in lies. So the medicine may taste harsh, but it WILL solve the problem and it WILL, over the long run help out the intended recipient more than a lifetime of feelings-sparring lies.

But to tell the truth takes courage. In the context of "privilege" you have to face accusations of racism or sexism if you don't tell a political group what they want to hear. Heck, you can be part of the group yourself and you'll be called a traitor, an "Uncle Tom" even threatened and assaulted. But liberal, leftist, democrat white people simply do not have the courage NOR DO THEY CARE ENOUGH ABOUT MINORITIES to take this risk and tell them the truth. They are cowards. And not only are they cowards, their ultimate goal, their ulterior motive was never about advancing or tangibly helping minorities or women.

It was just to get your vote, money, acceptance, or popularity from you.

Therefore, I ask any minority of female who believes in privilege to consider these things. I'm not saying you DON'T have to believe in privilege or certain groups of people have it better off than you. What I'm imploring you to do is ask what REALLY is driving this odd choir of democrat white people to fervently, and ironically, universally claiming to believe in white privilege. They ultimately do NOT have your best interests at heart and Valerie Johnson epitomizes this, ultimately defining what "white privilege" is.

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When the Mainstream Media Says There's a Bubble in Bitcoin....Is There?

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Another curious observation I had about bitcoin.

It's meteoric rise recently has made every MSM outlet an expert and alarm sounder about bitcoin, it's risks, and how bubbly it is. But then it dawned on me...

Wasn't it these same people that couldn't see the housing bubble right in front of their faces in 2007?
Weren't these the same guys that would laud the latest Dotcom IPO, measuring its value in terms of Price to SALES because there were no earnings or profits in 1999?
Isn't is the same people who painfully, tooth-pullingly, are sheepishly admitting in 2017 that there MAY just be an education bubble?

You have the New York Times, Fast Company, even TIME for god's sake, nearly every tapioca pudding, dying MSM rag warning about bitcoin...

but these guys couldn't tell you when there WAS an actual bubble the past three times when these bubbles were slapping their dicks in these journalists' faces.

This makes me wonder, since their ability to predict and identify bubbles is so bad, wouldn't this actually be a GOOD sign for Bitcoin? A vote for the camp that bitcoin is NOT a bubble?

The reason I bring this up is because journalists and journalism majors are horrible

economists. They're bandwagoners. They're not capable of genuine thought and haven't been since the damn 60's. This doesn't mean that I don't think bitcoin is in a bubble (I frankly have no clue what the price should be), but I do know your average journalist banging out these dire warning articles about bitcoin doesn't understand how block chain technology can revolutionize the world's financial system, doesn't understand the economics behind currencies, and sure the hell can't grasp the concept of a digital ledger system.

So why (aside from a classical exponential price) do you think it's a bubble?

Truth is I own some bitcoin, but it's more like a lottery card for me. A bit of fun to see where this technology might go and someday I can tell my grandnieces when "ole Uncle Clarey owned bitcoin." But if it's the industry wide consensus amongst journalists that Bitcoin is overvalued, I can hardly think of a better endorsement that it isn't.

Dear Politically Undecided: Where is America's Political Insanity Coming From?

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I told the story before, but I'll tell the story again, but many years ago when Cappy was but a young 20 something in Minneapolis, it was a near-guarantee he would be the only non-leftist at the various house parties he attended. In part because of his peer group's age, in part because of Minneapolis' politics, he was almost always guaranteed to be the sole non-left at a party.

Sure enough this presented some social hurdles to clear in that sooner or later, usually in the midst of macking on some girl, a pansy, limp-wristed guy would come up to the Captain and tell the girl he was trying to woo that "did you know he's a REPUBLICAN!!!!???" Sure enough this would bring Cappy's Cary-Grant-level romantic advances to a screeching halt as the object of his affection would then start to interrogate him instead of waiver between going home with him.

To combat this the Captain would burn CD's (because that was the technology in the day) with various economic data so when the party he was at decided to gang up against him, he could point to the data, charts, and graphs empirically proving he was right, they were brainwashed, and perhaps they could reconsider their political and philosophical positions in life...and that cute redhead would go home with him.

Fat chance.

All that would happen is not much different than what happens today. If you didn't go with the crowd, if you didn't believe in socialism, if you didn't vote DFL/democrat, then you were a racist, hated women, murdered kittens, and punched puppies.

And so I learned early on that you simply cannot convince leftists or any ideologue who subscribes to a particular political religion because they did not go out and study charts,

graphs and data like the humble Captain did. Just like religion, they CHOSE to believe in said unsubstantiated political-religion and there's no way to convince somebody when they simply "choose."

Therefore, I'm laying down a challenge to those of you who are undecided, centrists, or are just apolitical. And that is to simply entertain...

one
simple
painfully clear

observation.

"Where on the political spectrum is America's current day political insanity coming from?"

Taking politics out of it, you have to admit that it seems American politics has become increasingly insane. Everyday in the news the internet seems to drudge up ever increasing and ever-more political insanity that not only makes you shake your head, but makes you worried about America's future. And though there is no way to neatly categorize these news stories, after some thought and consideration I've managed to come up with roughly 4 general categories you're almost guaranteed to see a new news story about insanity in American politics.

The first category is feminism.

Like the other three categories there is a limitless number of examples of political insanity. There was the pussy hat protests where women knitted pink hats, made to look like a woman's vagina, and they marched on DC to protest the election of Donald Trump. Closely related are slut walks that have nothing to do with the election of Donald Trump but is a favorite past time of feminists where they dress like sluts and march in public because women should be allowed to wear whatever they want without attracting the attention of men, specifically in the form of sexual assault and harassment. There's the fake rape epidemic epitomized by the University of Virginia's false rape accusation further perpetrated by an article in Rolling Stone magazine. But this should have been prevented had you followed Antioch's sexual consent policy where a man must ask, at each stage of sexual progress, permission to hold a girl's hand, put his hand on her shoulder, kiss her, and (GASP) maybe even fornicate! To top it all off, then there's feminists just yelling and screaming at the sky when Trump is elected, or (if you wish to be more formal about it) you put together an event where you communally yell at the sky to commemorate Trump being elected.

Second, and somewhat closely related, the ever increasing number of sexes.

10 years ago there was straight, bi and gay. Today, 63.

There are, of course, not 63 genders. There are three. Straight, bi and gay. The remainders are variations, derivations, and permutations of the aforementioned, introducing concepts like "sapio sexual" (being attracted to intelligent people) which are nothing more than splitting hairs. But while you'd think nobody would really believe in these ever-increasing number of genders, oh how mistaken you were. For not only does creating new genders make worthless academics feel like they're doing something for that taxpayer government grant you gave them, it also gives valueless people something to glom onto providing them false worth.

"I'm a pansexual androgine lesbian!"
"I'm a Masculine Bisexual Androfemale!"

Well good for you. Do you have a job? Do you support yourself? Are you majoring in engineering? Do you pay taxes?

And what you'll find out is they don't...but they *do* have that obscure gender nobody else does! And that's gotta count for something! Right???

The result is largely what you're witnessing among confused millennials where you have emasculated men, masculinized women, nobody having dates or sex, and an explosion in other forms of differentiation (yet no production). Tattoos, piercings, and (my all time favorite form of body mutilation) ear gauges.

This would be funny if it weren't for the fact these people insist on foisting their religion of pseudo-gender on the rest of society via law. Do you remember the transgender bathroom fiasco Americans were forced to endure? What about that bakery that was forced (then fined for not) baking a cake for a gay couple on religious grounds? It's all cute fun and games until you're forced through law NOT to acknowledge their sexual preference (which you should), but rather to obey these people's pseudo-gender religion and dance to their tune.

Third, racism and sexism any one?

The pinnacle example is privilege. It originally started with "white privilege" and "male privilege," but soon rapidly expanded (just like the number of genders) to include any other traits or variables normal, middle of America, Americans had.

Able-bodied privilege.
Mental health privilege.
Financial privilege.
Christian privilege.

Hetero privilege.

The insanity gets to be so much that unless you are a minority, non-straight female (or hermaphrodite) in a wheel chair who is not a Christian or hails from wealth...

then you should feel ashamed, guilty, and need to pay more in taxes.

Examples of political racism/sexism borne insanity doesn't end there. If you're part of BLM you apparently have the right to block interstates. Women will never seem to stop complaining about the wage gap, just as they never seem they'll ever be willing to major in subjects that will actually CLOSE the wage gap. We're going to remove George Washington's pew from a church because he owned slaves 250 years ago. And apparently women are so oppressed they can't afford birth control, so you better afford it for them.

This isn't to say racism and sexism hasn't existed in the history of this country or the world, but the above have nothing to do with race, but mental illness mixed with entitlement and a professional level of playing the victim for preferential treatment while cowardly hiding behind the genuine suffering of those who genuinely endured racism and sexism in the past.

And perhaps the most psychotic of them all - academia.

Here (like sexual harassment complaints) you can find a new and exciting example of mental illness coming out of America's colleges and universities EVERY DAY.

"Safe spaces," "triggering," "micro-aggressions," the aforementioned false rape accusation epidemic, all while you the taxpayers are guaranteeing these kids' worthless degrees.

The result is a generation of both professors and students who just refuse to adhere to reality or grow up, living in a state of perpetual adolescence.

Evergreen College's "day without whites."
Mizzou's racist temper tantrum in 2015 over...well, whites and privilege.
Dr. Jordan Peterson's refusal to use fake "zhe/zher" pronouns "triggered" precious Canadian college students.
And you just have to consult The College Fix to see a well-documented litany of higher education's complete unhinging from reality and its further sinking into the depths of insanity.

Now, I could go on, but, my fine centrist, politically undecided friend, riddle me this....

from where in the political spectrum is this literal mental insanity coming from?

I know, I know, back in the 80's you had to worry about the "religious right." Nancy Reagan might have told you not to do drugs and Christians prefer you not abort your children. And I know, I know, some right wing idiots protested in Charlottesville several months ago.

But in the totality of mental illness and insanity this country is drowning in, is it coming from the right or the left? The democrats or the republicans? The socialists or the capitalists?

The answer is simple. The left has a COMPLETE monopoly on the political mental illness that is currently infecting (or trying to infect) the country. The left TOTALLY owns the insanity you see coming across the news wires daily. It is the left that screams at the sky, feeds their infants all vegan diets, claim "Baby It's Cold Outside" is rapey, conjure up ideas like "safe spaces, ne'er leave academia to work in the real world, force people to use transgender bathrooms, force people to violate their religion, force people to use "genderless pronouns," and in general act like the world's most spoiled group of insolent, petulant little brats it has ever known, AND if you don't obey them, they threaten you with fees, fines, jail, the law, and force.

This is not an argument that you should all go out and become card-carrying republicans today. Nor is it to say the right is not without its problems. I am merely trying to point out which side of the political spectrum is leaving you alone to do as you please, while the other is demanding you do things for them, pay things for them, even demanding you THINK like them and if you don't, they will punish you.

Consider this the next time there's an election.

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I Don't Want to Bail Out Students OR Bankster Scum

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You're both idiot parasites who don't deserve bailouts.

Muslims Just Don't Get This Whole "Freedom of Speech Thing"

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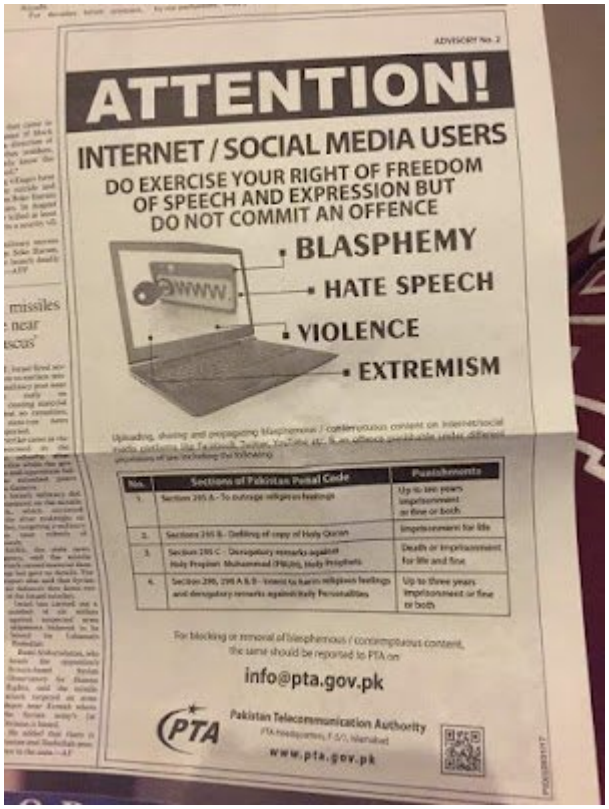

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Today's Shit Show

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Somali's spreading tuberculosis in Minnesota. Yea diversity!

Wolf whistling now banned on college campus.

Chinese students say, "If you can't get into the Ivy League, don't bother with US education."

Curse Free Podcast #30 - "Basic Bitch White People Parties" Episode

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Why Bars Should Turn Off the Sports Channel

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I am a connoisseur of American bars.

Be it the hoity toity bars sitting atop skyscrapers in downtown areas, serving $300 pours of scotch,
The run of the mill franchise bars such as Applebee's and Ruby Tuesday that dot the suburbanite landscape,
The classical dive bars that have hide out in the country's major metros, yet to be affected by gentrification,
Or the quiet token VFW or corner bar that every prairie state small town must have,

my motorcycle adventuring combined with alcoholism has ensured I've sampled my fair share of bars in these United States of America.

But one thing has remained consistent. A universal constant that you will find in every bar in America, whether you're in the desolate prairies of North Dakota or the schwankiest of schwank bars in the up and coming hipster area of New York City. You apparently need to have the sports channel on.

I find this annoying on several levels.

First, just because ESPN or Sports Center is on, doesn't mean there's an actual sport being played. Much worse are the limitless number of post-post-pre-post-pre sports shows that analyze either a game that was just played or speculate about one that is about to be played. If it was just one show immediately before or after a game was played, I could understand. But these channels manage to speak blather 24-7, whether or not there is something worth talking about.

Second (and worse), sports commentators put on the veneer that what they're talking

about is important or some kind of science. There's analysis, graphics showing the projection of the ball as if the quarter back did some geometric calculations before throwing it, and my favorite, where old retired players go out onto the field in suits (and tennis shoes) and explain to the arm-chair slob the "science" behind some kind of play re-enacting it with their knee replacements. This is only outdone with the quasi-political sports analysis show where they cover the latest news in the sports world as if it were "This Week in Washington." It's so painful I've often asked the bar tender to turn off the television or change the channel to AMC.

Third, though I appreciate a good game, much like political talk shows, female day time talk shows, or CNBC, 75% of sports channels' programming is just mind-numbing drivel. And I don't mean to say it's boring. I mean it's MIND NUMBING. It's painful. It's painfully pointless, it goes nowhere, it does not feed your soul or even slightly entertain your mind. It does nothing to advance you or improve your life. Now, admittedly I'm not your rank and file normie who wears another man's jersey drinking light beer at the local sports bar, horking down wings. Nor am I a dude bro who actually thinks there's a science or some kind of important analysis being conducted as I stroke my chin and call into sports talk shows to share my opinion why I think Bart Starr was a better quarterback than Brett Favre, as I contemplate majoring in Sports Management. But though I'm in the minority when it comes to America's obsession with sports, you can't tell me that the majority of men (and women) sitting in bars today are watching, even paying attention to what is being said on these various sports channels.

Finally, sports channels lessen the "bar experience" at certain types of bars.

If you run a designated "sports bar," then of course, the whole point and purpose of your bar is to show the game, the pre-game show, the post-game show, and the pre-pre-post-pre-post-post game analysis show. Open up the bloody mary bar, get out those wings, sell light beer at a discount special and open up the door for the hoards of other-mens'-jersey-wearing-men and they cheer on "their" team. But for the remaining 75% of bars out there, sports channels are lessening the experience.

I go to a bar to converse with my friends. Whet my whistle after a long stint on the motorcycle. To appreciate the wood work of the actual bar and the architecture of the bar itself. Often times just to see what the locals look like so I get a better feel of America. I even appreciate how they stack the bottles of booze to make an almost cathedral like work of art (eg. below, the St. Paul Hotel's bar in St. Paul, Minnesota)

All of that is ruined if you have the sports channel on, just like a loud thunderous fart in church. Sports analysis shows, faux sports "analysts" and "sports news coverage," and pre-pre-post-post-post-pre game shows ruin the ambience, ruin the experience, detract from people's intelligent conversation, prevent people from bonding, and lessen the overall bar-going experience. You are introducing a low-brow, idiot-talking heads level variable into what is likely a 115+ IQ environment. At best people ignore it, but most cannot help but look at the TV since it's being shoved right in their face.

But there is another more compelling reason for non-dedicated sports bars to consider turning off the sports channel, or perhaps ditching the TV altogether. Social media and smart phones.

I don't know if you noticed but your younger bar-goers are not watching the TV as much as they are their smart phones. And even if Jimmy McShootzemgood is providing his analysis of the recently completed Vikings Bears game, they really do have more important stuff to attend to on their smart phones. This doesn't mean your older clientele won't occasionally look at the TV, perhaps show up if there's an actual game on, but how much money would you save if you got rid of the score of flat panel TV's you have in your bar and got rid of your cable subscription? And would it cost you more in lost customers because you "didn't have the game on?" Admittedly many bars' business models rely on having the game on and showing sports to the bread-and-circus-consuming masses, but out of pure curiosity and experimentation could you just try turning off the sports channel for a week? Could you switch it to AMC or the cartoon network? I think you might be

surprised, especially if you're a higher end bar, just how little sports brings in customers, and how much money you'd save on a cable bill.

Again, this is not a call for all American bars to turn off the TV's. I understand the Normies of America need there "sportzball" and the critical analysis thereof the sports channels provide. But for those of us who just want to have a drink, chill out at an old oak bar, talk to the patrons at the American Legion, or not have our eyes and minds raped with the stupidity that is the sports channel, would you mind just changing the channel or turning off the TV just once to see what happens?

Guilty Until Proven Innocent

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Another reason men should consider attending online universities and not the ones you have to physically be there.

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Millennial vs. Gen X Cars

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Bad News for the Soy Boys

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All women - many of whom were leftists, feminists, liberals, labor and democrat mind you - prefer manly men to soy boys.

And let me say that again.

ALL WOMEN.

Ocean's 8

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Really? There's no original ideas left in Hollywood but to remake "with women?"

And isn't it insulting to women that instead of an original movie starring women, you simply take what men did 20-30 years ago and recast with women?

How hard was it to make Wonder Woman? That was original, starred a woman, and was a good original movie.

I guess I'll be watching more documentaries and listening to more history podcasts because I'm sick of the rehashes.

Episode #233 of The Clarey Podcast - "Minneapolis City Council Special!"

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Should you take back your ex (asshole consulting).
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How Tradthots Prove Western Civilization Doesn't Deserve to Survive

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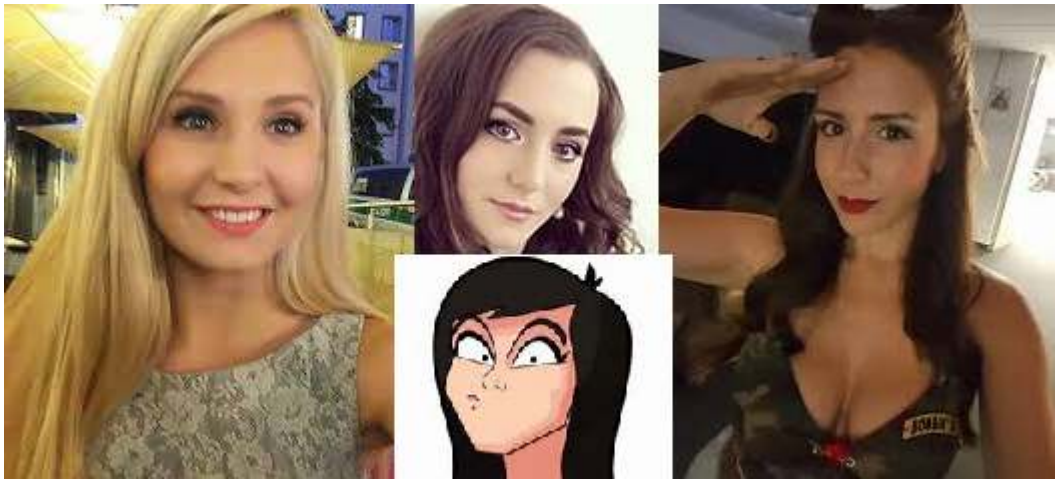

Six full years before "Conservathots" and "Tradthots" were coined, and a full 4 years before Laura Southern provided masturbation material for hard-up conservative beta males, there was a young girl called "Katie Kieffer." She was a local Minneapolis girl, attending the University of St. Thomas I believe, and she hit the local conservative news network with force. She was interviewed on the Jason Lewis show, she was interviewed on all the local conservative talk shows, she got a gig on Townhall, and soon was on Foxnews, CNN, MSNBC and all the other networks.

Who was this conservative starlet?
What great insights did she have into politics others didn't?
Was this the second coming of Ann Coulter?
And what sage wise Milton-Friedmanesque wisdom did this woman have?

The answer was "nothing." She was just the original "proto-Conservathot."

After hearing enough about her I decided to look into her and found out she was just a pretty young 23 year old, regurgitating political talking points that Hannity had been doing for decades, and economic philosophers for centuries. What particularly irked me was here was:

a spoiled child from the suburbs,
living on Daddy's dime,
attending a prestigious private college,
majoring in a worthless degree,
never worked a DAY in her life,
who couldn't possibly have the life experience to be sought after or championed by the

conservative establishment

yet

she gets on all the talk shows,
all the middle aged men in media pulling her favors,
a publishing deal from Random House,
for a millennial driveling book (though not a pamphlet like Laura Southern's),
paid speaking gigs,
and a plethora of other perks and preferential treatment that culminates into what is nothing short than an entire FREE life long career,

just because she's a cute set of T & A.

At the time I wrote it off for what it was - male nature. Old, middle aged men want to bang hot younger women. And if that rare unicorn of a cute young girl who isn't a liberal comes along, well just like the one black guy at a libertarian rally, he becomes your keynote speaker. And so I left it at that, knowing "boys will be boys."

But then an interesting thing happened since 2011. Specifically, bandwidth. It was increasing, coming down in price and this new company called "YouTube" was allowing people to make videos and post them on the internet for free. I thought it was a great innovation, allowing the new media to pull off the trifecta of print (blogs), radio (podcasts), and television(YouTube) that the dinosaur media had, but it opened hell's gate to a scourge that would inevitably flood us - the TradThots.

It started with Julie Borowski who to this day I do not consider a Conservathot. She was original, she was funny, and there was more than an ounce of original thought and originality to her videos. But what could not be denied was the disproportionate number of views and followers she had compared to her male contemporaries. A cute girl, saying obvious shit, would garner 500% more followers than men doing equal, if not, harder original intellectual work. And not only would she get 500% more followers, nearly all those followers would be sexually deprived, beta conservative cucks who would sing their praises, telling them daily, nay, ***hourly*** how beautiful AND intelligent they were, not to mention...

contribute livable amounts of money to their patreon accounts.

Once the word got out, it became apparent Julie was merely going to be the original pioneer, blazing a trail for scores of lesser Tradthot settlers. And from 2014 they came in by the truckload.

Tomi Lahren

Laura Southern
Libertarian Girl
Michelle Fields
Kirstin Tate
Brittany Pettibone
Shoe on Head
Lauren Rose

and my all time favorite

Leanne McAdoo

But come in by the truckload as they may, the scores of them rarely, if ever contributed anything of value, worth, or merit to the canon of conservative, free market, and libertarian work. Not one of them advanced conservative or libertarian thought. Not one of them originated an epiphany that might genuinely intrigue an intelligent mind. They were merely eye candy, the cheerleaders on the sidelines, yet playing make-believe as if they were actually doing the heavy lifting on the field.

If there was an ounce of intellectual honesty, a modicum of meritocracy amongst the "non-left," these Tradthots would be recognized for the more-or-less pointless people they are. Yes, they're pretty. And what guy doesn't like seeing a pretty set of legs on Foxnews? But they're not. They are instead instantly promoted to the top ranks of the establishment and social right. They are rewarded with the fanfare, followers, subscribership, and popularity they have today. Worse, the establishment invests precious economic, financial, time, media, and social capital into these Conservathots, more often than not presenting them as a poor face for the conservative movement.

But perhaps what was the straw that broke this camel's back was Laura Southern's book. And not so much her book, but the response to it.

Laura Southern, perhaps the "Queen Thot" of the "conservative movement," wrote a book with the title:

"Barbarians: How Baby Boomers, Immigrants, and Islam Screwed My Generation."

You would think with a deep and heavy title like that it would be a long and thought-filled piece. Each topic alone (Baby Boomers, immigration, Islam, Millennials, and generational economics) warranting easily 200 pages each. Why, this must be her pinnacle life's work. Her opus magnum. Something that would take weeks to read, perhaps years to digest, and would rank among "The Wealth of Nations" by Adam Smith.

It's a 90 page pamphlet.

90

freaking

pages.

This lackluster, lazy, and ultimately "mailing it in" work effort should obviously have been mocked and ridiculed right off the stage. Forget that it was written by a know-nothing (then) 20 year old child. Forget that it could not have done ANY of the topics in the title adequate justice. A book with that title coming in at only 90 pages should have an Amazon sales rank of 12,000,000th place, a 1 star review, and no more than 30 copies sold to close (and charitable) family and friends.

The reality?

It's currently ranked 58,000th place (VERY GOOD for a self published book)
Has 377 reviews.
And a 4.5 star rating out of 5 possible stars.

This puts this comic-book-size-joke of a book on par with OR ABOVE actual great intellectual works such as The Way of Men, Capitalism and Freedom, Pushing Rubber Downhill, and Bang. And it is SOLELY due to the fact that Laura Southern has a cute set of tits.

The lesson to learn here, however, is not one of besmirching, mocking and ridiculing Conservathots and Tradthots. In all honesty I can't blame these pretty girls (whether they're actually conservative or not) at all for capitalizing on their beauty. If conservative, libertarian, and non-leftist men are horny and stupid enough to reward beauty over intelligence, then so be it. I hope these girls continue to make millions on their patreons and really lousy books. But that's the key point right there.

"*Rewarding beauty over intelligence.*"

And that is why western civilization deserves to die.

Understand I don't expect a lot of people in my corner. Women are lobbied and propagandized to love a government check more than their family or husband. Minorities are lobbied to sacrifice economic success for the democrat party. And shoot, the political ideology of libertarianism, freedom, and excellence is just not all that palatable to the rank and file sheeple out there who want their gubmint gimmedats and craddle-to-grave hammock socialism.

But if you can't even get conservative and libertarian men to reward excellence, intelligence, freedom, meritocracy, and genuine intellectual originality over T & A, then what kind of society can you possibly expect to have? If you have what is presumably the most conservative, freedom loving and moral of men, the stewards and defenders of a free society, sending their likes, subscriptions, forwards, money, and overall general support to 21 year old female children because "titties" why should genuine intellectual titans, philosophers, and advocates defend that civilization?

I wrote the book "Enjoy the Decline" for a reason. And now that I see a cute set of tits is more important to the majority of self-proclaimed conservative and libertarian men than the freedom and greatness Western Civilization became over these past 3,000 years, you'll forgive me if I do just that.

If you want to read some REAL BOOKS that aren't merely 90 page pamphlets and actually...you know...have something intelligent to say, consider purchasing one of my books which you can find here. That's if you can take a break from jerking off to Tradthots and would like to actually improve your mind.

It's Called "Capital Flight"

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And it's a feature, not a bug, of socialism.

This is Why Everybody Hates the Millennials

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This. Exactly this.

"Sports Economists"

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Heaven help us.

What's Wrong with You Apple People?

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I always got a kick how Apple users claim to be independent and avant garde, but Apple is hands down the most tyrannical and controlling company out there when it comes to their products. You can't plug in an iPhone like a thumb drive and transfer files. You HAVE TO go through the iPhone store if you wish to listen to any podcasts. And now, Apple can just remotely slow your computer down if you downloaded the latest update. Perhaps you can all get some really cool tattoos to show how hip and independent you guys are.

Dude Bros Getting Their Cars Repossessed

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Uh oh! Oh nosies dude bros!

You mean that sales job

MBA

Frat connections

And all those networking events you attended

didn't pay the bills for your borrowed car?

Say it ain't so dude bro!!!

Don't worry. Order some more bottle service at a Vegas "ultra lounge" to impress your friends and that whore hanging on you because you spent other people's money you borrowed on her.

Cappy's Self Pitying Christmas Podcast

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Cappy gets sick of ill reared children sapping the life out of genuine intelligent conversation. And yes, that's the main theme of this self pittying podcast.

Sweden's Consent Law Goes Plaid

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Good lord. You're going to need sex contracts in your bedroom, replete with dates, signatures and everything. And even then, I'm seeing lawyers saying "Should couldn't sign that document because she was tipsy." Sweden indeed needs to enjoy the decline.

Alimony Not Deductible Under New Tax Plan

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Good Christ. When the republicans can't even get on the side of men, then why should you even bother trying to sustain this country?

Enjoy the decline!

The Boring Amazon Banner is Back

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Our resident model Cindy Moran will not return until the next Christmas shopping season. You may continue to make all your online purchases here or by clicking on the Amazon banner conveniently located in the right side bar.

Cenk the Sexist???

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Imagine that, a young man making jokes and sexist talk about women on a blog, in private conversation or in the locker room.

Much as I politically disagree with Cenk, this is what every guy does, as does every girl at a bachelorette party, their own discussion boards, and in their own private conversations. And if it were to come to light that women were talking/posting/podcasting lewdly about men, I would more or less just write it off as women having fun and gossiping about the opposite sex as everybody does.

But, since we are in Nazi-America, what a man said 10 years ago on an obscure blog is now being cited as concrete evidence of sexism, which in reality, it's just boorish, crass men being boorish crass men.

The only problem is Cenk has been politically championing this insane, totalitarian level of speech and thought control branded and sold by the left. If he stood up and said, "yeah, I said those things, and no I'm not apologizing. They were crass and rude, but that's male nature. And let s/he who's never made a crass joke about the opposite sex cast the first stone" this would have gone away and women would've even been more turned on by him."

But he is a leftist and alas, you must sacrifice yourself and obey the leftist political ~~party~~ religion.

Unconfirmed - Cenk resigns from TYT.

Some Underlying Economic Fundamentals of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies

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I answer an Asshole Consulting client's questions about whether cryptocurrencies are in a bubble, is there a "crypto-cult" of technologists, what's driving the value of bitcoin and the future of cryptocurrencies.

Name Me One Problem Charity Solved

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And while we're at it, name me one problem socialism, communism, non-profits, and simply "other people's money" has ever solved.

"We Got 'Em!" - Aka "The Position of Fuck You"

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I wanted to highlight this podcast by The Black Brigade Debrief because of a particular story he tells in this episode. It was about how one of his employers would say "we got 'em!!!!" when a new hire, upon accepting their job offer, would go out and borrow money to buy a brand new car or truck.

I cannot emphasize this enough about gray haired bosses and baby boomer scum and how they look at the younger generations as a source to feed upon. Your employers, the corporations, and supervisors do NOT look at you as some kind of "vital member to the team," but rather as a tool to advance their own aims. And they CONSCIOUSLY push younger people to endebt themselves so that you need them more than they need you, thus allowing them NOT ONLY the ability to squeeze more work out of you for less pay, but to maliciously and sadistically get off on treating you like shit.

Do NOT go into debt.
Do NOT buy cars you can't afford.
Do NOT sign mortgages for McMansions cause wifey poo wants you to.

Be a minimalist. Spend within your means. Stay out of debt. And get into The Position of Fuck You.

Diversity Uber Alles

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You did not hear about this stabbing because the media hates America, they hate white people, and they have a narrative, primarily one of diversity to uphold.

That is not an opinion. That is a fact.

However, I did want to paint some Enjoy the Decline like silver lining to this story.

1. It happened in Uptown which is arguably the most concentrated area of the Twin Cities of leftists.

2. It likely happened to a leftist, who went interviewed, admitted women should arm themselves, but stopped short of saying they should get a gun.

3. This was done at 8:30 PM which means there were SCORES of Uptowners in the area, many of which responded, but....

the assailant got away because I can almost guarantee you these Uptown leftist Minneapolis pussies didn't dare chase after the guy, or simply had not enough testosterone to chase him.

It could not have happened to a more deserving community who is insistent upon voting this stuff in upon themselves.

Deprioritizing Women in Your Life

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I can honestly say (as will most men) that the single largest waste of our time was chasing girls in our youth. A friend of mine and I often noted that had we spent the same resources, time, energy, and finances pursuing doctorates or careers, we would be immeasurably better off, and arguably with the same level of success with women. The "repriortization" or "depriortization" of women in your life is not only key to the success of every young man, but ironically, the key to being successful with women. Merely "chasing girls" does not build character, galvanize you, give you skills, or make you into the man women seek out. But pursuing your own hobbies, interests, careers, and education does, ironically meaning if you want women, don't make them a priority.

Still, I had a client ask an interesting question about when did I realize the time and resources spent pursuing women was not worth it and the story is of value for any young (or old) man today.

Episode #235 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Cappy visits The Great One in the People's Republic of Fort Collins and they talk about:

Nebraska and Sterling, Colorado.
How Foghorn Leghorn was the original MGTOW.
What happens when liberals leave college? Do they EVER succeed? No.
The For Profit Rape Industry.

And MORE in THIS EPISODE of the Clarey Podcast.

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Where's My Sugar Mama!!!??

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The only flaw in this otherwise brilliant article is that he does not account for the fact that a disproportionate percentage of women's employment is with the state, non-profits, education, HR/CSR, and outright make work jobs.

In other economic words - unsustainable.

If we have women truly equal to men in terms of employment in fields such as engineering, accounting, IT, medicine, etc. etc., then these long term shifts and changes might result in a permanent overcoming of genetic programming. But the true time stamp on this phenomenon is when governments run out of money and the economic production of the productive/economic industries can no longer produce the wealth and profits necessary to pay for the economically inefficient industries that allow for "diversity counselors," "professors," "lead facilitators," "activists," and "CSR heads." (That, or simply a more aggressive culture takes over the pansified-male country either through war or breeding, and enforces much more medieval sexual norms on society.)

When that (either) happens, the genetic-biological-and-economic clock will reset and it will go back to how nature programmed us 2 million years ago. But, by all means, keep believing women will be "manning up" and asking men out in 100 years.

If Any Cappy Cappites Need Work

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Alex at Academic Composition is hiring! His message below!

Happy New Year to all of you! 2017 has been remarkably productive and we've achieved tremendous growth.

Looking forward to another terrific year and many of you have already helped us get to where we are now.

With your help, we can continue to grow and now, we are in the position to offer gigs in much larger quantities.

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Once you complete these three steps, email me for further instructions.

I'll send you the ads you may post and other specific guidelines.

The Spring semester will pick up very quickly and you will generate plenty of leads.

Contact us directly at academiccomposition@gmail.com for information about compensation and other questions!

Before You Buy a Business

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Though he is a sponsor of my show, I wanted to plug David Barnett here on the blog because not only is his service one many of my blog readers might use, but it is vital you do if you intend to buy a business.

Short version, THERE IS A TON OF RISK in buying a business. And you are statistically likely to LOSE MONEY on your "investment."

The solution? Simple, don't. Contact David over at Business Buyer Advantage. He was a business broker for 25 years and now runs his own show replete with blog, YouTube Channel, books, and classes you can take that for AT MOST a couple grand up front, save you from losing your 401k, RRSP or filing for bankruptcy.

Trust me, I worked in banking and beginner entrepreneurs and business owners FAIL more than they succeed because they're too damn naive and optimistic about their chances. Contact David, tell him "The Captain sent ya" and make sure you don't ruin the next decade of your life.

Sit Down Money

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If you are a young man looking for older man wisdom may I suggest Adam Piggott's podcast on "Sit Down Money?"

Is the Student Loan Bubble a Conscious Conspiracy

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Yes and no. But it would not be possible without the BLIND following of millennials and Gen Y'ers sheepishly attending college for "the college experience."

Oh! And by the fucking way, when you actually love or care about your children enough to NOT send them through this hell hole and a WASTE of 4 years of youth, maybe you'll consider buying them this book.

Should You Become a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner?

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I know a lot of you Cappy Cappites are interested in the medical field when it comes to choosing a profession. However, the amount of education to become a doctor can be daunting, not to mention, not worth the time/pay/sacrifice, especially if you're a minimalist or don't need to make $250,000 a year. Our Health Care Agent in the Field sent this and I believe it will be of use for any young lieutenant out there looking to enter the health care field.

PA (physician assistant) vs NP vs Education (assumes people don't start in other career tracks or other jobs). For reference, CRNA (nurse anesthetist) has similar training time at NP but the salary is MUCH higher

Ages 18-19
PA - Pre-requisites for PA school
NP - Halfway thru nursing school for RN degree
MD - Halfway thru undergrad for Bachelors degree (pre-requisite for med school)

Ages 20-21
PA - start in PA school
NP - finishes nursing school with RN degree (can choose to take time off and actually work as RN for over 60K per year)
MD - finishes undergrad (hopefully), starts APPLYING for med school --> needs $$$ for applications and travelling to interviews, over 25% of med school students have Masters and/or PhD's and/or other degrees BEFORE starting med school. But for sake of brevity, assume best-case scenario that this hypothetical student goes straight to med school

Ages 21-22
PA - can start working, may do an extra year of "internship" which is required for certain fields (surgical PA, ICU, etc)
NP - starts first year of NP school (already has RN degree)
MD - starts first year of med school

Ages 23-24
PA - has been working for 3 years (2 years if he/she did an internship)
NP - start final year of NP school
MD - finishes 3rd year of med school, still 1 year to go

Age 25
PA - has been working
NP - has been working and easily has been earning over 60K during first year of work

(because that's what an RN makes and NP's are paid much better)
MD - starts final year of graduated med school, start looking for residency --> spend money on application process and travelling to interviews. This assumes that the MD didn't get a dual degree (MD-MBA, MD-MPh, MD-JD, MD-PhD) which is required for certain areas (administration, research, etc) and can add 1-2 years to med school.

Age 25-28
PA - working
NP - working at 80-100K per year
MD - doing residency and earning 50-60K per year while working 50-80 hrs per week --> please note that this is bare minimum of residency for physicians and that the average residency is actually 4 years and some of the surgery programs are 5-7 years (some academic centers require residents to take a year off clinical training and do research work and get publications)

Age 29
PA - working
NP - working, salary is probably ~100K per year at this point
MD - starts work, although > 70% will do a "fellowship" which is an advanced residency that lasts 1-3 years (ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY for some of the specialized fields) where salary 65-80 K per year (comparable to senior RN or newly-minted NP)

In reality the MD will probably be 31-32 before he/she actually starts working. The NP will have already earned over $300K and the CRNA has earned over $400K at this point.
A primary care doctor's salary is comparable to CRNA, so a primary care doc will NEVER catch-up to the CRNA in terms of money, but this primary care doc should surpass the NP in terms of $$$ earned sometime in the late 30's or early 40's.

A specialist, who can earn over 250K (if they're investing their money and/or they have administrative duties at their hospital/clinic they can earn upwards of $500K) will surpass the NP in his late 30's and the CRNA in his early 40's.

As you told the young man: Go the NP route unless you plan to specialize, become an administrator, or really have an calling to be a doctor.

Lastly, for PA's and NP's who want to go to medical school to pickup some extra training (because there are some things that only MD's can do), most medical schools have accelerated programs that let the PA's and NP's skip entire years of medical school. Additionally residency would be a breeze for these folks and they would have the opportunity to pick-up the actual nursing shifts on their weekends off.

Who Started the Sex War?

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Women did.
Men will finish it by not participating.
And the end result will be women asking "where have all the good men gone" and men serving a plate full of "meh."

It's Green, It's Organic, It's Fair Trade, It's Raw!

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There's a sucker born every minute.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, if I ever lose the current moral gig I got for myself I am IMMEDIATELY pulling an Oprah/Democrat Party and selling lies to the morons who will pay with their LIVES for it. Sheep want lies that hurt them and they will pay for it. I cannot think of a more profitable and easy life than selling lies to the weak-minded that deserve it.

Cowboy Bebop Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

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If you didn't remember, there was a "Copyright Sunrise 1998" script at the bottom of every video. But if you were like me and too busy paying attention to the perfect Japanese anime that was unfolding in front of you, you are forgiven.

Still, you're old, so let's review what Cowboy Bebop did for us all.

First, it was unique in that most Japanese animation sucks. I remember getting excited when Robotech hit America's shores and if you watch it today, though horrible, it's still better than most anime coming from our Japanese cousins. Cowboy Bebop improved, if not, perfected upon that becoming the one oddity of Japanese anime that didn't completely suck. There was a plot, nobody turned into monsters or mecha, you could follow it, and the character development was so good it made you sad, if not furious when it ended.

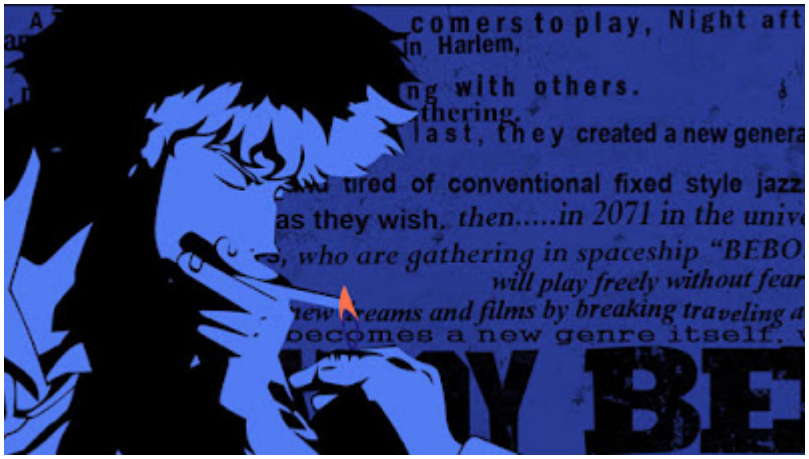
Second, it was original. I know people love "Firefly." I too love "Firefly." But let's just admit it. Firefly is simply plagiarism of Cowboy Bebop (though I do believe Joss Whedon did originally develop it). Cowboy Bebop was a very welcomed original idea and original

work that global audiences desperately needed as Hollywood embarked on its sequel-prequel regurgitation slop binge that plagues us 20 years later. You truly didn't know what was going to happen in Cowboy Bebop because it was truly original. It actually left the viewer to wonder.

Third, it was instructional. If you watched Cowboy Bebop you likely had poor role models in the real world. Your parents divorced, your dad wasn't around, your dad may have been around, but was a pansy, and the last bit of true manliness that was on TV was Spike and fatherly Jet. After 1998 the male role model was more or less absent, but every young man back then and today looks up to Spike, Jet, John McClane, and Tony Stark for idealism, masculinity, and a goal to aim for. Also, the harsh lesson of reality was painfully apparent in the life of Spike and Jet. Life was not easy, life was in fact, incredibly unfair and painful. But a flippant accepting attitude of this reality, combined with a zealous adherence to secretly-held morals and principles (of which you controlled) manifested itself in the form of calm, cool collected Spike and the long-suffering Jet. They may have not had beef with the bell peppers, but they had perfectly honed moral compasses and thus became models for any human with an ounce of morality and goodness within them.

Finally, it was beautiful. I know most of the people today can't get enough of the indistinguishable slop served up as rap, country music, or whatever Beyonce and Taylor Swift barf out of their mouths every month. But Cowboy Bebop was not made for the normies, conformies, inferiors, and lemmings. It was made for superior people who

appreciate true art. And the musical score of Cowboy Bebop is just not even approachable. It was perfect. One could even say the music was wasted like pearls on swine as most people were thinking "meh, it's kind of cool, but why is the dog there?" instead of listening to the amazing score that contexted the show.



In the end Cowboy Bebop is one of the most perfected and beautiful forms of art humanity has ever created. I strongly recommend that every person watch the movie as an introduction to the series, and if not, outright buy the entire series. You will not be let down, it will improve you as a human being, and you will almost be depressed that this art ended so early. Alas, that is what true Cowboy Bebop fans want - more. But a mistress who doesn't leave you wanting more wasn't much of a mistress now, was she?

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Global Warming Isn't a Real Thing

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It's just a bunch of crooks sucking on the tits of taxpayers' money.

The Hatred of Men in America

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I said it before, women started this war. Men will end it by simply walking away.

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How Western Governors University Will End the Insanity at American Colleges…Sort Of

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A long time ago a fan of mine put me onto WGU or "Western Governors University." It is an online college that charges less than half the national average in tuition, it's accredited, it allows you to study from the comforts of your own home (or anywhere, really), you don't have to commute, pay for parking, walk in the cold, get falsely accused of rape, attend marxist indoctrination seminars on "diversity" or "privilege," take worthless pre-requisite classes, or pay idiotic "student service fees." It (along with ASU online) is one of the first accredited colleges to do one simple thing that:

banks
brokerages
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and ***nearly every other sector of the economy has managed to do these past 20 years***.

Offer their service online.

Of course, colleges have absolutely no incentive to go online even though their product (education) is ideally suited (i.e. - a service, not a physical tangible product) to be sold over the internet. Because if they did start offering accredited degrees over the internet, nearly everyone in higher education would lose their jobs and have to go find real ones in the real world instead of teaching.

One excellent professor can deliver a superior seminar or lecture to millions of students over the internet for a fraction of the cost it would take thousands of inferior in-classroom professors to do so.

You certainly don't need student centers, dorms, sports arenas, safe spaces, classrooms or any other physical buildings, let alone the land or infrastructure required for a college campus. Just some servers and IT staff.

And all those college administrators, professors, diversity counselors, diversity directors,

directors of inclusion, dorm managers, coaching staffs, student aid officers, janitors, counselors, and consultants? Gone. Again replaced with...well...some servers and IT staff.

If you think about it, the cost of college tuition should be approaching zero. It's just so few colleges dare to offer accredited degrees online that what few entrants there are can still charge a pretty penny (though half the cost...and 1/100th the hassle and brainwashing...of that of physical schools).

According to economics this less costly, less painful, and ultimately superior product should cause a mass exodus from America's traditional colleges and universities and into the new online ones. This exodus I believe would also be doubly encouraged by the never-ending price increases in physical colleges' tuition and the fact the upcoming generation of college students (Gen Y) have spent their entire lives online. And though we won't know for sure until it happens, it's almost as obvious that today's physical colleges are as outdated and obsolete as the horse and buggy, the typewriter, newspapers, and ESPN.

There's just one problem.

Tell today's college bound kids that.

The truth is we...well...don't tell the youth the truth. We lie to them. Every day we tell them they "have to go to college." That the "key to success is college." By god, if you don't go to college you'll end up poor, alone, and (GASP!) *not as successful as your peers! And you don't want that do you?*

But there is something else much more fundamental going that adults, parents, and people-you-shouldn't-trust-because-they're-over-30 don't understand. And that is we have created such a hopeless, prison-like environment in the K-12 education system that these kids literally have NOTHING ELSE in life to look forward to than college. We don't teach them about the trades. We don't teach them about potentially joining the military. We don't teach them about homeownership, repair, housekeeping, having kids or the American dream. And I don't know one family that sits their kids down and tries to teach them about the importance of love, friends, family, and their future, giving them a kernel of hope there's something better for them in life than "just more school." This myopic focus on college ensures that young people today view college more like a young lady views her wedding day than they do an incredibly expensive and important financial investment in their future. And thus a fair amount of college-bound kids do not view college as an education, but a birthright entitlement called "The College Experience."

This will cause a split between America's college-bound.

Serious kids who want to invest in a real education that will increase their lifetime earnings.

and

Defeated kids who, lacking real guidance and upbringing from their parents and teachers, just want to escape to The Promised Land of ~~Canaan~~ College for the "college experience."

And this is how the insanity at America's colleges will end...more or less.

With physical colleges being unable to compete for the real college students, their attendances will drop, their revenues drop, and the quality and caliber of their students will drop. Again, this won't happen over night (and online colleges will have to start offering more STEM and engineering degrees if they wish to accelerate this process), but it is already happening. Tuition is getting so expensive it's forcing kids to look for cheaper alternatives, plus the internet is exposing higher education for the racket it is, not to mention breaking the information monopoly the old "Baby Boomer Era" of professors, teachers, and deans held in analog days over their students. The worthlessness of many college degrees is becoming apparent and alternatives to attending the "big university" are becoming increasingly well-known to college-age youth.

But this exodus will not only leave traditional, physical college with less money, but it will also leave them with the poorer-quality students. The mere "dreamers." The "college experience" students. The pot-smokers. Those who don't take their studies seriously and largely major in worthless subjects to post-pone adulthood for another 4-8 years, perhaps their entire lives by becoming professors themselves. This will not only result in physical colleges becoming more hostile towards serious students (protests, made up student fees, forcing people to attend "sensitivity training, accusing people of privilege, etc.) and thus further driving them into the arms of online colleges, but it will highlight to the world just what a mentally insane (and ultimately worthless) environment physical colleges have become. Combine this with the internet, and the DAILY insanity is hilariously/tragically chronicled for all the world to see.

What's worse for physical colleges, however, is while all the world will witness their mental and childish behavior, they are so inoculated in their precious world of academia they're completely unaware how they're driving students away. And thus, they will not only continue this insane, even hate filled behavior, but turn it up to 11...then 12, then 13, then 50, inevitably deterring even the most brainwashed of students because it will have turned into nothing but a radical, hate-filled cult of leftist, mentally damaged inferiors. Alas, slowly, but surely, physical colleges will no longer be bastions of true diverse and independent thought, with 10's of thousands of students, but poorly-attended liberal arts colleges that the world will make fun of...and never hire from.

In the end we will never get rid of the allure of "The College Experience." There will always be mis-informed kids who were so ill-raised they will have nothing else "but" in their lives. But with the power of the internet, both in terms of the nearly-free education it can deliver and its ability to expose just what a toxic and worthless institution American higher education has become, we can maybe start saving generations of youth from making the crippling mistake of paying for overpriced worthless degrees instead of feeding them to the meatgrinder of Big Education.

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Why I Can't Take Feminism Seriously

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When you bend over backwards and reach so far as to make cryptocurrency "sexist"

AND

you get published in a major government news outlet because you are just so oppressed

you'll forgive me if me and the rest of the world just laugh at feminism and feminists and accurately ID you for the pathetic, sad whiny entitled children you are.

When Feminism Jumped the Shark

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Feminism is just a laughing stock. A sad, pathetic laughing stock now, completely removed from reality.

Episode #237 of The Clarey Podcast - Feminist MBA School Special!

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Why you need a day off.
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Will Trump's EEOC Go After Google?

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I know it's a personal law suit, but if this susses out to be true, the EEOC might have grounds to go after Google.

Canadian Bloggers: 25% Off!

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Just a friendly reminder. While the US economy grows (somewhat) under Trump and his policies seem to have somewhat of a positive effect on the economy (though still yet TBD), Canada is stuck with the world's biggest and softest trust fund baby who's never worked a day in his life and wants to use Canadian's money to make foreigners and parasites love him in a popularity contest! This (along with a drop in oil prices) has made the Canadian dollar drop about a quarter from the US dollar.

Which means it's never been cheaper to donate to Canadian bloggers you love and adore.

May I recommend two of them?

Kate at Small Dead Animals.
Stefan Molyneux at Freedomain Radio.

I know you beta boyos are too busy donating your money to cute conservathots that say obvious shit, but if you could perhaps donate money, AND AT CHEAP RATES, to our real Canadian friends to help advance freedom and philosophy?

Leftists Will Scare Away Rightists

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But when all the rightists are gone, who will they parasite off of then?

Oh, wait, that's right. Themselves.

BTW, if you wanted to see the person responsible for this article, please check out this piece of work!

She won "awards!"

Why Herman Cain Should've Been President

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I delve into the true role racist politics should play in American government. Republicans are at least noble and honest while the democrat party painfully made it clear they are a party of tyrants and not democracy when they screwed Bernie Sanders out of his rightful place in the primary.

Still, all that doesn't matter. Herman Cain should've been president, and if he was, it would have been a true testament to the fact minorities can indeed advance America foward.

Global Warming from a Technical Perspective

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A humbling video from a fan of mine, starting his own YouTube channel

The Man Who Escaped Seattle

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Given Seattle's recent leftist insanity of instituting a soda tax and trying to install a municipal income tax (which is against the Washington State constitution), normal, self respecting people who like freedom and hate taxes will want to flee from it.

One man did where he escaped up into the Cascade mountains, bought an old shack, has converted it into his bachelor home, replete with refurbished wood burning stove, and now works remotely while also writing books and hiking. He also started podcasting and whereas I normally wait till podcasters are a bit more seasoned before linking to them, his episode on escaping Seattle is definitely worth a listen.

It will also has to serve as a substitute for my podcasting this week as I've been migrating from Vegas to Phoenix and got sick for the past two days, doing barely anything but the bare necessities. Hopefully, I will be back in full force this weekend with a regular level of production.

What College's Fear Most - Corporate Training Programs

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It was before my time, but like "nickelodeons," "World War I," and "dinosaurs I was reliably informed about an equally extinct phenomenon from America's days' past.

"Corporate training programs."

You see, apparently, waaaaaay back in the day, corporations and employers would hire you, often times fresh out of high school, mayhaps even before and then, and...

(GET THIS

No, really you have to sit down.

No, honestly, this is going to floor you!!!)

then they'd TRAIN YOU in the job you were hired to do!

I know! Who knew! Those crazy old people with their antiquated ways and walking uphill both ways to school!

Anyway, apparently what ended up happening was about the time the baby boomers took over corporate America they realized that instead of training people for specific tasks, they would instead simply require you have more education in a field that was at best tangentially related to the specific duties that would be required of the job. So if they needed a credit analyst they would require somebody have a degree in finance. If they needed some one to manage a fish store, they'd require a business degree. And if they needed a computer system administrator, they'd require a degree in computer engineering.

Now, you might be asking, "Captain, well those degrees are pretty general and not specific enough to help do any one particular job. Even if I had a business degree, I would still need to learn a little bit about fish and their fish like ways. Wouldn't these new baby boomer bosses, you know, still have to train you in a little bit?"

And you would think so Younger Generation American. But you see, the baby boomers had two solutions to that problem!

"Steep learning curve."

And

"I don't have time to hold your hand!"

And thus with those two mere phrases, combined with requiring you spend 4 years earning a degree, they completely outsourced all their training expenses, ne'er having to spend another cent training their actual employees.

Of course, employee loyalty tanked. You had to start employing the other half to make ends meet in an American family budget. Not to mention every Gen X'er and Millennial want to kill pretty much ALL baby boomer bosses, but you see what REALLY mattered was that baby boomer bosses didn't have to actually, you know, like "manage" their employees and could just sit in meetings all day kissing ass for promotion.

This lasted for about 40 years and certainly is still heavily practiced today (as most baby boomers didn't adequately save for retirement and have to work well past 70 asking us younger people how to use Excel as we pay for their social security). But some interesting things happened over those 40 years.

First an educational arms race occurred where an increasing percent of the population was required to get an increasing (and unnecessary) amount of education for entry level positions. And so whereas a job in 1950 required a high school diploma, that same job required an associates in 1980, a bachelors in 1990, and a masters in 2010. This manifested itself in the "Masters Preferred" phrase that was typically used in conjunction with "Steep learning curve" and "I don't know how to use Excel." Never mind a young man or woman was now required to spend an extra 6 years in school and $125,000 on post-high school education, it was more important the future generations cripple themselves financially so baby boomer bosses didn't have to pay for training or get their hands dirty actually managing.

Second, there was something happening at the actual schools. Since there was an educational arms race occurring, demand for degrees shot up. Baby boomers, always deathly afraid of Excel, found this a win win. Not only would they require younger

generations get completely unnecessary degrees, but they would also be the professors who would teach (and also charge $250 per credit) for those degrees. This worked for a while until two variables became so critical it actually destroyed the value of degrees, no matter how much the baby boomer bosses demanded them in the real world.

1. The cost of tuition got too high (both in terms of time and money).
2. The quality of the students graduating with masters degrees were of poor quality, unable to meet the demands of the real world.

Enter the internet.

By all accounts and measures colleges should have been replaced long ago with online certifications by the government where you could simply test for your "finance degree" or "HR degree" much like IT and computer professionals test for their certifications. It would have saved Gen X and Millennials trillions, but remember, baby boomers who have nightmares about Excel and inadequate retirement savings need to keep this obsolete facade up so they may parasite off of their beloved future. But no matter how much they controlled the economy, no matter how much they lied to their children, inevitably newer industries led by smarter people would come along, obsolete them, usurp their power, and implement a more efficient and moral way to train in the younger generations.

And thus we have come full circle where increasing number of companies are offering...

(get ready for it!!!!!)

TRAINING PROGRAMS!!!

Sprouts and saplings of training programs have existed more or less for the past 15 years. More Millennials and certainly Gen Z'ers learn MUCH MORE from YouTube than they did all their teachers, parents, and professors combined in 17 years of schooling. Online and free colleges, or at least educational opportunities are forming in the form of EdX, Coursera, and bootcamps. And even accredited online colleges exist now that charge 1/3rd the price of tuition for an increasing number of degrees (not to mention, void of parking fees, commuting, waking up at 8AM, and $400 textbooks!) The internet has made training so cheap, and the baby boomers made traditional education such an absolute EXPENSIVE and psycho-sh!tshow, sanity is once again prevailing in the labor market and corporations are bringing back training.

I know this ancient and outdated phenomenon - like the nuclear family, 4.25% average GDP growth, masculine men, feminine women, and all things from the 1950's - is evil. And I know that Millennials and Gen Z'ers view "the college experience" more of a birthrighted party, which if taken away would be about the worst thing that could happen in your ignorant unwise eyes. But if we were to be logical about this, think it through, and

ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT FUTURE GENERATIONS, we could do away with forcing every young person to waste 6 years of their youth and $150,000 in unnecessary expenses if we just fully embraced online education and brought back the "corporate training program."

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New App to Get Legal Consent for Sex

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Sadly (and necessarily) it's come to this.

Now imagine if all you boys forced women to sign/use this app every time they wished to makey with the bam bam. It MIGHT get annoying (and unromantic) enough that there might be some backlash to this insanity….oh who am I kidding.

Enjoy the decline.

Mark Zuckerberg Enjoys the Decline!

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Smart move Mark.

Very smart move!

Enjoy the decline Mark!

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"Cappy comes down off the mountain."
Cappy meets a retired cop at the cigar lounge.
The importance of great human conversation.
Psycho vampires who suck the life out of you.
Problems coming your way that you can't predict.
Single mom with Masters in Education can't pay student loans.

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Elkin's Comprehensive Tax Guide for 2018

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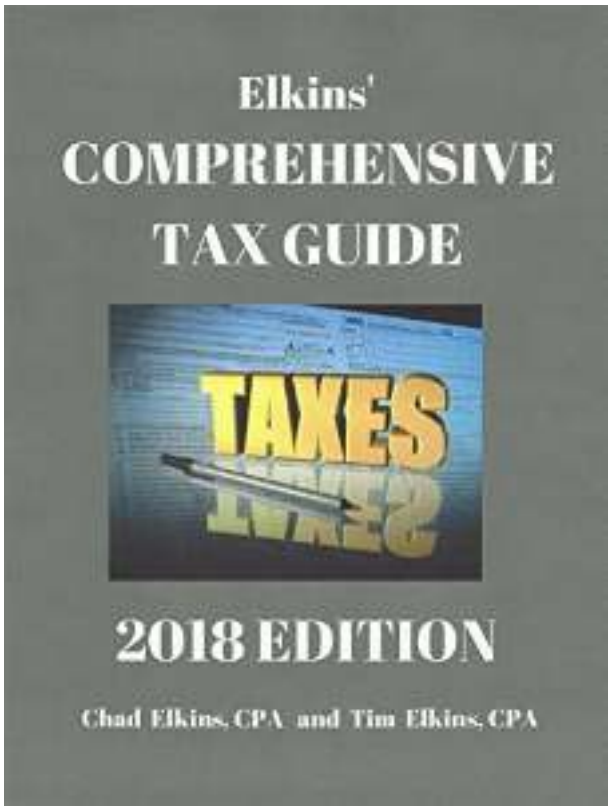
Mr. Elkins and Chad are out with their 2018 tax guide!



They also composed an addendum for the tax changes in 2018 titled "What Taxpayers Need to Know about the IRS 2018"

The Society of MTFU

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We promise to do our part, but we'll need your help to change the world.

Please help us by joining the MTFU revolution.

Even MIT Doesn't Escape the Stupidity of Higher Education

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You can get a fucking pirate certificate.

Albeit I'm sure it's all fun, wipe the shit from your face MIT. Higher education has a reputation problem if you haven't noticed.

XYZ Downunder

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Introducing a new blog. XYZ. Brought to my attention by the Talented Mr. Piggott of Australian fame, XYZ is a prominent Australian blog where masculinity, sanity, and logic still reigns.

They are now on the blogroll, of which you may want to check out down on the far far left side bar.

Yes, It Is a Witch Hunt

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And here are some interesting statistics to prove it (which I know 'statistics" and "empirical data" doesn't count in la la land of hating males and feminism, but reality doesn't care).

What's Worse Than HR????

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HR in the public sector.

What's worse than that?

When the public sector is a leftist shithole like Seattle.

I can only imagine the insanity that occurs when you throw meritocracy out the door, hire based on plumbing and pigmentation, in a field already dominated by math-impaired ditzes, who on top of all that, are power-tripping tyrants.

Enjoy the decline boys! Enjoy that freaking decline!

Why the Left Must Eliminate Masculinity

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Because it is hard to control and thus won't obey like good little supplicant socialist beta soy boys and fork over their money for "the state."

Cappys Fossil Creek Canyon Adventure!!!

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The Revalidation of MGTOW

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My history with MGTOW is no secret.

Like millions of other men I am one, but once the movement was co-opted by weaker men who were looking for a religion or an excuse to excuse their cowardice and laziness when it came to women (and life), I abandoned the term as it became a pejorative, much like the word "feminism." However, to this day me and millions of other men remain your classical MGTOW - we re-prioritize our own personal lives over women and do not put them or the pursuit of them at the top of our lives.

This created a schism between those real men who took what philosophical value they could from MGTOW and moved on in life versus those who are cultish about it and use it as a religion. This "Cult of MGTOW" has received much mockery and ridicule from those outside the cult because it's painfully obvious how they are "abusing MGTOW."

They use it as a religion/crutch in life because they (typically, though not always) have nothing else in life.

Some are overweight and unattractive, but too lazy to do what is necessary to become physically fit, and thus attractive, and thus provide what women are looking for in a man. This laziness is more powerful than their biological drive to pursue women, but does not eliminate their desire for women. This is why they MIRE in the ideology, rather than just pursue a monastic life of celibacy and asexuality. They may put MGTOW first, but they ironically obsess about the thing they're too lazy to get - women.

Some are fresh off of divorce and are in the stage of "Red Pill Rage," a completely understandable, if not avoidable stage in life when you realize you've been lied to your entire life. Most men move on from this, but some do not, which leads to...

Genuine misogyny. I don't know if this is a cathartic release for some MGTOW's or an actual hatred of women, but the only place I've witnessed ACTUAL MISOGYNY has not been in "corporate America," or "government" or "schools" or in the social world. It's

been in the MGTOW community. This is certainly not the majority of them (cult or not), but modern day MGTOW, just like feminism is where you will find a genuine hatred of people because of their plumbing.

Normally this irrational and flawed thinking would banish MGTOW to where it belongs - a dismiss-able cult. It may have meant something at one time, but its modern day acolytes and participants have warped it into something worthless, arguably counter-productive, possibly evil. But just when you think you have a movement pegged, just when you think O'Sullivan's Law is cementing itself in a group, society changes to such an extent, this previously pointless movement now has validity again. And MGTOW, even in its extreme form, is at least more valid today than it was yesterday.

What has brought MGTOW partially back to the fore front has been a RECENT and DRASTICALLY INCREASING intensity of the hatred of men. Understand since about the 1960's the hatred of men, in the form of feminism, has always been there. Women can hide behind the false claim it's about "the equal treatment of women," and some feminists may actually believe that, but their actions indicate it's about the superior treatment of women, and thus, by logical default, the inferior treatment of men. This has always been the default standard background noise, sometimes getting louder in the late 60's and 90's, while getting quieter in the 80's and 00's. But in the past 5 years, particularly the past 2, the hatred of men has been turned up to 11 and is higher than any point I've witnessed in my 40+ years of life.

Some of this is due to the fake rape epidemic on college campuses where feminists have successfully convinced women that drunk sex, regretted sex, an unwanted advance or a clumsy proposition from men qualifies as rape or assault.

There's the INCREDIBLY disturbing trend of women using rape accusations as a weapon of revenge when a man dumps them or refuses their advances.

There's also the sexual harassment/assault scandal of Hollywood, where while some legitimate concerns and instances of assault occurred, it has triggered a witch hunt in others, manifesting in the Aziz ballyhoo.

All of this mired in the broth of a purposed and indoctrinating anti-male ideology instilled by feminists in academia, but also supported by the media, the HR/CSR profession, and the government.

I could go on, but in the end, you're not losing it. You're not mental. You're not "seeing things." There is a conscious (and sadly, unconscious) purposed effort in some segments of society, many of those institutions (like academia, the legal profession, etc.), to hate men. And not only hate men, but to make masculinity illegal. Whether it's because of an actual bigotry against penis, a money making operation for feminists, gender consultants,

professors, and lawyers, or just a weapon for a woman scorned, it doesn't matter, a significant percentage of the population hates men.

Which sadly, re-validates a movement like MGTOW, even in it's cultist form.

I have been lucky enough to know many kind and genuinely good women. And there are many kind and genuinely good women in my life. But that's only because you tend to keep the good ones around. And if you think about it, you've come across many bad people (men and women) in your life that you simply avoided or passed by. But it only takes one to really put a burr in your saddle, or in the case of false rape accusations, ruin your life. And with women being conditioned and brainwashed, especially the younger ones, to constantly look to be a victim, men are forced to walk on eggshells their entire lives. Worse, when the "crime" is being watered down so much from the traumatic, unwanted, and forcible penetration of rape to "he hit on me" or "I was drunk" you now make standard male, genetically programmed behavior illegal, or at least socially ostracizeable. And while to this day I don't believe the majority of women are like this, it sadly presents the paradox of Muslims and Muslim terrorists. Is it 1 in 100 that wants to blow up a building? Is it 1 in 10? Is it 1 in 5? It only takes one jaded girl who swallowed whole the indoctrination they received in school or the media to falsely accuse a man of rape/assault/harassment, the fear of which is now irreversibly hard-wired and installed in men of today.

This means, much as I may disagree with the modern day cultists of MGTOW, their cynicism has a point and their jadedness serves a purpose today. In today's environment men cannot simply be men, hitting on girls, getting shot down, occasionally not, getting drunk, and scoring through some miracle of god as they have time-immemorial. The risks are just too high. This doesn't mean you become a hermit, ne'er talking to a girl again, but sadly you must be guarded and be very discerning of the women you hang out with, and certainly approach. Sadly, even using apps like this, in-human and sterile and unromantic as it may be, may be the precautionary legal condom you have to use before the real thing. Worse, be prepared for it to only get worse where masculine behavior might actually made illegal. Remember, it only takes one sperm to get past the goalie, one Muslim to drive a truck in a crowded European marketplatz, and one woman thoroughly steeped in victimhood and feminist ideology to make for a very bad day.

Remember, a red pill a day keeps the divorce lawyers away, and though I have my disagreements with MGTOW, you may want to introduce yourself to the philosophy.

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The "I'm Having Family Issues" Excuse

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You are?

Aw, that's too freaking bad. Life doesn't give a shit. Man up.

Why You Never Hire a Theater Major

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The Great One from the Cynical Libertarian Society is a great story teller, in spite of his frequent tangenting. Like his disagrees the most with me, I also disagree the most with him. This story/episode, however, is an absolute must listen.

It's a modern day saga that entails

Worthless degrees.
The Rule of 505025
Girls flaking
Equal treatment of the sexes
Rich daddies
Dreams of California
Mental illnesses
And clueless liberal arts majors.

Do understand and note the Captain does not share the Great One's beliefs on women in the work place. The Captain wants nothing more than the equal treatment of women because I desperately want you women to be working as hard and paying as much in taxes as humanly possible. I do not want you barefoot or pregnant in the kitchen. I want you majoring in STEM, I want you earning doctorates, I want you in commutes, and I want you earning 6 figures, forking over 40% to the federal, state and local governments. I do indeed want you to have genuine equal treatment to men.

Regardless, you have been warned about the Great One's politically incorrect and unpopular opinions. But that aside, he tells a great tale that all people of all stripes can learn from.

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As always, Alex is hiring at Academic Composition!

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4. Use the new address to create a CL account

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Minister of Loneliness

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Yeah. Government to the rescue.

Programming Virtue Signaling into Alexa

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You guys really have nothing better to do in the IT world, do you?

Enjoy the decline guys.

Enjoy that freaking decline.

Cappy's Patreon Account

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Greetings Lieutenants and Economists,

I have finally gotten off my ass and put together a Patreon account. This is in response to people asking "why don't you have a Patreon account?" To which I respond, "I have the Amazon Affiliate program, plus if people want to donate they can anytime through my Paypal Account."

Still, it dawned on me that Patreon (though it charges more than Paypal) is more or less the monopoly when it comes to donating to your favorite podcasters, youtubers, bloggers, and other online personalities, and since it is more or less the "way" people donate, I decided to not fight the market and just create a Patreon account.

That being said, there are still ways you can support the Captain ***that does not cost you money and/or costs US less than Patreon.***

The first is of course my Amazon Affiliate program where you simply click here (or on the Amazon banner conveniently in the right side bar) and get into the GOOD HABIT of making all your Amazon purchases through that link. You pay nothing extra, but I get an extra 6-7% commission on all your purchases. Remember GO THROUGH THIS LINK, NOT directly to Amazon.com.

The second thing is you can always make payments to my Paypal account. This unfortunately does not allow for the automated monthly "patronage" that Patreon allows for, but Paypal does have such an option (that I put WAAAAY down below in the right side bar many years ago), but is now conveniently here:

Donation Options

The reason I suggest PayPal over Patreon is because Patreon takes a 10% commission, while PayPal takes only a 3% commission. But again, I know most of the patronage is done via Patreon.

Finally, if you'd like to support the Captain and ensure he never goes back to working banking, but don't have the money, nor have anything you need to buy on Amazon, then the best thing you can do is simply spread the word of the good Captain. I did an ever so rough estimation, but if you share an article you like, a podcast you enjoyed, or recommend Asshole Consulting to somebody, that's worth about $16 in marketing. That word of mouth costs you nothing, and I SINCERELY appreciate it when you spread the good word of Cappy around.

Anyway, I appreciate all of you who have tuned it, listened, hired me out or have supported me in the past. Please feel free to donate, but by all means please support me through FREE MEANS by making all your online purchases through my Amazon affiliate plan or simply sharing Cappy Cap on social media.

Many thanks,

Cappy

The End of Awards

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It was last night the GF said unto me, "Cappy, let's get some dinner." Preoccupied with taxes and mundane busy work, I said, "Fine. Find a place and let's go." And in about 10 minutes she had found a place - "Culinary Drop Out."

So off to the preppy parts of Scottsdale we went where upon entering the restaurant we both knew she had made a mistake. For the restaurant was not so much a restaurant but a dog-rescue like non-profit where the last vestiges of hipsters, millennials, and people confused about their sexual identity were hired and provided a nice little preserve to live in (ironically...or perhaps not so ironically... in the most preppy, conformist part of Arizona). It was bad enough I could not look at our server, who although nice and very good at her job, was so pierced, tattooed and poorly dressed, it ruined the dining experience.

We ordered quick.
Ate fast.
And got the hell out of there.

However, whilst waiting for our food I couldn't help but notice what was on two TV's that hung above the bar. One TV was showing the X games, the other some "music awards ceremony."

One TV had snowboarders working amazing tricks on the half pipe.
The other had two aged baby boomer hippies playing guitars.

One had 20 somethings flipping snowmobiles off of jumps.
The other had some old washed up 60 somethings blathering on about some cause or another.

One had youth cheering on loudly as skiers did triple-lindys off a jump.
The other had middle-agers donned in tuxes and formal regalia, golf clapping at the latest award awarded to some person or another for some thing.

The two could not have been more juxtaposed and they highlighted an important lesson for everybody to learn about awards - they no longer mean anything.

After watching Bruno Mars (I can at least visually identify him) win "Best New Album" I finally broke down and looked up which award ceremony was being broadcasted on CBS and it turned out to be the "Grammy's."

At one time, when I was in single digits these ceremonies and awards might have meant something. My mom would sit me down to watch Ms. America, which at least in theory celebrates beauty. I recall watching the various "ammy's" because there was no cable, they had pomp and circumstance, and there wasn't much else to do that late in the evening for an 8 year old. But the first hint I received that something was amiss and that these award ceremonies were absolutely pointless was when Jack Nicholson wasn't even nominated for his role as the Joker in Batman.

I didn't have much time to think about it soon after that because I would be shipped off to college soon thereafter and my consumption of pop culture would tank for the next 6 years. But further bits of data and evidence would soon appear proving nearly every societal establishment, institution, guild, and pillar was corrupt and their "prestigious awards" completely pointless.

While in college Arafat won a Nobel Peace prize in 1994, which only echoed various UN nominations of dictators to human right's commissions and positions. This was confirmed when a man who LITERALLY HAD NO REAL WORLD WORKING EXPERIENCE AND HADN'T DONE ANYTHING YET won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 - Barack Obama. There was the fact I had a 3.96 but couldn't technically graduate with "honors" because I didn't spend enough time in extracurricular activities that included diversity, working with the poor, and other such political claptrap. All of which was backdropped by now two decade's worth of "ammy" awards where skill and talent is rarely discussed, but speeches against BushHitlerTrumpIraqEtc., seemed to be all that mattered. Stephen Colbert's hosting of one of these "ammy" awards recently, where all he did was obsess over Trump like a teenage girl, epitomized this.

But while the awards of our global institutions have been co-opted for blatant leftist political reasons, awards in nearly every aspect of American life have also become pointless.

For example take the self-inflicted sob story of arguably America's dumbest woman - Sarah Pool. Among the story of self-inflicted ruination, Sarah holds up her 3.95 GPA in

"English" as an accomplishment or prize, when in reality it doesn't take much to get a high GPA in the liberal arts and grad inflation is rampant. Those hipsters working at the Culinary Dropout? Merely representatives of the first generation of adults who had meaningless participation trophies, not to mention the elimination of GPA's and valedictorians in some of their schools. And in what can only be described as the most perfect example of mental and ego masturbation the "Chicago Bird Collision Monitors Awards" which merely award awards to each other and is endemic among non-profits, academia, and CSR departments.

What is happening is very simple. To actually achieve something noteworthy takes effort, rigor, sacrifice, thought, and time. In short, you must pay a price, beyond financial, to do something noteworthy, let alone win a real award. But with a softening of American resolve and a decay in the quality and caliber of Americans, more and more people want the benefits of the award without the actual achievement that would earn them one. This is not only hypocritical, but insane, because I don't know how you can enjoy or take pride in an award when you did nothing to earn it. This is epitomized in the vast number of various civilian awards, titles, and honors issued by the Soviet government to aggrandized themselves and legitimize communism even though there was nothing of genuine accomplishment to celebrate. The "donating blood" award was merely the Soviet's equivalent of a soccer mom's bumper sticker of "My Student is a Great Student and Dumfuck Elementary,"but in all honesty is more of an accomplishment than Barack Obama's Nobel Peace Prize.

The question is whether society realizes this or they fail to see past these formerly glorious institutions' past reputations. Does little Johnny actually think he's "a great student" because his mommy (and every other students' mommies) have bumper stickers on their SUV's? Does little Suzie with her 48 participation trophies think she's accomplished at anything? Do all the graduate students in the liberal arts think they're education and not indoctrinated simply because they have an advanced degree in some leftist liberal arts slop? And much as you may like him, you gotta know that Barack himself doesn't actually believe he deserved that Nobel Prize.

The good news is that even though I was in the hipster-rescue charity called "The Culinary Dropout," nobody was watching the Grammy awards. They were more focused on the actual display of athletic excellence being portrayed on the X Games and not the washed up hippies playing their guitars and the nearly-dead golf-clapped them on as they no doubt called for more of other people's money to solve problems they really cared about. I charter this more to the fact flipping snowmobiles is just more impressive and eye catching, but there is also salvation in the internet. The internet has truly democratized media where CBS, the MSM, and large traditional institutions no longer have the pull they once did. Not only because "the youth" today no longer watch TV and are instead glued to their cell phones, but the old dinosaur institutions that present awards are so far up their own asses and too busy blowing each other, they've lost touch

with the younger generations and lost touch with what it means to be "excellence." Dragging Bono's ass up on stage thinking the 19-34's are going to watch him (yet again) lecture them about how they should feel guilty does not have the pull as to whether Shawn White is going to make that epic flip. Having Madonna's wrinkly corpse up on stage lecture the 19-34 year olds is not as exciting as whether or not their post was liked on Facebook or Suzie Q is going to Snapchat a nudie pic to Bobby Joe. It is the laziness, lack of genuine excellence, political corruption, and the alternatives the internet provides that has ended the value and ultimate meaning of the world's traditional awards. And thank god because they mean absolutely nothing.

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Why the World Hates Millennials

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It's because of shit like this.

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Sadly, by their own hand usually:

And it can all be stopped tomorrow if every young girl was forced to read Worthless.

You are Responsible for Your Father's Sins and Debts

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Well, at least according to marxists and SJW's anyway.

Cappy's Phoenix Adventure

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Some pics from my hikes and gallavanting around Phoenix. Back at the southern command and posts will be "sorta" back to normal.

Episode #238 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Cappy luxuriates in Arizona's wonderful weather and hiking.
Fan mail.
Disney cheats on Marvel.
Historical Black Colleges...not really helping blacks.
More hating on teachers.

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The Amazon Economics of the Brave Browser

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Originally this video was a request from Asshole Consulting, but the more I researched Brave and it's underlying crypto-currency, "BAT's," it actually is an incredibly interesting feat of technology and economics. And given Brendan Eich's (the founder) firing from Mozilla for daring to make a political donation to a non-leftist cause, you may want to consider using the Brave browser henceforth.

Never Send Your Kids to Edina Public Schools

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Looks like white guilt has taken over, and by "taken over" I mean, substituted learning valuable skills with how to hate whitey.

A King's Castle

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If Ayn Rand Enjoyed the Decline

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A very kind and humbling review of "Enjoy the Decline" at XYZed.

David delves into the world of whether or not democracy is worth saving if it leads to socialism and tyranny. He argues that it vindicates violence if necessary because socialism inevitably leads to tyranny, if not, slavery of the producers by the parasites.

I, thankfully and cowardly, don't concern myself with the future of society or civilization and take a much darker approach of just not caring what happens to humanity after I die. Matter of fact, the more I run into people (of all political stripes) the more disdain and disrespect I have for them, to the point I'm almost happy they're rushing forward off the cliff like the lemmings they are. If I had kids, this would be different, but society scorched it very clearly and very early in my mind that this was no place for children, especially ones you love. It's not worth trying to save and it's certainly not worth your finite time and life on this planet trying to stop people who hate you and are trying to live off of you.

I encourage young women and girls to pursue feminism.
I encourage soy boys to major in the liberal arts and be "sensitive."
I encourage smarter-than-thou teenagers and 20 somethings to believe they're one of the 38 flavors of gender.
I encourage welfare recipients to have as many kids as they can't afford.
I encourage minorities and women to get enraged and obsessed about division politics.
I encourage career obsessed women to get masters degrees and outsource their kids to daycare.

There is no worse punishment in life than being a leftist and worshiping it as a religion.

All I ask of the dwindling few of you who actually are self-supporting, independent, freedom loving NON-leftist Americans is to enjoy the decline.

Why are Sports Fans Such Idiots?

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I've explained it before, but it bares worth repeating again. For even though the Philadelphia Eagles have won the Super Cup, their fans have still decided to riot in the streets of Philadelphia. So pour yourself a drink, light up a cigar, and get in a comfy chair as the Ole Captain explains to you the phenomena (and idiocy) of sports fans.

First, realize that if you are reading this blog you are smarter than the average bear. This is not an opinion. This is not speculation. And this is not me trying to butter you up. If you're reading a blog about economics, finance, philosophy, cryptocurrency, and western civilization *on purpose*, then you are not a dummy. You are not stupid. You very likely have an IQ above 115. In short you are smarter than 80% of the population, the dumber half of which is so dumb and so far removed from you intellectually you simply cannot relate to them or understand them.

Second, most of my readers here have lives. You have a STEM degree. A profession. Perhaps you have a family that is still nuclear and intact. You do not have half-siblings or step-parents. And when you have free time you spend it with family and friends, or perhaps on hobbies that are of intellectual interest. You might play in a band. You might like to read. Some of you hunt, fish or hike. Others rebuild classic cars or restore houses. The point is if you have some down time, you typically dedicate that time towards some kind of constructive and rewarding activity that either improves you as an individual or brings you closer to family, friends, and loved ones.

Third, you have hustle. You don't sit on your ass all day. You probably have some kind of regimen or work out schedule. You watch what you eat and at least make attempts to eat healthy. And that says nothing about the efforts you put towards your education,

career, entrepreneurial endeavors, or hobbies. Yes, you might take a rest. Yes, you might get hammered over a weekend. But the lions share of your time is not idle be you at work or at play, as you are always aiming to improve your life.

Finally, you think. You have independent thought. You probably are suspicious of religion. You don't believe what your teachers, professors, and now media personalities tell you about politics and the world. You know enough not to watch filth like "The View" or reality TV or day time TV. And you know a fancy sports car, a McMansion, or brand name clothes will NOT bring you success or happiness. You get sick watching daytime TV and don't bother watching the "Grammys" or the "Oscars" because your life is just too short to be wasted on such pointless, meaningless things.

Now take those four things;

Intelligence
Purpose/a life
Work ethic
Independent thought

and take their COMPLETE OPPOSITE

and that my friends is your average sports fan.

A person who is;

Stupid (or horrifically conformistly average)
Has no point or purpose in life
Is lazy
And is easily susceptible, if not perfectly susceptible to indoctrination, brainwashing, and conditioning.

Now, even though it's impossible for people with an IQ of 115 or above to understand what it's like to be one of these people, just try. Put yourself in their shoes.

You're not smart enough to have a profession or a career that is going to amount to much. Worse, you're not smart enough to avoid life-crippling mistakes that will essentially enslave you to people smarter than you. So as you flail about in community college, culinary school, or cosmetology class, you make sure to get pregnant or your girlfriend pregnant, while incurring $50,000 in student loans. Of course, you're not independent minded enough to resist the marketing and brainwashing thrown at you by corporations and marketeers. So you borrow even more money to buy cars, trucks, clothes, and trips you can't afford. Making this situation not worse, but now IMPOSSIBLE, you're lazy. You don't want to work hard to pay off those debts. You don't want to work

hard to become an accountant, a carpenter or an engineer. And you certainly don't want to hit the gym and the treadmill that might actually make you an athlete or physically appealing.

And so what's the ultimate end result?

You are forever stuck in life being a loser with no point or purpose in life and nothing to look forward to. You are forever financially crippled because you didn't use a condom or get an abortion. And you are forever in debt because you're too damn lazy to work a second job or get an education that would make the first one suffice. Oh, and by the way, you're overweight and ugly, which doesn't prevent you from achieving excellence in life, but it just adds insult to an already injured life.

There's just one problem - you're not going to die tomorrow.

If you were to die tomorrow, this misery would end. The bill collectors calling. Explaining to employers why there's three bankruptcies on your credit report. Getting pissed off because your co-worker got a $1.25 per hour raise and you only got a $1.00 raise. Not having enough to retire before you're 70. Choosing between food or a Ram truck payment. Oh and those student loans you got for that strip mall cosmetology school. ALL of it would "poof" just go away. But unfortunately you're going to live to at least 60 and you need to have something to give your otherwise meaningless life some meaning.

But what can lazy, dumb, conformist people do to give themselves a point and purpose in life?

Well the key problem is with the word "do." That requires hard work, toil, thought, of which the majority of American sports fans are either incapable of doing or consciously choose not to do. So what we need is an effortless way to give these otherwise worthless people some kind of worth in their lives. Something that they can take pride in, even though they themselves would not expend a single calorie of energy achieving some sort of accomplishment. And whereas religion used to fit this role nicely, going to church requires you wake up early on Sunday and go someplace you really don't want to go.

So, the solution?

Sportsball.

Whether it's football, baseball, basketball, or hockey, "sportsball" is incredibly attractive to the millions of lazy, unintelligent, conformist, pointless people that account for at least half of Americans today. Their lives are helplessly destroyed beyond repair. They either lack the intelligence or work ethic or both to get out of it. But if you can get them to live vicariously through the achievements and accomplishments of others, they will gladly

fork over a significant portion of their garnished paycheck for tickets, jerseys, training camps, cable packages, light beers and wings! You can even get the taxpayers to WILLINGLY subsidize these various sportsball franchises to the tune of billions of dollars a year. All a sportsball franchise has to do is set up shop in a large town, speak about hometown pride and how much they like "City X," sponsor some kiddie programs, get the local news to run some horrific "sports news shows," give away some shirts and some banners, and the agencyless sheep will line up from a 300 mile radius to give you their time, money, and tears.

But to truly understand why sports fans are such idiots, particularly when they are violent or ecstatic when "their" team wins or loses, it's key to realize what is truly driving their irrational emotion, be it anger or happiness. It's because they have absolutely nothing else going on in their lives. They have NOTHING of value in their lives. Their lives are so void of meaning and purpose they fill this hole with the athletic performance of other people who have nothing to do with them and don't even know these people exist. You may not comprehend why a guy cries when the Chicago Cubs win a world series, but that is his second coming of Jesus. You may not understand why a guy screams at a television (often times destroying it) because his team didn't toss the sphere into the ring, but that is his entire life. You cannot view sports fans from the perspective of reason and rationality. You must view them from the perspective of the absolute lack of anything of value going on in their lives. And if you do you see why their otherwise sad, pathetic, and irrational behavior makes sense.

I'd like to say the day is coming that these people will slowly wake up and realize that every sports game ever played has had absolutely no effect on the real world, let alone their lives. That it doesn't matter if the Bulls beat the Golden Knights in extra innings or not, because your life does not change come the morn. That sports is supposed to be for fun and entertainment, as well as the admiration of athleticism. Unfortunately, there are so many sad, pathetic losers out there that sports is all they have. And if they didn't have that, their minds would not be distracted and they would have to fully face the utter nothingness that is their lives.

So let them have their games. Let them have their ESPN. And let them have their Sports Center. And if you ever find yourself annoyed with sports fans, just be thankful you actually have a life that is so good you couldn't care less about sports.

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Why Does the Stock Market Always Magically Go Up?

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An interesting observation.

If stocks were priced correctly from the get go during their IPO, there should be no profit left over for secondary investors - i.e. - sheeple throwing their money into 401k's and IRA's.

But when you factor in exterior forces such as tripling the money supply, artificially low interest rates, an entire industry contingent on churning investments, and sheep flooding the market because "I sure hope dem der stocks go up in value," you get an anomaly of a forever increasing stock market.

But don't let me be the party pooper to you guys forever making magical money by not working or expending labor.

You WANT the Stock Market to Crash!!!

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I've been yelling this from the mountain tops for years. Maybe, just maybe the American Sheeple will listen this time....ehhh...probably not.

Curse Free Episode #31 of The Clarey Podcast - Justin Trudeau is a Pussy Special

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Popular Mechanics has assembled one of those captivating lists of new technologies that will improve our lives, this time on healthcare technologies (via Instapundit).\uf\u\u\u

How Far Can 'Medical Tourism' Go?

Milli, Micro, Nano, Pico

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But remember, a life time supply of government checks is a perfect, if not superior, substitute to having a father around.

The Five Biggest Lies Baby Boomers Told America

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From an Asshole Consulting request:

Age Discrimination/Ageism in America

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To quote adults from the 70's, 80's, and 90's

"Stop whining!"

Book Reports on "Worthless"

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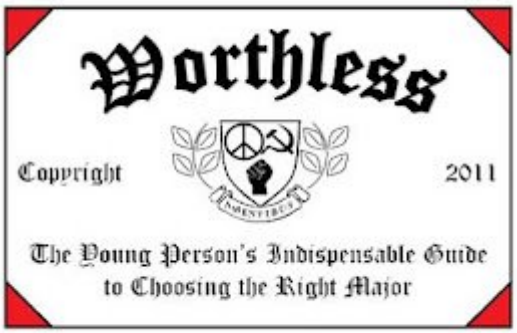
I'm offering free copies of Worthless to any high school students who have to do a book report AND HAVE TO PRESENT IT TO THE CLASS as part of their book report assignment. All I ask in return (in addition to the young reader not majoring in a stupid subject) is that they have a friend of theirs film the presentation and allow me to put it up on YouTube.



E-mail the ole Captain at CAPTcapitalism ***at*** the yahoos if you want a copy and send me proof you actually have a kid or you yourself are a student who has a book report due. Of if you're feeling particularly charitable you can buy a copy here.

For the D&D/Geek Agents in the Field

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This won't be for everybody, but for those of you who played D&D back in the day (or even today) you may like the podcast I sat in on a podcast called "Legends of Table Top" where we discussed all things geekery about RPG's, Battletech, Shadow Run, Atari video games, and general tom foolery. It was actually a very interesting conversation especially if you happen to be 30+ and played back in the day.

Artificial Alphas

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A good interview with Oshay Jackson about the posers on the internet who claim to know more than you:

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Future SJW minority nurses killing white people in the nursing home.
LGBT....LISDFUSOIFUSDOFIDSFS insanity and it's time to laugh at them.
Portland's Mayor may have climbed Mt. Everest but he don't economics.

AND MORE!!

In THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast!

Why Lies are More Profitable Than Truth

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A request from Asshole Consulting that was share worthy.

There is No Journalism Anymore

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Just lazy, spoiled American kids (and adults) from the suburbs who couldn't resist their K-College brainwashing, and thought they knew how the world should work at the age of 17 and by god, they're going to tell you how to lead your lives until you're all dead.

Feminism is Ruining Women's Finances

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Strippers and Security Guards

Allow the Captain to tell you the tale of two people. The first one being the loveable Captain himself and the other a stripper he had come across in conversation.

From 1993 to 1997 there was a good chance you could find the Captain in uniform, at night, patrolling the U of MN campus into the wee hours of the early morning. He was doing this to scratch out what little living he could in order to pay for food, clothing, shelter, insurance, gas, tuition and ALL other living expenses, all of which on a starting wage of $6.90 per hour ($11.70 in today's money). If he was lucky he would be able to time it where he could get 40 hours in before a holiday like Thanksgiving or Christmas would start, which would allow him to compound overtime work on top of holiday pay, earning him 2.25 times his normal wage. This would allow him to earn at most during his security career $20.95 per hour (a very handsome wage indeed for the time) and was instrumental in him graduating from college without a penny in college debt.

Of course, there were some drawbacks to this.

First, the Ole Captain had to work LOOONG hours, often packing in 40 hours in two days, so he (and other security guards) could avail themselves of holidays that would start just two mere days into the work week. There were uncountable number of dog/graveyard shifts which wreaked havoc on his (and others) health, both physical and mental. And the cold. I cannot even begin to explain the pain of the cold. Minnesota winters were long, brutal, and lacking sun, with night time temperatures regularly dropping below -10 and windchills over the Mississippi river bridge dropping below -40. Oh, and by the way whinny Millennials, this was all while attending school full time. The experience was so brutal, miserable, and galvanizing, the Captain has no pity for any non-handicapped poor

person and to this day refuses to donate to any charity.

The second story is one of a stripper-come-lawyer. Cappy ran into this girl at a party during his twenties. He was not so much impressed with her pretty physique as he was the story as to how she paid for 7 years of post-high school education. In short, it was simple. The girl would go to college during the day time, study in the afternoon, and head to the strip club at night where she would proceed to make about $50 per hour shaking her booty in front of horny, desperate men. This translates into $85.00 per hour in 2018 money, roughly $160,000 in an annual salary if you were to work full time. Of course, with school the young lady wasn't able to work full time, but in the three hours she'd strip each night, she made more than what Cappy did, also graduating from GRAD SCHOOL debt free.

Of course, there are also some drawbacks to this route of financing college.

The girl had to endure 7 years of lewd, hollering men. Showing your privates daily while prostrating yourself to the public, must take a mental toll. I'm sure many men made passes at her. And if you are unaware of stripper culture, she had to constantly avoid offers for drugs, prostitution, booze, and partying. But all these things considered, it was only 3 hours a day, it was in a climate controlled room, and she was not sleep deprived in the end. And all these drawbacks considered, she made over 7 times what Cappy did per hour for roughly equally skilled work. I never knew what happened to her after that, but I do know I would have gladly traded places.

The Horrible, Mean, Evil, Reality of Economics

Lamenting the past aside, there is an important and vital economics lesson here for everyone to learn. And while the lesson may be politically incorrect and not what the vast majority of women, leftists, and politically correct people want to hear, it doesn't make it any less true. This is a fact and the sooner people realize it and base their actions in it, the more effective our life decisions will be and the more success we will have in life.

The number one commodity in the world is not:

Oil

Gas
Diamonds
Palladium
Timber
Gold
or
Iron

It is female beauty.

And the reason it is the most valuable commodity in the world is because:

1. HALF the population wants it

and

2. To such a fervent extent they will do practically anything for it, including, but not limited to:

Building civilization
Murder
Declaring war
Going to war
Committing crime
Creating and innovating...well...everything
Mastering science
Enslaving themselves to a corporate career
Endebting themselves to go to college
Commuting
Buying McMansions they don't need
Borrowing money to afford you a Range Rover
Throwing money at this commodity just to look at it
Even trying to play god to synthesize this commodity

Never has one half of the population held such sway and power over the other half, nor had such an advantage.

You would think with such an edge, such an advantage, women would avail themselves of this power and use it to enrich and advance themselves...and for the most part they have historically. Women would use their beauty to attract the most powerful and richest mate, ensuring their off spring would not only be protected, but cared for. The stripper-turned-lawyer I knew certainly wielded this advantage to extract $50 an hour worth of wealth out of men (while the Ole Captain pulled-teeth to negotiate a $6.90/hour out of the

U of MN Police Department). And for the most part after a man died, the women would inherent what remainder of wealth he had to see her through old age. The system worked, it was perfected and honed over 2 million years of human evolution, oh...and...by the way, the *entirety of civilization and all the wonders of modern day technology was created in the process*.

This didn't mean women could just show up and lollygag through life if they were pretty (although, that does happen too). There was child-birthing, child rearing, home keeping, and not being allowed to participate in the management, construction, and advancement of society/the economy. But when it came to physical exertion, toil, not to mention early death women, to this day, come nowhere near to the calories of energy men have expended. They still do have the easier "physical" life, even though historically this meant giving up suffrage and playing a first officer to a spousal captain.

Let's Ruin a Good Thing

Whether you agreed with how society evolved and the traditional role that resulted for women, you would think that going forward you would like to keep the advantages of the past, and combine them with new advantages in the future. And, to be perfectly honest, women will never "get rid" of the advantage they have over men in terms of them owning and controlling the world's most sought after commodity because it's inherently programmed into our genetics.

But if there's way to ruin a good time.
If there's a way to piss in the punch bowl.
If there's a way to give up an incomparable, nearly unlimited-power-advantage

feminists will find a way to do it.

This at first may seem ironic and contradictory. Feminists and "feminism," presumably, even with its Latin base wording, would imply it is for the benefit of women. And perhaps at some point in time it was. But if you look at its historical track record, especially the past 50 years, and you look at its consequences, feminism has ironically hurt women much more than helped.

First, there is the ultimate thing that matters - happiness. Women are not getting happier, no matter what advances and successes feminism has claimed. They make more money, they have more education, they have careers, they're having it all, but ironically once they got what feminism promised, they're not happier. I would claim it's because you're going against 2 million years of human evolution and programming and maybe your kids would like to see you (instead of the day care/nanny you outsourced them to). I would also make the PAINFULLY obvious claim that working and commuting sucks. But this simple logic is not enough to dislodge the thoroughly entrenched brainwashing women have received since they were 5 about the importance of a career and feminism.

Second, feminists offer HORRIBLE financial advice. The wage gap could be closed tomorrow if women simply majored in STEM and not the worthless liberal arts they are conditioned to. Instead, if you look at ardent and professional feminists, the vast majority of them themselves major in subjects that can only be considered fake (Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Sociology, etc.), while standard ranked and file women who claim to be feminists major in fields that just don't pay. At best women enter "HR"or some kind of business discipline where they have a 1/1,000,000 to become a Cheryl Sandberg, while at worst (and more likely) you're working as a barista or adjunct professor with your "Masters in Art History," forever impoverished by the student loans professional feminists told you you should incur. And so instead of becoming engineers, doctors, programmers, and mechanics, most feminist women today ironically make peanuts compared to men and non-feminist counterparts (some, sadly and ironically resorting to prostitution).

Third, wasted lives. If you combine misery with poverty and add time, you get wasted lives. And this is perhaps the worst way feminism has ~~served~~ failed women. It may feel good at 20 to believe you're oppressed and there's this sisterhood or philosophy that approaches a religion that gives you immediately agency, purpose, and even a feel of supremacy, but if that philosophy is a religion and NOT based in reality, it dooms its adherents to waste their lives. Thus the unlimited number of 50, 60, even 70 something feminists facing their horrific mortality today. They're alone, they have cats and pets as a surrogate family, no children, no real career, and unlike their traditional and oft-mocked 1950's housewife who received her passed-away husband's pension, they have $120,000 in student loans for their "Masters in Health Administration" degree and it is all because they swallowed whole what feminism told them. The rest of their (very short) lives will be alone, poor, and miserable, largely thanks to feminism.

I could go on, but the point is feminism has a horrible track record when it comes to benefiting women and making them happy. Worse, if you truly follow it and look at 60's feminists as the empirical consequences of it, this is a not a path you want to go down.

But why does "feminism"- something presumably intended and designed to help women - fail so miserably? Why do feminists, who no doubt ARE for women, end up worse off on average than non-feminists?

And the answer to that lies in the Grid-Girl news story.

Crabs in a Bucket

If you didn't know, the Grid Girls news story is simply that they're all getting fired. Historically "grid girls" were the cheerleaders of the Formula One racing circuit and have been there since wheels have been on cars. But the powers that be decided this was degrading to women and got rid of this long standing tradition, firing them all in the process.

There were howls and hoots coming from fans, normal people, and men who just like female beauty, but perhaps the loudest howls were coming from the grid girls themselves who not only found themselves out of a job, but (rightly) wondered how feminism getting a whole profession of women fired was "benefiting women." And while these poor girls (not to mention some intellectually honest feminists) were dazed how feminism could deliver such a traitorous blow, those of us who are wiser, smarter, and more cynical roll our eyes as it highlights, exposes, and belies arguably the darkest truth about feminism we've all know for quite some time.

Feminism is not for all women.

It's for lazy, envious, jealous and petty women.

And this is where we must revisit female beauty.

Beauty Takes Work. HARD WORK

To be beautiful takes work. To be handsome takes work. Matter of fact anything of value, worth, or excellence takes work. But the problem is work sucks. Toil sucks. It's painful to work out, it's painful to focus and exert yourself. And if you look at the vast majority of feminists (and certainly women's studies professors) they are ugly. This does not mean they are genetically ugly, born with ugly features and an ugly face. The truth is very few people are genuinely "ugly," it's just they don't put forth the work effort required to make themselves beautiful/handsome. Ergo, being ugly is not so much a function of bad genetics or bad luck, but laziness and choice. And if you look at feminism it is chock full of laziness and lazy choices.

First, there is obesity and the painfully obvious fact feminists don't hit the gym. It's so bad they even created the mental acrobatics of "body shaming" and "fat pride" to convince themselves that "big is beautiful." All so they can avoid the pain of dieting and the gym.

Second, their choice of majors and careers. Yes, there are some honest feminists who are doctors, surgeons, cops, programmers, CEO's, and mechanics. They work hard and put forth the effort. But for every one of them, there is at least a score of women's studies majors, English majors, Sociology majors, and whatever potpourri of worthless, math-and-rigor-avoidance degrees out there. These girls (and some boys) do not choose these careers or professions for anything as noble as the equality of women, but because they are first and foremost easy degrees with easy (though low paying) make work government jobs attached to them. Again, they are lazy, not noble.

This then leads into the third bit of proof that it is laziness, not nobleness that drives feminists - constant and never-ending victimhood. Instead of working harder or choosing more-in-demand professions, feminists expend more energy whining and complaining about sexism and misogyny than they would three life times at a gym. They demand quotas, preferential treatment by government and employers, more money for education, and more government checks and programs to make up for the "sexism" that will seemingly never go away. They could at anytime move out to the Bakken oil field and work an oil rig. They could at anytime join the military, enter ROTC and becoming officers in the military. They could at anytime major in computer engineering and start making $65,000 a year, but they don't. And the reason they don't is it's easier to sit in an air-conditioned office in academia, bitch about non-existent sexism, and demand taxpayer funded government grants to explain why bitcoin is sexist. Again, it is laziness that defines feminism today, not an egalitarian pursuit of the equal treatment of women.

But for this cushy (though mentally delusion and damaging) lazy life, there is a price to pay. And it is the ULTIMATE price. Yes, you may get the taxpayer or students to create you an entirely worthless, pointless make work government ~~job~~ career. Yes, you won't have to do a day's honest work of real toil or labor, stuffing your face with carbs and you get some token amount of placating by Target the "big is beautiful." And yes, you can

tell yourself the most fantastic of lies that "you're proud to be a slut" and you are somehow a real, responsible, grown up adult. But because all of this delusion was derived from laziness, you will be condemned to be...

ugly,
obese,
overweight, and
unattractive

and therefore you will give up your single largest advantage you have over men, not to mention your single largest economic and financial advantage - female beauty.

The Choice is *NOT* Yours

If feminism was relegated to this - a group of lazy women who just plain didn't want to work hard - the largest price to society would be some increased taxation, some annoyance listening to their constant complaining, some fake-rape accusations on college

campuses, and the ruination of the nuclear family. However, what the elimination of the grid girls' career shows us is that some feminists are not simply happy commiserating amongst themselves. For not only are they lazy, deep down inside their ideology is so sad and pathetic, they are also jealous. It's not enough that they don't make as much money as other people, a lot of feminists can't stand people being better than them in ANY regard or capacity. Beauty, physique, talent, artistic ability, creativity, intelligence, work ethic, morality, or any other skill, talent, or quality that brings beauty and all that is good the world. And whereas you'd like to think that something on the face of it that is noble as feminism, backed up with decades worth of research and presumably terabytes of academic and philosophical work, in the end it's just rank laziness combined with jealousy.

Unfortunately, this is antithetical to women's best interests because it directly threatens their single biggest financial advantage - their physical beauty. You may not like this fact, you may not like that men will forever be more impressed with your breasts than your brains, but if you didn't notice by now this post and this site does not care about what you'd "like" as much as "what is." And if women truly wanted what was best for them, and if feminists truly wanted what was best for women, everybody would be intellectually honest and courageous enough to admit this fact - *most women will make the most money and accumulate the most wealth via their physical beauty than most any other means.*

This doesn't mean you shouldn't major in engineering. This doesn't mean you shouldn't have a career. By all means I champion and encourage women to go into STEM, develop their brains, and make the most money as possible. But this does mean to realize and acknowledge this great power and advantage you have and to simply use it to your advantage. It is also to highlight and expose a huge threat that faces women, one the demise of the grid girls shows you. Most feminists today do not have women's best interests at heart. And this is proven by how they jealously begrudge and often times aim to eliminate the financial advantage beauty confers upon beautiful women.

It's very simple. Stay beautiful and stay smart. But stay wary of the promises feminism.

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the mom's boyfriend who raped and impregnated all of her daughters was.

But don't worry. Government checks are a perfect substitute for fathers. And she totally loves her babies so it's all good. You just go about your business and enjoy the decline.

Guilty Until Proven Innocent

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Much as I dislike Keillor, the accusations are still "alleged." The real story is actually NOT whether Garrison Keillor engaged in a fireable offense, but that the entire government and university industries will fire you/disavow you if you're merely accused.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

The Best Investment in 2018? Paying Off Your Debts

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I'm not going to beat the dead horse of comparing the S&P 500's pathetic dividend yield of 1.7% or the below-inflation rates of interest you can get in savings accounts to the 4-25% rate of return you can get by paying off your debts.

I'm simply going to point out the bullshittery that happens in America's blessed "stock market" that you sheep all invest in because you're stupid and never question why you save for retirement.

Episode #240 of The Clarey Podcast - Craft Beer Bubble Popping Episode

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The hipster craft brew pub bubble finally pops.
The news is bad for you. So give it up.
A post-op transexual writes Cappy to explain why he regrets it.

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Some Serious Wisdom Here

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The logic of this judge makes me slightly hopeful for the future and that freedoms are being protected.

When Your Daughter Majors in the Liberal Arts

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Masters degree
Facing evication
Can't pay bills
Resorts to prostitution

BUT!!!!

Is so thoroughly indoctrinated she needs to force "black feminist theory" upon her clients.

Remember, government checks can replace fathers. But not very well.

Alex is Always Hiring

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From Alex over at Academic Composition.

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4. Use the new address to create a CL account

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The Greasy Pole

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If you are looking for another podcast that is strictly within the domain of men and masculinity may I recommend the virgin episode of "The Greasy Pole" hosted by none other than Adam Piggott and The Great One. It was their first go at it and it was entertaining as always, especially when Adam talked about splitting the urinal cake in half.

Men will love it.
Soy boys will hate it.

So what more convincing do you need to tune in?

The Days We Didn't Always Obsess About Race

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Allow me to tell you about the 80's.

It was a magical time. It was a wonderful time. And perhaps it seemed so wonderful if you were unfortunate enough to have lived through the 70's. But whether you had that comparison or not, it really didn't matter. The economy was booming, we had a president you knew loved Americans and had their best interests at heart. The world's largest evil (Soviet communism) was reforming itself out of necessity as it was failing. And though it is certainly up for debate, Americans got a hair cut, disco died, the hippies went away, architecture and fashion returned to something more normal, and society (be it buildings or people) got a lot prettier to look at. It was perhaps what people felt like in the 50's even though I wasn't there to remember it.

But then I was tuning into the Bechtloff podcast last night and he made an observation about the 90's that I also had about the 80's.

You could go an entire day, week, even month not thinking about race or sex.

Certainly you would see minorities out in public.
Women, no matter where you were, were there.
And the likes of Michael Jackson, Mr. T, and Junkyard Dog were childhood superheroes whose skin color certainly was there, but never registered beyond "Ain't Michael Jackson a slightly paler shade than the last time we saw him?"

But you never thought about race, sex, racism or sexism. You just thought about your day.

Then the 90's came in.

The reason Chris Bechtloff remembers a childlike "non-race-obsessed 90's" is because the left had just started rolling out their racial-divide-and-conquer strategy in colleges and universities. They euphemistically called it "diversity" but it was so annoying, so forced, and so obvious what they were doing, smarter people just ignored it, dismissing it as another leftist attempt to whine, complain and demand more of other people's money. But whereas I thought most people could see through this charlatainism, most did not. And soon diversity was no longer a mindless chant leftist life-long college students would mindlessly recite, but it crept its way into freshmen orientation, mandatory pre-req classes, missions statements at the universities, and made the jump to government, the private sector and media.

Now, it is cacophony that's all over the place. And now, you have a full generation of young people who have grown up not knowing what it was like ***not*** to worry about diversity, race, or sexism every day, because it wasn't forced fed down your throats.

So let me tell you young boys and girls;

Yes, there was a time you could play with your buddy "Luther" and not think about his race, but simply if he wanted to play baseball or go collect cans.

You could watch a movie like Blade and not have Hollywood or the media masturbate themselves into a frenzy over it being the first real black superhero movie.

You could wake up and be pretty sure most Americans preferred to protect their borders, and not be guilt tripped into feeling bad because you decided you wanted to live in a 1st world nation.

You were simply allowed to be mentally and psychologically free of this hatred, division, and synthesized guilt the American left has burdened everybody's minds with today because deep down inside you weren't racist or sexist. You just didn't think that much about race and cared more about who they were than what they looked like.

Unfortunately now the entire country is mentally obsessed with race, sex, and now 38 flavors of sexual preference. You will never know what it was like to just wake up and not worry about these things, go to school and never have your teacher nag you about diversity and acceptance, or be forced to sit in diversity or tolerance classes. You will never know what it was like not to have everybody hawking over your social media posts to ensure you said the right things your indoctrinators told you. You will never know what it's like to go and watch a movie without that leftist-mind-worm gnawing at your brain, forcing you to view the movie in terms of how many minority characters there are, and not in fact enjoying the movie.

It was a great time. And I wish you were there to enjoy it. But sadly, you missed out on it. But then again, most of you didn't even know what life was like pre-diversity-divide-and-conquer so perhaps this is just "the new normal."

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Well you don't see that everyday!

And look! A present father prevented a shooting. Like to see a government check do that!

Review of Poor Richard's Retirement

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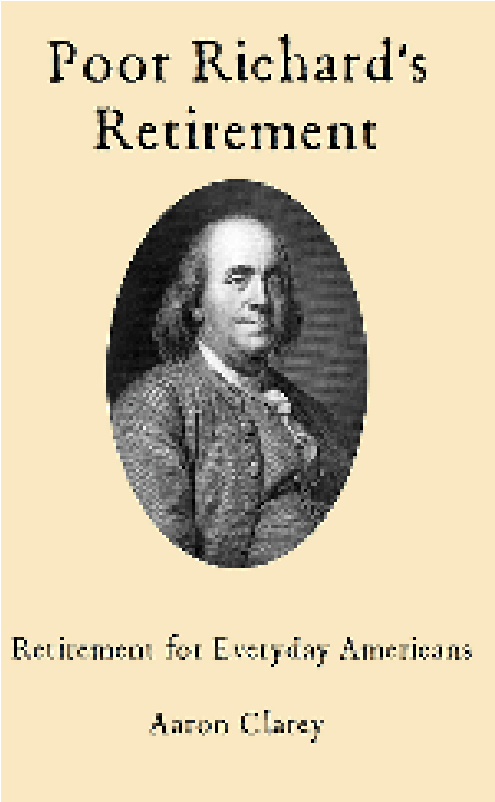
Adam Piggott provides a kind review of "Poor Richard's Retirement."

Remember, the book is simply for people who haven't saved up enough for retirement. If that's you then I recommend purchasing the book here.



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Soy Boys of the Right.
Boys can't throw Grenades.
Academia and Portland. Havens for Lefties.
Potheads Running the Pot Industry.
Jean Claude Von Johnson.

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Why You Never Invest in California

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You don't own your company, assets, or property, even if you bought them with your own hard-earned money.

The government does and it will tell you what to do with it.

Like not kicking out a deadbeat when he doesn't pay rent, and giving him a year's worth of free lodging.

Oh well, you California kids enjoy the decline!

Paying for Your Kids' College Will Destroy Your Retirement

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The new trend of galactically stupid parents crippling their retirement for their kids' worthless degrees is getting mightily tiring. I try in this video to spread a warning to the mindless sheep who think they can save up $500,000 in 5 years so they can retire at 65, but would appreciate you sharing it with AARP forums and any baby boomers stupid enough to finance their kids' educations.

Worthless can be found here.

Poor Richards Retirement can be found here.

And you can pay for a swift kick in the ass you desperately need here.

"But Math is Tough"

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Apparently only in the north and western hemisphere.

The Square Root Sign as a Gun

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Enjoy the decline!

No, seriously, enjoy the decline!

Amy Klobuchar - Professional Luddite

February 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I find this funny coming from a woman who never worked an honest day's work in her life.

Remember, this is coming from a senator from the state where we're re-naming lakes from white males who were slave owners to Indian American names because we simply hate ourselves.

The Morality of Selling Lies to Sheep

February 28, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Was on Kerry Lutz's show today about the morality of selling lies to those who punish you if you tell them the truth.

It's Ok, Because She's REALLY REALLY Sorry

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Plus vagina!

Patriarchy!!!!!!!!

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"How to tell a story"
Cappy accidentally attends a "Mega church"
Cappy flirts with religion.

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South Africa: Zimbabwe 2.0

March 1, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

They actually believe in magic dirt.

Will Sex Give Cryptocurrency the Intrinsic Value It Needs?

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Interesting piece about how a new cryptocurrency called "intimate" will allow for easier transactions within the sex world industry. The main focus of the article is how a cryptocurrency bypasses/solves a bunch of problems such as anonymity, payment, and financial services that are usually denied or at least "an issue" within the sex/porn/escort/stripper industry. But it doesn't delve anywhere near or deeply as it could in using sex as an intrinsic value that cryptocurrencies desperately need.

This is not too far removed from reality in that sex, or the pursuit of it, has ordained and made/broke different industries. VHS vs. Betamax, the internet, high speed internet, not to mention...ALL OF FREAKING SOCIETY...was built and came into existence because of the porn industry and/or the pursuit of sex. Gold only has intrinsic value because it (in the olden days) could be made into jewelry which would woo the opposite sex. Matter of fact, some savvy entrepreneur could make billions, perhaps trillions, if they find a way to monetize sex in the form of a cryptocurrency.

I'd like too. But that would take effort. And I'm much too busy enjoying the decline to expend such effort. But by all means, one of you crypto-experts get on it. The results would be amazing to watch and would certainly cause such upheaval in society, it would beat any movie Hollywood could possibly produce.

Bounty Hunting Communists

March 3, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How this one escaped my grasp two weeks ago I don't know, but this is certainly something President Cappy would do.

Teeeeaaaaccheerrrrsss

March 3, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Diversity!!!!

Cue the Cats

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As many of you know, I am increasingly for selling lies to people for three simple reasons:

1. Telling people the truth only gets you punished and hated.
2. Lies are much much easier to sell
3. There's a larger market for lies.

However, whereas I was thinking there "lied" more profits in "lies," I'm not so sure.

For example, take the writers of Salon, Huffington Post, Jezebel, and whatever rank digital versions of the grocery-store-tabloids women solely purchase in the check out lanes. Yes, I know their articles are all over the place. Yes, I know they're forced in your face anytime you log out of your e-mail. But have you ever looked up the authors of these articles to see what kind of digital clout they're carrying?

Usually (and sadly) they're no more followed or popular than you're ole Captain here. Less than 3,000 twitter followers, barely a youtube channel, and a lexicon of work that is laughable, short, and pathetic.

This results in a paradox where these online media tabloids make it seem every woman is insane, every man is a war-mongering rapist, and everybody who doesn't share your skin color or plumbing is out to get you. It's not so much "fake news" as it is brown journalism-editorialism, and this article is the perfect example of what I'm trying to describe.

Though it has all the fixings of what I will inevitably try to replicate when I start selling lies to people, if you look at the author of the book she is a nobody and her book is a nothing. It only has 5 ratings, is ranked 1.7 MILLIONTH place, and ergo I can only conclude that even with online tabloid backing, the author and the online tabloid are failures.

This is a bit of good news if you think it through. Not all women are rushing to buy books to explain why they are all "fabulous and wonderful and amazing" if they're over 40. Saner heads are ruling and rank lies like the article and book simply don't sell. Thus, just because it's front and center on Yahoo's page (a tabloid if there ever was one) does not mean it's happening in the real world. Matter of fact you can almost assume the OPPOSITE is true.

Of course, this does not bode well for my future Lying Corporation idea, and perhaps this lie was just told too many times or wasn't big enough. But it is nice to know that lies that are painfully obviously so are easily identified and not rewarded by your average human.

Guess, I'll just have to come up with more irresistible ones to sell to the masses when I start "Evil Incorporated."

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If you would like to help "Evil Incorporated" you can make a donation here.
You can also buy my books on "EVIL" here.
You can also tune into my EVIL podcast.

Does Cryptocurrency Have Intrinsic Value?

March 4, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Yeah, more or less.

Episode #242 of The Clarey Podcast!

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Cappy and The Great One hang out and chat about

the worst excuses women gave for canceling dates in the 80's and 90's,
why it takes 9 years to get a masters in "Creative Writing,"
the sad life of modern day "journalists"
the stages of entrepreneurship,
"Where the hell is Adam Piggott?"

and other frivolous topics of tom foolery and boys acting like boys.

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Protecting Your Kids from Online Predator Tactics

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Though I do not have kids I know many of you do. And also, unlike parents who outsource their children to daycare and nannies, I know you guys actually love your children. In that spirit I wanted to link to a podcast episode from Dr. David Perrodin where they talk about online predators, the tactics they use, and how to protect your kids from them. Certainly worth the hour of your time to listen, especially if it prevents you the hours of strife and pain, not to mention the ruined life should your child ever become a victim of one of these evil scumbags.

Share it with other parents because this mere ounce of prevention is worth the tonnage of pain it could cause later in your lives.

Give It 5 Years

March 6, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And the Oscars will finally be where they belong.

Studying STEM, but Not STEM Itself

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"The Great One" delves into an interesting topic where a professor at CSU has a degree/specialty in studying "STEM education."

Now, keep in mind he doesn't actually have any education in STEM. His education and background is in education. But he "studies STEM" from a racial perspective and is actually paid, foolishly, by the Colorado state taxpayers to be the proverbial teacher who can't do, and can only manage to teach.

Regardless, a good podcast to tune into.

The Ole Captain is back at the Northern Command and will be getting back to a regular schedule once he does his taxes and get a bunch of crap out of the way.

Give Me the Robots Over HR Any Day

March 8, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

At least AI doesn't have sexism and lip programmed into it...or does it???

College: The Hard Way or the REALLY REALLY Hard Way

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There is no easy way.

What Gen Z Can Learn from The Millennials

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A disproportionate percentage of my success did not come from working hard, working smart, or anything unto myself. It simply came from watching my elders make mistakes and learning from them. I titled this "Monkey See, Monkey Don't Do" and it included things like not getting divorced, not having kids I couldn't afford, staying away from crime, avoiding drugs, etc. It may not have led me to make billions, but it did keep me out of jail, keep me out of bankruptcy, taught me frugality, and is largely why I'm retired today.

A similar, though MUCH greater opportunity exists for members of Generation Z. On the precipice of entering adulthood, college, and the working world, this generation has such a learning opportunity to make their lives immeasurably better that I cannot even begin to explain the potential benefits of practicing "Monkey See, Monkey Don't Do." And the reason there is such a great opportunity to improve their lives over previous generations is because of the spectacular, unlimited, and incomprehensibly stupid mistakes the generation before them made - The Millennials.

Let us be very clear.

The time of the Millennials is over. They are now aging out of the age demographic that markers, corporations, media, politicians, and (not to mention) the opposite sex care about. They are no longer the "hot cool 20 somethings," spending other people's money freely, but debt-laden parents of children they can ill afford in housing they can barely afford. And if you look at nearly every aspect of the Millennials it quite literally is a wasted generation, a wasted crop of humans, whose only purpose on this planet was to serve as a warning to others. Never has such a lemon been born into this world, and thus, never has the opportunity to make so much lemonade existed. So if Generation Z wants to avoid the life-crippling, life-destroying mistakes of their elder brothers and sisters, I suggest you look at America's "Butt End of the Joke" generation and glean the following vitally-important life lessons from them.

Your Gender and/or Race Has No Value

In an attempt to avoid hard work, a job, or any other sort of labor or toil that is required to become a self-reliant, self-sustaining adult who is a contributing member to society, Millennials have rapidly replaced skills and talent with "traits." Understand that traits you are born with have no value because they do not offer, nor produce anything of value to society. Be you black, white, brown or Asian, or male, female, straight or bi, those are things you were born with and did nothing to earn.

Unfortunately (for the Millennials anyway), society doesn't pay for traits. They need skills.

The iPhone you like, the electricity you use, the food you eat, the clothes you wear were not produced by a man's "blackness" just as the car you drive was not produced by a woman's "pansexuality." It was produced by hard working men and women who dedicated their time to learn a skill or trade and then sacrificed part of their finite lives WORKING to build the things you consume and enjoy today.

The problem is learning skills and trades that are in demand takes time, hard work, not to mention the work itself you need to spend on providing something of value to society. And this life of labor is such a terrifying threat to some Millennials they have even created entirely made up genders that do not exist and are not a thing, solely for the purpose of fooling themselves into thinking they have value and/or are of value to society.

They are not. They are often parasitic, collecting some form of a government check, living off of their parents, or living on government grants in colleges and universities, teaching this poison to future college students. Worse, they are delusional, often times mentally ill because living a lie, especially about your sexuality, for 20 years will do that to you.

Gen Z has a choice. You can accept your sex, gender and race for what it is, perhaps even taking some modicum of pride in it, but knowing it offers nothing of value to society. You can accept that you need to produce something of value for society in order for you to have value.

Or...

You can live a delusional lie that because of pigmentation in your skin or because you

identify as a "sapiosexual gender fluid" that you have "value" and then scream at society for not providing you any in return.

It is Excellence, Not Participation, That Matters

Along the same lines of providing society value to have value unto yourself, Gen Z can learn a lot from the world's first "Participation Trophy" generation. In rewarding millennials for simply showing up or merely "existing" we have deprived them of the much-needed drive to pursue excellence. Excellence, much like in-demand skills, is vital to society because it advances society and produces the best aspects of society.

Excellence in art.
Excellence in production.
Excellence in innovation.
Excellence in education.
Excellence in everything.

But in sparing an entire generation's feelings by refusing to keep score, eliminating GPA's, eliminating valedictorians, and grade inflation at universities, we have produced a generation that has no excellence. Worse, it is defeat, failure, and competition that galvanizes people much like steel to become hardened, improved, and ultimately forged into excellent people themselves capable of excellent things. Sadly, the millennials were spared this forging experience and have become the softest, weakest, lamest generation living at home at the age of 33 and with testosterone levels below their grandparents.

Gen Z has a choice. They can avoid competition, challenge, defeat, failure and pain, in which case they're condemned to become the sad group of "adults" the Millennials are today, or they can embrace it with the idealistic goal of becoming on par with the honorable WWII generation.

You are Not Independent Minded or Unique. You are a Conformist.

Though nearly every generation since Gen X is guilty of this...

No you are not independent minded.

And, no, you are not unique.

What I need you to do is step back, wipe your eyes clean, look at your generation (and every generation of high school students before you) and ask "Do I agree with the majority of my high school, middle school, and college peers?"

If you do, then you are not independent minded and you are not unique. You are a conformist. You do not think. You have been programmed by your teachers. You have not put forth any intellectual effort into thinking on your own, forming your own thoughts and ideas, and are merely a sheep among the flock regurgitating the same talking points you've been conditioned to.

This is not your fault. You have been purposely conditioned and brainwashed in kindergarten through college to think a certain way about everything ranging from politics, race, environmentalism, economics and careers. But when I was in college a girl who:

was majoring in Child Psychology
voted democrat
was a feminist
who believed in the ozone hole (that was the predecessor to "global warming")
and wanted to "just help the children"

was soooo common they were a dime a dozen. They were worthless. They were not unique nor had the ability to be intellectually stimulating.

This doesn't mean you all have to vote republican and wear blazers while sipping cognac, but what you want to avoid is the insanely hypocritical phenomenon where Millennials all claimed they were "independent minded" while they all dressed up in pink salmon jeans, grew out their beards, voted Bernie Sanders, drank craft beers, and could not be more

bland, common, conformist or BORING human being if they tried.

Don't say you're "different." BE DIFFERENT.

No, You Don't Have a Mental Illness

Let us once again be very clear.

Do things like Asperger's, Autism, Bi-Polar Disorder, or Social Anxiety Disorder exist?

Sure.

To the extent that 1 in 4 of Millennials actually have a mental disorder?

No.

What's going on here is very simple, though hard to swallow.

One, Millennials were raised by incredibly poor parents fraught with divorce, broken homes, absentee parenting, outsourcing, and a love for their careers more than their children. And while I am slamming on the Millennials, their parents (Baby Boomers and some Gen X'ers) were absolutely atrocious, namely when it came to doing the "hard part of parenting" aka "discipline." Without a father in the household, or a father present - but too cowardly to discipline his children - it became much easier to just say your misbehaving child had a mental disorder, abdicating any responsibility for your incredibly crappy parenting. Worse, while the child's brain was still developing you administered mind-altering drugs to the child in the hopes of doping him/her out so they wouldn't be a bother to the teacher or yourself. One could argue the drugs themselves caused mental illness later on in life, but parents (and teachers) refusing to raise their children is not a mental illness. It's just horrific parenting.

Two, just like "sex" or "race" Millennials can't wait to rush and claim to be a victim via having some kind of mental illness. Not only does this beget pity and lower standards for lazy millennials, it can also confer financial benefits via claiming "disability" for a government check or perhaps even financial aid and scholarship when it comes to college. Worse, especially when it comes to dating, some particularly evil Millennials will use their made up mental disorder to mentally abuse, torture and control people they're dating.

There is, however, a drawback to faking mental illness, presenting Gen Z'ers yet another choice. You can fake having a mental illness to get all the attention and (sometimes) government money in the world. But whether you genuinely have a mental illness or not, FAKING ONE for decades WILL ENSURE you go insane. Just look at any millennial who claims they have "social anxiety disorder" and you're looking at a 29 year old virgin who still lives at home and can't hold down a job, or worse, a 48 year old Gen X'er living with her cats and sitting in government housing (true story).

"Big Isn't Beautiful" - AKA - There are Objective Beauty Standards

As the Millennial generation simply went to pot, their physical standards did as well. At one time the likes of Sophia Loren and Rita Hayworth were heralded as the ideal when it came to female beauty, just as the likes of Cary Grant and Gregory Peck were male. But as with work, schooling, and careers, staying in shape and being beautiful/handsome takes work and effort. And just like Indiana Jones is afraid of snakes, so too are Millennials afraid of work.

What resulted is something very similar where Millennials replaced hard-earned skills with effortless-traits. Just as it's easier to take fake value and pride in a made up gender, Millennials - too lazy to hit the gym, diet, and exercise - decided to "redefine" what is beautiful and what is handsome. So much so in many of their delusional minds they actually think beauty is subjective.

In came the rush of tattoos, piercings, shaved heads, blue hair. Soy Boys, flooded college campuses with their impeccable grooming habits and easily snapable arms. Feminists vehemently protested looks with "big is beautiful," "fat acceptance," and "slut walks."

Even the mainstream real world bought some of the bogus with Target displaying ~~fat~~ "plus-size" models and Playboy putting a transexual up on its cover.

In the end it was nothing more than Milleannials lying to themselves about the nature of men and women because living the lie was less painful than hitting the gym. Gen Z'ers can live the lie and have a horrible/non-existent sex life. Or you can accept the reality that has been reality for the past 2 million years of human existence:

Women want strong, tall men, with confidence, humor, a touch of aloofness, and a decent income. Men want women with big tits, long legs, a tight ass and long hair...and no ladies, ***they REALLY don't care about your education or your career.***

Your Education and Career are Not the Most Important Things in Your Life

The most important thing in life is other human beings. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, you can own a Ferrari, a Nintendo Switch, and have all the material things in life, but it doesn't compare to the infinite behaviors, thoughts, challenges, and love that can come from a fellow human being. Matter of fact, your goal in life should be to live as long as possible and spend as much time as possible OUTSIDE of work, and instead spend it with humans you enjoy, love, and cherish.

But we told (and the Millennials, Gen X'ers and Baby Boomers believed) it was their career and education that mattered most.

To be blunt, this is a lie told more to young women than it is men. Historically men did have to go out and get some kind of training or education so they could then land a job which would result in a career that would generate the money so they could pay for the family. So for men a career and education held more importance than it did for women. But today both men and women have traded hugs from their children, conversations with friends, and kisses from their loved ones all for

commutes
in traffic jams
to offices
while getting a masters at night

while outsourcing their children to daycare
while incurring more student debt

I'd like to think that seeing your divorced parents, harrowed and haggard from commuting back and forth to work, while shipping you off to daycare and screaming at each other would teach Gen Z'ers this painfully obvious lesson. But since careers and educations have destroyed more lives than helped, I want to make sure Gen Z knows PRECISELY what role careers and educations play in one's life.

Understand that your career is a TOOL by which you use to support and live the rest of your life.

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Along the same line, the education by which you attain your career is ALSO A TOOL.

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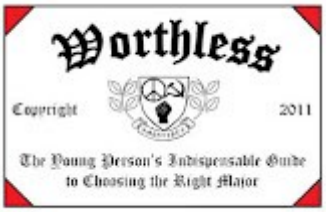
And if you don't believe me, all one has to do is look at the Millennials and see that all they have in life is their career and education. Worse, many millennials (ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN) don't even have a career to point to. They merely have a worthless degree in a worthless field that they will waste the rest of their lives vainly trying to make a career out of. And guarantee-you-me if you go and talk to the now-post-menopausal Gen X career women they will admit (though drunk and late at night after a night of clubbing) all they wanted was to be a stay at home mom, raising children, married to a Ward Cleaver-esque husband.

I cannot begin to explain to Gen Z the amount of money, resources, labor, and time that is going to go into propagandizing you to become as miserable as previous generations, trading in humans for a career and an education. But it will happen, and it will happen in college.

College is (Mostly) a Scam



What appalls me is even though there is a daily article in the news of some nitwit who majored in "Puppetry" or some moron who incurred $200,000 to get a degree in "English," parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and professors all keep perpetuating these tired, loathsome, and stale old lies of:

"Follow your heart and the money will follow."
"Any degree is a good degree."
"You need that sheepskin to get your foot in the door."

Worse, is the Millennials (who, just like you were so "independent minded") bought and swallowed whole these lies, dedicating 4-8 years of their youth in college, often times to the tune of $100,000 in debt, all for degrees that are completely worthless pieces of paper. AND NOW they have the gall to demand the taxpayers bail them out of their student loans just like the bankers.

So let us once again be TRIPLY clear as to what is going on.

America's colleges, universities and other higher education institutions are scamming you out of about $750 billion a year in unnecessary tuition, fees, and other costs. In all honesty, education should be free, or near free with the advent of the internet, and you should not be forced by society or employers to commute to a campus, fork over $300 a credit, all so you "might" have the chance to land a career and become a contributing member of society. But with the complete and thorough brainwashing you've received in K-12, not to mention the media, the news, your parents, your guidance counselors, politicians, and the colleges themselves, you believe you are entitled to this "birthright" of a "college experience."

Because unless you go into STEM (engineering, etc.), the trades, Medicine, Accounting, the military, or IT, college is a complete waste of time. Even if you do go to college for a

legitimate degree, you still are going to waste two years of your life taking "pre-requisite" classes that have nothing to do with your degree. And these pre-requisites highlight why college is often a scam.

College is not there to "educate our precious future childrensss." It's there as a means to employ otherwise COMPLETELY worthless and unhireable professors and academics who have such worthless degrees they simply can't do anything else in the real world. It is NOT a coincidence that the insanity of 31 flavors of gender, "fat acceptance," "privilege," laughably worthless degrees such as "women's studies" degrees (or any other degree where you study traits and NOT skills), and other such politically correct insanity is occurring on college campuses because that's where society's worthless people flock to and scratch out what pathetic careers they can. And in forcing EVERYBODY to take 2 years worth of these worthless classes colleges and universities not only employ thousands of these worthless people, but reap HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS from you kids every year.

Gen Z once again has a choice. You can follow the footsteps of your older brother who still lives at home at 28, can't find a job with his "Creative Writing" degree, protests for his student loans to be paid off and may still be a virgin.

Or you can major in something that has a job at the end of it (even attending accredited online schools) and become a real adult.

Politics is Not a Substitute for Accomplishment

You will find that many Millennials (despite being "independent minded") fell hook, line, and sinker for the various scams elder generations laid out for them. They are now poor, destitute, debt-ridden and largely unemployable. They are also very likely depressed and suffering an existential crisis as they wonder how and why their 30 years of life on this planet was wasted. It's at times like these people are desperate enough to turn to religion. But not a religion in a traditional sense such as Christianity, Judism, or Islam. Rather a political religion that excuses their piss-poor performance in life and deflects any responsibility for their decisions. Also, a religion that gives them some kind of "value" in life without (again) having to work for a living.

Enter the "isms" and "ists"

"I'm an environmentalist."
"I'm a vegan."
"I'm a socialist."
"I'm a communist!"
"I'm for feminism!"

Again, this is not by accident. Just as you were brainwashed to attend college at all costs, you have no doubt been thoroughly indoctrinated to support socialism (no matter what variant of socialism it is that I listed above). Matter of fact many of you don't even have to become as destitute as the Millennials in order to subscribe to these variant religions of socialism because you are already guilty of choosing a religion because it's easy and it feeds your ego, AND you don't have to work for it.

"We're against genocide!"
"We're for the environment!"
"We're for women's rights!!!"

Well, good for you Gen Z Skippy. Who the hell isn't? Why don't you try out for the football team and hit the gym or get a 4.0 in math instead of espousing idiotic and common sense ideas that take zero calories of energy?

The risk here for Gen Z is again one where laziness wastes your life. Be it the delusional fat girl who wants to lie to herself that big is beautiful. Or the political activist who is going to campaign for Trump or Bernie. Or the all-too-common-and-boring high school student who's "for the environment." What you are doing is replacing work, production, and value with mere "political positions." And just like the color of your skin, the plumbing you have downstairs, or the gender you affiliate with, it has no value. It doesn't produce anything of worth. It won't put food on the table.

Certainly by all means participate politically for whatever cause or crusade you want. But do not make it your full time career where you end up like many shameful Millennials who actually list "activist" on their resume.

Never Trust Anybody Over 30

One of the greatest ironies, if not outright hypocrisies, was the old Baby Boomer saying, "Don't trust anybody over 30." I found this odd because if you do the math right it was the then-teenage and 20 something baby boomers saying that about ***their parents***. ***Their parents were the WWII generation that fought off national socialism, defended the world against communism, and build the greatest economy the world had ever seen.*** They had created a country where their Baby Boomer children

enjoyed childhoods that were unrivaled in human history.

I use their quote today in delicious irony because it was painfully obvious the Baby Boomer SHOULD HAVE trusted people over 30, but when they themselves turned over 30, THAT'S when their saying became true. And today that saying holds more value than every before.

I would like to say your elders have your best interests at heart. I would like to say people over 30 are wise, mature, full grown adults who have their lives together and know what they're doing. I would like to say you can seek their wisdom and they will guide you down the right path.

But the truth is much worse.

AT BEST you have your parents who do not consciously or maliciously hate you. They do indeed love you and want what's best for you, they are just ignorant themselves about the real world and are just slightly less lost than you are. So the advice you get from them may be well intended, but it will destroy your life just the same.

"*You must go to college.*"
"*Any degree is a good degree.*"
"*Girls like a nice, caring, sensitive man.*"

What is much more likely is you have people over 30 actively and consciously salivating over how they can make money off of you. Worse, is how they present themselves as your friends.

For example teachers and professors.

Do not think for a second they actually give a damn about you. Teachers became teachers not because they wanted to help the children or "change lives." They became teachers because they wanted summers off and didn't want to math in college. This is why the majority of your teachers are extraordinarily unmentionable and unremarkable. This is why school sucks and is boring. Your teachers are NOT primarily motivated by your education, but by making some easy money and avoiding a real job.

Related is the political indoctrination you received. I do not wish to delve much into politics because it's not part of the lessons I'm trying to impart on you, but if you really are INDEPENDENT MINDED, don't you find it ODD 98% of your teachers and professors are always for voting for socialism and the democrats? They ALWAYS want more money? They're always against private schools, but send their kids there? I merely wish to plant a seed of curiosity you might follow up on later, but they do have a FINANCIAL ulterior motive that has NOTHING to do with educating the precious children.

If that doesn't convince you, perhaps you'll agree that paying $300 a credit and $400 a book for two years of college classes you don't need IS INDEED FINANCIALLY MOTIVATED? That those deans and professors counselors aren't your friends but are leeches sucking as much money out of you, your parents, and the taxpayers so you can "maybe" get a college degree and "maybe" get a job? Or do you actually think that "African American Studies" professor is helping some poor black student learn the skills and trades he needs to land a job and be financially successful?

And what about the programming and conditioning you get to put your career and education first and above all else in life? No self-respecting man or woman would suffer or tolerate a commute to a downtown area with traffic and $20 a day in parking fees for a $45,000 a year job. And no self-respecting man or woman would get masters degrees for a mere promotion or the "chance" to get an entry level position.

"Self-respecting" anyway. Good thing they conditioned all those Millennials and Gen X'ers to get masters degrees they didn't need.

And the media? How about the media?

After getting your masters degree (just like the Millennials) are you going to take on more debt because a commercial convinced you to buy a car you couldn't afford? How about the banks offering you low interest rates to buy your dream McMansion neither you nor your future spouse can afford? It's "almost" as if employers and marketers know that if they can have an entire generation in debt, that generation will be so desperate for a job they will work for peanuts and have to take the abuse from their bosses and employers just to make ends meet.

All of these people;

Your teachers
Your counselors
Your professors
Your politicians
The media
Your employer

They're all over 30 and they are licking their chops to take advantage of you.

Conclusion

Having lived four decades on this planet and making many of the same mistakes Millennials have, I cannot in good faith just sit here and watch another generation come online and literally piss away and destroy their lives as the Millennials have. Not only

have they destroyed their lives believing in the lies their elders told them, but "destroyed" would indicate some kind of end or finality to their problems. Sadly, they are so mentally warped and so brainwashed, it's quite literally impossible for many of them to salvage what remains of their life expectancies on this planet. They're almost condemned to live mentally tortured lives because of the indoctrination they believed and their refusal to take responsibility for their actions.

The question posed to you young Gen Z'ers is which kind of life do you want to live? And whereas in the past I would have thought the indoctrination and brainwashing you received in K-college would have been so complete you wouldn't have even given this article a thought, the Millennials have so spectacularly failed their horrific trainwreck of a life might jar you into waking up and TRULY critically thinking about the advice you've been given and where that would lead.

This article is merely a bullet point of some of the key lessons I think you can learn from the mistakes of Millennials and others. I strongly recommend that if you are interested in your life and having a successful future you consider buying the following books:

Worthless - The Young Person's Indispensable Guide to Choosing the Right Major
Bachelor Pad Economics - The Financial Advice Bible for Men (and women too)
Poor Richard's Retirement - Retirement for Everyday Americans
Curse of the High IQ - A book for smart students who need perspective as to where they sit in life.

Additionally, if you have a question that is more specific to your situation, you may want to consider hiring my consulting services (which I do charge for).

Finally, if you know of a young Gen Z'er that could benefit from this article, please share it with him or her. Life is too short to have this generation end up like the millennials and it is the least we can do to help them make wiser choices in their lives.

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(the 1/1/2020 sequel is in my portion of this article here).

- by Imran Khan

Why does it seem that American society is in decline, that fairness and decorum are receding, that mediocrity and tyranny are becoming malignant despite the majority of the public being averse to such philosophies, yet the true root cause seems elusive? What if everything from unsustainable health care and social security costs, to stagnant wages and rising crime, to crumbling infrastructure and metastasizing socialism, to the economic decline of major US cities like Detroit, Cleveland, and Baltimore, could all be traced to a common origin that is extremely pervasive yet is all but absent from the national dialog, indeed from the dialog of the entire Western world?
Today, on the first day of the new decade of '201x' years, I am going to tell you why that is. I am hereby triggering the national dialog on what the foremost challenge for the United States will be in this decade, which is the ultimate root cause of most of the other problems we appear to be struggling with. What you are about to read is the equivalent of someone in 1997 describing the expected forces governing the War on Terror from 2001-2009 in profound detail.

This is a very long article, the longest ever written on The Futurist. As it is a guide to the next decade of social, political, and sexual strife, it is not meant to be read in one shot but rather digested slowly over an extended period, with all supporting links read as well (if those links are still active after years pass). As the months and years of this decade progress, this article will seem all the more prophetic.

Executive Summary : The Western World has quietly become a civilization that has tainted the interaction between men and women, where the state forcibly transfers resources from men to women creating various perverse incentives for otherwise good women to make extremely unwise life choices, destructive to both themselves and others. This is unfair to both genders, and is a recipe for a rapid civilizational decline and displacement, the costs of which will ultimately be borne by a subsequent generation of innocent women, rather than men, as soon as 2020. The primary culprits in perpetuating this injustice are not average women, but radical 'feminists' and an assortment of sinister, dishonest men who variously describe themselves as 'male feminists' or 'social conservatives'.

Now, the basic premise of this article is that men and women are equally valuable, but have different strengths and weaknesses, and different priorities. A society is strongest when men and women have roles that are complementary to each other, rather than of an adverserial nature. Furthermore, when one gender (either one) is mistreated, the

other ends up becoming disenfranchised as well. If you disagree with this premise, you may not wish to read further.

The Cultural Thesis

The Myth of Female Oppression : When you tell someone that they are oppressed, against all statistical and logical evidence, you harm them by generating discouragement and resentment. This pernicious effect is the basis of many forms of needlessly inflicted female unhappiness, as well as the basis for unjustified retaliation against men.

All of us have been taught how women have supposedly been oppressed throughout human existence, and that this was pervasive, systematic, and endorsed by ordinary men who did not face hardships as severe as what women endured. In reality, this narrative is entirely incorrect. The average man was forced to risk death on the battlefield, at sea, or in mines, while most women stayed indoors tending to children and household duties. Male life expectancy was always significantly lower than that of females, and still is.

Warfare has been a near constant feature of human society before the modern era, and whenever two tribes or kingdoms went to war with each other, the losing side saw many of its fighting-age men exterminated, while the women were assimilated into the invading society. Now, becoming a concubine or a housekeeper is an unfortunate fate, but not nearly as bad as being slaughtered in battle as the men were. To anyone who disagrees, would you like for the men and women to trade outcomes?

Most of this narrative stems from 'feminists' comparing the plight of average women to the topmost men (the monarch and other aristocrats), rather than to the average man. This practice is known as *apex fallacy*, and whether accidental or deliberate, entirely misrepresents reality. To approximate the conditions of the *average* woman to the *average* man (the key word being 'average') in the Western world of a century ago, simply observe the lives of the poorest peasants in poor countries today. Both men and women have to perform tedious work, have insufficient food and clothing, and limited opportunities for upliftment.

As far as selective anecdotes like voting rights go, in the vast majority of cases, men could not vote either. In fact, if one compares every nation state from every century, virtually all of them extended exactly the same voting rights (or lack thereof) to men and women. Even today, out of 200 sovereign states, there are exactly zero that have a different class of voting rights to men and women. Any claim that women were being denied rights that men were given in even 1% of historical instances, falls flat.

This is not to deny that genuine atrocities like genital mutilation have been perpetrated against women; they have and still are. But men also experienced atrocities of comparable horror at the same time, which is simply not mentioned. In fact, when a man is genitally mutilated by a woman, some other women actually find this humorous, and are proud to say so publicly.

It is already wrong when a contemporary group seeks reparations from an injustice that occurred over a century ago to people who are no longer alive. It is even worse when this oppression itself is a fabrication. The narrative of female oppression by men should be rejected and refuted as the highly selective and historically false narrative that it is. In fact, this myth is evidence not of historical oppression, but of the vastly different propensity to complain between the two genders.

The Masculinity Vacuum in Entertainment : Take a look at the collage of entertainers below (click to enlarge), which will be relevant if you are older than 30. All of them were prominent in the 1980s, some spilling over on either side of that decade. They are all certainly very different from one another. But they have one thing in common - that there are far fewer comparable personas produced by Hollywood today.

As diverse and imperfect as these characters were, they were all examples of masculinity. They represented different archetypes, from the father to the leader to the ladies man to the rugged outdoorsman to the protector. They were all more similar than dissimilar, as they all were role-models for young boys of the time, often the same young boys. Celebrities as disparate as Bill Cosby and Mr. T had majority overlap in their fan bases, as did characters as contrasting as Jean-Luc Picard and The Macho Man Randy Savage.

At this point, you might be feeling a deep inner emptiness lamenting a bygone age, as the paucity of proudly, inspiringly masculine characters in modern entertainment becomes clear. Before the 1980s, there were different masculine characters, but today, they are conspicuously absent. Men are shown either as thuggish degenerates, or as effete androgynes. Sure, there were remakes of Star Trek and The A-Team, and series finales of Rocky and Indiana Jones. But where are the new characters? Why is the vacuum being filled solely with nostalgia? A single example like Jack Bauer is not sufficient to dispute the much larger trend of masculinity purging.

Modern entertainment typically shows businessmen as villains, and husbands as bumbling dimwits that are always under the command of the all-powerful wife, who is never wrong. Oprah Winfrey's platform always grants a sympathetic portrayal to a wronged woman, but never to men who have suffered great injustices. Absurdly false feminist myths such as a belief that women are underpaid relative to men for the same

output of work, or that adultery and domestic violence are actions committed exclusively by men, are embedded even within the dialog of sitcoms and legal dramas.

This trains women to disrespect men, wives to think poorly of their husbands, and girls to devalue the importance of their fathers, which leads to the normalization of single motherhood (obviously with taxpayer subsidies), despite the reality that most single mothers are not victims, but merely women who rode a carousel of men with reckless abandon. This, in turn, leads to fatherless young men growing up being told that natural male behavior is wrong, and feminization is normal. It also leads to women being deceived outright about the realities of the sexual market, where media attempts to normalize single motherhood and attempted 'cougarhood' are glorified, rather than portrayed as the undesirable conditions that they are.

The Primal Nature of Men and Women : Genetic research has shown that before the modern era, 80% of women managed to reproduce, but only 40% of men did. The obvious conclusion from this is that a few top men had multiple wives, while the bottom 60% had no mating prospects at all. Women clearly did not mind sharing the top man with multiple other women, ultimately deciding that being one of four women sharing an 'alpha' was still more preferable than having the undivided attention of a 'beta'. Let us define the top 20% of men as measured by their attractiveness to women, as 'alpha' males while the middle 60% of men will be called 'beta' males. The bottom 20% are not meaningful in this context.

Research across gorillas, chimpanzees, and primitive human tribes shows that men are promiscuous and polygamous. This is no surprise to a modern reader, but the research further shows that women are not monogamous, as is popularly assumed, but *hypergamous*. In other words, a woman may be attracted to only one man at any given time, but as the status and fortune of various men fluctuates, a woman's attention may shift from a declining man to an ascendant man. There is significant turnover in the ranks of alpha males, which women are acutely aware of.

As a result, women are the first to want into a monogamous relationship, and the first to want out. This is neither right nor wrong, merely natural. What is wrong, however, is the cultural and societal pressure to shame men into committing to marriage under the pretense that they are 'afraid of commitment' due to some 'Peter Pan complex', while there is no longer the corresponding traditional shame that was reserved for women who destroyed the marriage, despite the fact that 90% of divorces are initiated by women. Furthermore, when women destroy the commitment, there is great harm to children, and the woman demands present and future payments from the man she is abandoning. A man who refuses to marry is neither harming innocent minors nor expecting years of payments from the woman. This absurd double standard has invisible but major costs to society.

To provide 'beta' men an incentive to produce far more economic output than needed just to support themselves while simultaneously controlling the hypergamy of women that would deprive children of interaction with their biological fathers, all major religions

constructed an institution to force constructive conduct out of both genders while penalizing the natural primate tendencies of each. This institution was known as 'marriage'. Societies that enforced monogamous marriage made sure all beta men had wives, thus unlocking productive output out of these men who in pre-modern times would have had no incentive to be productive. Women, in turn, received a provider, a protector, and higher social status than unmarried women, who often were trapped in poverty. When applied over an entire population of humans, this system was known as 'civilization'.

All societies that achieved great advances and lasted for multiple centuries followed this formula with very little deviation, and it is quite remarkable how similar the nature of monogamous marriage was across seemingly diverse cultures. Societies that deviated from this were quickly replaced. This 'contract' between the sexes was advantageous to beta men, women over the age of 35, and children, but greatly curbed the activities of alpha men and women under 35 (together, a much smaller group than the former one). Conversely, the pre-civilized norm of alpha men monopolizing 3 or more young women each, replacing aging ones with new ones, while the masses of beta men fight over a tiny supply of surplus/aging women, was chaotic and unstable, leaving beta men violent and unproductive, and aging mothers discarded by their alpha mates now vulnerable to poverty. So what happens when the traditional controls of civilization are lifted from both men and women?

The Four Sirens : Four unrelated forces simultaneously combined to entirely distort the balance of civilization built on the biological realities of men and women. Others have presented versions of the Four Sirens concept in the past, but I am choosing a slightly different definition of the Four Sirens :

> 1) **Easy contraception (condoms, pills, and abortions)**: In the past, extremely few women ever had more than one or two sexual partners in their lives, as being an unwed mother led to poverty and social ostracization. Contraception made it possible for females to act on their urges of hypergamy.
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> 2) **'No fault' divorce, asset division, and alimony :** In the past, a woman who wanted to leave her husband needed to prove misconduct on his part. Now, the law has changed to such a degree that a woman can leave her husband for no stated reason, yet is still entitled to payments from him for years to come. This incentivizes destruction because it enables women to transfer the costs of irresponsible behavior onto men and children.
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> 3) **Female economic freedom :** Despite 'feminists' claiming that this is the fruit of their hard work, inventions like the vacuum cleaner, washing machine, and oven were the primary drivers behind liberating women from household chores and freeing them up to enter the workforce. These inventions compressed the chores that took a full day into just an hour or less. There was never any organized male opposition to women entering the workforce (in China, taxes were collected in a way that mandated female productivity), as more labor

> lowered labor costs while also creating new consumers. However, one of the main reasons that women married - financial support - was no longer a necessity.
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> Female entry into the workforce is generally a positive development for society, and I would be the first to praise this, if it were solely on the basis of merit (as old-school feminists had genuinely intended). Unfortunately, too much of this is now due to corrupt political lobbying to forcibly transfer resources from men to women.
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> 4) **Female-Centric social engineering** : Above and beyond the pro-woman divorce laws, further state interventions include the subsidization of single motherhood, laws that criminalize violence against women (but offer no protection to men who are the victims of violence by women, which happens just as often), and 'sexual harassment' laws with definitions so nebulous that women have the power to accuse men of anything without the man having any rights of his own.

These four forces in tandem handed an unprecedented level of power to women. The technology gave them freedom to pursue careers and the freedom to be promiscuous. Feminist laws have done a remarkable job of shielding women from the consequences of their own actions. Women now have as close to a hypergamous utopia as has ever existed, where they can pursue alpha males while extracting subsidization from beta males without any reciprocal obligations to them. Despite all the new freedoms available to women that freed them from their traditional responsibilities, men were still expected to adhere to *their* traditional responsibilities.

Marriage 2.0 : From the West to the Middle East to Asia, marriage is considered a mandatory bedrock of any functioning society. If marriage is such a crucial ingredient of societal health, then the West is barreling ahead on a suicidal path.

We earlier discussed why marriage was created, but equally important were the factors that sustained the institution and kept it true to its objectives. The reasons that marriage 'worked' not too long ago were :

> 1) People married at the age of 20, and often died by the age of 50. People were virgins at marriage, and women spent their 20s tending to 3 or more children. Her peak years were contained within marriage. This is an entirely different psychological foundation than the present urban norm of a woman marrying at the age of 34 after her peak years are in the past and she has had 10 or more prior sexual relationships. Some such women have already underwent what can best be described as a fatocalypse.
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> 2) It was entirely normal for 10-20% of young men to die or be crippled on the battlefield, or in occupational accidents. Hence, there were always significantly more women than able-bodied men in the 20-40 age group, ensuring that not all women could marry. Widows were common and visible, and vulnerable to

> poverty and crime. For these reasons, women who were married to able-bodied men knew how fortunate they were relative to other women who had to resort to tedious jobs just to survive, and treated their marriage with corresponding respect.
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> 3) Prior to the invention of contraception, female promiscuity carried the huge risk of pregnancy, and the resultant poverty and low social status. It was virtually impossible for any women to have more than 2-3 sexual partners in her lifetime without being a prostitute, itself an occupation of the lowest social status.
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> 4) Divorce carried both social stigma and financial losses for a woman. Her prospects for remarriage were slim. Religious institutions, extended clans, and broader societal forces were pressures to keep a woman committed to her marriage, and the notion of leaving simply out of boredom was out of the question.

Today, however, all of these factors have been removed. This is partly the result of good forces (economic progress and technology invented by beta men), but partly due to artificial schemes that are extremely damaging to society.

For one thing, the wedding itself has gone from a solemn event attended only by close family and friends, to an extravaganza of conspicuous consumption for the enjoyment of women but financed by the hapless man. The wedding ring itself used to be a family heirloom passed down over generations, but now, the bride thumbs through a catalog that shows her rings that the man is expected to spend two months of his salary to buy. This presumption that somehow the woman is to be indulged for entering marriage is a complete reversal of centuries-old traditions grounded in biological realities (and evidence of how American men have become weak pushovers). In some Eastern cultures, for example, it is normal even today for either the bride's father to pay for the wedding, or for the bride's family to give custody of all wedding jewelry to the groom's family. The reason for this was so that the groom's family effectively had a 'security bond' against irresponsible behavior on the part of the bride, such as her leaving the man at the (Eastern equivalent of the) altar, or fleeing the marital home at the first sign of distress (also a common female psychological response). For those wondering why Eastern culture has such restrictions on women and not men, restrictions on men were tried in some communities, and those communities quickly vanished and were forgotten. There is no avoiding the reality that marriage has to be made attractive to *men* for the surrounding civilization to survive. Abuse and blackmail of women certainly occurred in some instances, but on balance, these customs existed through centuries of observing the realities of human behavior. Persian, Indian, and Chinese civilization has survived for over 5000 years and every challenge imaginable through enforcement of these customs, and, until recently, the Christian world also had comparable mechanisms to steer individual behavior away from destructive manifestations. However, if the wedding has mutated into a carnival of bridezilla narcissism, the mechanics of divorce are far more

disastrous.

In an 'at will' employment arrangement between a corporation and an employee, either party can terminate the contract at any time. However, instead of a few weeks of severance, imagine what would happen if the employer was legally required to pay the employee half of his or her paycheck for 20 additional years, irrespective of anything the employee did or did not do, under penalty of imprisonment for the CEO. Suppose, additionally, that it is culturally encouraged for an employee to do this whenever even minor dissatisfaction arises. Would businesses be able to operate? Would anyone want to be a CEO? Would businesses even form, and thus would any wealth be created, given the risks associated with hiring an employee? Keep these questions in mind as you read further.

So why are 70-90% of divorces initiated by women? Women have always been hypergamous, and most were married to beta men that they felt no attraction towards, so what has changed to cause an increase in divorce rates?

Divorce lawyers, like any other professional group, will seek conditions that are good for business. What makes attorneys different from, say, engineers or salespeople, is that a) they know precisely *how* to lobby for changes to the legal system, bypassing voters and the US constitution, that guarantees more revenue for them, and b) what benefits them is directly harmful to the fabric of society in general, and to children in particular. When they collude with rage-filled 'feminists' who openly say that 90% of the male gender should be exterminated, the outcome is catastrophic.

The concept of 'no fault' divorce by itself may not be unfair. The concepts of asset division and alimony may also be fair in the event of serious wrongdoing by the husband. However, the combination of no-fault divorce *plus* asset division/alimony is incredibly unfair and prone to extortionary abuse. The notion that *she* can choose to leave the marriage, yet *he* is nonetheless required to pay *her* for years after that even if he did not want to destroy the union, is an injustice that should not occur in any advanced democracy. Indeed, the man has to pay even if the woman has an extramarital affair, possibly even being ordered to pay her psychiatric fees. Bogus claims by 'feminists' that women suffer under divorce are designed to obscure the fact that *she* is the one who filed for divorce. Defenders of alimony insist that a woman seeking a divorce should not see a drop in living standards, but it is somehow acceptable for the husband to see a drop even if he did not want a divorce. I would go further and declare that any belief that women deserve alimony on a no-fault basis in this day age is utterly contradictory to the belief that women are equals of men. How can women both deserve alimony while also claiming equality? In rare cases, high-earning women have had to pay alimony to ex-husbands, but that is only 4% of the time, vs. the man paying 96% of the time. But it gets worse; much worse, in fact.

Even if the woman chooses to leave on account of 'boredom', she is still given default custody of the children, which exposes the total hypocrisy of feminist claims that men and women should be treated equally. Furthermore, the man is required to pay 'child

support' which is assessed at levels much higher than the direct costs of child care, with the woman facing no burden to prove the funds were spent on the child, and cannot be specified by any pre-nuptial agreement. The rationale is that 'the child should not see a drop in living standards due to divorce', but since the mother has custody of the child, this is a stealthy way in which feminists have ensured financial maintenence of the mother as well. So the man loses his children *and* most of his income even if he did not want divorce. But even that is not the worst-case scenario.

The Bradley Amendment, devised by Senator Bill Bradley in 1986, ruthlessly pursues men for the already high 'child support' percentages, and seizes their passports and imprisons them without due process for falling behind in payments, even if on account of job loss during a recession. Under a bogus 'deadbeat dads' media campaign, 'feminists' were able to obscure the fact that women were the ones ending their marriages and with them the benefit that children receive from a two-parent upbringing, and further demanding unusually high spousal maintenence, much of which does not even go to the child, from a dutiful ex-husband who did not want a divorce, under penalty of imprisonment. So the legal process uses children as pawns through which to extract an expanded alimony stream for the mother. The phony tactic of insisting that 'it is for the children' is used to shut down all questions about the use of children as pawns in the extortion process, while avoiding scrutiny of the fact that the parent who is choosing divorce is clearly placing the long-term well-being of the children at a very low priority.

So as it stands today, there are large numbers of middle-class men who were upstanding citizens, who were subjected to divorce against their will, had their children taken from them, pay alimony masked as child support that is so high that many of them have to live out of their cars or with their relatives, and after job loss from economic conditions, are imprisoned simply for running out of money. If 10-30% of American men are under conditions where 70% or more of their income is taken from them under threat of prison, these men have no incentive to start new businesses or invent new technologies or processes. **Having 10-30% of men disincentivized this way cannot be good for the economy, and is definitely a contributor to current economic malaise, not to mention a 21st-century version of slavery.** Sometimes, the children are not even biologically his.

This one-page site has more links about the brutal tyranny that a man can be subjected to once he enters the legal contract of marriage, and even more so after he has children. What was once the bedrock of society, and a solemn tradition that benefited both men and women equally, has quietly mutated under the evil tinkering of feminists, divorce lawyers, and leftists, into a shockingly unequal arrangement, where the man is officially a second-class citizen who is subjected to a myriad of sadistic risks. As a result, the word 'marriage' should not even be used, given the totality of changes that have made the arrangement all but unrecognizable compared to its intended ideals. Suicide rates of men undergoing divorce run as high as 20%, and all of us know a man who either committed suicide, or admits seriously considering it during the dehumanization he faced even though *he* wanted to preserve the union. Needless to say, this is a violation of the

US Constitution on many levels, and is incompatible with the values of any supposedly advanced democracy that prides itself on freedom and liberty. There is effectively a tyrannical leftist shadow state operating within US borders but entirely outside the US constitution, which can subject a man to horrors more worthy of North Korea than the US, even if he did not want out of the marriage, did not want to be separated from his children, and did not want to lose his job. Any unsuspecting man can be sucked into this shadow state.

Anyone who believes that two-parent families are important to the continuance of an advanced civilization, should focus on the explosive growth in revenue earned by divorce lawyers, court supervisors, and 'feminist' organizations over the past quarter-century. If Western society is to survive, these revenues should be chopped down to a tenth of what they presently are, which is what they would be if the elements that violate the US Constitution were repealed.

Marriage is no longer a gateway to female 'companionship', as we shall discuss later. For this reason, I cannot recommend 'marriage', in its modern state, to any young man living in the US, UK, Canada, or Australia. There are just too many things outside of his control that can catastrophically ruin his finances, emotions, and quality of life.

At a minimum, he should make sure that having children is the most important goal of his life. If not, then he has insufficient reason to enter this contract. If this goal is affirmed, then he should conduct research by speaking to a few divorced men about the laws and mistreatment they were subjected to, and attend a few divorce court hearings at the local courthouse. After gaining this information, if he still wants to take the risk, he should only marry if he can meet the following three conditions, none of which can substitute either of the other two :

1) The woman earns the same as, or more than, he does.

2) He has a properly done pre-nuptial arrangement with lawyers on each side (even though a pre-nup will not affect the worst aspect of divorce law - 'child support' as a cloak for stealth alimony and possible imprisonment).

3) He is deeply competent in seduction practices (Game), and can manage his relationship with his wife effortlessly. Even this is a considerable workload, however. More on this later.

There are still substantial risks, but at least they are somewhat reduced under these conditions. If marriage is a very important goal for a young man, he should seriously consider expatriation to a developing country, where he ironically may have a higher living standard than in the US after adjusting for divorce risk.

So, to review, the differences between Marriage 1.0 and Marriage 2.0 are :

- a) No fault asset division and alimony, where the abandoned spouse has to pay if he earns more, even if he did not want a divorce, and even if he is a victim of abuse, cuckolding, or adultery. There are *rare* instances of high-earning women getting caught in this trap as well.

- b) Women marrying after having 5 or more sexual partners, compared to just 0-1 previously. This makes it harder for the woman to form a pair bond with her husband.
- c) Women marrying at an age when very few years of their peak beauty are remaining, compared to a decade or more remaining under Marriage 1.0.
- d) Child custody is almost never granted to the man, so he loses his children on a 'no fault' basis.

Traditional cultures marketed marriage with such punctilious alacrity that most people today dare not even question whether the traditional truths still apply. Hence, hostility often ensues from a mere attempt to even broach the topic of whether marriage is still the same concept as it once was. Everyone from women to sadistic social conservatives to a young man's own parents will pressure and shame him into marriage for reasons they cannot even articulate, and condemn his request for a pre-nup, without having any interest in even learning about the horrendously unequal and carefully concealed laws he would be subjected to in the event that his wife divorces him through no reasons he can discern. But some men with an eye on self-preservation are figuring this out, and are avoiding marriage. By many accounts, 22% of men have decided to avoid marriage. So what happens to a society that makes it unattractive for even just 20% of men to marry?

Women are far more interested in marriage than men. Simple logic of supply and demand tells us that the institution of monogamous marriage requires at least 80% male participation in order to be viable. When male participation drops below 80%, *all* women are in serious trouble, since there are now 100 women competing for every 80 men, compounded with the reality that women age out of fertility much quicker than men. This creates great stress among the single female population. In the past, the steady hand of a young woman's mother and grandmother knew that her beauty was temporary, and that the most seductive man was not the best husband, and they made sure that the girl was married off to a boy with long-term durability. Now that this guidance has been removed from the lives of young women, thanks to 'feminism', these women are proving to be poor pilots of their mating lives who pursue alpha males until the age of 34-36 when her desirability drops precipitously and not even beta males she used to reject are interested in her. This stunning plunge in her prospects with men is known as the **Wile E. Coyote** moment, and women of yesteryear had many safety nets that protected them from this fate. The 'feminist' media's attempt to normalize 'cougarhood' is evidence of gasping desperation to package failure as a desirable outcome, which will never become mainstream due to sheer biological realities. Women often protest that a high number of sexual partners should not be counted as a negative on them, as the same is not a negative for men, but this is merely a manifestation of solipism. A complex sexual past works against women even if the same works in favor of men, due to the natural sexual attraction triggers of each gender. A wise man once said, "A key that can open many locks is a valuable key, but a lock that can be opened by many keys is a useless lock."

The big irony is that 'feminism', rather than improving the lives of women, has stripped away the safety nets of mother/grandmother guidance that would have shielded her from ever having to face her Wile E. Coyote moment. 'Feminism' has thus put the average woman at risk in yet another area.

Game (Learned Attraction and Seduction) : The Four Sirens and the legal changes feminists have instituted to obstruct beta men have created a climate where men have invented techniques and strategies to adapt to the more challenging marketplace, only to exceed their aspirations. This is a disruptive technology in its own right. All of us know a man who is neither handsome nor wealthy, but consistently has amazing success with women. He seems to have natural instincts regarding women that to the layperson may be indistinguishable from magic. So how does he do it?

Detractors with a vested interest in the present status quo are eager to misrepresent what 'Game' is, and the presence of many snake-oil salesmen in the field does not help, but as a definition :

The traits that make a man attractive to women are learnable skills, that improve with practice. Once a man learns these skills, he is indistinguishable from a man who had natural talents in this area. Whether a man then chooses to use these skills to secure one solid relationship or multiple brief ones, is entirely up to him.

The subject is too vast for any description over here to do it full justice, but in a nutshell, the Internet age enabled communities of men to share the various bits of knowledge they had field tested and refined (e.g. one man being an expert at meeting women during the daytime, another being an expert at step-by-step sexual escalation, yet another being a master of creating lasting love, etc.). The collective knowledge grew and evolved, and an entire industry to teach the various schools of 'Game' emerged. Men who comprehended the concepts (a minority) and those who could undertake the total reconstitution of their personalities and avalanche of rejections as part of the learning curve (a still smaller minority) stood to reap tremendous benefits from becoming more attractive than the vast majority of unaware men. While the 'pick-up artist' (PUA) implementation is the most media-covered, the principles are equally valuable for men in monogamous long-term relationships (LTRs). See Charlotte Allen's cover story for The Weekly Standard, devoted to 'Game'.

Among the most valuable learnings from the body of knowledge is the contrarian revelation that what women say a man should do is often quite the antithesis of what would actually bring him success. For example, being a needy, supplicative,

eager-to-please man is precisely the opposite behavior that a man should employ, where being dominant, teasing, amused, yet assertive is the optimal persona. An equally valuable lesson is to realize when not to take a woman's words at face value. Many statements from her are 'tests' to see if the man can remain congruent in his 'alpha' personality, where the woman is actually hoping the man does *not* eagerly comply to her wishes. Similarly, the 'feminist' Pavlovian reaction to call any non-compliant man a 'misogynist' should also not be taken as though a rational adult assigned the label after fair consideration. Such shaming language is only meant to deflect scrutiny and accountability from the woman uttering it, and should be given no more importance than a 10-year-old throwing a tantrum to avoid responsibility or accountability. Far too many men actually take these slurs seriously, to the detriment of male rights and dignity.

Success in internalizing the core fundamentals of Game requires an outside-the-box thinker solidly in the very top of Maslow's Hierarchy, and in my experience, 80% of men and 99.9% of women are simply incapable of comprehending why the skills of Game are valuable and effective. Many women, and even a few pathetic men, condemn Game, without even gaining a minimal comprehension for what it truly is (which I have highlighted in red above), and how it benefits both men and women. Most of what they think they know about Game involves strawmen, a lack of basic research, and their own sheer insecurity.

For anyone seeking advice on learning the material, there is one rule you must never break. I believe it is of paramount importance that the knowledge be used ethically, and with the objective of creating mutually satisfying relationships with women. It is not moral to mistreat women, even if they have done the same to countless men. We, as men, have to take the high road even if women are not, and this is my firm belief. Nice guys can finish first if they have Game.

'Feminism' as Unrestrained Misandry and Projection : The golden rule of human interactions is to judge a person, or a group, by their actions rather than their words. The actions of 'feminists' reveal their ideology to be one that seeks to secure equality for women in the few areas where they lag, while distracting observers from the vast array of areas where women are in a more favorable position relative to men (the judicial system, hiring and admissions quotas, media portrayals, social settings, etc.). They will concoct any number of bogus statistics to maintain an increasingly ridiculous narrative of female oppression.

Feminists once had noble goals of securing voting rights, achieving educational parity, and opening employment channels for women. But once these goals were met and even exceeded, the activists did not want to lose relevance. Now, they tirelessly and ruthlessly lobby for changes in legislation that are blatantly discriminatory against men (not to mention unconstitutional and downright cruel). Not satisfied with that, they continue to lobby for social programs designed to devalue the roles of husbands and fathers, replacing them with taxpayer-funded handouts.

As it is profitable to claim victimhood in this age, a good indicator is whether any

condemnation by the supposedly oppressed of their oppressor could be similarly uttered if the positions were reversed. We see an immense double standard regarding what women and men can say about each other in America today. This reveals one of the darkest depths of the human mind - when a group is utterly convinced that they are the 'victims' of another group, they can rationalize any level of evil against their perceived oppressors.

Go to any major 'feminist' website, such as feministing.com or Jezebel.com, and ask polite questions about the fairness of divorce laws, or the injustice of innocent men being jailed on false accusations of rape without due process. You will quickly be called a 'misogynist' and banned from commenting. The same is not true for any major men's site, where even heated arguments and blatant misandry are tolerated in the spirit of free speech and human dignity. When is the last time a doctrinaire 'feminist' actually had the courage to debate a fair woman like Camille Paglia, Tammy Bruce, or Christina Hoff Somers on television?

Ever-tightening groupthink that enforces an ever-escalating narrative of victimhood ensures that projection becomes the normal mode of misandrist thought. The word 'misogynist' has expanded to such an extreme that it is the Pavlovian response to anything a 'feminist' *feels* bad about, but cannot articulate in an adult-like manner. This reveals the projected gender bigotry of the 'feminist' in question, which in her case is misandry. For example, an older man dating women 10 years younger than him is also referred to as a 'misogynist' by the older bitterati. Not an *ageist*, mind you, but a *misogynist*. A man who refuses to find obese women attractive is also a 'misogynist', as are gay men who do not spend money on women. The male non-compliance labeled as 'misogyny' thus becomes a reaction to many years of unopposed misandry heaped on him first, when he initially harbored no such sentiments. Kick a friendly dog enough times, and you get a nasty dog.

There are laws such as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), that blatantly declares that violence against women is far worse than violence against men. VAWA is very different from ordinary assault laws, because under VAWA, a man can be removed from his home at gunpoint if the woman makes a single phonecall. No due process is permitted, and the man's Constitutional rights are jettisoned. At the same time, half of all domestic violence is by the woman against the man. Tiger Woods' wife beat him with a blunt weapon and scratched his face, only to be applauded by 'feminists' in a 'you go girl' manner. Projection can normalize barbarism.

Rape legislation has also bypassed the US Constitution, leaving a man guilty until he proves himself innocent, while the accusing woman faces no penalty for falsely sending a man to prison for 15 years, where he himsef will get raped. The Duke Lacrosse case was a prominent example of such abuse, but hundreds of others occur in America each year. The laws have been changed so that a victim has 1 month to 'decide' if she has been raped, and such flexibility predicatably leads to instances of a woman reporting rape just so that she does not have to tell her husband that she cheated on him (until it becomes profitable to divorce him). 40-50% of all rape accusations are false, but 'feminists' would

rather jail scores of innocent men than let one guilty man get away, which is the exact opposite of what US Constitutional jurisprudence requires.

But, unimaginably, it gets even worse. Polls of men have shown that there is one thing men fear even more than being raped themselves, and that is being cuckolded. Men see cuckolding as the ultimate violation and betrayal, yet there is an entire movement among 'feminists' to enshrine a woman's right to commit adultery and use the resources of her husband to dupe him into thinking the child is his. These misandrists even want to outlaw the right of a man to test the paternity of a child.

So, to review, if a woman has second thoughts about a tryst a few days later, she can, without penalty, ruin a man financially and send him to prison for 15 years. 'Feminists' consider this acceptable. At the same time, even though men consider being cuckolded a worse fate than being raped, 'feminists' want to make this easier for a woman to do, by preventing paternity testing. They already have rigged laws so that the man, upon 'no fault' divorce, has to pay alimony, to a woman who cuckolded him.

This is pure evil, ranking right up there with the worst tyrannies of the last century. Modern misandry masking itself as 'feminism' is, without equal, the most hypocritical ideology in the world today. The laws of a society are the DNA of that society. Once the laws are tainted, the DNA is effectively corrupted, and mutations to the society soon follow. Men have been killed due to 'feminism'. Children and fathers have been forcibly separated for financial gain via 'feminism'. Slavery has returned to the West via 'feminism'. With all these misandric laws, one can fairly say that misandry is the new Jim Crow.

Shaming Language and Projection as a Substitute for Rational Debate : As discussed previously, any legitimate and polite questions about the fairness of anti-male realities in the legal system and media are quickly met with Pavlovian retorts of 'misogynist' and 'loser'. Let us deconstruct these oft-used examples of shaming language, and why misandrists are so afraid of legitimate debate.

Contrary to their endless charges of 'misogyny' (a word that many 'feminists' still manage to misspell), in reality, most men instinctively treat women with chivalry and enshrine them on exalted pedestals. Every day, we see men willing to defend women or do favors for them. There is infinitely more chivalry than misogyny exhibited by the male population. On the other hand, we routinely see anti-male statements uttered by 'feminists', and a presumption that all men are monsters guilty of crimes committed by a small number of people of the same gender. When well-known 'feminists' openly state that 90% of the male population should be exterminated, the unsupported accusation of 'misogyny' is a very pure manifestion of their own misandric projection.

On the second charge of being a 'loser who cannot get laid', any observation of the real world quickly makes it obvious that men who have had little experience with women are the ones placing women on pedestals, while those men who have had substantial sexual experience with women are not. Having sex with a large number of women does not increase respect for women, which is the exact opposite of the claim that 'feminists'

make. Again, this charge of 'loserdom' is merely the psychosexual frustration of 'feminists' projected outwards, who express surprise that unrelenting hatred by them towards men is not magically metabolized into love for these particular 'feminists'.

That misandrists are so unchallenged is the reason that they have had no reason to expand their arsenal of venom beyond these two types of projection. Despite my explanation of this predictable Pavlovian response, the comments section will feature misandrists use these same two slurs nonetheless, proving the very point that they seek to shout down, and the very exposure they seek to avoid. My pre-emption will not deter them from revealing their limitations by indulging in it anyway. They simply cannot help themselves, and are far from being capable of discussing actual points of disagreement in a rational manner.

Men, of course, have to be savvy about the real reason their debate skills are limited to these two paths of shaming language, and not be deterred. Once again, remember that this should be taken no more seriously than if uttered by a 10-year-old, and there is no reason to let a 'feminist' get away with anything you would not let a man get away with. They wanted equality, didn't they?

'Feminism' as Genuine Misogyny : The greatest real misogyny, of course, has been unwittingly done by the 'feminists' themselves. By encouraging false rape claims, they devalue the credibility of all claims, and genuine victims will suffer. By incentivizing the dehumanization of their ex-husbands and the use of children as pawns, they set bad examples for children, and cause children to resent their mothers when they mature. By making baseless accusations of 'misogyny' without sufficient cause, they cause resentment among formerly friendly men where there previously was none. By trying to excuse cuckolding and female domestic violence, they invite formerly docile men to lash out in desperation.

One glaring example of misandry backfiring is in the destruction of marriage and corresponding push of the 'Sex in the City/cougar' fantasy. Monogamous marriage not only masked the gap between 'alpha' and 'beta' men, but also masked the gap between attractiveness of women before and after their Wile E. Coyote moment. By seducing women with the myth that a promiscuous single life after the age of 35 is a worthy goal, many women in their late 30s are left to find that they command far less male attention than women just a decade younger than them. 'Feminism' sold them a moral code entirely unsuited to their physical and mental realities, causing great sadness to these women.

But most importantly, 'feminists' devalued the traditional areas of female expertise (raising the next generation of citizens), while attaching value only to areas of male expertise (the boardroom, the military, sexual promiscuity) and told women to go duplicate male results under the premise that this was inherently better than traditional female functions. Telling women that emulating their mothers and grandmothers is less valuable than mimicking men sounds quite misogynistic to me, and unsurprisingly, despite all these 'freedoms', women are more unhappy than ever after being inflicted

with such misogyny.

So how did the state of affairs manage to get so bad? Surely 'feminists' are not so powerful?

Social Conservatives, White Knights, and Girlie-Men : It would be inaccurate to deduce that misandrists were capable of creating this state of affairs on their own, despite their vigor and skill in sidestepping both the US Constitution and voter scrutiny. Equally culpable are men who ignorantly believe that acting as obsequious yes-men to 'feminists' by turning against other men in the hope that their posturing will earn them residual scraps of female affection.

Chivalry has existed in most human cultures for many centuries, and is seen in literature from all major civilizations. Chivalry greatly increased a man's prospects of marriage, but the reasons for this have been forgotten. Prior to the modern era, securing a young woman's hand in marriage usually involved going through her *parents*. The approval of the girl's father was a non-negotiable channel in the process. If a young man could show the girl's parents that he would place her on a pedestal, they could be convinced to sanction the union. The girl herself was not the primary audience of the chivalry, as the sexual attraction of the girl herself was rarely aroused by chivalry, as the principles of Game have shown.

Hence, many men are still stuck in the obsolete, inobservant, and self-loathing notion that chivalry and excess servility are the pathways to sex today, despite the modern reality that a woman's sexual decisions are no longer controlled by her parents, and are often casual rather than locked in matrimony. Whether such men are religious and called 'social conservatives', or effete leftists and called 'girlie men', they are effectively the same, and the term 'White Knights' can apply to the entire group. Their form of chivalry when exposed to 'feminist' histrionics results in these men harming other men at the behest of women who will never be attracted to them. This is why we see peculiar agreement between supposedly opposed 'social conservatives' and 'feminists' whenever the craving to punish men arises. A distressingly high number of men actually support the imprisonment of innocent men for false rape accusations or job loss causing 'child support' arrears merely because these 'men' don't want to risk female disapproval, incorrectly assuming that fanatically vocal 'feminists' represent the official opinion of all women. These men are the biggest suckers of all, as their pig-headed denial of the effectiveness of Game will prevent them from deducing that excess agreeability and willingness to do favors for the objects of their lust are exactly the opposite of what makes women sexually attracted to men. No woman feels attraction for a needy man.

For this reason, after lunatic 'feminists', these pedestalizing White Knights are the next most responsible party for the misandry in Western society today. The average woman is not obsessively plotting new schemes to denigrate and swindle men, she merely wants to side with whoever is winning (which presently is the side of misandry). But pedestalizing men actually carry out many dirty deeds against other men in the hopes of receiving a pat on the head from 'feminists'. Hence, the hierarchy of misandric zeal is thus :

Strident 'feminist' > pedestalizer/white knight > average woman.

For reasons described earlier, even a declaration that many men are bigger contributors to misandry than the average woman will not deter 'feminists' from their Pavlovian tendency to call articles such as this one 'misogynist'.

Lastly, the religious 'social conservatives' who continue their empty sermonizing about the 'sanctity of marriage' while doing absolutely nothing about the divorce-incentivizing turn that the laws have taken, have been exposed for their pseudo-moral posturing and willful blindness. What they claim to be of utmost importance to them has been destroyed right under their noses, and they still are too dimwitted to comprehend why. No other interest group in America has been such a total failure at their own stated mission. To be duped into believing that a side-issue like 'gay marriage' is a mortal threat to traditional marriage, yet miss the legal changes that correlate to a rise in divorce rates by creating incentives for divorce (divorce being what destroys marriage, rather than a tiny number of gays), is about as egregious an oversight as an astronomer failing to be aware of the existence of the Moon. Aren't conservatives the people who are supposed to grasp that incentives drive behavior? An article worthy of being written by The Onion could conceivably be titled 'Social conservatives carefully seek to maintain perfect 100% record of failure in advancing their agenda'.

Why There is No Men's Rights Movement : At this point, readers may be wondering "If things are this bad, why don't we hear anything about it?". Indeed, this is a valid question, and the answer lies within the fundamentals of male psychology. Most beta men would rather die than be called a 'loser' by women (alpha men, of course, know better than to take this at face value). White Knights also join in the chorus of shaming other men since they blunderously believe that this is a pathway to the satiation of their lust. So an unfairly ruined man is faced with the prospect of being shamed by women and a large cohort of men if he protests about the injustice, and this keeps him suffering in silence, leading to an early death. We have millions of fine young men willing to die on the battlefield to defend the values enshrined in the US Constitution, but we don't see protests of even 100 divorced men against the shamefully unconstitutional treatment they have received. **The destruction of the two-parent family by incentivizing immoral behavior in women is at least as much of a threat to American safety and prosperity as anything that ever could have come out of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, or Saudi Arabia.** Men being too afraid to be the 'squeaky wheel' even when they have lost their children and their present and future assets is a major contributor to the prevailing status quo. Alpha men have no incentive beyond altruism to act as they benefit from the current climate, and thus my altruism will be limited to putting forth these ideas.

Any serious movement has to start a think tank or two to produce research reports, symposiums, and specific policy recommendations, and the few divorce lawyers who were compelled by their conscience to leave the dark side have to be recruited as experts. Subsequently, televised panel discussions have to be conducted at top medical, business, and graduate engineering schools (where young men about to embark on

lucrative careers are approaching marriage age, but know nothing about the law), documentary films have to be produced, prominent victims like Mel Gibson, Paul McCartney, Hulk Hogan, and Tiger Woods have to be recruited as spokesmen, and visibly powerful protests outside of divorce courts have to be organized. In this age of Web 2.0/social media/viral tools, all this should be easy, particularly given how quickly leftist groups can assemble a comparable apparatus for even obscure causes.

Instead, all that exists are Men's Rights Authors (MRAs) that run a few websites and exchange information on their blogs. 'Something is better than nothing' is the most generous praise I could possibly extend to their efforts, and this article I am presenting here on The Futurist is probably the single biggest analysis of this issue to date, even though this is not even a site devoted to the subject and I am not the primary author of this site. Hence, there will be no real Men's Rights Movement in the near future. The misandry bubble will instead be punctured through the sum of millions of individual market forces.

The Faultline of Civilization : After examining all the flaws in modern societies, and the laws that exacerbate them, it becomes apparent that there are two realms of legal/judicial thought that stand alone in determining whether our civilization is going to be ever-improving or merely cyclical. These two legal areas are a) the treatment of paternity rights, and b) the treatment of due process in rape accusations. The human brain is wired to value the well-being of women far higher than that of men (for reasons that were once valid, but no longer are today), which is why extending due process to a man falsely accused of rape is not of particular interest to people who otherwise value due process. Similarly, there is little resistance to 'feminist' laws that have stripped away all types of paternity rights from fathers. The father is not seen as valuable nor as worthy of rights, as we have seen above. These two areas of law are precisely where our society will decide if it ascends or declines. All other political sideshows, like immigration, race relations, and even terrorism are simply not as important as none of those can destroy an *entire* society the way these laws can.

The Economic Thesis

Ceilings and Floors of Glass : Misandrists shriek about a supposed 'glass ceiling' of pervasive sexism that explains why 50% of the CEOs of major corporations are not women. What is never mentioned is the equally valid 'glass floor', where we see that 90% of imprisonments, suicides, and crippling occupational injuries are of men. If these outcomes are the results of the actions or choices of men who suffer from them, then is that not the same reason that determines who rises above the 'glass ceiling'? The inability of misandrists to address these realities in good faith tells us something (but not everything) about the irrational sense of entitlement they have.

One of the most dishonest myths of all is the claim that 'women earn just 75% of men for the same job'. Let me dispense of this myth, in the process of which we will see why it is profitable and seductive for them to broadcast this bogus belief.

It is true that women, on average, earn less per year than men do. It is also true that 22-year-olds earn less, on average, than 40-year-olds. Why is the latter not an example of age discrimination, while the former is seized upon as an example of gender discrimination?

If women truly did earn less for doing exactly the same job as a man, any non-sexist CEO could thrash his competition by hiring only women, thus saving 25% on employee salaries relative to his competitors. Are we to believe that every major CEO and Board of Directors is so sexist as to sacrifice billions of dollars of profit? When the 'Director of Corporate Social Responsibility' of a nun congregation wrote to TJ Rodgers, CEO of Cypress Semiconductor, that his company should have more women in its Board of Directors, Rodgers replied with a letter explaining why the pursuit of profit could not accommodate such political correctness. That a nun congregation pays a recession-proof salary to someone as a 'Director of Corporate Social Responsibility' is itself an example of a pampered existence, and I was unaware that convents were now advancing secular Marxist beliefs.

Furthermore, women entrepreneurs could hire other women and out-compete any male-dominated business if such a pay gap existed, but we do not see this happening in any country in the world. Market forces would correct such mispricings in female compensation, if they actually existed. But they do not, and those who claim that they do are not just advertising an extreme economic illiteracy, but are quite happy to make similarly illiterate women angry about an injustice that does not exist. I notice that women who actually are/were CEOs of publicly traded companies never claim that there is a conspiracy to underpay women relative to their output.

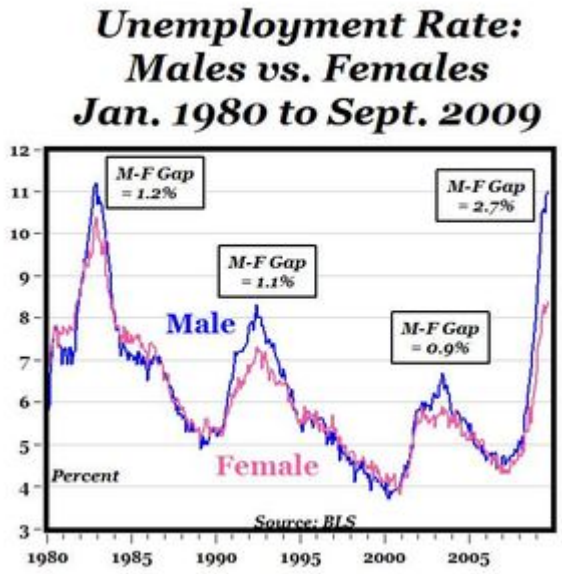
I am willing to pass laws to ensure that 50% of all Fortune 500 CEOs are women, if we also legally mandate that 50% of all imprisonments are of women, and 50% of the jobs that involve working with heavy machinery, being outdoors in inclement weather, inhaling toxic fumes, or apprehending dangerous criminals are also occupied by women. Fair is fair. Any takers?

The 'Mancession' and the 'Sheconomy' : I would be the first to be happy if the

economic success of women were solely on the basis of pure merit. For many of them, it is. But far too much has been the result of not market forces or meritocracy, but political graft and ideology-driven corruption.

In the recent recession and ongoing jobless recovery, the male unemployment rate continues to be much higher than the female unemployment rate. If this was simply due to market forces, that would be fine. However, 'feminist' groups have lobbied hard to ensure that government stimulus funds were steered to boost female employment at the expense of assistance for men. The leftist Obama administration was more than eager to comply, and a forcible transfer of wealth was enacted, even though it may not have been the best deployment of money for the economy.

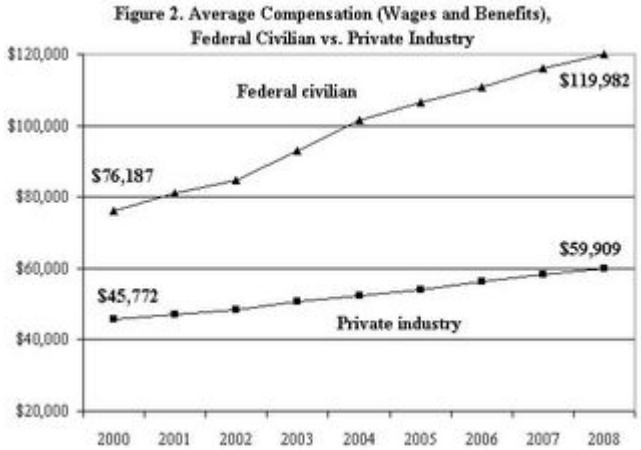
Maria Shriver, a woman who has the most fortunate of lives from the vast wealth earned first by her grandfather and then by her husband, recently published 'A Woman's Nation : The Shriver Report', consisting of gloating about how women were now outperforming men economically. The entire research report is full of all the standard bogus feminist myths and flawed statistics, as thoroughly debunked here, as well as the outright sexism of statements like 'women are better managers' (imagine a man saying the reverse). Furthermore, the report reveals the typical economic illiteracy (evidenced by, among other things, the ubiquitous 'women are underpaid' myth), as well as belief that businesses exist to act as vehicles of social engineering rather than to produce a profit.



All of this bogus research and organized anti-male lobbying has been successful. As of today, the male unemployment rate is worse than the female unemployment rate by an unprecedented chasm. The 'mancession' continues as the US transitions to a 'sheconomy', and among the millions of unemployed men, some owe prohibitive levels of 'child support' despite not being the ones wanting to deprive their children of a two-parent household, landing in prison for lack of funds. Furthermore, I emphasize again that having 10-30% of the US male workforce living under an effective 70% marginal tax rate will kill their incentives for inventing new technologies or starting new companies. It is petty to debate whether the top federal income tax bracket should be 35% or 39.6%, when a slice of the workforce is under a

70% tax on marginal income. Beyond the tyranny of this, it also costs a lot of taxpayer money to jail a growing pool of unemployed men. Clearly, moving more and more men out of a tax-generating capacity and into a tax-consuming capacity is certainly going to do two-fold damage to governmental budgets. The next time you hear someone say that 'the US has the largest prison population in the world', be sure to mention that many of these men merely lost their jobs, and were divorced against their will. The women, in the meantime, are having a blast.

The Government Bubble : While public sector vs. private sector workforce distribution is not highly correlated to gender, it is when the focus is on women earning over



$100,000 or more. This next chart from the Cato Institute shows that when total compensation (wages + benefits) are taken into account, the public sector has totally outstripped the private sector this decade. Has the productivity of the typical government employee risen so much more than that of the private worker, that the government employee is now paid twice as much? Are taxpayers receiving value for their money?

It goes further. The vast majority of social security taxes are paid by men, but are collected by women (due to women living 7 years longer than men on average). That is not troubling by any means, but the fact that women consume two-thirds of all US healthcare, despite most of this $2.5 Trillion annual expenditure being paid by men, is certainly worthy of debate. It may be 'natural' for women to require more healthcare, since they are the ones who give birth. But it was also 'natural' for men to finance this for only their wives, not for the broader community of women. The healthcare profession also employs an immense number of women, and not just in value-added roles such as nursing, but even in administrative and bureaucratic positions. In fact, virtually all government spending except for defense and infrastructure, from Medicare to Obamacare to welfare to public sector jobs for women to the expansion of the prison population, is either a net transfer of wealth from men to women, or a byproduct of the destruction of Marriage 1.0. In either case, 'feminism' is the culprit.

This Cato Institute chart of Federal Government spending (click to enlarge) shows how non-defense expenditures have steadily risen since 1960. The decline in defense spending, far from being a 'peace dividend' repatriated back to taxpayers, was used to fund more social programs. No one can seriously claim that the American public receives better non-defense governance in 2010 than in 1960 despite the higher price, and as discussed earlier, most of this increase is a direct or indirect result of 'feminism'. When state and local government wastage is added to this, it would appear that 20% of GDP is being spent just to make the government a substitute for the institution of Marriage, and yet still has not managed to be an effective replacement. Remember again that the earnings of men pays 70%-80% of all taxes.

The left has finally found a perfect Trojan Horse through which to expand a tyrannical state. 'Feminists' can lobby for a transfer of wealth from men to women and from private industry to the government, while knowing that calling any questioner a 'misogynist' will silence him far more effectively than their military fifth columnist and plain socialist brethren could ever silence their respective opponents. Conservatives are particularly vulnerable to such shaming language, and most conservatives will abandon their stated principles to endlessly support any and all socialism if it can be packaged as 'chivalry', the opposition to which makes one a 'misogynist'. However, there is reason to believe that tax collection in many parts of the US, such as in states like CA, NY, NJ, and MA, has reached saturation. As the optimal point has already been crossed, a rise in tax rates will cause a decrease, rather than an increase in revenue, and the increase in Federal tax rates exactly one year from today on 1/1/2011 is likely to cause another recession, which will not be so easily transferred to already-impoverished men the next time.

When men are severed from their children with no right to obstruct divorce, when they are excluded from the labor market not by market forces but rather by social engineering, and when they learn that the society they once believed in and in some cases joined the military to protect, has no respect for their aspirations, these men have no reason to sustain such a society.

The Contract Between the Sexes : A single man does not require much in order to survive. Most single men could eke out an adequate existence by working for two months out of the year. The reason that a man might work hard to earn much more than he needs for himself is to attract a wife amidst a competitive field, finance a home and a

couple of children, and ultimately achieve status as a pillar of the community. Young men who exhibited high economic potential and favorable compatibility with the social fabric would impress a girl's parents effectively enough to win her hand in marriage. The man would proceed to work very hard, with the fruits of his labor going to the state, the employer, and the family. 80-90% of a man's output went to people other than himself, but he got a family and high status in return, so he was happy with the arrangement.

The Four Sirens changed this, which enabled women to pursue alpha males despite the mathematical improbability of marrying one, while totally ignoring beta males. Beta males who were told to follow a responsible, productive life of conformity found that they were swindled.

Men who excelled under the societal rules of just two decades ago are often left totally betrayed by the rules of today, and results in them refusing to sustain a society heavily dependent on their productivity and ingenuity. Women believed that they could free themselves from all their traditional obligations (only to find, amusingly, that they are unhappier now than they were then), while men would still fulfill all of their traditional obligations, particularly as bankrollers of women and protectors of women. Needless to say, despite the chivalry ground into men, eventually, they will feel that chivalry requires a level of gratitude that is not forthcoming.

To see what happens when the role of the husband and father is devalued, and the state steps in as a replacement, look no further than the African American community. In Detroit, the average home price has fallen from $98,000 as recently as 2003 to just $14,000 today. The auto industry moved jobs out of Detroit long before 2003, so the decline cannot be attributed to just industrial migration, and cities like Baltimore, Oakland, Cleveland, and Philadelphia are in scarcely better shape. For those who believe that this cannot happen in white communities, have a look at the white underclass in Britain. The lower half of the US white population is vulnerable to the same fate as the black community, and cities like Los Angeles are perilously close to 'Detroitification'.

Additionally, people seem to have forgotten that the physical safety of society, particularly of women, is entirely dependent on ratio of 'aggressor' men to 'protector' men staying below a certain critical threshold. As more men get shut out of the labor market, crime becomes an alternative. Even highly educated men who feel betrayed can lash out, and just about every shooting spree and every recent terrorist attempt in the West was by men who were educated and had good career prospects, but were unloved.

While professional men will certainly never resort to crime, what they could resort to is an unwillingness to aid a damsel in distress. More men will simply lose interest in being rescuers, and this includes policemen who may also feel mistreated by the prevailing misandry. Safety is like air - it is only noticed when it is gone. Women have a tremendous amount to lose by creating a lot of indifferent men.

Patriarchy works because it induces men and women to cooperate under their complementary strengths. 'Feminism' does not work, because it encourages immoral behavior in women, which eventually wears down even the durable chivalry of beta men,

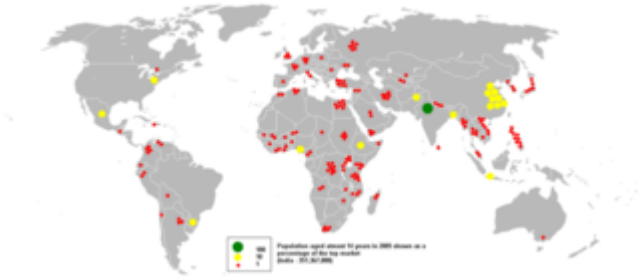
making both genders worse off. It is no secret that single motherhood is heavily subsidized, but it is less understood that single spinsterhood is also heavily subsidized through a variety of unsustainable and unreciprocated means.
The default natural solution is for the misandric society to be outcompeted and displaced.

Population Displacement : So we have arrived at a society where 'feminists' feel that they are 'empowered', 'independent', and 'confident', despite being heavily dependent on taxes paid mostly by men, an unconstitutional shadow state that extracts alimony and 'child support' from men, an infrastructure maintained by men, technologies invented by men, and a level of safety that men agree to maintain. So exactly what has society received from this population of women who are the most privileged class of humans ever to have lived?

Three women of the same age	Urban Lefto-'Feminist'	Rural Conservative	Devout Muslim
Age 20	Single	Single	Single
Age 30	Single	Married, 1 child	Married, 3 children
Age 40	Single, past WEC moment	Married, 2 children	Married, 4 children
Age 60	0 grandchildren	4 grandchildren	12 grandchildren

Now, let me be clear; I believe a woman should get to decide how many children she bears, or even whether or not to have any children at all. However, a childless old woman should not then be able to extract resources from the children of other women. Fair is fair, and the obligation of working-age people to support the elderly should not be socialized in order to subsidize women who chose not to reproduce.

Let us take a hypothetical example of three 20-year-old single women, one who is an urban lefto-'feminist', one who is a rural conservative, and one who is a devout Muslim. The following table charts the parallel timelines of their lives as their ages progress in tandem, with realistic estimates of typical life events. When people talk about falling birth rates in the West, they often fail to account for the additional gap caused by having children at age 23 vs. at age 33. As the table shows, a 1:1:1 ratio of three young ladies takes only 40 years to yield a 12:4:0 ratio of grandchildren. Consider, also, that we are already 20 years into this 40-year process, so each of these women are 40 years old today.



So how do we estimate the value society will

ultimately receive from organizing itself in a manner that young women could choose a life of bar-hopping, shopping for $300 purses, and working as government bureaucrats to make the government a more complete husband substitute? If the sight of a pitiful 60-year-old Code Pink harpy lecturing 12 Muslim adolescents that 'gender is a social construct' seems amusing, then let us move on to the macro chart. This world map(click to enlarge) shows how many children under the age of 15 existed in the major countries of the world in 2005 (i.e. born between 1990 and 2005), in proportion to the country with the most children. Notably, Mexico and the US have the same number of children, while Pakistan and Bangladesh each have about as many as all of Western Europe. While developing countries are seeing their fertility rates converge to Western levels, the 1990-2005 births already seal certain realities. Needless to say, if we move time forward just 15 years, the proportions in this chart reflect what the proportions of adults aged 20-35 (the female reproductive years) will be per nation in the year 2025. Even the near future belongs to those who show up.

Lefto-'feminists' will be outbred and replaced very quickly, not by the conservatives that they hate, but by other cultures antithetical to 'feminism'. The state that lefto-'feminists' so admire will quickly turn on them once the state calculates that these women are neither producing new taxpayers nor new technologies, and will find a way to demote them from their present 'empowered' position of entitlement. If they thought having obligations to a husband was such an awful prospect, wait until they have obligations to the husband-substitute state.

The Fabric of Humanity Will Tear

Humans like ourselves have been around for about 100,000 years, and earlier hominids similar to us for another 1-3 million years before that. For the first 99.99% of humanoid existence, the primary purpose of our species was the same as that of every other species that ever existed - to reproduce. Females are the scarcer reproductive resource, since the number of babies that can be produced does not fall even if most men die, but it does fall for each woman that dies (humans did not live much past age 40-45 in the past, as mentioned earlier). For this reason, the human brain continued the evolutionary hardwiring of our ancestors, placing female well-being at a premium while males remain expendable. Since funneling any and all resources to women closely correlated with the survival of children, both men and women evolved to see this status quo as normal. The Female Imperative (FI) was the human imperative.

As human society progressed, priorities adjusted. For one thing, advances in technology and prosperity ensured that child mortality fell from about 50% to very low levels, so 12 births were no longer needed to produce 6 children who reach adulthood. Secondly, as humans moved away from agriculture into a knowledge-based economy, the number of children desired fell, and almost all high and middle-income countries have birth rates lower than 2 as of today, with many women producing zero children. Thirdly, it has become evident that humans are now the first species to produce something more than

just offspring; humans now produce technology. As a result, the former direct correlation between funneling resources to women and the survival of children, which was true for 99.99% of our existence, now no longer is.

Yet, our hardwired brains have not adapted to this very recent transformation, and perhaps cannot adapt. Women are programmed to extract resources endlessly, and most men are programmed to oblige. For this once-valid but now obsolete biological reason, society still unquestioningly funnels the vast majority of resources to women. But instead of reaching children, this money now finds its way into consumer products geared towards women, and a shadow state designed to transfer all costs and consequences away from women. Most people consider our existing society to be normal, but they have failed to observe how diverting money to women is now obsolete. In the 21st century, there is no reason for any resource distribution, if there must be one at all, to be distributed in any manner other than 50-50.

Go to any department store or mall. At least 90% of the products present there are ones no ordinary man would consider buying. Yet, they occupy valuable shelf space, which is evidence that those products do sell in volume. Who buys them? Look around in any prosperous country, and we see products geared towards women, paid for by money that society diverted to women. From department store products, to the proliferation of take-out restaurants, to mortgage interest, to a court system rigged to subsidize female hypergamy, all represent the end product of resources funneled to women, for a function women have greatly scaled back. This is the greatest resource misallocation ever, and such malinvestment always results in a correction as the bubble pops.

This is not to suggest that we should go back to birth rates of 12, for that is neither desirable nor necessary. The bigger picture here is that a major aspect of the human psyche is quite obsolete, with men and women both culpable. When this situation corrects, it will be the most disruptive event humanity has ever faced. Some call this a variant of the 'Technological Singularity', which will happen many decades later than 2020, but even prominent thinkers steer clear of any mention of the obvious correction in gender-tilted resource flows that will occur.

The Four Horsemen of Male Emancipation

We earlier examined how the Four Sirens of Feminism unexpectedly combined and provided women with choices they never could have dreamed of before. Some women made positive contributions to society, but quite a few let misandry and unrestrained greed consume them, and have caused the disastrous situation we presently see. Technology always causes disruption in the status quo, always creating new winners and losers with each wave. In centuries past, Gloria Steinem would be a governess and Mystery would be a court jester.

The title of this article is not the 'Misandry Crisis' or even 'The War on Misandry'. It is 'The Misandry Bubble', because the forces that will ensure the demise of the present mistreatment of men are already on the horizon. So allow me to introduce the Four

Horsemen of Male Emancipation as a coalescence of many of the forces we have discussed, which will shred the present, unsustainable hierarchal order by 2020 :

1) Game : Learning the truth about how the female mind works is a precious and transcendant body of knowledge for any man. Whether he uses it to become a fully immersed pick-up artist, to create a soulmate bond in a lifelong monogamous marriage, or even to engage in only infrequent yet efficient trysts with women, a man is free from the crushing burdens that uninitiated beta men are capitulating under.

When a man learns that there is no reason for him to buy a $50,000 car, $20,000 ring, $50,000 bridezilla festival, overpriced house contrary to any logical financial analysis, or a divorce lawyer to save him from ruin even though he was the victim of spousal abuse, there is no greater feeling of liberation and jubilation, equating to a windfall of $2 Million for all objective and subjective purposes. When a man realizes that reducing his income by half will now have little detriment to his sexual prospects, he can downsize to an easier job with a shorter commute and lower stress. When a man learns that appeasing a woman is the exact opposite of what he should be doing during the process of romancing and seducing her, that entire humiliating gauntlet of rituals can be jettisoned.

The ecstasy of two or even three concurrent relationships with women of substantially above average beauty are quite attainable to a man who has scaled the summit, which further deprives the hapless betas (again, male attractiveness to women is zero-sum in a way that female attractiveness to men is not). Thus, while 80% of men have no intellectual capacity to grasp and master Game, if the number of solid practitioners even begins to approach 20%, multiple parasitic beasts, from female moochers to the tax-swilling state to the corrupt real-estate and divorce lawyer industries, can be effectively starved.

2) Adult Entertainment Technologies of 2020 : What of the 80% of men who cannot conceptualize or master the core skills of Game? Won't they be condemned to live a life of frustration, humiliation, and near-slavery as second class citizens? Thankfully, these poor souls will experience a satisfactory release through technology, just like women did through technologies such as contraceptive pills, washing machines, and vacuum cleaners.

For a number of reasons, Internet pornography is substantially more addictive to the male brain than the VHS cassette or 'Skinimax' content of the 1990s. When yet another generation of technology diffuses into the market, the implications will be profound enough to tear the current sexual market asunder.

This site has written in the past about how haptic, motion sensing, and graphical technologies would elevate video games to the premier form of entertainment by 2012. 3-D/holographic images with haptic interfaces and sufficient AI will make rudimentary 'virtual sex' a technology available to many men well before 2020, but by 2020 we will see this cross certain thresholds that lead to a dramatic market impact far greater than contraceptive pills and Internet pornography combined. A substantial portion of the male population will drift into addiction to virtual sex without even realizing it.

For those (mostly women) who claim that the VR sex of 2020 would not be a sufficient substitute for the real thing, that drawback is more than superceded by the inescapable fact that the virtual woman would be made to be a 10/10+ in appearance, while the real women that the typical beta male user has access to would be in the 4-7 range. Real 10 > VR 10 > Real 7, making irrelevant the claim that a virtual 10 is not as good as a real 10 (under 1% of all women), when the virtual 10 is really competing with the majority of women who are 7s and lower. Women are unaware how vastly different the male reaction is to a 10 relative to a 7, let alone to women of even lower scores. As single men arrive home from work on Friday evening, they will simply default into their VR immersion, giving a whole new meaning to the concept of 'beta testing'. These sequestered men will be conspicuously absent from the bars and nightclubs that were the former venues of expenditure and frustration, causing many establishments to go out of business. The brains of these men will warp to the extent that they can no longer muster any libido for the majority of real women. This will cause a massive devaluation in the sexual market value of most women, resulting in 8s being treated like 5s, and 35-year-old women unable to attract the interest of even 55-year-old men. The Wile E. Coyote moment for women will move a few years ahead, and the alphas with Game competence will find an even easier field of desperate women to enjoy.

Another technology making advancements in Japan is that of lifelike female robots. I do not believe that 'sexbots' will be practical or economical relative to software/gaming-derived solutions, simply because such a robot is not competitive with VR on cost, privacy, versatility, and upgradeability.

Some 'feminists' are not blind to the cataclysmic sexual devaluation that women will experience when such technologies reach the market, and are already moving to seek bans. Such bans will not be possible, of course, as VR sex technologies are inseparable from broader video game and home theater technologies. Their attempts to lobby for such bans will be instructive, however.

Another positive ramification of advanced adult entertainment technologies is that women will have to sharpen the sole remaining attribute which technology cannot substitute - the capacity to make a man feel loved. Modern women will be forced to reacquaint themselves with this ancient concept in order to generate a competitive advantage. This necessity could lead to a movement of pragmatic women conducting a wholesale repudiation of misandry masquerading as 'feminism' that has created this state of affairs, and thus will be the jolt that benefits both men and women.

3) Globalization : The Third Horseman is a vast subject that contains many subtopics. The common theme is that market forces across the world eventually find a way around legislative fences constructed in any one country :

> a) Islam : Aside from the higher birthrates of Muslims living in the same Western cities that 'feminists' reside in, an Achilles heel of leftists in general and misandrists in particular is their unwillingess to confront other cultures that actually do place restrictions on women. In Britain, Islamic courts are now in

operation, deciding cases through Sharia principles. British divorce laws are even more misandric than US divorce laws, and so many British men, in desperation, are turning to Sharia courts in order to avoid the ruin that British law would inflict on them. The Islamic courts are more than happy to accomodate these men, and 'feminists' dare not protest too loudly. By driving British men to Sharia courts, misandry is beautifully self-defeating. The irony is that the group that was our enemy in the crisis of the prior decade are now de-facto allies in the crisis of this decade. I do not say this simply because I am a Muslim myself.

b) Expatriation : While America continues to attract the greatest merit and volume of (legal) immigrants, almost every American man who relocates to Asia or Latin America gives a glowing testimonial about the quality of his new life. A man who leaves to a more male-friendly country and marries a local woman is effectively cutting off a total of three parasites in the US - the state that received his taxes, the potential wife who would take his livelihood, and the industries he is required to spend money on (wedding, diamond, real estate, divorce attorney). Furthermore, this action also shrinks the number of available men remaining in America. The misandrists who project their pathology outward by calling such men 'misogynists' are curiously troubled that these same men are leaving the US. Shouldn't 'feminists' be happy if 'misogynists' are leaving? We thus see yet another example of 'feminists' seeking to steal from men while not providing them any benefit in return.

The more unfair a place becomes, the more we see talented people go elsewhere. When word of US divorce laws becomes common in India and China, this might even deter some future taxpayers from immigrating to America, which is yet another reason the government is losing money to misandry.

c) Medical Tourism : The sum total of donor eggs + IVF + surrogacy costs $150,000 or more in the US, but can be done in some countries for just $20,000 at top-quality clinics that are building a strong track record. While most customers of foreign fertility clinics are couples, there have been quite a few single men opting to create their own biological babies this way. While this avenue is not for everyone, the ability to have a child for $20,000 (and even two children in parallel with two different surrogates in a two-for-one bundle deal for $35,000) now exists. The poor surrogate mother in India or the Philippines earns more than she could earn in 10 years in her prior vocation of construction or housecleaning. It is a win-win for everyone involved, except for the Western woman who was priced out of the market for marriage to this man.

Medical tourism also prices the US healthcare system out of contention for certain procedures, and the US healthcare system employs a large number of women, particularly in administrative and bureaucratic roles that pay them over twice what they could make in the private sector. Such women will experience what male manufacturing workers did a generation earlier, despite the increasinglly expensive government bubble that has kept these women's inflated

> salaries safe for so long.

So as we can see, the forces of globalization are far bigger than those propping up the current lop-sided status quo.

4) Male Economic Disengagement and Resultant Tax-Base Erosion : Earlier passages have highlighted how even the most stridently egomaniacal 'feminist' is heavily dependent on male endeavors. I will repeat again that there will never, ever be a successful human society where men have no incentive to aspire to the full maximum of their productive and entrepreneurial capabilities.

The contract between the sexes has been broken in urban America (although is still in some effect in rural America). The 'progressive' income tax scale in the US was levied under the assumption that men who could earn 10 times more than they needed for themselves would always do so, for their families. A man with no such familial aspirations may choose an easier job at lower pay, costing the state more than he costs himself. Less tax revenue not just means fewer subsidies for single mothers and government jobs for women, but less money for law enforcement. Less tax revenue also means fewer police officers, and fewer court resources through which to imprison men. The 'feminist' hypergamous utopia is not self-financing, but is precariously dependent on every beta man working at his full capacity, without which the government bubble, inseparable from the misandry bubble, collapses. Misandry is thus mathematically impossible to finance for any extended period of time. A state with a small government is far more sustainable than a state seeking an ever-expanding government, which then cannot be financed, and descends into a mass of contradictions that is the exact opposite of what the statists intended. See the gangster capitalism that dominates contemporary Russia.

These Four Horsemen will all converge at the end of this decade to transfer the costs of misandry from men onto women, and on 1/1/2020, we will assess how the misandry bubble popped and the fallout that women are suffering under for having made the mistake of letting 'feminists' control their destiny (update : 1/1/2020 article here). Note that I did not list the emergence of any Men's Rights Movement as one of the Four Horsemen, as this is unlikely to happen for aforementioned reasons.

For those who dispute the Four Horsemen (I'd like to see their track record of predictions to compare against my own), women had their Four Sirens, and now the pendulum has to swing at the same amplitude in the other direction. Keep the Four Horsemen in mind throughout this decade, and remember what you read here on the first day of 2010.

Who Should Care?

As we leave a decade where the prime threat to US safety and prosperity was Islamic terrorism and enter a decade where the prime threat is misandry, anyone concerned with any of the following topics should take heed :

- Anyone with a son, brother, nephew, or mentee entering marriage, particularly

without the partial protection of a pre-nuptial agreement. As described earlier, he can be ruined, separated from his children, and jailed in a manner few would suspect could happen in any advanced democracy. The suicide rate of divorced men is shockingly high.

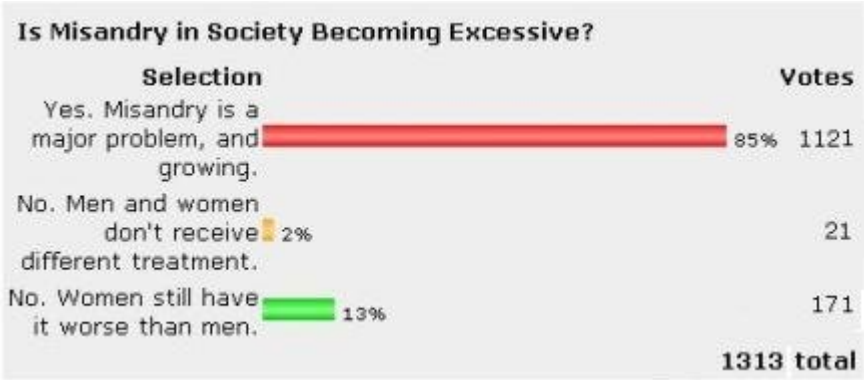
- Anyone who agrees that a civilization where most adults are part of two-parent families will always outcompete and displace a civilization where a large portion of adults are not leading two-parent families.
- Anyone with minor grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or great-grandchildren. The divorce laws incentivize using children as pawns during divorce, and no serious thinker can dispute the trouble that haunts the children of divorce for years thereafter. 'Feminists' concoct bogus research about the role of the father being superfluous, but observation of real-world examples proves otherwise.
- Anyone who owns an expensive home in a community of families. The growing aversion of men for marriage will create fewer new families, and thus fewer buyers for those homes. I remind everyone that if they have 20% equity in their home and an 80% mortgage, even a 20% decline in home prices is a 100% decline in your equity, which might be all of your net worth. Detroit, the first major US city to see a loss of beta male employment prospects, saw the average home price drop from $98,000 as recently as 2003 to just $14,000 today. A decline smaller than this would devastate the net worth of remaining home owners, and can happen in any community of single-family homes. If you own a home, your net worth is inseparably tied to the formation and preservation of two-parent families.
- Anyone concerned about rising crime. 72% of African American children are born to single mothers, and the number among white children is approaching 30%. Furthermore, the 'mancession' will eventually ensure that the only means of survival for many men is to form gangs and take valuables by force. Unloved men, who in the past would have been paired with wives, are easy for both gangs and terrorist organizations to recruit.
- Anyone concerned about the widening federal and state budget shortfalls and medicare/healthcare costs, for which the state continues to insist on raising taxes rather than cut spending. Fewer men choosing to work the long hours needed to earn high incomes will break the model of the top 10% paying 75% of taxes, and more men being jailed for alimony arrears, not being good enough in bed, or defending himself from spousal violence will drain tax coffers. It costs $60,000 a year to maintain a prisoner.
- Anyone who thinks the US Constitution is a valuable document. 'Innocent until proven guilty' does not apply in many areas of feminist-heavy law. The previously discussed shadow state is using 'feminism' to conduct all sorts of horrible tyranny against innocent men, which greatly compromises America's ability to claim that it is still the land of the free.
- Anyone concerned about national security. As more men feel that this society is betraying him, fewer will risk their lives in the military only to find that divorce lawyers have been persuading his wife to leave the marriage while he is deployed.

Coming home from one battlefield only to be inserted in another is a shameful betrayal of our finest young men. Furthermore, I have already mentioned how British men are turning to Islamic courts in the hopes avoiding ruin at the hands of British misandrist laws. Quite a few men may conclude that Islam offers them more than their native society that has turned against their gender, and will act towards self-preservation.

- Any woman who is appalled by the treatment of any woman who deviates from 'feminist' doctrine, and who is troubled by the words and actions of self-proclaimed 'feminists' today. If you believe that every action has an equal and opposite reaction, you should worry about what 'feminists' are courting by kicking a friendly dog too many times.
- Lastly, anyone with a young daughter or sister, who is about to enter a world where it is much harder for all but the most beautiful women to marry, where the costs of crazed 'feminism' are soon going to be transferred away from men and onto women, even if she had no interest in this doctrine of hate. As stated in the Executive Summary at the start, 'feminists' are leading average women into the abyss.

I could list even more reasons to care, but the point is clear. The biggest challenge of the decade is summarized before us.

Update (7/1/2012) : On this day, July 1, 2012, exactly 25% of the decade described in this article has passed. I did not include a poll on the original launch date of 1/1/2010, as the concepts described here were too radical for the majority of readers. But now that these ideas have become more mainstream, I can include a simple poll on the subject of whether we are indeed in a Misandry Bubble (poll closed after 60 days).



Conclusion

I am just an observer, and will not become an activist of any sort, although, as described earlier, being an 'inactivist' is also powerful. As a Futurist, I have to predict things before they become obvious to everyone else. Regular readers know of this website's track record of predictions being accurate, and heed my words when I say that the further inflation and subsequent precipitous deflation of the misandry bubble will define the next American decade. So here, on the first day of the '201x' decade, I am unveiling the article that will spawn a thousand other articles.

As mentioned at the top, what you have just finished reading is the equivalent of

someone in 1997 predicting the entire War on Terror in vivid detail. The level of detail I have provided about the collapse of the Misandry Bubble will unfold with comparable accuracy as when my co-blogger predicted the real estate bubble two years beforehand, and the exact level the stock market would bottom at, 6 months before the fact. Similarly, misandry is the premier cultural bubble of this age.

This website has predicted that the US will still be the only superpower in 2030, but I am not so sure, so I will introduce a caveat that US vitality by 2030 is contingent on a satisfactory and orderly unwinding of the Misandry Bubble. It remains to be seen which society can create economic prosperity while still making sure both genders are treated well, and the US is currently not on the right path in this regard. For this reason, I am less confident about a smooth deflation of the Misandry Bubble. Deflate it will, but it could be a turbulent hurricane. Only rural America can guide the rest of the nation into a more peaceful transition. Britain, however, may be beyond rescue.

I want to extend my thanks to Instapundit, Dr. Helen, Kim du Toit, The Spearhead, RooshV, and many others for their support of this article.

Required Reading :

Democrats and Republicans Unite to Form Misandry Party

The Sixteen Commandments of Game

No Country for Burly Men

The Medicalization of Maleness

The Feminist War on Everything Civilized

Feminists : Filthy and Feral

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Note on Comments : As Typepad only allows 100 comments per page, here is a direct link to page nine, where you can comment.

Just because I linked to a particular blog does NOT mean that I endorse all of the other views of that author. Are 'feminists' all willing to be responsible for all of the extremism that any other feminist utters (note that I have provided links to 'feminists' openly calling for slavery, castration, and murder of men without proving him guilty of anything)? Also, you will see Pavlovian use of the word 'misogyny' dozens upon dozens of times, so remember what I wrote about the importance of not taking that at face value, as it is

merely a manifestation of projected misandry, as well as a defense mechanism to avoid taking responsibility for genuine wrongdoings of 'feminists'.

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If any of you care to forward this to know-it-all 20 somethings, I'd appreciate it:

This Must Piss Off the Guardian and Leftists

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After years of thinking about this, I have come up with a term that can describe the thoughts I have had about the new, 'good' type of deflation that is evading the notice of almost all of the top economists in the world today. This changes many of the most fundamental assumptions about economics, even as most economic thought is far behind the curve.

First, let us review some events that transpired over the last 2 years. To stave off the prospect of a deflationary spiral that could lead to a depression, the major governments of the world followed 20th-century textbook economics, and injected colossal amounts of liquidity into the financial system. In the US, not only was the Fed Funds rate lowered to nearly zero (for now 18 months and counting), but an additional $1 Trillion was injected in.

However, now that a depression has been averted, and the recession has ended, we were supposed to experience inflation even amidst high unemployment, just like we did in the 1970s, to minimize debt burdens. But alas, there is still no inflation, despite a yield curve with more than 3% steepness, and a near-0% FF rate for so long. How could this be? What is absorbing all the liquidity?

In The Impact of Computing, I discussed how 1.5% of World GDP today comprises of products where the same functionality can be purchased for a price that halves every 18 months. 'Moore's Law' applies to semiconductors, but storage, software, and some biotech are also on a similar exponential curve. This force makes productivity gains higher, and inflation lower, than traditional 20th century economics would anticipate. Furthermore, the second derivative is also increasing - the rate of productivity gains itself is accelerating. 1.5% of World GDP may be small, but what about when this percentage grows to 3% of World GDP? 5%? We may only be a decade away from this, and the impact of this technological deflation will be more obvious.

Most high-tech companies have a business model that incorporates a sort of 'bizarro force' that is completely the opposite of what old-economy companies operate under : *The price of the products sold by a high-tech company decreases over time*. Any other company will manage inventory, pricing, and forecasts under an assumption of inflationary price increases, but a technology company exists under the reality that all inventory depreciates very quickly (at over 10% per quarter in many cases), and that price drops will shrink revenues unless unit sales rise enough to offset it (and assuming that enough unit inventory was even produced). This results in the constant pressure to create new and improved products every few months just to occupy prime price points, without which revenues would plunge within just a year. Yet, high-tech companies have built hugely profitable businesses around these peculiar challenges, and at least 8 such US companies have market capitalizations over $100 Billion. 6 of those 8 are headquartered in Silicon Valley.

Now, here is the point to ponder : We have never had a significant technology sector while also facing the fears (warranted or otherwise) of high inflation. When high inflation vanished in 1982, the technology sector was too tiny to be considered a significant contributor to macroeconomic statistics. In an environment of high inflation combined with a large technology industry, however, major consumer retail pricepoints, such as $99.99 or $199.99, become more affordable. The same also applies to enterprise-class customers. Thus, demand creeps upwards even as cost to produce the products goes down on the same Impact of Computing curve. *This allows a technology company the ability to postpone price drops and expand margins, or to sell more volume at the same nominal dollar price.* Hence, higher inflation causes the revenues and/or margins of technology companies to rise, which means their earnings-per-share certainly surges.

So what we are seeing is the gigantic amount of liquidity created by the Federal Reserve is instead cycling through technology companies and increasing their earnings. *The products they sell, in turn, increase productivity and promptly push inflation back down.* Every uptick in inflation merely guarantees its own pushback, and the 1.5% of GDP that mops up all the liquidity and creates this form of 'good' deflation can be termed as the 'Technosponge'. So how much liquidity can the Technosponge absorb before saturation?

At this point, if the US prints another $1 Trillion, that will still merely halt deflation, and there will be no hint of inflation at all. It would take a full $2 Trillion to saturate the techno-sponge, and temporarily push consumer inflation to even the less-than-terrifying level of 4% while also generating substantial jumps in productivity and tech company earnings. In fact, the demographics of the US, with baby boomers reaching their geriatric years, are highly deflationary (and this is the bad type of deflation), so the US would have to print another $1 Trillion every year for the next 10 years just to offset demographic deflation, and keep the Technosponge saturated.

A Technosponge that is 1.5% of GDP might be keeping CPI inflation at under 2%, but when the techno-sponge is 3% of GDP, even trillions of dollars of liquidity won't halt deflation. Deflation may become normal, even as living standards and productivity rise at ever-increasing rates. The people who will suffer are holders of debt, particularly mortgage debt. Inflating away debt will no longer be a tool available to rescue people (and governments) from their errors. The biggest beneficiaries will be technology companies, and those who are tied to them.

But to keep prosperity rising, productivity has to rise at the maximum possible rate. This requires the Technosponge to be kept full at all times - the 'new normal'. Thus, the printing press has to start on the first $1 Trillion now, and printing has to continue *until* we see inflation. Economists will be surprised at how much can be printed without seeing any inflation, and will not be able to draw the connection about why the printed money is boosting productivity.

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The Real Reason to Enjoy the Decline

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If there is any reason to enjoy the decline and just let the US collapse, it is not because of leftists, SJW's or third worlders entering the country to dilute it to a pathetic Brazilian like standard or living.

It's because of this.

While many of you may be of the last vestiges of Americans and conservative, traditional people, the people you elect, predominantly through the republican party, are no better....maybe even worse...than the democrats when it comes to fiscal responsibility.

This is echoed when you look at the majority of "so called republicans" who borrow as much as they can to afford wifey-poo a mcmansion in the suburbs, BORROW (not buy) themselves an SUV, and then mindlessly ship their kids off to a liberal arts college and then just throw up their hands and say "oh well!!!???" when they don't have enough saved up for retirement because they paid for their nitwit childrens' college educations.

I don't enjoy the decline because leftist and parasites are taking over. I enjoy the decline because the presumed "Americans" are not patriots, but mere pansies and pawns who will roll over and let the leftists take control. I may dislike the political left of this country, but at least they're honest in their attempt to parasite off of other people. You republicans just can't even get the fucking budget to balance, be it your personal budget or the national one. So just go fuck off and die.

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Cappy mails one in before driving off to Wisconsin. Barely awake he pontificates why you people commute, why large houses go unoccupied during the work day, who lends money to Africa, and UW Stevens Point highlights the bursting of the education bubble.

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Two Instances of More Insanity at American Colleges

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And keep in mind I don't use the word "insanity" mockingly or lightly.

It is the veritable definition of "insanity" when you do not acknowledge facts and reality (like men are taller than women).

It is also not only insanity, but racism when you cancel a group of speakers because too many of them are white. I t is also hypocrisy when you claim to be an institution of excellence and achievement when you are more concerned about people's skin color than what they accomplish.

Any logical, self-respecting student would leave these universities and colleges immediately, applying instead to schools that have not been co-opted into rank leftist-indoctrination camps. But I understand most of you college students are yourselves too brainwashed to think independently anymore. Worse, parents, who should know better, should not be sending their kids to these jokes-of-colleges.

But I know you "hard core conservative parents" out there can't even bother not to shop at Starbucks or refuse to buy Apple products, so why a I even bothering berating you for sending your own flesh and blood...and money...to these institutions of evil and idiocy?

Oh well. enjoy the decline.

Millennial "Shit Brown" Journalism

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If you can call what the younger folk in media do "journalism"

Why Conservative Parents Send their Kids to Leftist Colleges

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I don't know, but that MIGHT be changing

Three Cheers for Diversity!

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But wait, arresting him is racist!

But he shot a female....that's sexist.

Oh you Minneapolis leftists must be so confused by your own hypocrisy.

Regardless, I only predict a HUGE lawsuit awaits the City of Minneapolis when they find out the left accelerated his training so they could claim the masturbation prize of "First Somali Cop" instead of "a good cop who just happens to be Somali."

Oh well. Enjoy the decline!

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Will inoculate them from pursuing careers like this.

You have a choice:

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Yes and no.

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Getting Revenge on Your Psycho Ex

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Allow me to tell you these stories three:

Story 1 - A good friend of mine foolishly married a woman with bipolar disorder. He further foolishly bred a son with her, and as we all know when you marry somebody with bipolar disorder there is only one outcome - divorce. Sure enough after she filed the papers, my buddy endured about 16 years of court visits, re-evaluating income, excuses that her disability prevented her from earning a living, tug of wars over visitation rights, her new found religions of "feminism" and "Wicca," and a whole potpourri of other BS, all of which took a toll on my buddy, but a much higher toll on his kid.

Story 2 - Another good friend of mine married a man with (you guessed it) BIPOLAR disorder. Again, she managed to have a daughter with him making an already bad situation, impossibly worse. And of course after the inevitable divorce the same battles ensued over custody, school attendance, "disability" preventing her ex from making enough money to support the kid, etc. etc. etc. My buddy paid an inordinate (and preventable) financial and mental price but, again, not as much as the kid.

Story 3 - Yet another good friend of mine married a woman with (do you see a trend???) bipolar disorder. But not only bipolar disorder, but depression, social anxiety disorder, and some fourth mental illness that escapes me now. She, like many psycho ex wives, got infected with a fifth mental disorder all ex wives get - feminism. But despite her claims of being oppressed, being too mentally disabled to work, and not having enough money, she oddly enough bought a new car and always has new clothes. Like many feminists today she has an advanced degree (one that would actually land her a job), but curiously can't find work, requiring my buddy to pay more in alimony...oh and child support for a young boy they had together (of which, she is no doubt doing a "fantastic" job filling that poor 5 year old boy's head with feminist insanity).

All three of my friends are sane. All three of my friends work and support society. All three of my friends are intelligent, interesting people. All three of them love their children. And all three of them (rightly) complain about their psycho exes because of the sheer hell they've wreaked upon my friends and their children. These are good people who do not deserve the hell they unintentional wreaked upon themselves. But deserved or not, this hell is here and it is not ending anytime soon.

Depending on the age of their children my buddies are facing a life of quasi-hell for the next 5-14 years. Their children will inevitably become adults and the child support, alimony, and simply having to deal with their exes will come to an end. But in the meantime they are going to have to pay a hefty price in terms of money, time, mental

pain, and worst - watching their children suffer under their ex. The horror stories I've been told not only make you feel for the true victims of these psycho exes, but they are blood boiling because it's painfully obvious these psychos are manipulating the system just as much as they are their own children.

They claim they have mental disorders when they don't.
They fake getting injured at work to file a workman's comp claim.
In general it is their policy to claim they can't work and do everything to avoid it.
They play petty and unlimited mind games that I'm sure many of you divorced people are aware of.
They all join some religion or cult like feminism.
And hands down the worst thing they do is drag their children through this world of hell simply because they view the child as an asset, a pawn, a tool to get more money and resources for themselves with absolutely NO intention of spending it on the kid.

These are without a doubt some of the most evil, despicable people, and the only thing that makes them worse and they obviously don't care. They are perfectly happy being parasitic, evil, child abusers.

This results in my friends (rightly) becoming angered and enraged. Not only are they (and the tax payers) getting screwed financially, but the pure arrogance of these psycho exes to play the victim card and flaunt it in the court system to their financial advantage is nauseating. And if you think that makes them angry, that's nothing when they see these psycho exes doing nothing short of abusing using their children without a care in the world. I simply don't know how my friends don't grab a baseball bat and make their psycho exes impaired as they claim to be, because I know that's what I would be doing.

So when my buddies call me and we talk about their kids, their ex and the problems they're facing, I have a lot of empathy for them. I can't even imagine what it's like to be in their situation. So when we talk, I like to do what I can to make them feel better. And while I can't solve their problems (without going to jail), nor can I solve the problems of the millions of you who have psycho ex's, there is an important reality most people are unaware of that at minimum will give you hope, if not bring about that full measure of revenge and justice you want on your psycho exes for everything they've done to you and your children. You just need to open your eyes to see it.

The Life of a Parasite

There is no doubt in my mind (or yours) that these people know full well what they're doing. I never met one person who claimed to have "bi polar disorder" that wouldn't be cured of it with a good beating. The increasingly upward number of made up "social mental disorders" that people use to claim disability is a naked grab for tax payer and ex-

spouse money for those who don't have wool over their eyes. It shocks me how the court system can't see these people for the parasites they are as they cowardly hide behind "disabilities" and faux mental disorders, as they CONSCIOUSLY and CONNIVINGLY do everything they can to avoid work and live off of other people.

But while you think you (and the taxpayer) might be getting screwed (and you are) let me ask you a question about your parasitic ex.

How are they doing financially?

I know you have your own personal financial challenges, but out of my three friends mentioned above, they are ironically all in FAAAAR better financial shape than their parasitic exes despite the exes getting government, employer and ex spouse subsidies.

The Wiccan feminist priestess lives in government housing, drives a car that's on par with mine, is on EBT, and needs constant handouts from her nearly dead parents.

Her ex husband is now married to a doctor and they're sitting on a posh little house in the suburbs of St. Louis.

The bipolar ex husband of my buddy is effectively a NEET at the age of 44, laden with debt for a doctorate in criminal justice that he can't use in the field because he's too fat to join the police force.

My buddy just married a colonel in the military with a house bought and paid for in Phoenix. They golf a lot.

And the other ex-turned-feminist-wife of my buddy is on the CONSTANT hunt for disability checks, psychologists to sign off on new mental disorders, has $75,000 in student loans, and just recently made a workman's comp claim for a WHITE COLLAR OFFICE JOB INJURY. Yet she's still shy $500 a month to make ends meet because of the new car she bought.

This buddy is doing just fine making bank in banking, has a HOT little girly girl as a GF, and enjoys hiking in the Cascades.

Yes, your exes may be living off of you, the taxpayer, their parents, and their employer, but you MUST understand the economic nature of a parasite.

They're parasitic.

Meaning they don't generate their own wealth, which by definition limits their standards of living to what charity will give them. And though it may goad your girders that they are getting a free ride off of you and the other producers in society, parasites ALWAYS

outspend whatever charity is given to them. This is why welfare recipients have 8 kids, buy designer clothes, Dodge diesels, yet still live in the ghetto or trailer park. They WANT the rich lifestyle, but are too lazy to work for it. So whatever money you give them, they WILL piss it away. You just have to look at the never ending list of NBA and NFL players that manage to go bankrupt despite being paid millions. Parasites will ALWAYS outspend their resources as that is the NATURE of being a parasite. In other words your ex will forever be perpetually poor and be staring poverty in the face.

That's a face I don't ever want to look at again, let alone on a daily basis.

The Life of Faking a Mental Illness

To be blunt, white people got real quick to the scheme of taking a trait you were born with and using it to scam benefits out of society. Be it your race, creed, color, or gender, now EVERYBODY is an equal opportunity player when it comes to claiming some kind of disadvantage or victim status which thus confers upon you (by the naivety of the American taxpayer) a whole host of government benies and goodies. And whether you're white or black, Muslim or Christian, male or female, it doesn't matter. Now EVERYBODY can claim some BS made up fake mental illness because, unlike race or gender, it simply can't be proved or disproved.

Thus it is NOT coincidence EVERY SINGLE ONE OF MY STORIES ABOVE the psycho ex claimed "bi polar" as a disease. It's NOT a coincidence your ex had some kind of "mental disease" she excused her inexcusable behavior behind. It is not a coincidence that every veritable bitch I dated had "bi-polar disorder." And it's not a coincidence that your psycho ex BF was "bipolar." "Bi polar" is noting more than the lazy Americans' excuse to use, abuse, and live off of people because they conveniently get to blame it on a disorder and not themselves. Now, certainly there are people with genuine mental illness. I know one (ONE mind you) person who DOES actually have bipolar disorder. But since your ex is a psycho and a parasite, it's just way too easy and way too tempting to grab a mental illness and use it as an excuse to continue living off of other people without guilt or remorse.

But there's a cost to faking a mental illness. You have to keep the act up.

I no longer care to listen to people's words as it is only their actions I care about. And if you look at your ex's actions, is obvious they DAMN WELL CONSCIOUSLY KNOW what they're doing.

Oh, they may play dumb.
Oh, they may act like they didn't know.
But they know. Trust me. They know.

So what position does that put them in?

If you think about it, it puts them in a life of hell.

Can you imagine the hell it must be to CONSTANTLY act like you're mentally disabled? Can you imagine the effort and psychological resources it takes to CONSTANTLY be on the stage? Can you image all the time lost applying for aid and being interviewed with social workers to see if you are genuinely disabled, not to mention file lawsuits against your employers? I don't know about you, but I love me. OH, do I LOVE ME! I love waking up and getting my coffee. I love going online and yelling obscenities at my clients. I love going to cocktail parties and telling precious little 30 something soccer moms their degrees are completely worthless and I only care about their husband's profession. I love walking into a bar, getting drunk, hitting on another man's woman, and not feeling shame the next day.

It may not be good.
It may not be honorable.
And I may not be popular.
But damnit if I don't don't go to bed as me, wake up as me, and live as me.

There is no acting involved.

Now imagine if you were born into this world with your own consciousness, sentience, dreams, desires, and goals...

and that's all thrown away because you're too damn lazy to get a job and need to fake being mentally ill to get you dem der gubmint checks, SSI disability, and alimony.

You threw away your life, your dreams, your goals, your passions...not to mention your own damn children...all so you didn't have to toil or work.

Trust me, I'm an economist. The amount of work that goes into faking mental illness and CONSTANTLY playing the victim all so you don't have to work requires WAY MORE labor than if you just went to school to become a CPA and decided to help people instead of live off of them.

Alienating Yourself from the Best Things in Life

Speaking of helping people, I've said it before, and I'll say it again, people are the most important thing in this world. Certainly not all of them, absolutely not the most, but what few quality people we decide to have around us means more than all the Ferrari's, personal jets, and yachts the foolish rich people chase after combined.

I watch my buddies with their children and they have the love, attention, and respect of their kids...unlike their psycho ex's.

I watch my buddies with their kids and the kids LOVE my buddies...they LOATHE the psycho exes.

I could go on, but it's painfully obvious these kids don't love the psycho parent and love the sane one. And that is the most important victory over your ex if you are looking for one. Your child loves you. I would like to say "more than your ex" but your child doesn't even LOVE your ex. They will grow to hate them (trust me). And this revisits the axiom that "the only thing that matters in life is other humans."

Much as your psycho ex is attempting to alienate, turn against, and make your child hate you, in the end your honesty and TRUE LOVE for your child will win in the end. Kids ARE able to discern between good and evil. Your wife may be trying to indoctrinate your daughter into feminism, your ex husband may be trying to vilify you in the eyes of your son, but in simply being honest and loving with your child and NOT using them as a pawn is what wins them in the end.

So in the end, and following the axiom before, where does that leave your ex?

Your ex will be alone.

Truly alone.

Not only will his/her past behavior alienate their own children from them, but anybody who has the slightest bit of morality or caliber to them. This is why many psycho exes end up embittered, ideologues worshiping at some false altar of a god of "feminism" or "MGTOW" or some other such BS. NOBODY of any worth will want to hang out with them. Worse, their own children will disown them, painfully reminding them that they are legal adults and they no longer answer to your psycho ex.

ALONE
ALONE
ALONE
ALONE

I cannot emphasize that enough just how lonely and pathetic your ex is GUARNATEED to become. Their selfish, insane, and parasitic life long behavior DOES have a price. And it is that ANY quality humans will have nothing to do with them. They will be alone, not just from their own children, but from any quality humans on the planet.

So for in the here and today and now, yes you may be paying a price. And yes, your ex

may seemingly be getting the better of you. But this is merely Dunkirk. The long term war, which should be your primary concern, will be won in the future. Your child will talk to you and hug you when he/she is 30. She won't even talk to her ex.

The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy of Mental Illness

Poverty stricken, faking a mental illness, constantly validating yourself to social workers, and completely alone, where does your ex end up? Even though he/she received potentially HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of dollars in other people's money, they are likely alone, ostracized from society, nobody of any worth wanting anything to do with them, and their own children emancipating themselves from them. They have also likely deluded their own selves into believing they are victims of an "oppressive society" and are starting to believe they are actually the victims of their own crimes.

There's only one way to describe this folks. Insanity.

Which is preciously ironic because it is my sincere belief that those who fake being mentally ill for so long are condemned to actually become mentally ill themselves. And painful and horrible as your own personal hell is right now, I can't imagine a worse hell than these vile evil people have condemned themselves to.

Yes, you may have to fork over half your income in taxes, alimony, and child support.
Yes, your ex may be doing their best to warp your child's mind against you.
And yes, he/she may be gunning after you for more child support.

But can you imagine the DAY TO DAY LIFE of your ex???

He/she has for so long, for DECADES put up this facade of helplessness and psychopathy that it is now an integral part of their lives. They HAVE TO act like they're mentally retarded from here on FOREVER. They HAVE TO act like they're mentally insane. They now never have the chance to be free, to pursue their own lives, to live their lives like they wanted, and instead have chained themselves to their purported inferior selves, all so they could collect a check....and thus condemn themselves to a prison like life.

But the worst part is they will forever be alone because nobody, including their children, lack the self-respect to even bother with them. They will have cats. They will have group therapy sessions. They will have their "Masters Degrees in Public Administration." They will have their careers and their booze and their internet forums to commiserate with and that's it. That is their life. That is their legacy.

I cannot make amends for the price you've paid both financially and mentally to your exes. All I can point out is that in the long run you will win. Your children will love you, spend time with you, and want to join you for Christmas dinner. You will enjoy a life

above the poverty level because you choose to be a productive member of society and not a parasite. You will never have to worry about the heat being turned off or your internet being canceled. And you will have the simple (yet INVALUABLE) blessing of being sane. That same cannot be said of your psycho ex.

So the vengeance upon your ex is very simple:

Themselves.

Yes, it may be a long and tortured decade and change to deal with them until your child is legally allowed to separate themselves from them, but it simply doesn't compare to the remainder of life which is all that matters. Your remainder will be one of a child who loves you, hangs out with you, and introduces you to grandchildren.

Theirs is one of ostracization, loneliness, hatred, and GENUINE mental illness.

Do not feel sorry for them. They deserve it. They chose that life.

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She Dumped You. Man Up and Move On.

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For more masculine advice your father didn't give you, read this.

Peak Resting Bitch Face

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"*This is how the West ends*
this is how the West ends
this is how the West ends
with a procession of issue-less bangs followed by a single autistic, allergic, Downs-y IVF daughter who will grow up to hate her selfish bitch mother for dying on her before her high school graduation and for denying her a flesh and blood father to love."

I delved into this article in one of my previous podcasts. About the only thing I'll add is that I don't know if Chateau, myself, or anybody in general should be trying to sound the alarms or toll the bells for careerist people (yes, fathers as well) who put their careers and themselves ahead of their SUV-children (children they have because they're things, not humans). The reason being is that these people are going down a path of hell by saddling themselves with children they are wholly unqualified to raise. Yes, the children will suffer unfairly, but I'm done trying to warn people about the upcoming cliff they're sprinting towards, and instead want to profit off of them by selling them lies which encourage them to run even faster.

I will enjoy the self-inflicted hell these arrogant, ignorant fools put themselves through. I suggest you do the same.

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Gen X Owes the World Fuck All

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And not a penny more.

Though I will admit, Gen X is easily becoming the WORST parents ever and were only marginally better than the millennials.

It Took too Long to Identify the Education Bubble

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Out of America's 320 million people there are enough independent, intelligent adults who can and have identified various asset bubbles in the US economy. Some not only identified them, but they also had the foresight to predict them warning people long before the bubbles burst.

Had Normie and Conformie Americans listened to these people we would have avoided a world of pain. The Great Depression, the Dotcom Crash (and the subsequent recession) and the most recent "Great Recession." All of these bubbles and their consequential economic pain could have been avoided if the mainstream media, government officials, academics and just regular common folk...stopped...took a big breath...thought...and stopped buying into the bubble, ending the bubble in its tracks and thus limiting the economic damage it would wreak on the economy. Sometimes it takes months, usually, it takes a couple years, but most people alive today have cummulatively and unnecessarily paid trillions in lost economic production and potential to these bubbles.

But the education bubble is different. And the reason it is different is the APPALLING amount of time it has taken the American sheeple to wake up and get hip to the scam known as higher education. Worse, our presumed American institutions that are to serve and protect us, failed the American people spectacularly. The mainstream media was (as usual) asleep at the wheel, too busy peddling socialism under the guise of brown journalism. Our politicians, as usual, are too stupid and short sighted to see what flooding the labor market with degrees would do. And academia, who should presumably be studying education and the labor market and warning us about it, were complicit as much as bankers during the housing bubble as they were the drug peddlers profiting off the education bubble. Without America's effective "nervous system" to tell us what is

going on in the economy, country, and the labor market, the same worthless outdated advice was given to ~~our children~~ "the future"

"Any degree's a good degree!"
"It doesn't matter what you major in, it's what you do with your degree that matters."
"Follow your heart and the money will follow."

And thus we Idiot Americans kept our hands on the educational stove and for the past 20 years shoveled ever-so-roughly-around $6.5 trillion of our money on worthless degrees - much more if you consider the interest paid on those worthless debts - and more than what we spent on the Iraq war.

The costs, sadly, are not merely financial. Students released into the ~~wild~~ real world suffer an indescribable psychological toll as they cannot find a job, are crippled with debt, and often times must return for pointless "advanced degrees" to make anything of their undergrad. Worse is the insanity that must ensure when you realize you've been lied to the entire time, your entire SEVENTEEN YEAR educational career was wasted, and you now get to relearn everything from the ground up. But if this psychological torture was not enough, all one has to do is look at the insanity that happens to today's unfortunate millennials in college on a daily basis. From denying people the freedom of speech, to fake rape epidemics, to blatant racism and sexism, to the delusional obsession of creating synthetic genders, not only has academia become a laughing stock to normal, sane, working Americans, they have mentally impaired nearly a generation, condemning them to a life of misery and mental torture. And if I were to estimate it about half of Gen X, all of the millennials, and soon to be all the Gen Z'ers will have their lives sacrificed into this education bubble. When the totality of the damage of the education bubble is taken into account, it is simply the most costly bubble in US history.

But there is hope, and by "hope" I mean on the level of hope offered by President Obama. Merely, a theory, a potential, a possibility for educating the American people, bursting this bubble, making our decisions based in the real world, and preventing our current and future children from wasting their youth on worthless degrees.

The MSM is FINALLY waking up.

Though way too little and way too late, when you have an article in PBS written by a man who is a worthless-degreed victim of the education bubble himself, highlighting that EVEN HIPPY DIPPY CALIFORNIA is throwing a token $6 million towards an initiative to start a conversation to raise awareness to form a committee to start a discussion about the merits of vocational training, it could be the snowflake that causes the avalanche. Of course Mr. Krupnick is not the first snowflake from the MSM to hint at an education bubble. There has been the rare article on CNN and your local newspaper that has identified the education bubble. But as I said these are merely woefully inadequate

tokens of hope. A sign that *SOME* in the MSM, government, even intellectually honest academics are *aware* of the bubble...but the heck if anyone is going to do anything about it.

And this is where I have further bad news.

It took ***20 years for just SOME*** nerve cells in America's Nervous System to identify that America has had its hand on the higher education stove for all this time. And despite my and other's best efforts, do you have any clue how long it's going to take for America and her institutions to do something about it?

First, Academia is THOROUGHLY entrenched in its mob-like shake down of America's children. No honest studies or efforts at reforming themselves for the betterment of America's labor force and America it self should be expected. Yes, there's WGU and a movement to go online, but these institutions should have been the norm, not the exception, A DECADE AGO.

Second, the likes of Mr. Krupnick and Joe Soucheray are the exception, not the rule in the MSM. They're actual journalists. And though it may sound petty and sad, I believe most people in the media today simply have too much pride to admit their degrees were worthless, and are too steeped in pro-education-forever indoctrination commonly found in their heavily-left biased environment. They may know their hands are on the stove, but just can't bring themselves to admit it. At minimum it will be pulling teeth to get the MSM to admit there's an education bubble.

Third, basic ignorance of the normies and conformies. Specifically American parents. I still cannot believe that Gen X parents today, who were likely the first victims of earning worthless degrees, regurgitate the same slop their Baby Boomer parents feed them 35 years ago. "Any degree's a good degree." "You need that sheepskin." Even if 16 year old read the newspapers, the stereo brainwashing they get between their teachers and parents that they MUST go to college is deafening.

And finally, "the college experience." I've pointed it out before and I'll point it out again, "college" is not viewed by young college-bound Americans as a means to skills and a career, but a birthright to a 4 year party after a 13 year prison sentence. We have NOT painted our children with a picture of the future that is anything but "college." Worse, we have made it like a "Promised Land of Canaan" as we force them into the legal prison system of K-12 education, putting way more value and emphasis on college than their degrees could ever possibly provide. The MSM, government, parents, and academia itself could warn these kids in a coordinated, uniform cacophony about the perils of the education bubble, but students would still line up to pay $100,000 for a "Masters in Puppetry" anyway.

And so while it may have taken America's "adults" 20 years to IDENTIFY the education bubble, I'm afraid it will take 20 more to deflate it. Gen Z is currently now getting the finishing touches on its brainwashing in high school about the merits, nay, mandatory nature of college. Millennials are still flailing around as fish out of water, slinging coffee, desperately clinging on and citing their socialist talking points as to why they can't find meaningful employment and why taxpayers should bail them out of their student loans just like the bankers. Politicians, in an attempt to get elected, are going to say they're for more money for education...failing to realize how flooding the market with more money causes tuition inflation. Academics have absolutely NO incentive admit to the realities of worthless degrees. And the MSM, though the rare Mr. Krupnick and Soucheray may point out the folly of "African American Studies" degrees, is so far removed from genuine journalism its in the late stages of Huntington's disease offering nothing of value to America.

America and Americans can expect to wander the desert another 20 years as it slowly digests this education bubble. And like the previous two decades before it, you can expect to pay an equivalent price, both financial and mental. But if you dare to be a truly independent thinker and don't want to suffer the consequences of another bubble, ensure you or your children major in the right thing. You don't have to sling coffee with a masters degree. You don't have to be in debt until you're 40. You don't have to eat like a college student until you're 45. And you don't have to shamefully and parasticially demand the taxpayers bail you out just like the bankers.

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What Did I Tell You About High IQ's?

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It's "science!"

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Africentric Math

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You must really think blacks are stupid if you have to tailor something that is truly untailorable to a race.

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Reason 4,593,920.

Christian Sex Lives

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Once again living up to the stereotype of tapioca pudding.

If it's come to having to follow those 6 steps, find yourself a mistress and enjoy a happy sex life before you die.

Everything You Need to Know About Law School

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Fair warning, this is easily the lengthiest video and request I've received. It's 1 hour and 40 minutes long, but that's a mere fraction of the time you'll waste if you decide to go to law school without thoroughly thinking it through and researching all your options.

This is ABSOLUTELY A MUST VIEW for all young people considering attending law school. Share it with any young man or woman who is contemplating spending $100,000 and three years of their lives pursuing a law degree.

Neither Your Plumbing, Nor Skin Color Earns Respect

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You actions and accomplishments do.

A very good (and relatively clean) podcast from Cynical Libertarian Society, though language warning as always.

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The Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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I'm surprised this is even news.

It's bad when the father isn't around for comment.

But when multiple fathers of "one family" are not around, don't act surprised what that one family is dysfunctional to the point of death.

Why Americans are So Easily Offended

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Because they're weak, soft, inferior people with nothing of value to offer society but their virtue signalling and pompous politically correct religions.

Enjoy the decline.

Popularity is Not Excellence. It's Conformity

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Episode #247 of the Clarey Podcast - Nieces Special!

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When Cappy had a heart.
The Carlson School of Management Will DIE!
Nieces at the airport in the 80's.
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Honorary Member of Gen X

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You millennials can leave your generation officially:

Black Mountain in Las Vegas

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The Captain isn't dead. Just hiking and enjoying the decline.

Hard Working People Like Nice Neighborhoods

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Without homeless people who refuse to work.

Imagine that.

Leaving Your Muslim Parents

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Seattle: The White Detroit

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Ahhhh municipal socialism.

Boycotting Big Oil vs. Boycotting Big Social Media

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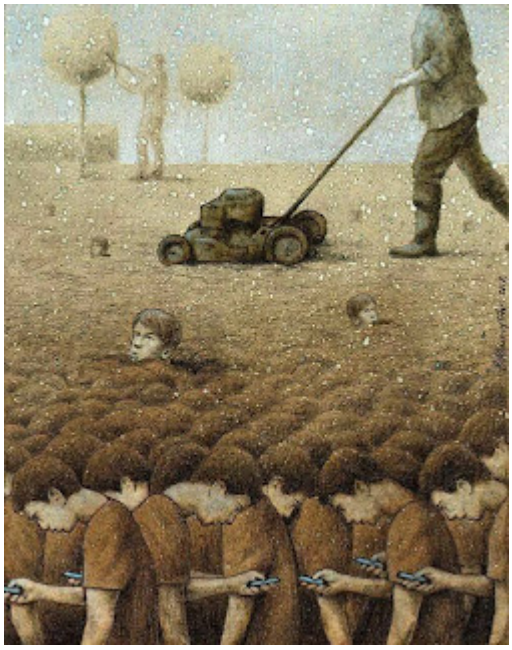

I had received an incredibly rare call from an associate of mine. He is anti-social, a veritable hermit, pulling it off so well we call him Eeyore. He was concerned because my last podcast was "too depressing" and that he hadn't seen anything from me on Facebook for a while. I assured him I was fine and that everything was OK.

I then received a text from a much happier and outgoing friend of mine from Reno. He too was inquiring about my mental health and wondering if everything was OK. I hadn't been responding to his Facebook messages and was wondering if I was banned recently or put in Facebook Jail. I also assured him I was alright and everything was OK.

Then a female friend of mine contacted me, wondering if she had upset me somehow and why I was giving her the silent treatment. She hadn't heard from me in a while on Twitter, nor saw any updates or posts. "Did I go ghost?" "Was everything alright?" "Was I OK???" I now thricely assured her I did not go ghost, everything was alright, and I was indeed OK.

This is what happens when you simply take a week vacation from social media.

This is shocking to me because neither I, nor the majority of my friends/fans are attention-whoring social-media-addicted teenagers. We have lives (well, except for Eeyore), we have careers, and it is no secret that the Ole Captain has many adventuring hobbies. It should be perfectly expected that a 40 year old adult male occasionally doesn't log into his social media accounts because he's hiking, motorcycling, mountain climbing, golfing, or all of the above. But apparently it isn't because of everybody's

concern for my well being this past week.

This revelation is important, however, because it tells me NORMAL, SANE, MATURE, ADULTS have mentally changed. They've mentally migrated from a state of pre-social media "meatspace" stability to a post-social media state of irrational concern. They've moved from assessing the real world around them by assessing ***the actual real world*** and are now instead assessing the real world around them indirectly via the digital world. In other words the vitally important relationships we have with friends, family, and loved ones are no longer primarily held in physical, personal proximity to one another, but in the artificial environment of social media.

Which is why we need to boycott social media...at least for a little bit.

There are many reasons to boycott social media.

Facebook's track record of effectively stalking you, likely invading your personal life more than what you contractually agreed to.

YouTube's history of shutting down free speech (of typically rightists), making dealing with the platform akin to dating a bi-polar 25 year old suburbanite princess hottie.

The sheer time-cost and lost efficiency in life as you waste more time in Digital Lala-Land than a 70's housewife wasted watching soaps.

And fake news (on BOTH political sides), angering and enraging us, making us all more hostile towards one another, not to mention shortening our life expectancies in the process.

These reasons alone merit boycotting social media regularly and for weeks at a time.

But the true cost is the literal loss of our humanity as we replace the physical human touch with a cold digital replicant.

The mental and physical costs to our health as we replace our loved ones with bits-and-bytes versions of themselves was recently highlighted in an outstanding piece by Jean Twenge. Using the first generation to be brought up online (Generation Z) Ms. Twenge exposed a nightmare of symptoms when you force a specie used to living in the real world for 2 million years, rapidly and suddenly into a fabricated one. Depression, over-prescribed drugs, impossibly high levels of mental disorders, completely new mental disorders, decay in the familial unit, decay in social relationships, lethargy, sloth, addiction to video games, a lack of sex, a lack of dating, a lack of social activity, a lack of exercise, the inability to support oneself, and the list goes on and on.

We can try to categorize these problems, diagnosing them with a cute "science" like "psychology," conveniently coming up with new "mental disorders" for the DSM LCLXXIII, but as far as my thinking takes me we are doing nothing more than slowly (or perhaps not so slowly) converting humans into plants. Where we no longer physically engage with one another either via sex, play, conversation, debate, competition, sport, or even fighting in an outside world, but simply plant roots into a metaphorical "digital ground" to find our purpose and meaning in life. We no longer prefer to explore, adventure, and engage one another in person and in an unlimited real physical world, but instead opt to anchor ourselves in one place, sucking digital nutrients out of the social media-ground to feed our soul. About the ONLY time we venture forth into the real world is to forage for that annoying food, the purpose of which is solely to sustain our decaying bodies and brains so we can extract more digital fixes from the roots we have planted into social media. And even that we are finding bypasses around as we can order food over the internet and have it delivered to our homes.

The problem however is that while digital fixes conveniently acquired through some mere clicks of a button take very little energy, this diet of simulated human interaction makes us precisely that - simulated humans.

Porn is not sex.
Madden 2078 is not sport.
Twitter wars are not debate.
Long distance relationships are not relationships at all.
Skyping is not conversation.
Podcasts are not seminars.

Even the much-envied dream job of "location independence" has its drawbacks as I and any other digital nomad will tell you that you can't stay at home all day and MUST leave the house simply to interact and see other humans.

Thus, it was no surprise to me that after I abstained from social media for two weeks and instead spent the past week hiking, motorcycling, golfing and dining with friends, not only was I in a much better mood, but I was drastically healthier both mentally and physically. And the reason why is that I was simply being a human.

This then introduces a very important (I'd say necessary) call to boycott "Big Social Media." I'm not saying give it up totally (as the internet has no doubt drastically improved our lives in many ways) but that if you don't unplug and detox from it on a regular basis you will become a simulated human. But boycotting "Big Social Media" also brings up an interesting political/economic observation...

"What if we boycotted it all at the same time and for a two week period?"

Boycotting social media has merit unto itself, but no doubt many of you have a bone to pick with "Big Social Media." Namely those of you who appreciate the freedom of speech who have either been banned, put in Facebook Jail, had your YouTube channel demonitized/canceled, or had your Twitter account eliminated. There are many political arguments from across the political spectrum for the free exchange of ideas. There is also the political arguments that "Big Social Media" is a monopoly that should be regulated much like public utilities. Many of you have established careers using social media, relying on it much like we do the public roads for your survival. And to add insult to injury, Big Social Media has an incredibly arrogant attitude when it comes to answering public inquiry as to their ever-changing, completely opaque usage rules. They may be the all-powerful FAANG companies that oligopolistically dominate the modern world economy, but they could stand to sustain a lesson in humility and customer service.

So why not kill two birds with one stone?

If you recall the indescribably stupid calls to "boycott Big Oil for a day" back in the 00's, you'll remember the leftist "logic" was that if we all didn't buy gas on one day, that would bankrupt "Big Oil."

Never mind people would just buy twice as much the next day.
Never mind Big Oil had the cash reserves to last a day (months at times).
And never mind the world, whether they liked it or not, was dependent on fossil fuel technology and that if Big Oil did "go away" we'd be sent back to the stone ages.

In their 89 IQ minds, they thought that not buying gas one day would bring down a multi-trillion dollar industry the world was completely dependent upon.

But "Big Social Media" is not "Big Oil."

First, we don't need social media. It's not food or gas or medicine or electricity. It's a convenience. It's a luxury. It's an admittedly fun addition to life. But if it's become an addiction (which I claim it has) it is incredibly damaging to humanity. We can ALL, EASILY go on a "social media diet" for a month simply because we have to. You can't do that with oil.

Two, if you had a bone to pick with Big Social Media, boycotting them for a month at the same time would at least affect their monthly payrolls, vendors, and other payables. It wouldn't bankrupt them (and I don't think we should want to), but it would remind them that they are not there to promote social causes, political crusades, regulate speech, and choose political or elitist winners and losers. They are a natural monopoly and can either charitably choose to act as such, or get arrogant and snooty randomly nitpicking things they do and do not like, discriminating against customers, or otherwise stepping outside the ethical bounds of what they should be doing.

In other words, a boycott against Big Social Media is not only necessary for the health of humanity, but is also completely feasible. Of course there's just one problem.

You're all completely and hopelessly addicted to it.

Much as I'd like to see my friends in the real world again, much as I'd like to grab some beers with my buddies, and much as I'd like to go hike with my pals, I know it's just easier to click on pictures, post pictures of cats, and engage in "intellectual debate" with <144 adults="" adventuring.="" and="" arguments.="" at="" because="" blog="" boys="" br="" cell="" character="" club.="" continue="" conversation="" d="" decided="" derive="" digitally="" easier="" engaging="" espouse="" fatter="" from="" get="" girls="" going="" goods="" have="" humans="" in="" instead="" it="" joining="" joy="" just="" kids="" kiwani="" life="" lion="" live="" look="" majority="" more="" nbsp="" nearly-passing-out-sex.="" netflix="" night="" of="" or="" out="" phones="" political="" porn="" positions="" producing="" raising="" rather="" real="" reality.="" s="" soy-y="" soy="" spouses="" tangible="" than="" the="" their="" they="" to="" uglier="" value="" vlog="" watching-y="" watching="" will="" with="" world.="" would="">

But for my friends, and even my enemies who happen to have independent thought, for your own mental sake, you need to boycott social media for at least a week a month. You need to return to the real world. You need to grab beers with friends, engage with rivals, visit family, and physically be with loved ones. If you do not unplug your lives will be what they are now - ruined. And your current state will be no different than when you're in the nursing home - a vegetable.

If you like Aaron's works consider supporting him on Patreon, checking out his books, or visiting his consultancy.

Cappy's Death Valley Adventure

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Took out the Southern Command Motorcycle to Death Valley, specifically Shoshone, California. It was once again another horrible day of not bothering with Facebook or teh social webz.

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PAHRUMP

Episode #247 of The Clarey Podcast - Happiness Fun Episode

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Cappy has fun and skips social media.
Why Cappy doesn't use Uber or cabs.
When girls never tell you that dumped you.
Antidepressants are addictive??? NOOO!!!
Why the Millennials should sue Big Pharma.
Smoking will make movies "Rated R"

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Why Do People from Communist Countries Not Like Communism?

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A piece from Ms. Sterzinger

"*Even back then, when the local young socialists were cumming in their chinos to meet me because I had once worked a temp job in a real live factory (I took the beer they bought me; did not take their ideology), it was obvious that even if there is a way to create a pure meritocracy, whatever created the USSR is not going to be it. Communism doesn't even hit its stated goal of making things "fair," whatever the hell they mean by that. No one I've ever met who has had anything to do with communist countries personally has anything good to say about it*."

Orion's Cold Fire - A New Blog

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I'd like to introduce a new blog/sponsor - Orion's Cold Fire.

It's a new website on right leaning politics, but I particularly like his photography page of which I can readily identify several of the places he's been.

Consider adding Orion's Cold Fire to you blog feed!

Career Uber Alles

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Ignore those whispers of desiring children, a husband, and a family.
Ignore those whispers of playing with your children and bonding with them.
Ignore your desires of what you want and what you desire.

Your career is more important.
Your career is uber alles.
Your career is more important than yourself.

Cappy Going Live this Weekend on Rich Cooper's Show (Entrepreneurs in Cars)

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If you want to tune in live, I'll be podcasting with Rollo Tomassi and Donovan Sharpe this Saturday

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EASTERN STANDARD TIME

on Rich Cooper's channel.

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The Nobel Prize Was Bullshit Anyway

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This is just drama.

Advice Cappy Would've Given Himself in High School

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A request from Asshole Consulting that proved to be post worthy, especially if you have any loved ones in high school.

Do People Hate Libertarians???

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An interesting question I got from a client today:

The Fake Rich

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I cannot emphasize how much I saw this in my 20's and then later on in my banking years. Having to work from the ground up and pay for everything myself I know PRECISELY what it takes to afford things like BMW's, McMansions, and bottle service. 76% of Americans maybe living paycheck to pay check but I would claim nearly 95% of the vehicles you see on the road are leased, borrowed, or otherwise "not affordable" for those who are driving them.

If you want to be rich, and I do mean that, then buy this book and freaking read it. You'll be richer both in terms of financial wealth and "a wealth of happiness." If you want to keep doing what you've been programmed to do, and pursue materialism, things and other stuff that won't make you happy, by all means, continue being the "fake rich."

Dealing with Bullies at School and Work

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We got hit with a foot of snow with 4 foot drifts in the Twin Cities. I was victorious.

Retirement, Recovering from Divorce, the Pursuit of Excellence

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and more as I sit in on The Red Man Group with Rich Cooper, Rollo Tomassi, Donovan Sharp and Rob Says.

Direct link here.

Dan Piepenbring: Posterchild of the "Miserable Left"

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The city of Fort Collins faced an incredible and immediate crisis!

There wasn't enough female street names in their fair city!!! And so a rapid response team was put in place to end this oppression upon the People's Republic of Fort Collins.

Lists of female names were drafted.
Historical records of the city of Fort Collins were consulted.
And initiatives to form committees to start a dialogue about raising awareness of the blatant sexism in street names was achieved.

All is well now and "there's nothing to see here, citizens, " so you can all return to your homes. But for those of us living in the real world with real problems, it makes us wonder how the hell it's come to this?

We can chalk this inanity of municipal leftist politics up to the US already having too many laws and leftists with too much time on their hands. "Female street names" rank up there with non-problems such as banning plastic bags, genderless pronouns, bike lanes, and removing George Washington's plaque from a church. But an interesting observation must be made about the genesis of these "problems" - precisely, *who the hell drives down the street and has such an easy life, has so little problems in life, that it occurs to them to poll street names based on gender and find offense in that?*

So let me introduce you to the newest evolution of our socialist-loving counterparts which explains their childish and petty behavior - The Miserable Leftist."

The "Miserable Leftist" is nothing new to me. I've been unofficially polling people with leftist bumper stickers for the past 20 years. And what I've nearly-always found (quite literally 95% of the time) is if a person has a leftist bumper sticker on their car, if you catch up to them and get a glimpse of the driver they are:

1. Frowning, and
2. Ugly

Now you may be saying "Why is the left so unhappy? Aren't they winning? Don't they have socialized medicine? Don't they own the public schools, the youth, minorities and women? Isn't their dream of bringing down the US inevitably going to come to fruition?"

And the answer is "yes" to all those questions. But you misunderstand the "Miserable Leftists'" psychology as much as they do. And so let us delve into the real reason leftists are so miserable, and we will use the newest member to the Miserable Left to explain why - Dan Piepenbring.

Ms. Piepenbring wrote a piece in The New Yorker about the "creepiness" of Chick-fil-a opening more and more stores in New York City. I won't link to it because they are a socialist rag and her thoughts quite literally hold no value, but it belies just how

pampered
spoiled
unchallenged
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posh

and ultimately

pointless Ms. Piepenbring's life has been.

I don't know about you but I have much more pressing matters in my life to worry about than the increasing number of franchises opening up under a fast food chain. My life is also too short to worry about the ratio of male to female streets named in Fort Collins. And though I do throw plastic bags into the garbage, occasionally even into the recycle bin, if I were mayor of any major city, I would not waste one second of the taxpayer's time/money/resources banning them. The reason why is I have a life. I have important things going on, and more important than that, I have important people going on in my life. And though economics and politics play a hobby-like role in my life, the same cannot be said of leftists. For the reason leftists are so miserable, the reason you are guaranteed to see RBF on a woman driver with leftist bumper stickers (and the soyboys who try to woo them) is that all they have in life is their leftist politics. And trust you me, it is a

world of hell.

Ms. Piepenbring is the epitome of this. Admittedly, she doesn't have a profile about her background available to the public. Admittedly, I tried to find a bio, of which there was none. And at best you'll get her page at the New Yorker which tells you nothing. But we don't need it. We know everything we need to about Ms. Piepenbring (though at anytime she can come in here and correct me). And the reason we can be so presumptuous is she is a "Miserable Leftist."

First, she majored in the liberal arts, likely journalism. Leftists do this for two reasons. One, they're lazy and don't want to work hard. Two, they're egotists and need to do "something" heroic or crusader-like. They can't just be a good, humble parasite, collecting a government check, watching daytime TV, and refrain from lecturing us real world working adults. No, they must have some kind of SJW job like "journalist," "teacher," "activist" or counselor where they "change the world" or "change minds" or "help the children."

Regardless of their reasons, it doesn't allow them to evade the realities of the labor market. The liberal arts offer no tangible skills or trades the world demands. Additionally, the market is flooded with them. And though Ms. Piepenbring works for AN ESTABLISHED, MSM MAGAZINE, she has a mere fraction of Twitter followers a lowly hobbyist, citizen journalist like myself does. This means most leftists are always low on funds. And though they are the first to rush in and yell ***"IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY YOU CAPITALIST PIG!!!!***" it most certainly is about the money if you can't feed yourself, can barely pay your bills, have to work multiple jobs, demand the taxpayer pay for your student loans, and can barely make rent.

Two, speaking of rent, could Piepenbring be anymore cliche by living in Brooklyn? I thought 30 something empowered, NYC women, all writing for fashion/gossip blogs with a feminist bent, had either their daddy or hubby paying for their rent. But Ms. Piepenbring (who is not female, btw) does not have such a benefactor. He has to make rent on his own. Still, leftists insist they live where there is ~~post-modernist degenerative slop~~ "culture" and other leftists, condemning them to live in the most expensive and overpriced rental markets in the world. This again adds incredible financial and psychological stress, making them even more miserable.

Then there is physique. Yes I'm going there not because it's a low shot, but because it's vitally important to happiness no matter how much we try to sweep it under the rug. Being pretty/handsome and getting laid regularly, not to mention scoring an attractive spouse is a huge advantage in people's lives, especially to men. It makes us happier, makes us healthier, and it just makes life a lot more fun. The problem leftists face, however, is that while they can distribute wealth they cannot distribute looks. They could be like us, going to the gym, dieting right, and putting forth the effort to make

themselves be attractive to the opposite sex. But that takes work, and remember, leftists fear labor, work, and toil above all other things in life.

The result?

Pure insanity.

Fat acceptance. Big is beautiful. Slut walks. Fish bicycle don't need no man. Soy Boys. Sapiosexual. And 31 other flavors of gender.

They can lie to themselves all they want, but in the end they have a deep-seated hatred, anger, and - above all else - envy of good looking people and their superior sex lives. It's just over-powered by their fear of the work and toil that comes from hitting the gym. Which in turn condemns them to bad sex lives which in turn compounds the misery of the Miserable Leftist.

Fourth and final, is agency and purpose in life.

The left loves to use the phrase "first world problems" as a means to remind us real-world working adults that our problems are petty by world standards. While I agree with them, it's not like we didn't work hard to ensure we didn't have the problems that second and third world shitholes have. Over the millennia western civilization, though often at war with each other, inevitably figured out things like freedom, capitalism, free markets, low taxes, republics, and government for the people by the people. And over these millennia western civilization solved most of society's main problems.

War (ehhh, well sorta)
Starvation
Medicine
Plague
Civility/civilzation
Economic progress
Crime
Poverty

you name it, the majority of the first world's problems have been solved.

Logic would then dictate that with most of the world's problems solved, we move onto production, innovation, and creation. We work to solve cancer. We work to put a colony on Mars. We perfect solar or clean energy. We build a better bridge out of composite materials. But the problem with "production, creation and innovation" is that those things are hard. And the reason they're hard is they have to improve upon 2 million years of human evolution, experience, and experimentation. This typically requires majoring in a

tough field, learning hard STEM related disciplines, and putting forth years of effort, work, and toil to get to the cutting edge of technology to truly advance society.

But UH OH, fellow readers! Did I just say**,"*Effort, work and toil?*"**

Well we all know what that means. Leftists simply can't do that.

But do you also remember what I said about leftists? That they can't just be a good, humble parasite and quietly collect a government check? That they NEED some kind of arrogant, SJW, crusade or purpose to go on? Well that explains why leftists are going after plastic bags, "female street signs," confederate statues and other "first world problems" they so mockingly deride. It also explains why Dan Piepenbring is going after Chick-fil-a. They're too damn lazy to put forth the effort to actually advance society and civilization, and would rather feed their egos tearing down her institutions in a fabricated and bogus moral crusade because (and pay attention boys and girls) *it is easier to tear down society's institutions than build them up*.

The tremendous amount of arrogance, hubris, and outright evil is appalling. Many leftists, Ms. Piepenbring being one of them, have no moral qualms about masturbating their egos by attempting to take down productive, producing, and employing institutions and people that are doing overall good for society. They are not saving anyone from anything, they are merely avoiding real work in the real world, while lying to themselves about the value they offer this planet. And this is where I believe the majority of their misery comes from.

They know it.

Deep down inside you can lie to yourself all you want, but in the end you know whether you're a parasitic scumbag or not. Mayors know banning plastic bags are bullshit, but it allows them to ignore the much more challenging problem of solving black urban poverty. Journalism majors know they chose their degree because they're lazy and arrogant, but it allows them to lie to themselves about being a "professional." Fat acceptance champions can say "big is beautiful" but they are just as disgusted as you'd imagine when they look in the mirror. Feminists can say they don't need no man, but they cry themselves to sleep at least thrice a fortnight. Nearly every leftist out there knows they are living a lie, and it is their fear of working a real job that prevents them from doing anything about it, condemning them to a life of hell. I've wrestled with some mighty dark demons in my life, but none as strong, long, vile, or permanent as that. And if I had to live a lie like only leftists can, I too would be incomprehensibly miserable too.

In the end Ms. Piepenbring is guaranteed to waste his life on this planet. While we are hitting the gym, having sex with 7's and up, he will be drinking his soy in a posh little hipster cafe choosing between which hairy armpitted women's study major to hit on.

While we will have worked hard to contribute to adequately funded 401k's, he'll celebrate paying off his student loans at 47. While some of us will have kids, raising strong, nuclear families, he will fail to adequately pay for his...assuming he finds a wife in the first place. While we will leave legacies as doctors, nurses, mechanics, chefs, accountants and soldiers, he will just be another unmentionable "millennial blogger" from the 2010's that will die into obscurity. But where I'll celebrate the most I'm not a "Miserable Leftist" is that I'm simply not allergic to reality. I can wake up everyday, go outside, interact with other people, and not be constantly offended by everything and everyone. I won't worry if a fast food joint opens up a shop, I won't worry about the gender ratio of street names, and I won't worry about a statue in the park.

That's a world for leftists. And I can't think of a world they deserve more.

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Don't be a MISERABLE LEFTIST!!!! *Check out Aaron's other sites below and be happy!*
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The Three Labor Classes in an AI Economy

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The Artists.
The Servants.
The Engineers.

Don't be a servant unless you're happy being a minimalist.

Episode #248 of The Clarey Podcast - The "I Totally Didn't Lift This Idea from Adam Piggott" Episode

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Fan mail.
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Illiteracy.

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Blowing Your Life Savings on a Stupid Business Idea

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I know many of you are interested in entrepreneurship as a means of not only employment and freedom, but retirement as well. However, working in banking for the 15 years I did I can assure you that the VAST MAJORITY (i.e.-98%) of the small businesses I dealt with were nothing more than money-wasting hobbies that destroyed families, finances, and futures. Many of these businesses were original ideas, started from the ground up, where a client's "passion" overrode logic, common sense, and math. But more commonly was where some dreamer thought they were going to buy an already-existing business and "make it rich" running a bar, a trinket shop, a restaurant or some other such money-losing concern, only to be blinded into bankruptcy as their "dream" drained their 401k's and IRA's dry

DO NOT LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU!

Consider contacting my friend David Barnett at Business Buyer Advantage.

The short version is Dave has been working as a business broker for the past 20 years and knows the ins and outs of buying businesses, franchises and other concerns. He's seen everything and has classes, books, and a YouTube channel. PLEASE consider contacting him BEFORE you buy a business and put your IRA, 401k, or RRSP at risk.

Laughing at Seattle's Homeowners

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For your listening pleasure this morning and perhaps your commute home later this afternoon, TJ Martinell has a good podcast about leaving Seattle to live in the Cascades. It also includes meeting a dog who loves to go hiking and the importance of giving up your smart phone to re-connect with real people in the real world. You can find that episode here.

Also, TJ put together the first in a series on the history of the James Bond films. He got everything right, except that Goldfinger is NOT "gimmicky" but is in fact the best James Bond film ever. Of course, Mr. Martinell is a younger man and thus prone to being wrong, but it was a good history lesson on Ian Flemming, Sean Connery, and how President Kennedy helped bring the James Bond films into reality.

Finally, if you're looking for something a bit more crass for your listening pleasure may I recommend The Greasy Pole hosted by The Great One Himself and Gentleman Adventurer Adam Piggott. Depending on who you want to give the traffic to you can download it from The Great One's site or Adam Piggott's site. I'm still debating who to promote more based on gifts and favors they've given me. At least The Great One has provided me lodging in the past. Mr. Piggott however has only mocked and ridiculed me for liking Irish Spring soap, of which my fragile feelings are still trying to recover from.

Episode #249 of The Clarey Podcast - "The Saint" Episode

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The Year Long Endorphin Rush Caused by Lies.
The Saint
The Speed at Which Culture Decayed in the 1960's vs. the 2010's
Why Can't I Find a Man????
Starcucks Virtue Signaling Doesn't Pay Off.

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Why Women Can't Find Men

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If Adam Smith Was a Tailor

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From InvisibleHandFashion.com!

Social Security is the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Sort of. A proper Ponzi scheme is a fraud perpetrated on willing victims. Bernie ~~Sanders~~ Madoff is a great contemporary example. Early "investors" are cashed out using the money from larger number of later "investors",
then their success stories are used to get even more "investors". People from the earlier stages do
well and people from the last few lose their hat. It's a felony in most places. In Washington D.C.
it's standard practice to get elected.

Social Security is a case of the old eating the young, enforced
at gunpoint, excused as a Ponzi scheme by beneficiaries and the more foolish victims. Of course it will fall apart eventually; no pyramid scam can grow forever. The most unfortunate part of the
Social Security Ponzi scheme is that the first few generations to benefit got away clean. As much
as the Boomers are hated, they didn't start Social Security. They weren't even born yet. But Boomers
just may be the first generation to get screwed, and by their own votes no less. The Social Security
system is still in place, but over last few decades the Boomers have inflated the dollar so

much
that their Social Security and pension checks will barely be worth enough to subsist on cat food.
(Which of course they have, being the reigning All-Time Divorce World Champions.)

"Oh, but Social Security is inflation adjusted!" I hear you say. It's nice that you bring that up
because the inflation numbers have been rigged for decades, and it's only getting worse to hide
the devastating effects of Obamacare and the Bankster Bailouts. Beef prices will raise the official
inflation index by two cents while medical and housing prices will have silently quadrupled.

The relative weight of various commodities to the CPI are listed on page 8 of this document:
https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf.
Food, which as the Captain mentioned recently is nearly free, accounts for 13% of the CPI. Medical care,
which can quickly bankrupt you, accounts for less than 7% of the CPI. Rent, which has skyrocketed
in most places, is less than 8%, despite housing costs averaging 30-40% of Americans' income. The
Owners' equivalent rent of residences figure listed below, at 23% weight, is just a survey where
homeowners are asked what they feel their house would be worth if rented out. Very scientific.

So what can you do to avoid being on the losing end of the Ponzi scheme? Besides being born in 1899
or subsistence farming a remote island in Panama, not much. The best course of action is to not waste money on
worthless degrees and live minimally so as to not lose all your hard money to parasites.
The only exceptions to living minimally are of course getting
good advice and shoving facts in the face of annoying leftists.

Thanks for reading. Use discount code CAPPY for 15% off your first order!

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You Can Return to 1950's America Anytime

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The 1950's is incredibly telling of the quality, caliber and sanity of any American today. You either view it as an ideal, a goal, a target to shoot for, or you loathe it, detest it, hate it, and view it as the epitome of evil. The first group of people are true Americans. They love the nuclear family, booming economic growth, progress, fashion, beauty, low crime, excellence, achievement and all that is classically American. The later are nothing more than parasitic socialists who fear the 1950's more than anything else because it is the single largest, brightest, and blinding bit of empirical evidence that contradicts their socialist religion. If you point out the virtues of 1950's America they rush to tell you it's racist, while tripping over themselves to nervously-laugh at the presupposed "barbaric sexism" of the 50's. You can try to reason with them and point out you're talking more the familial stability, economic growth, low unemployment, fashion, etc., and would do away with the bigotry of the times. But they will have none of it because if they concede that the 50's were better times in general, then that would mean they were wrong about their socialist ideology and can no longer collect their government checks. Alas, they will always cower and hypocritically hide behind the 50's being racist and "You just want women barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen" (you ignorant neanderthal you) because otherwise they'd have to get real jobs.

Sadly, with a high enough percentage of the population voting for socialism, not to mention an increasing percentage of the population preferring to celebrate inferiority over excellence, we as a country cannot return to the "glory days" of the 1950's. Millennials are not capable of living on their own at 18. Women prefer to outsource kids to day care instead of raise them. Men have been replaced with government checks. And what men are present in their nuclear families are usually Soy Boy jokes which cannot compare to a strong, but fair 1950's Ward Cleaver. Without the based, anchored, and galvanized WWII generation, the generations of Americans that remain are simply too

inferior and lazy to achieve what Americans did in the 1950's. And so you assume we can never return to those halcyon days of yore and are condemned to Enjoy the Decline.

However, I have a bit of good news for you, and it is one of those rare bits of good news indeed. For while "we" as a country can't and never will return to the 1950's, YOU as an individual can. And there's nobody who can stop you.

The main reason anybody can return to the 1950's at any time is because while on a national or macro level the US may be turning into a childish, socialist shithole, on the local or micro level the average American still holds considerable sway and control over their immediate and local environment. You don't have to live in California where the insane people put cancer warnings on coffee. You don't have to live in Seattle where the city council obviously loves parasites more than the producers. You can simply choose to live in towns that aren't socialist, have low crime, low traffic and don't vote to tax their citizens all the time. But returning to the 50's goes well beyond simply picking the right municipality to live in. It boils down to individual life-style decisions that are even more personal, more "micro" and will more directly affect the quality of life you live. And if you make the right decisions, there's a good chance you'll enjoy a 1950's life replete with 2020's technology and conveniences.

Location, Location, Location

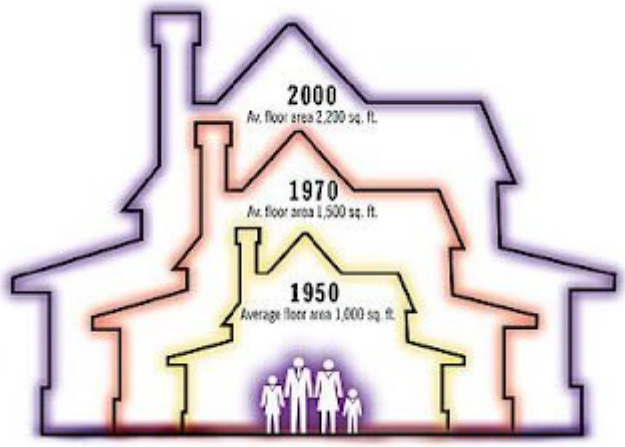
The first and most important step in attaining a 1950's lifestyle is refusing to live where liberals and leftists are. Leftists and liberals are simply antithetical to a 1950's lifestyle and mindset. This obviously eliminates entire states like California, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, but also eliminates nearly every major city in the United States. Being away from major metro areas and America's centers of commerce may put a crimp on your career opportunities, but less so than you might think. The suburbs exist for a reason - hard working people who want safe communities, good schools, low taxes, and low crime, also want to be reasonably close to these hubs of commerce for their careers.

This is possible if you're willing to commute or simply take the bus. Furthermore, advances in internet technology has made an increasing number of jobs location independent. This allows you to move yourself (and your family) to smaller, even safer, even lower-taxed hamlets where you can still do our job remotely, occasionally dropping in on the city for whatever culture or entertainment you may want to take in. These small towns can offer a 1950's "Andy Griffith Mayberry" lifestyle for you and your family...assuming you're done living the "Sex and the City" or "Friends" lifestyle that you were sold on TV.

Career Choices

Closely related to where you live and work is your career. To be blunt, if you want to return to the 1950's that means a one income household. One person is going to go out and make the money, the other is going to keep the home and raise any would-be children. This means you have to major in the right thing and today 2/3rds of American students major in worthless, unemployable slop. So it is vital you choose the right profession be it the trades, joining the military, majoring in engineering or becoming a dentist. If you don't, you condemn yourself to a life of the typical Millennial; constantly begging for work, pulling teeth to get a decent wage, crippled by student loans you'll never pay back, living paycheck to paycheck...heck, living at home at 30. The (evil racist) 1950's American dream of homeownership will simply be out of your reach as you opted to major in an easy hobby rather than a rigorous, industrious and EMPLOYABLE profession. You can make it even easier on yourself if you choose a profession like computer programming or networking which will not only pay, but give you the added benefit of location independent employment.

The 1950's Budget



In my book "Poor Richard's Retirement" I was amazed how people in the 1950's managed to raise full, nuclear families on incomes that are a third of today's household income. When people say "it takes two incomes to raise a family today" what they really mean is...

"*When you account for my student loans for my worthless masters degree in human development and my husband's MBA, and the luxury SUV lease, and our McMansion mortgage, and the kids' day care, and the pool boy and the lawn care and our annual vacations to Disney World, Mazatlan, and Italy and the designer clothes for all our children, we need two incomes to pay for everything.*"

In short, people today replace people with stuff. In the 1950's the parents actually raised a family and spent their money on people. Not things. They knew family was more important than materialism and consequently put it at the center of their lives.

This translated into budgets that were mere fractions of what people spend today, but even more shocking to modern Americans, *families in the 50's had money left over*. This frugality required living in homes that had 1/3rd the square footage of today's modern homes, owning only one car, taking the bus, children sharing rooms, cutting coupons and budgeting, hemming and darning clothes, and not outsourcing your children to daycare which (ironically) usually costs more than what paltry income a wife brings in when she goes out and works whatever part-time non-profit job her liberal arts degree affords here.

Thankfully today's housing technology allows you to buy more home for the same inflation-adjusted dollar and automotive technology allows you to afford more than one car. But buying vanity in the form of BMW's, McMansions, designer clothes, trips, and pointless masters degrees is what enslaves most people to their debts and prevents them from living a 1950's, person-focused lifestyle. If you simply buy what you need, spending less than you make, all the financial problems that plague modern debt-addicted Americans will go away and happier families will be the result.

Yes, You Will Raise Your Own Damn Children

I've always wondered why the majority of people in my generation even bother having children. They don't raise them. They simply have them and then juggle them in between both of their careers, hobbies, vices, and daycare. Half of my parental peer group took a page from the Book of Baby Boomers and end up getting divorced and so now the kids are raised in broken homes...optimistically assuming the mother and father were married in the first place.

So why did you even bother to have kids?

More important than location, more important than your career, more important than you yourself is the children you decided to bring into this world. I cannot logically deduce anything except that your children should be the most important thing in this world. Ergo, I would presume if you had them you would like to actually spend time with them, certainly before they turn 18 and you don't see them again.

So please, if the Baby Boomers and Gen X'ers taught us anything, it should be that you should raise your own damn kids. Don't outsource them to daycare. Don't outsource them to pre-pre-pre K. Don't put your career ahead of them. Actually spent time with them and raise them. You'd be surprised how well-raised children bring happiness into your life. You might even be shocked to find out they're more rewarding than your masters degree.

Yes, You Will Remain a Nuclear Family

Appalled as I am watching friends have kids they simply don't want, it enrages me when parents obviously decide they are more important than their children and get divorced (or "split up" because, why get married before having kids anyways, amirite?) Not only does this wreak havoc upon the psychologies of any children you might have, single parent households are the most inefficient way to raise kids. The sheer calories of energy I see divorced parents spend not only trying to time-share their children and maintain multiple homes, but battle and fight one another over pure selfishness, pettiness, and pride is argument enough that you should fake being married until your youngest is 18 no matter how much you hate each other. It would be less painful, less costly, less time consuming and much better for all parties involved (including those kids you had - remember them?).

But there is a much more important argument to maintaining a nuclear family and one that is based in the selfless consideration of others in society - the quality of your children.

The consequences of divorced or broken homes is the scourge of ill-reared children that are then released into the real world. At best they might be slightly depressed, faking a mental illness like "social anxiety disorder" or whatever the new one is this week. But at worst (and more typically) they are the cause of nearly all sociological problems. Poverty, drugs, crimes, STD's, high taxes, mental illness, murder, lost economic production, deficits, future illegitimate children/single parent households, nearly EVERY major problem society faces today has its genesis in broken homes, single moms and dead beat dads. Failing to maintain a nuclear family results in raising liabilities in the form of your dysfunctional children that you then send out into the real world where they proceed to wreak trillions of dollars worth in damage.

I'm going to assume that the love of your children is argument enough to guarantee your children will be raised under a nuclear family. The peace, calm, serenity and love that comes from the resulting familial stability would also be a convincing fringe benefit to

ensure this trait of 1950's America. But if that's not enough to convince you, perhaps the guilt that your failure to raise your children properly is guaranteed to cost society trillions will ensure you keep your family together.

Choose a Traditional 1950's Man/Woman

Key to having a stable marriage and a nuclear family is choosing the right person as your spouse. And to be perfectly honest, the qualities and traits that make a good spouse have been bred out of Americans the past three generations.

This forced-political denial of the differences and thus complimentary natures of the sexes in today's America is laughable and should be ignored if you wish to life a 1950's lifestyle. Millions of years of human evolution, billions of years of the evolution of life on our planet, and our environment has made it PHYSICALLY CLEAR there are indeed (and in general) two sexes. And not only are there two distinct sexes, there are some major differences. In the 1950's these differences were used to help form a nearly-unstoppable duo in the form of a husband and wife with their own unique strengths and specialties.

With their strength, energy, resolve and mathematically inclined brains, men would work and make money. And not only work and make money, but innovate, create, and experiment resulting in dramatic increases in standards of living. Women with their care, compassion, kindness and acute awareness of resource management would typically raise the children (don't know if you noticed those things called "boobs" they have), maintain a home, support the husband, but also through budgeting and economic guile make the money the husband made go far as possible, increasing standards of living for all family members. This isn't to say that men couldn't cook or women couldn't be scientists, but in general these two roles took advantage of the division of labor, playing to each others' strengths, while compensating for each others' weaknesses.

Now that has all be abdicated in the pursuit of the political lie that men and women are not so much equal (which they are), but that they are interchangeable (which they certainly aren't). Regardless, the point is not one against the folly of feminism or socialist politics, but that if you do indeed want to live a 1950's life you need to find a traditional masculine man for a husband and a traditional feminine woman for a wife. Not only will this result in a more successful marriage, you have 2 million years of human evolution working for you which is better than the 50 years of delusional feminist slop theory that's been peddled since 1968.

But what makes a traditional man or woman? Simple, you simply pursue traditional values.

A traditional man supports himself, doesn't rely on a government check, works out, is physically fit, demands sex, and is going to demand that his wife stays in shape. He is also fair and just, puts his family ahead of himself, will die for them if necessary, but in the end will inevitably insist he is the head of the household and is going to be the final arbiter of all decisions, not for tyrannical or dictatorial reasons, but simply because there can only be ONE leader and it is in the best interest of everybody to only have ONE leader.

A traditional woman also supports herself, learns a skill or trade, doesn't rely on a government check, and also loves her family more than herself. However, she is also acutely aware of the sexual demands of men. She ensures she remains physically attractive for her husband knowing that is one of the most important things in his life. Additionally, instead of questioning, nagging, contesting and arguing with her husband she supports him. She cares about him and wants to make his life easy as possible whether that's through love and compassion, remaining the physically beautiful muse to inspire him, or simply permitting him the calm serenity and peace in life that comes without having a nagging harpy for wife.

In short, it is selflessness and loving your spouse more than yourself that makes for a stable and happy marriage. Today that has been bred out of us. We love ourselves, our careers, our educations, our soy, and our things more than we do our spouses. But if you want a happy and successful 1950's marriage you will revisit traditional values of excellence, selflessness, beauty, physique, and support. And I strongly suggest you do because you will be spending the majority of your time with your spouse which will make it the #1 determinant of your happiness.

Friends and Colleagues

Finally, it is not only your family and location that can ultimately provide you with a 1950's life. It is the friends, colleagues and associates you surround yourself with. This is somewhat accomplished in choosing smaller, conservative, traditional towns far removed from the country's tallest buildings. But in addition to your family it is your friends and other non-familial (brotherly) loved ones that will also play a major role in the quality of the life you lead. And it is here there is one simple rule - no low-quality people in your life.

One might think "no leftists" in one's life would be a rule to follow, but there are some good democrats out there who are good honest souls, simply misinformed or perhaps too optimistic about the reality of people and the economy. Blue collar democrats, factory workers, union workers. These are honest men and women who can make great friends and add great value to your life. But when it comes to welfare recipients, SJW's, activists, politicians, non-profit workers, professors, students, or people who think they're entitled to a free ride, it's very simple - ensure they are not a part of your life. Life is too short for parasites and ensuring none are around will go a long way in recreating a 1950's lifestyle.

In general, the point is that whatever happens in Washington or your state capitol ultimately doesn't matter because it is the people immediately around us that determines the majority of the quality of the life we live. It may be annoying what the idiots of California vote to do to themselves. Or it may make you shake your head that Seattleittes really like punishing themselves. And you can only sit and wonder at times why college students pay $100,000 to essentially destroy themselves. But you do not have to participate in their delusional worlds. With today's technology, old school frugality and wisdom, and simply seeking out traditional people with traditional values you can enjoy a 1950's life very easily. And while the leftists and liberals mock and ridicule you for having a house paid off, a pretty wife/handsome husband, well-reared kids, as you "live in the sticks," let them enjoy their traffic jams, their $7 mochas, the $125,000 in student loans, and their miserable anti-American lives. Life is just to short otherwise.

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Why Blacks Should Take Advantage of SWPL Leftist White People

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Keep gunning for Starbucks and taking advantage of stupid leftist people. They deserve it.

Two Angry, Old Gen Xer's

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John Steele and I bitch about the world on his podcast which has finally returned after a year hiatus:

David Hogg's 15 Minutes of Fame is Over

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It was many years ago. So many years ago I cannot find the original article. But there was a young woman named Jessica Assaf who hailed from a rich county in California (Marlin) and as a then-high school student she was going to solve a crisis that was plaguing society.

She was going to go to the California state legislature to protest the use of chemicals in cosmetics!

She was very smart, with great grades in high school, even getting accepted to the Harvard Business School. But as I predicted this veritable crusader, this "proto-SJW" was going to simply waste her abilities championing political crusades instead of becoming a productive member of society. And true to form, and without fail, she did. She is not heading up a division at GE. She is not in Silicon Valley banging out code to make our lives easier. She isn't even a mother raising 2 wonderful, well-reared children. She isn't even selling lemonade at a lemonade stand on the corner.

She is "The Cannabis Feminist."

Whether this is a horrible super hero idea or just another one of the millions of millennial work-avoidance-non-profit-crusaderism schemes, it doesn't matter. Ms. Assaf's raw intelligence and abilities were wasted and her pinnacle in life is forever etched in stone at 17. Obscurity and irrelevance is now the remainder of her legacy in life.

Pick on Ms. Assaf all we want, the nature of "15 minutes of fame" is not necessarily politically related. Take for example Walter Palmer.

Does that name even sound familiar?

Give it a minute or two and try to remember why that name was all the rage 2 years ago (if you can).

Without straining your memory too much more he was the "evil" dentist who shot Cecil the Lion.

Alas, 48 months later nobody remembers his name and he is allowed to continue on his dental practice unharassed by self-righteous, sanctimonious animal rights nutjobs.

Be it politics or hunting animals with cute names, however you get your 15 minutes of fame, realize it is only 15 minutes. It will end and you will return to the life you had

before. Life will once again be "normal" and hopefully you cashed in monetarily on those 15 minutes society granted you (I always thought a book by Dr. Palmer called "Die, Cecil, DIE!" would make serious coin). But the key difference between Dr. Palmer and Ms. Assaf is that Mr. Palmer has a skill, a trade, a profession to revert back upon while Ms. Assaf has...well...none. And this is where we introduce David Hogg.

David Hogg if you didn't know is the poster child (emphasis on child) of the professional left's anti-gun agenda. He is 17, not an adult, hasn't worked a real job in his life and has yet to pay rent. You cannot fault this young man for any of this because afterall he is a child. But this fact seemingly doesn't stop precious spoiled suburbanite American children from thinking they know more than the real world working adults. And it certainly doesn't stop them from lecturing those of us who are wiser and older from how we should live our lives.

The reason for such arrogance and hubris is multifold. Understandably, in the case of Jr. Hogg the reason for his protest (I will admit) is more important and valid than Ms. Assaf's. Kids getting murdered in school is a tad more serious issue than chemicals in cosmetics. But any intellectual honesty ends there and greed, arrogance, ego, and self-serving evil take over. First there is the addiction to fame that both Jr. Hogg and Ms. Assaf could not resist. Getting your name in the paper or your face on TV I'm sure provides a high that very few people can relate to. Second is the prospects of avoiding a real job, in the real world, that requires work, effort and toil. Running around on the democrat party's dime, giving speeches to throngs of teenage girls is certainly more appealing than going to school for Mechanical Engineering. And living off of daddy's dime as you jump from one failed non-profit scheme to another is a life that was much easier, posh, and cushy than mine. But understand that is "prospects." Like toilet paper, once you serve their purpose, the democrat party or whatever larger entity using you will throw you away. Finally, ego. Most leftists cannot simply abide a ho-hum career as a dentist, a mechanic, or a chef. They need their name to go down in history in conjunction with their lazy activist career. Ergo, they engage in faux-heroics thinking they're solving some crisis or emergency. The truth is, more often than not, they do not care about "saving the whales" or "helping poor Africans" as much as they do themselves. The crisis or emergency is a tool by which they advance their own aims, their own popularity, and their own "faux activist" career. In this regard, if we were to look into the heart of Jr.

Hogg I'd bet he's stepping on the corpses of his fellow students for his own aggrandizement more than any genuine mourning or concern for them (though that is a demon for him to wrestle with).

Detestable as this is, this is the majority of political activists (regardless of your political stripe). They look to capitalize on the pain and suffering of others, even creating problems where none exist, all so they can avoid real work in the real world, while having their egos masturbated to make them feel good. But as per my "Universal Law of Equilibrium in Everything" there is a cost to this. Karma is a bitch and there is a price to pay for living a lie as well as an egotistical life. And the difference again is highlighted by Dr. Palmer.

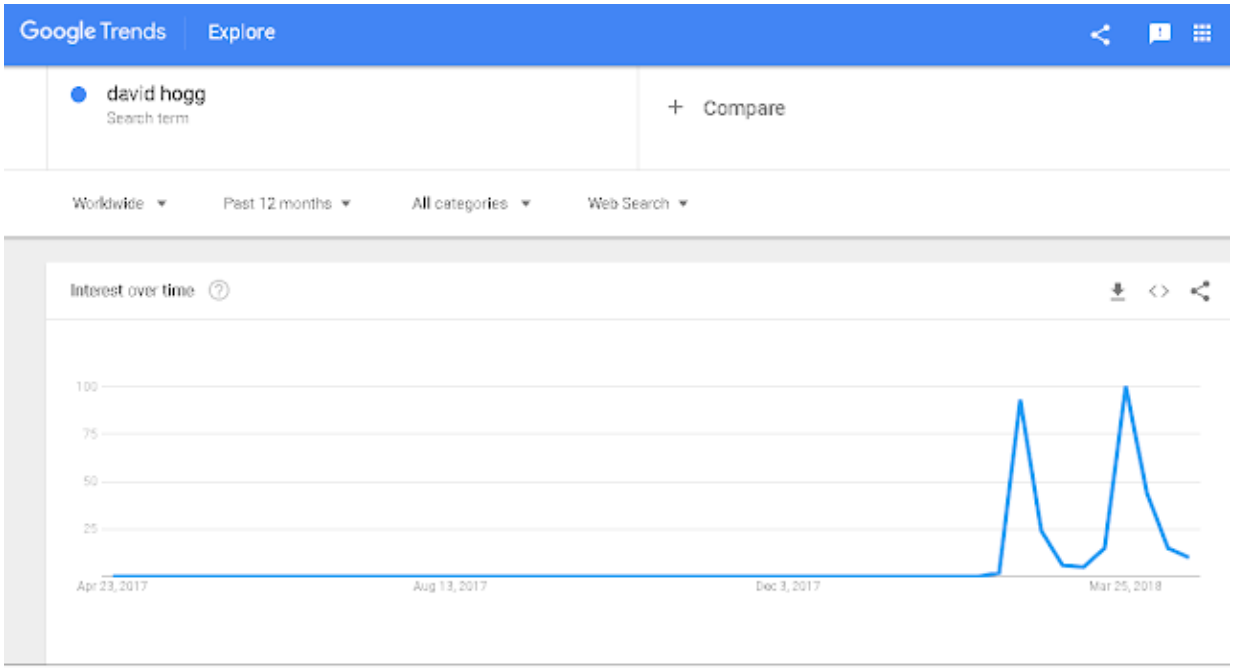
Dr. Palmer once again has a skill and a profession to rely upon. He has a life and a career which was never part of his 15 minutes fame. Once the dust settled and spoiled, suburbanite soccer moms got bored protesting his office, his life went back to normal, perhaps he even got some more long term clients due to non-leftists wanting to reward him for what he went through. He never sought his 15 minutes of fame, because his life was not about seeking fame, but being a professional who actually provided a service society demanding.

But what if you're not a 50 year old dentist, but an untalented, non-skilled high school kid? And not just an unskilled high school student, but one who got bit by the bug of fame? Instead of going to college, studying a discipline that will command a good salary in the real world, you instead go the route of Ms. Assaf and hop from lily pad to lily pad of productionless political crusades all in the search of that never-to-be-attained-again high that that one hit of fame gave you when you were 17?

This is the life Jr. Hogg (and the activist high schoolers like him) condemn themselves to.

Unfortunately, according to what bio I could find on the young gentleman, he's going to be taking off a year from school to work on the 2018 midterm elections. His high school activities indicate no interest in serious disciplines or fields, but instead labor-avoidant "media and television." And like many millennial boys he is drastically lacking in social couth (cringe-warning), which though not related to politics or sermoning adults, is only going to complicate matters in his future. You add this all up and it's painfully obvious that Jr. Hogg is going to waste his life in the democrat/leftist/political machine, never attaining a real career, a real profession, or real worth and value in life. Like Ms. Assaf, his 15 minutes of fame is over and he will be working on this campaign or that, this go-nowhere political project or that, and maybe will get a taste of that sweet sweet sweet attention as he gives a speech to may 50 people at a DNC. But it will never compare to his heights at 17 years of age, the addictive high of which damned him to being a life-long slave of the democrat party.

David, your 15 minutes of fame is over. Please, just go be a boy, date some girls (hit the gym first), go to college, major in engineering, and enjoy life before it's over. Because life is too short to be "The Cannabis Feminist."



If you don't want to piss away your life like Ms. Assaf or Jr. Hogg, consider checking out Aaron's other cool sites below!
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Episode #250 of The Clarey Podcast- Millennials Make Horrible Parents Episode

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Cappy and DT of The Black Brigade ramble about random stuff, moving to New Zealand, enjoying the decline, and the laughable attempt at parenting millennial parents make.

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Tesla is Not an Investment

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It's a government subsidized hobby for a rich kid genius who's good at science (well...sorta) and horrible at business. I know you guys are in love with the idea of Tesla, but it's a lot like "Popular Science" - mostly science fiction and hope and very little reality or production.

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The Stupid Will Continue

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Darwin strikes again.

The father could not be reached for comment.

Women See More Rudeness from Women in the Workplace….no shit Sherlock.

You never marry a woman with student loans. Never ever ever ever.

Adam Piggott's latest podcast on why you don't remember your crappy teachers.

And as a touch of humor. Look out for these poisoning bug bites this summer:

Hey Starbucks, How 'Bout You Just Serve Me My Fucking Coffee?

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"But how about you just sell good products at fair prices?

Starbucks serves me my f@cking coffee and not ask me about race?
Target sells me my f@cking toilet paper and not lecture me about transgender bathrooms?
Hollywood makes me my f@cking entertaining movie without a political sermon?
Apple makes me my f@cking iPhone and not tell me about how green they are.
And colleges give me my f@cking degree without screeding about privilege?"

An excerpt from my latest piece at LinkedIn.

Angry Gen X Livestream Tonight

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Finally getting off my ass and experimenting with livestream. The trial run "show" will be later tonight, 6PM Pacific time.

Episode #251 of The Clarey Podcast - John Steele Special

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Cappy and John Steele shoot the breeze about minimalism, buying used cars, finances, and a potluck of other Gen X related stuff in this latest episode.

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Fathers Don't Let Their Daughters Become "Cannabis Feminists"

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The long version is here if you care to read it, but the short version is 8 long years ago I put together my series on "Crusaderism." And in this series I highlighted a young 17 year old girl by the name of Jessica Assaf who at the time decided she was going to take on "Big Cosmetics" and launched a teenage crusade in California to ban various chemicals from make-up. For the purposes of that video I noted she came from a privileged background, got bit by the fame bug for her political crusadering, and though intelligent and capable of many things, would likely not be able to resist the temptation of fame combined with the dopamine fix she'd get from "crusadering." Thus I predicted she would be condemned to the life of a crusader, the modern day term of which is "social justice warrior."

Fast forward 8 years and tune into this episode of The Cynical Libertarian (around the 33 minute mark) and I could not be more painfully correct.

After forgetting her name and having to look her up again (to draw parallels between David Hogg and herself), I accidentally happened upon her latest productionless project - Cannabis Feminist.

I couldn't even bother looking at the site because not only was is so laughable and cringe-worthy, it was all easily predictable 8 years ago. If you come from wealth and you get bit by the political crusader bug, not only is the fame too addicting, but so is the prospects of never having to work a real job or abide by the real world. This has spawned an entire generation and industry of (disproportionately) millennials who think going on crusades or advancing political causes is an actual career of which Ms. Assaf is merely one of many poster children. Sandra Fluke with her demanding I pay for her birth control even though

I'm not fucking her. David Hogg, more recently, who is stepping on the corpses of his slain peer-students to jam that needle of fame into his veins. To the legions of Slate, Salon, and XOJane "writers" who all magically live in expensive Manhattan abodes, all of them are pursuing fame, egotism, and an addiction...none of them are contributing one red cent to GDP or society.

In the real world these people would die on the vine because nobody would pay them for their unwanted sermoning and lecturing. People simply don't want spoiled-rotten children from the suburbs telling them what to do. But since they come from wealth either in the familial form (of Daddy Warbucks), the hubby form (where nearly all Manhattan based Slate writers get their money), or the government form (where untold dollars in grants go to made-up liberal arts studies and professors), these valueless people continue on their crusades, not for anything as moral as helping the poor, helping minorities, closing the wage gap, or even legalizing pot, but simply to avoid what they fear most in life - the work, labor and toil that comes with being a self-supporting, independent adult in the real world.

But while you may envy these people and their cushy, genuinely privileged lifestyles. Don't. For what prompted this article was when I listened to The Cynical Libertarian read an article from the Cannabis Feminist.

And it is the saddest thing I've ever read.

I'll let you read it at your leisure, but this is what's in store for America's spoiled, typically-leftist, crusaderist adult children who pursue crusade after crusade, ne'er dipping a toe into the real world or expending one calorie of energy on real, valuable work. In being shielded from the true costs and consequences of the real world, these people grow up stunted and authentically retarded to the point they think "empowering women with initiatives to become leaders in the cannabis industry" is actually a thing, let alone a career. Worse, if you look at the subtext to the picture in the...cough...*article* you see just how skewed her life priorities are as her favorite things in life are "*The Scratch and Sniff Book of Weed, Medicine Box tinctures, Magu Beauty oils, CW Hemp oil, and Mondo*" not "my husband, my children, my cycling group" or any other people for that matter. The political crusade consumes them, becoming all they have in life, and denying them real relationships with real people in the real world.

I could go on, but I don't have to. This is a full grown adult woman who is now 26 years of age. Even with a HARVARD BUSINESS DEGREE (proving she easily has the ability to do something productive) her greatest accomplishment in life is a Potemkin Village web site that doesn't even rank on Alexa and will sadly have a record traffic day due to this post. I've ripped on rich parents before, or parents who simply spoil their children as this is not a life that you want your daughter (or any child of yours) to live. And though I'm increasingly convinced it's impossible for rich parents to raise decent children, I vainly

implore any of you rich or merely well-off parents out there to do your children a favor and make them learn the virtues and values of real work, real production, and the real world. And maybe, just maybe, we'll turn you daughters from "Cannabis Feminists" into engineers, doctors, pilots and actual productive members of society.

Aaron Clarey is a mean, mean, guy who just looked in his "Bag of Fucks" and realized there are none left in it to give people. You can visit his consultancy which I strongly advise you do if you have problems. You can also read some of his books which entail equivalent bits of truth and reality. You can be like rich parents and donate money to his patreon account. And you can tune into his podcast if you're bored and are looking for something more interesting to do with your life.

Baby Boomer Journalism Majors Duped by Millennial Journalism Majors

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This story epitomizes when you should never have trust the MSM and why modern day "journalists" are nothing more that shit-brown hacks lying for clicks. For the old school "journalists" who insist they are the fourth branch of government, it belies just how lacking you are in genuine journalistic integrity. For the neo-journalists out there, you are just click-bait whores who will lie to get your Google adsense check in the mail.

This merely re-emphasizes my previous position that journalism majors are the dumbest majors out there, and we can throw "despicable" as well.

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Review of Avengers: Infinity War

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Yes, you will go and see this in the theater…unless they require assigned seating. In which case, have some self respect and just wait for it to come out on DVD.

The Life Expectancy of Aspiring Rap Artists

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Ain't that long.

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Large Leftist Towns are High Priced HOA's

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And when the HOA members always vote left, you can expect your taxes to go up so much you:

1. Are effectively renting the property from the city, which means
2. You really don't own your property. The city council does.

How Colleges Contribute to Global Warming…No Matter What they Say

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It was around 3AM one summer day in 1996. I was patrolling the Washington Avenue bridge which connected the east and west campuses of the University of Minnesota. Normally this bridge would have been deserted, with not a soul on it, but there was a local man named "Larry" who by all accounts was mentally ill. Not a threat necessarily, but a delusional man who would hunt down security guards on campus and use them as free late night therapists. Despite his dishonest intentions, most guards didn't mind his company in that it gave us something to do, especially during summer evenings when the campus itself was abandoned and absolutely no action was going on. And though most of his ramblings was about his finances, inability to find a job, and his longing to someday find a girl, he said something to me one time that was actually intelligent and insightful.

"You know this internet thing will make these colleges obsolete."

There was nothing on the internet in 1996 and bar e-mail and porn, I couldn't see what else the internet would have to offer. But I always remembered that fount of insight from Larry because for all his faults, he was 100% correct.

The internet has made colleges obsolete.

Of course, colleges don't know that yet. They and their administrative ~~bloat~~ staff need physical college campuses to continue on otherwise they would have to get real jobs in the real world. Reserve Assistant Vice Adjutant Deputy Diversity Officers would have to sling coffee instead of receive their welfare in the form of make-work-unnecessary-government jobs. Liberal arts professors would have to dirty their hands flipping burgers, abandoning their truly worthless and faux fields, and for once contributing something to GDP. And this says nothing of the millions of teenage college-bound Gen Z'ers who have been thoroughly brainwashed into thinking they're entitled to the Land of Canaan

"College Experience," even though said experience will bankrupt them until they're in their 40's and online colleges would be infinitely cheaper. Nearly every participant in today's physical colleges - professors, administrators and the students themselves - have a financial and/or psychological interest in keeping this obsolete horse-and-buggy industry around inspite of the "car of the internet" being developed 20 years ago.

I will delve into why colleges need to be eliminated (and the trillions of dollars in benefits that would confer upon the US and the world in general) in a later article. But for now I want to use the obsolescence of American colleges to highlight a hypocrisy which should make even the most leftist leftists call into question their integrity, veracity, and practicality.

Global warming.

I personally do not believe in global warming. My IQ is simply too high, plus I have street smarts and know a scam when I see one. But let's say I did. And not only that I did, but I was a adamant environmentalist. So much so I got my doctorate in "Environmental Studies" and now teach...nay...head up the Environmental Studies Department.

Why then do I insist my students commute, drive, park, and commute back to the physical college campus?

Why then do I insist we spew trillions of tons in carbon emissions into our precious atmosphere when we build unnecessary buildings and roads in our college campuses?

Why do I insist we spend billions in electricity, pumping even MORE greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, to heat and power college classrooms, when every single Environmental Studies major can receive this education for a fraction of the carbon emissions (oh yeah, and cost too) if they attended school online ne'er commuting a mile to the college campus?

The hypocrisy doesn't end there because you damn well know it isn't merely the "Environmental Studies" departments at every college campus that touts their environmental and green credentials, but EVERY department, division, head, professor, employee and student at today's college campuses that virtue signals their environmentalism. Matter of fact behind socialism and feminism, I would argue environmentalism is the #3 virtue espoused by all participants in all colleges, which then behooves the question....

If physical colleges are obsolete, can be replaced with online colleges, and their elimination would (by nearly all measures) eliminate ALL carbon emissions generated by physical college campuses, shouldn't we be doing what's right for the environment and RAPIDLY closing down all physical campuses and replacing them with digital ones?

I'm no environmentalist, but there are roughly 21 million college students in the US today. Some of these college campuses have over 50,000 students and are veritable large cities. If the cost of attending an accredited online college is a fraction of what it costs to attend a physical one, and we could eliminate SIGNIFICANT greenhouse gas emissions by eliminating physical college campuses, why on god's green Earth (pun intended) would any global-warming believing student, AND CERTAINLY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTS, insist on attending a physical college?

Of course, the answer isn't because they haven't thought of it. Professors, college administrators, and students are FULLY aware it would be cheaper and much better for the environment to replace physical colleges with digital ones. It's once again a glaring exposure of the environmentalist and academic left's true ulterior motivation. They don't give a damn about the environment. They only give a damn about their cushy, worthless jobs. They know that one GOOD professor can teach millions of students for pennies on the dollar online compared to the thousands of professors and the tens of thousands of college admin staff that is needed to run these now-pointless, unnecessary physical institutions. And if online colleges were ever to establish a beachhead, they would be forced to do what use real world, real adult, hard working Americans do every day - work a real job.

Thankfully...at least for now...the K-12 segment of the Big Education industry has done a spectacular job indoctrinating young boys and girls into swallowing whole the "College Experience." These kids are simply not going to attend college online, because it is the experience on a physical college campus they value most, even more than their education or the career that might come with it. Ergo, "Suburbanite SWPL" Suzie will spend $150,000 of her daddy's money on her "International Studies" degree. Gary "from the Ghetto" Gormanson will spend $50,000 on his African American Studies Degree. And Tanner "Lacking in Testosterone" Tilbertson will piss away $100,000 on his Masters in Poetry. And thus Big Education will continue to get their shekels.

But for anybody who has half an eye open and an ounce of intellectual honesty, the hypocrisy coming from America's academic community is painfully clear and blinding. They are in it NOT for anything as noble as "the environment" (or feminism, or equality, or minorities, or the poor, etc. etc. etc.). They are in it for the money. It would be one thing if these academics, professors, and admins actually provided something of value in exchange for 4 years of childrens' youth and $100,000 in tuition. But most of the products they are offering <u>are completely worthless</u>.

If only there were accredited online colleges that offered worthwhile degrees for a fraction of the cost and greenhouse gas emissions...

<u>Oh wait.</u>

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The Death of the Night Club

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Remember several years ago when I wrote about the death of the night clubs?

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Last Man Standing vs. ABC

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Fuck you ABC.

Fuck you very much.

The University of Texas Austin Hates Men

May 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The "Mental Health Center" at the University of Texas Austin has decided that they (and by "they" I mean a bunch of soy boys and feminists without an ounce of testosterone in them) know what is "healthy masculinity."

I desperately don't want to link to the source because I don't want to give them the traffic, but PJ Media is not embellishing even in the slightest. All you have to do is read the Orwellian jargon, which when boiled down to English means,

"we are a bunch of lazy academic psychology and sociology majors who aim to make being male a mental disorder which we can then "treat" half the population for because our worthless degrees and faux professions are more important than the mental health of half the population."

I will say it again, even though most of your soy boys out there won't listen.

Do not attend universities that hate you. They are not your friends, they are your enemies who are fleecing you for worthless degrees and using you as an excuse to get more grant money.

The Increasing Chance You'll Never Marry

May 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had a client that for all points and purposes played his cards right. A nip and a tuck here might have helped, but no major flaws or errors on his part. Matter of fact, he's an incredibly good looking man, with no debt, a condo, a career, and several trades and skills that would make him a "most eligible bachelor" type.

Just one problem.

The country he's from (Scandinavian) has so indoctrinated women into putting their careers and educations above marriage and children, it pretty statistically likely he's just not going to find a marriageable woman. And this is a lesson many men (and women) need to learn.

There's an increasing chance you're never going to marry. Nothing by your own fault, but by how replacing men with the state, eliminating masculinity from society, and putting careers and educations above people have ruined everyone for everybody else.

American Real Estate: Are Rents or the Printing Presses More Reliable?

May 8, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I teach two online classes on finance and investing (I would recommend neither because you can get the same much cheaper here and here). And one of the common questions I get is "How about real estate for investing? Can I invest in that? My buddy says it's the way to make money!"

I try not to get angry because I have to remind myself that this is a beginner's course and most of my students' first introduction to investing.

Yes, you can invest in real estate.
Yes, you can make it rich by doing so.
No, you likely don't have the education, experience, tenacity, or capital to do so.

But another problem I face with real estate as a form of investment is the same problem that plaques nearly every asset class around the globe - nearly everything is overvalued.

This overvaluation comes from countries' central banks doing two things. One, tripling, quadrupling, or quintupling the money supply. And two, keeping interest rates artificially low. Since money is fungible, it inevitably finds its way into the larger economy, plus corporations have the incentive to borrow at historically low interest rates and repurchase their own shares. So this money goes the only place it can - asset prices. I say asset prices and not consumables (which would traditionally be what we'd expect a la 1970's stagflation) because of three reasons. One, our consumables are primarily imported keeping consumer prices low. Two, despite our raping of our own currency, other countries have raped their's even worse. This allows the US dollar to remain the world's reserve currency and us to export our inflation to naive and more corruption nations' economies. Three, the genesis or pathology of a lot of this new money is borrowing, so items purchased with debt tend to go up. Thus why housing, cars, health insurance, stocks, and college tuition are experiencing hyperinflation...but you American sheep think

this is a good thing. In short, asset prices, but specifically stocks and real estate, are no longer driven by fundamentals, but an ever-expanding monetary policy, which presents us with an interesting question when it comes to real estate investing;

Are renters or government printing presses more reliable?

The paradox that one faces with real estate (and other asset classes) is that they are no longer actual investments where underlying cash flows (such as dividends, interest, or earnings) inevitably pay back the original investment and continue to provide an adequate monthly or quarterly ROI. They are now functioning as hedges against inflation as asset prices are decoupled from the cash flows that traditionally and historically gave them value. And so now people who wish to invest in real estate or perhaps are just facing the prospects of selling their home face a problem - do you invest in an overpriced asset whose cash flow simply doesn't warrant the price being asked to be paid, or do you buy it anyway because you'll be priced out of the market (a sentiment Millennials might be somewhat familiar with, even though they voted this upon themselves).

Though risky and completely against fundamentals (not to mention my conservative nature), I'm wondering if it isn't necessary to own some kind of housing (or stock) as simply a hedge against inflation. Additionally, I'm finding it infinitely more reliable that governments are going to keep their printing presses than me finding a reliable tenant who pays on time every time and stays in the place for years to come. And whereas I'd like to say that there's going to be a crash this time, I'm more and more convinced if a crash is going to come at all, it will be in the form of stagnating prices, not an actual crash. Overvalued as property prices may be, there isn't the massive oversupply of inventory there was in 2007, and the feds are so far up banks' asses their exposure is not what it was 10 years ago. We can hope and cheer for a serious recession which I do believe would at least temper (hopefully tank) property prices, giving us commoners opportunities to invest in reasonably priced properties (and other asset classes) that do provide adequate ROI, but we must also face the chance that like "perma-bubble" markets such as Australia and Vancouver, external forces are flooding the markets with so much money, you're almost compelled to own at least some REIT's or indexed funds just to match inflation.

So if you're looking to sell your house, remember you have to buy another one.
If you're thinking the S&P 500 is overvalued, ***it most certainly is***...but how much more money is the fed going to print off this year?
And if you think tuition is too high now, just wait till next year.

Thankfully, at least we know college is an increasingly worthless investment you can avoid. Perhaps you Millennials can use the proceeds you save from not attending to put as a down payment on a mini-house.

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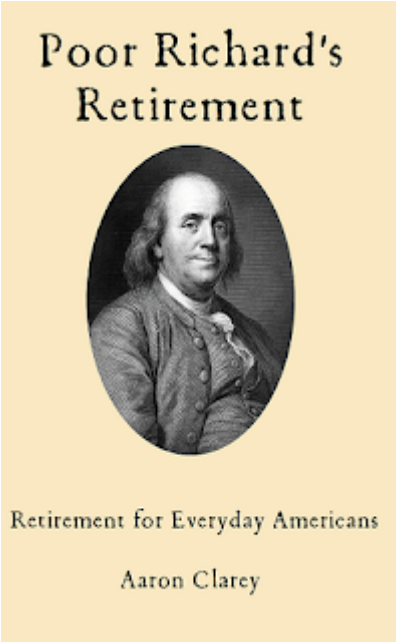
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Why Mathematically It Could Not Have Possibly Been "All About the Oil"

May 10, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I rank the argument of "*it's all about the oil*" somewhere around "*it's all about the corporations, maaaan*" and "*the rich get richer and the poor get poorer*." Very simple, easy explanations that explain complex, international economic and political phenomena for thoroughly dumb people who are too lazy to put much thought or effort into things. However, even though the Iraq war is effectively over and we've nowhere near the military force we had in the Mid East ten years ago, my mind was jarred to do a little math whilst listening to a podcast about Germany's synthetic oil industry during WWII. With the Allies cutting off Germany's access to the Baku and other oil regions, Germany was forced to produce oil synthetically which begat the question in Cappy's mind...

How much does it cost to create a synthetic barrel of oil?

This is an important question because the Iraq/Afghanistan war was not cheap. $2.4 trillion as of 2017. And so I asked "how much synthetic oil could we have produced with that money instead?" If it's all about the oil, synthetic or not, would it have been cheaper to just produce it at home...not to mention avoid all the death and destruction the war has cost both sides?

So the math goes like this:

The US imports 5.1 million barrels per day from the Mid East region. Not Iraq (that's only .61 million barrels), not OPEC (that's only 3.4) the ENTIRE region is 5.1 million barrels per day. The reason I took the entire region is you know these Neanderthal "It's All About the Oil" dopes are going to say "*you know maaaaannn, it wasn't just about Iraq, but the entire region maaaaan.*"

So fine, 5.1 million barrels per day it is.

This translates into 1.9 billion barrels per year, which when you apply the $95 per barrel it is estimated to cost to produce it synthetically, you're looking at an annual price tab for synthetic oil of $177 billion to replace Mid East oil. This compares to the annual cost of the Iraq/Afghanistan war of $172 billion, so a profit of $5 billion per year, effectively a net wash (though I'd argue a ***$150 billion loss*** per year if you assume we were merely going after only Iraqi oil).

When you consider this it is painfully obvious we did not go to war in the Mid East (at any time) because "*it was all about the oil maaaan*." There was no profit to be had in it,

merely the unnecessarily cost of human lives, the destruction of military property, and the human/collateral damage Iraq and Afghanistan would face. Additionally, if you believe in Keynesianism, even leftists would have to admit that that money would have been better spent/invested at home, creating jobs and an economic boom derived from a domestic synthetic oil industry.

Admittedly, I know this little back of napkin math exercise will prove largely pointless. The knuckle-dragging, mouth breathers known as academic and professional activist leftists won't care because they need something to complain about (let alone I doubt they can understand the basic division and multiplication displayed above). But if/when do run into these people again, just remind them of this the sad fact. It should cut the argument short and hopefully get them to shut up about "blood for oil" and allow you to move on about your day.

The Older Brother Podcast #1

May 11, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy, Florian, Chad Elkins and Ann Sterzinger talk about:

Just how COMPLETELY worthless MBA's are.
Do women love their education/degree above all else?
Teaching in modern day colleges - it's a joke.
Chicago is NOT the place to become an actor/actress.
Crying in biology lab.
Cappy's upcoming dating service for traditional men looking for traditional women.
And answering some SuperChat questions!

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Episode #255 of the Clarey Podcast - Gay Men are Happy Special

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Cappy's Guardian Angel "Claude."
No moms were hot in the 80's.
Jordan Peterson "Welcome to the party pal!!!"
Why gay men are so happy.

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Minnesotans Just Love Their Socialism

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So much so that I guarantee many of them are happy this is going on.

Top 10 Movies Every Man (and Woman) Should See

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I failed to included "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." That would dethrone "Lost in Translation" if I were to re-edit the list.

Also I have been working on a new site: www.olderbrother.com which has been taking the majority of my time this week. Posts and production will return to normal come Monday.

YouTube's Pandora's Box

May 18, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There were two important life lesson's I've learned in the recent 2-3 years in my life. One was that people are the number one cause of problems. I learned this watching a friend try to run a business that was full of moving parts. Yes, those moving parts did invariably break down, throwing the standard monkey wrench into the works, but it was nowhere near as problematic as the people involved with the firm. From management to low ranked employees, from contractors to vendors, from sponsors to customers, it was people (and their mistakes) who cost my friend the most in terms of time and money.

The second lesson I learned is that time inevitably becomes more important than money. This is true the closer you get to the "escape velocity of poverty" or more ideally "The Position of Fuck You." It rings especially true if you paid attention and learned the value of minimalism and that humans are the most important thing in life. The irony is I've know many people who've blown past the escape velocity of poverty, some multimillionaires, who keep insisting on pissing away 40-100 hours a week as surgeons, law partners, developers, etc. etc. even though the day of their demise is rapidly approaching. But the larger point is my time has become INCREDIBLY important to me that I simply do not suffer fools or inefficiency. There's too little time my sentience and consciousness has left on this planet and (as anybody who's hung out with me will tell you) it is an immediate tackling and aggressive pursuit of the day's duties, followed up by an immediate and equally aggressive pursuit of happiness and fun. And this is not possible if I'm dumb enough to choose to deal with stupid people in my life.

Though a bit lofty and philosophical, the world's social media giants can learn a thing or two from this. And it applies specifically to their community standards they've insisted on forcing all their users to conform to. Because if you think about it, to...

track
observer
record
notify
discipline
and ultimately baby-sit

the speech, actions and behaviors of sometimes up to half a billion users, that's gotta cost more than the East Germany Stasi apparatus.

Now, yes, of course, with today's technology a lot of work can be done by algorithms, programs, and formulae. And if you look at Facebook's profitability, it's certainly possible to ~~have such a spy network~~ enforce such community standards on your user base. But whether you're profitable as Facebook, unprofitable as twitter, or "questionably" profitable as YouTube, I have a simple question:

Wouldn't all these companies be better off financially if they just didn't get involved with something as onerous and taxing as regulating speech on their platforms?

Admittedly there is the argument that if they don't clean up their act then the precious, precious advertising dollars would dry up as offensive language, political opinions, and other politically incorrect speech drove advertising dollars away. This came to fruition with the 2017 "Adpocolypse" wherein several large advertisers with YouTube threatened to cancel their support once they found out their ads were being ran on hate-speech videos. Certainly a concern, but one would think a somber, sober analysis of the situation would have logically resulted in the FAANG companies making the argument to their advertisers that...

"*Look guys, we don't control speech on the internet. And we think that most people today know that if a Coke ad runs before a hate speech video that doesn't mean Coke endorses hate speech. Instead of asking us to open up and then jump into this pandora's box, can you first see if sales drop conclusively due to your ads being occasionally paired with politically unpopular videos?*"

That would have saved the world's social media giants billions in time, money, and resources, not to mention foregone opportunity costs had they not been baby sitting the world's online speech (I would like to also argue allowing from ALL speech, hate or not, would allow them to help law enforcement track/find terrorists, pedophiles, slave trafficking, etc., much more easily, but, meh, that's just me). Instead these companies opted to open Pandora's Box and are dealing with a managerial and technical nightmare, not to mention the psychological toll that comes from all the internet drama they stirred up. The totality of this painassery and cost makes my aforementioned buddy's company seem like a cake-walk and I do NOT envy the complaint departments are YouTube, Twitter, or Facebook.

But while it may confuse most of us as to why the FAANG companies simply didn't make a plea to advertisers that this was a "new normal" and there wasn't going to be any fallout with having ads being associated with politically incorrect speech, there's an alternative theory that may explain why they capitulated so quickly. And that is the new, and seemingly only, modern day marketing strategy most companies have today - corporate

virtue signaling.

I've delved into this before, but the short version is that over the past 2 1/2 generations trillions has been dumped into K-college education. Some of that went to actual education, teaching kids reading, writing and arithmetic. But at least half also went into establishing a nation-wide religion in the form of brainwashing which championed, or at least psychologically predisposed weaker minds into some variant of leftist politics. Environmentalism, feminism, race relations, or just plain socialism. The brilliance of this indoctrination was that in merely taking the correct and popular political stances value would be immediately conferred upon you without requiring you to put forth any actual work, toil, or effort. And so now everybody is "going green," everybody is "a feminist," everybody is "organic," and everybody "drinks fair trade coffee." But while one can argue whether there was a larger political motivation behind this, there is no argument that it has laid down this incredible psychological, tribalistic infrastructure that makes marketing to most ~~sheep~~ Americans incredibly easy. You just pander. You just virtue signal. You tell those kids your burritos are organic and fair trade, and you also tell them you're opening up your bathrooms to whoever wants to use them.

Dick's sporting goods is the most recent example that comes to memory. Veritably stepping on the corpses of the high school students unfortunately shot in Florida last month, they decided to ride the anti-gun wave to make some money. They ~~calculatedly~~ virtuously destroyed all their assault style guns, ne'er letting a crisis or corpse go to waste. But let us be very clear. They did NOT do this because they cared about safety, shootings, or murder. They did it to make money, period.

We can go on about the unlimited number of examples of corporate virtue signaling, the point is nearly ALL of modern day Corporate American marketing is virtue signaling, which inexorably intertwines them with politics. And since they decided to make this deal with the devil, they can't simply market good quality products at low prices, but now have condemned themselves to dancing around the fragile, fragile eggshell feelings of the most spoiled and easily-offended Americans in the entire history of America. And since this is the boat American Corporations are anchored to, ANY complaints that call into question the appropriateness and correctness of their political stances has the potential to immediately render the entire efficacy of their marketing strategy moot and ineffective. Thus, if Coke gets a complaint their ad was seen on some obscure white supremacist's YouTube channel, the ENTIRE INDUSTRY has to react rapidly and drastically.

If we were mature adults, we would appreciate the freedom of speech, and neither corporate America nor the FAANG companies that rely on their advertising dollars would have to deal with monitoring and regulating speech online. They would not have to set up costly Stasi-like digital apparatuses to see if Bob in Bolivia offended Frank from France. And they would not have have to employ entire divisions of programmers to

create bots that would identify "naughty words." Even the baby boomers, *in the depths of their 60's pot-inured days*, understood this with the cliche "I disagree with you, but will defend your right to say it till the death." Alas, since we don't have this level of nation-wide maturity and prefer corporate virtue signaling over the freedom of speech, Corporate America and the FAANG companies can expect to expend unnecessary resources doing the Eggshell-Easily-Offended-Virtue-Signaling-Waltz for the rest of their marketing days. I just sincerely hope some people at heads of their marketing departments learned the two lessons I mentioned above.

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Breaking into the Tech Industry - a Beginner's Guide

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A client of mine who works in the tech industry wanted to KINDLY and SELFLESSLY offer a video series on how to break into the tech industry. He noted that I did not work in the tech industry and, though I was pointing people in the right direction, my audience would benefit immeasurably with a more detailed video series about the industry.

PLEASE share with any young men or women you know who are looking to get into the industry!

Even Worthless SJW Journalism Professors Admit There's an Education Bubble

May 20, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My god, you know it's bad when the LEFT admits there's a bubble.

But of course, not until she first made a baby boomer's worth of a career off of charging you kiddies tuition for said degrees over the decades. I applaud her for growing the balls and telling the kids the truth. Just convenient she comes out now about it on the precipice of retirement.

Peak Oil, Super Spikes, Fracking, Baby Boomers, and Telecommuting

May 21, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy delves into predicting the future world of oil and oil prices. With fracking and telecommuting there's hope the world won't run out of oil...at least during Cappy's lifetime, and that's all the really matters.

"The Sensitive 90's Man: RIP"

May 21, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

May he rest in peace.

New Channel: Older Brother

May 21, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of the RARE times I need your help Cappy Cappites.

Terror House Magazine

May 22, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Conformity, normalcy, and being good is boring. It is unfortunately what gets published, what doesn't get banned, and what doesn't make you lose your channel. This presents not only independent ideas and thoughts from being passed around the minds of the world, but it also foregoes some good writing.

So I would like to introduce Matt Forney's latest excursion into entrepreneurship and literature - Terror House Magazine.

From their own words:

Terror House Magazine is an independent literary magazine focused on nurturing and promoting the best up-and-coming writers of our generation. Founded on May 14, 2018 in Budapest, Hungary by author and journalist Matt Forney, Terror House's mission is to publish outsider literary fiction, literary nonfiction, and cultural criticism/analysis. We follow in the tradition established by trailblazers such as Fluland, Loompanics Unlimited, and Feral House, publishing works that are too edgy, unusual, or honest to be released elsewhere.

I know "just another blog" may not be of interest to you, and that's fine, many of us simply don't have the time to read. However, they do have a competition for the best writers each month which may give you authors enough incentive to perhaps submit some of your finer pieces or create news ones. It doesn't pay much (just $10), but it might be enough to sweeten the pot that you guys might want to gamble.

Why Do People Pick on the Millennials So Much?

May 22, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I have no idea why.

No freaking clue.

The Older Brother Podcast Episode #2

May 23, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and his Gen X Pals discuss:

Cobra Kai
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30 year old being evicted by his parents.
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but hate to say "I told you so."

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I've already insisted on eating at Qdoba over Chipotle because I don't like getting a lecture or a sermon when I just want a freaking burrito. But if you want even more reason to just shake your head at one of America's dumbest corporations, look no further.

Not only is Chipolte moving it's headquarters from relatively low-taxed Denver Colorado to the worst state to do business in (that would be California for people in Rio Lindo). They're also shipping some of those lucky employees from Denver to.....Ohio.

Because that's exactly what I'd want if I were a Chipolte employee. "What? We're moving from Denver with all the sun and winter sports and kayaking and no state income taxes to that sad crappy, no-mountain state of Ohio!? Great! Can't wait to live in Toledo!"

Why Minimalists Need a Recession

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Sebastian Joe's and Mancini's

Allow me to tell you about Sebastian Joe's.

If you ever come to the Twin Cities, like most sheep you're going to want to go to the Mall of America. This is fine and I understand this because 1) you've been programmed to and 2) there isn't much else to see in the Twin Cities. Oh yes, I'm sure they'll tell you to see either a Twins or Vikings game. Yes, I'm sure the locals will insist you check out our incredibly mediocre downtowns. And the truly delusional Twin Citians will perhaps fool you into going to the worthless and talentless Walker Art "Museum." But all in all the Twin Cities suck and I cannot recommend you come here for much of anything.

However, if you still insist on visiting the Twin Cities there are only two places worth visiting before I'd advise you to move along to the Black Hills or catch a flight to Chicago:

Mancini's and Sebastian Joe's.

Mancini's is one of the few remaining classical 60's steakhouse joints in the Twin Cities. It's worth attending and you can find it in St. Paul. The Captain has had many o' grand and drunken times at Mancini's and you do not get "drinks" as much as you get "copious vats o' booze" poured for dirt cheap because (unlike the flash in the pan night clubs that come and go) Mr. Mancini paid off his mortgage long ago and those overhead costs no longer exist.

But even more of a staple than that is Sebastian Joe's which is hands down, easily, by a mile, and without a doubt, the world's greatest ice cream parlour ever.

Oh roll your eyes if you must, but I am deadly serious. In part because there is nothing else to do in the Twin Cities and in part because the ice cream is *just that good,* Sebastian Joe's is simply the #1 thing people MUST DO when visiting the Twin Cities. And to show you my intellectual honesty, ask any out of town visitors I've chaperoned where I took them and they will confirm it was Sebastian Joe's.

Now I am fortunate enough to live relatively close to Sebastian Joe's. And it happens to be near "the lakes" region of Minneapolis which is one of my favorite running haunts. So while the rest of Twin Citians are at their cubes, stuck in traffic, paying for a masters degree, or doing whatever it is the Fraternal Order of Normie-Conformies of Minnesota do with their day, I'm banging out a run around Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun, with a convenient stop off for a treat at Sebastian Joe's. I walk in, I get my ice cream, maybe a double scoop, get in my car, and high-tail it out of town before the sheep clog the highways again come the afternoon rush hour.

This has been a weekly past time in the Ole Captain's life for the past decade. I look forward to running around MY lakes and getting MY Sebastian Joe's ice cream, relatively unhindered and without the morons that normally barf out onto the lakes and clog it up during fair-weather weekends. But the past three times I went in to claim my Sebastian Joe's ice cream after a long run there was something that should not have been there.

A line.

A line so long, it was enough of a deterrent to make me forego my precious Sebastian Joe's ice cream. And while "once" is to be expected and "twice" is a coincidence, "thrice" is a trend. And this "trend" has an evil genesis.

Though slow and sclerotic, the US economy has recovered from the housing crash/financial crisis. It took a decade, an experiment with a socialist affirmative action president, and a doubling of our national debt, but *inevitably* we recovered. And I even hate to use the word "recovered" because economic growth has been so paltry "professional" economists in Washington and New York practically cum their pants if GDP grows above 3%. But let there be no doubt about it, we've recovered. Unemployment is now officially below 4% making it a VERY TIGHT labor market. Even the labor force participation rate has bottomed out, indicating that, yes, *even Millennials are starting to look for work*. And if you have Millennials looking for work (and lining up for ice cream), that means, yes, the economic good times are here again.

A Generation of Minimalists

But "good for who?"

We normally assume economic growth is good for everybody, and booming economic

times good for everyone. But the last recession was so harsh and so long that it permanently changed the behaviors of millions of people. And not that these people would want to deny America a booming economy, but a booming economy is now incredibly inconvenient to these "economic adapters" who changed their lives over the past 10 years.

These people, I contend, are a generation of minimalists that were forged through the nuclear hot economic fires of the Great Recession, some going so far back that their forging started during the Dotcom bubble. Predominantly Gen Xer's, these people were also lied to by their parents, overpaid for college degrees, were dumped out into a recession, maybe gained some traction in the 00's, only to have the housing crash wipe out any progress. So taxing and depleting were their decades-long experiences, one could argue that the entire conventional wisdom of how to succeed in America was reversed in this *sole, single* generation going from:

"*Go to college, earn a degree, get a job, and start a family, the future of America is great, everything is awesome!!!*"

to

"*Trust no one, invest in nothing, STEM or die, independence, entrepreneurship, kids are too expensive, spend as little as possible, prepare for the worst.*"

Nor is it purely relegated to age. Gen X'ers may comprise the majority of these neo-minimalists, but Millennials and Baby Boomers aren't blind, nor unscathed either. Millions of Millennials are ***finally*** getting "woke" to the fact there were just completely raped by Big Education for worthless degrees, and Baby Boomers who were either laid off during the Great Recession or are looking at their pensions being underfunded have also abandoned hopes of Viarga-commerial-esque retirement plans replete with Floridian beaches, svelte wives, and sail boats. So when the decade-long totality of economic pain, suffering, pressure, lies, deceit, and misery is finally lifted from these people, they are not the same people they were 10 years ago. They have changed, and changed permanently. They are minimalists and are not only accustomed to bad economics times, but thrive in them.

One would think such a contrarian approach to one's economic life would not be possible, or at least doesn't make sense. How would minimalists NOT benefit from a booming economy? How would minimalists NOT benefit from higher wages? And you are certainly correct especially if you view it through the lens of traditional economics and what was considered "traditional success" in America. But if you look at it in terms of lifestyle and the enjoyment of life, a booming economy does not necessarily equate to a better life for this new generation of "perma-minimalists." And while many of these "drawbacks" may be tongue and cheek (the lines at Sebastian Joe's did not send me off a cliff), there are

some that certainly lessen the standard of living that minimalists have conditioned themselves to enjoy today.

Minimalist Purchasing Power

Foremost among these is purchasing power. The primary goal and motivation of a minimalist is freedom from financial dependence. This is not possible since everybody needs some money to live on, but after watching millions of Americans (or perhaps themselves) enslave themselves to student loans, McMansion mortgages, and Range Rover loans, minimalists make the obvious and easy decision to simply do without. We don't need fancy cars. We don't need more bedrooms than heads in our household. We don't need worthless masters degrees. And we sure as hell don't need some psychopathic boss ruining our mental lives 8 hours a day in the process.

So we set off to a race, the finish line of which is to be debt free. For once we are free of debt, with no mortgage, car loan, or student loan to pay for, we answer to no one and effectively maximize our freedom. We can work some paltry part time job and survive in relatively luxury the rest of our days. Ideally we are self employed, working from a laptop that doesn't anchor us down anywhere. But even if we're not, that's still OK, because the second our boss gives us the slightest bit of lip, we quit because we don't need the money. We aren't living paycheck to paycheck and wifey-poo won't divorce us if we can't make her car payment and Little Suzie's tuition bill at Princelysum Liberal Arts College. Our expenses are so low a mere $5,000 can last us a year. Matter of fact, more commonly you'll find minimalists returning to work out of pure boredom because even freedom and frolicking loses its novelty.

However, there is one major drawback to this lifestyle once the economy starts booming - prices go up.

Now keep in mind us minimalists aren't affected by prices anywhere near you debt-addicted-sheep herders. We have more disposable income than you do, we have effectively no living expenses, and unlike you we have little to no debts. Plus, you normies can't wait to line up to pay $7 for a mocha or $1,000 for a piece of crap Apple device or $20 for an assigned seat at a movie theater. You'll just simply borrow the money you don't have to pay for those things. So not only will you bend over and pay whatever corporations are charging you, you'll enslave yourself further to them by borrowing to pay them, tripling the price you effectively pay and tripling the amount of time you have to spend in a commute and cubicle. So we are nowhere near as price-sensitive as you.

But still, in being minimalists we don't like spending money we don't have to. And what little disposable income we have (which, once again is more than you) is incredibly impaired when prices go up. This cuts deeply into our fun and enjoyment budget, which

really starts to get annoying.

For example in the depths of the recession I was able to find a motel for 3 months, during summer, in the Black Hills for $600. Not for one summer, but three! Now you can't even find a hotel in the Black Hills during summer for less than $60 a NIGHT.

Closely related is transportation. I remember the days when you could rent cars for $8 a day, and get upgraded to convertibles or sports cars for $15! And this was assuming you were renting. In the depths of the recession I bought a truck with less than 50,000 miles on it for $4,500 and an effectively brand new cruiser bike (repossessed of course) for under $5,000. You can still get a decent car with low miles for around $5,000 but it isn't going to be as nice or as low mileage today.

Flight anyone?

This hasn't affected me as much because I'm still willing to slum it with the commoners by flying Spirit or Frontier. But if you're like most normies and "just can't fly Spirit" because it's beneath you, you're definitely paying the price at the non-discount airlines. In the "Grand Ole Days of the Great Recession" planes were half full and you could bump yourself up to first class for a nickel (well...maybe not a nickel, but cheap). This was in addition to the $50 you paid round trip to a flight to Denver, assuming you didn't get it cheaper by flying standby. And even if you didn't bump yourself up to first class, there were so many empty seats on the plane you could just throw your luggage in the seat next to you and stretch your legs out into the aisle. The recession almost made every seat first class!

And dinner.

Oh dear lord, dinner!

Going out to eat is almost the antithesis of being a minimalist. It takes time, gas, and money. Certainly more time and money than if you just made the meal at home. But not necessarily if there's a major recession going on, and you're whizbanging it up traveling across the country enjoying the dirt cheap prices you're getting everywhere. Not only did it actually pay to go out and eat most times (anybody remember when $5 footlongs came out?), it essentially allowed you to travel the country ne'er having to store or travel with food. Admittedly, this wasn't an option for minimalists with families, but if you were one of the many minimalists who realized you could barely take care of yourself, let alone a child from the 1990's on, you were sitting child-free-pretty and the world was your oyster. You could get drinks for under $3 in small American towns and great meals for under $10 if you just poked around a bit. Now, $15 cheeseburgers are standard in Las Vegas, a town once known for its borderline-free food.

In short, as economies boom and grow, the price of "fun" goes up. Be it travel, hospitality, food, even national parks passes, they go up and they go up by a lot. This cuts directly into the budget, and thus the amount of fun minimalists will allow themselves to have. But let us be clear about why the price of fun is going up - you normies are borrowing again and driving those prices up. But don't worry, I assure you it is a temporary phenomenon. Once the economy hiccups and a mere fraction of you lose your jobs, the borrowing binge will come to an end and prices will drop to their glorious recessionary levels once more.

Lines

You might laugh at this, even scoff at it, but do not take the easy bait and mock me for claiming that lines are a serious problem minimalists face in a post-recession world. For it should be the world laughing at you while you stand in line waiting...

an hour for a table at Apples
45 minutes for scoop of Sebastian Joe's ice cream
2 hours to see a new release movie (with assigned ~~sheeping~~ seating)
or 2 days for a new iPhone 192083CDX-5

Let us be clear what lines are and who they are for. Lines are a waste of time. Lines ARE death. When you see a line you should see the grim reaper asking you to "make an advance payment" before he comes for you permanently because you are literally "killing time." Lines are also for people who have such horribly boring and empty lives the best use of their time is literally to stand in a line and do nothing. The minimalists forged in the past 20 years simply will not abide that. Our time is too valuable, our lives too precious. We know that life will end and we need to spend the maximum amount of it with family, friends, and loved ones.

But the importance of lines goes well beyond what the normie's eye has been trained to see as a line. For a line is not you schmucks standing there with your vibrating coasters waiting to get a seat at some brunch place. Nor is it a veritable line cuing up to buy an Apple product. It is any point in time you are being prevented from achieving your goals, reaching your destinations, or doing what you want to do.

Commutes for example.

I cannot think of a more damaging, destructive, and harmful societal scourge than commuting. Just like iPhones, Applebee's tables, and Sebastian Joe's ice cream, you guys line up, every day, by the MILLIONS, all so you can inevitably park your asses in front of a computer screen for 8 hours a day. And if it wasn't bad enough, you guys DO IT AGAIN come 5 o'clock when you all go home *at the exact same time*. Never mind going to work early/late and leave early/late would solve this problem. Never mind pushing for

telecommuting policies would end commutes tomorrow. The average conformie can't even think enough to go to lunch at 11AM or 1PM to save him/herself an hour of their lives each day. Ergo commutes are going to be with us forever and are only going to get worse as the economy continues to grow.

But what is a commute if not a line?

It may be fun to dismiss this rant as a fool who believes "lines" are a "societal scourge," but you just ask those up and coming tech go getters in Silicon Valley or Seattle as to how much their standard of living is improved with the traffic of those liberal utopias.

Another line? Try your national parks. I remember the "Glorious Days of the Great Recession" where you could pull up to Badlands National Park, out in the middle of nowhere South Dakota, be the first in line, pay your fee, and ride freely through the national park.

The last time I visited?

30 minute wait and this is after they jacked up prices. And sure enough every slowpoke normie from Iowa and New York had to drive super slow, often times stopping in the middle of the road, to hold everybody up in the park. Beforehand you could zip through the park in about 35 minutes. Now, expect it to take an hour.

And finally, the restaurant/service industry.

I'll admit, I got accustomed to eating out. It was fast, convenient, and often the only option when traveling about. And while I adamantly refuse to wait in line to get a table at a restaurant, the service in the US has been getting noticeably slower since the recovery began. In the Glorious Days of the Great Recession only the BEST waiters, waitresses and bartenders had jobs. You could expect your meal to be served in under 10 minutes, accurately, and with a smile. Now, with you normies breaking out the credit card again, you're flooding the service industry with your orders and swamping the kitchen. Staff can barely keep up and now it takes around 30 minutes to get a meal with the accuracy of a Jimmy John's sandwich. Nowhere is this more pronounced in Las Vegas where it is STANDARD to wait about 40 minutes to get your food and you can expect them to goof up at least one thing with your order. I'd say this is not so much the fault of the service industry, but Vegas is STARVING for competent server staff to keep up with demand, once again due to a good economy.

I could go on, but the point is if every aspect of life - be it traffic, waiting in a line, cuing up for gas, lining up at a national park, waiting for your food - is taking longer and longer to get basic things done, that leaves less and less free time for all of us to enjoy. And if you tally it up, especially when considering your commute, it takes a DRASTIC toll on your

free time and enjoyment of life. The only difference I'd argue is that we minimalists did not sign up for it, while you conformists did. Unfortunately, your booming economy is spilling over into the enjoyment of our lives.

Suffering the Return of You Arrogant Posers

I remember, and I remember it starkly, right up to the bursting of the housing bubble every (then) mid-50's baby boomer, aged, dudebro wantrapreneur walking into my banking office swinging their gray pubed dicks around acting like they were all "successful businessmen." I knew they weren't successful businessmen because if you were coming to my bank for a loan you were desperate, not to mention I had their tax returns and balance sheets and SAW they had no positive net worth.

A $2 million McMansion home, with a $2.4 million mortgage.
A $70,000 "Kompressor Mercedes" with a $75,000 car loan.
His wife's Range Rover...which was of course leased.
And a boat they'd transfer between Lake Havasu and Lake Minnetonka, which is why they couldn't make that month's loan payment because they could barely afford the gas.

It was so bad at the peak of the housing bubble I remember one "wealthy" family that had built their dream home in a coveted neighborhood of the Twin Cities. They invited all the neighbors and local dignitaries for the house warming party, but were in an odd and worried rush to get their new furniture in so the house was furnished in time for the party. Through a grapevine I shan't mention, the very next day after the party the moving truck was hauling the furniture out of the house.

Why?

Because this "wealthy" family couldn't afford the furniture. They had merely rented it for one evening and were returning it to the furniture outlet.

This is the burr that sits in my, and every other minimalists' saddle when an economy booms. You laughably inferior people who are so vain and desperate to make it seem like you're rich, go out of your way to put up the facade, because it's painfully obvious you're simply not capable of actually doing it. This would be alright, but you posers always insist on acting like superior, better people than those of us who actually have positive networth's, produce things of value, spend within our means, and don't rely on ever-increasing asset prices as a "business model." And it doesn't even have to be the "egregious" posers such as the "wealthy" family that rented their furniture. Every time the economy booms here come the:

30 year old dudebro 30,000dollarnaires and their used BMW's.
Douchebags who wear sun glasses indoors.

Get quick real estate investment schemes and seminars.
IPO's, ICO's, and venture capitalists.
"Top 40 Under 40" articles of going nowhere "local business leaders"
Outright scammers and fraudsters who fake being rich 3 months before being caught.
Morons that order bottle service and Vegas night clubs.
Soccer moms who insist they trade in a perfectly good starter homes an overpriced McMansion in a "good school district."
And let's not forget the legions of gold diggers who are so dumb they don't know the difference between debt and equity spending...because they don't have to.

Please, for the love of god stop. You're not fooling any one. We knew you were posers from the beginning. The smart people know you're posers now. Any moron with a credit score above 500 can get himself a Beemer, wear a suit without a tie, and act like he's King Dick. Like nightclubs you are cliche and common, please just stop. And please, don't you dare think you're better or somehow "made it" as a successful businessman just because you formed an LLC with $1 million in assets and $1.5 million debts or bought a used German car.

Because the day is coming, my fine poser, normie conformie friends - oohhhh yes, the day is coming - that the banks will cut off your debt, you won't get that raise your wife already spent, or that contract won't come through and the economy will enter recession once again. And when that happens the party is over. You will have to return your toys to the dealership or the bank, sell your boat at a heavy discount, pay some lawyers fees as your spouse files for divorce, wait tables just like all the other law school graduates do, and cancel your weekly ice cream at Sebastian Joe's. And when you do, me and all my minimalist friends will thank you very much because there won't be lines, there won't be commutes, gas will be cheap, and we can rent convertible Mustangs in Vegas at reasonable prices once again.

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Over $1 Million in Student Loans

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Increasing proof that MORE Education = dumber person.

A New Star Wars Movie…Every Month!

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Flood the market and the price goes down.

Same thing happened with "Spiderman" and "Assassins Creed." For a while it seemed they were launching a new movie/game every 2 weeks. People will tire of it, especially when you fill it with racial and sexual politics. Congratulations Disney, it's another movie I'm not going to see.

60% of Evergreen's Students are LGBTQLKDYIUF*#

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60% of Evergreen College's applicants claim to be non-binary.

You couple that with the anti-white riots last year and that may explain why enrollment is down 20%.

Enjoy the Decline, Scotland

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Enjoy that freaking decline.

Smart, Successful People Should Not Become Teachers

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No. No. No. You do not give up a 30 year career in engineering to become a teeeeeaaacheerrrrr.

The Older Brother Podcast Episode #3 - Incel Invasion Episode

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Pixar movies making you feel old.
The Racial Joke Exchange.
The Incel Invasion
Repossessing people's liberal arts degrees.
Cappy runs into his ex...he thinks.
No one is coming to save you.

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The Lack of Fathers, Not the Surplus of Porn, Leads to School Shootings

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And when you women are done voting to replace fathers with government checks, the shootings will stop. In the meantime, you are merely guessing.

Student Debt is a Woman's Problem

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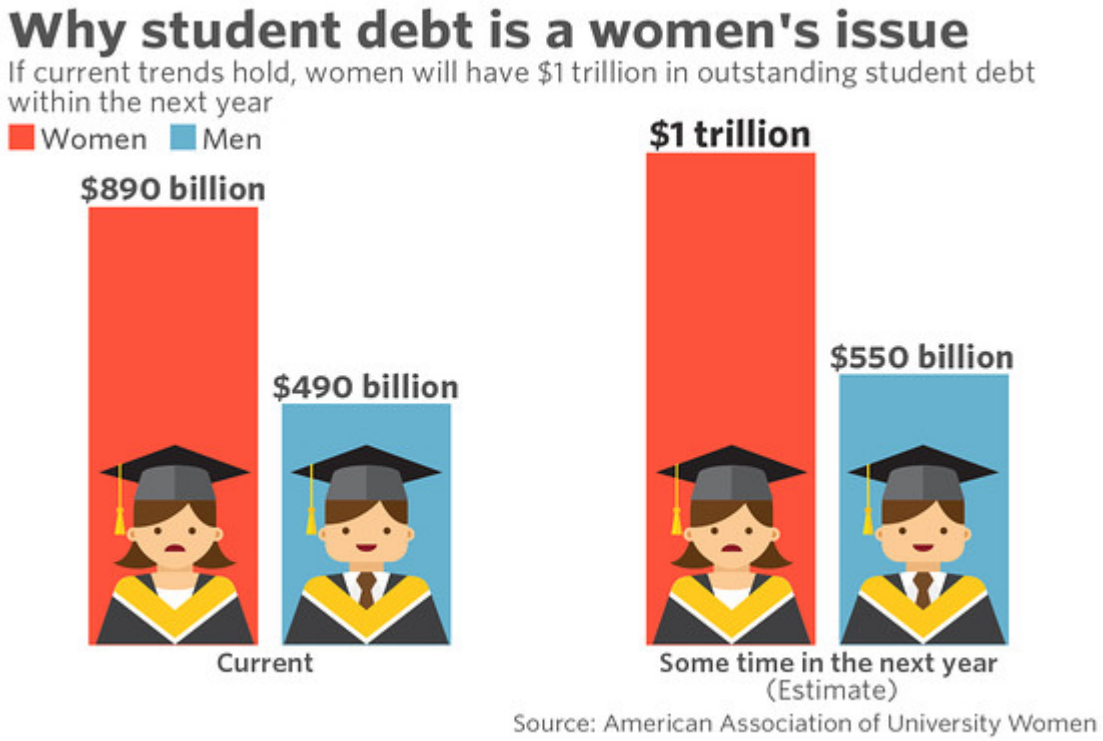

And I will contend because men are not being easily as duped into majoring in worthless degrees and paying insane prices for over-priced tuition.

I'm going to say it for the cheap seats in case some women are listening so they might enjoy better lives. LADIES, STOP MAJORING IN STUPID SHIT. June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month and if you want to end this "college scam crisis" simply don't major in stupid subjects and pay insane prices for tuition.

And parents. For god's sake, do you love your children or not??? How can you let your children major in this crap, let alone go into debt for it?? Start sharing and WARNING people about worthless degrees and this problem can be gone within a year.

The Entertainment Singularity

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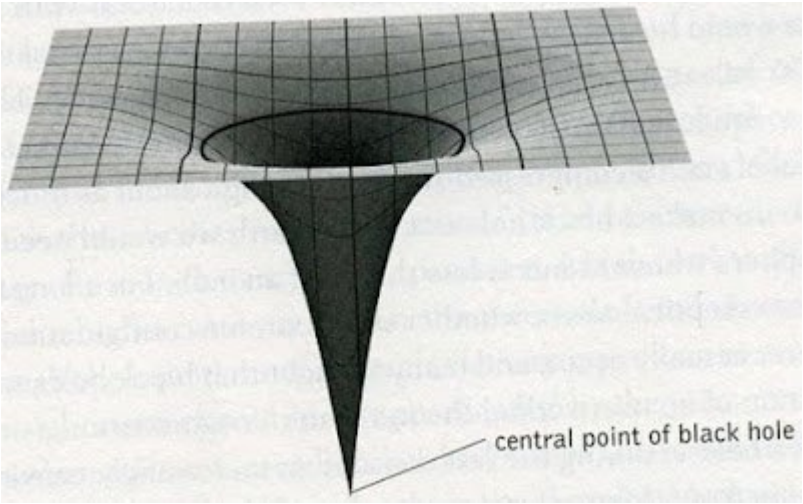

Dey Took Er Jerbz

I often flirt intellectually with the concept of a fully roboticized economy. I don't think it will ever happen in totality. I think worries about robots stealing our jobs is overblown. And I believe the precipice of AI is merely the latest evolution of the continual technological asymptote humankind as endured since forever. But it's still interesting to ponder because while I believe a fully-automated economy will forever remain theoretical, there are some aspects of it that will become reality, if not have already come to fruition.

Adding further intrigue to the concept of a perfected "AI economy" is that I do not believe it is compatible with human psychology and evolution. Yes, it is an economist's dream, if not the whole purpose of economics, to have robots do all the work while we humans luxuriate for our ever-increasing life-expectancies. But as me and some of my fellow digital nomadic explorers have discovered, this "utopian world" of working from your laptop is not all it's cracked up to be. Matter of fact it's already proving dystopian in some regards.

Yes it is nice to work from your bed all day, having money automatically deposited into your bank account, while Amazon delivers all the world's goods to your front door....until you do it for a month and realize you desperately need to get out of the house.

Yes it is nice to stare into a smart phone for days on end, meeting new people online, perhaps even starting the buds of a romantic relationship online...until you realize an entire generation of kids are mentally stunted, incapable of dating and incredibly depressed in the process.

And yes it's nice to have your car do everything for you, warning you about crossing the median to even driving for you...until you try to pop the hood and fix the damn thing.

Every technology and technological advance has had its drawbacks, but as far as my economist eye can see there's another straw to add to the "AI Economy Camel's Back"- The Entertainment Singularity. And it holds some serious (and dark) ramifications for us.

The Entertainment Singularity

I cannot claim ownership of this very original idea. That goes to Dick Masterson as I was listening to his podcast one day. He and his co-host were talking about Nasim Aghdam, the woman who shot up YouTube's corporate headquarters when they canceled her YouTube channel. The point they were making was that as jobs are increasingly harder and harder to get, requiring more and more education, many people were going to the internet to unleash their creative talents (for better of worse). And when that creative outlet is eliminated or canceled, in many cases you eliminate the ONLY creative outlet increasing numbers of people have. Ipso facto, people are going to revolt, sometimes violently as Ms. Aghdam did. However, Dick went on to further extrapolate that in the future, with more and more jobs being automated, an increasing percentage of the population will be put out of a job. And not even "put out of a job" as much as never given the chance of having one in the first place. And so the logical conclusion was if you went down the time line far enough, where robots were doing all the labor, the only thing left for people to do would be:

1. Consume entertainment and
2. Produce entertainment

At first this sounds great! All we do is create philosophy, art, music, videos, debate, as the robots make and bring us our food? There's nothing else we have to do other than entertain ourselves and create our own entertainment as all hobbyists dream of? It is the solution to the labor/leisure paradox that has plagued humankind since the beginning. We'd like to maximize leisure, but we need to at least expend some of our efforts of labor. In a truly, 100%-attained AI economy, wealth would be virtually limitless, making labor unnecessary and leisure free. And as long as we didn't outbreed the roboticized economy's ability to produce wealth, nobody would have to expend a second of their lives toiling. But as I said before, a fully-functional and total AI economy is not compatible with the human mind. And using my economic spidey senses, it would become rapidly apparent this utopian dream is a dystopian nightmare.

First, Dick admits that humans need an outlet for their energy and productive talents. I would argue this applies more to men than women - and let's not forget that government checks have now created 3 generations of parasites who are perfectly happy watching Jerry Springer and majoring in the liberal arts - but for the most part that premise is

correct. Humans (productive ones anyway) need to do SOMETHING otherwise they will have no agency or value in their lives. Thankfully, if the robots do take over, humanity's point and purpose in life would quite literally be boiled down to "entertain and be entertained." This seems simplistic and even degrading. You would say, "well we could work if we wanted to, right?" But this misses the point of a fully functional AI economy. You wouldn't have the CHANCE to work. The jobs wouldn't even exist for you to apply to in the first place. And besides, I would even argue that you wouldn't want to work a real job anyway when your hobbies would make you just as much money.

Fixing up classical cars.
Painting landscapes.
Doing videos on fishing.
Webcaming for the ~~attention fix~~ theatrical joy.

All of that is preferable to the toil of hauling cement in 1890, even the relative bliss of filing in an airconditioned office in 2018. Nearly everybody would opt for hobbying than actual laboring.

But will people whittle wood? Paint pictures? Write symphonic scores?

Will people create Victor Borge-esque levels of humor? Theatrical pieces that rival Casablanca? Write genius literary works that put Shakespeare to shame?

I'd even settle for people just keeping to their own and producing nothing. You want to watch Sports Center all day, listen to gansta rap, and drink Fireball all afternoon? Knock yourselves out, long as you ain't hurting nobody.

But I know humans. And humans suck. And it is here where humanity will take this wonderful utopian dream and turn it into a dystopian nightmare. And to understand how this will happen, one needs to understand wealth and value.

The Problem with Unlimited Wealth

In the perfected AI economy, "wealth" would lose all meaning. Since every material want and desire would be produced by robots, the value of everything would go to zero since it would take no labor or effort on our part to produce them.

What's the value of that Mountain Dew?
$0, I can get another one from the Mountain Dew Robot for free.

What's the value of that backrub?
$0. I can get another one from the Backrub Robot for free.

What's the value of that personal F-16 fighter plane?
$0. The F-16 Fighter Plane Robots will make me another one for free and the Amazon robot will deliver it to my front door tomorrow.

With unlimited wealth "value" gets turned on its head. Things are in unlimited supply so they by definition cannot hold value. Further complicating matters is in an AI economy there wouldn't be money (because everything is free) and thus, without money, there is no unit of measurement by which to calculate value.

So if things no longer have value, then what DOES have value in an AI economy? Does anything have value? Humans cannot live lives in a world where NOTHING has value. What gives them point and purpose in life? What gives them the incentive to get up in the morning? What gives them the reason to live? Simple - things that robots can't produce, and only humans can. And to make matters worse, things only a ***very few, select*** number of humans can.

Beauty, Excellence, Stimulation, Insight, and Artisanship

Since material things would no longer have value, the only things that would have value are the non-tangible qualities, traits, and creations of other human beings. Works of art such as music, paintings, sculptures, movies, comedy, and the aforementioned entertainment would all have entertainment value to those yet to consume it. Intellectual stimulation in the form of philosophy, insight, speculation and debate (much like Jordan Peterson and Stephan Molynuex of today) would pique and entertain the minds of millions. Excellence, be it in athleticism, architecture, technology, or any other human endeavor would beget awe and fascination much like the Olympics do today. And physical beauty. Just because robots are doing all the work doesn't mean men would abandon their desires for a beautiful woman, nor women abandon their secretive lust to be violated by muscular bad boys.

In short, people will place value on high quality human creations be it the arts, beauty, architecture, literature, philosophy, or any other human endeavor. There is, however, a problem with this. Society is only going to value the human creations that are beautiful and excellent, not common and inferior. And unfortunately things that are beautiful and/or excellent take labor, toil, sacrifice, and effort. And that runs contrary to human nature.

Laziness and Envy

To reiterate my previous point, most humans are scum. Human history is basically the story of a lazy species that does whatever it can to get by on the cheap, take short cuts, and live off of others. You could even further reduce the history of mankind to simply "work avoidance." Admittedly, it is a noble goal to be more efficient, working less and

producing more with advances in technology, but a trip to your local Wal-Mart, college campus, or corporate office will show the vast majority of people would rather sit on their ass, stuff their faces, and expend the least amount of effort possible than give it their all and pursue excellence in their lives.

This leaves a small minority of humans who actually have the capacity and desire to create human works of genuine beauty and excellence. For example today's modern artists are a laughably worthless group of people. They are simply too lazy to hone and craft their skills to create genuine works of art. Instead they create utter crap and hide their lack of talent behind some concocted political or philosophical interpretation of their "art." Another example, wealthy people. Wealth is merely excellence in the form of work ethic. I acknowledge many rich people today inherited their wealth, but they are not the majority. The majority of wealthy people earned it either by working harder, working smarter, and usually a combination of both. However, most normies and commoners would rather complain about what others earned than earn wealth themselves. And finally, actual physical beauty. To be physically attractive takes work, LOT'S OF WORK. But a simple walk down the street will show you the majority of Americans prefer to be revolting, puke-inducing sows than hit the gym and eat right.

When you add it all up, it is only a VERY SMALL minority of people who have both the ability and inclination to achieve beauty and excellence. And these people will command the majority of value in this AI economy of the future. However, in being the sole providers of anything of value in this neo-economy, they will also be the target of most people's envy and ire. And whereas in today's modern economy greed, envy, and jealousy can be avenged through progressive taxation, in an AI economy, there is no wealth or income to confiscate. Additionally, you can't very well "transfer looks" or "transfer talent" much like socialists today "transfer wealth," so how do the jealous normies, conformies, commoners, and inferiors get their pound of flesh?

A Different Road to Serfdom

To revisit the original premise of The Entertainment Singularity everybody will produce and consume entertainment. A small minority of people will produce the highest quality entertainment, commanding the most value in this economy, while the vast majority of people will make inferior entertainment that nobody will value. From an economics perspective this is moot since wealth is unlimited and everybody's bio-physiological needs are met. However, from a psychological perspective this discrepancy is very important since only a small few will have a clear calling for agency and purpose, while others simply won't. And again I needn't remind you about the petty, envious nature of humans that will drive the majority to demand some kind of "agency" and "value" in their own lives.

So where does a lazy person, whose ego is too big to just collect their BGI check and

make videos of his dog online, go? The answer is "religion."

Keep in mind when I say "religion" I don't mean just the traditional religions of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, though it can be that too. I mean any belief lazy people use as a substitute for actual value, achievement, excellence, and accomplishment in their lives.

Veganism
Vegetarianism
Feminism
Global warming/environmentalist.
Animal Rights
Fair trade coffee
Organic coffee
Free range coffee
Socialism
The children
The whales
Minorities.
Women.
Gun control.
Abortion.
Children's cancer.
Breast cancer.
Helping the poor.
Helping the Africans
Fighting poverty.
Pantranssapiohyposadosexualism

You name it, the vast majority of modern day political/social causes are today's modern religions and about as valid as the old ones. And so instead of putting forth all the hard toil and effort that anything of real value requires, the majority of people will simply choose a political crusade as their entertainment, thus conferring immediate (and faux) value on their entertainment and thus themselves.

But it will not stop there.

Even though the "inferior" producers will successfully replace (in their minds) actual talent with a worthless religion, they won't go away. They won't be satisfied. Because deep down inside they know they're producing nothing of value. They know they are inferior. And (petty as this sounds, it is devastatingly true) they know they're ugly. And their envious, petty minds will simply not be able to abide these facts. Ergo, even though all their worldly desires are taken care of, and they have a fabricated substitute of worth

to feed their ego, they will still try to redefine what is beautiful. What is excellent. What is reality.

This is already happening in today's world. Big is beautiful. "Acting white." Redefining art to be minimalist crap. Plus size models at Target. The elimination of the honor role and valedictorians. Tattoos, piercings, gauges, and other body mutilations as a substitute to hit the gym. And that says nothing of the rapid and pathetic arms race of victim whoring, claiming you're disabled or disadvantaged in today's world. "White privilege." "Male privilege." "Institutional racism." "31 flavors of gender." "3 in 1 women are raped on college campuses every 4 seconds." "The wage gap." "ADHD/Autism/Bi-Polar." Etc. etc. This is the mental, political, and sociological insanity we normal, producing people are suffering today as the lazy and parasitic in our society try to redefine reality to their liking. It's just going to be turned up to 13 in the future theoretical roboticized economy.

But maddening as this is, it's still not the worst to come. Because if you look at society today and the entities that will likely be the vehicles by which entertainment will be deliver to society, an incredibly dangerous storm is brewing.

First, with the K-college education industry you have a purposed, well-financed, and consciously orchestrated attempt to brainwash people into socialism. You can claim it's conspiracy theory and that Alex Jones and I have been drinking too much Listerine, but it's true. People are conditioned from 5 years old to be socialists and are inherently biased to the left.

Second, today's gatekeepers of social media are also biased to the left. Google/YouTube, Twitter, Reddit, etc., are all rank leftist, Silicon Valley organizations, some of which have viral and hate-filled leftist SJW elements and people within them. They will/have channel, throttle, censor, edit, and control any human-created entertainment both now and into the future. Perhaps not even consciously, and under a somewhat noble intention to allow for free speech, much like today's MSM, they are inherently biased to the left and cannot do anything to control for it.

Finally, the majority of people by definition are just rank sheep, followers, conformists, and obeyers. They do not have the intellectual independence or mental strength to resist the brainwashing they receive. This is why you have "America's smartest people" (that would be college students) all ***PAINFULLY*** thinking the same, voting the same, and spewing the same leftist opinions. They will not be able to resist the indoctrination they receive from kindergarten through college and they will not be aware that the Thought Police of Social Media will govern what future thoughts and opinions they'll be allowed to have in the future.

You combine these three things together and you have an Orwellian tyranny in under a century. The majority of people are just not smart enough to resist the brainwashing they

currently and will receive in the future. Most are also just too damn lazy to want to pursue excellence in life. And when you realize nearly all entertainment (both today and in the future) will be filtered through an entertainment singularity that is controlled and regulated by organizations that have a huge leftist bias, the fact we're a democracy will condemn us down a AI economy road to intellectual serfdom.

The Future is Now!

The sad thing is that much of this is already happening today. We don't have to wait until the robots take over and produce all our material wants and desires. Technology has advanced enough to the point we can entertain concepts like "Basic Guaranteed Income" and already have an effective prototype "cradle to grave" government program. This economic largess (be it in the form of a government check or daddy cutting a check for his "precious little princess") has allowed for many phenomena of an AI economy/Entertainment Singularity to become reality today.

An increasing number of youth actually try (and some succeed) in making their living on social media. Nearly everybody's social media feed is chock full of politics, religion, crusades and causes to mask their relatively productionless lives. Most people mock Christianity, but have replaced it with going "organic" or being an "environmentalist" like they were programmed to. I needn't highlight how the dregs of society are desperately trying to make ugly beautiful, fat thin, poverty success, wealth bad, parasitism moral, etc. And the Orwellian nightmare is well on its way in western civilization as evidenced by the arrest/convictions of Count Dankula and Ursula Haverbeck.

The only thing missing is the robots and artificial intelligence that are supposed to produce everything for us humans. Which was sadly the only silver lining to his dystopian future. Alas, I guess the productive, creative minority will have to continue to pay the taxes to support the parasitic, jealous majority because those damn robots haven't taken away everybody's jobs just yet. Oh well, enjoy the decline.

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The Speed of Jordan Peterson

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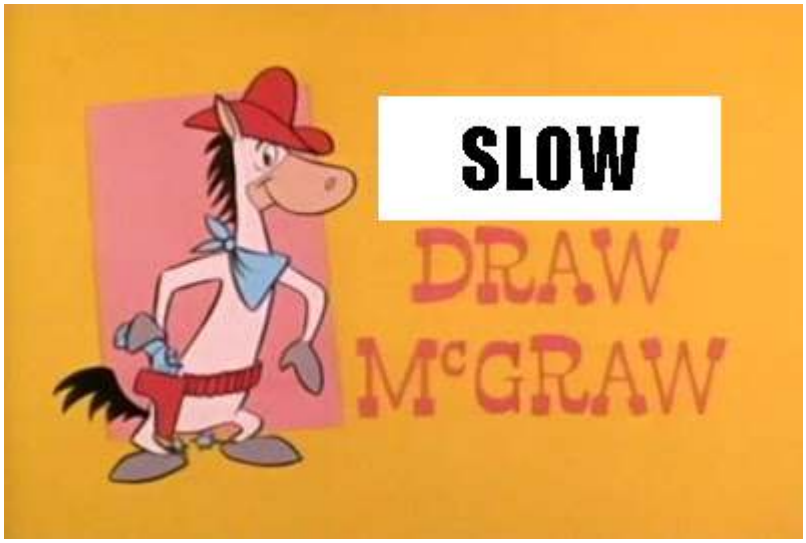

Permit me a disclaimer so the Jordan Peterson fan boys do not come in here and flood the comments section with low-IQ non-arguments such as "clean your room" and "make your bed."

I like and agree with nearly everything Jordan Peterson says. That man is very intelligent, is very brave for standing up to not only academia, but the tyrannical elements within the Canadian government, and he is very eloquent. He is a very large net asset to society and the world, and we should be thankful the man exists. The world is much better off with Jordan Peterson in it.

There is only ONE complaint I have about the man (and if you're gearing up to tell me to "make my bed" please reread the paragraph above), and that is the man is slow.

Not slow in a mental sense or slow on the uptake of street smarts, but the man is just late to the party. It took the confluence of

1. The Canadian government passing bill C 16
2. Dr. Peterson being in academia at the time
3. While the SJW mental illness had infected academia

to create the environment/drama to launch him to prominence within non-leftist spheres of the internet.

But just because he was the right man at the right place at the right time doesn't mean people weren't onto the tyrannical left's agenda of oppressing its people via thought,

academia brainwashing, or outright legislation. This battle has been going on LOOOOOONG before Peterson showed up and had the sheeple of society dared to be intellectually independent as they claim to be, society would have been hip to the threat the left poses and been able to do something about it DECADES ago.

Unfortunately, since society insisted on being asleep at the wheel this has cost two full generations a life of hell in terms of worthless degrees, trillions in student loans, and crippled financial futures. The fact Jordan Peterson and society are FINALLY waking up to this now earns them a "Welcome to the Party Pal Award."

Another example, Robin Abcarian.

Like me you might have said, "Who?" because she is one of the millions of journalism majors my age floundering about the world, trying to make a living at this long-disreputed profession. But I will tip my hat to her in one regard - she actually did some actual journalism. She is (as far as my research tells me) the first journalist to connect and point out the incel cause-and-effect on mass shootings, murder, even terrorism.

The only problem? This connection has existed since Columbine and has been known for almost the same 20 years since the event. It's just NOW America's Nervous System (aka - the media) is making the connection and waking us up to it ***well after*** the Aurora shooting, Elliot Rodgers, dozens of school shootings and...oh...***the hundreds of lives that were lost.*** Now these precious journalism-degree-laden "thought-leaders" can't write enough articles about "incels" and maybe (in another twenty years) might start to advocate nuclear families with strong, masculine, PRESENT fathers instead of government checks as a solution to incel-inspired shootings (though I'm not holding my breath). And for that, the entire American "journalism" industry is also awarded a "Welcome to the Party Pal Award."

Finally, there's Ellen Ruppel Shell.

Again, like Ms. Abcarian, you might say "who?" because she is also very common. One of the millions of liberal arts professors flailing about society. However, on May 16th, 2018, in a BRILLIANT stroke of genius and true independent thought that ONLY academics are capable of, she posed the question in a New York Times opinion piece that....

(are you ready for it?)
(you better be sitting down)
(no, really dude, this is so brilliant only a liberal arts professor has the brains to make such a rare and insightful observation)

wondered if college ***may not be worth it anymore***!

I KNOW!!! Right??? Check out the intellectual balls on this lady! Amirite?

Mockery set aside, like Peterson and Abcarian, you just have to sit there with your mouth agape.

NOW you think college degrees are overpriced?

And not only that, but I couldn't help but notice Ms. Shell (I refuse to call her a professor) is 66 year old professor in a worthless field. So you admit you've been overcharging your students for your worthless classes all this time?? It sure is convenient that Ms. Shell made this observation right at retirement age. Perhaps Phillip Morris will also admit its product destroys its customers before it files for bankruptcy.

The point is, very much like Jordan Peterson, it only took this woman 66 years of life to come to the conclusion that paying $75,000 for a "Bachelors in Communications" may not be worth it. And for that, she too is given the coveted "Welcome to the Party Pal Award."

Now I could go on citing examples of obvious problems with obvious solutions that presupposed western and American intellectuals should have identified ages ago. I can continue to mock them and ridicule them in the hopes they might actually start thinking independently and critically about the real threats and costs these societal problems cause. But the larger point of this post is to point out that America and society in general just don't have the time for our pre-supposed thought leaders to be so slow on the draw. We don't have the time for journalists, professors, academics, media personalities, and politicians to take TWO FREAKING DECADES to tell us that degrees are worthless, sexually frustrated men from fatherless homes are bad, there's a Dotcom Bubble, there's a housing bubble, or that viral, SJW, politically correct, Orwellian tyrannical legislation will destroy our freedoms. America's thought leaders NEED to be much better, quicker, and bolder at thinking otherwise we are going to continue to suffer mass shootings, financial bubbles, sclerotic economic growth, crippling debts, less freedom, and over over-all lower quality lives.

Unfortunately, I too was hoping the internet would free people from having to rely on others to do their thinking for them (I know it must be tiring for you intellectuals). I thought the internet would break the intellectual monopoly colleges, academia, the media, and government hold over them. Sadly, 20 years of the internet has proven people are just as programmable sheep as ever and the majority of them still need to be told what to think. I merely implore you thought leaders to do what you all claim to be capable of and that is be independent, intellectual, smart, forward-looking people whose brains and intelligence will not only prevent society's sheep from making spectacular mistakes, but also identify opportunities that will the vault the mindless-herd of ~~sheep~~ humans into greater heights into he future.

Just, for god's sake, you need to go ***a hell of a lot faster*** than the snails pace of "The Speed of Jordan Peterson." That is, of course, unless you wanted another $1.5 trillion in worthless degree student loan debt and maybe another couple hundred dead from incel shootings.

Enjoy the decline.

Check out Aaron's other slow-draw, intellectually INFERIOR stuff below. He's neither a journalist, nor a professor, so you know he isn't smart and doesn't have anything cool or intellectually stimulating below!

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Heaven Help the "Marginally Attractive Man"

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Allow the Captain to regale you with a tale.

Many years ago, when the Captain was a younger, but competent lieutenant, he fancied himself quite the catch. He had a daytime job that paid moderately well, moonlighted as a ballroom dance instructor, was a property owner, and had no student loans because he worked through college. He was not the latest or the greatest, but he was certainly smarter than the average bear. And his dating record proved it.

However, while his dating record was exemplary, his bang record was not. Especially given the volume of dates he had. The vast majority of dates would not be followed by a second, and what few made it past the first date rarely made it to the third. And if the Captain were to go back into the archives and calculate the percentages, the "Percent Banged of Total Dated" was probably well below the industrial average. And the Captain at the time didn't quite know why.

Fast forward today, and add the retro-spective wisdom of teh interwebz, and it's pretty obvious why the Captain would have great success in dating, but marginal success with banging - he was cursed with being a "Marginally Attractive Man." No doubt about it, the Ole Captain IS a good-looking man. Back in the day "HotOrNot" rated him regularly above an 8. But the problem with such sites is it just considers your face. It does not consider something even more important to women - your height. And here the Captain failed (by no fault of his own) miserably. He is a mere 5'9". And women don't like men who are only 5'9".

This would explain the vast majority of dating phenomenon in both the Captain's and other "Marginally Attractive Men's" pasts. Sure, we'd land some dates, but few would be followed by a sequel. Yes, we'd nail some chicks, but you'd ne'er hear from them again. And I'm sure many of you shorter gentlemen have no shortage of stories where you and a

taller girl were getting along swimmingly, perhaps even enroute to a more committed relationship, but in the end she would either go ghost on you or just give you a standard "I'm not ready for a relationship" response, in spite of your great chemistry together. Yes, it is tough being a"Marginally Attractive Man."

However, there may be a bit more science to being a "Marginally Attractive Man" and it comes from the embarrassingly exposing data that OK Cupid is known for - Women's horrendously and laughably skewed perception of male attractiveness.

Though the original article was purged from the internet (because we can't be letting the men know the embarrassing reality of female nature), reddit thankfully has it archived so you boys can see the reality you are facing. And whereas we can speculate about "why" women are this way, as I like to say "The why doesn't matter. All that matters is what is."

Women have a horrendously skewed, flawed, erroneous and delusional view of male attractiveness. Whereas men have an objective and statistically normal, real world view of female attractiveness. to men, the majority of women are "average" with fewer and fewer people on the uglier and prettier sides of the spectrum the further out you get. Women, however, consider ***80% of men BELOW AVERAGE***, when by statistical and mathematical reality ***ONLY HALF CAN BE BELOW AVERAGE***.

Again, delusion.
Again, "WTF????"
Again, "Do you women hear yourselves???"

But, "it is what is."

It is here we "Marginally Attractive Men" must take a lesson from Adam Piggott and realize there are HUGE ramifications for this skewed view of male attractiveness. For in

one of his podcast episodes he expounded on the risks associated with being a "marginally attractive man." More specifically, he explained that if you are REALLY ugly, you know you are and therefore do not put forth any precious effort, labor, time, and resources chasing women you can't get. Additionally, just as if you're very attractive, you don't have to put forth as much time, labor, energy, and resources into chasing women as they're throwing themselves at you. But if you're marginally attractive, then heaven help you because you're in a "kill zone" of sorts where sporadic, irregular, and inconsistent successes condemn you to invest more and more of your time and resources into getting women that you're statistically not likely to get. And this then makes it a vital economics lesson.

Mock them all you want the MGTOW's/VirginTOW's/Incels/TFL'ers are NOT wasting their time chasing women they can't get. Yes, they may be wasting their time *obsessing and hating* on women they can't get, but they're not actually wasting their time chasing them. This frees up inordinate amounts of time and resources they could repurpose and reinvest in other endeavors that will improve their lives - working out, their careers, their educations, fun, home maintenance, auto maintenance, traveling/reconnaissance, etc.

On the other side of the looks spectrum you have the few top dogs and alpha males that women "graciously" deem "better than average." I know statistically speaking this is 20%, but even 20% may not be high enough given women's hypergamous genetic programming. I'd argue you'd need to be top 10%. Regardless of the actual number, once you reach this "magical percentage threshhold" women WILL throw themselves at you. I've witnessed this many times with a good friend of mine who is hands down a 10. Women will literally walk up to him and ask him to take them home. We were hiking one time and a girl propositioned him right there on the hiking trail. Admittedly, he puts a lot of effort into his physique, but it's a phenomenon very similar to a job hunt and majoring in engineering. If you're willing to put forth the effort into getting a hard degree, the rest of the world does the work for you in landing a job. And if you're willing to spend a couple hours at the gym, women will beat a path to your doorstep, even tying a cute little red bow to their vaginas as they present it to you as a gift. That larger point is that the time/labor/resource savings are IMMENSE if you are a top 10% good looking guy. Women do all the work for you, you don't have to lift a finger (though you do have to lift the weights).

But if you're a 6.5 or a 7.5, or you're a solid 9, but 5'7" you are in for a world of hell. Because you are neither too ugly to give up on women, nor are you too good looking that they beat a path to your door. This condemns you to expend inordinate amounts of labor and resources chasing girls.

Yes you can get a girl...you just have to spend month's worth of Saturday nights at loud, drunk, night clubs.

Yes you can get a girl...you just have to date a score of them and hope they're adequately drunk to lower their skewed standards to "normal" so you might get laid one time.

Yes you can get a girl...but you need to spend cumulatively years on social media swiping left or running "facebook game."

When you add it up, especially when you are younger, the amount of time, labor, resources, and plain ole life marginally attractive men waste on women is enough to pay for a house, earn a doctoral degree, travel the world, and/or learn a whole host of skills and trades that would improve your future immeasurably better. It is the most compelling argument for prostitution if there ever was one, but unfortunately, genetics (not to mention the law) compel most young "marginally attractive men" to waste their most precious youth and time in chasing tail that "might" reward them.

The solution for Marginally Attractive Men is to choose one and commit to it. You either are a 7.5 who could turn into a 9.5 if you dedicated yourself to becoming ripped, or you are a 7.5, already ARE ripped, and no further improvement is possible, so you might as well hang it up, go *traditional-MGTOW* and pursue your own personal interests. But whatever you do, do not indecisively sit in the middle of the train tracks, wasting your finite and precious life chasing tail with only a modicum percent chance of success. Your life is too valuable, you are too valuable, and your time can be invested in things with much higher rates of return. Though, remember, a monthly flight to Amsterdam or Las Vegas is infinitely cheaper than years worth of chasing tail you may or may not get.

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I had a client who (in blunt honesty) said she wanted a rich man if she was going to work out, stay in shape, and raise his babies. Only problem - she kept running into fake dudebros in California merely posing as rich men, not actual rich men themselves. Though the original intent of this video was "How to Find a Rich Man" I realized it was more akin to "How to Spot Fake Wealth" of which I pulled out some of my old tricks in banking to do so.

You may want to pay attention to this video, even if you're not a woman looking for a rich man, because be it friends, business partners, or what have you, people posing with fake wealth are usually so desperate to keep up the facade, they will inevitably steal from you be it through fraud, lies, business deals, or simple theft. And I can almost guarantee you will waste something even more important than your money with these people - your time.

Do not let the fake posers with their leased BMW's and dudebro salespitches ruin your life. Learn to spot fake wealth from a mile away.

"Grad School is My Life Long Goal"

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Well, Austin, then you are a moron. And not only are you a moron, your life is going to suck. But something tells me you're going to demand us taxpayers bail you out of your DRAMATURGY degree.

Oh wait, I take that back. She's kicking so much ass in life that she's easily going to pay off those student loans ASAP!

Remember boys and girls. June is WORTHLESS DEGREE AWARENESS MONTH. Don't become like Austin. Buy Worthless today!

A Masters Degree in Laying Sod

June 9, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And now the idiot sods are suing CSU for being duped into paying for a MASTERS PROGRAM in landscaping.

Again, June is Worthless Degree Awareness Month.

A Summer Job from Your Laptop…Potentially for High Schoolers Too

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So below there will be another advertisement for our good friends at Academic Composition. However, something dawned on me.

Let's say you're a smart high schooler and looking to make some extra money, but you don't want to leave home or shovel shit like I did when I was in high school. Let's also say that college is nothing more than high school version 2.0 and for the most part, there's no discernible difference between the quality of what a sophomore in high school can write and what your average sophomore in college can write.

Would not working for Academic Composition be one of the best things the student could do? Besides he's looking for marketers which wouldn't even require you write, just mind numbing work from home…which beats shoveling shit…TRUST ME.

Anyway, if you're looking for work, high schooler or not, check out Alex's plug below:

The summer season has kicked off and we're in a better shape than we have ever been. Once again, I can't express enough gratitude for all of the help we've received from Aaron and his readers. We've grown a great deal over the last semester and we continue to expand. Unfortunately, many of our regular clients are taking the summer off, so we could definitely use some help advertising.

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Feminists Do Hate Men

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It just took this one slip up for one particularly vile feminist to admit it.

No shocks here. Not like we were expecting a mechanical engineering major or somebody who contributes to society.

A Lack of a Faith and Future in America is What Keeps Interest Rates Low

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Oh, that and the millennials are already up to their eyeballs in student loans, so don't expect them to be borrowing money to buy a sizeable house or start a business. Besides, remember, our K-college teachers and professors said businesses were evil.

Super Hero Drag Queen Cartoon from Netflix

June 10, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I guess there's a complete and total void of creativity in America's "creative' industries all they have is what the SJW diversity script told them.

Do not tell me "everything has been done." There are thousands of genuinely creative people throwing scripts and ideas at Hollywood. The managerial heads of these studios are simply too stupid and too cronyistic to let them see the light of day.

Cappy's Reno-Boise-Leavenworth Adventure

June 11, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy's out on another western motorcycling adventure! The dog's name is "Protecto" (which it isn't, I just named him that). He's in Jordan Valley, Oregon. The salt flats are outside Reno. The desert is near Tonopah, Nevada. The big sign that says "Reno" is in Reno. And Pendleton has no value except that my buddy Pendleton has that same name. The clouds and sky behind it set off the green sign nicely.

Oh, and "tree fiddy"

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Why No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

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I shan't go into the details, but many years ago when the Captain was but an innocent lieutenant, he met a person. Said person was simply a younger version of the then already-younger Captain. Still, despite my age the parallels between this person and myself were uncanny. It was like looking into a time warp and seeing my younger self.

Naturally my instinct was to warn the kid about what to expect, what was coming down the pike, and in general to make his life infinitely easier than mine had been. With a few tweaks and adjustments, a few key important life lessons, this kid would avoid the hellish nightmare I went through and come out the other end happier, more successful, and very likely a higher life expectancy.

No dice.

For what transpired was a slow, but inexorable decline of merely continuing the path the kid was already on.

I'd suggest he hit the gym.
No.

I'd suggest he start learning a skill or trade.
No.

I'd suggest he take college classes, CLEP out, WGU online, anything to get a jump on his education and career.
No.

I'd suggest he read Bachelor Pad Economics.
No.

And so I witnessed Cappy v 2.0 slow-motion crash into the ground. All I could do was yell like Bruce Willis in Die Hard 2 for the plane to "PULL UP!!!" (3:15 mark) but had about the same amount of success.

This would be the first in a series of major instances where people I cared about would not listen to me and suffer dire consequences. Matter of fact, so common did it become that people would ignore my warnings or advice, that I was forced to coldly accept there was nothing I could do to help them. I would be watching a lot of planes crash and why have two people suffer? I conditioned myself to truly not care about things I didn't control. Matter of fact, why not make money on warning people, giving zero damn about the results? You at least got some money out of the deal and that was better than having two people suffer. Alas, the cold, callous, indifferent, and Machiavellian Cappy you all love and cherish today was born.

However, dour and dark as I've become, the absolute refusal of loved ones in my life to improve themselves forced my brain to explore and solve some of humanity's odd contradictions. The foremost of which was "why no good deed goes unpunished." And after dedicated the majority of my hike today towards solving that problem, I think I have.

The first thing to understand is your pride and ego are likely the primary cause of you getting punished for any good deeds you do. No matter how noble and selfless your intentions to help somebody, it still stings, if not, is outright insulting that your wisdom, help, and advice goes unheeded. This is your problem, not theirs. Your advice could be right. Your wisdom could be 100% spot on. You could indeed save that person's life. But whether that person listens to you and acts on your advice is moot. You've done your good deed. Now it is out of your hands. The "aftermath" is simply validation for your ego and the "insult" when they don't heed your advice is merely bruising of your pride.

Let it go. You do not control it and you are not entitled to having others "value your wisdom." You simply are punishing yourself taking umbrage when you are not listened to.

The second thing to understand is the source of most punishment when you try to do a good deed. If you help a wounded dog, move a turtle off the road, or do something to some animal there is usually no retribution. Animals don't interact with humans. But when you help a human you have now exposed yourself to an infinite amount of possible subsequent decisions and actions that human will make/commit due to your good deed. And not all these possible outcomes are good. You could get a person to stop drinking and they will go onto hard drugs. You could get a person not to have a kid they can't afford, but their spouse may hate you for that. You could convince a young man to join the military, but his mom will blame you if he gets shot in Iraq. Not matter what your intentions (let alone responsibility) the fact your help was acted upon will, in the eyes of people you help, make you partly responsible for ALL outcomes, good or bad.

Third (and closely related to the second point) when people need help there's usually a reason. And that reason is they're usually losers. Admittedly there's some truly innocent people (kids for example), but adults that need help have screwed up somewhere along the line and are to blame for their own situation 9 out of 10 times. This means bad decision making is endemic to them and their lifestyles. Illegitimate kids. Crime. Worthless degrees. Uncontrolled spending. Dating bad boys. Dating T n' A without the brains or responsibility. Or simple outright laziness and sloth. Yes, a truly statistically rare and bad thing may have happened to somebody you care about, but more often than not, adults who need your help are perpetual bad decision makers. They may take your advice this one time, but whatever fruits come from that will quickly be thrown away the next bad decision they make. Plugging one one-inch hole in a sinking ship that has a 10 yard section blown off by a torpedo is still going to sink.

Finally, laziness.

This one I find particularly hurtful because in my professional life you see many people espousing strong work ethics, conservatism, independence, and excellence, but the percent who actually pursue it is shockingly low. They are merely theoreticians much like a celebrity pastor who bangs a ton of his congregants and buys expensive toys. Still, laziness manifests itself most commonly in people via their expectations of how much labor they will have to expend in life.

Let me state that again because this is a very important point and lesson to learn about humanity.

Laziness manifests itself most commonly where people have a view, ideology, or life philosophy where "X" amount of sweat, labor, and toil is going to be required to sustain them through their life.

When you introduce a course correction, advice, or just plain reality, that course correction almost ALWAYS requires that person expend WAY MORE effort and energy in their lives than what they were expecting. And they simply do not have the courage, spine, or mental strength to admit it AND commit to it.

Telling a poor person the only way out of poverty is to stop watching TV, stop eating crap, to get off welfare, spend 4 years in school, and 35 years in a profession literally increases their life labor by 50 fold.

Telling the NEET who lives at home he/she needs to get out of the house, get themselves a job, learn a skill, and to put down the video games, increasing their life long labor commitment by 1,000%.

Telling Ms. Sociology Masters Graduate her degree is worthless and she has to go BACK

to college and this time major in something MUCH MORE rigorous increases her expected life pain and suffering exponentially.

And the average human brain simply can't handle it.

Instead most of these people choose to live in denial, ne'er cutting their spending, ne'er learning a real skill, ne'er putting down the ho-ho's, ne'er hitting the treadmill, ne'er studying calculus, ne'er learning to do their own auto-maintenance, and ne'er putting others ahead of themselves to find true love. They just kick the can down the road until they're like many of my clients where they're 58, divorced, fat, out of shape, physically ill, financially insolvent, with absolutely no hopes whatsoever of retiring before they die. All because they were too damn lazy and too damn cowardly to admit what life was REALLY going to take to be successful, and thus their fear is what drove them to ignore your advice.

The problem is, more often than not, your advice forces them to look into this dark mirror and their inherent laziness strikes back at you. Additionally, their ego and pride take offense because you are essentially pointing out the truth - that they are a loser who will never succeed in life unless they change. This cuts too deep and 9 out of 10 times they will stop being your friend, tell you to pound sand, or lecture you saying "how dare you tell me how to live my life!!!" Try telling a high school graduate his choice to major in theater is stupid as all hell. Try telling a careerist 35 year old woman who wants to have kids her most fertile years were a decade and change ago. Try telling a NEET he'll get diabetes if he doesn't put down the mountain dew and XBox controller. And try telling a dudebro $30,000naire he won't "fake it till he makes it." You are guaranteed to incur vitriol and hatred, no matter how much you're trying to help them.

The truth is nobody likes the truth, and if you're going to dispense it, I suggest you charge a pretty penny for it. In the meantime, do not do any good deeds. There's no market for it. You don't deserve the punishment. And the beneficiaries of your good deeds won't appreciate it.

If you liked this post check out the BEST OF Captain Capitalism via his two "best of" books.

Captain Capitalism - Top Shelf
and
Captain Capitalism - Reserved

Older Brother Podcast #5 - The Seattle Sucks Episode

June 12, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In this episode of The Older Brother Podcast the guys talk about how social workers WANT homelessness, poverty, and crime. The Seattle homelessness and housing costs problems. Why millennials are priced out of investing in anything. Minimalism, and MORE!

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIIIINNNNKINNNNNG fathers!

The Job Description is Obsolete

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But the solution sure the hell isn't this pablum of managerial navel gazing crap.

You want better employees?

Pay them more, don't lie in the job description, and ensure the boss isn't a dumbass.

Seriously, it is that simple.

U of Chicago Eliminating the SAT/ACT

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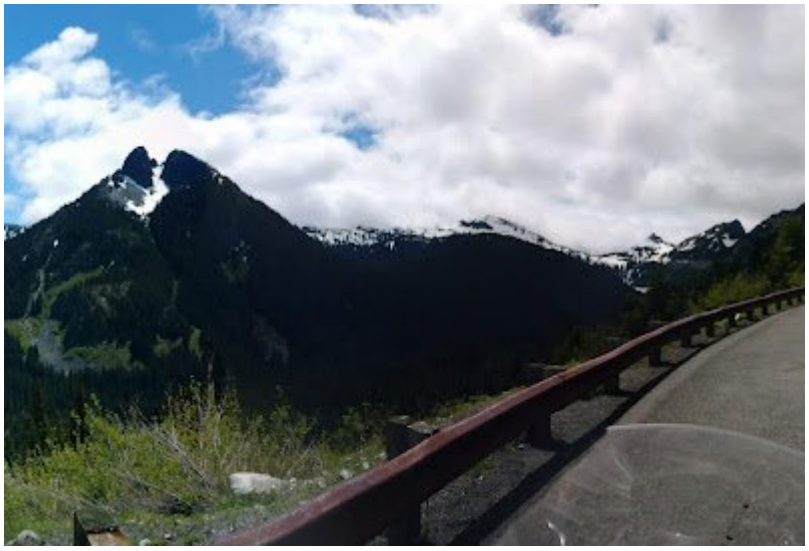
Interesting

Cappy's Cascade Adventure

June 15, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A long drive from Leavenworth, Washington to Tacoma Washington via Yakima. It was quicker to go that route than deal with traffic in Seattle and I wish I was joking. Also got to drive Yakima Canyon and 410 over the Chinook Pass which still had about 8 feet of snow on it.



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Episode #258 of The Clarey Podcast - Greasy Pole Special!

June 15, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy sits in with The Great One and Adam Piggott on their "Greasy Pole" podcast! We chat about strip club stories, $1 million in student loan debt, white water rafting and MORE!
THE INITIAL AUDIO IS A BIT LOUD so maybe fast forward a couple minutes into the podcast.

Podcast link.
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Rape is Bad

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"mmmmKay???"

Life is Too Short to Chase Women

June 16, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I've received enough requests from men at Asshole Consulting it behooved this video.

Consider purchasing "Bachelor Pad Economics" if you wanted greater detail and advice.

Why Traveling is the Future of Dating

June 18, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

You may find similar such wisdom and insight checking out Bachelor Pad Economics.

Cappy's Pacific Coast Highway Adventure

June 19, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Continued my Pacific Northwest adventure by taking the 101 from Tacoma to Salem. I did NOT take this route because I wanted to see the scenery. I quite literally took it so I would not have to deal with Portland and its leftist traffic. The scenery was a close second however.

Enroute I did find a couple things of interest.

1) Evergreen College, famous for its bigotry, was one of the first stops. The campus is HORRIFIC in terms of architecture and layout.I could see why mentally insane and suicidal people attend.

2) Astoria, home of "The Goonies House" was also along the way. The house however has been sectioned off from the public.

3) Cannon Beach is also the filming location for the truck race in Goonies. It was open to the public.

4) If you are a motorcyclist I cannot recommend highway 22 out of Hebo to Salem enough. It is better than the Dragon's Tail and would be a great substitute for people on the west side of the country who don't want to drive to Tennessee.

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Older Brother Podcast Episode #6

June 19, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

In this Episode of The Older Brother Podcast the gang talks about:

Permanent Resting Bitch Face
The Formula for Hallmark Romantic Comedies
Jews in the Ancient Olympics
Author talk.
Selling Lies to the Masses

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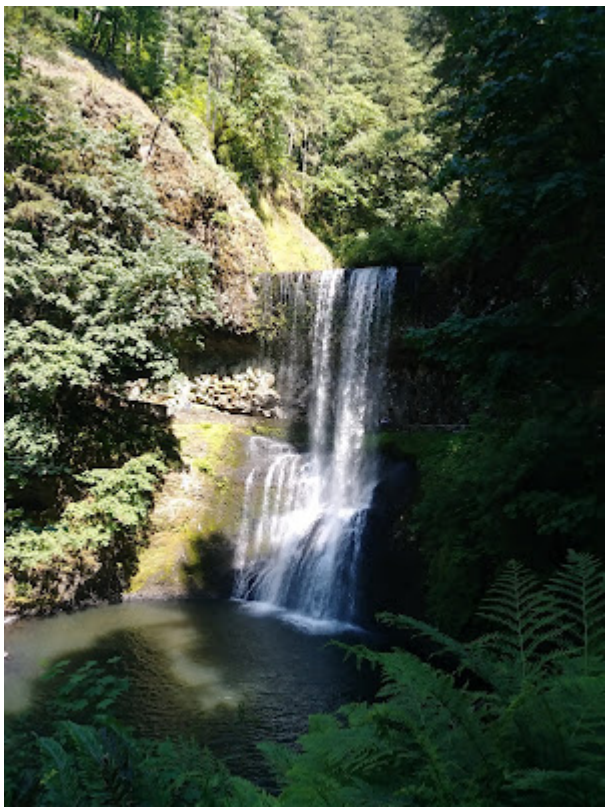
YouTube video below!

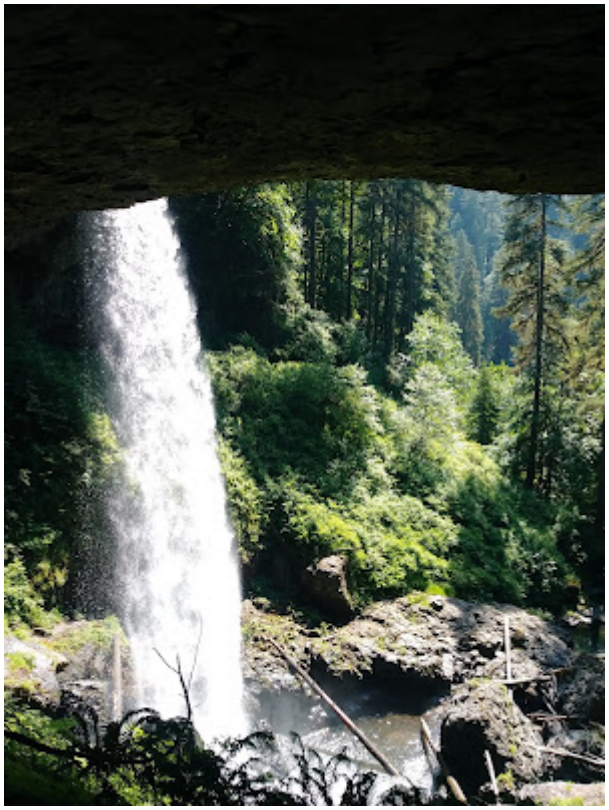
Cappy's Silver Falls Adventure

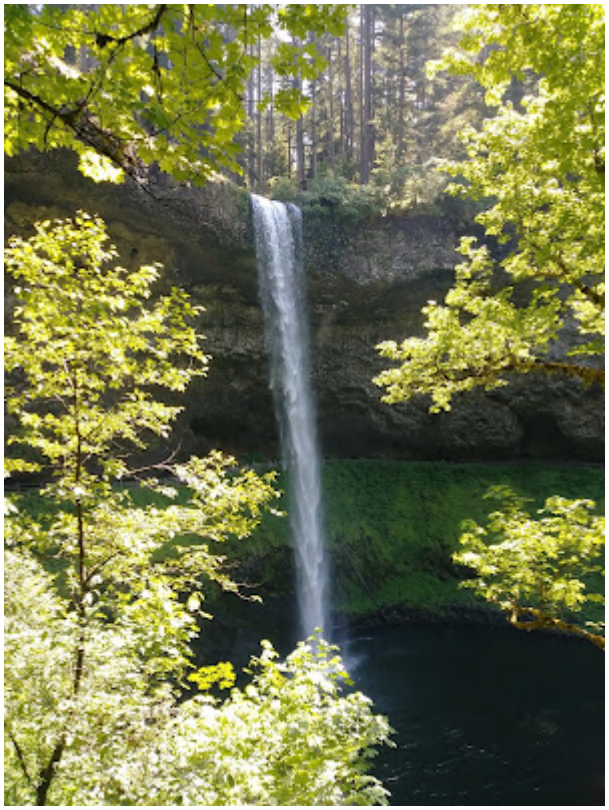
June 21, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Went out shooting guns and hiking a 6 mile loop at Silver Falls State Park near Salem, Oregon.

Remember, work hard, get a masters, borrow lots of money for expensive cars and clothes, and you too can never see this wonderful place.







Episode #259 of The Clarey Podcast

June 22, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and TJ Martinell chit whilst Cappy is on his motorcycling adventure in THIS EPISODE of The Clarey Podcast.

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Don't Try Until You Have Gray Hair

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You may also want to read Bachelor Pad Economics for other wise old man advice.

Cappy's Northern Californian Adventure!

June 23, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The best pics however are from southern Oregon along highway 58:

"Seattle Nice"

June 24, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you're looking for a break from politics (and you don't want your life ruined like Trump has ruined most leftists' lives on social media) may I suggest a break from politics and dropping by Matt Forney's new site "Terror House Magazine."

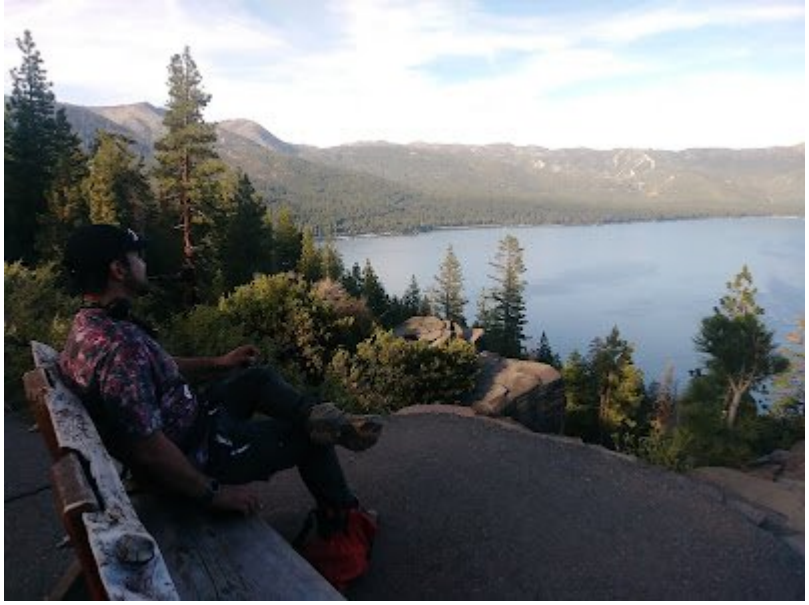
It has nothing to do with terror, but it is merely a new site that solely focuses on short story fictional pieces. One of particular note is "Seattle Nice" written by our good friend TJ Martinell, but there are many others as well.

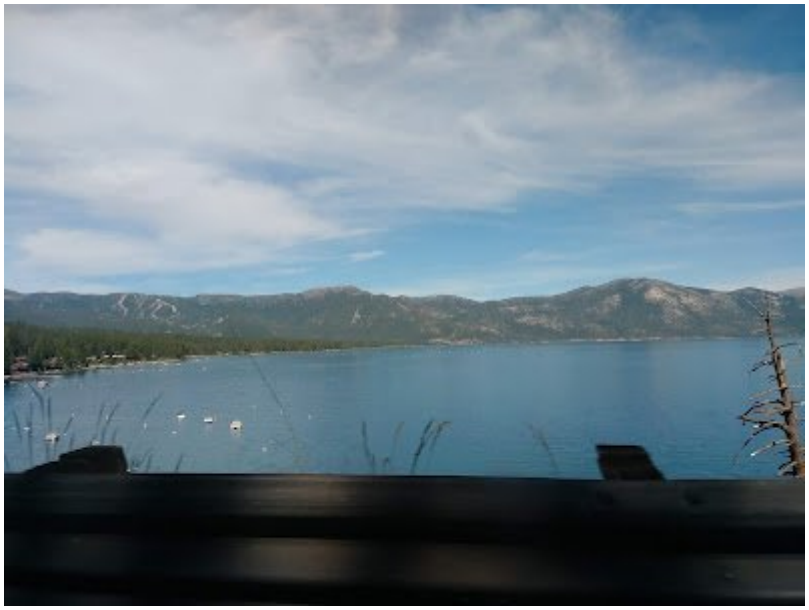
Regardless, if you're looking for a break from politics and just want to enjoy life instead, check out Terror House Magazine.

Cappy's Lake Tahoe Adventure

June 24, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Got to bum around with Seth Hymes and "Atham" in the Lake Tahoe area. Finally back at the southern command where the war against the scorpions I guess is going to continue.





"Comments Disabled" = Fake News

June 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I get sick of faux-journalists that write rank propaganda and advance political agendas, but then are too cowardly to allow for a comments section:

Good Night Ole Man

June 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This guy, if you ever watched the show, was an economic genius.

When the Millennials Lost Social Skills

June 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good christ.

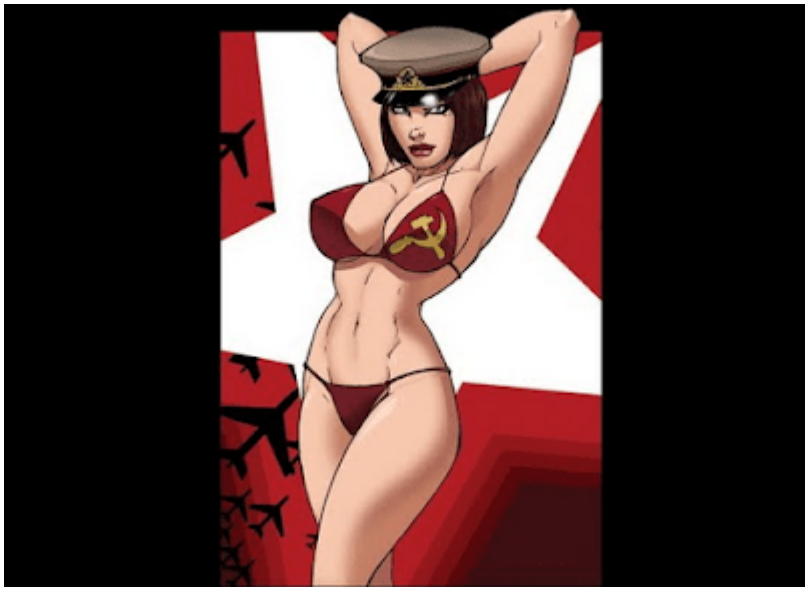
We made friends in the 90's and 80's by going outside and playing.

Now you fuckwits need a fucking app and website and meetup groups for this to happen.

Heaven, please do NOT help this generation.

Older Brother Podcast #7 - Male Purpose and Existence Podcast…And Hot Soviet Chicks

June 27, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link



"Fuck Trump" celebrities.
Hot Russian chicks.
Christian Missionaries accomplish nothing.
Leftists are indeed evil.
Doc Visits South Dakota.

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A Lifetime of Panhandling

June 28, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I had cleared Chinook pass on my bike and was coming down off the Cascades enroute to Tacoma. And the first exit I took the first time ever entering Tacoma I saw a site that was common in the Pacific northwest area - a panhandler. Not that I hadn't seen panhandlers before - they are a permanent fixture of the Pacific northwest - but what got me about this one was how old he was. You could tell he had been a panhandler his entire life and the toll it took on him was certainly showing. He wasn't some spoiled 24 year old "crusty" from the suburbs, panhandling because it's what all the "cool hip" kids do in Seattle. He was old, he was disheveled, he looked rough, and he most certainly had mental issues. All I could think to myself was "Man, this is how all hippies end. No matter how cool you were in 1968, the life of a parasite ends poorly if you never grow up and get a job."

The light turned green and so I motored into downtown Tacoma and the scenery did not improve. There were more bums laying around, the architecture was minimalist and 70's, and what normal civilians that were there all dressed like the weather - ugly, depressing, and dark. But as I saw more and more bums I realized how laziness was explaining nearly everything I was seeing. Laziness made bums waste their entire lives. Laziness made the Tacoma girls fat and the Tacoma boys skinny fat. Laziness made the buildings ugly because beauty takes effort. A complete lack of effort, if not an outright fear of it, resulted in the ugliness that was Tacoma and I was thankful I was only staying there a couple days.

But as I made my way through the city of ugly, I realized that laziness explained something a bit more fundamental about leftists.. Because if you're lazy you by default will have a political ideology of socialism. And that laziness fundamentally forces you into a particular profession. Ergo, regardless of their title or job, regardless of their profession or degree, nearly every leftist out there is functionally, fundamentally, and economically

a panhandler.

Certainly the panhandlers in the Pacific northwest are begging for money. You can criticize them all you want, but they are at least honest about it and don't hide it. But how does panhandling for money differ from being a director or worker at a non-profit? A liberal arts professor teaching a worthless class? Social workers constantly lobbying for more money? One of the 237 "diversity hires" at the University of Michigan? Or any "employee" that needs government funding or grant money so they can ~~not have to work~~ work some kind of made up job? It is the constant begging for money that makes you a parasite/panhandler whether you're an honest panhandler off the interstate exit or a cowardly hypocrite hiding behind some fabricated cause like "global warming" or "feminism" demanding your program get more taxpayer money.

There is however some good news and a la an "Enjoy the Decline" philosophy I'm trying to get people on the non-left to see this and take joy. For the old man panhandler I saw upon entering Tacoma holds a lesson. And that lesson is "lazy people work twice as hard."

I've alluded to this before in my consulting. There's the hard way. And the REALLY hard way. There is NO EASY WAY. The "hard way" is to take your bullets up front, pay the price, and get it over with. Major in engineering, laydown the foundations for success when you're young, and do so while you're young and have the energy. The REALLY HARD WAY is the way most leftists go. Major in easy crap. Live off of student loans. Beg and plead and panhandle for other people's money. Get a masters with more student loans. Then go and beg and plead for some more taxpayers money for your completely unnecessary and made up job. Yes, you may get lucky and be a Betsy Hodges, becoming one in the 1,000 leftists that gets a cushy government job, but most of you will end up like the old man panhandler stuck under a bridge in Tacoma.

This is the good news for those of you who are non-leftists. Yes, an entire class of these people live off of you in a veritable parasitic way. But their lives are condemned to ruination just like the bum under the underpass in Tacoma. Because begging for other people's money goes against reality. Begging for other people's money does NOT have the world working for you. It goes against the world's best interests and you only get crumbs that are occasionally handed out because (shock of shocks) taxpayers want to keep their money!

Thus begins the lifetime of panhandling, which would be better described as "tooth pulling" because you don't have the real world working for you. A highly skilled computer programmer has the world BENDING OVER BACKWARDS for him because he offers a good service. A beautiful woman who put effort into her appearance has men slaying themselves to marry her and support her. People who live in the real world and offer real value avail themselves of the real world because it will work for them. An entire global

economy and infrastructure bending to your beckon call because you are skilled and offer something it wants.

But if you're a bum. If you're lazy. If you're just another worthless person with a worthless liberal arts degree, you have to go begging. You have to go panhandling. You have to live a life where the real world and people's best self interests operate against you (because remember, you ARE a parasite). And thus the life of the old man I saw in Tacoma.

Of course not all leftists end up like the old man in Tacoma. Many of you get your pet projects funded. Many of you get grants and taxpayer money to make-believe-play "real adult in the real world" as you do some non-profit thing or another. But there's never enough. There never will be enough. And only a select few like a Mark Dayton, a Hillary Clinton, or a Betsy Hodges will get the 6 figure salary and truly avoid a life of work, labor, sweat and toil. In other words the axiom "lazy people work twice as hard" will hold true for most leftists. The vast majority of leftists will be damned to a life of panhandling be it under a bridge or filling out grant proposal forms. And like all panhandlers they will achieve nothing of value in life because that is the definition of being a parasite. You will not solve poverty. You will not end global warming. You will not close the wage gap. You won't help out minorities. But that has never been your intention. It's just the tool you use to get other people to part with their money. And even when you get it, you'll end up just as old, haggard, beaten, and destroyed as that panhandler in Tacoma. And you'll have wasted your life just like he did.

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Episode #260 of The Clarey Podcast - THE SCOPRIONS STRIKE BACK Episode!

June 29, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Women value work and career more than fun, love, and children.
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Cappy's Pacific Northwest Motorcycling Adventure.
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Student Loan Default Rates By Race

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A pretty good synopsis here, but the actual study is here.

The statistics will not surprise you, but two items of note to help advance this conversation towards a solution and helping those in need (and I don't mean that in a socialist or Christian way).

1. Default rates were atrociously high among students (regardless of race) who did NOT finish college. You can chalk this up to poverty, disadvantaged backgrounds, lower intelligence, etc. etc., but I'm also going to throw in laziness because that's the main reason, as well as the politically incorrect reason (which is how you can tell if it's the real reason). I know sociologists, professors, teachers, and counselors are all going to blame it on the environment because that abdicates people of having the responsibility of owning up to their own mistakes (and gets them votes/more funding), but it ***will not solve the problem*** until you crack the whip, crack some skulls, and teach these kids to have a work ethic. until then, all the government money in the world won't help their education.

2. In a very literal sense minorities (and especially women, and ESPECIALLY minority women) are for once actual victims. Worthless liberal arts degrees masquerading as "higher education" are being sold to economically disadvantaged youths who still have to sign their lives away on the student-loan-dotted line. And if the standards of college are lowered so low that "everybody has to go to college" you are admitting people who are not going to complete their degrees. This puts them in debt WITHOUT A DEGREE TO GET A JOB TO PAY THOSE DEBTS OFF. Worse, some people might actually get degrees, but they're completely worthless resulting in even more debt with no improvement in their chances of employment.

Again, when society wants to get serious about helping America's youth with college and higher education, you can start by reading this book and spreading it around like the plague. In the meantime, do not even bother wasting your breath talking about "loan forgiveness" or "more money for education" because it shows you haven't given it any thorough thought and are too lazy yourself to really investigate and diagnose the real causes for this atrocity foisted on America's youth.

(hat tip - though I will warn you this podcast is very not-politically correct, controversial and I disagree with some of the statements made therein)

Clarifying Military Benefits

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A MARINE in the Field sent me this as a kindness to clarify the various benefits one can expect if you join the military. There have been some changes, especially over the past couple years as it pertains to pension and the "blended retirement system." Please book mark this or send it to someone you know who is debating about joining the military.

I don't care if you use my name or not, I figured I'd give you all of the information and material and you'd let me know how much, or just post it on your blog. I'll provide links you can put in the video description, and you can reference the video/article whenever you recommend someone join the Military, which I think is a good idea so long it's done correctly and for the right reasons.

I wan an enlisted Marine that served active duty and used the GI Bill to get a degree, not learn a trade, so any information I provide should be reviewed in that light. The Post 9/11 GI-Bill is a fantastic program which can serve as a real boost to your future, but it's not as simple as "the Government pays for your education". First of all, it's prorated based on how many months you served on active duty:
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https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison_tool/about_this_tool.asp

The minimum length of an active duty contract for the Coast Guard, Air Force, and Marines is 4 years, while the Army and Navy offer two year contracts. If you serve two years and get out, you will only be eligible for 80% of the GI Bill, and consequently ineligible for other benefits (more on that later). If you're a reservist or a Guardsman, you don't get this benefit unless you're activated as active duty for at least 90 days, which isn't going to happen any time soon (knock on wood).

What Reservists get is Tuition Assistance (TA), which covers up to $250/credit at a maximum rate of $4,500/year. Unless you're in the Navy or Marine Reserve, in which case you don't get anything:

https://www.armystudyguide.com/education/reserve-tuition-assistance-ta.html

Active duty service members also get TA, though I was rarely able to use it due the units I was in. Other branches of service are more friendly to the idea, and every unit is different.

Reservists qualify for the Montgomery GI-Bill Selective Reserve (SR) if they sign onto the Reserves for a minimum six year stint:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch1606_pamphlet.pdf

If you attend school full time, you can get up to $375/month using this program.

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch1606/ch1606rates100117.asp

With that in mind, I nearly always recommend that anyone wanting to enlist pays their dues up front and signs on for at least 4 years active duty. As a rule of thumb, the more combat-oriented your job, the less bullshit you'll have to put up with.

That said, back to the Post 9/11 GI-Bill. I will skip over the Active Duty Montgomery GI-Bill, because it was superseded by the Post 9/11 GI-Bill in 2008, which is almost always a better deal. Assuming you did your 4 years and have 100% of the benefits, the Bill will pay all tuition and fees for an in-state student, and up to $22,805.34/year in tuition and fees for a private/foreign school:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080117.asp

As of 2015, all veterans are charged at in-state tuition rates in all 50 states:

https://www.military.com/education/2015/11/13/veterans-now-eligible-for-resident-tuition.html

That means that you can attend ANY public University in the US for free. You will also be paid a monthly stipend rated off of the cost of living for an E5 (Sergeant in the Marines) with dependents based off of the zip code of your school:

https://militarybenefits.info/monthly-housing-allowance-mha-for-post-911-gi-bill/

This can range from around $1000-3000/month based on the area. Too many guys try to game this system. View this as aid to get your degree, which is where the real money is going to be made. Don't select your school based on getting a few extra bucks a month.

Now, assuming that you want to attend a private University (which would usually be a horrible idea), and assuming that you have 100% eligibility, you are eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon/yrp_list_2017.asp

The Yellow Ribbon Program is an agreement individual Universities and Colleges enter into with the Government whereby the Government pays the maximum $22,805.34/year

in tuition and fees for a private/foreign school, and the University pays a percentage of half of what remains and the Department of Veterans Administrations matches them. For example, say a school costs $40,000/year. The GI Bill pays the $22,805.34, and you're on the hook for the remaining $17,194.66. The school agrees to pay 100% of half of that, so they pitch in $8,597.33, and the VA matches that, which means you don't pay anything.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is different for every school however, and what each school offers tells you something about how they view vets. For example, Harvard University offers a max of $6,000. They cost about $65,000/year, which would leave you on the hook for about $30,000/year. Be sure to select schools based on their Yellow Ribbon contribution rate, and how many students they will provide it to. The program is on a first-come-first-served basis, and some schools only allow for a handful of students to get the program each year.

Anyways, that's pretty much it. You also get a $1,000/year book stipend in the Post 9/11 GI-Bill along with a host of little things, but those are the major things. I like your recommendation that students go STEM, the trades, and/or the Military, and I hope this information will help some of them down the path to a less painful life.

How Trump Will Expose the Nobel Peace Prize for the Farce It Is

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There's a problem with awards.

"Awards," by their very definition, must award *something*. That something would logically be something of noteworthiness, accomplishment, value, or excellence. And something so noteworthy or valuable, that it stands out from the rest of normal people's accomplishments that it deserves recognition. So a person with a perfect SAT score, a hero in a war, or even a creative and savvy entrepreneur - those people are "awarded" with a scholarship, a medal, financial wealth, etc.

But achieving something of great value and accomplishment takes effort. And effort, especially of the noteworthy variety, takes hard work. And as well all know this goes against all non-blue collar leftists' nature. So what is an egotistical leftist to do?

The answer is "destroy awards." Not so much by eliminating them or actually destroying them, but by lowering and destroying the standards by which excellence is awarded. So the elimination of the honor roll, participation trophies, completely made up awards, removing the swimsuit competition from Miss. America, non-art, or the political co-opting of awards (such as the Oscars or anything ending with an "ammy") - all of these things are done so inferior people can avoid hard work, but still bask in the glow of "achievement" and "celebration." Meanwhile, genuinely amazing humans of great accomplishment and achievement are overlooked for these politically connected, horrific inferiors.

Which brings us to Donald Trump.

Again, for the 38th time, I am no big fan of Donald Trump. But I am a fan of the world

having objective standards by which we measure and recognize excellence so that society may not only advance, but enjoy the accomplishments of truly amazing people (not "Oprah Amazing"). So it is with great curiosity I look forward to the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize. For while there is a great many things to criticize Trump over, his ability to bring a prospective peace to North and South Korea is easily the pinnacle act to bring peace to this world in 2018.

I want to emphasize the conclusivity and concreteness of that statement..

It is a fact that Donald Trump deserves the Nobel Peace Prize. Nobody has done more to advance peace in 2018 than Donald Trump. That's not an opinion, that's not my bias. The man brokered the end of the Korean War and did more to bring the two countries together in the past 6 months than thousands did in the past 68 years. Oh, and he may also have resulted in the freeing of the world's most oppressed people without firing a shot or costing one human life. I'm sure there's a very nice lady teaching poor third world children how to read somewhere, but unequivocally Donald Trump deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

But the point of this article is not about whether Trump deserves the prize. That is fact. That is truth to anybody who still is capable of independent thought. The real point of this article is to highlight and preemptively expose the frauds in the Nobel Prize Committee who will continue on the leftist tradition of co-opting awards for political purposes and deny him the award.

This is not that brave or ballsy of a prediction. The Nobel committee's track record already exposes their ulterior political motives. Awarding Barack Obama the Nobel prize in 2009 for essentially "being Barack Obama" was perhaps the ultimate slap across humanity's face that woke people up to the worthlessness of the award. But like newspaper articles, atrocious legislation, or shutting down lemonade stands, nobody investigates and profiles the people behind such acts, merely that the act happened. And so I want to profile and expose the members of the Nobel Peace Prize committee so we can all understand who they are, how they simple political ideologues, and the LAST thing they care about is "peace."

Berit Reiss-Andersen - She is the chairman of the committee, lawyer, life-long government worker and politician, and a member of Norway's labor party. She has never spent a second in the private sector working a real job, working with real people, yet politically espouses beliefs to help the common man like many limousine leftists do.

Henrik Syse - If you thought Ms. Reiss-Andersen was a privileged limousine leftist, allow me to introduce you to Henrik Syse. Like Ms. Reiss-Andersen he too has never set foot in the real world suffering one second of actual physical toil or labor. A lifelong academic he has never left academia since the Cold War where he currently is a "professor of peace."

Oh, incidentally he is Norway's Chief Nepotist as he is also the son of Jan Syse, Norway's former prime minister.

Thorbjorn Jagland - Ensuring there is no political diversity in the Nobel committee is another labor party member, Mr. Thorbjorn Jagland. He stands out from other party members in that he worked extra hard at avoiding work, opting to go into politics at the age of 16. There is literally nothing else of note about Mr. Jagland as he's done literally nothing else in his life. He has arrogantly insisted (and Norwegians naively capitulated) to tell other people what to do since he was a child and has never gone through any galvanizing experiences that would have otherwise turned him into an adult. My 13 year old cousin has more work experience baby sitting that this adult child.

Anne Enger - A bit harder to find a thorough biography on, Ms. Enger is AGAIN another career politician. In office since 1985 (assuming my Norwegian was correct) she has wallowed in the halls of public sector privilege since the Cold War. In all intellectual honesty she is NOT a member of the labor party, but instead was the one-time leader of Norway's Centrist Party. Regardless, no mention of having any real or tangible employment was found in any of her biographies.

Alse Toje - Like Ms. Enger, Mr. Toje is also not a member of the labor party, but he has pretty much everything else in common with the rest of the Nobel Peace Prize committee. In my 43 years of life I have worked as a landscaper, security guard, analyst, banker, dance instructor, author, laborer, radio show host, clerk, and window washer. Mr. Toje at the same age has been a....

professor.

That's it. That's all he's done. He's cushily been parked in academia his entire adult life ne'er setting one foot in the world of real work. His politics may not align with the rest of the committee, but his work ethic (or lack thereof) most certainly does.

You may certainly research these people in more detail, but the point is these are not real people who worked in the real world and actually care about world peace. These are Norwegian bureaucrats who are deathly afraid of labor and toil, yet want to be popular on the international stage. And since their primary motivation in participating in the Nobel Peace Prize is not peace, but self-servance I can guarantee you they will not award Donald Trump the Nobel "Peace Prize," but somebody else more politically aligned with them and popular amongst their academic, political, bureaucratic circles.

Alas, the Nobel Peace Prize will continue on being the joke that it's become. The question is whether the rest of the world will be duped into believing it's anything but.

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And if you're having trouble spending less may I recommend Poor Richard's Retirement?

The Left Will Eat It's Own

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I have told my story many times that while at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1986 I vividly remember a lamprey in a tank attached to a large and unfortunate fish. Then, a smaller lamprey swimming about bit into, NOT THE FISH, but the LARGE LAMPREY ON THE FISH. The large lamprey detached immediately from the fish and swam crazily around the tank for a solid 20 seconds until accepting its fate.

Lampreys. Leftists. Same thing.

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Cappy's 5th of July Post

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There will be no posts today because Cappy has a flooded basement, a broken water heater (which he recently fixed), a computer that is dying, moldy carpets, a car that isn't working and a ton of other amalgamated shit that has decided to shit upon him CONVENIENTLY ALL THIS WEEK. Cappy is VERY angry and wishes some SJW, ANTIFA pussies would show up at his door because there would not be much left of them at this point in time.

In the meantime enjoy the consented week long 4th of July week vacation the "Wednesday-Falling" 4th has allowed. Posts will go back to normal as Cappy takes a week or so "vacation" to deal with this. If you feel pity upon Cappy there's always the patreon, but you can just share, like, and subscribe his stuff he does like books and shit.

Sincerely,

Cappy

Gen X Spinsters

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Hilarious.

It's just so funny.

It's hilarious.

The John Steele Show

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Cappy has been dealing with an unfortunate mistiming of bad things that required repairs, tradesmen, and other such things. He also wanted to spend time with his nieces which he loves dearly. And, oh yeah, it's the 4th of July weekend. In the meantime may I recommend that you all tune into The John Steele Show if you were looking for some intellectual entertainment.

John has been a regular on The Older Brother Podcast and after some ass kicking has finally decided to use his incredible voice for his own purposes.

He recently interviewed TJ Martinell and this podcast I found particularly enjoyable even though I do believe the holocaust happened.

Anyway, if you would subscribe and like his channel that would mean a lot. And what I mean by "mean a lot" is that he could get his channel monetized sooner than later.

Cappy will be back to normal starting Monday. Tune in then.

"The Speakeasy"

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From Terror House Magazine.

There is also "The Busker" but it's written by that no good, dirty Ozzie, Adam Piggott. So fuck that guy!

Anyway, if you're interested in NON politics and just want a short story, check out the links above.

Capital Flight from California

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Still not enough. 138 people is not enough. You need every hard working, self supporting individual to flee that state.

Sadly, most Californians are sheep and will stay there "for the weather' while the state enslaves them to over 50% of their working lives.

It's good to see how socialism has become successful in getting people willing to enslave themselves to such an extent.

The Great Millennial Rent Scam

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I do not care for the millennials.

I'm fully aware their generation was the most lied to.
I'm fully aware they were trained and indoctrinated to be complete tools of socialism.
I am also fully aware they were essentially trained to be obedient hosts to other parasitic generations.

These handicaps aside, it's the arrogance and cockiness of this smug generation that gets me. Never has such a generation been so completely brainwashed and easily duped, yet been so completely convinced of their faux intellectual superiority. And so I watch them with great amusement as this generation suffers all while assuring me they know exactly what they're doing.

There is no more justified punishment for them than their own existence.

But there is more punishment on the way. And while there is a chance millennials might listen and avoid this punishment, I'm going to have faith in their arrogance and assume they're too ignorant and close-minded to heed this warning.

The millennials have transferred roughly $10 trillion in their wealth through the higher education scam. Yes, some of those trillions were indeed spent on quality degrees. Yes, some millennials (1 or 2 of them, perhaps even 3) are gainfully employed, working real jobs and contributing to GDP. But the majority of them wasted said $10 trillion on worthless pieces of paper, enriching baby boomer deans and Gen X professors. What's worse is there was no said "wealth" to transfer. Nearly all of them had no wealth to give and thus had to mortgage their futures to borrow the money to pay their Baby Boomer

and Gen X socialist indoctrinators.

But if this wasn't enough they're about to fork over (by my estimations) twice that amount. And this ever-so-roughly $20 trillion in wealth will come from the devil that is known as "luxury apartments." Aka "rent."

Understand that rent unto itself is not a scam like worthless college degrees. Rent is a real service that provides real value and people should be happy to pay for it. The real issue is whether that rent is worth it or not. And here several clouds are forming to create the perfect storm of wealth-transfer from the smartest generation ever to its predecessors.

First, you had Obama (owned completely by the millennials) triple the money supply and expand upon (admittedly) GW's quantitative easing. This has flooded the global asset markets, driving prices of stocks, bonds, mutual funds AND real estate up to pre-bubble levels. While the artificially low interest rates and "free money" was meant to get the economy booming again, all it really managed to do was inflate asset prices. And since housing prices are at all time highs against, this only drives up rents since low interest rates on high mortgages balances result in high rental rates.

Second, we have replaced genuine economic growth and investment with bubble spending. Be it government spending, quantitative easing, welfare or education spending, there is not any real investment occurring. This may mean low unemployment, but don't expect wages to come up anytime soon. And certainly don't expect company pensions and 30 years working at the same place. In other words, millennials can expect to rent because they don't have the employment stability of those evil nasty racist and sexist 50's.

Third, and this is the key one, "*where all the action is*"

"Where all the action is" is a big lie that older generations have told younger generations for generations. In the 80's baby boomer land lords in LA told my generation California and Los Angeles was where all the cool hip kids went. In the 90's is was the Sex and the City gals that convinced thousands of Gen X women New York was the place to be. But wherever it was, it was a major metropolitan area, with over priced rent and over priced drinks that all 20 somethings were convinced to move. The only difference is in 1998 I was paying $300 for a studio apartment in downtown Minneapolis. Today, it goes for $1,200. But!!!!

"*That's where all the action is kids!*"

And this is how more wealth will be transferred from naive Millennials to Gen X and dwindling Baby Boomer land lords. With housing prices so high, taxes so high, and all

self-inflicted by the socialist voting millennials, nearly every major US town is unliveable. You need $100,000 just to survive in San Francisco, $80,000 to make a go of it in Seattle, and New York is still the preserve of privileged white grad students or white women who have rich husbands as they finance their faux journalism career at XOJane. But the millennials will line up in equal droves as they did for worthless college degrees in the 00's because "that's where all the action is." The cool night clubs are there. The completely-conformist-but-not-conformist hipster brew pubs are there. Hot chicks that you're not supposed to like, but like anyway even though you fakely claim to like your tatted up nose-ringed roller derby millennial girlfriend, are also there. And didn't you see the TV shows and listen to what your professors all said? The cities are the most open-minded and progressive places on Earth! *That's where all the action is!*

And so to capitalize off of this migration of sheep land lords and land owners are rushing to provide millennials the luxury and over-priced apartments they so desperately want. Some so pricey they don't even list the price...because if you have to ask...you can't afford it...(but it's where the action is!!!).

The question is whether the millennials, who are now thoroughly ensconced in their 30's, are going to wise up and start becoming adults. Are they going to buy property at reasonable rates? Starter homes in blue collar neighborhoods? Are they going to move to states where standards of living are higher, but not as exciting as Seattle or Portland? Are they going to learn to fix their own properties and actually invest in something long term and more valuable than their Creative Writing degrees?

Or are the going to keep on keeping on like they have?

I know many of you millennials who tune in to the ole Capmeister are already well down the path of investment and adulthood. I know you guys are well ahead of your peers when it comes to exercising true independent thought. But for the rest of your generation, they are going to borrow $30,000 to buy Chevy Cruzes, add it to their $45,000 in student loans, and shell out $2,500 per month for a luxury apartment in the "cool, hip uptown area" because (say it with me now) "that's where all the action is." Oh, and they'll be stuck in traffic-jammed shitholes like Portland and LA because they won't want to live in fly-over country with the loser "hicks" and their $150,000 ramblers.

I just don't want to hear these same millennial brats when they're 63 making the same complaints my baby boomer clients do today about "not having enough saved up for retirement." But something tells me they will and they'll blame it on "patriarchy" or demand the government bail them out of their life-long track record of horrendously stupid decisions and mistakes.

Oh well, enjoy the decline.

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The Older Brother Podcast #9 - SCOTUS Episode

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Cappy, DT and TJ talk about fathers who let their daughters major in the liberal arts, Trump's SCOTUS pick, the life purpose of a leftist, and the state of journalism.

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How California's "Cal-3" Initiative Will Expose the Left's True Nature

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The nation should pay attention and pay attention closely to California's "Cal-3 Initiative," because it will be one of the rare moments an entire political party will expose its true nature to the world. This is a rare sight, even rarer than last year's total solar eclipse, because most political parties have to hide their true nature, lest moderate voters find out what their true agenda is and vote them out of power. In this particular case, "Cal-3" - the initiative to split California into three separate states - will force the American left and democrat party to show Americans their true colors.

How will this happen?

Well the left faces a paradox when it comes to California. It claims California, specifically the cities, are leftist political, economic, and sociological successes. They have banned bags, have emissions standards, pay for illegal aliens' education, and a whole host of other socialist merit badges that renders these municipalities "socialist utopias" in their minds. But these socialist successes are the *coastal cities* of California, not the ignorant, heathen interior of the state that wishes to secede. And the Californian left LOATHES the "ignorant, CIS gendered, white hick scum" that populate said interior.

So here's a question any moderate...or any American for that matter...should ask themselves:

If the left is so confident in its policies AND it detests the conservative scum in the interior of California, wouldn't they WANT to divorce themselves from the rest of the state? According to them those rural and suburbanite ignoramuses are only holding the intellectually superior left back from achieving their true utopia. Besides, I know I WOULD LIKE to get rid of leftists out of my state/city/county/country, so why wouldn't the left want the same?

And here is where their hypocrisy (and a complete debunking) of their socialist ideology

lies.

Deep down inside the left knows it needs those "no good dirty, hickish, ignorant, suburbanite scum" because the left is completely financially dependent on them. They don't want to admit it. They don't even want to admit it to themselves, but the professional left *knows* an entire "theoretical leftist utopian state" of social workers, guidance counselors, politicians, teachers, environmentalists, non-profits directors, welfare recipients, students, and other varied sorts of parasites cannot survive without an economic host to tax and live upon. The California coastal cities, and their socialist utopian dream, NEED the people they hate the most. The reverse is not true as conservatives do not need socialists because hosts do not need parasites.

This is going to create an interesting situation for California's leftists. They're going to be forced to tacitly admit to the world they need the rest of the state more than the state needs them. This is doubly terrifying for them because it will also prove their "socialist ideology" (which is all these people have) is unsustainable, unfeasible, and simply wrong. But ultimately if the left votes against Cal 3, it shows what they truly want - the continuing of the partial enslavement of other people. And if the voting public can make that connection people will vote in droves for Cal-3 and kick California's coastal cities out into their own little socialist beds they made for themselves. So what's a leftist to do?

Well one thing they can do is come up with red herrings that have nothing to do with what Cal 3 is fundamentally about (sovereignty, freedom, and the right of people to choose). One such measure is already underway where these morally-better-than-you leftists are citing environmental concerns as to why ~~they need to keep sucking off your taxblood~~ you shouldn't break up California. You can expect more cowardly moves like this to obscure their real reason in keeping Californians enslaved to the socialist coastal towns as the vote approaches.

But the biggest thing leftists can do is simply "nothing" because I have some good news for my fine Californian democrat friends. And it's what has been saving the democrat party since the JFK years!

Americans, especially Californians are ignorant, low IQ morons. And nobody is going to be paying attention.

In addition to convincing millions of people to commute and enslave themselves into traffic-congested leftist municipal hell holes, I have to tip my hat to the left in another regard. You have done a SPECTACULAR job in brainwashing a full three generations to become non-thinking conformists who simply...don't think. At best they spew simplistic, feelings-based leftist talking points they've been conditioned to in K-College, but most are more concerned about what's happening on Game of Nice Chairs, their addiction to social media, or what the latest idiocy is in sportsball. And to think the average American idiot,

let alone his inferior Californian cousin, is going to be smart enough to make the connection between the left voting against Cal 3 and their continued economic enslavement of working Californians is laughable.

So don't worry California leftists. Your socialist fiefdoms and slave plantations are safe. The slaves aren't even smart enough to realize how California welfare spending has resulted in California traffic, so you have a green light to vote against Cal 3. Nobody is smart enough to see what's really going on.

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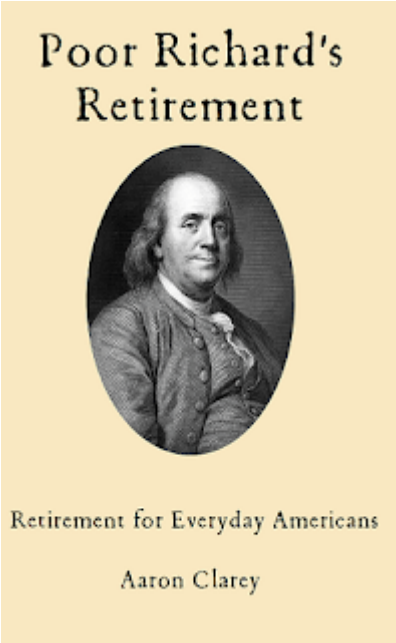

When You Apologize You Lose

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You never apologize. Especially when you're right.
You never ever ever apologize.

Judge Not Someone By the Color of His Skin

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But whose genitalia he licks.

"Ask for Angela"

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Can't women just get up and leave or call 911 if there's a genuine threat?

It's just become such an amazing show to see what solutions are arising due to a non-crisis.

Episode #261 of The Clarey Podcast - "If You TRULY Loved Your Wife" Episode

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Drunk, Arrogant White Contractors
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How Conservative Fathers Failed America

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Two years ago there were two instances the Ole Captain made an attempt to help out the republican party. In both instances he was prompted by his buddy "DT" to check out some local republican meetings where they claimed they were looking for new blood and could use his economic and political expertise. And so Cappy went forth to the northern hinterlands of the Twin Cities metro where he was asked to deliver speeches on how to get young men interested in conservative politics.

The results were laughable.

One group was essentially a group therapy session/fund raiser for a local community politician. And the other was a bunch of old white guys who just wanted to hear things they agree with said. My speech was bombastic, entertaining, and insightful, but more importantly it was exactly what they needed to hear and painted a path for them to actually ***"DO SOMETHING***" as they all claimed they wished to do. And so I sat, waiting to hear back from them to see what kind of role or capacity I could play in helping reinvigorate northern metro conservative politics annnnndddd....

nothing.

Last I heard both groups still gather weekly to mope about and feel sorry for themselves.

I had already written "Enjoy the Decline" by this time and had already written the US off as a viable, long term entity. But the complete lack of spine, vigor, passion, professionalism, and work ethic within the republican party itself only reconfirmed in my mind that the US was in terminal decline. Additionally, it made me kind of depressed and angry when even the guys on "our team" were losers not worthy of the country they were purporting to save. But there was a silver lining in this otherwise depressing realization. And that silver lining was that if *these guys* were the ones the country was presumably

worth fighting for, then by any logical sense of justice, the US deserved to decay and die because *nobody* in this country deserves the United States of America.

This epiphany - that even the non-leftists in this country are losers - has recently helped me philosophically accept, even enjoy the decline of the US. I see presumed "republicans" at the local dive bar horking down their wings and light beers during "The Game" as they mindlessly cheer on "their team" as i pay more in taxes for their sportsball stadium. I see Mitzy and Madison driving their republican dad's car downtown "partying" and of course they too vote republican. And then there's the "dude bro" business majors and $30,000-lanaire salesmen. All republicans, all Chip and Thadeus, all parasites faking it cause they'll never make it. Matter of fact, if I think back through my life the vast majority of jerks, bullies, assholes, and enemies I've had in my life were republicans. And thus I've advanced my philosophy enough to take a flippant and sadistic enjoyment in the decline rather suffer, fret, or worry because ***nobody (democrat or republican)*** deserves the US.

Still, hope springs eternal and there are times I catch myself having some. Or perhaps there's an unconscious, inherent and infrastructural care about humanity's freedom and the advancement of society. Perhaps I just don't like seeing a perfect piece of economic art such as the United States destroyed just like you wouldn't like to see the Statue of David marred.

And so perhaps if a Trump gets elected...
the economy grows a bit and a touch there...
maybe even we grow a pair and actually defend our own borders like every other country in the world...

I'm soon tempted once again to have real, genuine, and long term hope in the future of the United States. You might actually begin to think there's reason to fight again. You might even have a country, a society, a community you belong to and want to fight for. Hey, it's time to get the band back together again!

So let me introduce another reality that will quickly squash your hopes. A dose of reality that will douse the flames of a potential future. Not because I want to be a Debbie Downer or that I'm the perpetual cynic, but there's nothing more wasted than a life of let downs. There's nothing more painful than a life of failed expectations.

Conservative fathers.

Right when I was starting to get a little bit of hope in the future of the United States I couldn't help but notice that concurrent to these "good economic times again" was a complete decay and dysfunction amongst the younger generations. Yes, GDP may have actually grown above 4% this quarter, but this doesn't account for an underemployment

crisis. Yes, unemployment is below 4%, but the sexes could not be more at war with each other. That's nice we lowered taxes, but you have adult-kids who can't figure out which of the 38 flavors of gender they are. And we could be defending the sovereignty of the US, but women are more obsessed about working away their lives than they are having fun, while "men" are more obsessed about playing video games than they are getting a job and supporting themselves. Matter of fact if you remove "Trump and Russia" from CNN's news stream the vast majority of the news is a mere chronicling of the complete dysfunction and destruction of the millennial generation. And with an entire wasted crop of a generation, precisely how do you expect to have a functional future country to have faith and hope in?

You may at first be tempted to identify the culprit of this decay as single motherhood, absentee fathers, K-12 socialist indoctrination, media, or just rank leftist parenting. And you would be right. The majority of the decay of the millennial and Gen Z generations can be chalked up to these things. But again revisit "our team." Revisit "Team Republican." There SHOULD be at least a contingent of traditional, conservative patriarchs in the form of Ward-Cleaver-esque fathers who lay down the law in their household, and bring up well-reared, well-anchored, non-tatted up freaks who can hold down jobs and don't need to live at home at 30. There should be the republican half of men raising future generations of Americans who deserve the title. That for every half-shaved, purple haired, arm-sleeved tatted up, obese Communications Majoring 21 year old, there should be a svelte, in shape, comely, Accounting majoring 22 year old ready for kids and marriage. In short there should be something to fight for.

Not by a long shot.

While there is the occasional traditional, republican, old school father who managed to raise functional adult children, they are exception, not the rule. For every real, conservative traditional father I could tell you a score of stories of other "conservative fathers" who failed miserably in the rearing of their children.

There's the powerful lawyer in Dallas who can crush the nuts of his adversaries in court, but lets his wife, son, and daughter run roughshod over him. I've seen his son ignore his commands without the slightest bit of concern, his daughter ***will*** grow up to become a stripper, and his wife admonishes him in front of the children. It doesn't matter that he is politically conservative, he doesn't have a spine to actually be a father, be a husband, lead his family, or discipline his children.

There's the rich republican donor who in a completely hypocritical sense thinks like a leftist in that "throwing money at it" will solve the problem. That "problem" was "raising his child." After 25 years of shipping the kid off to a nanny, shipping the kid off to private school, and shipping the kid off to private grad school, his "Precious Little Princess" is now a social justice warrior who actively votes against his financial interests, likely hates him,

and, oh yes, of course, "is a lesbian."

And then there's the *co-host of a conservative talk show* who sent his kid to an overpriced, worthless liberal arts college. An over-priced liberal arts college that ended a female leadership symposium when they found out there were too many white women speakers in the symposium. This was perhaps the most debilitating of all because if a co-host of a CONSERVATIVE TALK SHOW can't grow a pair to protect his very own daughter from the leftist liberal arts college scam, then *who is* going to protect their children??

This is the point where I can no longer muster up the care to give a damn. If conservative fathers are too lazy to raise their own kids, too lazy to discipline them, even too lazy to bother educating/warning them about the horrendously damaging college education scam, then why should I invest in America? It's like being on the front lines and rushing back to command to inform the higher ups of a break in the enemy's lines only to find out the officers are drunk and having a gay orgy. And conservative fathers can explain it away be it their kids won't listen to them, they don't want to interfere with the upbrining of their children, wifey poo might divorce them, or just honorably admit you're too damn lazy and spineless to raise your kids right, it doesn't change the fact that if conservative parents are not going to invest in their own damn children, then why should lone-wolf renegade conservatives like me invest in the political future of the country? It would simply be a waste of time and intellectual effort.

The left is particularly despicable in what they've done to the United States and freedom all around. And they are to blame for the majority of the problems the millennial Gen Z'ers face today. But spineless conservative fathers who could only manage to raise SJW, leftist failures for children are arguably worse in that they're hypocritical on top of it. It doesn't matter what you "say" it matters what you do. And all I've seen the majority of "Rah Rah Fox News" conservative fathers do is abdicate their responsibility of fatherhood out of laziness and cowardice.

Enjoy paying for your little princess' degree in Creative Writing.

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Doc's Bomb Shelter.
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Bachelor Finances 101

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John Steele had me on his show and we discussed how we two old farts paid off our houses early, practical minimalism, "what constitutes an investment," "what constitutes and asset," actions you can take, and other brass tax basics of bachelor finances. If you have not read Bachelor Pad Economics, I'd strongly recommend tuning in below:

How Women Put Politics and Careerism Over Love and Life

July 19, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An insightful little video I had here:

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Episode #262 of The Clarey Podcast - "Streamlabs Virgin Voyage Episode"

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Cappy trial runs his new "streamlabs" technology and it goes off without a hitch.

huh, who would've thunk it.

Anyway, Cappy talks about:

"All You Have to Do"
Building Your Own Battleship
Website Programming Blues
Henry "Caving" Cavill
Women Make Shitty Men
Fan Mail
Fathers Who Bat 1.000
How YouTube Lost to Stream Labs

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Just One FAANG Bankruptcy Away from Recession

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Recessions are a perpetual guarantee in economics. They do happen, they will happen, and they are going to happen. The issue is being able to figure out when. Predicting recessions is an impossible task, but usually they need a trigger or some kind of spark to ignite the recession fuel that has been building up over the years.

In the Dotcom days it was a spate of bad earnings reports that triggered that recession. In the housing bubble it was a spate of subprime mortgages that went into default.

But the problem today is there's no apparent spark that will set the economy aflame.

Yes, stocks are overvalued. Yes, housing is back to being overvalued, but I would contend this is the result of flooding the market with QE money, not bad lending practices or a classic tulip bulb bubble like the dotcoms were. Additionally, the federal government is so far up banks' asses its very unlikely we will see a housing crash like we did a decade ago. Still, the PE ratio for the stock market is 40% higher than it's historical average, dividends are paying a laughable 1.8%, and I'm sure US property is back to all time "price to rents" highs. It's merely a question of what is going to prick this bubble?

So it is here I'd like to speculate on what that catalyst could be - one of the FAANG's going bankrupt or severely missing earnings.

The "FAANG" companies are Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix and Google. However, I would also consider companies that are merely "popular" today like these FAANG companies are. Twitter, Tesla, Uber, Lyft etc. And while the traditional FAANG companies are all profitable (Amazon finally achieved profitability this past year), a lot of today's popular companies are not. Twitter, Tesla, Uber, and Lyft all run losses, but ironically have market valuations in the billions.

We've seen this before. In 1998 it was fashionable among low IQ people to use "price to sales" as a valuation metric because none of the dotcoms were profitable. People were in love with the IDEA of some of these companies, even though they had no profits. And while it certainly is an investment strategy to buy into a money-losing company in the hopes it will become profitable later, inevitably, sooner or later investors are going to want their money back. Alas hobbies like Tesla are simply that - hobbies - not legitimate business concerns.

The problem I fear though is this past generation has been flooded with so much money that they no longer understand the concept and importance of having a profit. Be it student loans, QE, borrowing money for a house, or borrowing money for a car, the

concept of spending less than you make I think has been completely purged out of today's generations. For example Patreon.

I never understood why somebody would donate to somebody's Patreon when you get nothing for it in return. Especially in light of Amazon's affiliate program where you spend the money you were going to spend anyway, but make the affiliate marketer a nice 7% commission through your purchases. Still, Patreon's success I think is more due to a non-profit mentality that is widespread amongst millennials and Gen X'ers because they lack the concept of profit. And this lacking concept also affects the way they invest in that they truly don't care if a company is profitable, long as it sounds cool, virtue signals, and has a "small carbon footprint."

Inevitably though, you can't have a company running perpetual losses forever. If Uber or Twitter has to go back to their financiers for more money those investment bankers will not be taking such a nice, naive and non-profit approach to a second round of funding. They are going to want their money back, and likely won't fund these companies. This means one of these FAANG/FAANG-like companies is going to go bankrupt when it can't get financing to continue losing money. And when that happens I think that may be the spark that catches the economy on fire with recession.

I don't see it being a big recession, but I do see it providing a rude awakening for these "neo-nonprofit investors." Yes, I know you think Chipolte is great because they're green - did they meet earnings? Yes, I know you think Lyft is great because they have an initiative to raise awareness about sapiosexuals - did they meet earnings? And yes, I know Elon Musk is very popular, but his little over priced sparky cars cost more to make than he can sell them for - they have no earnings to speak of. And when one or two of these perennial money-losers goes bankrupt, it's going to cause worry and concern about the valuation of the other FANNG-esque companies as people realize it's not popularity, but profit that has value.

Still, I won't be holding my breath. Most investors today seem to think investing is a hobby, not a serious endeavor.

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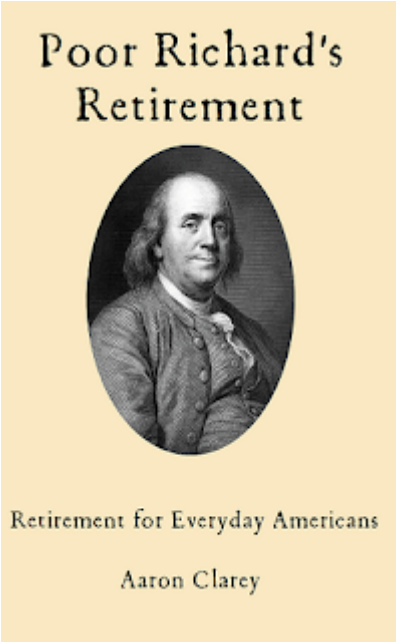
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and laziness. Let's not forget laziness.

FREE ASSHOLE CONSULTING DAY IS OVER!!!

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Unfortunately "Free Asshole Consulting Days" had to be cut down to "Free Asshole Consulting DAY" because I received WAAAAAY too many requests.

Free Asshole Consulting Day may make a return if Amazon affiliate sales make it worth my while. In the meantime regular pricing shall return to Asshole Consulting.

Operation Bernhard - Economic Warfare and Espionage

July 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

One of the most interesting documentaries I've listened to in a while:

Femen Suicide..."Shock"

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I'm shocked, shocked to find a mentally unstable woman commit suicide!

Oh well, you could've fallen in love or have babies, but I guess the life of a professional activist has no value unto itself.

The Older Brother Podcast Episode #11 - Generation Tattoo

July 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Percent of people with tattoos.
Are younger people competing to be ugly?
Author talk and why Ayn Rand sucks.
The Marriage Crisis Among Women.
Health, Juicing, Blending and Other Old Fart Shit.
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"If You Don't Know, I'm Not Telling You"

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Can't believe girls are still using this line. It reminds of the the TWO TIMES women back in the 90's lectured me for calling them "kid" when I was referencing the movie Casablanca.

Boys, it is not you. There are that many screwed up girls out there. If this happens remember YOU are the sane one. SHE is the insane one.

The Democrat Party is Socialist

July 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This is arguably one of the most important videos I've made and would go a long way in getting normal, everyday blue collar, hard working democrats to realize what their party stands for, what they're voting for, and what the consequences will be. I suggest not only listening to it yourselves so you understand "what is socialism" but forwarding it to anybody who could stand to learn the same economic lesson.

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"Brave Millennials Investors"

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Yeah, good luck with that kids. Popularity and not earnings growth is always a good investment strategy. Just look at Krispy Kreme!

Episode #263 of The Clarey Podcast - Cappy's Unrelenting Anger Episode

July 27, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Democrats are Socialists.
Cappy's $10,000 plumbing repair and his eternal anger.
"Free Asshole Consulting Day" a Failure...thus far.
WRITE YOUR FUCKING E-MAILS. DO NOT RECORD THEM ON YOUR PHONE.
An Ex-feminist writes in - yes, they're miserable.

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Student Loans Causing Divorce

July 28, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Which is why you never marry anyone with student loans.

How much you want to bet whose student loans are the issue causing the divorce?

How Trump Hurts the Left the Most

July 30, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I didn't like Obama.

Any self respecting man or woman who worked for a living didn't because no producer appreciates a parasite. And that's what Obama was. He was a parasite.

I don't say that out of anger, hatred, or ideology, but the man's entire political career was all about taking money from those of us who worked and giving it to those who didn't. And you may not like the tone, the politics, or the insinuation, but in the end that WAS who Obama WAS. He was a man who advocated parasitism. He took money from producers and gave it to parasites. He was a socialist.

Naturally this angered me and millions of other working Americans. We have a moral right to our own labor and should not have to support the lazy, indifferent, consciously incompetent, or the evil. But while it angered us, it didn't drive us insane. This is a democracy after all and the parasites that particular election cycle outnumbered the producers. And unless we wanted to become dictators, we weren't going to throw out democracy because then by default we'd have tyranny. And thus, we sat, enduring a lazy man clamoring for our money for his constituents until the next election gave us Trump.

But now that we have Trump, mercy how the times have changed. Because while I thought those of us in the working class were upset with Obama and his lamprey constituents, I have never seen such hatred, anger, rage, and (above all else) obsession than the left has for Donald Trump.

Originally, I never thought the left could hate anybody more than George Bush Jr. You guys were INSANE with hatred for the man. Bush was to blame for everything, starting from the Dotcom Bubble to the fact Susie Johnson stood me up in the 8th grade. But then Trump comes along and you guys went apoplectic. And even apoplectic isn't a word strong enough to describe your insane hatred and obsession with the man. The word just

doesn't simply exist.

From CNN turning into the "24-7 Russia Show"
To SJW's floating a balloon of Trump in the UK
To full grown adults screaming in a street when he got elected
To women wearing pussy hats.
To the daily MILLIONS of human hours leftists rant against him on social media.

I have never seen such insanity or obsession in my life over one, single human being.

Which, in all honesty, is why I like Trump.

I haven't paid any attention to him or politics in the past 3 years. I personally find some of his positions and statements rather disgusting and off-putting. And I still don't trust him because he WAS a democrat merely a decade ago. But if there's one thing I love about Trump (aside from that fact he beat Hillary), it's that he wastes so much time, effort, energy, emotion, and consequently money of the left.

Admittedly, I can understand why the left doesn't like Trump. He's not a democrat. He's cutting taxes (and thus income) to the parasitic classes. He doesn't kowtow to the group-think brainwashing of diversity, tolerance, and anti-Americanism that defines the core of the democratic party today. He's a real man that doesn't care what you think or say about him. And accusations of "ists" and "isms" roll right off of him. He is an incredibly thorn in your side.

But whatever discomfort this man may be causing you politically, is it worth ruining your life over? This is a democracy. Your guy didn't win. And over the course of your life it is a guarantee sometimes the politicians want want are not going to be in office. So do you accept it and move on in your life, awaiting the next opportunity to put a new guy into office? Or do you throw an indescribable temper-tantrum for the next 4-8 years drastically lessening your life in the process? And here is the real problem the left faces with how they let Trump live their brains, 24-7, rent free.

Do you not have anything else in your life but politics?

Even though I loathed Obama, I had a grand time under his administrations. I rode my motorcycle all over North America including Alaska and Mexico. I worked hard and started a company that, though mockable, is successful. I made and met many great friends across the country. And even though he was a socialist shitbag who merely wanted my money to buy votes from lazy people, I didn't let his election ruin nearly a decade of my life because I had so much more to life than politics.

The same, sadly, cannot be said of the left.

Starting in kindergarten and running throughout college, nearly every one today, from Baby Boomers to Gen Z'ers have had an official religion installed in them just like a computer does Microsoft Windows. It's not an official or traditional religion like Judaism or Christianity, but it's a religion just the same - socialism. Oh sure, it may take different forms such as "feminism," "environmentalism," "social justice," or "veganism," but let us be very clear, it is socialism just the same. And while we can debate the morality of the state installing a mandatory religion upon its children (or even if the state did such a thing), all I ask is did the government, your parents, your teachers, or any other authority figures install *anything else into that brain of yours*?

Love?
Friendship?
Comradery?
Children? Family? Husband?
Philosophy?
Independent thought?
A career or profession THAT PAYS???
A passion for life?
The comprehension of finiteness?
Carpe Diem?
Fun?

Or is ALL you have your sad and pathetic politics?

Sadly, when it comes to most leftists, we know the answer.

The social justice warrior who spent 4 years earning a worthless degree in "social justice studies," is further endebted due to her "Masters in Social Work," and now "works" as a professional activist, constantly begging and pleading for hand outs and grant money.

The professor at the University of Suchandsuch who had so little else going on, she concluded the best use of her time and finite budget was to fly to Washington DC and wear a pink pussy hat.

The 38 year old NEET who still lives off of his parents, also beleaguered by now 20 year old student loans, who blames his loserdom on "Trump," but practices veganism so he can lord it over others.

Or the reluctant suburbanite parent who shirks his/her duties of parenting and instead brags about their Whole Foods-organic-fair-trade-free-trade credentials, while they force their children on an all-soy, no meat diet.

I could go on, but it's painfully apparent most leftists today have nothing BUT politics in

their lives. They have no family, no spouse, no children, no love, no passion, and even if they do, it ranks so far below their political-religion, it blinds them of the true blessings they have.

Alas, this is how Trump hurts the left the most.

If all you have in life is your politics, you have no life at all. But as it is with the normal whims and flows of any democracy, at times your religion is not going to be the one in office. So it is a guarantee that your entire value, your entire life, your entire purpose and meaning will be directly affected and threatened by whoever is elected that particular electoral cycle. And since you've nothing else going on in your life than what the state programmed you to have, ALL of your mental, psychological, physical, emotional and financial resources will be dedicated towards hating on that one guy. None of it will be spent enjoying life, living life, improving your life, or being happy.

This is not Trump's fault, but yours. In lacking the true independent thought and intellectual strength to reject the brainwashing you received in K-college, you allowed the schools, the government and the media to make politics the most important thing in your life. Politics now takes ahold of your life and controls your thoughts every minute of every day. From wasting hours a day making political posts on social media, to ignoring your family to excessively and obsessively participate in politics, to simply letting Trump live rent-free in your brain, you are now miserable, angry, hate-filled, and incapable of enjoying life.

If I had to estimate it, Trump has cumulatively lowered every leftists' life-expectancy by at least one year. He has certainly cost them a year in wasted labor, time, and energy. And if we were to consider social media and the MSM media, thousands of millennia in leftist hours have been thrown into the black hole of time, ne'er to be retrieved again. I would tell my left-leaning colleagues to "enjoy the decline," but that would presume they have a life outside of politics. So I guess instead you should just spend the next couple of hours on social media making posts as to how much you hate Trump. Never mind hitting the gym, falling in love, riding motorcycles, spending time with the children, buying your wife flowers, or giving your husband a blow job. CNN just came out with a new article about Russia and that HAS TO BE shared on Facebook.

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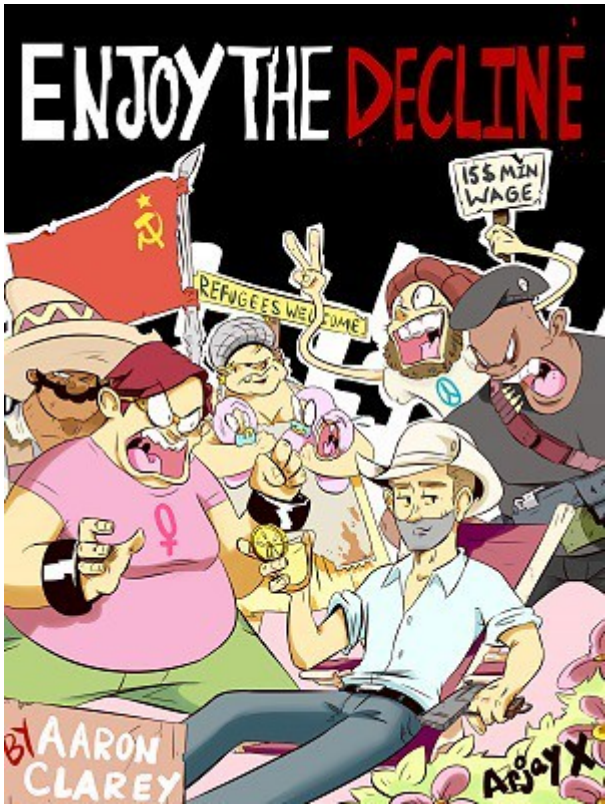
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Older Brother Podcast #12 - Why Nerds Don't Score with Chicks Episode

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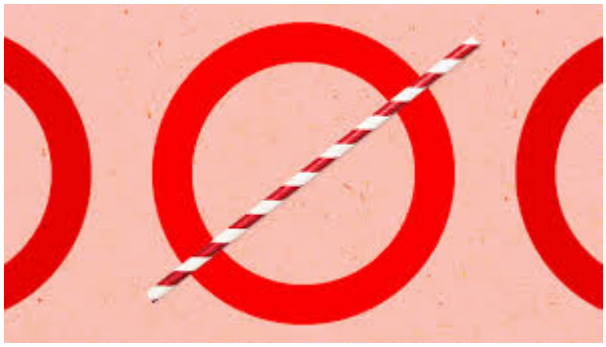

Employers always lie.
Leftists Banning Straws - Ruining Their Leftist Utopias.
How SJW's Control the Language to Punish You.
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The Biggest Feminist Lie Women Paid for with Their Lives

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Men Care About Your Career.
Big is Beautiful.
If You Make Your Own Money, Then What Do You Care That Men Make Less?

Aussies Find Their Balls

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For now at least. I'm sure they'll lose them over something equally pathetic in the near future.

Frank Cervi Spices Up Bachelor Pad Economics

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Frank Cervi of Frank Cervi fame put together a little eye candy touch up ad for Bachelor Pad Economics. Thought I'd share.

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Christian Women Worshiping Feminism Above Christ

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This is another example where I've found women (though Christians in general) abuse the religion to advance their own personal, selfish, and (in this case - delusional) aims. The level of delusion and selfishness is sickening. "Christ forgives my past, so too should a potential husband forgive my past." As if a man should be able to perform at the level of Christ, a common power-control tactic Christian women use on their men - holding their mortal performance up to a god.

I'll say it again boys, yes you will find more traditional women in religion. But the truly evil and manipulative ones also reside in the church.

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The Art of Atari

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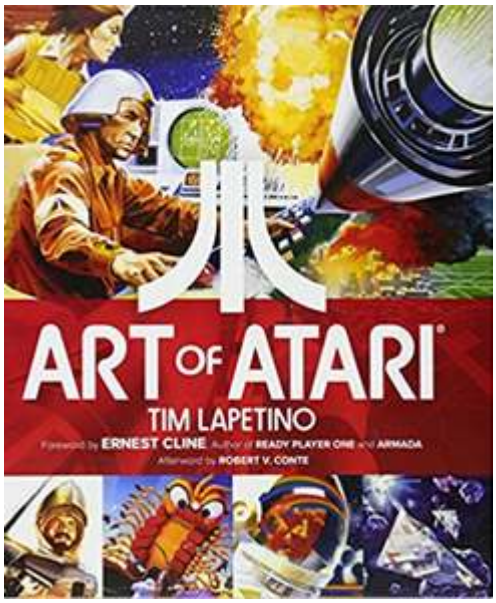
Oh hellz yeah!



We've Reached "Peak Vagina"

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I've told the story before but I shall tell it again, it was 1984. Me and my other 9 year old compatriots were at recess playing basketball. There had been a tiff between the boys and girls in that we didn't want to play basketball with the girls because they sucked at playing basketball. Mind you this didn't prevent them from playing basketball - they had an entire court to themselves. But we boys, on our own, with the modicum of free time we were allotted for recess did not want to spend OUR TIME playing with girls.

Then our teacher, Mrs. Koors thought she'd be clever.

We noticed the top five players were missing in recess. Normally they were the first to be picked for teams, so we were wondering where they had gone. And soon enough we found out.

They came out, Mrs. Koors having themdressed like girls, in wigs and skirts and summarily proceeded to kick our asses. This, according to the logic of Mrs. Koors, would teach us girls are equal and should be picked for basketball. In reality all it did was make us hate the loathesome woman more than we already did, make less inclined to play with girls...oh...and by the way...it did not change the fact the girls still sucked at basketball.

This event was merely one of thousands we would endure over the next several decades about women being equal and how we boys had to be punished for being boys. Nor was it the first one, as nearly every one of our 1980's parents with their 1960's politics constantly banged it into our heads that women were equal to men. Women could do everything men could do. Women this, women that, you should respect women. This cacophony would continue and increase in volume into high school, take a slight respite in college (as in the 90's it was an operational given men and women were equal), but

then get turned up to 14 in the 00's and 10's with the advent of social media.

Now, 40 years later, we have reached "peak vagina."

40 years of anything will lose it's value. And if you exponentially flood the market with it, it will lose its value even more quickly. This is basic economics. Ferrari's are incredibly expensive cars in part because they're expensive to manufacture, but also because they're rare. Prada hand bags are merely cheap material, but cheap material assembled in limited supply, driving their market value up. But damnit if I can't go 4 hours without some petty and whinny news article or media outlet constantly reminding me about the plight of women, "#meetoo," the wage gap, or some truly insignificant achievement by a woman celebrated as "brave" or "amazing." And while the proponents of feminism and women think this is helping advance their "cause," because of the law of economics, it is now actually hurting them. Not only because the market is flooded with vagina, but because its nature has been that of nagging and lecturing. And men (and some women) are getting mightily sick of it.

For example plagiarizing male movies and simply "adding vagina." Feminist Ghostbusters was a sad copy-cat version of the original, but more recently than that was Ocean's 8. Nobody I think begrudges you if you want to remake classics (because you lack the creativity to make originals), but what was truly off-putting was the nagging that followed about how "white male reviewers" were harming Ocean's 8 at the box office. And this for a movie that by all measures was a decently profitable and successful film.

Another example (which was the snowflake that caused this avalanche of an article), was a tweet I got in my twitter feed about Reese Witherspoon being "amazing" and "brave" in her upcoming Direct TV show "Shine On." It's a show that showcases female entrepreneurs.

Perfect.
Good.
Fine.

But not "brave" or "amazing" or "empowering."

The fact we take simple things women do and reward and praise them with euphemisms such as "brave" and "amazing" once again floods the market with those words to the point it means nothing.

Alas in 1944

"*Lieutenant Johnson and his men landed at Omaha Beach against several MG-42 emplacements, losing half his men. They were very brave*" meant something

vs.

today where

"*Amy Johnson started a GoFundMe to raise awareness about having a discussion about how student loans oppress women more than men. She's so brave!*" means absolutely nothing.

Worse, (and revisiting how constantly flooding the market with vagina results in a backlash to it) is only singing the praises for one of the sexes, while also subtly (and sometimes, not so subtly) accusing the other of being the problem, not only tunes them out, but breeds resentment, hatred, and potentially an actual bigotry that counters what you purported to originally want to achieve.

But perhaps what does the most damage to modern day women's causes is lying. The biggest lie of which is that women are constantly oppressed or somehow treated poorly in the western world, and therefore need all this praise, leg ups, handicaps, hashtags, pity, affirmative action, hiring preferences, and 4 decades of constant nagging and complaining. This isn't to say bad things don't happen to women, but western women are so spoiled the slightest to-be-expected-life-inconvenience is proof of oppression and needs to be addressed immediately. So much so, the movement has now gone from fighting against what could have been construed as genuine oppression to fighting reality, which is also to say "gone insane."

A guy who dares to caution a woman "don't walk down that alley at night, it's dangerous" is immediately and vehemently accused of "slut shamming" or "victim blaming." The logic and reason? Women should be able to go wherever they want, whenever they want, wearing whatever they want.

Being obese is no longer something to be ashamed of, but something to be celebrated. Never mind FACTUALLY men do not find it attractive. Never mind FACTUALLY obesity is bad for your health. Never mind (despite howls of not needing a man) these two items alone will guarantee a lesser life for women. According to "Peak Vagina" such factors are "patriarchy" or "oppression" and you dirty, dirty, sexist boys and your HARDWIRED biological programming to like svelte girls with big tits are to blame for it.

And perhaps my favorite lie - the wage gap. Men major in and study tougher, higher paying subjects. We also work more dangerous jobs. That is a fact. That is reality. The wage gap could have been closed long ago if feminists and women in general had the intellectual honesty and courage to accept this reality and put forth the same effort as men into their careers (it would've been so "brave."). But they didn't. They instead preferred to continue the decades-long nagging/complaining/whining route demanding crutches, handicaps, leg-ups and "mentor her" hashtags, none of which will actually close

the wage gap, but sure makes it a lot easier on women's careers.

This is perhaps the lie I loathe the most coming from the modern day women's movement because it exposes your true intentions. With enough indoctrination I can see why you would think "big is beautiful" or at least in theory you have a right to walk down dark alleys, in short skirts, and "should not" be assaulted or raped. I can also see with a constant and life-long environment, from kindergarten onto your 30's, where the entirety and totality of that environment is telling you you're oppressed and a victim, where you might non-maliciously actually believe those lies. But the wage gap, and women's PURPOSED AND CONSCIOUS decision to avoid the hard labors, studies, and toils that would close it BUT THEN STILL COMPLAIN ABOUT IT tells me you are consciously playing a victim game and have no intention or desire to be equal to men. The money making operation for most of the modern women's movement is to be a victim, thus requiring either a drastic lowering of standards for their employment and success, or outright financial hand outs be it scholarships for worthless degrees, government checks, or even creating entire make-work industries (non-profits, CSR, social work, academia, etc.) so women can pretend to be self-supporting adults (while men die in mines and gas explosions).

You're not fooling anyone. Well, perhaps yourselves and a contingent of younger men who are stuck in the Kindergarten-20's indoctrination system. Or young men who just want to get laid and will tell younger women whatever they want to hear. But what is truly undermining the women's movement today is overkill combined with pettiness. In the 1910's the absence of women's suffrage was a tangible, logical, even ethical consideration and concern for women. I'd even argue abortion in the 1960's was also a genuine concern and issue for women. But today, when your biggest problems are:

"White male reviewers" didn't like our movie as much
Women have more student loan debt...even though we go to college more
I don't make as much as an engineer (when your job description *ACTUALLY HAS "RAISE AWARENESS" IN IT!*)

or

"Blonde privilege"

do not tell me your oppressed, underprivileged, let alone need society to bend over backwards to make life even easier for you. You're spoiled, you're pampered, you're shielded from the majority of harshness of reality, and I don't need to hear your Peak Vagina nagging and whining 6 times a day from the MSM, colleges, academics, government, corporate CSR departments, or television. Put on your big girl pants, get a real job, spend less than you make, and truly "man up." It's what you've always wanted and nobody is stopping you from doing so.

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No? They won't?

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The Power of Asshole Consulting

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One thing I particularly love are people, who when they first hear about Asshole Consulting, mock and ridicule it. Usually doubters, leftists, or SJW's who have a natural dislike for honesty and truth. Sometimes adversaries who think I'm a fraud.

But let me tell you something.

Take all the teachers, guidance counselors, therapists, psychologists, social workers, or whatever other fake "professionals" are out there who claim they want to "change lives"

tally up all the lives they changed ***FOR THE BETTER***

and Asshole Consulting has ten times the amount of lives improved than all those industries combined.

Truth and reality are the only treatments for whatever problems ail you. Not lies or deceit. So when I receive a thank you letter like I did below, not only do I feel proud that I actually CHANGED A LIFE FOR THE BETTER (something teachers never experience), but I am supremely confident in Asshole Consulting and the truth are valuable services and commodities the world desperately needs.

"*Hello Aaron,*

I would like to first and foremost thank you for all the content that you release with your videos, books, etc. You have helped me a lot in my life. I would like to share with you my success story and if you want to share with the fellow asshole community you can. I'm emailing now because I just got offered a job after years of hard work. I got my undergrad in Biology/Pre-Physician Assistant from a local university. I graduated debt free. With some scholarships I was able to pay for PA school and also graduate DEBT FREE. I just now got offered a job for $102,000 at a hospital. I'm working only 36 hours a week with weekends off.... 3;12 hour shifts. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday shifts. So I will always have a 3 day weekend! Shift is 6:30am-7:00pm! This is a dream schedule of mine and I am fortunate enough to obtain it. I can work overtime if need be.

Anyway, I just wanted to motivate other listeners to kick ass and take names!!!! Work your ass off and enjoy what comes next! Only easier from here. I'm so glad I'm not a doctor working 80 hours a week or a nurse doing randomized shift work. PA is an amazing career and is by far the best medical profession.

I am 27 almost 28 years old... I took a gap year after high school to work and travel.

started university at 19, finished undergrad at 23... started PA school at 24.5 because I took another gap year to work in hospitals and did some more traveling.

Thank you Aaron for all your motivation!!! If it wasn't for you I would have pursued some worthless degree."

What If Women Were Supportive vs. Adversarial

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TJ Martinell of Cascadia fame had an interesting observation in his latest podcast about how what women would be like if they were supportive instead of adversarial as they are today. I've often said women have three choices, two of which are acceptable:

Support
Silence
Nag/criticize/obstruct

You can figure out which two are acceptable.

However, there is a lot more to whether women choose to support men or fight them, whether they are in a relationship or not. Do women support men socially by voting what is in the best interests of society? Do women support men in simply letting them be and be men? Do women support men in the case they are dating or married to them? Or do they insist on being a thorn in their side nearly every step of the way? And if it's the latter, what sociological, psychological, economic and political ramifications are their when there's an effective civil war between the sexes.

When I get more time I'll delve into it, but it's sad that TJ had to ask the question "What if women were supportive?" Alas, I guess that's a question nearly every generation since the WWII generation had to ask themselves in that as far as I can remember, it's been an "Us vs. Them" relationship instead of a Batman and Robin dynamic duo kicking ass and taking names.

For the 8 Millionth Fucking Time, THIS IS HOW YOU GET GIRLS!

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I'm getting mighty tired of answering this question at Asshole Consulting:

What's the Market Value of a Traditional Woman?

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And by "traditional" I mean an

employed,
kidless,
non-tattooed,
non-pierced,
non-obese, conservative or libertarian woman
who wants to support her future husband instead of nag him to death.

Your responses would be appreciated:

Mercy, Do the Millennials Hate the Boomers

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Just discovered a channel called BurgerKrieg and not only is this guy theatrical and very entertaining, man is he pissed at the boomers. And rightfully so. Will be binging on his channel in that I like to keep updated with what the kids are thinking nowadays;

The Older Brother Podcast #14 - Why We Don't Have Kids Episode

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A VERY interesting and philosophical podcast where Cappy and the Gang discuss:

Can humans tolerate unlimited wealth and limitlessness?
The theoretical limitlessness of being a gay man.
How broken families lead to people refusing to breed.
Why girls stand men up to the point they no longer trust women.
Fat black chicks with fake nails and weaves.

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The Rape Epidemic Continues

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but not the way leftists want it.

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ADHD founder claims it was bogus disease.
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Because abortion was just sooooo darn funny.

White Professors to Get Minority Female Handlers in UK Colleges

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If the number of worthless classes that have nothing to do with your degree isn't enough not to attend school....

And the ever increasing cost of tuition, to the point it doesn't make financial sense, isn't enough not to attend school...

Perhaps now knowing in the UK white male professors are being assigned minority female handlers in the left's never ending pursuit to destroy western civilization might make you think twice about the school and degree you choose.

Nahhhh, you kids need your "college experience" because you literally have nothing else in life.

Enjoy your Worthless degrees.

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"I Want to Work from Home"

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OK, cool. Then may I recommend applying for a job with one of our sponsors, Academic Composition?

Here is a message from Alex, the CEO. They're ramping up for the school year and if you have the penchant for writing or the patients for posting ads on Craigs list and whatnot, consider contacting him and letting him know Cappy sent you!

Thanks again to Aaron and all of his readers, this has been an incredibly productive summer for us! However, August is a slow month and many of our regular clients are now on break. Hence, we could definitely use more markets. Many of you have seen similar messages from us over the last few years and the deal is simple.

To get started, we'll need you to follow these basic instructions.

Set up a new Gmail account with your initials in the title of the email address
Edit the forwarding features to ensure that all incoming emails are re-directed to Aleksey.Bashtavenko@gmail.com
Use that new Gmail account to set up a craigslist account
Once you're done, contact us and we'll walk you through on how you can begin working. The short version is that we'll give you ads to post on social media and once you post them, people will respond to your messages. At the end of each week, we'll pay you $5 for each person who will respond. Most of our markets spend less than 15 minutes working for us each week and generate 4-5 leads per week. Hence, the compensatory rate is easily in excess of $60 per hour!

Please feel free to reach out to us any time and we look forward to hearing from you.

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47 Year Old Single Mom of Three

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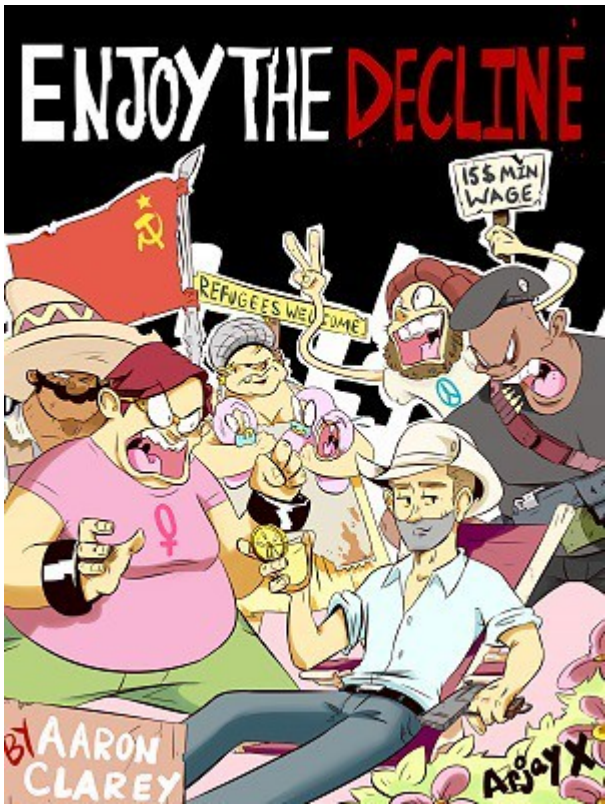
DEMANDS (not looking) DEMANDS a man who is:

preferably in the finance industry
to sire another child
who is independently wealth
and willing to travel internationally

This is the price you women pay for believing in the lies and propaganda known as feminism.

Oh well….



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I am a genius.

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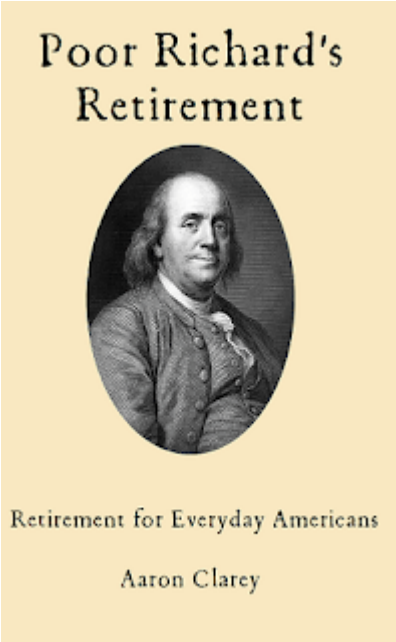

"Fur"-ternity Leave

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"Because fur-babies are just as important as real ones."

Enjoy the Decline people. Enjoy that freaking decline.

"Fur-ternity Leave" : The Age of the Gen X Spinsterhood is Upon Us

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Substituting pets for an actual human family and ACTUALLY BELIEVING IT TO BE YOUR REAL FAMILY is proof of mental illness and delusion. However, it is also a sign of somebody who is too lazy to put forth the effort to find a husband and raise children, yet has the ego and entitlement to have a "real family."

Yet, just because some companies placate your delusion to sell you "pet insurance" or pay you less as an employee, does not make your delusion real. The age of the Gen X Spinsterhood is upon us.

The Authoritative "How to Get Girls"

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Eliminating a Disease

Deep down inside, despite all my cynicism, nihilism, defeatism and indifference, a small piece of me idealistically yearns for one thing and one thing only - progress. Not necessarily in my own personal life, but in humanity for that is all we have. Whether we're alive today, or after we're gone tomorrow, humanity continues its march forward into eternity and I would (at least in theory) like its future to be better than its past.

The problem with progress is it just doesn't seem to stick. Matter of fact, people seem outright hostile towards it, commonly preferring to believe lies, often reacting violently against truth, damning us all to regress instead of progress. This then forces me to "let go" of my care for humanity, and often times turn against it, logically concluding that if I'm going to get punished for telling the truth, it's at least profitable to capitalize on humanity's addiction for lies and therefore, well, frankly... fuck progress. This is why the majority of my future work will be dedicated to selling lies to the naive masses, because not only do they NOT deserve progress, they deserve to be punished.
However, there is one bit of progress I am going to hold out for. One small morsel of good I hope to leave society before I die. And it is a bit of progress that like eradicating Small Pox or Polio can do the world a world of good. And that simple tidbit of progress is to get you boys to understand WHY you should stop chasing women.

There is already a library of work on this subject ranging from videos, articles, discussion forums, even books. Even in the embryonic days of the Red Pill community the phrase "stop putting pussy on the pedestal" identified the risks and costs associated with dedicating your entire life towards chasing girls. However, like Polio it's not so much the fact the disease hasn't been identified (it has), it's how few men are inoculated against it and just how poorly the vaccine has been distributed. Because for every guy who knows WHY you should not dedicate your entire life towards chasing girls, there's at least a thousand out there who don't, condemning them to waste their lives. So I implore you to read this article thoroughly, put in the effort to comprehend and understand it completely, forward it to any men who need it, and then you will not only learn why you should not chase women, but in an ironic sense how you can actually get them.

"HOW DO I GET DA GURLZ???"

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It is now nearly a monthly event I get the same damn, tiring request at my consultancy:

"*How do I get girls?*"

And nearly every time it comes from a man with very distinct and specific characteristics. First, he is 100% invariably some kind of STEM or IT professional. An engineer, a computer programmer, an accountant. He has worked hard, in a hard field, and is consequently gainfully employed and successful at his career.

Second, because of his choice in education he is consequently financially successful. None of my clients had any lingering student loans. None of them have any foolish debts. Most are making over six figures and most are sitting on six figures in cash and cash equivalents. Money is the least of their problems and they would make exceptional providers for any woman interested in dating them.

Third, they are methodical and logical *in all things.* Their career. Their finances. Their education. Everything. Any problem, hurdle, or challenge they approach in a logical and thoughtful manner. However, they also approach women and their romantic life in the same robotic manner. I had one client create an Excel spreadsheet model where he would record various variables and characteristics of women and run probability statistics on whether she'd would go out with him. I had another take stand up comedy to learn a routine (not to be "funny", BUT A GOD DAMNED ROUTINE) he could use to make women laugh. More than one wanted to know "statistically where the highest ratio of women to men were in large American towns." And another looked for the lowest divorce rates amongst various religions to find a quality woman (never mind whether he actually believed in the religion or not).

Fourth, most (but not all) were ugly and/or short. There were a smattering of well-built, very attractive young men who hit the gym regularly, but nearly 85% of the men were short and/or ugly.
Fifth, uncomfortable as it may be, a majority of them were Asian. Some were immigrants, others were domestics, but nearly all of them were Asian. And by "Asian" I do not necessarily mean the ethnicity, as much as I mean their culture. They could be raised in America, but by East Indian parents, under East Indian values. Or they could be fresh from the University of Shenzhen working their first job in the US. There were culturally Asian trying to unlock the algorithm of western dating and western women.

Finally, they were all at some level obsessed about women. This is somewhat understandable as nearly everything else in life was going their way. Only women remained. And it is also understandable in that all men are supposed to be obsessed about women at some level. But here their level of obsession was above the industrial average. If the American average male's obsession with women was an 8, these guys were turned up to a 12.

You combine all these traits and you may have the ingredients for success when it comes

to your career, your education, and your finances, but it is a DISASTER when it comes to chasing women and your dating life. First, most of these men are used to success and achieving what they set out to do. "Not being good with girls" could very well be the first time they failed at something in life. This only makes successful men want to try harder in that they're doubly obsessed with not failing. Second, their lesser physique and shortness does nothing to help them, making it nearly impossible they'll get a girl no matter how hard they try. Third, their cultural upbringing (Asian, nerd, or whatever) hands them a heavy social/romantic handicap as if their physique was not bad enough. But perhaps the death-blow is their methodical and logical nature. All problems, challenges, and hurdles in their pasts they've solved through math, engineering, programming or some other kind of logic. They always approach women the same way, as if solving their romantic problems was like solving a quadratic equation. This not only won't work, but condemns them to failure because women are humans, not robots nor algebraic formulae.

"We're All a Nerdy, Formulaic-Obsessed, Engineer, Asian a Little Bit"

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But before we pick on these men, let's admit we either currently are, or were, a little bit like them at one time. The question of "how to get girls" has plagued all of mankind since forever and we've still yet to arrive at an answer (cough cough...until now). It's only natural men would use their logical, statistical, and mathematical brains to help increase their chances of meeting women. Additionally Pick Up Artistry *does* hold some valid truths and lessons that can be learned and will increase your chances. And there's certainly nothing wrong with being a financially successful engineer, doctor, actuary or accountant.

The problem lies in misdiagnosing the problem as a 100% scientific one with no artistic component. We think the problem of "getting girls" can be solved logically, mathematically, and with concrete finite answers. We view the problem of courting women as a chemist does a formula. If I just hit the gym, and am above 6' tall, and earn 6 figures, and "neg them" then I can approach them using "game" and they'll give me a number, which I'll wait 4.39 days to text back, giving her exactly 36 hours to agree to meet me at a bar where I will only buy her alcoholics drinks. Failing to account for the artistic and human side of women damns nearly all of your pursuits to failure, and much, much, worse, a wasting of your precious and finite life. And if men started putting forth the effort to understanding this artistic component we'd all have a lot more success in "getting da gurlz"...and I would get to stop answering that damn infernal question.

You're a Bland Drink

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To understand this artistic component to the pursuit of women every young man needs to view himself as a bland drink. An empty hard drive. An empty canvas. This doesn't mean you have no value, nor that you don't bring anything to the table, but it is simply to say you are young, inexperienced, and thus pretty boring. You do not have the life experiences that makes you interesting, enables you to tell engaging stories, or tickle the fancies of women with charm, wit, interesting anecdotes, nor impressive life achievements. Yes, you may luckily stumble across a young 21 year old girl in college, inebriated to the point she'd go home with you. And yes, there's a chance you'll meet a nice 19 year old who is completely taken by your personality. But these are statistical oddities, not industry standards. The vast majority of women are looking for interesting men who stand out from the rest with their own record of accomplishments, achievements, and success. They are looking for a fine, aged scotch. A rare vintage of wine. Heck they're looking for a Jack and Coke. Not a glass of water.

So how does one become an interesting drink?

Simple, you don't waste your time chasing women and instead invest it in yourself.
The paradox male biology presents to every young man is that your primary goal is women, but chasing women does NOT improve your chances with them since it does not improve you as a man. There is nothing special about going to a night club. There is nothing special about painfully and awkwardly approaching a girl at a party. Merely pursuing women does not make you stand out from the literally billions of every other man out there who do that everyday. And for every second you're chasing a girl at a club, that's one less second you could spend on self-improvement.

This is why spending three hours at the gym is an infinitely better investment than three hours at a club.
This is why hitch-hiking across Asia for a month is better than taking some cockamamie PUA seminar packed with nerds.
This is why becoming a semi-pro fisherman, working at the CERN labs, or riding motorcycles across the world is better than "swiping left" on Tinder.

These life experiences are the ingredients by which you ultimately create the best version-drink of yourself. These life experiences are the flavors that make you an interesting man. And though you may not be every girls' cup of tea, you will certainly be more appealing than a mere glass of common water.

There is, however, a much more important reason to invest in self-improvement than merely chasing girls - yourself. Life is finite. You are going to die.

Do you want to be the balding, beer gut guy at the middle aged singles bar?
Or the world's most interesting man?
Do you want to be the washed up dude-bro attending divorced, Christian singles meetups at 50?
Or have a quality, reliable woman and perhaps family at 40?
Do you want to be the desperate man who mail-ordered his bride from Russia and gets divorced once she gets her green card?
Or do you want to be Indiana Jones pursuing archeology and having his students throw themselves at him?

The true cost of chasing after women at the expense of improving yourself is a life wasted. Everything you could have achieved had you committed those trillions of calories of energy into a doctorate degree, carpentry and trades, hiking and adventuring, or health and working out is gone when you put women as the number one priority in life. And the real kicker in the nuts is if *you had invested in yourself and become the best version of you you ever could, you would have gotten more high quality girls in the long run than you'd find in a thousand years gaming at night clubs*. You simply cannot afford to waste your time chasing women - your life *and success with women* depends on it.

Impatience, Cowardice, and Laziness

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Now you would think that like a vaccine for Polio or a cure for cancer there would be great rejoicing and celebration. We have ultimately unlocked the secret of women. We have finally figured out "how do I get da gurls?" Quite literally millions of men's lives both today and into the future will be saved and better-invested. And quite literally millions of men both today and into the future will get more women than they ever were going to had they not had this epiphany. However, here is where the analogy between using self-improvement to get girls and using a vaccine to cure a disease ends. Because whereas getting a vaccine is easy and simple, self-improvement is arduous and hard. And this is where the REAL problem in "getting da gurls" lays because most of you will fail on a combination of three fronts - Impatience, Cowardice, and Laziness.

The reason I keep getting this question, the reason the entire Red Pill community keeps going around in circles about "getting da gurlz," and the reason PUA's can continue to fleece you for the lie that women are solvable, algorithmic robots is because deep down inside most of you just plain don't want to put forth the work that is required in self-improvement. We have the answer. We have the key. We unlocked the secret. You just

don't want to go through with it.

First, you must be patient. The forgiveable paradox is that you are most interested in women when you're young and therefore have nothing really to offer women. Self-improvement takes time, at least a decade of hard, dedicated work, and when you throw on a college degree with its commensurate college debt most young men are working at a significant handicap against their more-experienced, financially better-off, 30 and 40 something peers. However, most young men are too impatient, incapable of the delayed gratification that is required to become an interesting drink, and are at some level going to waste significant amounts of time and resources chasing the girls, meeting the same fate many of our forefathers did throwing themselves at Omaha Beach. Again, this is forgiveable as every man has done this to some extent. But most fail by letting women dictate their entire lives instead of themselves.

Second, cowardice. While I understand your biological hard-wiring makes you impatient, I have absolutely no tolerance for cowardice and the "fear of rejection." Every man worth his salt has overcome his fear of rejection by courageously and indifferently asking out as many women as it took to build a callous, and therefore indifference, to rejection. Most real men I know laugh when a girl shoots him down because they are such an interesting drink they know that woman is losing out. However, no matter how many times I answer the question, "How do I get da Gurlz?," I know what lies at the core of my clients' and most men's preference to rely on a scientific methodologies to meet women is a cowardice of putting yourself out there and getting rejected. A fear of getting on the mat and sparring with your partner. A refusal to go out there and get your nose bloodied up. Alas, if you can't take a life-saving vaccine because you're afraid of needles, you're not going to "get da gurlz" if you're too much of a coward to face rejection.

And finally, laziness. Self-improvement is hard. It requires work and sacrifice in nearly all fronts of life. Educational, intellectual, career, physical, and financial. If you wish to be an exceptional man with exceptional chances of meeting exceptional girls, you need to put in an exceptional amount of work. STEM degrees, hard careers, a life-long commitment to working out, proper dieting, engaging hobbies, advancing your understanding of philosophy, frugality and good financial management. Nearly every aspect of your life must be geared towards excellence. The problem is most men don't want to put this level of work and effort into their lives. Most men already have this pre-existing expectation of how hard life will be. And when you throw in all the added, life-long requirements and responsibilities it will take to become an interesting man, the majority of men opt for video games and an easy life:

They hope their mom was right and that girls will like them for their personalities.
They hope being a leftist or male-feminist will get them laid.
They hope an over-priced luxury car they leased will make girls magically fall from the sky and land on their dick.

They hope Slicky McSlickerson's $5,000 *Advanced* PUA Course will "finally" unlock the secrets of women.

Anything to avoid the gym. Anything to avoid rigor. Anything to keep your sedentary life style.

The Real Question

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The real question facing men today is not "how do I get da gurlz?" It's "Are you willing to put forth the effort to become an interesting man and consequently get the girls?" I can understand just how daunting the requirements to become a real man and get the girls can be. I can see choosing more of a monk lifestyle where you focus on yourself and have a "women-worries-free" life. And I can sympathize with those of you who were lied to about how all you had to do was be a "nice guy" and girls would like you for your "personality." I merely ask for that modicum of progress I requested before. That we stop chasing this canard around that there is some magical short cut to getting women that does not require work and excellence on our part. And that if you are not willing to put forth that work and effort, to stop asking that damn infernal question, and accept your girl-less fate.

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A World Without White People

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South Africans will soon learn to ask the question;

"Whoa whoa whoa....wait!....Who's going to produce all the stuff?"

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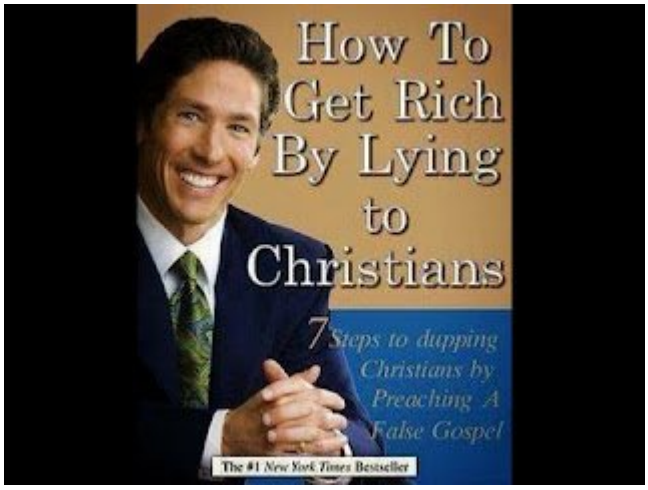

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Why You Should Lie.
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A Men's-Only Investment That Provides an ROI of Easily 1,000%

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A problem many of my clients face is that they would like to invest, but today's financial markets are overvalued. They don't want to earn "3%" on a bond. They don't want a 1.8% dividend yield on stocks. And property prices are now high enough that very few properties actually cash flow.

So what's a man to do?

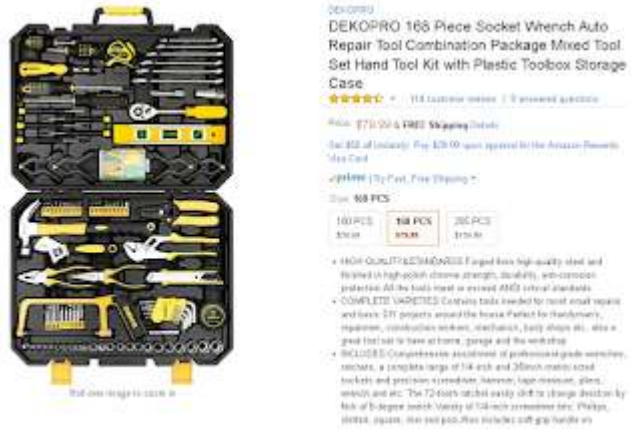
Well this is why I have had people focus inward on their personal lives and finances. Paying off your credit card is the exact same thing as investing, but pays you 14% and with no risk. Investing $1,000 worth of home repairs today will save you $3,000 in emergency crisis repairs tomorrow. Going back to school or perhaps getting an online certification may cost you $2,000 in tuition and fees, but it will increase your lifetime earnings by $250,000. Even doing the $300's worth of scheduled maintenance on your car can save you thousands in future towing costs and emergency repairs.

It may not be sexy or glamorous like investing in the stock market or crypto-currencies, but it's the ho-hum, boring doldrums of personal financial management that provide rates of return EASILY above 100%, 200%, even 500%. And over the course of your life, those savings add up.

But if there's one investment that provides the highest rate of return (aside from the book Worthless), it is a tool set.

Which tool set?

Well, for starters I'd recommend this one:



But any tool set that has enough socket wrenches, regular wrenches, and screw drivers that you can do some basic maintenance on your car or home will suffice.

The point is regardless of which tool set you get (unless it's a really crappy one) is that if you can manage just one minor car repair, three oil changes, a computer repair, or just one house repair, you've already earned the money back you spent on the tool set, which is a 100% rate of return. And any future repairs you can do in the future will continue to add to that return, which is once again, a LOT more than the .00004% you're earning on your savings account. Even more than what the stock market returns on an annual basis.

The only problem this investment has is that it's for men only. I wish women could invest in this investment, but despite great strides in trying to achieve equality for women, they're banned from doing their own auto repair, home repair, and computer repair. I wish it was different, but the oppressive, sexist patriarchy prevents women from getting underneath a car, buying oil, roofing, sheet rocking, mudding, taping, or rotating tires.

But don't worry. I think in the future, the day will come women will achieve TRUE equality to men. In the meantime if you'd be kind enough to make all your online purchases through my Amazon affiliate program, I sure would appreciate it.

"Self Made" Female Billionaires

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And by "self made" we mean "seed capital and a shitton of daddy's/hubby's help in starting, founding, or financing a trophy wife's company."

Battlefield "V agina" - Ruining Fun With Politics

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The short version is this:

Electronic Arts releases the trailer for "Battlefield V" a sequel to a long-running series of war FPS games.

The trailer gets horrific reviews because of the blatant politics where there is a handicapped woman on the cover of the game, who also happens to be the hero of the game. Never mind women were scarcely present on the battlefields of WWII, never mind it alienated your customer base, Battlefield "V agina" will be shoved down your throats.

Electronic Arts doubles down saying that "women heroes are here to stay"because they think lying about history and virtue signaling will get more female players and boost sales. Alan Kertz, a lead designer (I believe) of the game, triples down saying that his daughter's desire to play a WWII female soldier is more important than...well... anything else...including the $100 million MINIMUM it took to develop it and another $100 million I estimate to market it.

And if you were still hoping that you would not be lectured by gender politics in one of the few havens of fun left in your life, EA QUADRUPLES down with one of their executives, Patrick Soderlund, who said "Accept it or Dont buy the game." Since then Mr. Soderlund has left EA.

Naturally when you ignore the demands of your customers and put politics ahead of profits, it tends to take a toll on your sales and your stock price.

But do not fear my fine fellow EA shareholder. EA's corporate executives and managerial staff will never give up their precious politics and no amount of your profit can convince them otherwise. This is the new marketing strategy. This is the new point and purpose of going into business. This is the new paradigm. Politics must come before profits.

However, let the Ole Captain provide you a little bit of free consulting which he normally doesn't do.

I don't know if the people at Dice (EA's subsidiary in charge of Battlefield V agina) are too busy avoiding no go zones in Sweden (they're Swedish) as they ~~bend over~~ bow down to the altar of diversity, but perhaps they missed a couple other attempts at forcing politics in with people's fun.

Feminist Ghostbusters was (in case you didn't know Kertz) a flop.

Solo, which was actually a good movie, also flopped in part because of flooding the market with Star Wars movies, but also in part because of identity politics.

And if movies are too far removed, perhaps people remember Mass Effect Andromeda where the characters were made purposely ugly to appease an SJW minority. I remember when it was launched and it was a debacle, but the interwebz has kept ultimate sales obscure, which leads me to believe final sales were a disappointment.

I could go on, but my point ironically is not political. It's logical. It's simple. It's ethical. It's even childish.

PEOPLE DON'T LIKE HAVING POLITICS FORCED INTO THEIR FUN, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN!

When I was a kid I remember getting gifts on Christmas that were about Christ and Christianity. They sucked because religion (which is not fun) was forced into, and thus ruined, my fun.

The past two years football fans, who bust their asses off during the week, and just want to sit down and enjoy a good football game on Sunday, have to have Colin Kapernic's dick shoved down their throats while he and his dipshit brigade of ungrateful millionaires claim they're oppressed and take a knee during the national anthem. This forces politics in people's much-coveted fun, and the NFL has paid a dear price.

And if these examples don't paint a clear enough picture for you, perhaps imagining pouring yourself one of your favorite finest scotches after a long hard week...no...YEAR of working on some major project. And right before I serve it to you I drop a big old turd into it and make you smell it.

Now I know you Swedish developers at Dice and you corporate executives in EA have been completely indoctrinated in school and college to think everything in your life has to have a political element to it. I know every corporation in the western world simply can't make a good product at a good price, they have to virtue-signal to the rest of the world just how leftist-socialist-green-utopia-diversity-vagina-for-the-poor-transgendered-unicorn you all are. And I know, quite literally, your entire lives have been in an echo-chamber that you forgot what it's like to be a child and just want to have fun, BUT....

the rest of us in the real world haven't.

And we don't like politics forced into our fun.

The real issue is whether you guys are going to be employees for a corporation, of which you are going to work hard to put forth a product people want, making us happy, making your employer money, and making yourselves a successful career?

OR

Are you going to become ideologues or SJW's, forcing your politics into everybody's fun? And if you choose the later then realize that not only are you tyrants, but you're also dicks because there's no more of a dick move than ruining other people's fun.

Again, just my free advice, but I'd kindly suggest you take your turds out of my drinks.

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The Clarey Podcast Episode #266 - Black Dynamite Episode

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Solo was a damn fine movie.
Black Dynamite is a GREAT Cartoon.
Chad Elkins' Film Noir Accountant Office.
And more rambling.

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How Safe is It Living Amongs Seattle's Homeless and Leftists?

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Dr. Perrodin, if you didn't know, is a safety expert. And when I say that I don't mean that lightly. He is very likely the country's foremost authority on safety and has consulted everything from sheriff's departments to elementary schools. However, this interview he talks to John Steele who escaped New York only to settle down and now is being forced to escape Seattle. The homeless, the drug addicts, the taxes, and the feral leftists is making what was once a nice town a failed leftist municipal state where no self respective or productive person should ever live.

Certainly tune in if you were ever considering moving out to the Pacific Northwest.

Feminism is Socialism

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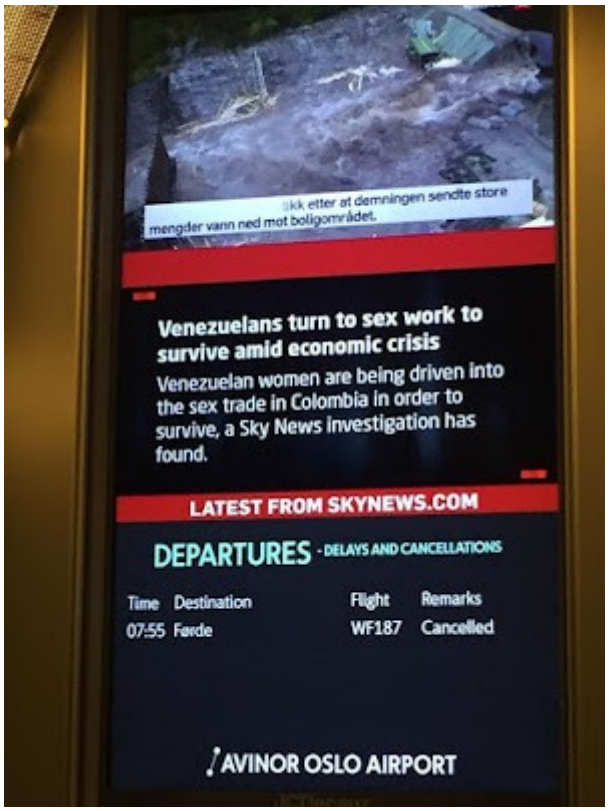
And they two could not deserve each other more:



The NYT is Late to the Party…Again

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I know journalism majors are some of the dumbest majors out there, but you guys are supposed to be the nervous system that alerts the public to problems BEFORE they become crises, not after.

If only somebody had been around 8 years ago to warn people about the higher education bubble…oh wait.

The Lies I Wish to Sell

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As many of you know in the future I will be transitioning from trying to help society by telling them the truth, and instead feasting on them by selling them crippling, destructive lies they want to pay for. This doesn't mean Asshole Consulting or regular, moral, ethical books will no longer be part of my content creation, but a significant amount of my time will be spent writing books of lies, clandestinely and anonymously of course. You won't know it's me. My signature calling card will be (hopefully) millions of sheeple's lives ruined, much like what Oprah did to Baby Boomer women.

But if you want to get an idea of what I have in mind, take a look at this. I know it's the Daily Mail and they are a tabloid, but if just half the stuff in the is true, and the price (225 pounds) is accurate, there is SOOOOOO much money to be made in lies.

The Father Could Not be Reached for Comment

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Normally it's not feeding their infants protein that kills the kid because they're vegan.

This time it's worshiping at the altar of alternative genders that don't exist for 9 year olds and absent fathers.

What's worse is the mother just doesn't seem sad to see her kid dead, almost happy because of all the attention.

How Worthless Degrees Ruin Lives

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This request from Asshole Consulting was a good one because it shows how majoring in a worthless subject can ruin your life. However, what was really sad was how this girl's family completely failed her, even pushed her into wasting 6 years on a worthless masters degree, consequently ruining her future finances forever.

With school starting soon, may I recommend as a parting gift to any college bound student, the book "Worthless." If you listen to the video above, if that girl spent $12 on the book she would have saved herself 6 years of her life and $120,000 in student debt. And let's not forget the life-long interest she's going to pay on that debt because her degree is not only worthless, but cripples her from putting for the work that will be necessary to free her from that debt.

Older Brother Podcast #16 - The Social Media Bubble Bursting Episode

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The Social Media Bubble May Burst.
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Your Gender and Skin Color Have No Value

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I try to stay in the real world. It may not be nice but the rules are known and it is merocratic. Typically if I work hard, I am rewarded hard. I'm fully aware that things aren't always fair. I am aware of the existence of luck and chance (both good and bad). And I do not blame anybody but myself when I make mistakes or make successes. But the best thing about living in the real world is it is sane. It may not always go my way, but at least I understand WHY things are happening. And by following this "real world political ideology" it confers upon me sweet and blessed sanity.

But then I got a peek into the world of academia. A world where gravity does not pull down. Your chromosomes do not determine your sex. Being lazy should be rewarded. And nearly all of its participants have NEVER set a toe in the real world. There's many a-strange things going on there, and the participants in academia are suffering from their insanity. But one of the stranger things my buddy told me about in academia was a veritable and actual "hierarchy" among the liberal arts departments where the more disabilities you had, the higher ranked you were.

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the concept of this "Professional Whiners Arms Race."

A white male who is straight is the lowest ranked member in this world.
You get a leg up if you happen to be female.
You get another point if you're not straight.
You get another promotion in if you're not white.
You get an extra added bonus if that race is black.
Yet another point if you're neither straight, nor gay, but one of the 40 imaginary genders

that's been made up in the past 2 years.
Another point if you're physically disabled.
And another point if you're mentally disabled.
And if you can pull off all 8 of the above, you can add the cherry on the top of simply not being Christian.

And though most of us in the real laugh at this veritable bigotry, hatred, and insanity, the participants in academia take it VERY seriously.

You LITERALLY DO have more clout, more cache if you're a lesbian black woman who's disabled, than if you're a Latina straight woman (no matter how great your communist credentials).

You LITERALLY DO have more pull and value in the organization if you're a phlebosexual female Zoroastrian, than if you are phlebosexual MALE Zoroastrian.

As long as you can prove you are more of a mental, faux-disadvantaged nut case than the other guy...sorry...gal...sorry...zher, you will get preferential treatment in terms of hiring, made-work jobs, professional status, social standing, and, ideally, money.

But there is a message I would like to pass on into the world of academia. The world of education. The world of the media. And any other insane world where people's gender, skin color, who they want to fuck, and what they identify as is viewed as being meritorious and valuable.

Traits don't have value.

I'm going to say it again, in case you didn't get it the first time.

Traits, including yours', have no value.

And the reason traits have no value is two fold.

First, traits produce nothing of value. Me being white, my buddy Richard being black, and my friend Kari being female produces nothing and offers nothing of value to anybody. However, my buddy Kahn (gay) DOES produce something of value for society. Not because he prefers to suck dick over bang pussy, but because he's an architect. He builds beautiful (and safe) buildings that will house people, house businesses, provide something aesthetically pleasing for the public to look at, and save some money for the owner in energy efficiency.

I produce value in authoring a suite of books that, for what meager price I charge, will save you easily 100's of thousands of dollars in the future, not to mention decades of

your life. This is regardless of me being white or liking girls with big titties.

And then there's my buddy Atham. You in academia may be masturbating to the fact he's Mexican, and certainly you would give him more scholarship money and job offers than his white, straight counterpart. But him simply being Mexican does not offer society anything of value. He DOES however produce value in that he is a window washer and an engineering major. He in all truth and reality produces more value in a single hour washing windows than all of the humanities and liberal arts professors do in their entire "careers."

The real issue to understand with value is that it's a lot like beauty - it is not unto yourself. It requires the acknowledgement and demand of other people. You can't simply say "I'm beautiful" because it is other people (namely the opposite sex) that determine whether you are or not. And "value" is the same thing. Until you produce something of value that other people want, you are by all technical definitions a worthless human.

Second, you do nothing to earn your traits. You're born with them. Or perhaps you choose them. But not one person in the world of academia's Disability Oppression Arms Race Industry has expended a calorie of energy "earning" their coveted traits. They were simply born with them or lazily chose them.

Good for you. Your dad was black. Your mom was black. They fucked. And you came out.
No value.

Good for you. You hate religion. You're from a poor family. You're a lesbian. And you got a really neato tattoo to signify what it means to you.
No value.

Good for you. You're a straight white male...BUT...you have the ADHDHDAspergerAustism-itis AND you can't shut up about being an atheist?
No value.

All of you lack the work, toil, challenge and effort it takes to actually ACCOMPLISH something. To achieve something of greatness or just tangible worth. And while you think you're being clever substituting your effortless traits in for hardship, toil, labor, and effort, it is in eschewing those things you deny yourself the galvanizing experiences that forge great people. You don't start a business. You don't employ people. You do not pick fruit. You don't even babysit. You mentally masturbate over your traits (both real and imagined) because actually accomplishing something is too hard. And thus you waste your life as an unmentionable and unaccomplished person.

What's really going on here is clear as day to anybody who isn't a low IQ moron or conformist. You're all too lazy to work jobs. You're all too sad and pathetic to carry your

own weight. But you can't very well come out and say, "we want the rest of you people to be our slaves so we don't have to work real jobs." And so you make way for academia where the canard that "college students and college professors are smart" protects you from the non-critical-thinking person's eye. American sheep vote in "more money for education" because you "just can't put a price on education" and you financially rape young American students of their tuition money for completely worthless and bogus degrees. Even more vile you create and concoct entirely new and fabricated traits so even more people can get into the racket (it is no coincidence 435 genders and I would also contend ADHD, Autism, Aspergers, etc. were created so spoiled white kids from the suburbs could also play the victim game). But the worst thing you do is cowardly hide your laziness and parasitism behind your traits, accusing anybody who accuses you of being a fraud an "ist" or an "ism." Lucky for you most people are just too stupid too see through this Professional Victim Whoring, and those that do are often times too tempted by the easy work-avoidant life of being a professional victim whore themselves.

I am completely confident that the future will entail even more academics, students, and other work-fearing people. I have no doubt academia will continue strong as you continue to endebt poor kids up to $150,000 for a degree in "Transgendered African Disabled Poetry" or convince Tanner "The SWPL" Swanson that he has social anxiety disorder, is disabled and is thus entitled to other people's money. The sweet lie of a work-free life is very tempting and most Americans are too lazy and stupid to refuse it.

But there is a cost and it was what I referenced before. Sanity.

To keep up the lie, especially in academia, not only do you have to spend an inordinate amount of time making it look like a profession, what microcosmic bits of genuine thought or intelligence have to be stretched out over a 4, 6 or 8 year degree. Worse, if you wish to continue in academia, your thesis and "research" has to be on something new. It's hard enough to write a thesis and do research, but it's impossible to do so on a topic of true nothingness. Alas, if you read any syllabus or course description of any humanities or social science class it is a painfully verbose and euphemistic explanation of absolutely nothing.

But where the professional victim academic whores really drive themselves insane is where their fear of work is so strong, and their desire to be validated unsatiable, they will actually live the lie to the point of brain damage and insanity. The Seattle councilman who actually thought sidewalk sprayers were "racist." A 9 year old who thinks he's gay. Professors who want genocide. And an increasing number of professional victims who purposely make themselves ugly and mutilate themselves. What minuscule, short, finite blip of life they had on the planet is not only a wasted one, but a tortured one.

There are all people of all colors who work hard and produce something of value.
There are all people of all genders who produce great works and will leave society better

off when the first arrived.
And there are all people of all mental states who raise good families, have good careers, and have good lives.

But none of them for once thought their traits were of something of value or the reason for it.

Only the Professional Victim Whores of Academia and the fools that believe them think that. And they pay a very dear price.

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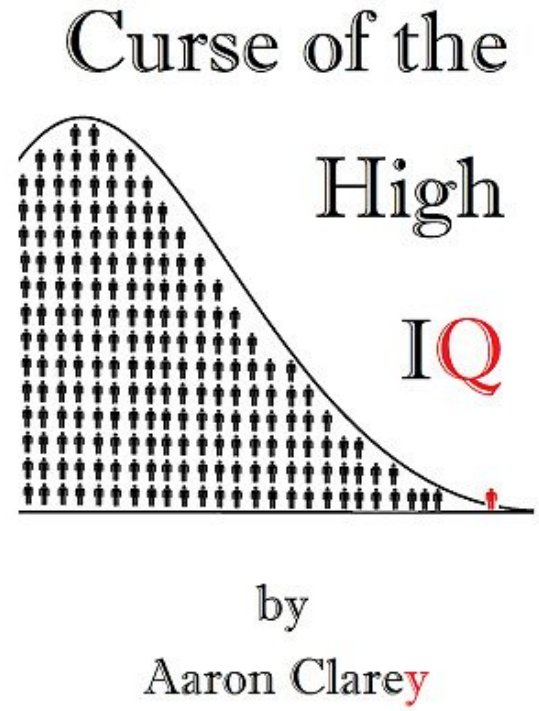

Bitcoin Should Be Part of Everybody's Investment Portfolio

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This, this, and even more, this.

Whatever your reservations about cryptocurrency, the technology does exist now that you can send the lion's share of your wealth overseas to a more stable country should your country become volatile and your currency crash. Just think about white South African Farmers and what a tool this is to them.

Admittedly, it's not everyday your government tries to confiscate currency or implement currency controls on your country, but there's a chance, and thus why cryptocurrencies play more of a role like insurance than it does speculation or commodities.

You don't need a lot. You just need some, much like I recommend every person should have 200 ounces of silver. The only problem is just what an infernal pain in the ass it is to buy and sell bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies.

Still, a lot less calories of energy than it would be if you had to rebuild your entire life time wealth.

On a related note - I also said this years ago, but went even further saying paying off debt should be a qualified "contribution" to your 401k or IRA.

The Podcast Substitute

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Cappy was busy fighting scorpions again, not to mention installing a new water heater, repairing a washer, and a ton of other stuff that escapes his taxed mind right now. He also got deluged with requests for Asshole Consulting, some of which he deemed worthy enough for a post.

"What's a Studly Asian Gotta Do to Get a Date Around Here!!!?"
"Should I Marry My Communist Girlfriend...Or Just Live With Her?"
"How to Get Politics Out of Your Life"

Upon returning to the Northern Command, Cappy will hope on his motorcycle and immediately head to South Dakota for a bit of R&R. There is an outside chance Cappy will podcast during his walk to the bus tomorrow though.

Episode #267 - Walking to the Bus Special

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You're getting one link because I'm at the airport and trying to fly back home, only to turn around and hop on my bike and drive out to South Dakota tomorrow. Cappy is really beat, so there may be aday or two without posts. May also have a guest host for the Older Brother Podcast this Tuesday.

Buy, Consume, Spend

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Cappy is on the road the next couple of days. Since it's Labor Day weekend, help the Captain out by doing some of your online shopping via his Amazon Affliate program.

Corporate America Keeps Mixing Politics With Marketing

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Burger King decided to talk about "The Pink Tax"

And now Nike has Colin Kapernick as it's figure head for its latest commercial.

The results were to be expected.

The Vacation That Has Gone to the Dogs

September 5, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy is adventuring in South Dakota. Posts may or may not be forth coming depending on how much free time Cappy has. Also, there has been an unusually high number of requests at Asshole Consulting which has taken the lion's share of Cappy's time. So much so there hasn't even been one hike (though it has been in the 50's the entire time here). In the meantime I have made some new friends in South Dakota. Enjoy the pics:

Cappys South Dakotan Dog Adventure Continues

September 6, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Continuing not to work and not produce one iota of GDP. Currently enjoying a cigar now as I upload these pictures.

No, Your Child is Not Going to Culinary School

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I had a request at Asshole Consulting, the comments section of which had an actual chef chime in and (once again) confirm the Ole Captain was right.

I thought this would be of value for any of you or your children who are contemplating attending culinary school. And remember, if you love your children...heck...if you love yourself you will buy and read the book "Worthless" before you fools continue to propagate this higher education disaster.

Professional Chef here.

I'll be even more succinct than Clarey.

Your daughter sucks balls. What I mean is, 11 times out of 9 she will be an extremely mediocre student, like most girls are, who will pay WAY too much money for the eventual dog shit job she will get. Skewering cherry tomatoes for some lame as catering company for $12/hr. Most of my graduating class are not cooking anymore, they're fucking selling life insurance, working retail, answering phones, or got knocked up four seconds after graduation. That should tell you something.

The market is oversaturated with mediocre people with mediocre talent, ideas, and contributions. Your daughter won't change that anytime soon. Customers are fucking stupid. Nuke every food show on tv, THEN think about opening a restaurant because food network et al have fucking RUINED this industry. They want Iron Chef, for Dollar Menu prices.

Anthony Bourdain was a mediocre line cook and a junkie, stop worshipping him. Good fucking riddance. SINGLE. WORST. RECRUITER. EVER. The amount of lives i've seen ruined because people wanted to be this guy... Went out like a 10 time junkie should too! Should've bet money on it! Everything you see on tv is bullshit. Even the super high production value shit with the slow motion capture, and people discussing their philosophies... it's all bs and not worth the pathetic pay.

If your stubborn child and you aren't convinced... If you still want to go to school (like a dumbass) Read lots of cookbooks, preferably old ones, written by people who don't have tv shows. Then get the expensive ones, all the french and spanish dudes, Ducasse, Robuchon Torreblanca, Suas, Boulud, Migoya, Leroux, JF Piege, Anne Sophie Pic, etc . Find the cheapest school you can find. (I'd divulge where I went but I'd dox the fuck out of myself It wasn't LCB) but it was pretty cheap. Take full advantage of the facilities. First one in, last one to leave. Volunteer for every fucking thing that comes up, dinners,

parties, catering, do it all! Cook at home. Not BS, like my classmates did, cook the shit you make in class. Then read more cookbooks.

Cappy's Turtle Fossil Badlands Adventure

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Went to Badlands National Park. Rode the bike to Sheep's Mountain Table. Then went exploring and found what I am reasonably sure are 3 turtle fossils.

I've Never Seen a Pothead Run a Profitable Company

September 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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And I still haven't seen one yet.

Life Expectancy of Aspiring Rap Artists

September 8, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Ain't that long apparently.

Americans Who Let Their Pets Shit and Piss in the House

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After finding out his allergies were reacting to a previous tenant who let her cat piss in the house, Cappy loses it and ties Americans who let their pets shit and piss in the house to the demise of Western Civilization:

Add to Your Mandatory Man List

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A trickle charger.

I'm sure there are higher quality trickle chargers if you want to shop around on my Amazon Affiliate program, but these are the ones I ordered because my old one died. Regardless, shop away.

More Adventuring, More Not Working

September 10, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy continues his avoidance of work A regular work schedule will not be forth coming for a while.

Amazon Bans Roosh

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Apparently Amazon has banned all of Roosh's books.

You can see Roosh' explanation here.

Obviously this is an assault on free speech by socialists and SJW's. It also disgusts me that this is the modern day version of banning and burning books. I suggest you contact your Republican pussy congressmen, who likely won't do anything, but it's now time to put their feet to the fire because I cannot see any other solution. Given time I might come up with one, but in the meantime it looks like every voice that is not approved by the social justice warrior left that populates the social tech media monopoly will be banned in time.

Getting Women to Conform to Traditionalism vs. Materialism and Socialism

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It is not possible. But try as you might:

Older Brother Podcast #17 - Jarvis the Farting Dog Episode

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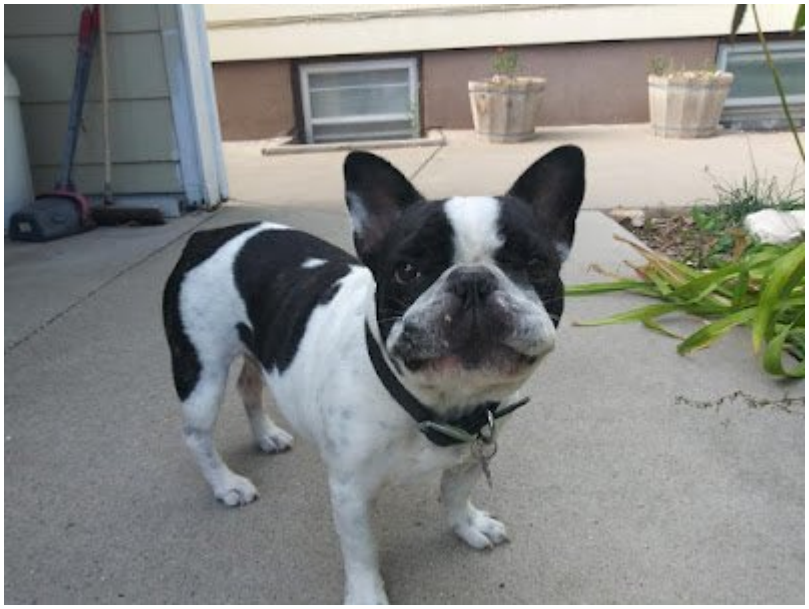

Cappy's Dream House in Rapid City...or not.
Is there another housing bubble?
Jarvis the Farting Dog.
Cappy's dancing tactics.
Amazon Bans Roosh. Call your congressmen.
Redpill vs Manosphere connotation.

AND MORE in THIS EPISODE of The Older Brother Podcast.

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Norm MacDonald Again Proves Why You Never Apologize

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Never apologize. never ever ever.

Reason 56,903 Subsection 45.d Not to Conduct Business in California

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What's great is how much you want to bet these hipster barbers voted democrat?

Bryan Tucker is My Hero

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I'm not joking, this man is my hero. If I ever meet him I want his autograph and I'm buying him a beer. He found a way to:

1. Control other people's children.
2. Legally and without having to physically intervene.
3. Piss off the poor parents who failed to raise their kids properly.

AND (this is key)

4. Have a zero fucks given look because he truly gives zero fucks.

Good to stand up to the shitty parents who think their kids can do no wrong.

We Know Who the Real Enemy is Here

September 13, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The supra-state of the EU violating individual countries' right to sovereignty.

Are You Too Stupid to Go to College?

September 14, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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If you're majoring in the liberal arts, then yes, yes you are.

Episode #268 of The Clarey Podcast - "$70,000 Isn't a Liveable Wage for Teachers" Episode

September 15, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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IF YOU'RE NOT PAID ENOUGH WHY ARE NONE OF YOU MISSING ANY MEALS???!!!!

Hustle is what separates the boys from men.
Cappy prepares to leave Minnesota.
Vacation...sort of.
Plumbing problems.
Teachers think $70,000 isn't a liveable wage.
$1,000 college textbooks.
Democrats will go back 25 years to get dirt on you.
Why Minnesotans loathe themselves.

AND MORE!!!

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The Manlinest Thing I Saw This Week

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You will purchase this.
You will obey.
Conformance is not optional.
Compliance is mandatory.
You WILL buy this cigar holding scotch glass and be WAY more cooler than any "man" that does not own one, because, well...duh, you're practically a girl if you don't own one of these.

In the meantime if you have any online shopping to do, I would very much appreciate it if you'd shop via my Amazon program.

Cappy is Looking to Hire a Model

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Like artists, it's damn near impossible to find a model (of reasonable looks) to show up on time, do what you ask of them, and in short be a generally competent person. The prettier a girl is the less reliable and responsible she has to be because men will forgive them because they want to sleep with them, and women will forgive them because they want to be them.

Unfortunately, my online media empire is in dire need of a RESPONSIBLE, PROFESSIONAL model who can show up on time, get back to me in a timely matter, and (quite frankly) read. It is a paid gig, and so I thought I might advertise this position to my audience because the handful of women readers/followers we have I know are at least RELIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE and may want to make some cash on the side.

Therefore if you happen to be a Cappy Cappite of the female persuasion
are pretty
are reliable
OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS

e-mail the ole Captain at CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

many thanks,

Cappy

Fortnite Causing 5% of Divorces in the UK

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If you are that bad or overweight of a wife that your husband would rather play video games, then it's not the video game that is causing the divorce.

Why Artists are Poor

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How the Government Outsourced Socialism - Part 1 - The Finances

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One of the rare times I was listening to Barack Obama he said something I will never forget. He said that he and the democrat party were not trying to install some socialist regime where they were going to take over the means of production, but were going to redistribute the profits more charitably to make things fairer. Though I was ideologically opposed to Barack Obama, I believed him. I did not think he and the democrats were going to take over the means of production, nor did I believe they wanted to install a truly socialist state.

Add to that this video put out by a young Brit named "Burgerkrieg." In it he makes the very nuanced, but important distinction between "socialist" countries such as Sweden and Norway vs. "**SOCIALIST**" countries such as Venezuela, North Korea, and the USSR. The main distinction being that the modern "socialist" European countries of Scandinavia do not have the government owning the means of production, whereas nearly every truly communist country in history did.

But in the minutiae, use, and semantics of the word "socialist" is a very important point to be made. And both Barack Obama and Burgerkrieg hit on it, albeit unconsciously. Because if you think about it you'll soon realize that the government, consciously or not, has effectively outsourced socialism to the private sector.

And this is a very bad thing indeed.

The Government Sucks at...Well...Everything

The first thing that needs to be understood is the fact that the government nearly sucks at everything. It can wage wars pretty well. It can pay private companies to build roads.

It can put up a legal system better than private hands can. But beyond that it pretty much sucks at everything. And the proof is irrefutable.

When the government is truly communist and owns the means of production it fails. The Soviet Union, North Korea, Venezuela, Cuba - when hard core socialist countries take over EVERYTHING and eliminate private property you are almost guaranteed to have:

empty shelves,
shortages,
shorter life expectancies,
tyranny,
gulags,
slave camps,
and millions dying of starvation
...or bullets.

Even if you have democratically elected socialist governments (like modern day Scandinavia, France, Italy, etc.) they may not have been dictatorships, but they STILL sucked at owning and managing the means of production. Most European governments owned their banking, airline, oil, automotive, and other industries during the 60's, 70's, and 80's and ran them nearly almost always at a loss, requiring perpetual taxpayer bailouts and infusions of cash. It wasn't until most of Europe went on a de-nationalization program where they sold/privatized these companies were they forced to compete in the real world and become profitable (or go bankrupt). And even then some countries' governments either maintained a large shareholder positions in these firms or still outright own the companies to this day (for example PEMEX is still owned by the Mexican government). The point is that even the democratically elected socialist governments of Europe knew the government was bad at nearly everything and decided it would be in the best interests of their countries to sell these industries to the people and let the private sector manage them, resulting in better quality goods at lower prices.

But the state would not relinquish their ownership without a price.

Enter in corporate taxes.

Until Donald Trump lowered the US corporate tax rate, US corporations would have to fork over 40% of their earnings to the state, federal, and (sometimes) local governments. It stands on average at 26% now, but even in "capitalist America" the government was a 40% shareholder of every corporation.

This pales in comparison though to the United Arab Emirates which is an effective 55% shareholder of all corporations within its land. Of course it doesn't own any actual shares of the corporations within its borders, but with a corporate tax rate of 55% it might as

well have.

The French government, though selling off its ownership in private companies long ago, still demands 34% of all corporate profits. Socialist Sweden ironically only keeps a 22% ownership in its firms. And some countries like the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, and the Bahamas have no corporate taxes, ironically (not really) having some of the highest standards of living in the world.

Globally though your average government is a 29% shareholder of all corporations in the fact it simply takes that share of profits from all corporations in the form of a corporate tax.

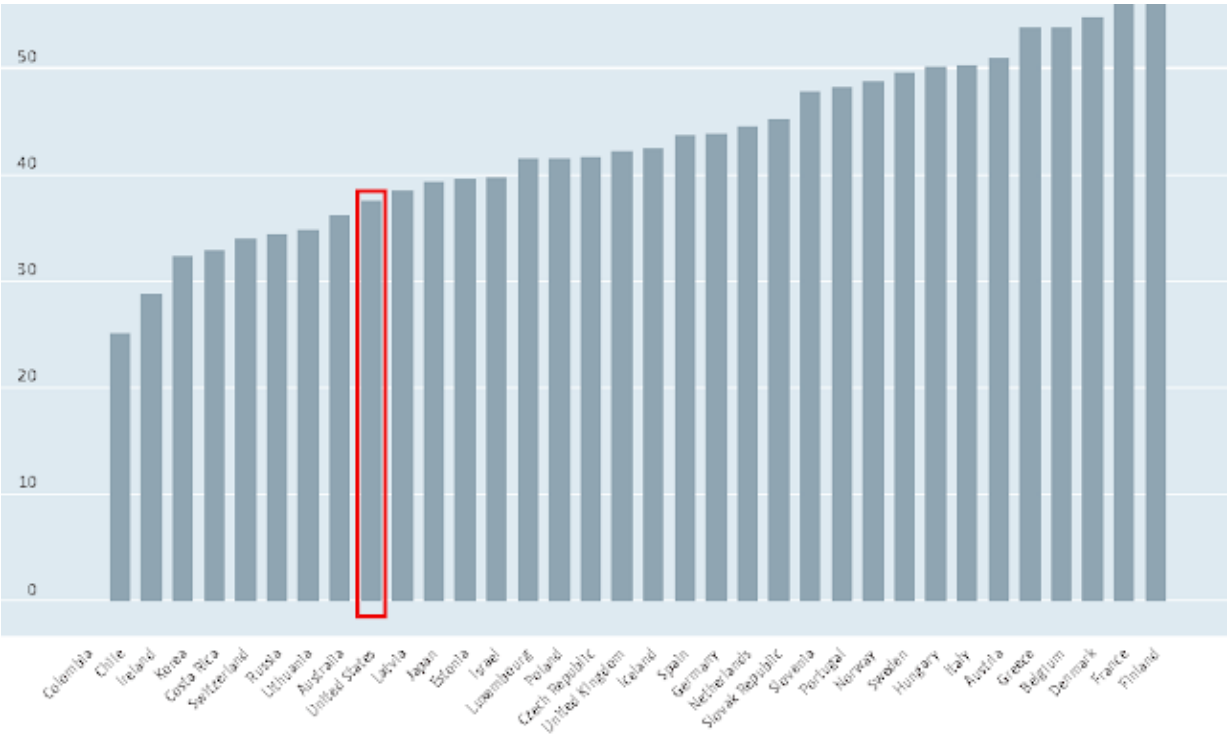
But It's Not Just Corporate Taxes

The problem, however, with focusing solely on corporate taxes is that it does not account for the totality of the private economy...or private citizens. Most governments are not happy merely being an unwanted 30% silent-partner in corporations. They want a piece of all actions, every action, of every transaction. And thus governments tax quite literally everything.

Gas tax.
Soda tax.
Sales tax.
Airport tax.
Fees.
Licenses.
Income tax.
Capital gains tax.

Yes you may "own" your house...except you have to rent it from the government in the form of "property taxes."

It's impossible to individually measure each and every individual tax to find out what percent of your life, property, and labor is your own, but there is an easier top down way to do this - take total government spending (which is what it taxed you at and borrowed from you) and divide it by the nation's salary - GDP. If you do this you get a true picture as to how much the government owns you, your life, your property, and your labor.



And though the font may be small, in the US you can expect the government to take a 38% cut in EVERY aspect of your life. Nearly 40% of your labor is own by the US state, federal and local governments. But don't complain, you could be Finland where your the governments' bitch 55% of your laboring hours.

The Most Brilliant Thing Socialists Ever Did

The trick though is one of MASTERFUL brilliance. And I'm not joking when I say that. *This is literally one of the most MASTERFUL things ever done in human history.* So masterful I doubt Barack Obama knew what he was talking about, but at some level there must have been a smart socialist knowing what s/he was doing.

In looking at the horrifically appalling performance of countries where the state did take over the means of production, or even looking at the lackluster performance where democratically elected governments did, somebody must have realized that the government should get out of the business of business. And instead of running a bakery, running an airline, running an oil company, or running a toothpaste factory, they would instead take a much more hands-off and mafioso approach;

You could certainly run and own your own business.
You could certainly own and operate your own firm.
You could certainly buy and own your property.

But you would owe the government protection money. And that protection money adds up to on average 45% of all your income and property for the OECD (read - First World) countries.

You would think this was a bum deal. In the land of the free and home of the brave, or certainly "the free world," its people would reject this deal and fight for more. But what's brilliant about this is....

THEY BOUGHT IT!

And not only did the vast swathes of sheeple buy it, they worked infinitely harder at slaving away for the state.

The brilliance in this move was to give the guise of ownership, without giving up total and complete financial ownership in the assets, private companies, transactions, and personal labor of the country and its citizens. Yes, you have the deed to your house, but you have to pay property taxes to the county. Yes, you "own" that car, but you had to pay sales tax and registration fees. Yes, you "made" $100,000 in Silicon Valley, but you have to give half of that to the US Federal Government and the State of California. But what is arguably doubly brilliant was hiding the true level of taxation/government financial ownership in the economy through literally hundreds of different taxes, as well as having a "pay as you go system" instead of cutting one single check on April 15 for income taxes. Alas, in "telling" the people they "own" their shares of stock, the deeds to their house, and the car in their garage, while nickle and diming them on every transaction in their personal lives, people actually thought they were 100% owners in their lives and their futures, and worked like it.

And this was a BOON to the socialists.

Where Socialism Succeeded

In effectively becoming a 45% owner of all people's labor and production, while fooling them to work at a level where they thought they were 100% owners of themselves, government revenues increased exponentially. The socialists may not have "owned the means of production," but the profits being generated by the work horse of deluded workaholics and the state's commensurate 45% take meant more money for socialist programs than socialists could ever dream of.

And it shows drastically.

If you look at government spending per person between socialist countries that do NOT own the means of production and "**SOCIALIST**" countries that DO own the means of production, it's not even close.

Cuba is around $5,200
Venezuela is around $4,300 (if that money bought anything)
And stubborn North Korea doesn't even produce $1,300 in total GDP per capita, let alone

spend that much on its people.

However....

Norway spends $40,900 in government spending per person (though a lot of that is due to oil)
Sweden is at $26,800.
And the evil "capitalist" US is at a "paltry" $11,040.

An ever so rough average of 8 TIMES MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING PER PERSON, and all of this by simply outsourcing something that is NOT your core competency, while fooling people into thinking they own and determine their futures.

The Silver Lining?

The argument could be made, however, that this mixed-market economy where the government is merely a hands-off shareholder has worked wonders. No doubt letting people have a modicum (even if delusional) ownership in their land, time, labor, and futures incentivizes them to work more, harder, longer, and smarter than at the end of a whip in a gulag or political prisoner camp. The resulting increase in economic production more than offsets the 55% ownership the government forfeited when it "privatized" the means of production and allowed for private property. And who is to say free health care, free education, BGI, and socialist programs are bad if they're paid for? It is without a doubt that "silent-partner socialist" countries that do NOT own the means of production are better than the centrally planned dictatorial "**SOCIALIST**" ones.

But there is a drawback that most do not think about. An enormous risk when the government outsources its socialist goals to the private sector. For "socialism" is not just about money, but social behavior as well. Behaving a certain way, thinking a certain way, and having the correct opinions. Democratically-elected socialism may start off with the government merely owning 45% of your life's production, but socialism and socialists never stop at finances. They need to get into people's personal lives, no matter how much they claim to value social freedoms and liberties. The money is never enough.

And if you realize that the private sector made socialism 8 times more profitable than the government ever could, you're going to soon realize the private sector will make socialism 8 times more tyrannical when it comes to your individual social liberties and freedoms.

Which will be the topic for part 2 of this series.

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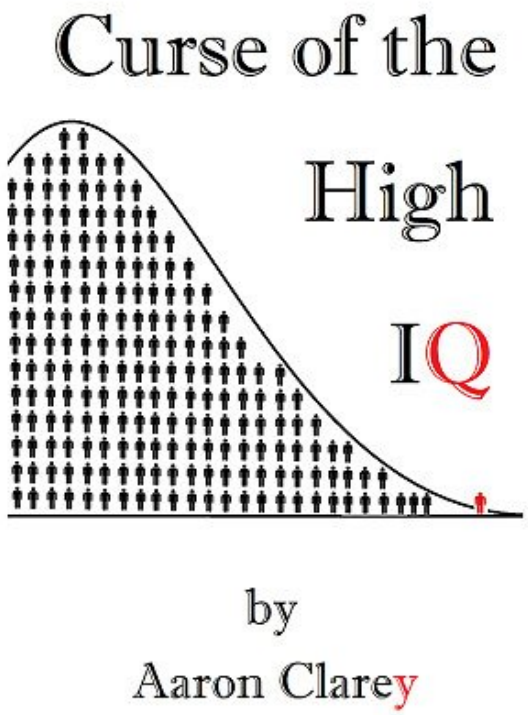

You Will Buy, You Will Consume, You Will Obey, You Will Conform

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Actually, this is pretty cool and I will be buying it:

"Socialism is So Bad." HOW BAD IS IT!!!???

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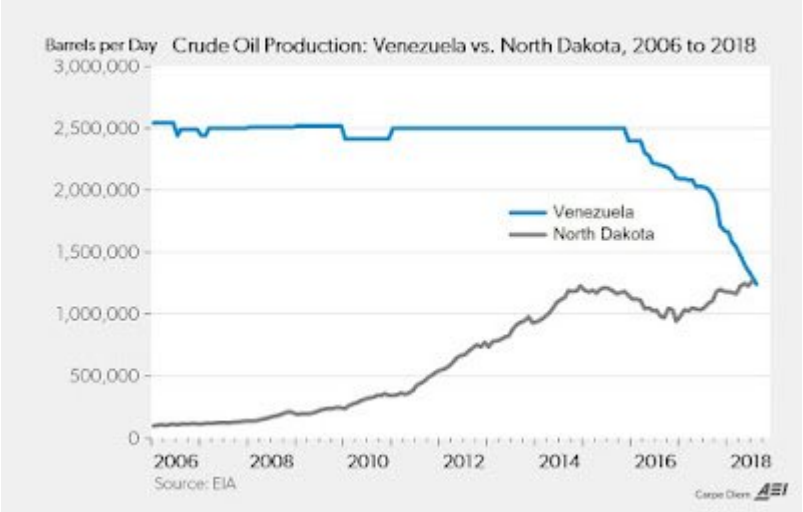
It's so bad an OIL COUNTRY can't even keep up with oil production of a bunch of dumb white hick North Dakotans.



Remember when Hugo Chavez said he'd supply America's poor with oil?

Pepperidge Farm does.

Look's Like I'll Be Eating at McDonald's This Week

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I needed a cheat week anyway.

Older Brother Podcast #18 - The Democrats are Fucking STASI Agents Episode

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THE DEMOCRAT PARTY
2018

Democrats go to HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS to dig up dirt.
McDonald's suffers a #MeToo strike.
Captain Marvel may tank the Infinity Wars franchise.
Shitty Parent's kids and electric fences.
How Liberals punish themselves.
"LOve Letters to the Left" - Cappy's upcoming book.

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Got Dog? Got Booze?

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Problem solved! CONTAINS BOOZE

For large/normal sized dogs.

And small, "sorta dogs" that you girls all like and are the size of squirrels:

How Most People Get Rich in Finance and Banking

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By stealing it.

Skip College for Success

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I chat with Seth Jared about his new initiative to save Generation Z from the fate of the Millennials.

Evergreen Enrollment Down 70%

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Awww, look at that. Even 18 year old kids, who are no doubt leftist btw, don't want to attend a college that is racist and panders to Antifa.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But "stern talkings to and time outs" should easily replace the father.

I will say it again. Unless you are Stephan Molyneux and you and your child have IQ's above 115.

Spank your children. Spank the ever living hell out of those little fuckers.

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Well By Golly, Look Who's Back from the Podcast Grave!

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Adam Piggott is back!

Will Captain Marvel Ruin Infinity War?

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Dear god, I hope not. But the trailer just did not look compelling, plus I fear politics has been forced on the movie.

The Clarey Podcast #269 - The "Time Sharing Hot Democrat Wives" Episode

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Hymnology is bullshit.
Kids playing football in fall.
Asking a girl to smile is sexism.
The Permanent Resting Bitch Face of Captain Marvel
Prostitutes Can't Handle Money.
Banging Democrat Husband's Wives.
Ann Margret.
Failing at getting a threesome,
The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment.

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When Incels Attack!!!

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I'm going to bet:

No girlfriend.
No sex.
Virgin.
Single mom.

But that's just me.

When Every Boy is Guilty, Girls Become Monsters

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And outstanding article from PJ Media.

File under:

"The Nazis are coming Hurray Hurray.
The Nazis are coming Hurray Hurray"

and

"Gen Z will not Save the US"

You Will Obey. You Will Conform. You Will Consume.

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This weeks cool stuff I found on Amazon in case you wanted to support the Ole Capmeister. For both men and women!

Socialism is Bad for Your Health

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So I get a request about this website. The client wanted me to take apart two of the many delusional positions the author took about the government being better at the free market. I obliged.

In the video I noticed it was really old school and had a mark date in 1997 and I wondered where the guy was now.

And my client finds out. I like the part where he was found with a copy of "Mein Kampf."

What's sad is how 8th grade-ish the observations were about the "successes" of the government. Oh well. Nice legacy.

How the Government Outsourced Socialism - Part 2 - Social and Societal Socialism

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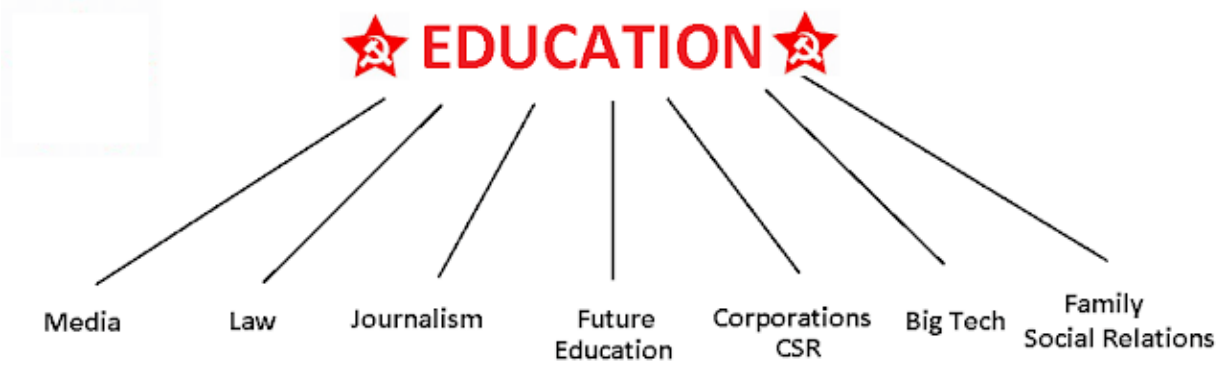
In Part 1 I explained how the government finally came to realize that it was not good at much of anything. And this especially included owning the means of production. Instead it was much easier, efficient, and profitable to let the private sector (think) it owned the means of production by outsourcing production to the private sector, but still retaining an (on average) 45% cut of all production, wealth, and labor an economy produces.

In Part 2 I will explain how the government has also outsourced socialism to the non-financial/economic part of society, since in order to maintain a socialist economy (yet not come off as a tyrannical government), it needs to convince society at large to voluntarily, though unconsciously, vote in a socialist government.

A Nation of Manchurian Candidates

Whether it was the conscious epiphany of a smart socialist, or perhaps just a general evolution of socialism, it was a very smart move to relinquish the physical management and ownership of the means of production under hard-core **SOCIALISM** and let the private sector manage the economy whilst taking a 45% mafioso cut under **modern socialism**. But another smart move on the part of the left (again, conscious or not) was to advance its goals and ideology through the bottle neck nearly every citizen must go through. And not only go through, but go through as a child when you're most susceptible and malleable to indoctrination, propaganda, and brainwashing - education.

This is may not be so much "genius" as much as it is common sense and logical. You have young minds, still developing, naive enough to believe anything. Plus you have them captive for more time and more years over a Kindergarten through 12 career than even their parents do. And whereas it would be hard to infiltrate traditionally conservative, patriotic and classically "American" institutions such as the military, corporate America, industry, etc., if you're patient over time you can flood these institutions with "little Manchurian Candidates" turning them into pro-socialist entities that will use their resources, assets, labor, and pull to further promote a socialist agenda. Ergo, whereas traditionally "soft" targets (that tended to lean towards socialism anyway - media, journalism, law, academia, etc.) could be reliably relied upon to promote a socialist society, now modern day western countries can rely on nearly every institution to promote a socialist economy and society.



This helps the government/socialists not only maintain their positions of power, 45% cut of the economy, and amply-supplied budgets, but does so by keeping up the illusion of free will and democracy. People ARE increasingly voting in socialism and willingly so, but only because they've been conditioned by the K-college ~~brainwashing~~ education system to do so. Worse, the government has been so successful educating people into socialism these past 50 years, nearly every institution in America is reinforcing a pro-socialist agenda (even if politics is not their business). The cacophony is so thorough and so complete that, today we effectively have a "correct" political party/answer according to our institutions and that party is the democrat party. And the concept of having a "correct" political party (perhaps epitomized by Hillary Clinton as the "correct" politician) should scare the hell out of you.

The problem is it doesn't.

As I said before in Part 1, while it's abhorrent we let the government take a 45% stake in our lives, the majority of people are ignorantly blissful about this mathematical reality. They're unaware a parasitic state is enslaving them nearly 50% of their laboring lives. But what an increasing amount of people ARE aware of is the unhideable and undeniable social and psychological consequences of socialism. The ***real price*** we pay when it comes to the social and psychological ramifications of a socialist society - tyranny, dictatorship, oppression, division, political correctness, thought-police, and let's not forget plain ole insanity. Truly mentally ill things like "safe spaces," "privilege," 8 year old boys being accused of sexual harassment, the ruination of the sexes, and the daily, if not hourly news stories of Western Civilization losing its collective mind. These things arguably take a larger taxing toll on our lives than the 45% taxes themselves in that it forces sane and normal people to live in an insane world. But what makes it worse is the whole point and purpose of this series of posts...

If you thought the government was bad at oppressing its people, *just wait till you see how horrifically efficient the private sector and its private citizens are at oppressing themselves.*

Getting the Private Sector and Private Citizens to Do Your Dirty Work

If socialists were to be honest and tell the American people they want MORE than the current 40% they're taxing now, it is unlikely they would get elected. This is why most (if not all) **SOCIALIST** governments are dictatorships, getting to power via violent, non-democratic means, and only allow you to vote for the communist party. However, if modern day socialist governments did this the entire facade would fall. People would no longer willingly work for 55% of their labor, the government would have to give up it's 45% stake in people's lives, the government would have to violently oppress people, and not only is that additional work the government would have to do (and badly, BTW), it would be unpopular both domestically and internationally. It's much better that the government get people to willingly and sheepishly work for the state, rather than adversarially against it.

This is accomplished via means we've mentioned before. Monopolistically educating/indoctrinating all children in K-College. Masking the true level of taxation across hundreds of taxes. And fooling people into thinking they are 100% owners of the means of production, their futures, and themselves. But there needs to be a "higher moral calling" in addition to these faux economic incentives to get people to *passionately* vote for socialism. A psychological, emotional, even religious purpose or agency that plays to people's sense of self-worth, and dare I say, egos and pride. So that people not only have (in their minds) a logical economic incentive to merely vote for socialism, but a personal, emotional and religiously-fervent attachment to it since they derive their morality and values from it. This not only gets people to vote for socialism, but gets them rabid about it, defending it at all costs, and promoting it often times over nearly everything else in their lives, including their own.

The tool the socialists use to accomplish this is called "the narrative" and you are all too familiar with it.

The narrative is the "story" or "epic" that is used to breathe life, vigor, emotion, and energy into socialist causes. Merely arguing about economics, the merits of wealth redistribution, and the Laffer Curve is cold, callous, clinical, and boring (I never got laid wooing a date about the federal budget). Additionally, it incentives no one to work for socialist causes, merely vote for them. But if you add a story, especially one of injustice perpetuated by a "bad guy," you ignite the fires of the masses and prompt them to spend thousands of times more energy promoting socialism than you had before. And while the overall main narrative socialists use is mere "socialism" (i.e.-"free stuff"), there are specially crafted sub-narratives tailored to appeal to different people and thus buy their loyalty to the socialist ideology/religion/party.

The main, ole, standby classic is "class envy." This is the simplest narrative of socialism where you point out to the poor that they are poor, not because of...

having more kids than they could afford

majoring in stupid degrees they could never pay back
being a lazy good-for-nothing and never working
getting in trouble with the law

but because of the "evil rich." The "capitalist fat cats" undeservingly having more than you. And not only do they have more than you, but they are actively conspiring to oppress you (because busy rich people have the time for that). This is nothing but pure greed, jealousy, and envy, but it works as it plays to human nature. Most people's pride cannot handle the fact they are largely responsible for their own situation, and are willing to become emotionally vested in an ideology that ~~lies to~~ excuses them otherwise.

Another one is feminism. Women are oppressed. By who? Men, of course! Why? Because in addition to working in the oil fields, majoring in engineering, learning calculus, doing boring computer programming, fixing plumbing leaks, getting drafted and shot in wars, and roofing in July, we have so much time to oppress women. Plus we want to. Why? Duh, "patriarchy!" Thank god you have all those women studies professors, female elementary school teachers, and female social workers working in air conditioned rooms near Starbucks coffee stores to "raise awareness" of the struggle of women as they collect government pensions and free health care.

Joking aside, this narrative is highly effective with women because it, again, absolves them of the responsibility of their choices/failures, provides a rationale as to why they're entitled to other people's money, and feeds their ego and pride as if they are the oppressed, virtuous underdogs in today's evil and oppressive male-dominated world.

Global warming/Environmentalism? Another narrative that confers immediate moral value and worth upon those who simply advocate it. Better yet, you don't have to expend a calorie of energy being an environmentalist. You just simply state you're "for the environment,"and now you are a morally superior person to nearly everybody else. Immediate agency, purpose, value, and worth are immediately conferred upon you, and all without a lick of effort, rigor, work, or toil.

And then there's general "discrimination." This could be sexual discrimination, racial discrimination, gender discrimination, even mental illness discrimination. The categories in this sub-narrative are in a perpetual arms-race to find new things to be "discriminated" about because once you are, then you are once again "heroic" and have a moral purpose and crusade in life. And whereas some categories of discrimination have some historical merit to them (race and sex for example), new and completely bogus ones are being fabricated to include people outside the traditional sexual and racial groups of discrimination to bolster the ranks of socialists. The newest being the 31 flavors of gender and the faking-mental illness crowd where nearly every millennial has "social anxiety disorder" or "ADHD" and demands society bends over backwards to accommodate it.

There are certainly more sub-narratives under the socialist umbrella, and more will be concocted in the future. But they can all be readily identifiable in the traits they all have in common.

First, there is a victim group who is discriminated against ***because of a trait they were born with***. This is an INCREDIBLY important distinction to make because it absolves them of any responsibility of the consequences of their choices. And almost always they will hide their bad and costly mistakes behind said trait. Ergo, the black community is not poor because of having more capita on single incomes, crime, replacing fathers with government checks, or poor educational choices. They're poor because "racism." Women don't make as much as men NOT because they choose worthless degrees, don't work as many hours and (whether you like it or not) do need to duck out occasionally to give birth. It's because "sexism." You're not a whiny, spoiled, SWPL rich kid from the suburbs who doesn't want to work hard. You have "Aspergers" and therefore need a special college scholarship. And you're not a coward who can't approach girls. You have "social anxiety disorder" so you never have to bother hitting the gym. The single biggest tell of a socialist narrative is when the "victim" immediately blames his or her failures in life on an uncontrollable trait and NEVER says the four precious words, "yeah, I screwed up."

Second, there is a readily identifiable (though implausible/illogical) oppressor or scapegoat. In Nazi Germany it was the Jews. In the Middle East...it's still "the Jews." Heck in a lot of America today..."the Jews." But more recently males and whites have taken over simply because they are the largest and most successful two groups of people (even though Asians make more on average than both, but they don't have the numbers, and thus the wealth for socialists to vilify and confiscate). It doesn't matter who the group is, or even if they have money envious socialists wish to steal. The narrative just needs a readily identifiable bad guy so people can blame their mistakes on him/it and not let their precious ego/pride take the hit it desperately needs.

Third, there is no private sector solution. Never mind most of these problems don't exist and therefore can't have a solution. There ARE these problems and the private sector offers no solution to them. This necessitates the government as the only entity that can solve these "problems," thus begetting calls for a larger state.

And the FINAL tell-tale sign of a socialist narrative...

It's going to cost the private sector more money. To this day I have yet to hear of a democrat party solution that involves LOWERING taxes or CUTTING government spending. The solution is ALWAYS to tax more and spend more even when it is painfully obvious socialist policies (say Venezuela, Detroit, or the public schools) simply worsens the lives of the people it claims to help. Occasionally the socialist solution will be to lower standards or give certain people preferential treatment over others (which IS the

definition of discrimination, BTW), but invariably it is the private citizens who will have to pay more in taxes or suffer discrimination and less opportunity because they aren't a protected class.

Now, albeit identifying and explaining the nature of socialist narratives was a bit lengthy, it was necessary. For if you step back, clear your mind, and think about it, ask yourself two questions.

One, just how common is it you hear narratives like this in the news, your schools, social media, even advertisements from corporations? I would wager it's a daily, if not hourly event.

And the more important question...

Two, ***who*** is pushing these narratives the most? The government or the private sector/private citizens/institutions?

And what you'll find is that the government may have planted the seeds of these narratives in the minds of little children over the past 40 years, but it ain't the government cheerleading this constant socialist madness on the masses. It's private people, private companies, and the private sector - be it Facebook feeds, commercials, the movies, Twitter tweets, personal conversations, social media, or meet-up groups - who constantly virtue-signal their leftist, socialist credentials, 24-7, all the time, because that is all most people have in life.

The socialists in the government don't have to lift a finger. They've successfully gotten all the sheeple of America to do its dirty work for them. The people are brainwashing themselves into socialism. It's an achievement on par with nazi Germany in terms of its completeness, obedience, and mindlessness. It may be disgusting, but it's a brilliant coup d'état.

Selling the Lies. Selling the Insanity.

Brilliant a success it is for socialists to get an entire society to promote the government over the individual, and brilliant as it is to divide the nation based on groups of people, thus calling for more government, there is a problem in perpetuating these lies to get the loyalty and support of the people.

They're lies.

They're not based in reality.

And when you perpetuate lies, there is a guarantee there will be friction as people's

experiences, logic, and what they see with their own eyes does not match up with the lies you're forcing them to believe. This friction is called "insanity" and I believe is the true price people pay under socialism.

For example, I love getting called a racist when I tell black men not to have more kids than they can't afford. I love getting called a sexist when I try to stop women from wasting $200,000 on some worthless masters degree in the liberal arts. And the reason why is that deep down inside I know I'm trying to help my fellow man/woman by telling them the truth, and am truly independent-mindedly giving the socialist narrative the finger in spite of the risks of being labelled an "ist" or an "ism." But, I'm also no sheep. I'm no dummy. I've always had a healthy distrust of teachers, professors, parents, media, authority figures and anybody over 30. I have an independent enough mind to know precisely the scam socialists are trying to pull. The brainwashing didn't work on me in K-College, and it sure as hell isn't going to work on me now. They can call me whatever "ist" and "isms" they want, it won't affect me.

But what if you're the common, average IQ American sheep, perfectly susceptible to socialist brainwashing?

I can't imagine what it's like being the average male, or white, or both and being told you have the "original sin" of "privilege," owe other people money/preferential treatment, are indirectly guilty of slavery and misogyny AND....

are dumb enough to believe it.

I can't imagine what it's like (since I'm thankfully self-employed) being forced to go to "diversity training," "sexual harassment training," "sensitivity training," or being brought up in front of HR because I asked out a co-worker AND...

believing I'm inherently flawed or deserve such BS in the first place.

And I can't imagine what it's like to be an 6 year old boy who wrote a girl a poem and gets accused of sexual harassment by the Gestapo public schools, let alone what hell awaits him as he grows up into a young man.

And to show my olive branch to the left, don't think these socialist lies only wreak mental havoc on the non-left. Matter of fact, the socialist lies harm socialists the most because they're most prone to believe, and thus, invest in the lies.

Can you imagine what it's like to be the perfectly programmed and conditioned 20 year old girl today? You were lied to that you can do anything, and therefore are likely are majoring in a worthless subject. You're going $100,000 into debt for it. You will have no employment prospects when you graduate. You will be financially crippled for your entire

life. And you actually think, you actually believe your career, commuting, and paying taxes is *more important than having fun, raising a family, and loving a husband?*

Worse, this optimistically presupposes you have a positive regard of men anyway. How many young women have been brainwashed and conditioned to hate men, or at least fear them because of bogus campus rape statistics? How many view them as the enemy because feminism has convinced women they're the victims and men are the oppressors? And where does this lead them? A loveless life full of working for the state, paying taxes, spinsterdom and cats? Not only is that a wasted life, it's a tortured one as your socialist programming to be a cold, powerful feminist is constantly battling your genetics to find a man, get your world rocked in bed, make a cake and raise your children.

If you think democrat women have it bad, may I point out the tragically poor state of the black community? What is it like voting for the democrat/socialist party for nearly 4-5 generations, and still having no tangible progress in closing the wealth, income, life-expectancy, education, and health gaps between you and your white counterparts? The fact these stubborn gaps remain is certainly frustrating, but I can only imagine the insufferable insanity most blacks endure when they live their entire lives voting the way they're told, only to have NO progress or promises ever delivered to them. To have their hopes dashed, daily, weekly, annually, generation after generation, only guarantees a wasted and tortured life.

And perhaps something even the socialist plebs might agree upon - the children.

Telling kids they're automatically racist/sexist and have privilege because they're white or male is easily going to wreak havoc on their psychology. Telling kids they're victims because they're not white or male IS ALSO going to wreak havoc on their mentality. But the tell tale sign that the socialists in both government and the population are committed to their ideology over people is when they're telling little kids they could potentially be bi, gay, trans, or whatever... sadly to tragic and horrific consequences.

It would be one thing if it was mere propaganda, put out by the government and easily identifiable as such. But when you got the whole population parroting the socialist agenda, nobody can tell what the bloody truth is anymore because there is nobody either telling the truth or merely offering alternative theories. And soon, without any critical analysis or questioning of the agenda, the agenda becomes all-important and all-consuming, even more important than your own flesh and blood, because that is all there is in life for most of the population.

How Vast is the Infection?

Given the currently-realized and potential-future risks "social socialism" presents to

freedom, an important question would be what percent of the population has been infected by this perverse, anti-freedom, brain-dead-zombie, faux-religion? It would help us determine how far the rot has gone, what the future prospects of the free world look like, and how close we are to an East German STASI like society where neighbors start turning on each other. It would give many of us an estimate on the probability of the future continuation of the free world, or even tell us if we have to start buying property in Indonesia or Poland as a solid "Plan B." But it is not so much the simple percentage of the population that votes "right" or "left," or who voted Trump or Hillary. It's what percentage of the institutions have been co-opted by the left. What percentage of the positions of power have been infiltrated and occupied by socialists. These institutions hold a disproportionate, if not, total control over the influence and direction of the American people and ultimately determine how people will vote in the future. And keep in mind it doesn't matter whether they're the consciously-malicious socialists or the brain-dead Manchurian Candidate socialists, as long as they use the institutions they control and their positions of power to advance socialism, the effect will be the same. With that in mind, I'm sorry to tell you that nearly every institution in Western Civilization has been infiltrated and co-opted by socialists.

The most obvious is the "soft underbelly" of countries communists usually target;

Journalism
Media/entertainment
Law
Academia/education
Non-profits

These entities not only influence and form opinion, but are also ripe for socialism since they tend to have the traits that predispose them towards socialism. People who are low IQ, lazy, egomanical, spoiled, entitled, and DEATHLY afraid of labor and toil, perfectly epitomized by the left's most recent darling, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It is no shock these industries are chock full of socialists as they always have been and always will be.

There's the rank and file sheep - the people. Admittedly not an institution, but as a group they form an institution and fulfill the very important role of ground troops in promoting and advancing socialism. Not smart enough to reject the brainwashing they received from the entities listed above, and likely purposeless people who only have the leftist politics in life, they promote and advance democrat talking points and policy. This support manifests itself in any one of a range of actions. It could be something as innocuous as posting articles on social media about "OMG, did you see what Trump did?" or "Nothing's too good for the children." It could be something more involved such as being a stooge and volunteering for the democrat party, getting signatures for a petition, or ostracizing friends for not being socialists. Or it could be radical where they join groups like Antifa, dox people, even assault people, serving more as the enforcement arm of socialism.

Institutions and socialist parties themselves would be nothing without the support and dedication of these people.

And then there's Corporate America and its complete and total advocation of socialism.

This is a bit of a shock as it doesn't make any sense at all. Corporate America is the embodied antithesis of the government. They are the owners of the means of production, they want to maximize their profits, and would presumably be against any socialist/democrat that would raise their corporate tax rates, not to mention income tax rates on their executives. But to any savvy Gen X'er who was paying attention in the 90's, they saw it coming a mile away.

For in the 90's the education industry started pushing things like "diversity," "corporate social responsibility," "HR," "women's empowerment," etc., especially in the business schools. They were on their face a laughable and naked grab for preferential treatment, if not outright bogus and completely fabricated "fields of study" concocted for students too lazy and too dumb to study Accounting or MIS. But whereas I took it for granted everybody knew these fake subjects for the bogus they were, it turns out I could not have been more wrong. For not only did these fabricated fields become established sub-studies within business, they would evolve into the fastest growing fields of business today. Worse still, most Gen X'ers fell for it.

This has resulted in the Bizarro World of corporate leadership we see today. Whereas WWII and Baby Boomer bosses of yesteryear had an obvious and logical reason to be against socialism, today's Gen X corporate leaders lead hypocritical, COMPLETELY-contradictory, and UBER-cognitively dissonant careers. They all vote leftist, but they run their companies as if they're capitalists. They want to maximize profits, but they vote to tax their companies and themselves more. And they can't wait to brag about their socialist credentials, while they use offshore tax havens to pay zero corporate taxes. What's worse is they're seemingly clueless about this contradiction as evidenced in the incredibly bizarre video where Google executives are fretting, even crying, over the election of Donald Trump...*the pro-business guy who was likely going to lower their taxes*.

It's hard to understand how corporate leaders can be so conflicted, but the answer can be found in two observations.

First, at some level, they actually believed the leftist propaganda they received in college. They couldn't simply be a "good accountant," or a "good engineer" or a "good computer programmer." The left in academia wholly convinced students they needed a "Career + Politics." You can see this in the work of modern day artists where the "art" itself is complete garbage, but there is ALWAYS a political message or interpretation behind it. Today nearly every professional and college graduate has been brainwashed to believe the same thing - their work is worthless unless they add approved-socialist

politics to it.

You can't just be a good analyst, you need to donate to the United Way (under threat of being denied promotion).

You can't just be a good salesmen, you need to recycle to minimize the company's carbon footprint.

And you can't just be a good manager, you need to understand the plight non-males and non-whites taking mandatory sensitivity and inclusion training from parasitic shysters like this.

Again, it could be because of weak minds or a lack of a higher-calling or a combination of both, but many intelligent, accomplished, and talented professionals have at their core a religion of leftism that supersedes in their minds any tangible worth or accomplishments they actually achieve in the real world.

Second, the "Infrastructure of Virtue Signaling."

To understand what I mean by the "Infrastructure of Virtue Signaling" allow me to draw a parallel from the US Interstate system. This highway system, started by President Eisenhower in the 50's, has been under constant construction and is technically not completed yet. But in total and over the years this vital transportation system has cost the US $500 billion. The economic benefits of which have been untold, earning back itself many times and allowing for greater economic advancement had it never been built. But whereas we've spent $500 billion on the US interstate system over the past 70 years, we spend ***$600 billion a year on education***. And this spending lays down an infrastructure of sorts that socialism and socialists can capitalize on. Specifically, an approved leftist national religion of socialism.

I cannot emphasize this enough. Today's education system is NOT about educating children and preparing them for the real world (if that was the case we would have eliminated colleges decades ago, and replaced it with FREE self-study and certification on the internet). It is to brainwash students into an approved national socialist religion (with a close-secondary purpose of enriching the teacher/academic/social worker class). And not only is it to brainwash them into this religion, it is to make sure it is the only thing that gives them purpose, agency, and value in life. Once you have successfully installed this political religion/cult in two, even three generations, you now have a loyal, fervent, even psychotic "rewards club" of sorts that you can market and sell to. And corporations market to this group of people via "Virtue Signaling."

Nike didn't endorse Colin Kapernick because they actually believe he's oppressed. They did so because TRILLIONS of dollars over the years has been spent brainwashing younger

people to believe THEY are oppressed. Thus, if you endorse a spoiled loser who thinks he's oppressed, you get the millions of other spoiled losers to think they're oppressed to buy your shoes.

Starbucks doesn't "ban straws" because they care about the environment. They ban straws because TRILLIONS have been spent brainwashing their idiot and worthless clientele into thinking they have worth because they "recycle." Thus, people don't buy Starbucks coffee because it's good (though, admittedly, it is good), they do so so they can feel good about themselves.

And movie studios do not "promote women" because they care about women's rights or closing the wage gap. They do so because TRILLIONS have been spent hoodwinking women into thinking they're oppressed, but also special. Thus, women don't go see rah-rah-Round-House-Kicking-Chick-Cop-Shows because the movies or shows are good, they do so so they can "fight the patriarchy."

In other words corporations capitalize on this virtue signaling infrastructure not because they necessarily believe in socialism, but because it is incredibly economically efficient and profitable to do so. The government and the education system has done all the heavy lifting for them, all corporations have to do is add politics to their marketing and pander to the sheep looking for validation and worth in a cup of coffee, a pair of sneakers, or the latest movie from Hollywood.

The Virtue Signaling Orwellian Arms Race

There is, however, one minor problem.

Corporations like to compete for market share. And not only do they compete, they compete aggressively. This is good because the competition for profit and market share ensures corporations constantly improve on both quality and price, thus advancing society and standards of living. But when you throw in:

The "Job+Politics" mentality of professionals
The Virtue Signaling Infrastructure
And a valueless mass market who's only value is an obsession with socialist politics

you have the perfect recipe for tyranny, witch hunts, and Orwellian insanity.

For example, it truly is innocuous as much as it is stupid, but the banning of straws does pain those of us living in the real world. Not because it inconveniences us, but its Orwellian nature. It tells us there's a significant percentage of the population that is stupid enough to think banning straws is going to "save the planet." Worse, if you think through it, most of these people don't believe it deep down inside, thus resulting in an

"Emperor Has No Clothes" insanity. Their egos are so tremendous they'll masturbate said egos by living this lie and consciously so. But what's even worse is that it was the PRIVATE SECTOR, NOT GOVERNMENT that did this on its own volition. Idiots across America are willingly banning straws to pander to this delusional group of people. Even the most psychopathic communist in Mao's China couldn't come up with something this inane.

Scale it up a notch and go to Tacoma where they ban plastic bags. Now we not only have the same insanity as banning plastic straws, but the people now suffer a lower standard of living. Either by having to pay for bags (directly lowering purchasing power) or (as I did with my bachelor ways) carrying as much groceries as I could with my hands. People may say it's not that much of an inconvenience (while mindlessly saying "What? Don't you want to save the planet???"), but if these nazis are going to go after plastic bags, what millions of other petty and micro things won't they go after, micro-managing your lives, resulting in a degraded life by "a thousand cuts?"

And these are the CUSTOMERS of these corporations. Can you imagine what it's like to be an employee?

I personally had to deal with a client who got upset that I exercised my freedom of speech via my blog, my podcasts, my books, and my consultancy. They received multiple complaints from clients of theirs that I, frankly, wasn't a leftist and was espousing libertarian, free market, pro-male, and pro-capitalist ideas. Thankfully I am a minimalist and have multiple sources of income so when my client complained to me I told them to go pound sand. But the problem is not that my client didn't want to be associated with a non-leftist, it's that there were enough people who were so thoroughly steeped in their socialist religion that they could not respect another person's right to the freedom of speech. And not only could they not respect that right, they had to file complaints in an effort to punish a non-conformist for having wrong-think.

Again, this is OK because I had the foresight to diversify my income, but what about Brendan Eich?

Not that he's hurting for money, but the story of Brendan Eich shows you just how far the rot has gone. Brendan, in his own personal time and own personal life, donated money to an anti-gay marriage campaign. I don't agree with that, but he has every moral right to do so. However, upon finding out he did, Mozilla decided to fire him. And if you look at the background of Mozilla's board and executive team, you're not going to find a lot of gun-tottin' republicans, but perfectly brainwashed and perfectly trained, virtue-signaling, "open-minded," leftist Manchurian Candidates.

Another example? Alex Jones.

A bit loopy, a bit of a dingbat, and a conspiracy theorist, but when four major media companies ban you (Apple, Google, Paypal, and Facebook) *all within the same day*, you not only actually lend credence to his conspiracy theories you're out to get him, but it is PAINFULLY clear that institutions and powerful individuals are acting in a cartelish nature to oppress free speech. More importantly, (and may I remind you again) it was not the government that did this, but private citizens and private individuals.

Finally, if this doesn't convince you about the total and complete efficacy of how social and societal socialism has been outsourced by the government, how about banning books?

Roosh V, noted international playboy and author, recently had 9 of his books banned by Amazon. We can stop right here. I don't have to say anything further. *Books are getting banned.* And whereas one could argue books on terrorism or pedophilia would not have protection under free speech as they're criminal, books on dating OR FREE SPEECH ITSELF should not be banned and is very telling when they are.

Now, people are quick to point out that the freedom of speech only protects you against government, not private companies or private people. Google is a private company that does not have to carry Alex Jone's channel. Amazon is a private company that does not have to sell Roosh's book. Mozilla is a private institution that can fire and hire who it wants. But that's the whole point of this post. The government has successfully and masterfully outsourced censorship to the private sector. It has successfully outsourced "correct-think" and "political-correctness" to the people at large. And this outsourcing has been so effective people no longer effectively have the freedom of speech as institutions and the people in charge of those institutions no longer respect people's right to choice, speech, opinion, or difference in thought. It may not be the government tyrannizing the people as it's the people tyrannize themselves, but that doesn't make it any less of a witch hunt and it doesn't mean it's not tyranny.

A New Chokepoint/Kill Zone

It only gets worse.

For socialist anti-freedom and anti-free speech forces they've been handed a godsend. And this godsend is in the form of social media/"Big Tech."

Technology does not lend itself well to competition. Technology is a technique, an idea, a formula, something that only needs to be discovered once and then singularily rolled out, en masse to society. For example it benefits society to have ***one*** computer operating system, maybe two, possibly three if you include the Linux weirdos. There's no reason to have 276 operating systems because the software that runs on it needs to be reprogrammed 276 times. Ergo, Windows and Mac are the two dominant players (with a

duly noted hat tip to the libertarian Linux lovers).

However, this also applies to social media. We don't need 40 Twitters, 27 search engines, 50 YouTube's, and 17 Facebooks. Their selling point is they are a single, centralized location for specific forms of accumulated social media (posts, pictures, blogging, video, etc.) and since they are the single location, nearly everybody goes there, thus giving these platforms (and the people who use them), their value. It could almost be argued that without a monopoly none of these platforms would be practical, feasible or worth anything.

Unfortunately, this also confers upon them a monopoly status. And when you consider that nearly all communications, speech, thought, and ideas are transmitted through these platforms, they are in effect a public square (albeit it a digital one) where people are going to (try to) exercise their freedom of speech.

You would hope the executives, board of directors, and managers of these firms would have the maturity to recognize the powerful positions they're in and just what a heavy responsibility they've been given when it comes to free speech, protecting ideas, and the conduct of commerce. But what's sad is they've DEFINITELY recognized what powerful positions they're in, and because of their programming many (though not all) of them are going to carry about their Little Manchurian mandates they received in school.

Again, Amazon banning Roosh.
All of "Big Media" banning Alex Jones.
Mastercard forcing Patreon to deplatform Robert Spencer.
And do not for a second think it is relegated to just conservative, non-leftist people.

Still, the point remains that because of the nature of internet technology, a handful of monopolies are perched in the perfect sniper position to censor, stop, edit, or simply destroy any ideas, thoughts, opinions, or speech that comes out of this bottleneck. You would like to think this "Digital Public Square" would be a free-speech zone or a "digital marketplace of ideas," but it is not. It is more often a killzone. Facebook employs more censors than the East German STASI could dream, and if you consider all the other Orwellian "committees, departments, and security" staff social media giants employ, it makes you wonder why are they spending so much money on censorship when they could be infinitely more profitable if they just simply let it be a free-for-all. But the true brilliance of all of this is that socialists now have their dream come true - censors and informants. And not only censors and informants, but censors and informants where nearly all conversations, thoughts, ideas, and dissenting opinions lie. And above all else, the socialists can plead plausible deniability to wrong-doing because it's private companies in this position of monopolistic power, not the state.

Silicon Valley Slaves

The final result I fear is what I term "Silicon Valley Slaves" or "Silicon Valley Socialism" , where I reluctantly admit socialism has "worked" in a spectacular fashion, but only to the detriment of the poor souls who work there today.

Fully indoctrinated into socialism, socialist narratives, and socialist sub-narratives, the majority of Silicon Valley workers were not only convinced they needed to study hard in college, "live in the big time exciting city," and "make their six figures," they were also wholly sold on the "Job+Politics" BS. This blinded them to the fact that their entire youth, education, and working years were consumed being veritable slaves to the state, Big Education, as well as their "Big Tech" employers. They may make $100,000 a year, but if you consider state, local and federal taxes, the socialists EASILY take 55% of that. When you factor in inflated rents (also in part driven higher by socialist city ordinances), you could say they're only working for themselves 35% of the time. Worse still, traffic. 2 hours of day of their finite lives, a full 12.5% of their waking day, wasted because socialists rather give bums heroin that build roads so the producers can produce for society. And when it's all said and done these poor souls have dedicated the vast majority of their time to people and entities other than themselves. They have no fun. They're stuck in traffic. They have no spouse. They have no family. And if you dare try to point this out, showing them how they've been duped by socialist propaganda, their indoctrination is so thorough and complete they respond by calling you an "ist" or an "ism" or simply dismiss you as being "ignorant."

They could not be any more of the human batteries in The Matrix if they tried.

But do not think this Silicon Valley Socialism is relegated to the poor slaves in Silicon Valley. It's anybody who drinks the Kool-Aid.

Two full generations of women who threw away their fertility and happiness for a career and student loans..
The Millennials and now Gen Z'ers who crippled their financial futures going into debt for worthless degrees.
"Professional activists" who ~~waste~~ "dedicate" their entire lives to socialist causes.
Couples who enslaved themselves to a McMansion-Sportcar-Combo Mortgage and will forever be working for the banks.
And all of you sheep who lined up at metered ramps during rush hour to plug yourselves into the Matrix all while telling yourselves you're "free."

Perhaps the true brilliance of the socialists was not that they outsourced the means of production to the private sector.
Nor was it they successfully indoctrinated three full generations of sheep.
Nor was it getting the people to enforce tyranny and socialism upon themselves.
Nor was it they got Big Tech to be their defacto censors and informants.

I think the true brilliance of the socialists of the world was to fool the masses into thinking they were independent-minded and not the complete tools of socialism they are. You actually have them thinking they're smart, independent-minded, individuals, in control of their own destiny when they truly are the human batteries that power The Socialist Matrix. And to that I tip my hat to the socialists. That was incredibly well-played and your victims deserve precisely what you've given them.

Oh well. Enjoy the decline.

If you liked this VERY LONG essay, consider checking out Aaron's other works. LORD KNOWS NO EMPLOYER WILL EVER HIRE HIM! And you never know when ***Big Media will ban him next****! Also please* ***kindly share this on social media before they ban it****.*
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I love how they mention two fathers, one of which could not be reached for the comment, the other wasn't mentioned.

But that's OK, government checks will make better fathers.

You Will Be a Slightly Cooler Nerd

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And therefore should have no value.

But, drama.

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In theory.

It's not clear because Amazon.uk doesn't make it terribly clear, but if you happen to be a Brit and were going to buy Bachelor Pad Economics anyway, could you click on this link and do so? I think I need a couple sales before they approve me.

Regardless, many thanks from across the pond.

Cappy

Curse of the High IQ Breaks 200 Reviews

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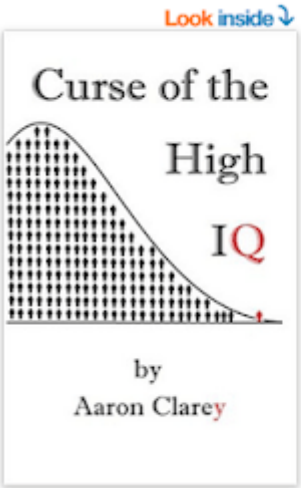
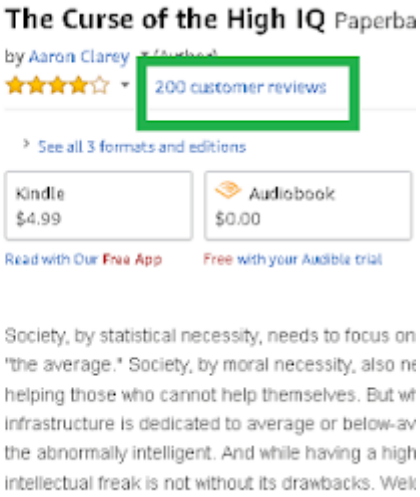
Thanks guys! This actually is a milestone! Thanks for all the support!





Kavanaugh-Ford Will Trigger a Red MidTerm Election

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I have largely stayed away from the Kavanaugh/Ford scam because it is easily the most despicable bit of politics I have ever seen. I was already disgusted with politics, the American sheeple's naivete to believe lies blindly, the left's insatiable appetite for other people's money, and the right's balless cowardice to standup to them, but my god, the blatant lies and purposeful disregard for civility, truth, respect, or plain decency on the part of the democrat party is just vile and despicable. I didn't think I could hate them more. I do now.

The problem is (for them anyway) I think they went way too far for their own good. And just as the SJW's handed Donald Trump a presidential win, I believe the Feinstein-Ford disgrace will hand the Republicans a mid-term gain in both the house and senate.

The reason is simply two fold.

One, this disgusting act may not be viewed as disgusting to those within the DC beltway. Nor is it viewed as disgusting by the true believers in a socialist state. But the rest of the country does not hate men, nor are they so blind to see how much the left does. Even democrats - the good ones, the ones with union jobs, or those with decent hearts who "just want to help the little guy" - have a morality about them and are disgusted with this farce in Washington. Additionally, both democrats, republicans, and non-partisans usually have a male in their family they love. And if the fake rape accusations on college campuses, constant crying-wolf of the #metoo hashtag, constantly being accused of "privilege," doesn't directly threaten the livelihoods of these loved men in their minds, the obvious hatred and complete lack of morals on display by the democrats during the Kavanaugh hearings most certainly does. Feinstein and Ford alone, I predict, will drive nearly all democrat voters with a heart and some morals to the republican ticket this midterm election, no matter how poorly Trump acts.

Two, even if you don't drive them into the arms of republicans, you sure as hell have drove them to stay home this election. If the republican party ever tried to pull off

something like this I would leave the party forever until they apologized, kicked the psychopaths out who did this, and I would vote liberatarian for the rest of my days. But that's just me. Even if the "good democrats" aren't already throwing up at what their party has become, and even if they aren't going to vote republican, enough of them are sure as hell going to stay home.

Again, I only predict the republicans gain seats in 2018. And they damn well should. Because if they don't, then that tells you just how comfortable the democrats in this country are with the inexcusable and unforgivable tactics of their party, or worse, they're so ignorant they still think the democrat party is "for the little guy."

Enjoy that decline.

The Clarey Podast #270 - The "Do Women Hate Men" Episode

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What percent of women hate men?
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The Maddening Epidemic of Slowness

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I hold an objective standard. It's called "The Speed of Clarey." Like the speed of light you cannot attain this speed, only approach it. And though it is incredibly enraging that the rest of the world does not operate at "The Speed of Clarey," I've learned to accept people are simply not capable of this theoretical limit and I have to operate and live within the confines of the speed at which the rest society operates at.

This varies depending on who I'm with and what activity we're doing.

For example dinner. Unless explicitly stated as a "sit down dinner" the purpose of eating is to simply fuel yourself so you may go out and adventure forth, continuing on your life. But if you look at how slow people eat, even when accounting for conversation that is going to naturally ensue, it is painfully slow. The conversation could be continued on after dinner as you "watch the game," "go for a hike," or do whatever social activity there is to be had, but this fact is lost on people as they painfully cut tiny little pieces of food from their plate, chewing on them like rabbits, adding unnecessary minutes of conversation between each bite. And so there you sit with a clean plate, looking at the rest of the people wondering how in hell's name they're not even half way done with their meal, with only a mere 30 minutes left to go.

Another example - women when they are "getting ready." You could have a plane to catch, a reservation to make, or a symphony to attend with a concrete, specific time, but women will piss away more time 'getting ready' completely oblivious to the hard, chronological limit set forth before them. And though you may roll your eyes and giggle at this anecdote, it's not funny. Being late is a horrific offense to those who are punctual and on time. It is not only making the statement that your time, and thus life, and thus you, are more important than other people, it is also theft. You are stealing that person's time by being ignorant and slow, requiring that person pointlessly wait for you. It has gotten to the point that during Minnesota's harsh winters I will not stand outside the car

as my girlfriend waits till we park to fumble about and find her things and 2 minutes later finally leave the car. I walk straight to the house where it is warm because I operate at The Speed of Clarey. Along the same lines, when it's time to eat, I do NOT wait for another person to initiate the "digging in" by taking the first piece of pizza. I am always the first to make this social faux pas because I am f^cking hungry and do not have the patience for such stupid social graces. Whether people want to unnecessarily go hungry or cold, is up to them.

And then there's procrastination. Whether it was going to school, working, having fun, investing, or entrepreneurship, the constant and common criticism I've received from people has been, "Aaron, you need to calm down and relax in life." Yet, these are the same people who ask, "Dude, how did you do it?" or lament, "Well we can't all be like you, Clarey." or mock me for "Waking up at 11AM." They think my constant, Scrat-like hustle is a mental disorder, a handicap, but fail to make the connection of that hustle to my house being paid off, my businesses all being up-and-running and profitable, my ability to work from home, or my many hiking and motorcycle adventures. They do not realize that like "warping space" in Star Trek, you can warp time by never procrastinating. This condenses your life into increasingly dense and productive minutes, hours, and days, allowing you to accomplish MUCH MORE, earlier on in life, essentially allowing you to live and experience three times the life of your average American slouch who pisses away his time on TV, leased cars, worthless degrees, and worthless careers.

I could go on, citing examples of the merits of the "The Speed of Clarey," but the larger point is I am right. I am not wrong. There is NOTHING erroneous of flawed about having hustle and making every second of your finite life count. And the biggest lie society arguably tells itself that somehow "patience is a virtue," when in reality patience is a weakness and a horrific self-loathing and lack of self-respect.

Unfortunately, your rank and file sheeple are too dumb to have these epiphanies. They simply aren't far enough along the right of the IQ bell curve to wake up and realize they're finite and are going to die. This means the societal medium by which I (and other anti-slowness people) try to live our lives limits the speed at which we can. Whether we like it or not, "Fast People" are dependent upon the rest of society. And while we'd like to "push out this software by Thursday," "climb that mountain in under 10 hours," or "get to work a little early," we have employees only capable of getting the software out by NEXT Thursday, people who can't climb period, and a traffic jam that is going to make us 2 hours late, not 2 hours early.

This would be perfectly fine in that society's lethargy is a given. It's a fact. The vast majority of the sheep are simply not going to operate at our speed and thus we will NEVER achieve or attain the accomplishments and heights we're capable of. And it's up to us to recite the Prayer of Serenity, practice some stoicism, and accept we don't control the rest of society. The problem is the speed at which society is operating is getting

slower. The societal medium me and my other "Speed of Clarey" peers must fly through is getting thicker. And this is not only making our slog towards greatness more costly and painful, but has huge ramifications for the rest of society.

First, people are getting dumber. As measured by IQ, people's overall intelligence (in the Western world) is decreasing. They postulate and theorize why this is (with explanations ranging from smart people not breeding, stupid people breeding, and immigration), but the why doesn't matter. All that matters is what is. And people ARE getting dumber.

Second, this cascades into a whole bevy of effects and consequences across the country, the perfect example being traffic. Traffic is slower not only because we spend more money on slow people (welfare, TANF, WIC, etc.) and not roads, but the people on the roads are indeed dumber. The texting teenager, the incapable soccer mom, or the clueless immigrant all parking their asses in the left lane a full 10 MPH below the speed limit, are just as responsible for today's traffic jams and increased commute times as underinvestment in our roads and infrastructure. This directly affects everybody, even our economic growth as our transportation system is essentially the cardiovascular system of the economy. We unnecessarily waste time, money, and gas to the tunes of billions of human hours all because people are becoming slower. Sadly, traffic is merely one vital chokepoint of society that slow people populate, and therefore disproportionately affect.

Third, education. In the olden days you could graduate from high school and go right to work. The education you'd receive from a K-High School education was adequate and of high enough quality employers would immediately employ you fresh off the assembly line. But the people got lazy. They got slow. Both the teachers and the students! And the quality of education decreased and watered down to the point that a high school diploma was now worthless. You now need an extra 4 years of (very expensive) schooling in the form of a bachelors degree ("Masters Preferred" however) in order to simply apply for most "entry level positions." You want to talk about slowing down GENERATIONS of people? Mandate they spend an extra 4-8 years in higher education on top of the 13 you just forced them to take during their entire childhood and STILL say they don't have enough "years experience" for entry level positions.

Fourth, careers. Just because you grant dumber people more time to get a quality education, doesn't make them any smarter. And as these slower and dumber people started populating the ranks of corporate America and the labor force, the sheer amount of idiotic baby sitting required to keep them from merely destroying the place via lawsuits has increased exponentially. "Sexual Harassment Training," "Diversity Training," "Sensitivity Training." You spend more time legally and defensively training your staff not to cop a feel in the copy room, than you do actual work training programs that might benefit the company.

And finally, socializing the costs of stupid people's mistakes.

What I mean by "socializing" is spreading around the cost of people's mistakes to the dwindling few who didn't make any. For example the bank bailouts. There you had dumb bankers making dumb loans to dumb (and slow) people who would never be able to pay back those loans. You couldn't just let the banks fail and let the deadbeats rot. Heavens no, that might prompt them to take inventory and responsibility for their mistakes, maybe instilling in them a spirit of hustle and not being so stupid. It's much more politically popular and expedient to just continue to bail out the stupid with the labor and production of the smart. And thus the engines of society are burdened with the additionally heavy load of taking care of the slow and parasitic;

TRULY dumb and slow liberal arts students want to be bailed out for their worthless liberal arts degrees.
Truly dumb and slow single moms who don't know how babies are made and "accidentally" got pregnant...6 times...by 8 different fathers want free everything.
Even companies who didn't save enough for pensions or a rainy day recession demanded getting bailed out instead of being allowed to tank like they should have.

This "socializing the costs" of society's mistakes slows down society on two large fronts. One, us hustlers of society have to work twice as hard to pay for the mistakes of the slow and stupid. This leaves us with less money and less free time to pursue our lives to the fullest extent. This also has a huge opportunity cost for the rest of society in that had we had that time and money to ourselves we would have likely invented a new technology, created a new company, or pursued some other venture that would have advanced society as a whole. Now it goes to more baby formula for an unwanted bastard child or bailing out Thadeus the Banker so he can keep his leased Mercedes. Two, the sheeple-like masses never endure the full cost and pain of their mistakes and therefore become ever more lethargic and slow. They are never stung into hustle by having a fire lit under their bum. They never face starvation, prompting them to work harder and faster. They are merely placated with more taxpayer money, which pickles their brain to dumber and dumber levels, and slower and slower heights.

The overall result of this Epidemic of Slowness is the decay and deterioration of all social, economic, and sociological measures. US Long Term Economic growth is down about 40% from it's 1940's-1960's peak. Labor force participation is still trending down despite women's (relatively) recent entry into the labor force. Consequently, our national deficits and debts are at all time highs since we don't produce enough to pay for the things we want. And if there's an epitomal example of the consequences of a slow society, may I point out the Millennial generation? An entire generation that didn't hit full maturity until they were 35 and even then, some of them still are living at home or on daddy's dime. I fear if the slowness epidemic continues Gen Z'ers will be living at home into their 40's and be just as clueless as the Millennials as to why.

In the end, I do not have any delusions about society waking up, having a society-wide epiphany, and pulling it's communal head out of its communal ass. I've come to accept that society is not only not capable of reaching "The Speed of Clarey" but is getting further away from it. But instead of ruing or lamenting "what could have never been" I'm going to make lemonade out of lemons. I already make a nice tidy profit selling harsh, blunt, truth to people on the side. But imagine if I (and my other hustling peers) took our efforts, work ethic, speed, and intelligence and sold the slow and the stupid the lies they're desperately addicted to? Oprah is America's richest woman using this formula. The democrat party exists solely by selling lies to the slow. Slow and stupid people fork over $600 billion a year to colleges and universities to tell them they're smart. And the entire women's fashion-make-up-gossip industry even has slow women believing "big is beautiful" and "weight doesn't have a number."

It would have been nice to prevent the housing crash.
It would have been nice to land on Mars.
It would have been nice to be part of the engine that got US GDP per capita up to $100,000.

But you're all too damn slow.

Looks like us hustlers have no choice but to profit off of you.

Keeping It Classy There, Jimmy Kimmel

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Cripes. Does main stream America see this?

Older Brother Podcast #20 - The "What Percent of Women Hate Men" Episode

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Americans have great food.
Wood burning stoves and fireplaces.
A listener's wife just up and leaves him.
Liberal arts majors turn strippers.
Porn stars become pastors.
What percentage of women hate men?

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It is also an example of where evil is ugly and nature has been kind enough to give us a visual warning about evil people.

Evil is Physically Ugly

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This woman is physically ugly.
She is also evil.

If you don't believe me, then read this article where she is experimenting on little children for her pet theory.

Also notice no ring on the finger which makes me ask, how are you qualified to experiment on children when you can't even get a guy to give you one.

Why Academic Studies Have Lost All Value

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I predict, within our lifetimes, a college degree, ESPECIALLY if it's in the humanities or the liberal arts will be a LIABILITY not an asset to a person's career. The sheer amount of bullshit being carried out in "academic circles" is laughable. But then again, I knew this all along.

Honoring Saint Tom Leykis

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This man has done more honest, beneficial work to society than Oprah could ever dream. We'll miss you Tom!

Divorce! It's Great for Your Children

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Well...right up until your ex husband kills the kid. Then it's not so funny.

The Plane the Democrats Would Crash

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Would without a doubt be this one if this happens.

No Clarey Podcast Today

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Unfortunately, the Ole Captain is swamped with work and a podcast is just not in the cards.

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Also consider reading this awesome post I wrote and barely anybody read!

The Profitability of Feminist Christianity

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The Ole Capmeister is finishing writing a book. Really more of an essay, but it will be about 60-70 pages and was written in 6 days.

Regardless, posts may be sparse, but I could not pass up on this article where a feminist pastor had a man kneel in front of a congregation and ask for the forgiveness of the women for anything men have done.

The "pastor" is Beth Moore and if you look at her twitter feed she has 870,000 followers. That is amazing. I tried to get some harder numbers, but this woman MUST be making at least a couple million per year selling feminism through Christianity.

Again, you all ask why I'm diversifying into the "Lies Industry", Ms. Moore is the perfect example. I just wish I had thought of selling feminism to women by using an empty vessel of religion to do so, all so women who were feminists could still think they were Christians. BRILLIANT!

Older Brother Podcast #21 - The "Women Cause Economic Growth" Episode

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Cappy's week from hell.
Operation Evil.
"C-Harmony" Cappy's angry dating service.
China hires pretty girls to cheerlead male workers.
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Silicon Valley Slaves.

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Been Busy Writing and Enjoying the Decline

October 14, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Greetings all,

The Ole Capmeister has been busy writing a book in under a week and taking a breather. We will return to a normal schedule on Tuesday when Cappy will be back at the Northern Command where the cold Minnesota weather will force him to stay indoors and work. In the meantime here is a picture from the warm outdoors that i recently hiked.

And here is Adam Piggott's latest podcast episode "The Environmentalism vs Feminism Episode" in case you wanted to listen to something instead of read.

Best,

Cappy

Have Conservative Fathers Destroyed America?

October 15, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Had an interesting podcast with Cotto and Gottfried about the failure of "conservative fathers" to actually stand up to leftism in the country by doing the minimum and raising their kids right. Some good discussion. You can find their archive here.

Youtube below:

Alex is Always Hiring

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Alex is looking to hire. If you're interested, please contact Alex below!

Once again, we appreciate your continued support. Aaron and his readers have always done a great deal to promote our business interests and we continue to grow with every passing month.

Unfortunately, we've hit some set-backs. Many of our marketers have been banned from various social media platforms and we're certainly looking for some additional help. This time, we have a plan to make sure that all of our new enlistees have a chance to earn a good deal of side cash with minimal effort.

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Paul Allen Proves You Need to Enjoy the Decline

October 16, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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That $20.5 billion in assets did nothing for him. If he were a normal person, he would not have collected more than 20 social security checks, nor had a full year of retirement.

Enjoy the Decline.

And also

Retire like Benjamin Franklin.

Does MGTOW Make Sense?

October 16, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'm going to blind link to The Great One as he tries to answer the question: "Does MGTOW Make Sense?" And by "blind link" I mean I will link to the guy without reading what he has to say or write about the topic because I'm sure it will provide some insights.

That being said you have to take what The Great One says with a cup of salt because he erroneously though the "Man from UNCLE" movie was not that good when it was a spectacular movie, very well done and played well to the original TV series.

Also, yes, this was merely a link as a substitute for writing an actual post because I've been busy with other stuff, namely hiking, having fun, and golfing. Upon returning to the Northern Command I will return to a normal schedule, until the point in time my adventuring pulls me elsewhere.

The Older Brother Podcast #22

October 17, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The crew subs for Cappy in this broadcast as the ole Captain flies back home from Vegas:

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

October 17, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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A lot more to the story though than just the absence of a father.

Can YOU count the ways!!??

Anyway, don't need no man fish bicycle helps out the chillllldreeeeennnnns again

Remember Why The Captain Hates Wyoming

October 18, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You all wonder why the Captain hates Wyoming. Were here's one reason. And here's another.

The Unabomber, Enjoy the Decline, and Mythical Cassandras

October 18, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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An Asshole Consulting request turns out to produce a rather deep and philosophical video on serenity, stoicism, mental illness, and enjoying the decline.

When DNA Tests Prove Your Child is Not Yours

October 19, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Mandatory DNA tests for all children.

ALL.

The Clarey Podcast #271 - "The 70's Sucked" Episode

October 19, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and TJ Martinell talk about

Leftism as a religion,
How Californians ruin everything,
"Professionalism Plus Politics,"
Never seeing "Bushy Porn", and
How nothing good came from the 1970's.

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The Ghost Legions of Men

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An otherwise excellent article about the declining labor force participation rate among men.

I say "otherwise" because in it's analysis it avoids the obvious motivator to get men to work again - women.

Specifically, attractive and feminine women.

Male labor force participation rate will continue to decline until there is a biological and sexual reason to get up in the morning. If they have to look at a nation of Lena Dumhams, the hell if they're going to go look for a job. Shoot, most of them will probably just put a bullet in their heads.

The Male Wall Cometh

October 22, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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You may get more super awesome economic genius here.

Why Do Women Need Permission to Be Equal?

October 23, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Permit the Captain a short, but important observation.

I have been told since the age of 5 that women were equal and could do anything men could do. We should treat women equally. We should treat them as we would a man. And, matter of fact, forget it, there is no difference between men and women. They are interchangeable.

But why after 40 years of hearing this constant clamor and bickering are women still asking for permission to be equal?

By "asking for permission" let me show you what I'm talking about.

The "Mentor Her" hashtag for example.

If women were truly equal they wouldn't require men to "mentor them" in being equal. They ARE equal, therefore, shouldn't they just "should go and be equal?" Also, the age of the women clamoring for this hashtag are of the Sheryl Sandberg type, who have the exact same 40 odd years on this planet as I have. And the ENTIRE TIME it has been nothing but a 4 decade long celebration about the equality, if not, awesomeness of women.

To quote Judge Smalls from Caddy Shack when it comes to them being equal, "Wellllll? WE'RE WAITING!!!"

Another example, women in STEM.

Shouldn't women be smart enough after these 40 years of "you can do anything" to know

they should go and major in STEM? THEY ARE EQUAL which means they're as smart and logical as men. Don't tell me they "don't feel welcomed" or "they're socially expected to avoid math" or any of that other BS. In 40 years women should have realized that majoring in "Women's Studies" is stupid as hell and majoring in "Electrical Engineering" is a much better option. Why, after 4 decades of constant cheering and support, do I have to hear the same tiresome, weak, shitty excuses as to why women don't major in STEM?

You are equal. You are interchangeable with men. Men would AND DO choose to major in better subjects no matter what da feelz, so why aren't women?

Again, I ask in my Judge Smalls voice, "Wellllll??? WE'RE WAITING!!!"

And finally, running to the government and corporate America for assistance and help.

No, you girls don't get to complain about sexism anymore. This country and the world has bent over backwards for you, giving you affirmative action, preferential treatment, and anything but a god damn ticker tape parade when it comes to promoting you in the working world. You even have California making a blatantly sexist policy forcing companies to put women on the board of directors regardless of merit or worth. If you actually WERE equal, you wouldn't even need these incredible handicaps to close the various performance gaps with men. If you were equal, you'd simply close the gap. What's sad is even with these handicaps you still aren't able to close the various gaps in terms of wealth, income, performance, etc. of men. Which again, makes me ask that if women are equal, what is the freaking hold up? Why are you asking permission from society and men to be equal? The road could not be any more freshly paved.

The truth is women have the capacity to be equal. They simply choose not to. Most women instead choose the easier path. A path that involves majoring in easy-borderline-worthless subjects, pursuing easy-borderline-worthless professions. Working as elementary school teachers 9 months a year, social workers part time, accountants, but not CPA's, and activists instead of actuaries. But instead of accepting their lower economic lot in life, they prefer instead to bitch and whine about the wage gap. They demand superior pay and superior preferential treatment for inferior work. Matter of fact, if women redirected the energies they do towards complaining about the "wage gap" and invested it instead into a programming bootcamp, the wage gap would disappear overnight, heck, they'd probably triple the average man's income.

But they know exactly what they're doing. They want higher pay for easier work. It's nothing but simple human nature and laziness that guides them because if you can get the same pay as an engineer with the half-ass effort it takes to become a teacher, why not? All I ask is that you girls drop the BS pretext with me and the rest of the world and stop acting like you're oppressed. Stop acting like men are discriminating against you. If you could for a moment, *actually be equal to men*, and stop your whining and

complaining.

So you want to be equal? I want you to be equal too. NOW GO AND BE EQUAL. Nothing and nobody is stopping you. But for god's sake, stop insulting us by "asking for permission" to be so.

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Check out Aaron's other "evil, sexist, misogynist" stuff below and contribute to the PATRIARCHY!!

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The Older Brother Podcast #23 - The "Origin Story of Cappy" Episode

October 24, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and pals talk about:

Lying about your race,
"The Origins of Cappy,"
Kavanaugh book already written,
BEING ON FUCKING TIME,
"lazy artists,"
liberal parents fuck up their kid,
the NPC meme is 100% accurate,
The Aurini Bechtloff 30 Days War

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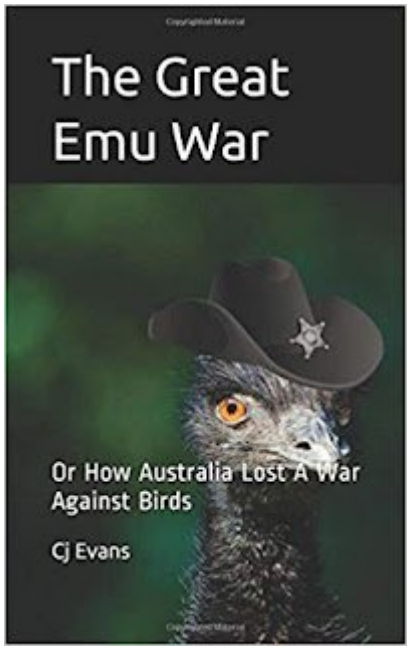
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Or How Australia Lost A War
Against Birds
Cj Evans

Was the Father Available for Comment?

October 24, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I skimmed the article.

All I saw is the mother being quoted as saying, "she was a good girl" and some worthless degree mentioned.

Didn't really pay attention. But I'm going to bet no father was around to be quoted.

Let me know if any of you decide to invest the time finding out for a fact, but I think we can just assume there was no father mentioned.

Why Young Men Should Leave New York for Texas

October 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'll say it again.

Large, east coast towns offer nothing of value or a future to young men.

Go west, young man. Go west.

I'm Going as a Millennial this Halloween

October 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I suggest you do too. It's also easy and cheap to do so.

Please share with other people who are still undecided on what their halloween costume will be this year.

"Captain Capitalism: Top Shelf" Cover Revamped

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Been busy these past few weeks working on behind the scenes stuff. This is one of those things. I will be revamping all the "best of" books for my blog, as well as issuing a new one that we are once again patiently waiting for artists to finish.

When Leftist Parents Love Their Politics More than Their Children

October 25, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

When a Girl is No Longer Popular

October 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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She resorts to anything to get attention.

College Degrees Have No Intrinsic Value

October 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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They need to be coupled with an actual career.

The Clarey Podcast #272 - The "Economics is All About Hot Chicks and Nothing More" Episode

October 26, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Backing up your life's work should the internet delete it.
Fear is Cappy's primary motivator.
"The WHY Does not Matter." All that matters is "what is."
Don't tell me "Racism." STOP SPREADING YOUR LEGS.
Economics is all about hot women.
Sinead O'Connor is a muslim because of course she is.

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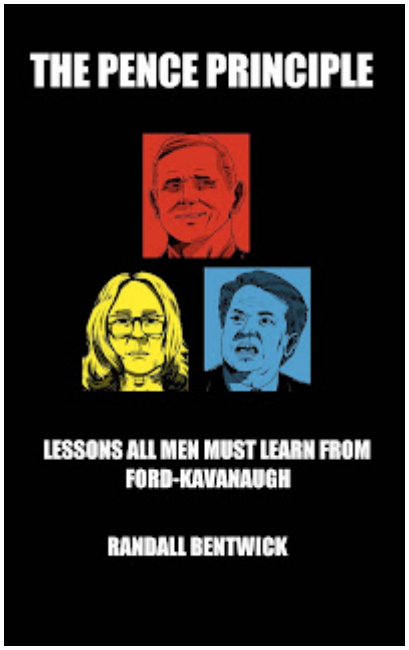
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LESSONS ALL MEN MUST LEARN FROM FORD-KAVANAUGH
RANDALL BENTWICK

Chad Haag is a Thief

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And is is every other piece of scum who stole from the American taxpayer and is fleeing the country with their worthless degrees.

Most Women Don't Want Marriage or Kids

October 28, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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It has always been assumed that women want a husband and children. THis is inspite of progress made by feminists since the 1960's we always assumed deep down inside women wanted a man and children.

But I had an interesting observation watching younger men try to date younger women. Women may say on some level they inevitably do want a husband and children, but their actions indicate otherwise. Matter of fact, their actions indicate the last thing on their minds are husbands and children, and while many of you are saying they're riding the "cock-carousel," I think it is their careers and education that is keeping them away. Not that they're obliged to it or that they cannot leave or postpone these things, but they've been successfully conditioned to put those things first in their lives, and in most cases have said things be the ONLY thing in their lives that matter.

This has ramifications for young men who are looking to get married and start families. Namely, one of not wasting what little time you have on this planet chasing something that may not be feasible or possible. I expand into this in much greater detail in a except from The Clarey Podcast below:

Leaving the US to Avoid Paying Student Loans

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Why Women Should Lead Corporate America

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"there have been some unforeseen consequences with women transitioning into the work force. And it is directly caused by the progressive credentialism arms race Corporate America foists upon any aspiring applicants. Because in order to "make it" in Corporate America you effectively have to forfeit your entire youth to a masters degree, dedicate what remains of it to a career, and stick with it for the rest of your life. Men have more or less done this since the beginning of time, but for women it leaves them with very little time for family formation, unfairly forcing them to choose between a family and a career. But an interesting resulting phenomenon has come from this - women have chosen careerism over family formation."

What if the Democrats Lost the Black Vote

October 30, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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"Blexit"

I'm not joking. Something as simple as a clothing line and the concept of "Blexit" could cost the Democrats the black vote. Heck, even if it costs them20% of the black vote, they're done.

Democrats Going Back to Your High School Years Again

October 30, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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This time a GOP candidate is being accused of bullying and calling a guy names in high school back in 1997.

You'd think it'd be impossible to be both a Nazi and a Pussy, but the democrats some how pull it off.

Older Brother Podcast #24 - The "Hand Me Downs" Episode

October 31, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Getting Sweaters for Christmas.
Hand Me downs. A Gen X Treat.
Why Safety is Anti-Safety.
Cappy getting Paid to do Book Reports.
Democrats Going After Your High School year Book Again.

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One Manly RFID-Proof Wallet

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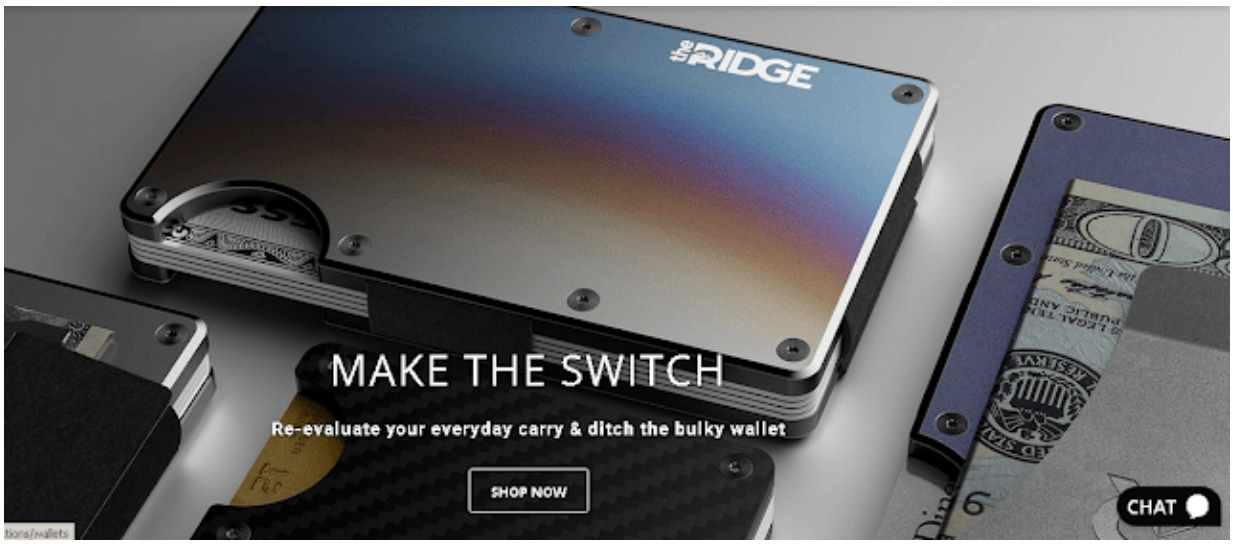
Ridge Wallet. Going to be advertising this guy more, but the wallets are sweet, manly, and secure. Consider buying one THIS CHRISTMAS for any man who isn't a soy boy or a pussy in your household.



All That Leftist Virtue Signaling for NOTHING???

November 1, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Heh heh heh heh.

You just need to do it more.

Day Care "Fight Club"

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Looks fun as hell. Looks like a guy got in there, gave the kids padded "hulk hands" and they could go and "beat each other up" without getting hurt.

Ohhhhh...but wait. That's masculine. And we can't have any of that.

Now it's national news as if the kids were actually in an MMA cage match fighting to the death.

Why Christian Men Shouldn't Date Christian Women

November 2, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Cappy explains why most "Christian" women older than 30 really aren't "Christian" as much as they're abusing Christ.

Consider hiring Asshole Consulting to make your life A LOT easier.

I Don't Want to Do My Homework

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Why should you when you can hire Academic Composition to do it for you?

The Clarey Podcast #273 - The "Harlequin Romance Personal Finance Book for Women" Episode

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Cappy's South Dakota Home.
What it's Like Interviewing at Google.
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How Google Virtue Signaled Itself to Death

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This topic does indeed warrant a long, thorough, and lengthy analysis.

The problem is my readership already knows its underlying workings and I'm too tired to write another thorough piece on how hiring politically motivated people is like introducing cancer cells to an organization. You will undermine your entity on the cellular level.

Now that the education industry and CSR Google have fanned the flames of SJW-ism enough, the frankenstein monster is turning on its creator, or at least 20% of the cells of the organization revolting against the host.

I do not know how a living organism survives when 20% of its cells have turned against you

I'm going to now sit and eat my popcorn.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIIIIIINNNNKINNNNNG FATHERS!!!!

Do Your Christmas Shopping NOW

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And have it done by THIS WEEKEND so you can enjoy a worry-free Thanksgiving and December!

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"Cool Manly Shit" is here if you're looking for gifts for men.

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Gen Z Choosing Trade School Over College

November 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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God bless 'em. First bit of real change for the better in this country.

The Older Brother Podcast #25 - The "Politics Before Profit" Episode

November 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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YouTube's Crazy Bi-Polar Girlfriend Attitude Again.
Can "big tech" Survive a 20% Cancer Rate?
Some election talk.
Seattle vs. Portland.

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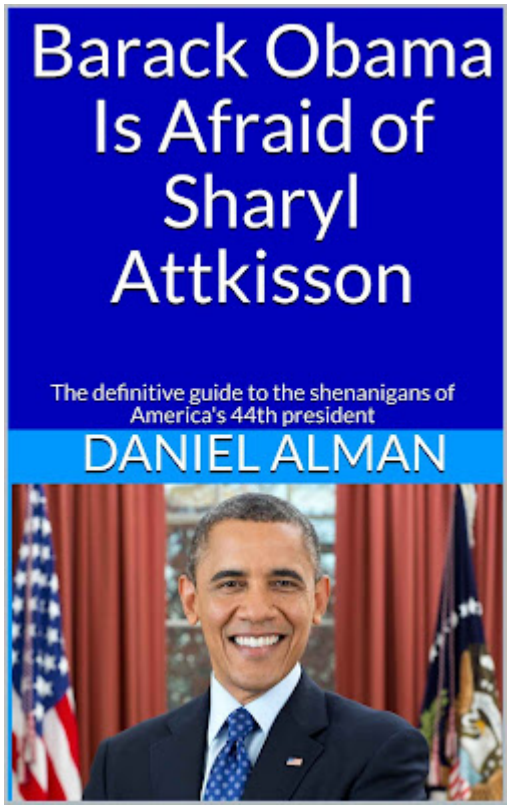

We have a new sponsor on Cappy Cap (and for some reason a ton of new sponsors popped up this week). This Sponsor is Daniel Alman and his new book, *"Barack Obama Is Afraid of Sharyl Attkisson: The definitive guide to the shenanigans of America's 44th president"*

He gave me very specific instructions to promote his book, including listing the chapters. Here are the chapter names to help give you an idea of what's in the book:

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Chapter 9: Firefighters
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Chapter 12: Unions criticize Obamacare
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Girl Scouts Sue Boy Scouts for Trademark Infringement

November 7, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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This, this right here is why I'm going to Enjoy the Decline.

When Incels Attack

November 8, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Or at least I'm betting a fatherless, Incel wonder who decided he was going to show society who was boss.

Also notice, this is a fake story because we all know guns are not allowed in California and it is guns that kill people, not people.

Have a Nice Trip

November 8, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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See you next fall.

Owning a Boat Won't Get You Laid

November 9, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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And more wisdom from Asshole Consulting.

Why Do Some Women Hate Men?

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A Job for Any Cappy Cappites Who Might Need Extra Christmas Money

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The Clarey Podcast #276 - The "Minnesota is a Fat Woman Who Thinks She's Hot" Episode

November 9, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

DT and Cappy plot their escape from Minnesota.
Why Scandinavians hate themselves.
Sharyl Attkisson is hot...sort of.
East Indians don't explore America.
Lesbian Park Rangers.

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The Role Stupid People Should Play in Society

November 12, 2018 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Three Main Goals of Humanity

As far as my logic takes me humanity has three main goals:

1. To find out why we are here
2. To achieve total knowledge of the universe/unlock its secrets, and in the process
3. Achieve immortality.

This of course is not going to happen overnight. Matter of fact all three of those goals are easily a millennia off into the future, if not more. And sadly that means the majority of humans will simply not achieve immortality and everyone alive today will merely be contributors to those goals, not the final achievers of them.

This then presents a paradox for humans alive today - if you're not going to achieve any one of the three main goals of humanity, what is the best use of your time? And logic would conclude enjoying your life through leisure, fun, and engagement with your fellow human beings would be the second-best option. Of course, it is not that binary a choice. I believe the human mind is forever curious and tempted by the unknown and it serves us economically to unlock some of the universe's secrets, even if it doesn't result in immortality. For example the splitting of the atom provided us with an unlimited source of energy. Mastering electricity has conferred untold benefits and comfort upon humanity. And medical advances have more than doubled our life expectancies. I would also argue for some people exploring the intellectual and physical limits of our universe is also entertaining unto itself, and so a combination of both leisure and these intellectual pursuits is the best way humans can live and enjoy their finite lives today. But before you get excited about a forever-advancing society, merely on the cusp of traveling to Alpha Centauri, populating the planets and becoming gods, there's just one minor problem.

Stupid people.

And it will be the end of us.

The Problem with Stupid People

The problem with stupid people is they obstruct the ultimate three-goal aim of humanity and further obstruct (or at least lessen) our secondary goal of leisure and enjoyment. Stupid people, in short, cost society resources by making stupid decisions which must at least be dealt with or fully remedied by the work, effort, and finite time of smart people. This detracts human-kind in its pursuit of its three main lofty goals, not to mention, pisses us smart people off who have to deal with them. And before you think I'm on some high horse, think again. The price society pays for stupid people is insane.

For example, what percent of today's economy and work is spent remedying the mistakes of others and not making actual progress or new production that will actually benefit society? A meal was prepared wrong. Your mechanic failed to fix your car the right way. Or something as simple as your dataentrysman put the wrong data in the wrong spreadsheet column. These simple mistakes cost twice, thrice, even quadruple the time, effort, and energy to put right. And if you had to estimate it, I bet you would find that about half our working hours are spent "doing something right the first time," after it's been done wrong two, three, or four times. Imagine if things were just done right the first time and the economic growth that would result from a "mistake-less" economy. We'd all enjoy standards of living around $120,000 per capita (that's "a lot of money" for you stupid people who don't know what "per capita" means).

Another example insurance. And I don't just mean insurance against a tornado, a hurricane or a statistically odd event of nature, but insurance against stupid people. Tina the Suburbanite Princess who is texting and crashes into your car. Insurance against a malpractice suit. Insurance in the form of home security systems productive people must invest in their homes in South Africa. And the entire global budget of the police and judicial systems honest, hard-working people have to pay taxes for to insure and protect against criminals. Not one red cent of that money is spent on productive or enjoyable measures, but is instead an energy, time, and resource sink into paying for the stupid of society. Anytime you see prison, remember, that is a black hole sucking up your resources for stupid people.

And illegitimate children. My goodness, illegitimate children.

Illegitimate children were such a burden on society (and remain so today) because they were innocent, yet the most expensive mistake two irresponsible humans could foist upon a society. Society was then forced to provide for these unwanted children (although some did do away with them), which is an enormous tax. But society would not do so

without first taking its enormous toll on people who brought these illegitimate children into society. They would be ostracized, excommunicated, or simply banned from society condemning them to a ruined life of poverty and societal shunning. It is also why nearly every culture and religion insisted on having both first a husband and wife commit to one another before bringing unwanted children into this world. Today, we instead celebrate stupid people in the form of "baby daddies," "baby mommas," and "brave single moms."

I could go on, but keep in mind this is the BEST case scenario when it comes to the price society pays for the stupid. "The stupid have always been with us," and such historical expenses are the normal, everyday wear and tear society must pay for them. But if you dare form a democracy and give these idiots the right to vote, heaven help you. Because now you've changed the direction of society from the noble goals of attaining immortality, unlocking the secrets of the universe, and enjoying the intellectual company of one another to that of Idiocracy.

Stupid people will out-vote the smart ones so they simply don't have to work. Stupid people will out-vote smart ones so they don't have to raise their kids. Stupid people will out-vote smart people so they can major in the dumbest subjects in university, and then immediately vote to have their student loans forgiven for said dumbest degrees. And stupid people will out-vote smart ones so they can avoid paying the mortgages the banks stupidly gave them. Nearly every mistake stupid people will make, they will insist through democracy (and thus at the end of a gun) the smart and productive people bail them out. It ~~will get~~ has gotten so bad stupid people will even vote for entire make-work industries to be made for them so they can imagine and play "make-believe adult" thinking they're "smart productive people too!" (college, academia, non-profits, social workers, non-profits, etc.). And worse, with so much resources being stolen from the smart by the stupid, the stupid will out-breed the smart, permanently derailing humanity from the pursuit of its three main goals. Overall societal IQ will tank, economies will inevitably stagnate, society will cease to advance, and the morons that populate the Earth will be more concerned about "sportsball" than they will cold fusion. A meteorite will hit the Earth and the human race will end, never with a shot of attaining the total knowledge and immortality it was once capable of.

All because of stupid people.

The Moral Case for Taking Advantage of Stupid People

The price smart people have to pay and endure because of the stupid is incalculable. Denying us the pursuit of immortality, total knowledge and why we exist is alone reason enough to loathe the stupid. But the stupid even ruin our secondary purpose in life of enjoying leisure and freedom. And it is not so much that the stupid do this by requiring more and more of our lives to bail them out of the stupidity of theirs, but that they then go on to ruin society making it increasingly difficult, if not, impossible to enjoy.

You cannot merely get a drink or a dinner without your ears being raped by the idiotic talking heads of Fox, CNN, TMZ, CNBC or ESPN. Television must be everywhere and it's twin brother of pop music must be attached at the hip. Smart people's senses must be constantly assaulted by noise that the stupid of society dance to. "How is LeBron James' jump shot?" "What did Donald Trump tweet today?" "What latest Hollywood Harlotry is going on?" "Here's the latest shitty song by Rhianna you're supposed to like because we told you to." Newspapers print pieces to make dumb people feel smart just because they read "The New Yorker," "The Economist," or "The New York Times." Movies are made that are crappy remakes and sequels of originals because nobody has the talent to make anything original. The public landscape is turned into a public eyesore with inferior "minimalist" art and architecture because the artists were too dumb (and lazy) to create anything beautiful. Which is no better than the public themselves, where ugly people equally mar the landscape with their obesity, sleeve tattoos, purple hair, noodle soy boy arms, and sloven fashion not because "they're independent minded," but they're most conformist conformies who ever conformed. And perhaps the epitome of stupidity is where the masses are dumb enough to be divided along racial, gender, and ethnic lines, so that smart people actually have to waste their time arguing against something as simplistic, elementary, and stupid as socialism. There are increasingly few morsels of true intellectual reward for the intelligent to enjoy in life, and the rest of society is quickly becoming a constant, taxing pain smart people must endure every waking moment of their lives. It's perfectly moral and right for smart people to hate stupid people.

But even this I could understand as not everybody is MENSA material. Not everybody is going to appreciate a good Victor Borge skit over a Margaret Cho tampon joke. Not everybody has the intelligence to enjoy a good conversation over a mindless night of yelling at each other over loud music at a bar. And the majority of people are too stupid to answer the question "who's going to produce the stuff in a socialist society?" I know the majority of people are going to be stupid.

But if it was only simple, innocent stupidity.

Because it's almost guaranteed that along with galactic stupidity people are going to have arrogance and ego. They actually think they are smart. They actually think they're independent minded. They, with their solidly average IQ's of 100, their gossip shows and People Magazines, their worthless humanities degrees, all of whom are financially insolvent, all think they know better than actual intelligent, non-conformist people. People who don't even have enough saved up for retirement, live pay check to pay check, who consume the most moronic, idiotic slop and all regurgitate what they were programmed to dare to think they're special, they're unique, or they're intelligent. And when I have to deal with intellectual inferiors who confuse popularity and conformity with "intelligence," and are arrogant enough to think they're better because they're doing precisely what society has brainwashed them to do, I no longer view them as sad, forgiveable creatures, that are life's necessary retards smarter people have to endure. I

view them as enemies, completely responsible for the delay in human advancement and a lessening of my quality of life, deserving of contempt and being taken advantage of.

Their contemptable nature, however, is ultimately moot. Because whether they are consciously evil or ignorantly arrogant, the role stupid people should play in society is not determined by morality, ethics, or whether we hate them or not. It's ultimately determined by what they're capable of. It is ultimately determined by what their opportunity cost is to society. And if you sit down and think about it, whether you loathe the stupid as I do, or forgive them as most others, they are capable of nothing. They are stupid. They truly have no value to society.

To be blunt, the lives of stupid people are a pure waste of time and life. They really offer nothing of value to society. Do you honestly think "Madison" the 23 year-old International Communications Major is going to do ANYTHING notable with her life along with the equally pointless and common MILLIONS of other 20 something humanities-majoring girls in society? You think "DudeBro Tanner" and his finance degree with his leased used Beamer is going to do anything except file for bankruptcy when his parents finally cut him off and his sales job dries up because the owner was embezzling money from the shareholders? Do you think Bambi the Soccer Mom will do anything beyond spending more than her husband brings home as she drives and invariably wrecks her Range Rover SUV around a tree with a Hillary bumper sticker? And the professional victim? Be it race, gender, mental illness, or whatever, do you think they along with the MILLIONS of other "professional activists" are ever going to amount to anything beyond people who lobbied for a slightly larger government check? The vast majority of people are accomplishmentless, petty, incompetents who replace anything of worth or value in their lives with religions, ideologies, political crusades, pop cultures, trinkets, bobbles, materialism, and other vicariousities all so they can avoid real work, but still feel good or "popular" about themselves. Forget whether they are stupid or not. Forget whether they're arrogant or not. They're simply incapable of delivering any value to society which ultimately determines the role they should play in it.

The Role Stupid People Should Play in Society

Since the stupid are not capable of anything of worth the only role they should play in society is that of cattle, chattel, or sheep. They are a crop or a livestock that the smart and intelligent should live off of, thereby making the lives of the smart easier and more enjoyable. I would also argue that they morally deserve to be taken advantage of and essentially be enslaved to the benefit of the intelligent because they've deprived humanity of the pursuit of its three noble goals. But this is a secondary and moot argument to the functional fact of "what else are they going to do?"

Of course, nearly all of you are going to take umbrage and offense to this because it's

effectively arguing for an unconscious slavery. We are taking advantage of people who are handicapped and disabled compared to us. It's unethical and immoral to do this to people simply because they're "stupid." But before you get all offended and think this is slavery, I want you to go to Amazon.com, shop for a full length mirror, buy it, have it delivered, set it up, and then look in it because this enslavement is already happening and you likely fully endorse it. The majority of American stupid people are already rightly enslaved as the sheep they are, and their slave masters are oddly the institutions, people, and entities you all worship and praise. But what's worse (but REALLY funny to us smart people) is chances are you are not only a sheep yourself, enslaved to people smarter than you, but you cheer on and endorse your own slavery.

Let me count the ways.

The Democrat Party has more slaves under its control now that it did before the Civil War in the south. And I'm not just talking black people. I'm talking any of you fools who fell for their "divide and conquer" strategy along race, gender, sex, ethnicity, and even "ableist" lines.

All you privileged white women from the suburbs who had more of daddy's money shoved up your asses to major in worthless crap in school actually think you're oppressed because of "sexism." Idiot college kids who major in worthless crap blame "evil republicans" for the student loans they signed on the dotted line for. People of all races who simply spit out more kids than they can afford and then blame "the rich" because they're too stupid to know how sperm and eggs work. And let's not forget people who have come from every advantage in life, but still need a "disability" and now make-believe they have one of a 31 flavors of gender. But what's truly stupid here is that the promises of socialism and an "other people's money utopia" are never delivered by the Democrat Party. The lives these people live are HORRIBLE. Whether they're a forever-poor "sociology major" who can never pay back their student loans, or a poverty-stricken fifth generation black family who religiously votes democrat, you don't make the connection that voting Democrat/socialism hasn't worked…ever…once, and is actually the CAUSE of your poverty and slavery. But you'll keep going back to vote democrat because it feels good and they say the right things, right? Because "feeling" good is better than actually "doing good" and that's how the Democrats keep you enslaved.

Oprah anyone?

Of course, not just "Oprah" but she epitomizes what I call the "Women's Ass Kissing Industry." The industry that blows smoke up women's asses to get them to buy things.

"You're all amazing, wonderful women, who are so powerful and brave."

No you're not.

You're just another human being that happens to have a vagina and tits. And you're worthless until you do something of value and accomplishment in your life than merely "being female." Why don't you try majoring in engineering, or perhaps go work on an oil rig, become an accountant, or maybe just raise some quality children instead of shipping them out to daycare?

Of course, this is why Oprah is a billionaire, and I'm not. But look at how many millions of women she enslaved by telling them sweet lies, yet ruined their family lives in the process. And forget Oprah, combine everything with the women's fashion industry, day time television talk shows, the "girl empowerment" movement, one could even say feminism in general. They've convinced, and thus enslaved, the majority of women in this country that things are more important than humans. Careers are more important than husbands. Educations are more important than children.

But how much you want to bet those now-aged Baby Boomer acolytes of Oprah, sitting in their condo afforded to them by their divorce settlements, are lonely, miserable, and with their cats? How many more generations of women are heading that same direction? And how happy of lives did they live being slaves to Oprah and the Women's Ass Kissing Industry? Well, at least I'm sure they have some very nice shoes.

The education bubble anyone?

Mercy, the irony here is that these stupid people actually think they're smart because they went to "college." They don't understand what a "loan" is, they certainly don't understand what "compound interest is," and they're way too stupid to study economics, but by gum, they got themselves one of dem der degrees! They is so smart! The hypocrisy that these slaves think they're soooo intelligent and "independent minded" makes me want to throw up and laugh hysterically at the same time.

Regardless, again, who is the slave-owner in this instance? And once again, it's people the slaves worship and view as their friends. Teachers, guidance counselors, professors and deans, all cheering you on to LITERALLY AND FINANCIALLY ENSLAVE YOURSELF for DECADES by borrowing $100,000 to give to them so that you in turn may get a piece of paper that qualifies you to work as a barista. But let me guess, I'm the one that's "ignorant."

Finally there's Corporate America.

I view this as actual slavery not because you're actual slaves (you are paid after all), but when you step back and look at what careerists, MBA's, professionals, and the rest of you "powerful, successful" sheep allow your employers to do to you, it is indeed slavery.

First, you morons line up to endebt yourselves for four year degrees of dubious value. I

say "dubious" because in nearly every job listing it says "masters preferred," so once again you sheep enslave yourselves further for masters degrees and MBA's.

Second, wasting your youth and crippling your finances for six years isn't enough. So you need to cue up, line up, and commute along with all the other cattle in rush hour (if you're "lucky" enough to land a job). I've said this before, and I'll say it again, commuting is the single worst scourge plaguing the world today since it directly cuts into your freedom and free time which is all you have in life. But forget that! Corporate America and Big Education have successful convinced you it's all worth it because WORK is what defines you and your CAREER is what gives you value. None of those nasty, icky, gross things like "fun" or "hobbies" or "family."

Third, you guys actually sit in cages euphemistically called "cubes." At least actual slaves got outside a bit and some exercise. You guys sit on your asses for DECADES as time flies by looking at computers screens all because someday you might get promoted to "Assistant Reserve Director" with a window office. But let me guess, I'm just some guy who "couldn't hack it" in Corporate America, right? You know a lot better with your $90,000 a year job, $75,000 in MBA student loan debt, $400,000 McMortgage on your McMansion, and a $500 a month lease on that Mercedes you need to "keep up appearances." Right, you keep thinking that.

About the only thing that can make Corporate American slavery worse is that whereas traditionally men would sacrifice their youth working anyway, women have also been thoroughly brainwashed to think working is fun.

I got to say that again so maybe you can appreciate the gravity of that statement.

Women have been convinced *working is fun.*
Not *FUN IS FUN,* like flying kites, biking, hiking, painting, or maybe spending time with children. But that ***WORKING IS FUN. SLAVERY IS FUN!***

This not only makes your Corporate Slave Masters very happy because as a "strong, independent woman" you now have lowered wages by drastically increasing the labor supply, but you've made your Government Slave Masters happy by paying more in taxes. You also made your Big Education Slave Masters happy too by all that debt you borrowed, and the "Women's Ass Kissing Industry" Slave Masters happy with the thousands you borrowed to buy $2,000 hand bags. But this isn't even the highest price paid for female-careerist-self-enslavement. In pursuing a career "uber alles," women sacrifice their youth, beauty, and fertility, and thus a shot at a husband and family. Which could arguably be the reason humans exist - is to simply have the love and company of a spouse and children.

We Won't Even Have to Lift a Finger

I could go on, but the list of self-enslaving sheep is just too numerous to enumerate. In nearly every aspect of society you have the stupid enslaved by the smart. And usually, that enslavement is achieved by promising the stupid a lie. "Wealth," "happiness," "success," "equality," and even ironically "freedom." Lower-IQ people whose minds are so weak they fear the real work and toil that is required to achieve success and happiness, are always looking for the cheat codes to life. The short cut to success. They will literally sell their souls, sell themselves into slavery to anybody smart enough to tell them what they want to hear.

The question is, as a smart person should you play by these rules you're more or less forced to?

Previously, I detested my politically adversaries for their leftist politics. They were for theft, they were for inferiority, they were for the commune, and against the individual. They were anti-human, anti-carpe diem, and preferred failure over excellence and accomplishment. But now I have a reluctant respect, even admiration for the "professional leftists" who get millions of people to willingly enslave themselves to them. Oprah IS a genius. Obama, Pelosi, and the management of the Democrat party ARE brilliant. Deans and chancellors of our university system are clever. And feminists, detestable as you might find them, you have to really tip your cap to get them to convince nearly every single American woman that work is fun and the government is better than having a family. This has profited them on the order of TRILLIONS over the years and makes you as a machiavellian, or merely a realist, wonder if you shouldn't get in on the action too.

Because I don't know about you, but every time I try to help out a stupid person, try to prevent a young woman from majoring in something stupid, prevent a young man from going into debt, advocate fiscal discipline, or advocate freedom, I'm called a racist, a sexist, a homophobe or just plain "jerk." And I'm getting sick of it. I still leave one line in the water to hold out for those genuinely intelligent people who have been misled and brainwashed, but they are the rare minority. The rest of the people are just plain stupid and arrogant on top of it. They absolutely deserve to be enslaved. Besides, it's what they want.

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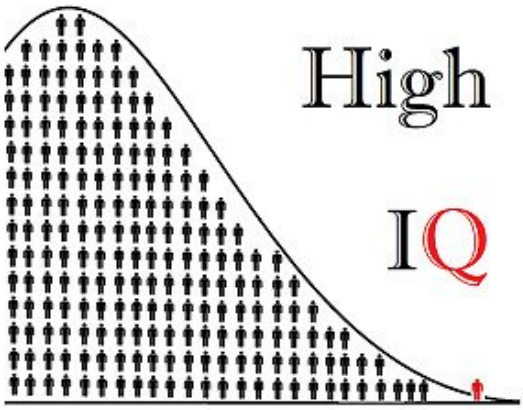

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Internet Technology Ruining Everything, Including Girls

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My colleague, TJ Martinell, put out one hell of a podcast where he discusses, in detail, how "internet technology" has become so advanced and so invasive into your personal life that it no longer becomes useful or practical. I particularly like how he wants to buy ONE single item from Amazon over a VPN which results in him wasting 45 minutes of his life with verification codes, logging in and out of e-mail accounts, etc. He then goes on to regale you with a story of how he was trying to chat up a cute girl and all she did was look at her phone.

The larger point is that as everybody rushes onto the internet for...well...everything, to protect your privacy the measures you need to take make it easier to live an analog life where you buy things at a physical store and meet people in meat space. Unfortunately, even when you do, the technology has become so pervasive and so addictive, it's rendered most people unsociable, even impolite that only a few luddites will remain who insist their human interaction be human and free of a Demolition Man sex interface.

Anyway, one heck of a podcast if you're interested in listening.

The Older Brother Podcast #26 - The "Adults Are All Crazy" Episode

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How Baraboo Wisconsin Proves Adults are INSANE.
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You don't say?

How to Get Guys to Ask You Out

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A request from Asshole Consulting that I thought was of benefit to the young ladies out there. Also testing a new audio/visual set up.

Believe Her

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Come on Michael.

Life's Too Short to Pay State Income Taxes

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Had a heck of an interview with Kerry Lutz over at FSN. We talked about the importance of moving out of socialists states to low taxes ones when you're younger, how millennials can't laugh at politically incorrect jokes, the horrors I've seen binging on feminist podcasts for "Operation Evil", and Dean Martin's "Celebrity Roasts."

Tune in!

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Baraboo is South Park

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Where the only people who are sane are the kids.

Why You Can't Trust the Critic's Score of Rotten Tomatoes

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When you consider gamer gate, Hollywood, and the media in general, you simply cannot trust the professional "critics" when it comes to movies, shows, and media. The reason is simple, they view all media through a political lens, not whether the shows are actually entertaining or not.

Akin to the words "racist," "sexist," "brave," and "offended," professional critics' opinions no longer have any meaning and therefore no longer have any value. Extrapolating (not terribly far) from this, any awards can also be considered completely pointless and completely political such as the Oscars, the Nobel Peace Prize, and whatever else the baby boomer elite are awarding themselves for political reasons.

I cannot emphasize this enough to younger people who are currently being raised to pursue "excellence" when that excellence is in the form of a "prize" or social recognization from institutions that are corrupted. If you want to be a GOOD journalist, you DO NOT want a Pulitzer. If you want to make a good movie, you do NOT want an Oscar. Much as I dislike social media, at least there are reviews, ratings, and yelp which are the opinions and views of "the people" and I suggest if you want a better life, be it your career, or simple enjoyment of entertainment and media, you completely dismiss what the "professional critics" say and instead listen to the voice of the people.

The Frontier and Limits of Red Pill Success

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An interesting request from Asshole Consulting today. A young man simply cannot find quality women to marry, nor quality friends to form a social network with. He has, however, found legal prostitution as a cheap and efficient way to satisfy his sex life and a career that more than pays for his lifestyle and hobbies.

In times past he would have made for an ideal husband and father candidate, but women are simply not interested in becoming wives or mothers as much as they are careerists. So where does this leave men who kept their nose clean, their finances in order, and have attained success? It's completely new and unexplored territory as men have never been in this situation before.

The Clarey Podcast #274 - The Frankenstein Episode

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Cappy puts together random segments of recording to form a podcast which includes him golfing, complaining about Asian drivers, and fan mail!

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Arrowhead Watch Boxes

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Brilliant Christmas gift idea for this upcoming Christmas for your mom, dad, or your girlfriend. A fancy, nice watch box. You may ask what it's for, and it's for watches, but it can hold anything like jewelry, earrings, or even keepsakes. I've been putting some fancy fossil samples in the one I got in the mail.

No Work Monday

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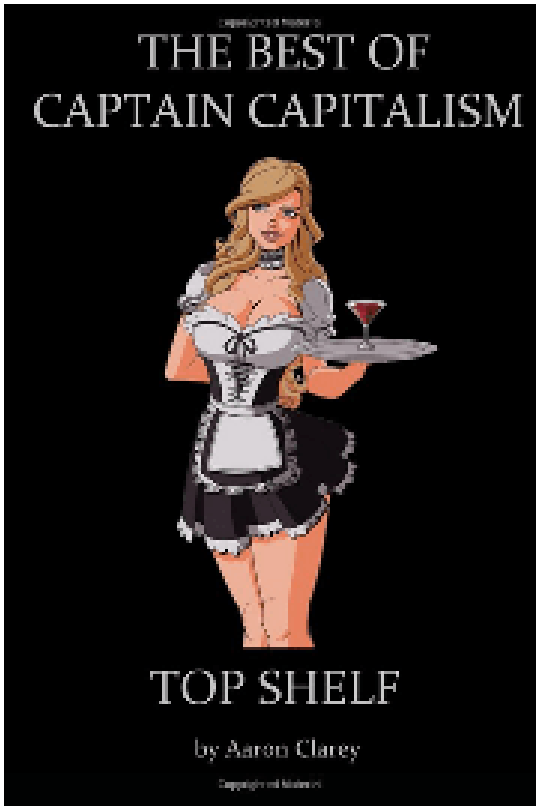
I will be hiking the Gold Strike trail today and there will be no long, lengthy, deep philosophical post as I typically do on Monday's. If you still need a fix, may a recommend "Captain Capitalism Top Shelf" which as a new cover.



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"Dude Bro! I'm Trading Crypto!"

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When Bitcoin hits $1,000 then I will start to buy again.

Still a ways to go.

There are No Posts Because I'm Having Fun

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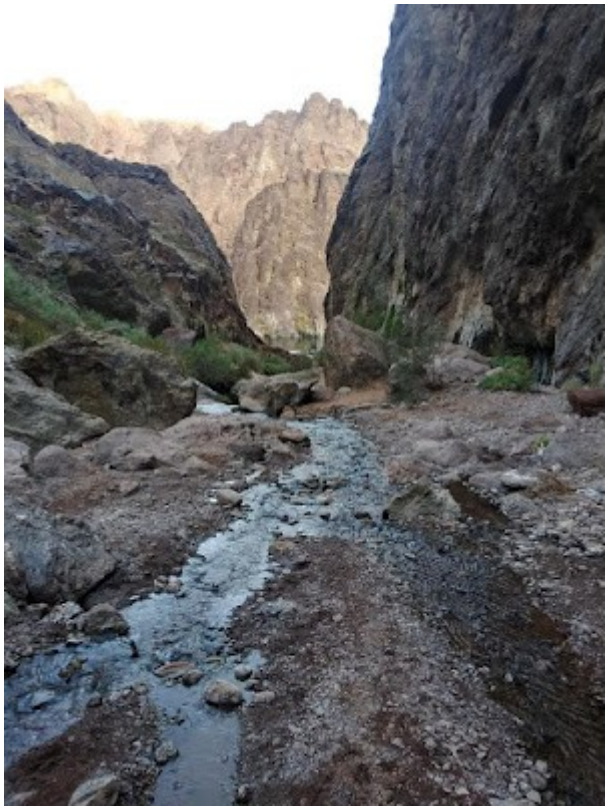
Cappy escaped the cold, snowy, 8 degree doldrums of Minnesota to escape and Enjoy the Decline. Upon arriving in Vegas, he proceeded to immediately have fun and shirked all of his duties, bar Asshole Consulting. He had some friends visit him, including that no good dirty Mexican Agent in the Field, Atham, as well as that no good dirty Jewish Agent in the Field, Seth Hymes of In Demand Careers.com.

Posts will return to normal upon when Cappy feels like it.



Where is the Football on this Feminist Field?

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This was a request for Asshole Consulting, but I found it very useful in that it clarifies precisely where we are when it comes to feminism, how far it's come, and what ramifications it has for both men and women. Men's understanding of feminism is both about 5 years behind where it is AND, consequently, underestimate the ramifications that position has today. Women are completely clueless about where feminism is, but that has always been the case. Hope you enjoy.

Older Brother Podcast #27 - The "Lord Spoke to Me" Episode

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Stinky bums and TEEEAAACHERSSSSS ruin Cappy's morning coffee.
The "Lord told Cappy to hike the Calico Basin and eat ice cream."
Cappy gets a fitbit solely for bragging rights.
Cappy ***must defeat "Space Marcus."***
Old men know what the meaning of life is - to bust the balls of other men.

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Christians are Pussies

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I hate "Christians" like this. Their virtue signalling is more important than their child.

An Argument on Why You Can Bang Married Liberal Women

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This is easily one of the best podcast episodes I have listened to. Not because of it's salacious nature. Nor because of the drama and colorful characters involved. But because The Great One makes the argument that if leftists are going to insist on destroying the nuclear family then what does it matter if you bang a liberal person's wife?

The complete abdication of morals, virtue, morality and certainly family kind of calls into question the validity of any leftist people getting married. You're OK with stealing people's money. You mock and ridicule religions (where marriage hails from). You're against nuclear families. And you love the state over individuals. What moral obligation do people have to honor the marriages of liberal people?

I know there's a whole emotional and polite argument, but The Great One does pose an interesting philosophical, moral, and logical counterargument. Certainly one that makes taking leftists marriages seriously.

How Vagina Guarantees Communism

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I am occasionally asked where the US will end up in the future and the correct answer is - Brazil.

It will be a multi-ethnic state, with a large biological mixed race class (i.e. - not Italian-Irish-German Americans, but Asian-Caucasian Americans, and Black-Latino-White Americans, etc.), and it will also represent Brazil in terms of its culture - poor, solidly second world, corrupt, endebted, and going nowhere in particular. There will be nothing unique about the United States except its history and its form of government, and even then, the people over the generations will vote to whittle their own freedoms away, exchanging freedoms for the promise of financial security, ending with neither. About the only thing unique about the future US is that we will have nuclear weapons (though it is debatable if we'll have the engineers to maintain them).

The question then is where will Brazil go. Since the US is on the same path as Brazil, where will Brazil end up in 50, 100, or 200 years, as "we" are inevitably going to end up there anyway. And I'm pretty sure the correct answer is "communism." Not that Brazil didn't flirt with communism before. Their last two presidents before Michel Termer were socialists, Dilma Rousseff a perfectly spoiled brat from the upper classes who turned into a marxist terrorist in her youth. But do not be fooled, Brazil, and nearly every latin American country is slouching towards socialism, with a terminal end at communism.

The question is why.

I only say the US will be most like Brazil because of their inevitable ethnic composition. But the general trend of countries' econonmies to move towards socialism is almost

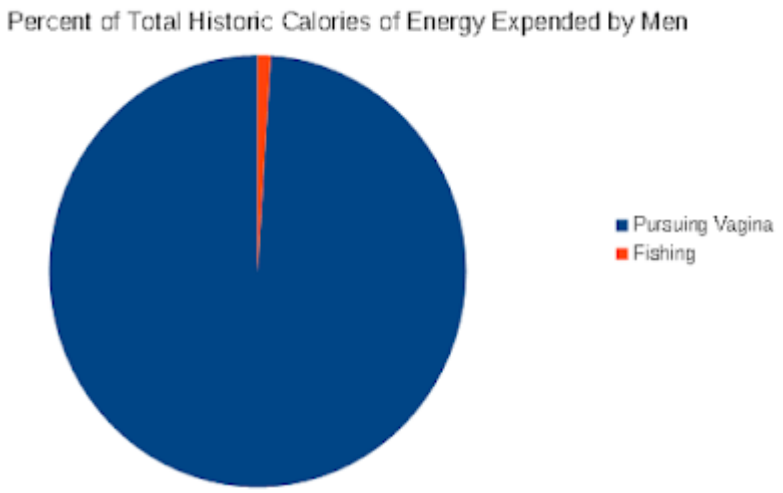
universal. The only countries NOT moving towards communism are the Asian ones who are post-communist and are now only communism in name, but very capitalist by every other function. So why is all of the West, all of Latin America, and I would also predict India and the Middle East moving towards communism?

Vagina.

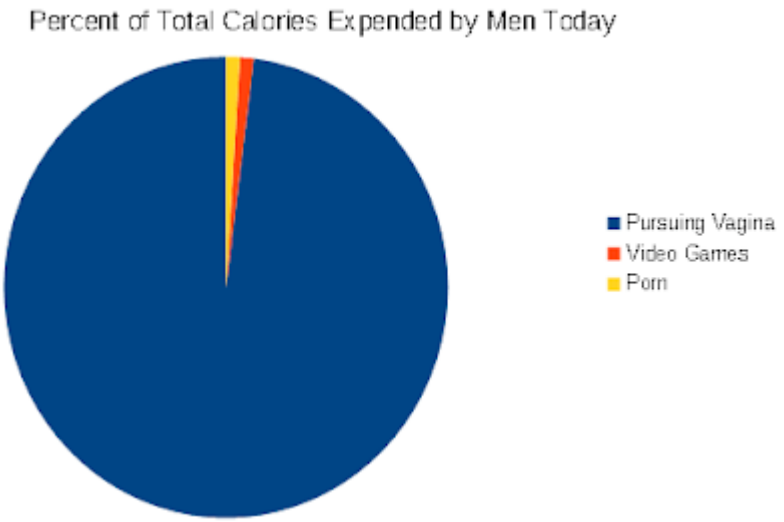
This is not to be shocking or crass, but to be direct and as accurate as possible. The world's democracies are moving towards communism because of vagina. Because if you think about it vagina has always determined where the world went and how it worked. And it isn't any different this time as vagina definitely wants to live in a communist economy. And the reason I don't say "women" is because it is NOT solely women who are determining this. But both women (who own the world's supply of vaginas) and men who (for the most part) will do whatever the vagina tells them, are responsible for our doomed path towards communism and the inevitable demise that awaits us all.

First, look at a quick and simple boiling down of history.

Nearly every war, battle, fight, or raid conducted in ancient times was for one thing and one thing only. Vagina. Yes, men fought each other because maybe we didn't like each other. Yes, vikings would raid villages here and there to get loot, livestock, and goods. And yes, all of European history is men (and some women) killing each other all so they could be "king/queen" which translates into "I don't have to work for a living anymore." But don't think for a second it wasn't because vagina was at the end of it. European men put their lives at risk to achieve such positions of power and wealth so they could fuck. Genghis Khan wasn't going for a long western stroll for shits and giggles. And vikings didn't sail their rickety ships across the North Sea to the UK just to steal some sheep. They were there to pillage AND rape (your lovable Captain being a by-product of viking's pursuing vagina some 1300 years earlier). In short, history is nothing more than the various machinations and permutated strategies of men pursuing vagina. Yes, there are some interesting stories that occur along the way, but if you calculated the percent of calories expended by ALL men over ALL of history it would look like this:



Second, do not mock or ridicule your forefathers. Because today you dopey guys do the exact same thing. Oh sure, we go to college or try to establish six-figure salaried careers. We buy sports cars and fancy houses. And maybe we play some video games and go drinking with the guys. But just because we're not killing each other or getting into rickety boats to go rape and pillage some town across the sea doesn't mean the chart is any different. Nearly every single calorie of energy men spend today is on the exact same thing men of yesteryear spent all their calories of energy one - vagina. And if we were to update the chart to modern standards it would look like this, the only noticeable difference is the introduction of "porn" where you're imagining you're pursuing vagina:



Third, do not think all this time was wasted. The billions of men, over the millions of years, who've invested trillions of years in lives pursuing vagina did not do so in vain. For in order to get vagina we had to compete. And in order to compete we had to pursue excellence. And in the pursuit of excellence, we not only worked hard, but smarter. The ultimate consequence of which is civilization.

The reason you're reading this article right now on an electrical device, powered by electricity, over 7,000 miles away from the author is because MEN discovered and invented the technologies to make it possible. And the only reason men did these things was because they wanted vagina.

Developing iron into bronze resulted in stronger swords and armor that would lead to vagina.
Guns were developed so we might shoot men from far, far away at a safe distance so we could steal their vagina.
Mastering electricity, taming it to our will to creating light out of the darkness would enrich us to attract vagina.
And building skyscrapers, sports cars, fancy clothes, McMansions and the world's entire infrastructure to build the upon was merely adornment to make the world look pretty, so girls might give us their vagina.

Yes, even those nerds in Silicon Valley who never hit the gym, believed (foolishly) that working hard in software engineering so you can have a new app on your new phone (cough cough - invented by men), making their magical "six figs" a year ONLY DO SO because....

vagina.

Without women and without vagina men would still be in caves, eating saber tooth tiger meat, running around in loin clothes, maybe getting the muster to beat one another with clubs. But, "meh" why bother? There's no vagina.

The larger point is that men and their unrivaled physical and intellectual resources are predominantly only mobilized by vagina. They will kill other men. They will enslave themselves to costly college degrees. They will waste their lives on pointless careers. All for the PROMISE (not guarantee) of vagina. Thus, the world's most powerful resource is at the command and control of vagina.

Enter in two more variables - women's suffrage and women's psychology.

Until very recently in the grand scheme of human history, women did not have a say in how society was governed. It was largely a world of "might and technological advancement makes right," and whoever was the best got the vagina. Of course, it wasn't as crude as that. Society did come up with some laws and rules that protected their women. Rape was outlawed. You couldn't steal another man's wife. And though these cultures were truly patriarchal, there were provisions for the protection and interest of women. But inevitably western civilization evolved to the point where the people governed themselves. And inevitably the voting franchise was passed onto women as well. And when that happened, what was once a balanced "ying yang," "supply demand,"

societal equilibrium, turned into a skewed, unbalanced one, where vagina (not "women" again mind you) was solely in command of nearly all the power.

Women control vaginas. Vaginas control men. And thus, for the most part, women for the first time in human history, control society.

When you combine this power with women's psychology, you can start to see why the US is heading towards Brazil, and the world towards communism. It is women's inherent psychological nature to prefer security over all else. They want a secure source of food. They want a secure source of housing. They want a secure environment to protect themselves and their children. And if that costs them a little bit more in taxes or we take away people's guns, so be it. The country would be safer AND more secure. And whereas in the past this security was largely provided by their husbands and local community, with right to vote, women quickly realized they can merely vote this in at the federal and state levels of government. That, yes, "Bob the Husband" was a good mechanic who made a decent $55,000 a year, but Barack Obama commanded TRILLIONS of dollars in government money. Yes, "Phil the programmer" did make a handsome $75,000 a year, but he couldn't offer free housing, education, and health care like Governor Dayton did. Matter of fact, why compromise yourself with a husband at all? With the power to vote and the power of vagina, you could have the government implement a Julia like "cradle to grave" program that would guarantee every economic need and wish, at no cost to you. And then there's the fringe benefit that you could have as many sexual suitors as you pleased, as many children as you pleased, without the albatross of a husband or the labor necessary to support such a family.

Sorry, the government just offers a WAY better economic deal than individual men.

Unfortunately, that economic deal is what's called "communism" where everything is free. And if you have the logic and common sense of a 5th grader, you can figure out why communism ultimately results in an abject failure of an economy, with a couple hundred million starved corpses to boot. You would like to think men are smart enough to realize communism is a bad thing, but here is where the power of vagina is truly displayed.

Men don't care if they live in a communist country or not.
Men don't care if the grocery shelves are empty or not.
Men don't care if their tax rate is 100% or not.

Vagina is so powerful it forces men's little heads to override the big ones, and so you have men voting for socialism because they think it will get them "vagina."

Of course, this is not all men. Some men are in the red pill community, gone ghost, or did their time ne'er to return again. But this group of men are squarely in the minority. Because for every "red pilled man" there is a score, if not, hundreds of men voting for the democrat party because they think it will lead to vagina. And the younger men are, the more powerful their hormones are, which means future generations of "men" will increasingly vote for their own slavery via communism. It's so bad, I've peered behind the curtains of some of the presumedly most ardent, conservative, libertarian, masculine, traditionalist men, only to see wifey-poo COMPLETELY in command of the family, its budget, and its politics, with the man's balls thoroughly ensconced in her purse. It's why the republican party is largely inept and is why the word "cuck" exists.

But whereas you think this phenomenon is going to be strictly relegated to the west, where women have the power of the vote and the vagina, think again. Because feminism+vagina+suffrage is a franchise that's being exported all over the world. In latin America women have already voted for socialism, preferring a relationship with the state over an individual man. You can take a look at any one of the number of pictures of the "caravan" making their way to the US and you will only see ringless single mothers with their children, never a father to be seen. And don't think it's just naive, low IQ trailer trash who forgot to use a condom. There is also a very conscious, intellectual feminist movement that hates men, traditionalism, and would love nothing more than to replace men with the state in latin America. Sadly, like most men, the Latinos just grin and bear it.

And before you mock Latinos, may I point out the second largest population in the world - India - where feminism is making great strides. I've never seen such a rapid transition of a culture from traditionalism to a new culture - economic, political, sexual, or not. Western men may be "cucked," but east Indian men seem to be taking the gold in this olympic event.

Even countries that were once traditionally considered "traditional" are rapidly being

converted to feminist-democracies where it's only a matter of time before vagina turns them into communist states. Roosh V has noticed this trend where the introduction of smart phones and social media has taken entire cultures of women who were once looking to have a traditional, stable, nuclear family, and westernized them into "empowered feminist women" who jack up the price of their vagina to a "vote for women," which again is just a vote for communism.

Many of you would then look to the Middle East thinking a religion like Islam would inoculate and vaccinate a country against feminist-led communism. And even here, I am sad to inform you, that vagina is a MUCH MORE powerful force than religion. This is in part where I've have some personal dealings with some Muslim communities (shock- they drink booze and like vagina!). But it is more so due to American media, Hollywood, and the internet. Because while Mohammed may have made some compelling cases in the Koran to follow the life of a good Muslim, Hollywood has done a much better job of marketing the big-boobed, American blond, who craves sex and is bubbly and happy. And if given the choice, the majority of Muslim men will abandon Mohammed for this propagandized pussy.

Finally, if you have concerns that all these non-western cultures invading the west is going to be a free-for-all where they come here to "steal and rape our weeeemin," think again. Because this isn't a western movie where the lone settlers have to man up and protect their women folk from the on-coming banditos. Remember, the women-folk have voted in a VERY large state with a VERY large police and military force. Worse, the have got the entire country walking on pins and needles where a mere false accusation can land men in jail. A socially awkward approach can cost a man his job. And like the sheep they are, women have managed to corral men into "diversity and sensitivity training" programs at work, school, and college. It's so bad men need to learn how to protect themselves against the false accusations of women more than getting a date and starting a family. And if Pablo tries to grope a girl on the dance floor, Ali tries to ban his wife from driving, or Punjab asks Suzie out at work, the entire police/military/judicial force will come crashing down on them and punish them. And these men will accept it.

You want to know why?

Because Muslims will give up their religion,
Latinos will give up their machismo,
Whites will give up their wealth,
and Asians will give up their traditions,

because they value vagina over all those things.

In the end, what has traditionally made all cultures great, productive, and advancing will be redirected towards being supplicant, obedient, and merely "voting the right way."

Men, with their unlimited energies, strengths, intelligence, and innovation will no longer use those things to create greatness, excellence, and accomplishment in society in an attempt to woo and impress women. They will instead, as they are trained to do in school, college, and the media, parrot talking points and merely "vote for women." It will not be their deeds that are rewarded, but their beliefs. And because they will be told having the politically correct opinions, thoughts, and beliefs will get them vagina, they will cease being real men and instead become...well...the limp-wristed, pansified, hipster, leftist millennial "men"they've become today. The fact they're going to vote for, and usher in, communism is almost an inconsequential after-thought when you consider just what a loss it will be to society when men cease being men.

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My New Book is Available! "Love Letters to the Left"

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Good news everyone! My new book "Love Letters to the Left" is published and available for sale on Amazon in both Kindle and Paperback. It is not a new work, but just a backing up of my best blog posts from 2016 to 2018 in case the Amazons or The Googles decides that my posts were not appropriate and wrong think. This time I hired a pinup artist to draw the cover and will be redoing the other "best of" books ("Reserved and Top Shelf") in a similar manner.

If you're wondering if it's worth your while to buy it I put together a video, but here's the description if case you didn't want to sit through it:

Pour yourself a drink, light up a cigar, and get comfy in your couch as you read "Love Letters to the Left"- a "best of" compilation of Aaron Clarey's blog, Captain Capitalism. "Love Letters to the Left" diverges from previous political and economic thought in that it focuses on the underlying psychology - and psychopathy - of the left. Moving the philosophical ball forward, Clarey attempts to get the reader to stop complaining about how things should be, accept them for what they are, and realize the mental hell it must be to be a leftist. From leftists loving the government over the individual, feminists loving their careers over family, college students loving their worthless degrees over their financial futures, and worthless people substituting the cultish religion of socialism in for their soul, Clarey extracts a toll of revenge for the reader by showing what a tortured, destroyed, worthless, and mentally ill life most leftists lead. Take JOY in the fact you have

love, financial success, and simple sanity while the left has none. Read "Love Letters to the Left."

The Clarey Podcast #275 - The "CPA on the Thot Audit" Episode Starring Chad Elkins

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Chad Elkins joins cappy for "The Elkins Hour" which turns into The Clarey Podcast because it was that good. Cappy and Chad talk about:

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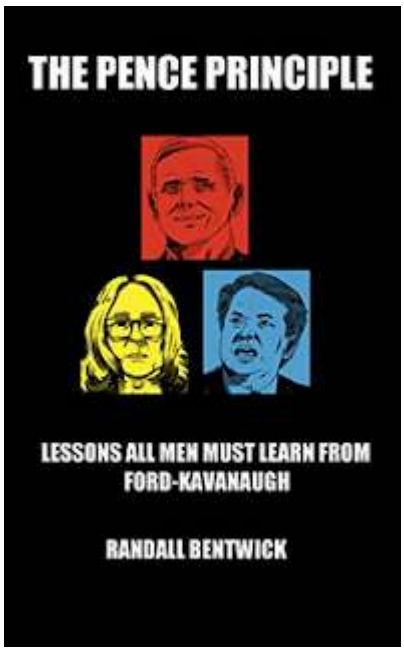

The Perfect Gift for the Gaming Bachelor

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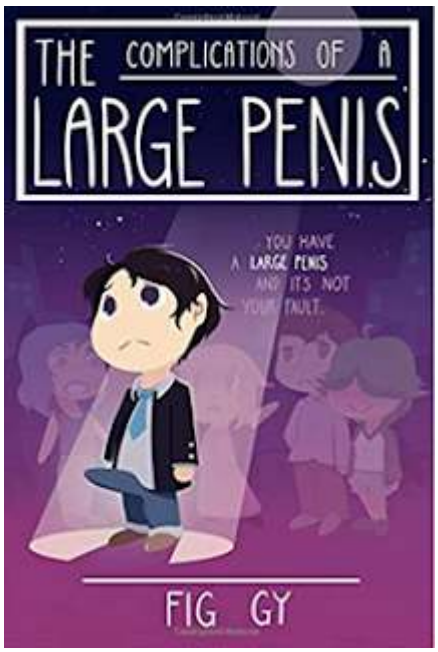
New sponsor and it's actually funny and clever. It's not a "real book" but a prop that you can put on your coffee table or your bachelor pad bar titled "The Complications of a Large Penis."



Not that your date will think you have a large penis, but it is a joke and a conversation starter. I also think it would be perfect for cocktail parties. Consider buying it as a gag gift for Secret Santa THIS YEAR!

New Pin Up Girl Covers for the "Best of Cappy" Books

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Greetings all!

After working with three artists over 5 months, I finally had the covers redone for "Captain Capitalism - Top Shelf," "Captain Capitalism - Reserved" and my new book "Love Letters to the Left." ALL books are available on Paperback and Kindle. You may have to search "kindle" and "paperback"as Amazon has yet to consolidate the kindle and paperback links into one listing, BUT THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH FORMATS.

The good news is that the covers showcase the talents of three different comic book artists. One is a traditional comic book style, the other a more modern comic book style, and a third influenced by Japanese anime (though, not dictated by it). They came out exceptionally well and I hope you enjoy them.

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Good lord. The vermin of society resort to this shit if there ain't no men around and government checks are abound. Keep going ladies. You don't need no man fish bicycle. I'm sure your Lysistrata dream will be a utopian and heavenly place without men.

Asshole Consulting Live #1

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Trying a new format where we answer a spate of Asshole Consulting requests while chit chatting and fielding superchat questions.

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Women Complaining Male Birth Control "Easier Than Theirs"

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For the Patron Saint's Name of Frick...

A gel is developed that can be rubbed into a man's back that will potentially eliminate sperm. And the response from women is to ask "why is it so hard for us to take pills every day and live the 'hell' we do?"

Honest to god boys, just get a vasectomy and never deal with this shit.

Older Brother Podcast #30 - The Anime Girlfriend Pillow Episode

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Cappy and Adam Piggott answer more Asshole Consulting questions, including:

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There are Only NPC Women to Date

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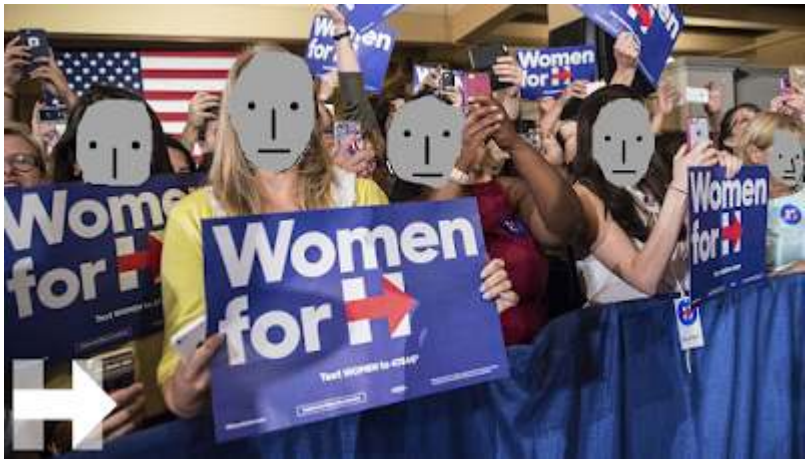

Where Have All the Good Men Gone? Well...Right Here, Madame.

The first client was a high-end programmer who was bringing in a handsome salary in Austria. He was 33, no debt, had his own place, and was in decent enough shape to turn ahead or two. He spent his time traveling, enjoying life, sampling various cuisines in Europe, but he also enjoyed sampling something else - Austrian women.

Not that he was dating them. They were prostitutes. Prostitution is surprisingly legal in an otherwise stuffy country like Austria. And he would have one or two prostitutes a month, allowing him to satisfy his sexual urges, as well as getting a variety of women which is at the core of all male genetic programming. He could have gotten a girl through "traditional methods," but didn't want to waste the time because it was just easier, cheaper, and higher quality, to pay $150 Euro for a tight, in shape, 20 something to show up in a cute lingerie outfit, have sex with him,...and inevitably leave without drama or antics at the end.

His problem was that he wanted to get married and knew that these girls were not the type to bring home to mom. But every time he tried to find a quality woman, it was simply "no dice." The majority of women he ran into were typically leftist, obsessed about their careers, had no interest in marriage, and weren't exactly marriage material either. After a decade-and-change of failing to find wife material, he wondered if his life would be OK if he just kept sleeping with hot, lingerie-clad, 20 something prostitutes each month. I laughingly concurred, saying such a life would be "alright," but warned him that the inevitable desire to find one quality woman and have a family would never go away.

The second client was also from Europe. He was living in a decent flat, bought and paid for, as well as $600,000 cash. He was also handsomely compensated bringing in over $125,000 a year, for a job he could do wherever from his laptop, and thus he traveled

extensively.

Like the first client, he too inevitably wanted to know if there was more to life than just being rich, successful, well-fed, and well-traveled. And though he did make forays into the dating market, he had been burned enough by enough ex-girlfriends that he had become increasingly skeptical of wanting to get married. He wanted to know if there was anything else to life, and if there were *any* quality women to marry. I informed him "no" and "likely not, but leave a line out anyway," nudging another six-figured "good man" to leave the dating market.

The third client was today. He was a traveling doctor. 35, in shape, no debt, regular gym attendee, and had over 30 countries stamped on his passport. He had thoroughly enjoyed his life, his career, and his adventures. But even this jet-setting lifestyle, afforded to him by his $500,000 salary, was getting tiring. He wanted to know if there was more to life than living la vida loca, to which I asked, "Did you ever want to get married or was it kind of 'meh' in terms of your to do list?" He said he wouldn't have minded, but every girl he dated in his large leftist town was (*shock*) a leftist girl, obsessed about her career, and wasn't the type of girl he would bring home to mom. I said, "yes, this is all there is to life, unless you wanted to start a family. But if you wanted to start a family, leave a line out, but have no hope."

There were more clients. Matter of fact they're likely numbering double digits now. But there is a noticeable trend where there are HIGHLY successful men, all making well above six figures, all financially stable, all in decent shape, who are looking for something more in life than just being rich and enjoying it. Most are looking for a wife and children. Most want to start families. And there are no better-qualified individuals than these men to be husbands and fathers. But when they try to find a future "Mrs. Successful," the "Wife Material Menu" is rather poor. Matter of fact, there isn't a selection at all. Because just like Henry Ford said you can have any color car you want as long as it was black, men can have any woman they want as a wife as long as she's an NPC leftst, because that is all that is on the market - NPC, leftist women.

The only problem?

NPC leftist women are incapable of being quality wives or mothers, and thus the quandary of all these most-eligible-bachelors.

How Many Trillions Did You Spent?

This is not a debate. This is not me being snarky or sarcastic. It is a very REAL fact men are facing today when it comes to marriage - that the only younger women out there to date and potentially marry up are all brainwashed, leftist, NPC women. They ALL vote democrat. They ALL are feminists. They ALL put their career above everything else.

They ALL have crippling debts. They ALL have dubious careers. And to any man who takes having a wife and forming a family seriously, these women are simply unqualified for the job. This isn't to say literally "all" women are like this (there are engineers, accountants, and traditional women), but the statistics are so skewed, so bad, there is effectively no choice for most men today. I roughly estimate less than 5% of the female population are conditioned AND CAPABLE of being a wife an mother, which falls incredibly short of the 82% of men who wish to marry. Ergo, you can have your Ford in any color you want, as long as it's black. And most men today can have wife as long as she's an NPC leftist.

But did you ever wonder how women became so standardized, common, democrat, and (ultimately) boring? Did you ever wonder why there's truly NO diversity in thought, life-goals, and life-philosophy among young women? Did you ever wonder why ALL of them want a career, an education, a party-lifestyle, shoes, handbags, and none of them want a husband or children? Well, allow me to ask you a question:

How many trillions did you spend training and programming women to be good wives and mothers?

The reason I ask this question is because while it seems absurd (why would you spend any resources programming women to be anything?), trillions have, in fact, been spent on programming, training, and ultimately indoctrinating women into becoming NPC leftists.

The K-College education industry alone has spent trillions of dollars over the past 50 years indoctrinating women to become men, putting their careers ahead of family, their educations ahead of individuals, and their politics ahead of love. Certainly the lion's share of all education budgets since the 1960's has been dedicated towards actual education. But if you look at the feminist indoctrination young girls received in K-College to put their careers above all else, you can in an accounting-like-sense attribute at least a couple trillion towards a clear and obvious intent to make women want to be wage-slaves, while belittling, even criminalizing being a wife and a mother.

While trillions of actual dollars have been invested in turning women into NPC, leftist, worker drones, what about the trillions of human hours also invested in conditioning women to become NPC leftists? From teachers to guidance counselors to professors to government PSA's to media to women's magazines to women's studies departments to Jezebel and XOJane to even your own parents, it's impossible to calculate how many millions of women (and men) spent thousands of hours of their lives, promoting and propagandizing hundreds of millions of women over the past 50 years to abandon being wives and mothers and instead be good, little, obedient, debt-laden careerist NPC democrats. Matter of fact, I can't think of a single larger expenditure of time in all of the US that comes even close to the resources we've spent conditioning women to become NPC leftists. There has never been such a large, nation-wide, institution-wide push to

form, program, and ultimately mold a people into something the powers that be want.

And I don't even know how to begin to measure the total resources spent by media, marketing, and advertisers to sell women the "empowered-don't-need-no-man-brave-executive" image all so women can buy $5,000 Prada handbags, $10,000 Chanel shoes, and $250,000 masters degree. Be it movies showing the strong independent woman, or Silicon Valley fawning over the latest female CEO hire, or all of the MSM worshiping Hillary Clinton during the election, the entire entertainment/media/social-media world only reinforces to women today that the ONLY thing that matters is your career, your leftist politics, and your feminism. Being a wife or a mother doesn't even come up on the radar.

Now I could go on citing other instances where resources have been purposely spent on conditioning women to become NPC's, but my larger point is how much has been spent on conditioning women to become good wives? How many trillions in education budgets have been spent on teaching women to be good mothers? And what institutions of our society (government, educational, media, corporate, etc.) actively promote motherhood and wifery?

And the answer is "none." Not one cent, not one second, NOT EVEN BY THE PARENTS OF WOMEN THEMSELVES, is spent preparing, educating, explaining, or conditioning young women to be wives and mothers.

Of course, many women (being the conformist NPC leftists they are) will champion this. They will celebrate it, pointing out that they are now officially "free" to do what they want and are no longer shackled to the evil patriarchal expectations of being a wife and mother.

But that is not the point of this article. The point of this article is merely one of economics:

How much in resources has society spent on convincing women to be NPC leftist careerists?

vs.

How much in resources has society spent on convincing women to be good wives and mothers?

And what you will sadly conclude is that you get what you pay for.

"There are Only NPC Leftist Women on the Menu, Sir"

This is the key point I'm trying to convey to my clients of the past and any marriage-

minded men of the future. The supply of quality, marriage material women is simply not here. There are not enough marriage-material women to go around. And the shortage is so bad that I estimate nearly 90% of men who want to get married will have accept one of two things:

1. You're not going to get married, or
2. You can get married, but it will not be to a woman who puts you and the family first in her life.

Understand, this isn't because the women themselves are inherently low quality, or unqualified to be wives or mothers. It's that we have spent NO resources training them to be either, and have instead spent trillions convincing them their careers, educations, and (ultimately) politics are more important in life. And while I'm fully aware most women SAY they want to get married and some have kids, as I've said before;

"*Getting married only requires saying 'I do.' And having kids only requires forgetting a condom.*
To be a wife and a mother takes infinitely more work, and women today have been trained in neither."

The sad truth is like sausage, rolls of sod, reams of blank white paper, most women have been purposely conditioned to become mass-produced, boring, unmentionable, unnoteworthy, borg-like NPC leftists. It benefits the democrat party through votes. It benefits the government through increased taxes (both via increased rates AND having women working and paying taxes as well). And it benefits the media/corporate/college/materialist industries as women spend their money on trinkets, bobbles, handbags, and Masters in Social Work degrees. But it will NEVER benefit a husband, children, a family, or loved ones. And I'm not here to tell you some kind of "comeuppance" story, where women in their late 40's hit menopause and ask "where have all the good men gone" while cuddling their cats.

I'm telling you because you're my clients. You need to know the truth.

Do not have the expectations of getting married in today's world. The majority of women are not qualified to be mothers or wives. They are qualified to be social workers, human resource directors, non-profit directors, CEO's, and any other form of worker drone. But they are not capable of being a wife or a mother.

Prepare accordingly and "enjoy the decline."

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Matter of fact, they end up costing more than they ever produced in life.

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Aw, that's too bad. Guess you won't be running for president, eh Mike?

The Best of Captain Capitalism Trio

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There are officially now three books where I have conveniently compiled the best posts of this blog. The main purpose of these books is to back up some of my life's work in case Google, Amazon, or the government censors it, or just simply deletes it. But it is also to save you time as a reader where you won't have to sift through 5,000 posts looking for the most intellectually stimulating ones. And of course there is the profit motive which is largely my sole motivator in life.

However, I have redone the covers to all be themed around pinup girls, showcasing the talents of three different artists. Again the primary purpose was to back up my work, not make a killing, so I wanted them to be a bit more presentable and classy, so I went with the pinup girl motif.

Regardless, whether you buy them for intellectual reasons or you just like the cover art, you can purchase them below in both paperback and kindle. The only one that has a separate Kindle listing is "Captain Capitalism Top Shelf" which you can find here. Certainly feel free to share and tell friends.

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Big Tech, Worse than the FCC

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Good Christ, Big Tech won't stop until everything is Rated G.

Leave Your Husband if He's a Republican

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Or, even if he doesn't hate Trump as much as you.

The Clarey Podcast #275 - The "Cappy Dream Team" Episode

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Cappy's Global Domination Dream Team.
Oprah is powerful.
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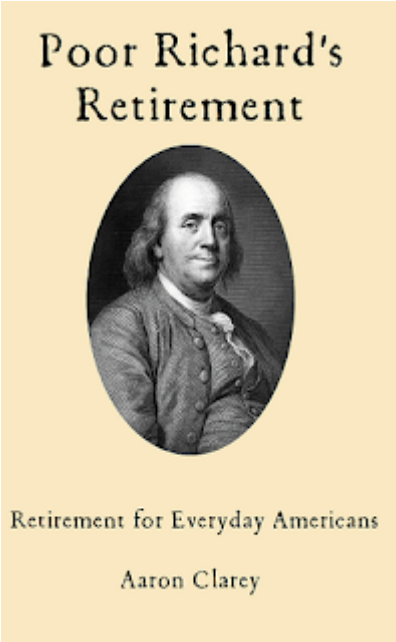
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Roosh Has Written the Most Pro-Female Book in History

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If you don't know what it is, then you haven't been paying attention, but "Game" is the latest literary work of Roosh V, the epitomal world playboy of our time. It has gained more attention than his other works in that this book has been banned by Amazon, Barnes and Noble, along with the author himself being deplatformed from various monopolistic and oligopolistic big tech cartel platforms. However, Roosh has also spearheaded a new frontier in this regard making his book easily accessible in all formats, proving success needn't depend on Big Tech.

To the seasoned "Manospherian" or "Red Pill" man, there will be nothing new in "Game" that you hadn't already gleaned from either consuming red pill literature or through empiricism dating in the real world. I could recommend it to these type of readers only on the ground you would want to help out Roosh for being censored by people and entities that do not truly understand or appreciate free speech. But if you are new to the red pill community, or are just a young man about to embark on the pursuit of women, it is a mandatory stand alone work that improves upon his original, Bang. "Game" is more thorough, more complete, and especially more updated in that it accounts for the real and increasing risk of women falsely accusing men of rape, rape hysteria, and a genuine hatred against men. It also accounts for the accelerated arms-race of sorts where smart phones and social media is quickly rendering traditional women (both domestic and aboard) mass-produced, attention-addicted, NPC leftists who require exponential levels of

game to be wooed. Despite these improvements and considerations, the book is inherently flawed (by no fault of the author) as within 10 years time the goal posts of the Battle of the Sexes will invariably be moved even further left, to which insane heights I cannot even begin to fathom. The only real complaint I have about the book is the unnecessary and overly crass segment on having sex with women on their period. I believe Roosh is too obsessed about helping people get their notch count up, whereas I personally would sacrifice 3 or 4 extra lays if it required having sex with a woman on her period. Overall, I give the book 4 out of 5 stars.

But here is the interesting twist.

The most interesting part of the book was not the level of experience Roosh displays in nearly every facet of dancing, dating, and doinking. Nor is it his very precise and succinct use of the English language (which I actually did appreciate very much). It was that he has quite literally wrote the most pro-female book I've ever read or heard of in my life.

And when I say "quite literally" I mean that in the literal sense of the words.

Roosh has written the most pro-female book ever written, and that includes anything written by feminists.

I came to this conclusion when I noticed I was becoming increasingly pained, even depressed as I read "Game." In part it was because it reminded me of my past and just how much effort, energy, and resources I poured into chasing women (with varying levels of success). In part it was the painstaking detail Roosh applied to every whim, desire, outcome, and variable of women and what they wanted. In part it was the new and Orwellian countermeasures men had to take as precautions against fake rape, assault, and harassment accusations. And it was the fact that Roosh has been at this for 15 years, reminding me of not only what he had to have gone through, but what I and millions of other men have as well.

I couldn't put my finger on it until I was almost done with the book, but the reason why I was so pained, even depressed was because it showed how Roosh, of all people, had dedicated his entire youth to making women happy. Admittedly, this was all in the aim of getting laid. He wasn't doing it for charity. But the result was a man whose entire youth was living on the pins and needles, guessing, theorizing, reverse engineering, honing, calculating, identifying, and inevitably delivering on

EVERY
SINGLE
PETTY
MINOR AND MAJOR

of women.

The book could almost be read through two times in two different mind sets. The first being a rookie kid who the book is intended for. The second, however, would be if you are an aspiring manager of only the most elite hotels and restaurants in the world.. Like a 5 star hotel or the elite Michelin restaurants, Roosh has considered, accounted for, tailored, and even predicted every possible want, need, desire, and even angle women could possibly want in nearly EVERY situation. Of note was noticing what color her jewelry was, to crafting loose (but highly designed) questions to keep the conversation going (because, why should a woman be inconvenienced to carry on the conversation?), to changing that conversation based on country and even city, to bringing extra money to provide for the contingency the girl may not have cab fare to go back home, even going to the extents to make a woman feel comfortable having sex while on her period. No amount of chocolates on pillows with champagne with the most awe-inspiring cityscape views could come close to the level of detail, attention, care, consideration, and service Roosh has put into making women happy. The only difference is the hotel wants your money and Roosh wants to have sex.

This then brings up a very important philosophical question all men must ask themselves, and one I hope even veteran red pillers ask when (not if) they read this book-

Are women worth this level of dedication and sacrifice?

Women may not like Roosh. Feminists may even hate him. But I have never seen a man dedicate this much energy, time, youth, thought, money, and psychological resources into doting on their every desire and wish. It's laughably and unbelievably tragic this book is viewed as misogynist, when in reality it's subservient to women. Admittedly, Roosh unlocking the secret to seducing women to such a literal formula is a lifetime achievement, and I'm not saying he wasted a second or cent of his life. But if "Game" is what it takes to become a player and get laid, the price is simply too high for any self-respecting man. Roosh, in a very Jesus Christ way, suffered so we don't have to. I suggest EVERY man read "Game" so you can realize and avoid the price Roosh paid.

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But a step mom was available.

Putin Was a Bad Ass

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I love how the media and the world hate a man who was...well...manly. He may not have been on the "good side"(though democrats could not masturbate enough to communist Russia or the GDR in the 80's), but there is no doubt Putin is a real man. And not only a real man, but a judo champion and agent of the KGB. He's a guy men can trust. Not to NOT be a tyrant or dictator, but to be a man. THAT is what really scares the global media left about Putin. A man with zero fucks to give and a "go fuck yourself" attitude. Russia has not been better served since Peter the Great.

The Older Brother Podcast #31 - The "Short Guy" Episode

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When dating was fun.
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Random podcast I put together because I didn't want to write:

Boy Scouts Getting Sued

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I like the last part. They're getting sued by the girlscouts for allowing girls into the club.

Stay woke, go broke.

Your Destiny with Maslow and PTSD Awaits

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The Marathon

To be blunt, I am successful.

I am not rich any any means, but I will spend a higher percentage of my life being free compared to 99% of the people in the world, even rich people. I answer to no one. I have no debts. I have complete and utter freedom. I wake up when I want. I eat what I want. I ride my motorcycle wherever I want. And I make my money however I want. And when the seconds are tallied up at the end of my life, I will have spent a higher percentage of my life doing what I wanted even compared to Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, and certainly Steve Jobs. Because time is all the matters. Money is a close, yet at the same time, distance second. And the person who wins at life is the man who spent the highest percent of his life free. Not who has the most money.

But this success was not sudden. It was not as if I inherited the lottery or found out I was related to the Daytons and had a trust fund. It was the result of long term planning, frugality, minimalism, and fiscal discipline. It was decades in the making, and even though it took decades, the end result was a rare achievement most humans never experience. But whereas my path to this "successful life" was a long road, much like a marathon the part where you attain success was rather immediate. Almost a blink of an eye. And so very much like a marathon where 99.999% of it is the struggle and toil of running, and .0001% is "POOF you pass the finish line," so too is success in life. But unlike a marathon that has an ending, life continues on well past the finish line.

And that's when the monsters, nightmares, and demons really come out.

Blasting Through Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Most Red Pill men today face an interesting dichotomy.

On one hand you are almost guaranteed to be (or have been) brought up in a dysfunctional, if not outright hostile environment. A broken home, a single mom, a deadbeat dad, poverty, drugs, and/or the prison euphemistically called "Public School." And this says nothing about the lies and propaganda beaten into your skull by 17 years of K-college education, not to mention the blatant lies from the media, government, and society. And these lies are about everything important in life. Dating, career, marriage, politics, economics, family, philosophy, and education. And because they're lies about everything in life, it prevents you from even being marginally successful at life. At BEST you come out a brainwashed leftist from college with a worthless degree and $75,000 worth of crippling student loans. At WORSE you are a young black man whose mom is using your social security number to open up credit cards and will disown you if you go to college because she will collect less Section 8 housing money (true story). The point is upon entering the real world you are incredibly disadvantaged to succeed because of the lies you've been fed. And this disadvantage is so great, its debatable whether it's your crippled finances that makes it worse, or the mental insanity you endure when the lies you've been told prevent you from making any progress or success in the real world.

On the other hand, never have men (and women) had such easy access to truth and reality. In the pre-internet days if you were brainwashed it was nearly impossible to figure out you were. Soviet and Red Chinese citizens actually believed America was the enemy and they were free. Baby Boomer men actually believed women wanted sensitive 90's men and Baby Boomer women to be treated like men. And young Gen Xer's were convinced we were all going to die because of the Amazon rainforests or the ozone hole. But now with the internet you at least have access to different opinions, theories, and philosophies. You have access to people who offer explanations WHY you're not finding a job, why you're not finding women, and why you're not having success. Certainly, many of these theories hurt, but AT LEAST it's not propaganda and lies that keep you down. And AT LEAST it offers a solution to your problems. Alas, while you may be brainwashed into failing at life, the red pill truths you can get on the internet freely and immediately make recovering from the aforementioned lies and propaganda easy (if you decided to take said red pills).

Now when you take these two variables:

1. Generations who have never been so lied-to, propagandized, and thus disadvantaged, and
2. An easily accessible, direct, and blunt solution to their problems via the internet

you get a rapid, almost lightning speed recovery (for anybody bold enough to take and embrace the red pill). This is great in that you are not left to wander, aimlessly, confused and insane, ultimately wasting your life. You know what reality is. You know what the truth is. You have a clear roadmap and path to success. But the speed at which you recover is so rapid it actually can cause damage much like a SCUBA diver surfacing too

quickly or even Truman Burbank realizing he's merely part of The Truman Show.

This is going to (if not already has) happen to thousands, if not millions of young men (and some women) today. You were lied to about nearly everything in life. You were a miserable failure at it in all regards. But once you get on track, once you see the Matrix for what it is, you can excel and succeed in it. Soon you're changing your degree to something employable. Next you're working a real job and a side gig to pay off your debts. Then you're dabbling in entrepreneurship to make yourself independently employed. And before you know it you're sitting on a house where your renters are paying your mortgage. It may take 5, even 10 years, but the speed at which you are going is literally blasting through all of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs that most normal people don't ever do in an 80 year life expectancy. You're no longer living in the ghetto where it's unsafe and you don't know where your next meal is coming from. You're no longer striving, working some late night job to help lower your tuition costs. You're not slaving away at two jobs to pay down your debts. And even soon enough you're not even answering to a boss as your contract business is doing very well. And with enough work, effort, dedication and sacrifice, soon you "make it." You make it past the Maslowian "finish line" to "self actualization." You no longer have to worry about food, clothing, shelter or money. You can FINALLY relax and enjoy life for what it was meant to be.

But there is a problem.

You've had your nose to the grind for so long, you didn't see what was on the other side of self-actualization. You never thought to look ahead to think what would happen at the end of the marathon. You've been stuck in the lower stages of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, your only dream was to survive and merely get out of them. You never contemplated what was on the "other side." YOu always assumed that it was going to be a utopia. A "haven" where the pilgrims or some adventurers in a movie would reach their "final destination" and all would be well. But like many of those movies, upon arriving at their final destination, they find out it either doesn't exist, is in fact a hell, or is a dystopian nightmare, and thus the real challenge begins.

The Demons Come Out to Play

The first thing you will notice is how few people make it past this metaphorical finish line. Yes, thousands, perhaps millions of men in our lifetimes will take the red pill, leave poverty, gain success, but it will be a small, precious percentage. Most of the people you will have in your life will still be stuck on the propaganda hamster wheel of life. They will think they need a big, fancy McMansion with a big fancy McMortgage. They will need luxury items that will only put them into debt further. They will need advanced degrees, only making it impossible for them to ever retire. And thus they will forever be wage slaves incapable of joining you or ever operating at your level.

The second thing you'll notice is most of them will still be stuck in the matrix, being true believers in the propaganda they've been sold. Education is freedom. It's more important to have a luxury SUV than raise your own kids. Your career is what defines you. And perhaps the cherry on the brainwashing-sundae is "you're all intelligent, independent-minded people." This will provide you VERY few genuine colleagues who can even keep up with you intellectually. There will be very few minds you'll be able to appreciate and enjoy. And while every one around you is mocking you for buying cheap, used cars, or being a stick in the mud, they'll wonder how you paid your house off at 40 and how you can afford to ride out to Alaska at the drop of a hat.

Third, you will be lonely. While you have actually made it to this nirvana, the population is almost always zero. And this can mean you're by yourself adventuring about, living your life, or surrounded by people, but having absolutely zero intellectual interest in them because they're sheep. You will attend company Christmas parties where worker drones drone on about their careers, mindless things, or how their children are going to go to an overpriced college for a worthless degree. Your truly amazing adventure of how you undid your brainwashing, took the red pill, and achieved success becoming a truly free individual will bore them, perhaps even make them think you're a braggart, when in reality you are by far the most interesting person at that table. And do not even bother telling people about your journey because they simply aren't interested. They will say "that's nice" and move on to other more mundane and pop-culture topics, perhaps the latest sportsball game or what the latest Hollywood harlot tweeted.

Finally, you will have what I would consider a very watered down version of PTSD. I don't like ascribing PTSD to people who did NOT fight in war or suffer a truly traumatic event. But being poor for most of your youth, being brought up in a broken home, being perpetually under debt, wasting 17 years on an education that doesn't pay, and living a life founded in lies does inevitably take a psychological toll because it's a constant state of stress. You won't notice at first because you'll be too busy plodding one foot in front of the other to win this marathon of life, but once your financial, security, and biological needs are met, your brain will actually have the time to get out of "emergency crisis mode" and look back. And your only question will simply be "why?" "Why did older people lie to us about our education?" "Why did politicians tell us to love the state and socialism more than the individual and family?" "Why did we get programmed to value our careers more than the love of life our any theoretical children we might have?" "Why did they do this to us?" It is at this point you will realize just how much (if not all) of your youth was wasted towards tragic or at least futile ends. It will further depress you when you realize just how much society feeds off of its young. And remember, only a very small percentage of people will be capable of seeing this for what it is. You will be alone with these constant reminders, like a mythical Cassandra that nobody is going to believe or listen to.

But Never Go Back

You may be tempted to go back and join the herd. To live an ignorantly blissful life. But this isn't The Matrix where you can be plugged back in. Once you took that galvanizing trek to figure out the real world for what it is, and then make that arduous journey to succeed in that new real world, you cannot undo the process. You will always see how people are screwing up. You will always understand why people are not happy. You will always understand why you will have so few peers. You will not ever be able to tolerate the tedium of normal people talking ever again. You will not be able to work in a corporate career, vainly hoping for some sort of comradery. And you are not going to be able to go back to college to find intellectual stimulation. The only thing that will do it, is the presence and company of equally independent-minded people who went on their own journey. These people are precious and few. So hold onto them when they come across your life.

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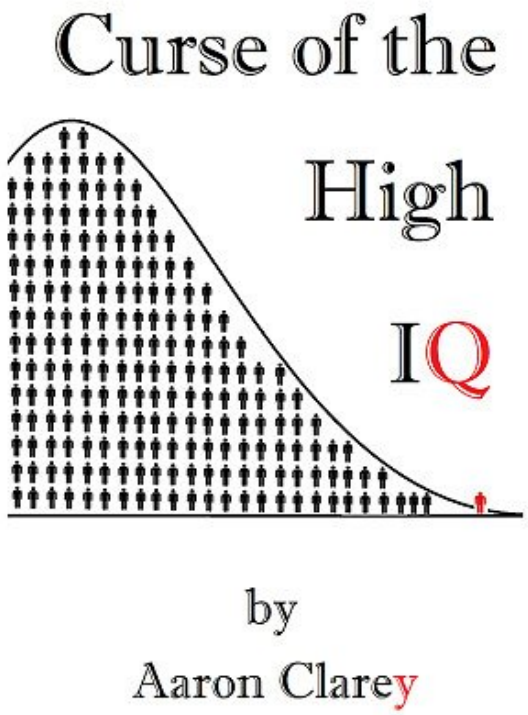

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People's fear of "normal mental illness."
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I joined the boys on the Nothing Exempt Podcast where we chatted media, Asshole Consulting, dating, and economics.

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Seeking Arrangement/prostitution will be the new normal.
DO NOT CHASE JAIL BAIT.
Cappy cleans his house…A LOT.
The Scared Accountant.

Is There Anything More Empowering than Divorcing a Prince?

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Let it be known here that the Ole Captain predicted this woman will divorce Harry because it will be the most empowering thing a woman ever did by today's standards of empowerment. I say "today's standards" because Margaret Thatcher had real power by real standards. But the day is coming, boys and girls. The day is coming.

DAY

BY PATRICK HILL

PRINCE Harry will miss the royals' Boxing Day pheasant shoot out of respect for wife Meghan's principles.

Animal-loving Meghan, 37, refuses to wear fur and is against bloodsports. But the Sandringham snub could widen a rift between Harry and brother William.

A source said: "He hardly ever misses the shoot but he loves her so much."

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Nobody is Doing Real Work at Coffee Shops

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It's just aged liberal arts majors vainly trying to give themselves value in this world:

Older Brother Podcast #32 - The "How Women Derive Value" Episode

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"I'm Majoring in Citations"

Whilst running around Lake Calhoun I was listening to The Great One Himself. In his latest podcast he was regaling the listener with a tale about a solidly average looking woman he met while running day game in Fort Collins. He was settling for average women because all the young, supple college students had left for Christmas break, and all that was left was...well...the left overs. And thus he was relegated to "solid 5's" (as he put it) that remained on the college campus.

But when it got time to talk about what the girl he met did for a living, she said she was a grad student doing research for her advanced degree. Wincingly, The Great One asked what her major was and she said "linguistics." Begging for more pain, The Great One then asked what her research was on and she said....

"*Citations.*"

Apparently this was not enough pain and curiosity was going to kill the cat. So The Great One followed up, asking her how she could be getting paid taxpayer dollars to research "citations." What is it about "citations" that could possibly be said beyond it being the standardized method to cite sources in professional writing circles? She said,

"*Well there are differences in the way native-English speakers use citations vs. non-native English speakers use citations and that's where the focus of my study is.*"

Despite The Great One wanting to get laid that day, the stupid was too great for him to pursue her any further, and thus concluded his story with the advanced linguistics major.

Then there is Melissa Bert.

Ms. Bert is the University of Minnesota - Morris Campus' "Senior Administrative Director of Institutional Effectiveness." If you're wondering what in heck's name a "Senior Administrative Director of Institutional Effectiveness" does, well UM Morris explains by saying this individual "*works closely with senior-level administrators and others to provide information and analysis that supports administrative decision making, strategic planning, assessment and program review, accreditation, and data relevant to federal and other grant applications. Working collaboratively with campus staff and faculty in data gathering and reporting, she also will assist campus constituents in using and interpreting institutional data while building campus capacity to access and use data related to institutional effectiveness.*"

If you're confused about the worth of a "Senior Administrative Director of Institutional Effectiveness" just as you are the veracity of a masters thesis in "Citations" that's a good sign, because it shows your brain is working. Neither of them offer any value to the taxpayers that pay for them, and certainly not society in general.

The problem is these are merely two minor examples of a much larger and longer trend in make-work government jobs and programs. The creation of pointless government, non-profit, and public sector jobs (or grants, endowments, programs, etc.) has been with us for decades and has only grown dramatically, especially in the education sector. 20 years ago there was no such thing as "Diversity and Inclusion Officers." Now it's a must-have for every college and university. In public schools you had ONE vice principal who would handle all behavioral issues. Now you have a battery of social workers, counselors, and support staff. Executive management of colleges consisted of deans, chancellors, and maybe some admin staff. But since 1978 that staff has grown by 221%, even where the U of Michigan employs nearly 100 "diversity related" employees.

Your average liberals and socialists are actually stupid enough to think these are real jobs and they are real workers doing real work.

To your slightly less dumb conservative stooge, they're saying, "*heeeey, there's something fishy going on here...I'm going to call into talk radio and complain about it!*" because that's all they're capable of.

But to superior-minded people like you and me, we damn well know what's going on here. This is nothing but theft from the taxpayer by lazy people too lazy to get real degrees and work real jobs. It's nothing but a welfare jobs program for America's lazy. Ms. Bert is a legalized thief. Every linguistics major getting grant money to study "citations" is a parasite. And the millions of social workers, guidance counselors, non-profit directors are valueless people consuming trillions in taxpayer dollars over decades of time that could otherwise be put in our pockets, enriching those of us who work real jobs.

They are simply liabilities upon society.

However, there's more to these people than just mere parasitism and laziness. As I've often said before I WISH it was mere theft. A welfare bum will just collect his check and go home to play video games. These people have too big of egos to be satisfied with that. They need morality, purpose, and agency to go with their government cheese. They need vindication, certification, and an air of authority to go with their checks. And so entire professions that are entirely pointless are made up out of thin air to masturbate these intellectual hypocrites to climax.

For example, Janice Gassam. She wrote a precious article in Forbes explaining how white

men can be allies to non-whites and non-males in the work place. I won't link to it because such sanctimonious slop doesn't deserve the traffic, but her resume is hilarious as it is exposing. She has a PhD in Organization Psychology and specializes in Diversity and Inclusion. It might as well say "Work Avoidance and Bitching and Whining for Other People's Money" because those aren't things. Organization Psychology is not "plumbing." "Diversity and Inclusion" is not computer programming. The woman hasn't done an honest days worth of work in her life. BUT she has an accredited and advanced degree from an accredited university. AND companies hire her for her "specialty" in "diversity and inclusion." AND those pieces of paper and certifications let her believe she's actually producing something of value. But the truth is world has lost its collective mind and bent over backwards for a truly worthless person. ENTIRE academic programs have been made for people like her. Governments fund and finance programs and intiatives, forcing taxpayers to pay for her. And what companies do hire her with free market money, only do so out of charity, marketing, and virtue signaling to show their political credentials.

Still, that doesn't matter to the likes of Ms. Gassam. In their minds, they're actually providing value. They're actually working real jobs. "*Why didn't you see the doctorate degree I have from an accredited university!!! I'm legit! I have purpose and meaning in life! Why you just ignant/racist/sexism/stupid.*" They want to believe they're actually doing good in the world, and their worthless diplomas, make-work jobs, and government checks allow them to believe that lie.

However, this is the ultimate point I'm trying to make. That it's not so much the money these parasites are after, but the purpose and ego that comes with the fabricated circus surrounding their government checks. Yes, it's nice you stole $4,500 and full health care from the taxpayer for your Reserve Assistant Deputy Director of Diversity and Inclusion at BFU College. But it's more important you have a fancy title and a fancy degree that comes with it because it fools you into thinking you have point, purpose, and agency in life. You have a reason to get up in the morning. You have a reason to live. And I claim this is the evolutionary edge of where government will not only grow, but will inevitably grow to become the single largest part of all state, federal, and local budgets. Because as the automated economy grows, and fewer and fewer jobs will be out there for people, giving people a false purpose and agency in life will be the largest role the government must fulfill.

The Perfect Storm

The perfect storm is brewing, if not is already here for such a scenario where the government's primary role will be to create make-work government jobs, degrees, and entire professions to keep people's egos satiated and satisfied. And there are four ingredients (one that alone is adequate enough to make this reality) that will bring this about;

Feminism
Male Nature
Artificial Intelligence
and
The World's Reserve Currency

Feminism has destroyed what traditionally has given men and women agency and purpose in life - each other. Women today are programmed to not want men, to fear them, even hate them, and to constantly hedge against the risks of marrying them because "if you get divorced you'll be unemployed and out on your ass." Without men and the consequential families that traditionally came with them, women are programmed to want a career uber alles. And while some will tend towards engineering, STEM, accounting, and other legitimate fields, the majority of them like Ms. Gassam and Bert will choose worthless, fluffy bunny degrees because they're easier and require no rigor. Of course, with these degrees having no value, the government will have to create entire make-work industries for them, forcing taxpayers to pay for these bogus jobs. But they already have, proving feminism alone has made government financing people's purpose in life, a reality.

Without women, men also technically have no point or purpose in life. They won't fall in love. They certainly won't raise families. And even if they do, meh, the government will take care of their baby mamma for them. However, men will fare a little better here psychologically in that historically men have always derived their value of their profession. Men will continue to pursue scientific and mechanical pursuits, ensuring there still is a REAL part of the economy producing REAL tangible things that need to be made. Madison may be writing her thesis on Citations of Non-Native English Speaking Peoples, but Bill will still program an app. Bob will still keep the electric plant operating. And Steve will still farm food.

The irony here is that because men are addicted to sex, AS WELL AS are indoctrinated since 3 to never criticize women, none of them will ever point out to women they aren't wearing any clothes. YOu will have male feminists. You will have men all agreeing a woman's career is more important than love, family, and men themselves. And ironically, it's all in an attempt to get laid by agreeing with women politically. Shoot, a lot of these men themselves become worthless, make-work government, non-profit types themselves (readily identifiable with their noodly soy arms), all begging for the government to provide them purpose and agency as well. But men, as a group, will continue working away to ensure the economy doesn't collapse and there's enough taxes being paid to create the entire "purpose and agency industry." They may have given up love. They may have given up family. But, meh, at least there's porn and video games for them.

Then there's AI. I am not as much of a big believer in AI as much as I know the economy has always been and always will be forever pushing the AI asymptote. More and more

jobs will be automated. Increasing amounts of education for the dwindling number of skilled jobs will be required. And we are approaching the point in time (if not, we're already here) where our main concerns of food, clothing, shelter, and safety are taken care of. This will lead people (BOTH men and women) into more leisurely pursuits. Some will want to advance the hard sciences, some will want to work real jobs, but human nature being what it is (lazy and egotistical) most people in the first world will think themselves smart enough and wise enough to solve society's problems. Proof AI has already advanced to this level is the increasingly petty and pointless political problems the precious millennial generation has decided they're going to take on. Transsexual bathrooms. 31 flavors of gender. Safe spaces. Pronouns. Made up mental disorders. Fat acceptance. And the bevy of other truly petty bullshit this hopelessly spoiled generation views as "crises."

You would think with such a lazy, talentless, and incompetent generation the economy would be collapsing and people would be starving, but it's quite the opposite. Unemployment is at a 45 year low, GDP is growing at an OK clip, and obesity is a problem, not starvation. It's proof technology has advanced to the point our lives are so easy we are the fat, sloven, obese slobs on the starship in Wall-E.

Finally, the iceberg that could sink all of this in a second - the world's reserve currency.

Technology and artificial intelligence is only half the story. The reason the economy is growing, housing and stock prices are up, and the millennials and their epic laziness haven't destroyed the economy is simple - debt. AI and technology can only do so much, and they certainly do create a quasi-unlimited wealth economy, but let's be clear. The economy we have today was only done by boosting the economy with a ton of steroids in the form of debt spending. We doubled the national debt which essentially bailed everyone out of their financial sins, re-inflated asset prices and provided the stability in the economy we enjoy today. But tripling the money supply to pay for this debt SHOULD HAVE caused massive inflation, which it did not.

Why?

Because the US dollar is the world's reserve currency. We can print as much of it off as we want and not have inflation.

I won't bore you with the details (which you can find here), but since the US is the world's largest and least corrupt economy, our currency, the US dollar, allows us to pretty much print off as much money as we want WITHOUT IT CAUSING INFLATION. This has essentially given the US government a blank check that allows us to pay for a whole host of tremendously wasteful and stupid things:

Bank bailouts.

Student loans for liberal arts majors.
Free housing.
The NEA
A bloated military.
Bridges to nowhere.

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entire make-work industries to give our lazy and stupid purpose and meaning in life.

AI and technology can only do so much. But with the world's reserve currency the US government can print off as many trillions of dollars to create as many millions of jobs for all of your egotistical parasites to major in "Citations" or be "Senior Administrative Directors of Institutional Effectiveness."

A Brave New World

Without any restrictions on budgeting, a token labor force that keeps the lights on, AI, and horny men that will placate women, we can have an artificial world where men and women can major in the world's most outlandish bullshit and still make a career out of it. To win votes politicians will promise more spending not only on welfare, but the "Purpose and Agency" industry that will guarantee every American an education and a career.

You will "raise awareness."
You will "start conversations."
You will "be diverse and inclusive."
And you will "launch initiatives."

But let's be very clear. You REALLY won't have any purpose or reason in life. You REALLY won't be smart or educated in the true sense of those words. You REALLY won't be of any worth of value. And you WILL BE a parasite, thief, leech, and lamprey upon the real workers of society.

But above all else, you will be lonely because you will have never developed a core or center for a real human being. You will just be an indoctrinated, government-programmed NPC agent, regurgitating the same talking points you were programmed to. You won't be interesting. You won't be capable of love. You will be a pathetic, pointless excuse for a human being. Enjoy your Masters Degree in Linguistic Citations. And enjoy the decline.

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Die Hard is a Christmas Movie

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At Least There's No Heart in the Way

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Should be a pretty easy surgery then.

The Clarey Podcast #278 - The "DT Christmas Special" Episode

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Moving to South Dakota.
College football players should get paid...and get out of college.
The favors sheep do superior people.
Nobody keeps up.
Cappy's "It's a Wonderful Life"

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Cappy is On Vacation

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I will be "vacationing" for the next 2 weeks.

And by "vacationing" I mean hauling ass across the country, visiting various Agents in the Field, bumming free lodging off of people like the parasite I am, inevitably making my way to The Southern Command for my annual "Avoiding Minnesota Winter Pilgrimage."

I will fire up the ole engines on the USS Cappy on the 4th of January, but there will be no podcasts nor posts until that time. ASSHOLE CONSULTING HOWEVER WILL CONTINUE.

In the meantime, have a merry Christmas, enjoy your New Years, and we will see you in 2019.

The Clarey Podcast Christmas Episode Special!

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Can't Get Enough White Caulk
Liberal Arts Majors Cleaning Horse Vagina (no joke)
"Where are They Now?"
"Asshole Consulting Gift Cards"
The Dick Show's $21,000 Patreon
Terrence Popp's Ringtone.

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Asking for a Date is Sexual Harassment According to Title IX?

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The deposition is worth reading. I won't delve into this until my vacation is over. I'm just posting it in the meantime to save it for my next podcast in 10 days.

Government Shutdown Exposes Environmentalists for Who They Are

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The national park goers and green people are turning out to be just as debauched as the rest of us.

I am about the most evil right wing libertarian you can find, but it pisses me off when I see litter in our national parks or even the local city park. But trust you me, just like global warming advocates fly across the world in private jets, these Sierra Club types will shit, piss, and litter in the national parks just like everybody else.

The Baby Boomers Cried Me a River

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And I didn't care.

At any time you boomers (and others) can read up on how to retire early and successfully.

The Older Brother Podcast #33 - New Year's Special - After the Hangover

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The Three Major Flaws with Ireland's Emotional Abuse Law

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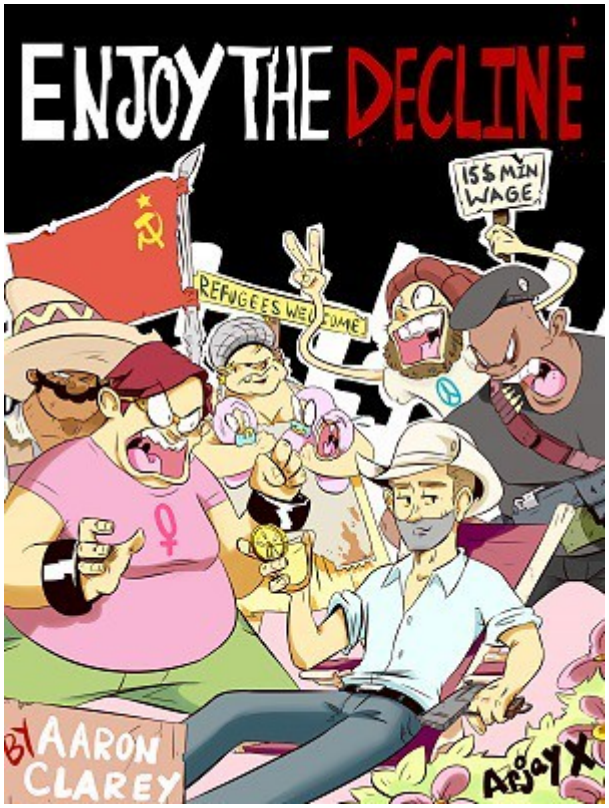
1. It can't be proven.
2. It can be fabricated.
3. The article shows they only think women are emotionally abused when I will argue every last penny that the majority of emotional abusers are women.

Seriously, western civilization can just go fuck itself.

Enjoy the decline.



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Killing Trudeau is definitely going to put sand in his vagina.

"Greener Grass Girls"

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No boys, the grass is not greener on the other side.

The Psychology Industry is Bullshit

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100% complete fraud.

You never go to a psychologist. Never.

The Opposite of Millennials = "Adult"

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Rules for Working with Women

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you can find the book here.

Older Brother Podcast #34 - Psychology is No Longer a Legitimate Industry Episode

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In this episode of the Older Brother Podcast:

Riding the bus as meditation.
Punching bratty kids in the teeth.
Nobody wanted to sit at the dinner table.
Psychology and Psychologists are all Bullshit.
Masculinity is a mental disorder.

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Sarah Silverman Had a Show???

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I guess so, because it's been canceled.

But don't worry. These "comediennes" are like herpes. They'll always come back.

The Masculine Geek and Mike Works Online

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Cappy's been whoring himself out a bit for different podcasts. Someday, sometime, I might actually have the freaking time to write one of the score of posts I intend to write. In the meantime I was on two shows.

First, the maiden voyage of The Masculine Geek Podcast

and

Mike Works Online where the host, Mike, explores the world of working online an remotely.

Both are worth a tune-in and Mike's show is definitely worth a listen if you want to work remotely and become a digital nomad.

She's Pregnant with Another Man's Kid

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It's another one of those days at Asshole Consulting.

Why I Will No Longer Recognize the Week

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One of the main problems with life is that to merely survive takes all (and more) of your youth. That to just get by you need to work two jobs, double time it to earn yourself a degree, double time it again to pay off the associated debts, and then still double time it a third time to establish yourself in a career. If you do it right and are frugal along the way, you inevitably "win" where you have the American dream, no debts, and an adequate retirement account. You are free to live your life and you're lucky if this happens before 40. If you're not frugal, succumbing to the marketing industry's propaganda to buy expensive cars and houses through debt, you merely damn the remainder of your life to double timing it forever, dying penniless, or perhaps like most boomers - in debt. Thankfully, the majority of my readers are in the previous group where we are either already there, or well on our way, ensuring we do not waste our lives.

But there's a problem with success. For if I am ever to be remembered for anything, it will be my quote "Success is merely the replacement of one group of problems with slightly lesser ones." And the reason why I will be remembered for that is because *THAT IS PRECISELY THE DEFINITION OF SUCCESS.* There is never a world without problems. You may solve your larger ones first, but then you move onto smaller ones, then smaller ones, and smaller ones after that. But they never end. There is no world or life without problems. And sometimes, the problems are there, but you don't see them because of how you attained success in the past. Your work ethic blinds you. Your fear of poverty and starvation prevent you from seeing them. And in an ironic sense, what helped you attain these rare levels of success, ends up becoming the problem itself. And in this case, it is your work ethic. And so I'm here to warn you how your work ethic may come to harm you in your future.

I faced a very minor problem today, but it was "the" most prominent problem I faced. I desperately would like to write more. The "problem" is that Asshole Consulting, my youtube channel, and newer forms of alternative media (podcasting mainly) have taking increasingly larger percentages of my time. This is good news because I'm making more money and they're successful, but now my days are not as open or care free as they once were. Throw in on top of that I insist on enjoying life via having fun (hiking, motorcycle riding, golfing, adventuring), and there's an ever dwindling pot of time to satisfy the demands of my life. This is alright because I manage my time wisely and have the energy to usually meet all of my own self-imposed demands, but today it was different. Today there was another factor.

It was just absolutely gorgeous outside.

The real stress over these genuinely 0 world problems came from the fact I haven't

written a serious post in a long time. And if I had enjoyed the day outside hiking, that would postpone the article I was 50% done with into Friday. Friday's readership/traffic is less than "normal" weekdays, so I would once again fail to meet that deadline. Yet, at the same time, staying indoors on a perfectly dry 72 degree and sunny day to finish a piece on "Red Pill Penetration Rates" sounded even worse. Still, work is work and you have to work. Work before pleasure. Get your work done. It is your work that allowed you this lofty choice in the first place.

But then I realized something.

I haven't had fun writing pieces, hitting the gym, going on hikes, doing videos and doing podcasts in about a year. The original thrill and exhilaration that you're producing a good or a service that people want and the digital freedom that comes with it, only lasts so long. And while I have total control and domain over my schedule and I answer to no one, trying to hit the gym every day, get three hikes in a week, golf 2, write two quality posts, motorcycle ride one, and bang out 2 podcasts, not to mention a score of consultations for Asshole Consulting becomes very taxing. And what once was an unbelievable job and an enviable lifestyle, has now become more of a forced time-table chore of hybrid work and fun.

What I ultimately realized is something John Steele said. He said "we have less days ahead of us than behind us." And while working hard in the past has led to this great life I have today, if I'm not enjoying the days today, then I am wasting what dwindling time I have left. Yes, all of my freedom today is derived from the fact I do what I should be doing at all times, but if that's the case, then when will I ever enjoy life like I want?

This epiphany was very important. For most of our lives merely surviving is what occupies our minds. And we think that "surviving" or "making it" will be the end of our battle against Maslows hierarchy of needs. But even when you defeat Maslow, that struggle to survive and "make it" is so engrained, so scorched into your mind it will dictate what you think you should do to be happy, instead of doing what you want to be happy. Thus your life is one of doing what you "should" do and not what you want to do.

You want to just sit down, chill and relax and play some video games?
No, you SHOULD go to the gym.

You want to just binge on 1960's WWII movies with a roaring fire on?
No, you SHOULD writing the economic treatise.

You want to eat that icecream sundae with sprinkles and whipped cream?
No, you SHOULD eat no carbs or sugars because then you won't be ripped.

And you want to go for a hike when it's beautiful outside?

No, you SHOULD stay in and finish that blog post.

Yes, "should" will get the work done, pay the bills, and put your body in shape, but it won't make life any fun.

The problem is that I am no fool, nor should you be whether you are at this stage in life or are currently en route. I know the work has to get done. I know the Assholes need to be consulted. The books need to be written. And the podcasts need to be recorded. Besides, I actually do love doing this stuff. But instead of optimizing these responsibilities into a hard schedule, trying to fit them all into the work week, and abiding by the world's standard 7 day week, I'm going to take a page from myself in 1978 and do things as if I were 3.

However I want to.

Being 3 was great. There was no concept of "Monday Mornings" or "hot Saturday Nights." There was no concept of waking up early or going to bed late. There was no concept of "should" just "want." When I was 3 I did what I wanted when I wanted to all the time. Of course, this doesn't meant it will be all play and no work. I'm fully aware that bills have to be paid and motorcycles need to be maintained. But "should" is no longer going to be the primary determinant of the remaining 30 years of my life.

If it's a beautiful day outside, the blog posts can wait. I'm going to go for a hike.
If I'm too tired to hit the gym, I don't need a six pack. I'm parking my ass at the cafe for the afternoon to write.
And if it strikes me at 1AM to bang out a bunch of videos or podcasts, so be it. I can sleep till noon.

Admittedly, this new schedule (or complete lack thereof) will likely cut into my overall profit and success in life. Posting a deep literary piece on Sunday afternoon will not garner the traffic had I posted it on Tuesday morning. Going for a hike or getting 18 holes of golf in will not chisel my chest had I gone to the gym. And aimlessly wandering about the American West on my motorcycle will not produce any of the (now) 7 books I wish to write. But the freedom, lack of worry, and no longer fretting about doing everything I "should" will drastically improve my life enjoyment.

You too must be prepared for when you reach this stage in life. You must realize when you've "made it" and that doing what you "should do" all the time, will ensure you unnecessarily waste the remainder of your life. You did not work so hard to liberate your future from the economic demands of food, clothing and shelter to be a slave to "should." And so I strongly recommend you do what I do and no longer recognize the days of the week. Just like when we were 3 years old, it doesn't matter if it's Friday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Saturday. It's just another day in paradise and the work will

get done.

In the meantime, here are some pictures from my awesome hike today. And no, the post on "Red Pill Penetration Rates" did not get done.

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"And for that reason, I'm out."

In days of yore I would have given a shit. But since society wants to tie real men's hands behind their back and make retribution illegal, I just can't give a shit.

The Clarey Podcast #279 - The "Pefect 10" Episode

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Cappy finds a rare perfect 10 and just admires the view.
The Oscars 2019 will be the WORST viewed in the history of the Oscars
Women know PRECISELY what men want...and the sad ramifications of this epiphany

AND MORE!

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Housing Bubble v 2.0

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Was on with Laurie Zoock and Frausters Radio where we talked about the current housing bubble.

I do believe there is a bubble, though nowhere near as bubbly as the previous one, but I also think housing is still integrated with the real economy enough that it will cause a slight recession, perhaps just a slowdown/stagnation in 2019. Again, could be wrong, but there's enough powder to cause an recessionary boom.

You Don't Own Your Property, You Know That Right?

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Because the Victoria, BC city council knows it.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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But the mom's boyfriend could, but journalists had to hold off their questions until the boyfriend was done killing her son.

The Red Pill Penetration Rate

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It's Tough to Get a Prescription for Red Pills

The Manosphere or Red Pill community has existed in one form or another for about 15 years. Be it pioneers such as Fred on Everything, Tom Leykis, or the founding triumvirate of Rollo, Roissy and Roosh, an alternative digital explanation to the nature of men and women has existed opposite to the officially sanctioned and government-endorsed narrative that has existed since the 60's. However, just because it has existed, doesn't mean its existence has had an easy go.

Like anything that goes against the officially-approved narrative, the "red pill" has received an inordinate amount of flak, ridicule, vehemence, and villainization. You are automatically a "sexist" if you believe in traditional sexual roles. You are a bigot if you dare to be a man. Being a man is now officially a mental illness. And if you dare to insist your future wife not be a tatted up, student-loan-endebted, Marxist, unemployable whore who will stay at home and raise your kids in a nuclear family, you are woefully ignorant, even criminal and need to be banned from employment, school, government positions, and the rest of society.

To those of us who have taken the red pill, it is clear as day what is happening. But for those still stuck in the metaphorical "matrix" they are confused, lost, and ultimately perplexed. They are driven insane when their logic and genetics runs against what the establishment is telling them. Some of them break, swallowing whole the narrative they've been fed and become the sexually amorphous soyboys nearly all millennial, feminist men have become. Others hold onto the productive aspects of masculinity feminism has allowed them to, but follow the roles they were prescribed to be as a beta-provider, living up to the motto "happy wife, happy life." But then there are the few men who know there's something wrong. They cannot abide the contradiction between what they're experiencing vs. what they're being told. And so they search for an alternative explanation, Googling questions such as

"why aren't women feminine anymore"
"why do women cheat"
"is there a wage gap"
"why should I get married"
"aren't tattoos on women ugly"

which lands them squarely in the Manosphere and Red Pill community.

What they see there initially shocks them. But it only shocks them because it runs 100%

contradictory what they've been approved to think.

No, men and women are not equally interchangeable, they are different but equal in their own regards.
No, women do not work as hard or as long as men, they often choose easier, worthless degrees and bitch about the consequences till they die.
No, women are not as courageous as men because they would be asking you out in equal numbers.
Yes, women as a group on average have voted to replace men with government checks because they prefer security over love.
Feminists do hate men and the movement is not about the equal treatment of the sexes, but the preferential treatment of women over men.
Yes, there is indeed a war on men and masculinity.
And yes, women love their careers and degrees more than they do family, spouses, and individuals.

And here is the point in time where they can choose to take the red pill, living in an admittedly sad, but at least reality-based world

or

return to the Matrix, working their 55 hours a week, paying 45% of their income to the government, and supporting children that aren't their own, all while their women get uglier, more tatted up, fatter, lippier, and less feminine.

Of all the men who land on red pill pages, I estimate half lack the courage to take the red pill. They return to the hell hole matrix of Normie World they were familiar with and effectively waste the rest of their lives. The other half take the red pill and stay. But this group of men is still a small pittance of the total male population, and so the "red pill movement" remains a truly alternative and obscure one that will never gain traction in the real world

....or will it?

Numbers

For while the red pill and manosphere may seem to be fringe communities holding extremist views, keep in mind these communities have only been around for at most 2 decades. Feminism in its most viral and intense form has been around for 5, and still hasn't convinced every woman to join its hate-filled religion. Furthermore, feminism has had the added benefit of both GOVERNMENT and CORPORATE support, advocating, even enforcing their ideology on all school children since the 70's. The manosphere/red pill community has both government and corporate America fighting squarely against it, so

it's a miracle we've had the modicum of success we've had.

But have you ever wondered if we're making a difference? Have you ever wondered what percent of the male population is pulled from the Matrix? It would be one thing if only 1 or 2% of the male population got hip to the jive of feminism, and the red pill community truly was fringe and obscure. But some ball park estimates and some observations I think will paint a much rosier (and for once an) optimistic picture. And though things may seem dark now, you might find solace, dare I even say "hope" when we make an attempt to measure the "red pill penetration rate."

First, take the example of Terrence Popp vs. Bolde. Bad Popp did a video response to an article written by one Riley Cooper. The article was for a site called "Bolde.com" and was about why "So Many Smart and Attractive Women are Rolling Solo." The article was of course how women didn't need men, fishbicycleempoweredamazingtrademark, and of course Terrence debunked it for the lies and falsehoods it was. But the article was such utter tripe and propaganda, I asked the question, "Is it even worth Popp's time to address this? I mean, whiny self-pitying articles written by dumbass 20 something girls are a dime a dozen. Does this article even have the pull?"

So I looked up Bolde.com on Google Page rank and....

it's ranked even lower than my blog.

Captain Capitalism, my shitberg blog, has more pull and marketing power than this otherwise professionally done and financed website. Terrence Popp has 83K followers on his YouTube channel (you should be one of them), and this Riley Cooper doesn't exist except in the shadow of a professional athlete by the same name. Bad Popp, with his sole YouTube channel is reaching more men in a week than Bolde, its corporate backers, and fleet of no name authoresses do in a year.

Second, Rich Cooper.

Rich is further evidence that the internet is the equalizer of all things. He has over 160K in YouTube subscribers and reaches tens of thousands of men each week. This is more than any one girl who writes for the Huffington Post, Bolde, XOJane, or any one of the score of establishment feminist rags. A lot of that is of course due to a flood of pro-feminist/narrative sites which dilutes the readership/viewership than any one individual "journalist" at these rags gets. But Rich didn't have to form a CNN-esque level media company to get his message out. He didn't need financial backers to pay for his "amazing flat" in New York City. And he didn't need a husband to subsidize his career at Jezebel.com. His message is good, his message is true, and when men search for questions both heads are asking, they're going to end up on his page and not Salon.com.

I could go on with other examples of red pill internet phenoms and their pull. Stefan Molyneux, Coach Red Pill, Roosh, and that not good Asshole over at Asshole Consulting. But if you take the time to compare their statistics in terms of followers, subscribers, Twitter numbers, etc., AND compare them to the presumed numbers of "professional, narrative-endorsed journalists," the men in the red pill communities are SOMEBODIES, while you probably couldn't name one of the THOUSANDS of common, indistinguishable, NPC narrative-spouting THOTS who populate the blue pill world.

This lays down a hopeful foundation for the future of the red pill world. Go back 20 years ago and you didn't have the internet, let alone a voice for men in main stream media. The media was staunchly socialist, staunchly feminist, and staunchly anti-nuclear family. And while government/education/media/corporate monopoly still exists today, they no longer hold a monopoly over all media. The internet and simple men with simple internet media channels provide a serious and real alternative to the perfectly and artificially sculpted Anderson Cooper on the nightly news. There are real and established beach heads for future men to at least land on now, whereas before there was none.

Three, actual numbers.

The mathematical, statistical pull of various red pill and manosphere content producers is one thing. But I wanted a bit of a harder number to go by. Of course this is impossible, because how do you precisely measure what percent of the male population has taken the red pill? Gut feelings, in all honesty, are probably just as valid as any methodology I could come up with. But come up with one I did. And replete with all it's flaws, I think it's at least in the ball park.

First, I looked at the group of men who are most likely to be forced to take the red pill. Men who were walking along, minding their business, when suddenly out of the sky

FLASH
BAM
ALAKAZAM!!!

their wives served them divorce papers and goodbye.

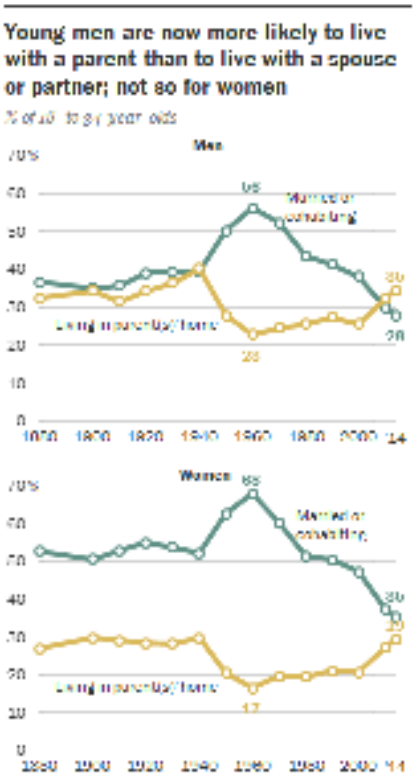
I figured men who've been divorced MUST be red pilled because it was smashed right into their faces. They didn't have a choice. And so we got ourselves a BASE LINE of 21%. 21% of men have been divorced (and that does not include boys who are not yet of ~~divorce~~ "marrying" age). But even divorced men are hopelessly blue-pilled, and 12% of them go back and get married again, leaving 9% of men who never marry again, and an absolute baseline of 9% redpillers.

Second, confirmed bachelors. I lost the original source for this statistics, but 20% of men

40-44 were never married and had no intention to (this is somewhat supported by 70% of men 20-34 being never married). We could argue that at least some of that 20% is going to get married, and just because a man is a confirmed bachelor doesn't necessarily mean he's been red-pilled. But just assume half of these men never marry and you add an effective 10% to the original 9% of 'ne'er to marry again' re-confirmed bachelors, and you're at 19% of the male population.

From here the numbers get a little bit more amorphous as the causes for men's various "red pill" behaviors may not in fact be red pill in origin. Did "Bob" decide not to marry because he read Rollo or Roissy, and said, "fuck this shit!" Or did Bob see his dad get put through the divorce wringer and said "fuck this shit!"? Did Mike not propose to Susie because he binged on Terrence Popp videos? Or did Mike major in stupid shit, is loaded with a ton of debt, and simply can't afford to propose? One might argue this is "purple pill" territory, and I would agree. But society gets to face effective redpill behavior and I would argue should at least be partially considered in the red pill penetration rate. Additionally, I wanted to include these metrics because they highlight something important longitudinally. A point in time where the internet took off, allowing the red pill message to be spread regardless of what the establishment media wanted.

A clear example of this is the percent of men living at home.



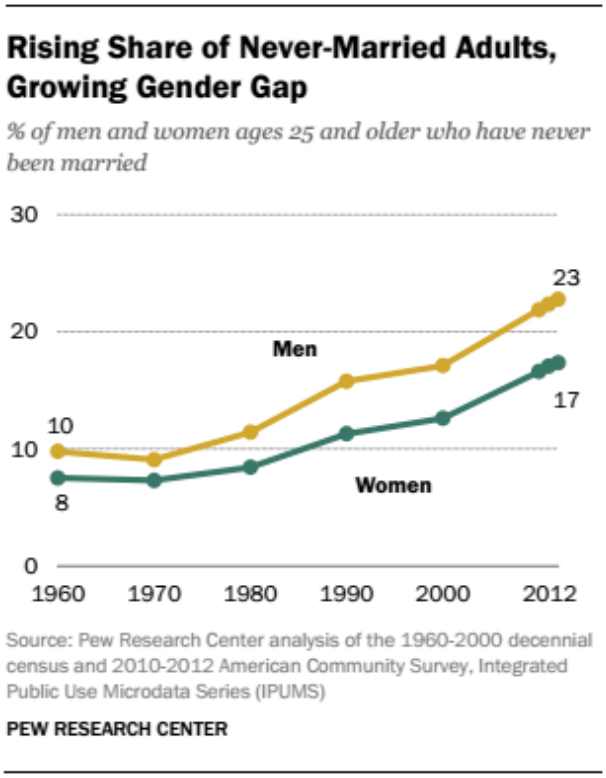
While living at home is more or less shameful and would not be considered "manly," it is effectively "red pill" because it really does deny women men and marriage. Why do so many men live at home? There are many reasons.

The economy sucked.
Student debt.
The cost of college.
The laziness of the millennial generation.
Spineless parents.

But somewhere in there, I theorize, is a percent of boys who saw their baby boomer dad just get ass-raped in divorce. Saw his family obliterated in front of his young eyes. I'll admit that the majority of the reason young adults live at home are sociological and economic, but there are at least SOME full grown men living at home because their traditional incentive that got them to leave home (family formation) has been utterly destroyed in their eyes. Again, they may not consciously know that is a red pill reason. But it is in nature, and I would argue at least another 3% of the 10% increase since 2000 should be added to the red pill penetration rate.

I would also note the longitudinal point I mentioned earlier. Notice that there is a sharp spike in 2000 to today. Effectively Gen X was the last generation of men to move out of the house, while the millennials decided to stay home in droves. Once again, we could argue this is because of economic and sociological reasons, but I cannot help but wonder if the internet and young men's propensity to search for answers about girls on the internet helped some realize the futility and hopelessness of the situation. With no incentive or possibility for a life-long marriage, not to mention the increased risks and warning signs of divorce being pronounced from red pill sites, at least some of that sharp rise should be due to young men taking some red pills (perhaps even black ones). This reinforces by decision to add 3% of these men who live at home as doing so because they took the red pill.

The same point can be made from the dramatic rise in the never married (25 years and older) rate for men and women since 2000.



There is the same, dramatic increase in never marrieds since 2000, once again suggesting at least some men have opted not to marry due to what they found on the internet. Of course, women as well have been fed a steady diet of anti-marriage and anti-family propaganda, putting their careers well ahead of families, but that has always been the case since the 1960's. The increase in the rate from 2000 to 2012 (lord knows what it is now) indicates access to the internet has driven people out of the marriage market even more. However, let's be very clear about one thing about the marriage market - it's a man's market.

To propose takes courage, bravery, and balls. None of which women have. Despite screaming and screeching how equal they are in men's faces, when it comes to the simple act of asking a guy on a date, or just to a cup of coffee, women are hypocritically absent when things because challenging or difficult. And so I would argue the dramatic decrease in marriage since 2000 has been not only internet-led, but male-led as well..because...well...let's just face it ladies. You're not equal here. Men aren't proposing as much as they used to. I argue at least some of that 6% decrease in the marriage rate is red pill inspired. Tack on another 2%.

When We Add It Up

When we add up the numbers I estimate the Red Pill Penetration Rate is 24%, with a hard core bottom number of 19%, and up to maybe 27% if you consider some of the purple-pillers "defacto red pillers." And when you think about it, this is an amazing amount of progress for 15 years of conscious, deliberate work.

In the 1990's men were truly hopeless, wandering, and clueless. We had NO IDEA why women were behaving the way they were. We had no idea what they wanted. And even worse, we were lied to about all of the above. But what made it even worse than that is we didn't have a way to tell we were being lied to. Men spent decades of their youth thinking they were the ones with the problem. They were the ones who were wrong. We spent decades and untold trillions of calories of energy purging every possible flaw from ourselves in the analog days, only to find out through the internet that there was nothing wrong with us, and it was society that was at fault all along. Now, not only do men never have to face that insanity and frustration ever again, they can immediately get an answer online if they're brave enough to doubt the main stream narrative.

But it gets even better.

If a virus achieves an infection rate of 24%, or even 19%, it's almost a guarantee the entire population will become infected with it, bar individuals who are somehow physically immune to it. And it will spread especially fast if there's a vehicle by which the virus can travel. In the medieval ages it was rats spreading Bubonic plague all across Europe, today it is the internet spreading truth and red pills all across the world. If 24% of the male population can be converted to the red pill in 15 years, that's 1.6% each and every year. That may not seem like a lot, but look how far we've come since Roosh penned his first posts. 10 years ago a mere 8% of the population was red pilled. Give the manosphere as much time as we've given feminism, and by the time I'm dying, I estimate a full 80% of men will be red pilled and living in the real world once again.

But I'm even more optimistic than that.

For if I were to ask you what the most powerful force in the universe was, what would you say it was?

Light?
Magnetism?
Thermodynamics/heat?
Gravity?

The answer is the male sex drive. If it were not for men and their sexual appetites, this world would not exist, society wouldn't exist, civilization wouldn't exist. The only reason you're reading this on a computer, powered by electricity, 2,000 miles away from where it was written was because men wanted to have sex and built these inventions to convince women to sleep with them. And if we built jet engines, mastered electricity, invented the super computers, cured diseases, and landed men on the moon all for sex, you damn right men today and forever more are going to search the internet on how to get women. It's the number one thing that drives men to do everything they do, and it guarantees that they will forever be searching the internet for real world, effective advice on how to

get them.

The mainstream media, "Bolde," the government, the K-12 education system, the media, Hollywood, Salon, your mothers, your sisters, and your female friends will all give you advice that will never get you women, never get you laid, and will get you divorced. They will give you lies.

The red pill and manosphere communities online will tell you the harsh truth. And in doing so, it will actually help you get laid and live a happier better life.

Men's sex drives and nature will guarantee the future will be very red pill. And there will be nothing the feminists, socialists, and main stream can do to stop it.

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The Older Brother Podcast #35 - The "Gillette is an SJW Whore" Episode

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Gillette's shameless SJW virtue signaling.
Why you only need to work 3 hours a day at work.
The positive sides of suicide.
Cappy is The Flash. Nobody can keep up.
Why the fuck don't people realize they're going to die?

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John Wick 3

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By gum, by golly. Here comes big titted Molly.
I am totally going to see this movie.

The Masculine Geek Podcast #2

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I sit in on a geek podcast, the second episode of which we've recorded. Tune in if you want to get your geek on. We talk shop, games, and motorcycles.

Clarey Podcast #280 - The "Debauched Daytime Video Game Binging Cappy" Episode

January 20, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and Elkins talk about:

Cappy doing a two-day video game binge on Borderlands 2.
Days of Our Lives renews for a 55th season.
Day time television and old women.
Lying on your dating profile.
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Johnnie Walker Goes Feminist

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Which is why you should drink Laphroaig.

Construction Worker vs. TEeeeeeaaaacchhheeerrrsss

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Teeeeaaacheeeerrrsssss

And buy the damn book Worthless so you don't become a loser like your teachers.

Honestly, Men Should Just Go to the Library Instead of Bars and Nightclubs

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Seriously guys, READING or GOING TO CHURCH is going to be a more fun activity than chasing after these girls. Enjoy that decline.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Or the other father of her other kids.
Or her own father.

Matter of fact, out of the three fathers involved, none of them could be reached for comment.

But that's alright, she has a tattoo that says she's saved through Christ. So it's all good.

The lord has a plan.
The lord will provide.

The Boring Amazon Affiliate Link

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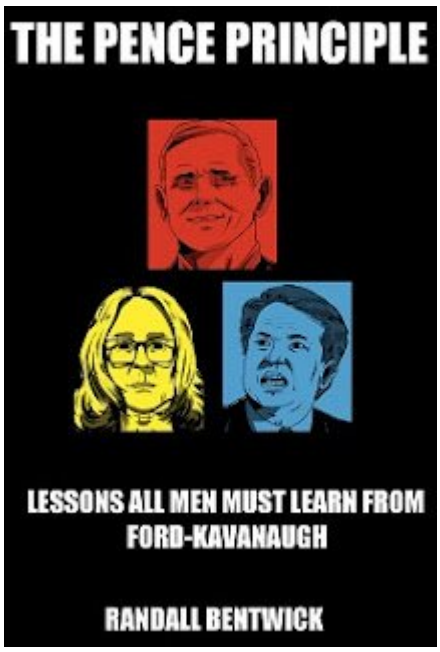
Sadly since the season is over i had to upload a new picture and get rid of the cute girl. Until a new model volunteers, look for the following Amazon banner in the right side bar if you wanted to help the Ole Captain out and do your online shopping through his Amazon Affiliate program.

Also, in the meantime, learn how NOT to get falsely accused of rape.



The Older Brother Podcast - The "Covington Kid" Episode

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DT rages about the Covington High School kid, Nick Sandmann
Protesting is stupid.
Bikini hiker Gigi Wu, dead.
Having multiple wives...would be a pain in the ass.
Black Albinos.
Tent City...still tents.

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Sanity is the Future of Wealth

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The following is an excerpt from what I and others consider my best post of all time. I spent three days writing it and it ended up being about 16 pages long, but I think 4, maybe 5 people read the darn thing. Thus I put it behind a patreon paywall, in part because I've always been curious about how pricing something makes people psychologically want it more, but also in part because I wanted to experiment with paywalls.

"*This introduces a very interesting truism about humanity. That the vast majority of value in our lives is not exchanged through money, but via humans voluntarily bartering their time, attention, and excellence with one another. I would argue this has always been the case about humanity/economics - where monetary exchange, though necessary, only accounted for a small minority of the total value of the human experience. But with income inequality gone, with wealth unlimited, THE ONLY THING remaining is the value of human interaction. But it can't just be "any" human interaction. It's going to have to be valuable, quality, and sought-after human interaction. And this will pose a problem for leftists.*"

The Left is Here to Entertain You

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It is easy to get angry at leftists when you view them at face value and look at their destructive behavior. You get angry because their behavior is destructive to society. For example "Chloe Ayngal" is a now-former writer for the Huffington Post who was looking for a job since she and many others got laid off from "the paper." It was painful how she thought her Doctorate in Romantic Comedies was something of value a new employer would enjoy. But it was not as painful as how much in taxpayer and society's resources in general was wasted on this waste of a human person.

Take also a bit of a dated article on how younger men like older women. This is of course from the dubious Daily Mail, but the millions of old women who read these lies and believe them, engage in further destructive behavior wasting whatever few grains of sand of time may be left in their hour glass of beauty. Their lives are effectively over, but you might get angry at how such lies harm future generations where we send yet another full generation of women into the battlefields of corporate America or life-long academia and not into the loving arms of a husband or family. Men are also upset in that what normally got them up in the morning - women - is now being denied to them.

There is no limit to instances of leftists destructive behavior. And there is no doubt their behavior will destroy society. So much so there isn't much of a future left too look forward to. But I think it's important to point out while we are here and in a very Viktor Frankl way to take what modicum of joy or victory you can from them since that is all there is. Alas, it's vitally important to realize that for every instance of destructive behavior there's not only a side of the coin that harms society, but another side that destroys the leftist.

For example, the 50 something woman I saw driving her Saturn Sky.

There was nothing inherently wrong with the woman. Nor in the fact she was driving a Saturn Sky. Matter of fact I think the Saturn Sky (and it's Pontiac equivalent - the Pontiac Solstice) are two of the sharpest looking cars GM came out with before both Pontiac and Saturn closed down. It was the ancillary circumstances that made everything wrong.

First, this was in Minneapolis. And while there's nothing wrong with driving a Saturn Sky in Minneapolis, there is something wrong driving that vehicle in Minneapolis during winter. If you are driving a rear wheel, two seater sportster CONVERTIBLE in a Minneapolis winter, it means you can't afford any other transportation and are a fool for having to resort to a summer car as your winter transportation.

Second, the convertible roof was patched up with duct tape. Indicating poor ghetto financial decisions like driving a summer-only car during winter, patching up your convertible top means you not only can't afford to repair it, but you're storing the car outside AND are not smart enough to put a top over it. It's akin to seeing those Dodge Neons with the completely sun-baked-out hoods where the paint has worn away. You never waxed the car, you never took care of the car, because you are too dumb to known to have done that. It made the otherwise smart and sexy car look trashy and actually made me feel bad that such a nice vehicle was being forced to endure a winter.

Third, the way she dressed and the way she walked. You could tell as she walked out of the nail salon this woman had a divorce settlement of some kind and had pissed away the money. She was wearing clothes that were too nice for her frame, and too loud that screamed "I got a settlement." I know it's a bit of a stretch to say you can determine this from one's clothes, but I am supremely confident that is precisely what it was. Her walk only confirmed it as she was boastfully (not proudly) walking to her beleaguered car not realizing people with real money, real financial stability, or simple automechanical sense could see through the middle school facade she was trying to pull off.

Finally, the Obama bumper sticker.

You don't put a tattoo on an attractive women's body. And you don't put a bumper sticker on a beautiful car. I would gander this woman did both.

When you take all these tidbits of evidence together, it's pretty apparent that this women got some kind of significant settlement to imagine herself as "rich." However, her poor auto-mechanic decisions evidenced by her car proved she was not smart enough, capable enough, or responsible enough to hold down a job that would afford her a "rich" lifestyle. She was living a lie, living through her money, and though she no doubt voted to lessen the lives of others, her lie was going to destroy her life in the process. No doubt that Saturn Sky has since irreparably broken down, her body aged equivalently poorly, and whatever short term 15 minutes of fame her divorce got her is now over and she's back to baseline. She's back to herself. The party is over.

This is the punishment (for leftists) and the pleasure (for non) to enjoy. To see (typically) leftists make bad decisions that may harm society, but in the end also harm, if not outright destroy, themselves. Worse, the added delusion and mental suffering they put themselves through by going through rollercoaster rides of artificial success and back to

long term failure is also an added price they pay, and encore performance we enjoy (just look at all the liberal arts majors who are ecstatic during graduation and the slow, inexorable decline they face for the rest of their lives. I can't think of a worse punishment).

Enjoy the decline. And enjoy their delusion. It's the greatest show for those of us in the real, working world to enjoy.

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The Drawbacks of Minimalism

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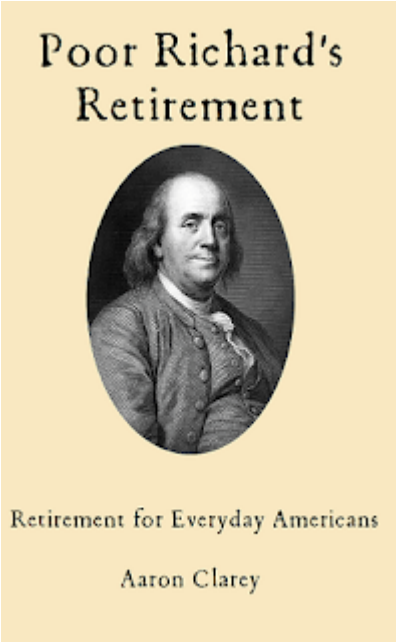

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Socialists are Hypocrites

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Mexico's president is a socialist.
Mexicans voted in socialism.
Then why are they not accepting the application of minors to Mexico from the caravan?

Oh. That's right. You don't want to pay for socialism. You just want the free shit socialism offers, preferably at the expense of other countries.

The Older Brother Podcast #37 The "Essential Oils" Episode

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DT and Cappy discuss

Essential oils.
Fantasy Sportsball and Fantasy Draft
Why Cappy is Putting Some Content Behind a Pay Wall
Thomas Paine was a Commie??
Fedoras.
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Have Your Urologist Snip Your Balls, Not Your Wife

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It is of course a gossip rag and I question whether it's 100% trustworthy, but my god, "show solidarity during the pregnancy."

The Clarey Podcast Curse Free (Sorta) Episode #40

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YouTube as a Southern Sheriff.
People at Airports Late at Night.
Homeownership Breeds Masculinity.
Women will NEVER Learn to Fix Things.
Fifth Thirds Bank Masters Virtue Signaling.
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DIE, EDUCATION BUBBLE, DIE!!!

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You're not dying quick enough. But at least you're trying.

How the Millennials Assisted Suicide Harley's Death

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They're both to blame, but Harley should've seen this generation of soy, femininity, and pansy-asses as the death knell to their brand.

Amanda Lawson Ross Doesn't Know How Loans Work

February 4, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Awww, too bad.

Dabby dooby.

Doctorate and you "college educated PhD's" still don't know how fucking compounded interest or loans work. Oh well. Time to go golfing with my debt free life.

Taxation is 65% Theft

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The only time I was ever on a bloodsports show was Taleeb Starkes' program where under some other pretense he had me on with an avowed communist from Canada. The communist was indeed mentally ill and I don't say that because we differed ideologically, I say it because he WAS mentally ill. Still lived at home, didn't believe North Korea was a bad place, and lived off of the Canadian government. It was painfully obvious he supplanted any tangible level of production and worth in life with the religion of communism, and he was consequently paying the price for living a lie.

But one thing he did keep bringing up was "social democracy." And he used the term as a euphemism to deflect the fact that communism/socialism is theft and he was living off of other people. In short social democracy means since people *voted* to take your money, then it's not theft - it's "social democracy." Thus, everything is morally hunky dory super dooper OK. And so this "social democracy" arrow is guaranteed to be in the quiver of every leftist because they can't stand the truth that they and their ideology are parasitic.

Any intellectually honest person can see right through this pathetic canard. It doesn't matter how somebody else ended up with your money - whether it be at the end of a gun, or people voting it in...and consequently also at the end of a gun - if you didn't want somebody else to have your money, it's theft. But the left is infinitely cowardly when it comes to getting your money, both avoiding any physical confrontation to get it, and hiding behind the excuses as to how they got it. Alas, very much like lawyers, the most common way leftists will hide their parasitism is by pointing out it's legal, completely disregarding whether it's moral.

At the other end of the spectrum you have your sperg-out-a-lot libertarians.

These guys, just like our communist friend above, also supplant any real world accomplishment with a blind fanaticism to their religion. They too also live in their parents basement and constantly parrot the conservative talking point that "all taxation

is theft." And again, they hide their intellectual dishonesty behind nuanced technicalities and arguments, notably that since if you don't pay your taxes you will have men with guns force you to, otherwise you will be put into a cage. And while technically correct, I have yet to have a libertarian explain to me how a world governed solely by "positive reinforcement" and "good wishes" would be practical, feasible, and even possible. Will people "willingly" pay taxes to form an army to fight off the army of the other country where they conscripted soldiers and forcibly taxed their citizens to arm them with more and superior tanks and fighter bombers? Will people "willingly" form a large enough posse to fight off the band of bandits created by a smarter tactician who decided theft was easier than labor? Will you finally discipline your children, or are you going to continue to try to intellectually rationalize with a 2 year old about the philosophical and moral merits of not screaming in the house? These questions usually send the sperg-out-a-lot libertarians back to their parents' basement much like asking communists how using euphemisms change reality.

But never fear, Cappy is here. And I am going to provide you all with the correct answer as to what taxation is and is not, so the next time this topic comes up you can provide a link to this convenient post and conclude the discussion more accurately informed than when the discussion began.

65%.

Taxation is 65% theft.

The reason taxation is 65% theft is because that is the percent (on average) of state, federal and local budgets (in the US) that goes to other people's pockets. It will of course vary by state and location, it will vary based on your income and taxes you pay, it will also vary over time, but right now, in the US, on average, you can expect 65% of your taxes to go to another person WITH NOTHING ELSE IN EXCHANGE.

We call these expenses "income transfers" and they are a direct transference of your money to somebody else. When I pay for some soccer-mom's snot nosed brat to go to school, that is an income transfer. When I pay the additional property taxes so her other "autistic brat" gets ~~overpriced free school baby sitting~~ "special education" that is an income transfer. When I pay for some pothead baby boomer who didn't save up enough for retirement for their social security or medicare, that is an income transfer. And shucks howdy, when I just give the lazy and parasitic cash in the form of food stamps, welfare, TANF, or any one of a number of direct cash programs, that is also an income transfer.

It is theft.
It is one person benefiting at the expense of the other.
It is ALSO slavery as you are working for that person for a percent of your life.

And it is parasitism. Yes, you are a parasite if you need other people's money. That is not debateable or "social democracy." It's a fact. You are a leech.

The remaining 35% are what are called "public goods," meaning that my consumption of them does not exclude yours. Or a shorter explanation, "we get something in return for that 35%"

For example defense. At least I get something in exchange for my tax dollars when they go to pay for the US military - defense. Same thing with the cops. At least I get something when I pay taxes for the cops - protection. We all benefit from a department, say like the US Department of Commerce which regulates (in theory) corporations and companies from putting acid in our soup. And we all benefit from the Department of Transportation that builds and maintains the roads. AND in all instances one person's consumption of the good does not exclude others. My driving on the road does not prevent you driving on the road. Your taxes dollars going to pay for that F-16 to patrol the skies does not prevent me from enjoying the protection provided by it. In short, that 35% of your taxes paid on public goods is NOT theft. It is legitimate taxation. You get something in exchange for it (although, I can understand you may not want it).

There is however an important distinction to make where it may not be as clear cut as "Taxation is 65% Theft" - charity. Because just as sure the arrow of "Social Democracy" is in a leftist's quiver, the arrow of "I Don't Mind Paying More in Taxes" is also guaranteed to be in there.

I don't for a second believe leftists don't mind paying more in taxes. Every time a liberal friend of mine worked as a contractor and failed to make the quarterly tax payments they were APOPLECTIC when they had to pay their - *ahem* - "fair share" come April 15th. They would do EVERYTHING in their power possible to NOT pay taxes. Also, it's not like you can't cut a check to the US Treasury for shits and giggles. And all the rich liberals in Hollywood, Washington DC, and trust fund babies can just start cutting checks if they don't mind paying more in taxes. It's the fact they don't means you know they're lying.

But let's just take them at their worthless word and assume they do indeed not "mind paying more in taxes."

This then introduces a charitable element to the "Taxation is Theft" argument and makes it more of a personal issue. If you're like me, you don't believe in charity, you don't WANT to give money to other people, and so when you're forced to, taxation is indeed 65% theft. That's my money. That's my life. I do not want it going to anybody else. But if you "don't mind paying more in taxes," or have a philosophical argument that we as a society owe it to the rest of society to provide some kind of safety net, then the argument could be made in your personal case that "Taxation is 65% Charity." That you're OK paying 65% of your taxes to somebody else. And there's nothing wrong with that. It's

your personal choice. But that only applies to your individual case and your personal situation.

As is usual for leftists, they don't let it remain a personal choice. They need to loop other people into their world. They need to force other people to be socialists. They value their politics/religion over other people's property rights or moral rights. Yes there may be that one leftist who donates his or her money intellectually honestly to help out the poor because they personally believe they have a moral obligation to do so. But the remaining 99.9999% of the case is most leftists want to use *YOUR MONEY* to make them feel better. They want *YOUR MONEY* to advance *THEIR* politics of parasitism and laziness and fuzzy wuzzies. And I cannot emphasize what a violation of morals that is right there.

Most leftists think absolutely NOTHING about stealing from you simply *to make themselves feel better.*

Admittedly, at least they're not the democrat party who steals from you to bribe other degenerates to vote for them. But rank and file democrats are not much morally better thinking they have a moral right to your life-labor, that they have the right to enslave you for a significant percent of your working life, simply so they can vote to have warm fuzzies and feel good about themselves.

Alas, when you realize just what few leftists and democrats are indeed charitable souls, with a soul within them, who willingly donate their own money to help their political cause, the "Taxation is Charity" argument is moot. No democrat "doesn't mind paying more in taxes." They all do. Therefore, 65% of the taxes you pay are indeed theft. In part to pay for parasites too lazy to work. In part so leftists can feel good about their unaccomplished, worthless selves. In part so the democrat party and buy votes.

You have the right to be pissed off 2/3rds the time about your taxes.

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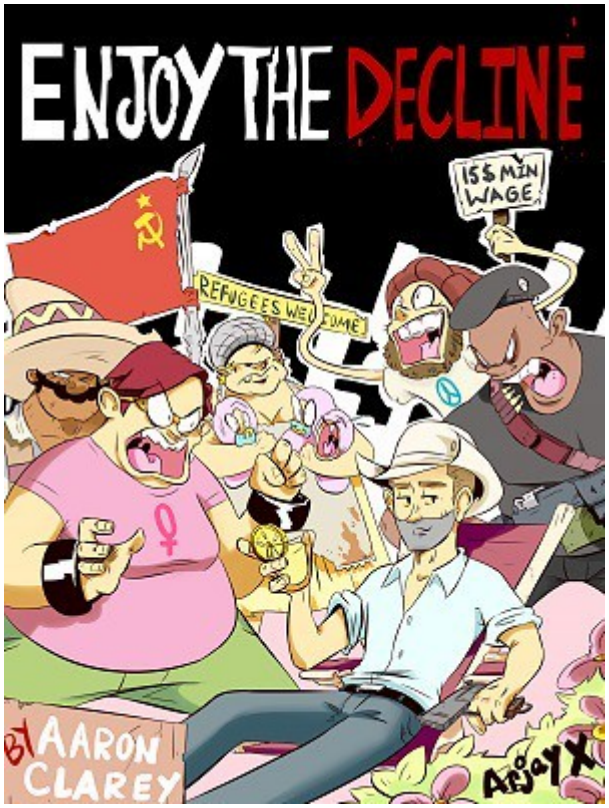
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Isabel O’Shaughnessy Gets Equality

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If you didn't know Ms. O'Shaughnessy was this young lady here who, in addition to being mentally ill, thought it would be funny and perfectly alright to grab a man's genitals.

Unfortunately, she is now being treated as an equal and getting charged with sex abuse.

What piqued my interest though was the mention of the Catholic University of America. I looked it up and it is indeed a catholic university. But, as is with many things in Christianity, it's more concerned about green credentials and leftist politics than it is religion or JC. If there was any morality within the CUA they would expel Ms. O'Shaughnessy, but something tells me they like her mammons she pays in tuition.

The Lack of Politics and Sermons in the 2019 Super Bowl Ads

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I did not watch the whole thing. But I was sure as hell that Corporate America would continue to lecture and sermon real Americans about being racist, sexist, and generally bad people.

Apparently they didn't.

That being said, I am supremely confident going forward Corporate America and their Gen X Marketing SJW Overlords will not be able to help themselves because that is all they know what to do - virtue signal. Remember, these people do NOT have as their primary goal profit or productivity. It is politics that drives them. Like millennials, these Gen X'ers never really worked real jobs in their lives either and their brains were equally weak and thus susceptible to marxist brainwashing in college. They offer nothing of value but their politics and they're going to force it down your throat whether you like it or not. The Super Bowl was just a fluke.

You Can't Escape Stupid People

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One of the funnier videos if you are looking for a laugh:

The Older Brother Podcast #37 - Nerves of Steele Episode

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Cappy and John Steele talk about:

"The Mistakeless Economy"
The "Stupid People Economic Fallacy"
Is Corporate Virtue Signaling Dead?
Ain't No White Guys in Commercials Anymore.
It Wouldn't Matter if We Killed Half the Men in America.

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Is Reality Optional?

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It isn't. And you risk ruining your own life if you don't acknowledge that.

Church or Captain Marvel: Choose Your Sermon

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It's very simple - people don't want politics mixed in with their fun.

We all work 40-60 hours a week. We commute 10. And after another 15 hours of chores and basic requirements of life, what few precious hours of freedom we have we cherish and value above all else. And it is those few hours of freedom that ultimately determine the happiness and enjoyment we get out of life. And the hell if we're going to ruin it with politics.

But tell that to the Gen X'ers who now command the majority of CSR, marketing, and advertising departments in Corporate America and Hollywood. Talentless, fresh-out-of-ideas, unoriginal, and common, these low-IQ marketing heads only know the one trick they were taught in business school and that is "politics-trumps profits," "corporate virtue signaling," and "jam your socialist politics into the fun of everybody else." They have no value except the politics they were spoon-fed in college, and think the rest of society is equally valueless, also desperately clinging a parasitic socialist ideology as their only core value in life. And so any sort of fun MUST have some sort of socialist sermon, lecture, moral, or proselytizing forced in it, thus putting a turd in America's punch bowl of fun.

The latest example is Brie Larson's interview with Digital Spy where she views her acting as a form of activism in the upcoming movie "Captain Marvel."

If you don't know who Brie Larson is, or what Captain Marvel is, it really doesn't matter. This is just another Hollywood actress, mouthing off about politics, telepathing to you potential movie goers that there will be leftist politics, feminist sermoning, and a political lecture that nobody asked for and nobody wanted in this upcoming movie. It's further proof that anybody under the age of 50 seems to think their politics is all that matters. And it's also further proof that Hollywood doesn't understand who they work for. They do

not understand their product. They do not understand their audience. And they are so tone deaf, so brain dead, so autistic, they can't understand the simple concept that people don't like politics mixed in with their fun.

Unfortunately, this seems to be the case corporate wide and Hollywood wide. Gillette thinks accusing men of rape, assault, domestic violence, in a condescending commercial will help boost sales. Starbucks wants to have "conversations about race." And Kathleen Kennedy needs to remind you that the force is female and will add three huge scoops of purple-haired vagina on your latest Star Wars movie, whether you wanted feminism or not. There is hope that maybe corporate America is getting the message that people don't like politics in their razors, coffee, and movies in that the Super Bowl 53 commercials were absent of SJW commercials. But I think given the trillions that were invested in Gen X'er's educational brainwashing, it's going to take about a decade of stagnant sales and boycotts to get it through their thick skulls to stop ruining people's fun with politics.

Thus, I have a suggestion for those of you who are sick of politics ruining your movies - go to church.

This is not a plea for Christianity (I loathe organized religion), but to point out that going to church or synagogue or even mosque would be preferable and much more beneficial than going to see Captain Marvel. At least with a religious sermon there is usually some kind of wisdom that is practical and useful to your life. You know with a religious sermon you are going to be sermoned. And even if you don't agree with said religion, it does pay to sit, think, and reflect on ancient scriptures and texts that compile and condense thousands of years of human wisdom. Brie Larson is just going to parrot and repeat the same, tired, beaten, old, common, tiring, tiresome, obsolete feminist mantra of "we can do it too/fuck men/we're oppressed/strong independent woman/you go girl" that they have been for 50 years. Oh, yeah, and she'll beat the bad guy in the end.

I wish I was being tongue and cheek, but I'm not. I honestly think the movie-going public and America as a whole would be way better off and $20 richer if they just took in an actual sermon instead of a political one disguised as a movie. And while you may not belong to a church or a synagogue, you can easily download a sermon from Ligonier Ministries, read an article about Judiasm, or learn about debt avoidance through Islam.

Because here's the other reason you should just spend your Sunday afternoon taking in an actual sermon instead of a Captain Marvel one. If you do go see Captain Marvel, and enough people make the movie profitable, reluctantly accepting they're just going to be lectured at like little children, this will never end. Hollywood, Corporate America, and the legions of brainwashed Gen X marketing executives will continue to ruin your fun with politics...

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And I don't know about you, but my life is to precious and enjoyable to be having a turd floating around in my fun.

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Going to be On With Rich Cooper/Entrepreneur In Cars

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Join us! It will be 1PM EST, which means some ungodly early hour pacific time and I'll barely be awake. But tune in!!

South Dakota > Minnesota

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Looks like South Dakota's free markets and pro-business environment beats Minnesota again.

The Elkins Hour #8 - The "Hot Girls Ain't Worth Nothing" Episode

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Here's Your Rape Culture

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Oh look, it ain't Western Civilization.

Well, in that case it's alright and doesn't count.

The True Purpose of Public Schools

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1. To enrich teachers
2. To indoctrinate students
3. To provide an institution to raise children because American parents don't love them and don't want to raise them.

Point #3 is why we will NEVER get rid of public schools, because Republican "women" love their careers more than their children. Thus BOTH sides of the aisle want public schools.

Truth hurts.

Suck it up.

Can I Have Representative Chris Quinn's Wife?

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Let me explain something to you noobs when it comes to politics.

Politicians are going to tender stupid legislation and try to force invasive laws into your personal lives where it doesn't belong.

This won't stop.
This won't end.
Politicians do this because they need to seem like they're "doing something" when they should be doing the OPPOSITE and eliminating laws since we are WAAAAY past the point of the "optimal number of laws." So instead of eliminating stupid laws, they create more like banning plastic bags and banning plastic straws.

The latest one is a piece of legislation offered by a Representative Chris Quinn where he wants to tax "violent video games" because THAT will stop school shootings.

Now you can get angry at the legislation. Or that politicians are going to politic. But you're doing it wrong. There's no point in arguing the inanity of the legislation. You just have to point out the politician's name, what a cuck he/she is, and then maybe go chase his wife. Because you know that if you are offering this lame and pathetic of legislation then you are a cuck, you are a pussy, and your wife can't possibly be satisfied. So I'm wondering if this asshole is going to get into my personal life and tax me 10% pointlessly (because this tax will NOT stop school shootings), can I get into his personal life and finally satisfy his wife?

See, you need to name these balless fuckwonders and expose them by name. Not roll your eyes and say "this legislation is stupid! We must do something."

No, name these fuckers. And if they're getting their noses a little bit too much into your personal life, then maybe you see if they have a personal life you can shove your nose into as well.

Anyway, Mrs. Quinn, contact me when you're done with pencil dick over there. We'll play some COD and chill.

Cops or It Didn't Happen

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And by "cops" I mean cops from 20 years ago that should have been called the second the rape occurred.

Also, may I recommend a book that is very germane to this topic called "The Pence Principle?" Nah, never mind. This fake rape accusation stuff sure is fun isn't it?

How to Make $100,000 in the Trades

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It's not so much the trade you choose, as much as it is you show up on time, sober, and complete the job. Which is hard for Mullet-Americans.

How Kathleen Kennedy and Politics Cost Disney $3.7 Billion

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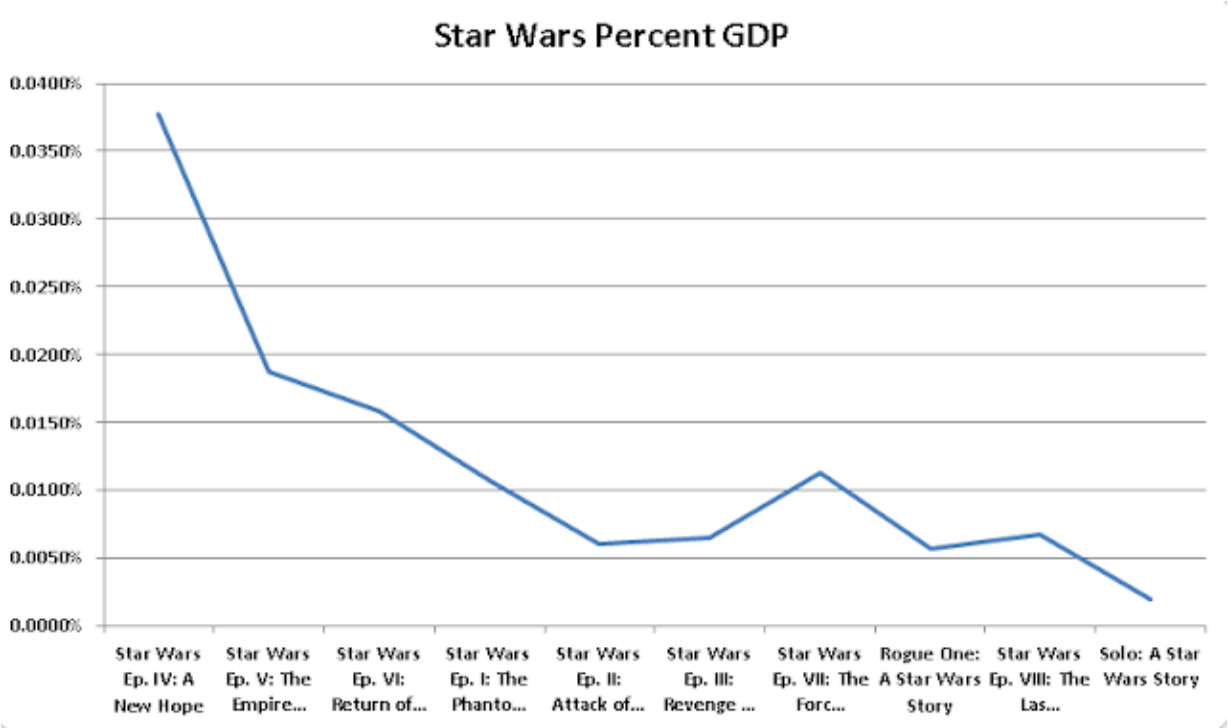
There's a problem when it comes to measuring the box office success (or failure) of movies in America. There is no standard measuring stick. The best pundits, editors, and the media have come up with is inflation adjusted numbers, but this doesn't account for the fact the economy and number of people have grown. For example Star Wars Episode IV "only" brought in $786 million in 1977, but the total GDP was only $2 trillion back then (compared to $20 trillion now) and there were only 220 million Americans, a full 100 million less than today. So I tapped into my SAEG and came up with a new measure that I think beats all the other conventional measures being used - Box Office Sales as a Percent of GDP. This accounts for inflation. It accounts for economic growth. It accounts for population growth. And I think it should be used hence forth anytime people are interested in comparing box office numbers, especially when the movies are decades apart.

However, my motivation for coming up with this figure was not purely noble. I had an ulterior motive. I wanted to calculate just how much Kathleen Kennedy (and her commensurate politics) cost Disney and its shareholders in terms of profits/market value. I wanted to see what percent of the Star Wars franchise's value was destroyed by politics. Because as I've stated before, I'm getting mighty sick and tired of politics being mixed in with my fun. Thus my hope is to attach a price tag to "being woke" and ruining everybody's movie-going fun with SJW politics so that the morons in Hollywood might get a clue before they go out of business.

First I calculated Box Office sales as a Percent of GDP (BOSPG) for each of the Star Wars movies.



This is nothing shocking as the original Star Wars was truly ground breaking, bringing in just shy of 4/100ths a percent of GDP. This dropped significantly to .019% and .016% GDP for Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi, respectively, but still impressive. The prequels' lackluster performance also showed as they brought in .011%, .007%, and .006%. And the sequels repeated the same, capitalizing on a new generation's hope, posting .011%, .006% and .007%.

Except there was just one tinsy winsy problem.

Episode VIII - The Last Jedi was such a betrayal to Star Wars fans that people essentially boycotted the next movie, Solo. Solo's performance was so bad, it only got an abominable .0019% GDP, ***a mere 1/20th what Episode VI pulled in.***

Or in plain English - Kathleen Kennedy wiped out ***95% of the Star Wars franchise value.***

Now we have to be fair. The original trilogy was so revolutionary and from a different time that it really isn't fair to compare Kathleen Kennedy's modern day remakes to George Lucas' original movie productions (remember when Hollywood did those? Originals? Never mind, it's a Gen X thing, you youngin's wouldn't understand). Also, it's not like the Star Wars franchise didn't go down in value with the release of the prequels. So in intellectual honesty, I opted to compare Kennedy's performance to the prequels, as the franchise had already gone down in value as a consequence of those, and any further deterioration could logically be attributed to Kennedy and her politics.

I won't bore you with the mathematical details (posted below), but the short version is this. Using the prequels as a baseline, you could expect your average Star Wars movie to

earn about .0077% GDP. Right now with Solo, Kennedy/politics sits at .0019%, a full 75% drop/destruction in the value of the Star Wars franchise. If you prorate this out, assuming one new Star Wars movie every 4 years and some other mathematical assumptions, the estimated total cost to the Disney shareholders and Disney's profits is around $3.7 billion. And remember. That's basing it off the prequels. It would almost be $7 billion if we included the original trilogy into the baseline.

I need that to sink into the shareholders and corporate executives at Disney, Sony, Century Fox and any other movie makers in Hollywood.

Your politics has CONSERVATIVELY wiped out 75% of the value of the world's most profitable movie franchise and cost you an estimated direct financial cost of $3.7 billion. You had the golden goose and because you lacked creativity, originality, and cannot simply shuck your SJW, virtue signaling politics, you killed it. And it's very doubtful if it's ever coming back.

Every 4.1 years a star wars movie	4.1	
average GDP take pre kennedy	0.0077%	8.36
Kennedy GDP take current	0.0019%	4.06
Current US GDP	20658	
Expected Take Pre-Kennedy	1.5962485	$1.6 billion
Expected Take Now	0.3931513	393 million
Lost Percent Value	75%	
Lost Value Nominal Today's $	$ 1,203.10	millions
Annual	$ 293.44	millions
WACC	8%	
Total Cost of Kennedy to Disney	$ 3,667.98	Billion
	$ 7,335.96	Double That including

Now, of course the future of Star Wars hinges on many things.

Will you continue to force feed politics into people's fun?
Will Kathleen Kennedy be replaced by a non-ideologue who loves Star Wars and returns it to its original greatness?
Is it so bad that the franchise is essentially dead?

And these questions will be answered in another decade or so.

But if we can stop now, take inventory of the true financial costs and consequences of jamming politics and personal agendas into cherished franchises, and simply follow the common sense rule of NOT putting politics into people's fun, Hollywood is guaranteed to be multiple billions of dollars richer in the future than the path it is currently on now. Oh, and not that Hollywood cares, the movie going public will be happier and more satisfied as well.

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The Older Brother Podcast #38 - The "Denver Teachers are Scum" Episode

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Live from I-10 enroute from Phoenix to Tucson, Cappy rants again

Denver teachers who piss away their money, then bitch about pay.
People who have kids they can't afford...like Denver teachers.
All the cool Meetup groups Cappy can't attend.
Why can't billionaires pay it forward to Cappy?
Why 58 year old social workers are more important than children.
Why the democrats have to be against fathers...because the would no longer be needed.

In THIS EPISODE of The Older Brother podcast!

Yes, You Can Actually Work from Home

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And it won't be glorious or wonderful, but it will be a job where you don't have to suffer a commute or deal with some gray haired boomer boss.

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Is Captain Marvel Going to Torpedo End Game?

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I had a scary thought.

Brie Larson (who I truly cannot care any less about) was mouthing off about identity politics again. This didn't change my mind about seeing "Captain Marvel" because I wasn't going to see it anyway. The trailer told me immediately it was going to be a feminist lecture. A 20 something actress digging a deeper hole instead of just shutting up is only going to make other people not want to see it.

But now I'm worried it's going to ruin Endgame. Not that I hold the Avenger's franchise in as high regards as John Wick, but I loved Infinity War. I was truly looking forward to its conclusion, Endgame. I do not want it ruined or even infected with politics. But if the main actress of Captain Marvel is going to keep doubling down on politics, or even just talking about politics, AND this tag-along super hero is supposedly going to rescue The Avengers, then you're blemishing what I thought was a perfect movie and it is going to deter some of the movie going public to see Endgame.

Which is tragic.

Because Captain Marvel was just supposed to be an origins movie introducing a necessary character to finish off the magnum opus of End Game. It may simply infect the franchise right before the big payoff is due and really cost the studio some money.

Eh, I'll wait for the reviews to come in first.

On with Silvio Canto and Leslie Eastman on Canto Talk!

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We talk about "Millennial Valentines Day," Ocasio Cortez scaring away Amazon, and the DOJ evaluating how to get rid of Trump under the 25th Amendment.

Cappy's Bear Canyon, Sabino Canyon, Reddington Canyon Hike

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Was a full day of work avoidance where, after a heavy rain, I tried my best to hike/wade up the flooded Sabino and Bear Canyon rivers. Had to turn back after almost taking a spill in the rushing rapids where a simple bump on the ole Capmeister's head would have led to being knocked out and drowning. Decided to do a much easier hike in Reddington Canyon on the west side of Tucson. There was also warnings about cougars and not the rich trophy wives of Tucson type. More the bitey clawy type.

Remember to work hard, pay taxes, and go into debt. Otherwise you might have to Enjoy the Decline!

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Mtn. lions have been sighted
in this area recently.

Captain Marvel: $150 Million, No Wait, $100 Million...Possibly $80 Million.

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I'll just be going to church, smoking cigars with friends, hiking a new hike, chatting with my grandma, or wrestling with my nieces instead. Maybe Ms. Larson can open her mouth more and cost Marvel a couple more million.

Still, no matter how it does, you can rely on the media to say it's a "record opening" using some obscure one-off statistic or another.

The Clarey Podcast - Road Trip Ramblings

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Cappy rambles on about bums, hiking in flooded canyons, Western Union, how white people hands down win being bums, Captain Marvel, Ocasio Cortez, Amazon leaves, Capital Flight and MORE!

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Book Review: Roosh's "Lady"

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T'was the part of my annual snowbird pilgrimage where after visiting my cabal of friends in the Phoenix/Tucson area, I would make my way west to visit my cabal of friends in San Diego. It was convenient that the ride takes about 7 hours, because that would be enough time to listen to Roosh V's latest book "Lady."

I wanted to listen to Roosh's latest book because I too have been contemplating writing a version of Bachelor Pad Economics for women. This was in part to diversify my reading audience, in part because it is sorely needed, but also because of posterity. Advice for men has been thoroughly produced and provided by red pill authors over the decade, yet there is a woeful dearth of it for women. However, I say "posterity" because I am no fool. It is highly doubtful women will ever read, let alone incorporate anything red pill today, especially when there are much sweeter tasting lies published by the likes of Oprah, Ellen, Sheryl, Michelle, and Hillary. So I was very curious to see what advice Roosh would provide to women, much in the same manner he has done for men.

The answer is - a lot.

"Lady" is a very good first attempt of introducing some red pill reality and olive branching to women. I said before that "Game" was the most pro-women book ever written by a man, but Roosh outdid himself this time by providing a practical and truthful guide to women who are serious about finding love, family, agency, and happiness in life. And that's the main selling point - it's truthful. It's honest. Roosh doesn't lie, he isn't sarcastic, he isn't intellectually dishonest. Like his previous works he is clinical and has the reader's best interests at heart. You may disagree with what he's saying, and even some red pill men would disagree with some of his tactics or advice. But there is no doubt that Roosh genuinely wants to help women with the advice, wisdom, and experience he has gained over the past 15 years. And any women who read AND ADHERE to this book will have more success in their lives than if they read 20 books by Oprah.

There are only three minor-to-medium problems with the book, none of which are the fault of the author, as much as it is what he's trying to accomplish with the book.

First, Roosh leads off the first chapter by adroitly addressing the key differences between men and women in terms of how they read, take advice, and problem solve. It was necessary as men and women are different and Roosh has written exclusively for men in the past. He points out that women think more emotionally, place more weight on feelings that cold hard logic, solve problems differently, and to that extent took it upon himself to read several female-authored self-help books to make his writing more conducive and receptive to female readers.

He then proceeds to lay down THE HARSHEST, HARDEST, BLUNTEST PHILOSOPHICAL TRUTH BOMBS WITH ICY COLD LOGIC SAUCE ON TOP THAT YOU WILL EVER READ. I'm not complaining about this at all. The prologue is some of the best writing I've ever read about the point and purpose to life, the reason for the sexes, and a brilliant economic connecting of materialism and unhappiness I ever read. But I found myself laughing aloud because he essentially promised these women he would use lotion and be gentle, but just went in raw on their brains. Sadly, I fear most women will not even get past the prologue (I honestly don't think they'll even pick up the book) thus never reaching his intended audience, but for a male-reading audience it was funny (and intellectually stimulating) as hell.

Second, though the book is essentially a guide (only about 150 pages in paper), it is too dense, too intense, and simply too much new (and revolutionary) information for your average western woman to digest and understand in one sitting. There is so much new and different thought in this book to your average woman, it would be like plopping her down in front of a table full of food and trying to make her eat it in 5 minutes. One of Roosh's main complaints about reading the female-authored books in preparation for his was that they took too long to get to the point, but perhaps that is precisely the speed at which women optimally enjoy and take in new information. If he really wanted to get red pill/realistic philosophy into the minds of women, he would have to amortize this mere 150 page guide out into what I fear would be a 4 book, 250 pages each, series. I know I wouldn't have read it. I doubt Roosh would have written it. But the amount of new information, theories, and philosophies he's trying to upload into the reader's mind would need to be drastically diluted and spread out.

Finally, the book was too tedious for me. This is 100% because I am not the intended audience and I am also fully aware of what needs to be done to "make women happy again." Of course if you're a woman, or you are not familiar with red pill philosophy, you won't have this problem. It will all be new material, the philosophies will be thought provoking, and it WILL give you AT MINIMUM a different opinion on life even if it is a bit much to digest. But if you are familiar with the red pill, "Lady" is kind of basic "Red Pill 101 for Women" and you're not going to learn anything really new. Thus, for most of my

reading audience, I would just read the prologue for the aforementioned spectacular nuclear level philosophical truth-bombing, and perhaps pass the book onto a female loved one you wish to spare the fate of Sheryl Sandberg or Lena Dunham.

These three minor problems aside, the truth is this book would do more to make women happy than all the affirmative action, government programs, women's empowerment seminars, Oprah books, and liberal arts masters degrees combined. It does so simply because it's based in truth, whereas the latter are simply lies. The problem is, of course and as always, that women prefer lies over truth. And well-written as Roosh's book is, I doubt it will overcome the trillions we've spent over the past five decades brainwashing women to abandon being women and become the thing they hate - men. But let the record show that this book does prove something beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Roosh does not hate women. He actually cares about them and is trying to help them. You just disagree and hate the help he is trying to give you. Which is like hating a doctor who recommends treating your cancer with chemo, when you want him to instead recommend Tylenol, which is fine. Just don't expect your cancer to go away. And just don't expect to be happy in life.

You can find Lady here in audio, paperback and kindle.

And look out for the Army of Pugs.

I'm Liking Trump More and More

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Take the money from the parasites.

Something the republicans should have tried long ago.

"Making Women Thin Again"....Or Not

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Seriously, think about this.

With body positivity, self love, and big is beautiful being so thoroughly ensconced into the minds of any woman younger than a boomer, why would you invest in a company that promotes thinness instead of lies?

I find it hilarious that Oprah, who promoted all this big-is-beautiful-bullshit over her career, would invest in something that NOW promotes traditional female standards of beauty. She was instrumental in eliminating traditional beauty standards, but thinks a business in "Making Women Thin Again" has a profitable future?

Oprah made telling a lies a multi-billion dollar empire. I suggest she sticks with what she knows.

My New Book - "How Not to Become a Millennial: The Salvation Guide for Generation Z"

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Good news everyone! Starting in on my new book, titled "*How Not to Become a Millennial: The Salvation Guide for Generation Z.*"

As indicated before in my podcast, it will be the defining book of the Millennial generation, yet ironically not written for them as I believe they are beyond hope and beyond help. No amount of reason, evidence, or empiricism will ever get through to them, so it's futile to try to "help them" or "save them." However, this doesn't mean the Millennial generation has no value. They have great value in that they can serve as the largest warning in the history of the world for others. Namely, people who still have a future - Generation Z.

As per the book description:

"*The world's largest sociological experiment has failed right in front of our eyes and it's vital younger generations learn from it. That experiment was the Millennials. Bankrupt, broke, living at home, brainwashed, physically revolting, in debt, jobless, mentally ill, celibate, and no hope whatsoever of salvaging what remains of their lives, it's important Generation Z learn from this disaster of a generation so that they might not suffer the same fate and actually stand a chance at happiness and a future. But it will be harder than you think! The Millennials weren't formed in a vacuum or by accident. They were shaped by leaders, parents, teachers, media, counselors, schools, and other institutions in America into the failures that they are today. And those same people are the ones currently leading Generation Z down the exact same path of destruction, debt, misery, and failure. Be smart. Learn from the carnage that is the Millennial generation and realize you're being lied to right now. Look at the spectacular failure the Millennials have become and realize who made them that way. You only get one shot in life. For god's sake make sure you don't become a Millennial.*"

The description is subject to revision, however, while I'm good at words, I am not so good at art. Therefore I'm announcing a "Cover Art Competition" for any intrepid artists interested in designing the cover for my new book. It can be designed, drawn, painted, etc., it just needs to capture the epitome and essence of the Millennial generation, thus visually "scaring Generation Z straight."

If you have a submission, please contact me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com. But I am warning you now. I do not want any low-grade "copy and paste" crap that can be made in some kind of "cover creator" with shitty graphics that remind you of a "for profit

college" commercial during daytime TV. I want a damn good looking cover that's clever, artistic, and looks professional. The winner will get his/her site and name cited in the book and $250. Please share this with anybody you think might be interested.

Mucho thanks,

Cappy

Alison Lea Sher Thy Name is Millennial

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If you ever wonder why I hate the millennials, and like the baby boomers, will never give them any quarter or caveats, you only need to listen to this podcast by The Great One.

I couldn't believe the book was real, until he started quoting it and realized "oh...yeah...millennial girl...totally hopped up on herself...yeah...it's real."

The Clarey Podcast #282 - The "Black Guys Wearing Droopy Pants" Episode

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The Great Recession Was Wonderful.
Black Men with Droopy Pants.
Playing Your Rap Music While Hiking Cause you Have No Penis.
Women make horrible men.

AND MORE!!

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Equality for Everyone

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No exceptions.

Does Economic Malinvestment Cause a Decay in Art and Culture

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Yes, sort of, indirectly anyway.

"French" My Ass

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What's his 23 and Me profile look like?

How to Truly Measure Standards of Living

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Economics has one goal in mind - to maximize standards of living. This noble and never-ending goal sits at the heart of economics and has, by consequence, driven the majority of financial decisions made by government, corporations, academia, and other institutions (at least nominally anyway). Our decisions are to get us out of poverty, increase our incomes, extend our lives, and drive towards the unattainable goal of unlimited wealth so that at some point in the future we attain a "Star-Trekkian" future where money is eliminated because wealth is infinite. And it is in this pursuit of unlimited wealth, the economics profession has settled on a measure by which we measure standards of living today - GDP or "income" per capita.

GDP per capita is simply the entire economic production of a nation divided by its population. The measure is very simple since it takes all the "stuff" we make in an economy and divides it by the number of people who will consume it as it is "stuff" that matters and not money. Some times this causes confusion because your modern day college graduate and American sheep can't understand why money has no value and it is only "stuff" that does. These are the same people who cannot explain why we "can't just print off more money." So we dumb it down for these plebs by renaming the metric "income per capita" so they can focus on the money and not the underlying production. Regardless, the modern standard we use to gauge living standards remain "GDP per capita."

There is, however a problem, and one I've argued before - Just how much "stuff" does one need?

As technology advances, economies become more efficient, and capitalism delivers to every practical whim and desire of people, the marginal utility we derive from perpetually increasing and varied selections of "stuffs" goes down. And while the majority of American sheep are obsessed about buying Ferraris, granite counter-tops, and the latest in 40-Something-New-York-Spinster-Hand-Bag-Fashion, minimalists have long ago made the philosophical epiphany that none of these things do much to technically increase standards of living, let alone happiness in life, above and beyond their basic, mundane counterparts. A used Kia Rio will deliver the exact same amount of transportation as a Ferrari. A Wal-Mart handbag will deliver the same amount of utility and fashion as a Nordstom's purse. A healthy home cooked meal will deliver the same nutrition as a $50 sushi dinner. And a small, humble mother in law apartment, the same lodging as a pimped out $700,000 suburbanite McMansion. When you add it up, the vast majority of people's incomes are spent on things that do NOTHING to increase standards of living, but rather feed their vanity, ego, pride, and arrogance.

Of course, I'm a free market economist. Who am I to judge how and why people spend their money? If somebody is willing to blow $200,000 on a Women's Studies Degree at Macalaster College, who am I to argue whether he or she got their money's worth? If a young, impoverished black gentleman wants to piss away his money on some "tricked out rims," can I argue he could have spent that $4,000 better? And if Madison and Thadeus want to blow their money on an overpriced McMansion, it's not my right to judge, even if they can't afford to retire.

But for those of us with our heads out of our asses, yes, the majority of money now being spent does nothing to improve standards of living. Matter of fact, the majority of spending harms people's long term standards of living in that it's mostly debt-spending. So for the few of us who live in the real world and are interested in economics a new standard of living metric is needed and called for.

May I introduce "The Percent of Life Lived Free?"

As we asymptotically erode poverty, hunger, strife, and economic hardship away, the amount of "things" we own become increasingly worthless. Yes we need food. Yes we need transportation. Yes we need lodging. And I will even admit the occasional indulgence in renting a Ferrari or eating sushi is called for in life. But soon (I would argue *today*) most everybody has all their material needs satisfied. You're not starving. You're not homeless. You're not even uncomfortable. The "biggest problem" you face in life is that your dad didn't buy you the latest iPhone as you major in Sociology at Middlebury. So if material things no longer matter, nor determine true standards of living, what does?

Time.

Specifically time lived free. And not just the nominal amount of time you lived free, but

what percent of your total time on this planet you lived free.

Take for example, Steve Jobs. That man was infinitely rich, estimated to have had a net worth of $10 billion. I say "had" because he died in 2011 at the age of 56. Thusly, he epitomizes the merit and worth of using a metric such as "The Percent of Life Lived Free" measure.

First, he shows how material or financial wealth is a completely worthless measure. The net worth of your average American is $100,000. Steve Jobs' net worth was 100,000 times that. Do you honestly think Steve Jobs lived a life ***100,000 times better*** than you? Like the sports car he drove was ***100,000 times better*** than the Buick you or I drive? Or the food he ate at fine dining establishments was ***100,000 times better*** than the Subway sandwich we ate today? That his toilet or his toilet paper was ***100,000 times better*** than yours? Be you Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Bob Bobson or Jerome Jeromeson we all come out of the gate with the same 74 years of life expectancy, and barring poor health or truly tragic circumstances, our lives on the grand scheme of things are on par with one another.

Second, speaking of tragic circumstances, look at what all that money did for Steve Jobs as he passed away from cancer at 56. This harshly and starkly reminds us that while you're obsessing about your car payments or wifeypoo is obsessing about living in a posh neighborhood or junior is obsessing about having the latest iPhone, realize wealth doesn't ultimately determine how much of the world's most important commodity you get - time. Yes, on average you can expect to have 75 incredibly short years on this planet if you're a male and 83 if your female. But if you have bad genetics, poor health habits, or just plain get hit by a truck, the amount of that precious commodity can be snuffed out in a nanosecond even if you do have the latest in New York Spinsterwear-Fashion or you are Jeff Bezos himself. And since all your material needs are met on this planet, the only logical conclusion is to put "time" at the absolute top of your priority list and "things" at the absolute bottom.

Finally, what did Steve Jobs do with his precious 56 years of life?

One could argue revolutionize the world. Drastically increase and improve people's standards of living. Employ thousands of people. And all these things are true. But what did Steve Jobs get to do with his own life for Steve Jobs?

The answer is "work."

Steve Jobs worked his entire life.

Tragically, this is like the cop who gets killed 2 years before retirement. He busted his ass off all those years. Working the night shift. Going through training. Putting his life on

the line. And just before he's about to actually retire and start living life for himself - blamo. Dead. Game over. No more quarters.

Both men are saints and martyrs of sorts in that they served society. But they tragically did nothing for themselves, save slave away for others. And this introduces the most vital part of "The Percent of Life Lived Free" measure - freedom. What percent of your already-bought-and-paid-for-by-technology-and-capitalism-life did you live free?

Admittedly, unless you're Mark Dayton, nobody can live their life 100% free. You have to at least work a modicum of hours to generate the income needed to support yourself and afford yourself a life. But you should minimize this as much as possible so you spend the majority of your time living life instead of working for it. And here Americans are in desperate need of an economic ~~spanking~~ epiphany because almost like an addict, they seem hell-bent on enslaving their entire lives away to unnecessary materialism.

The first thing to setting yourselves free and drastically increasing your standards of living would be to stop going into debt by buying egregiously stupid things.

What are these "egregiously stupid things?"

Most things you conformist sheep go into debt for.

McMansions you can't afford. Cars you can't afford. Designer and brand name clothes you can't afford. And let's not forget our millennial brothers and sisters - incomprehensibly stupid college degrees you can't afford.

Out of the $14 trillion in household debt, I would conservatively estimate $12 trillion of it is on vanity, pride, egotism, and other forms of "egregiously stupid things." And if you were to simply not borrow this money in the first place, you would not have to be a slave

for literally decades of your life just to pay for the ***compounded interest*** on these debts.

The second thing, stop being careerists.

To this day the greatest scam ever pulled on humanity was convincing women that work was good. That paying taxes was great. Going into debt so you can be a slave to an employer was what gave you value in life. And to hell with the husband and the children. Those Jimmy Choo shoes are worth your $175,000 in student loans, the $3,000 a month New York apartment, and the 2 hour commute. To be intellectually honest, men also fall for this, but our roles have been traditionally to be the bread-winner and so pursuing a career or being a careerist made a little more sense. But here again, men are equally stupid to borrow money for a sports car, a boat, an MBA, and a "sweet apartment near downtown where all the action is."

Regardless, the point is, whether it is debt that forces you to be your employer's slave, or leftist propaganda that fools you into thinking being a careerist-slave is what gives you value in life, you're still a slave. You're still WORKING AND NOT HAVING FUN. You're Steve Jobs pissing away your life on a career and not enjoying your rapidly dwindling life For example at this moment right now Sheryl Sandberg (COO of Facebook) is no doubt making billions I will never have. But she is stuck in an office, a meeting, dealing with some incompetent managerial problem of the day, and is never untethered from her phone. But after I'm done writing this piece (which took two hours), I'm going to do what I did yesterday - golf, eat a good meal, go for a hike, hang out with some friends and podcast with some buddies. Oh, and I'll probably live just as long too. But even if I didn't. Even if I died tomorrow. I lived a higher percent of my life free, doing what I wanted, than pretty much all of the world's billionaires combined.

And finally, "how are the children?" As people put money, careers, and material things above everything else in life, they damn their lives to debt, toil, slavery, and work. But in doing so, not only do they damn themselves to waste their lives, they pass up on the most important thing in life - other people.

The most tragic example of this is parents who outsource their kids to daycare and school. Not only does this empirically prove they love their careers and themselves more than their own children, they are passing up on the only thing that can truly give them value in life - other people. Admittedly, it is awesome working 2-4 hours a day, from restaurants, bars, and cafes, only to knock off at 1PM to golf, ride motorcycles, adventure, hike mountains, and frankly, do whatever the hell I want to do.

But like everything else, novelty wears off even the most exciting of hobbies because all hobbies are finite. Humans and the human mind are not finite. They are infinite. They change and evolve and challenge and debate and everything else only humans can do which make them the only things you can truly love and cherish in life, giving life its ultimate value. And preferring things, money, stuff, McMansions, careers, education, debt, and yourself over other people is not only foolish, it is hands down the quickest way to ensure your standards of living are as low as possible. Therefore, I contend maximizing "The Percent of Life Lived Free" by spending time with loved ones (and your own interesting hobbies of course) and AS LITTLE AS TIME AS POSSIBLE AT WORK is not only the future of standards of living, but is so today...if you so choose.

Of course, this little article is not going to outgun the trillions of dollars spent annually by

advertising agencies, the government, the education industry, Hollywood, and other American institutions, causing you to start valuing your time over things. And it's certainly not going to convince the mass of American sheeple to start valuing other people over themselves. But it doesn't have to. This article was written for intelligent people who want to think critically about life and economics and truly enjoy their time on this planet, however long or short that may be. And if you simply get rid of your stuff, spend within your means, put the love of your fellow man ahead of things, and avail yourself of the time you've been granted on this planet, I can guarantee you will not be on your deathbed wishing you spent more time with your kids...instead of being alone because you outsourced them to a nanny.

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Laziness Leads to Craziness

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With the left's triumphant success of constantly getting more and more of their stuff paid for by other people, they also detach themselves from the real world they would have normally had to have work in. Since there is no consequences to acting like a child your entire life (because the government or rich parents will pay for you to live anyway) more and more leftists are showing signs of simple insanity.

And I'm not joking. This is real insanity. The real world and its harsh punishments should you step too much out of line would keep you operating and sane in the real world. But since punishment (not to mention starvation) has been eliminated in the western world, our people are decaying into the adult children most millennials and leftists are today.

How AJ Cortes Exposed the World's Hatred of Men

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This is an important interview because before the "Cortes Crisis" I used to think the percent of women that hate or outright disregard men as sentient, fellow human beings was very small. Perhaps relegated to the delusional misandrist 10% that populate the world of Salon, XOJane, and American Universities. But a simple list on female beauty propelled AJ into the global stage. A list that was at worst PG, and 100% truthful.

We discuss the consequences, ramifications, and what it means that the world has lost it's collective shit when ONE man ACCIDENTALLY listed what men wanted in women. Please share with other young men (and women) in that this conversation NEEDS to be heard so young men know precisely what the odds are against them.

Just What the World Needs - More Feminsim

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Because we didn't tell you enough about this movie's feminist credentials.

I truly would rather go to church than watch this propaganda.

Cappy Goes Nuclear

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There are three ways to get me from zero to nuclear in a nanosecond:

1. Ask me "How do I get da gurlz?"
2. Get in between me and my work.
3. Ask me "what should I do for a business idea?"

Cappy's Horsetooth Reservoir Adventure

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Cappy scoped out the Horsetooth Reservoir outside of Fort Collins, CO yesterday. Slowly migrating back to the Northern Command. Posts will return to normal upon my return. A podcast with The Great One is being made.

The Clarey Podcast #290 - The Great One Visit Episode

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Cappy and The Great One shoot the shit as Cappy crashes at The Great One's House. They discuss hot Netherlandian field hockey girls, Adam Piggott, Captain Marvel, and much more.

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Socialist Lies Cause Pretty Deaths

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As I get older and more misanthropic, I cannot care that most people who choose to put the government and socialism at the core of their value system end up killing themselves or drinking themselves to death.

Remember, your career and education are more important than anything else. Except your politics, which is the only reason you have value and should live. Put ALL of your value in your politics you were trained to have in school and make sure you have no other reasons to live beyond socialist politics.

If Not Men, Then What?

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What I love about feminism is its contradictory nature. On one hand it claims to help women, but on the other hand what it advocates for women makes their lives horrifically worse, if not outright wastes of lives.

Education, for example, sucks. Yes, it may lead to higher incomes. Yes, it might make you "educated." But it still takes inordinate amounts of time and money to attain. It is not the panacea solution to all of life's problems, and more often than not leads to financial ruination, especially in the case of women since they tend to major in worthless subjects. So, yes, women may all get college degrees, but usually they're just wasting their youth, time, and money, while also going into life-impairing debt to do so.

Career is another example. I've said it before and I'll say it again, the biggest con in human history was convincing women that working, commuting, and paying taxes was fun. And not only fun, but the most important thing in life that gave you value. Not your children. Not your loved ones. Not your spouse. And not your family. No, it was your Assistant Reserve Vice Diversity Assistant Deputy Director position at a non-profit. Worse, at least a plurality of women's careers are completely pointless as they produce nothing of value. Yes, there are female accountants and engineers and doctors and dentists, but for every one of these angels there's a score of non-profit, make-work, government type employees producing not one iota of GDP or value for society. It's bad enough you've been duped into thinking work and paying taxes is fun. It's tragic when your job is just a welfare program, but you still think you're a "professional."

Feminism's take on kids is another interesting example. Since nearly all emphasis is on the individual, putting one's career and education first, everything else takes a back seat in a feminism-believing woman's life. But this does nothing to quench the biological drive women have to breed. Thankfully, they have all those aforementioned non-profit, social worker type women to raise and outsource their kids to, allowing them to scratch that biological itch, without having to actually raise their own children. Perhaps I'm getting

soft in my old age, but I would have thought being able to raise your kids would be one of the most important joys in life. But apparently not because it's just the act of breeding, and then kicking the kids off to a nanny or daycare that seems to be all the rage with modern mothers. Besides, we all know your career and education is more important than your own children.

And then there's feminism's hatred of women themselves. What I mean by this is feminism does not celebrate being female or femininity. Matter of fact feminism and feminists hate femininity. And if you look at what feminists and women in general are pushing for, it is to become men. They want to be men, they want men's jobs, they want men's careers, they even want to look and dress like men. Which is all fine and good, but I ask "*Well what's so bad about being a woman? Don't you like being female? I thought you were FEMINists. Where's the feminine part?*" This irony I've never been able to figure out as women seem to hate being women. But once again, feminism does nothing but harm women as it confuses millions of women to become something they're not, guaranteeing failure, misery, and psychopathy in the future.

But out of all the contradictions, self-harm, and self-delusional lies feminism has fooled women into buying, it's been their reprioritizing of men in their lives I find most amusing. I say "repriortization" because not all women are the same when it comes to their feminist treatment of men. Some outright hate men, blaming all their failures, bad decisions, stupid choices and consequences on men. Slightly better is the mere villification of men where they are privileged, constantly oppressing women, and whose "toxic masculinity" make them the sworn enemy of women. Slightly better than that is the "competitive and adversarial" treatment of men where you have to prove yourself to them and compete against them rather than work with them and support them. And "at best" is the "accessory man" where they're needed to have a husband and family, but you don't value them any more than you do your children or your SUV, because afterall they are merely an accessory to your life. But regardless of where you are on this scale, the point is men have been reprioritized from what was traditionally the number one thing in a woman's life to 3rd, 4th, 8th, or 227th, or dead last. Men are rarely put at #1 any more.

But I have a simple question. And one that I think men need to ask themselves as well as women.

If not men...then what?

There is a distinct difference I've noticed between the Red Pill/Manosphere community and their ideological opposite, feminism. And that distinct difference is that these redpill men or "masculinists" still insist on working out, dieting, and improving themselves. And the primary reason they strongly advocate self-improvement is because they still like

women. Women are still the number one thing in their lives. And though they have a great and many qualms, criticisms, and outright complaints about women, they have not lied to themselves about whether women were the number one priority in their lives. They acknowledge reality. They acknowledge their biology. They are true to themselves. And thus they set forth on the path of self-improvement.

Feminists/modern women on the other hand have completely removed men from their priority list and in doing so have nothing but themselves to reflect on. So the "self improvement" they pursue is not couched within the intention of finding a man or improving themselves as a woman (as that would be doing that for a man), but *anything but.* Career, education, travel, "finding themselves," prada shoes, masters degrees, etc. Warped and self-centered philosophies such as "fat acceptance" and body mutilation via tattoos and piercings. Joining political crusades such as feminism, environmentalism, socialism, and veganism. And like hell if they're ever going to hit the gym, join a hiking group, or put forth the effort to be classically feminine. The result is an entire world where they are unanchored, listless, directionless, and purely materialistic. But thank god, because at least you "didn't financially rely on a man" because apparently that is the cardinal sin of all young women today.

But my point is not one to highlight the obvious empirical evidence of women becoming miserable creatures since they put men in 985th place in their lives. My point is to ask a simple question and hope the simple answer makes women (and men) realize what is most important in life - if not men, then what?

Biologically men and women are hard-wired and designed to pursue, fall in love, and have sex with one another. Men and women are also designed PHYSICALLY to be complimentary to one another (I'd show feminists a penis and vagina diagram but that might be too complicated for them). Men and women are also PSYCHOLOGICALLY designed to be complimentary to one another (men are weak where women are strong and vice versa). And, I don't know if you noticed this, but when men and women get together little humans are usually the result. The entire universe is telling men and women they need one another, are designed for one another, and should help one another....but women seem to think their Masters in Sociology is more important, oh, and men are oppressing them and need to be viewed as the enemy.

The key difference between today's masculinists and feminists is that at least the masculinists are not arrogant enough to believe they don't need, want, or like women. They live in the real world. They admit they want women in their lives because they at least know "well, what's the point with out them." Feminists have not only convinced themselves, but nearly every western woman alive today that men are completely unnecessary. And not only unnecessary, but usually a net negative in one's life. And their indoctrination has been so thorough and complete I doubt this impasse will ever end within any of our lifetimes. If Baby Boomer and Gen X women are any indication, women

will ignore their biology and their hearts and double down on their feminist indoctrination, making the Franza box with cats a standard and not a stereotype well into the 2040's.

This then means that nobody is going to get what they really want and most of our lives will be wasted. But this doesn't mean there won't be a clear winner and loser. There is a consolation prize to win - sanity. For while those men who acknowledged their biological reality and at least admitted they liked women, they may not get women in their lifetimes, but at least they will know why. They will continue to self-improve, work out, be men for men's sake, but they will acknowledge and know that this just isn't their time. Women at this point in history just didn't put men first, and so enjoy the decline for what you can. Women, on the other hand, who subscribed to the lies of feminism, and put something as vapid and pointless as a career or taxes or their politics above all else will never know why they're miserable. They will always think it's bad luck they "just can't find a man." They will forever go into debt for degrees with negative ROI's. They will alienate their children by divorcing their families and outsourcing their children. And they will always view men as the enemy/adversary/competition, instead of the only thing that could really give them joy, happiness, and purpose in life.

GI Joe was right. Knowing is half the battle. And since this battle will be a draw, knowledge and the sanity that comes with it is all there is to win.

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I am actually shocked because this is the first real thing the democrat party has offered that isn't simply taking other people's money or making producers' lives harder.

It also reminds me of how the democrats were wise to court the gay community, something at least libertarian republicans could have done had they not been beholden to the religious right. Even with Trump the republicans just can't seem to grow a pair and get simple shit done. Guess the democrats will win another one.

Gen X vs. The Baby Boomers Video

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I forgot about this video and remembered when it came out striking a chord with me at a level I could not precisely understand.

Now I do in 100% totality.

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Cappy and Chad never get to any actual requests as they're too busy fielding super chats questions. It's a SUPER PROFITABLE DAY for the guys!

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Your Genetics Betray You

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I am not much of one to believe in fateism, destiny, or prescribed futures. I believe in the individual. I believe in choice. I believe that a man is more or less in control of his own destiny as long as you don't live under tyranny.

However, this doesn't mean I don't believe in the environment, genetics, predisposition, or epigenetics. I acknowledge our environment, our parents, and our genetic lineage set some hard rules, parameters and boundaries within our lives that we all must abide by simply because we have no choice. I will most likely die from cancer. My theoretical future children would be short. But at the same time they would also be spectacularly brilliant as yours truly. These external realities are simply the rules we must abide by and the sooner you realize, accept, and acknowledge that, the better you'll do in life over all.

But there is an interesting grey area that arises for every man out there (and perhaps women too, but I cannot testify to that). And that is where your genetic lineage and history has sculpted into your hard-wired psyche that there is the "perfect woman." A "true love." Where a girl of a particular affliction, demeanor, candor, and character waltzes is, strikes you dumb, and you are all but helpless to fall for her.

So let me explain my theory as to why your genetics betray you.

I have no scientific proof. This is merely a theory. But you, me, and everybody else is a product of millions of years of evolution, but more importantly, individual experiences of our thousands of forefathers. Thousands of our forefathers saw saber tooth tigers and developed and honed the INCREDIBLE AND IMMEDIATE response to go into a defense mode, an attack mode, and do all that is within our ability to avoid getting killed by saber toothed tigers. And just as those experiences repeated over time has resulted in an automatic genetic instinct that goes so fast we don't have the ability to understand it as it happens, so to do I argue somewhere in your lineage a great great great great grandfather of yours fell head over heels in love with some quaint, darling, dainty dame who was so beautiful, so perfect, so wonderful, your forefather had no choice to fall for

her completely.

Normally, this is the point in time that we explain where the girl betrayed him. Pulled the rug out from underneath him. Pulled the ball out from Charlie Brown. And thus your fore father learned his lesson.

But that didn't happen.

Somewhere, along your genetic lineage was a man who fell in true spectacular love with a woman, and even if it was a one off event, it was so powerful, so amazing, so true, that his experiences were thoroughly and forever scorched into your genetic lineage and psyche. And if you think about the statistics and math of this nearly every single male has the genetic code of a forefather who found a true and wonderfully amazing woman. And so powerful was that experience, 200, 500, 3,000 years later this genetic experience is now part of your psyche. And not only part of your psyche today, but I would argue (as men are the eternal optimists) we now have part of our genetic code to go and find such a girl as they are so rare, but so valuable, we'll blow multiple generations of men to find merely one in a score of generations.

Every man reading this right now knows precisely what I'm talking about.

For example there was a redhead at a bar in St. Paul who, within the first 5 seconds of seeing her, an uncontrollable response came from my entire being saying "I need to have her." You no doubt have walked about the normal course of your day, minding your own business, when FLASH, BAAMM! ALAKAZAM! some girl who you hadn't even uttered a single word to commanded a psychological, physical, and uncontrollable emotional response from you. And perhaps it wasn't coincidence, but a tortured circumstance where you were working with, studying next to, or otherwise placed near a girl that fired your up by her mere presence. Not a single word needs be said. She has the traits, characteristics, and similarities to the woman your great great great forefather fell fore, and when you see said traits, his genetics fire up because that was the most enjoyable, lively, and purposed point of existence in ALL of your genetic lineage.

There's just one problem. Your genetics betray you.

The red head I met in St. Paul no doubt had the characteristics and mannerisms that at one time fired the passions of a great great grandfather of mine somewhere in the past. But she wasn't that amazing woman that forever scribed part of my genetic code. She was another hipster, St. Paul "artist" who was dating a tatted up, unemployed loser who could only afford a bike in Minnesota for transportation. She was a loser and constantly needed money from her elder sister.

The brunette you fell hard for, for reasons you can't understand, is also a single mom of

three different fathers, loaded with student debt and an attitude that makes her insufferable today. Yes, perhaps she walks the way the woman from 500 years ago walked that enthralled your great great great great great great grandfather, but that is not the same woman.

And yes, that latina goddess has the same eyes and demeanor as some woman who long ago in your genetic past made a forefather of yours slay a thousand men and truly made him happy. But that is her eyes and demeanor. Not her communist voting, her love for the state, or her adherence to feminism. Like Afro-Samurai's dad, that is not your father. That is something else.

It is a guarantee that, like me, you will meet more than one woman who shares some kind of genetic similarities to a truly amazing and wonderful woman that made a man's life in your genetic lineage one of the best lives ever. The trick is to have your frontal cortex override your genetics and entire hindbrain and realize there is no such thing as "chemistry." That woman that you "must have" is NOT the genetic angel and goddess from many generations past in your life, but a symbiant, a doppleganger, and nothing close.

Men today need to have the intelligence and independent thought to not let their genetics betray them. YOu need to realize that the majority of women today are more concerned about their careers, educations, politics and themselves than you that it is nearly impossible to find the 1-in-a-million woman some past relative of yours had which prompts an idealistic epigenetic gene in you today. The key is to immediately check yourself once you undescribably start falling for a girl when you haven't even spoken one word to her. I'm not saying don't take the chance, but realize that what's happening is your forefathers genetics are speaking. Not the girl. Because once she does, you'll quickly find out she's not the goddess your genetics are screaming she is.

The trick is to be smarter than your genetics and assess her cooly and accurately. Not emotionally. And not genetically.

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Dick's Sporting Goods: Get Woke, Go Broke

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I predict many future quarterly earnings missed.

Revenge of the English Majors

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I don't think the English language is robust or thorough enough for me to convey my hatred, despisement, and loathing of English majors. They are first and foremost lazy people who decide to major in a language they're already fluent in by the age of 4. They are intellectual inferiors who think studying a subject to the point of atomic levels of anal retentive detail is a legitimate endeavor. And worst of all they are fascist tyrants who lord their technical, but impractical, knowledge of petty rules and laws of a "language" over the rest of us who use the language to live our lives, not make it our lives, because we have lives...unlike English majors.

I cannot overstate how inferior English majors are or how much I hate their loathesome and laughably inferior selves.

But they are getting their revenge. And in a way most of you have no clue about.

Normally and in the past English majors got their revenge upon society by torturing young children in the public schools. Completely unemployable and worthless elsewhere, America's English majors taught "English" to 100% conversant and fluent English speaking kids. Having no real value they focused on technicalities like the difference between adverbs and adjectives (I, as a professional author, still don't know the difference) and would likely masturbate themselves as they awarded C's and D's to young 10 year old children who were smarter and superior to them but still couldn't identify "dangling participles" or other truly irrelevant and pointless shit nobody ever cared about. Most of these teachers were females and spinsters because to be something of worth in society takes effort, and ergo it's no shock the majority of English teachers were fat, bloated, middled aged women because to be comely and attractive takes effort. But still, they got their retaliatory pound of flesh by essentially abusing the children of those who managed to breed, grating their skin over the pointless minutiae of the rules of English.

It wasn't fair, but these (predominantly) women ended up paying for their laziness and

sloth. They were fat. They were miserable. No man loved them. No man wanted them. All students hated them. And truly, what society appreciates a nag, constantly pointing out your technical incorrectnesses? These women died lonely, alone, and unloved, and I cannot think of a better prison sentence than that. But do not think just because the last baby boomer English teacher spinster may be breathing her last breath at an unvisited government funded nursing home that the scourge of English majors has left us. They are coming back in force. And in an area you, I, and everybody else never asked for.

Social media.

I was first tipped off to the return of the English majors when nearly every book I wrote was flagged as having "errors" when KDP (aka "Kindle") was merged with Createspace (AKA "Amazon"). Never mind some of these books have been published for over a decade. Thoroughly and adequately gone over by my wonderful staff of editors and friends. And never mind nobody who purchased the books had an actual complaint. No, some nitwit got a burr in their saddle and decided to go over ALL of my books and point out, via constant e-mail reminder, that there was a missing word, a missing comma, an errant "the" in my books. And so I had to waste precious amounts of my time going online and correcting these minor typos that nobody ever complained about except Amazon.

But then it dawned on me. It wasn't Amazon per se. It certainly wasn't my readers. But the anal retentive details, the complaining and nagging had the distinct genetic mark of my most loathed and detested enemy - english teachers. It hasn't been for 30 years I got so much lecturing, nagging, and sermoning that it dawned on me a horrific reality that Amazon is hiring English majors to go over every nook and cranny, every sentence and word, every punctuation mark and hyphen of my decade-and-change worth of literary work all to catch a mere fucking typo. And this, sadly, is an English major's wet dream come true.

Because if every book I've ever written is now getting the 3rd degree, where will it end? It's already well known that social media companies like Facebook and YouTube use "censors" to edit and audit nearly ALL social media posts (which I think is a pointless endeavor). Amazon is obviously hiring people to go over every word I've published with a fine comb. But my main concern is the caliber and type of people who they're employing and I'm afraid I have my answer. Because it isn't cool libertarian economics majors letting authors be to write what they want when they want. It isn't engineering majors who don't care about the details as long as the logic, message, and purpose of the book is right. It's the worst, most vile, most evil, and tyrannical group of anti-thinking people you could even put in charge of a Department of Censorship

English Majors.

And heaven help us.

Much as I appreciate Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and other social media giants being private companies, I also am aware of the damaging effects of monopolies. And while I'm quite libertarian in allowing them to ban, prohibited or do pretty much whatever they want with their platforms, the concept of employing CENSORS is appalling and I think gives right to the government to break them up. But when you make those censors NOT freedom-loving-libertarians who value disagreement over accord, who are usually prone to letting people say what they want to say, but put the veritable antithesis of "social-nazis" in the form of English Majors as your censors, then go straight to hell. Because that is where your platform and company are going - straight to hell.

I would have liked to have seen nearly all English majors get what they deserve - unemployment. Miserable unemployment while working at a cafe or bar. Egomanics who are lazy on top of it deserve no better. But now there is an entire industry that will gainfully employ English majors and that is the social media "Censor Industry." The modern day STASI. The modern day Gestapo. You have a bunch of lazy ego maniacs who are now going to burden the rest of us productive adults, who are trying to convey concepts, ideas, thoughts, and visions, with their pointless technical knowledge of linguistic law. Us real adults who are producing real thoughts and production now have to be burdened and bothered with our adjectives, adverbs, dangling participles and "wrong-think." And what was once the truly great and truly open environment of the internet, self-publishing, authoring, and social media NOW we have to contend with a gestapo agent in our midst lest we have a minor typo in our book or speak something that is wrong-think and caused some precious snowflake to be "offended."

I hated my English teachers before in my K-12 education. They were truly evil women whose evil was only outdone by their worthlessness. I'm glad most of them are dead and I'm glad most of them were never happy. But you fucking English majoring nazis who are nothing more than modern day STASI are not only worthless, but evil on a whole new level. At best you put your English-majoring-egos ahead of ideas and value nitpicking irrelevant typos in true genuises' works. At worst you're anti-free speech nazis who comb over people's posts and comments on social media, eliminating them because you lack the intelligence to merely disagree with another person's opinion. In the end though that's all you'll ever be - English majors.

Worthless, lazy, pieces of shit who could never write a book, never come up with an original idea, and can only get off by pointing out the irrelevant mistakes of others.

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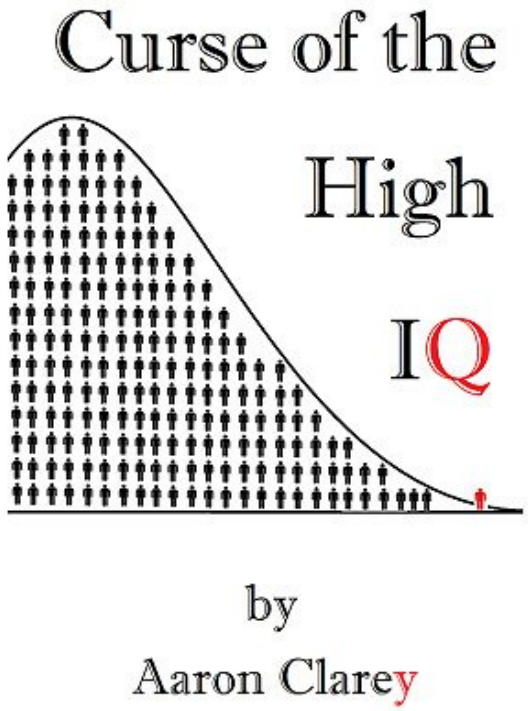

Loud, Drunk, Middle Aged Women

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I'm sure they were all polite angels, behaving perfectly well, and not one of them were screeching or yelling in that painful middle aged woman cackling voice.

The Clarey Podcast #283 - The "Cappy's Dream Home No More" Episode

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Students Get in Trouble for Creating Sexual Consent App

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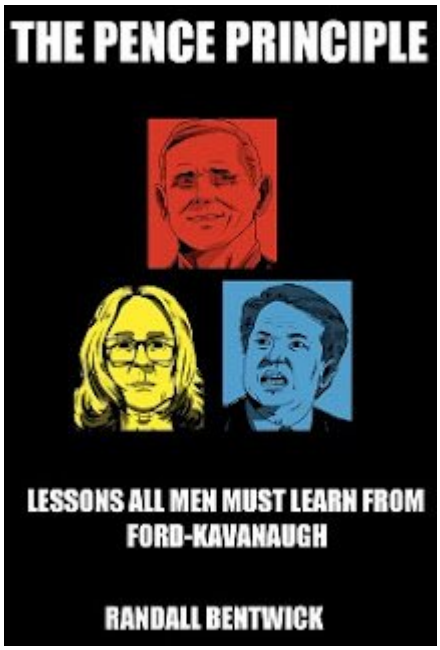
Students create app that gets consent to protect women from rape.

Students get in trouble.

Cappy recommends reading this book because these leftists and feminists want men dead, in jail, or slaving away for being a man.



Go Fund Me So I Don't Have to Fund My Own Damn Hobbies

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A go fund me account for fat wedding dresses.

STEM?
Accounting?
Engineering?
IT?
Plumber?

No. Absolutely not. That would close the wage gap.

I want to make pretty dressies for fatties!!! Then have cappacinos with biscotti's with my girlfriends at the cafe! Tee hee! I 'm an entrepreneur!!!

Asshole Consulting Live with Special Guest Matt Forney

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Noon CST today. Tune in! Ask questions in da super chats. Spread the word. And as Matt Forney says "Give mammons."

The Mistakeless vs. Mistakeful Economy

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The Wyoming 3

Let me explain to you what I call "The Wyoming 3."

Whilst living in Wyoming you could reliably rely upon your fellow Wyomingians to never get it right the first two times. You would order a chicken sub and the "sandwich artist" would make you a steak and cheese. You would point out it's not a steak and cheese, return it, only to get back a turkey club. On the third try the "sandwich artist" would finally get it right, but then you'd have the wrong bag of chips or the wrong type of bread, in which case you'd give up and just accept that you're dealing with a ~~mental retard~~ Wyomingian.

Or perhaps scheduling a dental appointment. You would originally schedule your cleaning for 11AM on Thursday. There you are at 1055AM and the secretary then informs you they didn't have you down in the book. You would reschedule for later that afternoon at 2PM when there was an opening. But after returning a second time, there was yet another scheduling snafu. "Come back at 4 and I'll squeeze you in," which you did and the dentist was ready for you this time, though the cleaning job was so poor you knew you'd have to repeat this scheduling dance 3 months later.

I could go on, but the larger point is the amount of time we waste in this economy not doing things right the first ime. And not just our time, but the time of the businesses we're trying to do business with. Had the sandwich artist got the order right the first time, he/she would be able to immediately serve the next two customers in the same amount of time, producing thrice the GDP. Had the dentist had his act together, he could

have easily eeked out two additional paying clients. And who knows what the customer could have done with the hours of time wasted on these peoples' mistakes? He could have worked some more. Spent more. Or just enjoy his life.

Now think about this. Be it somebody getting your order wrong. Scheduling problems. Somebody driving slow in the left lane. Or a woman ordering and returning a pair of shoes she "didn't like," what percent of our time (and thus economy) is wasted dealing with and remedying "mistakes?" What percent of our time is ACTUALLY DOING NEW, PRODUCTIVE, WEALTH-PRODUCING activities versus merely cleaning up the fuck up of others? And when you think about this, it's DEPRESSING.

In my days in banking nearly all my time was spent dealing with mistakes. I didn't spend my time on new loans, for new businesses that had their act together and were about to reliably employ 12 new people as they produced $40 million in annual production at a new factory. It was dealing with delinquent loans, loans in default, collateral that had never been maintained, dead beat clients, and in general "other people's fuck ups."

For you white collar workers in corporate America, AT LEAST half your time is dealing with other people's mistakes. Your underling didn't scan the documents in right. The data in the spreadsheet is wrong. Your boss forces everybody to attend a meeting that only is meant for 4 people. And yes even YOU make mistakes, as we are human after all. How much of your daily time is spent simply remedying mistakes.

And manufacturing or the trades. Oh heaven help you if a mistake is made. The basement gets flooded because some idiot plumber didn't plumb the pipes right. A fire ensues because a light was wired wrong. Or GM has to recall MILLIONS of cars costing BILLIONS of dollars because some idiot engineer designer never worked on a car, only designed them in his comfy white collar office. When you add it all up, I'd say at least half of our GDP is merely a broken window fallacy.

There is, however, another problem. An cascading component of mistakes that makes their costs exponential. For example, allow me to regale you with a tale that will be long and painful, but you'll understand why.

A 2 Second Mistake Costs the US Economy $3,000

I needed to pay a Canadian some money for some services he rendered. All I had to do was mail him a check and it "should" work. His Canadian bank would accept American checks. Three weeks later we are wondering whether it was the US post office or the Canadian post office that lost the check.

Waiting on the mail wouldn't have been an issue, but my Canadian colleague had a rather large bill due that week and he needed the money. So I decided to cancel the check, and

send him a wire transfer. Thankfully, I was traveling through Arizona at the time and my bank has branches there. But when I pulled into the Arizona branch of my bank, they were having troubles getting the wire to go through even though I had all the correct information. Soon it was an hour, then 2, and by the 2 and 1/2 hour that branch had THREE tellers AND the branch manager trying to get my wire to go through. That's 10 hours of all of our time working on something that should have been done in 20 minutes total time.

I was informed they could not get it to go through so I would have to return to Phoenix the next day because I would have to physically sign the wire transfer. I was staying in Tucson. So I drove the 2 hours to Tucson. Woke up the next day, DROVE BACK TO PHOENIX, and returned to the branch.

They still couldn't get it to go through.

After another hour of the entire branch trying to get the wire to go through, I figured out I could pay my friend via a combination credit-card-to-paypal technique, though it might cost me some fees. This actually worked (because yours truly was in charge) and I told the bank to cancel the wire, cancel the check, and that I would be reconsidering my banking relationship with them.

But it doesn't end there, because they canceled the wrong check.

Fast forward a week later and a vendor of mine is wondering why my check had been canceled. I said, "Your check shouldn't have been canceled!" Panicking I looked up whether I had enough funds in the account. He wasted his time going to the bank to deposit the check, and now I shamefully probably didn't have enough money in the account. After looking up my balance, no, there was plenty of money in the account. It was those incompetent bastards in Phoenix who canceled the wrong check.

Now, after all that, let me ask you this:

How much in total wasted time, money, and lost economic production did the ONE mistake of the post office not delivering ONE letter cost?

It's impossible to measure, but it's easily within the thousands of dollars.

One dipshit moron at either the US or Canadian post office made a 2 second error, and that 2 second error destroyed around $3,000 in GDP. And when you consider this cascading effect, it makes you wonder if damn well near 85% of our economy is merely cleaning up other people's broken-window-fallacy-mistakes.

There's Good News

There is, however, a silver lining to this "The-Economy's-Full-of-Morons" cloud. Because while politicians, democrats, republicans, socialists, and producers all focus on how to grow the economy and divvy it up, "mistakes" present a *non-political* opportunity to help grow and boost the economy. We needn't talk about lowering taxes, or increasing spending. We don't have to worry about deficit spending or debts. If we can just get people to make less mistakes and do things right the first time, I argue we could make the economy boom ***well beyond*** this paltry 3-4% RGDP growth everybody seems to get excited about.

There are other examples of this where there are "non-political" ways to boost the economy. Making American women thin again (no matter how distasteful you might find that...though men won't) would seriously make the economy boom. Men would wake up invigorated, work more, create more, perhaps colonize Mars next week. Eliminating worthless degrees from colleges and universities would free up trillions in spending from young people, not to mention prevent them from crippling their financial futures. And employers allowing everybody to telecommute from home who can would save us billions in unnecessary travel, inflated rents, and money spent on bridges and roads. But mistakes are so universal, so atomic, so endemic to the American people and American society, that if you can just get people to make 20% less mistakes, I'd argue real-non-broken-window economic production could easily go up by 40%.

And There's Bad News

But while I've just given you this glimmer of hope, this potential chance that we could solve all our economic problems by focusing on mistakes AND IT WON'T COST US A PENNY, let me snuff out that hope as I pull the rug out from underneath you. Because while we may like to whittle the Wyoming 3 down to the Wyoming 2, or the national equivalent of "The US 2" down to "The US 1.25," the truth is our country is going in the opposite direction. We are making more mistakes and will continue to make even more mistakes in the future. And the reason why is that your average American is becoming dumber, lazier, and less moral.

First, dumb people breed more than smart people. We are seeing Idiocracy in the making. You could also look at it as "smart people are removing themselves from society," resulting in a dumber average future labor pool overall. But whichever the case, with a dumb population comes more mistakes. Alas, I predict the US national standard will become the "Wyoming 3" (while Wyoming no doubt will have decayed to "The Wyoming 7").

Second, immigration. Immigrants are predominantly coming from more corrupt countries. I understand why immigrants would like to escape corrupt countries, they themselves may not be corrupt and would like to escape the corruption for a better future. But how did those countries become corrupt in the first place if they were

democracies? Low economic growth, high birth rates, poverty, corruption, crime are at least a partial reflection upon the culture and the people from those countries. And when immigrants reflect their native population in terms of crime, welfare fraud, corruption, etc., in the US, well you've merely imported more mistakes. You can expect this demographic shift to cause more mistakes in the future.

Finally, the domestic population. Don't think that just because you were born in the Whitey-McWhite-White suburbs that you are somehow competent, sharp, and mistakeless. Matter of fact, you're probably worse. You're spoiled. You're pampered. You're lazy. You never worked a real job in your life. The millennials are the epitomal example of a mistake, wasting their youth on the most spectacularly stupid degrees and careers. Worse, they're more likely to sue you for "an unsafe working environment" or false sexual harassment accusation. You'll WISH they merely scanned the documents in wrong as you're facing a $50 million sexual discrimination suit. And you'll beg to make all you're employees Wyomingians.

In the end my economic spidey senses put the chances of a "Mistakeless Economy" on par with American women getting thin again - zero. You can fully expect a "Mistakeful Economy" where the US starts to represent a dysfunctional South American democracy where the people, on the granular level, are just too stupid, making too many mistakes, for anything to get done. You can expect corruption to increase, bribery to grow, traffic to increase, single moms to breed, talent-reality shows and everything else that comes with being ~~California~~ a solid, corrupt 2nd world country. And keep in mind, none of this can be prevented through taxation, spending, or any other traditional political-economic solutions. It's cultural and biological. It's doomed to happen.

So I suggest you kick back, pour yourself a drink, get yourself a vasectomy, and Enjoy the Decline, because that's all you're going to be able to do.

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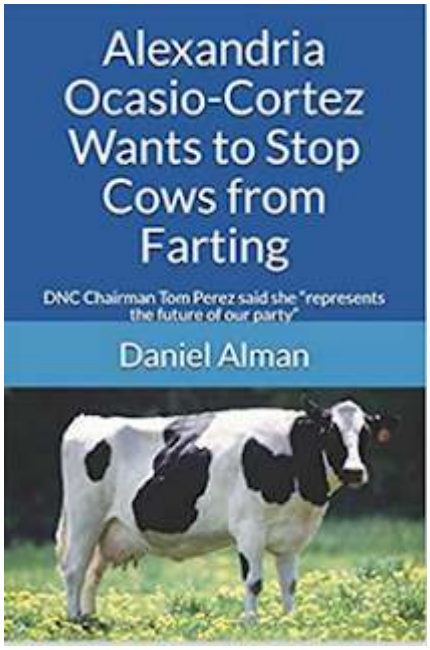
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Because she was (say it with me now)

a strong
independent
don't need no man
fish-bicycle-trademark

woman.

Too bad for Cheyenne. I guess kids named "Cheyenne" don't have long life expectancies.

Older Brother Podcast #38 - The "Millennials are Zombies" Episode

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The gift of Millennials keeps on giving as Cappy discusses how they:

1 - Are creating contracts for everything
2 - Get pissed off when sexual consent apps are made
3 - Are lured into banking through gimmickry and clowns
4 - Have dream jobs in cases, but seem incredibly depressed
5 - Have the most overpriced luxury apartment complexes in the world.

Elkins also joins the club and we field a couple Asshole Consulting questions.

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I Present Thee, a Millennial

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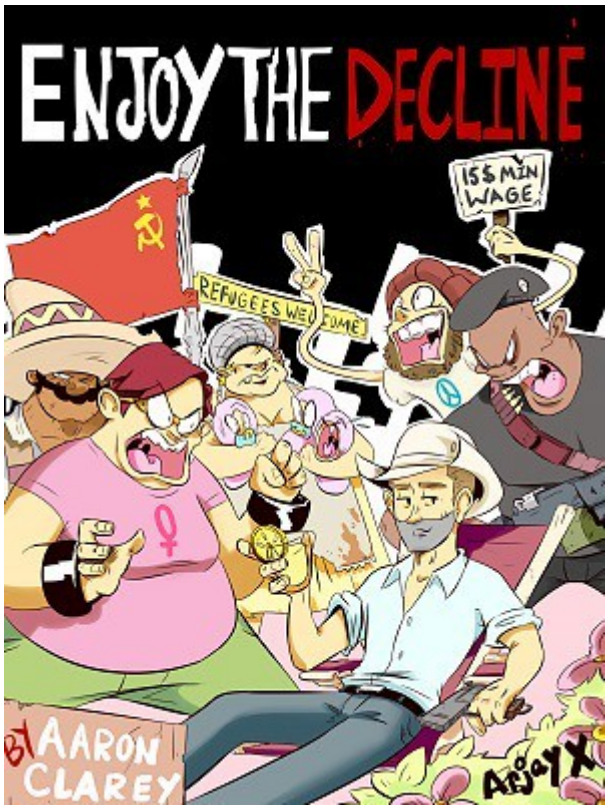
This is mandatory listening.

The reason why is this shows you what the end result or "final stage" of development is of a millennial. And not a millennial per se, but any kid unfortunate enough to grow up under poor parents, with marxist public school brainwashing, a worthless degree, and a world that bends over backwards for them.

It's very telling about the millennial generation, but is also very telling about raising any generation under such soft conditions in that they ultimately become a truly worthless person, only capable of self-worship and praise.

And after you're done listening to that, and you feel despair and no hope for the future, remember to purchase a copy of Enjoy the Decline, because you're going to need it.



The Clarey Podcast #284 - The "I Want a Big Mac" Episode

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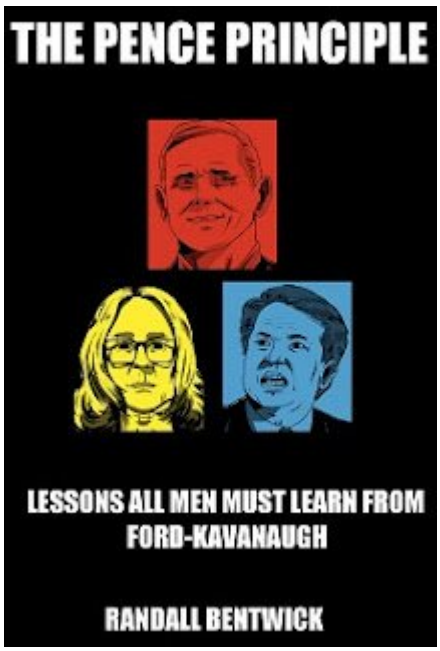

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Cappy's dream of riding around America visiting old, quaint bars.
Women love their politics more than orgasms.
Cappy dates a pacifist...unintentionally.

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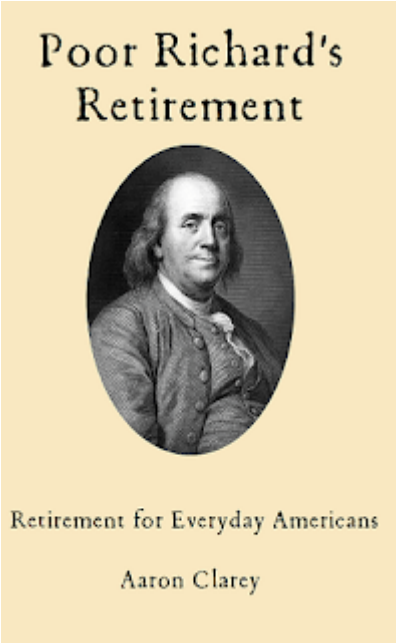

More Work Avoidance from Cappy

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Work bad.
Weather Nice.
Cappy went hiking instead.
No GDP was produced.
Cappy didn't care.
Be like Cappy. Screw work. Go hike. Enjoy the Decline.

And what better way to IMPROVE your hiking than binging on The Clarey Podcast!!!???

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Women Love Politics More than Love Itself

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"Muh politics"
"Muh feminism"
"Muh career."
"Muh me."

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Actual economic data on average salaries of webcam models.

Deep Down Inside, Women Just Want to Get Married and Have Kids…Too Bad, So Sad

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"Deep Down Inside"

I was tuning into the "Masculine Geek Podcast." Specifically, episode 7 where TJ Martinell regaled the story of a therapist who confessed unto to TJ,

"*Every young girl who comes in and talks to me...EVERY ONE OF THEM...tells me deep down inside all they want is to get married and have kids.*"

This was couched in just one of the unlimited conversations men have had about women since the dawn of time.

"Women say X, when they really want Y."
"Women do A, when they actually do B."
"And women will claim F, when in reality it's really Q that they believe."

And as is with all these types of conversations, men are left with the reality that women simply are not going to be direct, forthright, or honest with their intentions, and its up to us to interpret what they really want. This results in a cute little "dance of the sexes" where the boys chase the girls, awkwardly trying to "figure them out," but inevitably achieving victory as the boys finally get the girls (….and in all likelihood the girls divorce the boys with life-long alimony and no visitation rights to the children).

Cute as this is, gamefully-playful as it might be, and even hard-wired into the female sex's genetic and biological hardwiring as it is, this coy, indirect, and confusing characteristic of women gets tiring an exhausting after a while. Men get older, their

testosterone goes down, their opportunity costs for playing this game goes up as they make more money, plus it's just plain beaten out of us. Life is short, it inevitably ends, and men's patience for games drops below their desire to have sex. We move onto focus on our careers, make money, make a life for ourselves, and focus on systems that are logical, meritorious, and provide a return on investment for our time. But whereas men inevitably quit this mating dance and move-on to focus on the real world, women prefer to continue the game. And not only do they prefer to continue the game, but institutions and authoritative entities within society encourage them to do so. And there are drastic costs for being intellectually-dishonest with yourself.

For example the wage gap.

Women deep down inside know that they make less money than men because they major in worthless subjects, don't put in as many hours, and inevitably drop out of the work force to have kids. If women really wanted success in the working world, they would acknowledge what they already know, go into STEM, go into a CPA program, learn to code, and close the gap. But for whatever reason (be it genetic, biological, or socio-political propaganda), they prefer to "play the game" and act ignorantly coy about basic labor market economics.

Another example would be being fat.

EVERY, SINGLE, WOMAN deep down inside knows men don't like fat chicks. But the mental acrobatics they and society will go through to lie to themselves, and convince themselves otherwise is amazing. "Fat acceptance," "big is beautiful," shaming men for NOT liking fat chicks. They actually think social propaganda will override men's hardwired biology. The result is not only no man asking them out on dates, but health risks due to obesity, not to mention mental-illness where you start to mutilate your body with piercings, tattoos and ear plugs as a protesting, "anti-beauty" form of beauty.

There are many more examples of where living in denial results in real world costs and consequences, but the point is the majority of women would prefer to continue the dance, no matter what the costs are to their real-world lives. And, worse, the majority of society and society's institutions will indulge them. But where believing "big is beautiful" or majoring in sociology will lead to a successful career has a price, the biggest price women pay in their lives is the one TJ Martinell mentioned before - forfeiting a husband and children. Because while "deep down inside" having a husband and children is indeed the most important, hard-wired, undeniable thing in women's lives, there's an amazing amount of lies, propaganda, and even outright bullying that...

"*You're a strong independent woman, who don't need no man.*"

And women's desire to continue the dance, lie to themselves, and believe in the

propaganda costs them this most important thing in life.

Too Weak to Go Against the Herd

At the core of women forfeiting the most important thing is their lives is another genetic hard-wiring - conformity. The short version is while men were out hunting mammoth women had to get along with the other women at the tribe which resulted in a social-hierarchy where getting along with everybody else was key to survival. This also had the unfortunate side-consequence of backstabbery, gossip, and even more passive-aggressive backstabbery as women's only form of defense was subterfuge and politicking instead of physical confrontation.

Whatever the genetic pathology of this trait, the desire to CONFORM with what other women say and think, no matter how wrong, is just as hard-wired into women's psyche as their desire to have a husband and children. Because if they didn't get along with the of the women in the tribe, this spelt ostracization and excommunication from the tribe, which resulted in death for the woman and any of her children.

This then leads to...

Feminist Shaming and Bullying

It's one thing if Tina is conforming with the cold-shoulder fashion this year, and Amy was conforming with the maxi-dress last year, and you decide to do both. But that's fashion. Not the most important thing in your life, which is (again "deep down inside") "to get married and have kids."

But what if a group of women decided to expand conforming with the herd to include things that went beyond what you were wearing, what you were eating, whether you agreed that Leslie was queen bee, or that you were all going to watch Empire that year? What if it went into other aspects of your life that actually were VERY important?

Introducing feminism.

We can debate whether feminism is simply the "equal treatment of women," or a man-hating psycho-cult of socialist parasites later. But what it no doubt is, is a cabal of self-declared queen bee women dictating to other, younger women what it means to be a woman and belong to the herd. It's unique in that, whereas in the past, women needed men to survive, today they no longer have to consider what men want because there is the government. The government (through taxing disproportionately men) can transfer wealth to women, support them and their children, with no requirements, standards or expectations of a husband or father, because there is none - there is only "Government Check.". On the face of this, this "freedom" may seem liberating, but it kicks out the most important thing in women's lives - a husband and children.

But this is where the propaganda, lies, and bullying come in.

Feminism (with the help of socialist political parties, government, public schools, media and colleges) have totally, thoroughly, and brilliantly brainwashed women into ignoring what they want most in life, and replaced it with politics, careers, student debts, materialism, masters degrees, commutes and taxes. This is fine as no good person is going to begrudge women their political preferences, the pursuit of an education or career, nor their right to spend their money how they please. But when they put it above (once again, "deep down inside") the love and affection of a husband and children, they're lying to themselves and only hurting themselves. However, DARE a woman express her true desire to get married and have kids, the "hive" of queen bee feminists will come crashing down on them, shaming women for being "stay at home moms" or "relying on a man."

This then pits poor, young women's genetic conditions against one another. They (once again) "deep down inside" want to have a husband and children, but if they betray the hive, and upset the feminist hierarchy, they will be ostracized, they won't belong, and they will be kicked out of the club. Today, with the brainwashing starting at the age of 5 and with trillions of government and corporate dollars spent annually on advocating "Team Feminism" it's very apparent which side they succumb to. Most young women today "don't need no man," and are all aggressively pursuing careers and educations. Thus the official veneer of "I don't need a man, I'm my own woman," while late at night, after getting drunk at the night club, they cry themselves to sleep because they "can't find a man."

Feminism 1, Love 0.

Cartelish Behavior Has Benefits

Once women are brainwashed to go down this path, there are, however, some fringe benefits, primarily originating from the nature of "economies to scale" and effectively "cartelish behavior."

The classical economic incentive of forming a "cartel" is to limit supply to increase price. Women as a group are (effectively) less interested in family formation than they are their careers and education. Laden with debt, they aren't ready to get married until they're well into their late 20's, even early 30's. Nor do they have any interest in getting married until they get their career going, even attaining their masters degrees. This has resulted in later and less marriages, a low birth rate, and an increase in women in the work force as well as their salaries. It also makes marriagable women HIGHLY valuable in that they're so rare. It also makes what women remain who are at least tacitly interested in marriage valuable as well.

You would think you'd find some empirical economic pricing data that would show an increased price in wedding rings, engagement rings, or average money spent on weddings confirming the "higher price" paid to women. But at the same time interest in marriage on the part of men has dropped dramatically as well (which is a discussion for another time). But the price increase in women has moved from the marriage market to the non-marriage market - specifically in the form of "sugar daddy sites," porn, and non-porn internet attention.

Men may not want to get married, but they will spend up to $200 just for ONE DATE through sites like "Name Your Price." Your average "sugar baby" who is on the payroll of a man can earn $3,000 a month for regularly providing company and sex. Webcam models can make on average $50,000 from the comforts of their own bed. And you don't even have to do porn or prostitution - you can just sell selfies for $5,000 a month.

This is all great news for women who *officially* value their careers and educations above husbands and children. Just because they dried up the supply of women on the marriage market, doesn't mean men demand sex any less. An additional added benefit is you don't even need to physically be there, physically touching a man in order to make money off of your beauty. You can continue to cash in on your looks with really none of the traditional obligations that would come with being with a man.

But *unofficially* where (COUGH, once again, "deep down inside") women just want to get married and have kids, such a lifestyle - easy and profitable as it may be - does not scratch that hard-wired biological itch.

Intellectual Weaklings

Genetic predisposition to conformity and compliance within the female hive aside, given the cacophony of constant "women are equal to men" propaganda we've heard since the 60's, I feel it necessary to hold women to men's standards. I truly do not want to be sexist. And if women are truly equal to men, then they should be ashamed of being too intellectually weak to acknowledge what they want "deep down inside," and consequently too cowardly to stand up to feminism and feminists and say

"*No, I want a husband and children. I don't want to work or commute or wake up at 6AM or look at a screen. I don't want an MBA or a Masters in Sociology. I don't want to pay taxes and end up a spinster. I want a strong man who will rock my world in bed, 4 children to raise, love and cherish, who will also give me grandchildren that I can spoil rotten when I'm old. I want a family, I want love, I want what I want.*"

However, it's very obvious which side they have chosen, whether coerced through shaming, bullying, ostracization or not. Women are increasingly choosing a relationship with government, politics, feminism, careers, commutes, and themselves over a relationship with a husband and children. And they do so not because "deep down inside" they want to, but because they lack the intellectual strength and independence to simply tell the propagandists "no" and actually enjoy what pathetically short lives they have on this planet on what they truly want.

Actions vs. Words vs. Effective Reality

This sadly results in what I like to call the "My Bipolar Girlfriend Axiom," which simply states;

"*It doesn't matter if your girlfriend actually has Bipolar Disorder or claims to have it as a weapon to excuse unacceptable behavior. In either case she's psycho and you should dump her ass.*"

And this axiom applies to modern day women as well.

"*It doesn't matter if deep down inside she wants to have a husband and children. Her actions creates the reality that she effectively doesn't.*"

Alas, why I find the statement and truism

"*Deep down inside women just want to get married and have children*"

HIGHLY
entertaining,

academic,
comical,
laughable,
and cute.

But ultimately for everybody it's moot. That's nice you girls want that. That's great. And it's 100% natural. But the problem is merely stating this reality (mis)leads men into thinking there's hope that women effectively want to get married, when in reality it's simply not possible. Women's actions is all that matters, no matter what they truly believe in their hearts. Men cannot commit to a serious relationship such as marriage based on theory or what women want "deep down inside."

So boys, yes, it is true. Women truly do want marriage and children more than anything else in the world. But their actions prove they effectively value their politics, careers, educations and feminism more. This makes marriage today not only unacceptable, but impossible, tragically despite what women truly want. Alas, too bad, so sad, but that's reality. And at least men live in reality.

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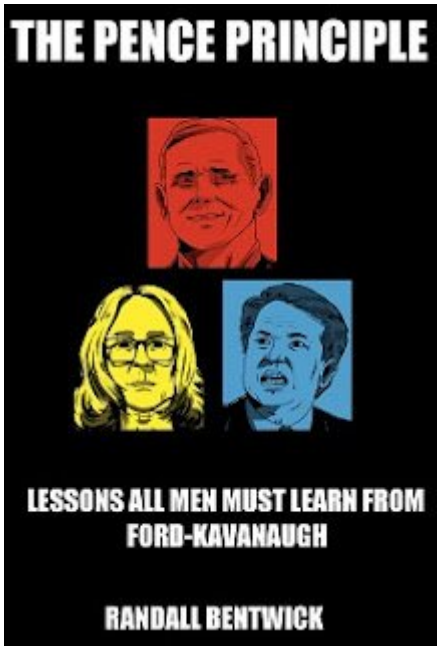
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In the meantime, I suggest you boys focus your attention of entrepreneurship and enjoying life.

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A year later THEN she decides to accuse him of rape.

Keep crying wolf ladies. Soon nobody is going to believe any woman ever again, including the true victims of rape.

Oh, and boys, remember, if you want to protect yourself against false accusations of rape, this is a mandatory short read.

Diamonds, Steel, and Stars

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"How Do I Get Da Gurlz?"

The most loathed question I get at Asshole Consulting is the infamous:

"How do I get da gurlz?"

The reason I loathe this question has nothing to do with the question itself, nor does it have anything to do with the answer. It's that the person asking it is invariably, 100%, and always a lazy, nerdy, weak man who simply doesn't want to hit the gym, doesn't want to diet, doesn't want to risk rejection when asking out girls, and is hoping there's some sort of short cut that will magically "poof" get da gurlz. It is his cowardice and laziness that angers me, and is why I charge a $50 surcharge to answer a question - the answer of which is easily searchable on the internet for free.

The second most loathed question I get at Asshole Consulting is;

"What should I do for a business idea?"

This question also makes me go from zero-to-rage in about 3 nanoseconds because the person asking the question is really asking "*Hey, I'm too lazy to think up or research my own idea. Can you just GIVE ME a multi-million dollar idea for free?*" not realizing that the reason entrepreneurs are successful is because they come up with ideas and products NOBODY ELSE HAS. Also the ludicrous expectation that if I had a successful business idea that I would just sell it for a $35 consulting fee is laughable. Idiocy aside, it is the laziness of the people who ask this question which boils my blood, as well as prevents them from ever becoming a successful entrepreneur in life.

I could go over many other hypocritical questions I receive, but at the core of all these questions is a fear, cowardice, and laziness that sends these people to my consultancy. These clients simply want a short cut, a cheat code at all things hard at life, and are so

afraid of hard work and labor, they will pay money for somebody, ANYBODY to tell then there's an effortless way to success, happiness, and love. And whereas I simply cannot lie to these people, telling them what they want to hear, there's no shortage of Oprahs, psychologists, college recruiters, motivational speakers, life coaches, democrats, and other snake oil salesmen who promise people success, happiness, and love all through an easy pill, an easy book, an easy college degree, or an easy $5,000 weekend retreat.

And most people are weak enough, lazy enough, and dumb enough to fall for it.

The Most Addictive Drug in the World

There is a problem, however, in believing pretty lies over harsh truths. Namely, you will fail at life. You will not attain financial success. You will not become sexy. You will not find love. And you will not find happiness. In looking for the short cut that does not exist, you waste your one and only precious resource on this planet (time) investing in lies instead of laboring in truth. And while it may feel good in the moment to "major in creative writing" or pop a pill to fight depression you don't have (instead of just running a couple miles), in the end you do nothing to improve yourself.

The reason why is that you, personally, are not *doing any thing.* You are *taking no actions*. You are *making no decisions*. You are simply letting things happen to you in life. And since these things do not originate from you, you are not in control of your future. Thus, by the time your incredibly short 78 years of this planet is over, YOU will have done nothing but let life happen to you. You will be accomplishmentless. You will be unnoteable. You will be irrelevant. You will be the epitome of pointless. Your life, LIKE MOST OTHERS will be meaningless as you die just like one of the billions of conformist, boring, lazy, unaccomplished sheep that came before you. You quite literally could never have been born because your life had zero value.

But what's funny, is even having this concrete knowledge, even knowing your life will end and that there are no short cuts, people will still choose the path of wasting their lives on sweet lies instead of living their lives laboring in accomplished truth. So much so, that lies are not "like" a drug, but they ARE a drug, arguably the most addictive and powerful drug in the world. It's so severe that I've launched my clandestine "Operation Evil" to essentially be a peddler of this drug because I want me some of that "Oprah, Ocasio-Cortez, Democrat-Party, Tai Lopez, Cosmopolitan, Big Education money." Regardless, it is only a very, very few select people who have the intellectual strength, courage, and work ethic to live a life of truth, let alone pursue a life of excellence, which is what I think deep down inside most of my clients, colleagues, and peers want. So if you really want the truth, you REALLY want to be successful and happy in life, then you need to understand how diamonds, steel, and stars are formed…as well as go through the process yourself.

Baptism by Fire

Coal is an abundant resource of which there are entire states full of it. You can literally drive through Wyoming, look out your window, and you will see MOUNTAINS of coal. Hundreds of cubic miles of coal that the world will never run out of.

Yet, if the conditions are right you may get a practically immeasurable amount of coal to turn into diamonds. This requires incredible heat along with incredible pressure, which is usually only found in the formation of volcanoes, and even then it is incredibly rare that diamonds form. Still they do~~, and we kill or enslave poor black children in Africa to get them so privileged white women will suck our dicks~~, and their existence is proof that an incredibly powerful, even creative-destructive process had occurred to create this change. Something that is relatively worthless now becomes incredibly precious not because of the end product itself, as much as the galvanizing process that created it.

Steel is also similar.

Though not as rare as diamonds, steel is formed by a powerful, creative-destructive process wherein iron is mixed with a little bit of carbon and then cooled to create steel. However, there are many variables that determine the many traits of your final steel product. How much carbon is added? When was the carbon added in the galvanizing process? How quickly or slowly did it cool? Yes, steel does come out stronger than iron, but all the variables within the galvanizing process ultimately determines its strength, brittleness, density and malleability. These characteristics not only give various forms of steel their specific strengths and weaknesses, but makes them much more useful and thus valuable than mere iron.

And finally stars.

Stars start off as the second most boring thing in the universe - hydrogen. I say "second most boring" because hydrogen is the first and smallest and simplest form of matter that exists. The next step below it is "nothing" or mere "space." So suns start out as "the first step above nothing."

But if you get a critical mass of hydrogen within a certain proximity to one another, gravity takes over, and slowly, but surely the hydrogen atoms start to congregate and attract one other. In due time there is so much hydrogen that the forces of gravity, pressure, and heat become so strong, it fuses hydrogen atoms into helium resulting in a fusion nuclear reaction that ignites the star. Again we see something from nothing due not so much to the "nothingness" of hydrogen, but the revolutionary process of nuclear fusion. And again we see something of value originating from something of worthlessness because of the process, not the thing itself.

But be it stars, steel or diamonds, humans are no different. The vast majority of humans are about as valuable as individual atoms of hydrogen, a lump of coal, or the unearthed

and unrefined ore of iron. They are worthless, they are pointless, they will never amount to or achieve much of anything. Out of the estimated 150 billion humans who have lived and died on this planet, a mere 10,000 are the ones who made history and set forth humanity on the path it is today. But whereas coal, hydrogen, iron and carbon are inert elements and compounds, humans are not. Humans (at least in theory anyway) have sentience, intelligence, consciousness, and independent thought. They can make decisions, they (at least in theory anyway) can choose their path in life, and therefore can (in theory anyway) wield some control over their lives and futures.

But what separates the star-humans, the steel-humans, and the diamond-humans from the mindless, sheeple slop is that these humans CHOOSE to go through the galvanization process. They CHOOSE to SUFFER, ENDURE, and SURVIVE the incredibly painful, destructive-creative process that turns them into a diamond or steel of a human. And because they do not let fear, cowardice, sloth, or laziness condemn them to a life of mediocrity and commoness, they become a truly genuine superior human compared to the rest of the cattle posing as people. More importantly, they are one of the few humans who do not to waste their precious life, choosing to affect life instead of letting life affect them. They have control. They have destiny. They have a legacy. They have agency.

They simply have a life.

Forever Changed...You Cannot Go Back

There is, however, one problem. And perhaps "problem" is too harsh a word, but a "reality" that has both its pros and cons.

If you make this transformation to a "star" or "steel" human, you are forever changed. You are no longer a regular human, watching TV, stuck in traffic, working your 9-5 job to pay off your student loans for your Masters in Sociology. You are no longer a debt-endentured wage slave whose pinnacle joy in life is watching "the game" at "the bar" wearing another man's sports jersey on your back. You are an exceptionally rare human which, like a particularly galvanized steel, has his/her specific strengths and weaknesses. And these strengths and weaknesses will set forth the tone for the rest of your life.

First, there is no doubt that you will NOT be wasting your life. You will live life to its fullest, availing yourself of every second in life god/nature has granted you. You will also be thankful for each second as you frantically make sure not to squander a second of it. You will cherish your fellow man. You will love a quality woman. You know the tickity-tock is tickity-tocking and you are racing against the clock of life to squeeze every ounce of juice from it before you go back into the unconscious void.

Second, in the wake of this tour-de-force you will leave a legacy of accomplishment and achievement that will not only benefit you in the here and now, but will continue to pay

dividends to generations well into the future. Either through wisdom you have passed onto your children, literary works, artistic works, or any other forms of excellence you have left this world before you left, it will continue to contribute to society and the human race well after you have passed. This is arguably one of the best litmus tests as to the value of your human worth - did you continue to produce value after you died.

Third, you will at least KNOW that you did not waste your life and you will spare yourself the fate of your common everyday sheeple of cluelessness, delusion, and insanity. As the normies, conformies, and inferiors continue their lives they way they were programmed to, chasing after easy short cuts, lies, and sweet falsehoods, you will enjoy stability, contentment, excellence, and reality. Everybody else will enjoy student loans, poverty, materialism, divorce, pop music, pop culture, socialism, the Oscars, and whatever other low-grade slop that makes for their mundane, mediocre lives. You will be thankful for your successes in life, they will constantly complain about how unfair life was to them. You will enjoy the intellectual company of others, they will bitch and whine about "Tina at the office." We will bang sexy hot people. They will lie to themselves about how sexy tatted up women are, or how ear gauges are cool. People will actually want to hang out with you, and you them. The rest of the sheeple will be on constant guard of being taken advantage of by their sheeple peers because neither offers either anything of value but a host-parasite, pareto relationship. Sanity will be your prize. Insanity will be their punishment.

But for all those benefits, there are drawbacks. Namely, you will not be the same person, and you can certainly never, ever go back.

Long ago I was just your average nerd, playing video games and blissfully ignorantly enjoying life. I could play baseball, play Dragon Warrior, watch Voltron, and go for long bike rides.

Long ago my buddy Lloyd was probably doing the same. Maybe chasing some girls. Finding one and getting married blissfully.

And no doubt some of you were married at one time, kids in tow, and life was looking grand.

But then the hellish process of the real world presented itself, often times not giving us the choice of whether we wanted to go through with it.

I had to go to college which was a hellish nightmare of poverty, malnourishment, loneliness, and sub-zero Minnesota cold.

Bob got shipped off to Iraq, got shot at, saw people die, and incidentally got hit with an IED

And then half of you either have or will be getting divorced where everything was hunky dory and BLAMO - "I'm not haaaaaaapppppyyyy."

Most of you reading this either have or will rise to the occasion and overcome. But after you go through that forging process you will change and not necessarily for the better.

For example, just yesterday I was at a ramen restaurant. The proprietor and his wife stood in the corner of my eye while I wharfed down the ramen I had just ordered. I heard them talking about "My goodness, he just shovels it in" shocked at the speed at which I was eating. But no matter how much money I have, no matter how abundant the food, no matter how much time I have to eat, forever scorched into my brain is starvation and hunger that I will immediately eat as fast as I can because I never know when the next meal is coming or when I'm going to get "a call" that I have to respond to.

Bob, who has it much worse than me, worries that there's a sniper here, an assailant there, or a suicide bomber there. He's in a small remote town that nobody is ever going to attack him, but he cannot look at the countryside without thinking or theorizing where a potential sniper would be. Abrupt noises panic him into a defensive mode, fast movements trigger his survival mechanisms, and he sees ghosts of people he's killed. I'll happily eat fast at the mockery of others not to be in his situation.

And no doubt many of you are suffering side effects of being divorce bombed, having your families destroyed, let alone if you've ever recovered from it.

I call it the "destructive-creative" process because it is DESTRUCTIVE, destroying the individual that once was there and creating a whole new one. It is truly traumatic in most senses, and though you may be a superior human, it's not as it your previous self hadn't been totally destroyed and the memory of that destruction scorched within your memory.

Better Them Than Us

Still, no matter what the price it's better to be us than them. Whatever toll or price truly superior people had to pay to become superior, in the end we haven't wasted our lives and we are not like "them." You could be shot at, starved, bombed, and abused, but if it led to a conscious and accurate assessment of reality, it was worth it. The lost, wandering cowards, weaklings, and pussies constantly seeking to play life on easy mode will never be able to enjoy it. Not only because they were never capable of measuring and assessing the real world for what it was, but without the pain and agony to be galvanized into a superior human, they will forever lack the ability to appreciate reality for what it is. They are on a constant fix-hunt for pretty lies, pretty lies that will damn them to waste their lives.

So embrace and chase the hard work it takes to become a superior person. Pursue the

path that makes you a diamond, a star or some steel. Because if you don't you'll just be another lump of coal, some hydrogen dust floating in space, a hunk of iron underground, or yet another liberal arts major. And I can't imagine a fate worse than being just another worthless normie, conformie or inferior.

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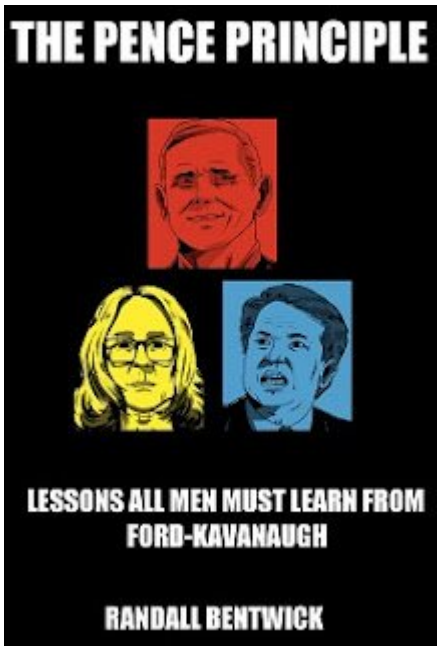

Selling Millennials Their Purpose, Agency, and Reason in Life

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Baby boomers want their social security.
Gen X'ers wanted nuclear families.
And Millennials want a purpose and reason to live in life.

But no matter how much we want something in life, that does not guarantee we'll get it.

For example the Boomers were lucky that the US is the world's reserve currency and in so being we can afford to print off more money without any major consequences to bail us out of our incredibly stupid economic decisions. The boomers also have the fortune of lucky timing in that the US economy will not likely collapse before most of them are dead and therefore have collected on decades of social security.

Another - but counter example - Gen X and stable, nuclear families. Some got them. Most did not, and unlike social security, there's no way to go back in time to have a dad, have Thanksgiving dinner, and live under one roof. Most will remember living under multiple homes, with multiple parents and what I like to call "the hand off" where you were "handed off" from one parent to another in a parking lot, a mall, or a Wal-Mart. The dice were not lucky for Gen X in this regard and they consequently will NOT be getting what they wanted.

The issue is then whether the Millennials will get what they out of life. And what they want is something much more basic, but all the more important than "social security" or a "nuclear family" - a reason and purpose to live life.

Fortunately, they will inevitably find a point and purpose in life.
Sadly, they won't like it in the long run.

Because the Millennial generation has already been given a reason to live. They have been given a prescripted and predetermined reason and purpose in life. They did not get

to choose it. They had no say in it. And it actually serves others instead of the Millennials. But they *DO* at least have a point and purpose to live nonetheless, and that point and purpose is...

politics.

Take for example Aspiration.

This is just the latest in the thousands of companies combining politics with a product they sell. The originators of this idea were actually Gen X'er coffee store owners who started the whole "fair trade-organic made" ~~scam~~ promotion in the 90's. The aim was truly to do nothing but feel good about themselves, but it also had an ancillary benefit in that it differentiated your product from everybody else's. It wasn't a huge advantage. It didn't materially make your product any better. And most of the time companies were lying about their leftist-credentials anyway. But regardless, now "everybody" is organic, fair trade, carbon-foot-print, all-female company, yada yada yada. Gillette is anti-male. Target can't shut up about their genderless bathrooms. Lumber 84 promotes illegal immigration. And even lingerie stores are promoting fat models. The time is coming every non-explicitly conservative/libertarian company will attach politics to their marketing in an effort to win over more loyal customers (whether being actually environmentally friendly or not).

But did you ever ask yourself why ***for-profit, large-multiational, multi-billion dollar corporations*** are explicitly promoting their leftist credentials and not their traditional, boring republican, "higher quality at a lower price" credentials? Why would at least SOME companies not advocate a pro-freedom, pro-American, pro-west form of corporate virtue signaling?

Well this gets back to the whole point about what gives Millennials value, purpose, and reason in living.

Ever since they were 5 years old, Millennials have been told what their values and purpose of reason of living will be. And though not explicitly told "this is the reason you will live," they were so successfully and clandestinely brainwashed, it's sadly the only reason and purpose of living they have - their leftist politics.

Environmentalism.
Feminism.
Socialism.
Veganism.
Fair trade.
Organic trade.
Transgender bathrooms.

The list goes on, but what inevitable political crusade or cause they choose as their "ism-de-jure," it's leftism just the same. And that's why corporations and companies exclusively advertise to the left. Because leftist politics is what gives these people point, purpose, and meaning in life. But there is a drawback.

Politics is a surrogate, not a real reason to live in life.

Yes, you may be a very successful careerist feminist, worshiping at the altar of Sheryl Sandberg, but you will not be a very good or present mother.

Yes, you may value your sensitive male sensibilities, voting the right way, strumming your acoustic guitar, hitting on girls at the organic coffee shop. But you will not be able to attract a wife, let alone afford a family on your Masters in Poetry degree.

Yes, you may have spent your time protesting one thing or another, but it came at the expense of working extra hours at the office to pay off your debts so that someday you might be able to afford a house.

This isn't to say that Millennials aren't pursuing families, aren't getting married, or aren't inevitably becoming homeowners. But their lackadaisical performance in these areas indicate to me that they are putting more value, and thus more time, into their religion of politics, and less on real-world self improvement be it the gym, a real education, a decent career, or prudent personal financial management. And corporate America's insistence on focusing their advertising on socialist politics instead of the merits of the products (quality craftsman tools, home-making benefits, ease of home life, reliability of a car, etc.) confirms that this generation values politics above all else, even reality.

Sadly, as I've said before, it's too late for the Millennials. They're now thoroughly in their 30's, endebted, post-poning families and/or love for politics, educations, and quasi-careers. Yes, some will get married. Yes, some will find love. Yes, some will have meaningful careers. Yes, some will have homeownership. And yes, by gum, some might even successfully retire. But for most they will achieve nothing and have nothing that would have traditionally given humans their worth and value. And they will only have their politics to point to as a hallow and pathetic reason as to why they have value on this planet.

The real tragedy is that the joke's on them. Because just like the colleges and universities, Corporate America will make trillions off of them selling them "politics" as their sole purpose and meaning in life. Even more tragic, the millennials will still think these institutions - who ruined their lives - are their friends.

And to that I say "Enjoy the Decline."

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I'd go into a long diatribe, but you already know what the points would be.

I will point out THEY are not paying for it. College students do not pay for anything. Their parents and the taxpayers do.

"We Exited Student Lending in 2009"

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Because only the government is stupid enough to lend to today's college kids...as evidenced by Maxine Waters' supreme stupidity.

My Review of "Shazam!"

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3.75 out of 4
Definitely worth seeing in the theaters.
Go when there are no kids.

Why You Never Donate to Charity

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There is no such thing as "charities."

Only scams.

The Clarey Podcast #287 - The "Ride Along with Cappy" Episode

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Cappy doesn't record from home today because he needed to get out of the house. Enjoy a "Go Nowhere Rambling Ride" as Cappy drives through towns like Scandia, Dresser, Taylors Falls and Forest Lake!

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As You Rush to Do Your 2018 Taxes

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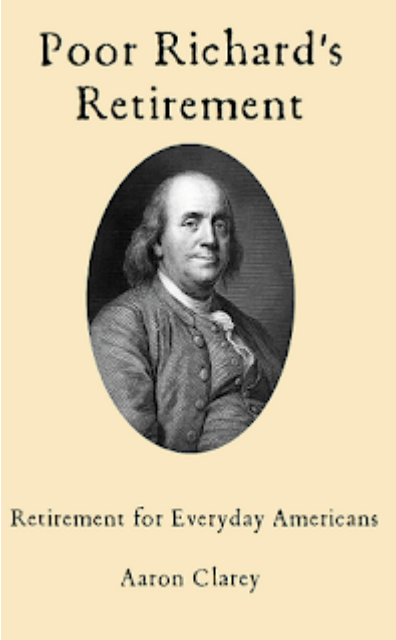
Though the people who tune in and read the Ole Capmeister here are indeed in the top 5% of intelligent people in the world, PROCRASTINATION knows no bounds and infects the smart just as much as it infects the stupid.

Thus as many of you are rushing to complete your 2018 taxes, you will also be asked "Do you want to make a contribution to your IRA for 2018?" The answer is yes, but more importantly, if you are procrastinating on your taxes, you are also likely procrastinating on your retirement planning.

So may I introduce the easiest way to retire - Poor Richard's Retirement.



I won't bore you nor lecture you, but I will simply tell you THE NANOSECOND YOU ARE DONE filing your 2018 taxes, please go and buy this book (and read it) and get cracking on your retirement planning. You do NOT want to be like the baby boomer morons who are coming up to me at 62 and saying,

"I'm 60 and haven't started saving for retirement. It's time to get serious! how do I retire at 65."

Please, dear god almighty do NOT become like these people where you are simply going to work till you're dead. GET POOR RICHARD'S RETIREMENT NOW and spare yourself the horrific fate of outliving your money!

A World Without Immigration

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One of the more interesting requests of the day from Asshole Consulting:

Destroying Millennial Men's Life Expectations

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Some more loves and kisses from Asshole Consulting.

But Who Will Fuck the Feminists?

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Let alone impregnate them?

It's sad that their lives are so sad that yellow-sensationalism journalism or "shock" news is the only thing that gives them purpose and meaning in life. Oh well, keep coming up with "crazy stuff" ladies! I'm sure you'll remember it fondly on your death bed.

Before You Get Married…Before You Get Divorced

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Gentlemen,

I rarely say things are a "must read" or a "must listen" because in actuality they aren't. Most of us are already too busy and engaged in highly productive endeavors that to "read this book" or "see this movie" just isn't worth sacrificing something else we already have going on.

However, this is worth listening to.

The reason it's worth listening to is most of you are going to go off and get married. Half of you will get divorced. And I want you to understand what it's like after you get divorced so you may more fully assess whether you want to get married in the first place. Adam (the man in the podcast) is doing WELL, SPECTACULAR given the situation he's in. And still it's painful to hear how cleaning his car, or organizing his apartment, or just focusing on work is what are the granular, daily steps he is taking to keep it together.

Also keep in mind this is a real man with a real life and has done more in his life than most people will do in 10. And if a wife of questionable value just ups and leaves him AND it puts him in this state of impulse power only, I can only imagine when a girl you guys have oneitis for leaves you AND you are not the man Adam is, you'd be an inconsolable pile of goo.

Make damn sure the girl you're going to get married to is the one. And make damn sure you are strong enough to continue if she decides to " I'm not haaaapppppyyyy" you and go away.

The Older Brother Podcast #40 - The "Financial Advice for Webcam Girls" Episode

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Cappy and Chad discuss:

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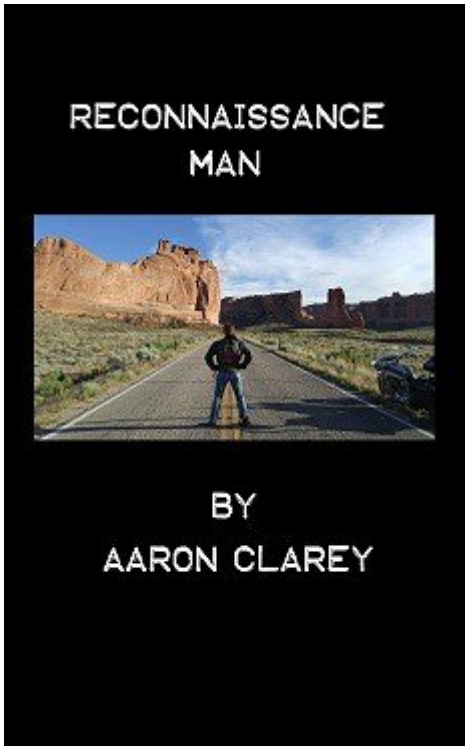
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The House on Lake Minnetonka That Never Existed

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A Tale of Two Lakes

Allow me to regale you with the tale of two lakes - Lake of the Isles and Lake Minnetonka.

Many years ago, when the Captain was but a wee corporal, he was attending the University of Minnesota- Minneapolis. Close to the campus was "the lakes." "The lakes" included four lakes that were chained together and formed the "crown jewel" of the Minneapolis parks system. These lakes were:

Cedar Lake
Lake of the Isles
Lake Calhoun, and
Lake Harriet.

These lakes served as the hub of nearly all outdoor summer activity in Minneapolis and to this day remain the most popular part of the Twin Cities to be during summer. But of the four lakes "Lake of the Isles" was the most prestigious. Here the "old money" captains of industry built their Minneapolis mansions in the 1880's and 1900's, and thus Lake of the Isles is perimetered by beautiful mansions and even some modern day ones as well.

Because of its proximity to the campus me and my friends would regularly bike and run around this lake. Not only for the beauty of the lake, but the architecture of the houses that surrounded it. And even though one would prefer to run around this lake during summer, one of my fonder memories of the Twin Cities was running around Lake of the

Isles at night during winter.

Even though it may have been -5 outside, I still enjoyed running around Lake of the Isles because it gave me my goal, my inspiration, and my incentive to work hard and study hard in school. I did not come from wealth, but at night (and not in a creepy, stalker type sense) many of the mansions would have their lights on allowing me to kind of peer into these homes and wonder about what life was like on the inside.

What was it like to have a nice warm home and not sleep in a basement?
What was it like to have so much wealth you didn't have to worry about student loans?
Is that a wall oven I see? Is the wife of that home making dinner? Gosh, a home cooked meal would be great.
And forget dinner, I bet those people have nothing to worry about. They're RICH. They got it made.

It also helped that while running during winter it was usually Christmas time, allowing my mind to further wander and dream, speculating about awesome Christmas gifts, nuclear family meals, perhaps sitting down and watching the Charlie Brown Christmas Special. And adding to this spectacle was that (at least in the 90's) nearly every house would put up an impressive display of Christmas lights. I may had been the only fool running around Lake of the Isles at 10PM in -5 degree weather, but it *was* and remains today one of my fondest memories.

Enter in Jeff.

I met Jeff through a tango dance class and he lived on a lake called "Lake Minnetonka." I had only heard of this lake before, but never had the time nor inclination to go visit it (as it would turn out I had gotten lost on my bike one time and meandered across one of its bays by accident when I was 18, but at the then age of 25 I had yet to knowingly visit it). He was having a party on his boat and was going to take some friends out on the lake and wondered if I would like to come along. Having been on my fair share of pontoon boats in Wisconsin, I though "sure, fun little boat, fun little lake, grand ole time."

Little did I know what I was about to see.

For Lake Minnetonka is not some "puddle" in the middle of Wisconsin. It's a large, vast, multi-chambered, multi-bayed monster of a lake. It's so beautiful and has so many tucked-away bays that it was the number one vacation destination of the United States before the national parks were started. It had an amusement park on an island for a couple decades. Ports that steam ships could travel inbetween with luxury hotels at each stop. But the most impressive thing about this lake is not so much its size or its rich history, but the incomprehensible level of wealth that it has attracted. The ~~houses~~ mansions that are built on this lake are as numerous as they are spectacular.

And they put to shame the paltry shacks I was once enamored with on Lake of the Isles.

What I was witnessing was the difference between "old money" and "new money." The beautiful pieces of architecture on Lake of the Isles were built by "old money." The Dayton's, the Pillsbury's, the General Mill's, the Phillips. But they were outdone (by technology and economies to scale) by the Cargill's, the Carlson's, the Petter's and the Hecker's. But regardless of whether it was a house on Lake of the Isles or a mansion on Lake Minnetonka, at this point in my life I was slowly realizing that the real world was not going to allow me to achieve what I had desperately worked for. I chose my profession poorly, and no matter how hard I would work, banking was just too inefficient, corrupt, and nepotistic that instead of starting to squirrel away money for a house on Lake of the Isles, I was hoping to just get enough money to afford groceries that month. Alas, all the houses on Lake of the Isles would remain a movie-like dream I would run through my mind as I'd run around the lake, while the houses on Lake Minnetonka would be just a laughable, comical, even cartoonish delusion of wealth, stability, and happiness.

But then something happened.

Look Under the Hood

While I am an absolutely horrible banker, I am exceptionally good at finance and economics. To be a banker requires you wear a suit, you have an IQ below 110, you focus on sales, and become a "wheeler-dealer-idea" type of guy. You play the game, you play ball, you suck cock, and you kiss ass. You do anything and everything you can to avoid real work, real detailed analysis, or anything that would take thought or effort, yet portray yourself as a "business man" too busy to be bothered with details and who is the powerhorse behind seeing "the big picture" and "getting the deal done." I say this not because I hate bankers or have a score to settle with them. I say this because I hate bankers, have a score to settle with them AND it's also true. Bankers are truly inferior, incompetent, scumbags. And I'm not joking in the slightest when I say most should be shot.

However, even though I was horrible at being a banker, I was still hired on in 2006 to work at a bank as an analyst and economist. And where did this bank happen to be?

Lake Minnetonka.

It looked like I was actually going to get a peek into the world of "laughable, comical wealth."

But while I was under the impression our clientele would be rich people, high-networth individuals, and millionaires with houses on the lake, the reality was something completely different. And not only different, but a bizarro world different where things

just didn't make sense.

First, nearly every commercial client we had would pull up in a luxury car. A Mercedes, a BMW, a Maserati, and (if you were of the female persuasion) a Range Rover. Invariably it would be your "stereotypical middle aged white man" who presumably epitomized wealth, riches, and success, but when you looked at their balance sheets, income statements, and tax returns, they were anything but. ALL their cars were leased, their loans and lines were maxed out, they were coming to the bank to ask for more money, and there wasn't a sliver of equity in their homes. Yes, their homes were on Lake Minnetonka. Yes, their homes were worth $4.5 million. But when you added up all their assets and all their liabilities, they would have $5 million in assets, but $6 million debts. Most waitresses I knew had a higher net worth than most of these guys living on Lake Minnetonka.

Second, there was no money, cash flow, or profit. I was under the delusional belief that in order to be rich, in order to have assets, somewhere, some how, you had to make an income of some sort to build up the cash to purchase things or at least invest in them. And maybe you wouldn't pay 100% cash for a $3 million house, but you'd likely be making $450,000 a year to qualify for the $2.5 million mortgage you'd need to pay for such a house.

Nope. Cash flow and profit were ne'er to be seen at this Lake Minnetonka Bank.

The tax returns would show losses (but I was assured that's because they were "trying to lower their tax bill.")
Their audited income statements would also show losses (but that's because they were section 179-ing some major capital purchases)
Their cash flow statements showed a bleeding of money (but that's because this one year was a bad year and Jim hadn't paid him yet).
And their cash accounts would be perpetually overdrawn (suggesting to me there was no profit in the first place and their financial statements were bupkis anyway).

In short, the only way these "successful Lake Minnetonka millionaires" had any assets was they ~~borrowed~~ stole other people's money from our bank of which they had no ability nor intention of every paying back.

I could go on with details about the horrifically poor state of these "rich people's" finances, but the larger point is that out of ALL the clients we had at this Lake Minnetonka bank, only...

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we actually "rich." Let alone rich enough to live and afford a house on Lake Minnetonka. The rest were all posers using other people's money to act rich.

Here Comes the Boom

I was hoping it was just this one bank I worked for, but I knew better. The other banks I had worked for had equally appallingly bad clients and equally appallingly bad finances. And you didn't have to work for a bank to look at their finances. You could go to the FDIC and look at their institution directory and see that ALL banks were making horrible loans to horrible people and were using over-inflated properties to collateralize them and finance their money-losing "businesses." OREO, delinquent loans and loans in default were going up as a percent of bank's portfolio. When I'd audit appraisals I'd see the most outlandish assumptions and lies just to "get the valuation" needed to "magically" make the loan to value at 80%. I'd ram heads with gray haired baby boomer bankers who I knew were desperate to get their 2% commission on dead-deals because I knew they had just signed the lease on a Mercedes themselves to impress wifey-poo. And when the president of our bank said, "We're going to lend out way out of this mess" in 2007 I knew we were in for a world of hurt. It wasn't until one of my bankers got a visit from an FBI agent did I really realize just how totally and utterly fucked this Lake Minnetonka bank was.

From 2007 on you all know the rest of the story on a national level. But locally the "stars" of the Lake Minnetonka scene were quickly falling. Tom Petters - a "successful Minnetonka businessman" - was busting on the largest financial scandal in US history (that is until Bernie Madoff outdid him). Local auto-magnate and Lake Minnetonka property owner, Denny Hecker was also ensnared by the Great Recession, landing him in jail. Local Minnetonka celebrity realtor Adam LaFavre ran into trouble. And though I never knew his name, there was a local guy who drove a yellow Lotus sports car. I even remember seeing him in the local Lake Minnetonka "elite-look-at-us-rich-people-masturbation" magazine in articles such as "*Thadeus McThadeusson, local playboy extradorinaire is hanging out with Bambi Bamberson in his iconic yellow Lotus*." His Lotus and himself quickly disappeared once the recession hit. I guess my local waitress had more equity and cash in her accounts than he did.

Lake Minnetonka anecdotes aside, it wasn't just local celebrities that were biting the dust. During the Great Recession a ton of "for sale signs" went up on properties all around Lake Minnetonka. The bank I worked at got taken over by the feds, their executive team and board replaced. Our competitor on the "other side of the lake" also had to close up shop. And there were a lot less boats at hot spots like "Lord Fletchers" and "Sunsets" (popular places people with other people's money like to spend other

people's money). It wouldn't be until a full decade later of money printing and artificially low interest rates would Lake Minnetonka return to normal, but the sheer amount of for sale signs, foreclosures, drop in boat traffic, piss poor financial statements, and other economic indicators in 2008 showed me that this "laughable, comical, cartoonish" level of wealth I saw on Lake Minnetonka was precisely that - it didn't exist. Nearly every house on Lake Minnetonka was a house of cards built on debt and only a very few people who lived there actually had any cash flow or genuine wealth to the level they could legitimately claim they could ***AFFORD*** to live on Lake Minnetonka.

Return to Lake of the Isles

By this time I had moved out of the Twin Cities and would only return to get Sebastian Joe's ice cream, Rumpleminze at Mancini's, martinis at Jax's Cafe, or whiskey at Lee's Liquor Lounge. However, a run around "the lakes" had become a tradition for me and if time permitted it, I would run it. And in 2008 what was happening on Lake Minnetonka was also happening at my beloved Lake of the Isles.

For sales signs were up. Some foreclosure signs too. I recall a house or two that had construction stalled and were temporarily boarded up. But unlike Lake Minnetonkans where their borrow-and-pray strategy was failing, the Lake of the Isles-ians were simply running out of trust-fund money. These homes were built long ago on business empires that were sold long ago. And unless you were a lucky baby boomer like Mark Dayton and they empire your grandfather had left you was in the billions, many-o-baby boomer trust funders were simply unable to afford the egregious marxist property taxes they kept voting in upon themselves.

But whereas the "for sale" signs on Lake Minnetonka was vindicating for me, the "for sale" signs on Lake of the Isles were somewhat stinging and depressing. 15 years previous I had ran around past those homes scores of times, viewing them as invincible castles of wealth, prosperity, and stability. They were the foundation of what I wanted and what I built my dreams off of. I wanted the warm, cozy fire on a -5 Christmas Eve night. I wanted the nuclear family that was SURELY in that home, with a beautiful wife who could be cooking for me. I wanted those awesome Christmas gifts. And I wanted the millions of dollars that was SURELY in the bank account that would ensure I would never have to worry about affording food, lodging, clothing, or a heat bill ever again.

The "for sale" signs and "foreclosure" signs made me realize these houses, and thus my dream, was never a reality, and thus a possibility. The warm lights at night I saw were not reflecting upon a stable nuclear family, but a standard, typically baby boomer couple who were likely going to get divorced. The fire place I saw was not heating up a stable nuclear family, but a spoiled rotten brat family whose trust fund had made their kids soft and likely on drugs. And the perfectly ordained Christmas lights were not put up because of any kind of Christmas cheer, but perhaps a competition to keep up with the "Pillsbury

the IV" or a "Dayton the VII." Like other people who inherited their wealth, it was soon squandered and any stability I thought I saw was never there.

The House on Lake Minnetonka That Never Was

Even with my dreams dashed in front of me, running around Lake of the Isles in 2007, it wasn't until a full 9 years later did I fully comprehend, recognize, and appreciate the importance of the lesson presented to me at that time. I knew I was sad. I knew it was depressing to see those houses and what I thought was in them go away. But it didn't fully crystalize into an understandable epiphany for my frontal lobes to understand concretely until I was on another boat 9 years later on Lake Minnetonka.

This time it was my buddy Bob's boat. We were riding with his parents who were one of the lucky few to actually OWN AND AFFORD a house on Lake Minnetonka. It was a beautiful summer evening, no mosquitoes, no wind, and thus a smooth-as-glass lake to ride across on this small, humble pontoon boat. A couple beers in we were just skirting the shoreline. Bob's folks were telling us about the different houses and the neighbors. And while nothing particularly interesting was said aside from when the house was bought, or whether they were nice neighbors or not, when we got to a particularly nice looking house Bob's mom said,

"*Oh, that's the Johnson's house. That poor woman. She'll never make her business go.*"

I asked, "*What's her business?*" To which Bob's mom said, "*Mary Kay.*"

It took a bit to register, but I looked back at the house as we had passed it. Here was this $400,000 McMansion of a house. The property of which it sat on was easily $2 million. And the wife of the household is *selling Mary Kay*?

Then it finally hit me.

Be it a house on Lake of the Isles or a mansion on Lake Minnetonka, every expensive, beautiful house is like this. Nearly every house - whether it's a mansion, a McMansion, a castle, or palatial estate - every house is a house of cards, a display, an act, a facade. Very few people actually have the money to own their houses (like Bob's parents), but even if they did the Norman Rockwell life we picture inside these homes does not exist. 90% of the case because they money really isn't there. It's just borrowed money they don't have. But also because in 90% of the cases the people themselves are not who we imagine them to be. They are divorced, on the verge of bankruptcy, trust fund babies, from broken homes, running money-losing hobbies, constantly fighting against one another, banging the secretary, banging the pool boy, or relying on Mary Kay to make ends meet. And while as a young person you may understandably be led to believe that a rich house and the life you think you see in it is what you want, it's more important you

understand how statistically unlikely that is, but also how the people and personal life you lead is more important than the house you have.

Many years ago as a kid I would be invited to another kid's birthday party. We would go to their house and every time I was excited that the house had two things:

1) A color television
2) A second story

Throw in a bunch of toys these kids had in the garage, and I thought these kids were rich. Perhaps they were, perhaps they weren't, but in each and every instance those kids' folks inevitably got divorced. Some filed for bankruptcy. And whatever dream-like wealth, happiness, and stability I thought was there was gone. Worse, it was never there in the first place because no matter whether you have a television or not, a second floor or not, or a garage full of toys or not, it was the minority of instances you had a stable, loving family that did not get divorced or have problems.

This has two major ramifications that will help you out in life, especially if you are younger and just starting to assess what you would want most out of life.

First, do not focus on what society tells you you should want. There's nothing wrong with beautiful homes, rich homes, even palatial estates if you can afford them. And there is nothing wrong with actually being rich. But unless these homes house stable, loving relationships either through the form of a family or spouse, it doesn't matter how beautiful or expensive the house is. You will be miserable. Additionally, unless you are one of the rare 10% who can actually afford your home, then that home will simply become the financial bane of your existence making your life infinitely worse, even if you do in fact like on Lake Minnetonka. Yes, I'm sure it was nice living on Lake Minnetonka or Lake of the Isles either on trust fund money or borrowed money for that short decade you lived there. But once it ran out and you had to return the Lotus, your life will forever be inferior henceforth.

Second, envy. I cannot emphasize enough how envy, jealousy and greed ruins millions of people's lives. You simply see somebody who you THINK has more than you and at best you envy that person to become like them, but more likely you envy that person and hate him. That jealousy and hate is not only going to ruin you and lessen your life, but there TRULY is nothing to be jealous or envious of. For every rich, middle aged, gray haired white guy you see driving a convertible Porsche this summer, I'll show you a car loan at 11%, a credit score of 540, alimony payments to a former trophy wife, children who hate him, and an old man who knows he's dying and is vainly trying to give his pointless, meaningless life value with a car he can't afford. For every trophy wife soccer mom driving her SUV to the nail salon, I'll show you a 38 year old woman who is deathly afraid of growing old, deathly afraid of her husband running off with a 28 year old, who is STILL

in the middle school mentality of playing "queen bee" of the social world who actually thinks buying Prada shoes or Gucci handbags gives her statusm AND has to suck dick of a guy she doesn't particularly like because her degree in "Sociology" from St. Kates won't compensate her for the allowance and spending account her husband gives her (which he borrows from the bank of course). These people are just one recessionary hiccup away from losing it all and losing face in front of their equally insolvent and vain faux-rich friends, and what's sad is that "facade," that "face" is all they have in life. Trust me, you don't want to envy them.

What I recommend instead is you focus your efforts, resources, care, and love on your fellow man and surrounding yourself with good, quality people in your life who make you happy. You do not focus on material things be it a car or a house, let alone one that is not truly own, and instead owned by the bank. Because if I learned anything from those houses on Lake of the Isles or Lake Minnetonka it's that

the wealth never existed
the stability was never there
and the happiness was all but a facade.

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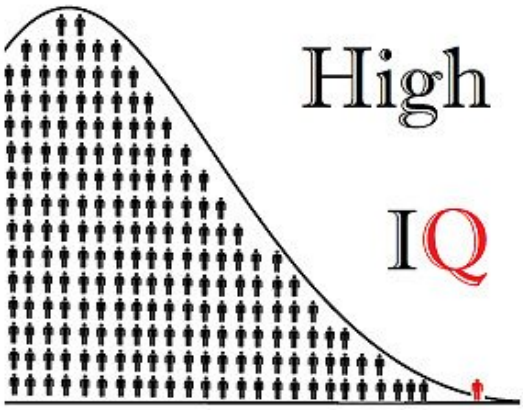

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Cappy on Kerry Lutz's Show!

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Since I'm a lazy bastard and in the middle of cleaning up the northern command for sale, today's standard "Clarey Podcast" will be an interview I had with Kerry Lutz a couple days ago. We talk about the "new northern command," which is a "luxury apartment" building that all Millennials seem to want to live in now. We also discuss the impossibility for millennials to retire if they keep spending $1,500 a month on rent and $8 for avocado and toast. Tune in!

There's No Such Thing as Journalism or Journalists Anymore

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This was forced in front of my face as headline news on Bing, the search engine I prefer.

It is headline news because that's where the new is - on main search engines or the landing page when you log out of e-mail.

Here's the problem and I do not intend to besmirch the dead - she wasn't a journalist.

I hold myself as the bottom of the barrel metric when it comes to relevance, journalism or the media industry. I have a mere 7,000 twitter followers and this here blog. I never aimed to be nor claim to be a "journalist." And if you are a professional journalist you should have a WAAAAY larger social media pull than my pathetic ass. This "journalist" had less.

This journalist also got killed protesting which indicates to me she had an agenda and a narrative, a crusade in which she cared more about than reporting the news and actually being a journalist.

There is so much that is not said in this article about journalism and journalists I'll probably expand on it in my podcast, but for now, realize that journalism and journalists do not exist anymore. It's just a bunch of kids on the internet with pet causes, causes of which at times end up in tragic deaths that should have never occurred had you just been an actual journalist and not an activist.

Tee Hee, I'm Majoring in Journalism!!!!

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Oops. No you ain't.

Oh well. Weren't going to really be a productive member of society anyway.

How to Find a Woman Who Can Cook

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You are asking for the impossible in today's women.
Instead you should simply try to find a traditional woman and have her learn to cook.

Why the Left is a Bigger Threat than the Right

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Rogan Ruins Adam on Everything

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Once Adam did the "debunking the alpha male" and his citing sources was a bit shoddy, I stopped really paying attention to the show.

Payback, however, is a bitch for doing shoddy work and promoting an agenda over reality.

Academic Composition is Always Hiring Those Who Want to Work Remotely

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When Leftists Punish Themselves

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AKA "Seattle is Dying." (this is a lengthy documentary so it isn't a short video)

If you wanted an abbreviated version, tune into this episode of The Masculine Geek around the 7 minute mark where they discuss it.

Men Will Never Like Fat Chicks

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Ever.

No matter how much you protest, whine, complain, or call people Nazis, even if you have the entirety of the US federal, state, and local governments budgets, you women will NEVER convince men being fat is beautiful. You will waste more calories of energy complaining about genetic reality than had you hit the freaking gym and lost the weight. And the only people who will lose in the end of this impossible battle will be the fat women who wasted their lives trying to make water dry, light dark, and fat sexy.

It's Not Your Job to Unpack Her Desires

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Economics and War

For the past couple of years I've been binging on war and battle documentaries and podcasts. In part to learn history. In part to learn about military tactics. But also in part because I find it a fascinating study on economics. Specifically the complete and total ignoring of it. Because in nearly every instance of battle, war, and invasion the winner always had better economics. And had the opponent in the war merely took the time to measure and assess their resources and economic efficiency against their adversary, most wars would have never been fought, millions of lives never lost, and thousands of economies never ruined.

Still, even to this day, economics I believe plays a subdued or unrecognized role in warfare and battle. WWII is about the only war where resources maybe made it to the forefront, perhaps the frontal cortex of the Allies' brains. But Hitler and Hirohito failed miserably to assess their economics versus the Allies and millions died and perished because of it. Had Hitler and Hirohito just had better economics, WWII would have never started.

Still, this is the price we pay as a society for mis-measuring other countries' economics and economic potential. Millions dead. Economies destroyed. Centuries lost. And hundreds of millions of affected family members. And so if we can do a better job assessing economic reality, we stand to gain tremendously as a global society.

But there are other instances where accurately assessing your adversaries' resources and economics comes into play. It could be business, law, education, the drug trade - any instance where "game theory" would apply and there is not-so-much another enemy or adversary, but another "player" you are going up against in some form of competition. Accurately assessing these other players' economics is vital, and can save you inordinate time, labor, money, and resources, even your life. And while I cite war as the most costly example of mis-reading your adversary's economics, more common (and *almost* as

costly) today is modern day men attempting to court modern day women.

How Many Trillions Did You Spend?

I first came to this epiphany when reading Roosh's book "Game." I observed for a man that the leftist-media paints as a misogynist, his book was the most pro-female book ever written. The reason why I concluded this is that though his book is intended to help men get laid, the hurdles, chores, responsibilities, and requirements he demands of men to meet girls is incredibly high. Men must work out, strategize, forecast, study, major in the right thing, work hard, and predict women's every want and desire. They must dote on every possible whim of women from here on into eternity. And if you looked at what was being asked of men in order to "get women" it was incredibly dedicating, committing, even sacrificial on the part of men. No book written by women even came close to asking of women what "Game" asked of men.

The Red Man Group also contributed to the realization and crystalization of this epiphany. Tune into any one of their high-quality shows, and you'll find that the majority of their time is not so much spent on pick up tactics, advocation of hitting the gym, or talk of TRT, but understanding the psychology of women. Like Roosh writing "Game," The Red Man Group bends over backwards to investigate, understand, and accommodate for women and women's psychology. Again, I ask, "where is the female equivalent of such accommodations to recognize and accommodate for men's psychology?"

We could go on, but in nearly every case, blog, podcast, or vlog in the red pill community, men are spending inordinate amounts of time, labor, and resources trying to figure out what women want and delivering that to them. And whereas you may find that sad or degrading - all these men wasting their lives trying to "figure out women" - the truth is that is what men are programmed to desire most in life - women. And I can't shame or belittle anybody for following their genetic programming, simply because they don't have a choice. No matter how bad things get, men will continue to want and desire women, and therefore there will always be a forum, discussion, or debate as to how to be successful in that endeavor. This in a sense "condemns" men to spending at least a significant amount of their mental faculties opining about women (but will also thankfully provide us "red pill professionals" life long employment).

There is, however, a problem.

If women weren't difficult enough to "figure out," things have gotten a lot more complicated over the past 50 years. Because if "men of yore" couldn't figure out women over the millennia, modern day men have a whole new level of complexity to work through. And this complexity comes from feminism.

I don't say "this complexity comes in the *form* of feminism" because feminism is the

philosophical incentive, motivation, or drive to create the form, not the form itself. But you are all too familiar with the form that feminism has manifested itself in - the IMMEASURABLE amounts of time, labor, resources, and economics that has been spent over the past 50 years propagandizing, and ultimately warping modern day women.

From school to media to government to affirmative action to college to careers to Corporate America to fashion to even psychology, nearly every facet, aspect, segment and industry within the western world has either in part of fully dedicated INCREDIBLE amounts of resources and economics to turning women into something they're simply not. Women shouldn't be mothers, they should be workers. They shouldn't be providers, they should be tax payers. They shouldn't be feminine, they should be masculine. They shouldn't be women, they should be men. The tragedy of psychologically eliminating women from society is only outdone by the irony that "feminism" absolutely loathes, detests, and wishes to eradicate femininity.

But this issue revisits our discussion before about economics - how much precisely has been spent on indoctrinating women to go against their genetic code and become men? And an even more important question - how much in resources do you think uncoordinated men can muster individually against such a well-financed feminist-war machine?

There is no way to measure it to the penny, but the amount of economics spent on brainwashing women into non-women is easily within the trillions. The amount in education spending alone is within the trillions as hundreds of millions of women have gone through decades of education with nearly a trillion per year spent on K-college education. Not all of that is feminist propaganda of course (I'm sure 40 cents was spent on reading, writing and arithmetic), but over the past 40 years my economic eye estimates easily multiple trillions of dollars (in today's money) has been spent by the education industry on the past two generations of women to turn them into non-women.

There's the media which, even pre-dating Oprah, has promoted women becoming non-women. Be it The View, Oprah herself, Hollywood, the MSM, online rags like Salon, or the numberless number of non-profits that promote feminism in some form, nearly ALL of media is telling women to become a Captain Marvel and not a June Cleaver. Here again you could argue trillions in actual financial dollars was spent brainwashing women in western media. But I would argue the non-monetary value of propaganda carries more economic value than the dollars spent themselves as it forms women's life goals and dreams, forcing them in turn to spend their entire life resources on feminist-dictated life goals.

Corporate America is a SPECTACULAR feminist success. Women are not only going into trillions of dollars in student loan debt to pursue a career, but will waste their youth commuting, parking, getting CPE, all to climb that Cheryl Sandberg corporate ladder. The

money women make alone also generates trillions in tax dollars for the governments. And let's not forget the trillions spent over the years on outsourcing their children to other government, feminist friendly institutions such as day care, schools, pre-k, and at times the juvenile justice system.

Corporate America also grants women purchasing power and financial independence. One would hope they would spend that money on a 401k, IRA, and sensible housing, but sadly the fashion industry cashes in on this feminist-inspired financial boon as well. With (more like only) "hundreds of billions" in "rah-rah-you-go-girl-ism" advertising, the fashion industry can quickly part these ~~fools~~ women from their money to buy shoes, handbags, trinkets, "flirtini's," overpriced luxury apartments, and the Sex and the City lifestyle they were promised on TV. And since men aren't needed, companies like Target are now aggressively promoting plus size models because 'beauty has no number." Matter of fact beauty is on the inside, so women can now self-mutilate their bodies with piercings and tattoos (though this is only a $3 billion a year industry).

And then there's the psychology/pharmaceutical industry. If at anytime trying to be something your not starts to take its toll or your "Masters in Creative Writing" doesn't land you a 6 figure job, but your 6 figure student loan debts *might* be causing some stress, that's alright, you can just pop a pill. Popping a pill so much in fact that 1 in 4 women are on anti-depressants (that's just ONE drug, I was too lazy to care to look up statistics on others). Again, I'm too lazy to look up the stats, but billions in economic resources more is also spent here to propagate the feminist narrative...or at least keep women from waking up to it.

I could go on, but when you add up the totality of what society spends in its entirety both in terms of financial and non-financial resources to brainwash women with feminism, and you compare that to the paltry amount the entire red pill community could possible muster to counter that, you'll quickly realize this is like the Somali pirates trying to take on the USS Ronald Reagan. The red pill community, no matter how right, simply doesn't have the resources to counter the trillions of dollars and the trillions of hours and the decades of years that have been invested brainwashing today's women into being non-women

Equilibrium is a Bitch

But as is always with economics, the Law of Equilibrium is always upheld. And while women may have been brilliantly and successfully propagandized into being non-women, there is a cost and a consequence. Because no matter how many trillions in resources, trillions of hours, and decades of propaganda have been invested into turning women into non-women, genetics and biology will never go away. And truth be told, women's genetics and biology is more powerful than all the government money in the world. So when these two forces collide

- the trillions in economics spent on propagandizing women into feminism

and

- genetic reality

like a meteor hitting a planet a massive explosion takes place.

This explosion manifests itself in a horrifically tearing and painful situation for women. It pits women's biological reality against a totalitarian-and-forced propagandized reality. And so women are unfortunately forced to choose between what their body and instincts are ~~telling~~ screaming at them, versus what the ENTIRE AUTHORITATIVE WORLD is demanding of them. And here I truly feel sad for them because it's an impossible situation.

Though anecdotal, you can ask any psychologist or therapist who talks to young women today and they will say when all the puffing of their feminist chests are gone, these girls sheepishly admit all they want is to get married and have children. Some will even say they don't want to go to college, but do so because their parents, teachers, and society forces them to. And you don't even need to eavesdrop on therapists' anecdotes, I'm sure many of you have ran into a drunk woman who in her moment of weakness-inspired-truth confesses she really just wants to get married and have kids.

But what is interesting, as well as it is telling AND INSTRUCTIVE, is which side the majority of modern day women inevitably choose. Yes, some rare women have the strength and courage to truly be independent minded, deciding to be a stay at home mom or a supporting wife. But unfortunately, most go with the hive. Most go with their synthesized feminist programming. Most do not exercise critical thinking and let society do the thinking for them. They choose the world feminism has bludgeoned them to choose. And since this goes against their genetic programming, they now have a life of living in denial.

Living in denial has major costs and consequences, namely psychological damage. And you can see this in the contradictory (and what I can only assume to be "maddening") behaviors of women.

For example the party girl who goes out partying with her girlfriends, has her bitchshields up, rejects the advances of nearly every man to get an arrogance-high...but then cries herself to sleep at night because she can't find a man.

The college-educated careerist who ***has to know*** how menopause works and ***must know*** the basics of "the biological clock," ...yet waits until her youth and beauty (and thus ability to attract a man) is all but gone to freeze her eggs, resorting to a surrogate birth mother to MAYBE have a child at 53.

There's the quarterly story of a woman who decides to marry a pirate ghost, her dog, her cat, a ferris wheel, or perhaps herself because she just "can't find a man."

Nearly every young woman now ships off to college, most of which will major in a completely worthless subject while incurring crippling levels of debt, making the whole endeavor not pointless, but damaging. She will forever be confused why she isn't making enough to just get by as her student debts compound exponentially, consequently lessening her chances of finding a quality man who would ever bail her out of such a mistake.

Perhaps my favorite, where you really see genetics duking it out with feminism is where women WILL partially adhere to their biology and have a child...but in 80% of the cases will abandon the child to go back to work. Bravo feminism, you made commutes, cubicles, and taxes more appealing than raising your own children.

And another instance where genetics gets into the ring with feminism, but loses in the end is where women will have children...but 43% of the time it's out of wedlock. I'm sure there's no psychological damage or problems in broken, non-nuclear homes.

We could go on with instances where women either swallow the feminist propaganda whole or try to hybrid it by having their cake and eating it too, but the result is a life of misery, insanity, delusion, and depression. But what it also is, is a life of contradiction. Because while they're living the life they've been told to, they are not living the life they want to. Yet at the same time, since they put their lot in with Team Feminism, they need to rationalize away this contradiction. Otherwise they have to admit to themselves that their entire life, their entire efforts, all their education, all their entire existence on this planet as been a mistake, and they will have to start all over again at square one. And it is this contradiction that adds a thick, impenetrable, impossible level of insanity.

An impenetrable level of insanity you boys must figure out if you're ever to be successful with modern day women.

Not My Mess. Not My Problem.

Previous to feminism, women already spoke a completely different language than men. Frustrating as that may have been for the "men of yore" over the millennia, it was also what made women cute, endearing, lovely, and charming to us. It was a game to play. A flirt to master. A spar to win. But now in addition to woo-master and charmer, it's your job to play....

economist,
psychologist,

neurologist,
biologist,
psychotherapist,
political scientist,
male feminist,
player,
PUA,
gym rat,
high-earner,
gamer, and
sociologist

all to sift through the psychological, insane bullshit and get to what she really wants.

Worse, women are not the only ones propagandized into feminism. Men have been fed an equal diet of BS about how women like "sensitive, caring men," "be yourself," and "support women" which GREATLY handicapped and cost us in our youth. No doubt many of you men had a long, arduous journey to deprogram yourself from the lies of feminism, and it's even debatable as to whether you have any energy left to now tackle this impossible task ahead of you today. Regardless, the point is whether it's worth your time and effort to not only already figure women out on their "basic" genetic level, but to unpack their true desires out of the miles-deep, feminist-created propaganda and insanity.

And I would argue no.

Not only are men woefully outgunned and out-organized in this war, we simply aren't equipped to handle what is essentially a nation-wide, culture-wide mental illness. I already have a hard enough time being a ballroom dancing, mountain hiking, motorcycling economist. I do not have the training nor inclination to be a therapist, psychologist, sociologist, strategist, or pick up artist. Additionally, there just isn't enough time in the day for your average man to go to school, go to work, make a living, pay the bills, pay taxes, save up for retirement AND invest what is required to become a triple-doctorate in female psychology and sexuality to bend over backwards for women to "finally" figure out what they want a bring it to the surface. It was hard enough to get women to go out with you when they liked men. Now that they are competitors (at best) or adversaries (at worst) against men, each man must really sit and think about whether you'll get an acceptable ROI on your individual economics should you pursue women today.

Why Cappy is Wrong

Yet at the same time, I am philosophically wrong. Because we can talk philosophically

about ROI all day or do you want to "go ghost" or "MGTOW," but in the end, just as women's genetic and biological hardwiring is undeniable, so are yours. And while the majority of women prefer to stick their heads in the sand when it comes to this reality, at least men acknowledge we want women, we desire women, and its the most important thing we want in life. It's why men in the Red Pill community may be beleaguered and embattled, but at least we're sane compared to our female counterparts. Therefore, acknowledging this reality, it is YOUR responsibility to unpack her desires because if you don't, who will? But if you're going to embark and this herculean task, do it wisely.

This is where Red Pill community provides incredible value, because even though the journey will be long and arduous, there's at least the path painted for your inevitable success. Stalwarts such as Roosh, Rollo, the Red Man Group, Cooper, Popp, and many, many others have spent THOUSANDS of hours researching, theorizing, opining, assessing, failing, trial-and-erroring, and ultimately deriving strategies and tactics that at best "kinda work." Better still, you won't have to master all the shoes of "psychologist, therapist, sociologist, PUA, gym rat, etc." just to suss out "what women really want." There are better, more efficient, more effective tactics that work, even if you need to mine through 5,000 feet of feminist granite insanity.

But if you're going to ignore the red pill, or perhaps write it off as the hate group it's not, or just dismiss it thinking you'll be able to navigate the insane world of conflicted female nature, be prepared for not only failure, but a world of hurt. Your genetics and biological hard-wiring condemn us all to the pursuit and desire of women. And unless you're one of the few truly individualistic men who can go old-school-MGTOW, you and everybody else are going to go up against a much larger, better-financed, better-equipped, and better-organized enemy. It is perfectly acceptable, even moral and self-respecting to refuse to help women out of a mental illness they inflicted upon themselves. But if you're going to fling yourself on the insane Omaha Beach of modern women, I suggest you at least train, if not master the red pill before doing so.

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The Older Brother Podcast #41 - The "Women in Tech Regatta" Episode

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Cappy gets a link from TJ Martinell about Seattle's "Women in Tech Regatta" and it's PRECISELY the worthless, cringey mess he thought it was. He discusses:

"Allyship"
"Story telling" now an adult profession.
"Life coaches, influences, and consultants."
Your vagina has no value.
How young sisters can actually CLOSE the wage gap.
and a fat broad blames her fatness on white people.

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Socialism: The Religion of Millennials

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I chat with Brett of The School Sucks Project about the Millennial generation and how their point and purpose in life was SPECIFICALLY designed and prescribed to them - socialism. We then talk about how school (from K to college) was instrumental in getting Millennials to ONLY have socialism as their ONLY value in life and what a sad and pathetic life that must be.

I'd tell Gen Z to tune in, but they're too busy becoming Millennials v. 2.0 as we speak. Still, an intellectually stimulating conversation for those with an IQ above 110.

The Clarey Podcast Weekend Double Header

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Due to backed up articles of insane people and fan mail, Cappy does two episodes in one day of The Clarey Podcast and Asshole Consulting Live, starring Chad Elkins.

The Clarey Podcast - The "Stupid People" Episode includes:

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Feminist Restaurant Closes in Oz
Cuckservative Fathers' Raising Insufferable Feminist Cuyuntahahhaaas
Fan Mail.

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Traditional Gen Z Girls Looking for Husbands and Kids

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For any of you Gen Z girls looking for dating advice, especially if you don't want to end up like the Baby Boomer, Gen X, or Millennial women, consider the video below:

And yes, business is a-booming at Asshole Consulting!

The Older Brother Podcast #42 - The Return of John Steele Episode

April 30, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy, Chad, and John Steele field a ton of superchat questions as well as discuss:

Taking action versus talking about it
How to become a podcaster
Graduating from college at 16
Wiccan chicks are GREAT in the sack
Seattle Times is not journalism
Scott Greenstone is a hack. TJ Martinell is a Journalist.
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Cheerleaders Chad and Cappy would have

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Honk Honk Seattle

May 2, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Another reason you don't live in Seattle or King County.

I think what Seattle needs to come back to its former greatness is MORE liberalism. That'll get the city going!

Smart Kids, Even Average Ones, Should Be Able to Skip High School

May 7, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This should be more common.

Most kids, if they sit the f down and study AND they have an IQ above 110, they should easily be able to graduate from high school by middle school and go directly to college.

Older Brother Podcast #43 - The "Purpose of American Men" Episode

May 7, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy, Chad and Atham discuss:

Shawshank Redemption sucked.
No Cappy has NOT seen "The Godfather"
What American Men Should Live For
Options vs. Futures.
High Schoolers try to get free ashole consulting.
FORCING equality on women.
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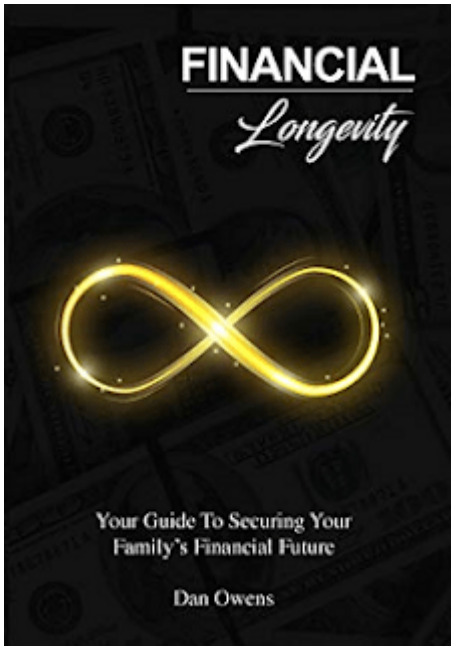
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Home Schooling will Eliminate School Shootings

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Eliminate the schools if you want to eliminate school shootings.

But that would get in the way of your career and require a parent stay home.

Seeking Arrangement Might Just Burst the College Bubble

May 9, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

There are THREE WARNINGS for this article.
1. This article contains links and discussion about porn and pornographic sites. You have been warned.
2. This article is also written from a cold, clinical, empiricist economic viewpoint absent of any human emotion which you will find more insulting. You have also been warned.
*3. This article is about a solid **45 minute read.** It's not for those of you with the attention span of goldfish or millennials. Be careful reading it. Your intellect might be stimulated*

"Ole Man Clarey's" Ignorance of Tentacle Porn

Like every red-blooded man on the planet, I have looked at porn on the internet. Anybody who tells you any different is a liar. And, like every red-blooded man on the planet, I have also had a microscopic tinge of shame in this fact. However, I earned myself a bit of a reprieve listening to a podcast-colleague of mine, Chris Bechtloff.

Since Chris and his co-hosts are friends/colleagues of mine, he and his co-hosts occasionally give me guff on the show. They laugh and guffaw at "Ole Man Clarey" and his quaint, outdated Gen X's ways. So when they found out I had no idea what on god's green Earth "tentacle porn" was, they could not rush me the links fast enough to this whole new world of depravity I wish I had never found out existed. Traumatizing as "tentacle porn" was, however, it did make me feel ***a hell of a lot better*** about my

comparably-pure-as-the-driven-snow porn tastes. Good ole fashioned American "big tits, long legs, and lingerie" is almost saintly compared to some of the darker "Bechtloffian" niches of the porn world, and so whatever microscopic tinge of guilt I once had was now fully erased by those dagnabbit millennials and their warped, depraved porn habits.

But "tentacle porn" was not the most eye-opening of the sites they sent me to. Matter of fact, not by a long shot. For while "tentacle porn" is truly bizarre and disturbing, it is in actuality cartoon porn (don't ask), not involving actual, real, live humans. And me being the libertarian I am, who am I to judge people's porn preferences? If people want to watch cartoon, Japanese "tentacle porn," let them. They're not hurting anybody. No crime, no foul.

Enter in "Chaturbate.com"

Chaturbate

"Chaturbate.com" is simply a pornographic web-cam site. I can say "simply" now because now I know what a "web-cam site" actually is. But at the time I had no idea and didn't even understand the concept of it. Regardless, a web cam site is essentially an online strip club where girls will perform pretty much every possible, conceivable sexual act online, taking tips and donations from virtual strip-club goers. It's streamed live through women's web-cams and men can throw money at them all day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year from around the globe.

Unlike Japanese, cartoon, tentacle porn, these girls are very real. And the sex acts they perform are also very real. But even more real than that is the absurd amounts of money both Chaturbate Inc and these "digital strippers" make. There are no industrial classification codes at the BEA, but your average webcam girl can make anywhere between $50-$100 an hour - more than an engineering major is going to make fresh out of college (perhaps more in line with what a surgeon makes). However, because a girl can't be "camming" 24-7 this pro-rates out to more like $1,000-$4,000 a month, translating into either rent money or a modest salary most people can live on (though some of the top webcam models make $50K a month or more).

But what I found most fascinating about Chaturbate was the ruthless economics of this business model - both for the strip club industry, as well as its webcam girls themselves. First, it has completely obsoleted the brick and mortar strip club. You no longer need the capital investment costs of a building, stage, stripper pole, cocktail bar, even furniture. You just need some servers and some web design. The "stage" is the room that the web cam girl decides to set up in. Second, you don't need staff or a bouncer either to serve the attendees drinks or to kick them out. This ~~lowers~~ ***eliminates*** labor, as well as insurance costs, allowing for more profit to be divvied up between Chaturbate Inc and the strippers. Third, the women themselves needn't suffer the physical presence of strip club

goers. It's safer, cleaner, more hygienic, and I'm sure a lot less mentally taxing than grinding against random guys you don't like and don't care about for hours on end. Fourth, girls get to "telecommute." I know perhaps this isn't a main selling point for strippers/web-cam girls, but it is a convenience you can just plug in a web cam and go, instead of having to drive down to a shady part of town and worry about some stalker following you out to your car. Finally, supply and demand is 59% global. You might ask "what do you mean 59% global?" And what I mean by that is 59% of the world's population has access to the internet, meaning both men (demanders) and women (suppliers) can be entering this market 24-7. This means instead of just having 3-4 strippers on a stage at any given time, you can have THOUSANDS of women globally "stripping" at one time. Also, of particular benefit to women, instead of only having the legal fire-code building capacity of a strip club (say 200 people) you have (in theory) 2.2 BILLION men in this strip club (all the men who have access to the internet). This not only means more tippers, but multiple tippers at one time as you are not performing a lap dance for any one man (thus prohibiting you from giving a lap dance to another) and can serve multiple, even hundreds of men at the same time. This can translate into hundreds, even thousands of dollars an hour in theory.

In nearly every way Chaturbate is superior to strip clubs and stripping. It's more profitable. It's easier to set up (both for strippers and Chaturbate Inc). It's safer for the girls. Cleaner. And infinitely more convenient for both the web cam models as well as the "digital strip club goers." As an economist I find Chaturbate fascinating. And *I do mean that* from an economic, philosophical, and entrepreneurial perspective, not a pornographic one. Chaturbate is truly an amazing case study in business, economics, technology, and entrepreneurship.

But there was something else about Chaturbate that made my economic spidey senses tingle And I actually took the time to grab a piece of paper and a pen. And as I doodled, took notes, and put onto paper the ill-defined epiphany that was trying to get out of my mind, I realized that Chaturbate was much more than that.

Dear god almighty. Much, much more than that.

And the ramifications go well beyond the strip club industry.

The Most Valuable Commodity in the World

To understand the full ramifications of Chaturbate and Chaturbate-like sites we need a critical lesson in economics that is never taught in schools. I say "never taught in schools" because I am the only one to unearth this critical lesson and I have yet to teach it in any school. Furthermore, it's truthful, which means it's politically incorrect, which means even if economics professors knew of this lesson, they wouldn't teach it because, well, truth and reality have no place in today's colleges and universities. And that lesson

is...

Female youth and beauty is the most valuable commodity in the world.

I'll say that again in case you didn't hear me the first time.

Female youth and beauty is the most valuable commodity in the world.

I've pointed this epiphany out before, and I'll point it out again, but what drives this world and has driven it since the dawn of time is not:

Gold
Silver
Oil
Uranium
Iron,
Slave labor, or
Land

It is, without a doubt, female youth and beauty.

Don't believe me?

Look at what men have both created and destroyed to have access to women.

Men (whether you like it or not) have single-handedly built civilization. We build buildings, roads, aqueducts, bridges, and forges all so we can get a beautiful, young woman. We've built cars, planes, trains, automobiles, buses, engines (diesel, regular, solar, electric, even nuclear), boats, barges, helicopters and space shuttles all so we can get a beautiful, young woman. We've unlocked the secrets of chemistry, physics, nuclear science, electricity, biology, neurology, medicine, and metallurgy all so we can get a beautiful, young woman. And we build companies, magnates, industrial combines and empires, even destroying them via wars, all because - when you boil it down - we want young, beautiful women. Female youth and beauty is merely the fuel that powers the male economic engine that has built and created (and destroyed at times) pretty much EVERYTHING in this world.

If you still don't believe me, let me ask you - what do young men today spend the majority of their time on? It is the pursuit of women. Going to the gym, going to the tailor, dieting, running marathons, going to the bars, going to night clubs, dating sites, swiping left, swiping right - all the pursuit of women. Our work and studying, where we slave away for *decades*, first at school, then at work, is not so much that we can have great, well-paying careers, but rather that we can get women. And the stuff we buy with

our well-paying careers we don't even spend on ourselves as it is the sports cars, overpriced-McMansions, stupid ass clothes, useless jewelry, granite countertops, and European vacation we use to woo women. Even the loser men of society, who seemingly are not participating in the rat-race-pursuit of women, still pursue women in a metaphorical sense. It's just instead of going to the gym, getting a STEM degree, a good career, and financial success, they opt instead to look at porn in their parents' basement.

Porn of what?

Fat women?
Old women?
Fat old, tatted up, pierced women with gray hair and a Masters Degree in Social Work?

No.

The porn of ***young, beautiful*** women.

If women did not exist men truly would just be living in caves, occasionally going out to hunt for food and at best, AT BEST, some creative cave man might have created poker along the way just so we'd have something to do inside the cave during downtime.

The larger point is since men have built civilization, created and discovered nearly everything, and work harder and in harder subjects, we earn and make the lion's share of the world's income, giving us the most purchasing power in the world. And the number one thing we demand is female youth and beauty, making female youth and beauty the most sought after, and thus most expensive commodity on the planet. Thus while:

a barrel of oil costs $69
a cord of wood, $150.
and a ton of steel costs $730

NONE OF THOSE THINGS even comes close to the resources (both in terms of time and money) men spend on:

A wedding ring,
An unnecessary SUV.
An unnecessary McMansion men don't need
Bailing a wife out of her student loans
Decades out in the night clubs
Decades going out on and paying for hundreds of dates
A sports car to "pick up chicks"

And if you *still* don't think female youth and beauty are the most expensive commodity in

the world...

...just ask Jeff Bezos what he ended up paying for his first wife.

So say it with me now - "Female youth and beauty is the most valuable commodity in the world because the world simply would not exist without it."

Converting Beauty into Money

The problem facing women in the past was how to convert or "cash in" on their youth and beauty. Traditionally, and across all cultures, this was done through marriage. The "social contract" was that women would provide men their love, affection, support, and sexual access, raise the kids and keep the home, while men would go out, work, make the money, toil in the fields, get killed in war and provide for the family. Some might argue this was barbaric. I would argue this was nature's way (again, why else across ALL cultures was this the standard). But whether this arrangement was good or bad is moot. It was what it was. Women converted their youth and beauty into resources by having sex with a man who would provide those resources.

This 2 million year old social contract was upended and replaced, however, and very recently so. Because with rapid advances in technology, women's suffrage, democracy, and the elimination of traditional gender roles, women were no longer relegated to the home to rear and tend to the children. Like men, they were allowed to go out and work, support themselves, own property, etc., freeing them from the expectation that they would have to exchange sex for resources, putting their own livelihoods in their own hands. Furthermore, to cement this "new contract", the traditional role of men was replaced with the government. The ultimate authority and responsibility in providing for a woman (and any children she might have) would no longer be men or an individual man, but the taxpayer through the state. Thus, while men still made the lion's share of economic production, individual husbands would no longer pay individually to support an individual wife in exchange for sex. Men (and working women) would pay communally for all women (and any consequential children) via the government, and sex would be incidental. For the first time in human history women were truly free from men, and it was thanks to this "second social contract."

But before women get too excited about this "second social contract" and the freedoms it has afforded them, it gets even better. Because the internet has provided for what could be considered a "third social contract" that combines the best aspects of the previous two with the drawbacks of none.

Old habits die hard, especially 2 million year old ones. And just because women no longer need men, and men no longer need women, it doesn't mean men's genetic and biological desire for female youth and beauty has gone away. Furthermore, men still

make the majority of money, produce the majority of GDP, and control the majority of wealth. So whatever success feminism has had in freeing women from being resource-dependent upon men, the fact still remains female youth and beauty is still the most valuable commodity in the world and men have most of the purchasing power. Thus, even if women are taken care of via themselves or the state, they can still convert their beauty into cash as an "added bonus" if they wish to do so.

The problem was in the past (whether under the "first or second social contracts") directly converting your youth and beauty into money required either prostitution, stripping, or mistressing, all of which come with an abundance of problems and complications of their own. Prostitution was (and still is) largely illegal, socially shunned, and the risk of STD's doesn't need pointing out. Stripping may be legal, but there's the risk of drugs, slipping into prostitution, abuse, stalkers, pimps, mental illness and the whole underworld of stripping. And though mistressing is perhaps the "healthiest," it also takes a toll on marriages and any children unfortunately indirectly involved. But all of these problems have one thing in common. One thing, that if eliminated, eliminates all these drawbacks without lessening the benefits - the physical presence of a man.

So if you can get rid of the physical presence of the man, all these drawbacks go away, but the benefits remain.

And the internet allows women to do precisely this.

The Digital World is Better Than the Real One

STD's, pimps, drugs, abuse, stalkers, possessive men, and even the inconvenience of the physical presence of an annoying man, all these problems are eliminated by the internet. We highlighted these pro's before by delving into the revolutionary business model of "Chaturbate." But the ramifications (and benefits) that the internet has for women goes well beyond the mere obsoleting of the strip club industry. Additionally, there have been some sociological changes as well that makes this "new and improved third contract" a drastic improvement over the previous two.

First, underpinning all of this is the increasing reliance (and preference) for digital relationships over real world ones. It is no secret that Millennials-and-younger increasingly rely on social media for their social lives, but it is also the case with sexual ones. Impossible as it may seem (since sex by definition is PHYSICAL), millions of Millennial boys prefer to jerk off to internet porn than engage in the daunting and costly task of pursuing a girl in the real world. "*Why spend all that time in the gym, classroom, traffic and office when I can just jerk off to this girl on Chaturbate for free in my mother's basement?*" And young women's counter to this is "*Why should I have to physically have sex with a guy or show up for a date when I can get attention and resources by flashing my boobies on the internet from **THOUSANDS of men** at the same time?*" It is part

economics, part fear, part laziness, and part technology, but also simply a change in generational behavior that younger people have moved their relationships online (including sexual ones). And though this has resulted in a lot less real-world sex, a lot less dating, even a lot less kissing, it does not negate the fact that it is now more socially acceptable to "have sex online," removing traditional social stigmas surrounding porn and selling one's bodies online. Thus you old, antiquated Gen X'ers and Baby Boomers might think it's shockingly "risque" your wife sends you a nudie pic on the phone. For Millennials-and-younger a girl masturbating herself online is just another Tuesday.

Second, if you look at it from a purely "resource-extracting" perspective, the digital world is just as profitable as the brick and mortar one, just without all the drawbacks. In the US the prostitution industry is estimated to be about $14 billion, while the porn industry (the figures of which are not as precise) are about the same.
However, these statistics only measure what has been traditionally considered "porn." It does not include all the money girls make today online through booming sites like Chaturbate, Seeking Arrangement, Name Your Price, and a score of others. Furthermore, it's practically impossible to measure the millions (perhaps billions?) of private financial transactions online between men and women where women simply "send nudes" or "send pics." Furthermore, if you're going to focus on mere "resource-extraction" a lot of things that aren't porn still are women trading their beauty in for money (cute pics, attention, subscription services, and patreon donations - which we will discuss below).
I'm no economist, but given this wider definition of resources-for-beauty, as well as the booming growth digital female beauty is experiencing online, I would ***very conservatively*** estimate the "Digital Female Beauty Commodity Industry" to be 5 times larger than the analog one today, easily reaching 10 times that in the next 5 years. So yes, most girls today won't be pulling tricks on the street. But what percent of girls today and in the future will pull metaphorical "digital tricks online?" It's safer, easier, and multiple times more profitable, so much so I predict it will become the norm.

Third, what is "pulling a trick?" Thus far we've focused on rather explicit forms of "tricks" where sending nudes is the most innocent of acts and performing sexual acts online is...well...not. But if we are talking about valuing the "Female Youth and Beauty Commodity Industry" simple online porn is waaaaay too narrow a scope and the number and variety of websites out there highlight this.

Chaturbate.com is arguably the most direct prostitution-like site. Women who are willing to perform sexual acts for money will likely go on this site and make more than they would on the street.

You have Instagram.com which, though not a porn site, allows many young women to get a huge fan base of men, many of whom will pay for a webcam show - again, akin to digital prostitution.

Why bother with sites at all? If particularly tech-savvy a girl can program her own site, with her own webcam and use either Skype or some VOIP program to provide men a show, she can cut out the middle man and keep the money to herself.

And who says anything about videos? Apps like "Only Fans" allow women to simply upload nudes online and men pay egregiously for them.

Matter of fact, who said anything about "nudies" or porn at all? Women don't even need to upload porn. Just their mere attention is enough to get men to open their wallets. Remember, there are BILLIONS of desperate men with internet access and either through apps like "Only Fans," Instagram, or "Snapchat" they'll pay for a mere internet exchange or a picture of a girl in a nice dress.

But perhaps the most innocent, non-pornigraphic, respectable way a woman can cash in on her beauty online is to simply become a "thot." Though the term "thot" has a different origin, it now today means a girl who simply uses her looks to garner attention (and thus money) on the internet. The most perfect example is the "conserva-thot" who is a pretty girl who espouses conservative, traditional, and libertarian beliefs not because she actually believes in them, but because it will get her attention and money from non-leftist men starved for traditional women. You can have "gun-thots" (cute girl who talks about guns), "hunting-thots" (cute girl who talks about hunting) even "prepper-thots," but all a girl has to do to get an immediate and 5x's more profitable following on the internet is take something men like and add tits...but without actually showing them.

The point is, women now have an array of online ways to convert their beauty into money, many of which allow a woman to maintain her decorum, even give her a career. If you want to do hardcore porn, by all means go ahead. If you want to run a wholesome, conservative, Christian, traditional housewife website, by all means go ahead. Just make sure to show a touch of cleavage, put on the right heels, and have that Patreon page prominently displayed on your site.

Fourth, the digital world even allows women to pursue a traditional marriage, while making money at the same time. There are sites that have actually *monetized the courting process* (though admittedly, now you have to leave the comforts of internet and go into the real world). And I believe these to be the most interesting and consequential of the (now hundreds) of Beauty-Into-Money sites and apps. The two most notable ones are "SeekingArrangement.com" and "WhatsYourPrice.com."

"Seeking Arrangement" is what is called a "sugar daddy site" which means young, beautiful women look for rich, established men to be their "sugar daddy." The men pay these girls a monthly allowance or STIPEND and these women provide these men their company. This site has a chameleon effect because it can serve different purposes for different people. On the face of it Seeking Arrangement seems an escort site.

Effectively, I'd say it's a legal prostitution site (I have a curiously high number of acquaintances who use the site). Officially, the site claims it is indeed a dating site designed for women who just want to cut through the bull and find themselves a real, potentially, marriageable man. It is in fact all three as its users use it for all three purposes. Still, the point is if a woman wants all the benefits of the old contract (marriage, successful man, resources, safety and stability), but the benefits of the new contract (money for your beauty) without the commitment or expectations, today's internet world allows for that via Seeking Arrangement.

"What's Your Price" is more of a dating site where men pay women for a first date. It may not be as dubious as Seeking Arrangement, but it still allows for women to translate their beauty and youth into money, while also pursuing the chance of a traditional relationship. Admittedly, how it works in the real world may be cringy as hell, but these "sugar baby sites" are a much more preferable way to make money versus doing internet porn.

How Seeking Arrangement Burst the College Bubble

Now when you combine all of the traits and benefits mentioned above, a very interesting "Brave New Digital World" forms. And while women and feminists may like the freedoms afforded to them by the second and third social contracts, you cannot have a "Brave New World" without some parts of the previous contracts being obsoleted or removed. And so just as marriage or the mere the physical presence of a man has now become obsolete by the internet-inspired "third social contract," other traditional things have also become obsolete, especially under the "second social contract."

Namely, careers and education, the most important hallmark of modern day women and feminists.

If we take the time to review this "Brave New World" we have the following situation:

- Women still control the most valuable commodity in the world
- The internet has opened up a whole new industry by which they can convert this commodity into money
- Additionally, the internet is so dynamic and the demand for female beauty so high, women needn't even degrade themselves to pornography or webcaming. There are scores of other completely, socially acceptable ways to do so
- It takes no serious investment, time, or capital for women to convert their beauty into money
- It also doesn't take decades of education or training to convert their beauty into money (bar hitting the gym).
- They can still pursue the first-social-contract promises of a traditional husband and children if they want...*while they're making money*

- And finally, there is no shame or stigma converting beauty into money online (even pornographically) as living online is the new norm for younger generations.

  oh...and by the way...there's just one more thing.

- the pay offered by this "Brave New Digital World" is *infinitely more* than what the second-social-contract offers women. Plus, it's for a fraction of the work and effort demanded by the second-social-contract.

And that spells doom for academia and the careerists.

Young women today are faced with an increasingly attractive alternative to wasting 8 years of their youth, $170,000 of their money on college, and decades of their lives in unfulfilling careers:

On one hand they have their older Millennial female counterparts who are crippled with student loans, approaching 40, not terribly happy, and are slaving away for around $20/hour as a coffee store manager. They can't afford a car. They can't afford their kids. And the only thing they complain about more than their ex-hipster-husband, is that they can't find a job with their "Masters in Creative Writing." But that's OK, because according to the second social contract the government will kick in to help. They get EBT, Obamacare, a student loan deferment program, and an "Earned Income Tax Credit."

What a way to live!

On the other hand there's their friend "Bitsy." "Bitsy" makes $50 an hour fresh out of high school using the free smart phone her dad bought her and the "Only Fans" app. Bitsy could go to college, but why would she when she makes $80,000 a year from the comforts of her own home? Besides, Bitsy doesn't have much in the way of expenses as her 4 sugar daddies from Seeking Arrangement pay for pretty much everything. Plus she makes a supplemental $10,000 a year in patreon donations from her "best fans." "*Like OMG!,*" exclaims Bitsy. "*I'm only 19 but I like make literally THREE TIMES what my bigger sister makes as an elementary school teacher!*" Bitsy plans to buy a new house in two years so she can rent the basement out to her more-educated, but debt-ridden sister.

That's an infinitely better and more successful way to live.

Of course the two stories painted above are simplified, stereotypical anecdotes, but it does show you what the third social contract offers vs. what the old and outdated second social contract offers.

The Brave New Digital World offers women an adequately paying job right out of high school in monetizing their beauty. It does not require women sacrifice another 4-8 years

of their youth earning a worthless degree that won't pay. It also does not charge them $150,000 in student loans to get said worthless degree. The Brave New Digital World will not cripple these women financially for the rest of their lives, but rather enrich them. The Brave New Digital World does not force these women to commute, pay for parking, pay for fees, and sit in front of a computer screen whether that's at school or work. And the Brave New Digital World doesn't lie to these women about their profession or the promise of making "six figs," but only after you get your MBA. It simply delivers six figs if you work hard enough at it. Oh, and by the way, you might meet your husband while you're working in the Brave New Digital World. Oh, and by the way again, you'll still be able to get an education, you'll just actually be able to afford it.

The second-social-contract is horrifically worse, even abusive. It forces women to unnecessarily attend school for another 4-8 years for degrees that are largely worthless. It forces women into debt they will never be able to repay. It enslaves them to low-paying careers that will never afford them financial stability, let alone retirement. And it lies to women, telling them their education, career, and politics are the most important things in their lives - even more important than family, children, a husband, and love. And yet, like men, these women quickly find out work sucks, it's boring, it's unrewarding, it's unfair, it's a waste of life, and it's taxing. A miserable life ensues, but hey, at least you got a government check.

When young women today look at these two social contracts and the older women who have gone down each, it's going to become increasingly clear which is the better one to take - the Brave New Digital World. But an emphasis must be put on the word "increasingly" because as it is right now it's not perfectly clear which path to take. Understand trillions of dollars has been spent over decades brainwashing generations of young women (and men) to go with the second social contract. They are propagandized to go to college, go into debt, work hard, pay taxes, and that their career and politics are the only things in life that give them value. But three trends are occurring right now that I believe will finally break the brainwashing hold K-12 education has on young people today and make it clear the Brave New Digital World is the clear choice.

First, the train wreck known as the "millennial generation" will continue to fail so spectacularly that even their 16 year old kid sisters will recognize them for the jokes they are. And not only will they view the millennials for the jokes they are, they will realize the college degrees the millennials earned were also jokes. As it stands right now your average highschooler is still enamored with the idea of "the college experience" because that is all they have to look forward to in life. But the failure of the millennial generation, especially as it pertains to the education bubble and the consequential student loan crisis, is now publicly and regularly highlighted, even mocked in the media that the allure of college has certainly waned. It's no longer a "given" you just go to college. Matter of fact more and more high schoolers view it as a risk.

Second, tuition prices will continue to go up and above their already unaffordable levels. This will not only provide a financial deterrent to any prospective college-goers, but in light of college losing its veneer due to the "Epic Millennial Train Wreck" exploding in front of us, these increased tuition prices will prompt increasing numbers of young women to reconsider forking over $400 a credit for some Mickey Mouse college degree.

Finally, the money being offered by the Brave New Digital World is simply too good. Just like the oil boom in North Dakota attracted men from around the world with its high wages, the price for digital female beauty will get so high, women will flood the market. And just like those men chose to quit school to make $75K in the Bakken oil fields, so too will women quit school to make $85k running a "Gun-Totting-Bikini-Wearing-Christian-Conservative-Wife" website (I just pray that UNLIKE the men of Bakken oil field boom, these young women SAVE AND INVEST their money instead of piss it away).

These three trends are becoming so pronounced that no amount of brainwashing or propaganda will be able to hide college for the scam it truly is. And with such a convenient and high-paying alternative for women to make money, a significant amount of them will leave college, perhaps never attend it in the first place. Again, it's impossible to calculate what percent drop there will be in female college enrollment, but it doesn't have to be a lot. Depending on the elasticity of the product, a small single point percentage drop in demand can result in a 20, 30, even 70% drop in price. Also, depending on how much debt and bloated overhead these colleges have, a 5% drop in attendance could result in colleges having to lay off 25% of staff because they need to lower tuition by 25% to remain competitive. Of course this bubble won't burst like the Dotcom bubble or the Housing bubble, but do not be surprised to see tuition come down in the next 10 years as the second-social-contract loses its allure because young women choose to make $40 an hour posting lingerie selfies instead of pay $400 a credit to learn about "Eastern Lesbian Chicano Literature Studies."

There's Just One, Minor Thing - Youth and Beauty

There is, however, just one small, minor, technicality.

The entirety of this Brave New Digital World, and all of its financial promise, and all of the ease of life it can afford, as well as all of the pain it avoids, it all hinges on one minor thing:

That you *actually have youth and beauty.*

And while being young is easy, being beautiful is hard.

The reason being beautiful is hard is for more reasons than today's modern man might think. Yes, going to the gym regularly is hard. Yes, dieting religiously is hard. And yes,

the process beautiful women put themselves through daily with makeup, fashion, hair, etc., is VERY hard. But the real reason it's incredibly hard for your average young woman to be beautiful today is because establishment women loathe and detest female youth and beauty. So much so the entire second-social-contract establishment is actively waging a war against beauty and any young women who have it.

Everyday young women, even little girls, are propagandized to believe that beauty "is on the inside."
Corporations, desperate to increase sales lie to women saying "big is beautiful."
Establishment female publications engage in self-worship claiming "every woman is beautiful."
Pretty girls who make a living on their looks are slandered, if not protested out of a job.
Companies that WERE BUILT ON THE PREMISE of female beauty abandon it.
And our education system clearly tells women their education is the ONLY thing that matters.
Even the *concept of being female or feminine* is attempted to be erased as establishment women and our institutions try to eliminate the concept of "the sexes" altogether.

And thus when you add it all up, modern day establishment women have actually convinced the majority of women (even some weak minded men) that "beauty" is now this:

When it is plainly, clearly, emperor-has-no-clothes-level, NOT.

The question then is why do establishment, second-social-contract women hate female beauty so much? Why do they put up such hurdles for young women to attain it? Do they not want young women to be both smart AND beautiful? And there are many possible reasons for it.

The most obvious of which would be pure and simple envy. An ugly woman probably begrudges a pretty woman her looks. Laziness is another explanation because the effort needed to stay in shape, diet, and be beautiful is quite a daunting commitment. Perhaps most modern women have drank the cool aid and truly do not believe female beauty has any value and instead bow down at the altar of education and career. And one musn't forget the "retaliatory strike nature" of some misandrist women who just hate men and take pride in depriving men of what they want (the ones who define themselves by screeding "I don't live my life for a man!!!").

But while all those explanations are plausible, and certainly explain why some second-social-contract women hate female beauty, the real reason is much simpler - sunk investment costs. Most modern day women, most establishment women, most second-social-contact women have committed their time, youth, energies money and investment to their careers and education. They are fully vested in the second-social-contract. Their entire lives have been lived in the second-social-contract.

And that's the problem right there - "their entire lives."

Because they are old now. They have no youth left. They cannot be beautiful anymore. And if they can't have access to the world's most valuable commodity, then by god no one can. That is the real reason behind the war on beauty - establishment women can't face the fact they wasted their youth.

Wage a war against something like "female beauty" all you want, what's sad is these establishment women are wasting their time. Because no matter how much propaganda they spew, no matter how many trillions of advertising dollars they spend, no matter how many decades of K-college indoctrination they install in young women, it's going up against two much more powerful forces - genetics and economics.

If this whole "anti-beauty" thing was completely insular to the female world, then yes. Big would be beautiful. Brains would be the only thing that matters. Sex could be a social construct. And whatever other psycho-nonsense modern day establishment

women want to tell themselves. But it's not. There's this other small segment of society called "men" and men ultimately determine what is beautiful in a woman. And matter of fact we don't even get to determine it because it is our hard-wired genetics that forces us to. You can launch all manner of campaigns, lie to your children about being transgendered, feed every one a ton of hormones and drugs, all your efforts will be for nothing because men are hard-wired to like traditionally beautiful women and we forever will be.

But the real trick played on second-social-contract women comes from the world of economics. Specifically the Law of Supply. And just like genetic laws are unbreakable, so too is the Law of Supply.

It's already hard enough to be beautiful. But if second-social-contract women want to shame women from being beautiful, by all means go ahead. Because it will simply lessen the supply of truly beautiful women. Sadly, according to the Law of Supply, when supply goes down, the value goes up, making true female beauty all that more valuable. And any women willing to attain it will reap even more rewards because of their rarity. Alas, trying to eliminate the value of female beauty by making fewer women beautiful is like trying to lower the value of diamonds by producing less diamonds and flooding the market with dirt. I'm sorry ladies, you just simply can't win.

Still, while we can focus on the war being waged on female beauty, it is my belief the Brave New Digital World is going to give modern day establishment women a run for their money. Again, the spectacular failure of the Millennial generation is on display for all young women to see, the miserable lives second-social-contract women lead will also become increasingly-apparently miserable, the costs to enter the second-social-contact (college tuition, and life-long debt servitude) are becoming prohibitive, and the wages/freedom being offered by the Brave New Digital World is bordering on compelling. The real issue is simply what percentage of women are going to commit to be beautiful?

This is impossible to answer, but as you might surmise by the tone of this article I estimate "more than in the past." I am not predicting percentages as much as I am a trend here. I believe there will be more pretty women than in the past. But I also believe that the Brave New Digital World will not eliminate or replace the second-social-contract as much as split women between the two. You must understand "the ugly will always be with us." Whether it's out of laziness, sloth, brainwashing, indoctrination, even misandry, a certain percentage of women will always choose the second-social-contract, no matter how horrific it is, because they just refuse to be beautiful. But if you're willing to put in 4 hours a week at the gym (as opposed to 8 years in a women's study program), maintain your decorum, and actually be feminine, a much better, enjoyable, easier and profitable world awaits if you're just willing to be beautiful. I optimistically believe future women will choose the latter.

Didn't We Just Come Full Circle?

If you're brave, courageous, and intelligent enough to still have common sense, you'll realize nothing has changed. Since the dawn of time it was female beauty that drove the human race and today *it still is* female beauty that drives the human race. The only real question is whether society wants to acknowledge this fact.

For those that do there is success and happiness in life because basing your decisions in reality is the only guaranteed formula for success. But if you base your decisions in lies, which all of society decided to do with the second-social-contract, you can expect to pay a dear price. In this case we ignored men as the engine of economic growth, and denied them the fuel they needed to make it hum (female beauty). The price we paid was slower economic growth, lesser standards of living, divorce, broken homes, broken families, national debts, cripple student loans, and overall more miserable people. And I would also argue, ironically, it has hurt those who advocated for the second-social-contract the most. But for whatever price we paid and no matter what sociological or political experiments the government, media, the education industry or "establishment women" wanted to play on society, it was all moot. It was all a waste of time. Because in the end reality always wins.

Target Corporation can tell us "big is beautiful."
Formula One racing can fire their F1 girls.
The colleges and universities can scream at women they don't need a man, just an education.
The government can cut checks here and there to keep women just barely above the poverty line.
And feminists can yell at the moon.

It still won't change the fact that female youth and beauty is the most valuable thing on the planet. And if you're smart, you'll make damn sure you have it.

Enjoy the decline.

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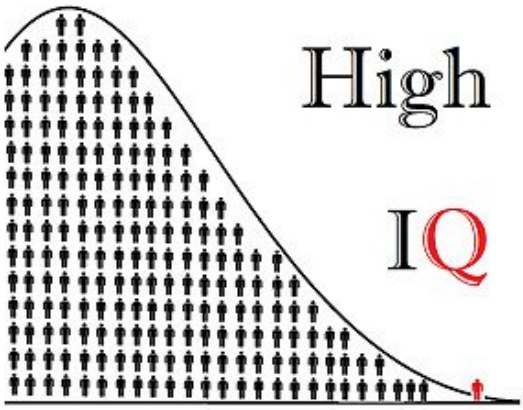

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A Three Week Hiatus

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Greetings All,

Due to a confluence of events, the Ole Capmeister is going to have to take a three week hiatus to deal with moving, selling a house, building a new one, a ton of backlogged projects, some cross country travel, a doctor's visit, a dental visit, and absolutely no pleasure or fun. I simply will not have the time to write for Cappy Cap or any of my books.

However, I will still be doing Asshole Consulting, the Clarey Podcast and the Older Brother Podcast, it's just writing takes too damn long. So still tune into the YouTube Channels and the Soundcloud feed for those.

In the meantime I will be enlisting the help of other bloggers to write and post on my channel in the meantime. They will be good writers, good bloggers, people you'd want to read, TRUE authors...and Adam Piggott. I might stop by to drop in an occasional post, but epic thought pieces like this one will not be the weekly norm.

In the meantime if you'd like to get your Captain Capitalism reading fix I HIGHLY RECOMMEND you read the "best of" books I have published which are merely compilations of my best Captain Capitalism blog posts. They are:

Captain Capitalism Top Shelf
Captain Capitalism Reserved, and
Love Letters to the Left

Or, you could just maybe go buy one of my SUPER AWESOME BOOKS that should all be best sellers, but unfortunately are not.

Thank you for your patience and we shall see you come June.

Cappy

Burger King Goes Full Millennial SJW

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Burger King was already on the corporate social justice virtue signaling bandwagon a while ago.

This latest commercial is just hilarious pandering to the new reality we've created for millennials and Gen Z'ers. That reality being your accomplishments, achievements, and successes do not define you, but the perpetual malaise and victimhood society forced upon - you AND YOU CHOSE TO ACCEPT as your identity and purpose in life - does.

There will be more of this sickening coddling and poor-babying in the future because the people in the future will have nothing BUT their mental illness, their self-pitying, and pet-politics/mental disorders to define them.

And it's not so much that Burger King is capitalizing off of it, as much as it is a generation of people have allowed themselves to decay to this point.

An Important Conversation About Entrepreneurship

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I was on the Donovan Sharpe show a couple days back. Though my audio is ass, we had an important conversation about entrepreneurship (among other things). DO NOT WASTE YOUR TIME ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP IF YOU HAVE TO ASK PEOPLE HOW TO DO IT. It is a sign you were simply not cut out for it. More below, we start at the 2 HOUR 30 MINUTE mark.

It Will Be the Democrats, Not Republicans, Who Break Up Big Tech

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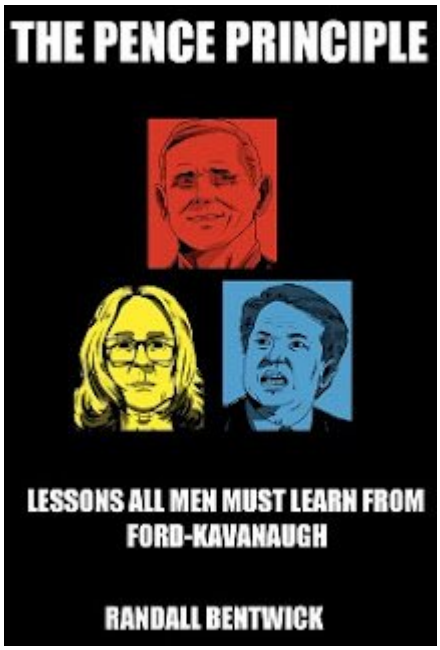
Because like gay rights, the republicans will also continue to let this opportunity go to waste.

Speaking of Kavanaugh, remember to buy "The Pence Principle" aka "How not to get falsely accused of rape."



Older Brother Podcast #44 - The "Don't Become a Teacher" Episode

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We were never prepared to have kids.
Women love their careers more than their kids.
"Mary Kay" is not a real business.
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Terrence Popp Makes 100,000 Subscribers and Celebrates

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Bad Popp made 100k and put together a celebratory video. Ole Cappy even makes a couple appearances.

Reparations for Women vs. Reparations for Slaves

May 15, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

An interesting request from Asshole Consulting. What is the true nature of reparations, and some predictions Cappy makes about how the "professional left" will continue to bleed producers to bribe the parasites.

"Divorce for Never-Married Men"

May 16, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Had Rich Cooper and Terrence Popp on the Older Brother Podcast today to talk about divorce. Specifically, what's it like going through divorce for those of us who have:

Never been married.
Never had kids.
Never been divorced.

Not that we didn't know it was bad, but if you're thinking about getting married today THINK AGAIN.

Yes, it is that bad.
Yes, it is a money making industry against you.
No, you will not get a fair hearing or trial.
And no, the divorce court system does not operate in the best interests of your children.

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The Clarey Podcast #291 - The "Sam Rockwell is a Parasite" Episode

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Cappy's last broadcast from the Original Northern Command
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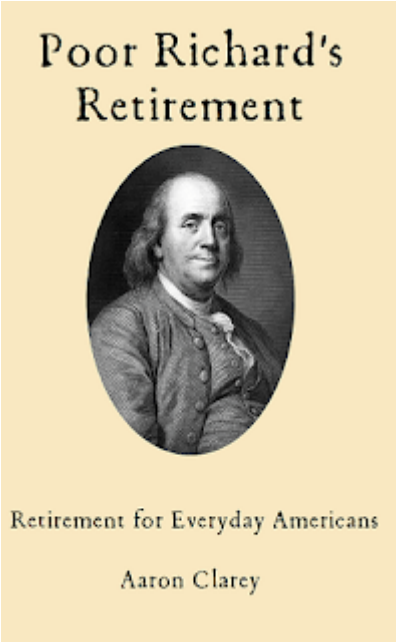
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New Patreon Pin Up

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The Lovely Marijo has another pinup at my patreon page.

Yes, unfortunately you have to be a Patron to get access to it, but it also grants you access to her previous pinup and that "Sanity is the Future of Wealth" post.

Somehow when it comes to "Pretty Girls" vs. "Brilliant Economic Philosophy" I know you guys are going to do the right thing and choose a cute set of tits over intellectual genius.

Why Leftists Fear the Gym

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Trumps Tax Changes: And What They Mean for You

May 20, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

From our resident CPA and guest blogger today - Chad Elkins:

I've got a slight lull today from my busy season so I thought I'd share some insights into how my clients here in the U.S. have been affected by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (a.k.a. tax reform) this tax season so far. For those who aren't familiar, 2018 was the first year of major tax law changes here in the U.S. and it's been interesting to say the least. I've prepared about 150 individual tax returns and around 50 business (S-Corporation, Partnership) tax returns so far, and here are some of the winners and losers from my observations:

WINNERS

1) Small Business Owners. Whether you have a Small Business Corporation (S-Corp), an LLC, or are just a sole-proprietor (Schedule C), the new tax regulations are a boon. There is a new 20% deduction for QBI (Qualified Business Income) under section 199A, which is a bit complicated but is essentially the net profit you make on your business, among a few other factors. So if your net profit is $100,000, you can generally take a $20,000 (20%) deduction ON TOP of all of your other business deductions, resulting in only $80,000 in taxable income. Many of my business clients are seeing some great results from this new feature and it should really help increase small business growth, which is never a bad thing. The media likes to hype up how large corporations (C-Corps) benefited from their permanent tax rate decrease (from 35% to 21%) as a result of the new laws and while I have some mixed feelings about that, one thing that can't be denied is the net positive it will have for small business corporations going forward as well.

2) Real Estate Investors. People who earn real estate (rental) income generally have it categorized as passive income, meaning it's subject to various limitations concerning deductions and losses. The new tax regulations allow real estate investors a "safe harbor" designation that basically requires 250 hours of work a year on each set of rental real estate activities for it to qualify for the 20% section 199A QBI deduction (see above). So many of my clients who are landlords have been taking advantage of this new clause, resulting in an extra 20% reduction in rental income just like the business owners I mentioned above. Also, the work hours required for this safe harbor designation may be performed by the owner or agent, and logging of work hours must be maintained but only starting in 2019 so a number of my clients are seeing some great write-offs for 2018 as a result of this. There is also no limitation for state and local real estate tax deductions on rental properties, which is very important (keep reading to find out why).

3) Those With Children in Private Schools. Parents who have children in private schools

can now use 529 plans to pay for them (up to $10,000 per year). This includes K-12 education tuition and related educational materials and tutoring, and it's a huge benefit because it's tax free. These used to be reserved for college tuition payments, but tax reform allowed many of my clients to pay for their children's 2018 private school tuition expenses using 529 distributions, totally tax free. It makes a difference when you live in a high-cost area with lousy public schools such as where I am, and I've definitely seen a number of my clients take advantage of this benefit since the regulations took effect last year.

LOSERS

1) Salaried (W2) Employees Who Have Unreimbursed Employee Expenses. Prior to 2018, if you worked for a company and had a lot of out-of-pocket expenses required for your job you could claim these as deductions on your tax return. They would first be reported on Form 2106, which would then flow into Schedule A miscellaneous itemized deductions (subject to 2% of your adjusted gross income). Tax reform completely eliminated this and I've had a few clients get absolutely screwed as a result. It's usually those in sales who have to travel a ton and pay for gas mileage without any employer reimbursement who got crushed with this. They used to be able to claim thousands worth of mileage deductions on Schedule A to help get them sizable refunds, but now....nothing. Raising the standard deduction to $12,000 (single)/$24,000 (joint) would seem to offset this, but....see the next few paragraphs.

2) Married Property Owners in High-Tax States. Tax Reform now limits state and local tax deductions to $10,000 on Schedule A (itemized deductions), which means you get royally fucked if you live in a state like California, New York, or Illinois. I live in one of these states and so do my clients, and many of them are feeling the burn from this new regulation.

Let's say in 2017, you had $7,000 in state income taxes withheld/paid from your W2 and your spouse had another $6,000 in state tax withholding, and you own a house with total annual real estate taxes of $15,000 (very common where I live). You add this up and it results in $28,000, a healthy chunk of state and local tax deductions to write off on Schedule A. Under the new 2018 regulations, this deduction gets capped at $10,000 and you are now out $18,000 in Schedule A deductions.

The common retort to this is that the standard deduction was doubled to $24,000 under the new regulations for married couples (as I mentioned above), but when you combine high mortgage interest payments (tax deductible) with all of the above these couples are now getting a raw deal compared to prior years. In my example here, the married couple paid mortgage interest of roughly $13,000 so they would have exceeded the $24,000 standard deduction limit regardless, but now they have to claim $18,000 less in itemized deductions compared to 2017. Funny how the Republicans knew this would screw over

people in high tax states. I wonder what those states have in common with each other.....

3) Those Who Are About To Be Divorce Raped. Some of you on this forum will undoubtedly already know what I'm talking about here. Taxpayers who get divorced after 12/31/18 will no longer be able to deduct alimony payments. That's why there was an uptick of finalized divorces towards the end of last year - not only are alimony payments not deductible starting in 2019, but those who receive alimony still have to claim it as ordinary taxable income so that side of the equation didn't change at all.

I've already had a slew of (male) clients come in telling me that they divorced their spouses since I last saw them, and this regulation was one of their major reasons why they knocked it out as quickly as they could once they determined a separation was inevitable. If you are currently married and foresee a divorce that will involve alimony payments in your future, Sorry....I don't know what to tell you. You missed the boat.

One other note - many of my clients are getting smaller refunds this year, and they think it's because the new tax regulations increased their taxes. This is not usually the case, because in most instances their employers withheld less in taxes throughout the year (in response to the new regulations) so their paychecks were subsequently increased throughout 2018. Keep in mind that your refunds are only one part of the equation, so don't freak out if you're getting less back than you did in prior years.

Lastly, don't believe the CNN/MSNBC/NY Times, etc. hype about taxpayers getting screwed due to smaller refunds. That's just typical NPC media hysteria trying to cause an uproar so don't pay any attention to it. As I outlined above, some people were worse off, but many, many regular American citizens benefited from the new tax laws and it remains to be seen what will happen in the future as a result of these changes.

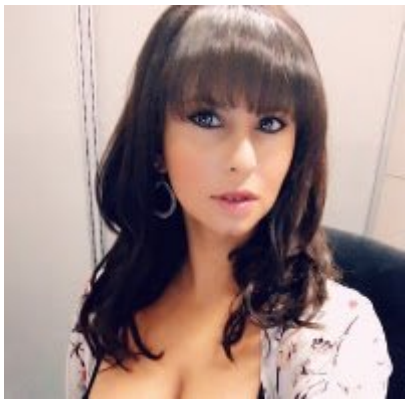
The Clarey Podcast #292 - The "Just Uber" Episode

May 24, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy had a little health collapse and has taken some time off. Was able to get this podcast out before I hoofed it to the bus and the airport. Cappy will still be on sabbatical for the near future.

Podcast located here.
MP3 here.

Oh, an Marijo provided another pin up for you guys who are patrons at my Patreon Page.



The Natural Law of Guidance - By Adam Piggott

May 27, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Guest writer, Adam Piggott, helps Cappy out for this Memorial Day week. Visit his blog and podcast at Pushing Rubber Downhill.

"The Natural Law of Guidance"

One of the hardest challenges about traveling for work is the difficulty in finding a suitable gym so that I don't fall behind on my lifting schedule. I've been powerlifting now for about three years and at the age of 47 you discover that your gains have a habit of dropping faster than Triggly Puff shot out of a cannon at a fairground attraction if you miss a few sessions. So I'm very happy with the lifting gym that I discovered down here in Louisiana. It's well set up, the people are friendly, and the music selection shows a definite bias towards tunes from long hair 80s power rock bands.

I've gotten to know some familiar faces at the gym in the short time that I've been here. There's the guy who makes a lot of noise whenever he does a lift; the girl with the long straight hair who always wears the same lime green outfit; the guy in his seventies who would be in amazing shape for someone in his twenties; and there's the three young guys who I have dubbed, the three musketeers.

The three musketeers are undoubtedly new to the gym world. They're new because they don't know what they're doing and it's painfully obvious. They're around the age of 19 from the look of them, although it's hard to really tell these days. There's the fat one with the scraggy beard, the thin one with the scraggy beard, and the one without a beard who pretends that he knows what he's doing. The trio move from one exercise to the next under the direction of the beardless one. They perform an exercise with varying degrees of ineptitude, although the fat one tends to drop a set here and there. This process is repeated as they do a continuous circuit of the gym.

I admire the fact that they are still hard at it after three weeks; the toughest part about coming to the gym is the act of turning up on a continual basis. But they won't last much longer for the simple reason that they are doing it wrong. And if you're doing it wrong you're not really going to get anywhere, which means that eventually you will give up.

I am in the best shape of my life at the moment, and this is a guy who rafted professionally for 15 years. I have gone to the gym off and on my whole adult life and therein lies the problem. Off and on doesn't count for shit; it's consistency that counts, and the only way that you achieve consistency is by doing it right. And the only way that you do it right is by seeking out an industry professional and getting some guidance.

So my approach to the gym for most of my adult life has been stupid, and if there's one thing that I really hate it's being caught out as a dumb-ass. It's ironic because on the one hand I will sigh and roll my eyes at someone who wants to get into a raft with no experience and take off and paddle the Yukon River. If they ask my advice I will tell them to take a goddam professional with them. I will then give them a list of very good reasons as to why this is a very smart idea. They will then thank me for my advice, go and do it by themselves anyway, and get eaten by bears on the first night.

But on the other hand when it comes to my own actions I'm more or less as dumb as the rest of them. I'm not dumb enough to think that I can scuba dive the Mariana Trench without some help, but I am on the same level of stupid when it comes to doing other stuff. Like lifting weights, or buying a house, or divorcing my wife.

Like I said, I took to lifting in a serious way a little over three years ago, but it was only about three months ago that I finally bit the bullet and paid a professional to fix my core lifts. I did this because I had plateaued out and I wasn't seeing any more gains on any of my lifts. With just a couple of one on one sessions with a really good trainer I've increased some of my lifts by 25% in just three months. My bench press is now double the weight that I was doing when I was 30. There's just one word for that:

Sad.

If I had done what I'm doing now at the age of 18 I'd probably look something like The Rock right now. Because progress begets itself as success becomes intoxicating. But most people don't progress because they're stupid, and I am as much at fault as anyone. I am highly skilled at several disciplines and in all of them I have had professional guidance. But the disappointing thing is that I did not understand the correlation earlier in my life. The sooner that you learn the basics of a discipline through expert guidance then the higher the chance that you will make good progress and become an expert yourself. After all, what is the point of doing anything if you don't aim to be the best out there? Beating everyone that has gone before you is as good a starting point as any.

The most frustrating thing about this is that you cannot instil this knowledge in other people. They have to come to the realization themselves. That is why it is so incumbent on fathers to guide their children correctly from an early age.

A few days ago the three musketeers were doing their stuff right next to me. They were attempting to do the standing shoulder press, a core lift which was good to see but they were doing everything wrong. At one point I was concerned that one of them was going to suffer an elbow injury. Finally I couldn't help myself any longer, and in an off-hand way I asked them if they were following a specific program.

The leader of the three answered me. "Yes sir, we are."

“What program are you following?” I asked out of genuine interest as nothing that they were doing made any real sense from a lifting perspective.

“My mum wrote it out for me, sir.”

I stared at him. “Your mum wrote it out for you?”

“Yes, sir.”

I resisted the urge to ask him what his father had to say as I didn’t want to open a potential can of worms. So on his phone I showed him one of the more popular lifting programs that are available and which I thought would be a good fit for them. I said a few words on the importance of technique and I explained how they could use the app on the site to track their progress and then I let it go and I wished them luck.
They thanked me and we all got back to our separate routines. A couple of days later I saw them in the gym again. They were still more or less making it up as they went along. I didn't’ interact with them, I had given it my one and only shot. But now I know that they’re definitely not going to get anywhere and that they’re wasting their time. They’ll get frustrated and quit and it will be one more thing that they’ll suck at, one more thing that they tried and failed.

But it never has to be that way. All you have to do is to realize that you need some guidance and then go get some. The problem is that you can’t reverse that order. You can’t receive guidance when you’re not open to it and then somehow follow it. My bad. What did I think I was doing screwing with the laws of the universe like that? I must be stupid.

How to Get Revenge on the Left

May 27, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

By leaving them alone
and encouraging them to continue being leftists.

The Older Brother Podcast - The "Cappy's in a Bad Place" Episode

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Cappy and Chad talk about:

MGTOW's vs Ghosts.
Roosh's epiphany or Operation Evil?
Setting up LLC's'.
Prom is a waste of money.
Graduation is a waste of money.
Renting rims in Atlanta.
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Guest Post from Glorious Karl

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Glorious Karl of Ushanka.us was kind enough to write a guest post.

Lost Trust, by Karl Ushanka

I'd like to think I have a good poker face. It has worked for me the few times I've sat across from Cappy. But if you pick up a copy of the second edition of my book, **Trade the Ratio**, you'll see right through me. In Chapter Two I list, in 56 pages, the many old and several new reasons for considering an investment in precious metals. Thirty-nine of those pages are on the subject of lost trust. Want to guess what motivates my financial planning, including my silver and gold purchases?

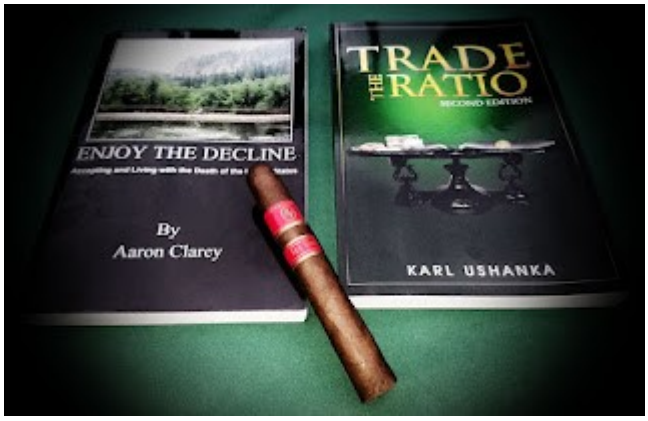
I have lost trust in institutions that should never have lost my trust. From corporations, to all levels of government to quasi-government entities, these organizations have accelerated their race to the bottom in recent years. I have been reduced to only trusting friends and family, and to trusting the one-ounce silver American Eagle coin I've been carrying in my pocket for the past six years still weighs one ounce.

One could chalk this attitude of mine up to age-induced cynicism. No doubt that is a factor. But the degree with which these institutions have fallen is only lost on those within, and those blissfully ignorant. Unfortunately for us, they make up the majority of voters and they will win once they nominate a viable presidential candidate. Is there a bottom? If so, what will it look like when we reach it? Specifically, what can we do now to protect our assets when the looters take over?

I'm not the first to explore this concept. Aaron was out in front with this topic six years ago with **Enjoy the Decline**. He presented the topic of Non-traditional Retirement Plans in Chapter Five:

"While they may not provide benefits like matching, tax deductions, and an absence of capital gains, non-traditional investments may still prove to be the wiser investment. They are harder to confiscate, they will keep their value during an economic melt-down, they will have higher rates of return than any kind of "Solyndra," and even if an economic doomsday scenario doesn't play out, they at least serve the function of insurance."

The Captain started his list of nine non-traditional retirement investment options with gold and silver. In **Trade the Ratio** I show how one can both hold these preferred assets and achieve a modest ROI by trading the silver-to-gold ratio. Loss of trust is the constant in these books, as is the realization that our world is not what it once was.



Instead of rehashing the examples from my book, here are two trust-losing events that have happened in the four months since I published my second edition: Mueller and the NRA.

We now know that the Mueller investigation lasted two years and was led by one of the most trusted investigators in DC. We know it cost the tax-payers over $25 million. We know that not a single FBI agent, of the 40 FBI agents who participated in the investigation, resigned in protest. The investigation risked the legitimacy of an elected president. We know it factored in the level of cooperation from the other side of every domestic and foreign policy debate and negotiation – all at a cost to us. And, as of last week, we now know that every person involved knew in October 2016 that the investigation was based on a politically motivated lie – a dossier paid for by the opposing political party.

We now know the FISA judge accepted the phony dossier without asking for independent verification, and authorized the FBI to run surveillance on an incoming president and his team. Every FISA warrant with any political nuance is now questionable. The integrity of every FISA judge is forever in question. To regain its standing, the FISA Court must be reorganized, starting with a full purge of existing personnel.

We now know the media had access to the dossier and knowledge of the investigation from the start. We now know the media would leak details of this classified information in order to then run stories on these leaks on their networks 24/7. Not that we would ever assume journalistic integrity exists, but now those on the other side have even lost trust in the media.

There is no one in the FBI that can restore trust in that organization. It is full of posers and quota-hires who put politics and pension above oath and duty. It must be dissolved. To save the FBI, to save us, we must burn it and scatter its ashes.

Because no congressional investigation will right this wrong, we suffer the realization that our representatives do not represent us. Because no attorney general's investigation will right this wrong, we now realize the rule of law is optional. Jail time, if any is ever ordered, will not right this wrong because the participants all chose the risks and are proud of their efforts. Nor will it deter their fans from trying it themselves. To them it was a noble calling.

No FBI agent will ever command the same respect a Bureau agent received during the Cold War. Every FISA court decision, no matter how important it is to our national

security, will be in question. And now even leftists will join us in suspecting the media is a tool of the elites rather than a so-called fourth pillar of democracy. In fact, the only positive from this investigation is the undeniable fact that President Trump is, by far, the purest man to ever hold the office.

Trust these clowns? Nah. I'll just keep clinging to my Bible, my guns and my bullion.

The NRA is rotten to its core. A few weeks ago, then-NRA President Col. Oliver North announced he was leaving the organization. This week we find out why - the organization is in financial trouble and has a serious leadership problem.

At least part of the NRA's financial problems have been caused by the CEO and long-time face of the NRA, Wayne LaPierre. He racked-up $542k in stupid expenses. These include $39k in a single trip to a clothing store, and more than $200k in one month of air travel. We wouldn't know this if an NRA insider hadn't leaked the expense reports.

But it is not just LaPierre. NRA President, Carolyn Meadows, says the "entire board is fully aware of these issues. We have full confidence in Wayne LaPierre." But Meadows doesn't stop embarrassing herself there. Like the untrustworthy fraud that she is, she is upset "some people would resort to leaking information to advance their agendas." Fuck her.

Previously a member, I always bragged that that NRA was the only lobbying group in the United States whose members didn't view themselves as victims. It has had the largest membership of lobbying firms, now at five million. It has its shortcomings, the primary one being their priority of hunting and marksmanship over other forms of shooting sports and activism. But now their behavior has attracted the attention of the NY Attorney General's office, which is looking into the NRA's tax-exempt status. Thanks Wayne. Thanks Carolyn.

What bothers me is the NRA's mission. It is the most noble: To protect the Second Amendment. It is no secret that the Second Amendment protects, and makes possible, all the other parts of the Constitution. Which makes LaPierre's actions, and the rest of the management team's callousness, unforgivable. They were trusted and supported by American patriots, and they discarded that trust. Their mismanagement might not qualify as a crime, but their actions have betrayed many, and perhaps given the gun-grabbers the edge in the next gun-control debate.

Betrayal is as old as man, but the pace and severity seems to be accelerating. It hasn't touched you or me yet, but someday soon we will be told to "be patient, as we restore your account balance," or "the FBI will not allow this to happen again," or "we've made some mistakes in the past but we (the same people) will do better going forward." Ya, thanks. But as part of enjoying the decline I've decided to sit here with my cigar and my poker face, and remove part of my life from a system that looks more fragile and more corrupt than ever before.

The Clarey Podcast #293 - The "John Steele's the Show" Episode

May 30, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Join Cappy and John Steele as they talk about "piss" "our team" "Blood Shekels" and more.
Officially at 4PM CST, but we're probably starting closer to 330.

How Aspergers and Autism Ruined Dungeons and Dragons

May 31, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Stop Faking Mental Illness

There are three types of people in the world:

Those that are mentally healthy.
Those with legitimate mental illnesses.
And those who fake mental illness for attention and government checks...which also makes them mentally ill.

For example, nearly every American man will date a girl who seemingly is bi-polar. She will go hot and cold. She will create drama. She will rock your world in bed, and then the next day slash your tires. At that point whether she actually has bi-polar disorder or not is moot. "Da bitch be crazy" and effectively is mentally ill regardless and you should leave her ass immediately.

But there is a much larger segment of the population that this real-vs-faking mental illness plays out, and that is the two most popular mental illnesses to have today - Autism and Aspergers.

I need to be very clear here because there are two groups of people that are going to get their panties in a bundle and be highly offended. And the reason they're going to be highly offended, even apoplectic, is because I'm exposing their biggest hypocrisy in life. And those two groups of people are:

1. People who fake having mental illness to garner attention, value, meaning, givemedats, and lower standards in their lives

and

2. Shitty parents who did a shit job raising their children, and need to RUSH to blame their failure on a made-up mental illness their children don't have.

None of you nor your children have a mental illness. You are lazy people who did not want to work for a living or put forth the effort to actually raise your children correctly. You are an offense and an affront to those people who actually do suffer from legitimate cases of mental illness, and you are not fooling the rest of us that 25% of the youth today have "Aspergers," "Autism," "Social Anxiety," or "depression."

You are a sad group of people who lack the work ethic to go forth and accomplish things in life, and instead are so sad and pathetic, you will blame a made-up mental illness for your loser-performance in life because it spares your ego AND conveniently qualifies you for a world of special treatment, government hand outs, lower standards, and a life of sloth.

But, as I pointed out before, whether you have an actual mental illness or are merely faking it, the results are the same - you're mentally ill.

Now because it is "popular" (and I cannot emphasize that word enough, because it is the PRECISE word that describes people's use of mental illness) POPULAR to have a mental illness, this means a larger percent of the population are people faking mental illness who don't have it. And these people then permeate into society, ruining it for the rest of us mentally healthy people.

Safe spaces.
Uber-nazi politically correct speech.
Irrational and pampering levels of accommodations.
Body mutilation as a substitute for meaning and agency.
Fake rape accusations.
Demanding recognition of a never-ending number of made-up genders.
You even have adults setting up play dates for their "adult" college age children.

Whatever the societal symptoms are of these mental-illness-fakers, the rest of us sane and healthy people are forced to walk around the eggshells they've laid out before society. And if we don't, they will throw a temper tantrum. They will be offended, file reports, file complaints, drag you in front of an HR/Title IX circus court, all of which is arguably the only thing they have in life - to perceive CONSTANT offense and oppression, allowing them to masturbate and wallow in their self-created victimhood, while "fighting the evil injustices" of society, which is at the core of every pathetic SJW in existence.

Thankfully, my life is minimized to the point I no longer deal with these people. I'm not in school. I don't work in corporate America. I don't watch TV. I don't even watch the news. I surround myself on the micro-level where weakling hypocrites who fake and co-

opt mental illness to begat pity and an easier life from others are simply not in my environment. But dare I ever leave the "Cappy Plantation" there are times I occasionally run into them.

Enter Dungeons and Dragons.

Dungeons and Dragons

In the 1980's and 1990's I was no stranger to Dungeons and Dragons. Matter of fact it is one of my favorite pastimes that I thoroughly enjoyed, and continue to this day. But admittedly, the caliber and character of young men it attracted to it was not exactly your most sociable or George-Clooney-esque.

RPG's like D&D attracted the nerdiest, most socially awkward boys like moths to a flame. WITHOUT FAIL, there would ALWAYS be at a D&D game:

The fat guy who had three Mountain Dews he would drink in a 4 hour session, likely getting more.
The long haired, trench coat wearing kid wearing sunglasses indoors.
The also obese "rules" guy who knew the rules of D&D inside and out and would flaunt this "talent."
The guy who stank.
The token nerd girl of questionable attractiveness that every guy would inevitably pursue.
And a smattering miscellany of rank and file nerds.

These were no doubt the rejects of society. They were the boys nobody wanted to hang out with. These were the boys who would grow up to become men that would not lose their virginity till their 30's. But for all their social flaws, psychological flaws, and hygienic flaws, there was one thing they all had in common:

They could keep it together during a game.
They could actually play the fucking game.
Even if they had a genuine mental illness, we were still able to play some fucking D&D.

And that is no longer the case today.

Meetup Groups

I winter down in Las Vegas at my "Southern Command." I can afford to do this, not so much because I have the money, but because I have the freedom. I have no kids. I have no debt. And so for some annual house maintenance, I am allowed to stay for free at a buddy's place in Las Vegas.

But once the work is done, or the golf courses golfed, the sun sets and I have to figure out something to do in the evening. And a couple years back I decided to go dust off my dice, buy the 5th edition rule book for D&D, and attend several of the many Dungeons and Dragons games being offered on Meetup.

It had been a while since I played in person and was getting kind of excited about playing D&D in person again. There would be intellectual banter, some sharp joshing, an intriguing story, some clever strategizing, and good old fashion getting my geek on. Yes, I'm sure there would be the Mountain Dew guy, the Stink Guy, Rules Guy, and the token 4 on a scale of 1-10 girl, but that is what made D&D endearing and I would expect nothing less. But what manifested in actuality can be summed up in one word:

Impossible.

The first D&D game I played indeed did have the retinue of Rules Guy, Stink Man, Mountain Dew Guy, and Marginally Attractive Girl. I was almost excited to see these stereotypical, classical D&D characters that I saw in the late 80's. But when we started to play the game, it quickly became apparent these were not the same people that played some 30 years ago.

Instead of playing the game, everybody placed their role and themselves above the game itself. Rules Guy did not care about the game, as much as he cared about singling people out on their technical errors and mistakes. This made for a start and stop, lethargically slow and jarring pace to the game. Every decision, every dice roll, every perception check was went over by this anal retentive creature with a fine tooth comb. The Token Girl was married to a rank and file nerd, but they forced their cute little inside jokes on the game and the players. Trench Coat guy and his equally scrawny friend would just do the dumbest shit imaginable in the game, making any kind of team work impossible. And Mountain Dew guy had to make a joke out of every fucking thing possible that was not funny. It became quickly apparent that "we" were there to play D&D, but "we" were there to showcase our shitty talents through a D&D catalyst because we had no real other talents in the real world. This was a stage, not a game. And the play fucking sucked.

Figuring it could have just been a bad batch of people, I tried another D&D meetup at the other end of town. This was even more of a shit show than the previous one as NOBODY was actually playing the game, but cracking inside jokes about the previous campaigns they had played. The dungeon master (referee) had no control of the players, people were spending more time talking about "crazy" moves they could make rather than sitting down and strategizing legitimate ones, the number of potty and food breaks (cheesy nachos of course) slowed the game to a snail's pace, and the only progress that was made in the game was when we left the tavern. It had gotten so bad that when it came to my turn and the token "Rules Guy" started to open his mouth I looked at him and

said "Shut your god damn mouth," and then turned to the dungeon master and said "You, roll your dice and tell me if I hit." The table went silent not because I went stern, but because I was the only one who insisted on playing the game.

If you didn't think it could get any worse it did. And this time I was back at home in Minnesota. Hoping it was something to do with Vegas, I quickly found out it was not when I tried my third and final time at a physical D&D game. This time it was at a comic shop in the Twin Cities suburb. Dice bag, rules book, and character sheet in hand, I found the table advertised on Meetup and sat down. Immediately, I was beset by one of the regular players who was saying I had to sign up online to register a slot so I could get assigned a seat so I could draw from the pool to get put on a list, until the dungeon master pulled him aside and said, "I should be able to get you into this game."

I was kind of hoping this dungeon master had control of the game, but it quickly became apparent it was more of a baby sitting operation. Across from me was the 7th grader who weighed 80 pounds and had his headphones in. To my right was the high school kid who wanted to talk instead of play the game. To my left was one guy who might have actually seen a vagina and had his own apartment. But then there was the 27 year old who was on the verge of tears because we didn't let him cast his spell first.

The game was a complete and total disaster.

The DM, rightly, let these "kids" play the game to see if they could figure out team work on their own. They simply could not. A logical course of action was recommended and each person would nitpick every possible detail as if they were all "Rules Guy." Outlandish, irrational course of action were recommended which only begat further laughter and mockery of such ideas, rather than sitting down and playing the game. Spells were being cast which had no bear on the game, simply because somebody wanted to cast the spell. And meanwhile the DM had been hinting very clearly at a course of action that should be taken.

Running out of patience I simply took command and said, I'm going this way, I don't care if anybody else comes with. People came with, but nobody wanted to get with a game plan or do what I recommended. Every possible permutation and possibility of the course of EACH of our individual actions were hemmed and hawed over. Irrational question that had no bearing in reality were posed. And what would have only take about 2 minutes in the real world (had the game been played out in reality), took 90 minutes just to knock on a door and find out that, yes, indeed "thar be monsters."

I left more pissed off than when I walked in. And when I realized that attending physical D&D games was not making me happier or more relaxed, but angrier and desiring nothing more than to physically beat people, I decided I would never attend a physical game of D&D ever again. Life is too short to NOT to play D&D.

Aspergers and Autism - Faked or Not - Ruined D&D

Just as my psycho-ex may or may not have had bi-polar disorder, it doesn't matter. Her behavior was unacceptable

And just as modern day physical players of D&D may have a mental illness, are faking it, or were just raised really shittily by really shitty parents. It doesn't matter, their behavior is unacceptable.

Because whether you have a mental illness or are faking it, you can't play Dungeons and Dragons, let alone any other strategy RPG. Because if you actually DO have a mental illness, well then it's obvious you're not going to be able to play a social game effectively since you are indeed mentally impaired. But if you're faking mental illness for attention, you're also not capable of playing Dungeons and Dragons (let alone anything else) because playing a strategy game requires team work and selflessness. And people who fake mental illness are 100%, completely self-absorbed, weak hypocrites, incapable of team work because they value themselves above all others. It's why everybody at modern D&D games are "on stage." It's why they're always trying to impress other people with shitty jokes or antics. It's why Rules Guy tries to lord his supremacy of the rules over you. It's why some players obsess about their "non-binary" gender of their characters over the game. And it's why some dipshit players will do the dumbest things possible in the game.

It's all to garner attention.
It has NOTHING to do with the game.

Alas, if you're a mentally healthy individual, and you would like to play Dungeons and Dragons, there is really only one place for you to play D&D - the internet. You can choose who you play with. You can choose people who have jobs. You can choose people who are there to play. And you can choose people without Aspergers or Autism, faked or not. It will result in an enjoyable game and a lot less stress than if you show up in person.

But sadly, gone are the days of physically showing up with your Tahitian Treat, dice bag, character sheet, and rule book. Gone are the days of creating a character and sparring with others. The world of D&D is filled with dysfunctional people who abuse the game for their own self aggrandizement. Please do not be one of them.

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"The Lord Has a Plan"

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"*the only thing that will make the pain of this reality bearable is if younger women make the same mistake.*"

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Death...by hiccups.
Poisonous snakes in Australia.
The "Hemispheric Differential"
Women at best can be "superior."
Amish chicks now hotter than your average American chick.
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Why Superior People Should Never Work for the Public Schools

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Admittedly, RT is a bit of a fake news site, but they did link to the actual court filings, so I'm more inclined to believe this story.

The short version is this:

If you are smart, have a brain, have hustle, and simply an IQ above 100, there is no reason you should ever work in public education. It's not only no longer a meritocracy, but it's petty squabbling and office politics. It is also CATTY which is an unfortunately by-product of it being a disproportionately female dominated industry.

Like Corporate America, you take a "pass" on this "career" and get your ass into contracting, entrepreneurship, self employment, shit even welfare is better than working in this insane asylum. Do not subject yourself to these types of industries. And certainly to not become financially dependent on them.

3 Days O' Podcasting

June 6, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greetings all,

After a whirlwind tour of Louisiana and putting the finishing touches on my move, I managed to squeeze in a bunch of podcasts, none of which I heavily promoted. You can find them on my two YouTube channels at:

Aaron Clarey and Older Brother.

The following are links to the MP3's of the multiple podcasts:

The Clarey Podcast #294 - DT and the "Mmmmm the Coffee's Good Episode.
Asshole Consulting Live - With Special Celebrity Guests Adam Piggott and The Great One.
The Older Brother Podcast - The "Demons from Your Past" Episode with Chad Elkins.

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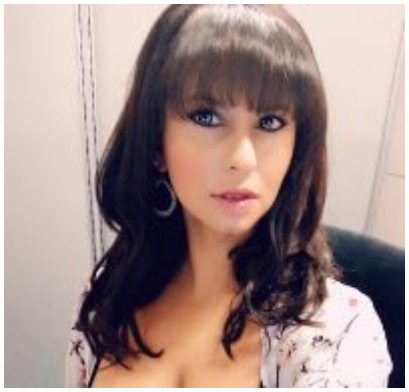

Making "Big is Beautiful" the Law

June 6, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Massachusetts is tendering a law that would give financial incentives to advertisers NOT to alter model's images in an attempt to make ugly women happy.

And as you would guess she is old, ugly, and simply jealous.

I cannot emphasize enough for any young women willing to listen, but your female, feminist democrat/socialist elders DO NOT LIKE YOU. They do not want you to be happy or beautiful. The blew their chance back when 1968 was "really great" and cannot abide that fact. They now need to make sure ALL of you women are as hideous, ugly and miserable as they are.

Oh well, Enjoy the decline.

Worthless Degree Awareness Month!

June 7, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tis June and what better way to ring in Worthless Degree Awareness Month than by my interview with "Parent Pump Radio" where *hopefully* I convinced some parents that sending your kids off to school BLINDLY is a VERY VERY BAD IDEA!

The Clarey Podcast #295 LIVE!

June 7, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

TUNE IN!

"Enjoy the Decline" Fire Pit

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And yes, you can get it on Amazon.com

The Clarey Podcast #295 - The "Old Man Wisdom" Episode

June 8, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Don't mock old people. Emulate them!
WORTHLESS DEGREE AWARENESS MONTH!
Fat, Old, Ugly female congressman submits law to make Fat, Ugly, and Old the law.
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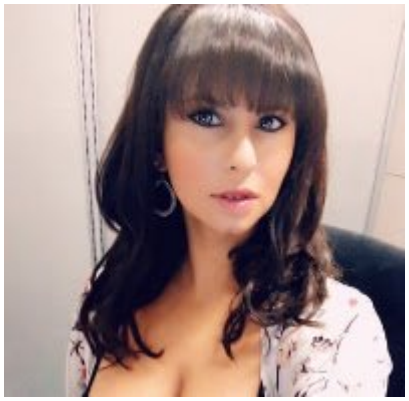

Cappy's on Praxey

June 10, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Praxey is back and Cappy is on it.

If you do not or did not know what Praxey is/was, it was an app you get for your phone that allows you to contact various specialist and consultants directly for their advice. When it's Version 1.0 was rolled out, it was predominantly used as "emergency Asshole Consulting" for people who had a quick question or issue come up.

It's pricey as hell as I charge a $25 minimum and $3/MINUTE after that, so if you're going to use it BE BRIEF and get to the point.

Also, if you happen to be in the industry and have a readership/viewership that might want to contact you personally, consider getting the Praxey App and offering your services.

Best,
Cappy

The Older Brother Podcast #47 - The "Defense of Women in STEM" Episode

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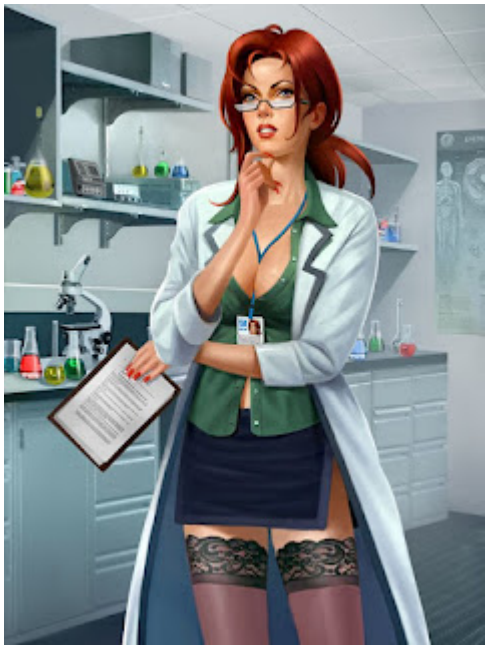

Cappy defends women in STEM per the request of Adam Piggott.
Twitter's professional victims go viral over Cappy's tweet on corporate virtue signaling.
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The Crushing and Depressing Reality of "Our Team"

June 14, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

30 Legitimate/70 Posers

Many years ago there was a little girl that the ole Captain may have had a soft spot for. She hailed from a divorced home, her father a complete prick, but she had enough sharps to spar toe to toe with Cappy which made him view her as a kid sister. Like every other child in the history of children she was doing well until she became a teenager, and now whatever wisdom Cappy tried to pass on to make her future bright or better is largely dismissed and falls on deaf ears. The Captain has exercised incredible amounts of stoicism accepting what will likely be a mediocre fate for this surrogate kid sister and it is completely outside of his influence.

Not too many years ago, the Captain also had a couple "associates" or "colleagues." These were up and comers on the relatively new-frontier of the internet, and he was impressed with many of them as they demonstrated independent thought, intelligence, and an entrepreneurial passion to make a go at being truth-peddlers on the internet. That was until he realized - that though intelligent - they were ultimately lazy more than anything else, and were perennial losers who merely looked to co-opt and parasite off of the philosophical, red pill, and political movements on the internet, thinking their ship of a work-avoidant-life-ship had come in. Some would boast conservative or libertarian politics, while never holding down a real job and living at home. Others would claim to be

"pick up artists," while in reality they were very likely all virgins. It all didn't happen in one day, but over the years, it became quickly and very apparent who was legitimate, and who were posers, a ratio of which was a shocking 30/70%.

There's the capital flight that SHOULD be occurring from Minnesota to anywhere else. I get a daily barrage of e-mails, facebook posts, and twittergrams from "conservative Minnesotans" who just complain, complain and complain. But once you recommend (even to close friends) that they should follow you out to South Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, or Vegas, the majority of these roaring lions become sheepish sheeple, kicking the rocks below their feet and meekly whispering "well....they do have good schools here...and my family is here....maybe some time in the future."

And finally, there was Silver Dollar Bikini.

Oh, mock the Captain if you must, but my entrepreneurial venture into selling essentially a string bikini made of silver and silver dollars (and *ahem* strategically placed Mercury dimes) was well worth the effort in that it told me so much. Not only did I make a small profit off of it, but I realized that for all the bragging and bravado from "strong, conservative alpha males" about their "hot wives who would do whatever they wanted sexually" there wasn't a single true Alpha Male out there. Most "conservative" husbands were hen-picked, weren't alpha, and were not having the "hot sex life" they claimed they were. They were not much better off than the soy boy leftists whose wives were hyphenating their names.

I could go on, but the examples all above have one thing in common - they are the most disheartening and defeating force I face today. And the reason why is that all these failures, all these let downs, all these defeats are on my team. They are loved ones, colleagues, friends, and allies. Family members, associates, compatriots, even mentors. And whereas I completely understand that the left is going to left, the socialists are going to socialist, and the parasites are going to parasite, when you look at your team and realize there are so many posers, so many frauds, and so many "mail-it-in-'ers" it makes you ask "What am I fighting for? Why bother fighting? And are ANY of you people coming with???" It makes "Enjoy the Decline" an even more important and poignant piece of philosophical work.

Teamless

With no team to fight for, no tribe whose members ALL are willing to put in the work, truly exceptional men have to ask themselves "what's the point of pursuing excellence if nobody else is there?" Truly exceptional men (and you guys know who you are) may argue that the pursuit of excellence is the reward unto itself (and I'm not necessarily disagreeing with you, as it may be the ONLY thing to pursue), but until you've "Wandered the Desert of Excellence" for enough years, this loneliness and peerlessness will grow on

you, even depress you as you not only suffer the normal psychological toll of loneliness, but a larger philosophical depression/realization of "Why the fuck aren't more people pursuing excellence??" It goes well beyond a mere treatise on observations of intelligence on a bell distribution curve, becoming more of a damning and depressing testament to the human race. It becomes doubly depressing when you realize just how few and genuine peers you actually have in life to make it worth living. And it becomes TRIPLY depressing when those people who you thought were on "Team Excellence" turn out to be posers, frauds, theoreticians, or just plain normies too lazy to take action and execute excellence into their lives.

You yourself may be an excellent man or woman. And you may be thoroughly enjoying your life, finally enjoying the fruits of your labor. But I cannot emphasize this enough. The time will come you will have wandered "The Desert of Excellence" enough and get mighty bored with the lack of peers in it. And if I were to make a bold prediction, it is going to be the single largest problem truly exceptional people will face.

There is No Solution

It is here I would normally give some kind of sound advice or wisdom, either outlining a solution in whole or theorizing where one might be. But there is no solution to this problem. Once the years, even months, of the original euphoria wear off, and you go "yachting" for the 8th time that year or run your 12th marathon, you will inevitably realize that though physically surrounded by people you are indeed alone. The "marathon runners" are one-time marathoners who will quickly return to their sedentary office job and put the 26 sticker in their car. The yachters will do...well...whatever it is yacht people do. And while you may have engaged with these people in an instance of excellence, realize that's all it was - an instance. Less than 1/100th of 1% of the population have attained and achieved excellence in every aspect of their life, and everyone else will be forced to go back to working for somebody else at a physical location, removing them from the pool of potential genuine peers and colleagues. Thus, like all hard things in life, you only control your reaction to a problem you don't control. And this leaves you with your only "option" - returning to normie conformie land.

Sadly, this is not a solution since once you attain excellence you won't be able to go back. Yes, it sucks seeing peer after colleague turn out to be a poser or not really have the ladies he claimed he could scrounge up like he said. It's even worse when some of them ask to borrow money! But a peerless day in the life of an exceptional person beats a 57 commute to a corporate office where all the sheep are forced to take diversity training. It's just a matter of realizing and reminding yourself of that fact daily.

Still, you may believe the tone of this post is a bit too dour, perhaps even black pill. You may think having no debt, being a minimalist, and bumming around the country on a bike is the dream. And it is! But mark my words, especially those of you who are learning

from the red pill community, majoring in the right things, and avoiding the mistakes your older brothers made. If you just avoid HALF the problems we made, you are well on your way to a path of excellence. And you will no doubt be a much happier man/woman when you do. But you will be forced to walk in the Desert of Excellence. And you have been warned.

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The Clarey Podcast #296 - The "Give Up the Fucking Hope Already" Episode

June 15, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy regales the tale of a friend of his who's an 8, but got rejected by a girl with a birth defect. YES, IT IS THAT BAD.
Cappy then rambles about other things and then goes to bed early in the Southern Command.

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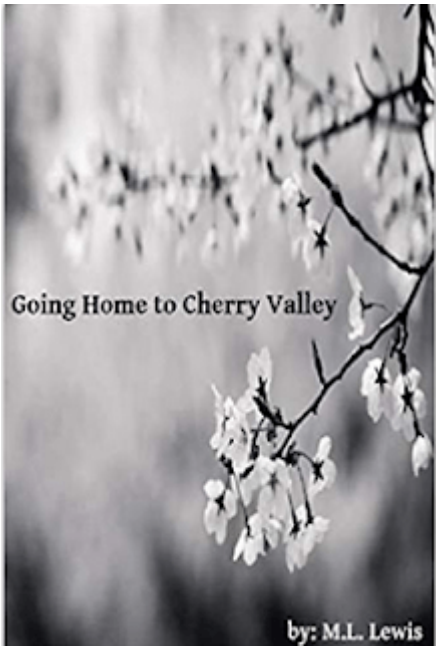

The Father WAS Available for Comment

June 17, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And it didn't end well.

Yeah, But How's Your Internet?

June 18, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A potential for all you producers who want to avoid the parasites.

"Dude Bro, I'm Majoring in BidNesssss!!!"

June 19, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The Clarey Podcast - The Last Podcast from the Hunker Bunker with DT

June 23, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Helps DT load up his moving truck as DT moves out to South Dakota. They do one final broadcast from DT's family home in the famous Hunker Bunker. They talk about:

DT's inoordinate amount of crap in his house.
"Cappy the Walking Turtle"
Missing your first house.
Twittershitorms
Dog ownership
Bloodshekels
Cappy's needed level of fuck you money.

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Monday Morning Podcast Extravaganza

June 24, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

John Steele interviews Doc Perrodin about his new book coming out:

Cappy also gets interviewed on the Jack Napier Show where we talk about "Operation Evil," minimalism, "Enjoy the Decline," Ballroom dancing, and more!

Do Women Like Men or Not?

June 24, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

So I posted an original video that introduced a simple question - Do women really want men. In that video I opine about - given women no longer need men (government checks, created make-work industries) and their preference to put careers and educations over family formation - did they ever really want men in the first place, or was it out of begrudged necessity to breed and survive they merely tolerated them. I didn't subscribe to one theory or another, but merely offered the theory.

It created a minor backlash, if not critique.

However, one intrepid listener paid a handsome fee to address some of his questions, concerns, as well as some of his colleagues outright disagreements with what I said.

This is the response video to that request, where I try to focus (towards the end of the video) why this is the ultimate and most important economic question men will face, and the conclusion is not unicorn farts or chocolates.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

June 25, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

How many times does America need to be reminded:

We don't need no STIIIIIIINKING fathers!

The Older Brother Podcast #48- The "DIE, MBA DIE!!!!" Episode

June 26, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Be on FUCKING TIME.
"Doing what you say."
Pondering Turd Flinging Monkey
Sex Doll Better Than Cuddlewookums???
Charging your girlfriend rent.
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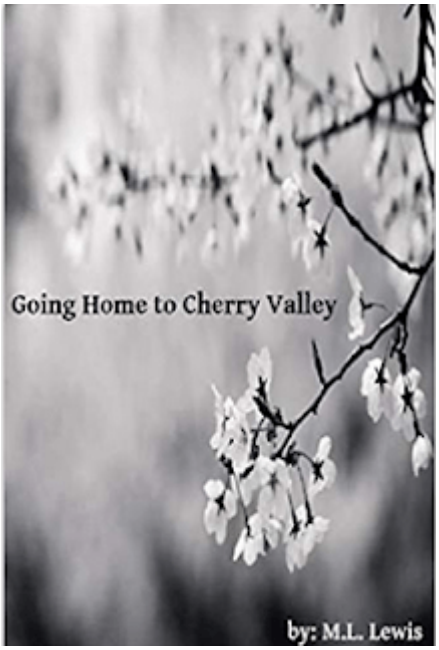
Going Home to Cherry Valley
by: M.L. Lewis

Why AOC Will Target "Too Rich STEM Men"

June 27, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

A Great Annoyance

I faced a great annoyance.

After switching Asshole Consulting to a new server my e-mails started ending up in people's spam folders. This is of obvious great concern because if people don't get my e-mails, how is the Captain supposed to make money pimping harsh truths to the brainwashed and propagandized masses? So after some rookie trouble shooting - and consequential failure - I decided to go forth and find an IT guy who specializes in e-mails and e-mail filters.

But something interesting and depressing happened.

After talking to two of my IT buddies to see if they could refer a specialist, they informed me they would unlikely be able to find anybody because of my site and its politics. When I said, "Why, is it too extreme for them?" They said, "No, all the IT guys I know are extreme leftists and would either refuse to work with you, or, sabotage your e-mail."

At first I couldn't believe this. *IT GUYS??* The ones making all the money? The six figs guys who worked hard, majored in STEM, pay 50% taxes? They're LEFTISTS? And not only leftists, but radical leftists to the point they'd bigotorially refuse service, perhaps even sabotage my e-mail?"

Yep.

Thankfully my friend found a colleague who was only a "moderate leftist" and had enough of a moral compass that he would help me out and NOT sabotage my e-mail, but it still stung as much as it confused me. How could one of the hardest working and highest-compensated group of people in the US be leftist AND so radical that half the population

can't trust them simply because of politics?

We could ask about how this came about, but I think the point is moot. Yes, no doubt, despite being highly intelligent, like all other young people, they were brainwashed and indoctrinated in school. Some probably wanted to "get da gurlz" and thought espousing the same leftist beliefs women did would inevitably get dem "da gurlz." But a much more interesting thought is the price they're going to pay going forward when their leftist ideology becomes reality. Because if there is an instance where one's politics is diametrically opposed, even destructively so, it is IT guys subscribing to radical leftist politics.

"Too Rich STEM Men"

The reason why can be found in what I like to call "Too Rich STEM Men."

For the most part the Millennial generation is a spectacular failure. It's a train wreck, a nuclear blast site, an abortion of a generation. It will be the first generation as a whole that will never achieve the American dream, let alone get out of debt and have a positive net worth upon death. But in addition to brew pubs another silver lining to this generation is their contingent of highly successful and well-compensated "IT guys." Be you a programmer, an engineer, a software developers, or just your standard ol' IT guy, there are millions of young men and women who did major in the right thing, paid off their debts, worked hard, and are now making 6 figs with 6 figs in savings.

The problem is, despite developing a hard work ethic and owning higher-than-average intelligence, they did not escape the purposed brainwashing where leftist politics was installed as part of their core, ethical and life-philosophy "moral code." Despite aluminum being (about) the only thing environmentally and economically worth recycling, they all recycle. Despite women predominantly choosing worthless degrees, they all believe in the wage gap. You can slap on a sticker claiming something is "organic" and they will buy it. And the fashy (or is it "fasc-ist-y?") trend of corporate virtue signalling indicates the millennials (6 figure earning or not, STEM or not) will part with their money over this pre-installed religion of leftism...because they were simply told to.

What these high income earning "STEM Men" don't realize is that there is a financial component to their leftist politics. One I don't think they consider because (like most people) they never bother to look at the difference between "gross" and "net" pay on their paychecks. I also think they've been successfully brainwashed to value status of their life/time, being willing to sacrifice years in terms of commutes and overpriced rents to live in "hot" places like "Silicon Valley" or "Austin" or "New York." But regardless of how they're being blinded to it, they essentially turn themselves into "Silicon Valley Slaves" where the majority of their time at work is NOT invested in themselves, but merely used as a socialist trough to support parasitical others.

Again, I don't know how you can work when 50% of your income is simply given to others, when you are slaving away half your working days to support others, but they do.

Here Comes Da ~~Boom~~ AOC

Like a leech, democrats and socialists numb their hosts first before sucking out the blood. Leeches do this with a topical numbing agent, democrats do it through pay-as-you-go taxes, sales taxes, and rationalizing why their constituents are entitled to your money. But the day is coming where 50% of "Rich STEM Men's" money is not going to be enough. And with the new AND MILLENNIAL generation of politicians, they're not going to numb you up before they make a claim to more of your money.

Enter AOC.

Not that AOC personally is going to make a grab for more of "Rich STEM Men's Money," but she epitomizes the generation, the psychology, and the politician who will. And it is here the diametrically opposed (and destructive) leftist politics of IT guys will ram head first into their own financial interests.

To be short, you "Rich STEM Men" just make too much damn money. I've seen it through my clients and other (non-leftist) STEM Men who majored in the right thing, worked hard, saved their money and make six figures with six figures saved up. As time goes on and you accrued more in wealth and income, your non-STEM millennial counterparts will have their student loans grow exponentially, not make any tangible economic progress in life, and will start to look at your small cabal of successful "Rich STEM Men" with increasing envy. And as per the way your generation was programmed to vote with politics, they will demand "Too Rich STEM Men" pay MORE than the already 50% you're already paying now. You will have "benefited unfairly," and "owe it to society" by the mere fact you busted your ass off, learned to code, learned to subnet, learned calculus, and didn't go out and party, showing up hungover to your "sociology classes."

Worse, I cannot emphasized the "MEN" part of this enough.

I don't know if you young STEM Men have noticed this in the working world, but employers, government and media sure do place a lot of emphasis on women, women's empowerment, the wage gap, me too, etc. etc. And while there certainly are some highly compensated, successful women in STEM, the VAST majority of the field is still populated by men. Whether you've realized it or not, that is a political sin unto itself in leftist politics, and will only redouble the case for taxing "Too Rich STEM ***MEN***" because again, you benefited unfairly with male privilege.

The question is how much do you want your leftist politics to bite you in your current and future ass? What percent a slave to others do you want to be? What percent of your life:

Going to school
Getting certifications
Commuting
Overpaying rents
Getting masters degrees
Studying hard subjects
Putting in 40 hours a week
Putting in overtime

would you like to dedicate to other people who simply didn't want to work as hard as you, let alone work at all?

It will be a curious world for those of you "Too Rich STEM Men." By my libertarian values you have every right to refuse service to whoever you want, vote however you want, and slave away your personal and finite life as much as you want. But I will find it very interesting watching you vote yourselves and your freedoms away for your politics, especially in light of the fact you're smarter than that and at anytime you can start to study economics if you wanted to see just how much of a slave you already are.

Oh well, Enjoy the Decline.

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The Clarey Podcast #298 - The "Catch Up" Episode

June 29, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and Chad get through a backlog of articles, fan mail, and misc, as they set a $5 MINIMUM for SuperChats.

- MBA's are FUCKING WORTHLESS
- "The" Carlson School of Management
- Poor parenting = Dead webcam girls.
- Can wisdom be taught, or must one suffer for it?
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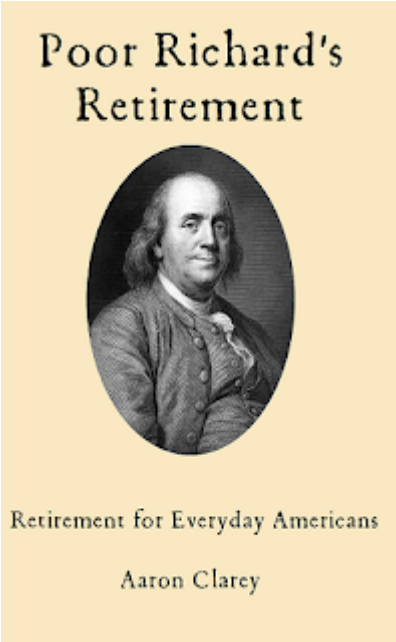
Poor Richard's
Retirement
Retirement for Everyday Americans
Aaron Clarey

Rich Parents Who Spoil Their Kids Get What They Deserve

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Which includes:

Raising your grandchildren because your children are too busy having fun
Constantly bailing out your children
Your children living at home
Co-signing student loans at the age of 68
Oh, and death when you cut their allowance.

I cannot emphasize enough that you rich people keep spoiling your children. They're royal cunts to deal with when we have to grow up, date, and tolerate them in our generation. But the results are hilarious when they come back home at 34.

Trust Fund Babies Gonna Trust Fund

July 3, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Anderson Cooper epitomizes the word "privilege."

The Clarey Podcast #299 - The South Dakota Episode

July 4, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and DT do their first podcast from DT's NEW HOME in South Dakota! Topics include:
Choking up...Cappy hasn't.
Cowboy Bebop.
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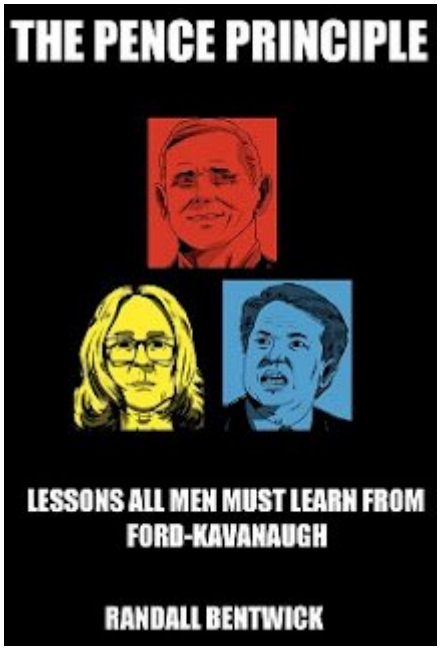
THE PENCE PRINCIPLE
LESSONS ALL MEN MUST LEARN FROM
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Leftist American Economies vs. Conservative American Economies

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Posers and "Flash in the Pans" in the Red Pill community and internet in general.
Rob and Cappy's preferred drinks.
And some Asshole Consulting questions!

Why the Red Pill Will Replace Religion

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Radio Towers are Expensive

Radio towers are expensive.

They cost millions in steel to build, millions more to power and send out a radio signal. Hundreds of thousands to maintain and operate. And millions more in electrical equipment housed in the radio station below. It's no wonder radio show hosts are paid so little, yet the advertising fees cost so much - radio show companies need huge margins to simply cover the huge physical investment costs necessary to run a radio station.

But then the internet came and fundamentally changed everything.

With a mere $100 used laptop, a $50 microphone you can get on Amazon, and internet access, a sole individual can broadcast to the world, potentially reaching billions across the planet, while a radio tower AT BEST can reach millions in a 50 mile radius. Throw in smart phones and (if you're like me) you rarely listen to radio any more, because why would you? You can download the latest episode from your favorite podcast, listening to what you want, when you want, from anywhere there's internet in the world. And thus, not only is radio dying, podcasters are flourishing with every Tom, Dick, and Harry starting their very own podcast.

But there are other industries that the internet and the near-free transmission of information and media has obsoleted.

The education industry, for example, simply should not exist. We should not be forcibly busing millions of kids every day to ~~concentration camps~~ schools where at most you can pack 50 kids at a time to listen to one overpaid and obsolete teacher. We should not be sending millions of kids to "college" where 80% of the classes can be learned online for

free, but we will charge them $500 a credit anyway. Nearly all education should be conducted over the internet, allowing one teacher to potentially teach millions of students, saving the taxpayer and students trillions of dollars, not to mention:

commutes
fees
parking fees
dormitory costs
cafeteria plans
and student loans.

Legal and accounting services is another example as well. I have a friend who is a partner at one of the most prestigious law firms in the Twin Cities. She and her other younger partner colleagues cannot wait until the old guard retires or dies off so they can get rid of their expensive downtown lease, allow all lawyers to work from home, saving them millions in rental costs, not to mention the horrific commute Minnesotans consciously vote in. My colleague Chad Elkins had one-upped this law firm with his CPA firm, working from the comforts of his own home because the service he provides is nothing more than information. Information that can be commuted over the internet, just like 100% of all legal work done in the US today.

I could go on, pointing out different industries that have been obsoleted/revolutionized because of the internet, but the short version is "if your product is a service or information, you no longer need a physical presence"....enter in "Podcast Pastor."

Podcast Pastor

Podcast Pastor is a brilliant idea I have and can potentially make me (and any pastor willing to work with me) millionaires. And the concept is very simple:

Why spend millions on physical churches, pews, hymnals, day care facilities and staff when sermons and the Word of God can be conveyed over the internet? Not only will Tilly who is in a nursing home, or Bob who is stationed in Iraq, who both cannot attend church physically be able to get a sermon, but millions, even billions of younger people today are glued to their phones, preferring to take in everything digitally instead of physically. Overnight churches could reverse the loss of members in the church, bringing the church to them instead of forcing people to commute to the church. And what's brilliant is to cover the costs of spreading the word of the lord over the world would be a collection plate that links to a PayPal account. I take my Heath-Ledger-Joker 50% cut, and the pastor has a handsome compensation and budget by which to fund whichever church initiatives he'd like.

Of course there is a problem (because there is ALWAYS a problem). And that problem is

finding a pastor who has the vision to see how this digital version of church is drastically superior to the brick and mortar version of church. Pastors also don't like paying out 50% to me since I am not religious (though they will happily pay out 70% of their budgets to a soulless bank for their mortgage). But none of these hurdles change the fact that the internet has fundamentally changed the religious industry...it's just the industry hasn't realized it yet.

Podcast Parallels

However, the parallels between churches, radio stations, law firms, and schools do not end there. And it is also no coincidence that I'm a podcaster who came up with the idea of "podcast pastor." But how I came up with the idea of podcast pastor was NOT having the epiphany that the internet has obsoleted traditional means by which to convey information, and I could profit off of it by turning churches digital. It was realizing instead that the "Red Pill" community operated nearly identically to a church, and in a sense I already had a congregation. It would merely be applying the same skills I learned having an online presence to that of a digital church.

For example, like a church I have a "congregation." You can call them "readers," "subscribers," "listeners," "followers," "fans," etc., but the thousands of people who tune in regularly to my podcasts or read my posts effectively form a congregation. And other online personalities or "Red Pill Pastors" have their own congregations. Rich Cooper, Terrence Popp, Roosh, Rollo Tomassi, Donovan Sharpe, all have "congregations" unto themselves, congregants who tune in regularly to hear their message.

There is also the message itself. Like a religion, these "Red Pill Pastors" convey terabytes of information and wisdom about life, careers, family, love, women, dating, finances, philosophy and more. And if you take a secular view of religion, this message serves a very "Leviticusian" purpose in explaining how to go about living your life, managing your life, and being successful in life. One could argue most religions are simply the wisdom of "life management," but with all the added fat of singing, pointless ceremonies, the afterlife, and "believe in me or die" type threats that forces you to believe. Still, most red pill podcasts are nothing more than sermons from older men trying to pass on life-wisdom to younger ones.

And there's even the donation plate. Though there are many ways to monetize these metaphorical Red Pill Churches, a quick click on somebody's PayPal link is no different than dropping $5 into the collection plate, just as becoming a Patreon member is like becoming a member to the church. Having a red pill channel is really no different than the theoretical "digital church" I wished to create in Podcast Pastor.

A More Practical Message

There is, however, one major difference between the "The Church of the Saint Red Pill" and all other major religions. And it's also the reason why more and more men will replace their traditional religions (if any) with the red pill - practicality.

The message of the red pill is infinitely more practical to young men today because it addresses the thing they want the most - women. Cheapened as you might find this, it is true. Men, above all other things, want women. It's why the lions share of material you'll hear in the red pill community is about women. It's why the majority of time, effort, and resources in the red pill is about marriage, dating, sex, and love. And whereas you can barely get a traditional church congregant to stay awake for a 15 minute sermon about salvation or Christ, you can get thousands of men to fully-tune in for 4 hour podcast extravaganzas on how to get a date with a woman. It's no shock that while membership in churches are declining, the red pill community is growing exponentially because the message the "red pill religion" conveys addresses the most important issue young (and old) men have in their lives - women.

Red Pill, Black Pill, God Pill

The problem with having the Red Pill supplant religion is that it is somewhat short sighted. Yes, it addresses the number one thing in life for men - women. Yes, it addresses all other aspects of life that most of modern day religions don't (career, education, health, etc.), or at least in modern, more practical terms. But while men have the horse-blinders on in their pursuit of women in the here and now, the day will come you either get married or simply get old and face your own mortality, which will then necessitate you seriously revisit traditional religion.

This is the "red pill, black pill, god pill" transition that I CANNOT CLAIM to be the originator of (it was somebody else who, if you can inform me, I will gladly provide credit here). But the basic evolution of these pills is such:

You are introduced to truth through the red pill. This requires a (roughly) decade-long journey undoing all the lies and propaganda you've been fed to simply get back to square one, and reorganize your life so you make the most of the remainder of your life on this planet. Your decisions are based in truth and reality, they become more effective, and you start to have success in life.

This will then lead you to the "black pill" or "nihilism." In part because you will be so angry at how society lied to you and itself, but also once you do base your life in reality and get back on track, you will have success. This success will come in the form of solving most of your major problems. And once these major problems are gone, you will be forced to look into the future ask what is life all about. Those stuck addicted to the blue pill are too busy slaving away as debt slaves, stuck in traffic, never having the time or luxury to contemplate the meaning of life. They're too busy just treading water,

spending every second dealing with the mistakes they made in the past be it student loans, divorce, illegitimate children, etc. But you get to stare the monster right in the face and contemplate your existence on this planet.

This will then lead to the "God Pill" as exhibited by Roosh's recent conversion to religion. It is not coincidence that Roosh sought religion AFTER he had completed his journey conquering women and gaining all the wisdom the red pill had to offer. It was what was foremost on his mind as a young man, and will be what is on the mind of most young men today. But the day is coming either through success with women or by forfeiting the pursuit of women, your focus will no longer be on women, careers, educations, travel, philosophy, hobbies, or life, but the after-life.

It is because of this both religions (traditional and "The Glorious Church of Saint Red Pill") will play necessary roles in all men's (and women's) lives. You cannot deny your nature or programming, and for the first half of men's lives, the Red Pill will teach them the vital lessons needed to navigate this all-important part of your life. But the day is coming you will either get married, commit to a woman, or simply tire of them and throw in the towel. And once that happens the only other major problem you will face in life is that it will end. This will be a choice up to you to decide whether you want to take the "God Pill" and become religious, or take a more secular view that you will return to "nothingness" existing as you didn't before you were born. That choice I cannot make for you. But if there's anything I've learned about humans it is that we need two things in life - vice and religion. Take the time to resurface from your consumption of the Red Pill religion to occasionally contemplate traditional religion, even if they are stuck in the dark ages, forcing you to attend a physical church, when Podcast Pastor could make it so much more convenient.

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The Older Brother Podcast #49 - The "Women's Povertyball" Episode

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Ugly white people in Portlandia.
Getting revenge on a cheating ex.
All jobs suck.
Women's Povertyball

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"The Rational Choice of Post-College Social Life"

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"The flip side is that college men will often marry women who previously "put out" to better looking men in college. The married man might consider this a form of intertemporal cuckoldry; he may feel that he has bought the cow, where others have gotten the milk for free.[1] This resentment is likely to be acute for the married man who is now a successful professional and/or the primary breadwinner.[2] In this instance, the married man (who perhaps forewent "partying" opportunities in college) will feel that his wife has gotten the better of this arrangement."

Never Be Left Alone with a Female Journalist

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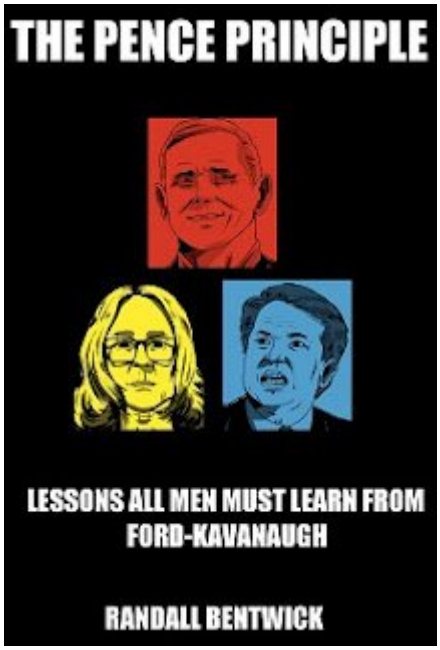
I love all the "screeeeeeee" that is coming from this, when it is the exact same people who brought it upon themselves with Kavanaugh and Ford. If only there was a book written about this type of thing. OH WAIT!



How Millennials Lost the Value of a Dollar

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I Don't Get Patreon

I don't get Patreon.

Oh, I understand how it works. I have an account. I even make some decent beer money off of it monthly. But I do not philosophically understand how it's even a success. The reason why is a simple economic principle my brain just can't ignore - you're paying for nothing. You get nothing in return. It is true charity and cannot possibly benefit you except for perhaps the warm fuzzies that come from helping out somebody you endorse.

Even accounting for the irrational "warm fuzzies" people get from wasting their money ~~on problems that will never be solved~~ charity, I additionally don't understand how Patreon is successful when there is an infinitely superior way to monetize you content while not costing your followership a single penny - Amazon's affiliate program. Amazon's affiliate program is drastically superior to Patreon because it doesn't cost your followers anything, but you get paid a 6-7% commission on all their Amazon purchases. I use the program myself, and in my podcasts I always recommend people use my Amazon Affiliate program before merely donating Patreon money, but some diehard fans insist on donating to Patreon (of which I am eternally grateful).

Still, despite Amazon being a superior way to monetize your content, I am factually, mathematically, and empirically in the wrong when it comes to Patreon, because *everybody* seems to love patreon.

Even as a disbeliever in patreon, I make a tidy little $123 a month through my Patreon account. This is nothing compared to a much more popular podcaster, Dick Masterson, who makes ***$22,000 a month*** on his patreon account. There is Park Seo-yeon who makes $9,000 per month merely eating food online. I recall a young woman who was a webcam model who made over $200,000 a month (but could not find the article). And then there is the recent Belle Delphine who was made famous for selling her used bathwater online for $30 a bottle. She has a patreon account, but does not list her monthly income (of which I'd conservatively estimate to be over $100,000). Everybody loves Patreon and are willing to put up the money to provde. Ergo, once again, I am wrong and society is right.

I Don't Get Used Bathwater

But let's talk about bathwater for a second. Matter of fact let's talk about used women's panties. Off color as these topics may sound, it is a fact that many women make

thousands (likely millions) of dollars every year selling personal items to desperate men online. I don't condemn these women for doing so (matter of fact, I cheer them on), but it does bring up a question I have for the men spending millions of dollars on these useless items - why in The Patron Saint's Name of Frick are you spending your money on this crap? What do you possibly get out of it? Even with Patreon I can see the ideological philosophy of wanting to support an artist, an author, a creator, or a simple intellectual renegade whose online activities will prevent him/her from ever working a real job again.

But used bathwater?
Used women's panties?
Ever paying for an ASMR video?

Aside from mental illness there is no rational explanation for parting with your money for these things. Still, people do, and I am once again in the factual, economic wrong.

I Don't Get Superchats...Well "Bacon Maldito"

And then there's "superchats." If you are unaware of what a "super chat" is, it is a way for listeners of YouTube livestreams to donate money to their favorite hosts. I host my podcast on YouTube and while streaming live, listeners can donate money in the chat room which allows them to send me a question or a comment. It is customary and courtesy that the host read the question or comment of the listener and answer it. I've used superchats on my show to allow people to send me some quick questions where I give them quick advice instead of a longer, more costly consultation I would charge them at my consultancy, Asshole Consulting. So from an economic standpoint this makes sense to me. They are paying me for a a quick consultation. They're getting something of value in return.

But then there's a regular listener of mine, Bacon Maldito.

Bacon runs his own fledgling podcast called "The God Damn Bacon" and very regularly drops into my show. But what I don't get is why he (and a couple of others) donate money without asking a question, apparently just for shits and giggles. Occasionally he might have a question, but usually he doesn't, and so most of his donations are just charity. Charity I don't understand. Still, like used bathwater, ASMR videos, patreon, and eating food online, people are spending their money the way they spend their money, and rational to me or not, superchats are right, I am in the wrong.

Signs of a Larger Disconnect

Be it Bacon's irrational superchats, Belle Delphine's used bathwater, some random women's used panties, or $50,000 monthly patreon donations, these are signs of what I believe to be a fundamental change in people's spending habits as well as a perception of

the value of money. This is not to accuse any of my fine listeners/followers who donate to my patreon or send me superchats of irrationally spending their money (trust me, you are spending it VERY WISELY), but to highlight that something has changed on a nationwide level where more and more people are willing to spend their money with no real expectations of something in return. And while without a doubt the advent of the internet along with websites that allow for the ease of donating to charity (PayPal, Patreon, GoGundMe, etc.) have enabled this behavior, there is something much more sociological and economic that is getting people to so quickly and easily part with their money.

That sociological and economic phenomenon is that we have decoupled people from the value of a dollar. i.e. - young people no longer know the value of money.

The Four Horsemen of the Decoupling of the Value of Money

There is no doubt that the Millennials and younger grew up with the internet and thus have no apprehension to spending money via it. There is also no doubt "Say's Law" is at play which states "supply creates it's own demand." In otherwords I'm sure that had the internet existed before there would have been demand for "used bath water" and "AMSR videos." But these two items do not fully explain, in my opinion or to my satisfaction, why young people are so quick to part with their money. Additionally, there is the fact it is predominantly younger people donating to "instagram models," patreon pages, and purchasing used bathwater. And so I posit four sociological variables or trends that have severed the Millennials' (and younger) generations' ability to value a dollar.

1. Parental and Governmental Money

Whether you came from a rich suburbanite family or grew up in the ghetto there was always either enough parental money or government money to make sure you didn't have to work. In the 1980's a "Go Fund Me" campaign was shoveling people's drive ways, raking people's yards, mowing people's yards, or a lemonade stand. I remember my first job was actually shoveling shit for $3.10 an hour, while other of my Gen X colleagues baby sat or worked at McDonald's. But today this is unnecessary as anybody under 35 never had to work a job as an adolescent or a teenager because either their parents or government just gave them the money.

This is important to note because it destroys what I like to consider "the rubber hitting the road" in terms of self-supportation. If you just give your kids everything or never make them work for anything, they will grow up to become the age of 18 and expect everything to be given to them. Furthermore, they will never truly know what it takes to support oneself since parents and the government are constantly providing shelter, food, clothing, health insurance, transportation, etc. Not that a 16 year old should be paying for his own apartment, tuition, car, and cell phone plan, but if you can't teach your kid to work up the money over summer to pay for his XBox One, he sure as hell isn't going to

have the work ethic to pay for rent when he's 18.

2. College

Speaking of rent, let's talk about college. College is merely an extension of children's parasitic adolescence, under the guise they're getting education.

Never mind the 13 years of education they had before.
Never mind they're studying the exact same crap they studied through most of high school.
And never mind most of them are majoring in subjects that will make them no more employable than whenst they graduated from high school.

Nope, "now" this time it's serious. This time it counts.

Regardless, the truth about college is it is nothing more than a postponement of becoming an adult under the lie that you're getting educated because nobody would be hiring you anyway. But what makes this possible is something that further disconnects young people from knowing the value of a dollar - college debt.

In borrowing the money to pay for everything, young people - once again - are shielded from the "rubber hitting the road" aspect of self-supportation. They lollygag in worthless classes. They party and drink, solving all the world's problems with the same, tiring socialist solutions. And they actually think that' they're getting educated and prepared for the real world. All that's really happening is they're avoiding work and postponing it into the future. This has the effect of further cementing what they've grown to expect during childhood - never having to work. And since they've never had to work, all those thousands of dollars they get from their parents, government, scholarships, or student loans, really start to lose all meaning. The lights are on. They're getting their three squares a day. Books and tuition are covered. It starts to cement the idea that everything is the world truly is "free." And thus, if everything is "free" money really has no meaning or value.

Student loans, however, also have a nefarious dark side that further severs young people's ability to value a dollar, both now and into the future.

I truly believe young (and old) people today are too stupid to know how debt works. Like the difference between a million, a trillion, and a billion, most "college graduates" do not know that loans are other people's money that needs to be returned. And I doubt more than 5% of student loan debt holders can even begin to explain how "compound interest" works. This is in part because most college graduates truly aren't smart. It's also in part because most college graduates are lazy and never bothered expending the effort to understand how compound interest works. I would also say it's because by this time their

life long laziness and sloth has solidified into their permanent psyche because they've never faced starvation, cold or hunger. Regardless, since most people don't comprehend what a loan is, let alone the amount of time it would take for them to work up the money to pay it back, most young people again have no clue what the value of a dollar truly is.

"Compounding" this problem is that their interest is...well...compounding. And this is where an element of hopelessness and desperation kicks in.

Once students leave college, it is the first time they are quasi-introduced to the real world. They have to apply for jobs. They have to look for work. And most will find they're qualified to do nothing more than work as a barista or a barhand. It is also likely the first time they look at their first paycheck and have to ask their parents "what's this difference between gross and net pay."

Here, reality finally dawns on them. Oh sure, they might go and try to find a job that "pays a fair wage" or "appreciates my masters in social work." But rejection letter after rejection letter, and the occasional $30,000/yr job after $30,000/yr job, they actually look at their student loan debts and get the first inkling of just how much work it's going to take to pay them off.

To be honest, most people, like when leaving home, just throw up their hands and go "meh, I'm not going to pay this off. I'm not going to have to support myself. That's other people's problems. Nobody is going to let me starve" which is likely true. But since they borrowed tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands of dollars, lived for free off of other people's money, and are now approaching the age of 25, and now in their mind have forgiven themselves of that debt, they once again are completely removed from the value of a dollar.

3. The Return Home

Unable to support themselves (no matter how "strong and independent" they'll claim to be), they will return home. Some will not PHYSICALLY return home (because it would be too embarrassing), but will still live off of their parents, even the government, in some sort of way. Either direct handouts, cars being given to them, "help with rent," "help with insurance," government assistance, whatever the case, they are still parasitically dependent on their parents.

When these people "move back home" this is one again an extension of adolescence as well as a delaying of growing up and self-supportation. And, mark my words, the day is rapidly approaching that millennials who live at home will in their 40's will be common. By this time you will have lived HALF YOUR LIFE and ALL OF YOUR FORMATIVE years never having to support yourself. NEVER visiting that point in life where the rubber hits the road. And with your aging, decrepit parents bailing you out, or co-signing on your

worthless "Masters in Public Health Administration" degree (once again making sure you go to college and not WORK), you could live damn well near 75% of your life without ever knowing what it takes to work up the money to support yourself, pay back your debts, and save enough for retirement.

4. Futility in the Future

By this time, the "not so young" person has no hope nor ability to achieve some basic financial benchmarks in their lives. Matter of fact, they are practically condemned to be parasites their entire lives. Thusly, they have no reason to save or invest for their retirement, homeownership, let alone eliminating their debt. A "YOLO" mentality takes over, and this partly explains why the largest type of debt millennials have is their CAR LOANS, not student loans.

When you take away the incentive to save or invest, you once again further sever people's ability to value a dollar. This is not a sin solely of the Millennials as currently only 30% of baby boomers have enough to retire, but at least the MAJORITY of the loathed baby boomers will have enough to retire. Millennials will be the first generation who will die with debt as a whole and the minority will achieve something as simple as homeownership. In this case, with death approaching you, most millennials will simply avoid their debts by dying, which once again frees them of the responsibility of paying back the people they stole money from to afford them a cushy lifestyle (and let's not forget "amazing college experience.")

At this point, they never had to know the value of a dollar because their lives were largely parasitic. They never had to pay for what they consumed. They never had to work up the money needed to support themselves. And yet they still fashioned themselves the victims. But regardless of their warped entitled mentality, is it any wonder ....

Girls can sell used bathwater for $30 a bottle?
Girls can make $1000 a day doing "ASMR" videos?
Go Fund Me campaigns get funded but the product never delivered?
And instagram models can sell freaking used panties on the internet?

Millennials have no clue what the value of a dollar is, so they have no problems throwing dollars at such pointless, worthless things in life. There's never been a generation who is so easily separated from their money.

"Cappy Cappites, Learn the Value of a Dollar"

The moral of this story is one I am only going to convey to my audience. And the reason why I'm only targeting my readers/listeners/followers is because they have the intellectual honesty and horsepower to listen and abide by it. The rest of the normies,

conformies, and inferiors won't listen to this lesson because they simply lack the courage and work ethic to face the reality of their dire financial situation. They are the types of people who only want to listen to the democrat presidential candidates promise they'll forgive their student loans, allowing an entire generation to steal $1.5 trillion from the taxpayers, just like the banskters. So to my readers understand this lesson well.

It is VITAL you learn the value of a dollar. And the only way to learn the value of a dollar is to work up enough money to:

1. Support yourself
2. Amortize (payback) your debts

and

3. Save up enough for retirement

You cannot do this with the "YOLO" life, new cars, new-used cars, $8 avacado and toast, and $75,000 MBA programs. It requires budgeting, sacrifice, minimalism, and hard work. And if you do the above, you will quickly find out what you can and CANNOT afford. More importantly, however, is you will know what it takes for an individual, and thus society, to be successful in this life, providing you an objective measure of just how much effort is required to attain "success." You will also appreciate your fellow man's time as you'll understand just how much of it is required for that individual to support himself. But above all else, you will not become a thief like the majority of democrats, leftists, and socialists in this country because in knowing the value of a dollar you won't dare steal other people's money because you'll know just what they had to go through to get it, as well as how much they need it.

Finally, while I doubt any single one of my listeners is buying "used bath water" or are "pay piggies" to instagram "conservathot" models, please make sure you can personally afford to donate to content creators, send superchats to livestreamers you like, or be patreon members to authors you like. I absolutely appreciate every donation and superchat I get. But do not do so if it sacrifices your own self-supportation, you retirement, or your ability to pay off your debts. And if you'd still like to help, but not impair your finances, there's always my books to buy (which will teach you how to get out of debt) and my Amazon affiliate program (where you were going to spend that money anyway). There's a way to help out your favorite content creators AND come out financially ahead in the process.

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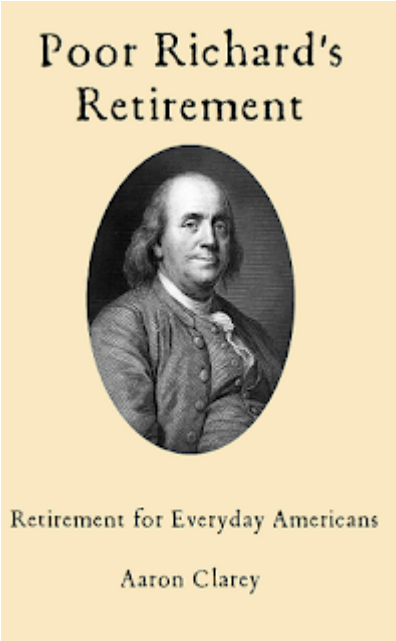

Girls Should Go to the Gym, Not Liberal Arts Colleges

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Who knew. Beauty and sex pays more than your Sociology or Communications degree.

The "Guess the Price of Bitcoin" Competition

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My buddy Kerry Lutz has put together a little fun game called "guess the price of Bitcoin." It costs nothing, but if you win, you win 40 silver quarters! Check it out and see if Bitcoin breaks $20,000!

The Clarey Podcast #300 - The "Wife Gave Me Permission" Episode

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Cappy and TJ Martinell talk about:

American men should NEVER marry.
Asking your wife permission to go out.
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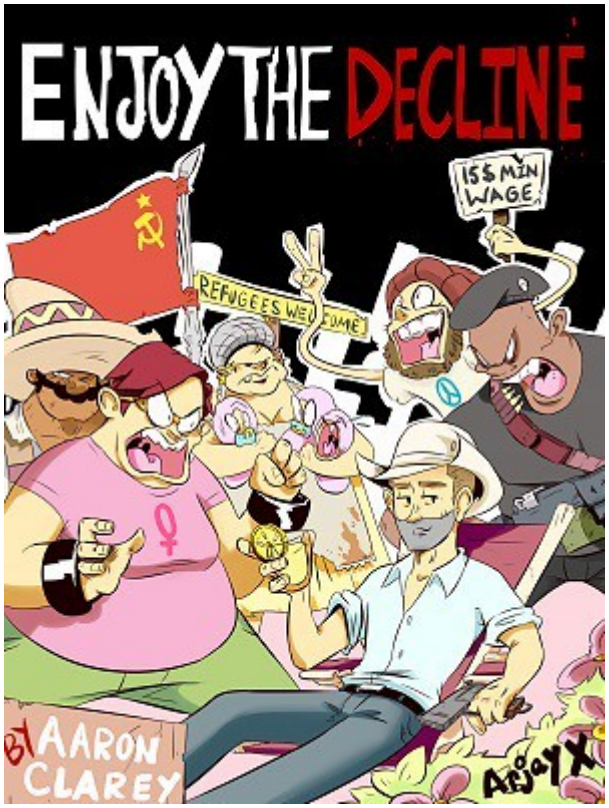
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Liberal Women Who Play Stupid Games

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To quote Hannibal from The A-Team, "I love it when a plan comes together."

Price Controls Do NOT Compensate for a Lazy Population

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I'll explain ALL of inflationary bouts in the history of economics:

Lying socialists tell the population they deserve free shit.
The dumb population believes this because they are both lazy and dumb.
That lazy dumb population does not work, engage in hard disciplines, and waits for their gubmint check.
Nothing is produced, which means no tax revenues are coming in, so the government prints off more money.
With more money chasing fewer goods inflation or even hyperinflation sets in.
Dumb and lazy population complains about prices increases caused by their own laziness and parasitism.
Socialist politicians "solve" the problem by enacting price controls arbitrarily fixing prices.
Artificially low prices further deters what small percent of the population is working, from working more.
Less goods enter the market.
Store shelves are empty.

This is what's happening in Argentina (again).

If you are too stupid to understand the simple economic process described above you should:

1. Not have the right to vote
2. Not have the right to run for public office.
3. Should plainly shut the fuck up on anything in terms of politics and economics.
4. Live the life of a completely boring, ordinary mass produced human who will do nothing noteworthy in life.

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Generation X Spinsters Cometh

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I've said it before and I'll say it again, Generation X women will be the first true "Spinster Generation."

Cats.
Careers.
And student loans.

The Fathers Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Notice I say plural.

The Clarey Podcast #301 - The "Rando Cleaning House" Episode

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Cappy and Chad talk about:

Black female James Bond, how cute.
Some women DO hate men and make chairs to prove it.
"Consent Kittens"
Teachers fucking their students.
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Do Humans Have Value in an AI World?

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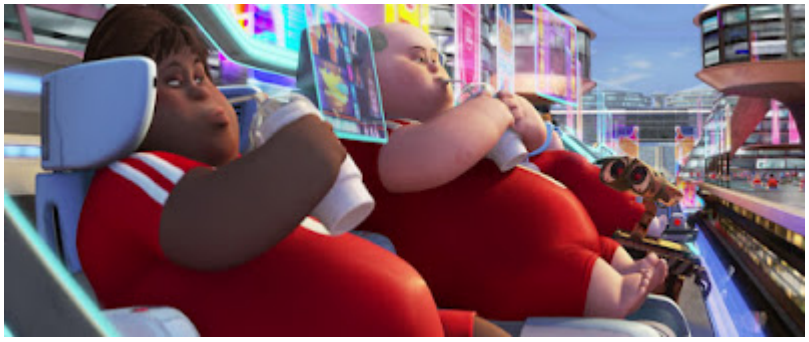

A World Without Work

The inevitable and presumed goal of civilization has been one without sweat, labor, toil, or effort. A utopian world where consumption is unlimited, but the labor required to produce consumable items unnecessary. Economists and the economics profession itself has long aimed to manage the factors of production in the most efficient way possible to bring about the "most efficient" version of this utopia current day technologies allowed. And this utopian dream is so tempting, one could argue the largest part of our modern day economy is lying to people by promising it to them...as long as you borrow egregious sums at usurious rates of interest.

But for whatever technological hurdles and sociological stumbles we as humans make towards this ideal world of unlimited resources, we have made incredible progress. Diseases have been cured. Life expectancies trebled. Our environments have been tamed and controlled so we're cool in summer and warm in winter. Flight, telecommunications, the internet. It's an improvement a million times better than when our ancestors' primary problem was finding food or not becoming food themselves. One could argue we're already here.

Still, people have to labor somewhat, and while life is on "easy mode" it's certainly not on "god mode" just yet. And so we will inexorably move towards that PERFECT utopia where AI and the slave robots it commands does ALL the labor for us, producing EVERYTHING we could possibly want, making everything effectively free and the dredges of society like Ilhan Omar as "productive" and rich as the Bill Gateses of the world.

But have you ever taken the time to think about a world without work? Have you wondered what humans would do with themselves 10 hours a day neither commuting nor laboring? Shoot, if the robots are producing everything, why even bother going to school? Why bother becoming literate? Why bother even learning to wipe your ass because the "ass wiping robot" will do it for you? Without labor or problems, from womb to tomb every second of human life would have to be occupied with some form of

leisurely pursuits, hobbies, fun, eating, video games, and work-avoidance. And while that may sound "fun" even "utopian," without labor, without professions, without the mandate to create the production that is required to support oneself and advance oneself, giving oneself value, humans would simply be left with mere hedonism and ultimately no real point or purpose in life.

You may not believe this at first, because a life of video games, unlimited sushi buffets, ice cream, and holodeck sex orgies with a score of redheaded Jennifer Anistons seems pretty hard to beat. But that is because you don't understand novelty. This is exemplified in the Twilight Zone episode "A Nice Place to Visit" where a gangster thug dies and is presumably sent to heaven. All of his worldly desires are met. He never loses at the casino. He can rob banks with nobody stopping him. And scores of beautiful women surround him. Though "heavenly," inevitably the novelty wears off. He tires of winning, tires of 100% success, tires of life being so easy and actually looks for a challenge. Simply something different in life. He is then informed by his host (who is in actuality, the Devil) that he cannot have anything different, but 100% success and material wealth forever into eternity. This flooding of the gangster's after-life market with unlimited material goods, success, women, etc., ironically and tragically DESTROYS the novelty and thus value of ALL THINGS in the gangster's afterlife, at which point he realizes he is in fact in hell.

This hell is the same prospect facing those of you yearning and desiring for a BGI, student loan bailouts, and an "unlimited economic utopia." On paper Perfect AI and an army of slave robots may seem great. Until you realize it would relegate every human into a world of unlimited hedonism. A hedonism that would quickly lose its novelty, and thus value, and therefore take away any value, worth, purpose or point of human existence. Yes, you can have one more piece of sushi. Yes, you can have more sex and breed as much as you want. Yes, you can drive Ferraris like every one else. But without a purpose, without a profession, without a connection to the goods you produce from the labor you sacrifice, humans ultimately have no value in an AI world. You are merely "consumers" of materialism who produce nothing of value, nothing of creation, nothing of innovation. Matter of fact, the non-sentient robots and AI software have more value, purpose, and meaning than you as what do you do other than merely exist off of the AI system? In all honesty, most humans in a Perfect AI world might as well commit suicide, and leave the AI system for future, intrepid aliens to discover because most people would ultimately have no point or purpose in life. Besides, the boredom would ultimately drive most people to suicide anyway.

Alas, as we asymptotically approach this Perfect AI world, humans are going to have to find something that gives them value. And as increasing percentages of the economy have become automatic and streamlined, affording an increasing percent of the population an effective "Perfect AI World," many of us already have. But as you'll find out, most of these new "professions" are mere distractions with no actual production of

value behind them. Merely masturbation for ultimately worthless humans to feel as if they're producing something today. And as far as my economist eye can tell me, there are going to be five general "labor" classes in the future AI economy (though I speculated on three earlier).

"The Maintainers"

These will be the mandatory humans required to actually keep and maintain the AI system and army of slave robots programmed and operational. A lot of these people already exist in the form of doctors, engineers, programmers, and tradesmen, but no matter how advanced AI and robots get, you're going to need humans to do some work that simply can't be done by a robot. A medical decision. A diagnostic on an auto repair. Even an artistic choice when it comes to having the carpenter robots put siding on your house, humans are going to have to be present to at minimum tell/program the robots and AI what to do to meet changing demands in the economy, as well as maintain the AI infrastructure.

The "Maintainers" will be one of the only two classes that provides genuine value and economic production to society.

"The Sex Workers"

The other group of people who will provide actual, tangible value to society will be the "sex workers." Not so much in terms of actual sex or prostitution, but no matter how many future generations are raised digitally on their cell phones and how many armies of robots we build, human nature will still demand an actual human touch. Massages, pedicures, escorting, cuddling, rent-a-friend, rent-a-family, and yes, actual sex will become a commodity as it always has been.

But an interesting note is how much demand for sexual/human touch will increase if people don't have to work. If you thought the orgies of Senatorial Romans was epic, just wait till there's nothing left to do in life except eat, sleep, defecate and fornicate! An additional interesting note will be the economics of the supply of sex workers. Predominantly, men are the consumers of sex and women are the providers (though there are gigolos too). But in such a gluttonous time, how many women (or men) will actually be physically attractive enough to beget demand? If you want to go down the rabbit hole further, how would they be paid in that in this theoretical unlimited resource utopia? Currency would have no value (actually, it wouldn't exist). If today is any kind of glimpse into the future, substitute goods will likely take over in that most young men today waste years looking at porn online, more women have sex toys than they do husbands, and if the slave robots are that good, then perhaps real women will be off the hook with the advent of Stepford Wives. And what few truly attractive women remain, perhaps can sell used bath water.

If the proposition that sex work would be the only other form of valuable economic work, do not be offended. It's more of a testament to how "utopian" a world would be if we eliminated labor, as well as a testament to human nature. Nearly all forms of actual labor and work would be eliminated, leaving only the pursuit of pleasure on the table. And fun as video games, eating, playing sports, and racing motorcycles is, sex is pretty high up there in terms of human recreational activities. As long as the lights are on, food is unlimited, and we get our free F-16 fighter planes, the only other thing of value would be sex in this future economy.

"The Artists"

With no real work to do many, if not all of us, would inevitably turn to some form of art as a means to create some kind of human expression or creativity. And it doesn't have to be "art" in the classical sense such as painting, sculpture, music, or theater, as much as it could be a hobby or an interest. This isn't bad as it's mentally healthy to pursue hobbies and art (both today and in the theoretical perfect future) and it might be the only thing many people can do. Plus, some people's pursuit of art might accidentally create some value for society.

But the problem with "The Artists" class of labor is one we already see too painfully today - it's flooded with truly talentless people.

Here the future is now as worthless human beings who have NO skill or talent whatsoever flood the creative world with their hideous works of "art." Be it minimalist or modern art museums, horrific noise masquerading as modern opera, equally horrific noise masquerading as top 50 pop chart music, puke-inducing fashion, Disney-remakes, or eye-raping architecture, today's "artistic" world is honeycombed with spoiled trust fund babies who simply didn't want to work, had enough parental money to avoid it, and now create the slop that is considered "art."

But if you thought art was bad now, just wait till NOBODY has to work. Everybody will become an artist. Everybody will become a podcaster. Everybody will become a fashion designer. Everybody will become an author. And as the market is flooded with more and more slop, the overall value of society's art and culture will go down. But worse, very much like it is today, true talent, skill, and artistic talent will not necessarily rise to the top. Today, the reason for this is the art world is the furthest thing from merocratic. Cousins to studio executives get rights to remake 1980's movies in Hollywood, not the future George Lucases. Rich people's worthless children have their art works displayed in museums said parents donate to. People with ins, not necessarily musical talent, get record contracts. etc. etc. But in the future, a lack of struggle, sacrifice, labor, and work will destroy anybody's sense of value, talent, or skill. They will not be able to tell the difference between Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and "Piss Christ." And since being a true artist takes sacrifice and hard work, nearly nobody in the world of the future will

have worked up the skill to create something that is truly beautiful. Alas, the future will be awash with so much worthless art and so many worthless artists, it will only be the works of the past that will carry any true artistic value.

"The Masturbaters"

While you can say there's a chance an artist today or in the future might make something of genuine artistic and economic value, the same cannot be said of "The Masturbaters." I call them the "Masturbaters" because they merely go through the motions of production without actually producing anything of value. Like many of the aforementioned classes, proto-cousins of these future "Masturbaters" exist today in what are largely make-work, welfare jobs programs.

Teachers
Counselors
Psychologists
Social workers
Professors
Museum directors
Site interpreters
National park rangers
Non-profit directors
HR
CSR
Librarians
Outreach directors
Assistant Reserve Vice Adjunct Provost Diversity Director
"Diversity and Inclusion" officers
etc.

We all know (themselves included) that NONE OF THEM are working a real jobs producing real or in demand things. Their employment is either political or truly a welfare program to create make-work for low-skilled, low-IQ, and/or high-laziness people that want to avoid math, STEM, science, or real disciplines that would require real work. And whereas mere welfare-bums are simply parasitic, taking their government money and running, today's "proto-masturbaters" are worse than that in that they not only need the money, but need their egos strokes as well. Ergo, the world bends over backwards to create ***entire industries*** of make-work jobs so they can all play "The Land of Make Believe," imagine they're "real working adults," when in reality they are simply egotistical parasites.

That's today. Can you imagine, when there is no need to actually have a real job or real profession, just what a high percentage of the population is going to want to work faux jobs in the Masturbation industry? I'd estimate damn well near half the population will

continue to go to school to get some kind of worthless doctorate degree, perhaps coming up with a completely new "Super Doctorate Degree" all so they can go work for some made up non-profit with some self-declared cause or another when the truth is they should just go home, shoot up some heroin, have an orgy, play video games or just plain shoot themselves. Like most of their modern day welfare-jobs cousins, they will have no point or purpose in their career, and the only reason they bother would be to lie to themselves that in going through the motions they have value.

"The Nazis"

Take everything said about The Masturbaters, add ego and power-tripping to the formula, and you get fifth and final labor class - "The Nazis."

Again, like the previous four labor classes you can see the seedlings of the future "Nazis" today. SJW's, crusaders, activists, politicians - the true evil scum of the Earth who are not only too lazy to work a real job, but need to be in power and control. Truly evil people who view their right to an easy life at the expense of others more important than other people's freedom, and will come up with every possible lie, flawed philosophy, and tactic to get it. These vile people have always been with us and forever will. But in a perfect AI, unlimited resource economy, a nightmarish situation will open up.

Right now most people envy those who have more than them. It is the backbone of the democrat party (and all socialist parties in the world). It is what drives most poor and middle income people angry with jealousy and rage. And our main institutions reinforce, as well as capitalize on this envy be it the public schools, politicians, media, or even virtue signaling corporations. But this envy is primarily financial. Through democracy a significant amount of money has been transferred from the producers to the parasites, ameliorating some of this envy (though it will never be enough). However, in the theoretical utopian AI world of unlimited resources, all people would be infinitely rich and there would no longer be any money, income, or wealth to fight over. Again, parasites like Ilhan Omar will be just as rich as Bill Gates, and so the need for political movements of envy masquerading as "wealth redistribution" or "justice" movements will end.

Or will it?

Because you have to understand that for the future "Nazis" it was never necessarily about money as much as it was supremacy. They simply cannot, and will not abide being inferior in ANY way, be it financial or any other metric and here is where the nightmare begins.

While a Perfect AI economy will solve all financial problems, that's all it will solve. And there are nearly an unlimited number of other variables humans will be envious, jealous, and ultimately fight over.

Height
Beauty
Hapiness
Friends
Talent
Intelligence
Humor
Sanity
Health
Discipline

Every possible variable in humans' lives where somebody will be "better off" than another will be targeted by these (literal) Nazis. And like their modern day SJW, politician, activist counterparts, instead of just enjoying the free internet, free food, and gubmint checks, they're going to focus on the rat bastard who;

has a hotter wife
is taller
is healthier
who hits the gym
who diets right
who can run longer
who can paint better
who sings better
who can play the guitar better
or is just plain liked more by other people

And when you realize just how invasive and total their intrusion into your personal life will become, you can see the nightmare.

Are you in shape, diet and work out?
Well screw you, "big is beautiful."

Do you have long hair, keep in shape, and attract quality good looking men?
Well screw you, we're getting tattoos, piercings, shaving our heads and dying our hair blue.

Are you really good at painting, composing, or sculpting?
Well screw you, we're going to give the scholarship to the disadvantaged non-talented person.

Do you have a club for boys that does fun stuff the girls' club doesn't?
Well screw you, we're going to invade your club and accuse you of sexism if you don't!

And are you talking to a woman with the intent of having sex?
Well screw you, we're going to report you to security and make you take sexual deviancy training!

EVERY, and I do mean EVERY aspect of your non-financial life will be interrogated and "redistributed" or at least "regulated" by these future Nazis simply because they have nothing better to do.

But...wait....that's already happening now isn't it?

Today is the Future

As per my previous missives on AI and the future economy, I like to point out how much we're "already here." By all health and important economic measures there really is no wealth disparity. Sure, yes, the billionaires of today have millions times more than some, and yes, most rich people drive a nicer car than I do. But we're all living the same life style, eating the same food driving the same roads. Just ask Steve Jobs how much his billions improved his life above that of Joe America.

But the key thing here is to realize we already effectively do live in an AI economy where the dredges of society do have a BGI, do not have to work, and do not have to support themselves. We do have MILLIONS of "Masturbaters" employed in make work welfare jobs, the sole purpose of which is to protect their egos. We have professional, full time "Nazis" who think it's their right to lord over us and rule us while getting paid. We have millions of worthless, talentless children acting as artists, drowning us in their worthless crap, constantly asking for government grants. And we do have sex workers who provide sex services (though digitally more than ahem..."traditionally."). And supporting ALL OF THIS are the "Maintainers" which is the ever-dwindling number of men and women paying 50% of their salaries in Silicon Valley, commuting in our major metros, slaving away at the machines, or patching us up after attending 8 years of med school. We may not be there yet, but we might as well be.

The Value of a Human in an AI World

Though we will never attain a perfect, 100% AI world where EVERY need, want, and desire of ours is met, I argue we already are effectively there. And we don't need to wait for the perfect Skynet computer to program and dictate to the perfect slave robots to find out what value humans will have in an AI world. We already know what it is.

Zero.

If human behavior today is any predictor of the future, once the AI dream is achieved humans might as well commit mass suicide because there would be no darn good reason

to live. Not that there would be no point in life, but human behavior today indicates nobody would capitalize on it, merely just become robots themselves and consume, consume, consume. Yes, the "Maintainers" may want to stay on board to push the limits of science to unlock things like immortality or discovering god. And sure, if some of the "sex workers" want to maintain their physique and stick around to see what's going on, sure. Perhaps even some of you wouldn't mind a hermit life being an artist while your slave robot makes you espresso. You may make some good work. But damn near 90% of the human population would be nothing better than the fat, bloated gluttons portrayed in the movie "Wall-E." Engorging yourselves on food, laziness, sloth, envy politics, career masturbation, and the evil desire to rule and control other people's lives. And what's sad is that's what society is already today.

So enjoy your $2.00 64 ounce sodas.
Enjoy your student loan bailouts for your "Communications Degree."
Enjoy your rascal as you scurry your bloated ass around Wal-Mart.
And enjoy protesting the fact some people worked harder than you and are thus better than you.

You're not going to achieve anything.
You have no value.
You actually likely have negative value.

Whether there's AI or not, you're nothing special.

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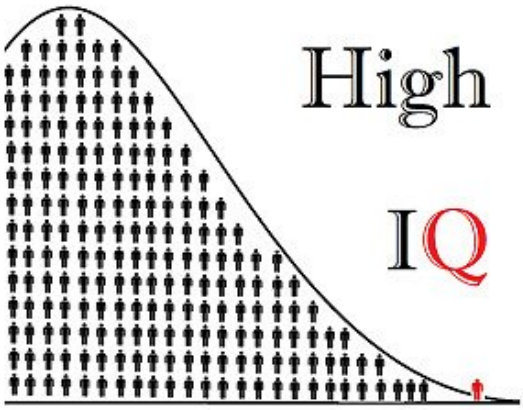

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The Older Brother Podcast #50 - The "Video Games are Not Movies" Episode

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The Piggott Effect

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The Two Reasons Men Have to Live

After observing my elders and going through a fair amount of life myself, I have come to the conclusion there are only two real reasons men have to live.

The first is women. For a gloriously uninterrupted first-decade-and-change of life, young boys are allowed to operate as truly free intellectual agents. Allowed to think for themselves, be independent, be uninfluenced by anything but pure curiosity, novelty, adventure and fun, boys enjoy the most care-free part of their lives playing with frogs, playing baseball, biking all over, and building forts for their first dozen years. Then they hit puberty and until the day they die, all of their decisions are henceforth influenced and impinged by women. They abandon their dreams. They abandon their lives. They ditch their bikes, frogs, and forts, all so they can "get da gurlz" and thus spend their days in the doldrums of marriage, or perhaps the purgatory of divorce.

But whether they're married or not, divorced or not, single or not, inevitably they get to the age where they abandon the pursuit of women, giving rise to the second reason men have to live - busting each others balls.

Oh, mock it if you must, but I am supremely confident in my assertion. Because if you watch men of retirement age, a "certain age," or pretty much any age, if women aren't around the SOLE AND ONLY reason we have to live on this planet is to rip other men apart.

I came to this epiphany while hanging out with Adam Piggott and The Great One Himself in Louisiana. While the pretense of this meetup was to meet each other in person, what it inevitably became was a mere Ball Busting Fest between the three of us.

- Mocking The Great One for BURNING CD'S SO HE CAN LISTEN TO PODCASTS IN HIS TRUCK WITH A CD PLAYER.
- Mocking Adam because he doesn't convert his WAV files into MP3's.
- Polling cute 20 something girls in New Orleans about my horrific choice of deodorant and Irish Spring soap.
- Buying Adam the "gift" of Irish Spring soap.
- Gay and homosexual jokes abound.
- And of course, pointing out Adam Piggott's ***uncanny*** ability to drive just like a post-menapausal American woman in a mini-van in the left lane.

Not one genuine compliment was exchanged in the entire three day ball bust fest, and we are merely sharpening our knives for the next one.

This ball busting, however, is not relegated to our little shindig in Louisiana.

My old man, though retired, still works to this day SOLELY to bust the balls of his co-workers and insult his buddies. I know this because that is WITHOUT FAIL the first thing he will talk to me about when we catch up. Not his wife. Not his health. Not his retirement. But how he "got Willy in accounting the other day."

When I golf with the old guys in Vegas I have never once been greeted with kindness or civility, but usually questions about whether I'm "old enough to be out by myself" and questions about whether I've hit puberty or not. And instead of being appalled, these old guys laugh when I retort, "Hey, those are nice clubs. Can I have your clubs when you stroke out on the 15th hole?"

And when going on the Masculine Geek Podcast, you will not find a group of kind, caring, supportive friends, but a hornet's nest of insults, ball busting, mockery, ridicule, and hurtful words! In their hours of podcasting, not one kind word has ever been uttered to another man.

All of these anecdotes prove that once men get over women, insulting and busting the balls of other men is all we have left in life. And though not the idyllic times of our per-pubescent childhoods, it is a marked and happier improvement over the pursuit, capture, and ultimate divorce/boredom with women most of us are fated to have.

The Piggott Effect

However, something interesting happens within all this ball-busting, mockery and ridicule. Something that does not happen in women. For while we go out of our way to find any mistake, any flaw, and minor infraction within our male colleagues, and beat them down mercilessly for our own enjoyment, there is an unintentional side-process occurring that serves all men well in the end:

Continual improvement.

For example take Adam Piggott's incredibly - nay, UNRIVALLED - ability to drive like a 53 year old American woman in a minivan in the left lane with a "COEXIST" bumpersticker on her van. The second me and The Great One realized he simply could not drive like a real man, we got on his nutz immediately. Telling him it's MILES per hour, not his Australiany gay "kilometers" per hour. Pointing out the Asian driver is passing him. Speculating if The Great One could bike back to Colorado before Piggott would get us to the airport. Though this may have hurt Adam's incredibly feminine and fragile feelings, it was the first step in solving any problem - *identifying and acknowledging there was one*. And now, going forward, it is almost a guarantee Piggott will drive better than he was before.

Another example, my odor. The Captain does not stink, but The Great One and Piggott both mocked and ridiculed The Captain for his choice in "basic bitch" soap and deodorant. I use Old Spice deodorant and Irish Spring soap. However, this is erroneous because Piggott suggested I buy a $40,000 deodorant called "Hermes." Arguing against the cost and that my scent was perfectly fine, we surveyed some young ladies in the French Quarter only to find out that Old Spice and Irish Spring were "nasty," "gross," and "disgusting." Unlike Adam Piggott, my feelings were not hurt. However, once again, *a problem was identified* and I am going to improve.

Even the old and very decrepit Great One, with his many more years of wisdom than Adam and I, had flaws that needed improvement. Of note his burning ALL of the podcasts he listens to on ONE, SINGLE rewritable CD's so he can listen to it on his 1992 pick up truck CD player. Piggott and I pointed out to The Great One that for the cost of a wire, a new truck radio, or a bluetooth speaker, he could use an MP3 player or his phone and be forever rid of the chore of reburning CD's.

Be it driving like a middle aged woman, smelling like your grandpa, or using 1990's technology in 2019, men's desire to constantly identify, hunt down, and expose the failings and flaws in other men, means we're on a trend of perpetual improvement. One day Cappy doesn't stink as bad as he used to. Another day The Great One saves himself 15 minutes of his finite life getting a blue tooth speaker. And another day New Orleanians are spared 2 million hours in cumulative commute time because there isn't an Aussie driving like a middle age American woman with a minivan, while texting her BFF's in the left lane. And over the course of days, weeks, years, and decades, men improve a considerable amount to become interesting, productive, and less stinky members of society. All because we we bust each other's balls and are forthright in pointing out the flaws and shortcomings of our fellow brothers.

The Anti-Piggott Effect

Women, it is opposite. And I would argue that behind choosing poor degrees and working

less hours, this "Anti-Piggott Effect" would explain a bit of the wage gap.

Women do not have their knives out (at least officially anyway). Women are not constantly looking for flaws in their female colleagues (at least officially anyway). And even if they do find a flaw, they will never say anything about it (to your face anyway). Matter of fact, it's quite the opposite of men's ball busting, where it is a constant "Compliment and Fawning Fest" where women sing one anothers' praises and tell one another how "amazing" they are. This sole focus on complimenting, praising, celebrating, and "positive reinforcement" overlooks flaws, errors, short-comings, and outright mistakes, denying women that perpetual self-improvement The Piggott Effect affords men.

Worse, since there is not this rabid hunting down of errors or mistakes just to bust one anothers' balls, but rather an obsession about praise and celebration for merely existing, the "Anti-Piggott Effect" allows problems, mistakes, and errors to fester, ultimately harming, even destroying the entities. For example (though behind a paywall), when women are put in charge of a college, delivering

- the highest quality education
- for the cheapest price possible
- to as many students as possible

is NOT the primary concern of the administration. It's "safety rooms," and "safety zones" and communal decision making, and avoiding making fellow women's fee-fees hurt, and "no such thing as leadership" as that would imply superiority.

You can see this elsewhere in western society where the gushing complimentfest outranks profit, efficiency, and just plain reality. We tell women (and men) to "follow your heart and the money will follow," misleading millions of poor young women into debt-slavery for worthless degrees. Entire corporate divisions are created that at BEST can be considered "marketing" or "PR," but functionally are affirmative action make-work welfare jobs programs where women can compliment each other all day - CSR, Diversity and

Inclusion, HR, even Google's Orwellian "Department of Employees and Culture." Television has long been a gush-fest of avoiding harsh truths and reality (Oprah, The View, daytime soaps, etc.). And the Democrat party (and all socialist parties of the first world) do nothing but sing the praises of women, never constructively criticizing them.

Of course, this is not to say that all women are just running around reading their People Magazine, complimenting one another, majoring in Public Health, and telling each other how "amazing and brave" they all are as they all attend masturbation-festivals. There are some authentic women, who live in reality, seek and deliver constructive criticism, major in the right things, work real jobs, and never fell for such BS. But even then it is not in women's nature to purposely hunt down and bust one another's balls to such a ferocious, olympic level (if at all) like men. And even if men were allowed to "bust women's balls" (which we're not because that would result in an immediate sexual discrimination case), both would be considered "rude." Alas, because men and women ARE DIFFERENT, women are denied the benefits of "The Piggott Effect."

Fee-Fee's or Reality

The truth is The Piggott Effect is simply about the truth. And though men enjoy busting each other's balls to find it, this blunt reality does give men an advantage over women. We don't placate one another, lie to one another, or try to make each other "feel" better. We tell one another the truth so that they might DO better, ESPECIALLY if we can laugh at them at their expense. And while poor degree choices and fewer working hours explain the lion's share of the wage gap, perhaps women could use some ball-busting and "The Piggott Effect" to help close that gap.

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Can rags-to-riches people enjoy life?
Turd Flinging Monkey and YouTube
Advertising in the Red Pill Economy
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College Students Lying to Lower Student Loan Repayments

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No!!!! Say it ain't so!

Scoundrels Last Refuge is Religion

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I love it when people who fuck up their lives so badly RUN to Christianity because it forgives them and gives them a get out of jail free card.

Though, this one more invoked the word of god than actually joined a church.

Rich Cooper on The Older Brother Podcast - What It Takes to Afford Luxury Cars

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College as a Cult

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Along the lines of the scandal where rich celebrities were paying millions to get their children into college (which behooves the question - why not just give your kids the MONEY because it's well beyond the worth of college), it's becoming apparent college has morphed into something beyond what it's possibly capable of providing students.

Status
Prestige
And as I like to call it "the economically identical nature of a wedding." AKA a birthright.

Here is yet another example of where people have lost their collective minds legally destroying their families just so their snot nosed, trust fund baby kids and pursue worthless degrees that will never pay nor provide their kids with viable careers.

Children and their parents have become completely untethered from reality when it comes to college, forcing me to conclude that college is merely a cult, a religion, where worthless, pointless children go on to extend their adolescence, as well as to give themselves some kind of agency or purpose in life (without having to work for it of course).

If you love your children, or you yourself are a student please kick your brain back into reality and buy this book. It's a critical conversation America needs to have about the merits of college education and is a way to ensure you do not destroy yourself financially through the lies of college.

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Sex in the City Gen X Spinsters

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Enjoy the Decline boys! Enjoy that freaking decline!

Google's Windows 8

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Google/YouTube fucking around with its Hangout service I predict will end as poorly for it as Windows 8 did for Microsoft.

The Father WAS Available for Comment

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But fuck nuclear families and marriage cause reasons.
Just stick your dick in any hole.

The Clarey Podcast #303 - The YouTube Fucking Sucks Episode

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Here's the podcast.

Too much bullshit in the day to provide a cute description.

Revenge of the Millennials

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Perhaps it was Starbucks, or perhaps some obscure Minneapolis coffee store in the 90's, but I'm pretty sure the first instance of a company using politics as advertising was a coffee store. I didn't understand it at first as I thought it was common sense you didn't introduce politics or religion into business because...well...it was bad for business.

Why alienate 1/2 of your potential customer base with politics?
Why alienate 4/5ths of your potential customer base with religion?

Not only was it bad business talking about politics or religion when you're trying to sell somebody something, but it's also rude to sermonize or lecture your clients about anything. Serve them their cup of joe, do it for a fair price, do it with a smile, and leave them the fuck alone about politics, religion or anything else personal in their lives.

But now corporations sermonizing the rest of the world about leftist politics has gone viral. And it behooves the question why. Why would corporations take such a risk? Why would corporations be so foolish? And you can call me an ole fuddy duddy, by why are corporations so arrogant and rude? How dare you assholes lecture me about anything outside the purchase of your product or service, you smug, cocky, arrogant assholes?

At first I speculated it was because republicans and conservatives are not only pussies, but lazy. Republicans will never boycott their precious Starbucks. Conservatives will never give up their precious Apple products. They can't wait to mortgage their house so their precious children can attend worthless liberal arts colleges to brainwash their own children to hate them. It's almost as if Republicans hate themselves so much they can't wait to prostrate themselves in front of corporations that arguably hate them more.

But this is only part, if any of the explanation. There's no advantage to "punish" or "mock" non-leftists from a marketing sense. So why risk bringing politics into it at all? There had to be a reason, an upshot, a positive side to choosing socialist/leftist politics, alas there was something more afoot. Something compelling corporations to take (what would seem a foolish) action and bring politics into their advertising.

And there was.

The Millennials.

A Valueless (Though Highly Profitable) Generation

Millennials are the largest generation alive today. They are also in that "sweet spot" of being young enough to still be "hippish," BUT also old enough to make money to spend (well...ok, let's be honest, BORROW money to spend). They are the largest consumer group in the US and the western world both by numbers and dollar volume amount. They should be the most targeted group of consumers by corporations around the world, *and they are*. But for all their youth, numbers, and purchasing power, they have one tragic and horrific flaw.

They have no value.

The Millennials by all accounts are a failed generation. A failed crop. The butt-end of a joke in American history. They're so bad, it's now tiring and old hat to make fun of them. Like the boomers, it's almost perfectly legal to discriminate against them. And now that most of them are out of college and into the real world, most of the non-Millennials don't even bother making fun of them because life is kicking the ever-living shit out of them. About the only true thing that is annoying about them is their constantly whining for a bail out of money they fully intended to steal from other people in the form of student loans, but this aside and bar a Super Bowl-51-Tom-Brady-esque comeback, they will die a generation, arguably more pathetic than the Baby Boomers.

They are truly valueless.

Monetarily.
Philosophically.
Morally.
Intellectually.
Familially.
Socially.
Artistically.

In every way, shape, and fashion, the Millennials have no value, core, soul, or purpose.

The generation truly offers nothing of value to society or history.

How Do You Sell to Nobody's?

This presents a problem to corporations. How do you sell to the largest consumer group that has no values? How do you sell to a generation that has no definition? On what grounds do you promote and propagate your wares to a generation who's only defining characteristics are living at home, demanding bailouts, worthless college degrees, tattoos, and soy? And the answer is very clear.

Politics.

In every generation before the millennials, it was pretty clear what grounds marketers and corporations would advertise their products based on. Strength, excellence, beauty, achievement, wealth, successful, fashion, and ease. Your product would make you more beautiful. More sexy. More intelligent. More manly/feminine. The products would IMPROVE you as a person (or at least sell you on those grounds). But the millennials have no traditional core values that used to drive humanity. They do not care about excellence, they care about acceptance. They do not care about beauty or physique, they care about fat acceptance. They do not champion toil and overcoming hardship, but hand-me-outs and BGI. And they do not value beauty. They merely value the lowest common denominator. And the reason they value the lowest common denominator is because the only value they've ever been given has been leftist politics. Politics of envy. Politics of laziness. Politics of parasitism. Politics of sloth.

You can't even say it's politics as much as it is really just a rationalization to excuse not having to work for a living. And since they've been given nothing else in life. all they celebrate is their politics. It is the only thing of "value" they have. It is their only religion.

And corporations know this.

A Very Special Hell

The problem is corporations don't care about this hypocrisy or laziness or utter worthlessness of politics as a "core value" to a generation or society. Worse, these marketers know that the largest consumer group today is a generation of people who only have politics as their sole value in life. SO while to old fuddy duddies like us who want products advertised to us on their merits and how they will improve our lives, corporations do not care since we are no longer the largest consumer market. They will be rude, they will be insulting, and they are going to force feed politics into every ad, every job posting, every commercial, and every advertisement you see. While the rest of us have jobs, careers, families, love, physique, excellence, or achievements in life, we are currently doomed to be assaulted with advertisements for

"going green"
"orgainics/gluten free/non GMO"
"fair/free trade"
"open borders/Anti-Americanism"
"anti-freedom/anti-capitalism"
"anti-male/pro-feminist movements"

because that is all the millennials have in life. Their worthless religion of politics

Sadly, it's not going to be relegated to commercials or super bowl ads. Because nearly every major institution and industry in the US also wants a piece of that millennial borrow-and-spend money.

Advertisers
Hollywood
Government
Education
Colleges/universities
The Democrat party
Media
They psychology profession

They all want the millennials to part with their money. And the only way they can achieve that is by playing to the only thing MIllennials have in life - socialist politics.

This means for the rest of us adults, we are going to be forced to tolerate, endure, suffer, and listen to a cacophonous and complete echo chamber of childish, parasitic socialist politics in nearly every aspect of life. The media, our movies, our TV shows, our education system, our government, and yes, every your groceries or morning cup of joe. It is guaranteed that instead of respecting us as adult consumers, they are going to force feed leftist politics into every facet of our lives because that is the only way they can get millennials to part with their money.

I personally avoid most of this by being am minimalist. I do not shop at Target. I do not attend sports games. I go to an increasingly rare movie. I do not watch TV or news. And I will never attend a sexual harassment training seminar. I simply refuse to accept or tolerate a company or any other institution lecturing me about politics in a thinly veiled marketing attempt to dupe dopey millennials out of their money. But even then, it is so thorough and complete (because the brainwashing of the millennials in K-college education was also so thorough and complete) it is pretty much unavoidable. You, me, and every other non-millennial American are doomed to be pelted and berated with condescending leftist politics for the rest of our days because millennials need said politics to have any point or purpose in life.

Well Played Millennials

It is here I must tip my hat to the millennials. Because as much as I hate their parasitic asses (and they are parasitic because socialists always are), they never stood a chance given the horrific, if not outright absent parenting their baby boomer and Gen X parents failed to give them. The millennials did not grow up in a vacuum. They were molded and formed by they-yet-as-of-then shittiest generations America had ever generated. Parents simply refused to parent. Parents simply refused to tell them hard truths. Parents didn't want to spank or punish or put in the hard work that was required to be "bad cop." And parents did absolutely NOTHING in terms of preparing millennials for financial and personal fiscal management. In short, the parents of millennials simply wanted to fuck, breed, and then leave their kids to the government or the schools to be raised (because remember, education and careers are more important than your children). And the results can hardly be shocking. Surprise, surprise, when you don't have stable nuclear families, and outsource your kids to the public schools, all that generation will know is government care, not parental care. It's no shock socialism is all they have.

But the rest of us will pay the price for failing to bring up the millennials properly. We will pay more in taxes (whether we bail them out of student loans or they die with a balance). We will pay the price in terms of socialism as they follow the thorough indoctrination and programming they were brainwashed to have. They will continue to value politics over human interaction, experience, and love. And yes, until most of us die, you can expect Nike to use Colin Kapernick to hate on America, Target to continue their hatred of white straight males, colleges and universities to be money scamming operations of Marxism, James Bond to become a black female, and Starbucks to insist we have a conversation about race. Every facet and corner of your life will be infected and infiltrated with leftist politics because that's all the largest American generation has. And I'd like to say you didn't bring it upon yourselves, but you did.

Enjoy the decline.

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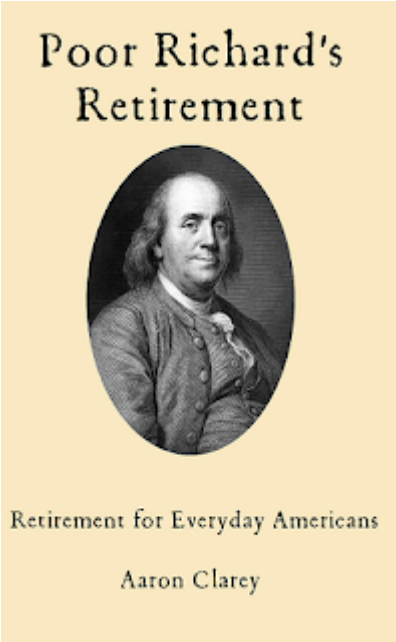
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Retirement for Everyday Americans
Aaron Clarey

The Older Brother Podcast #53

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Cappy unleashes an unholy terror upon a naive black couple that ruined their lives with worthless degrees, student loans, and $718,000 in wage slavery.

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The "Hills that Aren't Worth Dying On" Episode

The Solution to High Tuition Prices

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Is high tuition prices.

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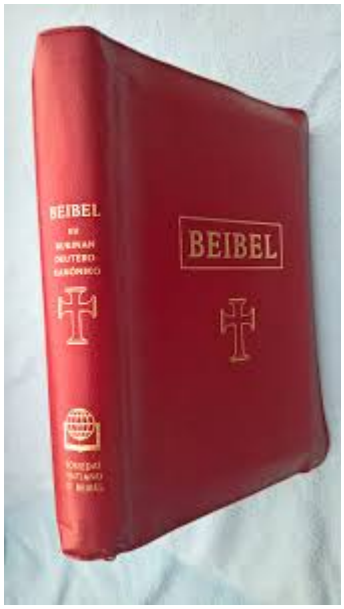

Sociological Limit to Your Success
Cappy starts watching cooking shows.
Fan Mail.
Earning the right to say "Dayday"
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Chasing Your Dream Job Will Turn Into a Nightmare

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I love this.

All the young foolish people idiotically chasing their "dream job" thinking there's more than compensation to a job. Sacrificing their lives and their families all for "their passion."

Keep chasing your passion and dreams kids. I'm sure "someday" you'll find that "dream job" that will have made abandoning life for work all worth it in the end.

The Road Trip Podcast BONUS for Patreon Members

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Decided that when I have the extra time, which is usually only when I'm driving, I'll put together a little rambling called "The Road Trip Podcast" and upload it as a bonus for any of my kind and charitable Patreon members. First episode is up and YES, it is the exact same slop quality podcasting you've all come to know and love.

You can find the latest episode here (though unless you are a member, it will merely take you to a login/sign in page).

I Have Social Anxiety Disorder

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No you don't, your dad isn't around.

Again, I don't pay attention to the news, so I'm going to just assume the dad was not available for comment of the Dayton shooting.

The Clarey Podcast #304 - The "Ingestion Settings" Episode

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"Ingestion Settings"
YouTube regretting closing Hangouts already.
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Healing crystals.
Herbal medicine.
Astrology.
And liberal arts majors.

These are thing things to avoid before ejaculating into a woman.

Yes, Some Women Love Their Careers More than Their Children

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By What Date Should a Woman Sleep with a Man

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"42."
The answer is always "42."

Episodes #55 and 56 of The Older Brother Podcast

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Episode #54 (Technically 55) The "Return of DT" Episode

Stream Yards beats the shit out of YouTube
Days of Zero GDP production
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Vynil vs laminate.
Ingredients of revenge.
Vineyards, waterfalls, and stripper poles.

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Doctor Huxtable's House vs. Cappy's.
Running into OJ Simpson.
Portland Trader Joes - the definition of hell.
The world's dumbest journalism major.
Men want sex...believe it or not.
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The 1099 Superior Race

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Honk Honk, Trans Version

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He is not a she.
He is a he who wants to believe he's a she.
He doesn't even believe he's a she, he just wants to believe he's a she.
But he will stay in men's jail anyway.

Posting Your Gender Pronouns on Your Work E-mails Helps Us Know Who Not to Hire

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Yep, "trend that isn't going away."

I'm going to ask you people to reread my article about "The 1099 Superior Race" and how Corporate America will simply NOT be able to survive the forced politics the millennials and Gen X'ers has forced upon it. And not only that, but you should know that such an entity will not offer ANY real opportunities to smart people who just want to excel at their job, be the best they can be, and work hard. Politics will be the future of large corporate employers and any sane, talent should steer far away from them. AT BEST using them for a resume booster early in your career, but PLEASE, save your talented later years for yourself via 1099 employment.

The Clarey Podcast #305 - The "Cappy Has No House" Episode

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Cappy's house is no more.
Subtraction and addition for adults.
$45 off mowing
Ladies, give it up already.

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Again, the USS Corporate America is Sinking

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Time to abandon ship. Or at least never get on it.

Is Her Pussy Worth Physical and Child Abuse?

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Apparently so.

I'm sure some day, decades into the future I will realize that some of these requests are causing some psychological damage unto myself, but eh, the money's good, right?

Cripes.

The Incalculable Value of a Woman Who Can Cook

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Question - Is There Enough Food?

My relationship with food has been pretty simple - is there enough?

For some key critical years in my life, there wasn't. Many of you know the ole story Cappy tells about college where he dropped from 147 pounds to 118 because of a severe lack of finances, and thus, food. The other story of when I was patrolling campus one Saturday night and came across a wedding party that was winding down, and the bridesmaids offered me as much leftovers as I could carry (which I did). And then there was my freshman year of college where I found out where the staff left the tea cabinet unlocked. Many-o' times Cappy would pour himself some sugar laden teas on the St. Paul campus which provided enough energy to get to the next day.

In my late 20's my finances improved that I was no longer border-line starving. Bagels and ham sandwiches were cheap enough to make. Frozen pizzas were no longer a luxury. And a single bachelor making $30,000 a year can afford more than enough microwave entrees to survive. I thought I had "made it" when Subway came out with their "$5 footlongs," but little did I know much about nutrition, let alone why I was so skinny fat whilst living off of a nearly 100% carb diet. It wouldn't be for several years later that we'd learn carbs were the cause of obesity and ugliness, but Cappy was happy eating his bagels and whey.

Today with much more ample finances, no debts, and minimalist tastes I can literally afford anything I want to eat. Sushi, poke bowl, steak, lobster, and the over-abundance of "bleu cheese bacon burgers" that EVERY bar in America seems to serve. Only problem now is that I'm getting old and even though I can afford to eat anything I want, my health,

decreasing metabolism, and cholesterol will not allow for it. Alas, I am sadly relegated to veggies, chicken, fish, and hummus. And given that nearly every restaurant serves atrociously unhealthy food, I'm eating two-thirds of my meals at home.

However, drawbacks of a carb-free, sugar-free, cholesterol free, and taste-free diet aside, this latest stage of my relationship with food has made me think of food more philosophically. Previously, it really was just a matter of "is there enough?" "*Are you going to finish that pizza?*" "*What about the crusts?*" "*Hey, look ,the sub shop is selling day old bread for 50 cents!*" "*Who the fuck doesn't love the super pack of ramen!?*" It really was the long forgotten battle against hunger most Americans were too obese to worry about. But now it was about health. Now it was about quality. Now it was about nutrition. It wasn't just "get the next meal so you can live to the next day," it was "eat the right thing or else you might not see the next day you cholesterol laden-fuck."

Enter Lidia Bastianich

While my health was more or less forcing me to look at nutrition and not just necessarily "sustenance," my health was also forcing me to look at lifestyle changes, namely in terms of stress, time, and my schedule. This past year with selling a house, moving, building a new one, maintaining a third, maintaining the Online Media Empire, writing books, and all that is entailed in that, the ole Capmeister's 45 year old bod was simply not able to keep up. It was mentally draining and physically draining, and Cappy was not the 21 year old who could once work 24 hours straight at the drop of the hat. And so not only did Cappy become even MEANER and ANGRIER than he was before, his blood pressure jumped to 138 over 90.

Upon seeing my new blood pressure and knowing I was miserable, I realized I needed to make some changes. I needed to philosophically understand that I was going to die in about 25 years and the last third of my life could NOT be as miserable as the first two. It NEEDED to be enjoyable and happy, otherwise this entire life would have been wasted. So I throttled back and forgave myself of the workload I had heaped upon myself.

I would only (try) to write one quality post per week.
I would only do two podcasts per week.
I would write a book in my own good time (not the 3 month limit I normally set for myself).
I would work out when I felt like it and not pressure my body into it.

And....

I would take a full hour off doing absolutely nothing before I went to bed.

It could be video games. It could be listening to music. It could be sitting on my patio.

But I could not be working. It could be ANYTHING but work. Frivolous things that I could not see possibly doing because there simply was no time, were now mandatory "calm-down vices" I would enjoy before I went to bed.

And Lidia Bastianich was one of those vices.

If you don't know who she is, Lidia Bastianich is a portly Italian woman who has a cooking show. After binging on the Mission Impossible series, the girlfriend recommended we just watch one episode because they were short and Lidia was charming. Reluctantly, I agreed to watch "just one episode" but found her show very calming and soothing. Soon we were watching more and more of them because I found them calmer and more soothing than a Mission Impossible episode. It has even come to the point that the girlfriend wants to watch Magnum PI (because of Tom Selleck's 80's era shorty shorts) while I have to lobby for Lidia. Regardless, though the show had no functional point or purpose, I found watching a grandmotherly woman cooking Italian meals to be a helpful aid in getting me to relax and calm down. And though she is not the only reason, my blood pressure has since dropped to 110 over 70.

Lessons from Lidia

At first I didn't really think about watching cooking shows, Lidia Bastianich's or not. All I knew was that I enjoyed watching this elderly woman take raw ingredients and prepare a tasty meal. Her presentation (both in terms of speaking and presenting the food) was entertaining, but also relaxing and educational. But it wasn't until I was running one day that my mind wandered and started to connect the dots as to why a seemingly pointless show that I would otherwise have no interest in captured my interest and calmed me down. And it was a combination of a lack of food during my youth, my high cholesterol, and the incredibly dearth of free time I had in my life that made me realize the economic epiphany I was about to have.

Women who can cook are an invaluable treasure.

First, if you'll permit me to live a bit in Shoulda-Coulda-Woulda-Land, I would not have starved if there was a quality woman cooking me a meal back in my late teens and early 20's. Yes, yes, I know that that was not an option back then as other women in their late teens and early 20's were in school. And yes, yes, I know today any woman who cooks for a man is being oppressed, but my point is more of a historical and philosophical one. In the (oppressive, patriarchical, sexist) olden days a woman, of some kind, would have been "at home" preparing a meal for the family. This could have been a June Cleaver-eque 1950's mother. This could have been a 1920's poverty east coast gangster Italian grandmother. Or it could have just been a romantic interest beautiful young lady, but more or less throughout American history, there was a woman cooking a good meal for the men in her life.

This was an AMAZING service and labor of love because it allowed men (once again, in the sexist, patriarchical, woman-beating past) to focus on work, focus on their profession, and then be replenished and simply loved by some woman in the house. It not only would fuel men in the form of calories, but would be a huge psychological boost giving a man incentive and reason to go out and support his loved ones. Sadly (and I'm being quite literal here, not trying to begat pity) myself and most men were either too poor or too busy just trying to get by to even contemplate such a luxury. We just needed fuel to get to the next day. It never even entered our minds about how nice it would be to have a meal ready for you at home.

Second, health. Yes, congratulations. The economy has become so efficient we have Arby's, Applebee's, Perkins, Sajiya, Sawatdees, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, Boston Market, the Crooked Pint, and any and all manners, forms, and varieties of restaurants in the US. You NEVER have to go home to eat or cook ever again. Cooking has been completely outsourced, even to the point lunch boxes are a thing of the past.

The food is all shit.

It takes some time and effort to eat healthy. You have to educate yourself about nutrition. You have to find food, ingredients, and dishes that are healthy to eat. It takes at least a year to make healthy food taste good. And even then, if you are really busy (say working two jobs to pay off your student loans, or two jobs to earn enough because taxes are at 40%, or you live in California and enjoy paying those rents) you simply do not have the time to sit down and invest 30 minutes to make a healthy meal, three times a day. But, if you had a dedicated person, a dedicated wife or mother who would make healthy meals from healthy ingredients everybody in the family would eat much healthier.

This is not something to poo-poo or dismiss so rapidly because of the long term health and financial consequences of eating healthy vs. unhealthy. Herman would not develop diabetes if his wife cooked him healthy meals, as opposed to him eating at McDonald's

every lunch hour. The children would not be obese smart-phone addicts because their diet would not be middle school cafeteria food. The wife herself would probably stay in shape, lessening chances of divorce. And the health/insurance costs over the long run would be a fraction of the time and money spent by this theoretical cooking Wonder Woman.

Again, yes, I know. This is all horrifically sexist, bigotted, misogynistic, and anti-woman. But it doesn't change the fact that if you have a woman who can cook, and cook healthily, there are amazing benefits to any man lucky enough to have her.

But speaking of saving money on doctors bills and health insurance...

Third, finances.

Behind wasting money on worthless degrees and cars you can't afford, the third-largest expenditure of most young (and older) people today is eating out. I've looked into this before and there are a lot more savings than what people first realize when you eat at home. First, yes, there is the explicit outlays and expenses you incur by eating out. Those alone are the third largest wasteful expense on most people's budgets and most people will not argue with that. But there are also other costs you incur when you go out. There is the gas you have to spend driving to the "newest" restaurant because you're sick of the same old ones within a 40 miles radius of your home. There are the drinking costs that typically come with the meal as you "deserve a drink" after that long day. There is the time costs associated with having two people stuck in a car for 80 minutes each on a round trip to a restaurant. And there's the other people you must tolerate when you're dining at (what are becoming) increasingly loud restaurants. If proficient enough a "Wonder Woman cook" can have a meal ready in merely 20 minutes of her time, sparing the team 140 minutes total time and darn well near saving 80% of your eating budget, booze included or not. I've delved into the detailed finances before, but if you can force yourself to buy cars with cash and eat at home, you can save up enough money to have a fully funded retirement plan.

And finally, the woman herself.

To be honest Lidia does not cook anything that is healthy. It has tons of butter, tons of sugar, cheese, and meat, and just looks absolutely heavenly as it is sure to clog my arteries. I do not know if she was married and if her husband is still alive, but if he's not he sure as hell died with a smile on his face. And this speaks to the emotional role a woman who can cook brings to a man's life.

You can tally up the financial savings, save all your good report cards from the doctor or insurance companies, look at the family budget, or look at your waistline, they all fail in comparison to simply having a loving woman cook you a meal because she loves you.

Not that I know Lidia personally (I don't), nor do I have delusions that she is some how my "grandmother" cooking a meal for me, but simply having a woman who at least LOOKS like she cares and is grandmotherly on the television I'm sure helped lower my blood pressure by a couple points. You throw in a real woman in the real world who's a real cook, and I can't imagine the psychological and mental health benefits that would come with it. Yes, it's healthy. Yes, it's affordable. Yes, it's saving us time. But is it served with love?

Alas, today it truly is sexist to demand, insist, or merely mention you "prefer" a woman who can cook. And the younger you get into the generations that are of courting/dating age, I'm sure the worse it is if you dare approach these beaches. But if you're lucky enough to find a woman who can cook, and a woman who doesn't find it degrading, and a woman who serves up all the benefits of being a good cook with a healthy dose of dessert in the form of love, you my find young man are one lucky man indeed. As that woman simply cannot be replaced.

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But this one has a special flair!

You see, she waited until the child was born to smother it and kill it.

Now think about this. If she had just gotten an abortion 5 minutes before going into labor, she would have been celebrated as a hero.

She was too stupid to get an abortion, and that 5 minute difference made her a murderer instead of a hero.

Enjoy the freaking decline.

Interview with Piero San Giorgio

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Was interviewed by Europe's closest cousin to old school America, Piero San Giorgio. We talked IQ, survival, reconnaissance and why Italian roads suck.

Are ANY Psychologists Mentally Healthy?

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An interesting article at Campus Reform.

Short version-

One Daniel Barrett wrote a piece at The Good Men project lamenting his whiteness. Said piece is now gone (here's just click on this link AGAIN to see it's been taken down) because, well, it was stupid and it shows that the academic left and The Good Men Project are truly mentally ill and more or less hate white people, even themselves.

But whereas the left, the good men project and academia has long established they're merely worthless, leftist political organizations, I have another question.

Is ANYBODY in the psychology profession mentally healthy, or are all of you just a bunch of mental fuck ups?

Look again at Daniel Barrett.

This is not a mentally healthy man. This is not somebody I trust, nor would trust educating my children. This is a weak, effeminate, self-loathing ideologue who should not be an authority on ANYTHING to do with mental health. It would be like me being poor and giving you investment or financial advice. Or Maggie De Block being the Belgian Social and Health Minister.

Academia is rapidly doing its best to debunk itself as an authority on anything. I remember the days when "lawyer" or "professor" carried some significant weight with it.

Now, those titles are jokes and (if you're smart) should raise concerns, distrust, and doubts. But there's still going to be some dupes who actually believe because you're a "psychologist" or a "professor" that somehow you are an intellectually honest expert and not a mental reject who could only survive with government handouts in academia.

I shall leave you with this one little study. Just shy of 2/3rds of psychologists reported having some kind of mental illness (depression mainly). Nearly 1/5th debated suicide. And given the self-loathing of Mr. Barrett (I refuse to call him "doctor"), as well as the outright hatred for men with the APA's "toxic masculinity" report, can you possibly trust these people? I think the psychological profession, in general, has about as much validity as astrology, communism, essential oils, and tarot card reading. They're a hypocritical bunch, truly mentally ill people masquerading themselves as experts on mental health. And while it is vital to at times have an independent, third party person to talk to about mental health issues, I'd suggest talking to a real doctor or the grizzled Vietnam vet psychologist who deep down inside knows it's all bullshit. The misandrist, mentally ill, weak children who never set foot in the real world who claim to be mentally healthy? Yeah, fuck them. Get your ass kicked at Asshole Consulting instead.

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Cappy chats about:
True misogynists who hate anything female or beautiful.
Cappy graduates to SUPER MISANTHROPIST!
People who are NOT-A-DOCTOR
Lowering standards for women is sexist to both genders.
Chicks who never save Africa.

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Liberal Arts Majors are a Legal and Financial Liability to Employers

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While I know the fashion and fad in Corporate America today is to flash your leftist political credentials, remember that in hiring liberal arts majors you are not hiring ponderous, intelligent, educated communicators and thinkers,

but brainwashed, low IQ, ideologues who are capable of...well...literally nothing.

Well, they are capable of something. Suing your ass for a bogus discrimination complaint because all they've been trained to see is how they're a victim and you are the oppressor.

By all means, hire these mentally ill people.

Pay Attention Boys

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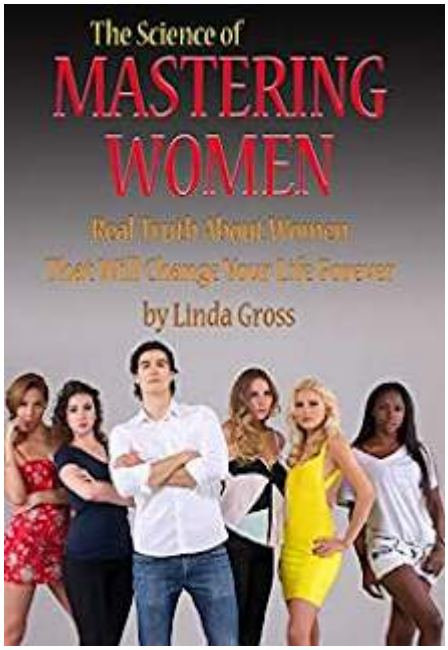

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A Linear 10

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NOT A LINEAR 10

A fair amount of effort and resources has gone into measuring a woman's beauty using the traditional "1-10" scale.

"She's a 9."
"She's a 6, but can upgrade to a 7 if she gussies herself up."
"I won't date below a 7.5."
"She's about an 8.2."

But the problem with this scale is two fold.

One, it's exponential/hyperbolic. Meaning, that it's not a straight line measurement proportional to the population, and is instead much like a statistical bell distribution curve. You can see this in what men consider a "10."

What men consider a 10 is not the "Top 10% of women." It's usually the top 1%, or even one half of the top 1% as "the perfect 10" has taken on a different and non-numerical meaning in the eyes and lexicon of the American language. A "10" is "perfect." "Flawless." Almost "unimaginable." But when you see one you know it, because she is so rare she can only be described as "the perfect 10." Chances are you have only seen maybe 20 "10's" in your life time, but you've likely seen hundreds of thousands of women close enough to assess their beauty.

Two, the human eye and mind does not pay attention to anything it doesn't want to. And that includes ugly people.

I often recommend to my readers and listeners to walk into a Wal-Mart, a gas station or a grocery store and force themselves to look at EVERYBODY. Not just what the eye is attracted to, but EVERYBODY. And what usually happens is incredibly depressing. You realize that the largest group of people in the US is ugly people. 40% of both men and women are obese, and that says nothing for the utterly average and common looking folk who only manage to make up the background to what your eyes are otherwise focusing on - the pretty people.

What this means is that when it comes to judging beauty, you're not even considering about half of the population to begin with. And when your mind goes back to what it remembers in order to gauge what is a 6 or a 3 or a 9, it's highly skewed towards the pretty people, meaning relative to the total population you're likely understanding their true score.

To account and adjust for this, I put together a 1-10 linear scale of women (though I'd be curious if somebody put together one for men).

1's - This is usually for people who have some kind of physical ailment that is not any fault of their own. That or they are so morbidly obese/tatted up/purposely-marred they obviously have given up, or perhaps never had any interest in finding somebody to date of the opposite sex. This is not to pick on this group or belittle them, but to merely point out that when you add up people who have a genuine physical ailment or simply don't wish to date, you will come up with roughly 10% of the population.

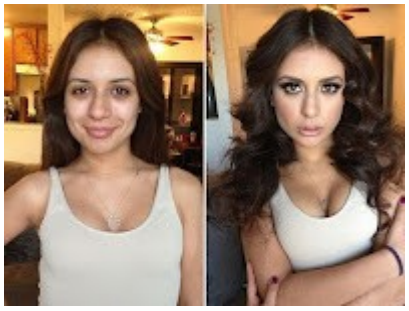
2's - Absent a physical impairment or no interest in courting, you have people who may have "normal" genetics, but either through obesity, bad hygiene, or simply not caring, they are not physically attractive people. Andrea Dworkin comes to mind as somebody who does not have a physical impairment, but also had no interest or incentive to pursue physical beauty.

3 to 4's - I combine these two as there is no clear, linear difference between a 3 and a 4 on a spectrum, but these are girls that somewhere have a tacit interest in finding a man, but not enough to seriously put forth effort into becoming physically attractive. They'll do their nails, hair, make-up, but only insofar as no real work is needed such as dieting or hitting the gym. Usually their fear of the toil and work it takes to become physically attractive is stronger than their desire to attract a man and it becomes apparent which force wins in the end.

5 - This is what the AVERAGE woman looks like. This is by statistical reality the largest plurality of the population. She is neither inspiring, nor "shocking" in that it will turn your head either because she's so pretty or so ugly. She is truly background and you will not notice her unless (once again) you are forcing yourself to take note of everybody at the grocery store. These women will likely have an interest in men and perhaps when they were younger would go to some lengths to invest in their physical beauty. But usually with work, school, kids, family, etc., there isn't enough time to eat healthy or exercise and they just revert to the "average looking mom" nobody really pays attention to.

6 to 7's - These women will not turn your heads, and most will be somewhat overweight, but they are now at least starting to look feminine. There are no "shockers" and typically this is what you would have thought would pass as a 4 or a 5, but again, this is linear world. Not geometric world. These women ARE ABOVE AVERAGE simply in the fact they're not obese, are identifiably feminine, and put some modicum of effort into their beauty and looks.

8's to 9's - These are feminine women who are putting significant effort into their physique, both in terms of diet, exercise and fashion. They will typically have longer hair, will don feminine attire and they will do their make up, often times increasing themselves from a 7.5 to an 8.5 (which is entirely possible)



But most of us would have considered these women merely "cute 6's" in the old 1-10 scale, when linearly, they are approaching the top echelons of female beauty. Women who are 8-9's today are simply in shape, look like women, and present themselves so, but there is a horrific epidemic of "Permanent Resting Bitch Face" today that prevents many from being in the top 10%. You would likely ask these girls out, but you would not be jumping out of your seat to do so.

10's - Normally reserved for that top 1% of the top 1%, the truth is a girl you would have considered "pretty" or "beautiful" in the past is by statistics a "perfect 10" today. No tattoos. No weird hair color. Not fat. In shape. Wearing a dress. Looking feminine. And for god's sake, she's smiling. That short-and-otherwise-expected list, my fine red-blooded America male friend, is what constitutes a 10 today. Yes, within the 10%, there is that elusive "perfect 10," but not all of these women are model quality - just simply pretty

girls.

The reason I wanted to go through this exercise was to highlight something that I think unconsciously affects men. And that is your physical expectations of women is too high. Normally, I'm not on the side of feminists or pro-women's groups and would not parrot this common critique women have of men. But mine comes from that of mere statistical, mathematical reality, not pie-in-the-sky hope of what we'd like things to be. If you look at the total population - not just what your eyes focus on - there are simply not enough pretty girls to go around. Most men would not date anything below a linear 8 (which I can't necessarily disagree with because you have to be physically attractive to your mate), but I am merely point out that today, in the current year, most women are not going to meet your beauty requirements as they would say in the 1950's, positing an interesting question to all men -

If you insist on getting married are there enough pretty girls to go around? And if there isn't, are you willing to forgo marriage since, well, I don't see that you have much of a choice.

As always, Enjoy the Decline.

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Could AOC be "Laci Greened?"

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Possible, but not likely.

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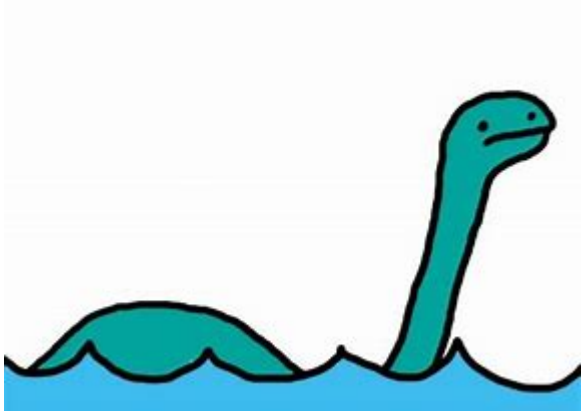

Cappy and DT try to find happiness and something positive in the news and are marginally successful:

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Behind the Post: Marcie Bianco

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You may have noticed that outlandish articles about outlandish things are being produced at a machine gun rate by both the mainstream and click-bait media. It really is just a shock-and-awe, post the most outlandish shit, bring in the clicks and eyeballs type of brown journalism, so much so you can't call it journalism. You can only call it what it truly is - tabloid.

But unless the article is in a magazine on the rack in the check out line at the grocery store, people think these articles are legit, especially if they have "NBC" or "CNN" on the URL. Most are easily duped if the website just looks professional.

But instead of getting pissed off at this constant barrage of rage-instilling BS brown pieces, I like to look at who wrote them as I think that has more genuine journalistic worth than the slop they're writing.

Today's article/person is Marcie Bianco.

Marcie wrote a piece at NBC that Miley Ray Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth divorce was a blow to "patriarchy."

I know. I know. It's dumber than a sociology major taking 7 years to graduate, but hear me out. The point of my article is to get you to the point that you never get even slightly irked at such a stupid article ever again. She's trying to goad you. She's purposely being obtuse and dense to get a rise out of you. And with the controversial position she's taken (one she may not even believe in), you're going to click bait it, post it, and bring her in more clicks. Do not be tempted.

Instead, look at who this person is.

Marcie Bianco is predominantly a lesbian/feminist activist.

Which is fine. Which is cool. Which is OK.

She is, however, NOT a journalist and her opinions are not that of everyday America, let alone every day women. She has an agenda, which means the article - no matter how click-baity-tempting it was to click - was not worth the click. Matter of fact, it's not worth anything. It's propaganda.

It is here I'm trying to get some people to "Enjoy the Show" and make some lemonade out of the seeming lemons we've received. And I'm not even going to connect the dots

for you. I'm just going to tell you what to do whether you see a Marcie Bianco or any other shock-piece writer's crap masquerading as legitimate editorial or journalistic commentary.

Find out how successful and happy that person is.

How many twitter followers does this "journalist/writer" have?
Does s/he work for a firm that actually PAYS their writers or do they writer for free (ask Huffington Post "journalists").
Are their "award winning books" REALLY award winning? Look up their sales rank and the number of reviews they have. You'll be SHOCKED how many "best selling authors" have sold jack shit in terms of books.
And look at their resumes/linked in profiles. Is it all work work work and at welfare-make-work-non-profit-government jobs no less? Do they have any fun? Any life?

And then finally...

Ask yourself the question, would you trade lives with them?

Chances are you wouldn't.

The industry of making insulting, enraging, angering, agitating articles simply to be controversial, get a rise, and thus get click-traffic is arguably the worst social scourge we have in society today. It's no better than fake news, and sadly all of media is guilty of it. It angers you, raises your blood pressure, makes you depressed, and on both sides of all political aisles.

But before you even let your heart rate jump up 1 beat per minute more than it has to, I ask of you to at least look at who wrote the article. Chances are you'll see they have no authority, veracity, integrity, or anchoring in the real world, and are just writing a screed to either get a political point across or bring in the sheeple's eyes so they can sell their traffic to advertisers. And in addition to that, they're usually people you'd have no respect for and thus, wouldn't give a shit what they wrote.

So again, look behind the post and "Enjoy the Show."

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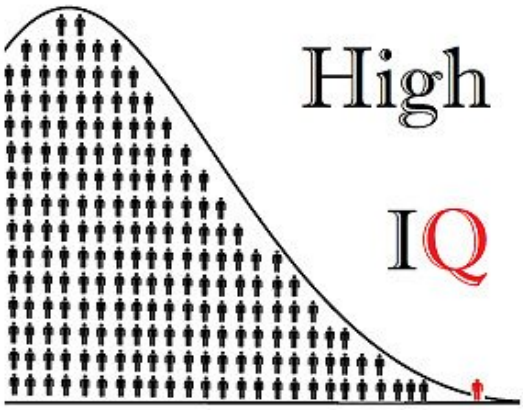

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Oh, and By The Way She Ran Pepsi

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It's almost as if there aren't companies to run as much as there is to fawn about vagina all the time.

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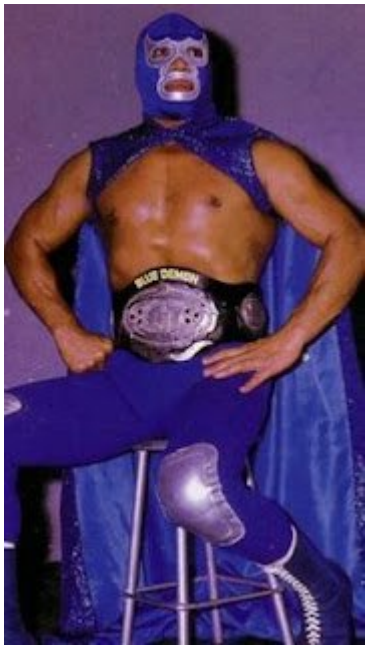

Cappy's health scare - stress-induced ulcer or STAGE 4 CANCER??? Tune in next week!
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How Men Can Own All Reproductive Rights

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I cannot claim to understand the cacophony and clamor over reproductive rights.

If the past 30 years has taught me anything it's that women really, really, REALLY want to have the option to abort their babies. Being libertarian and a misanthrope, I'm not going to stand in their way. Furthermore, though I am pro-choice, I cannot think of a better albatross to throw around the neck of a more deserving group of people than women who are proud to abort their children. It's a horrific decision. It indicates poor planning on their part. And the consequences include something that borders on murdering a human life. If they desperately want that right, then by all means let them have it.

However, the vehemence by which women defend their rights to abortion, birth control, even getting to the point they demand government paid tampons, indicates to me that there's a psychological, cult like obsession with "reproductive rights."

I take the foolish, idealistic notion of doing what maintains the freedom of the individual, balanced with what's in the best interest of the children. And to show you how literal I am, that means aborting children whose mothers are so bad they forgot to take a birth control pill, or are the types of mothers to abort their babies. Life is not precious in my opinion, especially if it will be tortured by a single mom who really, truthfully doesn't want you, or is so irresponsible that they will abort you in the third trimester. A non-existent life is better than a life replete with being brought up by an incompetent single mom. So by all means, abort away.

But it goes beyond that.

Modern day women, feminists, and even our rank and file women are more than willing to draw blood to protect their precious "reproductive rights," unrightly spilling it over to demand other people pay for their birth control, abortions, and unfortunate children who make it past the finish line.

I have a much more efficient, simple, and fair solution:

Mandatory vasectomies for all men.

I've wrestled with this for many years in my life because I was told a vasectomy was 40% permanent. Meaning that only 60% of vasectomies could be reversed, and thus you REALLY REALLY REALLY had to know that you did not want to have children if you went forward with this.

But logic and common sense made me question this. And though not a doctor, I wondered, "can't you simply just take a syringe and extract some semen to artificially impregnate somebody if you wanted to, even though you had a vasectomy?"

Turns out you can.

There are 3-4 ways to extract sperm from a man who has undergone a vasectomy. They are not all successful at first, but after 8 tries studies have found a 100% rate of successfully extracting sperm. And though there will be exceptions where an individual or two cannot ever get sperm extracted post-vasectomy, the numbers brought about an interesting epiphany.

If every guy got a vasectomy,
And the only way to get sperm was with one of these 3-4 unconventional methods,

we'd all be able to still have children, but.....
men would completely own and monopolize reproductive rights.

For some reason, that simple statement right now is sending shock waves down the spinal chords of many women today. Perhaps all of them. And I really to this day don't know why. Women wanted reproductive control and rights and men gave it to them. So why should the prospect of men universally getting vasectomies "screeeeeee" women? Furthermore, shouldn't the consequences of sex (that would be "the childrenzzzz") be of ultimate importance? I cannot help but see how giving men equal authority to women (since women have the nuclear abortion option) as to whether a child is birthed or not would make so many people upset.

But it does, and so let me enumerate the reasons why.

First, there is this feminist (more or less) based cult that obsesses about reproductive rights. Any sane man long ago would have said, "OK, you got the same rights, now let's move on and make a great society." But most within the leftists/feminist political world are so pathetic they don't want to move on. They CAN'T move on. Because all they have is complaining and playing the victim.

Putting reproductive rights in the hands of men denies them of all the steam in their professional victimhood-oppression engine. It completely negates and neutralizes them because it makes it a non-issue.

You don't want kids?
You want to have consequentless free sex?
You want to determine whether a kid comes into this world or not?

Well, worry no longer sister. It ain't even getting to that stage. All men are shooting blanks! Rest easy sister, you can have all the child-free sex you want.

It would take away their pet cause, their core reason for oppression, and they simply don't want to go and find/concoct another. And they CERTAINLY don't want to go out and find a real job!

Second, there would be no more baby-daddy black mail. No more givemedats. Single mothers, who never had any intention of raising their children or being a good wife, whose SOLE purpose was to get some government cheese by breeding would simply be denied and then (once again, the worst nightmare of a lazy person) be forced to get a real job and support herself.

No more "accidental pregnancies."
No more "oops, I forgot to take my pill."
No more "but I want a baaaaabbbyyyyyy!!!!"

No my fine good sir. Unless there is a syringe stuck in your balls, currently extracting semen for the EXPRESS purpose of impregnating a woman, there is not "oops." There is no "accident." And with that, the multi-hundred-billion-dollar industry of undesired child support goes away. It's just a question of whether you're a smart enough man to drop $1,200 on some vasectomy insurance.

Third, ask yourself where most women are employed today.

The truth is a disproportionate plurality is simply employed taking care of other women's children they couldn't take care of themselves. This is a huge, MULTI-TRILLION dollar industry per year that includes the education system, child care, day care, pre-k, and other government leviathans that have been expressly and purposely made to replace men while employing women.

The millions of barren women employed in these industries would have to forfeit their jobs if there was not a constant supply of unwanted children being birthed by women who "oops" forgot to take the pill. These women, no doubt feminists, leftists, and democrats, who ALSO have nothing else to live for in life, will scream BLOODY MURDER if you men dare to get vasectomies on a national level and put control of reproduction completely into the hands of men. Without all these illegitimate children, all social workers would lose their jobs. All day care operators would lose their licenses. Every woman who aborted their children and have nothing left to live for, except their professions, would have to give up their professions of taking care of other women's children. Men, en masse, getting vasectomies would force these women to realize their complete and utter pointlessness and worthlessness, and they simply are not going to have any of that.

They need dysfunctional boys.
They need gangsters.
They need all you boys and men suffering.

Because how else would they legitimize their "Masters in Social Work" or "Masters in Psychology?"

There are very few options real men, real Americans have left to fight against the marxist, oppressionist, and simply hate-filled left. The most powerful of which I believe is that all men get a vasectomy and then "we'll talk" about having children later. It puts reproductive rights squarely into the hands of more somber, judicious people (that would be us - men) and it would end the welfare state within a generation. Shoot, you might even have families where BOTH parents (that would be the "mother" and the "father") actually wanted to have children and all the societal ills of socialist feminism and single-mommy-hood would go away.

Of course, you boys understand WHY modern day women, with all their indoctrination and brainwashing are going to fight tooth and nail if you dare to all get vasectomies.

But then I ask....

Well, isn't "choice" the ultimate principle and value within the women's movement?

Seriously, you men want to strike back at this socialist, feminist, anti-male nonsense? Talk to your urologist and seriously think about getting a vasectomy. You're statistically not giving anything up. But you sure are depriving feminists of the vital hill of "children" they so cowardly hide behind.

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Doctors Orders for Cappy

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Howdy all,

The ole Captain has had some medical issues of which they are under current investigation. Won't know anything for a while, but will update you if it's something serious. Do not jump to any conclusions.

However, the doc has more or less indicated to Cappy to take it easy for the next week. This is on top of about the two week period I had to take off to deal with months of never ending bullshit that came with selling a house, trying to build a new one, and all the crap that comes with changing addresses, credit card info, etc.

In the meantime I will try to do some podcasts. I uploaded one on my Patreon page (which is only available to patrons). A new Marijo pic for that podcast episode. And will be on the Masculine Geek podcast this Wednesday. I would also like to get an article in there as well, but will be primarily linking to different bloggers who have been kind enough to let me link to them.

Will keep you updated and thanks for all your support.

Cappy

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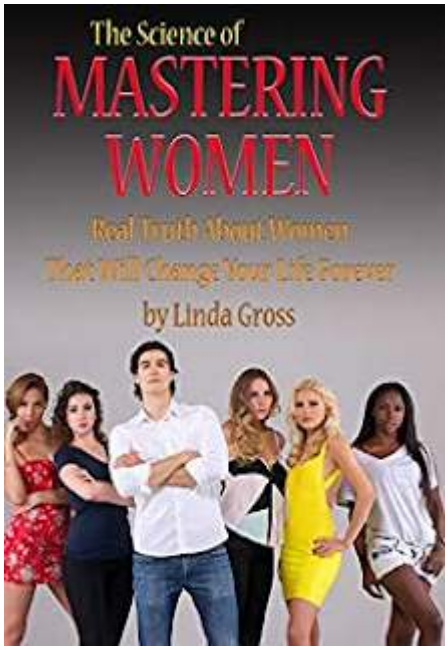
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Socialism, Simply

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For the purposes of this article the word "socialism" is used to capture all of the main leftist political ideologies and "isms" the world has. This includes socialism, communism, marxism, "Scandinavian socialism," feminism, environmentalism, the democrat party, labor party, veganism, and any political party/group that advocates increased taxation and a larger state. It does so not only to simplify the writing and reading of this article, but to also make a point about nearly every one who advocates these variant strains of socialism, which you will read below.

I ask you to consider the total human, financial, capital, and technological resources that have, and will continue to go into the Democratic Primary debates. Just this *one* political party, of this *one* primary election, in this *one* instance of all of human history consumes a considerable amount of resources.

There are certainly the ten's of millions of dollars spent by CNN, NBC, and CBS to host the debates. There are certainly tens of millions of more dollars spent by the remaining main stream media outlets to do their "post sports game analysis" shows to analyze the debates. There will be no less than 100,000 new media outlets who will do the same on the internet. Ever so roughly this will probably generate around a billion dollars in advertising revenue. There will be hundreds of millions of people spending billions of human hours analyzing, discussing, and digesting what was said by these dozen people for a total of 10 hours. And all of this will piggyback on the trillions of dollars invested in the cable, radio, television, and internet infrastructure built over the past 60 years.

But why exactly is so much time and money spent on these debates? What exactly are all these media people and the hundreds of millions of viewers analyzing about what the Democratic presidential hopefuls have to say? Is it that important? Is it that complex? Do we need several billion dollars in both explicit financial costs and implicit labor-cost-for-human-hours to truly understand what the Democratic party has in store for America? Is their political platform so complex?

Take another example. Academia.

Unlike a single primary debate in a single election year, academia has been running for hundreds of years, chewing cud over (more or less) the same social, political, and economic issues. And instead of just 12 people chewing cud for 10 hours, when you consider the resources that have gone into academia over the past 60 years, you are easily talking trillions of dollars worth of explicit financial costs and total human time costs being sunk into this endeavor. Billions of humans spending trillions of years sitting in class. Millions of pages written across thousands of books and research papers, which said students are going to be forced to read. And this says NOTHING about the millions of people outside of academia who read these books/papers, and then further go onto digest, analyze, and argue about what was in those books.

It gets even worse, because like with the democratic presidential primary debates, whatever discussion is generated in academia also gets out into the general public, prompting a further ~~pissing away of time~~ discussion by the general population. You throw in the internet and social media, and nearly half the population is spending precious and finite human hours on Twitter, facebook, and other social media talking about what these academics and politicians have said.

You'd think we'd have a solution by now to all these world problems. You'd think with more human effort and resources spent on *any other problem facing society*, we'd have solved poverty, hunger, humanity, economics, sociology, and so forth. But we haven't. We still need to debate. We still need to discuss. Some people are so ardent in their beliefs they'll protest, commit assault, dox people, try to get people fired, and violate people's freedom of speech. We are just as far away from finding answers and solutions to these problems than when humans first started forming societies.

But this leads me to an interesting observation. Is it that the political problems of the world are so complex, so nuanced, and so large that we need to spend more resources on analyzing them than we did putting men on the moon? Or are we as a societal whole missing something? A simple, singular thing we've overlooked and would free the rest of humanity from wasting our literal lives on this? An Occam's razor of sorts that would make most of us go "oh," and instead of vomit political diatribe on the internet, pick up our golf bags and go golf?

I argue the second, because honestly, I'd rather go golf than debate an SJW online. And that Occam's razor is that we are WAY overthinking socialism. That we need to boil socialism down to it's basic tenets. And that we need to understand socialism "simply."

I didn't not mention the democratic primaries or academia by accident. They are the most ardent promoters and supporters of socialism (again, I do not wish to hear from any of the groups mentioned above that they're not "socialist," they're "democratic socialists" or

"vegans" or some other such nonsense). But again, look at how much time, effort, energy, money, and resources these aforementioned people spend on promoting socialism. It's jaw-dropping. The trillions of government grant money that has gone to fund liberal arts/social science programs that past 50 years, advertising for the democrat party, bribe money in the form of government welfare programs, propaganda in the public schools, the media giving a free platform to socialists in their shows and programs, even the people themselves dedicate their entire lives to the cause of socialism be they professors, researchers, politicians, activists. No amount of resources has ever been spent trying to sell the American public than socialism.

Have you ever asked why? Why are you CONSTANTLY being sold and promoted socialism? Chocolate ice cream needs no such selling. Video games need no such promotion. So why on god's green Earth is the marketing budget for socialism larger than the US military?

Because socialism is simply theft.

I'm not being cute or coy here. I'm truly boiling down socialism to what it is on a genetic level. It's nothing but theft. It's nothing but parasitism. Socialism is taking other people's money and giving it to yourself. And everybody who advocates it is a thief, in one way or another, trying to steal real people's, real workers', real producers' money. I would even argue socialists are advocates for slavery because you are not stealing workers' money as much as you are the time they had to forfeit to earn that money, making you a slave owner. Regardless, that's all socialism is - whatever it's variant - stealing.

This is why so much propaganda, advertising, double speak, and orwellian language has to go into it. This is why when you look at people who are promoting socialism they do not have real jobs. This is also why you will see the main job of socialists is to come up with the most mental-acrobatic rationalizations to steal other people's money (privilege, isms, ists, oppression, wage gap, etc.). And so when it comes to the Democratic primaries, or the world of academia, realize that all the pomp and circumstance, all the fancy words, all the made-up degrees and college classes, as well as all the fancy acronym and words they assign to their "advanced political ideas" (BGI for example) it's nothing more than

simple

outright

theft.

Therefore, I pose a question to the democratic candidates for president and anybody in

academia when it comes to the solutions they put forward to solve all these world problems.

Do you have ONE solution that doesn't involve "more of other people's money?"

Again, I'm not trying to be cute or quaint here. I'm just pointing out the emperor has no clothes. I want ONE solution that comes from this entire multitrillion dollar industry and the millions of people it employs...

Do you have ONE solution that does not involve taking other people's money?

Of course, I know not one democrat politician or one academic professor is ever going to answer my question. And that is really not the point of this piece. But I did want to present this question so that the rest of society can see through all the BS, see through all the propaganda, see through all the pretty words, and see these people for who they truly are.

Theives.

Ocasio Cortez is not a "visionary" who wants to "lead us into the new economic world."
She is a thief.

Nancy Pelosi is not a "strong leader, here to help out the little guy."
She is a thief.

Your sociology professor is not a "wise, learned man with 30 years research experience at the university."
He is a thief (and a fraud).

And your tatted up, nose pierced, feminist buddy is not a "feminist fighting for women's rights."
She is a thief.

And that is literally all that can be said about socialism and all of it's political derivations.
It's theft.

Enjoy the decline.

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Rich Cooper, Rollo Tomassi, Rian Stone, and Ole Cappy on MGTOW

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Was on Rich's show earlier today.

The Fugazi Female Jobs Industry

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I shall be brief and succinct about the wage gap and the oppression of women in this country.

It's proof as to just how spoiled they are.

It would be one thing if women were enslaved, prevented from leaving the household, or somehow had laws made against them, preventing them from what men do. But it's the complete opposite. What I'm told by media and the television is women are 4th, 5th, 18th rate citizens. But what my eyes show me is a group of humans that have never been so pampered, indulged or spoiled.

Women work a fraction of what men do.
Women major in stupid subjects at a rate of 3-1 what men do.
Women are not dying on the job (or in the battle field) anywhere near what men do.
Women are given preferential treatment in ever major institution in this country.
And despite all this clamoring about being equal to men (nay) interchangeable, it is a very rare woman indeed who does men the one simple courtesy of asking men out.

All of this ensconced within the non-stop cacophony that women are horrifically oppressed in this country, which proves to me that they are indeed not oppressed, but spoiled, because victimhood is now a luxury good consumed by our most pampered, privileged people.

But if there's one true injustice it could be no better highlighted than the likes of Ilhan Omar, Nancy Pelosi, and/or Ocasio Cortez. Not that they're democrats or women, but that they have never held a real job. They've never worked, toiled, suffered, or labored. They are the epitome of American feminist hypocrisy because they simply are the most spoiled little brats in America, but at the same time claim they've victims because

“vagina.”

So I went online and actually did some research to calculate what I believe to be true measure of just how spoiled (predominantly) leftist women are in this country. Just how little they carry their weight. And just how much society goes out of its way to bend over backwards for them…yet still suffer the indignation of being called “sexist.”

The Fugazi Female Jobs Percentage

If you don’t know what “fugazi” means, it’s synonymous with FUBAR, fake, and fraudulent. It also means counterfeit in some jewelry circles. I’m applying it to the jobs, industries and professions women tend to work in because that’s precisely what those industries/jobs are – fake, fabricated, fugazi.

They are also a testament as to just how spoiled women are in this country because when ENTIRE INDUSTRIES, JOBS, AND PROFESSIONS are made out of thin air not only to employ women, but to make their egos and fee fees feel better do not tell me that you are somehow an “oppressed group” in this country.

These jobs run the gambit of what you might surmise. Elementary education, social workers, painters, guidance counselors, HR, CSI, diversity directors, etc., jobs/industries that painfully fail either by never solving the problem they claim to set out to do, or just have absolutely no value to society (thus why *usually* - though not always – you have to force the taxpayer to cough up the dough for these charity programs).

The numbers (which you can find here) break down as such.

In 2016 there were 151 million people employed in the United States. An admirable 47% of which were women. But out of that 151 million jobs 18.2 million – THAT OVER 10% - of these jobs are completely, totally, and utterly worthless.

Now certainly, no doubt, men are also gainfully employed in industries and jobs that are nothing more than charity and hand outs. You have professors, psychologists, male teachers, male social workers, etc. etc. But to show you the TRUE privilege women have in this country, men only account for 28% of these completely made up, puff piece, welfare, make work, cake jobs. 72% are dominated by women.
Which makes me bring up a very Steve Martinesque question from the movie “Dirty, Rotten, Scoundrels.”

“I say, it’s time for a change! I say let them take care of us for a while!”

Because I don’t know about you, but I didn’t enjoy shoveling shit at a landscaping firm. I didn’t enjoy laying sod, putting in retaining walls, or laying drain tile.

And I sure as hell didn’t enjoy working in -30 degree weather while patrolling working security at 3AM.

I would just love, for once, to be a “teeeeeaaaccccheerrrr” sitting on my ass in a comfy air conditioned room, being the smartest person in a room full of 8 year olds 9 months out of the year.

I’d love to be a non-profit director hosting parties to raise money while I get to dress up an act like I’m important, let alone actually trying to solve a problem.

I’d love to be a “photographer” where I take moody black and white pictures because I’m all edgy.

I’d like to have one of these cake jobs you spoiled, pampered, whiners have where you only whine because you’ve never, ever worked a real job in your life.

The wage gap is bullshit.
You are not oppressed.
You are spoiled.
And if at any time you’d like to prove us otherwise, I think men should have equal representation in this “Fugazi Jobs Industry."

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Lessons I Learned from My Divorce

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"*First of all, there is nothing worse that you will go through. I have been through personal chronic illness, deaths of close friends and family, job losses and natural disasters.*

They were all child's play in comparison to a divorce initiated by your other half."

Business Degrees as a Percent of Total Degrees

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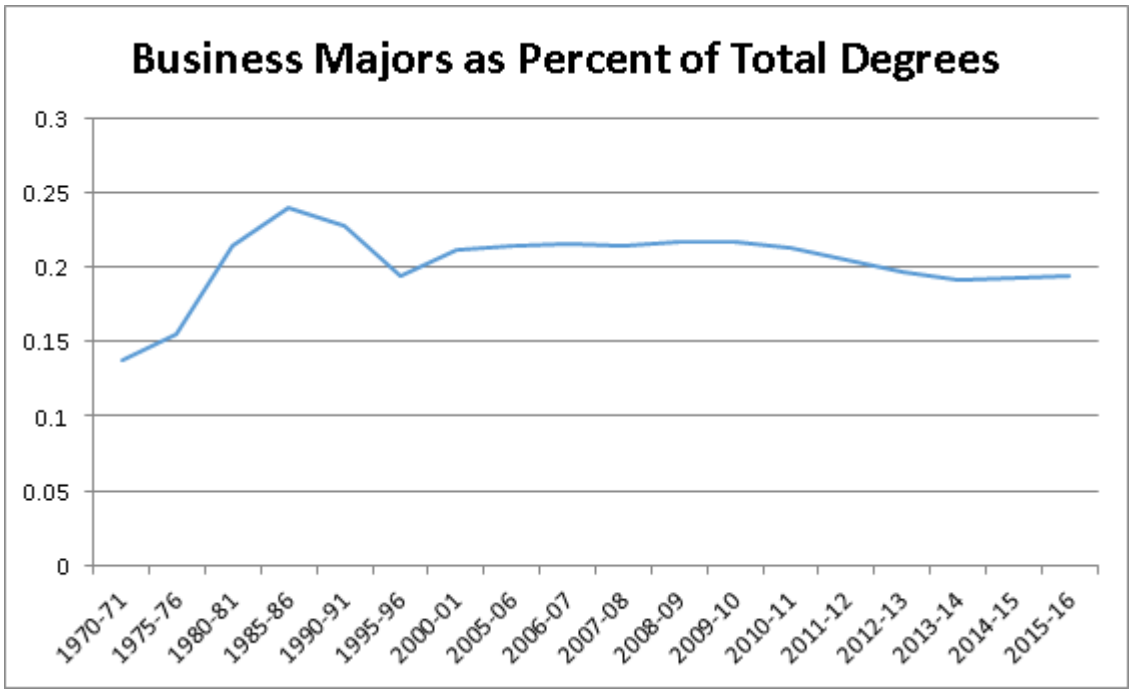
In other words at least 20% of degrees are worthless.



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"Congenital Syphilis"

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"*...which is when a mother passes the STD to her baby during pregnancy, increased 40 percent from 2017 to 2018*"

Not only do I want to say "Enjoy the Decline" and "for the Patron Saint's Name of Frick," I also want to point out...

how fucking self-centered of a woman do you have to be to have a child when you know you're going to pass on an STD to him? Don't you think maybe, just maybe, you ought not have a child? That, you know, you're already such a fuck up, you'd make a bad parent, but on top of that YOU'D MAR YOUR CHILD FOR IT'S ENTIRE LIFE????

No, no, I know. Reproductive rights and all. Body choice. Feminism. Fuck the kids. Got it.

"Total Maximum Effort"

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In the movie 12 O'Clock High Gregory Peck takes over an underperforming bomber group during WWII to get them up to snuff. It not only entails the standard horrors the 8th Air Force endured during WWII, but focuses on what they call "Maximum Effort" as all war is economics and one can only win by putting forth the maximum effort. But what is "maximum effort?" How much can an already embattled bomber group take? And not so much in terms of physical causalities and injuries, but psychological limits as well.

Well they find out.

The bomber group is whipped up into shaped. They have improved success. With better tactics their casualties go down. There's even the dividend of improved morale, increasing the "maximum effort" the group can put forth. But General Savage (Gregory Peck) himself finds out what the limits are as he succumbs to his own limitations. On the eve of the final bombing run he finally breaks down mentally, trying to recall the bombers that have already raced down the runway, forcing his adjutants to restrain him on a jeep. Thus learning the lesson that the only way to find out what a maximum effort is, is to push your point to failure and collapse, rendering you useless thereafter.

But whereas this fictional WWII piece focuses on what is a (relatively) short period of time, "Maximum Effort" is something any young man of any worth is going to face over

the course of his lifetime. And the way you're most likely going to face "Maximum Effort" is the prospect that if you hustle now, you burn your engines at 125%, 150%, even 200%, you'll be able to achieve a lot more, earlier on, making the remainder of your life all that much easier.

You can see this in many instances of younger people. War for example is essentially younger men putting in 200% "Maximum Effort" for months, tours, even years at a time all in an effort to bring about the earliest end to the war as possible. Accountants who work for the Big Four in public accounting regularly put in 80-100 hour work weeks, not only to get experience, but to also put "Big Four" on their resumes. Junior analysts at investment banks sacrifice their 20 something selves as well for Wall Street, jockeying to inevitably become an investment banker. And med school is the epitomal example of "Maximum Effort." Even simply attending college while also working to support yourself can be considered "Maximum Effort" as you are simply working two fulltime jobs at the same time.

But, like General Savage found out, there is one problem with "maximum effort." You cannot push the throttles all the way forward...and then some... for too long a time. Because if you do, you will crack. And that's precisely what will happen to you young men if you run at "maximum effort" for too long.

The problem with being young is that you get old. And not only do you get old, you'll get older faster if you're constantly at "maximum effort." This will accelerate the time at which you will "crack," "break down," or in some extreme cases, suffer a heart attack and drop dead. The Ole Captain is unfortunately finding this out as his body is starting to poop out after decades-long "maximum effort," but he's seen buddies his age under extreme stress suffer heart attacks and strokes when their hair just began turning grey. And for whatever long term benefits there might be to running your engines at 150%, you won't get to enjoy them if you're disabled, crippled, or dead.

This puts young men in a paradox, especially if they want to be successful in life, and even DOUBLY so if you come from a disadvantaged background. If you're poor, from a broken home, have no support, and can really only rely on yourself, "total maximum effort" is your only way out of that hole. Even if you're not disadvantaged, but merely want to be successful in life, out-hustling others is again your path to said success. And who said anything about putting for the "maximum effort" for only a fixed amount of time in your life? Can't you in theory continue putting forth the maximum effort over the course of your entire career and become very wealthy in the process? And all of this is true. If you put forth your total maximum effort, it's ***very, very*** likely you will succeed in life. If you ALWAYS put forth your maximum effort you will certainly outperform your peers, even become rich. But only for a time. Because the time is coming where your mind (but more likely your body) will no longer be able to sustain the engines being ran at 200% and you will crack.

Therefore, it's important to have some rules to make sure you don't work so hard only to blow your engines out and suffer a stroke, cancer, a heart attack, or a simple mental break down. This is not "work-life-balance" because only inferior people use such a thing, but to know when to "retire" from total maximum effort and simply put forth a normal effort that you can sustain for a longer life expectancy.

First, realize maximum effort is a young man's game. I would also say maximum effort is mandatory for any 20 something who wants to get ahead in this world. Go to college, work in the oil fields, join the military, run a side hustle, whatever it is you have to do, do it while you have the energy and you're young. I would even go so far as to say that you can continue to hustle into your mid 30's to further capitalize on the trajectory and infrastructure you laid down in your 20's. But once you're in your mid 30's, you need to start scaling it back. Not only to preempt any medical issues you might have, but you need to have some fun in life while you physically still can. And your 30's are that time where you *should* have the money and the youth to enjoy it.

Second, "working hard and playing hard."

One of the douchiest quotes business majors will say is "we work hard, but we play hard." That's great, Skippy. Good for you. But "playing hard" is still taxing your body and mind, and I should know. The Ole Captain's "vacations" include motorcycling to Alaska, hiking mountains, weekend binges, month's long motorcycle trips, leaving home for months at a time, all to make up for lost time I was putting forth "maximum effort" in my youth. These epic adventures and vacations are perfectly fine, and I would even say mandatory for a real life. But people who put forth "maximum effort" tend to do it in all aspects of their lives, NEVER giving their bodies or minds the time they need to rest. I just recently came back from a 5 day TRUE vacation where I did nothing but sleep, eat, and sleep some more with the Masculine Geeks at an Atlantic beach house. The last time I had a vacation like that was 7 years ago at a wedding in Jamaica where there was no cell phone reception or internet. The body needs to sit and rest for at least a week a year. And by "rest" I mean "do absolutely nothing."

Third, screen your health.

You may think you're young, and you might actually be young, but if your family or genetics has a predisposition to a particular illness you'll merely accelerate its metastasization if you overextend your maximum effort. The technology exists today that you have have genetic screenings, but have a chat with your parents as well as a doctor to find out what diseases or disorders might flow through your veins. And then do what you can health wise to prevent it, INCLUDING REGULAR CHECK UPS (which is how Cappy found out he has high cholesterol).

Fourth, cut the bad people out of your life.

I could go on about this one, but dating that bi-polar girl for 18 months did nothing to extend my life. Working for genuinely mentally ill and abusive bosses also did nothing to extend my life. I said it on the latest podcast and I'll say it again, "go on welfare if you have to. Sadistic bosses are not worth it."

Kick any non-supporting, toxic asshole out of your life whether it's your girlfriend, your wife, your spouse, your boss, even your family. Life is already set on difficult mode for people who wish to do more than vote democrat and collect a government check. You needn't be further burdened by the many mental-and-financial parasites you a GUARANTEED to run into in life.

Fifth, eliminate/lessen your commute.

I'd like to say "work from home" but that comes with it's own disadvantages, but there is no reason for you to be mentally tortured and stressed 90 minutes a day sitting in traffic, dealing with the weapon's grade dipshits that now clog American roads. Be they soccer moms, teenagers on their phones, immigrants who don't know what 55 MPH means, or dude bros racing their leased vehicle, commutes are the slow-moving cesspool of idiots who are only going to slow down your maximum effort, thus causing you incredible amounts of anger, rage, and stress. For every minute you cut from your commute, you add a minute to your life.

Sixth, know when to quit.

I can give you age estimates at when you should scale it back and revert to a normal life. I can say at "33 you should be normal" and "at 43 you should be looking at part time work." But the problem is everybody is different, as well as the track and speed of each individual's career. But the objective way to know when you should turn off the afterburners is when you can't.

What I mean by this is if you take some actual time off, to actually sit down and do nothing, is all you think about work? Is work and what needs to be done constantly at the back of your mind when you're supposed to be hiking Zion, laying on a beach, or simply chilling out and watching the game? This is the tell tale sign that you've been running at maximum effort too long because it's like winning WWII but still wanting to get up into the B17 and go on a bombing run. It's become such an engrained and integral part of your psychology, you don't know anything else to do. Worse, you've likely lost your taste for fun, relaxation, and simply enjoying life. Matter of fact, you likely CAN'T enjoy life because you've forgotten what it was like. It's going to take you a significant amount of time, even years, to unplug and relearn what it's like to be normal, and even then you will never fully revert back to your youthful ability to enjoy leisure time. The "maximum effort" will always haunt you.

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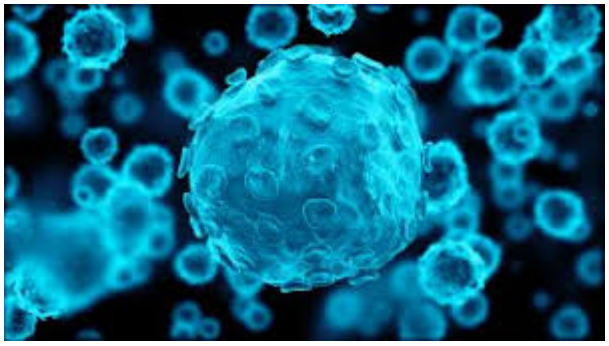

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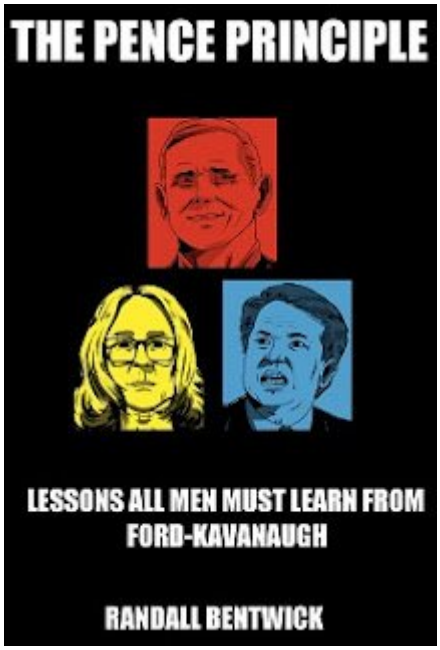

The Economics of Antiquing

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Texas A&M's "Aggie Achieve" Program: Taking Advantage of the Mentally Disabled

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I need you to actually practice critical thinking.

Yes, yes, I know. You were told by your philosophy professor you're all critical thinkers, now I actually need you to be one so that society may advance.

Do "African American Studies" degrees benefit African Americans?

This is an important question because it tells you who is really your friend and who is a vile contemptible person trying to take advantage of you. On the face of it "African American Studies" degrees would logically be to the benefit of African Americans. But if you critically think about it, it is the opposite. Majoring in such a worthless degree does NOTHING to help any African Americans unfortunate enough to earn such a degree. It does nothing to increase your employability. It does nothing to teach you an employable trade or skill. You could learn everything an African American Studies degree offers for free online or at the library. And the debt one goes into to earn such a degree cripples them for the rest of their lives. It's an Uncle Tom degree if there ever was one.

Now, let us take the mentally retarded.

Forget on the face of it people with mental disabilities should not be going to college. It's a waste of time. It's a waste of money. People who are truly mentally disabled need training programs that help them integrate into the real world as much as they're capable and help so that they don't end up homeless or wandering the streets. But would a 4 year program (that doesn't even result in a degree by the way) be the best way to help out the mentally retarded? Or, like an African American Studies degree, it's just an elaborate way to make money on a group that is already disadvantaged.

The answer is obviously the latter.

Still, Big Education know no lows and is willing to make a buck however it can, and Texas A&M's "Aggie Achieve Program" is just that. When the value of college degrees is no longer questionable (they're pretty worthless) colleges and universities are becoming more and more desperate to make money anyway they can. And they've gone so low they're now taking advantage of mentally retarded people (and their parents) all so they can keep their academic coffers going and avoid having to get jobs in the real world. For the tune of $10,000 A SEMESTER your mentally impaired son/daughter can "become an Aggie" and that's the least egregious of sins this program offers.

I would like to delve into the details of the Aggie Achieve program, but The Great One has done an outstanding job breaking down the details of this scam. And the $10,000/semester price tag is the least of the insults of this program. It's such a naked grab for money and abuse of mentally retarded people by worthless academics it should be national news and used as an example as to why all government funding should be cut to colleges and universities, as well as the completely uselessness of the social sciences.

Still, the academics will cowardly hide behind those they're taking advantage of (first children, then women, then minorities, now the mentally disabled). And the low IQ sheep of America will not be able to make that critical distinction between helping mentally disabled people versus taking advantage of them. And anybody pointing out the Aggie Achieve Emperors have no clothes will be accused of some kind of "ist" or "ism." But I don't care. This needs to be highlighted and The Great One's take down of Texas A&M's disgusting abuse of the mentally impaired is a must.

Warning - The Great One and his site is a bit harsh to swallow. You will not agree with him on all things. But this topic he hits on the head.

When the Pronoun Junkies Lose Their Fix

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A common observation I like to recommend people make is to go to Target, WalMart or about their normal day and instead of focusing on what the eye wants to - pretty people - to open their eyes to the disgusting and depressing amount of everyday ugly, overweight people. You sadly can't say "average" because these obese land whales (both male and female) make up the majority of the population. Thus "average" today in America means hideously ugly, not merely a unmentionable or unnnotable "5." The lesson to learn from this is to realize just how low grade, pathetic, and deteriorated the average American has become and to let this epiphany guide your actions when dealing with people in the future (most notably, to lower your expectations).

But I had another epiphany and unlike the "Fat people at WalMart" it was a positive one. One that gives the Ole Capmeister a bit of hope. One that should give you a bit of hope as well. And that epiphany was that everybody in public, EVERYBODY I saw was either male or female.

I had this observation while antiquing of all things. I woke up, debated with the GF as to what to do with the day. And we decided to go "antiquing" as a means to have an activity to do, as well as a way for me to meditate and have a calming afternoon. But during the entire process of going to the antique stores, getting espresso, stopping at a winery, and stopping at more antique store, and stopping to get gas, not one "zhe" or "zher" or "it" was seen. Of the thousands of people we must have seen, there was no sexually ambiguous people. No purple haired, tatted up freaks. No "Pats" from SNL. Everybody, 100% of all the people I saw were distinguishably male or female, or at least non-binary people courtously presenting as such.

This then brings about an important lesson much like the fat people at the grocery store.

Yes, every news article you read online has people championing non-binary genders.
Yes, every time you log out of Yahoo mail, their "news" site jams in your face some F-list celebrity who decided to identify as "quattro-pan-sapio-sexual."
Yes, companies can't wait to get on the virtue signaling bandwagon to show how progressive they are with "pronoun name tags."
And yes, sanctimonious nobodies will always sign off their e-mails or social media with "preferred pronouns."

But the digital world does not represent the real world. And annoying as these "pronoun nazis" are, they have failed spectacularly in the real world. They are no where to be seen. And no matter how much they bang away at the keyboard, it will only be their small digital enclaves that are affected by it, and the even smaller real world enclaves found in the insane asylums known as universities and non-profits today. Matter of fact you can celebrate these people wasting the time, effort, energy, and stress posting about how they're "him/his" or "she/her" on the internet or at conventions with their name tags because it's ultimately pointless. Nobody in the real world cares, including most non-binary people. And nobody in the real world dares to be that much of a sanctimonious prick to people in public.

This then behooves the question why do the Pronoun Nazis do this? Why after decades, perhaps centuries of non-binary people just living along side us, fitting in normally do some people find it necessary to force and foist personal information about themselves into situations that it is not only uncalled for, but unprofessional and rude? And not only that, but why does it seem to be straight people, not non-binary people who do this?

Because the real reason is not to help welcome non-binary people into society. It's to virtue signal. And it's not even really to virtue signal. It's to get a fix.

Once again, we need to be reminded as to just how pointless, worthless, and shallow most virtue signalers are. When I get up I have to write, I have to consult, I have to work out, and I have some hobbies or social activities at night. I have a life, a purpose, a reason to live, and I go about my day exercising this agency. You no doubt have the same in that you have a job, a family, some hobbies, maybe even a religion to practice. But the people who have so much time on their hands, the best use of their time they can come up with is making "pronoun name tags" or sign off their e-mails with "him/her" have nothing going on in their lives. NOTHING. They are invariably of the leftist political stripe because they demand payment for no work. They invariably have some kind of welfare job that is paid for either by forced taxation or reluctant charity. Some may claim to be an 'entrepreneur" but any cursory overview of their linkedin profile will show it's not a legitimate company, and more of a masking of the fact they're unemployed. And they are also usually ugly indicating the ultimate lack of work ethic because the gym is the ultimate test of work ethic. These aren't universal traits, but you dig deep enough you'll find out most of these people are losers.

So what do losers do?

Well they need a fix. They need a drug. They need something that will give them the illusion of purpose and agency, but without all that nasty work, toil, and effort. And whereas at least respectable losers will get a fix from heroin, booze, pot or cocaine, the left-leaning, intellectual class of losers get it through virtue signaling "edgy" politically correct politics. Alas, these people are not so much "Pronoun Nazis" as much as they are "Pronoun Junkies."

The problem with being a junkie is that the fix is never enough. You always need more, and you always need a bigger fix, and so you seek out higher doses or perhaps completely new drugs, and the Pronoun Junkies are going to face this same thing.

The day will come that either everybody starts signing off their e-mails with "preferred pronouns," or (more likely) nobody in the real world will care, let alone conform with such idiocy. I predict a combination of both because corporations sole marketing plan is to be so politically "woke" and "edgy" today, they will more or less force this shit on their unsuspecting slave class of workers, while normal people will just go about their day buying gas, not giving the Pronoun Junkies the time of day. And once this is achieved the Pronoun Junkie is going to have to find another fix because they're no longer edgy. They're no longer agitating the normal people. Their crusade/cause has been successful/come to its final conclusion, and they as a person now no longer have any point or purpose. So they will have to seek a new drug, a new fix, a new political cause (…well, that or they'll have to get….*A JOB! NOOOOOO!!!!!*).

What this new cause is, is anybody's guess. One thing I'm amazed of the left is their ability to create problems that don't exist. Make themselves a crisis (in their world) and then lecture the rest of society about how evil and "ist" or "ism" they are about said topic. Be it pronouns, banning plastic bags, banning plastic straws, 46 flavors of gender, the "pink tax," feminism, or complaining about "yard privilege," they are absolutely amazing at finding offense, injustice, oppression, and crisis in just about anything.

But if you think about it, they have to. They're junkies. They need to find a new drug, any drug that allows them to continue to get the sanctimonious high, as long as they don't have to do real, legitimate work. Like any other addict, the drug is used to mask and hide the fact their lives have no value, all of which is driven by the fear of doing a 9-5, putting in the hard effort and work being a real productive human requires. They'd rather be high on a drug, ANY DRUG than come live with us commoners and realize they're not special. And just like any other junkie, they will waste their lives, accomplishing nothing, doing nothing, and at best have a euphemistic linkedin profile replete with bogus, made up awards, social science PhD's, and a resume of a whole lot of nothing.

These Pronoun Junkies may be annoying, and they are. But realize just how pathetic their

lives are that it resorts to them putting such nonsense at the core of their lives. Realize tomorrow they will have to find another insane fix. Realize how "fun" such people must be when such lame activism is what gives them point and purpose in life. And finally, on your next outing when you go to run errands or perhaps get some food, look around at all the normal people who accurately refer to you as a "he" or a "she" and nobody, ABSOLUTELY NOBODY is saying "zhe" or "zher" because we're not completely mental and have more important shit to do in our lives.

As always Enjoy the Decline.

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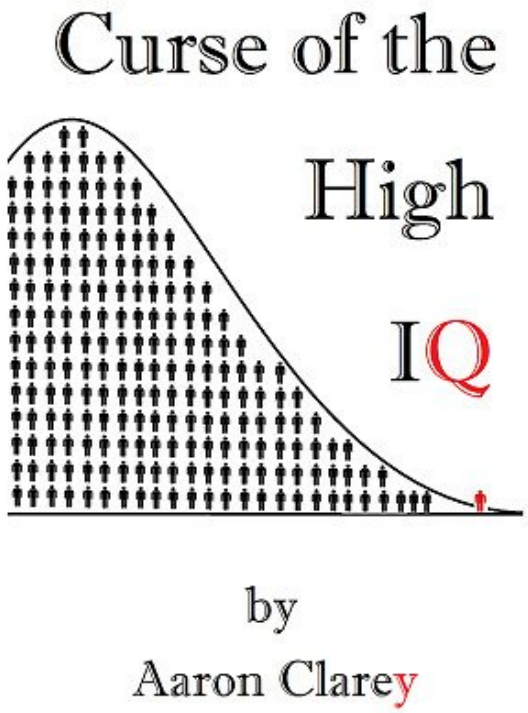

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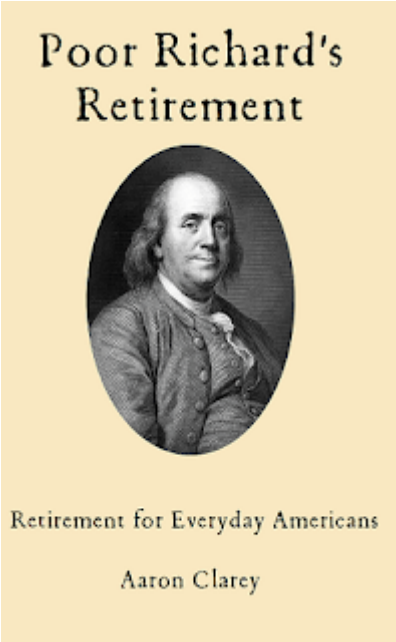
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The Familyless Life Men are Forced to Have

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Probably one of the best podcasts I've heard this year. The author uses the word "Sterile Life" but I didn't want that to be confused with "sterilization". Regardless, the point still remains. A must listen to podcast this weekend.

TFM Reviews "Enjoy the Decline"

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A very interesting review of Enjoy the Decline because TFM vehemently disagrees with some of the points of the book. Getting rarer and rarer to hear people actually disagree (critically and constructively) with you which is becoming an increasingly valuable commodity.

Why Women Won't Marry Tradesmen

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Because they're not good enough for our precious American princesses!

Behind the Post: Ruth Whippman

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It's once again time for "Behind the Post" where people posing as journalists or intellectuals write stupid stuff with the intentional purpose of getting click bait. These articles are so absurd they get you angry, upset, and enraged, but instead of getting angry at the absurd stuff they write, I highlight the real journalistic value of these brown-journalism pieces - the people behind them.

Today's tabloid is a piece written by Ruth Whippman. It's in the New York Times so you can ignore it. And yes, it's about feminism and empowerment, blah blah blah. Specifically, that men need to change, abandon excellent, lower standards so women can play too, the same tiring slop you've been hearing for a decade. The article has no value (and it's behind a paywall so why bother?), but who is the person using a national platform (albeit a tabloid) to push a political agenda and raise your blood pressure?

Well Ruth Whippman is an author, journalist and film maker ~~because they're easy careers,~~ because of course she is. She's not much of an author with two books, only one of which has had marginal success. And keep in mind this is with having connections to a media platform like the NYT's and McMillan as a publisher. Once again proving self publishing is the way to go. She's done a Ted Talk, she wrote for some online sites, and the standard embellished resume no name authors post about themselves. And it's so cookie cutter that if you stereotyped her as your standard female millennial writer you'd be 100% accurate. There is nothing unique, mentionable, or interesting to say about this person. She is completely common.

But the truth about Ruth is the truth I'm trying to point out about nearly all writers "Behind the Post" - they're nobodies. They unaccomplished nobodies. Like everybody else who write these insult pieces, there's no real jobs, no real degrees, no real work. And since none of these people have ever had a toe in the real world, why would you listen to them? And not only listen, but get upset or angry about the foolishness they write?

The truth is you, me, and most other people have real jobs, real professions and real lives we get to enjoy. And just because the NYT's is so desperate for clicks/traffic/money they posted (yet another) feminist troll piece, doesn't mean you have to let it lessen your day, let alone raise your blood pressure. These "Behind the Post" articles are going to be continued to be written until we're dead because about half the population have no purpose or agency aside from their politics and need an outlet to vainly prove to themselves they have value. But it doesn't mean you have to listen to this generation of liberal arts majors and sanctimonious "holier-than-thou" know-it-all 20 somethings.

Life is just too damn short. So enjoy the decline instead.

The Older Brother Podcast #63 - The "Red Pill Frontiers" Episode

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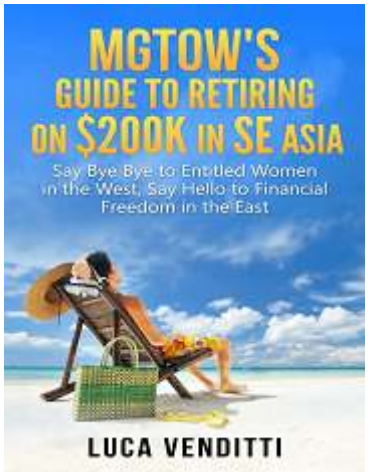
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The Shipyards of Men

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The Team-Agent Relationship

The USS Yorktown has an interesting story. Heavily damaged and crippled at the Battle of Coral Sea, it limped its way back to Pearl Harbor where it could be repaired. However, this was not going to be a regular repair job, queued up behind other ships that were in the shipyards first. It HAD TO BE REPAIRED ASAP as every possible carrier and ship would be needed for the predicted and determining Battle of Midway. And so what can only be considered the greatest repair job history in the world was set off. Repair crews worked on the ship as she was sailing back to Pearl Harbor. Labor, materials, and equipment were secured in advance so they could work on the Yorktown the moment she docked at Pearl Harbor. They even put parts of Hawaii on rolling black outs so the electricity needed to repair the ship in time would be supplied. And in three short days she was sent back out into the Pacific in battleworthy condition (with repair crews still aboard her fixing what they could before the upcoming battle).

While the Yorktown is a unique story forced by emergency war conditions, it highlights a vitally important part of any naval vessel's life - a shipyard. A repair dock. A group of people that can maintain and repair this ship so that it may have not only have the longest life possible, but do the most when it comes to war, patrolling, defense, even commercial transport. It's vital to a ship because protects, maintains, and extends the inordinate amount of resources that went into building the ship in the first place. And it's certainly cheaper in the long run than building new ships whilst you let the old ones go into disrepair.

But this relationship between shipyard and ship, where there's an agent that goes out and performs a function and a team supporting said agent, is not relegated to naval vessels. There is an entire crew that supports a single fighter plane and fighter pilot (so

much so the repair chief tells the pilot to bring back HIS plane). There is an entire team behind a single race car and race car driver. Even the cops are a group of guys going out into the field, supported by dispatchers and other specialists back at HQ. But long before fighter planes, race cars and aircraft carriers the very first instance of this agent-support team relationship existed. And that was the relationship between men and women.

In the olden days men were the agents, the battle ships, the fighter planes sent out into the field to do a variety of tasks. Defend the village. Fight the horde. Hunt the antelope. Till the fields. Build the forts. And in the not-so-olden days they did the modern day same. Work at factory. Work at the office. The 9-5 grind. Bring home the bacon. Women were the equally-vital shipyards of men, repairing them as they came back to harbor. They would fuel the men with food. Keep a nice dockyard in good condition. Tend to any wounds or injuries men might have sustained in the field. And the vitally important morale booster of soothing men, being kind to them, loving them, and giving them an emotional and existential point and purpose to go back out into the field and do it all over again. This team-agent relationship formed naturally over the course of hundreds of thousands of years and it seemed to work pretty good with it culminating in nuclear power, flight, freedom, landing on the moon, medicine, the elimination of hunger, the internet and self publishing.

But times have changed and things are no longer what they were a mere short 60 years ago. And there are ramifications, especially for men. For while you may have been built in a shipyard, and have 17 years of training and education put into you, and you are ready to take on the world, the problem is you no longer have a support team back at bay. There is no repair crew to extend your life and efficacy. If you suffer any damage (which you will, because it is the definition of life) you will only have yourself to rely upon to repair, maintain, as well as incentivize you over the course of your life. And the sooner you swallow and accept this very bitter pill of reality, the better your future life will be.

Yes, Aunt Bea Did Exist

First, however, it needs to be stated and established that at one time women did like, love, cherish and support men. Yes, Aunt Bea is a fictional character and so was June Cleaver, but they epitomized the ideal Team-Agent relationship men and women had with one another. But if that's not enough to convince you, one only need to remember their WWII grandparents and ask how grandma treated grandpa. My grandma treated my grandpa with support, love, dignity and respect. If it was a hard day I cannot see ANY instance in which she would not support him. And not once, never could it ever possibly happen that my grandmother would ever nag, criticism, lecture, tax, let alone divorce my grandfather. Furthermore, if they're lucky enough to even be alive, ask them whether they would stand men up on dates, "flake," sit on their ass and say nothing while on a date, and in general act like the way young ladies comport themselves today. You will find out it never crossed their minds, and even the mere prospect of such mistreatment they find appalling. Women liked men back in the day, period.

But the real reason it needs to be established that at one time women did support their men is for posterity. For historical record. And above all else because it is human nature. It is human reality. Traditionalism, no matter how much it is under attack, is the default program settings of humans. And when you work within these default settings the human race performs at its best. However, you being a freshly christened vessel, recently released from the loading docks into this modern day ocean of anti-male feminism, you will be told the complete opposite of what your genetics, biology, and instincts are telling you. This will cause you great confusion. You will constantly ask "what's wrong with me?" And you will go through an incalculable level of hell trying to reconcile what your entire biological instinct is screaming at you versus what society is screaming back. But understand, they are wrong. You are right. No you're not insane. At one time women did like men. And there's nothing wrong in wishing to return to that, because that is nature.

No, Aunt Bea Don't Exist No More

Yet in a certain tragic sense they are right and you are wrong. Because that's *effectively* what you get to deal with in the here and now. The current pool of women available to you today do not have the traits, values, ethics, let alone incentives of WWII women. And no matter what their underlying biological hard-wiring may be screaming at them, most women have chosen to abandon their men in the pursuit of becoming agents themselves. This has resulted in new types of relationships between men and women today, the types of which are heavily dependent upon the individual women themselves as well as their age.

The most common replacement relationship between men and women is the "Agent-Agent Relationship." This has been the standard since the Baby Boomer generation and is where women put their own careers and the determination of their own lives ahead of

that of men *and anyone else*. Yes, they may get married. Yes, they may even love their husbands and children. But at no point in time do they exercise selflessness or altruism. Their definition, their core, their purpose and agency in life is to be a professional.

They are an accountant.
They are an HR professional.
They are a teacher.
They are lawyer.
They are a politician.

Their new "Agent Role" is so ingrained in their psyche that they even mock and ridicule motherhood, stay at home moms, accuse traditionalists of wanting women to be barefoot and pregnant, even Hillary Clinton maligned the stay at home moms.

There is still some remnants of traditional functionality within this new "Agent-Agent" relationship, but they are few in that nearly all of the traditional "support team" functions have been outsourced. Meals are prepared by chefs at restaurants, not by a wife with love and care. Children are raised by nannies, day care centers, public school teachers, and the juvenile detention industry, not the mother. If you've fallen ill your wife is not going to pamper you back to health as she also has to go to work. And even if there is a nuclear family with children, those children are shipped out to after-school activities so the least bit of labor needs to be invested in them. There is no home base. There is no home. There is no docking bay. There is no loving, caring, womanly touch. It is a place you sleep to breed children and then flip a coin as to whether or not you'll get divorced.

The second relationship is likely that of what Gen X'ers have - The "Agent-Competitor Relationship." It's like the "Agent-Agent" relationship, but instead of potentially loving you and some accidental tacit support, women view men more as competitors, not a teammate to work with.

This is no more obvious than today's fad of promoting women, constantly, 24-7, on the news, the media, education, government, video games, and EVERYWHERE. If there's a stereotype of an aged, career-woman, spinster who sold her soul to the corporation Gen X women would be it. Highly educated, highly driven, even highly intelligent, they took what their Baby Boomer mothers and teachers taught them and took it to a whole new level. Being part of this generation I have seen this since the 1st grade where our baby boomer teachers were CONSTANTLY hounding us young boys that the girls were just as good as us and could do whatever we could do. ***FOUR DECADES*** of this constant, pro-woman, rah-rah, you go girrrrrrrllll, propaganda pitting women against men. The predictable result was women didn't outright hate us, but it was made very clear they didn't like us (unless we pulled off some amazing shit), and the hell if they were going to give up careers for the degrading role of stay at home wife or mother. Alas, it is no shock that divorce rates between Gen X'ers and Baby Boomers remained the same (especially when you consider how co-habitation understates divorce statistics). Women truly didn't need...maybe didn't even want men.

Finally, there is what Millennials and Gen Z'ers get to face - The "Agent-Enemy" Relationship.

Again, it is highly dependent upon the girl, and I doubt the majority of young women today hate men, but an increasing number of women certainly do. With even more vitriolic, sometimes outright hatred of men being programmed and indoctrinated into women from Kindergarten-to-Career, many young women today view men as the enemy. Their elder Gen X sisters already viewed men as the competition, so it was only a couple more clicks to the right to transition that into being Public Enemy #1. "Masculinity" is not what saved women from being raped by the Japanese in WWII. It's now "toxic." Men

who make more than women because they slaved their asses off majoring in STEM or working dangerous jobs in dangerous conditions didn't "work harder," they were "sexists." Penis is privilege, so we're going to eliminate meritocracy from our ENTIRE ECONOMY promoting people based on sexism and racism. Women (and their children) should be entitled to a lifetime of government support so they don't have to rely on a man. And if a guy rejects me after having sex with him, it's perfectly fine to accuse him of rape.

What was once the cute battle of the sexes where the push and pull led to an intense liking of one another, has now turned into a true war where some women loathe and detest men. And like hell if they're going to go to the shipyards to repair you or loving wives to cherish. They literally hate you. You are the enemy.

Self Care

When you add it up (which is tough to do because the data is somewhat lacking) I'd estimate the percent of the young, female population who are looking to be part of that traditional "Team Agent" team has got to be below 5%. Even if they say they want the traditional relationship and will support you, often times it comes with other poison pills that make it a deal breaker. So with such horrible odds, young men today need to acknowledge this reality. And not only do they need to acknowledge it, they need to act on it. Yes, you might get statistically lucky and find yourself a keeper, but going forward in life you have to operate from the premise you are going to be taking care of yourself, doing your own repairs, and very likely sustaining damage - not benefiting from - the handful of women you date.

This then enters the realm of "there is no solution," because like it or not you are programmed to need a woman. Yes, technically you "don't" need a woman. You can eat. You can work out. You can engage in hobbies. But for all of human genetic history you were programmed to want a woman. And without them, you are going to sustain certain types and amounts of damage because you were built to be a ship, not a repair team. So the "solutions" are not really "solutions" since there are none. These are merely prescriptions to treat a problem that will (in all statistical likelihood) never go away.

The first step is to acknowledge this is reality. You (roughly) stand a 1 in 20, a 5% chance of meeting a traditional woman that, if you marry her, she will support you and be a net positive in your life.

The remaining 95% are likely going to be the bane of your existence.

Ergo, with such odds, you simply cannot put your hope, faith, dreams, and value in a wife or any consequential children because women have simply been programmed to be the opposite. If you do find one of these unicorns, consider it like winning the lottery. It's a statistical fluke. But remember, no matter how much you'd like otherwise, TRILLIONS of dollars and TRILLIONS of hours have gone into programming young women today to be Agents, Competitors, or Enemies, and NONE have been invested into teaching them how to be loving wives or mothers. So stop looking or at least learn to cut your losses quickly, early, and often when dating women.

The second step is to find agency and purpose outside of family and marriage. This will be the subject of a more detailed future post, but without women and family you will have to find something else to kill the decades of time you'll have. You can technically do anything. All of life's options are on the table. But some key ones are going to provide you the most worth and value in life. Your career will be the most likely one in that it gives you immediate agency and purpose, as it has for all men in all of history. It will also provide you comradery assuming you work for a team of people, essentially making that a substitute, though inferior family. Friends, if you can find them should be cherished as they tend to go by the wayside over the decades. Hobbies are also a must where you craft or build something of value that will remain on this planet after you die. Finally, you may want to consider religion or at least some philosophy to ultimately face what happens after you die. This alone will take some serious effort and resources, but the benefits of answering this question for yourself personally will pay dividends over the course of your consciousness.

Third, physical and mental health.

Without what has traditionally given men value in life, your body is going to have an uphill battle staying in both mental and physical shape. The love of your spouse as well as your children would have normally given you the incentive to get up in the morning and take on the day, but without that fuel you can easily lapse into lethargy, sloth, depression, drug use, and loneliness. This means eating right and working out are absolutely mandatory part-time jobs in that they will at least partially offset and fight the loss of what you should have normally had. They will boost endorphins, enhance mental clarity, stave off depression, and maybe even give you a social group to belong to should you find a quality running club or hiking group. But keep in mind your hind brain and the millions of years of evolution it has gone through is going to be constantly reminding you that you should be down and depressed without your crew, team, or support. It's not

wrong, but there is no solution. Hit the gym and eat right.

Fourth, adventure and explore.

To give yourself an incentive you need to adventure and explore the world. Maybe not global trips to Antarctica or Tanzania, but visiting new and different places to at least provide your mind with some novelty and adventure. Based on my personal experiences, this should give you at least a decade's worth of meat to chew on and feed your soul, but inevitably the novelty wears off, you get old, and traveling gets tiring. Still, it serves its purpose and makes you a season man.

Fifth, your family. You may not have one of your own, but you came from one and if they're not toxic or abusive visiting them and spending time with them before either you or they die is a good substitute for your own. Again, your parents will likely die before you do, but there's no reason not to visit them before they do.

Finally, leaving a line in for the 5%.

Though statistically unlikely, a quality woman who loves you, cherishes you, and supports you is worth at least keeping a line out for. This doesn't mean you go to night clubs. It doesn't mean you spend hours on Tinder or cumulative days on dates. But you do leave a line out for a quality girl in case one comes along and bites. A lot of this can also be helped if you're direct and blunt with women in what you want. Being honest on your dating profile that you are looking for a SAHW and a traditional relationship will cut through the chase and act as a lightning rod for what few women want the same. Taking a conservative fat girl whose nice and telling her you'd date her if she'd lose weight is more efficient than hoping to make a pretty leftist girl a traditional stay at home wife. Your life should be so occupied with other activities that you don't have time to waste on anything but the rare marriage material woman, and when you hit that stage it's sometimes surprising when quality women show up.

Still, by math alone only 1 in 20 of us are going to get a quality girl. By math alone only 1 in 20 of us CAN get a quality girl. And until society starts to place value on family, husbands, fathers, and other *USS Yorktowns*, and start putting in the support need to keep those things afloat, it's going to be a lonely haul and a lonely life for the majority of American men. Make the best of it and as always, enjoy the decline.

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The Clarey Podcast #313 - The "DT Blood Shekel Shuffle" Episode

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After Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
The Definition of "Progress"
Women Who Take Care of Other Women's Child So They Can Take Care of Other Women's Children
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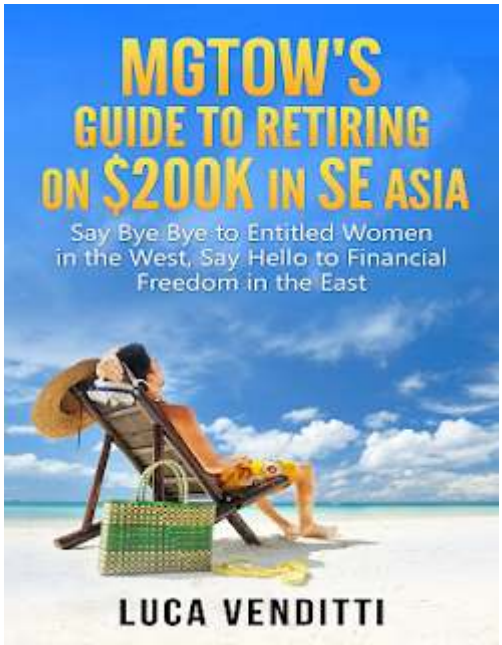
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Did Shaming Single Mothers Work?

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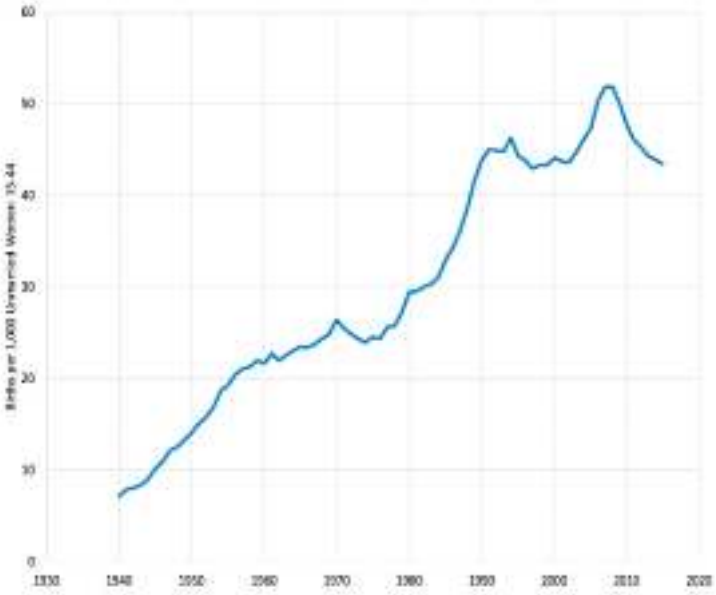
Good news today is very rare.

It's rare in part because it doesn't sell, thus main street and alternative media has no reason to report it.
It's rare because society as a whole is deteriorating in terms of quality and caliber.
It's rare because government policy (at least in the west) celebrates losers over winners.
And it's rare because anytime something good is attempted the established powers often prevent it from happening.

But one got past the goalie and I'm happy to share it. So please share this good news as well because we earned this one.

During my research for "How Not to Become a Millennial" I was compiling data on family formation. I was absolutely certain that along with the decrease in marriage rates, increase in divorce, and a deterioration just about every other sociological metric, out of wedlock births would be up. But to my surprise it wasn't. It was actually down. And not only down, but sharply down from 2008.

Figure 8. Births to Single Mothers per 1,000 Single Women, 1940-2015



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, various National Vital Statistics Reports. See the Source Notes at the end of the paper for more details.

I'm sure there are many and valid reasons for this, some more official than others. But I cannot help but notice that 2009 is when bandwidth on the internet not only allowed for blogs, but podcasts and youtube channels. It also coincides with an explosion in social media where people regularly exchanged and posted their political opinions on the internet.

Now the "official stance" according to the dinosaur media, college, government and education industry is that single motherhood is perfectly fine and acceptable. And not only is it fine and acceptable, it's brave, courageous, and amazing. So fervent did this narrative become, single motherhood became more of a cult and single mom worship became the norm. But that was the official stance.

The "unofficial stance," I argue, didn't finally get out into the public until the citizens' media in the form of the internet had the bandwidth and platforms to do so. And while Oprah, the Democrat party, and every ancient washed up women's print magazine in the world was still towing the "She Works Hard for the Money" line, young women started noticing on;

Blogs they read
Podcasts they listened to
YouTube channels they watched,

and most certainly

their social media accounts

that men were sick and god damned tired of the 24-7, non-stop, "rah rah single mom" worship-bullshit and distinctly did not like, want to worship, nor want to marry, single moms.

Not only was this "unofficial stance" against single moms, but it was so vehement, so clear, and so consistent that young women actually started to pay attention. And while I'm sure some education, access to birth control, and other sociological variables are in part to explain the collapse in single motherhood, I would bet my left nut that men letting their honest opinions about single motherhood be known publicly on the internet has scared young women straight into not fucking up by becoming a single mom.

This is a rare victory for people in the red pill/manosphere/alt media. Where pushing ~~a counter-narrative~~ the truth against the~~ narrative~~ lies put out by the establishment media, actually brings about the result the rest of normal, healthy, sane people want. It could indeed be that some government program had great success in reducing the amount of single moms being created, but I would argue it was more the fact that enough men had the courage to say they were sick of single motherhood, they were sick of single moms, we're sick of being asked to raise somebody else's mistake and threw it right back in their face. And we did it so well that even YOUNG WOMEN listened and are now knocking it off with the single mom schtick.

There also gives hope that other messages can be spread through the internet to counter the lies of the mainstream and established media. Perhaps we can convince blacks that the democrats are INDEED NOT THEIR FRIENDS. Perhaps we can convince women that not every guy is a rapist, sexual assaulter. Perhaps we can convince young people that they should major in something wise and not some dumbass liberal arts degree. Perhaps we can even get Gen Z boys to hit the gym, be masculine, and act like American men, and Gen Z girls to be cute, be feminine, and maybe not hate men.

I know it's a long list. But if you can get YOUNG WOMEN to listen to you, you can get anybody to do the same.

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The Hour Long Rant (and Solution to) the Student Debt Crisis

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Ended up doing an hour long video rant for Asshole Consulting which cost me my voice. So unfortunately there will not be an Older Brother podcast tomorrow, but this will have to suffice instead.

Share with any young person about to head off to college, a young person in college, or parents of children who are about to go off to college...that assumes they'll listen.

Why Older Women Hate Younger Women

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Because their time has passed, and they do NOT want the competition.

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Enjoy the Decline California

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Communists always have trouble keeping the lights on.

Oh, and by the way. For all you pro-Californian people, can you please comment below how California is the world's 7th largest economy and how great the weather is again? We always get a laugh about that here.

Cappy's Final Health Update

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Good and final news everyone.

If you did not know, the Ole Captain had a health scare that lasted just shy of 2 months. It originally started as something potentially wrong with my liver/gall bladder/pancreas/right side/area, to them finding a growth on my liver, to finding out that growth had been then since I was born and it was nothing, to "are you sure there's nothing wrong with my liver," to "what the heck is this feeling on my side then?"

After a CT scan, an MRI, and a final ultrasound, it turns out everything is perfectly fine (especially my liver, apparently it's in excellent shape, which is almost a miracle enough for me to believe in divine intervention now). And after experimenting with my diet, cutting out coffee and caffeine, as well as avoiding stressful situations, it is most very likely an irritation in my digestive track triggered by stress and acidic foods/drinks.

If I avoid traffic, misbehaved children, and Minnesota dumbasses in the left lane, as well as coffee, I feel perfectly fine, and will slowly be ramping up my production from 75% back to 100%, but never again to the 150% I was running at before.

Consequently, my book "How Not to Become a Millennial" will be delayed into December, possibly January as I will be taking a less-aggressive writing schedule to finish it. I also have decided to write a short essay as timing demands it be written now which will further postpone the book. I will still try to do two podcasts a week, but will be taking the occasional day off if need be to either rest, calm down, or work on other projects.

Thank you for all your support, e-mails, kind words, mockery, ball busting, and ridicule. And special thanks to all my family, loved ones, friends, and Piggott.

Cappy

Holodomor: Why Communism is Parasitism, and Parasitism Isn't Sustainable

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Eliminate private property
You eliminate people's incentive to work
When they won't work
Then you can enslave them, forcing them to work
Or you kill them so there are less mouths to feed.

These will ALWAYS be the questions socialists get to face when they vote away, or simply kill the productive people they parasite off of. And with productive people gone, they will have only each other to parasite off of. In the end, the socialists always lose.

How Love and Friendship Allows you to Retire on the Cheap

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"If we can do this, and get all of society to realize conventional retirement planning is not only dead, but unnecessary, impossible, even damaging, it is my sincere belief all of the free world will be able to enjoy a leap forward on par with the invention of the automobile in terms of financial planning and retirement. It is simply a matter of taking the time to sit, think things through, introspect, and ask ourselves what is most important in life. And when you do, I'm quite confident the lion's share of your financial problems will go away."

Blame the Universities, Not "the Bankers" for the Student Loan Crisis

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A QOTD here from the Older Brother comments section:

"*It's interesting how these greedy millennials screaming for bailouts never EVER blame the schools for this problem.*

It's the bankers' fault (even though they don't do college loans anymore)

It's the fault of white men

It's the fault of the government not taking action

It's the fault of patriarchy

Blah blah blah.
If they want to blame someone else then why not blame the universities, you know, the ones that are taking the money?
Sue their high school guidance counselors for encouraging them to attend college WITH NO PREDETERMINED MAJOR."

But Millennials and now Gen Z'ers have been brainwashed to be incapable of critical thinking. So this won't happen. Regardless, I did post this video before, but if you have not watched it, it's worth watching and ESPECIALLY sharing with any young person who's contemplating attending college.

Do Not Shit Where You Eat - Steve Easterbrook Edition

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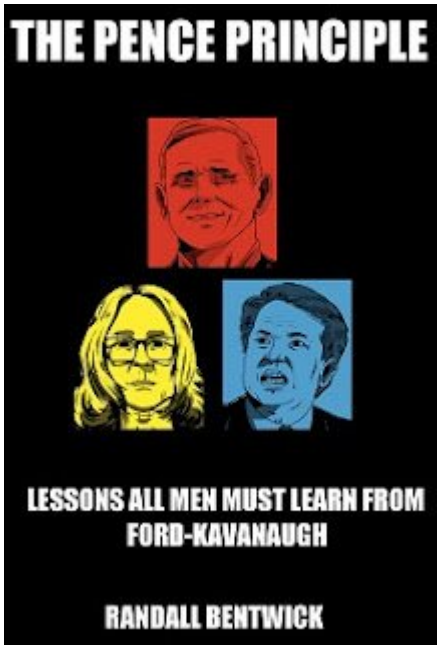
Pun intended.

I guess Steve Easterbrook should have read this book:



Women Want Omaha Beach Brought to Them

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And she was a gun control advocate too. How ironic.

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Your Mother Doesn't Love You. She Loves Herself

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Yep...one of those days.

Fuck socialists.
Fuck feminism.
Fuck divorce.
Fuck broken homes.
And for fuck's sake, no, single moms, you are not brave or amazing. You're cancer.

STEM Men Millionaires, Oh Nosies!!!

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When you women close the STEM gap you will close the wage gap and the wealth gap.

In the meantime, this is fair. It is 100% fair. YOu major in easy, stupid shit, you earn stupid money.

Older Brother Podcast #64 - The "Brandi Love" Episode

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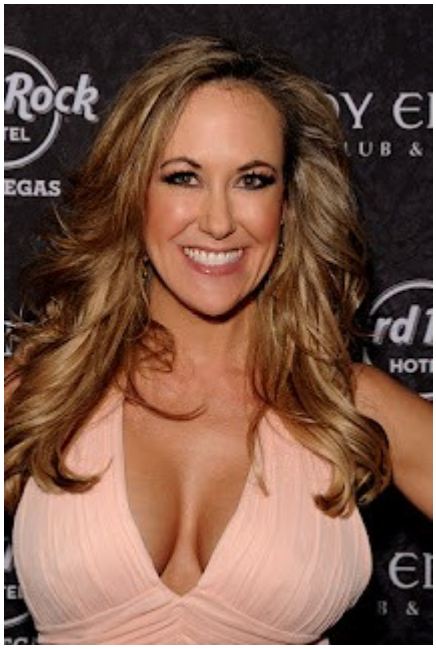

Cappy and Chad talk about:

Loud middle aged women.
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And the education bubble continues

The Government Will Raise Your Children

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because the teachers need your money.

But that's OK, because most of you aren't willing to raise your children anyway. Your career is more important.

Cappy's Black Mountain Night Time Adventure

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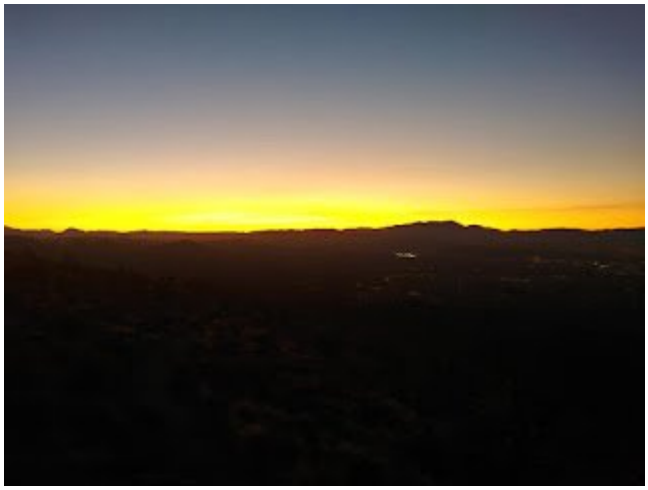
Now that the Ole Capmeister is back to 100%, I decided to try my hand at Black Mountain, just outside the Southern Command. Started late in the afternoon which means i came down off the mountain at night, but there was a 75% moon.

Will being doing an "Author's Road Trip" tour starting today with ports in Reno, Salem, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver and Rapid City. Sitting and bivouacking to write at different points along the way. In lieu of writing enjoy some of the pictures.



You're a Fucking Idiot for Going to College Today

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And yet you idiot kids keep on going.

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The US Education System is Not Broken. It's Working PRECISELY the Way the Socialists Designed It To.

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A very good piece but it is not cynical enough.

The US education system is doing precisely what it's been designed to do - take young, completely brainwashable children and turn them into supporters of the state. And I would even go so far as to say that college makes them zealots and fervent maniacs of the state because it is so clear socialism is now the religion of academia. Bar STEM and business majors, most college graduates are nothing but amped up zombies for socialism.

Skinny Wives Save Lives

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A short post today as I'm traveling across the country, trying to write a book, and trying to recover my voice. Regular Cappy won't be back until Thanksgiving is over and he is back in the Northern Command. In the meantime enjoy (hopefully) this very quick and unedited post.

I was hanging out with that no good dirty Mexican we all love, Atham. Many of you know him as the chemical engineer major off in the lofty mountains near Lake Tahoe, who works menial late night jobs so he can graduate without debt, find a job with the least amount of HR BS as possible, make his money, and enjoy the last half of his life with peace, serenity, calm, and stability.

Over a cigar we got on the topic of nagging women, specifically how it's not acceptable, but unavoidable, thus forcing stoicism upon you. But a more poignant observation we made was how women "trying to help," or lecturing you about your health, or telling you about "this" diet fad or "that" diet fad, or (in general) telling you what to do, is not helping at all, but killing you. And if women really want to extent the life expectancy of their men, they would do one of two things:

Support or silence.

If you are a real man (and that's a very huge if nowadays given the Millennials and soyboys out there) you will have:

Supported yourself
Educated and trained yourself
Established a profession

Invested your money
and in general have become an independent man, relying on no one or no thing.

It takes a while, especially given the price of tuition and the hurdles to a stable career the baby boomers have laid in front of you, but this journey, this perseverance, this challenge is what galvanizes you into a man at the end of it. And so there you are as an accomplished bachelor, sitting your bachelor pad you bought and paid for, doing your thing in life that you were meant to do, all under your own steam.

Inevitably a woman will come in. She has not had anywhere near the galvanzing experiences you do. Matter of fact she's had a huge leg up over you. She's had parents subsidize her well into her late 20's. A college and educational environment that had done all but sacrifice goats in terms of woman worship. Affirmative action as a standard policy to hire women over mean. And men themselves, wishing to access her vagina, will also subsidize her in terms of dates, gifts, even direct financial help (Cappy knows one prominent paper alpha who is now helping a truly pampered suburbanite princess with food and rent simply because she's hot). Wherever this assistance comes from, it puts life on easy mode for women, they do not endure, toil, or work as hard as men, but since society is lying to them (for a variety of reason) they think they are as equally independent, strong, and accomplished as you are, and therefore have a right to tell you what to do and how to do it.

This then sets the scene for what will be the cause of the majority of battles between couples. Men KNOW what it took to get to where they were. Men were perfectly fine, even excelling past their female counterparts when adjusting for the handicaps life gave women. From simple time management to car maintenance to why you don't waste your time cleaning to the anal retentive levels women do, men have a VERY GOOD and PRECISE reason for every decision they make and whatever habits they've developed over the years. But women do not see this. They only see what the HGTV channel has shown them life should be like. They only have what the media and women's magazines tell them they're entitled too. While the men are working hard in the engine room of the Titanic, women are arranging deck chairs and floral bouquets, lecturing them about their dirty feet, or why eating "this" is bad for you, or any one of an unlimited number of aspects of your life that has otherwise been streamlined to maximize your ability to earn a living.

Each and every one of these criticisms, unsolicited bits of advice, and nagging serves as a grain of sand thrown into your engine. It decreases efficiency, it takes time for you to deal with, but inevitably it taxes and destroys the engine. You aren't allowed to produce or progress as much as you once did. YOu have to explain to women in a very child like way WHY you're doing these things. You even have to defend yourself and the choices you've made as to why it's better. You even have to at times explain "because it's my fucking house and my fucking money, that's why." But regardless of the particular

pointless grain of sand that was throw into your engine, such conditions over time not only slow you down and impede your ability to work and get the most out of life, it slowly but surely kills you. Even, ironically your wife or girlfriend nagging you about healthy living. It inevitably kills you.

This nagging I argue is killing men earlier than normal. The "crisis of men" where men commit more suicide, the mortality rate of men is going up, and more "depressed deaths" being logged among men is caused, disproportionately by adversarial women. And while yes, statistics would show opioids, alcohol, liver disease, and the like are the cause of this, *the cause of that* would be the toxification of the one thing that gave men point and purpose to live - women - driving men to drink and killing their will to live in the process. You may make the argument it isn't provable, but nagging, being confrontational, and competing against your husband certainly does not extend his life.

However, there is something that is also killing off men way earlier and way more effectively than women's nagging and their general confrontational demeanor against men. And its origins are precisely that of nagging, one would even say it's the ultimate form of nagging - obesity.

The number one thing that drives men in life is female beauty. The only reason you have roads and the cars to drive them on, let alone the buildings you'd drive on them to are because men pursued female beauty. And they way men got female beauty was by building up wealth, creating some amazing things, and making life easier for any woman who might be kind enough to hook up with him. BUt without this beauty, men have no incentive to get up in the morning, work hard, major in engineering, let alone create or innovate. Worse, it is that fuel that the male spirit lives on, the purpose and reason in life, and by association the fuel that powers society. So when all of society's women decide to get obese because "big is beautiful," or you marry your wife and she pulls the fat grenade and blows up, you immediately deliver the largest blow you can to a man's reason to live. And whether that man is a single man and has to look at the vast sea of landwhales that are available to date, or you're married and your wife gets fat, yes, there are other things in life, but not really. There just isn't a reason for a man to get up and give it his all. It's like putting a 38 octane fuel in a racing car that needs 110. And soon, over time men will also become obese, eat unhealthy, have their spirits broken, and certainly die earlier than they would otherwise, some even committing suicide.

Thus "Skinny Wives Saves Lives" is a saying I coined simply because it's true. If society is REALLY concerned about the increasing deaths of men, they might want to look at what women are doing (and becoming) as that is what men normally lived for. It may not quaintly fit into your sociology theories about "having enough government resources to fight and treat addiction," and it certainly forces an unfortunate responsibility on women to remain svelte and comely for their men, but if you really want to turn increasing male mortality around, maybe instead of being a loud, obnoxious, nagging, confrontational lard

ass you become a supporting, feminine, skinny wife?

Of course, I know, I know. Many of you veterans out there know this is folly. We know that by their behaviors women love food more than men (and the same can be said of many o' husbands). And we know there's no way to undo the decades of time and trillions of dollars in brainwashing women have received since they were 5 about how they had to compete against men. This generation and the next (Gen Z) are more or less washes that are going to have to be forfeited as feminine beauty is essentially outlawed for them. All I wanted to point out is that society does not have the balls to point out that in making women ugly, fat, nagging and adversarial to men we've also given men huge disincentive to live. And until we point that out you can expect male mortality to increase, and economic growth to decrease. Enjoy the show and enjoy the decline.

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Sending a Feminist Socialist to Do a Free Marketer's Job

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What could possibly go wrong?

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You vote left
Which destroys the nuclear family
Which removes the father from the family
Which means the kids are not disciplined
Which means when they land on your doorstep at your public school
You get to deal with the frankenstein monsters your voting created.

"People Skills," "Soft Skills," and "EQ" are Bullshit

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"*You see this all the way back in school, where 'nerds' are ostracized, to workplaces where higher IQ people are made to feel like misfits ("Low EQ") and forced to follow ultimately flawed instructions from bosses who insist on obedience.*

Having a high IQ, just like all things, has its pros and cons.

The pros are easy to spot – more financial and career success, more academic success, more business success, better analytical ability, etc. The cons are far more subtle, to the point that it is mostly believed that there aren't any.

And because of this myth that intelligence can have no cons, the problems created by a high IQ often go misdiagnosed.

This leads to high IQ people trying to fix the "wrong source" – which in turn makes the problem worse.
You are told you need to work on your "people skills" – meanwhile, you can't figure out why people find enjoyment in watching other people play football on TV (the answer is tribalism).

This misdiagnosis and dead-end "wrong source" fixes make many intelligent people feel confused, hopeless, and full of despair over time, especially when combined with the insanity of not being able to know what's wrong with you."

You know what's wrong with you? NOTHING. Absolutely NOTHING.

The Sad Truth About Anime

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Most of it sucks:

This harsh truth brought to you by Asshole Consulting.

Said the Man Who Ran Trillion Dollar Deficits

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I love how leftist boomers can't believe the Frankenstein monsters they created.

It is Sadly "That Bad" on the Front Lines

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I appreciate the reports coming in from all the Agents in the Field who are still dating. It is, as you know, not entirely possible to know what it's like dating today if you're not dating, but Jesus H Christ. It really is bad as you guys say it is.

The Clarey Podcast #314 - The "First Podcast in a Long Time" Episode

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Why we can't have nice things.
They're all sheep. All of them.
Mexican Family Vacations
Agents in the field prove to Cappy it "is that bad in the field"
Enjoying lefties suffering their lives

AND MORE!!!

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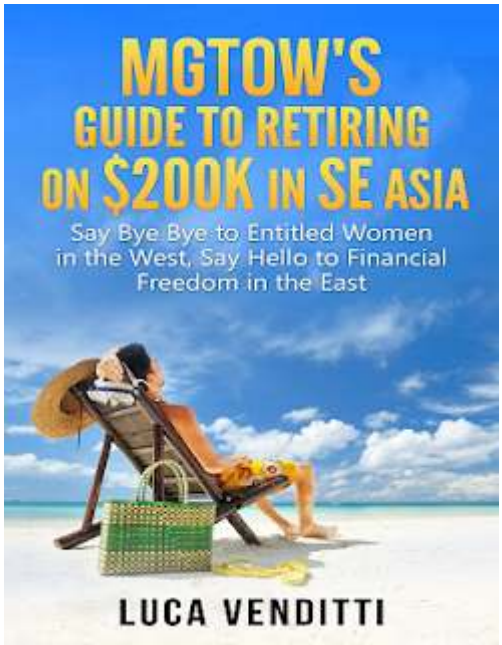
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Say Bye Bye to Entitled Women
in the West, Say Hello to Financial
Freedom in the East
LUCA VENDITTI

Dear American Mothers, Fuck Your Career, Raise Your Fucking Kids

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I'm getting so sick of how the left claims "they're for the children" but can't wait to separate families with the state rearing children.

Teeeeaaaacherrrrssss

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I know this has a spin, but it's good to see one leftist organization (the media) attack teachers and the public schools. Maybe like the commies and nazis during WWII they can kill tons of each other!

The Clarey Podcast - Fort Collins Special

November 21, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My adventures take me to Fort Collins Colorado where I hang out with the great one and am thankful there are no cats, no spergs, people who have conversation, and a chance to sit and work on the book.

Join me and The Great One for a good philosophical podcast.

Main Stream Media Doesn't Get to Slander Normal Citizens

November 22, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Oh nosies! Apparently you can't just harm people's reputation if you're the MSM.

Professors and College Administrators Should Pay for the Student Loan Bail Out

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Because that's where the money went.

The schools themselves have nothing left.

BTW, don't major in "Criminal Justice." I know your dad and brothers were part of the system. That doesn't mean there's jobs there.

Why You Economically and Empirically Cannot Find a Man

November 25, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Feminism has consequences ladies.

The entire study located here.

I know a lot of you boys felt cheated out of your genetic birthright, and you were. You have every right to be pissed off. But understand that the universe has a MANDATORY law of cause and effect. Equal and opposite. Action reaction. And just like to the calorie of energy the laws of physics must balance, so too do sexual and economic dynamics. Women are just not going to find their man. The majority of them will live unfulfilled lives. And if I were you I'd start buying stocks in pet supplies, cat-saving phamaceuticals, wine, and egg freezing technologies.

The Last Mount Rushmore Carver Has Passed Away

November 26, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Didn't have a liberal arts degree neither.

Adios amigo.

Why Female Beauty is the Fuel of Economic Growth

November 27, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Remember to buy my shit.

The Older Brother Podcast - Thanksgiving Day Special!

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Join Cappy and Chad this evening or download them for your Thankgiving drive tomorrow as they do a special thanksgiving episode of The Older Brother Podcast (though it's not really anything special...just a podcast near Thanksgiving)

Is There Anything to Look Forward to in the Future?

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Yes, especially for non-leftists and sane people:

Enjoy the Show!

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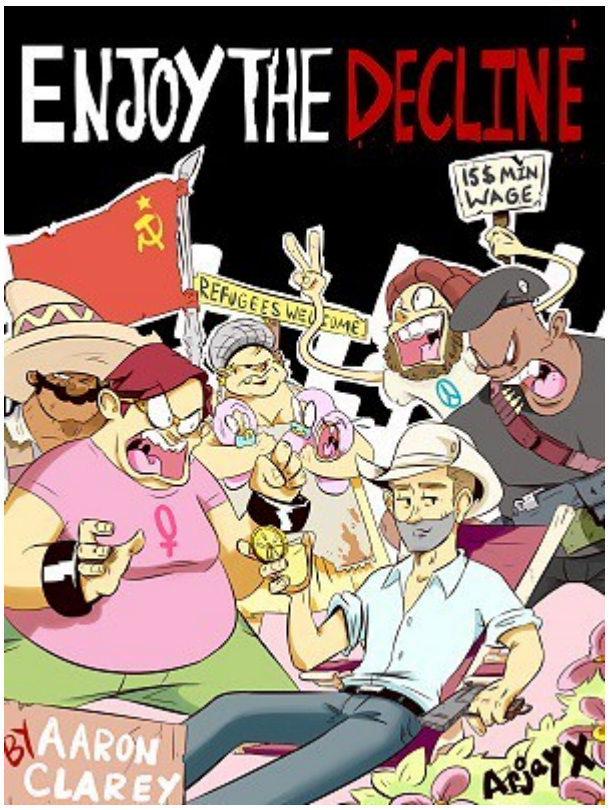
This is PRECISELY what I mean by "Enjoy the Show."

I love how the family loves their politics more than their son. It's just hilarious how little parents care about their children and how much we've been conditioned to love our politics above all else.



The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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There's actually a twofer if you scroll down a bit!

NO STIIIINKING FATHERS NEED WE DON'T!!!!

Social Scientists are All Frauds

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The social sciences are not real.
They are a fabricated study for lazy people who don't want to put forth the effort to study real science so they may linger in academia as long as possible and not do any real work. They will constantly lobby for government grants, if they're not too busy sucking the blood out of their college students for $500 a credit for some bullshit made up class. Worse, when we give them credence and fund their programs, they never work at best, but usually come at a catastrophic cost.

This is Really All Feminists Have to do in Life

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And if your life is this void of meaning that you file lawsuits so little 10 year old girls can go topless, then by all means continue living your life because it's really got to suck.

The Clarey Podcast #30…Something - The Chad Was on Time Episode

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Busy writing.
Not bothering describing episode.

Link here.
MP3 here
Youtube here.

Book coming.

The Clarey Podcast #310 - The "Raise Your Fucking Kids" Episode

December 6, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy and DT talk about:

How DT turned Cappy into a homebody.
Christmas mirth and Kurt Russell Santa Claus
No, you're not going to college to learn a language
Raise your fucking kids
College educated women don't deserve college educated men.
Where do all the no name artists' work go? The dump?
Gay guys asking out DT.
Dude Bro culture. How to become one...if you want to.

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But Fuck Americans, Ammirite?

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Couldn't find refugees to work there so they closed down instead of hiring Americans.

Cripes.

Aaron Clarey in 1958

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I'm wondering if this guy is still alive. He would have predicted the education bubble 50 years before me.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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Why College Educated Women Don't Deserve College Educated Men

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More truth at Asshole Consulting.

Gringolandia en Mexico: A Paradise Lost

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Our good friend Alexi has written an article I believe will help many of our economists, Agents in the Field, and Cappy Cappites find a good Plan B when it comes to leaving the US. He tried Mexico, which I have kicked around in my own mind, but he has decided to settle on Portugal and elsewhere. A good entertaining read if you wish to educate yourself at the same time as well.

By Aleksey Bashtavenko (http://randommeanderings123.blogspot.com/)
Academic Composition (www.academiccomposition.com)

I have arrived in Mexico last March, at a time when I had previously lived in Denver. The state of Colorado is known for its brutal cold and a mercurial weather, where the climate may change nearly a half a dozen times per day. I was paying $1700 per month for a 500 square foot apartment in the center of the city. The majority of my acquaintances and neighbors were hardened Politically Correct Ideologues and radical leftists. As it happens, my former boxing instructor from Colorado Springs has recently been found guilty of a sexual assault that he almost certainly did not commit.

Mexico is famous for its picturesque beaches, tropical climate and a hospitable culture. For good reasons, it is the seventh most visited country in the world, just behind France, Spain, the United States, China and Italy (https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/10-most-visited-countries-in-the-world.html). All of these aforementioned countries boast a highly developed economy and a significant percentage of visitors arrive for professional rather than recreational purposes. However, the overwhelming majority of the visitors in Mexico are tourists and that much is obvious: few foreigners find Mexico to be enticing place to conduct their business.

Mexico is attractive to tourists for obvious reasons: the prices are low, it's close to the United States and the weather is ideal in the winter, just as when the snowbirds seek to escape the brutal cold that characterizes this season in most of North America. Yet, in recent years, Mexico witnessed a new phenomenon: a different type of a "gringo" emerged in this land. Not only are North Americans visiting Mexico on a short-term basis, many are becoming increasingly likely to live here for an extended period of time. The status of permanent residency is easy to acquire here and at one point, I encountered a crooked government official who was willing to sell that privilege to me for merely 80,000 Mexican Pesos, which is a little more than four thousand U.S dollars. For many compelling reasons, I have politely declined, yet in my place, many would have gladly jumped on that opportunity.

The question of why this poverty-stricken nation is flooded by residents from its affluent neighbor to the north appears counter-intuitive at first sight, yet, it is only a little interesting and it can be explained in terms of basic economics. It is evident that the Baby Boomer generation are approaching their retirement years and in contrast to their next-elders, the Silent generation, the Boomers are not known for their ability to

accumulate wealth. As the eminent modern demographers, Neil Howe and William Strauss have concluded (https://www.amazon.com/Generations-History-Americas-Future-1584/dp/0688119123/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=Generations&qid=1575710455&sr=8-2), the Silent generation have reputed themselves as decent, prosperous and morally upstanding people. While they had their flaws such as indecision, meekness and a tendency to engage in hands off parenting which led Gen-Xers to become the "latchkey kids" in youth and enterprising free agents as adults, the Silent generation are generally remembered for their deep sense of decency. As such, they had tended to have their affairs in order, they earned respect from their children (even if they didn't approve of their hands off parenting style) and they had taken care of their financial circumstances.

With the Baby Boomers, the story is quite different and they have emerged as the first generation in American history to be worse off than their parents at retirement age. The financial insecurity of today's senior citizens is hardly the most distinctive point in the glaring contrast between the Boomers and their next-elders. The difference becomes the most apparent in light of how the elderly have been represented in movies and popular culture since approximately 2005. Since then, no-one thought of old-timers as respectable, discreet and upstanding senior citizens. Instead, a clip from the "Dirty Grandpa" or the "Bad Grandpa" paints the whole picture of what America's seniors have degenerated into. To be sure, prior to this generational shift, the Silent Generation senior citizens had retired in Mexico, yet this phenomenon had been less common and less corrosive to the well-being of their host country.

It is no secret that the overwhelming majority of American expatriates in Mexico are Boomer retirees. The reason for this is simple: they had not saved nearly enough money to afford a proper retirement and their social security pension allows them to enjoy a decent living in a third world country from which they can frequently visit their family. As innocuous as this explanation may seem, when it comes to the Boomer generation, things are never as they appear to be. Behind the façade of the convivial senior citizens enjoying their drinks at a bar on a Puerto Vallarta boardwalk, there lies a much grimmer, more sinister reality. "Gringo raboverde" is an expression I've heard more than just on a few occasions and literally, it translates from Spanish as "green tail". Yet, it actually refers to a lecherous White man who is obsessed with teenage girls, many of whom are under-age.

Of course, nothing is wrong with consensual intercourse between adults, yet many of these "gringo raboverde" stories border on pedophilia. It's not at all uncommon for a 70-year old man who has been divorced five times to exploit a 13-year old prostitute who has been shipped to a touristy community from a backward, mafia-infested Mexican state like Michoacan or Guerrero. Human trafficking and sex slavery are a burgeoning industry in Mexico and no-one can be surprised that the victims of such crimes are taken to work in the lively night-life scene that panders to the appetites of the hypersexual Baby Boomer foreigners.

The other day, I've had the pleasure of interacting with an elderly Canadian manager of a restaurant by a popular beach in Puerto Vallarta "Playa de Los Muertos". He let me on his

personal story of how he came to PV in order to retire, but rapidly discovered that his life spun out of control. “I was having too much fun”, he remarked dejectedly. “So, I went through the trouble of getting a work visa so I can get my life together again and continue to live in paradise”. By all accounts, he appeared decent and forthright, I would have never suspected him of behaving in an ignominious manner that mars the reputation of Americans in Mexico. Fortunately, I am yet to discover a reason to think otherwise, but he then showed a picture of his much younger girlfriend who was certainly old enough to be considered an adult. Yet, the story had taken a darker twist when he disclosed that she lives in Guadalajara and works as a personal trainer. She narrowly managed to avoid being captured by criminals who almost certainly intended for her to work in the sex-slave industry. The story-teller was convinced that had she not been in her peak physical condition, she would have been much less fortunate.

Just four months earlier, my girlfriend and I had been robbed at gunpoint in the same city, just two blocks away from the U.S embassy in Guadalajara. We never bothered reporting the crime to the police because it is a simple waste of time (https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/mexico-impunity-levels-reach-99-study/). It is a well-documented fact that only a tiny fraction of crimes committed in Mexico result in a conviction. The exact number as to this country’s exact impunity rate varies between 93 and 99 percent, but no serious analyst believes that it could be lower than 90 percent. Only about seven percent of all crimes are reported because it is an extraordinarily arduous and an exceedingly time-consuming process. On average, the victims report having to visit between three to five offices in order to report even a relatively insignificant crime such as petty theft and the entire ordeal often takes an entire work-day, roughly between 9am and 4pm. Yet, many of such offices close between noon and 1:30, which means that if the petitioners have the resolve to continue, they must plan on turning this endeavor into a two or a three-day affair.

Even in the best case scenario where the police opt to investigate the reported crime, there is very little to hope for. Only 4.46 percent of all reported crimes result in convictions, which means that regardless of how damning the evidence may be, the overwhelming majority of crimes will be left completely unaddressed. In other words, no reasonable Mexican criminal is deterred by a fear of punishment, which is an essential reason why this country is home to a myriad of highly sophisticated organized crime syndicates that are among the most powerful in the entire world.

As for the white collar criminals and politicians who have bled their country dry, the chances of a conviction are close to zero. Michoacan is widely regarded as one of the most corrupt and crime ridden states in all of Mexico, it also holds the distinction of being the state of origin to the majority of underage strumpets in Mexico. The incident that is now known as the “Michoacanazo” is a clear case in point is to why Mexico is an immitigable failed state. In 2009, a substantial number of high-profile political figures in Michoacan were arrested on charged of corruption, abuse of office and collusion with organized crime. Yet, less than a year later, every single one of the defendants had been released, despite the mounting evidence attesting to their guilt.

Last year, a left-wing candidate, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador was elected president of

Mexico and consistently with his left-wing platform, he advocated for eradicating cartel violence by investing in education and granting immunity from prosecution to low-level cartel operatives and farmers who partake in the manufacturing of narcotics. To be certain, it has never crossed his mind that police officers who earn less than 10,000 pesos ($500 USD) per month have absolutely no incentive to do their job when the local cartel will eagerly quintuple that amount to persuade them to do just the opposite. *"Abrazos, no balazos!"* , the Mexican president chanted. "Hugs, not bullets", is what AMLO had to say when the military arrested the son of El Chapo Guzman in Culiacian, Sinaloa, but the cartel decimated the entire city in order to set him free (https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/30/mexico-el-chapo-son-ovidio-guzman-lopez-operation).

Foreign journalists continue to inquire as to how the Mexican government could have executed such a poorly planned operation and to be certain, no-one is willing to take any responsibility for that. Even more certainly, virtually nobody even began to entertain the obvious hypothesis that the Sinaloa cartel paid the AMLO administration in order to stage such an ill-conceived operation that resulted in windfall profits for the cartels and an unmitigated disaster for everyone else. In so doing, the Sinaloa cartel have demonstrated their military might and put pressure on other cartels to concede territory. However, they have also set a powerful precedent that this government is entirely ineffectual and it will never stop any criminal organization, no matter how weak or how small from simply doing as they please, provided only that they are not stopped by a superior organized crime unit.

Less than a month after the infamous Culiacan disaster, it has become clear that a criminal organization does not need to be as powerful as the Sinaloa cartel in order to begin making waves (https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-03/is-it-safe-to-travel-to-san-miguel-mexico-2019). A much smaller organization made inroads into San Miguel de Allende recently, which is a small colonial town that has long been known to be home to various retirement communities for seniors from the United States and Canada. They have made their presence known simply by dropping a large amount of narcotics off at local business and insisting that they will be collecting the sales revenue in less than a month. Predictably, the businesses in question have simply shut down and resumed operations elsewhere.

The majority of liberal commentators in the U.S and Mexico would say that this is a fluke, a short-term setback on a long road to success in the president's "hugs not bullets" strategy. Yet, the reality is that Thomas Hobbes had it right. "Life in the state of nature is solitary, brutish and short" and "Even the worst despot is preferable to complete anarchy". For all his flaws, Saddam Hussein maintained a quasi-coherent regime in Iraq because he crushed the violent Islamist sects with an iron fist. Yet, when the United States deposed him, the state of nature broke out, the hardships of which drastically outweighed the worst abuses of Hussein's tyranny.

Numerous Mexican left-wingers would insist that the aggressive interventionist policy of Felipe Calderon who took office in 2006 and started the notorious "Mexico's war on

drugs" was a complete disaster. In many respects, they are correct: Calderon may pride himself on his capture of the El Chapo and a decisive offensive on various cartels in his home state of Michoacan, but his exploits have left Mexico even worse off before he had gained presidency. By undermining the most powerful criminal organizations in Mexico, the Calderon administration unwittingly created a mini state of nature in various parts of Mexico. That is to say that in the absence of the nearly omnipotent cartels that governed each part of the country, there was virtually no government presence at all: that's why there was a demand for cartels to create order in the first place. In other words, in an apparent effort to establish the Hobbesian Leviathan, Calderon inadvertently deprived those regions of the only hope of having any Leviathan at all in the guise of organized crime syndicates.

Under this pretext, AMLO rationalizes his policy of nearly total surrender to the onslaught of the cartels' self-righteous sovereignty. The obvious solution to the problem is that the Mexican government needs to reclaim the legitimate authority of the state and the sovereignty over its territory. This can only be done if the state has the monopoly on violence and that is the only manner in which a genuine Leviathan can be established, which is the cornerstone of a civilized society. Mexico will not be able to achieve this objective on its own: this country is in desperate need of aid from the international community, especially the United States. Regrettably, the AMLO administration has absolutely no interest of receiving any foreign from any nation, the least of all the invidious Trump administration (https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/amlo-declines-trump-offer-to-help/). Nonetheless, there are enough decent political and community leaders with a whiff of common-sense who are more than happy to consider Trump's offer, which is desperately needed in this God forsaken land.

It is high-time that we set aside the vociferous partisan rhetoric characterizing our polity in the modern times across the world. No, the Donald Trump phenomenon is not unique to the United States. The zeitgeist of the modern era demands urgent solutions in response to the ongoing problems that have been neglected for decades. The Trump administration represents a neo-populist movement which embodies the citizenry's ire at decades of institutional abuse, corruption and the government's utter disregard for the public good. Victor Orban of Hungary, Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, Vladimir Putin of Russia and even the Kirchners of Argentina are also similar cases in point. In his own way, AMLO is this type of a populist, but he is a misguided idealist, in the vein of the Old Major in George Orwell's Animal Farm, which portrays the irresolvable failures of the archetypal leftist.

The practical solutions to Mexico's ongoing crisis are as follows.

-Welcome all foreign aid and military intervention that serves the purpose of affirming the authority of the Mexican state and destroying the pseudo-Leviathans that the cartels intend to establish.

-Collaborate with the organized crime syndicates who are willing to align themselves with the Mexican state and their foreign allies. For example, if the Nuevo Generacion de Jalisco cartel that controls the Puerto Vallarta area intends to cooperate with the government in

order to keep the piece in the tourist-centered areas of Mexico, they should be given preferential treatment over other organized crime syndicates.
-Instead of investing an exorbitant sum of money in Mexico's education system when only 40% of the citizenry have a bank account, it makes much more sense to invest in law enforcement. Maslow's hierarchy is predicated on a simple truism that before one can pursue lofty goals such as self-actualization that manifests in the guise of intellectual achievement, creative pursuits or spiritual enlightenment, one must first secure the most basic needs with regard to personal safety and creation of a community where talent may flourish. There is no way around it: it's impossible to have security in a state where police officers depend on the criminals' "tips" in order to survive.
-Legalize all narcotics. As controversial as this decision may be, it works: it is as simple as that. When the government legalizes narcotics, these dangerous substances are provided to the public by reputable business rather than the organized crime elements. Even if this course of action does not ameliorate Mexico's problems with regard to drug addiction, it will certainly lead to a marked reduction in violent crime. Moreover, it is evident that this approach helped Portugal to not only reduce the incidence of drug-related violence, but also to empower their drug addicts to diminish their dependency on narcotics (https://transformdrugs.org/drug-decriminalisation-in-portugal-setting-the-record-straight/)
As for Americans who may be considering relocating to Mexico, I have the following advice.
-There are just two safe communities in Mexico: that's the Vallarta area (including a few villages south of Puerto Vallarta and Rivera Nayarit, several small towns north of Vallarta in the neighboring state of Nayarit) and the Cancun area (That is Merida in the Yucatan Peninsula, Playa del Carmen and the smaller towns that are known to profit from tourism from the United States).
-When you arrive in Mexico, you will enjoy a much lower cost of living, but also a lower standard of living. Just imagine when you need to pay your electricity bill, you need to scour the entire city for what's called the "CFE" office. There, you will find a machine that is almost certainly defunct and even if you get one to work, it will not accept a 500 peso bill, which is worth roughly $25 USD. Most Mexicans in your area will earn less than 5000 pesos per month (less than $250 dollars), so why on earth would they have a 500 peso bill and who in their right mind would install a machine that accepts such bills? If you want to exchange your 500 peso bill at a local business, good luck with that. Nobody carries that kind of change and even if they do, they won't take your 500 peso bill because they know it will be a colossal pain in the ass to try to buy something with that. Just imagine someone coming to a small town in Wisconsin and asking local mom and pop shop operatives if they have change for a $1000 dollar bill. You will be frowned upon as if you were from another planet, I can guarantee you that. You should also get used to walking into a popular bank, which may even be from Spain (such as Santander or BBVA) where not a single ATM machine works. If one of them works, count yourself lucky to stand in line for 20 minutes in order to be able to withdraw just five dollars of your hard-earned money.

-Gringo prices are a fact of life. If you are of Caucasian descent, almost every Mexican will assume you are Bill Gates. Those folks don't like to read much and as deplorable as America's system of education may be, Mexico somehow managed to provide one that is even worse. A good one-third of the folks you'll meet here will be functionally illiterate and they will automatically assume that simply because you're White, you must be absolutely loaded. That means they need to charge you ten times the local price and if you don't know the language, they will get away with it. As for the police, they will exploit you for as long as they can get away with it.
-The average IQ in Mexico is about 88 (https://new-iq-test.com/iq-by-country/) and police officers across the world are known to be less intelligent than the average person. It is also worth noting that the average IQ of a criminal in the United States is 85. No-one should be surprised that in Mexico, the police are notoriously complicit in crime and are widely regarded as the mafioso's handmaiden's. If you happen to be driving outside of the tourist trap zone and you are pulled over for a minor traffic violation, expect to pay a "gringo price" for your bribe. Of course, you may decline to pay, in which case the officer will probably restrain himself from exercising the state of nature's right to shoot you on sight, but he will then write a formal citation (if he happens to be functionally literate) and he will also confiscate your U.S driver's license, along with your license plate. That's right, the traffic cops (la policia vial) have the prerogative to confiscate the driver's license and license plate and store them in a local police office as collateral to ensure that the offending driver pays their dues. If you'd prefer to visit five to ten different offices in God knows which municipality of Mexico instead of paying a $100-200 USD bribe, you may opt to do so.
-The majority of expatriates you will meet will be senior citizens. That's inevitable: the younger folks visit Mexico if they are on vacation with their parents (as is the case with Millennials and the Post-Millennials) and Gen Xers tend to be too pragmatic to experiment living in a shithole country, as President Trump would describe Mexico.
-Your dating life will improve, but you will meet your fair share of gold-diggers. Make no mistake about it, there is no overblown entitlement complex in Mexico, the Dunning-Kruger effect is almost exclusively an Anglo-American phenomenon. Yes, Mexico may have been influenced by radical feminism, but not to the extent that the U.S has been. Nonetheless, there is no shortage of young women who will look at to take advantage of you because they tend to assume that since you are from the U.S, you must be stupendously wealthy and as naïve as they come.
-While Mexico is known to be a traditional and a family friendly society, single motherhood is also nearly the norm. You will be rolling your dice and if you happen to draw the short end of the stick, you will find yourself in a hopeless situation where your prospective partner simply has no concept of what purpose a man serves in a family. To her mind, a man is a little more than a violent intruder whose persona is characterized by drug lords, habitual wife beaters who are arrested weekly and released from prison a day later and an entire type of people who represent an illiterate man who is good for nothing but abusing any woman he meets in every possible way his tiny brain allows him to imagine. On the other hand, if you happen to win the lottery, your rewards will grow

exponentially.
As for me, I have just about had enough. If you are looking for a golden mean between the exorbitant costs of living in the U.S, the cultural degeneration that the PC left represents and Mexico's utter lawlessness, I'd recommend Spain. That is where I'll be heading very shortly. With regard to climate and the costs of living, it is certainly a golden mean as well. You can live just as cheaply as you would in a prosperous Mexican expatriate community, but you will enjoy a much higher standard of living in all ways imaginable. If Spain happens to be too expensive for you, try Portugal. If you can prove that you earn just $18,000 USD per year, you will be eligible for receiving the privileges of permanent residency in Portugal and by extension, the entire European Union. The climate in the Iberian Peninsula is also quite temperate, which stands in sharp contrast to Mexico's tropical, hot and dry climate where heavy rains induce flood-like conditions for a good five to six months of the year. The climate in the Iberian Peninsula is known as the Mediterranean climate, which is quite similar to much of southern Europe of Italy, southern France, the Balkans and Greece. Costa Del Sol of Spain (the sunny coast) enjoys 320 days of sunshine per year and even in the heat of summer, the scorch is not nearly as oppressive as it is in Mexico and the winters are fairly mild. In many respects, the Iberian climate is identical with that of Southern California, but the ocean is much warmer.

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No Greta Thunberg, You Never Get to be a Kid Again

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Sorry sweetheart. You wanted all the attention whoring and crusadering and the endorphin hit that came with lording yourself over other people, you never get to be a kid again.

Your adolescence is over. You don't get to date normal boys. You don't even get out of the limelight again. There is no more "child hood innocence."

This is your life forever. Now enjoy being a forever-pissed-off adult activist who will never achieve happiness in life because you love the fame and the politics more than you do any human.

Paying Cash for Sermons

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If you are a pastor or priest and have some sermons recorded in MP3 I am very interested in buying them and the rights to use them.

No, this is not a scam. Yes, I am paying for sermons. All I ask is that you are legitimately ordained and that the sermons are good.

Please e-mail me here if you are interested.

Many thanks,

Aaron Clarey

Strong, Independent "Girl Boss" Needs Student Loan Bail Out

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This is a bit old, but I cannot emphasize enough just how deluded some young women are about English words.

"Strong" and "independent" are words that have meaning. And then if you act parasitic and stupid, demanding bailouts for your mistakes, you CANNOT be "strong" and "independent" as you are the antithesis of that.

But to call yourselves a "girl boss" or act as if you're a leader when you're nothing but a privileged panhandler playing make believe adult, I can't even begin to describe the stratosphereic levels of stupid and self-delusion some of these girls have.

It's as if they live in a world where there is no reality. There is no cost or consequence to stupid decisions. That they can literally call for stealing other people's money to bail them out, consider themselves independent, AND THEN STILL THINK THEY'RE "A BOSS."

I'm really sorry for you Millennial boys. I really am. It's one thing they've convinced these girls marriage and family is toxic. But they've made them insane and no longer tethered to the real world.

Enjoy the show.

Sportsbaaaaaallllll!!!!!

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If you are wondering if you are a superior person, here is a quick litmus test.

If you are so pathetic, so void of purpose and meaning in life, that you get pissed off "your team" didn't win, that you then go and fight with security and riot, then you are not a superior person.

But if you say, "*yeah, that's dumb. Why would I care that a bunch of guys threw the oblong ball better than the other group of guys?*" then may I recommend you read this instead.

"I've Got the Depressions and the AHIDAHIDSDAHIDS....Money Please!!!"

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Oh, and 7 children they can't afford.

In the meantime make a middle income bachelor more money who didn't fuck and impregnate chicks because he wasn't an irresponsible fuck by doing all your Christmas shopping below:

How Millennial Men Defeated Flaking Girls

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Through the strategic use of "coffee."

The Clarey Podcast #312 - The "Death of Suits" Episode

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"On the Job Bootcamps"

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You mean

FUCKING TRAINING PROGRAMS YOU COCKSUCKING MOTHER FUCKING BABY BOOMER FUCKS?????

Your Career is More Important Than Your Children

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There is an entire chapter dedicated to the scumbag parents who outsource their children to daycare in my upcoming book. I sincerely hope it pisses off all the mothers and fathers who either didn't wait until they could afford to raise kids, or viewed their kids like things they should "have" like an SUV or a nice couch.

This is not commonly the result, but is what can happen. I hope these kids when they grow older realize what their parents did to them and remember that when it comes nursing home time.

You Sure You Want to be a Blue Collar Democrat?

December 27, 2019 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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If you haven't noticed, the democrat party has left the workers looooooong in the dust and are now the party of elite, rich, trust funders.

When you want to start working hard for America, you can consider joining the Republican party. Because the "union" does so much for you guys.

Your Career is More Important Than Your Children

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It's got everything!

Father not available for comment.
Worthless degree.
Works in the Jobs Weflare Program World for Women in "CSR"
"She was an amazing woman!!!"

Just those damn kids keep getting in the way!

"They Didn't Do Socialism Right"

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They obvious failed because they didn't have enough white man money. If they had more white man money THEN North Korean fishermen wouldn't be dying and decomposing on their boats.

The Not a Cappy Podcast Podcast

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I was on with Adam Piggott and The Great One on their "Greasy Pole" podcast. Direct MP3 here.

This will substitute for the podcasts I have not made myself on account that I am incredibly fucking busy. About 9 chapters left which I estimate will take 3 weeks before the book is ready and things go back to normal.

The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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We don't need no STIIIINNNNNNKING fathers.

Test Your Ability to "Enjoy the Show"

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This article is at first blood boiling. Feminist mom, the purposely annoying "feminist candles," etc. etc.

But let's see if you can look past the smugness and see if there some good to pull from this article.

Midsomar: The Most Millennial Move that Ever Millennialed

January 2, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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The Great One has a pretty funny review of "Midsomar" so you don't have to watch it. It was so bad he was compelled to watch it to see how bad it could possibly be.

Direct MP3 here.

Weak Men

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You can see the weakness and soy in him. Where parents through money at a child and not parenting.

The Clarey Podcast #312 - The "Uncle Wars" Episode

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Uncle Wars!
Leftists are not your friends.
"Two Fat Professors"
Young women have a choice.
What lies cost society.
Adopting a pregnant woman's yet to be born child.
Is Dave Ramsey wrong about paying off your wife's debts?
The trick to being an author.

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The Father Could Not Be Reached for Comment

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In either people's cases.

But that's OK. Because men, not needed, fish bicycle.

The Demand Side for College as a Luxury Consumer Good

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"*Colleges are now "ranked" not only by their academic status, but also by whether they are a "party school" and/or whether they have good looking students (these typically go hand in hand). One would think that a college administrator would be aghast at seeing his institution ranked high in a list of "party schools." And yet the entrepreneurial administrator can secure more applications—and ultimately more revenue—via a "work hard/party hard" school brand. (This moniker is acceptable to both parents and students—see the Duke students pictured below).*"

More Proof Productive Americans Should Avoid Corporate Careers Like the Plague

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To quote Tom Cruise's character, Les Grossman from the movie "Tropic Thunder:"

"What is it pecker-breath? I'm incredibly fucking busy right now."

Which I am writing this damn book, so here's the short analysis of this article showing stupid people doing stupid things.

Corporate America's main strategy is to virtue signal to various groups, but specifically women.

Corporate America and some state and even national governments have made it policy to give women quotas at the executive and BOD, and preferential treatment over all.

But these women and younger women in general (though not all) have been heavily influenced, if not, outright indoctrinated into believing that identity politics not only has value, but is their religion. And they will carry this pseudo-political religion into Corporate America.

And when enough women achieve positions of power, not through merit, but through their politics or outright sexual discrimination, a critical mass will be attained that corporations will not longer be able to function efficiently and effectively. Matter of fact they will become office politics shit shows because, once again, notice how petty and pathetic these politically motivated women are amongst themselves.

Whether you are a male or female, straight or gay, and whatever your race, if you are reading this site you are smarter than the average bear and appreciate meritocracy, excellence, and hard work. And if you appreciate those things, as well as have the simple self-respect not to work in a psychological hell hole, you will avoid corporate America like herpes and join the 1099 Superior Race.

You are Not the Patriarch. The State Is.

January 8, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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I'm about 7 short chapters away from finishing the book. In the meantime I suggest you tune into this podcast by Jack Napier on account of two things.

It's link-worthy on two accounts.

One, Rob makes an outstanding point that with such a large welfare state no man can be a patriarch, unless truly rich.

Two, the story about how Jack went to jail and lost his virginity on his father's birthday is also worth tuning in.

Screen view below:

The Clarey Podcast #313 - The "DMV" Episode

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Cappy's visit to the DMV.
"Life coaches, Journalists, and Content Creators"
"My husband called me fat. WHAT SHOULD I DO????"
Washington State Forcing Publicly Traded Companies to have Diverse Boards.
Dumpster baby becomes Millionaire.

AND MORE!!!

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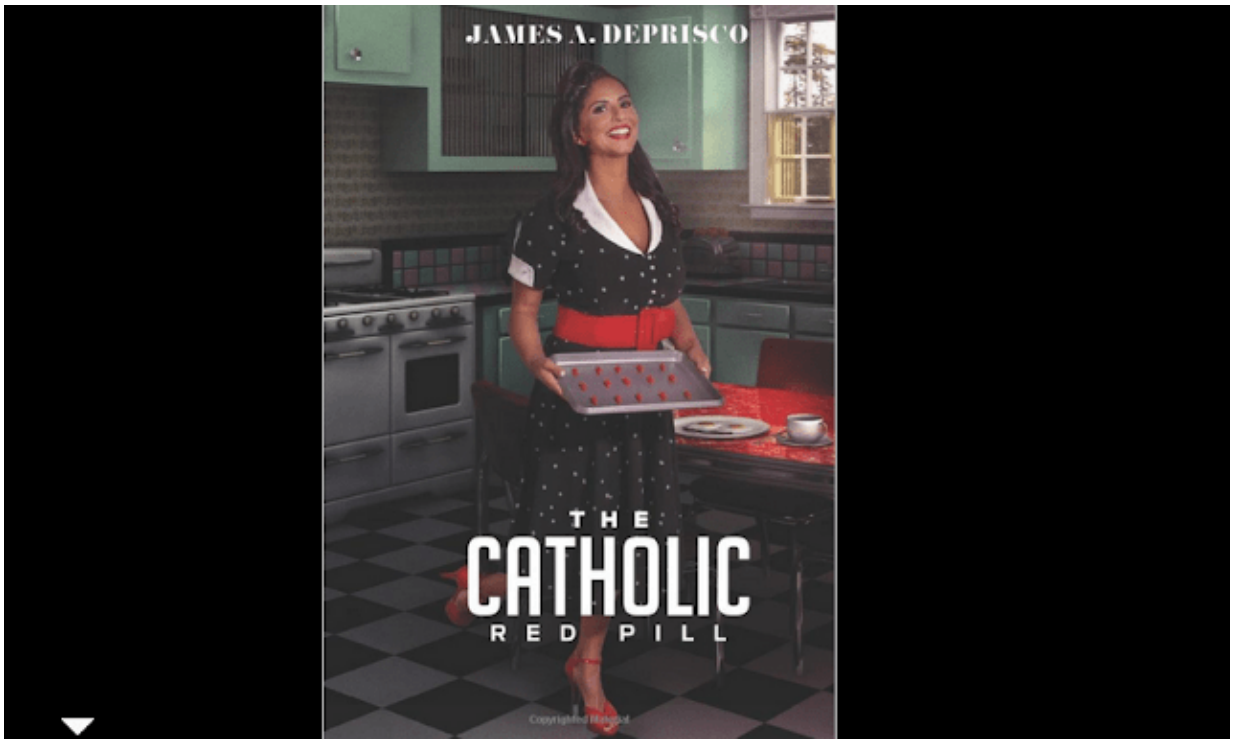

Cappy's Policy on Love

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Me and DT did a podcast on his Black Brigade Debrief.

He was trying to be esoteric, intelligent and thoughtful, trying to describe love at the atomic level,

I just said,

"Just don't be fat"

Why Women Hate Stay at Home Moms

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A couple decides to have the mom stay home and raise the kids.

They then receive guff from "friends" and "family" but especially women.

Cappy and DT just shake their heads.

STEM Majors Don't Live in Tents

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Let alone in winter during a rat infestation.

Lifetime Earnings Data of College Degrees About to Shit the Bed

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Remember how desperate people, namely Boomers in education or CNN, always cite data about how "college graduates earn $1.2 million more over a lifetime" as proof any degree is a good degree?

Yeah, well that data looked at Boomers who graduated from college 50 freaking years ago.

New data is about to come out that I think will put that canard to rest.

The Cutting Floor - "Self Love is Bullshit"

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This is an excerpt from my upcoming book that I deemed was actually too harsh and not really what I wanted to convey about self-love. HOwever, my experiences listening to fat acceptance podcasts did provide some interesting insight that I thought should be shared here.

Additionally, in fair warning, there is a chance I may not publish this book. It's turning out to be the darkest thing I've ever written and I do have some other concerns as well. I will keep you updated if I decide to publish the book or not.

-Cappy

In preparation for another project, I found myself binging on a whole host of women-oriented podcasts. They ranged from feminism to careerism to politics to art, but the one that caught my morbid attention was on fat acceptance. Completely disagreeing with the premise and viewing the fat acceptance movement as a coping mechanism, it was actually very interesting to study something I believed held no veracity whatsoever. But of all the interesting theories, viewpoints, sub-theories, and philosophies in fat acceptance the one that stood out the most was a concept called “Self-Love.”

There is no official definition of it, but as far as I could tell “self-love” was separate from self-respect or self-confidence in that it went beyond merely respecting oneself and doing what was in your best interests. It was more akin to asexuality wherein you didn’t need the love or approval of other people, and that loving yourself was not only necessary but sufficient unto itself. It also held more in common with love from another person in that it was reaffirming, continual, and not merely an attitude or a policy one would hold such as “you should respect yourself” or “be confident in yourself.” It was, in my opinion, a replacement for external love.

Though more click-bait than a verifiable trend, you’ve seen this anecdotally in recent years with women deciding to marrying themselves (or their dog, or their cat, there was even one where a woman married her degree). In some of the career podcasts you could also see this “self-love” where the entire focus was myopically on a career for career’s sake and not any loved ones around them. And the words “amazing,” “beautiful,” and “brave” no longer hold any meaning as they now function more like units of currency to show love for a fellow woman than anything those descriptive words would have meant. But the unifying thing be it podcasts on fat acceptance or anecdotes in the real world was that self-love was insular. It could be self-conferred. And it didn’t matter what the external world thought, according to self-love, you could become your own printing press

machine of love, making you infinitely wealthy in love and affection.

But for all the podcasts recorded, articles written, even books published, there is a much simpler word that encapsulates this all, including the nuanced theories and insular, independent aspect of self-love. It's called "masturbation." Because while one should certainly love themselves, and they should certainly have the self-respect and confidence to do as they please in life, taking the step to use self-love as a replacement for external love is the definition of masturbation.

The origins of self-love harken back to the beginning days human's existence and are certainly not relegated to women. Narcissism, ego, arrogance, and traditional self-love have all been an unfortunate part of human nature. But this new avant-garde, philosophical strain of self-love is more due to the self-esteem movement, which has been a defining trademark of the Millennials.

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If Cappy Ever Gives to a Charity

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It's going to be that outfit that gets innocent people freed from jail.

The Clarey Podcast - Black Mountain Episode

January 25, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy hikes down a Black Mountain and talks about economics, why he may not publish his book, nazi park rangers, "California," "stay on the trails," taking a break, and more.

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The Left is on Auto-Pilot. They Will Not Think Anymore Nor Will They Stop

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I want to offer an idea to the left out there. Anybody who "votes for the little people" or is still under this delusion that the democrat party is for the blue collar working man when their entire party is led by trust funders and 1%.

What business is it of the Oregon state government to determine or regulate how many self-check out lanes grocery stores have? I ask this question because I think your average democrat voter out there does have the intelletual ability to sit down, critically think this one out and say, "yeah, wait a minute, why does the government have to get involved in this?" Because if you do take the time to think about it, if the government is going to get involved in managing self-check out lanes, what can it not get involved in?

Already in Oregon it's law that you cannot pump your own gas.
Minneapolis has made it that you can no longer have new drive throughs built in the city.
And I don't want to even know what anal retentive, microscopic details San Francisco has regulate just this week alone.

At some point (I would say a point long ago) government intervention, regulation, and mere dictates will get into every nook and cranny of society that society will no longer be able to function, let alone at an optimal level that an optimal (and efficient) level of law/regulation would allow for. The tedium one will have to put up with to just open a grocery store, employ a new gas station attendant, or open a new restaurant will get to the point most productive people will be throwing in the towel.

Yes, you will have your protected and coveted careers as "grocery store check out clerks." Yes, you will have a life long career as a "gas station attendant." Congratu-fucking-lations. That Masters in Poetry is sure being put to work as the democrat party protects these highly lucrative professions. In the meantime the rest of society is being choked out and slowed down from it's total potential because you mindlessly vote in for something that sounds good without considering how it's slows down society by getting into every nook and cranny of society. And then at the same time instead of allowing money to be diverted towards higher end productive jobs that would pay more, you will complain about the shitty low paying ones you had the government protect.

Enjoy that freaking decline.

The Older Brother Podcast #67 - The "Advice for 23 Year Old Girls" Episode

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Update on "How Not to Become a Millennial"

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I will not be publishing, but rather have sold the book to another author who will. Details below:

The Clarey Podcast #314 - The "Cappy's Ex Got Fat" Episode

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Join DT and Cappy today LIVE!

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Tune in Maggots!!

Gen Z Will Not Save America

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"They want employers to do something politically that aligns with their values."

They're just Millennials v 2.0.

Cappy Playing Dungeons and Dragons Tonite! TUNE IN!

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And get your geek on!

American News Offers Nothing of Value to Society in 2020

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Hot Abusive Chicks = Happy Endings

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Some good news!

Apparently you just can't assault your husband, no matter how "hot" you are.

"The Rise of Romance Scams"

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I'm very curious how many of these are middle aged spinsters finding "love" overseas and how much is dopey guys sending money to a Ukrainian woman who thinks she's going to be his bride.

And yes, Operation Evil aims to profit off of these motives. Legally of course.

Democrats Going So Far as to Have Government Wipe Your Ass for You

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This is a bit dated of an article, but what I want you to do is to read through just how arduous the process is to report a homeless camp in Portland, and then the number of sites they cleaned up and the number of gallons of human waste they disposed of.

Now imagine who's bidding on the contract to clean up Portland's homeless fecal material.

That is the type of jobs that will exist in the future in socialism combined with AI. If we get productive enough that a parasitic class can permanently exist, to the point the democrats will pay government workers to clean up your shit and needles after you, an increasing share of the jobs out there will be to metaphorically (and perhaps literally) wipe the asses of the parasitic classes.

You social scientists don't know jack shit. You just want to advocate for free everything so you can be popular, get government funding, professor jobs, and avoid real work, even if it means we will be cleaning up full grown adults' shit on the streets.

"Why Is Everything So Expensive for Millennials?"

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Rent?
Housing?
Tuition?
Retirement?
Cars?

Your answer comes from this excerpt from "How Not to Become a Millennial"

"The perfect example of this is President Obama and it's an important economic lesson for all of us to understand.

If there was a rockstar politician that the Millennial generation squealed like teenage girls at an Elvis concert over, it was Barack Obama. He was everything they were programmed to want. A polished, intelligent, socialist-light, black gentleman, who was going to cut through the politics of Washington and *finally* bring some sort of justice and fairness to the people.

And he did.

Facing the financial crisis of 2009 he increased government spending more than any peace-time president before him in real terms. He ran deficits well over a trillion dollars for the first half of his presidency and paid for it by printing money. That money went to a potpourri of social and socialist programs, but as it pertained to Millennials specifically, Obama started lending money directly to students under the federal government so those students would not have to deal with any of those icky, mean, evil private lenders.

To the untrained, ignorant, and young Millennial eye, this seemed great. It seemed as if President Obama was going to help them. He was finally doing something to help lower tuition unlike all politicians in the past. But as it is with every deal with the devil, when you don't adhere to reality, there is a price to pay. Because in flooding the college market with $100 billion a year in extra student loans, all he really did was jack up the price of tuition. In other words, he achieved the opposite of what he intended to do.

If you really wanted to lower tuition you would DEPRIVE colleges of money, NOT FLOOD THEM WITH HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS MORE. You'd cut all government loans and lending to students. You would also, ironically eliminate all scholarships and parental money from flooding the college market as well. And if you really wanted to lower tuition, a year of high school seniors should have boycotted college for just one semester, starving all colleges of tuition money, forcing them to drastically cut prices.

But the honest truth is President Obama, though well-intended, was woefully ignorant and uneducated about economics, just like the Millennials he was trying to help. And in voting for him, all Millennials managed to do was jack up their own tuition and their own student loan balances, of which they would pay unnecessary interest on for at least a decade to come. The Millennials simply shot themselves in the foot.

The deal with the devil gets worse.

Because money doesn't just stay in one place once it's printed. It circulates. So once those trillions of dollars came hot off the presses they went into the hands of contractors, welfare recipients, college students, and the millions of other people who got some of that newly minted money. But no matter who got it or how many people did, that money inevitably and invariably ended up at the same place – the bank. And banks make money by lending it out.

If you think about it, banks only lend money for large purchases people normally can't pay cash for. Thus relegating most loans to four key areas:

- Mortgages
- Auto loans
- Corporate buybacks/investing (when a company either buys back its shares or the shares of other companies on the stock market)
- Health emergencies (typically via a home equity loan or credit cards)

And though according to the Consumer Price Index there is no inflation, if you look at what the proceeds of those bank loans went to purchase, you'll find there is indeed a ton of inflation in the market when it comes to:

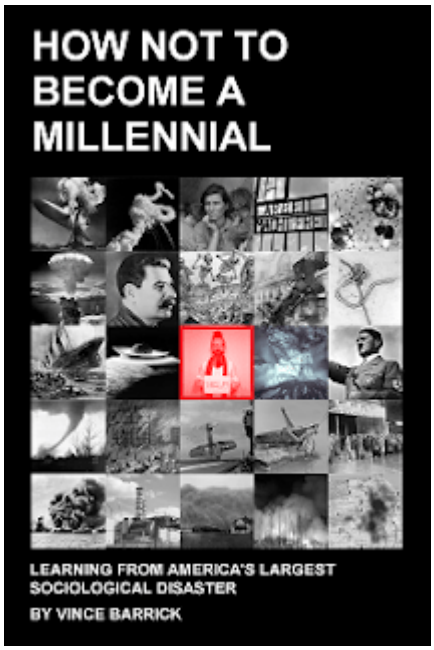
- Housing prices
- Auto prices
- The stock market (stock prices), and
- Health insurance/costs

In other words, in printing off all of that money, Obama (and Bush Jr and more recently Donald Trump) merely flooded these respective markets with money, driving up their prices. So all the Millennials really managed to do in voting for Obama and all that *free* money he was going to give them, was

- Price themselves out of the housing market
- Drive up rents
- Drive up the price of cars
- Price themselves out of the stock market/retirement market, and
- Drive up insurance/health care costs

- Cripple themselves with insultingly high levels of interest-bearing student debt

The Millennials made their deal with the devil. Now they're paying for it in spades. Even if the "devil" was a very nice, well-intending, politically correct, socialist-light, affirmative action president."



The Clarey Podcast #315 - The "Blippi" Episode

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Cappy and Chad discuss:

Blippi
Hell for accountants during accounting season.
You NEVER volunteer or contribute to charity.
RMA Data
Hamline - the shittiest private school in Minnesota

AND MORE!!!

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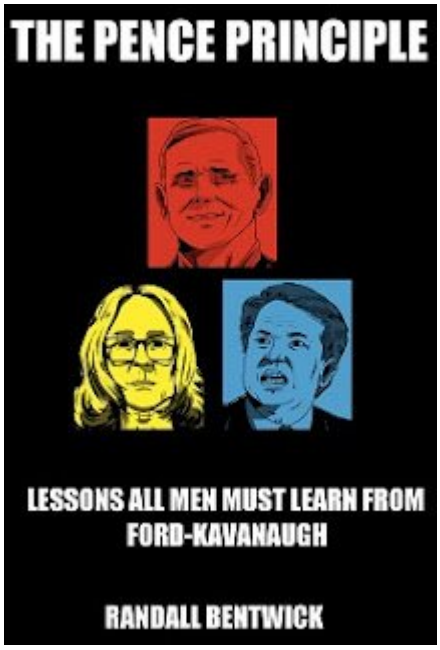

Never Trust Anybody Over 30

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An excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial" that discusses how the Boomer adage "Never Trust Anybody Over 30" has come to bite them in the ass.

"The Millennials didn't grow up in a vacuum. They weren't born in the cabbage patch, sprouted legs one day, and then "POOF," 22 years later found themselves $120K in debt with a Master's degree in Diversity and Inclusion. Like everyone else they were a product of their environment. And a huge part of that environment, if not the most influential part, was the elders who would raise them. Parents, teachers, professors, guidance counselors, therapists, bosses, even politicians and media personalities would directly and indirectly wield incredible, if not total influence over the Millennials and would be the single most determining variable in how the Millennials would turn out.

This is the way it has always been throughout human history because there's no other way for it to be. Younger generations have to be raised by older generations. But the Millennials were going to be raised by a very unique generation of elders. A generation of elders that the world had never seen before in terms of its wealth, stability, pampering, and privilege. Nor had the world seen such an arrogant, self-important, completely delusional, and completely wrong generation before. And it was this generation that was going to prepare the Millennials for the real world - the Baby Boomers.

What I absolutely love about the Baby Boomers, what I find so incredibly rich is how they were the generation that coined the phrase "Never trust anybody over 30." And you need to really break down this statement to appreciate how hypocritical, delusional, arrogant, and simply wrong that statement is and therefore how wrong the Baby Boomers are.

First, Boomers said this when they were young. Not only stupid, but inexperienced and young. They were a bunch of teenage, 20 something know-nothings, who never worked a job, had yet to start families, draft-dodged a war, but somehow they thought they knew better than their elders and the culminated eons of human history. Not only is this against common sense, it's the epitome of hubris and arrogance. Many of them hadn't even gone to college to have a political religion installed in them so they'd parrot such outlandish stupidity. They were just that naturally stupid and arrogant on their own! And this was the raw material that would go on to raise a generation of children of their own.

Second, "over 30" meant the WWII generation. Implying the generation that went through:

the Great Depression

fought WWII
came back home and built the most successful economy in the history of the world
put a man on the moon,
and then as an encore performance, during their retirement years, won the Cold War

was not to be trusted. Never in the history of the world had a single generation fought, staved off, and defeated such evil and created such good with such sacrifice. But yet some 19 year old, pot-smoking Boomers knew better and insisted you couldn't trust, of all people, the World War II Generation.

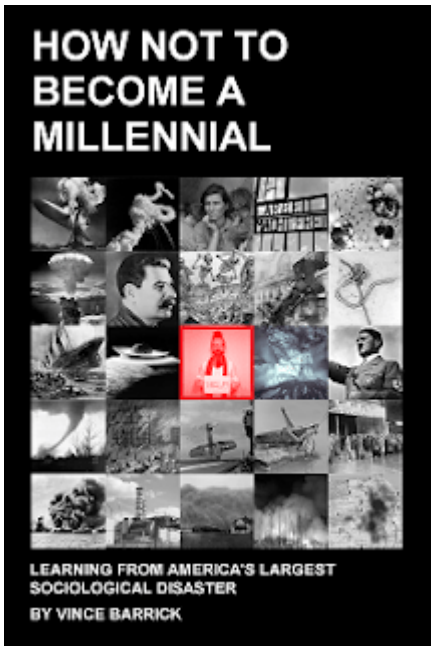
Third, when it came time for the Boomers to take stewardship of the United States they went and completely shat the bed. They inherited the greatest country the world has ever seen and in nearly every capacity destroyed it. Instead of surpluses they ran massive government deficits. They increased the national debt from 40% GDP to its current-day 106%. Household debt from 40% to 100% GDP. Economic growth tanked from the WWII generation average of 4.25% to 2.25%. And there's their collection of "bubbles" and financial crises they collected like Pokemon cards – the Dotcom Bubble, the Housing Bubble, the Education Bubble and the Volcker Recession – all making genuine economic progress damn near impossible. And this says nothing of the sociological and societal destruction they wreaked upon America. Divorce, broken homes, crime, welfare, single motherhood, dead beat dads, teenage pregnancies, drugs, STD's, and The Doors. A generation could not have failed more at being responsible adults if they tried.

But about the worst thing they did was to shame, mock and ridicule American culture itself. The pinnacle of human achievement and good. The best culture and country the world has ever seen. The country every other human on the planet desperately wants to move to or become like. And the Boomers could not wait to destroy it, throwing it under the bus for such petty reasons as being edgy, to curry favor with anti-American leftists, or to simply fake being some kind of academic or intellectual. In the end, they managed to take the world's greatest asset and in one generation turn it into the world's largest liability.

Finally, and perhaps most ironic, is that they have provably become what they so arrogantly mocked in their youth. You absolutely should have trusted somebody over 30 back in 1968, not the 20 something dipshit hippies the Boomers were. But today, well over the age of 30, the Boomers are the ones you should never trust because they are such an absolute, abject failure of a generation. Nobody listens to them. The entire country hates them. Their half-sibling children debate whether they should bother visiting them in nursing homes. And this optimistically assumes the Boomers even have the money to afford nursing homes as they all reverse-mortgaged their homes to afford basic living expenses. They are so bad of a generation that instead of commanding the respect eldest generations normally did in the past, they are the butt end of jokes,

minimized and completely encapsulated with a the simple hashtag of “OK Boomer.” They are no better than the Millennial generation they raised and their only value in society will also be to serve as a warning to others."

Check out the book!



Why Suzanne Venker Should Leave Sheryl Sandberg Alone

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Dear Ms. Venker,

I skimmed your piece in the Washington Examiner because I already knew what it was going to say; just wanted to make sure. And sure enough it said what I thought it would.

Women are not men.
We're supposed to compliment each other.
We are not adversaries.
Leave the proposing to men.
Feminism has ruined women and made them miserable.
Insert examples of miserable women here.

Blah blah blah.

But may I ask you to entertain a new approach? One that might be more effective in convincing future women that feminism is not the way? And one that will be less frustrating than merely saying "Sheryl Sandberg bad."

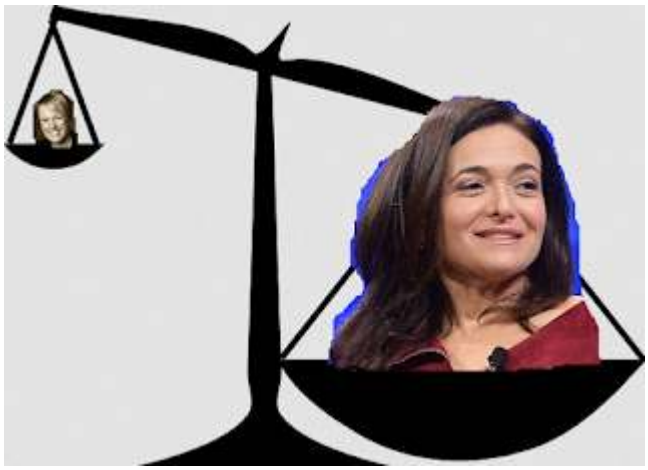
Leave Sheryl Sandberg alone.
Leave the women who follow her advice alone.
Matter of fact encourage them, or just not bother with them at all.

And the reasons for this approach are many.

First, you are not going to convince any woman today to abandon feminism and go with traditionalism. You yourself provided several examples of what I can only imagine to be middle aged women with children and careers who are facing problems in their marriages. Do you think at that age and with that much infrastructure invested in a non-traditional life they can just uproot all of that midstride and in a flip of a switch go to a traditional 1950's nuclear family? Additionally, it doesn't sound like they're abandoning their roles, just complaining about them. And these are women who have a receptive ear to traditionalism. Traditionalism just not powerful enough to override their entire life's investment they've made in feminism or the buyer's remorse they most certainly have. You've cured no one (or at least very few).

Second, do you think your article, along with every traditionalist argument made in the past 30 years even holds a candle to the trillions of dollars and billions of human hours

that have been invested in now-three generations of women to follow a feminist life philosophy? This isn't to say you're wrong. You are factually right. But did you have all young women's ears from K-thru-college? Did you control the media? Do you have a best selling book like Ms. Sandberg? And do you control academia? For every hour (if an hour at all) a mom taught her daughter about being a good mother or wife, supporting her man, staying svelte and beautiful, etc., there were at least a thousand hours of feminist counter-propaganda installed in young women's minds. And to give you an example of how out gunned and out-spent traditionalists are compared to feminists I've provided an infographic below.



Third, do you really think women are going to listen to you? I can completely sympathize with you and your goal to offer women an alternative to the feminist lifestyle they've had forced on them. I understand the moral, noble intention you have to provide a solution or at least an option to women who are not happy with their love lives. But take it from me dear, they won't listen. Humans are programmable automatons, not the "independent minded" sentient beings they fancy themselves to be. And though I'm willing (and hopeful) to be proven wrong, I'm going to guess the success rate you've had of convincing women to become traditionalists are about the same as mine to get people to spend less than they make, eat less calories than they expend, and get young people to stop majoring in stupid shit. Zero. Which then behooves the question for you as to whether or not you want to put yourself through this banging-your-head-against-the-wall-torture.

Finally, there is also a nuanced, esoteric argument to be made about balance, karma, and universal equilibrium. Do these women, after decades of feminism, outsourcing their kids to daycare, putting their careers above humans, things above love, deserve to "be saved?" Do they deserve to find "happiness" and "love?" I personally don't believe any of them will be convinced of the merits of a traditional life/relationship, making this question moot. But what I am trying to do is make you question your own (albeit moral, noble, and well-intended) incentives. How many of these women simply loved their careers more than their children or husbands? How many of these women valued a corner office or a fancy title more than human interaction? How many of these women in

the past probably turned down perfectly good men that would have otherwise made great husbands, all for an unanchored religion like feminism? And how many of them were just plain mean and unfeminine in the past to men?

Though noble, your goal is not only impractical, but is getting in the way of universal karma that is going to be delivered anyway. There is nothing you can do to stop it. The only person you can save is yourself. So please, let women have what they want. Let women have what they choose. Treat women as equals and let them make their own choices in life. But above all else, truly treat them as equals in letting them reap the costs and consequences of those choices. And perhaps then you may find some solace in learning to "Enjoy the Decline."

Sincerely,

Aaron Clarey

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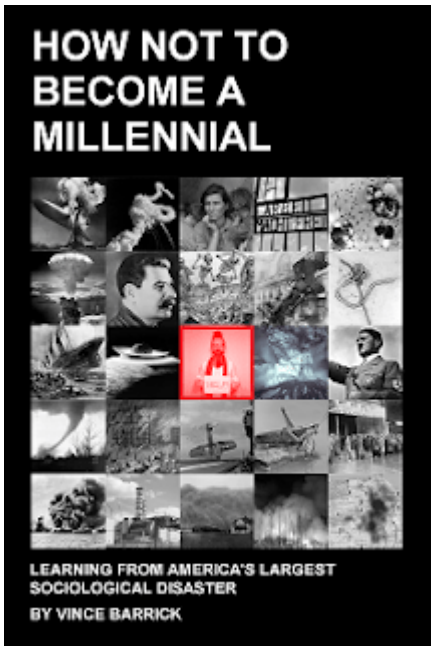

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Interesting to see just how far society has declined.

Tax Professors and College Admin to Bail Out Student Loans

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This is an excerpt from "How Not to Become a Millennial" that addresses the true culprits of the student loan crisis - the professors and college administrators who sold - and profited off of - worthless, overpriced degrees to Millennials. My favorite aspect of this whole ordeal is how college and universities were so successful at brainwashing college-educated Millennials that they convinced them it was anybody BUT professors and college admin who profited off of the student loan scam. That it's somehow "banks" or "evil white republicans" who made off with $4 trillion in Millennial tuition, not the professor selling his "38th edition textbook" for $400. Regardless, it's an idea I and pretty much every person across the aisle can get behind. If you want to tax the income, property, and retirement plans of professors, college admin, and the universities themselves, I think it's an actual politically-viable way to finance a bailout.

"There is one good thing that can be said about Teacher Boomers. At least they didn't charge their students. Oh yeah, they charged the taxpayer, and often times at rates charged by colleges. But the 3rd graders themselves weren't forking over the bill to learn about dangling participles, new math, and how eight year old Amy might in fact be a man inside. But if there's a group of people the Millennials should be rounding up for free helicopter rides, the estates of which should be confiscated to bail them out of their student loans, these are the people. The true snake oil salesmen. The Boomers who financially crippled the Millennials forever - The Professor Boomers.

Like Teacher Boomers, Professor Boomers (and their College Administration Boomer colleagues) also wasted the youth of the Millennials with pointless schooling. But instead

of the taxpayer footing the bill for tuition, it would be the Millennials themselves who would pay the bill. And not only pay the bill, but all the interest that would accrue on it as they slowly found out their degree would not land them a decent paying job.

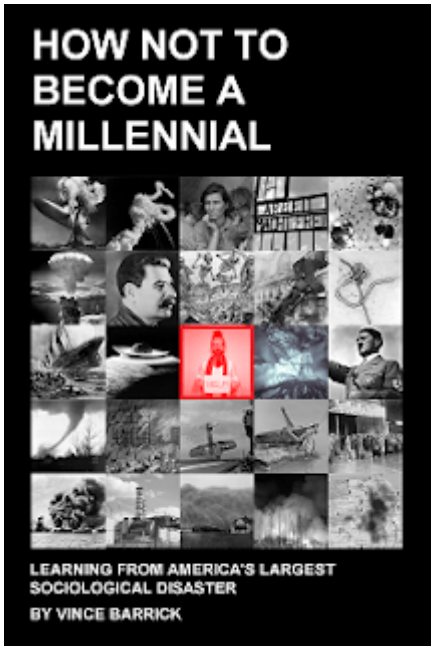
There is not much that can be said about the Professor Boomers that wasn't said about the Teacher Boomers because they're essentially the same. They're rank Marxists. They have no real world experience. They can't do so they teach. And the education they gave the Millennials was likely also worthless. But what really makes the Professor Boomers vile is they damn well knew the education they were giving the Millennials was worthless. They were just happier than punch the Millennials were dumb enough to pay them $300 a credit for it and borrow $100K at 7% to finance it.

The only problem is how can you, with a straight face and a conscience, tell a kid to borrow $75,000 and spend four years of his life on such bullshit degrees like Sociology, Journalism, Women's Studies, English, and the like? How can you take young, naïve 18 year olds and ruin their financial lives forever by selling them worthless degrees? How can anyone with the slightest bit of a moral compass forcibly charge $400 a credit and $300 for a textbook for a pre-req class that has absolutely nothing to do with a student's major?

Apparently the answer is simple. Just be a Professor Boomer!

Disgusting as it is, you once again see how Boomer actions show their true colors. Millions of Professor Boomers and millions of College Admin Boomers had absolutely no moral qualms about lying to *an entire generation of youth* about the value of these worthless degrees. They didn't care if it ruined the Millennials' financial lives forever, these vampires were perfectly fine effectively enslaving these kids to them for the rest of their lives.

But what I get a kick out of, what has got to be an absolute kick in the teeth, is when a professor or dean pulls up to the coffee store in his Lexus, goes up to the counter, and orders a latte from a barista they just screwed $120,000 out of for a "Master's degree in Chicano Studies." But the barista is so stupid, he doesn't realize he's been screwed or by who. He actually falls for the indoctrination by his professor that it's the "evil republicans in congress" or "the evil banks" that screwed him over, not the scumbag Professor Boomer who is in effect his new slave owner standing right in front of him. It's debatable which is more impressive. The fact Professor Boomers screwed younger generations out of $4 trillion in tuition or that they fooled said generations into not realizing it. Either way it was one hell of a heist."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LEARNING FROM AMERICA'S LARGEST SOCIOLOGICAL DISASTER
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Only problem is it's in French. And I don't speak French. But for our Francophiles out there, you might understand!

Nobody "Invests" Anymore. We Are ALL Just Hedging Against Inflation

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An important economic lesson to learn and share with the .000006% of the population smart enough to understand this, but with asset prices so high and so far above the incomes they generate, nobody is "investing" in the classical sense. All we're doing is buying up assets that are going to go up in price more as we print off more money. But don't worry. The Millennials are the smartest generation ever and they will figure it out for us.

Your Parents and Teachers Hate You

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Another excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial"

"There is also a “forgiveness” or “indulgence” aspect to psychology. If you do something wrong or make a horrific decision you only have yourself to blame. But if you have a mental illness, it conveniently no longer becomes your fault.

It’s not YOUR FAULT you did LSD and ran over the neighbor’s dog with your car. You’re an addict. You have a mental illness.

It’s not YOUR FAULT you’re a lazy bum who didn’t study and are now flunking out of Pip Johnson’s Remedial Community College for Flunkies. No, you suffer from dyslexia and social anxiety disorder and need a government scholarship.

It’s not YOUR FAULT you can’t teach to save your life. Your students all suffer from ADHD and need to be doped up on Ritalin.

And it absolutely is not YOUR FAULT you didn’t stay home to raise your kid, who is now torturing animals during recess, leaving headless squirrels in girls’ desks, merely as a detouring hobby before he goes full incel and shoots up his school. Your kid suffers from Asperger’s or Autism. You are a GREAT PARENT, who is also “brave and courageous” for having a mentally impaired son.

This indulgence/forgiveness aspect of the psychology industry is where the real money is made and is the true purpose of the profession. It is also why the psychology industry, no matter how bogus, will never go away. Americans are too prideful to ever admit they were wrong, take responsibility for their actions, and will pay lots of money to protect their egos. They want a guilt-free, responsibility-free life where they can do whatever they want and if things go wrong they simply chalk it up to mental illness. But as it always is when it comes to Boomers and their deal-with-the-devil contracts, there is a

price to pay. And when it comes to Psychology Boomers, it's believing you're mentally ill…when in fact you're not.

It's already difficult enough if you have a legitimate mental illness. If you truly are depressed, you truly are contemplating suicide, or you suffer a genuine chemical imbalance in your brain, these are horrible things that really lessen your life. But to fake having a mental illness? Or to lie to yourself about having one? Or to lie to your children that they have one? Isn't that worse than actually having a mental illness? And how much effort and energy do you have to commit over the course of your life to keep that façade up? What does it cost you over a lifetime to fake such a thing just to protect your pride?

The problem with the Psychology Boomers is they're all too eager to accommodate you in this delusion. Not only because they will gladly take your money, but because if you're willing to keep the façade up, they are too because it's a lifetime stream of income for them. This also means they have no financial incentive to cure you of mental illness because it would mean the well would run dry. They need to indulge you in this delusion forever so they can make money on you forever. And if you're a particularly weak-minded person, you need to keep up the delusion as well. Because let's be honest. If you ever grew a pair and admitted you don't have a mental illness and just plain suck, you'd have to suffer a mighty blow to your ego. And so what most psychological services really boil down to is a long term, even lifetime ego protection service you pay for so you don't have to take responsibility for your bad decisions and can protect your precious self-esteem forever.

But what's even worse than faking a mental illness is being told you have one when you don't. You don't even have the ego or arrogance to fake a mental illness, and are a perfectly mentally healthy individual. But what if people lie to you and tell you you're mentally ill? And what if they do this to you, not when you're an adult, but when you're an innocent child?

Unfortunately, there is a cadre of Boomers who have every incentive to lie to people, specifically children, as it symbiotically benefits both them and the Psychology Boomers. And tragically this cadre is composed of people who should be the protectors of children, not parasites - teachers and parents. Teachers who can't teach dismiss their inability to teach on the mental illness of their students. And parents who can't parent do the same to their kids. And instead of the Psychology Boomers taking a stand, having some morals, and telling the teachers to teach and the parents to parent, they are more than happy to have some Benjamins slapped in their hands to bogusly diagnose those kids with a mental disorder those kids don't have. The kid is perfectly fine. But the teacher's ego and the parent's pride are more important than that kid's mental health. And so they have no problem lying to the kid telling them they're mentally ill, which no doubt screws up the kid for the rest of his life.

If you're already disgusted with the Psychology Boomers and the symbiotic parent-teacher parasites who feed innocent child-victims to them, don't worry, it gets worse. Pharmaceuticals. Because it's already criminal to lie to a child (or adult) about them having a mental illness when they don't. It's tragic when teachers and parents love themselves more than their kids so they lie to them about being mentally ill. But it goes into Mad-Nazi-Scientist-Experimenting-on-Human-Test-Subjects level when you dope your kid up with mind-altering drugs because you're just too damn lazy to parent or teach.

Of course, expecting the pharmaceutical industry to have a conscience is like expecting the banking industry to do the same. The pharmaceutical industry just makes too much damn money on treating legitimate mental illnesses, but a lot more on misdiagnosed, over-diagnosed, and completely bogus ones. And you can even forgive the pharmaceutical industry for making the drugs as they're not the ones writing the prescriptions. They're just the ones banging them out. But the fact that mind-altering drugs were used as a substitute for parenting, teaching, or just raising a generation of children is unforgiveable. And the fact they were so widely used on disorders that likely didn't exist only made a bad situation worse, contributing to the mental suffering of the Millennial generation.

What is it like living through life thinking you have a mental illness, when in fact you don't? Or worse, what's it like developing a genuine mental illness because you were lied to about having one when you didn't? And even worse than that, what's life like when you're taking a psychotropic drug you don't need? And quadruply worse than that is how do you deal with the fact that it was your teachers, psychologists, and parents who were the ones that planted that knife in your back? There are a lot of reasons to hate the Boomers. Psychology Boomers is just another large, painful one."

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Time is the only commodity we have. And when you're younger, you are not too couth about how you throw it around. You'll waste time with worthless degrees. Watch TV. Go to night clubs, etc., but after you get older, wasting your time starts to become a real pain in the ass. So much so you'll get enraged when people ask for your advice, but don't follow it. Not because they aren't going to improve their lot in life, but because they wasted your precious and dwindling time. And so as you age you realize how valuable and precious your time really is.

However, men across the world, and certainly within the red pill/manosphere communities, are spending an inordinate amount of time trying to help women. Certainly, most women don't see it this way - men arguing for a reversion to traditional gender roles, but whereas many men are arguing from a point of malice, jealousy, or anger, I'd say the majority of red pill men are arguing from a position of tough, fatherly love. Delivering hated harsh truths in a world of infinite and heroin-level-addicting lies. They deep down inside want to help women, not hurt them. But when you say an indisputable fact (like "men don't like fat chicks") in a world of lies, you're about to catch a world of hurt, instead of a thoughtful and somber "thank you."

I don't need to go into the details of why this is. More resources (both time and money) have gone into programming women with a new religion of feminism and government dependency/entitlement than has traditionalism. For every hour (if any at all) a mom teaches her daughter about being a supporting wife, there are quite literally thousands of hours indoctrinating her in the opposite. And try as you might, a legion of the world's greatest red pill philosophers won't make a dent in this cemented and permanent religion/psychology.

Thus, noble and mutually beneficial as your aims are, most men I'm afraid are wasting their precious and dwindling time. I've spent decades trying to warn people about the drawbacks of debt, overspending, and consumerism, but it stopped no one. Many more men (and some women) have done the same when it's come to convince women of the merits of biology and traditionalism, but it's convinced no tangible percentage of the female population. It's so permanent, so ensconced, so part of the majority of young women's psychological core that feminism/careerism/educationism/etc., now trumps the love of family/husband/children that they cannot be saved.

And thus if you can't save anybody, the only person left is to save yourself.

This is the argument I am making for any idealistic man or woman today who either professionally, or out of sheer human instinct are trying to do what is in their genetic (and

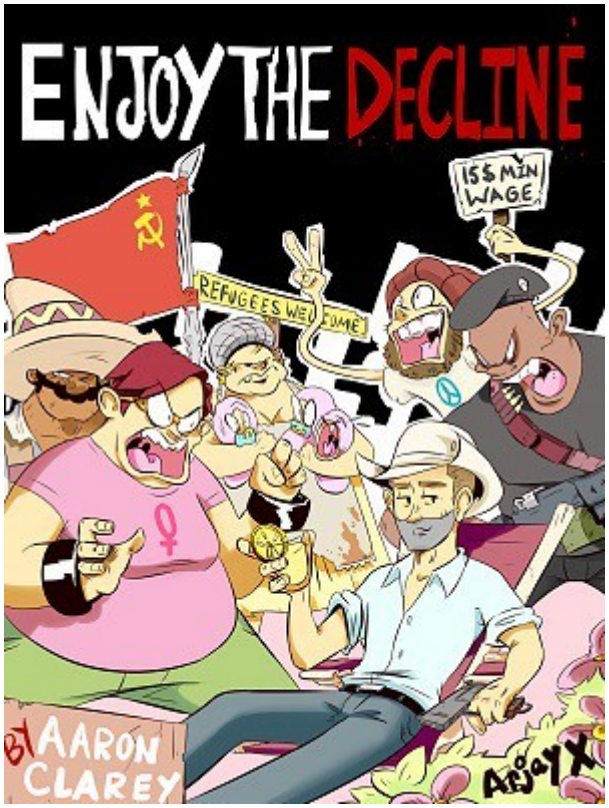
moral) code by "saving" women from feminism. That ship has sailed long ago. So much money and time has been invested and over decades that most young women's minds are incapable of merely entertaining an alternative theory to what they've been programmed with. And the only person's time you're wasting is yourselves. Additionally, it is mentally, psychologically, and even emotionally draining trying to help people who just want none of it. And as you age and see no progress, not even a modicum of hope, it becomes taxing, debilitating and depressing. Life is too short for this lower standard of living, and you simply don't have the time in your own life to piss into this feminist hurricane.

Thus, to convince you and the millions of others to stop wasting your time and to ensure the remainder of your life is more enjoyable ***I am commanding*** you to do two things.

The first one is to listen to this episode of The Cynical Libertarian Society (MP3 here). It's a short anecdote, but it inspired this post as it made me realize there is no way to convince women in "The Matrix" to even entertain traditionalism. Women are being driven to suicide, would even prefer to choose suicide, than to go back to traditional gender roles.

The second is to watch this clip from Die Hard 2. There have been several instances in my life where I've tried to stop disasters like this. Not on par with preventing a plane crashing, but loved ones, fellow Americans, or just young kids from making irreparable mistakes in their lives. NONE, not a single one, of them listened. The cost was not only the precious time I gave up futilely trying to help them, but the defeatism and (admittedly) more-than-slight depression that came with watching them go on to fail and suffer.

Do not suffer unnecessarily. Enjoy the Decline, take enjoyment, solace, and serenity in what you can, and just leave women alone.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The Depleted Husks of American Women

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This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It's within the subsection called "The Vagina Industrial Complex" which highlights just how much money various industries extract from women convincing them their careers and their politics are more important than love and human beings. The numbers are tragic, with multiple trillions of dollars every year in extra taxes, corporate sales, tuition, and lower labor costs being transferred from women to governments, corporations, and colleges. But the real tragedy is how their entire youth is squandered on - what inevitably becomes - pointless careers and petty politics. The last stop on this train is "The Husk" where whatever chances, hope, potential, and value a woman may have had is gone and depleted. Half the population, regrettable as it may be, no longer have any natural or biological interest in them. The majority of these women have worthless degrees and marginal careers that wouldn't hold a candle to the love of a nuclear family. Their finances are non-existent as shoes and travel were more important than 401k's and IRA's. But instead of blaming the industries/people who told them to hop on this train, they howl angrily at the "patriarchical moon," completing the stereotype with cats. It's one of the more depressing, yet more intellectually stimulating chapter within the book. Consider purchasing it if you wish to avoid the fate of becoming a "Gen X" or "Millennial spinster."

"Once the Vagina Industrial Complex is done extracting all of your youth, money, time, and labor out of you, it no longer has any use for you. You paid for a worthless college degree (and thrice its price in interest) all so you could enrich Big Education. You slaved your entire life away for a corporation all so you could enrich Corporate America and the government. You spent all your money on shoes, travel, and handbags (and once again thrice its price in interest) enriching the banks. You outsourced your children, further enriching the government and ensuring a future generation of children would be equally duped. And if you didn't have children, you spent one last final $50,000 on a 20% chance you'd end up with a child, with only a 50% chance they'd have a father around. After that at best you'll have a good career, and there's nothing wrong with that. But without other

humans in your life you will end up like everybody else does in life - old, unattractive, lonely, and nobody wanting anything to do with you anymore. Only your country's socialist party might pay you a visit in the hopes to bribe you to vote for them with other people's money. But beyond that you have no point or purpose. This is the result of playing the gender victimhood racket. This is the terminus of placing ultimate value in a trait you were born with and not other humans. In thinking you could "have it all" you ended up with nothing.

Young women today need to look at their "true believer" Millennial, Gen X, and even Baby Boomer sisters and ask themselves two very important questions. One philosophical and the other practical.

Philosophically, do you really think gender has any value? That a trait you were born with somehow holds intrinsic value? And if you have this gender is it morally right of you to claim to be a victim because of it? That you are entitled to things and other people's money because of a trait you were born with? Or should it be who you are, what you do, and what you accomplish in life that determines the quality and caliber of a person you are?

Practically, is there any advantage in placing value in one's gender? And is there any advantage in playing the gender victimhood racket? If debt-laden, impoverished Millennial, Gen X, and Boomer women are any indication, and the true believers and followers of The Vagina Industrial Complex are any proof, placing value in your gender is a recipe for disaster. It's a guaranteed way to destroy your life and end it in loneliness and misery. Admittedly, as a young person it's hard to have the independent thought and critical thinking skills to counter the complete and total brainwashing everybody receives in school. The K-college education system will do everything in its power to convince you to place value on your gender and to claim you're a victim. But younger generations of women really need to look at the depleted husks of feminist Gen X, Boomer, and soon-to-be Millennial women and ask themselves if they want to go down that path and end up the same."

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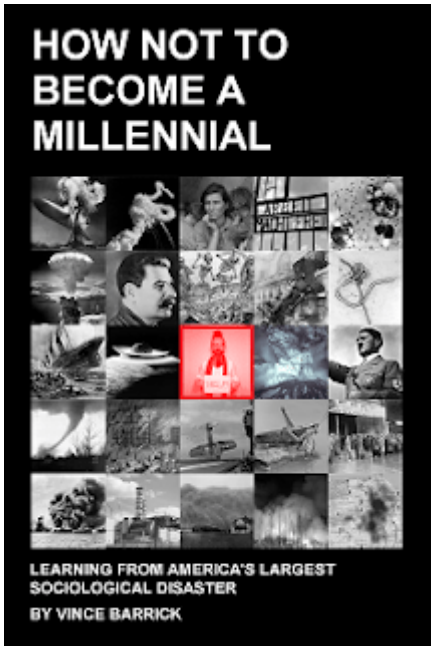
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Will American Journalists Learn Their "Chicken Little" Lesson from Coronavirus?

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Millennials are so cute.

They think global warming is both real and new. But as a veteran of America and the American education/media system I've seen a bevy of "global warmings" before.

My earliest recollection was global cooling. I am old enough to remember it, though not fully understand it. I was told by my "elders" we were due for another ice age, and was more excited about the return of woolly mammoth than how well the 70's insulation was in our house. But I was assured there'd be a lot more snow days when this inevitable ice age came.

The second was (of all things) the evil paper companies who were going to cut down ***every single tree in America.***

Never mind this lie was told to me by a then-24 year old ditz with an education degree.
Never mind most trees are unprofitable to cut down and turn to paper.
Never mind paper companies have acres of trees they grow under specific conditions to make them easier to produce into paper.

Nope, Georgia Pacific was going to cut down every single tree and all of America would look like Nebraska.

The third time the sky was falling was the rain forests of the Amazon. We were told (by those same low-IQ "teachers") that the Amazon rainforest was the "lungs" of the world. And without them, we would all run out of oxygen. And if we just donated what little money our then-12 year old hands had, somehow that would stop the deforestation in a country some 4,000 miles away. The remnant of that lie still remains today with the "Rain Forest Cafe" which you can still visit - and get shitty food at - at the Mall of America.

On the heels of "the Amazon rain forest" was "the ozone layer." Without it we would all die of skin cancer because evil corporations wanted to kill their customers...making perfect sense. And in a blatant Orwellian aim to scaremonger children into environmentalism (and homosexuality, no seriously, think about it) a cartoon called "Captain Planet" was created making little nazi-do-gooding crusaders of children who didn't know any better.

The fifth time the sky was falling (and still is) was global warming. Many of our then high-school minds said, "wait a minute, what about the ice age that was going to kill us all...and bring back woolly mammoth?" But that didn't matter. Climatologists forgot to carry the one or something, and now it was unbearable heat that was going to kill all of humanity, not bone-chilling temperatures.

Since that time climatologists, government, teachers, professors, media, and journalists have stuck with global warming as the scaremonger's choicie de jour, but since then we've had several more instances of the sky falling. Specifically viruses that were all going to wipe us out.

First it was swine flu.
Then it was bird flu.
Then it was SARS.
Then it was MERS.
Then it was Zika.
Ebola made a short come back for a second there.
And now it's Coronavirus.

But to your average 15 year old Gen Z'er or his older Millennial brother who's still living at home, they think this is the end of the world (though wasn't that last week when Trump killed an Iranian general which was going to prompt WWIII?).

So I think I speak for most of the mature, adult American population when I say this, but

"Dear journalists, teachers, media, and government officials. Please just shut the fuck up."

I am fully aware that the Coronavirus *might* be a real threat to the world. It might be a real epidemic that *may* cause a bubonic plague-like death rate last seen in the 1300's. I know we should be doing what we need to do to stop it's spreading. But I'm sorry, you've lied to the American public so many times before to get subscriptions, viewership, political donations, government funding, or (now) clicks/traffic. And you've cried wolf long enough that nobody is taking you seriously as they should.

At one time, the job of the media was to act as the 4 branch of government; the nervous

system of a democracy to not only keep tabs on government and government officials, but to inform the American public what was going on. But this required first and above all else a commitment to truth. A commitment to reality. And it's become painfully obvious over the decades that nobody in journalism, media, education or the government is interested in that. You're interested in sensationalism, ginning up fear, making mountains out of molehills, all to generate income or for political power.

Now, I know you're all journalism majors and thus incredibly stupid, but the story of "The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf" should maybe be taught at the laughable "Journalism" programs various worthless colleges and universities offer. And the jist of the story is that a little boy cried wolf all the time to the villagers so he could get attention. Soon the villagers stopped listening because he was an idiot, attention-whoring journalism major...errr...."boy." But one day a real coronavirus...errr...wolf showed up. And when he cried wolf, nobody came to save him and the wolf ate the boy.

This is the real price American media, journalism, and even educational professionals are paying - your validity. Nobody really believes you anymore. You are no more respected than the British journalism industry which is nothing more than tabloids and the BBC. And you are no more legitimate than "true TV" with fake shows like "The Bachelor" "Storage Wars" "Maurry Povich" or "Dr. Phil." You predominantly peddle fiction, not investigative journalism or facts, and nobody is listening to you anymore.

If (and that's a big IF) coronavirus turns out to be a big wolf, the American media will have blood on its hands for dulling Americans' senses over the decades to the point they no longer take you seriously. So please either develop some principles, return to real journalism, report the truth, or just shut the fuck up.

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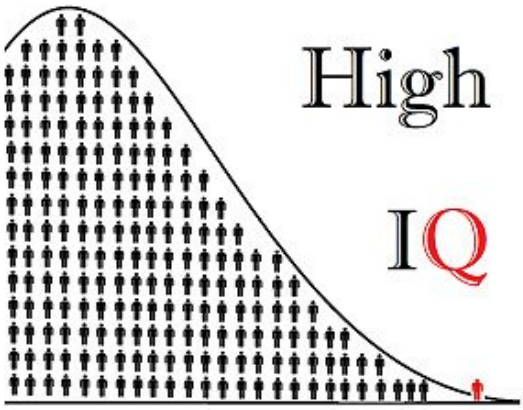

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What Has Socialism Done for Millennials?

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An important question many Millennials need to ask themselves.
You can find the book here.

Why the Coronavirus is Better for Millennials Than College

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Well, let's be honest first.

College was in reality about the worst thing to happen to the Millennials. A swift kick in the nuts would have served the Millennials better than college, so it isn't that hard of a "gift" to beat.

But I am being deadly serious when I say that Coronavirus is better for the Millennials than college, and I will go further to say it's the best thing to happen to them in their lives. Because while the world frets that it's about to come to an end, countries issue travel bans, countries go under lock down, and corporations allow you to work from home (which now you KNOW it's bad) there is something else happening to the Millennials' great great favor.

Prices are going down.

Though related to a separate incident, I noticed the price of gas dropped to $1.92 in my area. I already knew stock prices had been dropping due to Coronachan, but it was that harsh drop that reminded me of how I yearned for the Great Recession days where gas was cheap, hotels were cheap, lines at nice restaurants were non-existent. And while everybody runs around with their heads chopped off, thinking this is the end of the world, this is in fact a good thing.

A very very good thing.

Right now Millennials complain about everything being expensive. And they're right, it is. They voted for previous presidents to print off money to bail people out of the banking crisis and their poor personal choices, but that money inevitably found its way into the housing and stock markets, driving prices (and rents) up beyond affordable levels for the Millennials. Since then, millennials have been paying over-exaggerated prices in rent and what few were lucky enough to afford it, over exaggerated prices for stocks. And with these two items being overly expensive - housing and retirement - it was likely they were never achieve these two key pillars of the American Dream (but they did pay laughably stupid high prices for "the college experience").

But now, thanks to their Lord and Savior - Coronachan - prices are coming down.

Keep in mind the stock market would have to be halved to get back to what would be traditionally considered "average" or "fairly" priced. The dividend yield is around 2.1%, it would need to be 5% so we still have some ways to go. But with the media - not Coronavirus - scaring the hell out of everything in the world, the stock market has had a "20% Off Sale" in just 2 trading days. It may not be fairly valued, but it is 20% cheaper than it was before.

This has only affected the stock market, but there is a chance this scare will last long enough it can spill into the housing market. With different companies shutting down operations, no matter how temporary, with nearly every American living paycheck to paycheck, temporary furloughs can wreak havoc on the housing market, and thus housing prices. I personally don't see this happening (truth be told, with China cutting off exports, construction materials could actually cause a jump in housing), but if Coronavirus sticks around long enough to effect the core, infrastructure of the real economy, it's possible Millennials might see affordable housing in some areas of the country...though that would mean they'd have to give up living in cool, socialist, prestige status towns like San Francisco, Austin, and New York and find jobs in towns they can afford to live in.

Regardless of how we get to lower prices, the point is a simple lesson in economics - you want lower prices. One of the largest failings of the average American and their understanding of economics is that lower prices for EVERYTHING is good. Not just gas, clothes, or food at happy hour - everything. And if you look at your budget you'll find that lodging and retirement are two of your largest expense items, the lowering of which would drastically increase your standard of living. Young people especially should be cheering the stock market and housing market to plummet in price because it would be the best financial thing to happen to them in their lives. But more so than they think, and I shall explain why.

Because if the stock market or housing goes down any more than it has, whatever over-inflated prices Millennials paid for their laughably stupid college education, they will save

it in housing and retirement. That $1.5 trillion you're asking to be bailed out of, has been more than offset by the multiple trillions of dollars the stock market has lost. And if Millennials wanted to have the power to do something about it, instead of outsource all hope and power to Bernie to bail them out, now would be the time to consider tossing a couple bucks into a retirement account or inquiring with your local bank about getting approved for a mortgage.

The problem, however, I can already forecast in looking at the average person's personal finances. Most people (not just Millennials) spend all the money they make. They have no extra money left over or earmarked for retirement. They need those extra monies for specialty brew pubs, car loans they took out (while complaining about student loans), and other first world luxuries instead of saving for retirement. So even though the Goddess Coronachan is giving you Millennials the opportunity to recoup the excessive costs of your college degrees, you aren't financially responsible or savvy enough to capitalize on it. Besides, you'd have to spend 10 minutes setting up a retirement account and it's just going to be easier to vote for Bernie to take other people's money from them anyway. I know how lazy the Millennials are.

But regardless of the sloth of the Millennial generation, an economic curiosity does need to be pointed out. And that economic curiosity is that Coronavirus - a virus that sickens and occasionally kills people - has proven to been better for the Millennials *THAN A COLLEGE DEGREE*. Coronavirus - combined with a Sky-Is-Falling media - is the best thing to happen economically to the Millennials IN THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.

It's just whether they're smart enough to realize this...but given their college degrees, I doubt it.

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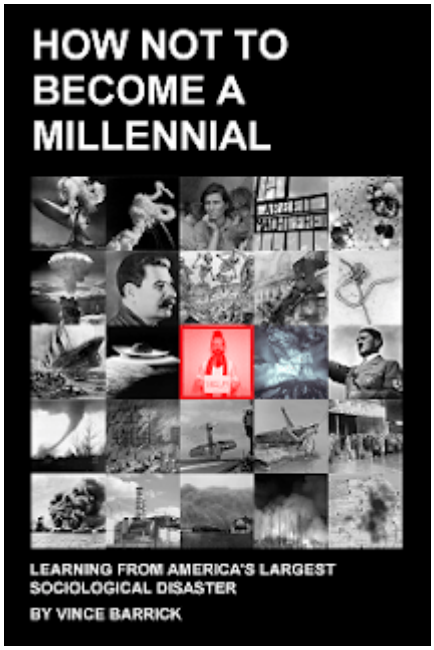
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It's Too Late to "Finish Your Education"

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Working on my next project and in my research came across this gem.

PRIORITIES RANKED AMONG GEN Z & MILLENNIALS Barna

Gen Z		Rank		Millennials
Finish my education	66%	1	59%	Become financially independent
Start a career	66%	2	52%	Finish my education
Become financially independent	65%	3	51%	Start a career
Follow my dreams	55%	4	40%	Find our who you really are
Enjoy life before you have the responsibilities of being an adult	38%	5	31%	Follow my dreams
Find our who you really are	31%	6	29%	Become more mature spiritually
Travel to other countries	21%	7	28%	Get married
Get married	20%	8	24%	Enjoy life before you have the responsibilities of being an adult
Become more mature spiritually	16%	9	21%	Become a parent
Become a parent	12%	10	20%	Travel to other countries
Care for the poor and needy	9%	11	9%	Care for the poor and needy
Try to become famous or influential	9%	12	5%	Try to become famous or influential

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Millennials' #2 concern is "finishing their education."

THE AVERAGE MILLENNIAL IS 30!

Dude, you are 40% DEAD! Your youth is ENTIRELY GONE! When the fuck do you call it quits, admit school has been a scam, get a fucking job, and start living life. You've been in school for A QUARTER FUCKING CENTURY and you're STILL FINISHING EDUCATION??????

Future leaders my ass.

What Gives Humans Value?

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This is an excerpt from "How Not to Become a Millennial." It's arguably the most important segment in the book as it applies to every one and speaks directly to the only point and purpose you have on this planet - to be of value to others.

But what is value?
How is it determined?
How is it conferred?
Or is it intangible and philosophically undefinable?

The truth is it's very simple, concrete, and obvious. It's whether people have the courage to admit what the nature of value is.

"Imagine you are the most talented heart surgeon in the world. Or perhaps the best chef on the planet. Maybe you're the best musical composer of all time. Or perhaps you are simply the greatest mom in the history of moms.

Now put yourself alone on Mars with nobody around you.

What you will soon realize is that without other people it doesn't matter that you're the greatest surgeon, the greatest chef, the best music composer, or the universe's greatest mom. Without other people to recognize or avail themselves of your abilities you have no value. You are technically worthless.

Predictably, some will argue that you have at least some philosophical value in being the best. That just because you are a music composer on Mars and create the universe's greatest song doesn't mean it doesn't have value. It's a great song that just needs somebody to discover it. But that makes the point even more so. Not until *somebody else* discovers it will it have purpose, meaning, or value. It will remain a piece of paper with notes written on it, indistinguishable from the matter of Martian dust that surrounds it until another sentient being finds it and can appreciate it.

This is the key thing to understand about value – specifically, what gives humans value. That you cannot be an individual and confer value upon yourself. The option to declare yourself "valuable" or "worthy" does not exist. Value is completely dependent upon the existence of other people. And it can only originate from and be given by other people.

Therefore, if you wish to have any value (at least here on planet Earth), you need to do one of two things. You either produce something of value other humans will willingly transact their ***time*** for through the use of money (as money is nothing more than their time converted into a physical exchangeable form), or you be an interesting enough human that people willingly spend their ***time*** directly with you as friends, colleagues, or lovers. But in either case, you will soon realize it is the transference of humans' only and most precious commodity – time – that determines all value in society. Not money. Not traits. Not your gender. And not your political religion. ***Other people's time.***

This makes perfect sense since time is really the only commodity humans have. It is the only currency they can trade in. And so it should be no surprise that what ultimately determines the value of an individual human is how much of other people's time they command either through the labor they offer or being such an interesting person people willingly want to spend their time with them. But to achieve either, be you a highly-paid surgeon or simply "The World's Most Interesting Man," there is only one way to do it.

Through accomplishments.

And accomplishments are all that really matter in life.

It takes absolutely nothing to be "Latino." It takes absolutely nothing to be "female." It takes absolutely nothing to be a "pacifist." And it takes absolutely nothing to declare yourself a "tanqueraysexual." Nobody cares. Nobody is going to pay you for it. Your traits offer nothing of value to anyone. But if you're a surgeon or a hang-glider or a software engineer or an entrepreneur or a beautiful woman or a race car driver or somebody who is in great physical shape, you not only likely command a very high wage, but are sought after by friends and the opposite sex alike.

Alas, given the choice as to whether people would spend their precious time with "The World's Most Interesting Man" or "The World's Most Typical Millennial," there's no choice.

Everybody will want to invest their time with the accomplished individual over the person who's masturbating over their traits, their sociology degree, and demanding BGI. And it's also why we can all readily identify "The World's Most Interesting Man" (though fictional), but have a blurred non-descript image of "The World's Most Typical Millennial." One is accomplished. The other merely exists. One has value. The other does not. And at the genetic level you want to trade your time with people of value because quality people improve your life.

Regardless, this explains why accomplishments have value and traits do not. Why people who try to make a living on their traits are usually impoverished panhandlers compared to those who make a living through their accomplishments. There is demand for accomplishments, but not traits. But this also presents younger generations a very clear choice in life. A fork in the road that will determine whether you piss away your life or make it count. And it's simply whether you want to live an accomplished life or not.

The path to an accomplished life may be rigorous, arduous, challenging, and difficult, but you will become an accomplished individual. You will be an accountant, a father, a mother, a builder, a kayaker, a distiller, a grandma, a motorcyclist, an inventor, or whatever it is you set out to be. You will not only have a volume of work and a legacy to leave behind, but you will have been handsomely compensated for your profession and ideally loved by all the people in your life. You will not once mention in your list of accomplishments a "trait" you had or a "belief" you held because it will have never occurred to you to mention such stupid things. And when you die you will have no regrets because you will have made your life count being of professional value to society and being of personal value to the people you loved and cared about.

The other path is the one officially sanctioned by the Millennial political religion. A seemingly easier path, that is in reality the *really hard path*. One where society not only owes you a living, but *must* value you simply because your mother did not abort you. That in merely *existing* you are somehow great, of value, and of worth to society. And there is no need to labor or toil to accomplish anything in life because you are blessed with having "Trait X" and "Trait Y," not to mention you hold "Belief A" and "Belief B" - the politically correct views that are of ultimate human value. But as you constantly panhandle your way through life, trying to get the world to worship your traits, precious seconds tick away as nobody wants to have anything to do with you, either through employment or a personal life. And what people do spend their time with you are usually the same low-grade caliber of people, equally wasting their time on this planet. And upon your death bed nobody will care, nobody will attend, and like most people's lives, it will not have mattered. You will have left no genuine legacy, rendering your existence in this universe truly pointless. And the truest testament as to just what a pathetic life you will have lived will be that the biggest accomplishment in life will have been your "College Experience." A college degree that got you nowhere except poverty.

There is no clearer picture to younger generations than what the costs and consequences are in choosing traits over accomplishments in life than the Millennial generation. And while the Millennials were heavily lobbied to value things they were born with over what they actually did after they were born, it doesn’t change the fact that they still chose the wrong path and consequently destroyed their lives. And even though your parents, your teachers, your counselors, your politicians, the media, and nearly every institution will do everything they can to get you to value your traits over your abilities, for your own sake and your own precious life you cannot put any value in your traits. You must derive all your value in life through your accomplishments. Because if you don’t you simply will have no reason to live."

Why "Oh The Places You'll Go" Is a Shitty High School Graduation Gift

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A College Degree Will be No More Valuable than a High School Diploma

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Interesting research showing some high school graduates are doing better than college graduates.

Probably this thing called "work experience" you get when you don't piss away your life learning Marxism and "diversity studies."

Coronachan Exposing Neglectful Parents

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There is also a "Coronachan Prayer" at the end of the video:

Mean, Offensive, Dark, and Hurtful Humor

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Replace Teachers with YouTube

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Older Brother Younger Brother III

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Jack Napier invited me on his show where we shot the shit a bit to escape the doldrums of the Coronachan quasi quarantine. Nothing much exciting, but two guys shooting the shit and talk about "goat yoga." Check it out as your evening constitutional.

How We Can Use Coronavirus to Bail Out Student Loans and Pay Down the National Debt

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You can send your "thank you Cappy for saving the US economy" letters to Asshole Consulting.

With Finals Coming Up Pay Somebody to Write Your Papers For You

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Once again, Alex and his company - Academic Composition - are always more than happy to offer their paper-writing services to students who simply don't want to write bullshit papers for bullshit classes. Alex is also always hiring writers and marketers, jobs you can do from home. He's penned this advertisement for an prospective clients or employees, so please reach out to him if you have an interest in either:

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Two Episodes of The Clarey Podcast!

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With The Great and Merciful Coronachan keeping us all at home Cappy did two podcasts to keep you all entertained.

Episode #320 The "Quarantined" Episode
Episode #321 The "Teachers Aren't Shit" Episode

Sound cloud is also being extra cunty with requiring people to login into Facebook to get the MP3's. I'll need to use my old MS Explorer browser to get those files because Big Tech fucking sucks. In the meantime, just stream them on Soundcloud.

How Men Can Own Reproductive Control

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And coincidentally, eliminate the number one cause of poverty in the world.

But, that would require agency, responsibility, and about $2,000.

Do Not Save the Corona-Hoes

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Financial and Prepping Advice During Coronachan - With Rich Cooper

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Was on Rich Cooper's show yesterday and we chit chatted and took calls about what financial and prepping moves you can make during the outbreak. Times may be bad, but there are TREMENDOUS opportunities that will not present themselves again for decades to come. Tune in and share with loved ones.

The "Self Love" Movement and Why It's Toxic

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*This is an excerpt from the book "**How Not to Become a Millennial**." In this segment we delve into a phenomenon I noticed when binging on feminist podcasts - the concept of "self love." The term does NOT mean loving oneself a la self-respect or self-confidence, but is rather a very different and advanced concept within feminist (and other) circles that focuses on ignoring the wishes of others, putting yourself as the sole and only authoritative source of love, and thus the sole and only source of value and meaning in life. It was - to put it in simple terms - delusional. It's a combination of delusion, arrogance, and laziness where people are now simply declaring themselves "worthy," "valuable," or "deserving of love" simply because they are too lazy to put forth the effort, work, and toil to produce something of value that others might want. And so they turn inwards, deciding it is them and only them whose love they need.*

I predict you are going to see a lot more of this in the near future as an increasing percent of the population is going to be too fearful and cowardly of work to be of any use to anybody, and thus they will revert to this circularly delusional mental religion to masturbate their own value in life. If you have not ran into this yet, you will shortly. And remember you heard it here first.

"But among the many and important existential questions this fork in the road presented, a critically important one was what would give an individual value in life? In the real world (as discussed in Chapter 24) what you offer other people is what gives you value in life. Be it a product you make, a service you render, or perhaps improving yourself so much others wish to spend time with you, value was externally-conferred. But in the insular world of the Millennial political religion value was self-conferred or internally conferred. What you believed. What you thought. Which correct politics you advocated. It required the approval or participation of no one. And so when presented with the

choice of sacrificing your time and effort to produce something of value to society, or simply self-declaring yourself to have value because "reasons," people realized one takes an incredible amount of effort and labor and the other does not. And as human laziness springs eternal we all know which path most Millennials (and most people) chose.

This resulted in pushing self-esteem another mile marker down the road into "self-love." But not the traditional self-love we're familiar with (be it the healthy kind where you love yourself in the form of self-respect and self-confidence, or the bad kind where you are narcissistic or arrogant). This new form of "self-love" is the next evolutionary stage of self-esteem where it creates an entire value structure where 100% of your life value is derived internally, not externally. You don't have to do anything for anyone. You don't have to work or sacrifice or toil to create something of value for others. You don't have to invest in yourself to make yourself attractive to other people. The concept of selflessness and altruism is completely absent from this form of love, if for the simple fact there is no counter-party to be selfless or altruistic towards. And so this new love is a completely self-contained system. A truly individual and personal affair, only requiring the individual and no one else.

The epitomal example of this new form of self-love can be found within the fat acceptance movement. I was binging on a whole host of female-oriented podcasts, one of which was dedicated solely towards fat acceptance. But of the many theories, sub-theories, concepts, and philosophies within the fat acceptance movement, "self-love" was one of the more interesting ones. And best as my observations could tell me, self-love within the fat acceptance movement took on a role of asexuality. That you didn't need other people to have a full and rewarding love life. That you unto yourself were enough to love. Matter of fact seeking approval or love from others was a form of weakness, even oppression. And therefore you had no obligation to others, only to yourself.

But this concept of self-love isn't relegated to fat acceptance podcasts. You can see it elsewhere. Though anecdotal (and usually clickbait) there is the twice-a-year article about a woman marrying herself, her cat, or her dog. There was even an article about a woman marrying her degree. There is no limit to the number of men who live in alternative realities be it via video games, RPG's, or "waifus." And not in a healthy and fun way where people get together and play a session of D&D, but where they love their character and their lives in a world that does not exist more than the one that does. And there is no limit to the number of young people who place their politics ahead of everything else in life, including other people, deriving value only from their sanctimonious selves.

But whether it's people in the fat acceptance movement, a woman marrying herself, a NEET playing a 48th level Paladin, or a self-obsessed "anarcho-communist" telling you about his politics when you didn't ask, whatever mental acrobatics people execute to confer "self-love" upon themselves, in the end it boils down to one thing and one thing

only – laziness. These people are just too damn lazy to produce anything of value. It's not intellectual. It's not avant-garde. It's not edgy. It's just a huge, bogus, intellectual façade to lie to yourself that you have worth without having to produce anything of value because you're so deathly afraid of work. And ultimately it's an admission of weakness as you'd rather stare into a pond like Narcissus instead of put in the work to get a profession, get a life, find love, or make some friends.

The Saddest Thing Ever – When Laziness Trumps Love

In the end self-love cannot have value and for multiple reasons why.

First, in self-conferring love you essentially make yourself your own printing press of love. And just like a government printing off money causes hyperinflation and destroys the value of a currency, so too does "printing off" self-love. I can look in the mirror all day and say "*I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and dog gone it, people like me*," that doesn't make it so. There needs to be some genuine production, achievement, or accomplishments to give the individual intrinsic value. Not a mere declaration of value by fiat.

Second the only consumer of this self-love currency can be the individual who manufactures it, because who else is going to want it? The quickest way to deter somebody from spending time with you is to tell that person how great you are all the time. And while certainly there is value in self-respect and self-confidence, when all somebody talks about is themselves without some amazing achievements and accomplishments in life to back it up (say like The World's Most Interesting Man), other people quickly tune out, divest from the individual, and spend no time with that person. Once again rendering that person insular and irrelevant to the rest of the entire world.

Third, there is an observational effect of value or love as we discussed about the musician's theoretical composition sitting unseen on the surface of Mars in Chapter 24. Unless there is another party or person to observe, appreciate, and like/love another person, then no such value exists. Proponents of self-love would argue that this is precisely the point of self-love – that they don't need an external party to confer or condone value/love upon them – but this then reinforces the entire point that self-love offers no value to society, only to one's self. And this is perhaps the core definition of self-love as it only benefits the individual, is for the sake of the individual, and offers nothing of value to others. And so while podcasts can be recorded, research conducted, articles written, even books published about "self-love," all that intellectually ballyhoo and pablum is completely unnecessary as the entire concept of self-love is completely summarized and described in one word:

Masturbation.

And a life based solely on masturbation is a very, very, very lonely life."

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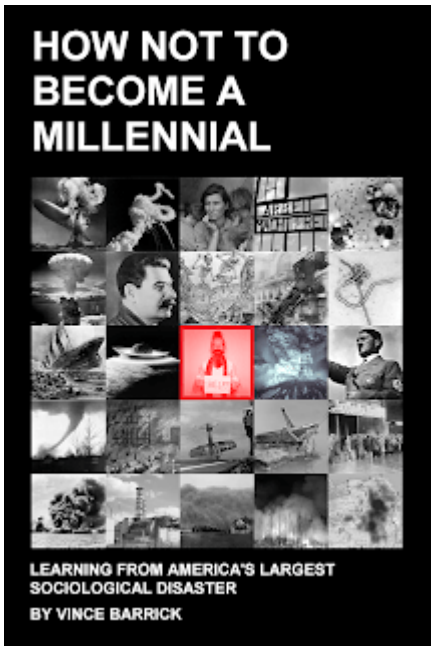

The Coronachan Prayer

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Dear Great and Merciful Coronachan,

Thank you for your non-sentient and zero-fucks given truth.
The teeth in threats that have been missing so much in the real world, that are yet necessary for us to value life, acknowledge truth, and love our fellow man.
May your nature continue to expose the evil and parasitic among us,
The lazy and those that put themselves above all others,
Our slave masters who have kept us enslaved,
Teachers who can be replaced by YouTube,
And the stupid and unprepared who riot for toilet paper, when there is none.
Bless us, oh Great Coronachan, and reward us, specifically those of us who were smart enough to have a 1 month supply of toilet paper and who stocked up on .556 ammo as a matter of basic insurance policy.
And may thine blessing come in the form of lower asset prices, less Boomers, less traffic, cheap gas, and near free airline flights.

In thine name
Wuhan Wuhan

Amen

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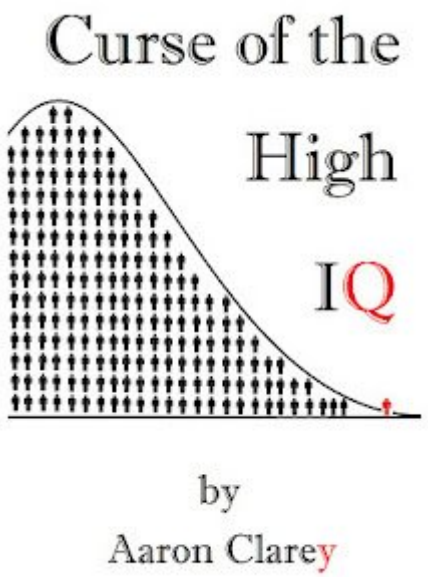

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How You Can Profit During the Quarantine

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With a captive audience, you can expect journalists to force some of their worst ideas and worst writing on you in the next coming days. A lot of it is going to come in the form of advice columns...advice being peddled by know-nothing, inexperienced 25 year old liberal arts majors who think they know everything. This schlock is not only going to be painful, but common sense, as anybody with any experience or logic will deduce these things for themselves (*did you know to wash your hands, btw?*). And so taking up the leisure of reading during the quarantine will prove more like navigating a mine field instead of anything practical, instructional, or stimulating.

But never fear, Cappy is hear, and with some non-schlocky advice that will make your days under quarantine very productive. And not only productive, but likely set your trajectory in life higher than what you were operating at before. Because while America's finest journalism majors will be telling you to "start a puzzle," "have game night," and "wash your hands," Cappy has some ideas that will drastically improve your finances, legal security, and overall life that when this idiocy ends, you'll re-enter life much better equipped than when it started.

The general overall principle is one based on the fact that there are infrastructural things in one's life that are always in need of retooling, repair, or upgrading. No different than a company whose assembly line could be upgraded, trucks repaired, or employees trained in a new program, the same goes for individuals as there is always this back office or overhead work that can and should be done. But like businesses, there just isn't the time. The day to day operations of the firm keep the assets and employees completely employed, with rarely the time to stop, take a breath, and rethink/retool how things are done to make the entity much more efficient overall. But with the Great and Merciful Coronachan forcing this down time on us, we as individuals (and businesses) have an amazing opportunity that should not be squandered on "puzzles" or "having game night," but instead should be invested in popping the hood, getting underneath the engine, and improving our engine of life so that when it's time to go back out on the line, we are much better prepared, much more efficient, and much more profitable.

Legal

Perhaps the most neglected aspect of people's lives is their legal life. This makes sense because you're not likely to die when you're young, so like investing, you postpone it until death is on your door. But with nothing better to do now, you might as well tackle this beast and get it done and over with.

Living wills and regular wills are the obvious items on your legal to do list. But what about prenuptial agreements? Trusts? LLC's? And other forms of asset protection? You spend a lot of time making money, but how much time have you spent protecting the money from ex's, spouses, law suits, even the government? It's worth the time to talk to your CPA and a lawyer about setting up these asset protecting entities so an jealous ex or Ocasio Cortez can't steal your life's work.

Financial

Closely related to legal issues, are financial issues. In short, do you have your financial house in order? And of course the answer is you do not. I know that the majority of Americans are idiots and live paycheck to pay check. We're not even in this quarantine 2 weeks and half the population is applying for unemployment as they have no emergency savings. But my readers are - to be perfectly honest - superior than the normie, conformie, inferior slop that majors in dumb shit, goes $150,000 into debt for it, and then works retail demanding a student loan bail out. So for my readers, you're better than this, start getting your financial house in order.

This primarily entails setting up AND CONTRIBUTING TO a retirement plan. If you don't have a 401k/403b/457 plan at work, you'll need to set up an IRA account on your own (I recommend Betterment.com). This also means getting your personal budget in order so that there's enough money each month left over to fund a monthly contribution to this account. And furthermore, the Great and Merciful Coronachan has cut stock prices by 1/3rd, and arguably into the foreseeable future, which is one of the brighter silver linings to this idiot-panic.

But there are other aspects of one's personal finances that should also be tended to while we have this downtime. Specifically crypto-currency and precious metals.

Tedious and boring as these things may be, everybody should have some precious metals and a token amount of cryptocurrency as part of their overall financial portfolio. I've always recommended 200 ounces of silver per person, but cyrptocurrency is so volatile I haven't been able to estimate an amount yet that I'd recommend for a portfolio (though, a couple thousand dollars is kind of the ball park I'm estimating at). Regardless, buying silver is a chore (you can do so here), but buying cryptocurrency is a royal pain in the ass. It not only takes an inordinate amount of time to buy it, but to study it and learn how

to invest in it, takes time as well. That is going to be at least a day's long chore, and one you should probably get to doing to shore up and insure your personal finances.

Capital Assets

While you're socking money away for retirement, there is another financial move that can prove to be just as helpful and financially profitable as investing for retirement - purchasing "capital assets" - aka - "big ticket items."

Housing
Cars
Land
Motorcycles
Phones
Furniture
Computers
Re-doing the kitchen

Any large ticket item that usually accounts for the lion's share of your personal budget.

Though not as "sexy" as investing in a 401k (which isn't all that sexy to begin with), it can have just as much of a financial effect as prudent investing in that buying your most expensive items in life when they're on fire-sale because of a recession can save you hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Right now there are MILLIONS of posers, frauds, and fakes living paycheck to paycheck who can only afford their McMansions, SUV's, and luxury kitchens because they lease and rent these luxury items. ALL of their paycheck goes to making wifey poo ***look*** (not be) ***LOOK*** rich, while Chuck-The Cuck-Hubster drives his $60,000 brand new truck to the office...well, that was until he was laid off. These big ticket items have not hit the market yet, but they soon will once the bank repossesses them. And when they do, they will be marked 40%, 50%, maybe even 70% off as either they or the banks who repossessed those assets are desperate to raise cash to make ends meet.

This means you can pick up a very nice McMansion house for potentially under $300,000.
A nice, practically new car, for under $10,000 (or reasonable lease rates).
Daddy's little princess might have to hock her iPhone 975 to pay for tuition (because Daddy got laid off)
And construction workers/home builders/contractors will be so desperate they not only will lower their price, but *show up on time AND SOBER!*

Even the ole Captain is keeping his eye out for collectibles that he otherwise would never afford himself (an old classic Mustang and a 1909 S VDB wheat penny is in his sites) as

Boomer collectors have very nice cars, but not enough money in their retirement accounts to afford rent. But all of this assumes you are part of the superior race of humans who spent less than they made, saved up some money, and didn't live pay check to pay check.

Repair and Upgrade Your Physical Assets

With this downtime it's about time to maintain, repair, and upgrade whatever capital assets you have. Every home owner knows there's at least a handful of repairs and upgrades that can be done to their house. And with the economy in recession, the materials of which to do their home projects are cheaper than they would be before. Therefore you have no excuse to not run down to Home Depot and get to work on these projects as it maintains and enhances the value of your largest asset.

Cars are the same where with a little bit of ~~fatherly instruction~~ YouTube videos and a set of tools you can spend an afternoon making your car last several more years, saving thousands in the process.

Even upgrading or doing the basic maintenance on a computer can save you money, but also teach you a new skill. Either saving you money in the future from having to take the computer to "Geek Squad," or perhaps putting you onto a new career in life that could prove more profitable than the one you have.

Overseas Reconnaissance

Though travel is more or less banned, when the quarantine is lifted, that doesn't mean the economy is going to come roaring back immediately and you'll be hired back at the office. There will likely be a recovery period where employers slowly fire back up the engines and travel is allowed once again. But that is the perfect time to start traveling and reconnoiter this world to at minimum visit foreign places, but also determine if there might be a place you'd like to move to.

Without going into a long and boring econo-poli argument, there might be some reasons you don't trust your government or it's socialist finances (or, say, they completely overreacted to a virus that turned out to be no worse than the flu - you never know!). You may not think your assets are protected here and with increasing percentages of countries' populations turning more socialist/parasitic, you might want to find a country that doesn't hate you, doesn't steal your money, and is OK just leaving you be on a beach.

But that takes time, effort, reconnaissance, and money. Good thing tickets, hotels, and car rentals are dirt cheap.

But while you're out gallivanting about, also spend the time getting another passport from another country (a long and arduous process), finding a place to have an overseas bank account (the same), and familiarize yourself more with the customs and legalities of living in different countries than you do their beaches and bars. Like silver or cryptocurrency, having an insurance policy against communism and parasitism is a good idea. Have a life raft at the ready for your residency just the same.

Skill Up

Cooking is being forced upon everybody as we are no longer allowed to outsource that vital task to our much-missed chefs and cooks in America. But there's nothing wrong with learning to cook, as there is nothing wrong with learning any other skills you might have had an interest in.

Here the world is your oyster as any skill can be self-taught using the internet. Be it ballroom dancing, karate, cooking, sewing, even more practical skills such as programming or auto-repair, you can not only learn these skills, but you have the ability to master them quickly, where dividends would be paid out immediately, perhaps even you landing a job once this idiot-panic ends.

This is perhaps one of the best uses of this downtime because if you can teach yourself a new skill, get certified online with whatever certifications help in your profession, even attending accredited colleges online to earn a degree, you are investing in a life-long skill that will increase your life-time earning potential making the decades to come much, much easier. So though you may *want* to learn to crochet, perhaps learning Python is a better use of your time.

Life's Works

Everybody wants to produce one great life "work" before they die. It could be a painting, a book, a program, or an album. But the truth is most people are lazy and at best approach their life's work like Brian in Family Guy did his book "Faster Than the Speed of Love."

Don't be like normal people. Be superior. You have this one time where you are FORCED to stay at home and do nothing. If you channel all your efforts into whatever book, painting, or project you always wanted to do, it could be done in 2-3 months. My 500 page book "Bachelor Pad Economics" was written in 3 months time as I was forced to sit 16 hours a day in a solitary room while working security. You are metaphorically being forced to do the same. Channel the time and boredom into an intense focus that will result in your magnum opus.

Entrepreneurship

Related to life's work, if you had an idea for a business, now is the time to do it. Not only are assets cheaper and you'll have the time, you might even be able to find funding from the government as we've decided we're going to print trillions of dollars that will *save us* from a virus. It could be something as simple as a podcast or youtube channel you wanted to start. Perhaps it's some software you wanted to program. Maybe it's just setting up an accountancy online. Whatever it is, you will ***NEVER*** have an opportunity like this ever again to pursue your entrepreneurial dreams. Capitalize on it now, because soon you'll be back at the office, back at the factory, and back to wasting hours in a rush hour commute.

Reading

Though I don't personally understand it, there are some of you weirdos out there who like sitting in one physical spot for long periods of time doing nothing but...reading.

You not doubt have your list of books you'd like to read. You are probably even excited to finally have the time to delve into and digest these great works of literature. And I cannot understand for the life of me why you would read books like the Lord of the Rings or Atlas Shrugged when there are movies made of them. But if you're going to read, can you at least read some books that are going to help your finances, investments, education, and overall life? Specifically mine?

I know you want to read The Vagina Porn Show a la 50 Shades of Grey. I know you want to read The Wizard Kids Who Hits Puberty a la Harry Potter. But as the overall point of this article is to advocate you capitalize on this rare down-time opportunity and invest in your long term future, getting your financial house in order, improving your skill set, drastically increasing the wages you command, and aiming for early retirement as infinitely more valuable than reading "The Wizard Boy Hit Puberty" pentalogy. Therefore, I strongly recommend the following books:

Poor Richard's Retirement
Bachelor Pad Economics
Worthless
Reconnaissance Man

Besides, look how cool this cover is.

How CAN'T YOU BUY IT!!?? Besides, it's better than that 50-Shades-of-Chick-Porn you girls are shamelessly reading. At least assuage some of that guilt by having an IRA account set up by the time this Corona stuff is over with.

Vasectomies

And finally vasectomies.

You may have a brow raised, wondering why vasectomies would make the "to do list" during the quarantine, but vasectomies are incredibly important to improving one's life as it insures individual men against poverty and is the number one thing we can do to eliminate poverty society wide.

Politically impolite as it is to say this, the number one cause of poverty in the world is children people can't afford. It immediately lowers the various "per capita" measure we use to measure wealth. It adds an incredible liability to the parents who can't afford them. And it invariably saddles taxpayers with higher tax bills for children who made the mistake of having children. And this says nothing about the time parents must now divert from achieving financial stability and a well-compensating career to children they can't afford, damning them all into life-long poverty.

But for the low-low price of around $2,000, a 15 minute procedure, and 3 days of minor discomfort, men can inoculate themselves, and the world, against poverty. It's one of the simplest things men can do to drastically improve their finances, lower their risk of poverty, and improve society in general. And (please talk to your urologist), you can still extra sperm to have children at future date, on your terms, on your time, when you're good and ready to have a kid. Not when a condom inconveniently breaks or "oops" she forgot to take the pill.

Setting up an IRA will certainly help. Getting certified in Python programming will increase your lifetime earnings potential. And reading my super-awesome amazing books will definitely improve your finances. But there is not one single thing an individual man can do to improve his future life more than insuring he won't have any accidental children. And the way you can tell this is true is by how much that statement offends and insults people.

Enjoy the decline.

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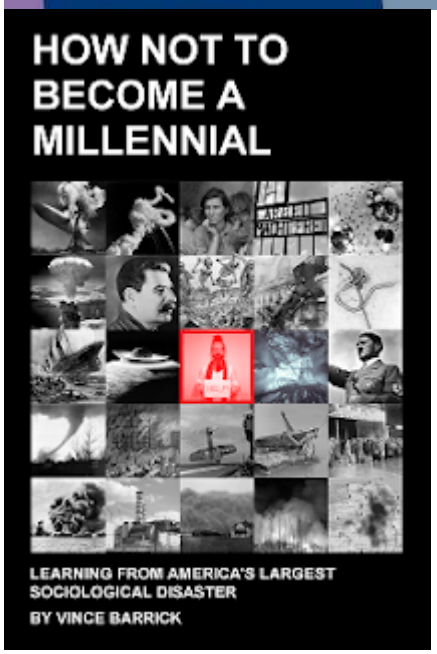

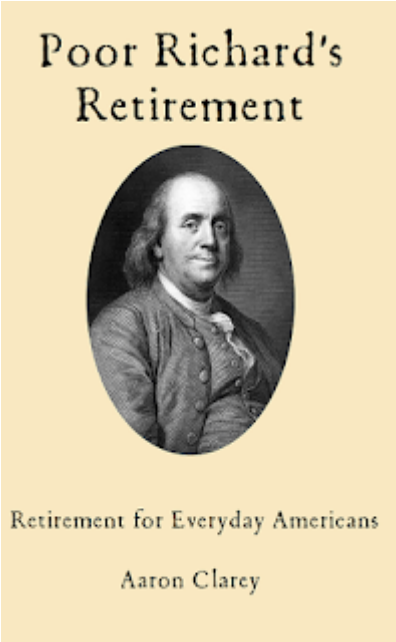
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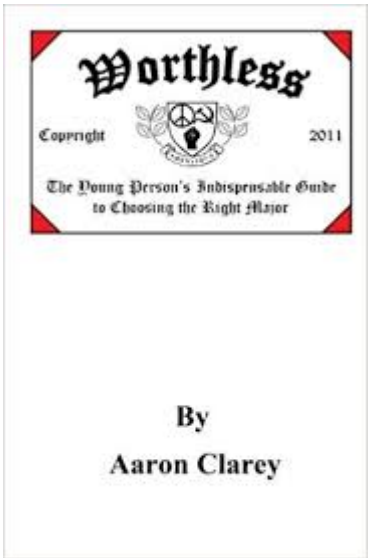
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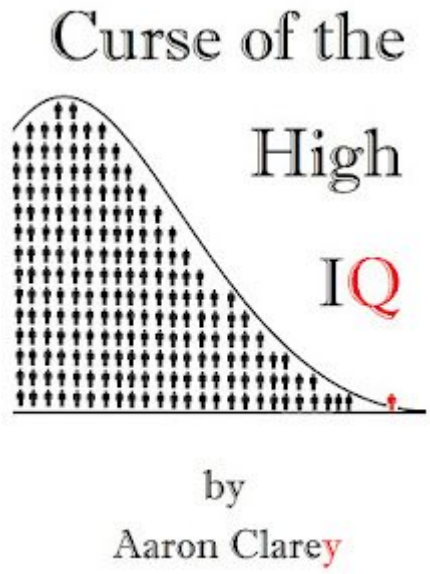
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Tune in and join the mandatory mirth!

What Every Gen Z Woman Must Learn from Millennial Women

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This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." Of it's many intents, one of the primary ones is to use older generations (namely, the Millennials) to serve as a warning to younger, future generations on how to avoid becoming like them. And while it focuses on things like finances, avoiding stupid degrees, avoiding stupid religions/ideologies, etc., this particular excerpt focuses on young women and how they are targeted by society.

The problem in trying to warn young women is that they are impervious to bad news, no matter how reasoned or real. And the reason why is society tells them lies that are just much much MUCH sweeter tasting than truth. So even though they are about to walk into a trap and end up lonely and miserable like their Gen X and Millennial sisters, the lies they've been told are too sweet, too many, and too consistent for them to WANT to believe anything else.

But for what handful of young women are open-minded enough to read this excerpt, I merely ask you to read through the bolded part below which I surmise will compel you to read the rest. You needn't real the whole thing, just the bolded part at the beginning. And if that doesn't convince you or that this is just an old foolish man who doesn't know what he's talking about, fine. You may dismiss this article for what it is and continue on your merry way to a liberal arts college.

But for the few of you who do realize the threats to your future are real and are described in detail below, I strongly recommend you buy and read the whole book as young women ARE being set up like cattle to the slaughter. They are being scammed. They are being drained of all their youth, time, beauty, and money. And it is most definitely in your best interests to be aware of the people who are trying to ruin your life.

Thank you for your open-mindedness and critical thinking.

There’s just one minor problem.

Believing you’re a victim when you’re not or thinking your gender has some kind of intrinsic value when it doesn’t are both living lies. And there’s an entire industry only more than happy to indulge women in these beliefs. We already addressed this industry as the “Lying Industrial Complex.” But within this overall industry are companies, governments, institutions, and other entities that just focus on selling lies to women, resulting in a metaphorical “Vagina Industrial Complex.” And there’s a good reason they

focus on women. They are the single biggest market for lies.

Women make up half the population. They end up with most of the wealth when their husbands die. They account for 58% of college students. They either make or influence 75% of consumer spending. They make up half the voting population. And the other half desperately wants them. But above all else, they are the biggest consumer of lies buying anything from "big is beautiful" to Harlequin romance novels to push-up bras to liberal arts degrees. And if you can convince them they're both oppressed and have value simply because of their plumbing, they will pay you a pretty price.

Any by "pretty price" I mean "everything they have in life."

Here, young women really need to pay attention, especially if they wish to avoid the fate of their Millennial and Gen X sisters. Because while it may look like this entire world was built for them, with every institution in American cheering and encouraging women on, the opposite in fact is often true. **Nearly every institution that claims to be on "Team Woman" is usually trying to extract as much money out of women as possible. Every entity that claims to want to help "the plight of women" is usually trying to make a buck in the process. Thus, many young American women would do themselves an incredible financial service if they viewed themselves as being sent down an assembly line. But instead of being built up like a car, they are being slowly stripped away of all their time, money, value, and worth, leaving them with nothing in life. And harsh as that may sound, it's true.**

Starting at the age of five the "Vagina Industrial Complex" wastes no time grooming young girls into becoming livestock they can butcher later. They immediately start laying down an incredible infrastructure where young girls are indoctrinated to think they have value - while at the same time are being oppressed - because they have a vagina. This brainwashing/infrastructure also critically forces these girls to put their educations and careers first in life, ahead of all other things, especially love. Closely related, young girls are then told they do not need men, and are once again instilled with the "competitors at best, enemies at worst" view of men. These young girls are also programmed to believe "they can have it all" including things like winning the "Dream Job Lottery" and "following your heart and the money will follow" type of propaganda, entrenching entitlement in their minds. And so what may have started out as an innocent little five year old girl, is now a completely programmed automaton at 18 that is going to go to serve the "Vagina Industrial Complex" for the rest of her life.

This is made very clear by the very first action most women take in their adult lives – they go into unrepayable levels of debt so they can enjoy "The College

Experience."

This is such a critical point in young women's lives because it not only sets the tone for the rest of their days, but makes it very clear that their role in life is to be a slave to "The Vagina Industrial Complex." These poor girls don't even have a penny saved up, yet their first action is to borrow $150,000 and give it to The Vagina Industrial Complex via its Big Education subsidiary. And in exchange the majority of these poor girls are given a worthless piece of paper that offers no hope in helping them ever pay off their debts. It will take at least until they are 35 to get out of this financial hole they dug for themselves. But the professors and college admin within The Vagina Industrial Complex don't care, as they have already made off with the money.

But duping young, naïve women out of $150,000 fresh out of the gate is only one of the intended goals of The Vagina Industrial Complex. They have an ulterior and secondary motive in making women (and men) financially destitute, as well as unskilled. Because being talentless and financially crippled makes you desperate. And being desperate makes you willing to work for lower wages. This benefits the next institution young women will face within The Vagina Industrial Complex - employers.

Employers love desperate, financially crippled employees because beggars can't be choosers. Employers can get away with paying financially desperate people a lower wage than somebody with a degree in engineering who has four offers on the table. This increases their profits by trillions and is one of several reasons median wages have remained stagnant in the past 40 years. It is also one of the main reasons the wage gap exists. You might ask, "Well wouldn't women return to school to get a good degree or a trade?" But remember, The Vagina Industrial Complex has thoroughly sold women on the lie they're being oppressed and discriminated against, not that they chose a poor field. Furthermore, they also sold women on the lie they're entitled to work in a field they're "passionate about." These two lies damn women to slave away at sub-par wages for decades, often times their entire lives, cumulatively providing trillions in lower labor costs to the corporate sector of The Vagina Industrial Complex.

Still, corporations aren't done sucking the blood out of women yet because even though women may be drowning in debt, that doesn't mean they can't be squeezed for even more. Women do make money. They do have salaries. Plus the banking sector within The Vagina Industrial Complex is nothing but eager to lend these women money at very profitable rates on those salaries. All of which can be spent on consumer spending, further increasing corporate profits. And who cares if this additional debt enslaves women for the rest of their lives? According to their programming they were entitled to "have it all." And besides, "YOLOammirite?"

Here you really have to applaud the corporate sector within The Vagina Industrial Complex for just what a brilliant job they've done convincing young women to part with their money. Prada handbags, Jimmy Chew shoes, expensive uptown flats, $12 flirtinis, master's degrees. They've done a masterful job marketing a lifestyle that manages to squeeze every possible dime out of a woman's salary, and more when she borrows at 24% APR on her credit card. But what this effectively does is merely extend the time women are enslaved to The Vagina Industrial Complex through debt. If women really wanted to, they could work two jobs, live at home, and have their student loans easily paid off before they turn 27. But if that happened they wouldn't be paying billions in interest on debts they wouldn't have. Furthermore, they might discover frugality and fiscal discipline, which would be a death knell to the corporate sector. The Vagina Industrial Complex needs girls perpetually behind the financial 8 ball buying SUV's, "this year's clothes," fancy dinners, nights on the town, and master's degrees, because if they don't then "Tina" might have a nicer hangbag than "Amy" and "Madison" will have her master's degree while "Ashley" doesn't! And we just can't have that now can we?

Then there is the sad issue of timing. By the time a young woman is in her mid-to-late 20's she will have been a slave to The Vagina Industrial Complex for quite some time and will have the debts to show for it. She will have a car loan, student loans, more student loans (from the master's degree of course), and a significant amount of credit card debt. But none of this changes biology. Women will inevitably want to get married and have kids. But being so in debt, having invested so much in their career and education, and being told those were the most important things in life, many women will be neither able or willing to be a mom or a wife.

But do not fear, another sector within The Vagina Industrial Complex is here to help. The government.

The government loves indebted women on multiple levels. Socialist parties within the western world love indebted women because they reliably vote for larger government. The government loves indebted women because they have to work to pay for all their spending. In this case the government gets a twofer because they get to tax all the money women make via income taxes, but also get to tax all the money women spend via sales taxes. There is no better friend to the government than an individual who is in debt and lives paycheck to paycheck. But there is a third and more clandestine reason the government loves indebted women, especially those successfully indoctrinated by The Vagina Industrial Complex – should they have kids they outsource motherhood to the government.

Women are already on the financial ropes by the time they reach their late 20's that they simply do not have the time to raise their own children. And since they were successfully convinced their career and education was more important than their children, they don't even think twice about outsourcing their children to daycare. But in doing so mothers set

forth a chain of events that greatly benefit the government at the expense of, well, all of us.

First, if you're not going to raise your own children then you're going to have to pay someone else to. This merely makes motherhood a taxable activity now that a transaction has been made to pay a daycare operator or nanny to be the mom for you. If a mom (or dad) stays at home, makes their kids lunch, or changes a diaper, that is a free (though inglorious) labor of love that is not taxable. But if you pay a third party to do the same, that transaction is taxable and the government very much appreciates that revenue.

Second, in outsourcing motherhood, you are still plugged into The Matrix, providing your employer labor at subpar wages and paying taxes to the government. Nothing was saved in outsourcing your children, no efficiency was gained. You just had to pay more money to daycare so you could continue to have "the privilege" to work and pay taxes. You are still just as enslaved to the government and employer sectors of The Vagina Industrial Complex as you were before, even more so now that you have to scratch up the funds to pay for daycare.

Third, daycare provides a wonderful political football for politicians. Even though your children are not other people's responsibility, socialist politicians can easily bribe parents to vote for them by offering "free" government daycare. Governments can also offer what is in essence government daycare in the form of "preschool" or "pre-K" type programs, which once again, only generates more revenue for the state.

Fourth, with a captive audience of abandoned children, the government has no problems getting an early start on indoctrinating those young children with the same pro-government propaganda they did you. Socialist parties have absolutely no moral qualms about brainwashing young children into socialist politics because it is critical to their long term political survival. If they can get children predisposed to believe the lies of "they can have it all" and their own political religion, they will have a generation of voters for life. Remember, none of this money-making racket would have been possible if you yourself weren't duped into thinking you could have it all, "arbeit uber alles," career/education > children, and "you can't put a price on education."

Finally, given how expensive daycare is, an estimated 30-50% of mothers (depending on the statistics you want to use) would come out financially ahead if they decided to quit their jobs today and raise their own children. In other words, a third to half of mothers today are working for no damn reason, except perhaps the programming they received to robotically pursue a career. Of course, The Vagina Industrial Complex is not going to tout those figures, as they'd lose half their slave labor, but they may not have to as they've done such a brilliant job convincing people their careers come first and at the expense of everything else.

When it's all said and done, the mere act of outsourcing your children comes at a high price. It submits them to the same indoctrination and programming you received as a child, arguably condemning them to the same slavery you endured under The Vagina Industrial Complex. It estranges children from their parents, leading to many of the same mental problems plaguing Millennials today. But the real price paid is that you don't get to raise your children. You don't get to enjoy motherhood. You had children. But you were never a mother.

Admittedly, it's debatable as to whether "deep down inside" mothers today love their children more than their careers. And we can go into the academic debate about how actions are all that matters as that is the effective reality their children get to face. But though anecdotal, I think the truth can be found when you get women at a rare moment of both honesty and inebriation. Where they inevitably confess that "deep down inside" they wanted nothing more than to stay at home and raise children. Because you never hear the opposite from an inebriated stay at home mom saying all she wanted in life was "to work a corporate gig, commute, and pay taxes." Regardless, the point is moot in that a decision has already been made.

The last stop on "The Vagina Industrial Complex Express" is one made possible by advances in medical technology. With millions of Gen X and Millennial women committing themselves to their careers, many simply haven't had the time to find "Mr. Right" and start a family. Besides, with increasing demands for advanced degrees and the student debt that comes with it, most young women today don't really hit their stride until they're in their 30's. Unfortunately, this forces women into a race against their biological clock as they stare down menopause and complicated pregnancies just a short decade away. But there is a solution allowing women to continue their career until they finally find Mr. Right without having to worry about menopause. They can freeze their eggs.

Demand for freezing eggs has skyrocketed as it's become an option for women for whom the time or the man is not right. Year over year growth in the $4 billion industry is estimated to be at 25%. Some of the more progressive employers offer it as a benefit for their female employees. And it's become so popular among some women there are even "egg freezing parties." But just like everything else promised by The Vagina Industrial Complex, there is a lie embedded within.

If you have become so desperate that you need to freeze your eggs, it may in fact already be too late. Since the process of freezing eggs is in its earlier stages of development, it is fraught with problems, making it more of a lottery ticket than an insurance policy. Only 4-14% of eggs end up in a live birth. Half the eggs don't survive the thawing process. Each egg only lasts 5-10 years. The quality of your eggs varies depending on your age. Even risks unrelated to health play a role as two major egg banks malfunctioned, destroying all the eggs in the banks. And while this industry is still

evolving (and thus these statistics will change), the best statistics today show only 1 in 5 women who froze their eggs ended up becoming a mother.

This misleads many young women into thinking they have some kind of nuclear option where they can have a kid anytime at any age. That they can "just freeze their eggs" and they've somehow cheated biology. When in reality having the option to freeze your eggs lulls women into having a false sense of security, making them lackadaisical when it comes to finding a man and starting a family. And all of that is on the shaky back of something that only has a 20% chance of success.

But what's even worse about the ability to freeze one's eggs is that it glosses over the question - how did society get so desperate we're starting to bump into the hard limits of human biology? Isn't there something wrong with our society when our economic, labor, and social policies are no longer conducive to human nature? Isn't nature trying to tell us something? And are we forever going to rely on medical technology to bail us out of these decisions?

The truth is this.

Women are best suited biologically to have children in their late teens and early 20's. And if they want to have children they better dedicate a significant percent of their time vetting quality men for being potential suitors, not getting "Master's Degrees in Gender Studies." They also better capitalize on their youth and beauty to attract a man as that is the number one thing men look for in a woman, whether you like it or not. And all of the 30/40/50 something women today who froze their eggs and are punting that "someday" they'll find their own George Clooney have wasted their time, youth, and beauty. They are statistically unlikely to find the love of their life. It's statistically over for them. This is why 50% of women who inevitably do retrieve their eggs to get pregnant do so solo as they couldn't find any man who wanted them.

Naturally, none of that plays well with the official narrative of The Vagina Industrial Complex (no matter how true it is). And naturally, The Vagina Industrial Complex will continue to promote the "freedom and equality" that comes with having one's eggs frozen. But remember this. As you're forking over the $32,000 for two rounds of egg extraction and the $1,000 a month in storage costs it takes to store your eggs, there's only a 1 in 5 chance you will have a kid and thus "have it all." Had you just put humans first in life instead of your career, you actually could have had it all.

"The Husk"

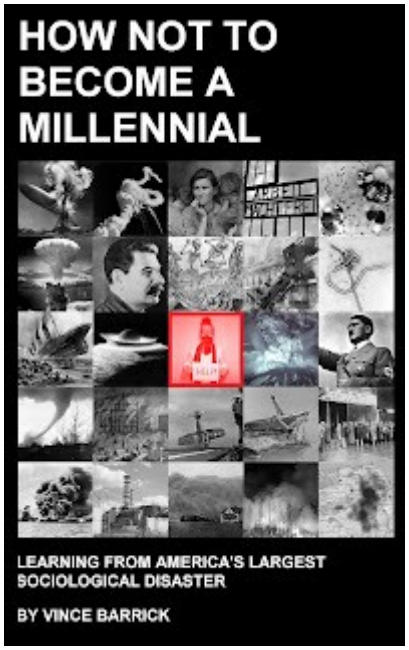
Once the Vagina Industrial Complex is done extracting all of your youth, money, time, and labor out of you, it no longer has any use for you. You paid for a worthless college degree (and thrice its price in interest) all so you could enrich Big Education. You slaved

your entire life away for a corporation all so you could enrich Corporate America and the government. You spent all your money on shoes, travel, and handbags (and once again thrice its price in interest) enriching the banks. You outsourced your children, further enriching the government and ensuring a future generation of children would be equally duped. And if you didn't have children, you spent one last final $50,000 on a 20% chance you'd end up with a child, with only a 50% chance they'd have a father around. After that at best you'll have a good career, and there's nothing wrong with that. But without other humans in your life you will end up like everybody else does in life - old, unattractive, lonely, and nobody wanting anything to do with you anymore. Only your country's socialist party might pay you a visit in the hopes to bribe you to vote for them with other people's money. But beyond that you have no point or purpose. This is the result of playing the gender victimhood racket. This is the terminus of placing ultimate value in a trait you were born with and not other humans. In thinking you could "have it all" you ended up with nothing.

Young women today need to look at their "true believer" Millennial, Gen X, and even Baby Boomer sisters and ask themselves two very important questions. One philosophical and the other practical.

Philosophically, do you really think gender has any value? That a trait you were born with somehow holds intrinsic value? And if you have this gender is it morally right of you to claim to be a victim because of it? That you are entitled to things and other people's money because of a trait you were born with? Or should it be who you are, what you do, and what you accomplish in life that determines the quality and caliber of a person you are?

Practically, is there any advantage in placing value in one's gender? And is there any advantage in playing the gender victimhood racket? If debt-laden, impoverished Millennial, Gen X, and Boomer women are any indication, and the true believers and followers of The Vagina Industrial Complex are any proof, placing value in your gender is a recipe for disaster. It's a guaranteed way to destroy your life and end it in loneliness and misery. Admittedly, as a young person it's hard to have the independent thought and critical thinking skills to counter the complete and total brainwashing everybody receives in school. The K-college education system will do everything in its power to convince you to place value on your gender and to claim you're a victim. But younger generations of women really need to look at the depleted husks of feminist Gen X, Boomer, and soon-to-be Millennial women and ask themselves if they want to go down that path and end up the same.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Oh nosies! Pretty girls are subject to the laws of the land.

Hundreds of Journalist Are Being Laid Off, Right When the Public Needs Them the Most

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Dear Journalists and Journalism Majors,

In light of the recent layoffs in your "profession" I think you need to know where your place in this world is, especially given the state of journalism these past few decades.

You are completely unnecessary.
You are not "critical" to the economy, let alone society.
The vast majority of you are lazy adult children who didn't want to try hard in college, but had the added flaw of being arrogant enough at 17 years of age to think you knew better AND other people should listen to you.
You are propagandists.
Liars.
Political pawns.
Yellow journalists.
Brown journalists.
The scum of the Earth.

The average citizen with the freedom of speech and an internet connect is a drastically superior journalist, ***as well as human*** being to you.

Please FOAD. You offer nothing of value to society. You are worthless human beings.

Sincerely,

People with Real Jobs Who Work for a Living

"Local Artists" at Coffee Stores - The Great Pole Podcast

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If you're looking for a pretty damn good podcast episode to listen to may I recommend this episode of The Greasy Pole podcast? (MP3 here).

I'd link to Adam's site, but I got some kind of bugaloo internet thing preventing me from visiting.

"Good Morning Coronachan!" #7 - The "Trader Joe's Ain't That Bad" Episode!

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What I Learned from the Lingerie Clearance Rack

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Barely awake and quite groggy, the current girl I'm dating the night before had sent me a link to one of her favorite lingerie stores where there was a Corona-inspired clearance sale. Perhaps aiming to take advantage of the stay-where-you-are quarantine, this lingerie store was hoping people would get frisky instead of divorced.

But while clicking on the options/colors drop down menu I noticed a very PAINFULLY CLEAR fact - the only lingerie that was on discount was for small and petite sizes.

If you were a...ahem..."heftier" woman you were plain out of luck. The only lingerie they had in stock was small and petite. But while this boded well for svelte women who kept themselves in shape, this was just another snowflake on the avalanche of anecdotal evidence of the decay and decline of women's physique and femininity.

I charter companies and the marketing departments therein with the knowledge that they know their market. Shapes, sizes, trends, fads. But when a specialized company in a specialized industry orders too many small/petite sizes, that it has a glut, the reality on the ground is even worse that what it is in the marketing meetings.

And I get it. Food is ample. Everybody (men as well) is getting obese. Beauty at any size. And who wants to work out? Besides, working out is submitting yourself to somebody else.

Fine.

And I guess I'm also too exhausted to care to point out, yet once again, the sky is blue, water is wet, and there is no damn physical inspiration in the population anymore. Lingerie - the presumed artistry that is reserved for pretty canvases - has now lost all point and purpose. Scratch yet another thing to inspire, prompt, and invigorate men. If you need to find one, you'll find them further ensconcing themselves in their parents' basements playing video games.

Socialism: "Failng at a Country of 1"

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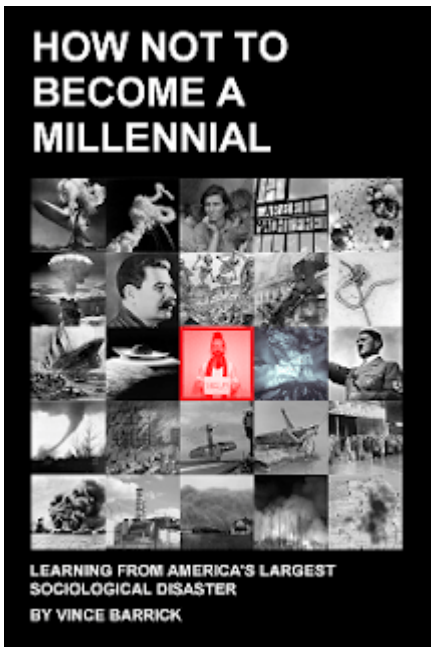
This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It delves into various metrics of how to measure socialism/communism's success rates, but of particular note, it focuses on the smallest unit in society - the individual. I leave the intrigue and intellectual suspense for those who actually go and read the full excerpt, but it's a very valid point and one that behooves a response from socialists/communists.



"Before a pharmaceutical company can sell a drug to the public it has to go through an inordinate amount of research, clinical trials, testing, and approval processes. Pharmaceutical companies spend billions in research and investment just to get a drug to market. And though some people may say it's a bit overkill, it is necessary to thoroughly test a drug before unleashing it upon society because if inadequately tested it can kill people.

But what if you had a drug that had somewhere between a 1-10% success rate? That after nearly 150 years of trial and error, human experiments, 50 lab trials, and about 100 million deaths, you had some pharmacists claim they tweaked this drug and "This time it'll work?" Chances are you would not take that drug. But while no such drug exists, an economic ideology does with that exact same abysmal track record. And that ideological drug is socialism.

While we won't delve into detailed historical economics and numbers, the short version is this. Socialism has worked roughly 1-10% of the time depending on how you want to measure success. "World owes me a living" acolytes cannot rush fast enough to point to the Scandinavian models of socialism as proof that socialism can work. And in those

countries, yes. Under very unique sociological, demographic, historical, and temporary conditions, a variant of socialism seems to work. But for every Norway, for every Sweden, and for every Denmark there are 10 counter examples of socialism failing. Cuba, North Korea, the USSR, Laos, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Greece, Zimbabwe, China, East Germany, Somalia, and more recently Venezuela. So when you compare these five countries (Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark) to all other socialist economies (both past and present), they are the exception. Not the rule. Socialism fails in 9 out of every 10 countries it's tried in.

If you want to use a different metric, instead of comparing countries, compare populations living under these two respective socialist systems. Yes, the Nordic countries all provide very high standards of living for their citizens…all 25 million of them. But that's a drop in the bucket compared to the roughly 2 billion people who lived/suffered under the "not-so-nice" socialist systems. Furthermore, for every lucky Swede or Icelander who's enjoyed this rare strain of successful socialism, four non-Scandinavian socialists were outright killed or starved under the "not-so-nice" socialist systems. So when you consider the 2 billion people who lived in utter squalor and filth (not to mention the 100 million who died), this drug of socialism has only worked on 1% of the human test subjects it was tested on.

But let us forget countries and history, famines and genocides. Let's go to something much more microcosmic. Restaurants. Specifically, "socialist restaurants." Though the concept sounds contradictory it's not because there has been a handful of restaurants and co-ops that have tried to operate under a socialist business model. And some of the principles they operated under included things like living wages, no profits, no pricing, and employees deciding everything by committee. And while everything seemed all nice and wonderful on paper, in every instance they failed. Apparently, simply letting your customers "pay what they could afford" or having employees run the restaurant by committee weren't sustainable business practices. Regardless, this behooves a very interesting question. If socialists can't even run a restaurant, how in hell's name do they think they can run an entire country? The track record of socialism is already an abysmal 1-10% success rate, but the more industrious socialists among us can't even get a restaurant off the ground. Chances your rank and file "world owes me a living-'ers" are going to do even worse.

Finally, let us go to an even more microcosmic level than restaurants. Let's go to the most granular, atomic level we can in humanity – the individual.

As a single bachelor it is actually quite easy to take care of myself. I make very little money compared to most people, but my expenses are so low and technology has made everything so cheap, as long as I don't buy a new car or get a Master's degree in Poetry at Middlebury, I'll likely never starve or suffer true poverty until I'm dead. But even with the unemployment rate below 4%, there are millions of people who cannot even do the

most basic of economic obligations to society which is to support themselves. Millions of people want free healthcare. Millions of people want bailouts. Millions of people want the minimum wage arbitrarily jacked up to $15. How have you so poorly mismanaged your life that in this world, with this technology, and this economy you need other people to help you out? And though there are certainly exceptions to be made for things like crippling student loan debt, unforeseen medical problems, recessions, accidents, etc., how can an otherwise physically-able, single individual not support him/herself and dare demand other people work to support them?

The answer is moot because the larger point isn't why they are unable to support themselves. It's the fact they can't take care of themselves. They need other people's money to live. And if they cannot take care of themselves, a mere "Country of One," then they are absolutely not capable of taking care of an entire country. And just as these individuals' lives are a mess, the socialist economic system they'd impose on society would likely be a mess also.

This is debatably the largest argument against the world owing people a living. Most socialists can't get a restaurant off the ground, let alone support themselves. They cannot even get a working model of socialism to work in their own, individual lives. And this in the face of an already uphill battle where socialist economies have at best a 10% success rate. You throw in the abysmal track record of socialism, with 2 billion people in poverty and 100 million dead, and you are risking the world's population on a horrific economic system that's killed more people in peacetime than the fascists and nazis did during war. All so you can play video games or work some bogus, government-created job as a "diversity journalist" at NPR. You are certainly a fool for thinking socialism is going to work. But you lack any morality trying to foist it upon the world."

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A Laundry List of Lessons Millennials Should Have Learned By Now

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Below is the Table of Contents to "How Not to Become a Millennial." It is an exhaustive 425 page study on the failures, mistakes, catastrophes, and disasters of the Millennial generation, and the solutions to them.

The solutions - unfortunately, like most solutions - cannot turn back time. Solutions only work for those with a future or for those who have not destroyed their lives, rendering the book more of a salvation guide for Gen Z and an academic study for those with a mere intellectual interest in generational parasitism and warfare. If there's any benefit for the Millennial reader, it would be sanity to know that "no, it's not really your fault."

Regardless consider purchasing a copy for yourself or for any young person you wish to spare the fate of the Millennials.

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How Men, and Only Men, Can End Poverty in a Generation

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I will be as clear and blunt as I possibly can so there is no confusion.

I have found a way to end poverty.

And not in some convoluted, complex way that involves a ton of government money, agencies, and socialism. Nor in some pie-in-the-sky social worker/liberal arts major way that relies on foolish and childish idealism.

No, I have found an easy, affordable, even unstoppable way to end the majority of poverty, and in a generation no less. It just relies on the responsibility of men.

The way this idea can stop poverty is because in a very 300-like manner it targets poverty at a choke point. It puts an end to it before it can happen. And therefore since the poverty never occurs, we can spend a fraction of the time and money preventing poverty from happening, instead of addressing it (in a much more costly manner) when it does. We just need to target and prevent the number one cause of poverty and prevent it from happening, and that number one cause is unaffordable and unwanted children.

Though politically unpopular, the fact still remains that children (specifically unaffordable/bastard/non-nuclear family/unwanted ones) are the number one cause of poverty. They directly increase the denominator in all measures of wealth by increasing the "capita" in all per capita measures. They cost $250,000 to raise (whether it's you or the taxpayer footing the bill). But the real cause of poverty is that it diverts a ton of time and effort on the part of the unprepared parents, who now have to rear children they can't afford instead of invest in themselves professionally and educationally to the point they would have otherwise been able to raise children outside of poverty. This not only condemns children to (and is the cause of most) poverty, but is what keeps entire families poor - unaffordable children. And no matter how politically incorrect it is to point out this harsh truth, it's infinitely more humane than bringing millions of unwanted/unaffordable children up in poverty and broken homes.

Now I have no delusions of society, the government, or the general population growing a spine, becoming adult, and having these come to Jesus talks about the real and underlying causes of poverty. Too many government workers, politicians, social workers, and employees within the welfare state depend on impoverished children and their families for a living. The Democrat party alone needs broken homes, poverty, and unwanted/unaffordable children in order to stay in power and survive. And lets be

perfectly honest, some truly vile and selfish women have no problems bringing children into broken, impoverished homes for attention, revenge, child-hostage-love, and a government check. Many, if not the majority of the population are too vested in childhood poverty and poverty in general to give it up. They profit off of it too much.

But here is where the brilliance of this idea comes in.

Because whereas in a democracy we have more or less made it clear through our voting that we prefer to make it a right to bring children into this world - even at the expense of the taxpayer - whether we can afford it or not, it is also because we're a democracy that certain rights are enshrined to the individual. And just as gun lovers covet their precious 2nd amendment right to own guns, so too and to equal measure do women/feminists covet their reproductive rights. It is their body, their choice. Women are the final arbiters of whether or not a zygote makes it past the finish line. And it is women who determine whether a child is born into this world (no matter how much cost it may saddle the taxpayers with).

But just as much as women love their reproductive rights, by law and principles men too should have the same rights. And though a male pill is still yet to be developed, there is one reproductive right men have that women don't - vasectomies. And the vasectomy is the ultimate trump card in this poker game of reproductive rights.

As mentioned before, vasectomies are the 300 Greeks at Thermopylae because it prevents poverty in the form of unwanted/unaffordable children from even happening. Sperm never reaches the egg, thus a zygote is never formed, thus rendering a woman's right to determine whether she aborts the baby or births it moot. There is no child.

This not only stops poverty dead in its tracks, but bypasses all the pain, agony, costs, and mental anguish men and women go through when it comes to unwanted pregnancies, custody battles, abort/bring to term, etc. There are no dead beat dads, baby mama's, baby daddy's, and lets not forget the trillions of dollars taxpayers would save not only in direct costs, but lower crime, educational costs, and government baby sitting cost as well. And whereas a lifetime of child support can easily run into the 100's of thousands, a vasectomy on the cheap can cost around $500. $3,000 if you want to be real spendy. Men will rarely find an investment with a higher rate of return.

The trick, though, is how do you get all men to get a vasectomy? And the answer is simple - we just take a lesson from the feminists, democrats, leftists, and activists who support reproductive rights. You start a "raising awareness campaign."

Just as (in general) the political left has spent billions over the years "educating" and "raising awareness" for women about their reproductive rights, a similar measure should go into educating men about "vasectomies." I would also argue (just as the left does)

that there should be taxpayer money available to pay for men's vasectomies since the left clamors for the same treatment of women and abortions/birth control. You put up enough billboard advertisements, run enough ads on Facebook, and make it a mandatory part of K-12 sex ed, and we can prevent poverty from ever happening, by stopping it at its source - the sperm. And just like a vaccine for measles or Tetanus is standard, so too would be vasectomies for men.

But before you start jumping down my throat, claiming forcing men to have vasectomies is tyrannical, you are missing the main selling point of this idea. Nobody is claiming all young men would be forced to have vasectomies. The benefits of having a vasectomy are so huge, if properly educated and informed, nearly every man would voluntarily be getting one. It really is the "raising awareness" aspect that stands between us today and a poverty-free world tomorrow. But also since "reproductive rights" are so holy and sacrosanct among women, there's not a damn thing in the world the government, leftists, feminists, or social workers can do to stop men from getting vasectomies (and thus taking away these varied leftists' fiefdoms). It is the free will, the free choice men have to get a vasectomy without the permission of the government, the state, feminists or anybody else that makes this idea so effective and feasible. It is 100% in men's control to not only shore up and protect their finances by inoculating them against unwanted children and "oops" pregnancies, but by consequence stopping poverty dead in its tracks.

The only real problem is the incredible ignorance that is out there when it comes to men getting vasectomies. I've had many readers think I had my balls cut off when I said I had a vasectomy. Men also think there's no way to have children ever again when you can have sperm directly extracted, a vasectomy reversed, or just store some sperm at a sperm bank (all of which are infinitely cheaper than an unwanted child). I've even been accused of promoting eugenics in "preventing the black man from breeding," when it's quite the opposite - preventing you from breeding NOW so you don't destroy your life, so that at a later point in time you can have a child THEN when it won't damn you to a lifetime of crippling poverty. But whatever misunderstandings the general male population has of vasectomies today, with the proper education, information, or ***simply sharing this idea with fellow men***, it is in men's best personal financial interests to prevent unwanted pregnancies, which in turn is also in society's best interests in eliminating poverty.

Naturally, there will be howls and screams from people vested in the poverty of others as see their fiefdoms threatened by a generation of men getting vasectomies. Women who looked to spermjacking or baby daddies as a means to make a living, are going to be very upset and frustrated. I am very curious to see how feminists would react when men demand equal "choice" and reproductive rights as they've championed for women. And mark my words, no doubt about it. Various political forces will enact laws to prevent men to get vasectomies on a scale I'm imagining.

But these political forces aside, it's moot. Men today have the right to get a vasectomy. It's of incredible benefit to men as it's in their direct personal financial interests. It's in the benefit of future, theoretical would-be children as they would be raised in stable homes, and not poverty. And it would achieve something humanity and economists have failed to achieve these past 2 million years - end poverty. It's so compelling I may go full leftist and start a non-profit to help "raise awareness" about the benefits of vasectomies, even raise funds to help out particularly poor men to make sure they don't have kids they can't afford. But regardless of how we achieve this, the larger point is it's in men's hands and men's hands only. Feminists, women, democrats, the government, socialists, have all failed to end childhood poverty, because, truthfully, they don't want to end it. They profit off of it. We now have the ability to end it in a *single generation*. I sincerely hope you research and investigate getting a vasectomy.

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Millennials: The Largest Sociological Disaster in US History

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An excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." Would make for some great quarantine reading while you're all cooped up over the weekend.

"Whether you realize it or not, we are all witness to the final and concluding days of the largest social experiment in the history of America. Not only in terms of the number of test subjects involved, nor the decades of time it took to conduct, nor the complete scope of the experiment, but in terms of what this experiment boldly set out to do – prove that humans knew better than nature.

On one side of this experimental debate is 2 million years of human existence, honed by trial and error, wars fought, mistakes made, and untold amounts of pain, suffering, toil, and strife. But after 2 million years and 100 billion human lives we derived the cultural norms, golden rules, and codified laws that culminated into the "conventional wisdom" that governs humanity today.

On the other side we have 50 years of the "social sciences" and the still-living "social scientists" who work within them. In a mere half a century, .0025% of the time humans have existed on the planet, these

"professors,"
"doctors,"
"politicians,"
"philosophers,"
"fellows,"
"adjuncts,"
"researchers,"
"grad students," and
"social scientists"

with their

"theories and hypotheses"
"studies and research papers"
"experiments and tests"

thought they knew better than human nature. That humans had the cognitive ability to not only master the physical sciences such as physics, medicine, biology and chemistry, but master and understand the infinite and unquantifiable social inter-workings between human beings themselves. That, yes, you could study physics and inevitably land a man on the moon, or virology and inevitably cure a disease, but we can also study the human mind and humanity itself, solving all social ills such as politics, war, crime, discrimination, oppression, tyranny, poverty, even bullying. And if we can just unlock these hidden secrets from the social "sciences," these social "scientists" can usher in what nobody else in history could.

Utopia.

And so these social scientists set out about 50 years ago to unlock the secrets and algorithms of humanity. They'd study politics, economics, sociology, religion, history, government, linguistics, communications, and sexuality. They'd study psychology, psychiatry, philosophy, women's studies, the human mind, and people's genders. They'd study Latino-cultures, Afro-cultures, Anglo-cultures, Asian-cultures, Aboriginal-cultures, and "international relations." And they'd study zoology, anthropology, marriage studies, familial studies, early childhood development, education, and special education. Every possible angle, aspect, inch, and trait of humanity they would study. And soon, after decades of time and billions of hours of research, an impressive body of work started to form. Hypotheses were tested, theories established, and ultimately these social studies codified into official disciplines of academic research. The social scientists were so close to unlocking the secret to utopia they could taste it. They just needed a test subject to prove they were right. A human guinea pig to turn into an ubermensch. Preferably, an entire generation to truly usher in utopia on a nationwide scale, ultimately validating the social sciences, as well as themselves.

Thankfully, this ideal test subject was already in the making and at the ideal time too. By the 1980's the social sciences had evolved into a formalized study just itching for its first legitimate test subject. Also, it really wasn't until the 1980's that significant government money would flood into academia, making these experiments financially possible anyway. But most importantly, by the 1980's the perfect test subject was already being born – the echo boom. They were called the "echo boom" because they were "echo babies" of their parents – the Baby Boomers. Consequently, like the Boomers, they too would become a large, pronounced, and distinguishably different generation from others. But they would also become a social scientist's dream-come-true as they would all be

born into the same economic, political, and sociological environment.

You combine these four traits:

- a codified, maturing academic study whose theories needed to be tested
- adequate funding
- an entirely distinguishable test-subject generation being born
- all happening at that same time

and you had the perfect storm to finally and conclusively test all of the social sciences. You had the ability to see if the billions of human hours and trillions of government dollars were wasted or invested. You even had the chance to witness the utopia we were promised being born. And the generation that was going to make this all possible, the generation of human test subjects who would usher us into this utopian world would be the echo-boomers.

AKA…

the Millennials."

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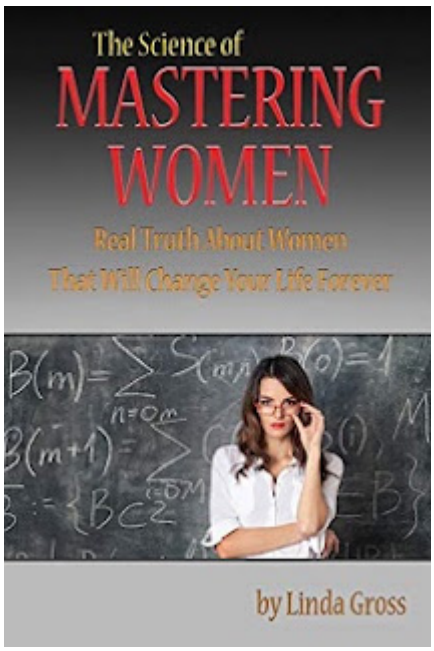

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The Case to Bring Back Dowries

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Focus, if you will, solely on the financial and economic.

Forget principles, morality, ethics, and philosophy and merely focus on transactional economics. Labor, money. Time, cash. A pure accounting of labor committed, versus labor received.

And what you will realize is that nearly every man today has a right to demand a dowry.

If you don't know (or never knew) what a dowry was, it was a payment the father usually made to his would-be son in law to take his daughter off his hands and care for her into the future. This was based on the premise that women did not work, would likely bear children, would stay home to rear said children, and would in a purely accounting sense be a financial liability to the family, earning no income. And so, the would-be husband would be entitled, if not required, to some kind of financial recompense to take the financial liability of a woman off the hands of her father.

Fast forward 300 years later and I ask a very simple question;

How is it any different today?

If there was a time young women were not a financial liability, but an asset, it was the boomers and Gen X'ers. These women were workers, they were employed, and they did take care of themselves. But today's generation of young women (who are also at the age of marriage) do not present young male suitors a similar financial proposition or condition. Matter of fact, most young women today are horrifically bad financial liabilities, and any young man who commits to them risks tanking his own finances.

This isn't primarily due to young women not working. They most certainly do, and at labor force participation rates higher than any generation of women past. But the financial liability nature of most young women today is due to student loans and the

education scam that destroys their finances. Young women, too cowardly to commit to a real degree like STEM, are lured too easily to go $120,000 in debt for worthless liberal arts degrees that offer them no employability. Worse, the indoctrination they receive in college weaponizes them against men, instead of making them partners and lovers in life to help one another. And with the repeated indoctrination that women should NEVER rely on a man, the end result is not only often a girl who is a financial risk, but is a girl no man wants. Endebted, talentless, unemployable, and ideologically programmed to be against men, marriage, family, and love. Even women trained in STEM, who are imminently employable, are often times indoctrinated to be antagonistic towards men, increasing the risk of divorce, adding a huge legal risk to a financial one as well.

Traditionally, logically, and "accountingly," such a proposition would require some kind of financial compensation for the legal and financial risks of committing to a modern day western woman. And today, young men (or any man) is well within his rights to demand such a modern-day dowry. But since most boomer and Gen X fathers have no money (and are likely financially compromised through matrimony as well), demanding a dowry today is moot. No father today is going to pay a "dowry." Besides, you're asking to marry his "pwesschiouss wittle pwinccessss" and "nothings too good for daddy's little princess." Thus demanding such a dowry is going to be a non-starter.

This leaves us at an impasse.

Most men simply cannot afford to take on that risk, and even with a dowry the non-financial risks are just as costly and daunting as the financial ones. Yes at the same time, men are biologically programmed, nay, compelled to want to get married and have kids. And so what is likely going to happen is what's been happening for quite some time now - men are balking. They're going to punt.

The increase in cohabitation and the abandonment of marriage is a sign of men waking up and eschewing the legal and financial risks marriage presents to them. Simply punting on marriage and family formation, postponing them until men have their personal finances together is another consequence of this. Men abandoning it altogether and women opting to start their own family through IVF is a third. And such marriage-avoidant behavior will continue as the internet educates men about the unacceptable legal and financial risks marriage presents to them (or, frankly, they just saw their dad get butchered in divorce court).

And so what we've seen this past 20 years, certainly the past 10 will continue. With no "theoretical dowries" and marriage being such a bad deal, more and more men will simply leave the marriage market because they can't afford it. What relationships show promise will end up in co-habitation, but nothing as traditional as "till death do us part" - most again ending after a few years. Young men, who typically have precarious finances themselves, will choose Maslow's hierarchy of needs of food, clothing, and shelter *to*

survive, rather than risk their ability to feed themselves on a family that has a 50% chance of ending in divorce. And there is seemingly no signs of the training women receive to not need a man abating. Women have, are currently, and will be further programmed to "never rely on a man," viewing them once again as adversaries, making them less feminine overall and therefore less desirable to men.

What I don't think most people realize about marriage, particularly women, is that the price of marriage has been so skewed, so inflated these past couple generations, it's more costly than men's biological-hardwiring is strong. And whereas you may think you have a monopoly on this product of marriage/family/love, the empirical data is showing men are punting. Porn, NEET-dom, lack of exercise, video games, the decrease in marriage, or just confirmed bachelors, men are indeed leaving the traditional marriage market. It's not what they want to do, but what they're forced to do. Unfortunately, for any trade to happen in economics, both parties need to be better off after the transaction. You need to consider whether the price you're demanding can be willingly afforded (or afforded at all) by the counterparty. And given all the risks associated with marriage, as well as the financial, psychological, emotional, even political risks women are bringing to the table these days, it's doubtful even dowries will convince men to return to the bargaining table.

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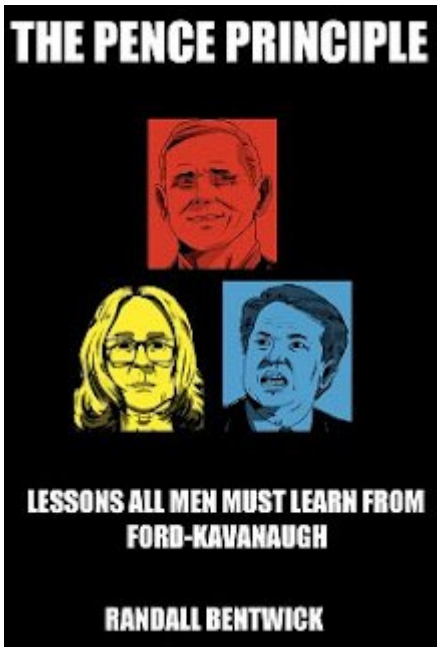

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"*Coromance - When a girl you've developed an online relationship thru skype or zoom during the pandemic flakes and ghosts on you when it comes time for your first real-world date.*"

Though we discuss it at a bit more length in this podcast, I thought it would be good to make a short note to all you boys out there developing "coromances" through Skype or Zoom.

Do understand that when the "all clear is given" that VAST majority of these women will refuse to meet you in real life. Oh they may agree to a date. Oh, they may agree to a time. But they will flake on you at the last minute.

Please have the experience and self-respect to expect this to happen in the future. Do not get your hopes up that you will meet in meatspace and go on to have a long last and fruitful relationship. You are being used for attention because they are bored.

You may now continue on with your regularly scheduled quarantining.

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Your Race Has No Value

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This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial."

"Whatever has been said about gender can be equally said of race because it's the exact same racket and the exact same philosophy. Only the trait is different. Just as there are many women who use their gender to claim victimhood status, there are many people who use their race to do the same. And just as there are many women who falsely derive value from their gender, there are many people who falsely derive value from their race. This is understandable because both women and minorities are heavily lobbied by various political interests to view themselves as victims, as well as place intrinsic value in their gender/race. But since neither of these strategies/choices are based in reality, they by definition violate The Reality Principle, and are thus doomed to fail.

But more importantly, since these strategies/choices are identical, the results are going to be the exact same as women who try to leverage favor out of society using their gender. Misery, failure, anger, and a wasted life. But whereas the female version of this translates into "age, poverty, divorce, debt, spinsterdom, and cats," the consequences for people who pull of the same racket with race are just as dire, though with their own cultural flair.

Take for example education.

Just as Women's Studies is a bogus field solely created to pander to women whose only value is their gender, various "Cultural Studies" degrees are created to pander to race just the same.

"African-American Studies"
"Chicano-American Studies"
"Middle Eastern Studies"
"Asian American Studies,"
Etc.

All of these fields are just as bogus and just as worthless.

However, there is an added "Uncle Tom" sort of hypocrisy to these degrees. Most of these degrees presumably are intended to be of benefit and help to the various types of races they study. Chicano American studies programs would logically be of benefit to Latinos and Chicanos. Asian American studies should do the same, but for Asians. And African American studies should do the same for blacks.

But do they really?

Like a Women's Studies degree these degrees only harm those who major in them. They have absolutely no economic or employment value. They actually deter people from hiring you in that you are more prone to file a lawsuit or complain. And like any other degree they will at least set you back $75,000 and four years of your youth. But the real betrayal comes from the people who sold you these degrees. The professors themselves who are presumably of your same race and by the definition of the degree should have your best interests at heart. In reality these professors are just hucksters selling you a worthless piece of paper for that $75,000 + four years of your life. If any "African American Studies" or "Latino American Studies" professor was honest they would warn you never to get a degree in such worthless fields and instead major in Accounting or Actuarial Science. Perhaps studying these fields for free at your local library or online. But they would never recommend you blow $75,000 on such crap. Still, these professors value their own financial advancement over your best interests and, thusly, have no problem capitalizing off of your delusion that race has value.

Another example is race being used by Corporate America as a brand name.

An amazing amount of infrastructure has gone into programming Millennials with their political religion. But within that overarching political religion there are sub-religions tailored to individual groups. Women have their feminism and women's empowerment. Environmentalists have their environmentalism. Health nuts have their organic and fair trade foods. And races have their racial justice/political causes. And if you think about it the schools, colleges, government, and certainly the democrat party have spent trillions over the decades making sure you have these political ideologies, even identities.

But don't think Corporate America hasn't noticed.

Just as the federal government spent trillions building the US interstate system, we have also spent trillions establishing a quasi-national political religion of socialism, feminism, pacifism, environmentalism, social justice, organic/free trade, etc. And just as corporations take advantage of the US interstate system to transport and sell their goods, they are also taking advantage of that political infrastructure the Millennials have been programmed with. And so instead of selling you on the merits of a product like its price or its quality, Corporate America instead panders to the identity politics/religion you've been programmed to have because it gives you false value.

Thus, when you sell a woman's razor, you don't just sell a razor. You explain how it's going to cure women's cancer and attach a pink ribbon to it…and charge an extra $3 over the men's razor.

When you sell a cup of coffee, you don't just give people their morning cup of Joe. You

write “let’s have a conversation about race” on it like Starbucks did to show you how “woke” and “down with the cause” the multi-billion dollar company is.

Target doesn’t give one flying shit about fat women. But they do care about the billions of dollars they have in their pockets. Thus why you see nothing but plus-size models in their advertisements.

And Nike is “totally down with the struggle” as it has hired Colin Kapernick to be its new spokesmodel for their Air Force 1 shoes. Showing minority young men they understand you. They’re with you….just as long as you spend the $155.99 to buy their shoes.

This disgusting level of corporate virtue signaling should not only annoy everybody, but it should downright piss off minorities for its blatant pandering. Taking issues, that are of no light matter, and issues you may care deeply about, and trivially capitalizing off of them for profit is an insult. And when you take a look at what corporations are really trying to do via their sanctimonious virtue signaling, it’s nothing but simple marketing. They don’t care about your cause. They care about the money you will spend if they say they’re down with your cause. Like your “Asian American Studies” professors, they will tell you whatever you want to hear, just as long as you give them your money.

Unfortunately, this marketing works. Women fork over all their money to become “strong, independent, empowered, bankrupt, women” in college. Snobby, elitist, upper income liberals pay $7 per cup of organic coffee so they can imagine they’re helping “the poor brown people” overseas and aren’t racist. Rich white dudes buy Teslas thinking they’re saving the environment and it will consequently get them laid. Obese people shop at Target thinking they’re promoting ~~diabetes~~ “body positivity.” And young minority men must have thought they were really sticking it to the man, because the Kapernick Air Force 1’s sold out in just one day…netting Nike aka “The Man” at least a cool $1 billion in sales. Imagine if all that money went to STEM degrees instead.

And then there is the psychological toll that obsessing about race takes.

Larry Gossett is an individual I like to highlight because so much can be learned from this man. He is black, a current city council member of Seattle, and former member of the Seattle chapter of the Black Panthers. And while he has a long and lengthy career in civil rights, he is most famous for claiming that spraying Seattle sidewalks free of human feces could be racist as it would remind elderly black people of when they were sprayed with firehoses in the 60’s and 70’s protests.

This man is 74 years old. He has at most another 10 years left in him. And his entire life has been nothing but obsessing and fretting about race. So much so he has lost all connection with reality and now sees race and racism in everything. And in having race infect and infest everything in his life, he has in fact ruined his life.

When he wakes up in the morning it is guaranteed he wonders if adding cream to his coffee doesn't have some racial undertones of white men mixing races with black women.

When talking about the physics of "black holes" he probably actually thinks there's an element of racism in the vernacular.

The word "niggardly" perhaps angers him greatly even though it has nothing to do with race.

And one truly wonders while his kids were opening Christmas gifts or he was having a romantic dinner with his wife if he let his obsession with race take away from those precious experiences with drifting thoughts of racism.

This isn't to say that you should tolerate genuine racism or true injustice. Nor is it to say you shouldn't work towards the ideal of a racism-free world. But in putting your race first and foremost in life, you will ruin your life in the process. All one has to do is look at your average Women's Studies professor or your committed Baby Boomer feminist. Do any of them look happy? Do you not see the anger in all of their faces? Do you not see how obsessing over their gender made their life not only miserable, but pointless? When Mr. Gossett dies he will have suffered the same fate. A life where he let "whitey" live rent free in his brain for 75 years. No matter how much your teachers and professors pressure you, do not put the trait of race at the core of your being. At least have the self-respect and wisdom to avoid the fate of Mr. Gossett.

We could go on with other examples, but the larger point is this - just like gender, there are corporate, political, and educational interests that want your money, your vote, and your tuition dollars. And they will gladly lie to you based on your race to get those things, even if it destroys your life. Big Education will gladly sell you $200,000 in debt for a master's degree in a field that has no value. Corporations will placate you and tell you whatever you want to hear about how oppressed you are and that they're so pro-diversity it hurts…as long as you spend the $29.95 on their "Diversity Awareness Special Edition Blender." And the democrat party has absolutely no problems enslaving entire races of Americans through victimhood politics, keeping them dead last in society, as long as you give them your vote in exchange for them to tell you "it's somebody else's fault."

Therefore, young people of any race need to ask the same two questions women needed to ask themselves. One philosophical, the other practical.

Philosophically, does your race have any intrinsic value? Does the color of your skin mean anything? Additionally, does your race determine your destination? Are you pigeonholed in life because of the color of your parents? Or would you like to be judged by the caliber of your character and your abilities? Would you like your actions, not your traits, to determine your success and destination in life?

And practically, where has pursuing race either as a value or a racket gotten people in the past? Unless you're a professional huckster like Jesse Jackson or a rich politician like Barack Obama, your rank and file minority individual cannot make a living at "race." You're much better off becoming an engineer, a doctor, or an accountant. And even if you were to have a modicum of success making a profession in "race," it's likely to consume you like Mr. Gossett, ruining your life in the process.

Life's too short to piss it away on obsessing about your plumbing or your melanin levels. It's too short to utter the words "as a Native-American female I just feel that…" Do not let your race, your gender, or any other trait limit your life. View yourself as an individual."

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How Not To Become a Millennial

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"The Only Thing They Have in Life is Their Politics"

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This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It focuses on how - absent careers, economic success, family, or genuine accomplishments in life - many Millennials only have their politics to give them point, purpose, and meaning. This phenomenon is then termed the "Millennial Political Religion" where things such as feminism, environmentalism, veganism, pacifism, and regular ole socialism become substitutes for traditional religion or other spiritual things that gave one purpose and agency in life.

The conclusion is not good because without anything else to live for in life, these Millennials (and other people who only have politics as a value in life) force their politics on the rest of society because (in short) to create something of value takes effort, sacrifice, toil and rigor, and it's much easier to lord, crusade and virtue signal your politics over society.

You can find the book, and much more interesting philosophical/political observations here.

"Politics is the Last Refuge of Scoundrels

With nothing left to live for, all one has left is their beliefs. And this is the interesting situation/paradox that at least a plurality of Millennials find themselves in today. It's interesting because in technicality the solution would be to return to school, but this time for an employable degree or trade. But one can completely forgive the Millennials for being a little reluctant to go to college *yet again.*

"Yes, we know the 13 YEARS of K-12 education we forced you to take didn't teach you any employable skills. And yes, we know that the additional 4 years of college we more-or-less forced you to take also taught you no skills AND put you into crippling levels of debt. BUT TRUST US THIS TIME! If you go back to school JUST ONE MORE TIME and get a degree in STEM, THEN you'll get everything we promised you since the Clinton Administration!"

So even though returning to school for a legitimate degree is the correct course of action, as far as the Millennials are/were concerned there was no hope. There was nothing left to do. All hope was lost. So all they had left was the political beliefs their teachers and professors told them to have.

Unfortunately, beliefs (especially political ones) have no value and serve no purpose. They don't put food on the table. They don't pay the bills. They don't prompt you to

return to school and study something worthwhile. And they make you powerless to solve your own problems because they take the responsibility to do so out of your hands and outsource it to a “god,” a “government,” an “ideology,” or just plain “luck.”

Worse, the particular political belief system Millennials were programmed with has an “auto-immune” type of virus in it that prevents them from acknowledging their past mistakes and salvaging what they can of their future. Core to this is victimhood politics which is prevalent throughout most left-flavored political ideologies. So if you’re a victim and everything is out of your control and you are completely helpless to stop it, then…

It’s not *your* fault you majored in “Translesbian Greek Sculpture Diversity Studies.”
It’s not *your* fault you spent $200,000 attending an overpriced liberal arts college.
It’s not *your* fault you didn’t learn to code or do well at math.
It’s not *your* fault you spent your student loans on an expensive flat.
it’s not *your* fault you had 4 illegitimate children.

It’s the (fill in the blank)_____.

a. White people’s fault
b. Male’s/patriarchy’s fault
c. My parents’ fault
d. The Corporation’s
e. CIS Gendered people’s fault
f. Republican’s fault
g. ~~Reagan~~, ~~Bush~~, ~~GW~~, Trump’s fault
h. Christian’s fault
i. Capitalist’s fault
j. The Jew’s fault
k. The Russians
l. Aliens
m. Roving Bands of Monkeys Named “Steve’s” fault
n. Whoever your professor and teachers told you it was fault

Criticisms of leftist politics aside, this is the real damage being caused by the victimhood/AIDS like aspect of Millennial politics. The Millennial political religion is programmed completely and entirely around protecting their ego, abdicating them of responsibility, and protecting their feelings, thus making them immune to any constructive criticism. This in turn prevents them from ever identifying their problems, solving them, turning their lives around, and actually attaining success and happiness in what remains of their life. Thus, while their Millennial politics are indeed sweet-tasting lies, these lies damn them to a life of failure, financial strife, and misery.

Insanity

About the only thing worse is the consequential mental pain Millennials suffer as the sweet tasting lies of their political religions never translate to success in the real world. In their minds and according to their religious ideology, it can't *possibly* be them. The problem cannot possibly lay with them. It has to be other people. And as the years pass by, with death rapidly approaching, they will become more and more desperate to achieve success as long as it does not violate their religion or place blame on them.

Some might double down and get Master's degrees in the same worthless field (as it wasn't the *type* of degree. It was that they didn't have *enough* education). Some will try MLM or other get-rich-quick schemes. Some will wander in the desert of part time, non-profit work, teaching English overseas, perhaps volunteering all in the hopes of *finally* landing that law firm job they went $300k into debt for. Some will join dog rescue shelters or some other form or agency substitution. And some will white-collar-panhandle as they set up "Go Fund Me" accounts to pursue whatever bogus charity-career they create. Long as they don't have to work, math, STEM, code, or toil. And certainly as long as they don't have to admit they were wrong.

None of this will work since it is not based in reality, and the process will repeat itself again. Just this time with less sand in the hour glass and increasingly desperate (and doomed-to-fail) options on the table. Alas, most Millennials will *die* thinking they were a victim, they were oppressed, and it was never in their power to do anything about it. Many will waste billions in calories of energy hating and seething against other groups of people, ideologies, or other scapegoats they erroneously hold accountable for their mistakes. In short they will lead angry, hate-filled, jealous, unsuccessful, and ultimately confused lives. Again, I cannot think of a more tortured, miserable life.

A Generation of Ugly People

But we are not done yet tallying the pain your average Millennial has suffered or will suffer in the future. Because while the Millennial political religion has handicapped them in their professional life, like all religions it influences everything in their lives. And by "influences" I mean "completely ruins." And by "everything," I do mean "*everything*."

Take for example physical beauty.

Today beauty is verboten by modern Millennial politics. Beauty is a social construct. It really doesn't exist. Matter of fact, "big is beautiful," "everyone is beautiful," and "beauty is on the inside." And if you disagree, or dare to hold onto those outdated traditional beauty standards, then you're a sexist, a bigot, and you should be fired from your job. Alas, your average Millennial today gets to look at a never-ending line of morbidly obese women, Soy Boys, effeminate men, boorish women, man buns, and nose-pierced diabetes

candidates. They get to look at women wearing baggy cargo pants and men with incredibly dainty and well-manicured fingers. Women who belch and can't wait to prove how masculine they are. And men who spend more time coiffing their hair than at the gym. The sexes are an affront to the human eye that neither inspires a man to break out in song nor a woman to blush. But it does induce all of us to vomit.

Now consider the long term costs and consequences of living in a physically ugly generation. Why bother? Why get out of bed in the morning? Arguably the most important and fun thing in life is ruined! Men have no incentive to hit the gym, work hard, or become a provider because why would you want to have sex with a loud, tatted-up, obese, masculine woman? And women have no reason to stay thin, eat right, dress feminine, or be sweet because why would you want to attract some neck-bearded NEET who's living at home with his parents? Beauty is the fuel that powers the human race as it invokes sex which inevitably prompts family formation. But without it Millennials have decayed into an amorphous, androgynous, obese, nose-pierced, tattoo-laden, physically-uninspiring generation. Thanks to their political religion, the one thing that inspired humanity in the past to sing, dance, create, innovate, build, love, and bring forth everything that was ultimately good in life has now been degraded to "meh." And Millennials get to sleep in this boring, tapioca bed.

Politics > Love

Also along the lines of beauty – dating, or more specifically, love. Having a physically ugly dating pool is doing nobody in the Millennial generation any favors. But do you have to make it overly-complicated with politics too?

Apparently so, because that's what the Millennial political ideology demands of its followers.
Just like being "Lutheran" or "Catholic," "Muslim" or "Jewish" was a vital pre-requisite to dating in the past, having the correct politics is just as vital (and stupid) today. Most Millennial women will simply not date anybody who is not a leftist. If you are not a feminist, if you liked Ronald Reagan, if you don't believe in X, or you're foolish enough to believe in Y, well, then you are a close-minded bigot, a sexist, a misogynist, and no woman will want to have anything to do with you.

But there is a drawback. This forces everybody to date based on politics and not whether you actually like the damn person. It puts your politics ahead of the individual. When in reality it is actually possible to meet somebody who does not share your politics and….(GASP) *they're still perfectly fine to date!* This irrationality shows just how fervent Millennials are about their political religion. How little else matters to them. How little else they have in life when politics is *the only* thing that matters even if there's a person they're viscerally, sexually, and chemically attracted to standing right in front of them. It's more indicative of a cult than it is any kind of noble, intelligent ideology. And sadly,

this means millions of genuinely happy love lives that could have been never were because some rat bastards dared vote Romney in 2008.

They're Even Coming for Our Fun

And finally fun. Specifically, 1980's movies.

You Millennials may not believe this, but there was a time in American history where movies were made to be…entertaining. I know this may shock you as now nearly all forms of movies and entertainment *have to be* political. But there was a time, way back in the olden days that movies were just made to be fun.

Back to the Future
Die Hard
Ghost Busters
Top Gun
The Goonies
The Princess Bride
Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
Midnight Run
Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Caddy Shack
Raiders of the Lost Ark
The Blues Brothers
Weekend at Bernies
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

All of them, and more, were originally made to *entertain* the audience and make them happy. They weren't there to lecture. They weren't there to sermonize. People already had a hard enough week at work that they didn't need to be proselytized about "the wage gap" or "racism." The real world sucked enough that people made havens where they could escape to, and the movies were one of them.

Not anymore. Not, at least, according to the dictates of the new Millennial religion. Because now *everything*

every movie
every show
every online streaming special
every comic book
every cartoon
every book
every song

every painting
every sculpture

absolutely *everything* has to have politics in it because, once again, that's all the Millennials have. That's all they have to celebrate. That's all they have to cherish.

So now the lead role must be a feminist. The supporting actor better be a Latino, not an actual good actor. We better change the sex/race of the love interest because we don't have enough of that sex/race combination. Are there enough gay/lesbian characters even if the plot doesn't call for it? And let's make sure to throw in a moral or political sermon that the audience never asked for. Alas, even Millennials' recreation and entertainment, *their actual fun in life* has been ruined with their politics.

Leave No Stone Unturned

We can go on. There is no rock unturned in the life of a Millennial that is not influenced, tainted, and ultimately ruined by politics:

When you go shopping you have Target using obese models to promote obesity.
When you want a razor you have Gillette reminding you masculinity is toxic.
When you want a cup of coffee you have Starbucks "wanting to have a conversation about race."
You can't let your kid eat McDonald's because you're vegan and your political religion is more important than your child's childhood.
You can't just major in Engineering. You need to take all these BS diversity classes.
You can't go to work without being forced to take "sensitivity" training.
You can't be a stay at home parent because your career is the most important thing in life.
You can't just be depressed or have a bad day, you have a mental illness and need drugs.
You can't ask out a girl to a war flick because she might be a pacifist.
You can't have Speedy Gonzales because it might offend some Latino.
You can't just be a boring ole straight person, choose from one of these popular 48 genders.
Matter of fact, you can't be yourself at all without first viewing yourself through the lens of race, gender, and sex as commanded by your religion.
You can't even have passionate, rip-your-clothes-off sex without signing a god damn consent form.

Everything in Millennials' lives,

ABSOLUTELY E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G,

has been ruined by the politics they were programmed to have.

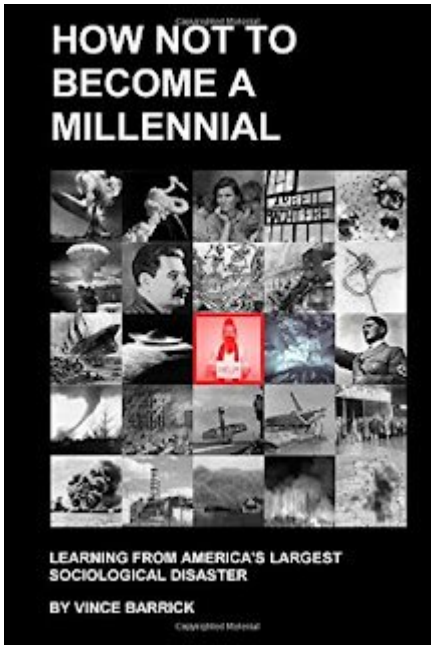
Therefore, put yourself in the mind of a Millennial one last time. With your past wasted, your future destroyed, and no fun allowed, the only thing you're allowed to have is whatever good things exist in the present. Unfortunately, the whole point of Millennial's political religion is - in a very "Harrison Bergeron" like way - to lower standards so low that nobody feels bad about themselves, nor sees themselves for the failures they are. Consequently, also in a very Harrison Bergeron like way, this means Millennials can't enjoy anything good, beautiful, or excellent in their lives.

No success, no achievement, no accomplishment, no victory.
No hot spouse, no beautiful children, no successful career, no financial success, nothing superior to what others might have.
No happiness, no serenity, no peace, no calm.
Nothing beautiful, fun, enjoyable, or even forbidden.

Anything and everything is *at minimum* lessened, if not outright dictated, directed, measured, allowed, and judged by their cultish Orwellian political religion. And with this political religion at the core of Millennials' beliefs, they are doomed to a life of failure, pain, misery, confusion, taxes, debt, slavery, frustration, and worst of all, mediocrity. All with salt added to this wound in the form of madness as they waste their lives failing to figure out why their lives suck so much.

You may find what the Nazis did to their human experiments evil and horrific, and you absolutely should. But at least they had the good graces to inevitably kill most of their test subjects, ending their misery. The same cannot be said for the social scientists who seemingly were perfectly fine with torturing an entire generation forever just to advance some pet theories.

Do not mock the Millennials. Pity them.



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The Post-Boomer Future of Investing

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The following article talks about investing. There are no guarantees in investing. If you follow this advice you will likely lose everything you have in life including your wife and your dog. Consult a licensed investment professional before making any investment decision.

A good buddy of mine, Matt Baldoni, was telling me about his investment strategy. Given the $2 trillion CARES act and latest round of money printing, he was convinced to reallocate his investment portfolio into precious metals and precious metals mining companies. He believed the new $2 trillion in printed money (and lord knows how much when you consider the M2 money supply and other MS derivations) would lead to inflation and wanted to invest in vehicles that traditionally were hedges against inflation.

I didn't disagree with him. I too have a position in precious metals (as well as crypto-currency) as a hedge against inflation, even economic collapse. But I advised him to reconsider investing in the stock market if he really wanted to hedge against inflation because - bar a true economic collapse - the stock market is a natural hedge against inflation and has some other interesting traits that going forward in the post-boomer economy will make it a mandatory part of any post-boomer's retirement planning.

The most obvious reason is that the stock market (at least as we speak) is off 30% from it's peak. This right now doesn't guarantee future positive returns, but it is much cheaper than it was before and likely (though not guaranteed) will prove to be another "dip" people in the future will lament they didn't take advantage off. I know people like my friend see the Fed further diluting their currency and have a natural impulse to purchase precious metals, but this is like "Burger Mondays" at your local happy house where a luxury gourmet $13 burger is going for $9. On price alone, you might want to consider throwing a couple bucks into the stock market.

But this logical reason to invest in the stock market is one of simple price, not necessarily an argument of using it as a hedge against inflation. And here we need to understand a

couple things about inflation and the nature of the stock market to see why the future of investing has changed and has huge ramifications to future generation's retirement planning.

First, what is inflation?

Most people look at the price of a gallon of milk at the grocery store or price of clothes at Wal-Mart. They see cheap consumer goods and they think inflation is under control. And the government's official inflation measure - the Consumer Price Index - bears this out. Inflation has been in control (more or less) since the 1980s and we Americans have not suffered any bouts of major inflation or hyperinflation.

But this measure of inflation is folly because it fails to consider one key and important thing - the average person's personal budget.

It's very nice that the CPI includes 80,000 items in a "basket of goods" that keeps a pulse on prices in the economy. But these are individual items, many of which people don't buy and when you consider them in the personal budget, do not account for people's largest expenses. And the largest expenses in your average person's budget are usually:

Rent/mortgage (housing)
Health care
Tuition (if going to college or had gone to college)
Transportation (cars)

And if you're smart enough to be planning for retirement

Investments (in the form of stock prices)

The price of these things have skyrocketed and have consequently wreaked utter havoc on people's standards of living (just ask any Millennial about what they pay in rent). And since they account for the lion's share of any person's budget, we as Americans already are and have suffered great bouts of inflation. It's just instead of the price of a flat panel TV or a gallon of milk, it's in our car payments, health premiums, tuition bill, and rent payments that have gone up.

The question is why did the price of those things go up and not a flat panel TV or a gallon of milk. And while cheap foreign labor and a dreadfully boring discussion about "the velocity of money" addresses some of that, it's more our banking system that has caused those large and important budget items to increase more than what the CPI typically covers.

Take for example the stock market. This is not to bring politics into the discussion, but in

an attempt to fight off The Great Recession President Obama quadrupled the money supply. We are not going to Monday morning quarterback his decision, but the fact remains he did. And while The Great Recession was indeed a horrific recession, we inevitably got out of it, things returned to normal, some would say even great as unemployment dropped below 4% under Trump's successive administration. But what also happened is the stock market also quadrupled and housing prices tripled (depending on which areas you want to measure), which behooves the question:

Did the value of American houses really increase threefold in a decade's time?
Did the productive economic capacity of the US economy (as measured by the value of the stock market) really go up 4 times that amount in a decade???

The answer is of course not. Economic growth didn't quadruple. We as a people did not become 3-4 times more productive. But we did print off 4 times more money. And over time, that money found its way into the stock market and housing prices.

The catalyst by which this was done was our banking system.

President Obama quadrupled the money supply. Trump I think has doubled it since. And no matter who got this newly minted money - be it a welfare sponge single mom, a defense contractor, or a simple federal employee - it always ends up in the bank (often times direct deposit). Banks make their money by lending out depositor's money, and they usually lend it out on items people can't afford to pay cash for. And surprise surprise, it's those same 5 major items that have gone up in price on the average person's budget:

Housing (mortgages)
Cars (auto loans)
Tuition (student loans)
Health care (usually this is afforded through credit card spending to provide the funds for health expenses)

and

The stock market (as US companies have borrowed trillions to repurchase their shares).

Again, the value of your home didn't go up 400%
The value of your health care coverage didn't go up 400%
The quality of cars didn't increase 300%.
American companies didn't increase their future profits 4 fold.
And the value of a college degree ***CERTAINLY HAS NOT INCREASED 400%.***

But our money supply sure has and so the price of these things increased

correspondingly.

This presents all Americans a paradox about investing. Since every politician since Nixon has increased the national debt (bar Bill Clinton) and more recently we've decided to print off trillions of dollars to finance it, it is no longer the true, underlying economic value of a house, a degree, rent, or a share of stock that drives asset prices today as much as it is how much money we're going to print. And whereas traditionally investors would look at a company's balance sheet, a rental property's Schedule E or the starting salary of a college degree to assess whether they were worthwhile investments, these traditional metrics are almost moot. Worse, it's not like you have a choice to "invest" in these things. You need a place to live and are thus either compelled to buy a house or rent. YOu need transportation and are going to be forced forever to have a car as a major expense on your personal budget. You need to garner some kind of skill, no matter what the local university will rape you for in the price of tuition. You need to put your money SOMEWHERE if it's going to have a shot at compounding exponentially to retire before you're 70, even if the profits the underlying investment pay is paltry. And so what printing off money to pay for deficit spending has done to retirement is make Americans, much like Germans did in the Weimar republic, buy assets regardless of their underlying and fundamental value as merely a place for their money NOT to lose purchasing power. And we're talking purchasing power in terms of living expenses, rent, transportation, education, health insurance, etc. Not minor and petty things like the cost of a flat panel TV or a gallon of milk.

And thus why my friend Matt Baldoni should consider at least diversifying some of his investments into the stock market.

Because unlike college tuition, health insurance, and transportation, the stock market (and one could argue housing) has an advantage over all those other things - it's the productive assets of the United States, and thus holds the future productive value of the US economy.

Most college degrees today are worthless and pay no divdends and offer no profits into the future.
Cars are a depreciating asset that most vain Americans pay top dollar for to drive while it's "new" while further crippling their personal finances.
And health insurance (though quite necessary) is to get you back to square one, not an investment that allows you to retire in a Floridian condo.

But the stock market is merely owning a share of the factories, buildings, technologies, machines, and networks that produces and is going to produce all our future economy value. And not only a share in the future productive value of the economy, but one that is naturally hedged against inflation because a widget today will be sold at inflation-adjusted prices as a widget tomorrow, thus given stocks an inherent hedge against

inflation.

This obviously doesn't mean the stock market can't collapse, corporations won't go bankrupt, or that bubbles won't occur in the future. But it does mean that companies (or at least those you can invest in the stock market) and their underlying productive assets do at least hold future value in the fact they produce things of value (unlike say a liberal arts college) and those things are inherently hedge against inflation. And while the stock market will continue to have its ups and downs, if we triple the money supply, over the long-haul you can likely expect over time a tripling of the stock market. Not because the stock market is a good investment. It's not. It's just ***proven in the past to be a good long term hedge*** against inflation.

There is no guarantee with investing in the stock market or any market for that matter. And we could all lose all of our money tomorrow for unforeseen circumstances. But with the government printing off money to paper over all our self-inflicted problems, that money has to go somewhere. And since it isn't showing up in the CPI, but instead in our rents, 401k's, tuition bills, and health bills, perhaps you may want to consider diversifying some of your portfolio into stocks that both provide these things to our economy and have a natural hedge built into them against inflation.

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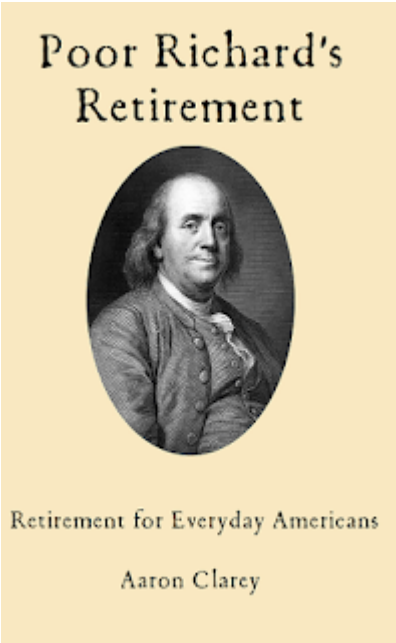

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The Coronavirus Economic Revolution: The Incredible Upside Potential of COVID 19

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I originally intended this piece to be a short book/essay that I would publish on Amazon. Then I was reminded about humanity, the average intelligence your average human has, and just how few people are capable of independent thought and realized none of what is mentioned below will come to fruition or even be heeded. When this Coronavirus scare is all said and done, the vast majority of you will go back to your cubicles, line up at the metered ramps, sign up for $150,000 in student loans for worthless degrees, and rejoice that you can outsource the raising of your children to the public schools. We as a society will have learned nothing and will plug ourselves right back into The Matrix, complaining about the same ole problems we were before until we are all dead.

Thus, instead of a detailed analysis of the great and nearly unlimited economic potential, hand-holding society to reach this new and revolutionized economy, I decided to write an abbreviated post here about what the Coronavirus has exposed in our economy and society and how we can capitalize on it. It will be a much abbreviated version with the pure intention of posterity because, once again, Americans are just too damn stupid and too damn lazy to do anything about it.

Free Education

I do not know if you want to pin point it on a certain date in a certain year, but some time in the late 90's we as a society had made education free. Rather, I should say, made it so that education ***could be free***, and we achieved that by creating the internet.

Once bandwidth was adequate enough to download books via PDF and lectures via MP3's (and later video), the ability to convey information (ie - education) at a near zero cost was not only feasible, but a reality. No longer would we have to waste $1 trillion a year on buildings, parking ramps, sports facilities, desks, computer labs, and the entire

infrastructure that went into our education industry, we could also eliminate 99% of teachers, admins, professors, adjuncts, and all labor from the education industry as well. Furthermore, only a handful of the best and most elite teachers would teach in their respective subjects as why settle for the mediocre masses of millions of education majors being produced each year when one outstanding man/woman could teach millions of students in return over a youtube channel or podcast.

This would solve a bevy of problems and an immediate crisis facing society now as this would make education free. The student loan crisis would not exist and the Millennial generation would not be panhandling for a $1.5 trillion student loan bailout. Future generations would not be faced with taking on that same criminal level of debt as the generation before them. The taxpayer would not be facing a huge financial liability of bailing out millions of worthless and sanctimonious liberal arts majors. And ALL generations would be immeasurably better off financially without the albatross of student loan debt around their necks.

The only real reasons we kept the outdated business model of brick and mortar schools is in part tradition, in part not knowing any better, but the real reasons are two. One, teachers, professors and the army of bloated managerial fat in the form of college administrators would lose their fiefdoms and have to get real jobs. And two, American brats are raised NOT to want an education, but to want the "college experience." It is your average spoiled brat American's birthright to go to a physical "college" for 4 years, imagine they're intellectuals or future leaders, smoke pot and get drunk, and have the taxpayer guarantee that "experience."

As it pertains to K-12 education similar and parallel egotistical incentives kept the same revolution from eliminating the now-outdated public school system. Teachers and the teachers union would lose their jobs and once again be forced into forced into the real world economy that doesn't give a damn about their "education degree." Parents would have to not only spend time with their children, but invest in their education, and (GASP) feed them. And let's be further honest and point out that most parents today in the US do not have children because they love their children. They had children because they wanted to "have children." Not actually raise them. And thus the real reason parents pay these now-unnecessary property taxes is to outsource their children to what is nothing more than a monstrous K-12 baby-sitting operation.

Coronavirus has exposed all this. Now, in forcing people to learn online we can all plainly see that every teacher from the kindergarten teacher to the last professor you have in your doctoral program is completely unnecessary, overpriced, and obsolete. But "The Great and Merciful Coronachan" has also exposed our ulterior motives in society.

We don't love our children enough to raise them.
We don't care about our education as much as we egotistically care about having the

taxpayer guarantee a 4 year party.
Our teachers/professors don't care about their students as much as they do a check for part time work.
And we will all gladly continue to pay roughly $1 trillion a year to keep this facade up.

Commuting

Like education, we do not know the precise date or year that the internet achieved adequate bandwidth to allow nearly all white collar workers to work from home. But we do know that it was about 20 years ago and thus, for the past 20 years, American bosses and managers have been unnecessarily forcing HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS of us to commute everyday to work.

The incalculable toll this has taken on Americans is impossible to measure. TRILLIONS of human hours lost stuck in traffic and stuck at metered ramps. TRILLIONS in lost GDP as people would be allowed to get their work done faster, without the harangument of micro-managing bosses. TRILLIONS in additional corporate profits that could have been meted out to shareholders as corporations would not be paying anywhere near the office rent expense they do today. And the millions of strokes, heart attacks, and divorces that would have been prevented should you just allow those who could to work from home and spend time with their families, instead of in bumper to bumper traffic.

Though an accomplished author, I cannot find the words to fully encapsulate and describe my intense, eternal, and violent hatred for the baby boomers. And the fact their managerial classes unnecessarily forced two generations of people to commute, destorying their lives in the process, is one of the main reasons for this hatred. We could have ushered in a new and revolutionized economy that would have DRASTICALLY improved standards of living both mentally, economically, and socially had employers simply eliminated commuting when the internet allowed it to. Instead, their petty, egomaniacal, and controlling natures forced millions of veritable slaves into hours-long commutes everyday because they simply wanted to see people suffer AND they were so stupid they couldn't understand "well if I can't see you, how do I know you're working?"

The Great and Merciful Coronachan has exposed these close-minded control freaks for the egomaniacs they are. We all now know that we never had to commute in the first place. We all now know that these baby boomer bosses prevented us from seeing our families grow up and have shaved decades off our life expectancies with unnecessary commutes. It is my great and eternal hope that Gen Z, Millennials, and (their now) Gen X bosses realize just what an opportunity we have to TREMENDOUSLY improve the quality of our lives by banishing commutes from our lives forever. But I fear in another month we'll all be lined up at the metered ramp in one month, wondering if that "trafficless month" was real or just a dream.

Affordable Housing

Another major economic revolution that could occur within a year would be the converting of now-unsed office space into residential buildings. Without people commuting to offices they don't have to be at, hundreds of thousands of acres of office space could be converted into housing, drastically lowering housing costs.

Not only would this help the beleaguered millennials and Gen Z'ers facing egregious rental costs, it would revitalize many downtown areas as their skyscrapers would make for some prime residential real-estate. People would no longer merely commute to downtown, but live there, ushering in a whole new era of populated, live, vibrant city centers. City council members would no longer have to panhandle for federal grants to put a park or some crappy municipal "museum" in their city centers, hoping that revitalizes their downtowns. They wouldn't be able to keep up with demand for bars, restaurants, cafes, clubs, and all the other ancillary businesses that comes with having a massive downtown bedroom community.

Overnight, we could drastically improve the personal budgets of nearly every American by drastically lowering the single largest item on their person budget - lodging. And the Coronavirus has shown us that is possible today, right now, if we wish to eliminate commutes and repurpose our commercial office space. Sadly, once again, that may just be too revolutionary for the small, petty minds that our (also obsolete) K-college education industry instilled in American society today.

Government Finances

Though I've mentioned it before and this opportunity may already be gone, there is an opportunity for the US government to drastically improve its finances. The short version is this - as we are in a global emergency, the only real economy in this world under one currency is the US and its dollar. And during times of crisis, there is a flight to safety. This has not only driven demand up for the US dollar, but our main competitor to a rival global reserve currency - China/Yuan - is the cause and epicenter of this crisis.

With the dollar so strong and the US economy being the last man standing, it would make sense today to print off as much money as we need to not only bail out student loans (if you wanted to) and address the economic problems of Covid 19, but to also invest in the now-depressed stock prices of the world. The reason we'd do this is because the productive assets of the world's corporations are really the only thing that has value. They will continue to produce ALL economic production in the future global economy and they are on sale by about 30% off as we speak. Once the trillions of newly minted US dollars reinflate the various markets, or investors just realize corporate assets are the only thing that is going to produce all future profits in the world, money will re-enter the stock markets at which time the government could liquidate it's positions in the world

stock markets for a hefty profit, and retire potentially trillions in its national debt.

There is really nothing shameful being exposed here, say like parents outsourcing their children to teachers and teachers not really caring about their students, but this is a rare economic opportunity for the US government to capitalize on its rare-and-now-even-stronger world reserve currency position coinciding with a significant drop in asset prices. President Trump and the American taxpayer (should they capitalize on it) have the Coronavirus to thank for that.

Will Americans Pick Up the Platinum Bar in Front of Them?

These four things:

Eliminating commutes
Free education
Drastically lower housing costs
Potentially much lower national debt

would usher in a truly new, revolutionized, and drastically improved society. It would be on par with the agricultural and industrial revolutions in terms of how much it would advance society and it would make nearly all our economic problems go away. But I'm afraid Americans (and the world over) are so close-minded, so vested in their obsoleted ways and industries, that we will ignore the opportunities Coronavirus has presented to us. We will insist on having kids, not raising them as we outsource them to state-run schools. Teachers/professors will never give up their jobs because most teachers are lazy people who never wanted to work hard in the first place. Students/young people will never give up the on campus "college experience" for an online degree they could complete by 14 for $0, because we've brainwashed them to think that is all they have in life. And even though the baby boomers shall pass, there is unfortunately too many myopic Gen X managerial control freaks who sadistically enjoy making people suffer through unnecessary commutes.

I have the utmost of faith that we will learn nothing from Coronavirus and with that my dream of a Post-Coronavirus world will remain precisely that - a dream.

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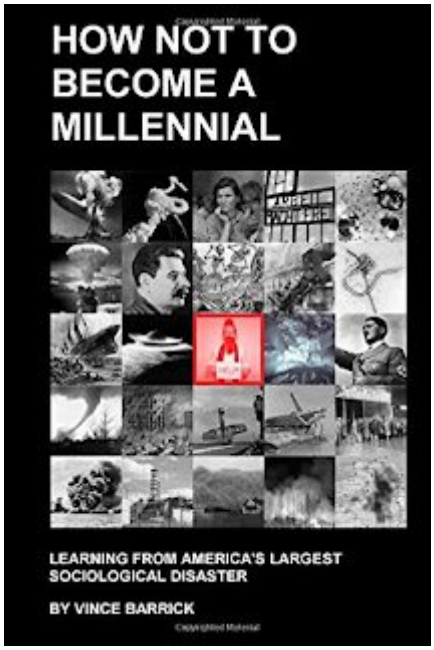

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How Censorship (and Stupidity) Will Destory the Future Economy

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I was waiting patiently for the idiot at Wyoming Subway to fix my sandwich right. By this time I had lived in Wyoming long enough to know the people are slower, dumber, and less competent than the average American, and though a gun-lovin', no income tax, libertarian state, the people were so stupid I developed an intense hatred for them, nearly on par with my hatred for communists. Still, at the mercy of the "Sandwhich Artist" to get my sandwich right, I sat there patiently, correcting him on my order three times.

I had noticed I had to correct Wyomingians about three times to get things right once. My dentist rescheduled my appointment three times. I had to call the landlord three times to get the water heater fixed. I had to call suppliers, clients, and co-workers at my job three times before getting the information I needed. And if it only took you twice to get what you needed from a Wyomingian that person likely graduated valedictorian from their local high school. This is what I would term "The Wyoming 3" as it would take you three times to get anything done.

The incredibly damaging problem with "The Wyomining 3" is that it takes three times the resources and labor to get one task done no matter how grandiose or small. And when leveraged across the state as a whole, you realize people are wasting three times the amount of time, money, and labor, that could (in theory) go to boost economic production (and the wealth of Wyomingians) by three fold. Admittedly, this was not some key to economic success. All people all across the world need to ask the same question for clarification. All people all across the world are going to goof up from time to time. But what I was seeing was arguably the main difference between a first and second world economy/country - dumb people making dumb mistakes repeatedly, thus taking twice/thrice the amount of time and economic resources to get the same amount of economic production at every level of human interaction (you know, like majoring in the liberal arts, only to have to spend the time and money to major in something worthwhile the second time).

It's been nearly 10 years since I lived in Wyoming, but unfortunately over those 10 years I have seen the "Wyoming 3" phenomenon spread to the regular population. Wives ask their husbands a variant of a question three times, hoping to get the answer they want, when the answer remains the same. Students are going back to college for master's degrees, worthless second bachelor degrees, or participating in some kind of "essential oils" MLM scheme to make a living (instead of learning to code). Yes, now nearly everybody has to give the Sandwich Artist their order three times whether you're in

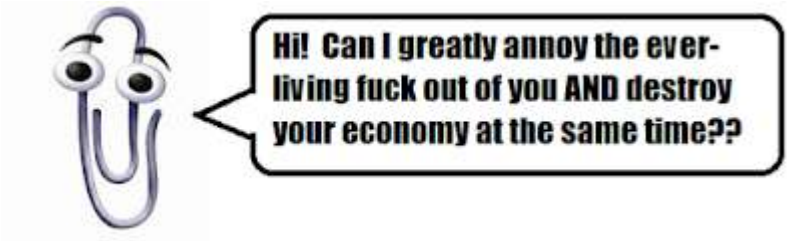
Casper or Chattanooga. And people are looking at their cell phones at red lights, failing to notice when the light turns green, delaying the rest of us at three times the rate. And so, slowly, but surely our economic growth slows down, our entire economy slows down, and we descend from a first world nation to a high-level second world nation.

But the costs of the "Wyoming 3" does not stop there. Matter of fact, it has spread to what is the largest-fastest growing sector of our economy - technology. Specifically, social media and big tech platforms. And as the "Wyoming 3" infects "big tech" it severely limits our future potential economic growth. And the way it does this is in two innocuous but incredibly damaging ways

1 - Clicking the mouse, and
2 - Censorship

Joke as I might, there is more than a seed of truth to the statement that "all we're going to do in the future is log in and click mice." As the economy has become more automated and focused on social media/digital entertainment and higher and higher percentage of our time is merely spend logging in and clicking mice. Yes, there will still be trades. And yes, there will always be the wait/service industry. But if you are a white collar person an increasing percent of your labor will really boil down to logging into various accounts and clicking mice.

But what has happened because of stupidity is the number of accounts you need online to work or conduct life, the number of "usernames and passcodes" you need to remember, and the number of times you need to "log in" has increased exponentially lessening the amount of work you actually can get done. Worse, when you throw in the infernal and incessant number of times you need to unnecessarily click on items to get to where you need to go, today's productivity has tanked and future productivity will be further restrained. These "unnecessary items" can be anything from pop up windows, to clicking on "yes I accept your fucking cookies," to every damn company posting an unnecessary "We're here for you during COVID 19," to "no, I don't want to take your fucking survey." They may seem small and innocuous at the time, but overtime they add up to a significant economic loss, because some stupid person infected with "The Wyoming 3" needed to let you know what they're doing to help fight off COVID 19 or was trying to fix something that was not broken.



The second, though no-less damaging way "The Wyoming 3" limits future economic

growth is through censorship.

Without boring you with a long and sordid economic explanation, as we automate more and more things in the economy, a bifurcation of the labor force will occur. You will have people who maintain the automated economy (programmers, engineers, mechanics) and essentially a service industry class that provides human services to the population that robots can't (wait staff, manicurists, hair dressers, therapists, surgeons etc.). But among this service economy, the largest segment of it will inevitably be entertainers. Entertainers employed through social media. This only makes sense as with cars, food, housing, and computers being made by AI/robots, there will be less demand for skilled manual labor, but with all this extra free time people will both produce and consume increasing amounts of social media, finding both employment and entertainment in social media (which has already happened).

Though it might be a stretch in many people's mind that social media and online entertainment will be a large and growing sector of the future economy, I predict it will. And thus anything to limit that production will cut into future potential GDP growth. Things like...oh...I don't know...incessantly having to click on "Yes, I accept your fucking cookies" and maybe.....***censorship?*** And as big tech limits who and what can create what on their platforms, we are going to seriously limit the future economic potential of the world.

Allow me to tell you a story.

I run a fun little podcast called "Good Morning Coronachan" in addition to other podcasts I produce. It received a significant and loyal following that I decided I would start offering merchandise with the logo on it (coffee mugs, t-shirts, etc.). I then went to RedBubble (which I STRONGLY advise you don't) as they were highly rated as one of the best "print on demand" merch sites. I set up an account, *logged in with my username and password*, uploaded a logo, and hit publish. Everything seemed to be going fine. I even had a couple of sales within the first 24 hours.

That was until RedBubble decided my image violated the TOS and took it down.

This was confusing to me because the image was neither pornographic nor rated R. It was not political or controversial. I even marked it as "mature" since it was a pinup girl in a risque outfit. But like any other image, photo, video or podcast taken down by "big tech" there was no reason it was taken down other than some Karen, some censor, some prick didn't like it and decided to take it down. And thus something that was already generating economic production *in a mere 24 hours of it being produced*, was ended because Barren Karen in the Censor Department at RedBubble was infected by "The Wyoming 3."

Though a single anecdote, when you multiply this by the hundreds of millions of people that live in the US and the thousands of decisions they make every day, each Karen at Redbubble taking down an image, each censor at YouTube taking down a video, each Sandwich Artist in Wyoming throws a couple grains of sand into the economic engine of the US. And though no single individual censor brings the social media sector of the US economy to a screeching halt, a million cuts by a million Karens can kill this sector of the economy in due time. And thus the hour and a half I put into setting up a simple merch account that was wasted, will be wasted 10 million-fold as millions of future micro-entrepreneurs try to do the same.

When you combine these three things:

The Wyoming 3
The Eternal and Forever Unnecessary Clicking of the Mice
and
Big Tech Censorship

you make future economic growth practically impossible.

The general population is already too slow and too stupid to get things reliably done, the right way, on time. To get what things you can get done and produce an modicum of economic growth is further and forever hampered by companies and websites requiring you unnecessarily click on "*logging out...are you sure you want to log out??? Are you really really really sure you want to log out?????*" And should you be part of the growing social media sector of the economy, the literal army of censors, headed up by the Barren Karens of the world, are going to arbitrarily nix your creative contributions denying you employment, your audience entertainment, and the economy GDP.

It is already tough enough to support oneself in this world given the unnecessary hurdles society lays in front of us. And there's nothing that can be done about the incredible stupidity of your average American. But Big Tech can do the future economy of the world a huge favor by getting The Stick of Nazi-Censorship out of its ass and allowing people to be free to express themselves however they want. But something tells me the Barren Karens of the world need something to do with their Political Science degree, and that

trumps the free choice and entertainment of the American public.

Oh well, Enjoy the Decline!

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"Mothers Day 2035"

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Speaking Womanese

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So Donovan Sharpe is offering an online class on translating what women say into English. The majority of my readers/listeners are veterans and experienced enough the course would not offering anything new to you, but IF YOU ARE A YOUNG MAN AND DO NOT HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE DATING WOMEN it's worth the $597 price tag to learn this shit EARLY on.

I sampled the course and it isn't long, plus it's all video and pretty simple. And it's not a ton of information. But it is clear, short, and concise and is information you need. I would not take this course if you have a modicum of experience dating women and know that women lie/spin the truth to their advantage in nearly every situation when it comes to dating. But I would have GLADLY paid the $600 when I was 18 to know this as it would have prevented a ton of pain and frustration in the past.

Again, not for everybody, but if you're a noob and don't have that much experience with women, you should consider taking the course.

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May You Young Ladies All End Up Like E Jean

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You too can become this successful right before your life is over.

Women Love Food More Than Men

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I won't go into a long and detailed post here, but just tossing this one onto the heap of empirical data for you to judge for yourself further.

Short version:

By the fact women (and men) are getting fatter, they are making the implicit statement that they love food more than each other.

I did a consultation for a client and posted it on twitter because it was germane and beneficial for men to know that most women, do indeed love food more than men.

But if you go through the comments section you will notice a peculiar response when women are both offended AND agreeing with that statement.

Admittedly, most of the responses are from fat acceptance and non-binary type activists. So there is a bias of extremists there, but it does provide more evidence, even confirmation in some places that some women do indeed like food - a thing - more than they like you (yet are somehow horrifically offended when you point out this truth).

Keep this in mind when you're out dating, courting, or contemplating marriage. And if you don't want to be a hypocrite yourself, stay in shape.

We Either Go Back to Work Or Die

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A good article by Larry.

"*But don't worry, if millions of poor people starve in the third world now, the same smug fucks who've been yelling at us to shut down everything for the last couple of months will take zero blame for that. I'm willing to bet that when/if this happens, they'll still be out there, signalling their virtue from their comfy homes, because They Care So Hard.*"

Why Liberal Arts Majors Fail in Life

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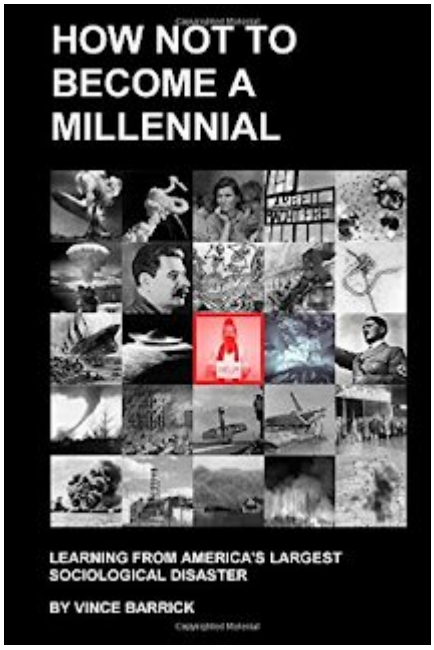
*This is an except from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It discusses how there is no "**easy way**," just the "**hard way**" and "**the REALLY hard way**" (the latter of which disguises itself as "the easy way.")*

The price lazy people pay for choosing "the easy" way in life costs them nothing short of their lives. Chasing stupid degrees. Getting fat and believing they'll find love. Never hitting the gym and thinking they'll find "da gurlz." All 78 years of your average American's life expectancy is wasted hoping sitting on their ass will result in life success. But it does not. And this excerpt not only shows this through the story of two people, but hopefully prompts the reader (and anybody you share it with) to stop squandering their lives choosing the path of laziness.



"Allow me to tell you the tale of two people.

The first is about my Vietnamese buddy. He went to school for Electrical Engineering. Graduated with honors. And then proceeded to make gobs of money after college. Even during the financial crisis of 2008 he held onto his job, and though he didn't receive any raises during that time, he did manage to buy a very nice house for ½ of what it was originally listed for two years earlier…for cash. Upon the economic recovery, his career continued to soar where he inevitably made the jump to management, making over $200,000 a year. He could retire today if he wanted to. The man is 43.

The other person is not my Vietnamese buddy. She is a weathered, middle-aged woman.

She had two kids out of wedlock. She followed her dream of working with children and got her degree in Early Childhood Education. And though she did have a modicum of success in this career, she did not survive the recession so well, getting laid off due to budget cuts. She also unfortunately bought her dilapidated home at the peak of the bubble, inevitably having it fall into foreclosure. And during that time to make ends meet she tried to raise chickens, MLM schemes, inevitably having to work retail just to put food on the table. And this was just for one person as both her daughters had moved out of the home long ago. Today she is insolvent, perpetually angry, blames everything on men, naturally wants a bailout, and will have to work until she is dead. But not once did she ever think about learning to code, getting a degree in accounting, picking up a trade, or simply working hard. Her 58 year old life has been one of constantly seeking the easy way out.

These two stories have two drastically different endings.

My Vietnamese buddy will not only have lived an enjoyable life, but will have enjoyed the company of his wonderful wife and two nice kids. He's nowhere near retirement, but is kicking around retiring around 55. He may work part-time at a golf course as something fun to do and get him out of the house. And he is already at the stage of buying property to build his dream-retirement home on. All in anticipation of the day he retires on a more than ample 401k balance.

My not-Vietnamese buddy is not so lucky. She will never retire. Will forever have to work. She will invariably have to go on some kind of government assistance. And though pretty at one time in her life, she is no more, almost guaranteeing she will be lonely in her final days. And yes, true to the stereotype, she has cats.

These drastically different results can trace their origins and causes all the way back to the beginning of their stories. Because while my Vietnamese buddy chose Electrical Engineering as a career, my not-Vietnamese buddy chose Early Childhood Education. And choosing these opposite forks in the road that early in their lives determined the drastically different trajectories their lives would take. But the lesson here is *not* that you should major in Electrical Engineering instead of Early Childhood Development. It's the irony of what they both originally set out to achieve versus what ended up happening in the end. Not in terms of their careers. But in terms of effort.

My Vietnamese buddy set out to put forth the hard work and effort to make his life successful. Be it having a good father, his Vietnamese culture, or just intellectual honesty, he committed to doing what was necessary to succeed in life. In short, he committed to a path that was full of toil, effort, sacrifice, and work.

My not-Vietnamese buddy set out to do the complete opposite. Though under the euphemistic lie of "doing it for the children," we all know she choose Early Childhood

Education because she was lazy. And though she knew she was never going to make electrical engineer money, she was hoping to win that Dream Lottery of life and get paid enough money to live for the least amount of work expended. In short, she wanted an easy life.

But, if there was ever an example of punishing brutal irony, this was it. Because both of them got the complete opposite of what they set out to do.

My Vietnamese buddy thought he was committing to a hard life of calculus, physics, labor, toil, and headache-inducing thinking. Slaving away at an office, pouring over diagrams and schematics. And my not-Vietnamese buddy thought she was going to waltz through life with a laughably stupid degree and some government funding. But the life my Vietnamese buddy actually experienced was one of relative ease, smooth sailing, financial stability, and peace. I greatly (though admirably) envied him because he never worried once in his life about finding a job or poverty. By the same token, I absolutely did not envy the middle-aged woman at all because her life was one of constant struggle. And not just struggle but mental and psychological strife. Perpetually applying for jobs, getting kicked out of her home, knowing she was going to have to work until she died, and being delusional enough to blame it on an entire gender made me appreciate the comparatively modest struggles I had in my career. And when the accounting is all said and done, when you tally up who expended more calories of energy in their lives just trying to survive, the weathered, middle-aged woman easily spent twice the amount of energy than my Vietnamese buddy.

And this is the moral of the story – lazy people work twice as hard.

There are only two ways in life. The **Hard Way** and the ***Really Hard Way***. There is no "easy way." The "easy way" is just the Really Hard Way disguised to look easy. And you can either admit now that you either:

1. Take your lumps up front, bite the bullet, and put your dues in now which will cost you less overall pain and energy in life,

   or
2. Do what most Millennials did and try to win the "Dream Lottery," damning yourself to working twice, thrice, even four times as hard had you just studied a legit profession in the first place.

When you compare the two paths in life, it's just not comparable.

The calories of energy you will spend choosing the Easy/Really Hard Way in life dwarf that

of the Hard Way. Constantly applying for jobs, getting advanced degrees, volunteering in the hopes you find work, working extra hours, working a second job, applying for food stamps, applying for Obamacare, applying for section 8, finding daycare, hunting for safe and affordable housing, waiting for the bus, walking to the bus, working the night shift, and all the other taxing chores that come with choosing the “Easy Way” in life are a massive caloric drain on your life. And this says nothing of the tormenting mental, social, and psychological costs of choosing the “Easy Way.” The lack of stability, the lack of financial security, being cold and hungry, stress on the family, the stress on yourself, and above all else, the helplessness to do anything about it. All of that consumes an inordinate amount of both physical and psychological energy while ruining your ability to enjoy life at the same time. Had you just grew a pair early on and committed to a legitimate profession as a youth, you would have spared yourself an adulthood of hell.

But what this really boils down to is a matter of intelligence. Are you smart enough to choose the Hard Way which is the easiest, most logical, and most beneficial choice on the table? Are you smart enough to know that you are not going to “get lucky” and land a job with a Sociology degree? Or do you lack the intellectual courage and strength to admit life is going to be tough and it is best tackled with a hard-earned skill rather than a liberal arts philosophy of entitlement?

So do yourself a favor. Be lazy by not being lazy. Choose the hard way in life and avoid the fate 85% of Millennials suffer today. You ***will spend less energy over the course of your life working*** and you won’t be a bankrupt, pissed-off cat lady living off of food stamps when you’re old."

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Big Is Not - and Never Will Be - "Beautiful"

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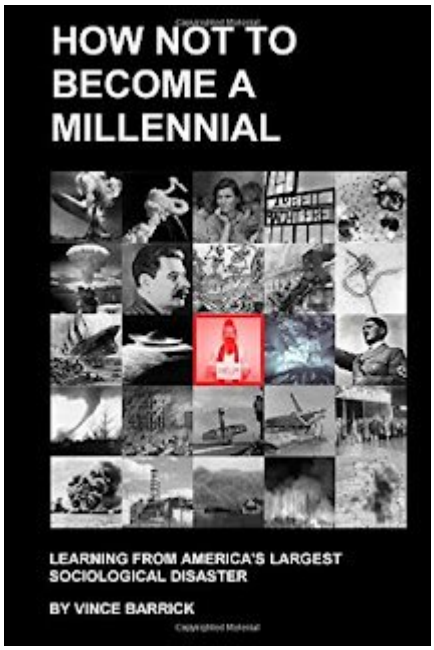
This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It will be of particular use of women who want to find a man, but have believed the lie that "big is beautiful" or that somehow men have had their hard-wired, biological programming washed away.

I personally know this excerpt and what it attempts to achieve is folly. I know that the brainwashing women have received to ignore the biological realities of men and replace it with the desire to make obesity, commonness, and sloth "sexy" is stronger than their desire to actually want to find an attractive husband. I also know that the genetic programming to be lazy (as a wise survival strategy in our past) is more powerful than love. But for the handful token number of women who are serious about finding a man in their lives (not to mention men who want to find a woman) this excerpt, though lengthy, provides not only the bio-physical realities of attraction, but also hopefully provides the reasoning and rationale to give you the mental energy to actually lose weight and become physically attractive.



"Younger women today have a front row seat to an amazing show. A show where their elder generational sisters are torn between the two strongest biological drives they have. On one side is the strongest force in the human mind – laziness. On the other side is their biological drive to find a man. And what ensues is a tormenting game of tug of war as these two massive forces duke it out for the control of these women's minds, unfortunately destroying these poor women in the process. It's not a pretty show. It's not a fun show. It's actually a tragedy. But in watching this battle unfold younger women today can learn a lot from their elder generational sisters and avoid their tormented fate.

How this battle specifically unfolds is that human laziness is such a strong force it threatens most women's ability to find a quality man. It does so as laziness does with all people by making them fat. It is hard to work out and hit the gym. It is hard to eat right and diet correctly. And everybody under the sun knows precisely how to get in shape, how to stay thin, and how to be attractive. It's no secret. But the eternal and unrelenting force of laziness is so strong it literally overpowers what people know to be blindingly true in their frontal cortex. And since laziness is stronger than truth, it is clearly winning as obesity rates for both men and women are going through the roof.

The problem is this is the exact opposite of what men want. Men want hot women, with long hair, long legs, a kind demeanor, and who are thin.

I'll say that again in case there's any confusion on the part of women.

Men want:

hot women,
with long hair,
long legs,
a kind demeanor,
and who are thin.

And when presented with a buffet of overweight, obese, physically unattractive women, the men women want are simply not inspired to ask them out. Being fat is revolting to men. It is the single worst thing you can do to your chances of finding a man. No matter how much you want a man, if you get fat, you will not get him (or keep him).

But what makes this show even more tragic and sad is to just what desperate lengths women will futilely go to have their cake and eat it too. That even though they'll never give up being fat, they'll still vainly make attempts to make themselves attractive. They'll put on weaves, do their nails, wear heels, wear make-up, put on lipstick, put on blush, do their hair, get a nose job, get a boob job, get a manicure, get a pedicure, extend their lashes, extend their nails, dye their hair, dye their brows, pierce their belly button, stuff their bras, push up bras, buy diet books, read diet books, watch diet videos, watch workout videos, lie about their weight, lie about their age, take close-up photos, photoshop their photos, plunging necklines, v necklines, turtle necklines, Condi Rice boots, CFM boots, pointy boots, and maybe even a few snack crackers. They're so desperate they'll even try to undo the *biological hardwiring of men* by shaming them for liking thin girls or accuse them of being *gasp* "shallow." They will do absolutely anything and everything to get a man…except for hitting the gym and taking the damn cupcake out of their mouths.

In the end all women end up doing is tormenting themselves. Not only with desperate

hopes that are never realized where someday they might actually get a man, but the wasted psychological and caloric toll it must take to try everything under the sun to get a man…as long as it avoids the gym. And so what usually ends up happening is a woman does get a man, but not the one she really wanted. A man she settles for. A man she tolerates. One she is more prone to divorce and one a more attractive man could probably temporarily lure her away from. Cynical as that sounds, it is true. One of the most important parts of women's lives today – their love life – is heavily compromised and certainly not a source of happiness because laziness trumped love. And so your elder generational sisters are doomed to forever wonder if they could have got something better. Which is the perfect recipe for a miserable love life.

You Really Don't Need a Man

But there is some good news. And all it takes is a little clear thinking and some intellectual honesty. Because if you take the time sit down, take inventory of what you want in your heart of hearts, and just be honest with yourself, you can avoid the tormented fate of your elder generational sisters and live a much better life.

You just need to ask yourself one simple question:

Do you really want a man?

If you do, there is nothing wrong in admitting this. It's been that way since humans have existed and it's what you're biologically programmed to want. So there's no shame in admitting you want a man. But if you *do indeed* want a man what you *absolutely have to realize* is that you are not getting a trinket or a toy. You don't go to "The Man Store" and pick up a man. Nor are you going to a slave market and purchasing a slave. You are trying to get ***another sentient human being, who has his own agency and choice***, to in turn also choose to spend time with you. And if you myopically and solipsistically only consider your wants and desires, and not his, you will fail and he will choose not to be with you. Therefore, if you truly want a man you have to first consider what he wants. And I don't know if we've gone over this before, but men want…

a hot woman,
with long hair,
long legs,
a kind demeanor,
who is thin.

Admittedly, achieving these things takes effort. A lot of effort. Being a beautiful woman is a real part time job. But it is *vital to your future happiness* to realize that if you are not willing to achieve those standards then you ultimately do not want a man as your inherent biological desire to be lazy is more powerful than your desire for a man. So if

you’re not willing to be physically attractive, then don’t plan on getting a man.

But you know what?

That’s perfectly alright too. Because the problem with putting forth the effort needed to get a man is its equivalent to that of keeping a dog. It’s *a lot of work.* It takes dedication, it takes love, you need to feed it, let it out, take it to the vet, and care for it. It’s an incredible responsibility to take care of a dog and it’s even more so with a man. But just as it’s alright to be honest with yourself and acknowledge you just don’t want to put forth the effort to take care of a dog, it’s also alright to admit the same when it comes to taking care of a man. Additionally, it’s just unfair to both dogs and men if you’re not willing to put forth the effort to take care of either. And so, yes you may want a man. I too desperately want a dog. But we both need the maturity to acknowledge we’re not willing to put forth the effort that is required to be “good owners” of either. It’s perfectly alright to get a cat instead.

There is one final and key thing about being honest with yourself if you are not willing to put forth the effort to get a man. If you’re not, stop torturing yourself over it. Again, there is nothing more sad and tragic than when fat, overweight women gussy themselves up with nails, heels, tight clothing, and the whole nine yards thinking *that* is what’s going to get a man. All that effort, time, and hope is wasted. All their lives are wasted pining for a man who is never going to come, dragging out the torture and the torment even more. Do yourself a favor. Set yourself free and have some self-respect.

If you want to eat, drink, and be merry, *go actually eat, drink, and be merry*. If you want to take on hobbies, hang out with your girlfriends, pursue your career, and enjoy all the great and wonderful food this world has to offer, go and do all those things. But please do not lessen your enjoyment, let alone your life, lamenting the loss of a man. Enjoy and avail yourself of this path in life guilt free.

So Why The Lie?

Whether women choose to have a man in their lives or not, both paths take herculean efforts on the part of women, both physically and psychologically. The physical commitment that is required to attract and keep a quality man is literally a life-long, part-time job of manual labor. You hit the gym. You hit the treadmill. You lift weights. And you commit yourself to a soulless diet. For women who choose not to have men in their lives, the psychological effort required to do so is also herculean. They need to be true stoics, tempering their innate desire to have a man, and they must have the mental faculties to honestly conclude they’d prefer not to have a man in their lives. But the vast majority of women are simply capable of neither.

Very few women put forth the effort to stay physical fit and if they do they usually gain

weight upon getting a commitment from a guy. And very few women who choose a man-free life actually go out and enjoy it. Most of them obsess about men as evidenced by feminists, women's magazines, the media, etc., t*he precise same people who say you don't need a man!* You'd half expect them to happily go fishing or something instead of wasting their lives raging against men, but that is all they do. Regardless, it takes a tremendous steel resolve to either commit to the physical requirements to be beautiful or to ignore your biological desires to have a man. Thus, these two exceptional groups of women make up no more than 10% of the female population, leaving 90% of women in the impossible situation where they are still at the whim of both biological drives. They desperately want to be lazy and they also desperately want to find their man. So what are these poor women to do?

Thankfully, an industry specializes in resolving that precise problem. It allows women to not only be fat, lazy, couch potatoes, but also promises them their very own George Clooney. An industry so advanced its product is the last and final luxury good in America. And as you guessed it, it's The Lying Industrial Complex. And they are only more than happy to sell women that last and final American luxury good - living a lie.

Even though we reviewed just what a lengthy and comprehensive list of industries are involved with selling people lies, I don't think people really comprehend how much money is to be made in lies. And though she is only one person, she serves as a great case study and empirical data point because she made billions off of selling lies – Oprah.

Oprah was the original drug dealer of lies. The heroin peddler of fibs. And though we lacked the awareness to realize what she was doing early on in the 80's, she was just doing what P.T. Barnum or Frank Lucas did - selling dope to suckers. But be it Barnum, Lucas, or Winfrey, none of them had to go door to door to sell their product. People lined up for their product because it was what they wanted. They were clamoring for it. And when you look at the GDP of lies vs. the GDP of illegal narcotics, it's not even close. Lies are a much larger industry and a much more addicting drug. So when you have 90% of the female population being torn between the two most powerful biological forces in their lives, if you can convince them they can have them both, they will pay you everything they own in their lives, even if it is a lie.

That is why "big is beautiful." It's why big *has to be* beautiful. Because there's so much potential money to be made.

The fashion industry, media, the democrat party, government, non-profits, academia, feminism, Hollywood, psychologists, retailers, corporate America, harlequin romance novels, and yes, even the Hallmark Channel stand to make billions (trillions over time) if they can convince women they can both be lazy and find a man. Women will buy their perfume, their fashion, their books, and their overpriced liberal arts education not for the underlying economic value of these things, but because it's couched in the lie that makes

them feel good. “Big is beautiful,” “beauty has no weight,” “you’re all beautiful on the inside,” all of which is part of the bigger lie of “you can have it all.”

But we all know what happens to people who live a lie. They destroy their lives. And that’s precisely what these women do. They destroy their lives.

The 5% of women who actually get in shape and stay in shape for their man have the love of their family, or at least their man. The 5% of women who truly do not want a man have the peace and serenity that comes without one. They are off free on their own, living life without the concerns of a man. But for the remaining 90% of women they are addicted to the lie that they can have both. That somehow there’s a Clive Owen-esque looking man who will have no physical standards and won’t care that she’s 300 pounds. That this incredible dearth of men is not due to them being morbidly obese, but rather bad luck and men just being sexistly shallow. And no matter how much empirical data is paraded in front of them, no matter how quickly that window is closing for them to find a man, they will cling to the lie that someday a “Real Man™“ will find them and “love them for who they are.” And even though deep down inside they know better, they don’t care. They will take that syringe, fill it full of “big is beautiful,” shoot it right into their veins, and the Lying Industrial Complex will keep them supplied until they’re dead. They will have neither a man nor the peaceful life that comes without one. They will have the worst of both worlds and the best of none.

Choose Now

Whether young women choose either path, it doesn’t matter. It is your life and you can choose to do with it as you please. But you need to choose one. You cannot have both. Because both is not an option. It is an illusion sold to you by society to profit off of you and its fate is a wasted life.

But if there’s one bit of advice younger women can glean from their Millennial and Gen X sisters it’s that you don’t have a lot of competition. With obesity ravaging the country, beauty standards are so low simply being in shape, having long hair, and not having a gross of tattoos puts any young woman in the top 10% of her peers. And if you can muster the etiquette and decorum to be a pleasant young lady, you’re in the top 5%. With the barrier to beauty so low, it behooves every young woman to *at least try* to be attractive for once in your life to see what advantages it gets you. Because unlike your Gen X and Baby Boomer sisters, you got something they don’t.

Youth.

And once that goes away the door closes forever for you to be beautiful. Well, at least beautiful to men anyway."

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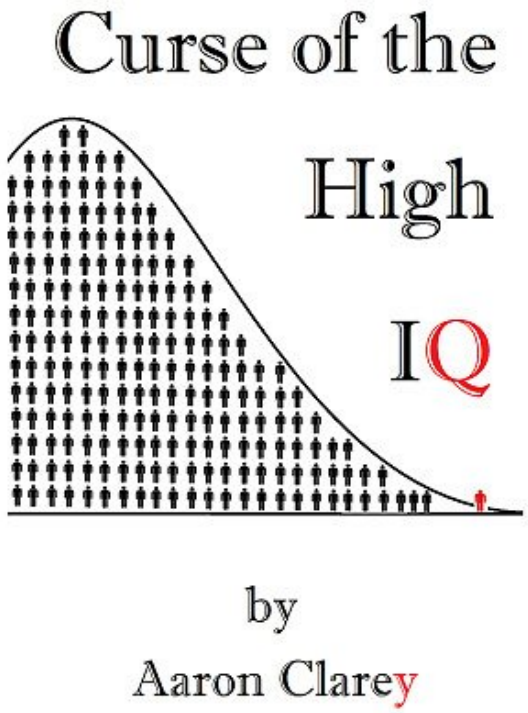

The Curious Conflicting Behavior of Democrat Governors

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Remove two governors.

The completely worthless and ideologue tyrant Gavin Newsom.
And the epitomal American cunt Gretchen Whittmer.

And focus if you will on the remainder of democrat governors and other relatively high-level democrat government officials.

What you have left are (in general) democratic politicians who, in my opinion, are making the hard decision to stay under lock down (or miserly and molassesly reopen their economies) to save lives. It's not an easy decision. It's not a fun decision. But I honestly believe governors (like Tim Walz for example) are NOT keeping their states closed for ulterior political motives, or to spite Trump in the 2020 election, or are so power hungry/ideological they do so for kicks like Newsom and Whittmer. They are instead balancing the lives that would be lost to COVID 19 should they re-open their economies vs. the lives lost (and destroyed) if they don't. Again it is a hard task and one I do not envy.

But riddle me this, riddle me that, why are democratic governors all of the sudden making unpopular decisions that are in the best interests of society (at least in their minds)?

The reason I ask this question is that until COVID 19 came along and put them in this paradox, you could almost always rely on democrats to make the decision that would be popular in the here and now, but cost society in the long run. The perfect example of this being the black community (but also women and other minorities). It doesn't take a genius to realize that flooding any community with welfare and government dependency would result in a destruction of a work ethic, a destruction of work, and consequently a destruction of the ability to produce wealth. Thus, creating government dependence may be popular in the short term and garner votes, but in the long run would create poverty, crime, and poorer physical and mental health. And if pointing out racial disparities is too uncomfortable for you, just look at the likes of San Francisco, Seattle, and Portland which pay for their homeless' drugs and booze, as well as lets them defecate on the streets. This enabling has destroyed hundreds of thousands of homeless people's lives, just as the democrat's welfare state has destroyed millions of black people's lives. It shows that the democrats could not care less about the people they claim to want to help, and only care about getting votes and their own political power.

Until now.

NOW all of the sudden, democrats are seemingly capable of thinking long term, so much so many are making the unpopular decision to remain closed or incrementally re-open their economies at a snail's pace. Even if it threatens their political career.

To be honest I'm confused by this genuine and new-found statesmanship. If democrat governors (like mine - Time Walz) are capable of standing on principle, doing what is in the best interests of the people, even if it threatens their career, how then can they continue to support a welfare system that has provably destroyed generations of poor people's lives? How can they support government subsidized loans for worthless college degrees that only destroy young people's finances? How can you let American Indians wallow in effective municipal/local communist economic systems? How - bar COVID 19 - are nearly all their policies bribing their constituent children with cake, instead of forcing them to eat their political and economic broccoli?

Perhaps there is something different about COVID that has brought maturity and foisted statesmanship upon democrat governors. Perhaps the democrat ideology/religion only recognizes death as a real threat as opposed to mere impoverishment and destitution. It could just be the medical experts scared the life into them over COVID 19 and they're actually taking this seriously. But regardless of how this change in behavior came about, I encourage democrat governors (as well as all people who consider themselves democrats) to take this mature, serious, long term view of COVID 19 and apply it to ALL political issues they care about. You'd be surprised how much good you could accomplish.
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Why There Will Be a V Shaped Recovery

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Allow me to explain to you why I'm the world's greatest economist.

It's not because I predicted the housing bubble long before most.
It's not because I warned America about the education bubble nearly a decade ago.
And it's not because I have solved America's retirement problem...if they so choose.

It's because unlike other economists in the world I admit I don't know the answers to most things and therefore could be wrong at any point in time.

That is why I'm the world's greatest economist.

Thus, when I say there's going to be a V shaped recovery, I fully admit I could be wrong. But given my track record, there's a pretty good chance I'm going to be right. And therefore, allow me to provide my reasoning for a V shaped recovery.

First, you have Wisconsinites flooding the bars, partying like it was 1999 once the Wisconsin State Supreme Court denied the governor the ability to extend the lock down. There was such pent up demand that people flooded the bars at rates last seen when the Green Bay Packers won a superbowl. And this pent up demand was directed/invested no less precisely in the sector of the economy most hurt by the Great and Merciful Coronchan - the service industry.

Second, bikes. Specifically the lack of them. When I went to wal-Mart to get an inner tube for my mountain bike, there were absolutely no actual bikes for sale. The reason why is that every kid, family, and child wanted one AND HERE'S THE REAL KICKER

THEY'RE USING THEM!

I don't think people realize just what a statement this is of Americans and their current mental state. If anything, Americans are fat, lazy, slothful NPC's who want to watch their Netflix, eat their cheetos, major in the laziest of subjects, and do anything and everything to avoid labor or real work. But they are so bored, so couped up, THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOING OUT AND EXERCISING! You too have witness this as people are walking, biking, even working out outside. There was even a fat woman's "zumba" class being held in a park I run around regularly.

FAT PEOPLE ARE WORKING OUT and you don't think there's isn't pent up demand to get their asses back into restaurants, bars, brewpubs and eateries? We may not go back to GDP levels seen in late 2019, but this is not going to be some sclerotic recovery we faced

under Obama from the Great Recession.

Third, Vegas. I'm currently in Vegas right now. And yesterday I all of the sudden noticed parking lots FULL of cars near restaurants. I was wondering what was going on, when it turns out that Nevada has allowed for some restaurants and casinos to allow for dine in service. And without going into a long and laborious history of the municipal economics of Las Vegas, Las Vegas is America's forefront and foremost local economy that usually tanks first, recovers first, making it America's economic canary in the coal mine. And if yesterday was any indication, we are going to have a V shaped recovery.

I can speculate why this is. I theorize it's because Americans have been conditioned to replace family/love with consumerism as the primary point and purpose in life. In the olden days you'd work on the farm, eat at home, go to church, participate in the local civic organization, read a book, go to bed and do it all over again. They didn't eat at "The Cheesecake Factory" or get hammered at the local Millennial "brewpub" to hork down wings watching "the game." They had family, work, god, and that was about it. But now with drastic advances in wealth and technology, a limitless number of consumeristic distractions are around us. You need to **go out** night clubbing. You need to **go out** for food. You need to **go out** and work. You need to **go out** and socialize. Life is no longer at home with the family, it is away from the family (thus, why divorce, domestic violence, and jokes about running away from your spouse/family are on the rise). And given how fat your average spouse, why stay at home at all?

Regardless, the whole point, purpose, meaning, and existence of Americans (as well as all westerners) is to go out. And the service industry is what supported this lifestyle, mentality, and spirituality. Therefore, they WILL come back in force, even if they don't have the money, even if they have to borrow it (at very very low rates I might add) because they have to. They have ABSOLUTELY NOTHING else to do in life.

They NEED their brewpubs.
They NEED their sportsball.
They NEED their college degrees.
They NEED their travel/YOLO/life experiences.
They NEED their happy hours.
They NEED their shopping.

That is all they have.

So do not fear. The economy is going to come roaring back. Because...what? Americans are going to find purpose and value in their family, spouse and fellow man???

That's rich.

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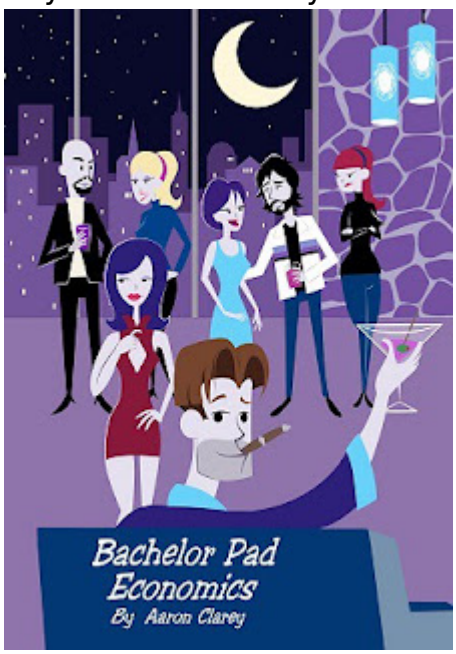

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More Good Economic News: Bankruptcy Leads to Lower Prices

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I'm trying to have a good time in Vegas and Moab hiking and ignoring Governor Walz's orders to stay home and do nothing by simply going to other states. The plan is working brilliantly. All I hear about back home is from dopey dumbass Minnesotans who are too sheeple to move out, ignore the orders, and do whatever they want. But then again, they are Minnesotans afterall, the most brainwashable group of low-IQ conformists the world has ever seen.

Regardless, people's ignorance has shown me it's high time I put my hiking adventuring on hold - if ever so briefly - and provide to you fuckwits a basic lesson in economics. Specifically bankruptcy.

Right now, one of my favorite restaurants claimed it will be going under. This is alongside JC Penny also declaring bankruptcy. This naturally begets screams and howls from the non-economist crowd about how bad things are and how Gov. Walz is destroying the economy. But while bankruptcy is in general a bad thing and restaurants going under is "bad" and the people getting laid off is bad, there is some good news.

The assets, the building, the actual machinery, plant, and equipment, even inventory of these now-defunct companies do not go away. If an airline files for bankruptcy, they do not take the planes to to Governor Walz' official "Airplane Shredder" or push the planes into Lake Superior. These assets are put up on the chopping block, sold for anwyhere between 25% and 50% their current market value, and whatever new company/entrepreneur/private equity firm buys it starts the company anew, aaaaannnnddd....

(pay really close attention you MEFW's - "Minnesotan Economic Fuckwits")

operates at a MUCH MUCH MUCH lower cost because their capital assets (you MEFW's can look that term up) cost the new company a LOT LOT less than the company that just went bankrupt. These lower prices actually INCREASE standards of living over time because instead of paying $10 for a martini at Pazaluna, you pay $7 at "Lazapluna" or whatever new company takes over the shop.

Look, I get it, MEFW's and all Americans who don't know the basics of economics were never properly educated in their economics class about bankruptcies or pricing. You were all too busy learning about how "diversity is our strength" and how "the bad bad white man is what's preventing glorious communism" from being properly affected. Brainwashing you into idiocy was the goal of the education system (which they achieved marvelously). but try, just try, for once, to understand how one facet of economics works, in this case, bankruptcy. And realize that Governor Walz is not shredding planes, setting fire to restaurant buildings, or melting down machinery of now-bankrupt companies. These assets (which are the economic productive capacity of the country) still exist and will be resold at a fraction of the cost, lowering prices and increasing standards of living over the long. And to be perfectly honest (though not Pazzaluna as it had a 22 year track record) most restaurants were going to go belly up anyway. Just enjoy the future lower prices and increased standards of living....that is until all this newly printed money makes its way into the economy.

But that is another economics lesson for you MEFWs for another time.

Enjoy the decline!

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If you did not know I have a Patreon account that is basically beer money...even though I don't drink beer. And to give those kind supporters of my Patreon account, I provide the occasional "Road Trip Podcast," replete with shitty audio quality as I drive during road trips. In addition to these podcasts you get pinups of Marijo and access to my best post ever, "Sanity is the Future of Wealth"...which nobody read when I wrote it, so, to hell with it, it's behind the paywall now.

Regardless, for as little as a $1 a month pledge, you can get access to this "bonus material" if you wanted. Don't know if it's worth it to you, but hey, for $12/year you can get a couple more episodes of the Ole Capmeister's podcasts, pinups of Marijo, and access to my single best piece of writing which is guaranteed to improve your life more than the $12/year you spend.

This latest episode is the "Moab" Episode and if you click on the image below it will take you to the patreon link.

Cappy's Moab Adventure Part 1

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Greetings All,

As you've noticed with the lack of content, Cappy is on an adventure. Here are some pics from the Moab/Blanding/Lake Powell area. This is the first foray of many into this monstrously large territory. Even with the national parks closed, there's a ton of BLM land that is open where me and the Great One have done some hiking. It will easily take another week long reconnaissance trip just to get my bearings straight in this area to know with any level of certainty which areas are best for hiking.

Remember to work hard, pay taxes, do what the government tells you, and whatever you do, NEVER EVER EVER EVER do anything independent minded or original.

The "Atlantic" Learns Flooding a Flooded Market with Leftist Trash Isn't a Good Business Model

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Oh darn. More journalism majors laid off. *Too bad*

How Social Scientists Lied to the Millennials

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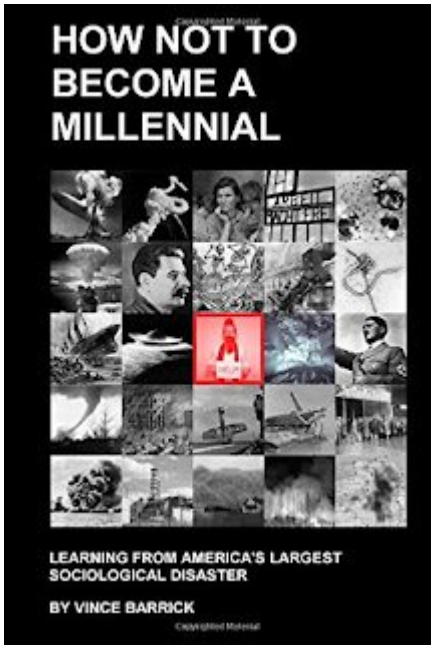
This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." While parents, teachers, politicians, and the media all lied to Millennials either out of laziness, profiteering, or politics, it cannot be understated just what a huge and destructive effect the social sciences and the social "scientists" had on the Millennials. Everything from finances, education, love, even mental health, social scientists advanced their pet theories (and laughably bogus careers) ahead of the best financial, mental, romantic, and general interests of the Millennial generation.

I personally find it hilarious the Millennials still believe in the leftist schlock their social science overlords programmed them with - evidence as to the efficacy of the brainwashing of social sciences. They are so steeped in their indoctrination, they don't see what these vile evil humans did to them, even continuing to side with them. But alas, that is just how powerful their indoctrination was.

It is, once again, too late for the Millennials to do anything about their situation. But for Gen Z and all future generations it is not. But a good starting point to make sure you don't end up like a Millennial is to identify and recognize the social sciences for the cancer they are.



CHAPTER 2 - THE GUINEA PIG GENERATION

Some 30 years later we have our answer to the great experiment. Human nature, with its 100 billion participants, 2 million year track record, and derived conventional wisdom absolutely knows better than the social scientists and their precious social sciences.

Matter of fact, not only was nature better, but the social scientists were absolutely, completely wrong about well…everything. It's almost as if they purposely set out to come up with the absolute worst possible advice ever, arguably aiming to destroy humanity rather than deliver it to utopia. And the Millennial generation proves it.

Though by no fault of their own, the Millennials are by all means a disaster. They are an abomination, an abortion of a generation where – horrible as it may be to say this – many of them would have been better off never being born. And while we will delve into the details and proof of this disaster in the next chapter, any cursory review of articles, stories, or anecdotes written about the Millennials has shown a complete and utter failure to launch.

Millennials are so crippled with debt many will never achieve the American dream of home ownership, let alone be able to retire.

Millennials have completely useless degrees that give them no skills to survive or succeed in the real world. Worse, most of said degrees impair Millennials further by indoctrinating them into self-pitying political ideologies that make them liabilities, not assets, to any potential employer.

Millennials have more mental health issues than any generation before them, but this optimistically assumes their mental health problems are genuine. What's an even scarier prospect is the chance these mental illnesses are being faked or made up, merely to beget attention, disability status, or something as sad and pathetic as pity. And worse than that, how much of said mental illnesses are a function of bad parenting versus an actual mental illness among Millennials?

Speaking of parents, Millennials live at home at levels only southern Europeans could dream of, often times living at home well into their 30's. This certainly does not help family formation, let alone their love lives. Of course, this optimistically assumes Millennials know what their sexuality is as they've made up 48 genders apparently out of thin air.

Millennials have destroyed colleges, universities, and higher education, not only inflating the market with unnecessary tuition dollars for worthless degrees, but making the college environment toxic with safe-spaces, anti-free speech codes, false rape allegations, and a War-of-the-Sexes that made the 1960's America and Soviet Union look downright chummy.

They are romantically and socially stunted. They're addicted to their phones, social media, and dating sites, yet are deathly afraid to go out on a date, ask a girl out, say yes to a date, or just socialize in public. And yet, despite being in the prime of their youth, record numbers of them report never going on dates, never having a boy/girlfriend, being

a virgin, having no friends, and being lonely. Most boys stay at home, jerk off to porn, and play their video games. Most girls live on their smart phones trading real love in for digital attention. And every great once in a while one of them loses it, goes "incel," and shoots up a place or two in sexual frustration.

They love their politics more than their fellow human, their political causes more than any profession or job they might have. They're more than happy to replace the family with the state and in a warped sense prefer to work, commute, and pay taxes than stay at home and raise their own children.

And like their politics they take more value in being a conformist by getting tattoos, dying their hair purple, grooming perfectly effete beards, implanting ear gauges, shaving half their heads, and in general being physically repulsive than they do any accomplishment like starting a business, building a product, paying off their debts, building a house, starting a family, working out, or merely supporting themselves.

They are fatherless, purposeless, rudderless, lonely, unhappy, indebted, talentless, meaningless, leaderless, unaccomplished, and have no agency or purpose in this world. They are a failing generation who are simply unable to support themselves, resulting in crippling levels of debt and an unsustainable society that will collapse, not a utopia.

But above all else, they are blinding, irrefutable proof that the social sciences were dead wrong and human nature was 100% right. Fancy 50 year old social theories about not spanking your children, positive reinforcement, building "self-esteem," and replacing fathers with the state don't hold a candle to the wisdom all of human history has accumulated. And unless we acknowledge the failure of the social sciences and revert back to common sense, future generations can expect to have the same level of success, wealth, happiness, and love as the Millennials.

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Why Men Need to Prepared for the Next Stage in the Sex War

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I will be blunt and honest.

I tire of addressing the war of the sexes. I know it is the number one, hard-wired, biologically programmed thing in both men and women's minds. I know sex and the pursuit of women is the only reason all that you see around you in terms of innovation, creation, and economic production exists. I know that without the other, there is not much else going on, though there are many hobbies and pursuits in life that still make existence and sentience a net positive. But though the opposite sex is the number one thing in life, it gets tiring, because, well, it is tiring. No progress is made, no intellectual honesty comes from the other side, no epiphanies are realized, and nothing is going to change. What we are witnessing among women is their biological programming executing itself as it naturally would in these new socio-economic conditions. And since it is hard-wired, there is not much more to do than acknowledge it, realize it, learn from it, and move on. You are not going to change it. It is the ultimate exercise in stoicism that men must make since action and agency are only incumbent upon you.

But I would be remiss if I did not share an epiphany I had whilst driving back from Moab. And it is one that needs to be shared, realized, and explained as it will have huge ramifications for any men left in the game going forward.

In general, women are programmed to find and consume resources. This is nothing bad or evil, it's just human nature. That is how they survived. They sought resources so that they and their children would survive. In the olden days this meant finding a strong man as a suitor who could provide for and protect her children. Today they find this surrogate in government checks and their careers as they literally do not need no man (fishbicycletrademark). And concurrently with government government support, women divorce their husbands further securing resources (be it alimony or child support). But

another aspect of human nature (both male and female) is that they must constantly be progressing. Be that in their career, consuming food, having experiences, "YOLO-ing," education, whatever. Human beings have to constantly progress otherwise they are regressing (which in the past would mean their demise). And you can see this particularly in government policy/politicians.

For example take city councils. Minneapolis municipal politicians have so little to do in their lives they've banned drive thru's (because "global warming.") Multiple cities have banned plastic bags (because again "muh global warming.") And it just took one turtle to have the entire west coast ban plastic straws. These are absurd laws that are going to hurt more than help, but the compunction to constantly be "doing something" compels humans to "progress" all the time even if that progress is in fact damaging.

You combine these two innate human psychological traits and a very scary picture is painted about the future of female behavior. Even with the government supporting them, corporations sexistly hiring them over men, divorce courts handing them billions in resources....

it will never be enough.

It can never be enough.

Because it is human nature to constantly progress.

And so where are they going to get ***MORE*** money in the future?

A Problem For Women, A Problem for Men

The problem for women is that men aren't that stupid. Over the generations, men will and have figured things out, and especially so under the light of being replaced by government (not to mention being told we're toxic, are sexist, have privilege, etc.). Men have also have been forcibly shown the light through divorce - either being divorced themselves or seeing their fathers, brothers, and friends get destroyed by divorce. And like any logical creature would, they avoid the pain and cost of divorce by never getting married in the first place (enter complaints of "why can't I find a man" here).

With the internet, the news, statistics...oh...and them witnessing their fathers getting butchered by divorce, younger men have logically eschewed marriage, opting for co-habition or simple bachelorhood instead. You throw in the uphill battle of student loans and affirmative action, and these hurdles make it harder for men to become marriage material (let alone father material), making the choice of video games, porn, and obesity an easier choice. Men are calling it quits on marriage in part because they want to, but also in part because they don't have the funds, leading to the decline in marriage today.

But this presents a problem for women because it essentially removes their entire private sector source of funding and resources. Yes the government will provide. Yes, you will get preferential hiring treatment via affirmative action, even entire make-work industries to employ women so you can make believe you're being a real adult working your "social worker" job. But without a husband to bring home resources, or a husband to divorce that will continue to pay you resources, women's overall income is cut in half. And given human's perpetual need to "progress" and consume more, women are unconsciously having to make up for the loss of marriage/divorce revenue.

This is where it gets dark.

Because without men voluntarily committing to women under the law of marriage, women have to come up with new ways to get money out of men privately instead of relying solely on the government. And while there are certainly upstanding, reputable women who support themselves with their own legitimate careers, without marriage being on the table, women are becoming increasingly desperate to extract more resources out of men. And they're going to do it by making male nature not only toxic, but illegal.

We've already seen the beginnings of this happen. The push to redefine rape and sexual assault is a clear and obvious attempt by feminists (predominantly on campus) to make normal (though perhaps annoying and awkward) male behavior illegal. "Sexual assault" can be a man unconsciously bumping into a woman's breast on a bus, a drunk man getting too handsy at a bar, or an idiot noob calling a girl three times unknowingly attaining the status of stalker. And if a woman is drunk and has consensual sex, that is rape (but the man can drink as much as he wants).

Asking a woman out at work is now a no-no, no matter how much in the past that might have lead to happy marriages, and no matter how much it's none of the employer's business. This, however, optimistically assumes women wanted the advances anyway, and now the natural male act of asking a woman out is enough to get a man fired. It also gives women a powerful weapon to ruin a man's life with an accusation (either true or false) of natural (though regrettable/annoying) male behavior.

There is also the American Psychological Association trying to make masculinity "toxic." Gillette's misandrist, man-hating ad being the real world, private sector incarnation of it. But let that sink in. Natural male behavior is not only toxic, they're trying to make it a mental illness.

And finally, there's the Brett Kavanaugh nomination. This disaster was not so much a disaster because of its politics, absurdity, and exposing the democrats for just the most amoral self-serving scum they are, but the "believe all women" psychopathy that followed. It was an attempt to get society to believe that women should be believed, all

the time, everytime, *with absolutely no proof*. Any intellectually honest person can see where such a warped power and bias could lead to tyranny and oppression. But what is really scary is damn well near half the population believes in "believing all women" regardless of proof. And any man who's been assaulted by his wife, but was the one who got arrested is aware of the Duluth Model and how it absolutely does NOT deliver justice, but tyranny.

The Jump from Social Shaming to Codified Law

All of this is merely feminists, some women, and socialists (male or female) sharpening their knives and preparing men for the slaughter. If they can't get men to support them through marriage-and-then-divorce, they will get men to support them by making normal male behavior illegal and a suable offense. And what makes this a particularly dangerous trap is that it relies on the strongest biological force in the universe - the male sex drive.

So if you ask out Suzie in accounting on a date, you may not only lose your job, but you might get a law suit.

You make a drunken pass at a girl at a party, the cops are showing up at the door.

You didn't get the consent form signed and the "happy after-sex text," and now you're facing 5-10 for rape, but also owe the lady reparations.

What's scary is how so much of this is already happening in extreme cases, or cases where there is no law, but a circus court nonetheless (namely, universities and HR departments). But it is not that far of a jump to where male behavior goes from an unwanted act to an illegal one that you are then entitled to compensation for. And as less and less men get married, and fewer and fewer resources are being offered to women via non-governmental venues, I fear in the future male behavior will be perniciously punished with fees, taxes, fines, and other forms of wealth transfers to compensate women for this loss of income.

The Law of Unintended Consequences

Unfortunately, what is likely to happen is just an acceleration of what is happening now. A retreating of men for society. A divestment from society by men. And with that increasing withdrawal of men from society, women and socialists will have to enact increasingly draconian laws to continue to extract resources from unmarried men for male behavior. This will only further push men away from society (but especially women), and thus result in a downward spiral where merely interacting with women will be deemed too risky a behavior (already manifested by many men following The Pence Rule).

This will have the added and regrettable effect of putting men and women into their own respective echo chambers, radicalizing them to hate one another. Women will increasingly seethe at men for their oppression, patriarchy, etc., etc., but will also seethe at the lack of "real men" that are available for them to date (and what rare "real man" they find will be so rare, he will never commit to them, driving them to hate men further). Men will just (frankly) be scared shitless to have any dealings with women - romantic, sexual, social, or financial - because any interaction will be too risky. And, thus, with no prospects of marriage on the table, will continue their retreat into video games, porn, netflix, and NEETdom. Marriage and birthing rates will drop, ponzi welfare systems dependent on growing populations will crash, cultures will be wiped out, and society will reset itself all over again as there will no longer be a "government" to rely upon, forcing women (however regrettably) to put men and not government checks at the center of their lives.

It may not happen today. And will likely not happen tomorrow. But young men should be aware that the phenomenon of taxing men for male behavior in lieu of marriage-and-divorce is a very real possibility in the future. And for us older men who have completely checked out or gone ghost, it will be a very interesting movie to watch as we all enjoy the show and, of course, Enjoy the Decline.

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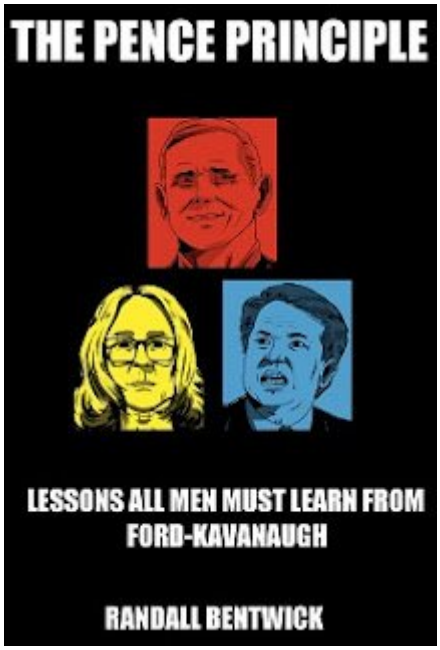
THE PENCE PRINCIPLE
LESSONS ALL MEN MUST LEARN FROM
FORD-KAVANAUGH
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Black Man Turns White After Voting Republican

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Never mind Republicans fought a war to free the slaves.

George Floyd vs. Justine Damond

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Many people have asked me to speak about the George Floyd death/murder and the ensuing Minneapolis riots. I have more or less resisted because I do not care. Not because I do not care if an innocent man was murdered, but because Minneapolis (and Minnesota in general) is a failed city/state, full of leftists, parasites, communists, and race pimps, all pampered and enabled by self-loathing, pussy white people who want to bring about a socialist utopia. I hate the citizens of Minneapolis. I hate the people of Minnesota and I am merely biding my time until I can move. This is merely poetic justice watching a potpourri of leftists (SJW's, antifa, aggrieved black members of the community, spoiled rich kids from the suburbs-turned-virtue-signaling-activists, and simple thieves/looters) destroy a neighborhood/city that has *voted-for and doted* on leftist political causes EVERY SINGLE TIME. You COULD NOT FIND A MORE PRO-MINORITY, PRO-SOCIALISM, PRO-SJW block of voters than Minneapolitans...who are now watching their city get destroyed by the same leftists they so enthusiastically supported and sucked the cocks of. Meanwhile, the most cowardly mayor and governor in all of history stand by and do nothing, letting their most loyal constituents and neighborhoods burn. It truly is an example of "Enjoy the Decline" and "Enjoy the Show." You get the government you deserve.

Regardless, I am supremely confident Minneapolitans and Minnesotans in general will learn nothing. They will go back to voting for socialism, treating minorities as incompetent teenagers instead of adults, and nothing will change. And thus you will have essentially two groups of people. One with guilty (predominantly white) goodie two shoes Minnesotans who obey the law and will constantly castrate themselves infront of socialists and socialist policies. And another group (skewed towards a minority population, but also most certainly including white leftists/antifa/SJW/professional activist-victim/socialists) whose self-perceived victimhood and all-important egos will in their mind rationalize them to "heroically" riot, steal/loot property that is not theirs, destroy their town, and in general act like feral animals (but never major in STEM, get a job, stop having kids they can't afford, and in general take responsibility for themselves).

Again, I cannot emphasize how much of this is self-inflicted and how much of this is outside the rest of society's control, and thus why I (and neither you) should care. It is the consequence of decades of brainwashing generations of victims and not citizens who are reasonable, responsible, law-abiding, and mature, who instead have such egos and victim-mentalities that instead of letting the law punish those who've committed crimes against them, they go and destroy their own neighborhoods. They are NOT capable of having a civilized society and you do not what to be part of this society (no matter how "cool" it is to be "in the city" or whatever crappy "theater" or "colleges" or culture Twin

Cities politicians promote).

I don't know how many times I've told people to move out of Minneapolis, businesses to never invest in Minnesota, young people to start careers elsewhere, industrious black men to leave the ghetto, and that YOU DO NOT OWN YOUR OWN PROPERTY IN MINNEAPOLIS AS IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A LARGE COMMUNIST HOA. But nobody listens. Either because they are naive democrats who don't realize their party has become an extremist, marxist, racist cult, or they're simple frogs being boiled in water, too busy eating biscotti at the local "organic marxist cafe"in Linden Hills to be bothered with considering the long-term consequences of giving the DFL/socialists a life-long monopoly on municipal and state politics.

Fuck Minnesota. Fuck Minneapolitans. And fuck you St. Paulites too. You got what you deserved and it's enjoyable watching you suffer the consequences. Now have fun being good little obedient Minnesotans and stay indoors during tonight's 8PM curfew.

NPC's Only Understand Force

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They do not understand

reason
evidence
ethics
morality
logic
or
empiricism

You cannot

"have a conversation"
"have a discussion"
"break bread with"
or
"reason with them."

Force and only force is what they respond to.

Good Morning Coronachan!!!! #25 The "Minneapolis" Episode

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Will discuss VERY VERY briefly my take on what I predicted long ago - the petulant little socialist children taking over a marxist city. Then move on to other things because life is too short to discuss obvious conclusions in life.

Your Race Has No Value

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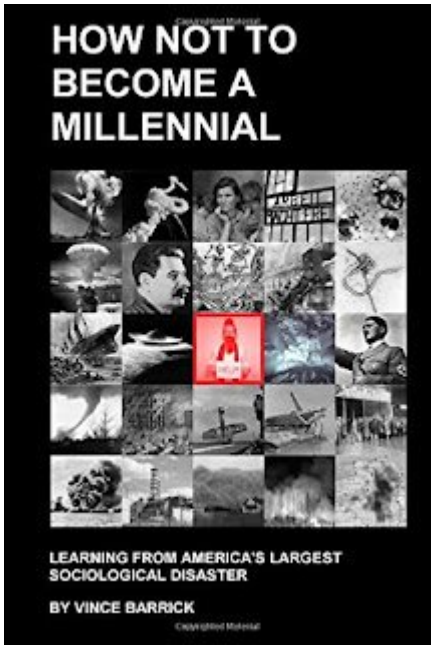
This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It highlights the phenomenon where now two full generations of people have been successfully brainwashed to believe that a trait they were born with - and did not earn - somehow has value.

This is a dangerous philosophy to have because it replaces what gives humans real value - accomplishments - with traits they were born with. It's very tempting to place and derive ultimate value from your traits because traits take no effort. Accomplishment does. But people who take the easy way out through life deriving value from the statistical coincidence of their mother's and father's race are doomed to fail in life as they produce nothing of value. Merely point to the color of their skin. Worse, if enough of society values their "skin color" or "gender" or made up mental illness (another chapter in How Not to Become a Millennial) nothing is produced and we all die of starvation.

Regardless, it's a much-needed take down of a cancerous philosophy where so many people think they have value because of how they were born, when in reality, they are just lazy people cowardly hiding behind their race to not only give them value in life, but demand financial support from other people. Nobody's race has any value. You included. Now get off your lazy ass and work.



"Whatever has been said about gender can be equally said of race because it's the exact same racket and the exact same philosophy. Only the trait is different. Just as there are many women who use their gender to claim victimhood status, there are many people who use their race to do the same. And just as there are many women who falsely derive

value from their gender, there are many people who falsely derive value from their race. This is understandable because both women and minorities are heavily lobbied by various political interests to view themselves as victims, as well as place intrinsic value in their gender/race. But since neither of these strategies/choices are based in reality, they by definition violate The Reality Principle, and are thus doomed to fail.

But more importantly, since these strategies/choices are identical, the results are going to be the exact same as women who try to leverage favor out of society using their gender. Misery, failure, anger, and a wasted life. But whereas the female version of this translates into "age, poverty, divorce, debt, spinsterdom, and cats," the consequences for people who pull of the same racket with race are just as dire, though with their own cultural flair.

Take for example education.

Just as Women's Studies is a bogus field solely created to pander to women whose only value is their gender, various "Cultural Studies" degrees are created to pander to race just the same.

"African-American Studies"
"Chicano-American Studies"
"Middle Eastern Studies"
"Asian American Studies,"
Etc.

All of these fields are just as bogus and just as worthless.

However, there is an added "Uncle Tom" sort of hypocrisy to these degrees. Most of these degrees presumably are intended to be of benefit and help to the various types of races they study. Chicano American studies programs would logically be of benefit to Latinos and Chicanos. Asian American studies should do the same, but for Asians. And African American studies should do the same for blacks.

But do they really?

Like a Women's Studies degree these degrees only harm those who major in them. They have absolutely no economic or employment value. They actually deter people from hiring you in that you are more prone to file a lawsuit or complain. And like any other degree they will at least set you back $75,000 and four years of your youth. But the real betrayal comes from the people who sold you these degrees. The professors themselves who are presumably of your same race and by the definition of the degree should have your best interests at heart. In reality these professors are just hucksters selling you a worthless piece of paper for that $75,000 + four years of your life. If any "African

American Studies" or "Latino American Studies" professor was honest they would warn you never to get a degree in such worthless fields and instead major in Accounting or Actuarial Science. Perhaps studying these fields for free at your local library or online. But they would never recommend you blow $75,000 on such crap. Still, these professors value their own financial advancement over your best interests and, thusly, have no problem capitalizing off of your delusion that race has value.

Another example is race being used by Corporate America as a brand name.

An amazing amount of infrastructure has gone into programming Millennials with their political religion. But within that overarching political religion there are sub-religions tailored to individual groups. Women have their feminism and women's empowerment. Environmentalists have their environmentalism. Health nuts have their organic and fair trade foods. And races have their racial justice/political causes. And if you think about it the schools, colleges, government, and certainly the democrat party have spent trillions over the decades making sure you have these political ideologies, even identities.

But don't think Corporate America hasn't noticed.

Just as the federal government spent trillions building the US interstate system, we have also spent trillions establishing a quasi-national political religion of socialism, feminism, pacifism, environmentalism, social justice, organic/free trade, etc. And just as corporations take advantage of the US interstate system to transport and sell their goods, they are also taking advantage of that political infrastructure the Millennials have been programmed with. And so instead of selling you on the merits of a product like its price or its quality, Corporate America instead panders to the identity politics/religion you've been programmed to have because it gives you false value.

Thus, when you sell a woman's razor, you don't just sell a razor. You explain how it's going to cure women's cancer and attach a pink ribbon to it…and charge an extra $3 over the men's razor.

When you sell a cup of coffee, you don't just give people their morning cup of Joe. You write "let's have a conversation about race" on it like Starbucks did to show you how "woke" and "down with the cause" the multi-billion dollar company is.

Target doesn't give one flying shit about fat women. But they do care about the billions of dollars they have in their pockets. Thus why you see nothing but plus-size models in their advertisements.

And Nike is "totally down with the struggle" as it has hired Colin Kapernick to be its new spokesmodel for their Air Force 1 shoes. Showing minority young men they understand you. They're with you….just as long as you spend the $155.99 to buy their shoes.

This disgusting level of corporate virtue signaling should not only annoy everybody, but it should downright piss off minorities for its blatant pandering. Taking issues, that are of no light matter, and issues you may care deeply about, and trivially capitalizing off of them for profit is an insult. And when you take a look at what corporations are really trying to do via their sanctimonious virtue signaling, it's nothing but simple marketing. They don't care about your cause. They care about the money you will spend if they say they're down with your cause. Like your "Asian American Studies" professors, they will tell you whatever you want to hear, just as long as you give them your money.

Unfortunately, this marketing works. Women fork over all their money to become "strong, independent, empowered, bankrupt, women" in college. Snobby, elitist, upper income liberals pay $7 per cup of organic coffee so they can imagine they're helping "the poor brown people" overseas and aren't racist. Rich white dudes buy Teslas thinking they're saving the environment and it will consequently get them laid. Obese people shop at Target thinking they're promoting diabetes "body positivity." And young minority men must have thought they were really sticking it to the man, because the Kapernick Air Force 1's sold out in just one day…netting Nike aka "The Man" at least a cool $1 billion in sales. Imagine if all that money went to STEM degrees instead.

And then there is the psychological toll that obsessing about race takes.

Larry Gossett is an individual I like to highlight because so much can be learned from this man. He is black, a current city council member of Seattle, and former member of the Seattle chapter of the Black Panthers. And while he has a long and lengthy career in civil rights, he is most famous for claiming that spraying Seattle sidewalks free of human feces could be racist as it would remind elderly black people of when they were sprayed with firehoses in the 60's and 70's protests.

This man is 74 years old. He has at most another 10 years left in him. And his entire life has been nothing but obsessing and fretting about race. So much so he has lost all connection with reality and now sees race and racism in everything. And in having race infect and infest everything in his life, he has in fact ruined his life.

When he wakes up in the morning it is guaranteed he wonders if adding cream to his coffee doesn't have some racial undertones of white men mixing races with black women.

When talking about the physics of "black holes" he probably actually thinks there's an element of racism in the vernacular.

The word "niggardly" perhaps angers him greatly even though it has nothing to do with race.

And one truly wonders while his kids were opening Christmas gifts or he was having a

romantic dinner with his wife if he let his obsession with race take away from those precious experiences with drifting thoughts of racism.

This isn't to say that you should tolerate genuine racism or true injustice. Nor is it to say you shouldn't work towards the ideal of a racism-free world. But in putting your race first and foremost in life, you will ruin your life in the process. All one has to do is look at your average Women's Studies professor or your committed Baby Boomer feminist. Do any of them look happy? Do you not see the anger in all of their faces? Do you not see how obsessing over their gender made their life not only miserable, but pointless? When Mr. Gossett dies he will have suffered the same fate. A life where he let "whitey" live rent free in his brain for 75 years. No matter how much your teachers and professors pressure you, do not put the trait of race at the core of your being. At least have the self-respect and wisdom to avoid the fate of Mr. Gossett.

We could go on with other examples, but the larger point is this - just like gender, there are corporate, political, and educational interests that want your money, your vote, and your tuition dollars. And they will gladly lie to you based on your race to get those things, even if it destroys your life. Big Education will gladly sell you $200,000 in debt for a master's degree in a field that has no value. Corporations will placate you and tell you whatever you want to hear about how oppressed you are and that they're so pro-diversity it hurts…as long as you spend the $29.95 on their "Diversity Awareness Special Edition Blender." And the democrat party has absolutely no problems enslaving entire races of Americans through victimhood politics, keeping them dead last in society, as long as you give them your vote in exchange for them to tell you "it's somebody else's fault."

Therefore, young people of any race need to ask the same two questions women needed to ask themselves. One philosophical, the other practical.

Philosophically, does your race have any intrinsic value? Does the color of your skin mean anything? Additionally, does your race determine your destination? Are you pigeonholed in life because of the color of your parents? Or would you like to be judged by the caliber of your character and your abilities? Would you like your actions, not your traits, to determine your success and destination in life?

And practically, where has pursuing race either as a value or a racket gotten people in the past? Unless you're a professional huckster like Jesse Jackson or a rich politician like Barack Obama, your rank and file minority individual cannot make a living at "race." You're much better off becoming an engineer, a doctor, or an accountant. And even if you were to have a modicum of success making a profession in "race," it's likely to consume you like Mr. Gossett, ruining your life in the process.

Life's too short to piss it away on obsessing about your plumbing or your melanin levels. It's too short to utter the words "as a Native-American female I just feel that…" Do not let

your race, your gender, or any other trait limit your life. View yourself as an individual."

How Betterment Ruined Investing with Politics

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Get woke, go broke.
And while you're at it whitey, check your privilege.

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Why Americans Need to Stop Faking Mental Illness

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This is an except from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It highlights the record use of both legal and illegal drugs among the Millennial generation, but notes the absurdly high percent of mental illness this would imply Millennials have It then posits the theory that - like many other things - some Millennials are faking mental illness to beget a whole host of benefits from society, ranging from anything like government checks to lower academic standards to simple pity. Worse, many Millennials have used their mental illness to define them, deriving their only purpose and value in life from said mental illnesses, when in fact they have none.

This is by no means a purely Millennial phenomenon. Many people from all post WWII generations are guilty of this, and it is increasing in frequency the younger generation you get. But like other traits, it shows Americans in general are getting so lazy they will resort to any trait, ailment, disability, or disorder in order to have (what in their minds they think will be) an easier life. And if they don't have one, they will make it up.

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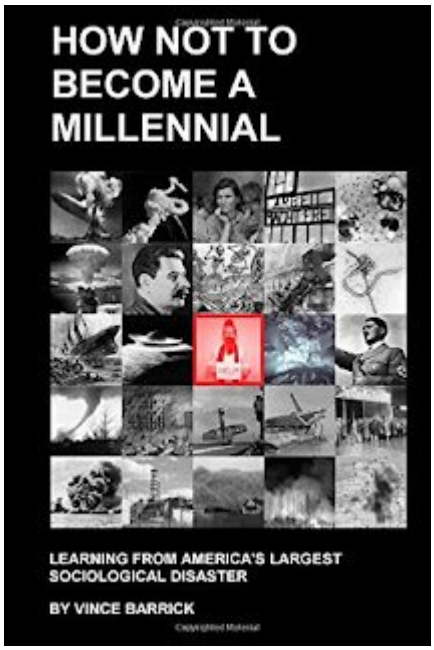

"CHAPTER 21 – NO, YOU DON'T HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS

What makes traits so attractive is you were born with them. You didn't "earn" becoming a male. You didn't "work" at becoming Latino. You came that way fresh off the assembly line. Not one calorie of energy was spent on getting you these traits (except on the behalf of your parents). But despite these traits having no value, since they take no effort to "earn," this makes them especially tempting to people's inherent laziness.

Because if you can get society to pay you for something you were born with, or better yet, purpose and meaning in life because of a trait, that means you never have to spend a calorie of energy working in life.

This is great if society has lost its collective mind enough to celebrate people born with particular traits, going so far as to even pay them. And if you are lucky enough to have those traits, you can live in this delusional (though ultimately destructive) world. But there is just one small problem for a rather large group of people - what if you were born with the "wrong" traits? What if you were born male? What if you were born white? Or worst of all – GASP!- what if you were born both?

Here the Millennials have an ingenious solution allowing anybody of any race and any gender to cash in on the victimhood and intrinsic value rackets. An idea so clever that even the much-hated white male can participate in the trait-giving gravy train – mental illness.

Whether you have a mental illness or not, if you can convince society you do, you can now make bank on that same victimhood/life-value racket everybody else is cashing in on. If you have "ADD," you can get your standards greatly lowered for your entire educational career. If you're "on the spectrum" you can qualify for a whole host of scholarships and financial aid. If you have "depression" a whole host of labor laws now come into your favor. If you suffer from "social anxiety disorder" you can excuse yourself from ever going out in life, taking a risk, or applying for a job. And if you have "bi-polar disorder" you can not only collect disability from the taxpayer, but you can treat people like utter shit, blaming it all on a made up mental illness.

Faking a mental illness is the ultimate shield to cower behind because it abdicates you of having any responsibility to support yourself or be of value to society because you're simply not mentally capable of doing so. It even excuses you to be an outright sadist (as any man who has dated a hot chick who claims to have BPD can tell you). But above all else, mental illness is the perfect trait to have in the victimhood racket because unlike race or gender it cannot be readily proved or disproved. Anybody can have it. Anybody can fake it. And doctors/psychologists are only more than happy to officially ordain it because it's more money in their pockets.

However, it needs to be stated up front not everybody who claims to have a mental illness is faking it. Mental illness is a real thing. Many unfortunate people do legitimately suffer from mental illness. And you do not wish to be one of these people. And it must also be stated that Millennials as a generation didn't maliciously and consciously concoct this diabolical plan as if they were some criminal mastermind like The Joker. Many Millennials were lied to by their parents and teachers about having a mental illness. The environment they grew up in certainly had stressors that may look like mental illness, but are in fact just tough times or unfortunate circumstances. And we needn't highlight again

the financial incentives the psychology/pharmaceutical industries have in every one of us having a mental disorder. But like hell 50% of the population has a mental illness. And like hell 1 in 4 Millennials are clinically depressed. Like hell 1 in 4 college students need Adderall. And I do not want to hear another lazy ass Millennial bragging about their "social anxiety disorder."

Unfortunately, there is absolutely no way to calculate the percent of the Millennial (and overall) population that is faking mental illness. Plus, who isn't to say that over the course of life most people won't suffer legitimate bouts of mental illness? But if you use other countries that are not so wealthy nor so spoiled, or simply go back a generation or two, you can use those as baselines to ballpark the percent of the current cases of mental illnesses that are legitimate. Furthermore, cynical and unscientific as this method may be, the mere application of Occam's Razor would introduce a healthy dose of much-needed skepticism into this discussion. Does our population really have anywhere between a 25% to 50% rate of mental illness? Or have we made it so profitable, either financially or emotionally, that weaker minded people are too tempted to claim they are mentally ill? Also, have we become so soft and spoiled as a society that the normal amount of pain and discomfort that comes with everyday challenges is so harsh it "triggers" weaker people into thinking they have a mental illness? And then there's your anecdotal stories that did not exist 20 years ago where you know of people purposely faking a mental illness to get some kind of advantage in society (for example, I know two men who lied to their employers that they had ADD so they could telecommute). When you view society through this cynical Occam's lens, it's obvious there's at least some fakers out there abusing mental illness for ill-gotten gains and it's not some token percent. 20%, 30%, even 80%? It's impossible to tell. But it would not be the slightest bit shocking if it turns out 50% of cases are faked or at least over/misdiagnosed.

Appalling as it might be that millions of people are faking mental illness for attention, money, even purpose in life, doing so comes at a great cost. Like putting race or gender at the center of your life, you're living a lie, guaranteeing that same life of misery, poverty, loneliness, and destitution. But there is an added cost that comes with faking a mental illness for the rest of your life. Namely, you have to fake having a mental illness. And that makes a bad situation much, much worse.

The absolute best outcome with this strategy is if you are consciously conniving and amoral, and know full well what you're doing. You do not have a mental illness. You're perfectly, mentally healthy. You are just willing to fake some symptoms, claim you got a case of the social anxieties, walk into a compliant doctor's office to have them sign off on it, and go get whatever benefits society has voted you to have. It could be telecommuting privileges, it could be SSI, it could be scholarships, it doesn't matter. You take your drugs, flush them down the toilet, and go on living life on an easier mode. One almost has to tip their hat to this Machiavellian approach, because if society is going to be stupid enough to award people for traits, you might as well cash in on the offer.

A lesser outcome is you “deep down inside” know you’re not mentally ill, but still can’t resist the temptation of either the financial benefits, the laziness it excuses, or even something as petty as the popularity and acceptance it confers upon you. The problem here is that whatever social or professional life you’ve built on this lie goes away the second you can no longer keep up the façade. If you claimed you had social anxiety in high school because you think it would beget pity and acceptance, then you better keep it up until graduation day because it will all go away if you don’t. If you’re in with the emo-kids at college and you’ve gained their comradery by playing somebody who’s a brooding English major who suffers from depression, you’re not going to be invited to the poetry slams anymore once they find out you were lying. And there’s entire professions within the non-profit, academic, and government world where the more disabilities you have the more cache you have in your career. If you’ve built any part or parcel of your career on a made up mental disability, you get to stay on stage forever lest you care to end your career. You essentially damn yourself to a part time job of being somebody you’re not forever, all for a little leg up in your career or social life.

Worse than that is where you actually start to believe the lie. You are so pathetic and valueless you place your entire life’s value on having a mental disability you don’t have. Deep down inside you know you don’t have a mental illness, but you are so lazy at your core you consciously choose the life of a mentally ill person to beget pity, assistance, and worth because a life of learning to code, perform dentistry, or wrench on diesel engines is just too much work for you. But while you’re thinking you’re dodging a bullet or being very clever, there is just one problem in believing you have a mental illness when you don’t. It’s a guarantee you will inevitably develop one over time. And when you throw that on top of the destitution, loneliness, poverty, and despair that comes with living a lie, you’ll be begging you had placed value in something as simple and innocent as gender.

But the absolute worst outcome when it comes to having a mental illness is not even having a mental illness at all. It’s where you were an otherwise mentally healthy individual and either through your parents, teachers, victimhood pimps (politicians, psychologists, counselors, etc.), or simply not having your father around, you were convinced you were mentally ill. Here we should have nothing but pity for the poor millions of Millennials (and others) who were misdiagnosed as children simply because their parents didn’t love them, their teachers didn’t want to deal with them, the psychology industry wanted to profit off of them, or their dads just weren’t around. Matter of fact, in a self-fulfilling prophecy sort of way, the mental pain and suffering that is the result of being misdiagnosed with a mental illness should be considered a mental illness in itself, given its own name and entered in the DSM MCMXXVII (it should also be grounds for tremendous lawsuits against teachers, counselors, and therapists who misdiagnosed them). Regardless, there are easily millions of adults today who were lied to about their mental health in the past, who directly mentally suffer from that misdiagnosis now. And many still live today under the erroneous assumption they had/still have a mental illness.

Once again, young people today need to look at the Millennials and ask themselves some serious questions when it comes to mental health.

Do you really have a mental illness or just shitty parents, shitty teachers, and a shitty support network?

Are you mentally ill or is your dad just not around or non-participatory in your life?

Are you depressed or is your life and current environment so harsh that the mentally healthy response would actually be to be depressed?

Were you so spoiled in life, facing no real problems that any normal problem normal people face scares you to the point you can't function? Not that you have "social anxiety disorder?" You just can't handle everyday pain and strife?

And if none of those are the case, do you really want to fake having a mental illness all for some free taxpayer money, lower standards, pity, and attention? Even going to the extent of taking mind-altering drugs to keep up the façade or merely to use as a crutch? Because if you don't have a mental illness now, you soon will. And a life without mental health is not only a wasted one, but a tortured one as well."

Target Learned Nothing

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Target (which if you didn't know has been the most consistent dick-sucker of political/CSR correctness if there ever was an example) has now completely gone "full-retard" and committed additional shareholder funds towards the community that destroyed/looted their stores.

I am not going to go into an exhaustive and belabored explanation of the psychopathy behind this because it is pointless. Nobody in today's modern self-hating zeitgeist will care. I will merely point out this is "danegeld" and the sign of cowards, pussies, weaklings, and inferior humans who have no self-respect. It is also a sign of the lack of real corporate leadership or strategy as "virtue signaling" is all modern day Gen X "corporate leaders" can come up with in terms of marketing their wares.

I sincerely hope all Target shareholders, especially those who think they are virtue signaling, lose all their money, investment, and capital bribing thugs, thieves, looters, and otherwise-general parasites not to loot/destroy their stores again. Like COVID, I am cheering on the "bad guys" because at least they're honest and Target is the most cowardly and hypocritical of entities that absolutely deserves to be destroyed. JC Penny and Sears are merely the canaries in the coal mine. If Target thinks it needs to castrate itself in front of political entities to make it. Fine, so be it. They may last, but Target's existence will be an insufferable one and I pity any poor person that has to work there, let alone the shareholder that "invests" in this laughable company.

The Four Types of Modern American Fathers

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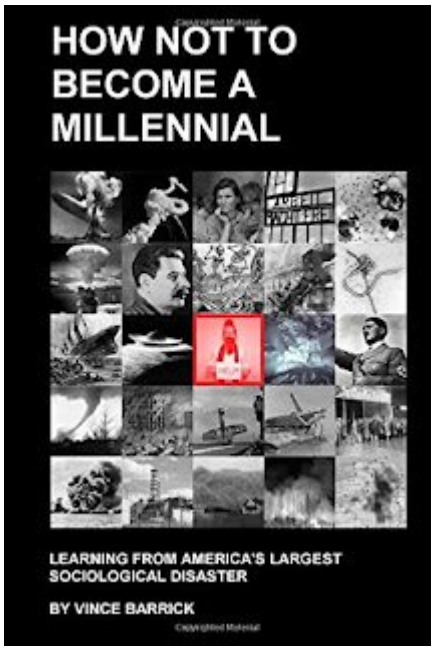
This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It highlights the four types of fathers we have in America, three of which are abysmal failures and are the cause of most of the problems our country faces today. Of particular note you will want to read about the "Present, But Absent Father" as this includes the plurality of fathers who are physically present, but too lazy to actually raise their children, making them no better than deadbeat dads.

If you were planning on becoming a father, I strongly urge you to read through these four types and ask which one you're willing to become. And if not a "Real Father" - where you are not only present, but actively participating in your child's life - then to march your ass right down to the virologist to get yourself a vasectomy so you don't torture an unwanted child by bringing one into this world.

Please consider purchasing the book below.



The Four Types of Fathers

The question for future generations of fathers is do you want to be this type of dad? Do you want to be responsible for bringing innocent children into this world of hell? Or do you have the strength and morality to not only ensure you choose the right woman to have a child with, but that you will put your child first in life and do what is in the best interests of that child? Alas every man has four choices as to which type of dad they'd like to become, only one of which is being a real father. And given we're talking about the lives of innocent children it's important all future fathers be completely honest with

themselves as to which type *they're willing to become*, not the one they'll proclaim to society they'll be.

Deadbeat Dads

The truth about deadbeat dads is there's no point in trying to shame them. The "baby mamas" dumb enough to breed with them really overestimate their intelligence, morality, or even common sense. Because while single moms can argue all they want that their "baby daddies" should step up and own up to their responsibilities, the reason these guys came inside you without a condom is because they're too stupid to do the math on a 18 second orgasm costing them 18 years of child support. People that dumb aren't capable of feeling guilty for bringing an innocent child into a world of hell, so they sure as hell aren't going to give a damn about their baby mamas nagging them about "where's the check?" Just save your breath.

But if you are this dumb of a man and you're one of those idiots on the news who has 12 kids from 6 different women, about the only argument that *might* get through your thick skull is that for $1,000 you can get a vasectomy and never have to worry about having another baby or paying another child support check ever again. You can have sex all you want, but you will never have to worry about a nagging woman hunting you down for money, *ever.* Forget any higher-level arguments about moralities, ethics, and responsibilities of being a father. You're too stupid for that. Just get a vasectomy and you'll never have to deal with a "baby mama" ever again.

Divorced Dads

Harsh as we are on women, this is only because a disproportionate amount of today's propaganda targets women, requiring a disproportionate amount of constructive criticism be dedicated towards them. However, this does not mean men are off the hook when it comes to forming a family. Men have just as much responsibility to their current and theoretical would-be children. Men have to choose the right mother to have their children with. Men have to work hard, earning a trade or a profession they can support a family with. Men also have to build the finances by which they can afford to support a family as well.

But the majority of men fail miserably in nearly all regards.

Right off the bat with 41% of births occurring outside marriage, 41% of you are not using a condom when you should. Throw in the divorce rate of 50% and now *the majority of men are empirically choosing the wrong women.* Most Millennial men have nowhere near the finances needed to support a family, let alone themselves. And with most Millennial men slaving away at three jobs in the gig economy, they simply don't have the time necessary to be both a supporting husband and father. But whether it's "the lord will

provide" or an unconscious instinct that "well we just have families because that's what humans do," men are still starting families anyway. And consequently, they set themselves up for failure when it comes to being a family man.

In having a child before you are ready you immediately cause stress within the family before it's even formed. You put incredible financial pressure on the family not only in that there are more mouths to feed, but birthing children costs money and takes the wife out of the labor force. Unless you were smart enough to become an engineer and *cough cough* traditionally support the family on one income, you likely have to work multiple gigs to make ends meet, as does your wife. And this only stresses your family further as you're never around to provide moral support to your wife or children. You go on the state-sponsored health insurance plan, get a loan from your parents, or go on outright government assistance which does lessen you in the eyes of your wife. And further lessening her view of you is that you can no longer workout and stay in shape as you're running ragged working three jobs. And since your wife also has to work to make ends meet, it's only a matter of time until she meets Kevin in sales who has no children, has more money, and has more fun. That and he plain does not give a fuck that your wife is married.

Soon the divorce papers are served and there you sit with your dopey Millennial face wondering *"What? What did I do wrong? I was kind and sweet and nice! I was an environmentalist and there for her emotionally! I even voted democrat!"* But even though you didn't intend to raise your children in a broken home, that's precisely what ended up happening. And the reason why is because you believed in lies such as "follow your heart and the money will follow," the Millennial political religion, and that women wanted some sensitive 90's man. Not a real man.

Though no man sets out to get divorced, it is his lack of awareness and an underestimating of his obligations to his wife and children that lands him in divorce court. It is also his inability to distinguish between political propaganda and biological reality. So while the Boomer social scientists and Millennial political propagandists are all telling you women want "new gender roles," this does not change the 2 million years of human evolution that women want…once again…a man who is

physically fit
makes enough money to support a family
does not live at home
is mentally strong
is masculine
and is tall.

To meet the bogus new gender roles merely requires lip service. But to meet the real traditional ones requires sacrifice, work, and dedication to both your wife and children.

And if you're not willing to put in the work to achieve those things, you are not willing to put in the work that is necessary to become a father. Expect to be divorced with visitation rights every 4th Tuesday of every 3rd month. And say hi to Kevin in sales for me.

Present-But-Absent Dads

This is the largest contingent of modern day fathers. They have a wife, they have children, on paper they look like the perfect nuclear family, but the father truly is a sperm donor because he invests absolutely no time in his children. He goes to work. Comes home in the evening. He might have dinner with the kids, but then sits in front of the TV or reads the paper for the rest of the night. He makes no investment in his children, spending no time with them, and when he dies his grand total investment in his children will be "sperm donor" and nothing more. He truly might as well not exist.

The costs and consequences to children of "Present-But-Absent" fathers are incalculable. No lessons about the future are imparted, no life skills are taught, morality and critical thinking are never instilled, and thus their children are left completely clueless and directionless in life. They don't know what they should do. They don't know what the purpose of life is. And so they are dumped out into the real world to wander aimlessly like nearly all of the Millennials today.

But this lack of paternal investment also leaves their children hopelessly unprepared for the real world. So much so that many Millennials today learned more from the internet than they did their dads. Millions of Millennials didn't have their fathers teach them how to change oil. They had YouTube teach them. Millions of Millennials didn't have their fathers teach them about dating. They had YouTube dating coaches teach them. Millions of Millennials didn't have their fathers teach them about personal finances or budgeting. They watched Dave Ramsey or read Jacob Fisker for that. Millennials didn't even have their dads teach them ethics or morals or philosophy. They stream Stefan Molyneux, Dennis Prager, or The Andy Griffith Show to teach them that.

But worse, these Present-But-Absent fathers fail to teach their kids street smarts, which makes them easy marks for the "The Lying Industrial Complex." Without fathers around to talk about the pros and cons of majoring in different subjects, their children take on tons of debt for worthless degrees. Without fathers to warn their kids about the foolishness of buying a new car at 15% interest, their finances are further crippled the same. Their sons go horribly unprepared into the dating world, offending more young women than wooing. And their daughters are given no context or imperative about how to avail themselves of their youth and beauty while they still have it. But perhaps what is most painful of all is the confusion these poor kids have when nothing makes any sense or goes their way in the real world because their fathers did absolutely nothing to either explain or prepare them for it. It's not until they've lived a decade of life as an adult are they able to painfully reverse engineer the lessons their father should have given them

decades ago. Lessons, more often than not, that are tragically learned too late.

There are certainly excuses as to why the majority of fathers today are so non-participatory. It could be they are working themselves to the bone out of a misdirected love to support their family financially. It could be their and their wife's spending habits necessitate the father work so much otherwise they'd file for bankruptcy. It could be the wife is so overbearing he dare not speak his mind or deliver the tough fatherly love that is needed in fear of getting divorced. It could be something as tragic as he got spermjacked and really didn't want to be a father anyway. It could just be an epidemic of really shitty dads. Whatever the real reason, none of it changes their actions. None of it changes effective reality. Most fathers today may be physically there, but they might as well not be.

Real Fathers

There is nothing more valuable than wisdom because it saves younger people the most precious and only commodity we have in life – time. The book "Worthless" for example is simply wisdom that tries to spare young people the years of time and labor most of them will waste on a worthless degree. Jacob Fisker has a book out called "Early Retirement Extreme" which is nothing more than a book of wisdom teaching people how to be a minimalist, retire early, and avail themselves of the most amount of time they have on this planet. Even the old man at the barbershop who leans over to a younger man and says, *"Look kid, do the scheduled maintenance on your car"* imparts that bit of wisdom because it will save the young man time through lower overall maintenance and repair costs. Wisdom is the most valuable thing one person can give to another in that they're giving that other person additional time.

But wisdom is something else, especially as it pertains to fathers. It is love. It is caring. It is investing. Real fathers invest in their children by imparting wisdom so that they may live happier and easier lives. And not just things like "do the scheduled maintenance on your car" or "don't major in Theater," but wisdom about the larger and more important goals in life that ultimately determine the quality of life a person lives.

Telling their sons how to find a quality wife.
Telling their daughters how to spot a quality man.
Explaining that a job is to make money so you can live and not the other way around.
Explaining why material things and fancy cars will not bring happiness.
Explaining why true love can only be attained by putting others ahead of yourself.
Conveying the incredible value of friends.
And above all else, not letting politics, intimidation, laziness, or fear of an uncomfortable conversation deter them from providing their children that critical wisdom.

These life lessons may not be sexy, even boring enough to evoke a painful "*I know*

daaaaaaaad," but in the long run it's the most precious gift one can give. Because while Daddy Warbucks is buying his kids a car or paying for their fraternity dues, a real father is teaching his kids value and reality. And the key to happiness and a fulfilled life is not things, materialism, or prestige. It's knowing what is valuable in life, knowing what reality is, basing your decisions in that reality, and attaining the things that are truly valuable. It's being able to maintain a car, not merely having one. It's having a successful career, not merely having a Master's degree. It's falling in love, not merely throwing a wedding. This is why a dad who merely pays his daughter's way through college without teaching her about ***why*** she should go to college is not a real dad. But a father who insists she majors in Engineering or Accounting ***and takes the time to explain why*** is. One is outsourcing his fatherhood to money because he is simply too lazy to parent, the other is investing time in his children because he desperately wants his children to be happy in life.

This fourth option of fatherhood is not the "ideal" way to be a father. It is the *only* way to be a father. And if you're not willing to invest that level of time, energy, and wisdom into your children, then do your children a favor and get a vasectomy. You just aren't qualified to be a real father.

MGM Getting Rid of Paid Parking for Vegas Casinos…For Now

June 11, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My goodness! They must be REALLY desperate if MGM is getting rid of their parking fees!

The Clarey Podcast #327

June 12, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Live at 950AM CST!

The Riots are About Millennial Revenge, Not Race

June 17, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Was on Jack Napier's show and at the 30 minute mark we have a conversation about what the real cause of the riots/protests is.

Cappy's Speaking in Las Vegas Oct 2-4th

June 17, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I'll be joined with 9 other speakers including Rollo Tomassi, Rian Stone, Rich Cooper, and Troy Frances. It'll be pricey ($999) but will hopefully be worth it when you're done attending the seminar!

The University of Clown World

June 18, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

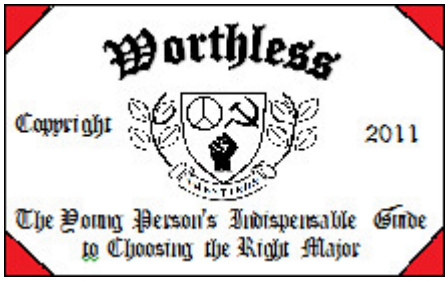
First, it should be stated that the vast majority of degrees are completely worthless and are going to be the number one cause of poverty for generations going forward.

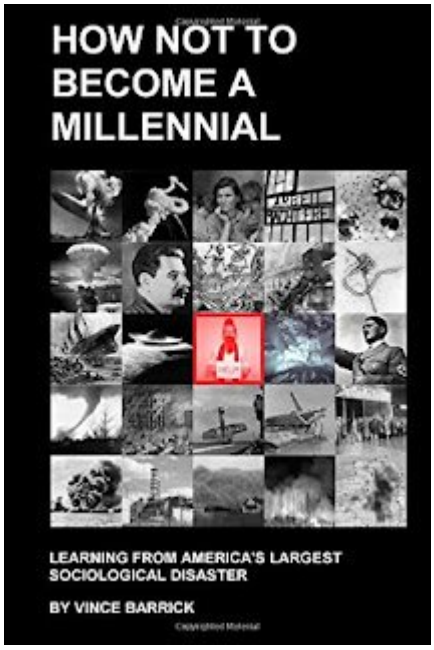
Second, if you must attend college, choose a degree that is worthwhile and will make your lifetime income one you can live amply off of.

Third, ideally, attend college online so you can not only save fees, greenhouse gases, tuition, and rent, but the horrific time that is spent wasted commuting to a physical campus.

Finally, if you're going to attend a physical college AND major in a worthless field AND have a career in "academia" preparing for psycho-shit like this to happen as you are working among insane people who are manically-ideologically driven.

Finally consider purchasing the books below so you don't end up like the generations of worthless and marginally employed professors and liberal arts majors.





Canada's Little Known Mach 2 Fighter Plane

June 20, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

I found this article fascinating.

What I found more fascinating than that is that it was written by the BBC and was actually a good article without some sanctimonious political agenda.

"All the Cool, Intellectual Kids Hang Out in Uptown"

June 21, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Allow me to tell you a quick story.

On the first day I moved to Minneapolis waaaaay back in 1993, the local college kids told me "uptown" was the cool place all the edgy smart kids went. Of course, to "go there" you needed a lot of money as food was expensive, coffee the same, and if you drank drinks were overpriced.

Aside for the rare restaurant that I liked, Minneapolis's "uptown" was a pretentious, arrogant place for trust fund kids to spend their money and party, yet still act like they were self-supporting intellectuals as they sup upon $7 lattes and attended art fairs.

Well, not so much anymore.

Admittedly, it has been over 20 years since I first set foot in uptown, but now after a full generation of children have been brought up to be virtue signaling social justice warriors (both of the ghetto and lily white suburb variety) the leftist elite of uptown now have their chickens coming home to roost. Whatever true intellectuals that existed in Minneapolis have long ago left for the burbs or warm tax free states and rarely-if-ever concern themselves about being "intellectuals" hanging out in the effete parts of major metros. And now you have the leftist eloi and their K-12-conditioned morlock creatures who are feeding upon them.

As you all know I left Minneapolis long ago and am leaving Minnesota for greener pastures. I truly could not give a shit about this shitty town, it's arrogant leftist people, or the frankenstein monsters they created. I'm sure Minneapolis will come up with a slogan or a motto about "all in this together" or some other placating bullshit. who knows, they might change a lake name again. But in the end, they get what they deserve and I will enjoy watching the city burn.

Enjoy the decline, minneapolis! Enjoy that freaking decline!

The Clarey Podcast #328 - The "Turning a Bad Day Around" Episode

June 22, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Rain and bad cell service thwarts Cappy's original hiking plans, but he turns the bad day around with capitalistic guile and resourcefulness! He makes friends with a dog, comes up with his Indian name, sees some hawks, and dodges rain!
Podcast located here.
MP3 here.
Youtube here.

The Older Brother Podcast #76 - The "Most Men Have PTSD" Episode

June 24, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy talks about:

Novelty vs. bliss
The family in Nemo that was having fun
Hiking the old gold mine trail between Deadwood and Lead.
Most western men suffer from some form of PTSD. (at about the 37:15 mark)
Why Cappy doesn't bother talking to NPC's about the riots/protests.

And more!!!!

in THIS EPISODE of The Old Brother Podcast.
MP3 here.
YouTube below:

Online College Means Paying Other People to Write Your Stupid Papers

June 26, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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How to Profit Off of Affirmative Action

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This ended up being one of my better videos because the client was not only asking how non-leftists minorities could benefit from affirmative action, but also SHOULD THEY and how to incorporate that into "Operation Evil." It ended up being an important lesson in humanity that EVERY person should understand, especially if you plan on profiting off of the insanity that exists today and is certainly going to increase in the future.

AC/DT Podcast - The "Frida Khalo" Episode

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I'm a guest on DT's podcast where we discuss:

The "Super Dooper Racist Alert"
Be happy you're not Frida Khalo...or any of the women who worship her.
Reviewing Stephen King movies.
South Dakota storms.
Minneapolis city council people hiring private security.

Men Must Accept This Reality: There are Near ZERO Quality Women to Marry

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So Close to the Role of a Mother, But Not a Mother Herself

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This is a quote from the comments section of a video "Let Women Have Corporate America." I often debate what women truly want. Do they deep down inside want a husband and kids? Do they want to just be a kept woman, bonding with their own biological children, taking care of husband and child? Or have they always been "kept" (in the slave sense) by men, yearning to be free, and the welfare state/corporate employment has now emancipated them from their unwitting slave owners (men)?

I take the intellectually cheap way out by making the point it doesn't matter what they want "deep down inside," as it is only their actions that matter. And their actions are they love their careers, educations, and themselves more than they do their children/husbands, theoretical as they may be. But then occasionally they crack, you get a peek behind the curtain, and then you wonder if their "rah rah you go girlism moxie" is just one big bluff, and "deep down inside" most women want a traditional life, replete with husband and kids, and they are all mightily suffering.

The problem I have is that actions have consequences. And after 4+ decades on this planet, it has been nothing but a consistent cacophony of "girl power," "women don't need no man," "my career comes first," and often times outright misandry. And since I do not have the time to decipher what women truly want (nor do I have any incentive), me - along with the rest of the world - have to take women at their word and behave from the premise they prefer their careers, educations, and politics over family, children, and potential future loved ones.

Thus, when I hear a report from the field like below, I have no pity, only laughter. And I learn to enjoy the decline. I suggest you do learn to do the same because enjoying the decline is all we have.

"*I just had this long conversation of job fulfillment with my granddaughter still in college. This due to her conversations with women already in those jobs and expressing un-fulfillment. I tried to get her to understand, " There is no fulfillment in any job. It is just a way of subsistence for life. She had a very difficult time trying to understand this, She was crying, near hysterics about it, making all kinds of irrational solutions, confusion was rampant.... I told her fulfillment is found in having a bonding relationship with others. You cannot bond with other people's children. You cannot bond with co-workers on the job or bosses. You can only bond with your own children if you stay at home with them at least first 3 to 5 years while actively pursuing that goal. You can only bond with one man and not with one-man-at-time. She is beginning to see the light but it has been difficult. I tried*

to get her to not to go to college but her response was, "I don't want to talk about it". How often do women use this excuse to avoid any rational conversation to make an informed decision. She is now just 4 months away from a STEM field graduation in the medical field with hopes of treating mostly children. She has changed her goal a dozen times from age 16 to 21, but it always had some vision of a typical service to children. Notice how this is so close to the role of being a mother and even a wife as she is now in servitude to a corporation or government? "But I'll get paid". No, she will just be getting her bills paid just like a stay at home, well involved mother of three with a good man as husband."

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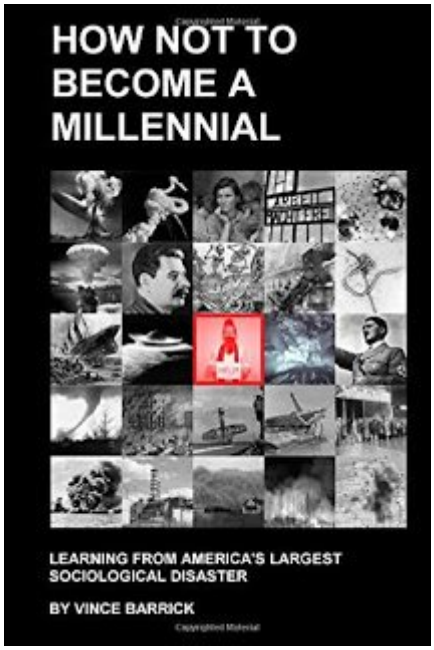

Patreon May Be Bleeding Clients to Subscribestar

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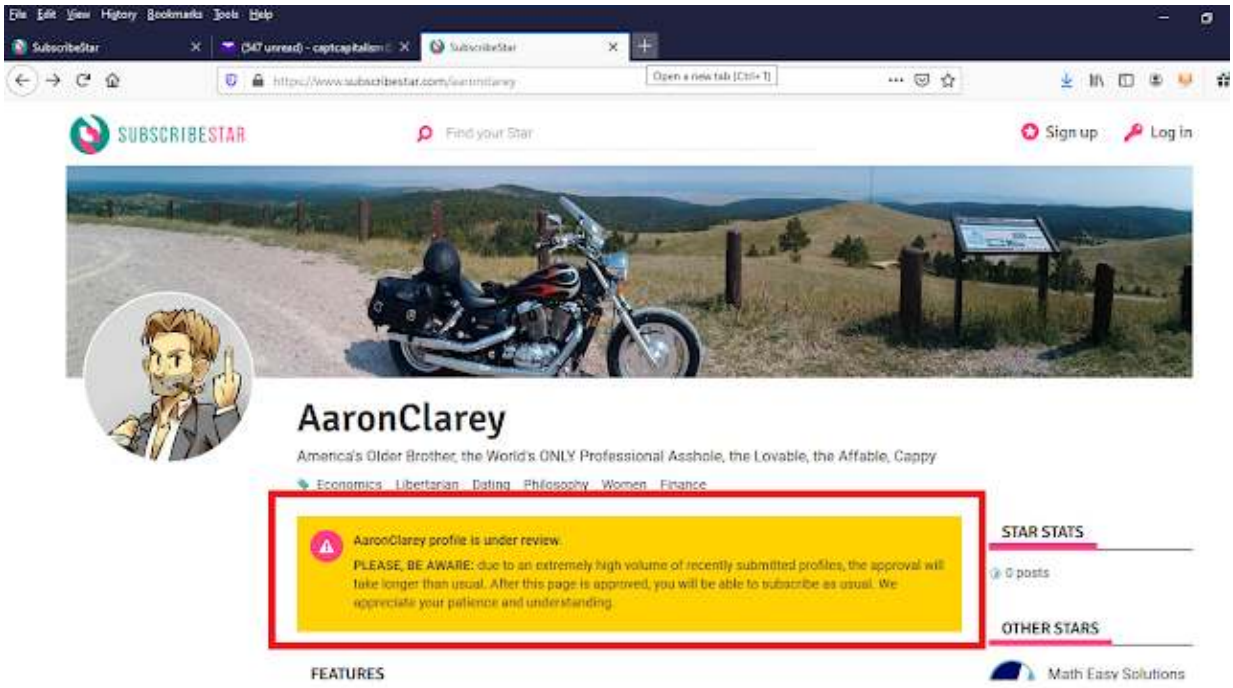
So there's no way to tell if this is indeed what's happening, but after Patreon put out it's utterly predictable "letter from the CEO" about how they were going to encourage employees to donate to POC's patreon accounts, donate to BLM and the NAACP, etc. etc., naturally this perturbed white Patreon members (or in general, just principled Patreon members) as it is the bonafide definition of racism. It may be euphemistically called "affirmative action," but if a company ever came out and said, "we're encouraging employees to donate to white patreon members" the world would throw a hissyfit.

Subscribestar is the natural second choice, but when I signed up for it, I got a message that account approval is delayed because they are being flooded with new requests.



This could be because of the virus and people setting up online profiles. It could be because paywalled-content creation is a booming industry. But I cannot help but think Patreon being the literal definition of racist (no matter how "well-intended") was too much, even for bend-over, amicable, guilty white people to tolerate.

Assuming my profile is approved, you will be able to find my subscribestar account here. I will be moving all my content from Patreon to Subscribestar and inevitably closing down my Patreon account. So for those of you who are subscribed to me on Patreon - thank you very much - BUT DOWNLOAD ALL THAT SHIT NOW before I take the site down. And if you would kindly move your subscription from Patreon to Subscribestar once my account is approved.

Many thanks!

Cappy

Corporate Donations to BLM vs. Government Spending on the Black Community

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As you may have noticed I don't do as much writing as I used to. This is in part due to writing the majority of a rather large book, a month-long cancer scare, the coronavirus, and the consequential podcast it spurred - "Good Morning Coronachan." Throw in at least 3 consultations a day for Asshole Consulting, and there just isn't enough time left in the day to get to penning serious pieces of economic and political thought.

But I did want to write quick piece because it needs writing. And when I say "needs writing," I do not mean that it needs to be brought to society's attention. Society never listens. It needs to be written for posterity's sake and so we can reliably predict where yet another leftist idea will fail. And that latest leftist idea that is doomed to failure is corporate donations to the NAACP, BLM, justice initiatives etc.

The short version is this - does the totality of all these corporate donations even hold a candle to the trillions of dollars the US federal government has spent on the black community over the past 50 years?

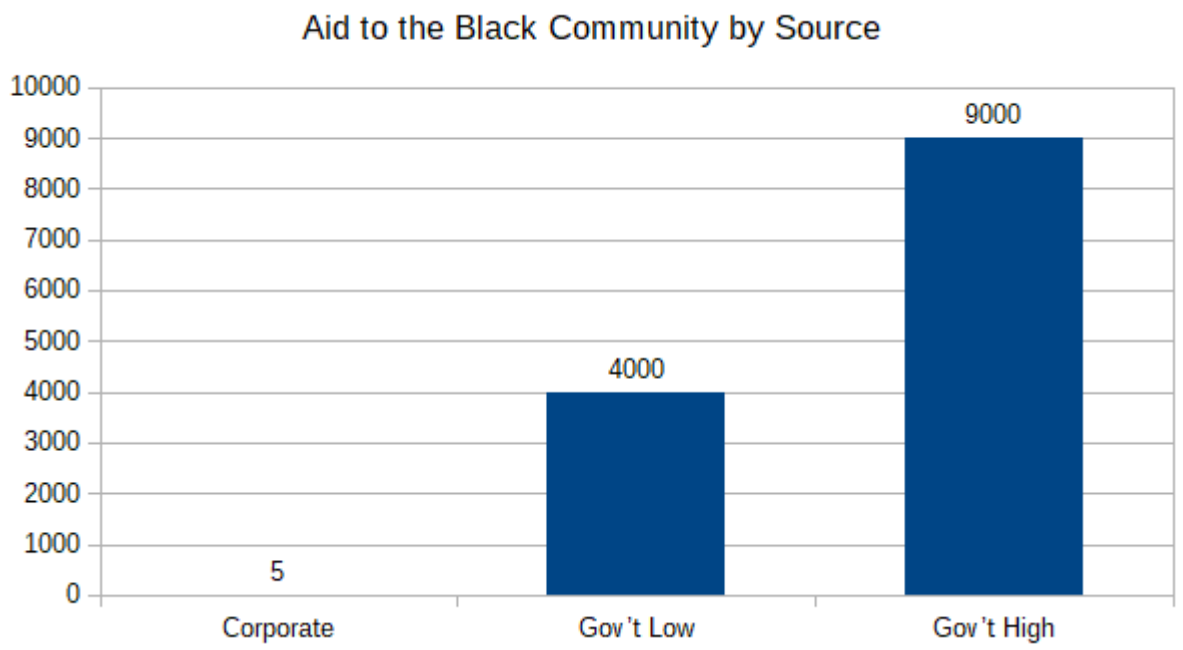
I do not have the time to go and calculate precise numbers but some back of napkin calculations boil down as this.

The largest donations from the largest corporations are coming in around $5 million (though amortized over 5-10 years). Let's just assume all corporations in the Fortune 1,000 donate $5 million each, though very few are coming even that close. That adds up to a whopping...

$5 billion.

Contrast that with the TRILLIONS the government has spent on the black community. There is no way to know precisely how much the government has spent on the black community over the past 50 years (using The Great Society as a starting point), but research I've done in the past ball park it between $4 to $9 trillion (it's a big ball park) in excess social spending on the black community beyond what their proportional population would be entitled to.

To give liberals and leftist a visual demonstration, I've put together a chart because I know most of you truly do not know the difference between a trillion and a billion.



Obviously, if the multiple trillions of dollars has not closed the:

wage
health
income
savings
life expectancy

gaps between black and whites, this pittance of a fart of $5 billion will do absolutely nothing the same. It may enrich some black activists who sit on the boards of these non-profits, but *it will not do one damn thing* to tangibly improve the lives of black people in the US.

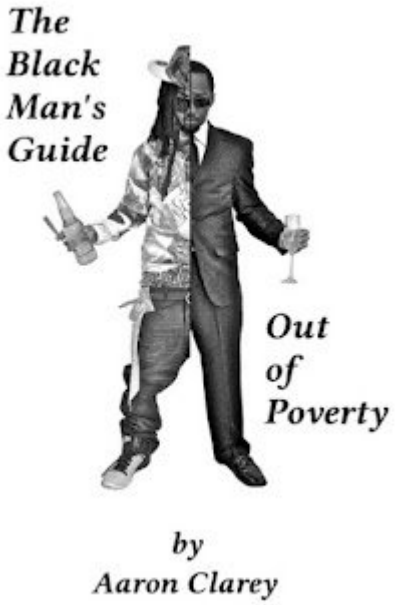
It is here I behoove anybody of any political or racial stripe to be intellectually honest with themselves and acknowledge what this laughable joke of "corporate donations" are - Marketing. Placating. Danegeld. Virtue-signaling. These corporations do not care about black people, they care about themselves and are capitalizing off of a tragedy to profit.

It is also here I further behoove anybody of any political stripe or race to ask if trillions in money hasn't helped the plight of black people, would trillions more help? Or is there something else causing the various health/wealth/income disparities between blacks and other Americans that first needs to be accurately diagnosed before we further commit resources to tackling this problem so that it might be effective?

Sadly, I know the answer - nobody actually cares about improving the plights of blacks. People just see trillions of dollars (black people included) and it blinds them to long-term, permanent solutions that would raise black standards of living. However, if any of you

have the courage and bravery to actually look past "more money" and apply a critical eye to black poverty with the goal of ending it, you can find a much cheaper and effective solution here.

Best of luck and as always, enjoy the decline.



Uh Oh…I Guess You Can't Just Defame and Beat Your Husband

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Oh nosies!

All That Virtue Signaling and Danegeld for Nothing!!!!

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Black Youtubers file lawsuit against YouTube.

Perhaps YouTube can consult Target about how virtue signaling has helped with race relations.

Cappy is Moving from Patreon to Subscribestar

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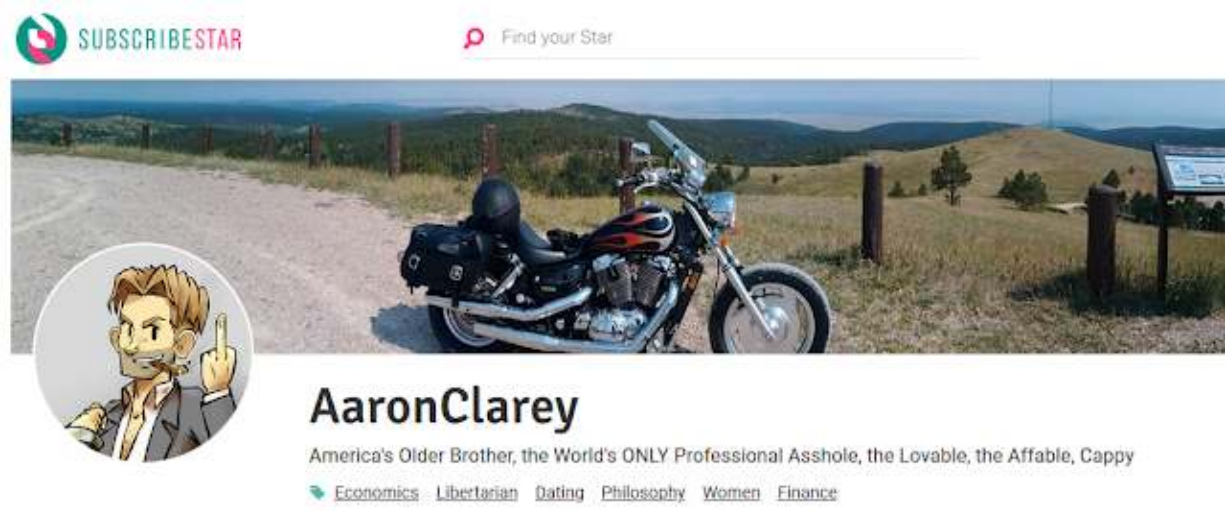


Patreon, like nearly every other Silicon Valley company, sent me a lecturing e-mail about BLM, privilege, etc. etc. etc. That I understand. You're paying your danegeld, your marketing majors know nothing but virtue signaling, like Hollywood you're fresh out of ideas and are regurgitating what your professors told you in the 00's was "cutting edge" marketing.

But I will not tolerate genuine racism where you (Patreon) are encouraging employees to donate money to black content producers AND are giving preferential traffic treatment to black content producers.

Thankfully, Patreon is not a monopoly and Subscribestar (a Russian company) is a competitor that just wants to make money and isn't going to lecture me. Nor is it going to be bigoted giving preferential treatment to some over others. And so that's why I decided to move, because I have self-respect and standards.

For all my Patreon donors, please download all the content you want from my Patreon account which I will leave up until July 15th. Then, if you kindly would, consider supporting me on Subscribestar. I will be uploading "Behind the Paywall" content there such as "The Road Trip Podcast," Marijo's pinups, and "Sanity is the Future of Wealth" at the same completely unreliable schedule I always was.

I'm sorry to do this to all of you who took the time to subscribe to me before. It seems big tech and Silicon Valley are making it a part of daily life where people have to constantly move platforms, censor and edit themselves, set up new usernames and passwords, etc., all because these (predominantly) Gen X "leaders" put politics ahead of people, virtue signaling over viable business practices. But someday, there will be

enough competition in this big tech/content creator world that Patreon, YouTube, Facebook, etc., will have alienated too many people or censored so many there is nobody left. And then maybe, someday, we adults can have an adult conversation, uninterrupted without worrying about some thought-police nanny-nazi sticking their damn noses in every sentence and word we utter to each other.

See you on Subscribestar and as always...

Enjoy the Decline!

Another Victory for Capitalism

July 4, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If there is a key difference between capitalists and socialists, it's that capitalists come up with solutions to problems while socialists just bitch about them and demand other people's money to treat the symptoms of those problems...but never solve them.

A perfect example of capitalist ingenuity right here.

I hope whoever came up with the idea was given a $5 million bonus. S/he deserves it.

Ladies, No Man is Coming to Save You

July 6, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Good Morning Coronachan #29 LIVE!

July 7, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

1015AM CST! TODAY!
TUNE IN and also SHARE the good word of The Great and Merciful Coronachan with friends!

Why Men Should Always Hide Their Power Level

July 7, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Boys, you NEVER let a woman know:

you have money
you have a great career, or
you have assets/wealth

And you NEVER envy the popular or famous.

You hide your real wealth, power, and income, and you never seek fame, status, or prestige.

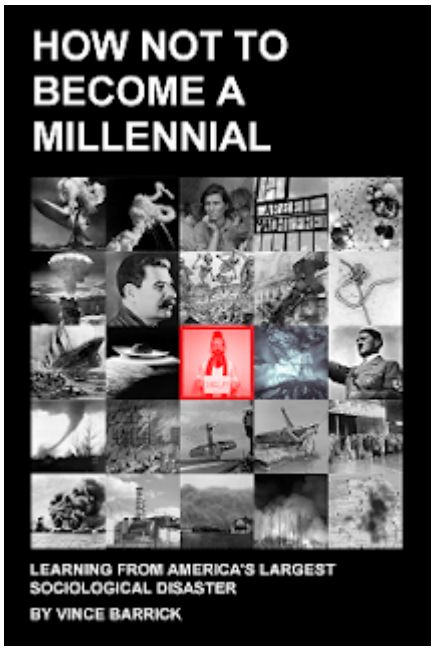
You are a poor, lower-middle income schlep who can barely get by and are beset by the same financial problems all your friends are. You comment how you are happy you "made rent" that month, and cancel dates at the last moment because "it's just not in the budget." And you just keep stacking coins unbeknownst to everybody else.

You are not just the millionaire next door, you are the unknown millionaire taking her out for coffee as she criticizes you used-subcompact car, your average clothes, and your minimalist apartment.

Because if you flash your cash, brag about your "six figs," or dare to become famous or super wealthy, this is the result.

Now buy this freaking book below and make your financial life a hell of a lot easier.

And when you're done reading that book, for you younger boys out there, read this book next.



You can thank me later when you're sitting pretty and debating whether to retire at 40 or keep working.

The "COVID Challenge"

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First it was the cinnamon challenge
Then the Tide Pod challenge.

Now it's the "COVID Challenge."

And it's more American than you think;

Dear Kids, You Can't Trust Your Teachers

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If you have a young one whose parents are not filtering their homework from teachers, perhaps consider sharing this video with them;

The Clarey Podcast #329 - The "Boomer Tech" Episode

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Minneapolis Faces $156 Million Budget Shortfall

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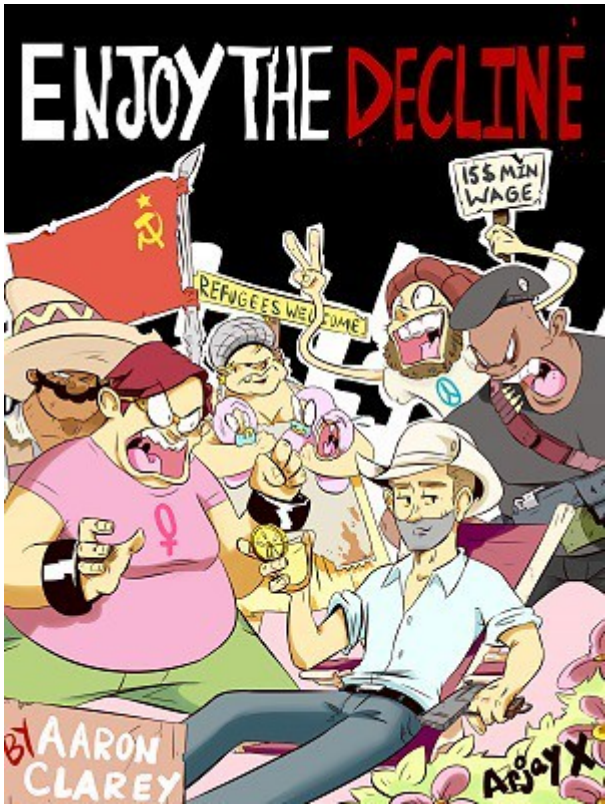
Durrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!!!!!!

Also to make you happy, Robert DeNiro (who I like as an action) is also a known lefty...married to a woman...who is estranged...who is now asking a court to increase her alimony during COVID...while DeNiro's media company is obviously suffering from COVID.

I would just like to point out to Mr. DeNiro that (like his colleague Brad Pitt) having the correct political views does not protect you from the (largely) leftist feminist court system.

I would also like to point out to the rest of you boys, you NEVER GET MARRIED. EVERRRRRRRRR!!!!!!

In the meantime I sincerely hope you all enjoy the decline this fine weekend.



Life's Too Short for Megan Rapinoe's Hair

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You people have GOT TO STOP WATCHING/READING NEWS/THE INTERNET!

The Reject/Left Over Marriage Market

July 13, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It's like the produce section has been picked over:

"*The pool of people available for an LTR becomes more and more dominated by those who are not good prospects for an LTR. Once you get into your fifties there might be an influx of "fresh blood" in the forms of women and men who's first partner died young, but it does little to better the outcomes in aggregate. This is why you often see older men marrying younger women, because the pool of women age 20 – 30% has not yet been hit with the full force of self-selection. It is for this same reason that some of the older gents I talk to often complain of slim-pickings in their own age group.*"

Good Morning Coronachan #29 - The "Can I Do Better Than Superman" Episode

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Your Mandatory Monday Mirth!

Up to 28% of American Women Have Children from More Than One Man

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Crocodile tears for all those women who have to drop off their babies with their respective baby daddies and the multiple families they now are forced to interact with.

"*As the statistics show in the example of the Nordic countries, as a country becomes more egalitarian, this affects divorce rates, single parent households and female choice. The recycling of men into second and third groups of children with different women, something that has also become a trend in the United States where up to 28% of women have children by more than one man, in a form of reproductive mixed market, is perhaps facilitated more through the generous Nordic Welfare states. [18, 19]*
A researcher states in a Jezebel article

> *"And Dorius herself went even further, saying that multipartner fertility isn't just a byproduct of inequality, but an engine of it: "Juggling all the different needs and demands of fathers in at least two households, four or more pairs of grandparents, and two or more children creates a huge set of chronic stressors that families have to deal with for decades."" [20]*"

Older Brother Podcast LIVE!

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Tune in today at noon CST!

Red Pill Philosophy on Ethics, PUA, Race, Gender, Libertarianism, IQ, and More

July 18, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Greg at Red Pill Men's Health was kind enough to have me on. Had a great conversation:

A Devastating Blow to the Liberal Arts Job Market

July 18, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"Flippy" has laid a horrific blow to one of the main employers of liberal arts majors.

AGAIN, DO NOT MAJOR IN THE LIBERAL ARTS OR HUMANITIES!!!!

Leftists Eat Another One of Their Own

July 19, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Unfortunately, I do like the Trader Joe's business model. If you research/read up on it, it's actually a good and clever model. But the hippie leftism is so thick only the smell of patchouli on it's 53 year old women shoppers can cut through it, so I can't feel bad for them when this happened.

Hmmmm...I wonder what insanity leftist businesses will have to suffer in say like 10 years? Oh well, they'll have brought it on themselves.

Why Girls Slash Your Tires

July 20, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And while you're at it, make sure girls DON'T slash your tires by reading this book.

SJW's Right to Masturbate

July 21, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Understand that an SJW's right to masturbate and imagine themselves heroes outstrips other people's right to life.

Good Morning Coronachan #30!

July 21, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tune in and enjoy the fun this morning!

Silver and Gold Hit New 7 Year High

July 23, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

And of course it's all because of the Wuhan flu and not capital flight out of countries who let people and communists burn down their towns.

It's the Government's Duty, NOT MEN'S, to Take Care of Women

July 25, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

As Trump said, "You're fired."

And now that you're fired you don't have to pay the "granite countertop tax."

Good Morning Coronachan #31 - The "Electric Bikes" Episode

July 27, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Tune in live and spread like herpes! SAVE THE SOULS OF YOUR FRIENDS with the gospel of The Great and Merciful Coronachan!

The Incredible Economic Costs of Political Censorship

July 28, 2020 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"How'd You Land Her???"

Allow me to explain to you a not-too-uncommon scenario from my youth.

I would walk into a bar, a night club or a dance hall with a girl on my arm that was way, way, WAY out of my league. While most onlookers would dismiss it as an escort, my friends knew I legitimately landed these dates and would shake their heads and say, "*I don't know how he does it.*" Sure enough, be it at the bar or later on that week, my friends would ask, "*How the hell did you pull off that one? You're a 5'9" putz, she's a 5'11" goddess. What in the honest to fuck god's name are you doing???*"

And I would tell them the truth.

One, that I was a ballroom dance instructor which allowed me to punch way above my weight. My personality, looks, or charm had nothing to do with it. These women were using me to look good on the dance floor and garner attention, not because of anything to do with me personally.

Two - and more importantly - they didn't see the 10 girls before that shot me down, stood me up, or got vomitously drunk on the first date that I had to wade through like waist-high sewage to get this one presentable one to the dance floor. Like everything it was FAILURE that was the key to success, and all these people saw was the finished product. Not cleaning out my other date's vomit from my car the previous night.

But just like my friends never saw all the underlying work that went into landing a very attractive date, the same can be said of economic production. For while we all like to see the shinny new car, the freshly prepared meal, or something as simple as a newly minted book, the amount of pain, agony, toil, headache, bribery, not to mention simple production costs that goes into producing ALL of our economic production is rarely seen or considered.

Dark Matter Economics

I like to call this "Dark Matter Economics" because most of economics is what you DO NOT SEE. And approaching economics from this "unseen" angle I've been able to explain cryptocurrency, higher tuition prices, higher rent prices, stagnant wages, etc. etc., to non-economic minded people.

For example, most laymen think the solution to higher tuition is "more money." The simpleton logic being "more money would make college affordable to more people" which is the exact same logic we use when treating poverty (which if you didn't know BTW, has not been solved). However, when you change their perspective from one of economics to physics or even simple math, they finally understand that giving students more money is not the solution to, *but the cause of* higher tuition. That flooding a market with ***$500 BILLION a year*** in loans, scholarships, and parental money only results in more money chasing the same amount of college degrees, driving up tuition. And instead of demanding billions of dollars more, we should ironically, ***cut off ALL student scholarships, loans, or financial support and starve the education industry of tuition money***. (but that would seem "mean" and so we don't do that...we'll just instead continue to cripple future generations with unnecessary student loans as that seems "compassionate.")

Regardless, the point is that what most people see as economics is the shinny, polished, politically correct final product that they want to see. And RARELY if EVER do they look under the hood at the ugly underside of the economy to see how this economic engine runs. As long as the car keeps running, as long as the Titanic keeps floating, your average normie-conformie-inferior doesn't care if their iPhone789XDi-4 destroys the environment, as long as they get their shinny doodad.

But just like the cocktail-sipping elitists on the rapidly-sinking Titanic, there is a cost to such ignorance.

The Shining Beacon of the 2020 Economy

There is not a lot of good that can be said of 2020. But for all of its drawbacks there is one tremendous silver lining - the content creator economy.

Right now the fastest growing part of the economy is content creation. Be you a webcam girl, a blogger, a makeup vlogger, an author, or an internet political pundit, as more and more of the economy is automated (or outsourced) a higher percent of our economic production and consumption is online content creation. Pandemics and riots aside, this is a huge testament as to just how advanced and how far our economy has come where increasing numbers of people today CAN MAKE A LIVING simply talking to one another online by being socialites, philosophers, artists or....girls with big bazooms. It's a

realization of what has been humanity's economic dream come true where we no longer labor or toil, but merely socialize (vitriolic as it can sometimes be on the internet), and from the convenience of our homes no less. But whereas in the olden days (and by "olden days" I mean 15 years ago) the internet was the wild wild west where everyone could say or do anything, the modern day Big Tech oligopoly that runs the internet has put an end to that today.

This isn't to say the guardians of the internet do not allow a lot of stuff to go on the internet. You can find a whole host of things online that would otherwise be considered in poor taste by society. Everything from webcam girls selling urine online, to leftists' plans to get people doxxed/fired, to the digital-grocery-store-check-out-line-tabloid filth that is Yahoo "News." It's that they made the damning decision to start regulating content online, period, which has opened a pandora's box for all of us. A pandora's box that has (and will continue) to cost us billions, more likely, trillions in lost economic production.

"How Can We All Communally Waste Our Time Today?"

For example "in the olden days" if I wanted to monetize a video on my YouTube channel I simply clicked on "monetize." There was no approval process. No "content editor" going over my video. Not even an algorithm that would give it the once over. It was just "monetized" and whatever advertisements ran on it, ran on it. But without regulation or content editing advertisers soon found out that their ads were potentially running on pro-nazi videos, porn videos, just outright stupid videos, and worst of all....*conservative republican videos*!

At this point, YouTube, advertisers, and the online community at large should have had an adult conversation about how society at large was mature enough to know that if an advertisement for "Crest toothpaste" was found running on a video that advocated abortion, that did NOT mean Crest endorsed abortion. This was a relatively new technology and that the overhead costs to edit, filter, censor, and discriminate ads would have foisted undue costs on YouTube. Plus, in trying to regulate speech, YouTube would enter a political morass that would consume incredible resources, arguably making its long-term profitability an impossibility. There were simpler solutions, such as a rating system or a selection system where advertisers could choose/not choose to run ads on "Rated R" channels or "Rated C" channels ("C" is for "conservative", which today is worse than "X"), which would NOT require a human being or expensively-programmed algorithm. But despite this, YouTube decided to go the incredibly expensive and political route by employing censors (euphemistically called "content editors") to look for wrong-speech, wrong think, and politically-incorrect messages.

The result?

Out of my average 20 minute video, if I want it monetized I have to spend about 3 extra

minutes going through the process to have it not only monetized, but reviewed. That's a 15% production loss that could otherwise been spent on additional economic production, additional wealth creation, and the commensurate additional 15% in tax revenue that would go to society. Spread this across the hundreds of millions of content-creators and we're talking serious macro-economic figures.

Yet, this says nothing of the HORRIFIC financial costs YouTube foisted on itself in now having to employ some poor, unlucky soul that has to manually review my otherwise-painful videos. Figures are not available for YouTube, but Facebook went on a censor hiring binge a couple years back where an estimated third of its labor force was now "content editors" (I tried to find the original article which I could not, so you're going to have to trust me on this one). If a ***third*** of Big Tech's labor force is editing content, that is *tens of billions of dollars* per year that could have gone to something else. 10's of billions of dollars in lost economic production. All of which could have been saved with something as simple as a COSTLESS rating system or a COSTLESS policy statement that "Big Tech is not responsible for what is on its platform."

Then there are the secondary actions of the content creators themselves. If they've found out Big Tech's censors are unfairly discriminating against them, they may be prone to file lawsuits. And lawsuits are like the black hole of economic production because nothing good comes of them.

Dennis Prager's suit against YouTube.
Owen' Benjamin's suit against Patreon.
And employees' suits against Big Tech for having a political bias.

It's impossible to add up the total explicit economic costs of these suits, as well as the opportunity costs had these resources been invested elsewhere, but you now have four parties/institutions being tied up, wasting resources that could have otherwise been spent improving society and making us richer.

The plantiffs themselves must spend time and money on the suit.
The battery of lawyers could have spent their time helping entrepreneurs start new businesses or patenting new technologies that would have gone on to further employ people...now they're suing/defending Big Tech.
The defendants themselves I'm sure had better use for the time and money that they now need to defend themselves.
And the judicial system (ie-the taxpayer) has to pay for a judge and a courthouse to hear these unnecessary suits.

Had Big Tech not opened up this can of political worms, all these resources could have been invested instead of pissed away.

But lawsuits against multi-billion dollar corporations make the headlines. As an economist, I'm also incredibly interested at the micro-economic level where each of the trillions of daily decisions are made by billions of people that - no matter how small - cumulatively add up to our entire economic production.

I call this "grains of sand in my engine" because every day I can see how one, minor delay or infraction against my production can throw me off and exponentially snowball into much large economic costs. The lady driving slow in the left lane makes it so I don't make the yellow light. Missing that light makes me drive faster to get to my appointment. Driving faster gets me a ticket. Getting the ticket means I miss my flight. Missing my flight costs me $200 to get a new one. Perhaps these delays in real life are not so dramatic, but you get the point. (I'm sure many of you who are *trying* to work from home are acutely aware of how your wife's presence and petty questions have at least cost you 20% of your total economic production). Regardless, the point is belaboring each individual within an economy taxes/lowers their economic production and as a whole our macro/national economy takes a hit.

So what is politics but a dump truck full of sand being poured into the US economic engine?

Here this is not so much Big Tech as it is every company that has decided to pursue a marketing strategy of "CSR" and corporate virtue signalling. The explicit financial outlays corporations have made to "celebrate diversity" or "celebrate Gay Pride month" or hire something as wasteful as a "Diversity and Inclusion VP" (who then turn around and sue you, ha ha ha!) is a profligate waste of money. Nike's sanctimonious hiring of Colin Kapernic did nothing to prevent its stores from getting looted, contributing to it's $700 loss this last quarter. Target's disgusting virtue signaling pandering (as well as its policy to donate 5% of pretax profits to the community) did nothing to prevent its stores from getting torched. And I'd like to know how Proctor and Gamble's man-hating Gillette ad worked out for Gillette sales (ps - it didn't).

But real cost to the US economy comes at the micro-economic level. Specifically, "diversity/sensitivity/sexual-harassment/CSR/otherwise-political" meetings.

Why an accountant has to sit through a meeting of any political flavor is beyond any sane, rational person's guess.

Why you're forcing your entire labor force into an "environmentalism" meeting to "save the planet" can only be a statement to your political-radicalism and not your ability to be a manager.

And why you shut down the presses, so you can have some huckster in the form of a "diversity consultant" insult your entire staff by falsely accusing the of rac/sexism, means

you're just a grade a political prick who really wants to destroy employee morale.

With employers replacing merit with traits, they not only piss off their largely un-bigotted labor force, they also heavily disincentivize people to perform their best. And as they promote people based on the color of their skin and not their content of character, there is a huge talent loss to the corporate sector of the economy. So when you tally up the costs of:

The explicit financial costs expended on political virtue signaling
Lost economic production do to unnecessary meetings
The demoralization of your employees accusing them of being rac/sexist
The loss of loyalty from your employees
The lower economic production
The exodus of your best talent to competitors or self employment

The total economic costs to society are easily in the hundreds of billions of dollars per year.

But this is just one example of political grains of sand getting in everybody's engine. The (largely) leftist political zeitgeist is everywhere in the US.

I've spent about a week's worth of labor going through THREE different merch sites because Cafepress wont' allow "guns" on their products, Redbubble won't allow anything Corona-related, and Zazzle is just a nightmare of an interface to use.

A buddy of mine I know uses his wife's SS number as a shell company to get government contracts because "vagina > dick."

Nearly every college student has to waste 2 years and $40,000 taking unnecessary leftist-liberal arts prereqs to get degrees that has nothing to do with them.

And how many death by a thousand cuts do you think these debatably-valid mask mandates are costing society both in terms of micro-economic costs as well as mental illness?

These daily micro-transactions/costs add up, slowing economic production as we waste time jumping over these unnecessary hurdles, all because corporations (among other institutions) insist on politics and political censorship.

And then finally, switching costs.

Though, not major, if corporate politics gets too insulting, people will leave. This was the case where nearly every corporation converged and universally took a knee, and sent out

some kind of lecturing "letter from the CEO" essentially accusing their entire customer base of being rac/sexist. The taste left in customers' mouths when corporations go political is not pleasant to any one. But being accused of being "toxic," "racist," "sexist," or plain simple "evil" is not acceptable at all. And so now many people want to leave certain corporate brands and find new ones.

In the case of Gillette razors, this is simple. You simply don't buy Gillette or any Proctor and Gamble product. But what about cell phone providers? Retirement brokerages? Banks? Or anything more infrastructural to your life?

Now we once again have a triple cost of labor.

The customer has to go and research and find a company that isn't a marxist, insulting, sanctimonious, virtue-signaling slime bucket (which is harder than you think as all corporations have jumped on the virtue signaling bandwagon).

The customer also has to change and update all their credit card numbers/billing addresses/EIN/etc. etc. (I got to have this fun experience when I was switching from Patreon to Subscribestar).

The company losing the customer now has to spend resources on closing the account, but not first without having the uneviable customer service rep waste resources trying to plead with you to stay.

Then the company acquiring the new customer has to spend resources setting up your new account. Happy as they may be to take your apolitical business, they still need to spend resources setting it up.

If corporations had just shut the f up about politics in the first place, following the golden rule of you don't talk politics or religion, they could have kept their clients, saved their money, and people would have been happy with the good product at a fair price they were selling. But no, corporations had to get woke, they had to introduce politics, and now we all get to spend our afternoons changing usernames and passwords...which, if you didn't know, doesn't improve the economy or society.

The Bi-Polar Girlfriend Who Constantly Changes Her Mind

In the end there is no way to tally what the costs of politics, political censorship, and corporate virtue signaling is. As an economist I would put the back-of-napkin calculations at easily half a trillion in explicit financial costs, but (more importantly) easily two trillion in lost potential economic production. And this says nothing of the ancillary mental and psychological costs of stress, frustration, anger, even suicide/depression people suffer (least of all, those unfortunate souls who have to sift through all the horrific content being

uploaded to Big Tech platforms). But whatever the number, it is a steep price to pay to either pander to advertisers' political sensibilities, pander to society's preferred politics, or to pander to the political pet-projects of the now-Gen X managerial class who truly believe "diversity" is a marketing strategy.

But for whatever reason Big Tech (and to a larger extent, Corporate America) has decided to commit to politics, that decision forces a difficult situation on the rest of society who maybe just wants a cup of Joe from starbucks and not a "conversation about race."

Can content creators - the real engine of the fastest growing segment of the US economy today - create what they want? Can they spend the majority of their time creating art and content that makes people happy? Or do they have to spend half their time in political compliance, making sure the censors are happy, and by necessity lessening the content they truly wished to create?

Additionally, can normal individuals pursue a career absent of politics? Can I become an engineer? Can Amy become a doctor? Can Frank become an accountant? Or will they have to be a leftist first, and then a professional second? Perhaps we could ask Brendan Eich.

And if we do go work for a corporation (or any employer for that matter) will we be allowed to work in peace? Or will the corporate culture be so toxic we will be forced to sit through mindless meetings about race, diversity, sexism, etc. etc., as if the real business meetings weren't painful enough? Furthermore, will those meetings not just waste our time, but insult us? Accusing us of sins nobody ever committed? Accusing us of things we aren't?

And most importantly, how often and quickly will the political zeitgeist change? Will merely attending a CSR meeting on training day suffice? Or will we be expected to participate in a pride parade on our weekend? Donate money to political causes? Hand over our usernames and passwords to our social media accounts so Komandant Karen in HR can make sure we are thinking correctly in our private lives? (oh wait, that day is already here).

The problem this presents is that no matter how necessary employers are (Big Tech or not), in not only introducing politics to their culture, but mandating employees, customers, clients, and users conform to those politics, they've made themselves very much like a bi-polar girlfriend; somebody impossible to date and somebody impossible to deal with. They constantly change their minds. Accuse you of things you didn't do. Will call the cops on you to falsely accuse you of something. And try to ruin your reputation in public. But like all bi-polar girlfriends, there is only one way to deal with them. You don't. You find another girlfriend.

Of course with all corporations acting as a monolithic monopoly all going woke and all forcing leftist politics onto the population, the population really doesn't have a choice *at this time*. But just like dating, other girls will come around and new companies will form, hopefully without the mental illness of political-bi-polarism. And when that happens, these corporations-cum-political-censors will be dethroned just like myspace. It may not happen today or tomorrow. But as Corporate America's politics becomes increasingly leftist AND censory AND fascist, it will pass a point of tolerability, and people will simply do without, simply because it's impossible to do with. And though I am amazed as to just how far normie-confirmie people will let corporations shove politics up their ass, there will come a point they will not tolerate it anymore, and that's when a *real recession will hit*. When people don't show up for work, people go on strike, people no longer apply to the "enviable" "Fortune 500," nobody wants to work in Silicon Valley, and the true sign of a harbinger of economic collapse:

White women stop shopping at-a-then insuffrably-woke, virtue-signaling Target

But until that time, there is only one thing to do. And that is enjoy your life and Enjoy the Decline.

Check out Aaron's other cool stuff!

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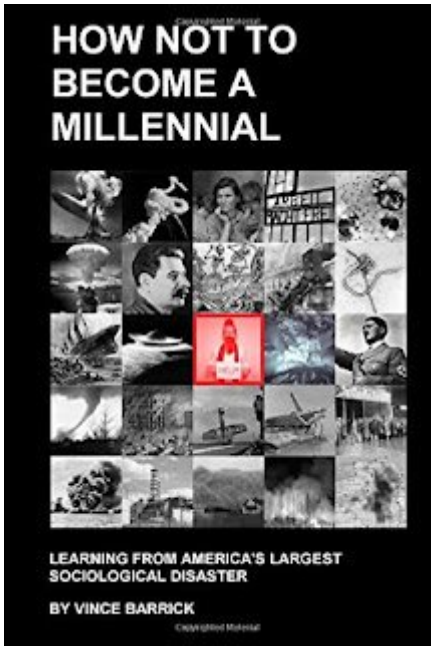
(which I formerly had at Patreon until Patreon told me they were going to help out black patreon content creators and not others which actually IS the definition of racism)

Also get this book below!!!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The Clarey Podcast #330 - The "Fat Women in the Wild" Episode

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Dang, this was one of the coolest guys I ever tried voting for. Sad to see Herman go.

How to Recover from Communist Parents

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Start with buying and reading this book and this book.

The Older Brother Podcast #79 - The "ECONOMIC CRISIS" Episode

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WE'RE ALL GONNA DIIIIEEEEEE!!!!

This Is How They Start to Confiscate Your 401k

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It's just the tip.

"Womanese Vol 2"

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Donovan Sharpe is doing an online seminar on "How to Speak Womanese Part 2." It is $700 and yes that is expensive, but apparently guys are signing up for it. Yes I get a commission because I am greedy, but if you think this will help you in your pursuit of women, consider purchasing and attending Donovan's seminar.

You Can't Put a Price on Education

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Teachers and professors are not you friends.

Education is NOT your ticket out of poverty.

You must do the work to be successful.

Some Rare Good News

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Imagine if we just didn't censor people in the first place and let people say what they want.

Good Morning Coronachan - The "Cappy Lost His Voice" Episode

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Jack Napier and Cynic in Chief sub for the Ole Capmeister as he's losing his voice.

How to Get Along with Your Professors

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This is a guest essay from our friend Alex at Academic Composition. Consider hiring his services or consider working for him.

Controversial Essay Topics: How Not To Offend Your Professor

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it" Aristotle

At Academic Composition, we offer a variety of academic services and it is our mission to support your throughout all of your classes, regardless of how basic or sophisticated your courses may be. Whether you are majoring in engineering or communications, you will have to take a healthy dose of "general education" classes. Typically, you will need to complete a number of English courses, a few on cultural studies, some on history and your university will probably require you to complete a number of seemingly bizarre classes that probably do not belong in a university. Do not be surprised if the professor seems to be pushing a political agenda instead of teaching you how to think critically, indeed, it is not unheard of for an English instructor to lecture students on Maoism instead of teaching them how to analyzing literary themes. In this day and age, many professors of literature believe that most of the classical authors such as Shakespeare, John Milton, William Butler Yeats and other giants of English literature were sexist, racist, homophobic, transphobic and so on.

Recently, a number of Berkeley (https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/24/berkeley-protesters-form-human-chain-stop-white-st/) students staged a protest asserting that a "White man's Canon" will never do justice to the oppressed people of color and LGBTQ. These students demanded for the classical texts to be replaced with books written by transgender authors. For example, they demanded for Shakespeare's Hamlet to be removed from the curriculum and replaced with "Transgender Warriors: Making History, from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman". In his timeless poem, the

"Invictus", William Ernest Henley famously wrote "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul" and self-determination is an inalienable human right. There is much to be said for a person who aspires to be true to themselves, irrespective of their gender, race, ethnicity or socio-economic class.

The desire to control one's destiny is a noteworthy human drive, perhaps even the most commendable of them all: this is the desire that liberated Europe from the dark ages and ushered in the Enlightenment era. Indeed, a person can only be praised for their desire to live their life in their own way, as long as they do not infringe on the freedom of others to do likewise. Tolerance is a lofty social value and deserves to be guarded with the utmost ferocity, as it is the cornerstone of a civilized society. Societies that are truly free can survive only if an open debate and an uncensored exchange of ideas can take place, and

it is our civic duty to refrain from silencing others who wish to express a view that we disagree with. However, tolerance has its limits and one modern Italian writer put it well, “Tolerance reaches the limit of mutual respect, then it is surpassed!”

Indeed, most Americans are tolerant and the overwhelming majority of college students are willing to engage in a respectful conversation with a person whose views they do not share. While they may respect the freedom of choice of a transgender person, they can also appreciate the point of view of a religious person who disapproves of such freedom, but tolerates it, nonetheless. Indeed, the meaning of tolerance is to get along with a person whose views we do not share, regardless of how strongly we may disapprove of them. This appears to be a little more than common-sense and you may be wondering why on earth we are lecturing you on tolerance. If everybody understands what it means to get along with people whose views we do not share, what is the point of discussing tolerance in the first place?

Be that as it may, not everyone shares the majority view of Americans who may self-identify as moderates who are either right-leaning or left-leaning. The American citizenry is famous for its centrist tendencies, but the elites of academia do not approve of this position. In most departments of social sciences across America, liberals outnumber conservatives by a staggering ratio of 30 to 1 (https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2019/03/21/the_most_politically_intolerant_americans_139810.html).

In some universities, that ratio is as high as 60 to 1 and the more elite the university is, the higher that ratio becomes. Furthermore, professors of elite universities are more likely to self-identity as the “far-left” and over 25% of them consider themselves Marxists.

Surveys have repeatedly shown that professors are unlikely to support the tenure of a conservative colleague, irrespective of their skill-level or value to the organization. The modern social psychologist, Jonathan Haidt has extensively researched the rise of intolerance in American university campuses and devoted much of his career to promoting the diversity of viewpoint on campus (https://www.intellectualtakeout.org/blog/jonathan-haidt-6-ways-universities-can-fight-intellectual-intolerance/). His conclusion is unequivocal: there is very little tolerance across college campuses for even the centrist viewpoints that are at odds with the politically correct ideological orthodoxy.

In light of these troubling developments, empirical evidence has repeatedly shown that even the brightest of people often tend to succumb to the fallacy of the strawman. In other words, we tend to routinely misrepresent the nuances of a point of view that we disagree with. We then engage in the cognitive mechanism of “substitution” and respond to a simplified version of our opponent’s point of view (https://www.amazon.com/Thinking-Fast-Slow-Daniel-Kahneman/dp/0374533555/ref=sr_1_2?crid=304FPL9I5EAXK&dchild=1&keywords=daniel+kahneman&qid=1596652779&sprefix=Daniel+Kah%2Caps%2C246&sr=8-2). In “Thinking: Fast and Slow”, Daniel Kahneman addressed the substitution problem in detail and evidence has conclusively

shown that the exceptionally bright people are sophisticated when it comes to finding good arguments for their position, but they struggle as much as everyone else when it comes to finding support for views they disagree with.

To be absolutely certain, the “my side bias” is pervasive in academia and while professors love to pay lip service to tolerance and at the same time strive to avoid offending the most sensitive person in the class, this is an incredibly difficult balancing act to pull off. At the end of the day, they will err on the side of political correctness rather than tolerance because their career depends on it. Countless professors have lost their jobs for making seemingly innocuous remarks that no reasonable person can be offended by (https://nypost.com/2016/10/30/nyu-professor-who-opposed-pc-culture-gets-booted-from-classroom/). The recent termination of the NYU professor Michael Rectenwald is the case in point, who cynically summarized his predicament as “Academic freedom is great, as long as you don’t use it!”

While it may seem tempting to chastise the intolerant professors, one must understand that their job is not at all similar to what one may face in a corporate environment. In a real job, you may leave and find another one and no-one will blame you if you do so after a year or even just six months. It also goes without saying that most of the co-workers who surround you now may not be there a year from now, so your whole livelihood does not depend on how well you get along with them. Yet, imagine if you were stuck around those same people for 20 to 30 years? You would be a nervous wreck: you would be on constant vigil for what you say, what you do in your spare time, who you are seen with, and most importantly, whose papers you cite

in a sanctimonious act of solemn worship. That is exactly what happens in academia: when a scholar of the humanities accepts a position as an “assistant professor”, he will be up for tenure within six years. At that point, he or she either gets the job for life or they are fired. If they choose to quit at any point, their prospects of finding work at another university will be extremely scarce: academia is a conformist and a tightly knit community where gossip carries even more weight than it does in small town of rural Alabama.

It is worth noting that the power structure of academia has been modeled on the medieval guild of the Catholic Church. Even the Catholic Church itself has been modernized and numerous members of that community enjoy certain freedoms of expression, no such reform has been possible at the university. Despite the progressive veneer of the academic milieu and the perfunctory tribute to tolerance academics like to pay, the university is one of the most archaic, reactionary and intellectually repressive of institutions known to man. You would be very well-advised to take that into consideration and to toe the party line. To do that, you will need to understand the unspoken rules of academic discourse and heed to them under all circumstances.

1. Always write from a left-leaning point of view: As a reasonable person with an open-mind, you may lean to the left, but you may not always agree with every progressive

viewpoint out there. Save yourself the aggravation of having your work picked apart for the smallest of errors. If you simply write from a left-wing perspective, your work will be held to a much lower standard and you will get a free pass on all sorts of minor mistakes that would never have gone unnoticed, had you written your paper from a centrist or let alone a right-leaning point of view.

2. Brush up on your gender pronouns: Familiarize yourself with the work of Leslie Feinberg. Figure out how many genders your professor accepts and try to memorize as many as you can. The transgender ideology is the holy grail of the civil religion of the academic left, do not blaspheme against it. If you name-drop Leslie Feinberg or reference any other scholars of similar ideological persuasion, you will score points with your PC professor.

3. Pay homage to Radical Feminism: Do not criticize a feminist point of view and never mention a feminist thinker even in a slightly negative light, that is a big “no-no” in academia. Do not praise the traditional feminine virtues such as compassion, politeness, nice social manners and so on. Never say that women value these things or that they should do so, such talk is completely out of place in a radical feminist environment and will never be tolerated. Feminists categorically deny the existence of gender differences and see them as “social constructs” that are a result of “oppressive patriarchy”. While some of them may engage in a behavior that may come across as “female chauvinism”, it is unclear how they can simultaneously assert female superiority while denying the existence of gender differences. While that may seem like an apparent contradiction, it is far too lofty and erudite of a matter for small minds like ours to ponder.

4. Genuflect at the altar of diversity and multiculturalism: Never criticize any culture at all. “Culturism” will not fly here. Do not make any remarks underscoring the differences between people of varying nationalities, culture, language or ethnicity. If you dare to make the slightest of comments on how this or that culture may be flawed, you run the risk of being accused of perpetrating ‘hate speech’, which could carry grave consequences. Some universities may expel you for that and even if you try to praise another culture, you will be accused of cultural appropriation, which is as grave of a sin as demeaning another culture. That is why Yale students recently chastised their peers for wearing Halloween costumes. Avoid praising or criticizing any culture for any reason, no matter how well-intentioned your comment may be, it will most likely be taken out of context and misunderstood with the implication that you are “racist”. In light of the fact that culture itself is a taboo topic in academia, one may understand how the unholy alliance between radical feminists and radical Islamists has emerged. Again, this is another complex matter that is far too lofty for small minds like ours to ponder.

5. Pay close attention to the prescribed parlance of the politically correct faction that your professor may subscribe to. That is an evolving matter and the pantheon of the oppressed is home to many gods, that is why it is never clear which of them need to be worshipped at any given time. You can never be truly sure who has the upper-hand: the transgender elites, the gay rights activists, the radical feminists, the supporters of the

otherkin or somebody else altogether. Pay close attention to the PC movement that your professor may identify with. If you are not sure where their sympathies lie, avoid commenting on controversial altogether: go to great length to avoid saying anything that could even remotely be misconstrued as a “micro-aggression” against a certain group. For example, the term “flip-chart” may appear to be completely innocuous, yet numerous scholars in the humanities deem it to be extremely pejorative because it appears to contain a “micro-aggression” against Filipinos. Although it is next to impossible to find a single Filipino person who takes umbrage to the term “flip-chart”, it is important to keep in mind that while the PC view represents the position of 3-5% of the population, it is enormously popular

among the elites of academia who see themselves as superior to us, the benighted heathens like ourselves. We will never reach the front porch of the heavenly gates that stand before the Ivory Tower, that is a place of solemn worship and we will never be worthy of being on par with the dogs who are to be starved at the gate (that privilege is to be reserved for the adjunct professors, many of whom earn less than the fast food workers and a sizable portion of them are either on welfare or homeless). In short, you are not among the “elect”, so do not question their judgment. Just as God reveals Himself in mysterious ways, the wisdom of the academic clerics is inscrutable to the mortal sinners and should never be challenged.

If you follow these five rules, you will stand a much better chance of doing well on your assignment. Of course, being on the “right side of history”, as Karl Marx used to say, will give you considerable advantages over those who were left reprobate and will suffer eternal perdition, you still have minimal standards of academic rigor to fulfill. Grade inflation is a crude reality of life in modern academia and standards continue to fall quite precipitously. However, you still have basic scholarly responsibilities to fulfill such as writing in a grammatically correct manner, avoiding logical fallacies, finding reliable sources and maintaining a flowing narrative. We will cover than in our subsequent discussions, but being on the right side of history is 50% of the battle. Once you off on the right foot with your professor, the rest is a matter of elementary academi

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I'll just leave this here.

Why Men Need to Accept Big is Beautiful

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This is an important one for the boys out there who are sick and tired of seeing nothing but fat chicks to date, not to mention get furious over being called 'sexist' for not finding fat chicks hot. You need to realize the "fat movement" is a drug that NONE of these girls are ever going to sober up from. The drug is too powerful, too intoxicating, and going off of it would result in them waking up to (and therefore living in) a life they simply can't handle. And so no matter how true the fact "big is not beautiful" is, it doesn't matter in their minds. Merely agree, pat them on their heads, and move on. Spare yourself the frustration trying to argue with their heroin addicts.

Burn Baby Burn

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Notice it's leftists eating leftists. The police chief is an obvious affirmative action hire and they STILL want her out. Enjoy your municipal socialism

The Last Bit of America Remaining

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Winning.

"Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice - The Key to Happiness and Success in Life"

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Good News Everyone!

After two months of taking notes, outlining, rehearsing, recording, and finally, programming, my seminar on minimalism is now available for sale.

There are just two minor problems.

One, if you've followed me for a while you won't have much use for this class because you likely already know what's in the class. Yes, there are some other new insights and epiphanies, but if you're already a minimalist, you spend less than you make, and you're adequately contributing to your IRA, it's not going to be of any benefit to you.

Two, the price tag is $599 and yes, that is very, very expensive.

I priced it at that level because I am greedy and like any other economic agent I want to maximize profits. However, I also priced it that way because if you are not a minimalist then paying $599 to:

stop spending more than you make,
get out of debt,

better manage your time,
end your commute,
improve your mental health,
have a fully funded retirement,

or

just plain ole tell your boss to fuck off

is a steal. And a paltry $599 to get your financial act together, in the grand scheme of things, is a bargain. Besides, if there's anything I've learned in life it's that people don't pay attention or make changes in their lives unless there is pain involved. And $600 is a lot of pain. Almost enough to make people pay attention and actually TAKE ACTION IN THEIR LIVES AND DO SOMETHING.

Therefore, this class is really for three different groups of people:

One, those of you who are new to my blog/podcast/youtube channel and don't have the time or inclination to comb through all my works to compile my overall philosophy on minimalism.

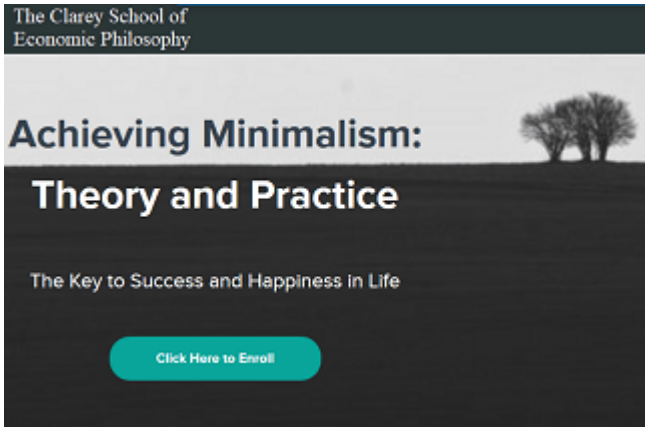
Two, people who are here but still need a swift kick in the ass to get their financial (and time management) life together (and trust me, the seminar does do PRECISELY that).

And, three, people outside the Ole "Capposphere" which is my main target as I'm trying to expand my reach (so if you know somebody who could benefit from this, please refer them).

Regardless, my apologies for the lack of content creation these past two weeks as I was working on this project. And my further apologies if this class is likely of no additional value to veteran Cappycappites. But if you kindly would recommend this class to people you think might benefit from it, or if you yourself could perhaps do with spending less than you make, consider taking the class yourself.

Many thanks,

Cappy



So Apparently the Government CAN Confiscate Cryptocurrency

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This is interesting. It shouldn't be able to happen in theory. Does anybody know HOW this happened? not that I'm for terrorists, but I sure am fuck against the government being able to crack and confiscate crypto.

California Ban on High Capacity Magazines Rebuked by 9th Circuit

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Some rare good news that I'm shocked.

Psychological Problems Post-Poverty People Have

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It's akin to "PTSD" but could be called "Post Poverty Traumatic Stress Syndrome"

Good Morning Coronachan LIVE!

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Tune in this morning at 915AM CST!

Topic include whatever I pull out of my ass this time.

Today's Videos

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Had a ton of videos today, some of which might be of interest to you, including:

You Are NOT a Slave to Your Parents
Are Feminists Low Value Women?
What Makes a Successful Marriage?

You're Dreams are Stupid.

Why I Need Feminism

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The Forced Lemonade Stand

Let me tell you the horrifically inefficient, expensive, and painful route I took to get here.

First, there was wasting 13 years in K-12 school where I learned nothing, was taught nothing, and was a solid C student as my mind was put to sleep by low-IQ, overpaid babysitters in the form of teachers.

Then, like every idiot raised by Boomers, I went to college because I would fail miserably and never amount to anything unless I attended otherwise.

I additionally and idiotically majored in something I enjoyed, and though ostensibly "Finance" was an employable degree on paper, it was a completely worthless business degree that nearly all business degrees are.

Still, I was good at finance, math, and economics, so good in fact I graduated 5th in my class while working full time and graduating 6 months early, AND with no parental or govermental support. This doomed me to keep trying to work in finance/banking as I mistook the corrupt, inefficient banks I worked for as bad luck, and not something endemic to the entire industry I was employed in. It would not be until the housing crash of 2008 would I realize that while my degree was an otherwise fine degree, it was only employable in a dysfunctional industry and I had effectively wasted 17 years of

education.

Since my employment was never secure (always ramming heads with management about not approving doomed-to-fail loans, etc.) I had to be on the constant lookout for alternative forms of employment, ranging from everything from security work to ballroom dance instruction to online classes to being a radio show host. But a more curious development was the advent of self-publishing, wherein I was able to predict the housing collapse of 2008 and published my first book.

This "forced entrepreneurship" (along with increasing bandwidth on the internet) was unknowingly laying down the foundation for what would become my "career" today. Once I learned that the Boomer managerial class had no clue what it was doing (bank bailouts, forcing everybody to go to college, their own failure to save for retirement, their olympic performance in divorce, etc.) an incredible anger, rage, hatred and desire for revenge took over. And after having ***not one thing*** I was promised by my Boomer predecessors materialize in my life, I would never again "do what I was told," but would instead lash out at this generation by speaking the truth, pointing out their lies, mocking and ridiculing the hypocrites of society, and spitting in their face. This was my now my "new profession," unprofessional as it was.

Thinking such blunt-force-trauma-truth would ensure I would never be employed again, it had quite the opposite effect. Turns out many people were also sick and tired of being lied to by parents, boomers, politicians, and their teachers. Like me they had gone down a tortuous path of doing what they were told, never getting what they were promised, and realizing they had wasted nothing short of their youth. And though not the economist or credit analyst career I had hoped to have, these people would pay to hear the truth, hear how to salvage their lives, how to make it count, or just hear me rant and ridicule against the boomers, teachers, socialists, professors, journalists, and politicians who led them to waste their lives. This resulted in a suite of books that sell pretty well for a self-published guy, cathartic podcasts that at least provide sanity to its listeners, and a consulting company that is the only consulting company in the world that markets truth.

It wasn't the career I was aiming for, but it was a Lee Iococcan turn around story that made one heck of a lemonade stand out of a bucket full of lemons.

Sex Is Economics

But while it was predominantly economics, finance, and politics that forced me down this path, an interesting phenomenon occurred. Yes, people were interested in their personal finances, wealth, and overall economic situation. Yes, people were terribly worried about the housing crash and the ensuing "Great Recession.". And one of my books pre-addressed one of the largest financial crises/lies-told-by-boomers to face the US (student loans). But understand there was a much larger, underlying economic force driving all of

these financial concerns and phenomenon. A force that was responsible for nearly all economic actions, all economic production, and all my clients' questions. And though it took some time to suss it out, it made crystal clear sense once it did. Because all my clients' questions were not so much about "401k's" or "which degree should I major in" or "what lie did Boomers tell me this time," but something much more fundamental. So fundamental in fact, it's what drives TOTAL GLOBAL ECONOMIC PRODUCTION, even the existence of the human race. And so whether the questions were are about retirement, personal budgeting, or how to buy a car, all of them were ultimately about one thing and one thing only - sex.

Admittedly, this large, underlying economic force is more than just mere "sex." It certainly is the sex that leads to family formation which keeps the human race going. And without this human race there would be no "economics," just animals eating each other on the planet. We could also say "love" as it is love that prompts men to propose, start families, and propagate the species (though with divorce at 50% and illegitimate births at 42%, I'd argue it's more "sex" than "love" or "family"). But regardless of how euphemistically you want to spin it, "sex/love/family creation" was the number one thing on nearly all my clients' minds. Nearly ALL of their decisions led to that. And since sex/love/family is really the only thing for humans to do on this planet before they die, the pursuit of the opposite sex ***is the epitome of economics***. And so what you would have noticed over the course of my haphazard "career" was a slow shift in focus from student loan bubbles, housing bubbles, federal deficits, and recessions to that of the pursuit of the opposite sex - namely men pursuing women (because - let's just be honest - men take agency in this pursuit, women, just sit there).

I understood this "ultimate economic" pursuit because I am afterall a man. But what I couldn't understand was the volume of men seeking my advice. Why there were so many men not only asking me about financial matters (which in reality was ultimately to "get da girlz"), but twice that asking me about women? What also confused me was just how bad, misinformed, and otherwise completely hopeless many of these men were when it came to women. Many of them were fat, never hit the gym, lived at home, and the worst cardinal sin, *some were short*! But no matter how desperate, they kept coming in droves, asking me time and time again:

"How to get da girlz?"

Inevitably, this never-ending volume of clueless men started to anger me because there seemed no end to them. Additionally, I was enraged at the intellectual-dishonesty of some of these men as they cowardly and vainly searched for ways to get women, without putting in the necessary work of hitting the gym, getting in shape, making good money, and working on their personalities/charm. They wanted to "get da girlz," but were too lazy to work for it, hoping I had the cheat code and would share such a thing with them if I had. Regardless, as my contempt started to grow for this cabal of men seeking to get

girls by "avoiding the gym," it wasn't until I had a spate of young men who came from particularly disadvantaged backgrounds did I realize what was really going on. And these unfortunate men all had something in common and this commonality explained their utter cluelessness when it came to women. They all hailed from single-mom homes. And not just single-mom homes, but broken homes where their mothers would do anything from:

- stealing their childrens' social security numbers to open up credit cards in their names
- threaten to kick their children out of the home if they joined the military or entered college as they would lose section 8 housing allowances
- threaten to disown their children if they didn't send money back ome
- to bring abusive new boyfriends/husbands into the family when these men were boys

Admittedly, these were the more-extreme cases. But it highlighted a common variable across nearly all my male clients - they were all raised by their moms. *Not necessarily single-moms*, but "raised by moms" as the father could be present in the household, but the children still predominantly raised by the mother.

Here, nearly every client of mine fell into this spectrum. Be it an abusive, ghetto trash single-mom kicking her son out because he wanted to attend college and she would lose section 8 money. Or the presumably squeaky clean nuclear family where behind closed doors the ball-busting wife called the shots as the timid husband let her have the reigns to the family in fear of divorce. Regardless of where they fell, they were all raised by their moms. But it wasn't just my clients who fell into this spectrum, but nearly all generations of men today, as another interesting, underlying sociological force was at play. And this underlying, sociological force was what was driving all these helpless, clueless men to my front door and in the incomprehensible numbers I was witnessing.

Feminism.

Feminism

Much as you may or may not detest feminism, you have to give it one thing. It's certainly popular and very successful within western civilization. Nearly every woman (and man) will claim to be a feminist. Law has been created to give women preferential treatment in society via affirmative action, lowering of standards, and quotas. They're still not getting drafted. They receive 5 times the amount in scholarship aid for college. They have total and complete control of reproduction. And the judicial system is heavily biased in their favor when it comes to family/divorce (check out the "Duluth Model").

And this says nothing of the social acceptance, celebration, even enforcement of

feminism at nearly every stage and aspect in western life.

You cannot hear anything but applause and accolades about women from kindergarten-till-death. Women are encouraged to do anything and everything, with no regards to reality or feasibility. Corporate America, the education system, media, and all our institutions celebrate women and feminism. Single moms are heroic. Fat women are beautiful. We even tax our population to create entire educational programs and work programs so that women can be employed in completely fabricated industries (social work, academia, non-profits, activists, etc.) so society's unproductive women can feel good about themselves too. Feminism has gotten so popular, so imperative, that when Blasey-Ford accused Justice Kavanaugh of sexual assault, we were told to ignore the lack of evidence, let alone the concept of innocent-until-proven-guilty, and just "believe all women." Feminism is not just "very popular." It is totally and completely popular as it now trumps reality, sanity, and ethics in many cases.

But there are costs to such a skewed, warped, and ultimately, wrong, environment. You can't have a binary species where one sex is exalted and the other vilified, one sex celebrated and the other ignored, or one sex living at the expense of the other. Because no matter what hack social theories these social scientists and feminists pulled out of their privileged suburbanite asses these past 50 years, it doesn't undo 2 million years of human evolution. Men and male nature have to be considered for society to function. And so what has happened is our matriarchal-skewed society has raised generations of men in the eyes of what women want...just not what they want to fuck or fall in love with.

And I need to state that again, because it's very important.

Feminism has successfully raised several generations of men that they want, NOT what they want to fuck or fall in love with. And here is where the men are beating a path to my Lucy-Lemonade-Stand door.

Because men are truly not interested in becoming what women want. They only want to fuck and (maybe if the right girl comes along) fall in love. But men make the understandable error of thinking if they become what women *say they want*, they will get laid and ultimately find love. When in reality, feminism is so myopic, and never considers men in their social science calculations, that the prescription they give men to fill is wrong, and thus does not tickle the sexual fancies of women or compel them to fall in love with said men. Thus, you have a bunch of agreeable, sensitive, effeminate, politically correct, doormats. Not the honest to god real men women want to fuck or fall in love with. But ***precisely*** what feminists ordered.

This confuses the effeminate, politically correct doormats because from the age of 0 on they've had their:

mothers
teachers (mostly women, btw)
professors
girlfriends
sisters
aunts
television, and
politicians

tell them to be agreeable, effeminate, politically correct doormats. And so when they ask out dozens, hundreds, arguably thousands of women over their lives, but none of these women go out with them, let alone fuck them, let alone fall in love with them, they are horrifically confused. They were TOLD to be sensitive, kind, and nice. They were told to be socialists or socialist lites. They were told to defer to women in nearly every regard. And never once were they told to go to the gym. Much like every generation under the tutelage of the baby boomers, *they did precisely what women told them to do*, but were never delivered anything they were promised. And so ultimately confused, sexually frustrated, and running low on time, they inevitably search the internet for answers...

which lands them at my doorstep.

And I get to charge them $100/hour to tell them what society, feminists, their mothers, their sisters, their fathers, their professors, their teachers, and the politicians won't tell them. The truth.

Look on the Bright Side

To this day it still angers me the totality of lies we tell young men and women about the sexes. Feminism has ruined the best thing in men's and women's lives (each other) for one another. Feminism is in practice the hatred and discrimination against men. Feminism has caused immeasurable psychological frustration amongst men and women. And on simple principle, it grinds my gears when a group of people use a trait they were born with (not earned) to extrapolate special treatment at the expense of society. Thus, like all lies, feminism is a disease, it is a cancer, it is a scourge upon society, and it has cost generations of the most important thing in life - love.

But bad as they are, scourges are a benefit to some, and not just the individuals propagating the scourge.

For example, crime.

Unfortunate and costly as crime is, it is a fact of human nature. Some humans (much like feminists) are going to want to advance themselves at the expense of innocent others. But in crime being a scourge upon society, society reacts to it with the formation of a legal system, a judicial system, and police. And though these people/systems are not contributing anything new or good to society, they are preventing bad things from

happening to society And though we'd like to live in a world without crime, a consolation prize to the fact we can't is millions of people are therefore employed as a consequence of crime.

The same thing can be said of disease.

Nobody likes cancer. Nobody likes the common cold. And certainly nobody likes COVID. But without these poxes upon society, we would have no doctors, no nurses, no surgeons, nor medical researchers. And since we have no choice in whether or not we live in a world without disease, we thankfully have medical professionals there to fight disease. And as a benefit to them, they find gainful and productive employment.

And this is why I desperately need feminism.

Because for all of its drawbacks, for all of the pain its inflicted upon society, for all of the generations of women it's duped into wasting their lives on careers, commutes, and taxes, instead of love, children, and spouses, like cancer, it's an undeniable fact feminism is here. It is a reality. It is a pox currently scourging society. And while originally I did want to become an economist, helping society advance itself to incredible standards of living, eliminating poverty, and extending life expectancies, life had different plans for me. And thus instead of pouring over spreadsheets and doing mathematical calculations while programming boring computer models, I get to...

yell at the internet.

Instead of commuting to an office, paying for parking, and working in a cubicble, I get to....work from home in my pajamas after I wake up at 10AM and have my morning coffee.

Instead of sitting in meetings getting yelled at because the numbers didn't come in the way my corrupt boomer boss needed them to come in at so he could collect a commission...men send me thank you letters for preventing them from majoring in a worthless degree.

And instead of having to sit through CPE classes, MBA courses, buck for promotion, and tolerate mandatory "diversity/sexual harassment training," I get to...grab a cigar, sit at a bar, and outline my next book warning men and women about the future lies feminism is guaranteed to be telling them in the future.

Yes. Society is going to hell in a hand basket.
Yes. Feminism is ruining the lives of millions of people, women especially.
Yes. I don't produce any new, advancing, or of progress to society. My career is simply preventing bad shit from happening to society.

But if it weren't for feminism, I wouldn't have the great job I got now.

Thankfully (or if you have ethics "unfortunately"), it looks like I got life-long employment. Feminism is as strong as it ever was and young people today swallow it whole. Gen Z men are looking just as "soy-y" as their Millennial siblings. And Gen Z women just as tatted up, purple haired-feminist as their Millennial sisters. Younger generations are majoring in stupid subjects at the same 80% rate as previous generations. And all young

Americans are being brainwashed to value themselves based on traits, politics, and not accomplishments. As in generations past, teachers, parents, guidance counselors are doing the same shitty job they've always done raising the young boys and girls today who will become the future tomorrow. And it is a guarantee today's mothers will be divorcing today's fathers at rates on par with boomers, destroying today's young children in the process. And through all these lies, chaos, feminism, broken homes, student debt, impoverishment, divorce, and just plain evil, will come a consistent stream of horribly pained and confused clients. And they will be so pained and confused, they will become desperate enough to question everything they were told by feminists, socialists, parents, and teachers, they will search some key questions on the internet, and walk into my digital office more than happy to pay my fee to make the pain go away.

I want to thank the feminists.
I want to thank the boomers.
I want to thank the single mothers and deadbeat dads.
I want to thank the marxist teachers.
I want to thank the usurious professors who charged their students $600/credit for worthless degrees.
I want to thank the socialists.

I want to thank all of you. Because without you, but especially the feminists, I'd have to work a real job.

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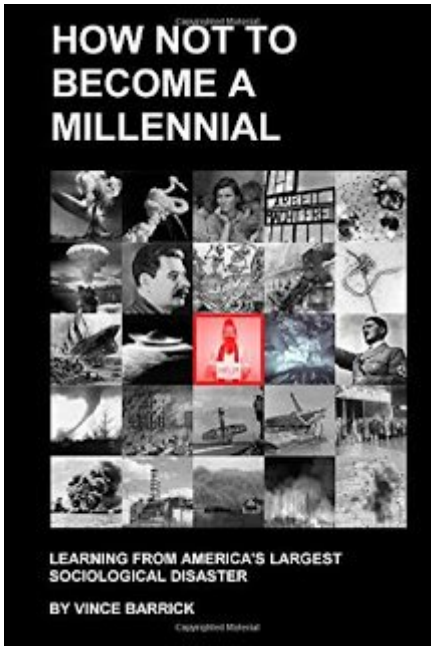
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LEARNING FROM AMERICA'S LARGEST SOCIOLOGICAL DISASTER
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And looters are really just scum.

Rule Zero Seminar in Vegas Canceled Physically Due to COVID, Going Online Instead

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Sad news, but we're still doing it online.

Unfortunately, still at $1,000 a pop:

Cappy on with Modern Life John This Morning

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This very very very early morning.

Oh No!!! What Will We Do Without Our "SPORTBALL!!!!???"

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This is like reality TV show producers saying they'll stop producing their shit because bad things happen in society. By all means, don't play. Americans don't need to get any dumber.

The Millennial Suicide Rate Cometh

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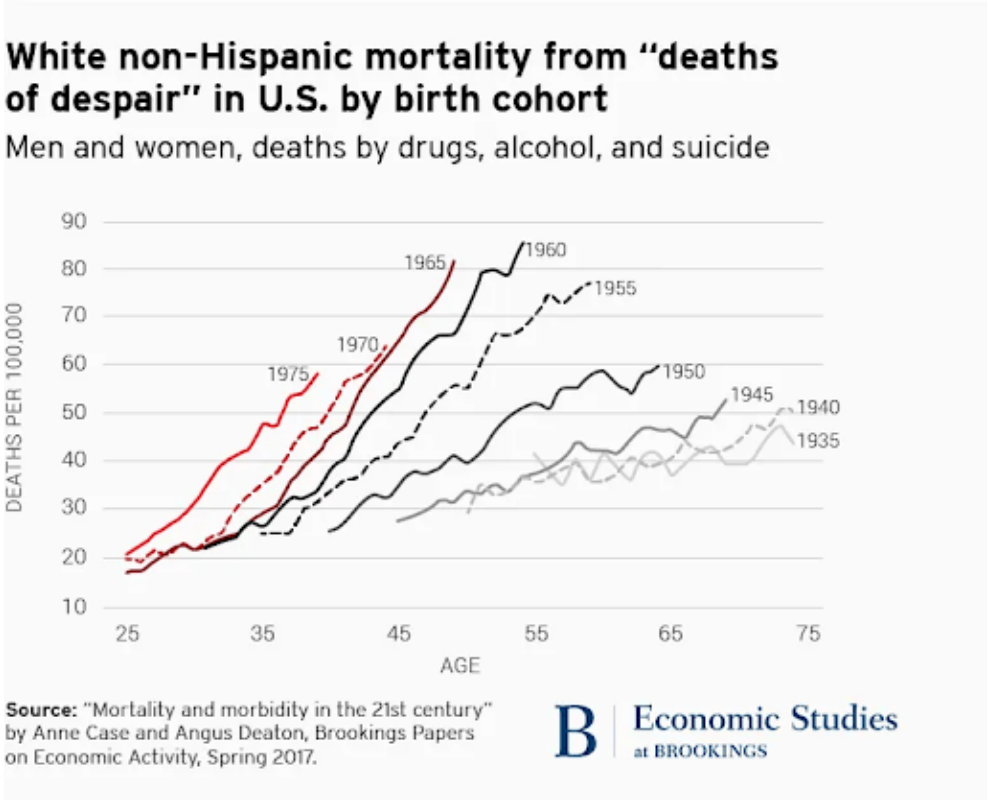
With the expansion of bandwidth pulling me into the world of podcasting and now video/streaming, much like a journalist of old who started in the papers and got pulled into radio and television, my "career" has largely been the same. And while I try to bang out some really good posts, there just isn't the time in the day, and so I try to do one a week. Emphasis on try.

However, and additionally, sometimes important topics just don't need a full, eloquent, and thorough post. Sometimes they just need some bullet points and a chart, and I can rely on the intelligence of my readers to get the point or fill in the finer points, thus "deaths from despair" by age cohort.



"Deaths by despair" are considered a suicide-lite type of death. Including suicide itself, "Deaths By Despair" also include death by alcoholism, drugs, suspected suicide, etc. etc. And in this particular study/chart above, they have decided to focus on white people as the general trend in suicide is that EVERYBODY is committing suicide, but whites more in particular.

However, ignore that this chart is about whites, and let us focus on the ago cohort, and what you will find is younger people are dying earlier due to "despair" as they approach middle age, Gen X'ers currently leading the charge.

And while we can all speculate as to why this is (I would throw in an official hatred of/and bigotry towards white people on the part of education, government, schools, media, and above all else white women (some white women's hatred of white men is especially pronounced, but this is a topic for another time)), what I argue is it has been replacing traditional human roles with the government, and humans (programmed by 2 million years of evolution) don't know how to handle this roughly 60 year old experiment where their roles are ultimately replaced.

Men are particularly affected as their whole point and purpose in life has been replaced by a government check. While women are hopelessly angry and frustrated trying to find out why they're not happy being spinsterific, barren, man-hating, corporate slaves as they date their soyboy democrat-voting pansy of a man. And various institutions in America (school, media, government, internet) are driving them further apart, even weaponizing them against one another, all for a hate-filled ideology that can be described as only "feminism."

But what's particularly entertaining is how people act "shocked" or "don't know why" people are offing themselves either explicitly through suicide, or suicide lite measures like drinking or despair. You've literally taken fish out of water and then wonder why they're not growing wings to fly (*cough cough* - kind like feminists expecting women to be men and being confused/angry when they fail). And people even get pissed if the fish dare to die on them in an environment that just wasn't made for them.

You took away the only thing that matters in humans lives - love - and you replaced it with a government check.

But American's stupidity aside, this leaves a foreboding trend for Millennials and their on-deck generation, Gen Z. For while Boomers and X'ers did vote for Reagan, or at least weren't looking to get people fired for having a different opinion on the internet, the Millennials have doubled down, in spades, with all that and a bag of chips on socialism. And though Trump is president, in their personal lives and the parts of their lives that matter most - love - younger generations have made their socialist politics ALL they have in their lives. Young women do not put men at the center of their lives, because that would not be being a proper women or feminist. Men have retreated from their traditional duty to provide and support their theoretical wives/families because...well...why would they? That's the government's job. And they're all more focused on being good environmentalists, supporting the right causes, eating only farm to table, and recycling than they are being the best person they can be to the best person they can find in their lives. All the Millennials have is their politics, not love, not even comradery, which is kind of like not only take a fish out of water, but chucking it into outer space.

Thus, with some confidence, I predict this trend will continue, if it hasn't already. In the book "How Not to Become a MIllennial" an entire chapter is dedicated to the horrific and rapidly decaying mental health of the Millennial generation. And corroborating those statistics are additional statistics that show record use of psychotherapeutic drugs to treat anxiety, depression, bi-polar, etc. etc. And with youth rapidly leaving the now-approaching 40something Millennials, whatever idealism and hope this youth afforded them will leave, leaving them highly susceptible to despair and the premature death it causes.

I am now becoming an old man who has dedicated the majority of his life to economics. But economics is ensconced with the largely study of philosophy. And for the life of me, I cannot understand why people the past 4 generations have chosen a life of socialism, taxes, commutes, slavery, identity politics, virtue signaling, careers, and plain ole politics over love.

You think life is about going vegan?
You think life is about getting masters degrees and slaving away for 50 years?
You think your political posts on facebook are more important than spending time with

your kids or going to the gym for your spouse?

Good, you all deserve despair and you all deserve to die. Because to be honest, death would be preferable to the miserable lives you're going to live with such warped priorities.

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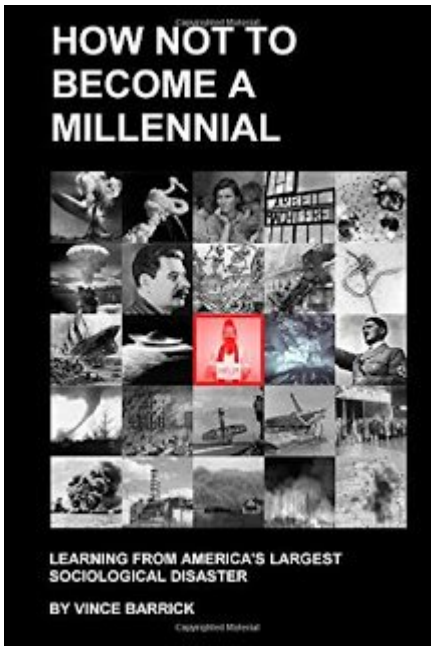
And if you don't want to live the life of a miserable Millennial, maybe read this book instead of watching television or some other low-IQ, dumb-ass slop your masters told you to watch?



How The University of Colorado Boulder's "Hip Hop Studies" Certificate Proves Higher Education is Worthless

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To be honest, I don't need to explain "how."

The average person of average intelligence can immediately deduce why a "certificate" in what is a hobby or enjoyable activity is worthless.

The average person of average intelligence should be FUMING that an "accredited institution" like the U of Colorado system would dare waste the taxpayers money and the students' tuition on such a joke of a class.

And the slightly smarter than average person would realize this is actually racist as it will disproportionately attract black students who - having already come from a disadvantaged background - will waste precious time and money on a "certificate" that will not only fail to land them a job, but make they look like complete idiots to the rest of the world (a la - "*hey, look at this kid. This idiot actually put* "*Hip Hop Certificate*" *on his resume!*")

I have long ago given up on getting younger people, let alone their unfathomably student parents, to wake the fuck up and stop blowing $500 a credit on degrees and classes that are completely worthless. But if you are so inclined to either save yourself from a worthless degree or save your child from the same, please consider buying the book below:

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"We're Not Sleeping Together" - The FINAL Explanation of What That Means

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Below you will find a book review of Rian Stone's "The FuccFiles." It's a memoir and derivative lessons he learned from chasing skirts for 10 years. However, though perhaps he didn't intend on it, he explained why woman say "we're not sleeping together"....but then you sleep together.

I didn't realize I had the answer at the same time, but from a different angle and to solve a different topic. I was wondering why people insist on living in La La Land, also called "The Land of Lies." Why were lies so preferable over reality? Don't people realize living lies causes long term, often irrecoverable, damage to your life? And what coward lives lies? Wouldn't you logically conclude it's best to live in the real world. And thus I epiphanized the concept of "The Last and Final Luxury Good in America," wherein the final luxury good we can consume is living a lie that is better than any life we can have in the real world.

This "Last and Final Luxury Good" and "We're Not Sleeping Together" are correlated and explained in this book review.

The book itself is very much worth a purchase and read, especially for younger men who have no game. But for veterans the philosophical insight of the book is very much worth it, especially if you never understood why certain things worked with women, but never questioned it, you just went along with it.

Revenge of the Employers

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First it was Millennials and Zoomers ghosting on job offers.

Now employers are striking back.

"Everything Is Your Fault"

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This is an excerpt from the book "How Not to Become a Millennial." It's an important philosophical lesson because while everybody is acting like a soccer player, always injured and playing the forever oppressed, for those of you who wish to not piss away your life feigning being a victim, it is important to understand the concept of "agency." For without agency and responsibility, you will never be successful.

You may find the book here.

"Shoulda-Land"

We do not live in "Shoulda-Land." Only fools believe in "should." Because while the concept of "should" is real and we should always be aiming for an ideal, what is infinitely more important is what is.

Yes, you "should" be able to park your car running without it being stolen.
Yes, you "should" be treated with respect and professionalism from your boss.
Yes, you "should" be able to walk down a dark alley wearing fishnets and heels and not get raped.

But when your car gets stolen, your boss lies to you about the job, or you get raped The World of "Is" becomes much more real and important.

The concept of "should" also removes all power and control from the individual, giving it to society and fate, delusionally expecting the 12,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 lbs planet and its 7 billion inhabitants to operate in your best interests. You naively and optimistically assume the rest of the world will do your bidding, be fair and just, and oblige by some moral obligation to take care of you. But tempting as that idea might sound, it will not happen. All you really manage to do in outsourcing your decisions and responsibilities to "fate" or "should" is relinquish all your power to others, putting you 100% at the mercy of others. And if Chapter 33 taught us anything, the real world is evil

and most people will take advantage of you instead of take care of you.

*Still, most people want to live in "Shoulda-Land" because it plays directly to the most powerful force in the human psyche - laziness. They like the sweet-tasting lies that we *should* be guaranteed housing. We *should* be able to have a career in what we're passionate about. Government *should* make education free. Men *should* like fat chicks. And people *should* drive fast in the left lane. But as we know from The Reality Principle, people who base their decisions in "Shoulda-Land" instead of The World That "Is" are doomed to fail in life. And while a booming economy, with a large welfare state, and a naïvely democratic population can support delusional people for quite some time, in the end the real world wins, "is" trumps "should," and millions of humans waste their lives.*

Therefore, if you wish to avoid the fate of:

- *a Millennial hoping for a bailout,*
- *a 48 year old spinster who is resorting to a turkey baster and her frozen eggs, or*
- *some sad pathetic Boomer hippie who's reverse-mortgaging his home to eat that week*

it pays for younger generations to commit to living in the world that "is" and to leave the idealistic poppycock of "should" behind.

Everything is Your Fault

*This is not difficult or hard as much as it is being disciplined and principled. Just as you commit to losing weight by working out and dieting right, you commit to living in the real world by accepting what is and accepting you are the one who is responsible for his/her own destiny. But just as dieting can have some key tips and tricks to succeeding in losing weight, there are some bits of traditional fatherly advice (you *should* have received) that will help you the same in achieving success in life – specifically that everything is your fault.*

What is meant by this is that if you abandon the concept of "should" what the world really becomes is an environment, even a video game, where you are the only true independent variable. You don't control what congress does that day, you don't control whether the sun comes up, you don't control the weather, and you don't control the truck that just jumped the curb and is barreling down on you. But you do control you.

This ultimate agency, this ultimate self-ownership means that though you don't control everything in the world around you, the one thing you do control is you and your reaction to that world. And no matter how unfair or how unjust the world may be around you, since you do control yourself and your reaction to it, at the most fundamental level you

are responsible for everything in life. Everything is your fault. Simply because that's the effective reality you live in.

Admittedly there is some nuance to this concept in that factually not everything is your fault. If you get cancer, a meteorite hits you in the head, communists take over and shoot you, etc., these things are outside of your control and are thus not your fault. But just as important as realizing that you are the only independent variable in your life, it's equally important to be able to assess what you do and do not control. Because if you try to influence things in life you have no control over you will not only fail and waste precious resources, but you will suffer unnecessary stress and frustration. And in order to achieve this critically important ability to identify what you do and do not control, you need to master a philosophy called "stoicism."

An excellent example and incredibly hard exercise in stoicism is to get stuck in traffic and get stuck behind some old lady driving in the left lane. Infuriating as that may be, you do not control it. You do not control that woman. You do not control the traffic. So why get angry or your blood pressure up over it? All you control is your reaction to it and to realize that is the ultimate goal of the exercise.

Another example is the previously discussed Zen one can achieve at work. You can go to school all you want, train up in certifications and skills, but at the end of the day your boss is so incompetent you end up filing and faxing when you're capable of so much more. Do you control that? Do you want to get angry over it? Or do you have the Herculean resolve to realize you don't control the situation, you're getting paid the same amount of money no matter what you do, you're not getting those eight hours of life back, so in the end you might as well chill out and accept your fate? Stoicism is no easy feat to accomplish.

But whether it's Tilly driving in the left lane, Boomer Boss Karen assigning you fax duty, or Communist Cortez putting you on cattle cars, stoicism clearly breaks down the world into two things. Things you do control and things you do not control. And if you're smart you will not even consider the things you don't control in life simply because you cannot control them. Why waste the time? Why waste the energy or stress? It is certainly in your control to respond to these uncontrolled variables. It's certainly within your control to forecast the communists will hunt you down, put you in a cattle car, and so you better move to Morocco before they come knocking on your door. But you do not control those variables themselves, only your reaction to them. So do not fret. Do not get angry. Do not rue the injustice of life. Accept. Predict. Forecast. Maneuver. Adapt. Even profit off of it.

The end result of practicing stoicism and living in The World That "Is" is an approach to life that is as practical as it can possibly be. A life that is very much like a poker hand. It doesn't matter what cards you were dealt. That was not under your control. What is

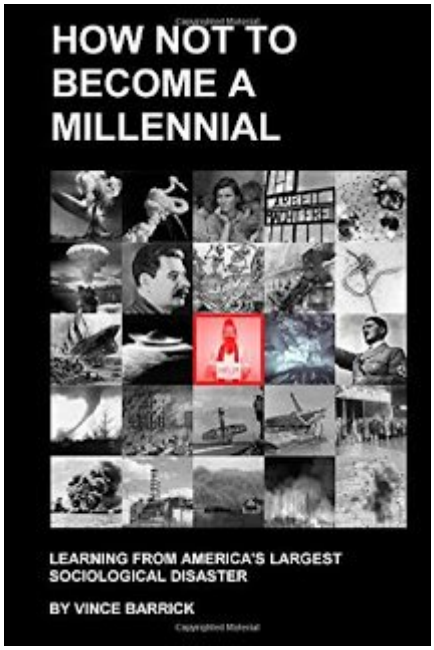
under your control, no matter how crappy the cards, is how you play the game. And what results is not some whiny, naïve, wishy-washy entitled brat complaining about how bad their life is or how unlucky they are, who prostrates themselves in front of fate hoping the government bails them out or some other person comes saves them. But instead a "best possible outcome" scenario where an empowered individual took control of their own fate to the maximum extent possible, accepted and acknowledged reality, made shrewd, often painful and sacrificing decisions, but in the end "won at life," drastically improving upon the shitty hand they were originally dealt.

This is the correct approach to life. This is the best option people have no matter how good or bad their starting point in life. And the sooner you realize that, the sooner you'll be better off than the whiners in "Shoulda-Land" who are still waiting for a bailout, still waiting for men to like fat chicks, still waiting to get unfriendzoned, and still waiting for BGI to make them rich.

Live in a Van Down By the River

The question is simply do you want to take command of your life and make it as great as possible? Or do you want to once again believe in the false promises of laziness and "Shoulda-Land?" Do you want to own your decisions in life, take responsibility, do the hard work that is necessary to improve in life? Or vote and hope maybe Yang gives you a $1,000/month welfare check or a 10% forgiveness on your student loan balance?

I am often reminded of that Iranian client I had who came to the US to become a doctor. The one who couldn't stand the site of blood, switched to Chemical Engineering, and his parents consequently disowned him. Instead of whining or going to the government or returning home, heeling under the tyranny of his parents, he chose instead to live out of his SUV, shower at the gym, continue his Chemical Engineering degree and make a living as a chemical engineer. I do not know what happened to him later in life, but I can guarantee he is doing better than any man demanding a student loan bailout, free Medicare, government-guaranteed jobs, or any other person living in "Shoulda-Land."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Why the Stock Market Keeps Going Up… in Spite of COVID

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This is some economics 101 for our regulars, but for any new people you may find this insightful.

Achieving Minimalism Seminar

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Hello Lieutenants and Economists,

After having some kind friends and colleagues take my seminar and give it the once over, I will be officially launching "*Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice - The Secret to Happiness and Success in Life.*" I made some minor changes, but the price has been somewhat reduced from $599 to $499 as it was actually quite universally agreed the material within the course was absolutely worth the money.

As I've stated before, this seminar is NOT LIKELY to be of any value to those of you who are regular consumers of my content or veteran readers of my books. And it's certainly won't be of any value to those of you who spend less than you make, have your financial act together, and have your debts paid off. However, if you are relatively new to my channel/site/podcast/etc., and don't have the time to sift through the thousands of posts and podcasts I've done, this seminar may be of value to you. Additionally, if you're the type of person who just can't stop spending more than you make, this class is *definitely for you* and definitely worth the price. So while $499 is a steep price, so is going into debt, never saving money for retirement, and filing for bankruptcy. Just sit and think about it for a bit. Is it worth $499 today to stop spending more than you make for the rest of your life?

Registration for the class will begin on September 25th and end September 30th. Those of you who sign up will have 45 days to complete the class. There are no refunds. I strongly recommend you take notes, though there is a Power Point presentation that comes along with it that should suffice.

I will make an announcement on all my channels/sites when registration is open. If you want me to notify you via e-mail, e-mail me here and let me know - captcapitalism@yahoo.com

Thanks,

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What Economists Do in a Pinch

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So it's harkening back to the 1980's where there was no internet and thus you actually either had to go and look up microfiche or compile your own data when doing research. Well...the internet doesn't have the data I'm looking for. And the HELL if I'm going to the library to look at microfiche. Time to dust off the ole economist skills in me and get some polling data.

Your participation and sharing is appreciated:

Why Large American Organizations Are No Longer Possible

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As I get older I start to see society more as a machine with millions of moving parts. Be it getting gas, buying a sub sandwich, taking a class, or just driving down the road, all of these things require millions of moving parts in the form of humans to do their job and do it well for these things to come into existence. But also as I have aged, I have realized that this "machine of society" is not operating as efficiently as it once did. Traffic is getting slower not because of a lack of roads, but because each individual is a much lower quality driver. I have to send mail certified because of an increasing number of times the mail simply wasn't delivered. Banking errors have increased at my bank for a myriad of reasons. And of course many of you are familiar with my "Wyoming 3" where the sandwich artist at the Casper Subway shop will screw up your order twice in order to get it right the third time.

This has done nothing short of piss me off as I do not control the world and the people around me. I am hopelessly dependent upon the individual people of the world to do their job in order for me to enjoy a certain standard of living. And so as the individual unit of society (humans) gets dumber, slower, lazier, and less competent, so too does my standard of living decay.

But if you think it is bad now, just wait until a "new and improved" generation of humans are released into society. Because while Americans are indeed getting dumber, slower, and less competent, this "new and improved" generation of Americans have the added "special bonus" of one thing and one thing only - being psychotic. And you cannot live in a society that is psychotic.

By "psychotic" I do not mean grabbing knives and stabbing people or setting buildings on fire (that would be Minneapolis democrats). But a mental illness of sorts that prevents people from functioning normally within society. And we're not talking one of the designer mental illnesses Millennials claim to have to garner special treatment, but one

purposely and intentionally programmed into their minds starting in kindergarten - dysfunctional politics.

By "dysfunctional politics" I do not mean communism or nazism where the political system doesn't work and fails the society it's intended to serve/support. I'm talking about a religion, an ideology, a mental conditioning that is programmed into a generation of young people's minds which renders them dysfunctional, incompetent, and incapable beyond their modern day counterparts. And whereas laziness, sloth, or a lack of work ethic plagues the current-day schleps getting my subway order wrong or driving slow in the left lane, it is the "dysfunctional politics" of entitlement, identity politics, race/sex/gender-obsession, virtue-signaling, and above all else - "snowflakism" that renders this latest generation completely worthless as functioning units of society.

For example, take the Ellen Degeneres Show.

I do not personally watch The Ellen Degeneres Show, but there is no doubt the value, production, and service Ms. Degeneres has provided millions of American women...and gay men. Her show has been on the air for 20 years and if you consider the number of people she has employed, the hundreds of millions, arguably billions of people she's entertained, not to mention the additional economic production in terms of advertisers, sponsors, video equipment, fashion firms, etc., this woman has contributed easily BILLIONS of dollars worth of production to society.

But whereas Ellen may be a hard-working, functional adult, not everybody in her organization is. And while not everybody has to be a work-a-holic entrepreneur within the Ellen Degeneres Show machine, all it took was an allegation of sexual harassment and a toxic work environment to bring this machine to a screeching halt.

Now keep in mind this was 36 separate people making an accusation against three individuals within the Ellen Degeneres Machine. And also keep in mind, if true, people should not be sexually harassing anyone at anytime at a work environment. But instead of taking this up quietly with HR or Ellen herself, a big kerfuffle had to be made about it, necessitating the shut down. And while I do not have any proof (nor could I ever) I would bet $1,000 that these 36 people are of the snowflake variety, and instead of being stoic and controlled about it, were conditioned to be professional victims, hype over the drama, claim victimhood more than their was pain, and thus make the production of The Ellen Degeneres Show untenable.

Another example is an entire university being shut down over a tweet.

That's right, a tweet.

One Jaden McNeil (also a young idiot) tweeted out "Congratulations to George Floyd for being drug free for a month." This begat howls and cries of racism within the University of Kansas, where McNeil intends to study. But not just howls and cries, but students saying they refuse to attend KU unless this individual was dealt with, but also the entire college football team boycotting the season if Mr. McNeil was not kicked out of KU.

Again, what Jaden McNeil did was wrong and idiotic. But the mental illness caused by the dysfunctional politics of the entire KU football team, as well as who knows what percent

of the student body, is so entrenched and so powerful, these people will sacrifice their own athletic and educational careers over an idiotic tweet. They are so mentally pampered, so mentally delusional, they actually think in a world of 7 billion people, there isn't going to be some idiot saying something idiotic, and if there is, BY GOD SHUT DOWN THE UNIVERSITY.

And then there is the case of Joel Kaplan.

Joel Kaplan was a vice president of one of Facebook's many divisions. He was (still is) a family friend of Brett Kavanaugh. During Mr. Kavanaugh's heresay hearings about sexually assaulting Blasey-Ford in during the Taft administration, some Facebook employees saw Joel Kaplan sitting in the courtroom during these hearings. Upon finding out he was there in support of Mr. Kavanaugh, some Facebook employees took to the internet to discuss their disgust that Mr. Kaplan was supporting an obvious rapist and how he should be fired and they would walk out on Facebook, etc. etc.

Facebook obviously didn't close, but I'm sure over the next few weeks inordinate amounts of resources (both financial and mental) had to be expended doting on the fragile sensitivities of their precious Facebook employee snowflakes.

And then there is the City of Minneapolis.

Larger both in terms of size, finances, and the number of people than Facebook, the City of Minneapolis - like any other corporation, school, or other entity - is a machine. And a machine composed of individual human units. So when George Floyd was killed while being detained by some Minneapolis cops, the mentally ill citizens of Minneapolis decided to riot, loot, and burn down a stretch of Lake Street.

Again, never mind the cops involved in his death have been arrested and are being charged.

Never mind that *justice is literally being served as we speak.*

Enough of the young citizens of Minneapolis have had their brains impaired by the dysfunctional politics they were spoon fed from K-college that it didn't matter. They were so fragile, so snowflakey, and so void of intellectual honesty and critical thinking, their logical solution was to burn parts of the city down.

Minneapolis' inability to function as a city was further corroborated when a Minneapolis man killed himself, which prompted Minneapolitans to riot, loot, and destroy another stretch of Minneapolis - this time downtown Nicollet Avenue. No cop killed this man, cops had nothing to do with his death. But false rumors spread on the internet fired up the same perpetually-offended people to go and destroy their town. And again, rendering a large municipal entity untenable.

So sit back if you will and think about this logically.

We have raised one, arguably two generations of children and adult children to be so fragile, so dysfunctional, and so angry, that if things don't go precisely their way at all times they will tear down and destroy whatever organization they're with. That Facebook division likely couldn't function for a week or so I'd imagine. KU administrators had to

look at the absurd-but-real fact that their entire football season would be canceled, not to mention their entire class of 2020 walking out of them ***over a bleeping tweet.*** Some idiot guys did something inappropriate which triggered the sensibilities of 36 people to the point they had to shut down an otherwise successful show. And an entire city is so brainwashed, so dysfunctional, so delusional, that even when an accused bad cop is arrested and facing charges, EVEN WHEN THE COPS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANOTHER MAN'S SUICIDE, they still shut down the city, concluding rioting, looting, and burning buildings is the logical solution.

There are hundreds of examples, but what you are witnessing is a generation or two of Americans who are no longer capable of having a civilized society. A group of NPC robots programmed to put their politics, victimhood, ideology, envy, and virtue signaling ahead of logic, ethics, legal behavior, law and order, or even the rights of their fellow man. And while people are dumb and can't get my order right three times at the Casper, Wyoming Subway, these latest two generations of Americans are simply feral and dysfunctional adult children who are driven by a mentally ill ideology and not reality. And so what you're witnessing is not so much people driving slow in the left lane or the post office losing an occasional package, but a decay into a second world country with all of it's rights and privileges.

Without large organizations able to function efficiently or at all, our economy will collapse or at least be severely impaired. Governments unable to protect its citizens, build roads, or build infrastructure will fail into decay and dysfunction much like Minneapolis has (just search all the firms closing or leaving, or look at the laughably inept Mayer Jacob Frey of Minneapolis). Corporations and employers who focus more on the color of your skin, politics, and virtue signaling will deter the best employees giving rise to a slow but inexorable decline of that corporation (via lower profits, lower quality, poor customer service, increased price, etc.). Colleges are already a lost cause where nearly all degrees conferred by them are worthless, not to mention they are bastions of dysfunctional childish insanity. Even the institution of the family is no longer functional as it takes two mature adults to successfully raise children, which Americans have been laughably failing at since the Baby Boomer generation. Americans have decayed so much on the individual level, we are simply no longer capable of forming functional teams. And it is teams of people, working together for a larger organization with a larger goal (not constantly looking to be aggrieved, offended, or triggered) that has led to nearly all the advancement and progress we enjoy today in society....not to mention it is teamwork that simply keeps the electricity running and society functioning.

Still, Precious Priscilla's feelings are more important than whether or not she shows up for her job

Oppressed Opie's victimhood is more important than him getting a job and supporting himself.

And Fragile Fran can't possibly be expected to go to school for a real skill, but instead needs to protest the "patriarchy" because it's wrong engineering pays more than

sociology.

And you now have legions of these non-functioning adults entering the real world.

We are not going to enter 2nd world status. We already are entering it. Our national (and state and municipal) debts are proof we are unable to support ourselves. The laughable college degrees and bogus "professions" our youth pursue show adult children believing in the world of make-believe instead of the real world of hard economics. Parents abdicating their responsibility to raise their children to the state school system is almost as disgusting as raising their children in broken homes. And modern day young adults are so worthless, so void of anchored purpose and meaning, they place more value on traits they were born with than production or good they can do for society.

Without a doubt, this latest generation of Americans are the most dysfunctional, unanchored, irresponsible, retarded, psychopathic, and ultimately worthless generation America has ever seen. And you couldn't even pick a decent team for kickball, let alone a team of people to run "Team America" from this lot. Expect institutions to fail. Expect corporations to decline. Expect governments to become more oppressive. Expect families to disintegrate. And expect all of this to be couched in an increasingly insane environment as the precious snowflakes you raised make their way through society.

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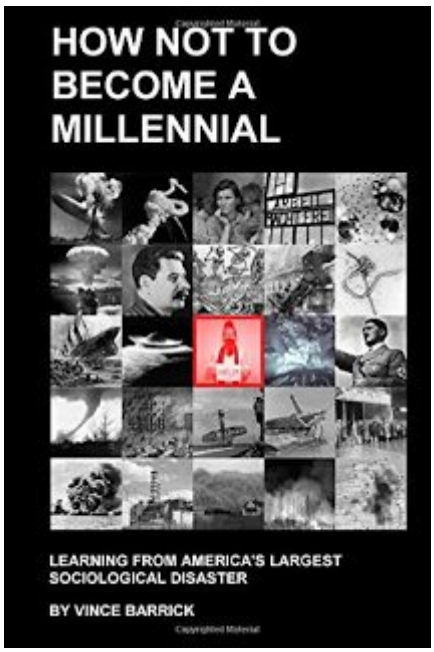

Psychology is a Completely Worthless Profession

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From the "American Psychological Association:"

“Every institution in America is born from the blood of white supremacist ideology and capitalism—and that’s the disease,” says Theopia Jackson, PhD, president of the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi)."

You are a fool to think that psychology or psychologists are legitimate. You are also a fool to think these psychopaths can help you. They are a political entity that does not care about anything approaching mental health, and are a bunch of lazy fucks who just want to make a quick buck off of shamanism and witchcraft.

What Yuri Bezmenov Missed

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Joining Rule Zero Tomorrow Morning

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I think 1030AM CST. I'm in Portland and I'm all screwed up on the time zone.

How Many People You Will Date Before You Marry

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I was invited to speak at the Rule Zero seminar, which will be held online October 2nd and 3rd. And while the lion's share of the speakers' topics will be on how to get the girls, mine will take a more actuarial and practical approach - "*Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women.*" AKA - "*Maybe You Ought to Rethink Getting The Girls.*"

Regardless, mathematically calculating the "ROI on the pursuit of women" has forced me to dust off the ole economist skills, fire up my model programming abilities, spend hours pouring over data, and spend just as many hours merely thinking about whether said data and said model is calculating precisely what I want it to. And while this is the first attempt of it's kind to measure "the ROI of the Pursuit of women," the data I've compiled thus far is amazing and insightful, just as it is depressing and tragic.

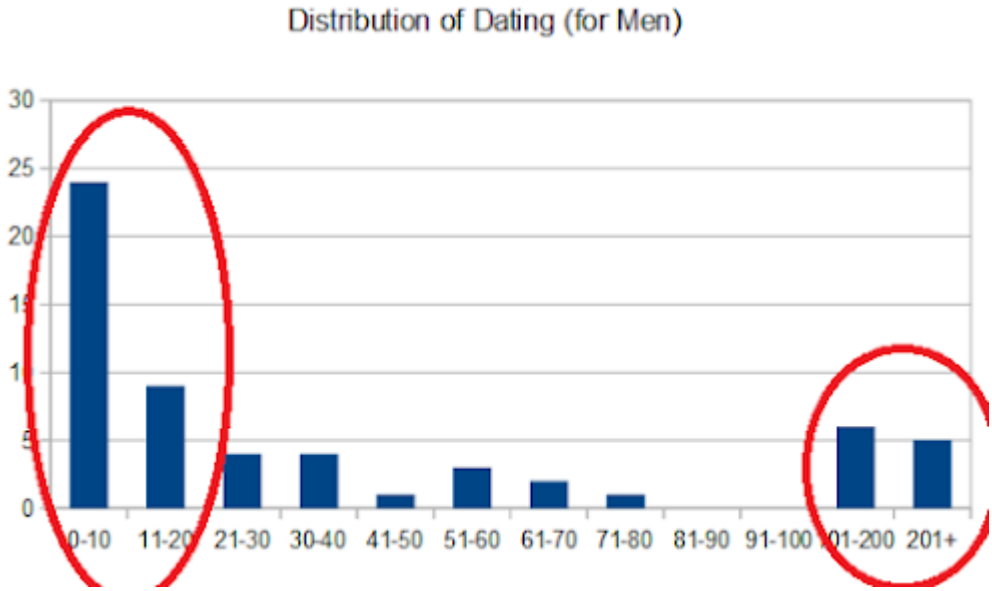
While you'll have to sign up for the seminar to find my complete findings (which you can do by e-mailing me here: captcapitalism@yahoo.com, and to forewarn you, it's $597), I did want to share a unique subset of data as I believe it not only conveys to both men and women just how much work goes into finding your "special someone, but also shows two completely different dating strategies between the sexes, which in turn might help you adjust yours for better chances of success.

This subset of data is "# of people you will date before getting married." It's key to calculating the ROI of the pursuit of women because dating is a very costly and necessary endeavor (for men) in order to find a wife. Dating, however, takes on a very different nature for women because while it is a time investment on their part to go on dates, they actually profit from it economically as the majority of dates are paid for by men. Additionally, women do not "get dates" as much as they accept or reject them, further reduing whatever time investment they need to find a potential husband. This difference is made very clear in the number of dates the average man goes on before finding his wife compared to the number of men women date before finding their husband.

Average # of Women Men Date Per Marriage = 70.22
Average # of Men Women Date Per Marriage = 10.8

In other words, men date roughly 7 times as much as women, implying investment costs 7 times that of women.

But whereas a 7:1 ratio is very interesting in any activity between the sexes, there's an additional interesting tidbit within the data. For whereas the female data is relative stable averaging around 11 men per marriage, the men's data is slightly bimodal. The vast majority of men only manage 20 women to date before marrying (a majority of which is 10 or under), but another group of "serial daters" forms breaking the 100 and even 200+ line.



Interestingly enough (when age data was provided) these are not necessarily your older men who lived long enough to date that many women, but men in their 20's, 30's, even 40's, who were epitomal "players" that just dated a TON of women, almost to the point it would have to be a part time job. Furthermore, many of these men never reported marrying, just dating, posing the question if they even had intentions of marrying and should therefore even be considered in the analysis.

Regardless, if you have a keen eye you'll notice that there are not as many data points as a serious statistician would like. And as is often the case in economics, "You don't go to the war with the army you'd like. You go to war with the army you got" and this is the data I got. The data comes from a highly un-scientific video I put together since there was no other data or studies available measuring how many people an individual dates before marrying, so (like many economists) I had to go and create the data myself. But if you were a kind and charitable soul and wanted to help improve the integrity of the data, posting the following in the comments section *would definitely help*:

1. # of people you dated
2. # of times you were married, and
3. Your sex
4. AND NOTHING ELSE because I just need numbers, not a story or editorial about why or who or what....***LADIES***.

Additionally, if you were interested in attending this seminar, you can certainly e-mail me here at captcapitalism@yahoo.com, but tune into a pre-seminar show where me and the other speakers at the seminar discuss our topics and provide a little bit more information:

All Students with Debts Need to Suffer

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I cannot explain how happy I am to see the pain and process people now have to go through to NOT pay back money they stole from other people.

College Should Be Free….And It Is Going to Be Soon

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Big corporations are waking up and are doing more to destroy the obsolete university system in the US than any one else.

Why Women Love Food More Than Men

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On October 2nd through the 3rd I will be speaking at an online seminar with the guys at Rule Zero. Each of the 10 speakers has their own topic. Mine is going to be "Analyzing the ROI of the Pursuit of Women."

While my model is about two pages long and it's final number tallied at the bottom calculates the actuarial chances of finding a woman in today's market that will make you happy, the sub-data that goes into this monster of a formula is interesting (and depressing) unto itself. Not so much because of the dire statistics it indicates, but because of what it tells us about young women today in terms of their behavior, choices, and desires.

In this case the percent of women that are both overweight and obese of child bearing age.

For women, this breaks down as follows:

Age group (years)	Percent considered overweight or obese
20-34	59.6
35-44	67.7
45-54	69.5
55-64	74.5
65-74	75.6
75 and up	67.4

This is such a damning statistic because it tells us young women would rather eat food than attract a man. This means, by choices women put forth in the real world (not what they may actually "feel" inside...whatever that means), women would rather eat more than fall in love. Cryptic and cold as that may sound, it's true. Women's public behavior today shows very clearly what their priorities are and attracting a man ranks below "Another Hoho" or "Exercise."

Now, admittedly, men are only slightly better when you look at their obesity rates. And that is true, much as men might pine for a svelte women that's in shape, they are equally hypocritical when it comes to putting down the hohos and hitting the treadmill. And while I could make the statement that men are more interested in a woman's physique than women are men's, thus it's incumbent upon women to lose the weight first, it's important to look at why both sexes are practically hurting each other being the overweight disgusting slobs they are today.

Survival.

Right as it might be to point out the revolting levels of young-adult obesity, remember that until very very recently in human history, starvation was the number one problem facing all of humanity for nearly all of its existence. The human body has evolved to

become incredibly efficient with food, what sparse food it could find for the first 2 million years of human existence.

But with the advent of farming technologies, the agricultural revolution, and bio-hacking the genetic code of various crops and animals, we've been able to solve hunger. So much so I've seen "poor kids" go from genuinely skinny, underfed children to fat, bloated tubbies dining at the 7-11 on their single mom's EBT card. Humans have not necessarily gotten lazier. The technology to make food has just advanced that much quicker. So quick our genetics cannot evolve fast enough to account for it, thus why your average young woman is 5'4" and 165 disgusting pounds.

Still, evolutionary or genetic reasons why only 40% of young women today are attractive, doesn't change the slim (or rather should I say "not so slim") pickings men have today. Women simply cannot shuck their genetic conditioning and put down the food, thus making reality women prefer food over men. Additionally, the same condemnation can be made at men, being the disgusting pigs they are. So if either of the sexes wants to have a happy life (which requires a handsome/beautiful person from the opposite sex to attain), I suggest we all start losing weight. But since it is women's beauty that prompts men to ask women out, and thus initiating a potential relationship, it's incumbent upon women to inspire men to do so. Besides, you women love to lead and "change the world." Let's see some of that "strong, independent, girl boss" leadership we've been hearing so much about these past 40 years.

(Oh, and if you are interested in attending the seminar, e-mail me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com)

They're Actually Trying to Promote Tourism in Minneapolis

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You guys think I'm joking when I try to convey just how stupid and naive Minneapolis folk are, here you go.

Women and Tattoos: "Shhhhhhhoooockinnnnnng"

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Doing more research for my upcoming seminar "Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women" and what do you know intrepid young Millennial and Gen Z'ers. Women with tattoos have self-esteem issues (if you can even trust psychological studies such as these).

"*Despite the limitations, our cross-sectional design provides preliminary empirical support for the notion that young women with tattoos have significantly lower self-esteem as compared to women without tattoos.*"

Also, today is the last day to sign up for the Rule Zero online seminar, so e-mail me at captcapitalism@yahoo.com if you wanted to.

When Economics and the Red Pill Collide

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Was on Rollo's show yesterday and talked about how the internet, but especially webcam sites, have fundamentally changed the labor market. We also discussed how "old order thinking" has forced young women into outdated corporate careers as the "pinnacle" of success, while the future economy is online as a 1099 Superior Racer. Worth the listen, especially if you're a younger man or woman so you know where opportunity in the future lies, NOT where old washed up boomer feminists and professors says it does:

Remember, The Boomers Created the Millennials

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And excerpt from "How Not to Become a Millennial"

But why were the Boomers so bad at raising the Millennials? Why did they give such horrible advice? Matter of fact, why were they so bad at life themselves? They did more drugs than any generation alive. Raised the national debt to record peace-and-war-time levels. Made divorce and breeding half-siblings an Olympic event. Destroyed the nuclear family and millions of their children's lives. And a full 2/3rds of them can't even afford retirement. And keep in mind this isn't the old trope of the younger generation always blaming the previous one. The Boomers are empirically and objectively an absolutely abysmal generation (which is the subject of an upcoming book). How, after having every possible advantage in life and insisting they knew better than everyone else, is it they were wrong about pretty much everything?

The answer can be found in a quote by G. Michael Hopf in his book "Those Who Remain,"

"Hard times create strong men.
Strong men create good times.
Good times create weak men.
Weak men create hard times."

And the Baby Boomers are indeed weak men.

If there was ever a generation born into good times it was the Baby Boomers. The 1950's and 1960's were the golden era of US history. Unemployment averaged around 4%, even going into the 2%'s for a couple years. Economic growth was twice that of what we have today. You didn't need a college degree to apply for entry level positions. And those entry level positions could afford you the American dream on one income replete with a house, spouse, car and kids. But perhaps the biggest advantage the Boomers had growing up is the incredible luxury of having both a mother and a father present in the house at the same time. This nuclear family, combined with the other socio-economic factors, made the Baby Boomers' upbringing the most idyllic the world had ever seen. And with their WWII generation parents starkly reminded of the horrors of the Great Depression and war, it was a guarantee their children would be the most pampered and spoiled in then-as-of-yet US history.

The problem with good times, however, is that it destroys people's ability to value. If everything is handed to you, paid for by your parents, or the good times are just simply rolling, nobody has to suffer, sacrifice, or pay a price to get what they want. And it is simply not mentally possible to value anything unless you have paid a price for it. But if

you have to toil, work, suffer and slave merely to stave off poverty or simply to survive, you become acutely aware of what does and does not have value in life, including things like food, clothing, shelter, freedom, your fellow man, and yes, even your children.

In this sense the WWII generation had an incredible ability to value. They knew what was important in life because they had to work so hard to get it. But the Baby Boomers had none, because (though in a well-intended attempt to make sure their children never suffered) the WWII generation deprived their children of their own ability to suffer, thus value, thus making them the weak generation the Boomers turned out to be.

The problem with being weak men, in having no ability to value, is that you inevitably need something of value in your life. You need a reason to get up in the morning. Something to cherish. A reason to live. But if all your basic needs are met, and you've never had to pay a price for anything, you are mentally incapable of valuing or appreciating anything in life. Thus, in the mind of a weak, spoiled man the only thing of worth, the only thing you have in your life is yourself. And thus you become solipsistic, self-centered, and incapable of selflessness, altruism or love, because only you matter in your own mind.

This doesn't mean that the Baby Boomers weren't capable of loving their children, caring about society, or being well-intended. But it does mean that for many of them their own self-interests trumped everything else in life, especially if push came to shove. And if you don't believe it, simply look at all the different types of Boomers you've ran across in your life and look at the actions they took, not the words they said. What you will find, via their own actions, is that most of the Baby Boomers were primarily motivated by four things (or a combination thereof):

A fear of real work, toil, suffering or sacrifice (laziness)
Politics
Profit, and
Self-love

And these things superseded everything and everyone in most of these Baby Boomers' lives. Including their Millennial children.

Minimalism and Sanity

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A friendly reminder to some of the younger or newer viewers/readers of my material that my seminar "Achieving Minimalism: The Key to Happiness and Success in Life" will be launching September 25th. Enrollment will be limited to 5 days so you can sign up from the 25th to the 30th, after which enrollment will close.

As I've said before the vast majority of my readership would not tangibly benefit from this seminar, especially if you have your financial house in order. But if you are young or simply want to stop spending as much as you make, this seminar would certainly be of benefit and profit to you. It is $499 which is indeed pricey, but is designed to save you an equivalent amount of time/money/resources to actually get you to the point where you are:

- spending less than you make
- budgeting your time wisely/NEVER PROCRASTINATING/NEVER BEING LATE AGAIN
- eliminating commutes from your life
- limiting how much worry/stress you waste in life concerning yourself over things that ultimately do not matter

Additionally, I will be publishing my essay "Sanity is the Future of Wealth" which is a good companion piece with this seminar on minimalism. Once it's published, I will send you a copy in the mail if you so desire.

If you are interested or know somebody who is, e-mail me here and I will notify you when the seminar opens for enrollment. CAPTcapitalism@yahoo.com

Thanks,

Cappy

Good Luck With That California

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Elon Musk's stock just shot up.

But let me guess. We're going to complain about him getting richer.

The Case for California Communism

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Even before the news that Governor Newsom decided to arbitrarily decree that California would ban the sale of gas cars by 2035, I was of the mind that California was already a quasi socialist state. Combined with it's regulations, high taxes, and overall mental attitude that its political class/the state should not only own everything, but dictate what its citizens should think, say, or do, the State of California is the closest thing the US has to a socialist country. But instead of fighting it, I argue we should take a lesson from our (in hindsight -very wise) forefathers and allow for "The Great American Experiment" where individual states can do what they want. And of the now-50 states that we have, some of them - including California - should try communism, just to see what happens.

Against communism most of you may be, there is some incredible wisdom in letting some states go commie.

First, you never know. Communism might work ***this time*** in spite of it failing every single time before. And if politicians and social scientists can find a way where nobody has to work and we can all be infinitely wealthy, by all means, try it out on a population of 40 million Californians before applying it to 320 million Americans. And if successful, share your secrets to success and end poverty not only in the US, but the world forever. You'll be the biggest heroes in human history and will have genuinely advanced society more than any humans in the past.

Second, failing that (which it will fail), why force the entire country to participate in this experiment when the track record of communism is so horrific? More often than not, communism kills and impoverishes its participants, faster and more effectively than a hot war. It's a drug like meth that has done nothing but destroy the lives of those who get addicted to it. But instead of trying to argue with the average American idiot that they shouldn't take this drug, let's grab the 40 million guinea pigs of California, force them into communism, and see what happens. Lets see what lab results occur when we give a state full control and ownership over its citizens, before rolling it out for the remaining 49 states. I've always laughed at the occasional story where a "communist" or "commune" restaurant opens up, only to collapse a few short years later when none of their customers pay and their employees never show up for work. And I've pointed this out to

people advocating communism saying, "Look, you guys can't even run a taco shop, what makes you think you can run a state?" I think a test group of 40 million datapoints would be more convincing than a mere one off socialist restaurant financed by government grants.

Third, I can't think of a state that deserves socialism more. California with its Californians have been sanctimonious, arrogant, faux intellectuals who have pushed their politics not only on its citizens, but the rest of the country. Be it through its large presence in the house of representatives, to the tech giants of Silicon Valley lecturing us via virtue-signaling over their platforms, video games, and movies, California and Californians think they know better.

Well??? Prove it. Stop talking about going full socialist and do it at your state, county, and local levels. Vote in communists, confiscate all private land along the coast, nationalize all the farm land in the valley, take ownership of Google, Yahoo, Apple, and the entire tech sector, and implement whatever other non-financial communist policies you want like environmental laws, recycling laws, thought laws, educational laws, sex-relationship laws, everything. If we're going to do this, let's do it right and do it 100% so we know what happens to a country when communism is implemented.

Fourth, and this is where Californians and Californian politicians will try to squirm out, you get no help from the other 49 states. You do not get a bail out of a penny of federal money to trial balloon your socialist experiment. You do not get to tax expatriates who leave California for Texas. You do not get to complain about capital flight. You do not get to complain about brain drain. You do not get any outside help from the outside world as that is proof positive communism is an unsustainable economic system. These past 20 years Californians have not only wanted socialism, but they've made it their religion, sanctimoniously drawing personal and spiritual value from it. If you're so invested in it, then make it work. It reminds me of the speech Gregory Peck gave to David Niven in "The Guns of Navarone."

"They say you're an expert with explosives! START PROVING IT!"

And finally, California's business owners.

I am not so much talking your local farmer or your small time restaurantier. I'm talking the big, large, corporations headquartered in LA and Silicon Valley. Most of the business owners are leftists, and not just leftists, but use their companies to advocate and push for socialism. Through the media, Hollywood, or social media, every day the rest of America gets to hear your sermoning and lecturing about how the rest of the country should be socialist AND how noble and caring your company is for advocating the same.

Well then the Mark Zuckerbergs, the Hollywood studio owners, and the Tim Cooks of the world should gladly give their companies to the State of California, forfeit their own personal assets as well, and start walking the walk they're advocating for when they're talking their talk. Those assets are the only and best shot of California raising the funds to implement a socialist society, and the very first people that should be dragged up to Sacramento to be told they're forfeiting their companies and assets to the State are those

business owners who've been fellating the State and socialism this entire time.

Idealistic as this sounds, understand this is already happening to a certain extent and is why I'm telling California to "just go for it." California's taxes makes it the largest defacto shareholder of all private industry in the state. Its state and local regulations make its non-financial world the Orwellian nightmare come true that many socialists want (consent forms for sex, hyper regulation, indotrination at the schools, etc.). The people want socialism. And even your business leaders are advocating for it.

So what's stopping you California?

For once we have the opportunity to see a real and large state implement communism without a shot being fired. You have a "bold leader" in the form of Gavin Newsom who is obviously willing to implement communism. And a population that is for it too. Furthermore, it has been the dream of millions of social scientists, government workers, an ordinary American liberal arts majors to see socialism realized in the United States. Wellllll??? We're waiting!

Naturally, I know this will fail. Naturally, if Californians put their money where their mouths are, they will destroy their economy, society, and make the whole state look like feces-adorned San Francisco. It will be the worst peace-time failure of an American state in all of US history. But just like a child doesn't know eating too much ice cream will make him sick, you need to let these modern day petulant little children get what they want as there is no other way to learn. And thus, instead of forcing communism on the rest of America, not to mention we could all save ourselves DECADES of life and time arguing about economics in the future, let's have it out right now. Let's see California implement socialism. Let's see what happens. By all means gorge on all the communist ice cream in the world you want. It will be the most productive economic experiment ever conducted in America and the entire country, even California, is bound to benefit from it.

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Hey cool Gen Z'er kids!
Want to end up like the Millennials?
No?????
Well make sure you don't by reading the book below!

HOW NOT TO BECOME A MILLENNIAL
LEARNING FROM AMERICA'S LARGEST SOCIOLOGICAL DISASTER
BY VINCE BARRICK
Available on Amazon Paperback & Kindle

This is NOT the Bursting of the Education Bubble We Need

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2.5% is a slow deflation of it.

Unfortunately, young people today have been so conditioned that college is not only necessary, but the only thing they have in life that a global pandemic that requires they stay home has still only taken enrollment down by 2.5%.

If you "conservative parents" had any balls, you would forbade your children from attending a physical college, let alone attending a liberal arts college period, which would deal the death knell blow you all so desperately want to deliver to the left.

But you won't because "nothing's too good for Daddy's Little Prince/ss."

This one simple thing you traditional parents could do, but you won't because in the end you're all a bunch of cucks.

Oh well. I guess we'll have another generation of brain dead, NPC Millennials on our hands.

"Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice" Is Now Open for Enrollment

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"Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice" is now available for enrollment. Simply click here or on the image below, and you will be taken to the class page where you can peruse the class outline and enroll if you so choose. Enrollment will end on September 30th, but those who enrolled will have 45 days to complete the class.

The price is $499 and as mentioned before *will not be of much use to veteran readers/viewers* of my content. However if you are new to my work and don't have the time to consume, let alone sift through all my material (which at last count tallies at 3,000+ posts and 4,000+ videos) this class may be of use to you, especially if you have trouble:

- Spending more than you make
- Saving for retirement
- Mismanaging your time/procrastinate/never have enough time
- Expending more mental energy/resources than you have
- And in general have lost focus in life

It won't solve all your problems, but I'm confident it will most certainly help.

See you in class!

Cappy

The Older Brother Podcast #82 - The "Violence Interrupters" Episode

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Cappy tirades against

"violence interrupters,"
the fraggie vaggies at Spotify who are triggered by Joe Rogan,
the difference between "on" and "off" strip in Las Vegas,
and promotes the 1099 superior race life.

He also talks about the necessity of men and his hiking with Atham and Elkins.

Direct MP3 here.
Podcast here.
YouTube below
(also SUBSCRIBE TO THE OLDER BROTHER YOUTUBE CHANNEL WHICH IS NOT CAPPY'S REGULAR CHANNEL!)

Lowering Society's Standards Further for Gen Z

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Soon there will be no standards or rigor in life.

And Gen Z will end up as the Millennials.

Why Leftists are Doomed to Poverty and Misery

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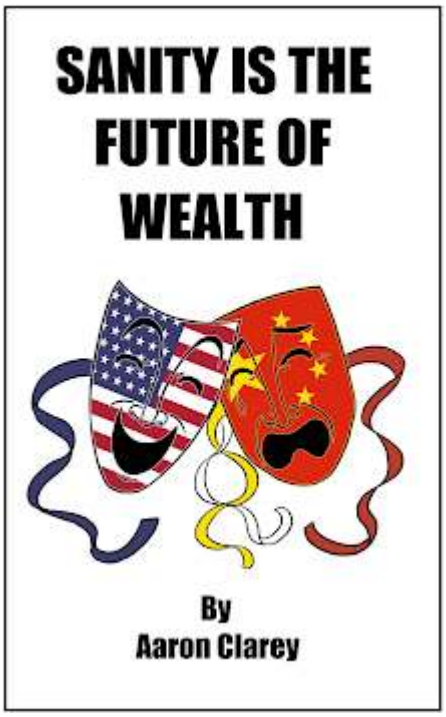

As promised I have finally published my essay "Sanity is the Future of Wealth" on Amazon. I've posted the book description below as it does the best job explaining what the essay is about and why you might be interested in purchasing it. This essay is one of the rarer bits of good news in today's political landscape, but is also a bit of philosophy that is required to be happy in today's psychotic environment. And so if you or somebody you know is down because of riots, protestors, COVID, and the general unstoppable march towards socialism, this essay is an absolute must as it puts things in perfect perspective and might actually make you feel happy.
I hope you enjoy the essay.

"*Economics is being revolutionized to the point it's becoming obsolete. With production techniques and technology allowing man to extract exponentially more wealth from finite resources, nearly all our earthly wants and desires are satisfied making the concept of "wealth" and "money" obsolete. But while you'd think such an economic miracle would be celebrated, humans are forever petty, forever greedy, and forever jealous. And instead of enjoying a life of leisure nearly every first-worlder is practically guaranteed to enjoy, most seethe with envy over the petty and minor differences in the now-meaningless "wealth" others have.*

Ferrari's over Chevy's.
Sushi over Chipolte.
Brand new iPhones over perfectly used Samsung's.
A rambler over a McMansion.

Tragically, this jealousy ruins the majority of people's lives as it blinds them to the great lives they have and the better ones they could live. Worse, today's political and educational system programs every young person with socialist firmware damning them to a life of misery and envy. But it gets even worse. Because the traditional (and increasingly outdated) concept of wealth only narrowly focuses on money and not the bevy of other things that truly makes a man "wealthy":

Looks, athleticism, love, creativity, popularity, friends, status, great sex, beauty, innovation, health, family, legacy, a profession, skills, accomplishment, achievement, ability, excellence.

And when you consider this global view of "wealth" you will find out even if we achieved a socialist utopia, psychopathic and petty humans will still be obsessively envious of you, your family, your skills, and your personal life.

Thus, the insanity of 2020.

No doubt riots, protests, cancel culture, SJW's, Bernie Sanders, BLM, Antifa, professional victims, Californians, trait politics, or plain ole boring democrat politics is driving many of you mad, if not seething with anger. Be it because you intuitively know it's a scam or you're smart enough to see through the cowardly mental acrobatics socialists use to rationalize stealing your wealth, its clear these parasites of society want to partially enslave you for their benefit. But while partial enslavement is a necessary evil of democracy, there is a bright silver lining when you consider wealth is becoming obsolete. Because while the parasites of society may be successful in inevitably voting away your increasingly-irrelevant material wealth, it doesn't provide them everything else that matters in life. And without things like love or beauty or excellence or family, leftists are doomed to live not only miserable lives...but insane ones as well.

Thus, "Sanity is the Future of Wealth."

"Sanity is the Future of Wealth" explains to the productive members of society that it is non-financial aspects of life that matter most and are the key determinants of living a happy and successful life. But it also provides the reader with some much-needed vengeance that no matter how much socialists get their way financially, they will never have the things that matter most, especially when material wealth is increasingly unimportant. Alas, in misprioritizing their lives on greed, victimhood-politics, or simple envy, the average American leftist damns himself not only to a wasted life, but an insane one as his parasitic politics cannot provide love, excellence, belonging, achievement, comradery, beauty, or worth. And try as they might to claim "big is beautiful" or besmirch nuclear families or "redistribute hot spouses," they cannot and thus their entire life will be nothing but a government check.

So revel in their misery. Revel in their insanity. And be happy you're not them. Realize you are truly wealthy as sanity is the future of wealth."

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Explaining to a Young Millennial Why UBI Won't Work
Master vs. Slave Morality is Today's Current Victimhood Political Climate
Freedom vs. Cultural Stability vs. Sanity

Analyzing the ROI of the Pursuit of Women - 3 Hours and 20 Minutes of "Swiping"

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In preparation for my speech with Rule Zero, I've been confirming figures and finalizing numbers for my speech "Analyzing the ROI of the Pursuit of Women." But in my research I came across just a devastating piece of data. Namely, how many swipes a man needs to get 3 dates.

Turns out the answer is 16,500.

I did some quick math and if you assume .75 seconds per swipe, that's 3.3 hours of just swiping. That doesn't include the many more hours of time spent messaging over 500 matches, counter message, and inevitably landing a date.

And keep in mind this is just ONE STATISTIC.

I will be publishing my findings later either via seminar format or book, but for now, good god almighty boys. Your life is just too damn short and too damn precious to be wastiing on this hopeless pursuit of getting 3 dates after 16,500 swipes. I do not fully side with MGTOW, but good god, women have truly become delusional when it comes to their dating expectations and their expectations of men.

Go work out, go pursue your career, go do anything but get on these freaking dating apps as you give your thumb arthritis.

Late Night Coronachan 33 - The "Late Night" Episode

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Cappy and Chad talk:

Vasectomies WILL end poverty.
16,500 swipes results in 3 dates. ONLINE DATING IS CANCER
Black dude wears mask to collect lottery.
No Presidential debate for Cappy.
Did you know Nonstop Dre is black???

Podcast here

MP3 here.

The Clarey Podcast #332 - The "Clean Up" Episode

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Join Cappy and Chad as we clean up shit that needs to be done.

Communism and COVID: Why Your Husband is So Angry

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In an utterly predictable fashion, there was no shortage of articles or the journalists who wrote them that jumped on the increase in divorce that was guaranteed to happen with the lockdown from COVID. Relationships were already in a precarious balance in America. Feminism had been training women to prioritize their careers and education over their families and spouses for decades. Both men and women have violated the trust of their spouses by getting morbidly obese instead of maintaining their mandatory physical beauty for one another. Younger Millennial couples were having an immensely tough go at their finances as they were saddled with stupid amounts of student loans for laughably stupid degrees. And (though economics isn't terribly sexy) the massive Austrian credit bubble created during the financial crisis of 2009 had come to bite nearly every couple in the ass making housing/rent incredibly expensive, adding further financial pressure to their budgets and relationship. Americans were already experts at making their lives more difficult than they had to be, and these added pressures made something as hard and mature as marriage an impossibility for your average American idiot.

But then came COVID and the commensurate lock downs that struck a blow to the fragile balance of marriage in America. And now, with obese/fat American husbands and wives having to spend more time with one another AND with no social outlets they once had to avoid one another, your average American couple can no longer keep up the facade, and are now filing for divorce.

However, for the couples who do manage to keep it together, or the even rarer few where the husband and wife remained svelte for one another, it has been more than an anecdotal number of times where I've heard wives complain that their husband is increasingly angry during 2020. They're curt, impatient, rude, often times lashing out, and there's been more than one case of a man just "not in the mood" for sex which means there's really something going on. And while the obvious culprit is COVID and 2020 in general, it needs to be pointed out to women that there's a second culprit -

communism. And American women are disproportionately to blame for this one.

Understand that the protests and riots of 2020 are truly not about race. Certainly race/unjust killing was the spark that triggered the explosion of riots and protests we saw, but the underlying fuel of all the looting, rioting, arson, pillage, and yes, murder, was simple jealousy. Simple marxism that had been programmed into all the young kids who protested, regardless of their skin color, to destroy society because it was forcing them to work for a living. This is why the rioters were of all colors and creeds, and the riots still continue today in pure white bastions such as Portland and Seattle.

You can argue with this or agree with it all you want, but that is a discussion for a later point in time. Because regardless of the true underpinnings of the 2020 riots/protests, the important thing is men's conscious and unconscious reaction to them because ***that*** is what is gnawing at all Americans husbands' mentalities and moods today. The riots and the protests are affecting your husband as they present a direct threat to not only his property, but his family, *including you*. And whether you're husband is a weak soyboy effeminiate millennial or a gun-totting, hard core veteran republican Gen X'er, it doesn't matter. The riots are affecting his core survival instincts and triggering a constant fight/flight stress within him because now he gets to look at the following scenarios:

Having to kill a man/many men.
Having to physically fight people.
Getting injured/crippled in the process.
Losing all his property either to looters or communists voting it away.
Having you raped.
Having his kids killed.
Have his wife killed.
Having all of his life's work either burned, stolen, or taxed/taken away.
Going to jail for defending his property, himself, you, or his family.

Oh, and let's not forget!

Dying himself.

And so, with this maelstrom of serious concerns torturing his mind, when you come in there nagging him about "why did you park the car so close to the wall" or "why didn't he pick up the milk" don't be surprised when he snaps and tells you to shut your fucking yap.

Now it doesn't help your average husband's mental health that the average American wife is fat or obese or morbidly obese. It also doesn't help that the average wife puts more value on her career and education than her family. And, of course, the American past-time of nagging has never helped any relationship at all. But there is one thing American women can do if they want to ease the anger of their husbands and by consequence improve their marriage. And that is stop voting for communism. Because whether you (or your husband) are conscious of it or not, it is communism that is causing the mental struggles and strife of your husband. Not the symptomatic riots.

First, understand that when you vote for the democrat party, you are in reality voting for

communism. I don't have time to do the research American wives should have done long ago before they decided how to vote. But right now EVEN UNDER TRUMP, government accounts for 40% GDP. Given the delusional wish list your average American soccer mom wants (single payer health care, universal day care, free education, etc. etc.) you're looking at 60-70% GDP which lands us squarely at communism's doorstep. Naturally, you average American wife does not look at the federal budget and make a critical assessment about the efficacy of social policy. She naively votes democrat because "it's for the little people" or "the children." But this does not change the fact your voting enslaves your husband to work more for the same take home pay if you would like to be able to make that Lexus SUV payment. These taxes also force you ladies to work a job as well to pay those taxes while you outsource your children. So forget riots and protests, your voting is enslaving your husband (and you) to work more adding stress to an already stressed out marriage.

Second (and more importantly), the "social side of communism." In voting for communism/socialism/democrat the average American wife does not only burden her husband with additional taxes, but also socially villifies him in a number of ways. First, he's male so he's automatically guilty of unconscious sexism and misogyny. Second, he makes more, so he's benefited unfairly from society and should pay more in taxes. And third (especially in today's political climate) if he's white, well then he's guilty of all the oppression in the country and is the direct cause of the riots. This does nothing for the morale, let alone the mental health of your husband when you vote for a party (let alone subscribe to a political ideology) that is explicitly anti-male and certainly anti-white male. And though he may say nothing of it, it DOES wear on him psychologically that you support a political platform that hates him. It's not a big butcher knife you planted in his back, but it is a knife. Even if he agrees with you politically.

Third, let me be very clear - voting democrat has led to these riots.

As the legions of suburbanite soccer moms vote democrat because they wanted to be popular or they just "feel" that the democrats cared more, they in reality voted in what is a now decades-long indoctrination process in the schools. And by schools, I mean K-college, not just K-12. Ever since the 1990's children (of all colors and stripes) have been brainwashed to believe that discrimination is the cause of all problems in the country. And not just discrimination, but they themselves are being discriminated against and are victims. If you're not white you're oppressed. If you're not male, you're oppressed. And if you're a white male you're still oppressed because you're either non-binary, have a made-up mental disorder, or are simply not part of the 1% and are oppressed. And now that you've raised two full generations (Gen Z'ers and Millennials) on this steady diet of greed, envy, rage, hate, laziness, and entitlement (aka-communism), you're shocked they're burning down buildings, looting, rioting, shutting down highways, and yes, murdering people at times? Your voting directly caused these riots and protests, and these riots and protests are now weighing heavily on your husband's mind.

Now there are two ways your husbands are going to deal with this incomprehensible level of stress you've voted in on him. And it's going to depend on whether he's conscious of

unconscious of the true cause of these riots.

If your husband is consciously aware of the political climate you've put him in, he is going to do what all real traditional men do, and that is gear up, gun up, have a plan, and even potentially plan to leave. Many men have moved their families to nicer neighborhoods. Many men have gotten guns and ammo and trained with them. Good men have bug out bags and have a "Plan B" for the family to survive. And good men train physically so they can fight and protect their family. Unfortunately for most soccer-mom-wives, this means your husband is a republican, libertarian, or at least not democrat...you know, a real man. He even has those "nasty guns" in the house. And though he certainly may be angry at the world (and you) voting against his safety, family, and freedom, he's not unaware of what is happening. And though you may have rolled your eyes when he bought that AR15, now that the people you voted for are burning down your old neighborhood, you're secretly starting to appreciate his proactivity to counter your unconscious support of communism.

If your husband is unconsciously aware of the political climate he is in, that is likely because he too voted democrat and put himself in that political climate. Like you, he blindly subscribes to the political ideology he was programmed to, so much to the extent he might actually feel guilty because he was born male, and feels really guilty if he is white. Unfortunately, this blinds him CONSCIOUSLY to the threats you've both voted yourself into. I know several white teacher couples in St. Paul and Minneapolis who value their politics more than their children and insist on sending their white kids into schools that good black parents are desperately trying to get their kids out of. This is because these white teacher couples love their leftist politics more than their children and certainly more than the black parents who want what's best for their children. But I also know more than one white leftist couple who own property in Minneapolis proper and just couldn't vote democrat enough, both willingly voting away more of their income, and destroying their main form of wealth in life - their homes.

But for all the pacification this blind belief in socialism gives these types of husbands, make no mistake about it. On the unconscious level, these men are suffering an inordinate amount of psychological stress and cognitive dissonance. And though they may not be able to articulate it, when communists under an anti-white male banner burn the street one block over from their house, these anti-gun, perfectly pacifist leftist men are scared shitless, making them equally angry. Worse, their political religion prevents them from being able to do anything about it, lest they be scorned by their wives for buying a gun, moving to those "evil suburbs," or maybe putting their kids in private school. And so when their hairy-armpitted wives come in and nag them about "why isn't the kambucha carbonating correctly," these wives too may face a curt, sharp and angry husband who tells them to "shut the fuck up about the damn kambucha."

Now, as many of you know, I am of the Enjoy the Decline mentality. Many people as described above have hated on me in my past accusing me of the most horrific political things possible (racism, sexism, hate, nazism, etc. etc.) that simply were not true. And today because I advocate low taxes and the elimination of the welfare state, these false

accusations continue today. But I learned loooong ago that I don't have to lift a finger to get my revenge on these people as they'll do it to themselves. People majoring in stupid leftist marxist shit will forever be poor. Fake, arrogant elitists who borrow money to fake being rich, will die divorced, alone, and bankrupt. And political ideologues who put their politics first in life, above all else, are damned to miserable painful lives. But women's disproportionate desire to betray their husbands, families, and by consequence themselves by voting for socialism has got to take the cake. Because for all the screaming and pounding of fists that American women today are "independent minded," you've been successfully brainwashed to vote against what would presumably be the most important thing in your life - your husband - and by association - your marriage and family.

Now I know your true blue democrat kambucha-drinking feminist living in Minneapolis with her hen-picked husband will never forfeit her politics. It has been established long ago such type of women do indeed love their politics more than anything else and they are common. But this is a call for your standard suburbanite soccer moms who vote democrat because it's "for the little people" or "the children." You need to get your heads out of your asses, think of your husband and children, or at least think of the McMansion, granite countertops and SUV. Because in "voting for the little people" these past 30 years, you have created now two full generations of entitled parasites who think they are entitled to your shit and in some cases are obviously willing to resort to violence to get it. This cute shit where you vote left to virtue signal so that you can be popular amongst the equally brainwashed soccer moms, is done. And the reason it's done is not so much because somehow you'll find it in your heart to figure out and realize said voting has led to this stress and anger in your husband. I'm nowhere near that idealistic. It's because that nice little house in the burbs with that cute little SUV you lease will all go up in smoke if communists even get half their way.

Again, I do not ultimately care if you care about your husband. And I know being popular, conforming, virtue signaling, and your politics is more important to your average soccer mom than her husband, even her kids. But I am not here as an agent of change. I am merely here as an agent of explanation. And so the next time you vote for that school levy to jack up property taxes, introduce "Your White Children are Guilty of Racism Studies" at the schools, or you applaud your child as he/she goes off to a liberal arts college only to come back and lecture their father about how he has oppressed people over Christmas dinner, do not be surprised if he Lester Burnham's up and throws the dish into the wall.

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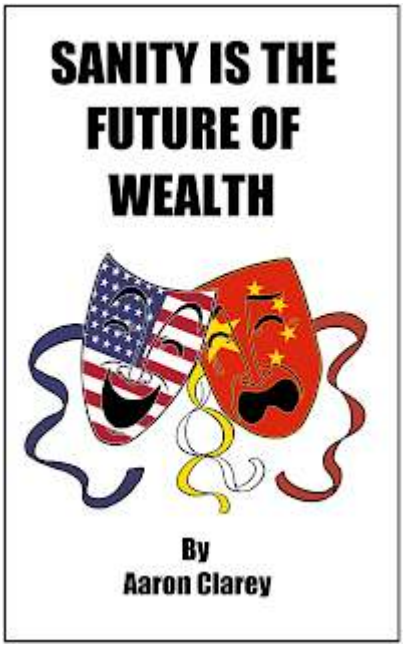

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and another one down

another one bites the dust!

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This is a guest post by our friend Alexi over at Academic Composition!

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America Does not Tolerate Losers!

As General George Patton prepared the Third Army for the invasion of Sicily, he famously observed "Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser!". While Patton's speech was well-regarded by the troops, some of his colleagues judged him to be vulgar and unprofessional.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCA6uxQE-bw&ab_channel=RD.

Love him or hate him, you cannot deny that Patton was a uniquely American character. America was founded by people who were courageous enough to leave the comfort of their old life in Europe. To do this, they had to abandon the aristocracy, tradition, and order of their European country of origin. Upon arriving in the colonies, Americans not only claimed their independence but also pursued a relentless Westward expansion, which forms a key component of America's core identity: manifest destiny. Galvanized by this belief, Americans aggressively pursued an expansionary foreign policy, as they continue to do so today. Questions about whether this is right or wrong aside, an aggressive foreign policy is a core component of the American identity: that cannot be changed, nor should it be.

The liberals may deride Jackson's "trail of tears" and "manifest destiny", but what they fail to understand is that the nation's core identity cannot be changed. In the "Significance of the Frontier in American History", Fredrick Jackson Turner showed how the frontier mentality fostered the character of American rugged individualism (https://www.historians.org/about-aha-and-membership/aha-history-and-archives/historical-archives/the-significance-of-the-frontier-in-american-history). In doing so, the Frontier Mentality bolstered entrepreneurship, promoted risk-taking, and cultivated a certain directness that the American national character is famous for.

In "Hell's Kitchen", Chef Ramsey demonstrated a deep understanding of the American identity by berating the losers of his show. He had no reservations about embarking on

obscenity-laced tirades to show the incompetent contestants just how pathetic they were. By contrast, he had a similar show in the UK, where he criticized the underperforming cooks in a more tactful manner. There is no way of telling which of Ramsey's approaches personas is the "best", it is simply a matter of cultural differences.

Many of his British viewers would say that they prefer for him to criticize the participants in a respectful manner, as behaving the way he does on the American show simply isn't decorous. On the other hand, they have no problem chastising the hypocrisy of the mealy-mouthed upper-class British people and their "stiff upper lip". Would it truly be terrible for Chef Ramsey to scream that you "FUCKING SUCK AT COOKING!"? Would you truly rather have him pat you on the shoulder with a phony smile and a contrived dignified posture, as he admonishes you "You can do better, best of luck, mate!"?

Clearly, even most of the British people see value in the American candor. There is a certain honesty in simply calling things the way they are. Words may be offensive, but they do not constitute an offense. Nobody has ever died from having their pride hurt or from simply being insulted, especially when the derogatory comment is nothing more than a badly needed reality check. An aspiring chef who simply lacks the talent and the dedication to be truly excellent needs to be advised on this matter as bluntly as possible. He would be better off knowing this as soon as possible rather than making that discovery the hard way. Would he not rather know what he is capable of so he can keep his expectations in check instead of wasting over a decade of his life to realize that all of his work has been for naught?

Surely, Chef Ramsey can't tell you that you are a fundamentally worthless person and if he does, there is no good reason to listen to him. Yet, he can tell you if you have what it takes to make it in his field. Yes, it would be a good idea to seek a second opinion, but there is absolutely nothing wrong with taking Ramsey's word for what it is: an expert opinion. It may be a mere opinion, but one that you can certainly use as a guiding light. Based on that, you are more than welcome to seek out other expert opinions and once you receive all of the necessary information, you may conduct your own assessment. However, a simple wake-up call from a knowledgeable, but remarkably blunt specialist in the field can certainly be a good start: you simply cannot go wrong from there. The worst case scenario is not bad at all: you will simply realize that cooking isn't your true calling, which means that you are free to pursue any number of other vocations.

To be certain, it makes excellent sense to welcome constructive feedback, no matter how unpleasant or even crass it may be. By doing so, you can save plenty of time, energy and frustration. There is value in simply understanding the reality of the situation, whatever it may be. Regrettably, much of the American left has no interest in that at all: that explains why they are so resolutely opposed to the blunt nature of the core American identity. The

Political Correctness of the American left represents little more than a denial of reality, it is an attempt to stifle honest communication that is necessary in order for a fruitful discussion to emerge. Whether the discussion centers on your career plans, an exchange of political ideas or a brainstorming session, it is necessary for all involved parties to be forthright. While there is no reason to be needlessly offensive, it is more important to communicate the reality of the situation than it is to be tactful, otherwise, the entire exchange becomes artificial and self-defeating. If the choice has to be made between being tactful and being frank, it is always better to err on the side of the latter.

In light of the fundamental reality of the unique American culture, we may now examine the common criticisms of the American national character that are often voiced by the Democratic Party and the left-leaning public figures of the European Union.

1. It's hard to be poor in America.

In the "Conscience of a Liberal", Paul Krugman observed that while the French middle class pay much higher taxes than their American counterparts do, it is easier to be poor in France. Krugman also noted that although France has a broader middle-class, more Americans belong to the upper-middle class.

However, there is one critical point that Krugman has conveniently overlooked: the local purchasing power of Americans is much higher than that of the French.

https://www.nationmaster.com/country-info/stats/Cost-of-living/Local-purchasing-power

The United States ranks 2nd in the world on Local Purchasing Power, with Switzerland being the only European nation that outranks the U.S. The reason for this is simple: the dynamism of their market-oriented economy. Despite the stereotypes suggesting that all European countries welcome massive taxation, Switzerland has consistently outperformed the U.S on the Index of Economic Freedom.

https://www.heritage.org/index/ranking

Switzerland is currently fifth and has been in the top ten for the last decade, while the U.S has declined precipitously. Under the leadership of Barack Hussein Obama II, the U.S lost its standing in the top 10, plummeting by nearly a dozen positions, which is why the U.S is now 17th!

By contrast, France is 64th, which puts it on the lower end of the “moderately free” category. On the local purchasing power, France came in 26th, which means that the salaries of the French afford them a much lower purchasing liberties than the salaries of Americans do. While the French may think that their social services are free, the reality is that they are paying for them in the form of their diminished purchasing power. While they may work shorter hours, receive maternity and paternity leave, use public medical services and pay less for education, they are less likely to attain the material possessions that have long been regarded as symbols of the American dream. Even after the 2008 financial crisis, Americans are much more likely to be able to buy a home or own multiple vehicles. While these hallmarks of the American dream may be accessible to much of the American upper-middle class and even parts of the middle-class itself, they are only accessible to the truly rich in France. Much of the French middle class will have to make do with renting an apartment and using public transportation, with only faint hopes of owning a small apartment of their own in the distant future. Yet, owning a two-story house with a white-picket fence is simply out of reach for much of the French middle class. The same goes for most of the European welfare states, whose residents are happy to sign away their opportunities to fight for their equivalent of the American dream in exchange for greater economic security, wider middle-class, lower wealth disparities and better living conditions for the poor. While that trade-off may be acceptable to most Europeans, it is repugnant to most Americans: it goes against the grain of the fundamental elements of the American culture that General Patton expounded upon.

There is a clear-cut economic reason why America remains the world’s most popular destination for immigrants, by a wide margin.

https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/05/18/5-facts-about-the-u-s-rank-in-worldwide-migration/

About one in five of international immigrants live in the U.S, no other nation comes close in this regard. The reason is simple: immigrants are like Patton’s followers, who as “real Americans” are “playing to win all the time”. These newcomers are willing to play for high stakes and accept greater rewards. They are hardly concerned about the high costs of health-care and education, they see it as an acceptable cost of doing business in America. While they may be dismayed to see an abundance of homelessness, they know full well that if an immigrant with minimal skills and only rudimentary knowledge of the English language can find a roof over his head, there should be no excuses for the people living on the streets. To be sure, these immigrants know full well that the truly indigent people of their country had fewer opportunities than the most destitute of Americans.

As callous as that may sound to the liberals and the proponents of the EU model, this is the reality of the American way of life and it cannot change. America was founded by people who took enormous risks to re-invent themselves in the new world: by its nature,

this is a venture with high-risks and high rewards. The well-being of the average person, the size of the middle-class, the wealth of the 1% or let alone the immiseration of the poorest Americans are simply irrelevant. Patton had it right, “real Americans love to fight” and “play to win” all the time. There is no room for “losers” or mediocrities, which would explain why the complacent middle class of Europe no longer have much interest in trying their luck in America.

https://www.ft.com/content/8ed8fca1-ce5f-4d41-bd0d-6c4622bdc987

Doing so would be a lateral move for a middle-class Frenchman or a German and the rewards would not justify the risks, as it makes little sense for them to give up a secure life they had at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8Cu3VGdq3A&ab_channel=StatsMedia

It is not a coincidence that the U.S no longer is a country of European immigrants. At the beginning of the 20th century, all of the leading foreign-born ethnic groups in the U.S were European, but today, the most well-represented ethnic groups are Mexicans, Indians and the Chinese. These are the “real Americans” who “will not tolerate a loser” and “play to win all the time”. These are gifted and industrious people from countries without much of a middle class, so they would much rather take enormous risks in America in order to have a half a chance at breaking into the upper middle-class rather than being condemned to a life of mediocrity in a welfare state. For these “real Americans”, there are no half-measures, nor should there be. This is how the colonial Americans have always thought, the tradition endured through Patton’s time and the newcomers from China, India and Mexico are happy to maintain it. While many of them may vote Democrat, the most successful of them are as reluctant to pay high taxes as are their accomplished peers of European heritage.

2. America’s Immigration Policy is Tough

That may be true, as it is much easier to sneak into the European Union or even Canada than it is to start a new life in the U.S. Yet, one fundamental misconception is that the U.S is extraordinarily accommodating to highly skilled immigrants. The U.S has an abundance of visa programs to recognize the talent of foreign professionals. These exceptional individuals often prefer to be in the U.S than in Europe because they would prefer to pay lower taxes and find an environment most conducive to the actualization of their potential. Despite that an overwhelming proportion of blue-collar jobs has been

outsourced to China and India, this cannot be done with the highly skilled white-collar jobs. In that respect, there is a reversal of the migration trend: instead of sending the jobs to Indian and China, the U.S welcomes the intellectual capital these countries offer. It is close to impossible to find a robust alternative to the Silicon Valley and for good reasons, most software developers would prefer to be there rather than somewhere in the EU. Likewise, the tristate area of New York is a phenomenal choice for accountants, financiers and other professionals employed in the finance sector.

Consistently with Patton's dictum that America doesn't tolerate losers, it makes good sense for the U.S to be receptive to the highly skilled immigrants, but disinterested in the newcomers who are less accomplished. Clearly, the latter would be better off in a more secure environment of the EU or even Canada, where one can comfortably settle into the complacent environment of the middle class. To do so, one does not need to be exceptionally gifted or hyper-industrious. These may be the requirements of the American upper-middle class, which is the prerequisite for the achievement of the American dream, but such a milieu is no place for mediocrities.

3. America's Foreign Policy is Belligerent

Again, Patton had it right: America does not tolerate losers. The expansionary foreign policy is a result of the Frontier Mentality, which Fredrick Jackson Turner discussed in "The Significance of the Frontier in American History". While one may critique the undue intervention of the U.S military in foreign conflict, it is impossible to alter the core component of the nation's culture. America does not and never will tolerate losers: the only way the sphere of American influence abroad can be curtailed is if a foreign power emerges as a challenger to the U.S global hegemony. The left may continue to insist that the U.S military budget should be diminished sharply and redistributed among social service programs. Yet, that is a futile endeavor: it is fundamentally anti-American and it is impracticable for that reason.

4. Health-Care and Education Are a Disaster

While progressives bemoan how America is only 28th on the Index of Social Progress, they overlooked that the very idea of social progress is antithetical to the American way of life.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/09/opinion/united-states-social-progress.html

As it has been noted in the same report on America's decline that the U.S is the world leader in quality education and health-care, however, it is 97th and 91st in access to health-care and education.

Most of the left-leaning citizens of the EU would describe health-care and education as public goods that should be provided by the government, but such a point of view is un-American.

America does not tolerate losers, period. The fact of the matter is that the U.S is number 1 with respect to the quality of these institutions is what defines the American identity, it is simply irrelevant whether ordinary people are able to access them. To suggest otherwise would be un-American and such recommendations are better suited for the European Union, where economic security matters more than opportunities to become fabulously wealthy.

American politics are by and for the wealthy, with the upper-middle class being the lowest threshold of eligibility. Anyone who is not prepared to accept enormous sacrifices in order to break into the upper-middle-class would be well advised to consider starting their life in Europe. It is much easier than it may seem, as most EU nations have far more lenient immigration policies than the U.S did. In fact, there are tens of thousands of Americans living in Europe already.

https://www.thrillist.com/travel/nation/best-countries-for-american-expats

5. Donald Trump is uncouth

Donald Trump is not applying for a job at a think tank, nor is he looking to participate in a ceremony where he is to be knighted or let alone accepted as a king. He should not be expected to be a refined European gentleman who acts in a classy manner with impeccable table manners, exquisite taste in the arts and who voices his highly educated views in a stilted manner.

Such classism is simply un-American, nor will it ever be. The most important thing to know about Donald Trump is that he is an authentic American every bit as much as Patton was. He represents the true American culture and he resists the influence of those who try to impose a European way of life upon the U.S, which is fundamentally repugnant to the American values. Far from being seen as uncouth, Trump's pugnaciousness should be regarded as an embodiment of Patton's observation that "real Americans love to fight" and "America will not tolerate a loser". For all his flaws, Trump persevered to preserve his

fortune, maintain his controversial public persona and above all, become president in a uniquely American way by underscoring the core attribute of the American character: Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. While the left may deride Trump for his “strongman” posturing in the style of John Wayne, they overlooked the fact that America demands men like Trump. They represent the core American identity that has been passed down since the colonial era.

Above all, Patton’s timeless words must be remembered for generations to come “All real Americans love to fight! Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser!”. America is not Sweden, nor is it Germany. This is not a place for a massive social safety net, nor is it a place where an average person can “live with dignity”, as the left would suggest. The American middle class will continue to decline, but a sizable portion of ordinary Americans will join the upper-middle-class. Nonetheless, there is truth to the observation that upward mobility has declined in the U.S, as the middle class shrunk and the majority of ordinary Americans who worked in the blue collar field have struggled to achieve upward mobility. Donald Trump has taken note of that and vowed to “bring the jobs back”. At the face of it, bringing the jobs back certainly seems like a tall order, as it’s extraordinarily difficult to reverse the decades’ long trend of outsourcing that emerged in a globalized market. Although it remains an open question as to whether Trump will be able to keep his promise, from the standpoint of the American identity, it is simply irrelevant. America does not tolerate losers, never did and never will.

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The October class for "Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice" will open for enrollment on October 25th and close on October 30th. The price is still $499 and the class is NOT for veteran readers/listeners/viewers. The class is intended for any newcomers who do not have the time to wade through the various thousands of posts, podcasts, and books and want an accelerated, condensed class on minimalism. It is also intended for anybody who wishes to get their financial act together, or otherwise anybody who is spending more money than they make and simply cannot kick the habit.

You can view the outline of the class here, however the "enroll button" does not work. That again will work starting October 25th.

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The End Game of Woke Corporate Culture

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A client at my consultancy had an interesting question - where do corporations end up if they keep putting politics over profits? He was specifically talking about feminism and where corporations and governments are forcing women into executive roles for affirmative action purposes, but the larger trend he was talking about was where corporations put politics over profits.

I was somewhat conflicted because I didn't know if corporations were indeed putting politics over profits or merely capitalizing on the political religion the education industry programmed most Americans to have, and - like most Americans - were merely virtue signaling as a sick, unethical, racist, sexist, marketing tactic. If this was the case, then this was just your average American corporation taking advantage of whatever means to profit. Just like the US Department of Transportation built the Interstate system and corporations now use that infrastructure, the US Department of Education built socialism/feminism/environmentalism/woke culture as the country's official religion, and now corporations were merely opportunistically using that infrastructure as well.

However, if I had to put money on it, I don't believe corporations are this savvy or intelligent. Call it a hunch, call it experience, call it knowing my generation which is now in charge of Corporate America (Gen X), but I actually believe "Corporate America" as we know it is not so much trying to machiavellianly capitalize on the woke culture (being willing to ditch it the second it doesn't become profitable), as much as it is inferior Gen X NPC's who captain these corporate ships are trying to be popular. And since they have now replaced profits with politics, these corporations in the long term are no longer viable and there will be consequences to piloting these corporate ships into metaphorical icebergs.

And so after some thinking I figured out where "Corporate America" is heading. And not only is it an interesting journey that lays ahead for Corporate America, but there are some key and vital lessons young, industrious, hard working people are going to want to learn before getting on the "USS Corporate America Titanic" boat.

First, take a lesson from an entity that is further down the woke/SJW/virtue-signaling/diversity rabbit hole - government. Specifically, the Department of Transportation. It could be the national Department of Transportation, a state Department of Transportation or the municipal one, but the point is take the government agency that is responsible for building roads, bridges, and maintaining them. That requires they employ of many civil engineers, tradesmen, architects, etc.

So why are there so many fat, middle aged black women with no experience at the upper management levels of these departments? Also, why are there diversity meetings, women's empowerment meetings, etc. at every step of the way when the focus should be building stable, non-collapsable bridges? Of course I'm stereotyping, but there is no doubt in DC and across the nation thousands of under- and un-qualified people (stereotypical fat middle aged black woman or not) hired because of the traits they were born with and not the content of character. And the reason why is that politics is being put ahead of ~~profits~~ the taxpayer (not to mention the safety of the American driver).

Still, this has set forth a key trend younger people will need to be aware of going to work for "woke" corporations. And that is *the real work still has to get done*. The Department of Transportation still has to build the roads. So what you will see (and some of my civil engineering agents in the field will verify) is that yes, the stereotypical 54 year old black woman who knows nothing about civil engineering will be the boss and there will be touchy feely meetings about shit that, frankly, has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with roads. But they will outsource the real work to real engineers as contractors because in the end, the agency (be it the Department of Transportation or "Proctor and Gamble") has to legitimize it's existence. It can't just be a welfare jobs program for minorities or women, hosting self-pitying sob sessions over how it's so unfair they get preferential hiring treatment. The organization needs the veneer of a purpose, and thus they outsource all the real work to contractors. And that is where smart and savvy future workers will go. Contract work.

Second, if you think "*Oh good! I'm a minority/disadvantaged person and so now I can get one of these cushy jobs with no qualifications!,*" think again. Because now that meritocracy has been abandoned for traits, there is nothing you can do within your power to advance your career in these new "woke" environments. You were born Hispanic, you were born female. That's it. Those are you two qualifications. And so what is going to happen is a Hispanic, female, WHO IS ALSO BI is going to be promoted over you. Worse, if you think corporate office politics was bad before, just wait until it becomes the Oppression Olympics. Working for Boomers was already a nightmare in the 80's and 90's. The regular corporate politics was intolerable. You throw on a bunch of self-absorbed Millennial and Gen Z'ers who swallowed the woke-SJW-victimhood socialist politics whole, Corporate America will become a combination Game-of-Thrones meets Arkham Asylum. Backstabbing careerist spinster women, minorities convinced everything is racist, all professional victims looking to be oppressed so they can sue, all of them jockeying for the ONE executive position that might be open? You'd be insane to want to work in this genuinely toxic environment. Alas, this is why I recommend to any

minority or female clients I have that, sure, get your 2-4 years working experience at "Target" or "Ernst and Young." But once you get that experience, and you can join the 1099 Superior Race (look it up) you get the fuck out. Life is too short, and your sanity too precious, to be sitting in on "diversity" and "female" empowerment sessions in the vain hopes of being promoted to "assistant reserve vice account director." Besides, as real professionals, it's insulting to have it implied you're racist or sexist or stupid enough to be either.

Third, the "Brand Name Business Model." This is what I believe will be the final stop for Corporate America.

As all the real work is outsourced, and Corporate America working environments become insufferably toxic, all the real and talented labor will simply leave, or never show up in the first place. This "brain drain" or "talent flight" will gut Corporate America of any real leadership or productive people, leaving the only asset of the company it's logo/name. This then results in a new business model where 1099er's do all the real work (hopefully uninterrupted from home) while a bunch of political psychopaths maintain the brand name at "corporate," duking it out for increasingly pointless titles at the "diversity and inclusion" department. This relegates Corporate America's function to mere PR for a brand name.

Not accounting.
Not engineering.
Not operations.
Not production.

P - freaking - R.

And if marketing departments weren't political enough, imagine what all that juicy woke socialist cancer will do for employee morale back at "corporate."

To a certain extent this "Brand Name Business Model" is already happening. Take a look at Target for example. Target is the perfectly woke corporation sopping wet with forked tongued virtue signaling. But Target employees themselves don't really produce anything. They outsource everything. The real production is done by near-slave labor overseas. The products are then hauled by real companies (transport companies) overseas and over land by real men and women who are boat captains or truck drivers. Sure, Target has some accountants on staff, and certainly they have thousands of stock boys stocking the shelves, but in the end "Target" corporation is just a red circle with a red dot in the middle, that stupid dog, and a bunch of corporate stooges working at their increasingly Game of Thrones office in Minneapolis (assuming it isn't burnt down). For all the production Target creates, 95% of the jobs are outside the corporation. 5% goes to tell you how much they like BLM.

Now the question is do you want to work for a "corporation" where it's main goal is merely to keep up an image? Sure, at one time working for Citigroup might have meant

doing real analysis or providing good financial services to your customer. It may have even had the fringe benefits of working in a cool downtown environment with the prestige of having a corner office, maybe some interesting colleagues. But now that the actual function/operations of the firm is outsourced to telecommuters and 1099's, what's left at corporate HQ is a corporate husk of it's former self. And the sole purpose of this husk is to tell the world how woke it is and just how much they're down with the socialist cause to capitalize on the woke-religion the government programmed every one to have. Worse, as evidenced by my observations of Gen X business "leaders," they actually believe it. Which means whatever unfortunate souls are working at this husk are now forced into what is nothing short of political indoctrination which should be an affront and insult to any self-respecting professional.

I know for the past 50 years media, Hollywood, television, colleges, even professionals themselves have painted the picture that you want to work for "Corporate America." That a 9-5 job with some overtime hustle would land you a managerial position, a stable career, and the coveted "six figs." But as is with everything in the world, things change. "Corporate America" no longer exists. Corporate America is no longer the large, efficient, super powerful engine that once powered the great American economy and provided millions of people with careers and professions. It's a bunch of psychopathic Karens who don't produce anything and whose sole job it is to keep up the shinny image of a brand name so people buy from that brand name.

Alas, if you are smart (or simply self-respecting) you will be smart enough not to get on this sinking ship. You will develop and hone the skills necessary to become part of the 1099 Superior Race. You will realize that a corner office downtown was never on the table, but a much better offer awaits you on a beach in Thailand as you work from your laptop. Do not envy the "corporate executives" of the future. Pity them. Because life is too short to be called "racist" or "sexist" and sit through "struggle sessions." Let alone work for a bunch of mentally ill Karens.

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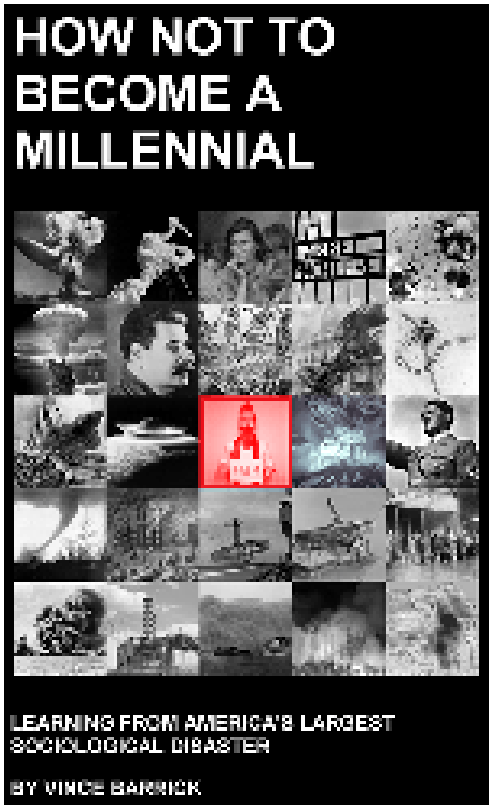
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LEARNING FROM AMERICA'S LARGEST SOCIOLOGICAL DISASTER
BY VINCE BARRICK

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Howdy All,

"Achieving Minimalism: Theory and Practice" is once again open for enrollment from October 25th to the 30th. As stated before the vast majority of my audience likely does not need this course, but if you are new or you are struggling with spending more than you make, may I suggest taking a look at this course.

The main goal of the course is NOT to merely say "spend less than you make," but to delve into the psychological underpinnings that compel most humans to spend more than they make, take on debt, and otherwise ruin their lifetime finances. And though the price is steep, that price is designed to slap you across the face to make sure you take this issue seriously and actually START SAVING MONEY. And so the question really is do you want to get out of debt, have adequate savings for retirement, and never worry about money again

or not?

You can click on the image above of this link here to review the outline of the class before signing up. And if you know somebody struggling with finances, maybe consider suggesting they take a look at this course.

Thanks!

Cappy

Chile's Good Times Have Now Reliably Created Their Weak Men

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Guess we're scratching Chile off the list.

Nagging Noah

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I had managed to make it 9 minutes from home before I got a call from my girlfriend. She was caringly calling to let me know that a tail light was out in my truck and that I should get it repaired. Caring as this was, it sent me into a rage as I was currently enroute to a much-needed retreat at a middle-of-nowhere Air BNB in rural Wisconsin. And I was so looking forward to this trip, the road trip included, that the jarring phone call interrupted my recently-achieved zen, which sent me into my rage.

However, irrational as this may be, there is an explanation for it. Like many of you I have a ton on my plate. There's work. There's chores. There's a ton of projects I'm working on. And all of this is couched within the backdrop of COVID and the creeping communism that is slowly taking over the US. And when you take in the totality of both current work you have to do just to stay alive, as well as the tremendous amount of work you have to do on top of that to

Ensure you have enough for retirement
Ensure you make enough to pay off your debts
Ensure you have enough income streams to insure against recessions, cancel culture, industry set backs, etc.
Ensure you have enough ammo, guns, and training to protect your family against potential riots
Ensure you have backup savings overseas in case the US does go full communism

the pressure often becomes too much, at minimum shortening your fuse.

However, I am not the only one in this situation. Many of you face the same. And it's important to realize precisely what kind of situation we're in because if we don't we will not be able to solve the problems that face us, also as well achieve the much-needed mental calm that comes with at least understanding the situation we're in. And the situation we are all in is that we are modern day Noahs and we all desperately need to build our arks.

The short version is simply this - the United States and the west are slowly decaying to the point they will not longer be able to function as nations. And I'm not talking so much

about communism or socialism (though there certainly is a real and increasing chance of that). I'm talking about Idiocracy where the current and future generations of Americans are so ill-reared, so ill-prepared they will not be able to function as normal, healthy, mature adults. Be it

the many videos of mentally ill women freaking out that Amy Barrett is a supreme court justice,
the animals who protest and riot because they want to,
the spineless ballsacks of mayors and city council members who let people destroy their towns,
the people in these towns who will vote for it again,
adult children who major in the dumbest subjects while crippling their lifetime finances with student loans,
fat women who think fat is hot,
or just your token millennial,

the day is rapidly coming a critical mass of the US adult population will not be capable of sanity, self-supportation, or mere functionality, and that society will collapse. And so if you're like me, not only are you now chartered with the task of supporting yourself and your family, you are now also tasked with coming up with a "Plan B" to escape this nightmare that is coming.

However, there is a problem. And that problem is you're surrounded by the normies, conformies, and inferiors of the world. And as you desperately try to come up with a contingency plan, dedicating the work and effort towards building such an insurance policy, the normies, conformies, and inferiors of the world are going to pelt you with their small, insignificant concerns, often times wondering why you're so angry, in such a rush, not "chilling out and relaxing man," as you vainly try to explain to them WHY you are doing what you do and at the furious rate you're doing it at.

It is here you must realize this has nothing to do with politics. Because it really isn't as clear cut as "republicans realize X, and democrats don't realize Y" and so only democrats are going to critique you, while republicans are going to volunteer to help you. It is eternal and inherent human laziness that is the cause of all these people bogging you down with irrelevant questions, pelting you with petty critiques, or mocking you with sophistry. And though it won't make these incredibly annoying, even time-wasting critiques go away, it will help you maintain your sanity understanding why these sheep do what they do.

First, the average person just lacks the foresight to understand basic economics. It's 2020 and it's not like we didn't know there was an education bubble for over 10 years. Students are demanding a bailout, and liberal arts degrees are commonly used as the butt end of jokes as they should be. Still the fact worthless degrees are a cancer on society didn't prevent 70% of college students from declaring stupid majors in the 2019 school year. There are certainly other unlimited examples of Americans' ignorance of economics (shoot, most Americans don't even know what a trillion dollars is, let alone

what it's percent of GDP is, let alone how many trillions in a deficit we ran under Trump), but the point is the average normie, conformie, inferior American will not understand your concerns, let alone why you are building an economic boat for insurance. They will roll their eyes at you, perhaps even calling you a "sexist" or a "racist," and in a Dunning-Kruger effect dismiss you as some "right wing nut job" as they then vote to spend 50% of GDP on a "New Green Deal." Whatever your real concerns are about the future viability of the US economy, they are not capable of understanding it because they're too stupid.

Second, even if you find people who understand economics enough to realize the real and likely threats a combination Idiocracy/Communist economic system would present the nation, they are not courageous enough to admit to these threats. These are your proverbial frogs in the water, who like Obama voters, "hope" things get better, but take no action. They are not agents, they are objects, and are usually embodified by friends and relatives who they themselves may be conservative or libertarian, but think you're crazy for "prepping" or looking for land overseas. They roll their eyes at you just the same and say, "Ohhhhh, that ole crazy Aaron, he says there's a housing crash on the way." "Ohhh, that ole crazy Clarey, he says the schools are brainwashing the kids with communism. They'll never riot." But do not be mistaken, these people are afraid that you're right, but their fear of their current status quo life going away is even stronger, which keeps them in blissful inaction.

And third, laziness. Even if people know there is a flood coming, even if people know the "Wyoming Three" will be a universal fact Americans will suffer in the near future, they won't do anything about it, because they don't want to. They don't want to be like you when you finish a full day at the office, only to then go and spend another 3 hours researching getting a foreign passport or finding a foreign bank. They don't want to cut spending on their Applebee's budget or their Sportsball wings on the weekend to fund a rainy day fund in Croatia. They want to sit on their ass and watch TV. And so whereas your physical energy, mental faculties, your patience are all taxed, making your fuse for petty and irrelevant bullshit incredibly short, these people's relatively laxed lives allow for longer fuses. And longer fuses allow minds to engage in pettier pursuits, of which they will annoy you with as you're focused on drastically superior and more important concerns.

Alas, this is the "nagging Noah" that you, me, and the other handful of Noah's get to face. Most of my life has been left-leaning family and friends thinking I was crazy there was a dotcom bubble about to happen. Most of my professional life was catching flak, getting disciplined, and threatening to be fired because I said there was a housing bubble. And today my life is filled with people who are telling me I need to relax and chill. And while certainly a case could be made to relax and chill for health reasons, it doesn't make it any easier, let alone less annoying when these people pelt you with annoying concerns, petty criticisms, or condescending critiques. But let us be perfectly clear. For whatever comforts ignorance is affording these people today, it will not be worth the price they will pay tomorrow when society collapses, or is at least severely impaired from functioning, under an Idiocracy. And when the day comes that every white

person or every male has to have a struggle session under President Ocasio Cortez, or protests on the highway make driving an impossibility, or rent is so high because we printed off another 4 trillion in money to cover the national deficit, or fat chicks are beating up pretty thin chicks to fight against "beauty privilege", you can be sitting at your comfy, quiet, apartment in Phuket laughing at the news as you decide to take a stroll by the beach or maybe get a drink at the local bar. All because you were some eye-rolling weirdo who (Beavis and Butthead laugh) "huh huh, heh heh" thought there was a chance the US would collapse.

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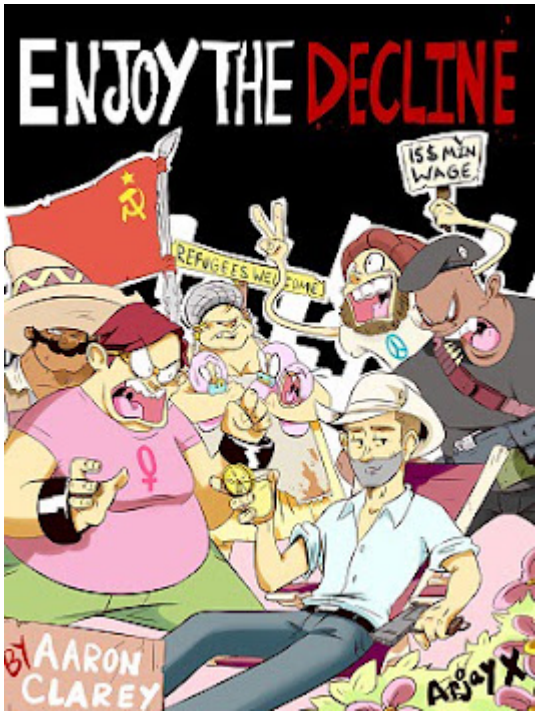

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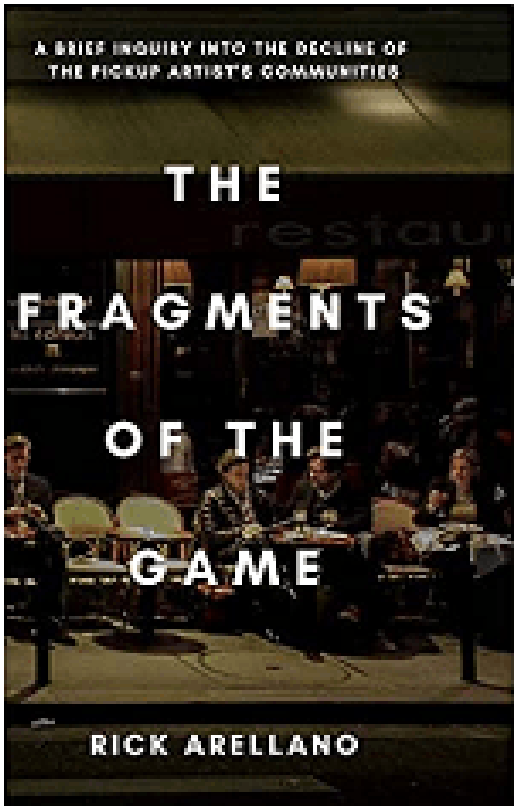

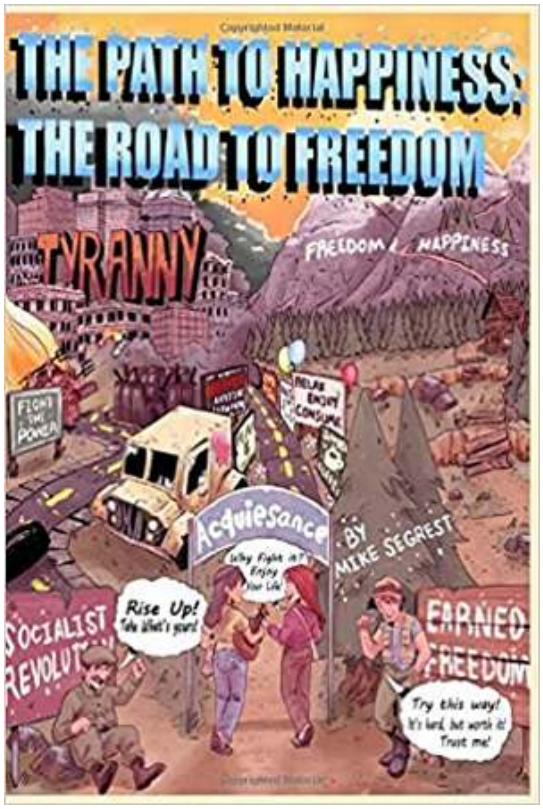

The Women Who Destroyed the Man You Wanted

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An olive branch to all the women out there who's in love with a guy whos ex destroyed and has ruined him forever.

You Can Now Officially Major in "Nothing"

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Yep, I'm done with western "civilization."

Making It Illegal to Pass Shit Tests

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I forget the movie, but it was a scene starring Vince Vaughn and the actress from Legally Blonde. The clip was sent to me by a young lady saying "this is so what I want from a man." And in the scene, Vince Vaughn approaches the girl at a bar in a standardly awkward approach and she not only summarily shoots him down, but in a derisive and insulting manner.

Vince Vaughn accepts the rejection.
Turns around.
Is about to walk away with his tail behind his legs dejected.
But then stops.
His eyes widen.
He turns around and yells out

"Listen Bitch! I'm from Fargo! And around there I don't take shit from women like you and blabbity blah blah blah, something something dark side, something something complete."

This then demonstrates his masculinity, passing her shit test, and then she passionately kisses him and I think they fuck or something.

I couldn't remember the details because it was so cliché.

Regardless, the only thing I could think about was not how typical this was for a female to say "this is what I want," or how I respect Vince Vaughn as an actor. All I could think about was "Damn, if Vince Vaughn let alone any man did that today, he'd be arrested and thrown in jail."

And thus the point of this short post – women are now making it illegal to pass shit tests.

I perfectly understand why women have shit tests. It's key to their survival. In the past women would nag or hound their prospective men to see if they could stand up to them as a basic, minimal litmus test to see if said men could stand up to genuine threats. It was also to see if they could essentially enslave a man with ludicrous requirements and demands of his resources. But there was always one key thing about shit tests that made it so any man could pass them. Namely, you wouldn't get thrown in jail or die if you did.

Unfortunately, society and technology have evolved to the point that women are now presenting men with shit tests that in order to pass you must break a law and face jail. "Let's you and him fight." "Hey bitch, I'm from Fargo and I'm going to forcibly kiss you

now." To playing so hard to get that a man must be so aggressive and persistent he needs to redline the boundary of Stalkerville. And this "raising the stakes" of shit tests is the consequence of two trends.

First, the internet has given women access to nearly all of the 3.5 billion men on the planet and the millions of elusive alpha 10's that reside in this population. I shan't go into the Alpha Widow Fallacy that will doom these women to spinsterhood, but with literally every man on the planet as a potential suitor, women have had to logically increase their filtering methods to find the best mate. This has not only resulted in delusional dating profiles ("i'm a single mom of 3 from 4 different baby daddies, I'm sick and tired of the games, if you can't handle me at my worst, no sex until marriage, swipe left if you're not a Marxist feminist, etc.), but a hightening of the hurdles men must jump to pass a shit test. And there's no bigger shit test to prove there's no bigger alpha than than breaking the law.

Assaulting a man that insulted her.
Lying to the feds about her FansOnly tax evasion.
Or forcibly kissing a woman a la the Vince Vaughn movie.

Shit tests are now increasingly a test as to whether you are "man enough" to break the law for her.

Second, lowering the standards as to what is illegal and a prosecutable offense. This trend I don't believe to be as much as a conscious effort on women to further filter men, as much as it is a byproduct of victimhood politics and socialist parasitism. The tiring ole song of "I have trait X, you don't, you're oppressing me." And so what was normal (though regrettable) male behavior in the pursuit of women is increasingly becoming illegal (holding her ass on the dance floor, making sexual innuedo, and CERTAINLY telling a woman she's a bitch and then forcibly kissing her) because that results in more victims, more liable offenses, more lawsuits, and more money.

These two trends – where women are increasingly demanding men do quasi-illegal things to woo them and making traditional mate-searching behavior increasingly illegal – put men in an impossible situation. They can certainly pursue the girl and pass the shit test, but there's now a good chance he'll end up in jail. And since Blasey-Ford has proven there is no statue of limitations, nearly every man faces a future risk that nearly all of his previous pursuits of women could at a later point in time be deemed damning by society, potentially even illegal. So the only real men who are going to pass these shit tests are either drunk, stupid, or lack the risk assessment ability to realize what they're doing, while every other man is simply going to bow out, leaving the effective dating pool for women to be a bunch of losers.

Like an increasing amount of my writings, there is no solution. I am merely pointing out a

phenomenon. Calmly pouring myself a drink, lighting up a cigar, and watching a spider versus a scorpion duke it on a bored army base in Iraq. But perhaps some of you men will heed this observation, allowing you to realize when it's happening in your life. And if you have the choice of impressing a girl by “drag racing down the street” or just saying, “nah, I'm good” and going home to watch some Hogan's Heroes, I hope you choose Hogan's Heroes and realize that girl was never worth the jail time anyway.

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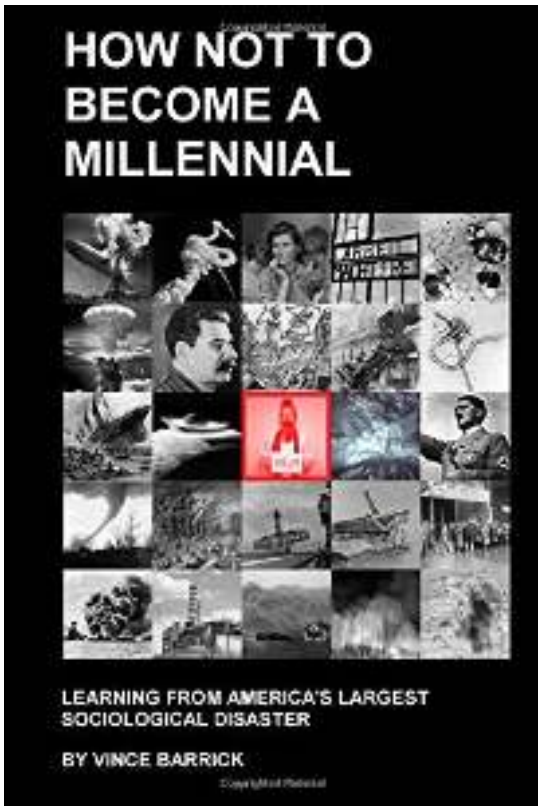

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Taxing Remote Workers: Why Luke Templeman Needs to Draw Mohammed

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Surprise surprise, soy boy in banking advocates taxing remote workers to help out people not fortunate enough to blah blah blah.

Seriously, it's like they have a 24-7 team to just take every advancement or good thing that happens to society and ruin it.

College in 2020 is a Joke

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A short post by our sponsor, Alex over at Academic Composition. I had a conversation with him about how now that school is online that cheating is rampant and standards are non-existent. Also, i was shocked to find out that 70% of people go to college today which means that college truly is worthless. You all know my personal stance on college - STEM or go home - but for any ears that are willing to heed this warning, please, STOP GOING TO COLLEGE!

College is a Joke: So, Laugh with us

Are you tired of the relentlessly PC indoctrination in your classes? Why on earth must you memorize gender pronouns when you're studying business or engineering? Take it from someone who has worked in this business for over a decade: it will only get worse. Year after year, you will have to keep on getting more and more credentials just to stay where you are in your field. It used to be that people went to college in order to advance in their field, now, you have to do that to just tread water. What's more, is that it will cost you far more than it used to, the costs of education have skyrocketed by 400 percent and that trend has no end in sight.

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Cappy Will Not Be Repeating 2020 Again

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Howdy All,

2020 has sucked for all of us and it doesn't look like things are going to change. This includes for your beloved Ole Cappy who is now finishing off month 5 of 70 hour work weeks, likely 80 if he includes other daily chores and things that need to get done.

Unfortunately, Cappy has fallen ill this past week and needs to recoup. This coincides with a final push effort to finish "Analyzing the ROI of the Pursuit of Women" which is why he hasn't been consistent on posting on his blog or doing Asshole Consulting.

Things will continue like this for the next month at least until Cappy gets better, knocks out this book, and does some annual accounting. But 2021 Cappy will not be taking on anywhere near what he did in 2020. Not only do I not want to do it, I'm getting burned out and getting taxed mentally to the point life is no fun at all right now. So thank you for being patient and hopefully by mid December things will be "back to normal" or at least 2021 where it will be posting, podcasting, Assholing, and hiking.

In the meantime here are two videos I've done that may be of interest to you:

"Girls, Your College Degrees are Worthless"
"Luke Templeman Should Play in the Street"
"You Don't Need College if You Run a Profitable Business"

Best,

Cappy

Celebrity Asshole Consulting: Modern Life John

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College Educated Shits Admit Defeat, Attend Trade School

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Well, I made that title up.

But it is nice to see these "college educated geniuses" being forced to go back to trade school so that they might enter the real world.

Play Stupid Games, Win Stupid Prizes

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Still sick, but two news items that highlight a point I've made before.

When I was younger I gave a druggie a ride home from a party. I later found a bag of pot had fallen out of his pocket and was sitting on my back seat. Those were the times that would have landed me in jail had I a tail light out or did a rolling stop.

Another time was when this older richer guy had a huge crush on my girlfriend at the time. She liked the attention (and money) and they were probably fucking (yes, in hindsight, she probably was a whore). But it almost got to fisticuffs between me and this guy..

Over what?

A psycho bipolar bitch who was playing us against each other.

And here's what you gotta learn. You can be innocent as all get out, making the right moves, and keeping your nose clean, but if you lie with dogs, you can get fleas. And in the cases above it was jail time and assault charges.

So here's story 1 of "play stupid games win stupid prizes."
And here is story 2 of "play stupid games, win stupid prizes."

Spoiled Rich White Kids from the Suburbs are Everyone's Enemy

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This is a bit dated, but it's important to highlight as the true psychopaths and nazis out there are where all psychopaths and nazis come from - a privileged background.

I don't normally use the word "privilege" since it has lost all meaning, but those who use it the most, are most guilty of it. And the most weak, spoiled, soft people who come from weak, spoiled soft backgrounds are predominantly white kids from the suburbs.

I often joke to my black listeners "Don't worry everyone! Rich liberal white women from the suburbs are here! Everything will be fine!!!!" But you cannot have a worse group of people than rich, pampered, leftists from the suburbs coming there to "help you."

There are not there to help you. They are there to feed their egos. You are merely a "blackie pawn" for them to masturbate themselves with. The sooner you realize that, the sooner you realize who you're real friends are.

"Wealth Justice"

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Guess I'm never buying Hyundai.

Good Morning Coronachan #39 - The "Back to Basics" Episode

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Cappy and DT get together after a month long slog for Cappy.

Independent Women Should (by Definition) Not Need Socialism

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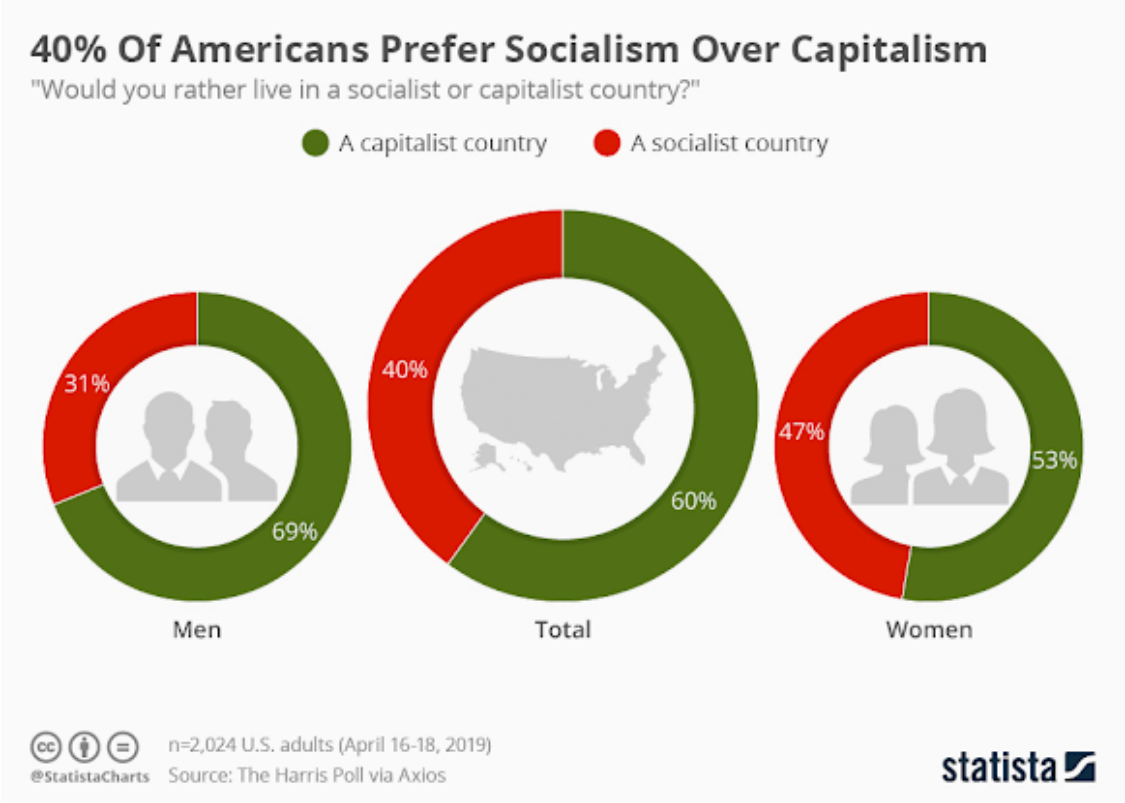
But we all know they aren't really independent. That's just to make them feel good as they vote to live off of other people.



What If You Don't Have a Mental Illness/Disability?

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Carjackings up 537% in Minneapolis

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Couldn't happen to a more deserving group of self-loathing socialist pussies who voted it in upon themselves.

When Boomer Cappy Tried to buy Star War's Squadrons

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So after finishing my book and shipping it off to the editors, the old Capmeister decided he would treat himself to a video game. And the one that looked interesting was "Squadrons." You can fly an X-wing from the cockpit. There's a solo campaign. And then you can dogfight online. Sounds good to me.

So off Cappy goes in his car because he's an old boomer fuck and wants to get out of the house and buy the physical video game. Wal-Mart had it cheapest according to teh interwebz so Cappy drives there. And while Wal-Mart did have it the cheapest, it also simply *didn't have it*. And so Cappy goes to his reluctant 2nd choice, Game Stop.

Cappy does not like Game Stop. But they have games. It's like McDonald's during COVID. It's bad food for you, but at least they're open and have their shit together. So Cappy walks in, sees about 4 copies of Squadrons on the shelf, grabs one, and the check out girl says, "we're out of stock."

Cappy is not upset. Because Cappy knows if push comes to shove, he can always download it to his consoles. This may shock you to know that Ole Boomer Cappy knows how to do this, but he has done it before. But even Boomer Cappy knows he needs to have enough room on his hard drive before downloading it. And so while Cappy is looking up the specs for Squadrons, he finds this article.

After researching some more he finds this article.

And thus, Cappy is done. I was fully expecting to drop $55 on this video game because I just wanted something to play. And perhaps my economic spidey senses should have told me there was a reason that within just one month of being out, it's dropped to $23 online.

I'll just fire up the old XBox 360 and play through Battlefield Bad Company 1 and 2 again, and it will be a much more enjoyable experience because at least there isn't gender/race/pronoun politics in those games. Just fun.

Job Posting for All Cappy Cappites

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Alex is always hiring at Academic Composition. He is looking for marketers. Work is not glorious, but it can be done from home and you don't have to commute to work for a boomer.

Internet marketers needed!

The gig is simple: you post the ad and wait for the reply. We will pay you $5 per reply and there is a bonus. If you follow your instructions correctly, you will not get banned from the online forum. Hence, you will be paid $1 for each day your ad is live. Hence, that's $7 per week and $30 per month. You can also expect to get at least a few leads per week, 3-4 at a minimum.

Hence, it's an easy $20-30 per week within minutes of work. Moreover, we will pay you a referral fee if you sign other people up. That's $5 per referral and $20 if they stick with us for over a month.

To get started, all you need to do is follow these basic instructions.

1. Create a gmail account

2. Activate the forwarding feature to make sure all incoming emails go to Aleksey.Bashtavenko@gmail.com. To do that, you may watch this brief tutorial.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpHes_HgPaA&t=76s&ab_channel=MaximusMcCullough

Or you may simply give us the password for your new email account and we will activate the forwarding for you

3. Create a Craigslist account with that same email address

Then, we will tell you what to post and how to do it.

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Nothing Good Comes from Virtue Signaling Hires

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"expert in ethics."

"Scientists and academics."

"My left foot."

Wealth Tax for the Coronavirus

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You knew this was coming.

But what you may not have known is that Argentina was a very likely candidate to support such a thing. Because while to it's north one of it's neighbors has already confiscated the wealth Argentina has had a long and glorious history of socialism, at least in the form of taking people's money and not returning it. This has resulted in two loan defaults (that I can remember anyway) going back to the 1990's, and was the main reason I would never invest or live in Argentina (though the global lending community seemingly can't wait to lend to perennial deadbeats).

Anyway, to "fight COVID" Argentina has decided taking away people's wealth was the way to do it. Thankfully, it's not borrowing money from foreigners and then just...not paying it back. They're doing it to their own people. But it's still the silver lining to the cloud that Argentina is, has been, and always will be a nation of grifters.

The Clarey Podcast LIVE! Tune in This Morning!

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The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women - Is now available for sale

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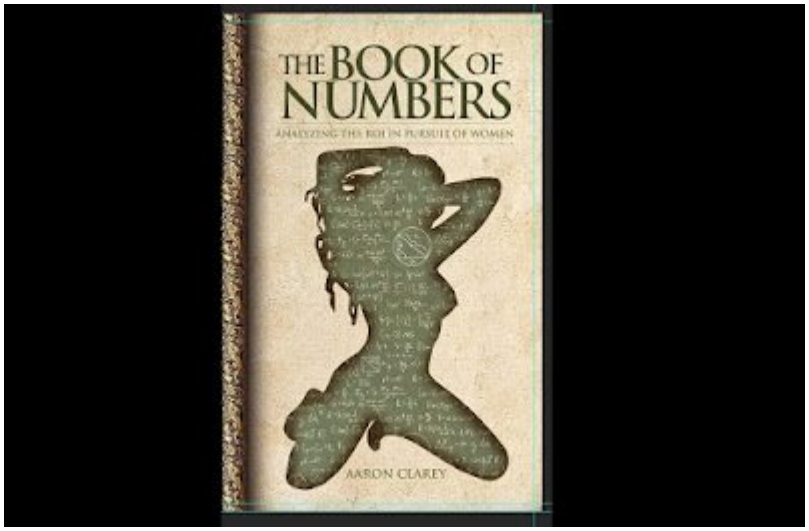
The new book is out! Just in time for Christmas or for your own sanity. Paperback and kindle. Audio is on the way.



Why Moms Lie to Their Sons About Girls

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Going live at 9AM CST! Tune in!

The Most Important Economic Decision Facing Men

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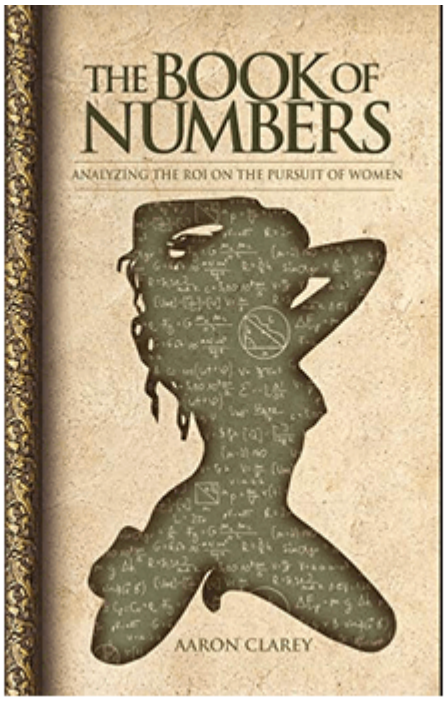
This is the book description for "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI of the Pursuit of Women." And though it is a book description, it does make the case that men today are putting absolutely no critical, let alone mathematical thought into their most expensive life pursuit - women. I will, of course, be promoting the book more regularly in the future, taking key excerpts and observations from the book, but this is the most important and overall point. Men REALLY NEED to start critically assessing whether the pursuit of women is worth it, especially when you consider the risks and costs you face today. Your life is too valuable to squander, so make sure you invest your life, not waste it.



"The world economy and it's entire, historic economic production has been fueled by one thing and one thing only – sex. Specifically, men's desire to have sex with young and beautiful females. It's not specifically female youth and beauty per se, as much as it is the fertility these things signal. But make no mistake about, female youth and beauty has powered the world economy since the beginning of time. And men are the economic engines that run on it.

Consequently, in their pursuit of women, men have not only produced nearly every penny of GDP, but have created nearly every technological innovation in the history of the world. They've built civilizations from the ground up. Cured diseases through amazing medical advances. Laid incredible multi-trillion dollar transportation and communications infrastructures. And it isn't even these great, Herculean achievements of man, as much as it is the daily grind billions of men today and in the past went through to attract a wife and support a family. From waking up in the morning, to going to school, to suffering a commute, to working overtime, to hitting the gym, to majoring in STEM, to going to war, even to the granular level of choosing which shirt to buy or what car to finance, nearly all

of a man’s post-pubescent life is directly or indirectly dedicated towards the pursuit of women. And if there were no women, $90 trillion in global GDP and $360 trillion in wealth would simply disappear overnight. And the army of 50 billion men who’ve existed on this planet would never have produced the $3 quadrillion in total historic GDP that built society. Without female youth and beauty, humanity would simply not exist.

But there is an opposite side to this total, historical, global GDP coin. Because while society screams bloody murder over wealth and income gaps between the sexes, nobody asks how all this economic production, let alone these financial disparities, came about. And while men no doubt out-earn women and own the lion’s share of global wealth, it is only because for every penny of GDP a man’s labor was put into it. That for every technological innovation, a man paid a price in terms of time, effort, toil, and mental energy. And the $90 trillion in global GDP we see today is not just cryptically “the total economic production of the world,” but can also be viewed as the total price men pay for their pursuit of women.

And this essay asks just one simple question – “Is it worth it?”

To date no serious economic analysis has been conducted on what is nothing short of the most important economic question facing men. And since men will likely account for the majority of economic production and technical innovation in the future, this also makes it the most important economic question facing the world. However, while the economic ramifications of men's pursuit of women are truly global, this essay has no grandiose ideas of convincing the world, let alone the economics profession, about the importance of whether it's in men's best interests to continue this pursuit. It only cares about the individual man reading this essay and whether the pursuit of women is personally worth it to him. In that regard this essay aims to inform the reader about the real mathematical chances of success he faces in the pursuit of women, as well as the modern day risks, so that he may make an informed economic decision as to how he best invests his life. It also aims to align the reader's expectations with reality so his life is not ruined by delusion or hope, both of which have ruined millions of lives in the past. But in short, this essay is nothing less than the most important cost-benefit analysis any man will read, which makes it mandatory reading for any man who wishes to take his life seriously.

And I most certainly hope you do because you only get one of them."

You can find the book here. Audio coming soon.

Why Normal People Can't Play Dungeons and Dragons

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Regular readers will remember a couple years back I tried my best to find a local D&D game in Las Vegas and Minneapolis. What transpired instead was a long and futile search for a game that was not infested with dysfunctional retards, Autists, and Asperger sufferers.

And I wasn't joking, nor am I now.

A normal person cannot go into their local comic shop, sign up for the open D&D game and NOT suffer the presence of LITERALLY DYSFUNCTIONAL adult children, incapable of playing the game. Admittedly, D&D was always a haven to the socially impaired, but at least in my day you could show up on time, know the rules of the game, respect other people's turn, and not get so lost in the game that you made it your life.

That is no longer the case as now two full generations of children - legitimately with mental disorders or faking it for attention or their parents lied to them - that have made a physical, local game of D&D or any other RPG impossible.

Thankfully we have the internet which has allowed me and my normal, functional adult buddies (who don't live at home, btw) play D&D online. And though not the real thing, we can still get our D&D fix. But while talking about this among my functional, employed, not-living-at-home adult D&D buddies, we came up with a song to the Burl Ives tune of "Silver and Gold" about "Spergs and Retards." Our colleague TJ wrote lyrics to it, and has since been hounding me to link to the song.

So here it is.

I often wonder if TJ himself has a touch of the tism, because he and the rest of the Masculine Geeks were all very upset that I didn't link to it immediately, thinking I was like an actual sperg at a D&D shop with nothing else going on in my life. I tried to explain to them I had a job, but the concept was seemingly lost on them. Regardless, it would be very nice if you could click on the link above so my spergy tardy friends stop hounding me about linking to it.

The Paradigm Shift in Dating

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This is a pretty cool review of "The Book of Numbers" as it's precisely what I was intending to do with the book. I cannot emphasize this enough, but this book does need to get into the hands of young men, and I would also say divorced men as it's probably the best divorce therapy out there for them to know just how much the odds were stacked against them.

"*I rarely give a book give five stars. But this one is well worth it if you're in the dating market as a millennial. The book lays out the argument that women are an incredibly low ROI in terms of time, money, opportunity costs, and what's even more sinister: lack of quality options for the average man.*

Clarey lays out his case with extraordinary quantitative data sets in his online dating and personal research along with qualitative conclusions based on the data alone, setting his ego aside.

Even the most orthodox traditionalists will shake their head at the damning evidence that dating and relationships are TOTAL waste for men they'd get more out of life by pursuing their greatest self by mastering oneself and passions as a way to live a life of meaning and purpose. Incidentally, Clarey illustrates becoming your best self will in effect bring quality people and quite possibly a 1% woman men sought from the beginning.

**Warning* this book will seriously change your perception of women in 2020's dating market. Read with caution.*"

Star Lord is Not Bisexual - Only the Comic Book Creators are Gay

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And by "gay" I mean "lame."

Everything Wrong with Women's Dating Profiles

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You can thank me here.

Why Nintendo > Playstation and XBox

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I remember the pre-internet days where you plugged in a video game. Turned your console on. And then you played. But last night was the last straw for either XBox or Playstation games as my "Call of Duty - Cold War" game updated for 4 hours, got stuck at 100%, which then required I reset my XBox and re-enter a ton of other data. I know Millennials and Gen Z'ers hate themselves so much they tolerate this bullshit, but I'm done.

Then I saw this and was reaffirmed in my decision. I will henceforth be playing the Switch/Nintendo. There will be no more "updates" to video games. They will work right the first time.

The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women

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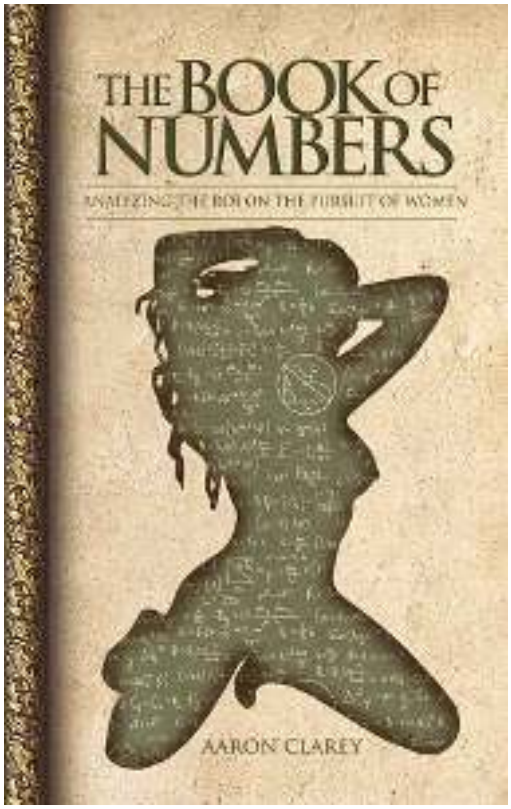
If you didn't already know, "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women" is available for sale on Amazon in both paperback and kindle. Audible will be coming later, but that will be about 2-3 weeks out.

So far the book has been very well received and has been selling well too! And I know I say this about most of my books, but this is (again) a MUST READ for young men. It's certainly for all men, and especially men who were divorced, but please, get this book into the hands of any man who takes his life and money seriously...which should be all of you.



Men Need to Quit Online Dating

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The numbers are compelling.

A Very Cappy Christmas! LIVE!

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Tune in LIVE with Cappy and SUPER SPECIAL CELEBRITY GUESTS as they celebrate Christmas for all the agents in the field, lieutenants, economists, and chillllldren! Starting at NOON CST! Tune in live!

How Value is Determined in Men

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I am currently reading "The Way of Monkey." I'm only about 25% done with it, but it is arguably the best philosophical, yet simplified, work on eastern-being-introduced-to-western philosophy I've read...though keep in mind, I do hate reading.

Regardless, here is an excerpt, I hope you consider purchasing it as it simply and easily solves all the major problems society faces, even if society does not want them.

"*If you hold freedom as your highest value,*
equality represents your very enslavement.
Both those who hold equality, or hold freedom
as their highest values see their opponents as a
force of evil that must be utterly defeated.
Both go to war against the other believing they
fight for the common good of all mankind."

China to "Recycle" White Men

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I love how glib they are about destroying intellectual capital.

It's also a sign that some people, even the "communists" in China, know experience, connections, and work ethic have value.

Women Want to Remove Physical Attraction from Love

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I found this an interesting comment on a video of mine. Not because the comment itself is interesting, but what it says about women and how they WANT to believe the world to be. At first it may seem she is trying to be nice and kind to men, as well as understanding and equal. But you really need to understand what she is saying.

She is saying that physical attraction should not be part of love. That we should all just "love" each other regardless of being ugly or fat or otherwise physically unappealing. And I would argue (until I start hearing women claim big is not beautiful) that this is the default state of women's minds. They WANT to believe that physical attraction should not be a prerequisite to love because they DESPERATELY do not want to put the labor, effort and work into being physically attractive.

As I've said before in my book, "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women," we have a name for women we like, but just aren't physically attracted to - friends. But do not think for a second this reality will phase them or wake them up from their Oprah Matrix.

"*This is so heartbreaking, I pray that this guy gets to heal whatever wounds that women may have caused him. I don't support the feminist idea that we women can live without men. We are there to love and support each other. If I were to tell my guy friend to lose 20 pounds because otherwise he will never be loved by anyone . That'd would be so unloving to do because if he is looking for a long term relationship he won't look for a girl that looks at him as a pice of meat and expects him to look like a CK model, shouldn't he look for someone who loves him regardless of his imperfections? Because I mean at the end of the day 50 years form now they are both going to be old and their external beauty will be gone. Now if you are telling a friend of your to loose 20 pounds because you genuinely want them to be healthy and you care so much for them that you don't want to lose them. That is a a more loving approach . You people really need to heal and start to spread more love instead of hate .*"

"Achieving Minimalism" - New Year's Resolution Course Now Available

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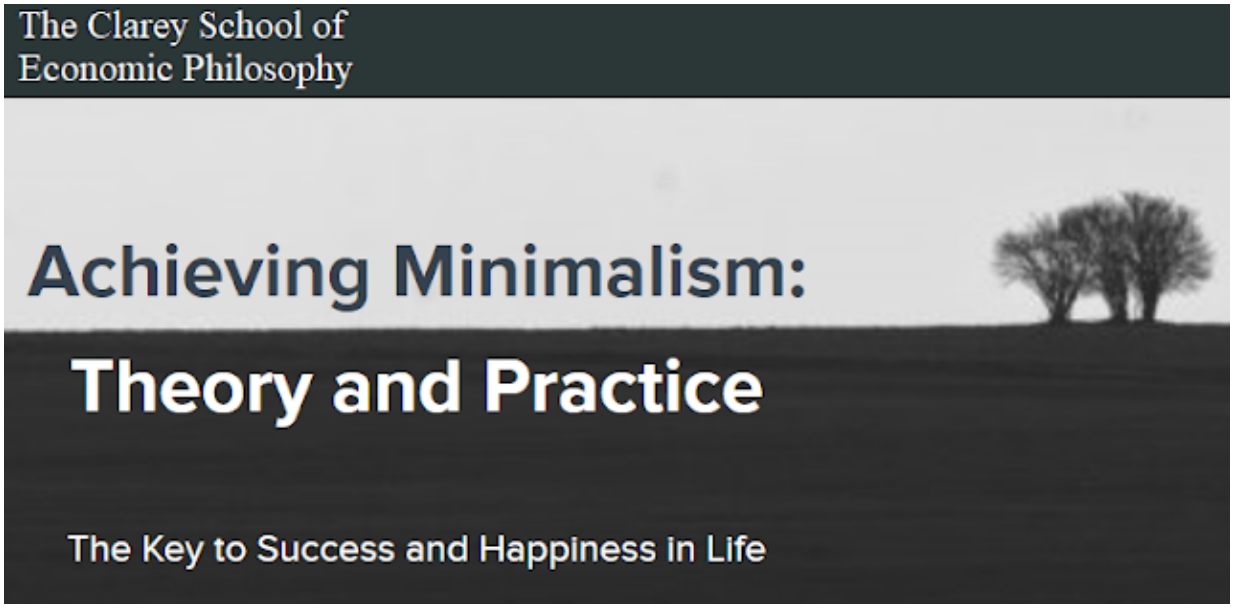
From January 2nd through January 6th my course on Minimalism will be available. The cost is $499, but that is very much likely less than what you spent over the holidays...heck, maybe even New Year's. You can find the outline by scrolling down here, but it is designed to be the best course out there that gets you to finally spend less than you make. And while no doubt many of you are resolving to quit drinking or lose some weight, may I recommend you also take a serious crack at improving your finances as well?



"New Year's Resolutions or Just Pretty Words" - Rule Zero Podcast

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Was on with the gang this morning. Tune in, some good conversation!

College is Obsolete

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Because knowledge is now free.

Baby Boomer Rationalization Hamsters

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Remember the "Rationalization Hamster?" Well it hasn't gone away and is very strong. Especially among boomer women.

The Quickest Path to FU Money

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You can take the course here.

"I Can't Get Pregnant"

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From an Agent in the Field:

"*OH, I always like to share this story. This is the 100% truth; no bullshit; no exaggeration; no hyperbole. I dated this one chick who claimed she could not get pregnant. That she was molested as a child, by her uncle, and I guess her claim was that it messed up her insides and she was unable to ever have a child. So, we dated, and fucked for a while. Then she started seeing a doctor for some kind of problems, and she came to me with a claim that she was allergic to latex. I had, of course, been wearing condoms. So, I just told her, well, they make lambskin condoms, etc. She's like, "Fuck, i'm dealing with a genius here, it seems.*"

Eventually, I caught the bitch cheating, sneaking a guy out the back door. (Probably trying to get him to impregnate her and try to trap me into thinking it's my baby, etc.) I dumped the bitch. (Story gets even crazier, as the psycho tried to claim that some guy had raped her - and with a baseball bat! wtf? All a ploy just to get me to talk to her again. One day, a damn rape hotline called me and told me that my ex-girlfriend had been raped by some guy and that she was so sad and really needed to talk to me. I said that's not my fucking problem. I still know her damn phone number and can call her if I wanted to. And, don't ever call me again!)

Anyhow, about 6 months later, she had a random one-night stand with some guy, and she fucking got pregnant. Her one-night stand guy moved across the country and left her alone. She would go on to have 4 more fucking children - Ms. I can't get pregnant! And this might have been just a simple anecdote, except that I also knew another chick whose father and brother had molested when she was younger. She also constantly claimed that she was unable to get pregnant and have children. So, one night she had a threesome with two friends of mine. She got pregnant. She tried to pin it on her then-boyfriend but he got a fucking DNA test to prove it was not his fucking kid. Eventually she did DNA and found out that it was one of the guys in the aforementioned threesome.

She tried to chase the father for years, claiming how in love she was, that she just had to have him, could not live without him, blah, blah. He did nothing for awhile, denied it was his kid, but eventually allowing the child in his life and paid child support, etc. but he never wanted to date or marry or be with that crazy bitch. (She eventually killed herself- shot herself in the heart, due to other reasons - severe back pain/surgeries didn't help, etc., and just generally crazy / bipolar, etc.)"

Now buy this damn book so you don't deal with this level of crazy.

Western Women: Trading In Love for Communism

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You may buy the book here.

Women's Magazines are Propaganda

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It's a dated article, but an important one to show you what diet young women (even in "The Before Time" pre-internet) were fed about the sexes.

You never stood a chance with this level of propaganda being fed to young women, and by young I mean tweens starting at the age of 12 with magazines like "Teen Vogue" etc.

I recommend you read this book instead which is not propaganda, but is math, statistics, and facts.

Another Example of Women-Targeted Propaganda

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Women hurting women for money.

A Japanese Version of Asshole Consulting

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I bet this guy is just as surprised he makes money doing what he does as I do.

Don't Date If You're Pregnant

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Dollars to GDP Ratio - AKA : "Money Printer Go BRRRRR"

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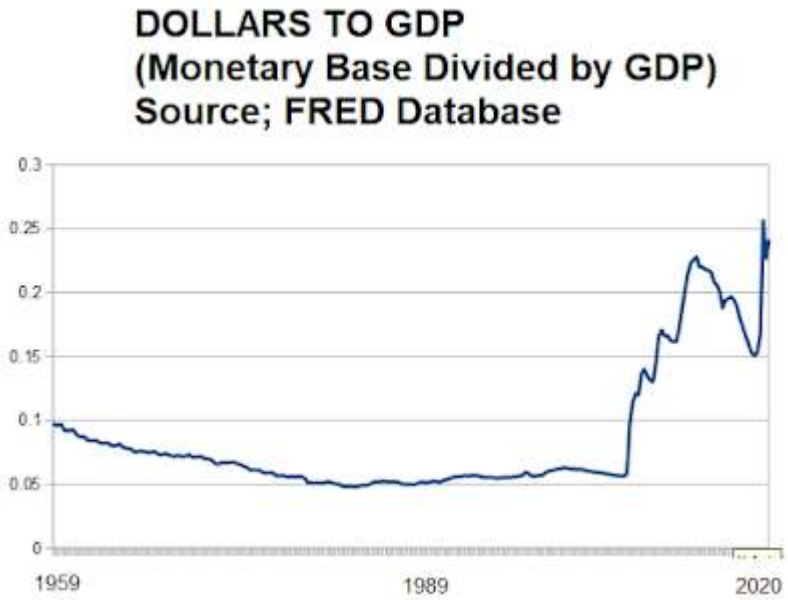
I am thankful because after a year long stretch writing books, putting together seminars, and doing my taxes, for the first time in a long time I have the time to do an economics piece.

This will be short and nothing you don't already know, but the numbers are shocking when you put them together. And what we'll be looking at today is the numbers of dollars floating around in the economy, versus the GDP it presumably produces.

In short, I took the monetary base (the narrowest measure of money in circulation) and divided it by GDP. Ideally this ratio should remain flat as it is not the amount of money circulating in the economy that produces GDP, but the industriousness and entrepreneurial hunger of its citizens. Printing off money only leads to inflation, and truly (bar the inflationary or deflationary effects money supply shocks cause the economy) is irrelevant to the long term, fundamental productive capacity to this or any other economy.

However, politicians are stupid and they think that in making "Money Printer Go BRRRR" we can print ourselves out of economic/financial crises, when all we really do is spread the misery around to all Americans through higher inflation and a diluted currency. And so to measure this delusion I wanted to see how many dollars we are printing into circulation relative to the GDP we produce using those dollars. And the chart is nothing you wouldn't expect.



Starting in 1959 we used one dime to produce one dollar of GDP. This slowly decreased over time to a nickel in the 1970's where it stay until 2008.

Why 2008? Because this is when the financial crisis hit and then President George Bush Jr. (among government and Fed economists) decided it was a good idea to make Money

Printer Go BRRR and double the money supply IN TWO QUARTERs. The monetary base jumped from $868 billion to $1.6 trillion just 180 days.

The money printer continued to go BRRRR under the in-coming Obama administration where Barry took the monetary base from $1.6 trillion to almost $4 trillion, more than quadrupling the money supply from it's 2008 base.

As the economy slowly recovered under the late and last term of the Obama administration, they pulled back on the money supply, lowering the monetary base to $3.6 trillion. President Trump continued this trend further lowering it to $3.3 trillion, the lowest it had been in nearly a decade.

But then a pretty serious cold hit the world, people lost their communal shit, we shut down the economies of the world, which once against prompted economists, governments, presidents and parliaments to do what they do best - make Money Printer Go BRRRRR again. And in that time President Trump added nearly 2 trillion to the monetary base, increasing the money supply by 56% in just one year.

When you tally up the numbers, we increased the money supply by almost 600%, but GDP only increased by 41% during that same time. And so what used to take a nickel to produce $1 in GDP, now takes a full quarter, implying a real inflation rate of 500%.

Now, of course, people will look and say, "*I don't see 500% inflation!!!! Milk is still $2/gallon. Gas was just at a $1/gallon last year! And my video games are still only $55 for a new release.*"

Which is all true.

But the inflation goes where the financial system channels it, and the banking system lends money out to only some key areas, which have all seen prices go up by around 500%.

The stock market is up 400% from its 2008 lows. Housing about the same. Tuition is only up around 200-300% depending on which type of school you're going to. So are rents. Crypto-currencies and precious metals have certainly taking an interesting jump, haven't they? And I can't believe you idiots are actually paying $36,000 for the average price of a new car.

Yes, my fine, college-educated Millennial. You're right. The price of a pound of cheese is still 45 cents.

Oh...but what's that you say? You live at home because you can't afford the $2,500/month rent at the age of 33? Well, good thing we made money printer go BRRR and you got all that "free money" under Obama.

To regular readers, this observation is nothing new. We have an IQ above room temperature and in having said IQ we know printing off pieces of paper does not magically lead to increased economic production. It only dilutes the currency and lowers our purchasing power. But I am getting mighty sick and tired of the completely ignorant, idiotic, and uneducated Americans who cannot grasp this simple concept. The average college-educated 20 something who on one hand demands the government pay for

everything and make sure nobody suffers any consequences of their stupid economic decisions by printing money, but then bitch and whine about the price of housing, rent, health care, tuition, transportation, etc, when that money finally settles where it was going to settle.

You people, and by that I mean the general American public, are fucking retards who deserve all the economic pain, malaise, debt, and stress that comes with it. And I find no greater joy than watching boomers take out reverse mortgages on their homes because they didn't save up for retirement, millennials panhandle for the taxpayer to bail them out of their sociology degree, and Gen X'ers constantly drawing equity from their artificially inflated home prices to buy trinkets to remain popular as if it were still middle school.

You will die impoverished, angry, and above all else confused because you didn't take the time to understand basic economics.

You can hire Aaron at:

The First Psychology Clinic for Men Opens

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And it's about freaking time.

The Cartel That Worked Too Well

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A cartel, if you didn't pay attention in Econ 101, is a group of companies, governments, or institutions that control the global production of a particular good or commodity (oil, drugs, cars, wheat, etc.). And in order to make more money, these individual entities work in concert to limit the supply of the good they produce to increase prices, thus netting the more profit. In essence, a multi-member monopoly. Cartels are considered a bad thing by most economists because they eliminate competition, lessen innovation, and increase costs for consumers, lowering every one's standards of living.

However, cartels are not infamously relegated to commodities like oil, drugs, or even silver. And it is here you may want to set this article aside or opt not to read further because we're going to talk about the most expensive, in-demand, and sought after commodity in ALL THE HISTORY of the world:

Pussy.

(And no, as an economist I am not joking. It is the most expensive commodity in the world. And if you don't like that, you can leave and go read something else)

Like it or not, the fact still remains that pussy

is
has been
and always will be

the most sought after and valuable commodity in the world. And the reason why is simple. HALF the global population demands it more than anything else. And that half also happens to produce the majority of economic production in the world, making them the richest half of the world, giving them the purchasing power to drive prices up.

In the past "pussy" was regulated under laws, religion, and social mores that in order to "purchase" it you had to commit a significant amount of resources to do so. You usually had to get married first. You had to take vows in front of society and your god that you would provide for her. And women were chaste/wise enough to know not flood the

market with it unless said resources were attached. And not just attached, but attached to an individual man making it more of a woman's own personal monopoly, rather than part of a larger collective whole.

But several sociological, economic, and political trends/events have radically changed this market, resulting in an effective "pussy cartel," not too unlike OPEC or the drug cartels.

First, technology has made it so that manual labor is no longer the main form of labor, but instead intelligence and skills. This has allowed women to enter the labor force because they do not need to "till the fields" as much as they are needed to "code," "do taxes," or "open heart surgery." This has allowed women to support themselves financially, unanchoring them from men, and replacing the transactional nature of sex to that of volunteerism.

Second, upon getting the right to vote, women (very generally) have voted in a welfare state that acts as insurance against poverty, hunger, and homelessness not just for them, but for their children as well. This further removes women from being dependent upon men, perhaps fully removing their dependency on men in total, as men (across the west) have effectively been replaced by a government check.

Third, the political movement of feminism has not only approved and sanctified these changes, but also provided women with the logic or philosophy as to why this should be so. It even goes so far as to take what traditionally gave women purpose and value in life (a husband and a family) and replace it instead with a political-economic ideology of individualism, hyper-education, careerism, leftist politics, and sadly a strange obsession with merely being born female.

But perhaps what has accelerated the formation of an effective "pussy cartel" the most has been the internet. In being able to communicate instantly and with nearly all women, women have been allowed to ***rapidly*** form allegiances, alliances, and otherwise "groups," based on various principles and rules when it comes to interacting with men. And while this "market" or "price" signaling occurred well before the internet (for example the book "The Rules" was written in 1995 and Cosmopolitan, Vogue, and other women's magazines have LOOOONG been coalescing women's thoughts as a group), women as a group have unconsciously formed a cartel in these post-traditional times. And though women may not have a headquarters like OPEC does, or be as overt about it by forming a publicly-known entity, their behavior as a whole can be perfectly described as a cartel and there are consequences for it.

However, it is here we must make a distinction in how cartels can profit.

The traditional way a cartel makes money is it takes a fungible commodity (oil, cocaine, silver, wheat) and limits the supply of that commodity. But another way cartels can profit is by lowering the quality of the commodity. They cut costs, they don't refine the oil as well, or they cut the cocaine with baking soda. So the volume they supply the market with may remain the same, but the quality is much, much lower, netting them more profit just the same.

Women have pursued this second strategy in their cartel.

With the women's liberation movement, the advent of birth control, and the elimination of the stigma associated with sleeping around, there is no doubt women are having more sex with more men than say in 1955. But if you've compared the women of today to the women of 1955 you can see a DRASTIC drop in the quality.

Most notable is the obesity rates among women. And not just obesity rates, but the delusional and mentally-ill pride that comes with being fat. In my research for "*The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women,*" I found that 60% of YOUNG WOMEN are overweight. This is ***60% of women between 18-35 who are fat***, and *by the unbreakable laws of male nature*, unattractive. Still, demand for pussy is so high and inelastic, like heroin addicts, desperate men will settle for any form of heroin, no matter how low grade, if nothing better is available. And thus, women acting as a cartel, getting fat as a group in unison, nets women (as a whole) a profit in that they no longer have to expend resources on dieting, working out, or looking pretty.

You can also see the degradation on online dating profiles. 50 years of a heavily skewed female-bias in society (with no counter or correction from men as they're nearly all addicted to pussy) has resulted in some women with completely delusional expectations. These delusional expectations are highlighted on the sub-reddit "Where Are All the Good Men" where (presumably) men lampoon the insane demands of women. Single mothers demanding a man "step up" and take care of another man's crotchfruit. Obese women demanding an athletic man. Short, aposematistic, tatted up girls demanding a man be 6'0" or taller. And perhaps the most delusional of them all - pregnant women saying "mother of 3 kids with one on the way" thinking they should be dating.

Admittedly, these are no doubt selected for their insanity and are not representative of women as a whole, but their mere existence shows women as a whole are acting as a cartel and DRASTICALLY lowering their quality for these profiles to even exist in the first place....though, again...thirsty, addicted men keep on buying.

And then there is just the complete inability of women to marry. Also in my research for "*The Book of Numbers*," I tried to estimate the percent of the young, female population that was marriageable. And among three methods I used, the "Deal Breaker Method" was particularly insightful. Using polling data, correlation studies, and other information, I tried to calculate the percent of women from 18-35 who had no serious deal breakers. Things like uncurable STD's, another man's kid, obesity, etc. And the result was shocking.

A paltry 1.25% of women between the ages of 18-35 are even remotely marriageable, and this says nothing of personality or chemistry that is required to fall in love.

However, we didn't go from June Cleaver in 1955 to Tess Holliday in 2020 by accident. Political forces, political philosophies, genuine social changes, education systems, even corporate marketing was purposely designed to sell women a new value structure that would give their lives meaning. And this was a largely inward-looking value system where women derived value from their education, career, and politics more than they did the external love of men. Of course, because of genetics, biology, and the momentum of

society, women nominally still wanted to get married, but absolutely NO training was given as to how to become a good wife. Thus instead of a loving, sweet, kind, supporting, svelte wife, men are now faced with a pool of "strong independent women" who "don't need no man," who value their careers above all else, have no problems outsourcing their children to day care, and very likely value their politics more than they love their husbands(...oh....and they have $200,000 in student loan debt for their "Journalism" degree). And even though this batch of marital cocaine is 98% baking soda and 2% coke, the inelastic demand for pussy compels men to settle for this low-grade drug...because...well...come on. It's pussy!

These forces form the courtship market we have today. And while women may be celebrating their cartel's economic victory over men, ne'er having to expend a calorie of energy to make their product more attractive to the addicts that will buy it anyway, a weird bifurcated market with two distinct sub-markets has resulted. And as is with all laws of economics, there has to be equilibrium. There is a price to pay.

The first market is the one that has been with us since the dawn of time and the one we've been talking about. Sex. Whatever cute political trends or ideologies over the past 50 years may have been, it doesn't undo 200,000 years of human evolution and instinct. Men still want sex. They'll do nearly anything to get it. And whereas in the past men used prostitution as the most direct and economic way to get it, the advent of the internet has allowed for digital prostitution through the myriad of porn sites, "Fan's Only" pages, and sugar daddy sites that euphemstically mask what is nothing short of prostitution. Heck, you can even get "the girlfriend experience" in many cities today. Sex sells. Pussy is the world's most in demand commodity. And no matter how society dresses it up, the sex market will forever be with humanity.

The second market is another market that has been with humanity since recorded history - marriage. And though it is a dying market, women's biology and society's traditional momentum compel - at least a part of them - to want to get married. And while it may have been all fun and games, delivering low grade tail to desperate thirsty men, even subscribing to a life-ideology that ridiculed your clients, even going so far as to make money on this new-fangled internet by showing some bobs and vageen, when you want to leave the sex market and go onto the marriage market, all those forces mentioned before have completely ruined your product and brand, and no quality guy (anyway) is going to want it.

And thus "The Tidal Wave of Spinsters Cometh."

I am not going to argue about how women control the pussy market and men control the commitment market. That is long established and I think understood by every one.

What I want to introduce here is that the cartel women formed has been so successful that it destroys any chance or hope they have of being successful in the marriage market. Because while men are desperate for pussy, they are not desperate for marriage. And while the cartel has worked BRILLIANTLY allowing women to lessen their investment in their brand, thus increasing their "profits" in the sexual market, that lower

investment has utterly destroyed their brand on the marriage market, rendering nearly all of them completely unmarriageable.

That's very nice you believed the "healthy at any size" campaign Cosmopolitan Magazine put out to sell you more worthless feminist-prop. I'm sure the occasional desperate man you managed to have sex with fooled you into thinking sex = commitment and you could find a husband at any time.

You can't.

That's very nice you followed an ideology that was antagonistic, perhaps even villainizing against men. I'm sure the "male feminists" with their noodle soy boy arms, agreeing with you all the time just to get some pussy-crack convinced you you could marry any time with an anti-male ideology.

You can't.

And that's very nice you think your career, education, and leftist politics is what gives you value in life and not love. Oh, and that $175,000 in student loans you bring to the table? I bet you think that won't impede your chances at marriage or love. You think you can walk down the aisle during "your day?"

You can't.

Sure, someday, you all might get married, but none of you will be happy about it because only losers are going to commit to the low-grade brand your cartel formed you to be. And there's an 86% chance you'll either be divorced or miserable.

But perhaps the worst part of "the cartel that worked too well" is its auto-immune function. So successful has this cartel worked, and so thorough and complete has the socio-political-ideological programming/indoctrination worked on women, practically none of them will turn their backs on the cartel. One, because they do not want to face buyers remorse. Two, it's a daunting and incredibly scary prospect that you have not only wasted your entire life on an erroneous ideology, but need to start from scratch again at 35. And three, to successfully fall in love and find a man (presuming you want this) requires selflessness and sacrifice, the least of which is acknowledging there is a counterparty to this negotiation. And that counter party is going to primarily demand physical beauty, which again is a daunting and deterring prospect because of the work involved in being physically beautiful.

And so when you consider these powerful forces:

1. women's crippling fear of hitting the gym and dieting
2. women's fully indoctrinated ideology where they don't need men
3. women's substitute value-system where all value is internally derived,
4. society profiting off of women by lying to them that they are beautiful just the way they are, and
5. the sexual market where women misread men's demand for sex as a measure for their marriage value

it is a near-guarantee that the majority of young women today and into the future will never put any effort into their marriage brand, and instead reside with the cartel for all of their fertile years. The majority of women will waste their youth, not staying in shape or becoming comely to attract a man they might truly love, but will instead succumb to the sweet-tasting lies that they are "amazing" and "beautiful" just the way they are and men are "sexist" or "fatphobic" for not wanting them. All of this will be reinforced with the echo-chamber of men thirsty for sex, especially over social media. And instead of understanding that true value, true meaning in life comes from the external love from others, they will derive their value from the hallow leftist religion of worthless liberal arts degrees, student debt, soulless careers, and feminism. You will witness the largest generation of spinsters the world has ever seen and it will not be pretty.

Sadly, the cartel worked UNIMAGINABLY well. So well it destroyed (and will continue to destroy) generations of young women's lives. And while men are no doubt at the receiving end of all this propaganda, being falsely accused of sins they never committed, even being shamed for not liking fat chicks, do not rejoice in their spinsterhood. Pity them instead, and enjoy the decline.

Check out the book
"The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women"
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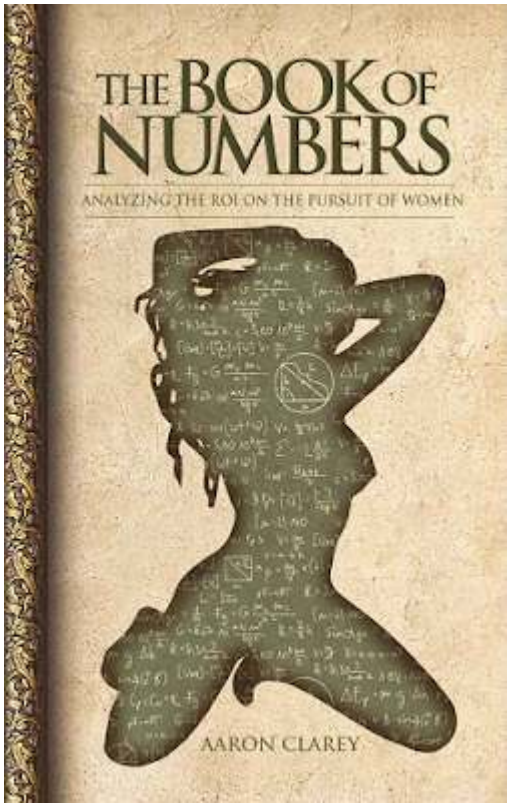

Kerry Lutz and His Battle Against COVID

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If you didn't know, Kerry Lutz is a friend of mine and back in the day when I was just starting, he was kind enough to invite me to speak at one of his seminars. This is coming up on 10 years ago, and he was one of the guys who put me onto Bitcoin/cryptocurrency.

Anyway, he had a bout with COVID as well as a literal boxing bout with it which ended him up at the hospital for 7 days. Thankfully he survived, but you may want to read his account here.

Also, Kerry is a native from New York, where he escaped their taxes (and traffic), moving to Florida quite some time ago. He interviewed a real estate investor about whether New York City has a future, not only in real estate, but in general.

And if you're interested, check out his site in general if you're interested in cryptocurrency, precious metals, and economics in general. He's usually WAY ahead of the curve, and his guests certainly are.

The "Girl Flaked on Me" Retirement Plan

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Damn I'm a good economist.

"The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women" NOW AVAILABLE ON AUDIBLE

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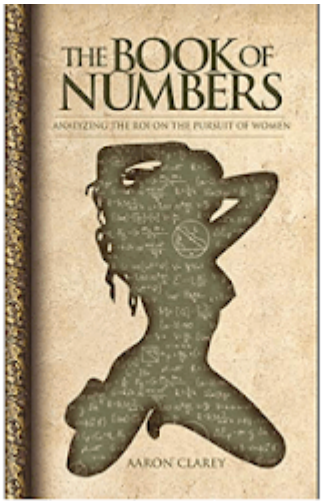
For all you wise people who listen to books instead of reading them, "The Book of Numbers" is now available on Audible!



The Epitome of a Leftist

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I got this from an agent in the field. He's been following the story more closely than me, but what I love about the multiple articles (if you take the time to read it), it shows the true nature of leftists. NEVER take any responsibility, the laws don't apply to you, cheat, and then IF YOU EVER GET CAUGHT, IMMEDIATELY hide behind a trait you were born with OR chose to claim to have. It reminds me of when liberal friends of mine made a significant amount of money as a realtor or some other 1099'er, didn't pay estimated taxes, and THEN CRIED BLOODY FUCKING MURDER that they had to pay taxes.

More observations from my Agent in the Field:

1. Lives in Bali for a year on an overstayed tourist visa (not sure how you're nomadic when you live in one place)
2. Thinks she doesn't have to pay taxes, because she doesn't earn money in Rupiah
3. Makes money by promoting illegal behavior (visa fraud)
4. Promotes it publically on twitter, and doubles down after a shitstorm that makes the immigration office aware
5. Gets deported
6. Claims it was only because she's gay & black (and western media is repeating this nonsense)

Why We're All Richer Than Mark Dayton

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As most of you know I hate Mark Dayton.

I do not "dislike" him.
I do not "disagree with" him.
I do not "find him distasteful."

I hate Mark Dayton. And the reasons why are simple to understand.

He is a spoiled trust fund baby. He is a weak man who suffered no challenges or rigor in life. And I wouldn't hate him if he was just a Kennedy trust fund baby who spent his granddad's money and left us all alone. But no. Like most trust fund babies, they have to "do something" and that "something" is usually politics, wherein their inexperienced asses arrogantly assume to know what's best for society. And thus we are lectured and proselytized at what is nothing more than an adult child who could never support themselves. It's ultimately the hypocrisy and laziness of the Mark Dayton's of the world that compel me to hate them and their inferior, worthless asses.

But for all my hate of Dayton (among most other trust-funders), my little economist brain had time to sit and think while waiting at McCarran International Airport. Because there I was, quite impressed with myself and this little empire I had built. But more so that I managed to build my little empire coming from poverty, with no help, even suffering obfuscation and outright lies from the Boomer generation that was supposed to guide me. And then it dawned on me...

Me, you, and nearly every normal person in the US is richer than Mark Dayton. And allow me to explain why.

Take for example my friend Atham. Atham is from Mexico, he endured the American experience of suffering a Boomer-broken home, had to travel all over Mexico and the US working low-level, subsistence-level jobs to survive, but is (more or less) on the precipice of earning his Chemical Engineering degree, which will launch him into a much easier and profitable life. And though the life he led to get there was much more difficult and laborious than anything Mark Dayton suffered, this suffering gave Atham something Mark Dayton will never have - a challenge to overcome.

If you think of it in terms of a movie, who's life would you rather watch? On one hand you

have "The Mark Dayton Show" which would be the most god-awful boring show. Born into wealth, having everything taken care of, and now two full generations removed from the original capitalist who created the Dayton fortune, the "Daytons" are merely NPC's with no challenges, problems, or crises to form them. The "crisis" of the movie would be whether Mark Dayton got a new Beamer or Mercedes in 1971 from dad. Would he vacation in the Bahamas or stay and boat around Lake Minnetonka? And if he stayed at Lake Minnetonka, which boat would he use? Perhaps the climax of the movie would be Mark having to choose which worthless, math-avoidant, liberal arts degree to study and then the movie ends with the family helicopter flying him away from his Kenwood estate.

"The Movie of Atham" would be a much more interesting show. A poor Mexican kid, born on the mainland of Cancun, has to strike out on his own with only his siblings to support one another. Working various menial jobs from Monterrey to Tijuana to Los Angeles to Reno, they stick together as that is all they have, to inevitably, after years of hard and harsh studying, our smug-looking, pipe-smoking friend graduates with a degree in Chemical Engineering who heartily celebrates his first $60,000/year job with a house party of good friends.

Obviously, Atham is guaranteed to live the more interesting life.

And this is the point of this short little post.

As I've written in "Sanity is the Future of Wealth," "wealth" or "riches" is becoming increasingly meaningless. Bill Gates may eat sushi every night and drive a Ferarri, but you are no worse off technically speaking eating a good sandwich at Subway or driving your reliable used Ford that does everything a Ferrari does, minus "look sexy." Jeff Bezos no doubt has a much bigger house that you, but he can only occupy one room at a time and he has to sleep stationarily in his bed every night. Your humble 3 bedroom home is just fine, affording you 98% of what Jeff Bezos' mansion does. And yes, Mark Dayton probably drinks scotches that are older than me. But how much better is a 50 year old scotch than a equally handsome Laphroigh 10 at 1/20th the cost?

And here is where being a trust fund baby and playing life on "easy mode" makes rich people poor and poor people rich. Because as long as you don't screw up, as long as you don't have kids you can't afford, as long as you don't major in stupid shit, and as long as you stay thin/attractive, you will "make it" in life. And the life you lead is guaranteed to be more interesting and rewarding than all the Nancy Pelosi's, Bush's, and Dayton's of the world, simply because you had to earn it. There was a cost. There was a challenge. There was a story behind your life. Whereas with Mark Dayton there was merely irrelevant existence. And so when you live that same 79 years that Mark Dayton does and you're on your death bed, wondering if you made your life count, you at least had a ride, a story to tell, a legacy to leave. Whereas Mark Dayton only leaves behind more of his grandfather's money and a predictably boring, even worthless life. You are infinitely richer than Mark Dayton, even if you just managed to attain a middle class life-style, homeownership, or a career in the trades on your own.

So going forward in life, do not get upset at the rich, leftists of the world, taking their

parents money and self-decreeing themselves as leaders of the country. Don't get angry at the Thadeus McWinthrop III's who never had to suffer or toil to get the job daddy landed them at Cargill or Thompson Reuters. They are unforged flavorless humans with no trials and tribulations to make them human, let alone interesting ones. And while, yes, you may see Mark Dayton eating at a haughty restaurant, dining on salmon and cheese, remember that the $7 Subway sub you bought with your own money has guaranteed that your life, your friends, your spouse, and your intellect are infinitely more interesting than his. And that makes your life much richer than anything a trust-funder will enjoy.

Check out Aaron's other stuff below. He actually worked for it!

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When The Sportsball Went "POOF!"

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Oh nosies!

Advertisers are pulling out of da Superbowlza!

What are the sportsballza owners going to do????

Newsom Will Reintroduce the Lock Down, Don't You Worry

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I love how these governors keep jerking businesses and the public in general with their on-off lockdowns.

Sure, TODAY they lift the lock down.

But next month? Next quarter? Heck, California, it could be next week.

And this is why businesses and business owners might as well throw in the towel. It's like trying to date a bipolar girl. Sure she's fun and a great girlfriend TODAY, but what about tomorrow? The day after? How about next week.

I'm terribly sorry you California business owners voted in a democrat because it feels good. But in voting in a democrat (trustfunder no less), you voted in an adult child who has ZERO experience running a business, and he really thinks it's just a matter of flipping a switch and you all have millions of dollars stored up to weather this COVID storm. It is enjoyable watching you guys suffer what you brought upon yourselves. Perhaps you could vote in another Ronald Reagan to be governor of California?

Oh, that's right. I forgot. You lack the intellectual strength to go against your little cult of socialism.

Oh well, enjoy the human feces in the streets.

You Can't "Mentor Her" if Passing Wisdom from Male to Female is "Mansplaining"

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As I age and increasingly see the world for what it is, I am shocked at how the disparate sex drives and mens' insatiable hunger for "vageen" shield women not just from the harsher realities of life (war, engineering, hard labor, etc.), but from reality itself. And in a constant bid to impress or woo women, billions of men over thousands of years, have denied women learning reality and how the real world works.
This epiphany came into clearer focus when I did this video about how car heaters work, as most women will simply turn on the heat, full blast, when the car is not even warm, thus creating a painful "windchill" to an already-freezing car. The anecdotal stories in the comments section were humorous and interesting, but this one shows the economic and societal costs of keeping an entire group of people in the dark, and the burden men foist upon themselves in worshipping at the Altar of Vageen.

"*A friend of mine works in the coldest part of Sweden.*

He works as a technology support for a company that sells mobile phones, among other things. Every winter when it is extra cold, his most common job is to help women whose mobile phones have died of cold. from the beginning he explained to these women that, the mobile is out when it is minus 35 degre, then the battery will die and that there are no faults on your mobile.

After their new boss took over, he was not allowed to say this as it was considered "Mansplaining" So now he has to take in the mobile and then give it back and say that it is fixed."

Further supporting the point is another comment from my video titled "The 'Girl Flaked on Me Retirement' Program" where I suggested that when men get stood up, they take the money they would have spent on the date and invest it instead in the S&P 500 via their IRA or 401k. The resulting number would be around $300,000 by the time you're 65,

depending on how many women you ask out. But also in the comment section, a young man went to his various dating accounts and text messages and listed the excuses women gave when they decided to flake. They were laughable as they were telling:

"*These are all adult women, at least 18 years old, several well into their 20's and some who attended top universities.*

"*Something came up. Are you available next week?*"
"*Can we possibly reschedule I had an allergic reaction to something I ate.”*
"*I had a nail appointment that got overbooked so my nails aren’t done lol.*"
"*I understand that we agreed upon meeting at 1130pm today. However, I feel a little unsafe going out into the city that late. Is there any way to do it earlier on another day that is convenient for you? Sorry for the trouble.*"
"*There was a family emergency that needed my full attention.*"
"*I'm sorry, it's my friend's birthday tonight, can we meet Sunday night?*"
"*My car is undriveable, I was going to use my brother's car (I live with my brother) but he left with is [sic] car, so I can't drive down.*"
"*I am also going through some difficult personal stuff.*" *<== many variations of this one*
"*My dog is sick.*"
"*My phone died.*"
"*I only have 2 dollars in my bank account and my EZ Pass doesn't work anymore.*"
"*I had a nail appointment that got overbooked so my nails aren’t done lol.*"
"*After consideration, I really do not feel comfortable meeting this late. If you are real and genuinely want to meet, I'd appreciate meeting half-way by meeting during daytime hours if/when you're next able to.*"
"*I apologize for getting to you so late, but I got out of work really late. Would we be able to meet at another time?*"
"*Hi I’m so sorry but something came up and I won’t be able to make it tonight. Thanks for making the time to see me!*"
"*Actually I can't do today. I have a presentation tomorrow. And I need to work on it. I'm also busy tomorrow and Wednesday.*"
"*You know what? I'm a little scared, i don't know you and you ask me a date at 11pm.. it's better if we meet tomorrow, same place but at 3.30pm. Ok?*"
"*Hi, I’m so sorry, but I’m actually not feeling very well! My stomach is upset and I think I’ll be staying in tonight; could we push to tomorrow?*"

To be precise, such behavior is unacceptable. Dismiss flaking as something "women just do," it is in reality lying, misleading an individual, wasting people's time, and deceitful. But once again, because men want Vageen more than women want you, you tolerate, and thus condone and reinforce this immature behavior.

The result, whether it's never letting women figure out the heat itself, ne'er correcting them because they get upset, or allowing them to get away with childish, unacceptable behavior, is the paradox where you now have a significant percent of an entire group of people that are dysfunctional, yet want to be "mentored" or trained or lifted into positions of power and responsibility. And this situation is impossible.

Try to explain how the heater works so that a girl doesn't suffer windchill? That's "mansplaining."

Try to explain that a liberal arts degree is worthless? That's not only "mansplaining" but somewhere in the western female mind that is also somehow construed as sexist, even though you're trying to prevent them from financial and professional ruin.

Do you have your own private life, or perhaps a past that is public, but some might find disagreeable? Well the mature adult would say, "let them be, it's their life, I was young too." No, a woman inculcated in this cocoon of you have a right not to be offended, will get you fired (a brilliant example of this is the story of Josh Denny, which you can hear on The Dick Show, starting at about the 45 minute mark).

And though I think it's a bit extreme, many young men today are afraid to ask a girl out in public as it's too aggressive and would be deemed "creepy" by today's internet/social media dating standards. But I don't believe them too irrational, as I believe the day is within all our lifetimes that approaching a woman in public may be made illegal.

The point is the overton window where men and women interact has been so warped and so far moved in the bias of women, it is increasingly becoming the case you are no longer even able to interact with women to get work, function, production, or achievement of a general goal done. A floor of increasingly fragile eggshells that you must gingerly tiptoe around, spending more time ensuring you don't offend a precious snowflake, than being able to be blunt, empirical, and efficient, so that both men AND women will advance in their endeavors.

This does not bode well for the future of society. Men will have to put on ever-increasingly padded gloves in their interactions with women, and (through victimhood brainwashing) women will become increasingly prone to offense as the minorest and minorest of things, to the point we will no longer be able to function in society. And to a certain extent this has already happened as many western nations are failing in their simplest human requirement - a continuation of the species. But understand why this is happening. It is because men as a group place Bobs and Vageen ahead of reality, even to theirs and society's detriment. Women can be objectively wrong, but you will allow them to live in that delusion because you want "Da Vageen." As Bill Burr so brilliantly said,

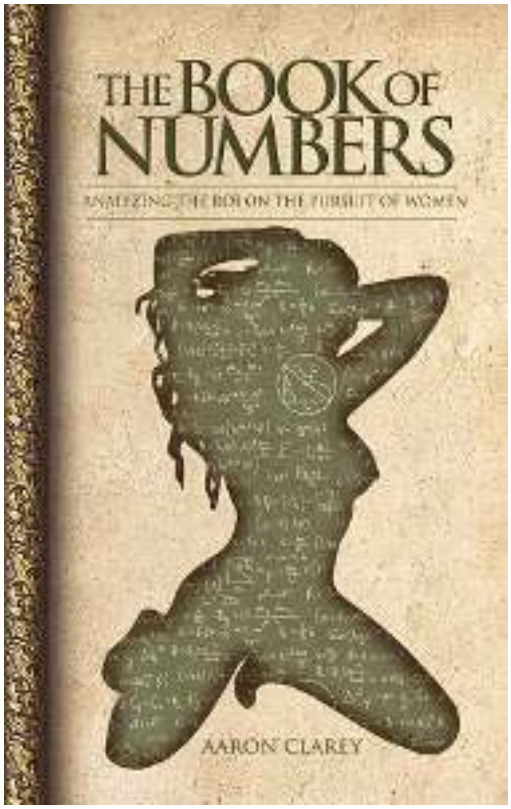
"*Women are surrounded by this tornado of misinformation and nobody corrects them because we want to fuck them.*"

As a libertarian I am a strong advocate of treating women as true equals. I make sure they have just as many rights as men, and make equally sure they bear the responsibilities that come with those freedoms. But for every "me" there's a thousand men who will give women the pussy pass, denying them the harsh treatment of reality that would have otherwised forged them into the ideal equals we're all aspiring to. And though it would be nice if men started holding women to the standards they hold their bros up to, we all know nature will prevent this.

Thus, you and future men need to understand, that until we have an honest, come to

Jesus meeting with women, this insanity will continue and strengthen. Men and women will increasingly become oil and water, and assessing this reality will be vital to your success, even the prevention of you losing a career or even going to jail.

Know these risks. Know what you face. And buy the book below to ensure you do.



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No, You are Not Insane

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This is an excerpt from the book "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women." Though it is in the last chapter of the book, I believe it is a good first thing for men to know starting now and going forward, that no, you are not insane. This is not acceptable nor normal. Consider purchasing the book if you appreciate this excerpt.

"The first step is to realize that, no, you are not insane. What you are experiencing today is not normal, is not acceptable, and that voice you hear in the back of your head saying "something's wrong" is 100% right.

Previous to the internet, men didn't have a central depository or forum by which to compare notes. Sure they would discuss amongst themselves. Sure, they'd exchange observations about their girlfriends or their wives with the guys at the factory. But most men for the most part would assume it was a localized phenomenon, or at least specific to them. This meant any problems a man had with his wife/women was squarely his fault and therefore it was up to him to correct the error of his ways.

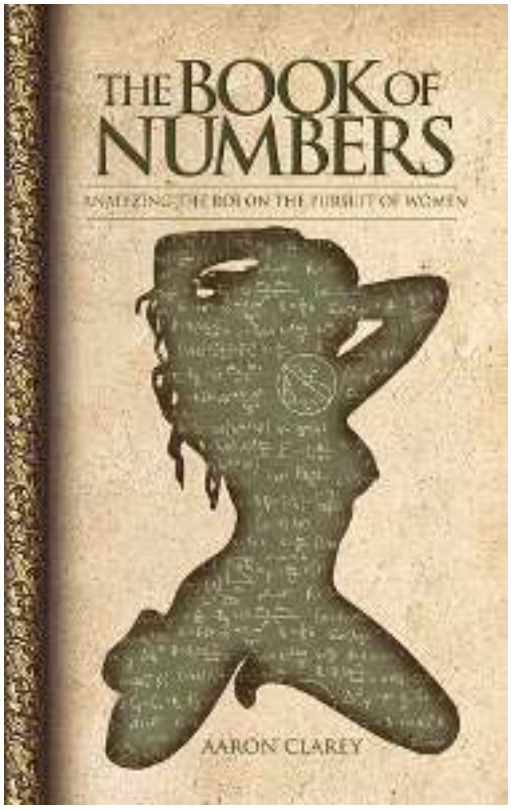
That is until now.

Because 20 years of the internet has provided us with the largest, open-source, sociological study on women. And with terabytes of data and unlimited case studies through blogs, posts, vlogs, etc., a fully-functional model has been created, explaining the incentives, preferences, desires and behaviors of women (I'd recommend "The Rational Male" by Rollo Tomassi to see a best-attempt at explaining this functional model). But more importantly, it has exposed a hypocrisy within society. Specifically, the contradiction between what society tells both men and women about each other, versus what nature has made us to be.

You have 2 million years of your ancestors' experiences culminating into the instincts, preferences, and desires that you have today. And for 99.999% of those 2 million years, you have wanted a svelte wife, who would give you some kids, support you, and maybe even love you in return. That is now running headlong into what social-science charlatans, political activists, and marketers have decided what women should want for the past cheap 50 years. And no matter what the completely fabricated "social science" rationale they come up with is, it does not undo your programming or your 2 million years of human evolution (nor women's). "Feminism," "socialism," "careerism," and dating advice columns be damned. Men and women haven't changed. And while the whole world may be telling women they don't need men and that they can internally derive all their purpose and meaning and life from themselves, all of that is lies. And the proof is in the low-quality women they're demanding you marry into that we've discussed before:

40% of single women being moms is just not acceptable.
Celebrating a 60% overweight rate among young women is delusional.
It is not acceptable behavior to stand up or flake on a date, let alone at a 70% rate.
A 25% minimum serious STD infection rate is mind-blowing.
A cultish addiction and obsession with one's career is simply insane.
And choosing work over children, family, a husband, or love is inhuman.

No, you are not insane. Women today are objectively wrong about what matters most in life, and their life decisions which have led to the creation of the poor dating options you face proves it. It may not be what you wanted to hear, but at least you know (in this one regard anyway) you're not the one with the problem."



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The Underlying Nature of "Value"

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Two videos from yesterday that would be of intellectual interest:

"What is Value?"

"What Gives Women Value?"

The Nobel Peace Prize Means Nothing

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But we've known that for a while.

Why Women Prefer Digital Men Over Real Ones

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An excerpt from "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women."

"Certainly men are settling for a substitute good through the internet, but this alternative digital reality has huge ramifications for ROI of women as well. And beyond what was discussed above, men REALLY need to understand just what a game-changer the internet is. Because while men might get their porn fix online or their attention fix from a webcam girl, women can now get EVERYTHING THEY WANT FROM A MAN without having to meet him.

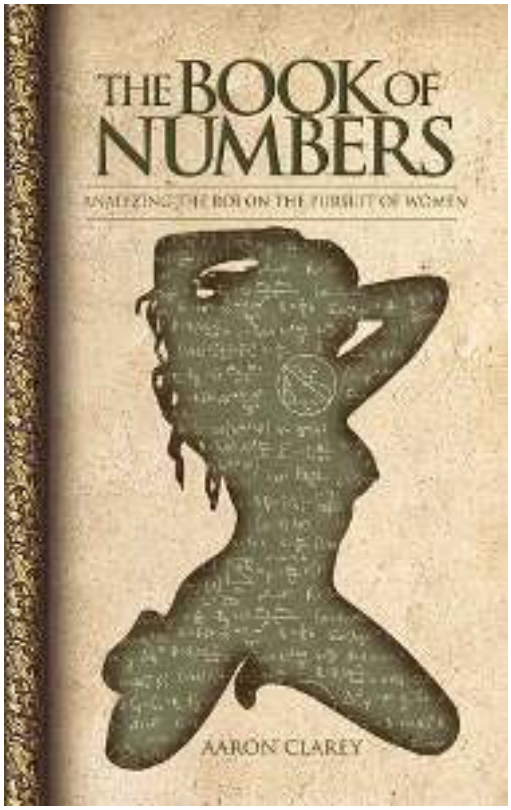
If a girl wants attention, she doesn't have to dress up, look cute, or go out in public. She just posts "I'm feeling so ugly today" on Instagram and a flood of "OHHHH NOO, YOU'RE SO BEAAUUUTIFUL!!!!" messages will come from the THOUSANDS of simps following her.

If a girl wants a meal, she doesn't have to go work for it. She can swipe right on enough guys' profiles and in 3 hours be eating sushi.

If a girl needs money, she doesn't need to wife up and marry some well-to-do guy. She just has to go down to Best Buy, drop $250 on some webcam equipment, set up a Paypal account, and show her titties on the internet. Maybe, even going to the extreme lengths of getting her lighting right.

And even though women have 1/9th the sex drive men do, if they're in need of a good fucking, all they have to do is go online, find a good-looking guy, swipe right and unless she's really ugly, what guy is going to deny her?

The end result is that the internet has allowed women to digitally compile a synthetic superman, capable of satiating her every want and desire, and is superior to you or any other individual man in all regards. If she needs money there are billions of men out there, at least some of which have more money than you. If she needs a meal, there are billions of men out there, at least some of which can afford better restaurants than you. If she needs attention there are billions of men out there, at least some of which who are more charming and better conversationalists than you. And if she just needs a good fucking there is always somebody hotter, taller, and more ripped than you up to the challenge. There is no one man, but the best of all men in each regard compiled into one digital being. An indefeatable Voltron of sorts that no individual man can out-compete."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Macho Toxico

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I was interviewed by Macho Toxico about a week back and he sent me the MP3 for those of you who don't do the YouTubes. Interesting philosophical conversation if you needed some to tune into during your daily walk.

All of Economics is About Sex

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Excerpt from my book, "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women"

What Percent of American Women are Even Marriageable?

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This is an excerpt from "The Book of Numbers: Analyzing the ROI on the Pursuit of Women." This is merely one of many different calculations and estimations in the book, all designed to help the average man understand exactly what his mathematical chances are of being successful in the dating/marriage market. I decided to publish this excerpt of the book because I find the statistics very insightful and telling, if not damning of just what a small percent of the female population is marriage-worthy. And though you may not buy the book, I was still compelled to share these findings as it will ease the minds of all men that not, it's not you. It really is that bad out there.

The "Deal Breaker Method" attempts to measure (based on surveys, polling, and other data) what percent of the American female population has no major deal breakers. What qualifies as a "deal breaker" is certainly up for debate. Loudly smacking her chewing-gum may be considered a deal breaker for some, but not at the same level as say a woman with herpes. So to determine what were critical deal breakers that would indeed disqualify a woman from being marriage material we had to focus on critical flaws that were not merely unlikable, but would make a happy marriage an impossibility. And while no doubt this list could be unlimited, we focused on 8 deal breakers deemed to be the most poignant, comprehensive, and relevant to the success of a happy marriage, as well as the interests of men.

#1 Obesity/Being Overweight

Despite what fat acceptance "activists" and an increasing percent of American women want to believe, being big is not beautiful. It is disgusting. It's gross. It's physically revolting. And as it just so happens it's unhealthy. But more importantly, as it pertains to whether a woman is marriage material, it immediately destroys the number one thing men seek in women – physical beauty. And though women may howl at the moon and claim that a man should love a woman for who she is on the inside, we already have a name for women we like, but just aren't physically attracted to - "friends."

Regardless, since physical beauty is a must, this eliminates the 59.6% of young American women who are obese or overweight as marriage material. Certainly, yes, many men are fat themselves. And yes many men marry fat women, have wives who get fat on them, or even manage to have kids with them. But remember the definition of "success" in this study is ***happily married*** and you simply cannot be happily married to someone you're not physically attracted to.

#2 Worthless Degrees

While the world celebrates that there are now more women in college than men, nobody

has bothered to ask whether it's for something sensible like Accounting or a colossal waste of time like the Liberal Arts. And when you consider whether the degrees women are getting are worthwhile or merely an excuse to attend a very expensive 4 year party, unfortunately 80.5% of the time it's an excuse to party.

However, it is not so much the degree itself that excludes women from being marriage material as it is what it comprehensively says about them. First, it's a declaration as to how realistic and serious women are about their careers, their professions, and their work ethic. Yes, it would be nice to solve poverty, but usually when a young woman majors in the social sciences it's to avoid real work or rigor, at minimum a delusion to “follow her heart and the money will follow.” You WILL be subsidizing her life as she simply lacks the education and skills to command a self-supporting wage. Second, there are HUGE financial consequences for majoring in the wrong thing. Namely, the tonnage of student debt she's incurred and unable to pay off, making her a HUGE financial liability for any future suitor. Third, many of these worthless degrees are simply rank indoctrination, brainwashing women to value their careers, politics, feminism, educations, etc., above love, which is simply antithetical to marriage. If you marry someone with a “Genders Studies” degree they are not going to be a loving supporting wife, but likely an obstinate, nagging shrew that loves her cultish politics and career more than you or your children.

This isn't to say a nice, sweet girl who's majoring in education to become an elementary school teacher is going to be some nagging, confrontational harpy. Nor is it to say that every girl goes to college (only 72.5% of women do). But it is to use women's choice of majors as a proxy as to where their priorities in life lie, how realistic they are about finances, how realistic they are about life, as well as the chances they will be a political, financial, or even emotional liability to your marriage.

* *The data for worthless degrees was calculated using the NCES data for all bachelor degrees conferred in 2018. Every degree that did not have an obvious job or profession attached to it, or were notoriously underpaid professions (education, sociology, etc.) or were typically unaccredited degrees that target poor/disadvantaged groups of students (criminal justice, culinary school, etc.), were deemed worthless.*

https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_318.30.asp

#3 Percent Financially Delinquent

As financial problems are cited as the number one cause of divorce, finding a woman who has her financial act together is a must. Furthermore, a woman who cannot pay her bills on time is simply not mature enough to marry. And while no doubt young women today have the added financial pressures of student loans for completely unemployable degrees, no self-respecting man can marry a woman who doesn't pay her bills, or worse, is one of the 6% who declares bankruptcy, upgrading themselves to thieves.

Using “ever delinquent” as the metric in a Federal Reserve study to determine fiscal responsibility, 31.6% of women between the ages of 18-35 have been late at least once paying back their debts. Men are only a few percentage points better, but nearly 1 in every 3 women of marrying age have finances that are prohibitive to marriage. This

leaves roughly only 2/3rds of women fiscally responsible, and presumably responsible enough to marry.

Data was an average between two age cohorts from 21-30 and 31-40. The study can be found here: https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/gender-related-differences-in-credit-use-and-credit-scores-20180622.htm

#4 Leftist/Socialist/Feminist Politics

While one could make the argument (and be right) that leftist or feminist politics shouldn't be considered a deal breaker (there are democrat men after all), leftist politics are considered a deal-breaker in that they play a role in young women's lives today that goes beyond mere government policy, to that of a political-ideological cult that renders many of them unmarriageable.

In the 1960's when your mother or grandmother, even your curmudgeonly grandfather would vote democrat, it was usually to nobly "help out the little guy" or to perhaps reel in the powers of corporate America. And whether you agreed with them or not, it was to exercise their right to vote and do their part to make America as great as it could be. But for whatever reason they voted democrat it wasn't because they solely valued themselves as "democrats" or derived some kind of life purpose and meaning from it. They were a "housewife" or "plumber" first, who happened to vote for JFK. But today left-leaning politics, and certainly feminism is not about giving the little guy a break or something as mundane as balancing the budget. It has become a substitute for purpose, meaning, value, even love in many young women's lives today. So much so many young women will simply refuse to date non-leftists as a matter of policy, screaming "*SWIPE LEFT IF YOU'RE A REPUBLICAN!!!!"* (when, in fact, you might be a libertarian).

This makes politics (like other things) a higher priority in leftist women's lives than love. And to truly fall in love (let alone be happily married), you need to put the other person ahead of yourself, and that includes your cultish politics. But worse, this unhealthy obsession with politics, as well as abusing it as a substitute for purpose in life, has many young women flirting with mental illness where they literally ***hate you*** because you dare advocate lower taxes or refuse to use made up pronouns. Therefore, it is not the political positions of the democrat party, socialism, or feminism per se that makes these women unmarriageable, but the fact they put it at the center of their lives that render them so. And though this ideological obsession provides left-leaning men a HUGE statistical advantage when it comes to dating (as 65% of young women identify as "democrat" or "feminist"), it will forever sow a seed of doubt as to whether your leftist wife loves you or her politics more.

#5 Single Moms

This variable is very simple. Men don't like raising other men's children. Men are genetically repulsed by other men's genes. Men are also not kosher with being the #2 guy in a woman's life, let alone playing second fiddle to some other guy's kid. And unless the woman was a widow, being a single mom is indicative of poor decision making in the

past.

Admittedly, if you're an older man you may not have the luxury to pine for, let alone, hold out for a childless woman. Over time most women will have children and with a 50% divorce rate single moms are an inevitability in every middle-aged man's life. But since this study focuses on younger men who are yet to be married, as well as young women who are not at menopause's door, it is perfectly reasonable and self-respecting to demand your future wife not have another man's kid.

Unfortunately, what you want and what you're going to get are two different things as nearly 40% of single women between the ages of 18-35 are single moms. Worse, the better looking a woman is the higher percent chance she has a kid in tow (this phenomenon was particularly noticeable when surveying online dating profiles in rural areas). The fact is, whether you like it or not, beautiful women attract handsome men and the result is children. Sometimes these people stay married, sometimes they don't, sometimes they were never married at all. But the end result is the average young man today is looking at a dating pool where 4 in every 10 women have some other guy's kid.

#6 STD's

STD's present an interesting problem. What is considered an STD? Is it HPV which nearly half the population will get, yet for the most part is asymptomatic? Is it a death sentence like AIDS? What if it's curable like gonorrhea or chlamydia? What if it's not like herpes? It's hard to pin down what a “deal breaking STD” is.

Furthermore, there are complications when it comes to measuring an STD rate among young women. For instance, the data just doesn't exist for the specific age cohort we're interested in. Different diseases come and go in waves over generations making a stable, usable number an impossibility. And a significant percent of the female population has multiple STD's. There is frankly no way to apply a specific number to the percent of women who have a marriage-disqualifying STD.

Therefore, for the purposes of this study a “marriage-disqualifying STD” was conservatively defined as whether a woman had herpes or not. There are certainly some shortcomings in using this metric, but having herpes is a pretty applicable standard when it comes to marriageability. Most men will adamantly refuse to marry (let alone sleep with) a woman who knowingly has herpes. Herpes is not curable. And there's enough social stigma associated with the disease it's a death knell to your dating life and, consequently, your chances of marriage. A shocking 25% of women are estimated by the CDC to have herpes (though the vast majority of these women are asymptomatic). And remember, that's just one STD. The percent of women with deal breaking STD's is likely higher.

#7 - Mental Illness

Like STD's mental illness also presents a measuring and statistical problem. Do you consider women who ever had a mental illness? Do you only consider women who are chronically mentally ill? Do you consider something serious and permanent like schizophrenia? What about something as minor as dyslexia? Does the suite of “designer

mental illnesses" Millennials popularized to get attention in high school count? What about ADHD or "social anxiety disorder?" And who cares if she's faking being bipolar for attention. Isn't that in itself a deal breaker for most men?

Like STD's, an assumption had to be made to simplify the math and just get us into the ballpark. This assumption was that the 25% of women who are on antidepressants are a reflective (though low end) estimate of the overall population of women who are mentally ill to the point they are unqualified to be wives.

#8 - Body Mutilation

The final deal breaker was body mutilation. Like STD's and mental illness, this was also amorphous and intangible. However, mutilating one's body is a pretty clear sign of several things. Mental illness. Bad decision making skills. Immaturity. Financial instability. A lack of purpose and meaning in life. And conformity (especially among women from 18-35). Additionally, physically marring your body not only ruins the number one thing men seek in women (beauty), but can also be visually identified, making it an easily identifiable red flag for any serious seeker of marriage.

But like other metrics, what qualifies as "bodily mutilation?" Is the discreet Chinese proverb tattoo nearly every 20 something girl has a sign of mental illness? Are the "tramp stamps" nearly every Gen X woman got the same? And what if she was a military vet and got the tattoo with her unit in Iraq? Therefore, for the purposes of this study "body mutilation" was considered somebody who had 4 or more tattoos. Non-traditional piercings or other forms of body mutilation (ear gauges for example) were not considered, largely because there isn't enough data about the female population that has them. But there is research (see below) showing the more tattoos women have, the more mentally unstable they are, rendering them for the purpose of this analysis, unmarriageable.

Nearly 1 in 6 (15.3%) of the female population is estimated to have 4+ tattoos.

* *Studies/sources for reference:*

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Backing Out Dependence/Co-Correlation and Finalizing the Number

When you tally up the numbers above you get the following statistics:

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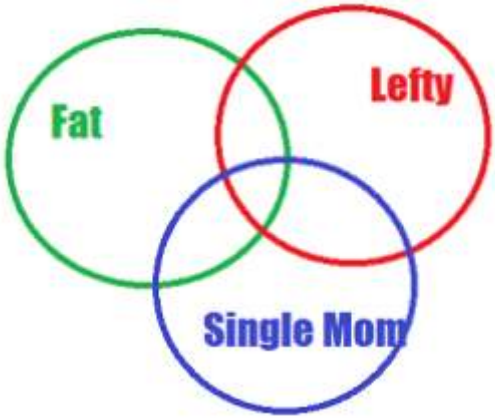
And while you may be tempted to merely multiply these variables together to get the remaining percent of the female population without a major deal breaker (which would result in .54% - roughly *one-half of one percent* of the female population), this number is misleading because of the co-correlation between these 8 deal breakers.

For example, it may shock you to find out that a feminist with a worthless degree might also...

- have 4+ tattoos
- have financial problems
- be on antidepressants
- and also be fat.

This results in a Venn diagram where one woman can account for several of these traits, overstating the percent of the female population that is unmarriageable and understating the percent of the female population that is.



To account for this overlap two statistical methods were employed to back out this co-correlation. These methods resulted in two estimates of the marriageable population - 1.1% and 1.4% - averaging to around 1.25%.

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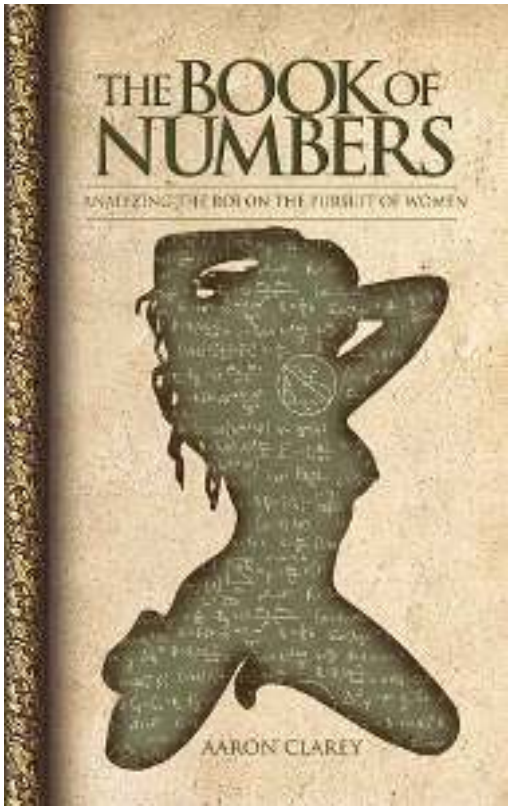
This adjusted number is the finalized number we will be using for Method #1 in calculating the percent of marriageable women – **1.25%.**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All Business Schools Should be Bulldozed

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It's a couple years old, but I'm going to read it later.

The Economics of Prostitution

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Me and Rollo discuss in this segment (pre-cued) about the economics of prostitution. (36:23 minute mark)

Minimalism Seminar Announced for Feb 24th - 28th.

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Details in video below, but you can sign up for a notification by signing up for "my school."

Outsourcing Your Online Dating

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This is a very well-written article about an amazing service - paying somebody to do your online dating for you.

Liberal Arts Colleges LOWERING TUITION…and It Still Isn't Working

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Because the liberal arts and the colleges that teach them are worthless liabilities that have ruined the lives of entire generations. But by all means, keep lowering tuition.

Somebody Nuke Westport, CT

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Good Christ. It's not that it's so bad you're paying teens to write essays about "diversity" in a competition. Nor is it so bad that the topic that won is about BLM.

It's that it's in its eighth fucking year.

Good Morning Coronachan #40 - The "Return of Coronachan" Episode

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Good Morning Coronachan LIVE, this morning at 9AM CST!

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Dear Gen Z, Stop Faking Mental Illness

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Or at least stop asking us to give you a government check for it.

No Student Loan Bailout from Uncle Joe

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Oh, that's too bad.

Let Them Be Spinsters

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The article is right. But I don't know what's more annoying. The whining about what is fated to happen, or the CONSTANT missing the source of the problem which is NOT more women in education, but that said "education" comes with a ton of anti-male, anti-marriage, anti-family spin that convinces women to put their careers ahead of love.

Why Ikea is the Future of the US Economy

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My James Bond Villain Couch

Allow me to tell you how Ikea created $2,000 in "NOT-GDP."

I had worked hard. And not only had I worked hard, but I had worked hard for 30 years. I saved my pennies and dimes, lived in basements while renting out the upstairs of houses I owned, drove cars over 10 years old, and would bring flasks to bars so I could drink on the cheap. And over those three decades I was able to pay off my humble house, be mortgage free, and be in the enviable position of retiring before 50.

Part of that early retirement dream was finally selling my investment properties and building my modest-but-dream home. It would not be a luxurious home as my years of living cheaply had taught me the value of minimalism, but it would be a nice home, culminating my life's work and frugality into a home I would enjoy, not merely live in.

And so in anticipation, for one of the rare moments in my life, I afforded myself something nice.

What was that something? Ikea's 5 piece "Morabo Sectional" replete with chaise lounge.

My house was designed to look like a Mission Impossible, late-50's, schwank bachelor

pad, and I had found the James Bond Villain couch to be the centerpiece of my living room. And so I permitted myself to drop the $3,200 on this sleek, sexy sectional.

Of course, though, with Ikea, you have to assemble your furniture. And of course, if you've ever been there, you have to use the code on the print out they give you to find all the components that go into creating the set in their warehouse. And though I was eagerly looking forward to the day I could pour myself a small-fish bowl snifter of scotch, swirl it around in the palm of my hand, and luxuriate on Marabo 5 piece sectional as I made declarations to James Bond on how I would defeat him and achieve global domination...

that would have to wait as Ikea said half my couch was not in stock, and I would have to wait a month to get the remainder of it.

This was understandable. Sometimes things aren't in stock. Sometimes things are very popular and sell out quickly. Plus, COVID had people rushing to Ikea to redo their homes as they had nothing else to do. But after a month passed, and I still had yet to receive a notification that the remaining half of my James Bond Villain couch was delivered, I checked online to see what was going on.

This then started what would inevitably become a 4 month process.

You, in theory, can check the status of your order online. But there is such little information on Ikea's website that you are compelled to contact customer service.

Ikea is in the throes of a managerial/competency crisis, as people are losing their orders, having the wrong things delivered, etc., which makes contacting customer service about a 30 minute ordeal.

If you get to customer service, you are rolling the dice as to whether or not that person knows what they're doing. I never received the information I needed nor the same/consistent information from each of the three reps I called to see if the remainder of my couch was ever going to be delivered. Which compelled me to...

Revisit the physical store to see what was going on, which once again was fraught with its own problems of floor employees looking things up on databases that were not consistent with what was online.

The final straw was when I could no longer pull up my order #. Ikea, like a heroin-addicted single mom loses her child, lost my order. Just "poof" gone. And thank god I saved my multi-thousand dollar receipt to prove that I had paid for it.

In the end I realized that I had wasted more time and labor dicking around with Ikea for a couch that was never going to be delivered. And so I spent the better part of a cold Minnesota morning, loading up my truck, driving to Ikea, waiting in line, and getting a refund for my half-purchase. And that experience was the ONLY time I dealt with a competent Ikea employee as the process, though long, went smoothly.

No doubt everybody has horror stories about buying things, delivery problems, an returning them. But Ikea was different because of two things. One, the inordinate amount of my time, energy, resources, and money that went into purchasing a couch that

simply never existed. And two, the incompetence at nearly every level and facet of the Ikea organization. And though I am long over getting frustrated or angry at companies being inept in delivering what they promised, I do believe Ikea serves as foreboding omen of what the future US (and global economy) will look like. And this is a lesson people with an IQ above 100 need to realize.

All Problems are Caused by Humans

First, you must understand where all problems in the world come from. They come from other humans.

Yes, a tornado will destroy a house and present you a problem.
Yes, a hurricane will flood your city and damage some property.

But outside natural disasters and statistical chance, nearly ALL of the problems you will face, endure, suffer, and inevitably be-forced-to-overcome are caused by humans who are fucking up.

Your boss gave you the wrong information to do the project and is now yelling at you for faulty results?
That problem is caused by your boss fucking up.

The waitress added shellfish to your salad when you expressly said NOT TO ADD SHELLFISH, and now you are being rushed to the hospital as you can't breathe?
That problem is caused by the waitress fucking up.

Perhaps you followed your heart and the money would follow when you chose your Philosophy degree, and now you're $75,000 in debt, living at home, and working the same job you did in high school?
That problem is caused by your parents and teachers fucking up.

All problems in your life, be it very important things like your career, marriage, or education to the smallest and pettiest of things like adding onions to your Sub sandwich, are caused by other humans. And these mistakes not only create incalculable misery, but waste incredible amounts of human time and resources.

But the problem with humans does not end there. Because in order for society to function and operate, we need to rely not on one mere human to do one mere thing, but a network of MILLIONS of humans to do their jobs correctly, all the time. When I get gas I'm not only relying on the gas station attendant to do his job, but the pump manufacturer to do his, the credit card payment processor to do theirs, and the fuel truck driver to do his. When you order food at a restaurant you are easily reliant upon a score of people to do their jobs the right way. And a corporation is nothing more than thousands of little worker ants who need to do their job right, otherwise the whole thing falls apart.

And today's 2021 Ikea perfectly represents where an entire entity is decaying at this atomic level.

Understand that when I decided to buy my couch through Ikea, I did not engage in the physical buildings, materials, machinery, and inventory that physically makes up Ikea. I

decided to engage and rely upon the thousands of sentient people who control those physical assets to provide a product. And whereas the Subway sandwich artist may goof up and give me the wrong bread or put mustard on my sandwich when I wanted none, it seems Ikea's people are incompetent at all levels. And while it just takes one person along the chain line to screw up something, if your entire army of employees are incompetent, well then there's no helping you.

The saleswoman who ordered my couch for me (I think) didn't put the order in. Just gave me the print out.

The three different customer service people I talked to all had different stories and resolutions to my problem, indicating to me they truly did not know what was going on.

Somebody somewhere either programmed the ordering system wrong or accidentally deleted my order.

And when I physically visited the store, the well-intended floor salesman tried to help, but wouldn't shut up long enough for me to tell him what the problem was or why I was there, which resulted in both him and I wasting about 10 minutes of our respective time.

And so though I am no financial analyst and truly couldn't care about the financial future of Ikea (I obviously never intend on shopping there again), no entity can survive this level of widespread incompetence. Ikea will either get it's act together, or fail.

The Ikea Economy

This then brings about a scary insight.

There is nothing inherently wrong with Ikea's employees. Ikea has to select from the same pool of incompetent dumbasses that currently populate the US labor market. And Ikea is no doubt led and staffed by incompetent MBA's and "leaders" who all went to Buck Diddly's School of Business Management or some other such trash business college.
What Ikea does reflect, however, is a decrease in the overall quality and caliber of your average American worker. The American worker of which went from a grizzled WWII vet who survived The Great Depression, to an adderall-xanax addicted Millennial or Gen Z'er who has not only been brought up under soft and undemanding conditions, but has a worthless liberal arts degree to boot. Of course that is a very large brush to paint with, but with such weak, untested, and pampered adult children being dumped into the labor market by worthless schools and colleges, it should be no shock that with such decay at the cellular level of the economy (the individual human) companies and the overall economy should suffer, which is has.

Labor force participation rates are going down.
Economic growth is only about 60% of what it used to be during the 40's-60's.
We have to borrow/print money to bail people/banks/students out of their stupid decisions.
Half the population is dependent on the taxpayer

And perhaps the biggest indication of Americans turning into Idiocracy,

It takes 25 years to grow, educate, and train your average person into becoming a self-supporting worker.

And here is where Idiocracy, the "Ikea Economy" becomes a reality. Because we are no longer aiming to put men on Mars or develop hover-cars. We're not even trying to get the nuclear family with a white picket fence. We're just trying to keep it together. And worse than that (and this is perhaps the ultimate form of "The Ikea Economy"), the majority of our resources are being spent cleaning up other people's mistakes. And that does not produce real GDP.

An Economy of Broken Glass

It is unavoidable that a certain percent of an economy's labor has to be spent cleaning up other people's mistakes. Humans are not perfect and everybody will err, and that err will require a commensurate (perhaps even exponential) amount of resources to clean up. But if the cellular unit of the economy - humans - are decaying at a rate that they do nothing but fuck up, the percent of the economy that goes to cleaning up broken windows increases at the opportunity cost of genuine economic growth.

A perfect example of this is social workers.

Social workers don't produce anything of value. They merely clean up the mess of broken homes, deadbeat dads, and single mom sluts. And one can't even claim they do that as poverty, crime, and dysfunctional homes are not only still present, but on the increase. But their salaries are still counted in GDP and GDP per capita, when there was nothing of value produced there.

But what if on every level, every human, in every institution of the economy, decayed to this level, not just the "social work industry?"

It cost me $2,000 in lost wages and time to order a FREAKING COUCH.

What if one person at the water sanitation department screwed up? That cost the Michigan taxpayers $600 million with the Flint Michigan water crisis.

What if you major in a dumb subject and need to go back to college to get a degree that's employable?
That is potentially going to cost the US taxpayer $1 trillion.

And forget big ticket items. What if every interaction you have to have with every human over the course of one day, involves 1 in 10 of these humans fucking up? Forget water or a college degree, you will waste hours of time just buying a video game or getting gas.

And this is the ultimate cost of "The Ikea Economy." Certainly, there will be great and many and costly boondoggles like higher education, the welfare state, or the banking crisis. But when it comes to the normal day to day functioning of society, where we engage in hundreds of individual actions directly and indirectly with thousands of individual people, normal day to day functioning, be it your job, your home, or merely going out in public, will become increasingly less efficient, more costly, and more difficult. You will have to order your burger three times before the waiter gets it right. You will have to ask the Ikea rep DO YOU HAVE THIS IN STOCK, and then VERIFY IT IS IN

STOCK, before you fork over your credit card. You will have to check with UPS four times to find out where your package is. And you will have to call up the electric company three times to get them to turn your power back on.

I may have had a bad experience with Ikea, but I fear it will now become the norm.

The New Normal

The new normal economy will represent what I've been predicting for quite sometime - a second world economy.

With the average American being a complete idiot, not to mention incredibly spoiled and thinking real work is beneath them AND with enough government welfare/UBI to prevent them from ever having the fear of homelessness or starvation kick their ass into being a responsible adult, you can expect the US (and other nations) to become increasingly like second and third world economies. Supply chains will become increasingly unreliable. Bribery will be the most efficient means to get things done. Underground, black market, or mafia economies will become the most efficient channels by which to get things done. And the intelligent individual will simply limit the amount of interaction he/she needs to have with the rest of society. Larger organizations will no longer be functional or feasible, often times being bailed out by a printing press. Entrepreneurs will simply say, "why bother?" And the real costs of goods will go up.

But the real problem, I predict, most people will face is the maddening psychological environment this will create.

Think about my desire to buy a couch from Ikea on a very basic, simple, and moral level.

Ikea claimed unto me they had my James Bond Villain couch. Why else would they advertise it, let alone allow me to purchase it in advance?

But Ikea was not capable of delivering my couch, and I'm pretty sure somewhere in the chain of command of Ikea a man knew this.

This then behooves the question, why are you going through the facade of even offering the couch? Why are you even in business? What psychotic mentally ill reason do you have to waste my, and other people's, time?

And thus apply this flawed economic/business mentality to the overall economy:

What if that's every economic interaction and transaction in the economy? That you're not sure you're going to be delivered what you asked? That one party says they're going to do "X" and only 50% of the time does so? To a certain extent this is already happening. Ikea promising couches that never were. Universities promises educations/career that would never pay. Target promising fat women men will inevitably some day like them. But aside from the obvious and INCREDIBLE economic costs, not to mention all the added costs it takes to clean up these messes, what about the psychological toll people will pay living in this incompetent, mad, Ikea world?

Thankfully, I am a minimalist. Thankfully, I am old. And thankfully, I no longer care about society or the economy. I am going to spend the rest of my days laughing at stupid people making stupid mistakes and screaming at the sky for problems brought about by

their own stupidity. But if you are smarter than the average bear and wish to avoid the pain and agony of this Ikea Economy that cometh, may I strongly recommend you minimize the amount of stuff you need, the number of people you rely on, and prepare yourself psychology for the incompetence that is about to ensue?

Check out Aaron's other cool stuff below!

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Psychologists are Not to Be Trusted

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I don't think I'll ever come up with such a scam as psychology or "psychologists."

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Can sign up here.

Why Genius Kids Hate School

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Turd Flinging Monkey had a great segment on his latest show that I think would be of benefit to everyone. It's starts at the 4 Hour 41 Minute mark and continues to the rest of the show. Consider tuning in because it's more than just "normies stupid, and I hate school" but about value, how society is completely designed against smart people, and how your past is you.

Man Goes to Where Work Is. Hailed National Hero

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Point and purpose of media called into question. More "not news" at 6.

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This is just a link for a client. Readers needn't worry about it.

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Cappy's Blog Update

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Greetings Reading Agents in the Field,

As you know Cappy has been incredibly busy. There were three books published in the last 12 months, went to Miami last week, tax season, building a house, and of course moving. Combine this with the demand-pull that more content be put out via podcasting or YouTube, and further combine that with the demands of Asshole Consulting, I have had nowhere near the time to write like I did in the halcyon days of yore when bandwidth only allowed for blogging.

Thankfully, many of these long term projects have closed or are coming to a close and I will be able to return to writing more. However, it will never be as much or as frequent as the golden years of 10 years ago when I was stuck in a bank office, where I had more or less 8 hours a day to research and write some high level economic/philosophy shit.

In the meantime, if you wanted you can read through my "best of" books which are compilations of my be blog posts. This includes:

Love Letters to the Left
Top Shelf
Reserved
and
Captains' Quarterly which is a Playboy-esque magazine publication I made a shot at, but could not continue because there aren't enough pretty, reliable women to model successive issues.

Guest Post - "Overcoming Death: By Turd Flinging Monkey"

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Turd Flinging Monkey, or "TFM," has been around the interwebz for at least a decade. I thoroughly enjoy his podcast, even though I disagree with some of the key philosophical tenets of his podcast. Nobody knows precisely what he does for a living, but he is ex military, served in Iraq, was abandoned by his mother, and after have a string of bad experienced with women, has taken the rare course of action to have a "sex doll" replace women in his life. This background, combined with his dead-on economic analysis leads me to believe he is a real economist, though that is speculation.

Regardless, TFM wanted to write a guest post which I said I'd gladly post because he is a great philosopher. Below is the article "Overcoming Death" which I found interesting and undeniably true. I will link to his philosophy book "The Way of Monkey Book" below, but it is a very good meditational book you may want to consider purchasing it.

Overcoming the Fear of Death by TFM

The fear of death comes from the fear of the loss of self. We understand that our bodies are not only finite but that they require constant regeneration. Our bodies are always in a state of perpetual decay and entropy. We must consume other life-forms, be they plant or animal, to keep our mortal vessel going as long as possible. However, no amount of physical fitness or nutrition will make us immortal, and one-day mortality will catch up with us, and our bodies will give out once and for all.

Upon that moment, when our heart stops beating, our brain activity ceases, and we slip into death, we have a gnawing fear that we will cease to be, and that acknowledging the finite nature of our being, robs life of its purpose. “If we simply die and cease to exist, why bother?” is a common attitude, and to beat-back nihilism, we have invented elaborate theories regarding an afterlife. However, these theories of an afterlife must always be taken on blind faith, for nobody has ever returned from death to tell us about what comes after.

Yes, some people have had “near-death experiences” where they saw a light or had some form of experience when their heart stopped briefly, but these experiences are self-canceling because these events correspond to the person’s cultural traditions, which are internally contradictory when taken as a whole, not to mention that these are easily explained as hallucinations caused by the brain losing oxygen after the heart stops beating. When someone is being choked, their vision turns white as their brain loses oxygen (like seeing an intense light), and oxygen deprivation can lead to hallucinations as well as feelings of intense bliss. An extreme and irreverent example of this is those who practice auto-erotic asphyxiation, wherein practitioners combine oxygen deprivation and masturbation.

If you believe in some form of an afterlife, and that gives you peace and stills your fear of death, I shall not rob you of that. I'm speaking to those who find such spotty evidence unconvincing and look upon their inevitable deaths with anxiety. Allow me to still your fears and convince you of what I believe to be good news.

"You" don't exist.

But of course, You DO exist. You think! You think, therefore You are, as the philosopher said. But what are "You"? You cannot be your body, because your body is finite and mortal, so what are You? Where is the "soul" inside this biomechanical meat-suit we call the mortal body?

Many will immediately answer that the consciousness is the "You". Consciousness is the "soul". Consciousness is the "true self" that exists independent from and beyond the physical body. However, I want to ask you what being a disembodied consciousness would mean. Putting aside the entire issue of whether consciousness can exist by itself outside of a physical brain, let's just assume that our consciousness is indeed our immortal soul, and put aside everything else, and consider what a disembodied immortal consciousness would even be.

For example, you would not be able to sense anything going on in the universe. Our bodies are the bridge between our consciousness and the universe around us. Without eyes to see, ears to hear, skin to feel, mouths to taste, and noses to smell, these senses as well as the universe which interacts with us through them, would be quite unknowable to our consciousness. It would be similar to the proverbial sound of one-hand clapping, or a tree falling in the woods with nobody around to hear it. Without our bodies and thus our sensory faculties, our consciousness would be wholly ignorant of anything going on outside of itself. Neither a paradise nor an inferno would make any difference to a disembodied consciousness. Even if one were reunited with the lost souls of their departed loved ones, they would have no ability to know they were there or to communicate with them. They would be as it were, like two people laying next to one another in separate comas. They would furthermore have no ability to communicate with one another even if they somehow were made aware of the outside universe.

An additional issue with the concept of the disembodied eternal consciousness is the fact that our memories are tied to our physical bodies. This can be readily seen with dementia and Alzheimer's patients who lose their memories as their brains degenerate with age. If our memories were part of our eternal consciousness, brain damage would not cause memory loss. A clever workaround to these issues is the belief that our consciousnesses are given new "spiritual bodies" upon death, which is why ghost stories contain human-like figures who roughly resemble their mortal appearance. However, while the concept of a spirit or ghost "body" seems to solve the problem of the disembodied consciousness, it just repackages the same problem and returns you to the beginning.

If you have a “spirit body” within your physical body that is capable of sensory input and memory, then what was the point of life to begin with? If we have spirit bodies capable of everything our physical bodies are capable of, then there is absolutely no point to life whatsoever. Ironically, many religions such as the early Christian Gnostics came to this conclusion and proclaimed that material existence was evil. This belief was also held by a Christian sect in the 1800s known as the Shakers, who abstained from sex, marriage, and childbirth because they believed that sex and physical existence were impure (they didn’t last very long for obvious reasons). However, even in today’s secular society, antinatalism is very popular and widespread, often with refrains to avoid children for environmental reasons rather than spiritual ones.

When you think about it, the concept of a spiritual body doesn’t make sense and doesn’t solve any of the problems I outlined above anyway. So where does that leave us? Merely accepting that once we die, we cease to be forever and that life has no point? That isn’t my intent, but before we talk about what I believe is the answer, it is important to talk about what isn’t. However, now that we’ve swept the trash aside as it were, we can now clearly see the path before us.

The plain truth is that there is no You, and You are better understood to be part of an interconnected system of life and consciousness that is in a constant state of change. Life and Death are merely part of one another and go together. Likewise, your sense of self, your “You” does not exist without everything else that isn’t You. There is no You, there is only Everything.

I know that was probably confusing and I can feel your eyes rolling through time and space as I’m writing this, but allow me to explain by starting with things that we can verifiably prove beyond the shadow of a doubt and then make highly educated inferences into that which we can only vaguely perceive.

Science estimates that there are about 30 trillion living cells within your body right now. Of those, most of them (about 25 trillion) are blood cells, with the other 5 trillion making up your tissues and organs. However, there are about three times more microbes (bacteria cells) living in your body than you even have human cells. These microbes not only affect your susceptibility to disease and general health, but also affect your mood, food cravings, and may even affect your personality. There are 500 million neurons (brain cells) in your gut, meaning that even if you believe your consciousness resides in your brain that that relationship isn’t restricted only to the area behind your eyes and between your ears.

Why is this significant? It’s significant because You are not a singular organism, but a biosystem of 10s of trillions of living things, most of which aren’t even human cells. A way to understand this easier is to consider the Portuguese man-of-war, which is not a jellyfish (although it looks like one) but is instead a colony of organisms working together

called a siphonophore. These jellyfish-like colony organisms are much more primitive and evolutionarily distant than human beings, but the point I'm trying to help you understand that there is no singular You, and there never was. You were always a complex array of living things, similar to the siphonophores.

"So what?" I hear you saying (again through time and space). To answer this, let us return to the paradox of consciousness and I will prove to you that your entire sense of self, of individual identity, is wholly dependent on the social biosphere of everyone else and everything else around you.

Imagine being the only thing in existence. You are floating within an endless void. You have no sensory experiences because there is nothing else to interact with. There is no light to bounce off of things and carry information into your eyes. There are no vibrations to carry sound into your ears or to vibrate the nerves in your skin to produce touch. There is no space because there is nothing to compare yourself to. You could be motionless or you could be traveling at the speed of light, but with nothing to compare your current position to, space does not exist, and without space, there is no time. There is nothing … nothing … forever.

Who are you?

What are you thinking about?

Are you alive?

The answers to these questions demonstrate the profound truth that I disclosed earlier. There is no You. There is only Everything. It is only via our relationships with everything else that we are even capable of having a sense of self, a sense of identity. Our environment and our social connections with other people are the microbiomes that we exist in just as the 10s of trillions of living cells exist within our microbiome within our bodies.We are uniquely situated in the middle of all things that we can observe and appreciate this fact, and we can take serene comfort in understanding that as a part of everything, our illusory identity is no more significant than the food you ate.

Think of all the life you consume to stay alive. Even if you're a vegan and only eat plants, the plants are still living things. Life requires death, and they go together like opposite sides of a magnet. Likewise self requires others. The organism requires the environment. Nothing does or can exist on its own in a vacuum any more than a valley can exist without mountains.

There is no You, there is only Everything. Call it God. Call it the Tao. Call it Azathoth. You are IT, or rather, you are an expression of IT in the same way that your physical characteristics are an expression of your DNA.

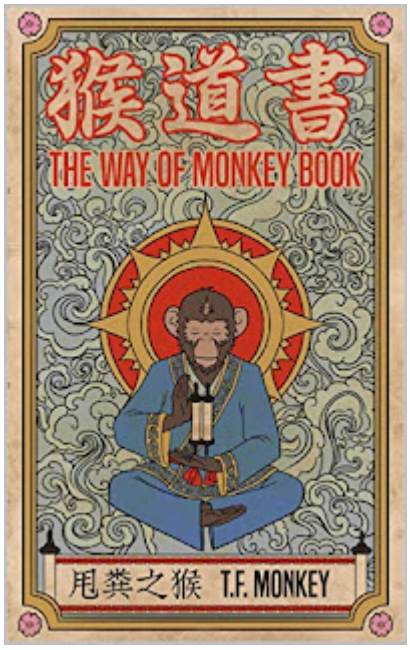
There is also a demonstrable pattern within this biosystem of life and death we call reality, and that is the constant state of change, of materials being used and recycled into new materials.

As we learned in the Lion King, while we eat the antelope, when we die our bodies become the grass, and the antelope eat the grass, and so we are all connected in the great circle of life.

Nothing lasts forever, yet nothing is wasted. Death feeds back into Life. Being is born from Non-Being. Death is merely changing, and change already happens every day. You’re not the same person you were 10 years ago, and you won’t be the same person in 10 years. One day the pattern known as You will dissolve and new patterns will emerge, and they will not be the same either.

There is nothing to fear because there is nothing to cling to.

Did you like this essay? Check out my book “The Way of Monkey Book” available on Amazon.



The College Bubble Deflates

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We may have a first generation in three that isn't crippled by student loan debt.

When Women Traded in Love for Careers

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Hope you piss blood. You deserve it.

QOTD

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From the YouTube comments, and it gives me hope:

"*Your book the black mans guide out of poverty changed my life. Went from making $24/hr to making $60+/hr. When I saw the numbers on the wealth gap I damn near wanted to murder someone. Turned that anger into intense focus and now I have my own business. But still work security at night 3x/ week to increase my wealth. I refuse to be 40+ and poor. I am in my late 20s. I will not have children because of how much they cost. I realized my mom could of been very well off if she didn't have 5 kids by 4 different guys. Thanks for opening my eyes to the lies I've been told as a young black man. The next thing I have to do is stop giving my family money. They damn neat sucked me dry financially. This BS needs to stop.*"

The Great Deprogramming Economy

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I simply do not have the time to write. Thus, while I intended this concept to be written, it's better to get the message out than not at all:

Good Morning Coronachan LIVE!

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1250PM CST! tune in!

The Price You Pay for Women: $265,000 Cash/$9.6 Million Opportunity

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Fresh and Fit did a nice little excerpt:

The Lies We Tell Our Children

March 31, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Do Not Take On or Consolidate Your Spouse's Student Loans

April 5, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

This just sounds like a fucking nightmare.

Another Dude Bro Bites the Dust

April 6, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you don't take other people's money (debt) you CANNOT have financial problems, bro.

The Conference of Masculine Excellence

April 8, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy will be speaking in Las Vegas on June 4th-6th as part of a conference put on by Donovan Sharpe. I go through the details in this video, but have also linked to the conference's main page as well as links to the standard and VIP tickets.

IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. $1,997 for VIP and $1,597 for standard, but there's 12 speakers, Joker (Better Bachelor) and Terrence Popp being just two of them.

VIP Ticket

Standard Ticket

Conference's main page

What to Consider When Moving Out of the US? How About Fat People?

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As many of you know I have always had a desire to establish a solid "Plan B" should the US ever go hard socialist, or simply (and more likely) lose it's collective social mind. And whereas originally my desire to have a "Plan B" was financial and economic, as Americans increasingly lose their collective minds, non-economic factors are taking an increasing amount of weight in my decision.

For example, I have pointed out that I want a stable culture more than I'm concerned about taxes. The reason for this is I remember the 80's and 90's where you could watch cartoons, hang out with different-race friends, and women would wear skirts. Now, many thanks to Gen X teachers and professors, everybody is obssessed about the traits they were born with, and hate those without those traits. This doesn't affect my finances per se, but it does decrease my quality of living when companies actively promote discirmination against my type/trait, while also claiming I'm to blame for all the country's problems.

But another variable has come across my mind and I'm thinking outweighs financial factors, is obesity. More specifically, how physically attractive people are.

For example, I'm currently in South Dakota smoking a cigar at a cigar lounge in Deadwood. Many of you are well aware of the financial benefits of living in South Dakota (no state income taxes) and perhaps think this is a haven for some of the last, dwindling percentages of traditional Americans that exist. And while you would be correct about both, I'm currently looking at a fat white woman's ass in front of me, while her cadre of equally fat friends are cackling and giggling about smoking cigars.

I could get up to go sit elsewhere, but it wouldn't matter because there are fat people everywhere.

People are also dressed for shit. I'm not expecting people to be in a Cary Grant movie, donning hats and Christian Dior dresses, but the untucked shirts with people's guts hanging out at the bottom (both male and female) is physically revolting, and drastically lessens my quality of living than paying another 1% of my income in a tax.

As you may know, one of my next major projects is to travel the world and find a country that would make for a good plan B. And while I have a spreadsheet with about 20 variables, all ranked and weighted, I need to reprogram it to factor in the physique of the people who live in different countries.

Thankfully, left-leaning and no doubt feminist Wikipedia has a GREAT link that ranks countries by obesity AND it allows you to sort it by male or female. There is of course a general correlation between men and women's obesity in various countries, but the point is that in addition to cultural stability and taxes, you should seriously consider a country

that at least isn't a fat, slovenly, ugly, pig-hole like the US. It may not be apparent, but seriously stop and take the time to consider what fat, ugly people do to your mood and thus enjoyment of life.

The Father Was Not Available for Comment

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Strong and brave and don't need no independent fish bicycle trademark.

Cappy is Going to Be Speaking in Vegas

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As some of you may already know I am part of Donovan Sharpe's "Conference on Masculine Excellence" which will be held in Vegas from June 4th to the 6th. There will be 12 speakers including Terrence Popp, Better Bachelor, Greg Adams, Myron Gaines and several others.

As some of you also could surmise, it is very expensive. A standard ticket costs $1,597 while an VIP ticket costs $1997, however some of those costs are recouped in that you get free lodging and some meals included with it.

For the most part the majority of my audience would probably not get their money's worth on account most of you are somewhat seasoned veterans and (thankfully) probably know about 85% of the knowledge to be shared. Additionally, most of you men are no longer interested in chasing tail (or at least putting it at the center of your life) so a lot of the dating/courting topics would be of no practical use to you.

However, if you are new to the red pill/masculinity, your dad wasn't around, are just recently divorced, then this seminar would be for you. Yes it is expensive, but you will easily have to spend about 500 hours across all the different topics, platforms, and speakers, to get the general knowledge that is going to be conveyed at this conference. And when you compare that to the $40,000 a year you're being forced to spend on worthless classes through college and university, this is not only a steal, but an investment that will pay A LOT higher dividends than your "Sports Marketing" degree.

If you're interested you can purchase tickets through my affiliate link here.

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Thin Women as a Measure of a Society's Sanity

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It is no secret that the ole Captain is putting together a "Plan B" for when enough of the US population turns parasitic and implements a fully socialist economy (or at least tax system). This has prompted Cappy to dust off his ole economist skills wherein he's gone out and researched a ton of candidate countries in which he may set up future stakes.

The variables I've used so far are ones you might suspect. Debt to GDP. Government spending as a % GDP. Crime rates per 100,000. Kilometers of road per person. Etc. etc. But as my research and data compilation progressed, I started realizing my main concern wasn't so much financial, as much as it was stability, security, and ultimately happiness. Naturally, you would want lower taxes, but given how the US is now more prone to riots, looting, tent cities, adults shitting in the streets, and is supporting nearly two full generations of adult-children who are incapable of being functional adults, I'm more concerned about the overall functional integrity of the US than I am a 45% tax rate. Additionally, (and mark my words as this will increasingly become the case for most productive Americans) I am placing more and more value on my mental health as I see psychopathic behavior not only be tolerated, but celebrated in America, largely by the left. The US IS becoming Idiocracy, but not the funny type of Idiocracy. The evil, psychopathic, kill-those-people-because-I-blame-them-for-my-mistakes type.

This has moved the emphasis in my research from economics to cultural stability. I no longer am too concerned about tax rates as much as I am things like the age of the country, the stability of it's culture, racial homogeneity, even if said racial homogeneity would be bigoted against me as (for example) in Japan. I may be considered a "Gaijin" in Japan, but the Japanese people will at least keep the lights on, continue as an industrialized 1st world country, leave me alone, and not allow full-grown adults to defecate in their streets.

However, there was an accidental third variable I came across while shopping at Wal-Mart. And I hadn't realized just how much this variable affected my mental state and overall standard of living. Because as I dealt with slow driving morons not knowing where they were going to park, or seeing the bloated single mom park her ass in the middle of an aisle I needed to get through, or the obese older man with sweat seeping through his shirt as he chose which XXXXL large shirt he'd buy for $5, I realized...

"Ugly people piss me off."

At first this may sound mean or offensive, but what we are talking about is an economic concept called "negative externalities."

For example, if you ever visit the University of Minnesota's "west bank campus" prepare to have your eyes raped with some of the world's most horrific and ugly 1970's architecture. Sure there is a specific financial and economic cost/value associated with the construction of those buildings. Sure, there are specific rent values associated with those buildings. But unaccounted for in all the debits and credits that went into those buildings, they are an eye sore and lower the standard of living of anybody that has to see them.

Another example, noise in bars or restaurants.

Today, you cannot simply go to a restaurant or a bar and not have your ears assaulted by a cacophony of noise. Modern pop music HAS to be played. 40 television screens showing all the sportsball games MUST be shown. And just as you're about to take a bite out of a bacon cheeseburger because it's your cheat day, some fuckwit announces over the PA that "BINGO is about to start!!! Everybody get your cards ready!!!" None of these noises have an financial effect on the cost of the diner. But these "negative externalities" do.

And this is the epiphany I had while standing in the middle of Wal-Mart. The fat people. The ugly people. The people paying with an EBT card. And the tatted up 20 something girl wearing sweatpants in public. All these people are ugly. And their physical revulsion was putting me in an incredibly foul mood.

So I went home. And upon getting home I went online and looked up "Countries by Obesity." And sure enough Wikipedia had the data I was looking for. It even allowed for you to sort by sex in case you were looking to find a svelte woman. But whereas my primary concern was to find a country where the people didn't dress like the fat, bloated pieces of shit Americans are, and instead comported themselves appropriately in public, my economic spidey senses started tingling because there was more to the obesity rate. Specifically, female obesity. And then I realized...

"*It's the mark of a mentally healthy society.*"

Revisit how mental health plays a significant role in your happiness and standard of living. And then compare it to the psychological shit show the US has become. Everyday you are accused of some political sin because of your race or gender. Everyday productive, sane people are being blamed for mistakes of the stupid, idiotic, even

criminal. We're so pampered you got Millennials and Gen Z'ers blaming their problems on (largely) made-up mental illnesses like "social anxiety disorder" and "ADHD." And those same generations are so delusional they create "designer-genders" they can choose from so they can feel special. But the real psychological tax, the real mental toll is the one we all pay when we've lied to the genders about themselves, resulting in the very real sex war we have going on. And while blaming people X for people Y's problems, pitting the sexes against each other in a borderline-hot war has done the most (I'd argue anyway) to destroy the mental health of American society.

Women are now being forced to choose between rushing into a marriage or getting their eggs frozen because we've lied to them and told them their career was of ultimate importance.

Women (and men) are crippled with unacceptable levels of debts for degrees that are completely worthless, which unfortunately ruins the rest of their financial lives.

Men are being told that leftist politics are more important than hitting the gym, becoming a man, getting a good career, and keeping good finances in order to get women.

And it is so psychotic, so wrong, so far removed from reality, that women actually think big is beautiful (or at least think they're going to shame men into overriding 2 million years of genetic hard-wiring to all of the sudden like Amy Schumer).

And this says NOTHING about the resentment, anger, frustration, even outright hatred BOTH sexes have for one another, nor the fact it's PERFECTLY LEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SEX (that would be men).

There are certainly many, many, MANY other society-wide mental issues the American people have, but no society in the history of the world can survive where one sex is so adversarial or hating of the other.

And thus why "Female Obesity Rates" was moved to the top position of my variable list.

Though it doesn't address everything, women who are thin are an incredible sign of cultural stability and sanity.

First, it shows half the population is not warring with the other half. They are working together and (unlike most of the western world) it shows both sexes understand and acknowledge there is another sex with requirements, demands, etc.

Second, familial stability. It is a laughable lie that families do not need their fathers. And while the American horse is out of the barn on this one, there are countries out there where the nuclear family is still intact. And since the nuclear family is intact, so is the rest of society. You may not agree with the theocratic laws set forth by the theocracy in Dubai or Bahrain, but they don't have full grown adults shitting in the streets. You may not like the "patriarchical culture" of Korea, but crime is very low. When women like men, or at least are willing to work together instead of against each other, not only are people happier, but better families are formed, and thus better societies.

Third, economic growth. Though admittedly I have not done a study on this, I'm going to bet my left nut that if you did, countries with thinner women tend to grow faster than

fatter ones. The reason is very simple - female youth and beauty is what drives men to produce. And though lower taxes is incentive enough for everybody to work more, a nice pair of T&A is going to prompt men more than a 2% tax cut (no matter how "distasteful" that may sound).

And last, but not least, better mental health due to a POSITIVE externality.

A friend of mine visited Slovenia and could not believe not only how thin women were, but how they dressed in public. They were all in dresses (or so he told me), all in heels, presented themselves in a very feminine manner, and obesity was the exception, not the rule. I asked him about the guys (which he admitted to not paying too much attention too), but he did recall they were equally well dressed and well-groomed, making for an overall much more attractive population. And while no doubt I would have a preferential interest in Slovenian women over the men, I can guarantee you I'd be in a lot better mood (and thus enjoying a much higher standard of living) being surrounded by Slovenians than the slovenly slobs in America.

No doubt, many of you are looking to move overseas as well. And no doubt, your primary concern would be that of economics and politics. But as you're pouring over spreadsheets and data and OECD reports and the like, may I recommend you add Female Obesity to your analysis? It may increase your standards of living more than a 5% tax rate.

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Advice for Weak Men

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Allow me to regale you with a tale.

Several years ago I was receiving the same question from men about once a week. Sure, each individual man would word his question differently than the others, but it all boiled down to the same question:

"How do I get da gurlz?"

At first I answered this question gleefully because I was getting paid and I am a whoooooore. But after a while these questions started grating on me and became so annoying, I had to ask myself why. WHY were these questions becoming so annoying?

In part it was because I was answering the same damn question time and time again, with slight variances depending on the client and his individual circumstances. But regardless of the different flavors or variations of these questions, what I found particularly angered me was that all the men asking this question had one thing in common;

They were cowards.

They were weaklings.
They didn't want to (as my colleague Rich Cooper says) "do the work."
In other words, they didn't want to truly know "How to get da gurlz." They wanted to know "How do I get da gurlz ***easily***?" "How do I get the gurlz ***without work***?" "What are the individual actions in terms of grooming, income, speech, fashion, and other things that aren't hitting the gym – that I can do – that will result in me getting da guurrrlzzza." In short they wanted the short cut to girls, the cheat code to girls, the algorithmic code to girls so they could avoid the gym, dieting, working hard, and above all else the courage it takes to face rejection and just magically "poof" the gurlza are ripping your clothes off.

Once I found out that THIS was the real question and it was weak, cowardly, lazy men asking it, I did a universal video that answered this question on YouTube, scathing men for asking such a question. I said there were no short cuts, you needed to hit the gym and diet, and that they were pathetic, lazy, losers always in search of the easy way to success, of which there is none. And until they were committed to "doing the work," they would never "get da gurlza." Henceforth, I have yet to receive one more question on

“How do I Get Da Gurlza.”

But unfortunately we find ourselves in a simular situation now. Because like the question “How do I get the gurlza” I am now getting similar questions that may not be identical, but they certianly rhyme, and they're certainly starting to piss me of. And after sitting down and thinking it through, I have identified not only what the core question is these new men are asking, but that these men also do NOT want a solution to their question unless it is cost free, effort free, labor free, and risk free. And that question is:

“Can somebody else live my life for me?”

To understand the nature of this question, as well as the solution to it, we need to understand the background of the men who are asking me this question, as well as the millions of young American men who ask themselves this question every day.

In short, the United States, as well as the west in general, is suffering a crisis of failed parenting. Boomer and Gen X parents simply did not prepare their children for the real world because parenting is hard. They opted instead the easier route of outsourcing their parenting to day care providers, schools, politicians, and media. Fathers, whether present in the family or not, divorced or not, nuclear or not, simply did not take the time to educate their children about the harsh realities of life, and therefore did not prepare their children for the real world. And so after shirking their duties to their children, and letting the public schools install the philosophical life-living operating system in their childrens' minds that is called socialism, feminism, victimhood, and entitlement, we have now released two woefully-ill prepared generations of children (Gen Z and Millennials) into the real world. And the results have been disastrous.

For example, I wrote the book “How Not to Become a Millennial” because we have an entire guinea pig generation as a testament as to what happens when your parents, essentially, lie to you or at least don't tell you the truth. You have listless, purposeless adults who can't support themselves, living at home until they're 35, or certainly relying on their parents' (or government's) financial support. We have generations of adults with completely worthless degrees, and with the life-crippling student debts that come with them. The mental health of this generation is the worst in history (though measures show Gen Z is on track to beat the Millennials in this endeavor). And of particular interest to both men and women of these generations is each other as (uncomfortable as this may sound) sex and family formation is the ultimate reason the human race is here. Both of which are in rapid decline as we witness and experience a hate-filled “War of the Sexes,” the ferocity of which the world has never seen.

And though the above largely speaks to millennials, it is this environment that results in the empty, listless vessels we have as young men today. Men who have no point or purpose in life. Men with no ambition or work ethic. Men who have not a single line of adulthood coded into their operating system. And these men, who once dumped into the real world and forced to wander the desert for several years, inevitably come to my doorstep and ask me “What should I do with my life?”

But keep in mind it is not merely young, inexperienced men, seeking the wisdom of an

older brother figure. It's not some young kid who has done his researched, worked some entry level jobs, kind of has some life goals set, but wants advice from a seasoned man on how to achieve them. No, it is once again that legion of “weak men” who above all else DEMAND an easy solution above actual success in life. And after thinking this through, there are several traits that differentiate these weak men, from their real young men counterparts, allowing you to spot them a mile away.

First, they are young, typically in their mid 20's and confused as the artificially cushy environment of school is no longer shielding them from the real world, and the promises of their teachers, parents, media, and politicians never materialize.

Second, they have worthless degrees or educations, often partially completed, indicating a lack of work ethic, critical thinking, and the absence of a father who should have told them better.

Third, they are physically unappealling and unattractive women. They are overweight, fat, skinny-fat and do not exercise. They fear the gym more than anything else.

Fourth, along with poor physical health, they invariably have some kind of mental illness such as “social anxiety disorder,” “ADHD,” “Autism,” or “general depression.”

Fifth, their finances are poor.

Sixth, related, they live at home OR AT MINIMUM are financially dependent upon their parents or the government.

Seventh, despite being a quarter century old, AND SOMETIMES HOLDING A COLLEGE DEGREE, they STILL don't know what to do in life either for education or a profession.

Eighth, they then barf out a litany of potential professions they want me to personally research and analyze, none of which they've researched themselves.

Ninth, they also say, “I want to start a business.”

And finally, despite being the epitomal definition of a loser who offers no value of anything to anyone, they laughably....

Tenth, tell me they're not really good with girls and ask how to get a girl.

And so, when I get a request from one of these weak men, I already know the question they are going to ask. They are going to ask me to make all their life decisions for them. They are going to ask me to do the research, do the homework, and give their lazy, NPC minds the instructions and cheat codes to life. What to study. What to become professionally. How to leave home. How to get out of debt. How to make friends. How to make “six figs.” How to “get da gurlza.” BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE – AND THIS IS KEY

AS LONG AS IT TAKES NO WORK OR EFFORT.

And so just like “how do I get the gurlza” I am going to answer the general, over-arching question, “Can you live my life for me?” of which there are 8 main categories these questions fall into, requiring 8 main general answers.

Question #1 – What Should I Do for a Living?

Nobody but you is going to live your life. But if you insist on other people making your

decisions for you because you are too weak and lazy to do it yourself, then you are foisting an unnecessary chore and burden on other people – managing your life. And if you insist on having other people make your decisions for you, then you are effectively a slave and your new “owner” has every right to the money or profit you generate, or at least a managerial fee. So if you need to be told what to major in, what to become as a profession, where to live, what to eat, and which hand to wipe your ass with – no, you are not a human. You are a slave, a robot, an NPC. And the person managing your life is owed compensation.

But more pertaining to the question “What should I do for a living?” even this question is moot because if you're so lazy you have to ask other people to do the research for you to find out what you actually should do for a living, it doesn't matter if you major in chemical engineering or brain surgery – you lack the work ethic to do ANYTHING, let alone a real profession. So go sell cell phones at a mall kiosk. Be a cashier at Kwik Trip or Mavericks. Collect some stimmie checks. Do meth. Play video games. Watch pron. Read Oprah. Or fake having a mental illness so you can collect disability. You are simply incapable of being a professional at anything. So give up the endeavor.

Question #2 – What Type of Business Should I Run?

Akin to question #1, if you can't figure out what kind of business to start you lack both the work ethic and entrepreneurism required to run a business. Furthermore, realize that in asking that question, it is the antithesis of being an entrepreneur. Entrepreneurs don't ask other people what to do, they lead and strike out on their own. What you're really asking is “Is there a way I don't have to work for a living or work for a boss? Something easy, but where I can still make six figs?” of which the answer is no. Any token amount of time, effort and resources you put into running, starting, or buying a business will be wasted, further worsening, if not crippling your finances. So don't start “drop shipping bro” and no you're not “buying a bar dude,” and no you are not an “entrepreneur” if you are in some MLM scheme. You are a loser always looking to avoid work, and you will likely worsen your finances pursuing some profitless hobby.

Question #3 – What Should I Study?

Here I understand because your father's weren't around, your mothers didn't know any better, and your teachers are truly stupid people, why this question is a valid one. Young people are so propagandized to “follow your heart and the money will follow” or “any degree is a good degree” that you are practically channeled like cattle to the slaughter house of worthless liberal arts and social science degrees.

But some of you are smart enough to know better. Many of you are considering STEM degrees or accounting or the trades or perhaps even the military.

But these are not the weak male clients I am talking about. You guys actually have done some research about various degrees and come up to me asking, “I”m kicking around mechanical engineering vs. computer science. I'm really having trouble picking between the two. Any thoughts?” And those are legitimate questions.

The weak men who want others to lead their lives for them BARF up a score of different

degree or training program options, wanting you to spend the days researching each option for them. And like having somebody else decide what your profession should be, means you lack the work ethic to succeed in any profession, randomly barfing up a bunch of degrees and then asking somebody else which to major in, proves you are not capable of majoring in any of them.

Save yourself the money. You aren't smart enough or hard-working enough to go to college.

Question #4 – How Do I Get Out of Debt?

The short answer to this is “You work two jobs and spend less than you make. Maybe you even have to move back home. But you gear up for at least two years of hell where all you do is work and save your money, while cutting expenses to only the necessities.”

There, I have once again solved yet ANOTHER economic problem that has plagued society since existence.
But once again, that solution is hard and “weak men” who invariably have a car loan or lease they can't afford do not want to work 80 hours a week, let alone 40, let alone spend less than they make. And no matter how factual it is working two jobs and spending less than you make is the ONLY way to get out of debt, every weak man will refuse that solution because it is not easy.

That's alright, enjoy being a part time slave to the banks and credit card companies for the rest of your life because you are so deathly afraid of putting in the labor to pay back the money you took from other people.

Question #5 – How Do I Leave Home?

When I get this question, it's particularly funny because it's always invariably couched within, “My parents tell me what to do/who to date/give me a curfew/force me to go to college, but I'm 23 years old! I'm an adult! How do I get them to stop telling me what to do???”

And then I ask, “Well are you living at home?”

“Yeah.”

“Well then move out.”

“But I can't afford rent.”

WELL THEN I GUESS YOU'RE YOUR PARENTS' BITCH THEN, HUH?

Like “how do I get out of debt” the answer is the same for “How do I move out of my parents' house?”

You work two jobs, you spend less than you make, you find a cheap place to live, and then you move out.

Again, this solution falls on deaf ears on account it is not an easy solution, which is the first, foremost, and most vital part to any solution these weak mean seek and demand.

Question #6 – I'm Depressed/How Do I Make Friends?

Here, like college degrees, I can understand some of these questions are legitimate. In part because young men do face a depressing social environment. In part because your parents, teachers, and guidance counselors failed to give you reasons, goals, purpose, and meaning to live in life. Your peers are also mal-raised and mal-adapted to the real world. And lord knows how many of you were put on prescription drugs to treat “anxiety” or “depression” when you were younger.

So I do have a sympathetic ear to young men who are depressed or lacking a social life because your situation IS depressing and your peers ARE depressing.

But when I ask the client “do you go out?” “Are you joining any meetup groups?” “What hobbies do you have?” “How many girls did you ask out this week?” And most importantly, “Do you work out?”

The answer is no. They sit at home, their social life is on social media. The have no hobbies that require the participation of others. And they are playing video games, watching pron, instead of getting in a daily run or hour at the gym.

No amount of working out, socializing, and meet up groups will change the fact that the environment young people today live in is in fact tremendously depressing. But if you are not going to go out, find some hobbies, find some people, and work out to release the endorphins your body/mind so desperately needs, you will remain a cheeto horking, video game playing, obese NEET in your mom's basement, friendless and forever depressed.

Question #7 – How Do I Lose Weight?

How do you think?

I love this question because it's like the human race hasn't known since it's entire existence how food, calories, and exercise works. It's also the longest running tragic comedy in the US where women will try anything and everything EXCEPT eating less and exercising more in an effort to lose weight, condemning now three generations of women to never lose weight, but die trying.

Regardless, we once again see the prime directive of these weak men (and women). 60% of young people are overweight. Everybody would like to lose weight, but not if it's hard on account that violates the prime directive of “It must be easy first, actually success is second.”

I simply refuse to give fat, weak men advice on how to lose weight. You know how, you're just asking for the easy way. If you all really want to lose weight, then I'd suggest you implement the religion of communism young people are so fond of and watch the pounds fall off of everybody.

And finally…

Question #8 – How Do I Get the Girls?

I find this question hilarious.

Here you have a weak man who is

overweight,

lives at home,
has a worthless degree,
is unemployed,
is in debt,
is mentally ill,
whose social awkwardness frightens young women,
and who is so lazy he needs another man to tell him what to major in or what to do in life, yet, this veritable loser who is the COMPLETE ANTITHESIS of what women want, inevitably and always asks me “how do I get da gurlza.”

It's hilarious NOT because it's a weak man seeking the cheat code to girls. It's hilarious because these “men” think they are in any kind of social, physical, financial, or mental condition to date. They actually think they have value to women. And when I am invariably asked this question after a litany of work-avoidant questions, I have to laugh and say, “Are you kidding me??? No, you are in no condition to present yourself to some poor girl to date. You don't even know who you are, where you want to live, what you want to do. You live at home, you're in debt, you have no employable skills. Additionally you are fat, weak, and ugly. You are not going to insult a woman, let alone bother her by presenting your completely worthless self to her. Until you get the rest of your life together, until you become a real man who is in physical shape, do not even waste your time chasing girls.”

There are certainly other sub-questions within the realm of “Aaron, make my life choices for me” but there is a larger philosophical issue at hand. A question that every weak man in America and the west needs to ask himself:

Regardless of your brainwashing, upbringing, indoctrination or childhood, do you want to waste the rest of your life being the loser that you are? We can spend all day blaming teachers, parents, media, leftists, politicians, mental illnesses, etc., for your pitiful place in life, *but I do not think for one second* all the weak men (as well as weak women) DO NOT KNOW what the solutions are to all their problems in life. Everybody knows that to lose weight you need to eat less and exercise more. Everybody knows that to get out of debt you need to work more and spend less. Everybody knows liberal arts degrees are a horrific waste of money compared to an engineering degree. And everybody knows that girls like tall men with big muscles, no matter what they claim otherwise.

The real issue is whether your desire to actually succeed in life and these endeavors is STRONGER than your fear of the work and toil required to succeed in them. And this is the MOST IMPORTANT DECISION YOU NEED TO MAKE NOW. Because if your fear of work is stronger than your desire to succeed in life, then at least do yourself the favor of no longer torturing yourself, impossibly desiring both. If your fear of exercise is more powerful than your desire to have sex with a beautiful woman, then ADMIT THAT and STOP trying to “get da gurlz.” You will save yourself an inoordinate amount of strife and frustration. If your fear of working for a living is stronger than your desire to be financially

independent, then unburden yourself with the chore of going to college or researching a profession. If your fear of having to support yourself is stronger than your desire to no longer live at home, then resign yourself to having your parents force a curfew on you at 27 years old. And if you fear the math and rigorous studying that goes into a STEM degree, invest the money you would have spent pursuing a worthless college degree instead into a house or the stock market.

But if you actually DO want to live life, if you actually DO want to be successful in life, then get your head out of your ass and stop asking for the short cuts and cheat codes to life that DO NOT EXIST. Like millions of 40+ something Americans today whose lives are effectively over, you will waste your one-and-only life chasing the false promises of diet pills, worthless college degrees, fat acceptance, careerism, radical-yet-sexy political ideaologies, entitlement, UBI, Oprah books, the opposite sex “liking you for you,” or whatever other valueless propagandist slop society is serving to you.

Unless you were born into wealth, ALL SUCCESS comes from hard work, labor, and toil. And if you wish not to piss away this one and finite life you have, this incredibly short blip of conscientious existence God or the universe has given you, stop looking for the easy way, stop looking for the short cut, get off your ass and go make your life worth something. Because until you do that, your life ultimately won't matter.

BOOKS AND RESOURCES

My Books and Resources:
Bachelor Pad Economics https://amzn.to/3ueNK0w

Minimalism Seminar
https://theclareyschoolofeconomicphilosophy.teachable.com/purchase?product_id=3134480
Worthless https://amzn.to/2QIhwNE
Poor Richard's Retirement https://amzn.to/3valPAi
Consulting http://www.AssholeConsulting.com
Other People's Books and Resources:

The Rational Male by Rollo Tomassi https://amzn.to/3fISzdm

Unplugged Alpha by Rich Cooper https://amzn.to/2QKC1td
The Way of Men by Jack Donovan https://amzn.to/3fHUq1Z
Pushing Rubber Downhill by Adam Piggott https://amzn.to/34aUmCQ
“How to Get Da Gurlza:”

Troy Francis - https://linktr.ee/realtroyfrancis

Modern Life Dating Strategies https://www.modernlifedating.com/
Rian Stone – FUCC Files https://amzn.to/3ueV508
Donovan Sharpe https://www.youtube.com/c/DonovanSharpe
The Book of Numbers:
https://www.amazon.com/Book-Numbers-Analyzing-Pursuit-Women/dp/B08TJ5JJJB/
Fresh and Fit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5sqmi33b7I9kIYa0yASOmQ

Rule Zero

Because Of Course She Should Sue Her Employer

May 26, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Because anything to avoid a real job.

Cappy Visits The Great One

May 26, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Join the old man banter.

July Will Return to Normal

June 8, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Writing will return to a semi-normal cadence starting in late July. Too much work and other projects have taken my time from writing, but most of these projects have ended or are nearing completion.

"Achieving Minimalism" Now Open for Enrollment

June 8, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

My seminar that is designed to get you to finally STOP SPENDING MORE THAN YOU MAKE, is available once again. It will close at 1159PM on the 12th. If you are interested, sign up here, but also use the promo code "CAPPY" to get $50 off.

Why People Spend More Than They Make : Addiction and Genetics

June 12, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Minimalism seminar will be closing at midnight. However, in this video we delve into the underlying causes of why people spend more than they make:

The Incredible 1950's Economic Opportunity Facing Gen Z

June 14, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

It has never been so easy to get a living-wage job without a college degree than TODAY...but it won't last for long:

How All Success is Derived from the Marginal Increase in Effort

July 8, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Still working on the house. Normal writing and broadcasting will return in September. In the meantime I was on Rule Zero where we talked about how success is derived from additional effort above and beyond the "normal" effort normal people put forth.

Lastest Older Brother Podcast is Out!

July 9, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Chad and I banged out a quick 15 minute podcast.

MP3 here.
Youtube here.
Soundcloud here.

The Rant Every Pussy Millennial and Gen Z'er Needs to Hear

July 11, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

No, you are not mentally ill.

You are just a pussy.

Dear American Restaurants, If You're Closed How About YOU TURN OFF YOUR FUCKING OPEN SIGN???????

July 19, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

God I'm hating the stupid people.

"Achieving Minimalism" Course Now Open for Enrollment

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Enrollment will close at 1159PM on the 25th. It is $450 base price, but Teachable is now charging state sales tax. Use discount code "CAPPY" to get $50 off to compensate for those taxes. Sign up below by clicking on the calm, relaxing tree.

Cappy and Terrence Popp in Vegas

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So Bad Popp and I did a meandering through the strip in Vegas during Donovan Sharpe's convention. Blake recorded it and put the Rated NG (Not Google) version up. Enjoy as Cappy continues his vacation!

The Economic Efficiency Loss of the Day - Kowalski's

July 27, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Ne'er a Man Confused Again

July 30, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The Thinking Ape

I was binging on Thinking Ape. And one of his videos struck a chord with me more than most. This particular video was titled "Readjusting to Reality" and the point he was making was one of how different generations of men consumed the red pill, as well as the red pill rage that ensued. The boomer men believed that marriage vows were sacrosanct and trusthworthy, only to get divorced in the 70's and 80's. Gen X'ers believed in such poppy cock as "follow your heart and the money will follow" or "the sensitive 90's man" only to have even worse results than their boomer fathers. And older Millennial men were even worse off than that, believing a limitless amount of femi-commi-soy-prop that turned them into the most miserable and unsuccessful group of American men ever.

But when it came time to discuss Gen Z or younger millennials, he had an astute and optimistic point:

That in order to have red pill rage you first needed to be lied to and, consequently, have a significant percent of your life wasted. And whereas lies have cost nearly every Gen X'er their youth and Millennials their entire lives, the same could not be said for Gen Z for one simple reason - the internet made it impossible to be lied to for long.

Thinking Ape then continued to make the point that without having lies cost them their youth, Gen Z was not quite as capable of red pill rage, because they really weren't all that misled in the first place. They grew up where all the world's knowledge AND OPINIONS were available on the internet, and if things didn't seem to make sense, they'd just google it and find the answer/truth. And so instead of going to college for worthless degrees, "being themselves" to "get da gurlz," agreeing with women to have their peens touched, and working really hard to make "six figs" to "get da gurlz," Gen Z men have more or less tapped out. Either retreating to a world of video games, living at home, and

a general non-participation in society - or - significantly investing in themselves via careers, hobbies, and nomadism, but only themselves. Rarely investing a minute into the pursuit of women.

And whereas his point was brilliant and certainly an assessment of reality that needed to be made, I don't think he realized just what a huge benefit this has been to Gen Z men. Namely, the lack of confusion in their lives.

No Man Shall Ever Be Confused Again

Rarely do I point out good news, because...well...there isn't much. Socialism, feminism, tyranny, traitism, and outright insanity are infecting and ultimately destroying western civilization. People are willingly voting themselves into slavery. Women (more or less) hate or at least dislike men. And the culture sucks. But while many of us in the red pill/manosphere/MGTOW/etc., community bemoan this loss and see nothing good, there is a very thick and very bright silver lining to these clouds. Because whereas you, me, and any other man over 30 suffered greatly during our youth (and perhaps even today), that will not be the case for men going forward as long as the electricity is on powering the internet.

Reminisce, if you will, the first time you got stood up. You were probably a young teen, didn't know anything about girls, but you knew that "Susie" said yes to a date and would meet you at the movies at 650PM. It was now 710PM and there you stood with two tickets that cost you a full weekend of mowing lawns to afford. Worse still you had no such conveniences like cell phones or texting to find out where Susie was. You would call via pay phone, but there would be no answer. And if it was the 90's you may have gotten voicemail. And this would repeat itself on an industry-average of 70% of the time a girl said yes to a date. And of course you would either be completely ghosted or given some lame excuse like "OMG, my best friend just broke up with her boyfriend and needed me that night" when you inquired "why did you stand me up?"

Reminisce again about the maddening experience it was actually dating. Drama, temper tantrums, being late, suicide threats, crying, whining, and the favorite American pasttime of all men -a girl who just wouldn't talk on a date. And how many of you can say even 25% of the LTR's you had in your dating career were anything but painful and a complete waste of time?

And let's say you did get lucky. You found a girl, fell in love, she fell in love with you and you had kids...only to have her divorce you and destroy the family in the process. And don't even get me started about the latest fad of false rape accusations.

I don't need to rehash the entire American male dating/courting experience, but in the analog past it was filled with DECADES of pain, agony, confusion, and misery. Women lied to men. Society lied to men that they were being lied to. And men were driven insane trying to figure out what was wrong with them in the process. But not anymore. And never again, because every man from Gen Z on will never have to suffer even a fraction of what their forefathers did. All they have to do is search a question on the internet and they will find the library of work left to them by Red Pill pioneers. They have

access to a completely recompiled, modernized, and accurate model of how the sexes work. They are fully cognizant of what drives female behavior. They are ACUTELY aware of the risks of marriage (as marriage rates plummet). And as evidenced by the likes of Jack Napier, TJ Martinell, or any young man who is putting their success ahead of their pursuit of women, these men will

achieve at 30 what we did by 50
be infinitely better off financially than we ever were
spare themselves the torture of divorce
and above all else, enjoy a much saner and less-confused life

And so while many of you red pill creators may bemoan the loss of society or even mourn over you torture analog past, you'll soon realize all of your work was not in vain. We have done nothing short of sparing ***ALL FUTURE MEN*** this confusion and pain, and that is no minor feat.

The Wicked Irony of the Internet

There is, however, a very wicked irony. Because while younger men are figuring things out, avoiding mistakes we made in the past, and leapfrogging us by decades in terms of success, there is a truism about the internet. And that is the internet tells men the truth, while the internet only tells lies to women.

Of course the internet lies to both, but the point I'm making is the distinct difference each sexes' respective internet spheres tell them. If you look at the red pill community for men, it is nothing but harsh truths:

Go to the gym
Work hard and make a lot of money
Diet
Sacrifice
Go out and excel at something hard
Learn to fight
Learn to manage finances
Learn carpentry, computer repair, and auto repair
Join the military
Join the trades
Become an intellectual
Become interesting

But if you look at the female internet, it is nothing but lies:

Big is beautiful
You don't need no man
Your career comes first
Socialism/feminism/environmentalism > love
There's enough 6 foot men who earn 6 figures to go around
Someday your prince will come
You deserve a prince

It doesn't matter if you have another man's kid
You deserve student loan bailouts
Your Masters Degree in Armpit Hair Studies means you're smart
You can have kids in your 40's

And for those of you who were young men in the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's you know PRECISELY just how confusing, and thus painful, lies can be.

Of course, the confusion and pain we suffered in the past is different than the pain young...and not so young...women of today face. They can't find out where the good men have gone. They can't understand why all the men their age are fat, soy, pussy leftists. They don't understand why many hot men will sleep with them, but never marry. And I just can't imagine how confused, delusional, and ultimately pained the millions of overweight, in-debted, worthless-degreed single moms are over their lack of love lives. And worse, there has been such an investment made into convincing women of their infallibility that they will never swallow their pride and ego, which damns nearly every Gen X woman and younger to a wasted life of spinsterhood.

Whatever calories of pain and confusion men suffered in the analog past, women will suffer *to the calorie* into the future.

Enjoy the Decline

There is not much that can be done to stop this insanity and to make men and women friends, lovers, supporters and teammates again. The trillions of dollars and trillions of hours that have gone into convincing women to spend money, go into debt, sacrifice love for careers, politics, and themselves is too great for some niche sphere in the internet to overcome. There is literally nothing else to do, but crack open a beer, grab the popcorn and enjoy the decline. But while things may not be perfect and we print western civilization into hyperinflationary oblivion and we're constantly reminded about how men suck and the patriarchy is to blame, sleep well knowing we saved all future men from a fate much worse. It's not necessarily the life goal many of us had in mind while growing up as children. But it's once hell of an accomplishment.

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The Best Book (Fiction) Cappy Ever Read

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How to Destory Your Kids - Modern Day American Parenting

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This is a video request I had earlier today and though I know it will never wake up the communal consciousness of American parents, I hope it helps save some kids. But the short version is this - most parents love themselves more than their children and will think nothing of coasting when it comes to their parental duties, even if it results in a miserable and tortured life for their kids.

I reference "How Not to Become a Millennial" many times in the video because it is germane to the topic of conversation and if you wish to have future generations not become the galactic tortured fuck up of a generation the Millennials have become, I suggest you pick up that book.

Cappy and TFM on Afghanistan

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It was originally on YouTube, until I decided to take it down instead of risk violating "community standards." It is now in audio on soundcloud.

The Clarey Podcast - The "Negotiating with Children" Episode

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Cappy rants after dealing with a house full of 9 kids and parents that try to negotiate with them.

Soundcloud here.

You should be able to download the MP3 by clicking on "more" and then "download file"

How Employers Forcing Employees to Take the Vaccine will Cause Atlas to Shrug

August 31, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Cappy Hosting Rule Zero!

September 11, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Tune in this Saturday morning; 11:30PM EST!

A Life Without Family: The Bachelor Existential Crisis

September 15, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

The End of American Dining

September 15, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Why Leftist Women Will Never Find a Man

September 16, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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AKA "9 warning signs of guys."

New Posts That Turned Into Videos

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With limited time I decided that it would be best to convert some post ideas I had for the blog into videos. They are certainly not as polished as the considered and thought-out word, but it at least is getting the ideas out there. I will be consolidating them all into an MP3 and uploading them to SoundCloud for podcast listeners,but here they are for my blogging audience:

Synthetic vs. Mental Illness and Why It Doesn't Matter

Why the College Bubble Will Always Be With Us

The Church of St. Red Pill: Why The Red Pill Will Replace Church

10 Basic Rules for Basic Women on Basic Dating

A Job That Sucks, But You Can Work from Home

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As always, Alex over at Academic Composition is hiring. He's helping screw over Big Education by outsourcing your worthless homework to self-employed people on the internet. But he doesn't just need writers, he needs marketers too. So if you want to work from home...or a beach in Thailand...read his message below:

Academic Composition is looking for marketers. The gig is simple and easy to handle.

To start with, all you need to do is create a Gmail account. Then, you will need to activate your forwarding feature. We can either log into your account and do it for you or we'll send you a brief tutorial to watch. Then, you can set up a Craigslist account and post ads.

You will be paid $5 to post each ad and $5 more for each lead or each person who responds.

In a nutshell, this is the process.

1. Create a new gmail account

2. Activate the forwarding feature to send all incoming emails to aleksey.bashtavenko@gmail.com

You may either follow this tutorial or we can log into your account and do it for you.

https://youtu.be/DpHes_HgPaA

3. Use that new email address to create a Craigslist account

4. Post ads about Academic Composition: www.academiccomposition.com. We will provide you with the ads to post and show you how to post.

Compensation

1. You will post 1-2 ads per week, and you will be paid $5 for each post

2. At the end of each week, you will provide an account of all the leads that you have received, and you will be paid $5 for each lead.

3. Most of our marketers can expect to spend no more than 20-30 minutes on this task.

Email us with questions or comments at academiccomposition@gmail.com

May the Inflation Be With You…Always

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Kerry Lutz highlights where you can expect inflation in 2022. And this is why I bought some several key staples in life before it hits. Enjoy the decline!

Ranty Cappy and More

October 5, 2021 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

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Some videos for you to enjoy:

Ranty Cappy

Why You Should Lie to Women that You Have a Masters Degree

Why Your Wife Cut Her Hair Short

Maybe Your College Degree Only Qualifies You for Fast Food

What If Women Just Don't Like Men: The Economic Consequences of Women's Divestment from Men

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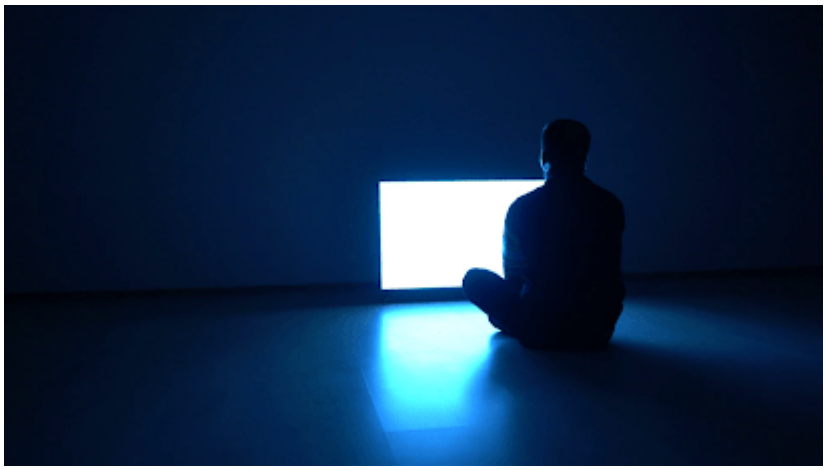


Before you read this, you may want to consider purchasing "The Book of Numbers," the statistics of which will provide a lot of context to the article below.

Economics > Women

A regret I have about my blog/podcast/internet "career" is that I had to abandon economics long ago, and in true economist form, speak about what my audience wanted me to - women. To this day I still have an intellectual interest in economics. I'm fascinated by inflation and how the past four presidents' printing presses have priced Millennials out of housing. I love how ALL financial methods of valuing stocks are now obsolete, rendering most of the financial services industry equally so. And I'm actually looking forward to sharpening my economic chops, shopping the globe for a new home-country replete with low taxes, low debt, no root beer float requirements, and low obesity rates. I would love to write about those things. But the largest, most in-demand market right now is "*whamen, ammirite?*" because half the population so desperately wants the other.

However, in all fairness, I have never really abandoned economics. Because while we can talk about international trade with China, the global price for oil, or whatever crypto-currency is doing, by far the single largest market in the world is men's desire and pursuit of women. And if you really wanted to put numbers to it, the vast majority of GDP is created as a consequence of men's pursuit of women. And if you can optimize that relationship/pursuit, you will do more to increase humanity's standards of living than the industrial and information technology revolutions combined.

This provides me a little bit of forgiveness, because in all reality we are at the ground floor of economics. We are at the atomic level of where all of economics begins. Without the original trade between men and women, no economy would ever exist. And this two-decade's-long meta study I've been a part of - called "The Red Pill" - is more important, germane, and relevant to the profession of economics than literally anything any other

economist is doing in the world right now.

And I literally mean that. The work I've done will have more ramifications for the world of economics than any other economist alive today. Not because I'm a genius, but simply because they're all fishing in the wrong hole.

And so it is with a heavy heart I share my latest sexual-economic observation or epiphany. Not because I'm a "doomer" or a "black piller" but because it's simple economic reality. And (if I'm right) the real-world ramifications of this observation are very dire indeed.

A Very Dark Thought Experiment

The current assumption or "prevailing thought" within the Red Pill community is that deep down inside women want men. But due to feminist/leftist indoctrination they receive from 5 until death, women are somehow "tricked" into spending their fertile years eschewing men, and instead pursue soulless education and careers. Furthermore, capitalism, advances in technology, and democracy have afforded women careers, as well as a welfare state, eliminating their dependence upon men. This means all relationships between men and women are now voluntary, instead of compelled, technically "freeing" women from men. But without men these poor women forgo true love and meaning in life, throwing their fertility and beauty away on careers and leftist political causes, dying angry old spinsters with cats and $250,000 in student loans for their masters in social work degrees in the end. We try to stop them, warn them, and convince them to return to traditionalism, but our care and concern are met with accusations of patriarchy and sexism instead. And thus we all conclude...

"*Whamen, ammirite?*"

But come on a journey with me, if you will, and assume what feminists say is true. That women are not, in fact, being naively duped by the promises of careerism, corporatism, and a welfare state. That women are not, in fact, after a night of night-clubbing crying into their box of wine at night, pining for a man. But instead, women not only don't need men....*but really don't want them either.*

It takes a bit of removing human emotion from yourself, but look at some statistics and facts as if you were an alien from outer space looking down at society.

First there is perhaps the most modern metric of women's interest in men - online dating analytics. Joker at Better Bachelor did a decent break down of the numbers, but the short version is that women only swipe right on 1 in every 100 men. And out of that 1%, only 1 in 100 do they ever go on a date or have relations with. I don't know about you, but if I was an actuarial alien looking down on Earth, I would view a 1 in 10,000 event as pretty convincing proof women don't really like men.

Second, if Tinder is too modern an example, perhaps the genetic history of the human race may convince you. Based on a DNA study conducted at the University of Arizona, only 5.9% of males reproduced, while nearly every female did. Admittedly, many men died in earlier times, many men were enslaved, and powerful men had concubines and harems. But even accounting for that, more modern times (1,000 years ago) show only 1

in 5 men got to pass on their genes. Again, most women seem to not like most men.

Third, online dating data and DNA are marred with their own inherent problems, but simply polling young women about their life priorities is a much more direct and accurate way to gauge their interest in men. And while there are many studies/polls, this general one from CNBC show men are fourth on the list behind career, education, and financial stability (aka - paying off her student loans). Even kids don't come into play until 7th place, and this was for women *between 30 and 45*. If men are 4th on the list when women are squarely mid-life/half-dead AND your youth and beauty is the only thing the counterparty is really interested in, it speaks volumes how little genuine interest women have in men.

Fourth, disparate sex drives and prostitution.

A common canard you'll hear from posers in the Red Pill community is that "women like sex just as much as men" - translation "*I have so much sex because I'm so alpha brah!!!*"

That is such a blatant lie I have to laugh every time I hear it. Because if women liked sex just as much as men, we would overpopulate and destroy humankind in about a generation. Additionally, the fact prostitution only goes one way for 99.9% of all transactions, is proof women do NOT like sex or men ANYWHERE NEAR as much as men like sex/women. And while methodologies are a little fuzzy on how precisely to measure men's versus women's sex drives, a rough average of 9 to 1 is good enough for ballpark standards. That 9 to 1, can be flipped to a 1 to 9 proximate of women's fractional interest in men.

Fifth, let's say "*you're alpha, brah!*" Let's say you convince a girl to marry you. Presumably, that is an admission on the woman's part that she IS interested in (at least) one man. Furthermore, she also presumably wishes to procreate with you. But whatever the act of marrying a man states about women's original interest in men, that interest is quickly eliminated once they get divorced. And with 50 percent of marriages ending in divorce, 75% of the time initiated by women, EVEN MARRYING A MAN isn't a gauge of interest. You throw in the fact that only 14% of marriages are happy, *86% of women don't even really like the man they married!* You are going to have a hard time convincing actuarial aliens from outer space that women have any interest in men when 86% of the time they choose a man "*till death do them part,*" they still end up regretting it.

And sixth, I'm always one for taking inventory of your own personal experiences. If there's anything this world has taught me, it's that society likes to lie to the individual to take advantage of them. Be that telling every young person to go to college, that you're not popular in school because you don't wear this type of shirt, or an entire generation of economists saying there is no housing bubble when there is one, modern day society will go out of its way to keep up a Potemkin Village of lies, instead of admit the truth. And so I ask every man to ask himself one simple question - have the majority of women you had an interest in treated you with kindness or interest in your past? Or indifference, aloofness, even malice or spite? And I'm going to bet the VAST majority of experiences

for the VAST majority of men have been one proving women's general disinterest in men.

You couch all of the above in the historical fact that women have for eons depended upon men for their survival, I can totally understand and see where women have no interest in men. I can even go so far as to see feminism's view that women were oppressed and needed to be freed of men (though I do not agree, I can just see their point). And I can see where disparate sex drives flood women with an annoying amount of unwanted attention, further repulsing them from men. And now that they're free - either through a career or the welfare state or both - I have to conclude that a significant percent of the behavior you are witnessing in a significant percent of women is authentic.

Sadly, a significant percent of women just don't like men. A significant percent of women, don't really want anything to do with men. And unless you are an absolute 9 or 10 (and I would argue gaussian, not linear), women really do not have an interest in your average guy or everyday Joe.

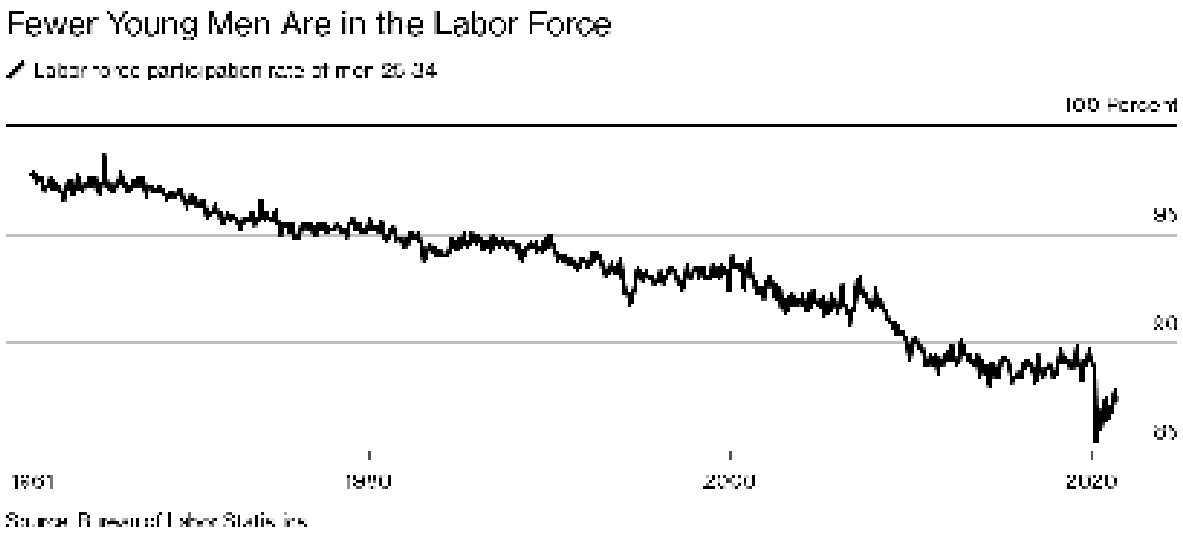
Men Going Galt

But as with everything in physics and nature, there has to be balance. And the relationship between the sexes is no different. Because whereas women have an interest in men only 11% that of men do women, unfortunately men have evolved overtime to compete and produce to get this dwindling percentage of marginally interested women. And this has resulted in the inconvenient truth that men account for

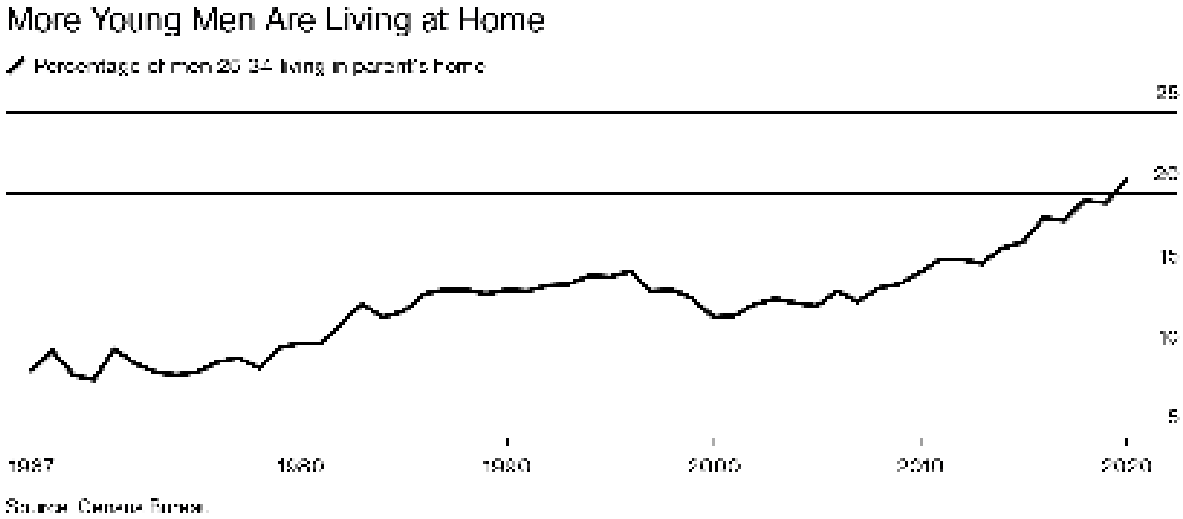
- the majority of economic production,
- an even larger percent of real economic production (carpentry, electricianship, engineering, etc.),
- and nearly ALL technological innovations.

And here we return to regular boring ole economics. Because if you haven't been paying attention to the news, women's effective and stated disinterest in men has resulted in about two generations of men increasingly going Galt. Because if they're not going to get married, fall in love, or have children, what, precisely do they have to get out of bed in the morning for?

Labor force participation for young men has been going down when, in theory, it should be stable as all young men presumably would want to get out there, start a career, and at minimum enjoy a life.



Consequently, with fewer men working, an increasing percentage of them live at home (and easily triple that live off of a subsidy from their parents). This is one of the main complaints my female clients (as well as I'm sure nearly all young women) have today about men, because how do you date (let alone marry) somebody who lives with his mother?

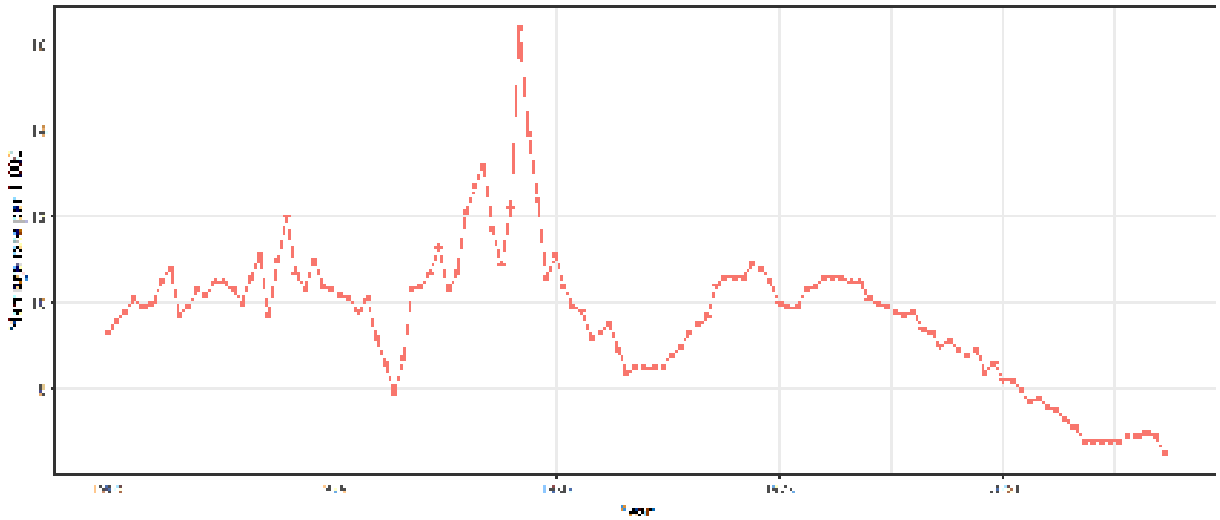


Naturally, not working, going to school, or getting some kind of training has resulted in the crisis of "economically unattractive men," causing a shortage of marriageable men. However, I cannot help but point out how women did this to themselves. The welfare state swings both ways, and when you put life on easy mode with welfare checks, student loan bailouts, stimmie checks and free healthcare, don't complain when you have (now two) generations of soyboy pussies who may vote democrat, but need to borrow money from you to pay rent. You enabled it.

Worse, soyboys who vote democrat and don't support themselves also do not produce economic growth. I'm sure Tanner strums his acoustic guitar real well with his "Music Therapy Degree" part time playing at the old folks home on a taxpayer grant. But he is less than half productive his grandfather WWII generational counterpart who was producing cars or something society *could actually use* at the factory. Consequently, in

taking away any romantic incentive men would have traditionally had to work (family, love, wife, children, etc.), you destroyed their work ethic. But it also didn't help that you paid them not to work out out blind, naive, socialist political stupidity. Thus, it should be no shock we all suffer with economic growth rates LESS THAN HALF of what we had back in the 40's-60's.

And then there is the ultimate statement a man can make about his commitment and investment in society - marriage.
I truly do believe that a certain and significant percentage of women do not like men or simply have no interest. I also believe that a certain and significant percent of women do like men and want to get married. But I also would wager most women, regardless of their interest in men, on paper want to get married. But unlike the sex market, men control the market to commitment. And here, like the economy, you see men also going Galt.



Be it seeing their old man get divorced. Their friends get divorced. Their buddy's $3,000/month payment in child support/alimony. Higher taxes. Or the simple, yet decades-long-consistent message that women didn't need them, men are exiting from the marriage market, and thus society, and thus the economy. Agreed, women may not have any interest in men. But men increasingly have no interest in marrying women. And regretful as this may be, society will not exist without men's participation in it.

The Real Kick in the Economic Groin

If the macro-economic picture painted above wasn't bad enough, it gets worse. Because whether we like to admit it or not, the truth is that men produce the majority of real stuff in the economy. If you don't believe me, try this little exercise.

List the the next 5 things you're likely going to buy. Gas, toilet paper, a massage, whatever. And also consider everything that goes into the production, manufacture, transportation, and delivery of those products. So even if it's a massage, that massage parlour requires computers, electricity, insurance, construction, furniture, etc.

Now, go to this site and move the cursor along the data points to find the professions/workers that will go into making those products. And what you'll realize is that the vast majority of workers that are going to produce those products are men.

You don't even have to consider what products you're going to buy. Just scroll along the right side of the curve and any intellectually honest person will realize that it is men who produce the lions share of anything that really matters in this economy. And on the left side - though admittedly there are some legitimate professions (nurse practitioners, sonographers, etc) - the majority of the jobs listed there are either nowhere near as vital to the economy or are complete make-work welfare job programs (social work, non-profit, etc.) that disproportionately employ women.

So not only will the nominal economy contract linearly as men retreat from the labor force, it will disproportionately affect the things we demand and need most, exponentially lowering our standards of living.

The Real Kick in the Economic Groin Part II

But it gets *even worse than that.*

Because just like women (disproportionately) voted to put life on easy mode for men, thus resulting in soft, unemployable soyboys, we also lied to now three generations of men (as well as women) about the value and veracity of their degrees.

I don't know if you're noticed, but there's a labor shortage of *skills that matter.* Ask any suburbanite soccer mom about how easy it is to find a landscaper and she will frustratingly explain to you they're booked out till next year. Ask any clean-fingernailed MBA mid-level manager about getting car repairs done, and he's frustrated his mechanic won't be able to get to his car until next month. Employers are desperate for engineers, accountants, and anybody with a modicum of talent or skill. And even getting people to show up on time seems to be a chore.

But what precisely did you think was going to happen when you propagandized generations of young men and women with the relatively female, idealistic poppycock of "follow your heart and the money will follow?" Let alone that *YOU decide what you're going to do for a living and then the rest of the world will forcibly abide???* The country is in desperate need of linemen, welders, CPA's, even simple landscapers, and you've raised a labor pool of self-righteous liberal arts majors who can't even lift a roll of sod. Worse, it's not like you can just flip a switch and "POOF" all these worthless social science majors suddenly know how to weld or program a computer. It will take AT MINIMUM 10 years of

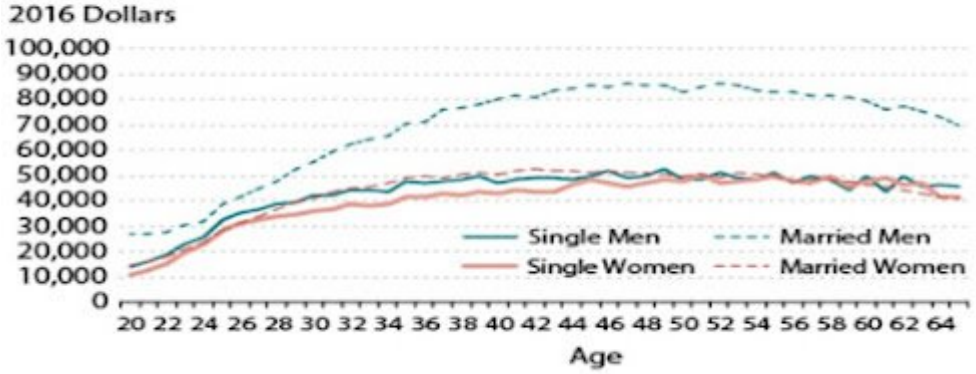
hard, dedicated retooling of people's skills as well as the entire education system. In the meantime things like your heater, car, and computer are just going to have to wait AND are going to cost a lot more. Thank god we have millions of liberal arts majors who can lecture you about racism and "the patriarchy" in the meantime.

The Real Kick in the Economic Groin Part III

And if you can imagine it.... ***it even gets worse than that.*** Because I don't know if you've ever visited the bachelor pad of a single, unemployed man in his twenties, but they can get by on VERY VERY little. Which consequently means they're going to work/produce VERY VERY little.

While Stefan Molyneux opines that men can get by on 1/10th the income a family of 4 does (and I believe him because I've lived it) a better proxy or measure might be the income differences between married and single men.

Figure 2
Wage and Salary Income of Employed Men and Women with at Least a High School Diploma, 2016, by Marital Status



SOURCE: IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota; www.ipums.org.

It depends on how old you are and where you are along your career, but generally speaking single men work (which means "produce") 39% less than their married counterparts. You may make the argument, "well that's because they have a wife and kids"

and I would argue back

"YES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A WIFE AND KIDS!"

Because the above data (as well as any unemployed, 20 something bachelor's apartment) will tell you is that without women or family, men have no incentive to work anywhere near as hard because they frankly have no reason to live aside from themselves. And this would all be fine and well if men and women equally produced things that mattered in the economy (as the proportional drop in population would require proportionally less of real economic goods and services), but since men by far are the main producers of valuable items in the economy, men's non-participation in society is going to impoverish everyone.

Yes, we can get by importing labor from overseas to do the work American men won't. Yes, we can import real goods made by (again) largely men overseas from China, etc, and can keep prices low (for now) with a world reserve currency.

But without these international trade ticks or the incredible luck of having the world's reserve currency Americans could very easily be facing a nominal drop of 39% in GDP, more if you factor in the fact that drop would be in important things like;

food, energy, housing, and medicine

and not laughably worthless things like;

college lectures, HR, diversity and inclusion consultants, Oprah books, and tarot card readings.

"The Final Solution"

Whether women's lack of interest in men today is authentic or a byproduct of propaganda (or likely a bit of both), it doesn't matter. It is what it is. Because men cannot act upon what we *guess* to be in the heart of women. Men can only act upon whatever empirical actions women put forth in society. And with women's general disengagement from men (sometimes even somewhat hostile), men are increasingly forced to live their lives under the expectation the majority of them will not marry, let alone happily so, let alone with kids. This will continue the trend of men going Galt and the lowering of our standards of living.

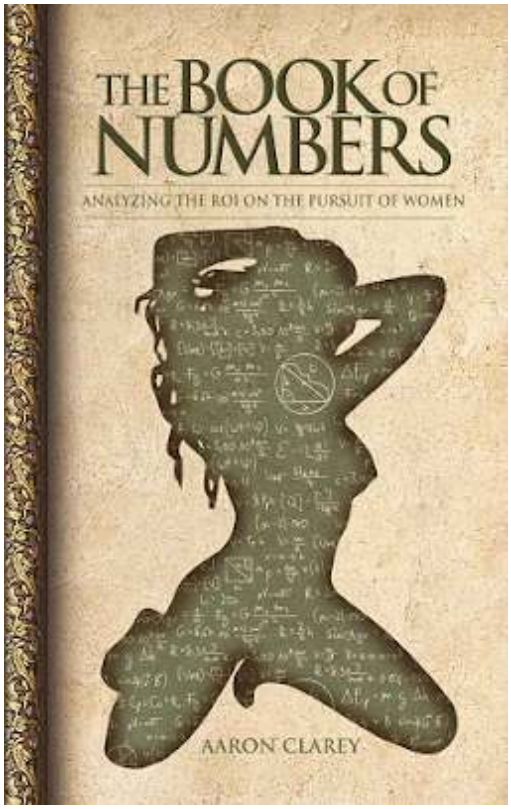
However, while the majority of men will disengage or only put forth marginal effort in life, the men who do put forth the effort to attain excellence present an interesting situation, and ultimately solution to society's production and even repopulation problem. Because for all the feminist propaganda that women don't need...or want...men, most women I would surmise do want children. But nearly none of them will be willing to settle for anything less than near-perfect. And with the historic human race track record of only 6% of men passing their genetics onto the next generation, we may see a reversion back to that norm. And whereas today the norm is monogamy (ehhhh....sorta), we can already see pressures, trends, and even technology moving to polygamy where an elite 6% group of men impregnate nearly all the women.

The trend in news media pushing for open relationships is indicative of a polyamorous society. Women's insistence for only top 20% men on online dating is also indicative of a harem-like society. Women's (reluctant) willingness to share an alpha instead of having a beta all her own, reinforces this. And women celebrating articles that herald advances in IVF or egg-freezing technology show men may not even be necessary.

And so what we will see is a continuation of what's been happening for the past 40 years anyway. A migration from a nuclear family to a state-financed/subsidized, female-headed family, while an increasing percent of men drop out of the work force as they are essentially relegated to a slave class to produce things for people they have no familial, romantic, sexual and love interest in. Economic growth will continue to slow, if not contract. Debts and money supplies will be inflated as a psychological magic trick to fool people into thinking the economy is stable. Trade deficits will drastically increase as foreign countries will (essentially) enslave their workers to produce the things Americans won't produce themselves. And our entire GDP will consist of elementary school teachers, HR directors, non-profits, body positivity bloggers, and marketing consultants.

I would normally say "Enjoy the Decline," but it is going to be such interesting times, I have to say "enjoy the show." Trust me, you will not see anything more spectacular in your entire life. I just hope you know how to prepare for it.

If you're a young man (or old) and you're trying to figure out what role or capacity women should play in your life, consider purchasing AND READING the book below:



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It's the Perfect Time to Go Galt

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Perfect storms form not only in the atmosphere but in life as well.

For example a confluence of events were perfectly timed and located in my life which led to my ballroom dancing career. Young people were sick of 80's heavy metal and the emo-y, soppy, suicidal kirk cocaine crap that followed in the 90's. They were also sick of the depressing goth fashion that ensued. And soon a generation of young people discovered jazz, swing, suits and dresses, martinis, and then a Gap commercial came out to solidify it all. Swing dancing/ballroom dancing regained an incredible popularity, and I was there not only learning how to dance, but teach it to tens of thousands of suburbanite students. Being at the right place, at the right time, with the inclination of entrepreneurship made it so I could afford a house at a relatively young age. And I would not be where I am now if that storm never formed.

But today the entire US (even global) economy presents a similar "perfect storm" for the productive members of society. For whether intentionally or not, the world has created the perfect storm, and thus opportunity, for hard working people to give up, go galt, and not really suffer the consequences of not working. And if you are one of those productive members of society who is sick of being enslaved to the parasite welfare class of society, now is your "Ballroom Dancing Perfect Storm."

First, you have the Coronavirus which has cascaded a slew of consequences that created the environment we're in now. Joe Biden (as well as Donald Trump) effectively created a UBI on top of an already generous welfare program that made it so you don't have to work if you don't want to. COVID has also forced employers to acknowledge something we've all known to be true for 20 years - and that is nearly ALL white collar work can be done from home, eliminating the need for offices, commutes, traffic jams and strokes. COVID has also created a crisis wherein the government's response has been to mandate

all employers mandate their employees to take a vaccine. But they've done it so heavy-handedly it has made what were already piss-poor employer-employee relations even worse.

And these are just the trends deriving from COVID

Second, these singular consequences of COVID are couched within the Gen Z and Millennial generations. And these generations were (generally speaking) indoctrinated into socialism and entitlement. Certainly there are hard working millennials and Gen Z'ers...somewhere...I think...but the larger point is with COVID prompting a proto-and-effective UBI economy, you paid an entire society of Americans to sit on their ass. Furthermore, you paid them to sit on their ass for so long, their mental and economic behaviors have changed permanently. And when you throw in the fact you lied to these generations about the importance of a college degree, saddling them with crippling levels of debt, they have dropped out of the labor force, in spite of restaurants and other employers offering $16/hour and $1,000 hiring bonuses.

Third, as a consequence of that, there is a labor shortage everywhere. Boomers are FINALLY retiring, Gen X'ers are getting sucked up into leadership/power vacuums. But there are no frontline troops/workers to do the actual work. Tradesmen are scarce and those that exist are overpaid and generally shitty. You can't find truck drivers to unload all the stuff we import from China. Engineers, doctors, and other skilled employees are in desperately short supply. You can't even find wait staff to show up on time and do their job right.

Fourth, all of this is couched in a woke marxist work environment where employers sole marketing strategy is to pander to the only value Gen Z, Millennial, and Gen X'ers' have - socialist politics. And that means not only burdening, but also insulting your work force with mandatory diversity, inclusion, sensitivity, etc., bullshit type of "training," making your already-intolerable job, even less tolerable.

Finally, to "earn" a position within the "prestigious" ranks of American employment, you unnecessarily force young people to get a "Bachelors required/Masters preferred." This is 17 to 19 years of schooling to get a job wherein the VAST VAST majority of time you could have trained a high school graduate in 2 weeks to do that job - NOT force them into 4-6 years of unnecessarily and costly schooling just so a brigade of psychopathic HR cunts could more easily sort through resumes.

And so now when Joe Biden tyrannically "decreed" employers must force employees to be vaccinated, that was not the straw that broke the camel's back, but the log. It was the flame necessary to ignite the Going-Galt-Explosion that you've seen these past few weeks. It was the final and missing piece of this Galtian Perfect Storm. And you my fine productive member of society have not, and will not, have a better time to go Galt.

First, a significant percent of other productive members of society are calling it quits. It's OK if the generations of liberal arts majors and social science majors call it quits. They were never producing anything anyway. And truthfully, the world will go without restaurants, movie theaters, or non-profits. But basic and critical people have had

enough. Truck drivers are in short supply. Linemen and electricians as well. Accountants are in short supply. Factory and union workers are going on strike. And so are pilots and nurses. It's one thing if ONE sector or group of employees go on strike. But the US has not seen a *universal strike of competent and productive people go on strike* ***at the same time.***

If you want to make the marxists, leftists, liberals, democrats, or even your employer feel the pinch, NOW is the time to go on strike while everybody else is.

Second, you get paid not to work.

Be it Uncle Joe's welfare state, the unemployment check you can collect from getting fired, or (more commonly) people scaling back, needing less out of fear and uncertainty, never has there been a better funded or stronger welfare net for you to go Galt on. This net is only further reinforced by America's world's reserve currency wherein we can print off more money (as the world prints off even more) and we can effectively still import all goods we need to survive (at least for a short period of time anyway). You won't be able to afford that new F-150 (which you can't because there are no computer chips), but you aren't going to starve either.

Third, fuck your employer.

Employers were already a bag of shit to begin with. Even before all the woke, diversity, racist, sexist, political bullshit, mere office politics already rendered most work environments unacceptable. But you throw in the psychopathic religion of politics via marketing, hiring, firing, promotions, and bullshit training (diversity, gender, environmentalism, etc.) get that shit out of here. To this day I do not know how whites or males don't walk off the job or tell their bosses to fuck off when they are actively discriminated against, promoted over, or accused of bigotry by their employer. And while I know most of you are saddled with debt and that's why you must accept this insulting and disgusting treatment by your employers, in the before time, real Americans would not tolerate this shitty treatment. They would walk. And if there was a time for Americans to walk (perhaps sue your employers) now is the time when that "mandatory diversity training" comes in.

And finally, society needs you more than you need society.

Whether employers realize it or not, and whether socialists/democrats realize it or not, they are completely dependent upon the real and productive members of society. The MBA-laden cunt in the HR department does not do ANYTHING. She does not manufacture tires, deliver gas, or even clean the windows. She is bureaucratic, overhead, worthless fat. The same can be said for the millions of professors, teachers, non-profits, and other nanny-nazi busy bodies lecturing the rest of society how to live and how they own them more tax money. That's nice Tanner the Sociology Professor thinks Steve the mechanic should work more and pay more in taxes. If Steve quits fixing cars, society is fucked. Tanner could literally kill himself and society wouldn't skip a beat. And as I said before, there has never been a time where more productive members of society are calling it quits. If you want to go Galt and make it count, NOW is the time, especially while there's

a democrat president in office.

And so in understanding this economic/political/sociological perfect storm that has arrived, every productive member of society should have a list of demands from any potential employer, today and into the future. A modern day "worker bill of rights" that will drastically improve working conditions, drastically increase production, but make sure you are never insulted, abused, or enslaved like you've been the past 20 years.

1. The elimination of college education when not necessary, and a reintroduction of training programs.

2. The elimination of all political training and a return to meritocracy (as much as that was accomplished anyway beforehand)

3. The elimination of commutes unless absolutely necessary.

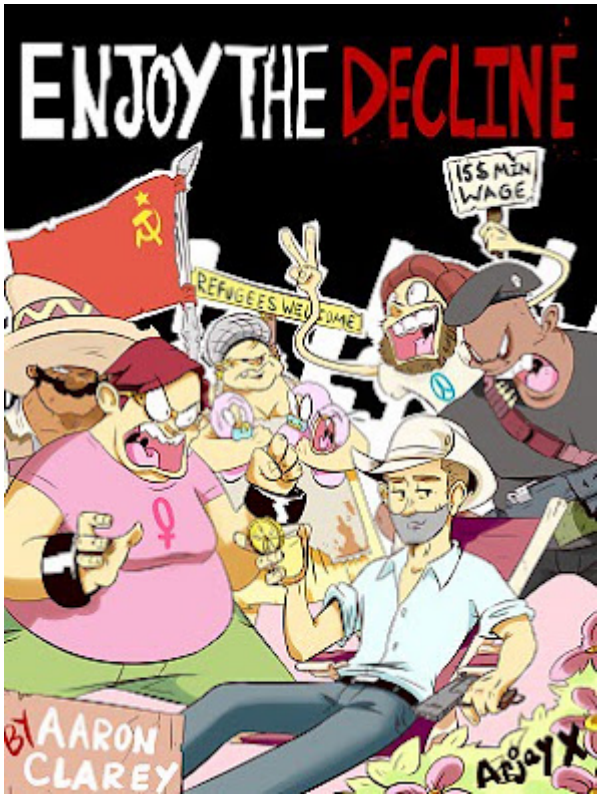
4. The inability to fire anyone based on their personal lives whether that is medical choices, gender, politics, sexual relations, social media, etc.

5. The work gets done, I can go home. I do not sit and look busy at my desk because I'm better and faster than everyone else.

It's not a terribly extensive bill of rights, nor is it one that any employer is going to sign in a contractual sense. But it is a group of standards every productive member of society must hold employers up to before exchanging their labor. And if every producer in this society just decides to take a vacation, and deprive employers and society of our skills, competency, reliability, and production, it will become very clear who is most important in this society and who, precisely, will be dictating the terms going forth.

And as always, remember to enjoy the decline.

While you're on vacation telling your boss and society to fuck off, consider purchasing the book below!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The Couch Surfing Glory Years

It was 6 years ago and I was leaving the comfy comforts of one of my new-found friends, Vlad Elkums. He was kind enough to let me crash on his famous Chicago couch, free of charge, the savings of which would go to more than pay for the gas of my entire motorcycle ride out east.

My next stop was to another internet friend I had made. He had promised me I could crash on his couch as well. And I was very much looking forward to meeting this person in meet-space. But as I approached the town he lived in and I called to check in on him to see when I could stop by, I was rather shocked when the person on the other line yelled,

"Jesus fucking Christ Clarey! You can't just swing on by here anytime! And you want to sleep on my couch? We're in our 30's man, not our 20's anymore!"

It was one of those rare times I was speechless as I had nothing to say. I also had to quickly figure out where I was going to stay that night since my previous offer for lodging had been rescinded. But I chalked up this irrational behavior to the only thing it was - mental illness. And sure enough this former (and to-remain-unknown) podcaster/blogger proved to be mentally ill. He has since retreated into obscurity.

The rest of the trip went just fine. I found lodging with Glorious Karl. A buddy of mine down in Raleigh. Major Miller along the coast. And a divey hotel in some town in Ohio. But what I thought was an unfortunate instance of mental illness on the part of my ne'er-met colleague, turned out instead to be a trend. And that trend was an increasing amount of friends - both internet and real world - would not provide lodging, would not provide a couch, and often times just not provide simple help to a friend and traveler in need.

Not a year later I found myself in another similar situation wintering down south. A friend's girlfriend offered me lodging if I would dog sit and keep her apartment in relatively good order. I was only happy to oblige in that her place was near a wonderful trail system I loved to hike. I took her pooch out, cleaned the apartment, while getting work done at the local coffee shop. It was in truth one of my happier and more memorable times in life.

That was until I came back to her apartment one evening to find her crying on the couch, fetal position, demanding I leave that night.

I was pissed. I liked this person. I considered her a friend. And she was one of the stronger women (I thought anyway) with a military and STEM background. But like my previous colleague, I had to chalk her dramatic behavior up to mental illness...though no doubt it could have been the recreational drugs she was on.

Still, Cappy was very resourceful in these glorious couch surfing days, and I had yet another family of friends in the area I could crash with. They even had an honest to god guest room. A room...(now sit down Gen X wives, because this is going to floor you)...

specifically designated for guests!

I was given license to crash there for 2 weeks, but they would hardly know I was there on account I was always going out hiking, exploring and visiting other friends.

But the next winter when I asked to crash at their place, the guest room was no longer available. It was converted into a workout room that no one used. And instead of getting the husband of the family to go out very regularly, it was pulling teeth to get him to go out once for a drink. And so rarely were phone calls returned, it was too much effort to keep up the friendship (though there is the occasional time his wife lets him out and we can meet up once every two years).

Then there was the Talented Mr. Le, my life-long friend who is still to this day my most cherish and loved friend. But three years ago even he was reluctant to allow me to crash on his floor, when just three years previous to that, I had all the offers in the world to sleep on the couch, floor, or chair...replete with Bark Scorpions, Black Widow Spiders, and Rattle Snakes. It has since become too tedious a task to ask to crash that I just get a hotel, but that is on the very rare case I travel to Phoenix.

And finally, perhaps the Grande Finale of couch surfing meltdowns, was my friend who not only lost his shit, but went to an all-you-can-eat buffet to engorge himself so he could lose even more of his shit when...

I didn't put a coffee cup away,
I failed to tuck a chair back under the kitchen table,

and (sit down for this one)

I made an illegal U turn in his neighborhood.

These grand offenses literally pissed him off so much I thought it was potentially going to come to blows. But thankfully, he calmed down, I gathered my things, and I left, retreating to (yet another) buddy in the area who had a couch and wasn't an unstable psychopathic sperg.

It's Not Me. And It's Not You. It's Society. And It's Real

Now, it is here low-IQ people will go for the low-hanging fruit and predictably say, "well you're the common variable in all these things, you must suck as a guest!" And while it is true I was a common variable, you are wrong. I am an exceptional guest. And it is here that it is of PRIMARY importance the individual know when he is right and the rest of the world is losing its fucking mind. Because, yes, some people are getting old and no longer want to have guests. Yes, no doubt, some people's wives are tyrants and don't want buddy's of their husbands around. But let me be very clear - most of these people lost their damn minds and their damn shit. And I've been alive too damn long to start second guessing myself like an unconfident 7th grader trying to be popular. There is a trend of people helping each other less, and no, it's not that I farted in their living room.

These Non-Lodging Examples Three

Still, if you insist on more proof, allow me to give you these examples three that don't involve lodging. That don't involve me crashing with people like the good ole Recession Days of the 2010's. Just a bunch of real guys, who I thought were real good, upstanding, reliable men, who instead (frankly) just turned out to be a bunch of whiney, flakey, pansy ass girls.

Non-Lodging Example #1 is a guy I entrusted to keep some of my vehicles up and running as I traveled between Minneapolis, South Dakota, and Vegas for the better part of a year. Also during that year I had seminars, online classes to develop, switching ALL my various accounts (banks, cards, insurance, etc.,) to my new house, and the regular monotony of regular ole life.

So when I get off the plane, grab the bus, and hoof it to my destination can I hop in my car, fire it up, and go to the grocery store to get some food? No the batteries are dead because the guy couldn't do the BASIC of things and fire it up once in a while. And the reason he couldn't do it was because the COVID/lockdown was making him depressed. And not just depressed, he's gone. He's ghosted. Nobody knows where he's gone!

This is a ***full-grown fucking man*** who can't even turn a car engine over once a month. And while I do not deny that the lockdown has been horrible for everyone's mental health, nor do I deny that depression and mental illness can keep a man down, what in god's fucking name do you think a post-apocalyptic collapse is going to do for your mental health? And could you possibly rely on this person in that much more-dramatic scenario?

Non-Lodging Example #2, Good Ole DT.

Here I can name names simply because The Airport Fiasco was made public. And the short version is that despite being my friend, DT can't drive me to the airport because he deems it an irrational request.

Now let that sink in. You can't drive a brother to the airport? You can't take a friend out to catch a flight? It is irrational to take a friend to the airport. Admittedly it is a chore to drive a buddy to the airport, but ain't that like "Friendship 101?" It's irrational, even insulting, to request a ride to the airport?

As an economist I found this particularly perturbing because there is NO bigger pissing away of money than Uber/taxi cabs. But I just inevitably found it funny because who the fuck doesn't drive his friends to the airport?? This absolutely has to break some kind of code in the Bro Code somewhere, on par with not messing with another man's car. And don't you want to catch up and get a coffee with your pals?

Regardless, if you can't rely on a friend for a simple favor like that, precisely what can you rely upon him for?

And then there's Non-Lodging Example #3, hitching hiking. Specifically, the community.

Since DT was on the "hard no" list of people I could sponge a ride from to the airport, I knew I would have to find a ride well in advance of my latest flight. I had a month, which I thought was ample time, but apparently not because the entire community failed me in

this one simple task.

Admittedly, it was not "the whole community" or anything as dramatic as that. Some of it was bad luck/timing. The Great One was already working out of town so I couldn't rely on him. My neighbor was also busy with another engagement, so he was out too. My other neighbor couldn't do anything either (and my third closest neighbor is so far away I might as well walk to the airport). But what got me is that after two weeks of asking acquaintances for a ride, I got three people to commit. And the reason I got three was because I sensed people would flake.

And sure enough I was right.

2 of the 3 never got back to me, in spite of saying they could give me a ride. And the third one (bless her heart) could only take me to the airport 10 hours before my flight. And so I did what I should have all along, get an Uber, as the time I had spent trying to find a ride just wasn't worth the effort.

Except...there are no Uber drivers in my remote part of South Dakota. Let alone taxi cabs. And so off Cappy went, backpack on back, hoofing it down the highway to the airport.

Thankfully, a good Samaritan picked me up and drove me the ENTIRE way to the airport, but while walking I was doing some thinking and came to the actuarial conclusion that at least SOME people said they would give me a ride, but never had any intention to. Yes, I know you think in good ole conservative, country America good ole folks would help good ole folks out....but they don't. They're just as caught up in their own world as their leftist city slicker counterparts, and they have no desire or intention of helping their fellow man out. They just happen to spew those values on the internet or in person to look good. And so if you're expecting any reliability or help from conservatives, libertarians, or just general non-leftists, don't. Because it's too much of a labor for them and their boring, uneventful lives can't possibly be disturbed.

No, "We" Are Not Forming a Community When Society Collapses

And this is the point of this post. Because for all the talk conservatives, libertarians, and republicans talk about how important community is, none of them, and I mean NONE OF THEM do it.

You want to set up a community in case there's an emergency or the economy collapses?

Nope, none of them are coming to help you. They're too lazy to train, learn new skills, or even get to know their neighbors. Besides, the horror channel has a horror movie marathon on this week, and I can't possibly be bothered to help you install that water cistern.

You want to create a fellowship or brotherhood where people help one another out?

Nope, I can't be bothered to fire up your car or take your ass to the airport. I'm too mentally ill, weak, or depressed feeling sorry for myself to honor my word or just do basic kindnesses. Walk down the road and there's ***literally a higher chance a completely random stranger*** will help you out than your "friends."

You want to save your buddy $2500 in unnecessary lodging so that money could go to better things?

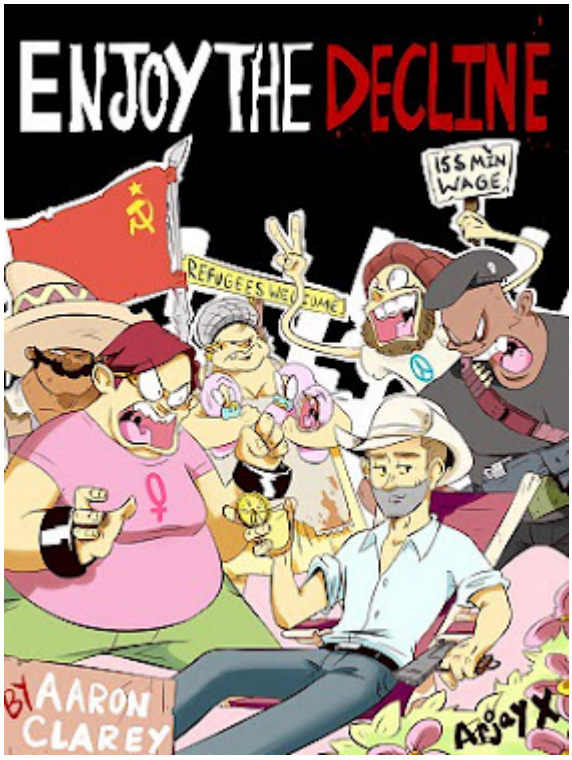
Nope, as per wifey's commandment from the **"Gen X Wife Homeownership User Manual"** according to Rule 9, Subchapter 17, Sub-section 5.A7

"*No guest rooms shall ever have actual guests stay in them.*"

Nearly all these people I've mentioned are staunch conservatives/libertarians. Nearly all of them are for prepping, independence, freedom, and community...on paper. But the truth is if it comes to actually helping your brother out, nearly all of them value tucked in chairs, drugs, sloth, laziness, a nagging wife, and/or feeling sorry for themselves more than they do their fellow American, brother, or conservative. And I'm going to bet it's the same for your circle of friends/colleagues. These people are fair weather friends, not people you can rely upon in case the SHTF or you just want simple community and belonging.

I watched this video from Wranglestar and I was truly envious of how he was describing the community he once belonged to. But I doubt he's going to be able to recreate the community he once had where the entire village of men would come out to build your house or repair your car. I highly doubt WIVES will come out to communally cook for men instead of bitch and whine about having to do it.

Like Wranglestar, the majority of you will not have a community to join or even form if you wanted to. I strongly suggest you prepare to be a lone wolf and as always, enjoy the decline.



The Black Widowization of the Sexes

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Zoologist Cappy

Follow me on a journey if you will and assume we are zoologists. We do not care about people's emotions or feelings, yet nor do we have any ill-will or malice towards anyone. We're just going to make empirical observations in the human animal kingdom, much like Jane Goodall did with chimps. And from those observations derive some pretty important questions facing men, though by necessitous default, society.

Fire from My Six

I was on teh interwebz surfing social media because in today's world that's where I get most of my conversing and socialization. Naturally I have female friends and naturally they're not leftists, but this doesn't mean we all agree on everything. Some believe in a small welfare state. Some still defend their liberal arts degrees. And some, yes, are single mothers whose exs were indeed bad people.

But a trend I've noticed over the years was that despite these girls being true American women, true patriots, some even gun loving-, gun-tottin' rootin' tootin' 6 gun shooting gals, their relationship with men is not as clean cut as "traditional men good/soyboys bad." No doubt, we've all had bad experiences with the opposite sex, but at least some of these ladies' experiences must have been bad enough that some of their statements and positions have been, frankly, shocking to me.

One gal I know very much dislikes going out in public because of all the attention she gets. She's an attractive woman, but absolutely detests male attention. She doesn't hate men per se, but has a preemptive apprehension to men in public, in general.

Another, along a similar vein, is afraid to go out at night because she is worried that there's a man about to assault or rape her around the corner, though it has yet to happen. This isn't to say that preparation and self-defense are irrational, but this fear bothers her to the point it impairs her ability to enjoy life, and once again, resents men communally for it.

A third, is a 30 something virgin - whose virginity is too precious for any man yet to take. She eerily obsesses over it like Golem does his ring, which paints men in her mind in a distrusting light.

And a fourth is a friend who was sympathetic (though did not explicitly endorse) a post where the poster said men who mislead women about commitment should be prosecuted for sexual assault (a sentiment that was roundly supported by female commenters on the post).

It was these posts and comments like them that prompted my original thought piece about "what if women just don't like men." But the statement about equating misleading women about commitment to sexual assault AND prosecuting men for it, made me believe there was something more to it. An overly-retributive aspect I didn't understand. And so I got off my lazy ass and fleshed out a theory that's been kicking around my head. And that theory is society is moving the relationship between men and women to that of the black widow spider.

Four Ways to Get Women REALLY Pissed Off At Men

Though not necessarily conscious or by design, society has done four things that made women REALLY not like men...or at least not as much as they did in the past.

The first thing was breaking the traditional social contract the sexes had with one another and replacing men with the government. The simplified version is that men were traditionally responsible for the support and protection of women (and the family), but in being responsible for the family, they were also the final arbiter of all decisions. They were the head of the household, and the wife was to support her husband, care for her husband, and ultimately abide by her husband's decisions.

Today, women no longer need men as they have the government, careers, or (more likely) a combination of both. And with divorce being common and acceptable, men have absolutely no authority over any marriage or relationship. It is completely voluntary.

But while this voluntaristic relationship seems much-improved in the eyes of women over the tyrannical traditional one, with no authority over women or what goes on in their household, men by logical consequence are are also free of any responsibility. They are free to do as they please. And men tend to not want to commit.

You get a girl pregnant? You don't have to stick around, the government will pay for it.

Your girl asking "where is this going?" Going "where" exactly? Marriage is completely out of date and obsolete. Besides you have your career and the government. You don't "need" me, this is a temporary relationship of convenience.

A girl wants you to settle down and only date her? Why exactly would you do that in 2021? To what end or goal?

And to further deter men from commitment, "marriage" - the ultimate form of commitment - has become an untenable and unconscionable contract. It is not only hugely risky for any man entering it, but has such a spectacular failure rate you would have to be a genuinely stupid person to enter it.

This would be fine and well as women (at least on paper) seem to be bowing out of marriage as well. But a quaint little 50 year sociology experiment does not undo 2 million years of human evolution. Even if a woman consciously and logically understands that her new relationship with the government obsoletes her need for a man, every cell in her nervous system, every strand of DNA is screaming at her to get a man to commit to her. And when her high powered career, masters degree, or government check does not scratch this biological itch, she takes out the crushing totality of this cognitive dissonance on the only and obvious culprit - *those damn commito-phobic men*.

The second thing is a by-product of the first. I am not arrogant enough to claim men don't need women. Men love women. Men want women. It's the #1 reason I was pulled from writing about economics and instead write about "the economics of the pursuit of women" for my largely male audience.

But if you take away women from men, exactly what do men have to strive for in life?

In the past men would go to incredible lengths to attract and ultimately get a girl. Men would fight each other, go to war, invent nearly every technological innovation, and create nearly everything you see under the sun in an attempt to attract a girl. But society has made it so difficult to pursue and attract a woman, that the pain and toil it would take to succeed in that endeavor is now more powerful than the male sex drive. And many men are simply giving up on this otherwise species-long pursuit (or admittedly swapping it out for porn).

This, of course, is none of my female-friends' fault. They did not vote for a welfare state that takes 40% of men's income. They did not vote to unnecessarily force men to go $120,000 in debt to get a masters degree before women even consider dating them. Nor did they vote for all this feminism that has essentially told men they aren't needed, need to operate at a handicap, and are the cause of all of women's problems. But what this hostile, essentially anti-male environment has done is resulted in now three generations of men giving up on life and achieving nowhere near their potential.

This angers women, because political and sociological causes aside, women want strong, capable, supporting men. They want manly men with real jobs, real incomes, who can throw a punch and protect the children. They want a man they can fall in love with, respect, and ravish them in bed. Matter of fact it's the only reason we're on this planet, and once again women's genetics are screaming this at them. So when society fails to deliver the quality, rugged, strong men women genetically and desperately want, women are denied their biological purpose and reason in life. Their fleeting short existence in this universe has been snuffed. And as a consequence *THEY'RE PISSED!* And while sitting down and figuring out the pathology of this lack of real men would lead women to a real solution, it is much easier instead to cathartically lash out at the men who have failed to meet their traditional expectations.

"Man up!"
"Stop living at home!"
"Get a job!"

To which apathetic men ask "why," further raising the ire of women.

The third thing is the media. Whether that's the old time girl magazines of yore (like Cosmo, Teen, Vogue, etc.) or their modern day equivalents or Hollywood or Madison Avenue or the music industry, all of American (and I would argue western) media has is no uncertain terms LIED to women about what they're entitled to and should expect from men. All women of all political stripes are absolutely convinced they are not only entitled to a perfect man, but their Disney prince is just around the corner.

Further reinforcing this is the recent phenomenon of social media and online dating, where women are now plied with an infinite amount of digital (though not real world) attention falsely validating their delusional expectations. Podcasts such as Fresh and Fit and Kevin Samuels have made a mint prostrating delusional women making fools of themselves expecting a man who is 6 feet tall and makes $250,000 a year to date her single mom, debt-ridden, 38 year old ass. And even "The Female Delusion Calculator" was made to statistically lampoon women about their expectations not being in line with reality.

But that is the quickest route and definition of misery - the difference between expectations and reality. And with the media inflating women's expectations FAAAAAR beyond what reality can deliver, women are once again going to get INCREDIBLY pissed when

- yet another man sleeps with her, but doesn't commit because he's got a ton of other women
- some "loser plumber" asks her out thinking he's somehow at her level when she has a masters degree and she's insulted
- or some 5'10" asshole who doesn't make 6 figures asks her out at a coffee shop

The final thing is feminism. And once again my non-leftist female friends are not responsible for this, but feminism has simply thrown gasoline on this already raging fire. Dividing and pitting men against women has long been an aim of feminists and feminism going back to at least the 60's and nobody is happier because of it. But for any young woman looking for a whipping boy or a villain to blame her failing love life on, feminism has the largest and most comprehensive menu of reasons and rationales.

If anything, I'm incredibly impressed with the logical theorems feminism uses to ignore male nature and abdicate any responsibility women would have in a relationship with the opposite sex. They're actually incredibly crafty and intricate. But neither here nor there, because of feminism's "us vs. them" mentality, this just further cements the adversarial relationship women have with men, and in many women's minds paint men as the enemy.

You take these four things combined and it is actually quite understandable why women dislike, even hate men. And in that context, I can see why women on my presumed ideological side would make the statements they did. I don't agree with those statements, I can just see why they made them.

From Price to Punishment

I often receive criticism for saying that all relationships between men and women are transactional, meaning prostitution. And perhaps I'm too literal of an economist as ALL transactions are prostitutional. Everyone's a whore, everyone's a John. I pay for a sandwich, the sandwich maker makes me a sandwich. I'm the John, the sandwich maker is the whore.

But just as there's no shame in transacting money for a sandwich, I would also say there's no shame in transacting resources for sex because....(everyone put on their big girl panties and sit down, because things are about to get real y'all)

that's what humans have been doing since time immemorial.

Yes, traditionally this transaction was sanitized under the sanctity of marriage, the guise of love, the approval of religion, with the (logical, obvious, and moral) economic purpose of supporting a family. *BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT,* the only reason the husband was there, let alone forked over a penny of support, was so he could fuck his wife. And you know something, there's nothing wrong with that.

Today, however, much like many other things, 2 million years of human tradition still spill over into our new and improved society. And though officially (and in reality) women do not need men, they still out of genetics, tradition, or even unconscious instinct demand some kind of price be paid for their presence.

Men still generally pay for the date. The lion's share of webcam income is from men to women. Sugar daddy sites exist. A VERY common theme I see from traditional/conservative gals is that they will NOT accept a coffee date, but demand an "investment" of at least dinner. Some guys I know even have women asking them to pay for their rent. And as an economist what I absolutely CHERISH is how prostitution is OK if you barter it through marriage (meaning you pay for a house, a car, a woman's student loans, only to get divorced, pay half and then alimony)

that's OK.

But the second you pay cash for a call girl

that's shameful and you should go to jail!

Regardless, the larger point is women still demand men pay some kind of price to interact with them, whether that's as something as simple as a date or half your worldly asset for something complex as marriage/divorce. And there is no shame in that as that's how it's genetically been for all of human history. But what concerns me is not that men have to pay a price to be with women, but in today's current environment where women are so angry with men, even hostile, any misleading, misrepresenting, violation, infraction or flaw, no matter how major or minor is not met with a mere price, but punishment. And now we have moved into Black Widow territory.

I Didn't Bat 1.000

Men today have to understand the precarious situation they're in. This is not the 1950's where Suzie Q was upset you didn't pick her up for the sock hop and instead saw you at

the soda fountain with Peggy Lee, and then got pouty. Women today for the four reasons explained before are PISSED off at men. You throw in the victimhood ideology of feminism and they're blaming everything on you. So what would have been considered "normal-though-regrettable" behavior of men in the past, is viewed not only as a ***real crime*** against them, but one ***deserving of punishment.***

For example, I broke up with two girls and curiously had my tires slashed shortly after breaking up with both of them.

I was punched in the face one time because I told a girl I wouldn't sleep with her again.

And (like many of you) I was subjected to temper tantrums of (presumably) full-grown adult women who threatened suicide. Once because I didn't offer to buy a girl a soda and the other because I honestly can't remember the reason.

But that's getting off easy. And having your tires slashed because you dared to dump a girl was par for course for men back in the 70's-90's. Today, it is much, much worse.

The spate of false rape accusations on college campuses several years back was largely because some guys had sex with some girls, but no longer wished to continue to date them. I know several men who (stupidly) asked women out at work which landed them in the HR department. If you remember, the comedian Aziz Ansari almost lost his career because he was simply guilty of being nerdy and awkward on a date once. And then there's the meetoo movement that, while it has its legitimate complainants, there are many more using it as a weapon of vengeance.

But what's more worrying is the measures society is taking to retroactively incriminate men of social crimes. There's a constant push to redefine what sexual assault and rape is. There is also a push to constantly redefine what consent means. And regardless of what you think about Brett Kavanaugh or Bill Cosby, it shows people are willing to go back many decades to get their pound of flesh. And here's the problem - neither you nor I nor any other guy batted a thousand, and certainly not under the new and increasingly scrutinizing standards.

Admittedly, I've never drugged a girl before or sexually assaulted anyone. But I have banged drunk chicks. I've made drunken and inappropriate advances to women. I tried to kiss a girl at a party once and got the cheek. I've also got a ton of cheeks on door stoops dropping girls off on first dates. And nearly every girl I dated I had no intention to committing to.

So under the forever-moving legal goal posts, will I be accused-and-found-guilty of:

rape?
sexual harassment?
sexual assault?

And heaven help my latino friends who were always coping feels on the salsa dance floors of the 00's! Are we going to send an army of cops after them too?

And if we're going to be true equals does this mean I should hunt down the drunken old grandma lady who grabbed my junk during a dance class once 10 years ago? What about

the handful of girls who got a handful of my ass on the dance floor just the same? Should we shoot them now or wait till we home?

Admittedly, I'm not a fan of modern day western women, but I don't hate them. And certainly not enough to wage a nazi-esque witch hunt after them.

Reason or React with the Black Widow

The sad fact is men will increasingly have to approach an increasing percentage of women as a black widow spider. You don't know who she is. You don't know her conditioning, her opinions, or experiences with men. You don't know whether she views you as a potential love of her life and source of happiness, or oppressor and adversary who must be punished. And whereas I'd like nothing more than to have a bit of good news or a bit of evidence that women like men, I won't lie - seeing this desire to tax, charge, and ultimately punish men from conservative (or at least non-leftist women) is *really disheartening*. Because if this is what girls "on our team" think, just what the heck do your rank and file women of today think of men?

Alas, men have two choices when it comes to interacting with women. You can try to reason with them or react.

Many of you will want to reason with them simply *because you like them*! You'll try to get them to realize you are not the enemy, that just because a guy lies about his income or age doesn't mean he should go to jail, and no, the national guard should not be called if a man puts his hand on your ass on the dance floor. But not only do I think such reasoning and discussion will fall on deaf ears, it puts the outcome outside of your control and into the hands of women. And sadly I think women are just too ideologically compromised towards punishing men.

This leaves reacting which is the only thing you can do. In the past millions of women met their husbands at work, now you have to react to the fact you could lose your job asking out Suzie in accounting. You could take that girl home and have a great night of sex, perhaps convincing the girl and yourself you're made for each other, but you bought her two drinks and and you don't like jail. You could ask that girl out in your sociology class, but according to campus rules that might be harassment and you'd get kicked out of school. And you would've liked to get married, but you're going to have to make it very clear she needs to have her own residence and you guys can date, but never commit nor share a web.

It was one thing when the worst that would happen is you'd get your tires slashed by a woman scorned. But today with jail time, a ruined career, a criminal record, and the ruined life that comes with it, we're just going to have to admit that relations are so bad between men and women we have devolved into black widow spiders.

Check out the book below

Bachelor Pad
Economics
By Aaron Clarey

Removing Beauty and Sex from Women's Value

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Image below links to YouTube discussion about how women are now demanding men no longer like them for beauty, youth, or sex, but for anything but.

Cappy and the Rule Zero gang discuss what this means for men still interested in women, and opine what the ramifications are for women with this change in value system.

How to Give Everyone a Free Education in America

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Futility

If you remember Die Hard, there was a scene where the FBI decided that to flush out the terrorists, it would be best to cut off the power to the Nakatomi Plaza. This resulted in an argument between the FBI agents and the city's electrical grid manager who insisted the individual building could not be turned off, but that instead an entire city grid would have to be taken down. But while the city manager and the FBI agents argued, there was a lowly electricity worker, sitting in the manhole, who was trying to tell all of them he could turn off the building right then and there. Naturally, they ignored the man, the FBI pulled rank, an entire city grid was taken down, and Hans Gruber could finally open his vault.

And it is here I find myself in a similar situation as the lowly electrical worker sitting in the manhole.

I know how to make education free (or nearly free) for all Americans.

I know how to end the education crisis tomorrow.

And it doesn't require anything grandiose like revamping the entire education system, bailing out liberal arts majors, or forcing the taxpayer to spend an additional $500 billion each year on paying for every one's education.

It's as simple as a switch and it will benefit every American today and into the future to the tune of trillions if we just do what I say.

Unfortunately, like the lowly electrical worker, the powers that be are either too stupid or too politically and financially invested in the current education system to actually listen to what I'm going to say. Furthermore, most Americans themselves are too stupid and short-sighted to do the same. And so like many of my previous economic recommendations, this will merely be for posterity so I can make fun of even more impoverished and debt-laden Americans in the future. Because you are truly a stupid

people and I've found it very enjoyable to watch you suffer when you don't have to, especially today's "college graduates."

Technology is Hard

The current educational system we have is based in technology that has existed since we could make buildings. And the reason I say that is because it's true. Once there was a building to house people, you could house students in a localized area, protected and uninterrupted from the elements, and an individual teacher (be that Plato or the the school marm from Little House on the Prairie) could instruct or teach their students, conveying information. Overtime this basic model has been supplemented with technologies such as electricity, lights, LCD projectors, and red-light pointers, but the model remained the same - get a large group of people within listening distance of a teacher and that individual teacher could pass on information to 10, 50, 100, even a thousands students at a time.

But 25 years ago there was a large and obvious technological innovation - the internet. And the day you could stream video or at least audio over it, it gave teachers the ability to reach the entire globe of students. And while I myself was a student at the time, I was very curious how soon it would be before we'd implement this technology to do away with the:

- trillions of dollars in physical buildings on college campuses
- the unnecessary parking that was required to attend class
- the overpriced college text books that could all be replaced for (near) free PDF's
- as well as nearly all the teachers and professors in the country as the top 2% of instructors in their respective fields could now teach all the students in the world with their superior teaching abilities

And so I waited....and waited...and waited, and much like American employers refusing to let their employees work from home, I realized our education system was not going to let students the luxury of learning from home either.

And so now for the past 25 years I've watched over 100 million American students unnecessarily waste 4-8 years of their lives, pointlessly wasting trillions of dollars and billions of hours on dubiously-valued degrees, attending an old, obsolete, and incredibly inefficient education system. That, and now we all get to hear their howls and complaints that they were duped and now need us to pay for their overpriced pieces of toilet paper.

But for all their screams and howls, for all the whining about tuition prices, none of that will change. Professors and college admin need the outdated and obsolete education system to remain because they are luddites. They need the rest of society to be held back so that they can keep their jobs. The democrat party also needs the traditional education system because that is how they get future voters, socialists, and otherwise financially ignorant NPCs. The students, who you would think would want something like free education, do not in fact want the old and outdated education system to go away, because they do not view "education" as an investment in their future, but rather a

birthright where they can party for 4 years and imagine themselves intellectuals (when in fact it is painfully obvious most of them don't even understanding compound mathematics). And parents do not want the old education system to go away because ever since their children were 5, they have used America's education system as free babysitting. And college is merely adult-child daycare so the kids inevitably leave home and give ma and pa the chance to fuck on the kitchen island again.

As I said before, Americans are truly a stupid people. Very few Americans are interested in a genuine education. An investment in themselves that will improve their career, finances, life and futures. Most Americans want an escape from life's responsibilities or a means by which to profit at the expense of others. And THAT is the true point and purpose of today's education system, and why no matter how obsoleted the internet has made it, it will remain until the US ends.

How Education Could Be Made Free

But let's say you're one of the 2% of American people who aren't a bunch of worthless, lazy parasites. Let's say you had an intellectual or genuine interest in making education free for everyone and improving society. How would a "free education" system work? What would it look like? How could we educate the most amount of people in the cheapest way possible?

The first thing would be to rebuild the entire system around what education originally set out to do - educate the most amount of people in the most affordable way possible. And that would mean making the internet the primary vehicle by which we educate ourselves.

This is already done by nearly every college campus (though reluctantly). Today's colleges and universities do offer some form of education online, but they still attach an absurd price to it, often times charging MORE for an online class than an in person one. But the real efficiency loss is you have multiple, if not thousands of colleges offering the exact same fungible commodity on multiple platforms - education.

I don't care if it's a Harvard accounting class or a Biff Bifferson's School of Business' accounting class - accounting is accounting. The education is the exact same. And this goes for nearly all of the sciences, including the fake ones that go by the moniker "social sciences." Like YouTube, you only need ONE platform to disseminate this information to the ENTIRE GLOBE OF STUDENTS. And unless you were born into a wealthy family or like to suck cock for a living, "Harvard" and "Cornell" are just brand names, not education. So the new-and-free education system would do away with all colleges and universities and there would only need to be one source of education to disseminate it to the global community of students. So forget "Harvard School of Business" or "The Carlson School of Management" (which is forgettable because nobody knows who they are anyway), there would just be a "Degree in Accounting" and you would get it on "the internet."

This might lead people to think that this new education system would be a monopoly. That there would be one, elite school, with only the world's best and most elite teachers generating a SINGLE AND AUTHORITATIVE class in each of their respective fields, and for ALL students in the world to consume. And the slightly savvier among us would see the

obvious risks of putting education into such an elite group of people, having fear and concerns that a censorious and politicized education system, akin to YouTube, would emerge. But even that is too much overhead as we are using an outdated sense of education. We think education must be "conferred" upon the student by some kind of educational authority. That in order to become "educated" you need a school and teachers. When in reality, becoming educated is just gathering knowledge. And since all the world's knowledge is available for free on the internet, a Globo-Educorp type of evil monopoly is completely unnecessary. And this introduces the two remaining ingredients we would need for a free education system - autodidactism and credential boards.

Autodidactics are the Future

If you don't know what an "autodidactic" is, you can become one by looking it up on the internet. Because what you'll find out is that an autodidactic is one who teaches himself. And while many people will say, "well I do better in a classroom environment" that is:

1- too bad

2- complete bogus

because just like everybody dies alone, nearly everyone teaches themselves.

While no doubt some people will do better in a traditional (and incredibly expensive and inefficient) classroom environment, in the end EVERYBODY has to teach themselves. Yes, there might be a teacher there. Yes, there might be your parents there. But let us be perfectly honest. Most teachers suck, most parents suck, and in the end it is up to the student to do well. Shoot, even the concept of homework is an admission that after having their students for 8 FULL HOURS 9 MONTHS A YEAR, teachers still can't fully and adequately teach your kids. And besides which, even if you teach yourself through books or the internet, there still is ultimately a teacher who created that content you are using to educate yourself.

Furthermore, lets say you did indeed do better with a physical teacher in the room uttering the EXACT SAME WORDS as they would on an instructional YouTube video.

Would you not be able to learn more if you didn't have to commute to a campus? Would not EVERY K-12 student in America be able to learn more from spending 2 hours on the internet than 2 hours stuck on a bus ride...everyday...for 13 years...roundtrip?

And it is here I don't really care to try to convince the stupid people, but the smart ones. Because the stupid people are using education for anything but. But the smart ones actually do care about education. And if you think about it, wasting time forcing kids to attend physical prisons - be that k-12 or overpriced college campuses - is a HUGE economic waste of time that could be much better invested through autodidactism. Furthermore, with cell phones and MP3 players, education can be taken with and consumed anywhere. I personally have an equivalent to an associates degree in European history just tuning into podcasts. And while taking in this history, I was doing all sorts of things like hiking, working out, working on my home, and otherwise not being idle. An EASY multi-trillion dollar opportunity cost to today's conventional education system is that you must sit still and do nothing else but listen to Ben Stein drone on about

economics. While obesity alone could be wiped out if everyone listened to their pre-req classes' lectures while hiking or walking.

This leads to the final ingredient for a free education system - credential boards.

Because with everybody teaching themselves and getting their education from the internet, in order to become employable the quality of their autodidactic education must somehow be confirmed. And we already several models to pull from to see how they work.

The computer/IT industry is full of various certification and credentials IT/computer professionals need to have in order to work places. The CPA society also sets up tests you need to take before you can become a CPA. There are various nursing credentials and tests you need to take before becoming a nurse. California doesn't require you attend law school, just that you pass the bar exam. Even something as simple as getting your CDL (commercial driver's license) is an example of where the student does not need an overbloated education system.

But what if we did that for ALL careers and professions? That instead of unnecessarily forcing millions of young people every year to waste 4 years of their youth and $120,000 in student loans to make "Karen in HR" happy you have a bachelors degree, the government set up certification boards that would give you the equivalent of bachelors degree if you passed? That instead of funding the education industry to the tune of $1 trillion per year, the government instead just spent $10 billion a year establishing, running, and administering testing facilities that would certify you educated in whatever field you wanted? Better yet, what if the government forced employers and industries to set up their own testing and accreditation protocols, and/or mandated that credentialed people were to be treated just as equally as the morons who wasted 4 years in college on a "real degree?"

I know the next step would be to have employers provide on-the-job training (and what a "horror" that would be), but the larger point is this nightmare of higher education would be gone. Students would no longer have to waste 4 years in college to get an entry level position. Young people would not be financially crippled forever at 22. Employers would be humbled to hire able people, not overly-educated ones. And nobody would be wasting 2 years of their finite and precious youth on those infernal "pre-req" classes.

I know America's privileged little cunts wouldn't get their precious "college experience," but who cares about them? They're the morons who can't understand how the compound interest works on their student loans.

The Clarey School System of Free Education

And so in its final form, this auto-didactic and near-free education system would go something like this.

No matter how old or young you are, you are allowed to study anything you want for free on the internet. And if you wanted, you could test at either an industry or government facility to earn your degree or credential in "Accounting" "History" "Education" or "Biology." By government law, employers would be forced to treat your credential as a

college equivalent. And bar the fees it takes to pay for the test, you don't pay a dime in tuition.

You can study on your own time. You can study while you work the night shift at a warehouse. You can study while you're on a cruise traveling. And you can study at 12 if you're smart enough, thereby bypassing the hell that is known as k-12 education, becoming an engineer at 16.

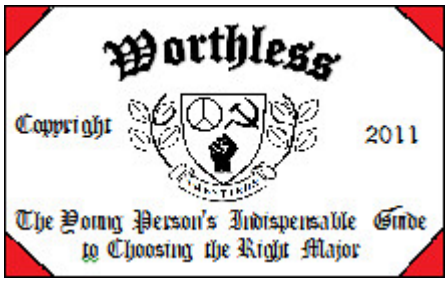
No more "Bachelors Required, Masters preferred."
No more student loan debt.
No more crippled financial futures.
And no more taxes for a K-college education system.

Public colleges and universities would be closed, the buildings of which could be repurposed to help alleviate the housing shortage/costs. Professors and college administrators would have to get real jobs, perhaps maybe serve us our coffee for a change. Stupid kids, with rich parents could attend private schools and waste their time on "the college experience." And those of you with a penchant for teaching could make millions being the best "calculus" teacher or "home auto-repair" teacher on the internet (much like it is done today, and ALSO without a "PhD" or "teacher's license).

And never, ever, ever again
will a single American
EVER
have to take one of those worthless pre-req liberal arts classes.

But of course none of this will come to fruition. Because American, as I've said before, are an incredibly stupid people. Just let it never be said we didn't have a simple, simple solution to turn off the electricity to the Nakatomi Plaza.

Consider purchasing "Worthless: The Young Person's Indispensable Guide to Choosing the Right Major." It costs $12.95. You degree will cost $120,000. Don't be stupid.



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Bachelor Pad
Economics
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Man's Purpose in Western Civilization

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With the suicide of Fred (among others) and an increasing amount of young men approaching me about "what am I supposed to do in life," I found this consultation I did somewhat helpful in providing lost men a roadmap or at least some basics in terms of how to deal with their existence, and more importantly what to do with it. Gone are the traditional reasons people had to live in western society. One sex is completely disinterested and absolving themselves of the other. Laws are making interacting with the opposite sex and family formation too risky. And false gods of politics, socialism, activism, the state, and all other "isms" have replaced love for one's fellow man and community. And since this is what traditionally gave people (religion or secular) reason to life, but now it is gone, three generations of men (and women) are looking for a new point and purpose in living so their finite life isn't wasted.

It isn't an end-all-be-all answer, but it's as far as my logic takes me. And if you enjoy reading the below, please consider purchasing some of my books which generally address existentialism through an economics lens.

Hi Anon,

OK, I got some time to answer this. However, first, I would recommend watching the video on "The Red Pill and Sucide" that I did yesterday as I think it will touch on many of the topics.

First, understand that nihilism isn't wrong. It's right. We are all going to die. The earth will be torched when the sun turns into a red giant star, eliminating any records of what you did. And unless you believe in the afterlife or a religion, you ARE a nihilist. MOst normal people don't think their assumptions about the afterlife through to their final conclusion, but smart people do and then became aware they re nihilists. The issue is how they handle it.

If you end up believing in a religion, boom! Your problem is solved. But the problem is no religion has any proof it is correct, and it is a faith or a belief that people genuinely become religious, not knowledge. So that contradiction with religion is something you have to wrestle with.

However, what I am going to assume is that you are too scientific minded and too intelligent to believe in religions, and so now you get to wrestle with your nihilism and finiteness.

This then brings in the incredibly difficult chore of what to do with your finite and brief life.

Historically, your purpose and reason in living was to find a quality girl you liked, fall in love, have a family, love your children, raise them, and then get to spoil your grand children. And while that may still exist in non-western countries, that dream/birthright is fully dead here in the US.

Yes you may find a quality girl.
Yes you may get married.
Yes you may have kids and be happily ever after.

But given the low grade slop most humans have become in the US, your chances are very low. Worse, it's not just the women who are shit, but the men too. You are unlikely to find good quality friends, let alone a significant amount of them to create an engaging and fulfilling social life. You throw in your intelligence, and man, good luck finding anybody who doesn't sound a like a complete retard compared to you. And don't even get me started about people who may agree with you philosophically, but are too fat and lazy to go and enjoy life.

Additionally, your background was harsh enough that you saw the dark underside of most western humans and don't even want to engage in some kind of socializing or romance. Your brain is perpetually in the lower-two levels of maslows hierarchy of needs because you see a ton of threats to your existence both today and in the past, and your primary concern is survival and stability, not love or belonging. And so not only are most people shit, you can't gamble on investing significant personal time and resources in personal relationships (romantic or not) that don't pay off, or worse (in the case of divorce) cost you greatly.

So for multiple (good) reasons, you are not able to find purpose and reason in living today that most people (nihilists included) found in the past.

And so I wish I had a solution for you, but I don't, because frankly, there is no solution.

You can find purpose and reason for living outside of family and friends in adventuring. You can find purpose and meaning in work. You can find purpose and meaning in any one of an unlimited number of hobbies out there. But you are not going to find it through other people (or the chances are very very low).

All this being said, none of this changes that you are biologically hardwired to WANT to get with other people (romantically or socially). And since not satisfying that scratch will at least put some depressionary pressures on your mind, I'm not against putting some tacit, but well placed interest in finding some quality human relationships. The key thing is to ALIGN YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH THE LIKELIHOOD YOU WILL FIND THIS.

So first, use the internet to find true intellectual equals. It is a large and fine net that will

certainly find you some quality friends over the internet, and maybe even some quality women.

Second, invest the time and money to visit these people. For the most part, nobody is going to come visit you. YOu will have to visit them. But whether it's a very promising young lady who seems to have her shit together on a dating profile, or a really cool guy you bond with like a brother, you are likely going to have to fly to visit them. And though it may sound like a significant time investment (and it is) that is a FRACTION of the time you will spend trying to find some quality people in your local area, sifting through all the turds of humans at bars and clubs or meet up groups to find barely entertaining ones.

Third, I would travel to truly different cultures that are traditional. Obviously eastern cultures would be on this list, but former soviet countries, latin, even the mid east. Not so much to find yourself a wife (though certainly that too), but just to find a culture that isn't such shit, so degraded, and so depressing. A culture that likes itself, is proud of its accomplishments, and a culture that is beautiful. Architecture, history, food, and basic civility and kindness of its people. Heck, just being among people who aren't disgusting morbidly obese sows walking around in sweats would do wonders for your mentality.

And then finally, considering all these options, figure out what is the best this world can give you in terms of meaning and purpose and then pursue it. It may be you stay here for a decade, making money off of the American system to then retire in a quiet village in Albania. It could be you excel at your career here and get poached by a foreign country to work there and lead their industry to great new heights. You might find a nice portly Mexican wife you loves you to death and just wants to cook for you. Or you just don't have the personality type to mingle with people and so you travel the world and enjoy it. But whatever it is, your sole mission in life is to figure it out, because you are going to suffer a miserable life until you do.

beyond that I can't tell you what it is. It took me decades to figure out I like hiking, motorcycle riding, fossils, working with my hands, and more or less being left alone in a quiet house to listen to jazz. It's going to take everybody else in the west decades as well to replace "wife and family" with something else as well. And understand most humans today will die not knowing what their purpose in life is/was supposed to be.

So for now the minimum purpose of your life is to figure out what it's supposed to be about. THAT in itself will at least ease the nihilism. And about the only goal I can concretely describe you should have in life that will assuage your concerns about being a nihilist is to make sure on your death bed you have no regrets. Beyond that, you got me.

Best of luck,

Aaron

Why Millennials Think the Government is Their Friend

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This is a guest post from Alex, who as you know is the proprietor of Academic Composition. His company writes papers for college students who don't want to write their own, and naturally he's had great insight into the younger generations' psychologies as they make the transition from high school to college to the adult world. His post below is not necessarily an advertisement for his services, but in today's world where 50% of your college courses literally have NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR EDUCATION, consider hiring him and his team at Academic Composition.

Why Millennials Think That the Government is Their Friend

The majority of Millennials are overwhelming in favor of a broad variety of "progressive" policies, most of which involve the expansion of government. They are more likely than Generation X to support government policies that penalize people who make seemingly offensive comments, such as using the wrong gender-pronouns, criticizing ethnic minorities, or saying anything that can even remotely be construed as "insensitive". Clearly, this reflects their collective belief that the government is a force for good, which puts them at odds with older Americans who have an instinctive distrust of centralized authority.

One may ask why this is so, and the answer seems simple: they were raised in a way that instilled a positive view of adults in their lives. While many Boomers and Gen Xers sought independence from their parents, Millennials have been much less likely to do so. One reason this may be so is that they were born at a time that one may describe as the "moral panic over children". Starting with the 1980s, American cars began displaying "baby on board" stickers and adults started taking an increased interest in the lives of youngsters. This pro-youth mentality stands in sharp contrast with the upbringing that Gen X received, which were known as the "latchkey kids" and the most aborted generation in American history.

The older age cohort of Gen X who were born in the 60s and early 70s have been steadfastly Republican, while the tail-end of Gen X are more receptive to moderate or even progressive views. By contrast, all age cohorts within the Millennial generation tend to be progressive. The connection between the nature of one's upbringing and political leanings seems intuitive and straightforward: people who grew up with authoritarian or absentee parents are more likely to be conservative or libertarian. By contrast, people who have always enjoyed a warm relationship with their parents and other adults are more likely to see authority figures as a force for good.

In “Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think”, George Lakoff argued that one’s conception of family life shapes their view of politics. In light of this, it is clear how the student activists who cheered at Mario Savio’s famous Sprout Hall speech about “bodies upon the gears” speech were rebelling against repressive and controlling adults. They saw adult authority as an infringement upon their inalienable right to develop their personalities and cultivate the capacity to make autonomous decisions. By contrast, today’s student activists are advocating for precisely the opposite cause: they demand free speech to be limited. The explanation is as simple as it is straightforward, their early life experiences led them to develop a beatific view of authority.

In “On Liberty“, John Stuart Mill famously argued that healthy skepticism of authority is necessary for liberty to thrive. He believed that political discourse should be modeled on scientific inquiry where participants freely exercise their prerogative to challenge the views of one another, as nobody can be certain that they have the last word on any given issue. However, Millennials are skeptical of liberty because of their sheltered upbringing, which makes them also mistrust democracy.

The explanation is simple and plausible: they have grown up in a culture where they have always expected adults to protect them from even the most trivial of setbacks, which is why they see democracy as a source of chaos. Their view of liberty is necessarily negative, as they have little to no experience with genuine abuse of adult authority. At any rate, they tend to see the risk of enduring the abuse of authority as less severe than the risk of accepting the responsibility that comes with living in a free society. By its nature, freedom comes with responsibility, and people who expect their caretakers to shield them from it cannot see the positive value of freedom. In light of this point of view, what reason do they have to prefer democracy to a technocracy?

Another fundamental reason why Millennials are wary of liberal democracy is that their understanding of history tends to be deficient. In “Defense of Politics”, Bernard Crick advanced a compelling case in favor of the necessity of politics, showing that this is the only alternative to autocracy. However, in order to participate in a political process, one must have a fairly nuanced understanding of history, social science, and civics, which Millennials lack. As a result, they find themselves hopelessly bamboozled by an incessant onslaught of vague, confusing, and often incoherent streams of information. Because they lack a basic understanding of history, they are not aware of the atrocities that have been committed by authoritarian regimes as recently as 30-40 years ago. As far as they are concerned, politics is merely a vulgar spectacle, on par with Jerry Springer or the American Idol, which is why they see no compelling reason to vote. After all, if voting is a waste of time, what’s wrong with a dictatorship?

It’s not a coincidence that the world has seen a rash of authoritarian neo-populist regimes in the early 2010s, right around the time when the last age cohort of the Millennials entered young adulthood. Even if they did not vote, they unwittingly created a cultural

milieu receptive to authoritarian ideas; this clearly has been the case in the USA, Mexico, Brazil, Hungary, and the Philippines, all of which have been governed by demagogues of this sort in the last decade.

The follow-up question that comes charging in is what can one expect when the Millennial generation enters the next stage of life? By the 2030s, the Baby Boomers will be either deceased or retired from politics, and Gen X is too small to countervail the political influence of Millennials, who are the largest living generation today. Gen Z will also be too small to put up any resistance to the collective will of their next-elders. We now live in a world where free speech, free markets, personal liberty, and democracy are increasingly becoming an older person's point of view. It is inevitable that the congress and the presidency will be controlled by Millennials, and how will such a generation wield their power? Clearly, they share none of their elder's skepticism of centralized power, the due process of law, individual freedom, and democracy. Far from seeing free speech as a resource that empowers a healthy exchange of ideas, they see it as a distraction that prevents authorities from safeguarding their feelings. So, why would they not repeal the First Amendment? Why not abolish the free markets and criminalize private property? Today, such insinuations appear ludicrous because half of the Millennials still live with their parents, so their hands are tied: they are not in the position to turn their vision into a reality. Yet, it's inevitable that the nation's circumstances will change: they will inherit their parents' money and emerge as the dominant generation that will mold the country into their own image."

The Red Pill and Suicide

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US Colleges and Universities: Always Pay Somebody Else to Do Your Homework

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This is an advertisement for my buddy Alex. He runs the company "Academic Composition" and for years has been countering the stupid, irrational, and evil trend of colleges and employers requiring ever more and worthless classes in order to give you "permission" to work.

THere is naturally "The Great Resignation" happening across the US and the West, but many of you are going to insist on improving your life and will unfortunately be forced into this rent-seeking world of marxist, leftist academics and HR cunts who love making poor, young people jump through unnecessary hoops to find employment.

If this is the case OR you are looking for employment that you can do from home, or in any other way want to AVOID this unfair system, may I recommend Academic Composition either as a potential employer or a service you would use:

Dear friends of Academic Composition,

You have been of enormous help in the last few years! We have come a very long way with you, and we need your help again.

Many of you have used our services, and some have joined us as writers. While returning customers and writers are the backbone of our organization, we need stellar marketers to help us grow. Over the last few years, over 200 of Aaron’s readers have joined us as marketers, and we have expanded to the point where we need more.

Despite the enormous demand for our services, the Great Resignation is a crude reality for all businesses, and ours is not an exception.

We need additional marketers, and the scheme is simple: you post our ads on social media, and we will pay you $5 for each person who responds. In light of the recent labor shortage, we will offer an additional incentive: you will also be paid $5 for the service of posting an ad. Each week, you can expect to receive a few leads, and you will need just a few minutes to post the ads. Effectively, you will be making more than a dollar per minute: many of our marketers average $20-30 per week in less than five minutes of work. During the high season, they earn $50-75.

In summary, this is how you will be compensated.

1. $5 for the service of posting the ad

2. $5 for each person who responds

To get started, please follow these basic steps.

1. Create a new gmail address

2. Activate the gmail forwarding feature. You may either follow the tutorial below or share the password to your new account, which will enable us to complete the forwarding authorization for you.

https://youtu.be/DpHes_HgPaA

If you choose to activate the forwarding feature on your own, please make sure that all incoming emails are directed to Aleksey.Bashtavenko@gmail.com

3. Use that new gmail address and create an account with Craigslist.

For additional questions or comments, please email us at Aleksey.Bashtavenko@gmail.com or academiccomposition@gmail.com

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Women Are Not Property

Women Are Just Not That Into You

No Young Person Can Succeed in California

What Would Asians Do?

Why Women Love Command Strips

Achieving Financial Excellence: The Most Direct Path Out of Poverty

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I am offering a new class on Teachable - "Achieving Financial Excellence."

The main purpose of the class is to identify the quickest route out of poverty by identifying and cutting through all the bullshit that society throws at you in order to fool you (and profit off of you) as to what is real wealth.

Most of my regular readers/subscribers/viewers do not need this class, but if you are new, poor, or are having financial troubles and would like to resolve them, consider dropping the $99 on the course below:

How to Become "T-Rash"

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The Economics of Raising Two Generations of Useless People

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The Economics of Grifting

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This is an e-mail consultation I did for a client who wondered about the red pill/manosphere and grifting. I've obviously made my money selling various books, classes, and consulting services, but because of my economics background, I believe I have a more accurate and unique take.

Dear Client,

Finally got time to answer this.

Here's the underlying economics of what's happening with all these guys and classes and grifters etc.

The United State and west in general has failed to raise the past three generations of men. If you think about that, that is a TON of time parents did not invest in their children. We are talking multiple trillions of human hours of training that should have gone into these men, and it hasn't.

So this is a MASSIVE economic undertaking, not only in the programming and reintroduction on an entire life philosophy for an entire sex, but also we ourselves had to research, test, recompile, and reconstitute this "data" or "information" or "philosophy."

Now, yes, modern day technology allows for the quick dissemination of that information making it free, but we're still early on in the relative compliation and reconstituting of this information. And so the vast majority of the information out there IS available for free, but it is not categorized or organized like a library would have it. THAT is the current stage we're at now, essentially organizing it into digestible bits that people can quickly reference.

So it's like walking into a library where the information you seek is in there, but, where it is is anybody's guess.

So the main service people are paying for in classes is for an expert in their relative field to compile all that information into a condensed form, be that a class or a book, etc.

So this is what you're seeing where people are all up in arms screaming "THIS IS FREE!!!!! IT'S ON THE INTERNET!!!!"

Yeah, but do you have the 40 hours to listen to all of Stephen Molyneux's podcasts to get the 45 minutes where he talks about The Non Aggression Principle? Or are you willing to spend $15 for a book or even $100 for a teachable class to have it condensed and

conveniently presented for you?

And that's why I think people are offering these class AND people are paying. It's more of a convenience of time saving issue. Say you're some immigrant coming to America to study engineering and want to get laid. You do not have the time to listen to all of Rollo Tomassi's podcasts about American women. But you do have the time to buy his book, take MLD's dating course, and Troy Francis' pick up school. May set you back $1,000, but that's better than 3 months of fulltime listening to get it all for free.

That being said I think as time goes on, the internet will naturally organize these things into digestable, specific and FREE information packets and you can already do that somewhat already. I KNOW nearly every one of those guys are sick of talking about the same damn thing (hit the gym, get a good degree, do the work, diet, etc. etc.) and is why you see them branch out. BUt also in their defense, they are BUSY trying to onboard all these young lost guys because they just keep coming. We literally cannot unplug these young men faster than the rate single moms are producing them. And we only have so much time. So there IS a higher demand than the supply of time we got and YEAH, we're charging for it.

So I think what a lot of young men in the red pill communtiy fail to see is THEY'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY AND OVER YEARS have picked up this information for free. Which is great, but a lot of new people are coming in, there's only so many of us, and nobody is putting a gun to anybody's head to force them to take it, so yeah, we're going to charge.

Finally, I'm of the firm belief that people don't do anything unless they pay a price. And I get sick of red pill theoreticians who will read books, take classes, consume YEARS of podcasts only to not execute on the advice therein. And though it doesn't directly hurt me or any other content producer, the hypocrisy still pisses me off. Thus, why I charge not only for my time, but the near-guarantee these people AREN'T going to DO THE WORK. I make them pay a price so AT LEAST they have a financial incentive to DO THE WORK and thus, earn their money back and thereby improve their life or solve their problem.

But overall, the much simpler explanation is it's a free market and people are paying for it. "What price do you charge? - What the market will bear." But also "more than what my next highest opportunity will pay." And right now there is nearly infinite demand for red pill truths from nearly ALL western men alive today who have been fed nothing but feminist lies and marxist propaganda their entire lives.

Think of nearly every penny, hour, and dollar that was invested in these men over the past 50 years, and realize it's going to take an equivalent amount of work, effort, resources, and time to undo all that programming and give them an operating system

that funcitons in reality. It's a monumental amount of work and there is obviously going to be money made in it.

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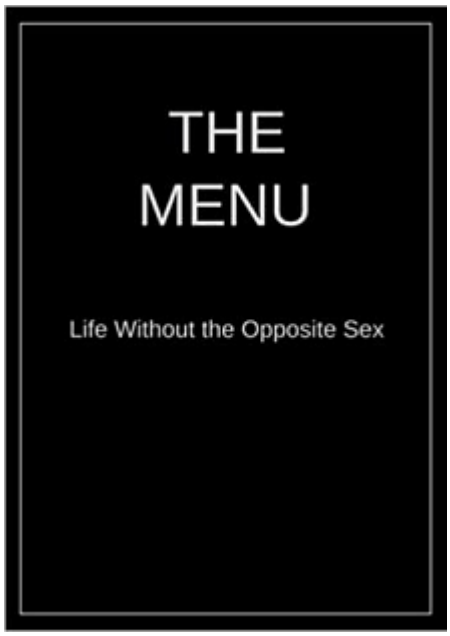

Cappy's Map to Maximizing Hedonistic Pleasure

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Supporting a Family on One Income - It's a Choice

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Marriage is as Dangerous as Smoking Cigarettes

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An Intellectual Conversation with Linda Gross

May 24, 2022 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

If you can believe it, ole Cappy has time to post on his blog. Hopefully this trend continues as the housing chores abate and Cappy slowly gets his life back.

Today's post is a link to a show I did with Linda Gross where we had quite an intelligent and succinct conversation about the realities of marriage and the dating market today. You'll enjoy it and can watch it here.

A Nice Lady Interviews Cappy About Women

May 27, 2022 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Wanted to promote this gal that had me on her show. She was very nice and I think is a bit of evidence that some women are at least becoming aware that all is not well in the dating world.

How Worthless College Degrees Caused Inflation

May 27, 2022 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

"You Can Walk Away"

July 22, 2022 | by Captain Capitalism | Link | Original Link

Below is a guest post. I have not read it because I don't have time. Do not complain or hold me responsible for what is in the post. Also, do not credit me for anything good in the article either. It is merely a reader who wanted to share his writing and I have accommodated him:

You Can Walk Away

By Agent in the Field #1582

It is obvious to many of us that the system (the status-quo blend of government, corporations, academia, and media) generally does not support the interests of pro-capitalist, pro-liberty, pro-nationalist, and small government Americans. So what is to be done about it?

As long as America remains a republic governed by a democratic process, the most popular position will win. But many of the popular positions are dysfunctional and reinforce the status-quo. It is also doubtful if spending your time trying to change the broad opinions of the people will produce results; sheer social inertia, indifference, or election tampering may get in the way. But there is another faster and more practical option: withdraw your support from everything you oppose.

The system requires your cooperation in order to keep functioning. It has many defenses against attack. But it has none against abandonment (Quinn, 1992).

I repeat: the system has no defense against abandonment.

I do not mean to abandon your actual responsibilities, or to fail to live up to your objective legal obligations (like paying taxes), or to break contracts that were freely made. I do not mean to abandon a geographical region either, although this can be an option. What I mean is, you do not have to actively give the system your support.

Instead, you can withdraw your support from every sphere where it is not explicitly required. Indeed, you can take advantage of your natural laziness and simply refuse to engage with a system that does not represent your interests.

Below (in alphabetical order) are some ideas of how to withdraw support from the

system. **This is not intended to be a list of recommendations**, nor is this list anywhere near complete. It is only intended as a thought-experiment to get your creative juices flowing. You must decide for yourself what is best for you, and in what manner to act.

Businesses

- Are businesses more concerned about virtue-signaling than about producing products and services? Then stop shopping at those businesses.

- If a business is using the labor of illegals and not hiring American citizens, then don't shop at that business.

- Is a business behaving in a disgusting way? Then refuse to work for them. Refuse to give them manpower, and encourage others not to work for them.

- Is a business asking you to round up at the checkout to throw money at an intractable social problem? Then don't round up – ever.

Busybodies & Beggars

- Does an environmentalist want you to sort your own garbage/kitchen waste/yard clippings and waste your time? Ignore him. Dump all your garbage into one big trash bag in a manner consistent with law.

- Are homeless people begging you for money? Don't give them any. Saying "I only have a credit card" works fine.

- Does a miserable activist have a grievance de jour? Don't sign the petition. Don't listen to their speech. Don't give any money.

Culture

- Does viewing porn make you vapid and weak? Then stop watching porn. Meet

actual people instead.

- Is somebody rewriting old books and/or movies in order to infuse them with a modern, ideological agenda? Then don't purchase those rewritten products. Keep and preserve the old.

- Are you tired of throwing hours of your time away on the television? Then stop watching television. Get involved in the community around you instead, in any small way.

- Is a social movement trying to inspire racial or gender guilt in you? Then abandon those people! Refuse to accept unearned guilt.

Dating & Marriage

- Is the present contract of marriage bad for men? Then don't sign that legal contract – talk to a lawyer and create your own contract instead.

- Are feminists in your community insufferable? Then don't date them. Don't give them any attention. Ignore them & refuse to engage with them.

- Did a woman deliberately cheat on you? Then dump her. Don't give her a second chance.

- Are women in your community fat? Then don't even approach them.

- Does a single mom want you to take care of her kids? Then run away fast in the other direction!

- Are you throwing money at a pretend girlfriend online? Then stop! Save your money & find a real live girl in meatspace instead.

Finances (Warning: Nothing in this section should be considered to be financial advice)

- Are you constantly buying stuff you don't need? Then stop buying stuff you don't need. Take greater pleasure in life from nature, companions, art, music, and free books & DVDs from the library.

- Do you really need that overnight delivery? Or are you just spending money on stuff you don't need?

- Do credit card companies charge too much interest? Then pay off your credit cards each month so you don't pay the interest. Use cash for most transactions instead. Using cash also deprives the credit card companies of the fee they charge businesses for using the card.

- Are your concerned about how large banks may misuse your money? Then consider moving your money into smaller, more local banks and credit unions.

- If you don't like what banks are doing with your money, consider putting some of your money into a safety deposit box where nobody can use it. Every deposit or investment you make is an act of volunteering your money for other people to use.

- Are US politicians behaving irresponsibility with their money-printing? Then exchange some of your US dollars for other currency. Consider getting a foreign bank account (beware of IRS reporting requirements, which can have severe penalties). Consider getting some cryptocurrency. Consider buying some land. Purchase some gold, or silver, or precious stones. Buy tangible items of high quality and lasting value.

- Is a payment processor deplatforming people due to their political views? Then stop using that payment processor.

Health

- If businesses push alcohol on you, then refuse to make drinking alcohol a habit.

- Does the local drug dealer push drugs on you? Then refuse to purchase drugs.

- Are unhealthy industrial foods being pushed on you? Then refuse to purchase that kind of food.

- Do you need that sugary, corn syrup drink? Water works fine instead.

- Is medical care too expensive? Then say “No” to that expense by keeping yourself in great shape. Pay a doctor for an annual checkup. See a dentist regularly. Invest in preventive medicine to avoid shelling out the big bucks to treat medical conditions that arise from self-neglect or poor hygiene.

Media

- Are movies terrible? Then stop buying movie tickets. Stop spending your precious time watching that garbage. Cancel your TV subscriptions. Only purchase films that you actually like. Go to a used goods store & buy several dozen used DVDs at a time. Trade and share them amongst friends. You can also rewatch old classics: there is a world of great film and animation that was made before the modern era. Download them by legal methods.

- Are social media companies practicing censorship? Then stop using those social media companies. Keep a mailing list and email your friends and family instead. Or better yet, start your own website, write a paper letter, or go visit them in person.

- Is a tech company firing people who don’t deserve it? Is that company selling your data and violating your privacy? Then quit using that tech company’s services. Use alt-tech services instead.

- Is an online bookseller censoring books? Then stop using that online bookseller. Use your public library instead.

- Does the news media constantly lie? Then don't watch their television shows. Don't click on their websites. Don't purchase their newspapers or magazines. Don't read their articles. Don't buy the products in their advertisements. Go to alternative sources if you want to know what it going on in the world.

Politics

- Did the politicians think it was a good idea to fight undeclared foreign wars? Do those wars seem nonsensical to you? Then don't volunteer to fight those wars.

- Is your State enforcing anti-property rights or anti-liberty laws? Then don't volunteer to work for that State. If you are on a jury, you can vote to acquit the victims of State aggression.

- Do political parties not represent you? Then don't donate money or time to those political parties.

- Are you unhappy with your choice of political candidates? Then don't vote for them. Write-in "none of the above" instead.

- Are athletes politicizing sports? Then stop watching sports. Stop buying sports paraphernalia and other useless junk. Go play sports with your friends instead.

- Is there a protest occurring in your city somewhere? Don't waste your time with a counter-protest. Ignore the protesters and don't give them any attention.

- Did a riot destroy lots of local businesses because the political leadership refused to act? Then don't volunteer to clean it up. Better yet, refuse to live in that kind of city.

- Is a politician offering you free stuff? Then take the free stuff, and afterwards, refuse to vote for that politician.

- Are the homeless a problem in your city? Do politicians refuse to address homelessness in a meaningful way? Then don't volunteer to work at the soup kitchen, homeless shelter, or free medical clinic.

Religion

- Do religions ask you to accept the absurd? Then don't support organized religions. Don't attend those institutions, and don't give them your money. Seek guidance in philosophy instead. Seek fellowship with other like-minded people.

- Does the funeral industrial complex want to rip you off by selling expensive caskets, embalming the body of a dead friend or relative, and selling a plot in a graveyard? Then go for cremation instead. Scatter those ashes! Create your own funeral rituals that don't involve you getting fleeced. Talk to your friends and relatives well ahead of time on how they want their bodies to be disposed of after they shuffle off this mortal coil.

Schooling

- Are you a student under the age of 18 who hates school? Then leave! Work with your parents & try to set up a homeschooling, or tutoring, or community-college situation. Even a partial solution would be beneficial. Alternatively, you can study hard and graduate from school early. No public school system can prevent students from demonstrating their understanding through sitting proficiency examinations. If you want to get out early, hit the books!

- Are the universities charging too much tuition? Then take as many AP courses as possible and skip a year of college via earning AP credits. You can also refuse to take student loans. Try to get your general education courses completed at a community college and subsequently transfer to a 4-year university. Work a job, search for scholarships and grants, and pay as you go.

- If you really must go to a university, at least major in a STEM field. Try to get around the liberal arts requirements as much as possible. Only give what is required to get the grades and degrees you need, and then get out.

- Remember that liberalism on University campuses requires volunteers. Don't volunteer for any cause that advances the institutionalization of nonsense. Don't staff their interest-booths. Don't go to their guest lectures. Don't sign up for their mailing lists. Don't register for their useless courses. Don't attend their protests. Don't answer their surveys. Don't put up their posters. Don't have drinks with your nutty professor. Don't give them a single penny, calorie of energy, or moment of your time beyond what is required.

Taxes

- Are income taxes too high? Hire an accountant and take advantage of every legal way to reduce your burden.

- Is the sales tax too high? Then stop buying stuff you don't need. Find alternative ways to get the things you want. Secondhand shops, garage sales, give-aways, swaps, or online sellers are options to consider.

Tech

- Are cell phone companies tracking you? Then stop using a cell phone. Get an old-school landline and answering machine instead. Keep a cell phone around for emergencies only. If you must have a cell phone, check it only once per day. Keep it turned off otherwise.

- Are you tired of watching advertisements on the internet? Then switch to a browser with an ad-blocker or install one.

- Does American tech censor you, deplatform you, or manipulate search engine results? Then build your own platforms, or make use of those in a different country.

Transportation

- Do you hate your daily commute? Then say “no” to that experience by changing jobs, working online, or finding a place to live closer to work.
- Are you flying somewhere? Pack goodies in your carry-on in order to avoid the expensive airport food. Take an empty water bottle & fill it up after you pass through security.
- Does an airline charge you for checked bags? Then limit your belongings to a carry-on, whenever it is practical to do so.

Conclusion

I hope that these examples have shown that the system requires your voluntary participation to continue. Very few things are actually required and the power indeed lies in your hands. You get to decide your level of participation and what is acceptable to you, and what is not.

However, while there are many ways to say “no” to the system, saying “no” is not the same thing as saying “yes.” One cannot reasonably live a life based upon the things you refuse to do. One must primarily pursue goals and achieve something distinct. You cannot just reject that which is stupid, destructive, or wicked; you must also court, nurture, build, and encourage the good, but that is the subject of a different essay.

Withdrawing your support isn’t a sexy strategy and it may not directly make the world a better place. But saying “no” in countless, tiny ways will give you more of a sense of agency and lead to greater satisfaction and peace of mind. The world might indeed be going mad, but you don’t have to participate in that madness.

You can walk away.

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From Alex:

Many of you may have heard from us over the years, and we are grateful for your support. Aaron's readers have emerged as our top marketers, and loyal clients, and a good chunk of our writers found us through this blog. An old adage holds that "an enemy of my enemy is my friend", and we have little sympathy for the politically correct propaganda and the system of formal education that it is ensconced in. Yet, we highly value education, and many of us are accomplished autodidacts, which is what drives our passion for political philosophy, economics, and cultural issues.

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Violence and Revenge in Modern America

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I received a request at Asshole Consulting, and I thought it would be of benefit to the few readers I still have on the ole blog. I edited it a bit to be more thorough, but since many of you are no doubt angry, I have found solace in how people just absolutely destroy themselves being lazy, criminal, incompetent or just egotistical. Enjoy the Decline!

Hi XXX,

Well here is my policy on the use of physical violence.

First, can I even use it without going to jail? This limits the use of violence to only self defense, and in some states, not even that. Some states you have to let the criminal into your house and YOU have to leave. But this more or less sets the entire tone of my policy on using violence, making it not a moral issue, but an entirely practical one - WILL I END UP IN A CAGE? If the answer is yes, then I do not use violence. If the answer is no, and I'm being threatened, then yes, I use violence.

Second, outside having my life threatened, I may have a desire to be violent to people (slow drivers, dumb people, leftists etc). but since I end up in jail, there isn't much I can do to these people no matter how much I want to hurt them. This forces me to take a stoic approach to the dumb, parasitic, even outright evil people in the world as their actions may prompt me to desire violence, but it is at the same time not an option.

This then manifests in karma, poetic justice, and just letting the evil/stupid/egotistical suffer, which is where my current philosophy is. MOST evil or stupid people will suffer at their own hand. Be it a single mom whore who's always on welfare. A criminal. A lazy fat ass NEET. A student loan bail-out receiving feminist. Whoever it is, the reason most people want to commit violence upon those people is they are violating society in one way or another. However, while these people may get away with crimes against humanity (whether they're illegal or or just socially frowned upon), that doesn't mean they don't pay a price. Specifically, immoral and unacceptable behavior is detested by society at large, and while these people may not end up in jail, other people will have nothing to do with these people.

This results in an ostracization of the stupid and evil from the rest of society. Or at least forcing them to be with other low quality humans. Poor people fuck and breed poor people who perennially live off of welfare. Criminals have no stable relationships because they're always stealing from family and friends. Dumb leftists/political parasites never have true friends as their parasitic and lazy nature bleeds into all relationships, preventing quality people from wanting to hang out with them. And lazy people are

always desperately tying to find a way to live off of others, which deters all people in all aspects of their lives, and condemns them to poverty.

In short, yes, you desperately may want to beat the shit out of some welfare trash thug or ram some slow driving RV boomer fuck off the road, and no doubt you have every moral right to. But how much worse would you make these people's lives REALLY? The boomer fuck who can't drive the speed limit can barely go to the post office without it being a huge mental challenge. The welfare mom spitting out kids and living off the taxpayer, she's going to be forever poor and never experience love. The 40 year old millennial receiving a $20,000 student loan bail out, still has $80,000 left and no work ethic to EVER achieve a normal standard of living. And man-hating feminists will live an entire life blaming men for their non-existent love lives.

Once you view it through that lens, you kinda don't really care about the stupid, lazy or criminal. You just let them be and their entire lives will be one of pain and misery. You couldn't cause them more harm than they're causing themselves.

Best

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Vladimir Putin's Speech

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Below is a speech that was given by Vladimir Putin to the Russian legislature. I had to post it here for reference as I received a request to give my opinion on this speech, but the speech was inaccessible from western computers/internet. I have no allegiance or opinion on Russia, Ukraine, Putin, etc., but I do have an opinion on the freedom of speech in America. The fact this speech was obstructed to get to and read is proof America and some Americans are against free speech. It is also an insult to Americans that we need to be protected against foreign thoughts or propaganda on account we are not able to make our own decisions. Again, I do not support nor do I condemn Putin. But a mighty fuck you to the people who decided for me that neither I nor anyone else should be able to have access to this speech. You are no different a dictator than those you criticize.

President of Russia Vladimir Putin: Citizens of Russia, citizens of the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, residents of the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions, deputies of the State Duma, senators of the Russian Federation,

As you know, referendums have been held in the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics and the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions. The ballots have been counted and the results have been announced. The people have made their unequivocal choice.

Today we will sign treaties on the accession of the Donetsk People's Republic, Lugansk People's Republic, Zaporozhye Region and Kherson Region to the Russian Federation. I have no doubt that the Federal Assembly will support the constitutional laws on the accession to Russia and the establishment of four new regions, our new constituent entities of the Russian Federation, because this is the will of millions of people. (Applause.)

It is undoubtedly their right, an inherent right sealed in Article 1 of the UN Charter, which directly states the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples.

I repeat, it is an inherent right of the people. It is based on our historical affinity, and it is that right that led generations of our predecessors, those who built and defended Russia for centuries since the period of Ancient Rus, to victory.

Here in Novorossiya, [Pyotr] Rumyantsev, [Alexander] Suvorov and [Fyodor] Ushakov fought their battles, and Catherine the Great and [Grigory] Potyomkin founded new cities. Our grandfathers and great-grandfathers fought here to the bitter end during the Great Patriotic War.

We will always remember the heroes of the Russian Spring, those who refused to accept

the neo-Nazi coup d'état in Ukraine in 2014, all those who died for the right to speak their native language, to preserve their culture, traditions and religion, and for the very right to live. We remember the soldiers of Donbass, the martyrs of the “Odessa Khatyn,” the victims of inhuman terrorist attacks carried out by the Kiev regime. We commemorate volunteers and militiamen, civilians, children, women, senior citizens, Russians, Ukrainians, people of various nationalities; popular leader of Donetsk Alexander Zakharchenko; military commanders Arsen Pavlov and Vladimir Zhoga, Olga Kachura and Alexei Mozgovoy; prosecutor of the Lugansk Republic Sergei Gorenko; paratrooper Nurmagomed Gadzhimagomedov and all our soldiers and officers who died a hero’s death during the special military operation. They are heroes. (Applause.) Heroes of great Russia. Please join me in a minute of silence to honour their memory.

(Minute of silence.)

Thank you.

Behind the choice of millions of residents in the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, in the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions, is our common destiny and thousand-year history. People have passed this spiritual connection on to their children and grandchildren. Despite all the trials they endured, they carried the love for Russia through the years. This is something no one can destroy. That is why both older generations and young people – those who were born after the tragic collapse of the Soviet Union – have voted for our unity, for our common future.

In 1991 in Belovezhskaya Pushcha, representatives of the party elite of that time made a decision to terminate the Soviet Union, without asking ordinary citizens what they wanted, and people suddenly found themselves cut off from their homeland. This tore apart and dismembered our national community and triggered a national catastrophe. Just like the government quietly demarcated the borders of Soviet republics, acting behind the scenes after the 1917 revolution, the last leaders of the Soviet Union, contrary to the direct expression of the will of the majority of people in the referendum of 1991, destroyed our great country, and simply made the people in the former republics face this as an accomplished fact.

I can admit that they didn’t even know what they were doing and what consequences their actions would have in the end. But it doesn't matter now. There is no Soviet Union anymore; we cannot return to the past. Actually, Russia no longer needs it today; this isn’t our ambition. But there is nothing stronger than the determination of millions of people who, by their culture, religion, traditions, and language, consider themselves part of Russia, whose ancestors lived in a single country for centuries. There is nothing stronger than their determination to return to their true historical homeland.

For eight long years, people in Donbass were subjected to genocide, shelling and

blockades; in Kherson and Zaporozhye, a criminal policy was pursued to cultivate hatred for Russia, for everything Russian. Now too, during the referendums, the Kiev regime threatened schoolteachers, women who worked in election commissions with reprisals and death. Kiev threatened millions of people who came to express their will with repression. But the people of Donbass, Zaporozhye and Kherson weren't broken, and they had their say.

I want the Kiev authorities and their true handlers in the West to hear me now, and I want everyone to remember this: the people living in Lugansk and Donetsk, in Kherson and Zaporozhye have become our citizens, forever. (Applause.)

We call on the Kiev regime to immediately cease fire and all hostilities; to end the war it unleashed back in 2014 and return to the negotiating table. We are ready for this, as we have said more than once. But the choice of the people in Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporozhye and Kherson will not be discussed. The decision has been made, and Russia will not betray it. (Applause.) Kiev's current authorities should respect this free expression of the people's will; there is no other way. This is the only way to peace.

We will defend our land with all the forces and resources we have, and we will do everything we can to ensure the safety of our people. This is the great liberating mission of our nation.

We will definitely rebuild the destroyed cities and towns, the residential buildings, schools, hospitals, theatres and museums. We will restore and develop industrial enterprises, factories, infrastructure, as well as the social security, pension, healthcare and education systems.

We will certainly work to improve the level of security. Together we will make sure that citizens in the new regions can feel the support of all the people of Russia, of the entire nation, all the republics, territories and regions of our vast Motherland. (Applause.)

Friends, colleagues,

Today I would like to address our soldiers and officers who are taking part in the special military operation, the fighters of Donbass and Novorossiya, those who went to military recruitment offices after receiving a call-up paper under the executive order on partial mobilisation, and those who did this voluntarily, answering the call of their hearts. I would like to address their parents, wives and children, to tell them what our people are fighting for, what kind of enemy we are up against, and who is pushing the world into new wars and crises and deriving blood-stained benefits from this tragedy.

Our compatriots, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are part of our united people have seen with their own eyes what the ruling class of the so-called West have prepared

for humanity as a whole. They have dropped their masks and shown what they are really made of.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, the West decided that the world and all of us would permanently accede to its dictates. In 1991, the West thought that Russia would never rise after such shocks and would fall to pieces on its own. This almost happened. We remember the horrible 1990s, hungry, cold and hopeless. But Russia remained standing, came alive, grew stronger and occupied its rightful place in the world.

Meanwhile, the West continued and continues looking for another chance to strike a blow at us, to weaken and break up Russia, which they have always dreamed about, to divide our state and set our peoples against each other, and to condemn them to poverty and extinction. They cannot rest easy knowing that there is such a great country with this huge territory in the world, with its natural wealth, resources and people who cannot and will not do someone else's bidding.

The West is ready to cross every line to preserve the neo-colonial system which allows it to live off the world, to plunder it thanks to the domination of the dollar and technology, to collect an actual tribute from humanity, to extract its primary source of unearned prosperity, the rent paid to the hegemon. The preservation of this annuity is their main, real and absolutely self-serving motivation. This is why total de-sovereignisation is in their interest. This explains their aggression towards independent states, traditional values and authentic cultures, their attempts to undermine international and integration processes, new global currencies and technological development centres they cannot control. It is critically important for them to force all countries to surrender their sovereignty to the United States.

In certain countries, the ruling elites voluntarily agree to do this, voluntarily agree to become vassals; others are bribed or intimidated. And if this does not work, they destroy entire states, leaving behind humanitarian disasters, devastation, ruins, millions of wrecked and mangled human lives, terrorist enclaves, social disaster zones, protectorates, colonies and semi-colonies. They don't care. All they care about is their own benefit.

I want to underscore again that their insatiability and determination to preserve their unfettered dominance are the real causes of the hybrid war that the collective West is waging against Russia. They do not want us to be free; they want us to be a colony. They do not want equal cooperation; they want to loot. They do not want to see us a free society, but a mass of soulless slaves.

They see our thought and our philosophy as a direct threat. That is why they target our philosophers for assassination. Our culture and art present a danger to them, so they are trying to ban them. Our development and prosperity are also a threat to them because

competition is growing. They do not want or need Russia, but we do. (Applause.)

I would like to remind you that in the past, ambitions of world domination have repeatedly shattered against the courage and resilience of our people. Russia will always be Russia. We will continue to defend our values and our Motherland.

The West is counting on impunity, on being able to get away with anything. As a matter of fact, this was actually the case until recently. Strategic security agreements have been trashed; agreements reached at the highest political level have been declared tall tales; firm promises not to expand NATO to the east gave way to dirty deception as soon as our former leaders bought into them; missile defence, intermediate-range and shorter-range missile treaties have been unilaterally dismantled under far-fetched pretexts.

And all we hear is, the West is insisting on a rules-based order. Where did that come from anyway? Who has ever seen these rules? Who agreed or approved them? Listen, this is just a lot of nonsense, utter deceit, double standards, or even triple standards! They must think we're stupid.

Russia is a great thousand-year-old power, a whole civilisation, and it is not going to live by such makeshift, false rules. (Applause.)

It was the so-called West that trampled on the principle of the inviolability of borders, and now it is deciding, at its own discretion, who has the right to self-determination and who does not, who is unworthy of it. It is unclear what their decisions are based on or who gave them the right to decide in the first place. They just assumed it.

That is why the choice of the people in Crimea, Sevastopol, Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporozhye and Kherson makes them so furiously angry. The West does not have any moral right to weigh in, or even utter a word about freedom of democracy. It does not and it never did.

Western elites not only deny national sovereignty and international law. Their hegemony has pronounced features of totalitarianism, despotism and apartheid. They brazenly divide the world into their vassals – the so-called civilised countries – and all the rest, who, according to the designs of today's Western racists, should be added to the list of barbarians and savages. False labels like "rogue country" or "authoritarian regime" are already available, and are used to stigmatise entire nations and states, which is nothing new. There is nothing new in this: deep down, the Western elites have remained the same colonisers. They discriminate and divide peoples into the top tier and the rest.

We have never agreed to and will never agree to such political nationalism and racism. What else, if not racism, is the Russophobia being spread around the world? What, if not racism, is the West's dogmatic conviction that its civilisation and neoliberal culture is an

indisputable model for the entire world to follow? “You’re either with us or against us.” It even sounds strange.

Western elites are even shifting repentance for their own historical crimes on everyone else, demanding that the citizens of their countries and other peoples confess to things they have nothing to do with at all, for example, the period of colonial conquests.

It is worth reminding the West that it began its colonial policy back in the Middle Ages, followed by the worldwide slave trade, the genocide of Indian tribes in America, the plunder of India and Africa, the wars of England and France against China, as a result of which it was forced to open its ports to the opium trade. What they did was get entire nations hooked on drugs and purposefully exterminated entire ethnic groups for the sake of grabbing land and resources, hunting people like animals. This is contrary to human nature, truth, freedom and justice.

While we – we are proud that in the 20th century our country led the anti-colonial movement, which opened up opportunities for many peoples around the world to make progress, reduce poverty and inequality, and defeat hunger and disease.

To emphasise, one of the reasons for the centuries-old Russophobia, the Western elites’ unconcealed animosity toward Russia is precisely the fact that we did not allow them to rob us during the period of colonial conquests and forced the Europeans to trade with us on mutually beneficial terms. This was achieved by creating a strong centralised state in Russia, which grew and got stronger based on the great moral valuesof Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, as well as Russian culture and the Russian word that were open to all.

There were numerous plans to invade Russia. Such attempts were made during the Time of Troubles in the 17th century and in the period of ordeals after the 1917 revolution. All of them failed. The West managed to grab hold of Russia’s wealth only in the late 20th century, when the state had been destroyed. They called us friends and partners, but they treated us like a colony, using various schemes to pump trillions of dollars out of the country. We remember. We have not forgotten anything.

A few days ago, people in Donetsk and Lugansk, Kherson and Zaporozhye declared their support for restoring our historical unity. Thank you! (Applause.)

Western countries have been saying for centuries that they bring freedom and democracy to other nations. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead of bringing democracy they suppressed and exploited, and instead of giving freedom they enslaved and oppressed. The unipolar world is inherently anti-democratic and unfree; it is false and hypocritical through and through.

The United States is the only country in the world that has used nuclear weapons twice, destroying the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. And they created a precedent.

Recall that during WWII the United States and Britain reduced Dresden, Hamburg, Cologne and many other German cities to rubble, without the least military necessity. It was done ostentatiously and, to repeat, without any military necessity. They had only one goal, as with the nuclear bombing of Japanese cities: to intimidate our country and the rest of the world.

The United States left a deep scar in the memory of the people of Korea and Vietnam with their carpet bombings and use of napalm and chemical weapons.

It actually continues to occupy Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and other countries, which they cynically refer to as equals and allies. Look now, what kind of alliance is that? The whole world knows that the top officials in these countries are being spied on and that their offices and homes are bugged. It is a disgrace, a disgrace for those who do this and for those who, like slaves, silently and meekly swallow this arrogant behaviour.

They call the orders and threats they make to their vassals Euro-Atlantic solidarity, and the creation of biological weapons and the use of human test subjects, including in Ukraine, noble medical research.

It is their destructive policies, wars and plunder that have unleashed today's massive wave of migrants. Millions of people endure hardships and humiliation or die by the thousands trying to reach Europe.

They are exporting grain from Ukraine now. Where are they taking it under the guise of ensuring the food security of the poorest countries? Where is it going? They are taking it to the self-same European countries. Only five percent has been delivered to the poorest countries. More cheating and naked deception again.

In effect, the American elite is using the tragedy of these people to weaken its rivals, to destroy nation states. This goes for Europe and for the identities of France, Italy, Spain and other countries with centuries-long histories.

Washington demands more and more sanctions against Russia and the majority of European politicians obediently go along with it. They clearly understand that by pressuring the EU to completely give up Russian energy and other resources, the United States is practically pushing Europe toward deindustrialisation in a bid to get its hands on the entire European market. These European elites understand everything – they do, but they prefer to serve the interests of others. This is no longer servility but direct betrayal of their own peoples. God bless, it is up to them.

But the Anglo-Saxons believe sanctions are no longer enough and now they have turned to subversion. It seems incredible but it is a fact – by causing explosions on Nord Stream's international gas pipelines passing along the bottom of the Baltic Sea, they have actually embarked on the destruction of Europe's entire energy infrastructure. It is clear to everyone who stands to gain. Those who benefit are responsible, of course.

The dictates of the US are backed up by crude force, on the law of the fist. Sometimes it is beautifully wrapped sometimes there is no wrapping at all but the gist is the same – the law of the fist. Hence, the deployment and maintenance of hundreds of military bases in all corners of the world, NATO expansion, and attempts to cobble together new military alliances, such as AUKUS and the like. Much is being done to create a Washington-Seoul-Tokyo military-political chain. All states that possess or aspire to genuine strategic sovereignty and are capable of challenging Western hegemony, are automatically declared enemies.

These are the principles that underlie US and NATO military doctrines that require total domination. Western elites are presenting their neocolonialist plans with the same hypocrisy, claiming peaceful intentions, talking about some kind of deterrence. This evasive word migrates from one strategy to another but really only means one thing – undermining any and all sovereign centres of power.

We have already heard about the deterrence of Russia, China and Iran. I believe next in line are other countries of Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, as well as current US partners and allies. After all, we know that when they are displeased, they introduce sanctions against their allies as well – against this or that bank or company. This is their practice and they will expand it. They have everything in their sights, including our next-door neighbours – the CIS countries.

At the same time, the West has clearly been engaged in wishful thinking for a long time. In launching the sanctions blitzkrieg against Russia, for example, they thought that they could once again line up the whole world at their command. As it turns out, however, such a bright prospect does not excite everyone – other than complete political masochists and admirers of other unconventional forms of international relations. Most states refuse to "snap a salute" and instead choose the sensible path of cooperation with Russia.

The West clearly did not expect such insubordination. They simply got used to acting according to a template, to grab whatever they please, by blackmail, bribery, intimidation, and convinced themselves that these methods would work forever, as if they had fossilised in the past.

Such self-confidence is a direct product not only of the notorious concept of exceptionalism – although it never ceases to amaze – but also of the real "information

hunger“ in the West. The truth has been drowned in an ocean of myths, illusions and fakes, using extremely aggressive propaganda, lying like Goebbels. The more unbelievable the lie, the quicker people will believe it – that is how they operate, according to this principle.

But people cannot be fed with printed dollars and euros. You can't feed them with those pieces of paper, and the virtual, inflated capitalisation of western social media companies can't heat their homes. Everything I am saying is important. And what I just said is no less so: you can't feed anyone with paper – you need food; and you can't heat anyone’s home with these inflated capitalisations – you need energy.

That is why politicians in Europe have to convince their fellow citizens to eat less, take a shower less often and dress warmer at home. And those who start asking fair questions like “Why is that, in fact?” are immediately declared enemies, extremists and radicals. They point back at Russia and say: that is the source of all your troubles. More lies.

I want to make special note of the fact that there is every reason to believe that the Western elites are not going to look for constructive ways out of the global food and energy crisis that they and they alone are to blame for, as a result of their long-term policy, dating back long before our special military operation in Ukraine, in Donbass. They have no intention of solving the problems of injustice and inequality. I am afraid they would rather use other formulas they are more comfortable with.

And here it is important to recall that the West bailed itself out of its early 20th century challenges with World War I. Profits from World War II helped the United States finally overcome the Great Depression and become the largest economy in the world, and to impose on the planet the power of the dollar as a global reserve currency. And the 1980s crisis – things came to a head in the 1980s again – the West emerged from it unscathed largely by appropriating the inheritance and resources of the collapsed and defunct Soviet Union. That's a fact.

Now, in order to free itself from the latest web of challenges, they need to dismantle Russia as well as other states that choose a sovereign path of development, at all costs, to be able to further plunder other nations’ wealth and use it to patch their own holes. If this does not happen, I cannot rule out that they will try to trigger a collapse of the entire system, and blame everything on that, or, God forbid, decide to use the old formula of economic growth through war.

Russia is aware of its responsibility to the international community and will make every effort to ensure that cooler heads prevail.

The current neocolonial model is ultimately doomed; this much is obvious. But I repeat that its real masters will cling to it to the end. They simply have nothing to offer the world

except to maintain the same system of plundering and racketeering.

They do not give a damn about the natural right of billions of people, the majority of humanity, to freedom and justice, the right to determine their own future. They have already moved on to the radical denial of moral, religious, and family values.

Let's answer some very simple questions for ourselves. Now I would like to return to what I said and want to address also all citizens of the country – not just the colleagues that are in the hall – but all citizens of Russia: do we want to have here, in our country, in Russia, "parent number one, parent number two and parent number three" (they have completely lost it!) instead of mother and father? Do we want our schools to impose on our children, from their earliest days in school, perversions that lead to degradation and extinction? Do we want to drum into their heads the ideas that certain other genders exist along with women and men and to offer them gender reassignment surgery? Is that what we want for our country and our children? This is all unacceptable to us. We have a different future of our own.

Let me repeat that the dictatorship of the Western elites targets all societies, including the citizens of Western countries themselves. This is a challenge to all. This complete renunciation of what it means to be human, the overthrow of faith and traditional values, and the suppression of freedom are coming to resemble a "religion in reverse" – pure Satanism. Exposing false messiahs, Jesus Christ said in the Sermon on the Mount: "By their fruits ye shall know them." These poisonous fruits are already obvious to people, and not only in our country but also in all countries, including many people in the West itself.

The world has entered a period of a fundamental, revolutionary transformation. New centres of power are emerging. They represent the majority – the majority! – of the international community. They are ready not only to declare their interests but also to protect them. They see in multipolarity an opportunity to strengthen their sovereignty, which means gaining genuine freedom, historical prospects, and the right to their own independent, creative and distinctive forms of development, to a harmonious process.

As I have already said, we have many like-minded people in Europe and the United States, and we feel and see their support. An essentially emancipatory, anti-colonial movement against unipolar hegemony is taking shape in the most diverse countries and societies. Its power will only grow with time. It is this force that will determine our future geopolitical reality.

Friends,

Today, we are fighting for a just and free path, first of all for ourselves, for Russia, in order to leave dictate and despotism in the past. I am convinced that countries and

peoples understand that a policy based on the exceptionalism of whoever it may be and the suppression of other cultures and peoples is inherently criminal, and that we must close this shameful chapter. The ongoing collapse of Western hegemony is irreversible. And I repeat: things will never be the same.

The battlefield to which destiny and history have called us is a battlefield for our people, for the great historical Russia. (Applause.) For the great historical Russia, for future generations, our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We must protect them against enslavement and monstrous experiments that are designed to cripple their minds and souls.

Today, we are fighting so that it would never occur to anyone that Russia, our people, our language, or our culture can be erased from history. Today, we need a consolidated society, and this consolidation can only be based on sovereignty, freedom, creation, and justice. Our values are humanity, mercy and compassion.

And I want to close with the words of a true patriot Ivan Ilyin: “If I consider Russia my Motherland, that means that I love as a Russian, contemplate and think, sing and speak as a Russian; that I believe in the spiritual strength of the Russian people. Its spirit is my spirit; its destiny is my destiny; its suffering is my grief; and its prosperity is my joy.”

Behind these words stands a glorious spiritual choice, which, for more than a thousand years of Russian statehood, was followed by many generations of our ancestors. Today, we are making this choice; the citizens of the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics and the residents of the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions have made this choice. They made the choice to be with their people, to be with their Motherland, to share in its destiny, and to be victorious together with it.

The truth is with us, and behind us is Russia!

The Case for IQ Based Segregation - by TJ Martinell

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TJ as you know is a colleague of mine and he asked if I would post his thoughts, inspired in part by my book "Curse of the High IQ" (and no doubt inspired in part by his intellect). I have not read it yet so don't come complaining to me if you don't like it. I'm just assuming the guy's smart enough that I can rely on him to write a good piece.

The Case for IQ-Based Segregation

In the dystopian short story *Harrison Bergeron*, one of the ways the tyrannical government maintains equality is by interfering with the brains of those more intelligent. They continually receive shocks to the brain that prevent extended train of thought. The reason: if intelligent people could think for long enough, they could achieve more than those less intelligent, and that would make society "unequal."

In effect, equality meant dumbing down the smart to the lowest common denominator.

It's a notion I've thought about ever since I put down Aaron Clarey's Curse of the High IQ, which I finally got around to read. There are a lot of things that could be said about the book, but I'd like to focus specifically on the role intelligence plays in social relations.

Simply put, significant IQ differences amounts to an impenetrable barrier between the high IQ and ordinary people. Things that an intelligent person takes for granted and assumes everyone else recognizes is beyond the comprehension of most.

However, rather than recognize this and structure society accordingly, we subscribe to the idiotic notion that everyone is the same, that everyone is *tabula rasa* – a blank slate with equal potential for achievement. Thus, intelligence is not accounted for, at least honestly, in how we arrange institutions.

A high IQ boy does not belong in the same classroom as ordinary kids. He does not belong in the same higher education system as ordinary young adults. He does not belong in the same groups in which he is treated as a peer to someone a standard deviation below his IQ. He does not belong in the same workplace environment as people less capable as he. He does not belong in the same dating pool as those who can't process the notion of long-term thinking and low time preference, as he is looking for a woman almost a separate breed compared to those sought out by men who, like in *Harrison Bergeron*, can't hold a thought for more than a few seconds.

Trying to force the smart to integrate with the dumb is cruel for all parties involved. The high IQ person is frustrated and emotionally drained trying to interact with someone unable to comprehend seemingly basic concepts, while the midwits are humiliated and embarrassed by having someone actively having to dumb themselves down just to communicate with them. It's on par with forcing special Olympic athletes to join the regular Olympics and getting angry when the normal sprinter outruns the special needs man in the 100-meter dash by 15 seconds and insists he go slower to not humiliate a mentally retarded competitor.

In a saner world, people with high IQs would be identified as early as possible and separated from others in environments where intelligence is an important factor. Like an intellectual aristocracy, they would be raised with the understanding that they are different, that these differences do not confer moral judgement either way, and that the best solution is for them to associate with others of similar intelligence in most settings.

The problem, as Clarey points out, is that our society is not tailored for the intelligent, but the midwit. Virtually all mainstream spaces cater to the median intelligence or low IQ individuals. To be sure, there are opportunities to mingle with people of similar IQs, but the events and venues are often expensive or more exclusive in nature. In a world that sees discrimination of any kind as evil, the only way to maintain boundaries is through prices or secrecy, i.e. an invite-only cigar lounge.

The challenge with this is that while intelligence and wealth have some correlation, they're not intertwined. A high IQ boy from a poor family will not have access to these amenities in the same way a midwit from a trust fund family will. This is in part how so many institutions lose their prestige by admitting people based on wealth, rather than ability. They get dominated by arrogant midwits who think they're entitled to things by virtue of merely existing.

In a sane world, the solution to the problem is segregation by intelligence, with spaces reserved only for the high IQ so that they can have meaningful, fulfilling social lives around those like them, just as median IQ people are more capable today of forming relationships because they have opportunities to meet like-minded people.

But, we don't live in a sane world and that's not likely to change. In an age when people suffering online censorship have been told to "build your own platforms," it would do well for the high IQ to accept that if they want a space to belong in, they'll have to create it themselves. I'm thinking not only in terms of what is practical, but in an actual sense, rather than formal manner.

For example, if you wanted to create a male-only gym, you don't put up a sign that says so and make it official. You simply make the aesthetics appealing to masculine men and unfriendly to the yoga pants wearers. You play 1980s heavy metal, have darker, greyer color paint on the walls, lots of bodybuilding equipment, and posters of related stuff that appeals to gym rats. You're not explicitly denying women entry, but they will naturally go elsewhere since they can't change these things because they don't control it. If there are women there, they will be few in number and intuitively grasp that they have to adhere to masculine norms, because the gym isn't there for them.

In contrast, setting up a "men only" sign and actively trying to kick women out will accomplish nothing but a lawsuit and negative media publicity.

The same applies to IQ-based segregation. A high IQ space needs the aesthetics, décor, and environment that caters to people with greater capacity for thought, sophistication, and finer preferences. It filters out by intelligence, not income or purchasing power. It's a space that feels inviting for the smart, not those who *think* they're smart.

While it doesn't have to be hostile toward the average person, they should instinctively

and unconsciously sense that it’s not an appropriate place for them or does not appeal to their tastes. And because they have no say and there are no actual rules discriminating against lower IQ people like themselves, there’s nothing they can do but leave.

How high IQ spaces are created and what that space looks like precisely is an aside. The gist is that smart people need to have their own places and experience a sense of belonging by being in close proximity with others who speak the same language, i.e. intelligence. Further, these spaces adhere to the standards and norms of the highly intelligent, rather than placating those with a 90 IQ. Most importantly, they need to be able to keep out people whose presence there is inappropriate by nature of their IQ, someone who if allowed to remain will undermine the standards and norms for that space to accommodate them.

We need to abandon the notion of egalitarianism and equality by recognizing the harm it’s caused to pretty much everyone and the unnecessary conflicts that result from it. Among the worst aspects of it, is that it creates unrealistic expectations for the dumb and conceals from the intelligent the options at their disposal. The other issue is that the mere presence of high IQ people provokes insecurity and envy among malicious halfwits and midwits, who then seek to sabotage the lives of the high IQ. By separating them, these feuds are avoided.

Critics will say this is elitist, and all I can say is that they’re right. We’re not pretending that halfwits are equal to that of someone with a 130 IQ or should be treated the same any more than we treat those who can run a 4:15 minute mile the same as a 300 lbs. defensive lineman. The difference between segregation and what we have now is that currently the halfwits and midwits get to project and impose their standards and preferences onto people more intelligent than they and whose only desire is to fully realize their own potential.

This won’t cure the curse of a high IQ, but it will alleviate some of the worst aspects.

Why Do We Put Education Behind a Pay Wall? (aka - How to Make Free Education a Right)

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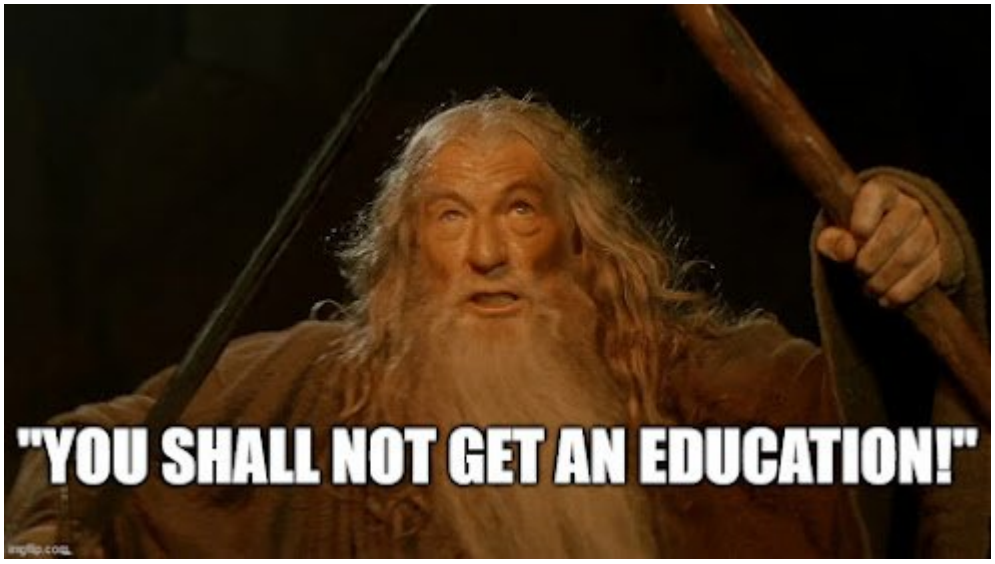

Americans Are Just Too Stupid, But...

20 years ago when it became apparent that most office work could be done over the internet, I had one, simple question – why do we commute?

It was not an idealistic question. It was not a naive question. It was a very simple, logical, and ultimately correct question. And the reason it was a simple, logical and ultimately correct question was because it exposed the simple fact that commuting was obsolete for about 70% of the labor force.

What is fascinating, however, is how long it has taken the western world to capitalize on this simple opportunity. In reality, it should have taken no more than two years' time to migrate white collar work to people's home offices. Office buildings should have been converted to residential living spaces long ago. And the past 20 years Americans should have enjoyed increased standards of living, lowing living expenses, less carbon/pollution, lower stress, increased health, stronger families and less traffic fatalities.

But here we are in 2023 pulling the teeth of a baby boomer corporate managerial class that should have retired long ago. An instead of allowing us to enjoy a new golden era in American labor, we're still stuck commuting, tepidly asking our boss if we could telecommute, as if we were asking him if we could bang his wife.

Now working in banking I learned long ago that today's American leaders are too stupid, short sighted, and ultimately set in their ways to capitalize on the tremendous opportunities technology has laid in front of us. And me pointing out these opportunities over the past 20 years was a colossal waste of time that has not resulted in a single, tangible change. But whereas my original goal inhighlighting these opportunities was to be a good economist and DRAMATICALLY improve our standards of living, today I merely

point these things out for posterity AND to take great joy watchingAmericans unnecessarily suffer because of their ignorance, short-sightedness, and sloth. I'd like to see the day politicians, employers, corporate leaders get their heads out of their asses and make life DRASTICALLY better for all of us. But we are just too damn stupid. And so I am relegated to take joy in other people's misery.

To continue my enjoyment of watching stupid people suffer, let me highlight another opportunity Americans have squandered. An opportunity that would no doubt usher in a new golden era of American standards of living. An opportunity that would solve damn near all of our financial problems. Not to mention an opportunity we've been squandering the past 20 years. But one I am completely confident Americans will fail to avail themselves of.

Making higher education truly free.

The Nature of Education is Free

Whether you realize it or not we have the technology to make education free. And not in the sense that democrats, labor, or socialist parties mean wherein the tax payer pays added taxes for truly average westerners to get laughably stupid degrees in the liberal arts or social sciences. But in the sense of revolutionizing the concept of education from that of a ***product into a constitutional-right***. And to understand this concept of education as a right, it helps to understand what education is at its atomic level versus how we currently provide an education to the people.

First, understand that all education is, is information. Whether it was learning your ABC's in kindergarten or learning how nuclear fusion worked in grad school, it's just previously-established information being passed onto and installed in a new brain. And this information unto itself is free. No individual or school owns that fact that 2+2 = 4. No university or college owns the information of how HTML code can be used to build a website. And so no person or institution can charge for facts or information, because these facts "just are." Information is self-evident, information is universal, information is free.

Additionally, the acquisition of this information can be free. I can go to the library and read books. I can learn from other people as they share their information with me. I can watch documentaries on nearly anything. And with the advent of the internet ALL human knowledge is now accessible for every one on the planet. And so today ANYONE can learn ANYTHING for free and no one (be that a person, government, guild, or university) can stop them. In this sense, information and therefore education, is a right. I have the right to know anything I want. I have the right to know facts, processes, and details. And no one can stop me from educating myself.

The problem comes where we as a society have allowed various institutions to determine whether or not the information someone has acquired qualifies as an "education." And not just an education, but a certified education that is worthy of employment.

This is not entirely irrational. First, without some form of standards people could self-declare they are educated by essentially lying on their resume. Most of us would be

reluctant to hire a civil engineer to build a bridge who claims he “totally educated himself, HONEST!” as opposed to one put through a formal civil engineering program. Second, until recently, schools were the most efficient way to educate masses of people. You can tutor an individual student one on one, or an individual student can grab a book on economics and teach himself at the library. But having an expert in front of a class of 200 students, clearly conveying specialized information is much more efficient than tutoring one-on-one or an individual inefficiently trying to educate himself on something completely new to him. So it is only rational that in a pre-internet era schools and universities would form as the most efficient way to educate people. But there are several problems with having physical institutions disseminating information and thus education, as well as what our education system has morphed into today.

First, you are going to incur costs. In having physical locations where information is disseminated, you need teachers, property, and buildings, replete with equipment (labs, desks, paper, etc), all of which cost money. Information may be free, but it's going to cost you if you wish to have people convey it to you in the form of a certified credential/education.

Second, even though a loud teacher with a powerful PA system can speak to a hall of 2,000 students (Willey Hall, U of MN, 1993), there's still a limit to the number of students a teacher can teach at any one time. And while it is impressive you can educate 2,000 students about Psychology 101 all at the same time, the technology exists that one YouTube video of that professor's same lecture could educate all the people in the world for free. Physical schools are not only costly, but obsolete.

Third, while no one individual school or college has a monopoly on education, the education industry as a whole does. Not necessarily out of malice or design, but in the fact that society more or less requires a formal education to even be considered remotely employable today. Worse, modern employers reinforce this unconscious monopoly by granting it nearly ***total intrinsic*** value by making NEARLY ALL employment contingent on receiving an accredited and authorized education from this system. This makes **everyone's job**, and therefore **everyone's financial lives**, and therefore **NEARLY ALL OF OF THE US ECONOMY** wholly dependent on this monopoly. And with ALL of the nation's economy and ALL of people's financial lives dependent upon this system, an incredible and unacceptable amount of power has been centralized into this one industry.

Fourth, this power has proven too tempting for people in the education industry and they have predictably abused it. The reason tuition costs so much (when its true informational nature is free) is because those employed by the education industry have morphed the education industry from one that educates, trains, and prepares generations of young people for success in the real world, to one where they absolutely fleece young people out of a lifetime of money. Everything from 2 years of unnecessary prereqs to get a Bachelors degree, to credits that cost $300 each, to college textbooks that cost $500, to refusing to recognize credits from different schools, the TRUE nature of the higher education industry in America is to extract as much money out of its students as possible in exchange for a permission slip to work (and for most college degrees, not even that).

Nowhere (bar say, WGU and ASU Online) are schools trying to make education more affordable. Everywhere education has become a means by which teachers, professors, and administrators enrich themselves off the young.

And finally, corruption. Making matters worse is that in having such power centralized in one industry COMBINED WITH THE FACT nearly all American children must go through this system, other institutions, industries, and people who have harmful ulterior aims are too tempted not abuse this system. Whether you are a democrat or republican, it is PAINFULLY obvious the K-college system indoctrinates young people to become socialists and victims more than they do teaching them how to program a computer, fix a car, or do their taxes. More modernly, various trait-based groups have infiltrated and abused the education system to promote their trait based politics (be that race, gender, sexual preference, mental illness, etc.) to future generations, which does absolutely nothing to help young people (of all traits), but rather mentally impairs them with defeatism, victimhood, hatred, and no real employable skills. Employers are only more than happy to arbitrarily require more education as it allows them to unload on-job-training costs to schools and students. And everyone who's ever attended college are fully aware of the credit card companies and banks who line up during freshman orientation and graduation to get you to sign up for a credit card or a 7 year, 18% car loan. Young students are viewed as a captive audience to be butchered like cattle, not the generation society will rely upon to carry us forward, who need to be invested in.

When we add up all these costs, the price is tremendous.

The Costs of an Obsolete, Corrupt, and Truly Stupid System

Explicitly, we spend $671 billion dollars on our higher education system ($764 billion on K-12) per year. 85% of this money is outright wasted on degrees that have no employability. And unless your skill or trade requires a physical lab or hands on instruction (trades, engineering, physics, etc) worthwhile degrees such as computer programming, actuarial science, accounting, etc., can all be learned online or through self study. While it would require looking up data on the NCES (National Center for Educational Statistics), we can safely assume nearly 90% of this $671 billion is simply wasted money (and an argument can be made that with homeschooling, self study, and the internet a significant chunk of the $764 billion in K-12 is wasted as well). In other words, in using a system that allows people to self study from the comforts of their own homes, we could save about $600 billion ***every year*** (more if you consider K-12)***.***

To put this into context and to show you just what a tremendous waste this has been, 3.5 million American children are born every year. If we j*ust gave them this money* it would be $175,000 per student, more if we were to allow students to self-study out of the K-12 system. And though the average home in the US goes for about $400,000, a ball park $200,000 per child would not only guarantee some basic level of housing, it would guarantee housing for a lifetime (and don't even get me started if we put that money into the S&P 500 at the time of their birth and let compound growth do its magic).

This is not an argument to defund education and instead *give everyone in America a*

house (though it would ABSOLUTELY be a better use of the money). But it is to show you just how much money we are wasting on an obsolete and outdated system putting education behind a paywall. Not to mention just how much more we could do if we spent this money more intelligently.

What is arguably worse, however, is the non-financial costs we pay using this outdated education system. The fact we force children to attend school for 13 years AND THEY STILL DON'T HAVE AN EMPLOYABLE SKILL, is bordering on a human rights violation. The fact we require 4-8 more years of education on top of that is simple robbery and stupidity. And the fact most jobs that require a college degree could be done with an 8th grade education, means nearly half of these children's' lives have been wasted. If these kids were equipped with an employable skill at 16, allowing them to work instead of waste even more time in high school and college, a generation (assumed to be 20 years of births) could amass an additional $17 trillion in added economic production. Production that would enrich them rather than impoverish them (like student loans/college do today), and production that would eliminate nearly all of our economic problems. And this says nothing about the psychological benefits that would come with not having your entire childhood wasted in government buildings or your entire financial life crippled by student loans.

The New System

But like traffic jams and commutes, this nightmare can end tomorrow. We can usher in a free and new educational system quite literally in 6 months' time. And we could do this by ***legally recognizing an education is information, not how the information was acquired.*** Meaning no employer, government, or corporation ***could discriminate against how you got the information.*** They could only discriminate based on whether you had the adequate information/education to do the job. This would allow people to educate themselves for free (aka - becoming "autodidacts") in whatever manner they choose (likely the internet, but books, self study, groups, etc.), liberating them from the corrupt, inefficient, costly, and obsolete education system we have today. And quite literally overnight making us all $1 trillion a year richer and saving every person born in America 6 years of unnecessary education.

In practice education as a right would require two things. First, congress and the states would have to pass laws recognizing that

1) information is free, universal, and therefore everyone has a right to it,

AND

2) that information is the same regardless of how it was acquired

AND

3) therefore discriminating against how that information was acquired is a violation of that right.

This would make education free to all of us as employers would no longer be able to require a college degree as a condition of employment. It would require employers test

for knowledge, aptitude, or experience, not whether you have a degree. (Or, if I could be so bold to suggest that employers maybe train their own damn employees).

Second, congress and the states would have to make make laws requiring employers, trade groups, industries, and professions to come up with tests that allow the self-educated to "test into employment" much like the Accounting profession has the CPA exam or California has it's bar exam. It would require each industry have a certification system like the IT profession has where people take tests to get certified in different fields. It would also require governments have some kind of enforcement arm to make sure employers are not giving preferential treatment to college graduates over the self-educated (or vice versa). But these costs would be a small fraction of the nearly $700 billion we piss away on the current system we have now.

Finally, there is a compelling civil rights argument that the current education system compared to this newly-proposed one unfairly discriminates against minorities, women, and other disadvantaged groups...*because it quite literally does.* Requiring the poor or otherwise disadvantaged to acquire an employable education through today's inefficient and costly education system, when technology allows for an equal education to be acquired for free AND in a much shorter time, is denying them the ability to avail themselves of that opportunity. And in forcing all people to go through the inefficient institutional system of education, regardless of the disparate impact it has on the disadvantaged, is one of the rare-but-real forms of institutional discrimination on minorities. I am no scholar on discrimination law or the Civil Rights Act, but because of the time and financial burden our current education system requires in order to be qualified to work, minorities (as well as poor people in general) are very much being discriminated against by today's education system, as opposed to those who can afford to leisurely and luxuriously spend 20 years getting an employable education.

In the end the new system would simply be one where colleges and universities (even some high schools) would be replaced with tests and certifications no different than the GED, COMPTIA, or CPA exams. Four year $150,000 college degrees replaced with one-time $500 tests in an afternoon. And the veracity and employability of these certifications would be enforced by the state and federal governments through the recognition that education is a right, regardless of how it was acquired, thereby making it illegal to discriminate against how that education was acquired. You technically don't even need the federal government to do this. A bold and caring (and likely "red") state could do this for its citizens tomorrow. Or an ethical company could realize just how immoral it is to require every young person have 17 years of education, and offer training programs instead. But as said before, American employers and leaders are truly stupid people. And so it's likely going to require the force of law to make any of this happen.

Stupid Americans Who Are Going to Get in the Way

There are no words that can convey my complete and total hatred for the people I am about to list below. They have prevented me, you, and the past three generations of Americans from even achieving 30% of our full potential. They are unnecessary, self-

serving, wasted bureaucratic bloat, and some I would say are outright evil. Removing these people from society (in terms of their profession, not their lives...though there is the argument) would liberate us and the American economy to produce easily 3 times the amount of GDP we do today. It would also liberate future generations of children from wasting ALL of their youth in school, and instead allow the majority of Americans to be earning a living wage by the age of 16 and retire at 58. We are literally one law and one year of retooling away from a DRAMATICALLY better future where we are trillions of dollars better off, wealthier, happier, and education is truly free. And these despicable people are absolutely going to get in the way of that.

First, those currently employed in the current education system are going to be vehemently against making education free. Everyone from special ed teachers in pre-K to tenured professors at our highest ranked universities will be against this. And the reason is simple - 99% of them will lose their jobs.

I personally have no pity for the system and the people who have fleeced and impoverished three generations of Americans selling them information that should have been free just so they could have cushy, 9-months-per-year teaching jobs. I have no pity for the K-12 teachers who failed to give American children ONE employable skill after having them for 13 years. I have no care for college staff who enriched themselves by enslaving generations of Americans with student loans for worthless degrees. And I have a particular contempt for all of them as they've used the education system as a tool of government brainwashing for socialism, not education.

These grievances aside, the case against those currently employed in today's education system is much simpler - these people are obsolete.

Just as the horse and buggy industry died out because technology introduced the car, the internet has made most teachers obsolete. The system of congregating people in one area to audibly be informed and instructed, has been replaced with firing up your phone in bed and listening to the same lecture minus the bus ride, bullying, school drama, $75,000 tuition bill, and sermons about men having periods. But to show you how much more these people care about themselves than all of society, they will absolutely fight tooth and nail to make sure the rest of society continues paying the unnecessary $650 billion - $1.4 trillion (depending on how you want to measure it) to keep the old system going because it's *more important they don't have to find new jobs, than allow society to advance*. It would be no different than buggy makers preventing the rest of the country to avail themselves of cars because they're too damn lazy to retool and find a new profession. Those employed in today's education system will gladly hold the country's progress hostage so they can keep their pointless jobs. Some I guarantee will even do so violently.

Second and closely-related, employers.

Employers love colleges and universities because it lessens, if not, eliminates their training costs. If you have ever heard "Bachelors required, Masters preferred," or "hit the ground running" or "steep learning curve," that is employer-speak for "We aren't going to

pay for any training." This is not only unfair, but highly inefficient. Unfair because in requiring college degrees employers offload their training expenses to the education industry (those costs ultimately borne by the combination of students, parents, non profits and the tax payers who all pool in to pay for college degrees). And HORRENDOUSLY inefficient because they require people waste 4 years and $125,000 getting a degree for a job that in all reality only requires 2 weeks and $1,200 in training.

Still, no matter how much employers claim to be about "work life balance," they will gladly force generation after generation to go into life-long debt to get college degrees as opposed to dropping a few pennies on training programs. Worse, you'll find many employers want their employees in debt because financially destitute people make more loyal and lower-paid employees.

Third, the democrat party.

Though obviously the American democrat party will be against any parring down or eliminating of the current education industry, this goes for any of the major and minor left-leaning parties of western nations. The reason is very simple - this is where they get future voters.

This isn't conspiratorial. This isn't an edgy take. Leftist parties of the western world completely rely on their education systems to pre-install socialist politics in children and certainly college students so that they can groom future voters and stay in power. And in letting people educate themselves, they potentially lose this voter farm, facing the same horror that keeps teachers and professors awake at night - losing their election and have to get a real job

Tragically (for the democrat party anyway) this proposal delivers what they've long promised, but failed to deliver - a right to a free education. But it does so by bypassing the education system that the democrats (and lefter leaning parties globally) rely on to get re-elected.

Here you may see some genuine and caring democrats rejoice in that there is a real and viable way to make education free. Here you may see a rare bit of bipartisanship where democrats and republicans come together to make our lives MARKEDLY better. And here democrats can deliver on a promise to minorities and the poor to make their lives TREMENDOUSLY and TANGIBLY better.

But the vast majority won't. And the reason why is the same reason why teachers, professors, employers, and college administrators are going to be against a free education - because it's *more important they keep their jobs than advance society*. It's more important they stay in power than help the people who voted for them. It will be fun to see what reason and rationale the left comes up with to be ***AGAINST*** a bill that would make education a right, but I eagerly look forward to it anyway.

And then finally, HR.

I've never understood why HR has to power-trip over those who are unemployed and less fortunate than they are. I don't know why HR has impoverished, indebted, and financially crippled generations of young Americans requiring progressively more and more

education for jobs that could be done by 8th graders. And I don't see the incentive, reason, or motive for HR to be the insufferable, power-tripping bitches (men included) that they are.

I guess I just don't understand evil.

And because I don't understand evil, I guess I won't know why the HR profession will be against people having a right to a free education...but I know they will be.

Thankfully, however, "Becky" in "human resources" will be powerless to stop it if education as a right is passed into law. Karen and Her Coven of HR ~~Witches~~ "Professionals" will no longer be able to prevent people from advancing in their careers by requiring absurd amounts of education...or by simply not liking your shoes. And though Becky and the HR profession will raise hell at the prospect of taking away their little fiefdoms, they are thankfully the least powerful of all the groups who will stand in the way of the nation's progress. Still, they are going to raise a stink about people having a right to a free education if it denies their ability to power trip over job applicants. But once again we see the common thread that unites all these evil people - it's more important they keep their power than the rest of society advance.

This Isn't Going to Happen

I'd like to say, "Tomorrow, literally tomorrow, we could make education free in America and provide the legal frame work by which other countries could do the same." I'd like to see kids enjoying their childhoods instead of being sequestered in government buildings for 13 years. I'd like to see young people being able to educate themselves for free, and being able to earn a living wage at18. And I'd like to see a country that has no debts, no deficit, no student loans, double the economic growth, and double the standards of living. But I don't think you, me, or anyone else is going to see this dream come true. And the reason why isn't because of the predictable resistance we'll see from teachers, democrats, Boomer Bosses, or Becky's, as much as it will be the American ignorance that has become endemic in our cultural psyche.

For whatever reason Americans are addicted to the status quo. They demand better, but will only accept better if it requires no work or change of behavior on their part. And even if a road map is clearly drawn for them to a better world, if it requires changing their behavior or even something as simple as thinking differently, they won't do it. They will remain the sheep they are, remaining in a world they claim not to like, because intellectual laziness and sloth is more comforting than change.

That being said, I really hate the Beckys. And I will forever hate the teachers who took my childhood away from me. I am certainly no fan of the democrats. And I loathe the baby boomer bosses who forced me and now three generations of Americas to commute unnecessarily these past 20 years. And while I am not optimistic about the chances of making free education a right (and the wonderful world that would usher in), nothing would make me happier than to see these people rendered obsolete...and forced to get jobs like the rest of us. Therefore, I would still kindly ask you to contact your congressman, contact your state legislator and see if we as Americans can't make this

happen in our lifetimes. Take the 3 minutes to send this article to your representative, or just explain the concept of education being a right, and therefore discriminating against how one acquired said education is a violation of that right, and we can get those few politicians who actually care about Americans to make this idea a reality.

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When Laziness Was Our Friend

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As is usually the case with writing a book, you will write something brilliant, but it just doesn't fit into the book. You don't want to let it go, but it has to go on the cutting floor because while interesting, it doesn't serve the interests of the book.

So I decided to post it here so it wasn't lost to the cutting floor. The book should be published in November. Keep an eye out for "A World Without Men"

Laziness was once one of humanity's best friends. It was a survival mechanism that kept us alive by making sure we didn't expend more calories of energy than there was to eat during times when food was not plentiful. It was not immoral or unethical, it was prudent. Laziness was an intelligent cost-benefit analysis to make sure we did not squander our caloric resources so that we didn't starve.

However, since those times laziness has mutated into the most evil cancer that infects humanity today. Because whereas in times past, laziness was a means by which to ensure your efforts were not wasted, it has now evolved into a universal fear of work. And not just a fear of work, but an all-controlling, instinctual, crippling fear as it was so critical to our survival in the past. It is arguably even more powerful than the male sex drive. And this all-consuming fear has cost humanity nearly its entire potential, as well as rendered the vast majority of human lives pointless and wasted.

For example, I've had many clients who lived in abusive homes. When I asked the simple question, "*Well, why don't you move?,*" they all invariably responded, "*But I get free rent.*" People will tolerate actual abuse before getting a job. Their fear of work is more powerful than the pain of abuse.

Millions of young people every year major in the liberal arts, business, and social sciences. When you ask them "*Why don't you major in Accounting or Engineering?*" they all say, "*Well I don't like math.*" They are so afraid of work they'll waste 4 years of their youth and cripple themselves financially with student debt to avoid it. And this says nothing about the lost potential had they chosen to do something productive or great instead.

We could go on, but the point is the fear of work is so powerful, it not only forces people to make decisions that hurt them, but it also holds people hostage so tightly it prevents them from achieving anything good or great in their lives. This consequently ruins most people's lives as they both achieve nothing and suffer the entire time. And women are no exception. They are just as much a slave to laziness as any one else.

How the Department of Homeland Security Wasted $700,000 in Taxpayer Money on "Diverting Hate"

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AIN'T NO REST FOR THE WICKED

April was a busy month for me. It entailed the end of a busy tax season. Two cross country trips totaling over 4,500 miles driven. A fun (though physically exhausting) 20 mile hiking adventure in Utah. And the obligatory week of physical labor entailed in spring cleaning. And so when I pulled into my home late last night after a 1,100-mile-one-day drive, I was looking forward to nothing more than banging out the spring cleaning, mowing my yard, hitting the gym, and bingeing on Gintama, my latest interest in Japanese anime.

That was until I found out I was on a government list.

And if you know anything about "government lists," you know you don't want to be on one.

And so, instead of being able to enjoy a well-deserved week-long rest of just hitting the gym and getting my anime-geek on, I was obliged to research how I got on this list, what this list was all about, and who put together this list. Furthermore, upon figuring these things out, it became apparent to me I would additionally now have to go public, explaining this list and the people behind it, as this list is going viral and many of my fine audience members are bringing it to my attention.

So much for Gintama.

WHAT HAPPENED

While the original report has been taken down (though a copy has been linked below), the best I can put together with what remains on the internet is that a non-profit organization called "Diverting Hate" received $700,000 in government funding from the Department of Homeland Security to conduct some research into the possibility of "redirecting traffic" from red pill/manosphere sites to other man-oriented sites that "Diverting Hate" deemed..."not hateful." This was done under the claim that red pill sites (such as my own, Fresh & Fit, Rollo Tomassi, etc.) were radicalizing susceptible, lonely, and marginalized men into misogyny, extremism, even "violence and hatred" against women, and by running ads on our platforms and channels, these alienated men would discover and be diverted to the alternative pro-male channels "Diverting Hate" deemed appropriate and not anti-woman.

To do this Diverting Hate hired out various academics at various colleges including Middlebury, Arizona State, the McCain Institute and others. These academics would identify "hateful" red pill channels/sites, research the channels, measure their "misogyny," even come up with some colorful (and ridiculous) methodologies to create a

"Male Supremacy Scale." They also did significant research into other platforms, vocabulary used in the manosphere/red pill community, speculation into how to intervene and protect susceptible males, and ultimately created a recommended "course of action list." And best I can tell they actually did purchase advertising to redirect traffic from the aforementioned sites to the politically-correct sanitized ones (though the success of this is to be determined. Additionally, I will change anything above that proves to be erroneous.).

Had this been any other academic research it would have largely been ignored. But since Diverting Hate published their report in March of 2024, it has gone viral for several reasons. First, in accusing a list of sizable online influencers of being misogynists and proponents of violence, Diverting Hate immediately fired up these influencers' large audiences, who then proceeded to make this report go viral. Second, the accusation alone of promoting violence prompts influencers to answer and defend themselves (my video I'm sure will only be one of many). Third, the presence of Homeland Security. Not only is it controversial, even scandalous that taxpayer money is being used to fund such "research," but there's the implication said influencers are possible domestic terrorists or supporters/enablers of domestic terrorism (and you can read that implication in the report).

But if the three aforementioned things weren't enough to rile up millions of fans, it's the absurdity of the report that probably caused it to go viral most. The researchers just blatantly and unfoundedly accuse people of misogyny, male supremacy and violence. They arrogantly accuse all these people of misogyny and violence on the sole reason and rationale that "they say so." And so now we have government-financed academics arbitrarily and spuriously accusing people of promoting sexism, violence, even domestic terrorism, with absolutely no checks or being questioned, resulting in an Orwellian, STASI like government list (though technically, it is an academic list, not an actual government list). In short, it is the tyrannical nature of the report and the academics who published it that has resulted in this report going viral (and consequently being taken down by the now-embarrassed and exposed researchers).

WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING

For you to truly understand what's really going on, you really do need to read the report in its entirety. The reason being is that while these academics and researchers thought they were being clever, the report is the single most damning bit of evidence as to their true motivations, sloppy research methods, political bias, ulterior motives, intellectual dishonesty, and frankly, laughable stupidity. However, it's completely understandable if you don't have the time or inclination to read a 55 page document (I didn't. I could have watched 3 episodes of Gitnama in that time!) But here is my proposed synopsis of what I think is really happening, of which you can verify by reading the report yourself.

It's nothing but a rank and file money-grab.

Admittedly, this may sound too simplistic or trite, but again, I implore you to read their report as evidence. It's all there.

First, not a single person involved in the writing, researching and publishing of this report has a real job or a real degree (trust me, I looked into all their backgrounds). They are all life-long academic hacks who have been in school since kindergarten, and all have avoided any serious subjects that require math, rigor, intelligence or hard work (just look at their degrees which include gender studies, sociology, social psychology, cultural studies, and tellingly "terrorism studies"). However, their bloviated bullshit degrees indicate they're too egotistical to merely accept a welfare check. And so when there's government grant money to be had (be it the DHS or not), these people have a tremendous financial and egotistical motivation to get it because it allows them to think they're doing something valuable for society, while avoiding real work at the same time. In short, this is just a welfare jobs program, and they need to rationalize it.

Second, their laziness shows throughout the report.

Not a single calorie of effort was made to understand or even accept the chance that the people they were critiquing had legitimate concerns, more nuanced arguments, or simply different views. Additionally, no one from the opposing team was interviewed or asked to give their input. Diverting Hate and its participants just mindlessly accused everyone of being "Saturday-Morning-Cartoon-Villain-Evil" because its easier than doing actual investigations or interviews, let alone trying to understand the other side.

Also painfully obvious was how little effort they put into compiling their "Male Supremacy List." Their list of 11 "main influencers" was a good start, but was missing some major and much more influential red pill/manosphere influencers. It shows they were too lazy to put in the rigor required to perfect a list of a GENUINE "top 10" or "top 20" influencers. And it's likely they didn't want to crunch the data for more than a mere 11 channels.

Related, the methodologies were just laughable, showing equal laziness via a lack of rigor. Of particular note was research done by "PERIL" - "Polarization & Extremism Research & Innovation Lab" to measure "male supremacy." Having had to measure amorphous things like "male supremacy" myself in my economics research, I can appreciate the challenge the "PERIL" team had. But instead of sitting down and putting the effort into coming up with metrics and variables that would plausibly and logically measure people ***who actually believed men were superior***, it was obviously just a lazy list of beliefs they wanted to define as male supremacy. Things like:

-Feminism is about hating men

-Modern society prioritizes women over men

-Feminists are unattractive

-Women are driven to find higher status males

-Women are attracted to high status men

Things many people believe (and often are true), but don't necessarily make you a male supremacist if you believe them.

I could go on. The vocabulary methodology was a joke and showed they put no effort into compiling, let alone understanding a comprehensive list of red pill terms. Their logic and

conclusions were not consistent, and often strained to conclude what they wanted. Half the methodologies I couldn't understand what their point was because of poor writing and explanation. The blind assumption and accusation everyone's a misogynist allowed for them to avoid the hard work that would come with analyzing a complex topic, let alone accurately diagnosing it. And absolutely no effort was put into hiding their political bend at all (yeah, we got it, you don't like trump, and I found it particularly cute you capitalized "Black men" but not "white men"). All in all it was an intellectually lazy and dishonest effort and it showed.

Third, the premise of "Diverting Hate" is absurd. Not that we shouldn't be against misogyny, violence or terrorism, but that you're going to *PAY TO DIVERT TRAFFIC FROM SITES YOU DON'T LIKE???* That sounds horribly inefficient. This reminds me of bullshit business ideas the wives of rich men would come up with when I was in banking. Ideas that didn't make a lot of sense and the money could've have been better spent elsewhere. However, just as I erroneously and naively assumed the wives of these rich men wanted to run a profitable business, it's an erroneous and naive assumption to think Diverting Hate wants to save marginalized men or protect women. The rich wife was bored and wanted something to do, Diverting Hate just wants the money. And they will go to the extent of falsely accusing people of hate, violence, misogyny, or extremism to get it.

When you factor in:

1. Everyone's work-avoidant/white collar panhandling bogus academic careers

2. The poor quality of research and work that belies their biases, laziness, motivations, lack of intellectual honesty, and one might even argue misandry, and

3. The dubious premise that to combat disenfranchized men, misogyny, and violence, *redirecting traffic from a group of poorly selected sites is a viable strategy*

I contend Diverting Hate and all people associated with it were primarily, if not, solely motivated by **money** and not anything as noble as fighting misogyny, protecting women, or helping out disenfranchised men.

WHY THE DHS SHOULD DEMAND THEIR MONEY BACK

I cannot emphasize enough that the people involved in this report do not care about at-risk men or the safety of women. They are merely using these people as a pawns to get funding. If they did actually care about the safety of women and marginalized men, an entirely different and infinitely more practical approach would have been used.

At minimum they should have at least tried to understand why different influencers and platforms are saying things they don't like. Why the red pill has become so popular among main stream culture. A sort of understand your enemy sort of strategy. Related, they would also make attempts to co-opt or turn these influencers to their side, or to at least understand it. If these influencers are so large and have such influence over large audiences, they already have the infrastructure and network to *directly promote the message to the precise audience Diverting Hate wants to reach.* It would seem to me these influencers would be a tremendous asset to Diverting Hate's cause, and almost the

first people you would try to persuade to your line of reasoning or concerns. And it would be certainly more effective in "stopping misogyny" than paying social media platforms to "divert traffic." All Diverting Hate did was accuse these people of extremism and promoting violence, further alienating these people to their cause. Diverting Hate couldn't even offer to debate these people on a public platform.

However, since Diverting Hate's main objective is funding themselves and not fighting misogyny, none of these practical measures were taken, let alone recommended in the report. Furthermore, in not really caring about men/women, they have no incentive to accurately diagnose the root causes of the misogyny and violence they feign so much concern about. Because of this whatever progress the Department of Homeland Security was hoping to achieve in funding Diverting Hate will not be realized and the entire $700,000 will be wasted. None of Diverting Hate's strategies were practical. None of their research was intellectually honest, empirical, or based in reality. Men were certainly not consulted in any of this (nearly all the researchers are female). And consequently, all of their recommendations will likely fail.

To this point, all one has to do is look at the approved list of alternative men's sites Diverting Hate wants to redirect traffic to. To be perfectly honest, they're kinda shit. A third of the sites you can't find without some serious digging, and some I couldn't find at all. If you find them, many of their websites are also, well, kinda shit as as well. Those that do have a YouTube channel rarely have consistent material. And I don't want to speculate about what kind leftist, male-feminist, soy boy, vegan, emasculating, anti-male horseshit content these channels are likely to have. If these sites were so critical to the strategy of Diverting Hate, why are they so inaccessible and lame? It's reminiscent of the religious right trying to make "Christian rap" cool in the 90s - fake, dishonest, and inauthentic. It's also evidence Diverting Hate wasn't really serious about providing a viable alternative to red pill influencers for the men they so desperately claimed to want to save, providing further evidence this was a rank money grab.

However, if the Department of Homeland Security was serious about intervening with at-risk men, as well as lowering the risk of violence against women, all is not lost. There is a group of people they could enlist who are much more informed and intricately more familiar with these at-risk men. And those people are the exact same red pill/manosphere influencers "Diverting Hate" seems to...well...hate.

Red Pill influencers, for all their drawbacks, are much more familiar with the state of men and the individual men themselves than what is, frankly, a group of monolithic-thinking, privileged feminist academics who haven't lived a day outside academia. I would even go so far as to say that red pill influencers have already done more to lessen violence and misogyny against women by telling men the harsh truths about the sexes instead of pretty lies. This has led to an increasing stoic acceptance and better understanding of women, rather than generations of confused and frustrated men, seeking vengeance or retribution over something they don't understand and therefore lash out at. Because of red pill influencers' better understanding of at-risk men, their closer proximity to them, and their lack of an ulterior motive (unlike their feminist, politically-motivated academic-

hack counterparts), the Department of Homeland Security should consider something radical. They should spend that $700,000 on red pill influencers instead. There would be more and better results. The advice coming from red pill influencers would be more effective in combating disaffected men and any violence against women. And to be perfectly honest most would probably do it free of charge, or in Rollo's case, a free guitar.

But regardless of whether the DHS listens to red pillers or to echo-chambered feminist professors, the $700,000 they gave to Diverting Hate was wasted. It did nothing. It helped no one. And that will be proven when the same people come around claiming they need more money to fight the problem the original $700,000 didn't solve. It will then be up to the intellectual honesty of the DHS to determine if they're going to continue wasting taxpayer money on politically motivated horseshit money grabs like this or more wisely and effectively spend the taxpayers' money.

IN DEFENSE OF MY COLLEAGUES

The mindless, blanketed, trumped-up charges of misogyny laid against my colleagues is both wreckless, ill-thought out, and in many cases inapplicable. Furthermore, it misses the mark. And while I do not know every one on the "Male Supremacy List," nor have I consumed every second of everyone's material, there is no doubt in my mind that in casting a wide-and-indifferent net, Diverting Hate has falsely accused some people of being misogynists.

This is largely due to the researchers' laziness or lack of desire in trying to understand the finer AND VERY REAL points being made by these red pill influencers. But it is also due to a fundamental difference in what these academics and red pillers believe. Mainly whether men and women are different.

This has resulted in a paradox that anytime red pill influencers point out differences between men and women, even if well-intended, it is immediately categorized of being sexist or misogynist since the nature of the observation is a difference between the sexes.

For example, every woman involved in the research and publication of this report wasted...well...pretty much their entire lives pursuing worthless, bullshit degrees. I have a LONG and ESTABLISHED record of promoting, even imploring young women not to waste their time on worthless degrees, so that they might be wealthy, financially stable, and happier instead. However, such a criticism would no doubt be met by accusations of "misogyny" even though it would be in the best financial interests of women everywhere and would be the single most effective thing women could do to close the wage gap. But because I dare criticize women, even constructively, it's "misogyny."

Another example of this is in the report itself. Where beliefs like:

-Women are attracted to high value men

-Women seek high status men

-Modern society prioritizes women over men

-Women hit the wall

are deemed misogynistic and "male supremacy" according to the authors of the report. Never mind they're all true. Never mind acknowledging these facts would tremendously help men and women understand each other. Because they are uncomfortable truths and women simply don't like hearing them we need to accuse any red pill influencer of saying such things of misogyny. Unfortunately no progress can be made between the sexes if we're not allowed to at least acknowledge the truth.

And as an intellectual exercise in understanding something you don't agree with, a third extreme example would be some of my colleagues' position that the right to vote should be taken away from women. Yes, on the face of it, that is misogynistic. No, I don't believe women should have their right to vote removed. But their position to revoke the right of women to vote does NOT in fact come from a malicious hatred of women or misogyny, but a concern that women voting has had a detrimental effect on society, including women themselves. Again, I don't believe in that position, but the hatred of women is not behind it. A desire to commit or promote violence against women is not there. Ironically, it is a desire to protect them. However, to political ideologues, blindly motivated by government funding, this fine-yet-important distinction is lost on them.

The already-complicated issue of misogyny within the red pill community is further complicated by the wide array of characters and personalities within it. Some influencers may be more bombastic or perhaps engage in shock jock tactics to get the clicks which could be construed as misogyny. Some have found a gold mine in bringing on delusional and confrontational women to talk about male and female dynamics (Fresh and Fit being the original ones to do this, but with follow ups such as "The Whatever Podcast"...which curiously was missing from the "Male Supremacy List."). There were more reserved, mature "William F. Buckley Jr." types, epitomized by the esteemed Kevin Samuels (may god rest his soul). Even women such as Pearly Things are part of the red pill community, presenting feminists a circle they can't square. And then there's just ho-hum elderly man types who dispense their folksy, old man wisdom such as Rich Cooper and Rollo Tomassi. Harmless, affable men who just tell you how women are and used to be "back in the day." And while in this colorful group of people there is a wide array of controversial opinions and serious criticisms about women, not a single one of them hate women or have these opinions out of malice. These people are not misogynists.

But the real issue I think most people take umbrage with in the Diverting Hate report is not the accusation of misogyny. That accusation, is frankly, so overused it has lost its meaning and no one in the red pill community takes it seriously. What really pissed people off was the accusation that we're advocating violence and the insinuation we're enabling domestic terrorism.

Let me make this abundantly clear.

Neither I nor any one of the colleagues I know have EVER advocated violence, let alone against women. Neither have we advocated domestic terrorism in any form. And while the topic of misogyny is gray enough we can all debate about it, the accusation that we are promoting violence or terrorism is one that lawsuits are made out of.

In short, I don't care how you worthless academics make your grift. And I don't care how desperate you are to avoid working a real job in the real world. But I do care if my tax dollars are used to finance your grift. And I DEFINITELY CARE if I'm falsely accused of promoting violence, along with the implication I'm contributing to domestic terrorism. And so does every other red pill influencer on that report and in the world.

I have had to waste 12 hours of my free time researching and writing this response. 12 hours I'm never getting back. 12 hours I could have been watching Gintama. 12 hours that could have made quick work of my spring cleaning. I strongly recommend to everyone involved in this report you don't make me waste a single second more.

SPECIAL THANKS AND RESOURCES

I wanted to thank a girl who is simply known as "BX" on Twitter who brought this to my, and other people's, attention. She has done tremendous work and research on Diverting Hate and the various entities affiliated with it. I will have a link to her Twitter account below.

Also, if the Department of Homeland Security is serious about helping disenfranchised men and lessening violence against women, you can find my consultancy at www.assholeconsulting.com. I do not charge $700,000, but I will deliver results. The site is also linked below. Additionally, the contacts I have within the red pill community would provide a real and valuable asset to the DHS if they are concerned about extremism within men.

I have also linked to a copy of thereport published by Diverting Hate. I have hard copies so if the uploaded version is taken down, it will be uploaded again. Again, I strongly recommend you read the report to see just what kind of people these people are.

And many thanks for those of you who took the time to listen to this long and belabored video. If you are interested subscribe to my channel. Or if you just hate what "Diverting Hate" has done, subscribe out of spite and share with your friends.

Clippings from "Zero World Problems"

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Greetings Cappy Readers!

With the advent of streaming it is obvious many of your favorite bloggers no longer write, and instead have been sucked into the realm of podcasting/streaming. I am one of those victims.

However, I am writing my latest book "Zero World Problems," some pieces of which were removed/editing from the book. These "clippings," though well-written, end up on the editing floor as they don't really fit in the book.

I present one here just to keep the ole blog alive and give our old school readers a little something to read:

Post-material economies require non-material standards of living. Which means the first thing you need to do is reject your conventional middle school values and all the materialism that comes with it. This is easier said that done in that humans are biologically addicted to consumption and socially programmed to hold it as the most important thing in their lives. But it doesn't change the fact that if you don't ditch materialism as the most important thing in life, you are more or less guaranteed to waste yours, suffering the miserable "punting lives" described above.

How one does this is up to the individual. They can read Stoic and Epicurean philosophy, putting it into practice in their own lives. They can study minimalism and make it their personal financial strategy. Eastern philosophies such as Buddhism, Ikigai, Confucianism, and Taoism are great resources for understanding the philosophical benefits and reasons for a non-material life. And a simple and dirty trick is to just use Facebook to look up all the materialist assholes you had to deal with in your past and see just how miserable, fat, and debt-ridden they are. Regardless of how you get to this epiphany, it is your responsibility to do so. But if there's a trick, if there's a short cut to giving you the needed motivation to abandon your middle school values, it's realizing one thing;

Just how much cheaper it is to abandon your material goals.

For all practical points and purposes, you will never achieve the level of wealth you want. It just isn't going to happen as you'll always want more. But in that vain pursuit, it will cost you everything in life. You money, your time, your happiness, your youth, and your health. But imagine for a second you didn't care what other people thought about you. Imagine if you didn't need to buy a fancy car, fancy clothes, attend an overpriced school, or live in some uppity neighborhood. What if your car payment, your mortgage/rent, and your credit card bills were all 1/3rd they are today? What if you only bought what you

needed, and not what society demanded? What could you do?

Could you sleep in and enjoy a coffee before you had to drive to work?

Could you walk to work as you could afford a smallish apartment near your job?

Could you work 30 hours a week instead of 60 since your car was paid off?

What if you had no student loan debt? Would that improve your standard of living?

What if you were never divorced? Would that improve your life?

And what price would you place on never having to worry about money ever again?

The truth is the average American has no idea how close they are to financial freedom. How much easier it would be if they would just give up all the Edina Castle Rock Scottsdale Cavaricci bullshit. How much richer they'd be owning less, allowing them to do more. And while this book has made some philosophical arguments for replacing material standards of living with non-material ones, that is not the main intention of this book. Those arguments have been much better presented in the works of Stoic and Eastern philosophers (of which you should absolutely read). The purpose of this book is a more economically practical one with a "do now, understand later" approach. It is to identify new specific standards we should be pursuing in this post-material world. It is to identify new life goals and objectives that will lead to a better, more fulfilled life. It is to give you a list of specific new economic goals to achieve so you know what to pursue in life after you've achieved enough materially. It is to make you want these goals more than you want a Ferrari or side by side.

These new economic standards of living will fall the following categories:

Freedom

Simplicity

Peace of Mind

Your Home, and

Your Health

It will be through these things humanity can continue to advance and the individual can continue to pursue happiness.